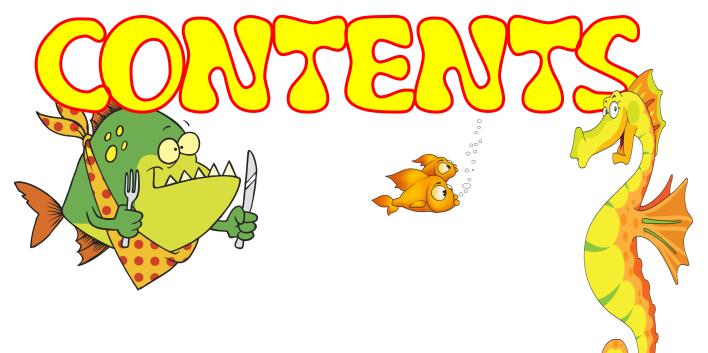


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What's That Shaking the Bushes?

"What's that, shaking the bushes behind me?" I nervously ask.

"It's a dinosaur!" yells my friend James.

James is the kind of kid who is kind to everyone. He is so kind all the time that it makes me sick. I like nice people, but he really is too nice!



"Run for your life James! Before that big, ugly thing rips us to shreds!" I yell.

I just run and run and run. I run as fast as a lightning bolt. James runs as fast as two lightning bolts!

A dinosaur steps out of the bushes. It comes up behind us.

We are getting really puffed and because I can't think properly, I run into a tree.

"Quick James, climb this tree! That dinosaur won't find us up here!" I say.

James and I climb up a big, steep tree.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! The dinosaur is stomping his giant feet on the ground, as he runs closer and closer to our tree.

His razor sharp teeth rip through the roots of the tree.

James and I leap off the tree and land on our feet. We keep running until we see the steepest hill in the jungle.

I don't think I can run anymore!

"Let's build a steep wall. A wall bigger than the streams and the trees and the dinosaur!" I gasp.

James agrees with me. He might be a really nice kid, but I am a really SMART kid! One holidays my mum dropped me off in the jungle and I learnt a special jungle call. This is a special call for animals. I give the call a go.

Suddenly, we have help from all the animals in the jungle; like gorillas, monkeys, jaguars and rhinos.



James isn't sure about this building plan. "How can we build it?" he says. "We need materials."

All of a sudden, this pink and purple thing pops out of the sky. It is a portal, and bricks fall out of it. Just what we need.

All of the animals help to put the wall together, so the dinosaur cannot eat us, or the animals.

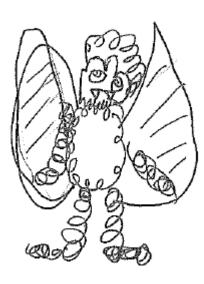
We finish the wall and the dinosaur comes rushing towards us. It tries to get through, but we start to throw fruit at him.

I don't think that dinosaur will ever chase us again!

By Jovan Tidcombe

THE MONSTER

My sister Rachel and I were playing video games . Suddenly we heard a knock at the door .Rachel went to the door and opened it.



A big, googly-eyed monster was on the steps. Rachel screamed and ran up into the attic. She left the door open, and the monster came in. I heard this weird sound . It sounded like a ROAR! I stopped playing video games. I said, "Rachel where are you?"

"I'm in the attic Emma!" yelled Rachel.

I tried to go to the attic, but the monster stopped me . It tried to eat me with it's big , growly teeth.

I picked up some of my little sister's toys. I threw them at the monster. The monster opened it's mouth and ate them.

While it was chewing on the toys, I ran around it and climbed the ladder to the attic.

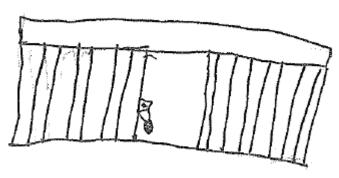
Rachel and I were screaming. Silly me! I had left the ladder down.

The monster had wings, and it flew up to the attic.

There was a tunnel in the attic. Rachel and I escaped through the tunnel.

We ended up outside on the concrete. The monster got stuck in the tunnel.

I found a machete on the concrete. I took it up to the attic, and the monster flew out onto the concrete.



Rachel ran away, and I jumped down from the attic and caged the monster. I put it into the zoo.

By Emma Casanova

Unusual Things

"Mum! I'm going to the shop with Soph and Lotto." I said.

"Okay!" said mum.

As I raced to the shop with Sophie and Lotto, I saw my dog. It was burying something unusual in my backyard. I said to myself, "I wonder what it's burying."

I came back home and started digging in our backyard.

"Where is it?" I screamed!

"Where is what?" Sophie murmured.

I said, "where is the thing that the dog buried?"

Sophie and I ran into the house, and we left my dog in the backyard.

Mum was inside. She yelled out, "we're going in to town to meet your cousins. Go and get in the car!"

Sophie and I skipped to the car.

"We are going to the RSL!" yelled Dad as we drove into town. I was still wondering what my silly dog buried.



After we ate lunch at the RSL; Mum, Dad, Sophie and Lotto were talking to our cousins, so I sneaked off, looking for unusual stuff.

I looked over the city, in backyards unusual things.

and in parks. I found a few unusua

Then, I went back to the RSL, and we all went home.

At home, I figured out some new inventions. I told Mum and Dad about them. They were surprised. I built Mum and Dad a helpful robot, and I built Soph and Lotto, a dancing giraffe.

After I had finished building my inventions I went outside. I saw an unusual ball lying on the ground. It was what my dog had dug up.

Suddenly, the ball turned into a cat, and then a tree, and then a drone. It could turn into nearly everything you could name.

A few weeks later I saw my dog chewing up the unusual ball, because it thought it was a cat. There wasn't much use yelling at my dog, so I just chucked the ball into the bin.

By Ashlea Charlton.



"I need water!" Angus gasps......

(Two hours later at the swimming pool)

"Um! Excuse me!" says Amy the pool keeper, talking to Angus. "Can I help you?"

"I need water!" gasps Angus.

"This way," says Amy, and she leads Angus

to the pool. The pool is a blow up pool with a

fish on the side of it.

"A pool! Yippee!" screams Angus, when he sees it. He jumps into the pool.



SPLASH!

"Ahh! That's much better!" he says.

"Um! Excuse me, that's the little kids' pool! Stop right there!" yells Angus's mum.

"A cup of water, please!" says Angus, and his mum gets him a drink. "Thank you! I'll take that. Gargle, gargle, gulp, gulp!"

"Go get dressed in your swimmers," says his mum.

"Yes, mum I will," says Angus, as his little sister, Amelia walks up to

him.

"Can I go in the pool now mum?" she says.

"Well it is your birthday, go on," says mum.

"I'm going in the air blowing pool." says Amelia.

"Ok!" says mum.

Amelia jumps in. SPLASH!

"I can stay here forever," says Amelia.

"Can I come in too, sister?" says Angus, as he hops out of the little kids' pool.

"You look like a big-bellied, black and yellow worm." Amelia says.

"Excuse me, no!" says mum. "He's not getting in."

Amelia makes dolly eyes at her mum.

"Oh please, I can't stand dolly eyes!" cries mum, and Amelia pouts like a hedgehog. "Oh, ok prickly, pouting hedgehog, he can get in, but don't splash me, ok?"

"Ok, yippee! " cries Amelia, and Angus jumps in with Amelia.

"You're a swimming hedgehog!" he laughs.

"Nooooo..." Amelia yells.

SPLISH! SPLASH! Angus flicks water.

"Oh boy!" Amelia groans, and sniffs the air. "Wah, wah!" she cries. "Ha! Ha!" laughs Angus.

"Wah! Wah! cries Amelia., some more.

"Oh come on! No tears!" says Angus. "I don't like being blamed for this, and most of all you splashed me first! How rude!"

"What?" says Amelia, and Angus gets out of the pool. "Don't you go! We can fix this together. It will be as easy as a piece of cake!"



Suddenly, Amelia stops crying, and begins to daydream. About cakes! "Oh, mmm, I love cake. I wish I could have cake every day." she says to herself. "Vanilla cake! Chocolate cake! Ice cream cake! I just cannot resist them!"

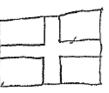
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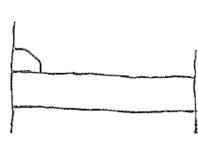
I go to shut the blinds and see something fly past them. So, I open the window and let it come in. When it does, I shut the window. It's a robot!

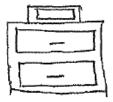


I hear my mum coming to check on me. So, I quickly hide it in the cupboard and I go to sleep, before she comes in.



In the morning, I see what the robot can do. He can speak all





the languages, fly, change shape, do homework, open doors and turn invisible. I find out he came from Robo planet.

"I crash landed on Earth because I needed the parts to fix myself. Now, I can't go home!" says the robot.

"You can stay with me for now," I say.

Later that morning, the robot and I find a forest next to my bedroom window. We go into the forest, and trip in a hole that leads to the robot's broken spaceship.

We find some broken parts and fix them. We build a hover board and a transforming backpack.

By Zach Dawson

CAMPING OUT

I really wanted to go to camping, but my mum said I was too young.

"Can I ask Cass then?" I said. Cass and I are best friends.

"Ok!" said mum, "but only if you ask Cass if she will go with you. Remember that if she says no, then you're not going."

"Ok mum! Bye now! I am going to pack my bag." I said.

"No!" screamed Mum. "You didn't ask Cass! Now go and ask Cass, right now!"

"Fine mum! I'll go ask if she will come."

I headed over to the door, and there was Cass. "Look mum! She is already here!" I said. "She has been standing here for ten minutes."

"Now you can ask her your question, Bob," said Mum.

"Cass! I really want to go camping. Will you come with me?"

"Yes, I will come with you Bobby. It's fine with me, and it's fine with my dad and mum."

"Cass! Do you want me to come and help me pack?" I said. "Or do you want me to help you first?"

"Well," said Cass. "We're camping back here near your place, so we

better go to my house first."

Cass and I walked over to her house, and I helped her to pack.

"Ok, we're finished packing." said Cass. "Now we can start walking to the camp site. We can pick up your gear on the way."

"Ok!" I said to Cass. "Let's go before it gets dark."

Back at my house, Cass and I put our camping gear in the basket on our bikes. We rode our bikes to the river. We dropped our bikes behind a tree and set up our camp.

At sunset, I said to Cass that I was going to look around, so I went off, walking, and I saw this big, dark cave......, and here it is.....

By Lillian Baker





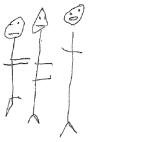
One day, Jack and I were playing football, and the ball was bouncing around.

"I'll get it!" I said to my other mate, William.



Suddenly, thousands of zombies came out of the ground. They started chasing us. $\bigcirc \triangle \bigcirc$

"Go save yourself!" yelled Jack.



So, I ran and ran and ran, until I no longer saw the zombies.

Jack stayed behind and tried to get the football, but he didn't make it. He was eaten by the zombies.

I said to myself, "at least I brought a knife." Then, I ran to my house and I got the car. I drove it to the park.

When I was at the park, the zombies were walking slowly back to their graves. They were growling. I got out of the car, and then I picked up my gun from the back seat. It was a machine gun.

I tried to shoot all the zombies, but I kept on missing. The zombies went down to their graves to heal.

In a minute, they were healed. They turned mutant. They were stronger than before.

I got my machine gun and tried to shoot them, but there were too many.

I got into my car and drove until my gas tank ran out. Lucky I had stopped at a gas station, and I found some more gas.

I filled up, and went to a hotel. I was safe from the zombies.

By Red Ricon

THE BIG HIKE

I wake up. I am going on a hike today. I eat my breakfast really fast. Then my friend Kylie comes over.

"Ready for the hike?" Kylie says.

"Yes!" I shout. "Let's go then come on."

"Ok!" says Kylie.

"Don't forget the first aid kit or the phone. Just in case one of us gets an injury." I say.

"I got it!" says Kylie.

"Ok! Let's go!" I say.

Kylie and I go out of the house, down the streets and out of town to Big Mountain.

"How about we live in this cave?" I say. "That can be our camp site. I brought my sleeping bag."

"Wow! So did I," says Kylie.

"Ok!" I say. "Let's get set up."

On the first night, we go frog hunting to catch frogs to keep us company while we sleep,



because we would get scared alone.

In the morning, we go for a nature walk to see some spectacular (creatures; maybe some colourful birds like: red birds, blue birds, white birds, and maybe even squirrels and crocodiles.



"This is so nice," Kylie says. "Just to see those nice colourful birds." Suddenly, we hear a big stomping noise. And we see it is a bear!



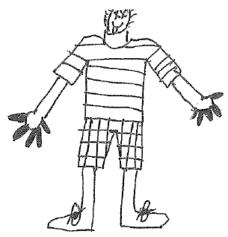
"Run! Run!" I say. "To the cave to get our stuff!"

When we get to the cave we get our sleeping bags. Then, we run as fast as we can to get back home safely, and we make it.

After that, we both decide that it was a very bad idea to go hiking.

By Inga Steenholdt

ME AND MY DRAGON



It's my Birthday! I am 14 years old. I get a dragon. It is so cool. I am going to take it to school and scare that school bully.

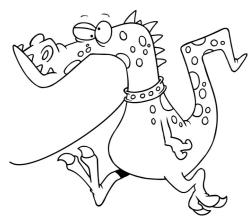
"Let's go flying to school," I say to the dragon.

It takes 10 minutes to get to school.

ROAR!!!

The kids at school look up into the sky

"Ah!!!" they yell. "There's a dragon!"



"It's okay! I tamed the dragon!" I say. "He just wants to eat the school bully!"

"ATTACK!" I say to the dragon. "Get that sucker! He is a big, fat bully!"

The dragon attacks the bully and eats him.

It is so quiet now that the bully is gone. It is so peaceful and normal.

By William Frost



I went to Geelong to stay there for a week. Mum made me go to school, so I had to go. You would not believe what happened.



It was MICE!!! They were sucking in everyone

at school. Even the teachers. They were like vacuum cleaners!

SQUEAK! SQUEAK! SUCK! SUCK!

"AHH! They're going to kill me!" I screamed.

The mice started to follow me. Some were big, and some were small. But, they were all grey and grumpy.

"Hurry up!" I said to myself.

All of a sudden I had an idea. I ran through the emergency door, like a flash. My friend Kylie was on the other side of the emergency door.

"Move! Move! Quick!" I yelled at her.

"Why?" she said.



"No time to explain, now! Just go!" I screamed.

I rushed straight past Kylie, and she followed me. I jumped into the teacher's car. Luckily I had a special potion in my jacket. I took it out of my jacket and I spilled all over the ground and the car windscreen. The strongest mouse opened the emergency door and let all the other mice go through the door.



The mice jumped on the windscreen of the car. My special potion made them run into the sewers where they belonged.

By Rebekah Bridge

ON PATROL

One night, I was on patrol with my partner, Alex when I heard a weird noise coming from the factory. We went in. There was nothing there, but a few new robots.

Alex said, "this place is so big, it would be impossible to find someone in here."



"Look!" I said. "There are robots making more robots."

"What does that mean?" said Alex.

"It means, that there are out of control

robots in here!" I said.

Alex didn't reply.

I looked around and saw Alex on the ground. He was unconscious.

I pulled out my gun.

In the distance, I saw a black figure. Suddenly, it ran outside, and I ran after it. When I got to the door, it was gone.

I got in my car and drove around the block, but nothing was there.

"Damn!" I gasped, and ran back to Alex.

A week later, I went back to the factory, and I went inside. I looked around, but I couldn't see any robots.

Then, suddenly, out of nowhere I saw a truck coming.



It was full of robots. The robots jumped off the truck and started shooting. I reached for my gun, but it wasn't there.

"Oh no!"

By Reagan Macdonald

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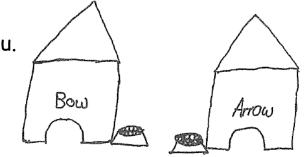
A BIG DAY OUT

I was down at the dog kennel. I was talking to Bow and Arrow, my two dogs.

"Hi my babies! Are you okay? I love you.

Are you ready for a holiday?"

"RRRRRRR!!" growled Bow and Arrow.



"Okay! Lets go" I say. ""We will meet Xavier at the motel."

Twelve hours later, we arrived at the hotel.

"Yelp! Yelp!" went they dogs, and as soon as they saw Xavier, they ran off.

"Come back!" I yelled.

Xavier knelt down. He patted Bow and Arrow, and they laid down and fell asleep.

While they were asleep, I went into the hotel and sorted out which room I was sleeping in. I got the key, and I went up to the room and unpacked my clothes. Then, I went down the stairs and back outside. My friends', Savannah, Everleigh and Posie were talking to Xavier. I asked Everleigh to go to the shops with me, and get two dog collars for my dogs.

"Yeah! Sure!" said Everleigh.

Everleigh and I hopped in the car, and drove to the pet shop. We bought the collars, and went back to the hotel.

When we got there, we got a big surprise.

Savannah gave us free movie tickets to see, 'SPIDERMAN'.

Later that day, Everleigh, Posie and myself went to the movie theatre.

While we were watching, 'SPIDERMAN', I spilt my popcorn everywhere. I bent over to pick it up. Then, when I looked up, I saw

Spidergirl jump out of the movie screen. Webs started flinging all **F** over the walls.

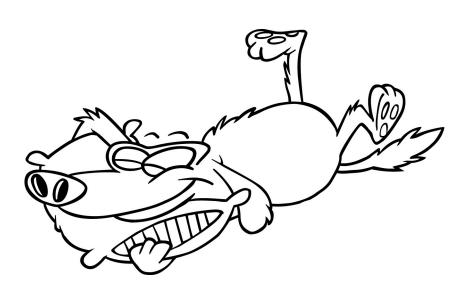
Suddenly, a villain jumped out of the screen, and tried to catch her. The villain quickly camouflaged itself, and no one could see it.



Me and my friends, bolted out of the movie theatre, and just then, I heard the crash of a garbage bin.

Everleigh looked to see what was there, and she saw the villain. It was visible again.

The villain escaped, and so did we, straight back to the hotel, where Bow and Arrow were still asleep.



By Ella Gane

(Last sentence by Hoges)

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