Jo & Dot: The Case of the Upside-Down Star

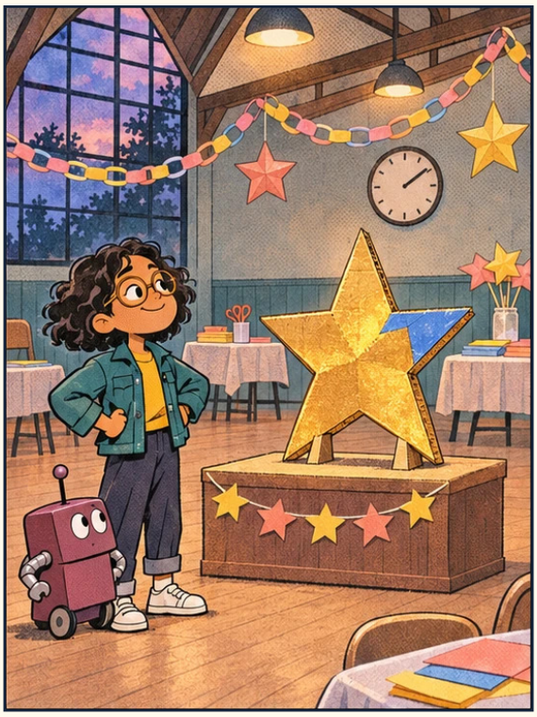


A festival star is missing. The clues lead backstage—and the witness seems unusually worried.

A complete fictional 12-panel mini comic. AI-generated artwork with separately typeset dialogue. No real child photo was used.

Read left to right, then down. Share the voices. Pause after panel 6 to make your own theory. Personalise the text privately at partytrailgames.com/stories/create. The adventure artwork remains fictional.

PANEL 1 · JO



“One star, one festival. What could go wrong?”

The community hall, one hour before the paper-star festival.

PANEL 2 · DOT



“Possibly… a very small star emergency.”

A little later, the stand is empty.

PANEL 3 · JO



“A loose loop. And little wheel marks in the chalk.”

Detective rule: notice before guessing.

PANEL 4 · JO



“The trail goes backstage. Coming, Dot?”

Dot’s wheels make a very quiet squeak.

PANEL 5 · DOT



“Maybe a magnificent star-eating monster?”

A bump waits behind the curtain.

PANEL 6 · JO



“A monster with a blue paper corner?”

Think first: what do the clues suggest?

PANEL 7 · DOT



“The loop slipped. I caught it… but I bent a point.”

The star is found. The worrying part is still there.

PANEL 8 · JO



“You caught it. Now let’s work out the repair.”

A useful question can change a whole investigation.

PANEL 9 · DOT



“A little backing piece. Like a star splint!”

They support the bent point from behind.

PANEL 10 · JO



“The blue patch still shows. I like that.”

The stand’s loop is checked before they return the star.

PANEL 11 · DOT



“I have a report. It contains one accident… and help.”

At the festival, Dot tells the organiser what happened.

PANEL 12 · JO



“Case closed. Except… you’ve put it upside down.”

Dot: “A new perspective!” The festival begins.

What did you notice?

1. Pause after panel 6. Who could have moved the star, and what is your evidence?

2. Why does Dot invent a monster? What could make it easier to tell the truth?

3. What problem do they solve after finding the star?

The clue guide

The small wheel marks, Dot’s reluctance and the visible blue corner point towards an accident involving Dot rather than a monster. The loose ribbon loop helps explain how the star fell.

Take another look: which picture showed a useful clue before someone explained it? Finding the first answer is not always the same as solving the problem.

Make your own four-panel comic

Draw four panels about a small mistake: what happened, what someone noticed, how they asked for help, and what changed. Add one clue that becomes funny on a second reading.

The first attempt

The clue

The checked plan

What changes