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Saily the Dragon and a Peculiar Pasta Mystery

GIANT Storybook
In Collaboration with Leili Feglein





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

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

GIANT CREATIVE
BOT CAMP



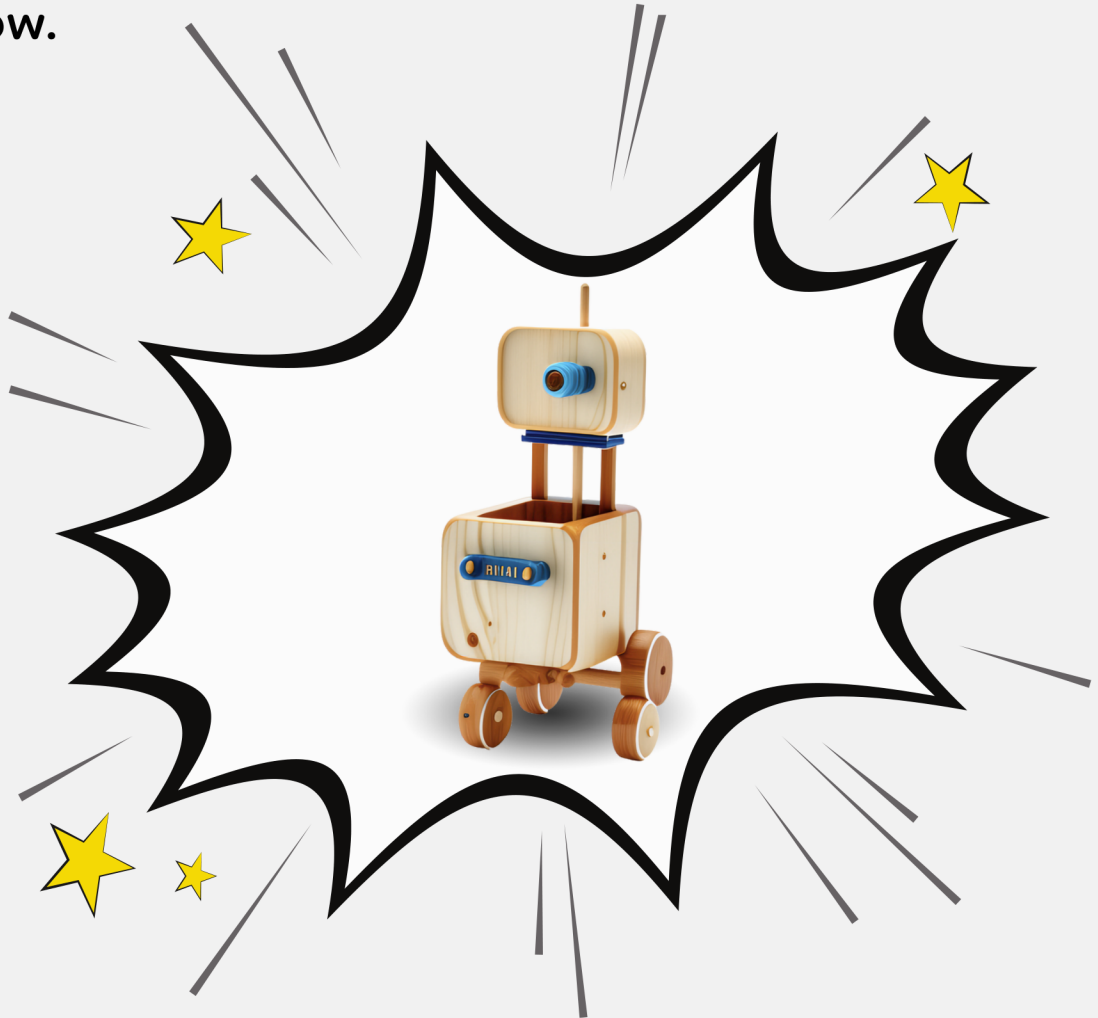
On a beautiful summer day, a girl named Leili was writing in her notebook. She dreamed up a flying dinosaur with brown emerald eyes!



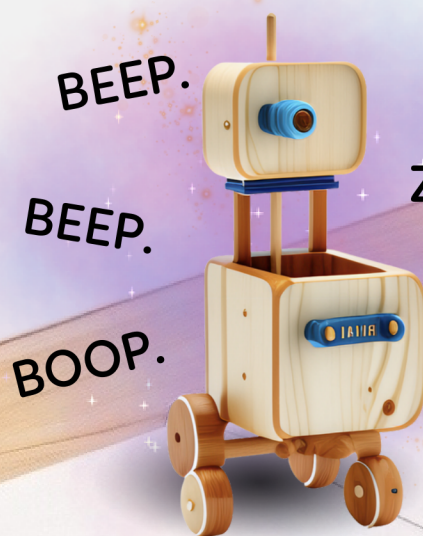
I'll name him...Saily! He'll sail all across the ocean!

A flying dinosaur
(brown with
emerald eyes) that
sails across the
ocean

Finishing the idea, Leili 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 idea of Saily to life.



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

A-I A-I,
Captain Bot!

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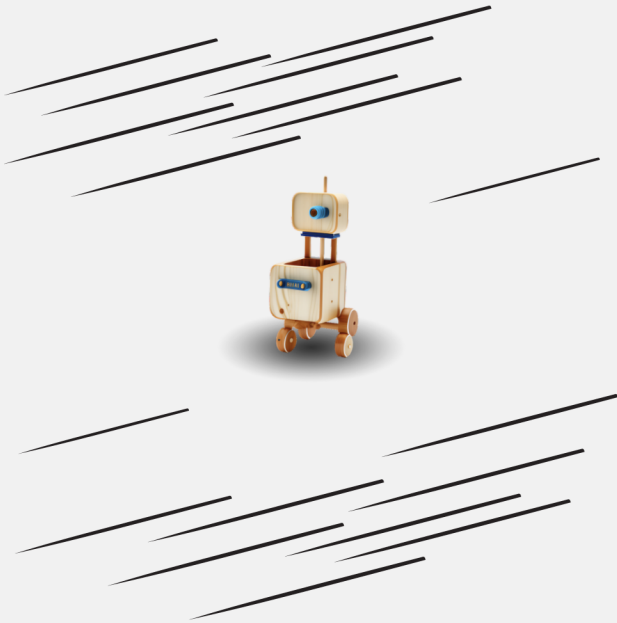


Captain Bot heard Leili coming back to her room.



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

Saily put the device in his pocket and waved goodbye to Captain Bot. He looked around the room, trying to find somewhere to go before Leili came back.





On Leili's floor,
he found
another one of
her creations: it
was a cave
sinkhole full of
shells, creeping
vines, snakes
and butterflies.

“COWABUNGA!” Saily shouted as he jumped into the creation, entering a brand new universe.





Saily was heading into the cave sinkhole, when he smelled something coming from the other direction. He followed the scent until he 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?!” Saily asked himself.

A cartoon dinosaur character, resembling a T-Rex, stands on the left side of the image. It has brown skin, green eyes, and a small green plant on its head. It is wearing a brown jacket over a green shirt and green shorts. The dinosaur is pointing towards a massive, towering pile of various pasta shapes, including fusilli, penne, and shells, which fills the right side of the image. A speech bubble is positioned in the center of the image, containing the text "There must be at least 300 pounds of pasta!".

There must be at least 300 pounds of pasta!

He knew there was only one way to figure it out – he needed the expertise of Captain Bot! He pulled out his teleportation device and zapped himself to...

CREATE MODE ✨
METROPOLIS ✨



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



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

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



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

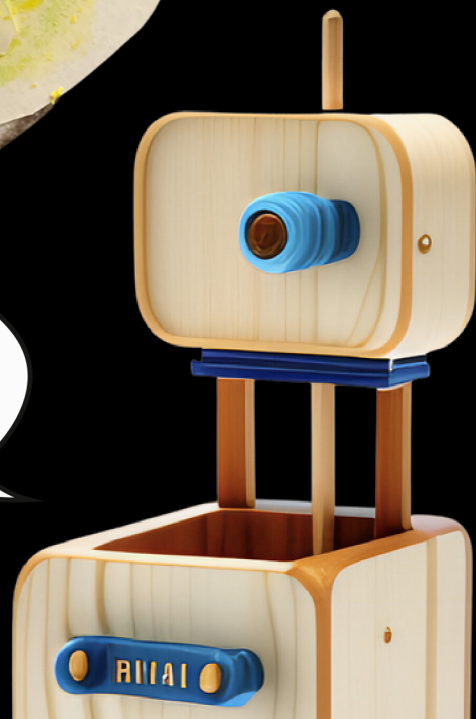


Captain Bot showed one of Leili's creations.

This is a Boat
Snack. It is
Papillon Pasta
with salt and
pepper.



Could this project
help you?



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



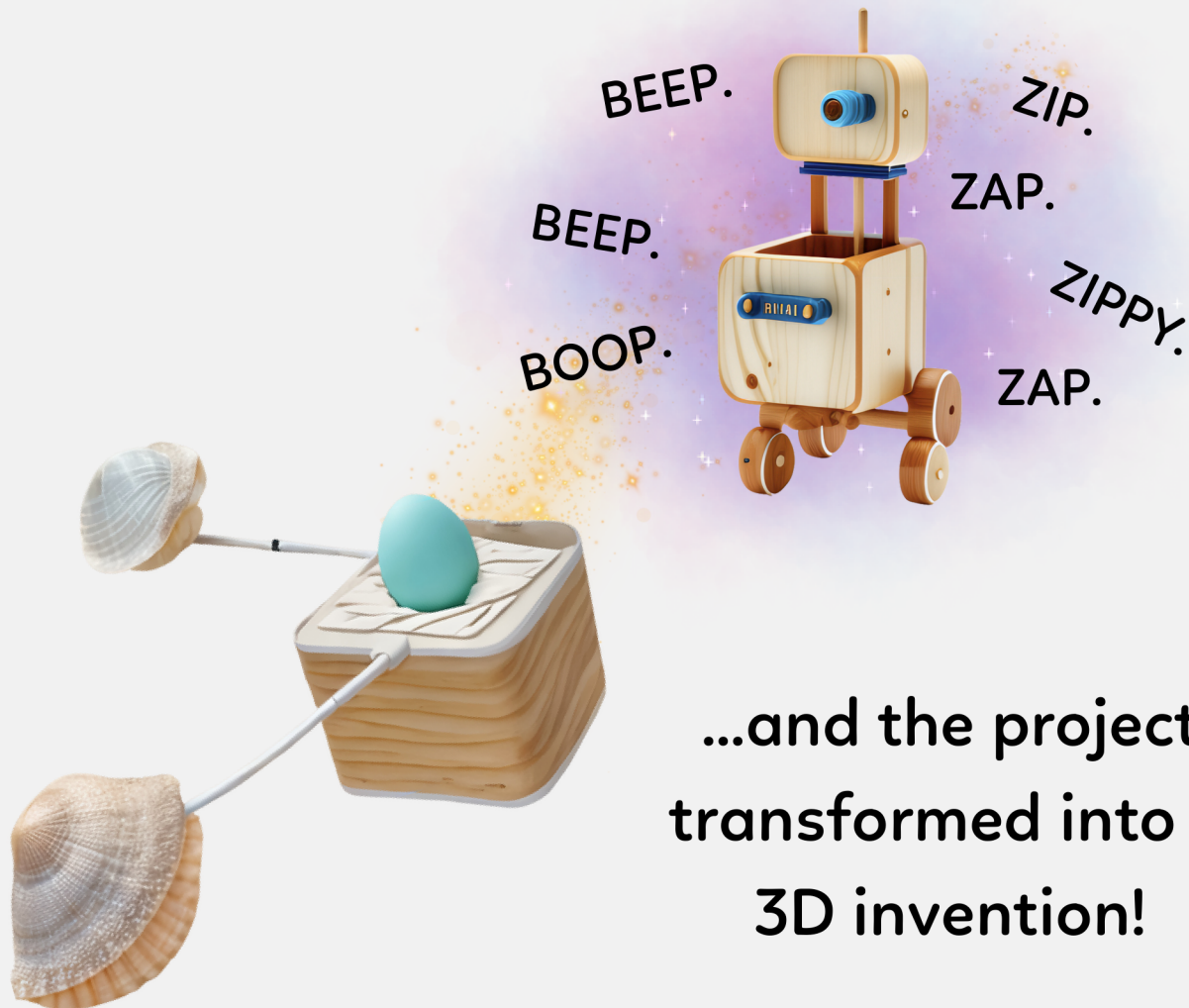
This is a Nature Listener. With one shell you can hear plants and with the other you can hear ocean creatures. The egg turns the device on.



Haha, oops! What about this project?



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

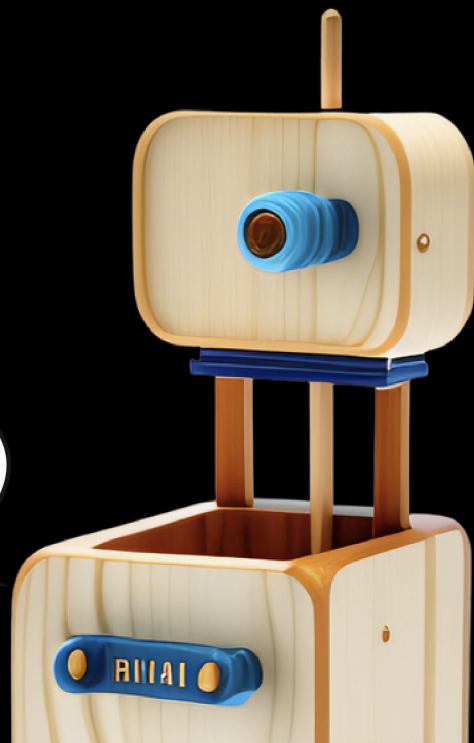


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!

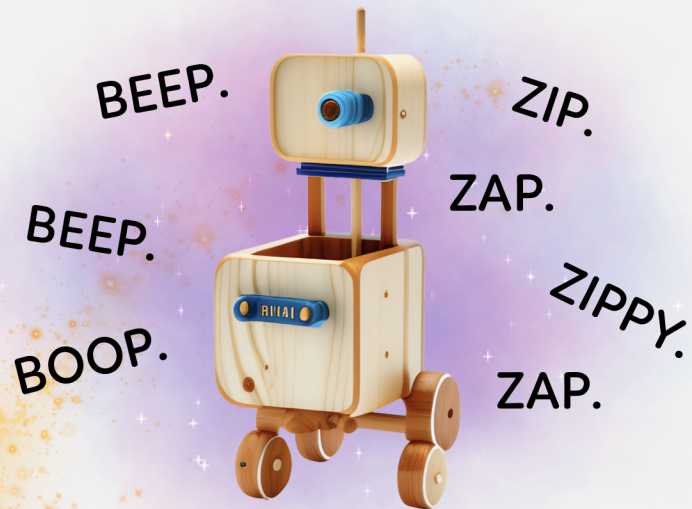


This mermaid tail attaches to boats to help them stay afloat during a storm and can steer a boat to any location you ask it to find.

Next up is the Mermaid Tail.



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



...and the project
popped into 3D!



And finally, Leili's last
creation is a Rainbow
Nature Box.

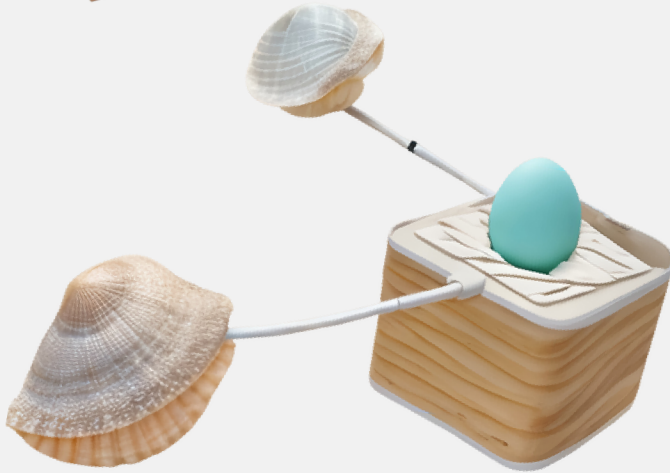


“Yes! Yes! YES!” Saily replied. Though he wasn’t quite sure what to do with this rainbow project, yet...

Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



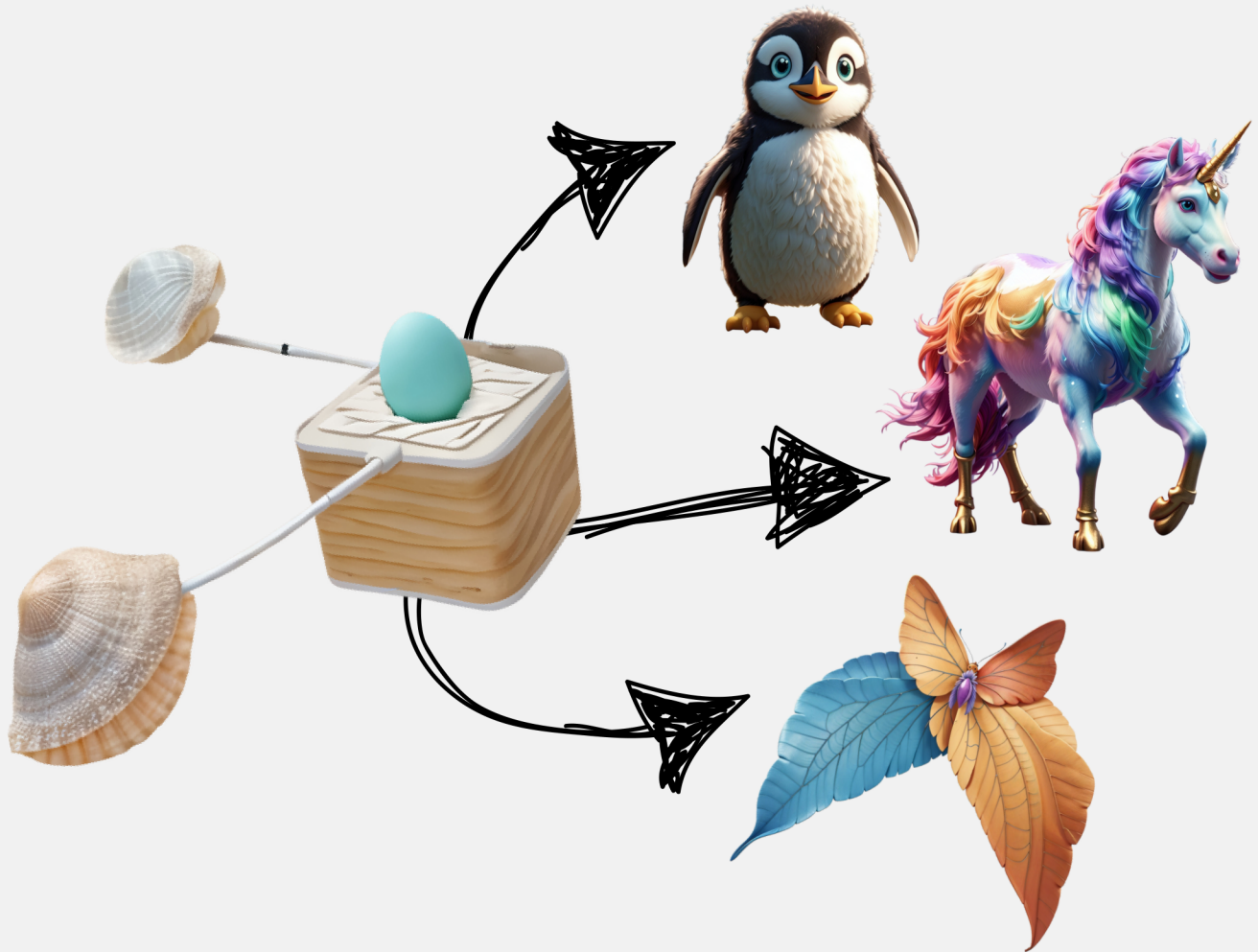
– the project was brought to life!



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

Turning on the Nature Listener, Saily put one shell up to his ear to listen for any clues from the plants surrounding the pasta piles. The trees, flowers and creeping vines were speaking to him!





The Nature Listener discovered that the trees whispered, “forest penguin,” the flowers said, “utopian unicorns,” and the creeping vines murmured, “sea butterflies.”

In the Penguin Village, he asked the forest penguins if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just shook their heads.



Next, he went to the Unicorn Utopia. Saily 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!



Saily had only one more
suspect to go:



the sea butterflies.

Saily took out the Mermaid Tail and attached it to his boat.

“Take me to the sea butterflies, please!”

The tail navigated the boat right to the home of the sea butterflies.



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



The butterfly's eyes widened.



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

She quickly darted away.

Saily thought she seemed familiar, so he sneakily followed behind her. She flew into an inventor's workshop and covered a large machine with a blanket.

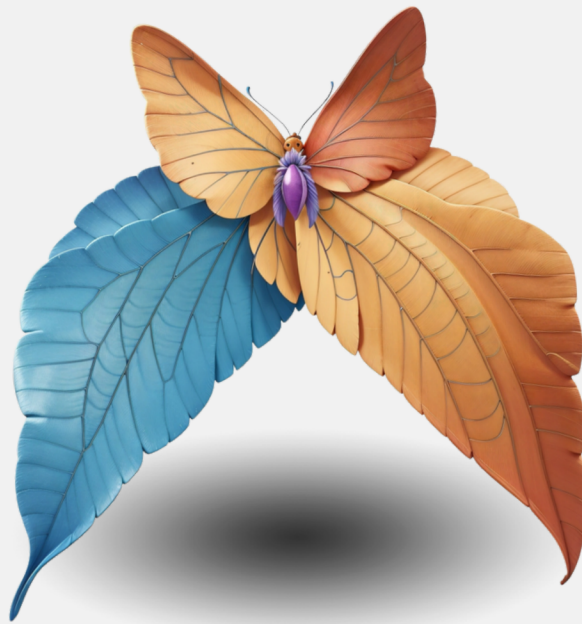


Saily knocked on the door.

“Sorry to bother you again. You remind me of one of Leili’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 butterfly confessed in a rush. She began to cry.



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

I am one of Leili's animal discoveries. Captain Bot brought me to life to help her do some science experiments that Leili designed. I was working on an underwater garden, but it completely malfunctioned! Instead of growing flowers, it began growing noodles. I tried hiding them near the sinkhole, so no one would notice. Oh, what a mess!



Underwater Garden



“Wow, it sounds like you are a talented engineer! Though, the underwater garden probably does need some adjustments,” Saily said encouragingly.

After Saily and the butterfly said
goodbye, he sailed back to shore.



Saily had finally solved the
pasta mystery!



But there was one last problem...



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

I can't eat all of this by myself, he thought. Just then, he remembered the Rainbow Nature Box in his pocket. Inside, he found rainbow salt and pepper.



He could add this to the pasta to make it rainbow-colored!

Saily smiled super wide. He 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! Saily solved it with some of Leili'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.

Leili's Creative Journey

DAY 1



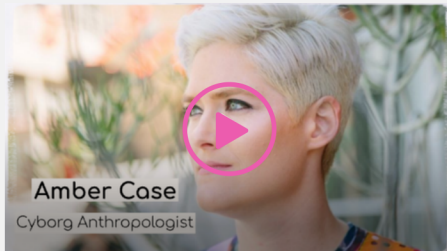
DAY 2



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.

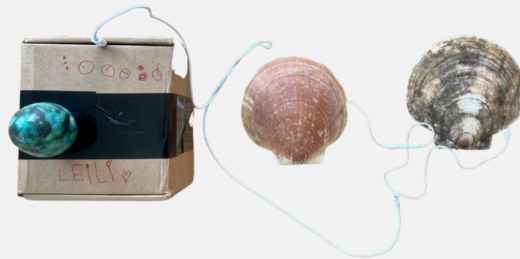
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