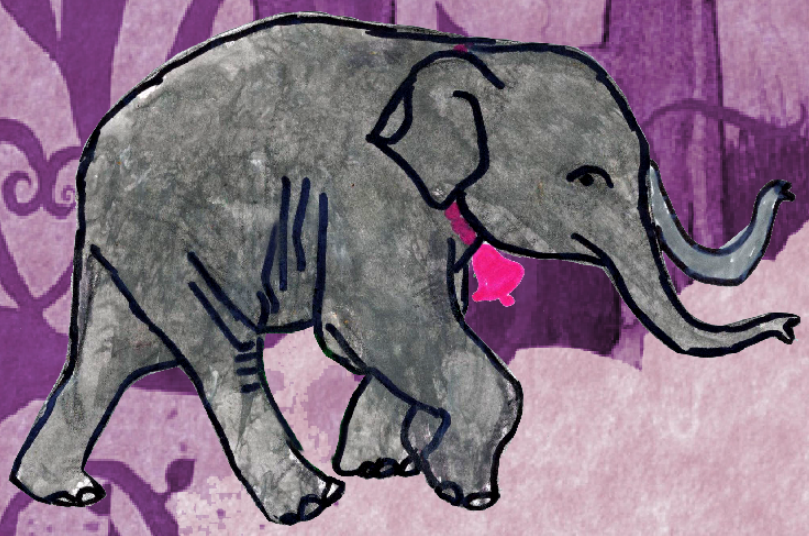

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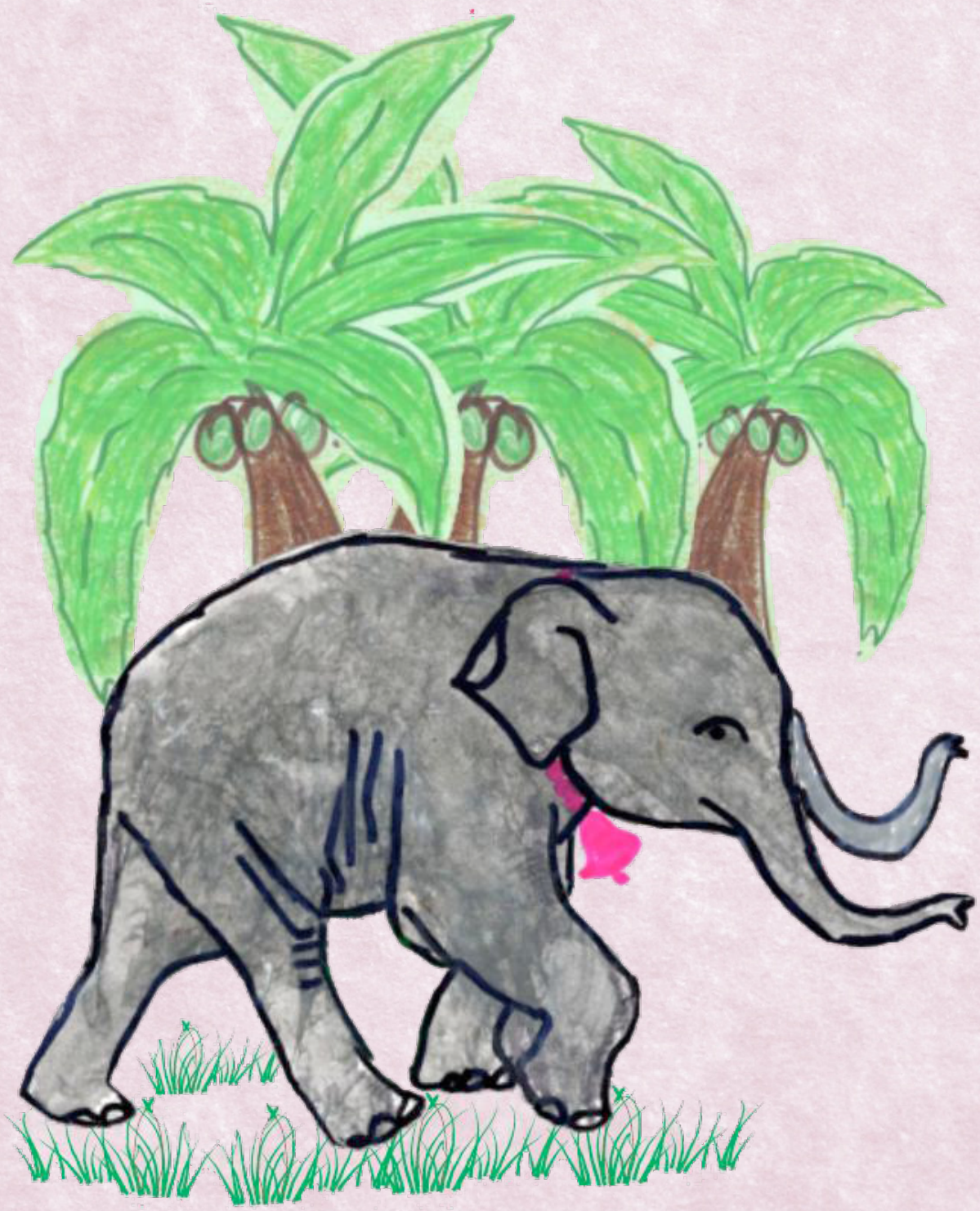

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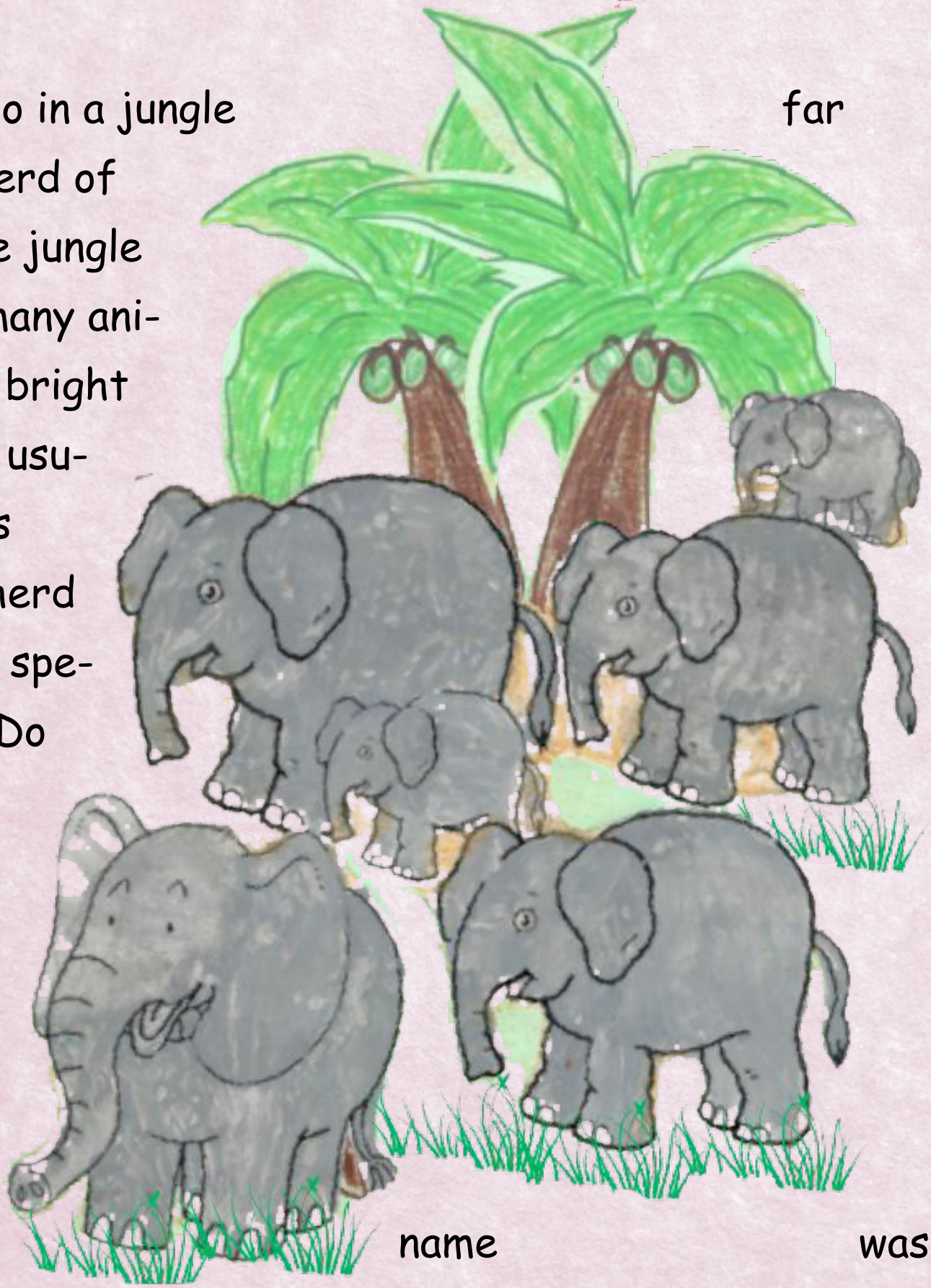
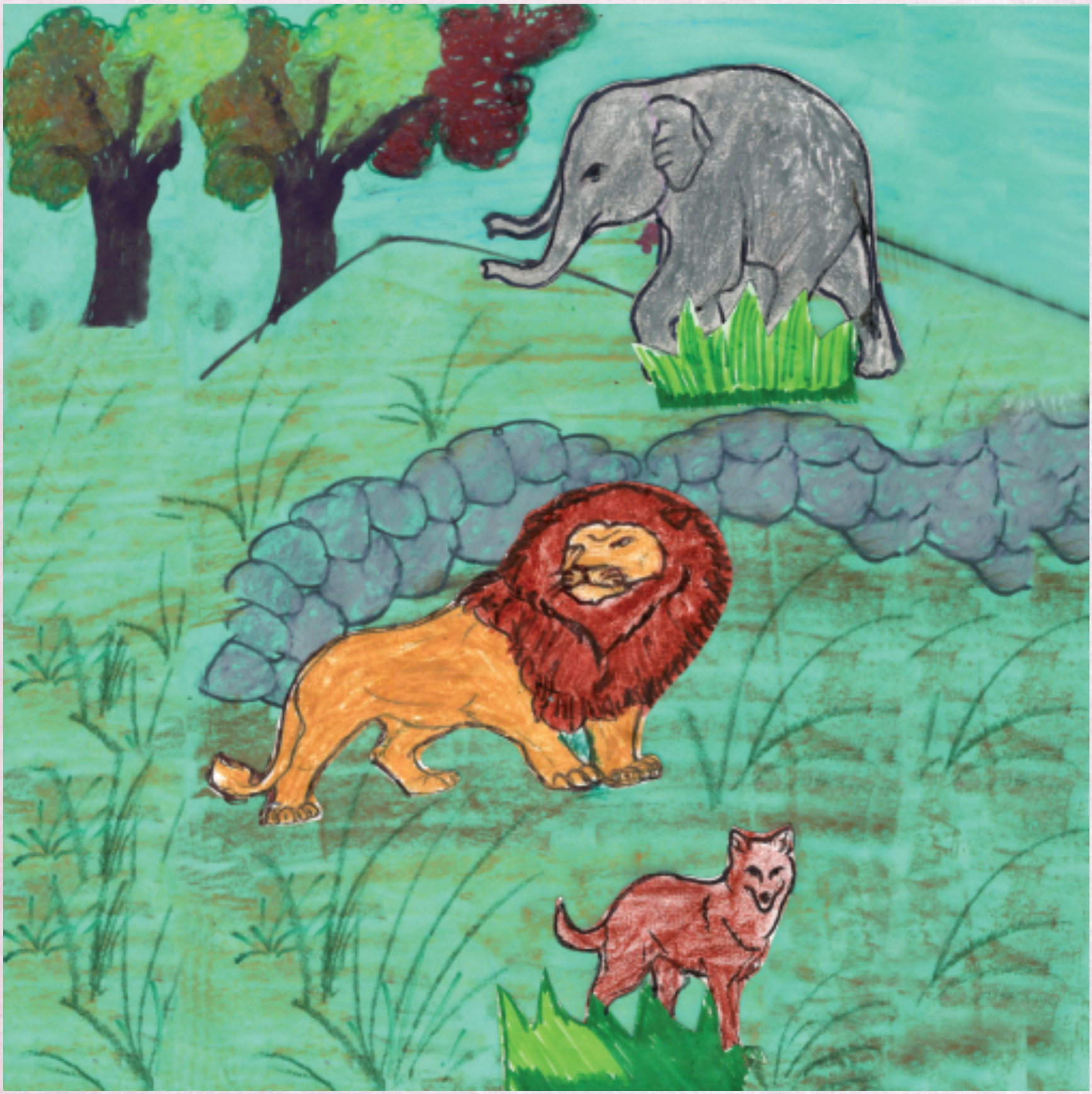
Ellie The Two Trunked Elephant



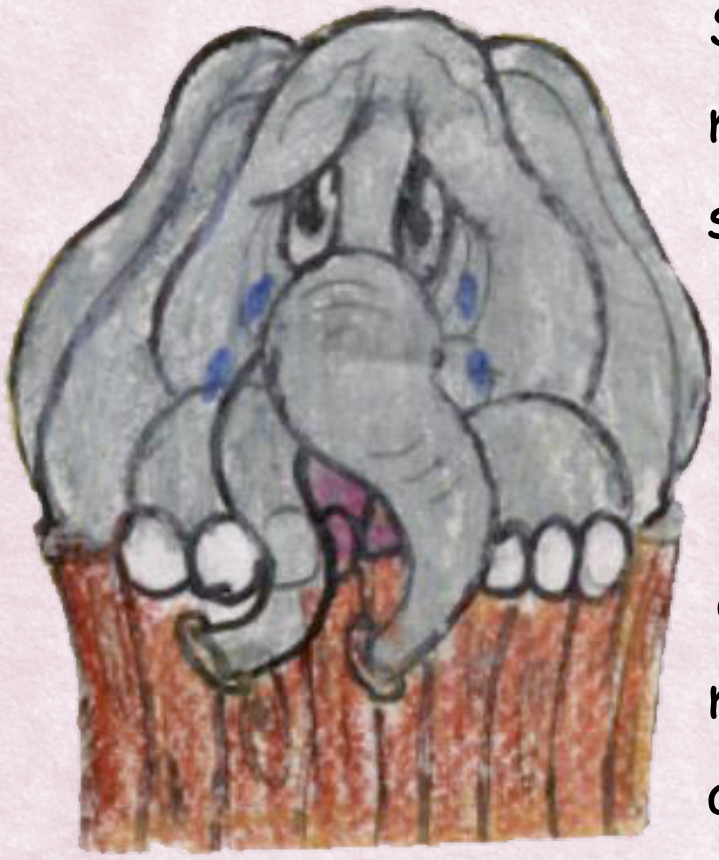
A long time ago in a jungle far away lived a herd of elephants. The jungle was home to many animals as it was bright and sunny and usually no hunters came. In the herd there was one special elephant. Do you want to know who it was?

It was a female elephant that had two trunks! Her name was Ellie. She was kind, playful, smart, helpful and very funny at times. Especially when she was happy.

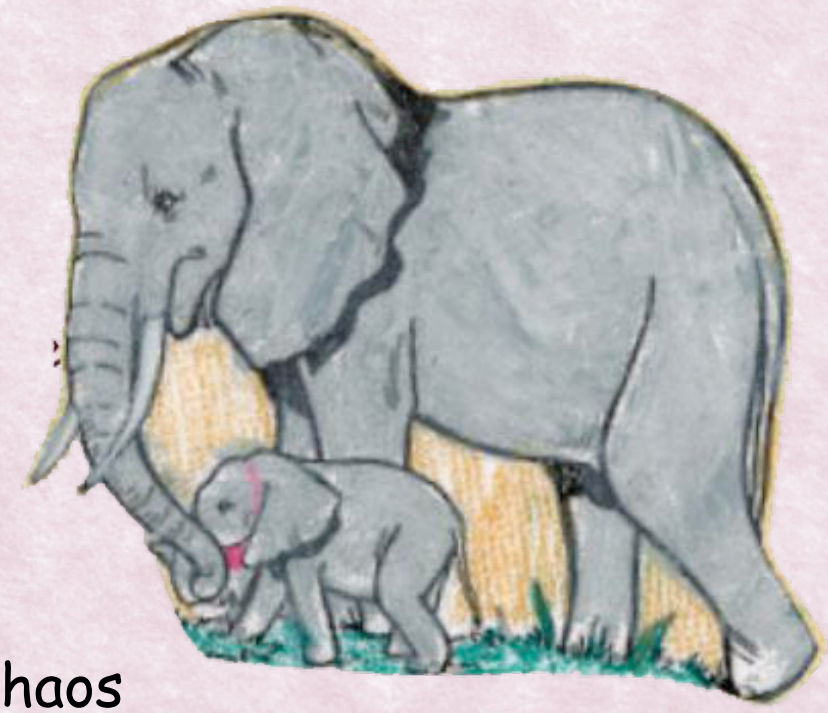


One day she went to see the King of the Jungle (the lion). His name was Maurice. Maurice hated messy things and anything different. Ellie had gone to tell the king that the leaves near her habitat were changing colour rapidly when it wasn't even close to autumn. The leaves were turning yellow, then red and orange before they wilted. She suspected foul play.

When Maurice the mean and shallow king saw Ellie he turned around to the mad Jester the jackal. Maurice told the jackal to send Ellie away where he wouldn't have to look at her. Sadly She walked away teased by the other animals.



She went back home in tears telling her mother all that had happened. Her mom said, "What is on the outside does not matter but what is inside counts. God has made us different but we all have the same heart. Each of us is special in our own way." Ellie thought that her mom was just telling her a passage from an elephant tale.



The next day Ellie was taking a walk near the stream when she saw her reflection. Ellie then understood why everyone teased her. But there was no time to feel sad, as there was chaos everywhere. There was chaos because there was a fire spreading rapidly. Everyone was running away except Ellie.

Ellie took up the risk of putting out the fire. She took some water from the stream into both her trunks and started to douse water on the fire. First it didn't work and the fire was very close to king Maurice but Ellie did not give up. She sprayed for at least one to two hours and finally the fire went out.

All the animals started to return to the big ground where usually they chatted. Everyone started to wonder who put out the fire and where it had come from till one monkey pointed to two hunters carrying guns and bombs. A wild hare pointed at the kings' den where there was a bomb.

The king had seen what had happened. He made his way through and got everyone's attention. He explained what had happened and after that everyone was kind and sweet to Ellie. As for the hunters, they were behind jungle bars.

The End.

BACK IN THE PAST

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Back In The Past

A long time ago there lived a clever magician. He always wore green clothes and a black hat. One day the magician decided to go camping in the woods. He took all his equipment, his sleeping bag and most importantly, his wand

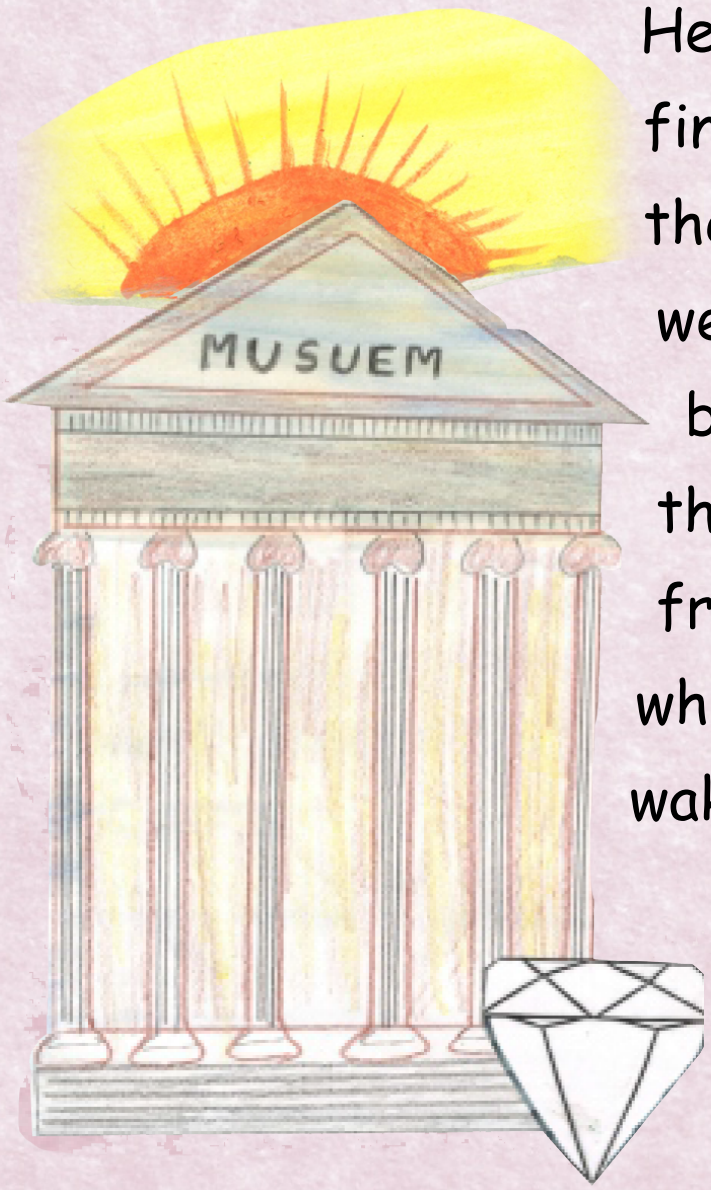
He lit a bonfire and ate toasted marshmallows, berries and slept. The morning after he was not that hungry. So he took all his equipment out of his bag and was ready to make something new. After sometime he was done. He had made a time machine!

A few minutes of admiration later he thought of pressing the button and seeing what followed. As he was extremely confident that nothing would go wrong, he pressed the button and travelled back to the past. He was now a young boy but still had his wand and some equipment with him.

In the past, he met many strange and weird creatures that he asked for help. He kept on looking, meeting and finding strange and weird creatures but no one helped him.

After a while he found a one eyed monster that asked him to solve a riddle, which would help him return to the present. The riddle said – Across the shiny sun and across the sea lays a museum with a diamond prism. So go there now and fast and if you don't you will remain in the past. The magician didn't know what to do so he kept going over it in his head repeatedly. At last he understood the riddle.

He walked and walked and walked till he saw the Dead Sea. He had some leftover equipment that he used to make a canoe. He sailed across the sea till he saw land and he looked above and saw the setting sun. The magician used his wand to create a pair of binoculars. He used the binoculars to see if there was any museum. First he looked on the right towards the east but he didn't find the museum. So he looked at the left towards west and to his surprise he found it. He was thrilled.



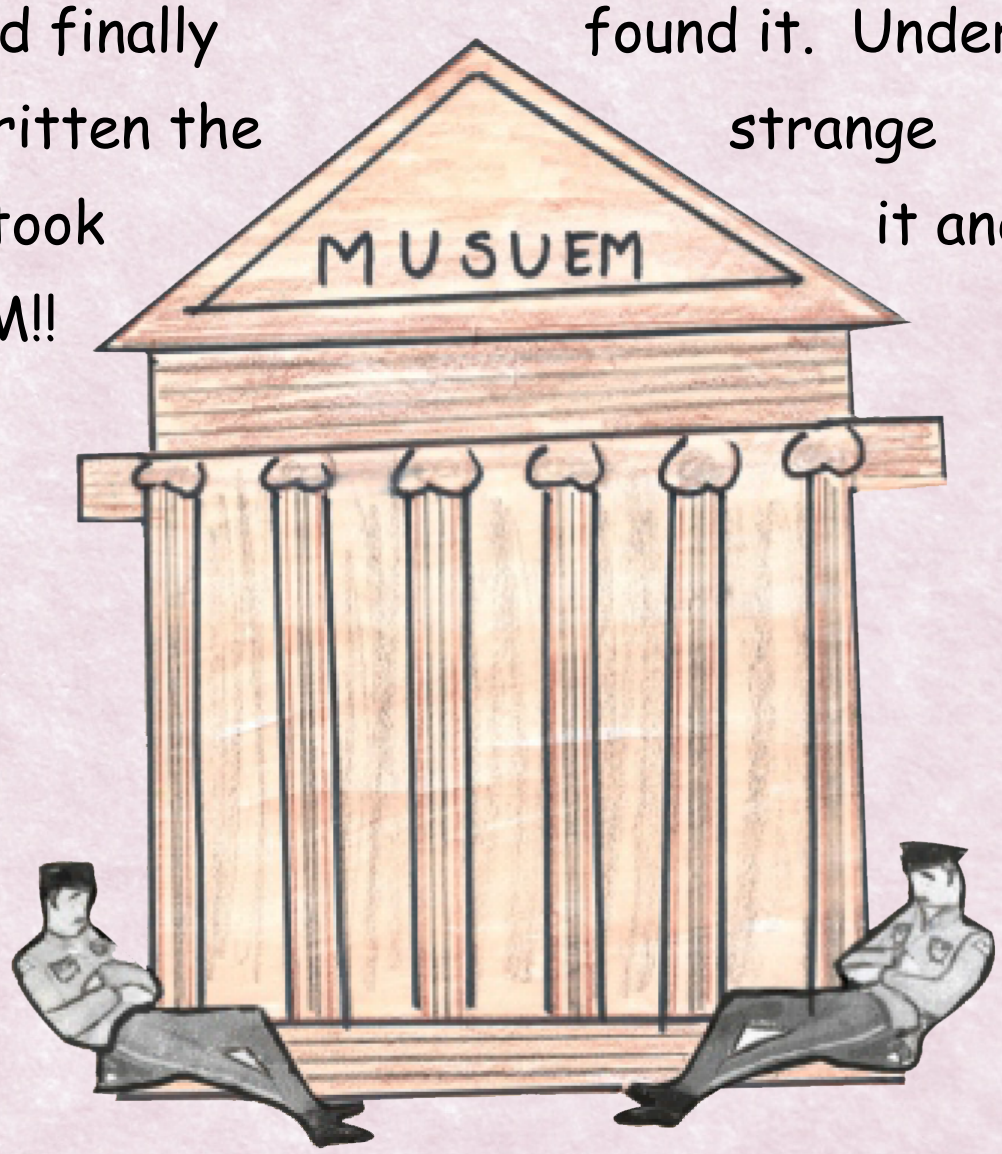
He ran to the museum gate but to find the guards sleeping. He thought the guards wouldn't wake up if he went in and took the prism. Luckily before he stepped inside he saw that there were sign posted on the front gate. The sign said – 'Anyone who puts their foot on the floor wakes up the guards instantly'.

So the magician thought that if he could fly he would not wake up the guards.

He had a doubt about it but also thought that if someone put foot on the floor it would wake up the guards, but if he flew, it was not touching the ground. The magician had no choice but to try it out.

He took out his wand and made a magic carpet. He rode on the magic carpet and through the gate. He thought he would fail and get captured but luckily his plan worked! The magician flew all around the museum and finally found it. Under the diamond prism was written the strange words – " AB AABB." He took it and said the words and ZOOM!!

He was back.



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The Chameleon Princess

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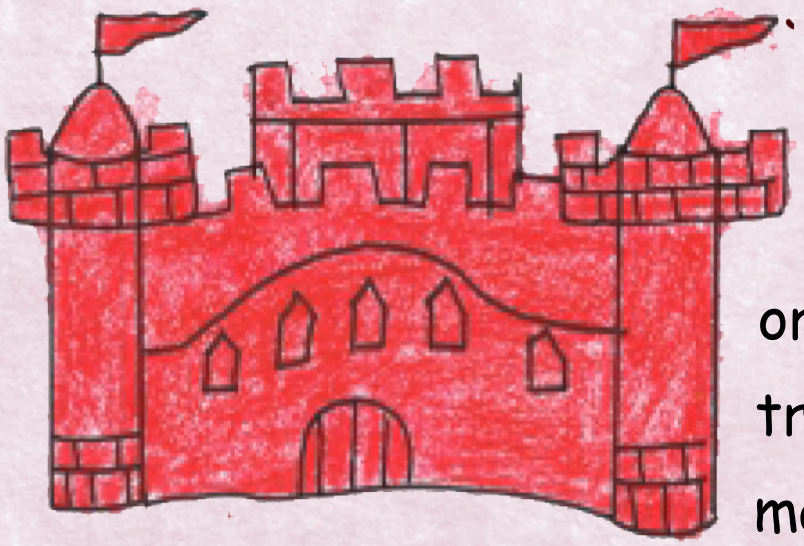
The Chameleon Princess

A long time ago there once was a beautiful princess who lived in a castle. This was no ordinary castle, whenever there was something bad inside the castle would turn red and when something was good the castle would turn yellow. The princess's name was Alina. She was tall, thin, smart, kind and very pretty.

One day on a Sunday morning came a witch who was hiding behind a tree, in the Royal gardens. Although she was a mean and wicked witch she had light skin and blonde hair. She had come to the castle to find princess Alina. She had heard that princess Alina was becoming very popular because in few days she would be made the princess of earth for her kindness .The witch didn't want that to happen.

She took the form of a lady and then suddenly became invisible. She went to the castle door and did some magic. She was in without the door opening and the castle immediately turned red. She had heard that the castle would change colour depending on the good or bad people inside the castle. She tried her magic but the castle remained red.



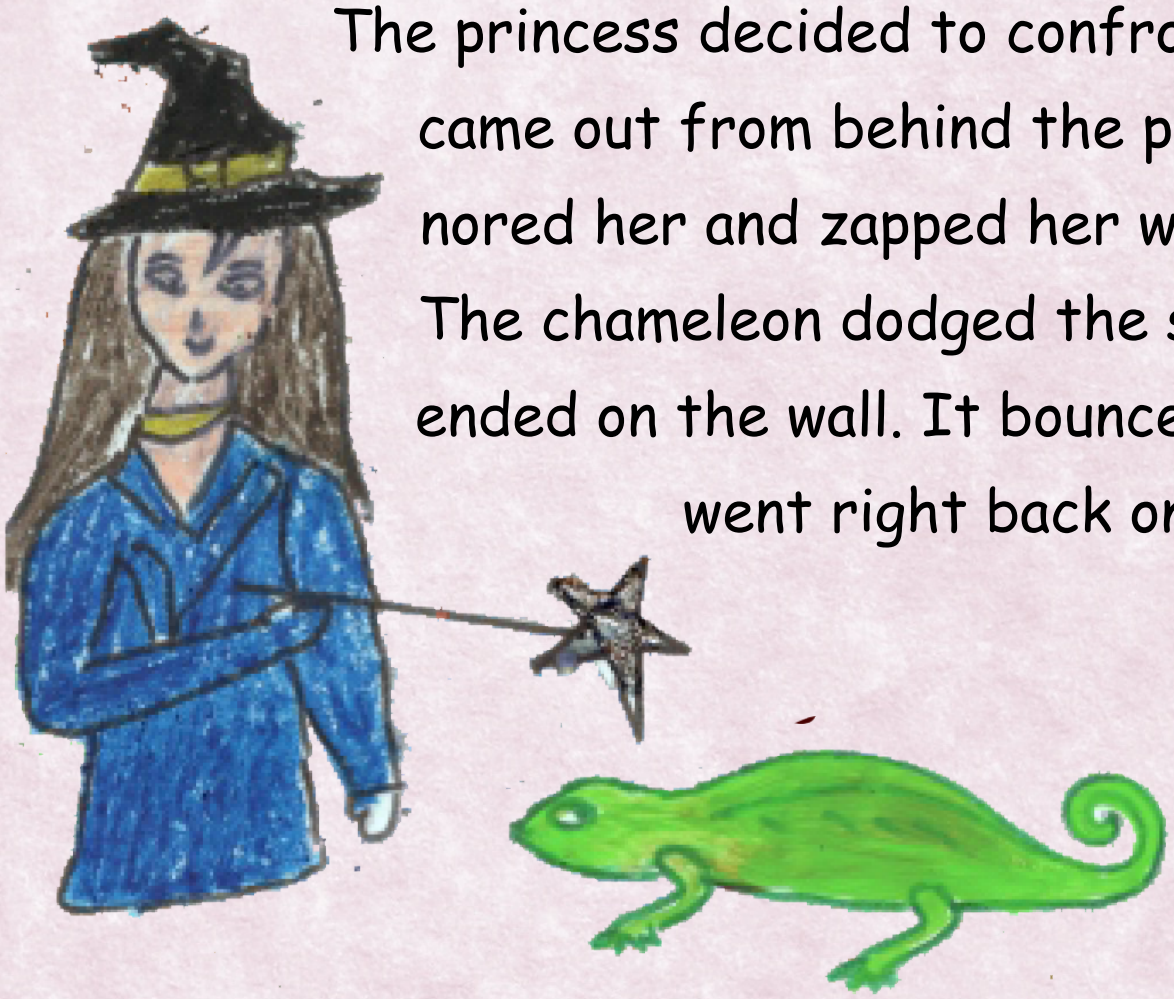
In the castle she took the form of a lady again. She asked one of the helper where the princess was and he said, "Look in the bedroom." She went to the bedroom to find the princess sleeping. She took her black wand with a silver star and made the princess a chameleon!

When the princess woke up the witch was gone. The helper knocked on the door to inform her the re-porter had come to take her inter-view. When he came inside the room he saw a chameleon on the princess's bed and screamed. He took a broom and started chasing the chame-leon. The Princess who was now the chameleon ran hel-ter skelter, she wondered why her helper was run-ning after her with a broom. Suddenly she saw herself in her dressing mir-ror, and then realized what had happened.

She ran to the balcony, jumped on a bush and climbed the nearest mango tree. By now the entire castle staff was looking for the princess high and low. Hearing some of her staff approach she camouflaged herself with the mangoes on the tree. High above on the tree she saw that someone who looked just like her human princess form was walking towards the castle. She smelt mischief.

She was scared but faced her fear and followed the imposter into her room. She saw her friend, the cook's niece approach the imposter saying, "Princess the castle has turned red." The witch who was now the princess didn't listen and told her to back off.

The princess decided to confront the witch and came out from behind the pillar. The witch ignored her and zapped her wand at the chameleon. The chameleon dodged the spell and the spell ended on the wall. It bounced off the wall and went right back on the witch.



The witch was trapped and the princess was back. Nothing could be better as everyone was happy and mellow. Again the palace was yellow. The castle was full of stars and the cranky witch was sent to Mars.

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A WEIRD WAKE UP

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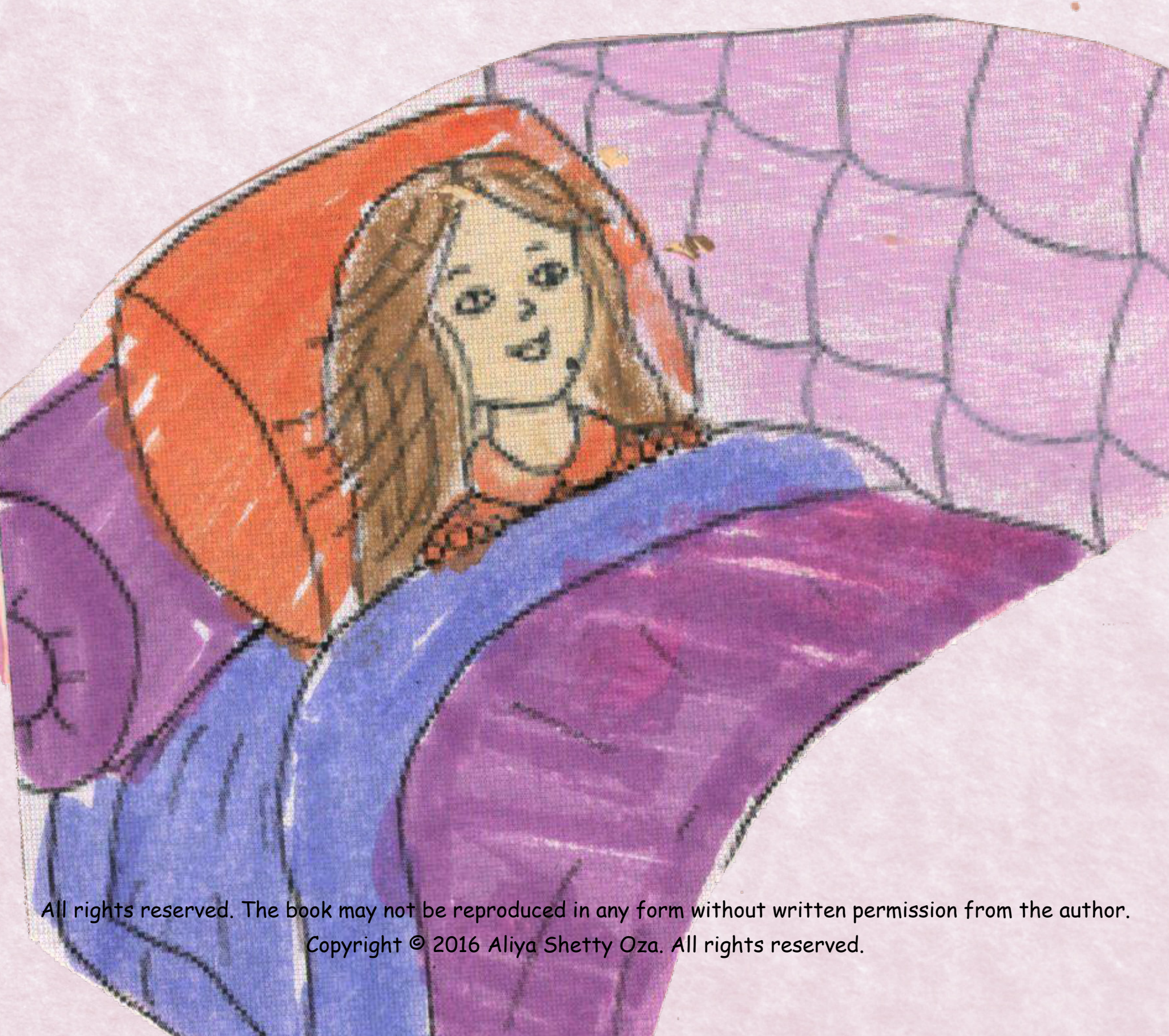

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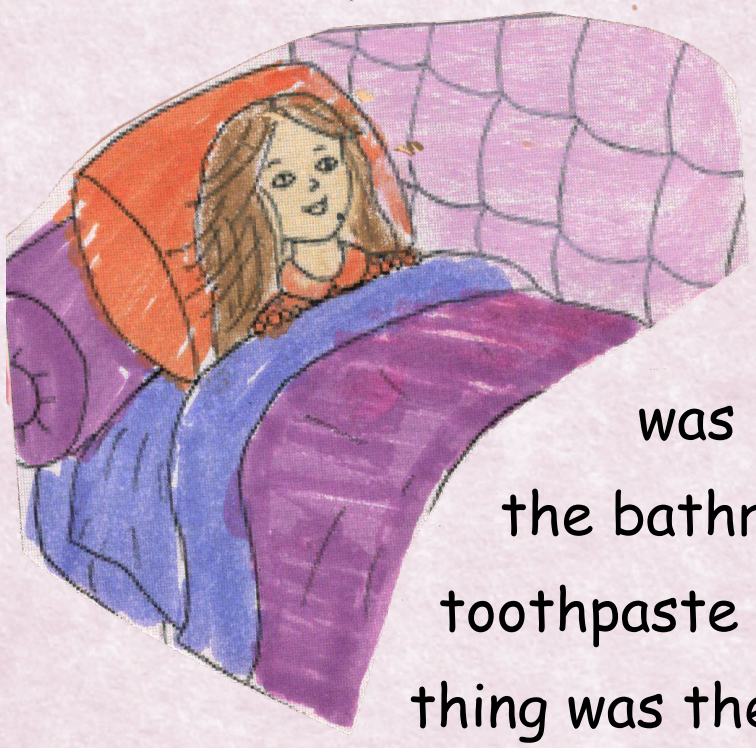
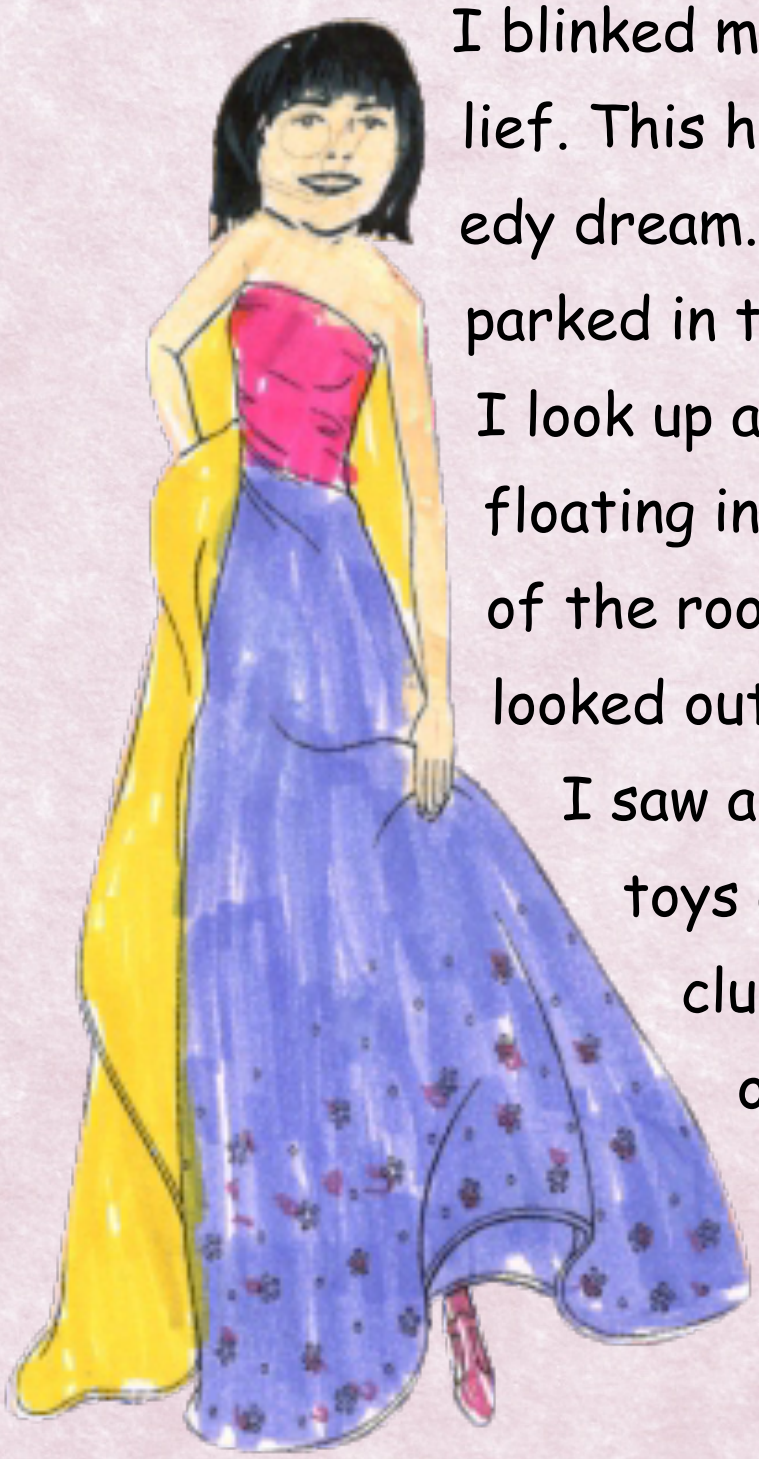
A weird wake up



Today was the strangest day of my whole life. When I woke up, it was raining inside my room! I went to the bathroom to brush my teeth and the toothpaste was black instead of white! Everything was the opposite. First, I put on my shoes. Then I pulled on my socks over them, and my shorts over my T-shirt.

Oh no! I reached the breakfast table and had a tremendous shock of my life! The orange juice was solid and the glass of water was colourful. The food was kept on paper instead of plates. I screamed loudly "Gross!" But that was not all the chairs of the table

Suddenly I noticed my dog had grown whiskers and started to say "Meow, meow." Just then my mom came in wearing my dad's clothes and speaking in a gruff voice. What is going on in my house! Later my Dad came in wearing my mum's long dress and spoke in her voice. I thought I was goingg to faint.



I blinked my eyes in disbelief. This had to be a comedy dream. The car was parked in the guestroom. I look up and saw clouds floating in the ceiling of the room. As I looked out of the window I saw all my clothes, toys and furniture including the pillows outside in the garden.

Suddenly I felt everything shake. I assumed an earthquake hit me and I could feel the tremors. Just then I heard somebody shouted my name. I realized it was my Mum.

Oh! Thank God, it was only a nightmare or maybe not.

The End.

TALL STORY
THE TWO HEADED LION

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Tall Story
The Two Headed Lion

Once upon a time in a jungle lived a two-headed lion. The lion was always very sad because the other animals teased him. One day he went to the pond and saw how he looked.

He looked so different from the pride (a lot of lions).

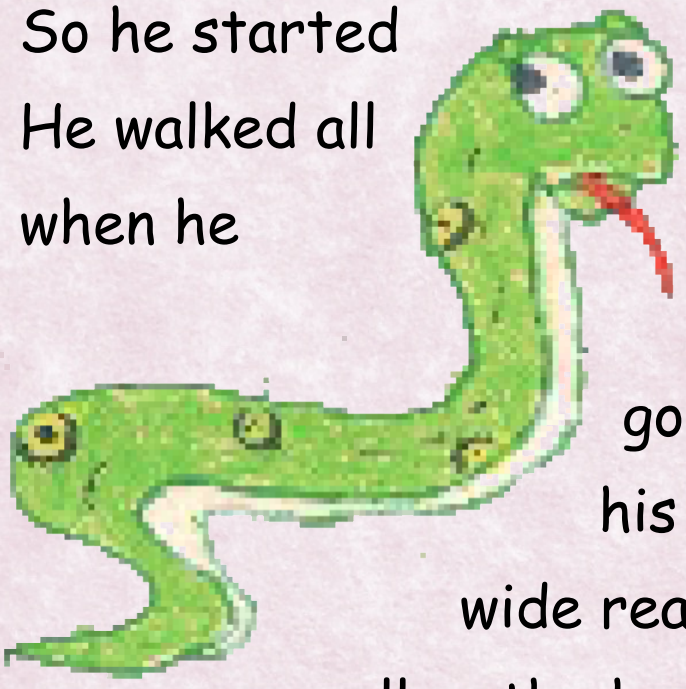
He tried to bite off his second head couldn't because of his two heads. He could not even eat or drink water properly.

He went to the Old Willow Oak Tree.

She told him that there is an antidote that can make two heads into one head but he had to reach get the antidote before full moon night, which was only two days away.

The lion asked her where it could be found. She said it could only be found in an ancient shell lying in a glass case near the Ancient Wardrobe Museum. The lion asked her where that could be found but she just disappeared.

So he started his walk to search for the museum. He walked all day and all night. The next morning when he started his search he found a small little wild hare shivering. A humongous greenish black python was opening his jaws wide ready to swallow the hare.



The two-headed lion stopped to save the hare. He frightened the Python with his majestic roar. The hare was still shivering but very grateful.

He was very late but continued his journey. He followed the full moon in the sky. At last he found the museum. He started searching for the shell everywhere and finally found it. He quickly opened the cork and started drinking the antidote.

Then slowly his one head dis-
appeared. He felt so
happy. He now looked like
the rest of the pride and
all lived happily ever after.
The moral of the story if
you do good deeds, good will
come back to you.

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KELLY AND KITTY

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Kelly and Kitty

Kelly loved her Kitty and her kitty loved her. They like to play in the bright sun. Kelly felt jubilant whenever she won or succeeded in games they played.

One day she lost her cat. Kelly searched high and low but just couldn't find her kitty. She asked every Tom, Dick and Harry but there was no sign of Kitty.

Finally she was very tired and exhausted and returned home. She thought she would never see Kitty again. Then suddenly she heard an eerie sound. It was coming from the study room.

She was frightened but still slowly walked towards the door. She was sure it was a burglar but actually it turned out to be kitty.

Kitty jumped on Kelly's' favourite chair and rubbed her face against Kelly. Kelly smiled from ear to ear. All was well again.

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SILVER MIST
THE GUARDIAN UNICORN

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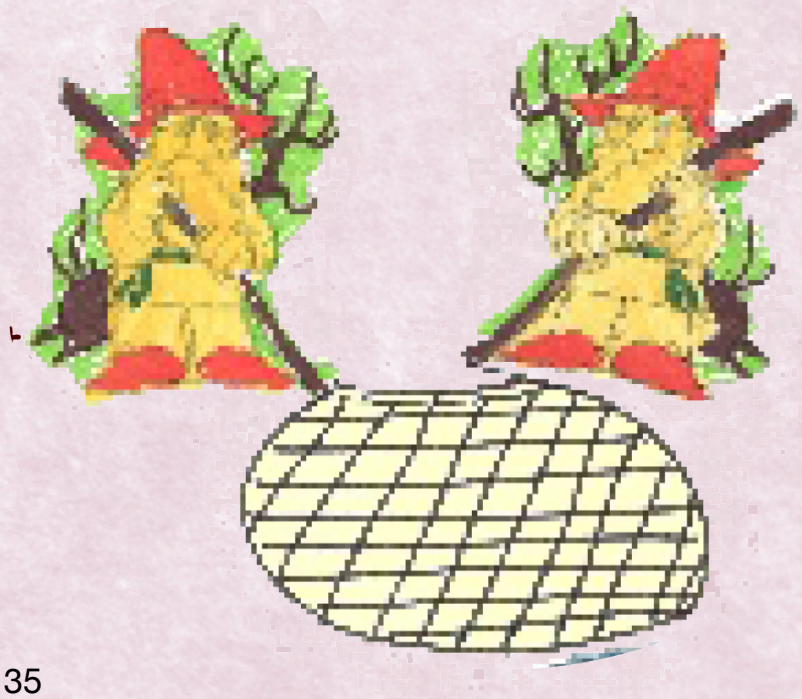
Silver Mist
The Guardian Unicorn

High up in the mountains, lived a unicorn called Silver Mist. Silver Mist was the guardian of the mountain forest and all its creatures. Silver Mist was big and beautiful with shiny silver blue wings and had a glitter silver glossy mane. She had magical powers to help keep the forest safe. She kept her powers in her colourful horn. All the other creatures felt safe and protected by her and whenever a creature saw Silver Mist, they would bow to her as if she were their queen.

One fine day Silver Mist saw two mountain children coming her way. She thought they were nice children but to her surprise they were terrible! She was horrified to see them pluck flowers and leaves and pick up sticks from the ground and draw on the barks of trees. She could hear the trees crying and feel their pain. The evil little boy had caught a chipmunk in a butterfly net. The chipmunk was scared and was trying to escape.

Silver Mist got really angry at the sight. She used her horn to get the animals to safety. She put the flowers and the leaves back on the trees and made sure the trees were not affected by the children drawing on them. The children were amazed. The unicorn told the children "We have only one planet and why should we misuse its resources, when we can make most of it right now and keep it safe for us and the future generations. Remember, all living creatures feel pain just like you do."

The children ran away feeling ashamed. As they ran, they heard a gun shot and assumed it was fired at them. They hid behind a bush. They saw two poachers trapping Silver Mist in a huge net. The children saw Silver Mist struggling in the net. Silver Mist tried using her horn to escape, but she needed to be free for her powers to work.



The children had a plan. They approached the twin poachers and told them a white lie. The children said, "Go to the Magical Meadow and you will find many magical creatures there." The poachers were tricked by their greed and foolishness and asked for directions. The children said "Go straight, take two lefts and then three rights. You will find a cave behind a waterfall. Cross the cave and you will find a meadow full of unicorns." Silver Mist understood it was a trick and played along. She pretended to beg the children not to lead the way to the Magical Meadow.

The poachers, in their greed, hurried away. The children helped Silver Mist escape. Silver Mist was very thankful to the children and made a souvenir for the children to remember her by and said that they were always welcome to the mountain forest. The poachers, who were wandering and searching for the magical meadow, got lost and were never seen or heard of again. All was "Uni"-Good again!

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THE STRANGE ADVENTURE

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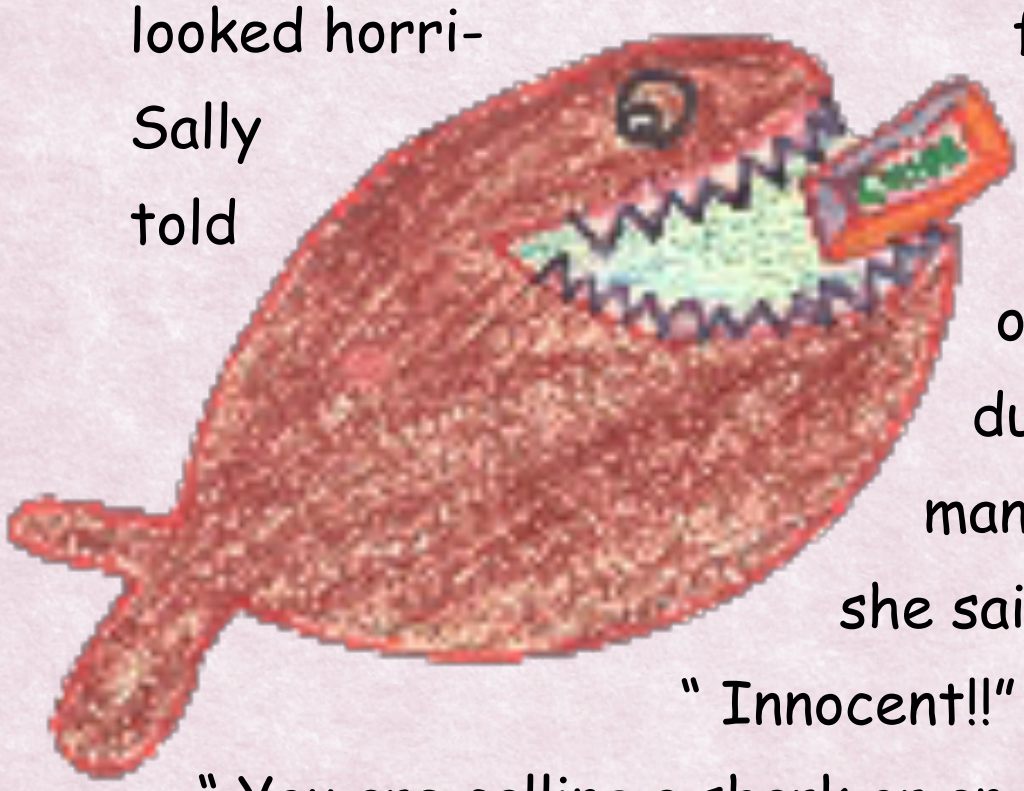
The Strange Adventure

One bright and sunny morning, Judy and Sally, who lived by the Arabian Sea, wanted to go out on a boat. Judy, Sally and their parents went on a boat. Their parents were enjoying the view while Judy and Sally were eating chips from a packet Judy had brought from home.

Once they finished eating, Judy tried to distract Sally but it didn't work. When Judy thought she had succeeded, she quickly threw the wrapper into the ocean and a big fish swallowed it thinking it was sea plankton. Little did she know that Sally was watching. Judy quickly looked behind and tried to make polite conversation with Sally but Sally looked horrified. Judy looked sheepish. Sally was angry with Judy and told her off for littering the ocean. "The ocean is not a dustbin but a place where many innocent animals live " she said.



" Innocent!!" snapped Judy.

" You are calling a shark or an octopus innocent?"

" Yes " – said Sally. Sally went on to say " Animals don't mean to or want to harm us in any way, but if we threaten them they obviously will defend themselves.

Suddenly the weather turned gloomy and the sea rough and choppy. Judy didn't notice the change in the sea and walked off towards the railing of the boat. " Don't go…" said Sally, but Judy ignored. The boat tool a tip and Judy fell into the ocean. Sally quickly called her parents.

By now, Judy was unconscious. In her state of unconsciousness she dreamt of being pilled deep into the ocean by the same big fish she saw swallowing the plastic wrapper. She struggled on her way down to the bottom of the sea, but in vain. She saw her chip packet and many other things like coke cans, plastic bottles floating in the water with small fishes stuck inside.

Finally at the bottom of the ocean, they reached the Sea Queen's gigantic sea castle. The Sea Queen was sitting on her throne. She said, " You humans have no shame. You are destroying our natural habitat and don't even care." Judy was weeping and felt ashamed. Just then she saw people shouting her name and pressing her stomach. She spat out a lot of water and realized it was all a dream.

This taught her that if we litter, the place becomes bitter and animals jitter. So we should not litter to make earth fitter.

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GUMMY BEARS

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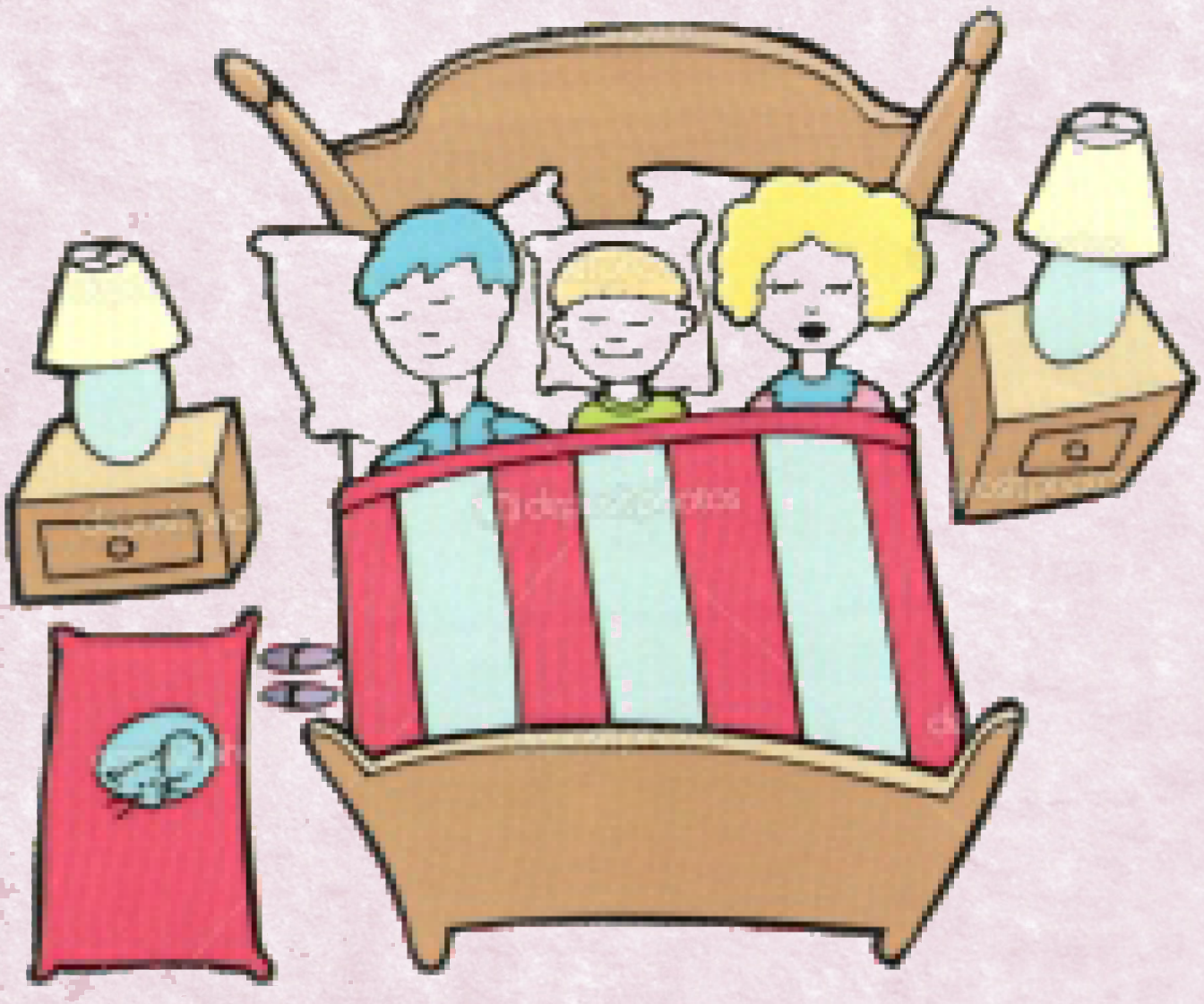
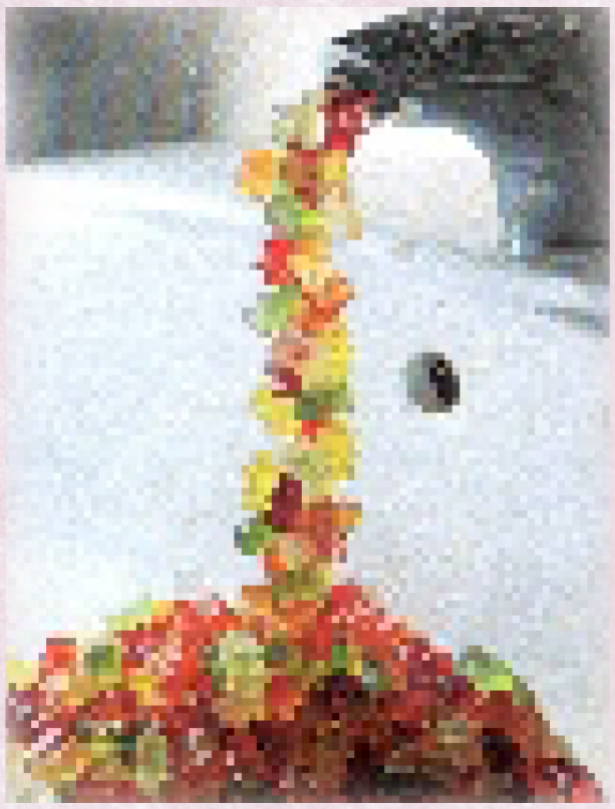
Gummy Bears

A few days ago something weird happened at home. Do you want to know? Well then lets begin the story! My family and I were asleep and I woke up to a strange noise. I got out of bed and woke my parents up. We checked everywhere but did not see anything suspicious. So we all went back to bed.



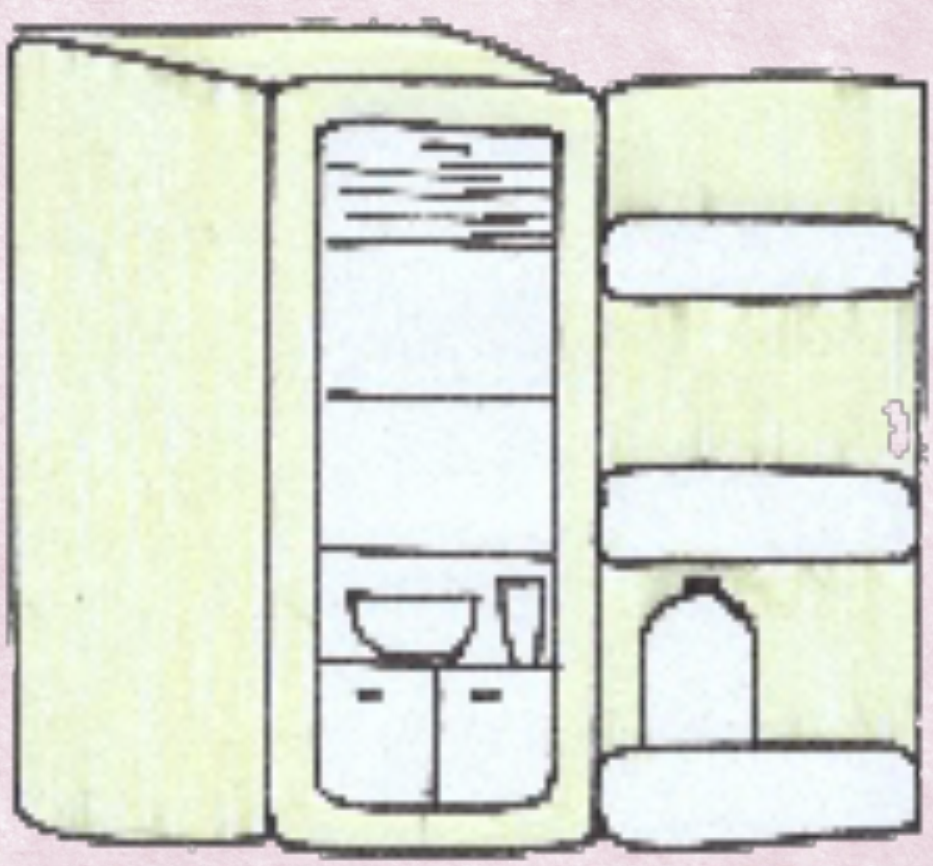
The next morning when I went to brush my teeth I was in for the shock of my life! The tap had gummy bears flowing out of it instead of water! Wow! I went to check if any other tap had weird things flowing out of it. When I checked, all taps had gummy bears flowing out of them. That was not all that happened. A few minutes later my sister came into the room saying I put gummy bears in her basin. What a coincidence!



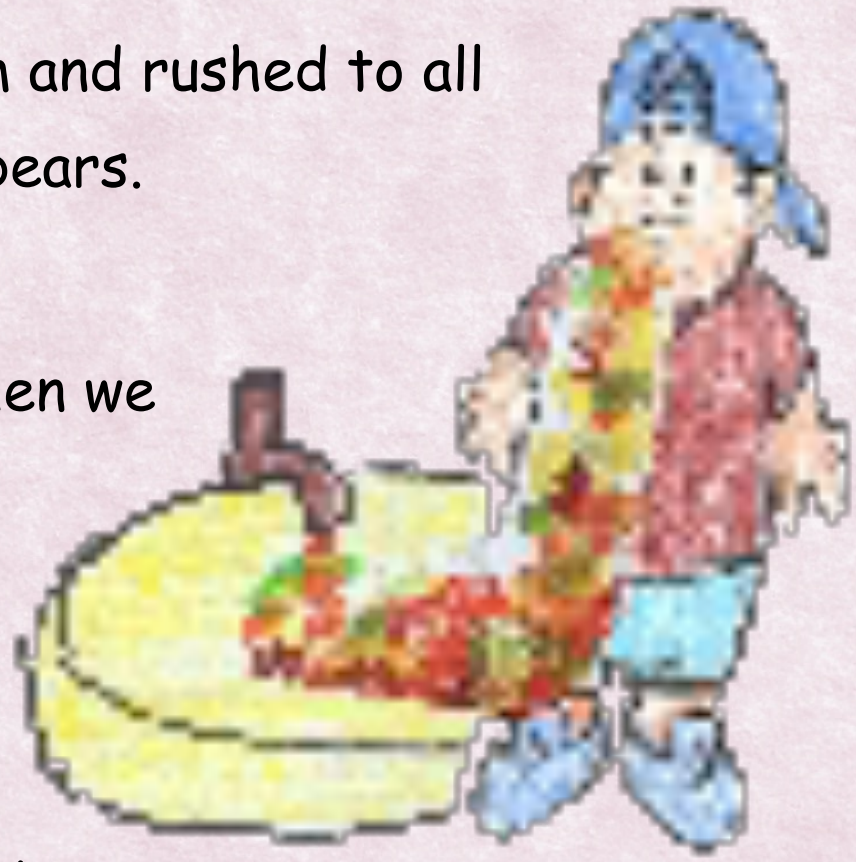
The same thing continued for the next few days. Everyday more and more gummy bears came. None of us could stand it. So I told my parents to call a plumber. They did but the plumber did not see what the problem was, there were no gummy bears just water in the taps.

We now knew what the problem was; the gummy bears flowed out of the tap only at night and we did not know how to solve it. I told everyone to relax and think about something else. So mom decided to call our cousin Frank over. So the following day Frank came and we said our Hi's and Hello's. I told him, "Our tap has gummy bears flowing out of it cousin! We need to fix this problem immediately as it is turning out to be a nuisance!" Frank was amazed.

He decided to spend the night in our house. Little did we know that Frank was famished. In the middle of the night he woke up and tiptoed to the kitchen. He opened the fridge to find nothing. He walked back to the bed but from the corner of his eye he saw the gummy bears in the basin .He ate them all but was still hungry.



He remembered what I told him and rushed to all basins and gobbled the gummy bears.



He was so fat. Next morning when we went to brush our teeth the gummy bears were gone and no more came at night, all thanks to Frank. Everyone gave Frank a little pat. Frank was felt happy but was sad too as he looked like a fat cat.

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GOOD VERSUS BAD

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Good versus Bad.

It was a beautiful morning and everyone was at work. The six fairies Flora, Nusa, Aisha, Amelia, Stella and Techna who called themselves the Teenix opened up a shop called 'Love and Pet'.

They were gifted with powers that they used to help people in solving problems. At the shop you could see pets, buy a pet of your own or get your pet treated from the vet. One could also see pets dancing and enjoying music!

Mitsi the fairy along with her two friends Dharma and Sally did not like the Teenix very much. They were annoyed at the Teenix for beating them at the magic quiz in school. They marched into 'Love and Pet' without standing in the queue. As they entered the shop, Amelia shouted at them for not following queue.

The girls left in anger, just then they saw the road getting darker. They were shocked to see the sunny road turn dark all of a sudden. They tried looking for another way home but got surrounded by a whole lot of bugs. Yikes! They started running but came to a halt when four wizards appeared in front of them. The wizards looked like odd creatures.

Mitsi shouted, “If you are trying to scare us, you are doing a pretty good job”. The wizards ignored her and asked, “You dislike the Teenix, right?”

"Yes!" said the girls. The wizards then asked them, "Do you want to be better then them?"

This time too the three girls answers were “Yes” but with a little more enthusiasm than the previous one. The three girls had no idea what they were getting into.

The wizards gave them powers but they were negative. The girls were fine with it. They liked their powers but they had to know the right way of using them. The wizards helped them with that. After a lot of practice, the girls finally figured out how to use the powers.

One evening, Mitsi and her friends who were confident of using their powers decided to hurt innocent people for fun! After a while of troubling people, the girls decided to blast the road so no one could cross over. The bang was loud! The Teenix heard it and rushed towards the sound. They saw Mitsi and her friends attacking people and enjoying it. The Teenix didn't like the sight and used their powers to stop Mitsi and her friends.

The fight was a long one and many fairies got hurt in the process! Finally the Teenix won and were able to stop Mitsi and her friends from doing any further damage. The Teenix successfully got Mitsi and her friends back to normal! Mitsi and her friends apologized for their behaviour and everyone was happy again!

The End.

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