

FIRST PRIZE

A Blind Boy

Once upon a time, there was a boy who was walking down an alley and didn't know where he was going. So he went home. And he said to his mom, "How can you make it so I can see again?"

The mom said, "I don't know!"

So the boy walked back outside. And he saw his friend. The friend wanted to play, but his friend who was blind didn't know where he was going. So they would play again when the friend wasn't blind. So they walked away.

So the blind boy got his helmet on and started riding his bike.

Then his mom came outside and said, "You're going to crash into a tree!"

So the boy turned the bike, and he was safe.

So he went inside and took a nap. He had weird dreams. They were so weird that he woke up. He told Mom, "I had weird dreams . . . really weird dreams." So Mom gave him medicine and put him back to sleep. And he had good dreams.

He woke up, and then he went back outside and started playing with his friend. He went to his friend's house, but he wasn't there. So he walked back to his house. And then he started playing with his baby sister. Then his baby sister got mad, so he walked back inside his room and started playing with his brother. But his brother was sleeping, so he walked back out of his room. Then he started playing with his baby sister again.

Then he went for a trip to the mountains, and he saw a blue star, because he could only see stuff that was really bright. And he went to sleep.

The next morning, everyone was gone from the camp, so he went searching for his family. He found his family, so he walked with them. But something sad happened. This is kind of weird, but his dad died from a grizzly bear. Then Christmas happened, so they went back home.

Then they put up the Christmas tree. So they went to their grandma's house. But they forgot to put up the star on their Christmas tree. So they went back to their house to put the star up. And then they went back to their grandma and papa's house, but they weren't home. So they went to their aunt's house, but everyone was sleeping. So they went back to their house and started playing a game. And it was time for bed.

He had bad dreams, where he died (but he was still alive). And then his sister went to violin, and his brother went to school. And the boy was alone.

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The Girl Who Wanted a Pet Bunny

Once upon a time, there lived a family of seven: the grandma, the grandpa, the mom, the dad, the big sister, the brother, and the little sister.

One day, the little sister told her mom she wanted a pet bunny! But her mom said, “You need to prove you’re responsible.”

The little sister asked, “How do I prove I’m responsible?”

“Well, you could take care of other people’s pet bunnies,” said her big sister.

So her mom and dad helped to make signs that the little sister would take care of a pet bunny.

When dinner was over, the phone rang, and the little sister picked up the phone. After the phone call, the little sister said, “I’m going to take care of Aunt Joyce’s pet bunny, Snowflake, tomorrow!”

The next morning, the little sister woke up early. She got dressed, brushed her teeth, and went downstairs to eat breakfast. The doorbell rang when she had almost finished her breakfast. The little sister opened the door and saw Aunt Joyce and her pet bunny. She invited her in and gave her tea. Then the little sister ran upstairs to wake everyone up.

Mom and Dad went downstairs to meet Aunt Joyce. Aunt Joyce said, “I am going to leave. I will pick up Snowflake in the afternoon.”

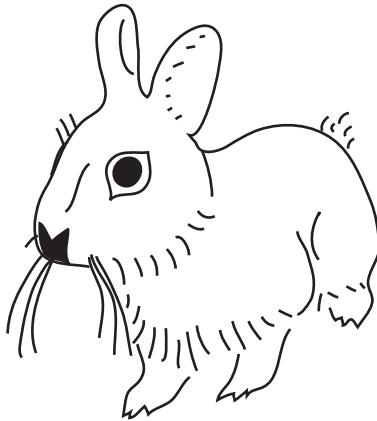
Around lunchtime, Snowflake had babies! Later, they played together. Aunt Joyce came to pick up Snowflake after work. When she saw Snowflake had babies, she was so happy!

Aunt Joyce asked, “Do you want one of the babies?”

The little sister jumped up and said, “Yes!” She chose one and named it Cutie Pie!

Aunt Joyce gave the little sister ten dollars and said, “Thank you for taking care of my pet bunny! Bye-bye!”

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FIRST PRIZE

The Scared Potato

A baby potato was trying to make some room under the soil. Mother Potato woke up from sleep and asked, “What happened to you? You haven’t slept yet?”

“I cannot breathe properly . . . tough to live here, Mama.”

“Sorry, my child. We have very limited space.”

“Mom, what is the purpose of our life?”

“Serving human beings. Why?” Mother asked.

“I do not wanna serve these people, Mummy.”

“Why?” Mother asked, surprised.

“They use a very strong chemical. It’s harmful and unhealthy.”

“I know!”

“They grow us with poison and eat us to kill, right?”

“You are right.”

“If I do not like them, why should I serve them?”

“People grow us as they wish. What can we do?”

“I am planning, Mama, to migrate to Canada. People there are good and open hearted.”

Mother Potato released a silent sigh. “We are the most rare and delicious type of potatoes. People love to taste us wherever we go.”

“If I like someone, no problem, Mummy. Canada is a large country. It has nice snow for a few months. Soil is richer and more fertile than here, I think. Farmers may not use chemicals on their lands.”

“Who told you all this information?” Mom smiled.

“Topy, my squirrel friend. He will also help me to migrate to Ontario.”

“I will miss you, my child, if you leave me!” Mother cried out.

Baby hugged his mom and smiled. “If I can go there, I will soon arrange for you all, Mama. We can live a healthy and peaceful life there.”

“But I am wondering how you can get there.”

“It’s easy! I will ask Topy to put me into his mouth and cross the border.”

Mother grabbed her son closely and cried, “Sleep now, my child. Let’s see what to do in the morning. I have to call your uncle Rat to cut the root to free you.”

Time passed by. Baby fell into a sleep, Mom could not. New thoughts came to her mind, and she started to worry. Thinking one worry after another, she also fell into a sleep.

Morning came again. The sun started to shine. Beautiful daylight was everywhere. Mom and Baby Potato woke up to an unusual noise. A fat man with a grumpy face appeared suddenly from somewhere else and started digging the land.

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FIRST PRIZE

Jenna and the Cupcake Factory

Once upon a time, there was a twenty-year-old girl named Jenna. She loved to wear dresses, scarves, and high heels, and she always had her hair in curls. She wanted a job so bad, so she asked her mom and dad. She said, “Mom and Dad, can I get a job?”

“What kind of job?” her mom and dad said.

“You guys know that I love cupcakes. Can I work at a cupcake factory?” Jenna asked.

Her mom and dad went to think it over. Her dad said, “Well, she is twenty. I think she’s old enough. I think we should say yes.”

Jenna was so excited when her parents said yes. “Mom and Dad, I love you guys so much!” Jenna gave them a big hug and grabbed the phone to call Kevin at the cupcake factory.

The next day, Jenna was so excited, she arrived early for her first day at work. After Jenna met up with Kevin, she got straight to work mixing the batter up. Jenna worked until 1:00 p.m. That was her lunch break. She had a salad, an apple, an orange, and a smoothie.

Soon, Jenna was done her lunch. She continued her day selling cupcakes and baking them. Jenna realized that she had no more cupcakes. She looked at the time. It was already 5:00 p.m. She had to leave, but she did not have cupcakes. She knew when she left, Kevin would look to see if there were cupcakes. If he did not see cupcakes, he would be mad. Still, Jenna left the cupcake factory.

Jenna got home and had a shower. She heard the phone ring. She was in the middle of her shower, so she left it.

When Jenna got out of the shower, she saw an email on her laptop from Kevin. It read, “Hi, Jenna! I went to see if there were any cupcakes left, and I saw none, so I want to know why there were no cupcakes! So I’ll see you later, Kevin.”

Jenna was so sad. She did not know what to say, so she emailed Kevin back, and said, “Hi, Kevin! I’m so sorry. By the end of my shift, I realized I had eaten all the cupcakes. Maybe it would be best if I just remain a customer. Sorry, Jenna.”

To this day, Jenna is still the number-one customer at the cupcake factory. And everyone lived happily ever after.

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FIRST PRIZE

The Gingerbread Spy

One day, a gingerbread man named Bob wanted to go on an adventure. He jumped off the store shelves and hurried to the bakery section. Bob iced himself with an icing tuxedo and jumped onto a foldable gingerbread motorcycle. He was going to be a spy!

Bob rode off to Gingerbread Spy Headquarters (Gingerbread SHQ). He was led to meet the spymistress, a gingerbread woman named Kate.

“Welcome to Gingerbread SHQ, Bob!” said Kate. “Perfect timing! We need another agent immediately,” she continued. “Here is the data file for your mission and your Spy Pack. Good luck!”

Bob opened the data file and found out that his mission was to stop an enemy agent from stealing the icing canisters from Gingerbread Bank. He also opened up the Spy Pack, which contained a periscope, handcuffs, and a Swiss gingerbread knife. He quickly dropped a small bread square on the ground and popped the red button. The square unfolded into Bob’s gingerbread motorcycle. Bob hopped on and rode to the bank.

Bob stealthily hid behind a bush. He folded up his motorcycle and propped up his periscope, so that he could survey the area while remaining hidden.

Soon, a suspicious van showed up. A gingerbread man climbed out and headed to a coffee shop. Bob crept towards the van. To his dismay, it was padlocked! Bob opened up his Spy Pack. He unfolded a skeleton key out of the Swiss gingerbread knife and unlocked the van. He climbed in and slid the door closed. He also slipped the knife up his sleeve in case he needed it later.

Suddenly, Bob was yanked upside down inside a force-field bubble. Standing in front of him was the gingerbread man that had appeared to go into the coffee shop! “Hello. I am Agent Ninja, an evil agent!” said Ninja. He left Bob hanging and headed to Gingerbread Bank.

Bob racked his brain for escape ideas. Then he remembered his knife. He slid it into his hand and used the built-in laser to pop the bubble. Bob jumped out of the van, knocked Agent Ninja to the ground, and handcuffed him. “You’re under arrest, Agent Ninja!” announced Bob.

Back at Gingerbread SHQ, Kate was holding a debriefing with Bob. “Good job, Bob!” congratulated Kate.

“I’m glad the canisters stayed safe,” said Bob.

“That’s right. I also have a gift for you,” replied Kate.

“Really?” exclaimed Bob.

“Yes,” said Kate as she gave him a box.

Bob opened the box and found awesome spy sunglasses inside! “Thanks, Kate!” exclaimed Bob. Then Bob slid on his sunglasses and headed for his next mission.

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SECOND PRIZE

Carry and the Giant

Carry is hunting in Canada Forest for her animal friends. She wants to play hide-and-seek with them.

First, she finds her friend Oscar; he is an owl. Next, she finds Jack the jaguar. After five minutes, she has found Bun the bunny and Burke the bird as well. They all start playing hide-and-seek. They have a lot of fun.

Next, Carry and all of her friends go hunting for food. They are looking for meat. Once they find it, they cook it in their shelter and eat it. It is very yummy.

After a while, the friends hear big stomps. They go outside to see what it is. It is a giant! Carry and her animal friends grab their crossbows and start fighting the giant.

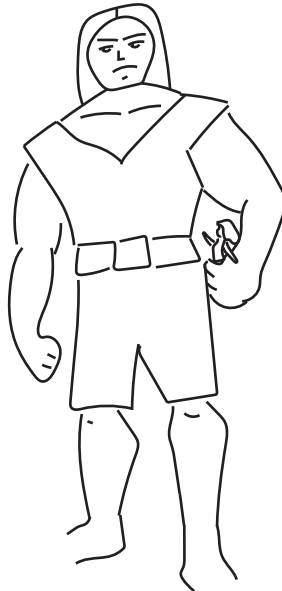
Next, the giant grabs Carry and kidnaps her.

Carry is not scared. She is very brave. She wiggles out of the giant's arms and runs away. Carry runs to her family's house in Toronto.

Her family helps her hunt down the giant and wrap him up in a big rope. They put the giant in a prison just for giants.

Once they are safe, they go home and eat dinner.

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SECOND PRIZE

The Lost Cat

Once upon a time, there lived a cat name Matt.

One day, he went to the park and got stuck in the crowd. Matt was very scared. Thankfully, someone in the crowd picked him up and checked his collar for his name, address, and phone number. The man and woman who picked him up asked the cat where his parents were. Matt said, "I don't know where my parents are. I lost them."

So they looked at his home again and said, "Do you want to go home?"

Matt said, "Yes, yes." So the man and woman took him home.

When they got to Matt's house, no one was there. Matt was very sad. The man and the woman asked him what was wrong. Matt said, "My parents are not here."

Then they asked him, "Where are your parents?"

Then Matt said, "I think I lost them."

The man said, "My parents are lost too."

Matt said, "Let's find my family first. Then we can find your family too."

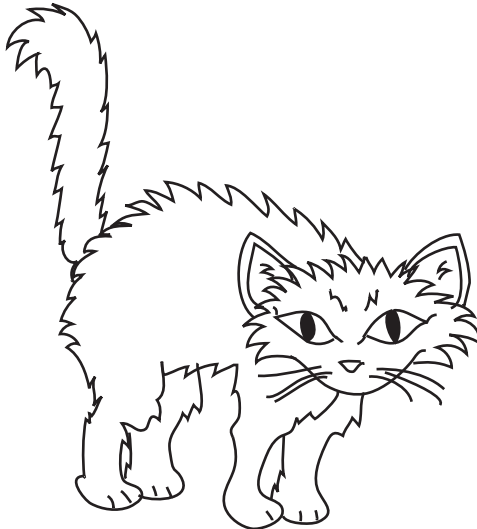
So they all went to a taxi, but the taxi driver would not let Matt in the car because he was a cat. So the man and woman dressed Matt up as a baby, and then the taxi driver let Matt in.

When the taxi driver was driving, he started to smell something. It smelled like a cat. So he stopped the car and he said, "Did you dress that cat up as a baby?"

"No," they said. "We just have a cat at home, so we smell like a cat."

So the taxi driver kept driving and found Matt's parents in the park. They were so happy to see Matt because they thought they would never see him again, but he came back. So Matt's parents got in the taxi, and they drove to take the man and the woman home.

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SECOND PRIZE

The Mystery in the Earth

Once upon a time, there was an alien who lived in the sky. He loved to be in his home. He was dared by his parents to go on a trip to Earth. He didn't like the trip.

Soon, he arrived on Earth. He saw the most fabulous thing in the whole world. It were as if he had arrived on Earth and said, "My, it's the best thing in the universe!" The alien smiled.

On Earth, he saw fabulous things. He saw a man wearing pants and a woman wearing a dress. Suddenly, when people saw him, they screamed, "Oh, he is so cute!" The alien never knew people would like him. He thought they wouldn't like him, but nobody thought he was an alien.

The alien went and roamed around with the kids. After spending some time with the kids, the alien thought he had to go back to his home, so then everybody said bye. The alien went back home.

He met his parents and said, "Please, can I go back to Earth for sixteen more days?"

"Okay, fine! Go back to Earth for sixteen more days," said his parents.

"Thanks," the alien said.

When the alien reached Earth, everything had changed. There was no one left. Sadly, the alien went back to his home. The alien said to his parents, "I didn't like the trip. I want to go to bed."

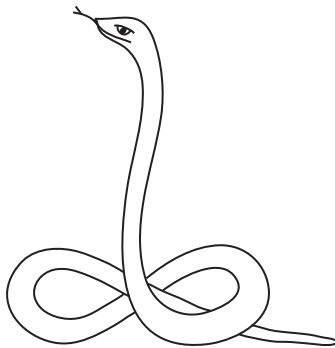
As soon as he went to bed, he saw a vision, and he knew where his friends were. He sprang up from his bed and flew straight to the dark cave he had seen in his vision.

He slowly went inside the cave, which was very slippery and smelly. Soon, he realized that it was not a cave but a huge snake's mouth. The alien was scared, but suddenly, he got an idea.

He dressed up as a snake. The alien came out of the snake's mouth and pretended to be the snake's baby. The snake was proud of herself. She always wanted to have her own baby. After, the alien called the people in the snake's mouth. They all came running out of the snake's mouth, and they managed to escape, but the alien was very slow and the snake ate the alien. The people who were running didn't know that the snake ate the alien, so they kept running away from the snake until they reached their village and hid somewhere.

Once the villagers realized that the snake ate the alien, they grabbed their torches and tried to set fire to the snake. Finally, the snake was dead. They had a grand celebration. And finally, the alien's parents arrived. They hugged the alien.

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SECOND PRIZE

Lost in the Mountains

I wonder where this path leads, wondered Nancy. The mountains were very beautiful, so Nancy was amazed! She looked around and saw the sun peeking through the bright-green, summer leaves. She felt so happy that her parents had let her go on a hike on her own. Nancy felt as if she were almost grown up. She had been studying north, west, south, and east, so her parents let her hike alone. Besides, she lived in the mountains, so she would know her way around. Little did her parents know there would be some trouble!

Nancy took a great big breath and smelled nice fresh air. She heard birds chirping a happy tune, so she decided to whistle the same tune. Nancy couldn't believe her eyes when she saw the sight of squirrels. She ran up to them to get a closer look, but the squirrels ran away. Nancy ran after them, until they were out of sight. She didn't notice how far away she was from home.

Walking towards the cliff, Nancy could already see a beautiful view, but it was prettier when Nancy looked over the cliff side. Nancy's tummy growled at the thought of bananas. *That's it!* Nancy thought. She would look for food.

She ran farther and farther into the woods. Again, Nancy did not notice how far away she was from home. Things kept on distracting her. *Bunnies! More bananas! More squirrels! Nature!* Nancy kept running farther and farther in the woods—so far that she eventually got lost.

At first, she didn't even notice. But then Nancy did notice. It was her worst nightmare! Nancy decided to think of a solution. First, she tried to remember her way back and walked around, but then Nancy realized she had been walking in circles. Second, she tried to look for people to ask, but she was the only one there. Usually she liked being alone, but this time, she didn't.

Nancy decided to try the first idea again, and while she was walking, she found a map. "I remember how to read maps," she said. Skipping happily, Nancy followed the map back home.

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SECOND PRIZE

Joy

When Becca wakes up, she has to make her bed because her parents say so, but Becca doesn't want to make her bed because she will be late for school and get embarrassed.

One Saturday, Becca made a machine that could make her bed. She named the machine Joy. Becca was happy because it took her hours to make Joy. Joy and Becca enjoyed talking and playing with each other.

On Monday, Joy woke Becca up with her breakfast. While Becca was changing, Joy made Becca's bed.

"I have to go to school now. Bye, Joy!" Becca called.

"Good-bye, Be-c-c-a, h-a-v-e f-un a-t sch-o-o-l!" Joy said.

At school, Becca's classmates were surprised to see Becca come to school early.

"Oh, it's because I made a robot," explained Becca.

Her classmates got confused. "How do you make a robot?" Becca's classmates asked.

"It's simple. Just type it on YouTube," Becca says.

At the end of the day, Becca walked home. "Hi, Joy! Good afternoon," Becca said.

"Go-od af-ter-no-on, Be-c-c-a," Joy said.

Becca was happy to see that the house was all clean. "Wow, so clean," Becca said. "I'll get some iced tea."

As she grabbed the iced tea, Becca accidentally spilled iced tea. "Joy, I spilled iced tea! I need you to clean it!" Becca said.

Joy went in and started cleaning it, but she touched the water and broke!

"No!" Becca said. "Joy, don't leave me, I need you!" Becca started to cry.

In a while, Becca's mom got home. "Wow, this house is so clean," Becca's mom said. As she walked in, she saw Becca crying. "What's wrong?" Becca's mom said.

"Look at Joy. She broke because I accidentally spilled iced tea," said Becca.

"We can fix it on Saturday, sweetheart," Becca's mom said.

"But tomorrow's just Wednesday," Becca said.

"But, sweetie, we—" Becca's mom started, but Becca walked away grumpily, with tears falling down her face.

"I wish Mom and Dad spent more time with me. They're always working. I made Joy, but she broke," Becca said.

The next day, while Becca's parents were still asleep, Becca decided she was leaving. She left a note at the door and took her money and clothes.

Later, Becca's parents woke up and realized that she was gone. They were so upset but began to look for her.

Becca found the bus depot. Becca got on the bus and then cried, "I can't do this! My parents need me! Stop the bus!" Becca said, "I'm going out!"

The bus stopped and Becca got out. Becca ran home to find her parents had cancelled their work, and together, they fixed Joy. All four of them spent time together and lived happily.

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THIRD PRIZE

The Magic Jewel

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Lila who was going on vacation to Disney World with her mom, dad, and sisters, Ella and Belle. Her mom told her and her sisters to pick souvenirs. Ella picked a Rapunzel doll and Belle picked a sparkly mug that read, “*Hakuna Matata*.” Lila found a small white jewel. It shined in the light. Lila picked it up and said, “Mommy, Daddy, I want this, please.”

“Okay,” her mom said.

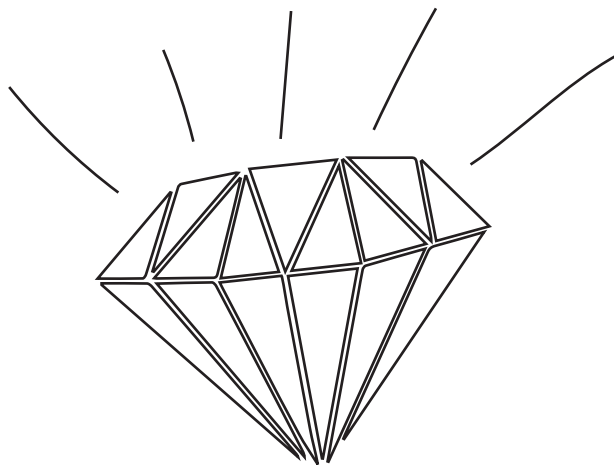
The lady at the cashier said, “This jewel is very special because it is magical.”

Lila took the jewel and held it tightly. “Thank you.”

Lila walked outside with her family and then started to whisper, “I wish this jewel were pink and blue,” and it turned pink and blue. “I wish this jewel were a bracelet on my hand.” The jewel turned into a bracelet on Lila’s hand. Lila kept the jewel a bracelet for the whole day.

Lila was on the carousel, and the bracelet fell off her hand. “I lost my jewel!” Lila was so sad. She wished really hard, “I wish the bracelet were back on my wrist.” Then she looked at her hand and found the bracelet! “Mommy, Daddy! I found it! Yay! Best trip ever!”

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THIRD PRIZE

The Day Aliens Almost Took Over My School

One day, I was sliding down a slide at recess. I went down and got back up and went down and got back up. Then suddenly, I couldn't go down anymore. Two aliens on spaceships charged at my slide. That made the slide crash down, and it blocked me from getting out.

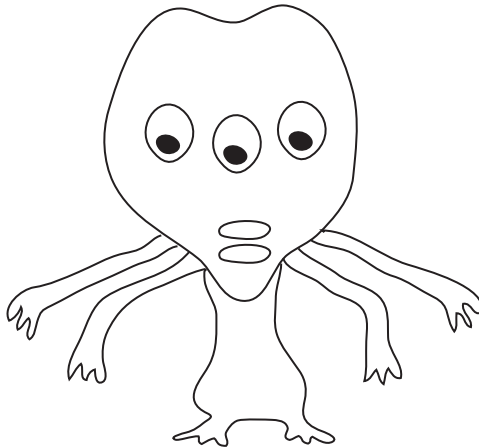
The teachers started screaming and yelling. I looked out the slide window and saw the school nurse trying to give an alien a needle on his belly button! Then I realized that the second alien was gone.

I carefully climbed out of the slide and saw the alien using a chainsaw to make a hole in the school so he could climb in. The alien was already inside the school before I could react. Then he punched a wall, and the school almost fell down. *Wow! I never knew aliens were so strong!*

Wait. If he's that strong, then I can't battle him anymore. Using my genius brain, I silently crawled into the school and grabbed a telephone. I called the police, and they came right away to send the aliens to jail. The aliens started saying that they wanted to go to jail because they had no idea what it was. So the police officers arrested the aliens.

Then the bell rang. It was the end of recess. Then the teachers ran into the school. They congratulated me for saving the school and gave me an award! It was a lollipop.

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THIRD PRIZE

Flyer the Bird

Once, there was a bird named Flyer. His nest was way up at the top of an oak tree. The oak tree was surprisingly as thick as a cumulus cloud, but not shaped like one.

One night, when Flyer was sleeping, a hunter caught him in a net, and Flyer immediately woke up. Flyer was having a good dream about his eggs hatching and feeling calm. But now, Flyer was really shocked.

“Why in the world am I in here?” Flyer said. “I could be eaten by the hunter’s dog!”

Fortunately, a tiny light showed up. Flyer was a little scared at first, but then he slowly noticed that the tiny light was just a tiny fairy.

The fairy quietly flew over and said, “Flyer, I can help you. You have two choices. One is I can help you get out of the net right away, but the hunter may still catch you again in the future.” The fairy continued, “The other choice is you will have to try to get out on your own, and if you succeed, I can make sure the hunter will never catch you again. Choose wisely, and one will give you freedom.”

Flyer thought for a few seconds. Then he responded, “I do not want any more hunters to catch me ever again!”

The fairy asked, “Are you sure?”

“Sure, I am sure!” Flyer replied.

So the fairy granted Flyer’s wish, and then she left.

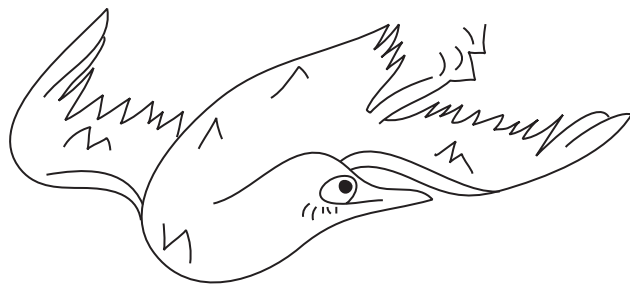
Flyer was getting carried by the hunter to his house, and they were almost there. He was worrying a lot about whether he was going to end up on the hunter’s dog’s dinner plate.

Flyer started to nibble on the rope as fast as he could. He nibbled so hard that he thought his beak was going to break. Even though he was straining a lot, Flyer kept quiet. Flyer was nibbling super crazy as the hunter was getting closer and closer to his doorstep. His doorstep was only about two metres away! Finally, Flyer got out just as the hunter went through the door of his house. He flew so swiftly and silently that the hunter didn’t even notice Flyer was escaping.

Flyer quickly flew all the way home to the thick oak tree with his precious eggs. Flyer was very happy that he had chosen wisely and made the right decision.

Just when Flyer reached the oak tree, Flyer noticed that one of his eggs was cracking. And then another. And another. Pretty soon, all three of the eggs were hatched! Flyer thought God made his eggs hatch because he had made the right choice.

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THIRD PRIZE

The Mystery

It was a sunny day in the city of Goony. The time was 11:11 p.m. on November eleventh. Thomas Hack was a detective. He was working in his office. A banker entered his office and told him, “Someone robbed my bank!”

Thomas quickly ran out the door and went to the bank. He saw people lying down, tied with rope. Thomas untied everybody and asked people some questions. The last person he asked was named Frank. Fortunately, he said, “I know the person who robbed the bank.”

Thomas asked, “Who did it?”

Frank replied, “It was Anton and some other guy. I didn’t really see him. They tied everyone in the bank and got away with all the money.”

Thomas grabbed his notebook and wrote down the names. He then inquired what Anton looked like. Frank answered, “He has black hair, black eyes, and brown skin.”

Thomas searched for evidence. He found a set of footprints. He followed the footprints to a house on Maine Street. Thomas peeked through the window and saw Anton and someone else. Thomas thought that it was probably Joe, and it was Joe. Thomas called the police, and then he kicked the door open.

Thomas, Anton, and Joe were in a fight. Anton and Joe escaped through the back door. Luckily, the police just arrived, and they were arrested. But there was no money!

As they were going to the police station, Joe knocked out the police officer. He changed into the police officer’s uniform, got out of the car, and ran away. Detective Thomas got a phone call that explained what had happened. It was already four a.m., so Thomas said to the police that they had to wait until tomorrow.

The next day, Thomas went out early. He got to Anton and Joe’s house again. Thomas saw some ripped-up paper on the ground. He put the pieces together, and it made the words “23 Danbury Road.” Thomas drove there as fast as he could and found Anton and Joe with all the money. The police caught them and gave the money to the bank. Anton and Joe were sent to jail.

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THIRD PRIZE

Airborne

Terry Braken was waiting for his copilot, Alicia Lynn, in the waiting room at Toronto Pearson Airport. They were pilots. They had always wanted to fly a plane, and they were about to fly a 787 to Beijing, China.

Terry looked at his watch. “What’s taking her so long?” said Terry. “She is supposed to be here by now.”

Finally, just when he said that, Alicia came running into the waiting room in her uniform and dragging her roller bag along. “Sorry I’m late,” she said, panting.

“At least you’re here,” answered Terry.

Together, they walked to the boarding area. They had been waiting their entire lives for the big day of flying a plane. They had always wanted to be airborne.

Terry and Alicia walked onto the plane to prepare everything. To their surprise, their flight trainer, Alex, was already on board checking the brakes. “There,” said Alex. “I’ve prepared everything for you guys. Next time, you’ll have to do it by yourselves.” They started the engines and drove to the runway.

When they arrived at the runway, Terry pushed the throttle to maximum level. Slowly but steadily, the plane lifted off into the air. “Yes!” yelled Terry and Alicia together. This was the most exciting moment of their lives.

It felt so good being up in the air. While they were thinking these happy thoughts, a swarm of birds almost hit the plane! Terry and Alicia knew that they had to be more careful.

After about thirteen hours of flying, they were twenty-two kilometres away from Beijing International Airport. Alex told Alicia to lower the landing gear and decrease the speed, while Terry controlled the flaps for landing.

They glided smoothly across Beijing and came lower and lower and lower. As soon as the landing gear touched the ground, Terry slammed on the brakes. The plane came to a stop.

When Terry and Alicia came out, Alex rewarded them each with a pilot’s badge. Now, they wouldn’t need to fly with a trainer anymore. They were officially pilots! Terry and Alicia were so happy that they never wanted to travel by foot again.

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