

THE MIGHTY LEAGUE VOL. 1

THE TERRIBLE TAUNTING



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ABOUT THIS COMIC!

JMan and his plucky hedgehog sidekick, Mr. Redge, are the unstoppable, secret superhero team who save a classmate from the poking pranks of a playground bully. Don't forget to read JMan's super-secret notebook to discover more about the story.

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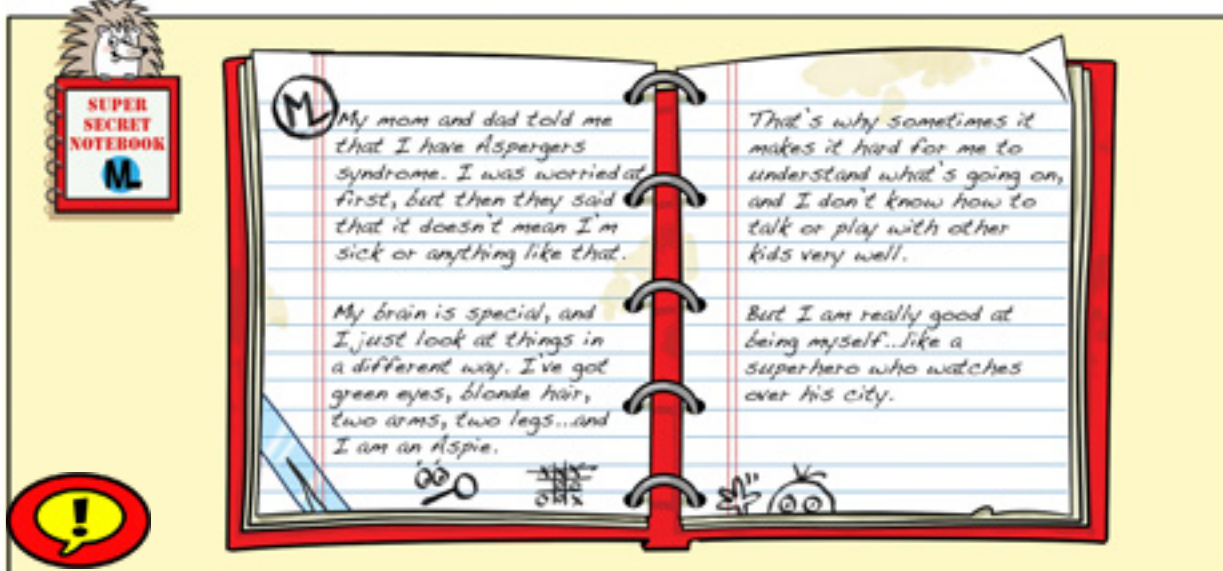
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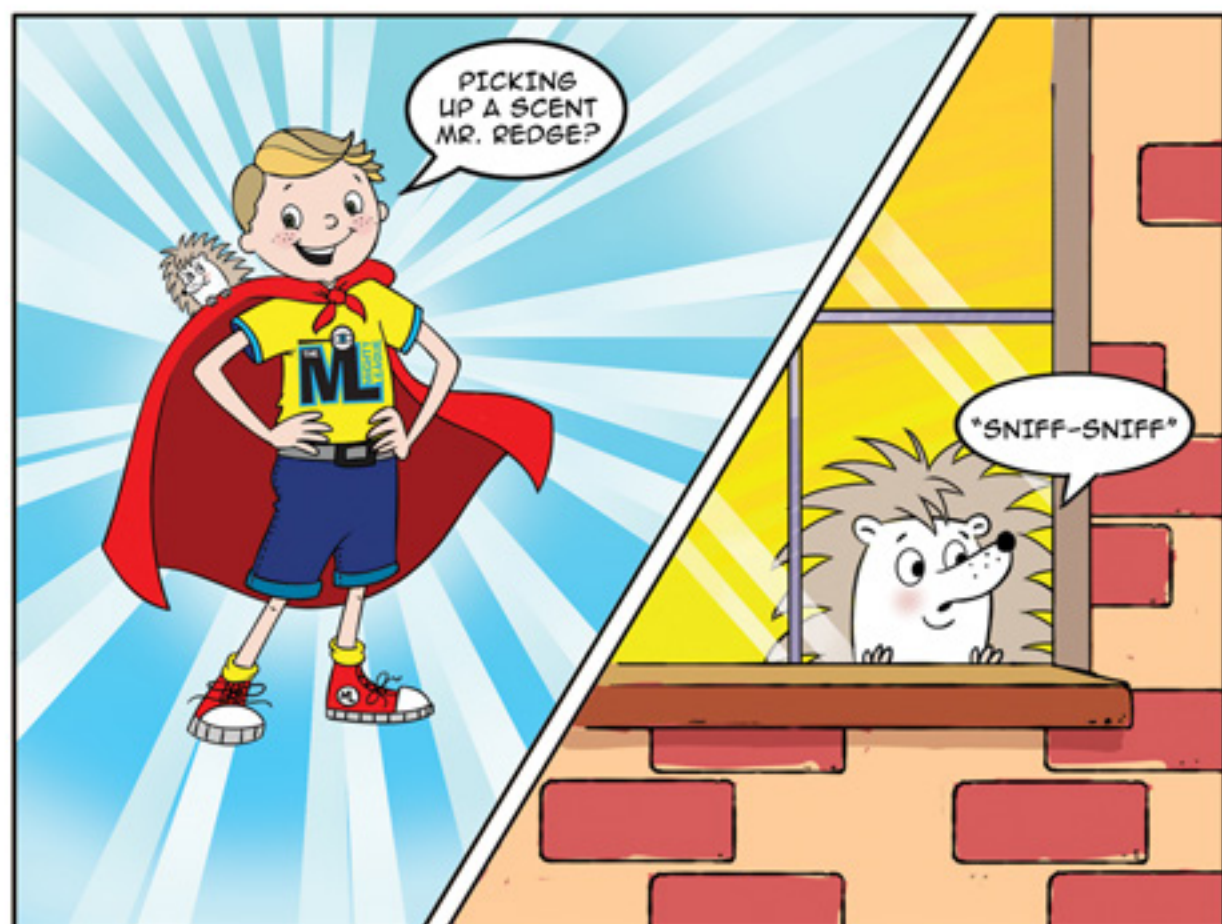
The city is quiet in the early morning and only one brave soul dares to keep watch over the neighborhood.



Only one brave soul leaps out of bed, snaps on his cape, and peers out the window for any villains who dare to cross his path.



I'm the captain of crime fighting, a perpetrator's worst nightmare. I'm 10 years old, prefer to eat hot dogs over hamburgers, and I'm never without a cape.



Mr. Reginald T. Hedgehog is my trustworthy companion and fellow member of the Mighty League of crime fighting heroes. Mr. Redge can sniff the stink of crime from miles away.



We're an unstoppable force, we're the blizzard of blur,
we're the quite storm of stealth, we're the world's
greatest superheros, we're...

hungry!

COME ON
MR. REDGE, DUTY CALLS!

MMMM,
WAFFLES.

JMAN,
IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL!

I HOPE YOU MADE
TWO WAFFLES AND NOT FOUR
WAFFLES! YOU KNOW FOUR IS
MY UNLUCKY NUMBER!

TWO WAFFLES WITH
BUTTER IN EVERY NOOK AND
CRANNY JONATHAN!



M

I am super sensitive to taste, so I only eat certain food. And it must be prepared the same way every time, and I must have the same number of bites too.

I LOVE toaster waffles, but the butter has to be melted and cover it completely or I can't eat it.

I guess it's a part of being an Aspie.

Mom goes along with it because she knows it makes me feel better.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING
IN SCHOOL TODAY JMAN?

ALL THE NORMAL STUFF.
I HAVE MATH AND ENGLISH,
I KEEP WATCH OVER THE
PLAYGROUND AND WE'RE LEARNING
ABOUT AMPHIBIANS IN SCIENCE,
LIKE FROGS...

YOU KNOW FROGS ARE
CARNIVORES AND THE
LARGEST LIVING FROG
SPECIES IS THE GOLIATH
FROG WHICH CAN
WEIGH EIGHT POUNDS.

AND ALL FROGS LAY
THEIR EGGS IN WATER.

AND FROGS ONLY HAVE
A TAIL WHEN THEY'RE
LARVAE BUT THEN IT GOES AWAY.

AND THEIR LESS AND FEET
ARE DIFFERENT DEPENDING
ON WHERE THEY LIVE.

AND...

OOPS! IT'S GETTING LATE!

I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT
THE FROGS LATER THEN.

CAN'T WAIT!
NOW GET YOUR BAG AND
LET'S GET YOU TO SCHOOL!

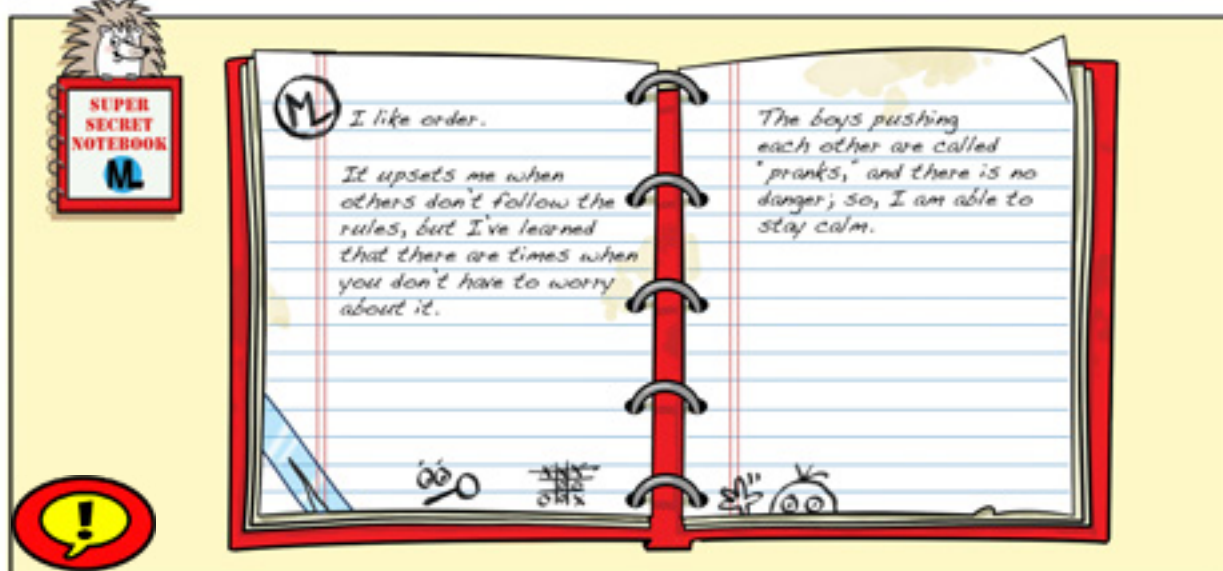


M If I am interested in a subject I spend lots and lots of time learning everything I can about it. My brain can hold a ton of facts, and I can remember them all, word for word. I'll go on and on telling every fact. But I won't look anyone in the eyes; so I don't really know if they are interested or want to talk too.

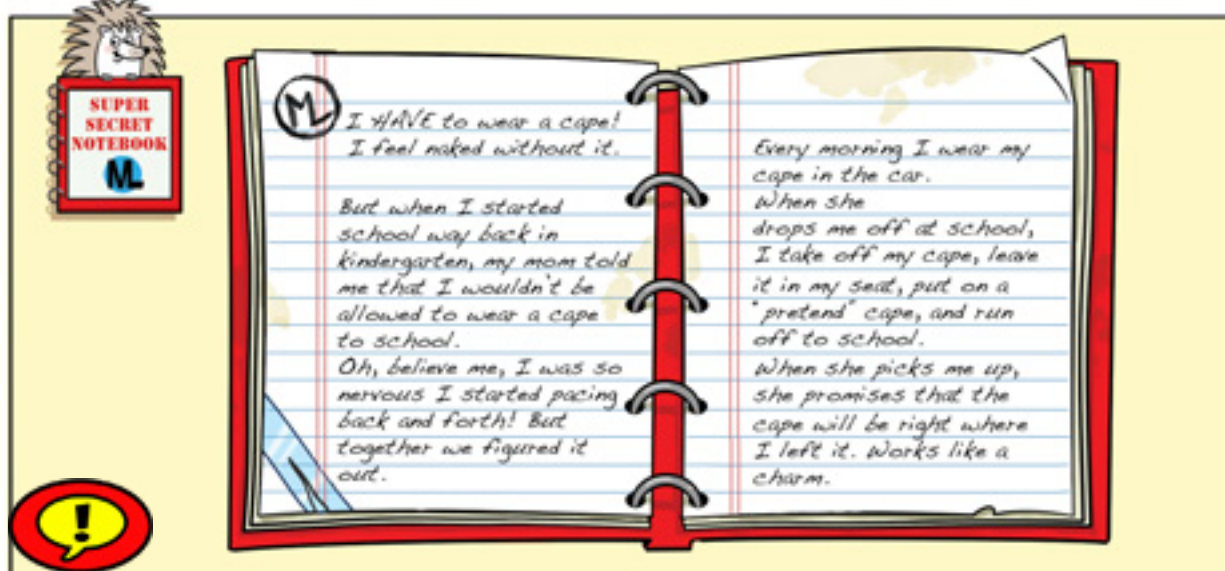
And whoa! Don't interrupt me, because I just have to start over from the beginning. My friends have learned to slow me down by getting me to look at their faces, having me take a breath, and giving them a chance to say something before I continue. This is called two-way conversation, and I am getting better at it.



Mr Redge's nose wiggles with curiosity at the sights and smells of the playground. As we run to get into line before the bell, I see a group of girls in my class giggling and some of the boys trying to push each other out of line. Wanting to blend in, I decide to let these minor misdeeds slide.

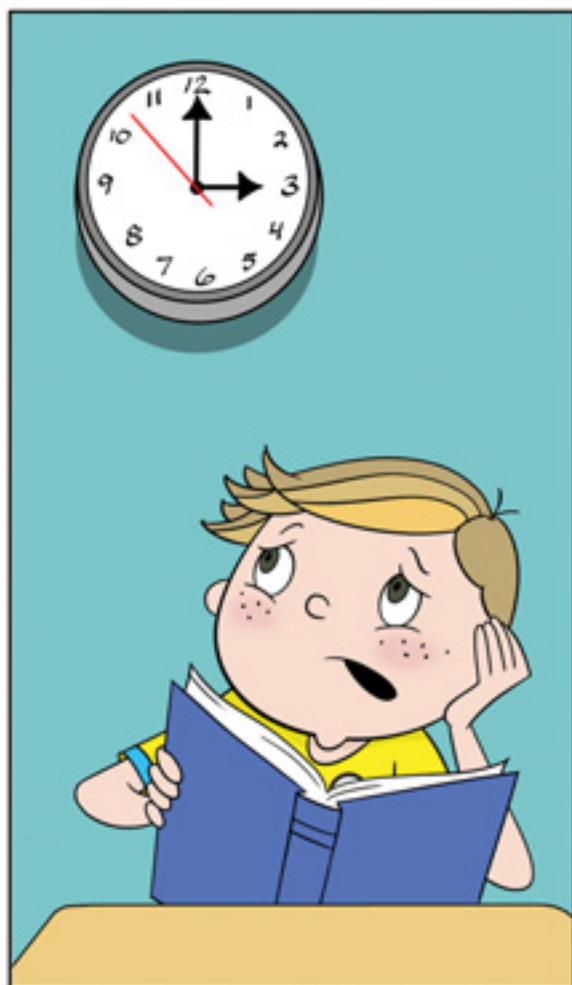


Capes aren't official dress code. So I just swap my red cape for my invisible one. Now I can take evil doers by surprise.

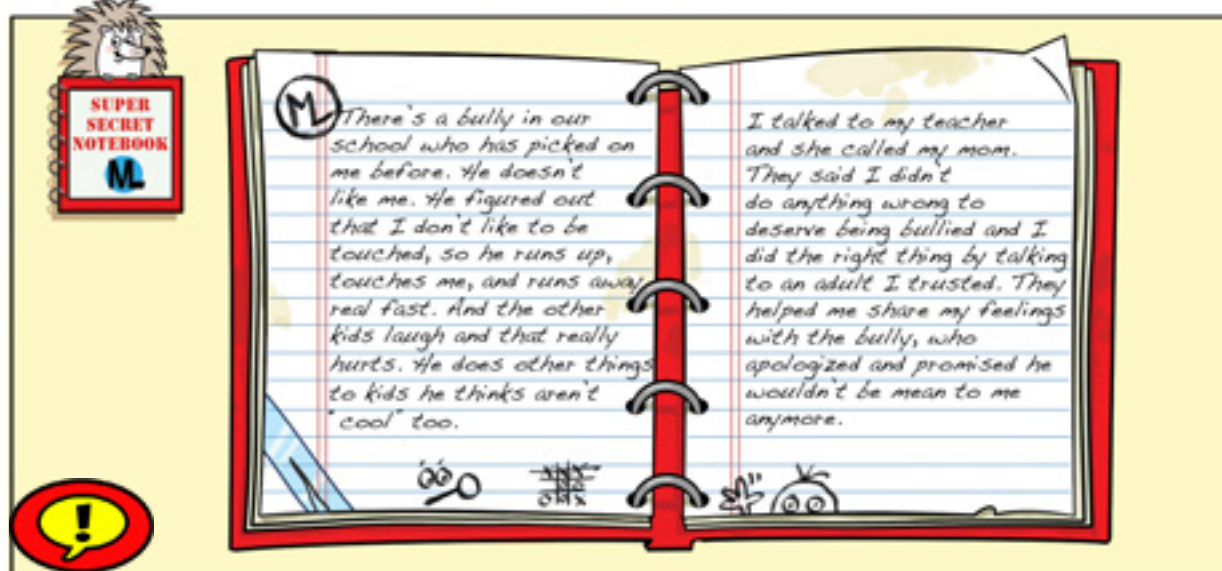
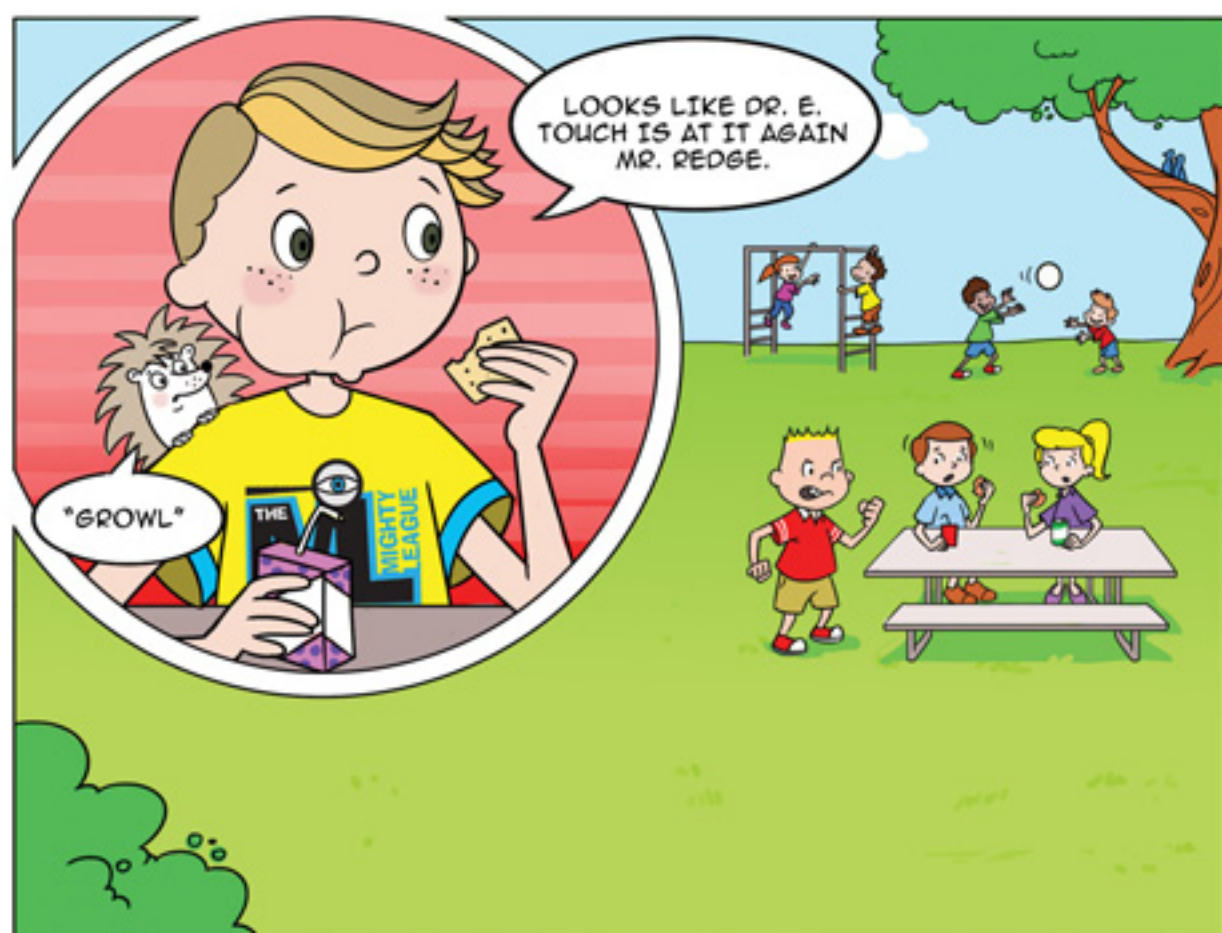


I hear the painful sound of the tick-tick-tick on the clock, so loud it distracts me from my reading. I can feel the steady beat ticking closer and closer and closer...

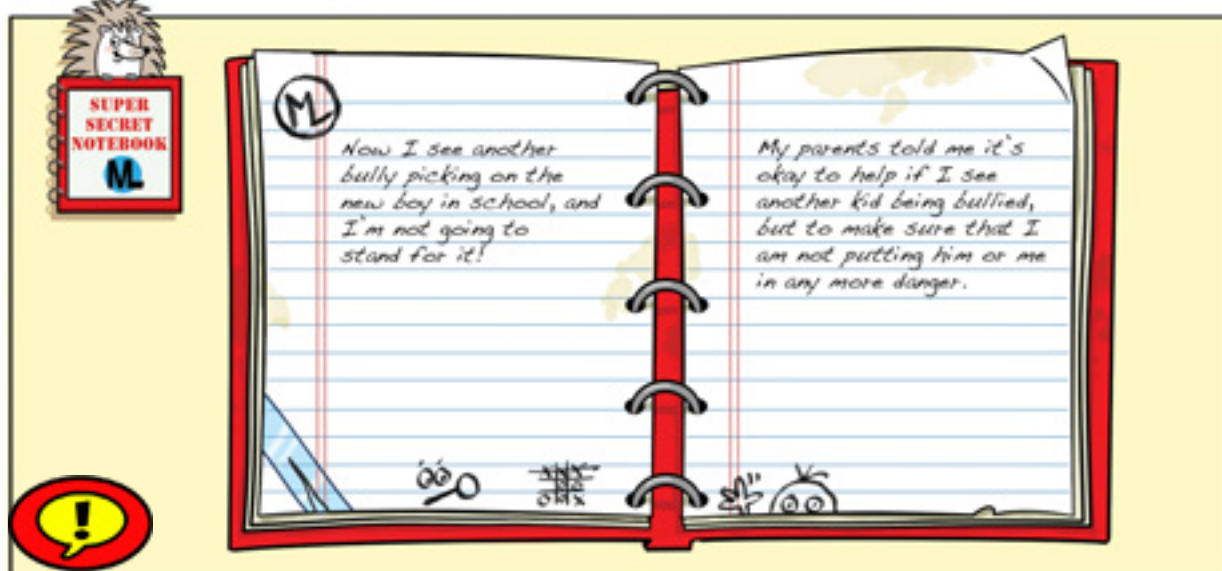
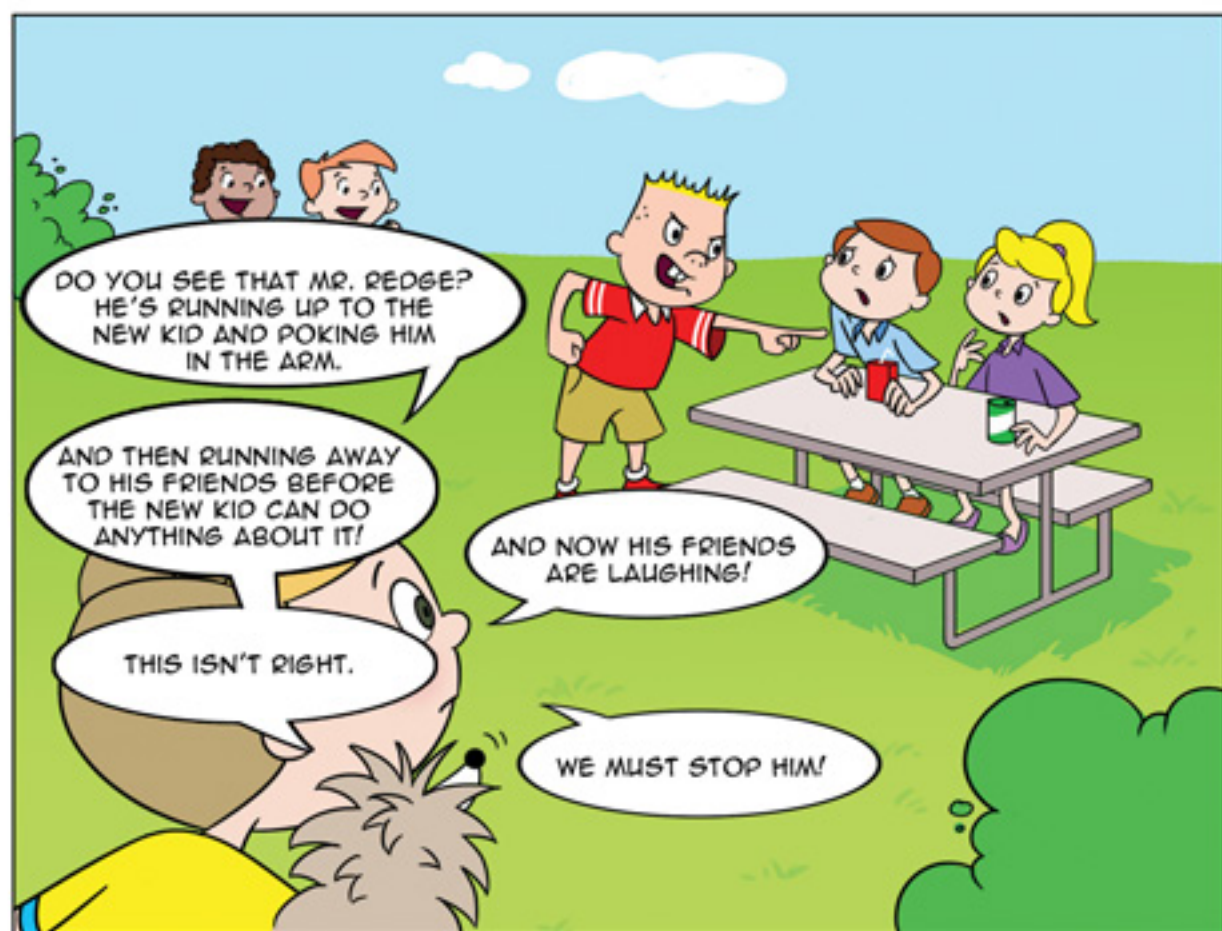
Quick! I must put down my book to protect my super sensitive ears. Just in time because the bell bursts out a deafening ring, and the class cheers. It's time for recess.

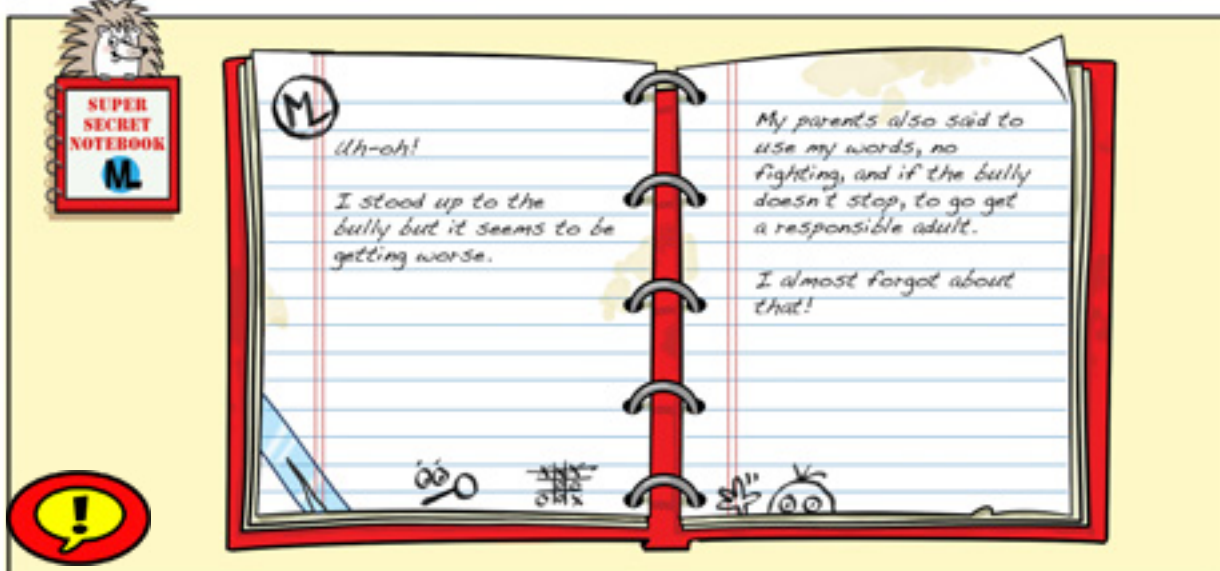
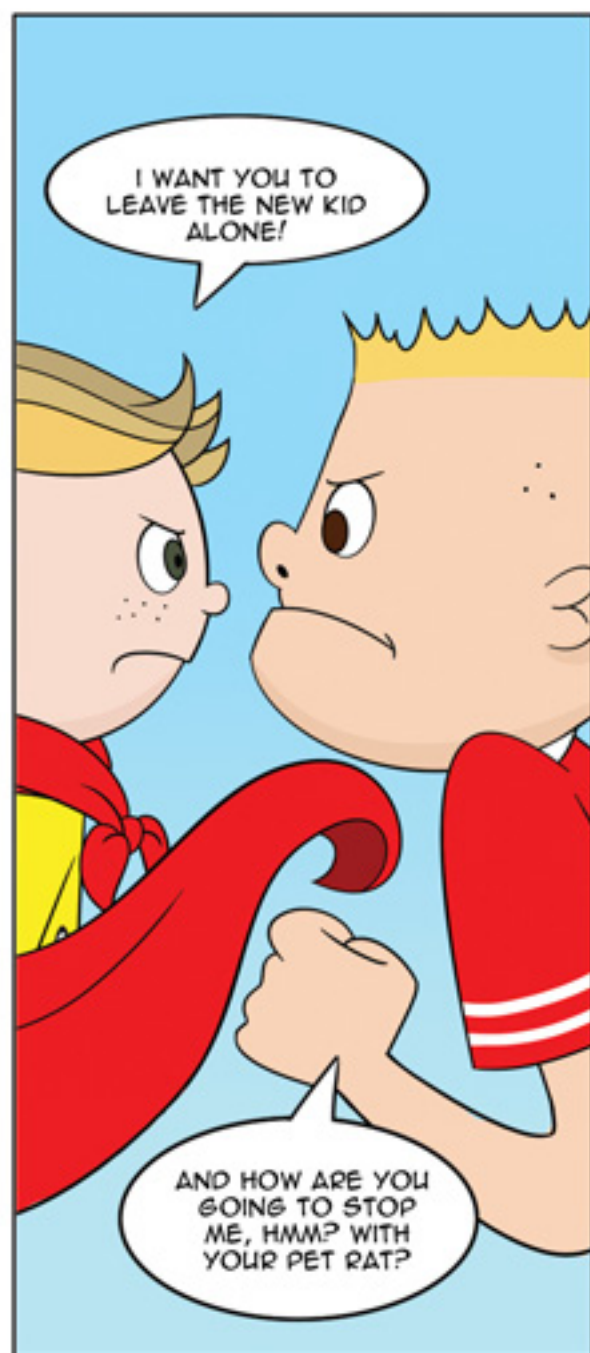


While enjoying some rather tasty and refreshing crackers and apple juice I notice something strange happening over by the picnic tables, and I go prickly with goose bumps at the sight.

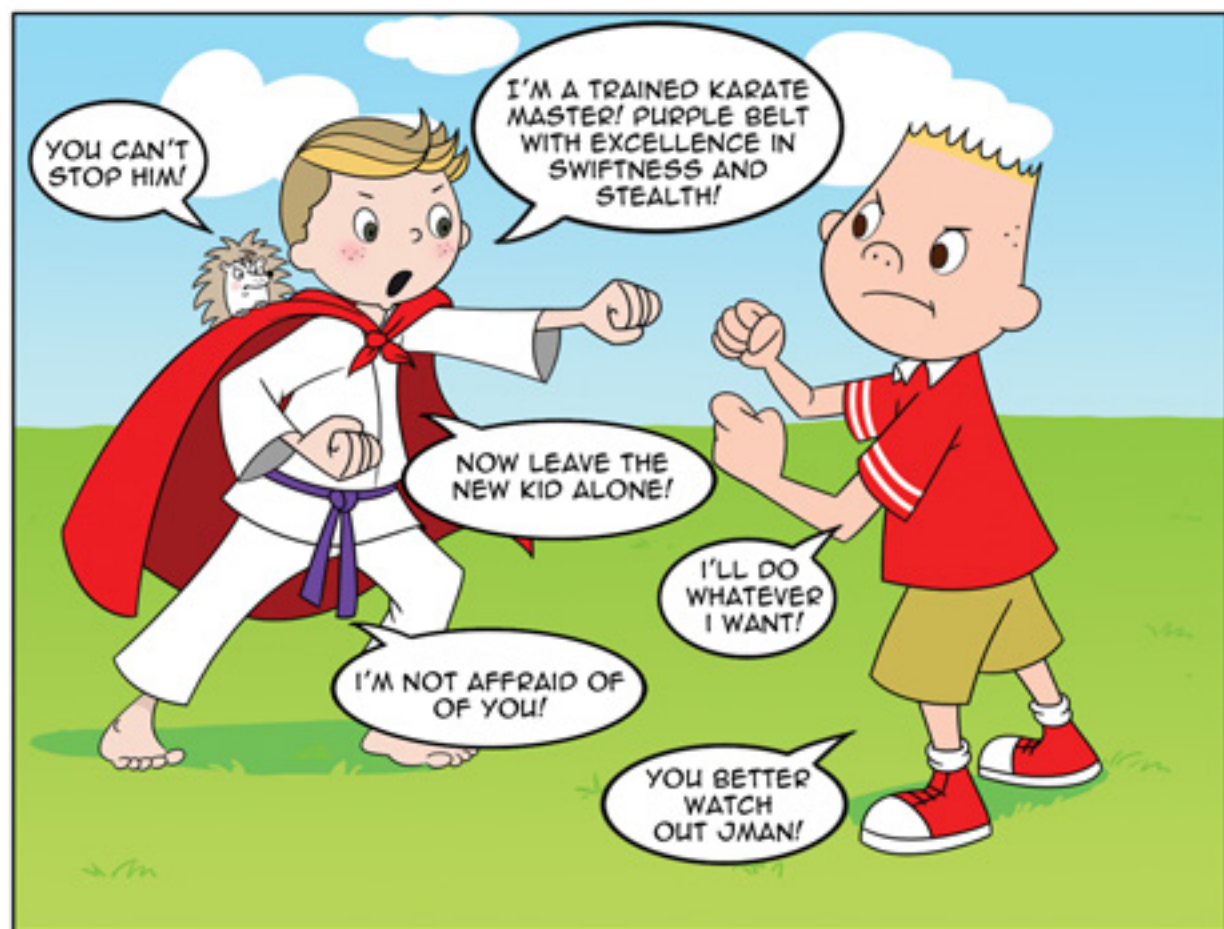


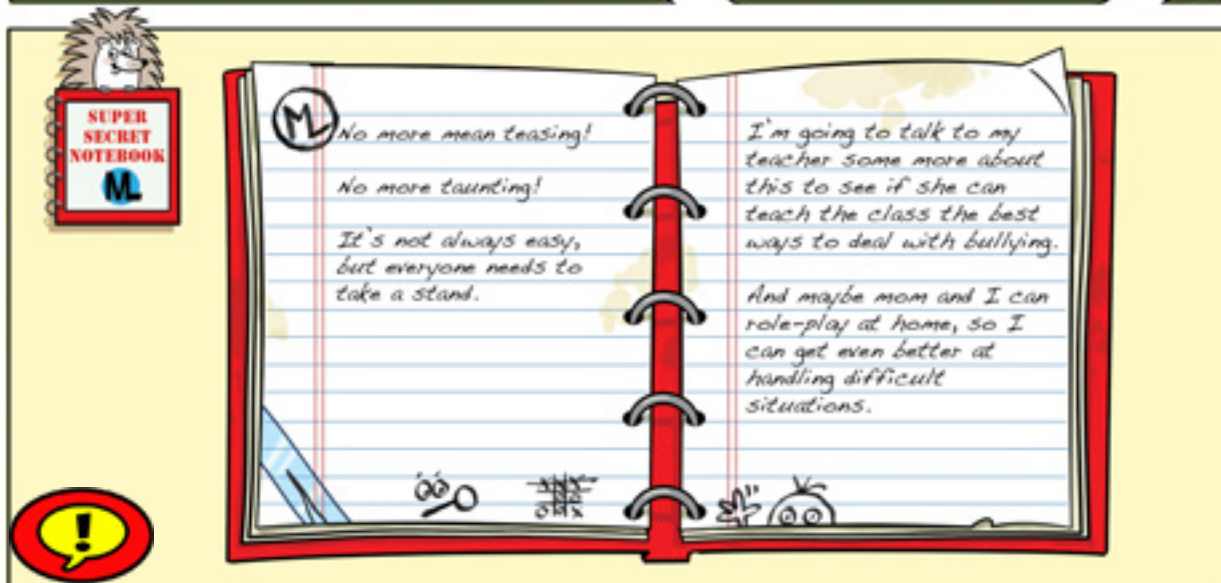
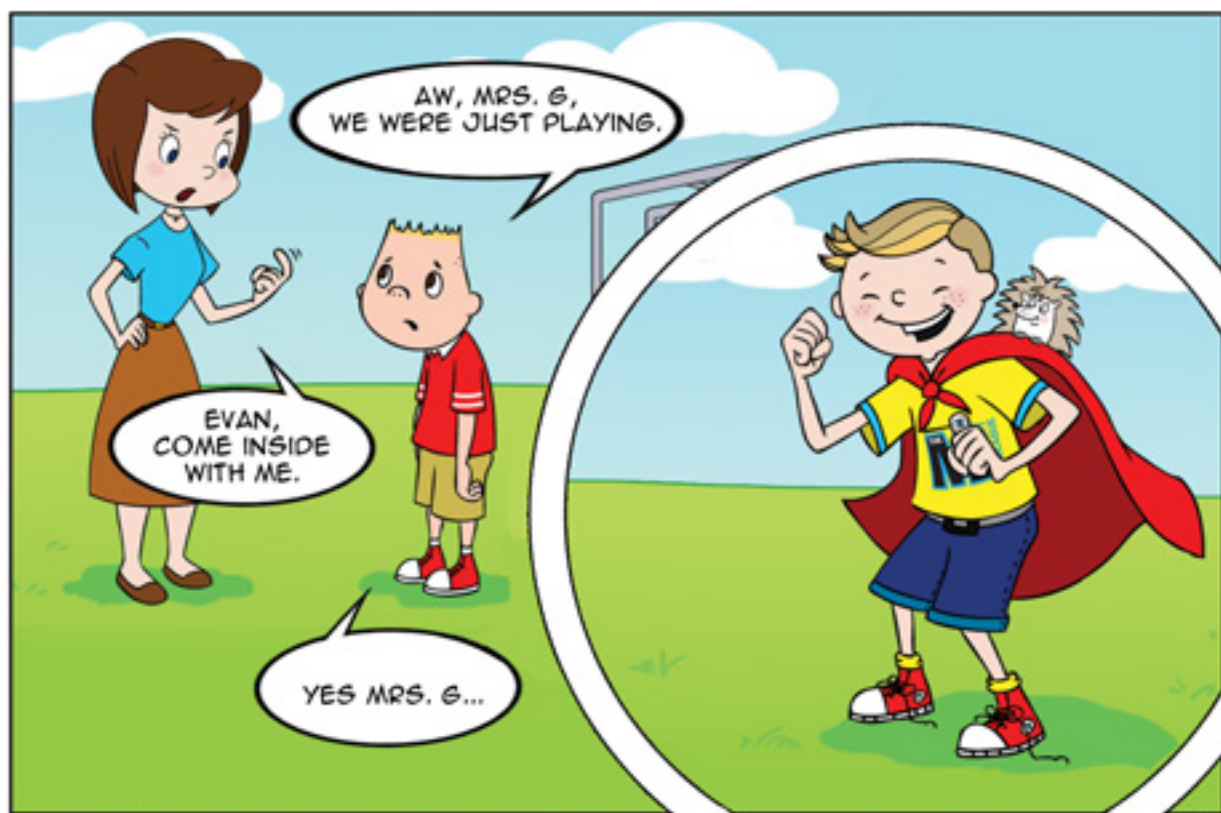
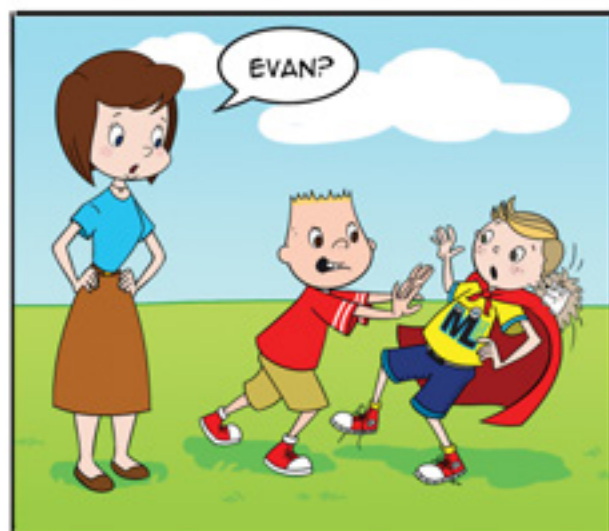
Dr. E. (for Evil) Touch is one of my long-time foes, a bully I've been trying to thwart since the third grade. He has proven to be a strong opponent. But I never surrender!



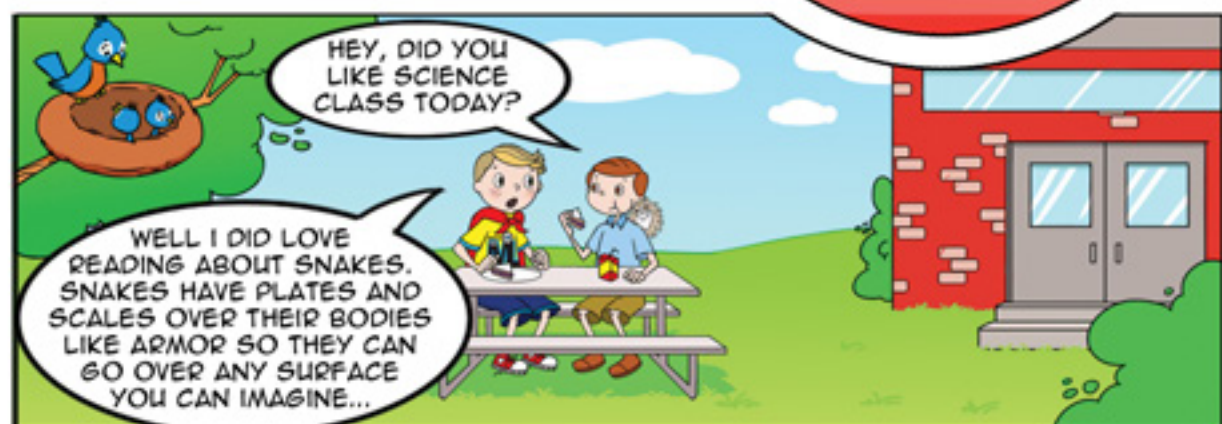


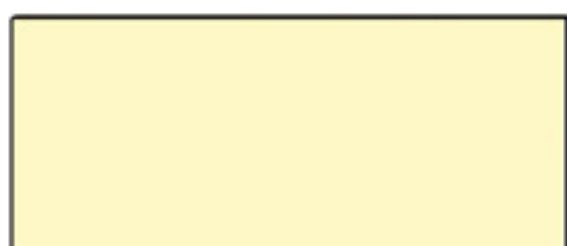
Dr. E. lunges for Mr. Redge but we swiftly dodge his grasp. Dr E. thrusts his hands out and moves to push me onto the ground.



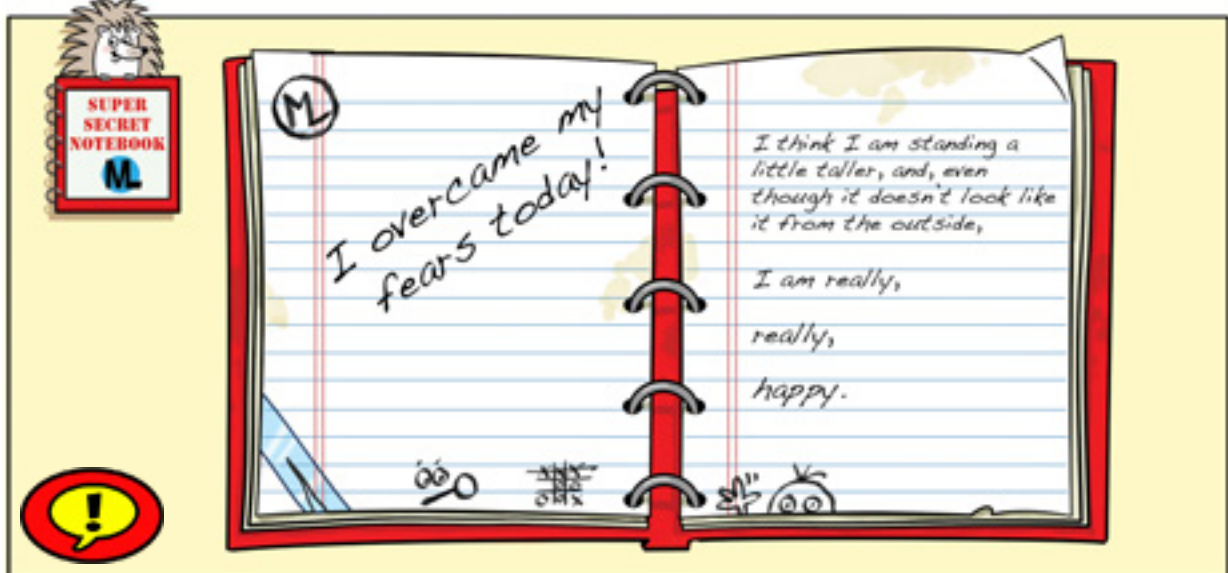


Dr. E Touch pays the price for his terrible taunting and has to clean the chalkboards and empty the trash during recess for the next few days.





Stopped a bully, made the playground a peaceful place,
gained a friend and a new member into the
Mighty League who likes crime fighting, capes,
and karate too.



THINK ABOUT IT!

Did you enjoy this Mighty League comic? It's a story about autism, self-acceptance, peer-acceptance and encountering bullies. These questions are for deeper thinking and discussion.

- In his super-secret notebook, JMan shares that he has Aspergers Syndrome, a type of autism. Would you have known this if you just read the story? If you couldn't what does that mean?
- How does one who has Aspergers feel? How does social awkwardness play a role in these feelings?
- What is it like to feel different and not fit in?
- Why is it important to accept people with Aspergers?
- How can you help someone with autism or Aspergers Syndrome feel welcome?
- JMan encounters Evan, a bully, on the school playground and stands up to him. Do you think that this is a good idea? What are some ideas you have about dealing with a bully?
- Did you know that this story is based on a real boy with Aspergers Syndrome? What questions would you ask him if you could?
- The Main Idea or Theme of a story is a lesson that you learned while reading the story. What is the theme of this story? Are there any other themes?
- Did the story end the way you expected it to? What can you imagine will happen to the characters after the story ended? Why do you think so?
- If you had to tell someone what Aspergers Syndrome or autism is after reading this story and the super-secret notebook, what would you say?