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# HILO'S DAD

Hilo really likes  
his creative, whacky Dad.  
Read on to see if you  
like him, too.



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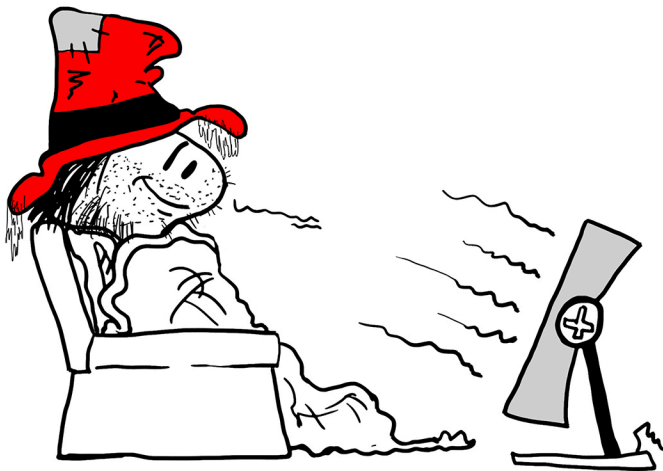
My name is Hilo and this is my Dad.



He isn't this... he isn't that.  
It's hard to explain, really.  
Just look at his hat.



He needs an electric fan  
in every room he goes in.  
Even if the heat doesn't work  
and the fact that he's nearly frozen.



My favorite thing about my Dad  
is the metamorphical machine  
he made.

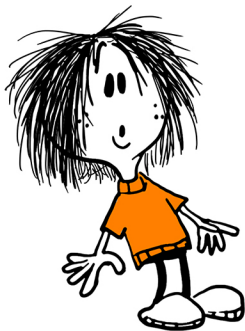
It changes into anything he needs.  
Including a drink and some shade.

Crack // Pop  
Pop Bang  
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When I hear that engine  
CRACK and POP  
BANG and SPIT and SPUTTER...

I run right out the door  
for excitement like no other.



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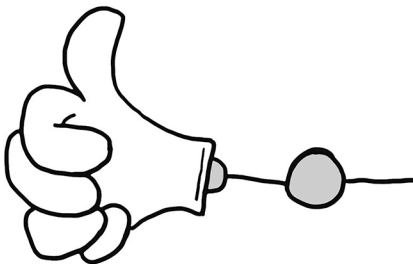
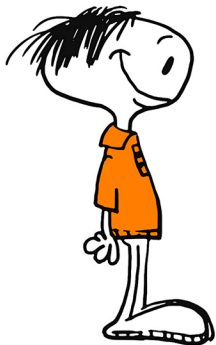


He's modest about this machine  
that helps him quite a bunch.  
I beg to differ (I told him)  
today after lunch.

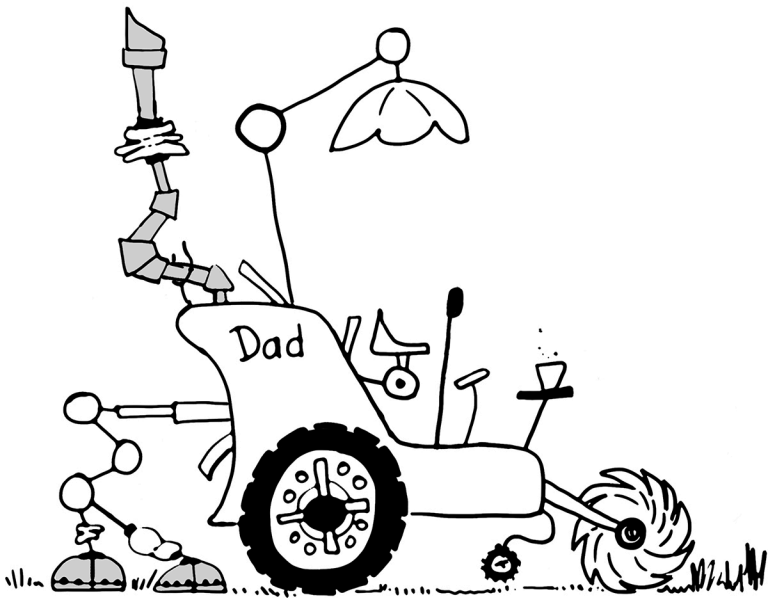


I miss those days  
though my Dad's still here.

It's amazing, too how his  
metamorphical machine  
gets better every year.

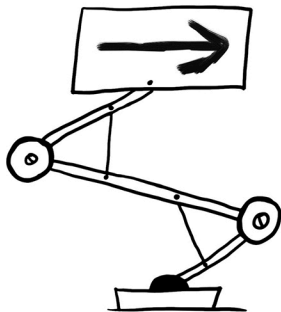


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# Arrows

Jody Splootch finds a mysterious yet interesting series of arrows near his house. Read on to find out how he handles this mysterious adventure.









Jody Splootch one day recent  
found an arrow taped to his hat.

“This is strange,” he thought.

“Who would do something like  
that?”







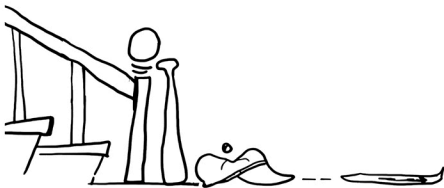


“I wonder what would happen  
if I followed the arrow’s  
direction?”



Which he did.

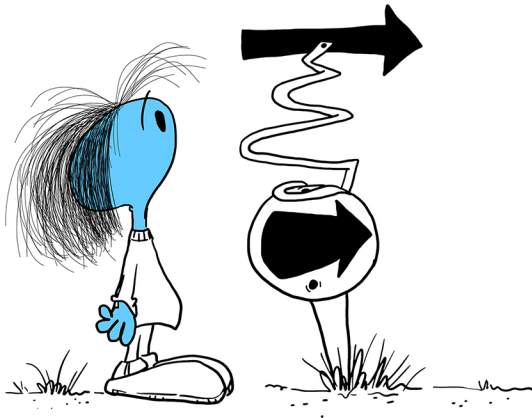
With nearly the  
greatest  
of his affection.



So he followed the arrow's  
intention out into the yard...

and noticed another one right  
away...

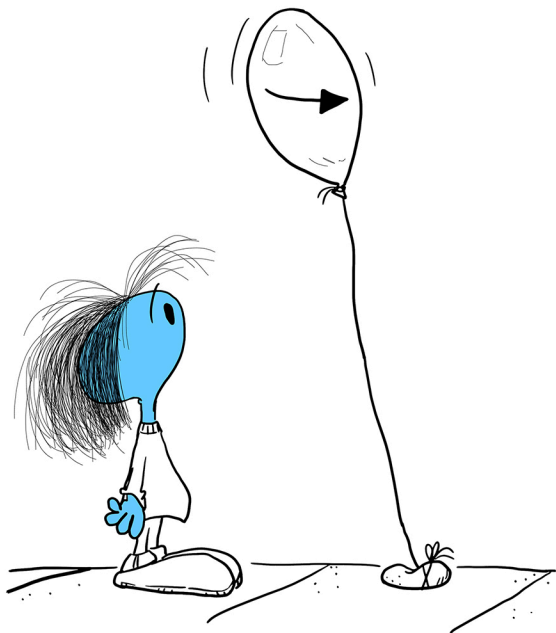
which wasn't very hard.



A guy in a hat stood nearby  
over near the street.

He smiled a little  
and didn't seem to mind  
the arrow  
that  
was  
taped  
to  
his  
feet.



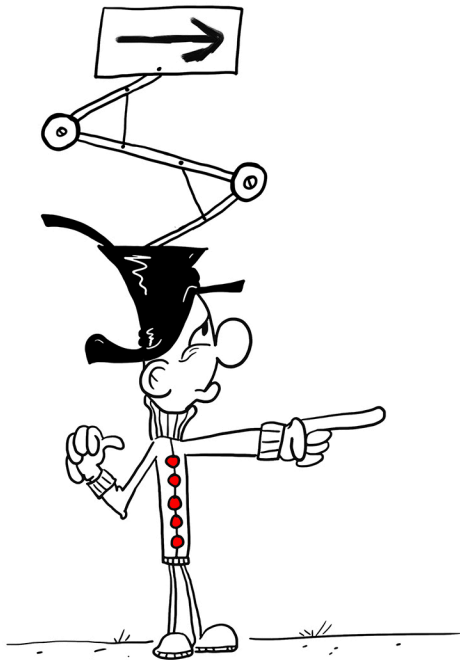


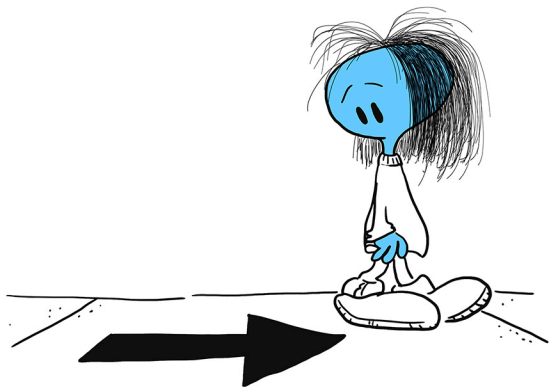


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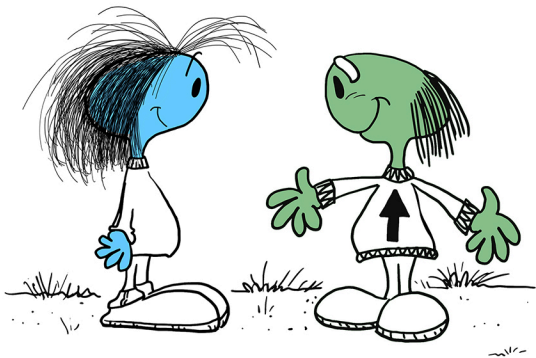
He soon started to wonder  
about how many more he had.



Until he ended up  
in his back yard...

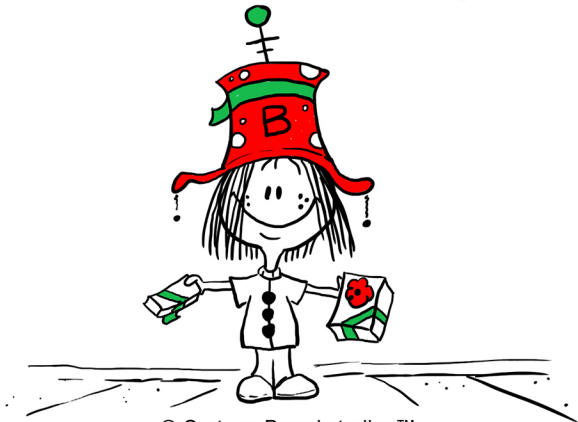


Where right there  
stood his Dad.



# Betty's early Holiday

Betty's excited about the holidays so her Mom lets her open two gifts early. Read on and join in her anticipation and a surprise ending.



I DON'T KNOW WHY I PICKED THIS GIFT.  
ONE I COULD OPEN THAT MOM DID SAY.  
AND DAD DID STATE THAT GREAT THINGS  
LIKE ME  
ARRIVE IN SMALL PACKAGES EVERY DAY.



WOW! LOOK AT THIS PATTERN AND COLOR.  
IT REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN TIE.  
ONE THAT MY DAD ALWAYS WEARS.

HE'S SO MUCH  
MY FAVORITE GUY.





IT LOOKS LIKE THE BABY'S SMILE  
WHEN I HOLD IT JUST THIS WAY.  
HE'S HAPPY NEARLY ALL THE TIME.  
I SWEAR IT GOES ON ALL DAY.

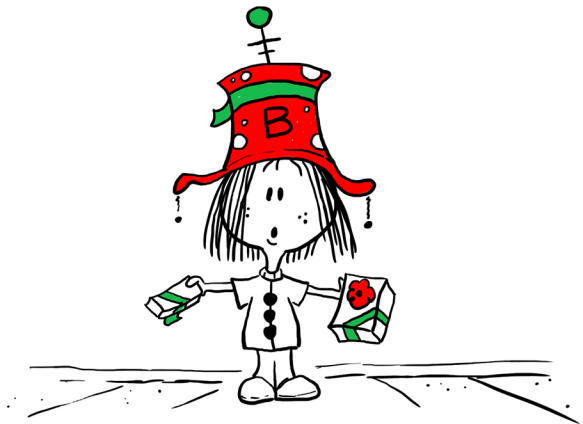


WHEN I HOLD IT LIKE  
THIS IT REMINDS ME  
OF THAT PRETTY  
RED HAired  
BALLERINA'S BELLY.

THE ONE I  
SAW THE  
OTHER DAY...  
ON MY DAD'S  
BRAND NEW  
4K TELLY.



Betty's Mom gave her another gift.  
The other half of the first one, for sure.  
"I know that you will love it," she said,  
"and cherish both gifts a little bit more."



She opened gift number two  
with much curiosity and care.  
Mom and Dad's generosity was obvious.  
Their encouragement filled the air.



“My goodness!” she said right away.  
“It’s fabulous!” she said at first look.  
“It is perfectly, exactly and obviously...  
my number one favorite book!”



TO MOM AND DAD I DO TELL.  
OVERJOYED I AM VERY NEARLY.  
BUT I HAVE TO CONCLUDE WITHOUT  
DOUBT WHEN I SAY...  
HOW PERFECT IS ALL OF THIS?



# Blorb



It's that time of  
year for Blorb to  
scare his good friend  
Baggy Shirt Guy.  
Will this be the  
year he finally  
succeeds? Read on  
to find out.

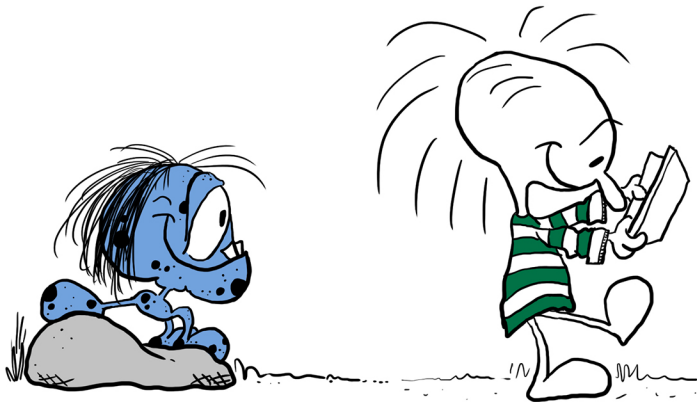
This is Blorb.  
He knows how to morph and change color.  
He wants to scare his friend Baggy Shirt Guy  
in one way or another.



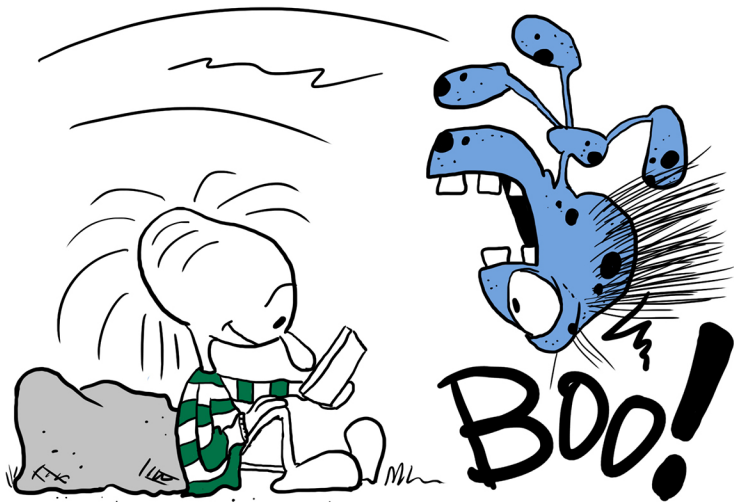


They go through this silly tradition  
at this time every year.

One reads intently while the other  
makes scare plans that are quite clear.



Blorb decided to start off simple.  
Simple as the color blue.  
Jump out suddenly in front of him  
and give him a real loud "BOO!".

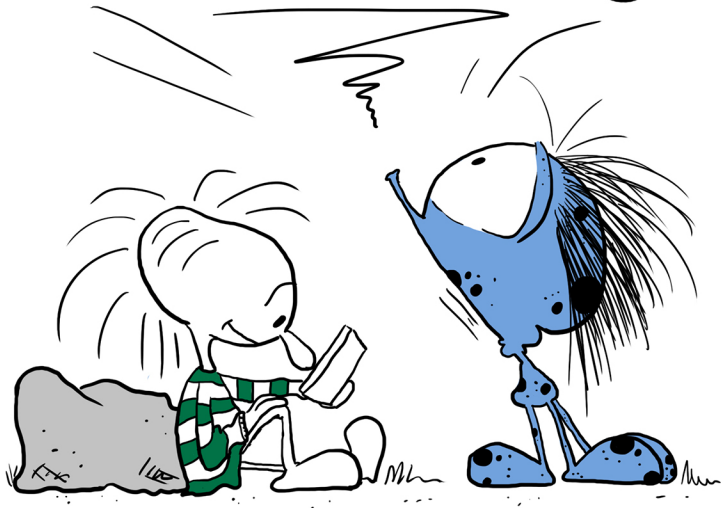


Blorb feels that this is his year  
to finally scare his friend.

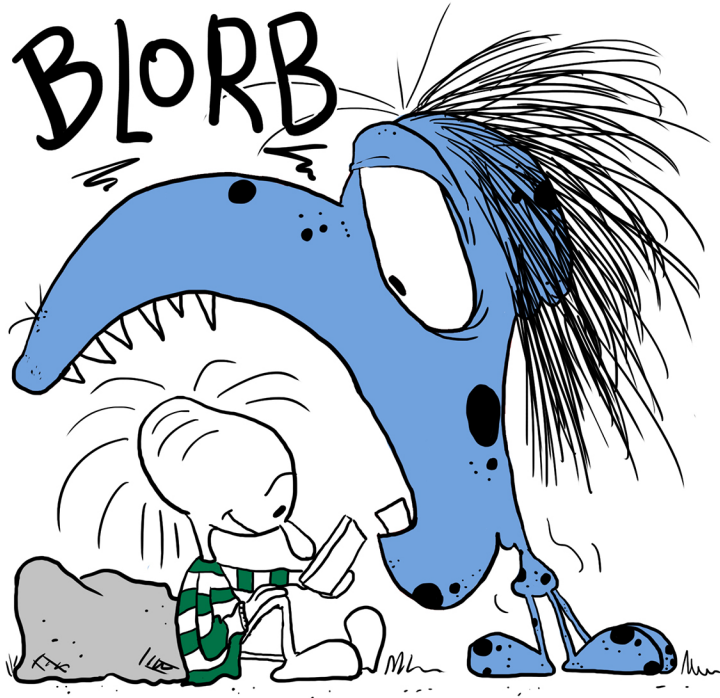
His roar is pure poetry  
and his task will soon have an end.

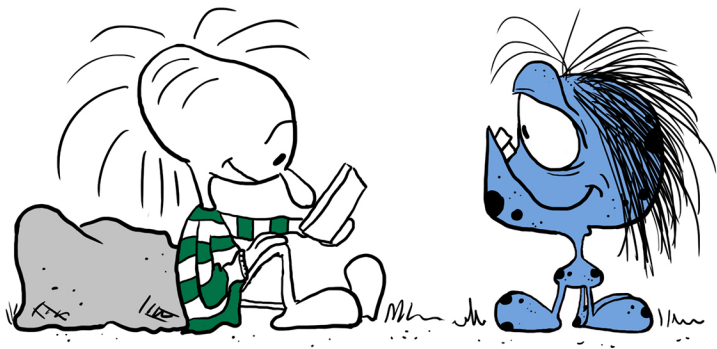


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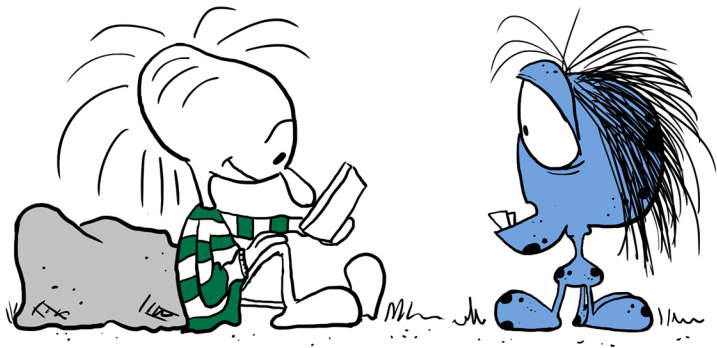


# BLOBB

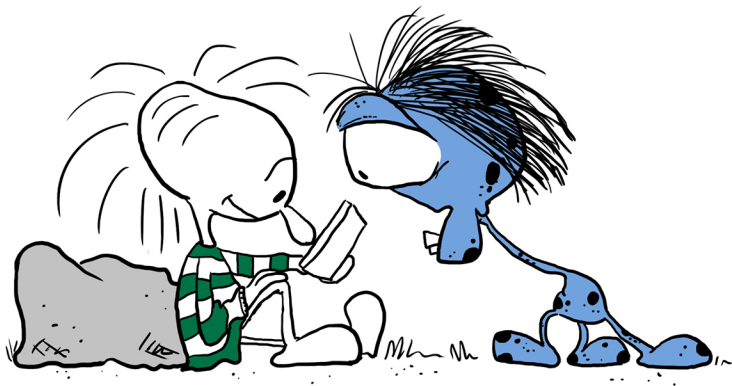




Not a reaction was heard.  
Not a twitch or a sound.  
Baggy Shirt Guy just kept on reading  
as he sat on the ground.



Nothing... nothing at all, thought Blorb.  
Aware of his own puzzled look.  
That must be most definately  
with ninety nine percent probability  
quite a good book.







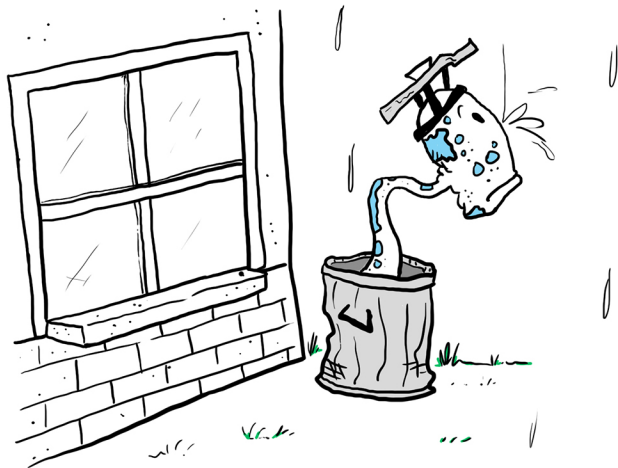
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# Ben

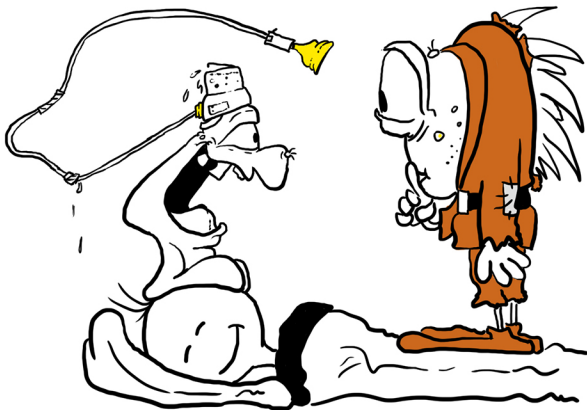
## the puddle jumper

Ben sleeps right before it rains.  
Read on to find out what he does  
when the rain finally arrives.

In a can outside this window  
lives a monster called Mr. Bluestain.  
He's a friendly honorary lookout.  
He lets Ben know when there is rain.



This is Ben the Puddle Jumper.  
Right before it rains he sleeps.  
His other imaginary monsters know this.  
So none of them make a peep.



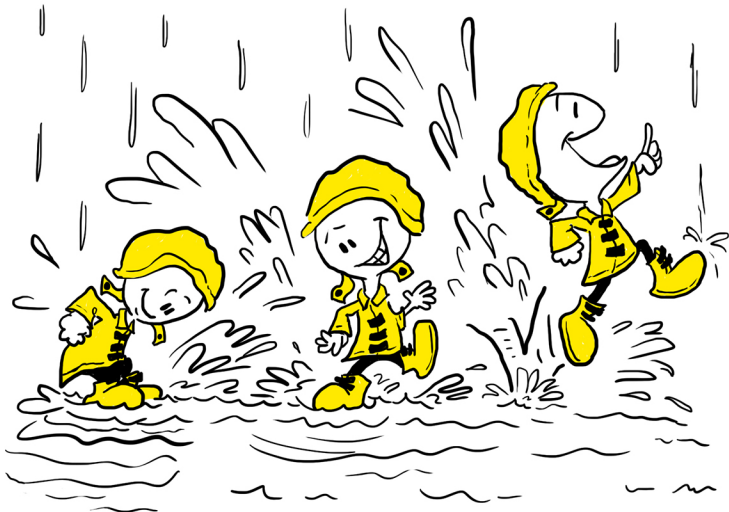
Ben really loves jumping.  
All different kinds, you see.  
It's his favorite thing to do...  
and it doesn't cost anything.  
It's Free!



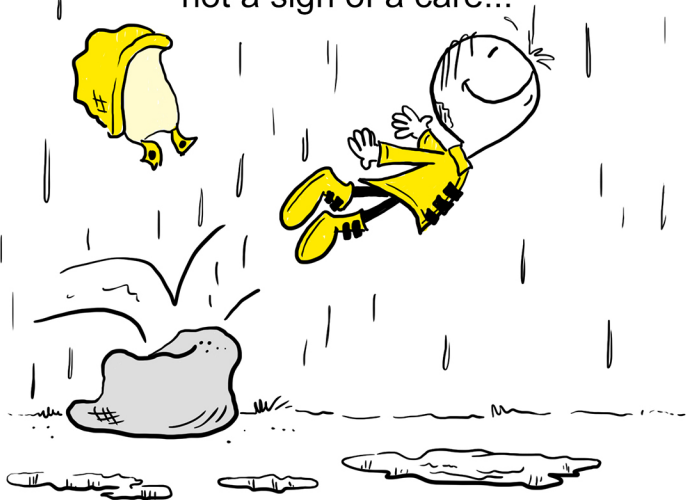
Ah, yes. A perfect puddle.  
This is where he'll start.  
An excellent dance of perfection.  
A wonderful work of art.



Lots of energy in the next one.  
Clomping and stomping and fast.  
If you're not paying attention  
you might not see him go past...

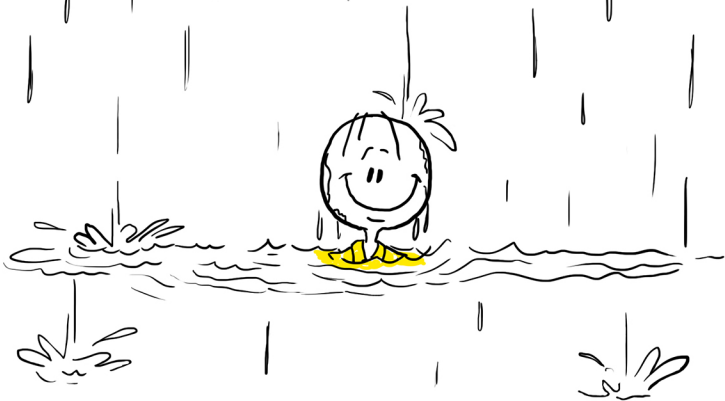


...then all the way over  
to the one by the boulder.  
Leaping through the air with  
not a sign of a care...





...and ending up in a puddle  
as deep as his shoulder.



# ELLIE

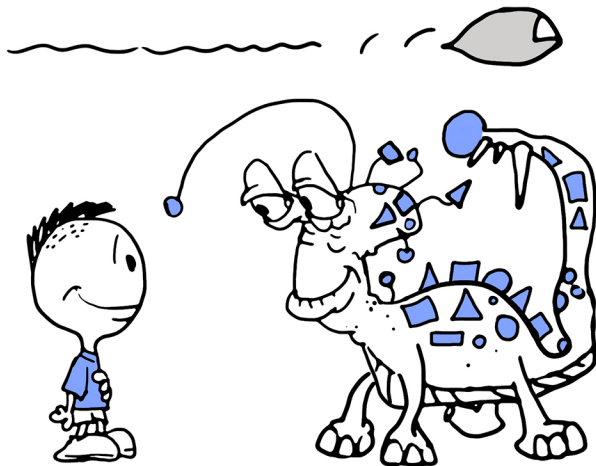


Everyone's back  
from summer  
vacation but  
Ellie is sad.  
Read on to  
find out why.

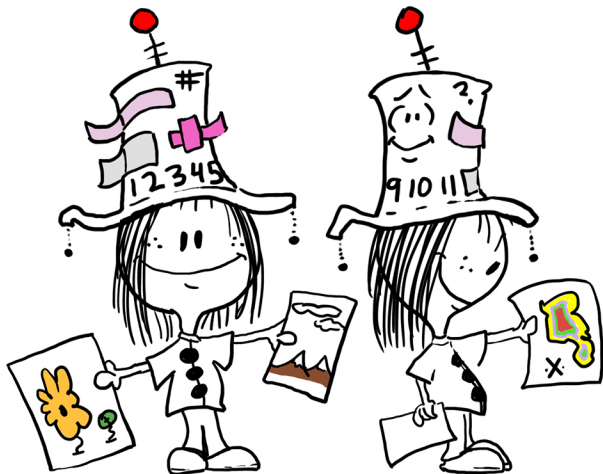
School's back in session  
and sad is how Ellie does feel.  
She thinks everyone's summer stories  
are more exciting than hers.  
Her feelings are very real.



Billy searched the summer skies  
for a spaceship with an alien therein.  
He was hoping for a new kind of pet.  
One with blue shapes on it's skin.



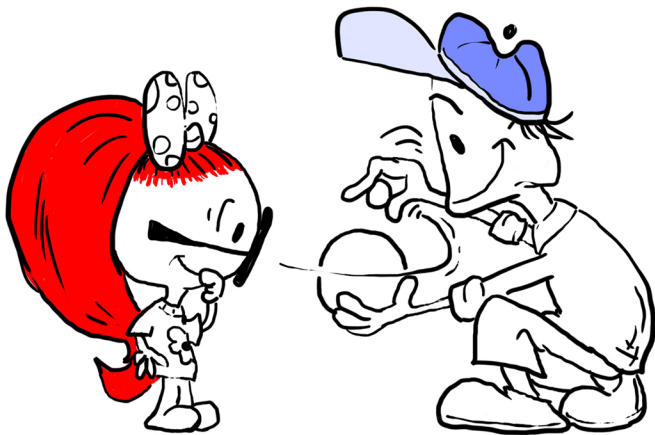
Betty was in camp all summer.  
She did hobbies and crafts.  
Flowers and clouds were her favorites.  
She even made a couple of maps.



So, what did you do all summer?  
asked Tamin Mary McTide.  
Ellie felt so emarrassed to answer  
that she wanted to just run and hide.



My Dad and I talked about science a lot.

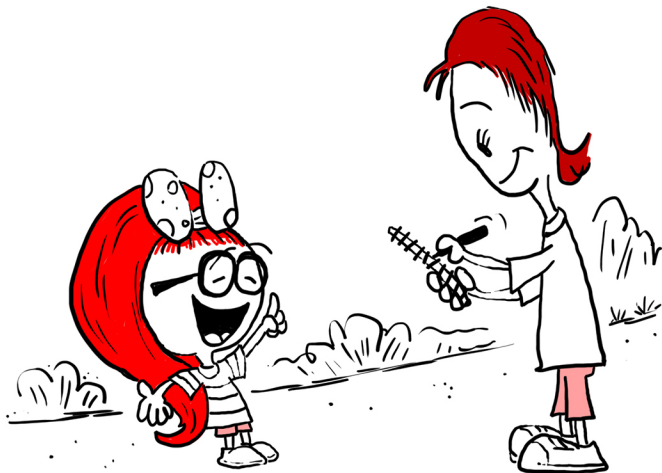


Butterfly watching  
and reading some prose.





Hiking and writing with Mom.



She even sneezed a feather  
right out of her nose.

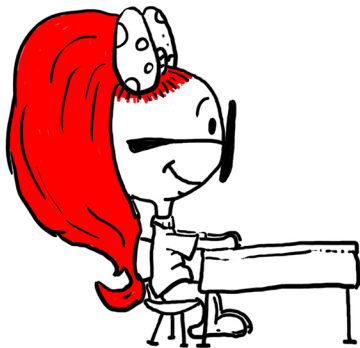
**Hachoo**



It dawned on Ellie  
as she finished her say  
that everyone's stories were different  
and good.  
And it's OK that way.



And she liked knowing that not only did she need to be fair to everyone else but she also needed to be fair to herself. And second grade is going to be a good year.



# Linaloomp

Why does a Loomp visit Lina?  
Put on your friendship hat and find out.



I once met a Loomp  
who wasn't very tall.

It also did surprise me, too  
to see one there at all.



The hat that sat upon her head  
was Knitted just like mine.

And I hoped she wouldn't eat me  
which for me would be just fine.



she smiled a little and said hello.  
friendly and very gracious.

Then I knew this civilized Loomp  
wasn't from the late Cretaceous.





IT'S FRIENDSHIP I SEARCH...  
I START RIGHT HERE.



she said  
with all  
good  
intentions.



FRIENDSHIP,  
IN MY OPINION,  
IS ONE OF  
THE GREATEST  
INVENTIONS.

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK  
WHEN MY CHORES ARE DONE.  
I CAN FINISH IN NOTHING FLAT.



That's OK.  
I'll entertain you...  
with a song from my  
LoompioBLAT.

**BLAT**



So where can we start  
to find some new friends?  
Perhaps the lady  
who delivers the mail.  
She was right here a minute ago.



I think she went down  
the lettering trail.



THAT'S OK...WE WON'T GIVE UP!  
WE'LL FIND YOU A BRAND NEW FRIEND!

I KNOW THAT I WILL HELP YOU...  
FIND ONE BY THIS DAY'S END!



JONATHAN IS OUT  
WITH HIS DAD.

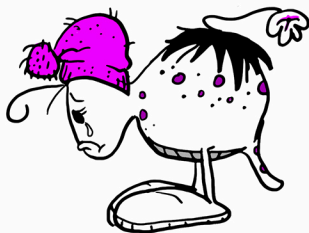
PERHAPS WE'LL SEE  
HIM ANOTHER TIME.



HE LIKES CREATING VIDEO GAMES...  
AND HE ALSO LIKES TO RHYME.



EVERYONE'S BUSY OR NOT AROUND.  
OF THIS WE BOTH CAN SEE.  
MAYBE I'LL NEVER FIND ANY FRIENDS.  
I THINK YOU MIGHT AGREE.





I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, LINA  
BUT I THINK I WILL BE GOING.  
THERE'S NOTHING HERE I CAME FOR.  
AT LEAST IT IS NOT SHOWING.



I'M VERY GLAD TO HELP YOU.  
YOU'RE WELCOME BACK FOR SURE.  
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO...  
AND YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY-  
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.







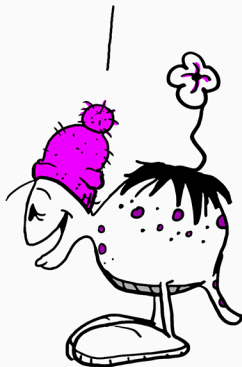
DOES THIS MAKE  
YOU A LINALOOMP...

IF I MAY SO ASK?

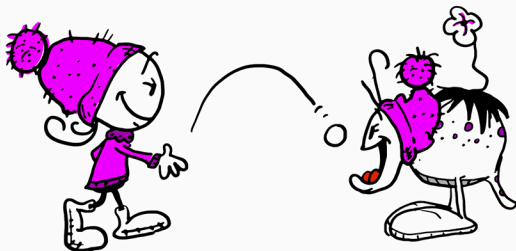


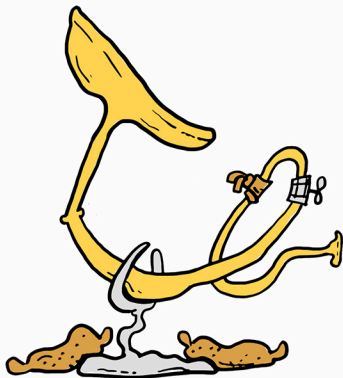
YES INDEED IT  
DOES, MY NEW  
FRIEND.

IT IS IN THIS  
FUN THAT I  
NOW BASK.



So two new friends  
having figured it out-  
play in the yard with a ball.  
It surprises them both  
to this very day...  
that it really wasn't hard at all.

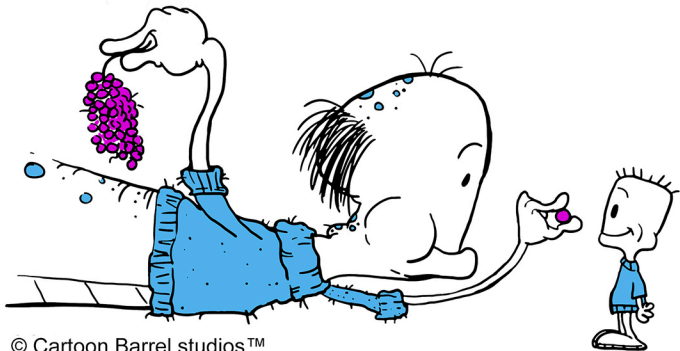




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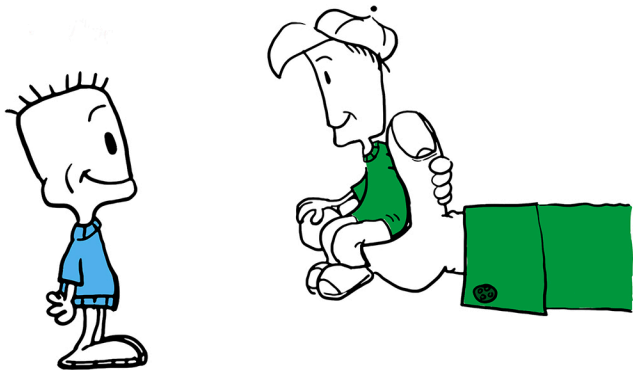
# LOOMPALicious

Nate is trying to imagine his Loomp character but each one shares a common trait. Read on to find out what that trait is.

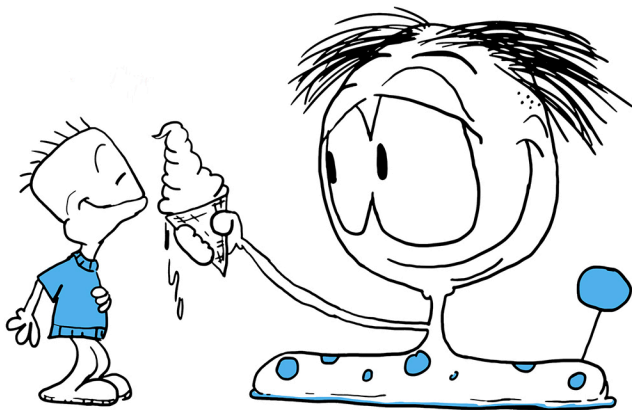




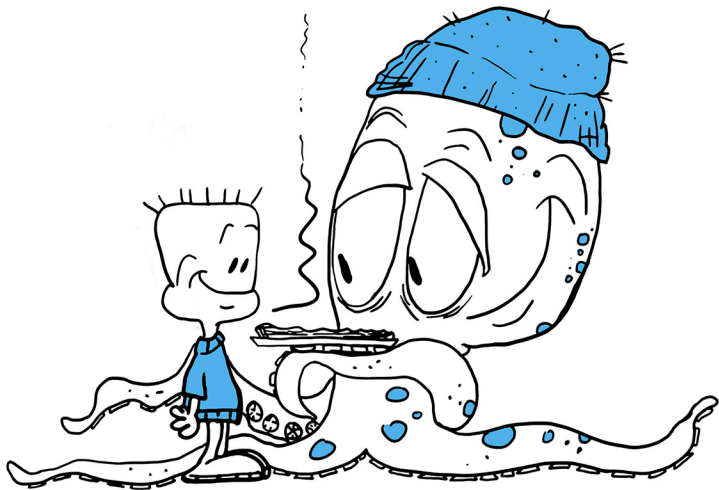
Nate knows that kids in the neighborhood  
have imaginary friends,  
so he decided to give it a try  
and join in the trend.



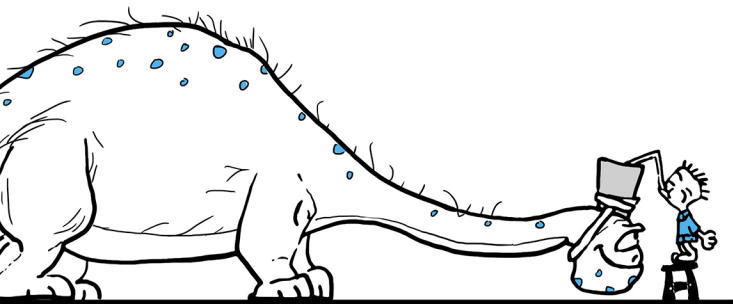
A Loomp is what these  
imaginary friends are called.  
No design is too outrageous.  
No-one will be appalled.



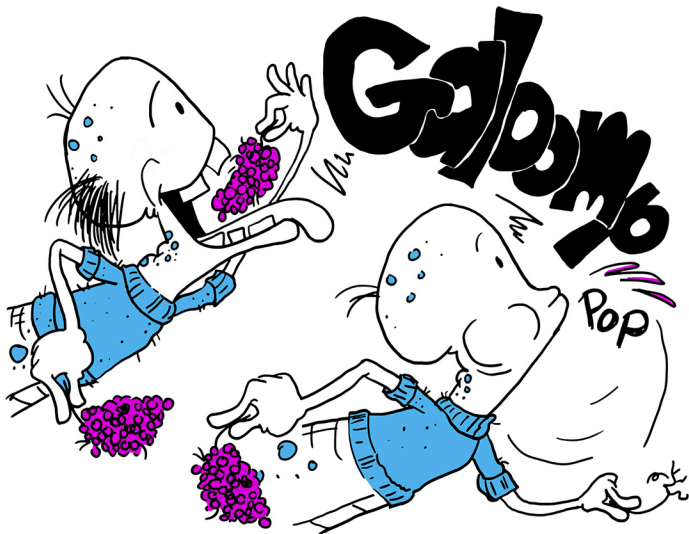
Perhaps it could look like a Quadropuss  
with a great big plate of lasagna.  
He's very very careful  
and won't get any on ya'.

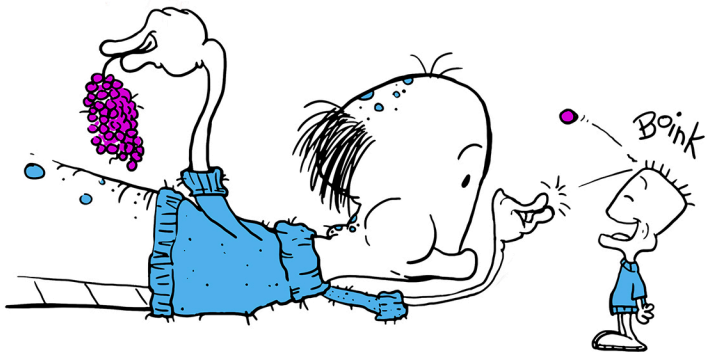


Deloris the Loompasaurus  
loves to deliver milk shakes.  
Big ones or small ones  
half-filled and tall ones.  
They're all good,  
for heaven's sake.

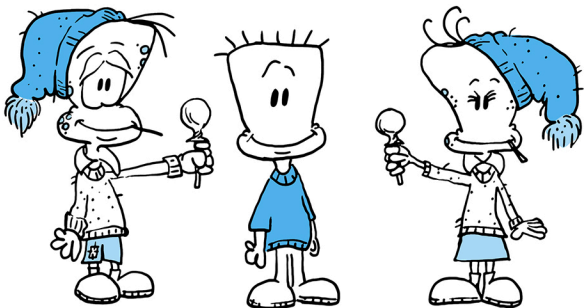


How about a semi-long  
grape eating Jerry DaLoomp  
who could eat a whole bunch  
in one quick Galoomp.





It occurred to Nate that his Loomps  
were all doing something delicious.  
When someone asked him to describe it  
He said it was simply...  
"Loompalicious".



# Penny boy

Penny Boy loves pennies. Even at naptime when he grabs a handful then runs and hides. He thinks it's fun.





This boy loves pennies.  
They bring him a lot of joy.  
He has a great big jar of them.  
They call him Penny Boy.

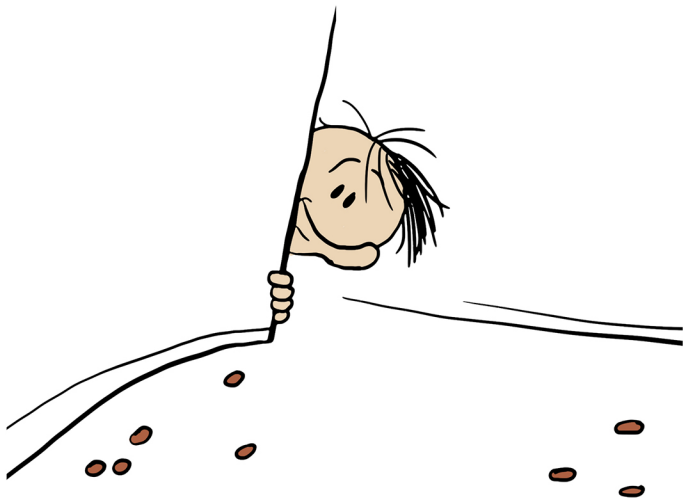


When he grabs a handful and runs...  
he hides because he thinks it's funny.  
The game must go on!  
Even when his nose is runny.

# HATCHOO!



He's convinced that nobody will find him  
as he runs down the hall.  
Even when he takes a peek.  
No... not at all.



Nobody will find him  
in the closet right here.  
They will not know  
if he's far or near.



He runs as fast as a dinosaur  
all throughout the house.  
But he is extremely quiet.  
Quiet as a mouse.



He hides in the hamper which doesn't smell good.



He moves to the next place as fast as he should.



Every day  
he stops on a dime  
and realizes the perfect hiding place  
that works every time.



So, there he goes  
with a smile on his face  
as he flies under his blanket.  
His favorite hiding place.





So, this is the story of Penny Boy.  
His naptime: the how and when.  
It's a tradition that won't last forever  
but tomorrow they'll do it again.



# ROSEY

## in the mud

Rosey loves playing in the mud.  
Her new friend Liz doesn't.  
Can they still be friends?  
Read on to find out.



This is Rosey in the Mud.  
As a little one she played therein.  
Her Mother was shocked and dismayed  
and undoubtedly filled with chagrin.



After a while Mom didn't mind.  
It really was quite harmless.  
Many wonderful memories were created.  
None of which were charmless.

# Giggle Giggle



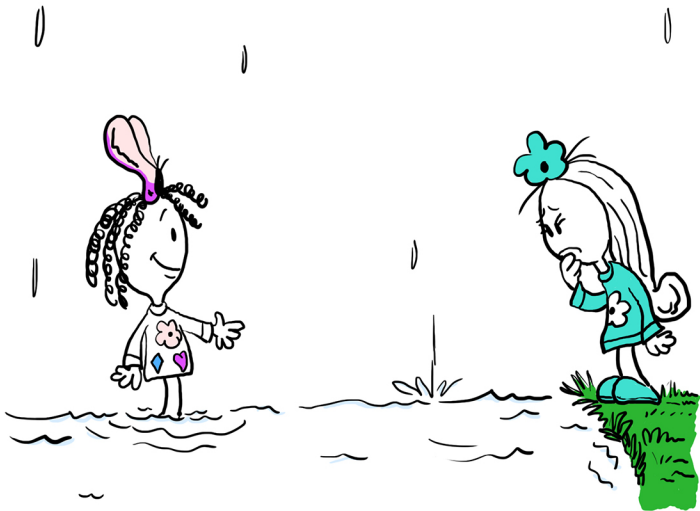
Now Rosey talks of her mud school.  
Beekman is it's name.  
All matters of mud fun are encouraged.  
There really is no shame.



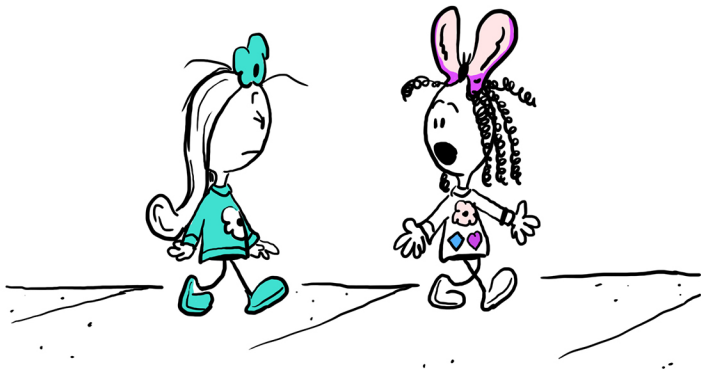
At the mud school she met Liz...  
who said mud wasn't her favorite thing.  
She liked playing with water  
because it always made her sing.



Liz tried to get Rosey to try water.  
Saying, "You never know until you try."  
Rosey was so nervous about it  
that it almost made her cry.



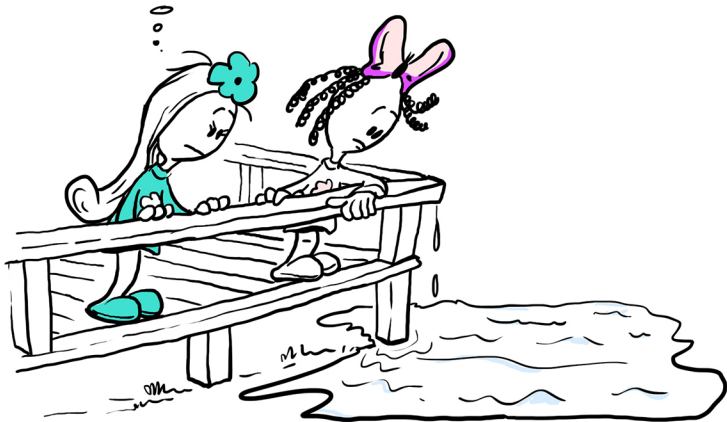
Liz was very helpful.  
She told Rosey it's OK if she tries or not.  
"Not like jumping in water's OK." she said.  
"Whether you know why or forgot."



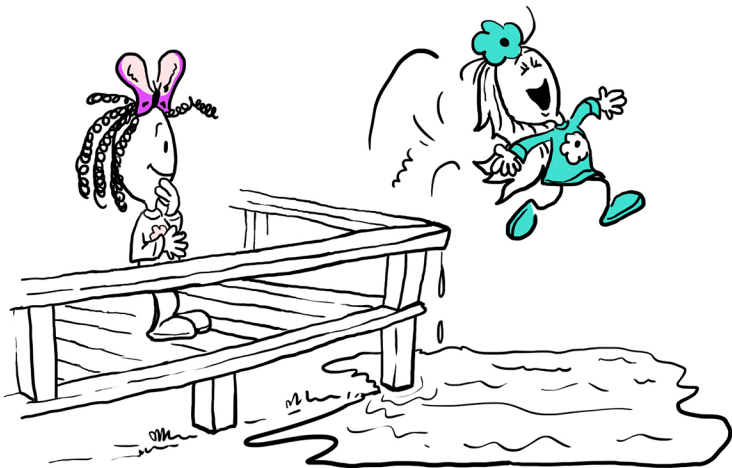


One day they noticed a puddle  
off the porch in Liz's yard.  
Rosey thought of it differently.

MAYBE FUN WITH WATER  
IS NOT THAT HARD.



Rosey paused for a moment.  
Then it came to her in a flash!  
“I think I might like it!” she said,  
as she jumped in with a splash.



Mix water and dirt...  
Best Friends Forever you might get.  
Memories that will not fade...  
and that is one sure bet.



# Robby

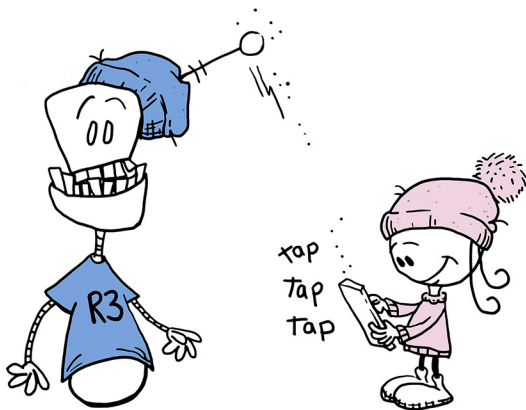
## the Rolling Robot



Robby the Rolling Robot is Lina's science project that she brought to school. Read on to find out what issues this kind robot with artificial intelligence had in her school.

This is Robby the Rolling Robot.  
He's Lina's school science project, it's true.

She's been working on him regularly  
for about 6 months... plus 2.



Rolling Robby is always polished.  
Frequent upgrades make him ready.

Lina brainstorms about him constantly.  
Enthusiastically and steady.



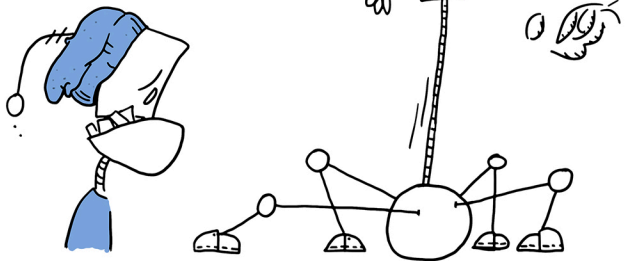
He does his work in school when asked  
and his stories are pretty good.

He cooperates with everyone  
as he knows he should.



Robby was recently discouraged because he wanted to fit in, that's all.

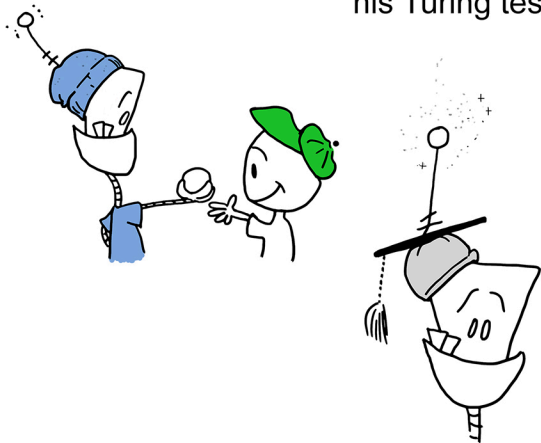
He did just that by helping rescue someone's favorite ball.

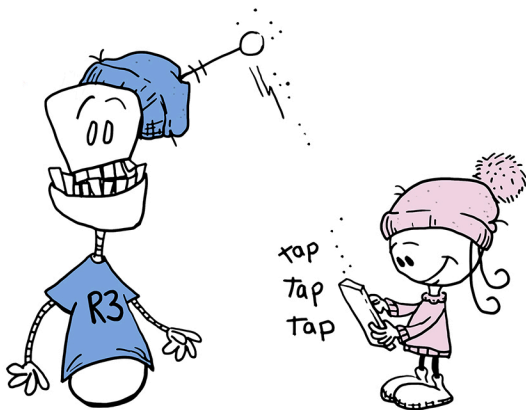




Being empathetic, aware and creative  
and doing his moral best  
are very important for many reasons.

One of which is passing  
his Turing test.





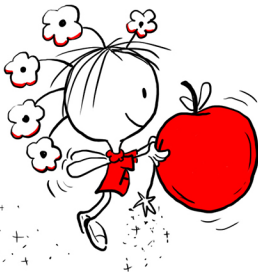
# Scent Fairies

## Apple Blossom and Lemony Mint's Day Together

Lemony Mint and her little Fairy sister Apple Blossom are going to spend the day together in the forest looking for scents and having fun.

Lemony is cautious while Apple Blossom is hyper and carefree.

Is this a recipe for fun or disaster? Both, perhaps?



These two Scent Fairy sisters  
were to spend the day together.  
Lemony Mint's itinerary was set  
she even had plans for real bad weather.



# READY!

said Apple Blossom  
with excitement  
that was profound.  
It startled Lemony Mint  
so much that she dropped her  
sketchpad onto the ground.



FIRST THING I'LL SHOW YOU  
ARE MINT PLANTS. THEY  
SOOTHE YOUR MIND AND  
YOUR THROAT WHEN IT'S  
ROUGH.



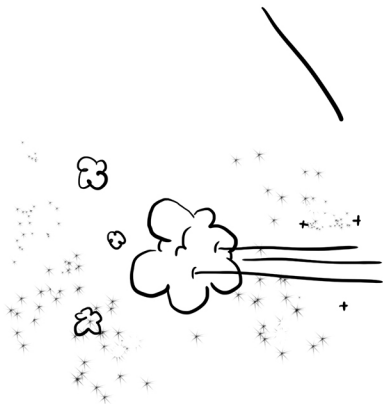
REALLY?  
DOES THAT  
MEAN IT  
HELPS WHEN  
I SAY  
BAD STUFF?



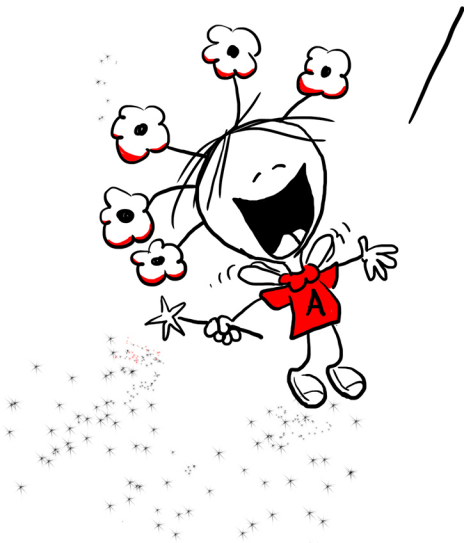
NO. THAT'S AN  
ENTIRELY  
DIFFERENT  
THING.



OK. LET'S GO NOW.  
I'M SO HAPPY I  
CAN JUST  
SING AND  
SING AND  
SING!



OH H H H H H... MINT MAKES ME THINK  
AND APPLES GIVE ME ENERGY...  
LEMONY IS SO THOUGHTFUL  
WE'RE A TEAM WITH SYNERGY !



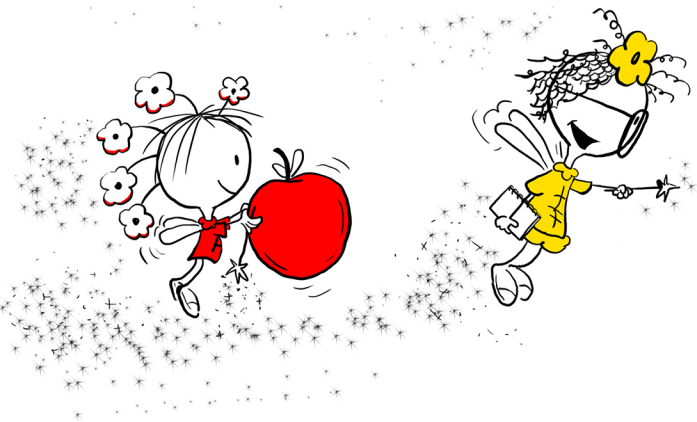




Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha  
Ha Ha Ha Ha



“Now we go down that path...” said Lemony.  
“The one near that purple and pink little tree.”  
Apple Blossom wasn’t far behind  
carrying an apple given to her  
by a Blue Singing Bee.



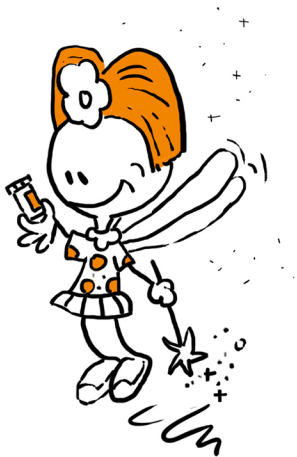
Their day was fun and long.  
So many scents did they enjoy.  
Why, Rob the friendly Ogre  
(who lived six towns over)  
even told them of a fairy who was a boy.




# Scent Fairies

## Hide and find

Palmarina's ready to deliver the first vial of her new scent of Palmerosa and Tangerine to Queen Lauralina but mischievous Sugar Plum Fairy wants to play Hide and Find with it. Palmarina better find it soon or she'll be late.

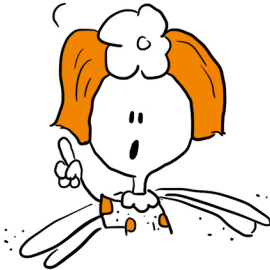




I LOVE MY BRAND NEW  
SCENT. IT'S JUST SO  
LIGHT AND CLEAN.



IT MAKES ME FEEL  
SO FUN AND GIGGLY!



IT CHASES  
AWAY  
THE MEAN.

WOOSH

Tee  
Hee  
Hee

I'LL BRING IT TO MY MEETING WITH THE QUEEN.  
BUT FIRST I WILL SHOW IT TO MY GOOD FRIEND.  
SUGAR PLUM FAIRY WILL LOVE IT. I KNOW IT.



THE EXCITEMENT  
WILL HAVE  
NO END.

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HELLO SUGAR PLUM.  
LOOK AT MY BRAND NEW SCENT.  
I WORKED ON IT FOR A LONG TIME.



YES. I WAS  
WONDERING  
WHERE YOU  
WENT.





HEY. HOW ABOUT WE  
PLAY HIDE AND FIND  
WITH YOUR VIAL THAT  
I HAVE RIGHT HERE?



OK. BUT ONLY FOR  
A MINUTE. DO YOU  
ASSURE THAT I HAVE  
NOTHING TO FEAR?



1... 2... 3... 4...

5... 6... 7... 8...

DO I HAVE TO WAIT SOME MORE?

THIS IS SO MUCH FUN, IT'S GREAT!



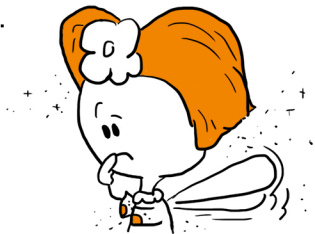
I ALSO DO GUESS  
ABOUT MY VIAL'S LOCATION  
IS THAT IT'S NOT IN MY MAKEUP CASE.  
OR NEAR THE COMPUTER STATION.



Palmerosa thought for a moment  
(which was easy to do)  
and realized that Sugar Plum fairy is clever.  
But Palmerosa is pretty smart too.

So Palmerosa told Sugar Plum the funniest  
joke in all of the Scent Fairy world and  
though Sugar Plum's laughter was sweet  
and genuine it came from her heart like a  
rocket.

And Palmerosa found the vial as it fell out  
of Sugar Plum's pocket.





These very good friends giggled a bit  
as they left for the meeting

and agreed as friends do  
that it was clever and not cheating.

