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Albiana and a Peculiar Pasta Mystery

GIANT Storybook
In Collaboration with Fairley F.





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We invited Fairley 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 Fairley daily videos with a creative challenge, prompting her to build and make with materials she already had at home.

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

GIANT CREATIVE
BOT CAMP



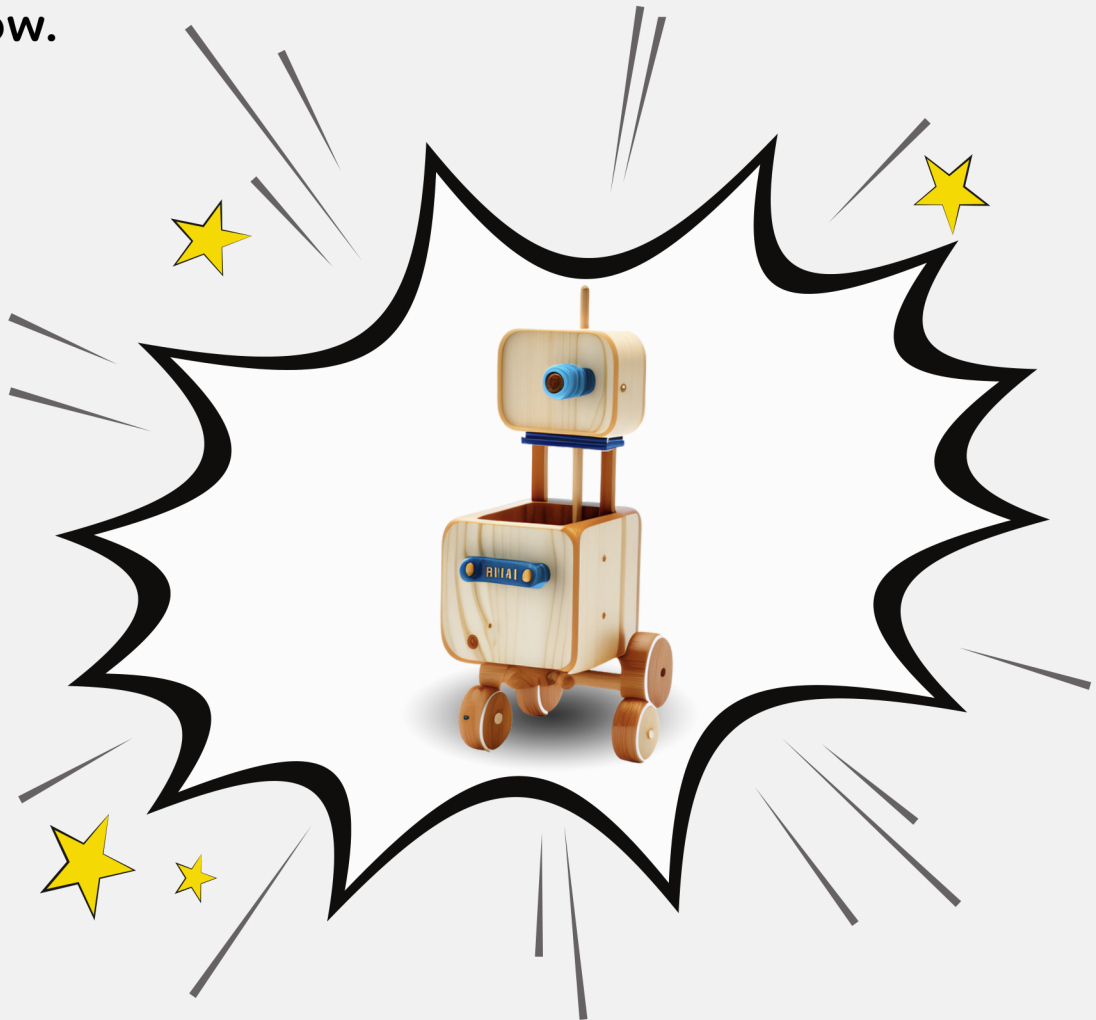
On a beautiful summer day, a girl named Fairley was doodling in her notebook. She sketched a partially albino dragon!



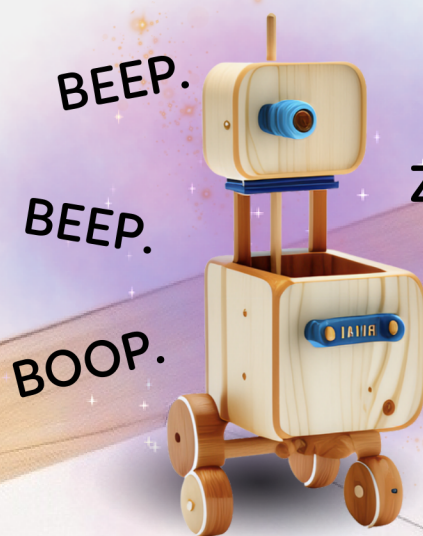
I'll name her...Albiana! She loves aloe vera, has a couple of wounds, and surprisingly was born with no wings.



Finishing the sketch, Fairley 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 Albiana to life...



ZIP.
ZAP.
ZIPPY.
ZAP.

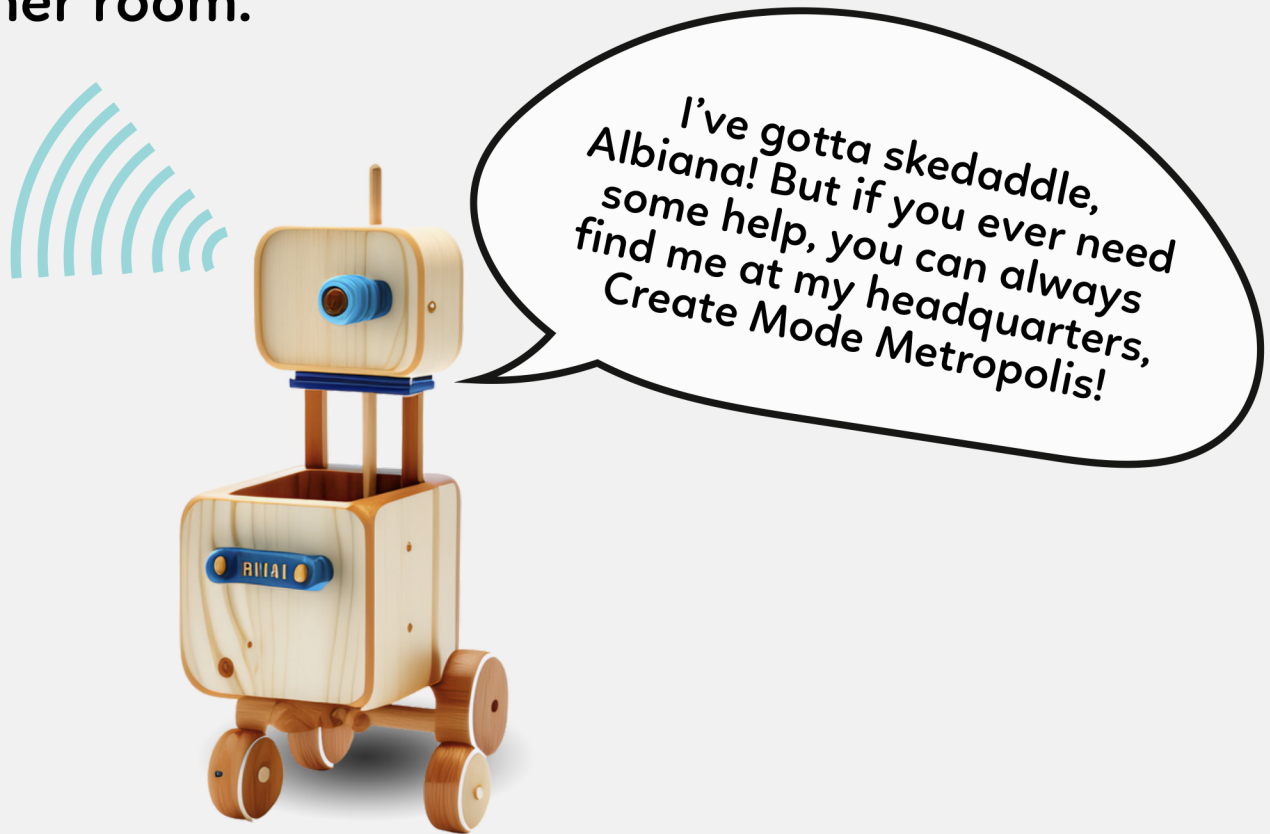


Albiana popped right out of the page
as a 3D character!

A-I A-I,
Captain Bot!

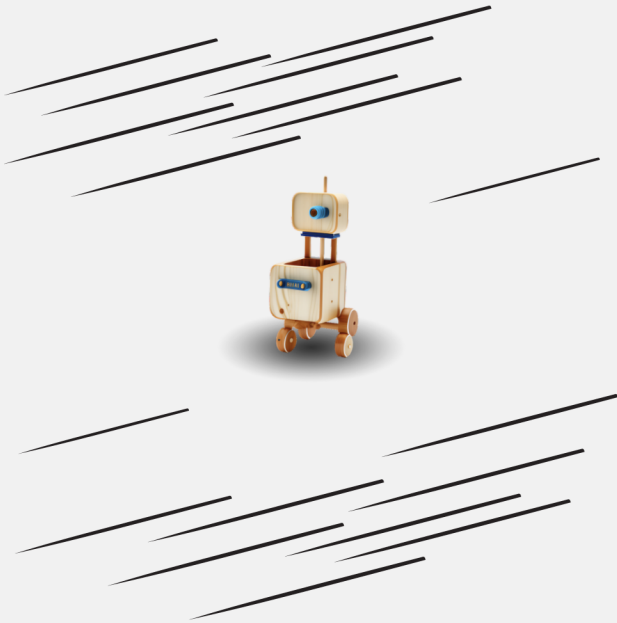


Captain Bot heard Fairley coming back to her room.



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

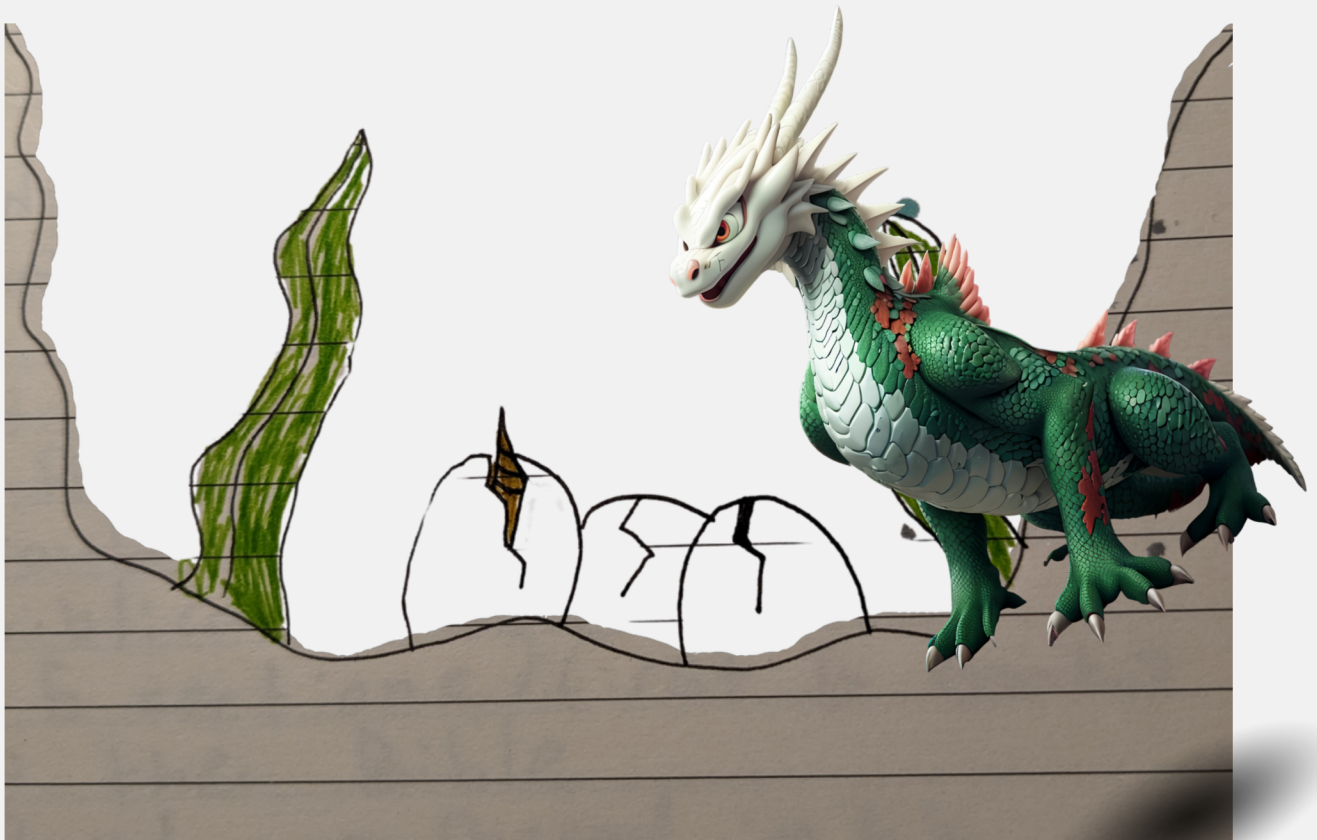
Albiana put the device in her pocket and waved goodbye to Captain Bot. She looked around the room, trying to find somewhere to go before Fairley came back.

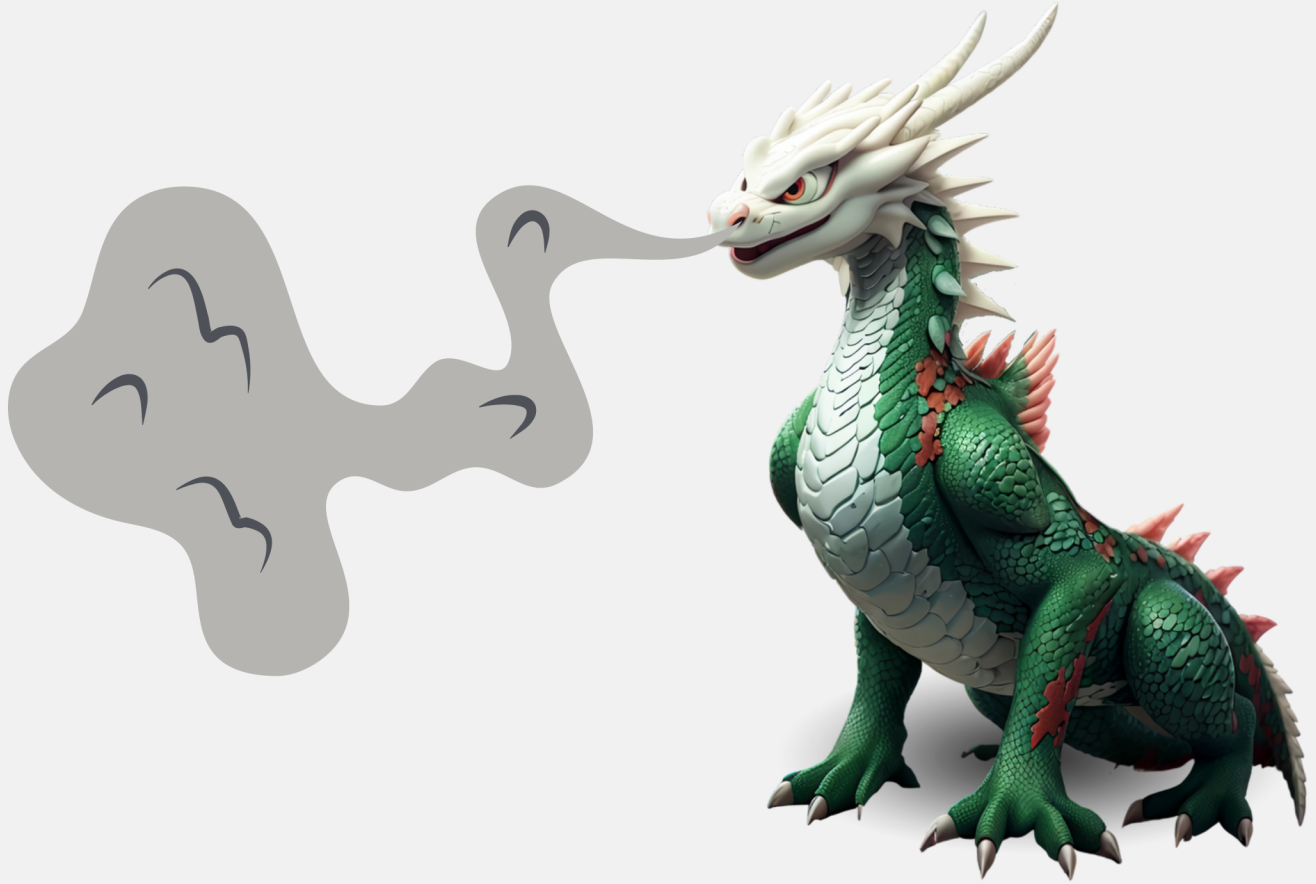


On Fairley's desk, she found
another one of her drawings:
a giant sinkhole filled with
hatching unicorn eggs!



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





Albiana was heading into the sinkhole, 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 sinkhole?!” Albiana 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, Albiana! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

“Well,” Albiana explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped into the sinkhole! Do you know why?”



Nope! But I can help you by bringing more of Fairley'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.

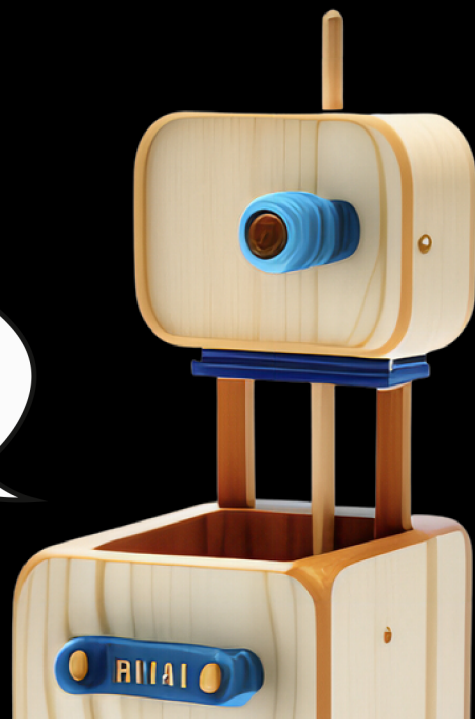


Captain Bot showed one of Fairley's creations.



These are crunchy chips made out of aloe vera.

Could this project help you?

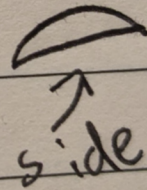
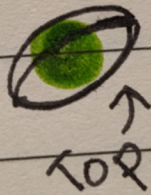


Albiana started laughing. “Delectable chip perfection... BUT, I don’t want to eat anything, Captain Bot! I want to find out how all that pasta got there and who did it!”

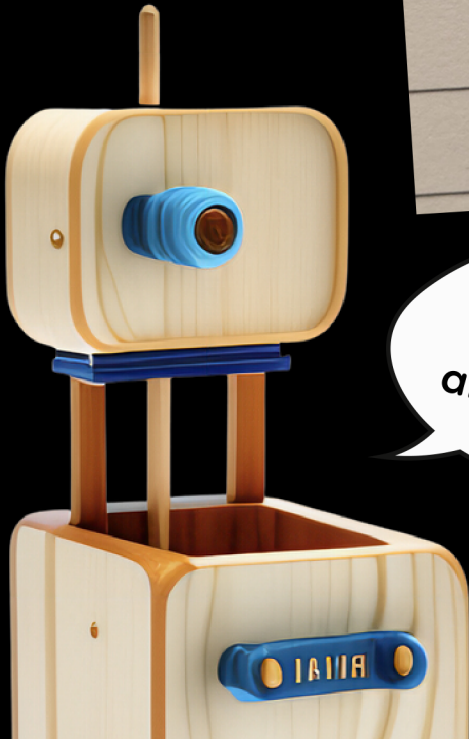


This is an electric contact lens. It automatically senses the weaknesses in your vision and improves it. It comes in many different colors.

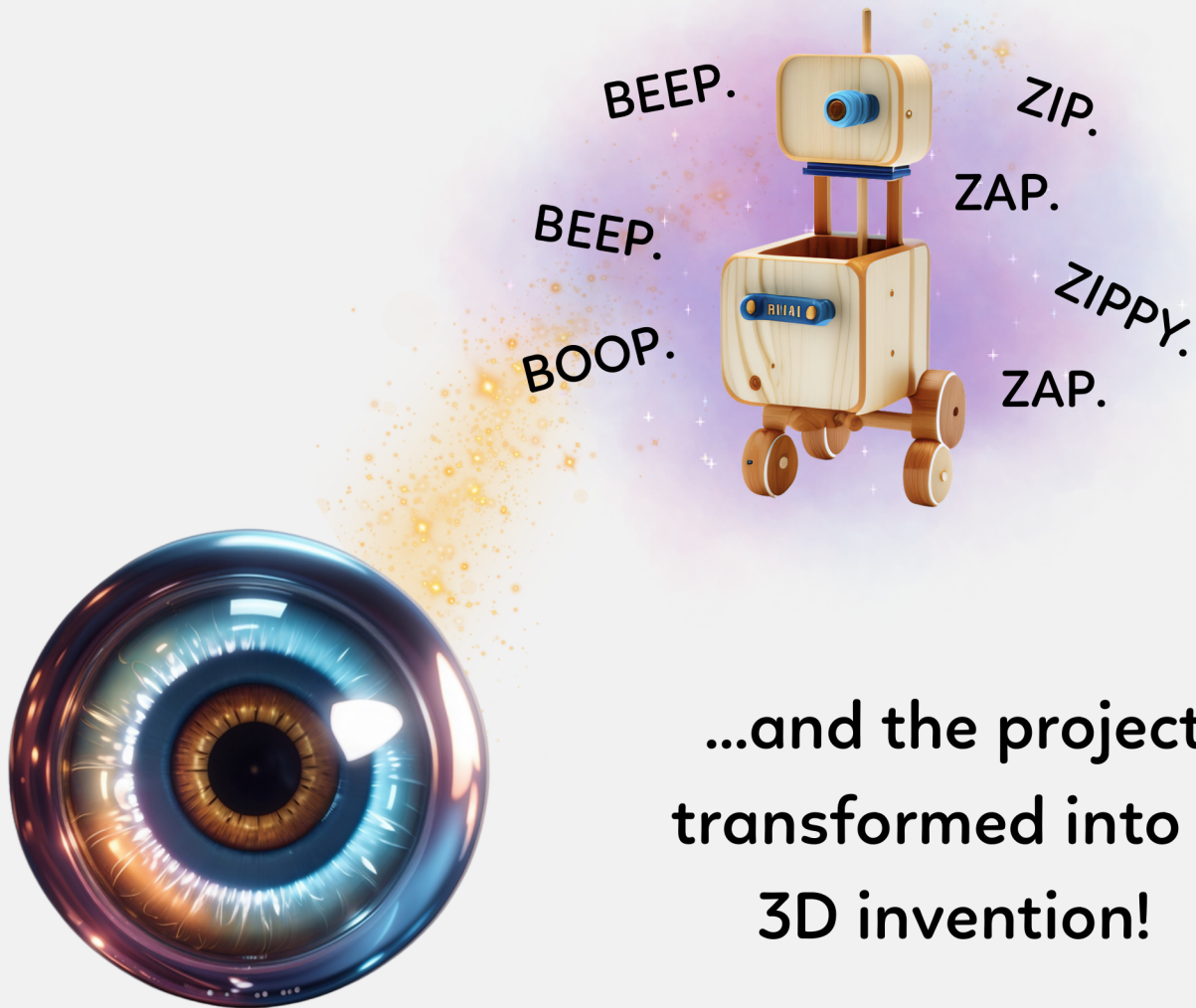
seeing-eye
contact
lense



Haha, oops! What
about this project?



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

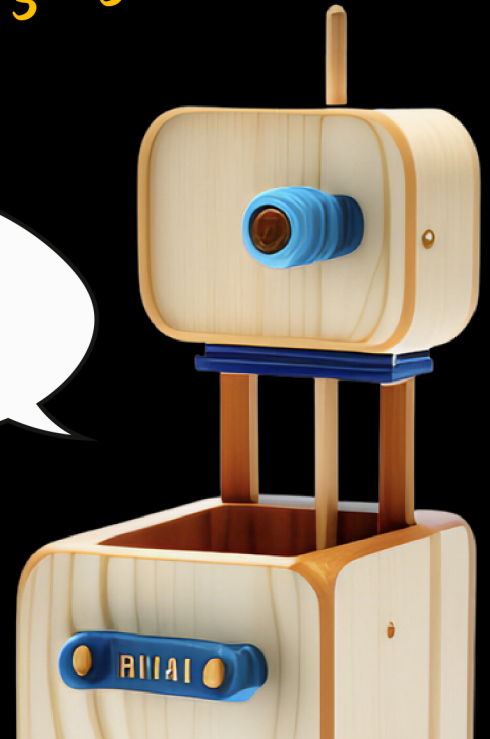


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!



There are 2 input devices. One is used for "hearing" the frequencies that the plants are making. The other senses the chemicals released by plants in different situations. The sound and chemicals are identified by an AI database and decoded into human language.

Next up is the Plant Sensor.



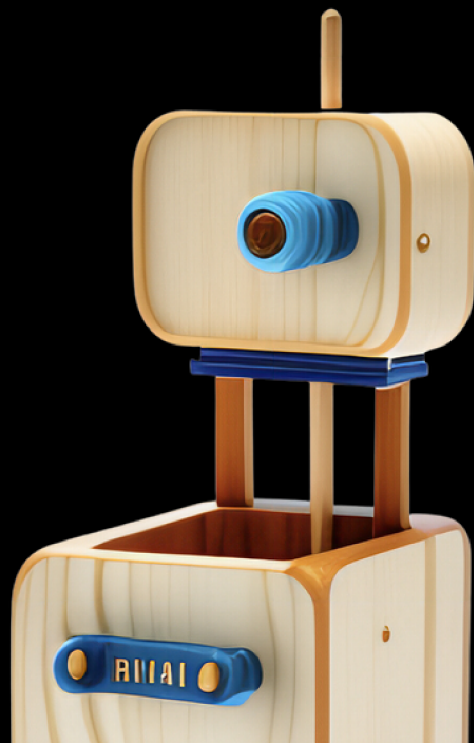
“I definitely need that one,” said Albiana.
Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...



...and the idea
popped into 3D!



And finally, Fairley's last creation is a Rainbow Radar Vehicle that can sense rainbows in the sky and teleport them anywhere in the world!



“Yes! Yes! YES!” Albiana replied. Though she wasn’t quite sure what to do with the rainbow vehicle, yet...

Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



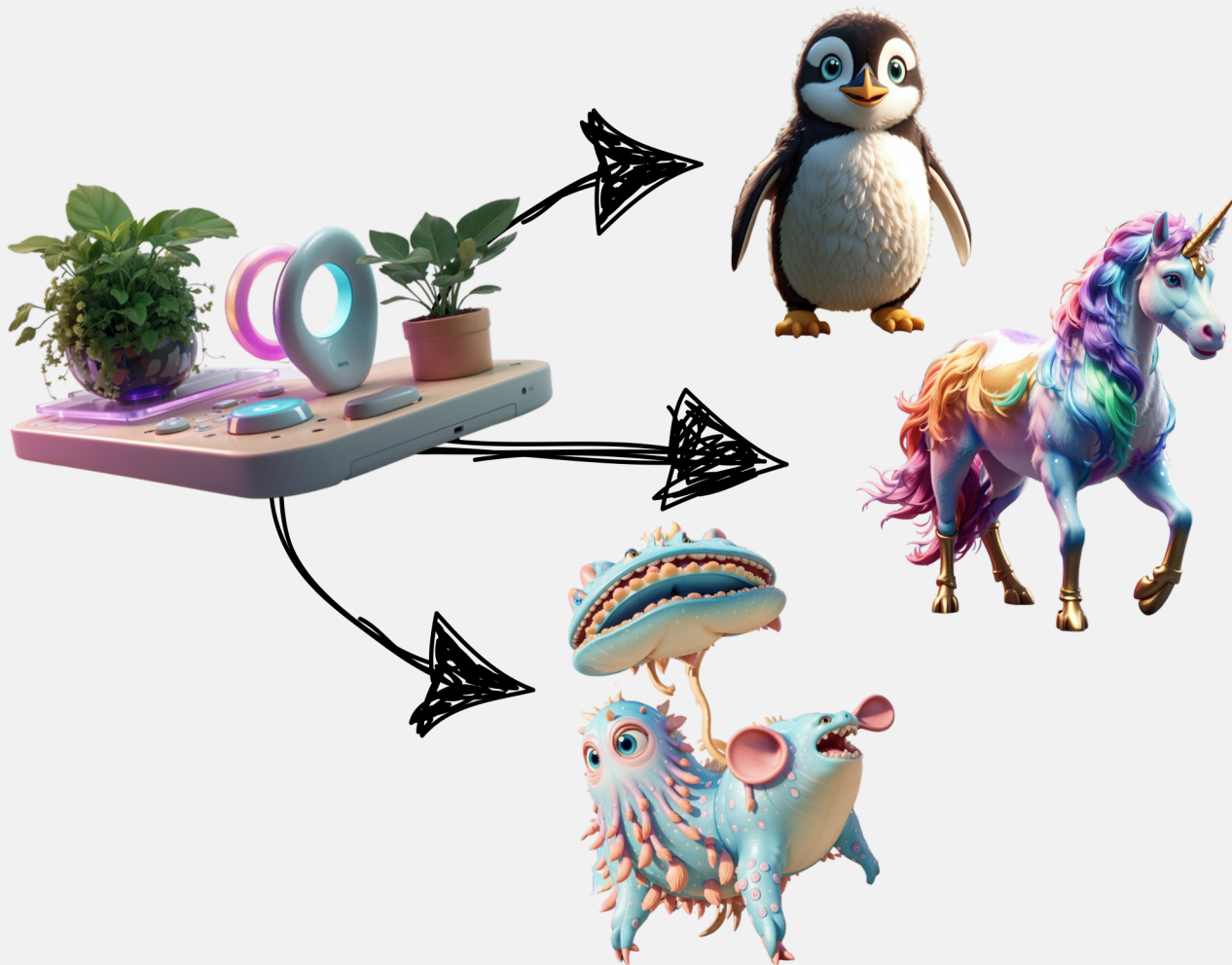
– the project was brought to life!



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

Turning on the Nature Sensor, Albiana put the hearing input device up to her ear to listen to the plants surrounding the pasta piles. The trees, flowers, and aloe vera plants were speaking to her!





The Nature Sensor discovered that the trees whispered, “forest penguin,” the flowers said, “utopian unicorns,” and the aloe vera plants murmured, “monskibidioctopus.”

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 Unicorn Utopia. Albiana asked the unicorns if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just laughed.



Plain pasta? We wouldn't eat anything that wasn't underneath a beautiful rainbow, of course!



Albiana had only one
more suspect to go:



the monskibidioctopus.

Albiana put the electric contact lens in her eye in order to spot the monskibidioctopus from far away. Soon, she saw one on the other side of the giant sinkhole.



Hi there! Do you know
anything about the pasta
piles that were recently
found by the sinkhole?



The monskibidioctopus's eyes widened.



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

He quickly scurried away.

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



Albiana knocked on the door.

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

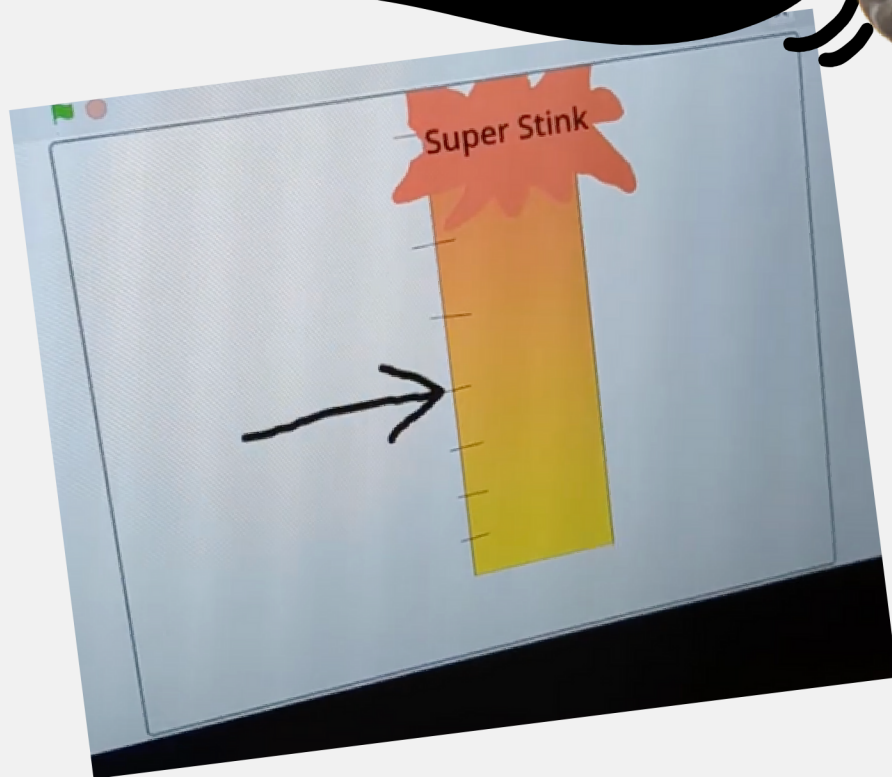


“Ok, fine! It was me! I did it! I caused the pasta disaster. I’m so sorry. Please don’t get me in trouble with Captain Bot! Oh, no! My life is ruined!” the monskibidioctopus confessed in a rush. He began to cry.



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

I am one of Fairley's animal discoveries, along with Madilynn and JD. Captain Bot brought me to life to help her do some science experiments that Fairley designed. I was working on the Super Stinkinator, but it completely malfunctioned! Once it detected the scent of my plate of pasta, it began cloning the noodles. Oh, what a mess!



Super Stinkinator



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

Albiana and the monskibidioctopus said
goodbye and promised to stay in touch.



Albiana 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 Rainbow Radar Vehicle she had with her.



She could use it to find a rainbow and bring it to the pasta piles!

Albiana 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! Albiana solved it with some of Fairley'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.

Fairley's Creative Journey

DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3



DAY 4



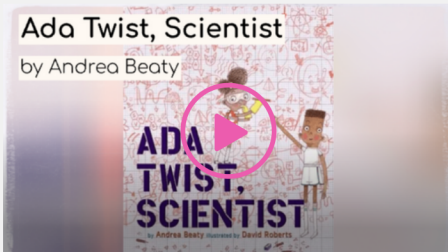
DAY 5



DAY 6



DAY 7



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ABOUT The GIANT Room

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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