

Tilda and the Escargiens

Chapter 1

My name is Tilda Stadkler. I am thirteen years old. I have an older sister, Selena and a younger brother, Henry. We live in a cozy cottage by a little brook that Selena and I used to play in when we were little, before Henry was born. Today is going to be my first day at Brookstone Academy. I don't want to go. I really prefer homeschooling with my mom and dad. I have to go because my parents just disappeared one night and can't be found. My grandma is the one who decided I should go. Brookstone Academy is a boarding school. My sister is going to Hoistar Manor. My grandma has arranged for a governess to come and teach Henry.

"Tilda, are your trunks packed? The carriage is here!" my grandma called up.

I took one last look around my room, then stepped out the door into the hall.

Chapter 2

As I walk down the stairs, I hear someone crying. I walk into my sister's room and there she is sitting on her bed.

"It's okay, Lena," I say as I sit beside her. "I'll be back for the holidays."

"I know," she sobs. "I'll just miss you so much."

We sit there in silence for a minute, but we get interrupted by Granny:

“Matilda Alexandria Stadkler, when I tell you to come, you must come.”

“I have something for you,” whispers Selena. She hands me a small blue box.

I open it. Inside is a beautiful necklace with two birds with pansies draped around them.

“Thank you”, I tell her. “Can you please put it on me?”

“Sure,” she says, “it was mine when I was your age.”

We hug goodbye. Then I step outside. My brother and grandma are waiting by the carriage. The carriage is pulled by griffins, and by the way no one notices them, it makes me think they are invisible to everyone else.

“Behave yourself, Tilda. “ says Grandma.

“Bye,” says my brother.

“Bye,” I say.

Then I step into the carriage.

Chapter 3

We have been flying for a few hours. Did you know griffins could fly? I never learned about magical creatures with mom and dad. I look at my necklace, missing everyone so much already. Pansies are my favourite flower, such a coincidence that the necklace has pansies on it.

“How much longer?” I ask the driver.

“Well at the rate these guys are going, a few more hours. I should’ve brought the giant owl instead!”

Finally, we arrive at Brookstone Academy. We unload my trunks and head inside. Wow this place is amazing! There are golden arches everywhere. As we pass the cafeteria, there were so many different types of people: some faceless, some had fangs, and some were just like me. We get to the office and there sits principal Globus Artshaw. She says, “Follow me. I will lead you to your dormitory. Leave your trunks to our caretaker, Mr. Sigam here. He’ll bring them up for you.”

I followed her.

Chapter 4

After looking at the dormitories (they are as amazing as the rest of Brookestone) I go down for dinner. I sit beside a student named Ella Whitlock. She seems nice, and it turns out she sleeps in the same dorm room as me. After dinner, we go up the stairs to the top turret where our dormitory is. I read for a bit, then we switched off the light. I lie there in the dark for a few minutes thinking about what lies ahead for tomorrow at Brookstone Academy...

BOOM!!! I am jolted from my uneasy sleep to a clap of thunder. A few seconds later there is a flash of lightning! I turn on the light beside me and look over at Ella’s bed

to see if she is awake. Her bed is empty! This is getting really weird, I thought. Suddenly there is another clap of thunder so strong that the turret shakes violently. A big crack appears in the wall! I stand by the window and look out on the raging storm. There seems to be something out there, big with wings. Then the crack in the wall splits open, just as the light goes out! There is a low menacing growl coming from inside the room that just opened...

Chapter 5

Even though I am terrified of what lies beyond the arch, I grab my lantern and slip on my fluffy, pink bunny slippers and go through the arch. There is a tightly coiled staircase winding deeper and deeper. So deep in fact, that when I take off my slipper to remove a pebble, and toss it down the stairs as far as I can, I don't hear it land. All I hear is a growl in return. I keep going down the stairs, persevering through all the worries I have about what could be lying in wait.

Finally, after about two and a half hours, I reach the bottom. I can see through the mist about 35 cages, all lined up against the wall. Inside all of them is some kind of creature.

Magical creatures, I assume. The one I had heard earlier, is along the back wall.

As I walk over, my foot catches on something. I bend down to pick it up. It feels heavy and fragile. It seems to be a type of scroll. I open it up and an intricate brass key falls out into my outstretched hand. The scroll turns out to be a map that shows an old underground town. Then I go over to the cage, and there is a giant bald eagle.

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Tilda and the Esgardiens

Next to it is a giant hamster.

“My name is Racaroon,” says the eagle.

“And mine is Hakaro,” says the Hamster. “We are Esgardiens.”

They both say in unison: “You must choose your loyal steed to guide you through the next series of events. To chose, you must pass a test!”

To Be Continued...

The King and the Mysterious Metal Man

Once upon a time, long ago there was a king. The king was a selfish and rude ruler. He was a bossy king who demanded everything from his subjects. One day while he was out exploring his kingdom, he found a strange metal object. The king was very curious about what it did. The king decided to take it back to his castle. After playing with his new object, he could not make it do anything.

The king demanded that his kingdom find a way to unlock the mystery of the object. His subjects came from all over his land. Everyone from near and far came to try to unlock the mystery object. They feared upsetting their king if no one could do it. Many tried and many failed. No one seemed to be able to unlock the mystery of the object.

A young boy who worked on a nearby farm tinkered with the object. All of a sudden it started flashing lights and making new sounds, scaring everyone near. The young boy was excited that he was the one that unlocked the object. But the king pushed him out of the way, quickly forgetting that the boy did all of the work.

The king became very nervous, yet excited! This object did things that he had never seen before. He ordered others to step away! The king would vanquish this dangerous object, as he believed he had the power to destroy it! He was the mighty king after all, and believed that only he had the power to do so.

Suddenly from the sky, a metal man dropped in front of the king. The strange new man looked around the room at all the people and surroundings. He saw the king standing in front of all the people, looking quite shocked at his sudden appearance. The metal man asked kindly that the king return his device. The king was in shock! He had

never seen a man like this before. The king was scared of this metal man, and he rudely demanded to know who this man was. The king watched the metal man closely, not trusting him because he looked different.

The metal man explained that he was from the future and that he created the machine to time travel. When it was found, the object was supposed to create a beacon so that it could be found and bring the creator to it.

The king refused to believe this metal man and told his subjects to seize him and his device. The king was excited to have a metal man and his object! He thought that he could create a great deal of money by putting them on display for his entire kingdom to come and see.

The metal man felt that the king was not a kind man and quickly grabbed his device and made a run for it. The king yelled at his subjects to chase after him. The king was yelling and shouting at them to hurry up and catch the metal man, but they quickly fell behind.

The metal man was scared to be caught, so he leapt into the water carrying his device. He quickly started pushing buttons and his machine lit up. He was hoping he could get his device to work quickly so that he can escape this mean king. Suddenly there was a giant flash. The metal man and the object were gone. No one could understand what had just happened, how could he have just disappeared?

The king's subjects searched high and low for the metal man. They could not find him. The king realized that he was not very kind to the metal man. If he had given the man a chance to explain who he was, he may have gotten the answers to his questions.

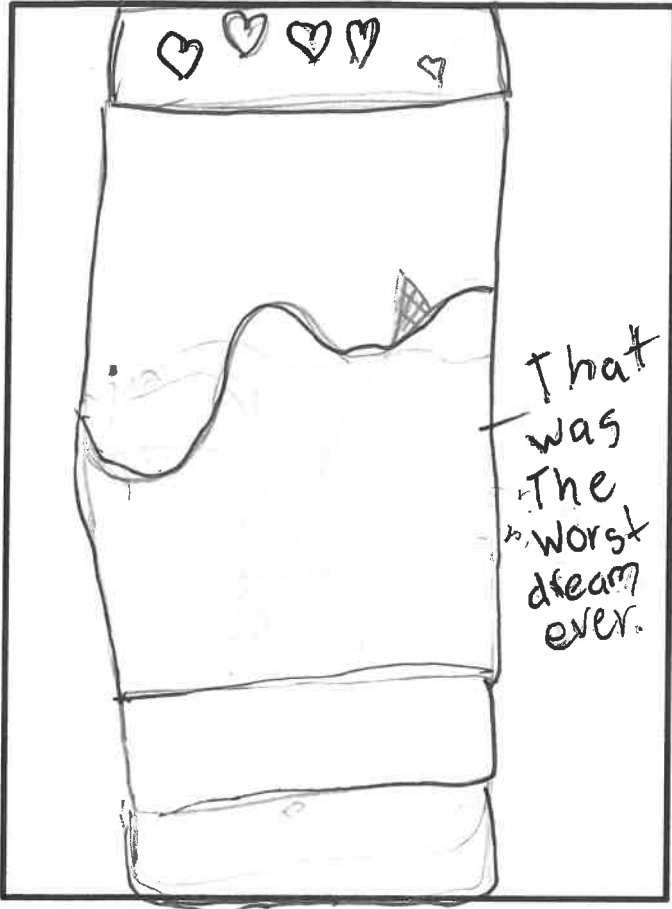
The king learned that he needed to be patient and kind to others and not pass judgment before he learned about them. Now the king would forever have his questions about the metal man and his interesting object. He could have learned many things from this strange new man and the future, but now he would never get the chance to.

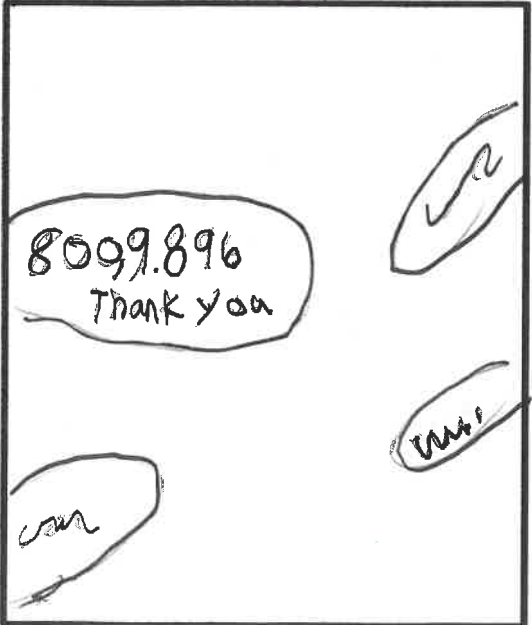
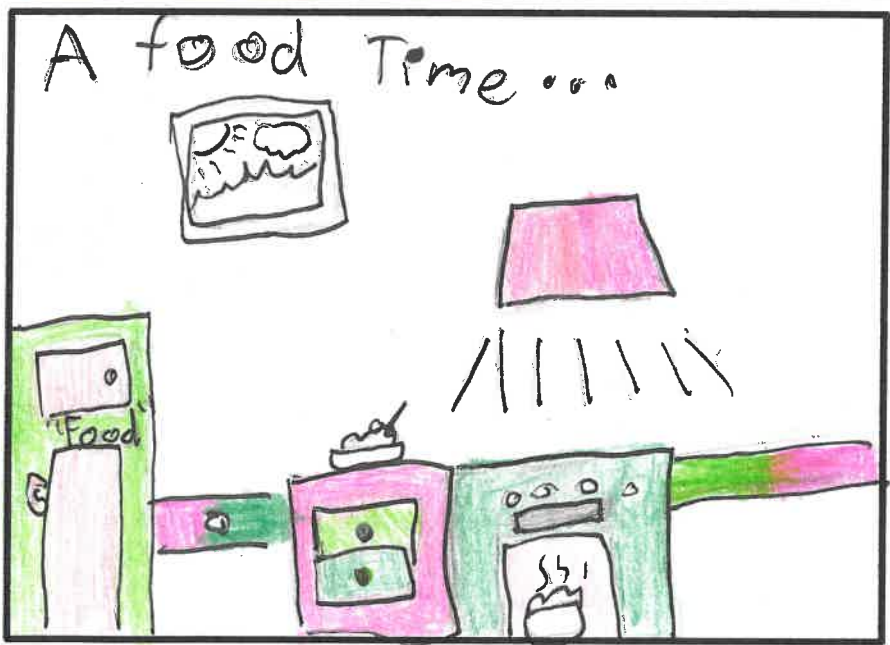
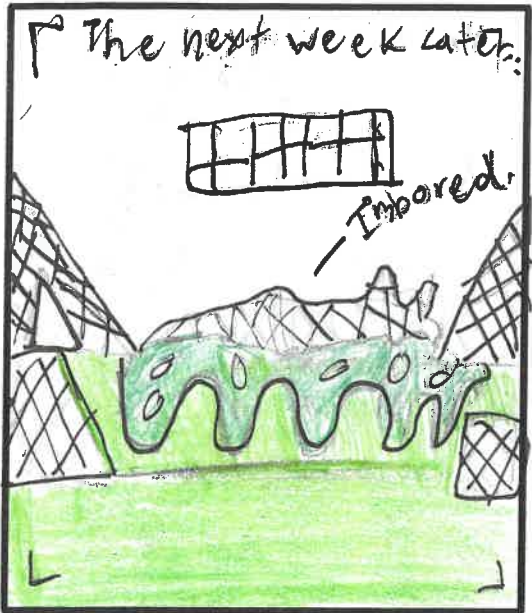
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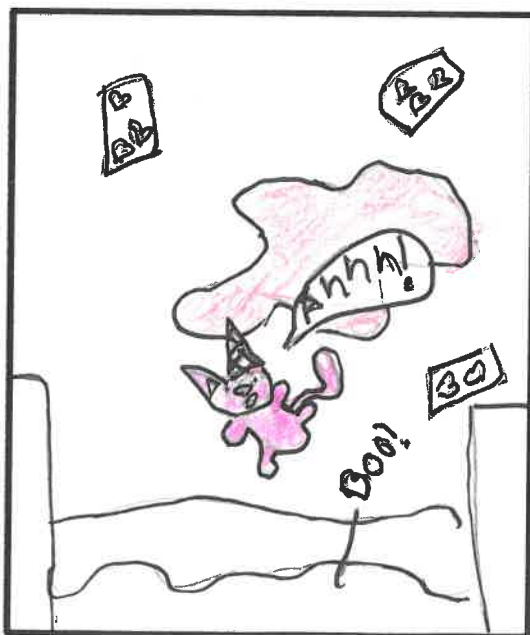
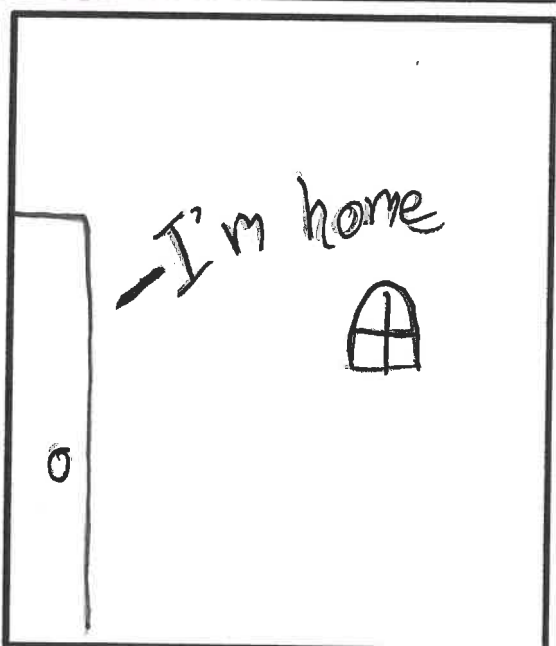
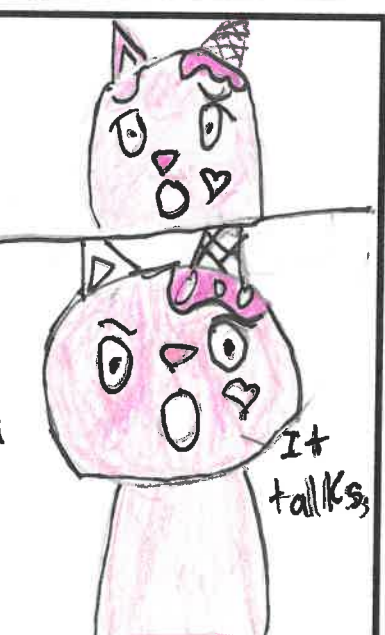
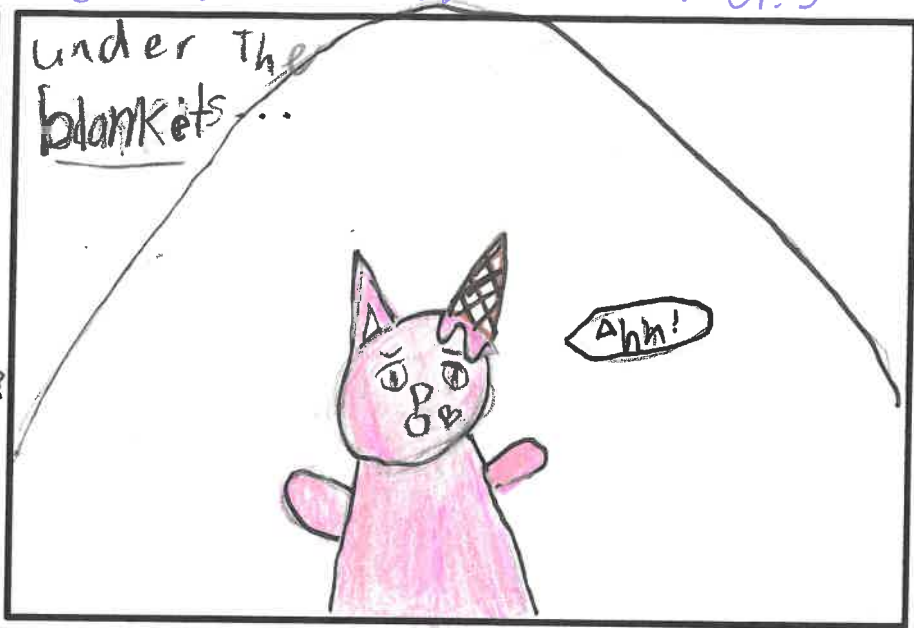


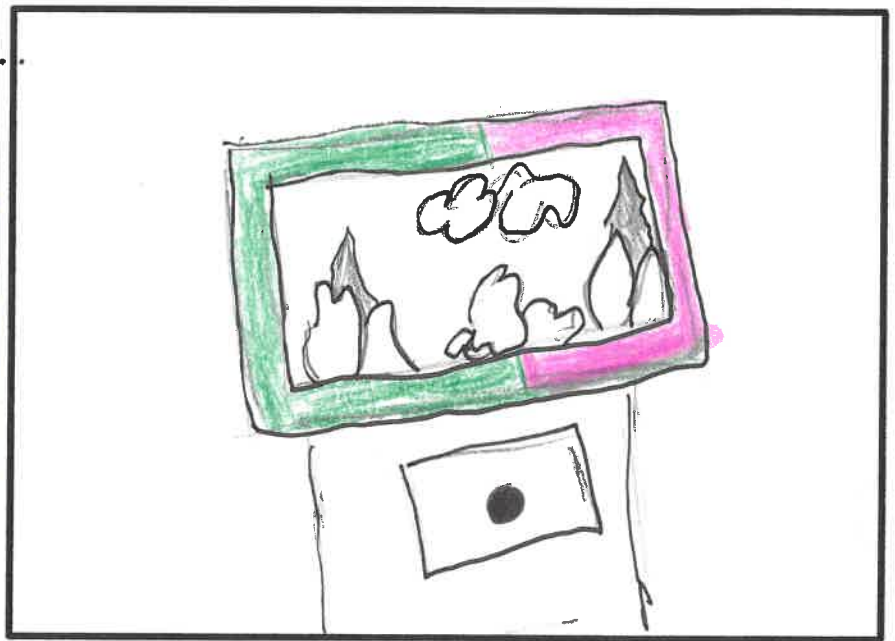
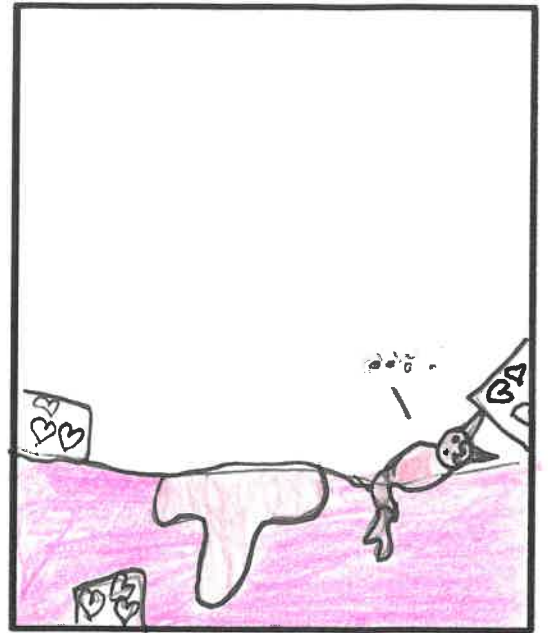
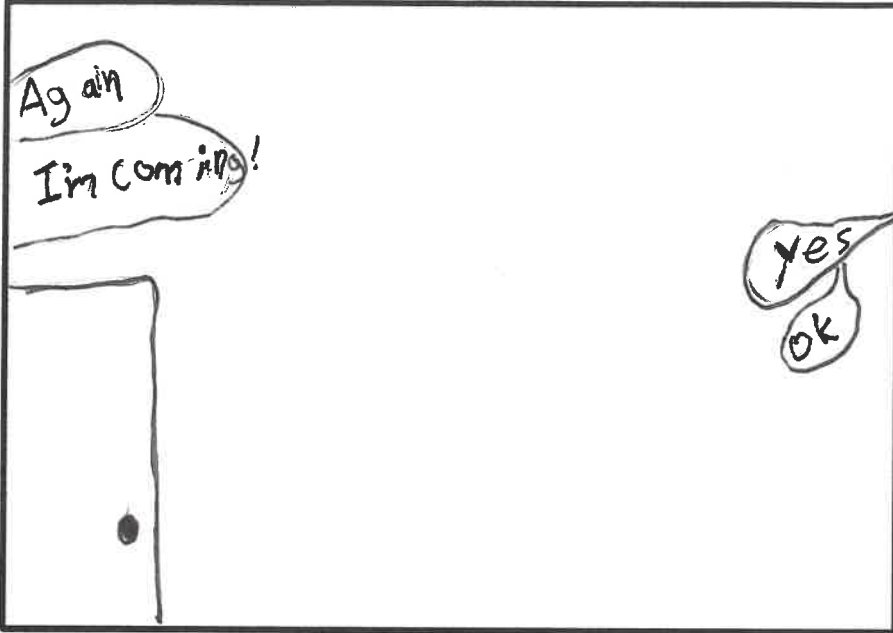


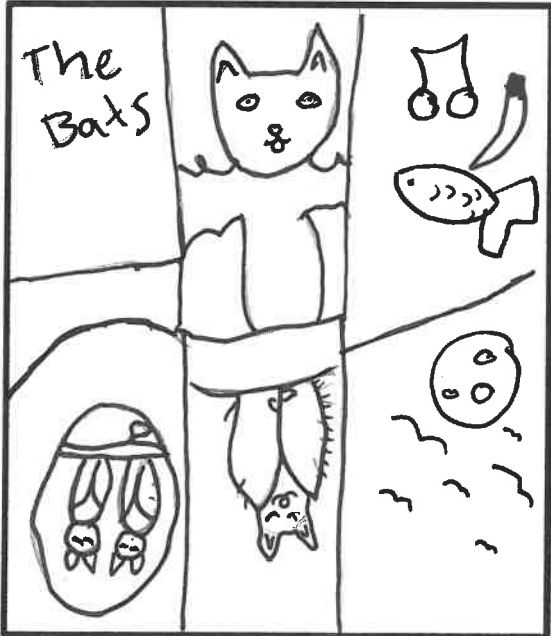
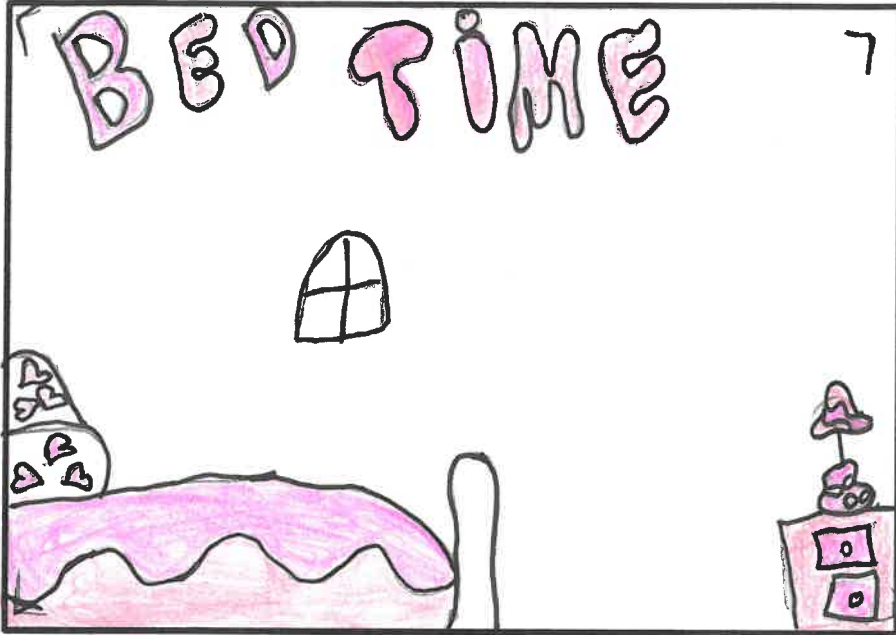




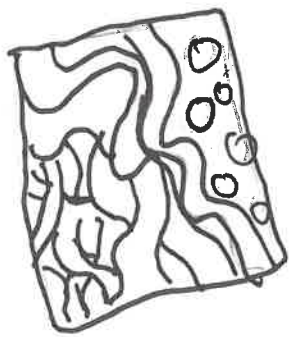








5 years later...



Look At all the books we made!



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A Feel of Belonging

Katie lived in a small cottage with her mom. She didn't know where her dad was and her mom was homophobic and transphobic. Katie was a lesbian and went to a Christian school. The teachers there harass anyone if they mention LGBTQ+ and beat the students with a bible.

Katie was always anxious when she went to school and anxious the teachers and students would find out her secret. Katie never told anyone--not even her best friends--because they believed all the stuff about God. Katie didn't want her friends to harass her and say things like, "God, save us. Save me not her; Katie hates you." Katie has become so annoyed by it all and her mom does nothing to support her because she agrees with Katie's "Friends." Sometimes, when mean things are said to her, Katie asks herself, "Am I human??".

As the days passed, Katie grew angrier and angrier. One week, she lashed out at her friends at school, shouting for them to shut their mouths because they were being offensive to her beliefs. They cried and ran to the principal saying, "Katie was saying we should all die!". The principal ran over to Katie and almost broke her arm, beating her with a bible and shouting at Katie about God. Katie didn't really pay attention to what he was saying. All she heard was, "Blah blah. God is awesome. blah blah."

At the end of the day, Katie went home crying and sobbed to her mom about how the principal beat her arm till it was bleeding and then she showed her arm. "Oh my! I'm gonna have a word with the principal!" Katie's mom exclaimed.

The next day, Katie's mom burst into the door of the school looking furious. The principal spoke first, saying, "I have a story for you." Then he told her the whole story

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from his perspective. Then, Katie's mom looked at Katie. She knew that look--it's the look she'd give when she'd scream at her when they got home.

Katie followed her mom home. And, as she expected, she was lectured by her mom. She even had to convince her mom not to beat her. She luckily wasn't beaten, but scared into not lashing out, she saved up money from selling hotdogs during summer to buy a punching bag.

When Katie got her punching bag, she felt powerful in a way. She set it up and drew a picture of the principal on paper and put it on the punching bag. Katie would take it off when her mom was coming. It was fun beating the punching bag up.

Katie was having fun with her crush, a non-binary person named Ash, who also thought the beliefs of the school were forced onto them. Ash and Katie had a lot in common: they hated the school, they were both lesbian, and they were both missing a parent. They started planning how to escape and run away together. Ash also felt the same way about Katie as Katie did Ash. They just didn't know if the other felt the same way.

Katie planned it that the day she confessed her crush to Ash would be on the same day they ran away together. Katie and Ash planned and planned and figured out when and where they would go. They planned on going to a forest where they would spend the rest of their lives. They practiced farming and hunting and they became really good at it.

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The day finally came. Katie and Ash had a normal school day and packed up their stuff. They went to Katie's house and grabbed all the stuff they would need. All of a sudden, guilt came over Katie.

"Why am I leaving my family?" Katie questioned herself. "I'm the only thing mom has." Then, a realization came to her. "Wait a minute...she was really mean to you your entire life!" Katie got back to her senses and left a note on her mom's bed saying, "Bye, mom. I'm sorry that I ran away, but you were mean. xoxo Katie."

Katie and Ash went to the forest and made a shelter and got a fire started.

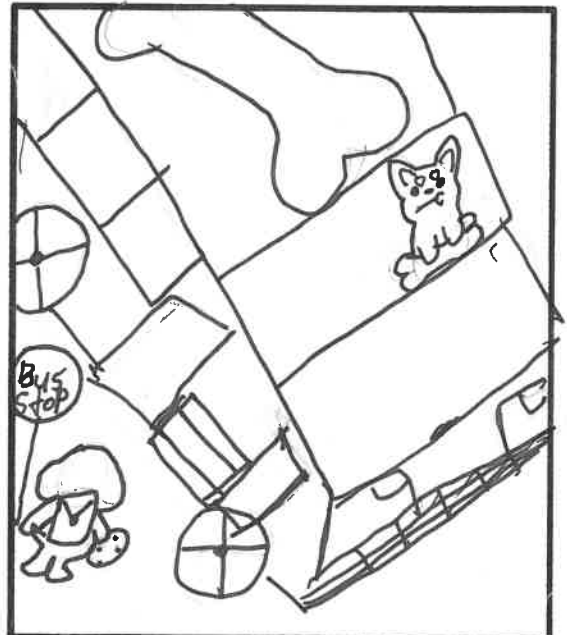
When Katie's mom got home from work and went into her room, she saw the note and freaked out. She went to the police and filed a missing persons report. The police checked all over town, but not the forest.

A year passed and Katie finally confessed her feelings to Ash. Ash accepted her feelings and they become a couple and got married when they were 25 years old. They made animal friends and their favourite was a bunny they named Steve. They lived the rest of their lives happy and healthy.

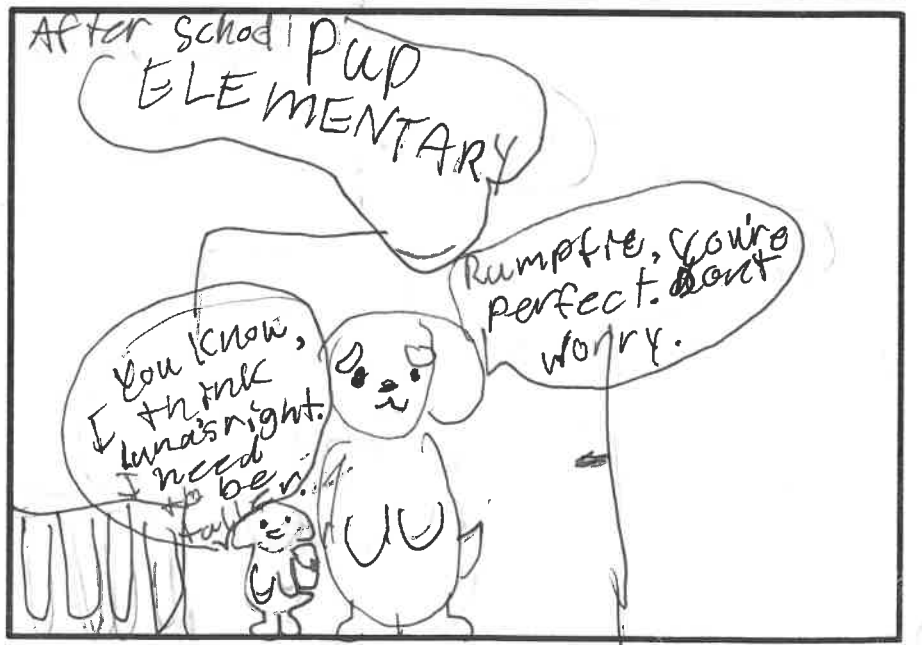
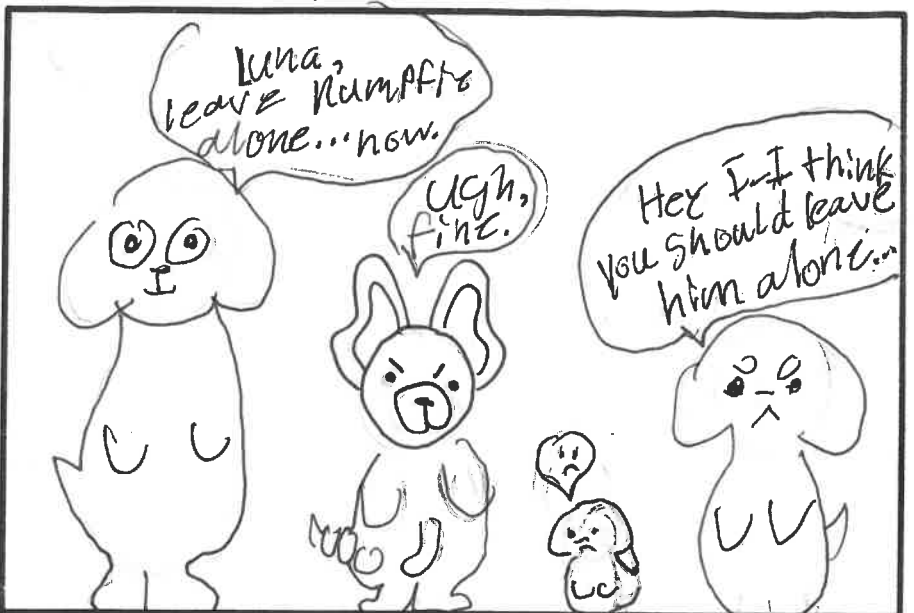
When their 30th birthdays approached, Katie and Ash moved back to the city. It was 2021 and the media had changed a lot and people were more accepting of the LGBTQIA community. They both got a job, bought a house, and quickly became successful. For the first time in as long as she could remember, Katie felt like a human again.

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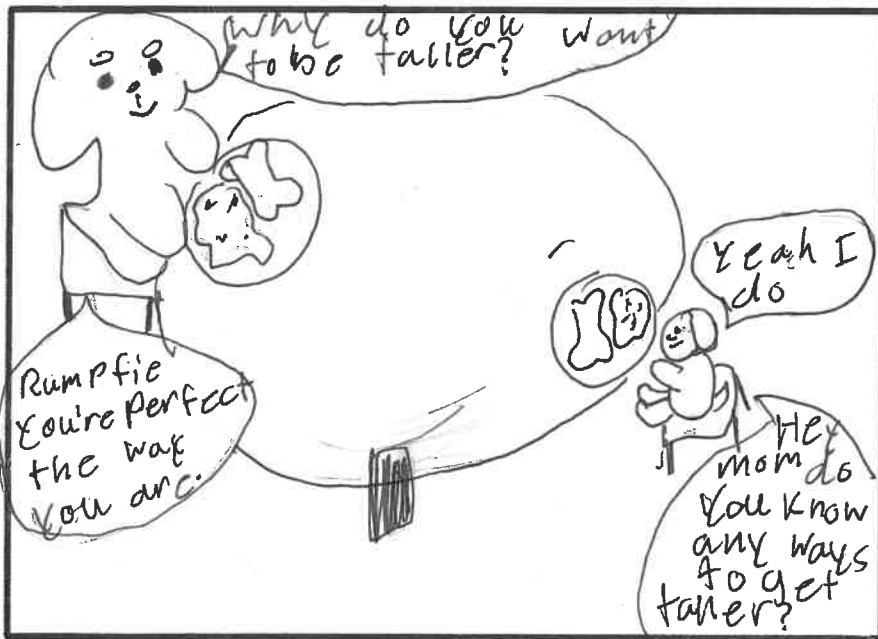




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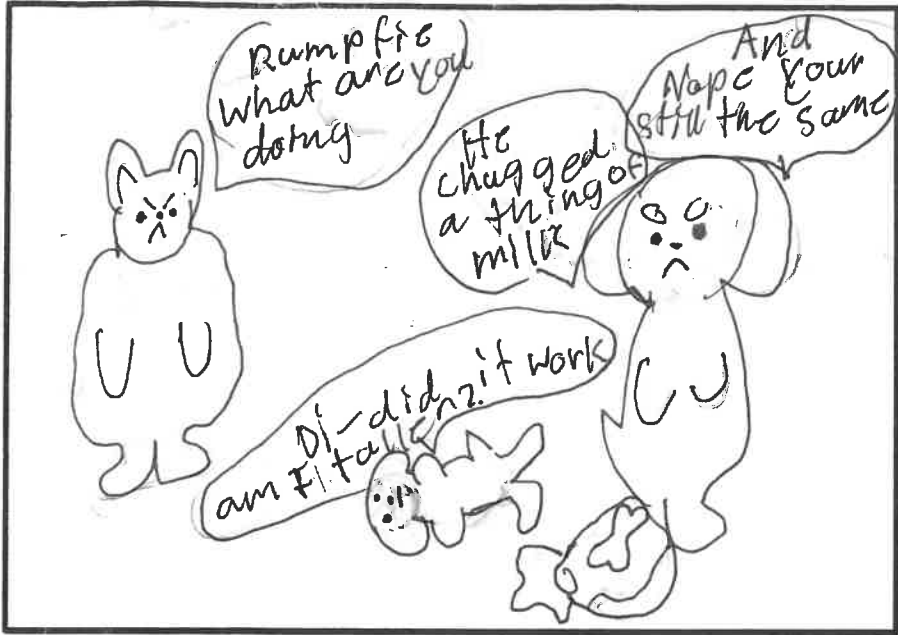
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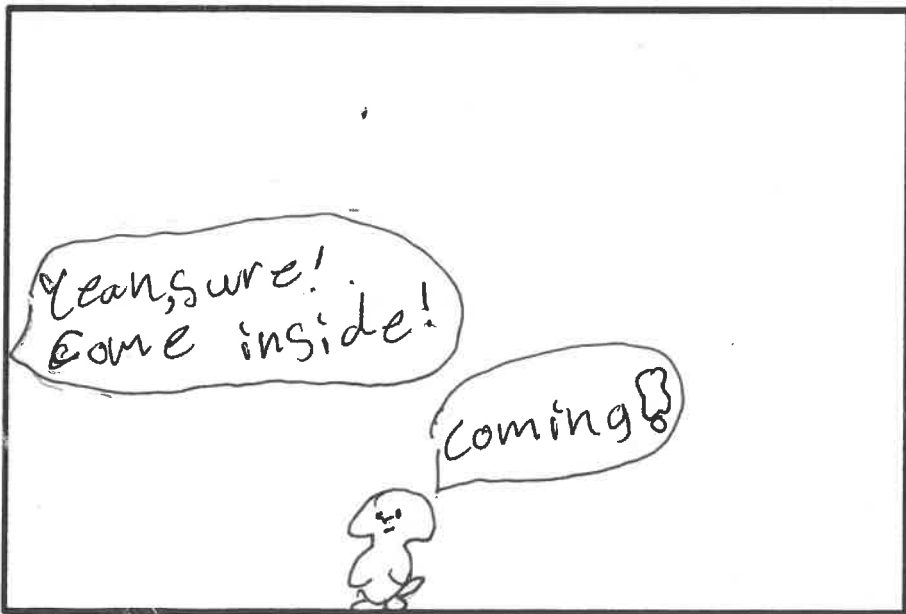
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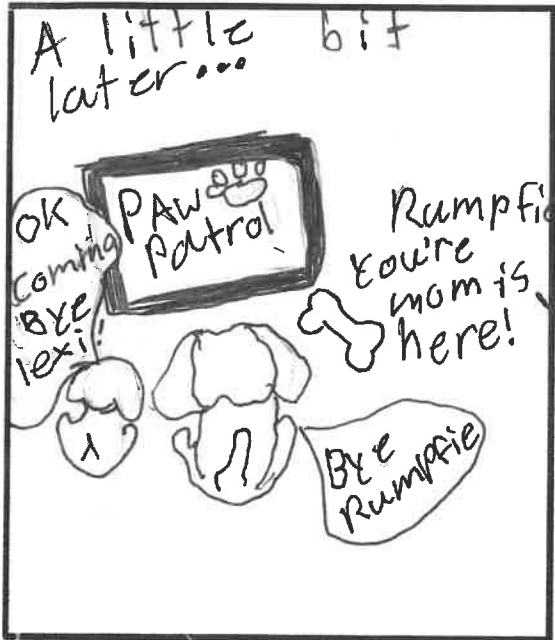
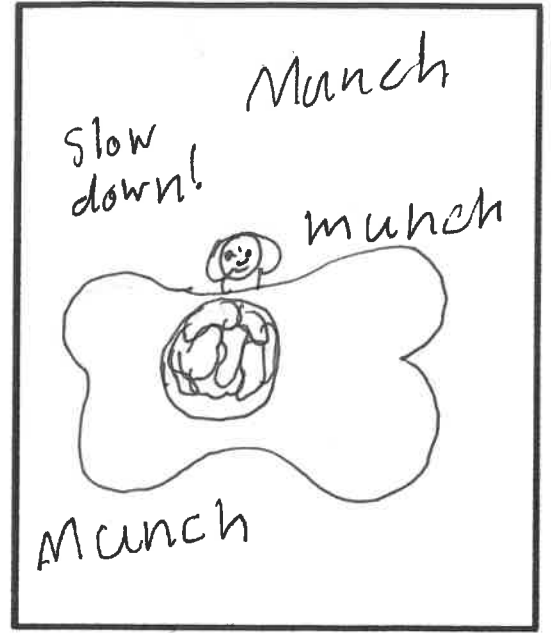


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At home After dinner



Emerson swaths A & E pair, bigger is better

In the morning

Rumffie,
Pack your
lunch! It's almost
time
to go.

I am,
I am.

Bye Rumffie!
Have a good
day!

Bus Stop

Bye mom!

Bye Rumffie
mom!

Hi charlie.
I tried
eating bones
to make me
fatter, but it
didn't work.

Rumffie,
really?!

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Hi!

I'm tired

Yeah, same

So tired

Good morning class

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hi?

Hi!

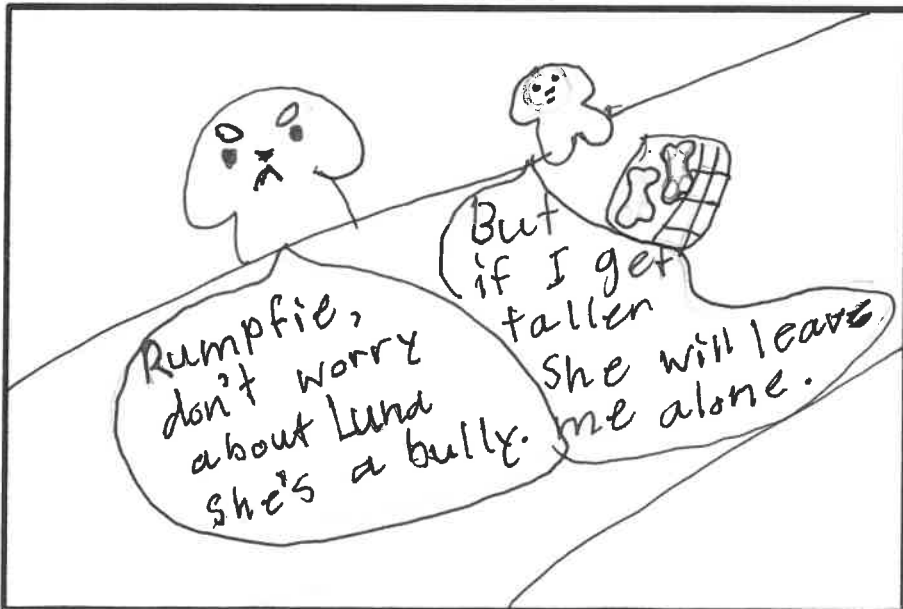
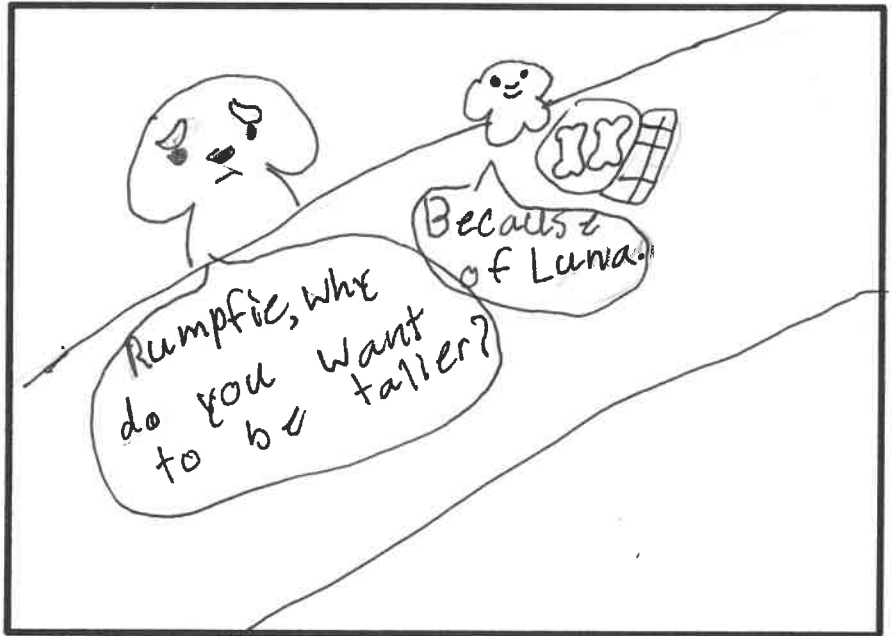
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a lizard.
We have
a new student.
Alex, please
come in.

Hi!

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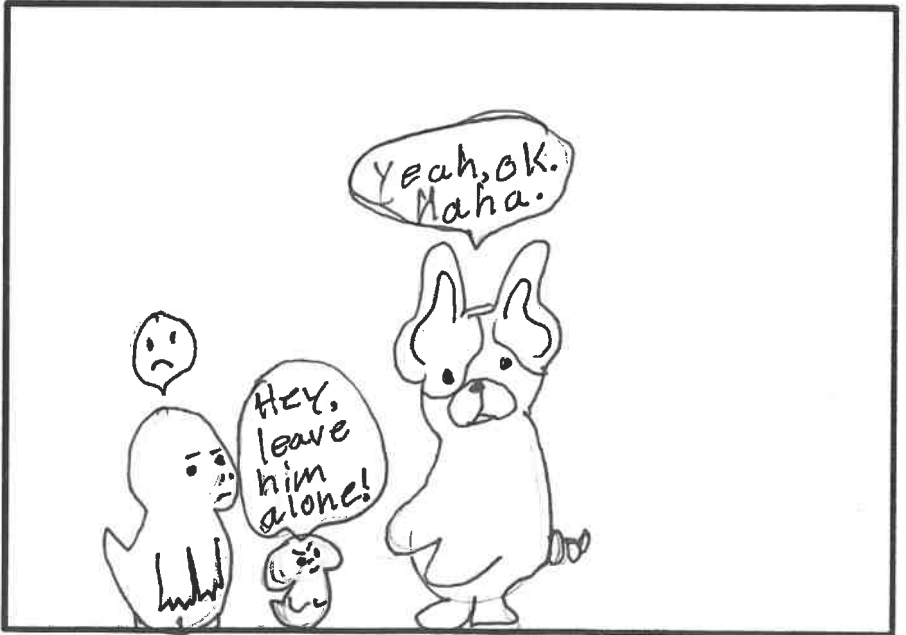
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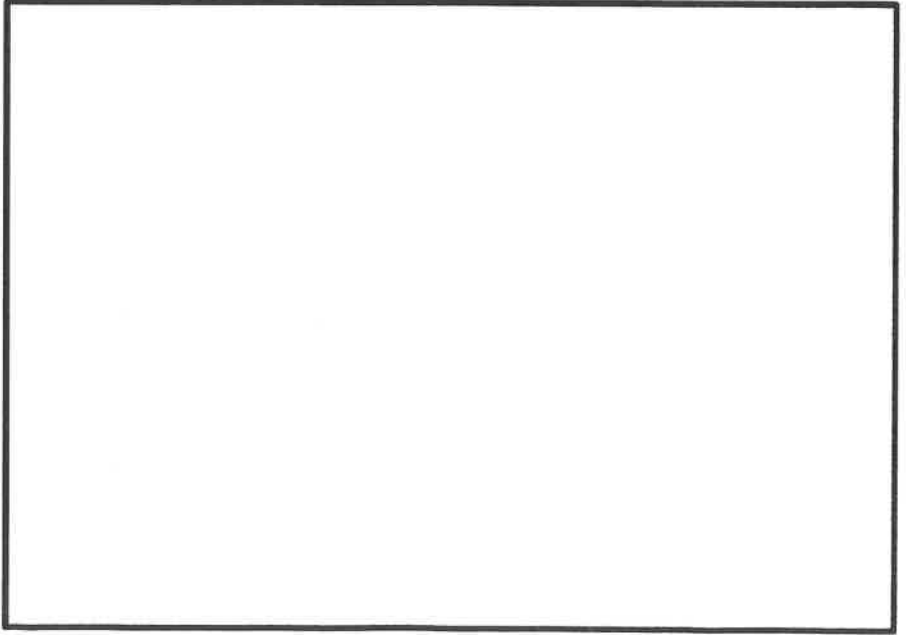
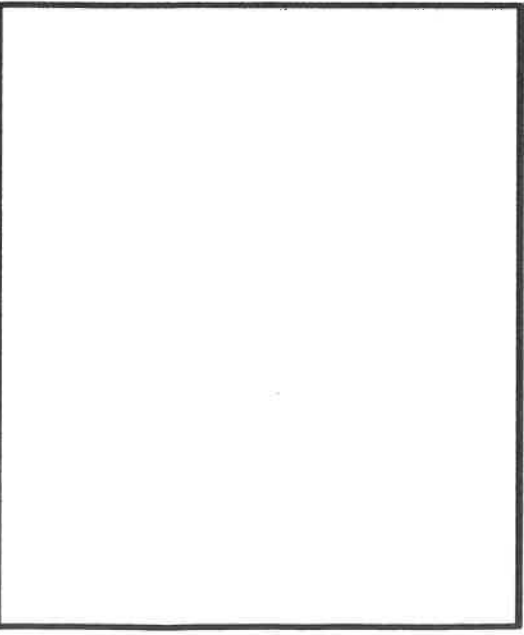
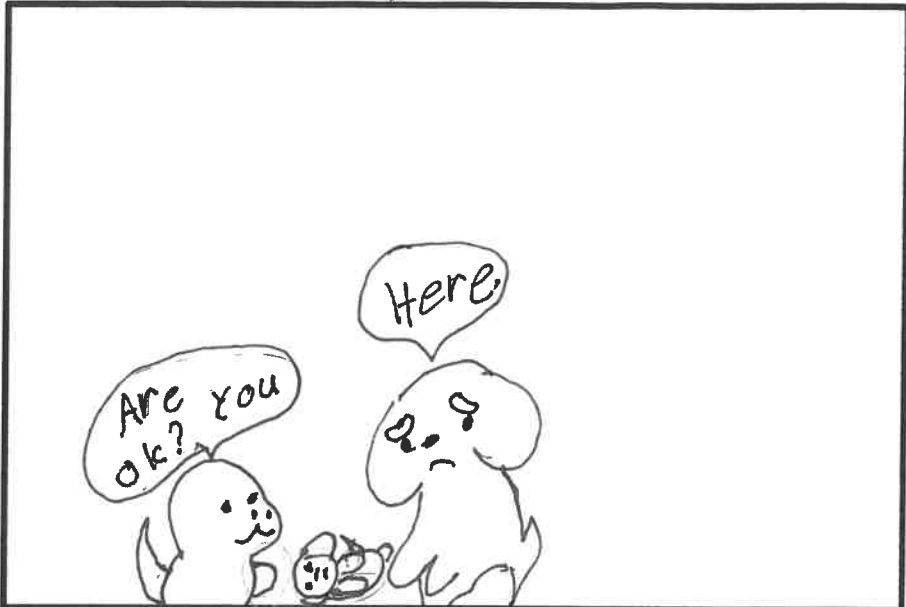
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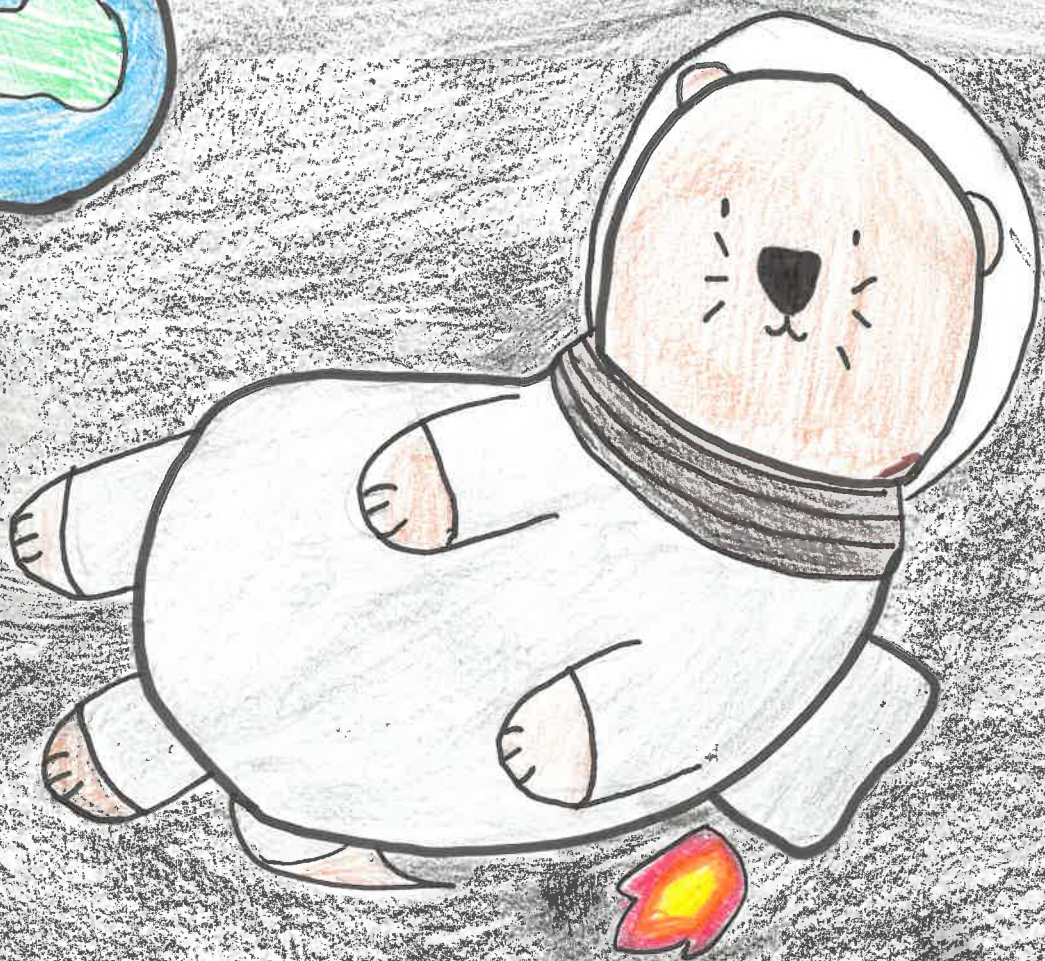
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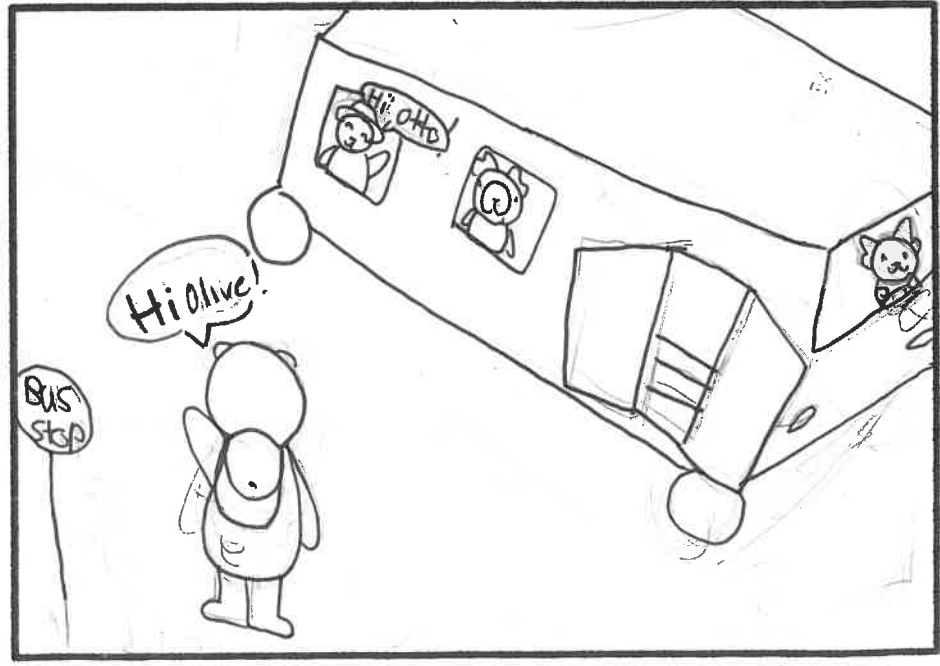
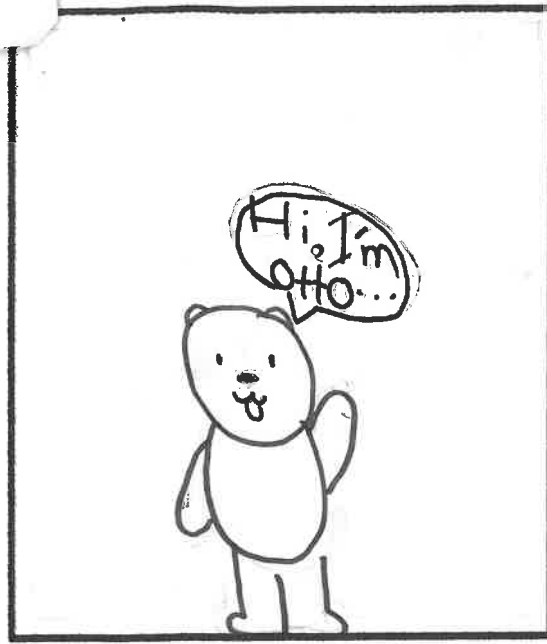


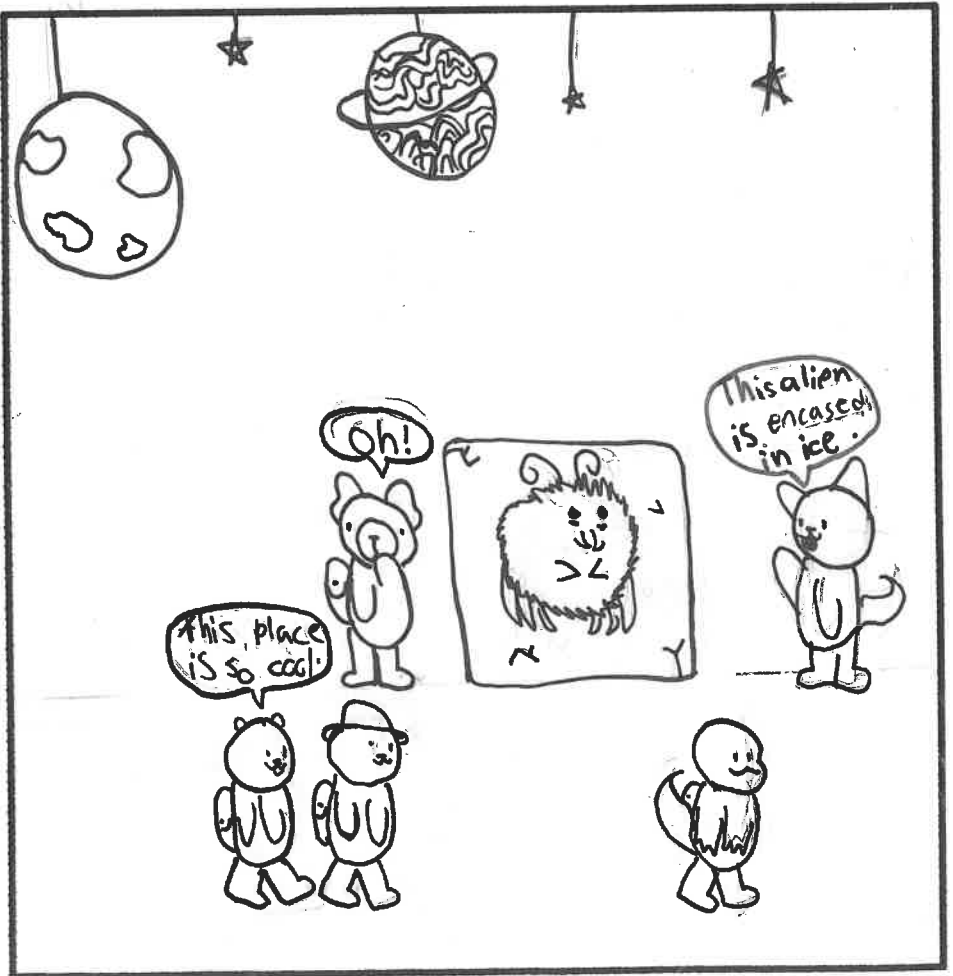
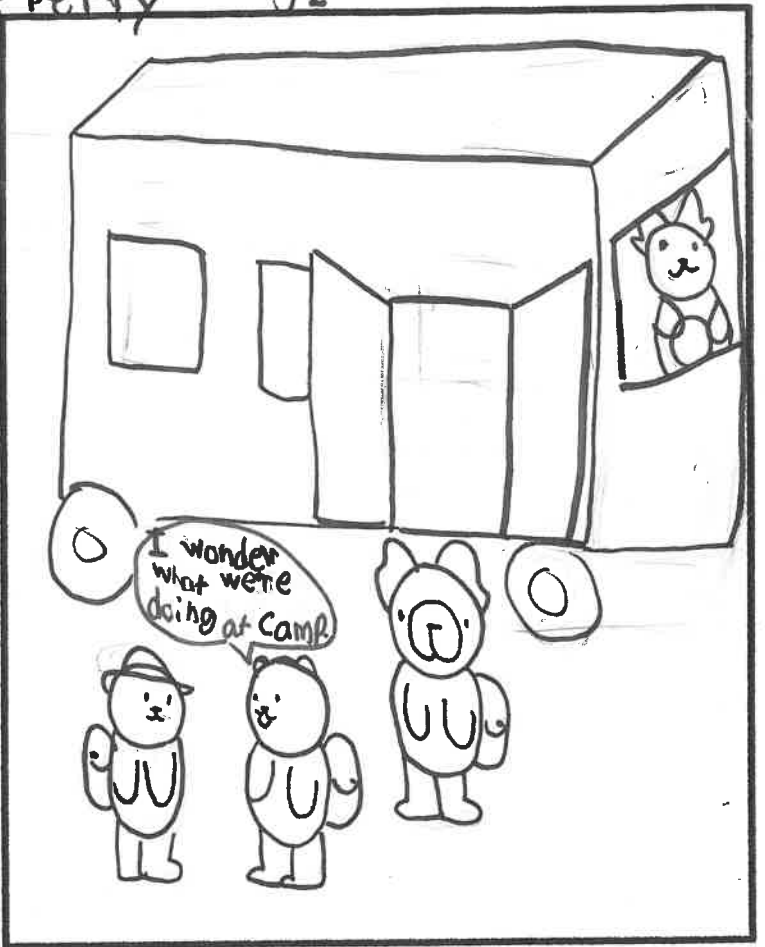
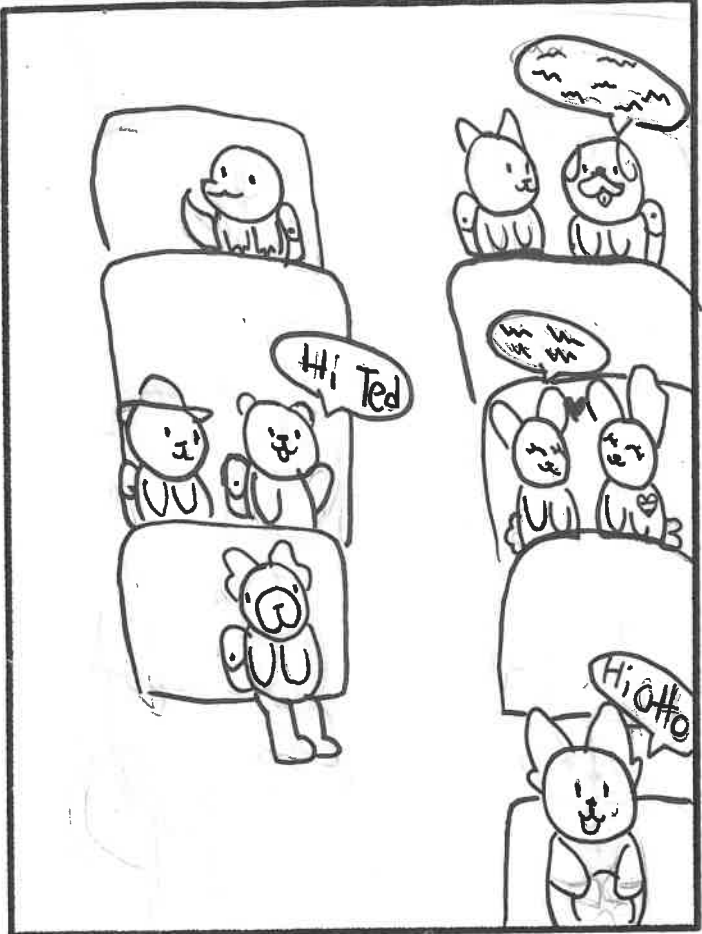
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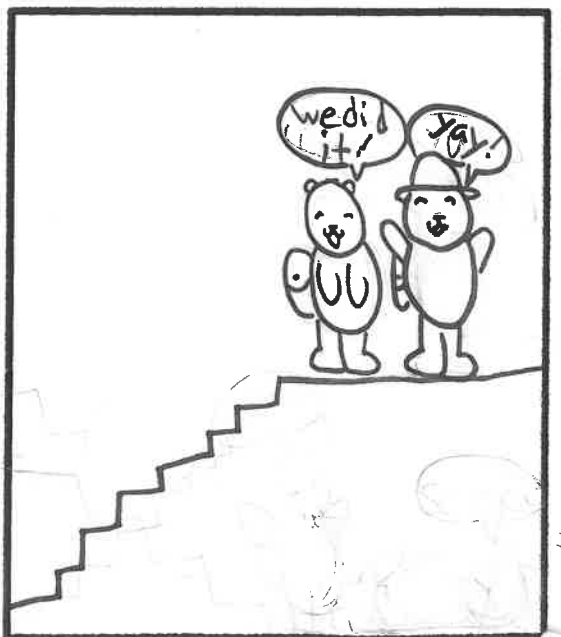
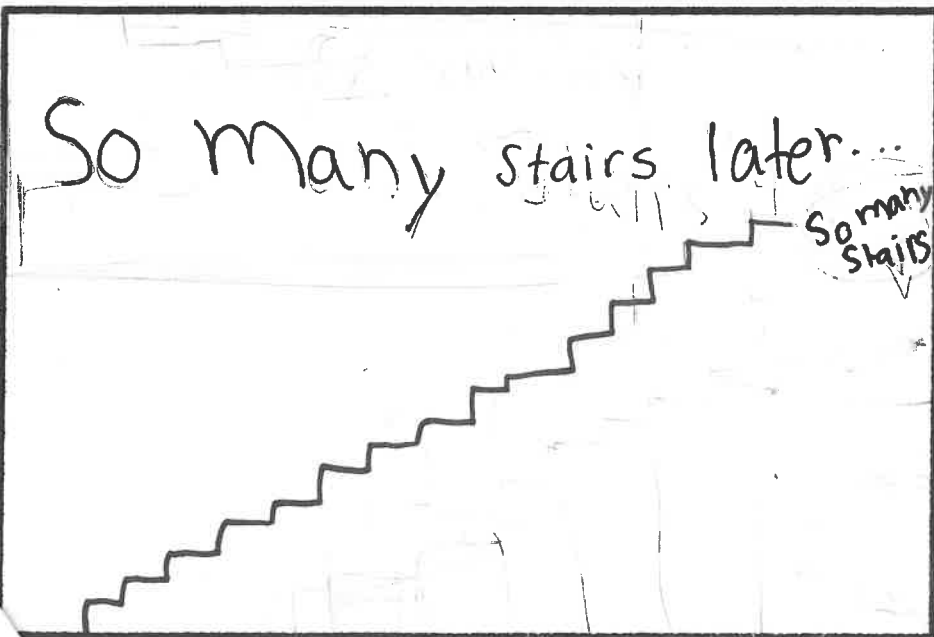
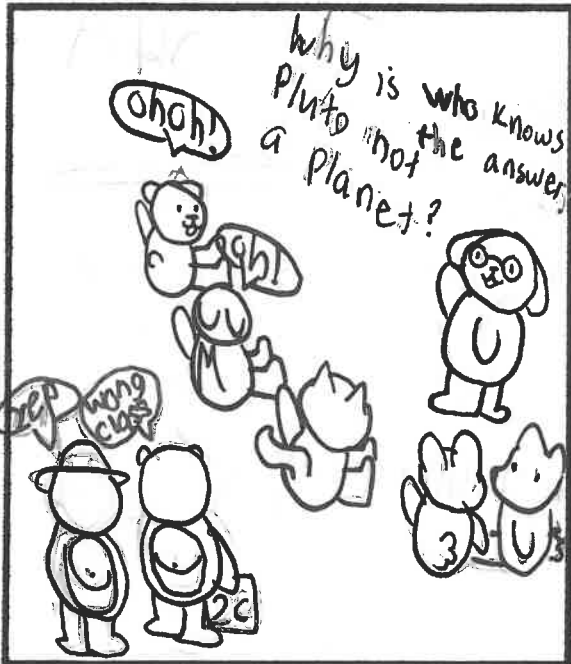
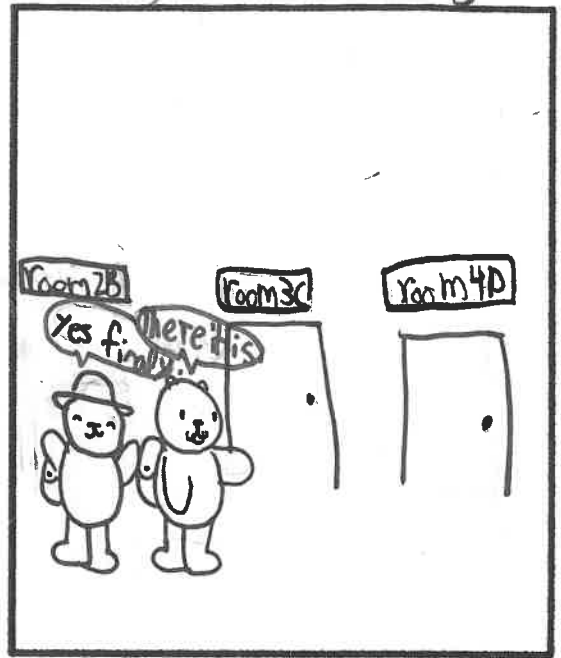
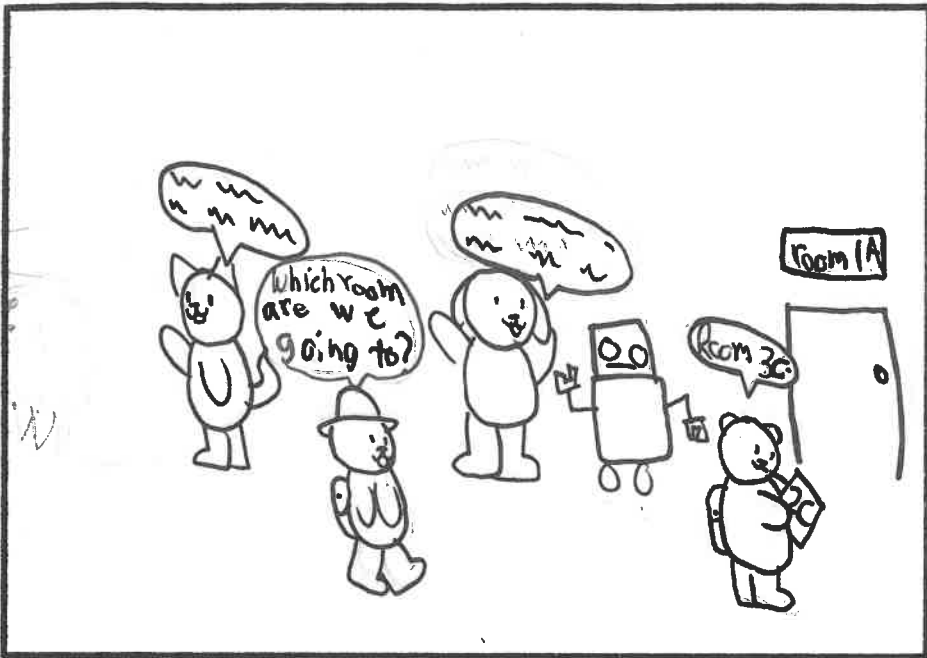


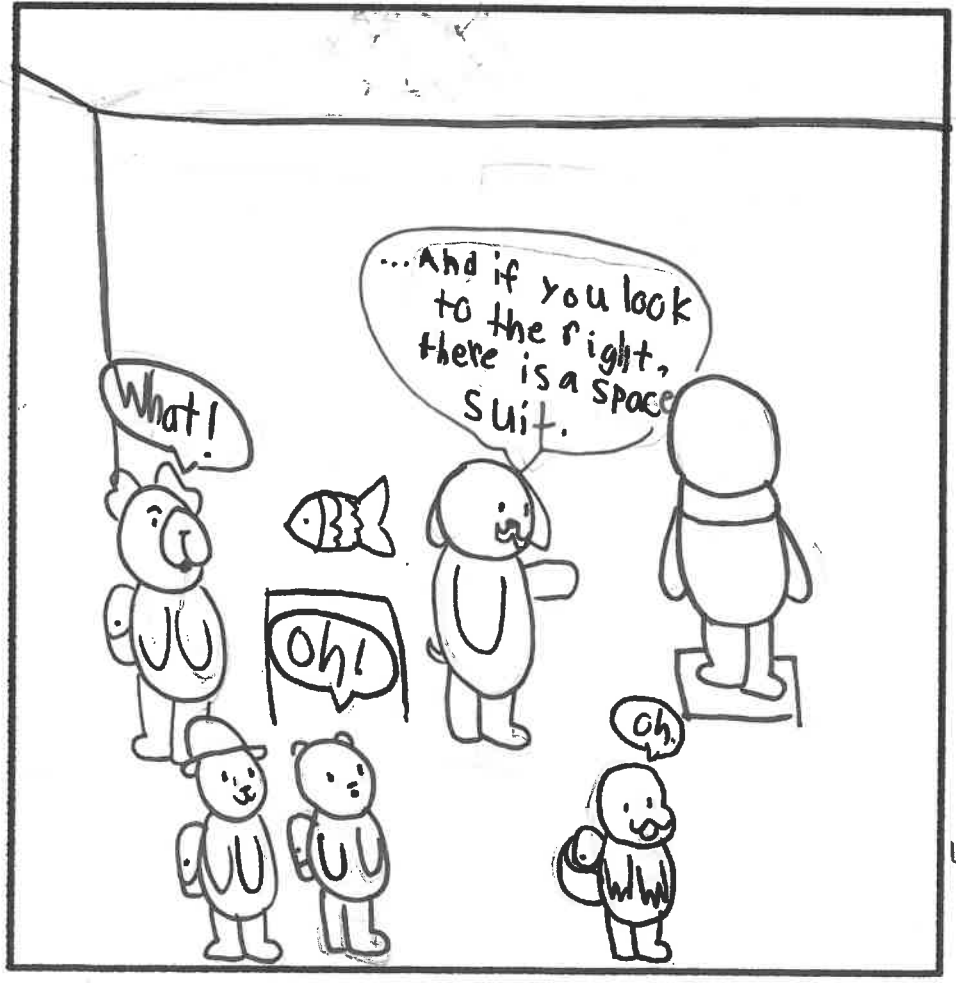
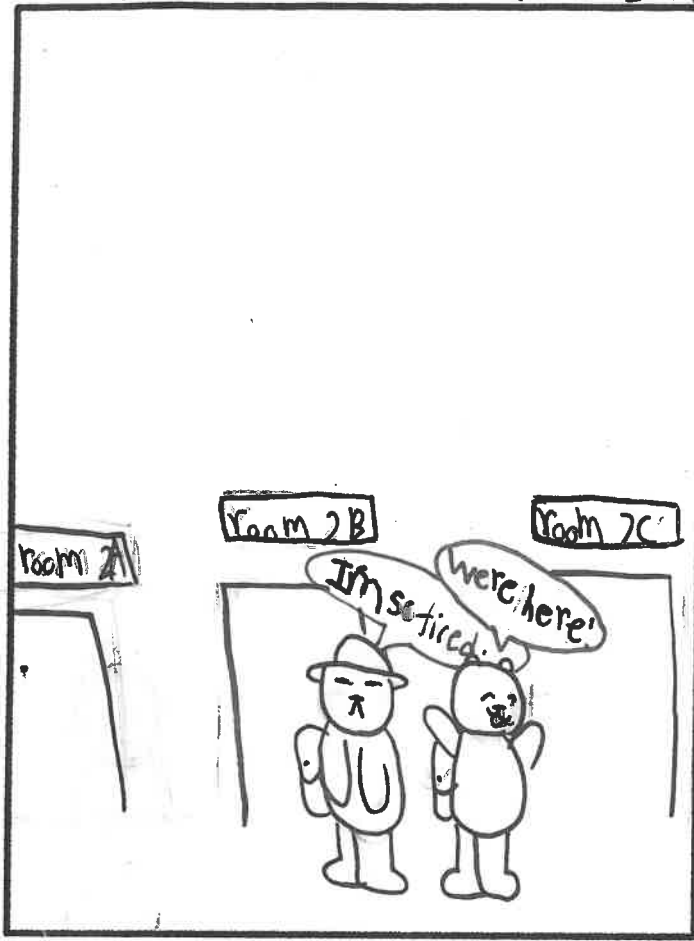
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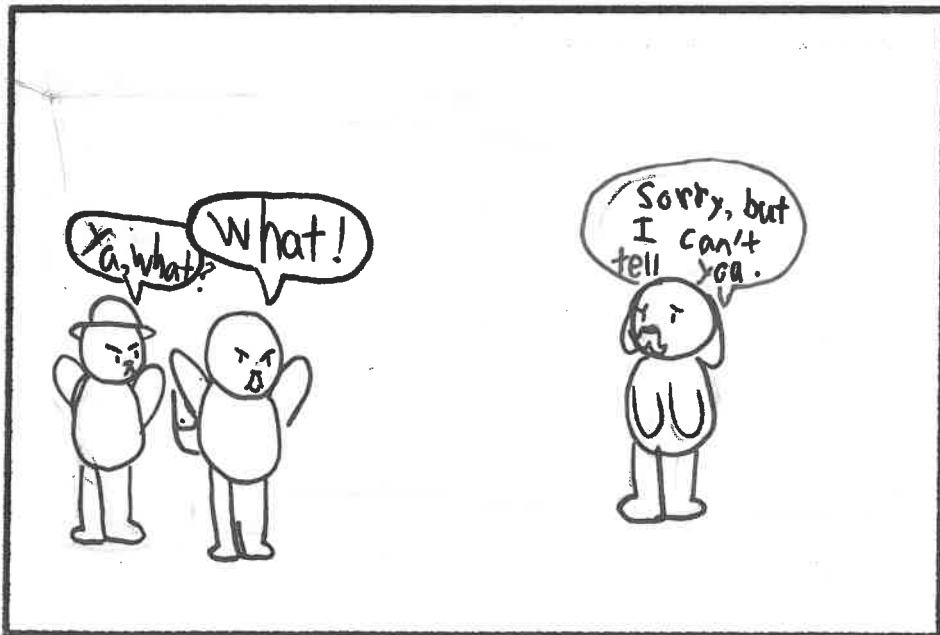
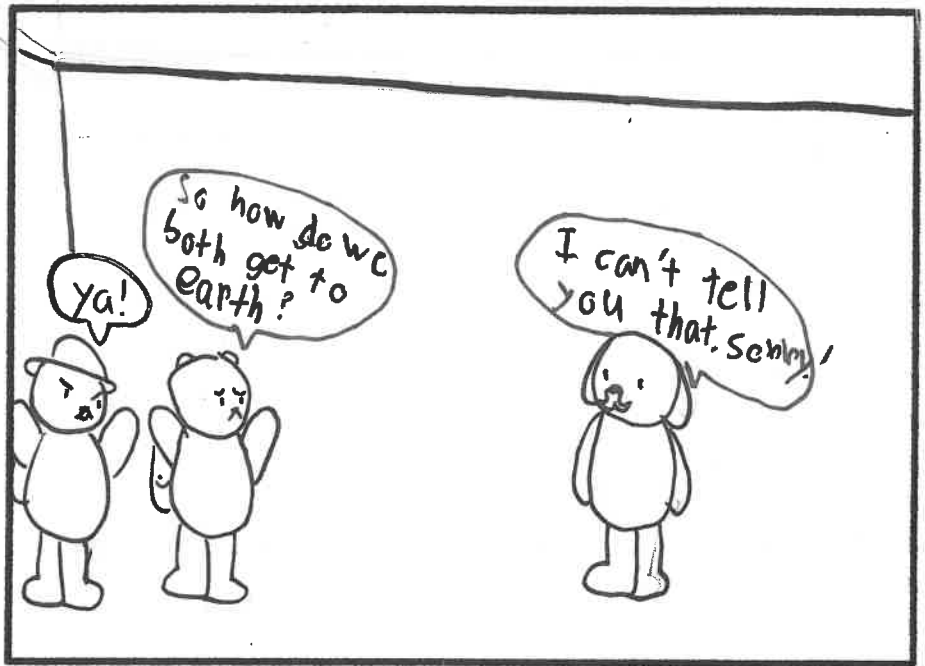
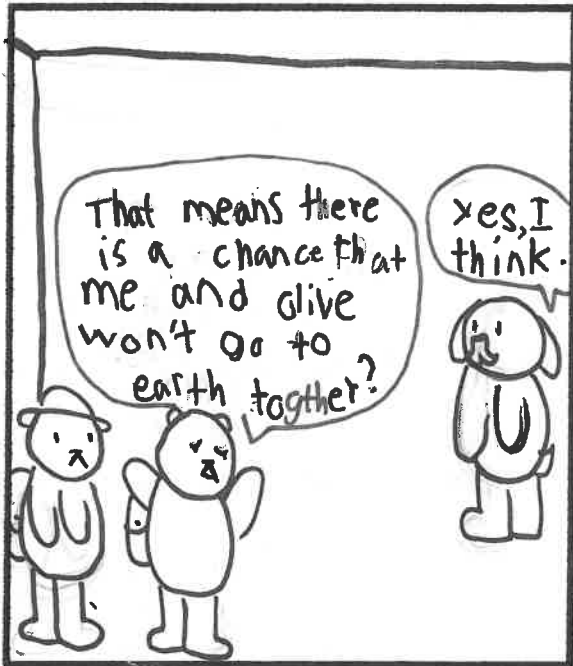






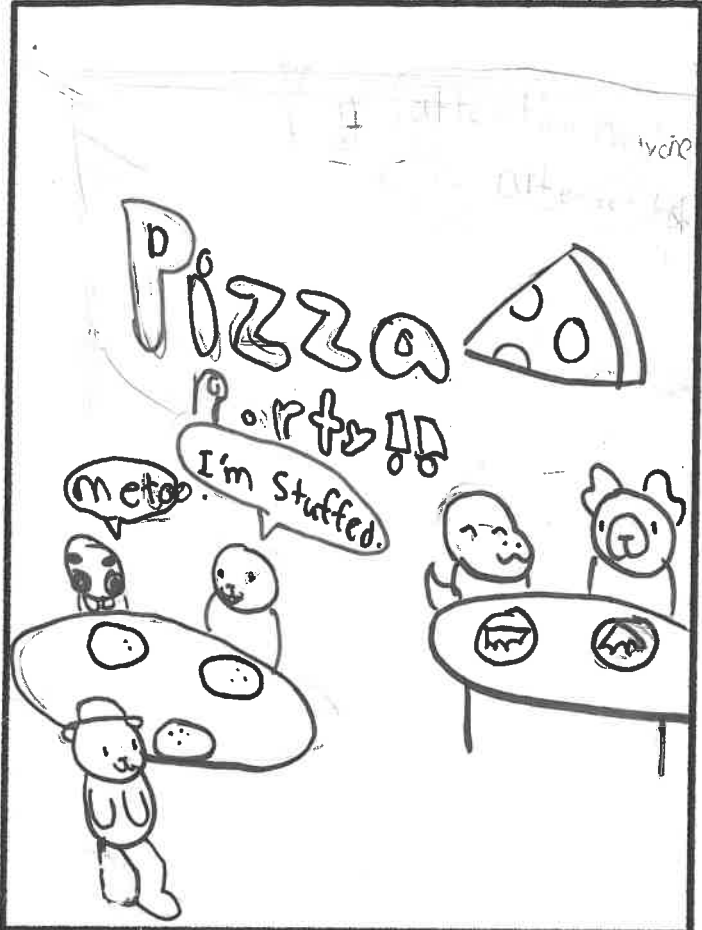


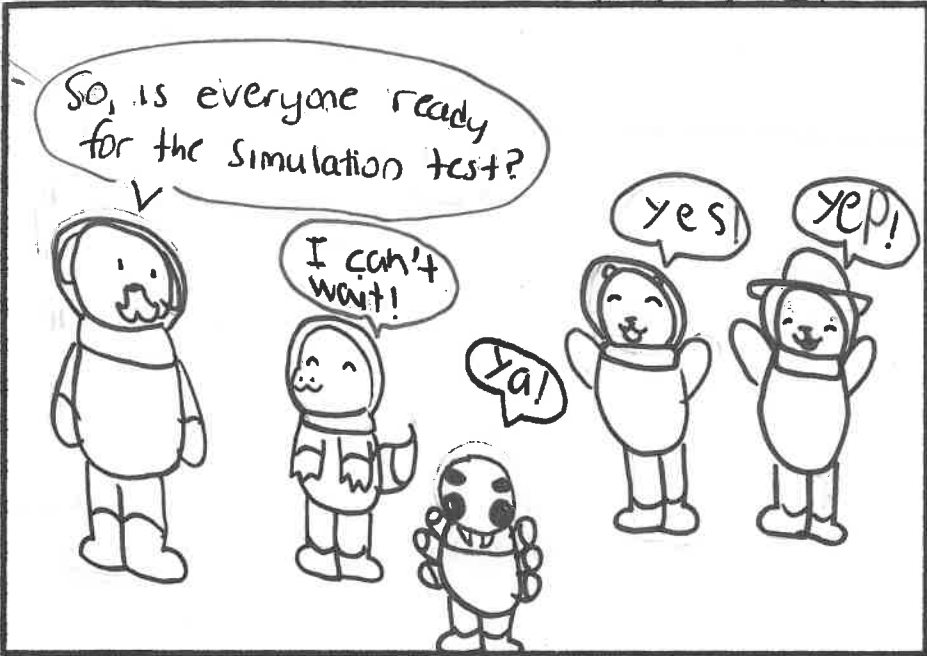




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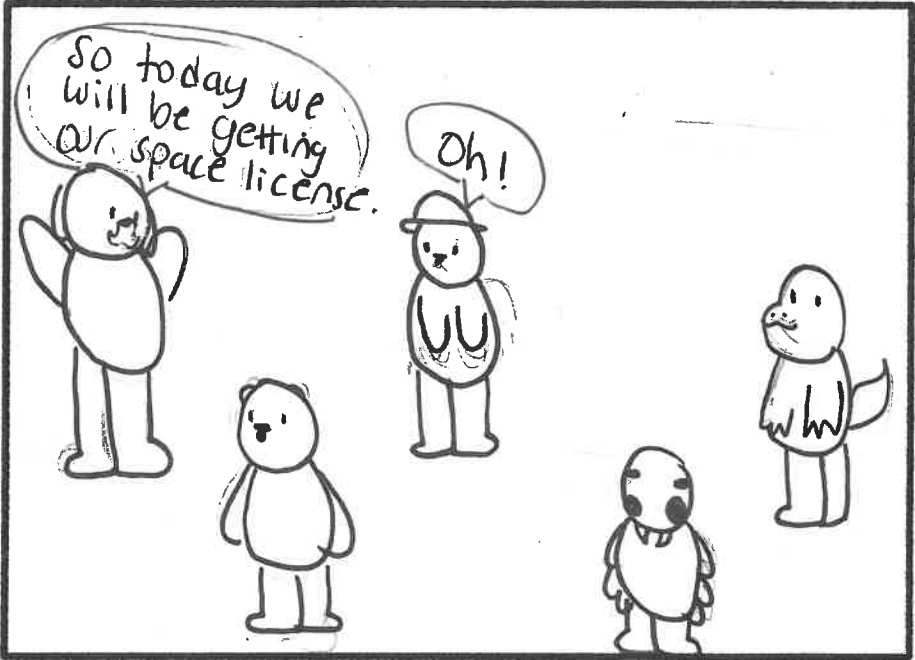






After the test....

PS- It's a VR simulation



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