

# MOXIE AND SPARKY INTRODUCE THE ACCELERATOR!

MARIA, YOU LOOK SCARED. WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'VE GOT NF, WHICH IS SHORT FOR NEUROFIBROMATOSIS.

CAN'T YOUR DOCTOR GIVE YOU SOME MEDICINE?

THERE ISN'T ANY, AND IT TAKES SO LONG FOR SCIENTISTS TO DEVELOP NEW MEDICINES.

DON'T WORRY, CTF HAS THE ANSWER. MEET THE ACCELERATOR!

WHOOOSH!

WITH MY POWERS OF BUSTING BARRIERS AND SUPER SPEED, I'LL ACCELERATE THE PATH TO A CURE FOR NF!

THAT SOUNDS GROOVY, BUT HOW?

LET ME SHOW YOU THE CHILDREN'S TUMOR FOUNDATION RESEARCH MODEL.

WAAAAHHHH!

WOW! YOU'RE FAST!

THEY DON'T CALL ME THE ACCELERATOR FOR NOTHING.

CTF'S NF CLINIC NETWORK ENSURES THAT THERE ARE GOOD DOCTORS AROUND THE COUNTRY, EAGER TO TRY NEW TREATMENTS FOR PATIENTS LIKE YOU.

THERE ARE SO MANY!

SNAP!

AND SYNODOS IS A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS THAT WORK TOGETHER.

WHEN SCIENTISTS SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND DATA, IT SUPER-SPEEDS THE PROCESS.

ZZZTTT!

WHERE ARE WE? INSIDE A COMPUTER OR SOMETHING?

I'M A BARRIER BUSTER, MARIA. WE'RE IN THE NF DATA PORTAL. EVERYTHING THOSE RESEARCHERS LEARN, WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T, GETS PUT RIGHT HERE.

SO NOBODY HAS TO WAIT TO READ ABOUT IT!

AND YOU CAN HELP SPEED THE PROCESS TOO, BY JOINING THE NF REGISTRY. IT HELPS RESEARCHERS LEARN MORE ABOUT NF AND MATCHES PATIENTS TO CLINICAL TRIALS.

THERE ARE EVEN MORE CTF TOOLS THAT SPEED THE PROCESS, LIKE ANIMAL MODELS, AND CELL LINES, AND EVEN A TISSUE BANK FOR TESTING.

THAT SOUNDS FANCY.

FANCY'S MY MIDDLE NAME.

YOU LOOK RELIEVED, MARIA.

I AM, THANKS TO THE ACCELERATOR!

JUST DOING MY JOB, BUSTING BARRIERS AND SPEEDING THE WAY TO TREATMENTS FOR NF.

LET'S END NF!