



Cookie and her Phone

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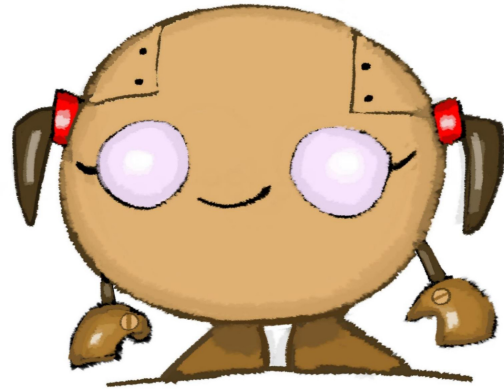
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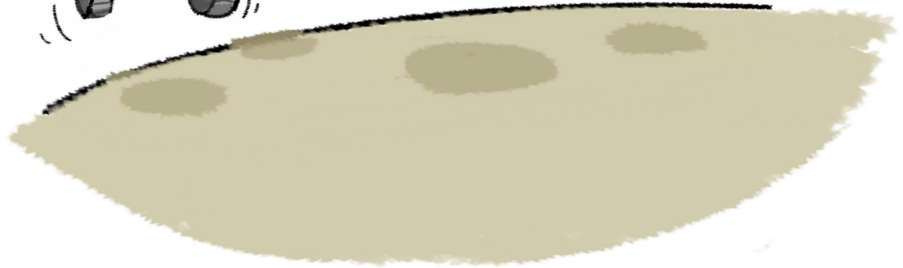
Dedication

To the real-life Cookie. You're too young to own a cell phone, but once you're older and ready to get one, this book will be waiting for you!

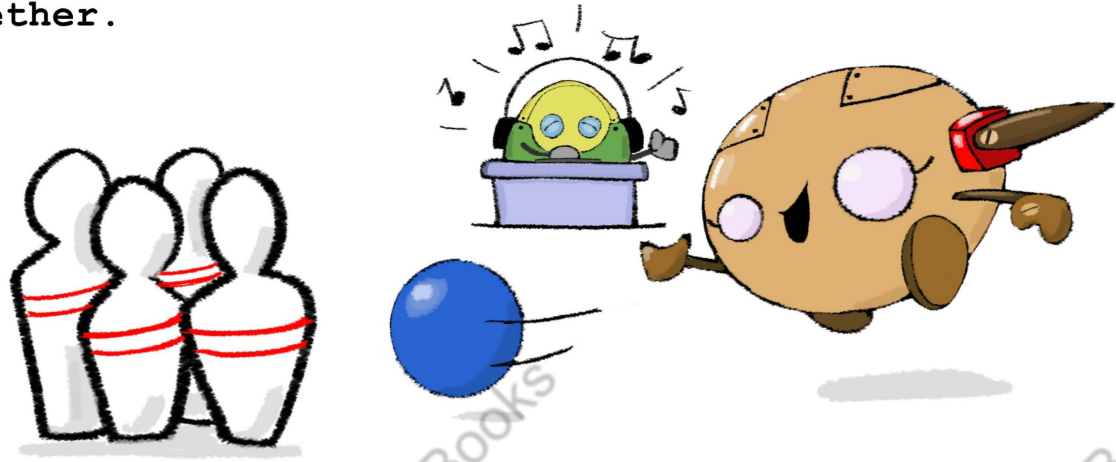
Cookie was a very
social robot.



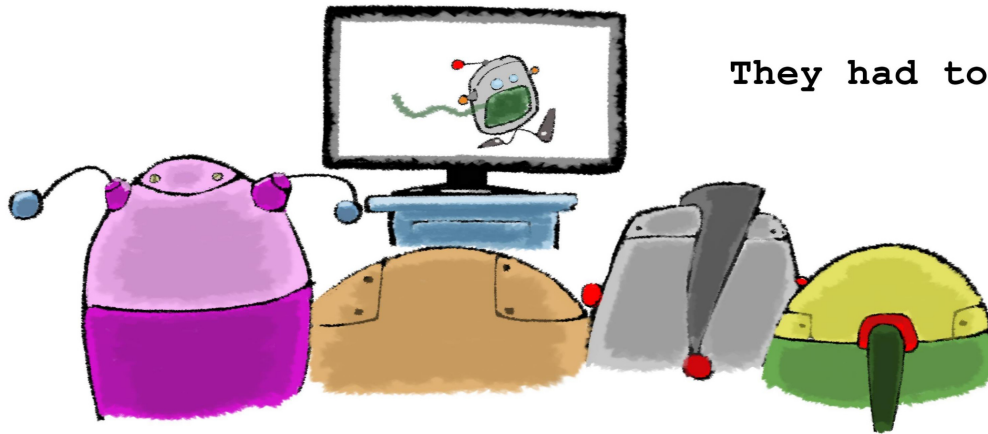
She had several
friends and spent
the best of times
with them.



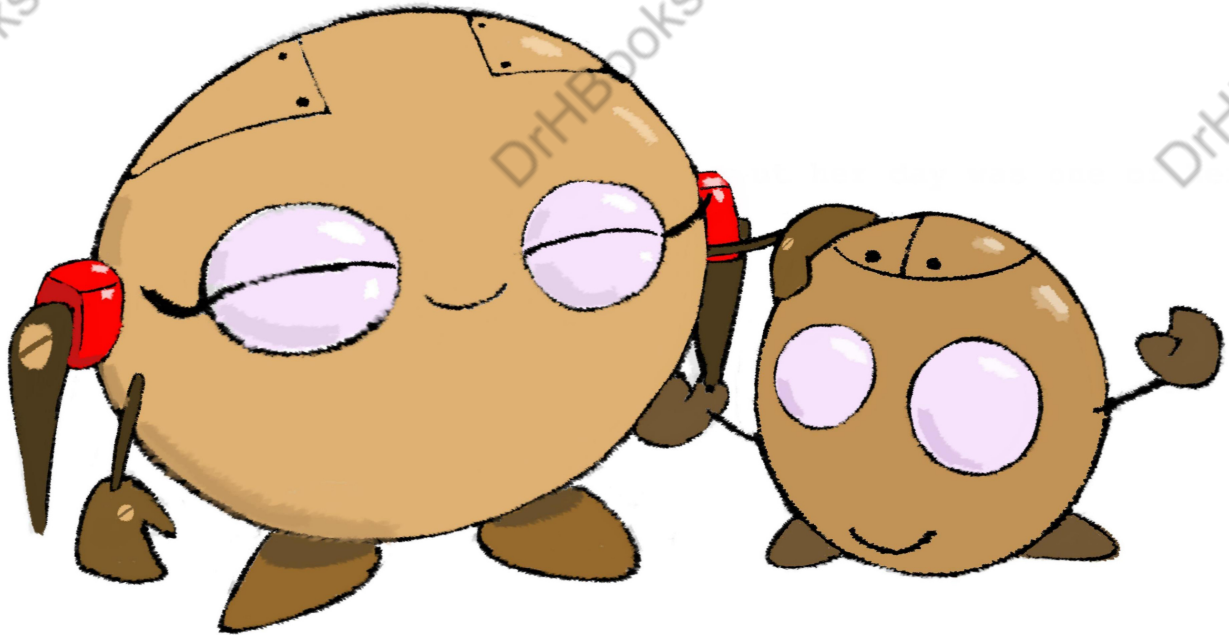
They'd talk about everything, play lots of games, listen to music, and watch TV together.



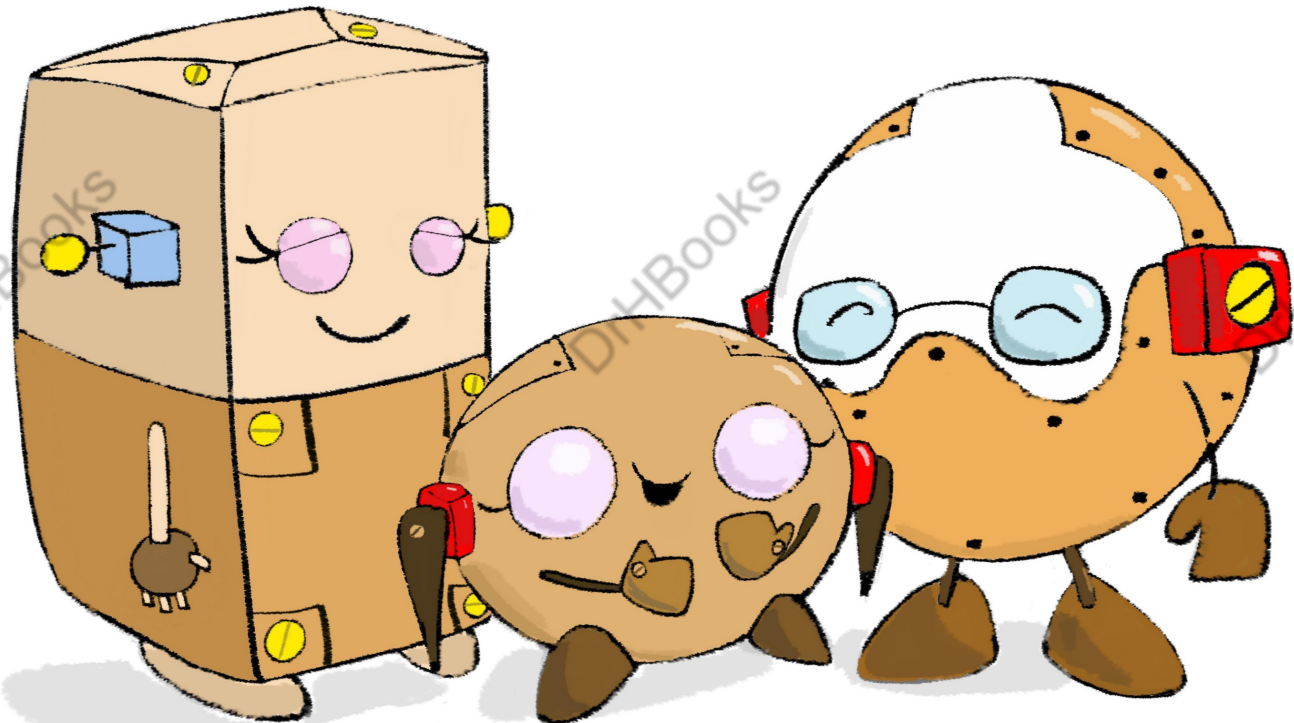
They had tons of fun.



Cookie also loved spending time with her
parents and baby brother.

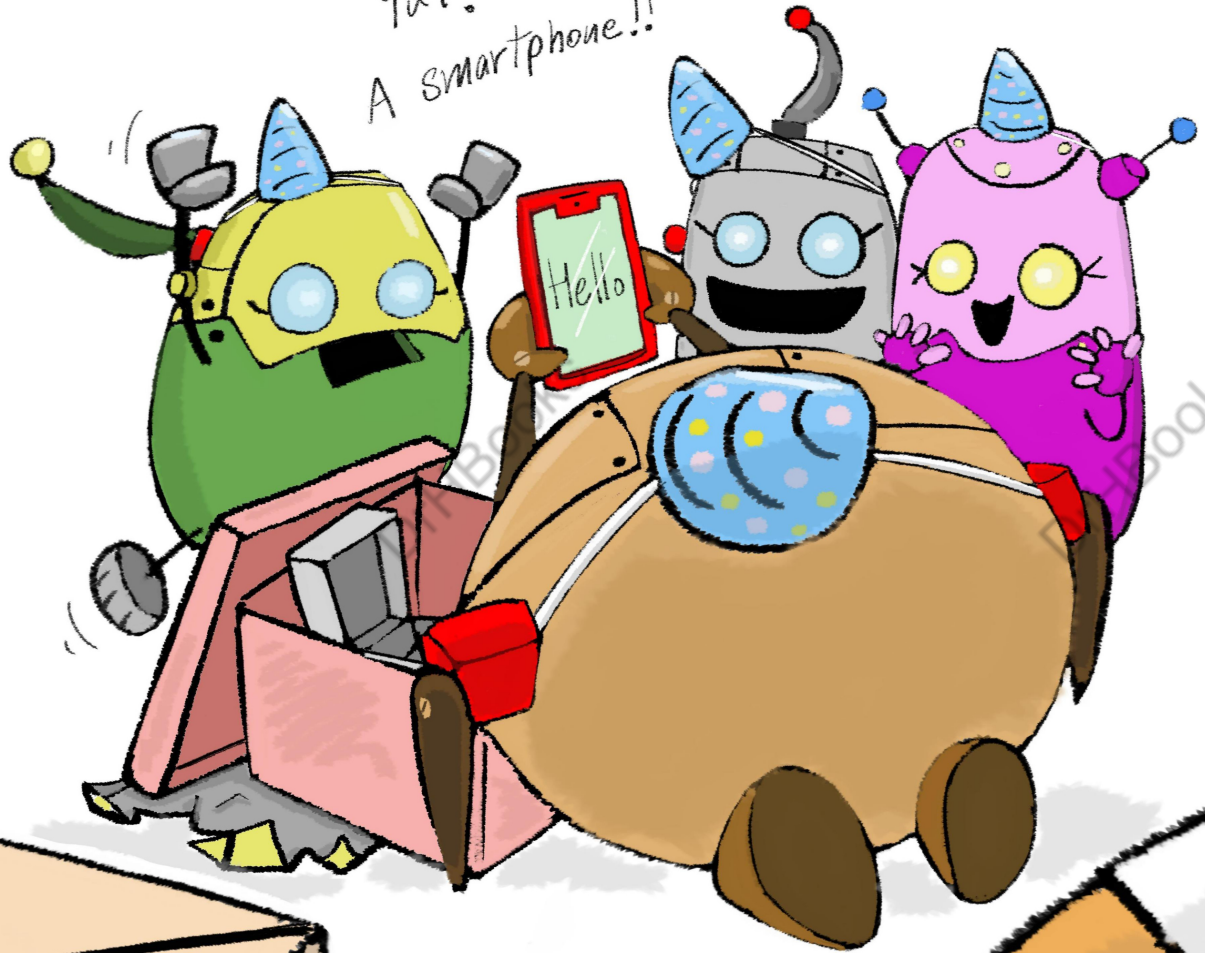


Telling her parents about her day was one of her favorite things.

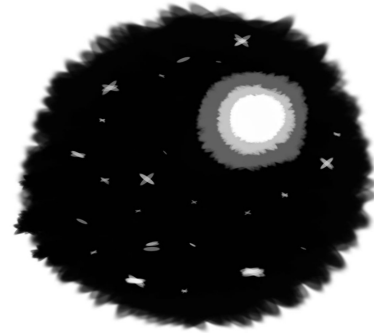


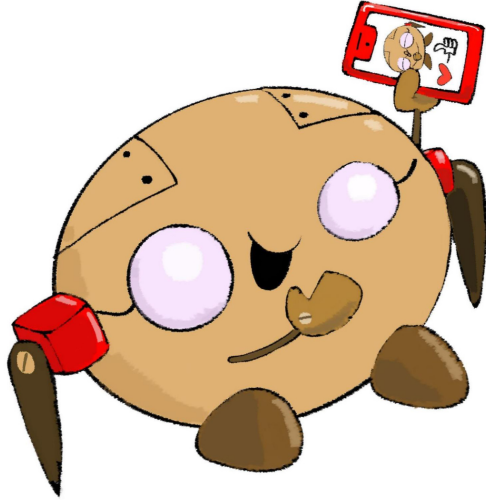
On her birthday, Cookie's parents
bought her a gift.

Yay!
A smartphone!!



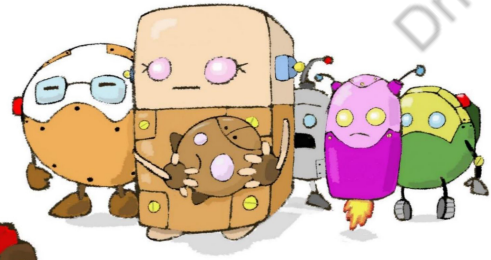
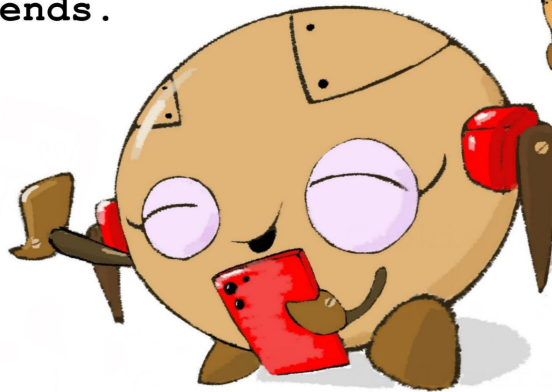
Cookie spent the whole night on
her phone exploring the internet.





The next day, all Cookie could do was talk about her phone.

As the days went by, she spent less and less time with her family and friends.



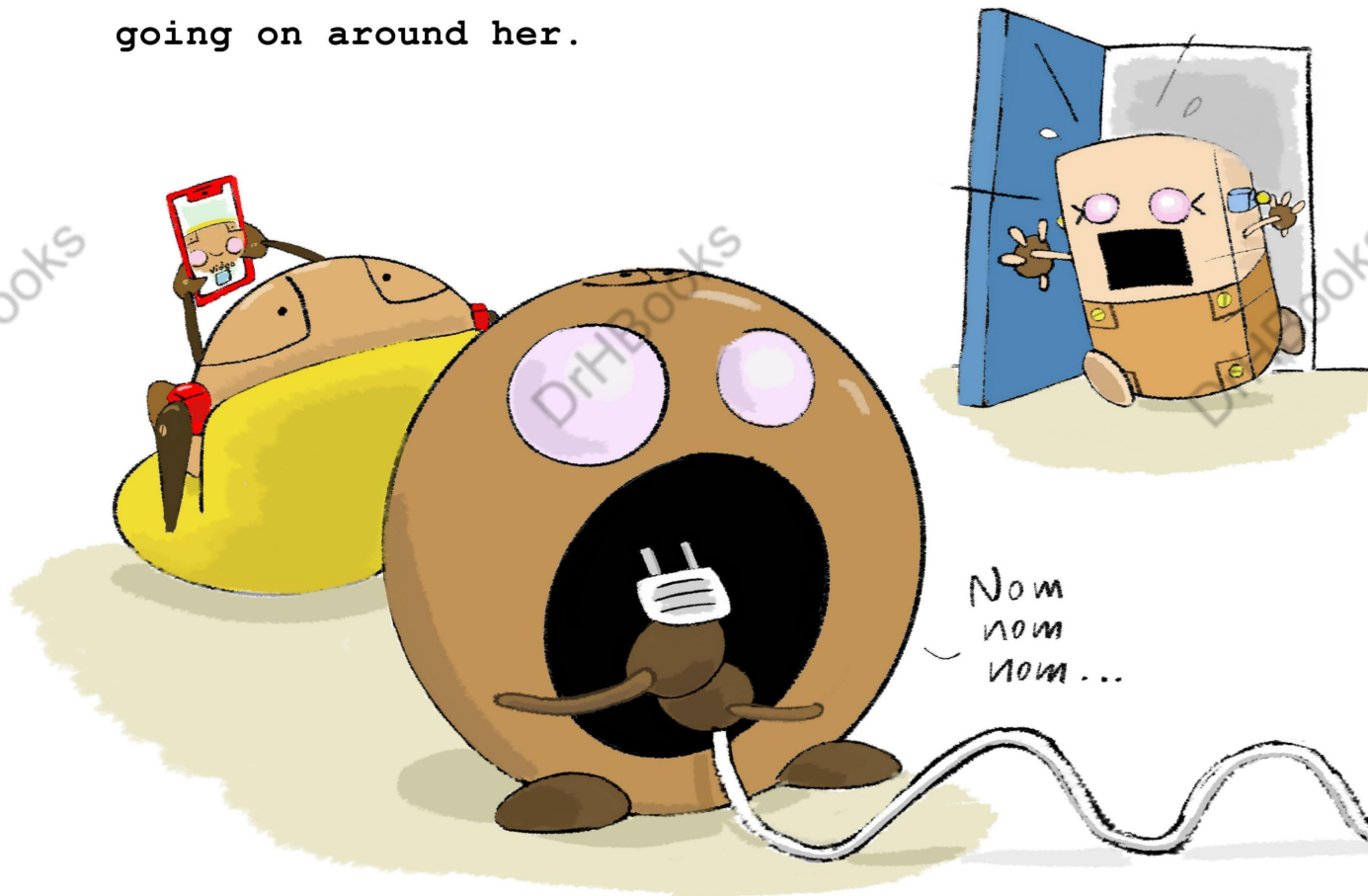
Cookie took lots of photos
and videos.



She bragged about all the
likes she was getting.

It didn't stop there.

Cookie became so distracted, she never noticed who was there or what was going on around her.



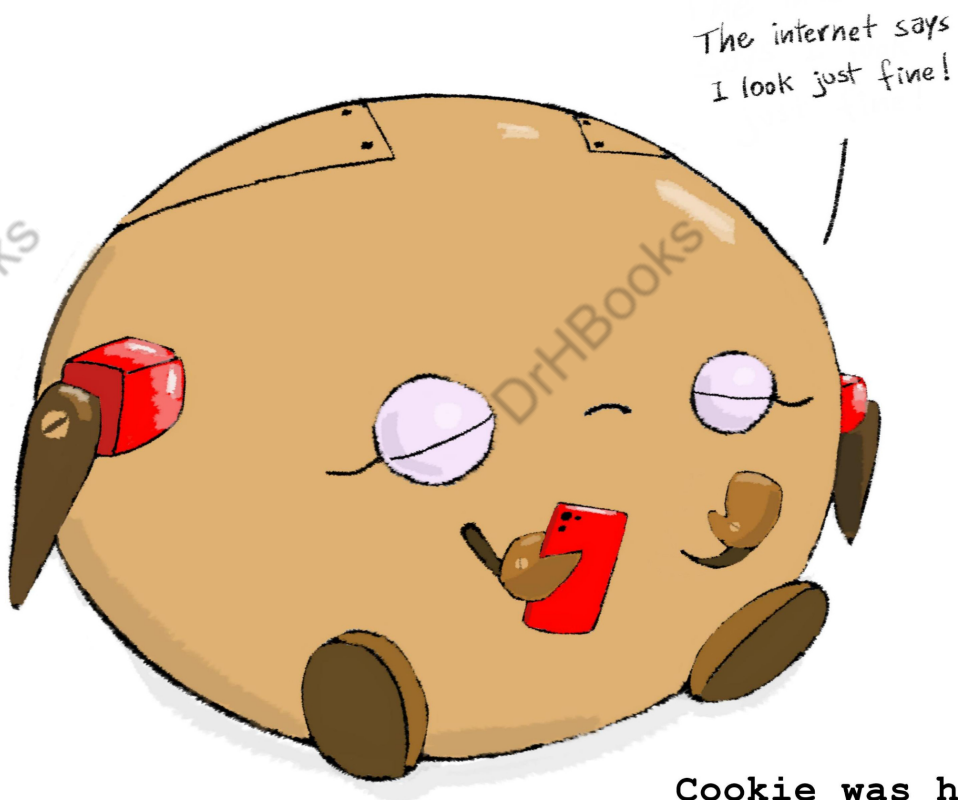
It was like she wasn't even there.



You're eating
a napkin.

And your head
is getting bigger.

And she wouldn't listen when others
told her about her head getting bigger.



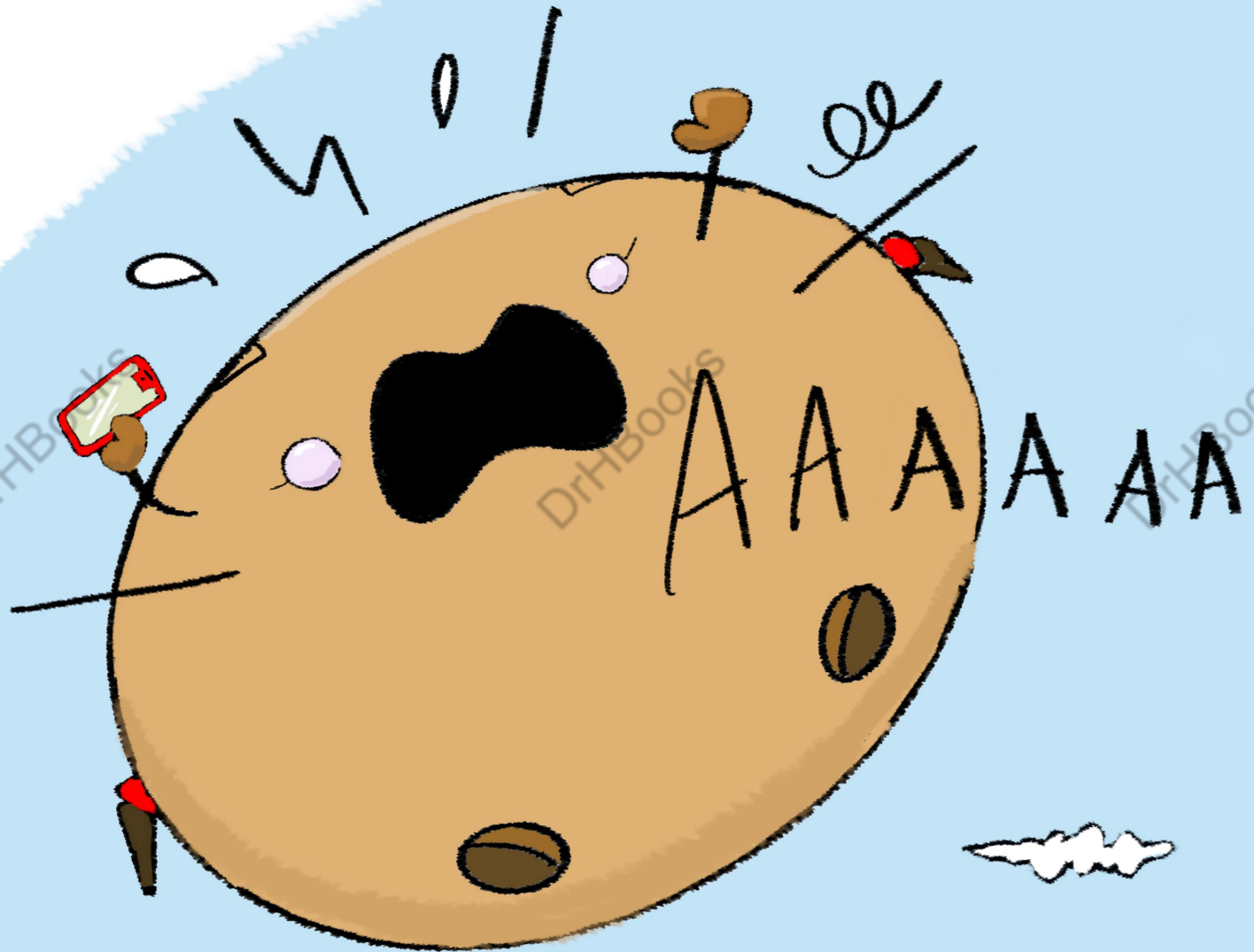
Cookie was happy with
the way things were.

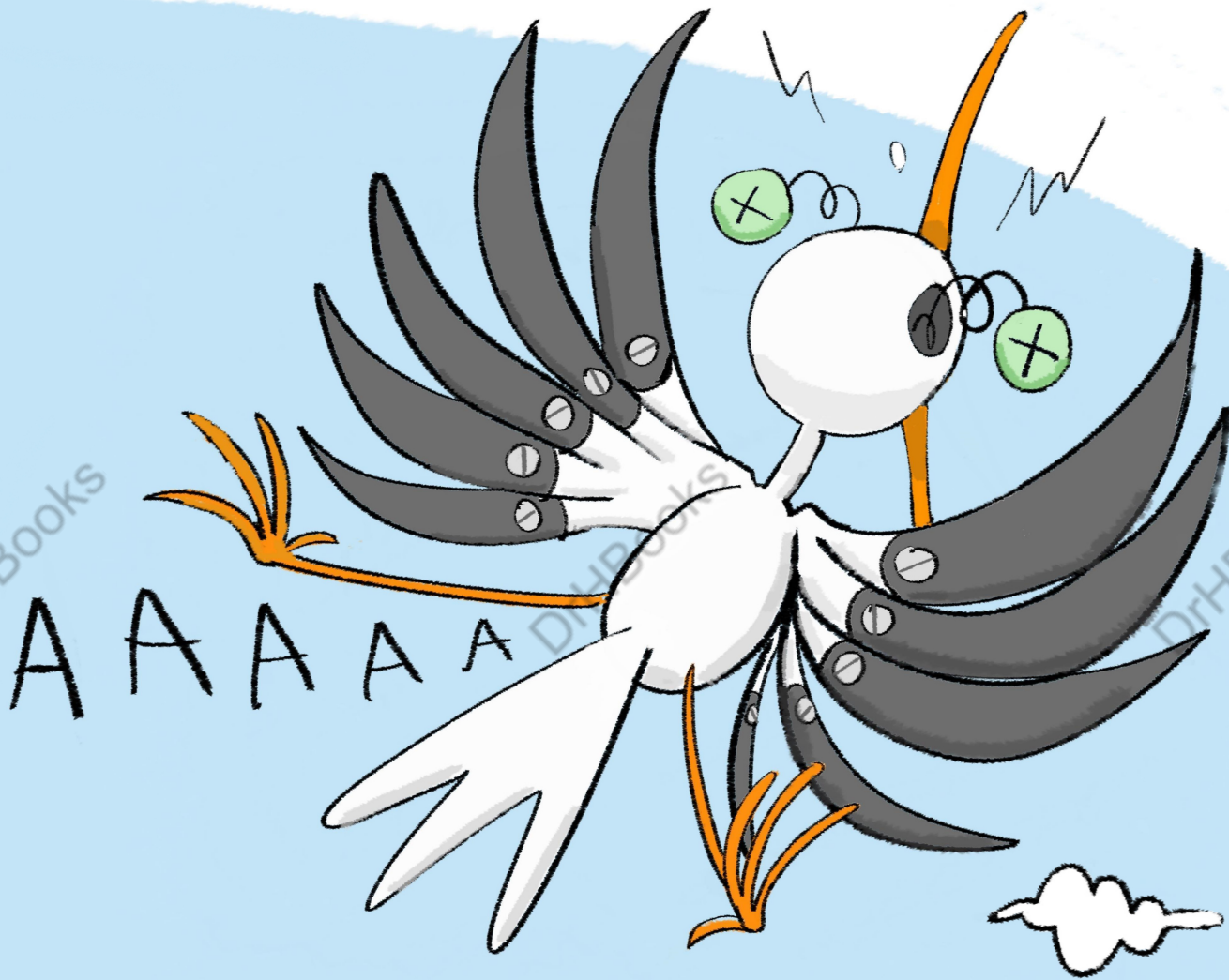
One day, Cookie woke up with
a fuzzy feeling in her head.



She tried to scratch it . . .





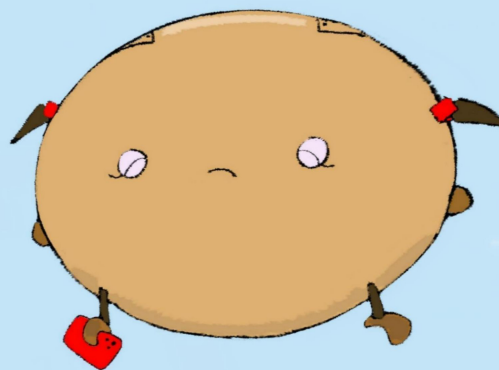


and found out her head had
turned into a big balloon.

She tried calling her
parents and friends,
but that didn't work.

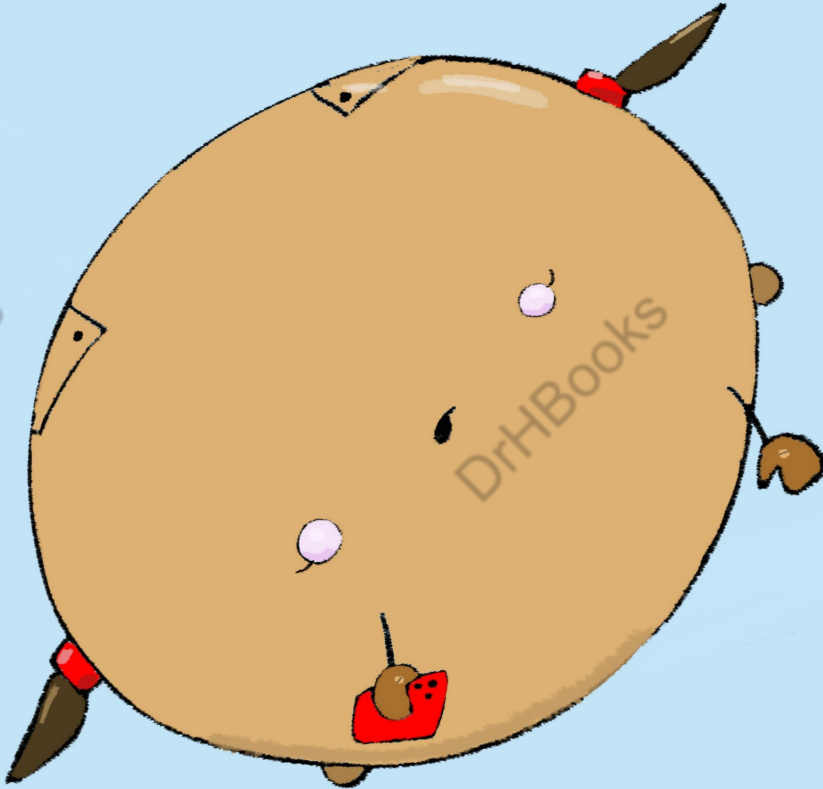


She cried for help,
yet there was no one
around besides a few
clouds.



Data?
What's
that?





Cookie kept going up,
up,
up

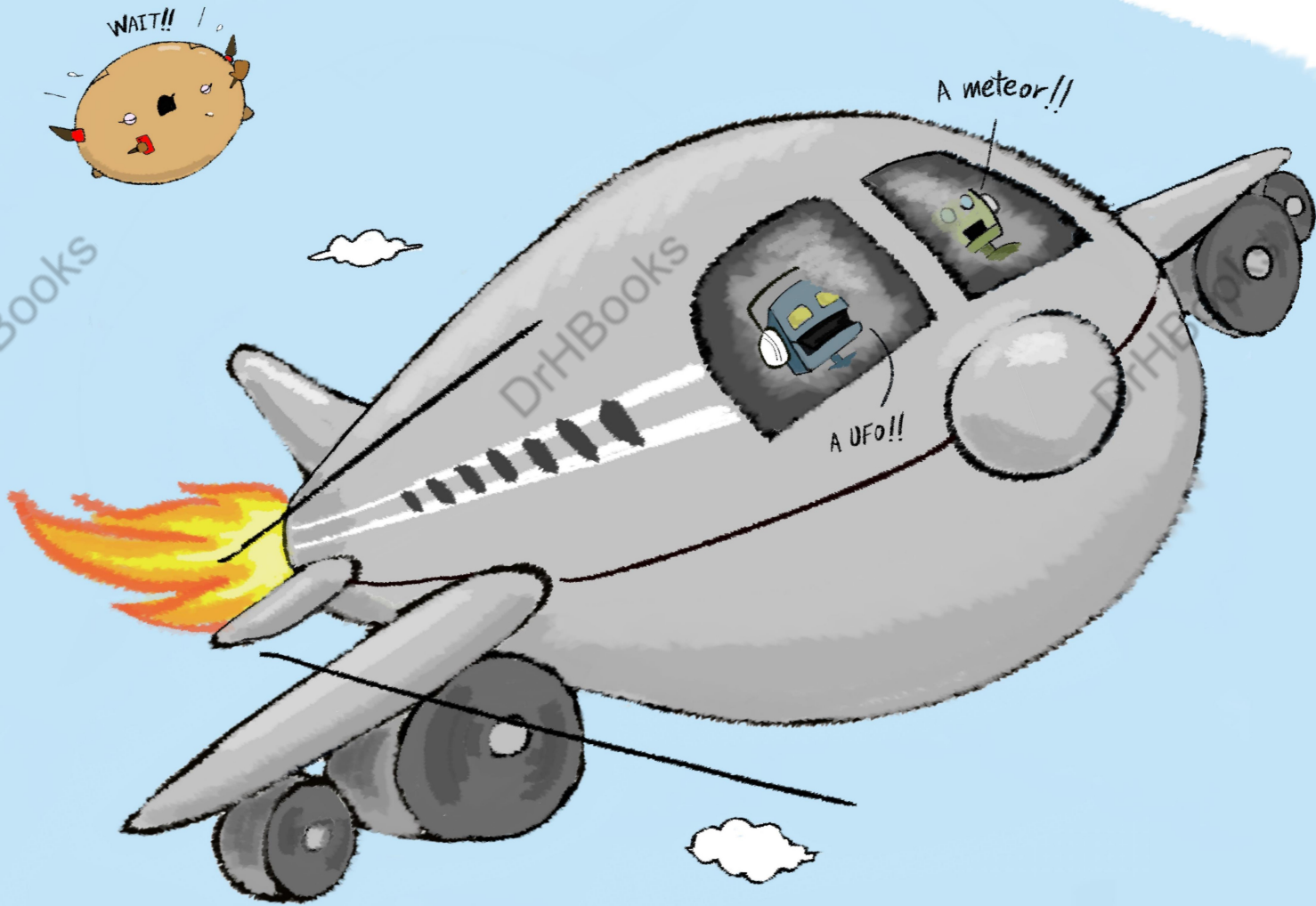


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A few hours later, an airplane appeared . . .

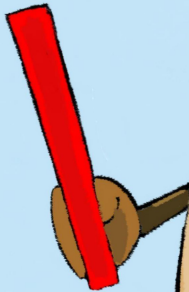


but it sped away thinking Cookie was a UFO.



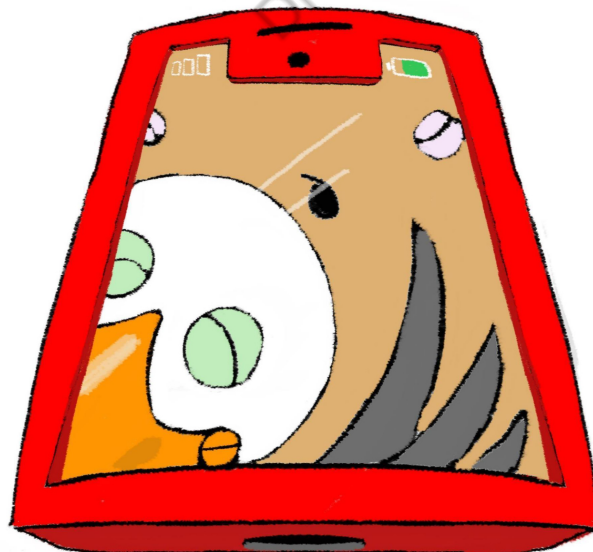
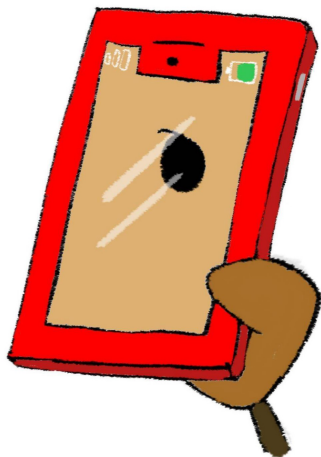
Cookie didn't know what to do.
No internet. No social media. No games.

Oh, well. She still had her
camera and thought she'd take
the best pictures ever!



Oh! The likes
I'll get once
I'm back online!

But her head was too big to fit in the camera.

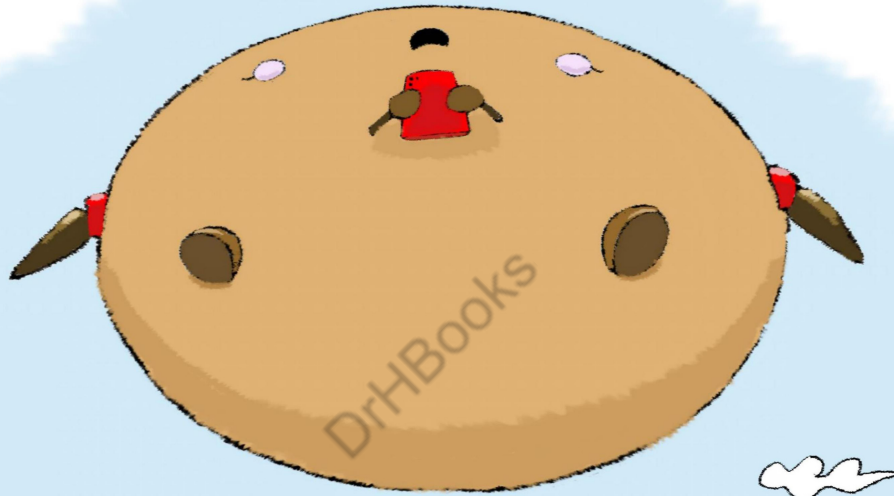


You again?!!



Cookie kept on ascending.

And Cookie kept on ascending.



More hours went by with no signs of rescue.

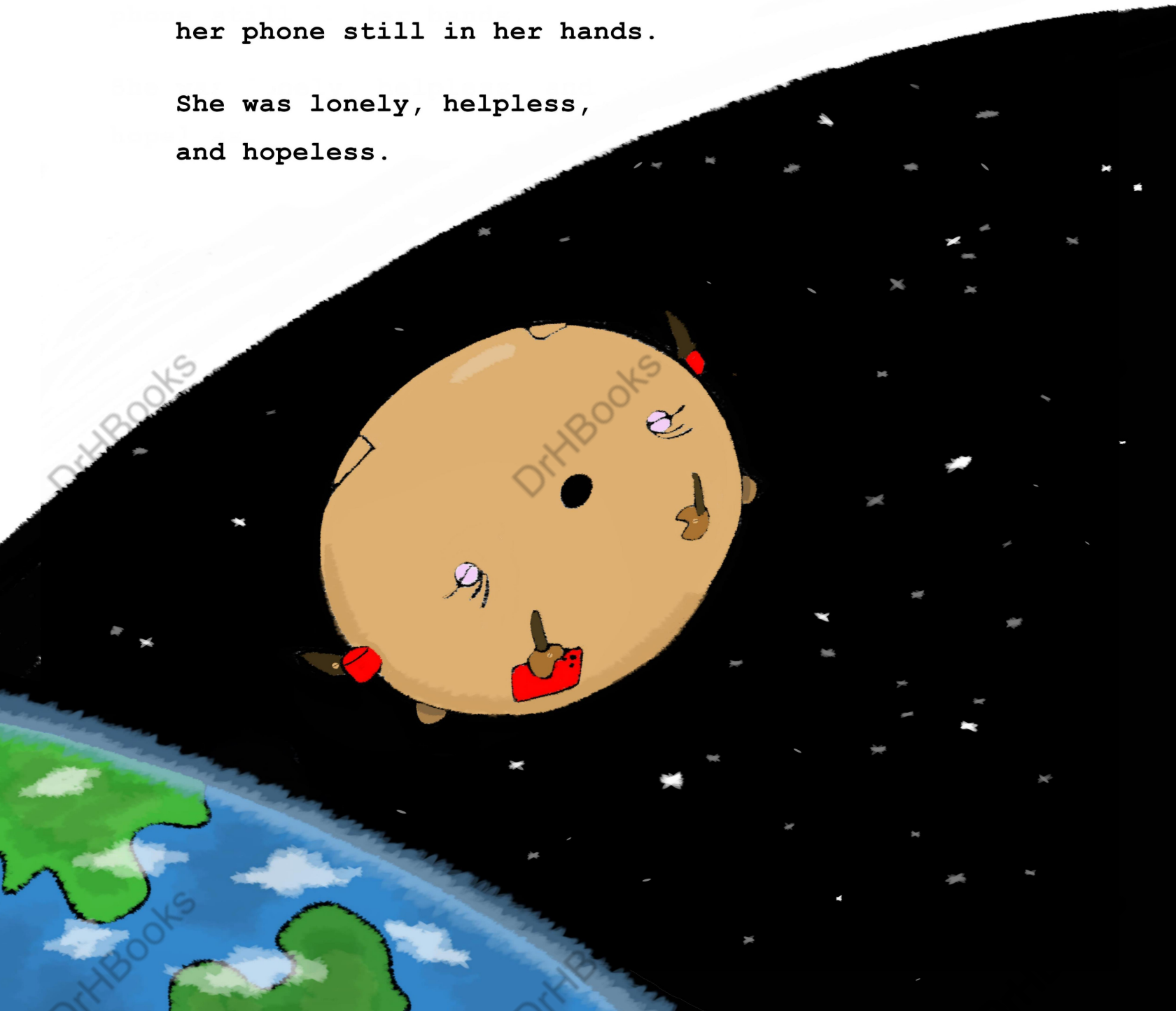
Cookie returned to staring at her phone but no longer felt like using it.

She remembered how her parents and friends were always there in times of need.



Cookie reached outer space with
her phone still in her hands.

She was lonely, helpless,
and hopeless.



She was also hungry.

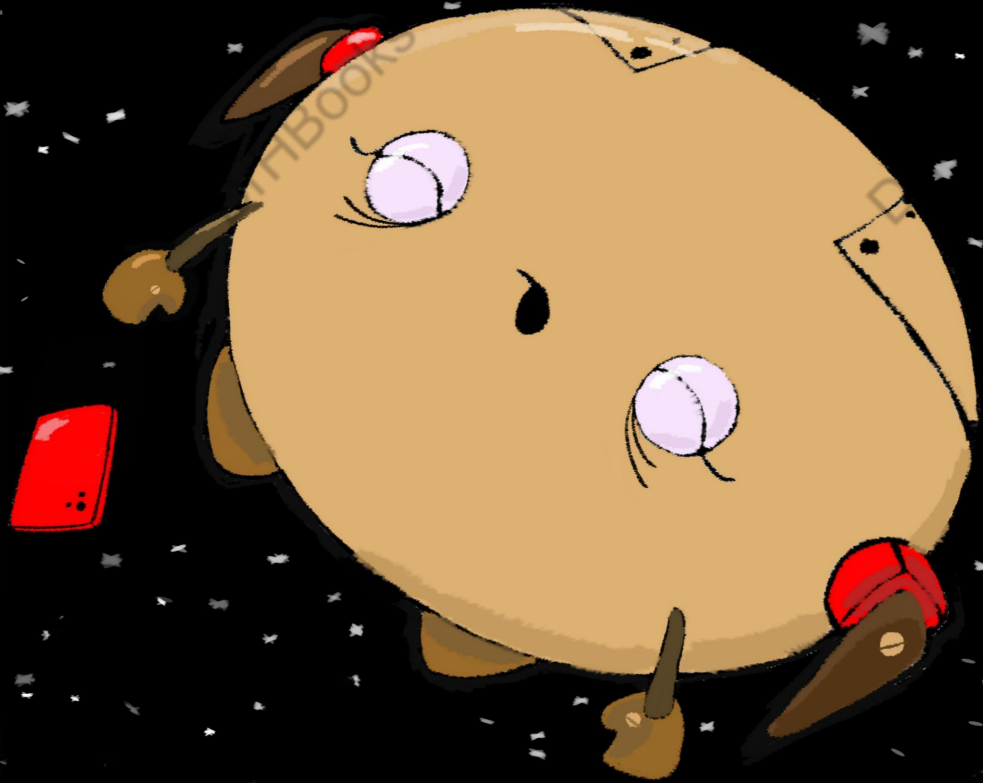


Cookie looked at her phone once more, and for the first time since she'd gotten it, she turned it off.



She closed her eyes and thought of her family and friends. Her head started clearing out.

It got smaller, and smaller.



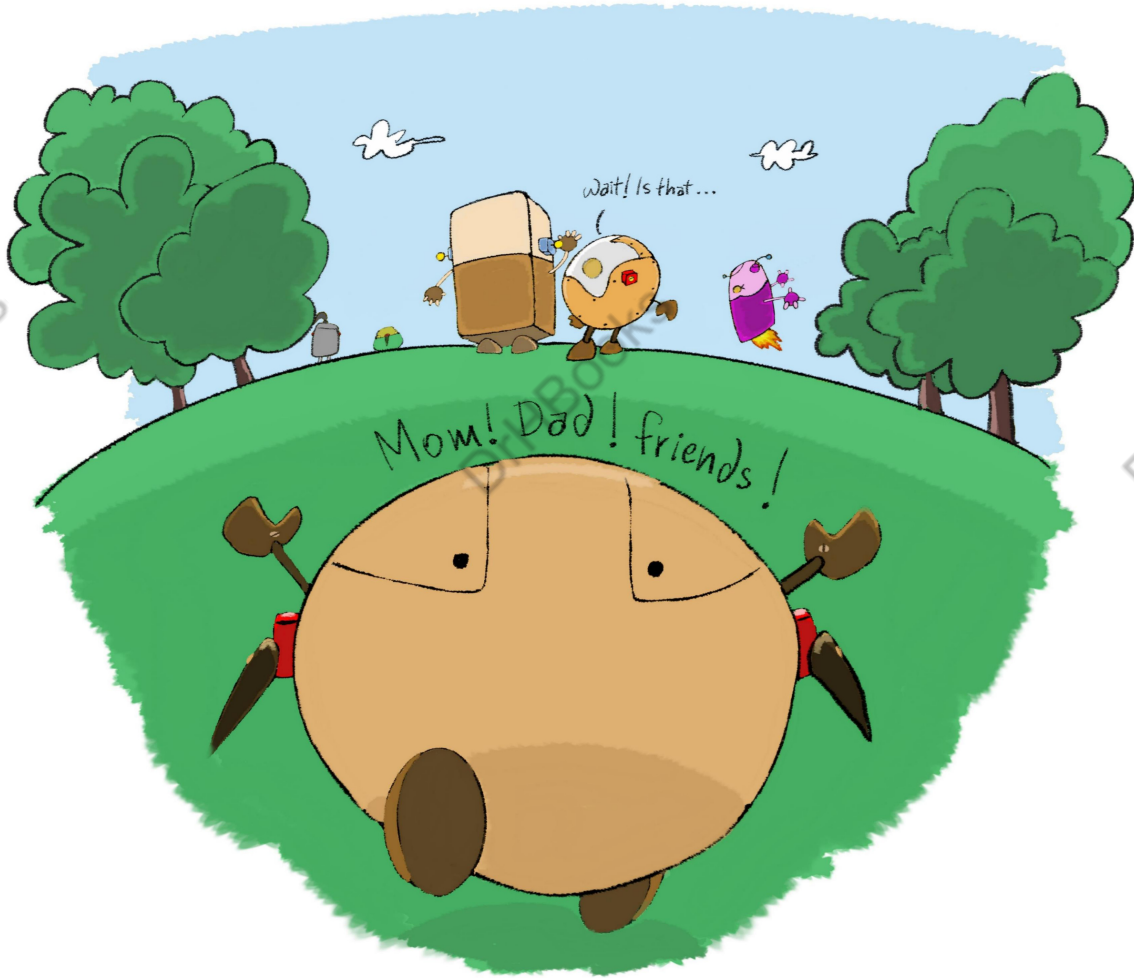
When Cookie opened her eyes,
she was thrilled!



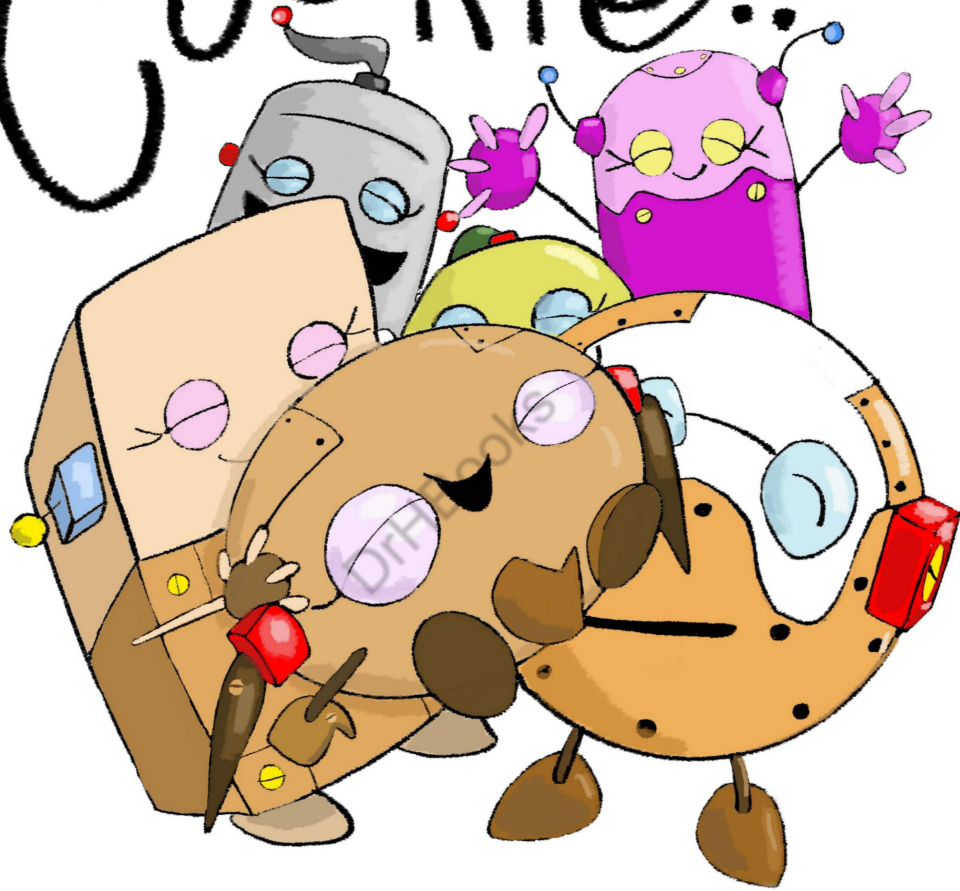
The airplane crew gave her a parachute
and wished her a safe trip back home.



Cookie finally landed in a park not far from home, only to find her family and friends looking for her.



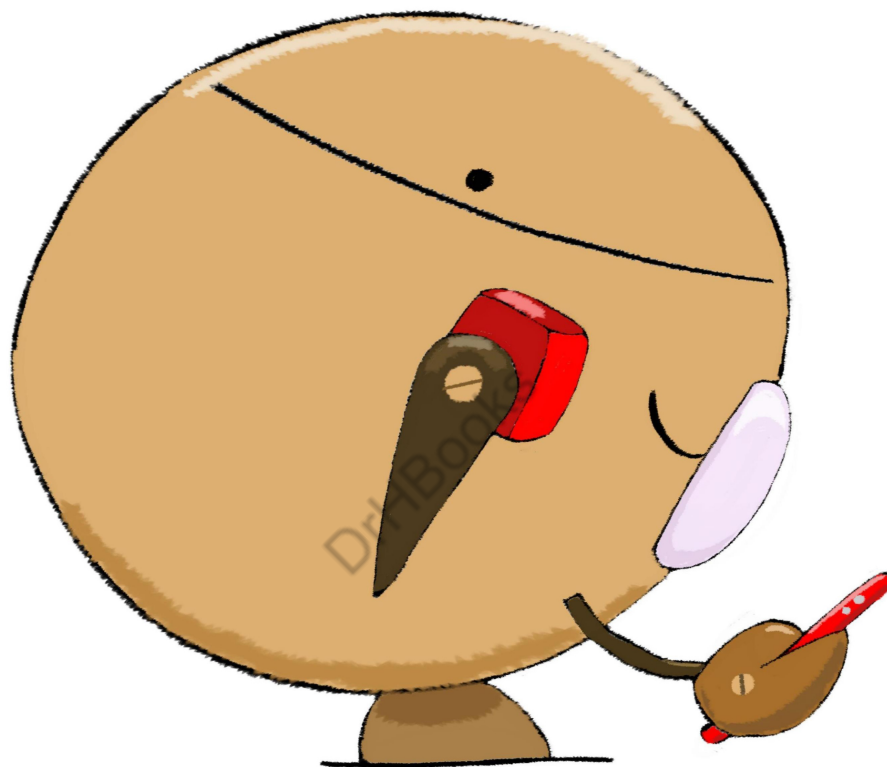
Cookie!!



Her phone might have made her feel good for a short while, but it could never give her such warmth and love.

On the way back home, something landed on
Cookie's head and bounced off to the floor.





She picked up her phone, smiled, and ignored the millions of notifications waiting for her.

She preferred to tell everyone about her weird day.

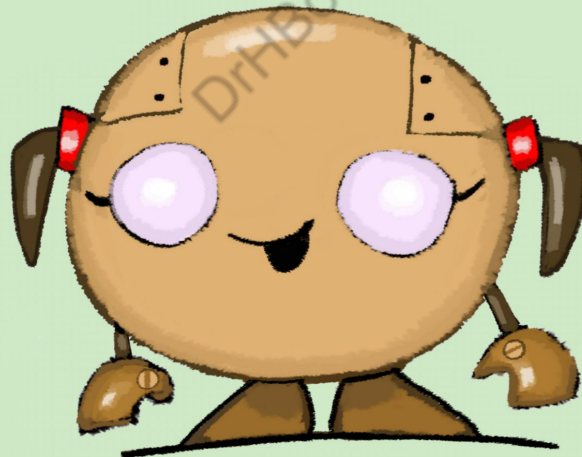


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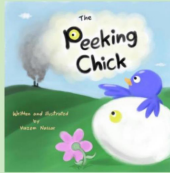
I've heard news about other robots in town who got themselves in different kinds of trouble.

I can't wait to learn about their stories!





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Ever since childhood, Hazem has had a passion for cartooning and storytelling, which he eventually managed to dedicate more time to after completing medical residency. Growing up an immigrant with Palestinian roots in an extremely diverse neighborhood, along with life in a once-war-torn Kuwait, heavily influenced his ideas and subsequently, his works.

Hazem has had multiple works selected for several international theme-based exhibitions in different countries around the world.

To date, Hazem has self-published five other children's books:

The Peeking Chick (2019)
Dr. Adam and the Virus (2020)
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