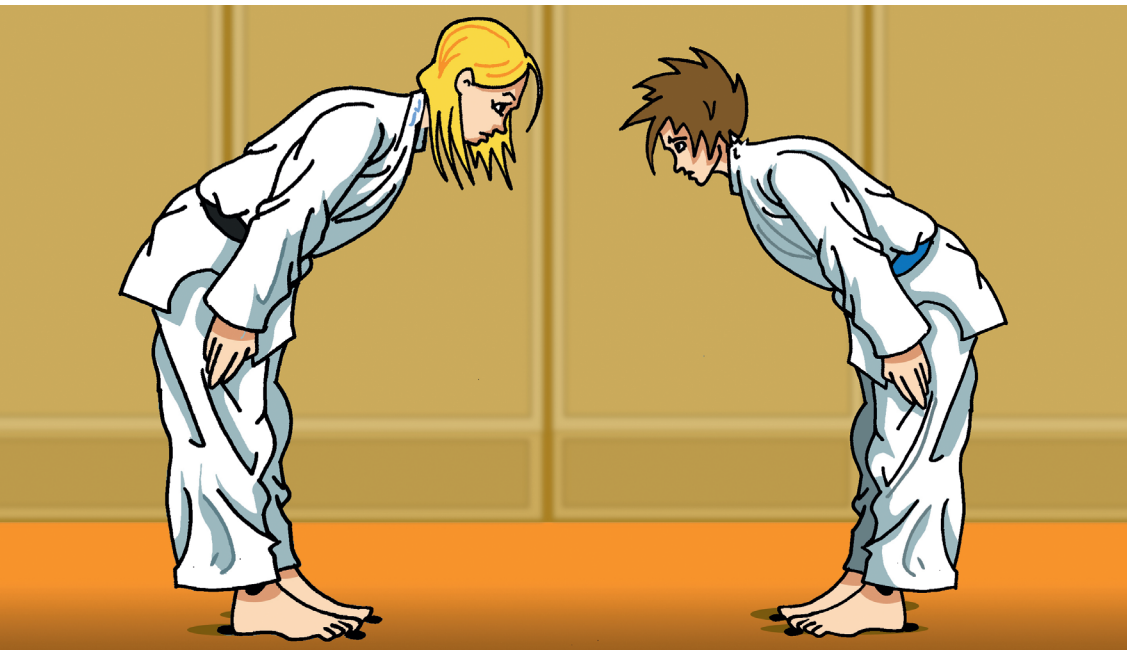


# KIERAN'S KARATE ADVENTURE

## CHAPTER ONE 'Stay calm, Kieran!'



Kieran loved Fridays. On Fridays he had his karate class! Kieran was a blue belt. He wanted to be a brown belt, but it was a lot of work.

Kieran bowed to his teacher. 'Thank you, Sensei.'

'That was good work, Kieran,' Miss Moon said.

'See you at school on Monday!'

Miss Moon was also a teacher at Kieran's school.



Riley and his friends were in Kieran's class at school. They watched him and laughed.

'Ha, ha! He's bowing!'

'Hey, Kieran!' Riley said when Kieran came out.

'I like your trousers!'

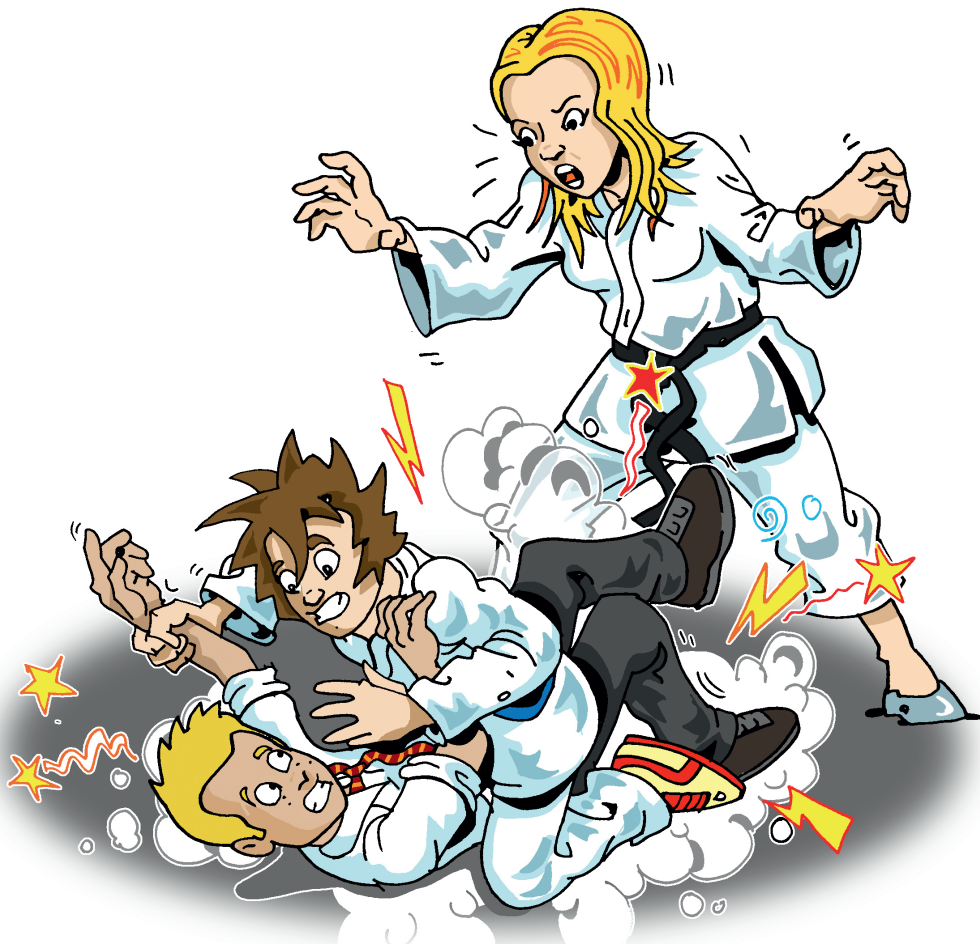
Kieran said nothing. He didn't like Riley.

'Thank you, Miss Moon! I love you, Miss Moon!' Riley laughed.

Now Kieran couldn't walk away. He jumped onto Riley and the boys started to fight.

'Stop!' It was Miss Moon. 'What are you doing? Riley! Why are you here? Go home!'

She looked at Kieran. 'You too, Kieran! No fighting outside the dojo. You know that!'



Kieran walked home. His mum worked in a cafe in the town and they lived above it.

'Hi! How was karate?' she asked when he came in.

'I had a fight with Riley after the class,' Kieran said.

'Not again!' his mum said. 'Why are you always fighting with that boy?'



Kieran went to read in his bedroom, but he was very tired. His eyes started to close, but then he saw an old man in front of him.

'I am Sensei Matsumi,' the man said. 'Don't be frightened. I am here to help you. Stay calm, Kieran!'

'Calm? What ...?'' Kieran wanted to ask more but the man wasn't there now.

'Maybe it was a dream,' Kieran thought.