Monica I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,

Ben G. And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.

Xander The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—

Lindsey Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;

Natalie For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,

Monica And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

Ben G. One morning, very early, before the sun was up,

Xander I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;

Lindsey But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,

Natalie Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

Abby The crocodile, with cunning smile, sat in the dentist’s chair.

Benjamin He said, “Right here and everywhere my teeth require repair.

Evan “I want you”, Crocodile declared, “to do the back ones first.

Joseph The molars at the very back are easily the worst.”

Kiera The dentist kept himself well clear. He stood two yards away.

Joseph He chose the longest probe he had to search out the decay.

Elijah “To do the back ones properly you’ve got to put your head Deep down inside my great big mouth,” the grinning Crocky said.

Abby Just then, in burst a lady, in her hands a golden chain.

She cried, “Oh Croc, you naughty boy, you’re playing tricks again!”

Benjamin “Watch out!” the dentist shrieked and started climbing up the wall.

Elijah “He’s after me! He’s after you! He’s going to eat us all!”

Kiera “Don’t be a goof,” the lady said, and flashed a gorgeous smile.

Abby “He’s harmless. He’s my little pet--

ALL --my lovely crocodile.