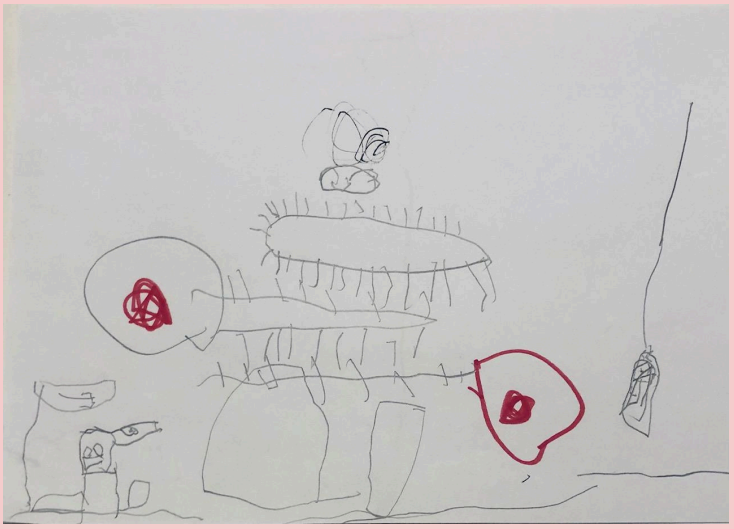
The Writing For Pleasure Centre's 'We can make books too!' Project

This is Hank. Hank is a writer. He just happens to be four years old.

Hank enjoys building stuff with duplo, playing 'pap the balloon' and playing Toy Club with his brother and sister. His favourite book is *The Getaway* by Ed Vere. His other titles include: *The Ancient Book of Spells.*

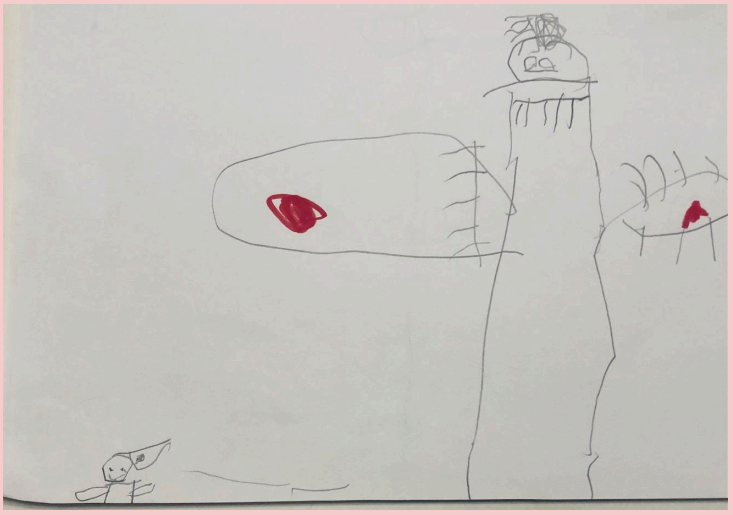
This is Hank's story called *Mario vs Meowasar.* Enjoy!



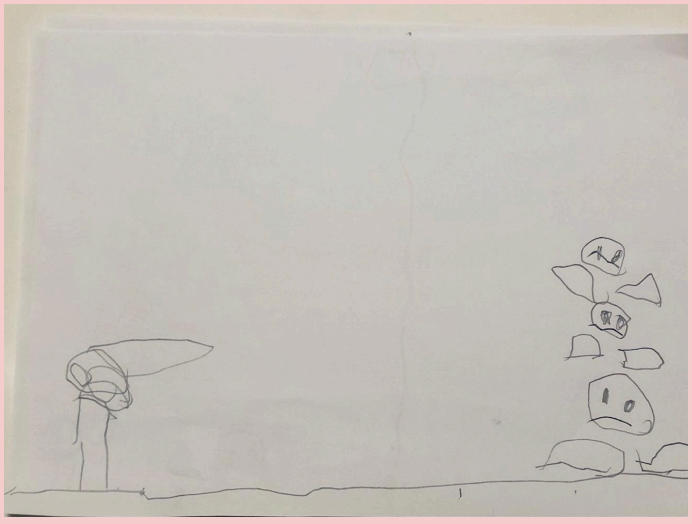


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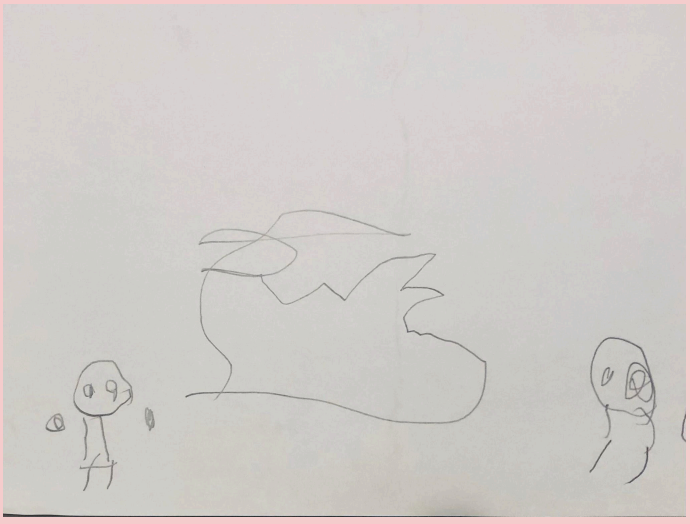
That is where Mario fights Meowasar and that is where Meowasar captured Princess Peach.



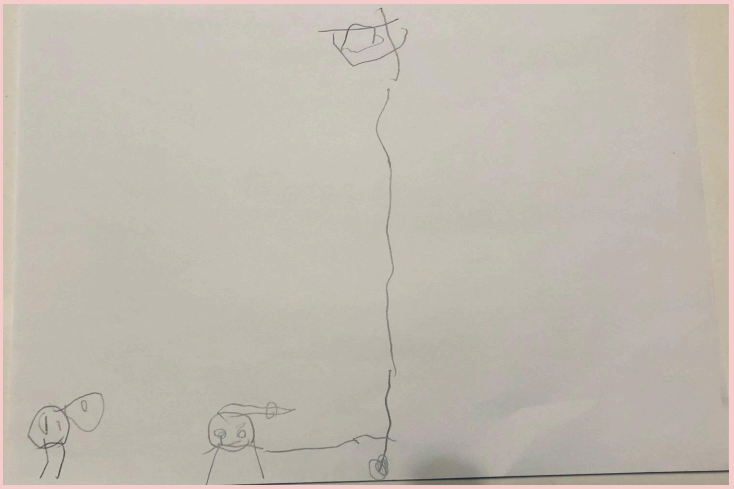
Luigi has to fight Balbazaar so he can get to fight that Koopa Trooper guy.



Then he had to jump on the Goombas. It was Goombas on top of each other.



Then he throws a boomerang at the Koopa Trooper.



Then goes through a pipe and he lands there. *Points to the figure on the left*
And then there is where he won the finish flag.

‘We can make books too!’

This picture book is part of a project The Writing For Pleasure Centre is currently conducting. We are looking to collect as many picture books from as many 2-5 year old writers as possible. This project is looking to show how children as young as two are perfectly capable of producing sophisticated texts. If you’d like to take part, please see the instructions below:

1. To make a picture book - collect 6-8 pieces of A4 paper and staple them together landscape.
2. As a parent or teacher, you can take part too by having your own picture book in front of you.
3. Explain that they will need a front cover, illustrations and ‘kid writing’ on each page.
4. If your child says to you, *‘but I don’t know how to write’*, you can tell them to use ‘kid writing.’ Kid writing is the type of writing 3-5 year olds use. It’s their own writing - like pretend writing. It’s not the same as ‘adult writing’. Tell them it’s alright to use kid writing because they are only 2-5. They will learn how to use adult writing better as they get older. Kid writing can just be squiggles or lines. Other times, it might look like letters and shapes. Sometimes, it includes real letters from the alphabet. Children of course don’t have to include kid writing if they don’t want to.
5. Once their book is finished, ask them to read (*tell*) it to you. They should probably read it a few times and hopefully to a few different people. This way, they will finally settle on what each page says.
6. During one of their readings, write down (on a separate piece of paper), what each page says. You can then take pictures of each page and type it up like the example above.
7. Please consider including a picture of the writer, their age and a brief biography. You can use our template **here** by making yourself a copy (Google Docs) or **here** (Word Doc).
8. Please send any examples to us at: **literacyforpleasure@gmail.com** In your email, you can also share anything interesting or surprising that you noticed.

Have fun and happy writing,

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