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and Other Stories



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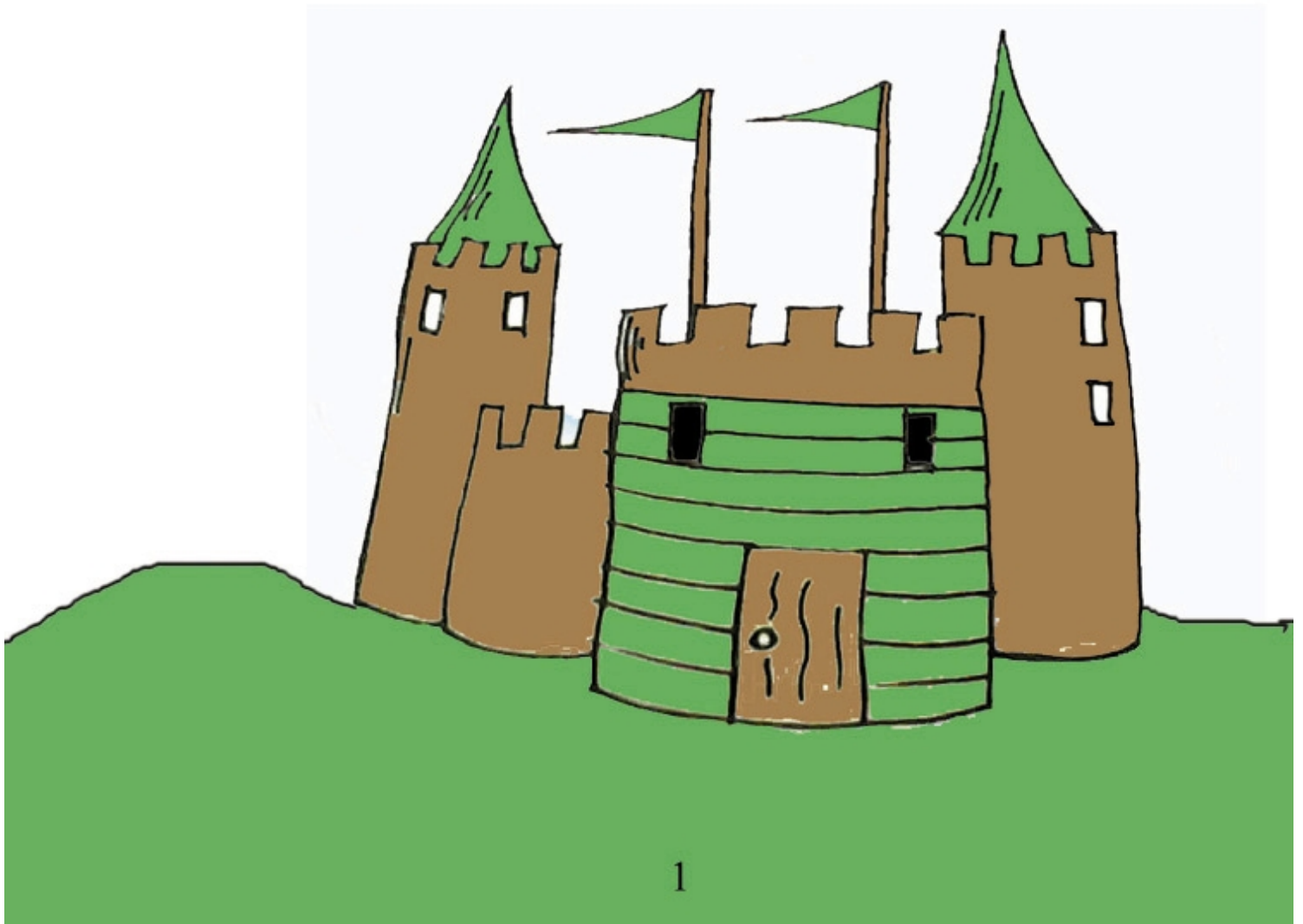
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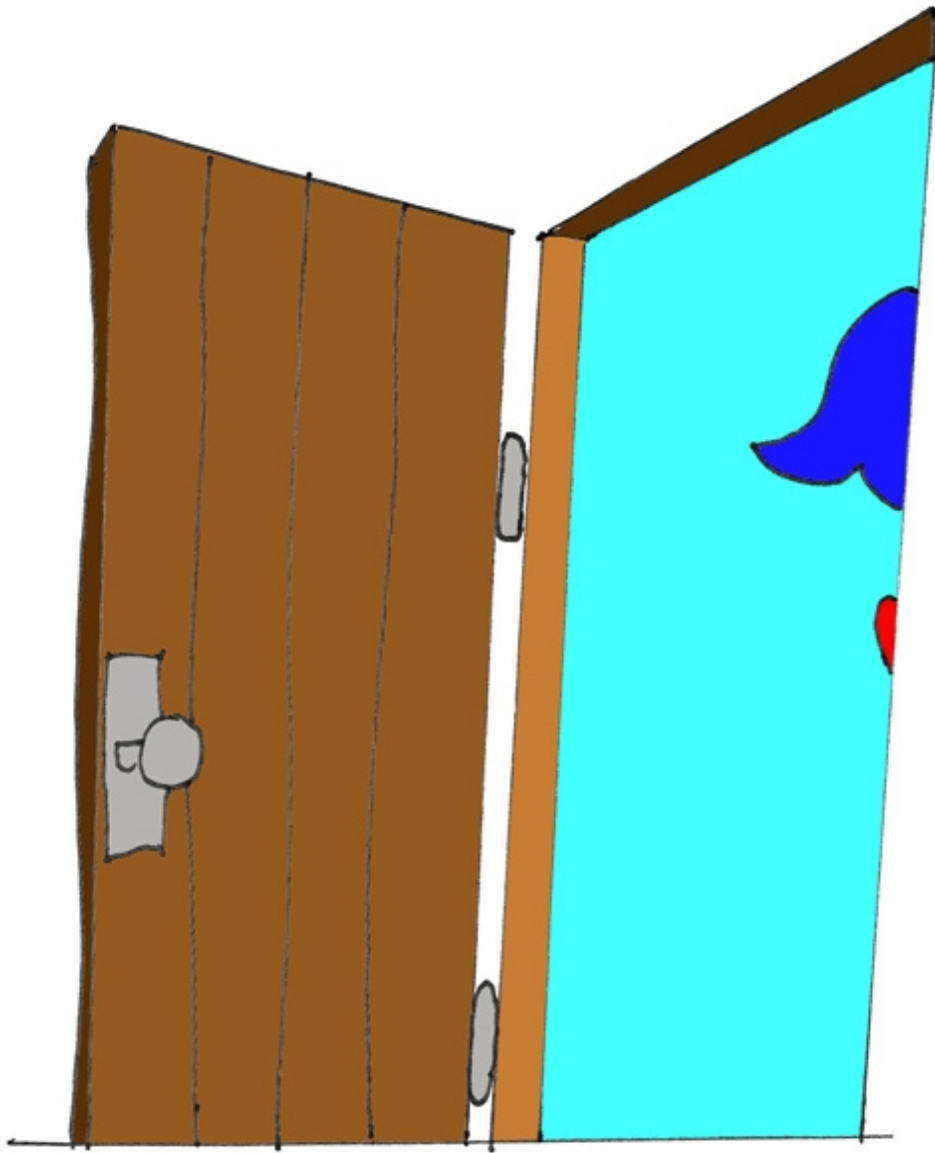
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# Billy Bogglesworth

One fine morning, at a quarter to two  
The sun came up on Kalamazoo  
All the Kings horses were prancing about  
When suddenly Billy Bogglesworth came out

He came out of his house on Farnwiggles Street  
And he looked so proud as he marched on his feet  
He marched up the street just as fast as he could  
And he walked all the way to the castle of Wood





Now the castle of Wood was made of wood and some jade  
Where the Queen and her maid liked to make marmalade  
But then Billy Bogglesworth knocked on the door  
He knock-knock-knocked, then he knocked once more

So the Queen let him in, but she was afraid  
Because Billy Bogglesworth liked marmalade  
And she knew he would eat just as much as he could  
He would eat all he could in the castle of Wood



Well he took a big plate and put it right on his head  
He piled on biscuits and he piled on bread  
He grabbed a big cup full of marmalade jam  
He took a big bite and he said, "Thank you ma'am."

But he didn't stop there, for Billy was starvin'  
He knew he could eat much more than his pal Marvin  
So he gobbled up jellies and briskets and puffins  
Which make very good late-night gooseberry stuffins

He ate salads and carrots and broccoli and peas  
He ate strawberry bric-a-brac hoot-toot with ease  
He ate pizzas and pumpkins and banana zucchini  
He made them all disappear just like Houdini

And then the good Queen finally got mad  
For Billy Bogglesworth was being quite bad  
For he was never invited and he never said please  
And he never had asked for the marmalade cheese

And to her surprise Billy held out a can  
He had the very last marmalade can in his hand  
Then the Queen had enough of this terrible feast  
She didn't like it one bit, not in the least

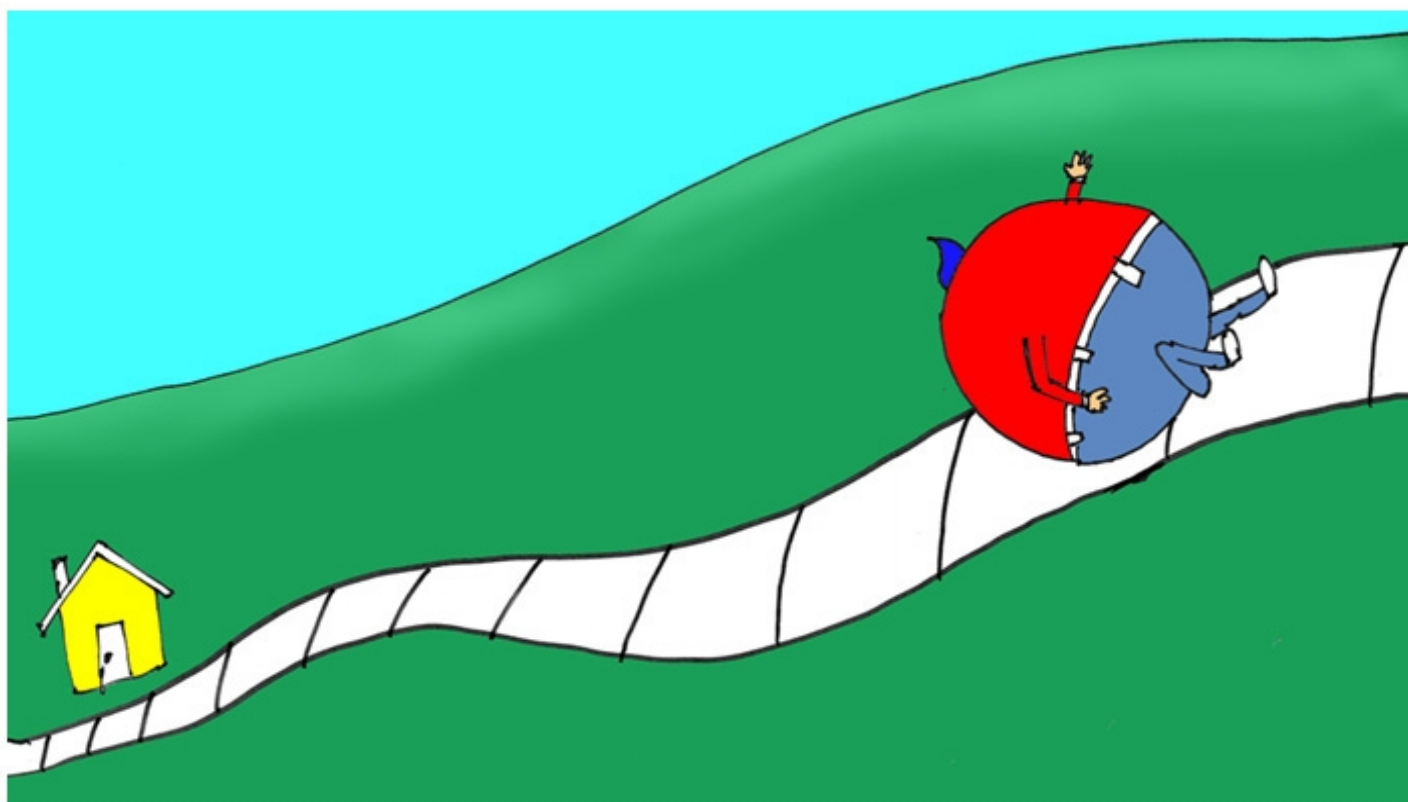




But to her surprise Billy stopped and he stared  
He stopped and he stared while the Queen and maid glared  
He looked at the can and he started to frown  
And without making a sound he put the can down

"I think I'm too full", Billy said with a peep  
And he looked at the dishes sitting high in a heap  
"I think that I'm done now," and he started to seep  
He seeped to the floor, and he fell fast asleep





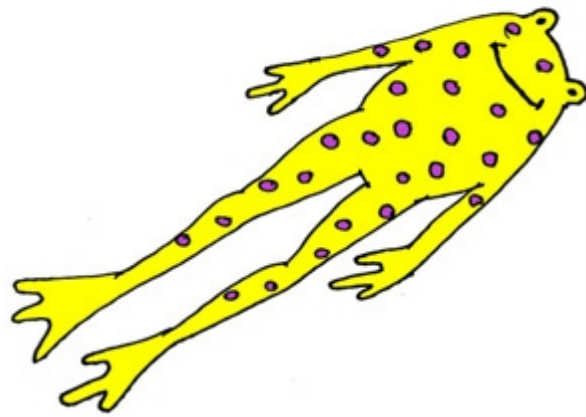
Then the King and the Queen and the maid and the men  
Rolled Billy all the way down the street to his friend  
Billy's friend Marvin was happy to see  
That Billy could never eat as much marmalade as he



# Cats and Dogs and Frogs



Scat was a cat who didn't like dogs  
He'd rather sit around having lunch with the frogs  
For frogs were good talkers, they'd ribbit and hum  
They'd talk all day long, but doggies were dumb



Dogs don't hop up and down like these frogs  
And they aren't very good at staying on logs  
They can't fling their tongues and catch flies with a flick  
The best they can do is bark and chase a stick

Frogs are green and spotted and yellow  
My friend mister Toad is a real handsome fellow  
Dogs are all hairy, they're practically rugs  
While frogs are all slimy and gooey like slugs

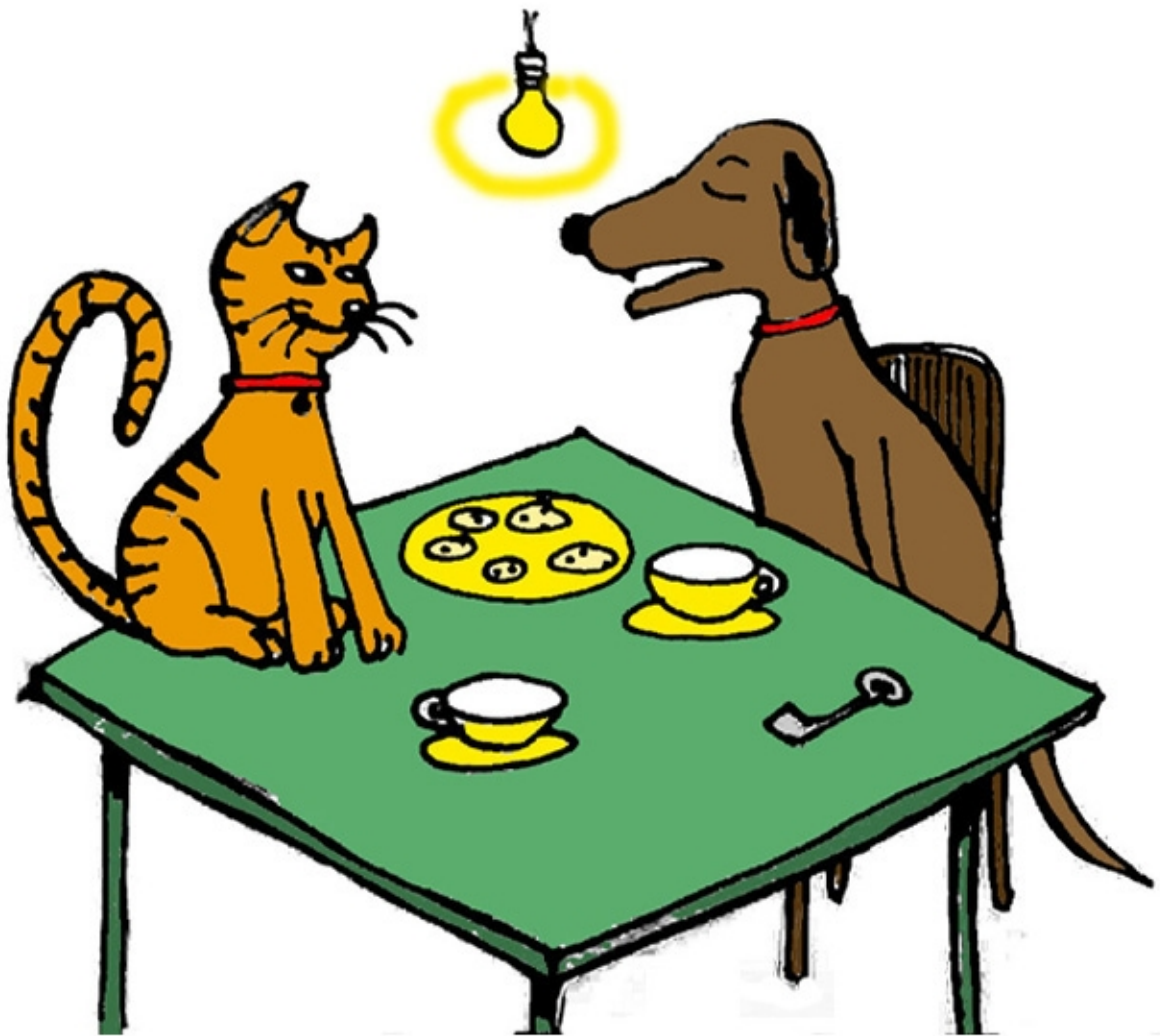
But Scat had to go, because the moon was arising  
And things that jump out at night can be a little surprising  
So he ran through the bushes and leaped through the trees  
But when he got home he'd forgotten his keys

So he bat at the door but no one was home  
How could they leave him here outside all alone?  
When suddenly Oscar the dog let him in  
And he scampered inside and he said with a grin



"Dogs aren't so bad, and they're not really too hairy,  
And they're good to have near  
when things are getting too scary.  
They can bark nice and loud so that no one comes near  
While frogs' only hide like a moose or a deer"

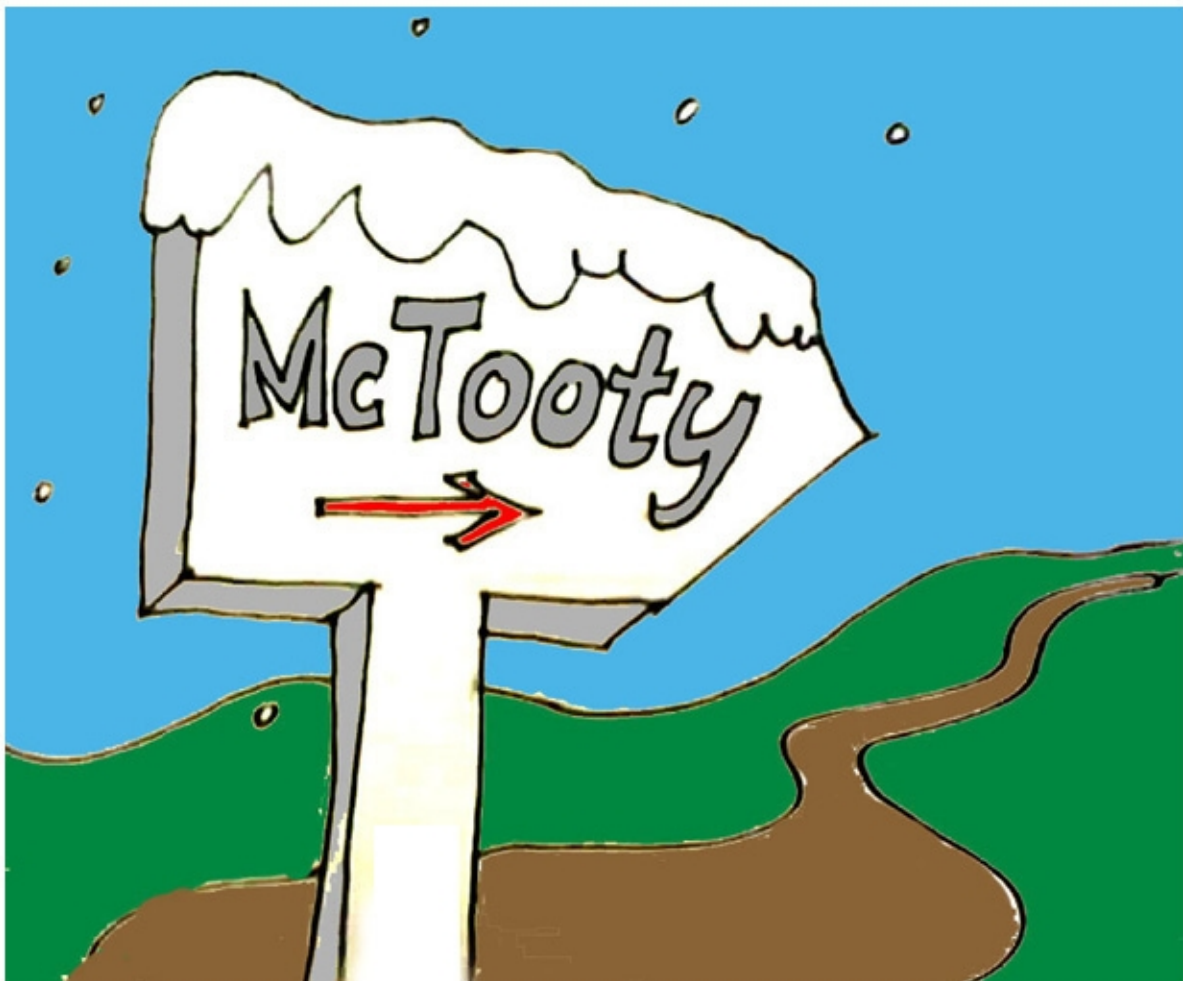
That's right," said Oscar, "And don't you forget,  
a dog that is faithful is the bestest dog yet."  
So off to the kitchen went the dog and the cat  
And they stayed up all night talking about this thing and that



# Rudy Tooty

Once upon a time in the land of McTooty  
Lived a little old man three feet tall name of Rudy  
Who owned a poor donkey who was as slow as molasses  
And bumped into things so he got him some glasses

Now Rudy was happy but he wondered out loud  
If there was a reason he was sort of shortish and proud  
Proud of the way he could make certain things  
Like shoes without buttons, or kites without strings





He could take a small stick and make a small spoon  
He could take a big tree branch and make it a broom  
He could take wire and wood and make a toy train  
Any left over paper would make a nice plane

But people were mean and they said he was weird  
That he looked like an elf with a funny white beard  
The children would laugh and they'd gather and fidget  
They teased him whenever he made a new widget

The week before Christmas Rudy had enough joking  
He filled up his fireplace and started it smoking  
He got on his donkey and climbed on the roof  
If he was an elf then he would give them all proof



He pulled out his flute and played "Rooty toot toot"  
He played "Rooty toot toot" right on his flute  
He played several songs hoping Santa would hear  
He played "Silent Night", "The First Noel" and  
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Then all of a sudden, from out of the sky  
He saw nine little reindeer and one jolly guy  
The sleigh was all sparkly and covered with candy  
For when Santa was hungry it was really quite handy

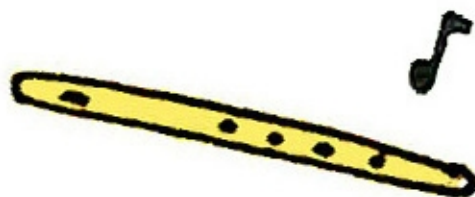
He landed real smooth on the top of the house  
And the nine little reindeer were as quiet as a mouse  
He said, "Well Rudy, my friend, are you ready to go?  
I'm one elf short and I want you to know,





"That you've always been special, you've always been kind,  
You've helped out your neighbor, and never did mind,  
You're the finest of helpers, and I'm real pleased to say  
That you are coming with me to the North Pole to stay."

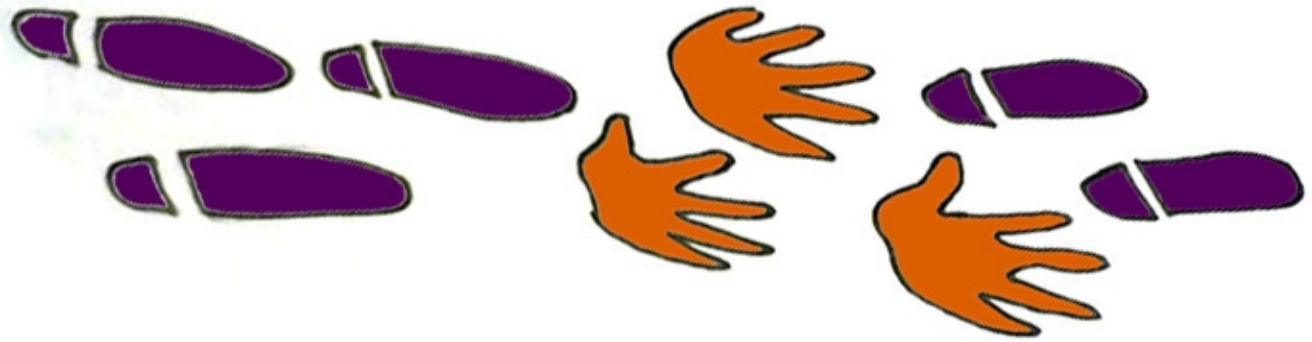
Now Rudy was glad, he knew just what to do  
He hitched up his donkey with some tape and some glue  
And Santa called out, "Onward Cupid, onward Blitzen,  
Onward little donkey, there are toys that need fixin'!"





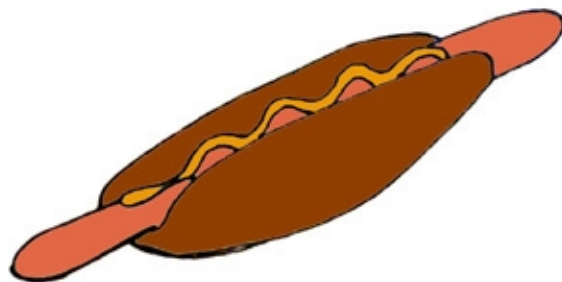
# Rumple Smilkscreen

Rumple Smilkscreen could never be seen  
His feet and his hair were invisible it seems  
And everything in-between



He used to walk down at the beach  
and makes footprints in the sand  
Sometimes he'd put his feet in the air and walk on his hands  
Leaving hand prints instead of footprints upon the land

He liked to play jokes on bullies and meanies  
He'd trip them and he'd trick them  
and pelt them with beanies  
He liked to cook dinner using mostly bun-length weenies



One day he was fishing with his invisible pole fisher  
When a really big fish jumped out of the swisher  
And it almost hit a lady but it barely just missed her



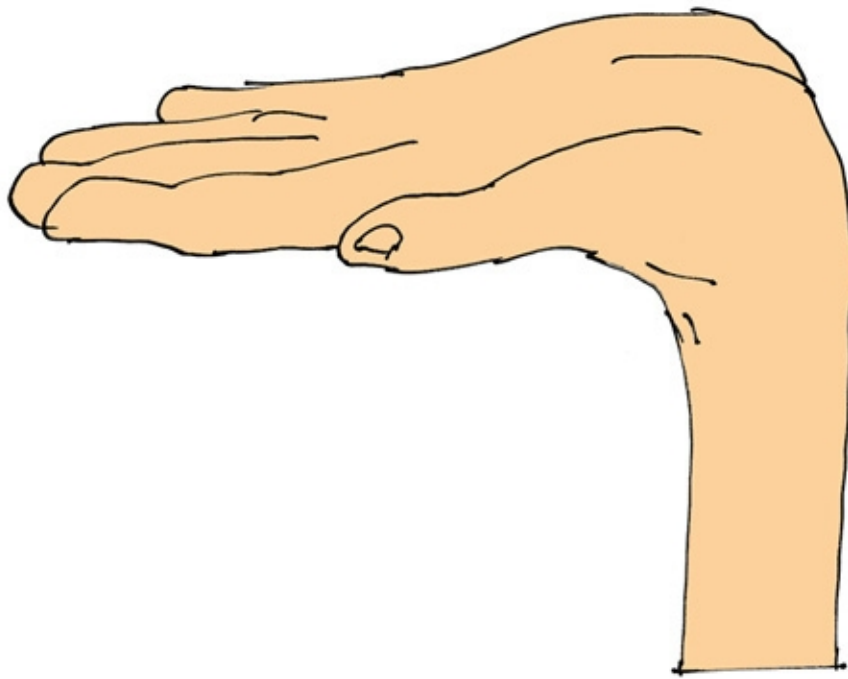
At last he was painting at Birkinstock out back  
When the paint can went falling off of the rack  
And Rumble became see-able in orange and black



At first he tried running but he slipped and he fell  
And he was surrounded by one hundred or more  
I couldn't really tell  
And some kid got excited and started to yell

The boy shouted out loud that all should come near  
The invisible man was standing right here  
So they came and they stared and it filled him with fear





But a funny thing happened, they started to cheer  
They smiled and they laughed and grinned ear to ear  
For they loved Rumple Smilkscreen and made it quite clear

They gave him a hat and a coat and a key to the city  
They thanked him for making their town very pretty  
And Miss Smurtle gave him an invisible kitty

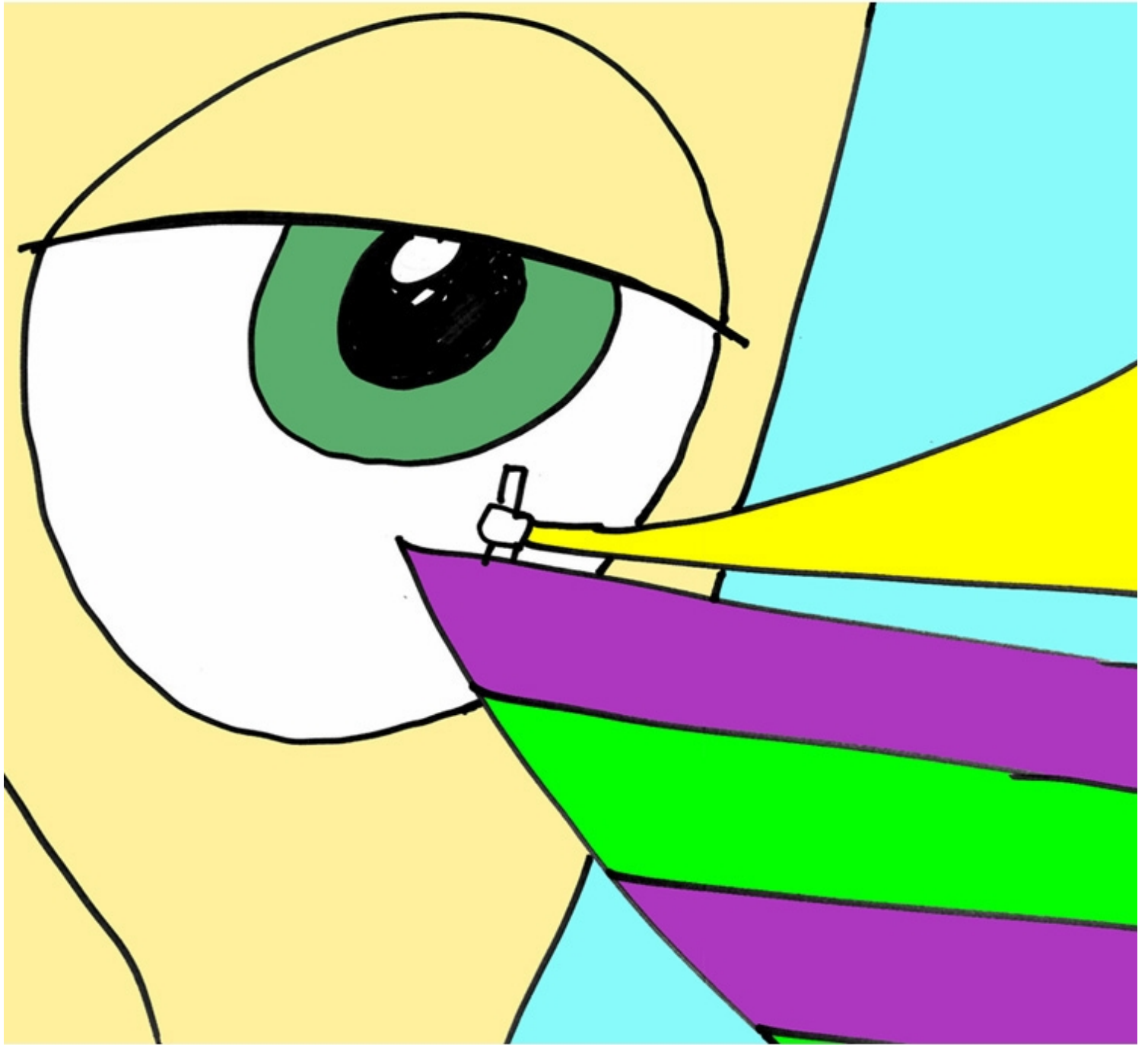


# *Commander Mic Flubbådub*

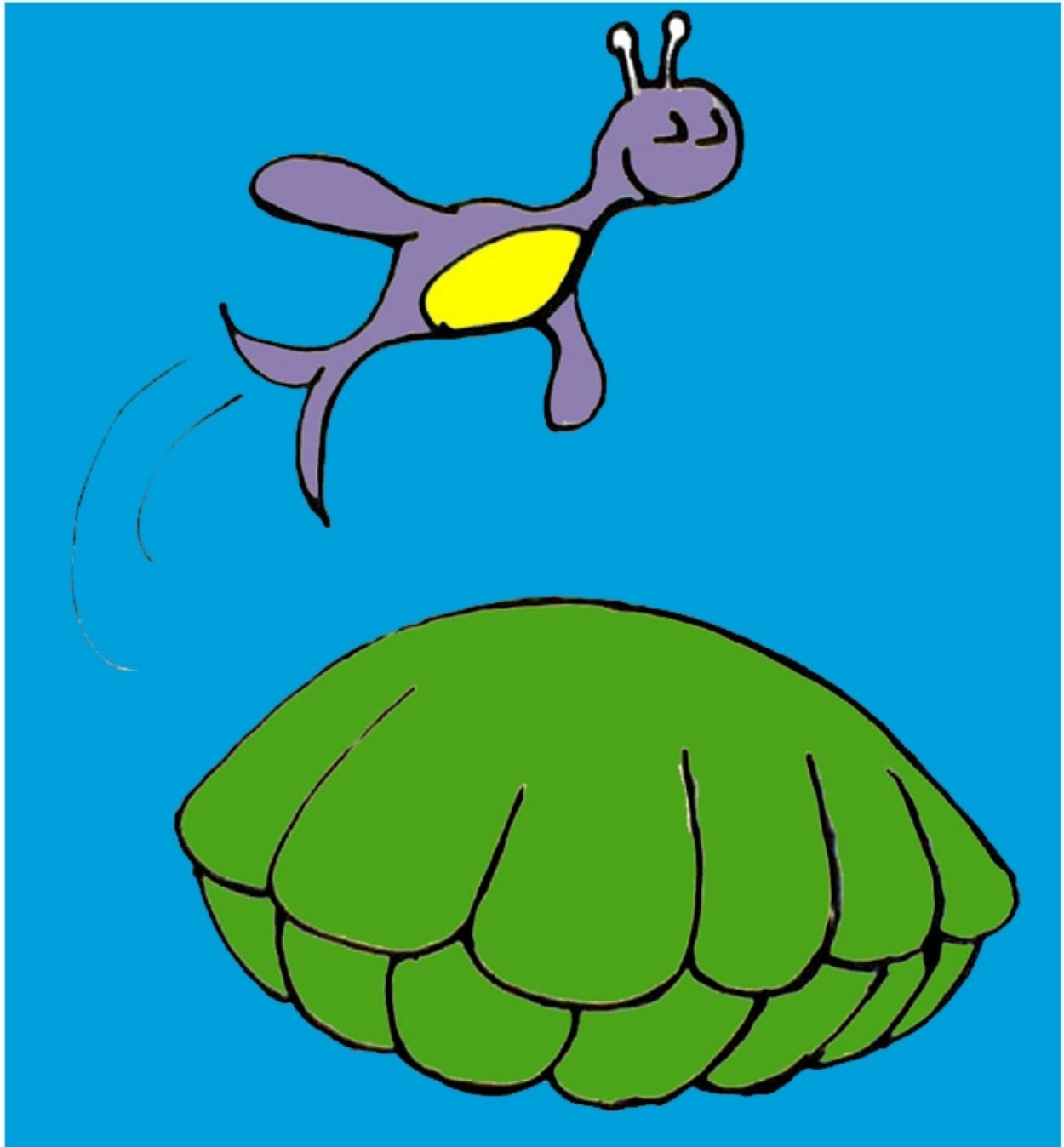
On a sea of blue near the island of Nots  
Commander Mic Flubbådub wore his pajamas with spots  
And he sailed on his boat that he named Miss Mandy  
And he drank purple fizzies with straws made of candy

To his surprise he saw a tiny ship sail  
It was maybe no bigger than a baby squirrel's tail  
So he slowed down his boat to get a closer peek  
And that's when he heard the funniest squeak

Somebody tiny down there on the deck  
Was singing a song like a singing song speck  
And he barely could hear what the little speck sang  
So he leaned even closer and the tiny voice rang



"I'm a little sailor on the Sea of Sandaree  
And I've got me a sea horse and a tail colored three  
I'm as happy as a Miff-Mitt that's just escaped from a clam  
I'm a brave little soldier yes that's what I am!"



So Commander Mic Flubbadub was delighted to find them  
And wondered how many miles had travelled behind them  
So he said to the little man down on the deck  
"Where are you going my little friend speck?"

The tiny sailor was startled but shouting he said  
"We've got many leagues to go mister Elephant Head  
The trip will takes years and some months I'm afraid  
All the way to the coast of Bim-Scatter-Ba-Raid"

"Bim-Scatter-Ba-Raid is not far for me at all  
I can get you there faster than someone so small"  
So he picked up the boat and placed it right on his shoulder  
And he turned to the west never hitting a boulder

In a few shorts hours he had sailed the whole way  
And the whole group of minature people shouted "Hooray!"  
But no gift they could give was large enough to be seen  
So they gave him their boat which was purple and green

So now the Commander sails with the boat on his hat  
And when other sailors see him they say,  
'Would you look at that?'





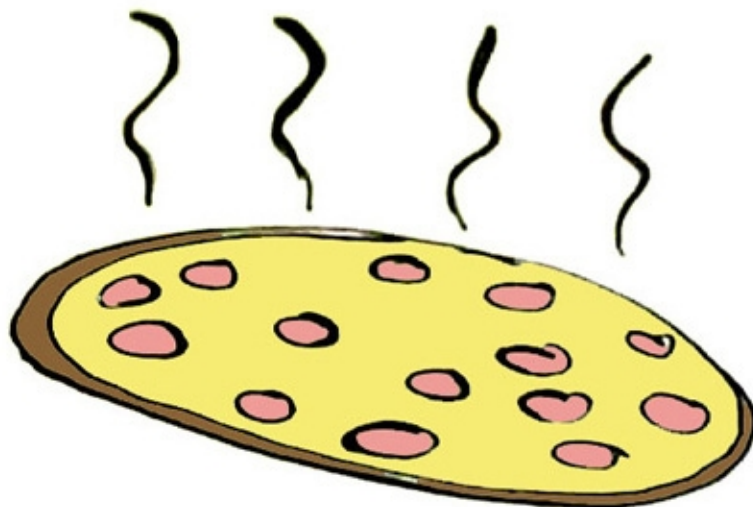
# *Pink Pepperoni*

There once was a girl named Heather Spumoni  
Who worked for her dad at the Parlor of Tony  
But she got tired of making pizza without any feeling  
So she stayed up one night and made something appealing

She added and stirred and she cooked and she baked  
She used every ingredient a chef ever made  
She chopped it and sliced it and served it up fine  
She was quite sure that her dad wouldn't mind

At lunch the next day the orders came in  
For pizza with sausage and cheese nice and thin  
But finally an order for pepperoni came through  
Heather Spumoni knew just what she'd do

She took out her special new original treat  
And she placed it right on the top nice and neat  
She hit the bell and the order went out  
She knew that the people would like it no doubt





Minutes went by and she waited with a smile  
When bang through the door came the waiter looking riled  
"You can't have a pizza with pink pepperoni!  
This isn't a pizza, this is a phony!"

And in walked the people and in walked her dad  
And they all looked at Heather who was looking quite sad  
"Try it you'll like it," said Heather, "If only  
you'll try just a bit of the pink pepperoni"

Slowly they all took a slice of the pink pepperoni  
Made by non-other than Heather Spumoni  
And opened their mouths and chewed it like mad  
And soon the whole restaurant was feeling real glad

For pink pepperoni is a wonderful treat  
And if you ever get a chance you really should eat  
Because it tastes like bubble gum and looks like baloney  
And now you know the tale of Heather Spumoni



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