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The Search for the IMPORTANT Paper

A story written for Howie Contreras

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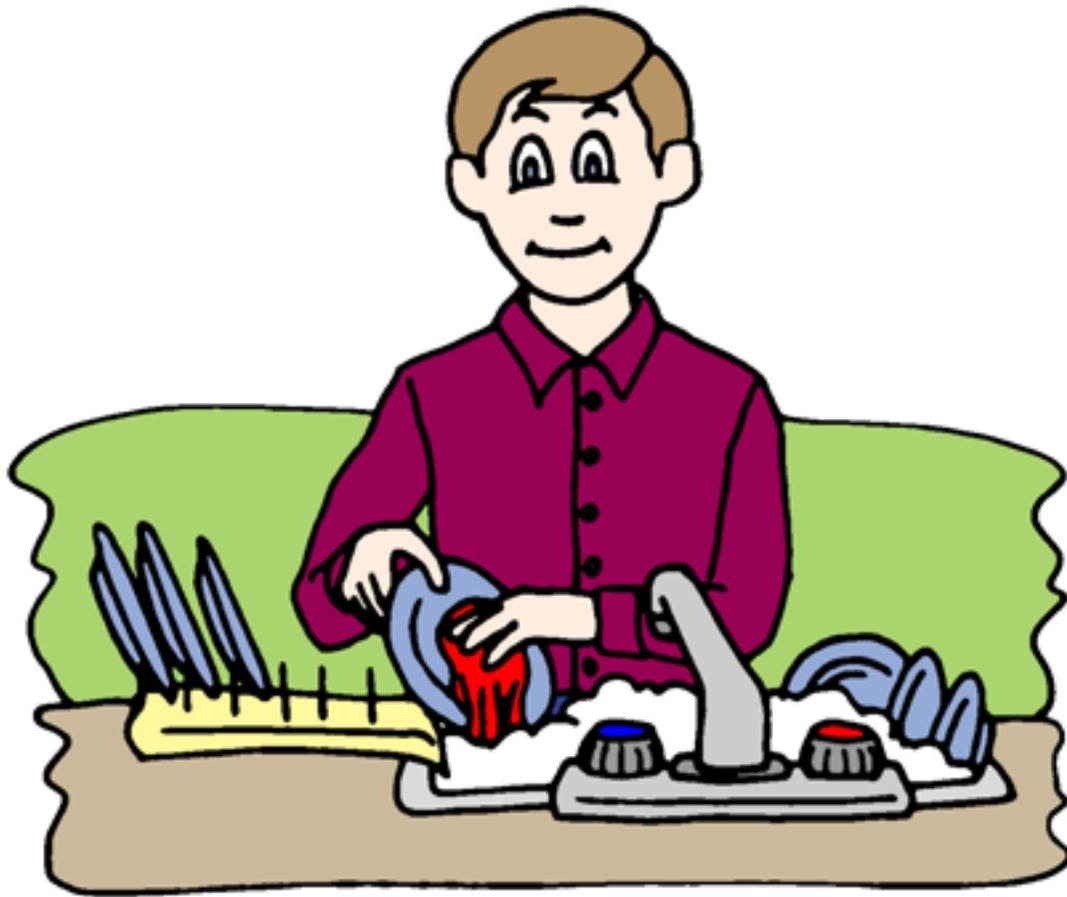
Howie broke into the den agitated. "It's missing!" he yelled.

"What's missing?" his Mom asked.

"The IMPORTANT paper!" Howie said. "It's always been there and now, it's gone! I need it! Have you seen it?"

"I don't know what it is."

"It's the IMPORTANT paper!" Howie responded frustrated and he ran to the kitchen.



“Dad! Have you seen the **IMPORTANT** paper!,” Howie howled. “It’s missing!”

“The **IMPORTANT** paper!—I need it!,” he repeated. “Can you help me find it!”

“I don’t know what I’m looking for!” his Dad responded.

“It’s the **IMPORTANT** paper,” Howie said, frustrated, and ran out the door.



Howie met his Tío on the stairs. “Have you seen it?” he shouted.

“How about a greeting? Like, ‘Hello’ or ‘How are you?’ for a start.”

“Hello, Tío,” Howie offered, impatiently, he continued in a rush. “Have you seen it?”

“What?”

“The IMPORTANT paper!” Not waiting for an answer, Howie ran off down the road.



Next, Howie met a friendly dog on the trail. “Have you seen the IMPORTANT paper?”

The dog stood up and wagged his tail. Howie knew that the friendly dog did not understand, but, at least he stood up and seemed ready to help him in his search for the IMPORTANT paper. The dog followed him in his search.

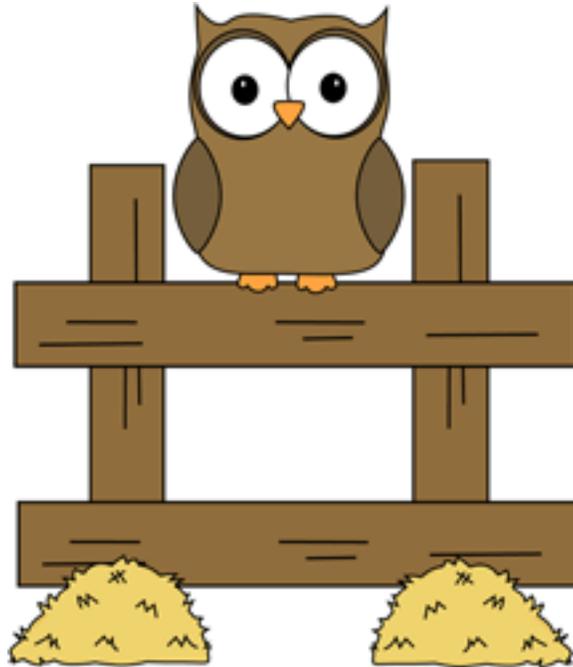


Howie then met a lazy cat on a tree. “Mr. cat,” Howie said, “Have you seen the IMPORTANT paper?”

After a minute delay, the lazy cat opened one eye. The dog was jumping and barking, but could not reach the cat and the lazy cat knew that. After a short time, the lazy cat closed the open eye and continue his cat nap.

Howie then continued his search for the IMPORTANT paper.

The dog, distracted by the cat, continued jumping and barking and did not follow Howie.



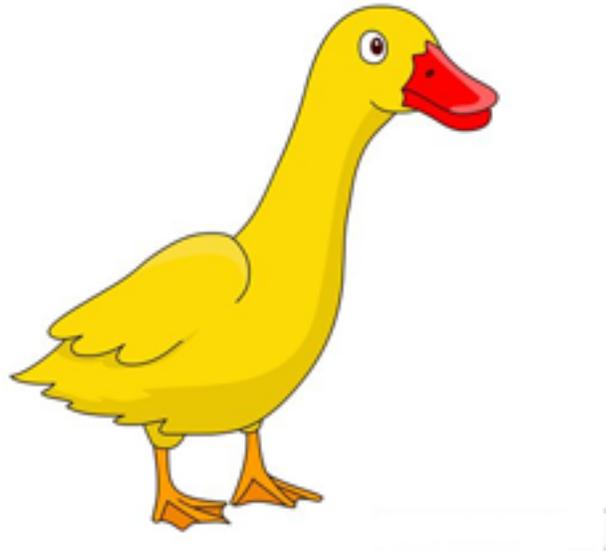
In his search for the IMPORTANT paper, Howie met a wise owl on a fence. “Mr. Wise Owl,” Howie asked politely, “have you seen the IMPORTANT paper?”

“Whooooo, Whoooo,” the owl responded.

“Not who, but what,” Howie corrected “the IMPORTANT paper...”

Before he finished his sentence the hooted, “Whooooo. Whooooo!”

Perhaps the owl is not that wise Howie thought, but did not say out loud. He didn’t want to hurt his feelings. After all, he just has a bird brain.



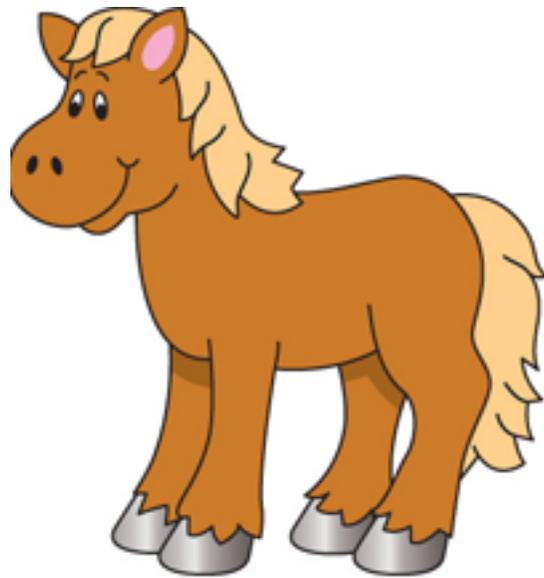
Howie next meets a duck by the side of the trail. “Mrs. Duck have you seen my IMPORTANT paper, he asks.

“Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack,” she quacked.

“Not quack, but what!” Howie once more corrected.

“Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack,” she continue unaware of any problem.

Another bird brain, Howie thought and continued on his quest.



Howie then met a young horse by the road. “Mr. Horse, ...” Howie said loudly, but before he finished his question the frightened, young horse reared up and ran off with all his mane. “I’m sorry, Mr. horse,” Howie lamented softly, “I didn’t intend to frighten you.

By now, Howie had reached the end of the trail and he had not found the IMPORTANT paper. Sadly, he turned back to go home. He didn’t know what he would do without that IMPORTANT paper.



Howie, exhausted, reached the stairs leading to his home and then he sees their pickup truck parked by the side of the building. He was very tired and almost just went up to rest, but decided to take a look in the truck.



He didn't think it was there, but it was close. He might as well look inside the truck.

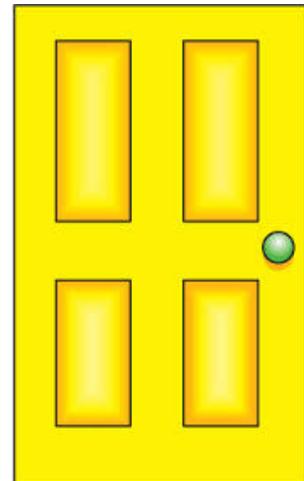
He opened the door and there, behind the seat was the IMPORTANT paper! He had walked and searched to the end of the trail and the IMPORTANT paper was just outside his house!

He grabbed the IMPORTANT paper and ran up the stairs, forgetting he was so tired. Swung the door open and placed the IMPORTANT paper on the table. The he rushed into the next room where his Mom, Dad and Tío were watching TV.

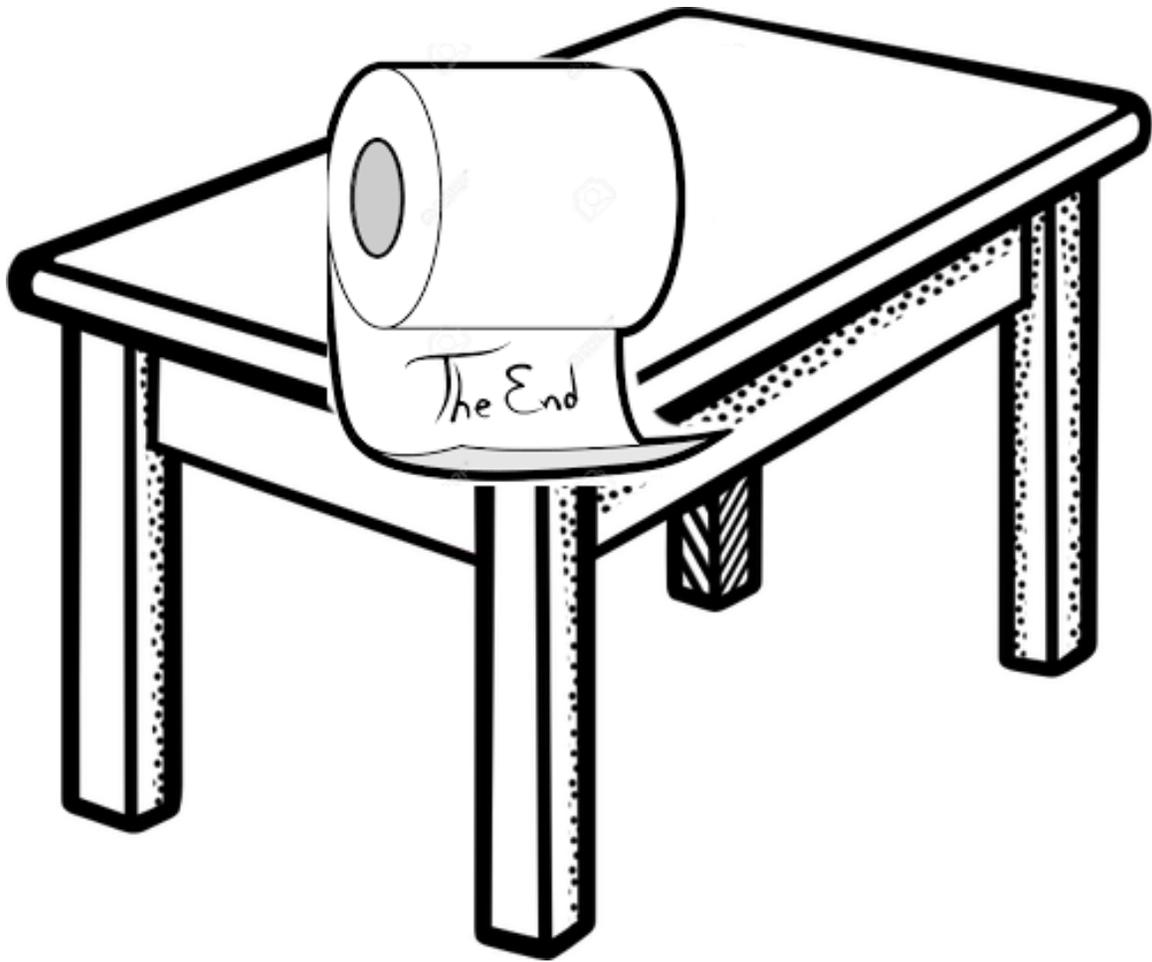
“I found it!” Howie yelled bursting into the room.



“It’s behind that door!” he exclaimed pointing to the closed door.



“What is it?” they all asked at the same time running to open the door. “Where did you find it?” and slowly they opened the door to see the IMPORTANT paper.



They all agreed that this was, indeed, the IMPORTANT paper!