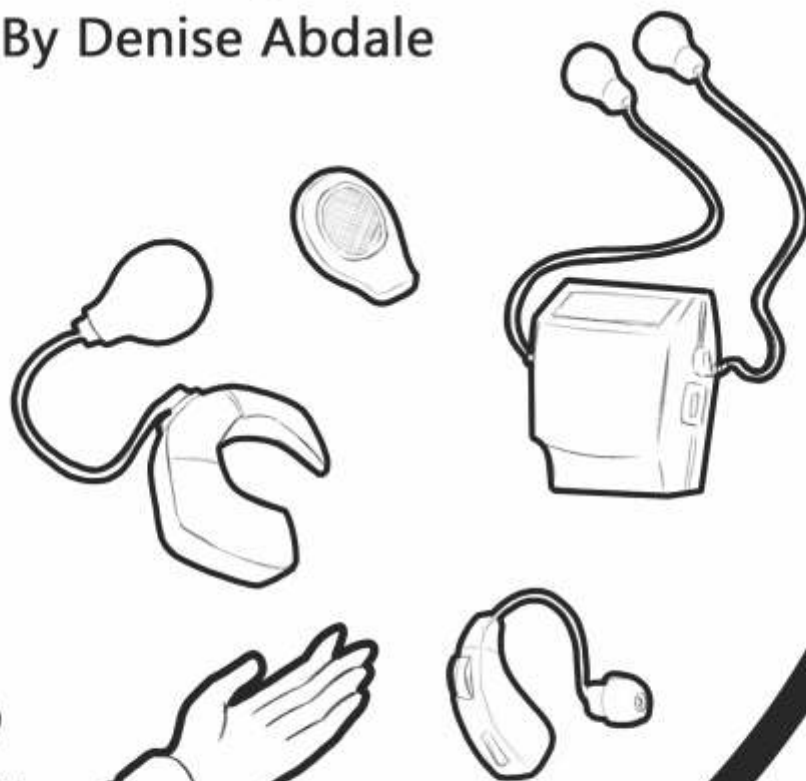


JASMINE'S

Magic Hearing Machines

By Denise Abdale



Coloring Book

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all my former MIS VI and 420 I school students. Every day, I was inspired by your optimism, enthusiasm, thirst for knowledge, perseverance, and drive to succeed despite your circumstances and/or physical condition. YOU were my role model every day.

I'm Jasmine. These are all the things I love. I enjoy music like jazz and rock, and I love to dance, especially modern dance and ballet. I dream of becoming a professional dancer.



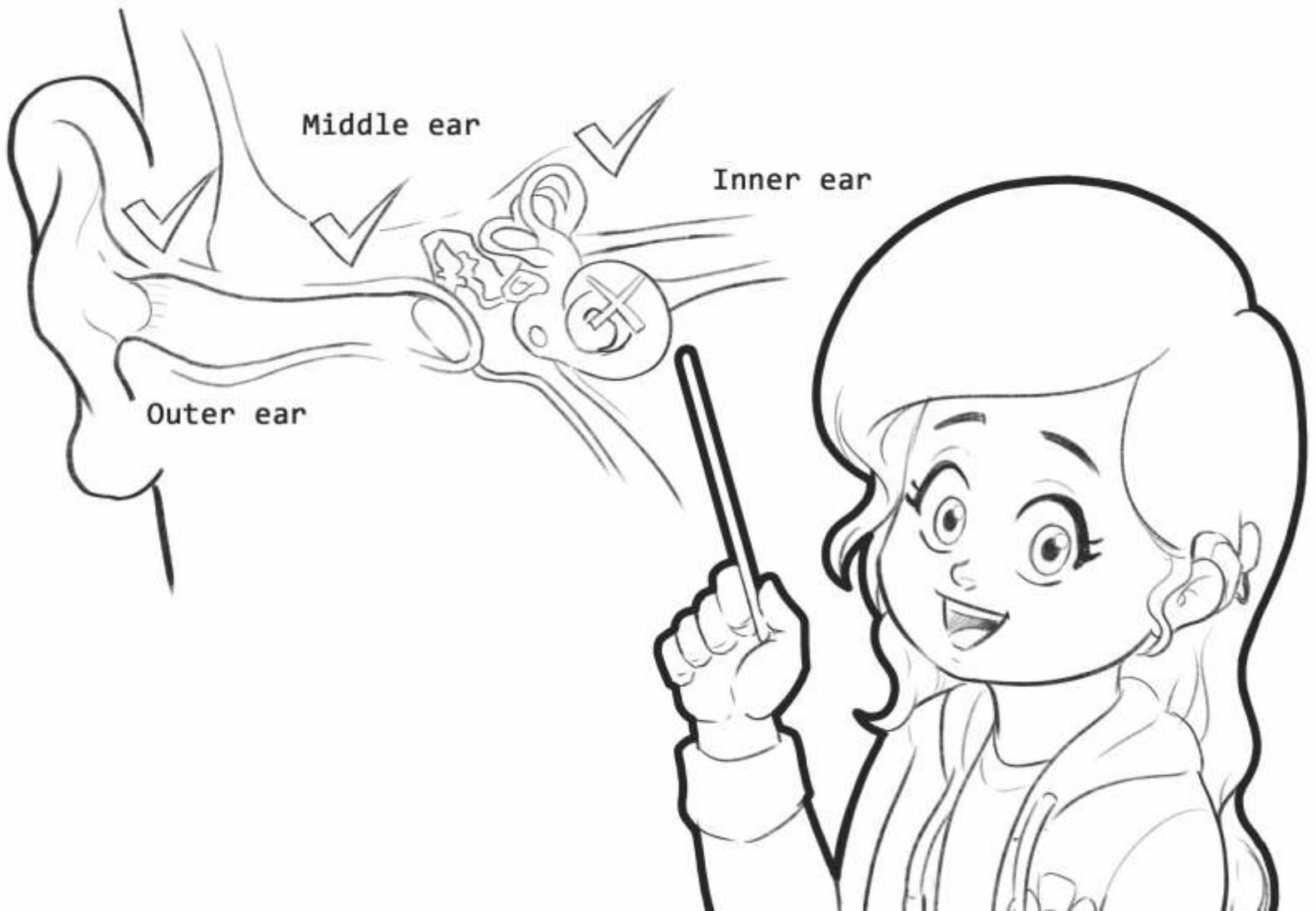
Oh, one more thing – I'm deaf.



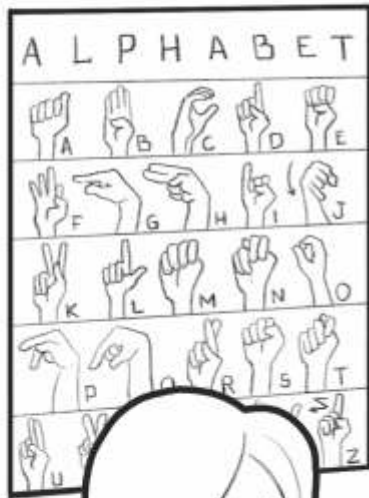
I was born with a conductive hearing loss in my right ear.
That means I have hearing loss of the outer or middle ear.
Those parts don't work correctly.



In my left ear, I have sensorineural hearing loss. This happens when the inside part of the ear, or the special nerve that sends sounds to the brain, isn't working quite right.



I visited various doctors to see how they could help my ears to hear better. The doctors fitted me with hearing aids. I also learned sign language and how to read lips to communicate.



The hearing aids were helpful, but not enough to help me hear well. I needed something different to help me hear.



At speech therapy, the therapist put a harness on me with a big body hearing aid called the Phonic Ear.



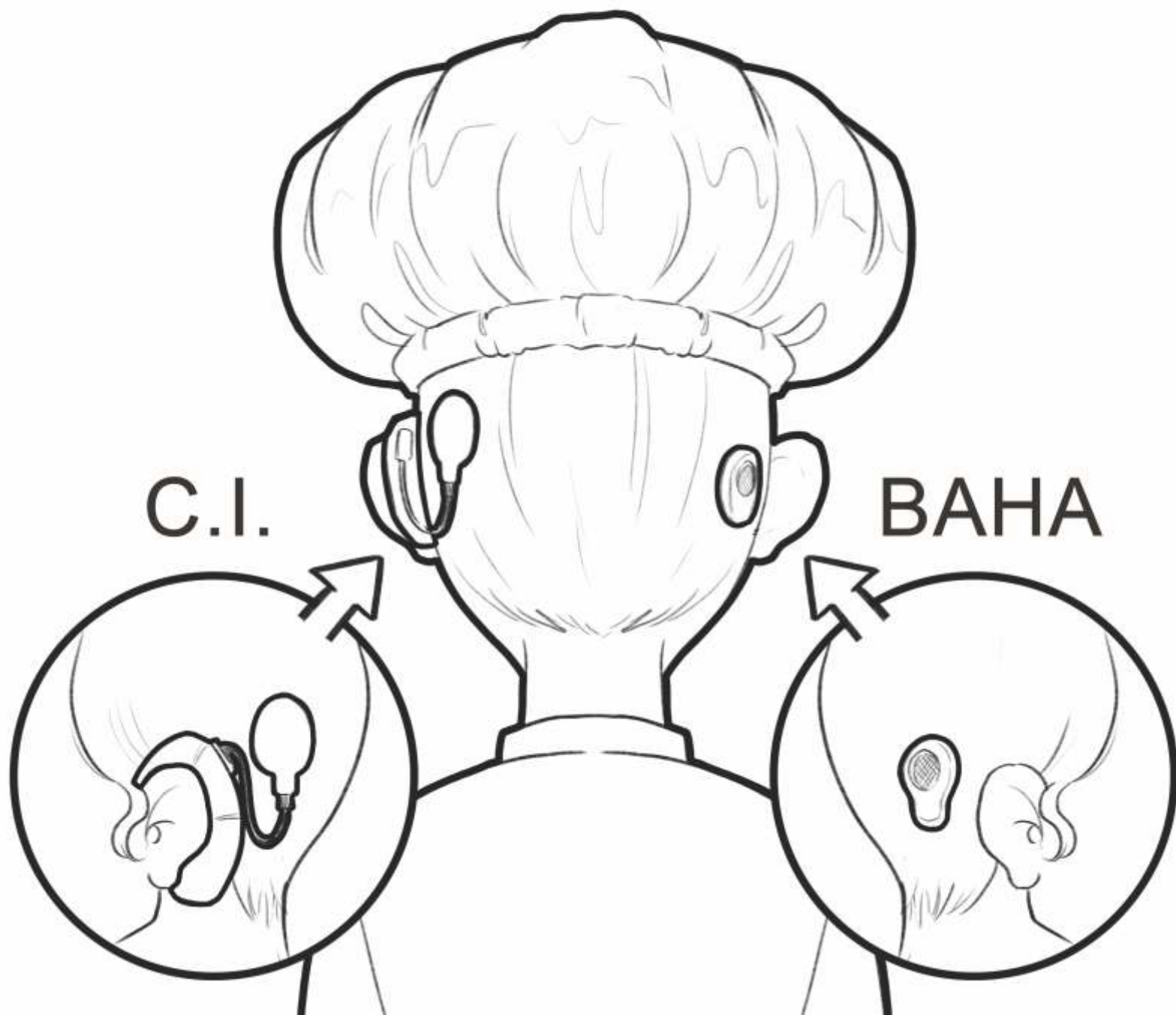
When I wore it, I could hear much better. I didn't want to take it off. I liked being able to hear speech, sounds, music, even my own voice! But then I had to leave therapy and leave my hearing behind.



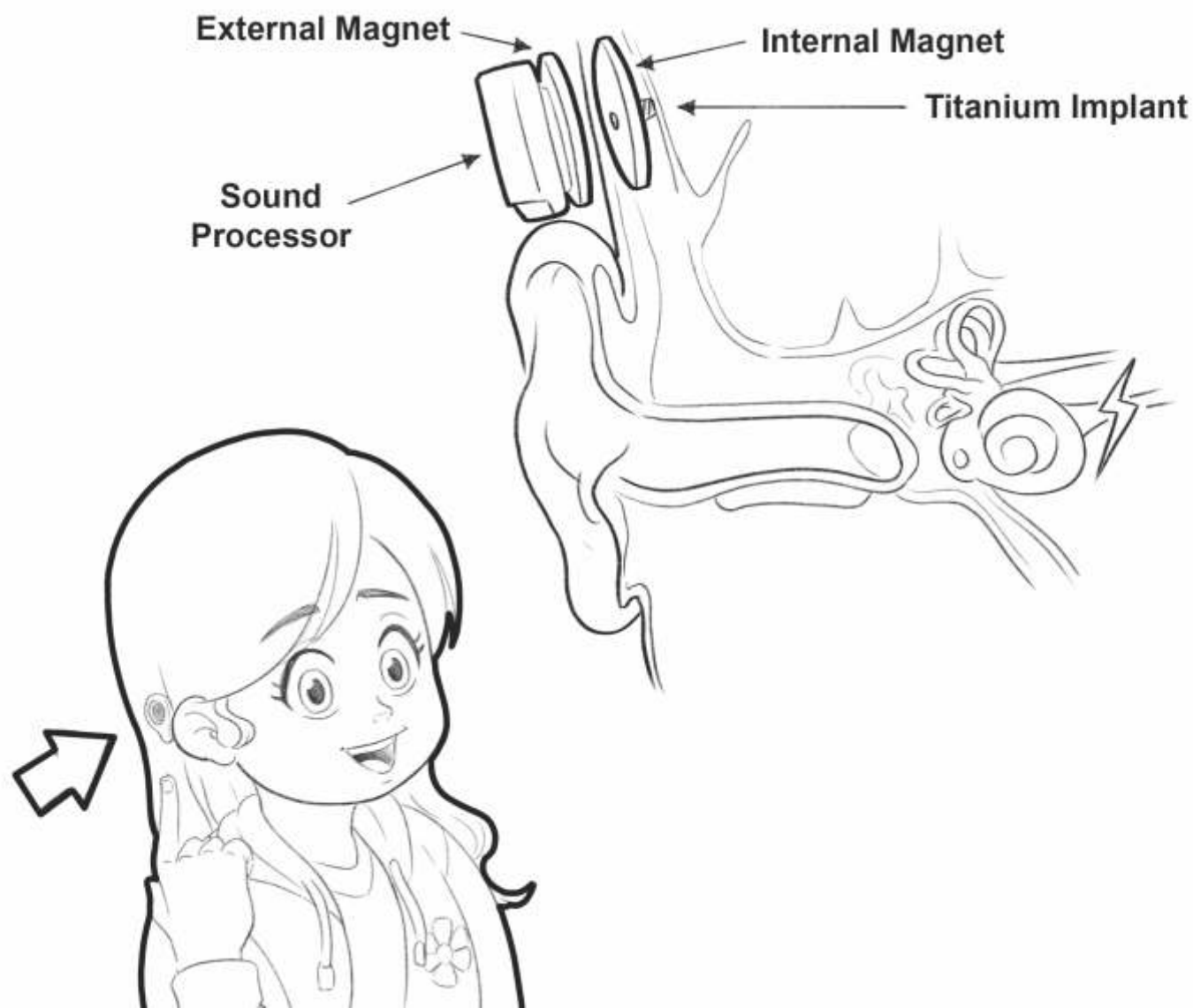
The doctors, audiologist, and speech therapist all agreed that I should get Magic Hearing Machines, a special kind of hearing aid.



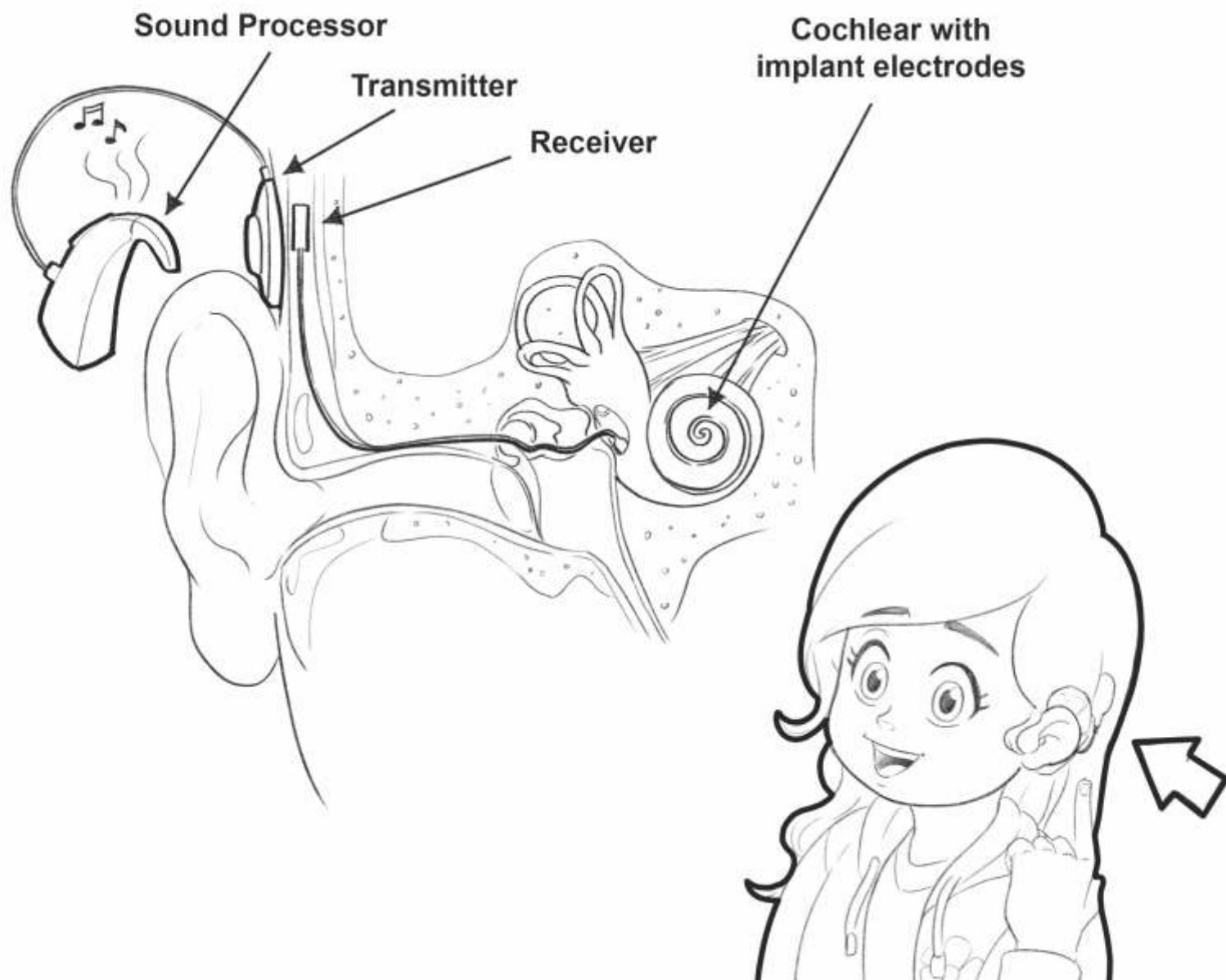
I had an operation to put the Magic Hearing Machines on my head. They placed a bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA) for my right ear and a cochlear implant (CI) for my left ear.



Each hearing aid helps me hear in a different way. The BAHA sticks to the bone just behind my right ear, near my neck. Sounds vibrate through the bone. Words sound very clear through the BAHA, but I cannot tell where the sound is coming from.



The CI helps me hear where a sound comes from. It attaches to the left side of my head behind my ear. It can snap on and off. I can swim and shower because it has a waterproof case. The BAHA and CI work together to give me the best hearing I can have.



It's the first day back at school. I put on the new hearing aids. I can hear the birds chirping. I ask my teacher, "Can I share about my hearing loss and my new special hearing machines?"



My teacher arranges for me to speak at the school assembly. I practice my speech every night. I am nervous, but my family and speech therapist are there to cheer me on. The students learn a lot from me.



I feel the vibrations of music through my BAHA. I turn the bass up and lean against the speaker. I've gotten to know all kinds of music. I like jazz and rock.



I play with my friends at the park. My friends support me by using sign language and speaking clearly. My hearing aids help me understand them and keep me safe.



When my family communicates with me, they make sure I don't miss out on anything. They take turns speaking and speak slowly and clearly. We go on lots of family adventures.



I have a dance recital coming up. My parents invite my entire class.



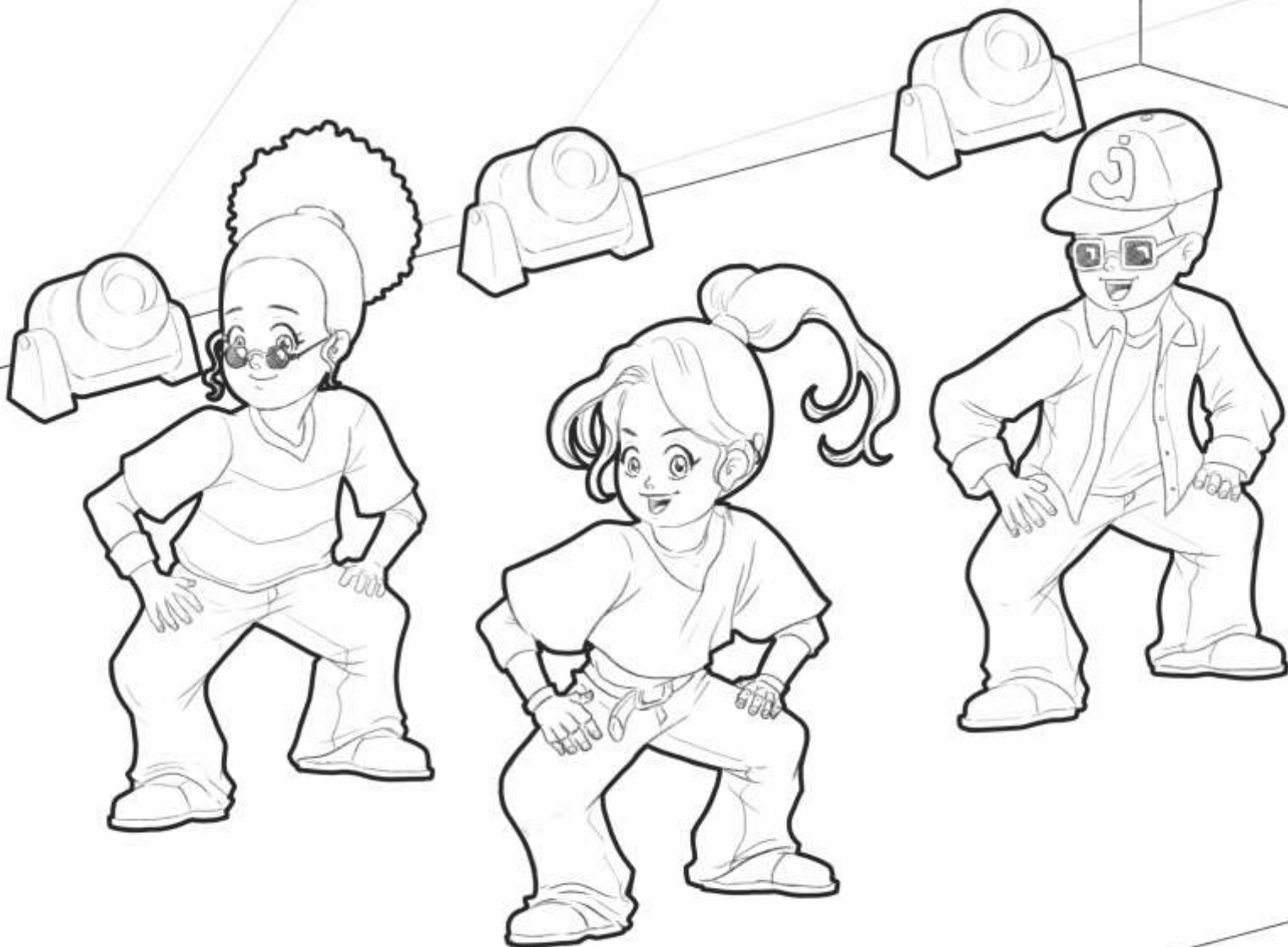
I practice and practice, feeling the music through my body and listening carefully with my magic hearing machines.



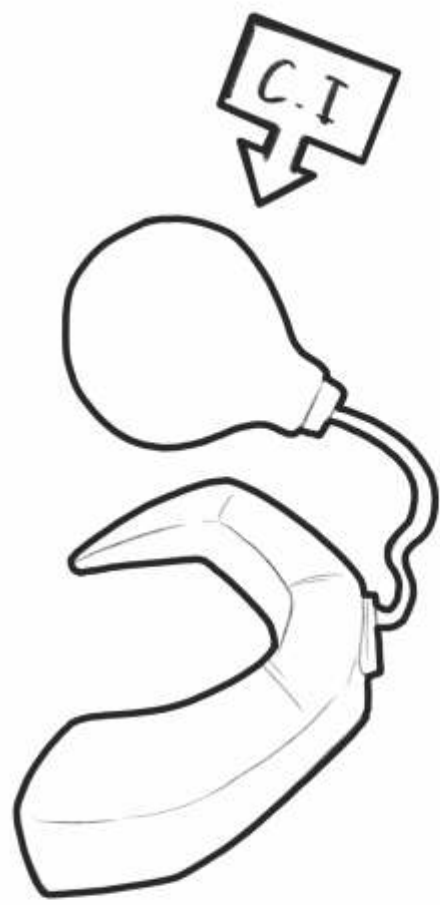
On the night of the recital, I come out on stage. The music plays. The lights flash. I dance. Everyone stands and applauds.



Hearing loss doesn't stop me from reaching my goal of becoming a dancer. It makes me strong and brave and maybe even a better dancer. My hearing loss doesn't stop me from doing what I love.



I've accepted my hearing loss. Everyone has different strengths, abilities, and struggles. I am grateful for my special magic hearing machines.



I still have difficulties with my hearing loss. I have trouble hearing in a noisy environment, when someone speaks low, or when people talk over each other.



Sometimes, people don't know how to act when someone like me has hearing loss. They are not always nice to me. They tease me, make fun of me, and bully me, all because I can't hear them very well.



I'm lucky to have family and friends who love and support me. I am happy to be me.



I know I can do anything, and now that I have
my magic hearing machines—I can!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

With over 40 years of dedicated service as a special education teacher and speech/language therapist in the NYS/ NYC school systems, Denise Abdale brings a wealth of experience and compassion to the world of children's literature. Motivated by a desire to enrich the lives of young readers, particularly those facing reading challenges and life adversities, Denise Abdale crafts captivating stories to bridge the gap between imagination and reality. Having worked with children who yearned for the simple joys many take for granted, such as trips to the zoo or the beach, Denise Abdale aims to provide these experiences through the delightful adventures of her characters. These heartwarming tales not only unfold in the magical realm of imagination but also touch on real-life struggles, addressing themes of homelessness, illness, compassion, and trust.

Beyond the pages of children's books, Denise Abdale is a passionate gardener, a skilled needleworker, an avid mystery reader, and a fan of 1930-1940 film noir mysteries. Drawing inspiration from both personal and professional experiences, Denise Abdale creates stories that resonate with the hearts of young readers, fostering empathy, understanding, and the joy of shared adventures.

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Jasmine has a big dream—she wants to be a dancer! But with a hearing loss, she faces challenges that others don't always understand. After undergoing multiple surgeries and wearing special machines on her head to help her hear, Jasmine must navigate not only the world of dance but also the reactions of her classmates.

In *Jasmine's Magic Hearing Machines*, author Denise Abdale, drawing from her experience as a teacher of the deaf & hearing impaired and as a speech therapist—shares a heartfelt story about resilience, self-acceptance, and the power of understanding.

This inspiring book helps children see the importance of inclusivity and kindness, especially for classmates who look or experience the world differently.

Perfect for families, educators, and young readers, this uplifting story encourages empathy and reminds us all that no dream is out of reach!