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BOOK 22



Tommy, His Rainbowness



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Tommy left his friends in a prison cell in Blueland. He escaped and was trying to find RK-5. RK-5 was their only hope of getting off the planet Sketty.

After Tommy left with Bongo, the others were very scared. They didn't know what the blue guards would do to them.

They really didn't need to worry. Shortly after Tommy left, all four children were taken to His Blueness.

"I want you to tell me the truth. How did you get here?" asked His Blueness.



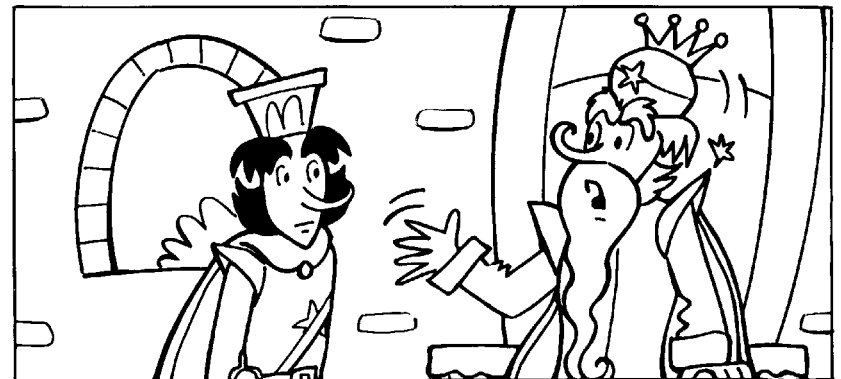
Lucy stepped forward. She told His Blueness the full story. She told him all about RK-5 and how the little robot had brought them to Sketty.

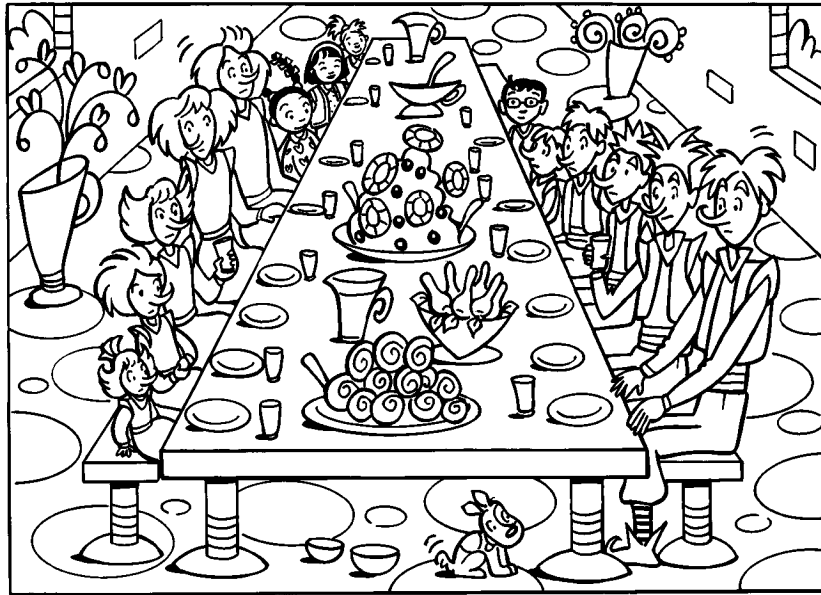
". . . and now we can't get back," interrupted Kim, "because we lost RK-5 when your soldiers caught us."

"Well, I'll help you find this little robot," said His Blueness kindly.

He called for the captain of the guards. He told the captain to get twenty soldiers.

"Search the place where you first saw the young visitors. Don't come back until you find this robot," His Blueness ordered.





“While they are searching for your robot, you can have lunch with my sons and daughters,” said His Blueness.

His Blueness led the four friends into a huge dining room. In the center of the room was a long, narrow table. All of his ten children were sitting at the table.

Everyone had a delicious meal. Tommy’s friends ate all kinds of blue food they had never seen before. Each thing tasted better than the last. They quickly made friends with the children of His Blueness.

After the meal, they all went into the games room. Tommy’s friends saw every kind of game and plaything you could imagine.

“Isn’t this fun?” said Sam.

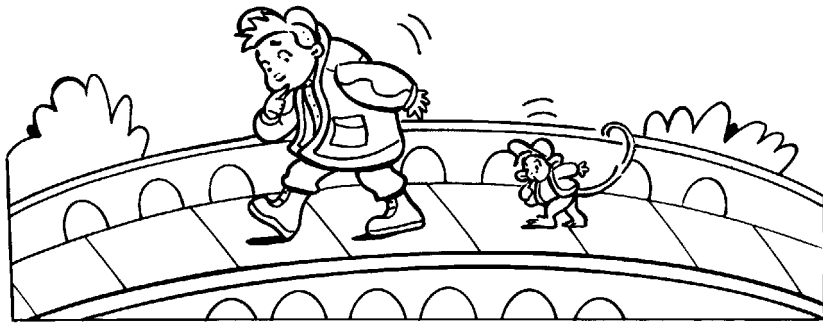
“It would be, except for two things,” whispered Lucy.

“What two things?” asked Sam.

“First, having everything blue makes it boring and a bit miserable. Second, Tommy is not with us. Even if the soldiers find RK-5, we can’t go back without Tommy,” said Lucy sadly.



While his friends were playing, Tommy was about to cross the bridge from Yellowland to Redland. There were hundreds of people from Yellowland on one side of the river. On the other side were hundreds of people from Redland. They were all yelling and cheering. They were all waiting to see if Tommy could make new colors, just as he had done in Yellowland.



Tommy walked slowly over the bridge. He was very worried. What would happen to him if he failed to make new colors?

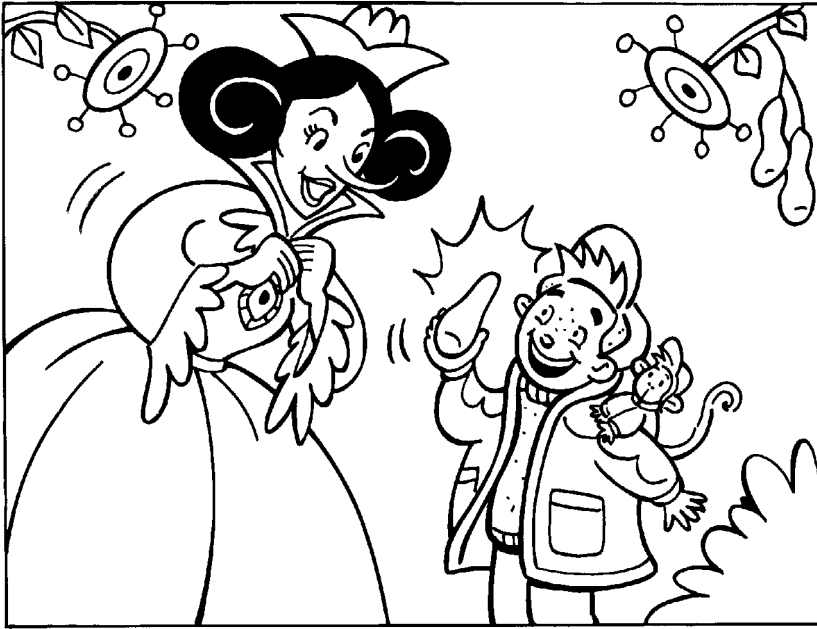
Everyone watched as Tommy approached a bush with beautiful red flowers. He trembled as he touched a flower. Nothing happened. The flower stayed red.

“Oh, no!” said Tommy. “Now I’m in trouble.”

The crowds on both sides of the river began to boo. They quickly became silent when a yellow mew-coo-coo bird flew over the river and landed on Tommy’s shoulder. A red mew-coo-coo bird flew from a tree and landed on his other shoulder.

Tommy heard the crowds cheering and clapping. He looked at the mew-coo-coo birds and saw why. Their feathers had turned into all the colors of the rainbow. They were now the most beautiful creatures anyone had seen.





Tommy followed the birds as they flew to a nearby tree. Tommy touched the fruits on the tree and they turned orange. Tommy's guess was right. He had brought yellow to Redland. When he touched anything that should be orange, it turned from red to orange. He tried to explain this to Her Redness. She didn't really understand.

"I don't care how you do it. I love it. Things look more beautiful and happy with these new colors you've brought us," said Her Redness.

The people of Yellowland wanted a closer look. They started to cross the bridge. The people of Redland were happy and welcomed them. Wherever the people from Yellowland went, new colors started to appear. There were all shades of red, orange, and yellow.

Some of the people of Redland decided to see what would happen if they went over the bridge to Yellowland. The same thing happened. Wherever they went, shades of yellow, orange, and red appeared. Even their clothes became more colorful.





His Yellowness and Her Redness stood together on the bridge. They called Tommy over.

"Thank you, young creature. You have made our people very happy," said His Yellowness.

"And you have made our two countries friends rather than enemies," added Her Redness. "But I have one question. You can make many more colors than our people can. Why is that?"

"I think that's because I have been to Blueland and have brought blue with me. With blue, red, and yellow, you can make any color," said Tommy.

"You mean to say if we all went to Blueland, we could create colors like the feathers of these beautiful mew-coo-coo birds?"

"Yes, I think so, Your Redness," said Tommy.

"Let's go to Blueland," said His Yellowness and Her Redness at the same time.

The parade of people from Yellowland and Redland was soon on its way to Blueland. You could only tell which land they were from by looking at their faces. Everyone was dressed in the same shades of yellow, orange, and red.



In four hours, the parade reached the border of Blueland. No one stopped at the border. They headed straight for Bluetown. As they went, everyone was delighted to see that Tommy was right. They could make beautiful colors just by touching things.

His Yellowness and Her Redness led the parade into Bluetown. The blue people were puzzled, but they were happy to see the many bright colors. The parade stopped in front of the blue castle. His Blueness was on his balcony.



"What's going on?" he shouted.

"This young creature has changed our planet," said His Yellowness.

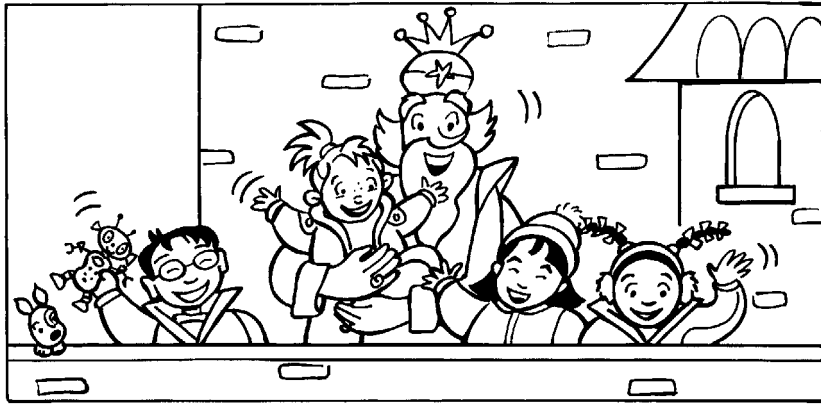
"He has brought us all these beautiful colors," added Her Redness. "And he has made us all happy."

"No, I didn't do anything," said Tommy modestly. "You did it yourselves by becoming friends with each other. If you are not friends, you only have one color each. Now that you are friends, you have thousands of colors. And the colors make you happy."

"But you don't look happy, my young friend," said Her Redness.

"That's because my friends are in a dark, damp prison cell in the blue castle," said Tommy.





“That’s what you think!” said a voice from the balcony.

It was Sam. Tommy looked up and saw all his friends laughing on the balcony. Best of all, he saw Andy waving RK-5.

“Prepare for a party,” announced His Blueness. “Today, we’ll have the best party that Sketty has ever seen. Everyone is invited. Red people, yellow people, blue people, and even Earth people.

Later, everyone enjoyed the magnificent party. There was delicious food and wonderful cool drinks, and everyone played and danced until they couldn’t stand.

After the party, Tommy told His Blueness it was time for him and his friends to leave.

“Before you go, we’d like you to have this medal. You have united our planet. Her Redness, His Yellowness and I have combined our most honorable medals. We want you to be the first to receive the new Sketty medal. From now on, you will be known as His Rainbowness.”



Everyone cheered. Tommy was a little embarrassed. “Thank you, thank you,” he said. “Now we must go. Goodbye.”

He pressed the buttons on RK-5’s button pad, and in an instant Tommy and his friends were back in the park.

“We’re home again, Your Rainbowness,” joked Sam.