

Just Us



Fighting Words is a Creative Writing centre, established by Roddy Doyle and Seán Love.

It opened in January 2009 and aims to help students of all ages to develop their writing skills and explore their love of writing in all its forms.

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Some Words From the U.S Embassy, Dublin

Among the values of greatest importance to the U.S. Embassy in Dublin are diversity, equity, and inclusion. This is true within the Embassy and an important element in the programs we support.

We also have a long tradition of collaborating with Irish organizations that promote these values, as well as working with students and teachers.

Finally, our “Creative Minds” series has long highlighted the power of imagination and energy, including the profound impact of literature and storytelling.

In 2020, amidst the challenges to creative teamwork during COVID, we were able to combine these elements. Just Us in the result of our collaboration with Fighting Words and dozens of enthusiastic and creative Irish students. From early on we wanted the focus of the project to be countering discrimination. One important way to build solutions to the challenges highlighted by movements like Black Lives Matter is through education.

Some might think that these concepts are too complex or challenging for children, but in fact we saw that students got it from the outset. Everyone should be treated fairly. Everyone deserves opportunities. It was refreshingly simple.

The facilitator for this project, Sean Farrelly of Fighting Words, worked with classes in ten primary schools across Ireland. Each session started

with a discussion on themes like difference and discrimination, and quickly turned into a festival of ideas about characters and plots as the groups worked together. Eventually children added their own endings to the stories and some even added illustrations.

We wanted to engage with primary school students, knowing that themes such as friendship, relationships, and fairness would emerge. And that's exactly what happened. It's a joy to read stories like "The Wizard's Quest" by Caoimhe, where the Wizard and Sparks work together to overcome the Green Blob and the witches.

In Mary C's story "*Friendly Stephen*" we see how Mike and Annalise cooperated to save Stephen, the friendly ghost. In Cillian's story, "*The Wrong Direction*" the new boy, Bob, overcame Jeff the school bully by using an act of kindness. In Leahmai's "*Doughnut Doom*" we see how friendship and togetherness helped Pippa and Jammy on their whirlwind adventure.

I could, of course, go on and on. Each story is special. And each creatively transcends boundaries. As we expected, the imagination is a powerful tool. Even more powerful is the thought that by allowing these young writers to express ideas and positive, unifying solutions, Just Us helps plant seeds for a more equitable and inclusive future.

We were blessed to work with the brilliant and like-minded team at Fighting Words, including Colm Ó Cuanacháin, Mark Davidson, and Sara Bennett. Sean Farrelly's wisdom and energy as an

instructor was memorable for the students. The Public Affairs team at the U.S. Embassy—especially Angie, Sinead, and Chris—were also vital to this program's success.

Looking at this work, I am even more convinced that young people can help show us the way as we strive to address the challenge of racism and exclusion in our societies.

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Foreword

In April of this year, Fighting Words and the US Embassy collaborated on the Just Us project – a series of anti-discrimination workshops held across the Republic of Ireland, which involved ten schools and eleven class groups from 4th to 6th class.

I had the distinct pleasure of facilitating these workshops. My head was Zoom-ed all around the country, floating on interactive whiteboards like something out of the Wizard of Oz.

Schools from Kerry, Cork, Dublin, Wicklow and Mayo all participated in the end. Regardless of county, however, I think it's safe to say that the classrooms were the same in one vital respect: they were filled with students who were eager to work together to create this remarkable book.

Before each class worked collectively on their group story, the workshops began with the deceptively simple question: what is discrimination? Answers included phrases like: “excluding people from games”, “making fun of people” and “treating people unfairly”. When I prompted the students to explain why they thought people were discriminated against, the answers were equally wide-ranging: “because they look different”, “because they practice a different religion”, “because of their sexuality”.

As brilliantly varied as these suggestions were, my final question never failed to provoke the same response. When I asked the students if they

thought discrimination was a good thing, I always got a big, fat resounding: “NO!”

You can see how thoughts about anti-discrimination shaped the stories in the collection you’re about to read.

Whether explicitly as in *Why is This Happening?*, dealing with racism in a local area, *Call of the Alpha*, about sexism in a wolf pack, and *The Odd Ones*, concerning the issue of bullying, or implicitly as in Watson’s *Wonky Adventure*, about a scuba-diving camel, and Joey’s *Greatest Wish*, about a bird who is terrified of heights. Each story engaged with the theme of anti-discrimination by demonstrating how overcoming obstacles can often lead to the most unlikely of friendships.

In other stories, like the hilarious *Doughnut Doom*, which features a pair of dancing doughnuts and *A Wizard’s Quest*, a magical adventure about a wizard with short-term memory loss, we discover how helpless the powerless can feel.

And finally, through the richly imaginative stories *No Way Home*, about a detective and an alien whose ship gets inconveniently eaten, *The Opposites*, involving a vampire who gives a wolf a makeover, and *Friendly Steven*, about a group of friend’s bid to stop evil monks from banishing the school ghost, we learn not to judge anyone or anything solely based on appearances.

Just like the characters in these stories, the students showcased a heartening amount of empathy and resourcefulness during the workshops. They engaged as fully with their group stories as their

individual endings, which are also included in this book. Their pieces have woven together to form the tapestry of stories you now hold in your hands, proving again and again that – once you strip away our differences – we’re all the same underneath.

Or, as one student wrote: You’ve got no power over me. Nor I over you. You just be you and I’ll just be me too.

To principals and teachers, thank you for welcoming us into your schools and for hosting our workshops.

To the teams of volunteer typists and illustrators, thank you for lending your many talents and helping bring this book to life.

And, most importantly, to the students whose pieces are contained in the following pages, thank you for your enthusiasm, your creativity and your hard work. I expect to see many of your names on the shelves of a bookshop in the near future.

And congratulations!

You are all published authors now.

Sean Farrelly

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Call of the Alpha



Alexandra College Junior School,
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4th Class



Long ago in an enchanted forest, a wolf called Hunter was running with her pack. She discovered the leader of the pack – a male wolf called Alpine – wasn't a good alpha. He was being mean to other wolves, especially the females. Hunter decided she wanted to be alpha to make sure that everyone was treated fairly.

Hunter's best friend Misty saw that Hunter was acting strangely and asked her what was going on.

"What's going on Hunter? You look strange."

"I think it's unfair that all the female wolves are being treated unfairly," Hunter responded.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" Misty asked.

"I'm going to stand up for everyone and say that Alpine isn't being a good leader," Hunter replied.

After that, Hunter and Misty went home to get some food. Once they got back to the cave, Hunter snarled at Alpine and looked him straight in the eye.

Alpine didn't know what was happening but he said, "If you're going to start snarling at me, I'll kick you out of the pack."



The other wolves stared and whispered about what was happening. Hunter stopped snarling but this wasn't over. She ran out of the cave to find Misty and tell her what happened.

All night, Hunter was worried that something bad was going to happen. The words "I'll kick you out of the pack" repeated in her mind over and over all night long.

Hunter knew that Alpine wouldn't dare kick her out of the pack because she had something against him. Right then, right there she made up her mind to be the next alpha of the pack.

The only question was how...



Belen



Meghan



Clara



Brooke



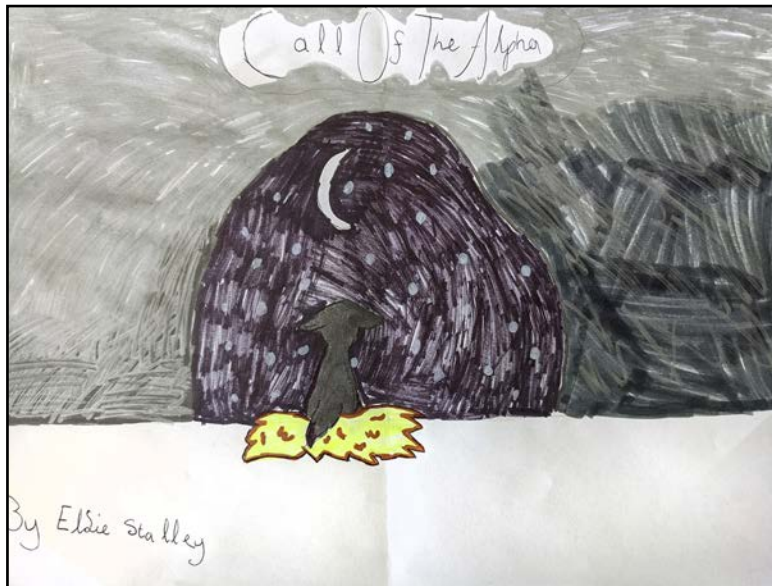
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Elsie



Tory



Soraya

A Wizard's Quest



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There was once a wizard without any powers. He had forgotten his name, so he was on a quest to recover his powers and remember his name again.

The wizard wanted his best friend, Sparks the small dragon, to come with him. Sparks helped the wizard to remember things as he has short term memory loss. The wizard's powers were being kept in the Dark Witches' castle.

The journey would be dangerous but the wizard knew it would be worth it to receive his powers again. First, he attempted to get on a broom but epically failed. He then decided it would be safer to walk instead. After ten minutes of walking he forgot why he was walking. Sparks had to remind him. Before he entered the Dark Forest, the wizard met a homeless man.

The homeless man said, "If you go in, you might not make it out alive."

The wizard replied, "I know it's dangerous, but if I want my powers back I need to be brave."

The homeless man said, "I tried to make it myself



and I saw the scariest monster I've ever seen in my life..."

Before the homeless man could say anything else, the wizard forgot the conversation and walked off into the dark forest. When he entered the forest he smelled the worst smell he has ever smelt. It reminded him of rotten meat and sour cheese.

He turned around and saw three deep, dark holes behind him. Suddenly, a dark shadow loomed over him. In front of the wizard, there was a huge, big, gloopy green monster.

The wizard tried to scream but he couldn't...



Aisleigh

Ashleigh

He tried to scream but he couldn't...

"Oh no!" shouted the wizard's friend Sparks as the giant gloopy monster rose up behind them and gave a loud RRRRROOOAAAAAR.

"Ow, ow - my back!" cried the monster.

"Are you okay?" asked the wizard.

"Of course I'm okay, do you know who I...oooh, no. No. I'm not okay," said the gloopy monster. "I fear I'm getting too old for this job."

"Then just quit," Sparks suggested.

"It's not that easy," the monster replied.

"Okay, cool," said Sparks. "Now if you don't mind letting us get past so that we can..."

"Aren't you going to ask to hear my story first?" asked the monster.

"No," said Sparks. The wizard could see that the gloopy monster was hurt by this so he said, "Sure, we'd love to! Wouldn't we, Sparks?"

Sparks gave a giant eye-roll and then said, "Ugh, fine."

"YES!!" said the gloopy monster, clearly delighted that he could share his story with them. "So my name is Slim, as I'm sure you already know."

The wizard and Sparks gave each other confused glances and then said slowly, "Yeah, of course we do, you're Slime the big gloopy monster."

"I'm glad you know it," continued Slime. "When I was younger, my dream was always to be the guard of the witches' castle as I had heard many tales about it from my father. When I was finally old enough to apply for the job, I applied straightaway but I got declined. But did I give up? I was declined five times but still, did I give up? No! And on my sixth try, I finally got the job but was way back when I was 124 and now I'm 1024."

Slime went on, "And then I - "

"I think we've heard enough," said the wizard.

"I've worked my leg off for this job so that's why I can't let you pass. Sorry," Slime said.

"Okay," said the wizard, turning around to go back home.

"ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW?" cried Sparks. "You're just going to give up like that?"

"Well," started the wizard. "I mean..."

"HOW?" interrupted Sparks, who was clearly in the zone and the wizard wasn't going to interrupt him. "We've come all this way and you're just going to give up like that?"

"Come on, Sparks, now don't be like that. Wait, why did we come here again?" said the wizard.

"Unbelievable," said Sparks. "Hey you, Mr. Slime."

"Yes?" Slime replied.

"You got to live the dream for a good 900 years. Now let my friend the wizard over here - who, by the way, doesn't have any powers - to live his dream!" said Sparks.

"You know what, tiny little dragon?" said Slime. "You're right."

"I know," said Sparks.

“But on one condition.”

“Anything.”

The wizard said, “Sparks just reminded me. We need to get my powers back.”

Slime said, “You can NOT tell the head witch because if you do, he would...”

“Hello my pretties!” cried the head witch Verruca. Her face had warts all over it, her clothes were ragged and torn and her skin was a horrible shade.

“Oh, now I get why they call her Verruca – ” whispered Sparks.

“SILENCE!” she screeched. “Now bow down to me or I will disintegrate you!”

So Slime and Sparks did as they were told but the wizard refused. “No!” he said.

“Excuse me!” screamed Verruca, utterly shocked that someone dared stand up to her.

“You heard me!” said the wizard. “No YOU bow to ME or I’ll...I’ll...”

“Or you’ll what?” asked Verruca.

“He’ll freeze you for all eternity with his powers!” said Sparks. He mouthed to the wizard, “I got you.”

“You don’t have powers,” said the witch unconvincingly.

“Oh yeah I do!” said the wizard, shouting fiercely at the witch. “Now bow down to me!”

“Okay, okay,” said Verruca as she laughed nervously.

“Now give me your broom,” said the wizard.

“But – “ started Verruca.

“Give it to me NOW!” screamed the wizard.

“Okay, just please don’t break it or I will turn to... oh NOOOO!”

Then the wizard held the broom over his knee and snapped it in two. As soon as he did that, the witch turned into black dust.

“Wow, I feel great!” said the wizard.

“Hey, wizard,” said Sparks.

“Yeah?” he replied.

“Look at your cloak!”

“But why? OH MY GOSH! MY NAME IS MR. BAZOOKA!”

“Hey, you should see if you have any powers, Mr.



Lauren F.

Bazooka,” Slime suggested.

ZAP! He hit a tree with a fiery rock and it fell down.

“Oops, “ said Mr. Bazooka. “I’ll plant that again later. YAY! I FINALLY HAVE A NAME AND POWERS!”

Alanna

He tried to scream but he couldn’t...

Suddenly Sparks breathed a small bit of fire, enough to cause a distraction. The wizard took his cue and ran. He didn’t look back but could hear Sparks running not far behind. He stopped running once he was out of breath.

He was deeper in the forest now. He knew he needed to get to the Dark Witches’ castle, which he was terrified about, but he didn’t know where to find it. Suddenly the wizard stopped walking. “We had better go home, Sparks. It’s getting late,” he said.

Sparks, who was used to this, quickly reminded him of what they were doing. The wizard, now knowing what he was doing, walked on. Soon after, he felt like he was being watched. He turned around and was face to face with a black shadow. The shadow was a looming shadow in the shape of a human, but with no features. The wizard was terrified. He froze on the spot but then he was able to run again. He stopped running after a while and walked again.

Suddenly the wizard walked into a wall. "Ow!" he said. Sparks didn't have much sympathy for and walked along outside of the wall. When they reached the door, he saw a plaque. It read: WITCHES' CASTLE - DO NOT ENTER. The wizard knew at once that it was the Dark Witches' castle. He pushed open the door and walked in with as much courage as he had (which wasn't much).

The wizard walked along a large hallway and came to a door. He went into the room, which was some kind of basement. There were shelves filled with potions. He walked up to one shelf and saw THE WIZARD'S POWERS labelled on it. He took it and quickly put it in his pocket and then quickly walked outside.

Once he was outside, the wizard heard people landing on brooms. He ran to the woods and hid behind a tree. He looked and saw the Dark Witches walking into the castle. He had just escaped! He pulled out the bottle containing his powers and, without thinking, drank it down in one gulp. He got a strange feeling and then it stopped. He had his powers. He decided to put them to use and magicked him and Sparks home.

Aodhan

He tried to scream but he couldn't...

The green gloopy monster loomed over him and said, "Pick a hole." The wizard picked the centre hole and jumped.

It was so dark as he slid down the hole at a rapid speed. He did not know where it would lead. As time passed, he could feel himself slowing down quickly. He came to a stop in a room, a brown room with a door at the end.

He opened the door very slowly to see another room, a laboratory. It was empty of people. He walked in but after he walked in, the wizard forgot how he had got there. He turned to Sparks the dragon, who was there!

He started panicking but a moment later, Sparks closed the door and reminded the wizard of everything so he calmed down and kept searching. They came upon a sight labelled "Witches' Lab." The wizard shouted in shock and started feeling uneasy. As he was walking back to the door, he saw a bottle labelled "Wizard Powers."

The wizard was shocked, happy and surprised and just over the moon. He took the bottle and opened it. BOOM! He felt a sudden surge of power go through him, which felt so good! He had his powers back.

As the wizard walked to the door, he got confused. The door was locked. He looked around the room for the key but instead found a button to open the door. He pressed it but instead of the door opening, a huge alarm went off. Panic filled the wizard's body. He didn't know what to do.

Sparks then reminded him that he had his powers so the wizard blasted down the door and ran,

grabbing a magic broom from the wall. He also shut the door behind him. He saw witches pouring through another door that he hadn't even noticed. They saw him so he ran.

The wizard jumped on the broom, grabbing Sparks, and flew up the hole. When he looked back, he saw five witches zooming up the hole. Suddenly, after a very short period of time, he saw light at the end of the tunnel.

Moments later, he zipped out. At that moment, a green gloopy hand reached out and just missed. Well, not exactly because two of the witches were taken down by the monster so three were left chasing the wizard.

The wizard was thinking of weaving through the trees to lose them but then Sparks started shooting fireballs at them. The wizard was blown away by how good Sparks was. He knocked them down one by one.

They sailed home. Just before they went to bed, the wizard remembered that he had powers! The return of his powers had cured his short-term memory loss.

Aoibheann

He tried to scream but he couldn't...

The wizard did not know what had happened to

him. He decided that he would make sure he hadn't got his powers back. He tried to do a trick but it did not work.

The wizard had to walk further into the forest to get his powers back. He did not want to walk further because he hated witches and had already got a fright when he found a homeless man sitting on the side of the road.

He saw a witch about to catch him but he called Sparks to sprint past him. They both ran off, running for their lives, further into the forest. The wizard arrived to the witches' caves. He looked back and couldn't see Sparks anymore. He was petrified of the witches. All he wanted was for Sparks to be there so he could cling to him for dear life. The wizard knew that if he wanted to get his powers back that he would have to face his fears and not run back to the entrance once he saw one of the witches.

He saw a witch. He screamed. HE COULD SCREAM AGAIN! That could only mean that he had his powers back. The wizard did a spell to make sure he had got them back and it worked. HE GOT HIS POWERS BACK! He was so happy. All he needed to do now was to run out of the forest and find Sparks.

Once he was out of the forest, the wizard found Sparks. They both ran back to their house and went to sleep, as the wizard needed a lot of energy for the next day. He and Sparks could not wait for the next day as it was going to be so fun!

Brendon

He tried to scream but he couldn't. He then turned around to face the monster. It reached out to grab him but missed. Then Spark turned around and burned the monster until he was a pile of ash on the ground.

The wizard continued until he fell into a portal and landed on the witch. He got up and made Spark fry her.

Caoimhe C.

He tried to scream but he couldn't. All he could do was stare at the green blob.

As the green blob started to approach the wizard, Sparks the small green dragon hid behind a big tree.

The monster started to speak. "You see those holes behind me?"

The wizard nodded as he was too scared to speak. The monster continued, "Listen carefully to what I have to say. Two of the holes will lead you to death while one of them won't hurt a hair on your head."

The wizard went very white and started to shake. "You mean that if I go through the wrong two holes, I will die?"

"DID YOU NOT HEAR ME?!" shouted the big green blob, spraying green slime all over the wizard. "I will not repeat myself." As he said that, the big green blob disappeared.

After about one minute (or two), Sparks finally came out of hiding. "Did you hear what it said?" Sparks asked but the wizard had already forgotten what the big green blob had told him. Sparks had to remind him yet again.

After about ten minutes, they decided to go down the middle hole. When they landed, they were in a big room that had a small chest in it. They knew at once what it was. It was the chest the witches had the wizard's powers inside of.

Sparks and the wizard carefully and quietly ran over to the chest, grabbed it and went back up the hole. When they reached the surface, all the witches were waiting for them. They had their wands at the ready to shoot.

As fast as he could, the wizard opened the chest and got all his powers back. But the only thing was, he still couldn't remember his name.

Caoimhe O.

The wizard tried to scream but he couldn't...

He forgot why he was screaming and just stood there, wondering why he was screaming. The

monster was just about to strike when, out of nowhere, someone knocked him to the ground.

The wizard turned around and saw a girl waving something around. He asked, "What is that and why is it glowing like that?" Sparky then realised it was a wand. He was about to say it but was cut off by the girl, who said, "It just helps me fight."

The wizard seemed happy with it and asked where he was going and who she was. The girl looked at him suspiciously before answering, "My name is Wild and I have no clue where you are going."

Sparky piped up. "We are going to the evil witches' lair to get his powers back." Wild looked worried and told them not to go there because it was too dangerous and that the witches didn't do well with outsiders. Sparky explained how his friend who had forgotten everything because he lost his powers was really named Merlin. He also said that his own name was Sparky that they were going and she couldn't stop them.

Wild gave in and said she would accompany them on their journey out of the woods just in case they came across another monster. After walking for a while, it started to get dark. Wild said, "We have to hurry. The most dangerous monsters come out at night."

They started running, except for Merlin, who just continued walking. Sparky and Wild both shouted "Run!" Eventually, Merlin started running. They

spotted the exit but, out of nowhere, a humongous beast stepped in front of them, blocking their path.

"Stop!" screamed Wild. They all froze and Wild pulled out the mysterious object again.

"What is it again?" Merlin asked. Wild just looked at him and pointed at the beast. She said some weird word that basically no one can pronounce and the monster just froze and disappeared into thin air. They started running toward the castle that the witches live in when Wild said, "I have to go."

She disappeared just like the beast did. Merlin forgot about her almost immediately but Sparky wondered who she was, why she was helping them and where she had gone. "Come on," he said to Merlin.

They walked through the gate and into the courtyard, expecting a whole bunch of witches. They were shocked to see that the courtyard was empty. Not so far away, they heard music.

"Are the witches having a party?" thought Sparky. He looked over at Merlin and saw that he was not there. He looked toward the door and it was shut. Sparky flew after Merlin as fast as he could. He opened the door and saw a light was shining from a room. He also saw Merlin about to enter.

Out of nowhere, Wild appeared and stopped Merlin from doing anything stupid, like walking into a room full of witches. She told him that the room

where he will get his powers back is down the hallway. Wild then disappeared again.

Merlin and Sparky took off running and Merlin could feel his memory coming back, and with that, his powers as well. When they went into the room, they met Wild in a witch's outfit. They stopped, shocked. How could they have been deceived by her? Merlin's memory had come back so he remembered her.

Wild looked at them with mischief in her eyes. She handed Merlin the cup containing his powers and it turned out that it was not an accident that he lost his powers – it was the witches' work.

“Why did you give me my powers back?” asked Merlin.

Wild explained how she told them to have a party and she, the most powerful witch, would look after the wizard's powers. She also planned on helping him to get his powers back because the Queen Witch wanted to use them to become the most powerful person in the entire world. Wild didn't want that to happen so she came up with this plan, which succeeded.

And in case you're wondering what happened, the witch queen was defeated. Merlin went home with Sparky and Wild became the leader of all magic people and lived happily ever after.

David

Malthius tried to scream but he couldn't...

As he looked up at the green, gloopy monster, Malthius could hardly breathe. Just as he tried to get away, the monster picked up a big tree from the forest and threw it down at Malthius. He closed his eyes but before the tree hit him, Sparks the small dragon flew in and burned down the tree with his flame breath. When they looked around, the monster was now a big green puddle. The homeless man threw a stick with a big bulb on top away and ran deep into the dark forest. They were confused but relieved. So off they went into the Dark Witches' castle...

As they were looking around the Dark Witches' castle, they could hear the Dark Witches coming towards them. They hid as fast and best they could and it worked because when they turned around, there was nothing, but...THE WIZARD'S POWERS! They had found what they were looking for! Malthius was delighted!

Sparks flew over, grabbed the powers and went but when Malthius was about to get them from Sparks, an alarm went off. Invisible lasers! “Oh no!” whispered Malthius. “Let's go!” So they hopped out the window and ran to the exit of the forest, which they could barely see with all the trees. They then saw the homeless man coming towards them.

"I've got this, my friends! Now go!" shouted the homeless man. He put anything he could find in front of the Dark Witches, but they just banished the items. Malthius and Sparks finally reached the exit but Malthius didn't know how to get his powers back. He needed to find out quickly, though, because the Dark Witches were only about twenty feet away!

Suddenly, Malthius pushed the powers into his chest and he felt an electric spark inside him. He picked up the homeless man's stick-wand-thingy and pointed it at the Dark Witches.

Just then, the Dark Witches banished! Malthius and Sparks were so relieved and they lived happily ever after.

Ethan

He tried to scream but nothing came out. He made it to the castle.

On the way, he fell into a big hole and it took about half an hour to get out. He got out and then started to head to the castle that he saw in the distance.

He ran into a witch that he had to fight and then got to the castle. He had to fight his biggest boss yet, a dragon.

He knew that if he beat the dragon that he would get his powers. Happily, he killed the dragon and

got his powers. He lived happily ever after.

Fionnán

The wizard tried to scream but he couldn't...

He woke up and felt cold and slimy. He had been swallowed by the big green gooey monster! He saw a massive castle through the slime. There were witches, dark witches. The wizard knew he was being taken to Salazar, queen of the dark witches, the one who wore his powers. Dun dun DUN!

The wizard knew a battle awaited him. When he met Salazar, she asked, "Remember me?"

The wizard said, "Give me my powers back."

The awful witch replied, "I'll give you your powers back but you have to battle me!"

He agreed to the battle. The witch gave him a cup and said, "Drink this and you will get your powers back."

He drank and felt amazing, like he had found something that he was missing. He felt like he could summon lightning. That was it! He made a plan. "Three...two...one...GO!" shouted the witch.

She ran at him. BOOM! The wizard summoned lightning but the witch dodged it and fell to the floor. He knocked her over with a spell but she was able to get up.



Lauren F.

The wizard was in trouble but Spark the Dragon was there to breathe fire at the witch. She jumped up and shouted, "OWWWWW!"

She ran off and so did the other witches. Spark and the wizard celebrated but the green gooey monster was still there. The wizard cast a water spell that hit the monster. It disintegrated into nothing. They gave the castle to the homeless man.

Then they returned home.

Joey

....the beast picked up a tree and threw it at them. It was a good thing that Sparks could set the tree ablaze because it fell to ash before it could hit them. The monster, blinded by the fire, fell into a moat.

They looked up and it was the witches' tower. The wizard shouted, "The thingy won't let us in!"

Spark said, "That's a door." Spark then whispered to himself, "I can't wait for him to get his memories back."

Spark used his tail to pull the door down. The wizard looked up. "Now we have to climb those things."

Spark grabbed the wizard and they both flew up. Three skeletons pointed at them. "Isn't that a dragon?" one said. They all threw spears at Spark but they missed.

“Don’t worry, there is a cannon upstairs,” said another of the skeletons. But they missed with that as well and blew a hole in the wall. “We’re fired,” they said.

The wizard and Spark finally made it. They saw a very dark cloak and pointy hat. The witch turned around and with her red eyes and her wand, she blasted fire at them. Spark blew fire as well and everything blew up.

The wizard saw a glowing bottle. He read the label that said “Icarus.” He opened it and his powers came back, plus his memories. The wizard summoned a puddle of water to land on the witch.

Spark and Icarus flew out the window to another adventure.

Keelin

He tried to scream but he couldn’t...

He also tried getting out, but he failed. Sparks flew down and helped him up.

“Thanks Sparks,” said the wizard happily.

They both smiled. After walking for a while, they saw loads of eyes in the trees and bushes. The wizard was getting worried. “Why is this path so long!” the wizard said, annoyed.

“It is what it is,” laughed Sparks.

They kept walking on and on and on. After a while, they made it to a stop. There was a huge dark brown door. They walked up to it.

“WOW!” said the wizard, surprised.

Sparks found a small window and they looked through it. There were big green lights and big black pots. You could find anything there. After a while of looking in, they spotted someone. They realised it was a dark witch. She had long black hair, a big black hat with a purple stripe and a long black dark dress. The wizard and Sparks snuck in the small window and hid behind a big black pot.

Sparks had to remind the wizard of why they were there. They looked around and could hear loads and loads of witches screaming, so they knew they had to be quiet and not get caught.

They heard someone coming so they hid behind a green light. The person walked away so they came back out. They found the wizard’s powers and name in a pot. They didn’t know how to get them back into the wizard, though. So Sparks found a staff and sucked up all the powers. The wizard was standing out in open space. The powers were forced into him and he fell to the ground.

He felt smarter and powerful and he got back up. They both ran and jumped out the small window. The wizard felt great about himself. He and Sparks walked home and went to bed.

In the morning, the wizard jumped out of bed and shouted with joy, "I FEEL POWERFUL!" He and Sparks danced. They were both the happiest people on Earth. The wizard remembered his name was... Jeff. They had breakfast and then had fun all day and night.

Somehow, the dark witches found out.

One night, the witches came to their door. Jeff and Sparks hid in a cupboard. The next thing they knew, the witches had found them. They all ran outside and the wizard tried using his powers, but they got him. They went walking through the forest again. Sparks flew down and blasted fireballs at them. The wizard escaped and sent them to his dark tunnel. They have never been seen since.

The wizard Jeff and his small dragon Sparks have now both lived lovely lives. There is now peace in their world. They both saved each other and they lived together for ever and ever.

Lauren C.

The wizard tried to scream but couldn't...

The green gloomy monster said, "Choose one way only. The first way is a hungry lion that hasn't eaten in three years. The second way is full of lava and the third one is filled with sharks that you have to swim across."

"Which one are we going to choose?" said the wizard to Sparks. They thought for a few moments.

They chose number one because they figured if the lion hadn't eaten for three years, it would be dead. So he and Sparks followed the trail into the black hole.

The wizard forgot again and Sparks had to remind him. They heard a CREAK noise echoing. The wizard stepped on a lion bone. When the trail finally ended, there was a glowing stone in the middle of the room.

A whisper said, "Come to the stone and your powers shall come back to you."

The wizard walked over and touched it. He couldn't take his hand off it. So he closed his eyes and opened them again. The stone wasn't glowing anymore - it was darker than coal - so he stepped back.

The wizard thought for a moment and chanted "teleport home" in Latin. He teleported home with Sparks. He finally remembered his name.

It was Merlin, the most powerful wizard of all time and that is "The Legend of the Wizard's Quest."

Lauren F.

He tried to scream but he couldn't...

He was being smothered by the gloopy gooeyness of the monster. He started hurtling down the deepest hole, Sparks speeding after him.

The wizard woke up, unable to move. He called out for help. "Samantha? Sally? Dinosaur? Dragon?"

"It's Sparks," came the brief reply.

The wizard began to remember things, strange things like how to dress his bed, brush his teeth, how to eat and how the witches had taken his powers.

"Wait, Sally, I know how I lost my powers!" the wizard said.

"It's not Sally, it's Sparks!" replied Sparks, starting to get annoyed.

"Huh. Anyway, the WITCHES took my powers right here in this room!" the wizard said.

Sparks fell silent for several minutes. He wondered why he couldn't move. He looked down. He seemed to be tied to a long piece of wood. He looked at the wizard and he was also tied up!

Before Sparks could say anything, three foul creatures came in. Their evil smiles alone would make you shudder.

The most ugly one began, "So, Mr. Johnson, after all these years, you came back."

"Who's Mr. Johnson?" the wizard asked.

The witch looked at him quizzically but continued. "We take almost everything you've got and you come crawling back for more and with no powers." The three witches cackled cruelly. "Now who should go first? The dragon or the powerless wizard, hmmm? I think it should be the one who started it all - the wizard."

The other two witches nodded eagerly.

"NO!" Sparks shouted.

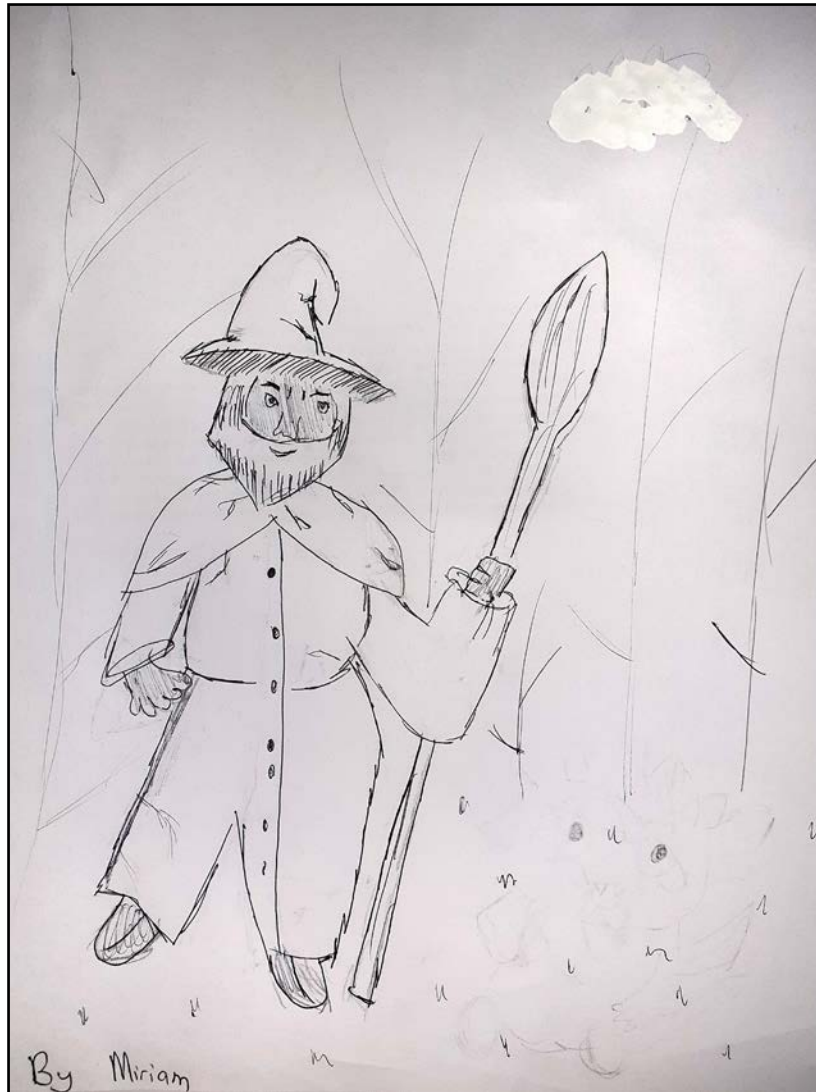
"Okay," said the witch. "I'm flexible." She lunged at Sparks.

The wizard then felt a strange feeling. It was familiar but he couldn't think of what it was. First, he felt it in his fingers, then it slowly spread to his arms, legs and finally all around his body! Next thing he knew, he had burst out of the ropes and was hovering above the ground. The witch looked up in horror. "WHAT?!" she said, gobsmailed.

The wizard replied, "I'm John Johnson and I'm not going to let you hurt Samantha, I mean Sally - wait, no - I mean Sparks, right? Okay, anyway, leave him alone!"

Sparks was also gobsmailed. "How did you do that?"

John's short reply was, "The power of friendship."



Miriam

Miriam

The wizard tried to scream but he couldn't...

The green gloopy monster was leaning forward, about to bite the wizard, when suddenly a flame burned his face off. The monster screamed in pain and ran away on its eight legs.

The wizard then realised that Spark had saved him. The wizard continued through the forest at a quicker pace after his encounter with the monster. Suddenly, past a tree, he saw something hobbling slowly through the dark forest. After a second glance, he realised it was Rebecca!

Rebecca was known for being one of the darkest witches in the world! Spark reminded him that Rebecca caused his fear of witches but, more annoyingly, stole HIS powers. There was no need for Spark to remind him - it was all coming back to the wizard...

He was about 15 years old, after passing multiple exams in the School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, gaining them earlier than everyone else in his class apart from Rebecca. Rebecca challenged him to a duel, where the winner would gain the other's powers. The wizard remembered at that time he had a name, but he couldn't for the life of him remember it. Well, I suppose it is impossible to remember, after you have lost your powers, until you gain them again.

The wizard had reused but Rebecca used an illegal curse that would force him to duel. Rebecca was more powerful than most of the teachers at the school so the wizard had no hope. When he lost his powers, he was kicked out of school and forced to live alone, away from all of society. There was nothing his parents could do about it.

Thinking about it made the wizard's blood boil and he marched over to Rebecca and got right in front of her face. He shouted at her at the top of his voice. "How dare you do such a thing to me! You could have just - oh, I don't know - maybe learned to be more powerful with loads of practice and time! BUT NO! You were a coward and used an illegal spell to force me to duel!"

"Yeah, that was NOT cool," said Spark.

Rebecca was about to humiliate the wizard and Spark with a hilarious spell she had seen in Witches' Weekly - where you have your victim upside down and make spiders crawl out of their mouth and then send a hologram to their family - when she felt a sharp pain in her side.

Rebecca felt as if a vacuum was sucking all her powers out of her. Suddenly, the wizard felt as if power was being blown into him. He used the spell that Rebecca had seen in Witches' Weekly on her when he saw that she was thinking about it after he received his mind-reading powers again.

He then looked down at his name tag, which said

"Luke." The wizard liked the name and could not wait to get used to it. He then flew home to his family and gave his mom and dad a hug for the first time in twenty years. After dinner with his family, the wizard went to the forest again and saw the homeless man sitting outside a mansion with a name tag naming him "Mark." He had received his powers again too and made a very nice house for himself.

Magic works in mysterious ways, the wizard thought to himself.

Niamh

The wizard tried to scream but he couldn't...

The witches' spiders had surrounded them and were about to attack. Sparky tried to scare them off but he ended up getting scared himself. The wizard tried to cast a spell but ended up realising that he didn't have any powers. That's when the spiders shot their venom at Sparky and the wizard.

The good news was that the venom was not poisonous but the bad news was that it made them fall asleep for a while. When the wizard and Sparky woke up, they found themselves lying in a darkened room that seemed to be in a castle. Suddenly, a witch came into the room with a wand in one hand and a broomstick in the other.

She said, "I am Queen of the Witches and you will

obey me!” The witch then told them about her plan and how the witches would be rulers of the Earth and no wizard could ever stop her.

When the Queen of the Witches left, Sparky said, “We must find a way out of here and stop them before it’s too late!”

The wizard agreed but then forgot, so Sparky had to say the whole speech again. Sparky melted his chains with this fire breath and melted the wizard’s as well. They were just hopping out the window when a witch came in and spotted them. She immediately yelled for backup and tried chasing them herself. Suddenly five other witches came in and every one of them was armed with a wand. Luckily for Sparky and the wizard, they had hopped out just in time and were running as fast as they could. After about ten minutes, they finally slowed down. At the time they were running, they were too scared to look back and see if they were being chased but now they could see that they weren’t. Now Sparky and the wizard had to figure out what to do next.

They sat there for almost an hour before the wizard finally had a plan. “We can go get my powers and then we can fight the witches,” he said.

Sparky was considering not doing the wizard’s plan because it was dangerous and would take a long time to complete but it was the only plan they had so Sparky decided to say yes. The quest was very hard and only one person had ever completed it, but that didn’t stop Sparky and the wizard from going anyway.

The first part of the quest was to find a map, which was found deep in the heart of the dark forest. Luckily for them, they weren’t too far away from the heart of the forest. When they got there, Sparky started digging and after five minutes, he had found the map. The second part of the quest was to enter the old abandoned temple where they would get one ingredient of the potion but this was no ordinary temple. It was rigged with traps. Sparky flew past most of the traps but got caught in a net. That meant only one thing. It was all up to the wizard so he quickly ran, dodging arrows and boulders. When he finally caught up to Sparky, he was out of breath, so Sparky grabbed the ingredient and they flew out.

The final part of the quest was to get the final ingredient but it was in the witches’ tower! It was very risky but the wizard knew he needed to get that ingredient. He jumped into one of the windows and snuck past the guard. He quietly snuck into the kitchen. He quickly grabbed the ingredient and ran.

He couldn’t believe it – he had actually got the ingredients! When he returned to Sparky, he told him the whole story and then mixed everything together and drank it. He could feel it now, the magic building up inside him. The wizard and Sparky raced to the castle. Once they got there, they fought through the guards and rushed up the stairs and confronted the Queen of the Witches.

There they fought and eventually, the wizard and Sparky beat the queen. She surrendered. The

wizard and Sparky were overjoyed and they set all the witches' slaves free.

Tadgh

He tried to scream but he couldn't...

There was a huge monster in front of him so he ran as fast as his little legs could carry him.

He thought he was safe but then he saw the witches' castle. He was there. Suddenly, he forgot what he was doing and nearly got caught, so Spark quickly came to the rescue. Spark picked him up and put him in hiding. He explained to him how he was on a quest for his powers. He knew now so he went in and was surprised when he saw how high the castle was.

He nearly fainted so Spark carried him up halfway. The wizard was a fat man so Spark dropped him off and started walking up the stairs to the witches' castle. He made it to the top but he forgot his memory, so Spark quickly told him everything again.

He saw his powers locked up in a cage like a human. He glanced around the room and spotted the key. He tiptoed over to the key and grabbed it. He ran for the cell, unlocked it and his powers went flying into him. He remembered it all.

His name was Merlin, the greatest wizard of all

time, the queen witch found him and they were battling for a long time. Merlin won. He took the witches' powers and destroyed them and he lived happily ever after.

Why is This Happening?



St. Patrick's National School
Cornanool, Co. Mayo
5th & 6th Class

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Michael ran to Jack to check if he was okay.

"Are you all right?" Michael asked Jack.

"Yeah, I'm okay," Jack responded.
Michael asked Jack to come over to his house for a cup of tea. When they got to Michael's house and Jack settled down a bit, he explained Mac's behaviour to Michael.



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Together, Michael and Jack did a bit of research and they found out that Mac and Joe were cousins. They hatched a plan to get justice...



Darragh

They hatched a plan to get justice. Michael and Jack set up the Local Action Group to fight against discrimination. They toured around the neighborhood to find people who were willing to fight their cause. They knocked on a door and a woman called Jenny opened it.

“Hello,” she said.

“Hello,” they replied. “Would you like to join our group to fight against discrimination?”

Jenny said that she would like some time to think about it. So Michael gave her a phone number so that she could tell him when she had decided.

After completing their tour of the neighbourhood, Michael and Jack went back to Jack's house to have dinner.

Monday:

Michael got a call from Jenny. She said that she wanted to join the group. That afternoon, she went over to Jack's house to see what the plan was. When she arrived, Jack and Michael welcomed her in. They sat down at the table and had a cup of tea. Jenny told them a story about when she felt discriminated against.

"I felt discriminated against one day when I was walking in the park. Somebody shouted, 'Look, she's Muslim!' at me and then some people shouted insults at me," Jenny explained. That was the reason she wanted to fight against discrimination.

Tuesday:

Michael, Jack and Jenny went to the park to see if Mac and Joe were there. They were, so they started spying on Mac and Joe. They each brought binoculars to see if they could figure out what they were up to. They saw Mac and Joe picking on one person, so they went over to stop them. When Mac and Joe saw Bagel, they jumped. He started barking and growling at Mac and Joe and they ran away. Jack and Jenny checked on the person who had been hurt by Mac and Joe. Michael called Bagel back.

"Are you all right?" asked Jenny.

"Yeah, I'm fine, thanks," they replied.

"What's your name?" asked Jack.

"Patrick," the man replied.

"What were they saying about you?" asked Jenny.

"They were picking on me for what I am wearing," said Patrick.

"Why don't you come back to my house and we will have something to eat?" said Jack.

"Okay", said Patrick.

So they all went back to Jack's house.

Wednesday:

Michael, Jack and Jenny met up to see if Patrick wanted to join their group. He had given them his address so they went to visit his house. When they got there, Patrick opened the door and welcomed them.

Michael asked him if he wanted to join their group to fight against discrimination. Patrick said, "Yes!" immediately. He sounded very happy. "I've wanted to join one of these groups for ages but I could never find one."

So they went back to Jack's house again to come up with a plan to stop Mac and Jack picking on other people. They came up with a plan that they would go to the park one day to see if Mac and Joe were there, and if they were, Bagel would chase

them into a small alleyway with a dead end. Then Michael, Jack, Jenny and Patrick would block the entrance and they would say things to try to make them stop picking on other people.

Thursday:

They all met up at the park and set up their trap. Half an hour later, Mac and Joe came to the park. Mac and Joe went over to somebody and started picking on them. Michael and Bagel chased them into an alleyway with the dead end. Jack, Jenny and Patrick blocked the alleyway's entrance and they tried to talk them out of discriminating against people.

Michael asked them why they were discriminating against people.

"Leave us alone!" said Mac. '

'We will if you stop discriminating against people," said Jack.

"Why are you discriminating against people?" repeated Michael.

"If you tell us, we will let you go," said Patrick.

"Fine," said Mac. "We discriminate against people because they have done it to us."

"Who did it to you?" said Jenny.

"These people called Josh, Dean and Dan," said Joe.

'Why did they discriminate against you?" asked Patrick.

"Because of what we worked as," said Mac.

"So we decided to discriminate against people too" said Joe.

"We tried to find a group to fight against discrimination," said Mac, "but we could never find one."

"Well you can join our group," said Michael.

"But we have hurt you a lot!" said Joe "Why would you let us join your group?"

"Yes, it will be hard to forgive you, but I can see the good in you," said Michael.

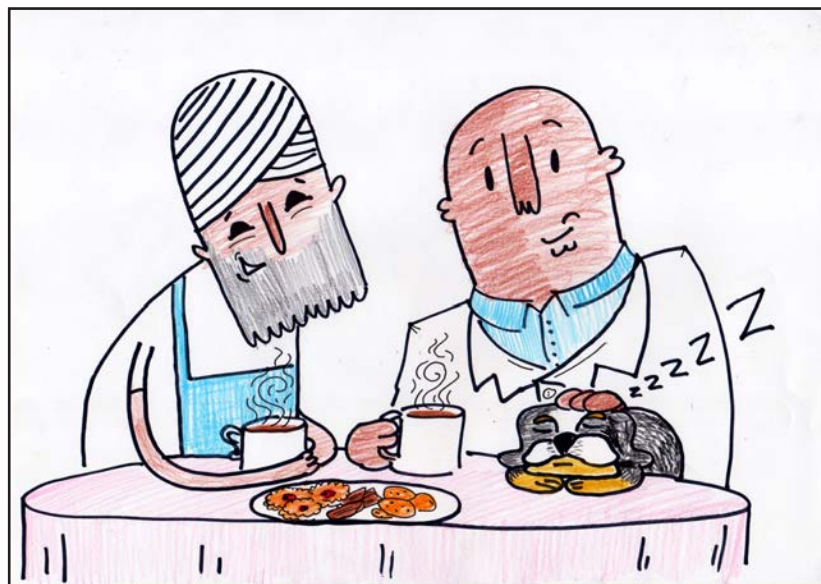
"Yes, we will join you, but we have to stop Josh, Dean and Dan first," said Mac.

"Sure," said Jack.

And so they headed out to find Josh, Dean and Dan.

Katie

In Michael's area, people discriminate against the colour of people's skin, but his dog can't do that and that's the reason why Bagel, the beagle puppy, is Michael's best friend.



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Together, Michael and Jack do a bit of research and they find out that Mac and Joe are cousins.



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As Michael was walking home that evening, he realised that Bagel had not returned home. Michael was very worried about Bagel. Had Michael lost his best friend? When Michael got home he rang Jack and asked him if he had seen Bagel but he said he had not seen him. Michael rang all the nearby dog kennels but none of them had a beagle brought in that day.

Michael grabbed a big tub of ice cream, vanilla ice cream his favourite, but not even vanilla ice cream could make Michael happy. He thought all hope was lost. But all of a sudden, the phone rang and it was Jack. He said, "I think that I might know where Bagel is. There is one place where he has to be."

"Where?" asked Michael with a bit of hope.

"In Joe the farmer's dog kennels where he puts all the dogs that step foot on his land," Jack replied.

"We will set off in the morning," Michael said, with courage in his voice.

"I will see you in the morning," said Jack and hung up.

The next morning, Michael was woken up by a noise coming from the sitting room. He went downstairs, shaking like mad. What if someone had broken into his house? Michael opened up the door of the sitting room to reveal.... his mother watching television bingo, drinking tea and eating biscuits!

"Mother, what are you doing here? I thought someone had broken into my house!" said Michael.

"I thought I would come and visit you," she replied.

"I can't talk, I have to go find Bagel!" Michael said.

"Okay, bye!" his mother replied.

Michael met up with Jack and they headed off in Michael's Nissan. Joe's farm was only five minutes down the road so it was not that long before Michael and Jack had arrived. The gate was wide open, so they parked their car behind a massive hedge and headed in.

They stuck together because Joe's farm was quite big and they did not want to get lost.

"There he is!" exclaimed Jack. Michael and Jack ran over to the dog kennels and freed Bagel. Michael picked up Bagel and started to comfort him.

"Hello Bagel, I missed you, friend," he said.

Although Bagel was very dirty, Michael couldn't stop hugging his best friend. All of a sudden, alarms began to siren. Michael and Jack picked up their things, ran, jumped into the car and sped off.

On the way home, Jack said, "Now to deal with Mac and Joe."

"Yes!" said Michael. "What can we do?"

"Let's start a protest because many other people are being discriminated against, just like us," said Jack.

When Michael and Jack got back to Michael's house, Jack got on his computer and spread word about the planned protest on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Before Jack went home, they had a hundred people signed up already.

The next morning, Michael got up, ate breakfast and got dressed. He then checked how many people were signed up to the protest. There were 756 people who had signed up!

There was a knock on the door so Michael ran downstairs. It was Jack. "Look at the crowd!" he said excitedly.

Two Weeks Later...

Michael and Jack's street had become a more friendly street and Mac and Joe apologised to them.. Michael explained how the medicine helped the animals to Joe and Michael saved Joe's prize-winning bullock from illness. Mac learned that everyone is equal and that you should not judge someone by the way they look, or by what they believe in. Jack and Mac had become friends and had coffee once a week.

But Michael and Jack wanted to help other people that were in the situation they had been in. So they set up a fundraiser and in two weeks they had raised four million dollars to send to other countries around the world. They were known worldwide for their generosity and many people wanted them to come on their television shows to interview them. Michael and Jack were famous, but most importantly they were helping the world!

Megan

Michael is a man who is 28 years old. He has a little girl called Olivia and a girlfriend called Molly. In Michael's area, people discriminate against one another based on the colour of people's skin, but his dog can't do that. That's the reason why Zoe, the Bernese Mountain dog puppy, is Michael's best friend.

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That evening, Michael and Molly went to find Zoe. They left Olivia at home with Granny Aba. They found Zoe in a bush, huddling up to a rough collie. Michael remembered that dog from somewhere. He brought the two of them inside and gave them dog food. Granny Aba went home and Olivia went to bed.

Molly and Michael started talking. "What are we going to do with this dog?" asked Molly.

"I'll bring him into work tomorrow and see if he is microchipped. If he is, I will return him to his owner," said Michael. "What if he doesn't have an owner?" asked Molly.

"I don't know," said Michael. Michael and Molly went into their room. Meanwhile, Zoe and the rough collie fell asleep on the couch.

After they had woke up the next morning, Molly went into the kitchen and made breakfast. Michael brought Olivia downstairs and put her in the high chair. Then the collie woke up and rolled onto the remote controls. The television turned on and a news reporter was reporting that people from the town Doodle Words were marching in the streets trying to spread a message: 'Black Lives Matter.' 'EVERY LIFE' matters and that it was time to stop racism!

Michael ran into the sitting room and watched the news. "LOOK AT THIS!"

Molly ran in. "What?" she said, confused.

“They’re protesting to stop people discriminating against people based on the colour of their skin. We should do something like this and do it in our town!” said Michael.

“Okay,” said Molly “We can do it after you finish work.”

“Don’t you mean we?” said Michael.

“No, I’m off today,” said Molly.

Michael shrugged and left for work with Zoe and the rough collie.

Michael had been at work all day and he found out that the rough collie’s owner had passed away recently . So Michael brought the rough collie home to live with them. He decided to name him Buddy. Buddy and Zoe went home with Michael.

That evening, Michael, Molly, Olivia, Zoe and Buddy went out looking for people to help with their protest. They got a good few people to help them protest. When they went to town people were already there. Crowds of people held signs with slogans ‘BLACK LIVES MATTER’, ‘EVERYONE MATTERS’ and ‘STOP RACISM.’

Michael was happy with how many people had come to protest. They marched from Hollywords to the Doodle monument. Michael was happy. He felt that it was a great success and that they had made their point.

Later that evening, Jack came over to Michael’s house, knowing it was time to show Mac and Joe that everyone is equal. Michael and Mac were in the house making a plan, when suddenly someone knocked on the door.

It was the news reporter. “Hello I am from the Six O’Clock News. I am here to talk to you about racism,” the reporter said. So Michael and Jack talked about racism and how everyone should be treated equally..

Then they went home and went to bed. Jack stayed over and he slept on the couch, while the dogs slept on the floor. They woke up the next morning and went to the kitchen. Jack was making breakfast

“Good morning,” said Jack.

“Good morning,” said Michael.

“Did you sleep well ?” asked Jack.

“Yes”, he replied.

“I hope Olivia did not wake you?” asked Michael.

“No, I slept well,” said Jack

Then there was another on the door. It was Mac and Joe. They had come to apologise and asked if Jack and Michael wanted to collect money to help provide clean water to villages in Africa.

Michael felt like he had achieved his greatest wish.

All Michael wanted was for his daughter to grow up in a world where everyone is equal. Now they know the future is looking bright.

Ryan

They hatched a plan to get justice...

Michael and Jack started thinking about what they should do.

Jack suggested, "Maybe we could start a group that spreads awareness about the unfairness of discrimination and we can create a plan to remove discrimination from our society?"

Michael thought silently for a few minutes as he considered different ideas.

Out of the blue, Bagel burst in through the dog-flap and jumped on Michael. Michael was surprised and wondered what had happened. He looked like he had been chasing somebody for many kilometres.

Jack asked Michael what he thought about his idea. "It sounds like a great idea, but I don't know how we'll do it," Michael said as he was dipping a biscuit into his tea. Michael thought for a moment more and said "You know what, I'll call a friend of mine, Larry. He's good at planning. I'll tell him to come over tomorrow, maybe he will have a plan that could help."

Michael went into the hallway and picked up the telephone to call Larry. Bagel watched Michael from the stairs.

Larry told Michael that he would be at Michael's house at 1pm the next day. Michael and Jack agreed on the time and said that they would meet him there.

Jack arrived the next day at 12:30pm to discuss the plan privately with Michael before Larry arrived. Ten minutes later, a knock on the door announced that Larry had arrived.

"So, what's the plan?" Larry asked.

Michael and Jack told Larry everything that happened during the last week. Larry took out his notebook from his bag and started writing. He wrote rapidly in his notebook for about twenty minutes, non-stop. He then showed his ideas to Michael and Jack. They were pleased.

Michael set up an online campaign and made a website for the group. They all were pleased.

Three Years Later

The Anti-Discrimination Group had exploded with popularity in the three years after its launch.

Michael was at work one day when, on his lunch break, he decided to log on to the Local Times newspaper website to see the day's news.

His mouth dropped open as he read. There was a picture of himself, Bagel, Larry and Jack, promoting Anti-Discrimination. Michael pinched himself with his fingers to make sure he wasn't daydreaming. Sure enough, he was in the newspaper.

Michael's boss walked into the office and patted Michael on the back in congratulations. He told Michael to take the week off because of his good work. While he was walking home with Bagel, Michael was interviewed by the news outlet.

Afterwards, Michael went home and lit the fire, feeling happy with himself. He turned on Teefax on the television. He put the kettle on and then Bagel started barking. Bagel was staring at the television, barking proudly. They were on the news.

Michael picked up the telephone and called Jack and Larry. They were both surprised. Larry and Jack came to Michael's home to talk with him.

Michael said, "It's been a while. Who's up for tea?" Larry and Jack both said "Yes, please!" Michael put on the kettle.

Michael opened his new laptop computer and plugged it into his phone socket. He opened the analytics page on their website but it was down. Michael called his friend Colin, who maintained the website on his server.

Colin said that he had shut it down as there was a lot of traffic from a single location, it looked like

they were getting dosed – in other words they were being hacked! Larry took over from Michael and asked, "By any chance, Colin, do you have the IP address of the person who is attacking the server?"

"I do," Colin replied.

Larry thanked Colin, wrote down the IP address and hung up the phone. Larry went onto Michael's laptop and looked up the IP address. It was coming from Joe the farmer's house...

"I have a plan," Larry said. "Okay, so my friend is the chief of the Garda Discrimination Taskforce. He could be interested and he could help us. I'll go and talk to him."

Larry left and went to the Garda station to talk to his friend. They had an idea. Larry called Michael and discussed the plan.

"Okay Michael, is Jack still there?" Larry asked. Michael said that Jack was still there beside him and could hear the conversation.

"Okay, lads. Bob has said we will sneak into Joe's house. He will give us protective body armour. He will come with us and help us. We will all be undercover."

Jack was really excited and he was ready in a flash. Larry said to meet him and Bob at the Garda station. Michael said, "We'll be there in five minutes" and hung up.

It was time for Operation Discrimination. They all met at the Garda station and there was an unmarked car that Bob set aside for the operation. Bob was finishing a phone call and said he would be out in a minute.

Bob came out and started the engine. They all drove out to the house beside Joe the farmer's home.

Bob briefed the three men and told them everything they needed to know.

They looked at each other and nodded. Michael said, "Okay, We're ready."

They all got suited up and they made their way to Joe's house. It was 2:30am, so the three men knew Joe and Mac would definitely be at home. They saw an open window and snuck in. Bob took the handcuffs out of his briefcase and passed one each to the other men.

Michael and Larry took the left wing of the house, while Bob and Jack took the right wing. They all had portable HAM radios so they could communicate with one another. Michael spied on Mac, he was in the attic on a computer. Larry unlocked his handcuffs and Michael got Mac up and they cuffed him. They contacted Bob via the radio and told them, "We got Mac."

Bob replied with the news that they had caught Joe – they had caught him red-handed running a script to destroy Colin's server. He was arrested as he had breached the Computer Misuse Act of 1990.

Michael smiled with relief. They threw both men into the back of the squad car and drove back to the Garda station. Joe and Mac were both arrested and they had to take part in a programme about equality, which was to be taught by Michael and Jack.

The Anti-Discrimination Group had exploded with so much popularity, that they started to teach children in schools about anti-discrimination. The key message was 'Everyone is equal'.

Michael retired and committed the rest of his life towards achieving the aims of the group. Jack followed suit. They implemented multiple campaigns on the internet, the radio and the television over the years and they were a huge success.

Joe started to believe in medicine and apologised to Michael for everything he had done over the years. Mac, on the other hand, stopped discriminating but was ordered to do fourteen months of community service as he had destroyed Colin's server. He was fined €2,000. He now works as a server engineer for Colin.

Molly

Michael had just finished work and was on his way to Jack's house. When Michael and Bagel arrived, they rang the doorbell but no one was there.

Michael thought this was very strange as he had told Jack he was going to be at his house at four o'clock. Thinking that the doorbell was broken, he knocked on the door and, to his surprise, it opened wide. Cautiously, Michael went into the house to see if Jack was home.

Jack was in the kitchen watching the news. He hadn't heard Michael because the sound on the television was turned up to full volume. When Michael entered the kitchen he started to talk to Jack, but he could not hear him. Michael turned down the volume. "Hello!" he said.

Jack apologised for not answering the door but Michael didn't mind.

Michael gave Bagel a bowl of water and sat down at the kitchen table.

Michael told Jack about the idea he had on the way to Jack's house.

"Jack, I was thinking that if we could gather people who have been discriminated against, we would have a team of people to get justice instead of just having the two of us. I bet there are hundreds of people around town who want to get justice against people who have discriminated against them, just like we have been discriminated against."

Jack loved the idea of helping other people get their justice too.

Every day for a whole month, Michael, Bagel and Jack went off in search of people who wanted to seek justice. It was hard for Michael to go to work and to find time to look for people to join the fight for justice, but he always managed. Every day after work at four o'clock, Michael and Bagel would meet Jack at the park to search for people. There were good days and bad days - there were even some days they found no one. Some people didn't want to take part or they thought it was a bad idea. At the end of the month, Michael and Jack had found 37 people who wanted to help them to seek justice.

It was time to take action! They decided to organize protests in the middle of the town. When the group started to protest, other people in their town saw that they were trying to make things right and lots more people began to join in.

Farmer Joe and Mac were angry, No, they were very angry. They did not agree with Michael and Jack. They didn't think it was such a big deal that people were being discriminated against. Mac and Joe were so angry that they decided to organise their own protest, intent on communicating the message that people should discriminate because it made them tough.

That evening, Joe and Mac decided to meet up at Joe's farm. Mac knocked on the door. Joe answered the door and said hello in an evil voice, like he already had an evil plot in his head.

Joe invited Mac into the kitchen. "Would you like

something to drink, Mac?” he said.

“No, thank you, “ Mac replied.

They both sat down at the kitchen table and talked about their plan. Joe told Mac how he had the phone numbers of a few guys who might help them.. Mac was intrigued when Joe told him this.

“They’re like us, Mac. They don’t agree with the protest in town,” Joe told him.

But!!! Little did Joe and Mac know that Michael had seen Mac in town earlier that day. He was a little suspicious so he told Jack of his concerns.

Jack, Michael and Bagel set off in the direction Mac went. They followed Mac to Joe’s farm. They had to be careful, though. Mac kept looking behind him, making sure no one had followed him. When Mac went inside, Jack, Michael and Bagel snuck closer to the house and hid under the kitchen windowsill.

Joe and Mac phoned the guys Joe had been talking about. They made an arrangement to meet up in a dark alleyway in town. About twenty minutes later, Joe and Mac walked out the front door and jumped into Joe’s jeep. Michael and Jack held their breath because they were very close to the jeep.

When Mac and Joe drove out of the driveway, Michael, Jack and Bagel hopped into Michael’s car as quickly as they could and followed the jeep to the dark alleyway in town. When they reached their

destination, they hid behind a large fence near the dark alleyway. Bagel let out a little squeal because he was scared of the dark alleyway. Michael picked up Bagel to calm him down.

Joe and Mac walked down to the end of the alleyway where they met Joe’s contacts. Joe introduced Mac to the guys. But the people that Joe had met were actually imposters. They were anti-discriminators!

They took out two hay bags and put them over Joe’s and Mac’s heads. Joe and Mac were so confused that they were speechless. The men brought Joe and Mac to Michael and Jack. Jack and Michael pulled the hay bags off their heads and told them they would call the police and inform them that they had been racially abusing people if they didn’t desist.

Mac and Joe have never discriminated against anyone since that day. And even though Jack and Michael had got their justice, they still continued their protest because they wanted to inspire other people around the world to seek their own justice.

A COUPLE OF MONTHS LATER...

One evening after work, Michael was taking Bagel for a walk. When they got home, Michael sat down at the kitchen table and turned on the news. At first, Michael saw that a house in a nearby town had burnt down and then Katie Costello came on the news.

She described a protest that had been held in a small

town. Michael wasn't really listening to the news but then Katie said the names of the organisers - Michael O'Bryan and Jack O'Connor. Michael rang Jack and told him to turn on the news.

Michael and Jack couldn't believe they were on the news. And not only were they on the news but they were on worldwide news!

TWO WEEKS LATER...

Two weeks after they were on the news, lots of other countries were inspired to protest too. Michael and Jack were famous. Michael had made his dream come true, people were starting to understand that everyone should be equal.

Tori

Jack was reading a book while sitting in a tree when Mac came over and pulled him down. Then Mac started to be mean to Jack.

Michael ran over and said, "Are you okay?"

"Yes," Jack said. "I'm "okay."

Michael asked Jack, "Do you want to come back for tea?"

Jack replied, "Sure."

They went to Michael's house. When they arrived, Michael said, "Welcome to my house!"

"Thank you so much," said Jack.

"No problem," Michael responded.

Jack told Michael why Mac was being mean to him. Michael said, "How about you do research and look him up?" So he did.

Later, Jack told Michael, "I got it."

Michael asked, "What did you find out about him?"

"Look," said Jack.

"Let's research our backgrounds and his background and put them together," Michael suggested.

So Jack printed out information about himself, Michael and Mac, cut it out and put it together. He saw that Jack and Michael are cousins, both of them!

"Wait, we are cousins," said Jack.

Michael looked at it. "Jack, let's go and find more people to help us."

Michael agreed so they went out to see if anyone would help them. Next thing, they came across a teenager being bullied by Mac. Michael let Bagel off his lead and Bagel chased Mac down the street. Michael said to the teenager, "Are you okay, sir?"

The teenager replied "I'm okay."

“That’s good,” Jack replied.

The teenager looked up and said, “”Wait, you are the people who stop bullying, aren’t you?”

Both of them said, “Yes, that’s us.”

The teenager said, “I’ll stop bullying too.”

“Want to help us?” asked Jack and Michael.

“Sure, I can help you,” the teenager replied.

Both Jack and Michael said “Cool!”

They brought the teenager – whose name was Jackson – back home and introduced him to Bagel.

“I am helping Jack to do the research on Mac,” he said.

“How is the plan coming along?” Michael asked,

Jack said, “Yes, it’s just finished, come over and look at the plan.”

“Let’s do it!” said Michael.

So Jackson and Jack and Michael went up to Mac. All of them said hi.

Mac said, “What do you guys want?”

So they all told him, “Look, can you stop bullying?”

Mac said, “I’m sorry for making fun of your skin, Jack.”

“It’s okay,” said Jack.

Mac said, “I’m sorry, Jackson, for putting your head near the pond.”

Jackson replied, “It’s okay.”

So they all became friends and played with Bagel.

Michael suggested, “Let’s go and watch some movies and hang out.”

All of them said, “Sure!!”

They thought about which movie they wanted to watch: The Zombies 2 or Paw patrol or Peppa Pig?

“Peppa Pig,” said Jackson.

And Jack said, “Paw Patrol.”

Michael said, “Okay, let’s watch Paw Patrol first and then we can watch Peppa Pig.”

When they were watching Paw Patrol, Bagel jumped up on them. His tail touched the remote and changed the channel.

Jack said, “Wait, guys, look!” They all looked at the TV. The news reporter was saying, “Hello everyone, welcome to the news. Now we have

some very important news for all of you. We may have some bullies on the street!"

Michael asked, "Where are all of the bullies coming from?"

"I don't know," said Jackson.

Jack said, "I need to go to the bathroom real quick." So he went to the bathroom and when he came out he said, "I'm ready guys."

Michael said, "Okay."

And off they went in search of some bullies.

Jackson said, "Guys, I found one!"

Michael and Jack ran over. "Why are you bullying?" they demanded.

The man said, "Well, I was bullied too."

Michael asked, "By who?"

"Rory," the man told him,

Michael said, "Okay we will find him."
"Okay," said the man.

So they all went to get some ice cream in Michael's mum's shop. Michael got a Slushie and Jack got a strawberry ice cream. Jackson got a chocolate ice cream. Then they went to look for Rory.

Jack said, "I FOUND HIM!"

They said, "Stop bullying Rory, it's not nice to bully."

Rory said, "I'm sooo sorry."

"Hmmm," said Jack.

Jackson said, "Okay, we forgive you."

Michael said, "Jack has been thinking for an hour now."

Jack said, "I wonder what Jack is thinking about."
Michael said, "I don't know."

They went back to the house. Jack was still thinking about ice cream.

Michael said, "Jack, we already had ice cream."

Jackson said, "NOW LET'S WATCH PEPPA PIG."

"Okay, let's watch Peppa Pig," Michael agreed.

This time Bagel didn't jump on the remote. Jack said, "You can have dog food, you good dog." Someone knocked on the door.

Jack said, "I'll get it." He opened the door.

All the people they helped were at the door and

they all said, "Thank you very much! You did a great job to help us from those bullies."

Michael came out and said, "Hello!" Jackson came to see what was going on.

Michael's mum and dad were there too. "You did great, son. We are so proud of you."

"Thanks!" said Michael.

Everyone clapped for Michael and Jack and Jackson and they wanted to have a party.

"Jack, what will we do with the party?" asked Michael.

Jack replied, "I don't know."

Jackson said, "I know, we will have to have it at my house!"

Michael said, "Okay, but we need a cake."

"Me and my sister will bake it," Jack said.

Michael said, "Thanks guys."

All of them replied, "No problem!"

Michael said, "Let's get it ready." So they all get it ready.

When it was time, Michael said, "Welcome, welcome everybody!"

"The cake is done," said Jack.

Jackson said, "Cool, let's put it on the table."

Jack's sister Lily put on music and they all danced. Michael went up to the table to make a speech.

"Thank you everyone for coming. I hope you enjoy the evening!"

And then a dinosaur came in and put Michael on its back. Everyone clapped.

Jack said, "Well done Michael!" Lily hugged all of them, including Michael. They were all proud of what they had achieved.

Megan

Michael and Jack hatched a plan. Their plan was to show Mac and Joe the pain they felt while being discriminated against. They planned to talk later that night, at six o'clock, and to put the plan into action the next day as Michael was late for work. The two said goodbye to each other and Michael was on his way. He couldn't be late or he would run the risk of someone writing him a bad review.

Michael and Bagel arrived on time and Michael got to work with his first appointment. Then he and Bagel had lunch together before continuing on with three other appointments. Michael and Bagel were sitting on Michael's office chair, when suddenly

Michael's phone started ringing. Michael picked up his phone and he saw that it was half past six.

The call was coming from Jack. "Oh no!" said Michael. "I completely forgot that Joe and I were meeting at six!"

Bagel stopped wagging his tail, sensing his owner's distress as Michael answered the call. "Hello?"

"Hello! I thought you were coming to my house to discuss our plans for tomorrow?" Jack replied.

Michael sighed in relief that Jack wasn't mad at him and Bagel started wagging his tail again.

"I'm sorry, I may have gotten caught up at work," Michael explained, his voice becoming more relaxed as he spoke.

"It's no problem, but we will have to discuss this plan tomorrow and change the date of the instigation of our plan to Wednesday."

"That seems fine with me!" Michael said cheerily. "Goodbye then" Jack said, as he hung up the phone

Michael sighed as he got up off his chair and walked back home with Bagel. When he got home, he had his dinner with his roommate Joan and went to bed. Michael was tired but feeling excited in anticipation of the upcoming days. He woke up to see Joan making breakfast for both of them, Michael thanked Joan and ate his breakfast.

"Goodbye Joan!"

"Goodbye Michael and Bagel!"

And with that, Michael left to go to Jack's house. On the way, Michael had to go through an alleyway. Michael was so preoccupied with stepping over a large pile of uneaten curry chips that, without noticing, a very large ant bit him. As he continued on his way, Michael started to feel dizzy but he ignored the feeling. When he got to Jack's house, he started talking about the plan they were going to enact. He also suggested they could organise a charity run.

Suddenly, Michael collapsed. When he woke up, he was still in Jack's house, lying down on the couch. Although he felt tired, bizarrely, he felt strong. He reached for a glass of water but accidentally smashed it in his hand.

"What..?" he exclaimed out loud.

Michael heard Jack's voice and looked at him, confused. He tried to recall if anything strange had happened. Nothing came to mind, but he couldn't explain his sudden strength.

"You're so strong?" Jack said.

"It's confusing," said Michael "I have no idea how this might have happened."

After a few minutes, Jack said something interesting

“You could be a superhero! You could protect those being discriminated against, this is brilliant.”

Michael thought about it for a while, considering both the pros and cons, wondering if becoming a superhero would be such a good idea. He decided that it wouldn't be the smartest idea.

But yes, he was going to become a superhero. He just needed a name.

“What about Zelus?” Jack questioned. Zelus seemed fitting, it was the name of the Greek god of strength.

“That seems great!” Michael said excitedly.

Michael went home and tried not to touch things. He was unsuccessful and broke a few doorknobs. The next day, Michael got ready for the charity run. He put on a superhero costume that Joan had made for him. Then he left, after saying goodbye to Joan and Bagel.

At the charity run, there were streamers and lights decorating the route. Donations were coming in by the minute to help the fight against ALL discrimination, all because of the event Michael and Jack had organised and the charity run.

After the run, when everyone had gone home, they checked how much they had raised and it was \$163,809.46. Everyone was ecstatic. Michael and Jack created an anti-discrimination foundation

called ‘Different’ and they became famous for being the instigators of the foundation.

After Mac and Joe had witnessed Michael's new found strength, they never discriminated against him again, afraid of becoming his nemesis.

Kyla

In Michael's area, some people discriminate against the colour of other people's skin, but his dog can't do that. That's the reason why Bagel, the Bernese mountain dog puppy, is Michael's best friend.

Michael was out for a walk around town with Bagel when he saw Jack the shopkeeper being discriminated against. Whenever he saw someone being discriminated against, he thought to himself, “That's not right.”

Bagel ran over and started barking at Mac, the person who was discriminating against Jack. Mac ran away when he saw Bagel running over to him. Bagel kept chasing Mac to give Michael more time to realise what happened.

Michael ran over to Jack to see if he was okay.

“Are you all right?” Michael asked Jack.

“Yeah, I'm okay.”

Michael asked Jack to come to his house for a cup

of tea. When they got to Michael's house and Jack settled down a bit, he explained to Michael why Mac had been discriminating against him.

"Mac was discriminating against me because of the colour of my skin."

Mac had a history of discriminating against people. Michael felt sad and horrified for Jack after hearing how he was discriminated against. Michael understood how Jack felt because he had been treated unfairly by Joe the farmer. Joe relied on prayer and didn't agree with the medicine Michael was using to treat the animals.

Together, Michael and Jack did a bit of research and they discovered that Mac and Joe are cousins. They hatched a plan to get justice...

The next day...

Michael woke up the next day, dressed himself and ate his breakfast. He took his shovel from the shed and before he jumped into the car. Bagel came running out from the bush, barking and jumping wildly before quickly following Michael into the car. Michael drove to the park that was twenty minutes away. Once Michael reached his destination, he rang Jack and asked, "Hi Jack! Can you meet me in the park by the fountain? Bring pillows, cushions and two duvets - to put in the hole."

"Sure thing, Michael," said Jack. "See ya there."

Michael was trying to dig the hole as deep as he

could, but he did not want to hurt Mac and Joe once they fell in. Then he said to himself, "We will put pillows, cushions and duvets in the hole to stop them from hurting themselves..." He stood there, looking down at the hole deep in thought. All of a sudden, out jumped Bagel through the open car window and landed on the soft green grass.

"Hello boy!" said Michael, looking over at Bagel walking towards him. "Be careful doing that, you'll break a leg!" he said, giving Bagel a pat on the head.

A car pulled into the parking lot and a man stepped out. It was Jack. Jack pulled out two suitcases containing the pillows, cushions and the two duvets. He walked slowly over to Michael and put the suitcases beside Bagel.

"Hi, how are you?" asked Michael looking at Jack. "Good, just tired", he replied. Michael took one of the pillows out of the suitcase and threw it into the hole.

"Wow, that's a deep hole," said Jack, looking down at the ground.

"Is that not a bit deep, Michael? We don't want them to end up in hospital with a broken bone."

"Uhm, well, I was thinking the same thing," said Michael, walking over and picking up the duvets and throwing them down the hole.

Michael and Jack threw the rest of the cushions, the pillows and the duvet into the hole and decided to wait behind a tree located near the hole for Mac and Joe to come to the park. They hoped their plan would go smoothly.

It was about half an hour later, when Michael spotted Mac and Joe over at a bench eating hot dogs. Jack told Bagel to go and fetch the hot dog and then to run towards the hole in the ground. Bagel ran over to Mac and Joe who were sitting down at a bench. They were talking about electric guitars.

Bagel slowly and quietly snuck up behind the men and snatched a hot dog from Mac's hand. "Hey, you filthy animal! That's my food!" cried Mac.

"Mac," said Joe. "You can get another one."

"I know that, but I just want to get that dog and show him why the filthy animal should not have done that," said Mac, rising from the bench and getting ready to run after Bagel.

"Ugh, fine! This better be quick though, I want to eat my hot dog," said Joe, shoving his hot dog into his pocket.

The men ran after Bagel, but after eating so many hot dogs, they had a stitch in their stomachs. Their stomachs started to make awful noises.

"Why did we have so many hot dogs?" moaned Joe.

"Would you stop your complaining, Joe!" said Mac, who was trying to catch Bagel by reaching forward to grab Bagel's tail.

Poor Bagel's little legs hurried as he was running for his life trying not to get caught.

Bagel got closer to the hole and then slowed down, so Mac and Joe would catch up to him. Then, as quick as lightning, Bagel turned and THUMP!

Mac and Joe fell into the hole.

"Excuse me!" shouted Joe from the hole.

"Who put this here?" shouted Mac.

"We did!" said Jack proudly, like he just caught a robber from the Wild West. "And now we are going to give you a lecture on how terrible and disgraceful discrimination is."

It was an hour later before Michael and Jack let Joe and Mac go, with a stern warning to stop discriminating against people.

It was a month later and Michael, Bagel and Jack were in Michael's house looking back on how well their plan had worked.

"Jack, I would love to become President of Winkleton. You know, to spread the word on how it's disgraceful that people have the guts to discriminate against people," said Michael as he rubbed Bagel's head.

“What really, President! I’m speechless,” Jack said, leaning back in his chair in surprise.

It was one year later and Michael achieved his dream, he became the President of Winkleton.

Michael was on the news and in the newspapers. And Jack had helped it to happen. Jack was with him, working side by side helping him to make decisions. Bagel was always by his side too. Bagel became famous and was all over the internet.

“I can’t believe we did it Jack, I have the two most best friends ever!” said Michael, giving Jack a pat on the back. “We did it,” he repeated.

Danny

Michael thought to himself silently, “What could we do?” Michael sprung out of his seat and said to Jack, “What if we create a page on social media to protest against racism? I’m sick and tired of living in a racist world. Just because someone has a different skin colour does not mean they shouldn’t have equal rights with others. It’s a disgrace. I’m going to start a social media account now.”

Michael sat down at his computer and never stopped mashing his keyboard. After a few minutes he said to Jack, “I’ve just created an account and I want this to be a reality in the future, that all lives matter. And my goal until the day I die is to make this a reality. Just because you’re Muslim doesn’t

mean you should be discriminated against. I guess life’s just not fair but let’s try and make it as fair as we can. Okay, so I will see you tomorrow, Jack, because I’m going to go to bed. You can stay if you want.”

Jack thought about whether or not he should stay. “Urm, okay, then” Jack said. “Thank you so much for having me.”

“If it is okay with you, I will head to bed later because I want to watch some telly with Bagel,” said Michael.

“Okay see you in the morning,” said Jack.

The next morning Jack and Michael were in the kitchen. “Hey Jack, let’s have some breakfast and check the social media account,” Michael said.

“Would you like an egg or sausages?” Michael asked.

“I’ll have an egg, please,” Jack answered.

“I’ll check the social media account now,” Michael said.

“OH MY GOD, MICHAEL! THE ACCOUNT HAS OVER ONE MILLION FOLLOWERS TO HELP AGAINST RACISM!” Jack shouted. “Let’s get some of the fans to meet at the town centre!”

“Okay! I will quickly get changed. Forget about breakfast!” said Michael.

A couple of minutes later he was back downstairs again. "Okay, I'm ready, let's go! Hop in my car and I will tweet out to everyone to meet at the town centre. Joe and Mac will get the shock of their lives," Michael said.

They drove to town and two hours later the crowd had gathered. "Okay, so is everyone ready to stop racism and discrimination in this town!" Michael proudly shouted. "The first place we need to go to is Joe's house, to teach him a lesson. Guys I don't want any violence, though, because at the end of the day we are all human."

"Okay, so I will knock," said Jack. Jack knocked on the door.

Joe and Mac answered. "What do you cityfolks all want?"

"I WANT YOU ALL OUT OF HERE" says Joe the Farmer.

"Well, what we want is FOR YOU TO STOP MAKING FUN OF people's beliefs and their skin color. Let me in and I will talk to everyone else, wait here," said Michael and Jack. "Joe and Mac, could you both please tell me what you hate about Muslims and black people?"

Joe took a deep breath and started to explain, "Well, when I was a small boy my parents and Mac went on holidays to Jack's country and the hotel we were in got raided by the military. They took my father for no reason and I have never seen him since."

"I'm sorry for your loss, but you don't need to blame that on people like Jack. It was an awful thing that happened, but it's not Jack's fault. So could you maybe both apologise to Jack and the other people you have been discriminating against," said Michael.

Joe opened the door and said, "I'm sorry for all I have said. If you could all forgive me, I would appreciate it a lot. I don't think my father would like to see me discriminate against you just because of what your army did."

"It's okay as long as it doesn't happen again," said Jack.

Five years later

"I had some good times in my life, There were ups and downs. I have great memories of my life and many more to come with my newborn daughter. My wife and I called her Emily."

Joe started a company that makes milk and butter. Jack is travelling the world. Mac is in the process of starting a car company. So all went well.

Bagel turned six years old the other day and he isn't a puppy anymore.

Dylan

Michael and Jack did a little bit of research and they found out that Mac and Joe were cousins. Then they

hatched a plan to get justice – and it involved saying that Michael and Jack were cousins!

Mac and Joe got jealous of them being cousins. Michael and Jack went into the restaurant and got chips and nuggets. Mac and Joe got really upset and got pet dinosaur just so it could eat Michael's and Jack's meals. They got very angry and had Farmer Joe's bulls chase Mac and Joe away. So Michael and Jack got more food to eat and poor Mac and Joe got none.

Deciding that it was time for a truce, Mac and Joe went into the restaurant and sat beside Michael and Jack.

Mac said, "Please will you share your meal with me and Joe?"

Both Michael and Jack said "NO!!!"

Mac and Joe got a very big meal, one that was bigger than both Michael and Jack's meals, for themselves. Michael and Jack thought it wasn't fair, so they got Farmer Joe's pigs to eat Mac and Joe's meals. Not a crumb was left, not even the bags or containers. Mac and Joe got really upset. They got up out of their seats and walked out of the restaurant, slamming the door behind them.

Michael and Jack got a fright, then they had heart attacks and fainted. Quickly, the manager rang an ambulance to take Michael and Jack to the hospital. Luckily they survived and woke up in the hospital asking themselves, "How did we get here?"

Michael and Jack got up out of their hospital beds and walked out of the hospital. They saw Mac and Joe on the footpath ahead. Michael and Jack ran over to Mac and Joe and got angry with them.

They shouted, "DID YOU PUT US IN THE HOSPITAL!!"

Mac and Joe replied, "No."

"Are you sure?" asked Michael.

Jack said, "Mac and Joe, ye nearly killed us."

"No, we didn't," Mac and Joe responded.

Michael and Jack said, "But in the restaurant earlier, on your way out you slammed the door of the restaurant behind you. This gave us such a fright that we fell over and ended up in the hospital for some reason."

Mac and Joe said, "We were in the restaurant when you were in the hospital and the manager told us that two men had fainted right here in the restaurant. I called an ambulance to take the two men to the hospital. I wasn't in the restaurant when that happened."

Then Michael and Jack went to the restaurant and told the manager that they had fainted in the restaurant earlier.

The manager said "That's because you had a heart attack here earlier. I called an ambulance to take ye to the hospital."

“So ye nearly killed us!” said Jack crossly. Michael and Jack went into the restaurant and got chips and nuggets and a hot dog because they were hungry. Mac and Joe were hungry too, so they went into the restaurant and ordered chips and burgers. But the manager told them, “Sorry there aren’t any chips or burgers left, we need to get more in stock.”

Mac and Joe were very disappointed because they were starving, so they went over to Michael and Jack and said “I don’t think you will do this, but me and Mac are starving. We haven’t eaten in a long time. Can we have some of your food because there isn’t any left. You ate it all!”

“Ye have a bigger appetite than my pigs!” said Joe angrily. Michael and Jack said, “Don’t worry, we’ll get you some food.”

They went into the bathroom of the restaurant and snuck out the window of the bathroom to Farmer Joe’s farm. They took Farmer Joe’s chicken seeds and came back to the restaurant and announced, “Dinner is served!”

When Joe and Mac opened the tinfoil, they saw the chicken seeds and went red with anger. They threw the seeds in Michael’s and Jack’s faces. Mac and Joe were laughing at Michael and Jack. Then Michael said to Joe and Mac, “Stop laughing at us, it isn’t funny!”

Mac and Joe ran out the door of the restaurant and went to the farm and got more chicken seeds. They gave them to Michael and Jack and said, “Here are

some fresh spuds from my farm. Eat them, they are cooked.”

When they bit into them, they immediately spat them out on the floor and cried, “These potatoes are disgusting!”

When they looked into the tinfoil, they discovered they were not real potatoes. They got so mad that they threw them in Joe’s and Mac’s faces. They got really angry and their faces went red.

Joe and Mac ran out the door and they weren’t seen again for a long, long time.

Bryan

One morning Michael and Jack went to find Joe and Mac to tell them that they were cousins. Michael and Jack found Joe and Mac at the shop. Joe and Mac took Michael and Jack to the back room in the shop where the kitchen was.

Michael asked, “What are we doing here?”

Joe told them that they were there to talk about something serious.

“To talk about what? and I need to tell you something too,” Michael said.

Joe asked, “What is it all about?”

Michael hesitated and then said, "You and Mac are cousins."

Joe did not know what to say about that. Michael showed him a document as proof.

Joe said, "Is this really real or fake?"

"This is not fake," Michael told him.

"Oh," said Joe. He then ran out of the shop and ran down the street. Michael wondered to himself what could be wrong with Joe. He thought that he must have eaten very sugary food or drank a very sugary drink with his lunch.

Michael walked out of the shop and bumped into Mac and Jack.

Michael said, "I told you to wait in the back."

Mac and Jack said they had been waiting there but when they heard Joe running out of the shop, they had followed him.

Michael said "What direction did Joe run, I wonder?" Mac and Jack said they didn't know, because he was gone by the time they had reached the corner at the bottom of the street.

Michael, Mac and Jack walked down the street to the corner. When they reached the corner, they turned down the street to see if Joe had run down there. When Michael passed one of the houses in the street,

he heard a dog bark.

Michael said to himself, "Is that Bagel?" Michael walked down the alleyway alongside the house and opened an old door. There he saw Bagel, tied to an old oak tree behind the house. Bagel was squealing because the lead had been tied improperly, causing him pain.

Michael wondered, "Why is Bagel tied up like that?" So he untied Bagel from the oak tree and told Mac and Jack to wait, in case Joe was in the house. Michael and Bagel walked into the house.

Just before Michael and Bagel entered the house, they heard a noise coming from inside. Michael told Bagel to wait with Mac and Jack. When Michael entered the house he called out, "Is anybody here?"

Joe came out of the bathroom and Michael said, "What are you doing here?"

"This is my old house, where I used to live before I became a farmer," said Joe.

Michael replied, "Okay, nice house."

Michael asked Joe how it was that Bagel was tied to the oak tree at the back of the house.

Joe said, "I don't know."

"You are lying, your face is all red!" Michael cried.

“You tied Bagel to the oak tree. Stop lying or I will call the police and then you will know all about it if I do call them, won’t ya!”

“Fine, I will tell you why I had Bagel tied to the tree,” Joe admitted. “When I was coming out of the shop, I saw somebody trying to kidnap Bagel by putting him into the back of a black van. So I saved him and brought him back here. I tied him to the oak tree when I went inside to change my clothes.”

Michael said, “Why did you have to tie Bagel to the oak tree so painfully?”

“Because I was in a rush and I don’t really know how to tie dogs up properly,” Joe replied.

Michael said, “Don’t worry, I believe you.”

Michael, Bagel and Joe left Joe’s old house and walked to the coffee shop to get some coffee and to talk about why Joe had tied Bagel to the tree. When they arrived at the coffee shop, Michael said to Joe, “Do you want me to show you how to tie Bagel to the tree properly?”

Joe turned around. “No, I’ll do it incorrectly again,” he said.

Michael said, “You didn’t do it badly the last time when you tied him to the tree at your old house, but he was in pain.”

Joe said, “Well, I will try to do it correctly this time,

thank you.”

So after Joe had tied Bagel to the tree properly, Michael and Joe went into the coffee shop. Michael talked to Joe about all the stuff he had done over the years. Then Joe talked about all of the stuff he had done over the years too.

And after Michael and Joe told their stories, they became best friends forever. And then Mac and Jack became friends too.

Paul

They hatched a plan to get justice, and so they did. Michael and Jack were the dream team now, searching and searching for more information about how they could stop people from discriminating. They came across many good ideas on the internet, but there was one in particular that a lot of people in other countries had found effective.

The idea was to organise a large crowd of people holding up boards and placards, with slogans speaking out against discrimination. Michael didn’t feel very confident about this approach.

“It just won’t cut it,” Michael said.

“Michael, I think that’s the only choice,” said Jack.

“No, it isn’t,” said Michael.

“Then what will we do?” Jack asked. “We have to think of a different option.”

“I know,” said Michael.

They continued researching for hours and hours, but couldn’t find anything suitable.

“What about this?” asked Jack after an age of trawling through the internet.

Michael was shocked, he had never seen Jack so worked up about anything. “I’m sorry, I got so mad but this has to be stopped.”

“I know, but how? Maybe we could just go with the option we had before,” said Jack.

Bagel the dog seemed to know what they were talking about, because as they were talking her ears perked up. “Well I guess if it’s the only option, then we have to try it.”

“Right, meet me at the town square tomorrow morning at 10 o’clock,” said Jack. “Ok,” said Michael.

The next morning, Jack and Michael met up as planned.

“Hey Jack, over here!” yelled Michael. Jack came running over with a group of people. They talked for a few minutes and agreed on a plan of action.

When Michael called out “GO!”, everyone ran into the dollar shop to buy boards and markers. When they were all regrouped, they got into position to start.

“Is everyone ready?” shouted Michael.

“YES!” yelled the crowd.

“Let’s start marching. In three, two, one, go!”

The big crowd marched down the street, holding their placards up in the air. As they were walking, Michael saw Mac and Joe discriminating against people as usual. While Mac and Joe were doing their daily routine, one of the people from the crowd yelled at them.

They turned around and looked at the crowd in disgust. Michael saw that the protest was having little impact upon them. He turned to Jack and said, “Maybe

Mac and Joe aren’t mean, they just have inherited racism from their family history. It obviously is going to take a long time for them to change. If their family history wasn’t like that, I doubt they would be who they are now.”

The protest wasn’t working and the two of them were already exhausted after walking through the entire town of Newtown. Michael and Jack were completely out of breath from holding up those heavy whiteboards they had bought in the dollar shop all day long.

“Man, maybe we should have bought the whiteboards from a different shop,” said Jack. The two of them were out of ideas for now. They had



to settle down for a week and think up new ideas.

“What are we going to do now?” asked Michael.
 “I think I have an idea, but it’s going to be...rather expensive,” said Jack.
 Michael was curious. “A lounge tent, what are we meant to do with it?” he said when Jack told him.
 “You’ll see,” said Jack.

They set up a fake restaurant with burgers and chips, which were Mac and Joe’s favourite. Joe and Mac were dragged into the restaurant by the smell of the delicious-looking burgers. After they

entered, Michael and Jack closed the lounge tent behind Mac and Joe and each had a chat with them.

Eventually, the two cousins agreed to stop discriminating and Joe also agreed with the medicine that Michael put in the animals. The four of them all walked out as friends, and good friends they were. They went to parties together and they went to each other’s houses.

Oisín

On 19th April 2002, a guy named Fill was living in London.

Fill is in his early thirties, he is a vet and he has a dog named Pluto. Pluto is a Siberian husky and



she is nine months old. Fill also has a best friend named Jordan, who is in his late twenties. Fill and Jordan have been together since high school. Jordan had moved to London five months previously.

One day Jordan met Fill walking Pluto. Pluto started to bark. "Quiet down, Pluto," Fill said.

Pluto chewed at her leash and started running after someone – someone who was making fun of another person's skin colour. His name was Korbinn, the bully of the town. Korbinn was making fun of Willy's skin colour. Willy is one of Fill's friends.

(Willy was in pain but Willy will be fine.)

Fill invited Jordan for a cup of tea the following Monday afternoon. They thought of ways to stop people making fun of other people's skin colour.

"Ah, I have a really good idea, why can't we just set up an online group to advance our cause?" Jordan said.

Fill replied, "What will we name it?"

"Hmm, maybe 'Cancel Race'?" Jordan suggested.

By the middle of the following week, at least thirteen people had joined the new group. Fill and Jordan photocopied sheets for everyone to share with their friends and to the people living in the town. They also hung posters around the town and after they were finished, they went home. For the next few

weeks, everyone followed the same routine as the first time, hanging up posters and going home.

One day, Korbinn heard what Fill and Jordan were up to, so he created a fake online account and started to say bad things about their group. Fill saw these bad things being said, so he hired a hacker to prevent anyone else from saying bad things about the group. Although Korbinn was banned, that didn't stop him from creating more and more fake accounts to continue to say bad things about the group. What Korbinn didn't know how to do was to create his own online group, so he looked for a friend who could help him.

Two weeks later, thirty seven people had joined Jordan and Fill's group, but they had to update the name of the group because they remembered there were different ways of discriminating against people. For example, you can make fun of their skin colour, you can make fun of their religion, you can make fun of someone's gender or you can make fun of someone's rights. They decided to rename the group and call themselves 'The Alliance For Justice.'

Meanwhile, Korbinn was still trying to find someone to create fake accounts for him and his friend. Cole was the man. He knew everything about computers, laptops, phones, tablets and even Nokia phones. So Korbinn and Cole went out looking for more people to join their group. Cole knew a lot more people than Korbinn did, so by the end of the day Korbinn and Cole had at least nine people in their fake group.

The Alliance for Justice put up more posters around the town to encourage more people to join the group, but the following day there were no new members so they decided to invest in online ads. Again, Fill hired the same hacker who had banned Korbinn from The Alliance for Justice to see if he could hack into the online billboards around town and give The Alliance For Justice a free shoutout. And so the hacker hacked the billboards around town displaying their message everywhere.

The Alliance For Justice gained twenty three more followers because of the billboards, but Fill and Jordan decided that they only wanted fifty people in the group, so they stopped putting up posters and ads.

“So what do we do now?” asked Jordan

Fill replied that they could hold a protest rally. And so they did, they held a protest rally and all fifty of their group members took part. It was a huge success and it all went to plan.

Fill had a few words to say. “Four weeks ago it was only me and my friend Jordan,” he announced. “Thank you to all that helped in the rally.”

The Odd Ones



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5th Class

One summer evening, Penelope was at home with her best friend, Betty the Odd One. They wanted to build a den and they realised they needed something to support it, so they were looking on Amazon. They found a black tent with metal poles.

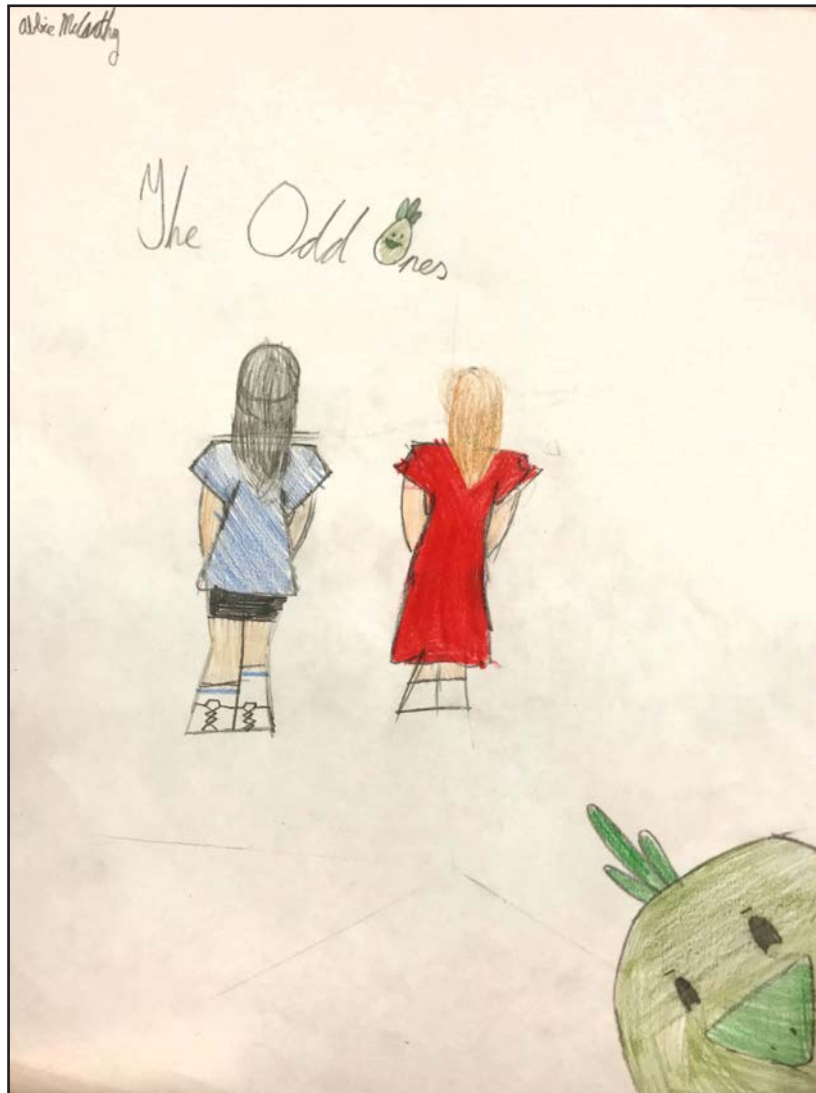
Penelope was still upset after the fight with three other girls at school. She and Betty had fought with the girls because they were bullying Betty the Odd One. The reason she was called Betty the Odd One was because she had one brown eye and one blue eye. Courtney had been pulling Betty's hair when Penelope stumbled upon the fight.

Of course Penelope was going to stand up for her best friend.

"STOP! Please leave her alone!!" she shouted angrily.

"And do you think you're the boss of me?" Courtney shot back.

All of a sudden the teacher appeared. "What are you girls doing to Betty? Courtney, leave Betty's hair alone!"



Abbie M.

“Are you the boss of me, teacher?” Courtney replied.

“You’ve got a one-way ticket to the principal’s office,” the teacher replied to Courtney.

“Then make me!”

“I’ll make you,” said the teacher crossly.

Betty the Odd One and Penelope ran away from the scene.

They had just ordered the tent with same day shipping when suddenly they heard a loud bang at the door. Courtney was there and the other girls, Ava and Amelia, were standing behind her. They couldn’t tell their parents because Penelope’s parents were in the neighbours’ house.

Courtney, Amelia and Ava had arrived looking for revenge.

It was at that moment, that out of nowhere appeared a green chicken...

Abbie F.

Courtney, Ava and Amelia were so disgusted by the green chicken that they ran out.

Penelope jumped up and shouted, “A chicken, I always wanted one!”

She looked at Betty the odd one and said, “Oh, Betty can we please keep it? I always wanted a chicken. And it’s green, which makes it better!”

Betty sighed and said “Okay, but where will it sleep?”

Penelope looked around. While she was looking around, the doorbell rang and Betty the odd one said that she would get it. Betty opened the door and it was the tent they ordered. Betty got the tent, closed the door and showed Penelope.

Then Penelope had an idea.

“Betty, maybe we should let the chicken sleep in the tent since we have nowhere else for it!” Betty agreed and they both started building the tent while the chicken watched from the couch.

Half an hour later, they were done so they put blankets, pillows and lights in it. They were so proud of it. A couple of hours later they heard another ding dong at the door, but this time Penelope answered it. It was Courtney and her two friends, Amelia and Ava.

Penelope called Betty to the door, just in case there was trouble. “What do you girls want?” she asked. “We’re sorry that we were being mean to you both,” replied Courtney.

Penelope looked behind her and only a few steps away she saw the teacher. She looked back at the



Cade

girls and said, "We accept your apology but please don't do it again."

Courtney smiled and said, "We won't."

The girls left and Penelope closed the door. She and Betty went back to the green chicken and the tent.

"What should we name the chicken?" Betty wondered while they both were relaxing in the tent with the chicken.

"Oooh I know, I've been planning for ages! Limestone," replied Penelope.

"Really? Are you sure?" said Betty.

"Yup, 100% sure," said Penelope confidently.

"Well, okay, I guess," replied Betty. "Hello, Limestone," she said to the chicken while lying back down on the bottom of the tent.

And they all had a great evening that day.

Abbie M.

It was at this moment that a green chicken appeared.

Amy and Amelia looked at Courtney like she knew what to do but Courtney looked just as puzzled as the other two girls. They all looked at the chicken



Allannah



Conor

and looked so scared that I kinda felt bad for them BUT only kinda. After that, they just fled from my house and that was the end of that, thankfully.

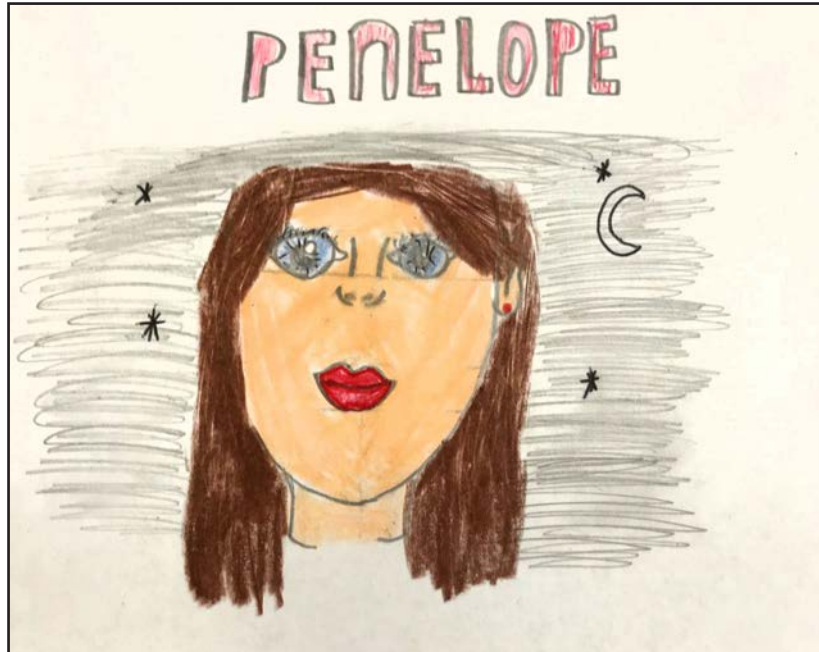
But we still had this random chicken on our couch. Betty seemed to really like the green chicken. She ran over to him the second that the mean girls left. Betty BEGGED to keep him, which was okay with me. I mean, I really don't know much about chickens but I do like them. He looked calm enough but the fact he was green and I just wasn't sure about him.

I stared at him the same way it stared back at me. Betty crept over to him and I followed her lead. Betty petted the chicken. It seemed really friendly so we decided to name it. We settled on Limestone and the chicken seemed to like it. After that we all became the best of friends: me, Betty and Limestone.

It was now getting dark and Betty went home and I went to bed hoping that tomorrow would be better. Limestone fell asleep at the bottom of my bed, sleeping peacefully.

I woke up early the next morning. Limestone was still asleep at the end of my bed. I got up, dressed in my school uniform, ate my breakfast, and brushed my teeth. I walked to the bus stop and, while waiting for the bus to arrive, I hoped Betty was okay.

The bus came and I walked down the bus aisle,



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trying to find a seat. Luckily I found Betty next to an empty seat. As we walked into school, I couldn't see Courtney, Amy or Amelia anywhere. THAT was a good sign. I was hoping they would be in the principal's office.

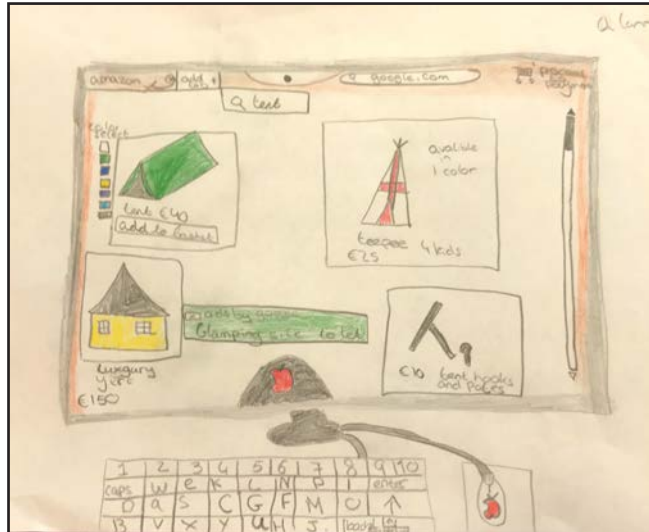
As things were just working out well, we walked into class. I saw Courtney and her friends smirking at Betty. We sat in our seats and our teacher announced that there was a new student. He had messy brown hair and crystal blue eyes. All of us seemed to be super excited, except for Courtney, Amelia and Amy.

After class, the day really flew. We did art, English then maths.

As we walked home, we gave a quick call in to the shops and got chicken food and a dog bed for Limestone to sleep on. I waited for my mum to pick up me and Betty. When we got in the car, my mum was wondering why there was a GREEN CHICKEN INSIDE OUR HOUSE!?

We explained the whole story and about Betty getting bullied. Mum said we could keep the chicken once we took care of it. After we got home we realised IT'S FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!

After dinner, Dad offered to help Betty and me get the tent up again. We brought in our sleeping bags and got fairy lights to brighten the place up. After a bit, we heard the doorbell ring. We opened up the tent and opened the back door, rushing to get



Allanah



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to the door. It was the new student at our school standing on the doorstep. He introduced himself - turns out his name is Noah.

We heard Limestone coming clucking down the hall behind us. We didn't want him to know that we had some strange green chicken! Before we could do anything, Limestone popped his head out the door. He looked surprised at first and asked if this was our chicken.

Betty looked at her feet and said yes quietly. There was a quick silence before Noah said, "WOW, I ALWAYS WANTED A CHICKEN! YOU GUYS ARE SO LUCKY!" Shocked and pleased, we told him about everything that had happened. He told us about his school and all his friends in Russia before he moved.

After a while, we asked him if he would like to come over to our house again on Saturday. I can't wait to wake up tomorrow and I'm so excited to have made a new friend!

Adam

Suddenly Penelope, Betty and the chicken appeared in a dark alleyway.

Penelope's greatest wish had always been to have a chicken. It didn't matter if the chicken was green, it was still a chicken.



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"I'll call you Limestone," she decided.

"But Penelope," Betty said, "We've only just met it."

Now this was true, as they had only known Limestone for a few minutes. "Awwwww Betty," Penelope moaned.

"Well, okay," said Betty, not fully agreeing.

Suddenly a budgie flew down and perched on Betty's head. "Owww! Okay, how are we going to deal with Courtney and the others?" she squealed.

"I know," said the budgie!

"YOU CAN TALK?" shouted Penelope.

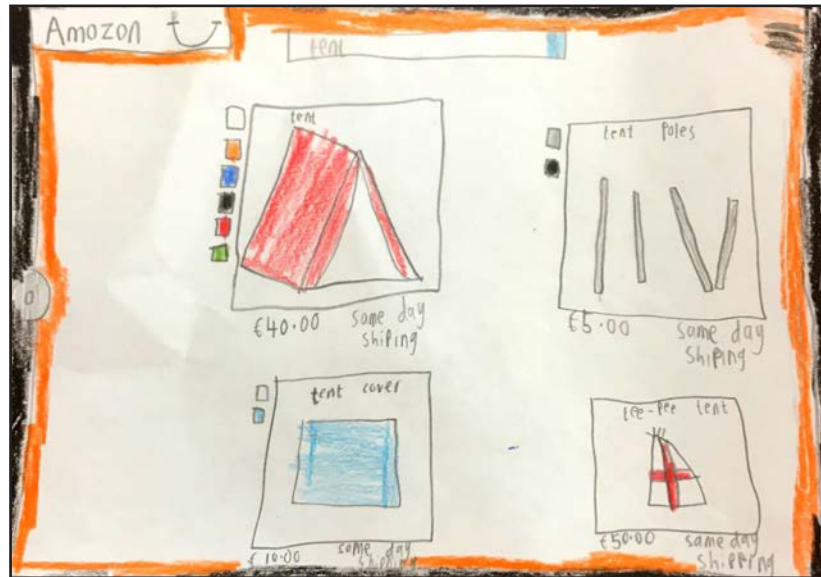
"Of course I can talk. I can also sing 'Chug Jug' if you like," the budgie said. "My name's Rocket, by the way."

"Okayyy, but how exactly are we going to deal with them?" asked Penelope.

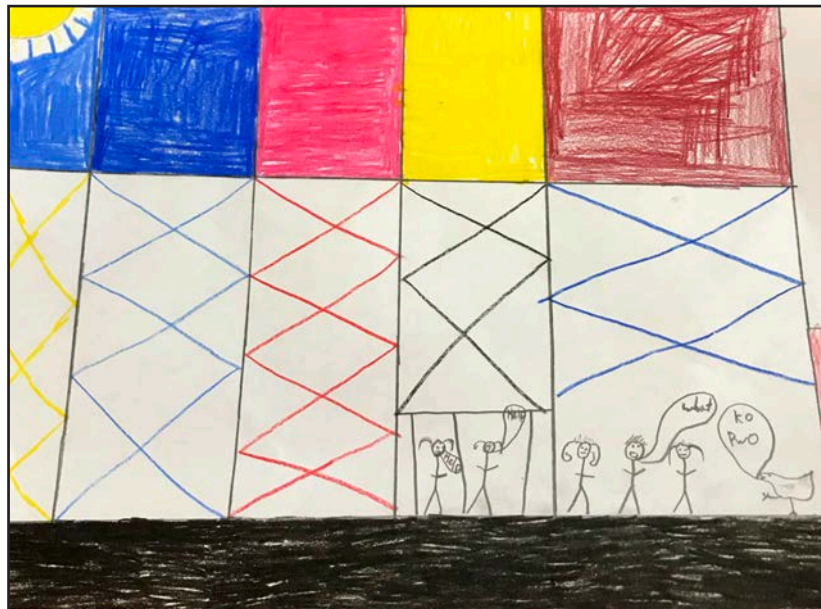
"Well, first Limestone here needs to bring us back," said Rocket.

Limestone was at that moment pecking away at the remains of a cheese sandwich. "How do we get her to do that?" said Betty.

"Wait for it," Rocket said.



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They were off again and in the blink of an eye and appeared at Penelope's house. The only thing was that it was now nine o'clock.

"Okay, now what do we do?" said Penelope excitedly.

"You girls go to bed and we'll take care of the rest." replied Rocket.

So they did.

Limestone brought them to Courtney's house and Rocket said to her, "Leave Betty and Penelope alone or else!"

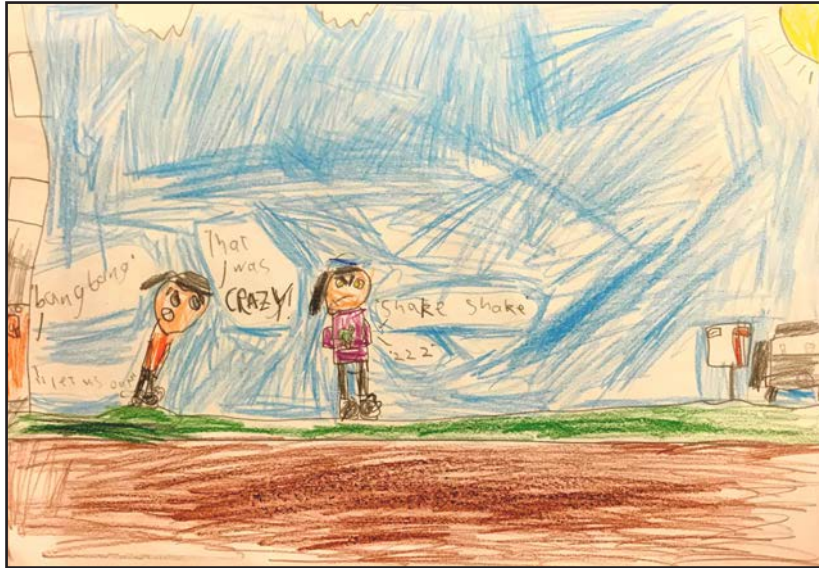
They then carried this step out with the other two and then returned to Penelope and Betty in the morning.

"WE DID IT!" said Rocket proudly.

"Thank you so much," said Penelope gratefully. "How can we ever repay you?"

"Keep this book, And also take these," said Rocket, giving them a book and three green eggs. With that, Rocket the budgie and Limestone the chicken disappeared.

That book that they gave Betty and Penelope is the one that you are reading right now!



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Adam

The chicken spoke to Penelope. "You need to get out of the house."

Penelope said, "OMG! You can talk!"

The girls outside banged on the door again.

"Okay, let's go." Penelope and the chicken went out the back door to her dad's farm and they hid inside the shed. A few mins later, they left the shed.

Penelope's parents, Adam and Anne, came home. Anne said, "There were three girls banging on the door. What was all of that about?"

"Ooooooh," replied Penelope, "They're bullies, they bullied my best friend Betty because her eyes are different colours. I stood up for Betty."

"What a good girl," said both her parents.

.The next day, Penelope and her older brother Jack got ready for school. Jack was in 6th class.

"So Dad brought us to school in the Ford Ranger," Jack said. "I can see our farm and house up in the mountains."

When Penelope got to school, herself and Betty were playing. The three girls came over.

"Hi Penelope and Betty," they said. "We're sorry."

Betty said, "It's okay. Do you want to play?"

"Yes!" they responded.

When Penelope got home she and the chicken played all day.

Alannah

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken...

They knew that Penelope wanted a green chicken, so Courtney said, "Oh, lookie here, a green chicken! It just so happens Penelope wants one! Oooh! I've got an idea! She can pull the odd one's hair for it!"

"No way, I would never hurt Betty!" shouted Penelope.

The doorbell rang. It was the Amazon man. "Here's your tent, " he said kindly. "Would you like me to build it for you?"

"Yes, please!" said Penelope. She had an idea! "C'mon Betty, let's help the man." Penelope shoved Betty into the sitting room.

It took ten minutes and Penelope was VERY happy with it!

"Oh, I'll get the chicken some water," Penelope suggested. She put Limestone into the tent.

"I'm back," laughed Penelope.

"All right then, pull the odd one's hair! We don't have all day!" bellowed Ava and Ameila.

Penelope whispered into the odd one's ear. "Pretend to scream."

WINK WINK! Betty nodded at Penelope.

"All right," Penelope sighed to them. YANK! She pretended to pull.

"Ahhhhhh!!!" Betty the odd one screamed.

"Now off you pop!" said Penelope as she pushed Courtney, Ava and Amelia out the door.

They finally started to build the den and played with Limestone, Penelope's dream chicken and Betty the odd one's kitten Puffy.

Amy

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken.

Penelope said, "OMG, I always wanted a chicken but not a green one!"

Betty said, "Why do you want a chicken?"

Penelope said, "Why are we having a conversation about chickens?"

After a few hours, there was someone at the door.

It was the delivery man.

Betty said "Will we build the tent now?"

"Yes we will," said Penelope.

The next day, Betty and Penelope went to school. Penelope was looking for Courtney but Ava said she was in detention. After that, they both went to lunch. Amelia heard about the chicken and asked about it then commented, "Chickens are gross."

After school, Betty went over to Penelope's house to do homework but Penelope's mom heard a noise. She thought it sounded like a chicken. Penelope said it was probably a chicken outside. Betty left.

"Before you go," Penelope said, "remember to come over after school tomorrow."

"Okay, I will," said Betty.

Penelope got her lunch ready for school and her uniform. Afterwards, she had a bath, brushed her hair and teeth, put on her pyjamas and went to bed.

Annalese

It was at this moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken.

As soon as Courtney, Amelia and Ava saw the chicken, they ran out the door screaming. Betty the

odd one and Penelope, however, ran to the chicken and gave it a hug. Betty suggested with the name Lime, but Penelope liked the name Stone.

Then Betty came with the name Limestone.

"Limestone is a great name," said Penelope.

"All right, maybe we should go on a walk," said Penelope.

Betty didn't want to go. "I'll go and you can relax," said Penelope.

"Okay, Penelope," said Betty.

Penelope left the house with Limestone. While they were out, she found a kitten. She walked home with the chicken and the kitten.

"Hey Betty, I found a kitten outside! She looks like a puffy!" said Penelope.

"So now we have three pets?" said Betty, shocked. "Three?" said Penelope.

"Yep, we have a budgie called Rocket now."

"What will our parents think?" said Penelope.

"Umm, my mum has been living in a cabin for three years," said Betty.

"Me, you, my mum, your mum!?" screamed Penelope.

“Yep,” said Betty.

Once the girls unpacked at the new cabin, the Amazon truck delivered the tent at their old cabin and they spent the last hour looking for their order.

The Amazon app said it had been delivered.

Breandán

It was at that moment a green chicken appeared, which had a collar that said he was called Limestone. She had completely forgotten that those rotten girls were at the door. So when she turned around, she got a fright when she saw them.

Courtney said, “Give that chicken to me.”

Penelope replied, “What happens if I don’t?”

“Let’s just say your silly friend Betty won’t have a good week, or month or year if you don’t give me that chicken....and oh, I forgot to say it will be the same for you!” said Courtney.

“Well, you will get in trouble for doing bad stuff to us, so no.” Penelope told her.

The next day Penelope’s mother had a very important meeting with her boss, but when she turned on the engine, the car didn’t work, Penelope knew exactly who had done it.

Ten minutes later, a big van arrived with a tent. The man asked, “Where do you want it?”

Penelope said sarcastically, “On Courtney, Ava and Amelia’s heads....just joking! Ahhm...put it in the back garden.”

The man put the tent in the backyard and drove off in a hurry, as if he thought Penelope was a lunatic.

The day after that, Penelope remembered there were cameras in her house, and when she looked at the footage she saw Courtney open the bonnet and run away with something. So she went to Courtney’s house the following day and said, “You will be my maid for the rest of your life.”

Courtney said, “Why?”

“Because I know what you did to my mom’s car.”

And after that day, Penelope, Betty and the green chicken lived happily ever after.

Cade

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

Courtney turned around and saw the green chicken. Courtney, Ava and Amelia ran away. Penelope went over to see the chicken. Just at that second, a Fastway truck drove by, so the chicken

ran like a flash into the house, followed by Betty. Betty chased the chicken into the corner of the sitting room screaming madly.

Penelope then came racing in, carrying the tent she had ordered. Betty looked away for a second and the green chicken disappeared. Penelope dropped the tent to search for the chicken. She found the chicken under the kitchen table, shaking. Penelope smiled and said "I will call you Limestone."

Later on, Penelope's parents came home. When they opened the door and saw the green chicken, they screamed. The chicken sprinted into the bathroom. Penelope's parents, Chris and Ann, angrily shouted at Penelope to get the chicken out of the house.

Penelope said. "It's Limestone, my new pet"

"I don't care," said Chris. "Get it out."

"Please," begged Penelope.

Ann said, "When I was young, I wanted a chicken."

A few minutes later Penelope's dad said it was okay to keep Limestone! Penelope and her mother were delighted.

"But only if you mind it properly," said Chris.

On Monday, when Penelope and Betty went back to school, they met Courtney on the way. Penelope and Betty giggled to themselves when they

remembered how scared Courtney was of the green chicken. Courtney didn't say anything; she just walked ahead with her head down. After a great day at school, Betty and Penelope walked home as usual.

Late that night, Penelope was woken by bright flashing lights outside her window. She jumped up and peeped out the window to see. She saw an enormous spaceship beaming Limestone the chicken up into the spaceship.

Penelope looked at Limestone and saw the delight on his face. She then realised he was going back to his family and he was happy. Penelope was sad to see him going but knew it was for the best.

Conor B.

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

"Umm, who brought that over?" asked Ava.

"Who cares?" shot back Courtney.

"I do," said Ava.

"Why?" said Courtney.

"Because they are freaky! All chickens are and this one is green!" said Ava.

“You’re a wimp, you know that?” Courtney said.
 “No, I am not!” shot back Ava. “You are afraid of pigs, who is the wimp now?”

“Whatever,” Courtney replied. “Hey, where did those freaks go?”

Meanwhile, Betty and Penelope used the fight to their advantage. They took the green chicken and ran. When they got to Betty’s house, no one was home, so they opened the door and went inside.

They looked for some stuff that they could use to build a place for the chicken. Betty’s dad was a builder so they knew they would find a few bits and pieces. After an hour or so, they had the materials they needed for the chicken’s home.

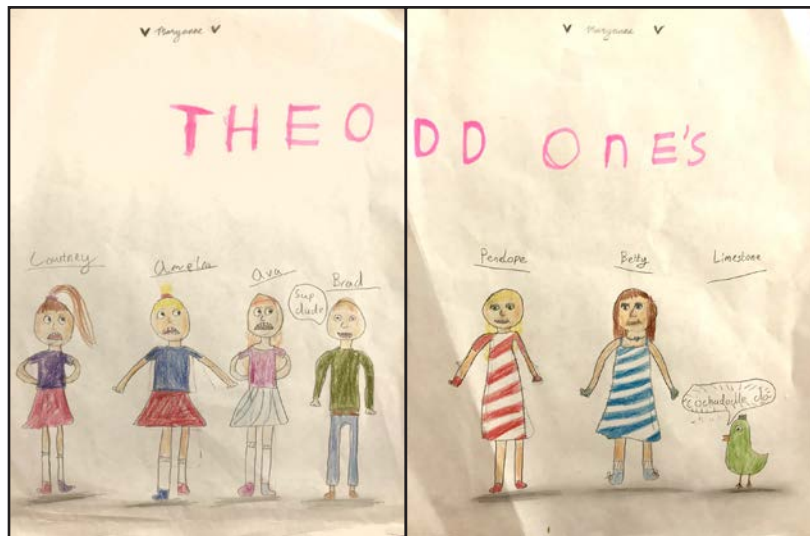
Penelope was trying to think of a good name for the chicken. Betty thought that Penelope was overreacting a little bit about the chicken and that she shouldn’t get too excited about it yet. But that thought was destroyed when Betty heard Penelope yell, “Betty come in here!”

When Betty got there, Penelope said, “Limestone.”

“What?”

“Limestone, the chicken’s name will be Limestone.”

“Umm, Penelope, do you think your mom and dad will let you keep her?”



Maryanne

“No, I don’t think they will. I know they will.”

“Do you? I mean think about it. You come home and say, ‘Hi Mom, Hi Dad I have someone you should meet – her name is Limestone. She is my new pet. I built a place for her out back.’”

“No, I don’t, I will ask and then they will say yes because I really want this and I need it,” said Penelope.

“Are you even listening? What I mean is, you might not get to keep Limestone or whatever it’s called. If you don’t keep her, what will happen? I know, you will be in your room crying, which by the way is why three people are going to beat the heck out of us when we go back,” said Betty.

“Get out!” shouted Penelope.

“No, Penelope I live here and you don’t,” Betty told her. “So you get out, take all of this stuff and build a den and a home for that chicken. You hide in that den and you stay there till those people leave your house. Then you can hide in your room until you are brave enough to come here and say sorry.”

Penelope replied, “Okay, I will but I will not come back here because I am not going to beg you, you’re going to beg me. You know why? Because I am not a weak wimpish person who begs all the time.”

“Oh, just get out!” roared Betty.

“Fine!” said Penelope.

Ten hours later, Penelope was building her den and then she said to herself, “This would be a lot faster if Betty were here.”

“Well, I am,” said Betty.

Penelope turned around and said in shock, “You came back!”

Betty replied, “Well, I did but I am not going to beg. I am going to help you build this den and that chicken home and then we can get rid of those cruel people who took over your house.”

Six hours later, true to her word, Betty got rid of Courtney and her goons by grabbing two big thick sticks and chasing them while screaming, “Get out of my house!”

Conor M.

It was at that moment, out of nowhere, a green chicken appeared. Betty and Penelope were so surprised that they started laughing.

The three bullies, Ava, Amelia and Courtney, were shocked. They had expected Betty and Penelope to cry or scream, but they were laughing....at them! Penelope said, “Come with us.” They walked around the side of the house, opened the side gate and there was a chicken coop. They

opened the coop and out popped a blue chicken. Now all the girls were laughing. For the first time ever they were all laughing at the same thing.

The chickens took an immediate interest in one another and started strolling around. Even though they were small chickens, Glas and Gorm had brought the five girls together.

The girls realised that instead of focusing on what was different about one another that they had so much more in common: they all liked the same TikTok creators, the same music and they dressed the same. From that day on, they treated one another fairly and became great friends.

Oh, and the chickens, Glas and Gorm? Well, they became good friends too, very good friends. They had twins – a green chick with blue dots and a blue chick with green dots. They all lived happily ever after.

Dara

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

“I have no idea whose chicken it is,” I said.

Courtney was scared of chickens so she ran back home and asked herself, “Why did I run?” Ava and Amelia were left behind so they ran too.

Betty and I went back to build their den.

The next day it was Saturday. I was walking on the street and I heard the teacher telling Courtney, “Do that to Betty again and you will be expelled from school.” I told Betty what happened and she was overjoyed. For the rest of the school year Courtney left us alone.

On the last day of school at break time, Betty said, “Look! We’re going home early.” When we got home, Betty went to her house. I was about to go out and play when she heard a knock on the door.

It was Courtney. She had come to say sorry, and out of nowhere she asked to be friends. I wanted to say no but Betty had said yes already, so I said yes in the end and everyone was happy.

But out of nowhere appeared the green chicken again and this time we kept it and we named it Limestone. Courtney and I are friends now, everyone is happy.

Dylan

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken...

The chicken sprinted at the bullies and they screamed and ran away. Penelope and Betty laughed while they closed the door.

But when they turned around, the green chicken was standing there. The chicken then pecked the air twice. Penelope tried to run but her feet stuck to the ground. She looked at Betty and guessed that her feet were also stuck to the ground.

The chicken came over slowly and pecked their feet. Penelope's feet began to feel cold and rise off the ground. Soon the coldness reached to her knees. "Do your knees feel freezing too?" she asked Betty.

"My hip feels cold," replied Betty. Penelope's hip then felt cold too. After some time, their entire bodies were covered with this coldness. Then they felt pretty hot, but finally they went back to normal. Or that's what they thought.

Betty and Penelope high-fived each other, but Penelope was thrown into the wall.

"What the?" screamed Penelope.

"Uhm," Betty said.

"How did you do that?" Penelope asked Betty.

"I don't know," Betty replied.

Just then, a spider jumped onto Betty's face. Penelope screamed because she was afraid of spiders.

Betty threw the spider off her face and screamed at Penelope.

"What?" asked Penelope.

"You're- you're- you're floating!" replied Betty.

"How?" asked Penelope.

"Maybe the chicken gave us superpowers," Betty said to herself.

They went outside the front door and heard a strange whistling noise. They found themselves in a dark gloomy cave. Suddenly they heard a women's voice, which sounded oddly familiar to Penelope. The voice told them that they were chosen to stop the bullies with their superpowers.

Betty and Penelope teleported to a green field just as the bullies appeared. Betty threw them up into the air and Penelope flew up and caught them. "Now, stop bullying or I'll drop you!" she said.

The bullies all nodded "yes" so Penelope flew down and put them down. They promised never to bully anyone again.

Penelope and Betty heard the weird whistling noise again and they found themselves back in the cave, which was now lit up with blue lanterns. They heard the voice again, which they realised wasn't a woman's voice, but the green chicken's.

The chicken congratulated them on a job well done. The chicken told them that he now has to remove their powers for their own safety. The whistling noise started again and they found themselves inside their house, where a black tent was awaiting them.

Ellis

It was at that moment that out of know where appeared a green chicken...

The five girls looked at the green chicken blankly. Amelia said, "What is THAT?"

"I don't know," replied Courtney nervously.

"It's a green chicken, dumb girl!" whispered Penelope.

"AAhh!" screamed Ava as the chicken ran under her legs.

"Quick!" shouted Betty. "Grab the chicken."

The chicken ran down the stairs.

"Wait," said Penelope. "My mother can't see the chicken. They will freak out!"

"Ha! There is already is a freak around here," replied Courtney.

"Hey! What if you had two different colour eyes and someone said that to you?" shouted Penelope.

Betty wiped away her tears. "Thank you", she replied.

"Ugh," said Courtney.

"Now quick! We need to get that chicken," said Penelope.

At last they grabbed the chicken and ran back home. "Maybe we should call you Limestone."

"Yes, that is a great name," replied Betty.

Ava, Amelia and Courtney left. Two weeks later, the tent came. Betty came over to help build it.

"Hey, thank you for when Courtney kept making fun of me," said Betty.

"Anything for my bestie," Penelope replied.

It was a struggle for Betty and Penelope, but finally they had the tent built. The chicken came running out the door.

"You still have him!" shouted Betty.

"SShhhh," whispered Penelope. "My parents do not know yet."

"Sorry," whispered Betty.

"I do not know what to do with him," said Penelope.

Betty thought about it. "Hmmm," she said. "You could sell him."

"NOOO!" shouted Penelope.

"What? You will make a lot of money," Betty said.

“I will think about it, okay?” Penelope said.

“Fine,” said Betty happily.

Next Courteney showed up. “Its revenge time.” she said to herself as she hid behind a bush. She had put a bucket up on the door so when Penelope opened the door she would get all wet. An hour later, she opened the door and got drenched- freezing - and then she saw Courteney.

Betty ran inside and grabbed a towel. “Here!” shouted Betty.

“AAAhhh!” screamed Courtney “You won’t catch me, ha ha ha!” She ran off and the girls chased her.

Two days later, all the girls were back at school. DING DING DING! the bell rang. As Betty and Penelope ate their lunch, Amelia went over and whispered, “Meet me at the corner of the yard.”

Penelope whispered back, “Okay, I guess.”

So at yard time, the three girls met at the corner. Amelia said darkly, “Look behind you.”

Betty and Penelope turned around and saw Ava and Courtney with a scissors. They cut Penelope’s hair. Emma saw the scene happening and told the teacher. The teacher marched down to the girls and saw Penelope crying.

After Penelope told the teacher, the teacher gave them a note to their parents and a lot of detention. And they kept the chicken.

[Do not be mean to anyone just because they are different]

Elsa

At that moment, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken! Everyone in the room was stunned.

“A green chicken?” Courtney said, surprised.

After about five minutes of staring at the chicken quietly, the silence finally broke. The chicken’s eyes widened. He looked scared, yet comfortable! They got this impression by the way he just sat there.

“How...?” Betty stuttered. “Where?”

The appearance of the chicken wasn’t what really bothered them. It was his bright green colour! If anything, the chicken seemed pleased with his location in the house at the time. He settled down comfortably on the light grey carpet.

Courtney lost interest in the chicken quickly and turned back to Betty and Penelope. “So, getting me into detention, are we?” she demanded.

“You knew what the result would be,” Penelope said to her.

“Oh you little – ”

“Penelope!” interrupted the voice of Penelope’s mum.

“See you tomorrow,” smirked Courtney as she slipped away.

“Coming, Mum!” replied Penelope.

“Betty, come on, I’ll tell Mum about Courtney. She’ll do something about it!” reassured Penelope.

“NO!” Betty shouted. “Whatever you do; don’t tell your mom, I’ll sort it out myself.”

“But Betty, we have to do something –”

“Penelope, don’t!” she insisted.

They headed downstairs to Penelope’s kitchen. “Mum?” called Penelope.

“Yes dear?” Penelope’s mother appeared from around the corner. “Oh, Betty!” she said, surprised. “I was never told you were here!”

“It... I just... I just wanted to spend time with my good old friend Betty here!” stuttered Penelope.

“Right,” began Penelope’s mum. “I found a bright sparkling feather on the floor just over there,” she continued. “It gave me an electric shock, actually! Do you know anything about it?”

“Yes – ” Betty began.

“NO!” interrupted Penelope.

“All right then... just... okay?” Penelope’s mom sounded confused.

“Betty,” Penelope hissed under her breath. “Whatever the green chicken is doing here, it tops off the scales of weird, so don’t say anything about him, all right?”

“Sorry!” Betty the odd one replied.

“Speaking of which – we should probably go check on the chicken!” Penelope said as she turned and rushed up the wonky stairs.

They burst through the door to the chicken.

“Aww!” Betty exclaimed. Penelope had to admit, the chicken did look adorable.

“What should we name him?” asked Betty.

“Something that relates to him!” suggested Penelope.

They thought for a good minute in silence. “How about... the fourth colour in the rainbow!” said Betty stupidly.

Penelope frowned. “You’re joking?” Betty laughed nervously at her.

“Oh! I know! How about Limestone!” suggested Penelope eagerly. “That’s a lovely name!” admitted Betty. “I think it suits him perfectly!”

Funnily enough; the next day at school was a ‘Bring Your Pet To School Day’. It wasn’t hard for Penelope to choose a pet to bring in, she only had a chicken! It took a good hour for it to be Penelope’s turn. All eyes turned to the green chicken. As she walked through the rows of people, Courtney frowned at her.

“Right then!” the teacher announced as she noticed the chicken’s unusual colour. The chicken stared at Courtney’s eyes for a few minutes. It looked like he was trying to hypnotize her!

“Okay, then, who’s this?” the teacher asked her.

“This is Limestone!” announced Penelope proudly. “I don’t know much about him though, so there’s not much to say!”

The chicken was still glaring into Courtney’s eyes. Courtney’s face began to slowly break into a smile. She was almost halfway to her fully complete smile before she shouted out, “He’s so adorable!”

The class stared at her, confused. The chicken smirked at her cheekily. His awkward non-normal dark green chicken eye brows lowered with a smirk. “Thanks?” Penelope said to her. She looked down at the chicken. He looked up at her. “Did... what did you do to her?”

The chicken waved his arms around in a circle to gesture: ‘I hypnotised her!’ The chicken looked back at Courtney. Betty understood his gesture too. Penelope and Betty looked at each other and laughed.

“And Betty, would you like to come to my house after school?” Courtney said suspiciously.

“Sure...?” said Betty. “We’re friends now?”

The teacher looked just as confused as everyone else. The chicken was prepared to continue with his big-day interview.

“Anyways, I only met him yesterday, in my bedroom – ”

“I was there too!” Courtney said stupidly.

The chicken was right, he had definitely hypnotised her, to be, well, nice! Amelia and Ava looked happily at the chicken, they didn’t really like being mean like Courtney was before, they just did it to be famous in some way.

“Lovely!” the teacher said. It looked like she didn’t really care about the chicken, but like everyone else in the room, they just wanted to know how he was so green!

“He was great! Can we keep him?” Betty the odd one asked.

“He has also made Courtney nice, and now we are

great friends! It's actually very funny how nice she is! I keep laughing at her attitude!" Penelope laughed. "Of course we can keep him, in fact we can share him!"

A couple of days later, the chicken was happy and settled in! They kept the chicken too, and now he was a beloved family pet of Penelope and Betty's family!

And of course; the chicken and his family lived happily together (and he might've turned some other not very nice people into now the best of friends, and he always wants his people to have nice friends!)

Eoin

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken...

Courtney said, "What's that? It looks odd, like Betty."

"My wish! A chicken named Limestone!" Penelope said happily.

Courtney, Amelia and Ava started bursting laughing. "A chicken!" said the girls laughing.

"The chicken has superpowers," said Penelope. "In your dreams," Amelia shot back.

The chicken came charging at Amelia. "What's

that going to do to me?" said Amelia, falling over. "Ouch!" she cried.

"That's what it's going to do," said Betty.

"Just a little fall," said Amelia.

"Let's leave," Courtney said to the girls.

"Have fun building your stupid den," said Ava.

The minute they left, the delivery man with the tent came in. "Do you want me to help build it?" asked the man politely.

"Yes please," said Betty with excitement.

The man helped build it and Penelope brought Limestone the chicken and Rocky the dog into the den. They played in it for the whole day.

Fionán

It was at that moment a green chicken that was farting a lot appeared so they decided to open the door and to put it down on the ground.

Courtney said, "You think a chicken will scare me?" and then it farted again "Eugh! That's disgusting, it's a green chicken that farts!"

Just then the tent arrived. The other three girls ran away so Penelope and Betty started putting up the

tent. The others came back and said, “We aren’t afraid of a chicken.”

The chicken started talking. “My name is Limestone,” it said.

“You can talk!” said Penelope, astonished.

“I can also peck people,” said the chicken. “But only people who are mean to other people and animals.”

Courtney, Ava and Amelia opened the door and the chicken ran at them and started pecking them. The girls ran away and never came back.

Freya

It was at that moment that a green chicken appeared. The green chicken bit Courtney.

“Ow!” she shouted. “You stupid animal!

“He is not the stupid one, you are! Treat people the way you want to be treated,” said Betty.

“Well, I am not stupid so I don’t deserve to be treated badly,” said Courtney.

“You are right! No one deserves to be treated badly” said Betty.

“Yes, that is true,” Penelope said. She turned to the green chicken. “I should call you Limestone.”

Penelope’s dad walked in and said, “What are you doing here? I thought I told you not to come back?”

Penelope said, “No, Dad she is our friend now, everyone deserves to be forgiven.”

“You are right, I am sorry,” said Dad.

”No, I am sorry but I have to go,” she said.

“Okay bye!” they all said.

“It is here!” shouted Betty.

“What?” said Penelope.

“The tent,” said Betty. “Yay!”

They both set it up and made the den. They were all done, they had a sleepover and they had fun and the chicken joined them.

Harry

It was at that moment when, out of nowhere, a green chicken came through the door and kicked Courtney, Ava and Amelia.

“Wow!” said Betty. “How did you do that?”

“It’s just something I learned,” said Limestone the chicken.



Sarah

“OMG! Thank you so much, Limestone! Is there anything we can do?” said Penelope.

“No, not at all. Now I shall head off,” said Limestone. “WAIT!” said Betty. “Can you come with us because they are going to come back?”

“Okay, I shall come with you,” he said.

“Oh no!” said Penelope. “I heard a knock on the door. I hope it isn’t Courtney, Ava and Amelia. Okay, I’m going to open the door in 3.....2.....1.....”

“Hello there,” said Courtney.

“Ah, Ah, Ah! Limestone, help us!” cried Penelope and Betty.

“Oh! That green chicken ain’t getting away this time,” said Courtney.

“What? Help! Help!” shouted the two of them.

“I’m coming to save the day!” cried Limestone. “Oh, HELLO there!”

After a few minutes, Limestone said, “Done and dusted,”

“You know what?” said Penelope, “since you’ve been our hero these days, can you be our hero, Limestone pet?”

“I would love to be,” said Limestone.

Holly

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

The girls were terrified to see the green chicken. Betty shouted, "Get out of here you rats!" and they ran out the door screaming.

Penelope was tired of all this drama. She said to Betty, "Come on, let's get some food." They both had €10, so they bought a sandwich, Pepsi Max and some ice cream. They sat on the bench and ate their food as they were very hungry. A lot of cars passed by as they ate.

When all their food was eaten, they went back to the house. Their parents were home so they greeted their parents and forgot completely about the chicken.

When Penelope and Betty remembered, they looked everywhere for the chicken. They then found Limestone (that was the chicken's name) in the press, eating all the food. After all that, the Amazon man came and rang the doorbell twice. Betty went to the door and thanked him for the delivery.

After she went inside, she looked out the window. She saw the girls throwing rocks at the house. Penelope ran outside, with Betty right behind her. She was so mad but they just came to say sorry. After Betty saw their teacher's car, the teacher got out of her car and asked Courtney if she had apologised to the girls.

"Yes," Courtney..

Betty then told the teacher that Courtney hadn't apologised. Courtney was so mad at Betty. Penelope just wanted it to be all over. "Betty and I have to go."

Courtney knew she was in trouble so she tried to stay out of the conversation. The teacher said to the girls, "You both have detention after school tomorrow."

The girls were so mad. Afterwards, Betty and Penelope were very upset but they got there in the end.

Jacob

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken...

Everyone was quiet, no one moved...

"Huh," said Courtney, finally breaking the silence. "Looks like a limestone."

The chicken sat on a chair, clucked and watched them as if it was watching a movie. Betty and Penelope ran fast, as if they were wearing all red in a field with a bull. Courtney, Ava and Amelia chased after.

They went upstairs and downstairs, inside and outside, until Penelope grabbed the chicken, who by

this point was having a snooze, and then took Betty's hand with her free one and ran out the front door closing it. They had to put all their weight against the door to stop the others from opening it, until they remembered a spare key was hidden in a bush.

Betty had to run over as fast as her feet took her to get it. Locked the door, and hid the key again.

"That was crazy!" exclaimed Betty, stunned. Penelope shook the chicken because it was still asleep. They heard a voice.

"When I get you, you will wish you'd wish you were never..." the voice was cut off.

"We should delay the tent and go to my house," said Betty.

"Okay," said Penelope. They left for Betty's house.

Jamie

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

"What is that?" Courtney asked, suddenly, seeming scared. "

It seems like a green chicken," Penelope said, sounding surprised.

"I don't like chickens," said Amelia, who seemed terrified.

Suddenly there was a crunching noise on the stones. "Someone's coming! Run!" Courtney shouted to Ava and Amelia.

So Courtney, Amelia and Ava ran and ran until they were out of sight. Penelope's mum came up to them. "Who were those girls?"

"They were friends from school," Penelope said unconvincingly.

"I'm happy you're making friends but don't invite them over without permission from me and your dad."

"Okay, sorry, Mum."

"What's that chicken doing here?" asked Mum.

Penelope shrugged. "I don't know. He appeared out of nowhere."

"Well, I guess if you want you can bring him inside." Mum said.

"Okay, thanks, Mum."

The two girls walked inside. "So, what have you two girls been up to while we were gone?" asked Penelope's mom.

"We were looking on Amazon because we are making a den and we needed something to support it. We found a tent with metal poles, so we ordered that. It

should be here in a few minutes because we ordered it for same-day delivery,” Penelope said.

“Where are you putting the den?” asked Penelope’s dad.

“We were thinking of putting it in the back garden,” Penelope replied.

“That’s a good place,” replied Penelope’s dad.

Just then they heard a crunching noise on the stones. “That’s the Amazon man!” Penelope said excitedly.

So Penelope, Betty and Penelope’s parents went outside to get the tent. But it wasn’t the Amazon man. It was Courtney – but this time she had her parents with her.

“Hi, I don’t think we’ve met before,” Penelope’s dad said to Courtney’s parents.

Courtney’s parents ignored him. “My daughter has been telling me that Penelope and Betty here have been bullying Courtney and her friends Ava and Amelia.”

“No, that’s not true!” Penelope replied.

“Wait, aren’t these the girls that we saw running away when we came home?” Penelope’s mum asked.

“Yes they are,” Betty replied. “Courtney told us that she came here because you told her you were going to apologise and when they came, you were hiding in the bush and then you threw a bucket of water at them.”

“That’s not true!” Betty said, shocked by what was happening. “Actually, it’s the other way around. Courtney, Amelia and Ava have been mean to me and Penelope for the past few weeks. If you don’t believe us, go to our teacher, she knows all about it.”

“Well, Courtney, I am horrified. I would never think you would do something like this. I am so sorry Penelope”, Courtney’s dad said.

“It’s okay”, Penelope replied.

Penelope’s teacher and parents made Courtney apologise to Betty and Penelope and after that Penelope and Betty became friends with Courtney, Ava and Amelia.

Kate

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken with two legs, one coloured yellow and the other coloured blue. The chicken also had red curly hair.

All the girls jumped with fright as the green chicken seemed to fall from the sky; however, Betty the odd one and Penelope weren’t afraid of the green chicken as they often spent their summer holidays on their grandparents’ farms. Courtney, Amelia and Ava were really frightened by the strange-looking chicken, they had only seen chickens in story books and they weren’t green with different coloured legs and ran down the street crying all the way home.



Kate

Suddenly, a flash appeared and a rocket landed in the garden and the green chicken took Betty the odd one and Penelope into the rocket and flew to the moon.

On the moon there were more alien friendly chickens who were all different colours, like red, blue and purple. Penelope and Betty the odd one were excited and happy to be on this adventure; they stepped out of the rocket and were amazed by everything. All the houses were built with sweets and candy, the lakes had glitter and sparkles with mountains made of chocolate. Penelope and Betty the odd one had a great day with the green chicken, who was called Limestone. On the moon, Limestone was able to talk. They ate lots and lots of sweets and candy and climbed a chocolate mountain.

Suddenly there was a bang, like a door being shut. Penelope and Betty the odd one felt a gentle push by Penelope's mum and dad, who were home from the neighbours' house. When the girls woke up, they were a little surprised to be back at Penelope house and everything was normal again.

How did they get home from the moon? Was it all a dream? The next day at school, Courtney, Amelia and Ava didn't bother with Betty the odd one and were a little afraid of her and Penelope. Did a green chicken named Limestone frighten away the bullies or was it all a dream?



Lili

It was at that moment a green chicken appeared out of nowhere. Penelope picked up the chicken, grabbed Betty's hand and ran upstairs. They ran to Penelope's bedroom and hid under the bed, but then something hit Betty on the back. It was a piece of wood. It didn't hurt her, but then Betty hit her toe. "OUCH!" she screamed.

Just then Courtney knew where to look for them. She had been searching for ages, but knew now where they were. "Haha I found you!" she shouted. Courtney grabbed Betty's foot and pulled her out from underneath the bed.

Penelope shouted, "Get off her now, your ugly hand can't touch her!" This made Courtney feel sad and she let go of Betty's foot. That's when Betty turned and gave Penelope a death stare. She said, "Even though she bullies me that does not mean you can say that to her."

Betty went to find Courtney. She said, "See how sad you are right now? That is how I feel when you bully me. It's not nice, is it?"

Courtney looked up at Betty with tears in her eyes and said, "I am sorry I will never bully you again. I bullied you because people bully me too. Can we please be friends?"

Betty said "Of course we can! But I need Penelope to say sorry to you." She found Penelope and told her

she had to say sorry to Courtney.

She shouted "FINE!" angrily but did go say sorry. In the meantime, their tent arrived from Amazon. They all built it together, laughing and joking. From that day on, they became the best of friends.

Mary

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken – the chicken was like it was lost.

Penelope really wanted a chicken. The chicken ran under Courtney's legs and ran straight upstairs. Penelope ran after it, trying to catch the chicken while Betty was trying to deal with Courtney Amelia and Ava. Penelope's mum and dad were just coming out of the neighbour's house when Courtney Amelia and Ava said, "We will be back."

Penelope finally found the chicken and she really liked it. She wanted to keep it, but her parents didn't like chickens. Betty ran upstairs and said, "Your mum and dad are here! Where will you put the chicken?"

Betty said, "Put him in your bedroom. Your parents won't be in your bedroom."

Just as Penelope was going to her bedroom, the chicken jumped out of her arms and ran downstairs. Penelope's mum and dad looked at the chicken.

"What a cute chicken!" said her mum.

"I thought you didn't like the chickens!" Penelope said.

"I love chickens. Let's keep it," Mum said.

"Thank you!" said Penelope. "I will call it Limestone."

All of a sudden, the bell rang. What could that be? A man appeared at the door and said, "Here is your den."

"Thank you," said Penelope.

So Betty, Penelope and Limestone started building the den. After twenty minutes, the den was finally done.

The next day the teacher said, "Penelope and Betty come to the principal's office." They were very confused. They found themselves in the principal's office with Courtney, Amelia and Ava.

"Just want to tell you girls that Courtney, Amelia and Ava have detention for two months,"

"Thank goodness," said Betty and Penelope.

At small break, Penelope and Betty were playing when Courtney, Amelia and Eva came up to them and said sorry. Penelope and Betty didn't expect that, but they said it was okay and they became friends.

Penelope's wish came true – she had a chicken called Limestone.

Maryanne

It was LOVE at first sight. Penelope loved the chicken so much that she pushed the three girls out the door and picked it up. Betty was just staring at her, thinking, Why does she love that green chicken so much?

The next day, Penelope, Betty and the green chicken went to town to get a new cage.

“Doesn’t the chicken need a name?” asked Betty.

“Hmmm, let’s call it...Limestone!” Penelope shouted.

They went home with a nice golden cage for Limestone.

Sometimes Penelope let Limestone run free in the back garden, but one time it didn’t work out!

Courtney, Ava and Amelia decided to steal Limestone!

So they plotted a plan. They were going to get Brad, Courtney’s brother, to distract Betty and Penelope. Brad rang the doorbell.

“What do you want?” Penelope said.

“I wanna hang out, is that okay?” answered Brad.

“Ughhhh, fine!” she shouted back. They went into the house.

That’s when the plan was in motion. Courtney, Ava and Amelia went to the back garden and took Limestone. Five minutes later, Brad came out and they showed him Limestone.

“So, what are we going to do now?” Brad asked.

“Guess what we’re having for dinner?” Courtney said cheekily.

“Oh my gosh, Courtney!” answered Brad.

Meanwhile Penelope and Betty went outside. “Where’s Limestone?” said Penelope worriedly.

“I’m sure he’s around,” said Betty.

“No, he’s not,” replied Penelope.

“I know where he is,” Penelope finally said confidently.

Suddenly, Penelope burst through the door into Courtney’s house. Betty followed her in.

“Aaagghh, what are you doing here?” screamed Courtney.

“Give me my chicken back,” answered Penelope.

“No! I’m having him for dinner!” said Courtney. Penelope and Betty snatched Limestone and left Courtney’s house. Courtney’s parents found out and they got into trouble.

The next day in school, Courtney and Brad apologised to Penelope and Betty.

“I hope we can actually be friends,” they said.
“Only if you can all be nice to other people, which means no more bullying other people anymore,” Betty and Penelope said.

“Fine,” they replied.

They all became great friends.

Pádraig

It was at this moment that, out of nowhere, there appeared a green chicken. It bit Courtney’s leg and she screamed and ran off scared. The chicken stared at Amelia and Ava for a few seconds until they ran off after Courtney. Penelope said it was a fabulous chicken and named it Limestone.

The Amazon truck arrived with the tent and it was nearly nighttime, so they had to go to bed. Penelope let the chicken sleep in her room that night. After they got up and had their breakfast, they went outside to set up their den.

Amelia and Ava saw Courtney coming, she was on her own this time.

She said, “I have a week of detention because of you. I was told to come here to say sorry.” They saw the

teacher across the road and Courtney walked off.

“Well,” said Penelope, “I do not think she will be bothering us again.”

Peadar

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken.

The chicken kicked those girls out of the house. Penelope didn’t move for about five minutes before Betty said “Hey wake up!” Courtney and the girls ran off in fear.

The chicken turned to Betty and Penelope. Betty asked Penelope “What’s wrong? I-v-v-e-n-n-e-v-er seen a chicken like this. I’ve always wanted one,” said Penelope in a quavering voice. “Wait back up a second,” said Betty, “if you are going to keep this chicken what should we call him?” “Limestone,” said Penelope. “Limestone?” asked Betty, “ok then.”

“Well what do we do now” asked Betty. “Uh we--,” but before Betty could finish her sentence the chicken was flying around. Chickens can’t fly? Can they? “No they can’t” said Penelope. And then the chicken made himself toast and Penelope didn’t even see it. Then the chicken summoned a tent with steel support. “Weee-we can have anything we want!” said Betty. “Let’s not go too crazy though. But whatever happens next, I’m ready for it.”

Ryan L.

It was at the moment, out of nowhere, that they heard a noisy green chicken.

They all looked in horror. Penelope shut and locked the door. They left. When the coast was clear, they went out and picked up the chicken. He was very calm. Penelope had always wanted a chicken so she decided to keep it and call it Limestone.

The next day, however, Courtney, Ava and Amelia came to the front door. Penelope answered and they said, "Revenge time!"

Penelope asked them to leave but they wouldn't, so Penelope said to Betty, "Release the hounds." They all ran away and the hounds walked back into their dog house and Penelope locked them in.

A few days later the tent came and they made a den. Penelope, Betty and Limestone went on a lot of adventures. Then one day Limestone laid a huge egg. They made two fried eggs.

The next day when Penelope and Betty went to school there was another fight. They were all going at it. The teacher ran over and said, "Stop it Courtney, Ava and Amelia! Principal's office now!"

Courtney said, "More like Loser's Office!"
"Excuse me," said the teacher. "You now have a week of detention."
"Oh my God," they all said as they walked off.
"Penelope. Betty - are you two all right?"

"Yes," they replied.

This really was odd.

Ryan V.

It was at that moment, out of nowhere, that a green chicken appeared. The chicken was unusually big. Courtney and her friends, Ava and Amelia, were staring in awe at the chicken. This was the moment when a plan formulated in Penelope's head. She realised, with the distraction, she could escape and run away.

Her plan was ruined when the chicken spoke to Courtney. "Hello Courtney! Why are you bullying Betty?"

Courtney was lost for words. Then the chicken picked Courtney up and in a flash they vanished - she was teleported away. In less than a minute, the chicken was back, but Courtney wasn't with it.

Ava and Amelia ran away. Penelope asked the chicken where it had left Courtney. The chicken's reply was, "Somewhere where she will never bother anyone ever again." With that, the chicken disappeared.

The moral of the story is, never do something to someone that you wouldn't like done to you.

Sarah

“Oh my god it’s a green chicken!” yelled Penelope excitedly, forgetting all about Courtney, Ava and Amelia. “Betty, it’s a dream come true! I’m going to call it Limestone like I said,” she squealed, now jumping up and down.

Penelope didn’t mind at all that it was green. That’s when Betty, the odd one, noticed Courtney, Ava and Amelia screaming hysterically and kicking their legs up in the air whenever the green chicken came closer. “Ha ha, you’re afraid of chickens,” laughed Betty and Penelope, trying to catch their breath.

“Take that stupid beast away from me or else!” said Courtney, trembling as she spoke. But they didn’t so the girls ran away as fast as they could until they were out of sight. “How dare they make fun of me like that? I’m going to get revenge on those girls,” said Courtney, with a look of hatred on her face.

Back at the cabin, Penelope and Betty had decided to go for a walk with Limestone the chicken. While they were gone the tent arrived. This was the perfect opportunity for Courtney, Ava and Amelia to get revenge. “Go up the back alleyway and get me 47 rats,” Courtney demanded. “There’s hundreds of them so I’m sure you’ll be able to find enough.”

“Oh and obviously I’ll be at home, so after you’ve spread the rats all over the house and locked the door you can meet me there. I’ll be getting changed and ye can have showers and get ready to walk over there

and make fun of them as they scream and shout,” Courtney said with a sly grin on her face.

“Um, Courtney, is this a joke? I’m not going anywhere near a disgusting rat, let alone touch 47 of them,” shot Ava while Amelia nodded in agreement. “I guess you’ve got a point,” Courtney replied. “Instead, you can go over to the weird boy across the road and pay him €5.00 to do it,” said Courtney.

So they did and the boy filled the new tent with the 47 rats and brought it to the house. Meanwhile Penelope, Betty and Limestone got back from their walk to find the boy from across the road pulling their new tent, which was now filled with rats, over to their house.

“Come on, let’s hide at the back of the house so we can watch him and find out what’s happening,” said Penelope, rushing to a bush with Limestone in her arms and Betty, her best friend, following.

Meanwhile, the boy was talking to himself. “Phew, that’s heavy. Oh, I better call Courtney and let her know that I’m spreading the rats now and she and the other girls can start walking over here,” he said, as he took his phone out of his pocket, dialling the number.

Penelope grabbed Betty’s arm and pulled her aside “Oh my god, they’re devils, we must plan!” whispered Penelope, so they did. While the boy strolled around the house on the phone, the girls grabbed the tent together and put the rats back. By the time they got

back, the boy realised the disappearance of the rats and was freaking out

“Oh no! What’s Courtney going to do to me when she finds out that I lost all the rats and it’s too late to go get more?” squeaked the boy quietly.

The boy looked terrified and ran away. At Courtney’s house, things weren’t going too well either. Amelia was using the same eyeshadow as Courtney and to Courtney, she couldn’t possibly do anything worse.

“How dare you, take it off now!” screamed Courtney

“No way, this is my favourite palette!” Amelia yelled back. This went on for a long 40 minutes until eventually Amelia was so fed up that she apologised and washed it off. They walked over to Penelope’s house while Courtney bragged about how good she looked, and the girls agreed as always.

But what a shock they got when they crept up to the house! Penelope and Betty were chatting away peacefully while building their new den and when Courtney looked in the window everything looked normal.

“How in the world did this happen?” Courtney, Ava and Amelia thought, when suddenly something caught Courtney’s eye. It was how they were being so nice to each other and there was no reason for it, then she remembered how mean she has always been to everyone, especially Ava and Amelia. She remembered the fight she had had earlier.

Courtney then turned around and said to Amelia and

Ava. “I’m so, so, so, so, so, soooooooo sorry. guys. I’m the meanest person in the world. Could ye ever forgive me?”

They said, “Of course!” They all hugged.

The next day at school, Betty and Penelope were playing in the yard when Courtney, Ava and Amelia came up to them.

“Oh no,” Penelope said under her breath.

“We’re really, really sorry,” said Courtney shyly, while the other girls nodded. “We were wrong to be mean to ye. And your eyes are really cool and unique, Betty.”

“Of course, we forgive you. And if ye want, we can be friends,” said Betty.

“Really? After all we’ve put you through?” asked Courtney shocked.

“Of course, that was the past,” said Betty and Penelope together.

Sophia

It was at that moment that, out of nowhere, appeared a green chicken named limestone.

“OMG! EWW!” shouted Amelia and Ava

“OMG, is this really happening?” said Penelope.

“Yes it is,” said Betty, astonished. “Wow, I’m so happy you know that it’s my dream to have a chicken.”

“What should we do now?” said Courtney.

“SHHHHHHHH” said Penelope. “WE ARE HAVING OUR MOMENT!!!!”

”Geez, you guys are kind of weird,” said Ava and Courtney.

“No, we’re not!” shouted Betty and Penelope.

“Uhm, yes, you guys are,” said Courtney.

“Courtney, do you really have much to say? You lost that fight at school the other day!”

“Well that’s because I was tired that day” said Courtney. “

Stop making up excuses, it’s lame and pathetic!” said Penelope and Betty, the odd one, slammed the door on their faces.

“What was that for?” said Ava and Amelia, annoyed.

“Ugh, whatever.” said Courtney.

The next day there was a loud sudden deafening knock on the door. It was Courtney.

“What do you want?” said Betty.

“I’m here for Penelope,” said Courtney.

“Uhm, okay, I’ll call her down. PENELOPE! COURTNEY IS HERE FOR YOU!” Betty turned back to Courtney. “She’ll be down in a second.”

Penelope hurried down the stairs. “What do you want now?”

“I’m here to apologise for the fight at school... and Betty, how’s your hair doing?” said Courtney apologetically.

“Fine I guess,” said Betty.

“Again, I’m so sorry. What I did was very wrong and I ditched Amelia and Ava – they were telling me not to say sorry so I went with my gut feeling. I want to be friends, maybe?”

Betty whispered into Penelope’s ear. “Say yes.”

“Okay, I will,” said Penelope.

“Yes, we will!! Come in! Sit down, we will get you some tea or coffee. What would you prefer? Uhm, coffee? Sounds great! Okay, perfect – it’s on its way! Betty, come with me and we will make tea and coffee.”

“Okay!” said Betty excitedly.

Watson's Wonky Adventure



Glebe National School
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5th Class

"She's acting fishy, what do you think?"

"No, she's just sorry. "I think I'm going to eavesdrop on her."

"Okay, good idea! I'll be back."

Five Minutes Later

Betty came back. "She was on the phone and talking about how we are so amazing and nice and how we will become a trio. She said she is so happy that we forgave her."

"Aww, that's nice of her," said Penelope. "It's really nice of her. Let's buy her a present."

Betty and Penelope went on Amazon and bought BFF (best friends forever) necklaces and bracelets. With same-day delivery, they arrived twenty minutes later. Then they gave Courtney the necklaces and bracelets.

"Here's your coffee. And, oh and here you go!" said Betty.

Courtney was shocked. "THANK YOU SO MUCH!"
In the end, they all became BFFs forever.

Shan Wall from Nepal met Watson the Camel in the Himalayan mountains. Watson was snowboarding and Shan Wall was making a snowman. Watson crashed into the snowman and they both fell down the mountain.

Shan asked, "Why did you break my snowman?"

"Because I was snowboarding down."

That's when they realised that they could talk to each other. They were laughing for five minutes.

So Shan and Watson went on a stroll all the way to India. When they got to the sea, Watson fell in love with the water when he saw people swimming. He dipped his hoof in the sea and was nipped by a crab named Craig.

Watson screamed with anger after being nipped and jumped in the air. He landed on Shan Wall. Craig the Crab was still attached to Watson so he crawled onto Shan Wall and gave him a nip as well.

After this incident, Shan Wall told Watson about

scuba diving and how there had never before been a scuba diving camel in the Olympics.

So Watson said, "Bring me to an Olympic pool right now!" They made it to the Olympic pool and saw something strange...

The Dog Who Lost Its Home

By Ava

Becca is a little girl with a big dream. It may seem little, but her biggest dream is to get a dog.

Becca's best friend is her mum and her second best friend is her dad. Becca is lonely and an outsider to her school. One day, she wants to have a bunch of dogs and be a vet. She loves all animals but her favourite is a dog. She can't have a dog though, because her mum is concerned that if Becca was ever walking the dog it would get lost, because they live in a big city.

One day, Becca was walking home from school and she saw a puppy in an alleyway. She walked towards it slowly and gave it a pet. She was amazed to see the dog acting so kindly. She ended up bringing the dog home to wash it and give it a little food before her mum and dad got home from work.

The summer holidays had begun and Becca and her family were going to visit her grandparents in the countryside. During the summer, Becca thought of a nice friendly name for the dog that she met...

Bailey! When she got back from the countryside, Becca went to look for Bailey to tell her all about her summer.

When Becca got to where Bailey usually was, the dog was nowhere to be seen. She heard a loud bark not far from where she was. She followed the sound of the bark to find Bailey being taken away by Animal Control. She ran as fast as she could to try and save Bailey but it was too late. Bailey was taken away.

Becca walked back home, crying loudly. Her mum told her that they were moving away from the city because her mum and dad want to be closer to Becca's grandparents. They left on such short notice – the next day. Before they left, Becca went down to the place she met Bailey and sat there for a few minutes. When she arrived, she was over the moon to see Bailey sitting in her spot!

It must have been a different dog being taken away. Becca brought Bailey back home and somehow convinced her parents to bring Bailey with them.

Later on, Becca pursued her dream of having a few dogs and working as a vet.

Zebbie's Story **by Charlotte**

Zebbie is a zebra who has a best friend called Duffy. Duffy is a donkey and together they have travelled

the whole savannah together. Zebbie and Dusty are the bestest, bestest friends. Zebbie is five and has magnificent black and white stripes. Duffy is four and has a hairy wooly grey coat and wonky big ears but he has a beautiful cross over his shoulders, which makes him stand out. Zebbie's parents had died when he was a foal and Duffy's kind parents then decided to take Zebbie in as one of their own. Since then, Zebbie and Duffy have been the best of friends.

It was your average day in the savannah. Duffy and Zebbie were out for a walk. Suddenly as quick as a bullet – literally – something hit Duffy right in the backside where it hurts! Zebbie was shocked and tried to do mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. By the time he did his second blow, though, a red-feathered bullet hit him too.

When Zebbie woke up, he felt a bit woozy. He looked around but there was no Duffy in sight. It was dark and cold. Zebbie was really scared. He looked through the bars and he could see signs. They all read ZEBRAS EXHIBITED IN THE ZOO Zebbie was scared and he knew he had to think of an escape plan. Zebbie didn't belong here and that's all that mattered to him. He wanted to be with the donkey where he belonged.

Zebbie's plan was to bend the bars with all his strength and all his might and then jump the fences to the donkey sanctuary. It was a perfect plan. In the morning, zookeepers found Zebbie in the donkey sanctuary. They checked the CCTV

and there was living proof of Zebbie making his escape. The zookeepers decided that they should lock Zebbie up in the lion's den. The next night, Zebbie was terrified – all three lions were growling at him. He started to chat nervously, which Zebbie always did when he was nervous.

Wrong Direction by Cillian

Bob walked into school. He saw pictures on the wall and heard people laughing in the hall. The floors were as clean as a baby's bottom.

"This looks like a nice new school," said Bob to himself. Bob was on his way to his class but he did not know where it was, so he asked the first boy he saw, not realising that he was the school bully, Jeff O'Driscoll.

Jeff knew Bob was the new kid so he decided to mess with him. Jeff asked, "What class are you going to?"

"Maths," said Bob, "I love maths." So Jeff pointed in the other direction and told Bob that was the way to the maths classroom.

"Thank you," Bob replied.

When Bob got to the classroom, he saw people with musical instruments and realised he had been tricked. He was now late for his first maths class!

He was really disappointed.

When Bob got home, his granddad asked him, "How was your first day?"

Bob said, "I missed my maths class because of the school bully. He pointed me in the wrong direction and called me names, so I missed my favourite class".

"How did you react?" asked Granddad.

"When I was in English class later, guess who I was sitting beside? Yep, the bully. He asked me how I got on in maths class, ha ha ha! I just ignored him, as luckily the teacher had started talking. He was asked to spell a word by the teacher and he didn't know how. I wrote it out on a small note and slid it across the table to him. I don't think he'll be mean to me again," Bob said.

"Nice one," said Granddad.

My New Home

By Dan

Hi I'm Sersha! I'm a golden retriever and I'm eight weeks old. I am going to tell you the story of when I found my new home.

It was a normal day and I was playing with all my brothers and sisters. We were digging in the back garden, then Gary (our owner) called us in. There were visitors! We all put our puppy faces on and wagged our tails, hoping to be picked. None of us

dared to pee on the ground. They looked at me, thinking I was a boy, and then walked right past me. Gary told them that I was the one they were looking for. They played with me in the garden and then I showed off my energy.

I knew my magic had worked when the lady scooped me up and kissed me on the head. Some paperwork was signed and before I knew it I was in their car and about to start my journey back to Wicklow.

When I arrived at my new home, I heard some other dogs barking. I was excited to meet my new family. I entered my new home and there were lots of new smells. I could see lots of new toys and a fresh new bed.

I played for a short time but I was so tired after the journey home that I couldn't keep my eyes open and I fell into a deep sleep. It was weird not sleeping with my nine brothers and sisters, but I was so tired I just fell asleep. I was awoken by a new voice. My owner was impressed that I hadn't soiled my bed. I was rewarded with a delicious plate of dog food.

After breakfast, I played in the garden and I was introduced to my big brother Reily, my big sister Ali and my other big brother Louie. I overheard my new owners talking about a trip to the vet for a check up and my vaccinations. I didn't really like the sound of that but it meant I could go for walks when I'm a bit bigger.

I spent most of my first week being cuddled, kissed, played with and fed. I'm already enjoying my time in my new home and I'm excited for my future.

How Unlucky Can You Get? (The Tsunami) **by Eva**

Amy, her mum and her little sister, Ella, moved to Japan after the heartbreaking loss of her dad. Amy was reluctant to move to Japan, knowing that she would have to leave her home and friends, but she would do anything for her fragile mum.

After about a month, Amy finally felt like she was fitting into life in Japan. She was going for walks daily with her mum and sister, learning Japanese and making new friends. One sunny summer day, her family decided to go to the beach. They were so excited. They were there for hours until it started to rain. They were going home disappointed, when it started to thunder. Ella was crying with fear. The thunder was booming, it sounded like they were being bombed. As soon as they got home, they thought they were safe but the ground started to shake.

"EARTHQUAKE!" shouted Amy.

Amy searched for Ella and her mum everywhere in their house but there was no one to be seen.

Amy was terrified, not knowing what to do. She hid under her bed until the earthquake eased. Suddenly

she heard screams coming from outside. Amy was confused and had no idea where to go or what to do. She sprinted outside, she saw collapsed houses and injured people everywhere she looked.

Amy did not know what could be worse than this, when all of a sudden she heard a man yell "TSUNAMI!"

Amy looked up and saw a massive wall of water coming right for her. Terrified, she ran as fast as she could, searching for her mum and sister everywhere. She knew that she needed to get to high ground. She was running as fast as she could when all of a sudden, she fell and saw a bed flying towards her. She tried to roll out of the way but then it went black.

Amy must have been knocked out as the last thing she remembered was the bed. She tried to move but she was stuck. She had no clue of where she was. Then she felt her eyes go heavy. She was knocked out again.

Amy woke up to her mum holding her hand crying over her. She was confused. She realised that she was in hospital.

"Where's Ella?" she asked. Mum started to sob. Amy looked into her eyes and could instantly tell she was gone.

Dusty The Dino by Jack

Dusty the Dino – or Dusty- was from Ireland and his dream was to be an astronaut.

Dusty wanted to be the first dinosaur to reach the moon. He loved to watch videos about space and always wanted to try to float in the air. He has a best friend called Sally the snake; her dream was also to be an astronaut.

One morning when Dusty woke up, he saw a news article in the morning newspaper titled, Could Your Children Be The Next Space Astronauts and Travel To The Moon? When Dusty saw that, he was so excited so he applied.

Two weeks later, Dusty got a reply from the people who wrote the article. They said he had won two tickets. Dusty was very excited, until he saw that it was going to take place on the other side of Ireland. It would take them thirteen hours to get there.

He didn't think his parents were going to let him go, but when Dusty asked his mum she was in a really good mood.

“Yes, Dusty,” she said.

Dusty was so excited. He asked his friend Sally the Snake if she wanted to come and she said yes.

The next morning, they were already packed so they set off onto the road. They packed loads of games

but after playing games for a while it started to get a bit boring. When they were about halfway there, Dusty's mum said there was something wrong with the engine and she pulled over.

There was something really wrong with the engine. Dusty's mum tried to call for help on her phone but she couldn't get any signal because they were in the middle of nowhere. It started to get dark so they made a campfire. Dusty's mum said they were probably going to have to sleep there for the night. So they got their sleeping bags and pillows and went to sleep.

When they woke up in the morning, there was still no luck of seeing any cars so Dusty's mum said they were just going to have to walk. So they walked for about two hours, still not seeing any cars or people. They decided to have a break so they all sat down. Dusty and Sally weren't as enthusiastic as they had been before but they still wanted to go to space.

Dusty, his mum and Sally kept on walking for hours with still no sight of anything but birds. Then, as they were crossing a field, they heard the noise of a tractor. They were so relieved! They went running over to the person huffing and puffing. The person looked rather startled after three people running after him who looked like they hadn't washed in years.

They asked for a lift to the Space Centre and the farmer just looked at them like they were idiots.

“The Space Centre is right behind you,” he said.

They all said thank you so much, like as if he guy had given them \$100,000,000,000 each. They ran off and entered the Space Centre. It looked so cool, people were flying around on jetpacks and in zero gravity chambers.

A guy came up to them and said, “ You must be Dusty!”

Dusty said, “Yes.”

“Follow me,” the guy said. They followed him to a really cool zero gravity chamber. He said that they needed to pass this test to see if they were able to go to the moon.

Dusty, his mum and Sally went inside and it felt so weird. They got out of it after only five minutes. The guy said that they were ready to go to the moon, so they got loads of space gear and hopped in the rocket.

The count-down began:

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BLAST OFF!

The Adventures of Ziggy and Danny by Kade

Ziggy lives in Blainroe, at the end of a leafy lane. He lives with his humans – Natalie, Phil, Evey and Kade. Ziggy is a brown labradoodle with soft curly fur. His personality is full of love and he loves to play and cuddle with his family.

Danny lives at the other end of the leafy lane. He is a doodle too but his hair is light and he’s a bit bigger. Danny lives with his humans Shane, Koryne, Cameron and Jodie.

Once upon a time, Ziggy and Danny were out for a walk with their humans, down at their favourite place, the beach. When Ziggy and Danny got down to the beach with their humans, they were let off the lead and they ran all around the beach that they loved.

When they wanted to head back home, their humans put them back on their lead before they left the beach. Ziggy and Danny were tired so they went back to their houses and ran into their beds and went to sleep.

When Danny and Ziggy get tired, they sometimes go to sleep way before the humans do. Other times

when the dogs go to sleep, they would be given a bone before the humans went to bed for the night. Every day, Mummy or Daddy take Ziggy for a walk or even for a couple of walks. When the dog's humans have to leave to go to work or to drop the kids to school, they normally give Ziggy and Danny a bone before they leave.

The food that Ziggy and Danny like is dog food. Ziggy's dog food that he likes looks like some sort of hard brown nut. Ziggy also has a blanket with bones on it.

My Trip of A Lifetime **By Karl**

I couldn't sleep that night as I was way too excited about our trip to the island. There was going to be so much to see and do. I was so glad I had my new camera, as I planned to take lots of photographs of all the animals. I especially loved gorillas and really wanted to get up close to them. Dad said if we played our cards right, it may be a dream come true.

The next day, we left early in the car and went to the airport. On the way I kept testing my camera. Dad told me to stop or I would break it. When we arrived at the airport, we had something to eat and bought some stuff for the plane. I got a head rest and some jellies to chew on for my ears, as the pressure always hurts them badly.

Finally, we landed on the island and we were met by our tour guides for the journey into the Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda. I was so excited and nervous at the same time.

They said that no one would be bored on our journey with all the amazing animals to see. Our trip would take us along the Kazinga Channel to see hippos and elephants. Also we would drive to a spot to see the African animals such as lions, antelopes, baboons, chimpanzees and many more.

The bit I was most excited about was seeing the gorillas and taking pictures. We started hiking up the mountain. Dust flew back into my face from Dad's big black boots. The rocks were crumbling under my feet and falling down the mountain. My little sister held on to my mum for dear life. When we reached the top, we were exhausted. We followed a trail that led us down to the rainforest. I could already hear the gorillas hooting at each other.

We all thought we were going to go into the rainforest but we were told that the gorillas are most seen from the side of the forest. We all sighed but kept on going and eventually we got to the right spot. I was shocked to see the size of the gorilla. She was huge and her infant was so cute and small – about the size of a teddy – but soon it would be massive. Mum wanted to pick it up and just squeeze it. My sister wanted to jump on the gorilla like it was a big teddy.

I took out my camera and took as many pictures as

I could. On the way back, Mum just kept on talking about how cute the infant was. Dad said he would take it home if he could.

Since that day, I said I would never take that camera anywhere again and I would cherish it and the memories forever.

The Giant Anteater... **By Kate**

Anteater was having a drink from the watering hole of the grasslands. The scorching sun was shining down on his back.

Anteater's long tongue felt cold against the icy water. After a few moments, Anteater stopped drinking and turned around. A trail of ants were busy walking towards a branch from a red oak tree. Anteater watched the ants patiently for a while.

They were now on the branch, their mouths full of fresh green leaves. Anteater couldn't resist it any longer. He then realised how hungry he was. He strolled over to the branch, and within minutes, he had demolished almost all of them. Anteater then went over to a nearby tree, found a shady spot underneath and lay down. But the bright sunlight was still in his eyes, so he fanned out his bushy tail and held it over his head, which blocked out some of the remaining afternoon light. While thinking about a termite mound he spotted earlier that day on his way to the watering hole, Anteater dozed off.

Anteater woke up a while later with a start. He heard a low growling noise and opened his eyes. And there stood Jaguar, her eyes cold and hungry. Anteater jumped up, his long tail still fanned out. The two opponents started to circle one another, slowly, each not daring to make a wrong move.

Although Anteater had no teeth, he did have very sharp claws, each the length of meat hooks. This is why many of the other larger animals of the grasslands tried to avoid Anteater when possible. By this point, the hazy red sun over the grasslands had started to set. Anteater swung his front left claw frantically, gashing Jaguar's lower neck. Jaguar roared in pain and scampered off into a clump of bushes nearby, but Anteater knew she'd be back.

Anteater ran a few metres away and lay down beside a rock where he liked to rest sometimes. He covered himself with his huge, grey, bushy tail to keep himself warm and to camouflage into the rocky landscape.

Anteater had done this many times before and it had always worked so far. He hoped that this night would be the same. He would have to just wait out the night here. Yes, that is what he would do. To cheer himself up, Anteater promised himself that in the morning, as soon as he knew it was safe, he would go and find that termite mound he found earlier that day.

The War of the Sunmen by Lona

It all started on the 17th of May 2432. The humans were getting ready for war.

A signal had been sent two weeks before from another civilisation..the Sunmen! The leader of these so-called Sunmen was called Séandú, known on his planet –Mercury– as The Sandstone. What the Sunmen wanted most was territory.

The message was as follows...

Dear Newcomers,
We have come to take your land.

We are now flying in between Venus and your world.
The war begins in two delms.

Get ready,

Séandú and the Sunmen

The message did not come across well for the people on Earth at all. Everyone was scared to go outside their houses! First of all, they were terrified because they didn't know what a delm was. Secondly, they were completely freaked out by there being another living thing in the universe. Yeah, sure, we've heard stuff about aliens, but it had never been proved that they were real...until now!

The governments of the world joined together in a

show of unity and strength against Sheándú and the Sunmen and sent forth a message.

Earth is a peace loving planet.

We will defend our peoples and our planet against any threat of war.

Why have you declared war? Why do you need our land? What do you need it for?

Let's open a dialogue and discuss this peacefully, so that no harm whatsoever befalls Earth or the Sunmen.

Once the peace message travelled to the Sunmen, they were infuriated.

“Why? Why do we need their land? Is that silly or what!” exclaimed Séandú to all the other Sunmen. “We will get our land and we will make more ICE CREAM! We will be there in a few Earth days. Now, ready and all, and they're talking about how they don't know we want to make more ice cream! I have never heard such nonsense. It is obviously a sneak attack and we are obviously going to invade!”

And so the invasion began...

First contact was in the Phoenix Park in Dublin, Ireland. A Garda approached a strange-looking vehicle on the side of the road, which was illegally parked on double yellow lines.

Just then, hundreds of bright yellow squirrel-sized creatures appeared from under the vehicle. Each had a large ice cream cone in one hand and a spoon in the other.

“We declare this land is ours! Therefore, you shall get off it and give us our ice cream!” screamed one of the little aliens.

Within seconds, the road was starting to rumble. There were army helicopters overhead, tanks in front and who knows how many more appearing on the scene.

“Away with you, lads. I’m afraid you can’t park here. You’re on double yellow lines and you know you’ll get a ticket if you don’t move!” said the Garda.

“Move, MOVE?! We are here to stay. This is our iceland!” shouted another alien creature.

“Em, I’m afraid Iceland’s just around the corner, two streets back. I think they’ve trademarked the name as well so you’ll have to pick another one,” the Garda

As the army’s thunderous approach continued, a sound of musical bells could be heard and the laughter and screams of children.

“Ice cream! Ice cream!” they called at the top of their voices.

The Sunmen couldn’t believe their eyes and ears.

“Ice cream,

On wheels,

Portable,

Moving,

Not stuck in the ground...AMAAAAAAAAAAAZING!

Please, please, please! Give us this technology and we will promise to leave you in absolute peace!”
To be continued...

Watson The Lazy Camel!

By Oisín

Watson was a camel, a very happy camel.

Watson lived in Nepal, in the Himalayas, on a farm owned by a man and his son. Watson didn’t know the man’s name but he did know his son’s name was Shan Wall and that he was from Nepal as well.

One day, Shan Wall brough Watson and the rest of the camels up into the Himalayas to bring food and water to the village there. Watson and the rest of the camels were very tired by the time they got there. Shan became very frustrated by how slow the camels were going, so he shouted at them to hurry up.

“Jeez, he really needs to calm down,” Watson said to his camel friend Tommy.



Watson saw a strange look appear on Shan's face, as if he had just seen a ghost.

"What's wrong with him?" Watson asked Tommy. "I dunno," replied Tommy. "Can-can you h-hear me?" stammered Shan Watson. He was very VERY surprised by this, so he simply replied, "Erm, yes, I guess so? Can you hear me as well?" Watson asked.

After that weird encounter on the mountain, Shan and Watson spent a lot of time together. They talked and talked from dusk till dawn. Shan told Watson about the thing that he always wanted to do, how he wanted to go to India and swim a scuba dive.

"What's scuba diving?" asked Watson.

"Oh, it's like when you put on a special mask and swim down really deep in the sea!"

"Wow, that sounds like such fun. You know what, Shan? I think we both should go on a walk to the Indian Ocean and do a bit of swimming!" said Watson.

"Deal!" replied Shan eagerly. "We'll set off next week!"

The next week

Watson and Shan woke up early so they wouldn't be spotted by other camels. It was a long walk but eventually they reached India.

"Well, this is it, bud," said Shan to Watson. "We're here! At last."

Shan went first, running into the sea. Watson took his time, being careful. As he put his hoof in the water, he jumped back out in shock by how cold it was. He landed on Shan.

“I don’t like this very much,” moaned Watson.
“But I thought you wanted to be a professional?” asked Shan.
“No, I think I prefer lying at home in my barn,” Watson replied.
“Oh, okay, then,” said Shan and that’s just what they did.

They went back home the next day and Watson was very happy to be back in his barn!

Michael’s Cooking **By Phil**

Once upon a time there was a man called Michael, who loved cooking things for lunch or dinner every day. Michael’s favourite thing to cook for dinner was bolognese and his favourite thing to make for lunch was a sandwich or soup.

Michael was fourteen years old when he started cooking. When he was in college, he used to make his lunch before he would go to class every day. Sometimes, when he forgot to make his lunch before class, Michael would get something from the school cafeteria. Other times, when nobody could get anything from the cafeteria, they would ask the teacher for some food from the kitchen.

Often, when Michael heads home from work every day he grabs a bite to eat from a café or restaurant.

On Mondays, Michael has pasta for dinner, on Tuesdays he gets a takeaway from a restaurant or café, on Wednesdays he has curry for dinner, on Thursdays he has chips for dinner and on Fridays he has whatever he wants for dinner.
On the weekends, Michael lets his family decide what they have for dinner all weekend.

Before Michael leaves for work every weekday, he makes himself a snack before he leaves. Michael would normally make a sandwich before he leaves for work and all the other people at work do that too. Michael’s friend Jim makes a bowl of soup before he leaves for work. If Michael forgets to make a snack before work, he gets one from a café, takeaway or restaurant on his way to work. If Michael’s friend Jim forgets to make himself a snack, he asks one of the workers for a small snack for when he’s hungry. All the other workers would do that too if they wanted.

Ewan’s Story **By Selina**

There were two people, called Michael and John. John had never been able to swim.

Michael was out swimming one day and suddenly he saw a skeleton floating in the water. He also found something he had lost a long time ago. It

was his mother's necklace, stolen years earlier.

Was this body a burglar?
Who was this person in the water?

Michael was terrified. John couldn't help. Michael was panicking.

Suddenly, a hand rose from the skeleton, grabbed Michael and dragged him into the ocean.

Michael was never seen again and John couldn't go in to save them because he never learnt to swim.

The Sloth Who Lost The Race by Willow

One upon a time, there was a sloth who lived in the south of Mexico. He went to a casino and started playing poker. This sloth was not like other sloths, mostly because he was fast! As you know, most sloths are slow, so he was one of a kind.

As he was about to walk out, the sloth met a strange gal. The sloth asked, "What's your name?"

She replied, "My name is Sall."
The sloth said, "My name is Slow."

After that day, Slow decided to take Sall to the Snowy Mountain. While they were on the plane, a lady came by and said, "Would you like a drink?"

Sall said, "Yes." The lady gave her a drink.

As Sall was about to take a sip, the plane started to shake. Sall spilled her drink and she wasn't happy.

Sall and Slow finally got off the plane and took a bus to the hotel.

Slow said, "Oh! It's freezing. Maybe we should buy some warm clothes."

At the end of a long, fun day they went back to the hotel and had dinner. The next morning, they wanted to go and play in the snow. Slow said to Sall, "I might have a little rest. You go out into the snow, I'll meet you there in a bit."

Sall went to the mountains and saw that a poster that read
SNOWBOARDING COMPETITION - THIS FRIDAY!
The next day was going to be Friday, so Sall went back to the hotel all excited and told Slow.

Slow said, "We should enter!" Sall and Slow went to the top of the mountains on the cable carts and were amazed at the view, as they had never been so high up before. They found the registration desk and entered themselves into the race. Sall was nervous but on the other hand, Slow was so scared because he didn't want to get hurt and spend the rest of his holiday lying in bed.
The next day, Slow woke up early to prepare himself for the day. He did some yoga and had a hot wash to warm up his muscles. Sall's alarm went off. They

both went down stairs to fill up their tummies with sausages and beans.

The sloths ate so much food that they could not move. They went up to their room for a little nap but the nap wasn't as short as they thought. Slow had a dream about him and Sall taking part in the race. Slow came first and Sall came second but that was only a dream!

Just then, they heard a knock on the door. They both sprang out of bed, looked at the time and said, "Oh! look at the time! We are late!"

They grabbed their gear and hurried to the mountains but they saw the whole competition had finished! There were people taking down the signs. Slow and Sall went back to the hotel, grabbed their things and headed onto the airplane and flew home. When they got home, Slow said, "Maybe next time we'll be on time!"

Sall just laughed.

Doughnut Doom



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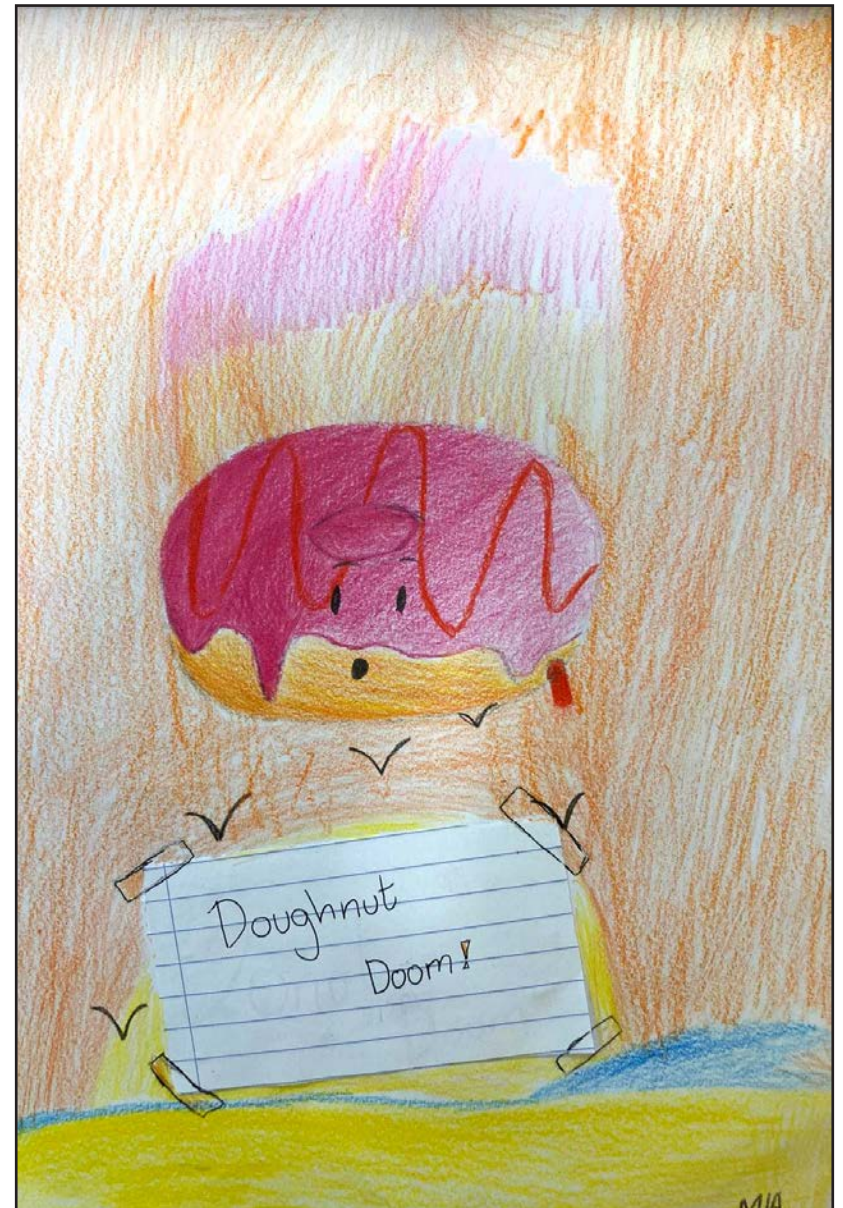
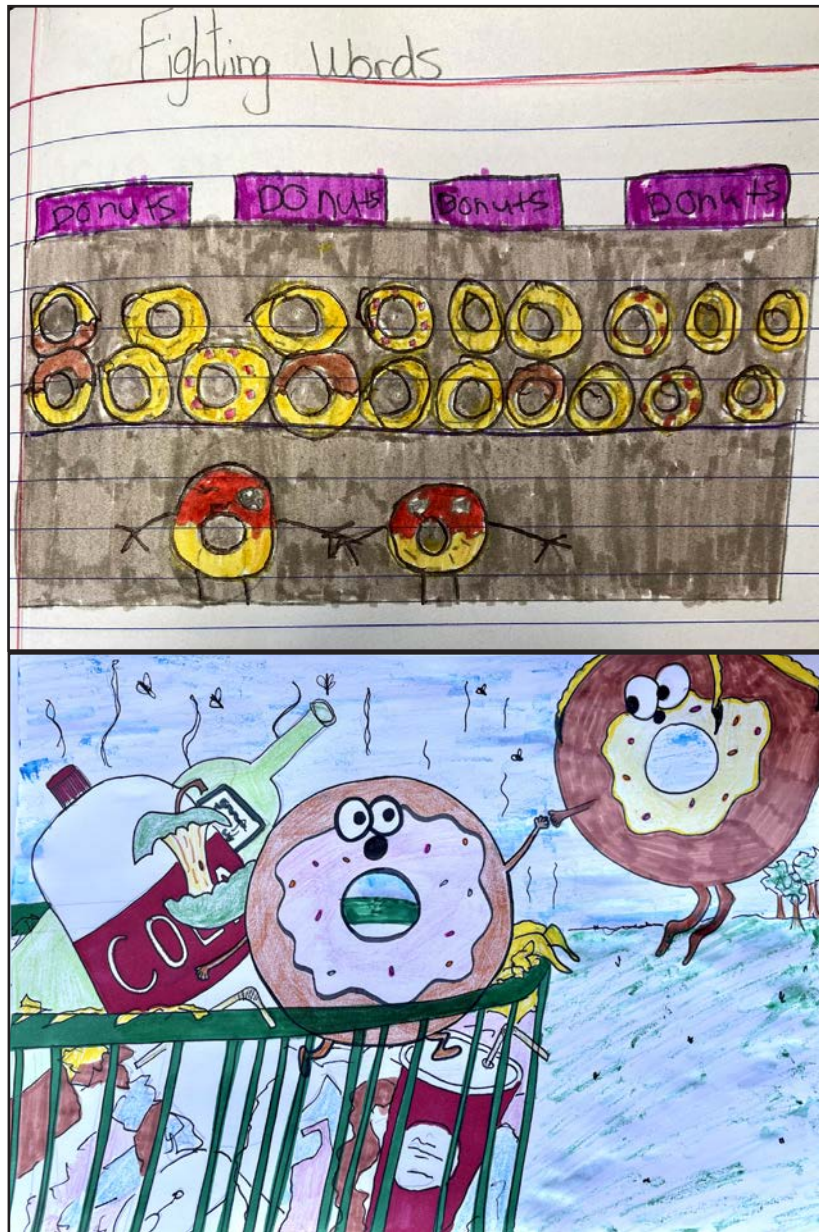
Jamel was dancing in the doughnut shop where he lived. His friend Megamind the custard doughnut came over to dance with him.

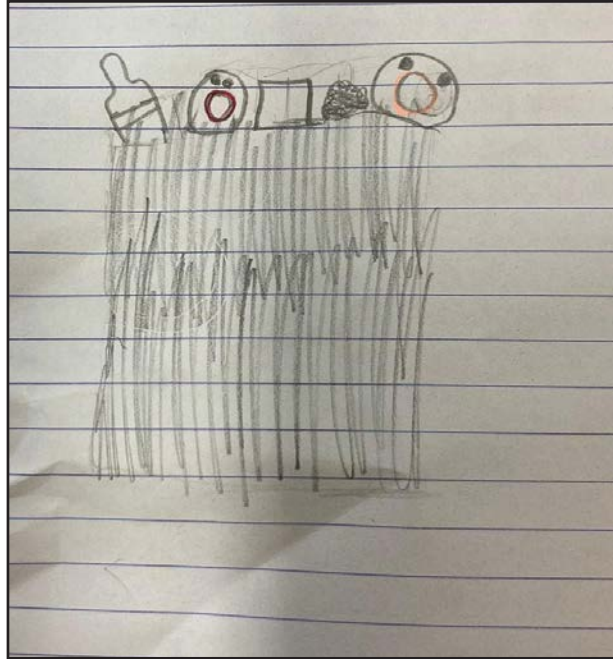
A few minutes afterwards, a human put them in a sparkling bag. The doughnuts felt sad, worried and nervous in the bag. Jamel poked a hole in the bag because he wanted to see where they were being taken. But the hole grew too big and he fell out. Megamind was left behind and taken away, but luckily she rolled out of the bag and met up with Jamel.

A litter picker found them both and put them in the bin. Suddenly, a ginormous seagull came along and swooped down, picking up both doughnuts. Jamel's heart began to beat very quickly but Megamind was happy that she was flying.

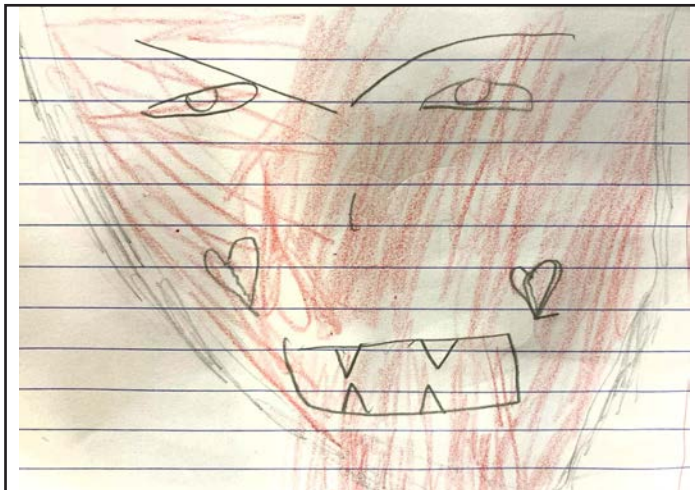
The seagull landed on the bench at the beach in Termonfeckin. The doughnuts were dropped on to the bench and they rolled off it. Megamind split in half.

A toddler picked Jamel up...





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The Girl Who Went Missing by Anliya

Once upon a time there was a girl called Lila. Lila's birthday was in just four days, so she was super excited.

"LILA, COME DOWNSTAIRS! WE'RE GOING SHOPPING FOR BIRTHDAY SUPPLIES!" Mum yelled the following day.

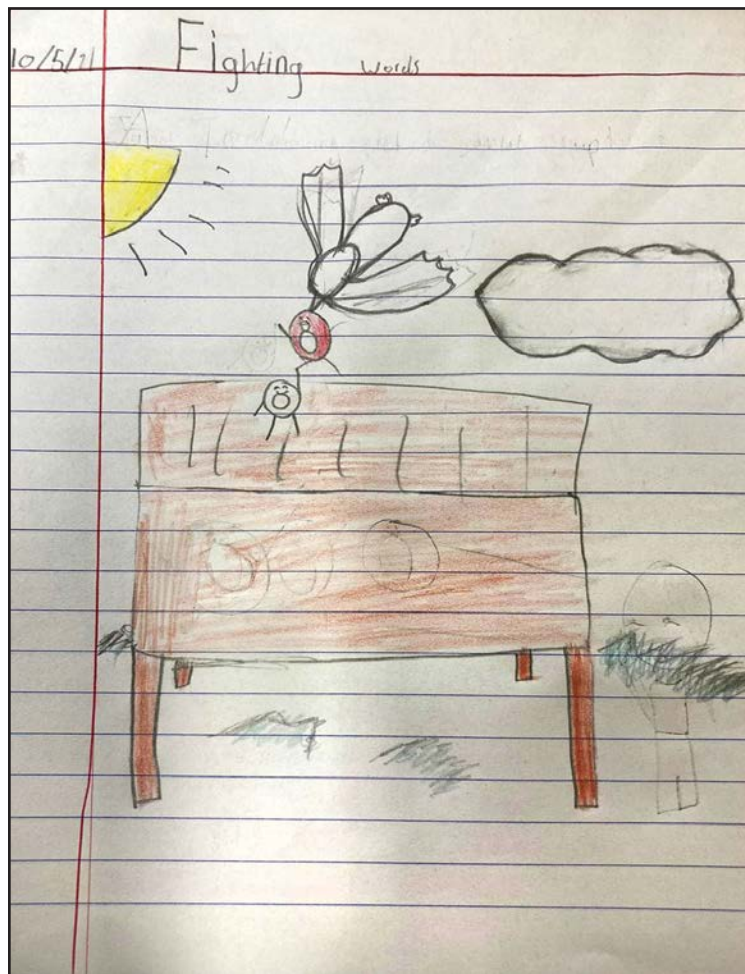
"OKAY, MUM, I'M COMING DOWN!" Lila yelled back.

Lila got her phone, ran downstairs, jumped into the car and off they went to the shops. They bought all the supplies and drove home.

After arriving home, Lila helped her mother take everything out of the car and into the kitchen and then helped her unpack everything. She then ran upstairs into her room, sat on her chair and decided to plan her birthday out.

After half an hour, Lila finished planning everything and heard her mum calling for dinner so she went downstairs, ate and then got ready for bed. Off she went to sleep...

The next day, while brushing her teeth, Lila heard a car pulling up in front of her house. She looked out of the window to see who it was and saw a black van. At first, Lila just thought it was someone coming to fix something or checking if the estate's power was



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fine. But when Lila walked along the path later, the van was still there. She felt like something was going on but she ignored it and kept walking. Suddenly, the van started driving off but Lila didn't notice and went to school.

After school, Lila went home and finally, the next day was Lila's birthday. "I'M FINALLY 13! SQUEEEEEEEEE!" screamed Lila, but in her mind because...

She got ready for her day. Since it was Saturday, Lila changed for her special day and ran downstairs. She saw that it was fully decorated with the stuff she bought with her mum at the store.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" yelled Lila's family.

"Thank you all," said Lila.

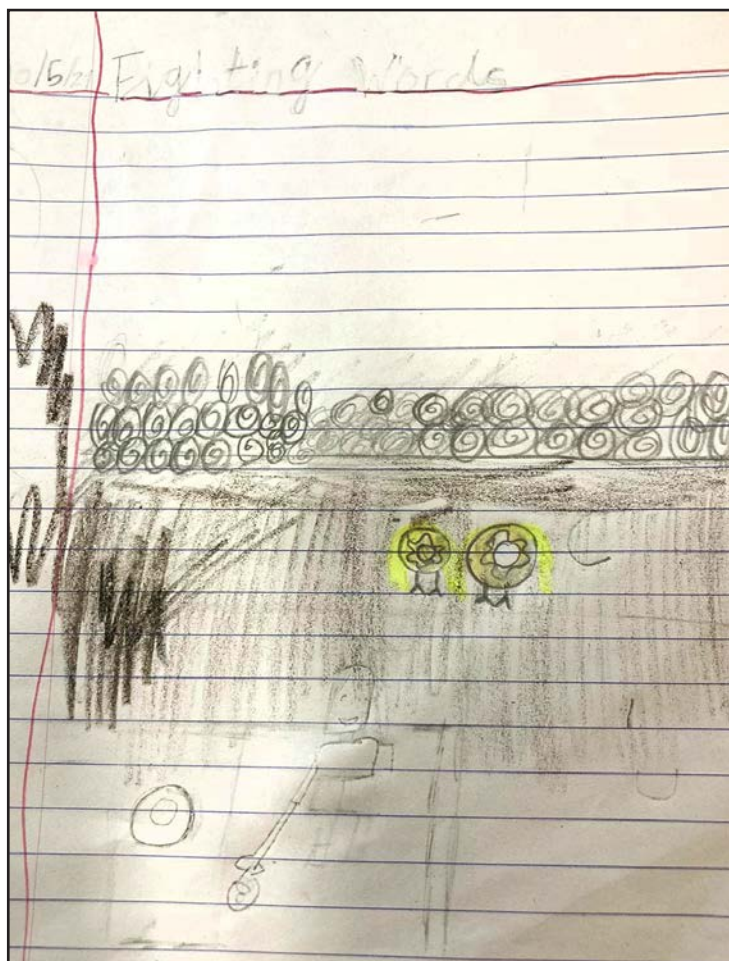
"Okay, I made waffles, with your favourite toppings," said Mum.

"YAYYYYYYYY! THANK YOU SO MUCH!" screamed Lila.

She ran to the dining table, sat on the chair and gobbled her waffles up. "

Your friends will come at 1:00pm, so we still have to put some things up. Do you mind doing it?" asked Mum.

"That's great, "said Lila.



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A few minutes later, after Lila had finished her breakfast, she called to her mother, “Mum, I’m going to put the decorations up!”

Lila put up the decorations but suddenly she heard a vehicle. She thought it was one of her friends so she opened the door and saw a man blowing bubbles. Lila knew she was not allowed to talk to strangers but she really wanted to play with it and pop it so she went up and popped a bubble.

“You like bubbles don’t you?” asked the stranger.

“Uhm, yeah, sorry for bothering you” said Lila.

“No, it’s fine. You can pop it,” said the stranger.

Lila felt okay and kept playing with the bubbles. What happened to Lila after that? No one knows...

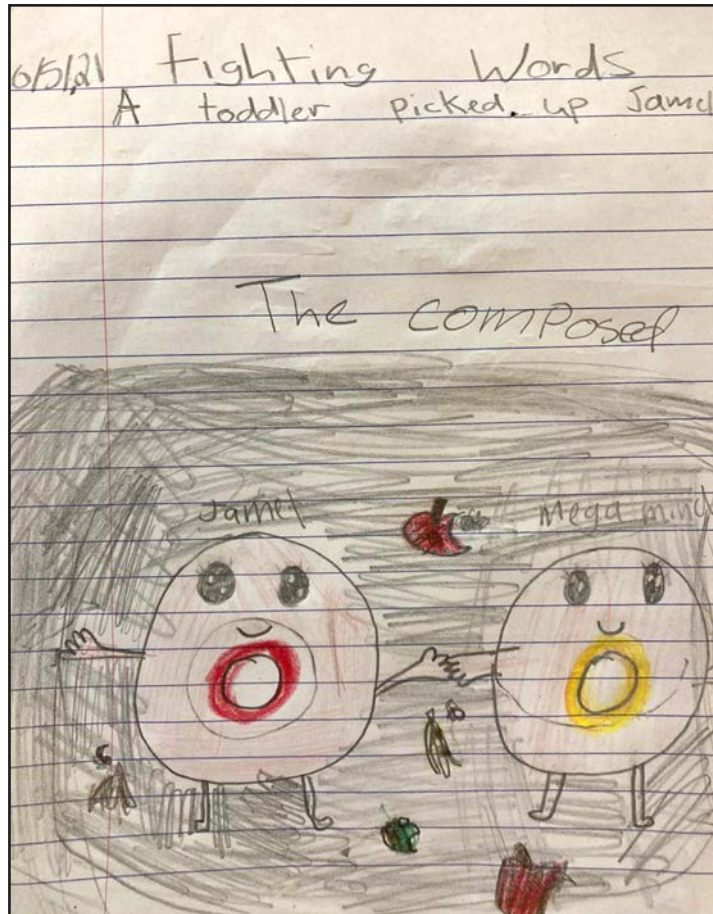
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A toddler picked Jamel up. “Yummy!” said the toddler.

“No, no, no. Yucky,” said the toddler’s mum as she picked him up.

Jamel rolled onto the path. There were feet everywhere then suddenly he was stood on. Jamel was flat as a pancake!

Jamel rolled back to the bench where Megamind was split in half. There was another doughnut at the back



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of the bench. Jamel rolled over to it. The doughnut was wearing a top hat.

Suddenly, the same litter picker picked them up and put them in the bin. The same toddler ran over to the bin and put tinfoil in it but then saw Jamel. The toddler picked Jamel up out of the bin and gave her a big hug, so tight that some of Jamel's jam squeezed out.

The toddler licked Jamel's jam off and then ate Jamel. but started choking. The toddler's mum ran over and patted him on the back. The toddler coughed up Jamel.

Jamel rolled back under the bench and that's where Jamel lived for the rest of her life.

That One Night By Grace A.

There was a boy. His name was Liam. He was very happy, until one very unfortunate night...

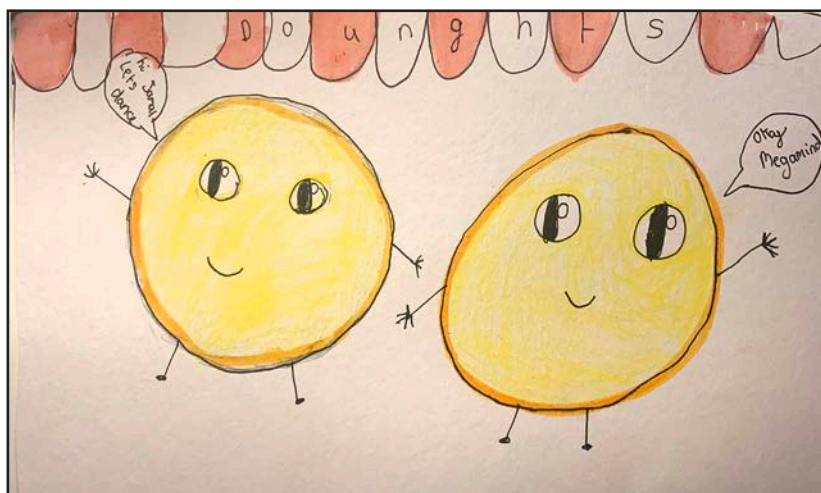
Liam and his best friend Ross were playing on a PlayStation 5 at Ross' house. They played games while eating some popcorn. After a while, they got tired and went to bed.

The next day, Liam and Ross woke up and went for breakfast. After breakfast they, they cleaned up.

"Thanks for breakfast, I'll get my stuff and leave,"



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Liam said as he went up the stairs. When he got all his stuff he said “Bye” and then left. He made his way to his house.

When he got home, Liam took off his shoes and flopped on his bed but his head hit a plastic box. “OWW!” Liam shouted. After he got over the pain on his head, Liam sat on his bed with his legs crossed and opened the box. Inside of it was a black chain. It looked cool so he put it on and it glowed a little bit.

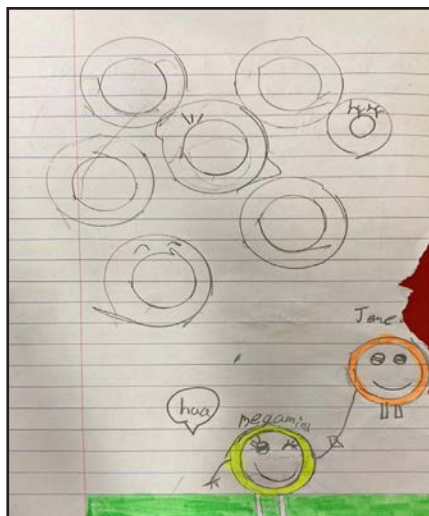
Liam thought it was just the light. With closer inspection, he saw his name was engraved on a flat circle pendant. He heard someone knock on his door so he took off the chain and put it in his pocket.

“Come in!” he shouted and then the door clicked open. His mum walked in “Oh, hey Mom! I thought Dad was the only one home and that you were supposed to come home on Monday.”

“Well I got home a day earlier,” Mum said with a huge grin. “Anyway, I saw a bright light coming from your room.”

Liam started to feel a little bit worried by the way his mother kept staring at him. “And then I found a box with a black chain in it. My name was engraved on the pendant attached to it,” Liam mumbled as he showed her the chain.

His mum looked panicked, and then sad, and then panicked again. Suddenly she fainted. Liam didn’t know what to do so he put her on his bed and put on his shoes and made his way to the shop to find



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something to help his mum. When Liam was halfway to the shop, he remembered he had forgotten his money so he sprinted home.

When he got home, Liam went upstairs and started looking for his money. That was when he heard the rain. Liam went to the curtain to see how bad it was and when he looked outside, it was worse! Thunder was crashing and it was very windy. He heard his mum wake up and when he turned to her, he was terrified. His mum now had black lips and black veins could be seen on her body. She had a creepy black-lipped smile and her eyes were glowing bright yellow.

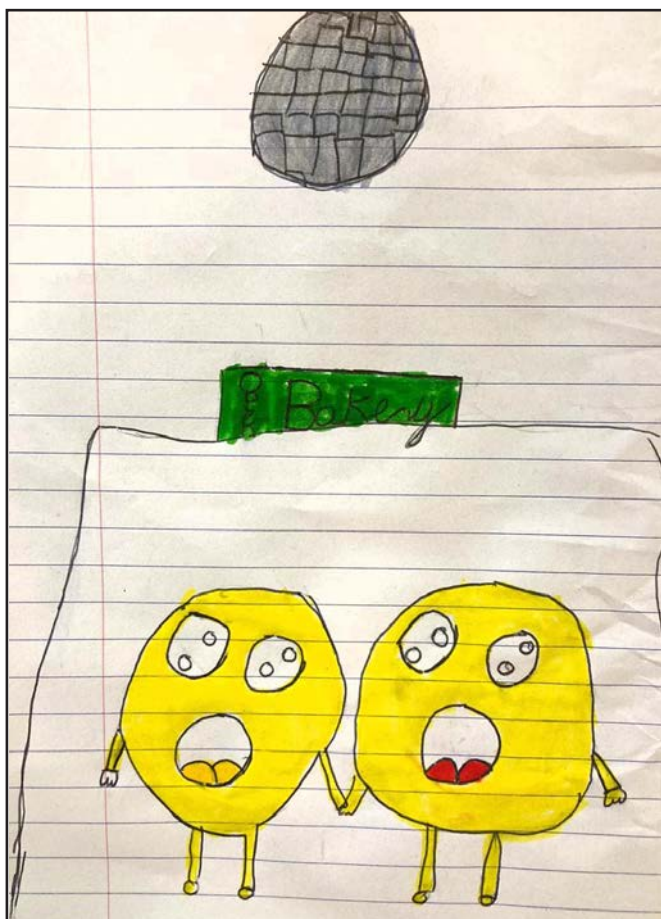
All of a sudden, Liam's chain started glowing and it was getting brighter. Liam's head started to hurt, everything was louder and his vision was blurry and the room was starting to spin. Liam ran to the door, trying to leave, but the door was locked. Liam started to panic and then his mum lunged at him and no one knows what happened next...

Floppy's Adventure By Hayley

Chapter One: Floppy and Coraline

There was once a flower called Floppy. Floppy lived in Plot Park.

Floppy was picked up by a young girl called Emma. Emma loved Floppy very much! But Floppy wasn't feeling too good about it.



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Mia brought home a daisy called Coraline. Coraline and Floppy got along very well.

One day, Coraline and Floppy were on the balcony. Coraline wasn't looking and fell off! Floppy was so scared but when she tried to run, she was too tired. She was so sad and she couldn't do anything about it. Floppy felt so guilty.

Chapter 2: Coraline's Back?

Later on, Emma came back with Coraline. Floppy was so happy but Coraline looked a bit different. Floppy didn't even notice because she was so happy until one day "Coraline" became a bit mean...

Chapter 3: Was it really Coraline?

Floppy finally found out it wasn't Coraline, their name was actually Sammy.

When Sammy found out Floppy knew their real name Sammy got MAD! Sammy walked over to Floppy angrily. "HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT!?"

"Figure out what?" chuckled Floppy nervously

"How do you know my name isn't Coraline!?"
"Well-"

Chapter 4: How Did Floppy Figure It Out?

"Well, I found out because you were very mean. And I heard you say, 'HA HA HA HA HA! SHE'LL NEVER KNOW I'M NOT CORALINE!'" said Floppy.

"Oh. Ha ha," chuckled Sammy nervously.



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Floppy then asked, "Wheres Coraline?"

"Uhm, I have no idea who you are talking about!" said Sammy nervously.

"You know who she is!" said Floppy angrily.

"FINE. I saw Coraline. I got jealous of how pretty she was and threw her in the bin." said Sammy.

"YOU WHAT...! Never mind. We have to go find her," said Floppy.

Chapter 5: The Hunt for Coraline

As they left Emma's house, Floppy and Sammy saw a bin lorry pick up the bin Coraline was in. They started running after the lorry! The lorry then stopped at the dump and they were relieved. Floppy and Sammy went into the dump. It took them 50 minutes to find Coraline, but at least Coraline was safe!

CHAPTER 6: THE END!

Coraline was very happy to be home. But on the other side, Sammy had a plan up their sleeve...
AND! The end.

WISH COME TRUE by Hephzibah

NO YOU RAT I will not help you said another one of those rich snobs this is Daniella scotts normal daily routine she would beg for food but would get shouted at or even hurt but even at that she kept her



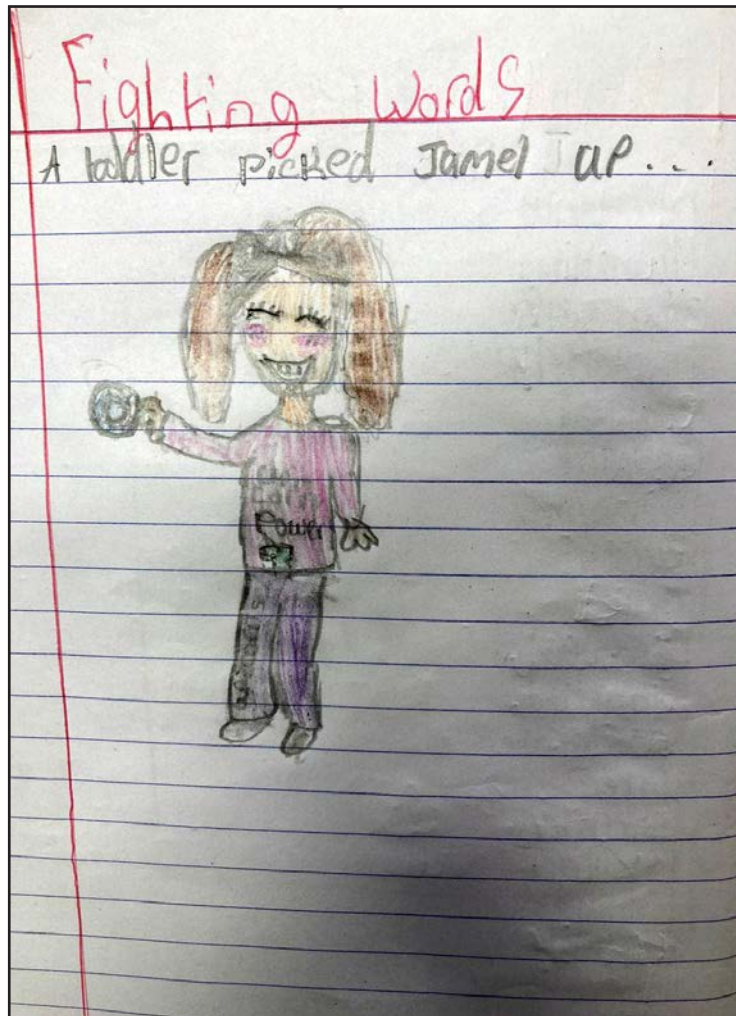
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spirits high at all time she went back to her little card board box where her little dalmation pup spot awaited her you see Daniella lived in England in Victorian times she was abandoned at a small age in a orphanage but was put into foster care and adopted by horrible people they would be so cruel they would work her day and night and never let her go to school and never feed her so one night Daniella made her escape unto the streets of England and even met a little friend on the way a little dalmation pup witch she had named spot cause he was the only spot of happiness in her life.

Daniella's dream was always to be a poet normally she would scrunch up in a corner and just let her feelings out in a poem it always made her feel so much better

Daniellas idol was Benjeman More a famous poet who sadly past away that night was colder then ever but she went in her little card board box and . . .

Dreamed a wonderful dream then she suddenly heard a noise it was big loud and scary it it it was a trumpet it was morning and Daniella was tired but despite that she got up to see what was going on there was a row of hench men standing in rows and in the middle was the red carpet where the queen was coming in in her carriage OH Daniella thought to herself how could I forget the queen had had a baby and she was feeling really happy there was a gala and a talent show there a bunch of people from every place could come and peform and hopefully win the prize the prize was for the queen to give



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your any wish and everybody was going to wish for money and a mansion but not Daniella oh not her she was wishing for something way better she went to her card board box and was ready to write the best poem ever she worked hard and long and put so much emotion in it till the gala she was feeling confident and walked up to the door and but a guard stopped her go away rat he said she was sad she walked in the rain sad and alone she ended up in the park at a statue it was Benjeman More and at the bottem it said never give up up

Daniella was filled with more found motivation and rushed back there there was a little gap in the wall that she could just fit through she went inside and found herself back stage she was added to the list and watched other people perform when it was her turn she froze but rememberd what Benjamin More had said and performed.

Everybody loved the poem and she had won when the queen asked her what is your wish was she said it was to have a loving family the queen was taking back that the poor little girl had only wished for a loving family and was heartbroken cause she couldent give her that but then thought to herself I need a queen to be me when I pass on she said the most shocking thing ever she said well your wish has been granted I will adopt you she said.

Daniella was agast. The queen and king and the little baby elizabeth all went to hug her she had went from poor homeless girl to a royal princess that was the best day of Daniella's life cause that day the



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queen and king had made one little girl's life change forever and a PUPS!

Daniella and Spot went to go live in the palace with their new amazing family and they lived happily ever after

THE END!!!!

Nikki's Crazy Adventures By Katie

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Okay, so today was crazy.

My enemy Zoe said she liked my shoes. She never compliments anyone, so that was weird. I asked her if she was sick and she said, "Yes, I'm sick of you." She is so mean.

Okay, so I found out some news. I am going on a road trip! I love road trips so this is good news. My sister Emily has to come too, though, which is bad news. I'm so excited to go on a road trip because we will be staying at a hotel but I have to share a room with Emily, which is so bad. My whole family is going and I'm so happy. Now it won't be boring.

Right now I'm in my room, hiding from Emily because she tried to hit me with a spoon. She hit me on the leg with a spoon before and it really hurt. Today is the day I go on the road trip with my family. I'm so excited. First I have to shower then I have to get my breakfast then I need to pack my bags because

I didn't do it last week. Now I barely have any time to do anything.

Okay, so I just did everything now. I'm going to get dressed now and then we are leaving. I can't wait to go. My dad was driving and Emily kept saying, "Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" It was so annoying so I hit her and she started crying. Then I got grounded, so when we got to the hotel I was not allowed to go to the pool.

"We're here!" said my mam. She also said I'm not grounded anymore, which is good news. We checked in and I was in the hotel room, unpacking my bags. We were going down to the pool but there was a dog in it so we couldn't. We got dinner instead because we are all hungry.

Then Emily just got sick. Eww!! My mam and dad said we have to go home because Emily was sick. We just got here and it's not fair! My whole family will have fun while we are at home doing nothing - ughh! Boring! This is all Emily's fault.

We're at home now and I'm in my bed because I'm sad that we didn't get to stay at the hotel for even one night. This is the worst year ever.

The Sleepover

By Kayla

Once upon a time there were four best friends. It was a Saturday so they decided that they should have a

fun sleepover.

The names of the four friends were Lola Lizzy, Emma, and Libby. They decided to make cupcakes. When they checked if the cupcakes were done, they found little tiny bits of glass. They were shocked because no one else had been in the kitchen while they were cooking.

So they got a bit scared.

Lizzy said, "It's probably nothing." They all agreed. But they were still a bit scared. They picked the glass out of the cupcakes and ate them. Yummy cupcakes!

Later, they were peacefully playing Minecraft and then they heard a weird knock on the door. They looked out the window and there was a creepy man with a mask sitting there, watching the house.

Emma said, "Everyone, keep calm. He's probably just my creepy neighbour, trying to scare me, but he looks old."

"Your neighbour is nine?" said Libby.

"Yes, I know, but he probably got his dad or something."

"No, he wouldn't do that!" said Lola. "He's too nice."

"Yes, I know, but he is kinda suspicious sometimes. Guys, stop making excuses to make us not scared," Emma said.

"Fine, I know we are doing that but Lizzy is scared. We are trying to make her not scared."

"Olay. I guess. Cmon we have to do something!" said Emma.

"We are all only twelve and your parents aren't home," said Libby, "

Why don't we call the police?" said Emma.

"Yes, good idea," said Lizzy.

As she went to call the police, they heard the door opening. "Oh goodness!" said Emma. "Everyone, be calm."

"I will try," said Lola.

"Someone needs to hide with Lola. She has asthma." said Emma.

"I will," said Lizzy.

"Okay, everyone! Be very quiet. No screaming, nothing, okay?" Lola took the inhale. Thankfully, she was okay.

The person was standing there all night. The four friends got very creeped out.

"Okay, how about we go and see what he wants?" Emma asked. "I know he's really creepy but he's far from the house. Let's just see."

They all screamed "NO!."

She said, "Why no? Who's coming with me?"

"Ugh, I guess I will," said Libby.

"Okay. All of you stay here." said Emma. "We are going to see."

"Okay. Let's go." They opened the door and they shouted over to him. "Why are you looking at our house?"

The man started running over to the house. Libby ran upstairs and Emma followed but then she ran back down to lock the door. She turned off the lights he tried to open the door.

As they run upstairs, Emma said, "HIDE! AND HIDE QUICK!"

Two hours later, they were all tired and they had to sleep in their hiding spots. In the morning, he was gone and they ran downstairs and had breakfast.

They all were very confused and didn't know what was happening. "Wait. What's on my shoulder?" Libby asked. "AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! Green slime!"

"What is it? Be calm, Lizzy! It's okay, don't worry. I will go get some water and take that green goo off of you. Who could have done this? What if it was the green scary monster person?" They got so scared.

Emma said, "What could've happened guys? My mam and dad are in Italy and they're gonna be gone for two weeks. You guys can't leave me here by myself!"

"Umh, umh, but but..." the other stammered.

"Guys, please! Stay with me. If anything happens, I will call the police and my mam and dad. It will be fine pleaseeeeeeeeeeeee!" Emma cried.

"Fine," they all replied.

TO BE CONTINUED... I hope you enjoyed my story.

Miss Butterfly and the Goblin by Leah

Miss Butterfly is a butterfly. Every day, she flies around the fairy village.

Well, today was a normal day. Miss Butterfly got up, ate breakfast, brushed her teeth and got dressed. As she was getting ready to leave her house, a GOBLIN GRABBED HER!

Miss Butterfly was so scared. She screamed for help but no one heard her. The goblin said, "Don't fly away" and he put her down. As scared as Miss Butterfly was, she did as the goblin said.

Then the goblin started to talk. "My name is Leaves and I see you every day flying to fairy village, and I was wondering..."

"WHAT?" said Miss Butterfly in an angry voice. She was very annoyed because she was missing out on her flying.

"Well..." Leaves began.

"TELL ME NOW," said Miss Butterfly.

"I heard that the village theatre is holding auditions for the new Princess Fairy show and I would love to be a guard," explained Leaves.

Miss Butterfly said, "Okay, but why are you telling me?"

Just then some fairies and elves came along. The elves and the fairies thought Leaves was trying to eat Miss Butterfly. They started attacking him. Miss Butterfly shouted at the top of her lungs to stop. The fairies and the elves stopped.

Miss Butterfly said, "Leaves was not trying to eat me, Leaves was trying to talk to me."

One of the fairies asked, "Who is Leaves?"
"The goblin!" said Miss Butterfly.

Suddenly, the Fairy Queen showed up. She asked, "What is happening here?"

Miss Butterfly explained what had happened. The queen said, "Who is Leaves?"

Miss Butterfly shouted, "THE GOBLIN! KEEP UP! Leaves and I were just trying to talk about how

Leaves wanted to be a guard in the Princess Fairy show.”

All the elves started laughing. “A goblin wants to be a guard in the Princess Fairy show? How ridiculous!” said an elf named Cream.

”I bet the goblin won’t even be good,” said a fairy called Rose.

Then the Fairy Queen said, “You goblin! Do your audition now so we can see how good you are.”

So Leaves did the audition. The Fairy Queen said, “You are not bad but not good...FINE. I suppose you can be in it.”

Miss Butterfly was so happy for Leaves. She went to see the show.

A Doughnut’s World

By Leahmai

One day in a small bakery, a baker baked two jam doughnuts. Their names were Jammy and Pippa.

The baker added chocolate sprinkles to Jammy and he put white icing on Pippa. Then he put them in a shiny gold box and took them to an old lady’s house. The baker put the box on the table.

“Hope you enjoy the doughnuts,” said the baker.

The old lady opened the box carefully. “Oh, they look gorgeous!” she said in delight.

Just then somebody knocked on the door.

“Coming!” said the lady. “Follow me,” she said to the baker.

The two of them left the room. Jammy and Pippa were silent.

“Let’s get out of here,” said Jammy.

“I agree,” replied Pippa.

With a mighty jump, the two doughnuts landed on the table gracefully. Then their adventure began.

They rolled off the table, landing on the floor. They heard the people, who were still at the door. The doughnuts kept on rolling. They hid behind the door. They still were able to hear the adults speaking.

Jammy and Pippa rolled a little bit more and voilà! They made it out of the house and the old lady didn’t see them.

“WOOHOO!” screamed the two doughnuts. “We made it.”

But then the baker’s van drove off. “NO!” screamed Jammy. “What are we gonna do?”

“We will follow the van,” replied Pippa.

“What? Are you insane?” asked Jammy in shock.

“Yes, it’s the only thing we can do. Anyway, it’s only around the corner.”

“All right, you have outsmarted me this time,” Jammy sighed.

The doughnuts started to roll again. After a while, the doughnuts started to get tired.

“Urghh, I’m tired,” said Jammy.

“Well, we can’t just give up,” said Pippa.

“At least can we go a little slower?” asked Jammy.

“All right.” Pippa agreed.

Suddenly they passed a big dog. “Oh no, a dog!” said Jammy.

“Stop complaining, really,” said Pippa.

“All right,” said Jammy.

They passed the dog quietly.

“Clack! Clack! Clack” A seagull started making a lot of noise.

“Rrrrr!” the dog growled and opened his eyes. He peered at Jammy and Pippa.

“Uh oh! Roll!” screamed Pippa. They rolled down the street.

“BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!” The dog chased them. He was about to grab Jammy and Pippa when a seagull swooped down and took them.

“Ahhhhhh!” screamed Jammy.

“Wheeee!” said Pippa.

After a few minutes, the seagull dropped them in a large bush.

“Uhh,” said Pippa and Jammy.

A few minutes later, they climbed out of the bush. ‘

“I hope the dog and seagull are gone,” said Pippa.

“Same,” replied Jammy.

Then a big tall woman grabbed the doughnuts with a litter picker.

“Ahhh!” said Jammy. The woman kept on walking. She dropped them in a little stream. The doughnuts fell with a splash.

For a few moments, the doughnuts were silent. For a long time they just floated. Then – clack! Clack! Clack! The seagull came back.

“Nooo!” said Jammy.

“Duck!” said Pippa.

“No, that’s a seagull. Not a duck,” said Jammy. They both ducked underwater and swam for a while. After a while, they were washed up on a little bit of sand. Suddenly an old man picked them up and stuffed them in his pocket.

He left and an hour later, he passed the bakery. Pippa peeked out.

“Look! It’s the bakery!” She pulled Jammy and jumped out.

They entered the bakery and sat on the counter. “What an adventure!” said Pippa.

“Yeah,” sighed Jammy.

The Missing Princess by Molly

There once was a princess called Sarah. Her mum and dad were the king and queen. Their names were Queen Ciara and King Liam.

One day Sarah was outside when she was taken. Later that day, when Queen Ciara went outside to tell Sarah that she got something for her, she noticed a note. It read:

We have kidnapped your daughter.

If you want her back, meet us at the park at a tree. Give us money or you’ll be sorry. From Anonymous. Queen Ciara ran inside and showed King Liam the note.

He said, “We are not paying them. We will have to set a trap. I’ll do some couple of calls and we’ll be set to do the trap.”

Queen Ciara said, “I’m scared but let’s do this.”

Ciara and Liam went to the park and they saw a girl who looked like Sarah. She was with two guys in black clothes and black masks. The guys spotted Queen Ciara and King Liam.

The guys said, “Do you have the money?”

Queen Ciara said, “Give us our daughter first.”

One of the guys said, “Give us our money first – then your daughter.”

Queen Ciara said, “Okay, okay, FINE. HERE,” She threw the briefcase at them. They gave Sarah back to them.

The kidnappers both opened the briefcase and they both gasped. There was only shower gel and toothpaste inside! They both grabbed Sarah and pulled her back.

One of the guys said, “You are not getting her back.”

Then Queen Ciara said, "Oh, do you think we are scared of you? Well, we are not scared of you two!" King Liam told them, "We are the king and queen!"

One of the guys in black said, "Really? Well, guess what? WE DON'T CARE."

Queen Ciara glared at both of them. "Listen, give us our daughter NOW."

King Liam grabbed Queen Ciara and said, "WOAH. Calm down, Ciara. We have to do Part B of the plan."

Queen Ciara calmed down and replied, "You're right, Liam. I should be calm."

Sarah screamed. "MUM! DAD! HELP ME!"

"Don't worry, sweetie," said King Liam. One of the guys said, "She is ours now. Say goodbye to your Sarah because she is going to fall off a high building."

"WAIT," said King Liam. "We will get you the money. Just don't hurt our daughter."

Queen Ciara looked at her husband and said, "HUH. What do you mean?"

King Liam whisper-shouted to Queen Ciara "SHH. It's the only way." And then he wink-winked at her.

Queen Ciara finally got the point. "Okay," said one of the kidnappers. "But if you trick us again, well we will kill Sarah. Got it?"

King Liam replied, "Yes we got it."

Then the other guy said, "Good. Very good"

The wail of the siren got closer to all of them. One of the guys said, "OH SHOOT! THE COPS ARE COMING. RUN!"

Sarah ran to her mum and dad. A police officer said, "FREEZE DO NOT MOVE A MUSCLE."

One of the guys said, "Sorry, but we can't. Sorry. NOT."

Queen Ciara gave Sarah a BIG hug and said, "Oh, my baby! Are you okay?". She was happy-sobbing. King Liam went over and gave Sarah a big hug as well.

"Yeah, I'm fine, Mum," Sarah replied.

"Let's go home," said King Liam. Queen Ciara totally agreed. They all went home.

Later that night, they watched Yes Day on Netflix, ate popcorn and chocolate and had Coca-Cola to drink as well. Soon It was 11.59pm. The movie was over and they all went to bed.

The next day, they went to a birthday party. It was Ciara's sister's birthday. They went to the party from 7.00pm -to 12.59pm and afterwards they went to bed because they were so tired.

Anyway, those two guys went to jail for eighteen years. And Queen Ciara and King Liam were so happy to have found Sarah. Everyone had a happily ever

after, apart from those two guys. Queen Ciara had another child called Ben. And they all lived happily ever after.

The Prom Night by Nadine

One bright early morning Addison woke up and screamed.

“I can’t believe it’s prom day!” she said.

Her mom quickly replied, “I am so happy for you, sweetie.”

Addison quickly got up and went to the bathroom to brush her teeth and get ready. She came out of the bathroom, ready in a beautiful blue diamond dress. “Ahh, Addison! You look amazing!”

“Thanks, Mom!” Addison replied.

A few hours went by and the limo was outside their door, waiting.

“Mom, the limo is here!” Addison called.

“Okay, sweetheart,” her mom said.

Addison grabbed her purse and ran out the door, smiling. She was smiling until she saw a glimpse of something in the field. She turned around in shock and knew who it was.

Addison quickly jumped in the limo and told the driver to go to the school for prom. A few minutes passed and Addison and her friends arrived at the prom. When they got out of the limo, Addison turned around and screamed. “PLEASE HELP ME!” she cried while the psycho was cutting her.

“Addison, wake up!” Her friends were shouting at her. Addison quickly got up, scared, and continued to go into the school hall for prom.

“Addison, we are gonna go get the card for our room. We will be back. Can you manage to stay here for a second?” her friend Emma said.

“Oh, uhm, yeah, sure. Just be quick,” Addison replied.

Addison walked into the ballroom and she looked at all the people. When a person moved while they were dancing, Addison saw the crazy guy. Addison quickly ran, terrified. She ran into her room, shouting for her friends, but got no reply.

Addison heard someone coming into the room. She quickly ran under the bed and held her mouth, crying, so she didn’t make a sound. She heard them coming closer and she heard them calling her name silently.

What will happen next? We have to figure out...

Rose and Max and the Chocolate Bars by Siena

It all started in 2021, when two chocolate bars were dancing in a chocolate factory. Their names were Rose and Max. Rose was a milk chocolate bar and so was Max.

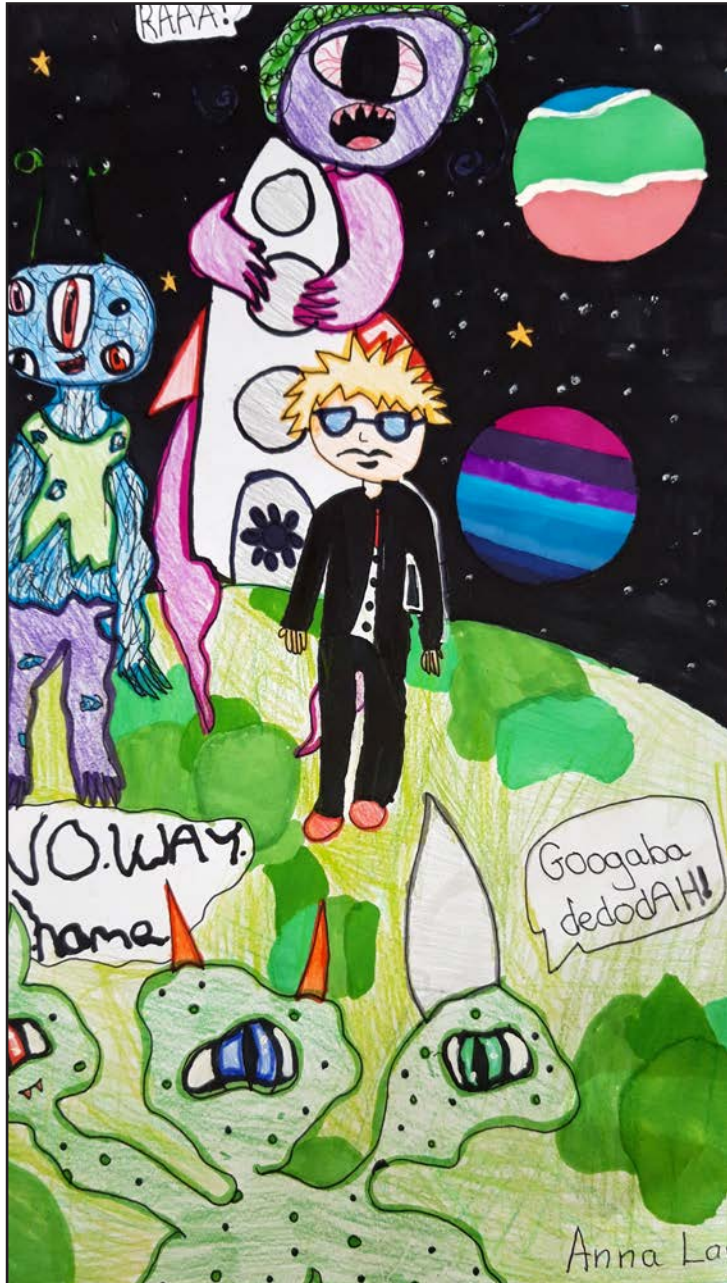
All of a sudden, they heard someone humming. Rose and Max were put in a pink box and the box was put in a van. Max did not know what to do. Rose was worried. Ten minutes later, the van stopped. The pink and white box moved slowly.

Max noticed there were plastic knives and forks so he and Rose made a hole in the box and then they jumped out. They were at Clogherhead Beach! There were loads of people there.

A man called Frank noticed that the chocolate bars were on the ground. Frank picked them up. The bin was full so he just put them on the bench and walked away. Rose and Max walked over to a chocolate doughnut. The doughnut's name was Button and Button was really friendly.

Rose and Max had legs made out of frosting so they were fine, but Button had no legs. But Rose was to the rescue! In Rose's backpack she had soft frosting and hard frosting so she stuck the legs onto Button. They walked around and they found a sweet shop. It was empty so they found a little room inside and called it home straightaway. They made beds from ice cream wafers and had a seashell as a door so they

lived happily ever after.



No Way Home



St. Angela's National School
Gorteendrunagh, Castlebar, Co. Mayo
5th Class

Sammy the Spy and Oscar the Goofy-Eyed Monster wanted to go on a mission. Oscar was a very kind monster, but Sammy was quite the opposite. They decided to go on a mission in space to see if they could find the secret tribe of people.

Sammy was scared to go on the mission because he was afraid of heights. Sammy and Oscar went up into the galaxy to find the tribe and landed on a strange planet. Sammy didn't like it there and wanted to go back to Earth.

The planet had no water, food, plants, or animals. They couldn't see life of any kind. The planet was green and slimy and all of the monsters who lived there were goofy and had loads of eyes.

One of the monsters ate the spaceship. There was no way back so they were stuck on that slimy green planet. The planet was so slippery that Sammy and Oscar slid around until they fell into a hole, which led them to...



Deirdre's Class

Aisling

Darkness, complete darkness. Neither Sammy nor Oscar were scared of the dark, but they found this scary.

“Hello,” said a deep dark voice behind them. Both Sammy and Oscar jumped in surprise. “What brings you here?”

Oscar was going to answer but Sammy stopped him by nudging him in the ribs. Sammy then stood up and asked in a shaky voice, “Who are you, and what is this place?”

“Human, aren’t you? Can’t see in the dark?” is all the voice replied with. Then the voice boomed, “Macaria, turn on the light!”

Within a second the light lit up the room dimly. Before their eyes they saw a man with pitch black skin, in long Greek robes of dark blue and grey. The man also had a beard, a crown sitting on his black hair, holding a two-pronged pitchfork and a three headed dog sitting beside him with a name tag that said ‘Cerberus’.

“I am Hades, the god of the underworld, and you two have entered my land without permission,” Hades said calmly but with a hint of anger.

“P-please forgive us, sir, we did not intend to ever



set foot in your land,” answered Sammy.

“You may have not intended to enter my land, but I still have to punish you,” said Hades menacingly.

“Father, please don’t punish them. They done nothing wrong,” came a new voice neither Sammy nor Oscar recognised.

“Ah, Macaria, just like your mother Persephone, graceful and considerate but yet strong and fierce like myself,” said Hades smirking (especially at the last part). “Come, come girl, don’t be shy,” he continued softly.

Both Sammy and Oscar heard a sigh coming from the far side of the room and then saw a girl emerge from the dark. She had platinum blonde hair, black eyes and a frown on her face.

“This is my–” Hades began but was cut of by the new girl.

“I am well able to introduce myself, Father, thank you very much. Now, my name is Macaria, and I’m the daughter of Hades,” she replied.

“I think we already gathered the last part,” answered Sammy rudely.

“You two are?” Macaria asked, ignoring Sammy’s snide comment.

“I’m Oscar the Goofy-Eyed Monster but everyone



just calls me Oscar,” replied a still very frightened Oscar.

“And I’m Sammy the Spy but you will call me Sammy,” replied Sammy in a very bored tone.

“Well then, Oscar and Sammy, you have entered the Dark Side of this hole. If you want, I can escort you to the Light Side where you are bound to be more welcome there than you are here,” said Macaira.

“Oh yes, please!” piped up Oscar, dying to leave Hades’ presence.

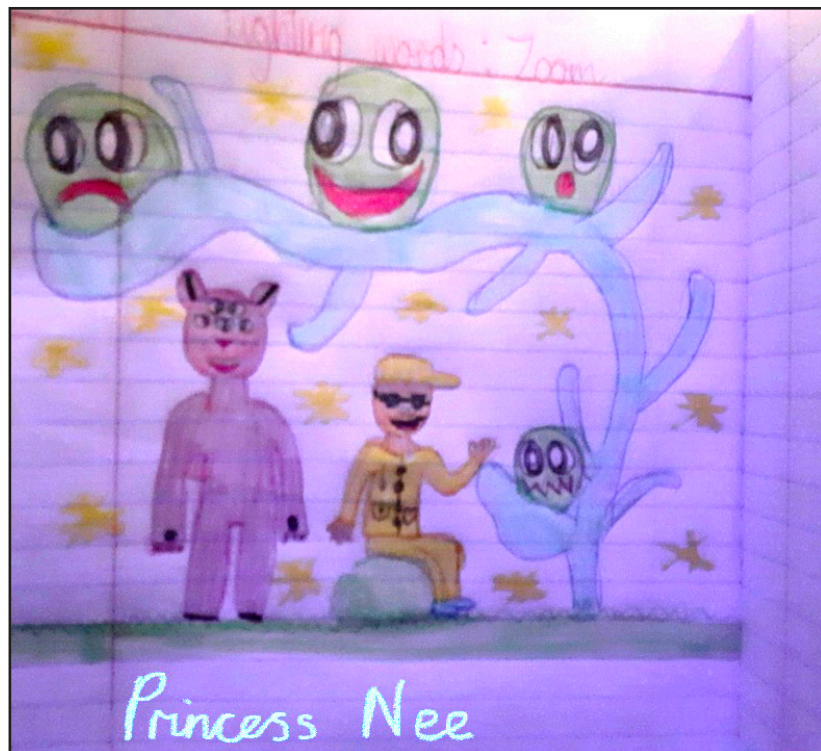
“Very well then, Macaria will escort you to the Light Side and neither of you will set foot in my land without permission,” said Hades, sounding relieved that Oscar and Sammy were leaving.

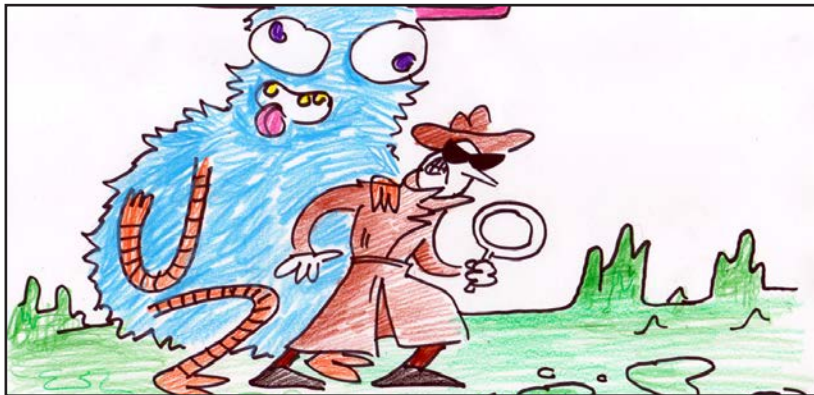
As Macaria led Sammy and Oscar through the Dark Side of the hole. They walked in silence for a few minutes ,but then Macaria asked, “What brings you two here?”

“Well us two decided to go on an mission to find a secret tribe of people ,but then some of the monsters ate our rocket ship, so we have no way home,” replied Oscar.

“I’m sure Zeus will accommodate you with a way to get back to your home,” said Macaria.

“Whos Zeus?” asked Oscar.





“Zeus is the god of the sky and Zeus is also considered the ruler, protector and father of all gods and humans,” Macaria told them. “He is also Hades’ brother.”

“Wow, he sounds powerful,” said Oscar in awe. “Let this new adventure begin...”

Ava C.

Which led them to a...well, what they thought was another planet but it was an active volcano. Now you may be wondering how they found out it was active and soon going to erupt.

Well, both of them knew this because Oscar learned in monster school about how to tell how long and when a volcano is about to erupt. Sammy knew because the previous week he had seen on the news that an active volcano was due to erupt in space in the next few days. Sammy was not too sure was it active but Oscar knew well so there was only one thing to do which was...to tell Sammy but he knew he was going to FREAK OUT!

They managed to stop themselves from hitting the burning hot lava but their toes nearly got burned off. They were lucky .

Oscar knew it was the right time to tell Sammy what was happening and so he did.

“UmmmmmSammy,doyouknowwhatishappening?”



“I am guessing we are stuck here. It won’t erupt, will it ?”

“Can’t promise anything. Okay, I have to tell you ... we have five minutes till – you know – it EXPLODES!”

“Well, great. I will die in a volcano and never did I think I would die young.”

They had to think of an idea before it was too late but Sammy had one thing to say to Oscar. “Okay, Sammy when I first met you I thought you were weird, ugly and just did not fit in. I also thought you were annoying but I realised you are a great friend and the best one I could wish for, so thank you. I also learned to ‘never judge a book by its cover.’”

Oscar got a bit teary-eyed but he thought of a solution, which was to scream to try to get the other monsters’ attention.

Sammy and Oscar screamed at the top of their lungs “Billy, Jackie, Davie and Danny! HELP US WE ARE DOWN HERE!”

“Did they hear us?” they wondered .

Well yes, they did. They could see Billy and Jackie coming with the rest and they were so happy. The monsters made a chain and made their way down. Sammy and Oscar climbed up and were brought to safety.

They all ran to the slimy green planet but guess



what? They heard when they got on the planet a loud BANG. All the lava was everywhere, they were just saved. With a sigh of relief, Oscar said, "Thank you for saving us just in time."

They decided to celebrate because they had not died. Sammy had so much fun at the party and so he decided to stay on the green slimy planet. Now Sammy is friends with all of them and he loves them all.

But like Sammy said: 'Never Judge A Book By Its Cover.' So always remember that we are all the same on the inside.

Diana

Dear Whatever #1,

In case you don't know, I am Silver, an owl/rabbit hybrid. I live in this weird place that I don't know the name of but it's some kind of town on this giant island.

The town is literally surrounded by a forest because the habitants of my town can camouflage easily but they are also very light with hollow bones, which means that they can easily steal stuff and not be caught at all.

I extremely like not being at home. This creature that I don't remember the name of tells me it's dangerous to be out of town, but I don't care. After



all...I found my bestest friend ever after going into the forest that surrounds our town.

My friend seems to be a cat/wolf hybrid. They also tell me a lot about this other creature they are friends with, we usually talk for hours! And then SHE found out and spent five trillion years telling me not to meet with strangers and more things I don't care about.

Goodbye. Whatever.

Isabelle

I'm Sparky. Sparky the Dragon. This is my journal and before you say anything this is not a diary.

My greatest fear is fire. I'm petrified of it! This is just a tiny problem since I'm a fire-breathing dragon. Obviously, there are more than one type of dragon. My cousin Thunder has a tail that shoots out water and I have to say it is pretty impressive. Her whole family lives high up in the clouds and her bed is the softest thing ever and is a big change from my rock bed.

Anyways, the next time you see rain in the west of Ireland and that really smart person goes on about evaporation and whatever else, remember this. You have to be like, "What do you mean? That's Sparky's cousin and her family, forget about evaporation and whatever else because it's all a lie." Or something all along the lines of that.





Anyways, the day something amazing happened, my day had started off as usual. I woke up and could hear the sound of waves crashing down against the beach. I could hear my dad snoring nearby the sound bouncing off the walls of our cave. I decided to open my eyes and then saw my little brothers Blaze and Flame running outside. I followed.

Outside everyone else was getting up for the few hours they had before the beach was packed with people. I went over to my Uncle Glow's house to see what he was doing and to get a bite to eat.

"Hi," I said upon meeting him.

"Aah, hello there Sparky! How are ya mum and dad keeping?"

"Good," I replied.

"Come over here Sparky, I have something to show ya."

I was curious to see what he was going to show me but also worried because the last time he had something to show me things didn't go too well. The stitches on my back show that. But I was brave and I went with him.

At the back of his cave, my uncle has a shop where he makes inventions and sells them to other dragons and when you visit him there's a nine in ten chance that he is making a back massager or a spinning chair that doesn't stop spinning or the rather infamous flying hat that no one needs. After what seemed like an age of walking we stopped. "Do you like it?" asked Glow.

"Ummm, well, what is it?" I asked.

"Well Sparky, can't you see it's a time machine?"

I was shocked at how this huge metal, furry object could be a time machine but tried not to show it. "Oh yeah that dangly thing is the ummm the..".

"It's the pulley that yanks up the door," my uncle replied.

"Well, anyways I got to go have my breakfast, you can stay here if you want."

“Okay,” I said.

As he was walking off, Glow turned around quickly and said, “Oh and Sparky, one more thing. Remember not to press the huge attractive red, metal button, okay?”

And then he left.

Why, oh why did he have to say that? Now I just had to press that button. I slowly went up to the time machine to find the button. Just as I expected, it was in the driver seat. I leaned over to press it without getting into the actual time machine.

As my hand reached the button I fell in. While I was waiting for something terrible to happen, a load of confetti fell all over me. Turns out the button I pressed was the party button and there was nothing to be worried about. “Phew,” I muttered.

I had started to get out when my hand flicked a switch and the time machine started swirling and swirling until it was no longer in my uncle’s cave – or maybe it was? Standing just a few feet from where I had been a few minutes ago there were two time machines: the one I was in and the other one. Suddenly I heard a voice. “Do you like it?” It was my uncle’s voice!

I checked the date on the dashboard and just as I expected it was five minutes before the incident had happened. I thought to myself, “I need to get out of here fast.” I set the date and time back to before

it had happened. I pressed the switch and swirled somewhere else. I got out of the time machine and ran away to my uncle’s kitchen but my uncle and my aunty weren’t there.

I ran outside to find myself among loads of robots and not a dragon in sight. Where was everyone? What were these robots doing here? These were just a couple of questions I could not answer. All I knew was that everyone was in a hurry to leave and had hastily packed up their belongings. I went back to the time machine, knowing that my future was in danger if I let these robots take our home. I went back in time to the time of the incident.

I went up to my uncle and aunty and told them everything. They looked worried and said they needed to make a few phone calls. I left and went back to my cave and fell fast asleep.

THE END

Just kidding. Turns out I saved all of the dragons from being ambushed by this weird bald guy, because we got to him first and locked him away. Without me, none of the other dragons would have lived a happy life and would have been sent to a special dragon zoo for people to spectate them.

THE ACTUAL END

Jennis Ann

Darkness! The monsters were having fun going down the hole, while Sammy the Spy wasn't having fun. While they were down in the hole, the darkness slowly came into light.

The monsters were sad that it ended, but on the other hand Sammy was relieved. They checked around and they found out they were on Mars! They didn't know what to do until they found another guy on the far end of Mars. They slowly walked towards the man.

The man saw them and the man screamed "Aaah! Who are you? And why are there monsters?!"

Sammy the Spy said, "Oh sorry, sir, we just needed help to get back to Earth. And this is my friend Oscar and he's a nice monster. As I was saying, we need help."

The man was in shock. "Oh that's a pity. And by the way, my name is Mark Field. I'm an astronaut and I'm from America."

"Oh, we're from America too!" shouted both of them.

"Well, I could drop you off to America right now," said Mark Field.

"Really!" Oscar said excitedly.

"Of course! Let's go, hop into my Apollo 12 rocket."

Mark said nicely.

So they hopped in and buckled their seatbelts and off they went!

They got to America and Mark dropped them off. "Goodbye guys," Oscar said sadly. "Bye bye! Thank you for helping us."

Off the astronaut went back to space. The monster taught him a lesson and said, "So you see, being kind to others will help you in the future!"

"Yeah, that's true. I'm sorry for being mean," said Sammy.

"It's okay, Sammy. Let's go and have pizza!" Oscar replied.

And that's the end of the story!

Sarah

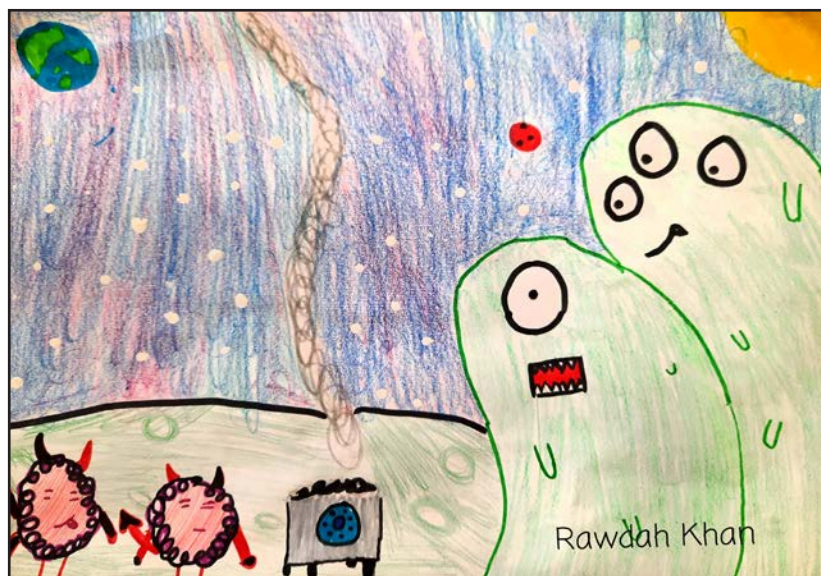
Sammy and Oscar were in a pitch black tunnel. They could not see anything around them. Sammy said that they should keep on going, but Oscar said that he was scared.

"Oh, don't be a baby," said Sammy the Spy. He started to laugh at Oscar.

"I am not a baby," said Oscar.



Saoirse



Rawdah

“Whatever,” said Sammy. “I am going ahead.”

“Wait, don’t leave me!” cried Oscar. “Traitor!”

Sammy left Oscar and walked away laughing.

Oscar got up and tried to climb a big rock to get back up to the slimy green planet. It was nearly impossible but Oscar was fuelled by rage at Sammy so he kept on going.

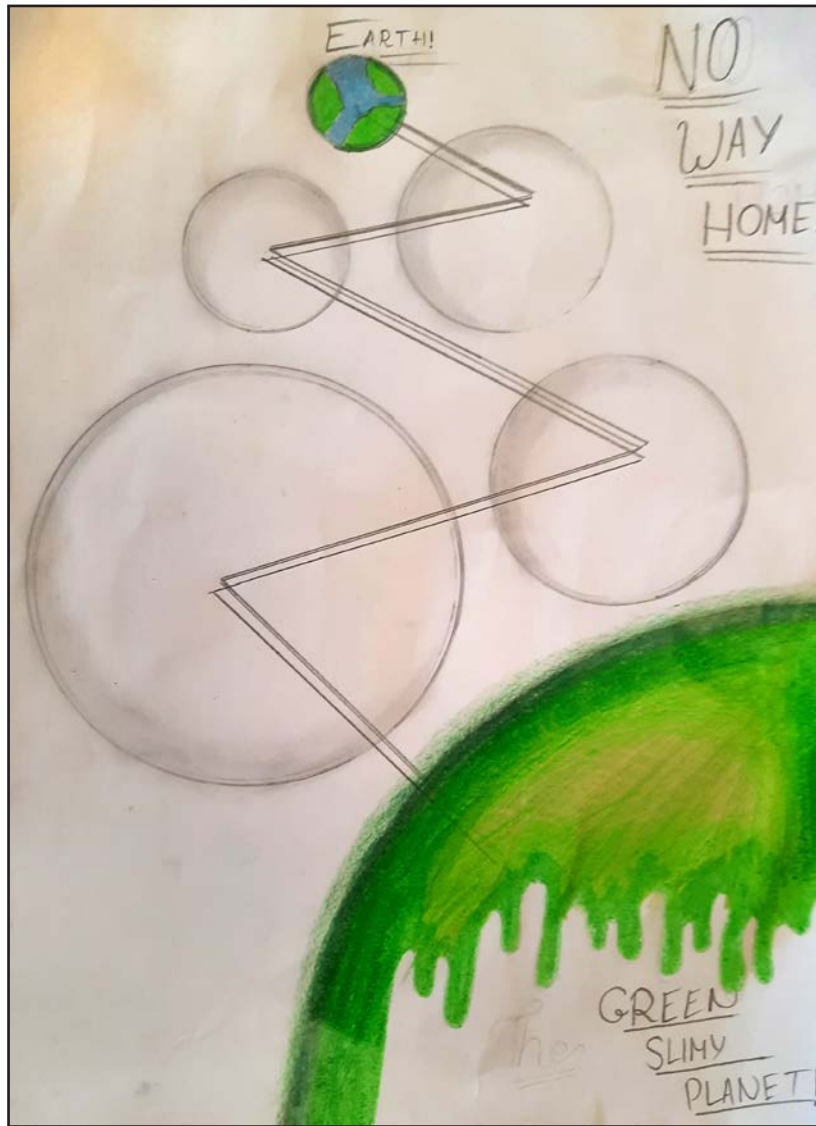
Meanwhile, Sammy was walking along the tunnel when he spotted a torch on the wall. He pulled it as hard as he could. Suddenly he heard clanging metal. Then a metal cage came out of nowhere and fell on top of him. He heard the sound of someone coming towards him. Then he saw a shadow shoot him with a dart.

Sammy woke up to a brightly lit cave. “Where am I?” he said. He looked down. He was tied above a big volcano full of lava!

Suddenly a green monster appeared as he was walking along a bridge over the lava. He looked the same as the rest of the green monsters except he was a lot bigger. “How dare you enter my tunnel?” he said.

“In my defence, you really should put up a sign,” said Sammy.

“On our planet we have a rule,” said the monster. “Our rule is that if anyone is to come into our cave, we slowly lower them into a pit of molten lava.”



Nadia

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!" screamed Sammy.

Oscar was nearly at the top of the rock when he heard a high-pitched scream. It made him lose his footing. He fell to the ground. Oscar pricked up his ears and thought that the scream was familiar. Then it dawned on him it was Sammy – he recognised it from when they had both watched a horror movie. He started running towards the noise. He had no idea where he was heading but he did know that his friend was in trouble. He ran faster than he ever had before.

Sammy was slowly being lowered into the pit of lava. Then something weird happened: a rock flew across the cave and hit the monster on the head. He turned around and went over to the entrance of the cave. While he did that, Oscar ran over to the lever that was lowering Sammy down and pulled it back. He quickly ran across the bridge and got back onto the slimy green planet.

To their shock, there were a dozen secret agents standing at the mouth of the cave. Apparently the rocket ship had sent out a distress call when the monster ate it. Sammy and Oscar went over to them and flew home in the rocket ship. When they were flying back home to Earth. Sammy realized that he was lucky to have a friend like Oscar.

"I owe you one, buddy," said Sammy.

Sophie

If I Lived A Different Life

I live a wonderful life, a life where I am not judged and I am accepted for who I am. I will not have to worry about getting a job when I am older, going to college or people not liking me because of the way I look. Sometimes I wonder what it would be like if my life was different.

One night, I had a dream that my life wasn't the way it is now. I still felt the same but my looks had changed. In the dream, I started my day as I always had and when the school bus arrived, I kissed my family goodbye. I sat beside my friend Dave on the bus, he didn't seem to question why I looked different, we just talked like we normally do.

Everything was going fine until I heard people whispering my name and then I caught some of them staring at me. It felt odd and I really didn't like it. After what felt like a lifetime, we finally reached the school. Things were okay in class, no one was staring at me but when we went outside, the friends I usually hung out with wouldn't let me hang out with them. Dave and I just played pass together. While we were playing pass, I could see the friends I usually hang out with were pointing at me while talking. I could tell they were making jokes about me because they kept looking at me and laughing.

Dave noticed what was happening too and he just told me to ignore them. We stopped playing pass

and sat down to talk. I asked Dave if he was still up to going to town to buy our new phones after school.

"Definitely," he said. I was happy to hear that as Dave has always been a super friend. When I am sad, he always makes me happy. For the rest of the school day, I could feel people staring at me. It made me feel really uncomfortable.

After school Dave and I walked to the phone shop. He had the money his mom had given him and I had the money I earned from babysitting my mum's friends' kids. As we entered the shop, I could feel the man at the counter looking at me. His eyes followed me as I moved around the shop. Dave found the phone he liked so he went to the counter and paid for it. I then went up with the phone I wanted. When I took out my money the man looked at it in shock and then accused me of stealing it. I tried to tell him that it was a misunderstanding and that I had earned the money.

He did not believe me, even Dave tried to explain but it was no use. The guy did not believe us and he called the Guards. When they came, they took me away even though I did nothing wrong. I started to cry.

Suddenly I woke up, with tears in my eyes, I felt so upset at the way I was being treated. I was so relieved that it was just a dream but I was also sad as I questioned how someone could be treated so differently because of the colour of their skin.

Everyone – no matter how they look – deserves to be treated like me and my family. Never judge someone on how they look or what they wear because none of that makes a difference. Everyone in the world is a human and no one deserves to be treated unfairly about something they can't help. No matter how much I think I can not find a reason why you would judge someone on how they look

Treat everyone the way you want to be treated!

Never judge a book by its cover!

Roisin's Class

Beth

The planet was so slippery that Sammy and Oscar slid around until they fell into a hole, which led them to...a prison!

Sammy heard the door opening and a huge army of goofy-eyed monsters walked in.

"You are under arrest!" bellowed the biggest monster, who was leading the group.

"Whous?" whimpered Oscar.

"No, he is..." said the biggest monster. pointing at Sammy.

Sammy was under arrest for judging people all over the galaxy because they were small or thin or they had four eyes. He needed to learn that everyone is unique in their own way. Everyone was scared to sign up for anything or even go to school because Sammy had discouraged everyone and discriminated against them.

"It doesn't matter what you look like on the outside, it's what you look like on the inside that counts," said the Monster. "Take this planet for example. It looks slimy on the outside but when you are here you will find some of the kindest monsters in the galaxy. You have no way home Sammy. You are going to stay here forever," he stated in a solemn voice.

Sammy stayed on the planet for a long time and he learned his lesson. The planet looked green and slimy from the outside but it was really beautiful. The green slime was actually a meadow. This planet was a haven for creatures that were different and unique. They even accepted Sammy and forgave him for his previous crimes.

Oscar's friends, the three sisters, came to take him back to earth with Steve the Sloth. Steve became Oscar's best friend and eventually Sammy returned home too.

There was a problem with Sammy returning because he was afraid of heights. The monsters helped him to overcome this fear of heights by going in the ship with him and checking everything was safe. They gave him 3D glasses so that the spaceship did

not look as high up as it actually was. He could not believe how people were so kind to him when he had treated everyone unfairly and judged them for silly reasons. All that seemed so unimportant now.

Sammy had truly become a better man. He had learned the importance of tolerance and the dangers of discrimination. He was a changed man and he had learned that everyone, regardless of the way they looked, had something special to offer the world

Grace

Sammy was furious. He kicked the air and sighed. How would they get home now?

“What have you silly monsters done? Now how will we get home?” Sammy asked the monsters.

He walked off, kicking the gross slime beneath him. Oscar chased after Sammy to try to help calm him down.

“Maybe these monsters could help us?” Oscar suggested.

“How could these stupid monsters help us?” Sammy replied. “They’re stupid. They ate our spaceship!” He sat down on a rock. “Now go away, Oscar.”

Oscar walked off feeling sad. He joined the rest of the monsters. They played and laughed together for a very long time.

“So why did you come all this way?” one of the monsters asked.

“We were looking for the tribe in space,” Oscar replied. “Have you heard of them?”

“Heard of them?” the monster repeated. “They live here!”

The monsters offered to take them to the leader of the tribe to meet them. Oscar was over the moon. He quickly ran to tell Sammy the good news.

“Sammy, guess what?” Oscar shouted. “The monsters know where the tribe is and they are willing to take us there!”

Sammy didn’t want to go with the ugly monsters but agreed anyway.

“I’m hungry”, Sammy complained.

“We are almost there,” the monsters replied.

After a while walking, they finally reached the tribe.

“Here we are at the home of the leader,” the monster said.

They walked inside and up a steep ramp. They reached a large door and opened it.

The leader was a ginormous version of the rest of the goofy monsters, not human.

“WHAT!” Sammy roared. “THAT’S NOT THE TRIBE LEADER, THAT’S AN UGLY MONSTER LIKE YOU LOT!”

Everyone gasped, including Oscar.

“How dare you, foolish boy,” said the leader. “I’ll have you know I am the leader and I am not happy with your behaviour.”

“Just because we look different, it doesn’t give you the right to treat us like that,” said another.

“And I don’t want to be friends with someone who treats others like that,” stated Oscar.

Sammy was upset. He realised how mean he had been. The tribe rewarded Oscar with a large medal and some of their gourmet slime pastries. Sammy got nothing from the tribe.

“I’m sorry for treating you like that just because of how you looked,” Sammy said.

The monsters forgave Sammy and from then on he never treated people for how they looked. In fact, he was not mean to anyone ever again.

Kayla Anne

The galaxy is a big scary place when you’re on your own. There’s no one there to tell you it’ll be okay.

It’s safe to say that Sammy wasn’t by himself, even though he’d appreciate Oscar not following him everywhere.

“Where are we going?” Oscar asked.

Sammy didn’t reply.

“Are we going to find the tribe?” continued Oscar.

Sammy mumbled something under his breath while Oscar wandered off, following a blue dog. Sammy walked on, thinking Oscar was still skipping behind him.

“Here we are,” said Sammy, looking round to see that Oscar wasn’t following him.

“Oscar!” he shouted. “Oscar, where are you?”

At this point, Sammy felt like something was following him, watching him, laughing at him.

Then a small green monster appeared before him, speaking what sounded like gibberish and waving his arms.

Sammy knelt on the ground in front of him and tilted his head sideways. The small green monster did the same. The small green monster ran away and Sammy followed. He was led to a city of green monsters.

“Seriously, I’m surrounded by a bunch of idiotic

fools!” exclaimed Oscar. Oscar had left him on his own and now he had to stay in a city full of green monsters.

A type of green monster with a long white coat injected a purple serum into Sammy.

“Ouch!” Sammy yelled.

“You guys are useless!” Sammy shouted. “Every one of you is completely useless! You eat rockets, you look all goofy and have too many eyes! You also like to inject me with a weird purple potion every two minutes. What’s wrong with you?”

Sammy was all alone and now he felt a thousand beady eyes staring at him as if they could see right through him. Then he felt a strange sensation, like he was growing.

He looked at his arms to see that he himself was turning into a monster. A purple monster!

“Aaaaaah!” Sammy shrieked. He felt dizzy and suddenly collapsed.

Sammy woke up after what felt like an eternity to him. He smelt cinnamon buns and adjusted his eyes a little bit to see Oscar staring at him and eating a cinnamon bun.

Oscar had turned into a human!

He had black and green hair, a blue tracksuit and purple shoes.

“Oscar, what happened to you?” Sammy asked.

Oscar explained how the secret tribe lived here and had created these small green monsters to populate this planet. The tribe never grew old and had stayed here for over five million years.

He also explained how he’d been a human at first but was brought here to learn how their monsters lived.

Sammy looked at his arms and saw he had turned back to his normal state. He decided from then on he would not make fun of the monsters for looking goofy. Instead he would show them the way he lived and help them in every way possible.

So Sammy remained on that small green planet with his new friends, the small green monsters.

A Dream Come True by Mary

In a life filled with fun adventure was when Shayla arrived. Shayla is a one of a kind, a country girl who loves animals, especially horses. She’s been wanting to be a horse teacher since she was a teeny tiny toddler.

One day, while Shayla was walking her dog in the park suddenly a rapid wolf came out of the woods. Shayla was so frightened that her soul was about to burst.

The wolf's claws and the teeth were as sharp as daggers. The creature started to attack Shayla and her dog Wolly.

They ran as fast as lightning. Shayla could hear the wolf chasing after them. All Shayla could think was, "Is this wolf gonna eat me? Is this wolf gonna bite my body off?"

The wolf howled, "Awooooo!"

Shayla's mind was full of confusion. "Doesn't a wolf only howl at the moon and at midnight?" she thought to herself. Shayla couldn't hear the wolf somehow. He had stopped chasing them. Shayla slowly turned around. The wolf had been struck down by a pink and blue striped horse.

It was unbelievable! Shayla knew unicorns weren't real so she didn't question herself. The horse was no ordinary horse, it was a premium horse. Shayla snatched her phone from her pocket and called her father. By the time her father arrived, the horse was gone.

Shayla helped her father Aaron by combining sticks and they made a raft. Aaron used the leftover sticks to slide the wolf over to the raft. Shayla's father had brought a black bag to cover up the wolf so the wolf wouldn't smell.

Shayla noticed there was no stable around, so where could the horse have come from? Two months later, Shayla found the horse outside her window.

She named the horse Majestiqua. Majestiqua was gesturing some sort of sign to make Shayla follow her.

Shayla was confused but technically she knew what Majestiqua was doing. Shayla followed. Majestiqua led her to a fountain.

The fountain also had a name - FOUNTAIN OF HORSES. Nothing magical happened but a girl came out of the fountain. She looked like she was an expert at horse riding.

"Ah, I heard you want to learn how to ride a horse!" exclaimed the girl. "Oh and by the way I'm Elise, your mom's friend."

"She tells me everything about you," Shayla. "Could you teach me how to ride one? I've wanted to ride one since I was a little kid."

"That's what I'm here for," Elise replied. Elise brought her to a stable where kids learn to ride.

Shayla got the hang of it and went to the stable every single day to practise. Three years later she became a professional horse teacher. AND that's HOW Shayla's DREAM Came TRUE.

Nicole

Sammy and Oscar walked along, arguing and arguing because they were stranded on a random planet.

Suddenly the ground around them became really, really slippery until they fell into a hole, which led them to.....a whole land of goofy-eyed monsters who looked the same as Oscar.

Oscar was jumping with joy because he thought that he was the only goofy-eyed monster in the whole universe and now he would have lots of new friends. But Sammy was angry and frustrated because now it was hopeless for them to get home anytime soon.

Oscar went exploring while Sammy stayed where he was. He sat there thinking about how he would be able to make a new spaceship. While Sammy was devising his new plan, Oscar was chatting to his new friend Cosmo.

Cosmo was goofy-eyed and he was green and slimy. Oscar began to tell Cosmo all about his and Sammy's journey.

"We were on a journey around the universe and we stumbled across this extraordinary planet. We thought it was the moon so we decided to land on it. We cautiously stepped out of the spaceship and we began to explore the planet. We looked back and saw that our spaceship was sinking into the ground," Oscar said.

"Funny you should say that your spaceship sunk into the ground because only a few days ago a spaceship fell from the sky and crushed one of our houses," Cosmo added excitedly. 'Would you like me to show you it?"

"I would love you to!" exclaimed Oscar. He ran back to where Sammy was and dragged him along to see the spaceship.

Surprisingly it was still in great shape. "Does it still work?" asked Sammy.

"Yes, it works perfectly," replied Oscar, even though he really had no idea.

Sammy sat in and he started it up. It actually did work. He flew it high up into the sky. He landed it back down and he stepped out. Oscar said goodbye to his new friend Cosmo. Sammy thanked Cosmo and told him if he ever wanted to come and visit Earth that he was welcome any time. Then Oscar and Sammy boarded the spaceship, closed the door and returned home to Earth.

Sammy was happy because he actually found the tribe he was looking for. So too Oscar because he had made a new friend. They spent the entire journey home talking about where they would go on their next adventure. They agreed it had to be the moon!

Nikola

The planet was so slippery that Sammy and Oscar slid around until they fell into a deep hole, which led them to a huge dark space.

Sammy was terrified of dark spaces so he jumped onto Oscar. Oscar giggled a little and looked around.

Normally Oscar was the scared one but it was different today.

After looking around for a while, Sammy noticed a yellow light at the end of the dark space.

“What’s that?” asked Sammy. Oscar opened his mouth to speak but no words came out.

Oscar stepped forward but hesitated. Taking a deep breath, he built up the courage to approach the light. He walked and walked for about twenty minutes.

By now, Sammy had fallen asleep. The path to the light felt like forever, but eventually he reached it.

He woke the sleeping Sammy up, who then jumped off Oscar. They both walked into the light together.

There was a new spaceship at a door beside the light. They looked at each other and smiled. They hopped in and took turns driving home.

Saulina

The planet was so slippery that Sammy and Oscar slid around until they fell into a hole, which led them to... a very dark place.

Sammy and Oscar were surrounded by dark walls that resembled a tunnel. They saw a glimmer of a light in the dark passage and approached it. When they got close to the light, it disappeared.

Sammy and Oscar didn’t know what to do. They decided to keep on walking. Sammy stepped on something which made everything bright. They looked around and suddenly found a spaceship! They danced and cheered with joy.

Suddenly they heard a countdown.

“10...9...8...”

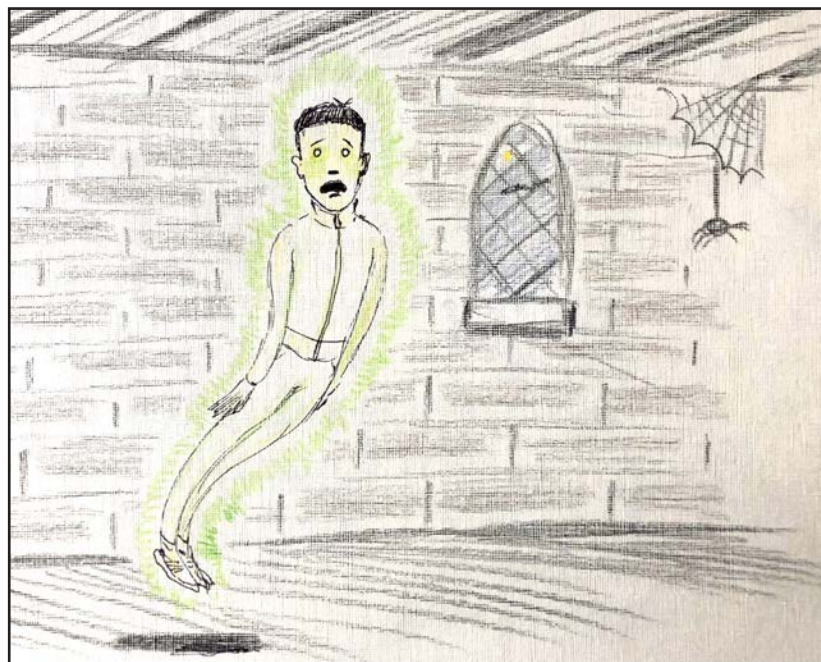
“Oh no! Let’s get inside the rocket. fast before it takes off!” Sammy shouted. Sammy and Oscar ran into the rocket and took a seat.

“3...2...1...0” The rocket took off!

Oscar and Sammy didn’t know where the rocket was taking them. Sammy spotted Earth and hoped the shuttle would go there. The rocket was heading towards Earth. When the rocket landed out of nowhere, Sammy was thrilled.

Oscar, however, didn’t know if he should stay on Earth, or where he was supposed to live. Sammy knew why Oscar was sad. He understood where Oscar really belonged, and allowed him back.

When Oscar was returning to the galaxy, he was terrified because he was afraid of heights. He closed his eyes and held on tightly to his seat and soon relaxed. Oscar arrived home after a couple of hours.



Friendly Steven



**St. Kieran's Special School
Bray, Co. Wicklow
4th Class**

Once upon a time there lived a ghost called Steven, who haunted a Traveller school called St. Stephen's.

One day, a girl was walking to the playground. She saw Steven and froze out of fear. Everyone in the school was afraid of Steven - since he was a ghost, they thought he was bad.

A group of monks ran the school. The girl who saw Steven ran to the head monk's office to tell her to bless the school and get rid of Steven.

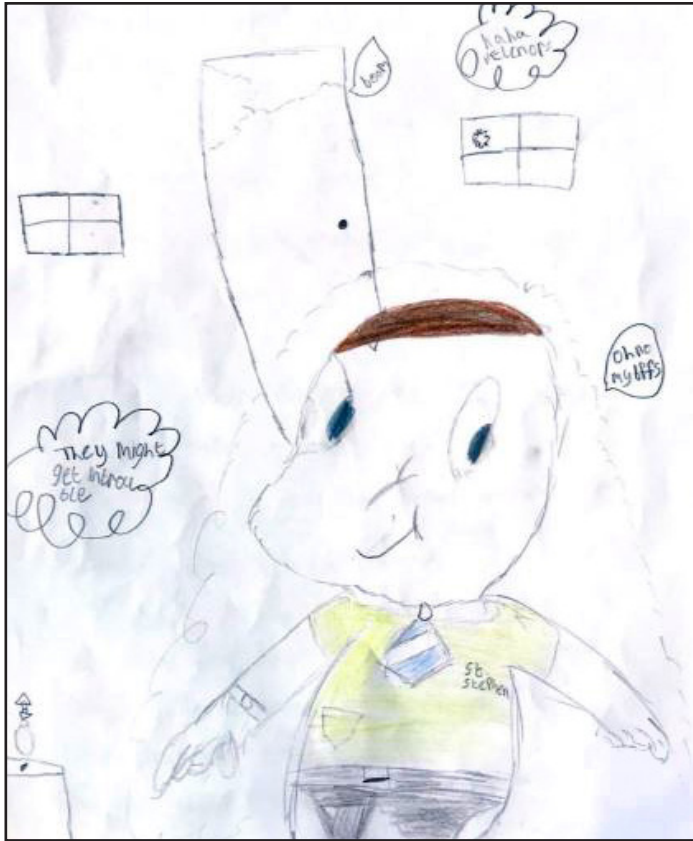
"I saw a ghost. He told me that he was going to haunt me!" said the girl.

The head monk was a short woman who wore old clothes.

"I'm going to bless all the classrooms and get rid of him!" the head monk declared.

She got her equipment ready. She got some holy water, salt, candles and a blessing stick.

The Squad - Mike, Analese and Bridget - were Steven's best friends. They knew that Steven was



Johnny



friendly and they wanted to convince the monks that Stephen didn't exist to save him.

The Squad made a plan...

Annie

The Squad make a plan...

The Squad leads Stephen up the staircase into the attic to hide him there. The lazy monk searches around the school. She gives up and says to the other monks that she had found him.

The fifth anniversary of Stephen's death comes around. The Squad brings Stephen to tea. Suddenly, Eleanor shows up. She calls the head monks but they don't see Stephen.

Eleanor is mean to the squad.

"Stephen is a kind and loving ghost, unlike you!" Bridget shouts.

"Oh, I am so sorry. Please forgive me," says Eleanor. "You're lucky Stephen is kind-hearted," says Bridget.

"I forgive you," says Stephen.

They all become best friends. All the monks forget about Stephen. Stephen is now forever safe with his four best friends.



Annie and Mary Jane

Johnny

The Squad made a plan...

Bridget asks Annalise to distract the head monk while she erases the video camera.

When Bridget is heading into the office, she bumps into Eleanor.

"Where are you going?" Eleanor asks Bridget.

"Nowhere."

Eleanor follows Bridget into the office. "You're trying to erase the cameras. I'm going to tell the head monk!"

Annalise comes into the office.

"Wait, Eleanor!" Annalise says. "Do you want to know why no one wants to be your friend? You're mean to other people. But that can change."

Bridget shouts, "Stop fighting! There's only one way to fix this. Follow me."

Bridget and Annalise bring Eleanor to Stephen. He is crying there on the floor. Eleanor feels upset. She didn't know what he was going through.

"I'll convince the head monk that I was lying about seeing you."



Annie

Eleanor walks up to the head monk and admits she was lying and there was no ghost. The head monk gives Eleanor a two-month suspension. Bridget and Anna lise walk up to the head monk and say, "Miss, if you're going to suspend Eleanor, you'll have to suspend us too."

Eleanor became a better person because she had good friends now.

Eleanor, Bridget, Annalise and Stephen were the new squad. Eleanor was no longer the school bully. Everyone loves Stephen now that they know him.

Mary C.

The Squad made a plan...

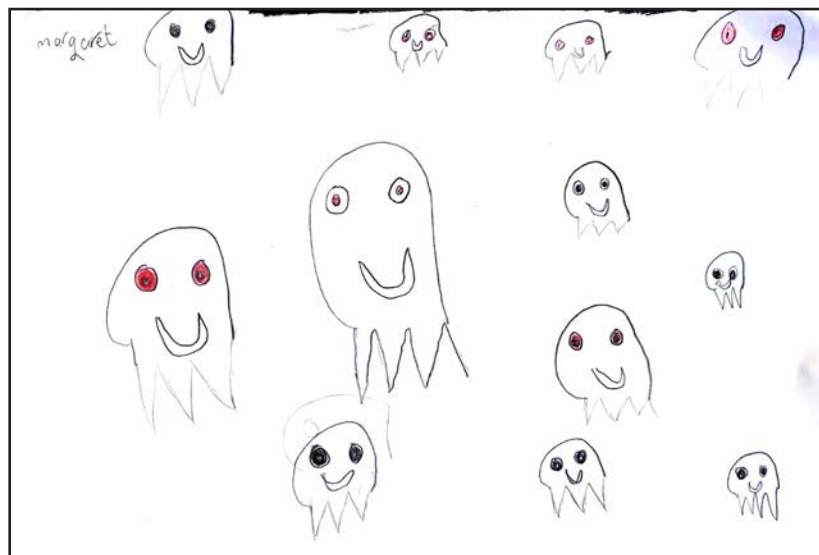
The plan was to warn Stephen about the head monk coming to bless the school to get rid of him forever.

Annalise went to tell Stephen. Mike went to tell the head monk, to convince her that Stephen didn't exist and that Bridget dressed up as a ghost to scare the children. She didn't think that it would scare them that much.

The head monk said, "But why did the girl say that someone was floating in the air? I don't know to believe you or not. So tell me the truth."

She said, "I'm telling the truth."

"Okay, then, I will not put the holy water on the class," said the head monk.



Margaret



Margaret



Paddy

She answered, "Thank you."

Then the head monk got suspicious and said, "Why did you say 'thank you' to me?"

"I don't know why I said 'thank you.'"

"Okay, but tell me the truth."

"Fine," she said. "There is a ghost. He used to go to this school. He is really friendly. Everyone is afraid of him but there is nothing to be afraid of."

The head monk said, "Okay, but you have to explain to the others that he is a friendly ghost."

The Squad told everyone the story. Everyone started to like Stephen now and everyone became his friend. Everyone protected him. They told loads of people about him.

Everyone loved Stephen. They played with him, sat beside him, hugged him, had chats in the school, stayed nights in the school with him and bought things for him.

At the end of the day, he is only a harmless ghost that everyone loves!

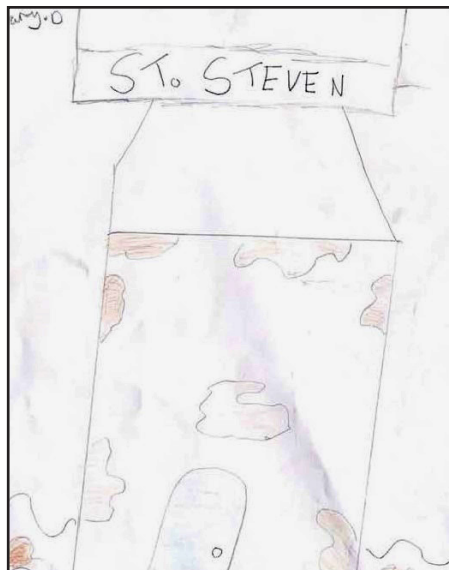
Mary D.

The Squad made a plan...

"Mike, you tell the monk that the little girl is lying."



Mary D.



Eleanor said she was lying. Stephen came back.
Eleanor said, "I'm sorry. Can we all be friends?"
"Yes," said Stephen.

Captions for Comic

Panel One

Eleanor sees Stephen.

Eleanor: "Who's that?"
Stephen: "Boo!"

Panel Two

Eleanor tells the head monk.

Eleanor: "I saw a ghost."

Head monk: "I'll bless the class."

Panel Three

The Squad save Stephen.

All: "Eleanor, Stephen is friendly!"

Panel Four

Eleanor and Stephen are friends.

Eleanor: "Sorry, Stephen! Can we be friends?"
Stephen: "It's OK! Yes, we can be friends."



Mary J.



Mary J.

The Squad made a plan...

They took Stephen to the treehouse. Eleanor followed them.

"I am going to tell the head monk that Stephen is real and you are bringing him to the treehouse."

Bridget and Eleanor had a talk. Bridget wanted to convince Eleanor that Stephen is a nice, kind-hearted ghost.

She said, "No, please. If you got to know Stephen, you would really like him."

The Squad decided to bring Eleanor to the treehouse to meet Stephen. Stephen went up to Eleanor and said, "Nice to meet you."

Eleanor smiled. She liked him as a friend. Eleanor, the Squad and Stephen became best friends.

The next day, Eleanor went and told the head monk that she had been lying and she was sorry.

"Sorry," said Eleanor to the head monk.

Eleanor got two weeks' suspension but he was happy because she had a new friend group.



William

"I'll go down and take down the security cameras," said Bridget.

"Okay," said Mike. "Annalise, you go and mix up the supplies and I'll distract the head monk. You need to hurry up, she's going to bless the classroom and she's going to find Stephen."

Then Mike thought of an idea. He went to the head monk. "What is it, child?"

"Oh, nothing, Miss," he said. "I just saw the ghost in Class One."

"Ah, that ghost must be flying through walls!" said the head monk.

Meanwhile, Bridget took down all of the security cameras and Annalise mixed up all the supplies.

The head monk found Stephen and blessed him. "Why are you not gone?"

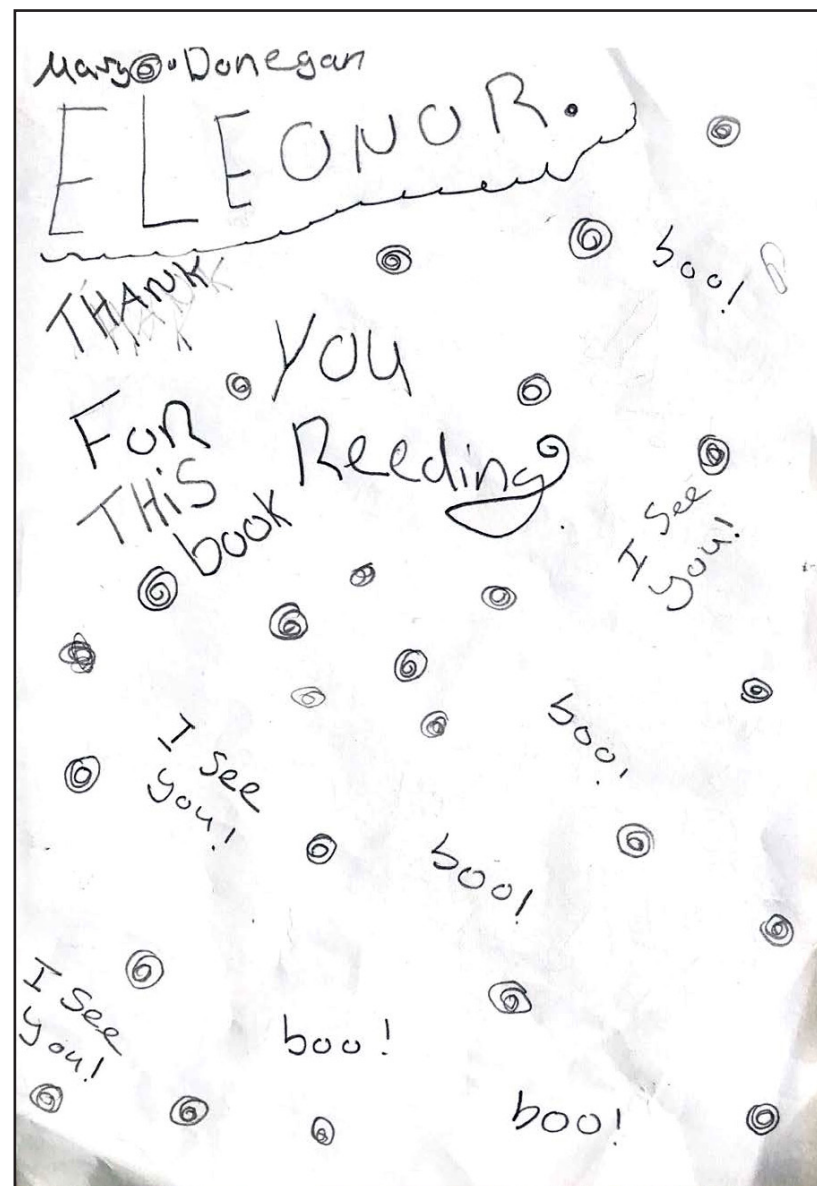
She dropped the stick and ran out of the school, never to return again and Stephen was never to be harmed again.



Mary J.



Mary C.



Mary D.

Joey's Greatest Wish



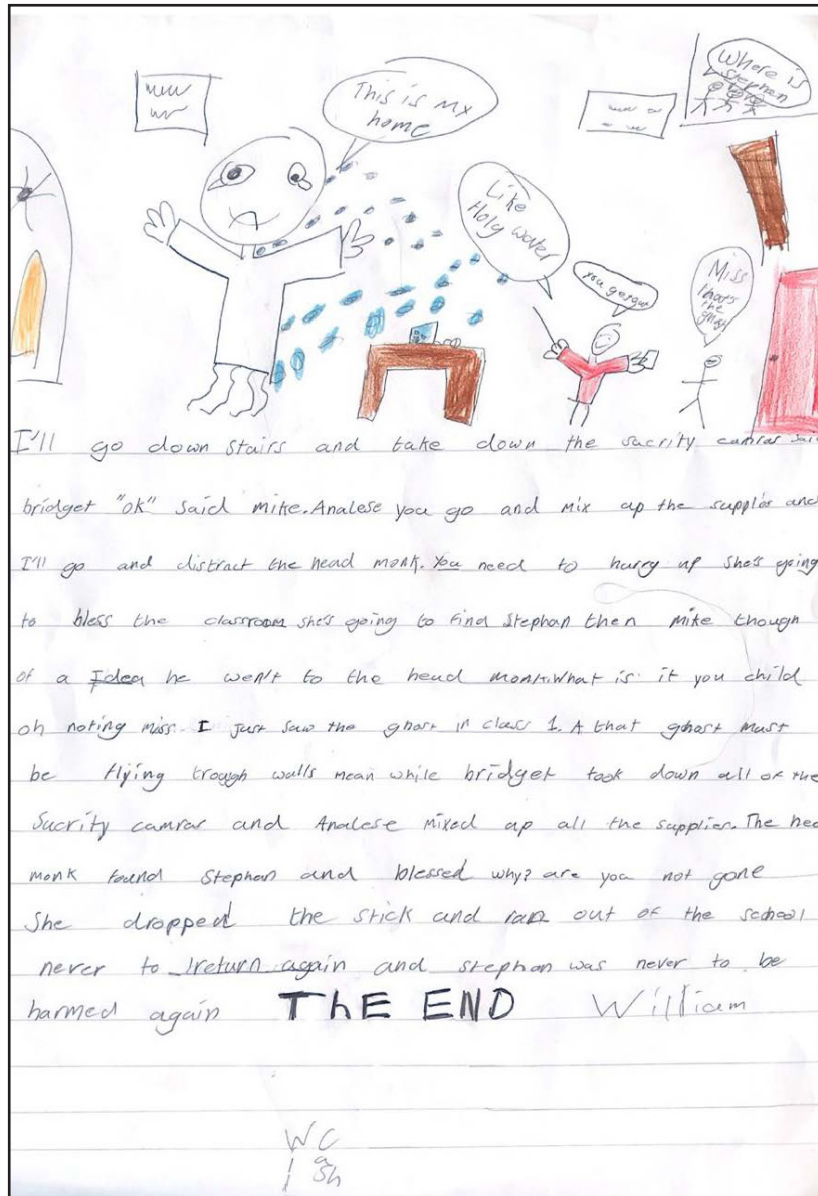
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Since he hatched from his egg, Joey the Bird's mother had been telling him about how his grandparents learned to fly. They had the same fear of flying as Joey and they faced their fears by finding the best bird flyer in the whole community.

Joey the Bird lived in the mountains far away from the village. After they had lived there for a year, Joey and his parents had to move away because the humans were conquering the mountains and taking the animals' eggs for food.

Joey hadn't learned how to fly before they had to move away. He had to walk all the way from the mountains to the village. Joey the Bird was walking towards the village when he got lost. He saw something coming towards him. He thought it was a big monster. Joey was scared because its shadow was quite big.

Joey curled up into a ball and he felt a tap on his shoulder. He looked back and he was relieved that it was only a duck.



William



“Can you help me?” Joey asked the duck. “I’m lost.”

“Oh no! I’m lost too!” said the duck. “Hi! I’m Bob. I’m from a nearby lake and I don’t know how to swim. Where are you going? Why aren’t you flying?”

“My name is Joey and I don’t know how to fly.”

The two birds became friends and Bob said he would teach Joey to fly if Joey taught him how to swim. Bob went first. He was ready to teach Joey how to fly.

“I forgot to say... I’m afraid of heights,” said Joey.

Bob spent hours and hours trying to teach Joey how to fly. Before they started, Joey looked down from the top of a very high mountain and thought about all the bad things that could happen. Joey was so scared that he fainted.

Bob started quacking as loud as he could, but Joey still didn’t wake up. He fetched some water and dumped it on Joey’s head, but when that didn’t work Bob tried CPR. Finally, Joey woke up.

They decided to give it one last shot. Joey realised his greatest wish was to make his parents proud so he decided to do whatever it took...

The Top Secret Diary of a Cow by Aylin

Day One

Me, I, is Cow. I is 465 sunsets old, but every day I gets older. So this fact is only correct right now, on the day I is writing.

I live in Cow House. Cow House is next to Chicken House, which is opposite Pig Shed, which is not too far from Duck Pond. I has drawn a map for you.

I is only ever been called Cow, so Cow is my name. Of all the animals in the yard, I thinks that Farmer loves me most because he always gives me yummy watermelon every days.

This is me secret diary. This is something about me.

I am a cow. I like to eat watermelon. My best friends are Pig and Duck and the Evil Chicken.

The evil chicken has pooped on the pig a lot of times. But the pig is very nice so he didn't say anything.

**“Why can't he be my friend...?”
by Cara**

“Hi, I'm Lauren! live with my mom and dad,” I said to my new neighbour Billy. Just as Billy started to introduce himself, my mother saw me and quickly rushed me back into my house.

“How many times do I have to tell you not to talk to crocodiles!?” she shouted at me, full of anger. I stood there, paralysed with fear. My mother is VERY scary when she is mad.

I've never seen her this mad!

“But-” I stuttered, but I couldn't finish my sentence before my mother shouted at me again. You could hear the anger in her voice. “GO TO YOUR ROOM!”

I ran to my room at the speed of light. Why can't Billy be my friend...? Mom always told me that crocodiles weren't safe, but Billy was different. When I talk to him, I feel safe. We had an instant connection, it was like I had known him for years.

The next day when I woke up, it was Halloween. Halloween is my favourite holiday! I love everything about it, the trick-or-treating, dressing up, all of it was very entertaining and fun!

When my parents saw that I had woken up, they asked me if I wanted to go to a haunted house. Of course I said yes, I love haunted houses. I especially like when people pretend to be ghosts and try to scare me! It's kind of scary but SO fun.

After I ate my breakfast, we headed straightaway to the haunted house. On the walk there, I saw Billy! He waved at me and I was going to wave back but then I realised if I did wave, my parents would see and get mad and I might not be allowed to go into the haunted house anymore. I was a little

disappointed because I really want to be Billy's friend, but I tried to keep positive. I didn't want to ruin my favourite holiday by being in a bad mood.

After a few minutes of walking, we reached the haunted house! I was SO excited, but this was a new haunted house. I had never seen this specific one. But as long as it was a haunted house, I would probably LOVE it! I spotted Billy beside the haunted house. His parents looked at me weirdly, they were probably confused when they saw me, a chick in a haunted house.

As my parents and I entered the haunted house, we heard a creepy doll singing a lullaby. It was spine-chilling because it sounded different than the other dolls in the other haunted houses I've been to... It sounded like a REAL spirit of a child... As it was a haunted house we thought it was probably fake, just realistic.

Once we had walked through the first door, the lights started to flicker, then stopped. Suddenly, a ghost rose from the doll, it looked so real... It couldn't be fake... We were confused whether this was real or fake, we figured that it was just a person pretending to be a ghost. It couldn't be real...

Well that's what we thought, until the ghost flew threw a wall. I've never been this terrified in my life!

It ran to us, gradually becoming faster and faster. We ran, at that moment I felt like I was running

faster than light. I have NEVER ran this fast! My parents were a bit faster though. They ran out the door where we saw people crowding up to see what all the fuss was about. I was nearly out the door, but a few meters away something tragic happened.. I slipped and got stuck in a cobweb.

When I looked back I realised that the ghost brought not one, not two but three of his friends to chase me. But I was only a little chick, and I wasn't strong enough to get out of the cobweb myself. I looked over to the crowd. Nobody was brave enough to help me...

Just as the ghost was about to get me, I looked up and one courageous animal gathered enough bravery to help me. It was Billy! He was strong and fast and he helped me out. He ran so fast! And I felt so relieved. We all managed to escape!

My parents realised that you shouldn't judge someone before you get to know them. We all thanked Billy for his help. I was finally able to be his friend! My parents felt so bad for not letting me be Billy's friend. But Billy was a nice guy and he forgave them!

That night I was going to trick-or-treat when I saw Billy sitting by himself, he was alone. Nobody wanted to be his friend because he was a crocodile and everyone thinks that all crocodiles are mean. My parents and I agreed that we would let Billy join us trick-or-treating and we would show everyone that some crocodiles are very nice when you get to

know them. You could see the happiness in his face when we asked him if he wanted to trick-or-treat with us. We were the first animals to ever ask him to trick-or-treat with them. He happily agreed and we all had the best night ever. We made tonnes of friend. And I- I made the best BFF ever!

Nobody would have thought that a chick and a crocodile would get along so well, let alone be BFFs!

Joey's Adventure Continued by Daniel

... Joey jumped down the mountain and started to flap his wings. He slowly went up, but then went down.

"Help!" shouted Joey.

"I'm coming!" called Bob.

"Quick, I'm going to crash!" Joey hit the ground hard. "Ouch."

"I'm here! Everything all right?" said Bob.

"Well," said Joey, "I sprained my ankle." Joey struggled to get up. Finally he managed it.

"Can you walk?" asked Bob.

"No," Joey replied.

Bob said, "Well, we got to start walking,"

"I'll try, " Joey promised.

And off they went to find their parents.

The Hunt by Daniel

Once upon a time, there was a family that went mushroom hunting every week.

One day the family went hunting deep into the dark forest and found edible mushrooms for their dinner.

On their way home, they found a pack of wolves that were growling at them, ready to attack! Also, there were some squirrels throwing acorns at them and ants were crawling on them. Spiders laid eggs on their heads and bees tried to sting them.

The family ran and ran and ran as far as their skinny legs could take them. They finally reached their house. They had their dinner and had a rest.

Willow and the Great Volcano by Edan

Willow is a species of Lizardian. When Willow was born, a great war happened. It killed millions of Lizardians. Willow was very known to the

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Lizardians by the rare crystal growing on her back.

Chapter 1 The Disaster

The leader back then was Rheno. Rheno called for help from Oldorin, a strange elder with a strange species, to help the Lizardians win the war. After eighteen years of fighting, the Lizardians won but their leader died for unknown reasons. Their new leader's name is Phoenix.

A year later, the Great Volcano started erupting again. The Great

Volcano was the cause of the Great War. Everyone knew that the Great War would happen again. Many fled, such as the lava serpent, Dalamadur, who roared like a monster and was heard all around the world.

The lava balls were flying everywhere, smoke covered the sky and lava spilled out of everywhere.

Willow said to Phoenix, "Can I go to the Great Volcano, master?"

"If you have three allies with you, you can go to the Great Volcano." Phoenix responded.

Willow nodded then went to Oldorin to join the quest.

Chapter 2 The Dreadful Squad

The two went to the snowy biome and saw Phantom.

Phantom is a type of Dragolion species. Phantom

saw the two as a threat and attacked them with a squad of smaller Dragolion species. Willow tried to calm Phantom but it didn't work. The two had no choice but to fight.

After one hour, Phantom unknowingly stopped and agreed to join the quest.

Chapter 3 The One Who Sinks A Kingdom

The three went to the water biome and saw an old Lizardian along the way.

"Who are you?" said Willow.

"I am a Lizardian who witnessed the destruction that happened to my childhood. Please be careful, A monstrous leviathan is sleeping in the water," responded the old Lizardian.

Willow nodded and dove into the water and saw a serpentine as large as a house and slumbered to the kingdom.

Willow woke the leviathan. The leviathan said, "I am Pleononth, the one who sinks a kingdom. I heard that you needed an ally. If you give me 369 fishes, I will join you as an ally."

Willow accepted the request and the gathering went for hours. Willow found out that the leviathan was in hibernation because leviathans stay in one place and sleep on one spot. After a few hours, Willow collected 500 fishes. Pleononth hadn't expected

Willow to collect 500 fishes but he just shook it off.

The leviathan joined the group and Willow was very confident enough to beat Dalamadur.

Chapter 4 The Final Battle

The group went back to the forest biome. Phantom attacked Dalamadur and the big fight happened.

All of the creatures that were near to the fight evacuated to get far away from the battle. After two weeks of battling Dalamadur, the team won but they suffered many strong injuries.

They repelled Dalamadur to the lava biome and Dalamadur was never spotted again for decades. Dalamadur might come back but that is for another story for now.

The Penguin and the Fox **by Ele**

The Penguin is a lovely kind person but the fox is always jealous and wants everything the Penguin has.

The Penguin and the Fox lived in the woods. One day the Penguin got a beautiful bow. It was red. The Fox really wanted it. The Penguin loved her bow. It was her favourite thing she ever had.

The Fox had lots of ideas to steal the pretty red

bow. She could hide in a tree and jump out and steal it or she could pretend to be an old lady and pretend to fall and when the Penguin bent down to help, steal the bow and run!

The Fox thought, "This is the perfect idea to steal the lovely red bow."

The Penguin was walking down in the woods to her house. The Fox came but the Penguin did not know she was the old lady – the Fox really looked like a real old lady. The Fox pretended to fall but the Penguin was on the other side of the road. The Penguin ran to the other side to help the old lady, which was really the Fox.

The Fox took the bow and ran like never before. She felt so happy to have the most beautiful bow in the world but she felt sad and guilty when she got to her house. She wore the bow and felt even sadder and guiltier. So she went to the Penguin's house and gave the bow back.

The Penguin was so happy to have her favourite bow back that she gave the Fox one of her bows and asked, "Can we be friends?"

The Fox said, "Yes!"

The Fox was so happy to have a friend AND a new bow. That day the Fox learned that she should never steal, she should just ask.

Earth's Nature by Jaren

Chapter One

Once upon a time, there were birds living freely, flowers were blooming and there was a kid who protects nature called Evan.

"Good morning nature!" said Evan.

Evan can talk to animals.

"How are you Evan?" said the cuckoo bird.

Suddenly an eagle flew straight ahead to Evan.
"EVAN! THERE IS SOME TROUBLE!" said the eagle.

"What is the problem?" said Evan.

The humans have to break this whole space where we live!" said the eagle.

"We need to protect nature in this place!" said Evan.

"So what is the plan to stop them?" said all the animals, murmuring.

"I've got an idea," said Evan.

A few weeks later

"Done!" said Evan.

"What a great plan, Evan!" said the eagle.

"Our mission will start later," said Evan.

Later That Day

"OKAY, CUT THAT TREE DOWN!" shouted Human 1.

"Copy that," said Human 2.

The wind was blowing as hard as it could. The humans got shocked and checked.

"Watch each other. There might be wild animals attacking," said Human 3.

They saw a baby bird and a mother bird. The humans threw a net to capture them but the mother bird kept on protecting herself and her baby. Suddenly they heard lots of loud growls behind the bushes and prepared their nets and other weapons.

"They're wolves!" said Human 4 and they went back all the way to the top of the mountains, to the village, They lived for a long time there.

Chapter Two

Back to the nature. Evan lived for a long time. Two years later, he was relaxing at the lake that is a hundred metres long. Suddenly he heard a loud bang and saw a reflection on the water. There was smoke flowing.

Evan sprinted and rushed back to the treehouse, using his wooden binoculars to see what was happening. "It's coming from the mountain. Evan!" said the cuckoo bird.

“Okay, I’ll look through my binoculars and see what’s happening,” Evan said.

“What do you see!?” said the Eagle beside the cuckoo bird.

“I see tanks and treechoppers and HUMANS!” Evan said. “Tell everybody to prepare a defense base!”

“Roger that,” said the Eagle.

Two hours later, the wolves and the falcons were hiding in the trees and saw humans. All animals attacked the humans, tanks, and treechoppers.

Evan and nature can rest until the humans come back.

THE END

Jacob’s Greatest Fear **by Lianne**

Jacob is a 10 year old boy who lives in a big village with his mother and father. His best friend is called Paul. Jacob is a good, clever and thoughtful boy, but there is one thing that is incomplete in his life.

Jacob is afraid of animals. He can’t stand them. In his version, animals are scary. Everyone at school makes fun of him.

One day at school, Jacob’s teacher told him to take

care of the class pet spider, Harry. Jacob was really upset when he heard that. Jacob asked his mother if she would take care of Harry, instead.

His mother said that he should learn to face his fear.

Jacob said, “Please! Cows are scary but spiders are just too much, I can’t handle it.” Jacob’s mother did not listen to him but just walked away. Jacob called his best friend Paul on the phone. After Paul heard the news, he came running to Jacob’s house.

“Finally you’re here! What took you so long, Paul?” shouted Jacob.

“All you could have said is hi first. You know, instead of scolding me,” muttered Paul.

“Could you take care of Harry the class spider for me? You know I am afraid of animals, especially spiders. Please help me!” said Jacob.

“I can’t, it’s your turn,” Paul replied. “By the way, I am supposed to go visit my aunt. I can’t take Harry with me because my aunt is afraid of spiders too.”

Paul left without saying another word, leaving Jacob all alone to take care of the class spider. Jacob took the spider into the garage and said, “This is where you will stay until it is Monday, I will not feed you at all, you monster. Enjoy. I know you will survive,” he added. Jacob went out of the garage.

After dinner Jacob went to his room and slept. He had a bad dream. In the dream, Harry the spider

grew big and ate him up. Jacob got scared and decided to go check on him just in case it would happen.

He saw Harry – hungry, tired and sad in his cage. Jacob felt bad for him so he took Harry out of the cage and on to his hand. He then realised that Harry was not dangerous. He gave Harry some food and took care of him the whole weekend.

On Monday, Jacob returned to school with Harry.

“Oh, Jacob! I am surprised that Harry is still alive. Did you tell someone to babysit him or what?” asked Paul.

“I took care of him alone. I realised animals and spiders are not that dangerous. Well, some of them at least!” said Jacob.

The teacher was very pleased when she saw Harry was still healthy and happy. Everyone stopped laughing at Jacob and instead called him a hero for some reason.

Jacob started caring for animals. He now knew his life was complete.

Anna's Big Dream by Mayar

Anna is a ten year old girl. She lives in New York City.

One day Anna was going to school when she saw an ambulance parked in her neighbourhood. “What is an ambulance doing here?” she thought.

“Mom,” she said.

“Yes,” Mom replied.

“What is an ambulance doing here?”

“Oh dear, our neighbour is having a baby.”

“That must be exciting for her,” said Anna.

When Anna was in school her neighbour was screaming. Mom, Dad and Anna's sister Lana were outside.

“Mom,” said Lana. “Is she going to be okay?”

“Yes, she will be okay,” replied Mom.

The next day Anna was so happy that she forgot about school!

“Anna, Anna!” shouted Mom.

“Yes, what?” sighed Anna.

“School,” said Mom.

“Oh! I forgot all about school! Can I see the baby?” said Anna.

“What baby?” said Mom.

“Our neighbour is having a baby, did you forget?”

“Ya, I think I did forget but you have to go to school, honey,” said Mom.

After school Anna and Mom went to their neighbour’s home.

“Hi,” said Anna.

“Oh hi,” said Mary.

“Aww, look at the baby,” said Anna.

The baby was so cute that Anna cried when she and Mom went home. Anna told her Mom that she wanted to be a doctor so she can see newborn babies all the time.

“Yes Anna, when you grow up, okay?” said Mom.

The Abandoned Castle by Nevaeh

Once there was a castle. A king lived in the castle but no one had seen him in years. The castle was on the biggest mountain in the world, some would even say the universe. It was a weird castle...

When you look at the castle, all you see is clouds, JUST CLOUDS, so no one could see the castle.

I tried to go up to the castle but the wind kept

pushing me down. It was weird because no wind blew at us.

Another time, though, my friend Luca and I tried to get to the castle again and we succeeded. My friend Luca kept crying because he was afraid of the castle.

“I want to go home!” cried Luca. It was very annoying because all he did was cry – JUST CRY. He even cried when we were going home and he cried when we were at his house...finally he stopped crying. It felt like he had been crying for years.

“But thank god it’s over,” I said.

I was still trying to find out what kind of king lived in the castle...but now I know. It was not a king who lived in the castle, it was a demon. But not the nice kind of demon, either – he was an evil one. He was EXTREMELY EVIL. And now my next mission is to destroy the demon.

The Opposites



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Long ago, when Karen was a little vampire, she wanted a bat named Chicken.

One day, Karen decided to run into the forest and she met a wolf named Rasfuschia. Even though she was a vampire and Rasfuschia was a wolf, they instantly clicked. They started playing every day and became best friends.

A couple of years later, Karen went to her first day of school. When she was walking home, someone pointed at her and said, "Why do you look so strange?"

Karen had long black hair, was very pale and had a long pointy nose. She had red eyes and a very unique way of dressing. She dressed in big purple baggy clothes and striped black and blue socks.

Karen felt angry. She wanted to run away. She went to Rasfuschia and told her what happened.

"What can I do to help?" Rasfuschia asked.

“Come to my new school and protect me,” Karen replied.

Karen decided to dress Rasfuschia up as a human. Rasfuschia howled with happiness. Karen dyed her hair long and blonde, gave her trendy clothes, did her makeup and gave her the newest shoes out.

The next day, they both went to school and Rasfuschia became popular. Everyone liked her style and wanted to be friends with her.

Karen became jealous of her. But Rasfuschia said, “No, I will never leave your side”

Karen saw Evelyn, the girl who said that Karen looked strange. Rasfuschia went over and confronted her...

Alexa

Rasfuchia went over and confronted her. She growled at Evelyn and tugged her hair. Evelyn was scared and she started to cry. She was so scared that she ran away. Karen started to laugh because Evelyn had run away. Then Rasfuchia laughed. Karen felt happy because she knew that Evelyn would not upset her again. Rasfuchia felt powerful. Karen was joyful and felt on top of the world.

As they walked home, they started talking. Karen told Rasfuchia that she was afraid that Evelyn would think she was a werewolf. Rasfuchia promised Karen that everything would be okay. The two girls went

home and played in the forest by Karen’s house. They met two witches called Cami and Derek. They were two siblings and were around the same age as the two girls. They made friends and became very close to each other. The children played for hours and hours. They even ended up going to the same school as Rasfuchia and Karen. Evelyn wasn’t mean to Karen since Rasfuchia confronted her. She wasn’t a problem anymore.

Karen, Rasfuchia, Cami and Derek always played with each other in school. Even though, sometimes, it could be hard for Cami and Derek because they had never gone to a real school before. They had always been homeschooled.

One day when the group of friends was walking home, Karen told them something devastating. She told the group that she had devastating news. She was very sad at the idea of it.

“What’s wrong?” asked Cami.

Karen hesitated. “My mom said that we have to move to a different city and I’m so sad about it,” Karen said in a low voice. #

Rasfuchia was shocked about the news. Derek thought it was terrible but was happy he could still visit Rasfuchia. Karen told the group that it would be okay and that they would still see each other, just not as much.

“Will you still be going to the same school?” asked Cami.

“Yes!” responded Karen, “So we can still see each other every day.”

A few months passed and it was time for Karen to move out.

“So guys, it’s the day for me to move out,” said Karen.

“I don’t want you to go!” cried Rasfucia.

“I know! I don’t either but I have to!” replied Karen.

Karen moved away and everyone was sad. They stayed best friends and Karen even got a bat named Chicken.

The Lone Wolf by Éabha

Long, long ago there was a little boy named Paul. Paul had one brother and two sisters. One day, Paul’s siblings started to annoy Paul a lot. When it got dark, he ran out into the woods. Paul ran and ran until he got deep to the woods.

Paul did not know that there had been a warning issued to stay inside. There was a rabid wolf-like animal running around and many people in the town had been injured.

Paul went to his usual resting place under a big tree stump. He sat down and just rested for a

while. Suddenly, he heard the loudest howl he had ever heard in his life. He got up and ran as fast as lightning. Paul ran and he ran until he got to a big pile of leaves. He hid under the leaves and waited for the wolf to go away. Paul was exhausted so he closed his eyes.

When he opened his eyes it was bright, he quickly realised that he had fallen asleep. He got up quickly.

“My mom and dad will be so worried,” he said. Then, out of nowhere, he heard movement in the bushes.

He peeked over the thorny bush to see where the noise was coming from. He saw a little girl. He stopped for a moment and looked at her, then she started to wake up.

“Ahhhhh!” she screamed as she looked up at Paul’s face.

“What are you doing?” she said with fear.

“Sorry! I didn’t mean to scare you. I’m Paul,” he said.

“That’s okay,” said the girl. “But what are you doing out here all alone, Paul?” she added.

Paul explained what had happened to him. The little girl told Paul her name, it was Kate. Paul asked Kate why she was on her own. Kate told Paul how she went out to the woods at night. Kate felt



excited to have a friend to share her secret with. She decided she would tell Paul.

Paul and Kate walked down to a lake.

“I come from a long line of people who were known to be half wolf and half human. I’m pretty sure you’re not completely dumb, now, are you Paul? Do you know what that makes me?” said Kate.

“No?” replied Paul.

“It makes me a werewolf,” answered Kate.

Paul burst out laughing. He couldn’t believe what he had heard, he thought it came from a book. Kate flashed her dark red eyes at him and he realised she was being serious. Paul was so afraid that he started to sprint away from her but she caught up to him. Kate begged Paul not to be afraid of her. Paul stopped running and turned to Kate.

“How old are you?” asked Paul.

“Five hundred years old,” she replied.

“Wait! What?” said Paul.

Suddenly Paul heard something. It was his mom and dad, calling his name. Paul knew Kate had to leave. They arranged to meet back in the same place at two o’clock. The next day he went back to the meeting place. They continued to meet in the woods for two months. Every day they would meet at two o’clock and they would go home at five

o'clock. Then Paul went back to school. He watched the clock every day and when it hit one o'clock, he would run out of the school and run home. Then one hour later he would meet Kate in the woods, he did this every day for another month.

One day, a girl walked into the school with her hood up. She was looking at the floor. She looked hideous. At break time, Paul went over and asked if she was okay. The girl would not talk to him or anyone else. He kept asking her if she was all right. Eventually she got the courage to put her head up and put her hood down. Paul was amazed at what he saw.

"Kate?" he said. "Is that you?"

"Paul, what are you doing here?" she replied.

"This is the school I was telling you about," he said.

They talked and talked until the bell rang and they went inside. When Paul got inside, he sat down and Craig, the school bully, nudged him.

"Hey! Why are you friends with the weirdo?" he asked.

"Excuse me!" Paul replied.

Paul was so upset that somebody could be so mean to one of his friends. Kate confronted Craig and warned him to stay away from her and her friends.

Emily

Two girls were walking to school on a rainy and muddy Tuesday. Emma and Rihanna complained about the rain. When they arrived outside the school, they were soaking wet.

A group of girls called Emma over to them. Emma ran over and Rihanna followed her. Rihanna was sent away by Nicole, who was the popular one. Rihanna stood on her own, waiting for the school to open.

When school finally opened, Rihanna walked in on her own. As the class teacher began, Nicole and her group started passing notes. They started staring at Rihanna. She felt awkward and confused.

At lunch, Emma went over to Rihanna. Rihanna was glad to see Emma. Emma told Rihanna that she would be walking to school with Nicole from now on. Rihanna said nothing and nodded. Emma walked back over to Nicole. After school, Rihanna walked home on her own and Emma went shopping with Nicole. Nicole had left Rihanna out because she was still angry about what happened last year.

The next day before school, Rihanna told Emma that she would be going on holidays the following week. Nicole interrupted Rihanna and started talking about how she went to the Bahamas last year. Rihanna stood there awkwardly and listened. Then Nicole grabbed Emma's arm and they ran off. Rihanna paused and walked into school, she started talking to her other friends before the



teacher came. Later that day during class, Rihanna and Emma were put as partners on a project. They didn't speak to each other at school, they just did the project.

After school the two girls went to Emma's house to work on the project. The girls didn't speak much but after a while they started to talk about things other than school. They then did a bit more of their project. Emma asked Rihanna if they could walk to school together the next day. Rihanna nodded her head. Rihanna's mom came to pick her up at six o'clock.

The next day, Emma waited for Rihanna outside and they walked to school. At school Nicole came over and asked why Emma was with Rihanna. Emma looked at Nicole, confused. Emma then told Nicole that Rihanna was her friend. Nicole started talking about how she was better than Rihanna. Emma and Rihanna said nothing and just walked off.

"Ignore her!" said Emma.

Rihanna said nothing.

After that, everything went back to normal. Emma and Rihanna went back to being friends again. Nicole still didn't like Rihanna because she felt Rihanna had broken Emma and Nicole's friendship. The actual reason that Nicole didn't like her was to do with last year's talent show. Rihanna had won the talent show instead of Nicole. Nicole normally

won every year but she didn't last year. Nicole and Rihanna didn't talk much. They only talked about school projects.

After finishing this school project, Nicole decided it was time they all be friends. Nicole asked Emma and Rihanna to join their group. Emma and Rihanna both agreed. Rihanna and Nicole started to talk a bit more.

After a few days, they became friends. Emma and Nicole were still friends. They did more things together such as going to each other's houses and texting each other. Everyone got along now and everything was normal again.

The Terrible Nightmare **by Faye**

Long ago when Chloe was a little girl, she met another girl at school. Her name was Katie and they met in maths class.

Katie was very popular and Chloe wasn't even close to being popular. Katie was always invited to parties and had lots of friends. Chloe only had one friend and was never invited to parties. Katie also had a lot of expensive clothes and shoes. Chloe didn't have any expensive clothes or shoes. Katie always went shopping on the weekends but Chloe only went shopping on special occasions. Even though they didn't have a lot of things in common, they both got on very well together.

After school one day, Katie and Chloe went to the park. Chloe asked Katie if she wanted to go to her house to have a sleepover. Katie said she would have to ask her mom.

"Okay! Text me with what she says," said Chloe. Katie went home and asked her mom if she could have a sleepover at Chloe's house.

"Sure!" said Katie's mom Karen. Katie packed her bag and texted Chloe to say that she could go. Katie cycled her bike over to Chloe's house.

Chloe's mom, Sarah, opened the door. "Come in!" Katie went in. The house wasn't like a normal house, it was dark and the only light came from a few candles. Chloe and her dog, Mimi, came running down the stairs.

Katie was afraid of dogs but Chloe didn't know that. Katie nearly fainted! She gathered herself and they went upstairs and talked. They watched a movie and ate popcorn. Katie wasn't really that scared of Mimi anymore because she was a really nice dog.

After a while, Katie's phone rang and she picked it up. It was Katie's friend Jessica. She asked Katie why she hadn't invited her to the sleepover.

"How do you know we're having a sleepover?" asked Katie. Jessica hung up.

Eventually, Jessica showed up to the sleepover. Katie answered the door. "Why didn't you invite

me to the sleepover?” asked Jessica.

“I didn’t know you wanted to come. You weren’t at school today so I didn’t ask you,” said Katie.

“Well, are you not my friend anymore because you’re hanging out with Chloe?” Jessica shouted.

Chloe’s mom ran down the stairs and asked, “What’s going on down here?!”

Jessica was annoyed at Katie because she was hanging out with Chloe. Jessica didn’t like Chloe because she didn’t have expensive things and wasn’t popular.

“I’m never talking to you ever again,” Jessica said sadly and she ran home crying.

Katie closed the door and she ran back upstairs to Chloe.

Chloe wondered what was going on. She asked, “Who was at the door? And why were they shouting?”

Katie was about to say something but suddenly the whole house started shaking. Chloe saw a monster grab her and Katie.

Chloe woke up with a jump and then she realised it was all a nightmare.

Leona

Rasfucia grabbed her and shook her. Evelyn felt really scared and started to shake.

“Listen here! Never say anything mean or rude to her ever again or you will be dead!” Rasfucia roared. “Don’t be a coward. I know you asked her. Why do you look so strange, Evelyn?”

Rasfucia and Karen strutted away. They finished school and soon got home a half an hour later.

The next day at school, Evelyn went up to Karen and Rasfucia with her big gang. Surprisingly they were really nice to Karen and Rasfucia. They even asked the girls to sit with them at lunch. Karen was really happy because she felt accepted. Karen had never really had friends in school before. When they left school, Karen was really excited to go home and tell her mum everything.

They finally got home, when all of a sudden they opened the door to see Karen’s mother on the floor. Karen and Rasfucia always knew their mums weren’t the best of friends but they never thought it would come to this!

Karen’s mum Clover and Rasfucia’s mum Rose had had a fight when they were young. Werewolves and vampires always fought but Clover and Rose used to be just like Rasfucia and Karen when they were young. One day their parents made them fight. Rose won the fight and ever since then they

both thought that vampires and werewolves should not be friends.

As much as Karen wanted to be mad at Rasfucia, she couldn't. She knew her mother's doing was not her fault. The next few weeks were very hard but together Rasfucia and Karen got through it. A few months went by and they finally decided they wanted to move.

Rasfucia and Karen decided that they would move to New York. They ordered a plane, spent all of their savings on the tickets and flew over. Soon enough they settled down in a nice apartment and lived happily ever after.

The Three Girls Believe by Mia

A long time ago there was a little village in Greece. A girl named Flora lived there in the year 1135, which is about 886 years ago.

One day, Flora saw a helpless innocent villager being robbed by a rude person from another village. The whole village was under attack from a nearby village. Flora jumped out and tried to save the helpless innocent villager, a little girl. She succeeded. She helped the little girl and they became friends. She and the villager decided to hide in a nearby old run down hut.

"Thank you so much for saving me!" said the sweet

innocent girl.

"Hello, what's your name?" said Flora.

"My name is Freya," said the girl.

The girls agreed that they should both stay silent. Nobody knew why the other village was attacking them. The two girls were intrigued to find out why.

Flora and Freya decided to take a look out of the window. There was nobody fighting near the house they were in so they ran into the forest. As they were running through the forest, Freya paused looking shocked. Freya saw her best friend hiding.

"I have missed you so much! I could not find you anywhere. Do you know why they are attacking our village?" said Freya.

"I know why they are after us," said the friend.

"Why?" said Freya.

"They hate what we believe in," said the friend. Her name was Savanna.

"But that is our opinion!" said Freya. "I hate them!"

"They destroyed our village because they do not believe in the same gods that we do?" said Savanna.

"We must find help from another village that is not that far away," said Savanna.

As they ran through the forest, they saw many warriors. The warriors were sneaky and were hiding as they ran. Flora was on the verge of tears as she knew her village was only being attacked because they believed in Greek gods. When they got to the border of the neighbouring village, they felt a weight lifting off their shoulders. They ran straight to where some of the warriors were. They were so happy, they all felt like their village could be saved.

“We are finally here,” said Flora.

“Our village can be saved!” said Freya.

“We should ask the village’s leader for some help and the best of his warriors,” said Savanna.

They ran as fast as they could to the village leader’s astonishing palace. When they got there they saw many gold artefacts. It was breathtaking, stunning and amazing. They had never seen such good engineering. The leader of the village was sitting on a throne with luxurious foods. It seemed that this village was thriving.

“Why did you request to see me?” said the leader, Milo.

“Our village is under attack,” said the three girls.

“We need your help, and we fear that your village is next on their list to attack.”

The leader jumped out of his chair and said, “We must protect each other at all costs!”

Some of the best warriors started running towards Flora’s village. The three girls all smiled at each other. They felt so strong and brave. The journey had been long and tough. They had to travel through dry deserted terrain.

“How long until we get there?” asked Savanna.

“It should not be that far away,” said the leader, Milo.

By the time they arrived the whole of the girls’ village was in hiding. Thankfully, nobody was hurt. The warriors of Milo’s village made a peace treaty between the three villages. The three girls, Flora, Freya and Savanna, all ran to their parents. They were so thrilled that everyone was safe. From then on, there was never any more wars between the three villages.

Emily’s Tragic Witch Adventure by Nora

One day, a twelve year old girl named Emily was walking home from school. When she reached her house there was nobody there. Normally Emily’s mum or dad would be home but today there was nobody there. Emily was frightened so she checked if anyone was upstairs.

As she passed the stairs, Emily noticed she had been turned into a witch. “I’M A WITCH! WHAT WILL I DO?!” she screamed. Suddenly, Emily heard the front door open.

Emily was worried sick and thought that her mum would never come back. When her mum returned, Emily jumped off the stairs with delight.

“Of course I was going to come back! Where did you think I had gone?” said Mum, giving Emily a hug.

“I don’t know but I was very scared,” said Emily. With that, mum took a bottle of medicine out of her bag. Emily wondered whether she would like what was in the bottle.

“Do you want your medicine now? Because I am afraid this witchyitis might get worse,” said Mum.

Mum bent down and gave Emily her medicine. Emily really enjoyed her medicine and tried to get another spoonful. Mum asked Emily to close her eyes then pulled a teddy bear out of her bag.

Mum gave Emily the teddy bear. “Aww he is so cute! I am going to name it Mr. Brown Bear because I have one like him named Mrs. Brown Bear,” Emily said. “Thank you, Mum! I am going to go up to my room and play with him.” Emily headed upstairs and her mum started making her tea.

The next day, mum went into Emily’s room because she noticed her alarm hadn’t gone off. “Come on, get up! You will be late for school,” muttered mum with tiredness.

“But Mum, everyone will laugh at me and I will have no friends!” said Emily sadly.

Emily was worried that her witchyitis would make her hideous. Mum reassured Emily that everything would be okay. Emily got up and got ready for school.

As they walked to school, nobody pointed or ran away with fear. Nobody hid and laughed at her. She felt that maybe nobody would ever point at her or laugh at her again. Emily felt happy going into school. She skipped through the school gates and laughed as the teacher skipped through the gate with her.

When Emily came home, she was really happy. She said hello to her mum and then skipped up the stairs into her room. As Emily waited for her mum to get the dinner ready, her friend called for her and asked if she was going outside. Emily told her friend that she must wait to have her dinner. After she ate her dinner, Emily went out to her friend.

Mylie and her Frogs **by Reyna**

Once upon a time there was a girl called Mylie. Mylie was in love with frogs.

Every evening, after eating her dinner Mylie would go to the pond. The pond was amazing and had ten frogs. Mylie had befriended seven of those frogs.

One day after Mylie returned from school, she ate her dinner and got ready to go to the pond. She walked to the pond with her sister. On the way, the two girls passed through the park and down the path towards

the huge pond and saw Amanda and Jolene.

Amanda and Jolene were in Mylie's class. Most of the class thought these girls were popular but not Mylie. Amanda spotted Mylie across the park and told Jolene. Mylie tried to hide behind her sister but it was too late.

"What are you doing here, Mylie?" asked Amanda. Jolene whispered something to Amanda and they started to laugh.

"Mylie, who are they?" said Mylie's sister.

"They are girls from my school," Mylie said softly.

Mylie ran over to the pond and started to talk about her feelings. Amanda and Jolene recorded Mylie and her sister did too. Amanda and Jolene were mocking Mylie but her sister was cheering for her. After a while, Amanda and Jolene walked away. Tears ran down Mylie's face. She was so upset. Mylie had never actually touched the frogs but on this day she did. She hugged all of them. Mylie's sister stopped recording and posted it online. She gave her a big hug and then they went home.

The next day, the video of Mylie holding the frogs and crying had gone viral. All of the comments were kind and not one single hate comment was sent. She went to school and everyone was talking about her. So many people came up to her and started to compliment her. Even a teacher came up to congratulate her. Amanda and Jolene didn't show up to school.

Mylie went home from school so happy. Her mother smiled softly at her when she arrived home. Mylie greeted her mother happily and noticed that she was holding a wrapped box.

"What's in the box, Mom?" Mylie said, confused. "Have a look," Mylie's mother replied.

Mylie took the box and shook it lightly. Suddenly she heard a croak noise and her mom smiled. Mylie ripped the box open and hugged the frog that was in the box.

Mylie's sister was recording everything and uploaded it online again. It was trending at number five. Mylie named the frog Toast. Mylie went to school the next day and everyone came up to her. The teachers congratulated her again and this time even the principal came up to her.

Only two people didn't come up to her, Amanda and Jolene. Eventually they apologised.

Saoirse

Karen saw Evelyn, the girl who had said she looked strange. Rasfuchia went over and confronted her.

She pulled off Evelyn's hair, which turned out to be a wig. Everyone started laughing. Rasfuchia warned Evelyn to stay away from Karen or she would eat her toes. Evelyn was frightened and she left on her motorbike.

The next day Karen and Evelyn were told to go to the principal's office. When the girls reached the office, the principal looked them up on the Aladdin school software system. It turns out Evelyn wasn't even registered in the school.

Evelyn was a Gruffalo. She had a big toe on her shoulder, yellow eyes and no finger nails. Evelyn had to leave the school on a motorbike. Evelyn only mocked Karen because she was trying to get everyone's attention away from her.

Karen was annoyed that she got into trouble so she sprinted out of the school. The principal flung a chair in front of her to try and stop her. Karen just jumped over the chair and flew away. She went home to see her mum cooking spiders' legs for dinner. Karen was starving and ate some spiders' legs.

After her dinner, Karen went to bed. Karen wondered what had happened to Rasfuchia. Karen rang Rasfuchia to see where she was. Rasfuchia was at home eating her dinner. Karen and Rasfuchia made a plan to go to Narnia the next day. The girls wanted to get ice cream cones and meet Karen's aunt. Karen's aunt had a Lamborghini and the girls wanted to go for a spin in it.

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