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Super Pinya and a Peculiar Pasta Mystery

GIANT Storybook
In Collaboration with Pinya M.





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We invited Pinya and his family to participate in GIANT Creative Bootcamp, a program designed to boost creativity, ideation, and design thinking skills! For one week, we sent Pinya daily videos with a creative challenge, prompting him to build and make with materials he already had at home.

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

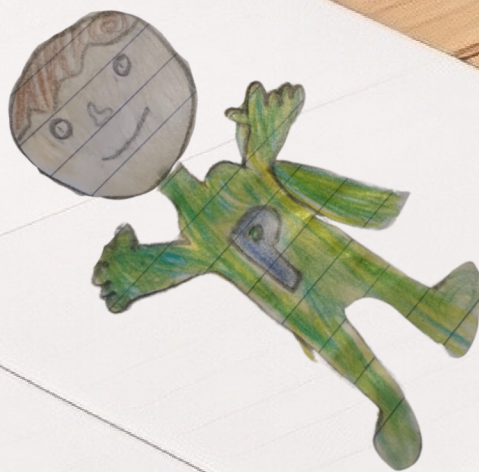
GIANT CREATIVE
BOT CAMP



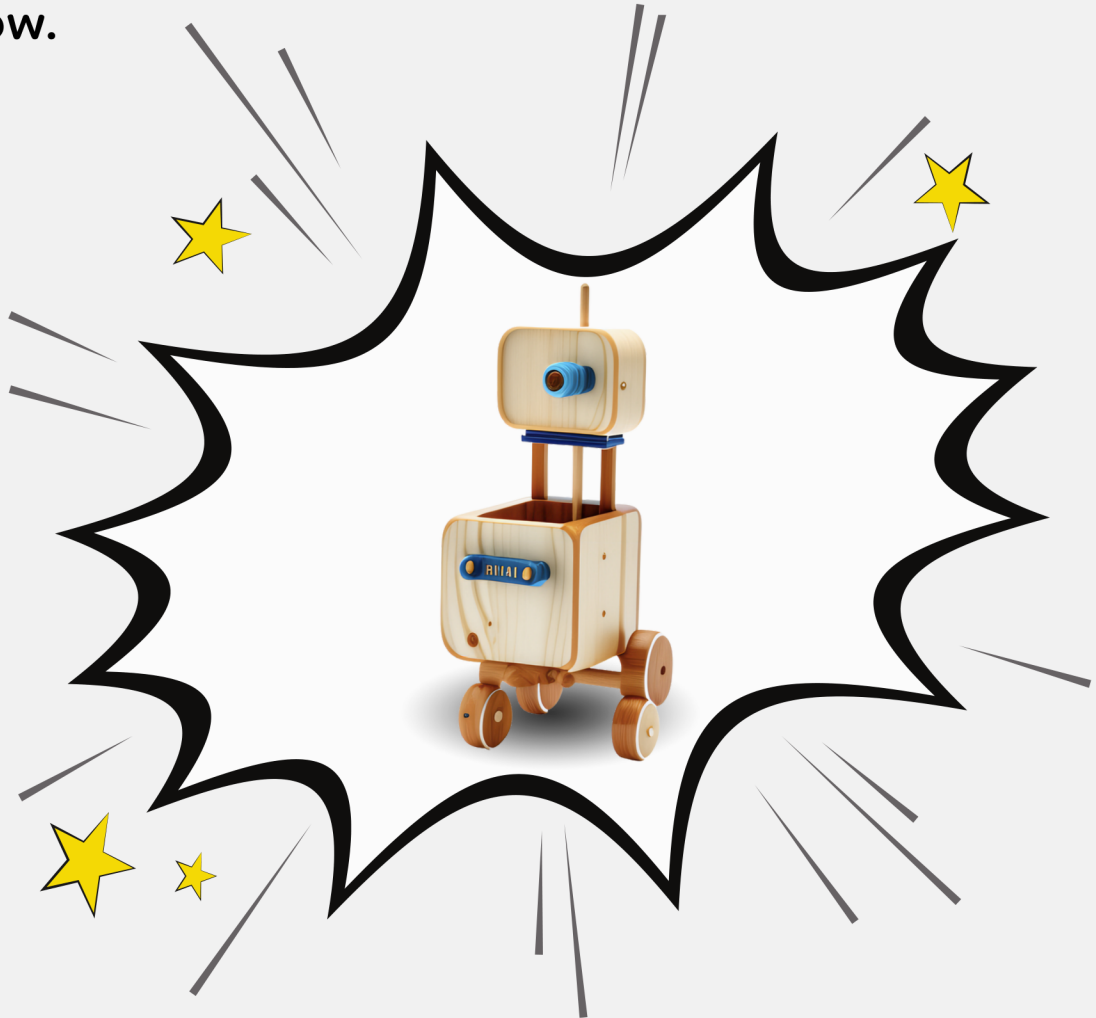
On a beautiful summer day, a boy named Pinya was doodling in his notebook. He sketched himself as an epic superhero!



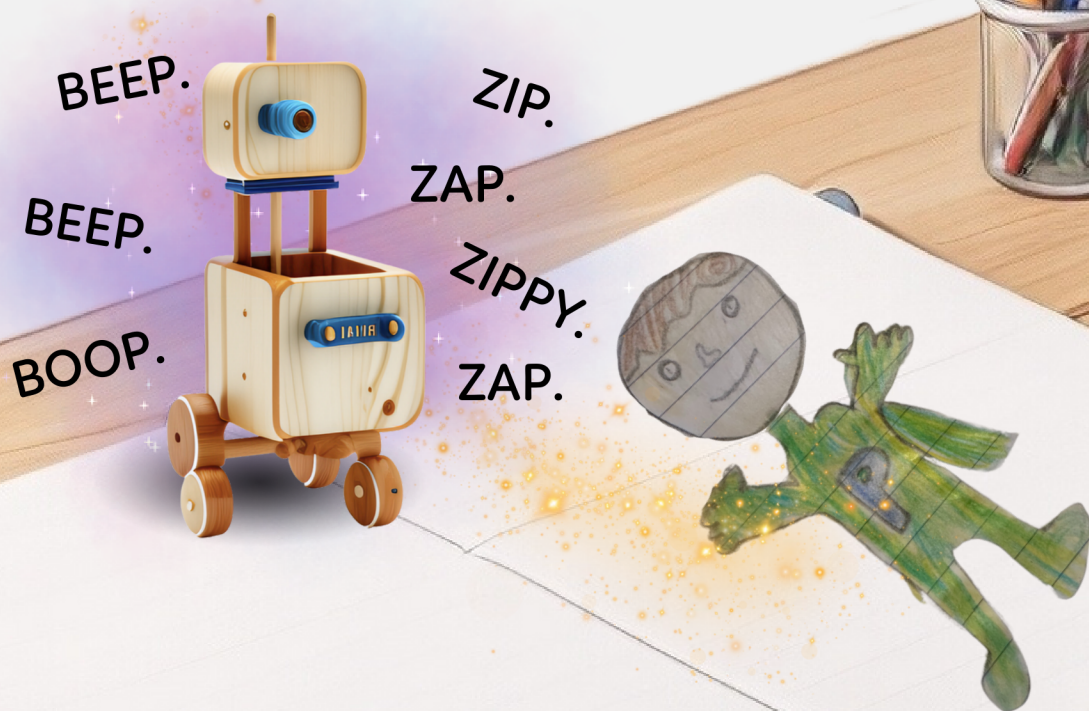
I'll name him...Super Pinya!
He has all the powers of
nature and likes music and
dance parties.



Finishing the sketch, Pinya left his notebook on the table and went to practice his clarinet. As soon as he left the room, Captain Bot, a high-tech artificial intelligence robot, zoomed in through the open window.



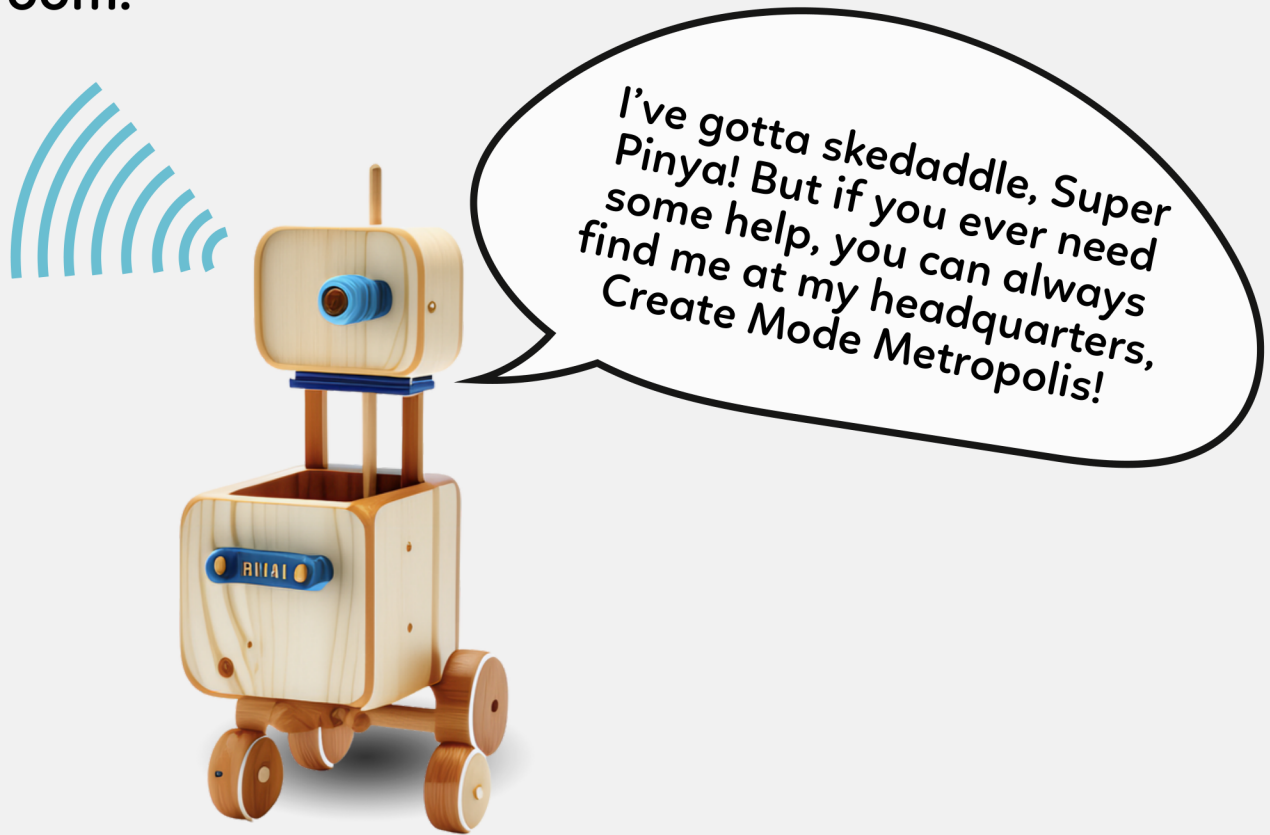
She channeled her AI powers to bring the doodle of Super Pinya to life...



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

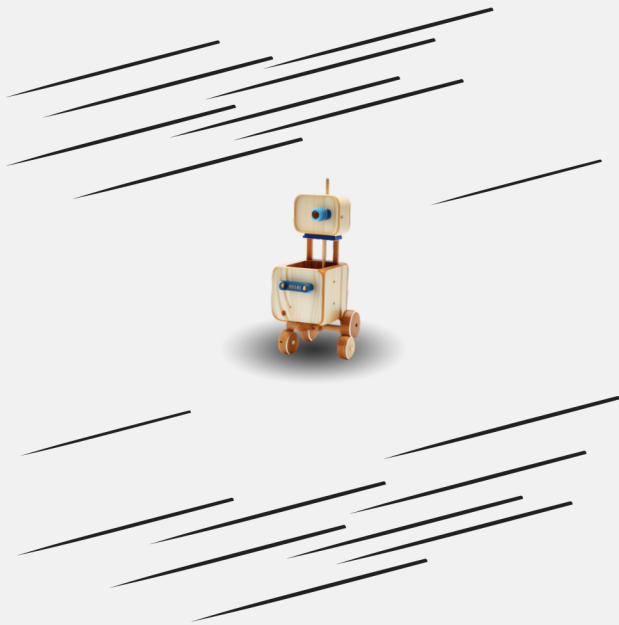


Captain Bot heard Pinya coming back to his room.



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

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



On Pinya's desk, he found another one of his drawings: New York City with a portal to a secret laboratory in an enchanted forest!



“COWABUNGA!” Super Pinya shouted as he jumped into the drawing, entering a brand new universe.





Super Pinya was walking through the enchanted forest, looking for the secret laboratory, 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, in the middle of this enchanted forest?!” Super Pinya asked himself.

A cartoon superhero character with dark hair, wearing a green shirt with a white 'P', blue pants, and a purple cape, stands in the lower left corner. He is surrounded by a massive, towering pile of various pasta shapes, including fusilli, penne, and shells. A speech bubble originates from the pile, 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, Super Pinya! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

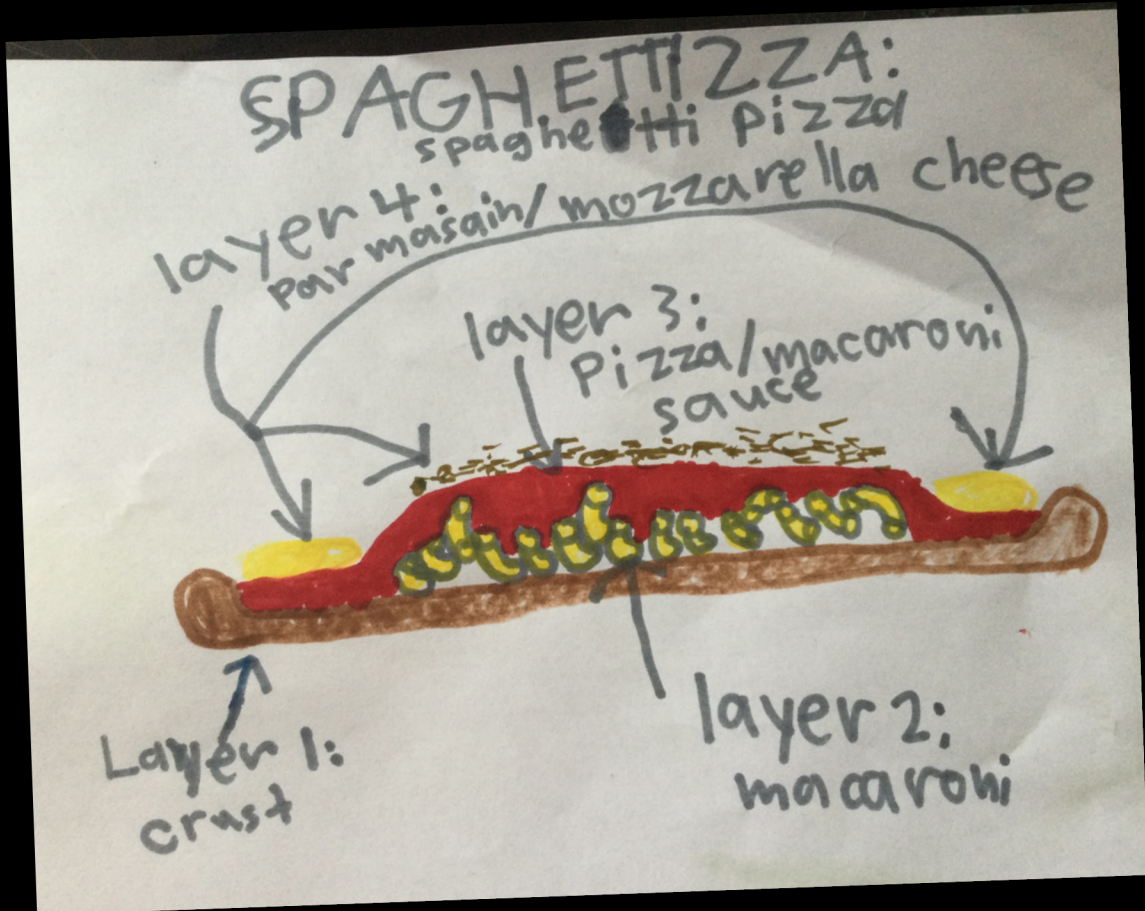
“Well,” Super Pinya explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped into an enchanted forest! Do you know why?”



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

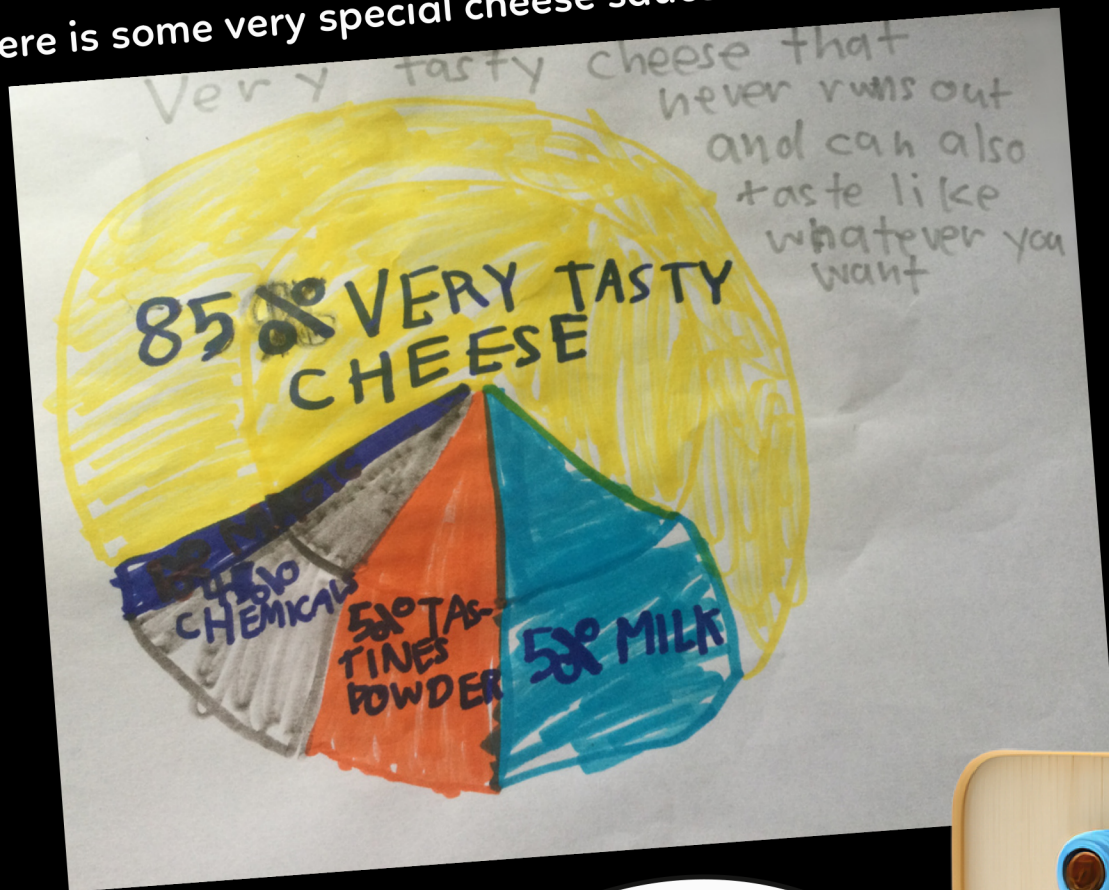


Captain Bot showed two of Pinya's creations.

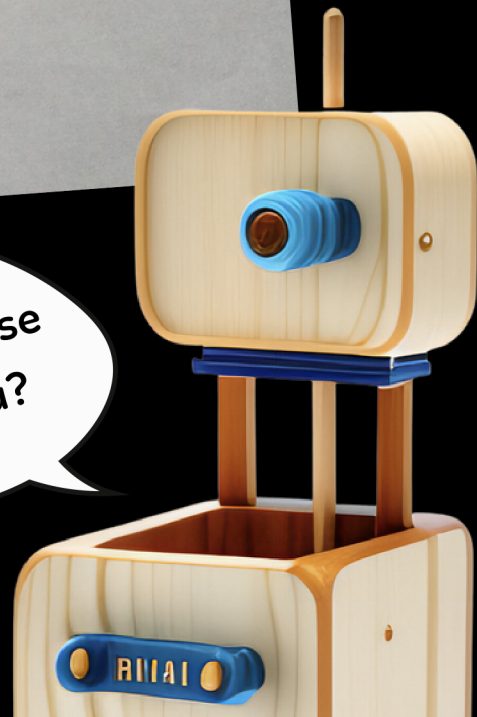


This one is a delicious dish called Spaghettizza.

Here is some very special cheese sauce to add to the pasta.

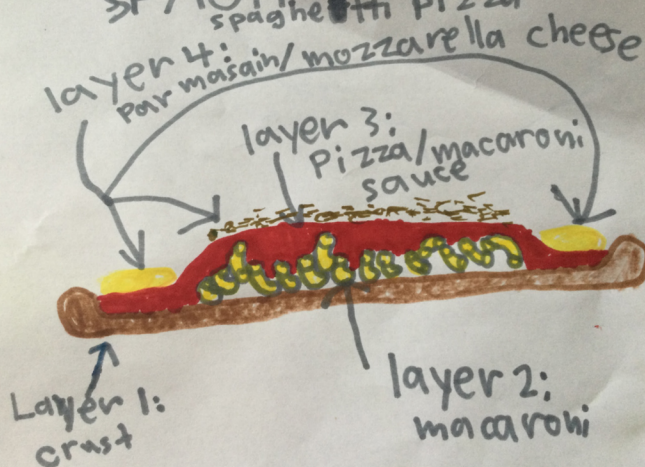


Could either of these projects help you?



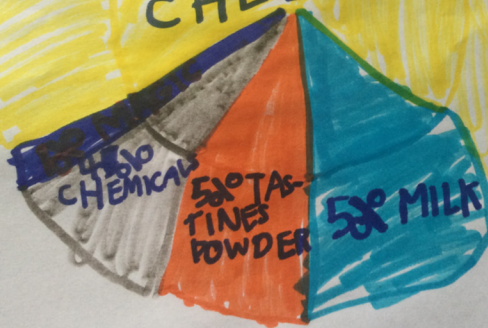
SPAGHETTIZZA:

spaghe~~tti~~ pizza



Very tasty cheese that never runs out and can also taste like whatever you want

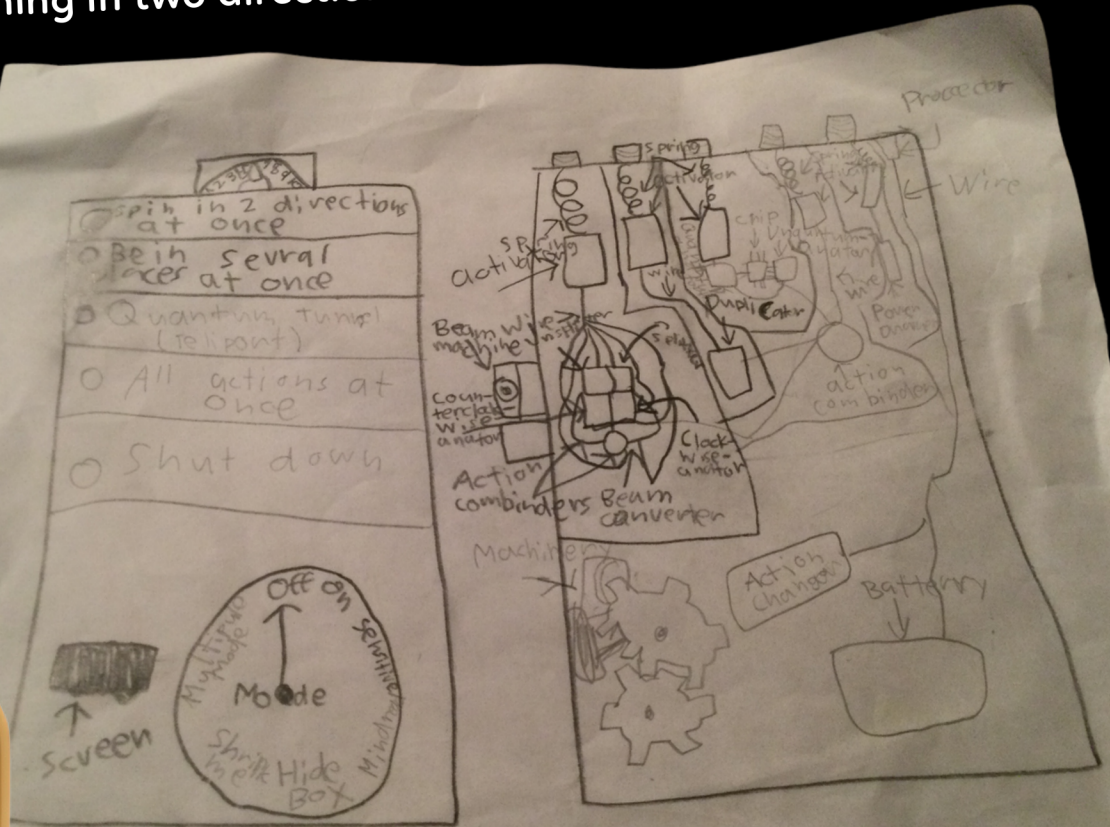
85% VERY TASTY CHEESE



Super Pinya 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!”

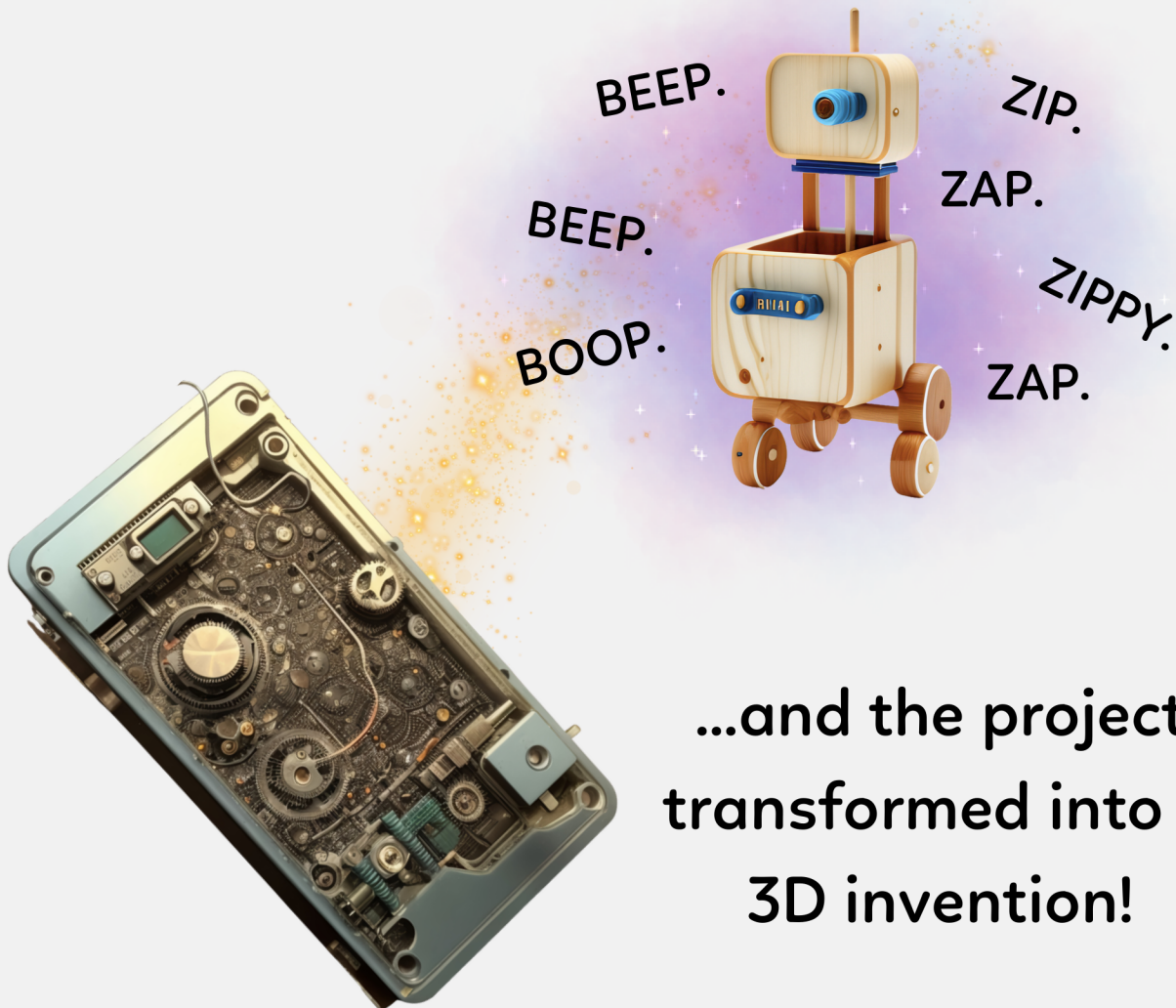


This is the Quantumparticalanator. It can detect particles spinning in two directions at once and quantum tunneling.



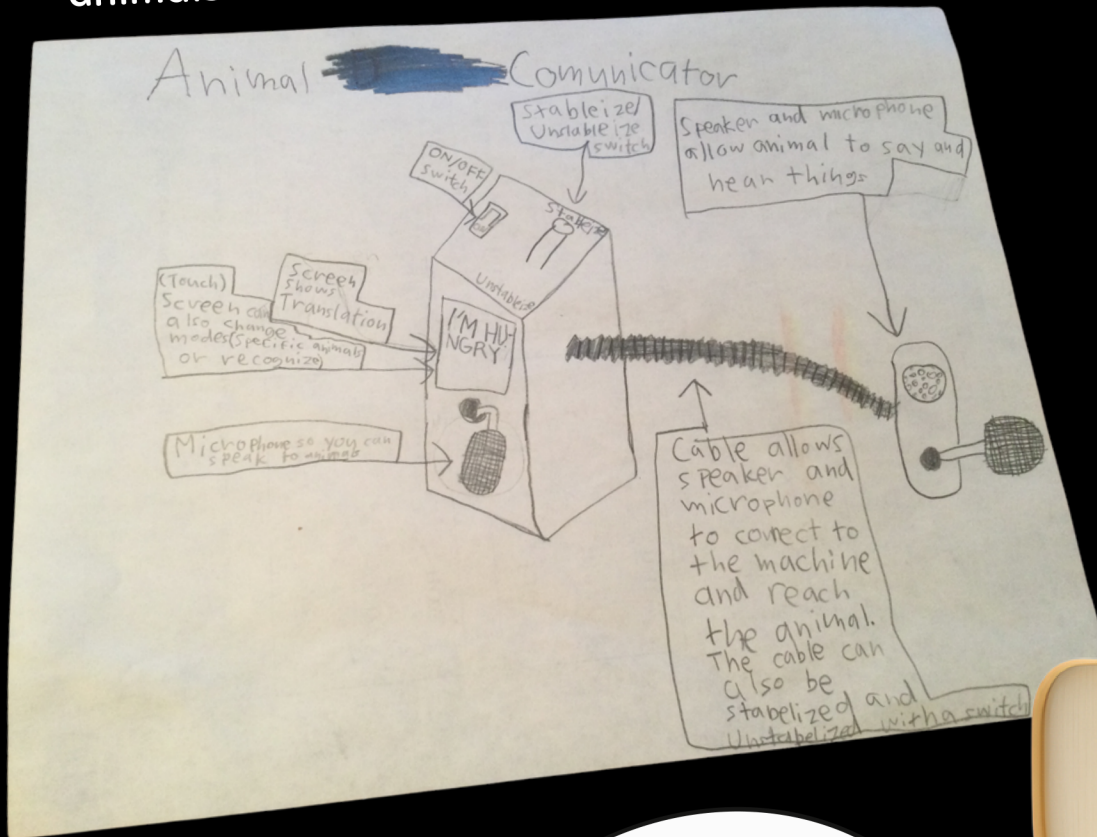
Haha, oops! What about this project?

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

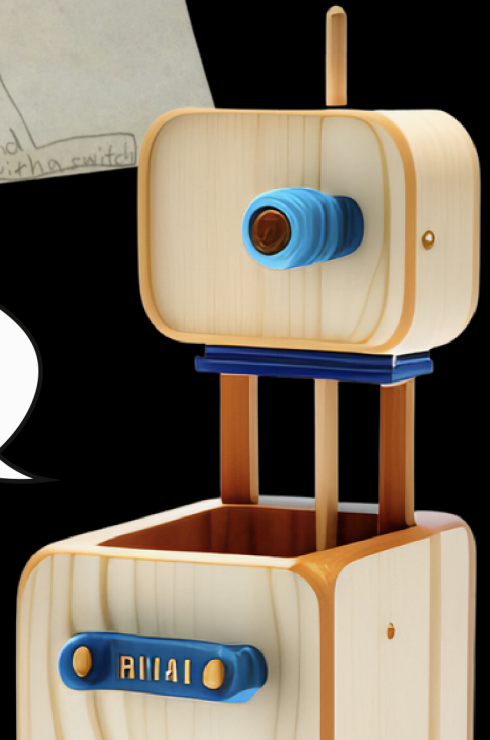


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!

You can use this machine to speak to animals and listen to what they are saying.



Next up is the Animal Communicator.



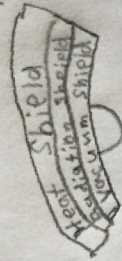
“I definitely need that one,” said Super Pinya.
Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...



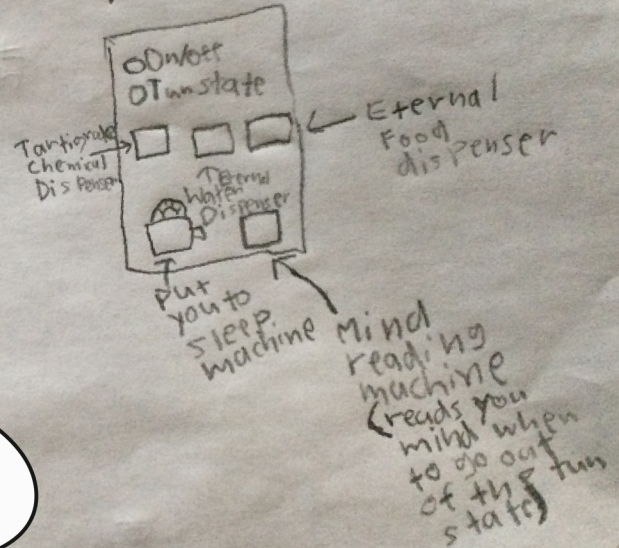
...and the project
popped into 3D!

Tardigrade Shield

Layers



Panel (inside)



I think you'll really like this one!

It's a Tardigrade Shield. This shield allows you to go into a tun state like a tardigrade.



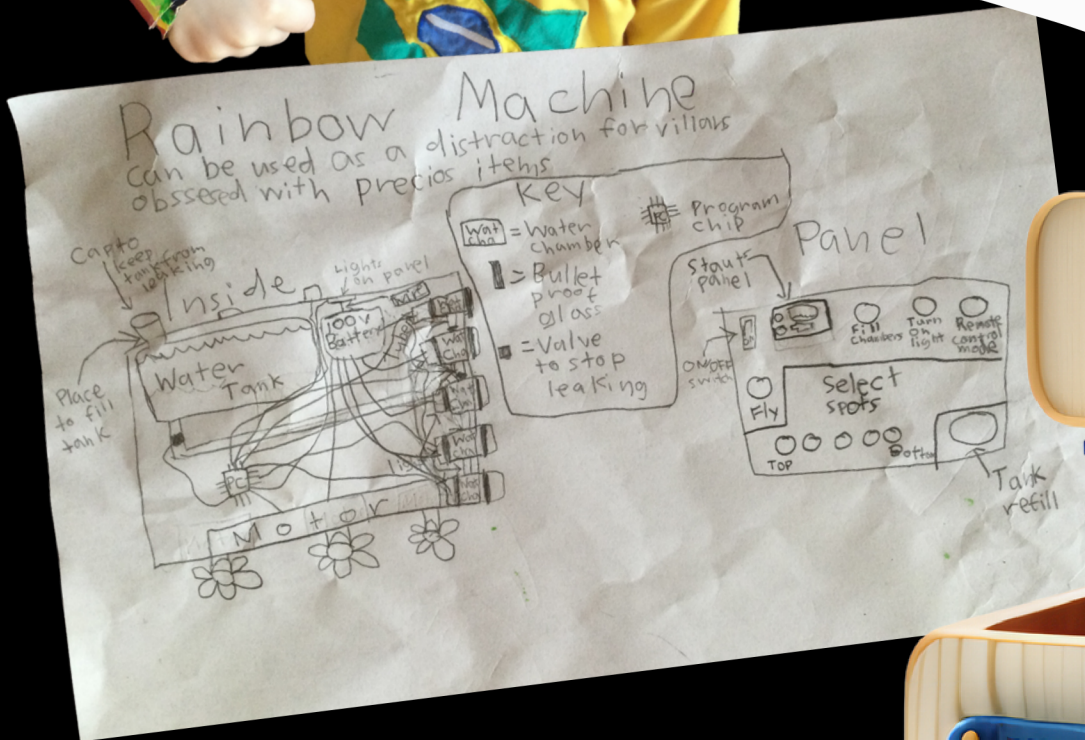
"Yes! Yes! YES!" Super Pinya yelled with excitement. Using Captain Bot's AI powers –



– the project
was now 3D!

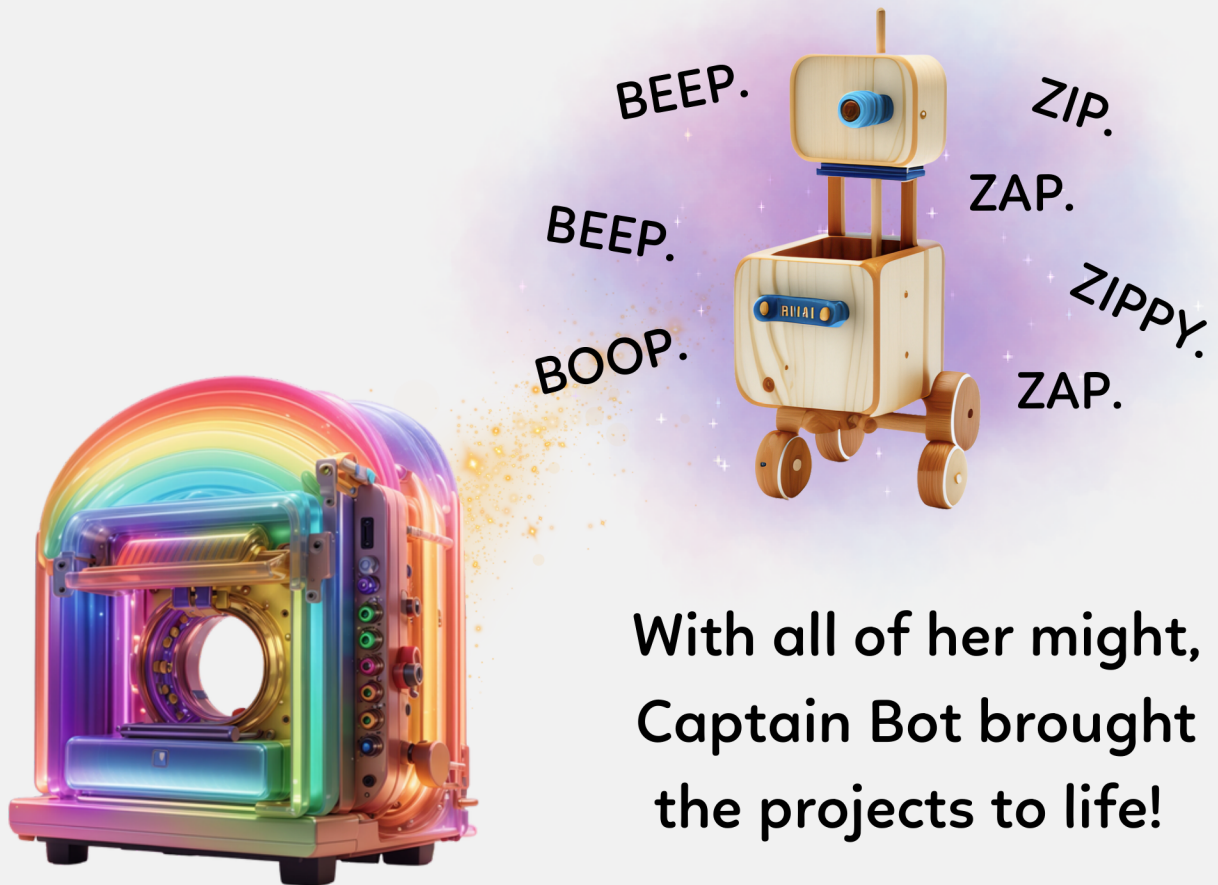


And finally, Pinya's last two creations are rainbow hunting gear and a rainbow making machine.



“I’ll take both, please!” Super Pinya replied. Though he wasn’t quite sure what to do with the rainbow inventions, yet...

“Sure thing,” answered Captain Bot.



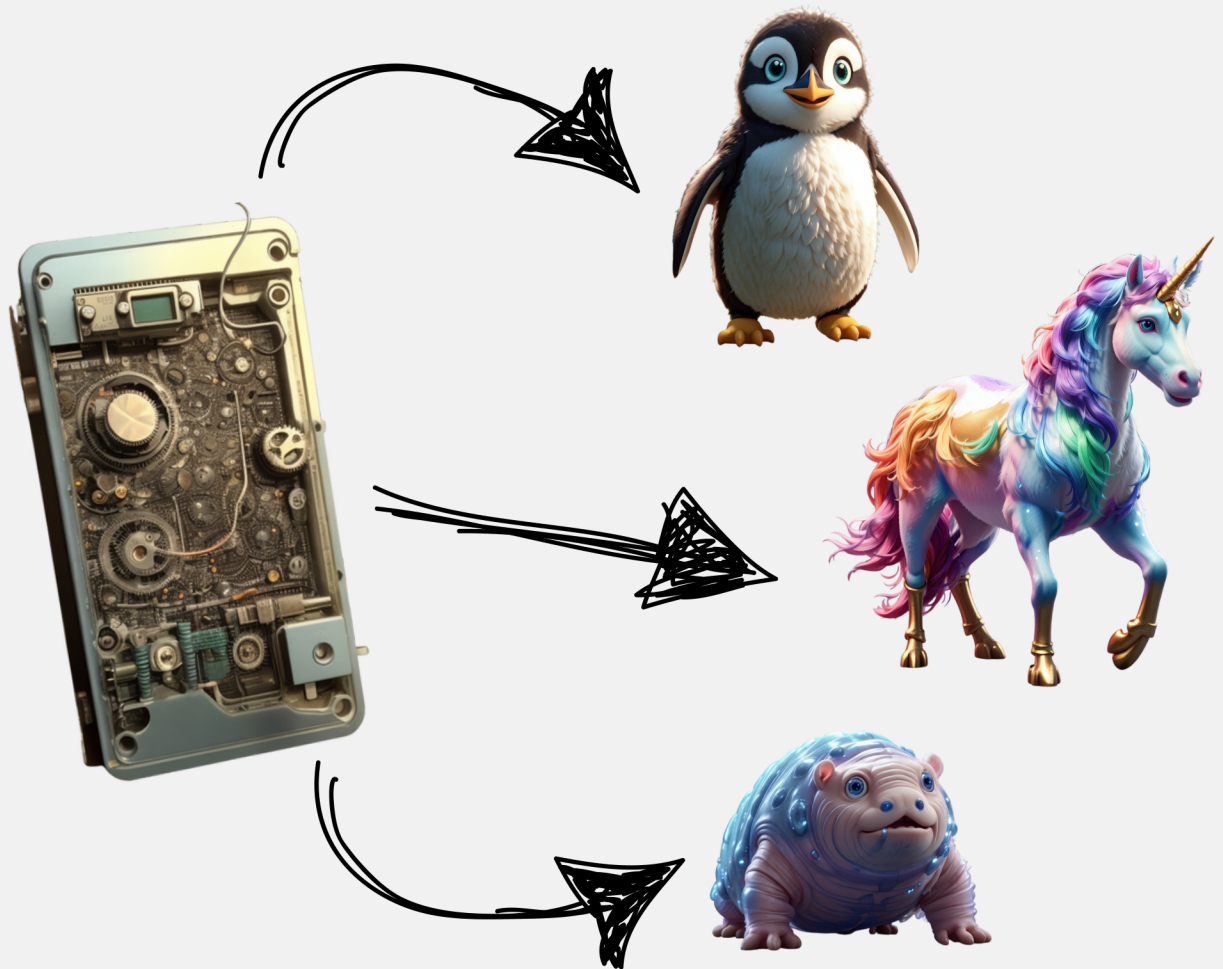
With all of her might,
Captain Bot brought
the projects to life!



“Thank you so much, Captain Bot!” Super Pinya exclaimed, gathering the inventions. He teleported back to the enchanted forest to get started on solving this mystery.

Running the Quantumparticalanator over the pasta, he found quantum particles spinning in two directions at once!





After some calculations, the machine discovered that these particles could only belong to three creatures: a forest penguin, a utopian unicorn, or a tree moss tardigrade.

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 Unicorn Utopia. Super Pinya 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!



Super Pinya had only
one more suspect to go:



the tree moss tardigrade.

Super Pinya put on the Tardigrade Shield. He immediately shrunk down to the size of a small dot and spotted a tardigrade.



“Excuse me,” said Super Pinya, but the tardigrade didn’t pay him any attention.



It seemed that the tardigrade didn’t understand human language!

Super Pinya pulled out the Animal Communicator and spoke into the microphone.



The tardigrade's eyes widened. As she responded, the machine translated her sounds:



Grehfahs, asda.
Yuysiqhs ast uiypod
asdj, aeyqis p!

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

She quickly scurried away.



Super Pinya thought her reaction seemed strange, so he sneakily followed behind her. She turned into an inventor's workshop and covered a large machine with a blanket.



Super Pinya knocked on
the door.

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

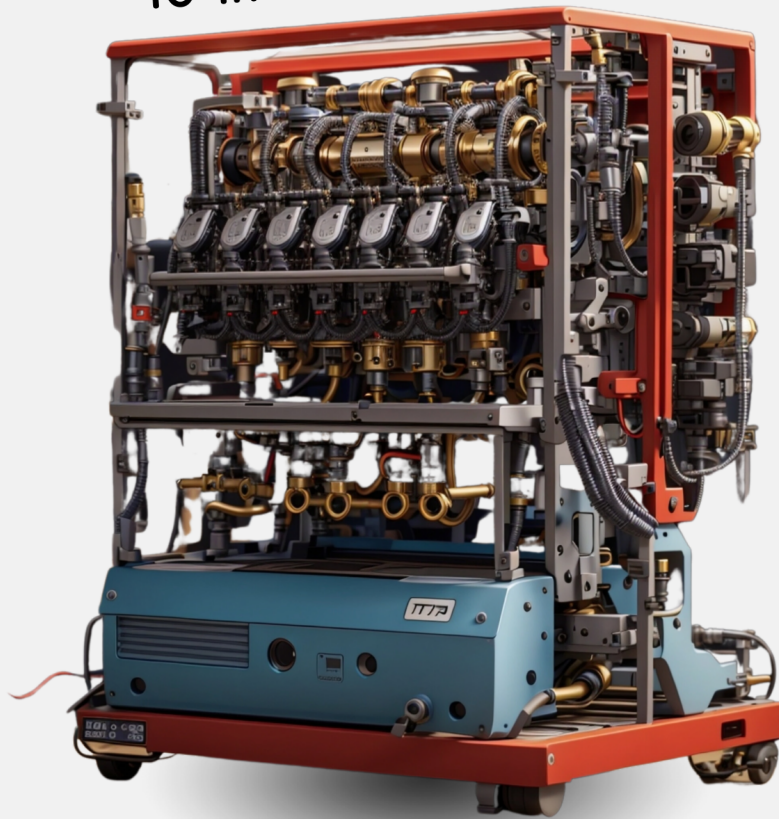


“Ok, fine! It was me! I did it! I caused the pasta disaster. I’m so sorry. Please don’t get me in trouble! Don’t tell my parents! Oh, no! My life is ruined!” the tardigrade confessed in a rush. She began to cry.



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

10-in-1 Machine



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

After Super Pinya and the tardigrade said goodbye, he reversed the Tardigrade Shield's settings to return him to his normal size again.



Super Pinya 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 Machine in his pocket.



This invention could make the pasta rainbow-colored!

Super Pinya 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! Super Pinya solved it with some of Pinya'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.

Pinya's Creative Journey

DAY 1



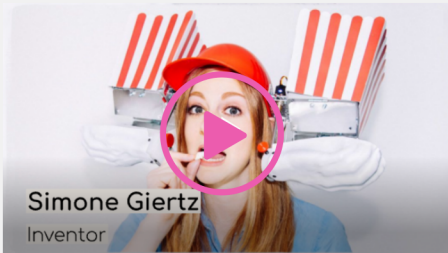
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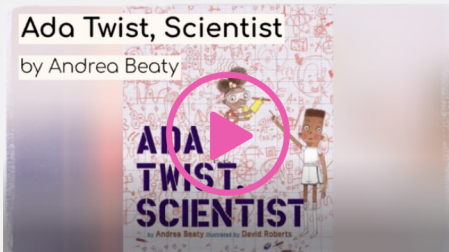
DAY 5



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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