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His favorite shirt was in the wash, so he had to wear his *second* favorite.

His sister was in the bathroom for a really long time.

His cereal got soggy while he took out the trash.

And then Noodles had chewed a hole in his sneakers, the fast ones.

What else could go wrong?

Then Bert remembered.

His mom was taking his sister to a gymnastics meet. And his dad had to work all day—on a Saturday! Instead of playing with his friends, Bert had to help his dad at the flower shop.



As Bert sat in the back seat, wishing this day were already over, the car hit a speed bump.

His juice box spilled all over his shirt. Now it was his *third* favorite!

Bert kicked his feet in frustration, but he didn't feel better. "Ugh," he said. "This day couldn't get any **WORSE**."



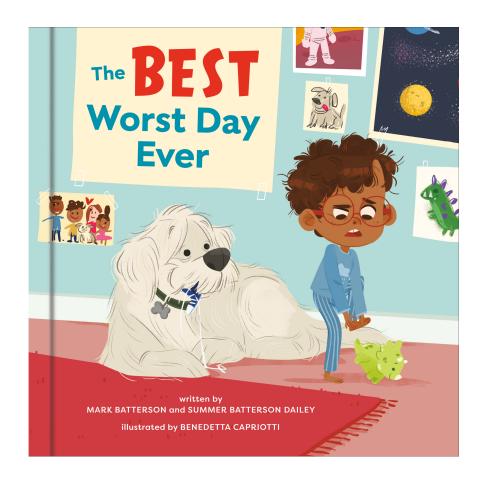
"Those are BIG feelings, Bert," his dad said. "Take a deep breath."

"A bad day doesn't have to end that way." His dad winked.









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