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*No, today I feel sad. I do not want to play.*

Hello, Pointy! Are you OK?





I have tiny arms.

It is very difficult to hug with tiny arms.



Each day I am growing taller,  
but my arms are still tiny.



Hugging almost seems impossible  
for a Rex as tiny as me,  
but I will try anyway.  
Pointy needs me.



Where is my father?  
I will ask him for advice.



HELLO, FATHER!



$$3+2=?$$

$$7+3=?$$

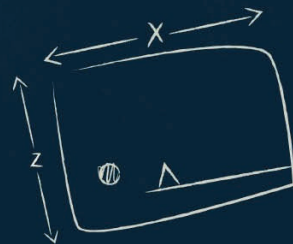
$$5+3=?$$

$$x+y$$

$$x+y+z$$

*Rexes are thinkers, not huggers.  
Perhaps instead of hugs, mathematics  
might be the answer to your problem?*

$$\underline{\text{happiness} = 8x + 3y + 2z}$$

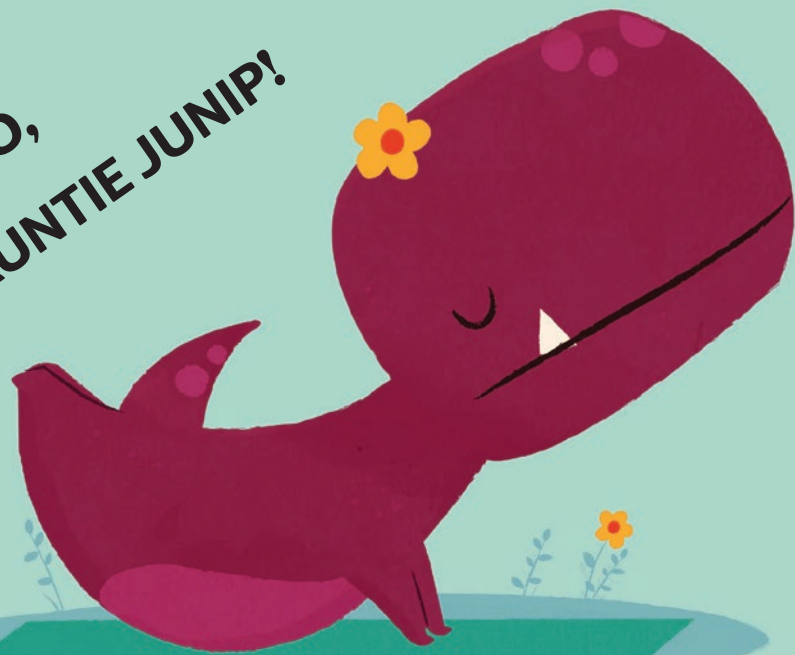


**Pointy does not like math.  
Math will only make Pointy feel worse.**





**HELLO,  
AUNTIE JUNIP!**



**I have a problem.  
I must learn how to hug, but my arms  
are too tiny.**



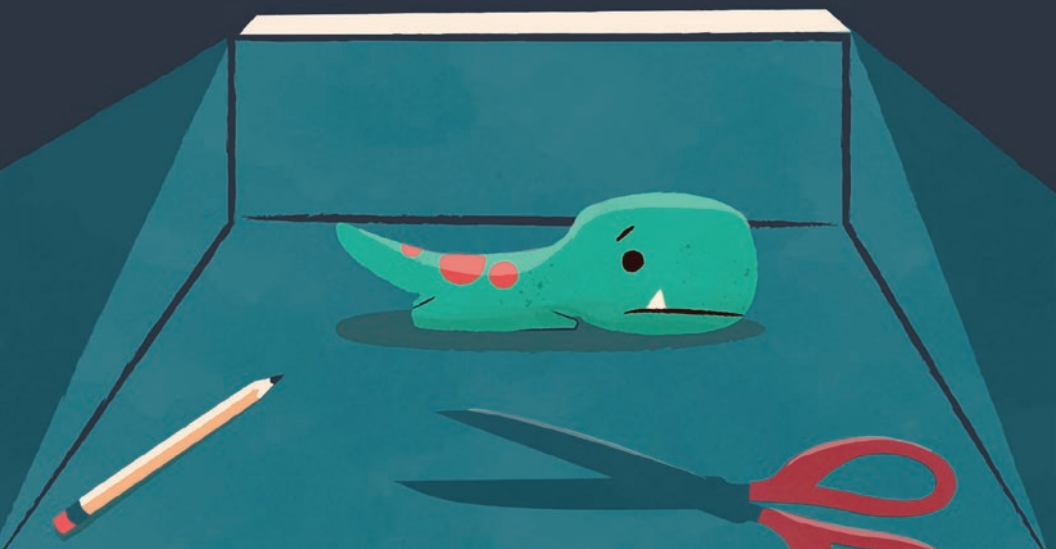
*I have found that balance  
is the key to every problem.  
Balance and freshly squeezed  
cucumber juice.*



**That is disgusting. I will ask  
my mother for help instead.**



I have fallen and now I am lost.  
I do not think I will find my  
mother in here.



HELLO, MOTHER!

*It's okay if you can't hug, Tiny. You are good at many other things. You are kind and creative and braver than most. You are tiny, but your heart is big!*

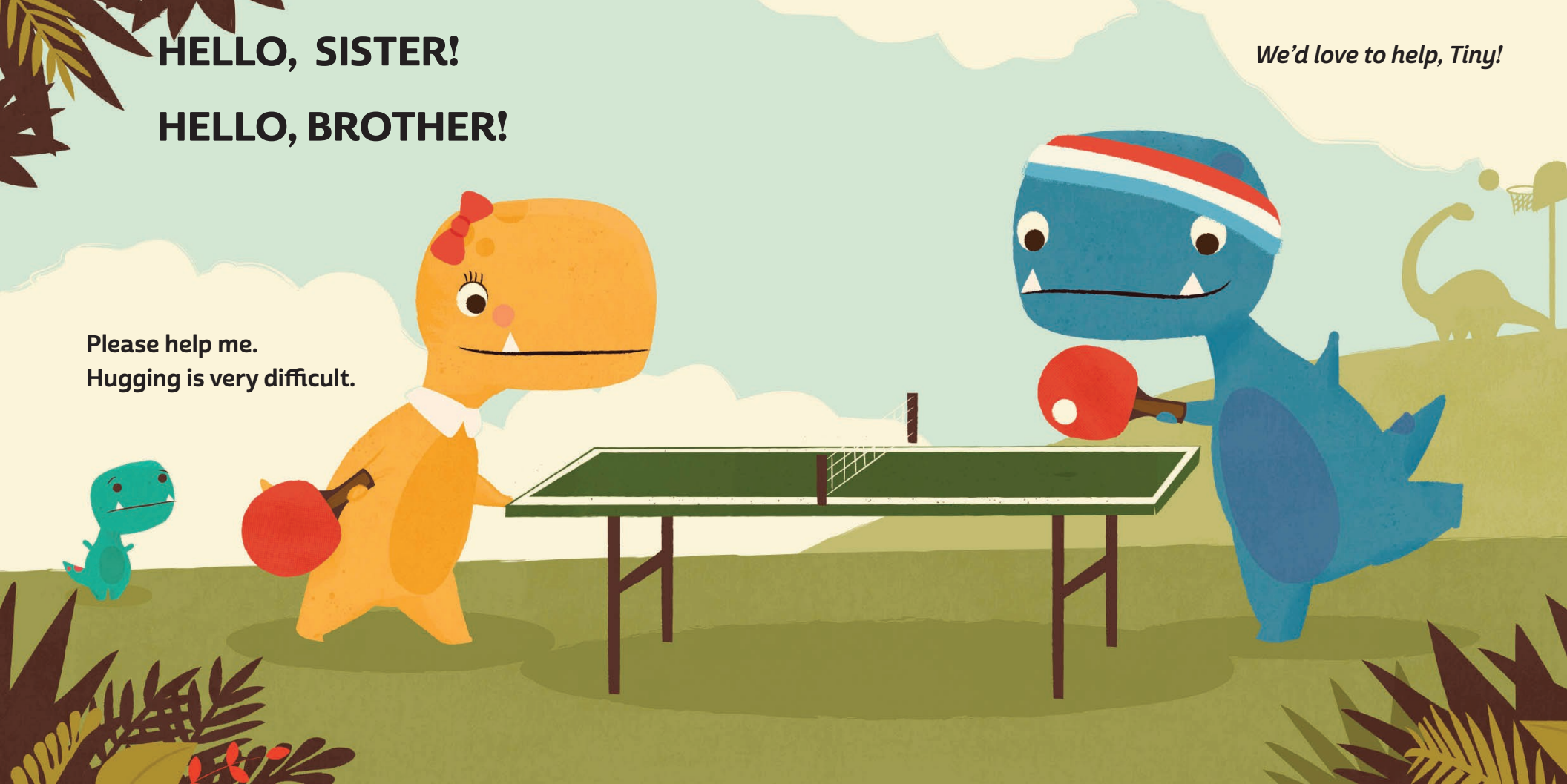


I cannot hug with my heart, Mother.  
I must learn to hug with my arms.

**HELLO, SISTER!**  
**HELLO, BROTHER!**

*We'd love to help, Tiny!*

Please help me.  
Hugging is very difficult.





*To do the impossible you must plan and practice.*



*Practice,*

*practice,*



*practice.*

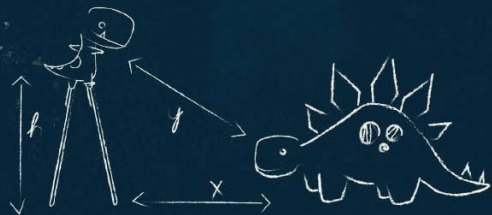
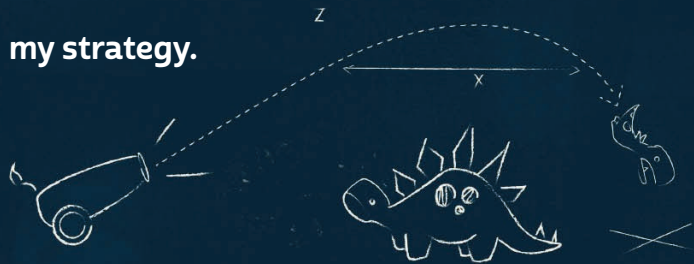


Thank you, Trixie and Rawrie. That is good advice.

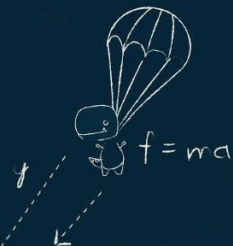




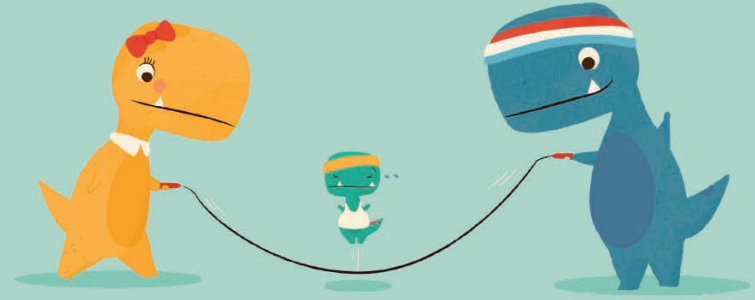
I will plan my strategy.



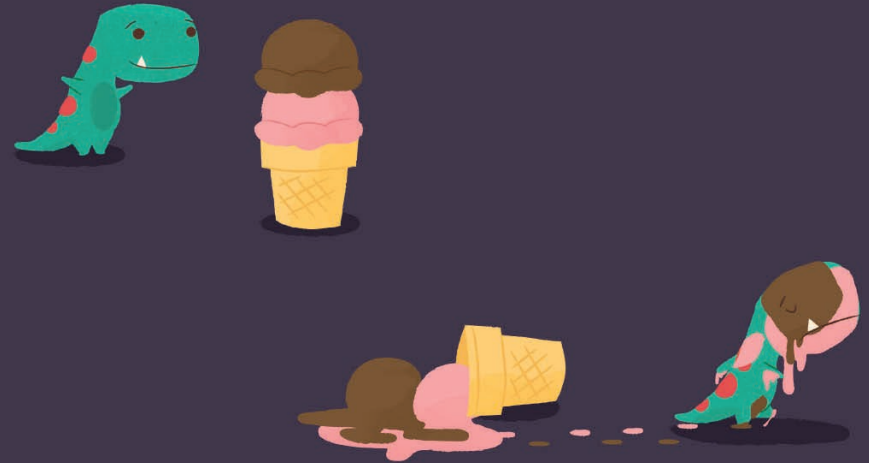
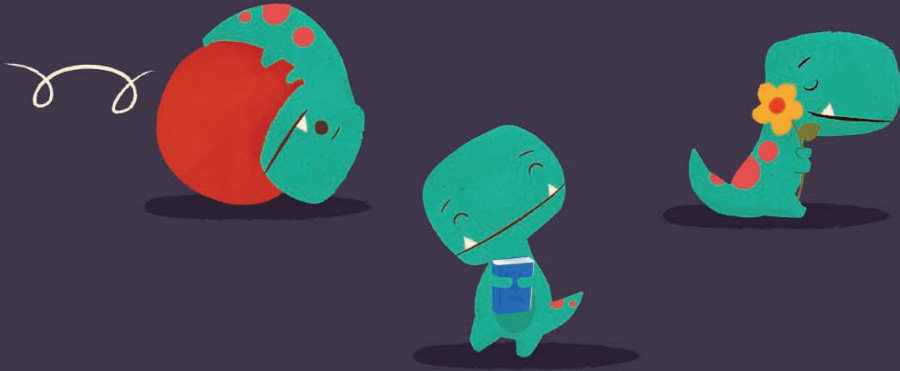
$$y^2 = h^2 + x^2$$



I will get stronger.



I will practice very hard.  
I will practice my hugs on everything!



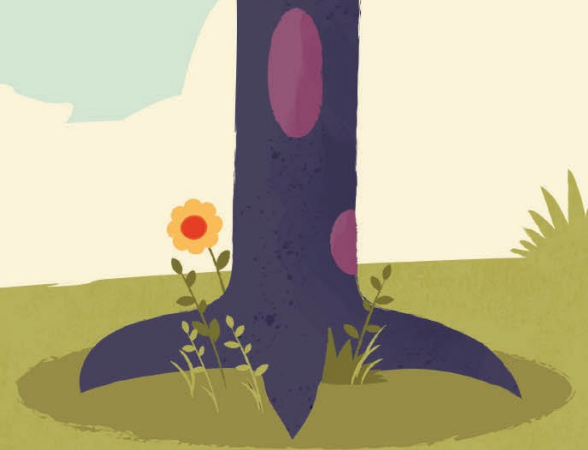


**I will not practice on  
that anymore.**






I am almost ready. I will practice one more time.  
When I am done, I will find my friend.



This tree is very big, like Pointy.  
I will hug it.



This is not a tree.  
I have made a mistake.

Please help.

From up here, everything looks tiny, like me.  
I could hug anything I wanted.



Now I am falling.

I should not have let go.

Now I will

never

find

Pointy.



HELLO, POINTY!

The illustration depicts a red Stegosaurus with large, triangular plates on its back and a small blue dinosaur with a pointed crest. The Stegosaurus has a sad expression, while the blue dinosaur looks happy. They are in a green field with rolling hills and a cloudy sky in the background. There are some dark green bushes in the foreground.

*Hello, Tiny.*



I am here to make you feel better!  
I have practiced very hard  
and hugged many things.

My arms are still tiny and my hugs are still tiny,  
but I will do my very best because you are  
my very best friend.





*Thank you, Tiny.*



*That was the biggest hug ever.*



