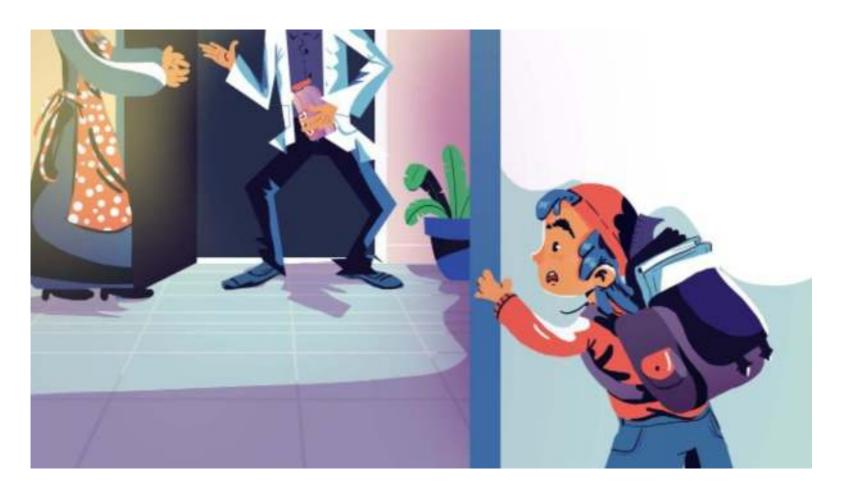
Where am I going?

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One Monday morning the doorbell rang, "ding-dong".

I heard my mother say, "Hello Dr. Adam, Of course, you're most welcome."

Dr. Adam had been our neighbor for a very long time and he and my daddy are business partners.

He has lots of weird inventions in his house.



My mom called, "Ernie, come on, breakfast's ready darling."

I was fed up with my daily routine. Every day I woke up, have breakfast, go to school, come back, have my lunch, finish my homework and so on. It was very boring.

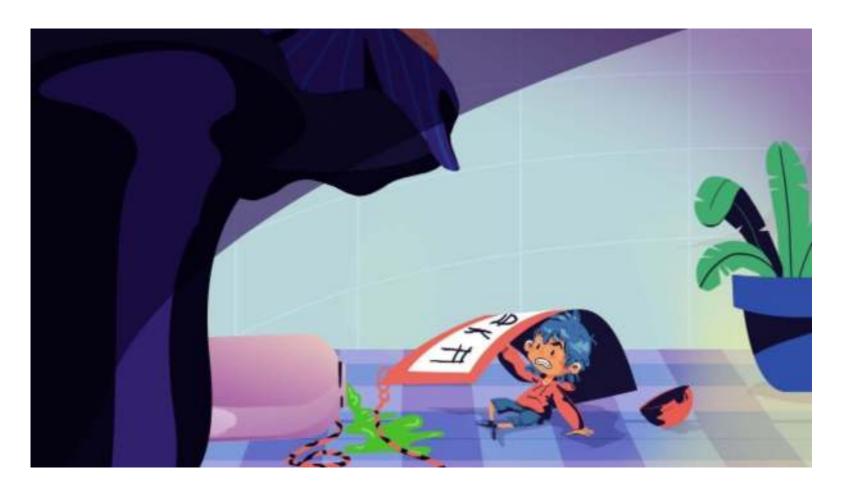


I took off the cover and investigated the bottle.

"Aha, and what could this be?"

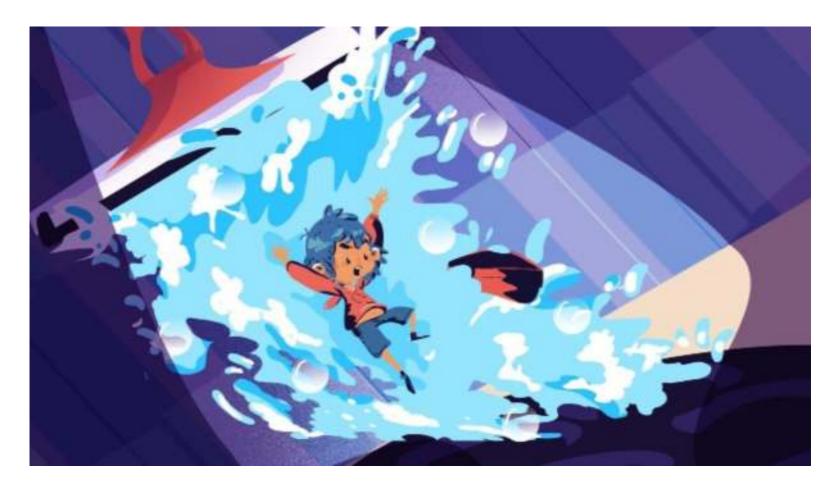


Oh no! What will I tell my mom now?

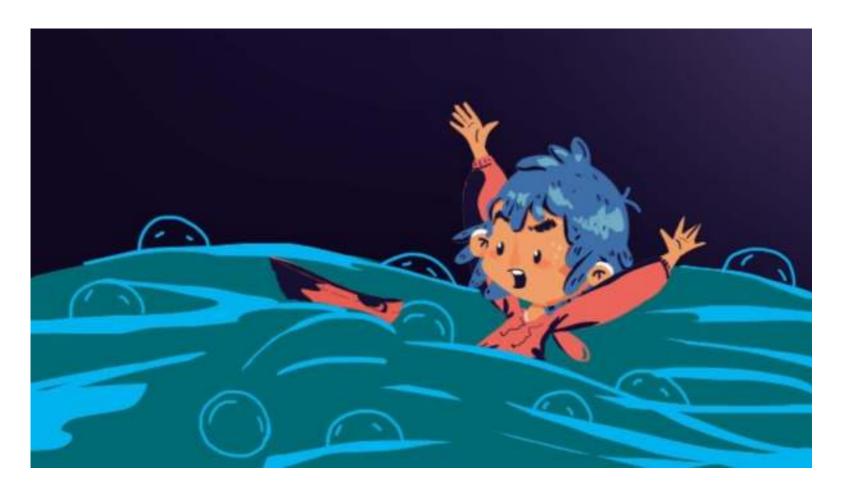


Oh! my goodness! I'm downsized. I'm the size of a finger knuckle now.
I hurried towards my mom.

"Mom...oh mom...I'm down here."



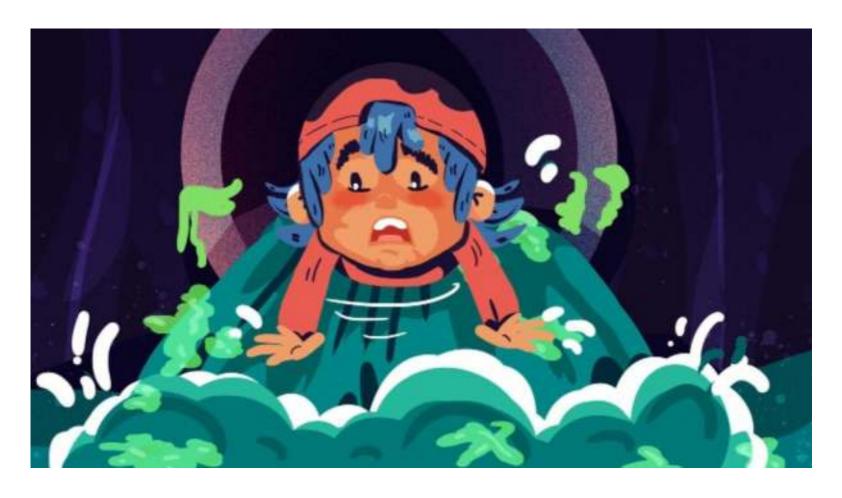
But I slipped on my back and the soap bubbles surrounded me and drifted me away towards the sink! Oh no!!!



I was scared to death. I tried to climb and get out of here, but I couldn't.

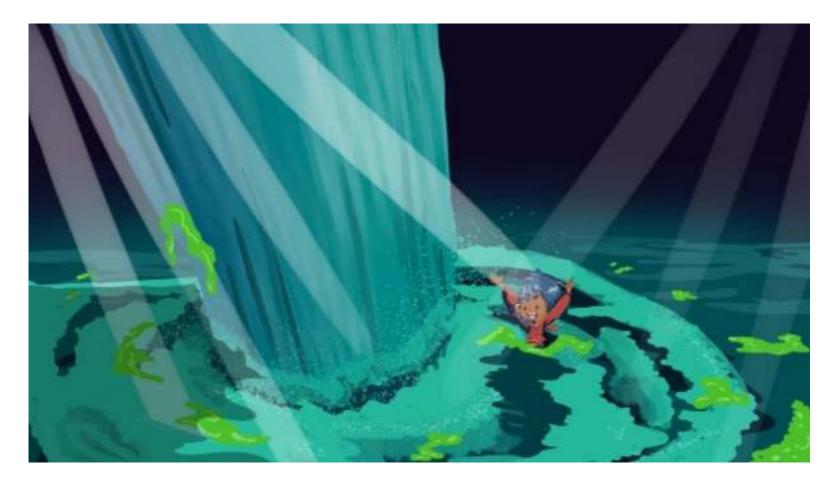


I swam with current searching for a way out.



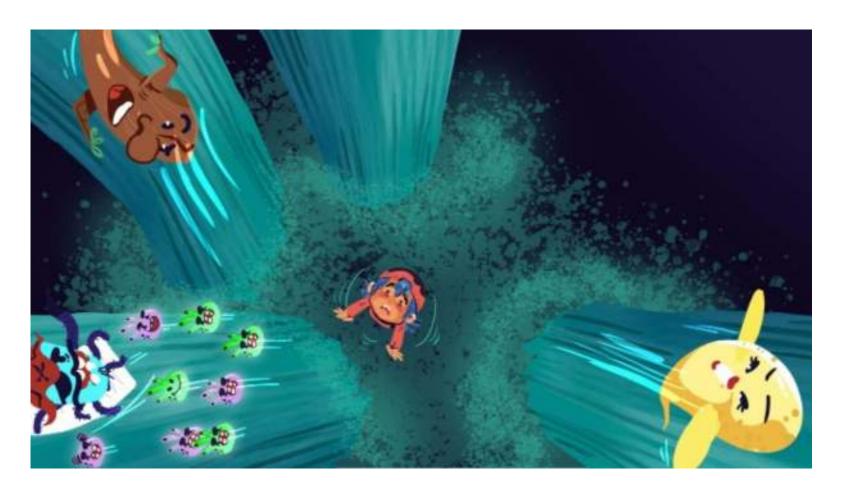
A huge waterfall appeared at the end of the tunnel.

"I wonder where this waterfall will take me to?"



I was hesitant and worried to jump from the waterfall but the water tickled me and I happily slid away. I ended up in a big basin

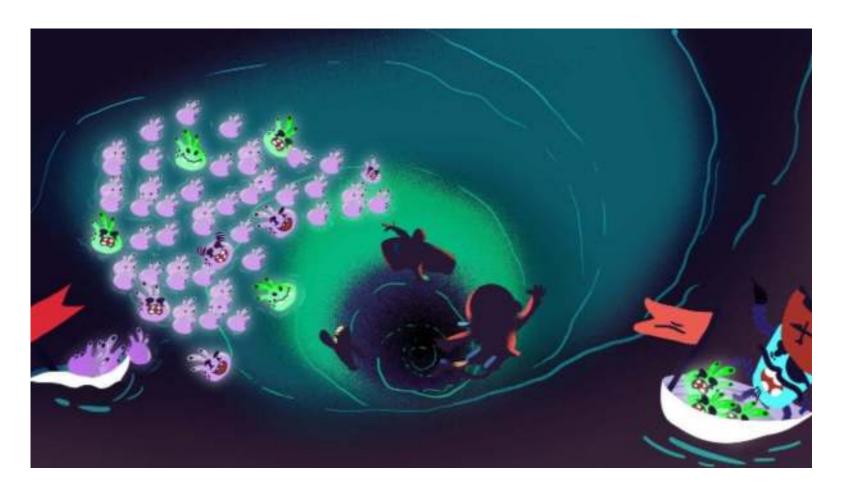
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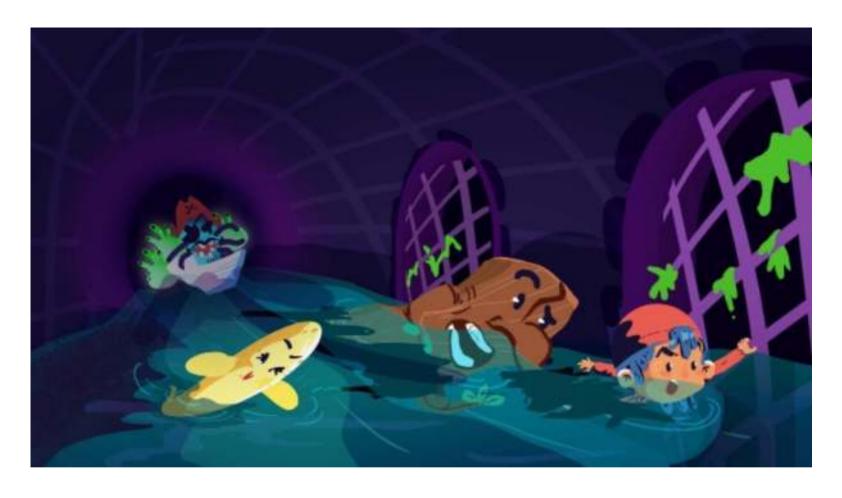
Something came tumbling by from the other side of the waterfall and said, "Hello, I'm Woody." After a few moments, something else appeared and said, "Hi, I'm Oily." I replied, "And I'm Ernie." Then some monstrous creatures came from another waterfall.

Woody said, "These are germs, aren't they?"

"What...germs!"



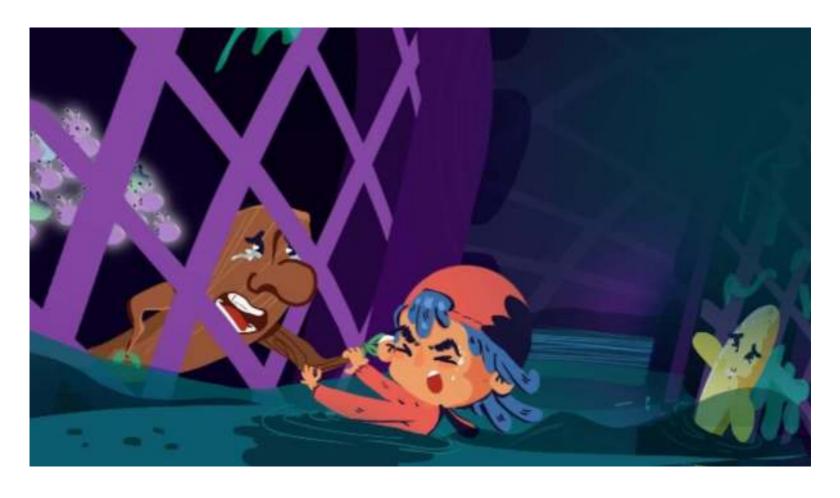
The germs glimpsed us as we escaped, and followed us as fast as they could.



We didn't know what to do. We reached the end of the sink.

Woody said, "Can we pass from these filter holes?"

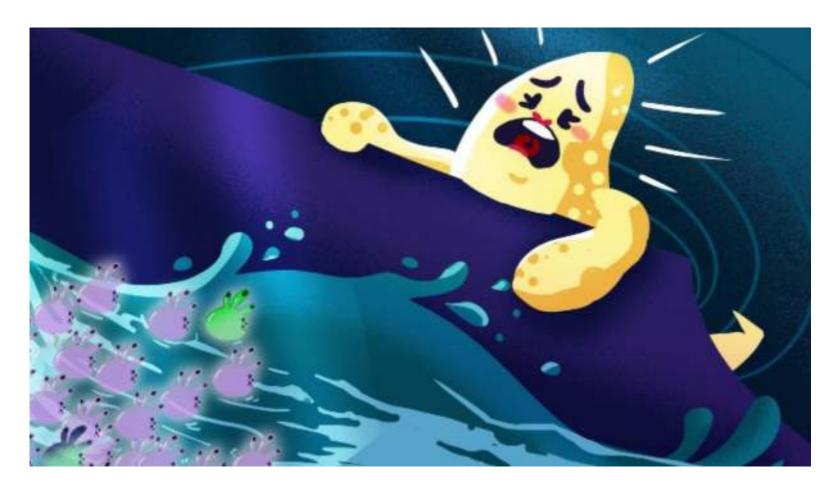
I replied, "Well, we hav no time to think. We'll have to see for ourselves or else they'll get to us soon."



I manged to escape from one of the filter holes, then Oily tried. His wobbly body helped him and he passed too. Then, it was Woody's turn. He tried to pass, but he couldn't. I pulled his arm, harder and harder. Unfortunately, it was impossible.

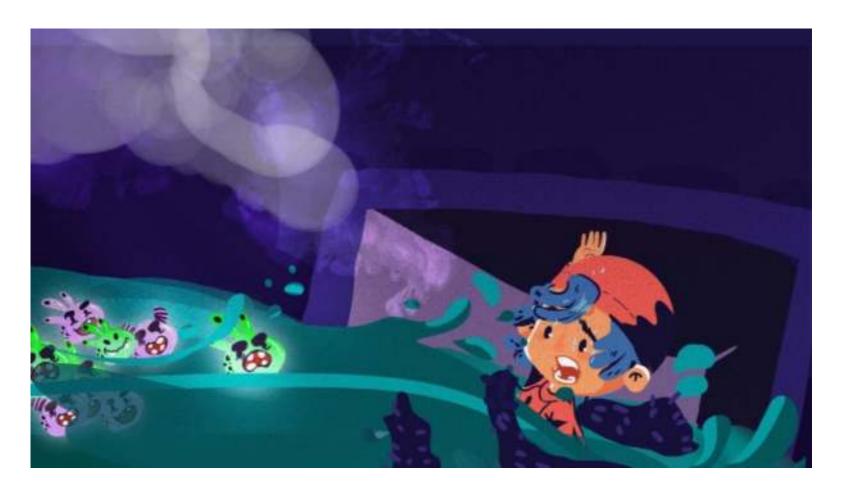


I found myself suspended in the water. I turned around but couldn't find Oily. I yelled, "Oily, where are you?" I heard him reply from above saying, "Oh Ernie, I'm floating up here on the water surface. The water force is very strong here."

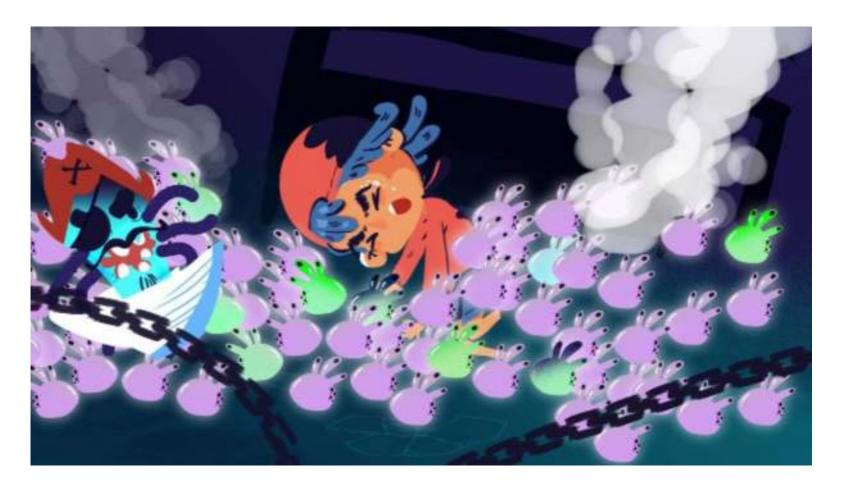


Suddenly, some scrapers moved quickly and drifted Oily away.

The germs stretched their arms to...



They stretched their arms to get me, but a door opened and I was drifted away with the water.



Unfortunately, the germs were on me and wouldn't go away.

All of a sudden, the water smelled like a swimming pool



and the germs started to lose their power. Finally they left and I drowned till the bottom.

I twirled and twirled and twirled in the basin...

Then a powerful force took me to a dark tunnel. There was a giant aspirator at the end of the tunnel.



The aspirator blew me out into the vast sea. I swayed right and left with the waves.

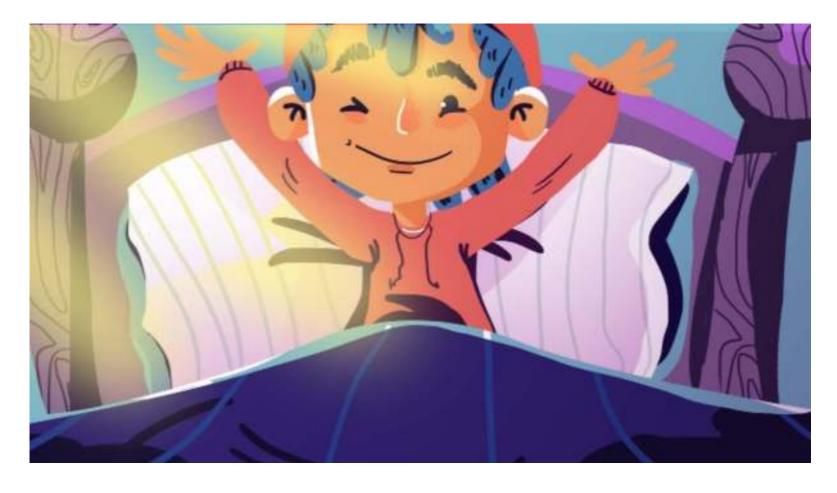
Oh! What's going on?



I'm back to my normal size! The salty sea water disabled the effect of the potion that downsized me.



I swam and swam until I reached the shore then walked back home



Next morning, I woke up and started getting ready just as I usually did.



I had my breakfast, went to school, come back, have my lunch and finish my homework.

Ha ha ha, now I enjoy my daily routine.



The End