

Grandpa's Stories: Empty Boxes are Full of Fun!

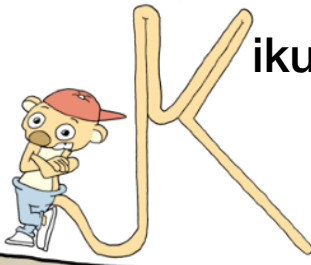


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Another "Tail" From
Kinkajou's ZOO

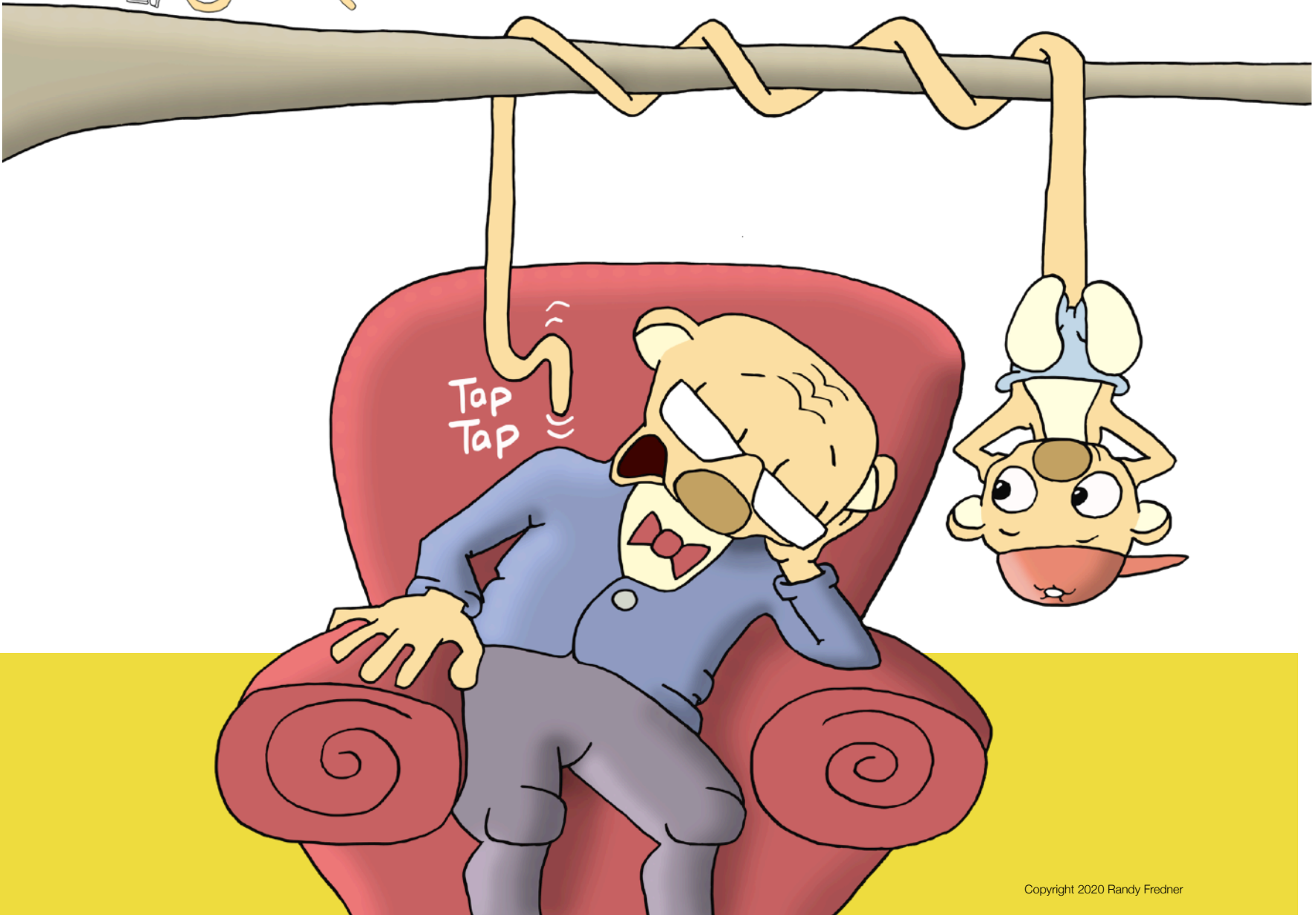
**Another book made
just for Wade!**

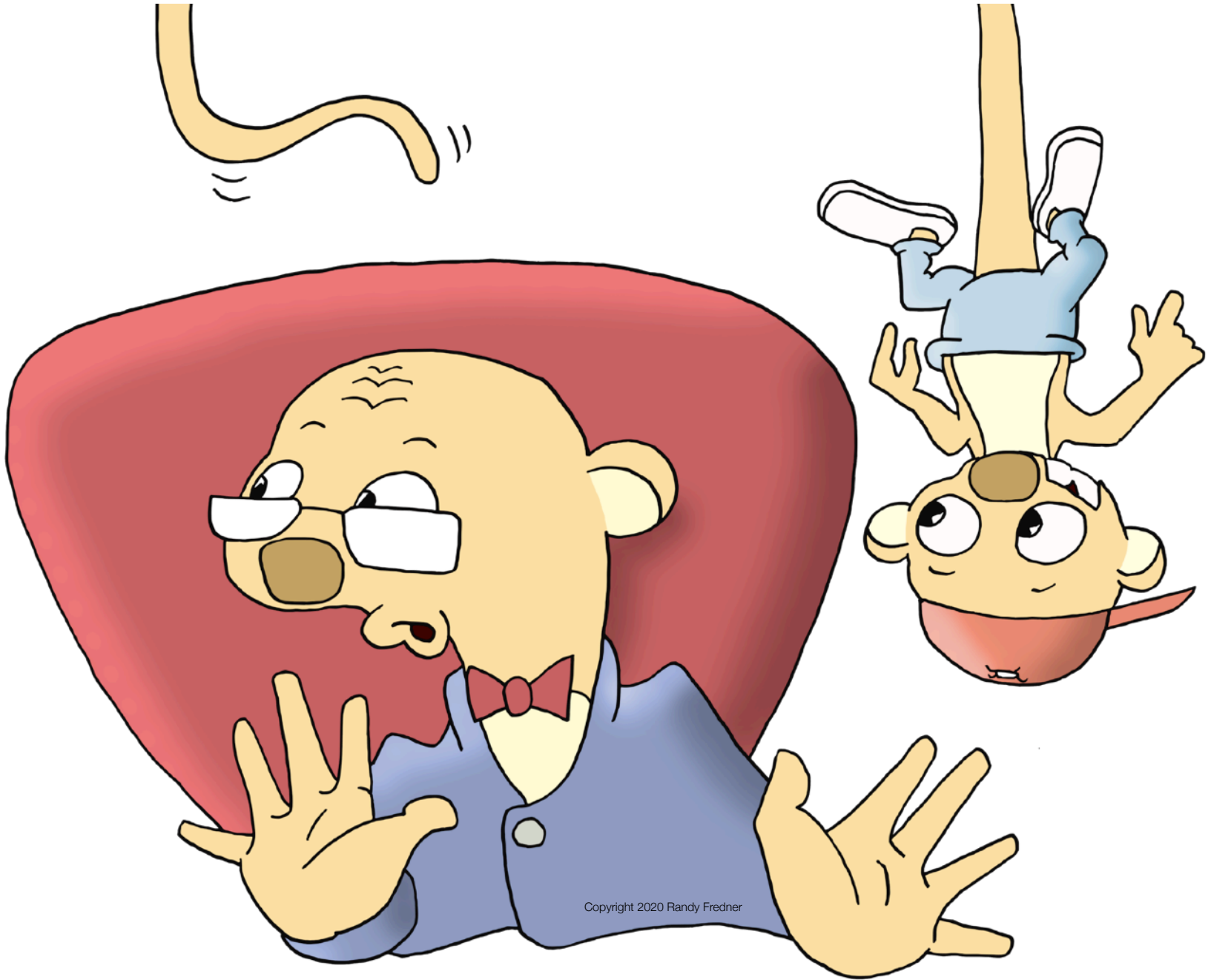
**Love,
Grandpa**



Kiku Kinkajou was visiting his grandpa.

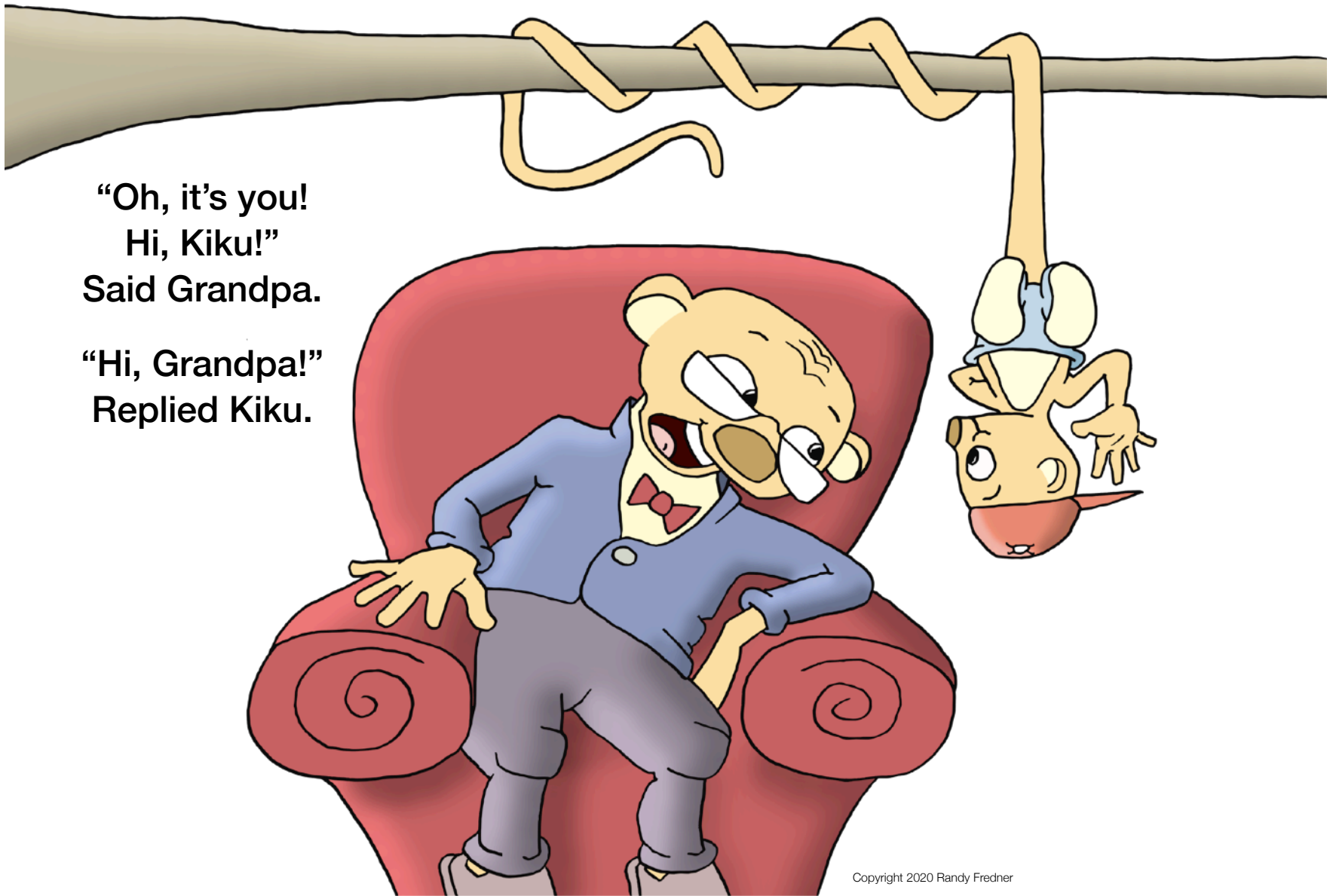
Kiku did the old tap on the shoulder trick!





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“Who’s there?” Asked Grandpa.



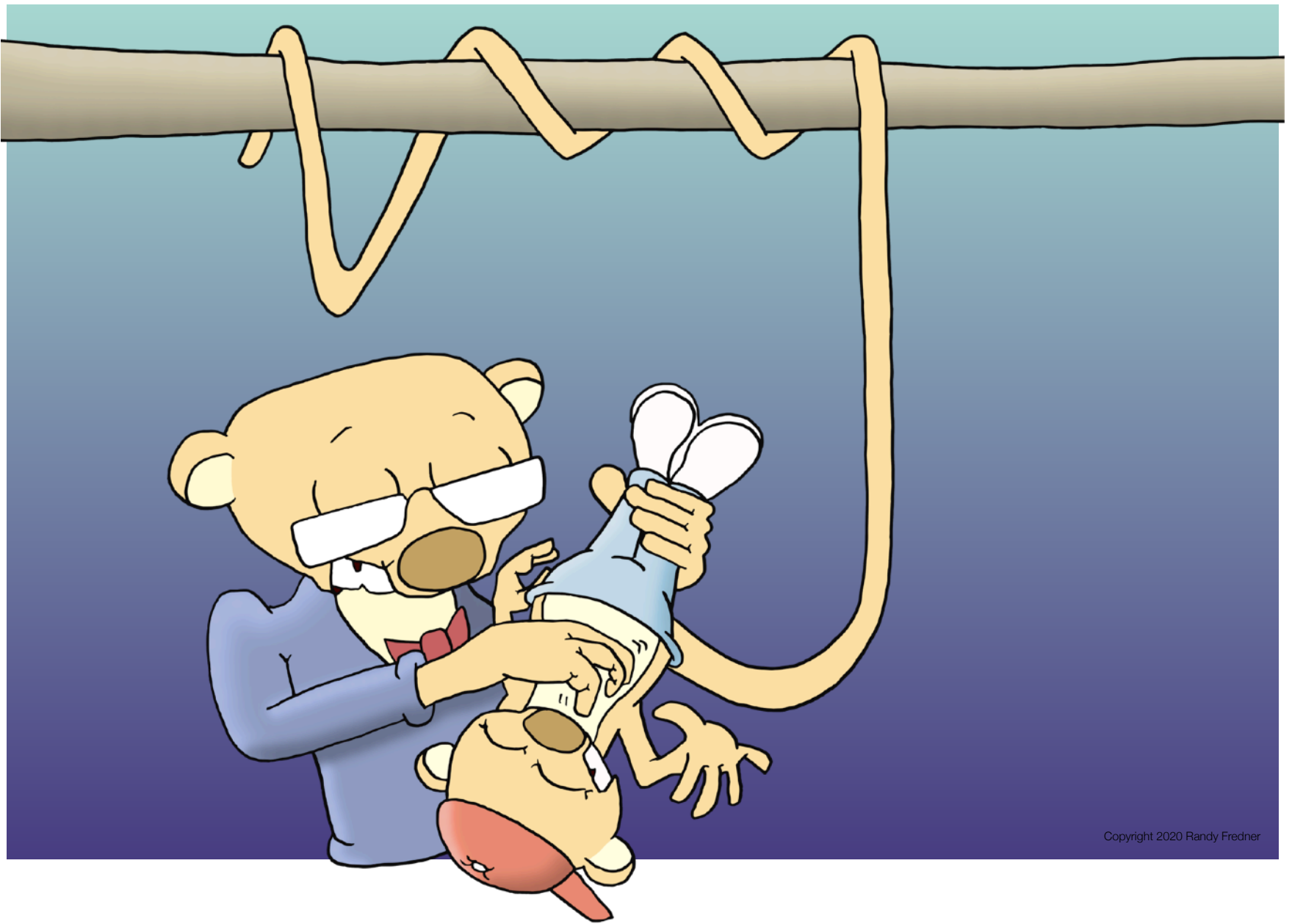
“Oh, it’s you!
Hi, Kiku!”
Said Grandpa.

“Hi, Grandpa!”
Replied Kiku.

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“Did I ever tell you about ‘The Three T’s’?”
Asked Grandpa.

“No, what are ‘The Three T’s’”? Asked Kiku.

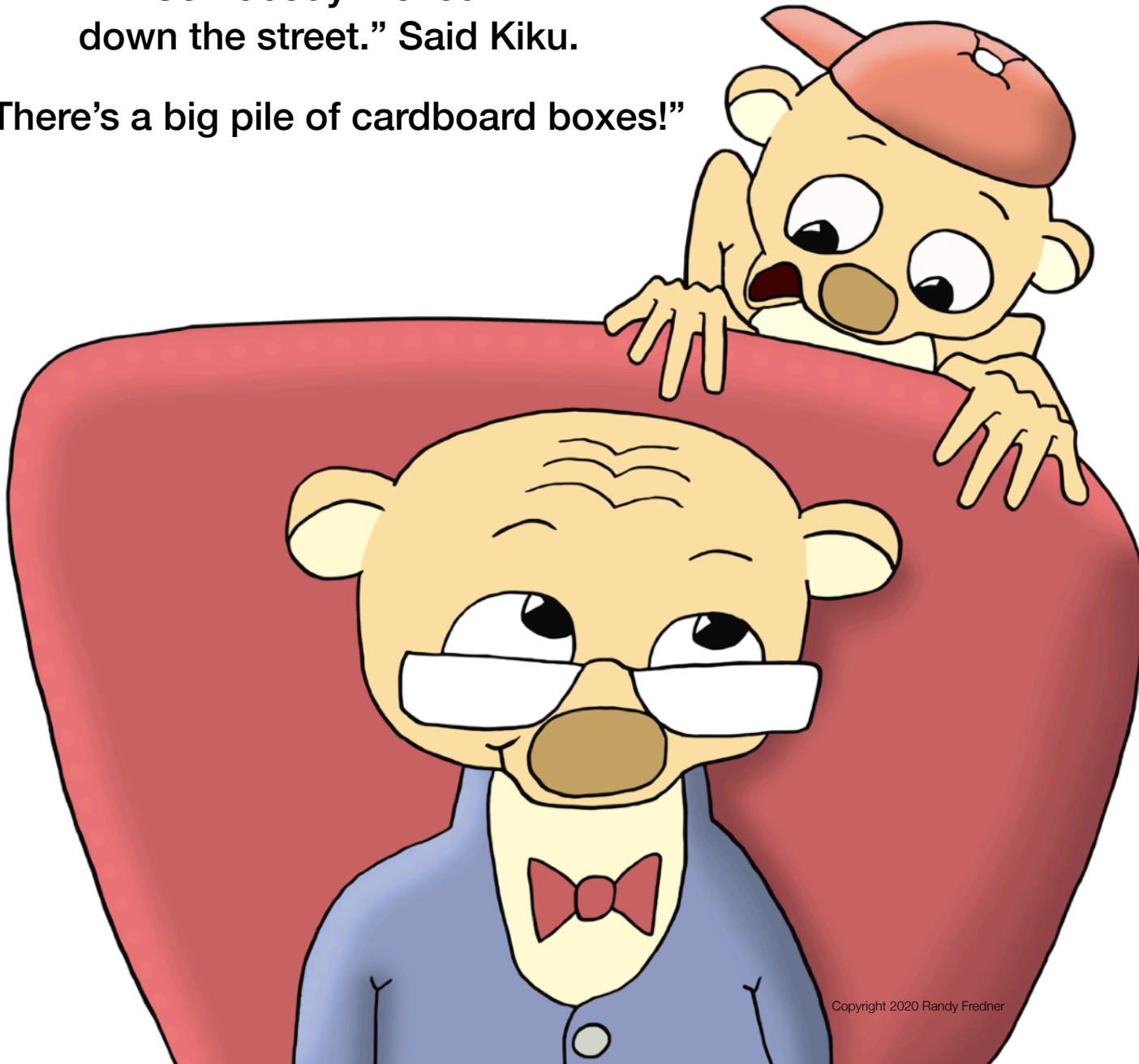


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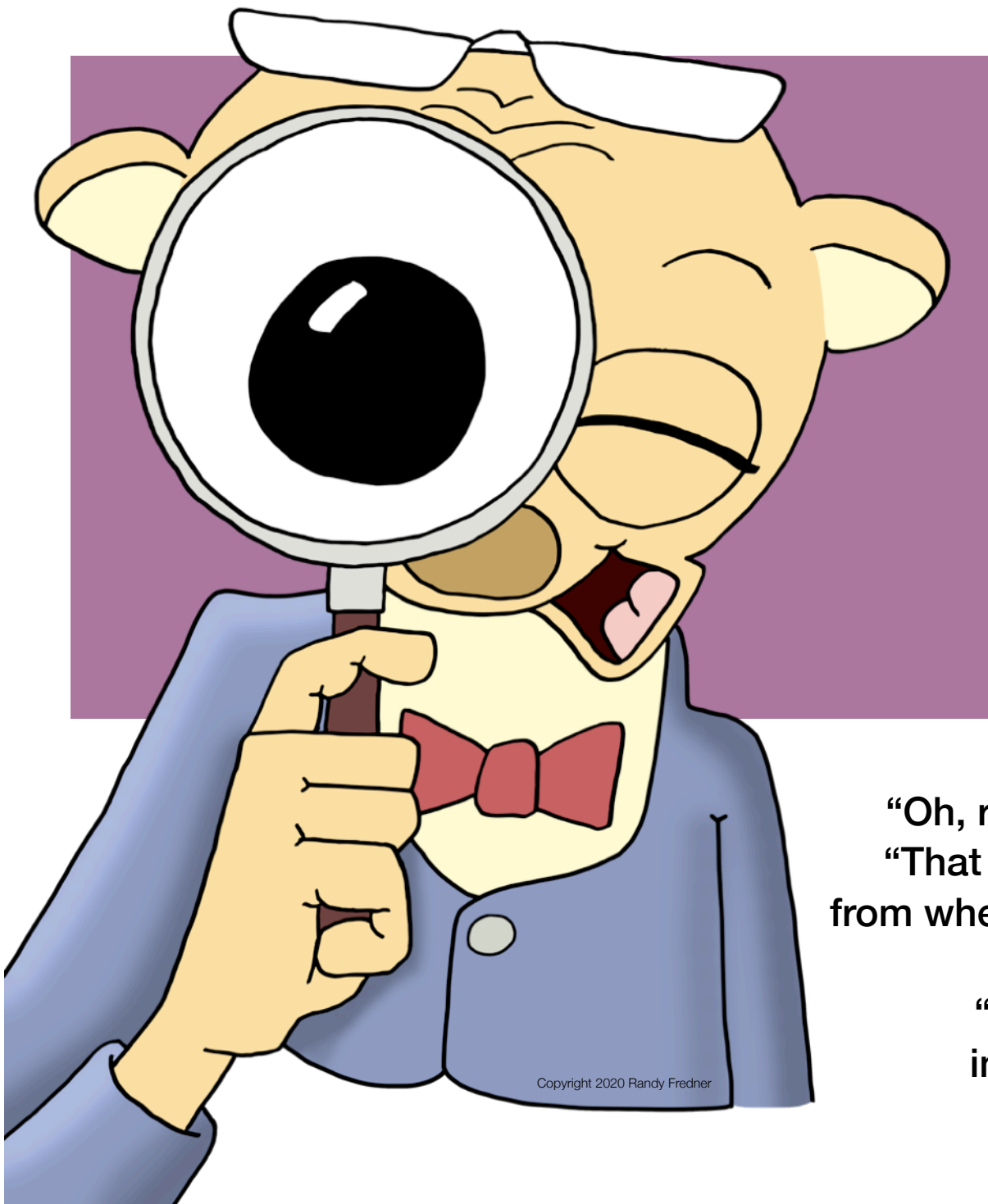
**“Tummy Tickle Time!!!” Said Grandpa.
Kiku laughed hysterically.**

“Somebody moved in
down the street.” Said Kiku.

“There’s a big pile of cardboard boxes!”



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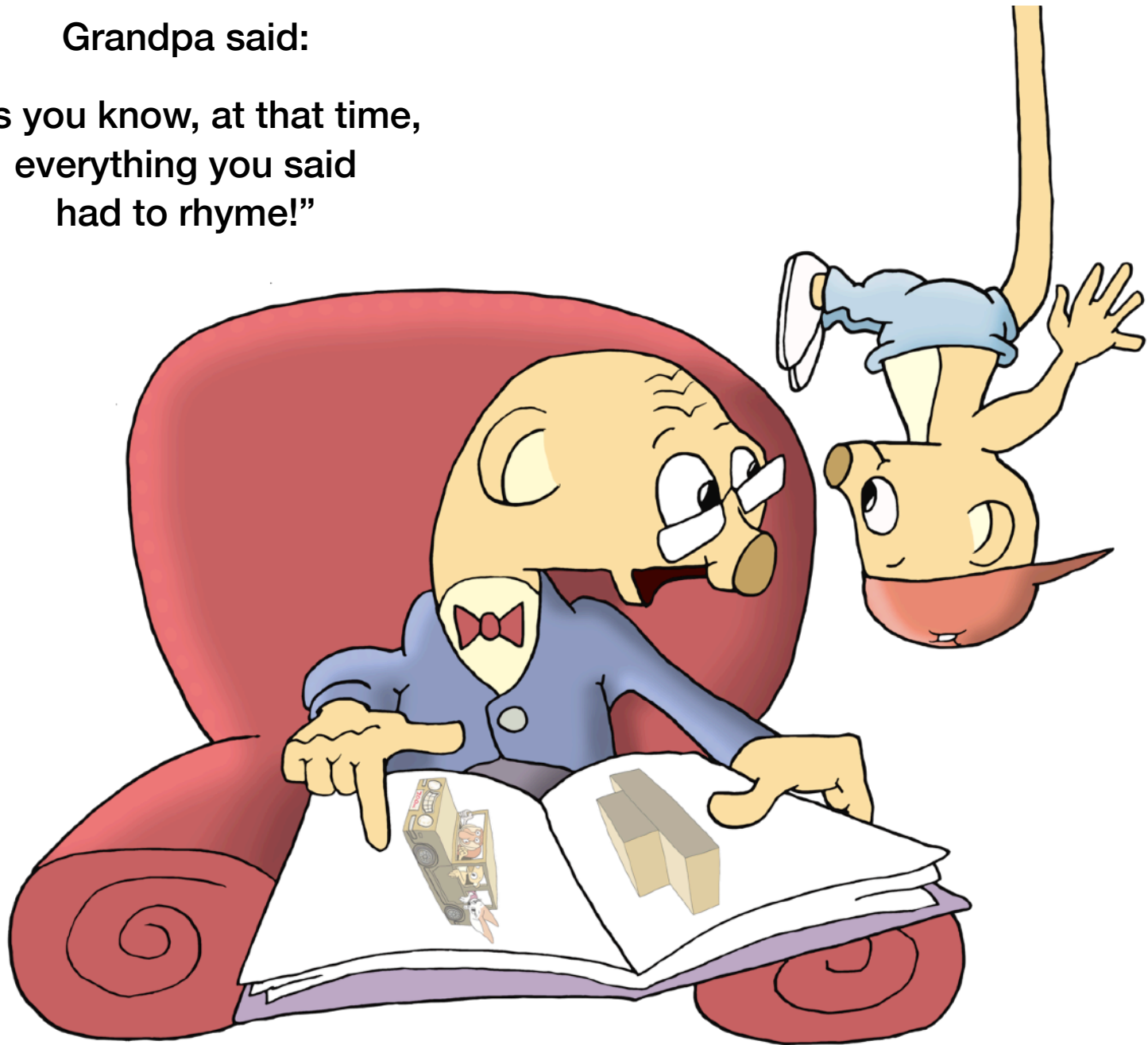


**“Oh, really?” Said Grandpa.
“That reminds me of a story
from when I was about your age!”**

**“Let’s have a look
in my scrapbook!”**

Grandpa said:

“As you know, at that time,
everything you said
had to rhyme!”



Grandpa continued:

“One day I was
sleeping in the trees

when along came Proboscis,
so much for catching z’s!

He said: ‘Across the street
from Fennec Fox is

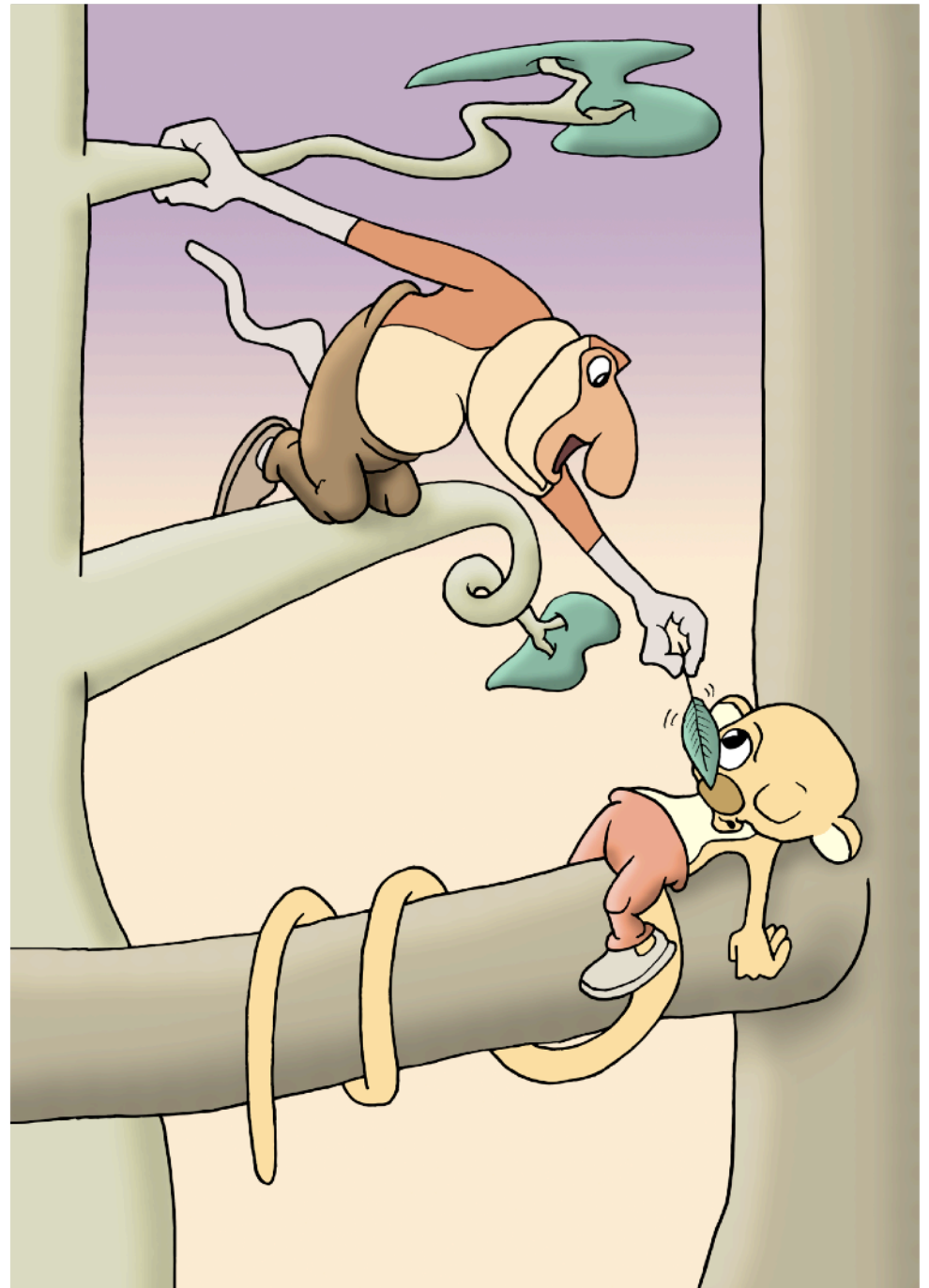
a treasure trove
of cardboard boxes!

The lady who lives there
teaches science.

It seems she has gotten
some new appliances!’

So we decided
we might as well

go to her house and
ring the bell!”



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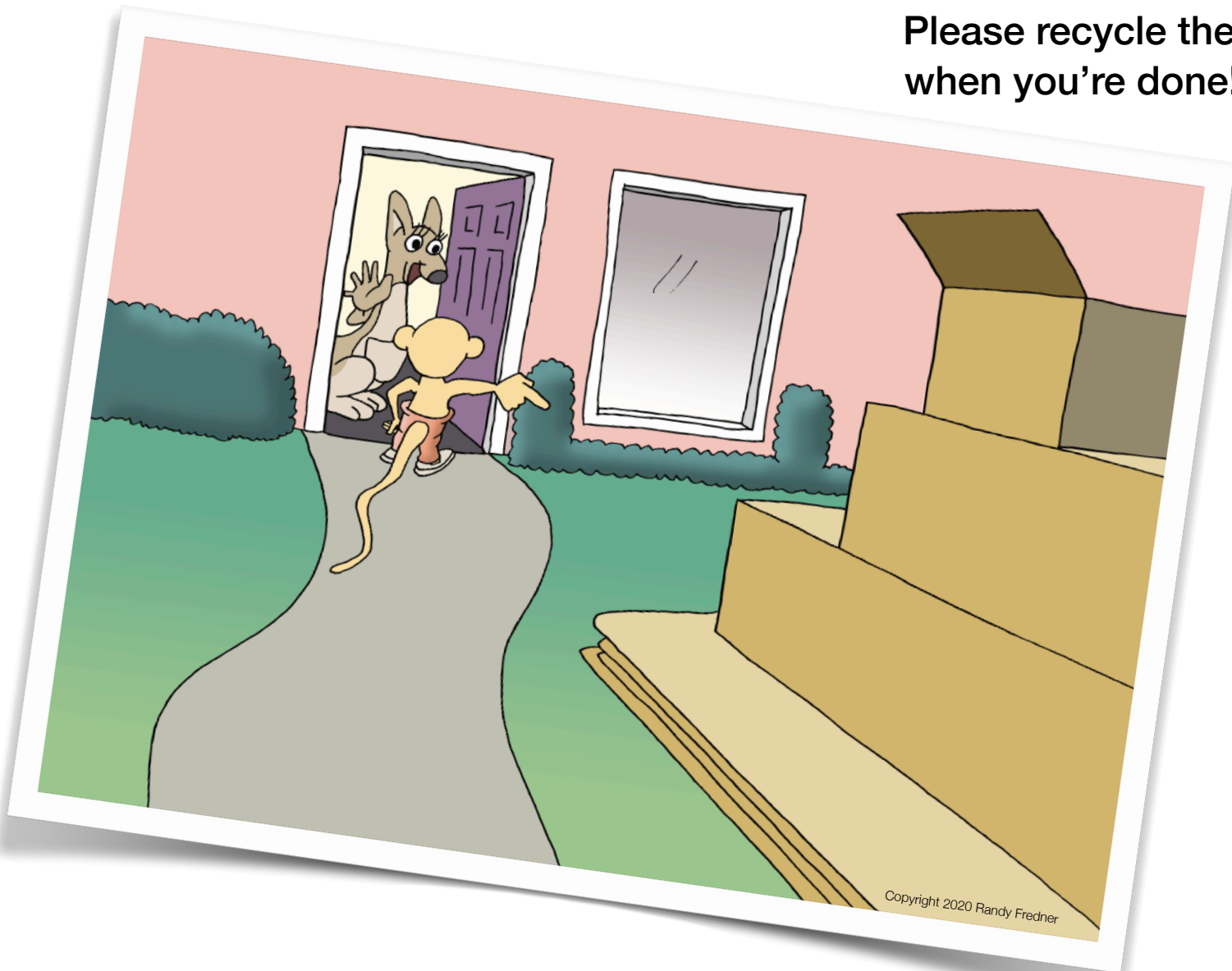
“I pointed to the boxes
and asked if we could take ‘em

so into something cool
we could make ‘em!

The woman replied:

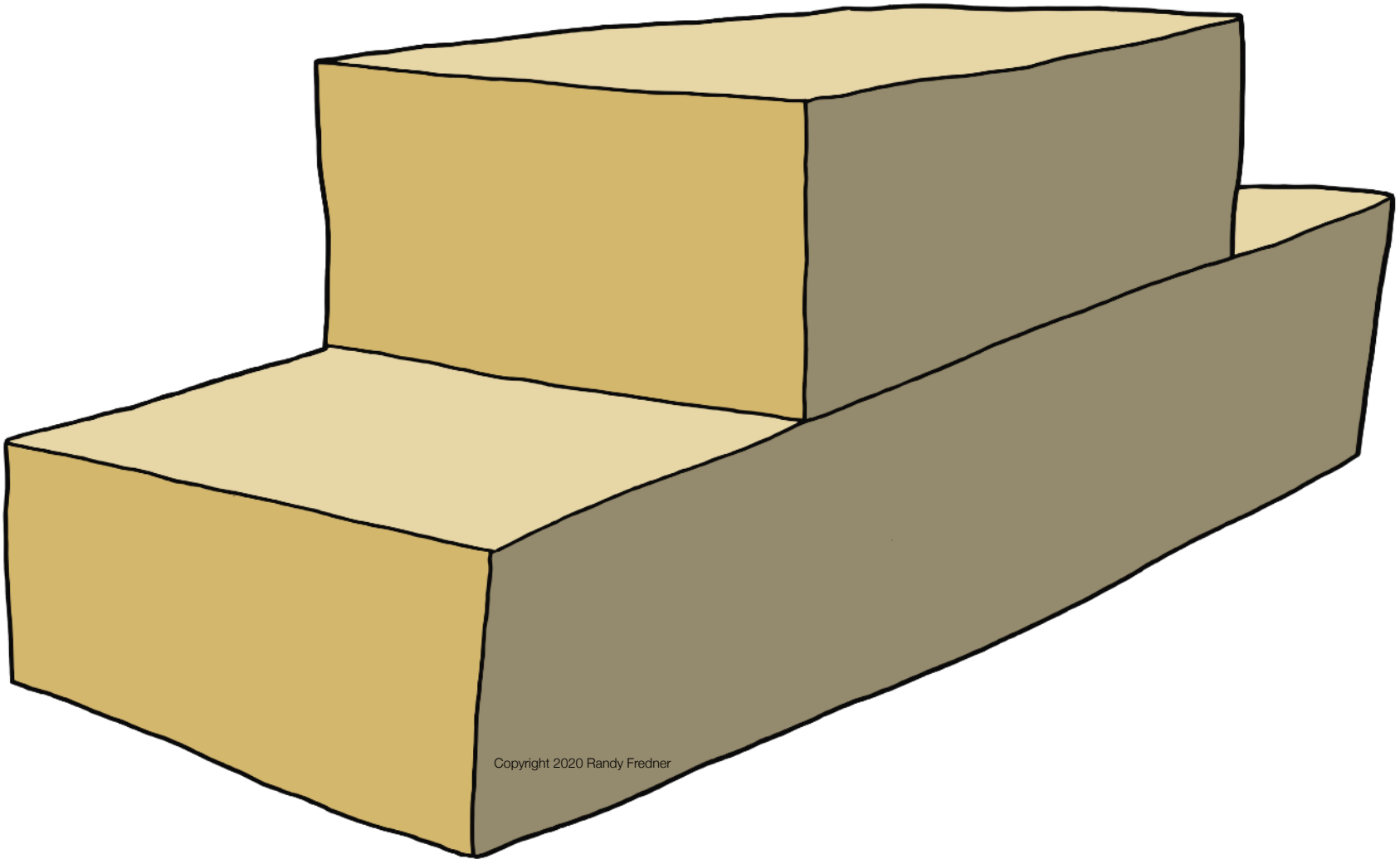
‘Help yourself,
have some fun!

Please recycle them
when you’re done!’”



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Proboscis asked:
“Some empty boxes,
so, what’s the plan?”

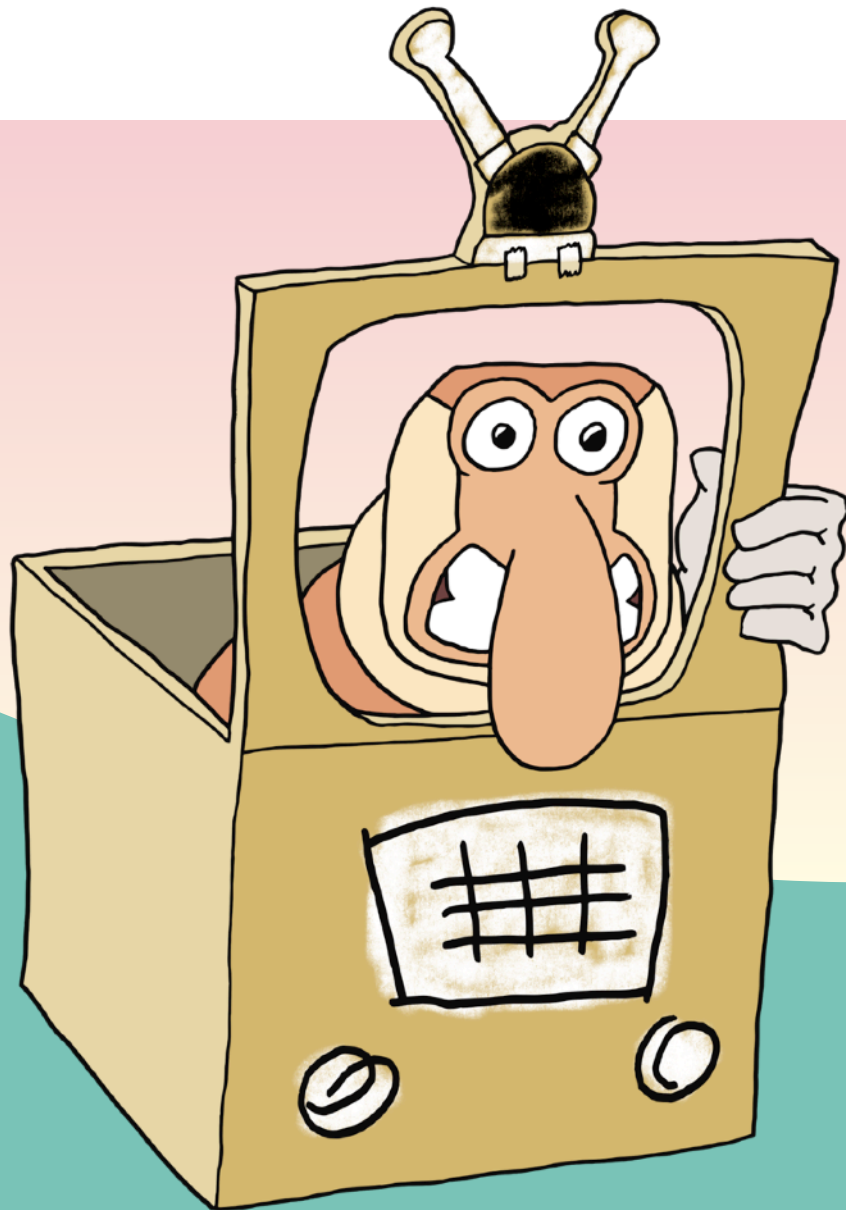


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“...well, how about a road trip in a
‘CARboard’ sedan?”



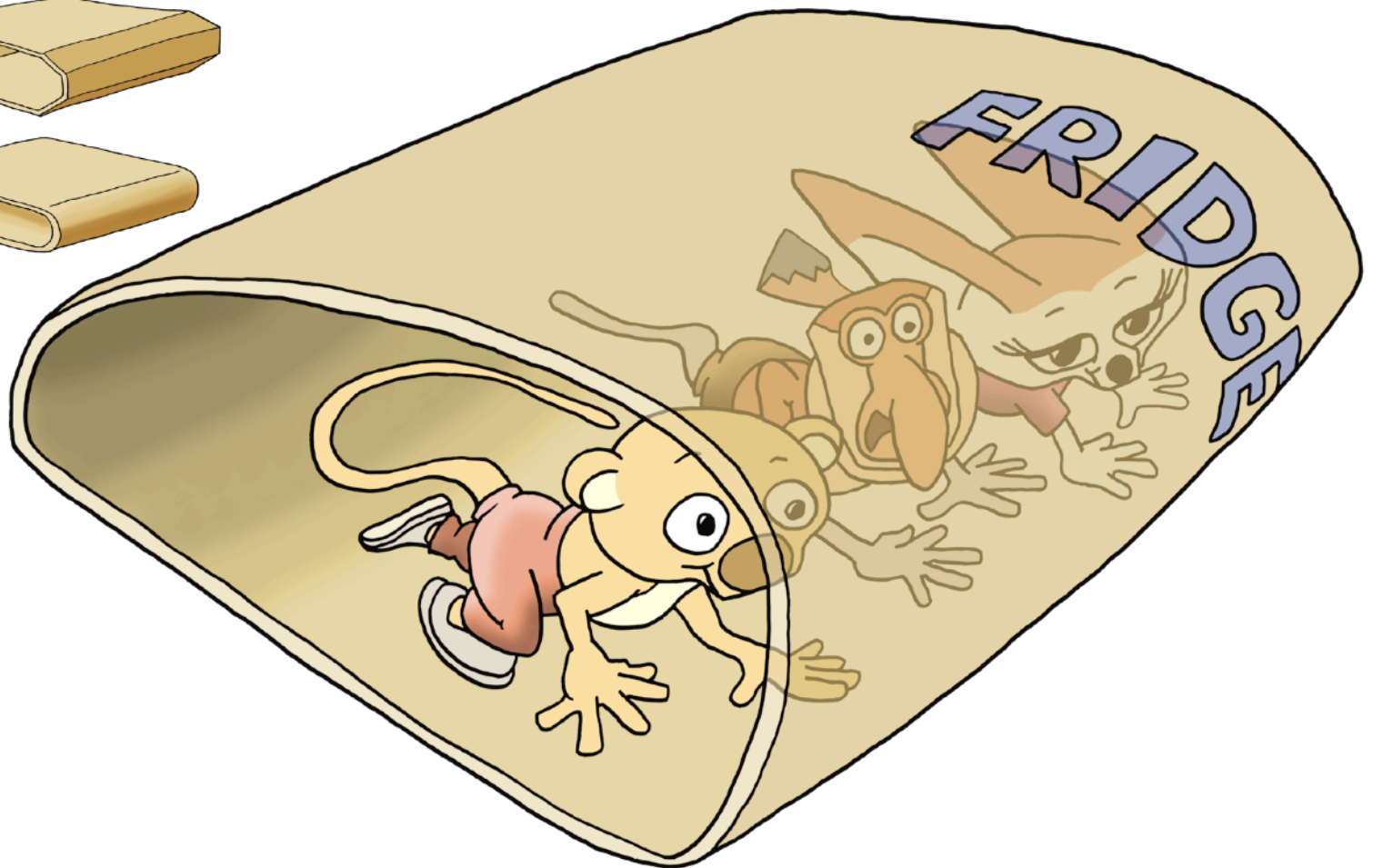
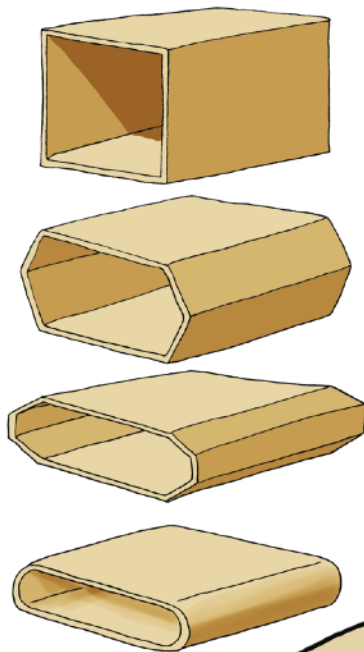
(We got markers and paint
and had our parents cut out the windows!)



“Proboscis went to the box pile
and grabbed another one
and next thing you know he said:
‘How’s *this* for fun?’

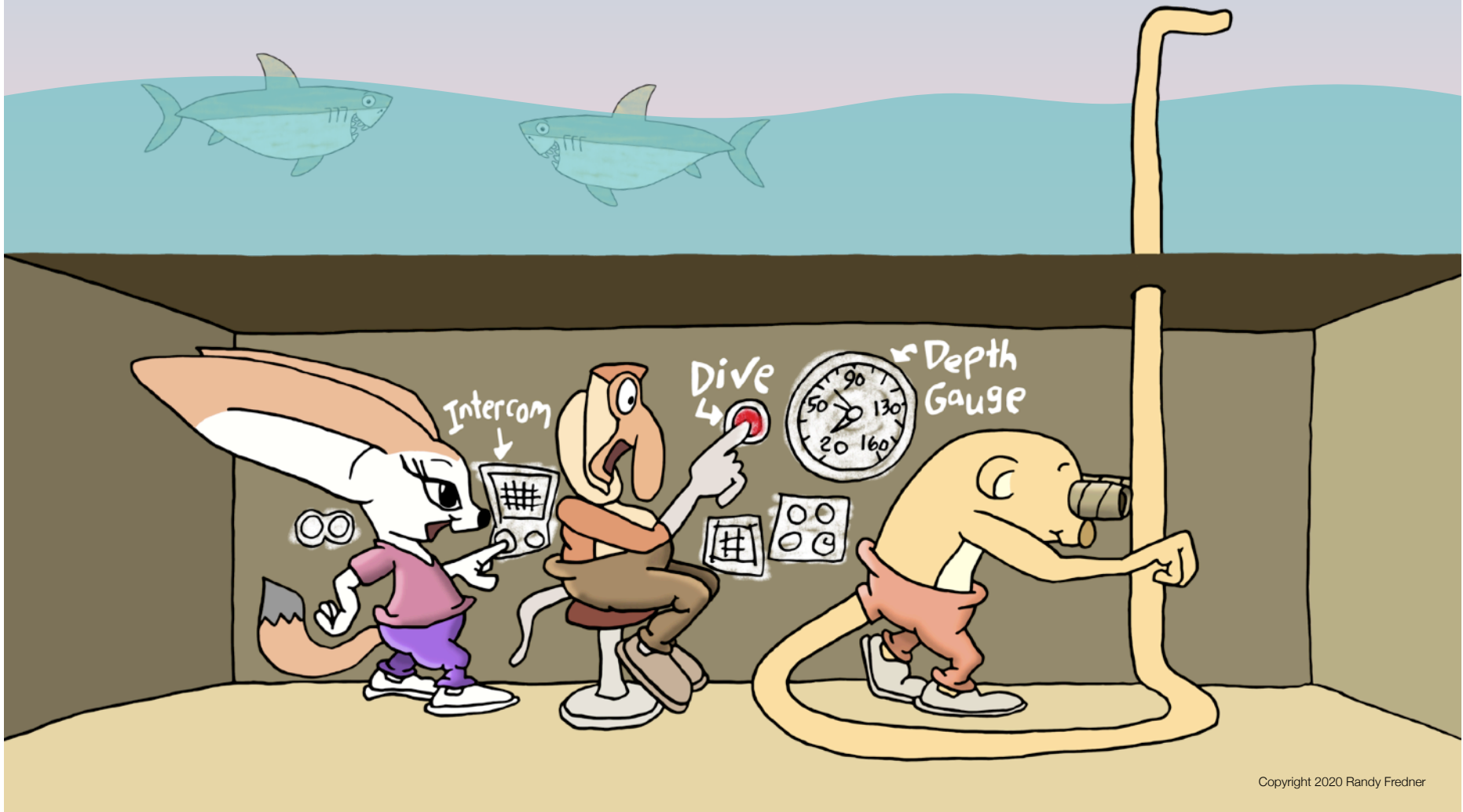
Look at me,
I’m on TV!”

“For the next idea
we had Fennec Fox to thank,
make a box into
an awesome army tank!”

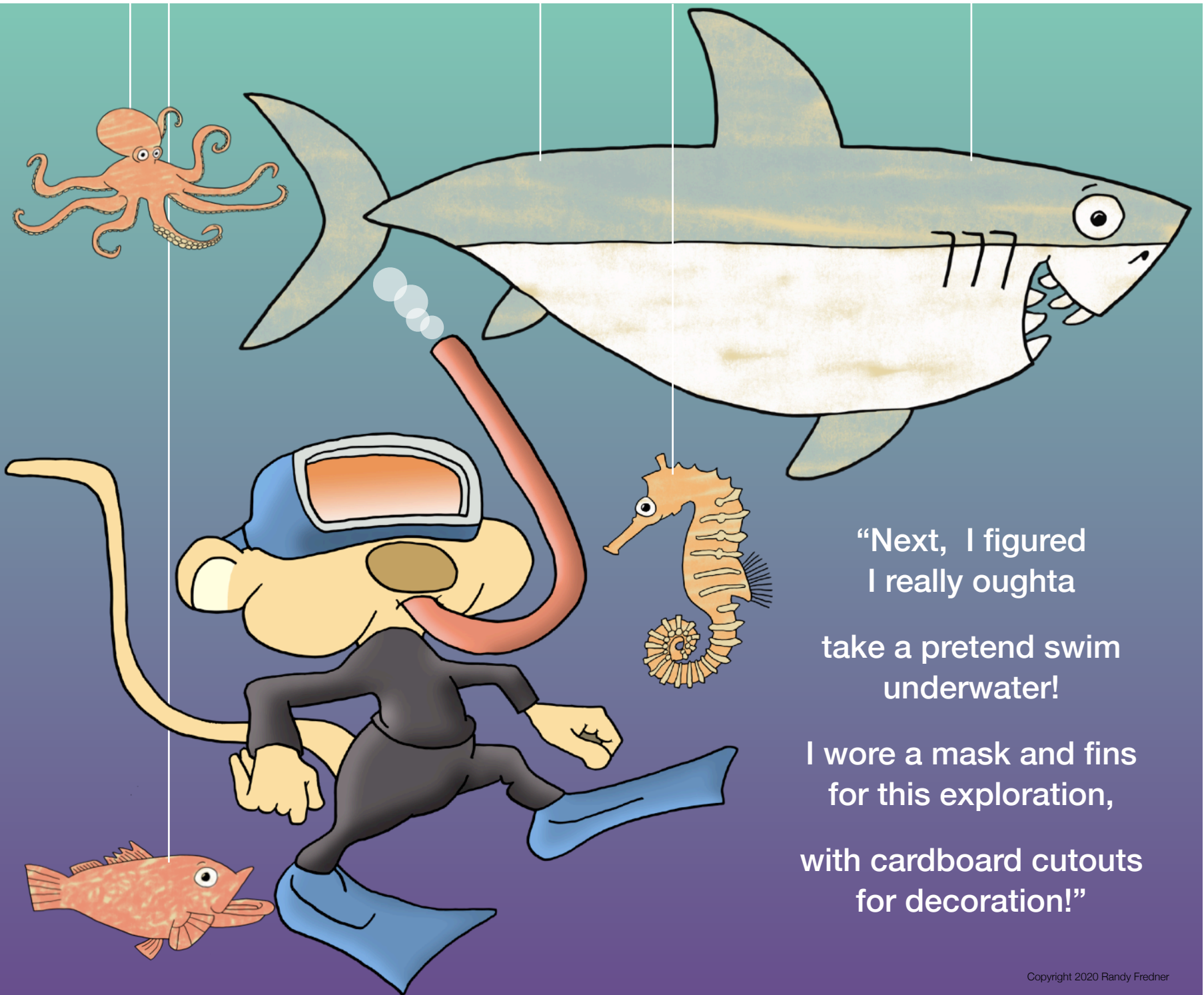


“Did we run out of ideas?
Not yet, nope!

We set sail in a submarine
and said ‘up periscope!’”



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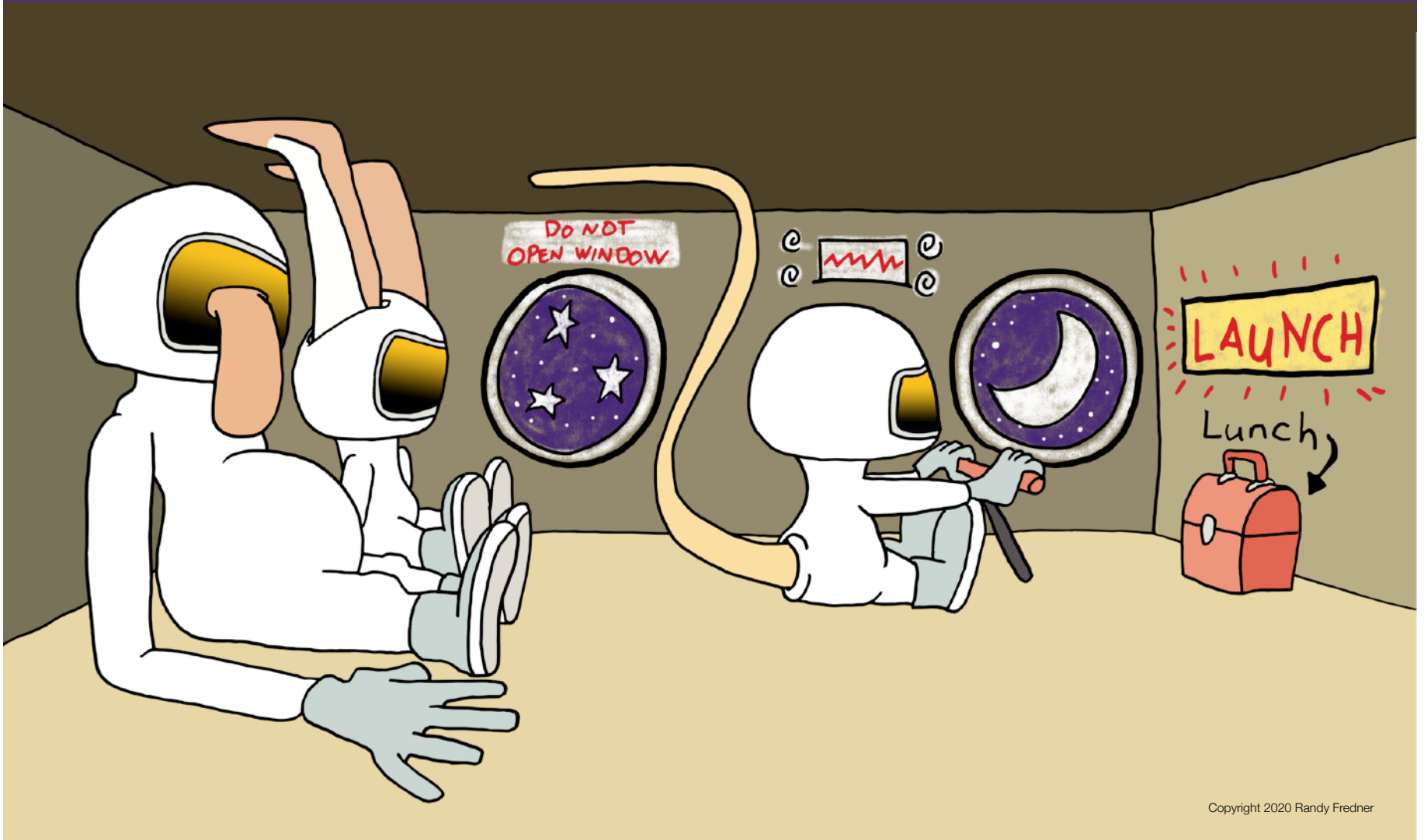
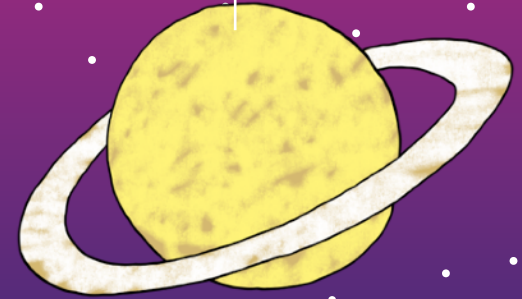
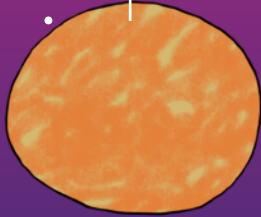


“Next, I figured
I really oughta

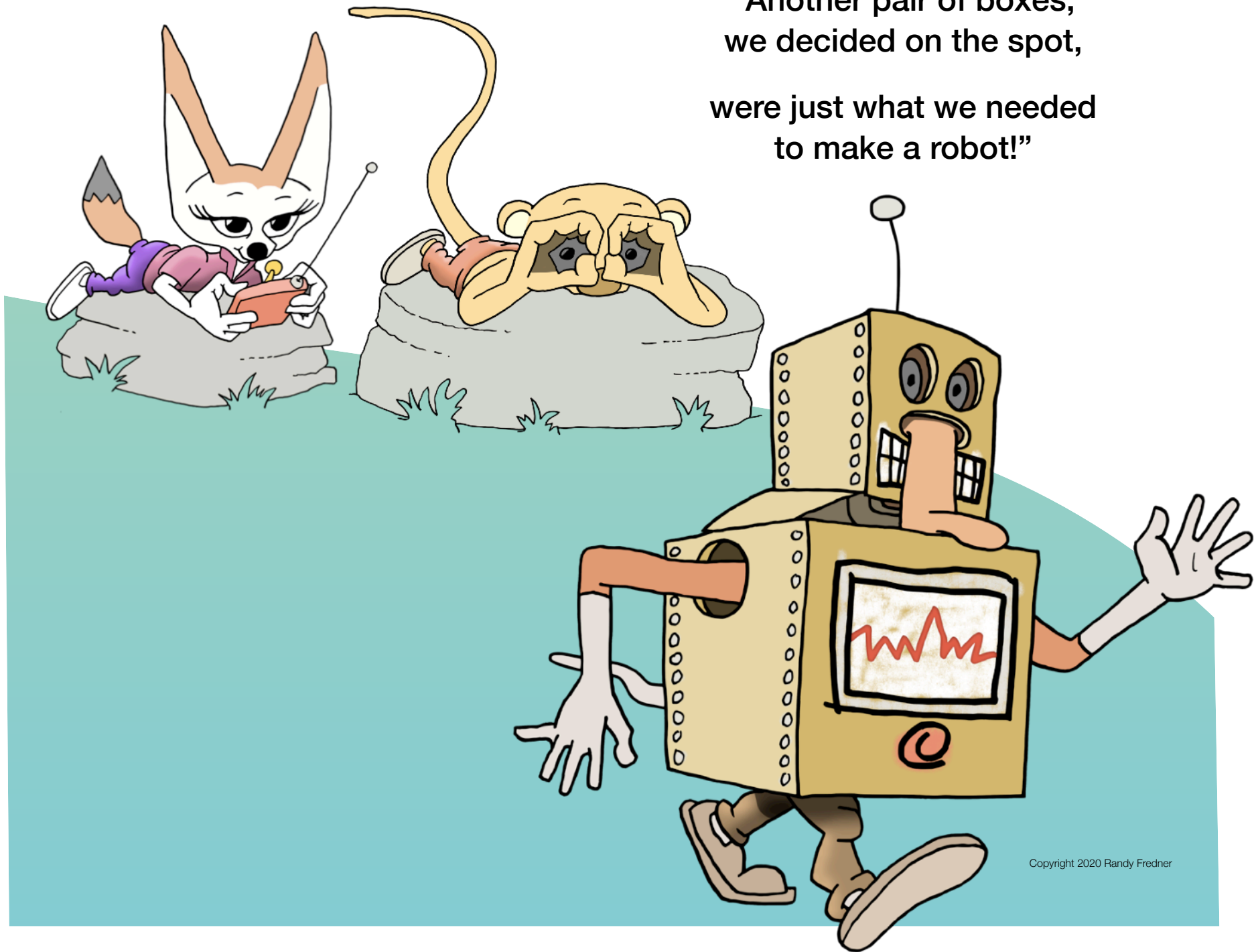
take a pretend swim
underwater!

I wore a mask and fins
for this exploration,
with cardboard cutouts
for decoration!”

“We conquered the ocean
and pretty soon,
we made a rocket ship
and headed to the moon!”



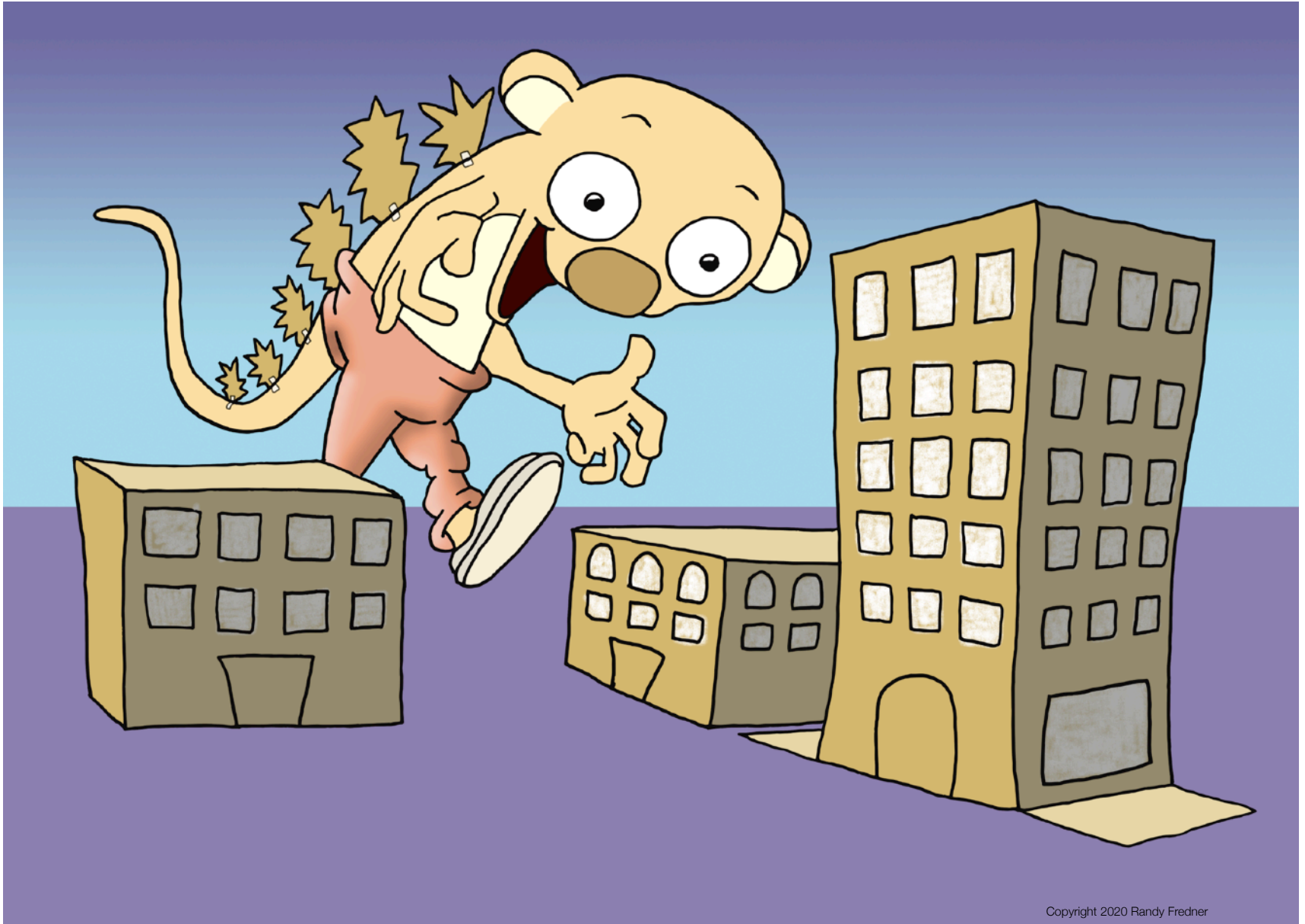
“Another pair of boxes,
we decided on the spot,
were just what we needed
to make a robot!”



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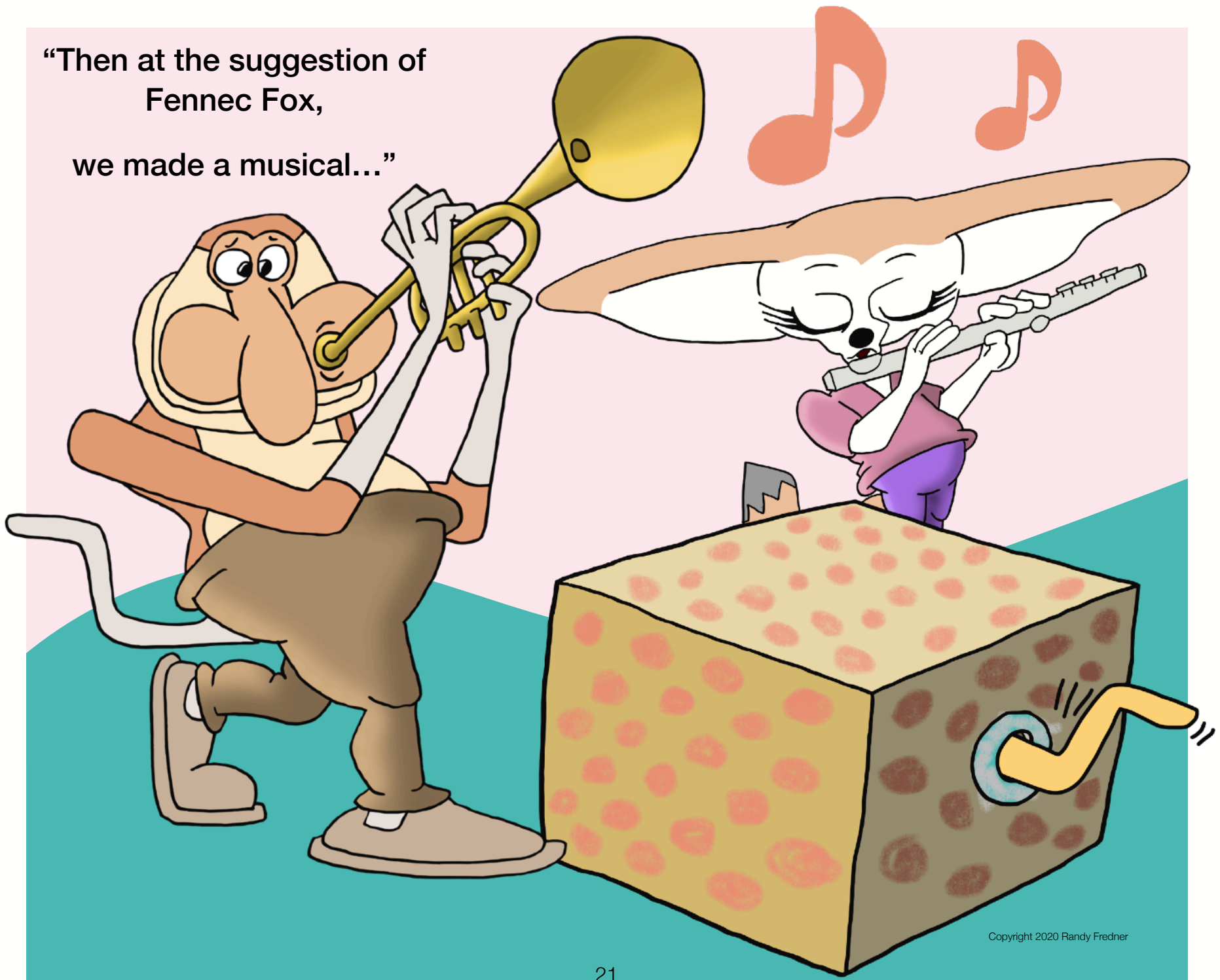
“Then we thought
it might be kinda ‘groovy’

to make cardboard buildings
for a monster movie!”



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“Then at the suggestion of
Fennec Fox,
we made a musical...”



“...Jack-in-the-box!”

BOING



Just then, Grandpa's doorbell rang,
and in came Kiku's friend Fifi
with a new kid!

Fifi said:



"Here's someone
I'd like you to meet,

Boomerang Koala
moved in down the street!"

Boomerang smiled shyly.



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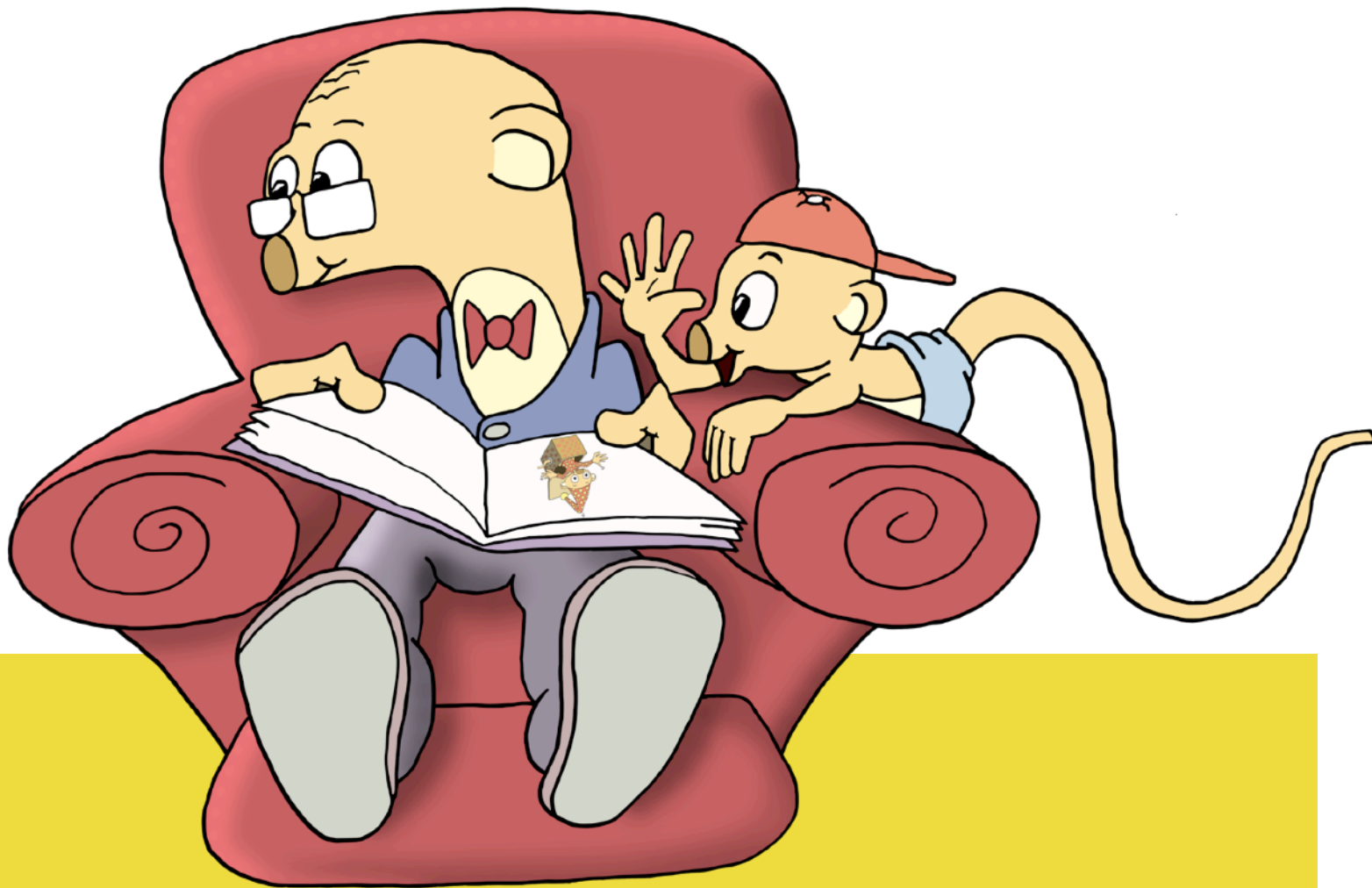
Kiku said:

“Hi, Boomerang!
Whaddya say?

Wanna go out and play?

Having fun
won't be hard

with all those boxes
in your yard!”



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Next thing you know,
they took to the skies

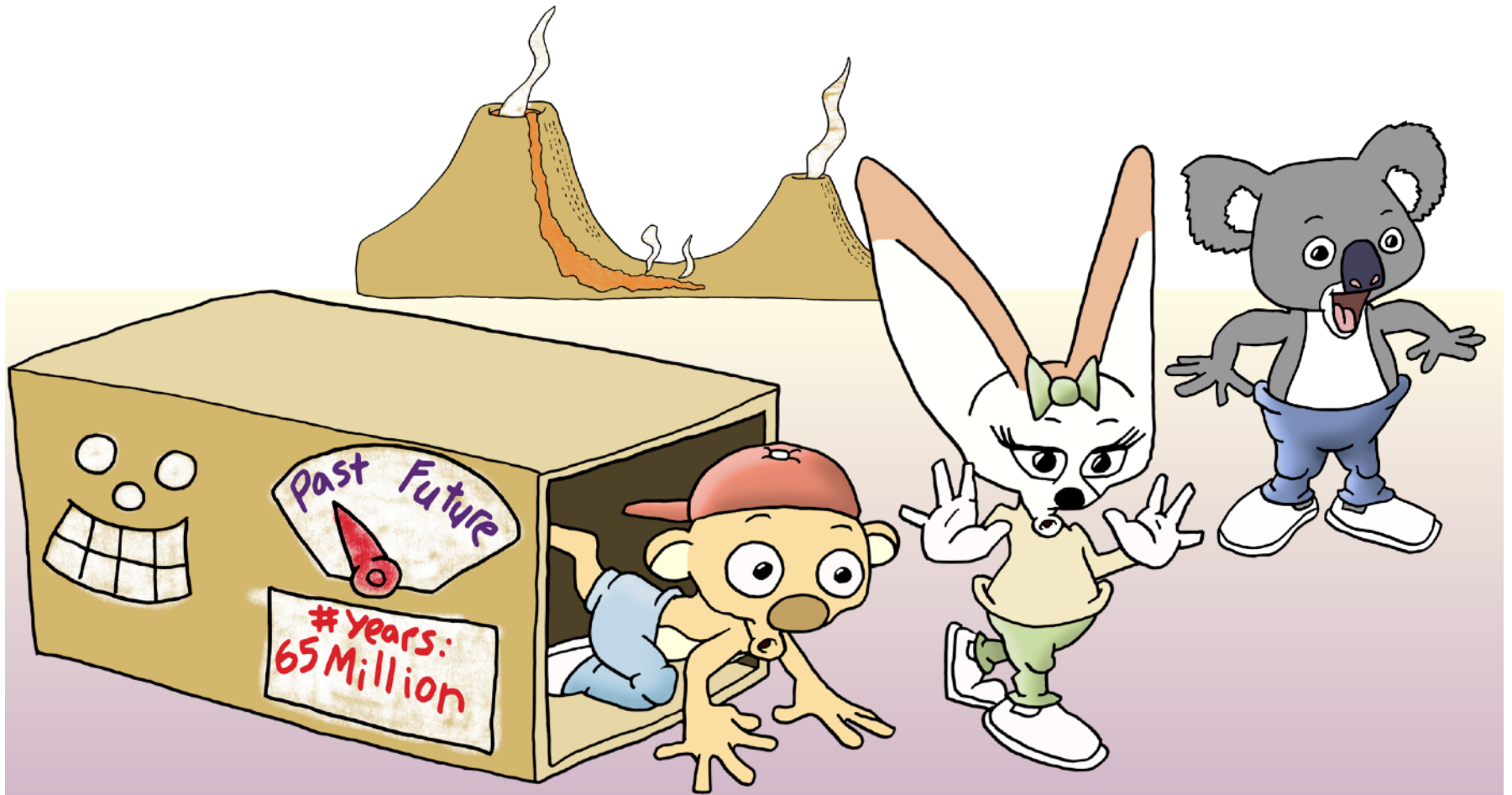
in a cardboard plane
made just for spies!



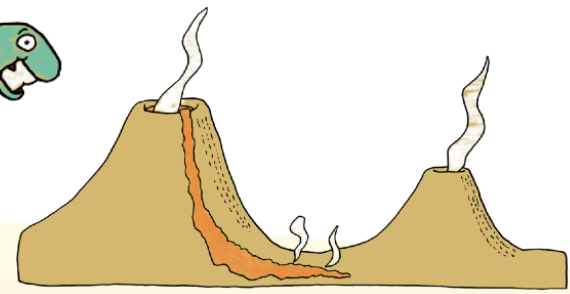
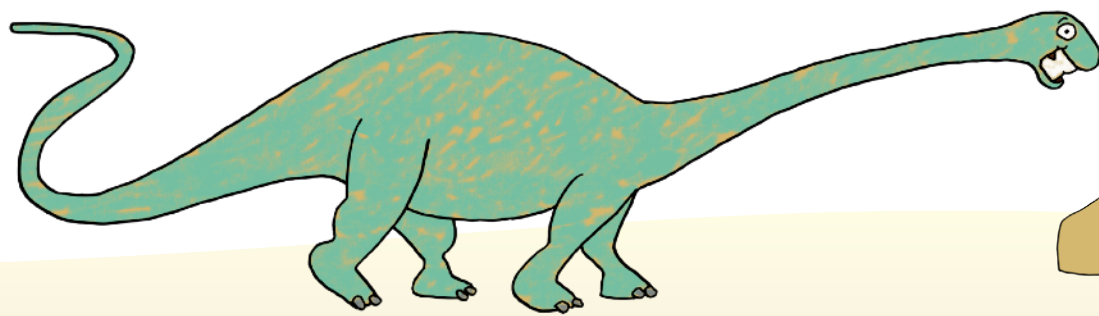
Then, Boomerang said:

“Let’s go to the past,
you know what I mean,

we’ll make our very own
time machine!”



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Fifi said:

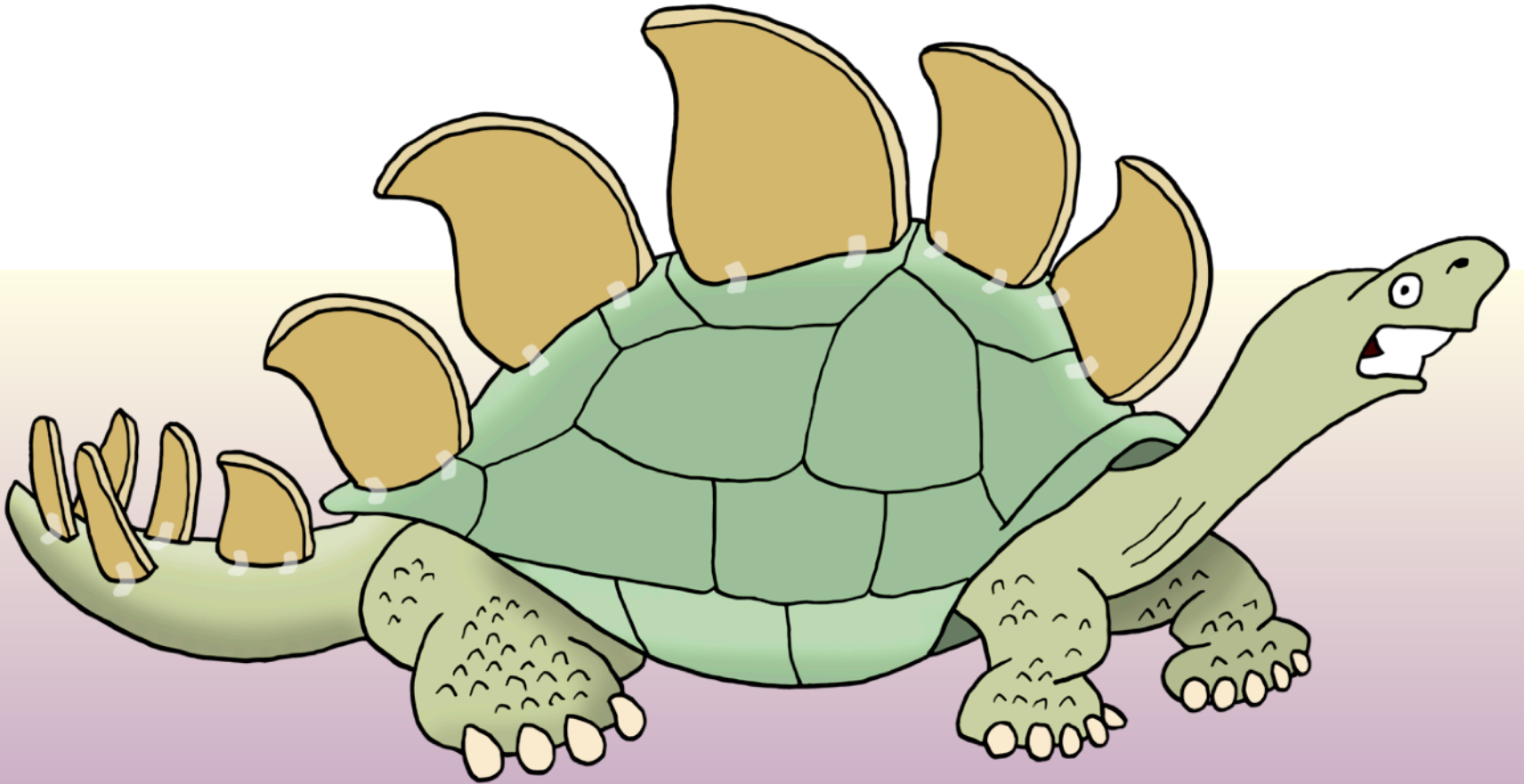
**“A brontosaurus!
A tyrannosaurus!**

**They roamed the earth
way before us!”**

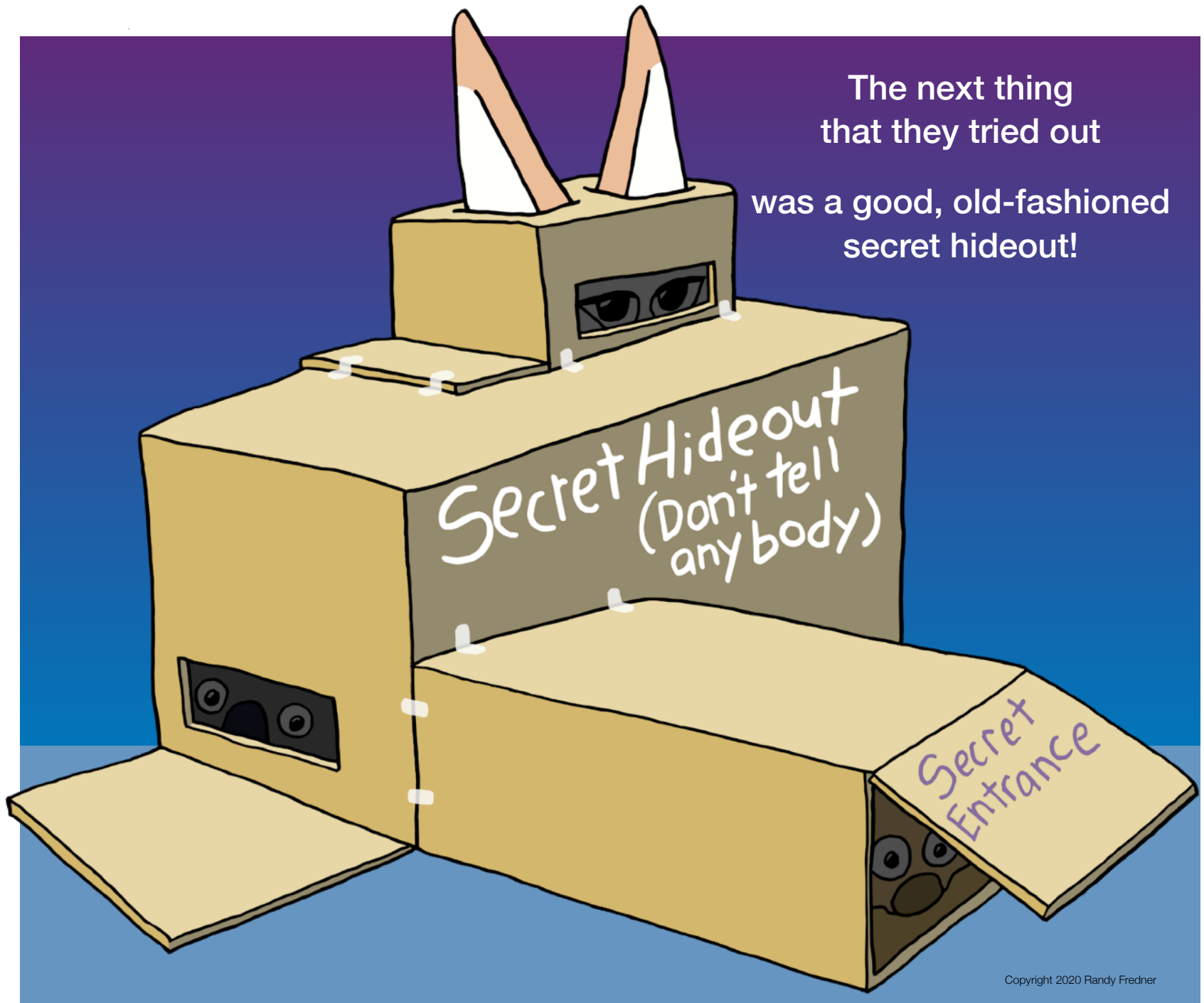


“And here’s a new species,
kinda, sorta!

Introducing
the ‘Stegatoroise!’”

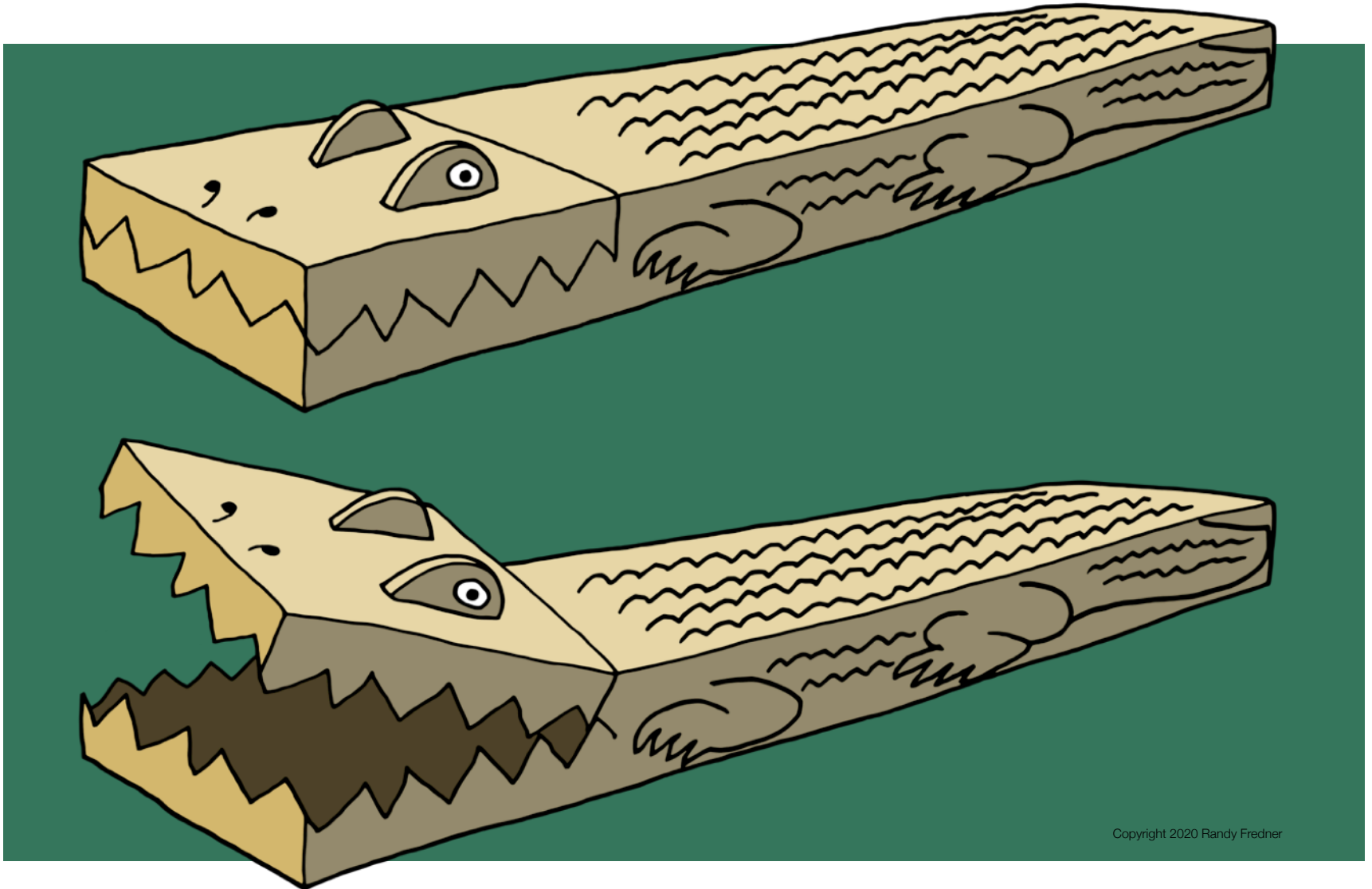


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The next thing
that they tried out
was a good, old-fashioned
secret hideout!

“And then,
a little bit later,
they made a
corrugated ‘corru-gator!’”



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They made lots of cool things
before the day did end

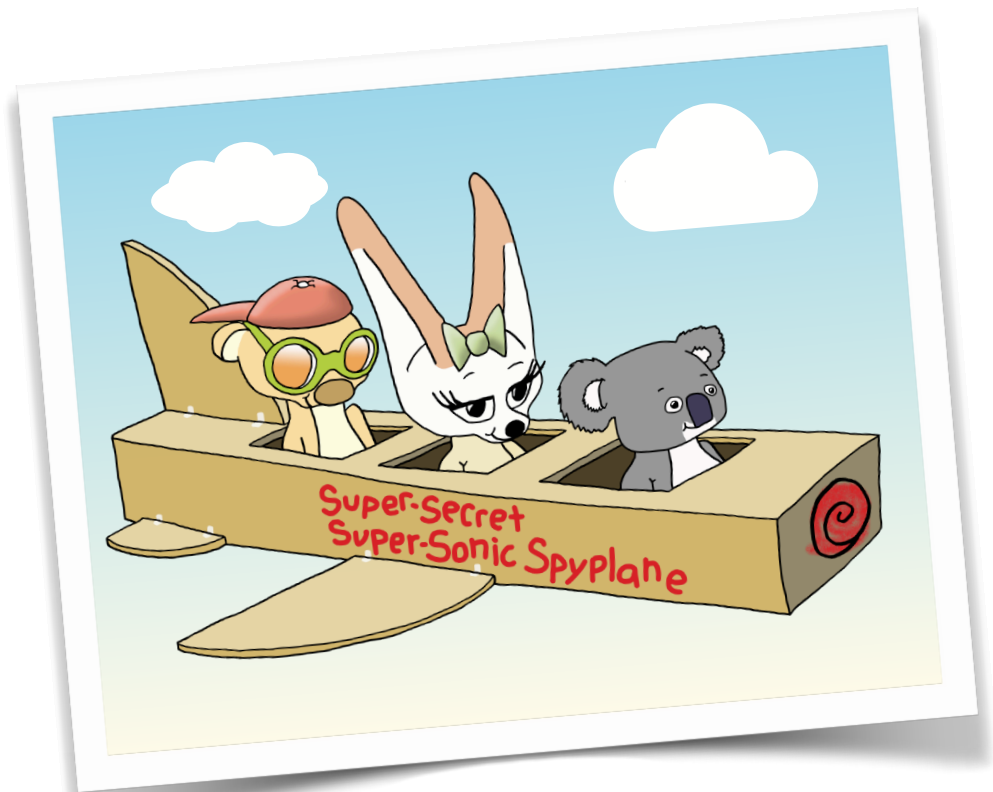
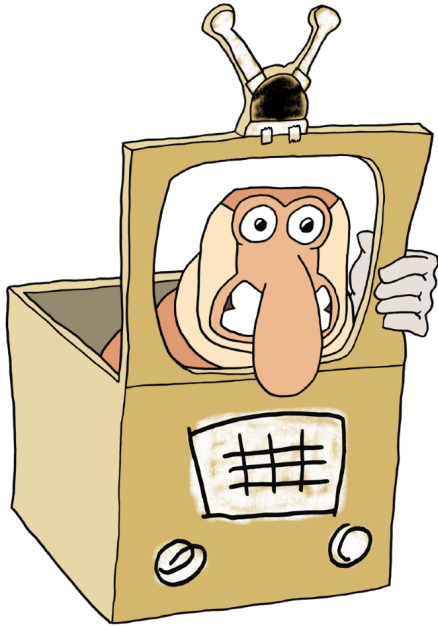
but best of all,
they made a new friend!

What would you make
out of empty boxes?



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Grandpa Kinkajou tells Kiku how empty boxes are full of fun!



Then Kiku and friends take off on adventures of their own when a new kid moves into the neighborhood!

