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**The Smartest GIANT in Town by Julia Donaldson Axel Scheffler (this shows the text in the book)**

**George was a giant, the scruffiest giant in town. He always wore the same pair of old brown sandals and a patched up gown.**

*This picture shows George the giant walking through town in his patched up gown and sandals looking sad. (this shows the text of the illustration description)*

**“I wish I wasn’t the scruffiest giant in town”, he said sadly.**

*This picture shows George’s face and it looks sad and upset.*

**But one day, George noticed a new shop. It was full of smart clothes. So he bought . . .**

*This picture shows George lying down looking through a door to see two shop workers holding up giant socks.*

**a smart shirt,**

*This picture shows a white shirt with cuff links on either side of the shirt.*

**a smart pair of trousers.**

*This picture shows a smart pair of black trousers.*

**a smart belt,**

*This picture shows a shiny black belt with a brass buckle.*

**a smart stripy tie,**

*This picture shows a green, red and blue stripy tie.*

**some smart socks with diamonds up the side,**

*This picture shows a pair of yellow socks that have red diamond patterns in.*

**and a pair of smart shiny shoes. “Now I’m the smartest giant in town,” he said proudly.**

*This picture shows a pair of black shiny shoes that has black laces.*

**George left his old clothes behind in the shop. He was about to go home when he heard a sound.**

*This picture shows one of the shop keepers holding George’s old patched up gown.*

**On the pavement stood a giraffe who was sniffing sadly. “What’s the matter?” asked George.**

*This picture shows George in his new clothes standing next to a giraffe who are both looking upset*

**. “It’s my neck,” said the giraffe. “It’s so very long and so very cold. I wish I had a long, warm scarf!”**

*This picture shows The giraffes head up close and he is looking very upset.*

**“Cheer up!” said George, and he took off his stripy tie. “It didn’t match my socks anyway,” he said**

*This picture shows George with a smile on his face and he is also talking.*

**as he wound it round and round the giraffe’s neck. It made a wonderful scarf. “Thank you!” said the giraffe.**

*This picture shows the giraffe happy with a tie wrapped all around his neck.*

**As George strode towards home, he sang to himself,**

*This picture shows George walking out of town with his hands in his pocket and a smile on his face.*

**“My tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe, But look me up and down – I’m the smartest giant in town.”**

*This picture shows George with a big smile on his face and he is singing.*

**George came to a river. On a boat stood a goat who was bleating loudly.**

**“What’s the matter?” asked George.**

*This picture shows George on a riverbank talking to an upset goat in a boat that has no sail.*

**“It’s my sail,” said the goat.**

*This picture shows the goat in his boat feeling the rail that coming.*

**“It blew away in a storm.**

*This picture shows the goat in his boat that’s in choppy water and his sail is blowing away in the wind.*

**“I wish I had a strong new sail for my boat!”**

*This picture shows the goat in his boat in still water with no sail and he looks upset and sad.*

**“Cheer up!” said George, and he took off his new white shirt. “It kept coming untucked anyway,” he said,**

*This picture shows the goat happy in his boat with a new sail tied on, sailing along the river.*

**as he tied it to the mast of the goats boat. It made a magnificent sail. “Thank you!” said the goat.**

*This picture shows the Goat waving to George from his boat with a big smile on his face.*

**George strode on, singing to himself, “My tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe, My shirt’s on a boat as a sail for a goat**

*This picture shows George walking along a path with a vest on, his hair is also slightly messy.*

**But look me up and down – I’m the smartest giant in town!”**

*This picture shows George's head and he is smiling and talking with messy hair.*

**George came to a tiny ruined house. Beside the house stood a white mouse with lots of baby mice. They were all squeaking.**

*This picture shows George's feet next to a little house that has been burnt down and eight*

**mice standing near it. "What's the matter?" asked George. "It's our house," Squeaked the mother mouse.**

*This picture shows one of the mice playing outside the house and its noticed smoke coming out of one of the windows.*

**"It burned down, and now we have nowhere to live. This picture shows the mice running out of the house with their belongings.**

**"I wish we had a nice new house!"**

*This picture shows the mice standing in a group looking sad and worried.*

**"Cheer up!" said George, and he took off one of his shiny shoes. "It was giving me blisters anyway," he said,**

*This picture shows George's legs hopping and one of his feet is missing a shoe.*

**as the mouse and her babies scrambled inside. The shoe made a perfect home for them. "Thank you!" they squeaked**

*this picture shows the mice in and around the shoe looking happy and pleased.*

**George had to hop along the road now, but he didn't mind. As he hopped, he sang to himself,**

*This picture shows George with a big smile hopping along a path with passing people covering their ears.*

**"My tie is for a cold giraffe, My shirt's on a boat as a sail for a goat, My shoe is a house for a little white mouse,**

*This picture shows George's face lookinh happy and he is also singing.*

**But look me up and down – I'm the smartest giant in town."**

*This picture shows George in his vest with a big grin on his face.*

**George came to a campsite. Beside a tent stood a fox who was crying.**

**"What's the matter?" asked George.**

*This picture shows George kneeling down looking into a campsite and there is a fox crying and other campers looking at George.*

**"It's my sleeping bag," said the fox.**

*This picture shows the fox walking proudly along a path with a backpack and walking shoes on*

**. "I dropped it in a puddle.**

*This picture shows the fox jumping over a rock and his sleeping bag is falling out of his backpack and about to land in a puddle.*

**"I wish I had a warm, dry sleeping bag!"**

*This picture shows the sleeping bag in a puddle, soaking wet.*

**“Cheer up!” said George, and he took off one of his socks with diamonds up the sides. “It was tickling my toes anyway,” he said,**

*This picture shows the fox looking happy and tucked up on some grass in one of George’s new socks.*

**as the fox snuggled into it. It made a very fine sleeping bag. “Thank you!” said the fox.**

*This picture shows the fox’s face with a big smile on it.*

**George hopped on, singing to himself, “My tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe, My shirt’s on a boat as a sail for a goat,**

*This picture shows George hopping along a path with one shoe on one and no sock on the other foot.*

**My shoe is a house for a little white mouse, One of my socks is a bed for a fox, But look me up and down –**

*This picture shows George with a big smile on his face.*

**’I’m the smartest giant in town” George came to a big squelchy bog. Beside the bog stood a dog who was howling.**

*This picture shows a dog with a yellow shirt and white pants howling and pointing to the bog.*

**“What’s the matter?” asked George.**

*This picture shows George looking worried and upset.*

**“It’s this bog,” said the dog.**

*This picture shows the dog with its legs stuck in the bog with a picnic basket full of drink and food.*

**“I need to get across, but I keep getting stuck in the mud.**

*This picture shows the dog stuck in the mud with its tongue stuck out looking disgusted at the bog.*

**“I wish there was a safe, dry path.”**

*This picture shows the dog fallen over in the bog with muddy clothes and a sad face.*

**“Cheer up!” said George, and he took off his smart new belt. “It was squashing my tummy anyway.” he said,**

*This picture shows the dog with a big smile walking on George’s belt which has been placed over the bog.*

**as he laid it down over the bog. It made an excellent path. “Thank you!” said the dog.**

*This picture shows the dog with a big smile on its face.*

**The wind started to blow, but George didn’t mind. He hopped on, singing to himself,**

*This picture show George hopping along a path with leaves blowing about and the trees are bending in the wind.*

**“My tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe, My shirt’s on a boat as a sail for a goat,  
My shoe is a house for a little white mouse,**

*This picture shows George with a big smile on his face and his hair is blowing in the wind.*

**One of my socks is a bed for a fox, My belt helped a dog who was crossing a bog, But . . .**

*This picture shows George’s with a shocked expression on his face.*

**“My trousers are falling down! I’m the coldest giant in town!”**

*This picture shows George’s pants falling down which has shown red and white spotty underpants.*

**Suddenly George felt sad and shivery and not at all smart. He stood on one foot and thought. “I’ll have to go back to the shop and buy**

*This picture shows George’s feet and he is standing on one foot that has a shoe on*

**. some more clothes,” he decided. He turned around and hopped all the way back to the shop.**

*This picture shows the shop that’s in the middle of the town.*

**But when he got there it was CLOSED! “Oh, no!” cried George. He sank down onto the doorstep and a tear ran down his nose.**

*This picture shows George sitting outside the shop sad and crying.*

**He felt as sad as all the animals he had met on his way home. Then, out of the corner of his eye,**

*This picture shows the tears running off George’s nose and shows George’s sad frown.*

**he saw a bag with something familiar poking out the top. George took a closer look . . .**

*This picture shows a bag that has George’s gown and sandals peeking out of the top of it.*

**“My gown!” he yelled. “My dear old gown and sandals!” George put them on. They felt wonderfully comfortable.**

*This picture shows George in his old clothes again with a smile on his face and the other clothes on the floor.*

**“I’m the cosiest giant in town!” he cried, and he danced back home along the road.**

*This picture shows George looking happy and thrilled.*

**Outside his front door stood all the animals he had helped. They were carrying an enormous present.**

*George is standing next to the animals he helped with the present unwrapped, George is putting on the golden coloured crown.*

**“Come on, George,” they said. “Open it!” George untied the ribbon. Inside was a beautiful gold paper crown and a card.**

*This picture shows all the animals George helped and two of them are holding up the card.*

**“Look inside the card, George!” said the animals. George put the crown on his head and opened the card. Inside, it said,**

*This picture shows the card that the animals made for him, it has drawings of all the things he did for them.*

**Your tie is a scarf for a cold giraffe, Your shirt’s on a boat as a sail for a goat,  
Your shoe is a house for a little white mouse**

*This picture is the first section of the card.*

**One of your socks is a bed for a fox, Your belt helped a dog, who was crossing a bog,**

*This picture is the second section of the card.*

**So here is a very fine crown, to go with the sandals and gown of the KINDEST giant in town.**

*This picture is the third and final section of the card.*

**THE END**

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