CAPPY'S GREATEST ADVENTURE!

Journey to the CENTER of the INTESTINE!

GET READY FOR...

...THE MOST AMAZING THING YOU'LL EVER SEE!
MIDVILLE, USA—A PROBLEM AT THE HOME OF THE JONES’S.

MOM, CAN YOU LOOK IN THE TOILET? I SEE A RED COLOR IN THE WATER.

MINUTES LATER, MRS. JONES IS TALKING TO THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

YES, THANK YOU, DOCTOR. I’LL BRING TOM RIGHT OVER.

SOON, MRS. JONES AND TOM ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE DOCTOR’S OFFICE.

YOU CERTAINLY LOOK FINE, TOM. BUT, THIS IS SOMETHING THE DOCTOR SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT.

LET’S JUST SEE WHAT THE DOCTOR HAS TO SAY.

MOM, MY BIRTHDAY PARTY IS NEXT WEEK. AM I GOING TO BE A OKAY?
The family doctor has referred the Jones's to Doctor Hannaford, a pediatric gastroenterologist. After initial testing, the doctor explains the next step:

There can be several reasons for blood in the stool. Thus far, we've done two tests, an upper endoscopy and a colonoscopy, which have not found the cause.

It might be that the bleeding is in the middle of the small intestine where the scopes can't reach. We then look into the small intestine, and for that we have just the thing to do the job!

This tiny capsule contains a camera! It is called a video capsule.

When the pill is swallowed, it starts taking thousands of pictures, enabling us to explore the inside of the small intestine.

Will it hurt?

No, Tom. This is a pretty easy test. All you have to do is swallow the capsule, it's like taking your vitamins.

WOW! That's easy. I do that all the time!
HERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT IT, TOM. IMAGINE THE CAPSULE TO BE... 

... CAPPY THE CORRESPONDENT!

YOU KNOW, LIKE A NEWS REPORTER. WHAT AT FIRST APPEARS TO BE AN ORDINARY PILL, WE SEE ON CLOSER EXAMINATION... "

WOW! THERE HE IS!

... IT IS ACTUALLY CAPPY TAKING PICTURES—LIKE A REPORTER IN A DISTANT LAND.

CLICK! CLICK!

CAPPY THEN SENDS THE PICTURES TO A RECORDER SO WE CAN SEE THEM LATER ON THE COMPUTER. WE'LL SEE EXACTLY WHAT CAPPY HAS SEEN. AMAZING, RIGHT?

YESSIR! IT'S ME ALL RIGHT! CAPPY, THE VIDEO CAPSULE!
COOL! I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET CAPPY!

AND, HE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU, TOM. THEN WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE INTESTINE, SO WE CAN TREAT IT.

YOU SEE, WHEN CAPPY TAKES HIS PICTURES, HE BEAMS THEM TO THE RECORDER, WHICH IS CARRIED IN THIS BELT. WE'LL ASK YOU TO WEAR THE BELT FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS. IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A SUPERHERO WEARS.

I WON'T MIND WALKING AROUND WITH THIS AWESOME BELT FOR A FEW HOURS.

THE NEXT DAY AT MIDVILLE GENERAL.

WELL, TOM, ARE YOU READY FOR CAPPY'S LATEST ADVENTURE?

I SURE AM, DOCTOR HANNAFORD.

OKAY TOM, JUST RELAX AND SWALLOW THE CAPSULE. THEN, WE CAN GET YOU BACK TO YOUR MOM AND DAD. DOES THAT SOUND OKAY?

YUP! (GURGLE, GURGLE)
AFTER A TIME, CAPPY ENTERS THE SMALL INTESTINE.

MAN, I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT TOM'S PROBLEM IS. I WOULDN'T TRADE THIS JOB FOR ANYTHING.

COOL!

WHEEE!

SO MANY TWISTS AND TURNS IN THE INTESTINE! I BETTER BE FAST AT TAKING THE PICTURES SO I DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

SUDDENLY—

WHOA, WHAT'S THAT....!?? I BET DOCTOR HANNAFORD WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THESE PICTURES!

GOTCHA!
WITH ALL THE PHOTOS IN, DOCTOR HANNAFORD SHOWS TOM AND HIS PARENTS THE RESULTS.

YOU SEE, TOM? THAT'S A POLYP. IT IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR PROBLEM. WHEN THAT'S REMOVED, YOU'LL BE GOOD AS NEW.

YOU DID A GREAT JOB SWALLOWING THE CAPSULE AND COMPLETING THE TEST.

MOM! DAD! SEE WHAT THE CAPSULE FOUND! NOW I CAN GET BETTER!

THAT'S RIGHT, TOM. THANKS TO CAPPY AND DOCTOR HANNAFORD, WE NOW HAVE A PLAN TO TREAT YOUR PROBLEM.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

SO, TOM, ARE YOU READY TO GO HOME?

WHAT A GREAT PRESENT YOU GOT THIS YEAR, TOM! AND, THANK YOU AGAIN, DOCTOR HANNAFORD.

YAY! JUST IN TIME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!

IN REAL LIFE, CAPSULES DON'T TALK, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR STORY. WORKING WITH DOCTORS TO MAKE PATIENTS HEALTHY MAKES ME THE HAPPIEST CAPPY IN THE WORLD!

MIDVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL RELEASE FORM
1. Follow your doctor's directions carefully before the study. Most capsule studies require you not to eat or drink for about 8 hours prior to swallowing the capsule.

2. Once you swallow the capsule, make sure not to pull any of the recorder leads off your body. These leads are necessary to help Cappy beam photographs to the recorder.

3. Most people will pass the capsule within 1-3 days after swallowing it. Check the toilet after every bowel movement to make sure the capsule has passed. If you have not seen the capsule pass after 4 days, please call your doctor. You do not need to retrieve or return the capsule once it has passed.

4. Avoid contact with high powered magnets (especially MRI scanners) until you know the capsule has passed.

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