

The Town and Simpleville

How Technology Changed Society



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Dedications

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Summary and Story Introduction

This story is about how technology, the Computers, changed the world of the Elders (the non-technology workers of society). The Elders and the Computers all work to help the Humans. Though the Elders are nervous about the Computers in their society at first, they soon appreciate the importance of Computers, and realize how much the Computers can show them, the Elders, about their own world and how to make it better—not only for the Humans, but for themselves, too. This is all shown through the story of Callie Graphy and Pye.

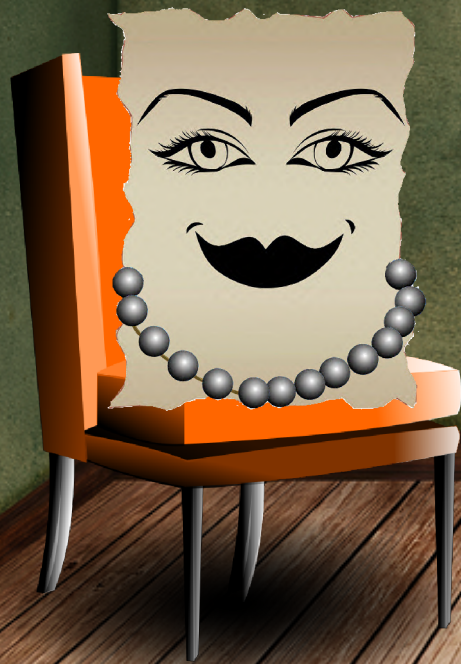
Callie Graphy: Today, my grandchildren, I will tell you a story about how our world is how it is today. Once, not long ago, the Elders and the Computers lived in two close, but very different, worlds.



Spyne: But you're an Elder and grandpa is a Computer! You guys didn't know each other forever?



Callie Graphy: I didn't even know the Computers even existed for a while. Then, everything changed...



Callie Graphy: Not long ago, I lived with my fellow Elders in the Town. It was a peaceful existence, and our days were filled with our work for the Humans.

We dedicated every day to the Humans and rarely stopped working, but it was all worth it when we saw how we made the lives of the Humans easier.



Callie Graphy: The Town went on this way for a while, happy with our lives devoted to making the lives of the Humans easier. Then, one day, a group of Computers showed up in the Town...



Callie Graphy: We, the Elders, were scared. We had never seen the Computers before, and we had never even heard of them. They were nice enough, but they had these weird screens. It was confusing to us.



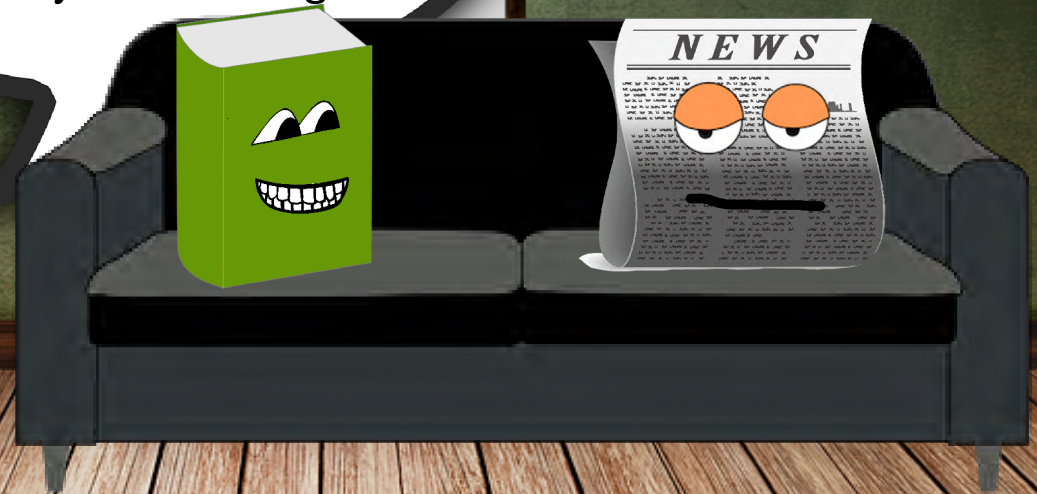


That's what daddy looks like!

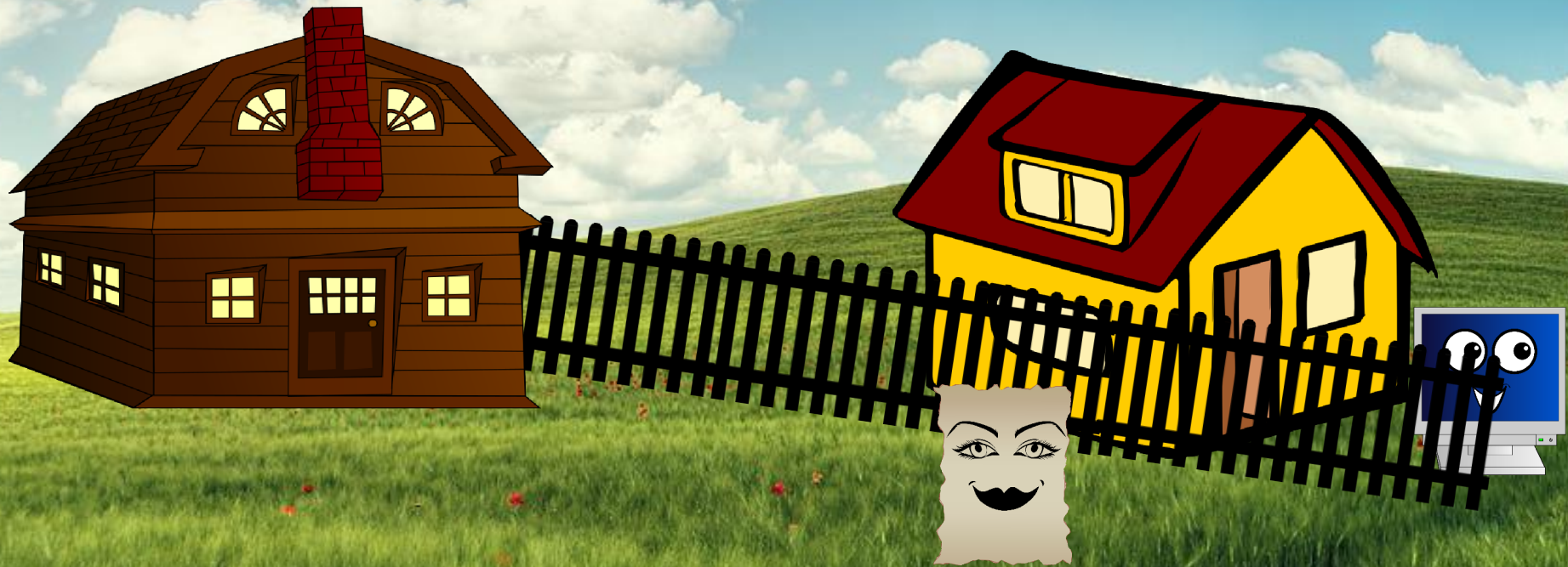
Spyne, stop talking!
I can't hear
Grammy talk when
you interrupt.

Be nice to your
sibling, Hedding.

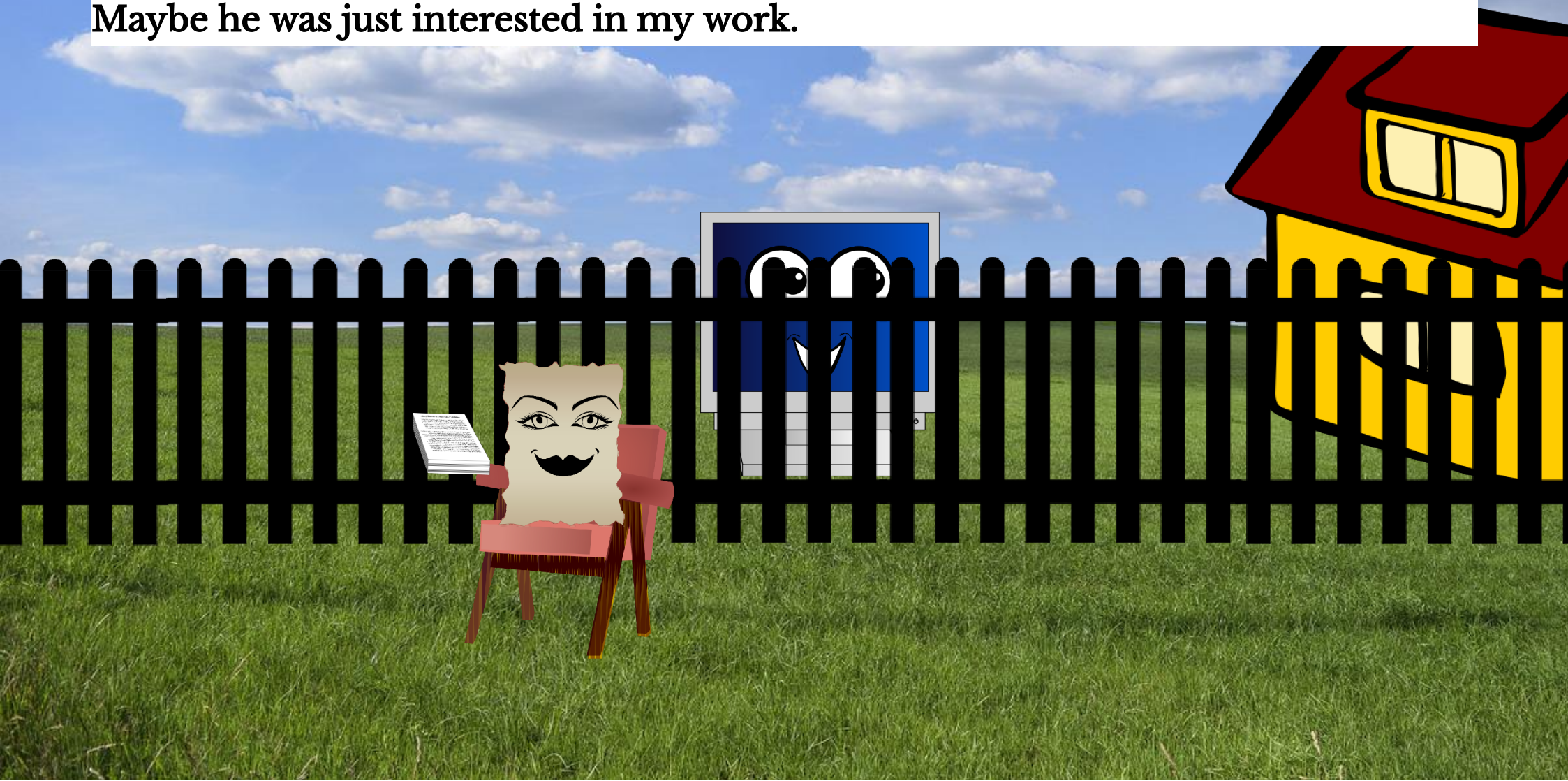
Anyway, when the Computers
moved here from where they
lived before, Simpleville, we
had no idea what they wanted
or why they were moving here.



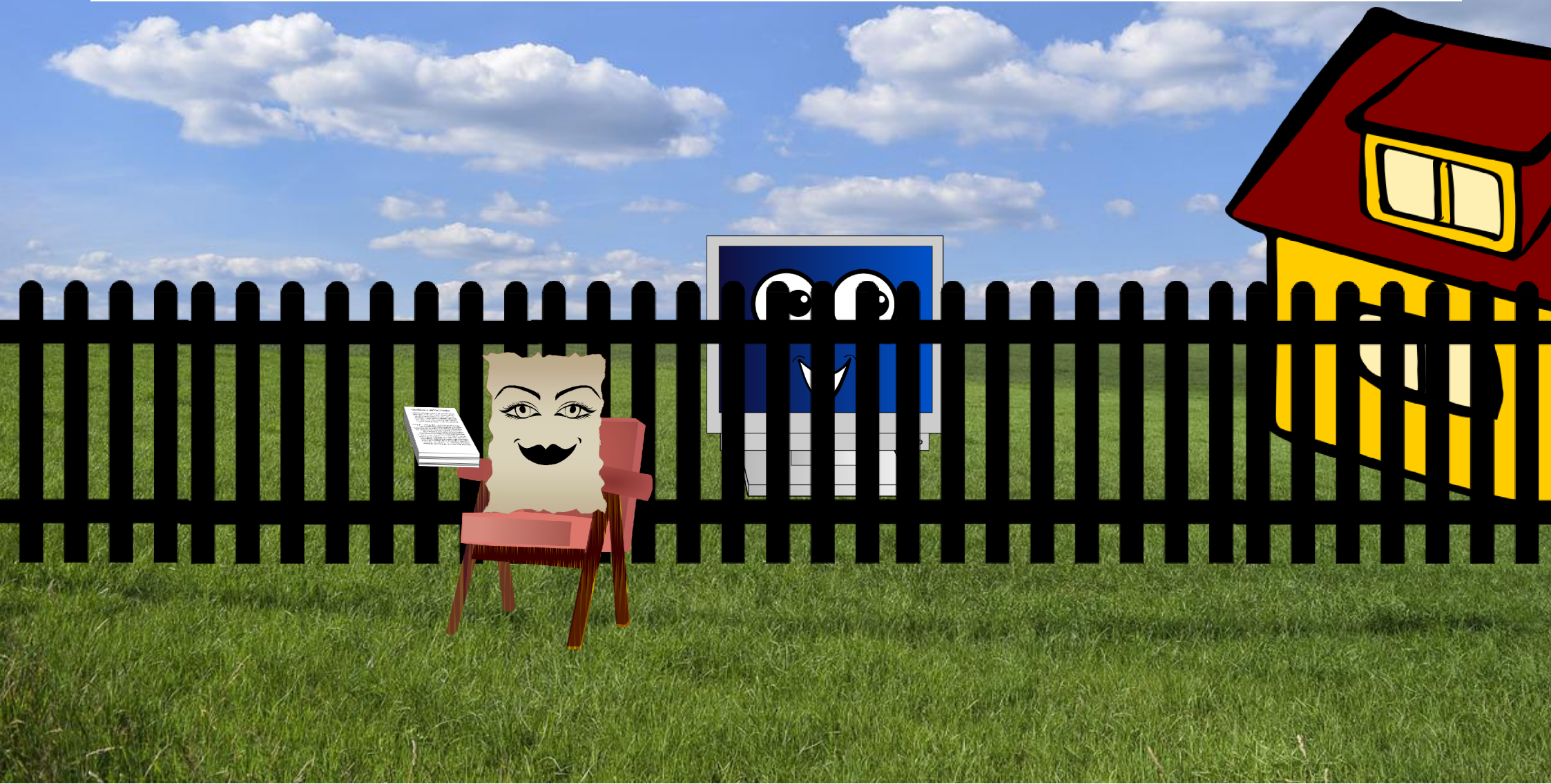
Callie Graphy: One day, a Computer named Pye moved in next door to me. I was friendly to him, like you should be to everyone you meet. But one day, I noticed something odd.



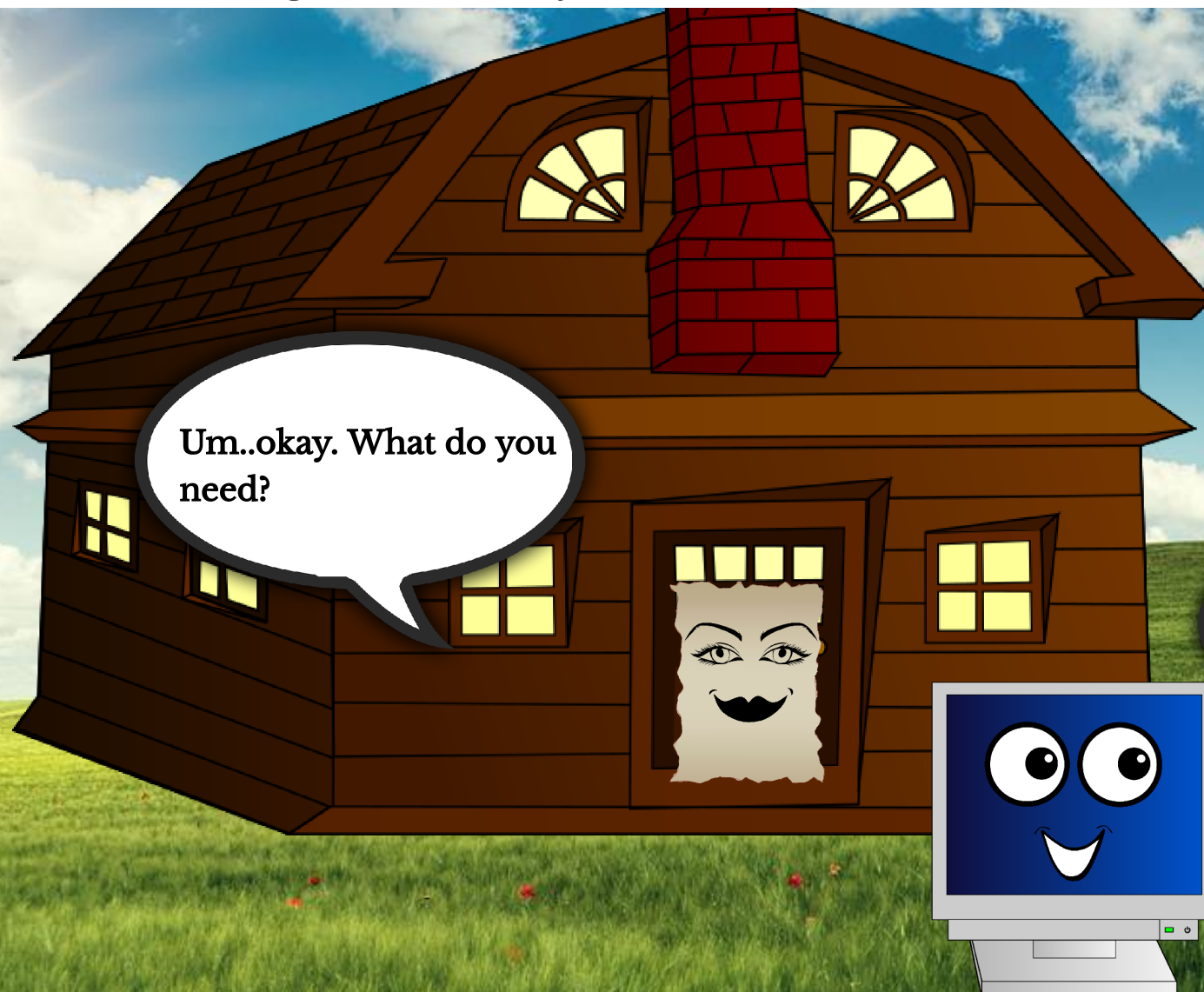
Callie Graphy: As I sat outside in the backyard working on a manuscript for my Human, Gene, I noticed someone looking over the fence at my work. When we made eye contact, I saw it was Pye looking at my manuscript. He quickly ducked back down to his side of the fence. I didn't think too much of it at the time. Maybe he was just interested in my work.



Callie Graphy: Pye kept looking over the fence each day at my work, though. I thought it was odd, but whenever I would ask him what he was doing, he would just duck back down to his side of the fence. One day, though, something strange happened...



Callie Graphy: There was a knock at my front door. I opened the front door, and who was standing there but Pye.

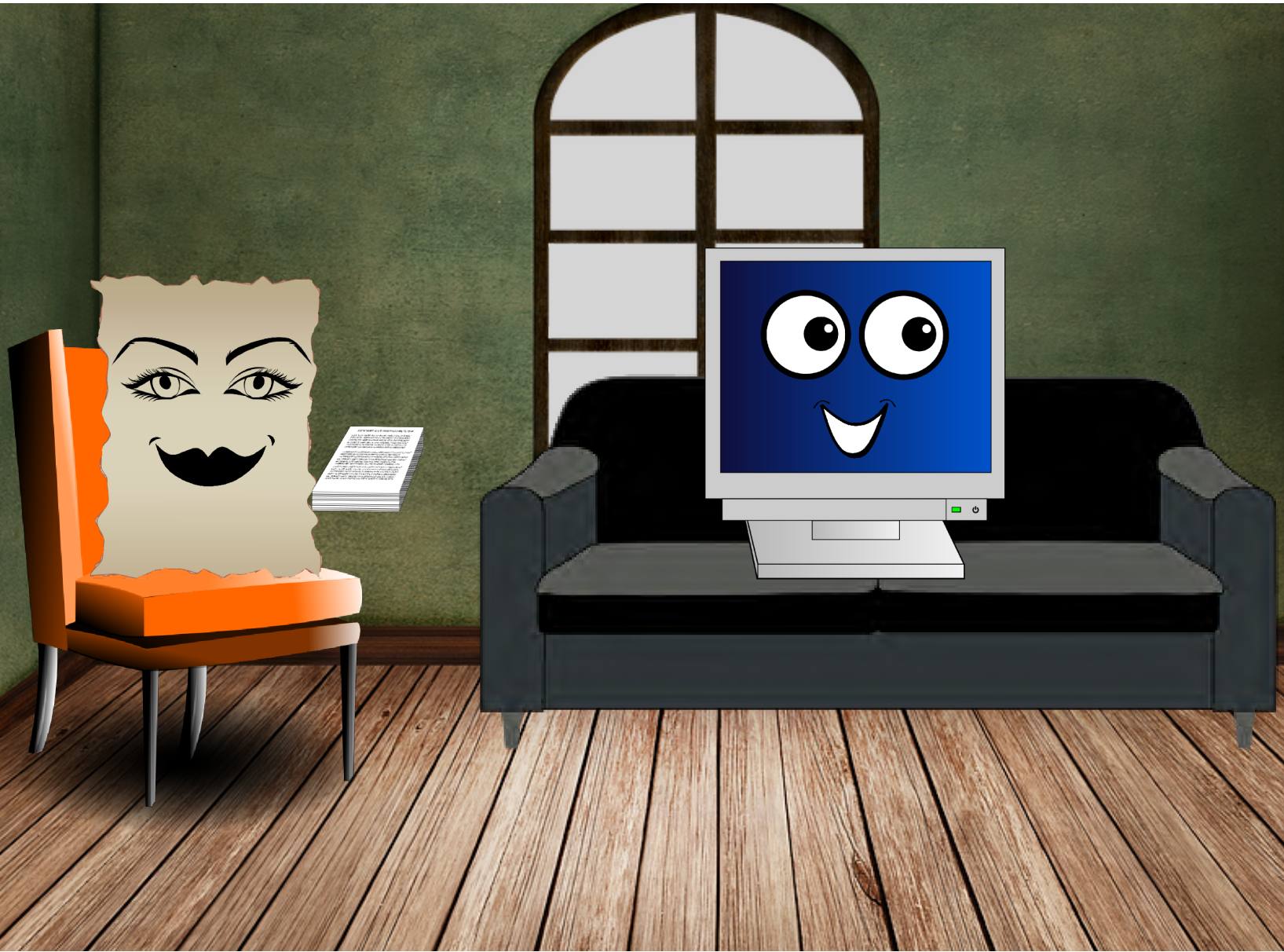


Pye: It's not what I need from you, but what I think you might need from me. See, you might not know it yet, but I think I can help you.

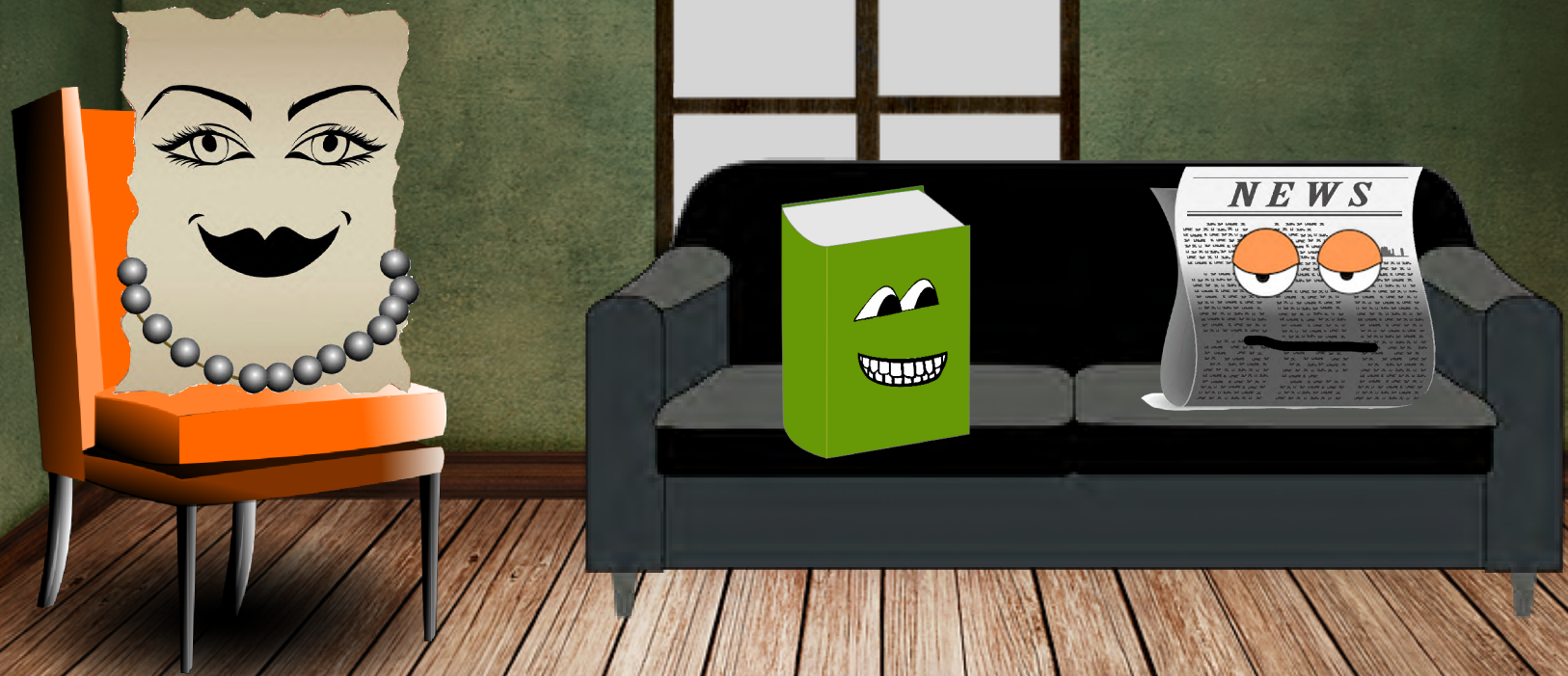
You spend hours every day working on these manuscripts for Gene, but you could spend so much less time writing. Here, let me show you what I've been working on.



Callie Graphy: You've been copying my work! I work so hard every day for Gene. You can't just come to the Town and copy my work for yourself. I'm reporting you to the Elder Hall.



Callie Graphy: You see, my grandchildren, the Elder Hall is where we could go at that time to voice complaints about the Town. I was about to leave to go to the Elder Hall to complain about Pye stealing my work, when suddenly...



Callie Graphy: Oh my! Gene needs a whole new manuscript by tomorrow!

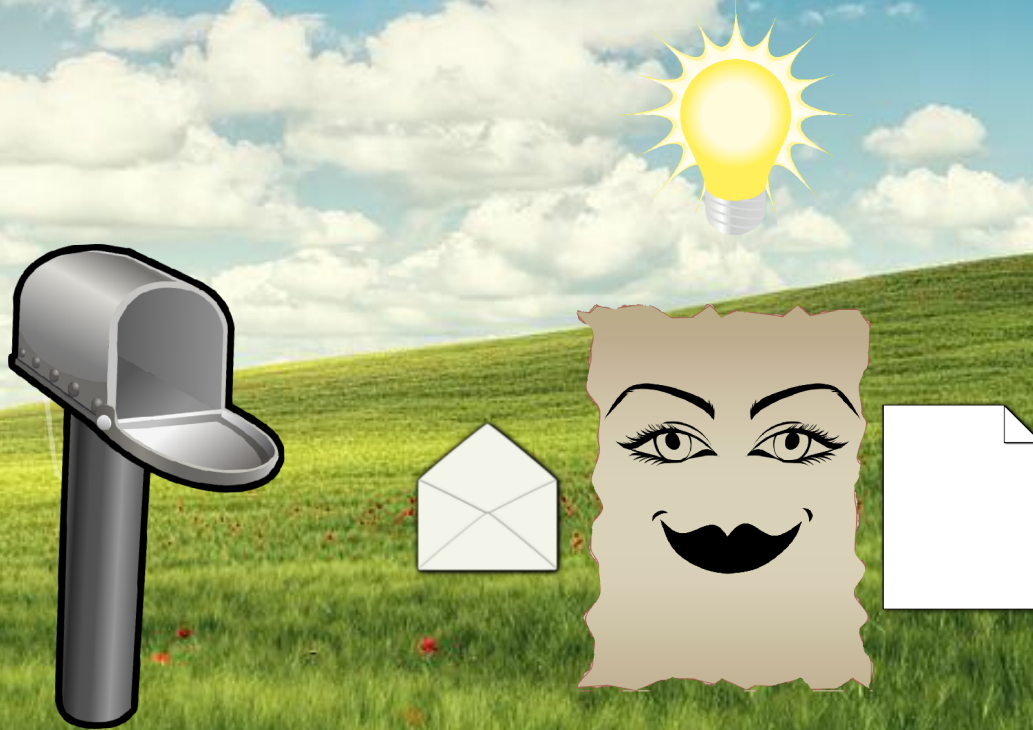
I couldn't possibly write this many pages with this short of notice. Gene has never asked me for this much work in such a short timespan before.

I simply don't know what to do...



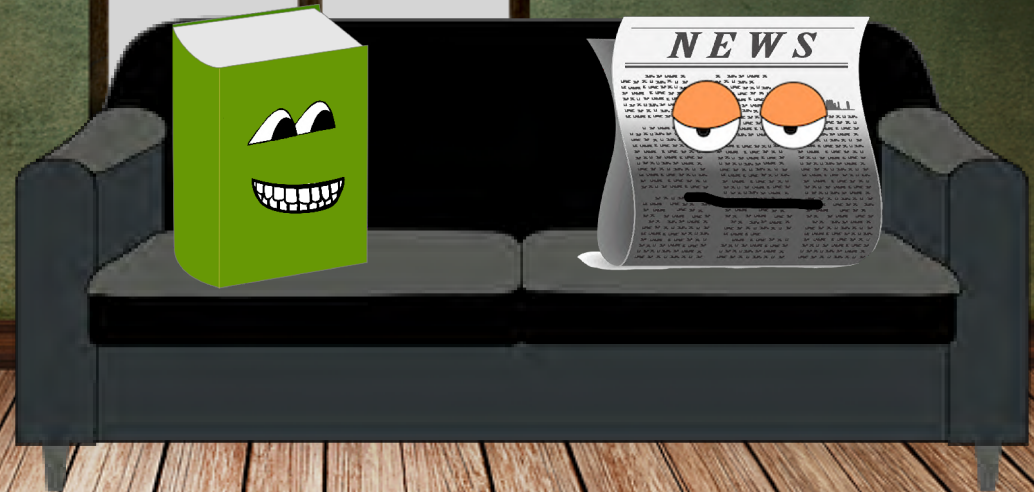
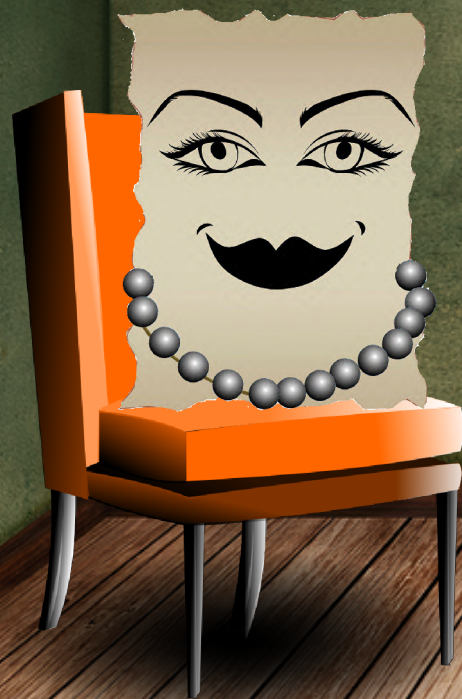
Callie Graphy: Oh, I know!

I can't believe it, but I need Pye's help.



Spyne: You asked for Pye's help?

But he was copying your work for himself!



Callie Graphy: You see, I thought he was copying my work for himself. But I was very wrong.



Callie Graphy: I'm here to apologize, and to ask you for your help. I didn't think it was fair of you to be copying my work, but I need your help now. Gene asked me to write a whole new manuscript by tomorrow, and there is no way I can write that many pages by tomorrow. Can you help me?



Pye: This is exactly why I was copying your work. I wasn't trying to take your work for myself. I was trying to show you how much easier it could be if you typed it. Here, tell me what you would have written down for the first page.



Callie Graphy: Here you go. Would you like me to help you type the rest of the manuscript for Gene?



Callie Graphy: Let's get to work!



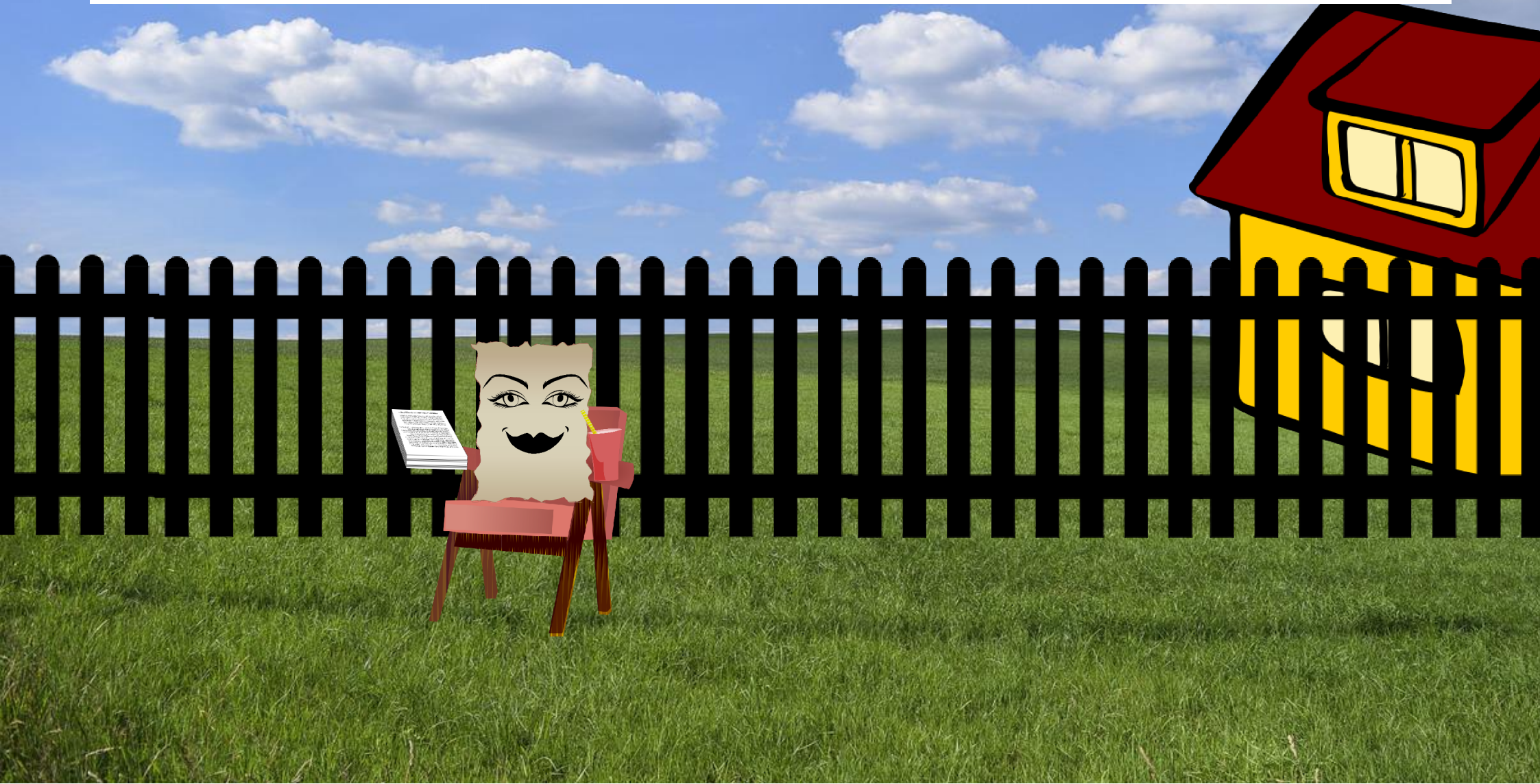
**2 HOURS
LATER...**

Callie Graphy: I can't believe it! It's done! This must be why your old town is called Simpleville. This technology makes work so simple!

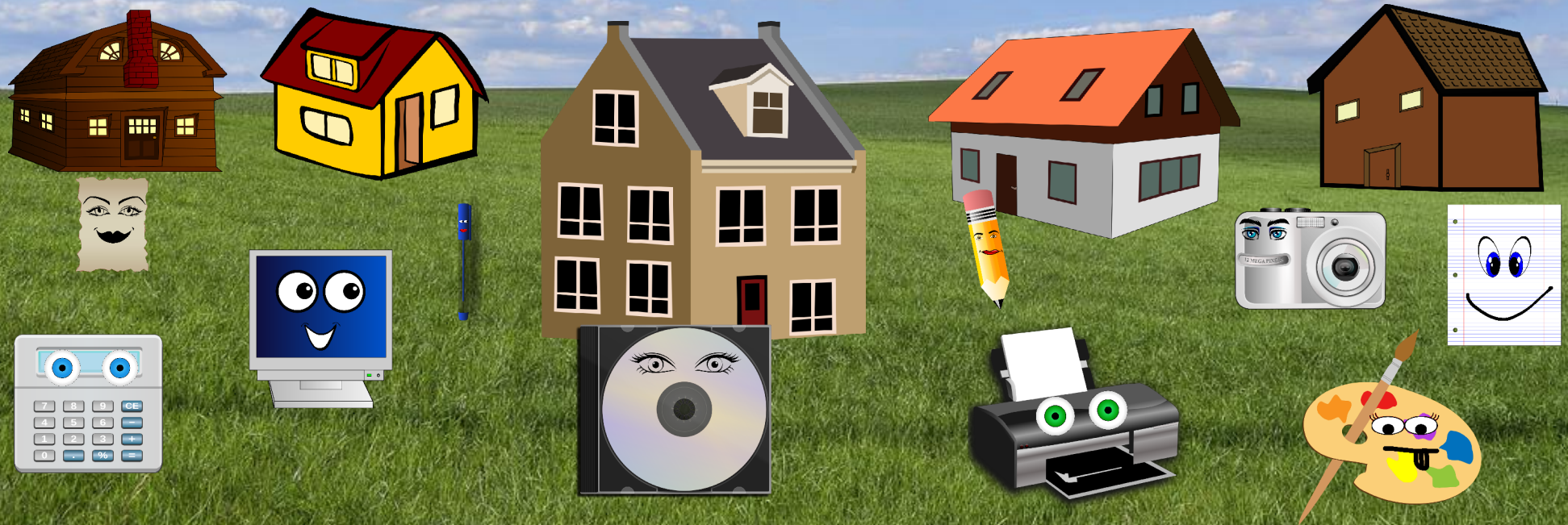
Pye: This technology has been an option for you to use for a while now! You just didn't know about it. Now that you do, you can ask me any time to help you write manuscripts for Gene. Make sure you still use your own talents though. Don't just use technology all the time. You should still write manually sometimes.



Callie Graphy: Since I had so much free time after Pye showed me the benefits of technology, I was able to spend parts of my days doing what made me happy, rather than just what made the Humans happy. I developed my daily routine of soaking up the sun and enjoying a smoothie.



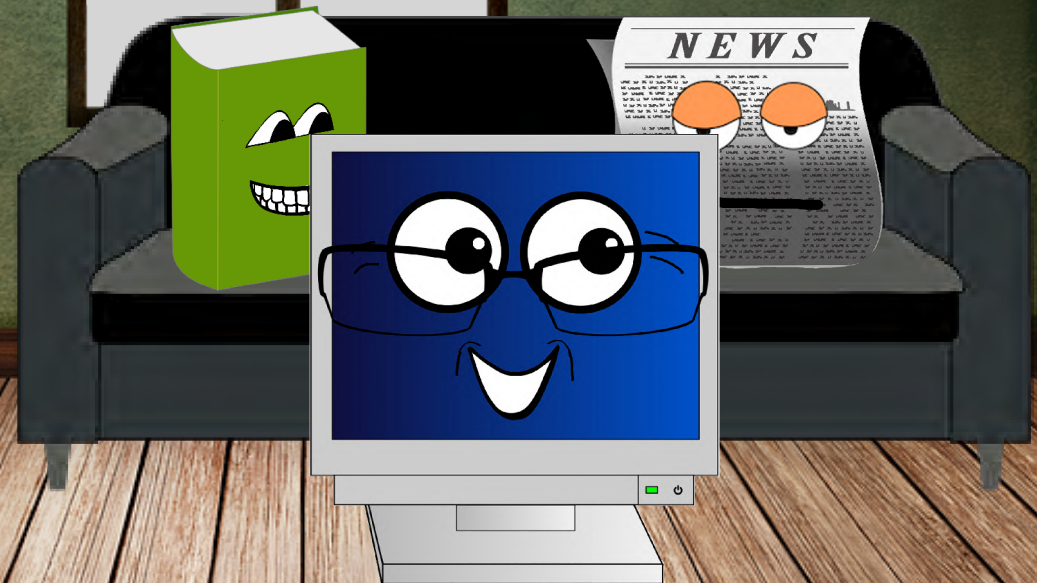
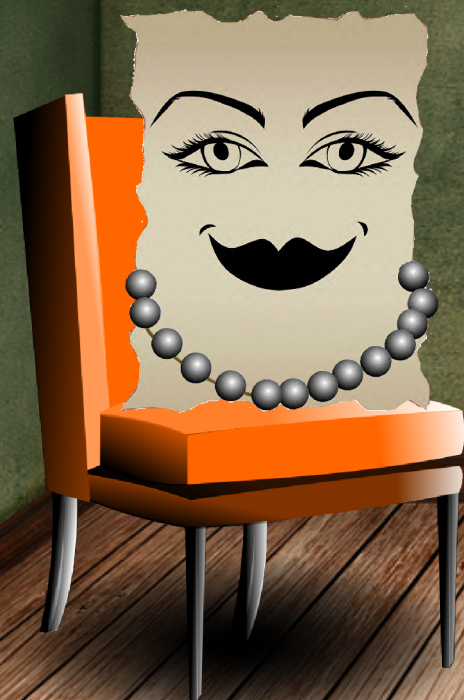
Callie Graphy: Pretty soon, almost all of the Elders learned how much the Computers could help our society function in a better, easier way for all of us. The Computers' technology even helped the humans—not just the Elders! The Town quickly became a place for the Computers and the Elders to work and live happily together. Granted, there are still Elders who don't like technology, but I think they are just stuck in their ways.



Pye: Spyne, Hedding, Callie, hello loves.



Callie Graphy: Hello, dear. How has your day been?



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