

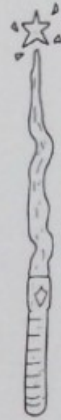
The Secret Safe



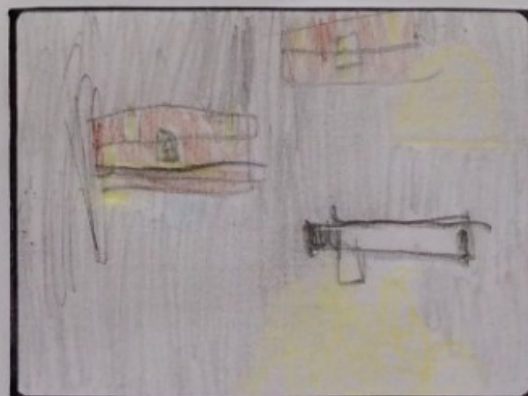
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Chapter 1

The Magic Wand



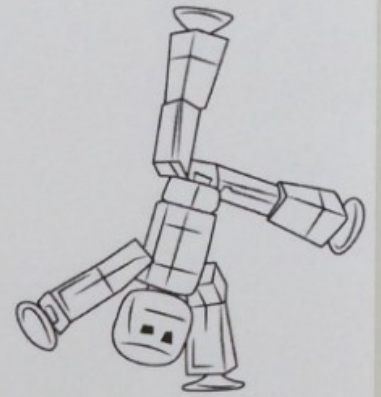
One day a young boy called Jimmy was exploring his parents' mansion when... he found a secret door disguised as a bookshelf in their massive library. Behind the door was a small, dark room. It was completely empty all except for a large metal safe in the corner. Jimmy tried to open it but it was locked so he went to get the code breaker that his very rich parents had bought for him. When he returned to the safe, he attached the device to the lock and cracked the code. BANG!!! The door flung open and he couldn't believe his eyes. Piles of gold filled the safe but the thing that caught his eye the most was a MAGIC WAND. He immediately started to wave the wand around in the air and the spider that was scuttling around on the floor turned into a Giant African Land Snail! Jimmy waved the wand again straight away and turned it back into a spider because he didn't want the floor to get all slimey. His heart raced with excitement but it was getting late and Jimmy was very tired. He decided he would keep his discovery a secret and went to bed feeling very excited about the next day.



Chapter 2

The Stikbots Come Alive

The next morning, Jimmy was playing with his Stikbots. I wish they could speak to me and interact he thought. Then came his big idea. He ran to the library and snuck in through the secret door. He took the magic wand and hurried back to his room so that nobody would see it.



Back in his bedroom, he waved the wand around, chanting what he wanted to happen and...nothing. "What?" he said to himself. "Why isn't it working?". He waved the wand around some more and this time said magic words like hocus pocus and abracadabra but still nothing. What was he doing differently? Jimmy realised that he was doubting the wand's powers. He had to believe in the magic for it to work. He thought about how lonely it was living in a huge mansion with no brothers or sisters to play with and parents who were always busy. It HAD to work. Jimmy waved the wand again and suddenly all the Stikbots started darting around the room like mosquitos. They were all talking at once and even the Stikbot dog was barking. He spent the whole day playing with them but he was so exhausted by the time it got to bedtime that he forgot to turn them back again!

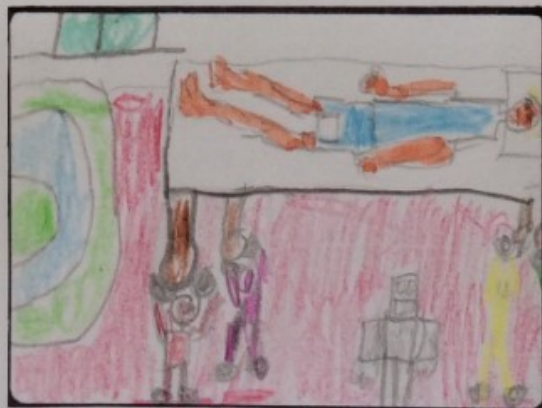


Chapter 3

The Stikbots' Plan



The Stikbots had enjoyed their day of being alive and playing with Jimmy but they couldn't forget about all the time they were normal Stikbots and Jimmy would pull their arms and stretch their legs into all sorts of uncomfortable positions. One day he even fed them to his toy dragons! They didn't want to go back to being normal toys so they came up with a plan to run away. First though, they had something to do. Even though Jimmy had been mean to them they didn't want him to be lonely, so before they left they used the magic wand to cast a spell. The spell would make Jimmy's favourite toys come alive whenever he was feeling lonely. This would only happen when there weren't any adults around though! The Stikbots then quietly went down the stairs and out of the front door. They took the magic wand with them to stop Jimmy from causing any more mischief. Jimmy never saw his Stikbots or the wand again but he had a pretty good idea about what had happened when he found a note in tiny writing which said 'Enjoy your new friends!'



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