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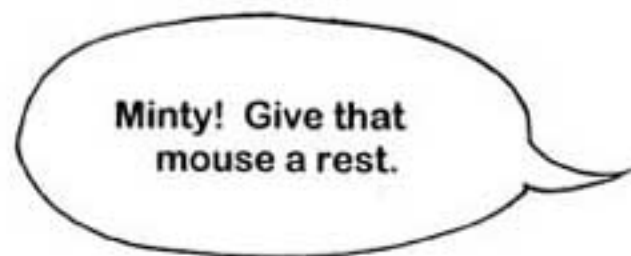
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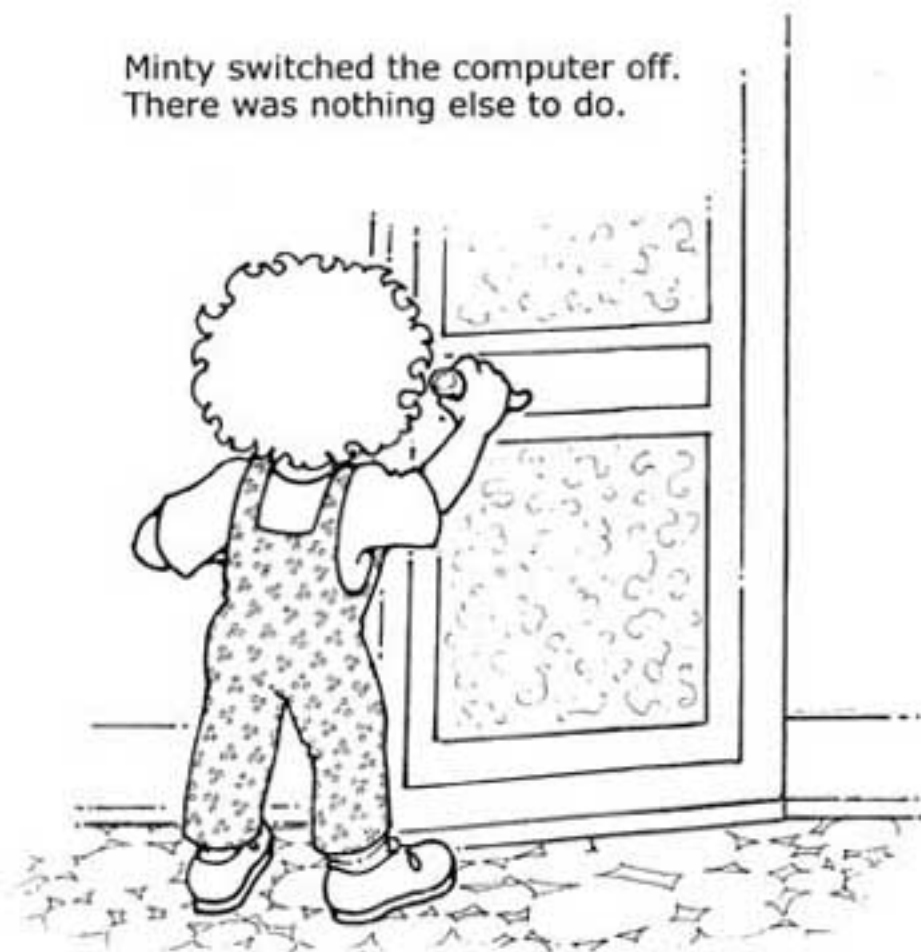
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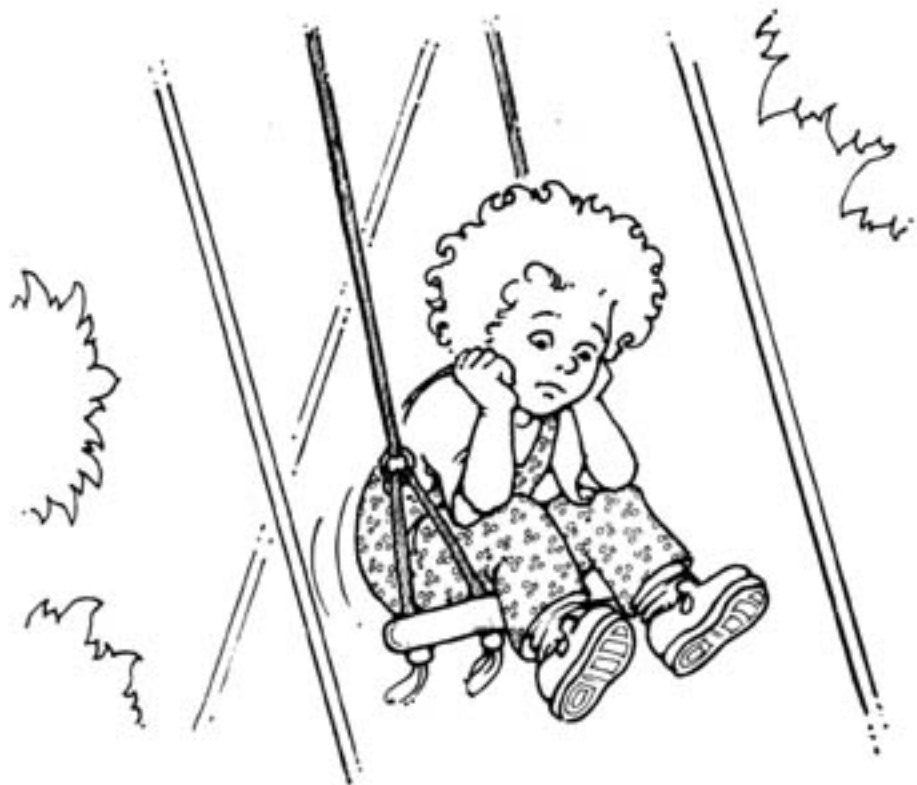
Minty was always playing games on the computer. This annoyed her mother.



Minty switched the computer off. There was nothing else to do.



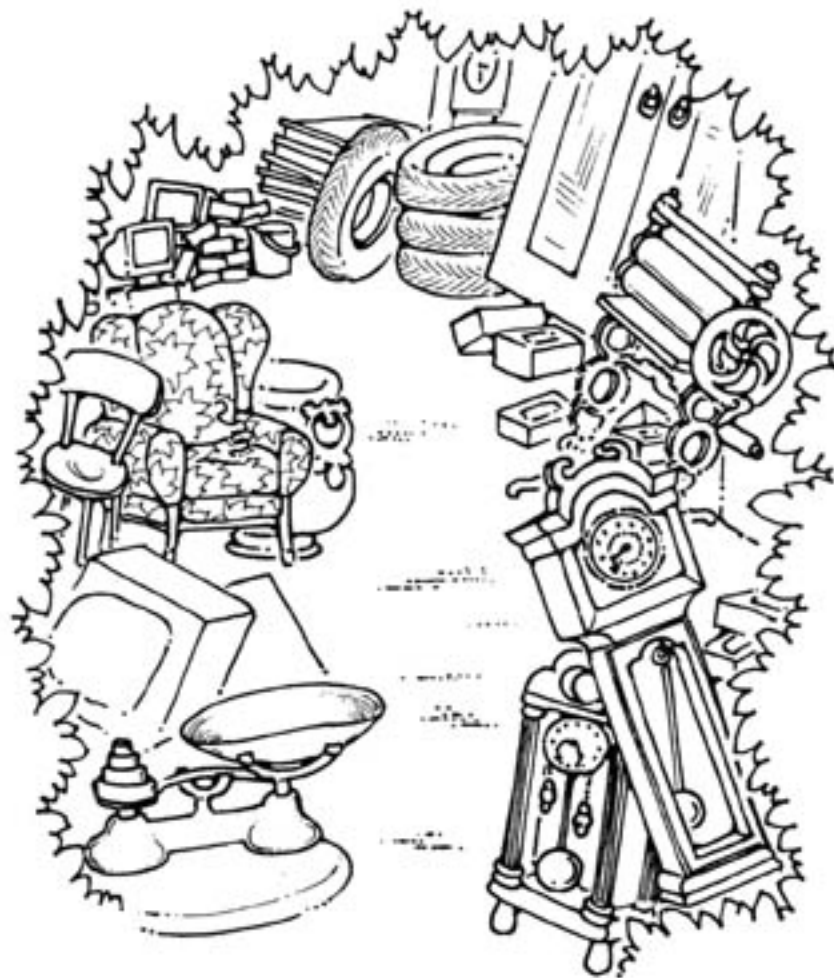
So she went into the garden.



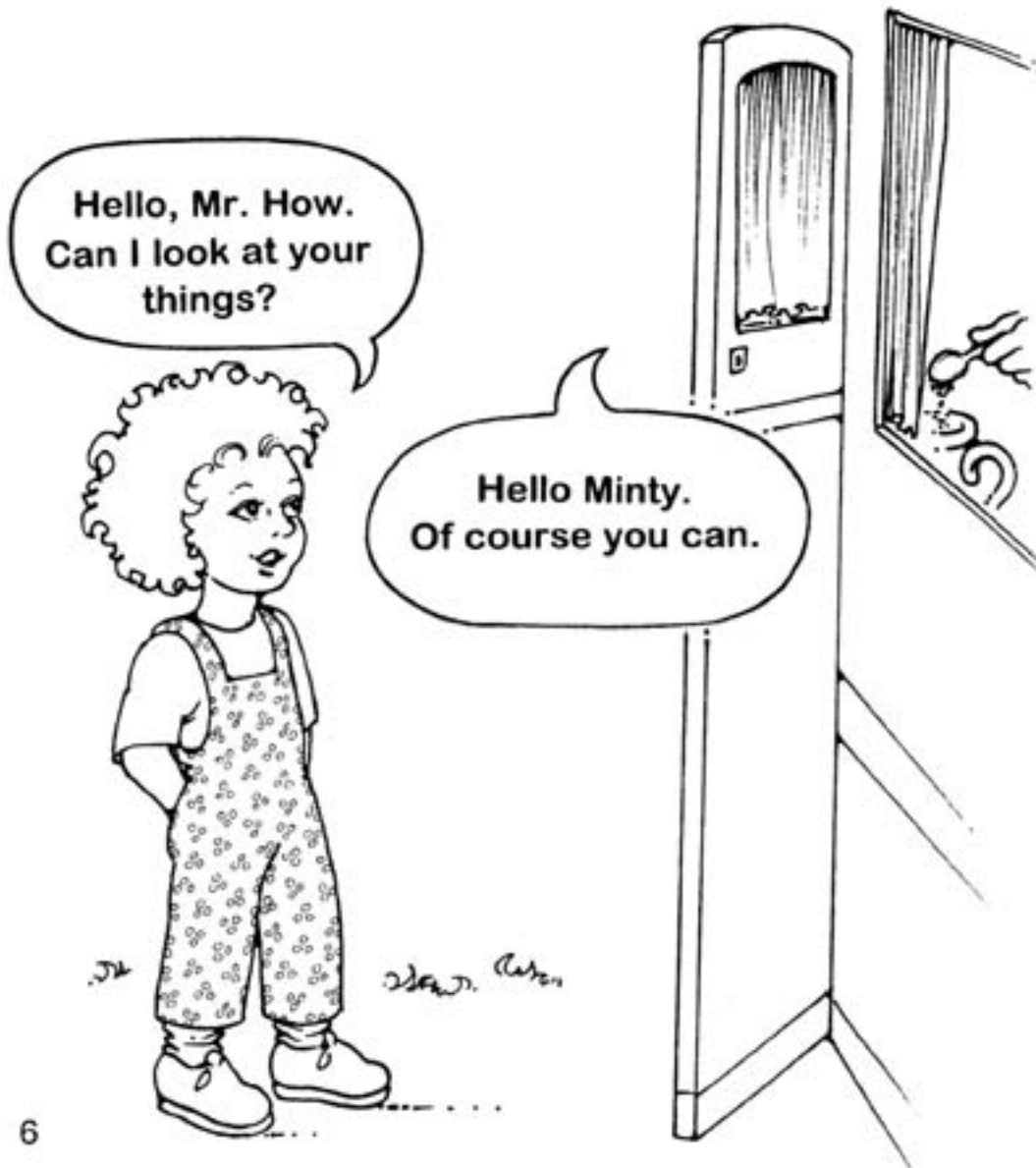
Minty swung on the swing,  
but that was boring.

At the bottom of the garden  
there was a hole in the hedge.

On the other side of the hedge was a large yard.  
It was filled with old furniture, machinery and  
lots of odds and ends. They belonged to Mr. How.  
He made and mended things.



Minty went through the hole in the hedge.  
Mr. How was making tea in his caravan.



Minty found an old colander and put it on her head. She sat in a large armchair and pretended to be a queen.



But that was boring too.

Minty found a cracked mirror lying on some cushions and pulled faces in it.



Then she sorted through a box.



There was nothing interesting in it.  
Only nuts, bolts, washers and string.

Minty saw a pile of old computers.  
In it was a mouse with a loud **click!**

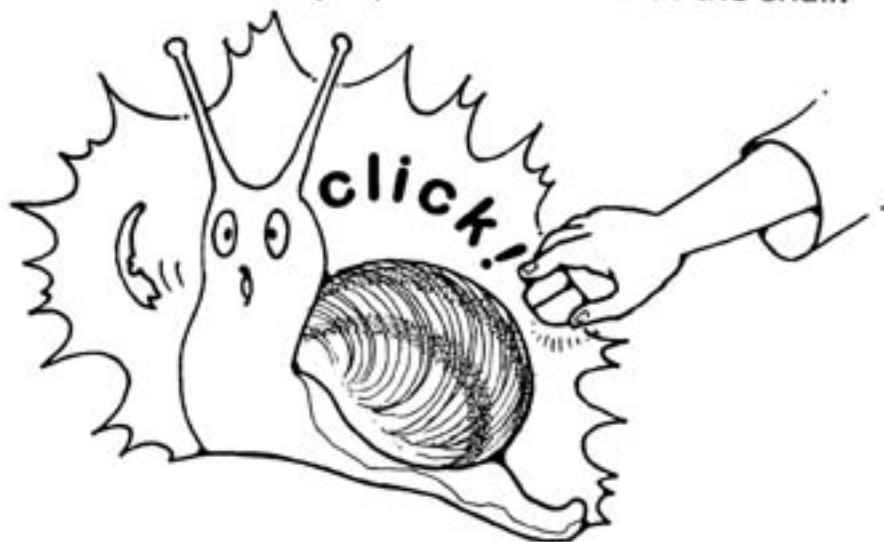


So she dashed  
back to play  
in her garden.

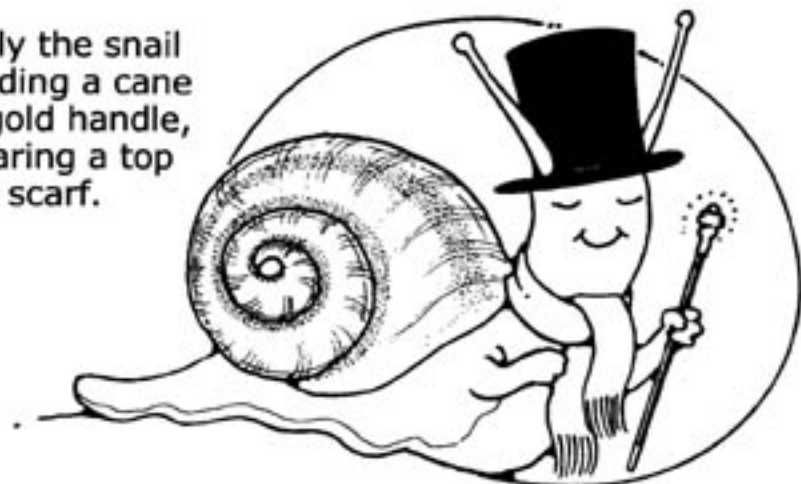
Minty saw a snail. It was eating her favourite marigolds, the ones she had planted.



She was annoyed, so she clicked at the snail.



Suddenly the snail was holding a cane with a gold handle, and wearing a top hat and scarf.



Where are you going?

To the theatre.

The snail no longer wanted to eat marigolds. It left to watch a bumble bee ballet.



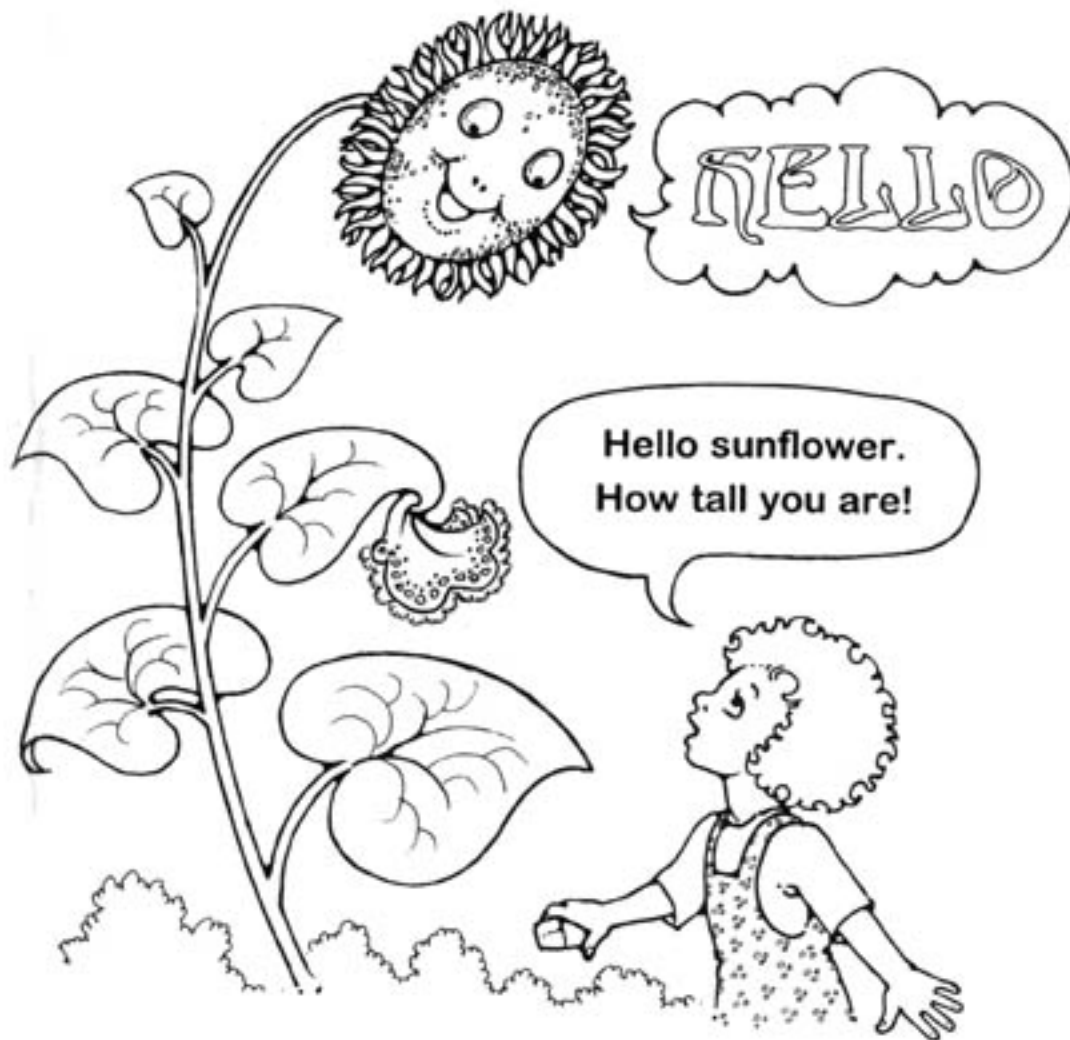
Amongst Minty's marigolds was a weed. It was small and straggly.



The weed suddenly went -

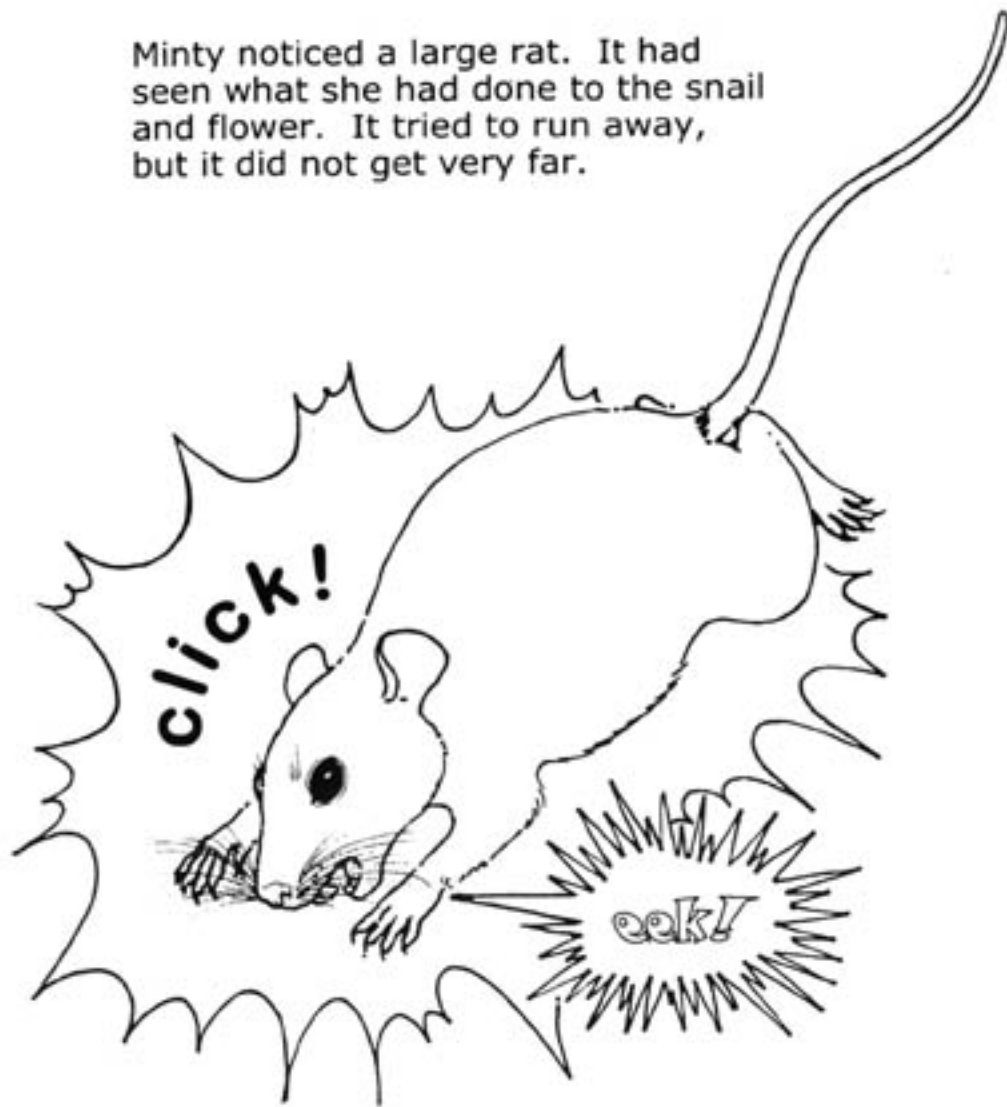


The weed was now as high as the house. It looked down at Minty.



The sunflower took out a hanky. It waved to the vegetables in the other gardens. They waved back.

Minty noticed a large rat. It had seen what she had done to the snail and flower. It tried to run away, but it did not get very far.



The rat could suddenly sing.



But the rat kept on singing. Minty went away and left it at the bottom of the garden.



At the other end of the garden her brother was playing with a football. Minty did not like him because he was too rough.



Then she threw his ball into a tree so he could not reach it.



The dog could not play football any more and it followed Minty into the kitchen.



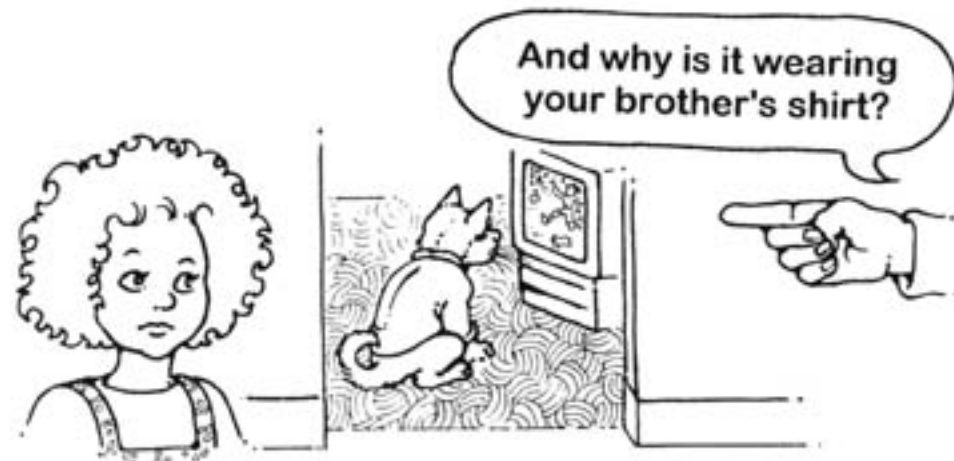
So she turned him into a dog.



Minty's mother was making fish paste sandwiches for tea.



The dog went into the living room. It turned on the television with its nose, then sat and watched it.



Minty's mother told her to go up to her room. She always blamed Minty for everything, so she clicked and her mother turned into a cat.



Minty picked up a sandwich and went into the hall and clicked at everything there.



Then she clicked at the doormat.

The doormat rose into the air. Minty sat on it and flew out of the front door.



She flew over the horizon and far, far away.



The doormat flew high into the sky,  
on and on, over towns and rivers.



They reached the ocean.

A seagull tried to take  
Minty's sandwich, so -



But the seagull was turned into a pterodactyl.  
It tried to tip her off the doormat.

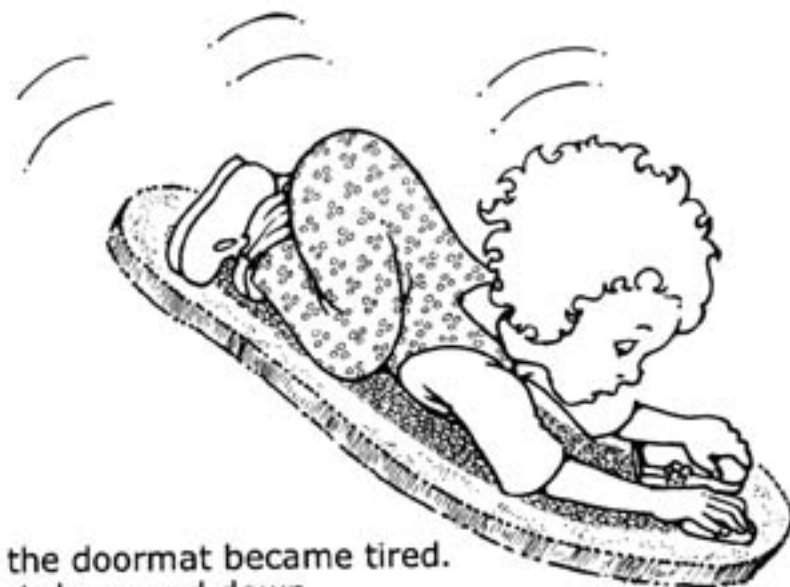
The pterodactyl chased Minty, so the doormat soared higher and higher.



One of the clouds laughed at Minty. She did not like that, so -



The cloud was changed into a flying duvet. It flapped away in a bad temper.



Then the doormat became tired. It went down and down.

They landed in a jungle. All the animals came out to see Minty.

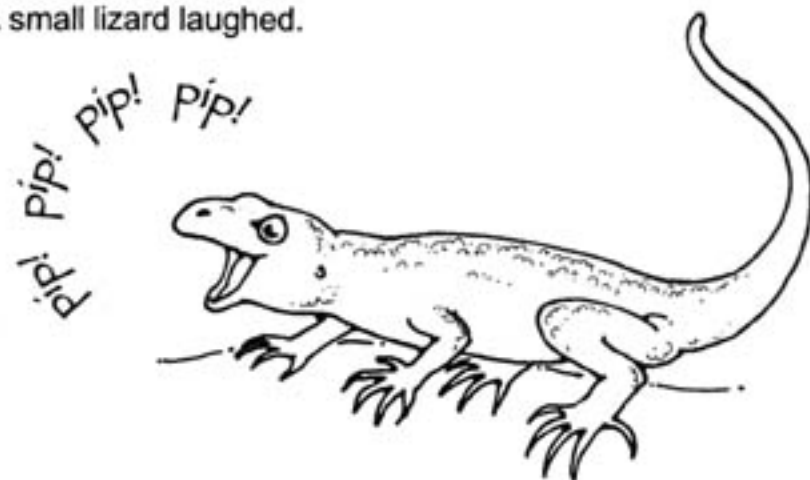




A toucan snatched Minty's sandwich and ate it. The fish paste tasted very good.



A small lizard laughed.



Minty was annoyed, so she clicked and it was turned into a dinosaur.



The dinosaur shook a branch.



Three monkeys fell out of the tree.

They were very angry with Minty.







Then the dinosaur ran off. Minty sat on the doormat and flew after the dinosaur. She tried to change it back into a lizard.



Minty clicked and clicked, but the dinosaur would only change into different monsters.



At last it turned back into a dinosaur.



Then the toucan swooped down. It took the mouse from Minty and the doormat flopped to the ground.

The dinosaur turned back and chased Minty.

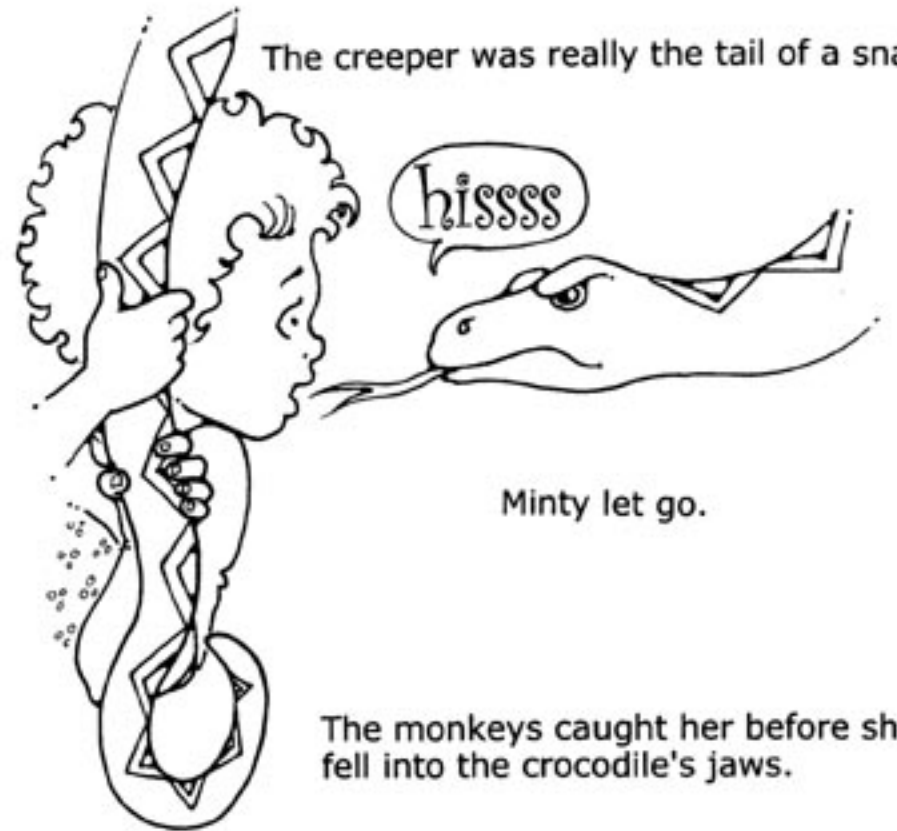


Minty came to a river. She caught a creeper and swung out over the water.



A crocodile tried to bite her ankles.

The creeper was really the tail of a snake.



Minty let go.

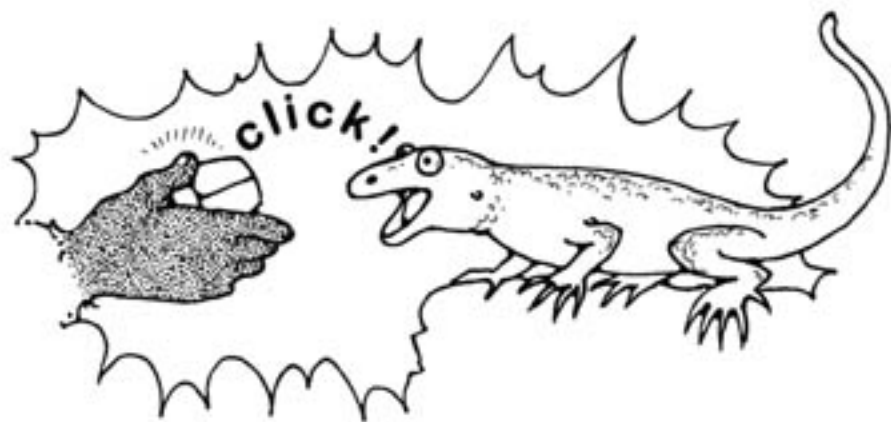
The monkeys caught her before she fell into the crocodile's jaws.



A monkey snatched the mouse from the toucan.



It clicked at the dinosaur which changed back into a lizard.



Minty tried to take the mouse back, but the monkeys climbed into the trees. She chased after them. Then one of the monkeys pointed the mouse at Minty and went -



Minty was turned into a monkey.

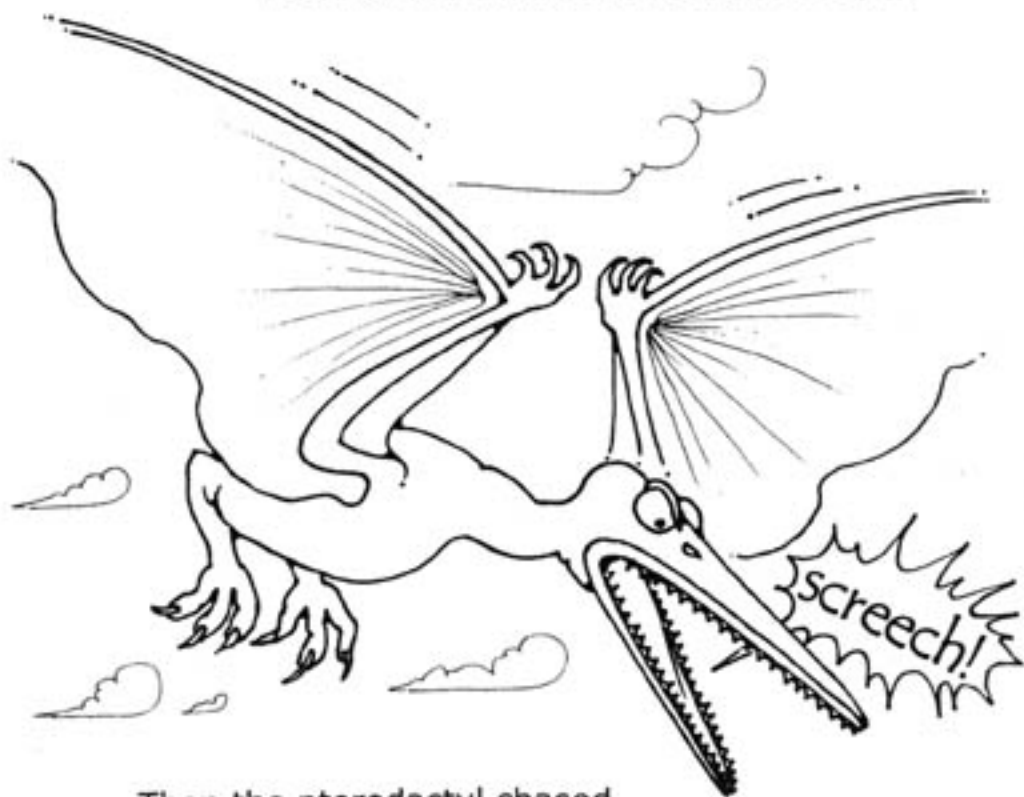
The doormat came flapping through the jungle.



Minty leapt onto it and sailed up into the sky.



The doormat flew back over the ocean.



Then the pterodactyl chased her all the way home.



The dog, the cat and singing rat were waiting at the front door.



The doormat tipped the Minty monkey off and went back to its place in the hall.



Now Minty did not have the mouse.  
Nobody could be changed back.

The dog and cat were not able to cook and clean.



They sat and watched television all day and would not answer the phone.

Minty had to make the beds, sweep the floor and do the washing up. The rat just made everyone curries and kept on singing.

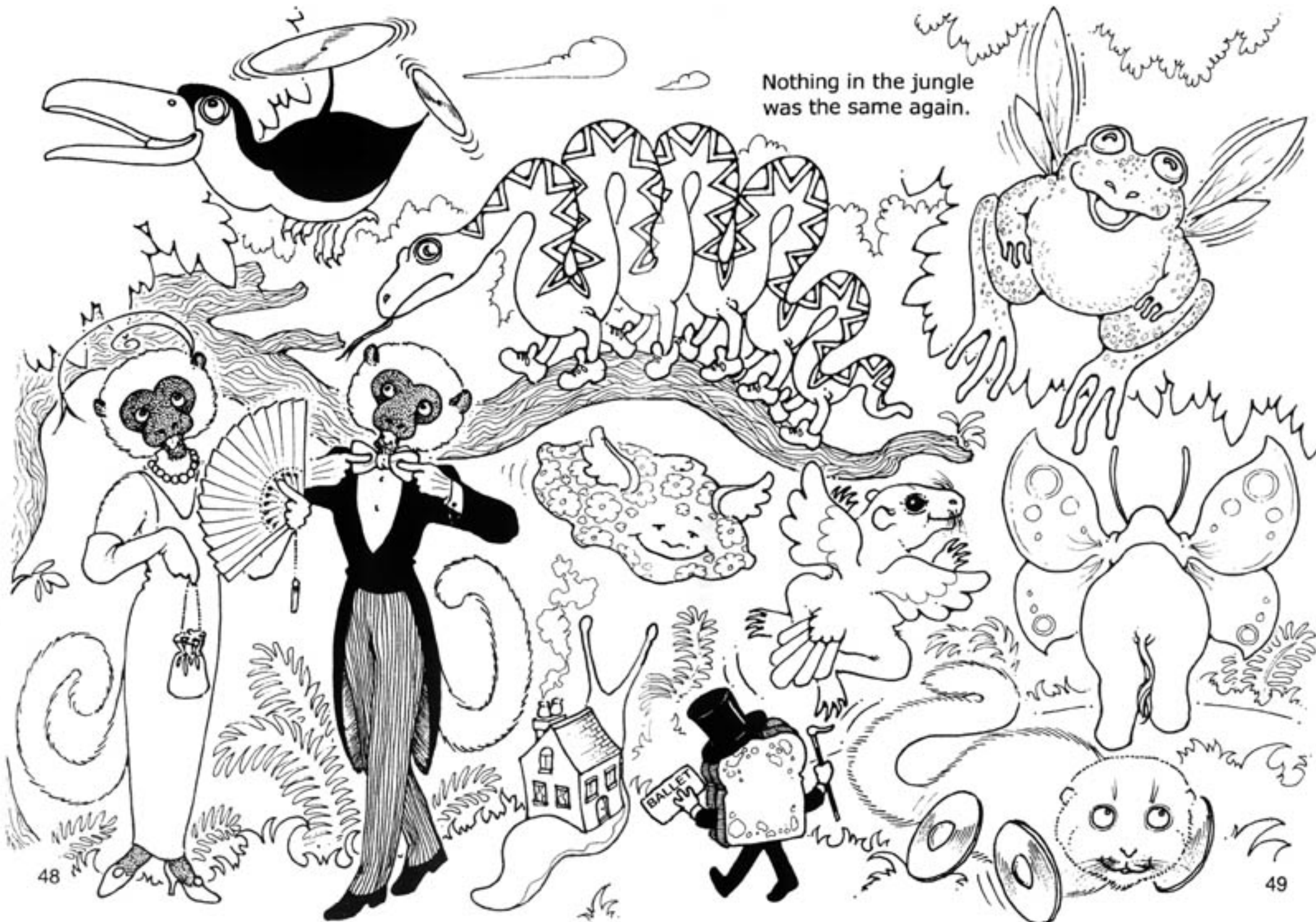


It was very boring.





Nothing in the jungle  
was the same again.



Minty finds a computer mouse with a **click** which can transform anything which annoys her. She turns her brother into a dog and her mother into a cat, but when she changes a lizard into a dinosaur everything starts to go horribly wrong.



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