

THE ADVENTURES OF VEN
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LAUGHING MY WAY

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For several years I have known that this time would come but at the same time, I suppose I was in denial. It is so easy and more comfortable to deny the inevitable oncoming assault of taking care of a relative suffering with Alzheimer's.

The diagnoses for Fred is that he is now approaching level five in a level of seven. Actually the denial came many years ago when Fred was an alcoholic and before he was diagnosed with dementia. Life was filled with days of anger, disappointment, and sadness. Alcohol seemed to take over his life leaving no room for his family or me. Those years were troubling years for me and our family. So I suppose I can say that for many years I have lived through many different degrees of difficult. With my apology. I will say different degrees of Hell.

Of course there is sadness to realize that once upon a time Fred was my lover, my companion, my partner and I find myself asking---What happened? How did we come to this? Well. I do know that, Once Upon a Time, was many many years ago and much sadness and turmoil has happened since that time. It is now time to realize that I can no longer hope to regain that part of my life. It is time to take the advice of our psychologist and distance myself from the trials and stress of each day and stop taking the episodes personally.

Having said that, I have made the decision to stop crying and start laughing my way through this time. The best way to do this is to keep a journal as I tell about the episodes of every day living. Some episodes are of the past but most or current. I hope you will laugh with me as you read through these episodes ☺ They are all based on real episodes.

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LATER

As I began to write and do the drawings, I began to feel that I was laughing **at Fred** and not so much **at myself**, as I had intended, so I was thinking about stopping the drawings. With that in mind the note from Charlie, laughingly suggesting that I change clothes in the drawings ----He was tired of the blue jumper and yellow shirt. And so I created the character "**Ven**" .with her colorful hat. Shoes and clothing. And then "The Adventures of Ven" was started.

There will be no more drawings of "Laughing" episodes.

STILL LATER

From there I was inspired to add other drawings to this period of being---lost in the world of Story Telling with drawings. I must say-I do wonder where the ability to do the drawings came from – I

had not ever thought that I could draw but wherever it came from was a blessing to me – It was a great help to me during that time. It helped me to find some joy hidden in the turmoil of the days.

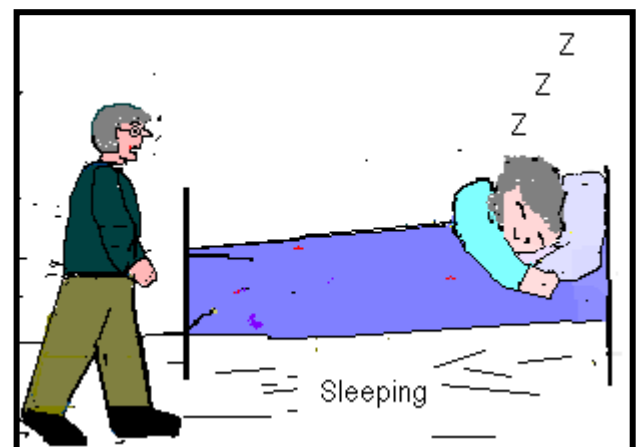
And today October 16, 2014 I decided to put it all together in a book for you. I hope you will laugh with me and know that there was room for joy and laughter during the troubled times.

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THE STORY OF VEN

Ven originated from drawings that I did depicting episodes of Fred and me. Sad but also funny episodes of our living with his being lost in the world of Alzheimers. I suppose the drawings helped me to laugh at the situation that I found myself in.

After our trip to Arkansas (June 2007) Fred was so lost and he followed me around all day wanting to go home. Thankfully, with a newly prescribed medication, he is much better but is still lost in that troubled world. A world that we struggle to live in.





As I did the drawings and sent them to different ones, Charlie jokingly suggested that I change clothes. He said I was beginning to stink and he was getting tired of seeing me in the blue jumper and yellow shirt. So I did this drawing for him. I called it “Changed Clothes” Later I added the “Changed Shoes”. The Changed Shoes idea came from a card that Alexis sent me in response to the drawing “Changed Clothes” that I sent her. Later in the story you will find other shoes that were inspired by shoes that Donna and Charlie sent me.

From that, “The Adventures of Ven” developed.



The name Ven stems from my story “Early Years”, When we children were placed in different homes. The mom of the first home I stayed in didn’t like my name Osa so she decided to call me by my middle name, which was Venita. That would have been OK had she pronounced it right but she butchered it by pronouncing it Veneshur. That prompted me to, later, change my name to Osa Ann.

So I have picked Ven from Veneshur for this character . Ven is eager to get acquainted with you as she tells her stories.

And now she and I hope you enjoy the “Adventrues of Ven”

As a reply to the “Changed Clothes” that I sent Charlie, he sent me this Poem.

Mom... Your cartoon is this poem
We all love your purple dress red hat spirit!

Most of the story will be taken from this poem.

WHEN I AM AN OLD WOMAN I SHALL WEAR PURPLE
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer
gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.

**I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week
And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and things
in boxes**

I thought it a strange coincidence that I picked the colors purple and red for the drawing. I had not read the poem.

THE STORY

This is a story told in cartoons and ideal for those who don't like to read but do like to look at the pictures in a book.

Ven is at the [Purple Dress and Red Hat](#) age and is ready to do foolish crazy things. Things that she has always wanted to do but didn't because it was not the right thing to do.

She gets many of her ideas from [“ When I Grow Old Poem”](#). You will find them in the story.

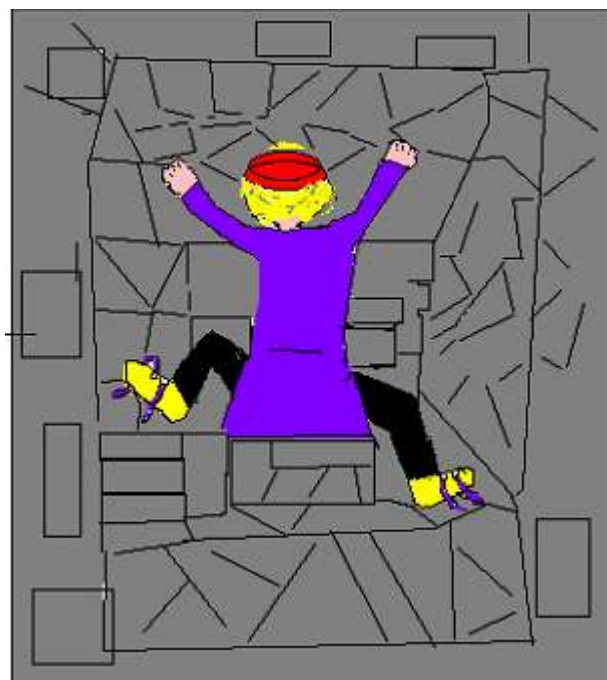
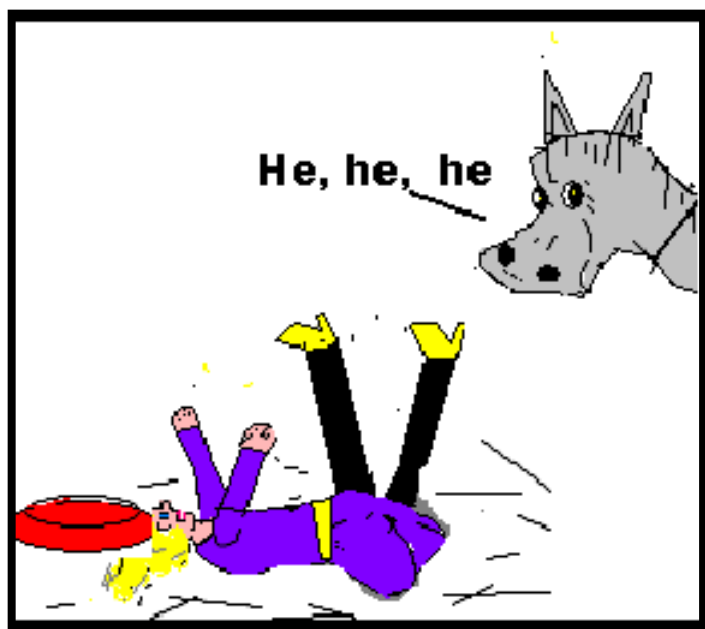
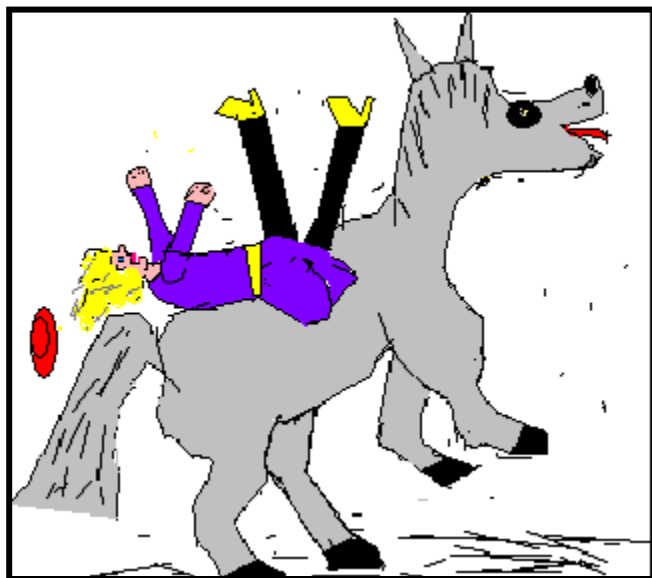
She also has some ideas of her own ----- Ride a horse, climb a mountain, go to the moon, go to Mars, go on “Dancing with the Star” take risks with her [Insane Streak](#) *[Fear of doing the thing that she most fears she will do.](#)* I am sorry to say she loses on both events.

I hope you enjoy the story

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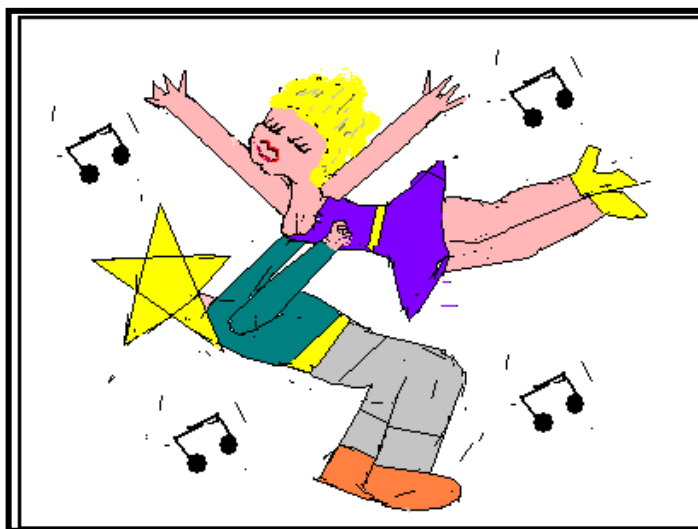
THE ADVENTURES OF VEN”

VEN RIDES A HORSE



Ven climbs a mountain

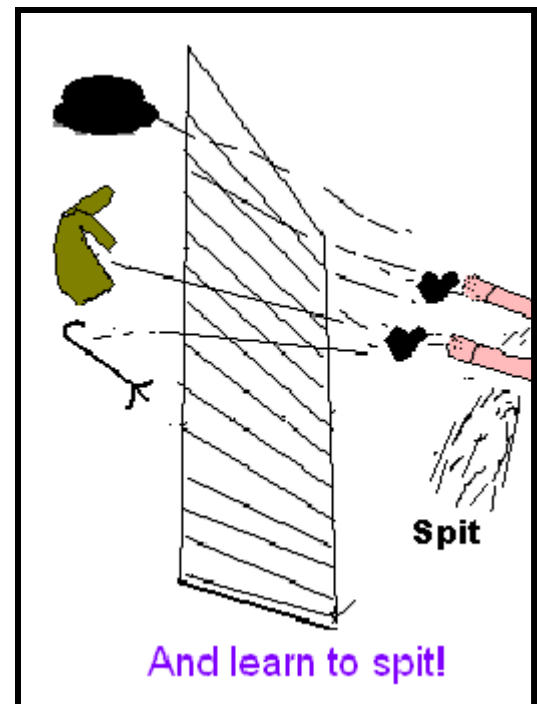
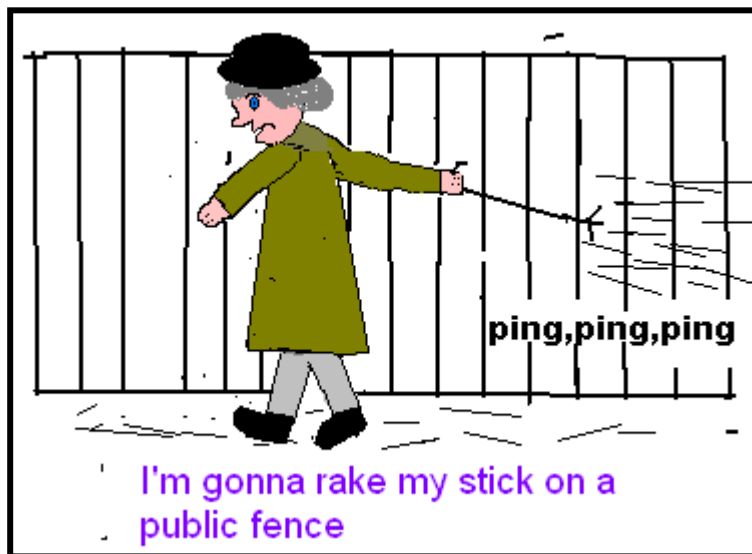
VEN GOES ON TV “DANCING WITH THE STARS”



VEN GOES ON TV SHOW “COMPLETE MAKEOVER”



From the poem When I grow old I'm gonna wear purple and a red hat and-----



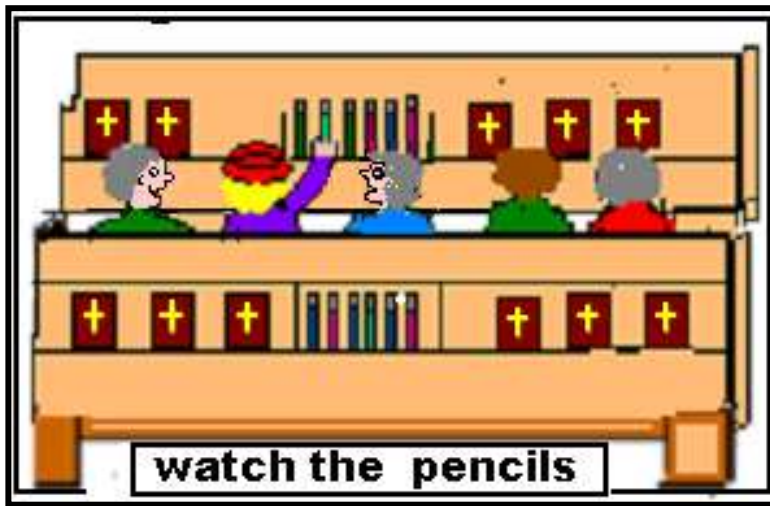
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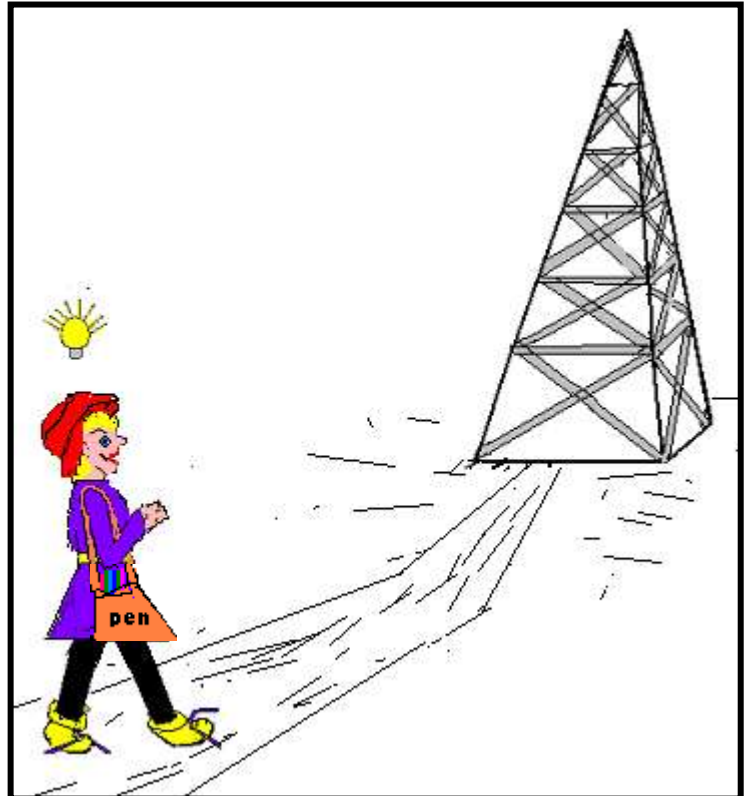


FROM THE POEM "WHEN I GROW OLD I SHALL"---
-["HOARD PENCILS"](#)

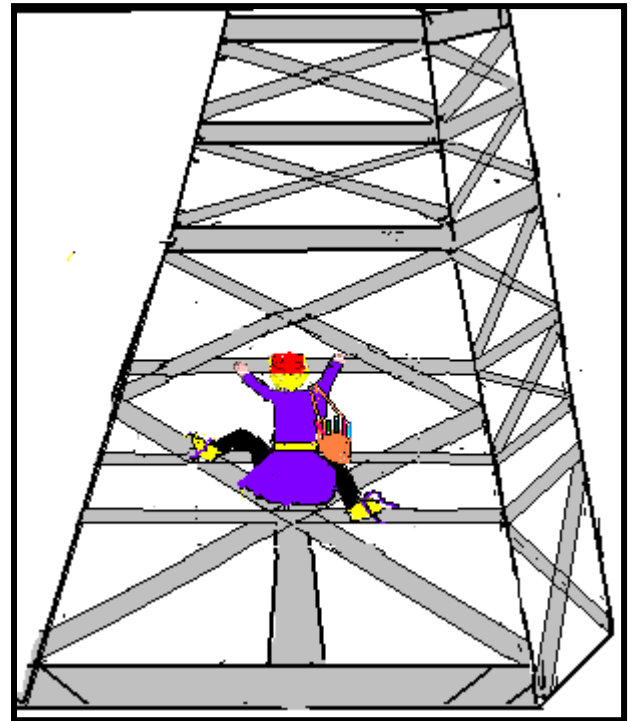
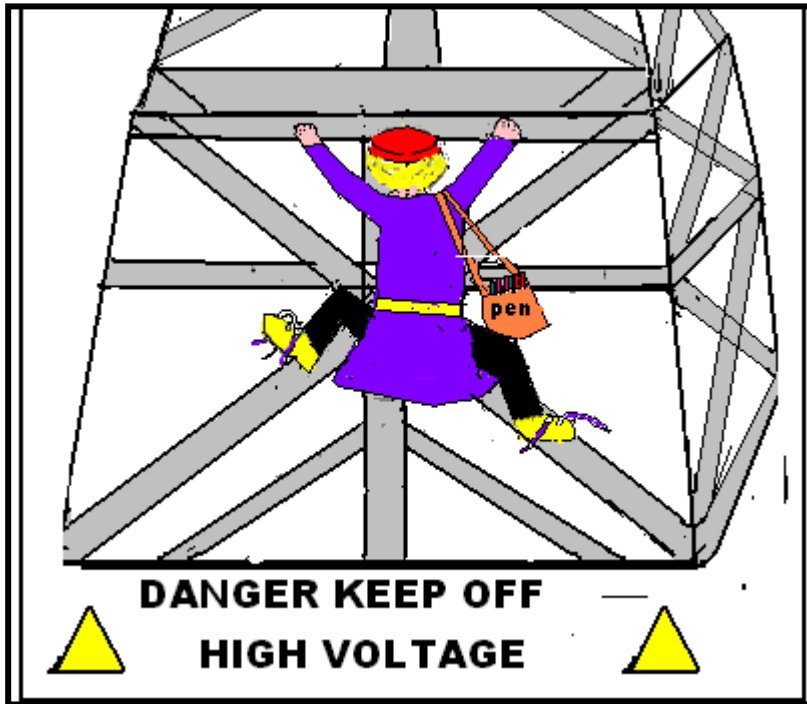




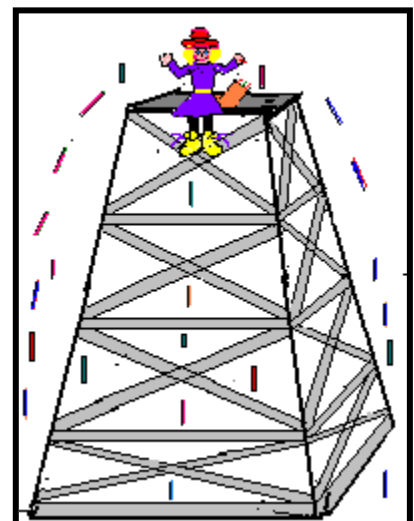
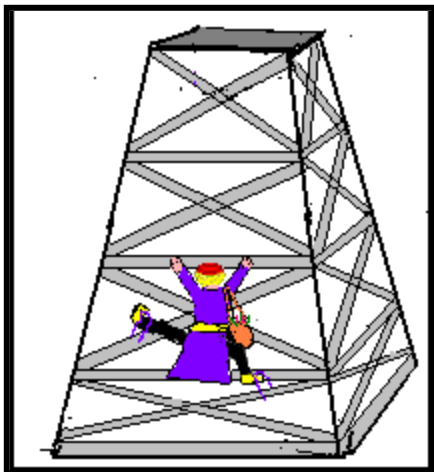
VEN PONDERES WHAT TO DO WITH THE PENCILS



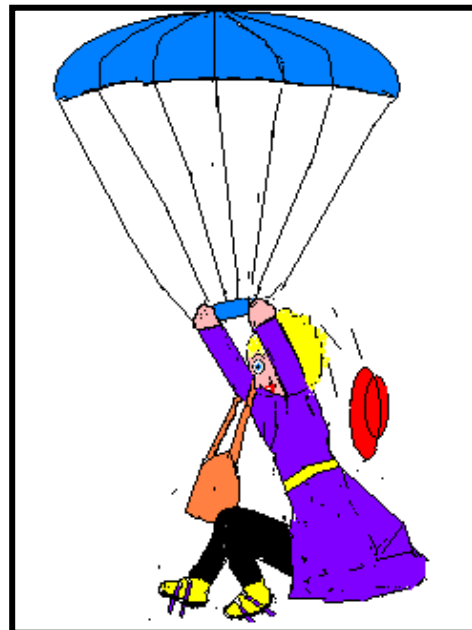
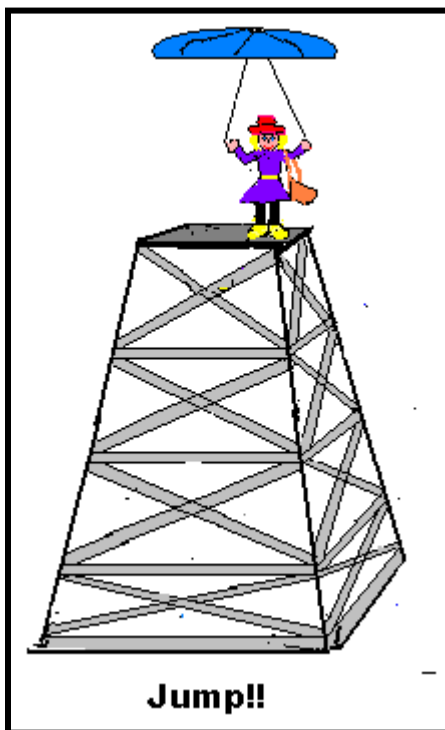
CLIMB THE TOWER



LOOK OUT BELOW

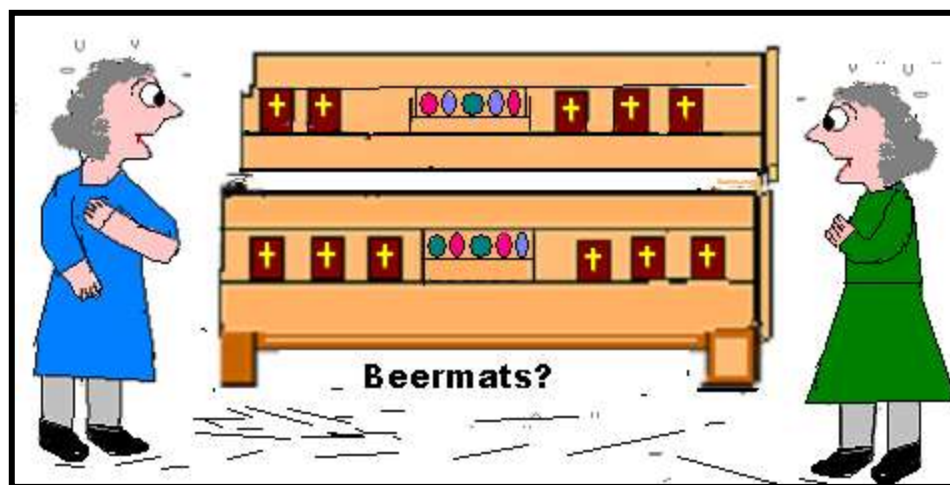
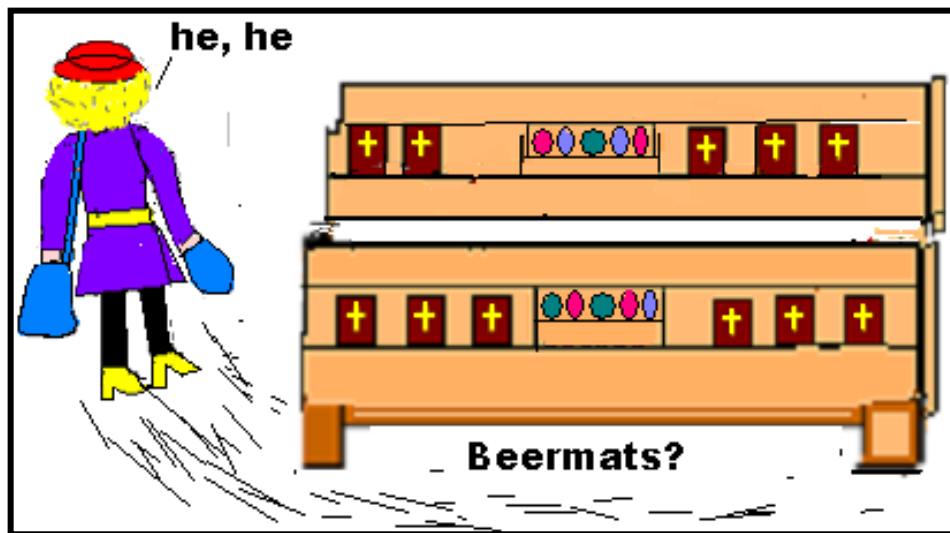


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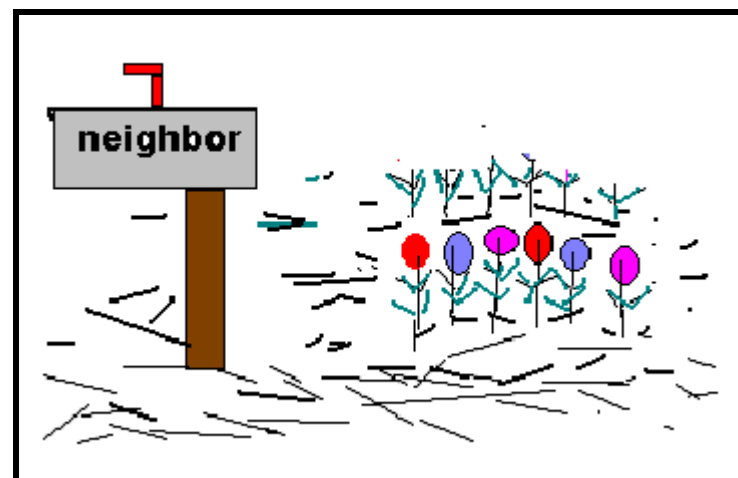
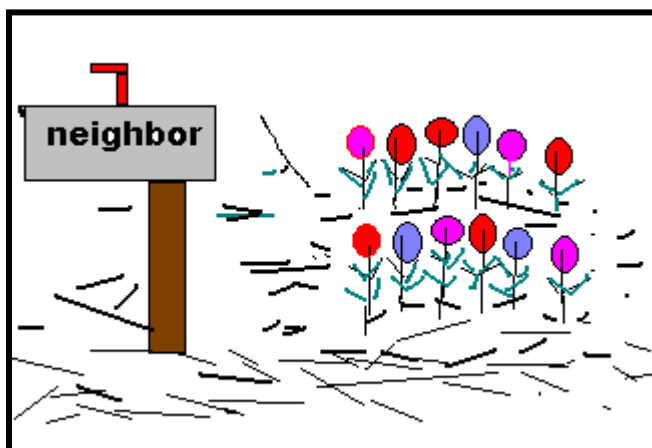
FROM THE POEM WHEN I GROW OLD I SHALL---
"HOARD BEERMATS"





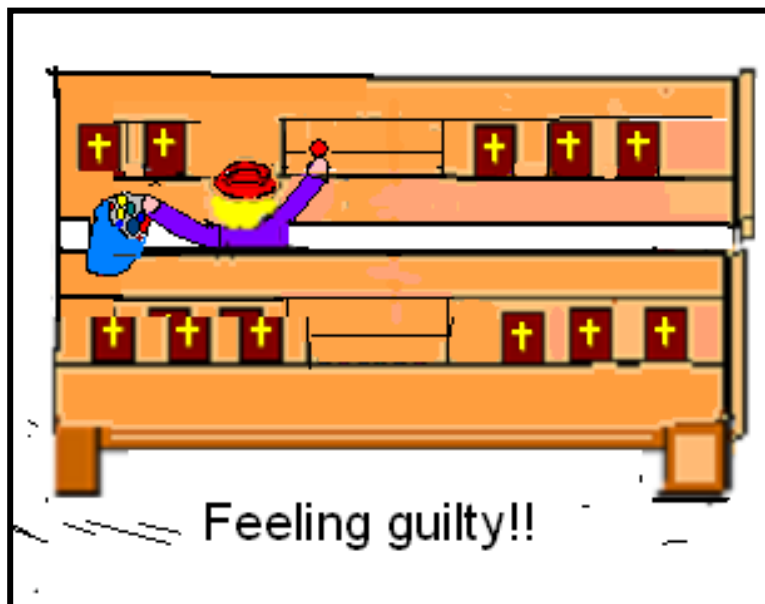
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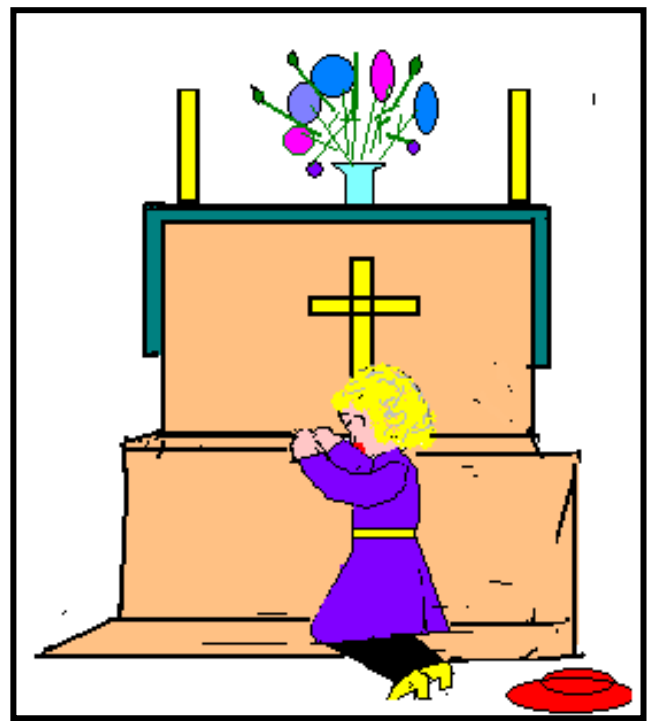
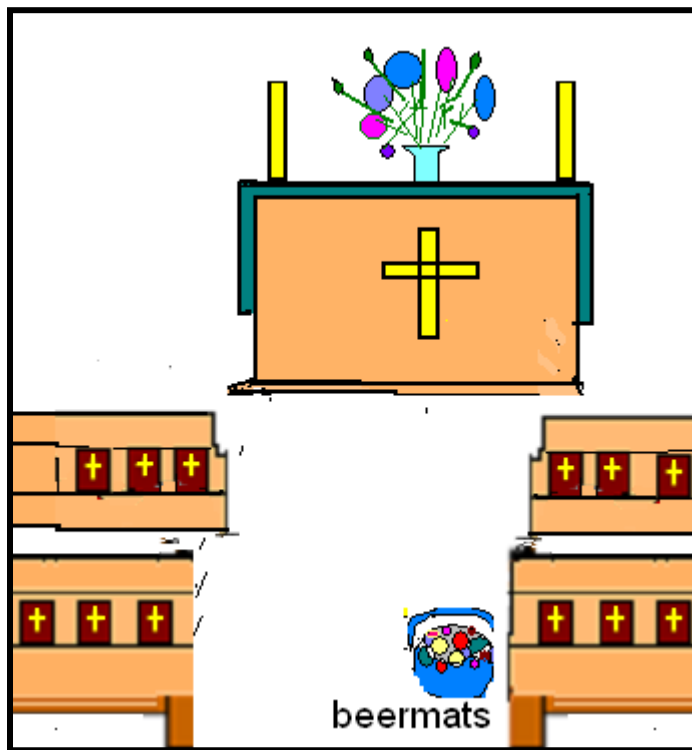
PICK FLOWERS FROM OTHER PEOPLES YARDS



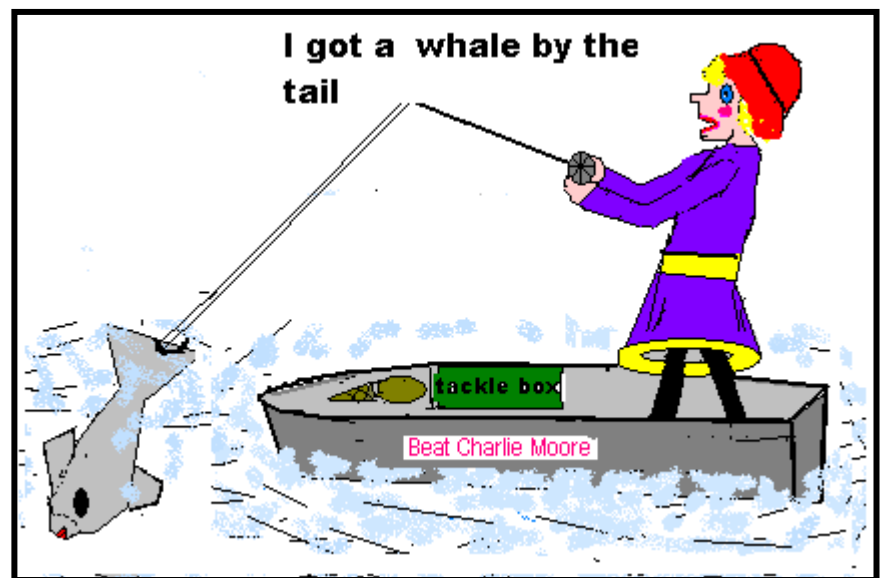


FEELING GUILTY
REMOVE THE BEERMATS





VEN GOES ON TV SHOWS



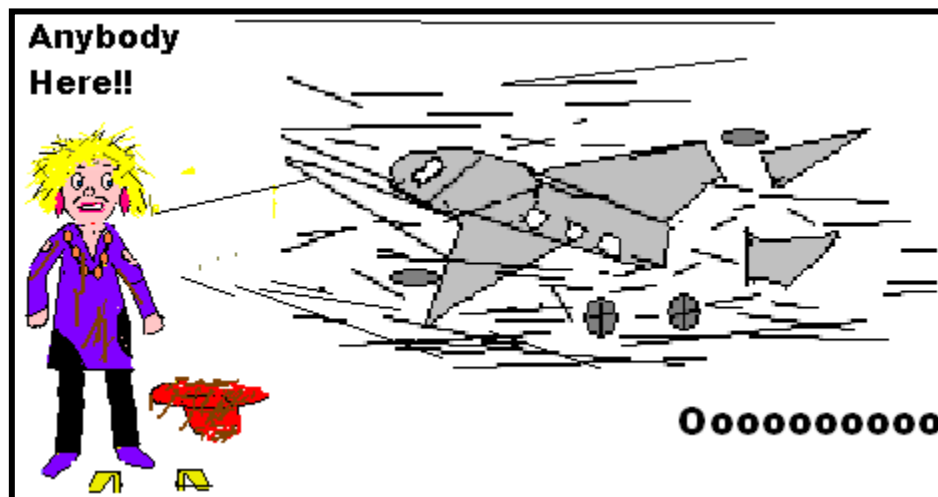
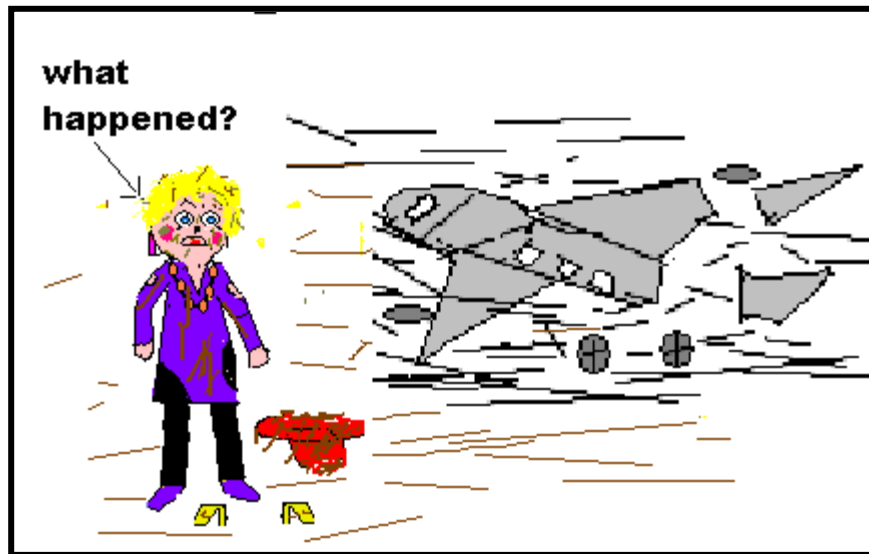
VEN GOES ON THE TV SHOW
“AMERICAN IDOL”



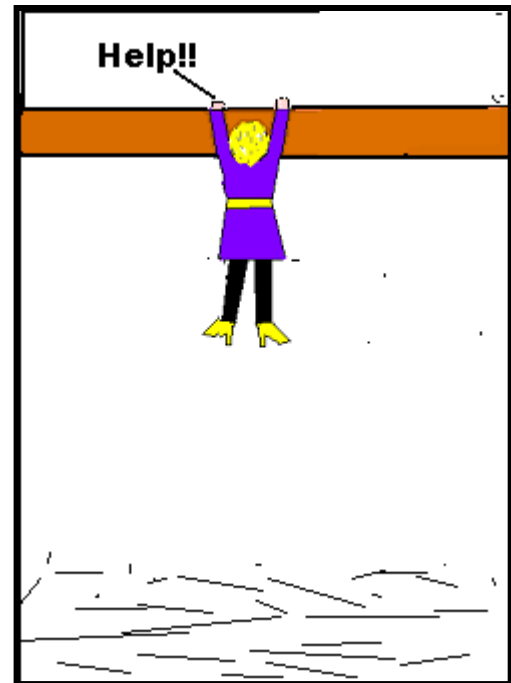
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“NEW INVENTION”
THE WIRELESS DESKTOP PC



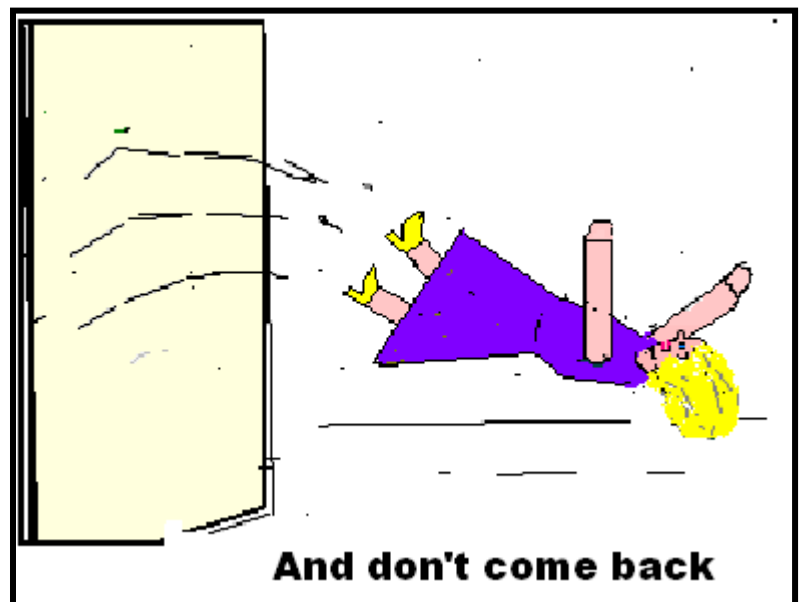
VEN GOES ON THE TV SHOW “LOST”



VEN SUCCUMS TO HER INSANE STREAK
FEAR OF DOING THE THING THAT SHE MOST FEARS SHE
WILL DO
FALLING OVER THE BALCONY



SCREAMS IN THE MIDDLE OF HER HIGH NOTE



Star feels guilty about tossing Ven out the door so he invites her to join him on some adventures

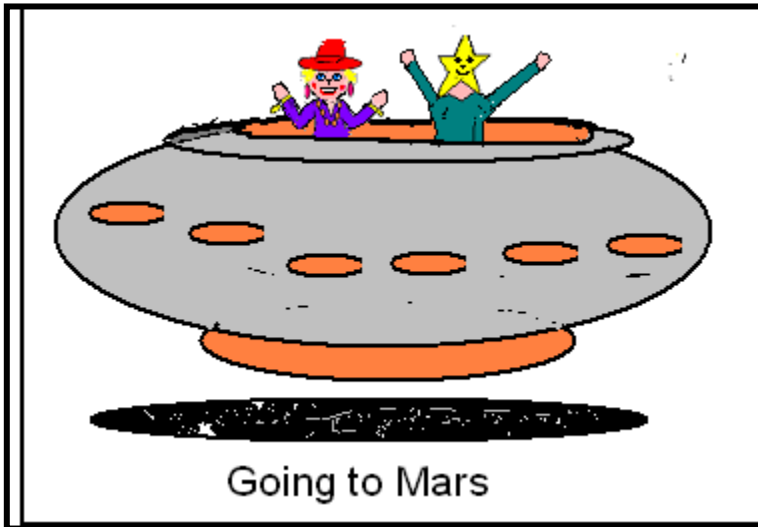
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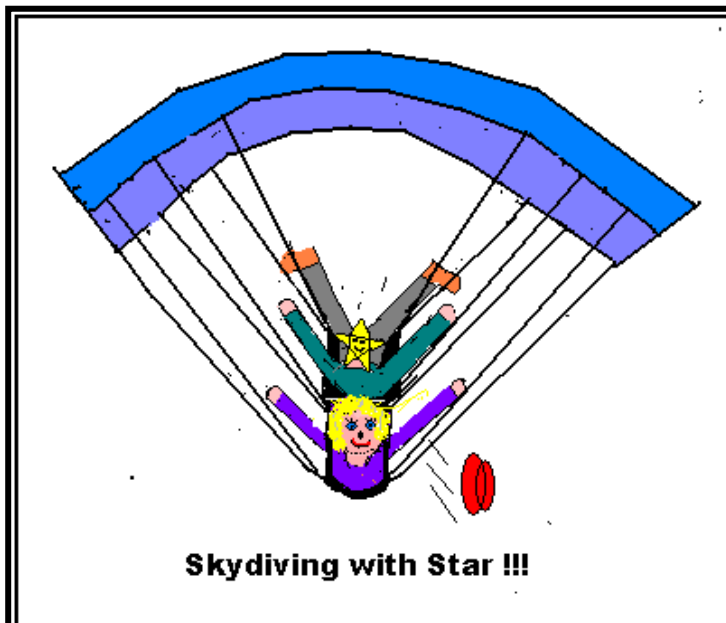
Canoeing



Skydiving

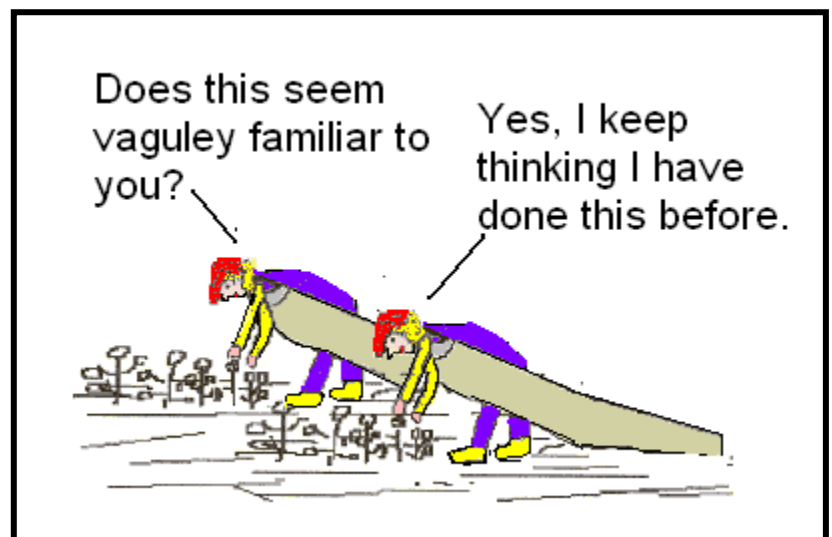


Going to Mars



Skydiving with Star !!!

VEN GOES ON THE TV REALITY SHOW



WHEN I GROW OLD I'M GONNA
“WEAR PURPLE AND RED HAT AND”-----



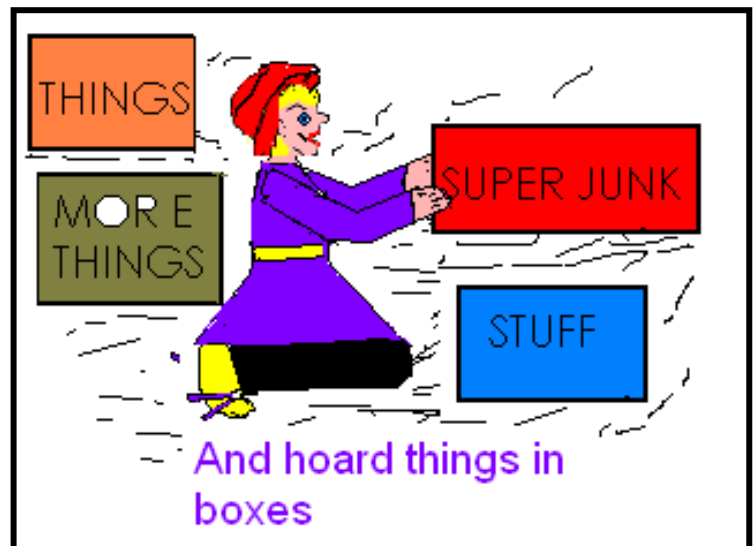
And I shall sit on the
pavement when i'm tired and
eat nothing but pickles and
bread.



I shall spend my pension
money on Brandy!



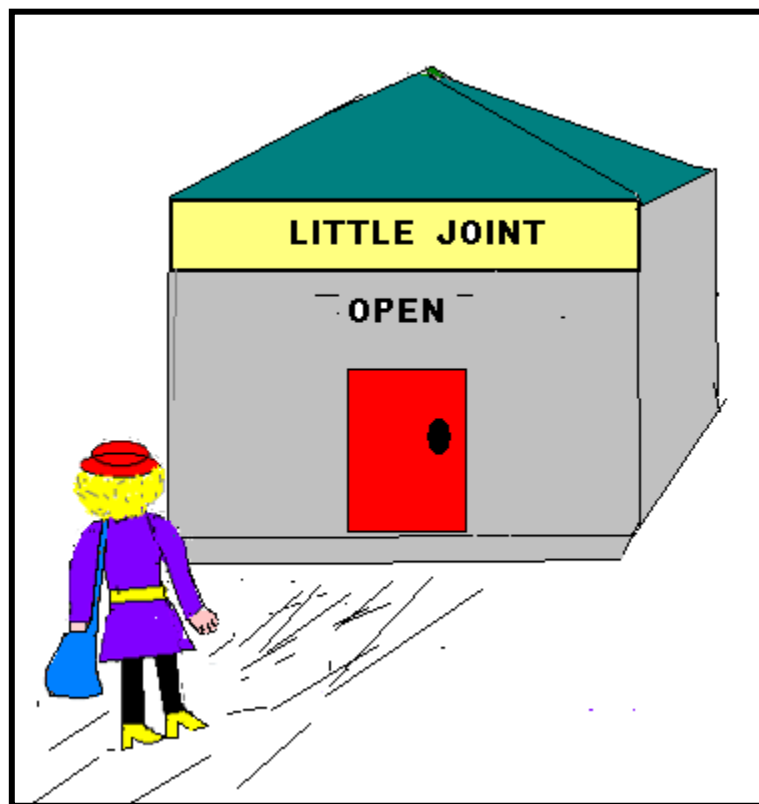
"Go out in my slippers
in the rain"



And hoard things in
boxes

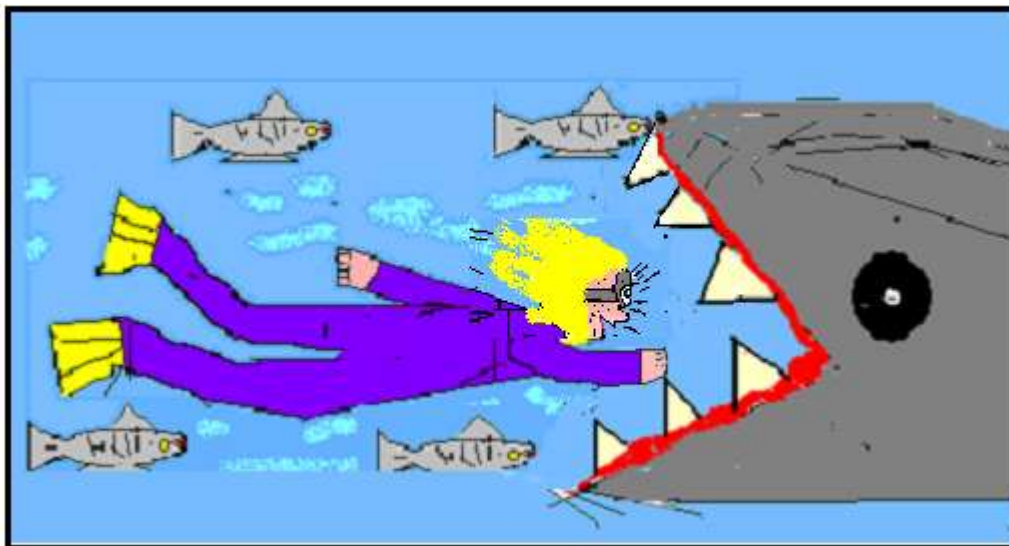
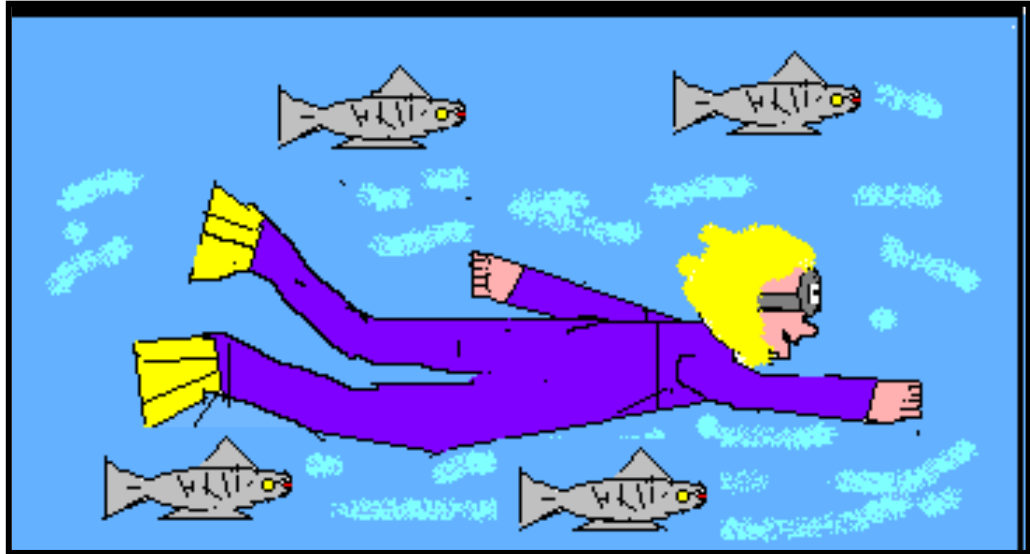


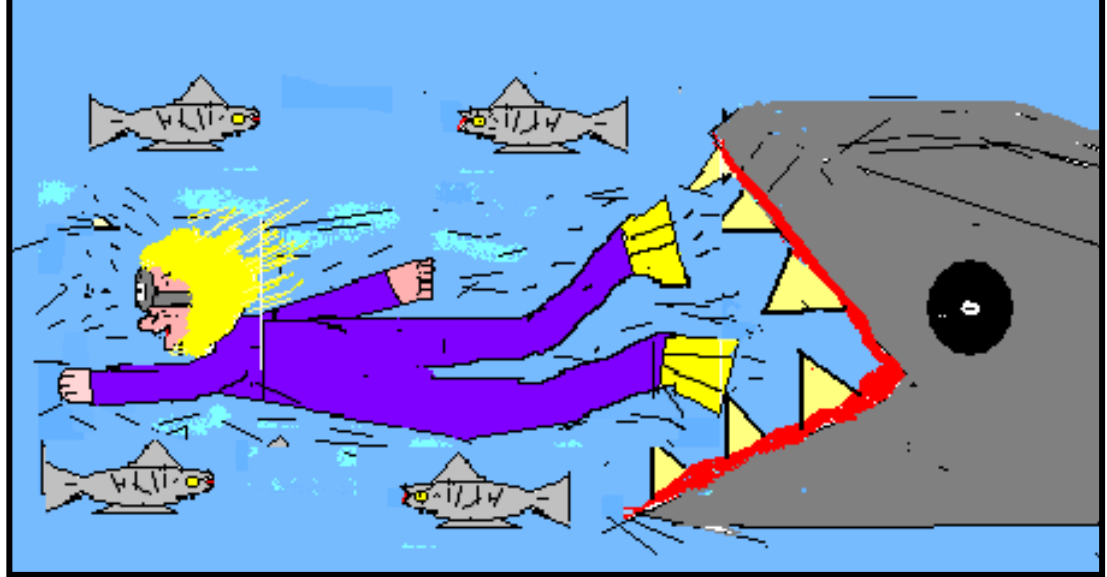
AND MAKE UP FOR THE SOBRIETY OF MY YOUTH



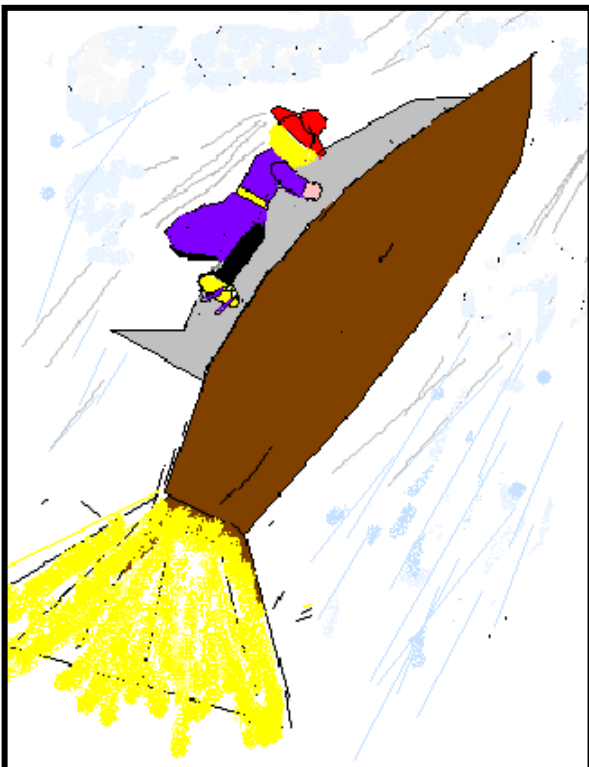
VEN GOES ON OTHER ADVENTURES

SCUBA DIVING





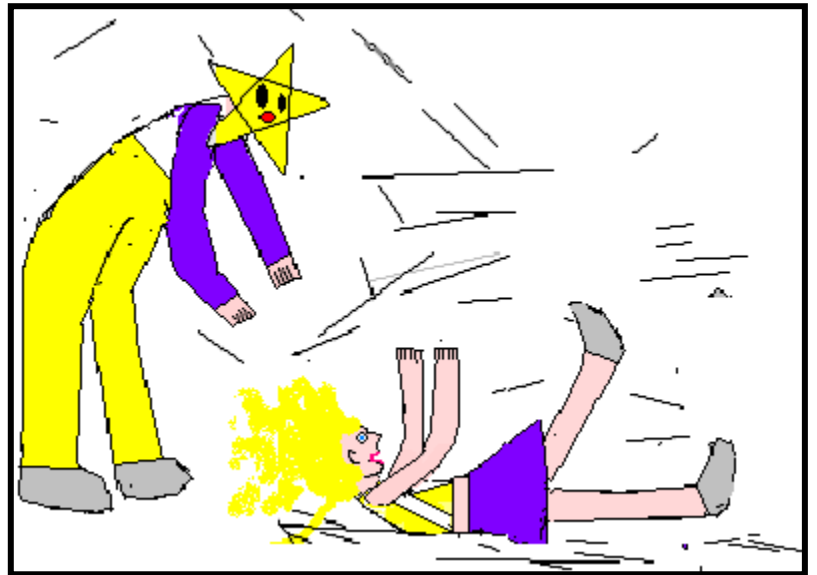
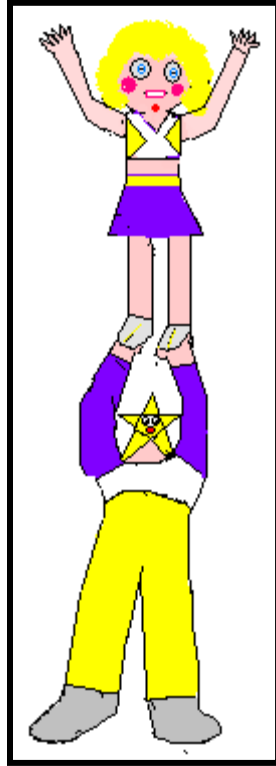
GOING TO THE MOON



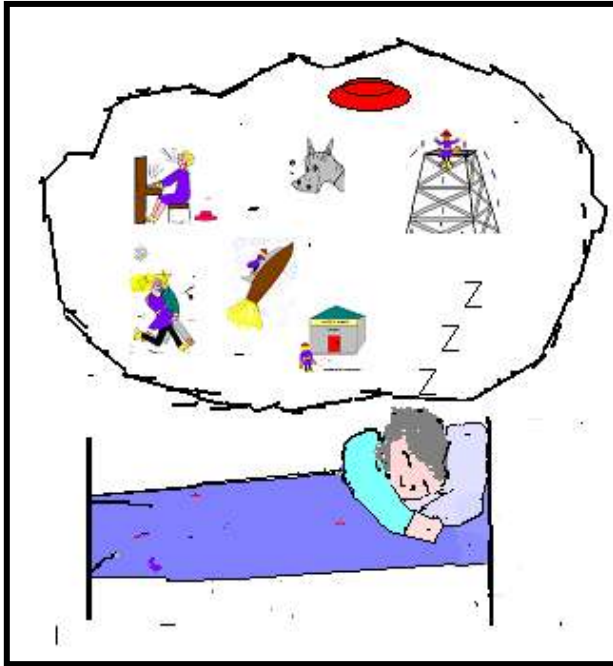
Ven's favorite football Teams.
Go Tigers!!!



VEN THE CHEER LEADER



WAKE UP





Maybe we will see you again in Ven's dreams.
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