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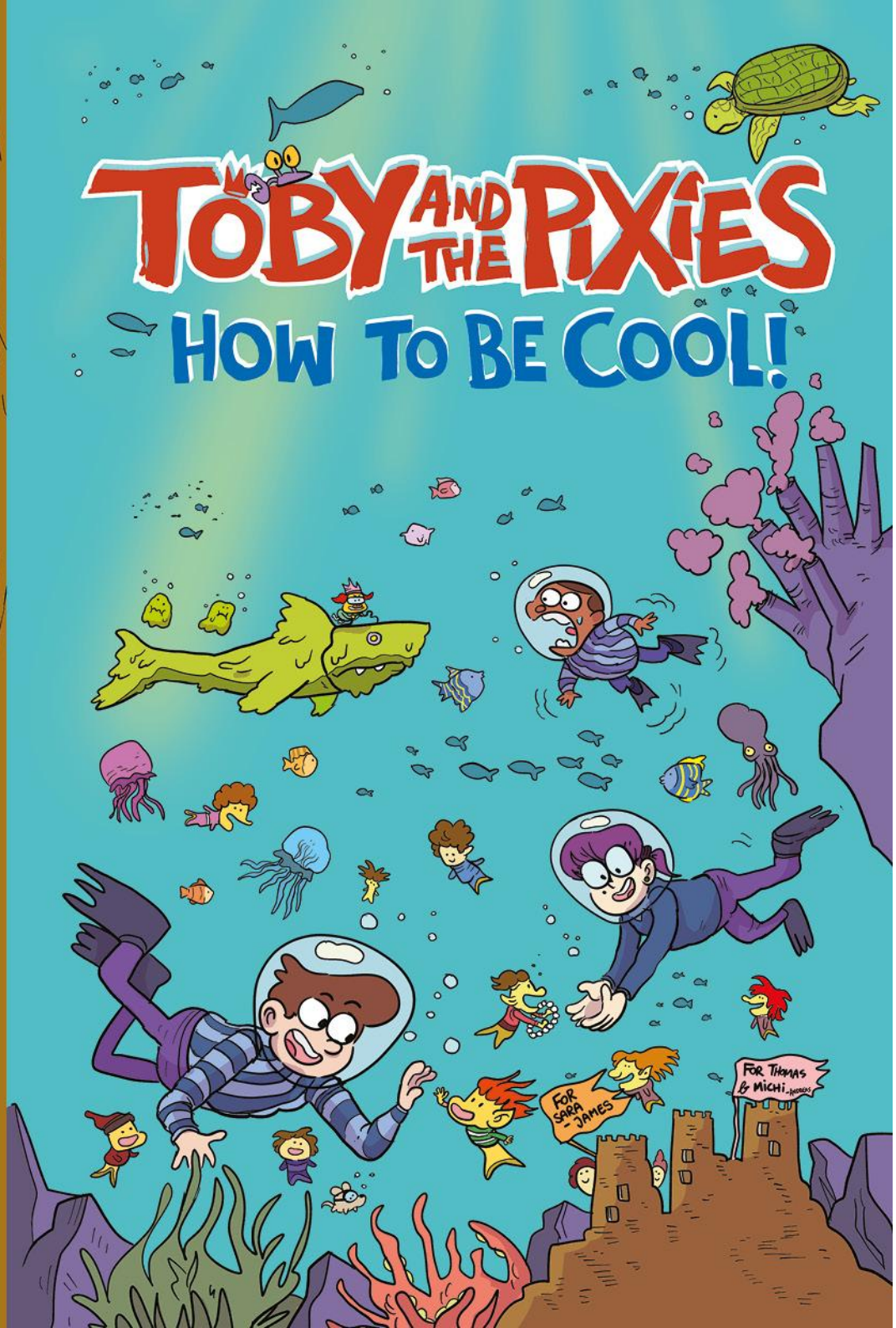
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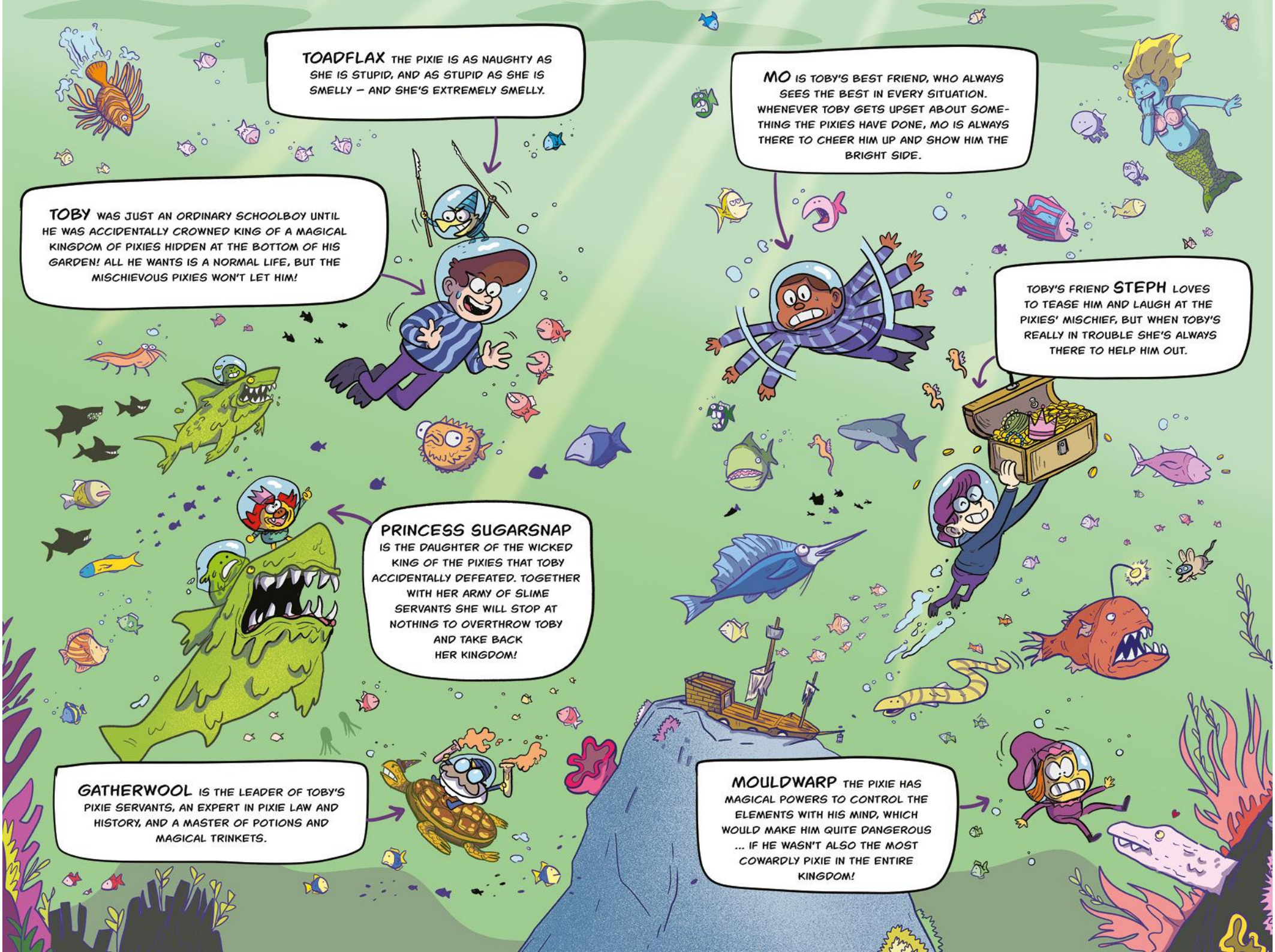
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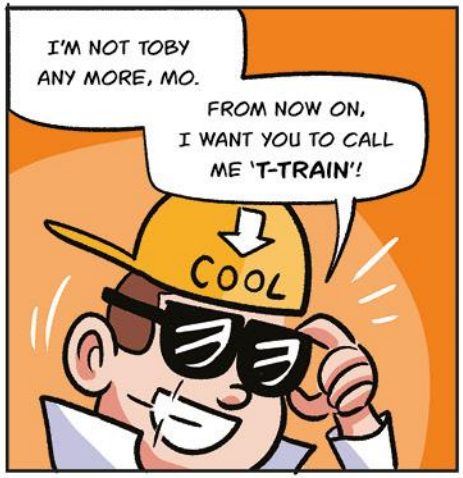



TOADFLAX THE PIXIE IS AS NAUGHTY AS SHE IS STUPID, AND AS STUPID AS SHE IS SMELLY – AND SHE'S EXTREMELY SMELLY.
TOBY WAS JUST AN ORDINARY SCHOOLBOY UNTIL HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY CROWNED KING OF A MAGICAL KINGDOM OF PIXIES HIDDEN AT THE BOTTOM OF HIS GARDEN! ALL HE WANTS IS A NORMAL LIFE, BUT THE MISCHIEVOUS PIXIES WON'T LET HIM!
PRINCESS SUGARSNAP IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE WICKED KING OF THE PIXIES THAT TOBY ACCIDENTALLY DEFEATED. TOGETHER WITH HER ARMY OF SLIME SERVANTS SHE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO OVERTHROW TOBY AND TAKE BACK HER KINGDOM!
GATHERWOOL IS THE LEADER OF TOBY'S PIXIE SERVANTS, AN EXPERT IN PIXIE LAW AND HISTORY, AND A MASTER OF POTIONS AND MAGICAL TRINKETS.
MO IS TOBY'S BEST FRIEND, WHO ALWAYS SEES THE BEST IN EVERY SITUATION. WHENEVER TOBY GETS UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING THE PIXIES HAVE DONE, MO IS ALWAYS THERE TO CHEER HIM UP AND SHOW HIM THE BRIGHT SIDE.
TOBY'S FRIEND STEPH LOVES TO TEASE HIM AND LAUGH AT THE PIXIES' MISCHIEF, BUT WHEN TOBY'S REALLY IN TROUBLE SHE'S ALWAYS THERE TO HELP HIM OUT.
MOULDWARP THE PIXIE HAS MAGICAL POWERS TO CONTROL THE ELEMENTS WITH HIS MIND, WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM QUITE DANGEROUS ... IF HE WASN'T ALSO THE MOST COWARDLY PIXIE IN THE ENTIRE KINGDOM!


CHAPTER 1
T-TRAIN
THE KINGDOM OF THE PIXIES, SOMEWHERE AT THE BACK OF TOBY'S GARDEN...
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO HELP US WITH OUR FLOODING EMERGENCY, YOUR MAJESTY!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT I DELIBERATELY LEFT EVERY BATH TAP IN THE KINGDOM RUNNING!
NO PROBLEM, GATHERWOOL – NOW I'D BETTER HEAD TO SCHOOL...
SIGH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY? YOUR MIGHTY SIGH SUGGESTS A GREAT SADNESS!
IT'S NOTHING REALLY, MOULDWARP... I'M JUST SICK OF NO ONE TAKING ME SERIOUSLY AT SCHOOL.
STEPH ALWAYS CALLS ME 'TROUSERS' AND I HATE THAT NICKNAME!


AH, THEN YOU SHOULD REINVENT YOURSELF, YOUR MAJESTY, WITH A NEW ROYAL TITLE.
THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA, ACTUALLY, GATHERWOOL. BUT WHAT WOULD IT BE?
TOBY THE WISE! TOBY THE MIGHTY!
TOBY THE NICE AND KIND?
TOBY THE STUPID BUM WITH SMELLY LEGS! HA HA HA!
HEY, TOADFLAX, YOUR SHOELACES ARE UNTIED.
GASP! OH NO! MY SHOELACES!
WAIT, I'M NOT EVEN WEARING SHOES.
I ATE THEM FOR BREAKFAST BY ACCIDENT.
CURSE YOUR BRILLIANT TRICKS! I WON'T FALL FOR THAT ONE AGAIN!
THANKS, PIXIES. I THINK YOU'VE ACTUALLY HAD A GOOD IDEA FOR ONCE!
WHEN I GET TO SCHOOL IT'S TIME FOR A FRESH START!


AND SO, AT SCHOOL...
HEY, TOBY, I LIKE THE NEW LOOK!
COOL


I'M NOT TOBY ANY MORE, MO.
FROM NOW ON, I WANT YOU TO CALL ME 'T-TRAIN'!
COOL


OH YEAH, COOL! ALL ABOARD THE T-TRAIN!
CALLING AT COOL TOWN, RAD-VILLE, AWESOME CITY AND TERMINATING AT FIRE AS ALL HECK!


TICKETS, PLEASE!
SLAP
COOL

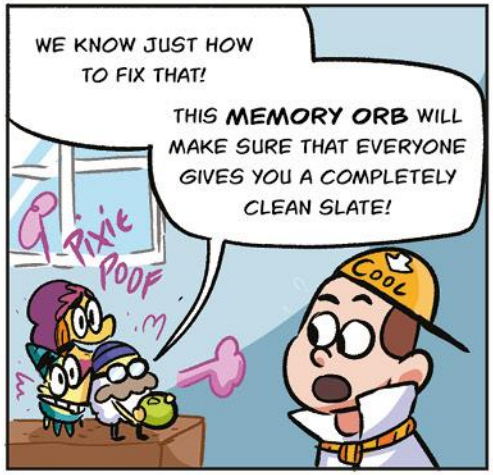

HEY, STEPH, CHECK IT OUT, WE'RE CALLING TOBY 'T-TRAIN' NOW! IT'S HIS NEW NICKNAME.
?
COOL


'T-TRAIN'? WHAT DOES THE 'T' STAND FOR? 'TROUSERS'?
COOL


COME ON, STEPH, GET ABOARD THE T-TRAIN!
COOL


TRAVELLING ALL STOPS TO TERRIBLE-NICKNAME TOWN! CHOO CHOO!
NOOO, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG!
COOL


SIGH! IT'S OK, MO, IT ISN'T WORKING.
I JUST WANTED A FRESH START, BUT I GUESS EVERYONE REMEMBERS OLD TOBY TOO WELL!
COOL


WE KNOW JUST HOW TO FIX THAT!
THIS MEMORY ORB WILL MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE GIVES YOU A COMPLETELY CLEAN SLATE!
Pixie
POOF
COOL


UH, IS THIS SAFE?


VACUUUUM
NOW, LET'S TAKE THIS BACK TO THE PIXIE KINGDOM FOR SAFE KEEPING!


HMM, LET'S SEE IF IT WORKED...
HEY, JOE, I'M T-TRAIN!
?
COOL


HEY, GOOD TO MEET YOU, T-TRAIN!
SO COOL


IT WORKED, MO!
EVEN JOE, THE MOST POPULAR KID IN SCHOOL, IS CALLING ME T-TRAIN!
COOL


OF COURSE, IT'S A COOL NAME, BUT...


...HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME IS MO? HAVE WE MET?
SPILL


WHAT? YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME??
BUT WE'RE BEST FRIENDS!
COOL




I'VE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE EITHER, NEW KID!
BUT I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO CALL YOU...
COOL

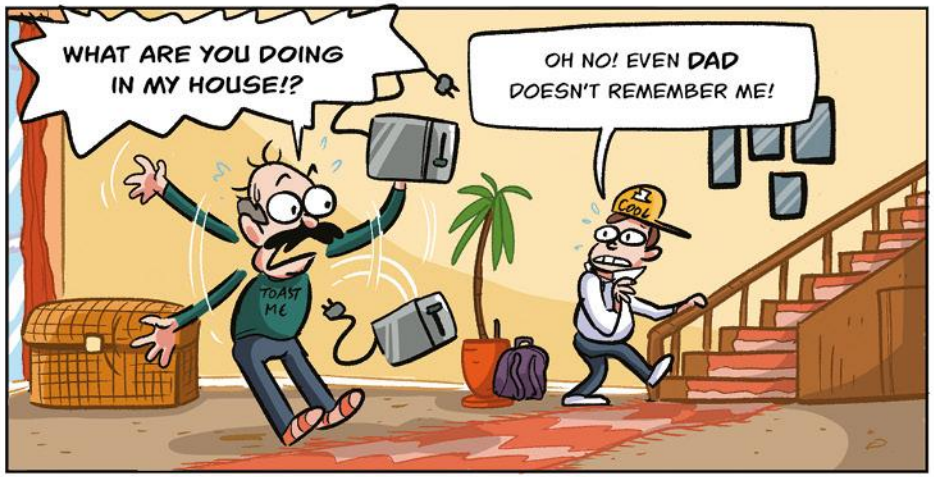

TROUSERS!
NOOOO!


THIS IS TERRIBLE! I NEED TO GET THOSE MEMORIES BACK FROM THE PIXIES!


PHEW, I CAME HOME AS QUICK AS I COULD...


HI, DAD! YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE DAY I'VE HAD!


HUH? WHO ARE YOU??
COOL


WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE!?
OH NO! EVEN DAD DOESN'T REMEMBER ME!
TOAST ME
COOL


WHERE ARE YOU GOING? GET OUT OF HERE!
GOT TO GET TO THE PIXIE KINGDOM AND FIX THIS MESS!
TOAST ME

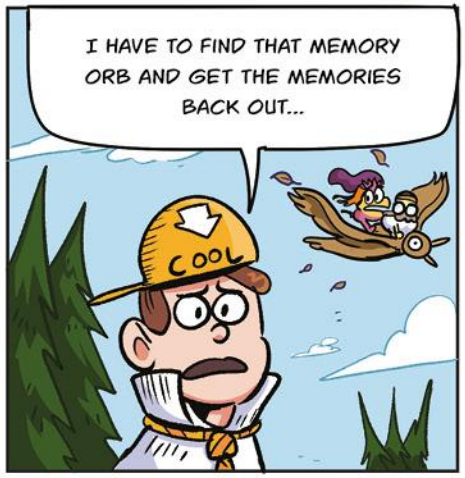

HEY! WHY ARE YOU GOING INTO MY GARDEN??

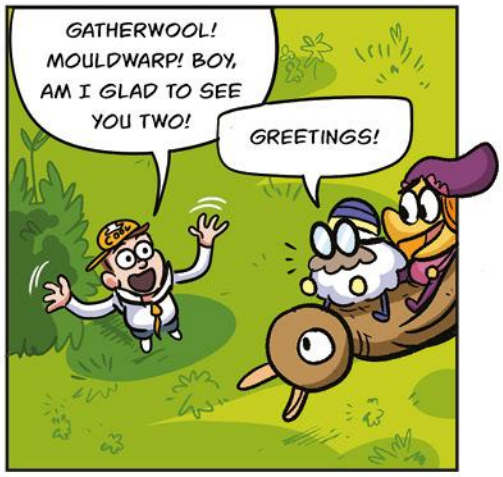

STOP, YOU CRAZY KID!
IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN...!


JUMP


...AND DON'T COME BACK!
PHEW! I MADE IT – NOW I JUST HOPE THE PIXIES CAN UNDO ALL THIS!
COOL


UGH, WHAT A DISASTER!
I ONLY WANTED A FRESH START, BUT THE PIXIES MADE EVERYONE FORGET WHO I AM... EVEN MY DAD!
COOL

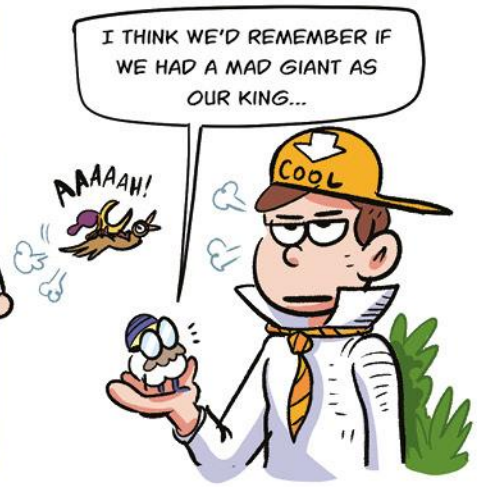

I HAVE TO FIND THAT MEMORY ORB AND GET THE MEMORIES BACK OUT...
COOL


GATHERWOOL! MOULDWARP! BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU TWO!
GREETINGS!


THIS HAS ALL GONE SO WRONG, GATHERWOOL – YOU HAVE TO PUT EVERYONE'S MEMORIES BACK!
OF COURSE! I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION...


WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NOT YOU TOO!
COOL


IT'S A MAD GIANT, HERE TO KILL US! AAAH!
I'M NOT A MAD GIANT, I'M...I'M THE KING OF THE PIXIES!

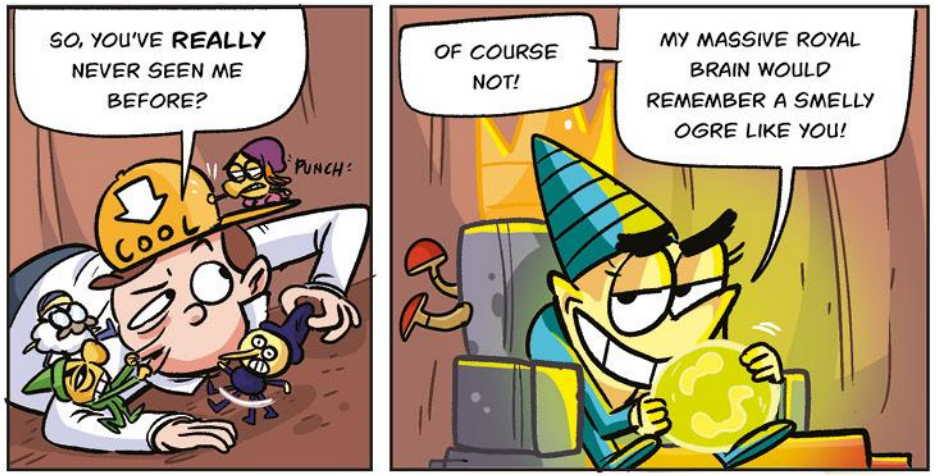

I THINK WE'D REMEMBER IF WE HAD A MAD GIANT AS OUR KING...
AAAAAH!
COOL


YOU DON'T REMEMBER BECAUSE YOU TOOK EVERYONE'S MEMORIES AWAY IN THE MEMORY ORB!
WHERE IS IT?


HMM, PERHAPS OUR RULER MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU. THEY ARE INCREDIBLY WISE!
YOUR RULER...?


YES, QUEEN TOADFLAX!
WOTCHA!
SLURPP!
TOADFLAX IS THE QUEEN?? HOW???
WELL, FOR SOME REASON, EARLIER TODAY WE ALL FORGOT WHO THE RULER OF THE PIXIES WAS...


...BUT THEN I LOOKED DOWN AND I WAS HOLDING THIS BIG GLOWING ORB, WHICH MEANS I MUST BE THE QUEEN!
IT MADE PERFECT SENSE!
THAT'S THE MEMORY ORB! YOU HAVE TO SMASH IT SO EVERYONE REMEMBERS ME!
NO WAY! THIS IS MY PRECIOUS ROYAL ORB! I'LL NEVER LET YOU BREAK IT!
LOYAL SERVANTS! I ORDER YOU TO KICK THIS UGLY OGRE RIGHT OUT OF HERE!
OW, OW, OW, STOP THAT!
KICK HARDER!
KICK!
KICK?


SO, YOU'VE REALLY NEVER SEEN ME BEFORE?
PUNCH!
OF COURSE NOT!
MY MASSIVE ROYAL BRAIN WOULD REMEMBER A SMELLY OGRE LIKE YOU!


THEN I'VE JUST GOT ONE THING TO SAY TO YOU...
YOUR SHOES ARE UNTIED!
OH NO! NOT MY ROYAL SHOES!


WAIT, I'M NOT WEARING SHOES, I JUST PAINTED MY FEET BLUE...
YOINK!
GAH! CURSE YOUR BRILLIANT TRICKS! I WON'T FALL FOR THAT ONE AGAIN!


SMASH
WHOAAA!


AH, YOUR MAJESTY! HOW COULD WE HAVE FORGOTTEN YOU!
PLEASE DON'T DESTROY US FOR OUR INSOLENCE!


I'M JUST GLAD IT WORKED!...
MAYBE IF I HIT MYSELF HARD ENOUGH I CAN FORGET AGAIN! OW!
BONK


...NOW I NEED TO GET HOME AND SEE IF EVERYONE ELSE REMEMBERS ME!


OH, HI, TOBY... WHY DO I HAVE MY HAND STUCK IN THE TOASTER?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DAD! I'M JUST PLEASED TO SEE YOU!
COOL


OH?
COOL


AND THESE TWO JUST SHOWED UP...
HEY!


MO! STEPH! I WAS SO WORRIED YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER ME!


MO KNEW YOU'D BE WORRIED, SO AS SOON AS OUR MEMORIES CAME BACK WE RUSHED RIGHT OVER.


SEE, SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD TO HAVE PEOPLE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
COOL


YEAH, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A FRIEND WHO'LL LOOK OUT FOR YOU.
COOL


FOR INSTANCE, YOUR SHOES ARE UNTIED...
COOL
OH!


...WAIT A MINUTE, I'M WEARING SLIP-ONS!


HEY!
CURSE YOUR BRILLIANT TRICKS!
PAT PAT PAT
COOL
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, TROUSERS!


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GET TO LOOK AFTER THE NEW CLASS PET THIS WEEK!
THIS IS SO EXCITING!
CHAPTER 2
PET PROJECT


EXCITING?
I'M NOT SURE I'VE EVER SEEN ATTICUS FIN EVEN MOVE...

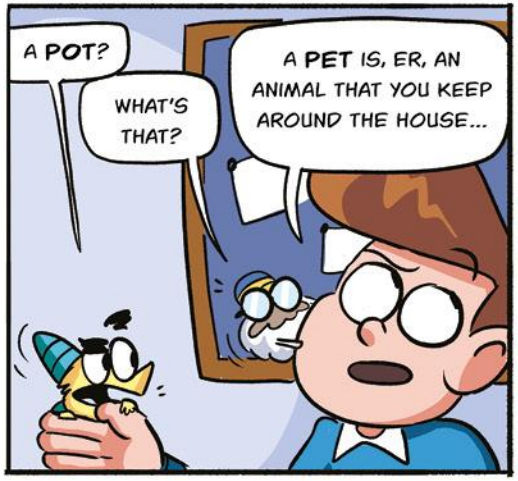

DO YOU THINK IT'S DEAD??
MR HOGSWALL WILL PUT US IN DETENTION FOREVER IF WE KILL THE CLASS PET IN THE FIRST WEEK!


GREETINGS, YOUR MAJESTY! I HEARD YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR PRISONER IS ALIVE!
MOULDWARP, USE YOUR POWER OF THE ELEMENTS TO COMMUNE WITH THE BEAST!

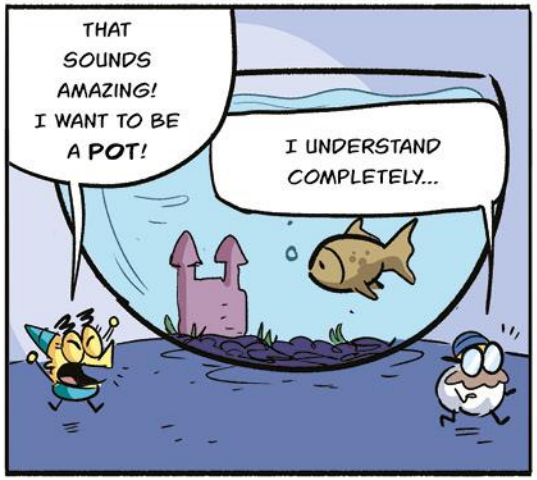

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, MY AQUATIC FRIEND!


IT LIVES, BUT I SENSE SUCH SADNESS IN ITS SOUL!
WE SHOULD FREE IT FROM ITS IMPRISONMENT!


IT'S NOT A PRISONER! IT'S A PET!

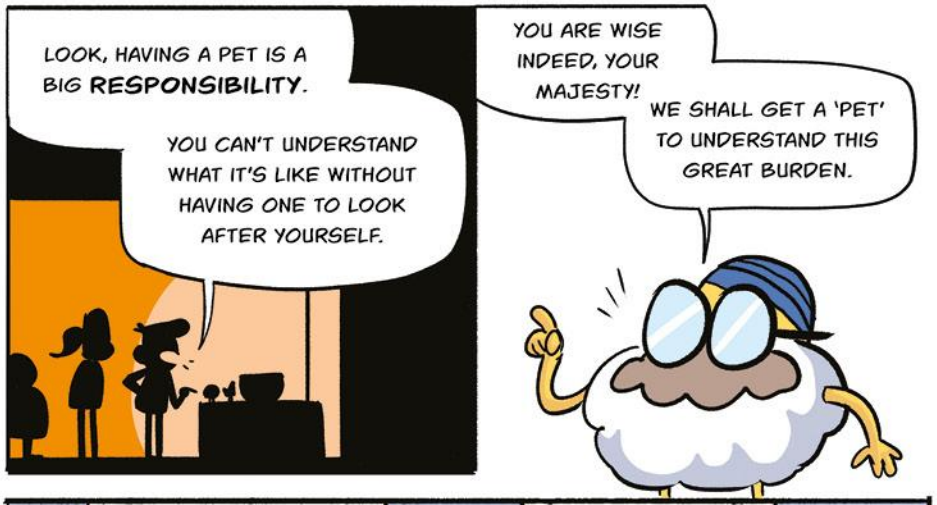

A POT?
WHAT'S THAT?
A PET IS, ER, AN ANIMAL THAT YOU KEEP AROUND THE HOUSE...


...YOU LOOK AFTER IT AND FEED IT...
...AND PICK UP ITS POO IN LITTLE BAGS!

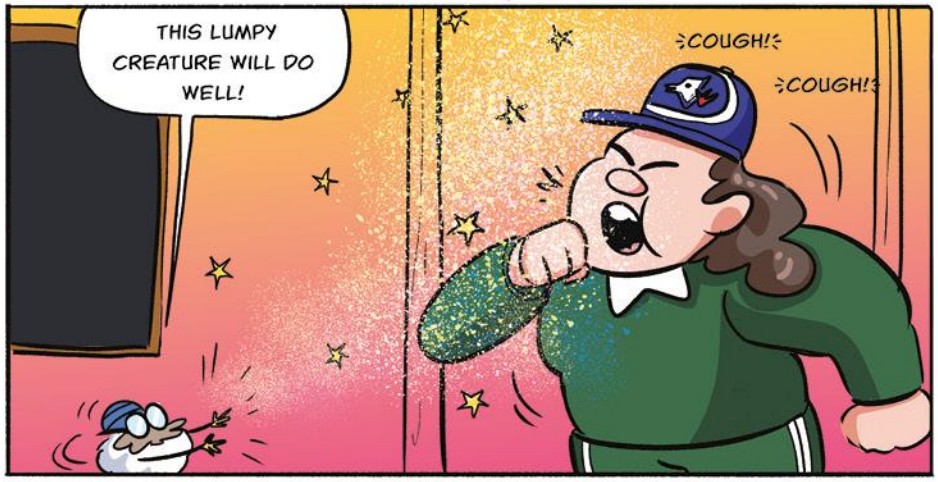

THAT SOUNDS AMAZING! I WANT TO BE A POT!
I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY...


...THAT WOULD MAKE YOU YOUR FATHER'S PET!


THAT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT...
NO! IT'S A CREATURE THAT CAN'T LOOK AFTER ITSELF, AND YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE.
THAT STILL SOUNDS LIKE YOU, YOUR MAJESTY...


LOOK, HAVING A PET IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.
YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE WITHOUT HAVING ONE TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF.
YOU ARE WISE INDEED, YOUR MAJESTY!
WE SHALL GET A 'PET' TO UNDERSTAND THIS GREAT BURDEN.


HELLO, WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?
OH NO! MR HOGSWALL!


THIS LUMPY CREATURE WILL DO WELL!
COUGH!
COUGH!


WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MR HOGSWALL?
A LITTLE PUFF OF DREAM SPORES WILL MAKE HIM THINK HE'S DREAMING.
HE WON'T REMEMBER A THING!


NOW, CREATURE, YOU ARE TO BE OUR PET!
WE'LL CALL YOU MR STINKY!
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

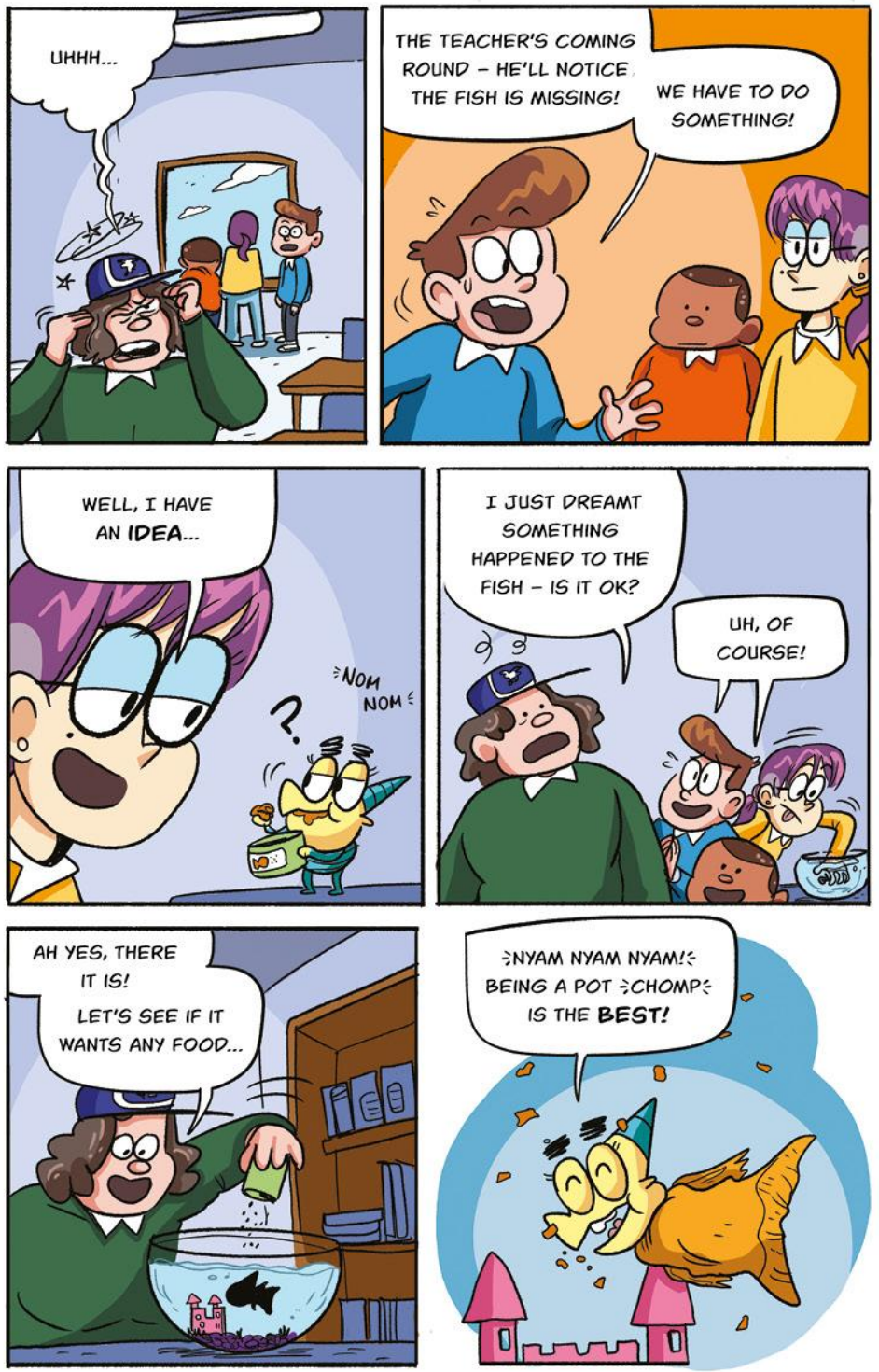

THOUGH THIS IS A LOT BETTER THAN THAT DREAM WITH THE SPIDER...


NOW FOR SOME TRICKS:
ROLL OVER!


I WILL **NOT** BE DOING ANY SUCH THING...
I'LL GIVE YOU A BIT OF **BACON**...
OH!
OH!
ROLL ROLL
ROLL ROLL
THIS IS CERTAINLY GOING TO MAKE P.E. CLASS MORE INTERESTING...
ROLL
ROLL
THAT'S IT!
WHO'S A GOOD BOY?
NOM NOM
UM...
...IS IT ME?


IT IS!
THIS **BELLY RUB** IS IMMENSELY ENJOYABLE!
RUB RUB
YOU WERE RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY!
WE HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY FROM LOOKING AFTER THIS PET...
UH, GUYS...
IT LOOKS LIKE MR HOGSWALL IS TRYING TO EAT THE FISH...
DINNER!
NO! BAD MR STINKY!
AH!
!
OH NO! ATTICUS!
WE HAVE TO **SAVE** HIM!


DON'T WORRY, I HAVE JUST THE THING...
EXTREME LEG GROWTH!
UH, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND...
NOW, RUN FREE, LITTLE FISH, RUN FREE!
OK!
I WILL NOT FORGET THIS IMPRISONMENT – I SHALL RETURN FOR MY REVENGE!
BUT FOR NOW I MUST FLY!
TO THE SKY
SPLAT


UHHH...
THE TEACHER'S COMING ROUND – HE'LL NOTICE THE FISH IS MISSING!
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
WELL, I HAVE AN IDEA...
NOM NOM
I JUST DREAMT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE FISH – IS IT OK?
UH, OF COURSE!
AH YES, THERE IT IS!
LET'S SEE IF IT WANTS ANY FOOD...
NYAM NYAM NYAM! BEING A POT CHOMP IS THE BEST!