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Welcome to S.T.F.A. Lee Kam Primary School's *Expressions* magazine for the first term of the 2021-2022 school year. We hope you enjoy reading these pieces of creative writing by P.5 to P.6 students in the Young Writers activity.

In this issue, you will discover unique recipes for strange stews, a letter to the zoo about an unusual hybrid creature, postcards from a travelling animal, and stories about experimental elixirs going terribly, horribly wrong! Take a deep breath before you dive in!

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STRANGE STEWS

Inspired by Shel Silverstein's "Me-Stew", students created their own poems about strange stews filled with bizarre ingredients!



Crazy Stew

By Charis Cheung (6C)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you know,
Not an apple or a human or a ball of snow.
So I jump into the pot and burn my blood,
Then my skin is red as it turns into mud!
I put beautiful letters in the crazy pot.
And I add a big fan that I have just bought!
I try to make it normal,
So I write a letter to Mum, formal.
Mum tells me to add chicken and pepper,
But I add a small mouse and paper.
So bring out your stew bowls,
Drink the very crazy stew and beware,
There's lots of grandmas for you to take care!



Make-Make Stew

By Ansel Cheung (5E)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you see,
Not a cow or a sheep or a broccoli.
So I'll just mush up my mouldy bee
And slice my rusty iron key.
I'll put in a lot of eyes
And throw in two handwritten lies.
So I'll dump twenty thousand pies,
And put in three hundred french fries

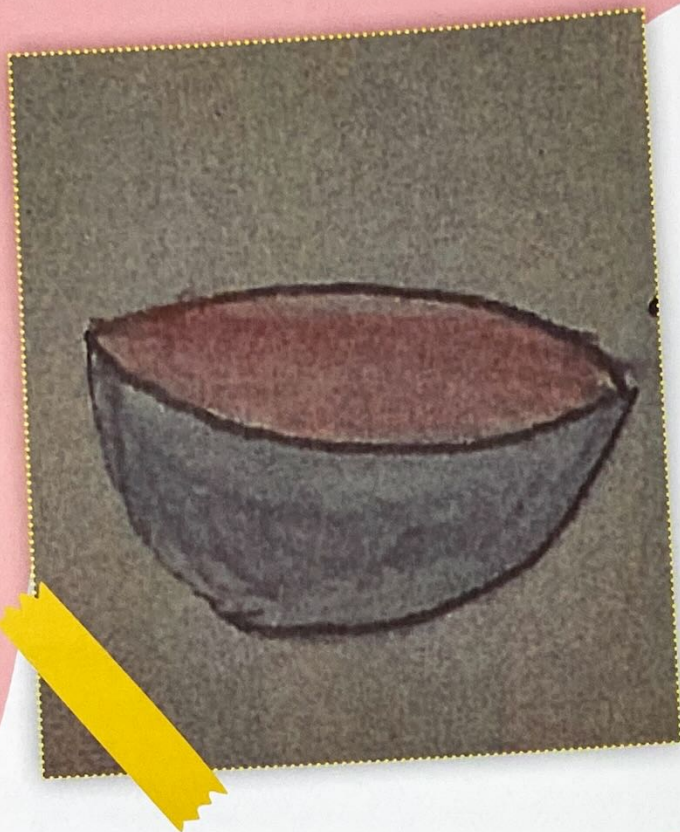
And karate chop a wooden sign.
I'll add an extremely curved line.
I'll make them combine
And pay some small fines.
So bring out your stew bowls,
You hangry little goblins
Or I'll cut you like fins.

Bad Guy Stew

By Torres Chan (6C)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you see,
So, I'll put in a pea and a bee.
Not a man or a belt or a bat.
I'll just put these things in with a cat.
I'll put in some peas and eyes,
And lots of suits and ties.
Then, put water into the stew so it becomes hot.
After that, I'll put a poisoned apple into the pot.
Then, cook the soup for about an hour.
Finally, it will be poisoned and sour.
So bring out your stew bowls,
You can make yours later.
It can kill, remember.





Lee's Stew

By Jason Mak (5C)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you see,
Not beef or some carrots or some peas.
So I'll go out of my house and look at my lovely tree.
Then, listen to my sister singing in major D.
Then I'll have a touch of inspiration.
I'll put in some comprehension and transportation.
I'll mix and mix with some glue.
Then, I'll grab my sister's doll named Zue.
Bee! Boo! Boo! Bee! Boo! Boo!
Then, I'll put things in my stew.
I'll tell my sister to bring out her stew bowl,
Then, I'll tell her to sit
And say, "You have to taste it!"

My Own Yummy Stew

By Hazel Chan (5E)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you see,
Not an apple or pear or a lonely tree,
So I'll put some pepper and salt in the stew.
With some bad carrots and white stinky tofu.
I'll put in something that is blue.
And I'll put in balls and add some glue.
I'll put in a good vegetable.
And make it very edible.
So bring out your stew bowls,
Come and eat it at a quarter to noon.
You can eat it with chopsticks, a fork and a spoon!

No Carrot or Cabbage or Pea Stew

By Lily Guo (6C)

I have nothing to put in my stew, you see,
Not a carrot or a cabbage or a pea,
So I'll just jump on the pot to see.
If I can make a stew for me.
I'll climb on the pot up the stairs to see,
No meat or some carrots or a pea
So I'll just use a chair to sit
With no salt or cabbage to put in it.
So bring out your stew bowls,
You can drink the soup after I'm done.

LETTER TO THE ZOO

Imagine hybrid animals that combine the features of other animals! Students designed their own hybrid animals and then wrote persuasive letters to introduce them to the Hong Kong Zoo.



SPARBIT

By Jackson Chow (6B)

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28th September 2021

Dear Zoo Manager,

I have discovered a new creature and I want you to take it in. I discovered a new creature when I was hiking on a mountain. I was hiking with my parents at Castle Peak at night when we found it. It was hopping on the ground looking for carrots to eat. I saw that one of its legs was bleeding. It has now just fully healed and I would like to suggest you take it in. The creature, which I named, is called a sparbit. It is a sparrow but with a rabbit's head. For some reason, its rabbit head shrank to the size of a normal sparrow's head. I don't know if it is a mutation or something else.

I don't know why it ended up in the mountains, but it should be living in a forest or near farms. It should be living near farms or in a forest because it eats carrots and berries. Also, Castle Peak has none of these foods for the sparbit to eat. Why people never saw it is because it is nocturnal. It usually goes out into the wild to hunt.

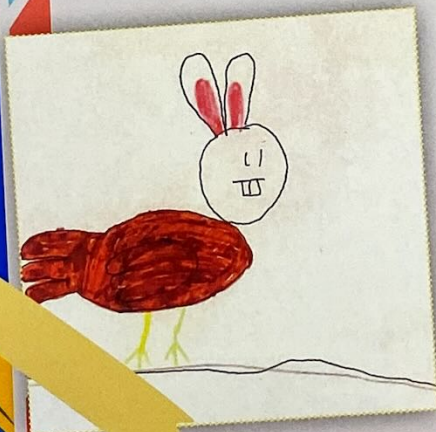
The food it eats is one of the things that is special about it. It eats carrots and berries. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention – it's easy to take care of, in my opinion, since I have taken care of it for a few days. When I am taking care of the sparbit, it always flaps its wings. So, it needs a spacious place with a roof and walls that are transparent in the bird section so visitors can look at it and the sparbit will not fly away. The sparbit can dig, jump, walk, pull and bite stuff.

First of all, your zoo has a rabbit and sparrows, but it doesn't have a sparbit. People will be interested in this animal because it is funny. It sometimes waddles which makes me laugh. Also, it is smart. For example, if the carrots are stuck in the ground, it will think of different ways to pull the carrot out. People will be curious because they have never seen a sparbit before. They will think that the sparbit is smart since it is smarter than a dolphin. The sparbit can learn how to do difficult tricks in just five minutes!

The visitors will take photos and post it on social media like Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. After they post the pictures of the sparbit, more people will come and see the sparbit. The ones that took photos of the sparbit earlier will come again, because when they see the sparbit once, they will want to see it again. And your zoo and the sparbit will be on the news! Then, more people will come to visit your zoo! And then you will have more money! Isn't that great!?

If you plan to take in the sparbit, please take good care of it and make a good, cosy home for it. Feed it three times a day at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Actually, the sparbit walks around when it is hungry. I do hope that you will take this new animal in.

Yours truly,
Chow Kin Fung, Jackson



POSTCARD STORIES

Inspired by Emily Gravett's *Meerkat Mail*, students designed their own creature characters and created postcard stories about their travel experiences.



Love Mickey

By Bernard Lau (5B)

Postcard 1

1st October

To the Mouse Family,

Greetings, my mouse family! I am having a good time in Lamma Island.

First, I was nervous because there were a lot of people, and I could have been squashed. I thought the people would scream and then run.

I met my cousins too. They took me to a restaurant. It was gigantic. There was a lot of food. I ate cheese pizza and a cheese sandwich.

Next, we went to Paddle Rock. I think it looked like my great grandfather's statue. I think the hand looked like my great grandfather. I didn't notice it was my cousins' home!

I am coming home in four months.

Love,
Mickey

Postcard 2

29th October

To the Mouse Family,

Hi, everybody! Today, I went to Disneyland. I was late when I arrived. The main character, Mickey, was parading. It was spooky. There were pumpkins everywhere!

Next, I went to Space Mountain. It was so fast! I felt excited. I was flying.

Since the main character in Disneyland is also called Mickey, I felt popular. Many people come here. I like Disneyland because I love the rides and there are many parades. Bye.

From,
Mickey

Postcard 3

1st November

To the Mouse Family,

Yesterday, I went to the Peak in the evening. It was chilly outside. I went hiking too! The mountain was taller than I thought. I felt happy because I walked more than 100 metres. No mouse could do that.

At night, it was so peaceful. The moon was full. I felt like I was the only one on top of the Peak. I think the Peak is high, but home is comfortable. I feel like it is time to come back home.

See you guys in a few weeks.

Love,
Mickey

EXPERIMENTAL ELIXIRS

Inspired by Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine*, students created characters who mixed, measured, stewed and stirred to make their own concoctions. Each had specific goals in mind for their mixtures, but like George, their experiments did not always turn out quite how they expected...



The Strange Juice

By Kimi Kung (6E)

Amy was on her first flight as a flight attendant. The airline's name was Cathay Pacific. The flight was going to Thailand.

Her duty was serving the passengers. She was making juice for a passenger, but she didn't know what to put in the juice.

The passenger said, "What are you doing?"

Amy said, "I am pouring juice."

The passenger said, "Why is the juice red? It looks disgusting. I am feeling nauseated and there is lipstick on the cup."

Amy said, "Sorry, I didn't mean to make you feel that way. I only drank a little juice as I wanted to know the taste of it. Now, I will change this to a new juice for you and if you are still thirsty, you can try it."

Amy ran to the refrigerator to make more juice.

This time, the juice was yellow. The passenger was angry about that because the colour was strange. She asked, "What did you put in the juice?"

Amy replied, "Some lemon, some chips and water. I mixed them together."

The passenger shouted, "I want another flight attendant!"

Amy wanted to make a fire juice for another passenger, so she poured some oil at the bottom of

the glass and put in bananas and some fire in the juice. Suddenly, there was a *pop!* A sound came from the juice because when the oil reacted with fire, the chemical reaction produced a flame. Therefore, the juice was on fire.

The passengers were panicky and fearsome. Some passengers screamed, "What's the matter?" A passenger even ran around. There was a brave passenger who came out of his seat and used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire.

Amy said firmly, "I need to make the mixture again, and this time I will add so much food that the juice will not be on fire again."

Now, she put so many different foods in the juice, and she put all the food together to make a new mixture. She put grapes, apples, oranges, berries and lemons in the juice. Now the oil would not touch the fire.

An hour later, Amy finished making the mixture.

The same passenger said, "What is this?"

She said, "It is juice."

The passenger's thought it was dirty. She didn't want to go to the hospital, so she said, "I don't want to drink this. I am scared it will go on fire again!"

Amy said, "It won't. Try a little."

However, the passenger didn't believe her.

So Amy said, "Do you want your body to be much slimmer? Then, you definitely need to try it." The passenger drank the juice unhappily.

One minute later, the passenger's body was shaking and her hair was turning blue. The passenger said, "Bring me to the hospital now! FAST!!!"

Amy had an idea. She put milk in the juice so that the juice would change colour.

After Amy made it, the passenger was scared and said, "I don't want to drink this. I am scared I will die."

Amy said, "It can help you change and become more beautiful." The passenger really wanted this, so she drank the juice.

It didn't work because the passenger's face turned big like a balloon. The passenger almost could not say she needed to go to the hospital.

At last, the passenger was feeling well again because she took some medicine. The medicine made her feel better. She decided she would not fly on this flight anymore because she was scared of Amy, and she didn't want to go to the hospital because of her!!!

Amy felt unhappy because her boss fired her.

The Naughty Brother

By Eunis Wong (6C)

"Hey, don't play with my things. That is my homework, and I need to give it to my teacher!" Eunis said loudly.

"Ha ha, I want to play and you can't stop me," said Lucas, a naughty boy who liked to play with Eunis's things.

Eunis was so angry, so Eunis made a special mixture to make Lucas more clever so that he would not play with Eunis's things anymore. Eunis started to make the mixture.

First, Eunis washed her hands and took out two eggs from the fridge. Next, she chopped two apples into pieces. Then, she broke the eggs and mixed them with the apple pieces. After that, she fried them and put the mixture into the bowl. Then, Eunis chopped a carrot into pieces and also put the pieces into the bowl and rolled everything together. Finally, Eunis added some toothpaste to make Lucas more clever and it was done. It smelled like expired milk and did not taste good. It was disgusting. Eunis put it in the fridge so that when Lucas was hungry, he would eat it. Eunis stayed in the kitchen and waited until Lucas came.

After 30 minutes, Lucas felt hungry and went to the kitchen to look for some food. When Lucas opened the fridge, Eunis jumped out and told him to drink the mixture. He did not want to drink it because he thought it was trickery and it looked disgusting. But Eunis told him it was yummy, so he drank it.

"Help, help! Sister, my tummy is on fire. What did you add into the mixture? Now, my hair is upturned. It is so scary. My tongue feels SO ticklish. Please, help me!" said Lucas with an angry tone and looked at Eunis. Lucas was so sad because he liked his hair very much before. He didn't like his hair now.

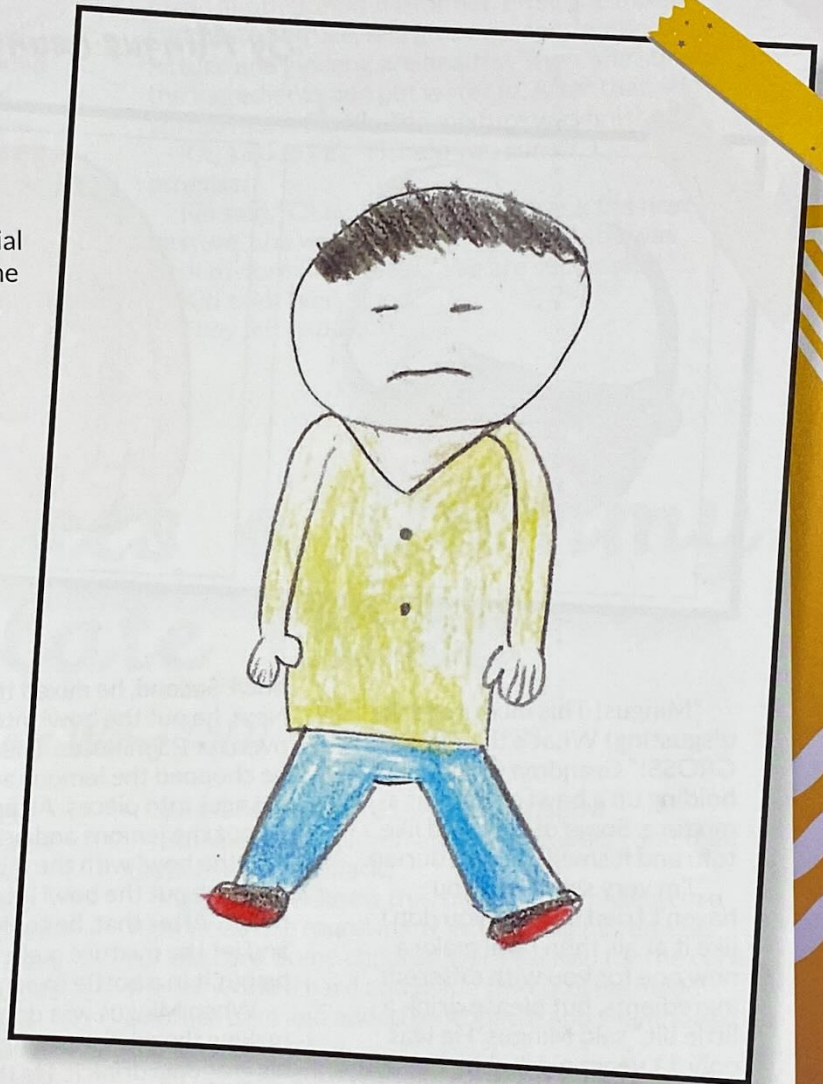
Eunis thought about the problem. After five minutes, Eunis knew what the problem was. The toothpaste was too spicy. It made Lucas's tummy go on fire and feel ticklish, and the possible solution was to drink some milk or iced lemon tea.

After Eunis knew the problem, Eunis opened the fridge. She took three pieces of lemon out

and put them into a cup. After that, Eunis poured in some iced tea and it was done. Eunis ran out of the kitchen and gave Lucas the iced lemon tea. He drank the lemon tea, and his tummy did not feel like it was on fire anymore.

After he drank the mixture, he did not play with Eunis's things anymore. Eunis was so happy. Eunis was also surprised because Lucas's hair also became neat after he drank the mixture. Lucas's tummy stopped feeling like it was on fire and Lucas did not feel uncomfortable anymore.

Later, Lucas said to himself, "I want to trick my sister!"



Mingus's Experiment on Grandma

By Mingus Leung (6B)



After a few hours, Grandma said that she was tired and her face started turning green.

"Oh no!" thought Mingus. "Grandma has a headache. She is definitely in a lot of pain. I must have put too much sugar in her mixture. Last time, I added 11

"Mingus! This mixture looks disgusting! What's this? It is GROSS!" Grandma yelled, holding up a bowl of Mingus's mixture. Some of it looked like tofu and it smelled like a durian.

"I'm very sorry, but you haven't tried it yet. If you don't like it at all, then I will make a new one for you with different ingredients, but please drink a little bit," said Mingus. He was only 11 years old, but he needed to take care of his grandma while his parents went to work.

Grandma put on her glasses and said, "I hope it is not green, but I still don't want to drink it. Please make my mixture fast. I am very hungry!"

Mingus ran quickly into the kitchen and started looking for ingredients to make the mixture for Grandma. He thought, "I need to make Grandma younger. Maybe if I mix something together and put some special medicine in it, it will stop her from being old."

First, he put the water, medicine and sugar into the

bowl. Second, he mixed them. Next, he put the bowl into the oven for 25 minutes. Then, he chopped the lemons and oranges into pieces. After that, he put the lemons and oranges into the bowl with the mixture. Next, he put the bowl into the fridge. After that, he took it out and let the mixture melt. Finally, he put it in a bottle to serve.

When Mingus was done making the mixture, Mingus let his grandma drink it. He thought, "After Grandma drinks it, she will never become old again."

Grandma was 80 years old. She wanted to become younger. Grandma felt something strange after she took the experimental elixir. She felt dizzy. She lay on the sofa. Her face changed to different colours. Grandma was angry and yelled, "What's wrong with your mixture, Mingus?"

Ten minutes later, Grandma had a big change. She became a young and pretty lady. Grandma was very happy to see her young face. The experimental elixir was successful. Grandma said thank you.

candies. It was too much. I need to make a new mixture and make sure I use fewer sweets so that her head can calm down."

Mingus ran into the kitchen and started to prepare the new mixture. This time, he only added three candies.

Once the mixture was ready, Mingus took it out of the refrigerator, poured it into a bowl and walked into the living room. Grandma was waiting impatiently. Her head hurt so much.

Mingus put the plate on the table.

"What is this?" asked Grandma. "It's disgusting!"

"It's your new mixture!" said Mingus.

"I don't want anything. I don't trust you!" yelled Grandma.

"Please, Grandma. It will help you," Mingus said.

Then, she opened her mouth and drank all of the mixture in one gulp.

At the end, Grandma recovered from her headache, and she enjoyed her young face. She was not grumpy anymore.

Become a Bear

Rainie Leung (5E)

Fifi was nine years old. She looked like a cute rabbit. She worked at home. She was making a mixture.

First, Fifi mixed the ginseng, honey candies and carrots. Then, Fifi stirred the ingredients and added water into the ingredients. After that, Fifi stirred the ingredients and water. Finally, the mixture was finished. She washed and cut the ginseng and carrots. She tried ten times. Then, she drank the mixture, and then she waited for two hours.

Then, she became a bear. Her face looked like a bear. She felt surprised. She thought she was successful, but Fifi felt itchy and her skin was pink. She was scratching her body, but Fifi was not in pain.

To help keep her from itching, her friend Kiti made another mixture for her. First, she mixed chocolate, lettuce, and ginseng together because lettuce and ginseng are healthy. Then, she stirred the ingredients and put water in. After that, she stirred more. Finally, the mixture was finished.

Kiti said to Fifi, "I'll help you cure it. I promise!"

Fifi said, "Okay, let's try!" She drank the new mixture. She waited for one hour and she was back to normal. Fifi said, "We are successful!"

Kiti said, "Very good!"

They felt happy.



Meder Makes a Yummy Chocolate Cake

Yannis Wong (5D)

Meder was a baker. He looked like a monkey. He was making a special chocolate cake for the children.

He took all the ingredients on the table and put them in a bowl. He put some chocolate and the hot water into the bowl and mixed them. Then, he added some eggs and flour. Then, he added some milk. Then, he mixed all of them and added some sweets, cookies and fruits. He needed to prepare another bowl and add cream! Then, he preheated the oven for one minute. Then, he baked the cake for 10 minutes until it smelled yummy.

"We can eat it!" Meder said.

After they ate it, all the children said, "We have never eaten such a yummy cake!"

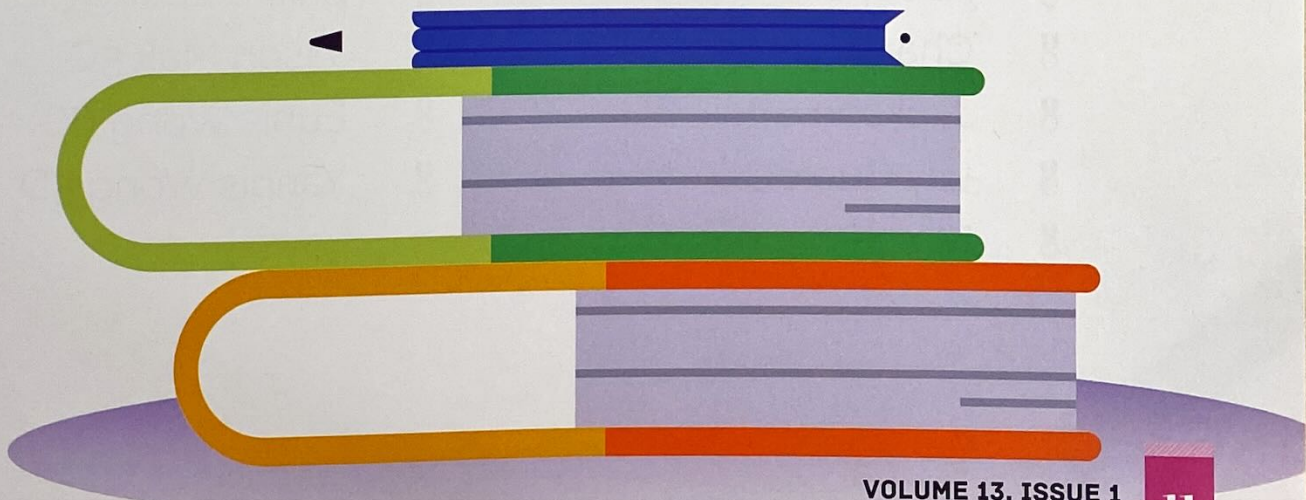
When Meder heard this, he felt happy.

But later, the children ate a lot of sweets and their teeth became all black!

When Meder knew this, he said, "I'll make a cure right now!" He found many interesting ingredients for the cure. Some children were excited for the cure. Meder worked hard and made the cure. He made another cake and added toothpaste and shampoo to the ingredients!

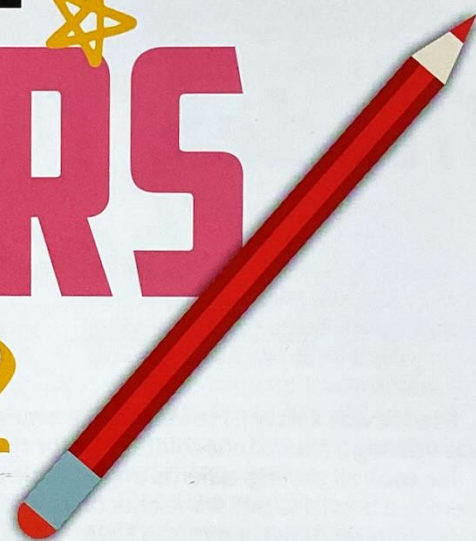
At last, the cure worked. All of the children were happy and they thanked Meder. Their teeth were shiny.

Meder said, "I am going to be rich and I don't need to be poor! I will just sell this yummy cake!"





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