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THE GIFT: WHO'S HUNGRY?

STORY AND ART BY ERIN HEALY



IT'S BEEN SEVEN YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN THIS SKYLINE, SINCE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE MY BUILDING. SEVEN YEARS SINCE I HAVE SEEN MY PARENTS.

I HARDLY EVEN REMEMBER THE NORMAL DAYS, THE DAYS BEFORE THE GREAT COLLAPSE.



MOST PEOPLE LEFT RIGHT AWAY, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THEIR FATE IS NOW...

WE OWE EVERYTHING WE HAVE
TO ONE MAN, MR. ABBOTT.
DESPITE LOSING HIS FAMILY IN
THE COLLAPSE, HE HAS KEPT US
FED AND ALIVE FOR SEVEN



WHEN THE FOOD SUPPLIES RAN
OUT, HE DEvised OUR SYSTEM OF
GIFT-GIVING. BOTH MY PARENTS
HAVE BEEN GIFTS. THEY SEND
FOOD TO US EACH MONTH FROM
THE SAFETY OF PHILADELPHIA.



THE REST OF US REMAINING WAIT TO EITHER BECOME THE NEXT GIVER
OR KEEP SAFE IN OUR HOME.

PRESENT DAY

HOW IS IT THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BEAT YOU ONCE AT CHESS?

YOU'VE NEVER REALLY BEATEN ME AT ANY GAME. SCRABBLE, SORRY, TROUBLE, MONOPO-

OK! OK, I GET IT. I AM TERRIBLE AT GAMES.

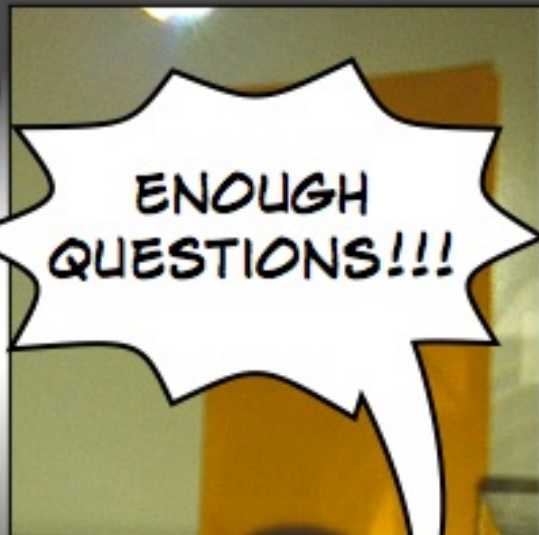
OR MAYBE I AM JUST REALLY GOOD... CHECK MATE!

OR MAYBE I AM JUST EXTREMELY UNLUCKY...

I'LL GET IT!

KNOCK
KNOCK

TODAY IS THE DAY.





LET'S MOVE ON. PELOPS, COME STEP ON THE SCALE. YOU MUST BE EATING WELL.



ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE! I AM VERY EXCITED TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!



MY TURN!



IF YOU INSIST, THOUGH IT'S RATHER UNNECESSARY!

ONE HUNDRED FOUR. AS I THOUGHT, STILL 44 LBS AWAY.



BEFORE I LEAVE, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING, PELOPS.



I KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE PREVIOUS GIVERS TO REMEMBER THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO ME AND MY FAMILY.



IT'S YOUR FAMILY!

TAKE A LOOK IN THIS PHOTO ALBUM

SALLY..

...JED...

...AND MRS. ABBOTT!



THAT'S RIGHT! AND IF YOU BECOME OUR NEXT GIVER, YOU WILL SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!

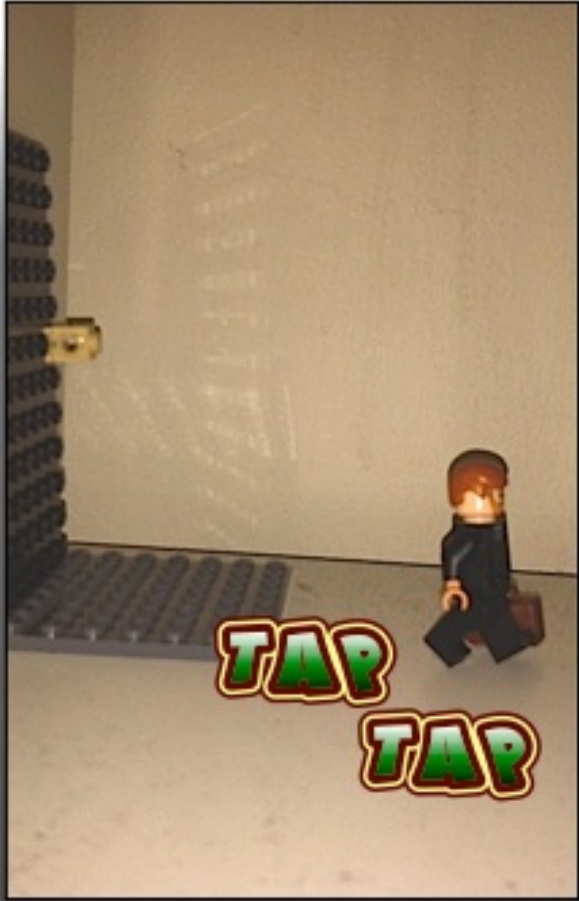
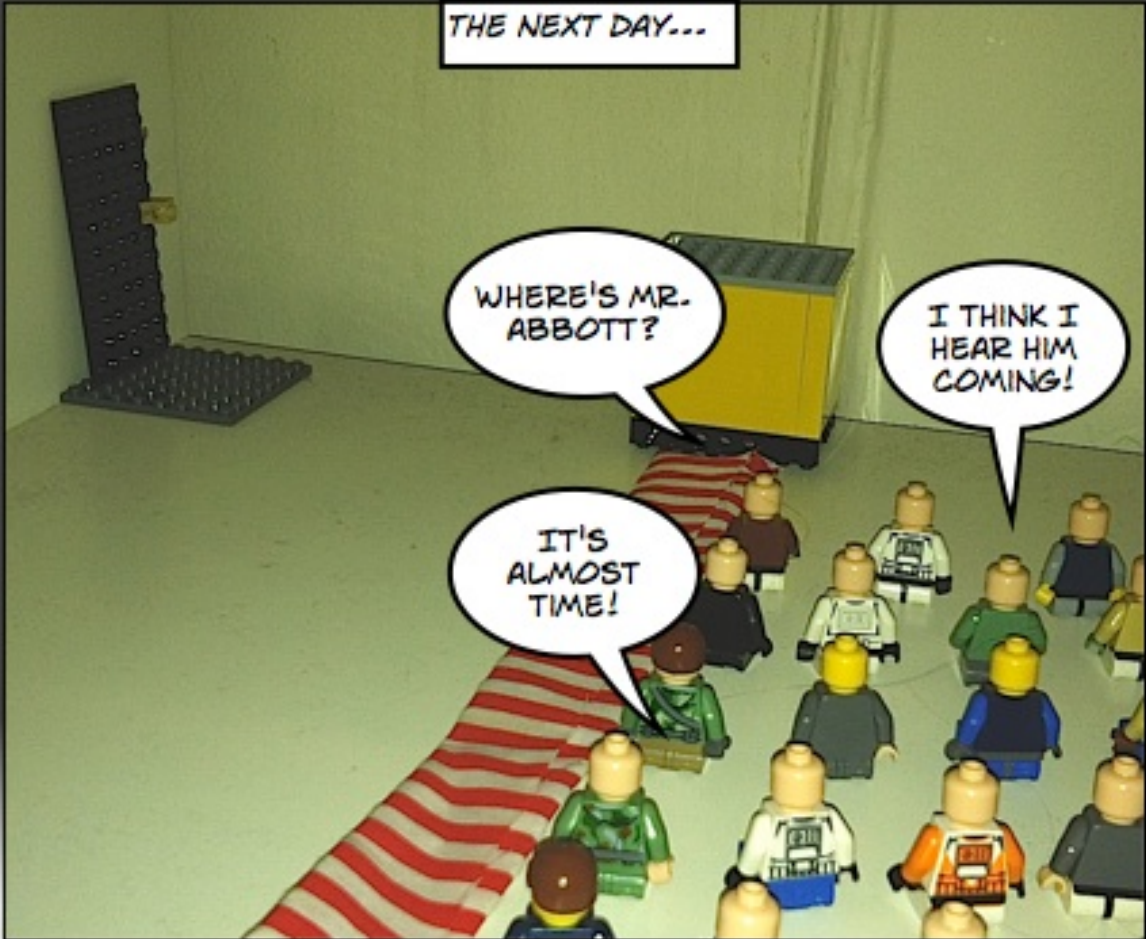


GOOD BYE PELOPS, GOOD LUCK TOMORROW! IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE YOU AS OUR GIVER.



I HOPE TO BE SO LUCKY!

THE NEXT DAY...





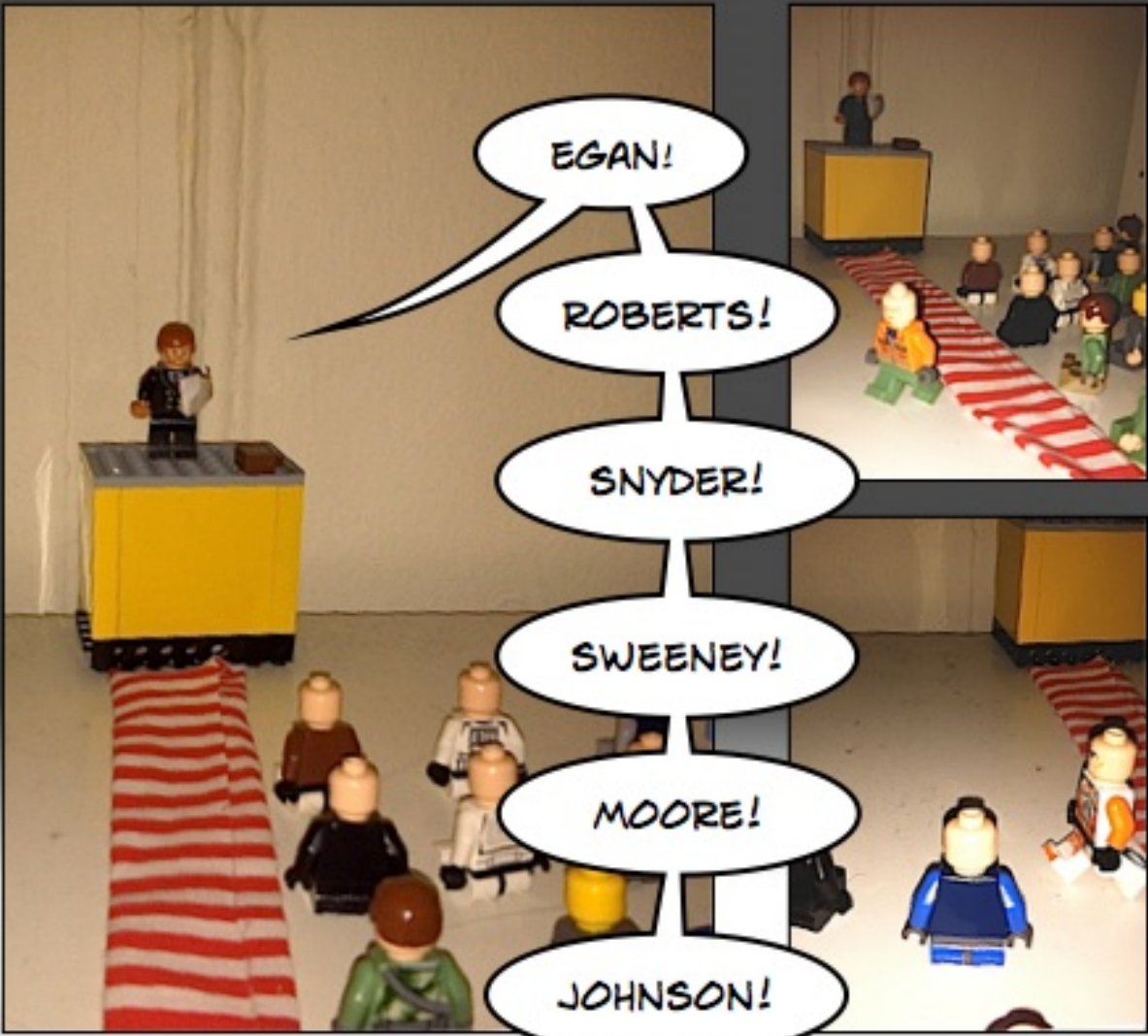
WELCOME EVERYONE!



SAME DRILL AS ALWAYS. WHEN I DRAW YOUR NAME, PLEASE CROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LINE.



THE LAST NAME CALLED WILL BE OUR NEXT GIVER!



EGAN!

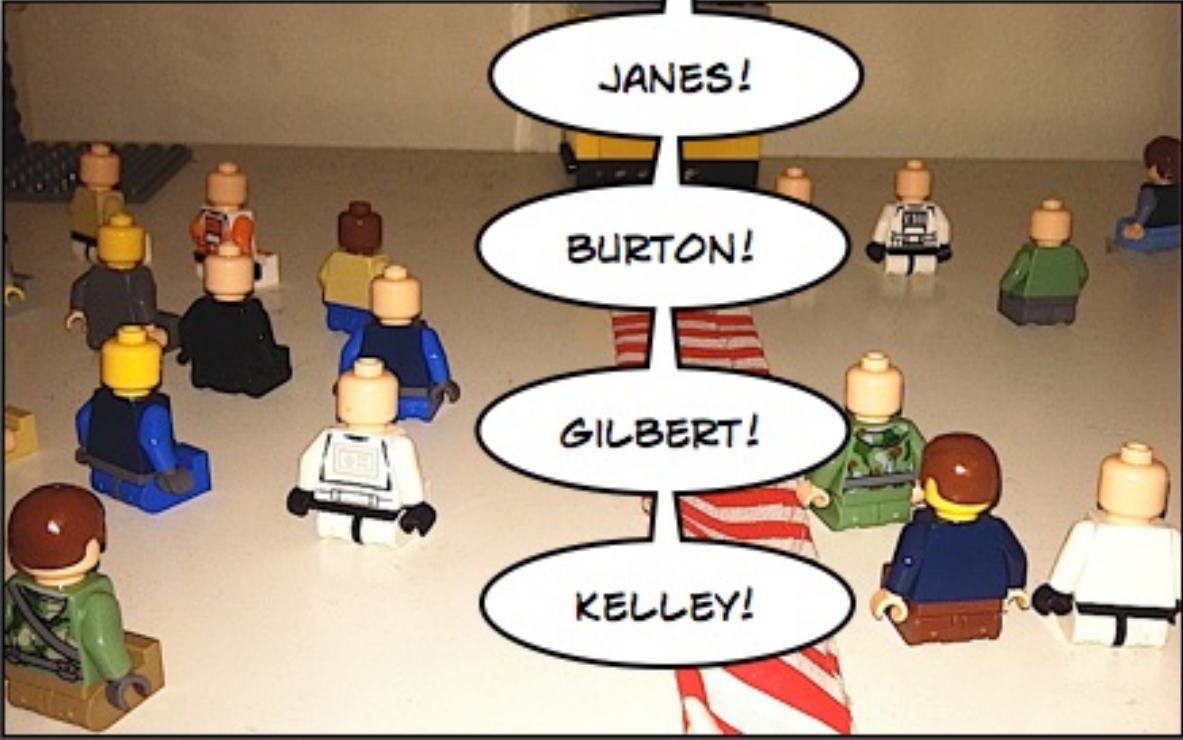
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SNYDER!

SWEENEY!

MOORE!

JOHNSON!

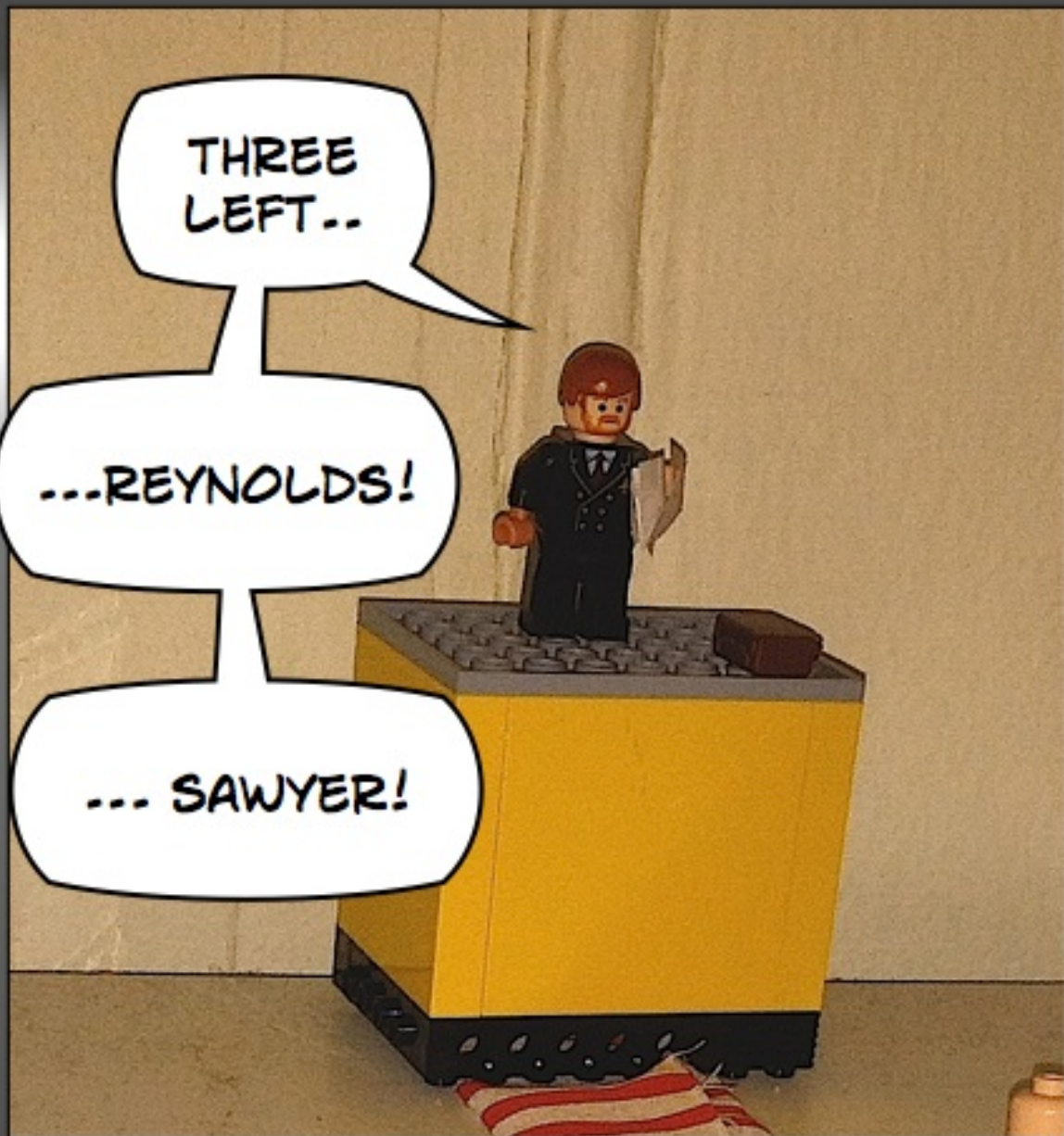
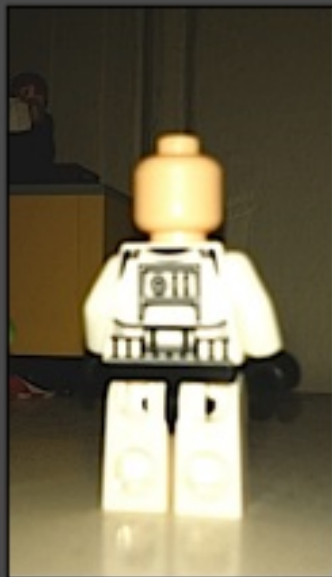


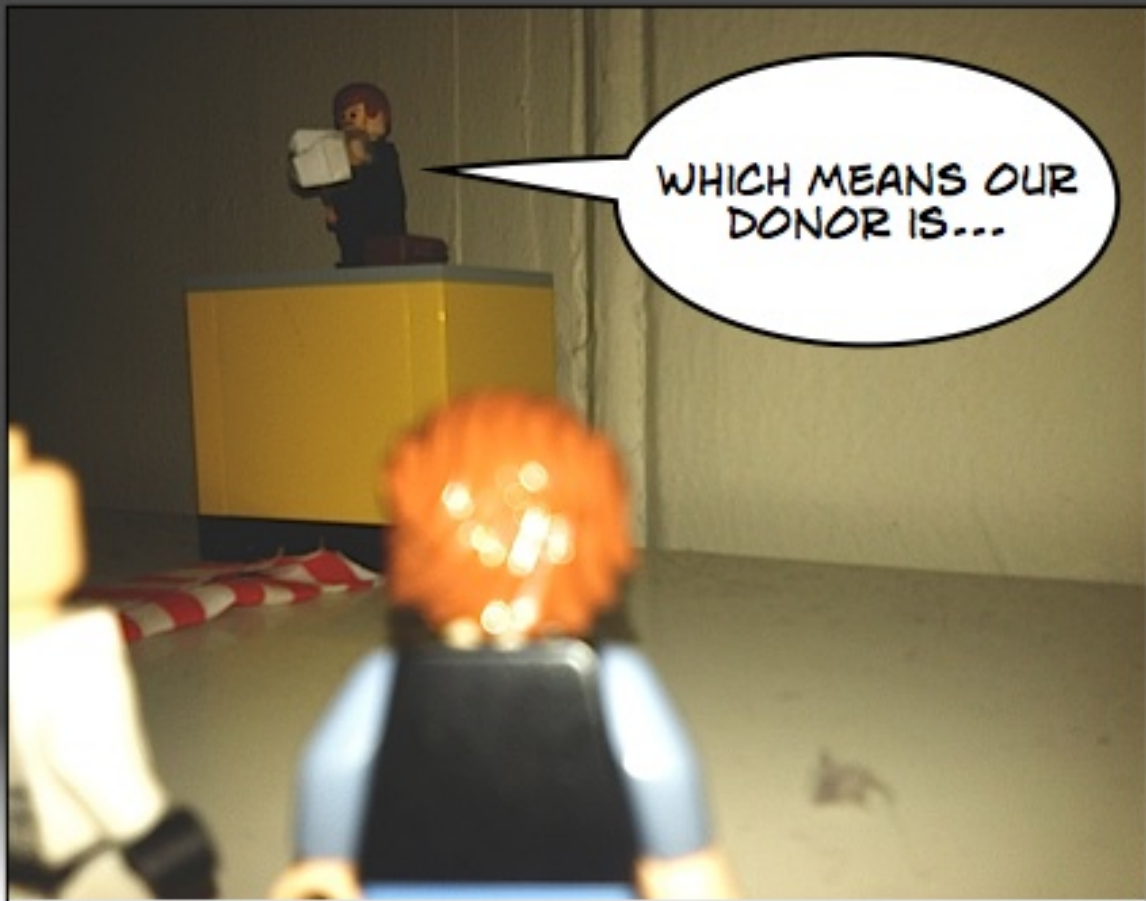
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BURTON!

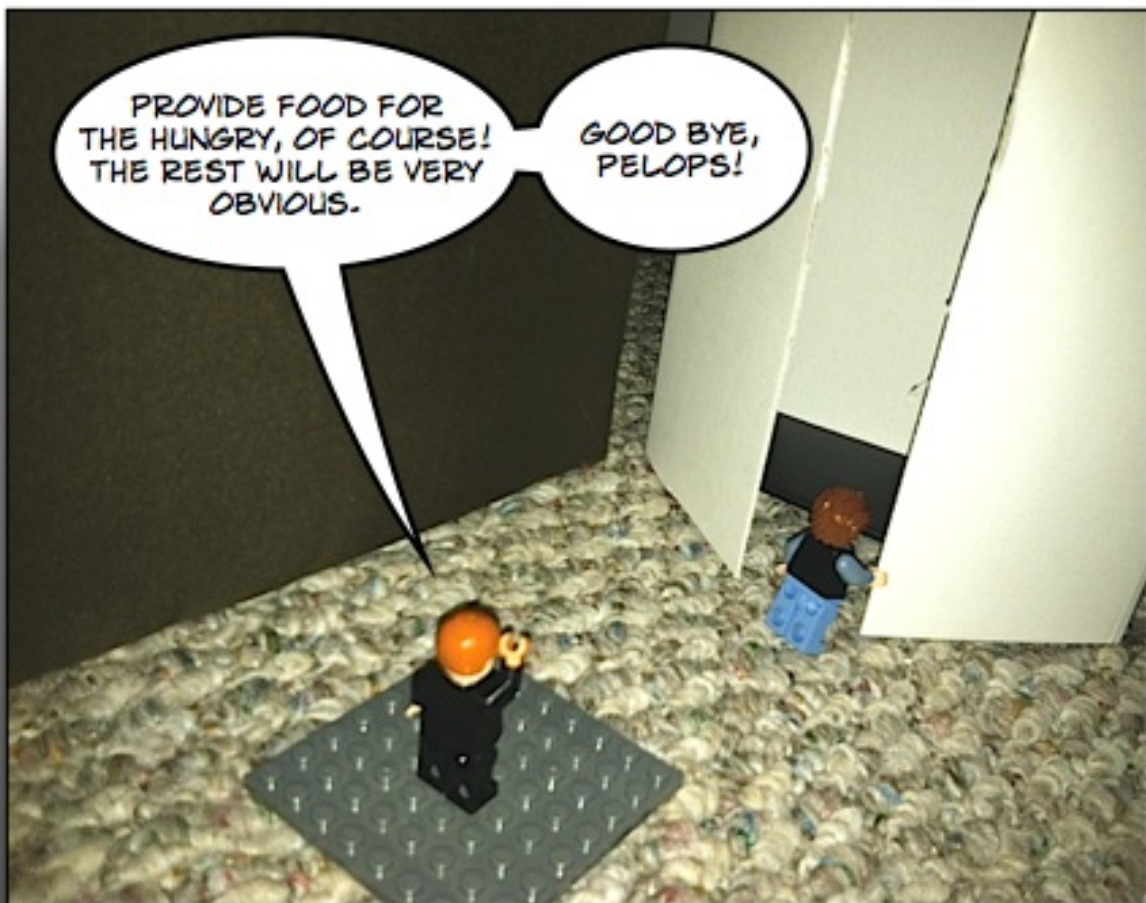
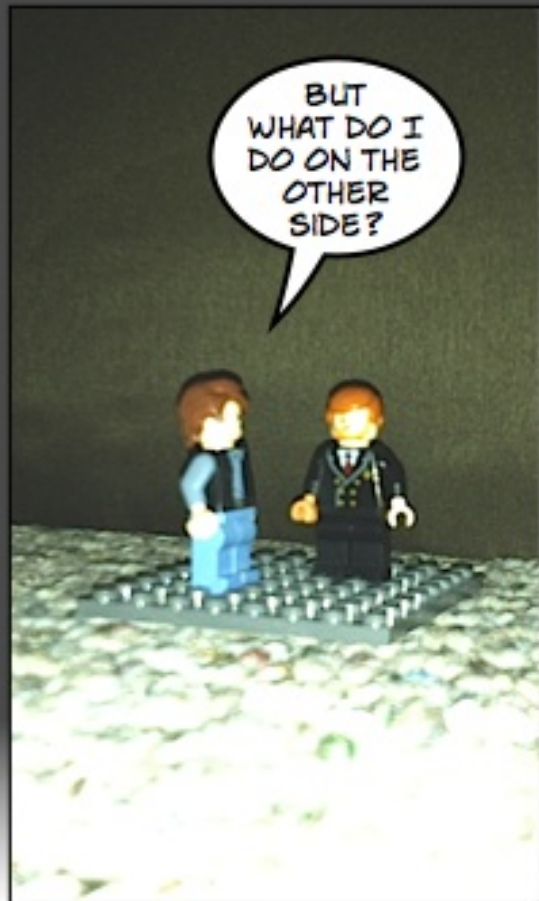
GILBERT!

KELLEY!



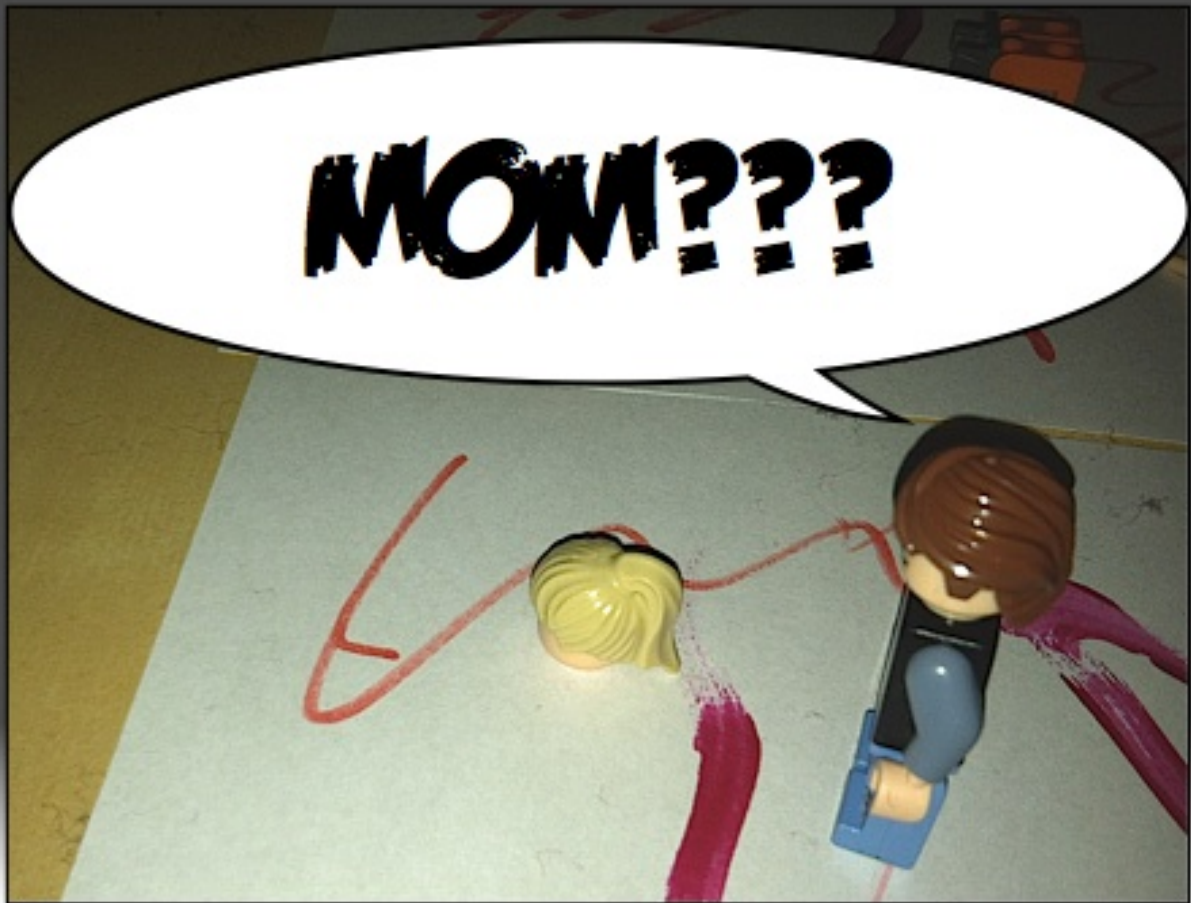


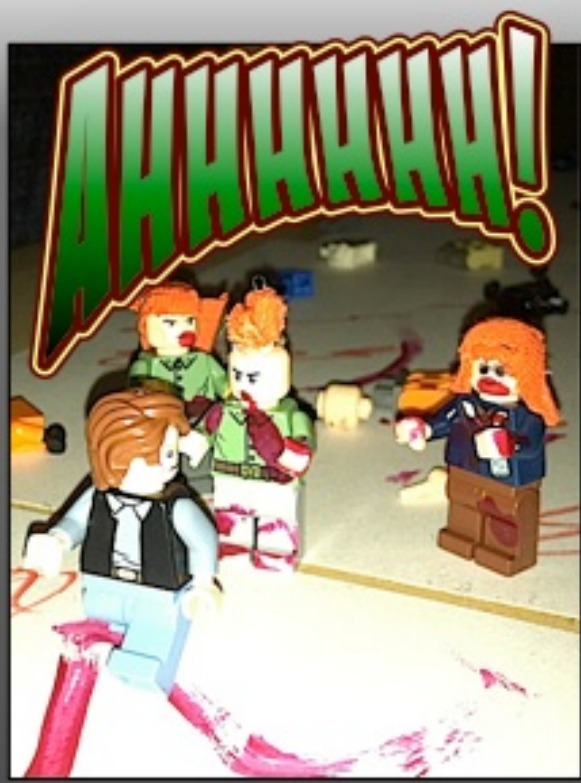






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