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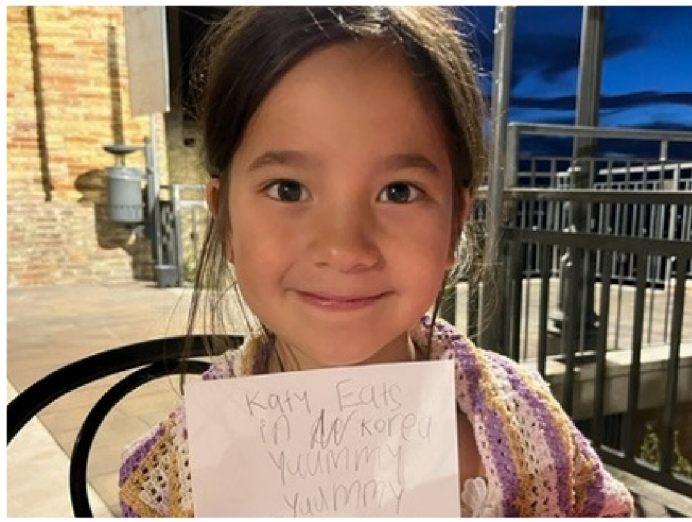




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A storybook written by The GIANT Room
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We invited Mia and her family to participate in GIANT Creative Bootcamp, a program designed to boost creativity, ideation, and design thinking skills! For one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

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

GIANT CREATIVE
BOT CAMP



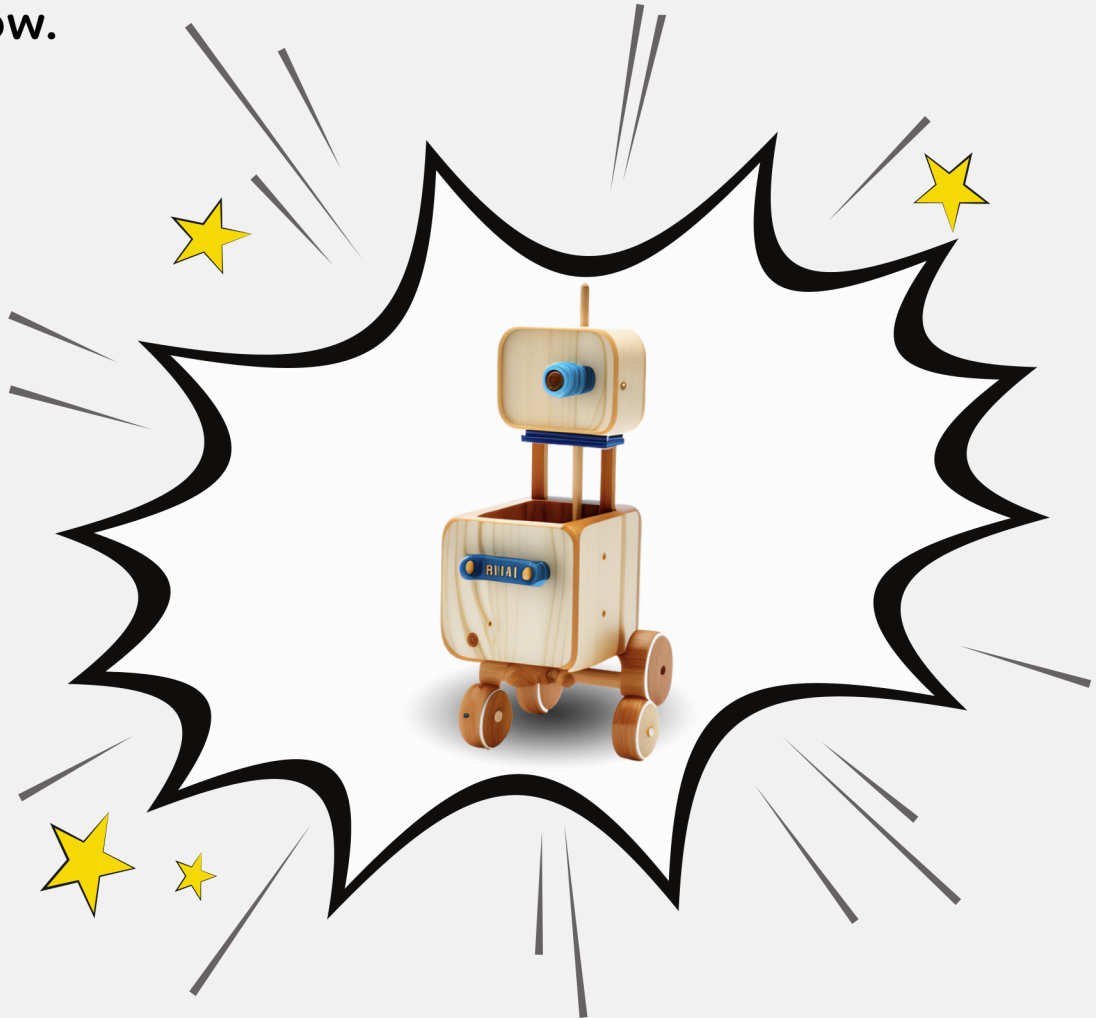
On a beautiful summer day, a girl named Mia was doodling in her notebook. She sketched a storybook character!



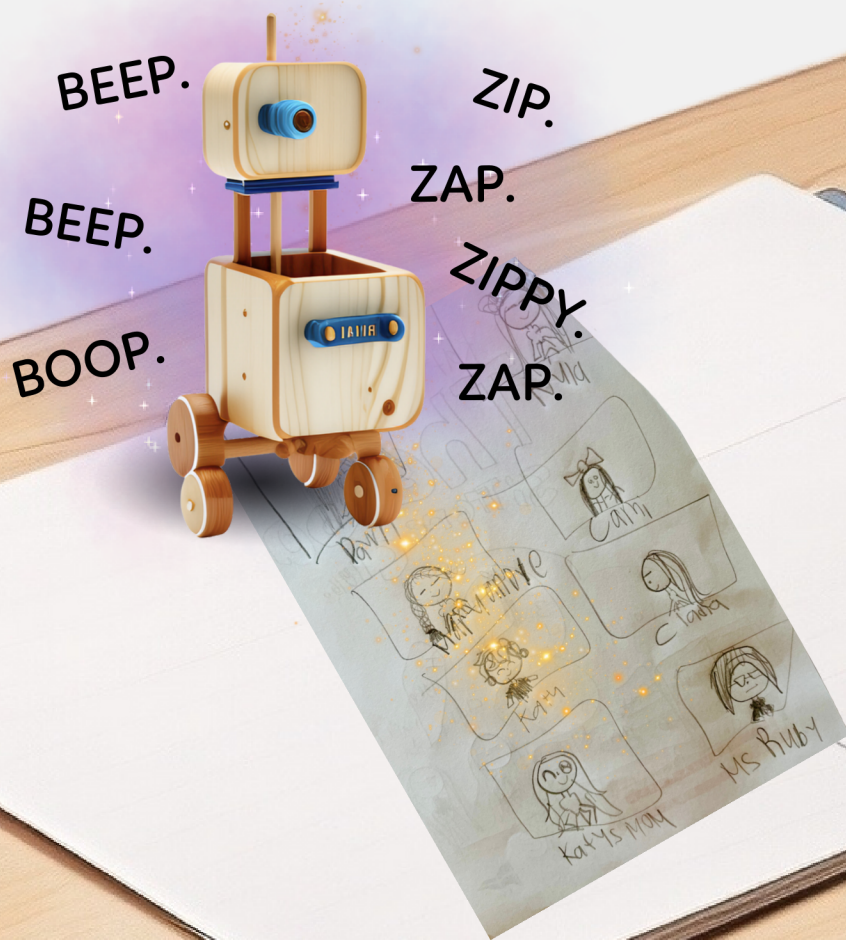
I'll name her...Katy! She has blonde hair and wears a flower dress, white overalls, and pink slippers. She has a special necklace that her sister gave her for her birthday.



Finishing the sketch, Mia 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 Katy to life...



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

A-I A-I,
Captain Bot!

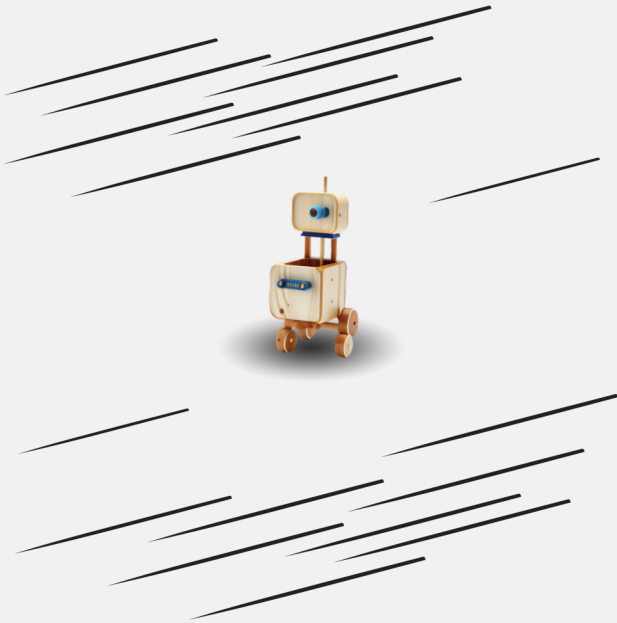


Captain Bot heard Mia coming back to her room.



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

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



On Mia's desk, she found
some of her writings about
South Korea.



“COWABUNGA!” Katy shouted as she jumped into the notebook, entering a brand new country!





Katy was exploring the South Korean countryside, 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?!” Katy 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, Katy! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

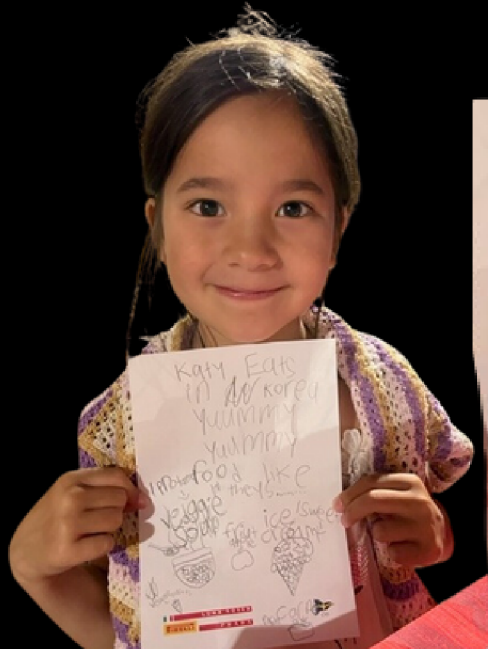
“Well,” Katy explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped in South Korea! Do you know why?”



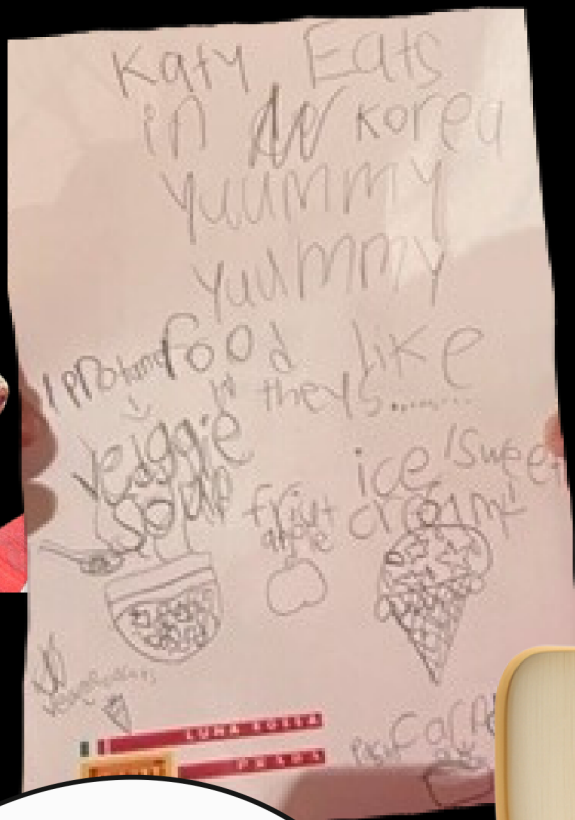
Nope! But I can help you by bringing more of Mia's ideas to life. They might come in handy while you solve this mystery... You see, in Create Mode Metropolis, we collect kids' inventions from all over the world and store them for mystery solvers like you.



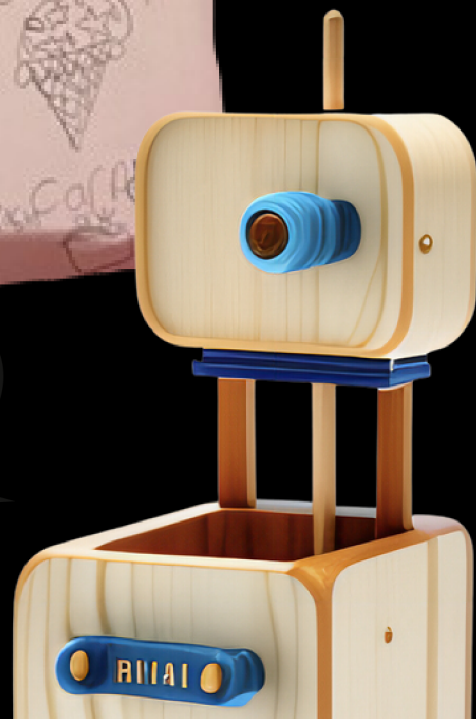
Captain Bot showed one of Mia's creations.



This is some Korean food, including veggie soup, ice cream, apples, and cake.



Could this project help you?

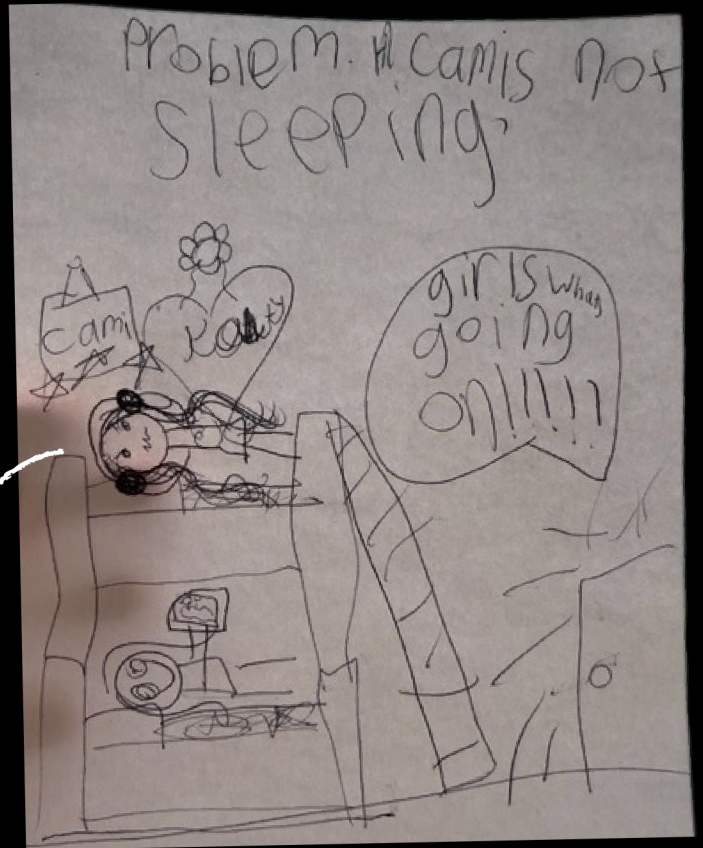


Katy started laughing. “Delectable food perfection... BUT, I don’t want to eat anything, Captain Bot! I want to find out how all that pasta got there and who did it!”



Here is a story about solving the problem of not being able to sleep!

Haha, oops! What about this project?



These are special headphones that block out all noise and play lullabies to help you fall asleep.

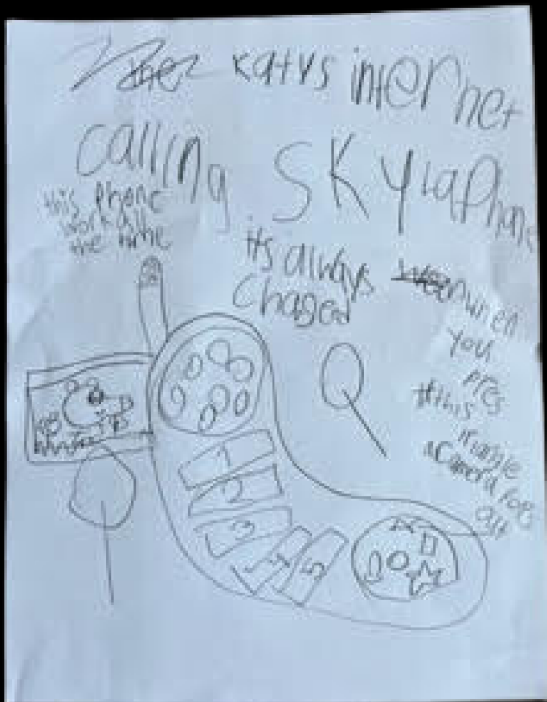


“WHOA! That looks SUPER useful!” Katy shouted excitedly. Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...

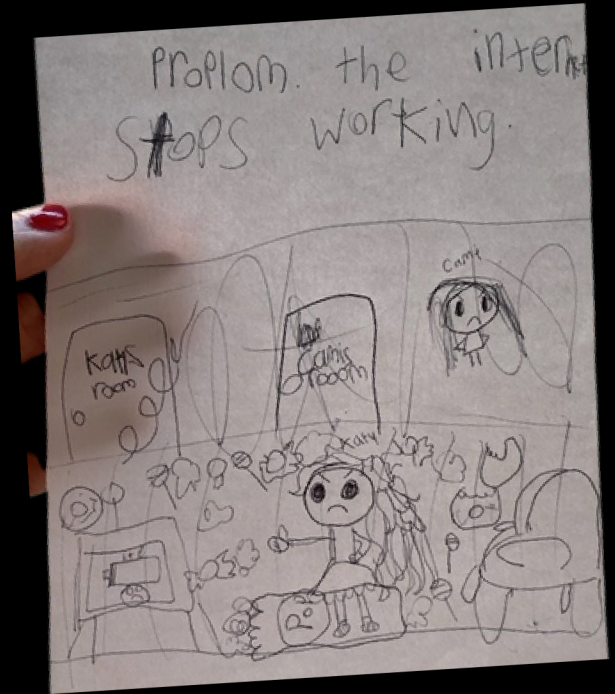


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!

Here is a story about
solving the problem
of broken WiFi.



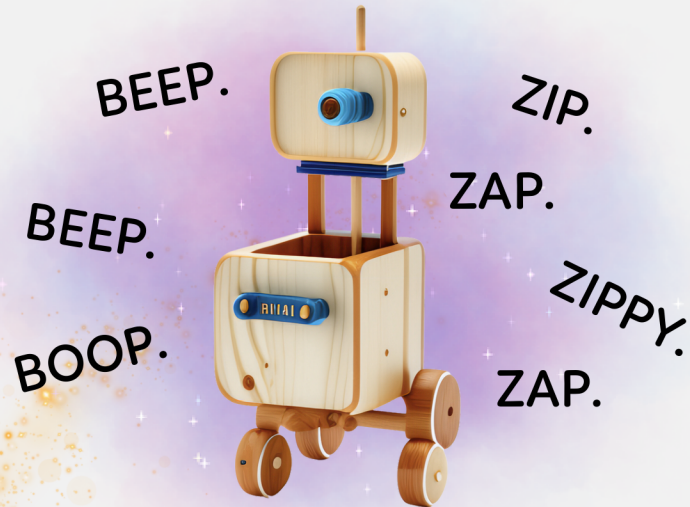
This is a special phone
that will always work even
without an internet signal!



Next up is the
WiFi-less Phone.



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



...and the project
popped into 3D!

And finally, Mia's last creation is
a magical rainbow dream world!
A friendly dog named Tracey
lives at the end of the rainbow.



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

Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



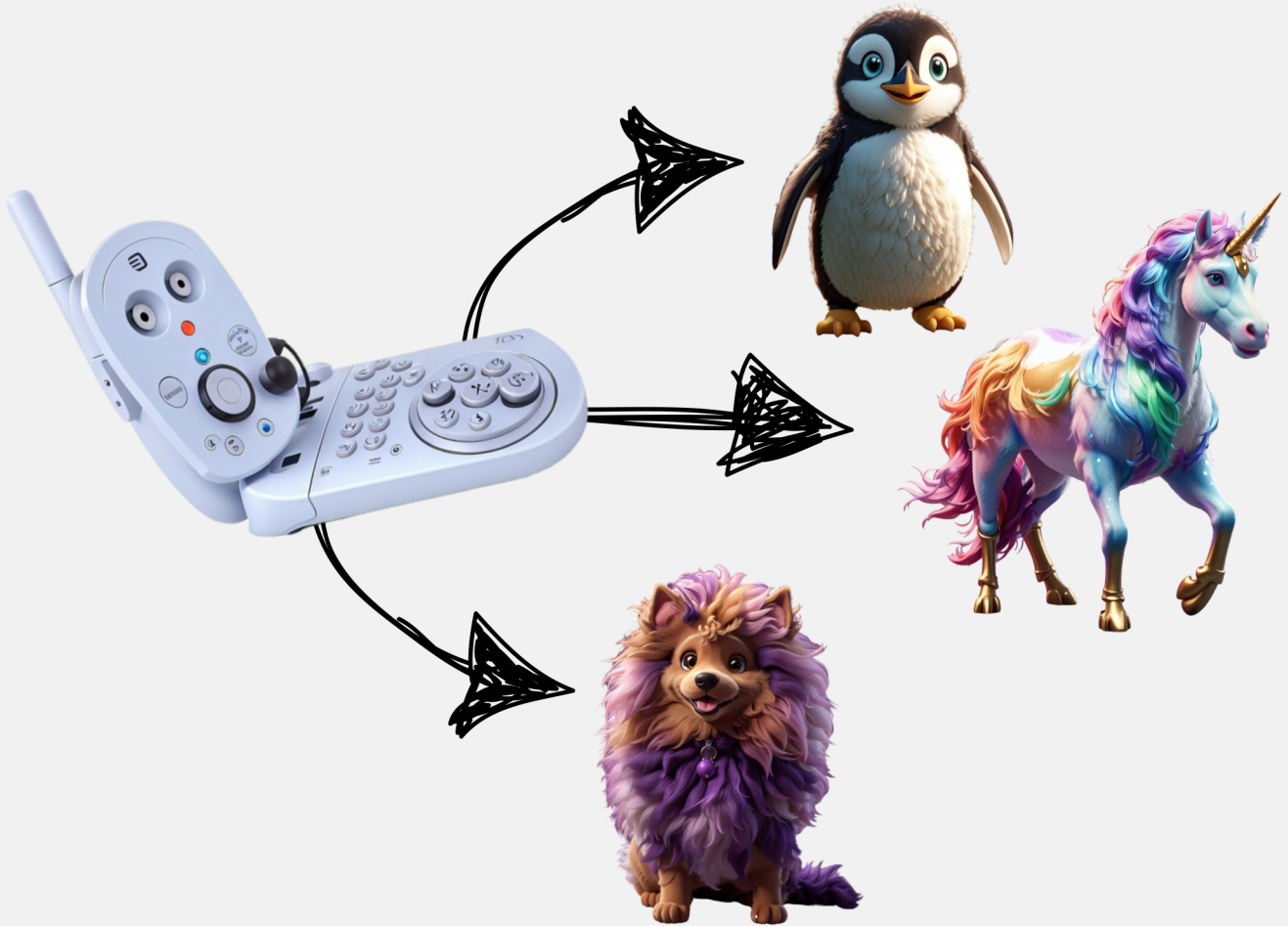
– the project was brought to life!



“Thank you so much, Captain Bot!” Katy exclaimed, gathering the projects. She teleported back to South Korea to get started on solving this mystery.

Turning on the WiFi-less Phone, Katy opened the scanner app to find some clues about the origin of these noodles. It detected some fingerprints!





After some calculations, the machine discovered that the fingerprints could only belong to three creatures: a forest penguin, a utopian unicorn, or a rainbow dog.

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

Piles of pasta? We
would never eat off the
forest floor. How dirty!



Next, she went to Unicorn Utopia. Katy 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!



Katy had only one more
suspect to go:



the rainbow dog.

Katy put on the special headphones and fell asleep as soon as she heard the beautiful lullaby. She woke up in the magical rainbow dream world and soon found Tracey the Dog.



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



Tracey's eyes widened.



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

She quickly ran away.

Katy thought her response seemed suspicious, so she sneakily followed behind her. Tracey dashed into an inventor's workshop and covered a large machine with a blanket.



Katy knocked on the door.


“Sorry to bother you again. What’s that on your workbench?”



“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!” Tracey confessed in a rush. She began to cry.



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



I was working at The Globe, a traveling restaurant that Mia designed. In South Korea, the fairies and I were making the Veggie Soup Supreme, but our magic spells got out of hand. Instead of making more soup, the spells made an uncontrollable amount of pasta. Oh, what a mess!



The Globe is a traveling restaurant operated by high-tech fairies with special powers and a smelly car. The restaurant has a special table with a chandelier for Mia's mom, but she still has to call every day to make a reservation.

The specials are:

- Veggie Soup Supreme: a super duper veggie soup
- Rainbow Drop Ice Cream: served in a big cup with layers of colors, rainbow charms, and clouds. It is made with special technology that prevents the different flavors/colors from mixing as they melt.



The Globe

“Wow, it sounds like you are a talented chef! Though, your spells probably do need some adjustments,” Katy said encouragingly.

Katy and Tracey didn't want to say goodbye yet, so they shook themselves awake to leave the dream world and return to South Korea together.



Katy 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...

It's too much for us to eat all by ourselves,
she thought. Just then, she had an idea.



Tracey, do you know
how to make this pasta
rainbow-colored?

Of course! Easy-peasy!
I just need to call in the
help of my fairy friends
at The Globe.



Katy 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! Katy solved it with some of Mia'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.

Mia's Creative Journey

DAY 1



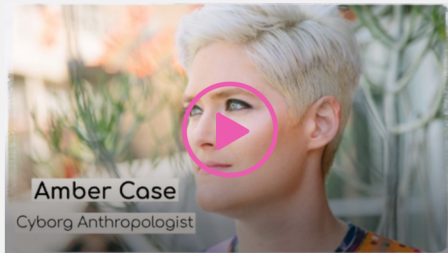
DAY 2



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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