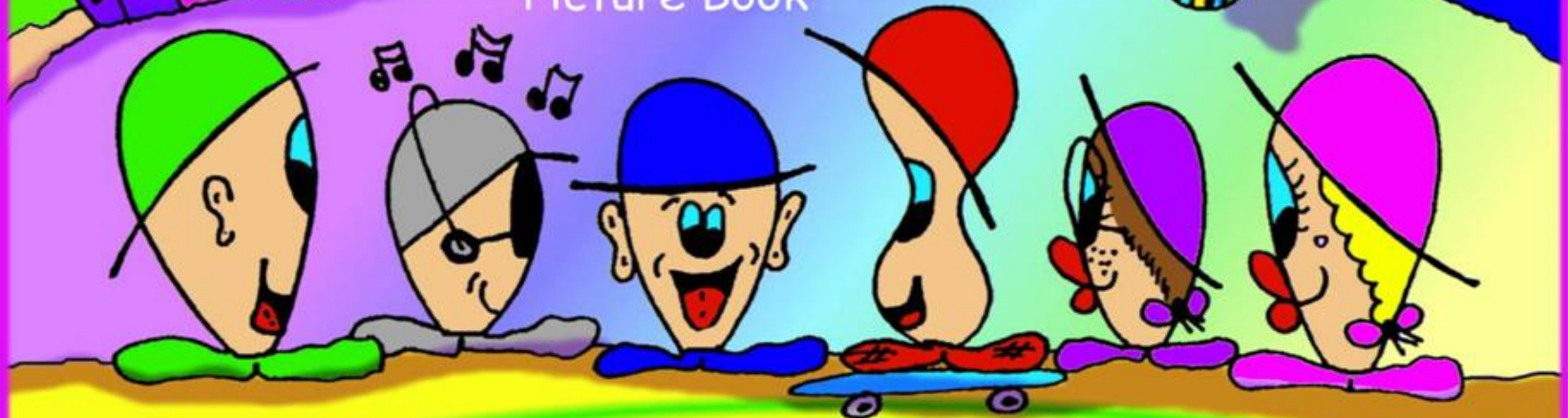


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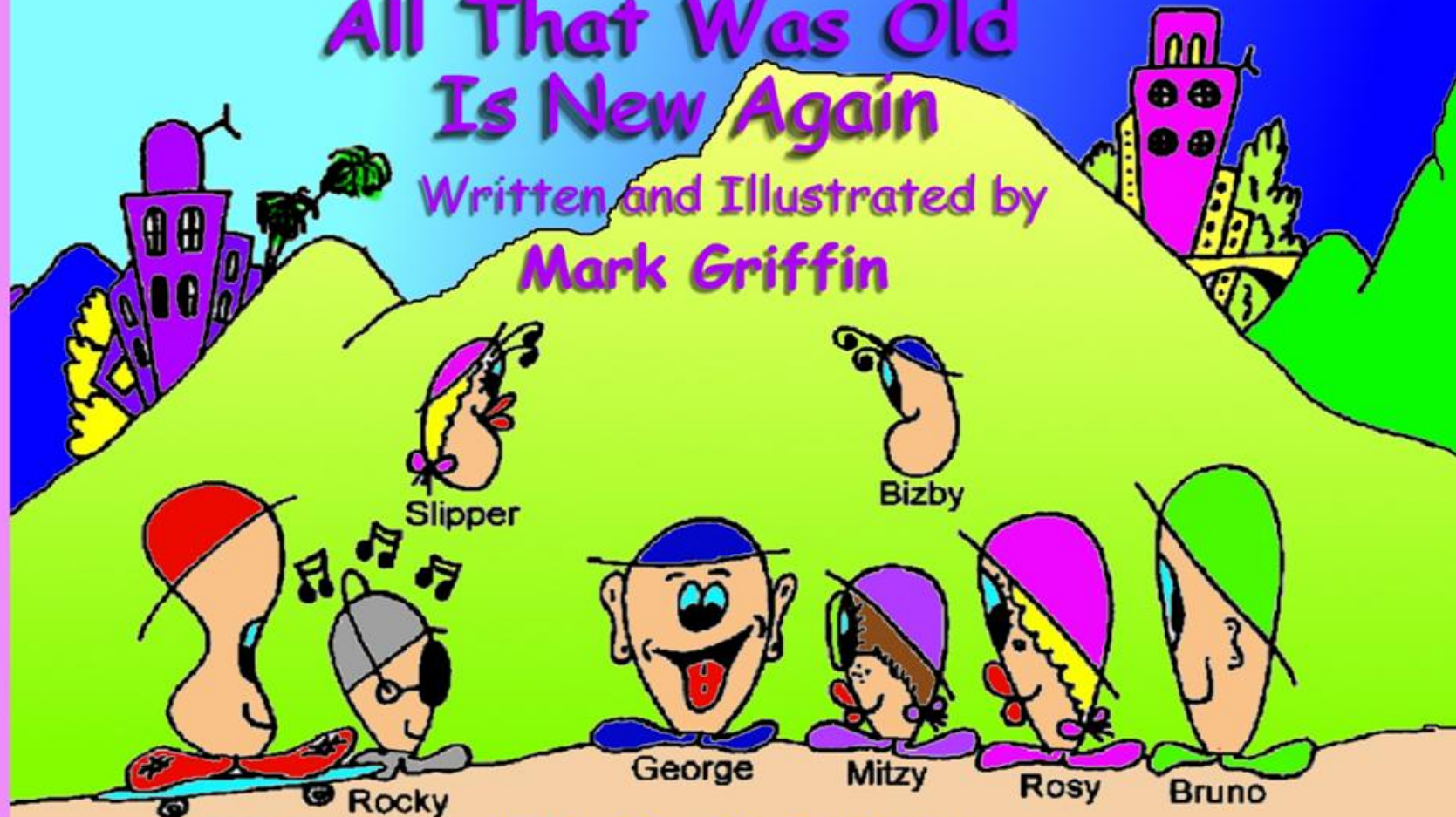
A LITTLE SQUIRTS
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Sneaker

Rocky

Slipper

George

Bizby

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"Hi Bizby! Why the sad face?" asked Rosy.

"We just got back from a planet that has run out of natural resources.

It was awful," replied Bizby.

"How could they let it happen?" asked Rosy with a sigh. "Don't they know how to recycle?"

"I guess not," said Bizby as he looked down at the ground.



Can you tell us about the city you visited?" asked Rocky.

"I don't like to think about it," said Bizby.

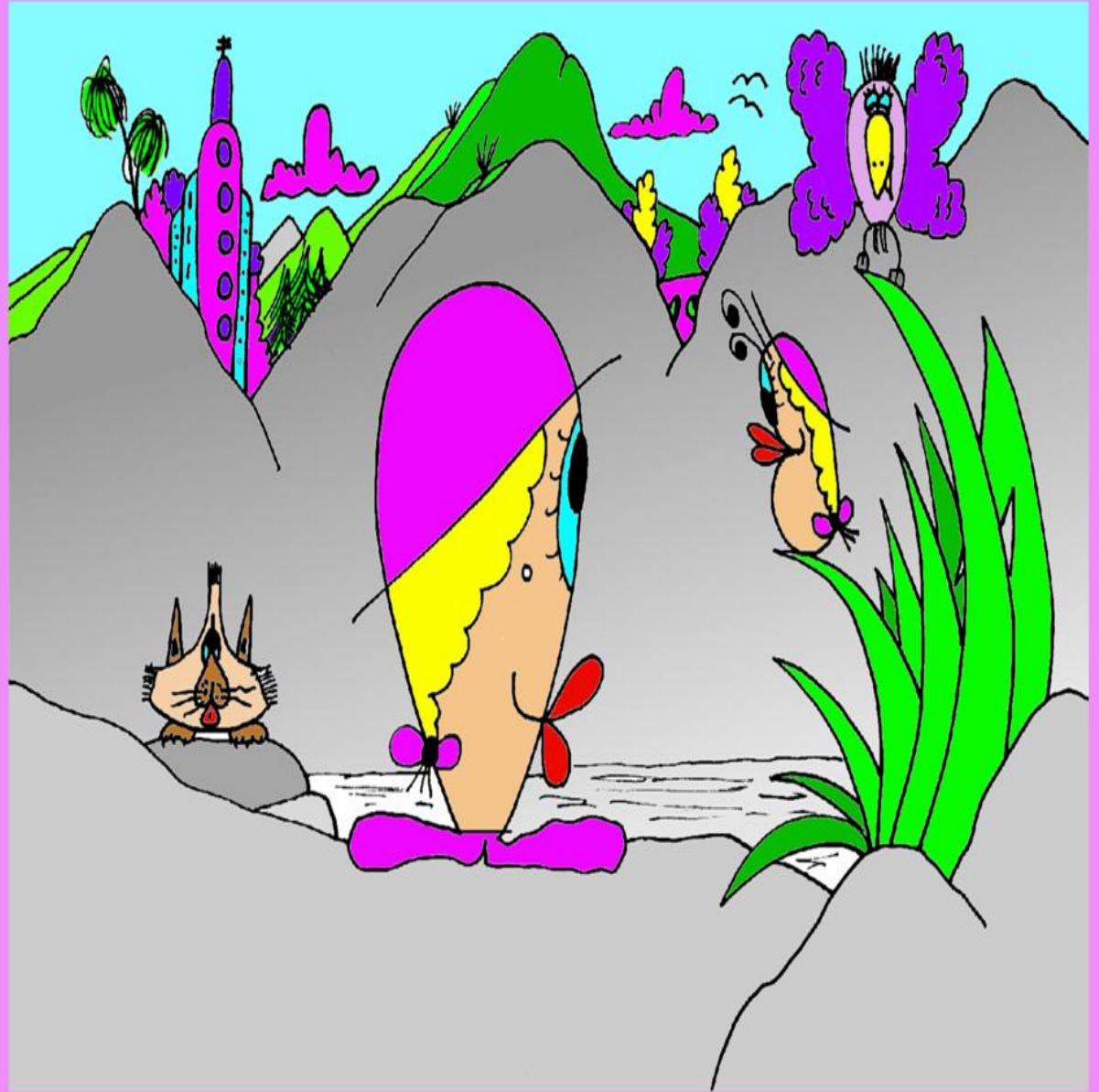
"There were big piles of trash everywhere. The air smelled really bad. The water wasn't fit to drink and the food was in short supply. We were really scared!"

"We want to go back and teach them to recycle, but first we have to learn more about it ourselves," said Slipper.



"Could this happen in our town?" asked Rosy.

"It could happen anywhere that people are not aware of their environment," said Slipper.



"My friends and I are already collecting aluminum cans," said George proudly.

"That's great! But it's only a small part of a whole picture. Recycling means using and reusing just about everything," said Bizby. "Keep up the good work!"



"Sometimes you just don't appreciate what you have until it's used up. I am so glad to be back in a town where people take recycling seriously," smiled Bizby for the first time that day.

"But I hear not everyone is doing it."

"We need to spread the word before it's too late," said Slipper with concern.

"Let's get started today," cheered Bizby.



"We can start by calling City Hall. They will know what programs are available," said Bizby.

"They are working very hard to teach recycling in the schools," said George.

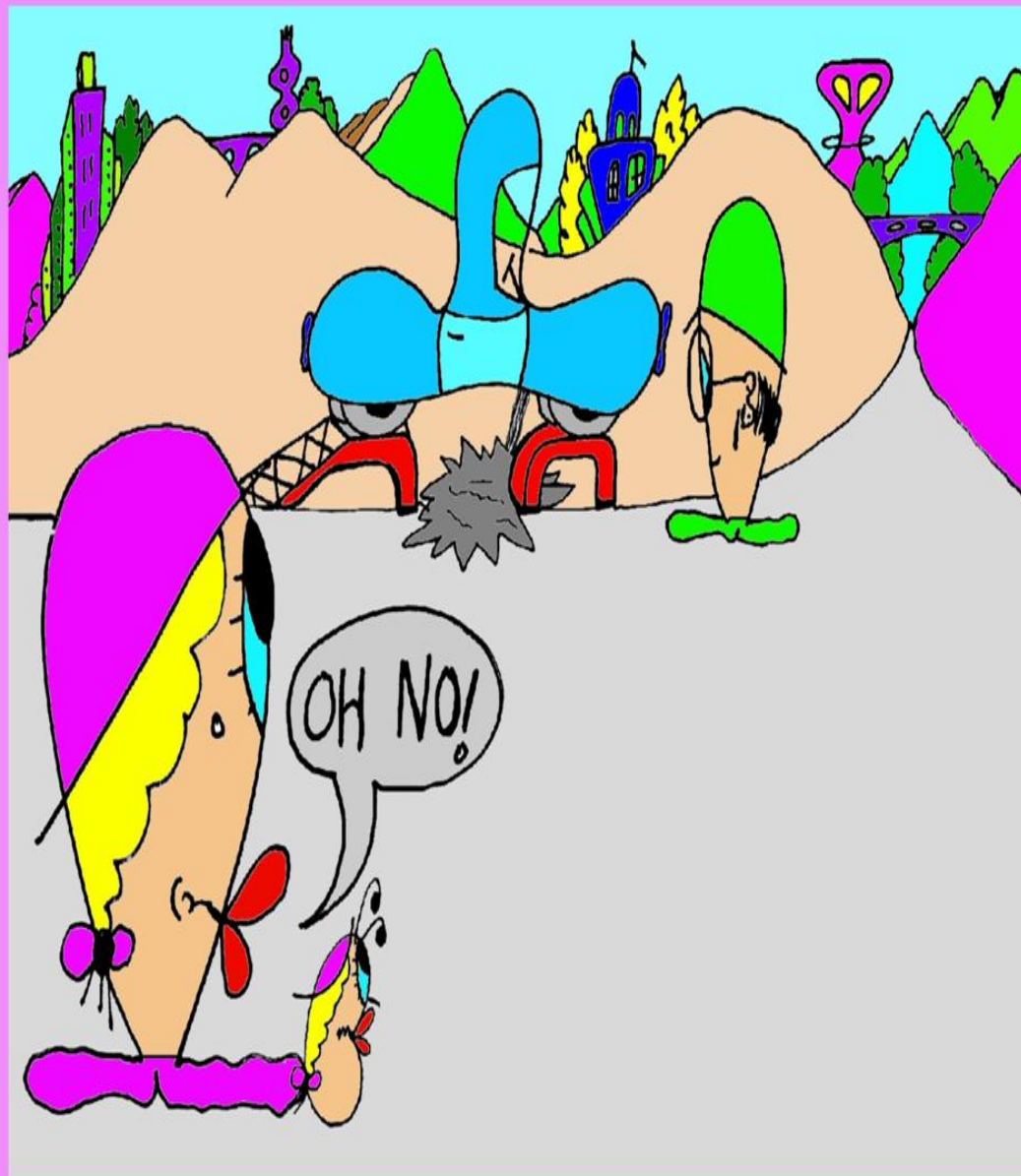
"Our school had a city official come visit. She taught us how people of all ages can recycle. It was great! We had fun and learned a lot about the world around us," laughed Rocky.

"I went home and helped my mom start a recycling program in our house," said Bruno.



"What else do people recycle?" asked Rosy.
"Soon, almost everything we use will be recycled. Old tires, car batteries, used refrigerators, appliances, even the oil from our cars," said Slipper.

"Hey! Look at that! He's draining his oil right out on the ground. Doesn't he know it will ruin the underground watertable? Let's go tell him," yelled Rosy.



"Hey kids! Look at this! I found enough aluminum cans to buy a new wagon," laughed George. "I'm excited," said Rosy proudly. "We took a whole bunch of newspapers, bottles and plastic containers to the recycling center. We earned enough to buy a new stereo for the tree house. Isn't this great! We can clean up the city and make money too!"



"Recycling is so cool! My new t-shirt was made from plastic bottles and so was the carpet in our house," smiled Rosy.

"I'm amazed that they can make new cans out of old cans," said George.

"Just think how many trees we saved by using recycled paper," said Rocky.

"Help me put these trash cans and recycling bins away so our street will look better. Only two bins to go," chuckled Bruno.

"Tomorrow we are going to teach the neighbors to recycle," laughed Rosy.



"If our parents see us cleaning up our neighborhood, they might like to help too," said Rocky.

"I'm going to make a bicycle out of old parts my brother left behind," said Bruno.

"Mitzy and I are going to make furniture for the treehouse out of my Dad's scrap woodpile," said Rosy.

"We'll use soup cans for crayon holders and old sheets for curtains." "Yahoo! This is so much fun! What a wonderful way to recycle, by using things we already have. Our town will look much nicer and the best of all, it's not only free," smiled Sneaker. "We can make extra money too."



"It is so nice to live in such a beautiful place. This planet is truly an oasis, but sometimes you have to go to other places to appreciate it. It's time for us to go back and help those people on the other planet," said Slipper. "I hope it's not too late," said Bizby, as he and Slipper rose up into the clouds.





