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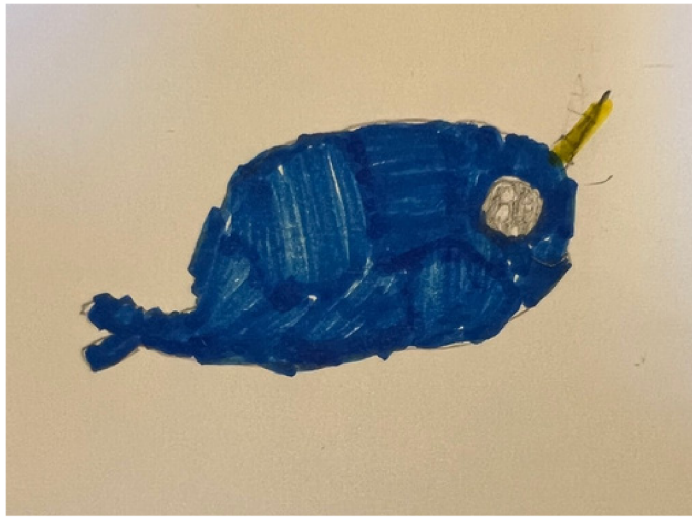




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A storybook written by The GIANT Room
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We invited Ellery and her family to participate in GIANT Creative Bootcamp, a program designed to boost creativity, ideation, and design thinking skills! For one week, we sent Ellery daily videos with a creative challenge, prompting her to build and make with materials she already had at home.

Ellery submitted photos of these projects to us, and we mixed and remixed them to create this storybook. The characters, inventions, settings, and foods that Ellery created appear throughout the story, forming a unique narrative based on her submissions.

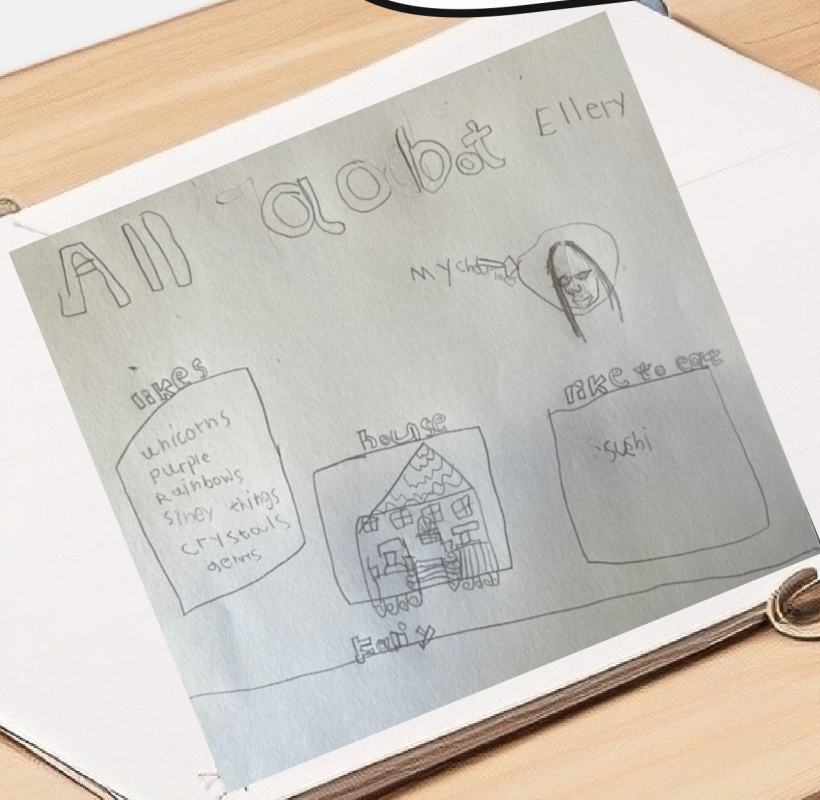
GIANT CREATIVE
BOT CAMP



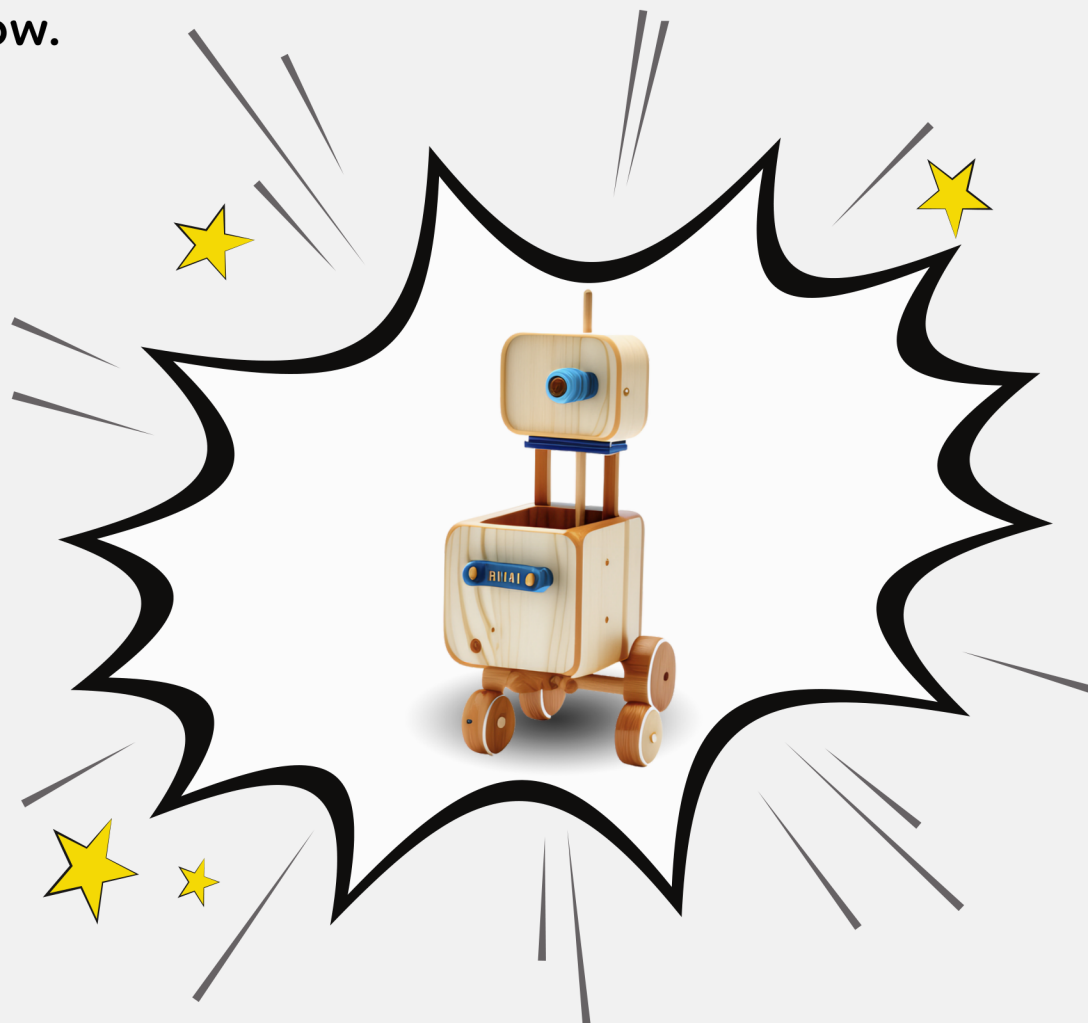
On a beautiful summer day, a girl named Ellery was doodling in her notebook. She sketched herself as a storybook character!



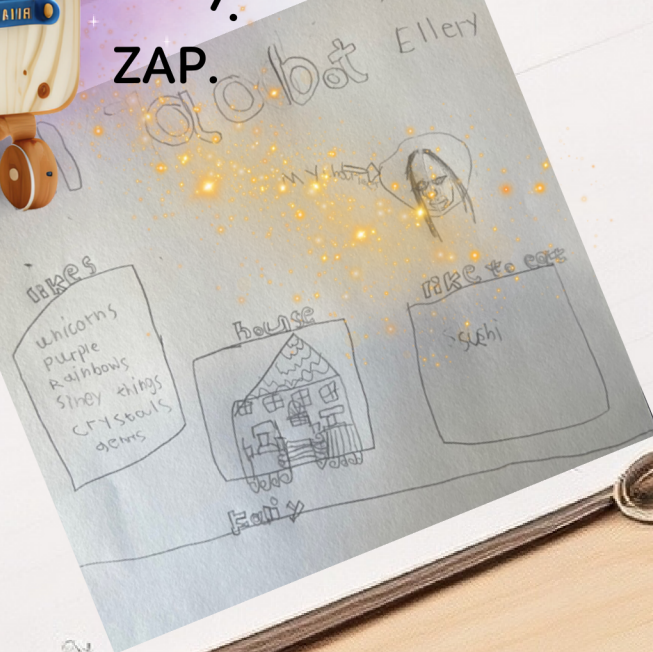
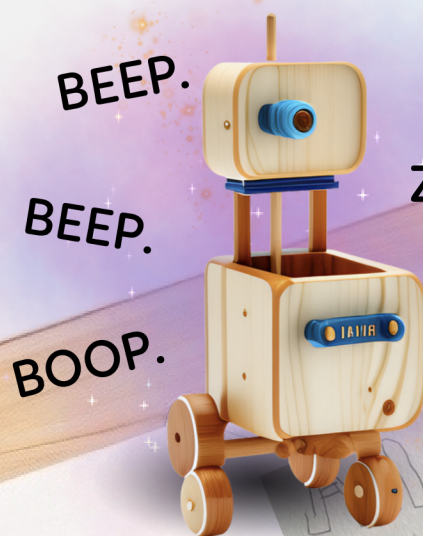
I'll name her...Ellery! She lives in a big house and loves to eat sushi. She also likes unicorns, purple, rainbows, shiny things, crystals and gems.



Finishing the sketch, Ellery left her notebook on the table and went to have a snack. As soon as she left the room, Captain Bot, a high-tech artificial intelligence robot, zoomed in through the open window.



She channeled her AI powers to bring the doodle of Ellery to life...



Ellery popped right out of the page
as a 3D character!

A-I A-I,
Captain Bot!

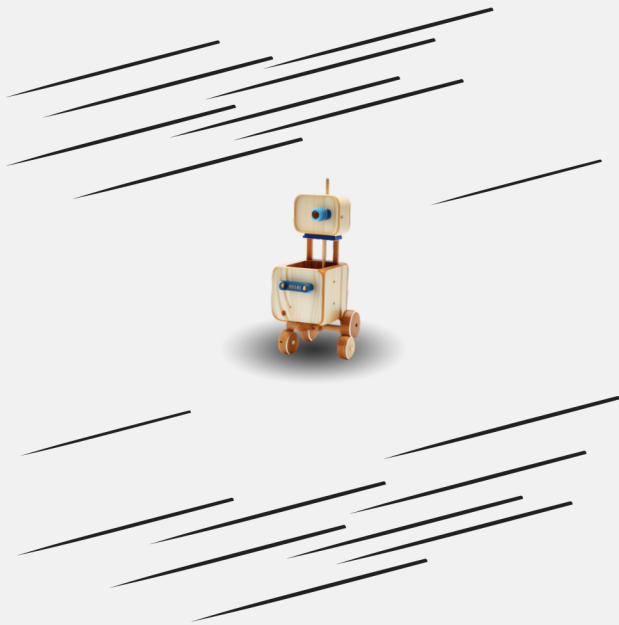


Captain Bot heard human Ellery coming back to her room.



She tossed her a teleportation gadget that could bring her to Create Mode Metropolis at the click of a button.

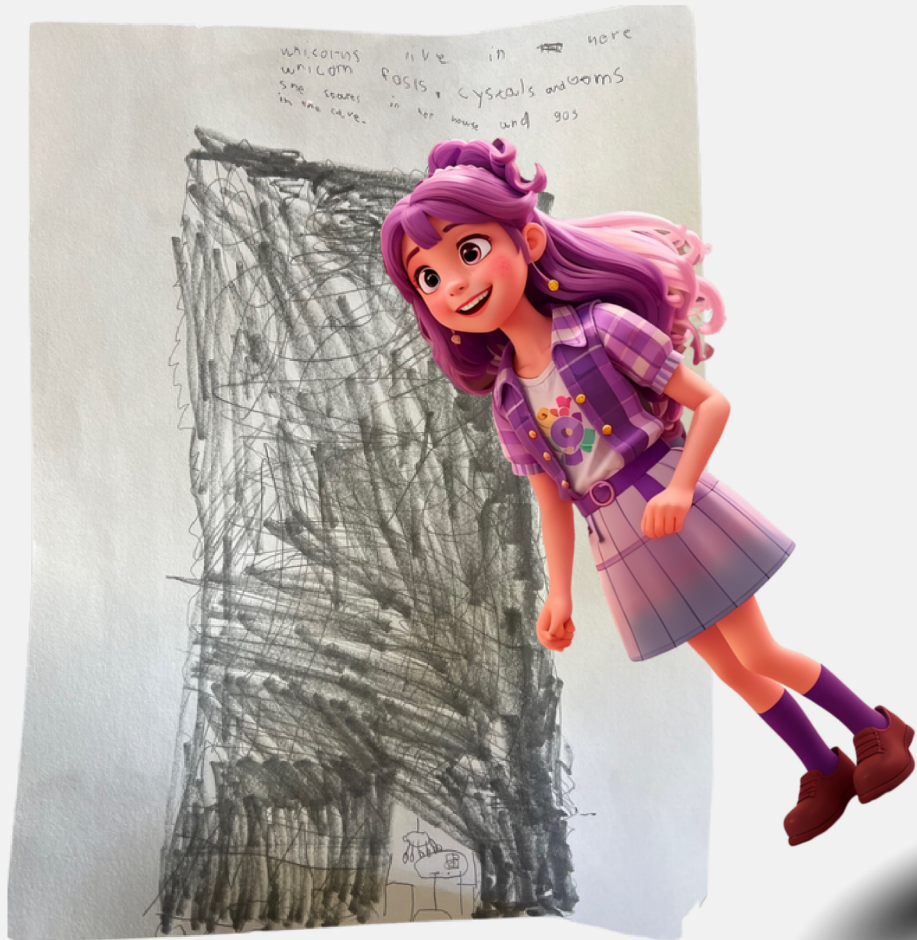
Ellery put the device in her pocket and waved goodbye to Captain Bot. She looked around the room, trying to find somewhere to go before human Ellery came back.



On Ellery's desk, she found another one of her drawings: it was a crumbly cave where unicorns live!



“COWABUNGA!” Ellery shouted as she jumped into the drawing, entering a brand new universe.





Ellery was heading into the cave, when she smelled something coming from the other direction. She followed the scent until she stumbled upon something absolutely bizarre.

GIANT PILES OF PASTA!


Rigatoni!

Macaroni!

Fusilli!

Spaghetti!

“What in the world is all of this pasta doing here, next to the unicorn cave?!” Ellery asked herself.



There must be at
least 300 pounds
of pasta!

She knew there was only one way to figure it out – she needed the expertise of Captain Bot! She pulled out her teleportation device and zapped herself to...

CREATE MODE ✨
METROPOLIS ✨



A-I, A-I Captain Bot!
I need your help
solving a mystery!

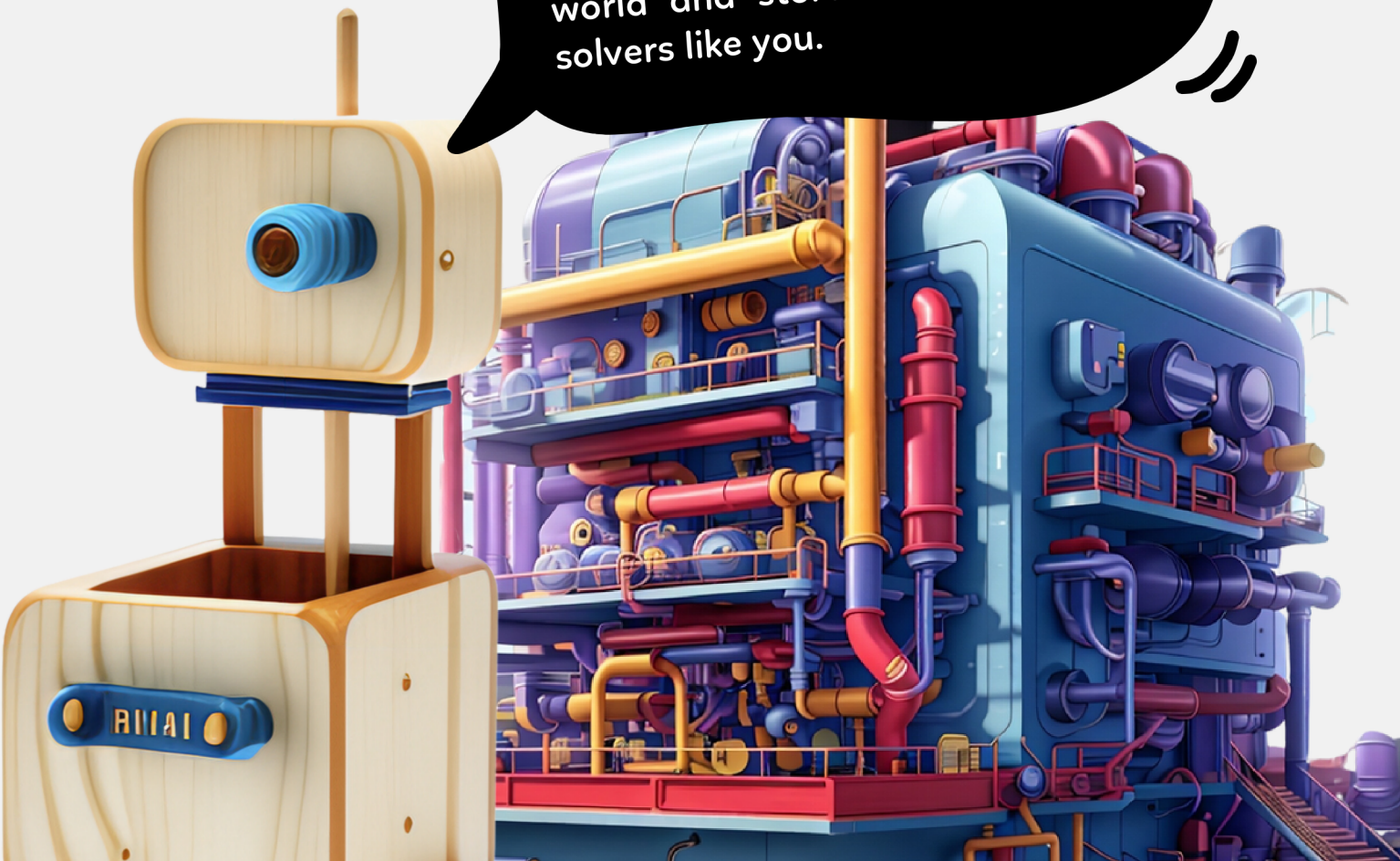


“Welcome to Create Mode Metropolis, Ellery! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

“Well,” Ellery explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped next to the unicorn cave! Do you know why?”



Nope! But I can help you by bringing more of human Ellery's ideas to life. They might come in handy while you solve this mystery... You see, in Create Mode Metropolis, we collect kids' inventions from all over the world and store them for mystery solvers like you.



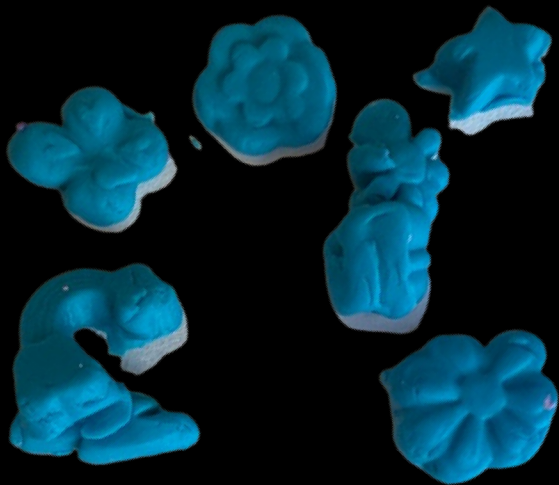
Captain Bot showed some of Ellery's creations.

Twizzlers



Pink candy

Blue gummies

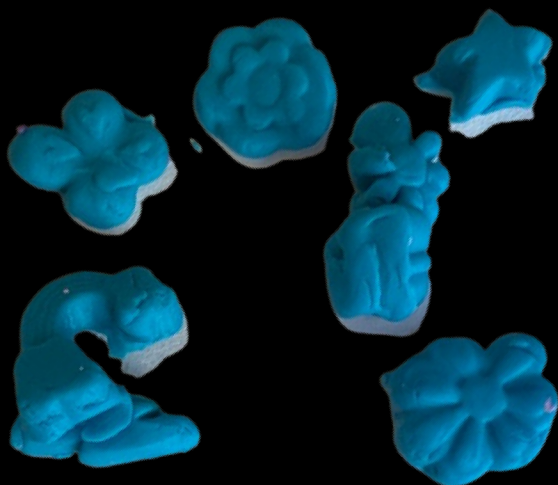


And, of course, your favorite, sushi!



Could any of these projects help you?

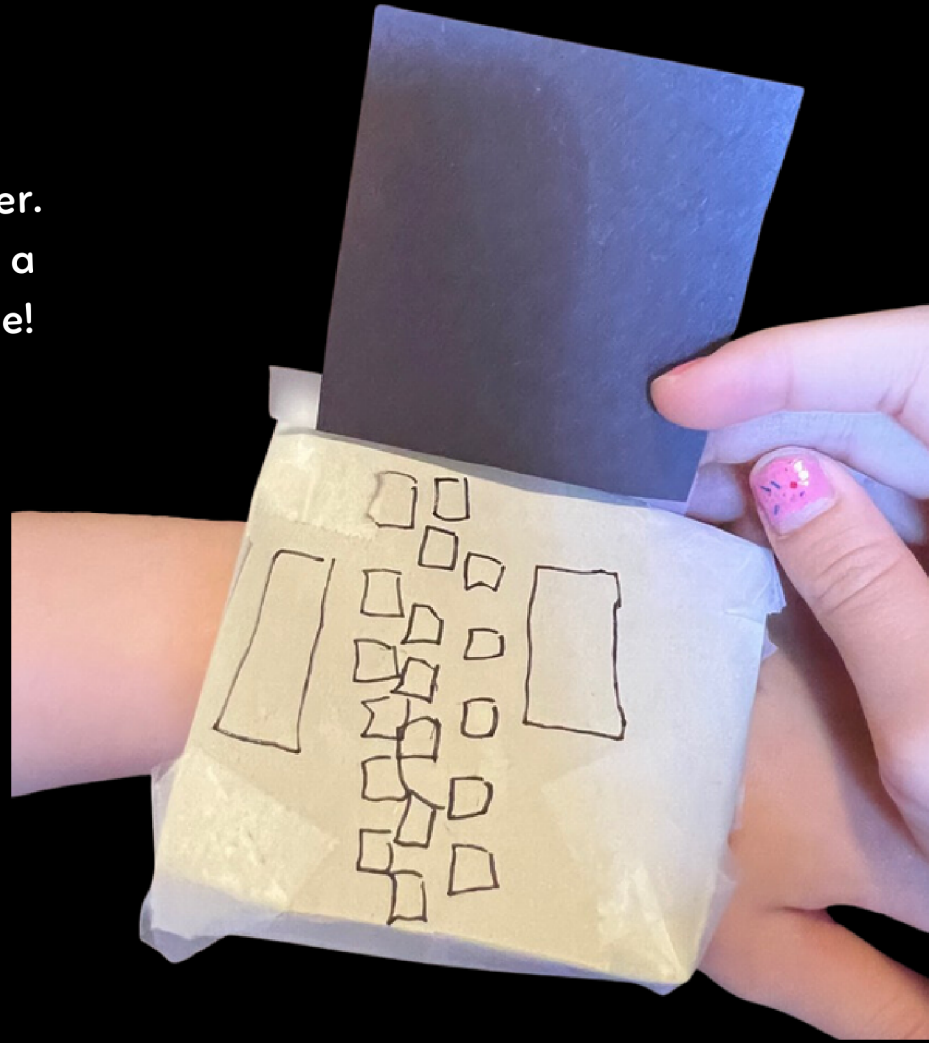




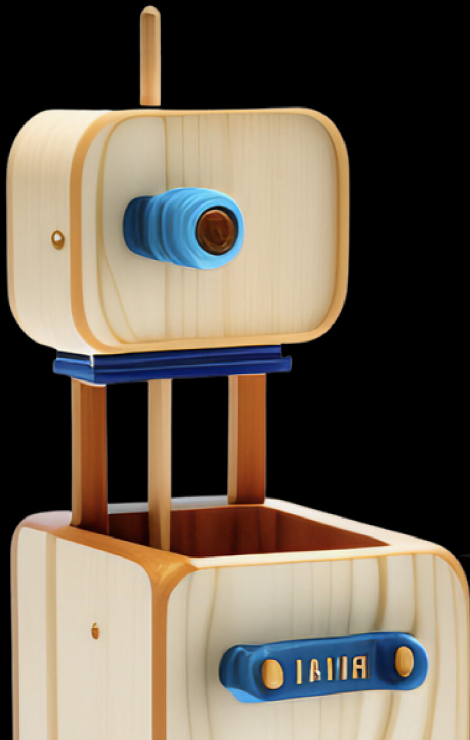
Ellery started laughing. “Delectable food perfection... BUT, I don’t want to eat anything, Captain Bot! I want to find out how all that pasta got there and who did it!”



This is a Wish Maker.
Whenever you say a
wish, it'll come true!



Haha, oops! What
about this project?

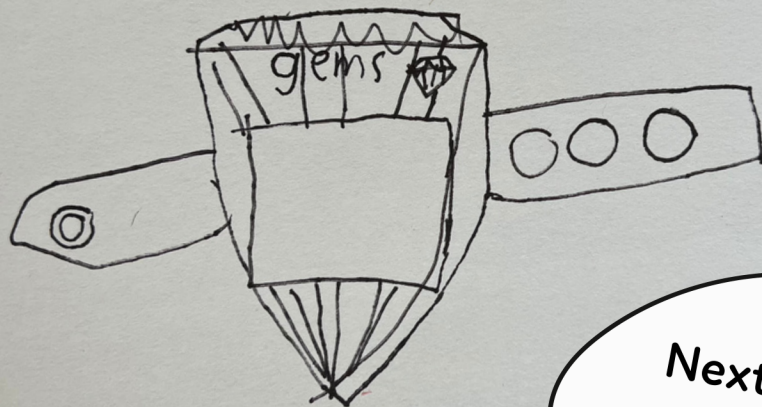


“WHOA! That looks SUPER useful!” Ellery shouted excitedly. Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...

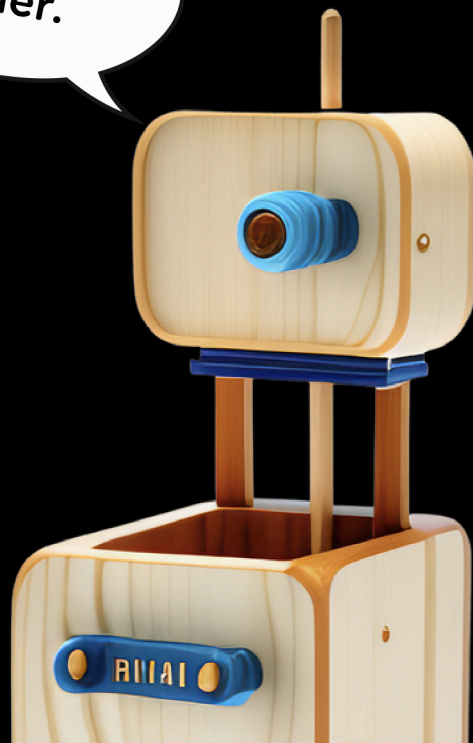
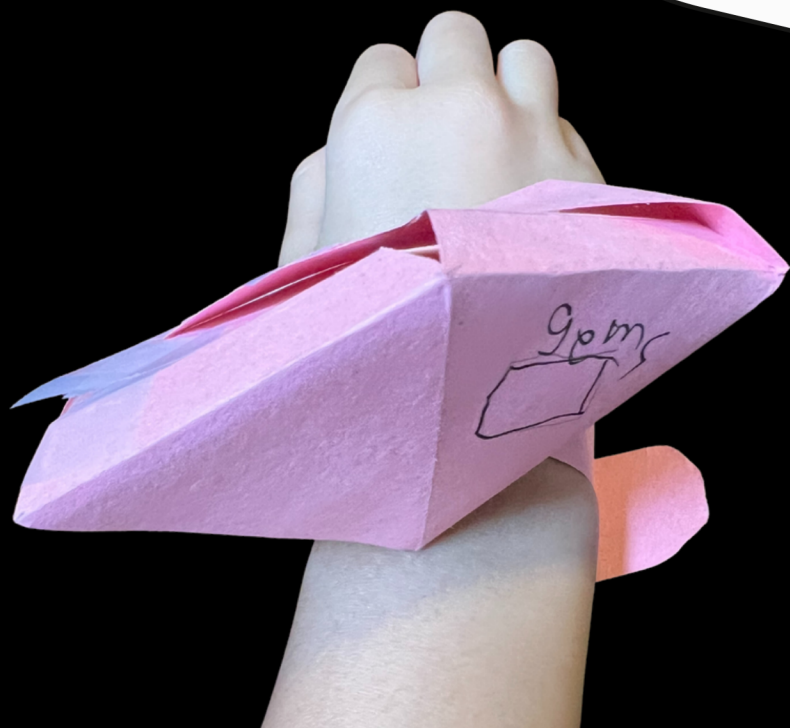


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!

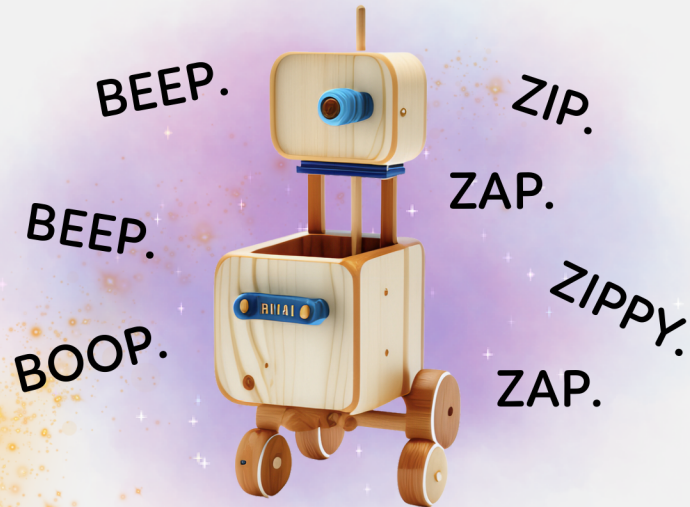
It will beep if it finds a gem.



Next up is the
Gem Finder.



“I definitely need that one,” said Ellery.
Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...



...and the project
popped into 3D!



And finally, Ellery's last creation is a beautiful, bright rainbow.



“Yes! Yes! YES!” Ellery replied. She wasn’t sure this would come in handy, but she just loved rainbows too much to pass it up! Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



– the project was brought to life!



“Thank you so much, Captain Bot!” Ellery exclaimed, gathering the inventions. She teleported back to the unicorn cave to get started on solving this mystery.

Running the Gem Finder over the pasta, she waited until she heard a ding. The machine had found a gem!

Aha!
Evidence!





After some calculations, the machine discovered that this gem could only belong to three creatures: a forest penguin, a cave unicorn, or a lake narwhal.

In the penguin village, she asked the forest penguins if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just shook their heads.



Next, she went to the unicorn caves. Ellery asked the unicorns if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just laughed.



Plain pasta? We wouldn't eat anything that wasn't rainbow-colored, of course!



Ellery had only one more
suspect to go:



the lake narwhal.

Ellery took out the Wish Maker and said, “I wish to breathe underwater!” As she jumped into the lake, gills popped up on her neck. She could breathe like a fish! Soon, Ellery bumped into a narwhal.



Hi there! Do you know anything about the pasta piles that were recently found in the Unicorn Cave?



The narwhal's eyes widened.



Um, no. Nothing at all. Not me. I didn't do anything. Pasta? What's that? Haha.

He quickly scurried away.

Ellery thought he seemed familiar, so she sneakily followed behind him. He swam into an inventor's workshop and covered a large machine with a blanket.

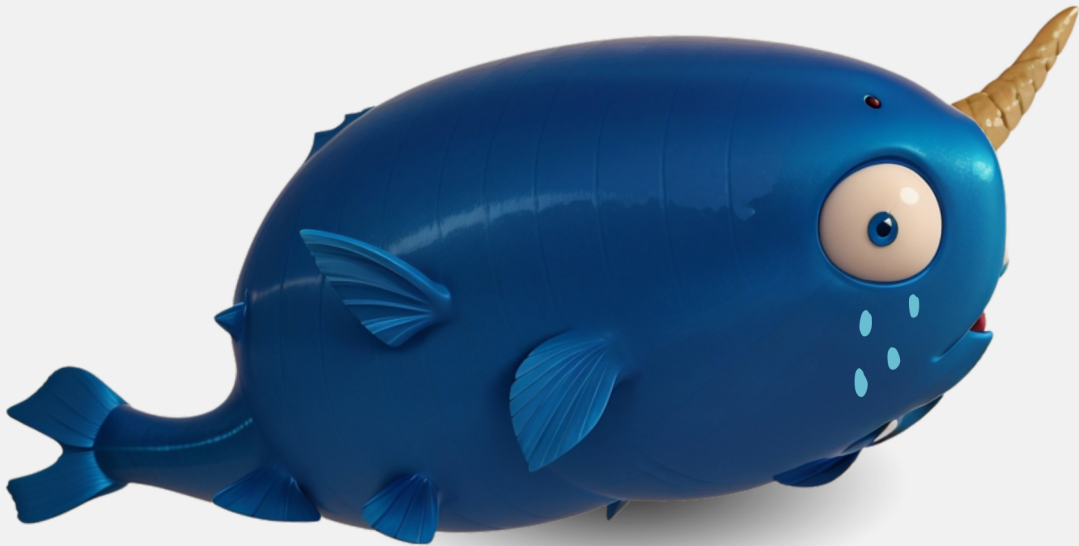


Ellery knocked on the door.

“Sorry to bother you again. You remind me of one of human Ellery’s ideas...did she...?”



“Ok, fine! It was me! I did it! I caused the pasta disaster. I’m so sorry. Please don’t get me in trouble with Captain Bot! Oh, no! My life is ruined!” the narwhal confessed in a rush. He began to cry.



Ellery patted his shoulder. “Don’t cry! I don’t want to get you in trouble. What happened?”

I am one of human Ellery's animal discoveries. Captain Bot brought me to life to help her do some science experiments that human Ellery designed. I was working on the Smell Tester, but it completely malfunctioned! Once it detected my plate of pasta, it began cloning the noodles. I tried hiding them near the Unicorn Cave, so no one would notice. Oh, what a mess!





“Wow, it sounds like you are a talented engineer! Though, the machine probably does need a safety switch,” Ellery said encouragingly.

After Ellery and the narwhal said goodbye, she reversed the Wish Maker's settings to breathe air again.



Ellery had finally solved
the pasta mystery!



But there was one last problem...



Her stomach gurgled loudly. She was pretty hungry. Maybe Captain Bot really had been on to something after all...

I can't eat all of this by myself, she thought. Just then, she remembered the beautiful rainbow in her pocket.



She could mix it in with the pasta
to make it rainbow-colored!

Ellery smiled super wide. She knew just who to share this delicious pasta with.



THE END

DID YOU KNOW?!

This actually happened in New Jersey in April 2023! Someone found hundreds of pounds of pasta in the forest off the side of the road! Ellery solved it with some of human Ellery's inventions, but how would YOU go about solving this mystery? The case is still open! REALLY!



→ Watch the prompt to learn more about this mystery and solve it for yourself.

Ellery's Creative Journey

DAY 1



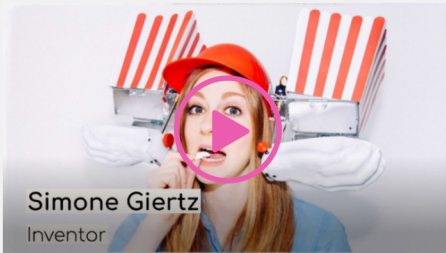
DAY 2



DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5



DAY 6



DAY 7



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The GIANT Room is a creative STEM hub for kids with GIANT dreams who dare to act on them. We help kids to use STEM as a tool for self expression, creativity, and collaboration.

The GIANT Room offers after school programs, camps, family events, specialized co-design workshops with industry designers, and online creative bootcamp membership. Kids may join our programs online, in-person at our studio, or off-site at one of our partner locations in museums and schools.

Founded by two women with PhDs in education and backgrounds in science and engineering, we dream of a world where every child has the confidence to voice their ideas, have access to mentors and resources they need to build prototypes of their ideas, and the opportunity to share those ideas with their community... just like the GIANT kids who published their collaborative, creative work in this beautiful storybook to be shared with millions of families around the world.

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