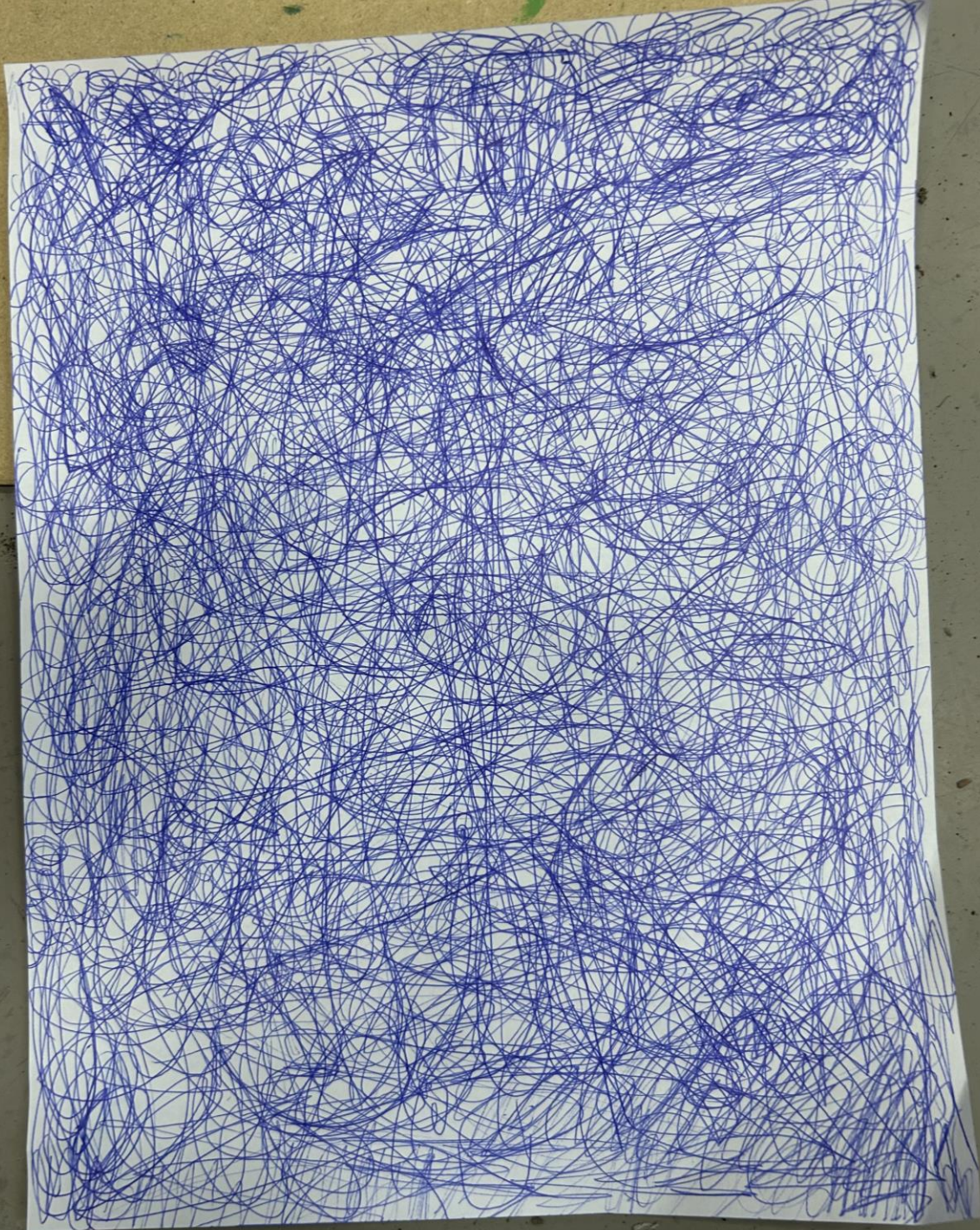


EMBRACE BEWILDERMEN

The **T** nine
most important things
I've learned about
from writing for—and teaching it to—kids
creativity

Lee Edward Födi
author * illustrator * educator

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... because of the way we've been...
... new school...
... with the...
... my...
... this...
... to...
... you...
... personally...
... that...
... first...
... that...
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... have...
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... can...
... when...
... that...
... 2000...

My unofficial bio

he wrote books like ummm
ya they were a little messed
up when he was young!
the names of the books
hes published are called
Kendra Kandlestar, the secrets of
zoone, The guardians of zoone and
spell sweeper. those are only
some of them I think? He brains
alot in pen because you cant erase
it so it keeps him moving. He
never goes with the first name in
his mind for the book and characters
he has to put alot of mind in
to it! A way he likes to get
ideas for his book is to look at
intresting objects his books are
about fautysy like dragon wizard
witches traveling for worlds and
so other things!

Officially . . .

- I'm a writer, illustrator and educator
- I consult on other authors' books and work with literary orgs such as The Canada Council of Arts, and CWILL BC
- Creativity is my full-time "gig"



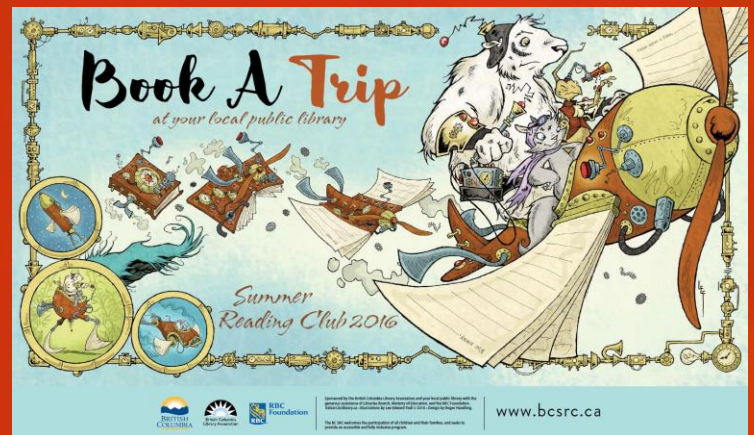
About me

- I grew up in a rural community in BC, without access to many arts-based activities
- But I had a “crafty” mom!
- I was identified as a gifted learner, and put into specialized program with the same teacher and classroom



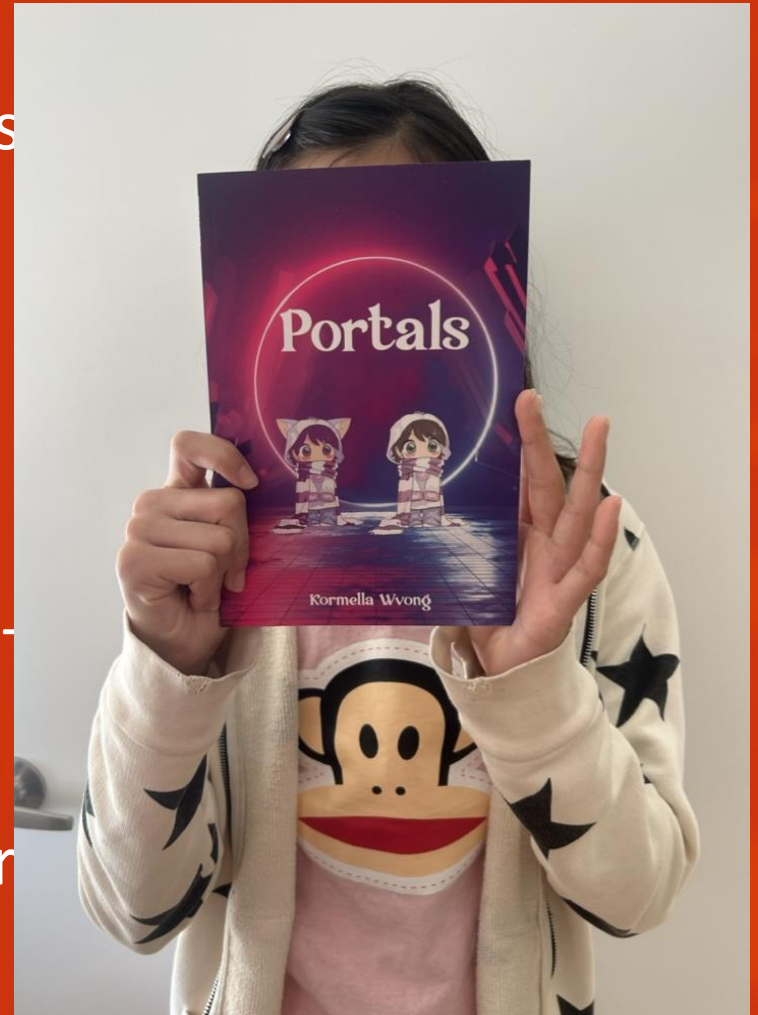
About me

- I have a diploma in Fine Arts and degree in English Literature
- First published in 2002; now, ten books and counting
- I've served as illustrator for BC Summer Reading Club and as peer assessor for GG Book Awards committee



About me

- In 2004, I co-founded CWC, a Vancouver company that runs workshops for children aged 7-18
- We are a not-for-profit organization that operates in community spaces and home-school classrooms
- We desktop publish books for kids and run about 100-150 students through the

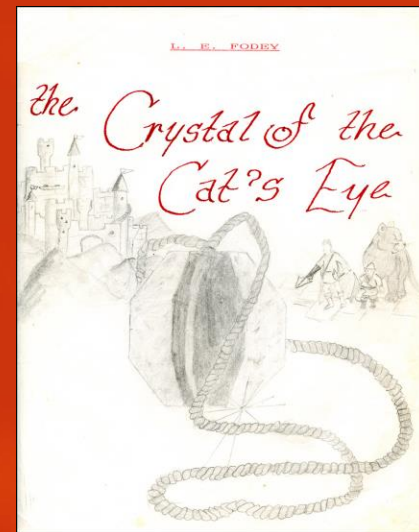
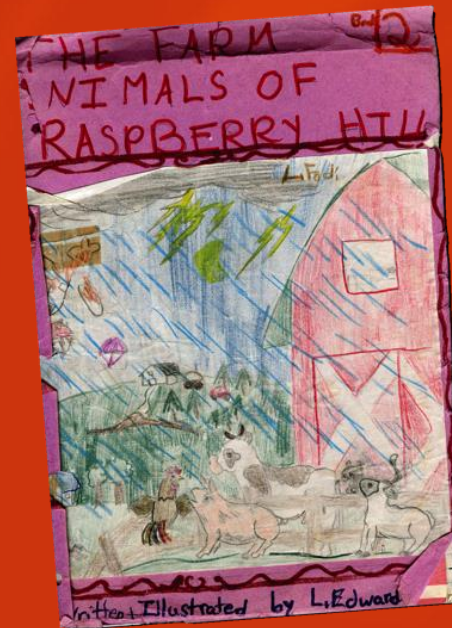
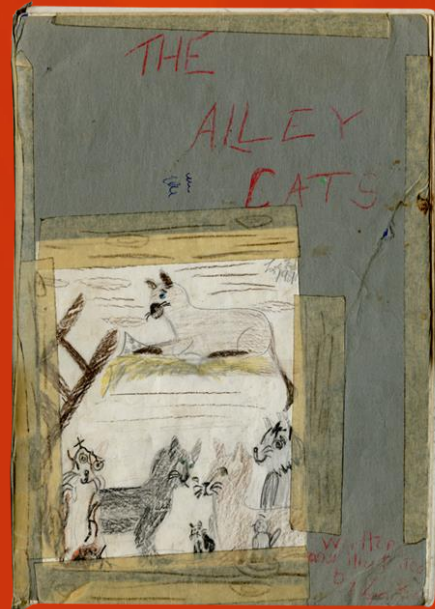
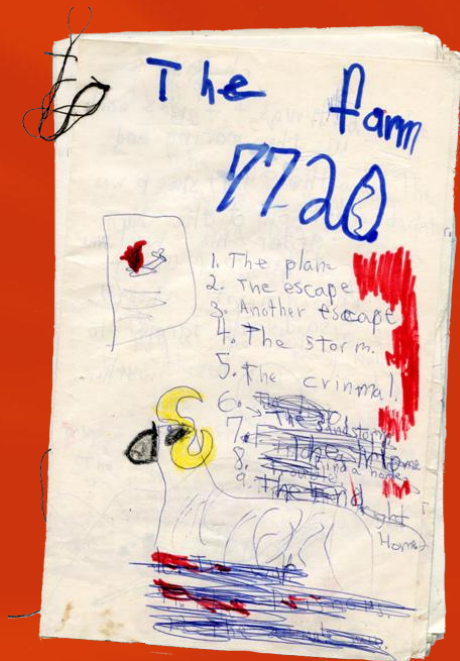


About me

- As an author, I've delivered programs for public, private, and home-learning schools
- I've worked with at-risk teens, neurodivergent students, and gifted learners
- I've toured schools and libraries extensively and worked as a writer-in-residence in Canada, Korea, Thailand, US,



How it started . . .



How it's going . . .



The nine things that have stuck with me

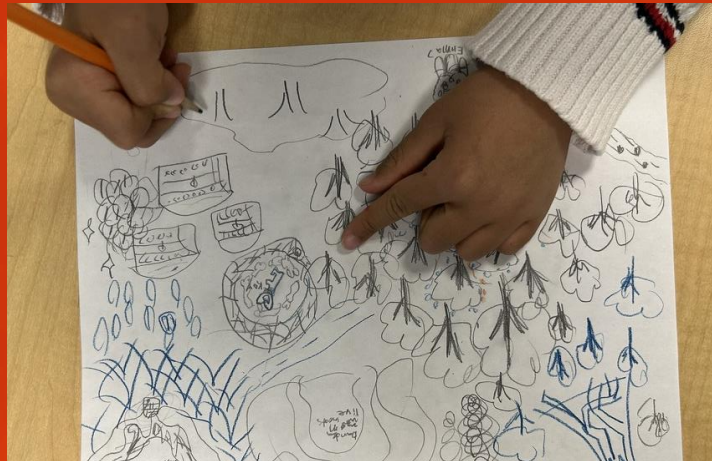
1. Literacy comes from love of story
2. Growing up is the enemy of creativity
3. There are no lightning bolts
4. Creativity is stressful
5. The process is the product
6. Teaching is trying
7. Thinking inside the box
8. Sharing the power
9. Nurture over nature

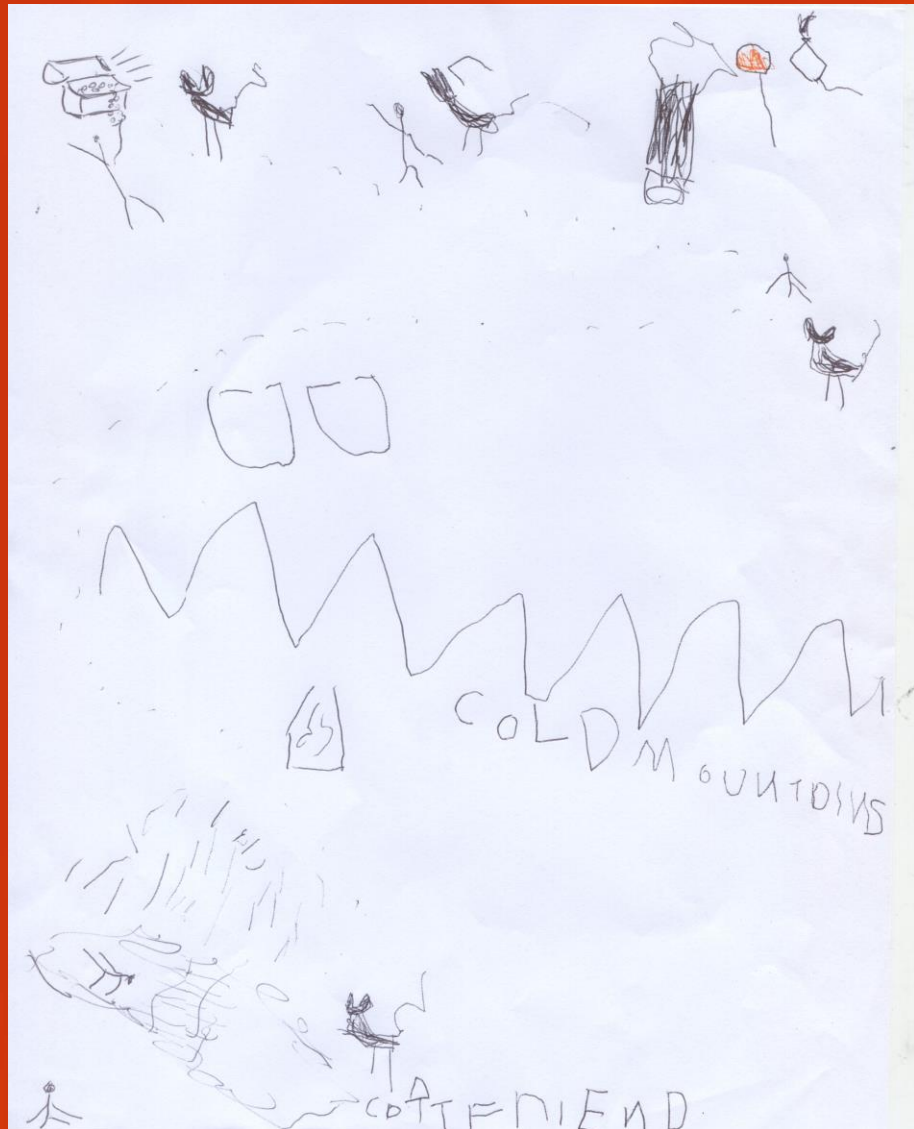
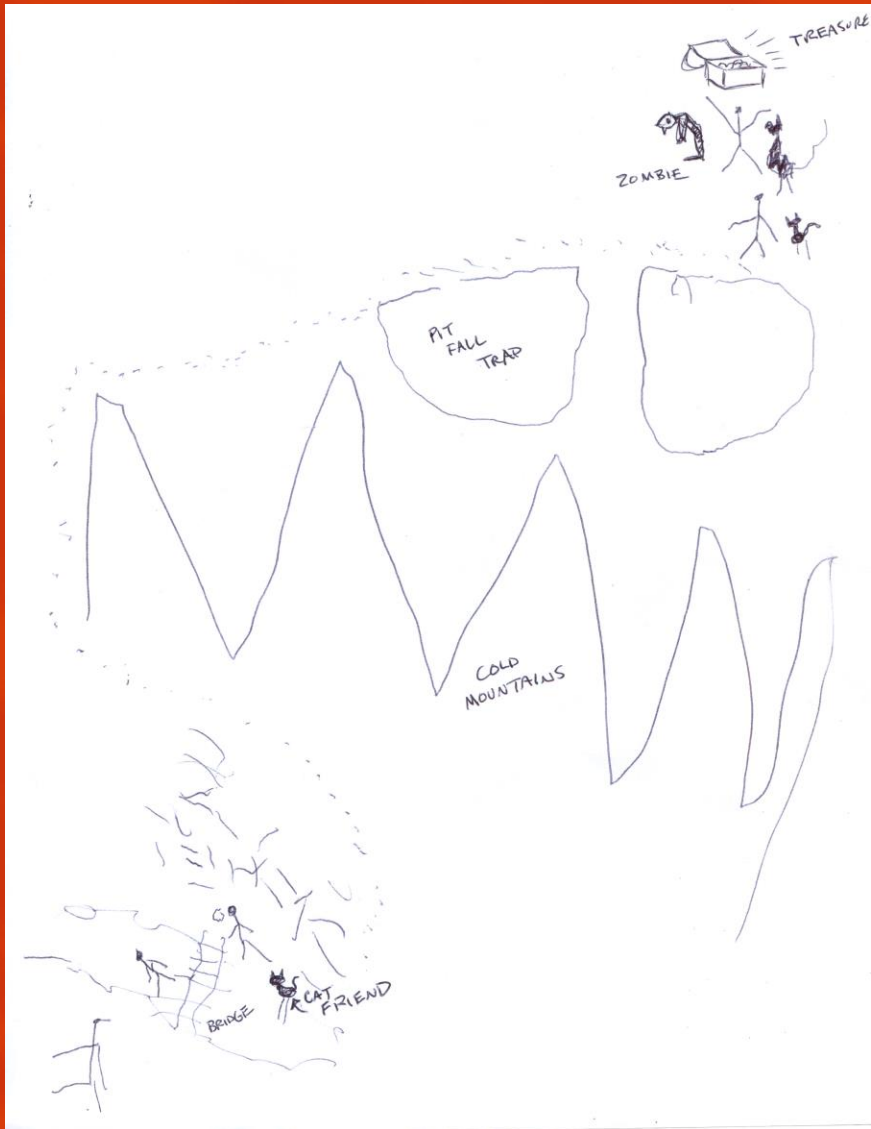
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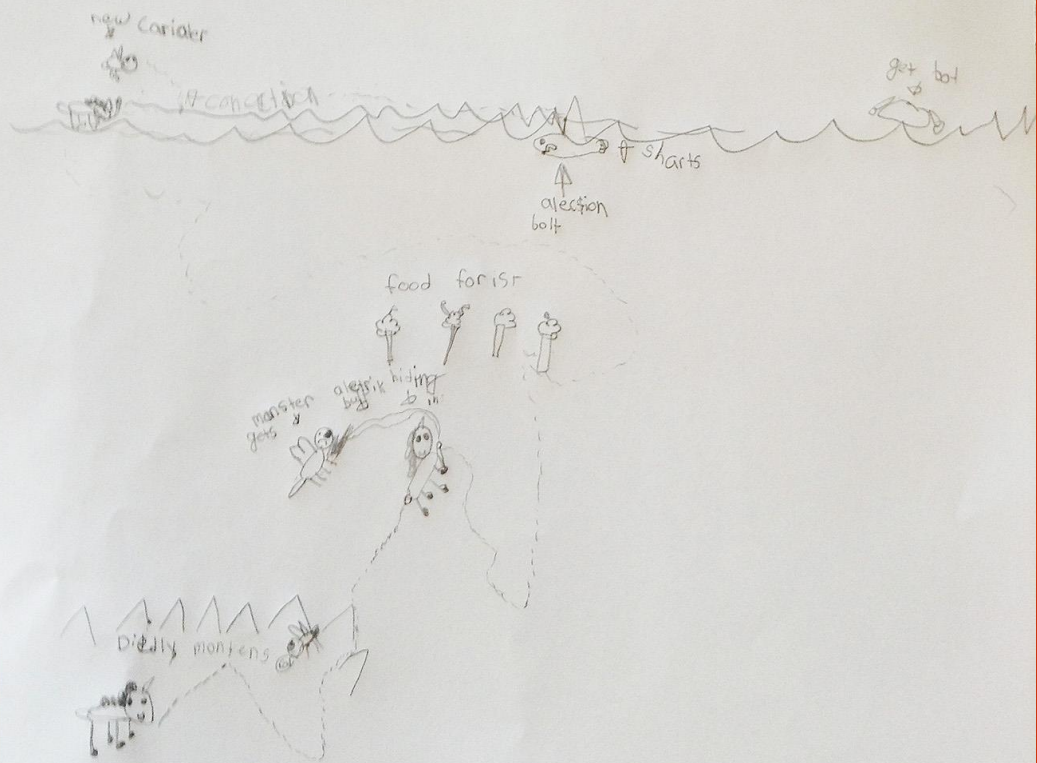
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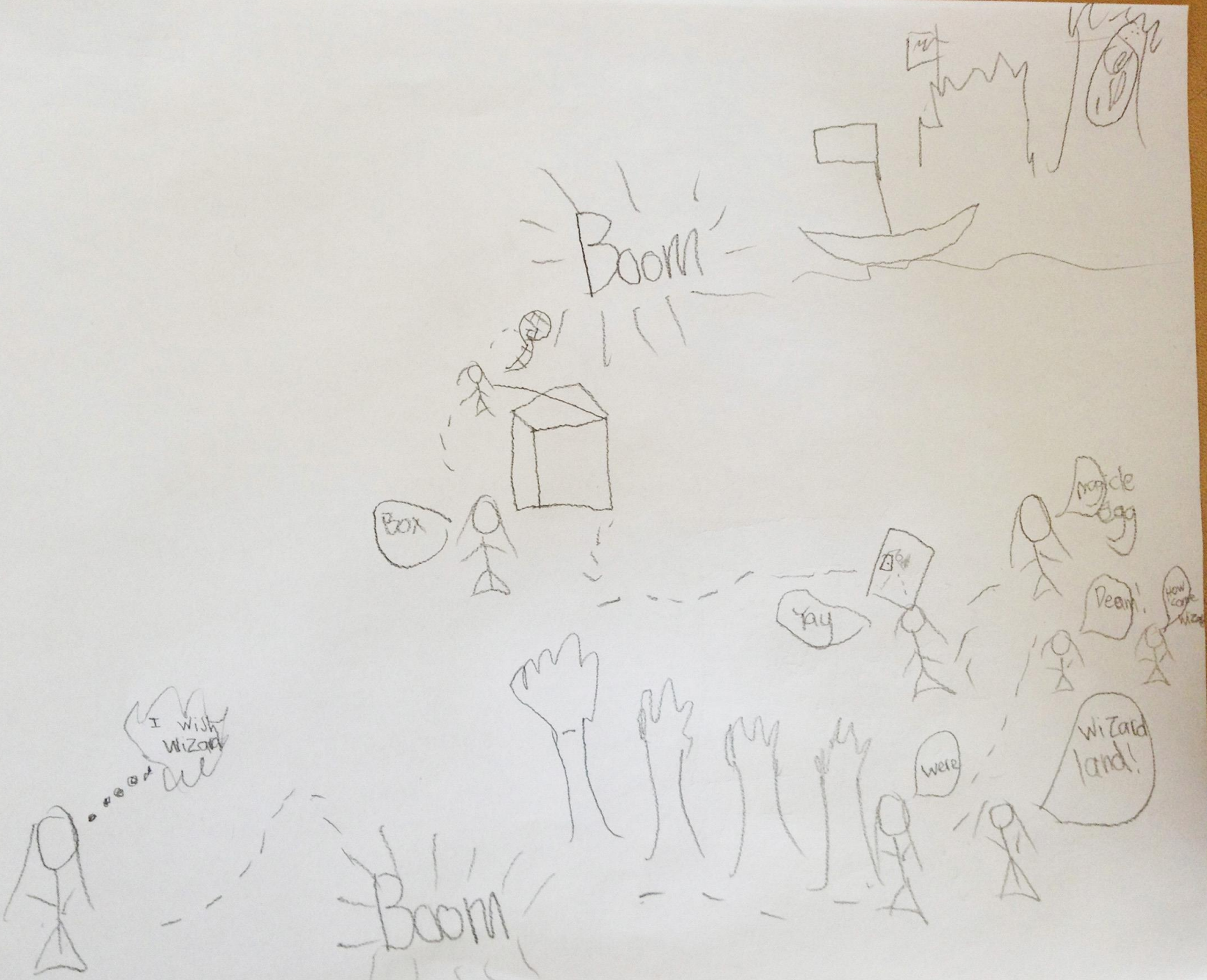
For me, writing isn't only about using
words . . .

... it's sparked by many approaches to
"story"









Boom

Box

Box

you

you de bag

Peant

How come wizard

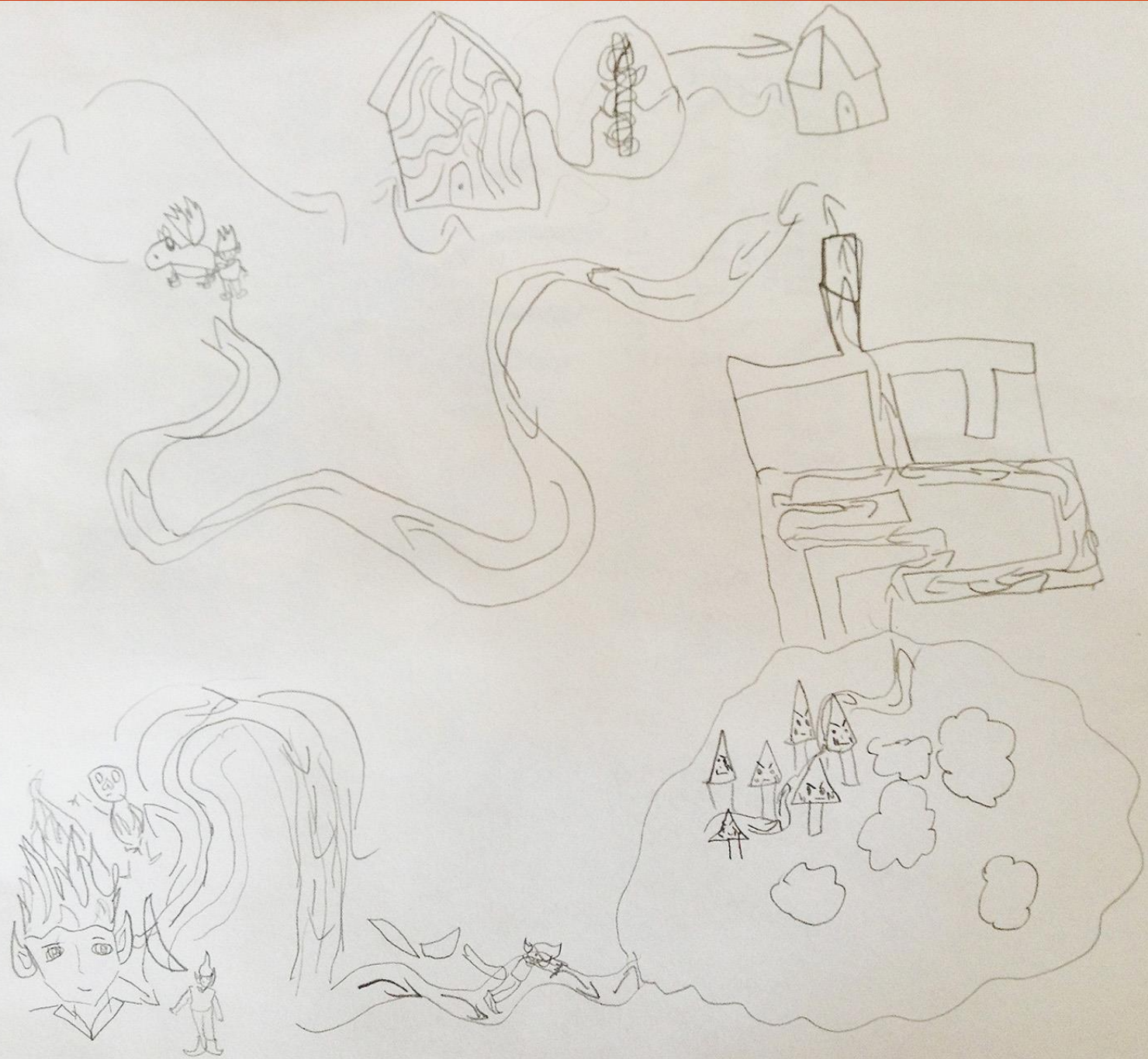
were

wiZard land!

I wish wizard

Boom

WIZARD





magic posim

fake egg

magic spell egg

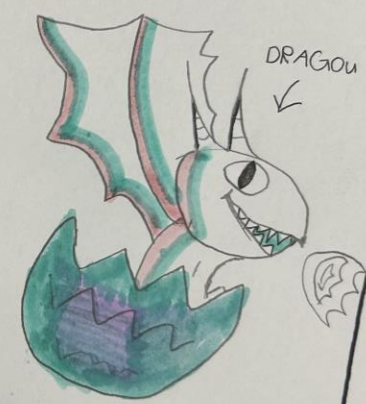
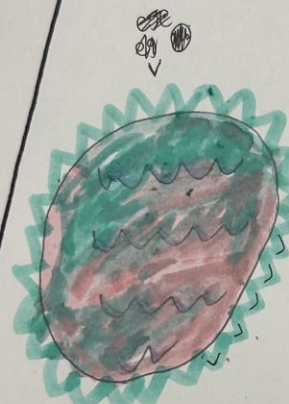


poison spikes

poi



REWARD



W = 999999999.99999\$

DRAGON = ~~9999~~ 9999999999999\$

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Growing up is the enemy of creativity

"Where is the goat?" asked the turkey.
"Where else eating the farmers close?" replied the pig. "He's bad!" said the turkey.

"I don't know what they will do about him," said the pig.



I
A very long time ago, when the world was still young, some of the most Marvellous adventures occurred. The forests were plenty and towns were few. The forests were as happy as could be, filled with wonderful, clean air. The beautiful forests grew all kinds of fruits.
In these fascinating and sometimes enchanted forests lived marvelous creatures of field, mice, gazelles roamed through the forests.



One day Aleaza
 Went to the mon-
 ster pet Store.
 She found A cut-
 e purple monster
 in a little bottle.
 She took it home a-
 nd she hatch it.
 She always
 put it under
 the sunlight
 and the moo-
 nlight one day the
 little monster
 hatched and
 it was not purple.



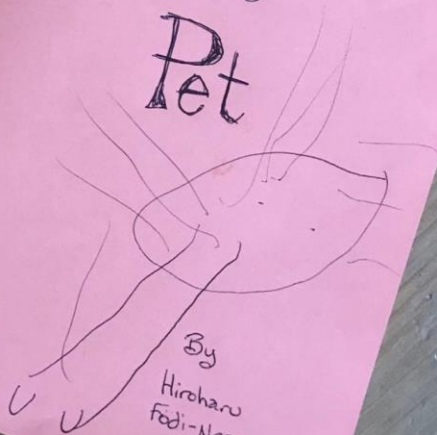
This book was
 made with the
 helping hand of...

- Hattie Chambers
- Clara Chambers
- Madison Glover
- Emmys teacher Mrs. Corrado
- Emmys mom
- Emmys Dad
- and the mermaid Emmy met in seaworld

Dedicated to:
 Emmys uncle
 Lee Fodi... because
 he's the one how
 inspired her to write.



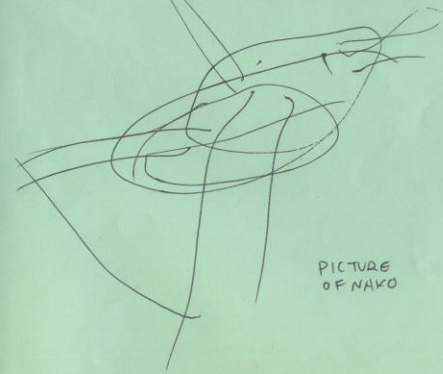
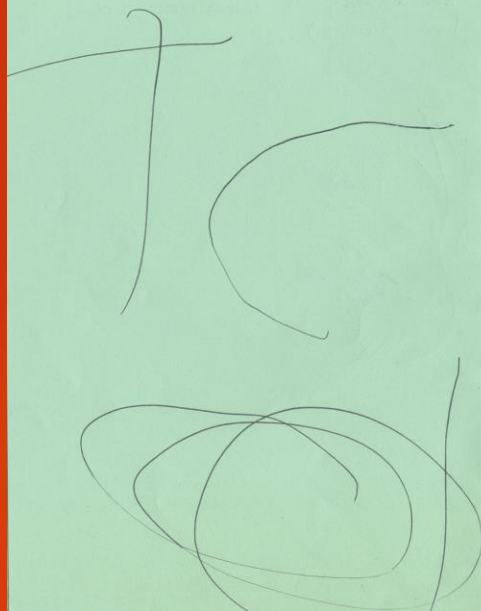
Hiro's Pet



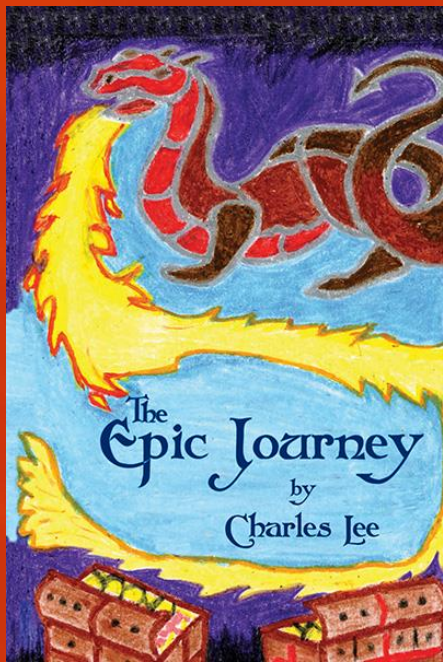
By
 Hiroharu
 Fodi-Nestman

Welcome to Hiro's pet store
 where there are all types of
 pets (just cats). Because Hiro
 really likes them. There are also
 squirrels.

It was a beautiful morning and
 Liam and Saika came to
 buy a pet. They both picked
 beautiful cats - Liam named
 the cat Nako and Saika named
 the other cat ~~Cat~~ Griffin.

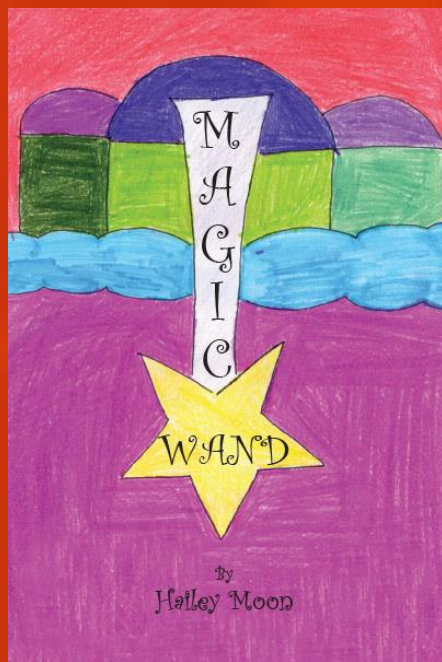


PICTURE
 OF NAKO

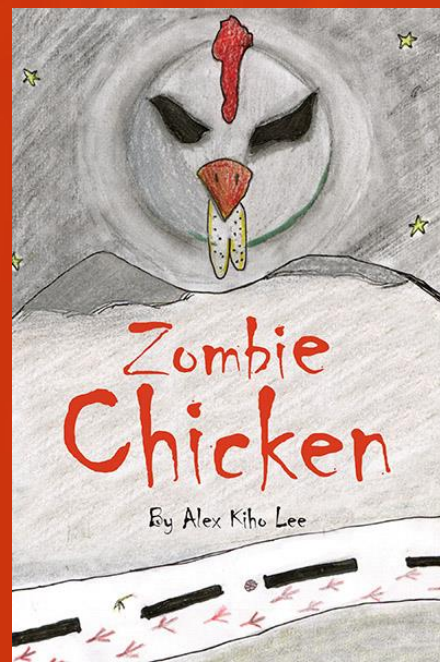


The Epic Journey

by Charles Lee

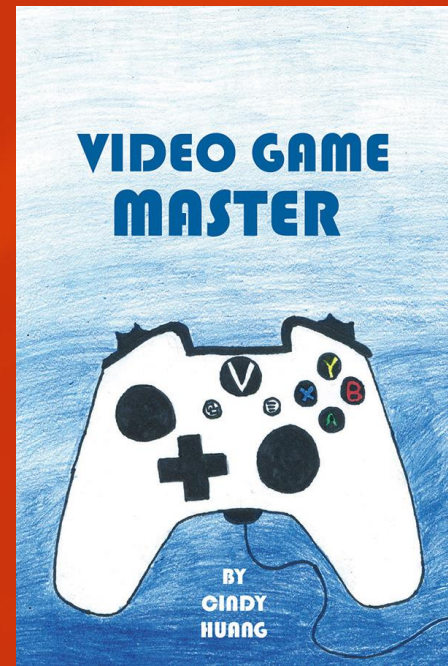


by Hailey Moon



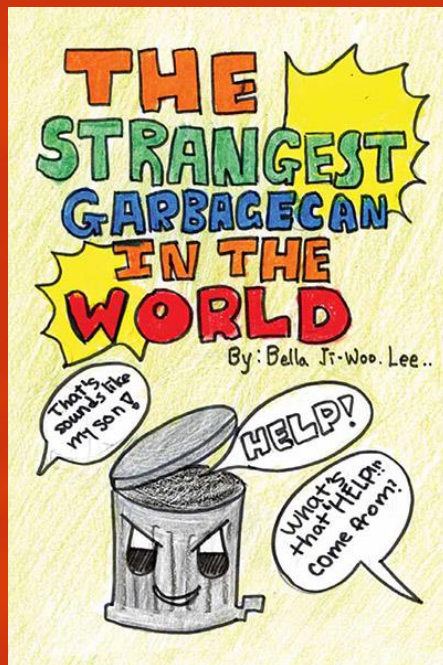
Zombie Chicken

By Alex Kiho Lee



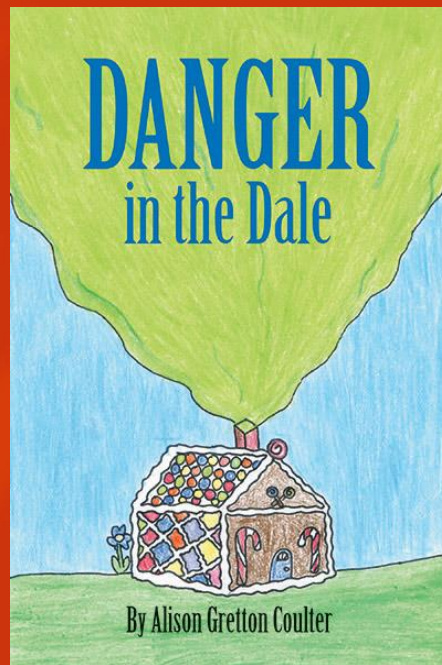
VIDEO GAME MASTER

BY CINDY HUANG



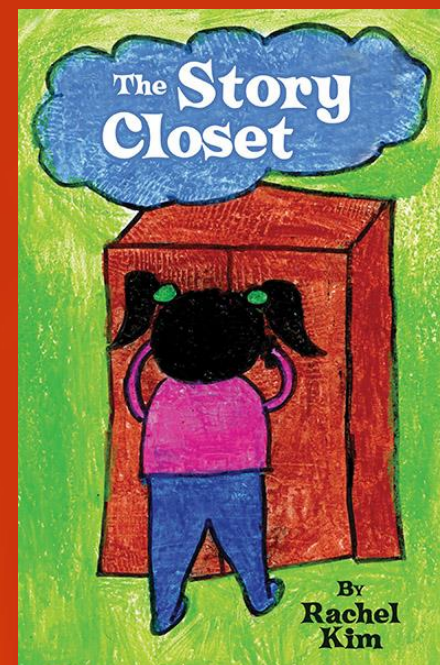
THE STRANGEST GARBAGECAN IN THE WORLD

By: Bella Ji-Woo Lee..



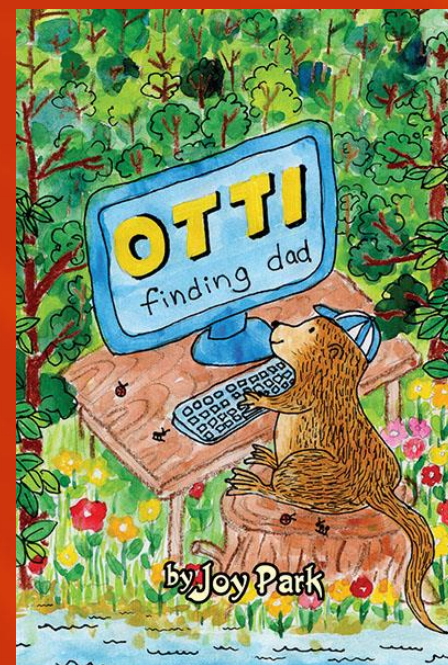
DANGER in the Dale

By Alison Gretton Coulter



The Story Closet

By Rachel Kim



OTTI finding dad

By Joy Park

And then we get older . . .



story problems



chloe

To: Mr. Wiz

hello mr. wiz,

i really apologize for not being able to produce much writing. i've been writing and deleting things on my own time and i'm so frustrated because none of it satisfies me and sometimes i'll almost be done and then i'll just not know what the point i'm trying to make is, nor where the story is going. could you please take a look at my story 1? it's clearly unfinished but it seems like a dead end, and i'm not sure where to go with it. if i could get some advice thatd be awesome. thank you!

From: chloe [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:12 PM
To: Lee Edward Födi <mrwiz@leefodi.com>
Subject: Re: story problems

thank you. the reason why i'm so frustrated is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] i've made like zero progress on both my projects and when my mom asked about it the other day, she got really mad [REDACTED] and i understand on an intuitive level where she's coming from but at the same time when i tried to explain that i'm trying, really i am, she said that i'm not trying hard enough and that my progress is below average. which i get, but i don't know how to solve the problem. all my writing just feels flat and dumb and pointless and i'm so uninspired.

sorry for the rant, but i just want to know if there's anything i can do to inspire myself. i don't want to pump writing out forcefully, but it would help if i was at least able to develop ideas and see where the plot is going.

From Austin Kleon's *Steal Like an Artist*

THE LIFE OF A PROJECT*

THIS IS THE
BEST IDEA EVER

OK, THIS IS HARDER
THAN I THOUGHT

THIS IS GONNA
TAKE SOME WORK

THIS SUCKS—AND
IT'S BORING

(DARK NIGHT
OF THE SOUL)

IT'S DONE AND
IT SUCKS, BUT
NOT AS BAD
AS I THOUGHT

IT WILL BE GOOD TO FINISH
BECAUSE I'LL LEARN SOMETHING
FOR NEXT TIME

* STOLEN FROM MY FRIEND MAUREEN MCHUGH

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There are no lightning bolts

“It isn’t so much
that geniuses make it look easy;
it’s that they make it look it fast.”

SARAH MANGUSO

“It pains people to think that it’s normal everyday stuff being an artist or a musician. They like these tales of wildness and abandon and eccentricity.”

STEVE ALBINI

“Creativity isn’t a lightning bolt.
It’s a slow drizzle.”

ME

The art of inspiration

- Common trait of published writers:
 - They draw inspiration from experience
 - They literally draw, using mapping, doodling, and sketching to help build a world
 - They play, plan, and plot (they do not simply sit a screen and gush magic)

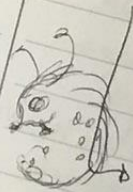


The Secret Broom / Sweepers Society

All these brooms lingering. Some are left by magiks for others. Some begin with one magical escaping and leaving the broom behind. Of course, an unwitting novice finds it.

- The Spell Sweepers
- The Secret Society of Spell Sweepers

Kozo - a bat/dragon/owl ... some magical aid to the spell sweepers. They are the grunt workers who cleanup magical messes.



could be little (large?) caterpillar thing.
Hedgehog thing

- ME touches broom activates a visit from magical world - a spell sweeper
- ME gets bullied by girl wizards
- magical infection - stealing something from our world: children/animals/souls

Typical
wand of a
Wizard



Ring of the
Seeing
Stone



obligatory
skull candle



wax tears

The Port / Ship yard

↳ A quiet section / looks like an entire
fleet of ghost ships

↳ Cipher's HQ

↳ when he realizes they have been
compromised, ships crashing together

↳ More banter rocks (seriously?)
↳ could be jumping / chasing
ship to ship

↳ A prison ship for section of
black mage ... like the worse
haunted house EVER.

↳ Does Mantel follow them? Is
she using Cara to get to Soo

↳ Cipher taunting Cara
↳ Soo rescued / rebelled or not
↳ Soo the dark lord and
Cipher the disciple?



wizards have heard
of Cipher because
↳ he's been
bullying wizard
relics

"You ... you killed him. My most
loyal disciple."
↳ Mantel has to talk Cara
down - "you need to stay calm"

Kida Uniforms

- Different colors associate with your specialty (but Harlee stands alone, blood-red)

- Moss Green
- Midnight Blue
- Ocean teal
- Volcanic Ash
- Vanit brown (MOPS)
- ~~dark~~ ~~disruptive~~ Gray
- ~~maple~~ ~~water~~ gray



- Symbols
- Fang
 - leaf
 - horn
 - eye
 - bird claw
 - tentacle

Harlee Wu's robes

The Future

- Trick Quibble's fate
 ↳ Does the Spell sweep crew get accused of killing/harming him?
 ↳ They go on the lam.

- At end, Trick is gone, and so is Soo
 - Soo hiding out in Seoul
 - A mission to save Trick / Mizzic is Trick's Magic Trick
 - At end of book 1, both Cara and Harlee have lost someone → Trick of wizardry
 Cara: Soo
 Harlee: Trick
 Clean Sweep

~~orange~~ yellow-green-blue-purple

Uniforms

- | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Pearl | Grade 5 | Topaz | Amber | Bronze | Coral |
| Citrine | Grade 6 | Emerald | | Silver | |
| Amber | Grade 7 | Topaz | | Gold | Citrine (orange) |
| Emerald | Grade 8 | Silver | | Topaz | |
| Topaz | Grade 9 | Gold | | Emerald | Amethyst |
| Amethyst | Grade 10 | Amethyst | | Emerald | Ruby |
| Ruby | Grade 11 | Ruby | | | |
| Midnight emerald | Grade 12 | Disphaneous | Midnight | | |
| | | Maple | Ash | | |

Expressions related to cleaning

Clean sweep
Take out the trash
Mop the floor w/ someone
Allow yourself
His gaze swept the room

Fly off the handle (broomstick flying)

Sweepstake

So clean you could eat off it
Sweep under the rug
Taking out the trash

If not nine-tailed fox, ten tailed
Tanuki (Japanese)
Nyogori

tip
tap
at
row
waffle
not
quick
now
on a
woof
snap
bad
howl
snarl
grizzle

If I should have never picked up that broom
Picture the scene. I'm standing in
the potions lab. XYZ, ~~the~~ resident klutz,
bumps over a vial of XYZ. There's a
boom... I leap into action. g r z b b d r z
the reverb "Hum" XYZ mumbles...
spell sweep...



ZUKI

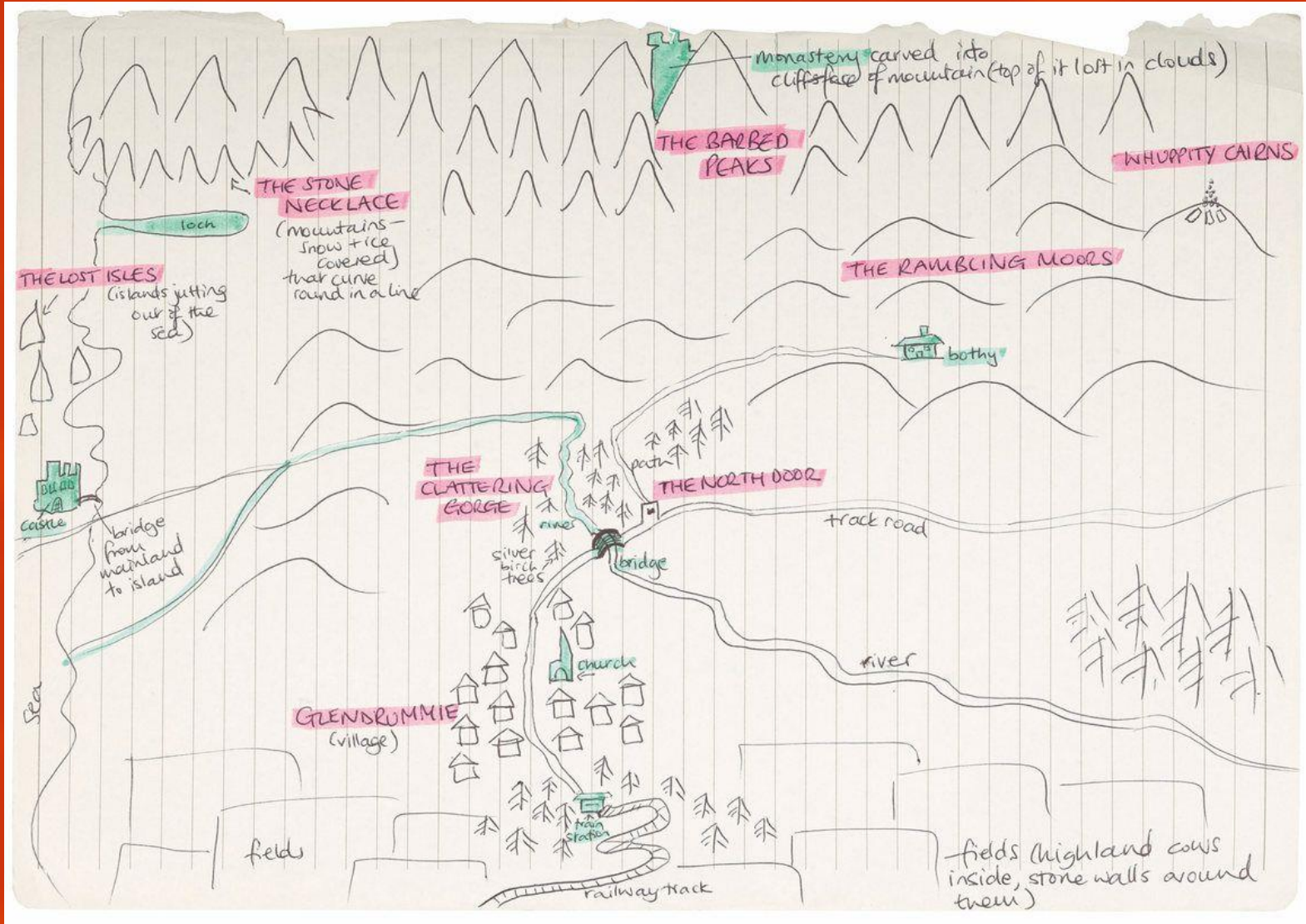




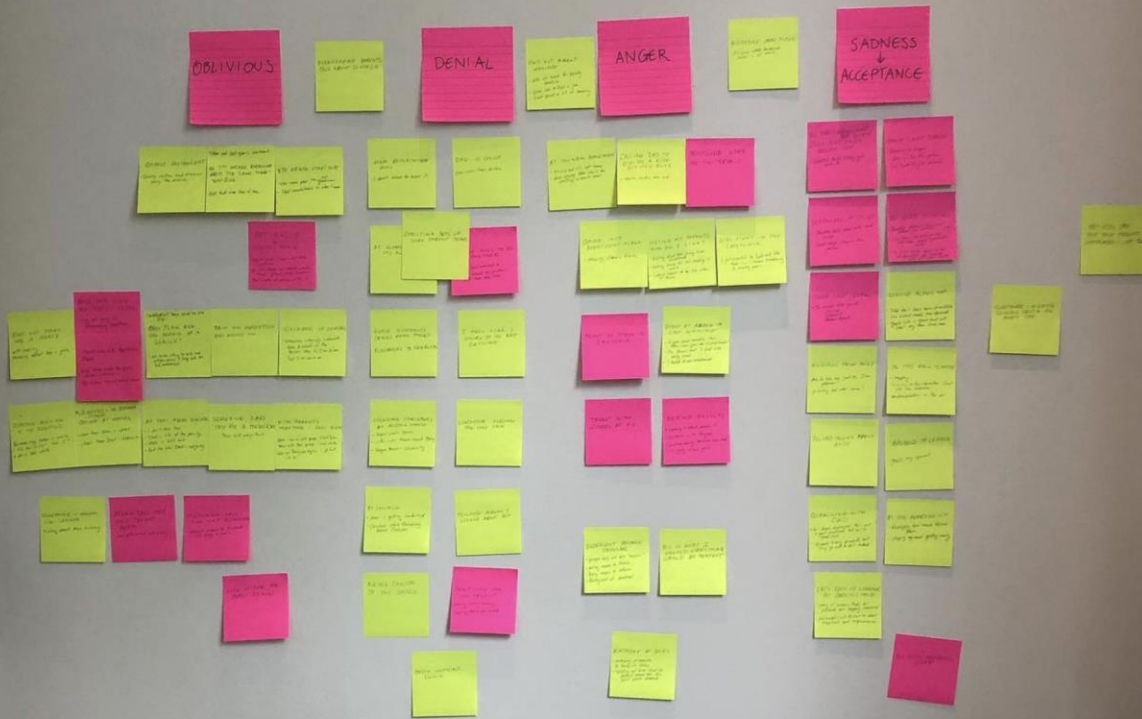
Tony DiTerlizzi builds his daughter a Halloween costume



Abi Elphinstone draws a map



Christina Soontornvat gets sticky



csoontornvat • Following



Graphic novel draft in progress. I've never outlined like this before - with post-it notes. But there are so many different scenes! I have to be able to shuffle them around. I'm loving this method so much so far. I'm going to try it with my next novel too.

35w



SO EXCITED TO SEE THE END PRODUCT 🥳



35w Reply



I've done this with index cards, taking over my dining table for months. It's fun! 🥳



35w 1 like Reply



I've become a big sticky note person working on bigger books. So helpful for planning. My dining room wall was loaded with them for a few months for Death and Sparkles 2.



35w 1 like Reply



Love seeing the process 🥳



35w 1 like Reply



🥳



35w 1 like Reply



This makes me dizzy! Glad you can keep it all straight.



This is how
professional creators create
—why do we expect it to be different
for learners of craft?

“Forget inspiration.
Habit is more dependable.”

OCTAVIA E. BUTLER

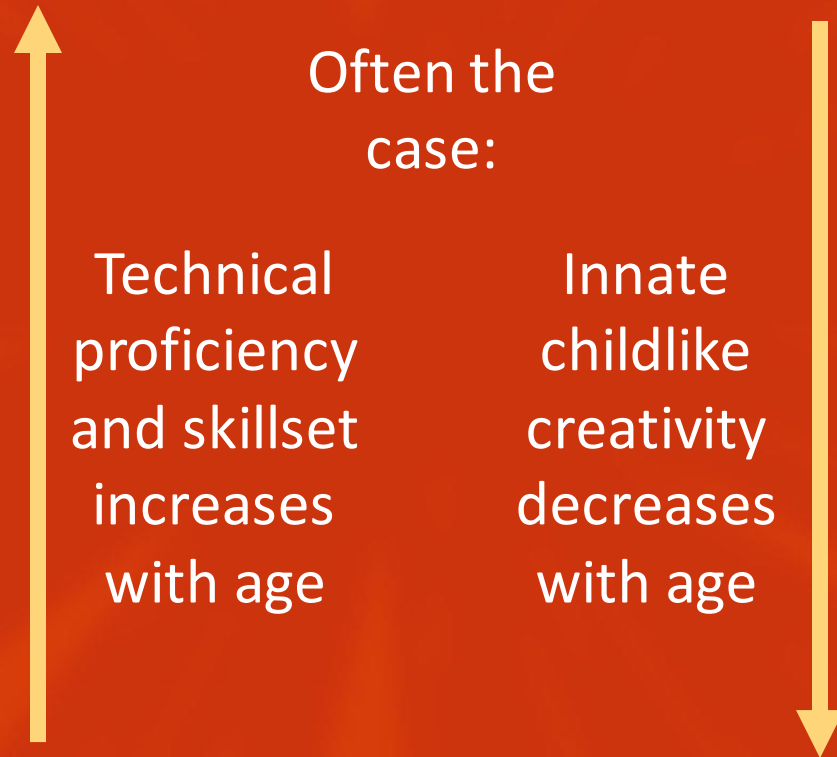
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Creativity is stressful

Stressful for:

- The teacher
- The parent (see: Chloe's mom!)
- The creator—especially if they are invested in it as part of their self-worth (see: Chloe)

The challenge of teaching creative arts



How most people think of the writing process


Start writing

Write, write, write

Finish



What it's really like



Start Writing

Wow, I wrote a good sentence

Must abort this terrible idea !

Freak out

Can I salvage ideas & start again?

Okay, I did not see this coming!

Freak out

When did I forget how to spell?

Rewrite,

Cringe alert!

rethink,

Must resist TikTok ... must resist

Freak out

Actually,

Cringe alert!

replot

Freak out

this scene isn't too bad

You know what? I have a WAY BETTER idea. That one will be REALLY easy to write. It will be magic. Time to abort and start over ... Uh, okay, I'm back. That idea was NOT easy.

Uh...did she just

Freak out

That one person who believed in me?

I don't know what to do with this giant plot hole

Uh, since WHEN are there vampires in this story?

Maybe I'm just talentless. Maybe I should spend my remaining days on Planet Earth living in despair and begging my parents' forgiveness for bringing shame upon their family name.

EVERYTHING.

We're not trying to create perfection.
We're trying to take the best step
toward perfection.

Which means . . .

5

The process IS the product

“We tend to think
of the artist’s work as the output.”

RICK RUBIN

OUTPUT

VS

INPUT

OUTPUT

VS

INPUT

AI
PREDICTIVE
TEXT
CHAT GPT
BOTS
PRODUCT
AWARDS/FAM
E/FOLLOWERS
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OUTPUT

VS

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PROCESS
EXPLORATION
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“In your life, you will be evaluated on your output.
Your boss will evaluate you on your output.
If you’re a writer like me, the audience will evaluate
you
on your output. But your input is just as important.
If you don’t have good input,
you cannot maintain good output.”

TED GIOIA

Also, teachers,
parents, &
systems

“In your life, you will be evaluated on your output.
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TED GIOIA

Process vs Presentation (output)

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	ACHIEVEMENT	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	EFFORT
Listening.....	C	S	C+	S	C+	S
Speaking.....	B	S	B	G	A	G
Reading.....	B	S	C+	S	C+	S
Writing (Language)	C+	S	B	G	A	G
Mathematics.....	C+	S	B	S	B	G
Social Studies....	B	S	C+	S	B	S
Physical Education	C	S	C-	S	C	S
Art.....	-	-	-	-	A	G
Music / Band.....	B	S	B	S	A	G
French.....	A	G	A	G	A	G
Science.....	B	S	B	S	B	S

Work Habits			
-uses time wisely	G	G	G
-completes assignments	G	G	G
-works co-operatively	S	G	G
Social and Personal Development			
-displays appropriate behavior	G	G	G
-accepts responsibility	S	G	G

ATTENDANCE RECORD												
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
Days absent	1/2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	2		
Fines Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Placement in September, 19 83
Assigned to Grade 8 Division _____
Teacher's Signature [Signature]
Principal's Signature [Signature]

82-11-26
English 7 - Lee's work demonstrated enthusiasm and imagination. He needs to proofread his written work more carefully to avoid errors. I am looking forward to Lee's work next term.

Math: Lee's work shows very satisfactory growth this term. His overall results were very near a "B". Lee should strive towards this higher letter grade next term. Keep working hard, Lee. R. Beitel

Social Studies Lee is working well. His writing can improve. F. Wallace

Science. A good first term, Lee. Keep up these efforts! R. Beitel

Community Recreation - Drama Lee has enjoyed learning the basics of golf, horse shoes, skating and curling. He works well in Drama in an own quiet way. F. Wallace

83-03-25
English 7 - Lee has done some impressive work this term. Keep it up, Lee! R. Beitel

Science: Lee continues with his good efforts in science. He appeared to enjoy the recently completed Chemistry unit. Well done, Lee. R. Beitel

Math: Lee continues to work well in this course. He should be pleased with his grade. Keep up the good work R. Beitel

Social Studies Lee's report on Spain earned him mark this term. His writing has improved. F. Wallace

83-06-30
English 7 Lee's efforts this term in the areas of composition and drama have been outstanding. His newspaper project was superior, and his portrayal of Oberon in a class play demonstrated a great deal of dramatic ability. A fantastic effort, Lee - have a good summer! R. Beitel

Science: Lee's work again showed good growth this final term. Good luck in Science 8, Lee. It was a pleasure to teach Lee this year. R. Beitel

Math: A very good final term from Lee. He successfully completed the Math 7 program. Lee should have no problems in Math 8. R. Beitel

Social Studies
Lee worked well this term and on the project of Ancient Egypt earned 116/150 on his written report. Best of luck next year in grade eight. F. Wallace

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Reading.....	B	S	C+	S	C+	S
Writing (Language)	C+	S	B	G	A	G
Mathematics.....	C+	S	B	S	B	G
Social Studies....	B	S	C+	S	B	S
Physical Education	C	S	C-	S	C	S
Art.....	-	-	-	-	A	G
Music / Band.....	B	S	B	S	A	G
French.....	A	G	A	G	A	G
Science.....	B	S	B	S	B	S

Work Habits			
-uses time wisely	G	G	G
-completes assignments	G	G	G
-works co-operatively	S	G	G
Social and Personal Development			
-displays appropriate behavior	G	G	G
-accepts responsibility	S	G	G

ATTENDANCE RECORD

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Days absent	1/2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1/2	0	2
Times Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Placement in September, 19 83
Assigned to Grade 8 Division _____
Teacher's Signature [Signature]
Principal's Signature [Signature]

82-11-26
English 7 - Lee's work displays enthusiasm and imagination. He needs to proofread written work more carefully to avoid errors. I am looking forward to Lee's work next term.

Math: Lee's work shows satisfactory growth this term. Overall results were very "B". Lee should strive for a higher letter grade next term. Working hard, Lee

Social Studies Lee is working well. He can improve.

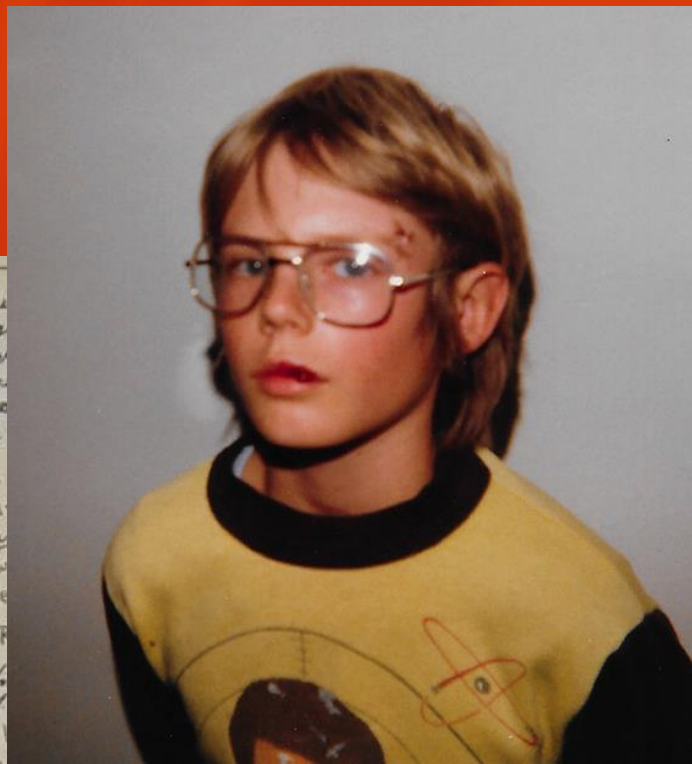
Science. A good first term, keep up these efforts! R. Beitel

Community Recreation - Drama Lee has enjoyed learning the basics of golf, horse shoes, skating and curling. He works well in Drama in an even quiet way. R. Beitel

82-03-25
English 1 - Lee has done well in his impressive work this term. Keep it up, Lee! R. Beitel

Science: Lee continues with his good efforts in science. He appeared to enjoy the recently completed Chemistry unit. Well done, Lee. R. Beitel

Math: Lee continues to work well in this course. He should be pleased with his grade. Keep up the good work! R. Beitel



Math: A very good final term from Lee. He successfully completed the Math 7 program. Lee should have no problems in Math 8. R. Beitel

Social Studies
Lee worked well this term and on the subject of Ancient Egypt earned 116/150 on his written report. Best of luck next year in grade eight. R. Beitel

Extrois

It is the year 2000 A.D. War has struck the earth, bombs shatter down on every nation of the struggling planet.

Everything is destroyed and the people are destroyed by a radioactive source that has started a new life; the good and the evil. The Tygons and Tyrans.

That source has taken affect on animals changing them into beasts, halfman halfbeast.

This source the Extroris.

He to is Destant to betajf
ys. Burd to Tyrans and pull
the city to the ground.

F: Feutra bows.
F: Yes my lord. ~~Am I~~

G: I have spoken. Now
be off with you.

2 weeks later
As Zax and the
others travel. The two men
in front of the procession
are suddenly blown off the
cliff by a tyrann cannon.

F: Zax! It's the Tyrans.

The men go in a mad
panic and began to turn
back.

Z: Hold it! Get your guns. We're
gonna fight! (To Flip) take your
gun, your sword and anything
else you got and prepare
for any thing.

~~What is going on.~~

We're crazy to fight!

These Tyrans are dangerous
and mean. Besides
this wasn't my idea.

A wild fight begins. Two
Tyrans jump on Zax who is
on a sheetan, and he shoot
one and slices the other
two. Two barto kill Zax's
sheetan.

Suddenly captured Zax realizes
his death along with
the others.

Suddenly a man jumps
out with fire.

It's that sorcerer.
Move out of here.

More fight.
Soon Zax, Flip and the sorcerer
are left.

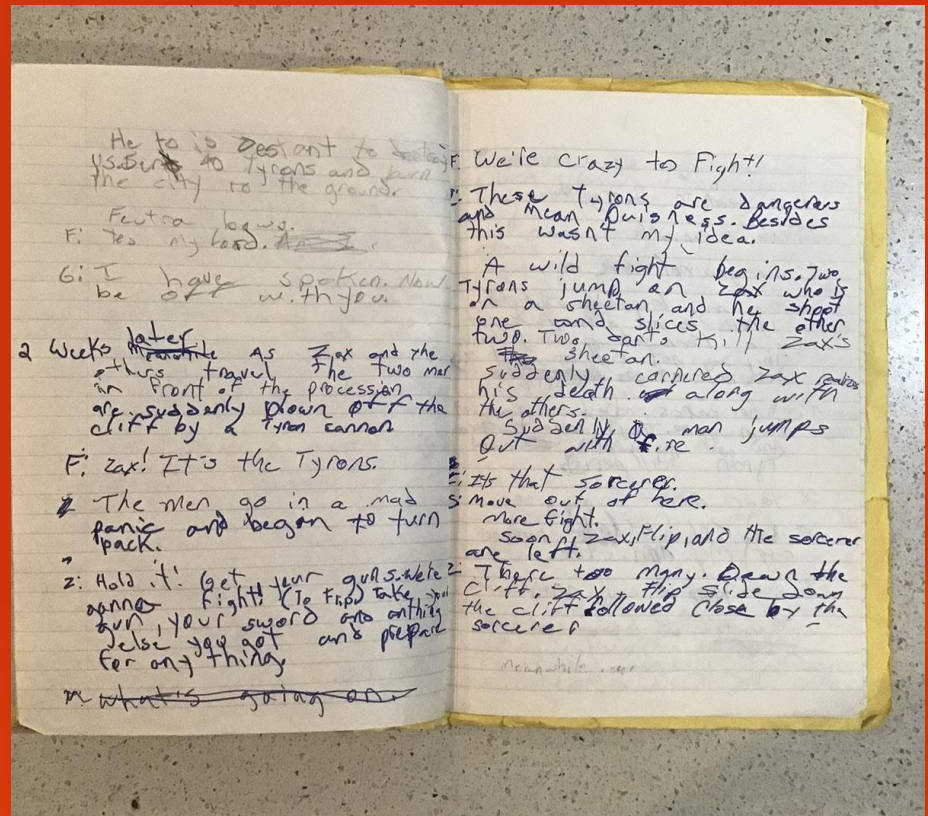
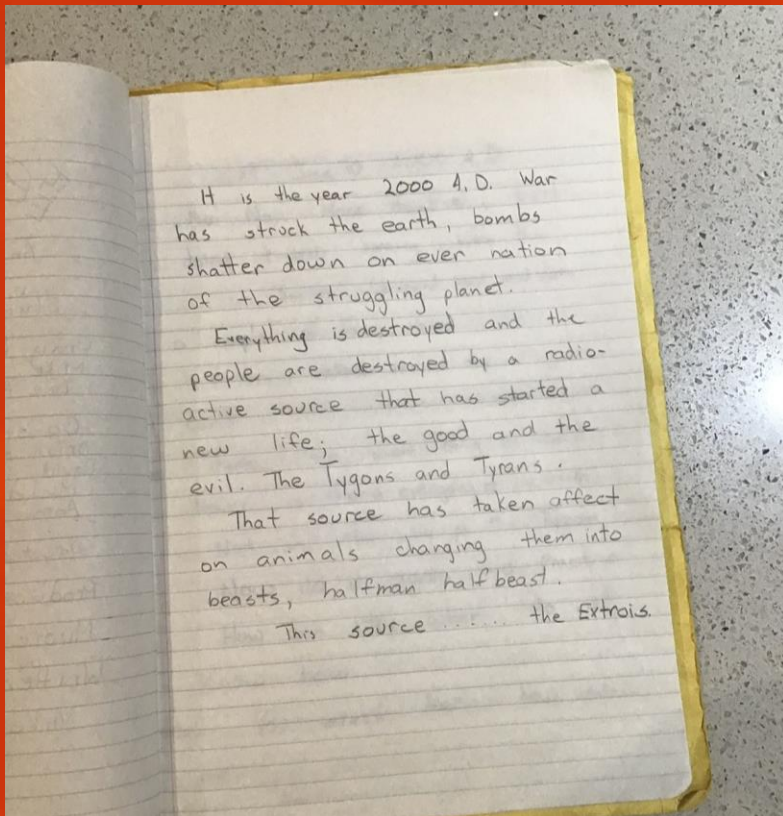
There too many. Down the
cliff. Zax + Flip slide down
the cliff followed close by the
sorcerer.

meanwhile...

output

vs.

input



presentati

vs.

process

on

Then and now

He is so desiant to take us back to tyrons and burn the city to the ground.

F: I have spoken now be off with you.

G: I have spoken now be off with you.

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The men go in a mad panic and begin to turn back.

2: Hold it! Get your guns, take a fight (to fight take your sword and anything else you got and prepare for any thing)

What's going on

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A wild fight begins. Two tyrons jump on zax who is on a sheetan and he shoot one and slices the other two. Two sheetan kill zax's sheetan.

zax suddenly captured zax catches his death along with the others. Suddenly the man jumps out with fire.

It's that sorcerer. Move out of here. More fight. soon zax, Phillip and the sorcerer are left.

There too many. Draw the cliff. zax, the side down the cliff followed close by the sorcerer.

KITSUNE / Kumiho / Gumiho

~ a nine-tailed fox (he has three tails already)

~ Has a bad reputation, based on being a fox spirit, but he's good-natured

- "yeeh, yeeh" - very agreeable, wants to fit in.

- He's the familiar of Will Quibble, given to him as a pup/kit by his separate friend.

- silver in colour with spots

- stuck out tongue, closed one eye, and scratched his ear with a hind leg

- very excitable → "ah, yeeh, we're taking out the trash!"

Are foxes part of all cleanup crews?


Yume (dream)
Akunyo (evil spirit)
Kuro (black)

Hikaru (shining brilliant)
Kazuo (single blessing)
Katsuno (win over loss)
Kazumi (wasteful peace)
Akoto (scandal)
Tozoku (lawless)
Kuro (black)
Saji (lick on up)
Hoshio (night)
Shiro (white)
Yuki (snow)

Fantom (phantom)
Yume (dream)
Akunyo (evil spirit)
Kuro (black)
Hazuza (mischievous)
Kage (shadow)
Suedo (shape)
Onryo (revengeful ghost)
Zura (stupid) (just an expression, like eh)
Yumei (smoke)
Hoku (moon)

SUNE
KIT
Momi
Gumi
Tash
KATO
Daiush
DEKE
Punch
+ YIP

Issoon-eh
soo-neh
scrub
ghost
Yip (ghost)
spook



MOP Friend

- Patrick (Trick) / Cole / Caleo / Zaxo / Xander / Finn

- Possibly glasses. Liam / Chance

- Good at voices & mimicking / acting. Beetle

- Can be confident and cocky

- might do magic tricks instead of reg magic (so should be trick's 2 name)

Sara (sty)	Tazo	FA	LU	Doyle
Tsuki (moon)	Tako	Patrick	Bogdan	Dron (n)
Yoru (night)	Yoji	Cole	David	Fay
Potona (father)	Yufikaw	Caleb	Bree	Fitzberry
Fugo (water)	Yufiuro (snow / to fire)	Liam	Breen	Flannery
uta (song)	Yoji / Yies	Zaxo	Briki	Gabriel
Yuki no uta (song)	Yoshi	Xander	Coner	Gibbons
Sun's spirit (snow spirit)	Hoshi (star)	Liam	Cogan	Griffin
Zuki		Beetle	Claymore	Havin
Chito (pleige)		Chance	Cozy	Hinsey
Koto (harp)		Noam	Cinkey	Kirk (c)
Taji (husking)		Diego	Diego	
Tschiya		Alejandro	Diego	
Hiroki		Abriel	Diego	
Ka-kai (suj)		Agustin / Agusto (Gusto)	Diego	
Kozuki (harmony)		Avaro	Diego	
Kazuo		Dante	Diego	
Kazuo		Dario	Diego	
Kengo (murder)		Gustavo	Diego	
Kimi (wisdom)			Diego	
Kioko (peaceful love)			Diego	
Kiyoo			Diego	
Kono			Diego	
Facha (chapters)			Diego	
Sho			Diego	
Saji (action, action)			Diego	

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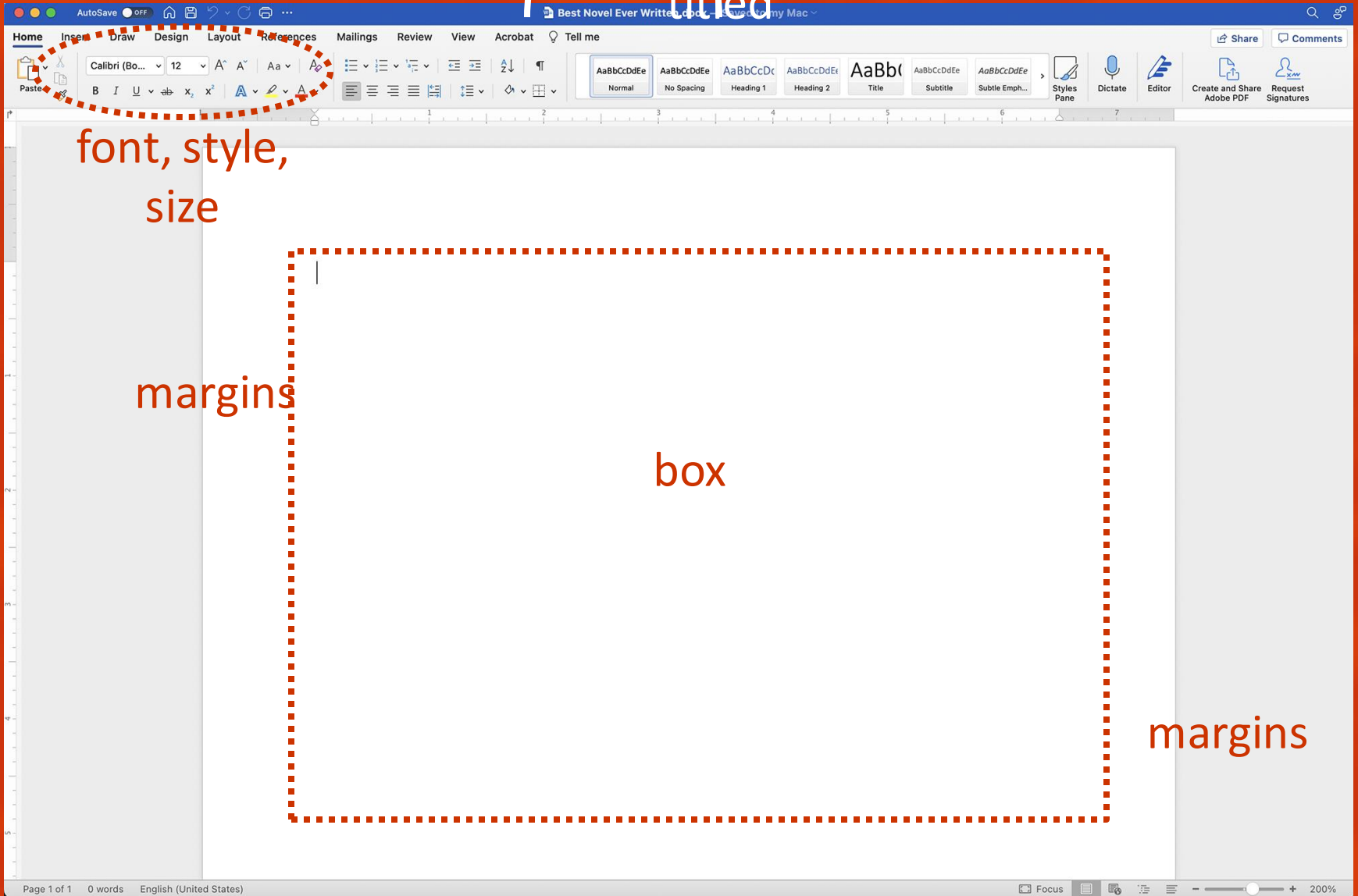
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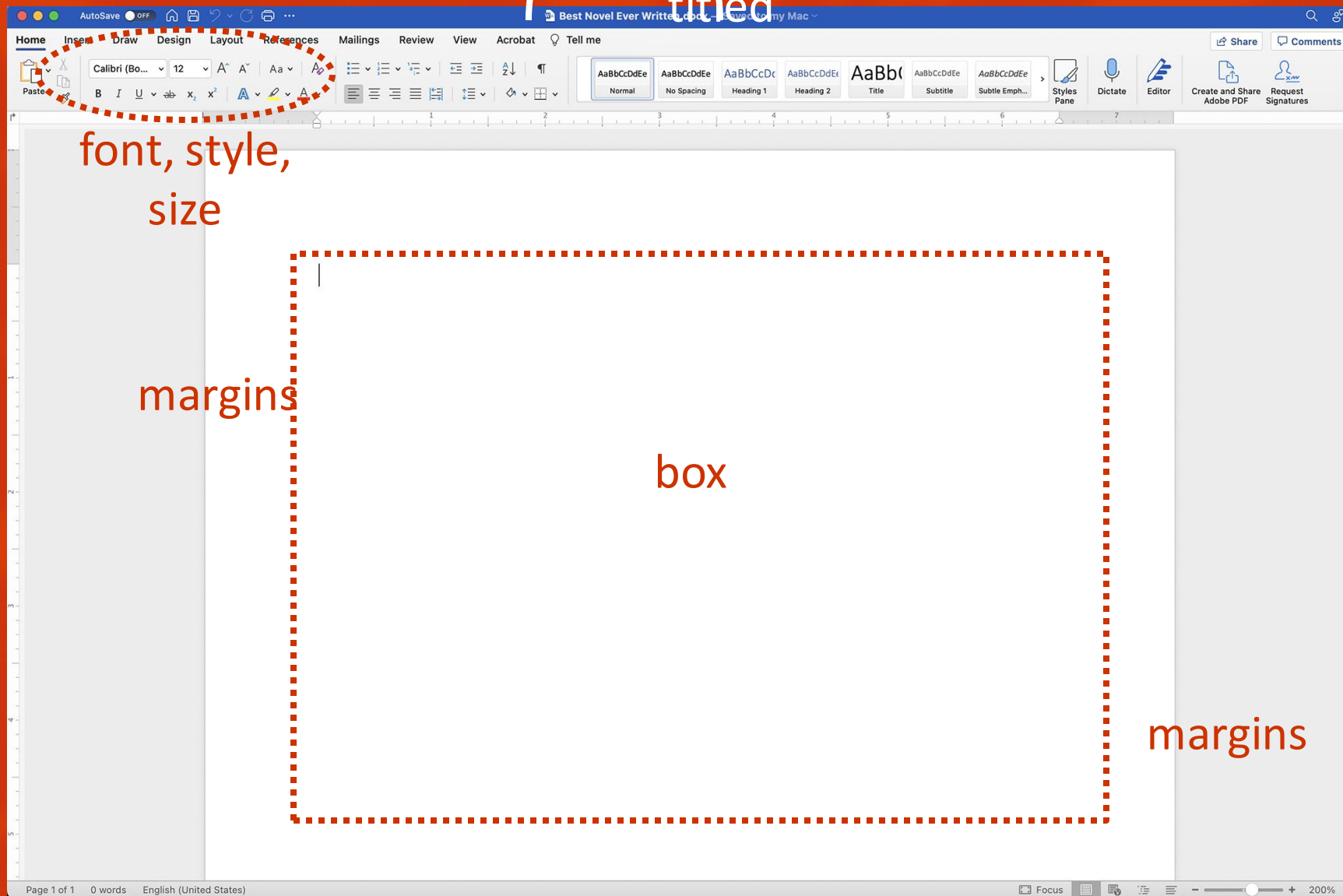
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None of this is creative; it's driving us toward product

“The computer brings out
the uptight perfectionist in us
—we start editing ideas
before we have them.”

austin kleon

In other words

The computer (AI) is asking
—often demanding—
that we skip process and
go straight to product

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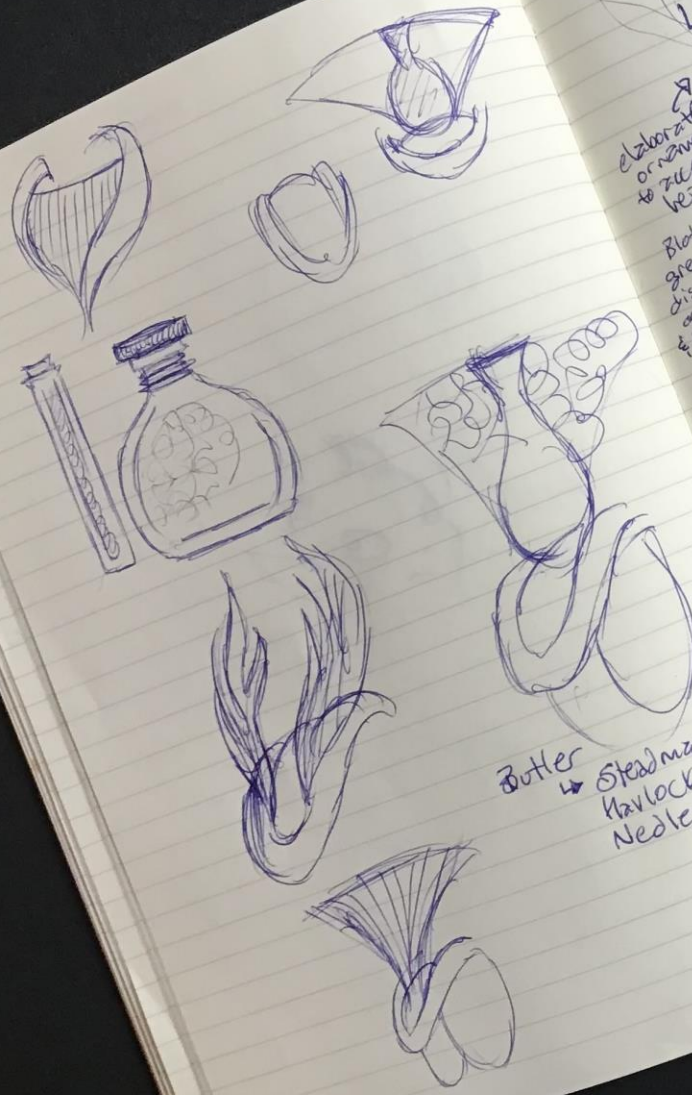
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Chapter 3

And then something else happened, but I'm not sure what . . .

“Erasers
are the enemies
of ideas.”

ME



Butler → Steadman
Harlock
Nedley

LADY PERRIL PERILL

elaborate ornamentation to veil & eye

blotchy green discoloration on cheeks & forehead

Veil →
can catch a hint of her expression



Horns are stumps, but harder to conceal as hair-thin

→ Ears are slightly pointed

→ Fancy cap disguises elvish ears and stumps

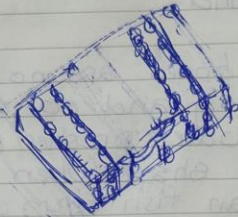
→ high-necked collar to disguise bleaching skin



→ Glasses on a chizmi she has failing vision.

Things for adventures

Suitcase



flash light



pencil case



MATCHES



water bottle

Snacks



Dog food



Notebook of imagination



blanket



Map



Brainstorming Sheet

Story Brew

Name: Ricky

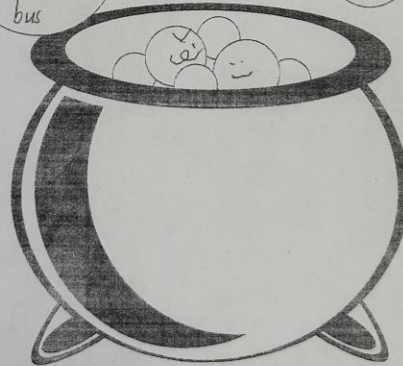
DIRECTIONS: Brainstorm some ideas for your novel by doodling and writing down some ideas. No erasing! This isn't a final drawing, just a way to collect ideas!

Skibidi Toilet
a chapter book
and Diary

Diary of
a disaster
kid.



Diary
of a
school
bus



ghondry gets lost when scavenging
and ends up at the cottage. breaks
in and accidentally steps on sephs
wand witch teleports everyone.



queen of
ocean
(dead)



Head
master
(alive)

- Fibians
Flag



Alon
- birb
- alicia

Fish's
blue ribbon
....

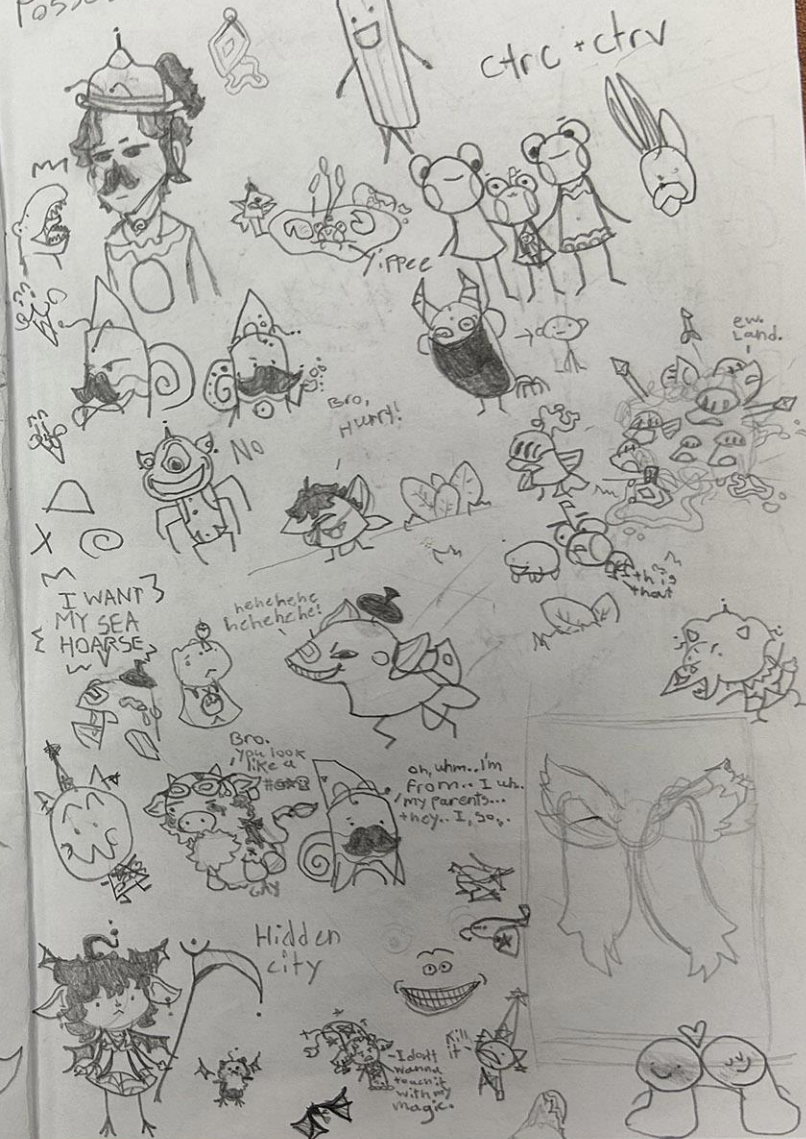
(name)
unicorn,
witch
wizard magic
(wands)



bisquit
(fishus horse)



Ocean
Possession??



ctrl + ctrl

I WANT
MY SEA
HORSE

hehehe
hehehe

Bro,
you look
like a

oh, uh... I'm
from... I uh...
my parents...
they... I, so...

Hidden
city

- I dont
wanna
touch it
with my
magic

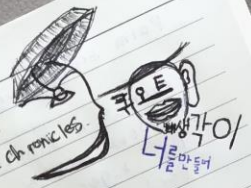
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Land.

Bro,
Hunt!

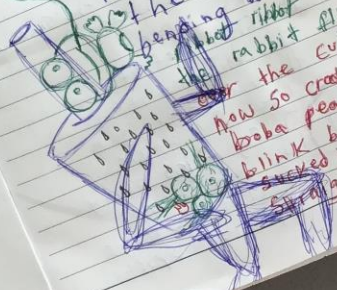
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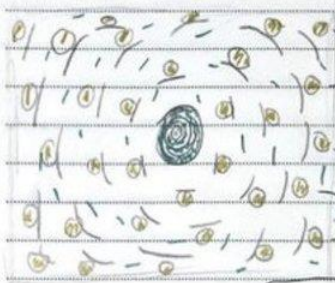
fish's
that

- Ted Gioia
- Austin Kleon
- Spiderwick chronicles
- Shan green



Straight straw
 The cup sweats
 The air shallow
 beautiful life
 the pink frog
 with striped pajamas
 running miles
 the air shallow
 the air whirl
 the rabbit
 the rabbit flies
 over the cup
 now so cracked
 booba pears
 blink blink
 sucked in the
 straight straw

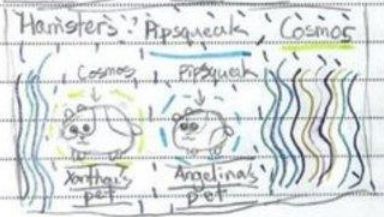




- the very middle of this market is the imaginary circle, when you step on the circle you can imagine a shop of what you want inside it and then it will generate the shop you wanted and it will take you there
 (expands all the time)

Character Names: ^{girl main character} *Angelina, ^{boy main character} *Xanthous, *Brystal, *Conner, *Pipsqueak, *Tangerina, *Cosmos, *Ariana, *Skylene, *Violetta, *Rosette, *Coral, *Conner, *Chance, *Chandler, *Chace

= boy
 = girl
 (for people)
 Personalities



Angelina: Kind, Brave, Honest, loyal, fast
 Xanthous: Brave, Nice, Creative, loyal, Honest, fast, smart
 Brystal: Kind, wise, useful
 Tangerina: Slow, love bees, smart
 Skylene: loves reading, dreamy voice, kind, brave
 Violetta: mean, tricky, part of the PRY thefts.
 Rosette: mean, Creative, PRY thefts
 Coral: sus, weird
 Chance: PRY, mean, brave
 Conner: Brave, joins Angelina and Xanthous
 Chace: Royal, loyal, wise, Honest

flying Puppy: Chandler By



Pet Information
 Pipsqueak: Ice power, wind power, fast
 Cosmos: Fire power, Light power, Clangy
 Chandler: Fly, lightning power, fast
 Flying Pup

At the end of that long, dark
hallway, there was a mysterious
door. And today I was
determined to open it.

Mental hospital
disturbance
a mirror clear door
see yourself see.





Love me like
you do
Dada

Maddy

WHEIM
in or across

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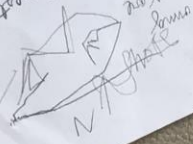
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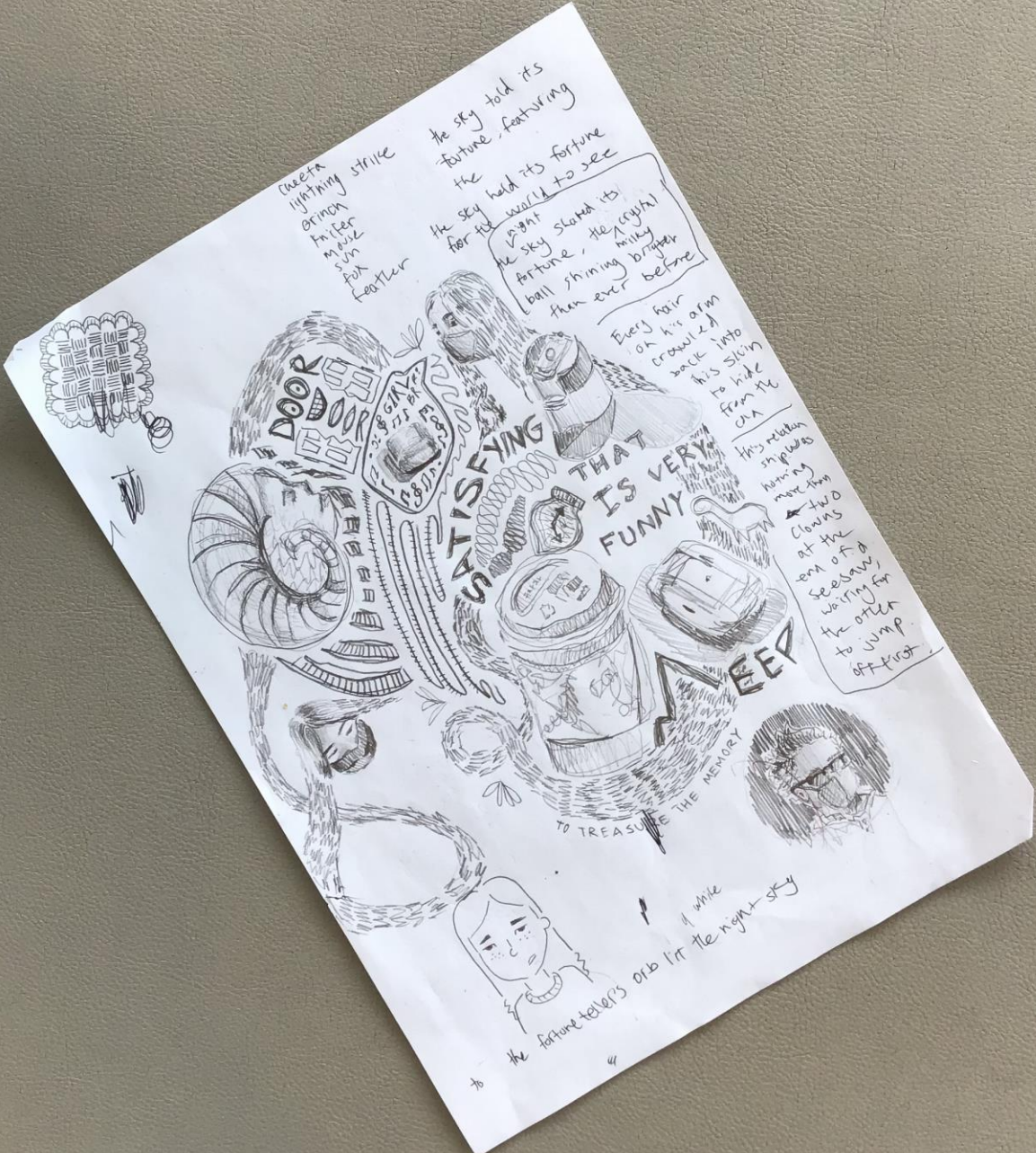


Chinese
Eastern
European



middle of the forest
they are
in love

two girls in a school bathroom
these are
mummers



meteora lightning strike
brimon
frater
maise
sun
fox
feather

the sky told its
fortune, featuring
the
the sky held its fortune
for the world to see

the sky slaked its
fortune, the (cyclical)
ball shimmering brighter
than ever before

Every hair
on his arm
crawled
back into
his skin
to hide
from the
sun

His relation
shingles
having
more than
two
cloves
at the
end of a
seesaw,
waiting for
the other
to jump
off first



SATISFYING

THAT IS VERY FUNNY



TO TREASURE THE MEMORY

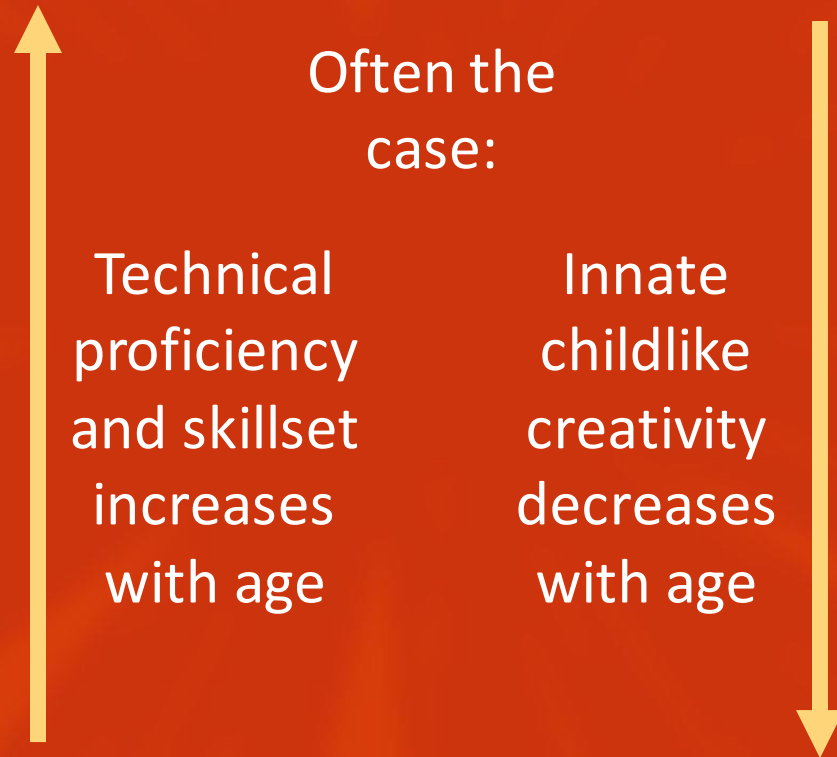


the future tells of a white
in the night sky

6

Teaching IS trying
(in more ways than one!)

The challenge of teaching creative arts



Teaching creativity is:

- Encouraging a sense of play (and keeping it alive)
- Trying new strategies
- Modelling
- Failing
- Cross-creativity, entry points through a variety of imaginative arts
- Accepting failure



Creative approaches

- Focus on freedom of expression:
NOT a result
- Anything is possible
- No internal or external editing
(at least to begin with)
- The power of doodling
- Make the process itself an art project



Student Plot Outline

Worksheet
My Plot Tree

INCITING INCIDENT

Ginger meets Handrix, who is a Decidarian, but Ginger does not know Ginger falls for Handrix, and so does Ginger's best friend, Andrea. Ginger knows something weird about Handrix, and gets suspicious of him.

RISING ACTION

When Ginger is walking in the woods next morning, she goes through two oak trees and finds herself in a completely different place; Decidion, Kingdom of choices, endings, and beginnings.

Andrea, who apparently was shipping, also ends up in Decidion. She meets Ginger, who finds Handrix sleeping on the marble road, who says he was reading before.

Decidion, where everything has to do with decisions; the ones that might lead them to certain death, or to their goal. The three people first meet Cloedbrand, a blue jay, who keeps time, in which one has to make decisions.

CLIMAX

Ginger, Andrea and Handrix comes across Dandbrand, a guard who misleads them toward a trap, where Handrix -silly- dies, fighting. Seul, but the others must move on. The castle of Decidion, to meet the Queen, to solve 5 hardest riddles on Earth, to escape. They luckily solve it.

Ginger and Andrea later on finds out that Handrix was a traitor, purposefully leading them toward traps, but 'unfortunately', they did not die. Ginger asks why they are doing this to them, the Queen says that no one pays much to decisions, and that she wants attention.

The Queen lets Ginger and Andrea go, under a promise that they will make others make good choices. They agree, and Handrix comes along, but Ginger and Andrea turns their back toward him, Handrix stays at Decidion.

DENOUEMENT

When they return to Earth, they do make good choices. One day though, Andrea comes running to Ginger and tells her about the fatal decision she made; she had accidentally shot a bird with an elastic band, and a voice said, "Dewarags call you, come back to Decidion."

Characters:

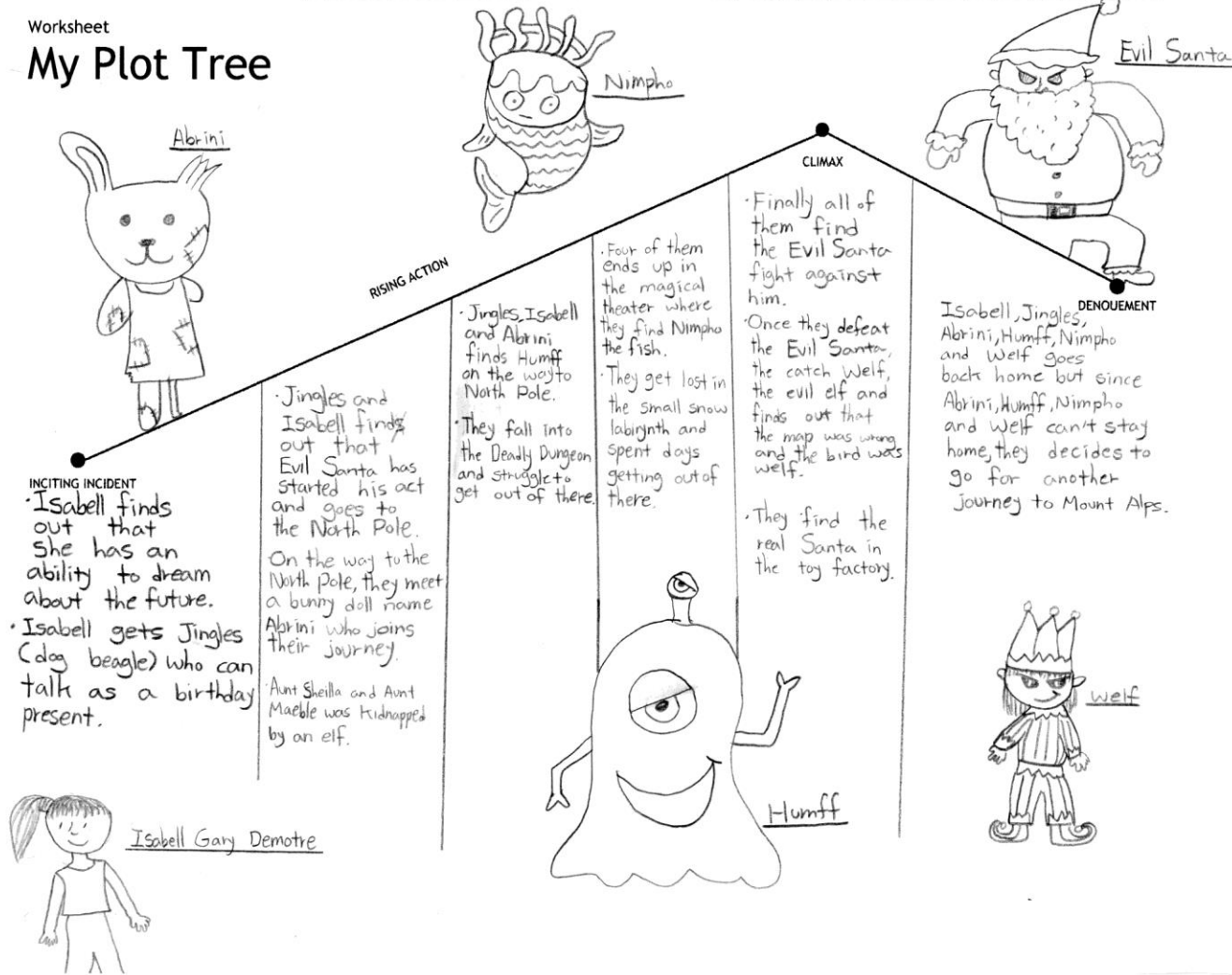
- Ginger Glansdore
- Andrea Rondale
- Handrix Anderson
- Cloedbrand the blue-jay
- The Queen of Decidion

Student Plot Outline

Name: Janice Kim This Plot Tree is for the Story Called: The North Pole Dreams

Worksheet

My Plot Tree



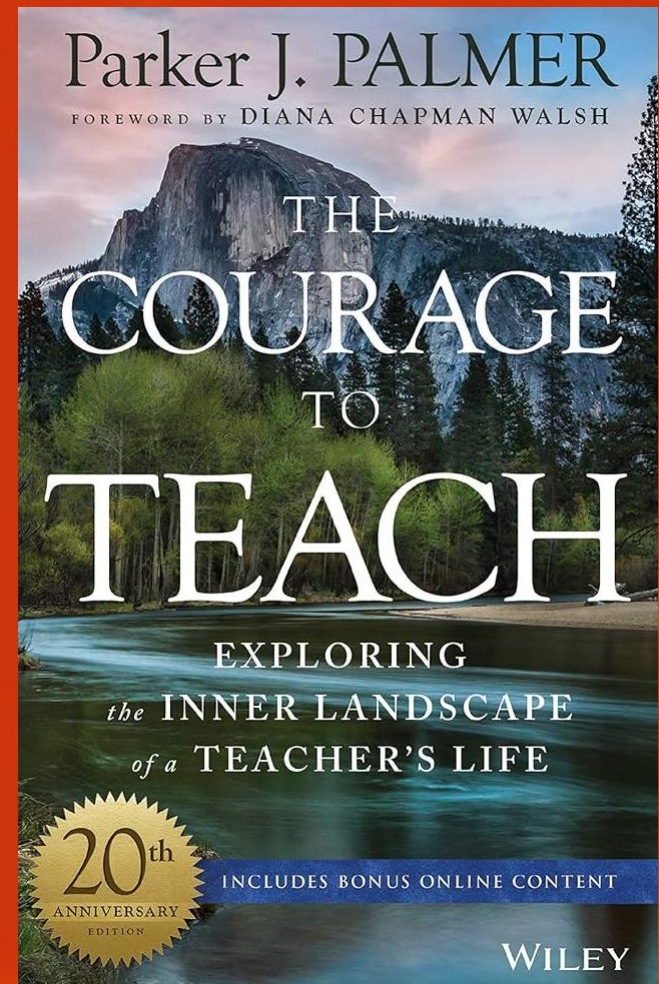


Failure?

Teach “You”

As a writing / art mentor,
it's essential for me to share my
projects, successes, failures
—my passions

Sharing = gaining trust

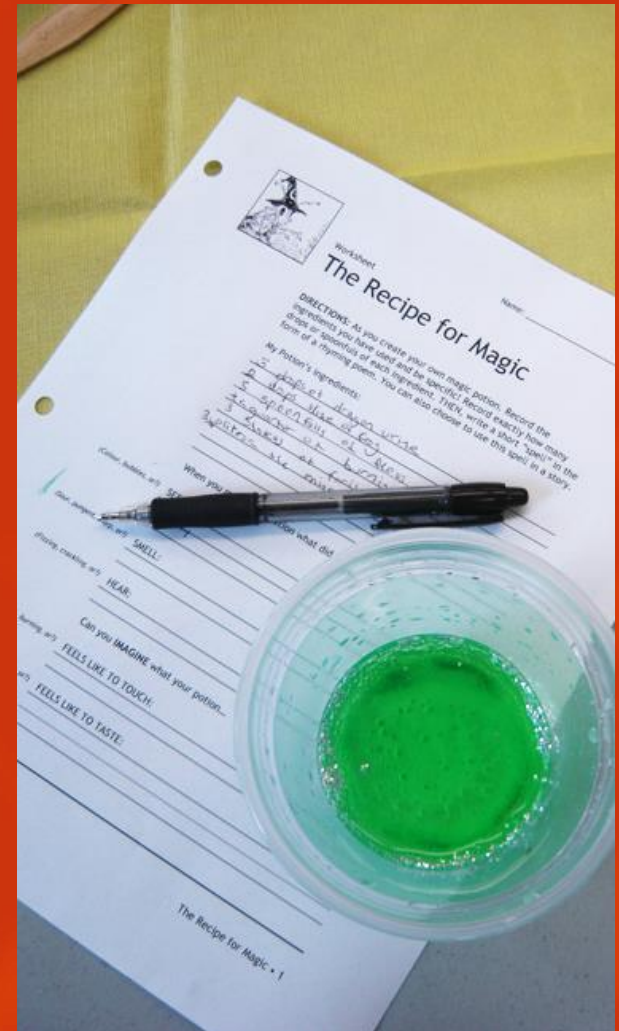


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Thinking inside the box

Creativity knows no bounds?

- Perhaps this is true, but TEACHING creativity requires boundaries
- We don't play a sport without learning specific skills and then practicing them



Creative writing doesn't need to be plot-focused

- Every teacher of writing has read this story: This happened, then this happened, then this happened . . .
- We want students to SHOW not TELL, but hard to do when we're focused on plot

Then Autumn and Asteroid needed to think of something quick to get out of that place.

There, in front of them, was a portal. The portal looked like one from every child's story and then they hesitated to go in at first but then they still went in.

Then an old woman came out and said, "I know where it came from and how to defeat it."

Then she said that her name was Queen 500,000,000 + . . . and more so then she was 500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000... years old, so then she must have died a long time ago.

Then when she said that they thought that she would be a skeleton but instead she was like a normal person and she did not look old at all.

Then the woman that was 500,000,000,000... years old, and who was probably dead by now, said to go through a portal. So then they went through and then they realized that they were in a fantasy world. It was very interesting.

It looked like a fantasy world and then they realized that it looked like Alice and the Wonderland because there were so many talking animals and the whole place looked like a palace, so big and so much space.

There were talking rabbits and the insects were as large as the Empire State Building and then it was time to think of a plan, so then they needed some paper to draw.

Then the 500,000,000...-year-old lady came back and then said they needed to have something that looked like a potion, but instead you were supposed to wave it around in front of the monster when you were getting chased by thought of asking the lady where the monster was from but then the lady vanished away, so then she said, "What about we go to explore this place since we have never been there?"

Then they thought where the exit was and then they went to ask a beetle and the beetle said, "I don't want anybody asking any questions!"

So then they left.

Then the two sisters asked a bee that had a gray beard and so then they thought that that bee had never used its stinger ever. Then they asked where the exit was and then the bee did not reply to them. Even though it looked like it was trying to talk, all that came out were buzzes.

So then they just decided that they find it themselves, not asking any more people because they did not want any more people rejecting them.

So then they started to look for it and then saw a sign that said this: *Tixe*. It was weird so, then they wrote it in their notebook and then they tried to spell it in a different way and more ways.

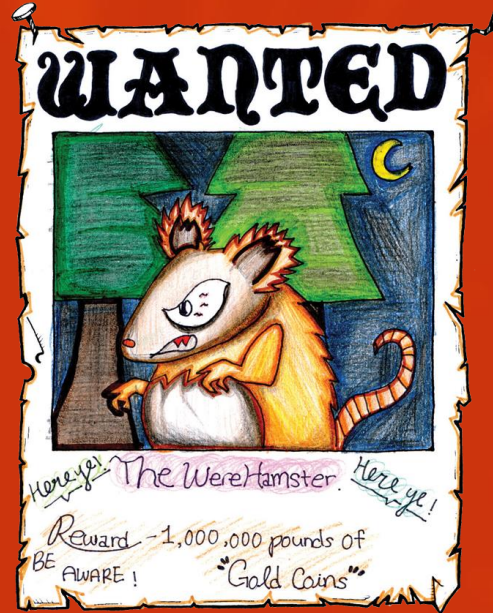
Then Autumn said that they could try to spell it backwards so then they knew it spelled: *Exit*, and then they went through the door.

Then it led them to a portal and then the 500,000,000...-year-old lady went in front of them and then the lady asked why they left the room because there are many animals that are deadly, even if they don't look that bad.

So then they asked if she knew the beetle and then the lady said "no" and then they asked about the bee that never used its stinger and then she said, "If you see him and then

Bite-sized writing (with no plot!)

- Advertisements & posters
- Recipes & instructions
- Spells & songs
- Lists of rules or facts
- Letters & diary entries
- Invitations
- Maps
- Fictional bios or obituaries
- Back cover text for books that don't exist



The Magic Spell

Far away in the city of Renaissance,
There is a kingdom where people dance.
One of the girls sneaks out of the kingdom,
On a journey to discover a better home.
So many things to see!
Finally escaped from the gloomy sea.
The girl finds a slimy pond,
Wondering if she can turn the water if she had a wand.
Dying from deadly thirst, she has a sip,
Dipping her hands into the pond's deep.
Her body begins to shrivel,
Oh, what a bad luck to have such a travail!
From that day on, she never did smile,
Even when she visited the Nile.
Bye bye to smile and cheer,
Hello to frown and fear.

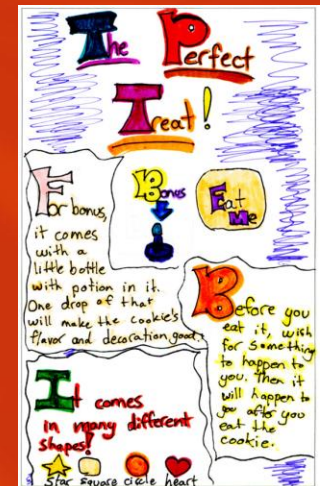
The Obituary of Voldemort

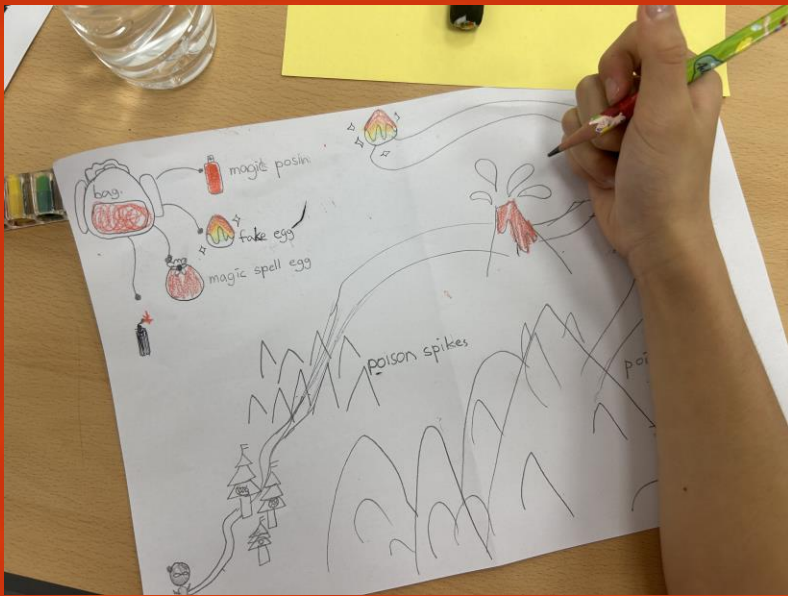
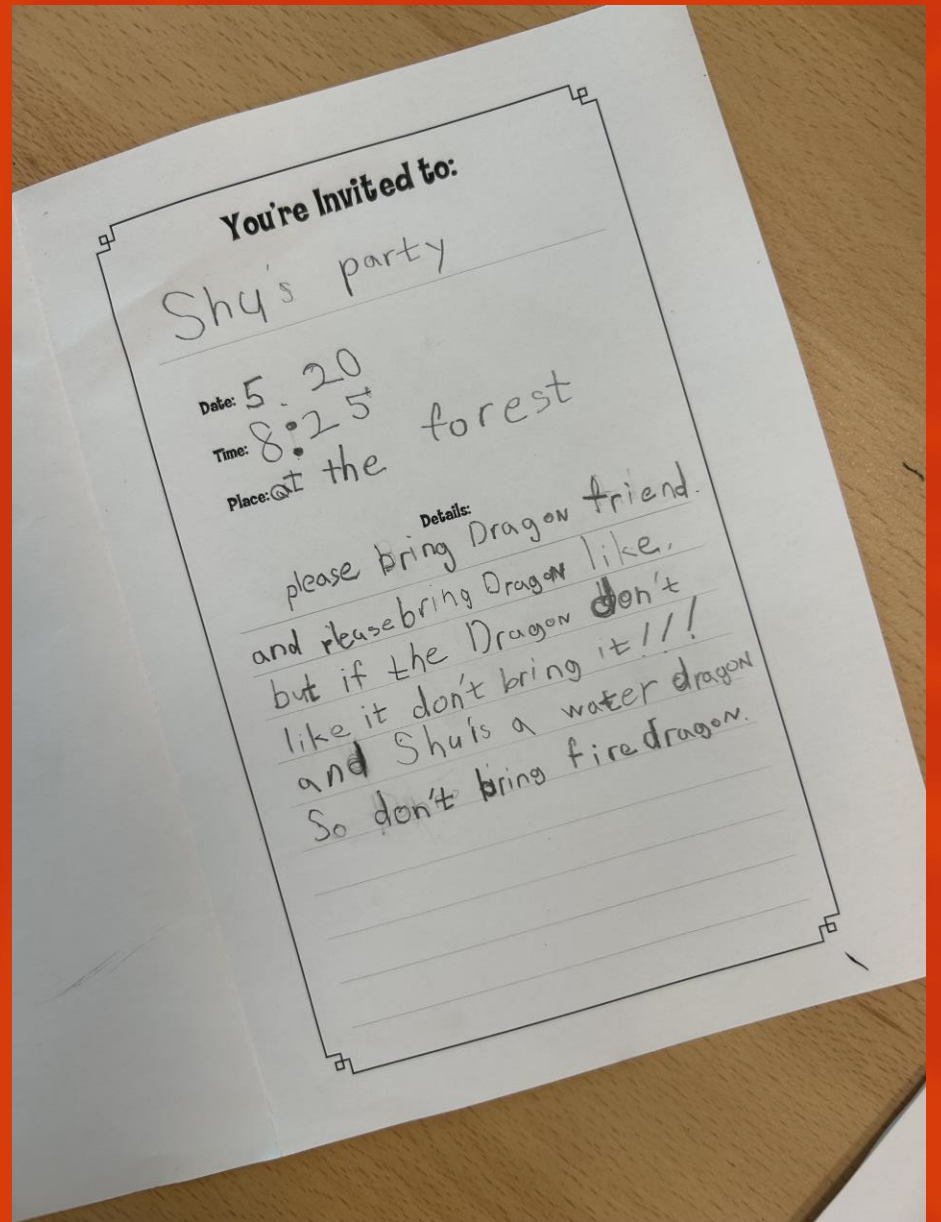
Famous wizard Voldemort, born Tom Riddle, has died unexpectedly while engaging in a competition with Harry Potter, a junior wizard he tried to propel to fame with Harry Potter. Voldemort faced his strongest fear, death, and now he is not afraid of anything!

He dedicated his life to keeping the blood of the wizard race pure. He met many wizards that married muggles and he provided couples' therapy. He first met Harry Potter when he was a little baby, and gave him a very amazing gift, crafted by Harry's mother's love and his magic.

Voldemort has many friends that mostly listened to him, and he was like a teacher to them. He taught them magic and even helped them recreate their hands out of silver when they lost them. He was always around his friends. When he couldn't be there physically, he became a face and stayed on a friend's scalp to help him and see Harry.

He also left behind many things for people to entertain; for example, the book he left for Harry, which let Harry see what he used to be like when he was young, and helped Harry know what a horcrux is. He also took Harry on a field trip to a grave and let Harry help and see the fascinating revival of himself. Then, he played with Harry, putting seven of his souls in seven objects and letting Harry search for them. It was a very fun game, but although he did very well, he still lost, because he wasn't good enough at hiding. Finally, he left Harry a final gift, a super powerful wand, which Harry didn't want, so Harry broke it and threw it over a cliff. Yes, others might have shunned Voldemort's gifts, but he was definitely a generous wizard, dealing out gifts that dramatically changed people's lives. He will be remembered forever.





LOTUSES

EVER-CHANGING EYEGLASSES

BRAIN MAT

SCRATCHING STICK

CAKE FACEMASK

SLOBSER HAIRGEL

CELERY TOOTHPASTE

SPIDERWEB FLOSS

BARB WIRE FLOSS

FOOD

POOPSICLES

- CHIPEROS - CHIP YOUR TEETH

- BESTIE BUTTER

- EGG (MOLDY)

- Chocolate

- Poop Sandwich

- Poosimmon

- MUD CREAM

- MOLDY DRAGON EGG

- GARBAGE GUM
SPIDER BERRY
BLOOD SOUT

SMELLS

VINEGAR

SLIME

MAGIC NOTE ENVELOPE

GADGET & APPLIANCES

GARBAGE GUSHER

POOPERSHOOTER

IRON COUCH
CACTUS LOUCH

FURNITURE

MUD COUCH

SCALE PILLOW

MUD BATH (MOUNT SPOON)
EYEBALL COUCH

STUFFIES

- DRAGON

- WEREWOLF

- CAT

- CATAPILLAR

- EYEBALL

- VAMPIRE

FOR SALE

NIGHTMARES



ARE YOU WAKING UP
TOO WELL-RESTED?
NOT ANYMORE!

50% OFF

- GARBAGE BAG CHAIR
- SPIDER WEB CHAIR
- PINECONE BED

- GARBAGE BAG BED
- GOD MATTRESS / USED-DUCT TAPE BED
- POISON IVY MATTRESS
- BONE CHAIR
- ROTTEN BANANA

- ROTTEN APPLES

- STINKY DEAD FISH

- GARBAGE

- SEWER

- LOW TIDE

- STINKY SOCKS

- WET DOG

- COMPOST

- DOG POO

- STINKY CHEESE

- USED DIAPER

- GARBAGE TRUCK

PICKLED

- BRAIN

- SAUK FRAYK

FOR SALE



GUARANTEED TO CHASE AWAY HOME HOMELESSNESS!

STAR SCAPED BED

SPIDER SOUP
HUMAN HANDS

HAIR CLUMP SODA
SUNNY WATER

Dear Felixity,

with your love for libraries, books, and museums. Histroy museum sends this invatation to you. You may come on July 1st when the sun gose down. Please bring your invatation. And all the stuff you feel comfurfable with. And please do not bring anything that is easy to break. When you got here, please put your invatation in the front hole of the gem.

sincere Nick



Dear lee
I hope you can come to our library and there are
some fun games that you will play and if you want
there will be some body pick you up come to
our library and there will be some cool prize
and gifts for you. the highest you can win is a
million dolbrs and free starbucks card and guss station
carton can for all you like. You can share with
your friend and family members. and the game you
can take what ever you want. open June 19 to september 19
Sincerely secret library
www.secretlibrary.com
778 198 6454



NAME: _____



DIRECTIC
the writing
problem



Scene 1 The Re

DIRECTIONS: Write a scene in which a dragon and decides to go up the mo
Questions to consider: . . . Why dr
in because they are poor and are
against the dragon? Are they sir

WRITE YOUR SCENE BELOW

A long time ago
the beside
happy and
two boys
there +
sleep

At to
co



moving
them the

NAME: _____ ✓



A kit for the hunting of dragons

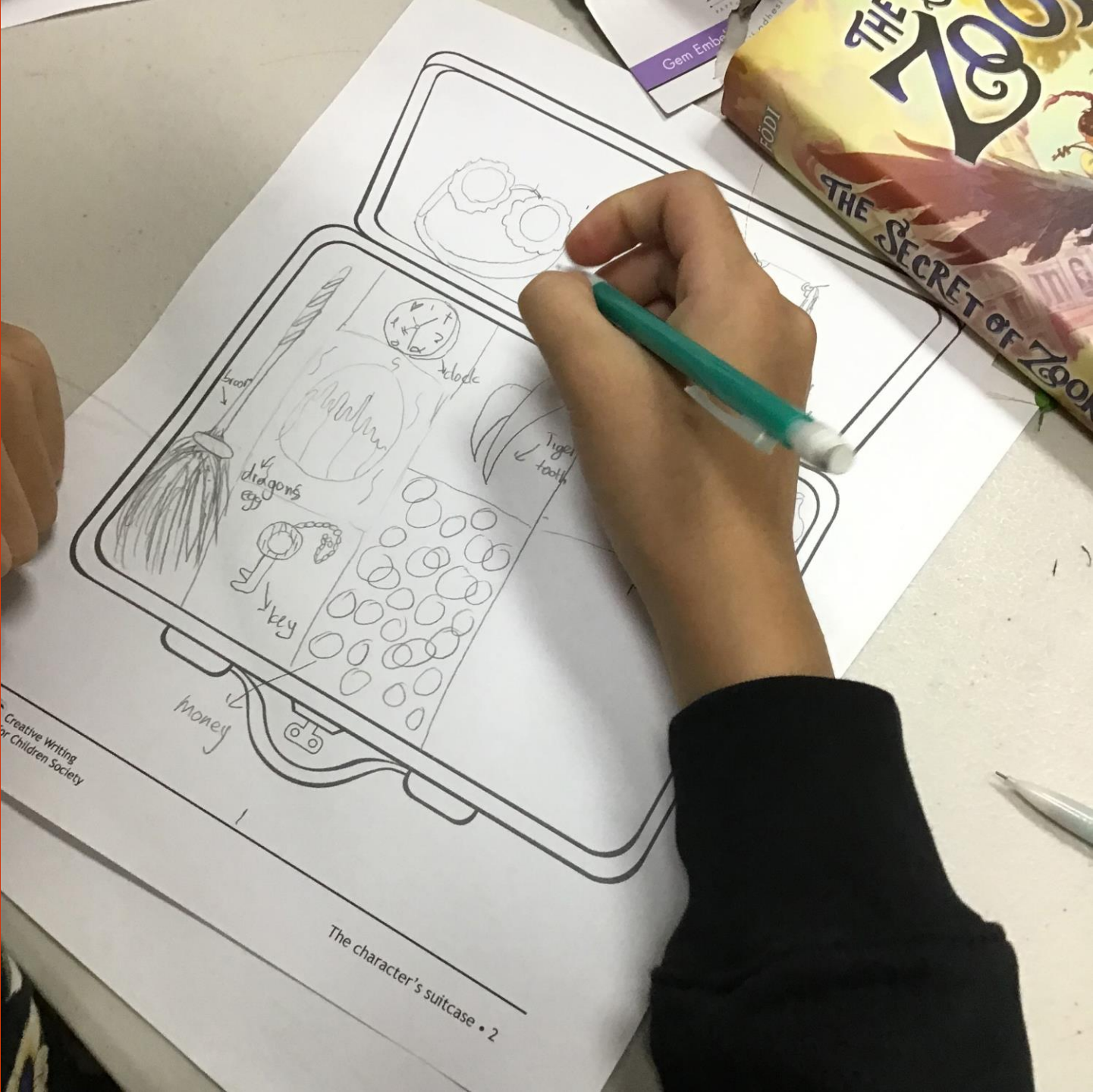
DIRECTIONS: Taking inspiration from the props you assembled for your dragon hunting kit,
draw each item below and explain what it does.

ITEM 1:

~~both were this~~ ^{frozen} ~~black~~ feather this
feather was from the special dragon
the dragons it was for the
only one that good to humans
and help humans and it was
the strongest and biggest dragon
in middle age and it was
from ~~his~~ ^{his} body.

ITEM 2:

alman eyes it was the biggest
demon and highest sion for ever.
there are the kid who that take
down a feather of ki ~~best~~ bab
fire dragons



Creative Writing
for Children Society

The character's suitcase • 2

Title: Security report

March 12, 2019

Report submitted by: Captain Peterson

Today, I, the security captain of the magical Train Station 173, aka the Smugglers' Doom, discovered a heavily protected suitcase on the number 21 conveyor belt. The suitcase had scratches all over its leather skin, chains made from shiny titanium alloy were strapped haphazardly but tightly around the case, and there were caution signs taped on the leather. I took the case without permission from the owner, and went into one of the examining rooms.

I had to pick the locks on the chains and the case, but I wish I didn't. There was a strange rotten eggs smell, and the inside was torn apart. There were even moss growing on the inside! I think that this probably belonged to a creepy wizard or scientist.

I will describe the item inside. I found an old oxygen mask. It was covered with a weird green goo, it turns out that it was saliva from a swamp toad by the smell. There was a sharp ingredient cutter with purple plant stains. There was a small mirror. upon closer examination, I found out that it shows others' identity by looking in it, because it showed me as a captain in Train Station 173.

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Next, I saw a potion book with a talking eye on the front cover. It was all rusty and ripped, and the eye told me the page where I could find the recipe for an invisible potion.

I also saw two test tubes holding unknown liquids. After checking with the station's potion master, I learned that one of them was the Volcanic Dragon blood. The test tube was cracked, and it was burning hot. The other one contained a rare Triple-horned Unicorn DNA in a tube of ice water.

I dug out most of the items when I found a flask. I thought that it was a flask of infinite water, but after pouring some out, whatever it touched vanished immediately. That caught my attention.

After doing all the tests, it turned out that it was not water, but an infinite flask of phoenix tears. Phoenix tears are extremely rare, and they have healing power, so it is not legal to be transported.

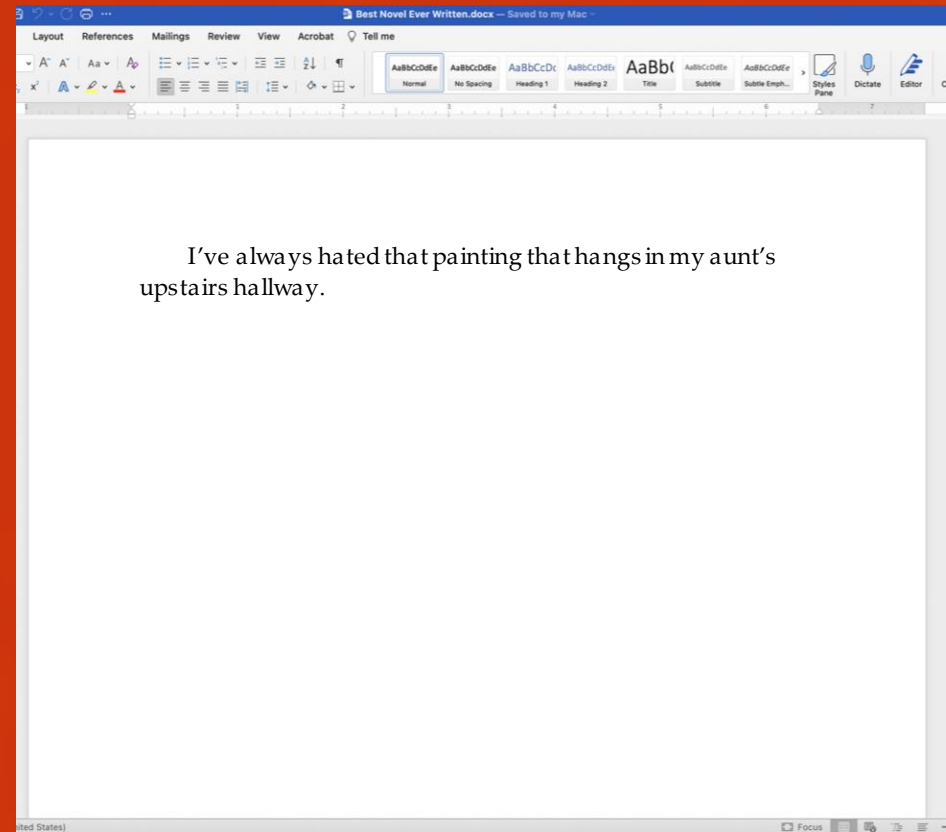
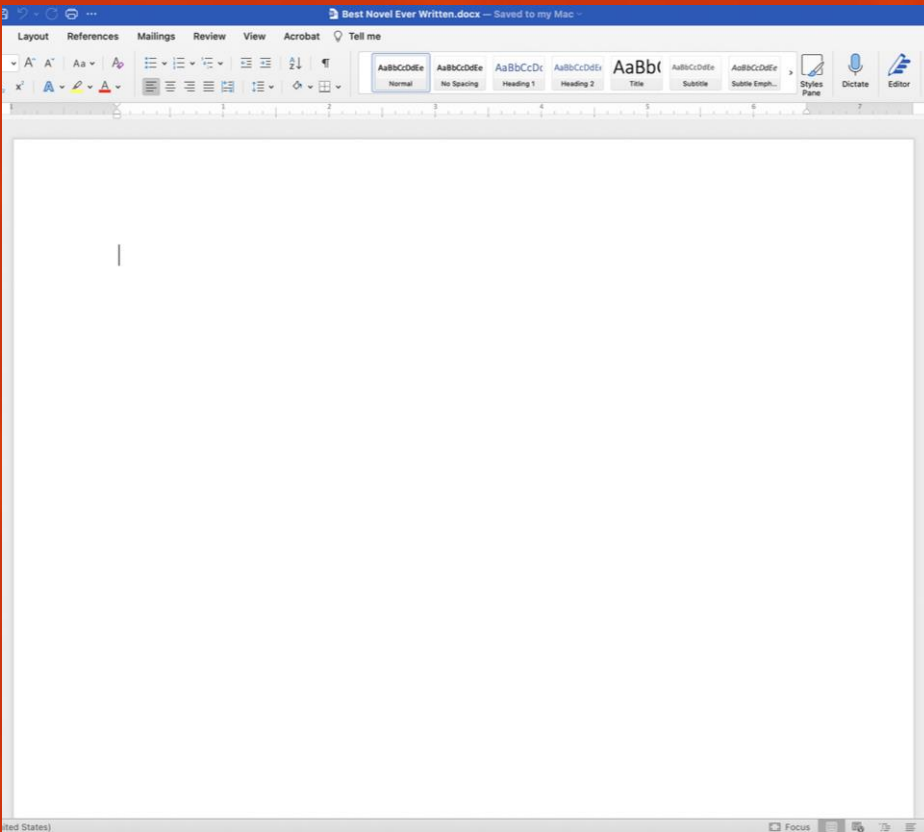
The last thing I saw was a normal box of test tubes. These were in a squashed cardboard box, but it did not look normal in a mad scientist's suitcase.

However, the owner of this case is still nowhere to be found, but one thing about it, is that he is in trouble.

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The power of providing a first sentence!

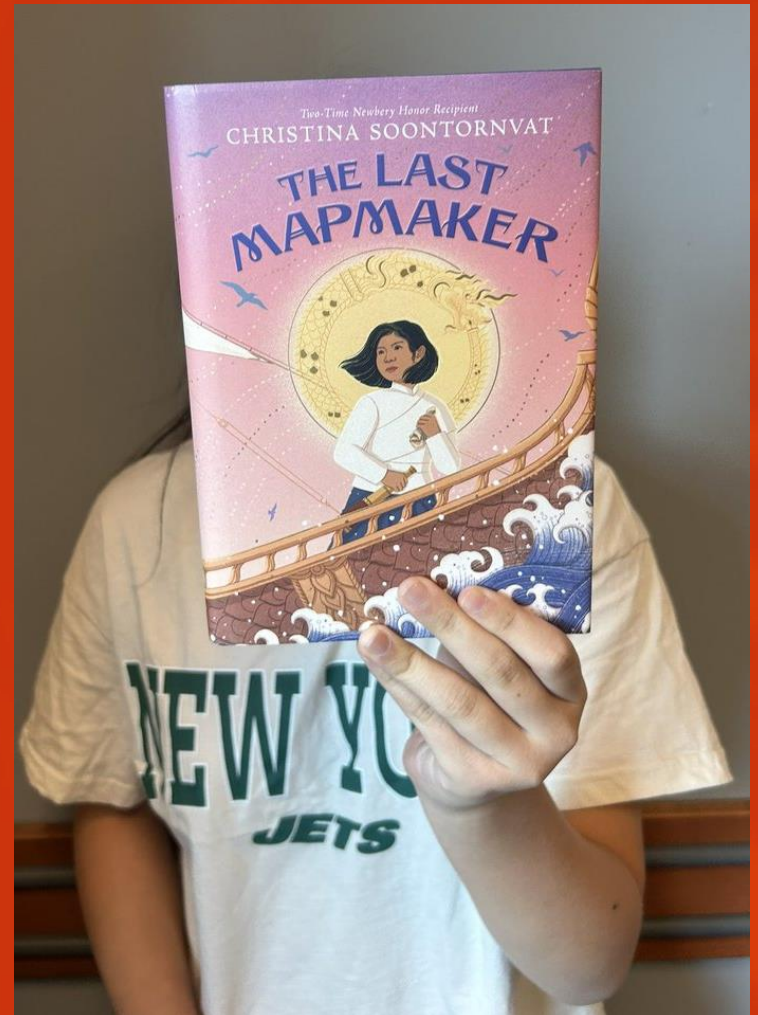


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Sharing the power

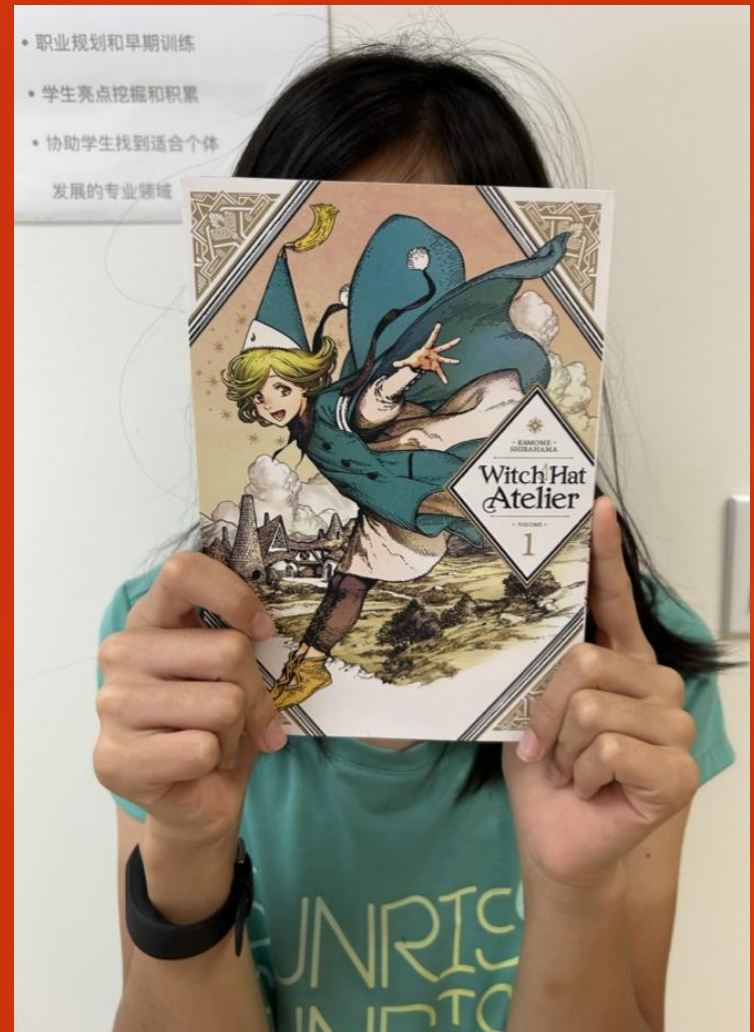
Giving ownership

- Book choice
- Reading as a joy, not a labour
- Connecting readers with creators
- Writing projects that allow opinion



Open book chats

- No judgment! Students bring:
 - Books of any genre, including nonfiction
 - Graphic novels, picture books, magazines, articles
 - Books in any language (destigmatizing action)
 - Re-reads or reads from early childhood
 - Books they haven't even read yet—but find intriguing!



Connections



from the Magic Tree House...

Winter, 2019

Dear Vivian,

I love hearing from my readers especially when they share their good ideas with me.

My most recent Magic Tree House book: *Warriors in Winter* was recently published! In the story, Jack and Annie visit a Roman warrior camp almost 2000 years ago. Of course, they learn a lot about Roman soldiers, but they also get into lots of trouble. Their adventure is especially scary when they are captured and taken to meet the Emperor of the Roman Empire!

I've recently completed work on *To the Future, Ben Franklin!* – in which Jack and Annie bring Benjamin Franklin, one of America's founding fathers, from Old Philadelphia in 1787 to present day Frog Creek. I've never brought a person from the past to Frog Creek, so I had a great time working on this book.

When I started my series over 27 years ago, I never imagined I'd write more than a few books. But great readers like you have made it hard for me to stop. You keep inspiring me.

So, thank you for reading my books – and thank you for writing to me!

All my best,

Mary Pope Osborne

Rules of life

My Rules of Life

Write down a list of “rules” that you think are important for your life. For example, one of Mr. Wiz’s rules of life is “Never listen to Cousin Trish.” Another one is: “Never eat eggs because they are disgusting.”

Your list can be as funny or as serious as you’d like it to be. Write at least FIFTEEN rules.

Title:

My rules

1. No distracting me because then I can not concentrate on my homework.
2. Always read because I love reading books, especially comics. They are so good!
3. Never lie to me because if you do you are in trouble. I don’t like lying.
4. I love to watch iPad so that is a rule. Also you can always bring an iPad anywhere.
5. Absolutely no stealing from me because I don’t have much to steal.
6. Never have bugs in the house or we will become a bug house.
7. Absolutely no eating eggs because I hate them. They are so disgusting and very gross.
8. No screaming because it is very noise and annoying when you do it.
9. Always eat fruit because they are so good and I love them. Especially peaches. They are my favorite.
10. Always have stuffies with you like cats or dogs or squishmellows too.
11. Don’t have siblings because they are so annoying to have. My brothers are so annoying.
12. Every day you must have a lot of sugar like candy and more. I love candy, especially gummies.
13. I love having friends over at my house because then I don’t have to play with my annoying brothers.
14. Always have a book in your hand because I love to read. Reading is my favorite thing to do at home and at school.
15. Shop! I love to shop at places like Richmond Center and more. Shopping is so fun to do.

★ THE END ★

Equalizing



Name: _____

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Yo, Mr. Wiz

DIRECTIONS: Fix up the poem below by replacing the crossed-out words with better words (synonyms). Do NOT repeat words!

Yo, Mr. Wiz, I'm tell you: you're the worst!

Spending time with you is a ~~bad~~ **infernal** curse!

You sure are ~~mean~~ **cruel** and evil;

I'd rather go ~~eat~~ **gulp** a weevil **whole**

Or go ~~dancing~~ **camping** with a bear

Or start ~~pulling~~ **yeeting** out my hair

Than have to ~~get~~ **spend** ~~two minutes with you~~

Why, you're like a ~~big~~ **fat** blob of goo.

And did I mention that you have the most ~~disgusting~~ **discusting** ~~smell~~?

I think you must have ~~horrible~~ **horrorable** heart, black as ink.

You may be as ~~fat~~ **short** as a tower

But still, I won't ~~try~~ **slump** or cower.

You can ~~hit~~ **slap** me with a wet noodle,

Or ~~make~~ **asked** me write, draw, and doodle,

But I'll tell you to turn and ~~run~~ **ran** away!

And don't so much as look ~~back~~ **see** back—OKAY?!

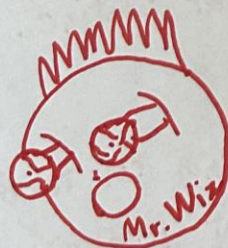
You might ~~say~~ **yell**, "I'll get you pesky kids!"

But you ~~had~~ **nothing** villain, can just mind your own biz!

(Yes, I know "biz" isn't a ~~word~~ **real** word

—when did you become such a ~~fat~~ **fat** nerd?)

no offend



Letter to a higher power

Writing Prompt

The Worst Song EVER

Directions:

Imagine you've been beamed into the headquarters of a higher power who has granted you the ability to remove ONE SONG from human memory. That's right—you snap your fingers, and it's instantly wiped away. No one remembers it, no one knows it, no one will ever know it.

So . . . what song are you going to pick? Presumably, it's one that you absolutely despise, loathe, and abhor—one that makes you want to take a cheese grater to your ears when you hear it.

Once you have chosen the song, write a set of persuasive paragraphs explaining to the higher power why you think that song should be erased from human memory.

It's okay if this assignment wanders into rant territory, but remember that you are trying to CONVINCE and PROVE that the song is worthy of removal. So, try to provide some legitimate reasons why the song is bad. Reasons might include:

- The actual sound.
- It's a rip-off of another song and is an affront to the history of music.
- The lyrics are terrible.
- The song has a negative message and may be a poor influence on people (think of the children!)
- You just hate it and you should get what you want.

Unfortunately, part of this assignment might involve you having to listen to the chosen song so that you can critically and expertly attack it.

One final piece of advice to remember: **Hate the art, NOT the artist.**

Title:

Type here.

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Nurture over nature

The myth and mystery of creativity

- Creativity might be innate, but that doesn't mean you either have it or you don't—it's not a zero-sum game
- Creativity is a muscle that can be exercised, nurtured, and strengthened



To: evil league of evil

I am the Death Skull.

Better let me in the evil league of evil!

Do you want to know why you should?

My evil lair is full of extreme death causing gadget.
I will list only few of them

- laser goggles
- Freeze ray
- extremely dangerous ^{gas} exploder
- worms that will eat anything
- various mutant animals
- extremely dangerous bugs that drink your blood.

There is way more gadgets than that, but I will
tell you these. I also have a lot of henchmen. There
few CWC students and some Ninjas and robots. There
robots work really hard but the ninjas are too
because they are actually monkeys. My awesome
is inside the everest mountain. I will except only
goals that are evil. But I'll tell you some goals
I have achieved. I ran away from my parents when
I was 4 then I started my own brother on an
small island with a lot of cona-balls. I also... well
accidently I froze my grandparents
and some how they are still alive
and they never got older since then.
Oh, and a few months ago, I kicked
my sister into the middle of a desert.
And that is why you should let me in
the evil league of evil. Muahaha ha ha ha ha
ha ha hahahahaha hahahahaha!!!!!!

P.S. The holes on my letters are from the dangerous worms
that eat anything. I think few of them escaped from my
red jar of worms.

From Death Skull

To: MrWiz

Before you
start if there are
spelling mistakes.
whoops! :-)

Hello Mr.Wiz! This is Sejin!! You cannot believe how thankful I am. I know I haven't been a part of CWC for a while, but I have done quite a bit of writing individually when I had time. ^{Yojin} is also writing multiple stories with her friends. Both of us couldn't have been able to write like this without you. Also in my ^{american} school interviews they asked me about the writings I have done and my passions. Always, I talked about my experiences in Canada and the experiences in CWC. I really think that I would ^{have} never ever been able to find my love for writing without CWC, and of course without your awesome and inspiring workshops I would have never been able to think so differently and creatively outside of the box. I didn't really think about it before but the things you do, making and crafting with kids, making funny rules/camp, and connecting real life experiences with writing... it really makes a big change!!! I did not realize it at the moment, but thinking back on it, my sister and I grew so much.

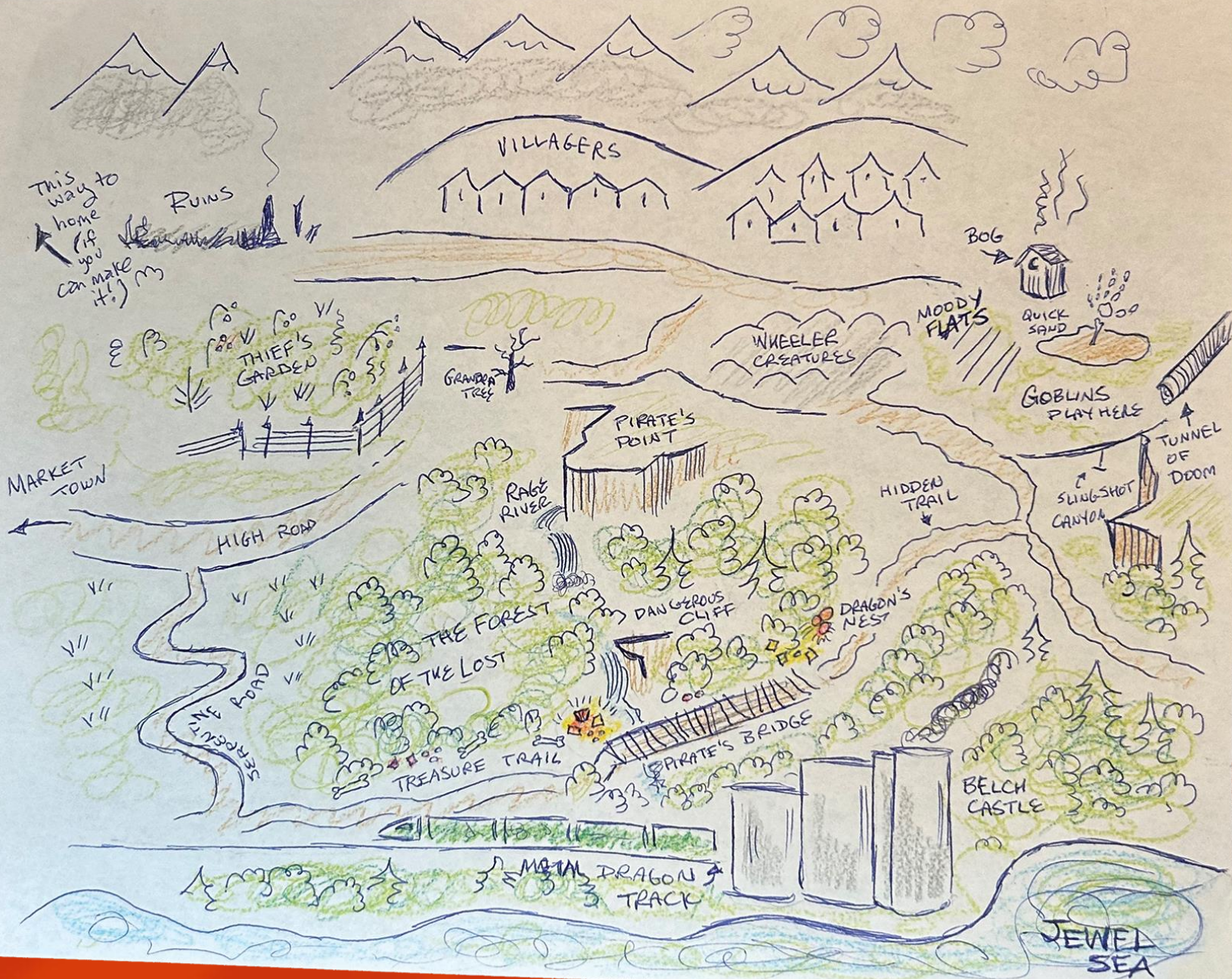
The things you do really transforms the way kids think, it opens them up. I still remember making the dragon eggs, making monsters in the bottle (my monster was named Ebert), watching the movies you made with other authors, treasure hunts, and even my very first summer camp in Canada with you... And I will NEVER forget these memories. Your hard work ^{loops} really really really inspires children!!! Especially in Korea, its very hard to find educational opportunities like that.

Recently I was in a NY bookstore and a notebook really reminded me of you. The leather cover of the book reminded me of you and the owl reminded me of CWC. So... I wanted to get this for you. Just to let you know, I will probably not be in Korea from July 2017 because I am going to a boarding school in the USA... Yep!

Thank you for everything and I really hope I can become a member of CWC again and keep connected. You really don't know how much you and CWC influenced me!!!!
Byeeeeeeee!

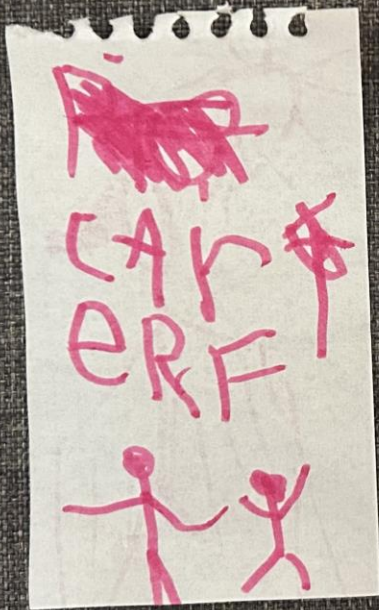
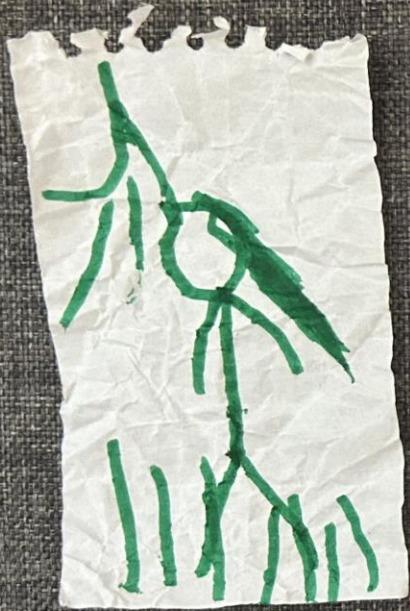
From: Sejin Kim





Living a story

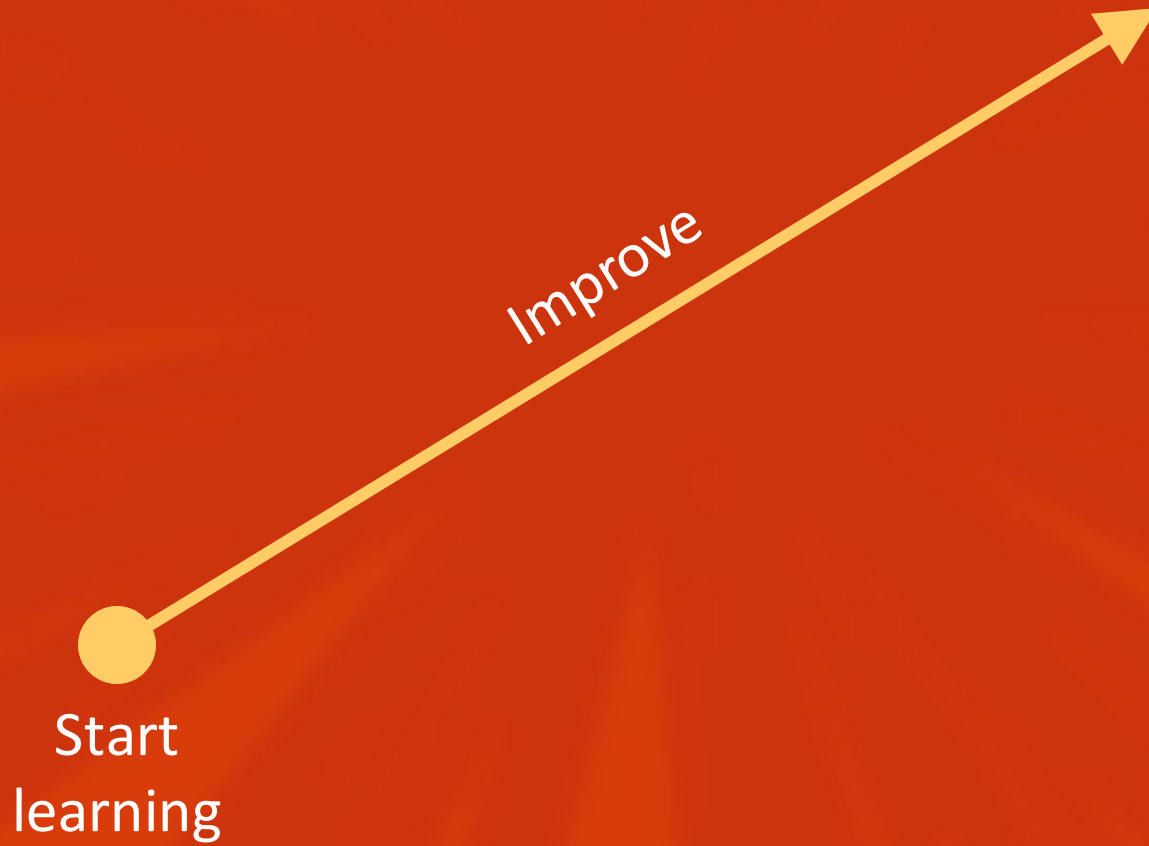




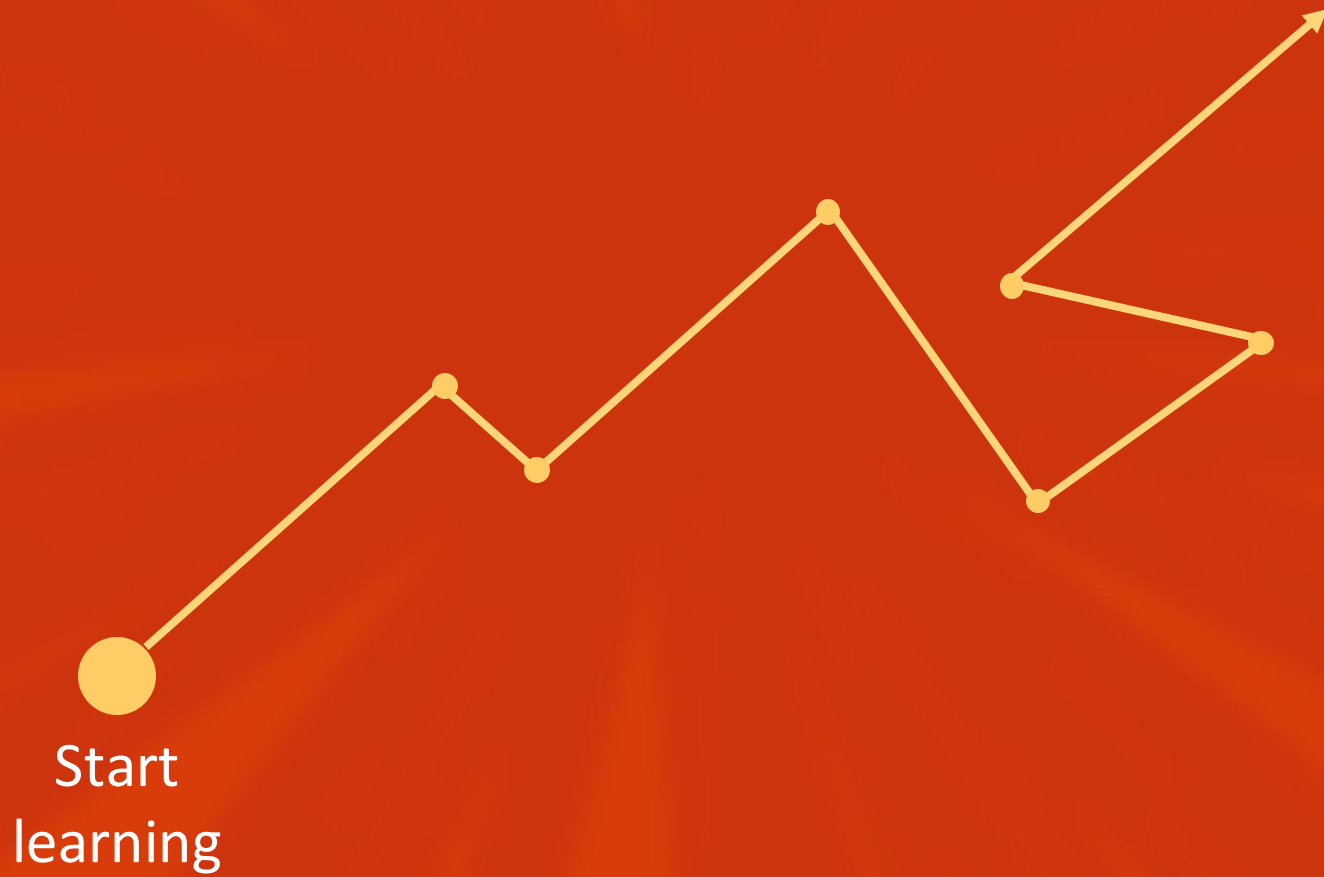
Bonus

The importance of generosity
and patience

Many skill sets



Creativity



My main advice

Be patient and kind

Including to yourself!





cringiest teen
romance
of all time





Shari Green
@sharigreen



Found a "note to self" in my journal, from a time I was lost in the suckitude of my current WIP. I was glad for the reminder!

"Your job -- and your joy -- is to create, not to pass judgment on your creations."

10:19 AM · Jan 28, 2022 · TweetDeck

Bewilderment is dishonoured
if you don't keep it,
don't pay attention to it,
don't record it.

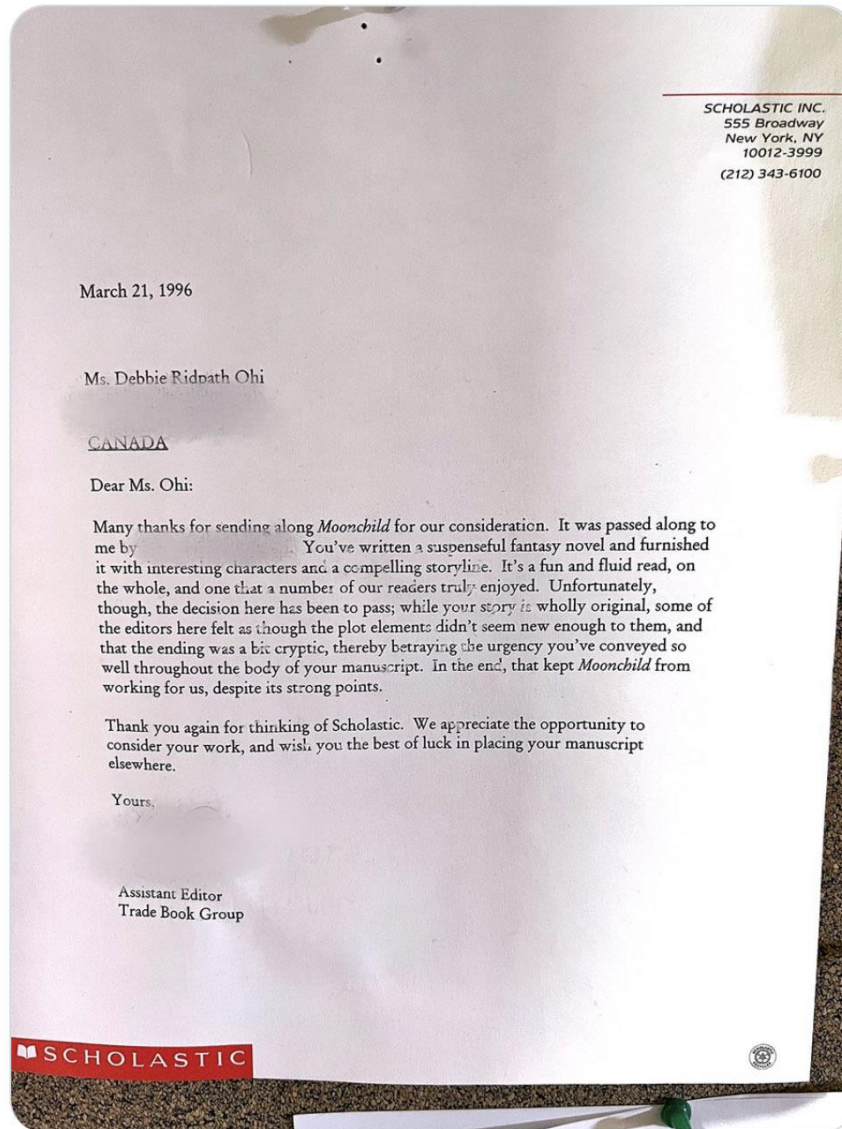
We're not trying to create perfection.
We're trying to take the best step
toward perfection.



Debbie Ridpath Ohi  @inkyelbows · Jun 3



To those getting discouraged by rejections: PERSEVERE. I keep this old rejection letter (one of many) on my office inspiration board, have worked hard on my craft since. Written more MG mss, gradually improving, hope to someday debut as an MG author 😊
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Debbie Ridpath Ohi  @inkyelbows · Jun 3 ...

Replying to [@inkyelbows](#)

2/ Sometimes I hear of bk creators giving up if their 1st mss doesn't sell. I'm on my 5th MG mss, didn't even send the 4th to my agent because I could tell it wasn't strong enough. Always hard when an mss doesn't sell BUT I become a stronger writer each time.



Debbie Ridpath Ohi  @inkyelbows · Jun 3 ...

3/ My takeaway: Work hard on your craft but know when to put a project aside. Even if your book doesn't sell, it is NOT wasted time -- I consider each a practice book. 😊 Also don't be so fixated on one goal that you miss seeing other open doors.




Debbie Ridpath Ohi  @inkyelbows · Jun 3 ...

4/ I decided to share that rejection letter (& pls note the date; this was years before [@jpchanda](#) [@SimonKIDS](#) gave me my first picture book contract ) because I keep seeing posts from creators who give up if their first project doesn't sell.



Debbie Ridpath Ohi  @inkyelbows · Jun 3 ...

5/ I will **always** love creating picture books. But believe me, when (note I optimistically say WHEN) I get my first middle grade novel book contract, MY HEAD IS GOING TO EXPLODE WITH JOY; it will be messy but worth it. 



“Yeah, but if I do that,
it’s going to be hard.”

MY GODDAUGHTER

“That’s how you know
it’s worth it.”

ME

EMBRACE BEWILDERMEN

The **T** nine
most important things
I've learned about
from writing for—and teaching it to—kids
creativity

Lee Edward Födi
author * illustrator * educator

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