



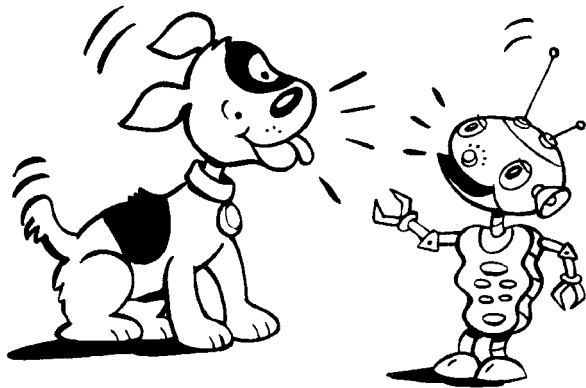
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BOOK 2

The Animal Shelter



Tommy Tales



At breakfast, Tommy told his father, "I'm meeting my friends at the park today."

"You must take Samantha with you," said his mother.

"Oh, no!" moaned Tommy, "Do I have to?"

Tommy liked Sam, his sister. But he didn't like her playing with his friends. She was in first grade. He was in third grade.

"I don't know any magic words," said Andy.

"My Grand-dad always says 'DOO-LALLY.'"

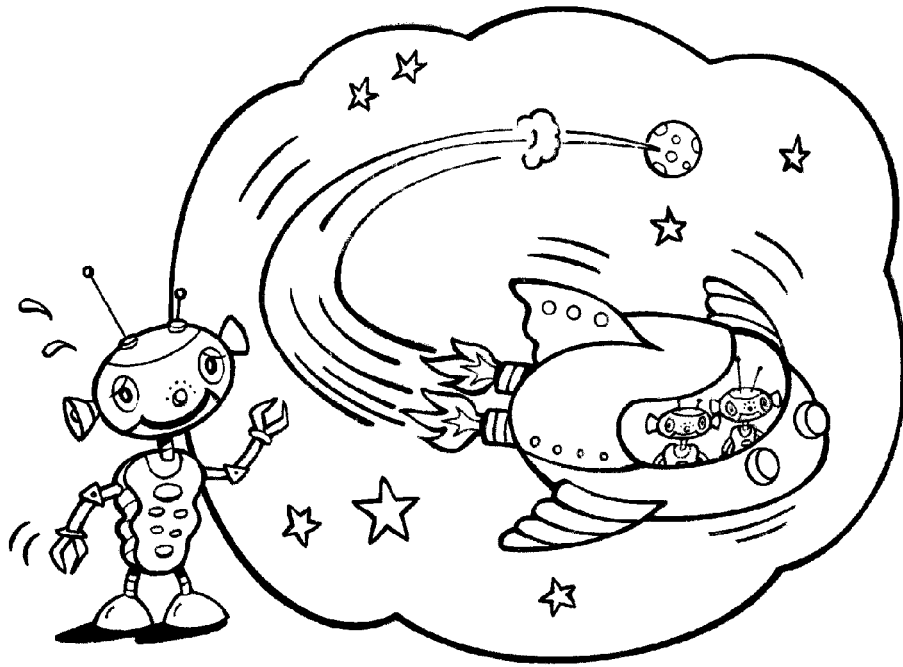
I didn't know that it's a magic word."

"If you are so smart, RK-5, can you get us out of this cage?" Tommy said to the little robot.

"I will try," said RK-5.



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"I am from a star called Gendroz.
Our spacecraft crashed here. I was sent
to find help. I was the only one on the
spacecraft who can speak your language.
"I met your dog. I tried to speak to him.
He picked me up in his mouth and shut
off my power. This morning, Andy said
the word, 'DOO-LALLY,' to switch me
on again."

After breakfast, Tommy, Sam, and Taffy
ran to the park. The park was at the end
of their street. Lucy, Andy, and Kim were
waiting for them. They all shouted, "Did
you bring it?"

"Did I bring what?" said Tommy.
He pretended not to understand.

"Come on," said Lucy. "Show them the
clicker. I've told them all about it."



Tommy smiled and pulled the clicker from his coat pocket. They all looked at it.

“Make it do something,” said Sam.

“No, no!” said Tommy. “I don’t know how it works. I don’t want to be stuck in the school lunchroom again.”

“I want to see it,” shouted Andy. “Give it to me.”

He tried to grab it from Tommy’s hand.

Tommy wouldn’t let go. They pulled and they pushed.



All the kids yelled questions to RK-5.

“Where are you from?”

“What else can you do?”

“How did you get here?”

“Why are you here?”

“One question at a time, please,” said RK-5.

RK-5 was sitting on Tommy’s lap. He told his story.

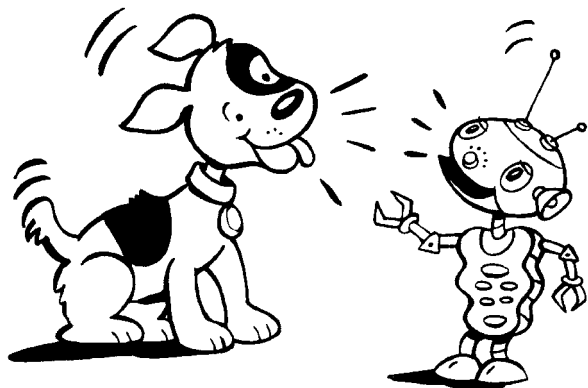
"Okay," said Andy, "say something to Taffy."

RK-5 barked, "Woof, woofwoof, woof-woof-woof."

Taffy replied, "Woofwoof-woof woof-woof."

"What did he say? What did Taffy say?" Sam asked.

"Taffy told me that he did not have breakfast. Tommy forgot to feed him. Tommy was in a hurry this morning."



"Let go!" yelled Tommy.

Suddenly, the clicker made a loud screeching noise. There was a flash of blue light and thick smoke. When the smoke cleared, nobody was at the park.

Tommy, Andy, Lucy, Kim, Sam, and Taffy had disappeared.





They felt themselves tumbling and spinning. They bumped into each other as they flew in the air. All they could see were yellow, red, and pink stars. At last, they fell to the ground with a bump. Kim started crying.

Sam said, "Wow, that was cool!"

"I'm sorry I tried to take the clicker," said Andy. "I didn't believe it was magic. I do now."



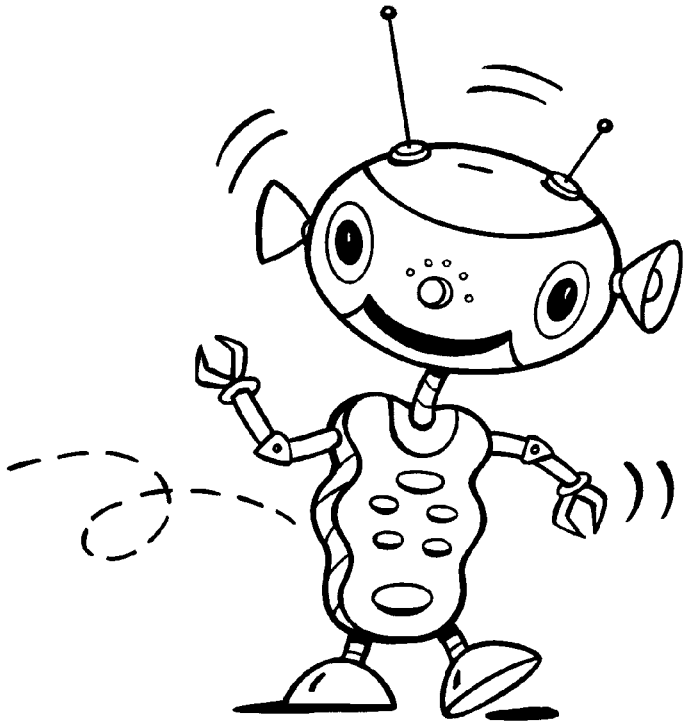
All five kids stood with their mouths open. At last, Tommy said, "You can speak!"

"Of course I can speak," said RK-5. "I can speak any language. I can talk to animals. I can understand anything that anyone says."

The clicker suddenly jumped out of Tommy's hand. It landed on the floor and started spinning around.

When the clicker stopped spinning, two little legs slid out from the bottom. Two little arms slid out from the sides. A little head popped out of the top.

"Hello, I am RK-5. How can I help you?" squawked the clicker.



"We are in trouble again," said Lucy.

Kim stopped crying and whispered, "Look where we are. We're not in the school lunchroom. We're in a cage."

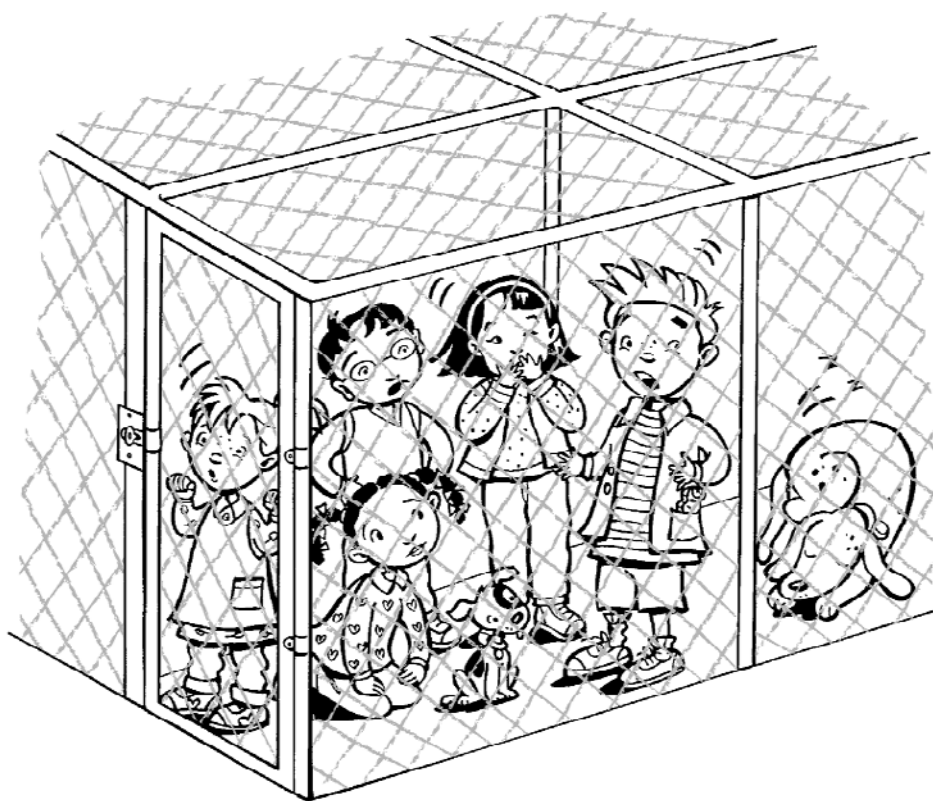
"We must be in the zoo," said Andy, "but we're inside the cage!"

Tommy looked around. He saw that there were dogs sleeping in all the other cages. He then knew where they were.



"We're not in the zoo," whispered Tommy.

"We're in the animal shelter. This is where they bring all the dogs that get lost or run away. We came here when we adopted Taffy."



"Oh no!" cried Kim, "Does that mean someone will adopt us?"

They all felt very frightened, except Taffy, who seemed happy. Tommy tried opening the door of the cage, but it was locked.

Sam started shouting, "Help, help, we're locked in a cage!"

She shouted so loudly that she woke the dogs. All the dogs started barking at once. There was a terrible noise, and even Taffy started barking.

"Stop barking, you're all driving me DOO-LALLY!" yelled Andy.

