

The Pen That Didn't Write

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“Oh, I’m exhausted.” I say as I come back from the store at 9pm. The store is called “Pennsylvania” because they sell pens. Ha ugh get it! Oh, forget it, I’m too tired to even laugh at my own joke. I forgot to mention this, but I got a brand-new custom-made pen for high school. It has pictures of my family on it. The only reason that I got this pen was because my dad came with me, and you know how easy dads are to crack right? Well anyways he just got off the late shift and is tired too. He was easy to crack just like a pistachio. Well pistachios aren’t easy to crack, but you know what I mean.

We get into my dad’s dodge ram truck it is blue with a black tailgate. Well, all that talking has made me quite tired so I’m going to go to bed. When I got home, I headed to my room. Even putting on my favorite PJ’s, which are a pair of black Under Armor shorts and a big shirt felt tiring. I hopped in bed put my pen on the side table and fell asleep. I woke to the sweet smell of warm pancakes and sweet, sweet syrup that my mom made. I sit at the table and eat my pancakes. The only reason my mom made these for me was because I started high school and you know how moms are.

I start walking for school with my pen in my hand. At school we started math and when I tried to use my pen it didn’t work. I looked at the tip of the pen, shook the pen and SPLAT, all the ink landed right on my face. As I sat in my chair with my face and t-shirt splattered with ink, I decided what I needed to do. I was going to head back to that pen store.

After school, I walked to the store that I bought my pen from. I knew I had to complain to the manager. I say, “Excuse me”, to the manager. “When you buy

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something, it's supposed to work," I continue. The manager replies "Well the pen won't work like that. You must care for this pen because it's magic. But mark my word if it gets into the wrong hands there's no telling what might happen!" "Ha ha you're kidding right?" I say confused. The manager replies with a "NO." "WAIT WHAT!" I shout surprised.

Wait reader, I did not see that coming, back to the story. The manager says, "Okay I'll say that again THE PEN IS MAGIC!" "Okay." I say in a sassy way. I do wish that I didn't say it like that because she kicked me out literally; she kicked me in the shins.

As I set out on the long journey home, I notice the twinkling stars in the night sky like flickering lights. The moon was spilling through the darkness like milk cutting through a dark coffee. As I was walking home, I thought I heard a tree branch crack. When I looked back, something ran into a bush. I didn't bother checking because I was tired, and I thought I was hallucinating. I got into bed and woke to mom and dad working early. You see, they work at a car dealership. My mom works at the front desk and my dad is the sales manager. So, I must make myself cereal for breakfast.

I get all ready for school and start walking. Out of nowhere, someone dressed in all black swoops down and snatches Gerald (aka. the pen). Then the person says, "Mhua ha ha I finally got the pen!" I make a run for the bushes, and he says, "Who are you?" I freeze and my eyes go wide. I turn around and a tiny little mouse was staring at me. He

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had brown fur and light pink inside his ears. I respond, "The more important question is who are you?" The mouse proclaims, "I am Rodriego, from the infamous mouse gang. I suppose you've heard of me." I say back "Um, lets see...no! Now just give me back my pen and I'll be on my way." "No not on my life! I've been disrespected all my life and finally I can use a wish to become most respected member of the infamous mouse gang. This means I get to pick what cheese gets imported, plus I'm feeling like Gouda."

Rodriego exclaims, "I wish to be the most respected in the world." As he speaks clouds start forming into the littlest storm cloud. The storm cloud shocks Rodriego by saying, "Only the keeper of the pen can make a wish." I respond, "I don't have a wish to make. I have everything I need. I have a family and a friend, that is if you want to be my friend Rodriego?" "Oh, sure I guess I don't have to be most respected person in the world. Not when I can have a good friend" says Rodriego.

The Dark Secret

One day at Brooklyn High, there was a girl named Emma. She was sweet, caring and smart, but she had a big, dark secret. She was being bullied behind her teacher's back. The bully's name was Britney and every time they went outside she was called mean names like dork and nerd. She felt like she didn't matter and the worst part of it was, she was the only student being bullied.

One Monday morning, a new girl walked into the classroom. The teacher, Mrs. Penny, said, "This is a new student Lily, please make her feel welcome." Lily sat down next to Emma and asked if they could be friends. Emma was so excited and said, "Yes!" At lunch, Lily asked Emma if she had any dark secrets. Emma said sadly, "I do, but don't want to tell anyone." Lily asked what her dark secret was and Emma told her all of the details of how she was being bullied by Britney.

The next day, Emma wasn't at school. Mrs. Penny asked if anyone knew where she was, so Lily pulled her aside and told her what was going on. The teacher was extremely disappointed in Britney & told Lily she would be giving her a long detention.

When the news hit, Britney got fiercely angry. When Emma was back at school though, everything seemed to go back to normal. Emma and Lily played at recess and then after school they scrolled on Tik Tok.

The next day Britney found Emma & Lily. She screamed at them, "Why did you tell on me like little babies?" Emma was about to say, "We are so sorry. It will never happen again," but Lily stopped her and said, "You deserve it for how you have been bullying Emma. It is not nice and has to stop." Britney stormed away like a bear. Emma turned to Lily and said, "How did you

do that?” Lily said, “I don’t know, I just have confidence!”

Britney glared at them from across the playground like a hawk looking at its prey. Emma felt scared and worried.

The next week, Britney stopped them in the hallway and said, “I’m sorry for the way I have been treating you. Can we please be friends?” They all hugged. Emma felt her confidence grow and she felt happy.

She was never bullied again....

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This is a story about a unique piece of lasagna, who has had such an adventure we just had to share it with you. His name is -

“Lasagna!” A distant voice yelled. “Get back here!”

‘Haha.’ Lasagna thought in his head. ‘Fat chance.’ His friends were always bullying him and he was tired of it. So he was running away. To where, he didn’t know, but he just needed an adventure.

Lasagna had skinny noodle arms and legs, seasoning for eyes, and a gap in between noodles and cheese for a mouth. He would look quite yummy for a piece of lasagna.

“Hmmm, where to go!” Lasagna was always optimistic and he always saw a bright side. This one was that even though he lost his friends, he was gonna get new ones.

Up ahead, Lasagna saw bushes and he knew he was entering a forest. The bushes were all thorny and looked dangerous. Lasagna shied away from the plants. “I’m so excited for this adventure!” Lasagna squealed. “On my birthday too!” Soon, those weren’t his words.

The bushes ahead were quivering. Eventually, the trembling bushes faded into a clearing and Lasagna saw that, from the corner of his eye, something was creeping up on him.

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He was so scared, so he ran. He ran as fast as lightning, until his lungs were almost on fire. He was breathing so heavily and didn't notice the gateway ahead. It read, 'Welcome to Nightmare Market.'

"What a silly name!" Lasagna giggled nervously. He opened the dreary, boring, black gate and immediately saw a giant, silky-haired, sharp-clawed Sphinx.

He saw its giant ears twitch and it immediately jumped up and started pacing. The Sphinx started to talk, or rather growl. It said, "What runs for miles but never gets tired?" The whole time it never stopped pacing. This made Lasagna stress.

"Ummm...uh, is it a river?" The Sphinx stopped pacing and grudgingly replied, "Yes." and Lasagna hurried on before it could change its mind.

Up ahead, there were two paths. One was thin and short, the other was long and thick. Lasagna chose the shorter one. After 10 minutes of jogging, a dusty, misshapen stand came into view. There was a tilted sign leaning on it. The sign read, 'Killing Cacti,' "Well that doesn't sound inviting," Lasagna said nervously.

He saw something flash by in the corner of his vision. Lasagna cautiously crept forward and then they came. Flying cacti came at him from all directions. Soon he was buried underneath thousands of cacti.

Thankfully, Lasagna didn't have blood because if he did, then he would already be dead. He almost did die but just as the light was fading away forever, the cacti were all pulled off him. He readied himself, expecting to see another giant beast, or worse, but all he saw was a tiny kitten with soft, silky fur, tall, swiveling ears, and a long, swishing tail. It was a beautiful Maine-coon tabby cat. Its fur was a pretty silver and

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brown. The cat let out a little purr and Lasagna knew he couldn't send her away. So he decided he was going to keep her. He called her 'Rosie'.

He and Rosie walked on and saw a thin path ahead. It was covered in dirt and ivy that made it look like it was a thousand years old. Rosie was so adventurous and brave that she ran up to it and immediately started to examine it.

Rosie and Lasagna had a special bond. It might be because Rosie saved Lasagna's life, or maybe some deeper feeling that no one knows about. Whatever it is, it made their friendship stronger.

Lasagna often wondered if Rosie's parents missed her. He felt guilty for taking her, but happy for their needed friendship. Lasagna jumped as he realized Rosie was leaving. He followed, imagining the monsters that lay ahead.

Not long after they started walking, they stopped. Rosie froze and Lasagna saw her ears twitch as she detected an unwanted guest.

Then, out of nowhere, 5 books came lumbering out of the grimy, green bushes! They had crimson red leather covers and were ten times the normal size for a book. The biggest one must have been 21 feet long! Lasagna knew this would be the leader.

Without an ounce of fear, Rosie charged forward with her now sharp claws out! Lasagna followed more hesitantly, but still fought with the bravery of a lion.

Soon after they charged into battle, they noticed they were being beaten. "Come on, Rosie! We got this!" Lasagna encouraged as Rosie grabbed a book in her jaws and tossed it to the pile of unmoving books. As they fought, more books seemed to come. For each book they defeated, two more came. It looked like this would be the end of Lasagna's adventure.

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Suddenly, out of nowhere, three people dressed in ninja costumes started to dominate the books so much that they were decreased to a quarter of what they started with in about 2 minutes.

The ninjas wore black balaclavas, navy blue pants and camo sweatshirts. They didn't look quite like real ninjas, more like wannabe ninjas.

" Thank you, thank you!" Lasagna couldn't express his feelings into words and fell to his knees in gratitude. Rosie, on the other hand, walked up to the trisome and rubbed against their now outstretched hands. " Mrreow?" Rosie purred in an adorable way.

" Do you want to be friends?" Lasagna asked the ninjas. The ninjas squealed with excitement, "We've never had friends before!"

The new friends walked onward, each imagining the monsters ahead of them differently. They were also imagining their own futures and their gratitude was just being thought of:

The ninjas were grateful for their new friends and the new adventure in store for them. Rosie was grateful for Lasagna and their friendship because it was her strength and heart. Last but not least, Lasagna was feeling grateful for his friends, not just because they were there, but because they had a bond now, and that bond made Lasagna braver, stronger, smarter, and more confident. He didn't have an ounce of fear in his body, but was still cautious about the monsters that lay ahead.

Lasagna was happy to have friends and grateful for their company but was worried for them about the fears coming for them.

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Discovering to be Done...

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Imagine being stuck at the bottom of a pencil case like a white pencil crayon, that was me a white pencil crayon... I wish I could be like pink or blue or even orange. I just wanted to jump in a paint bucket oh that's it then i'll be pink. I was laying on a desk. I would miss the kid but they barely even knew I was a part of the box. I rolled off the desk. I pushed really hard, I made my way to the art room and I saw that beautiful bright pink paint sitting there shining in the sun like it was made for me. I rolled under someone's desk. Maybe they would pick me up and I could roll in the paint, I rolled under the desk and I got kicked and then put in a pencil crayon. Bin pencil crayons can't show emotion but it feels like I feel disappointment in myself... I sunk down like I don't know how it felt I fell to where all the pencils like me were pencils who were snapped in half and over sharpened pencils none of them deserved to be in halves or tiny it's just people think it's funny but those were someones friend, only friend. I tried to get up but it was like the real colors were blocking me. Somebody pushed all of them out of the way and picked me up, of course not that they like me but for shading. I rolled right into their paint just to be someone else. Art ended. I remembered if I rolled on the floor again I could go into the pencil crayon bin. I was laying at the top. I got picked up in seconds but I did not even work. Would I get crushed, snapped or sharpened till I was not even able to hold? I got thrown in the trash because I did not even work. I got thrown out because I changed. I'm not myself , but I'm not me. I miss the kid who gave me my home. "I should have never changed" I said as loud as I could not like anyone could hear me. I'm a pencil crayon a white pencil crayon but I'm pink now. Why did I change? I am ok being a useless pencil crayon. Don't change yourself when everyone is taken.

Hey, I'm Billy Bob Joe and I have one crazy life. Let me tell you about what happened yesterday. I was at my friend Timmy's, playing a game called Space Wars. On my way home, while I was riding my bike, I was surrounded by a green light. That's right, I was abducted by aliens!!!

They were very curious about some things, like what human's live in, my bike, but most of all they wanted to know about where to get ice cream. They told me that ice cream was their absolute, favourite human food. I feel a little bad about bit this, but I showed them where to get it, and it turns out they abducted the entire ice cream shop.



Right before they took off with the ship, I asked to be let down from the UFO. They threw me down, but not my bike. I yelled to them that I needed my bike. I could tell they didn't want to give it back but tossed it down anyway. I jumped on my bike and rode home without anymore problems. I climbed into bed and fell asleep, and that's when things got interesting...



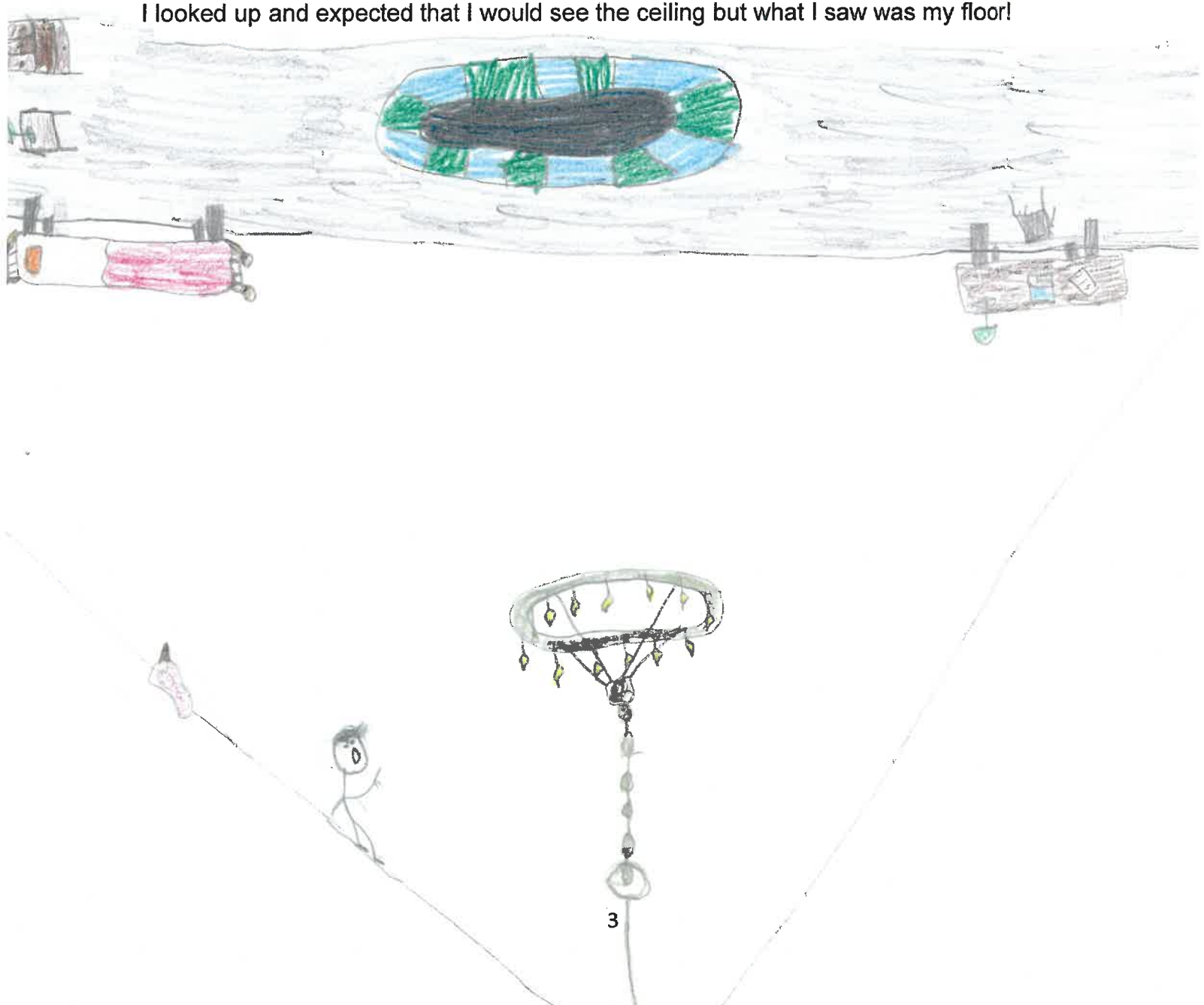
When I opened my eyes in the morning, it was to the sound of my mom saying, "Billy Bob Joe, get up and get ready for school!"

"OK," I groaned. I got out from under my covers, and then fell down to the floor.

"AIEE OW OW OWIE! My back!"

"Did I just fall through the house? No, that's not possible. I probably just fell out of bed."

I looked up and expected that I would see the ceiling but what I saw was my floor!



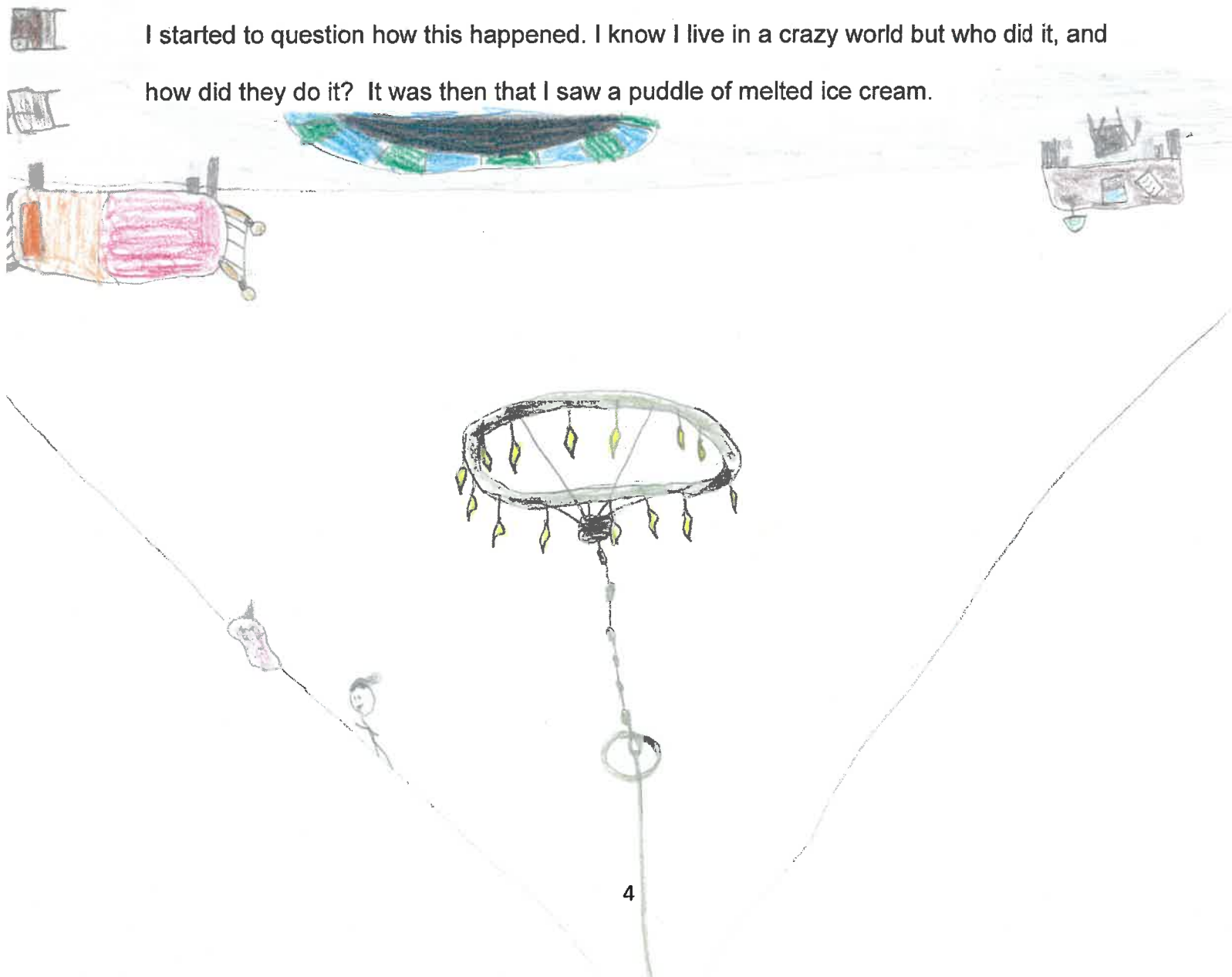
"No way, I must be hallucinating." But there was the pain in my back again. "AIEE OW OW OWIE! Nope, I'm not hallucinating!"

I heard my mom scream, "Billy Bob Joe, get down here now!"

"But mom uhhhh..." I needed to think of an excuse, or my mom would just think it was another silly prank. Quickly I thought of a good excuse, "But mom I'm sick."

"Ok fine you can stay home." I heard her eyes roll from all the way up in my room.

I started to question how this happened. I know I live in a crazy world but who did it, and how did they do it? It was then that I saw a puddle of melted ice cream.



I began to think, *"Who loves ice cream?"* I know there is Jerry, Timmy, and Aliens...wait...Aliens! It's got to be them! But why? I do remember two of the aliens mumbling about something yesterday, but what? Did they want something? And if they did, what did they want?

"I'm so confuzzled. What did I do wrong?" I thought. I led them to the ice cream. I told them what a house was. I told them what a bike was... Wait, maybe it's the bike they want. They probably want something they can use to get places on a planet.

"Yup, that's got to be it!" How do I get to the aliens though? That's when I made a plan.

"I could let them abduct me again, then I could ask them to reverse my room."



I began to think, *"What was I doing the last time they abducted me?"* Oh, I remember! I was riding my bike home from Timmy's house. So maybe if I go outside and start biking, they will come abduct me.

"Welp, I guess I could try. Here goes nothing." I thought.

I went outside and started biking around. After two and a half hours of biking I started to think, *"What if the aliens don't come? What if my room is upside down forever?"* I decided to keep biking and then about half an hour later I saw a green light all around me. I was so happy.



When I got into the UFO I asked the aliens, “Were you the ones who turned my room upside down?”

“Yes,” said the purple alien.

So, I asked, “WHY???”

The orange alien got a bit anxious, “Please don’t yell.”

“Sorry,” I said.

That’s when the aliens started to explain, “We know what we did was wrong. We did it to get your attention.”



“Why couldn’t you just ask me for what you wanted?” I replied.

“Please let them finish,” said the boss man.

“Ok,” I nodded.

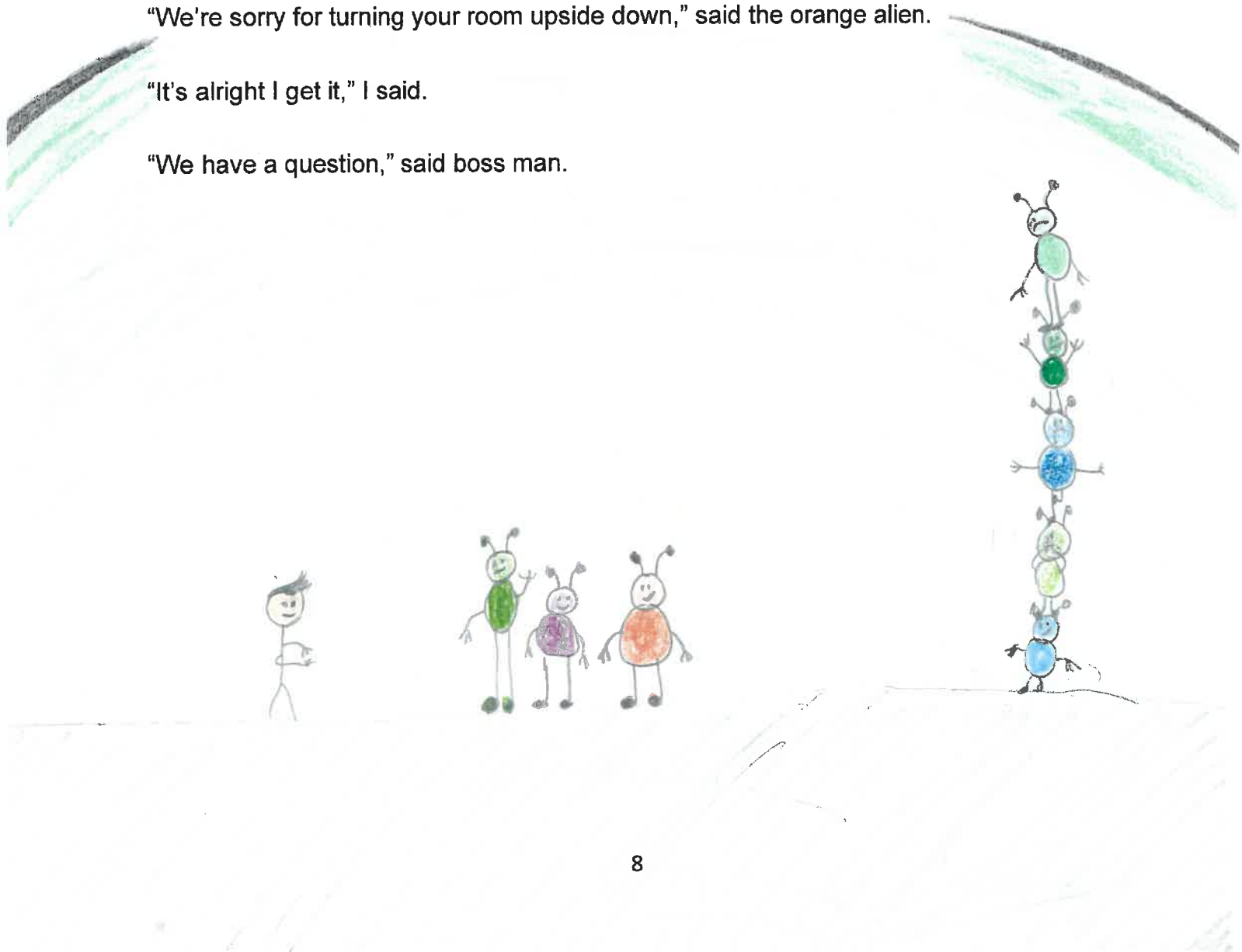
“We get scared to talk to people sometimes,” said the purple one. “It’s just how aliens are.”

“We humans call that being shy,” I said.

“We’re sorry for turning your room upside down,” said the orange alien.

“It’s alright I get it,” I said.

“We have a question,” said boss man.



“Mhmmm,” I said, “what’s your question?”

“Can we have your bike?” the purple one asked.

“I was right! I will let them keep talking though.” I thought to myself.

“It’s just that we don’t have anything to get places except for UFOs, but those are only for space travel like going from planet to planet.”

“Please don’t be mad,” said the anxious orange alien.

“I’m not,” I said, “and yes, you may have my bike on one condition.”



“We’re listening,” said the aliens.

“Turn my room right side up.”

“Oh yes, of course.” said the boss man. “You give us the bike, we’ll turn your room right side up.”

“Here’s the bike,” I said.

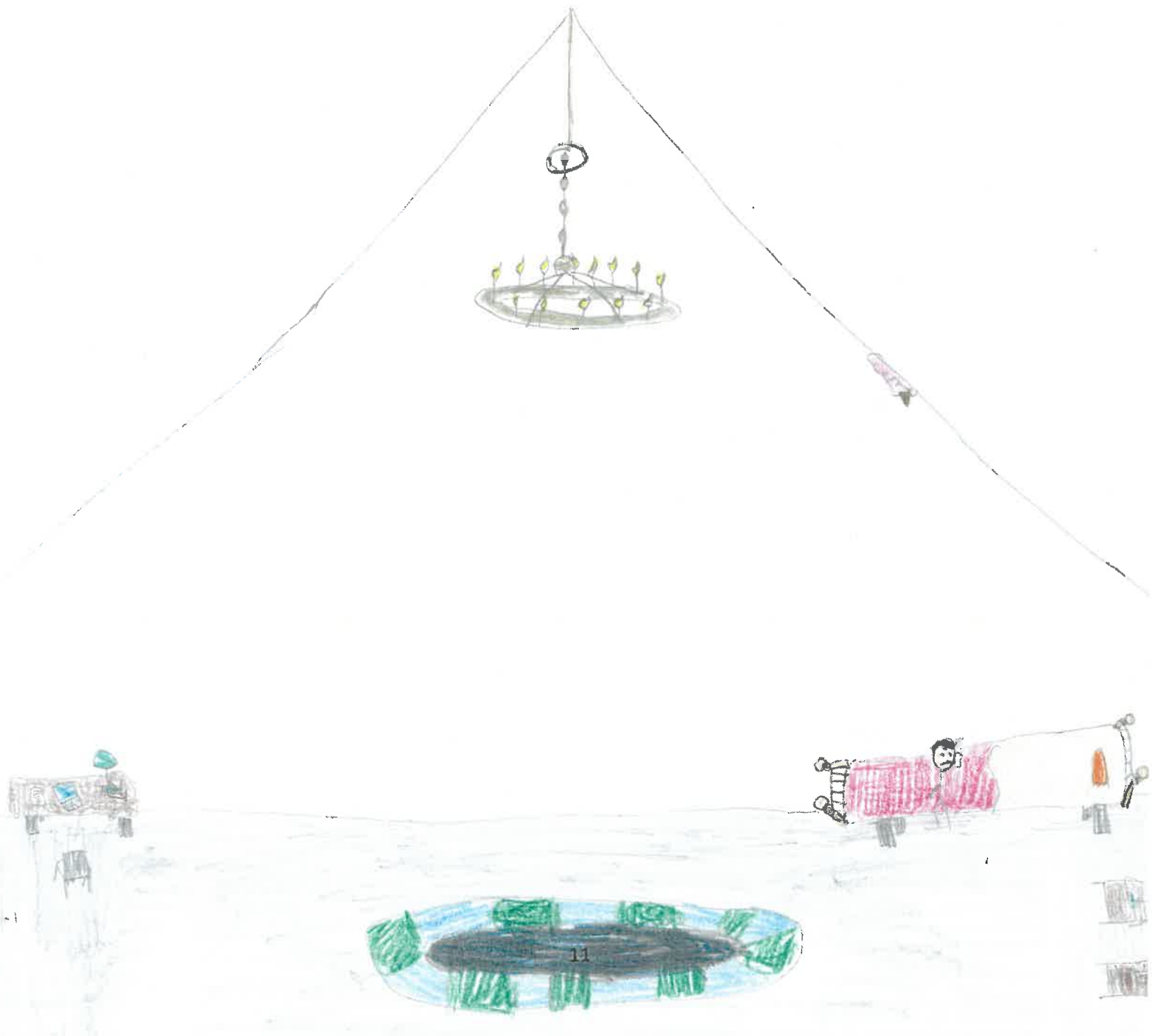
“Thank you, your room is now right side up.”

“Great, see you another time,” I said.



Without my bike, it took me longer to get home. I walked up my front steps and ran to my room. I was relieved to find that my room was right side up. I was looking forward to a few days without alien adventures. Just then my phone rang, it was Timmy.

“Hey Billy Bob Joe, my room is upside down. There’s a huge puddle of ice cream on my ceiling and a bike pump that isn’t mine. I don’t know what to do?”



The Girl With Magic

There once lived a world filled with magic until one fateful day an unknown sorcerer trapped the magic in the middle of a huge maze deep underground. He thought magic was too powerful and strong and would one day harm people. Nowadays people think that magic never existed.

A young highschool student who was in 10th grade named Flora was walking around the school garden. Until vines and flowers started growing all over the place uncontrollably. "Please stop growing," Flora said loudly, so the vines and flowers stopped growing and went back to their original form. Flora was so surprised by what just happened she just ran back inside the school.

That night Flora could not stop thinking about what happened at school. She thought that magic didn't exist. That night Flora fell asleep thinking about what happened at school.

The next morning she woke up and thought it was all a dream only it wasn't. Later that day at school Flora could not stop thinking about what happened. She thought it was a dream and tried not to think about it, but she just could not stop thinking about what happened. At lunch break Flora went back to the school garden and tested something. She went up to an unbloomed flower and said "Please bloom," so the unbloomed flower started to bloom. Flora still thought it was a dream so she pinched herself. "Ouch!," said Flora, that's when she realized this was not a dream.

Flora was so excited she ran inside to tell her friend Laila "I can use magic!," Flora said. "Magic?," said Laila after "Yes magic," Flora spoke again. "I really don't believe you," Laila

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said. "Well I can show you after school," said Flora "All right then," said Laila after. After school. "It's after school are you going to show me magic now," said Laila. "All right follow me," said Flora after. "When I say bloom to an unbloomed flower it blooms," said Flora "I still don't believe you," Laila said. "Well let me show you then," Flora said after. She went up to an unbloomed flower and said "Please bloom," so the unbloomed flower bloomed. "See I can use magic," said Flora "Is this a dream" Laila said after. Then Flora pinched Laila on her arm "Ouch that hurt!," said Laila "Well if it hurts it's not a dream," Flora spoke again.

That night Flora and Laila both saw a beam of light pointing at the sky out of their curiosity they both followed the beam of light. When they got to the beam of light they both saw each other there and found a note near the beam of light. The note said I know one of you can use magic, be careful with what you use it for if you use it for bad there will always be consequences. After they both read the note they saw a shadow run past them super fast. Flora and Laila both got scared and took a couple steps back. After they took their last step back they fell into the ground like the ground beneath them was collapsing.

When Flora opened her eyes Laila was right beside her and there was a whole maze waiting to be entered. Flora and Laila decided to go in the maze together, but before they entered the maze, they saw a note laying on the ground. The note said there is something hidden in this maze, something that know one even knows exists and you have a chance to find it. Just when they both entered the maze the maze door shut behind them. There was another note and it said if you want to leave this maze you have to find what's hidden in it. They started hitting against the maze door but it was made of steel so they weren't strong enough. They thought they'd be stuck in the maze forever and didn't know what to do so they started crying. "We're probably gonna be stuck here forever but we can still try to find what's

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hidden in the maze,” said Laila. “I guess we can still try,” Flora spoke again while wiping tears off her face so they started trying to find what’s hidden in the maze.

After about an hour later Flora felt that magic was nearby so Flora told Laila to follow her because she was the only one who could feel it. She was trusting her gut feeling to tell her where it was coming from and then vines started coming and going to this certain location in the maze. Flora and Laila both decided to follow the vines and eventually ended up in the middle of the maze where they found an orb filled with magic. The orb was in a glass cage surrounded by vines Flora and Laila couldn’t believe what they were seeing. There was a note on the ground and it said you have found what’s hidden in the maze now it’s all yours to keep, be careful with what you use it for. After they read the note Flora took the magic orb out of the glass cage and then a portal appeared to take them home so Laila and Flora went in it.

Now Flora knows how to control magic and doesn’t use it for bad and only uses magic when she needs to. Flora and Laila are the only people that know Flora has magic and they’ll keep it a secret.

The End

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THE BIG JOURNEY

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Hi, I'm a little girl with a big imagination and this is the story of my journey. For example I love the outdoors, I see a stump and an owl flies through my head. My dog Roxy comes with me every single time. By the way my name is Natalia. One day I was getting all my journey stuff packed up for my big journey. I included puppy treats, a sleeping bag, food, water, map, and a pink stuffed animal bear. I stepped out of the house and before I knew it I was walking with the sound of gravel and dirt under my feet. I was walking on the path to begin my journey.

I began my journey by going through the emerald green trees. I came upon a bald eagle soaring through the sky. It scared me as it came so fast by me. I closed my eyes and my big imagination came to life and the eagle was no longer alone anymore. The eagle was now joined by its two kids and wife. He was flying around his family and was loving every moment of it.

Next upon my journey I found a school bus and thought this is where I'm going to live for the next month of discovery. I slowly entered the school bus and used my imagination. The inside of the bus turned all pink and cute when actually it was all grey and ripped up. It worked just perfect, but one thing it did not have was air conditioning and my imagination did not seem able to fix this. The later it got at night the colder it got. It was late fall and winter was in a few days after all. All of the sudden I noticed I was alone. OH NO!! My dog Roxy was nowhere to be found. I have to look for her, I thought. One hour later and I had looked everywhere I went

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that day. She was gone! I felt so alone in my new home on the bus without Roxy. I wonder how she is doing, I thought. She is probably sleeping or playing like a maniac as she is still a puppy with too much energy. It started snowing and I knew I needed to put on my warmer gear.

Despite the cold temperature, I was still having fun on my journey but there were many more adventures still to come my way. During a long afternoon, I came upon a grizzly bear at a pond. It saw me and ran away. Where the bear once stood, I looked into the pond and saw a fish. I imagined that the fish was a colourful mermaid that is out in the wild alone like me. I want to cry because I miss my family and I am as lonely as can be. Little did I know tomorrow was going to be the best day yet.

When I woke up that morning my dog came out of nowhere. I was so excited, Roxy was excited and gave me a face wash with her tongue. My day is going to be amazing with Roxy with me once again. We set out to continue our journey in the forest and came across an owl while shuffling through the deep cold snow with our feet. My imagination comes to life again and I see the owl catching a scared crow. I feel sad for the frightened crow but then I remember it's just my imagination. The owl is still an owl and happily living in the forest.

Now heading back to the bus, I think it is time to go home. Packing up all my stuff with Roxy, I wonder how I will get back home. Walking with the snow under my feet, I realised that I would have to get across the large pond where the bear once stood and where I had seen the mermaid in my imagination. I asked myself, how do I cross

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this? Roxy and I run across the pond as the ice almost breaks under us. Once we got over the pond, we continued to run through the forest until we came upon our house. Now we were back at home spending time with our family and were as happy as can be!!!!

THE END!!

Dragon Friends

Once there were three dragons named Greenleaf, Warmthfur, and Snowpaw. They were different types of dragons but they were still friends.

"Hi Snowpaw and Warmthfur," said Greenleaf.

"Hi Greenleaf, Snowpaw, and Warmthfur," they all said at the same time.

"Guys, I have some exciting news to tell you!" Greenleaf said excitedly.

"What's the big news!?" Snowpaw said.

"Well, I was planning a sleepover!" said Greenleaf.

"Yay!" said Snowpaw.

"What will we need for the sleepover?" asked Warmthfur.

"We will need a blanket, pillow, food, snacks, water, honey, medicine, vitamins and a bucket," said Greenleaf.

"Why do we need honey, medicine, vitamins and a bucket?" asked Snowpaw.

"Just in case we get a cold or get sick," Greenleaf said.

"It's almost night so we should head home, pack our stuff, and we will meet each other at 9:00pm, okay?" said Warmthfur.

"Okay!" Snowpaw and Greenleaf said at the same time.

When Greenleaf got home, she saw three walkie-talkies and a compass. When she was all packed, she fell asleep.

When Greenleaf woke up it was 8:55pm! "I better go get Snowpaw and Warmthfur for the sleepover!" said Greenleaf.

Since Warmthfur was asleep, she had to jump through the window. She woke her up and then they went to Snowpaw's house. She was already awake, so she opened the door with all of her stuff ready to go.

"You guys ready to go?" asked Greenleaf.

"Yes!" Snowpaw and Warmthfur said at the same time excitedly.

"Where are we going for the sleepover?" asked Warmthfur.

"Don't worry, I found a tree house that we could have a sleepover in," Greenleaf said. "Follow me!"

"Wow, it's the tree house!" said Snowpaw.

"It's amazing!" said Warmthfur.

"How do we get in the tree house?" asked Snowpaw.

"Up these stairs," said Greenleaf.

"Let's unpack our stuff and get ready for the night," said Warmthfur.

"Okay, let's start unpacking all of our stuff first, then we can talk, and joke, and eat, and drink, before bed," said Greenleaf.

"It's 9:30pm, so we should go to sleep for the night," said Warmthfur.

When Greenleaf woke up it was 8:00am. "I better go get breakfast ready before Warmthfur and Snowpaw wake up," said Greenleaf.

Snowpaw and Warmthfur woke up at 8:15am. Then they ate breakfast and started packing their stuff to go home.

When they were walking home, Greenleaf crashed into a Seawing. "Are you okay?" asked Greenleaf.

"Yep!" said the Seawing. "Hello, my name is Tsunami!"

"My name is Greenleaf! And this is Snowpaw and Warmthfur," said Greenleaf.

"Hello!"

"Hi!" said Snowpaw and Warmthfur.

They were all walking with Tsunami and then Warmthfur crashed into a Rainwing. "Are you okay?" asked Warmthfur.

"Ya!" said the Rainwing. "Hi, my name is Glory!"

"My name is Greenleaf and this is Snowpaw, Warmthfur, and Tsunami," said

Greenleaf.

“Hello!”

“Hi!”

“Hi!” said Warmthfur, Snowpaw, and Tsunami.

Glory joined them on the walk. While they were walking, Snowpaw crashed into a Nightwing. “Sorry!” said Snowpaw.

“That’s okay!” said the Nightwing. “My name is Starflight.”

“My name is Greenleaf, and this is Warmthfur, Snowpaw, Tsunami, and Glory,” said Greenleaf.

As they were walking with Starflight, Tsunami crashed into a Mudwing.

“I’m so sorry!” said Tsunami.

“That’s okay!” said the Mudwing. “My name is Clay.”

“My name is Greenleaf, and this is Snowpaw, Warmthfur, Tsunami, Glory, and Starflight,” said Greenleaf.

Clay joined the walk and then Glory crashed into a Skywing. “I’m so sorry, are you okay?”

“I’m okay!” said the Skywing. “My name is Skylare!”

“My name is Greenleaf! And this is Snowpaw, Warmthfur, Tsunami, Glory, Starflight, and Clay,” said Greenleaf.

Skylare joined the walk.

When they made it to the Dragon Tree, Tsunami, Glory, Starflight, Clay and Skylare had to go home. They all said good-bye to everyone and then left.

Greenleaf, Snowpaw, and Warmthfur then had an idea to explore the world to find more dragon friends.

The End

The Dragon and the Boy

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Once upon a time there was a barrier between good and evil dragons. The good side had light magic and on the other side of the barrier had dark magic. The humans far far away never knew that dragons existed but one day an evil dragon kid broke the rule and went to the far far away village and this one kid saw him fly in the sky and he told his friends but they didn't believe him.

So he ran out at night and went out to where he saw the dragon fly and he saw the dragon so he climbed up a tree and he JUMPED!. The dragon saw him so he flew underneath the boy and caught him. Then after the dragon caught the boy his head turned and smiled, I guess that the bad dragon was not so bad after all.

They made an oath to never stop protecting each other. 2 Weeks later the boy climbed up on the dragon and they set off to the dragon home so that the boy could meet up with the dragon's parents. Before they set off to meet the dragons parents the dragon asked the boy

"if he really wanted to meet the dragons parents because they might not want me to be friends with a human/you the boy said"

that he was ready to meet the dragons parents even if they were not going to like him then the dragon said that I only want to stay there for a couple minutes because he knew that the dragons parents would not like the boy so they set off but they did not come back because hunters found out that dragons were real and the hunters hunted them down and they died.

The Dragon Kings

Once there was an ancient dragon named Inferno, God of the Sun Dragons. He was a Lord. He destroyed human tribes, but one day he vanished.

The dragons were getting attacked by the humans more often. They didn't know what to do. The humans enslaved the dragons.

Ten years later, Inferno came back and fought against the humans and ultimately... lost. The humans won, but Inferno gave his last breath and enchanted a lonely dragon who was to be known as the Champion of the Dragons.

Five years later, the Champion of Dragons was found slowly dying on the ground saying, "I'll come back."

Five minutes later, a mystery figure goes around the neighborhood taking dragons out all around the house of the Champion.

Everyone was talking about this mystery figure who killed the Champion. No one knew who it was so the dragons didn't go out of their houses.

Meanwhile, the humans were planning an attack on the dragons.

Twenty minutes later, there was havoc everywhere. All the dragons' homes were destroyed by the humans!

Five days before the havoc, there were a few dragons not enslaved by the humans. Their names were Moonlight, dragon of the moon, Flamer, dragon of lava, Aqua, dragon of the ocean, Forran, dragon of the Earth, Strike, dragon of the skies, Warp, dragon of time, Horror, dragon of nightmares, Ember, eternal dragon of the Sun, and Lightning, dragon of Lightning. Together, they tried to protect their lairs.

Five minutes before the havoc, the dragons were planning an attack. During the havoc, only two survived with their natural abilities - Moonlight and Eternal. Moonlight used the cover of the night to hide herself and Eternal used his power of the Sun to burn his enemies alive.

They both were injured by the attack, so they set out to find more dragons for the new resistance.

They journeyed across deserts, swamps, forests and all types of biomes. Unfortunately, they didn't find anyone. They were getting hungry and needed to eat, but there was no food in sight.

Then, they saw another dragon - the Dragon of the Mortal. They hid. They knew that he was working with the humans, but then he saw them. They fought for what seemed like hours, but in the end, Moonlight and Eternal won.

The end...until next time.

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Atlas the Cat

Atlas the Cat

Atlas is a cat who was brought to the SPCA last year. He mostly has short black fur with white patches on his chest, eyebrows and paws. He was an owner surrender. I don't know what happened or why he was brought to the shelter. Atlas probably didn't know where he was but the staff were there to organize his kennel and comfort him.

On his first day the staff had to figure out what food he liked. Atlas had to do the food test. Staff put a bunch of bowls with different food in his kennel and he tried them all until he liked one. Once he picked out his favorite food he finished the bowl.

The vet came to see him later that afternoon. The previous owner said that he had a heart murmur. Since he had a heart murmur Atlas was used to going to the vet. The vet appointment was short as it was just a check up to see if he had a microchip and if he was neutered. He also got all his vaccinations. After that he went back to his kennel to rest and settle in.

During the summer I go to the SPCA and hang out with the animals. I am lucky because my mom works there and after I finish the SPCA summer camp I wait in the shelter for my mom to finish work. That's where I met Atlas.

I went into the cat room and there he was sleeping. His paws were tucked under his body and he just slept in one spot. You know a cat likes a certain space when they look so peaceful in that spot. I read his kennel card and that's where I found out he has a heart murmur.

Once I got to know him I found him to be amiable and laid back. Atlas doesn't like treats; he likes calm space, windows, cuddles and a nice cat tree. Atlas was definitely one of my

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favorite cats at the shelter. He was always there for me. I could pet him and talk to him and he wouldn't mind sharing a space with me.

As summer turned to fall, Atlas could always be found in his special spot by the window. That's his charm, he'll sit somewhere and do nothing, so he's pretty low maintenance. I've dealt with cats that would never run out of energy but Atlas is not one of those cats. Atlas waited day and night for someone to come and adopt him, but that never happened.

All winter long Atlas saw people come and go. Atlas also saw many cats come and go but he didn't leave. It had been 4 months now and Atlas was still there. Everyday Atlas would look at the people near his kennel hoping that someone would take him home. But, as I said, that winter no one took Atlas. No one even fostered him.

In January I got a cold, so my mom had to bring me into the SPCA, so she could work. I got to hang out with Atlas again as long as I wore a mask. I really wanted to adopt him, but my dad has a one pet rule and I already have a guinea pig at my house. I enjoyed my bonus time with him while I pet and cuddled him. I was secretly happy that I had a cold that week because I got to hang out with Atlas.

February came around and Atlas had seen many people come and go and he saw cats come and go, but he remained. Finally, Valentine's Day arrived and in walked Emma who fell in love with Atlas. She was willing to take a special needs cat and Atlas was so happy.

Atlas was picked out by the perfect owner. I was sad that Atlas was in the shelter for 7 months. Animals with special needs are hard to adopt out. It broke my heart that he was there for so long until the right person came along.

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Atlas has been at his forever home for almost 2 months now. I think the SPCA found a great match. I'm happy for Atlas and all the other cats that have been adopted. I hope that the SPCA is empty one day. That would mean all the animals are adopted, no new ones were surrendered and that they have safe and happy homes. Atlas was one of the many cats that I've truly bonded with. I hope that Atlas has one great big cat life. I think that all the people that helped Atlas on his journey will be happy that he found a purrfect match.

THE END

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The Mystery Box

I was sitting on the sofa when I heard noise coming from the closet. I went to check what it was. The noise was coming from a box in my room. I was curious so I opened the box as fast as I could. A creepy noise started to play so I went into another room. As soon as I got into the other room the lights started to flicker. I felt scared, so I ran out and hid in my room, right under the bed. I heard footsteps coming from the hall, then when I got back I looked back and someone tickled my feet. I screamed as loud as I could. I tried to figure out who touched my feet, but no one was there. I ran into the corner and huddled. I didn't know what to do, so I just cried and called my mother.

My mother didn't believe the story I told her. I called my father next, but he didn't believe me either. I couldn't do anything except sit there and cry. I was so exhausted from all the running around and crying that I fell asleep for a few minutes. This energized me.

My mother called out to me that dinner was ready so I went downstairs. It was my favorite dish, pasta! I tried a bite of her normally delicious dish but the food just didn't taste right. I asked her if she knew about the mysterious box upstairs. She said that she didn't know anything about it and my mother wondered why I was asking about a box. There was no point in trying to make her believe me because I would just look ridiculous. She basically shrugged me off because she was preoccupied with her own day.

After having a tiny bit of dinner I went to my room and started to read a chapter book. It was one of my favorites, Bad Guys. I was reading chapter sixteen when my mother came into my room and asked if I would like to go to the pool. I said, "Of course!" I started to gather my stuff and put it into a bag. I grabbed my towel, shirt, pants and underwear. Soon my mother knocked on my room door saying she was

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ready to go. I responded that I was all set. She asked me to go wait in the car. I hopped into the car and patiently waited for my mother to come.

Finally my mother came. As we started to drive away I got suspicious because she played a creepy sound on the stereo. I never mentioned anything about the creepy sound (even though it was not that creepy) and I acted like I liked the sound.

When we arrived at the pool my mom was paying so I went into the pool. I went into the deep end and my mother went into the kiddie pool because she is not a good swimmer. I was swimming for roughly an hour then I went into the kiddie pool and showed my mom some cool tricks. I showed her all the tricks I knew and she said they were great.

Once we got home my curiosity got the best of me. I saw the box. It was now beside the side of the house. "Should I open it?" I asked myself. I got scared that someone else would find the box and open it, so I took the box with me. I saw my mother watching me through the window and I ran back around to the front of the house. I was confused why my mother would be watching me through the window. I was suspicious about her so I just acted like nothing happened in front of her. My mother asked me why I was holding a box. I responded with, "How do you know about the box and why are you being suspicious?" My mother responded by asking me what she was doing to be suspicious. I had no real proof that she was lying or being suspicious so I went to my room with the box.

As soon as I started to open the box again it started to play the creepy sound again so I ran into another room. My mother came rushing in after me wondering what had happened. She asked, "Are you okay?" I told her I was okay so she just walked back to the kitchen and I started to play. All of a sudden the creepy noise started to come from my closet.

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I mustered up the courage to ask my mother to move the box out of our house. She said no but in a very creepy way. I asked my mother why she was talking like that. She said she is probably sick. So, I walked back to my room even though I knew she was definitely lying.

I tried to put the situation out of my mind. I continued to play my favorite game, Roblox. Two hours had passed when my mother walked into the room. She was dressed like a grandma! As she walked out I called out to her but she didn't reply so I checked the closet. The box had appeared in the closet. I opened it again and the box still played the old creepy sound. I was wondering why the box was taped shut every time I saw it.

When I walked into my mother's room I noticed there was an empty tape roll sitting there. I thought it was my mother but I decided I was overthinking things. So I went back to my room and forgot about the box in my closet.

The Grilled Cheese Monster

In the year 2122, there lived a talented scientist in the greatest country in the world, Canada. This scientist was a great and talented researcher and inventor who had created many great inventions. Some of these inventions were flying cars, hovering chairs, and laser guns. But now he felt like he was about to create his best invention yet. With his faithful pet elephant by his side, he worked harder than ever. The scientist had rescued the elephant from a cruel Zoo in New York because they were very mean to him. He called the elephant Fredrick the Elephant of New York. The scientist and the elephant were best friends and did everything together until one horrible day when disaster struck. Don don don!

The scientist was eating a grilled cheese sandwich while working in his lab. He was so excited by his latest research that he was bouncing in his seat. He turned to Fredrick, talking about his latest plan not realizing that he had knocked a beaker of toxic chemicals onto his grilled cheese. Not realizing what had happened he continued to eat the grilled cheese. But to Fredrick's horror, the scientist started to turn into a grilled cheese monster. He looked so evil, with razor-sharp teeth, and a forked tongue. His body had become two slices of bread with smelly cheese dripping from the middle. The cheese was so rancid that Fredrick had to plug his trunk so he wouldn't pass out. But even though he was disgusting and horrible the elephant still loved him. However, the scientist didn't love himself and over time he became evil and filled with hate. He wanted to destroy the world.

He stopped spending time with Fredrick and invented a new robot companion to help him take over the world. Fredrick felt left out and like the Grilled Cheese Monster didn't care about

him anymore. One day the evil Grilled Cheese Monster with the robot left to conquer the world, as he exclaimed, “Today is the day I will conquer the world!”

The Grilled Cheese Monster set off with his robot, leaving the Elephant of New York behind. The evil Grilled Cheese Monster didn’t even say goodbye. It was then, that Fredrick, the Elephant of New York, decided he was going to stop the evil scientist.

He broke into the Grilled Cheese Monster’s lab and found cookies. Yum! He was feeling a bit peckish, so decided to eat the cookies before continuing on his noble mission. But he didn’t realize that the cookies were the scientist’s latest invention, and they gave him superpowers. The Elephant could now fly, had super strength, x-ray vision, and could shoot lasers from his eyes. Now confident that he could take on the Grilled Cheese Monster he set off into the distance to stop him once and for all. Don don don...

The Elephant of New York used his super vision to spot the Grilled Cheese Monster and his robot. He flew over, ready to save the world, but the Grilled Cheese Monster saw the elephant coming and shouted, “AAAAGGGGGHHHH! He ate my super cookies! NOOOOOOOO-OOO!”

The Grilled Cheese Monster knew that the elephant was now very powerful and ordered his robot to fight while he ran away. But the elephant kept following him using his laser eyes to try and zap the Grilled Cheese Monster. Just when the Elephant thought he had the Grilled Cheese Monster cornered the robot attacked him from behind. They started to battle. Fredrick was strong but the robot was strong too. He began to worry that he couldn’t beat the robot. He looked over and realized that the Grilled Cheese Monster was making a break for it and was

getting away. He flew for the Grilled Cheese Monster but just then the cookies wore off. He tumbled through the air. “AAAAGGGGGHHHH!”

He landed right on top of the Grilled Cheese Monster, crushing him into ooey, gooey, disgusting grilled cheese mush.

With his master destroyed the robot no longer had a purpose. He just stood there, still as a statue. The Elephant, with his mission completed, started to walk away. But he heard a tiny voice say, “You haven’t seen the last of me.” When he turned around the robot was gone.

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Journey to the Gem

"Come on Josephine! We have to be home by 6!" Claudia panted. "Jackson and Irina don't come home until 6:30 so I don't understand why we have to be home so early." Josephine yelled while ducking a branch. The running girls were in the forest of Erised and all sorts of dangers lurked in the forest so they weren't allowed to go in it. Jackson was their older brother and Irina was their older sister. Irina was the Queen of their kingdom and Jackson was the head guard. The girls reached the castle and dashed inside. "Where have you been!" Paige, their maid, called out to them. "I hope she doesn't tell Irina or Jackson..." Claudia thought. They had made it to their room. They jumped into bed, Josephine accidentally squished her pet cat, Wussy. He hissed and scratched Josephine. She yelped and whacked him to shut him up. Claudia picked up her phone and pretended to text. Josephine grabbed her favorite book from her bedside table and started to read. Just then, someone came in. In her dark blue dress decorated with pearls was Irina. "Paige told me that you guys came home late." Josephine and Claudia glanced at each other. Finally, Josephine couldn't stand the GLARE that Irina was giving them. "We went to the forest.....", she confessed. Irina gave them a stern look, clearly disappointed in them. "Get ready for dinner." she said briskly and strode out of the room. The girls silently walked down to the dining room. They ate a big full dinner and ran back up to their rooms. Claudia looked out the window to see the beautiful plants and scenery but saw all of the plants dead and the water stopped flowing. She screamed for Irina and she came bursting in. "What's wrong?" She looked out

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the window and gasped. She ran down to the gemstones, Josephine and Claudia were hot on their heels. They got to the bottom of the castle and found the Earth Gem gone. She screamed. Claudia looked down and saw a letter. She opened it and a ghost flew out. "THE NEW RULER THAT YOU WILL FACE IS NOT WHAT YOU SEEM. HE IS NOT ALL PANCAKES WITH WHIPPED CREAM. FOLLOW THE SUN AND MOON WEST. IT IS PROBABLY THE BEST. THEN, IF YOU FOLLOW A PATH THAT IS SPLATTERED WITH BLOOD... CLOSE TO WHERE THERE IS ALWAYS LOTS OF FLOODS. IF YOU THEN CLIMB UP A SILVER STEM... IF YOU FIGHT HIM YOU SHALL GET THE GEM. BUT THIS TASK IS NOT AS EASY AS YOU INTEND. FOR IT COULD BE THE KINGDOMS END!" "The kingdoms end..." Claudia echoed. "What does the Gem do anyway?" Josephine asked. "It permits everything to actually grow here. Without it, nothing will grow and water won't flow." Irina said, obviously distressed. Then she called a big emergency meeting. Paige came in and told them to go to bed. They trudged down to their room and climbed into bed. Then, Claudia got a wild idea. "We should find the gems ourselves." Josephine agreed and they put on some cloaks and went out to the barn and hopped on some horses. They started to gallop west. They kept going until they saw splatters of blood near the ocean. They rode until the horses couldn't walk. They led them to a cave and ate. They put their cloaks down and fell asleep on the horses. Josephine woke up first and went adventuring. She climbed up the silver stem. She was looking for some food when she heard a voice calling for her. She kept listening and the more she listened, she realized how beautiful it sounded. Mesmerized, she followed the voice into a small crack in a large mountain, just big enough so she could fit. She then disappeared and was swallowed in

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darkness. "Josephine? Where are you?" Claudia called out. "Where is she..." she thought. "I'm all alone..." She climbed up and called out for her. Then she heard the voice calling for her. She tried to fight the urge to follow the voice but it was no use. She was also led into the crack and everything went dark once more. "WAKE UP LITTLE ONES. I NEED YOU." said a cold, raspy voice. Claudia groaned and her eyes opened. Beside her, Josephine was doing the same. They were in a red room and there were ghosts everywhere and there was a huge dragon devil in the middle. "Good. You're awake. Now, Questions.", "What do you want?!" Josephine screamed. "TO KNOW IF YOUR SISTER WILL GIVE HER KINGDOM TO ME FOR THE GEM AND YOU GIRLS." Claudia and Josephine took one quick glance at each other and nodded. They needed to tell lies until possible to escape. They told the dragon about listening to the letter and going west and following all the clues in the poem. He seemed very interested until the story ended and he was back to seriousness. "THE GEM AND YOU. WILL SHE?" "Yeah, I think we can call her using our communication rocks. Just untie us and we can call her." Josephine made up wildly. He untied them and the girls huddled together. "On my count. 1,2,3! GO GO GO!". They ran out of the room and the dragon and the ghosts howled with fury and raced after them. They snatched the gem from the shelf and in their haste, fell off a cliff and fell into a river. The dragon, mad with rage, looked down at where they fell. He knew that there was no hope and left. Claudia and Josephine followed the current to the cave that they left. They rode home and Irina came out to hug them. They tightened security and they replaced the gem. The effect was immediate. Plants everywhere and freshwater. Josephine and Claudia told the

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story until everyone in the kingdom knew it. They then fell asleep. It seemed the crisis was over. MAYBE...

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Once Friends, Always Friends

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Once upon a time there was a narwhal named Lily . Lily was silly, creative, and kind. Lily lived in an ocean, the ocean was called Arctic waters. Every day Lily would go for her usual swim. First she would go through her tunnel and then out of her tunnel and then for some odd reason she would swim backwards in circles but that was what made her unique. Another thing that made her unique is only fifteen percent of female narwhals have long thick tusks but hers especially were the most beautiful tusk in the ocean. After Lily was done she visited Kipsy.

Kipsy and Lily met a long, long time ago. One time Lily was on the playsea and then she fell on her butt and everyone was laughing except for Kipsy. Kipsy came up and brushed the dirt off her butt and brought her to the nurses office. The next day they were besties. Kipsy was supposed to be Lily's predator but they get along just fine! Kipsy was an orca whale and Lily is a narwhal.

One day Lily and Kipsy go for a swim and all of a sudden Lily and Kipsy stepped on a net and got startled by ... ahh it was Gumbel, their friend. Gumbel was trapped and he was stuck in the fisherman net.

Lily and Kipsy were panicking, they were clueless and speechless! Lily had an idea she backed up and powered forward and with all her might and her long pointy tusk snipped the net. Gumbel was free at last when they went back to Lily's house they were shaken

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up and feeling a little frightened. So they sat down for tea. Tea was Lily's favourite drink in the whole entire world.

Kipsy said "how have you been other than you know being trapped" as she chuckles.

Gumbel laughed "well I got a job at a bowling alley".

Lily asked what everyone was thinking about " do you guys want to go for a walk and catch up? "

They all agreed and so they all began to talk at once as they walked down a path.

The End.

Davis's Awesome Adventure

Longing for adventure, Davis, a boy who lived in a faraway land, dreamed of embarking on an epic quest. One fateful night, after telling his mother goodnight, he drifted off to sleep only to awaken in mid-air, hurtling toward a mysterious hole. As he tumbled into the hole, he felt a rush of excitement and fear. When he opened his eyes, he found himself in a fantastical video game world, staring at a screen that read 'Level 1.' Davis soon discovered that he had only three days to survive the treacherous challenges of the game and outsmart the magical monsters that lurked around every corner.

Day 1

Davis began his Minecraft adventure with only five wooden blocks and a small house that he used as a sleeping quarters. He quickly learned how to craft a crafting table and started mining for stone to make a pickaxe. With his new tool, he upgraded to iron tools and eventually diamond armour. As nightfall approached after a long day of work, Davis decided it was time to rest.

Day 2

As Davis woke up to a loud crash, he rushed outside to find a mysterious sign that read, "Defeat the boss on day three to escape this dreadful dream, or be trapped here forever." Determined to break free, Davis spent the entire day gathering valuable resources and mining for diamonds and iron until he had a full set of diamond armour

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and top-of-the-line iron tools. He felt ready to face the boss and complete his mission to escape the dream world.

Day 3

As Davis woke up, he knew he had a haunting task ahead of him - defeating the boss. To his surprise, he discovered a chest full of golden apples and an enchanted diamond sword lying beside his bed. A sign placed beside them read, 'Defeat the boss in the nearby cave.' Bracing himself, Davis ventured into the cave, only to be confronted by an enormous spider.

The Final Battle

Davis got ready to battle so he took out his bow and shot a arrow right between the eyes of the enormous spider. Well that got the spider mad so the spider charged at him, Davis dodged the blow and stabbed the spider in the neck and then the spider magically disappear. Then from the sky it said boss defeated going back home in 3... 2... 1... Then Davis found himself back in his bed. Davis said to himself well that was a awesome adventure!!!

The End

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The Family Who Never Left Their House

The Family Who Never Left Their House

Chapter 1

There was a family who never left their house. Everyone was so scared to go near their house because the family never left their house except for the little girl. Her name was Saby, she was a girl who would always get her way and put people in danger. The aunt who lived with them knew that if she didn't do what the little girl said, then Saby would always say "Or else." So of course the aunt always said "Yes, my darling."

There is a secret passage in the attic so Saby can leave the house but nobody knows except for the aunt and the brother, now the brother his name is Tyler. Tyler is a good kid but always wants to go with Saby, she is like "NO!" Tyler is a shapeshifter. He never uses his shape shifting because he doesn't want to get in trouble. One day when everyone in his house is asleep he is going to leave and knows his parents won't leave, so that is why he is doing that. He doesn't remember that Saby leaves secretly so I wonder what he will do when he gets caught?

"Okay kids, it is time for bed," said the father. "Okay" said Saby and Tyler. *Hmm, I wonder when Mom and Dad will go to sleep.* ONE HOUR LATER. "Okay, I think I can leave," said Tyler. "Tyler, what are you doing?" said Saby. "Oh, I am just grabbing some water," said Tyler. "Okay" said Saby. "Okay, bye!" said Tyler. Tyler thinks, *phew that was*

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close. Ok time to go. Uh I wonder what I should turn into? Ah! I know, how about the SHERIFF! "You are so smart," Tyler said proudly. 3-2-1 POOF! Tyler thinks, *okay time to get to work. Oh wow, a lot of people are out at night tonight.* "Hi, Mr.Sheriff?" said a little girl. "Yes?" said Tyler. "My mom wants to talk to you," said the little girl. "Uh okay," said Tyler "Uh, I gotta go bye!" said Tyler. "Okay, bye," said the little girl in suspicion. "Oh my goddess, what have I got myself into?" said Tyler. "What are you doing?" said Saby. "I just wanted to leave the house OKAY! I hate always being home," said Tyler.

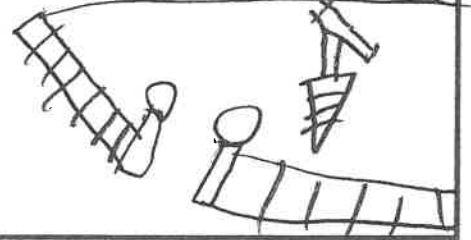
Chapter Two: What Happened to Tyler?

"TYLER!!!!" yelled his mom. "Oh god, I am in some serious trouble," sighed Tyler. "Mom is not going to be happy about this!" cried Saby. "I know she will be very disappointed in me but..." sighed Tyler. "There is no "buts" you will be grounded for your life! Run please, I don't want anything bad to happen to you. Just stay in town okay," whispered Saby. "Okay" sighed Tyler "RUN! Now!" said Saby. "Okay, I need to hide. Wait, mom left the house? Oh God, I need to rip my air tag off now! Ah,I can't! Ok, there we go." panted Tyler. "TYLER!! Run! Mom knows where you are!" Saby said nervously. Tyler ran as fast as he could. Tyler did not realize how fast his mom was,he could see her in the corner of his eye. "What do you think you are doing out here?!"

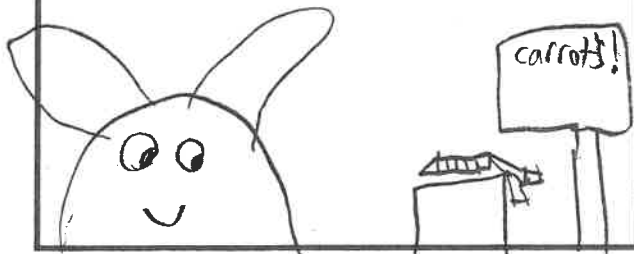
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Bunny's life

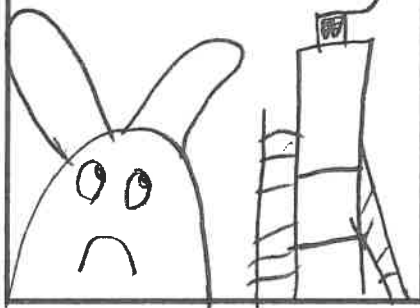
It was a day where bunny wanted a snack. So he started walking to the store to get some carrots but they were closed.



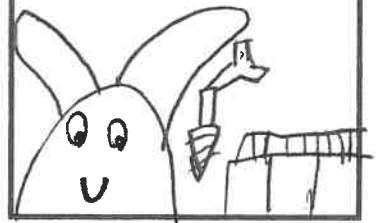
So he walked back to his den hungry. Bunny thought he could go to the store tomorrow. But he knew it was going to be closed, so he was going to find carrots his self. Then he found a sign that said carrots.



When bunny was on his way home he saw some carrots in a chest. he was too high it was on a scaffold. At least he had one carrot.



Next day Bunny came back to the chest of carrots so he looked and said oh no the carrots are knocked over. Actually yay I got the carrots.



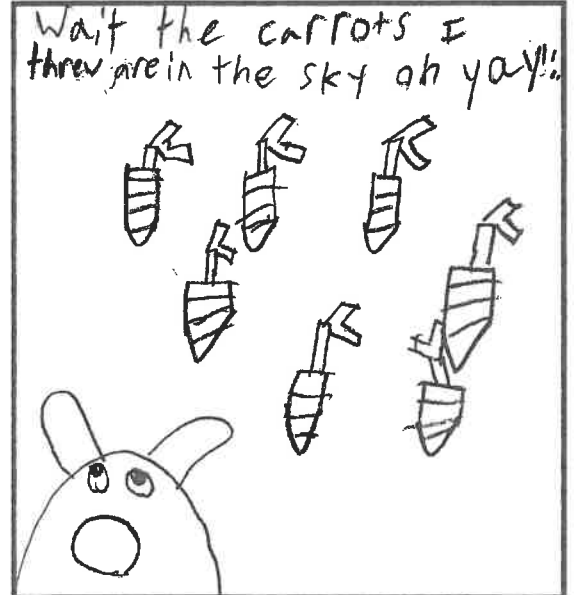
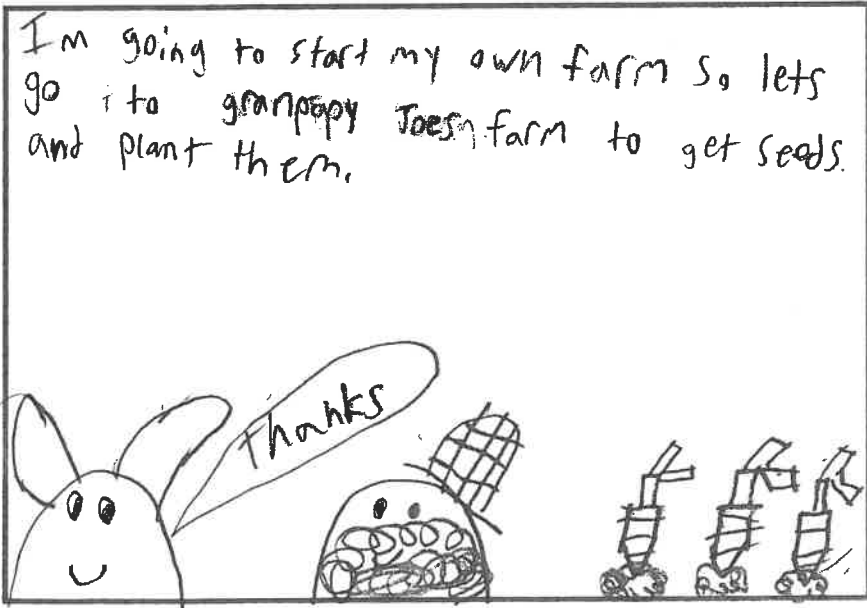
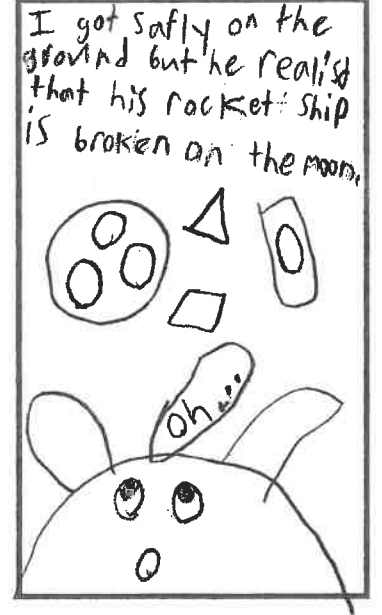
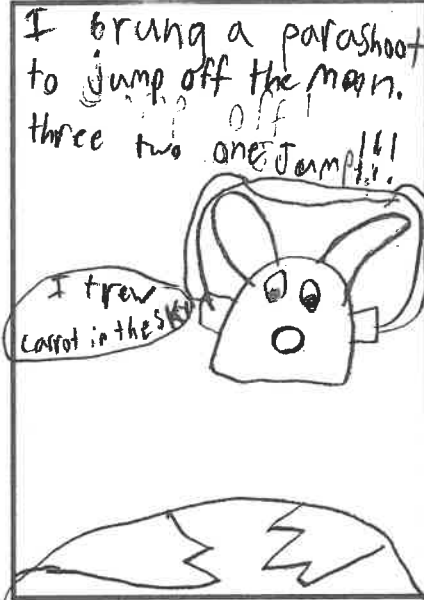
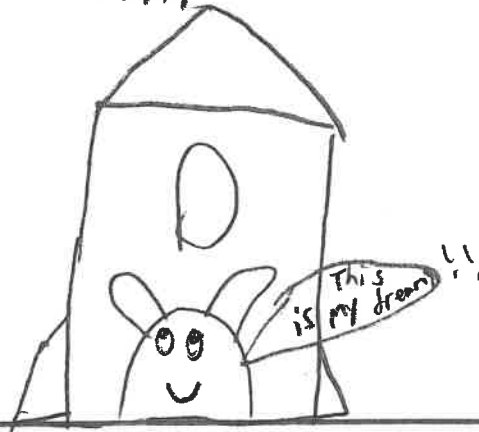
But those were the farmer extra carrots. The farmer called the cops. Oh no the bunny said. I might get arrested.



The cops talked to bunny and bunny said I didnt know. Thanks to the cops that didnt get bunny in jail. So he wanted to build a space ship to go to the moon.



So bunny started building and building until he did it he was going to the moon.



Magic Script

Have you ever had a fascinating talent that you didn't know existed until you were older? Well a little girl named Eve found out her awesome talent very quickly. It was a cold winter day and Eve was entirely bored from her head to her toes. Now Eve couldn't go anywhere because her mom said it was too cold to go out and do things. "Mom! Please let me do things, I could be building a snowman, or be making a snow fort right now," complained Eve. Eve's mother ignored her daughter's annoying behaviour and said, "I'm sure there is something you can do inside." Eve slumped in an armchair and looked around for something to entertain her needs. All Eve saw was a pencil, piece of paper and her mom's phone. "That's it!" cried Eve, making her mom jump with surprise. "I'll write a magic script!" Eve raced around the room grabbing the pencil, paper and her mom's phone and started writing. All the thoughts that came into her head were captured by Eve and put on paper by Eve's messy handwriting. Her ideas came to her fast like a cheetah racing through the jungle. Eve's mom was very shocked by this; she had never seen this awesome side of Eve before. After Eve finished her wonderful story she tried to proofread it carefully.

Once upon a time there was a girl named Lilla. Lilla had amazing ideas and careful thinking. Lilla had always dreamed of exploring the outside world and on one sunny day she was convinced she would. So instead of taking the path to the right on her usual walks, Lilla took the path to the left and set off on her journey. As Lilla stomped through the muddy path she saw so much!

There was green, red , blue and even some orange, it was like a whole new world to Lilla. It was so cool to witness something other than just her small town. All of a sudden she heard fast moving feet and got the sense that she was being watched by someone or something! Out of nowhere a duck started attacking Lilla, she screamed and pushed the duck off her face. Then the duck magically said, "Sorry if I hurt you." Confused, Lilla said, "How are you talking? I mean you're a duck!"

"That is all I have for now," thought Eve and then she heard her mom clapping. "Mom, why are you clapping?" asked Eve. "That was awesome honey!" Her mom cried. "Thanks!" said Eve enthusiastically. "Now I just need to find a way to finish my story, but how will I get the rest of my story?" That night Eve lay in her bed with thoughts racing in her head. "I know exactly what to write, but for now I have to sleep," she thought to herself. In the morning she rushed to finish her story.

The duck replied, "A witch cast a brutal spell on me." "Oh wow!" exclaimed Lilla, "I had no idea. You know what..." said Lilla, "I will save you and make you into a normal duck once more!" "Oh thank you," cried the duck. So Lilla and the duck walked on the snaky path that led to the witch's house, according to the duck. Finally, they reached the scary and gruesome house of the witch! Bravely, Lilla rang the doorbell. Then they heard footsteps approaching and the door flung open. Standing there was the witch herself! Luckily, Lilla had been learning karate back in her small village and was pretty good at it. So she uppercutted the witch and threw the witch far into the woods! The duck and Lilla ran into the small cottage and searched for the witch's spell book. After hours of searching, finally Lilla yelled. "Found it!" Lilla flipped and said, "This duck needs

to spit up, so away with my wish and all I should hear is a quack,quack, quack!"

"Quack," said the duck. "YES!" screamed Lilla, "It worked,"

"And that is how Lilla saved a duck on her new adventure, 'The End'," ended
Eve.

The Lost City Of Galgomor

Chapter 1

One there was a boy named Greg. He would always make up fantasy islands and worlds, even unknown cities like Galgomor, Valhalla and many more. He wanted to be an ancient explorer when he was older. But one night he had a dream of being taken from his bed and being stranded on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. He walked a little on the shore and found a portal. He walked into the portal and ended in his made up city, Galgomor. Greg thought it was a dream but it wasn't. It was real life he just didn't know. When he walked a little deeper into the city he heard a branch snap and felt that he was being watched. He stayed as still as he could. Then things got a little creeper. Something latched out and grabbed Greg by the leg and wouldn't let go. Greg called for help and someone with long robes and brown puffy hair came out of nowhere and said "Here take this" and threw Greg a pen and when he caught it it ended up turning into a sword. Greg chopped the creature's head off and it disappeared and all that was left was a big pile of ashes. "Hi my name is Calvin and your...Wait let me guess, Greg age 10 from Lethbridge, Alberta" "Wow how did you know that" asked Greg. "No reason. That was-""Whatever. By the way, what were you going to say" " I was going to say that that monster is a demon child. Also you are in grave danger you should come with me"

Chapter 2

It felt like 2 seconds teleporting to wherever we were going and when we got there it was so crowded I could barely move forward. "Hello there young one" said a voice from behind me. I turned around and I nearly fainted when I saw a cenautar there before my eyes. "Who are you?" " I am Gandalf the great and I taught the greatest of gods how to fight" " But what are you and where are you from" "Good question, I'm a centaur and I am from mount Rushmore" "Where is mount Rushmore?" "It is in the vast islands of Danarous" "Oh" I Said even though I didn't have a clue what he was talking about. "Do you know who your father is?" "Ya his name is Danny. What kind of question is that?" " You are wrong, your father is not Danny, his name is Zues" " What? That can't be because I have met my mom and dad before and my mom definitely did not have a husband before him. And plus they are very happy together ""Is that true though. How do you know that your mom and dad are not having problems and yelling at each other just not in front of you" I didn't know what to say. Gandalf had just told me my parents had problems and were having arguments behind my back. "That explains why they are so sweet together" I finally was getting to know the truth about me, my parents and family. "You should come with me and I will show you your cabin" "Wait I have a cabin? What is this place anyway?" "Yes at camp we have cabins and you get yours all to your self" "Why do I get it all to myself? Why don't some other kids sleep in the cabin with me?" "Because you are the only one here thats father is Zeus" "How?" "Because Zeus took an oath with his brothers and it was to never have children with a mortal woman. And the reason you came to Galgomor is because you are being hunted by Hades"

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“Why am I being hunted by Hades? And why is Galgomor the place I came? And also why is it a city from my imagination?” “So many questions that we don't have time for”

I went to my cabin following Gandalf and when I got to it I noticed it needed some serious cleaning because there were cobwebs latching from the bunks, and dust was everywhere. Literally everywhere.

Chapter 3

After cleaning the cabin I got a late birthday present from Gandalf. He told me to take the knob off from the bottom and something magical will happen. So I went back to my cabin and took the knob off and it turned into a lightning bolt just like Zeus' just a little smaller. When I said thankyou to Gandalf he said it wasn't from him and said it was from my father and said that my father is trying to protect me. But the exciting part, my brother came to the camp [I didn't even know that I had a brother at all] and he came in the same cabin so I had someone to talk to. But one night I was about to fall asleep when a weird reddish orange colour was coming from my brother's bunk. I Got up and saw he was no longer himself anymore and was trying to open a portal to who knows where. He saw me and latched out, grabbed me from the chest and threw me through the portal. I had no clue where I was going or who my so-called brother was. When I landed it was on a hard stone floor. I saw a flaming head with a tall body on a bright gold throne. "Who did you send to the camp to capture me?" "One of my children" "Who are you anyways" "I am Hades" That was it. What Gandalf said was true, Hades was after me. "What do you need me for" "You are the key to mount Olympus. I need you to open the gates so I can steal the master bolt. If you don't I will feed you to the cyclops" And then I remembered the pen. I pulled it out of my pocket, took the knob off and threw

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it right to his body and it went straight through his chest and killed him and all around
him were kids from the camp. The End

Mysteries of Rebecca Magnoli

It was 1:00 o'clock in the morning and several constables came into Melissa Magnoli's house and then took her away for the murder of Casio Manique. He was the one and only photographer of Tinseltown. It is the only town, but the tiniest town ever made. I am Rebecca Magnoli, a detective on the case of my mother. I am 17 years old and I have been working this job for two years now. I am the best detective you can find in Tinseltown other than my little brother Jack Magnoli.

I am named after my cousin Rebecca James. She is one of the best coroners in town and she helps me with all my cases. I have been loving this job because I am very capable of doing my work and I quite enjoy doing the investigative work myself. I chose this job because I love to work by myself solving mysteries. I am a big fan of the Homes book series and have learned a lot about finding and solving crimes. It is so easy for me to detect when a crime has been committed. I am the one to call if you need to solve a mystery.

I have a lot of work to do on my current crime case. I have to figure out who is framing my mom so she can live free instead of being in custody in a jail cell. The officers at Station House 17 believe my mother committed the crime, but I am investigating the crime to prove them wrong. I am gathering evidence and have collected a weapon, a pair of boots, and a water bottle with fingerprints on it. All of these came from the crime scene at my house. The water bottle and boots belong to my mother, however, the fingerprints are not a match.

I know the criminal is Jenna James because she has very similar fingerprints as my mother and she was at our house that afternoon. Luckily, Christopher, my computer, is set up to record videos when it detects movement in the house. I reviewed the video that Christopher recorded and saw Jennifer with my mothers' boots on drink from her water bottle with the weapon in her hand. To me, that is clear evidence of who committed the crime and I was able to set my mom free.

LILY THE CONFIDENT DANCER

One day, Lily woke up looking as confident as ever. She walked down the stairs and her mom was just eating at the table. Her mom said, “get ready for school. You're going to be late.” She ran up the stairs and put on her school clothes. She then ran back down the stairs, got her backpack and a banana and ran outside and got on the bus.

When she got back from school she told her mom what all her friends did on the weekend. They went to dance class. Her mom said that her friend was opening a dance studio and was wondering if Lily wanted to go. Lily yelled, “yes!” and danced to her room.

The next morning she looked so confident and was ready to dance. After school she went to dance class and had so much fun.

The next week at school, when everyone was talking about the weekend, she said, “I went to dance class and had so much fun.” She even made a new friend that weekend named Aisha who went to the same school as Lily. Aisha and Lily had so much fun at dance because it was Aisha’s first day, too. They had tap and jazz so they could just move around.

When Lily and Aisha were in the lobby waiting for their class to start, Aisha's mom came in and said, “Aisha, can I talk to you in private?” After 2 minutes, Aisha came out and sat beside Lily. She tried to talk but the teacher came out.

In tap and jazz Aisha looked sad. When it was time to go, Aisha was driving Lily home and Aisha told Lily what was going on. Aisha said she was moving to Mexico because her mom found a job as a lawyer. Lily was sad, but happy for Aisha.

Then Aisha's mom, Kelly, said, "You guys should have a sleepover before we go to Mexico." Lily and Aisha were excited to hear that.

That weekend, at 5:35 Aisha went over to Lily's house for the sleepover. They had pizza for dinner and ice cream for dessert.

"Well," said Aisha.

"Well what?" said Lily.

"Well, what should we do now?" said Aisha.

"Want to play a game?" said Lily

"No," said Aisha. "Want to watch a movie?"

"No," said Lily.

Then Lily's mom came and said, "just so you know you have no bedtime." That was when Aisha had a great idea, "Let's do makeovers."

"I love that idea," said Lily. So they got to work getting all of Lily's makeup and other fun stuff like earrings and nail polish. After the makeovers, they looked so confident and happy.

On Monday at school, it was Aisha's last day before she went to Mexico. They had a little party and she said goodbye to all her friends. Lily was really sad. But she knew Aisha would have so much fun in Mexico and make good friends. Before Aisha left, Lily went up to Aisha, gave her a hug and said, "text me when you get there and send pictures. I will miss you, my bff."

Lily walked Aisha down to the parking lot where her mom was waiting. She gave Aisha a little charm bracelet with a flower on it. Then Lily said, "I have a matching one."

Before she got to finish, Aisha's mom came over and said, "Sorry, Lily we've got to go."

“Bye,” said Lily

“Bye” said Aisha.

When spring break hit, Aisha came back to Vancouver and had a sleepover with Lily. “I have missed you a lot. So tell me, is it hot? Are the beaches nice? Did you find a better friend than me?” said Lily.

“Haha, I would never find a friend better than you and yes it is hot and the beaches are beautiful. What about you, what’s new?” said Aisha.

“Well, really not much. Just dance, dance, dance, and more dance,” said Lily. “Want to watch a movie?”

“Sure,” said Aisha.

“Ok, what about a documentary?” said Lily.

“A documentary?” said Aisha.

“Ya,” Lily said, laughing.

“Fine,” said Aisha.

As they watched the documentary, they had popcorn and candy.

The next morning, after pancakes and fruit for breakfast, Aisha’s mom came to pick her up to go see some family. “Mom,” said Aisha, “we had pancakes and fruit for breakfast.”

“Don’t forget the apple juice and whipped cream,” said Lily.

“Sounds like fun,” Aisha’s mom said. “Ok, well we’ve got to go. Nice seeing you again, Lily.”

“Nice seeing you, Kelly,” Lily said.

Aisha Diaou

Lily the confident dancer

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“Bye,” said Aisha.

“Bye, bff,” said Lily.

Right when Aisha got in the car, Lily started waving.

The next day at school, Lily had a dance performance to show the class. She did really well. When she got home, she watched a movie with her mom. Before bed, Lily performed the dance for her mom.

The next morning, Lily danced her way down the stairs and went and sat next to her mom on the couch.

“Ready for another day?” Lily’s mom asked.

“Oh ya, I was born ready,” Lily said, walking towards the kitchen.

Just then, Lily saw the bus, said goodbye to her mom and was off.

There once was a wolf who lived in the cold woods all alone. Later that night he had a dream that there was a small little cave pretty close to his home. He said to himself, "I will find the cave tomorrow morning"

The next morning he set off trying to find the cave. Luckily, he saw the cave really close to him. Then the wolf hopped right into the cave ready to find shelter . . . but then he realized that there were at least 30 holes in the roof of the cave. He was wondering, why are there so many holes in the roof? In his dream there were no holes.

Then, the wolf saw a bear sleeping in the back left corner. "The bear must have made holes for sunlight," the wolf said to himself because the roof was easy to break. Before he knew it, the bear was awake and looking right at him.

The wolf started to run back to his home, but before he knew it he was lost he ran into a cliff. What am I going to do? He thought to himself.

He howled as the thick, cool air brushed against him. The bear started to catch up to him. The wolf knew that he was a great long distance jumper. He decided that either he didn't jump and he was the bear's lunch, or he did jump, but then he could not get back to his hill. He decided that he was going to jump. He could still try and find another way to get to his hill.

The bear growled as he crept closer to the wolf. Suddenly, the wolf jumped and startled the bear. The cool air brushed against the wolf as he jumped. The bear knew that he could not jump that far so he decided to turn back to his cave and go to sleep.

I need to get back home, the wolf thought to himself. He decided to climb up a hill with lots of trees next to a river. He chose a tree next to a river so he could go down and drink water whenever he needed. He fell asleep under the tree for shelter.

The next morning, the wolf woke up. He heard birds singing and chirping peacefully. The wolf started to calm down and adventure in his new little home. The singing and chirping started to fade out as he walked around. He started to not worry about the bear finding him.

He found a really small cave in the distance, so he decided to check it out. He was having lots of fun running to the little cave.

When he got to the cave, he saw enough berries to feed him for at least a week. He did not know if the berries were poisonous, so he decided to not eat them and move on to another cave.

He kept adventuring for a new cave, hopefully one with food, because he was very hungry. That afternoon he found another cave with a lot of juicy red strawberries sitting on the dark and cold cave floor. He knew that strawberries were not poisonous. He loved having strawberries. He stayed in the cave for the night.

The next morning the wolf found another dark, bear cave so he decided not to go to the cave. For the rest of the day, the wolf chased his tail. Then, he ate some more strawberries and went to sleep under a tree.

He woke up the next morning to the same birds singing and chirping short little songs. But, he didn't know where the birds were singing. He started to follow the singing and chirping of the birds. About an hour later he ended up at the bear's cave. He was shocked that he was so

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close to the cave. The birds were actually the bear's friends! *I am so surprised that the birds were actually the bear's friends!* He thought to himself. After he realized that a few days ago the bear was not trying to kill him, he was protecting the birds because the bear thought that the wolf was going to kill the birds. The wolf knew the bear was not mean and that he was just very protective of his friends. The wolf knew he was not really protected so he decided to ask the bear to be friends with him when he did, the bear politely replied yes.

The wolf was so happy that he had just made his first new friend in 23 years. He felt like he was the happiest wolf in the world. Then they lived the rest of their life happily together.

The Fear of the Diving Board

Izzy Chapman/Dallas Elementary/Grade Four

Hi! My name is Emma. I am seven years old and am in grade two. I live in California. I have an older sister whose name is Millie. She is thirteen - fourteen tomorrow, and is in grade eight, which means she is in high school. My older sister is in diving, but I'm too scared to jump off a diving board. I am scared to jump off a diving board because I'm scared I will do a belly flop and hurt myself!

My sister is having her party at a local pool in our community. In about five minutes, we are going shopping for new bathing suits! "Emma time to go!" said Mom. My sister and I jump into the car. I get into the back, while my sister climbs into the front seat. "Girls we are here," shouts my mom. We go into the mall and pick our suits out from Old Navy, and then head back for the car. Then we go home and have dinner.

Dinner is mashed potatoes and broccoli. I like mashed potatoes but not broccoli - yuck, yuck, yuck! Mom said I had to go to bed but I said "Why does sis not have to go to bed?"

Mom said, "Your sister is older than you, honey!"

I was mad about that, but I still went upstairs and into my bed. My mom came up and said "I know tomorrow will be hard for you, but please still be nice to your sister." I agreed and went to bed.

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When I woke up the next morning I came downstairs to see a million presents for Millie on the kitchen table and decorations everywhere! I ran back up the stairs and slammed the door in tears because I was jealous! Then I remembered that I still get to go swimming with her, which made me happy. But THEN I remembered that my sister is a teen and will want to hang out with her teenaged diving friends and not a 7 year old like me.

I decided to go ask my mom if I could invite one of my friends to the party to play with me and guess what! She said yes!! She called my friend's mom to ask, and her mom also said yes! I was so excited that I screamed loudly, in fact - I yelled so loud that my sleeping sister told me to be quiet. I yelled, "sorry!" and she forgave me, which was good. My mom said it was time for sis to get up anyway.

We ate a pretty fast breakfast, which was cereal. Mom said to put our bathing suits on with shorts and a tank top. We did and then we set off for the pool. When we got there, I headed straight for the diving boards. I climbed up the diving board and went to the end, but as soon as I got to the end I stopped. I looked back and saw that other people were waiting in line. The man next in line was turning red and as soon as I looked away he marched up and pushed me off! I was mad at first but then I was happy because I finally jumped off the diving board.

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My mom saw the whole thing. Even though I was happy she was blowing mad! She marched over to the lifeguard stand and told the lifeguard what had just happened. The lifeguard walked over to the man and they had a big talk. The man said that he just really wanted to get on the diving board. The lifeguard asked him to leave, so he did, but he was so, so, SO mad. I was happy though. I went back up the ladder to the diving board and jumped off right away! Then I did a tuck jump off the board, too!

When I got off the board, I asked my mom if she would put me in diving, and guess what?! She said yes! My mom is going to try to get me diving lessons as soon as the party's over - YES, YES, YES!

Well, back to the party, my friend and I had a blast! We were basically on the diving boards the whole time. I even jumped off the three meter diving board, which felt cool. We did tuck jumps, pike jumps, cannonballs, toe touches - you name it!

Later at home, I was sitting on my bed when my mom came in and said "guess what honey? you made it to diving lessons!" I was so excited I screamed! Mom said "Honey, be quiet!" At that moment I would do anything for my mom. That's how excited I was.

The Fear of the Diving Board

Izzy Chapman/Dallas Elementary/Grade Four

The next day was diving day! I was so excited, but when I got there everyone was working out! I went up to my coach and said, "why aren't we down by the pool? That's where the diving boards are!"

My coach said, "We have to work out before so we don't get hurt on the diving board." I was kind of upset because I absolutely **hate** working out! I joined anyway but I didn't like it.

Finally, we were down by the pool and ready to start. I was first in line - yes! I ran up the diving board and just as I was going to jump off the diving board, my coach yelled "stop!"

I whirled around and said to my coach, "why"?

My coach said "I'll tell you what jump you do!"

I thought: *why don't we just do whatever we want?* I did as my coach said though so I wouldn't get in trouble.

At the end of the night, I was in bed all huddled up, and I was thinking about what had happened earlier that day. I decided I really, really wanted to become an amazing diver, just like my sister.

In the Summer

The sky is blue.
The grass is green.
The sun is yellow.
The clouds are white.
Summer can be beautiful.

I cannot take it all in.

There are rainbows in the sky.
The flowers are so beautiful.
Too many flowers to count.
The days are hot.
It is a good time to go for a swim.

If you just look, you will see the beautiful summer.

Best Friend

You are my best friend

You sometimes feel like you are my only friend.

We sometimes get into arguments

But we figure it out.

Our friendship can be tough

But still fun.

Good friends do not come along often

You are my best friend.

SPF

Chapter 3:

The Sleepover

On the last day before the girls had to go home from their camping trip, they decided to have a sleepover at Patricia's trailer. It took a lot of convincing but the girls managed to pull it off. At the sleepover, Patricia's Grandpa made some popcorn and got some chips for the girls. It took a while to pick out a movie but they decided on; *The Conjuring*.

Patricia's grandparents were outside having a camp fire when the girls heard a weird creaking noise from the bathroom. Scared, Savannah opened the bathroom door while Patricia and Frankie watched. When Savannah opened the door nothing happened. This weirded out the girls but they continued watching *The Conjuring*. When they were done watching their movie and were supposed to go to bed, instead they stayed up all night chit chatting.

The next morning, before they left, they took one more swim in the lake then wrote a thank you note for the tree of wishes.

My Kitten Morocco

My kitten is so cute. We call him Rocco for short. We got him right before Christmas because my old cat ran away when she was one year old. Rocco is the first boy cat we've had. Before we got him he had two sisters. My dad picked up Rocco and brought him home. He was scared when we first got him. Me and my brother were at school and when we got home we got to see him. He was an early Christmas present for our family.

He is black, brown and gray. He has an M on his head. When we got Rocco he had a super small tail. He has very sharp claws and teeth. Rocco has greenish yellow eyes. He has a super cute meow. He has stripes of gray, brown and black.

He loves to play with stuffies. His favorite toy is a cat named Vlanchanko. It is orange and yellow. Rocco is super excited to go outside but he has to be six months old to be able to go outside. He is super excited all the time, except when he is sleeping.

When we first got Rocco he would always pee on my bed and *only* my bed. He throws his kitty litter everywhere and my dad gets mad when he does that.

We feed him wet food at breakfast and dinner and we feed him dry food for lunch. At night he sleeps on my bed. He sleeps a lot in the daytime.

Once we brought Rocco to Kamoops because we can't leave him alone. My Silas friend is obsessed with Rocco. But when we go on a trip then we will have to get a cat

sitter for Rocco. My friend Silas's family might sit for us when we go on a trip. We might go to Cuba. Rocco is getting bigger by the second. He is so fluffy.

Silas V.

Grade 4

Raft River Elementary

Life As a Crocodile

All I could feel was shell, but not just any shell. It felt slimy. The next thing I knew, there was a crack. IT GREW BIGGER BY THE SECOND and then I felt nothing. Well it was something, but I couldn't describe it. Then at that very moment, a big beast picked me up and put me in a nest-like structure that was hidden in clumps of mud. Uhhh, not only did I get picked up by a huge beast but I was now covered in mud.

"I need a bath," I shouted as it echoed through the swamp.

Unfortunately, nobody bothered to ask why I was shouting and since I was in the big beast's mouth my shouting vibrated against her throat. So, she dropped me, along with other things that looked just like me. I think I found out what I'm called. I'm a crocovile or a crocotile, or something like that. But anyways, my life is doing great so far. Besides the beast incident, I even made a new friend. His name is Max. Although he is an alligator, that has nothing to do with our friendship!

The next morning, Max and I went exploring into the deep dark meadows. Although my wise grandfather would always tell myths about the deep dark meadows, I was still not scared. Well maybe a bit, but only because he talked about scary human beings killing us at night and destroying our environment. But anyways, Max and I were now off on our journey and our goal was to stay alive! I was feeling pretty confident that we would **not** die. But Max was feeling confident that we **would** die. The first sight we saw was some vultures circling around some dead lions. I was starving. I couldn't resist the meat. But just as I turned around Max was missing. At first, I thought the vultures took him. Then I remembered the myths that my grandfather told me. He would say, those who enter shall never exit and that's when I realized that we were never going to exit and that we were going to be here forever, in other words death.

That night, I was very scared because Max was missing. So, I went looking for him. In the dirt, I started to see traces of his scaly footprints. I followed them until I couldn't any more. They ended at a mysterious old house but the lights were off. Nobody was home. It was very quiet. Besides the fact that I kept hearing weird screeching noises coming from inside the mysterious house. So, I went inside to take a peek and you wouldn't believe me if I told you what I saw...

I was now shivering with fear and worry that I wouldn't find Max. I know this isn't the best time but I forgot to tell you my name is Rio, like the place in the Amazon. I always wanted to go there and I still do. Okay, I'm getting off topic. What was I talking about again? Oh ya, now I remember missing Max and entering a haunted house. Anyways, I slowly

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started to tiptoe down on my front paws and hind legs. Once I was in the basement, the light went out. Everything was pitch black and the screeching stopped immediately. I used to be shivering but now there is a puddle of pee on the basement floor!

As the pee soaked in the wood I started to think about the good old times that me and Max had back at the swamp and for the first time in my life I wanted to give up, but no,

“I have to push on”, I said to myself.

As I was walking out of the basement door, the weird screeching noise kept on ringing in my ear. I thought someone was physically in front of me with an air horn blasting at my ear. Who knows if there was or wasn't in the deep dark meadows. My grandfather would also call it the magical, mythical, magnificent meadow. But I just called it the **scary meadows!**

After I came out of the haunted house, I started to search in other places. Although I didn't find Max, at least I found some valuable treasures like a phoenix feather that I found under a huge tree, and just as I found the feather, a phoenix soared over me from

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that very tree the feather was under. I also found a ruby. I felt like I was being watched. I heard something. *Is it who I think it is?*

“MAX?” I shouted

”RIO! I missed you so much,” he shouted back.

“Same, so what happened to you?”

“That's for me to know and you to find out,” Max said.

“Now let's head home.”

“Oh about that, um... let's catch a ride on the vultures. I don't think they bite.”

And off the two friends went.

For now...

There once was a baby bird born with no wings. One day when mama bird was out getting food, baby bird fell out of the nest onto the ground. Plop went the baby bird. The baby bird shouted "Help! Help!" But mama bird was out. The baby bird went looking for help.

Baby bird was walking through the forest when he saw a baby fox. "Do you know how to fly?" asked the baby bird. "No" said the baby fox, "I'm a fox, I don't know how to fly but I have this tape." The tape was as sticky as slime. "Thank you" said the baby bird and walked on with his tape.

The baby bird was walking when he saw a baby bear. "Do you know how to fly?" asked the baby bird. "No" said the baby bear. "I'm a bear, I don't know how to fly but I have some cardboard." The cardboard was as brown as the bark on the trees. "Thank you" said the baby bird and walked on with his tape and his cardboard.

The baby bird kept on walking until he saw a baby deer. "Do you know how to fly?" asked the baby bird. "No" said the baby deer, "I'm a deer, I don't know how to fly but I have some glue." The glue was as white as snow. "Thank you" said the baby bird and walked on with his tape, cardboard and glue.

The baby bird kept on walking when he saw a baby moose. "Do you know how to fly?" asked the baby bird. "No" said the baby moose, "I'm a moose, I don't know how to fly but I have some scissors." The scissors were as red as a ruby. "Thank you" said the baby bird and walked on with his tape, cardboard, glue and scissors.

Then the baby bird got an idea. He could use the supplies to make his own wings! Glue bits were flying. Tape was stuck everywhere. Cardboard was crunching. Scissors were snipping. After a long time with the tape, glue, cardboard and scissors he finally got his new wings. He put his new wings on and flew right back to the nest just in time for dinner.

Now the baby bird, the baby fox, the baby bear, the baby deer and the baby moose are all best friends and they will do anything for each other.

CHAPTER ONE

Whinney N. Wicked knew the way the world worked. A sorceress cursed a princess, a prince kissed the princess (eww), the sorceress was defeated, and the kingdom was saved. The only problem was that she didn't want to curse a princess and make her kiss a silly prince.

But what could she do? Refuse? Everyone in the village could remember the last time someone had done that; that wasn't what Whinney was doing. Still it wasn't until a week before her cursing day that she realized that she needed to run away.

She didn't know why she hadn't come up with it before; it had just never been done.

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Tonight was the night. If she was going to do this, it would have to be soon. After a week of careful planning she knew when she needed to do it, how she needed to do it, and what she needed to do.... she hoped.

Her mother would come in to wake her up so she could get ready at 5:00am. By then she would already be gone.

She watched the enchanted clock and listened. Rrready... Rrready... Aaand...
Now!

She slipped out of bed, careful not to make the floor squeak, and rushed outside. The night greeted her with a series of chirps and growls as she went to the path she had well worn for the last couple of days.

Then disaster struck. A loud yell came from her house. Whinney froze. People started to come towards where she was. Whinney's mother burst out of the house. "Where could she be?!" she shouted. Whinney started to edge toward her hiding place. "There she is!" someone in the crowd shouted.

Whinney broke into a run; they would see her if she went to her hiding place now. Her only chance was the woods that surrounded the village.

The people were on her tail by now. She put on a big spurt of energy, she wouldn't be able to keep it up much longer.

All of a sudden she saw a pair of hands beckoning to her from inside a bush. As she passed the hands pulled her in. "Thank you!" Whinney said breathlessly as her eyes adjusted to the full darkness of the bush. Then as they did she registered who had saved her. Sitting in front of her, looking with curious eyes was princess Asha!

The Portal

"Hey Mom! I'm back from basketball practice," shouted Stacey. Stacey was a 14 year old girl who lived with her mom, dad, and little sister, in a town called Seaside.

"Hi Honey! Go get ready for Grandma's birthday dinner!" Stacey's mom replied.

"It's tonight?" yelled Stacey.

"Yes! Go pick out your clothes and get ready," said her mom.

Stacey went upstairs to her room. "My room is a mess," Stacey whispered. She saw that there were clothes everywhere! It was hard to walk. She went to choose an outfit but she accidentally tripped on a pile of clothes, hit her head on her bed, and landed on top of her favourite rainbow 3D sweater. "OWW!" yelled Stacey, as she rubbed her forehead. Her head started to hurt.

As she opened her eyes she saw bright colours everywhere, and a moving shape she didn't recognize. She was confused. "Are you alright?" said the odd shape.

Stacey gasped, "Where am I? What are you? Are you a talking block?"

The stranger spoke, "So sorry, I should explain... My name is Gerald and I'm the mayor of Portlandia. A place full of colour and wonder. You are sitting in the Town Square. Look around you, see all the shapes?" he asked.

"Yes," said Stacey, confused.

"Here in Portlandia, the sky isn't blue, the grass isn't green. And my people don't look like your kind. We are shape people!" said Gerald.

Stacey looked around. "How did I get here?" wondered Stacey.

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"You must have found a portal, but I'm glad you're here because we need your help!" Gerald sounded terrified.

"Why do you need my help?" asked Stacey.

"Master Evil Bottom wants to take all of the colour out of this land and make it grey! He hates colour so he developed a colour-sucking machine, and he's ruining Portlandia! We must sneak into his secret lair, and destroy it," cried Gerald.

"I'm in! I just need to be back in time for dinner. Wait, how do I get home?" worried Stacey.

"You help me destroy the machine, and I'll make sure you get home in time! Follow me," said Gerald.

While they were walking Stacey noticed something strange. "Wait a minute, why does the sky look like my 3D sweater?" wondered Stacey. She gasped, "GERALD! I think I know how I got here! When I was in my room getting ready, I tripped and fell on my 3D sweater. Then I woke up here!" said Stacey.

"Ohhh!" said Gerald as he was very surprised. "You landed in our Town Square, The eye of the portal is there! Your sweater must have a portal, too! I can blast you back up with my rocket ship! When you enter Portlandia from a portal, you can always go back!" explained Gerald.

Stacy was so relieved! "YES!" she yelled. "Wait, will I make it home in time for my grandma's birthday dinner?" worried Stacey.

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"Of course! Time in Portlandia is different than your world!" said Gerald. "What do you mean?" asked Stacey, confused.

"One hour in Portlandia is only one minute where you're from! So we should have plenty of time to get you home!" said Gerald.

When Stacey heard the word "home", she felt like she was about to burst. "Phew!" said Stacey, happily.

"We better go fast, before the portal is gone!" yelled Gerald. They started to run. As they were running, Stacey noticed something strange. The sky wasn't the colour of her 3D sweater anymore! The sky was changing to grey! They had to hurry before it was too late. As they got closer they heard Master Evil Bottoms' evil laugh.

"We need to hurry! The machine is starting to work!" screamed Gerald. Gerald and Stacey reached the gate of the lair. Gerald opened his square shaped body and pulled out a shovel.

Stacey gasped. "You had all that in your body this whole time?" said Stacey, surprised.

"My box body comes in handy," laughed Gerald.

Stacey giggled. Gerald started digging a hole to get under the fence. "What's our plan?" asked Stacey. Gerald opened his box and pulled out a bomb to show Stacey. He also had a lab coat, moustache, and a wig.

"What's that for?" questioned Stacey.

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"A disguise!" whispered Gerald. "You see, the workers are human like you! They won't suspect you!" explained Gerald. Stacey put on the disguise and Gerald handed her the bomb. "See the Colour-Sucker? Place this bomb beside the machine, enter the code 7870, and run for your life! Good luck, you are our last hope," said Gerald.

"I got this," said Stacey. Stacey snuck into the lair. She walked towards the machine and pulled out the bomb from her lab coat. "7870," whispered Stacey. She put the bomb next to the machine, ran as fast as she could to the tunnel and made it back to Gerald. "RUN!!!" screamed Stacey.

Gerald and Stacey ran from the bomb. They heard the bomb explode and ducked. When they turned around, they saw the sky had turned back into the 3D sweater pattern, and colour returned to Portlandia. "You did it!!!" shouted Gerald. "You saved Portlandia! Thank-you so much!!" Gerald hugged Stacey.

"You're very welcome! I am happy I could help but...I really need to get back home!" Stacey was ready to go home.

"Right! Follow me," said Gerald. They walked back to Town Square. They were happy the portal was back! Gerald pulled out a rocketship from inside his body box.

"You had that the whole time, too!?" screamed Stacey. "Yep, I have many things inside," answered Gerald.

Stacey hugged her block shaped friend again, and said goodbye. She quickly hopped in the rocketship, and she was off. Stacey waved down at Portlandia when suddenly her head was hurting again. She blinked a few times. When her eyes opened,

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she was on the ground, on top of her sweater. She heard her mom yell, "Stacey, are you ready?"

She looked down at her 3D sweater. "Whoa!"

The Taste of War - WWII
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Chapter 1

It was a cold night on the front line, my feet shivered as the wind hit my cold wet body. Hi, my name is Patrick, I am 22 years old and a soldier in the US Army. We are stationed in Germany. It is June 1941. I have a family in London. 'Get up we need to move' says my Private. I jump up but my body pushes me back to my trench. "We haven't slept for 2 days sir" I say. 'No complaining, get up now!' he replies. I grab my backpack, ammunition and helmet. This might save me, I think

Chapter 2

We march in formation for a while but then people start forming into groups. Suddenly, we fall into some type of old trench and get soaked with muddy water. When I reach to pull myself out I grab something strange and slimy. I look over to see what it is, it is a dead man shot right in the head! I jumped out of the trench in shock! 'Is someone scared?' yells another soldier who is right beside me. Everybody around me burst into laughter. The embarrassment runs through my veins". I am not, you idiot' I shout. My Private grabs both of us by our neck. 'Will you shut up you two!' "Sorry sir", I say, The Private puts me down. I run back to my group and continue marching and am quiet.

Chapter 3

We walked for about a couple more hours. When we stop for dinner, our team leader, Jack, throws us each half a cracker. That's all we get for dinner. When we are done we are sent to a spot where we dig a trench and try to sleep. Sadly we have to sleep with a buddy and I am stuck with Grayson. He is a very skinny guy and he loves cigarettes 'Hey you want a cigarette?' " No thank you', I say. "Why do you not smoke?'he asks. 'No I don't smoke,' I reply. " Well that is stupid" he says. I curl up my wet body in my army vest, eating my last bit of cracker. " Well we better get digging" Grayson barks, as he pulls out his shovel,"Let's do this!, I say. We dig for about 20 minutes then we stop to have a break." Well, we are about halfway there!" Grayson says. "Yeah I guess so' I say, Our conversation comes to a stop. Our General walks in, "What are you guys doing?" he shouts. There is a moment of silence. 'Well good, cause here is our plan. We are going to move to the East". 'But sir" I say, " there are nazi everywhere! It would be too dangerous!". "I don;t care what you think", he replies " those are the orders". He gives us more instructions. When he was done talking we started digging again. When we finished we jumped in the wet hole to try to get some rest. All of a sudden, a tank comes driving in and everybody jumps out of their trenches. It is our reinforcements! The tank driver jumped out of the tank and started walking towards me. I was terrified. When he was close enough he spoke in a dirty voice, "Hey kid." "Yeah," I say in a very shy

voice. 'We need you in our tank, we don't have enough men '. 'Sure?' I answer. 'Great pack your stuff and let's go.' I get into the tank and we go with his troop into the night.

CHAPTER 4

"Have you ever been in a tank before?" he asks. " No?" I say. "Well it is the best!!" he says. "Where did you come from?" I ask the soldier. "We came from the west. Let me show you inside." The inside of the tank is dark and hot. It's a small space with good seats and lots of machinery. " Wow, it is so nice here!". "I know right.", says the soldier. A couple hours later we arrive in a small, destroyed town. When the driver parks the tank, the soldier says " okay, it's safe here, there are no Nazis. It's time for bed!" " Where do I sleep?" I ask. " Um, maybe on the floor?" he says. 'Okay I guess" I say. It was very uncomfortable but I didn't have any other place to sleep. So I sit down on the hard floor and try to rest my body.

Chapter 5

In the morning the tank driver gives me some meat. The meat is so tender and perfect it was like my wife made it. "Where did you get this meat?" I ask. "We hunted in the forest a few days ago" he says. 'Hey let's get moving' says the soldier in a dark voice . "Okay guys, get the tank going and get our spare tank shells in here right now". 'Sir, where are we headed?" I ask. 'To another small

town, but it has nazi's everywhere, so we have to be prepared for anything". "Sir you never told me what my job is in the tank." I say. " Oh you shoot the cannon.' He shows me the shell and where to put it. There is a lever to the bottom, and he shows me how to push it to launch the canon. To aim the cannon, he shows me the scope I have to look through. We drive for about 45 minutes but when we got there we could tell the Germans were there because there was barbed wire everywhere. "Somebody cut that fence," orders my Private, who has been following us in another tank and arrived at the same time. A dude named Gregory comes out of a group and started cutting the wire. It took quite a while but then he finally got through. BOOM he flies up in the air, body parts flung like crazy. He lands and is dead. All the sudden a German soldier popped out and yells to let his fellow soldiers know we are here. He then opens fire, but he is hit by one of us before he could touch anyone. We drive forward knowing there are more. I was terrified. We drive for another 20 minutes when we stop to have a break. I stayed in the tank because it is the safest place. I pulled out my last piece of bread. It was good but it did have some dirt on it. "Let's get going" says the tank driver. I quickly eat my last piece of bread when the rest of the crew return. We all had scared faces but we knew what we had to do for our country . We had to be brave and continue on. "Guys you ready?" the soldier says. "Yes" we yell. We turn on our engine and give our captain a scared look. After about 10 minutes of driving we come to a stop because the road is blocked with cars and trucks. "Darn, you idiots" say the soldiers marching with us. I jump out of

the tank to ask how we get through this. ‘Sir, how are we going to fit through this?’ I ask. “We will have to hit another road. Lets get a move on people” he yells in a mean scary voice. I jumped back in the tank. The entire troop turns around and heads back to find another road. I keep my eyes peeled for another road. Finally we find a rough looking road. We drive on the destroyed bumpy road for about 20 minutes when somebody in the tank had to puke. We don’t stop.

When it was finally night time we set up beside a big tower. I can not sleep because I was thinking there might be a German soldier ready in the morning to snipe me. I finally fall asleep, hoping tomorrow we will reach the town and clear the Germans out for good.

THE END

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Olivia. She was 9 years old and she lived in Kamloops BC. One day, she and her mom went to walk their dog named Rosie. They went to the dog park so Rosie could run around. Olivia saw a dog that looked like an alien. She asked her mom, "could that be an alien?"

Her mom said, "it's a costume made out of cardboard."

Olivia said, "Mom, look it's round and you can't make round cardboard."

Her mom said, "It's fake." Then they started to walk home.

When they got home Olivia went up to her dad and asked, "Is there such a thing as aliens?"

He said..... "maybe."

She said, "really? There could actually be another planet with aliens on it."

He said, "I don't know." It was time for her to go to bed, but right when she was about to close her eyes she heard a bang!!!! She said, "What was that!!!" She sat up and saw her closet halfway open with a glowing light. She got out of bed, walked up to her closet, and opened it all the way; there was a little portal. She put her hand through the portal and her hand disappeared. She thought she was seeing things so she went back to bed.

The next morning she went downstairs to have breakfast and asked her parents. "Are portals a real thing?" she asked

They said, "We're not sure. We've never seen one."

Then she went back to her closet and thought, "should I jump?" She decided to jump into the portal where she saw so many swirly things. She got so dizzy she passed

out. And then she opened her eyes and she found herself laying on the ground in this really weird place. She got up and she saw a lot of moving creatures. She started moving around. The creatures didn't look like humans, they looked like aliens. She realized she was in a different universe. All the buildings looked normal but the ground and sky looked so dark and sad. Even the people looked sad and there were tears running down their eyes. She decided to go into one of the buildings because she was hungry. She was going to go to one of the stores called the Human Café. She was really scared but she was still going to go in. She was about to walk in and she bumped into someone and then he started talking to her a lot.

He said, "hey what are you doing here? You don't look like all the other Gabigas here."

"I'm not. I'm a human," she said.

He called one of his friends over and whispered, "that girl is a human. I think we should get the weapons."

"Are you sure she's a human?" the guy whispered back.

"Yes, she told me," he whispered.

"Ok, I'll get the weapons," the guy whispered. As they went to get the weapons Olivia started to run, but all of the Gabigas were surrounding her and then the guys came back with the weapons.

She was so scared, but right when they were about to pull the trigger she said, "Wait! I realized how sad all of you guys are and how dark this place is and I think I know how to fix it. I learned that everyone has some happiness deep down. You just have to feel a little bit of it."

Then everyone started looking at each other and asking each other what they liked and stuff. They all started smiling and hugging each other and they felt happy. Then the sky turned blue and the people had colour and everyone was dancing and they were happy.

Once upon a time there were two girls that were walking on the beach. Their names were Hanna and Katie, and they were best friends. Then this happened, but let me just start over.

Like I said, they were walking on the beach and there was a glowing light. There was a broken heart and a flower head with a stem. They put it together, they fell back and it became a key to the magic garden. They held onto the broken heart and started going. They found a big gate and they put the flower key into the keyhole and a wonderful magic garden opened up right in front of them!

But, they weren't the only ones there. Hanna remembered that her mom told her what happened to her dad. Those people that were in the garden hurt her dad. So they were coming after his daughter, Hanna.

The girls ran and found the biggest tree possible. It was almost 300 feet tall! They climbed as high as they could, and luckily the bad guys didn't see them. They wondered if they should set a distraction to make sure they didn't come back. So they decided to make a trap to make sure they didn't come back, but the bad guys were trained to break in there all their lives. The bad guys knew what was going to happen, so that didn't work.

So their last choice was to just run out and hope they wouldn't chase them. They did chase them, and the girls locked the gate so they couldn't get back in. So after a few nights they went back but still didn't know what the broken heart was for.

They told their parents that they were going to their friend's for a sleepover, but they were really going back to see the magic garden to see what the bad guys wanted from there.

Katie said, "I thought they were there for the magic flowers."

Hanna thought that they were there for all the magic and Katie agreed. They both now thought that they were there for all the magic.

“If the bad guys have been training all their lives, they're not just there for the flowers,” Katie said.

They stayed overnight and nothing happened so it was time to go back to their houses. They told their parents that they had an awesome time with their friend, but their parents didn't know which friend so they started to get suspicious.

Then their parents asked, “Which friend did you have a sleepover with?”

They said their friend Alex. But Alex was in Spain so they knew they had lied.

Katie said “I think they're getting suspicious.”

But Hanna stopped her there. “They are not getting suspicious!” Hanna yelled at Katie.

Katie said, “You can't yell at me, that's not what friends do!”

Hanna apologized, “I'm sorry I shouldn't have yelled at you. But you're right. They might be suspicious and they might not be, but that's no excuse for me to yell at you.”

“It's ok but I think we should tell our parents because they are really suspicious, and....”

“What?” Hanna said.

“I think it's our only choice,” Katie said nervously. They walked to go and tell their parents.

Katie said, “I think we should tell you something.”

“What is it?” her mom, Leslie, asked.

“We-we have been keeping a secret and we should have told you from the beginning.” answered Katie.

“That doesn't matter,” Hanna's mom, Victoria said, “Just tell us what it is.”

“Well we found a key that opened a gate to a magic garden, and long story short, we’re being followed by those guys that hurt dad,” Hanna said.

“Well we have to do something about it! We will show you where the gate is. Follow us, we're here,”Katie said.

“Well open it,” Victoria said. ”Ok... Woah! ” They both said as their mouths opened all the way.

“Yeah, we told you it was magical,” said Katie.

“There are lots and lots of beautiful flowers,” said Leslie. Then she looked it up on her phone to see if there was such a thing as a big tree around 300 feet tall.

“Is there one here?” Hanna asked.

Katie said, "didn't we hide behind a 300 foot tree or something when the bad guys were here?"

“Yeah we did!” replied Hanna. But the happiness just ended, because the bad guys were back. Turns out that Hanna and Katie were focused on the bad guys, Leslie was still on her phone looking up the magic flower and it wasn't like the other flowers. It was the cursed flower. It could curse somebody however you wanted, send them away, trap them somewhere, or make them do something, anything!

So Leslie had an idea. She told Victoria and then they both told the girls, Hanna and Katie. They also thought it was a great idea. So what were they going to trap it in?

“I have the perfect idea,” Hanna said “Trap it in the broken heart!”

“That's a great idea! I forgot about the broken heart!” said Katie.

“So what do we have to do?” Hanna asked.

“We first have to find it.” Leslie said.

“Where would we find it?” Katie asked.

“On the other side of the magic garden,” Leslie said, afraid.

“Where's the other side of the magic garden?” Katie asked.

“They call it the dark garden.” Leslie answered.

“Well let's go there then”, Hanna said.

“I guess we're going there,” said Katie.

“I found it,” Hanna said.

“Well let's go in, I guess. Guys, it's so dark, I found a flashlight,” Victoria said.

“I see it! Well let's go, at least this place isn't that big,” Katie said. “Let's get these bad guys!”

They ran to find them and they discovered that they had just got in. “I'm so glad that we didn't have to find them,” Victoria said . The bad guys didn't notice they were there, so they opened the broken heart and the magic sucked them inside forever.

Adventure in the Forest

It was a bright and sunny day. Sun was shining down on the shelter. Shen was still sleeping when I woke up. I stood up and took a walk in the forest. I was still thinking about how we got here. Why did we run away from the mansion? I was home sick and I wanted to go back. There is a reason that we ran away though, I thought. We hated that place. Everything had to be how my adoption parents wanted. At that moment Shen woke up. Another day of hunting. I sighed. Nothing was going right for us. Nothing. Good morning. I said to Shen. He grumbled. Want some breakfast? I asked. He grumbled again. I could get that. There was nothing but leaf salad for breakfast. He got up and started sharpening the spears. Today like any other day, we were going to do our routine of #1. Get up. #2. Eat breakfast. #3. Sharpen spears. #4. Go hunting. #5. Explore. #6 Eat dinner. #7. Sit around the fire. And finally #8. Go to bed. So, while Shen is sharpening the spears I am going to eat breakfast, and go hunting. I know you probably think *How can a 14 year old be a hunter?* The answer is I have to hunt. Another question you might ask is *Why can't Shen do the hunting? I mean, you are a girl.* I know I am a girl, but why can't girls hunt? My point is that they *can*. Plus, Shen is too scared to do the hunting. (I know, I am very brave.) Lylia! Shen said. Time for you to go hunting! I took some spears, and a bow, and took off. When I got to the forest, I started to slow down my pace. There was a big fluffy rabbit behind the bush. I just needed perfect aim... Stttkkkk! The arrow hit the rabbit right in the middle and I yelled...

BullsEye! Blood came trickling down the rabbit so I picked up a huge leaf and put it around it. *A perfect dinner.* Just as I was heading back, I heard a growl behind me. *Uh, oh...* I thought. I turned around and saw... a humongous tiger! I turned around and screamed. Then I took off as fast as my legs could carry me. But, the tiger just stood there. She took another big growl, turned and left. I stopped running and panted. But I was still scared of the tiger. Luckily, I was near the shelter when I got back. Shen asked what did you... t, t,t, tiger! I blurted out. *Whattttt???* Said Shen. *You saw a Tiger?!* Um, hum. I gulped. This was probably the most scary incident of my life. Well, said Shen. Let's see what you got for dinner. I held out the rabbit which made a bloody stain on my hand. Nice! Said Shen. Now, go and cook it. Ughh. I *hate* cooking. Except I have to cook because *I'm the girl.* So, I fired up the wood stove, and started cooking the rabbit. Next up, on my list was to go explore. I mean, it is our second day here. So, where should I start first? I wondered. Maybe, just maybe, I could start in the forest. So, I decided that I would start in the forest. I took a path that looked like it might lead somewhere ancient. I followed it until I stopped dead in my tracks. Right in front of me there was the same humongous tiger! I was about to run and scream like last time but then I remembered something. Last time, the tiger didn't hurt me. So I just stood there trying to keep calm. The tiger looked at me and turned around. Should I follow her? I thought. So, I followed her deep into the forest. She stopped. I stopped. She was just about to show me something, when off in the distance I heard a faint

voice. Lylia! Where are you? It was Shen. I looked at the tiger. Her eyes seemed to be saying *go*. So, I went where Shen's voice came from. Lylia! He said when I came out of the forest. Where were you? I... Um, I was looking for wood. Oh, he said. But, you broke the rules! No, leaving camp without my permission! He yelled. I am 14! I yelled back. I am a *teenager!* Yeah, and I'm 16! Hey, where are you going! I ran back to camp in tears. That night we didn't talk. I was too upset about our fight. He tries to take care of me but he just doesn't understand. That night I snuck out of camp. I left Shen a note to let him know how I felt. I went into the forest, to the spot I had met the tiger. Sure enough, she was there. I followed her, this time, past the place Shen had called me. Then, I saw what the tiger wanted to show me. It was a little cottage made out of wood. The tiger nodded her head towards the little cottage. I knocked on the door and an elderly woman answered. Hello darling. She said. Who are you? I answered. I am Abuela, and I sent my tiger, Sissy, to come get you. She has been watching you, and she knows you have big dreams. I am an elderly woman with no children, so how about you come live with us? What about my.... Your brother will be fine. She said. 2 years later...

Hunny! Abuela said. (She is basically my mother now.) Yes? I said. You got a letter! It was from Shen! He had got safely back to Ireland and was now living with his new girlfriend! I almost cried when I got the letter, I was happy for him. But, all I needed was a free heart and someone I can trust.

The End.

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The Story of Gildmore Grove

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As I walked through the forest of Gildmore Grove the brown and red leaves crunching under my feet . The basket I was holding full to the brim of plump Saskatoon berries swinging at my side. I was nearly at the border of Animaliaes [and for those of you that have been living under a rock for the past I don't know 1000 years let's say,the border of Animaliaes is a big border that separates magical people and non magical people I am a magical person] I could almost touch it but then a sharp grasp fell on my shoulders pulling me back I turned around quickly to see a face a awful terrible horrid face showing a yellowy toothy grin: ST.Jack the pilgrim. The next thing I knew I was lying on what seemed to be cell floor the ceiling dripping on the floor my ankles chained to the floor my head rushing, I had never felt like this before I always had magic to heal me when I did get sick , and that's instant stuff, if only humans knew that we would never hurt them we could heal so many of there people and save them. Just then a harsh voice yelled “get up you filthy no good witch” really witch that's the best he could come up with OMG I am like so offended. Anyhow I stood up slowly with my head on fire. He unlocked my cell murmuring something under his breath all I could make out was “stupid witch that's all you could think of really humf” at least he knew it was a really stupid insult. He picked up the chains that I had just noticed were on my hands and legs but he just picked up the ones on my hands and lead me to a huge

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room I think the normies call a judging house where one of the most scariest man to the magical world ST.Jake the Pilgrim leader he was known for burning at the stake innocent magical people for his amusement. Cruel just pure evil. I can't even think that someone would do that. At least not to me I am still a kid only 14 to be clear and is that even legal? His old bone hand motioned me to a table where the guard unchained me? They know that I can just book it for the door right now and I was thinking about it but I will stand my ground. ST.Jake said in a harsh voice " You anne of glidmore grove are sentenced to life cleaning" ohh thank god that it wasn't death or I would have booked it out of there but cleaning for a month wait he said LIFE!!!! This is bad, like really bad. The guard chained me up again and we left. I was awestruck. I had never heard something that threatening in my whole life. I wasn't too freaked out okay maybe I Was a little freaked out I'll just honest I was terrified shaking in my boots. All I wanted was to be home safe with my mom's. I couldn't remember much but I can remember my mom running trying to pull me into the other side of the border. I know if she had just been a little bit faster I would be safe home of course I am not blaming her.

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Chapter 2 stupid soap

The next day I woke with a start hoping the day before was just a dream and I would be safe in my room but I was in a bland room instead of my posters of johnny king . A big list that said jobs on it. I read it l slowly

- Wash tables
- Empty bedpans
- Do the dished
- Make dinner
- Fold clothes
- 5 minute lunch
- Repeat

Meet in the dinning /levitory/kitchen/workout room

Oh grand, just grand a bathroom and a dining hall. I just can't imagine who thought about that. I got dressed into clothes that I saw on the floor. It appeared that I was on the very top floor and getting to the bottom floor was a very hard thing to do and when I finally did I was hoping to see a big plate of steaming bumble berry waffles, but much to my disappointment there was no waffles, just a bowl of cold mushy oatmeal it tasted like cardboard and no matter how much sugar you put init it will still tasted like that and I hate it. I looked at the folded pieces of the list of chores you had to do before the end

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of the day. It was annoying but I still did it. In the middle of the table scrubbing I yelled “STUPID SOAP” I was so angry and at the end of the day we had to turn in the chores we did and hope they didn’t get in trouble for not doing all of them at the end of the day my list looked like this

- Wash tables
- Empty the bedpans
- Do the dishes
- Make dinner
- Fold clothes
- Five minute lunch
- Repeat

I looked at my list revealed that I had done everything but other girls looked panicked, their hands shaking as they looked at their list. I stepped up first and handed in my list. The person took it and then looked at me and said sharply “NEXT” I walked as fast as I could out the door trying to not think about what would happen to the other girls. I swallowed hard and then a genius thought came to my head. The guard was too distracted to notice that I still had my bag, and in it there was a skeleton key that could unlock any door but I could only use it once so if I screwed this up it would be game over. That night I used a pin to unlock my cell and snuck to the door it unlocked and I was free.

The Great Scientist

Once upon a time, there was a family of seven. Two adults and five kids. Between the kids, there were 3 boys and 2 girls. The boys and girls didn't really get along. So, since the boy and girl siblings didn't get along, the girls played with each other and the boys played with each other. The girls were the oldest of the kids and the boys were the youngest. The girls' names were Lily and Addy, and the boys' names were James, Nicky and Max. The girls were both 12 years old but the boys were 9 10 and 7. Twelve-year-old Addy wanted to be a scientist when she grew up.

When Addy was 19 years old she went to scientist school. She was in school for 6 years but she thought it was worth it. After finishing scientist school, she graduated and became a real scientist. When she went to her lab, she felt it was like her home. Her first science assignment was to research Covid and help get rid of it. She had to find what to put in the covid shot to get rid of covid. She was working hard to find out what to put in the shot.

One week and six days later she found out what to put in the covid shot. That night she found out what to put in the shot she stayed at the lab late. She wanted to make sure that the covid shot was perfect. After she made sure that the covid shot was perfect she went home to her little apartment. when she got to her apartment, she felt super lonely so she got on her couch and used her phone to look up animal shelters. She found one ten kilometres away from her apartment called Anna's animal shelter and they had dogs, cats, bunnies, hamsters, birds, reptiles and more.

That night Addy went to the shelter and found a very cute dog. It was a black lab and she loved him, so she adopted him. Addy bought him lots of food, treats, toys, a leash, and a collar. Addy left the animal shelter and went to bed with her new dog, but she didn't know what to name him. She thought about the name Cooper. Yes, she said in her head that's the name, his name is Cooper.

When she woke up that morning, she felt really sick, maybe she had Covid she thought. She grabbed a covid test in her drawer, and it showed that she had covid. That morning she called her boss & told him she was sick with Covid. Her boss told her she had 3 days to get better, and then told her to call him back. She said okay.

Since she was sick, another scientist had to make sure the covid shot was perfect. The next day, the scientist that made the covid shot, tested it on a person for the first time, but a few days later that person got Covid. So, when Addy got back to her lab she worked on the shot and when she was done her boss came over to say that tomorrow she would be giving her shot to someone who was sick.

That night Addy and Cooper cuddled in the bed. That morning she got to the lab her boss was there with a very sick person. Her boss told her that this person needed to get a Covid shot or he would perish. It put a lot of pressure on Addy, but luckily her special Covid shot worked, and Addy became the best scientist in the world.

The End.

THE ROTTEN SOCKS

PACIFIC WAY
GRADE 4
MIA WITTAL

“ Yum ” I say as I eat the leftovers my mom gave to me and my brother to eat for dinner while her and Dad were out on a date. She left us all that was left of thanksgiving dinner. My mom is a great cook which is why she quadrupled the batch but she forgot that my Dad’s half of the family is in Mexico (Dad’s half of the family has the biggest appetite so we have tons of leftovers). My brother’s name is Max, he’s got brown hair with blue eyes and wears the clothes he wore the day before like 3-4 times again. Oh, and did I mention that he is a little pain. Last month he actually had the nerve to call up my boyfriend and tell him all my dark secrets, like that I don’t actually like him and is just using him to get my old boyfriend back, although he broke up with me the next day I got my old boyfriend back in a snap. I head upstairs with some dinner for Max but mostly to check on him to make sure he is not getting up to trouble. I get to the top of the stairs and smell a smell that is worse than a cow pattie. I run to my brother’s room to make sure the smell isn’t him because he hasn’t showered in 12 days but unfortunately he is holding his nose too. I look around his room trying to find out what is making the terrible smell but unfortunately his room is clean. “ Since when do you listen?” I say. Max answers with “ Since mom said she’d pay me \$50! Ha Ha! ”. “Well let’s find that smell or someones gonna end up in the hospital!” I say. “What?” Max says confused. “Nevermind, let’s just find that smell!” I say. I head to his closet because he definitely did not put away all his stuff properly. I open the doors and his closet is clean! “How... Why... Where?” I say more confused than my brother’s ever been and he’s been confused more than a few billion times. “Mom said she’d pay me another \$50 if I do it right.” Max says. “Well, then where else do you think the smell could be coming from?” I ask but he’s dumb as wood, so I don’t think I’ll be getting an answer from him. “Um, Lily?” Max asks. “What do you want right now?” I ask. He doesn’t answer because he knows I’m frusturated. “Actually I might have an idea where the smell is coming from. I’ve never shown anyone what I’m going to show you now, so keep it to yourself.” I say as we enter my room. I open the door to my closet and there’s an

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avalanche of clothes, shoes, and last but certainly not least my makeup. Max and I topple onto the floor covered in stuff that I haven't seen since I was little, then I smell it. I smell the smell that is worse than cow patties. I look around the room trying to find Max but mostly trying to find out what's making the smell. I hear Max yelling, I follow the sound and as I get closer to him the smell keeps getting worse. Once again I think the smell is him, then I find him and he's holding something that looks rotten and oh does it smell bad. It looks like socks but I can't seem to tell because they're rotten. "Where are those from?" I ask. "I found them on top of me when your clothes fell on me. I was about to die! Where do we put them, Lily?" Max says. "No idea, but we need to get rid of them before someone dies and ends up in the hospital." I say. I put them in the garbage and we carry on with our day like nothing happened. I go back to eating my dinner and Max goes back to doing what he was doing before we smelt the smell that is worse than cow patties. I keep enjoying my dinner, then Max comes down. "I smell cow patties again." Max says. "Well I don't. Just go upstairs. Wait, I'm starting to smell something and oh is it worse than before. I grab the socks out of the garbage can. Where do you think we should put it, Max?" I ask. "I think we should put in the garbage cans on the street because today is garbage day and the garbage man will whisk them away in a jiffy!" Max says. I go to put the rotten socks in the garbage cans but I stop in my tracks because I am just being plain rude. It was Max's idea so he should be the one to put the socks in the garbage can. I head upstairs while Max is coming out of his room. "I smell it again Lily." Max says. "No! I just thought because it was your idea you should put the socks in the garbage. Here you go!" I say as I give him the socks. "Thanks, Lily!" Max says. He goes to put the socks in the garbage cans and I go back to eating my dinner for a third time. Max comes in and heads up to his room to put his pajamas on. I head up next to put on my pajamas and put Max to bed. I put him to bed and then put myself to bed. In the morning Mom and Dad are up before me and Max. As me and Max come down the stairs Mom and Dad tell us to sit down because they need to have a little chat. "Hi, children. Um, you're not in trouble but the garbage man called us to say that you guys put some socks in the wrong bin. He also said to give you and Max a wink." Me and Max laugh!

The Great Adventure

A long time ago there was a little girl who lived with her Uncle Oliver, Ollie for short. Oliver would call April, his young niece, Princess and April would call Oliver, Ollie. Uncle Oliver would take April on adventures.

“Uncle Ollie, can you take me with you on your next adventure?”

“Sorry Princess, but this one is too dangerous for you,” explained Oliver to April.

“Oh okay, but promise that next time you will take me with you?” asked April.

“Oh well, I suppose that you can come along with me,” replied Ollie.

“Great!” April replied excitedly.

“We will be going in the morning after breakfast by 7:00:am, so get some sleep .”

“Okay good night Uncle Ollie.”

At 6:00 am the following morning when April woke up, she heard a knock on her bedroom door.

Although she already knew who it was, she asked in her morning voice, “Who is it?”

“It’s Uncle Ollie. I brought your morning breakfast to make sure you’re awake.”

“Coming!” April replied sheepishly, as she got out of bed, slipped into her outfit, made her bed, and did her hair. In her hurry, strands of her red hair fell out of her braid, as she ran down the stairs into the kitchen to meet Uncle Ollie waiting at the table.

“Hey, you’re up bright and early.” -

“Yeah. Just excited for you, but sad that you might be gone for a little while.”

“No need to worry. We just need to wait a little longer for the nanny to arrive and...”

Wait! Who was going to babysit her? She thought.

“Ollie,” April said impatiently, “who is going to take care of me?” She whined to her uncle.

“Oh? What did you say?”

“Who will take care of me?” She said again..

“Mrs. Cooper will come and pick you up and take you to Vancouver to go shopping.”

“Fine.” she mumbled.

After breakfast, April went to the bathroom to brush her teeth and wash her face. Then when she entered the room she felt her stomach clench. She could see Mrs. Cooper was already there with a cup of coffee in her hands.

“Ummm? Good morning, Mrs. Cooper. What brings you here so early this morning?”

“There’s my little princess! I decided to come early to say goodbye to Mr. Ollie.” She said. After uncle Ollie left April felt alone, although she was with Mrs. Cooper.

When Mrs. Cooper left the house to go to the store to get lunch, April snuck outside to go play.

A movement in the corner of the kitchen caught April’s attention and she smiled when she read HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL on a banner that hung from the ceiling. There was a knock on the door, and as 19 year-old April Callaway opened the window to see who it was, Crystal Harfree, Jenny Ross, and Carl Chandler, (her friends) yelled “surprise!” It was so surprising that April jumped and landed on the floor!

Far far away in a land called Prox, there was a little boy. He was called Ace and he was trapped but that's later.

He spent most of his time in a little cabin high in the mountains. If he wasn't in the cabin he would be fishing in the nearby ocean. He mostly tries to get salmon, if he has cod or anything he would give it to his neighbor or sell it. He made a lot of money doing that, enough to buy a new fishing rod and boat. Once he found himself in the ocean he caught some really big fish so he sold it. After that he bought worms. These were special worms they had the ability to catch any fish but they were \$250 - out of his range. So he worked hard to make that much money. He used the worms once and caught a lot of fish. He really wanted to catch a big tuna but it was too big for his boat to handle. Ace and his boat got dragged under the sea!

He felt like he was in a tornado getting pulled under the water. Ace tried to bring the tuna up but it was way too powerful. In his panic he remembered that his great great grandmother was a mermaid but he always thought his mother was lying about that. But no, so he discovered a new underwater city and it was way different then his city. So he wanted to explore the new city. He saw a lot of fish and some fried barnacle. But what he really wanted to see was king Posiden. He wanted to ask about his great great grandmother's story. He really wanted to know if he's part merman or if he is just a regular human. So he went through the jellyfish tornado and climbed over the barnacle tree and there he was. At the entrance of the King's castle he walked inside and saw the king Posiden. He asked all his questions and his grandmother DID used to be the queen of the sea.

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The Ocean's Thief

He was stunned he hadn't heard this much exciting news in years. Now Ace thought he was the prince of the sea. He had always wanted to be a prince. So he started to brag to everybody. People gave him free food and drinks but then it got out of control. People gave him money and their own houses. It was kinda sad they thought he would tell the king something about them to kick them out of the city but he doesn't have that much control but he still was the prince. He forgot what his cabin looked like and his room because he stayed there for too long and didn't know how to get back. But he forgot about that part so he just kept doing normal day things as a prince would do.

Unfortunately the next day, Ace got in a fight with a sea monster. The monster was an octopus but also a shark and sea snail all mixed. He made a deal with the monster. If he could find a gem and king Poseidon's crown then he would make him the new king of the ocean. So he went on a journey where he actually fished one of the gems but he still didn't know how to get back to Prox. He asked the monster if he knew a way to get up to Prox again he said he didn't know, but Ace had a plan.

He would go into a jelly fish tornado. At the top of the tornado is the surface of the sea. So he made his way up the jellyfish tornado in a bubble. The jellyfish were not that big and strong so he got up from the tornado and there he was at the top of the sea. Ace remembered how to get to his house and what the code was to the door and the toy vault he kept the gem in. But he kept thinking if he was really going to take king poseidon's crown but also he wanted to be the king of the sea. So he got the gem and didn't know how to get back down to the city. He tried to swim but that didn't work so he bought a scuba diving suit but the city was too deep. And those tuna went extinct and he stayed on the surface for the rest of his life and sold the gem.