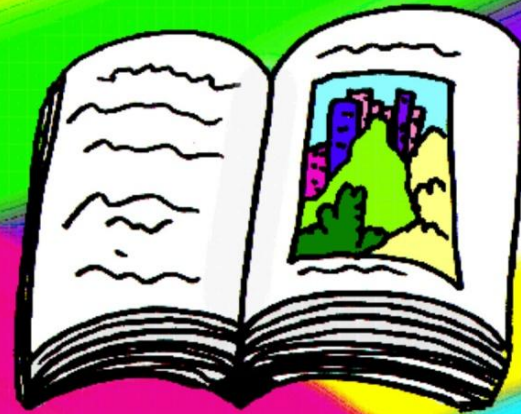
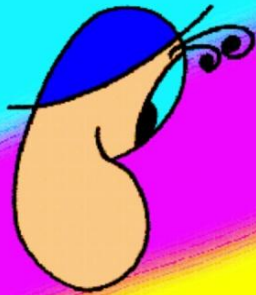


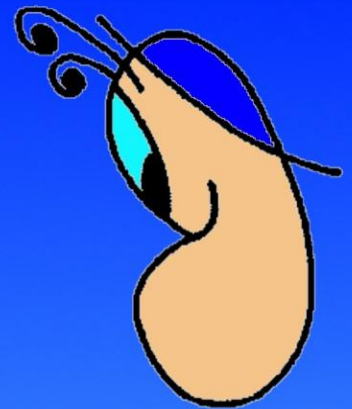
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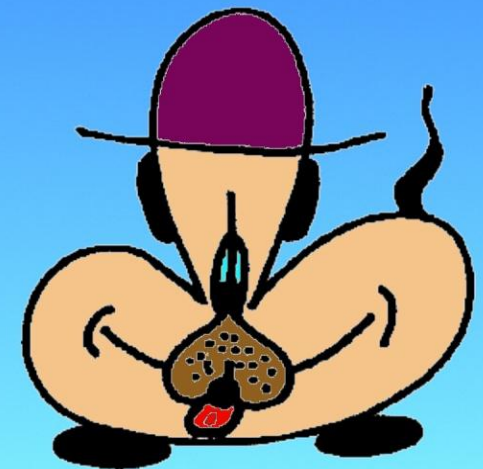
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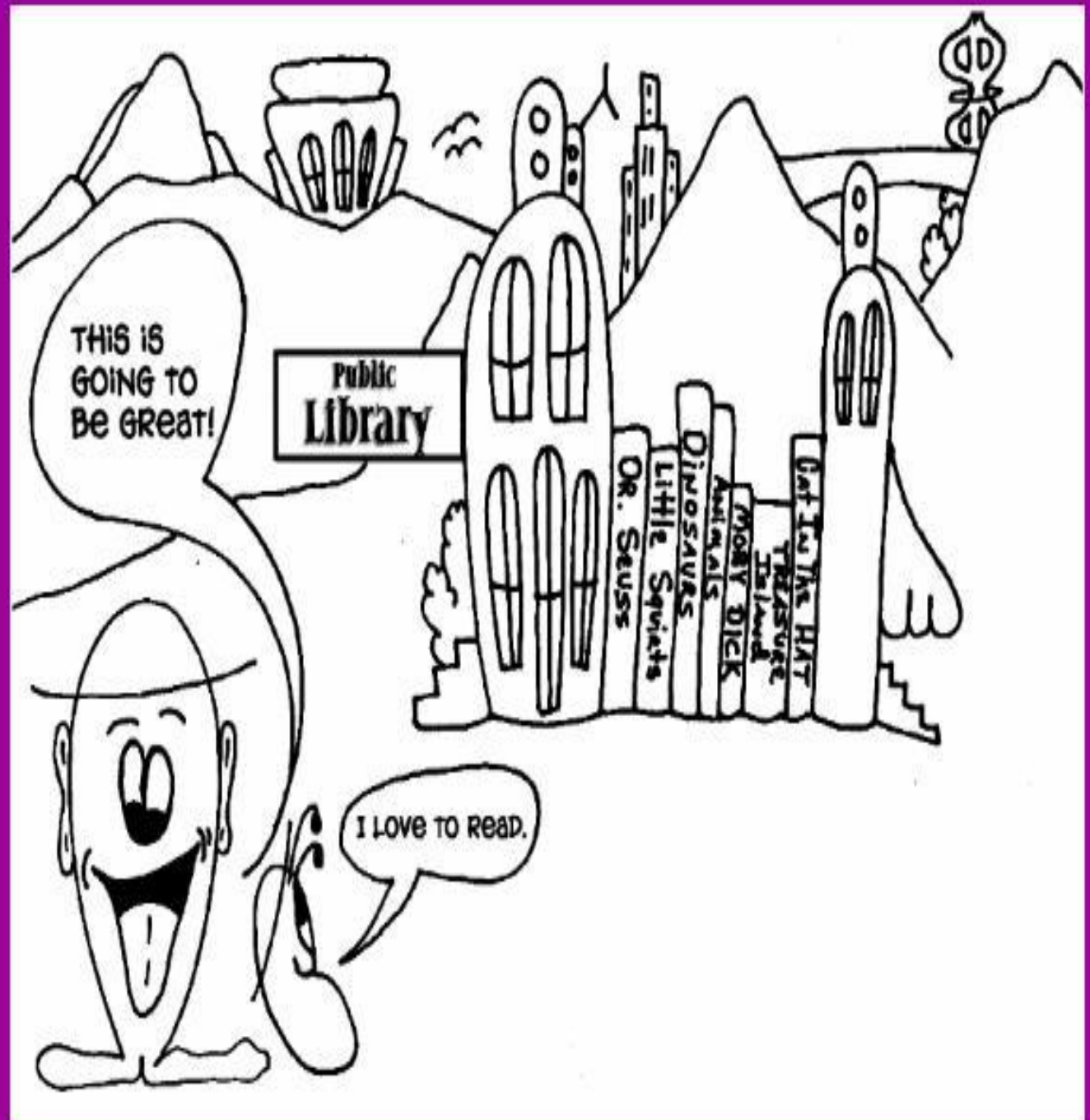
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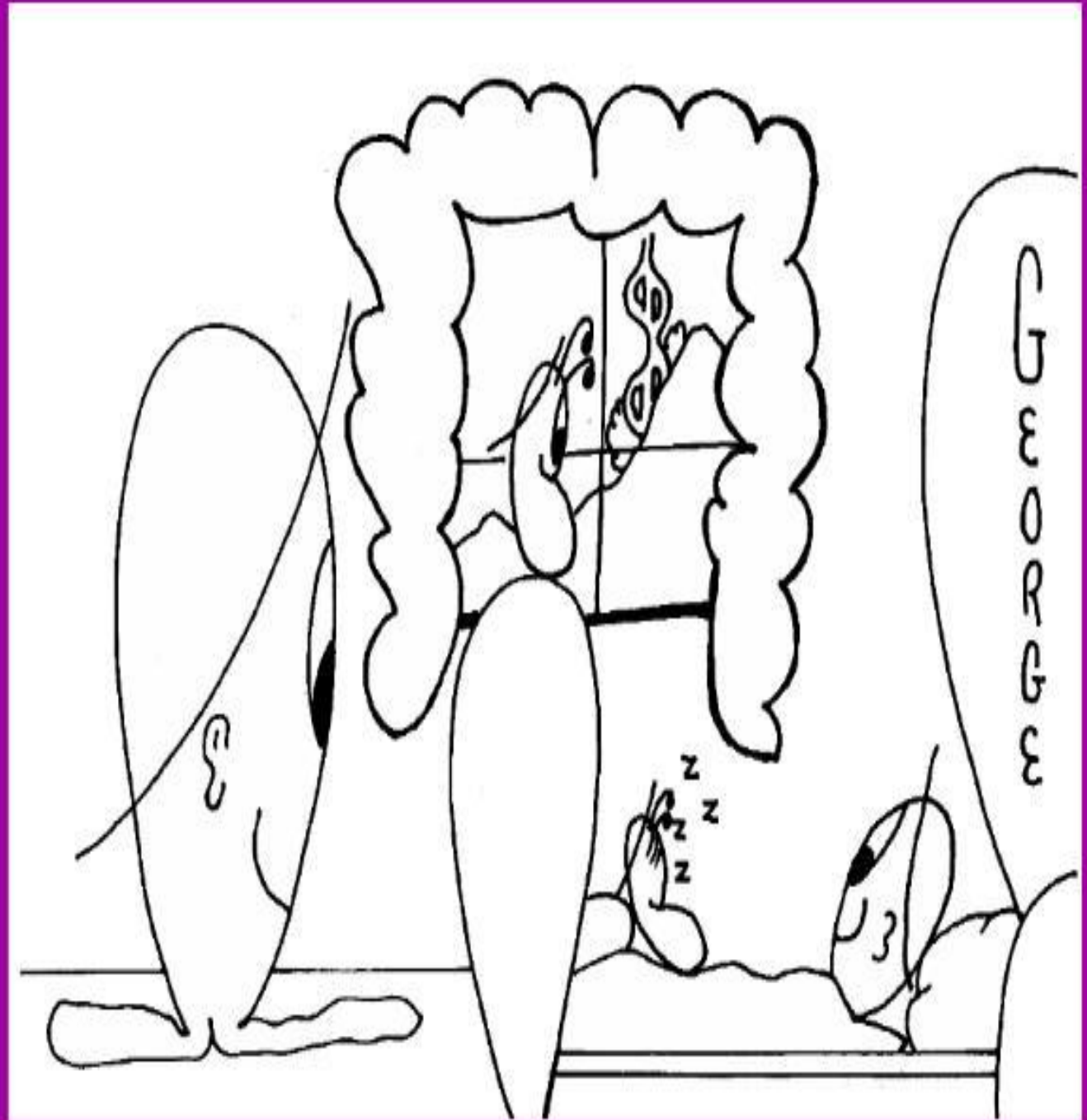
George was so excited. He and his friends have been waiting all summer for the new library to open.

Tomorrow is the big day.



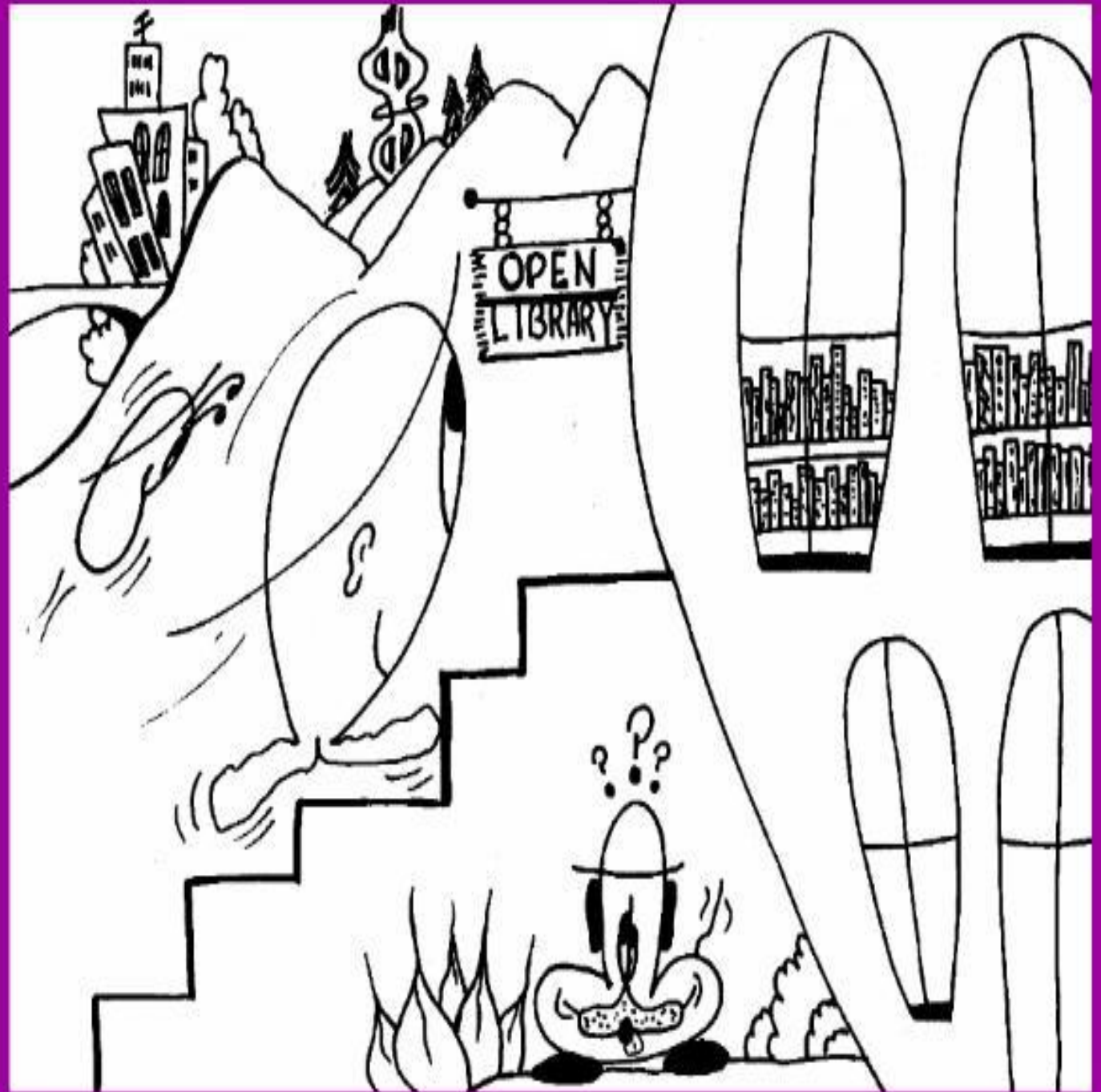
"You better go to sleep so the morning will get here sooner," said Bruno, George's older brother.

"I love to read," thought George.
"Every book is a new adventure."



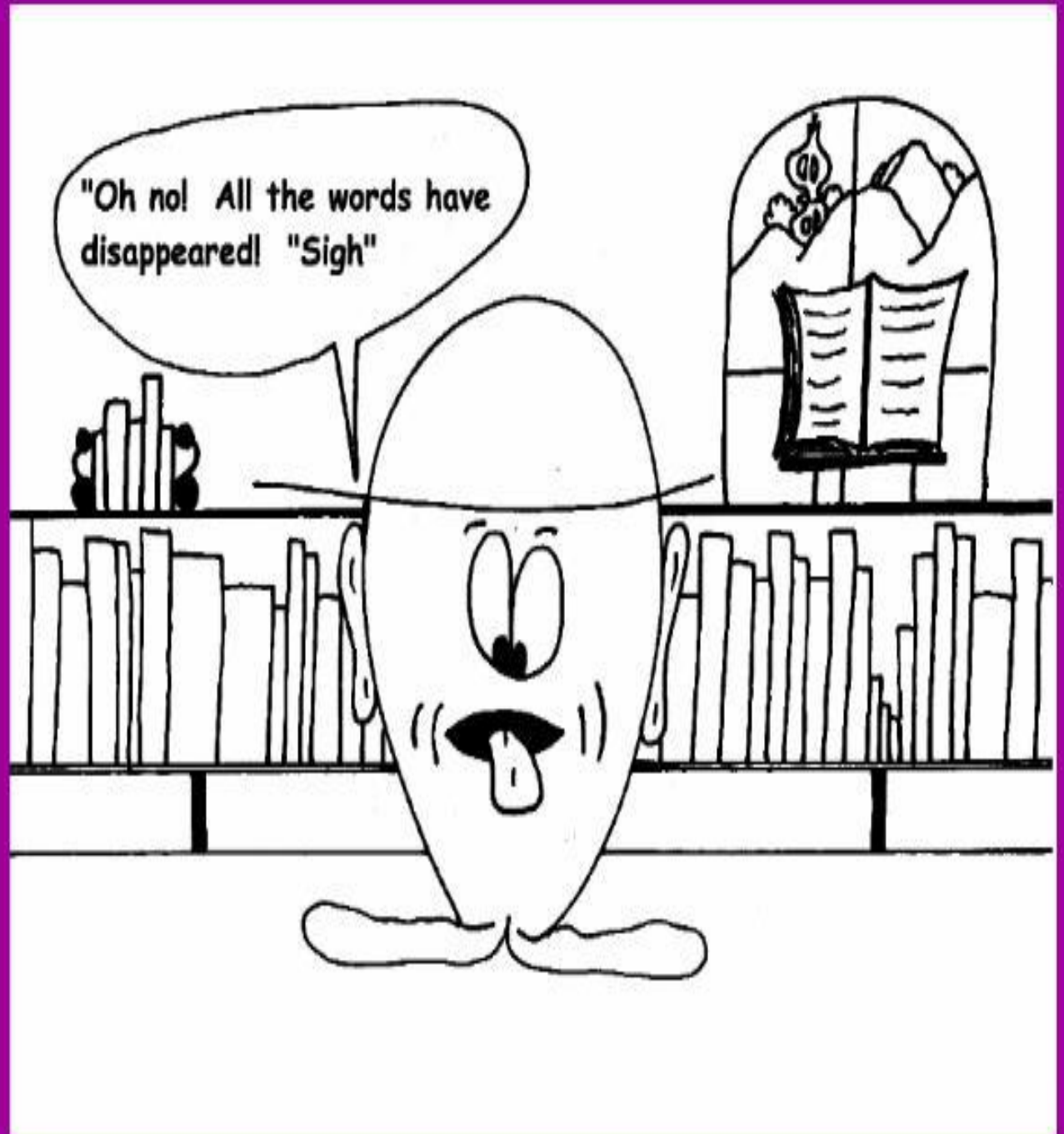
"Alright! I'm going to be the first kid in," laughed George. "Look at all those books! I'm in heaven."

Bizby could hardly keep up as George jumped two steps at a time.



George and Bizby looked around. Something wasn't right.

"Where did all the words go?" he cried in shock. Everywhere he looked the letters were missing. The books were all blank and so was the sign that should have said "Quiet Please." George was confused and disappointed.

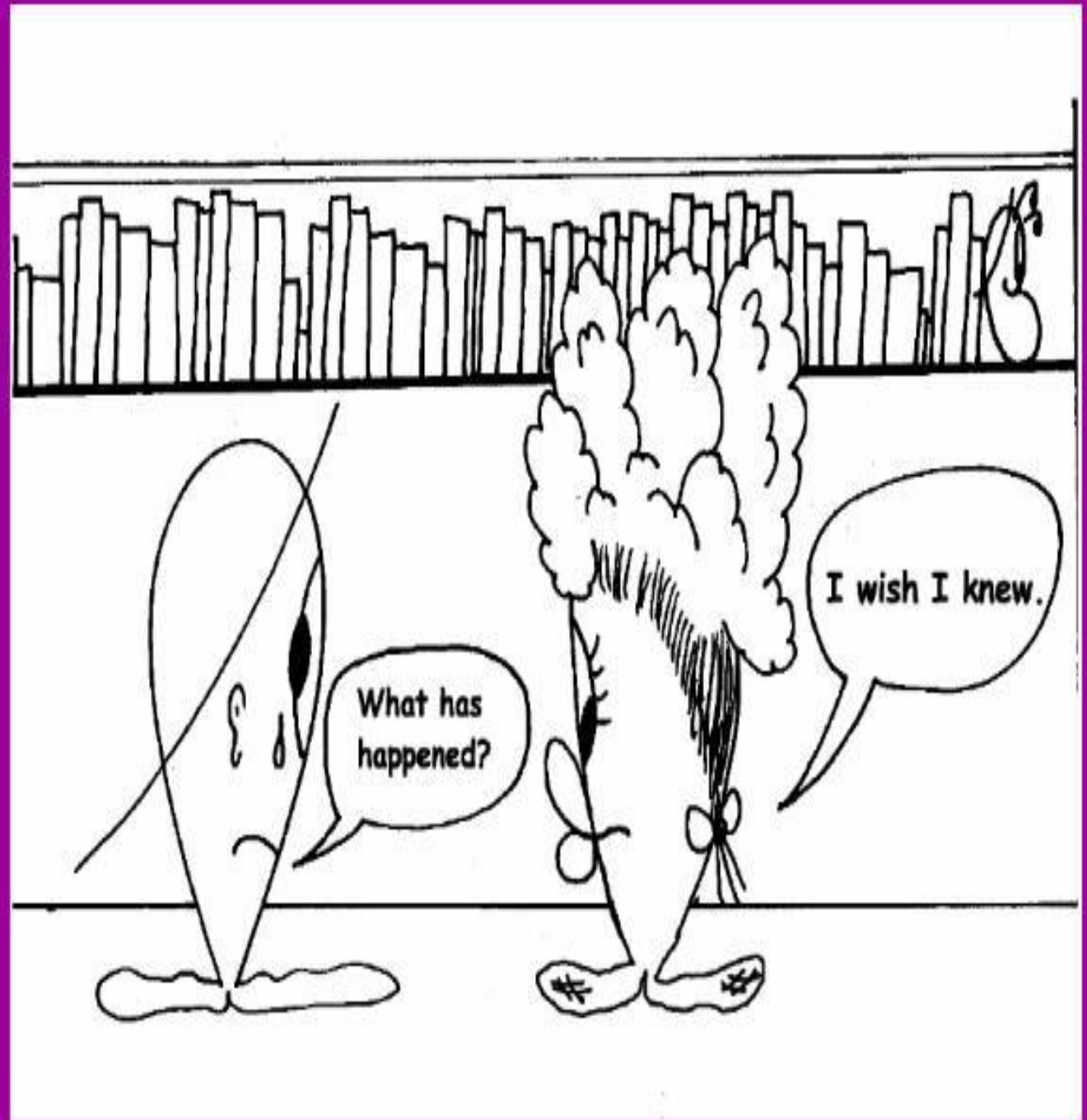


George found Mrs. Read, the librarian.

"What in the world has happened to all the letters?" he asked politely, but with concern.

"I have no idea. One minute they were here, the next minute they just disappeared," said Mrs. Read with a frown.

"I don't know what to do."



George couldn't believe his eyes. "What can we do?" He thought to himself. "What will the world be like if we can't read anymore?"

As he walked through town he noticed all the letters were missing from the store signs.

"How will anyone know which store to go into? How will I know what time it is? What will we learn in school?"

George tried hard to make sense of it all.



George sat down and thought about how reading had made his life better. He started to make a list of all the things he was going to miss reading. Bizby helped. The list is endless.

This is a small part of George's list. Can you think of some of your own?

1. **Grocery labels:** You wouldn't know what was in a package or can or how much it cost.
2. **Street signs, addresses and phone numbers:** You might get lost and not know a phone number to call home.
3. **Clocks:** You might be late for school.
4. **TV remote control:** You might miss your favorite cartoon.
5. **Money:** How would you know how much to give the cashier?

"It would be a strange world if we couldn't read," thought George sadly.



“If I couldn’t read and write, I would really be lost,” thought George. “Besides books are so much fun.”

“Wake up you sleepyhead!” Bruno laughed as George almost fell out of bed. “The library opens in half an hour and you haven’t even brushed your teeth!”

“I’m so glad that was only a dream,” thought George who had a brand-new appreciation for reading.



I love to read. Do you?
Books are so cool.

