



OUTSIDE THE BOX

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IT WAS THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS,
FOR YOUNG BONNIE TIN.
SHE WAS EXCITED, BUT NERVOUS,
FOR WHAT WAS WITHIN.



DAD SHOOK HIS HEAD AND SAID "TRY NOT TO FRET."
"YOU'LL MAKE FRIENDS, AND LEARN THINGS, AND HAVE FUN I BET!"



AT RECESS THE CHILDREN ALL SCATTERED TO PLAY,
FOR THEY ALL KNEW THAT RECESS, WAS THE BEST PART OF THE DAY.





IT ALL LOOKED FUN, BUT ONE THING CAUGHT HER EYE-

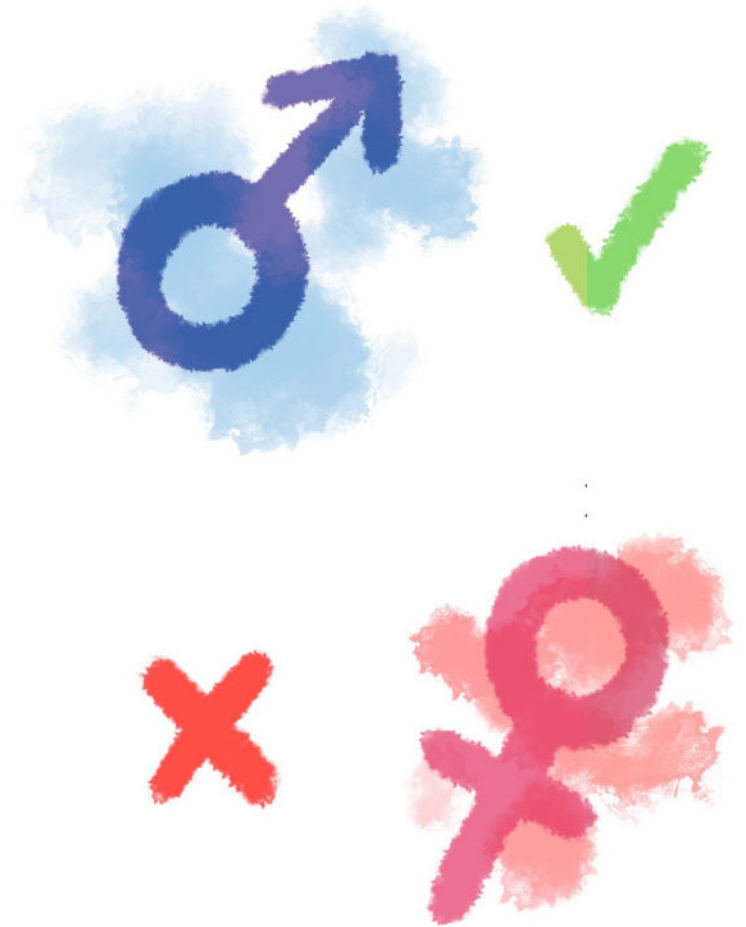


SOME BOYS PLAYING WITH TRUCKS,
AND SHE WANTED TO TRY!

SHE GAVE THEM A SMILE, AND WAVED TO THEM TOO.
"HEY THAT LOOKS FUN! CAN I PLAY WITH YOU?"



"NO YOU CAN'T!" SAID STEVEN, HIDING THE TOYS.



"YOU CAN'T PLAY TRUCKS, BECAUSE THEY ARE FOR BOYS!"

THE BOYS RAN AWAY AND LEFT BONNIE ALONE,
SO SHE SAT RIGHT DOWN TO PLAY ON HER OWN.



THIS RULE THAT THEY HAD MADE BONNIE FEEL SAD.
SHE LIKED DOLLS, SHE LIKED TRUCKS, SO
WHY WAS THIS BAD?
WHETHER BASEBALL OR TUTU
THESE THINGS WERE JUST TOYS.
SO WHY WERE
THEY NOT FOR BOTH
GIRLS AND BOYS?



"BUT THEY WERE!" BONNIE SAID,
AND JUMPED FROM HER SPOT.

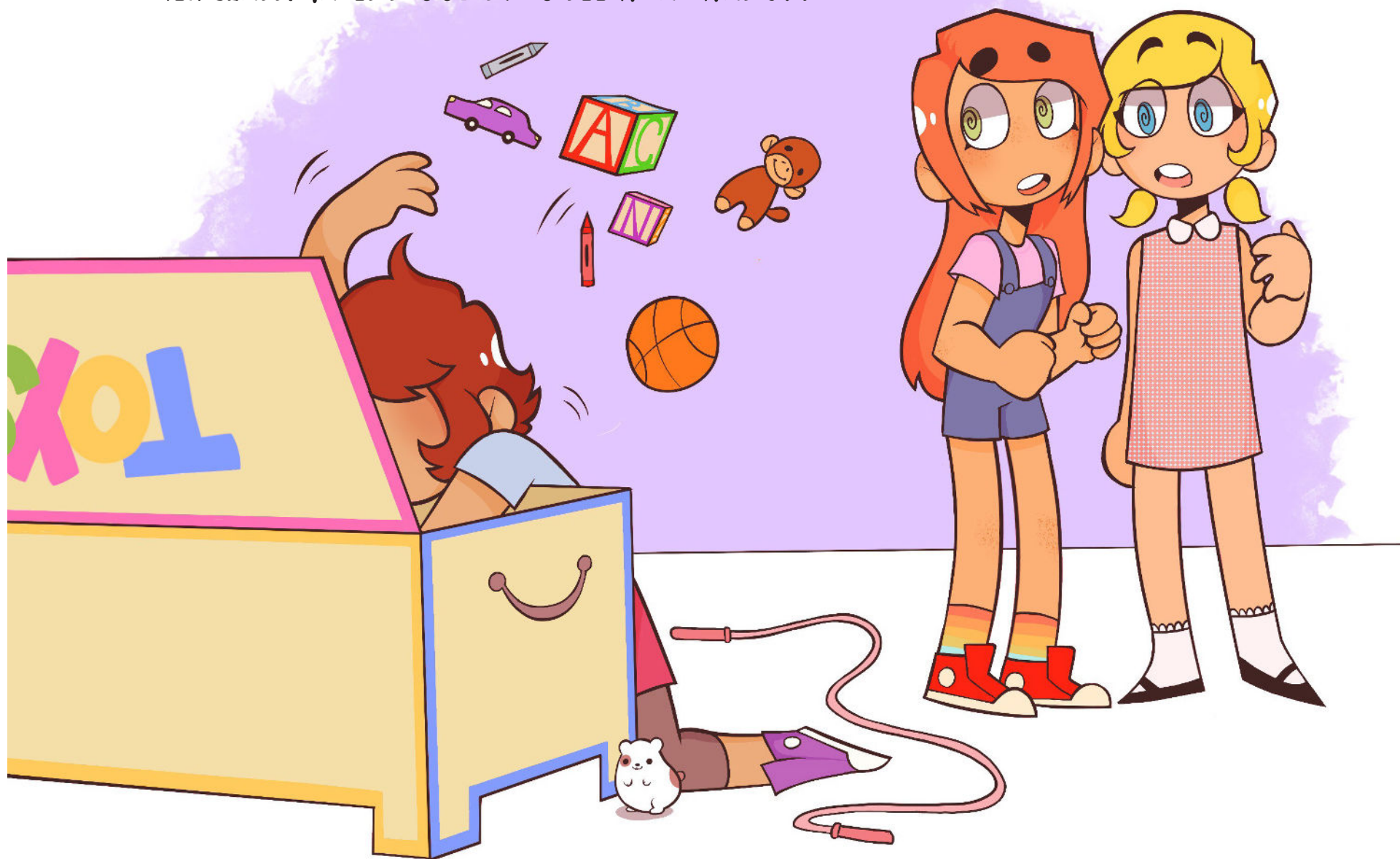
"IT SHOULD NOT MATTER TO THEM
WHAT I LIKE AND WHAT NOT!"



SHE DASHED TO THE TOY BOX, AT THE FASTEST PACE,
TO GATHER SOME THINGS AND ASSEMBLE A RACE.



WITH DOLLIES, AND RACE CARS, AND THINGS THAT LIGHT UP-
HER CLASSMATES STOOD BY TO SEE WHAT WAS UP.



SHE BUILT TOWERS, DREW SIGNS, AND RACERS SAT AT THE READY.
STARTING THEIR ENGINES WERE DOLLY, DINO, AND TEDDY.



HER CREATION WAS READY, AND BONNIE STOOD PROUD.
KNOWING SHE MADE THIS HERSELF, AND THE WHOLE CLASS WAS WOWED.



YOUNG PETER STEP FORWARD, HIS
COURAGE ANEW.

"HEY! THAT LOOKS FUN,
CAN I PLAY WITH YOU?"



FIRST PETER, THEN SALLY, THEN NIKKI AND TREVOR.
THEY ALL SAT DOWN TO PLAY TOGETHER.





STEVEN FELT BAD,
FOR BEING SO MEAN.
SO HE SAID SORRY TO
BONNIE, FOR MAKING A SCENE.

"IT'S OK," SAID BONNIE, AND SHE SMILED WITH GLEE.
"COME SIT OVER HERE AND COME PLAY WITH ME!"



AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN HER DAD PICKED HER UP, HE SAID
"DID YOU HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL?" AND BONNIE SAID "YUP!"
AND SHE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE ADVENTURE SHE HAD.
AND HER FATHER WAS HAPPY, AND PRIDEFUL, AND GLAD!



BECAUSE WHETHER BASEBALL OR TUTU THESE THINGS ARE JUST TOYS.
SO OF COURSE THEY ARE MADE FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS.
THEY CAN BE FUN FOR EVERY SMALL TOT.
SO IT SHOULD NOT MATTER TO THEM WHAT YOU LIKE AND WHAT NOT.

