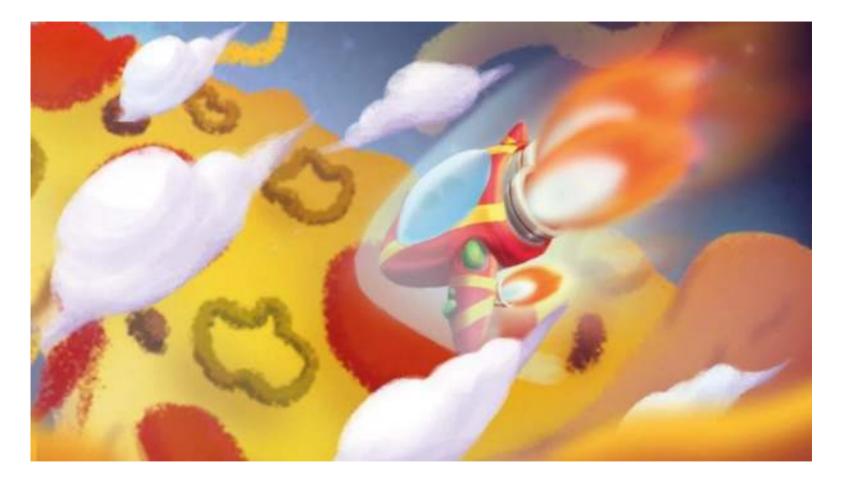


O'Pizza Planet

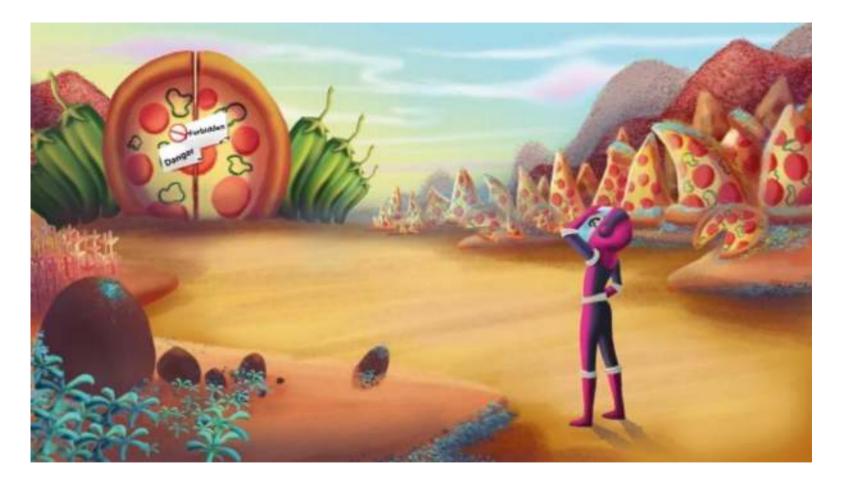
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Mary is a cosmic explorer. She was on her space craft one day when a planet resembling a huge pizza showed up. It smelled delicious.



Mary landed on the planet, hoping to find the perfect pizza recipe.



She carefully walked on the planet.



Mary was curious to know what was be- yond the gates, so she took a look from a above and saw a giant hen.

Suddenly...



...Giant Hen noticed Mary and set off towards her.



Mary hid behind a huge tank labelled, "Rainwater warehouse".



Giant Hen sniffed and sniffed until it found Mary.



Mary hurried towards stocks of bags labelled, "chicken manure soil" and hid behind them. Oh! they smelled terrible.



Giant Hen sniffed and sniffed until it found Mary.



Mary got an idea so off she went to soak her feet in a bucket of water. Hens don't smell soaked feet.



There were onions and garlic in the bucket, too.

Then Mary felt that the bucket started shaking, in fact the bucket was being carried up in the air.



Mary held on the edge of the bucket when she found a huge rolling pin carrying the bucket around in the field.

The rolling pin filled a sprayer with the water in the bucket and sprayed the leaves and fruits so the white flies, aphids and thrips all fled away. Mary was terrified. She jumped from the edge of the bucket...



...and hid in between the wheat spikes.

Then she heard what seemed like a loud water ripple coming quickly towards her!



She saw one of the rolling pins dragging a machine that trims the wheat spikes. The machine came closer towards Mary and Mary leaped and escaped just in time.

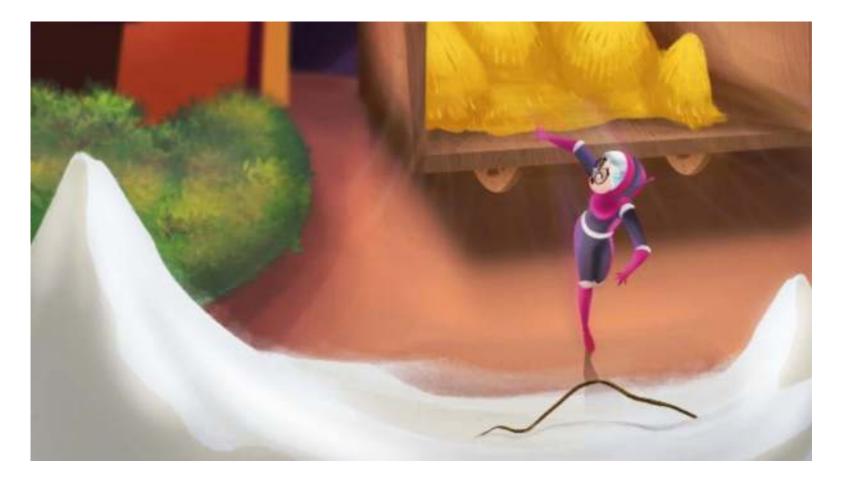


Mary hid in a wagon filled with wheat crops. One of the rolling pins came and tied Giant Hen to the wagon where Mary was hiding. Then Giant Hen set off on a long way. She didn't know where to.



It stopped close to a huge mill where the wheat was grounded and turned into flour.

After a few minutes, Mary's wagon was ready to be grounded. She'll be squeezed and squashed into flour just like the wheat crops. Mary was about to become a pile of flour.

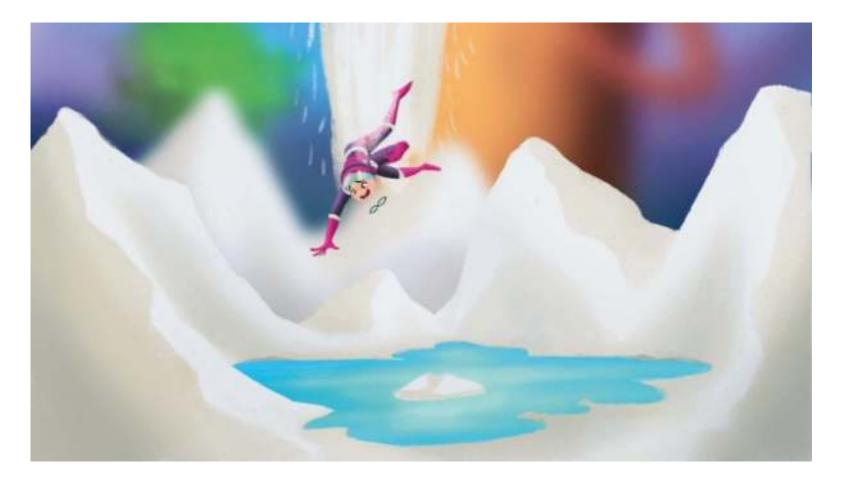


Mary left the wagon quickly just in time but she soon she stumbled on a rope. She ended up in a huge pile of flour...

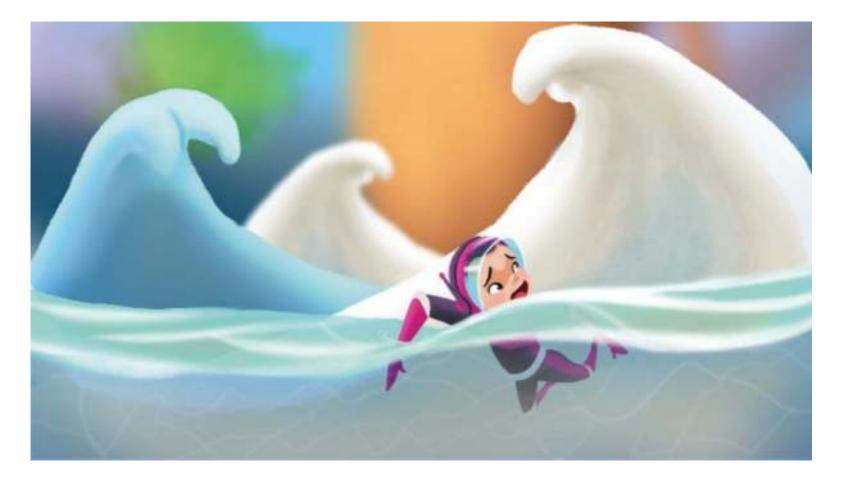


...and was lifted by a giant spoon into a bag with the pile of flour.

Mary grew more concerned inside the huge bag. She wondered, where will she be taken this time?!



She felt that the bag was thrown on a hard sur- face. After a few seconds, the bag was opened and Mary fell and fell until she ended up on flour dunes surrounded by water swamps.

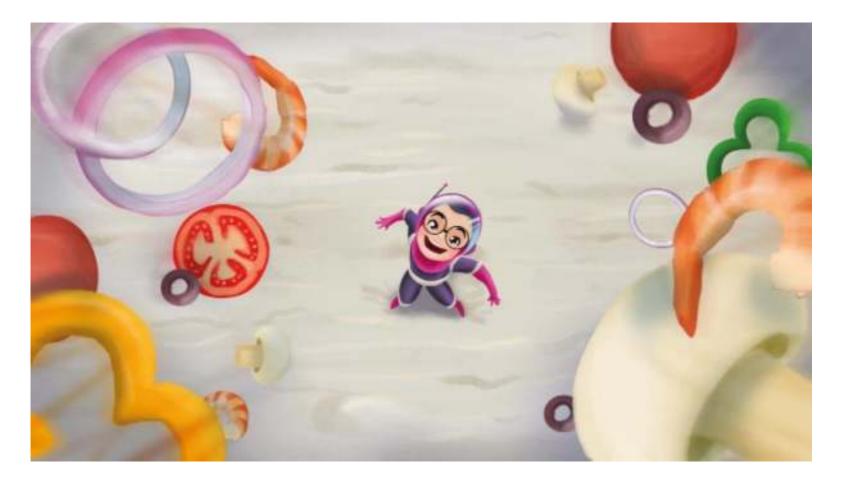


Then she felt she was spinning and spinning amidst flour and water waves. This is impossible. Mary was being turned into dough!

She tried to scream but...



No one heard her. After a few moments, the roller pin carried her with the dough and put her in a big pan.



After a while hails of cheese, olives, green pepper and tomatoes dropped on her head.

Mary was hungry.

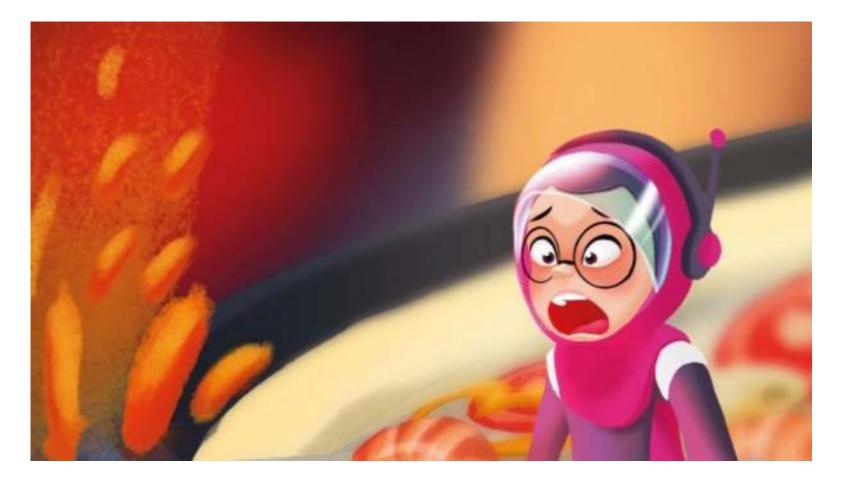


She tasted the dough and said, "Yum- my. These rolling pins and their giant hens have a very special way in agri- culture and it seems that they own the secret pizza recipe."



She felt that the pan was soaring like a flying saucer. She took a look from the edge of the pan and saw something terrifying!

It was a volcano, a huge volcano with smoke coming out.



Mary stared in terror and said, "Will they bake the pizza on this volcano?! I want to go back to my space craft NOW!"



A hen jumped near Mary, so Mary held onto her foot just in time before she entered the mouth of the volcano.



The hen stomped on the ground, so Mary let go of her and hurried away. Mary ran and ran till she got to her space craft.



She switched its engine on and away she set to space.

Finally, Mary managed to leave the O'Pizza planet safely.



The End