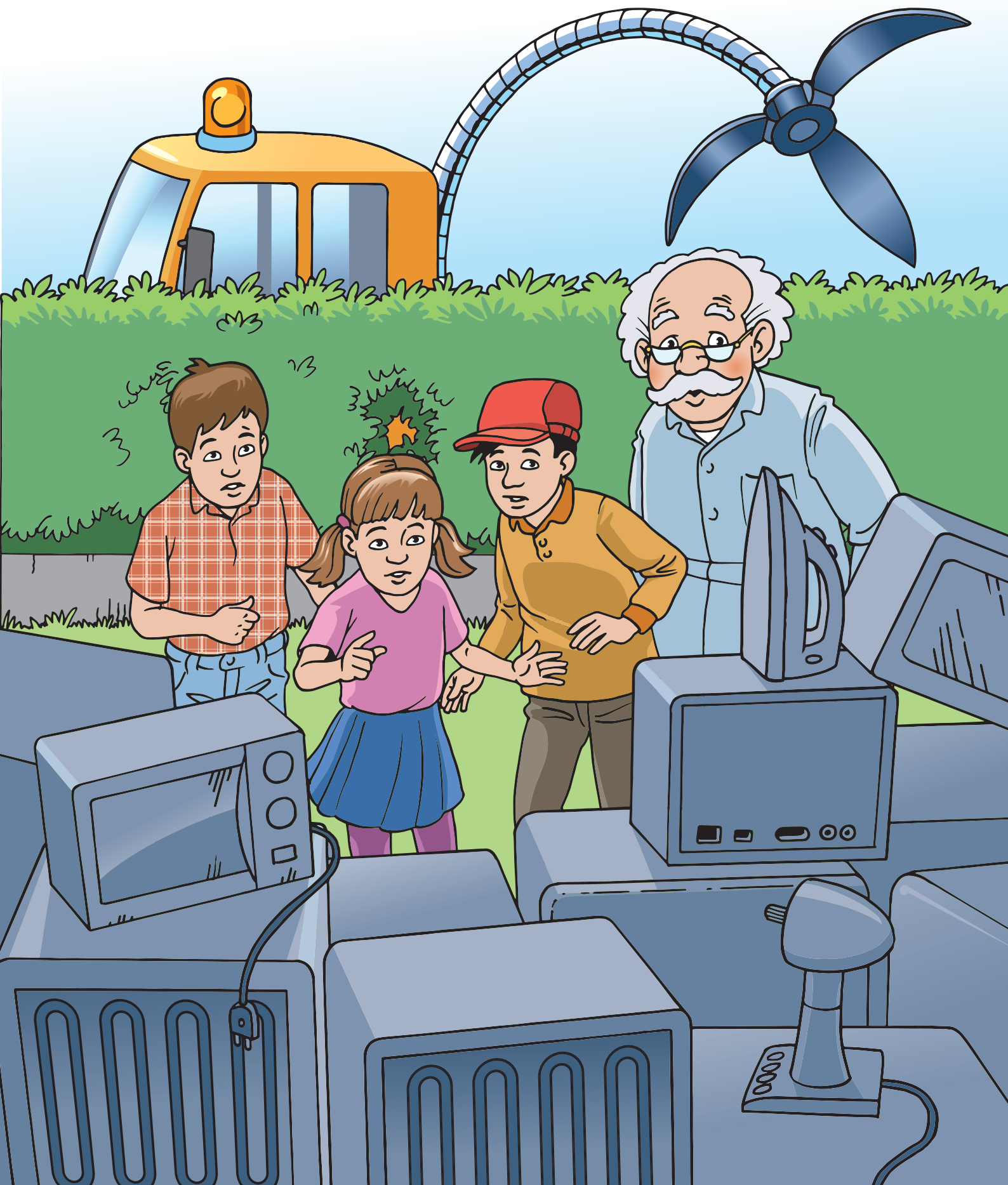


Lila+Tim

and the invisible mountains



Lila and Tim and the invisible mountains

The summer holidays are over. Lila and Tim are on their way to school and in a good mood.



A group of pupils from their class are standing together and staring into the sky.



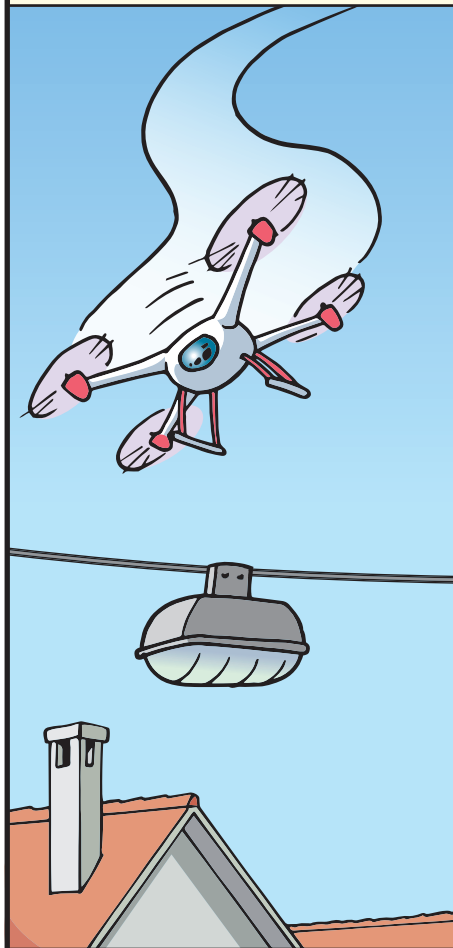
Wow, look at that!



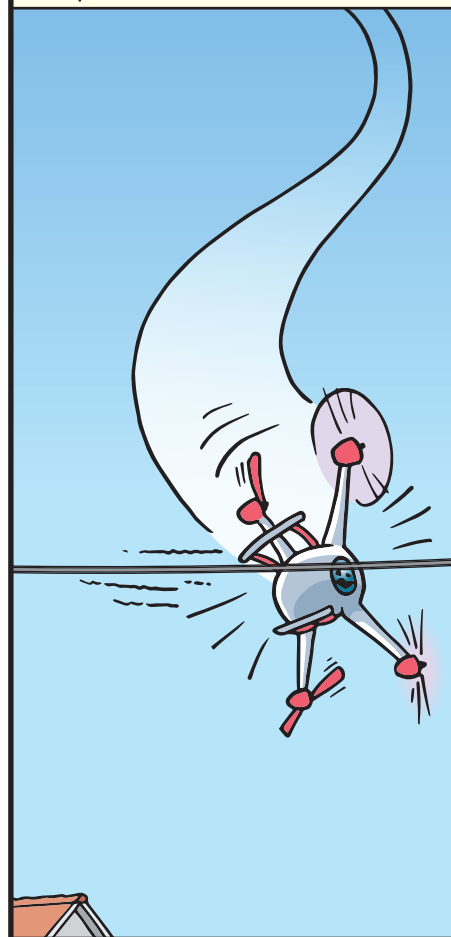
Something is hovering and wobbling above the children.



A drone!



Suddenly it hits a street lamp cable.

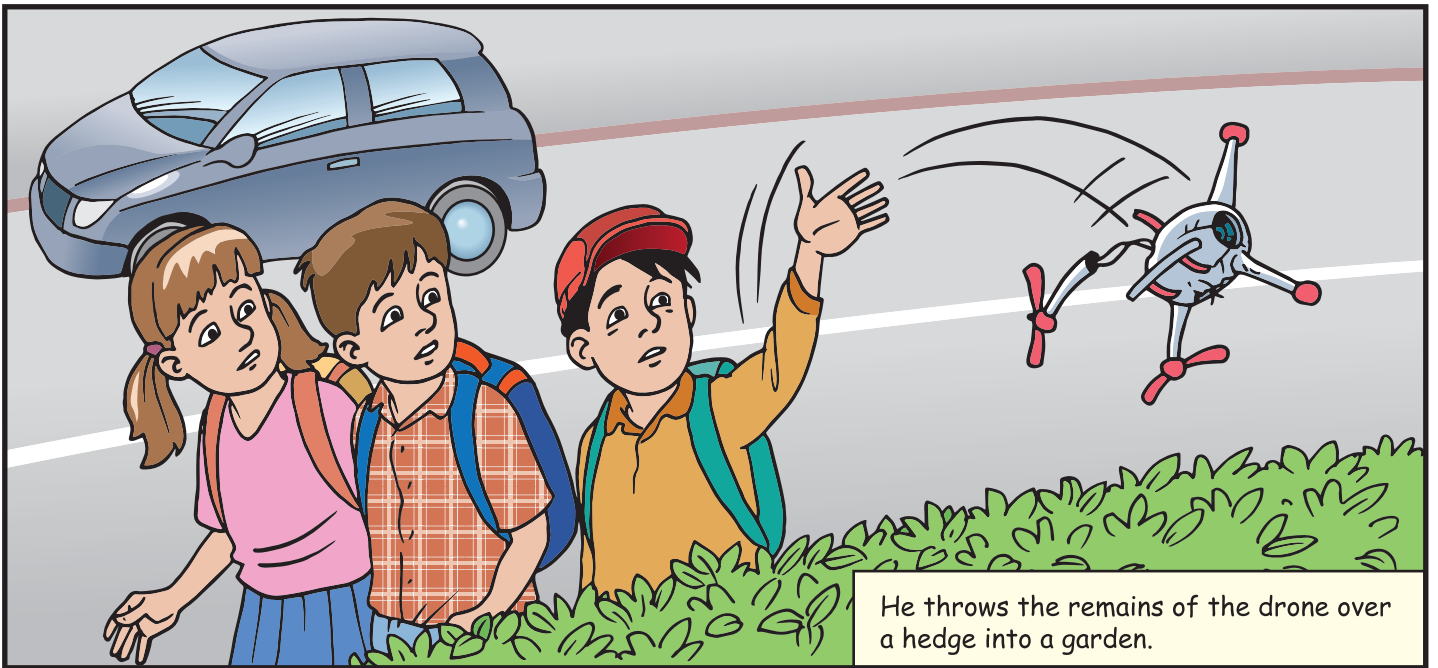


Now out of control, it mashes into the ground with a crash.



Jimmy stares glumly at his destroyed toy. Glue won't be able to fix that.



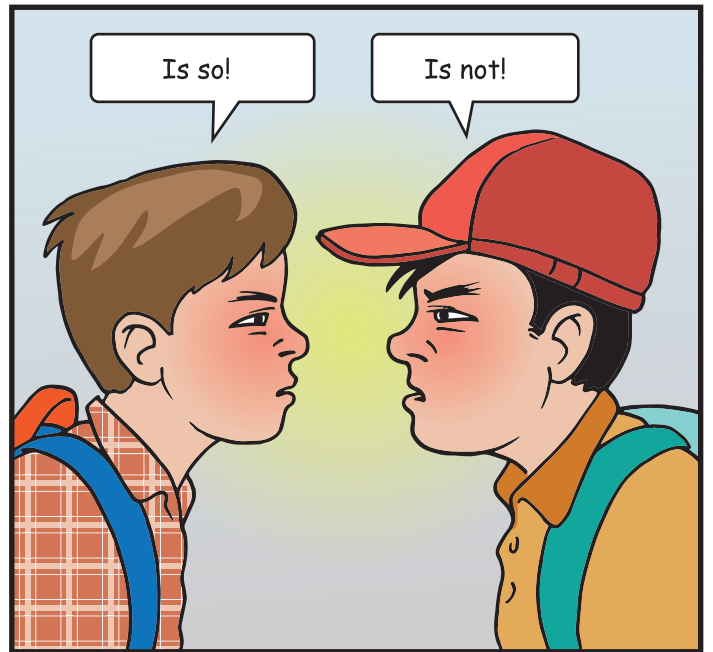


He throws the remains of the drone over a hedge into a garden.



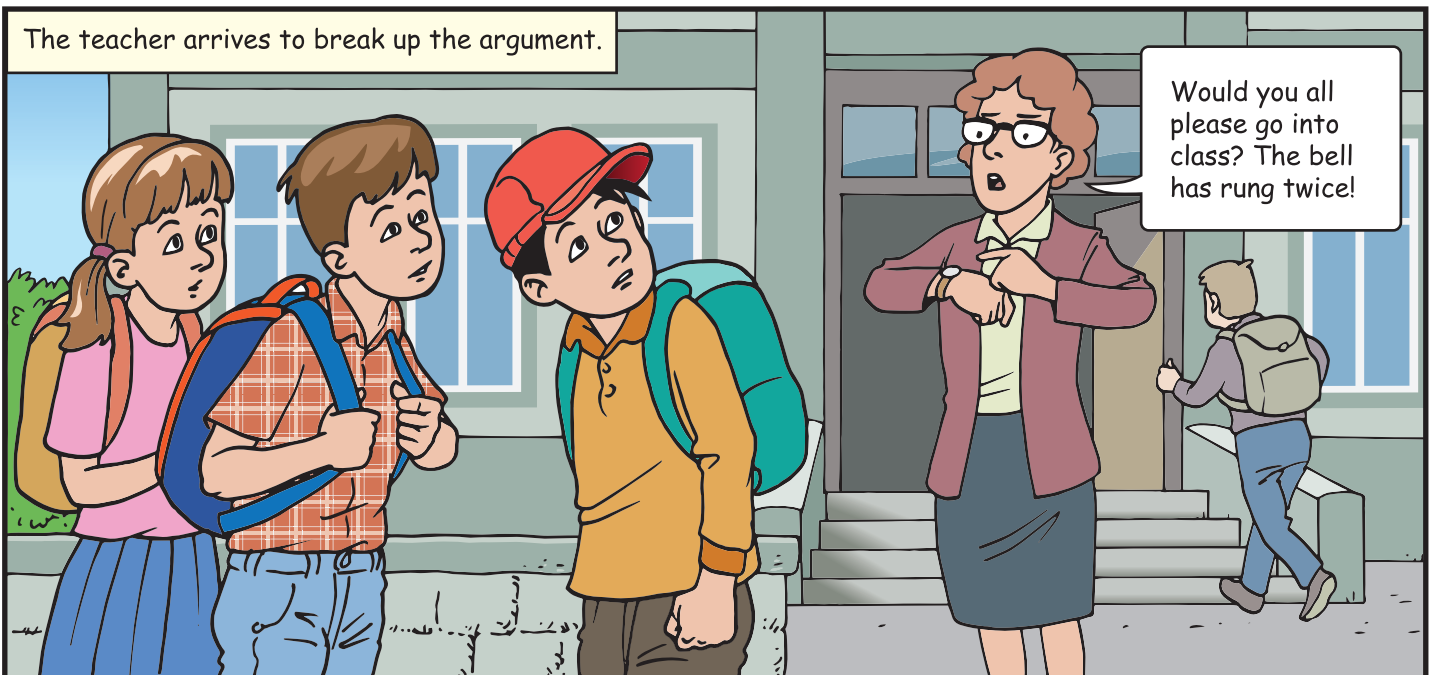
Hey, what are you doing? You can't just throw your rubbish away like that!

That's none of your business!



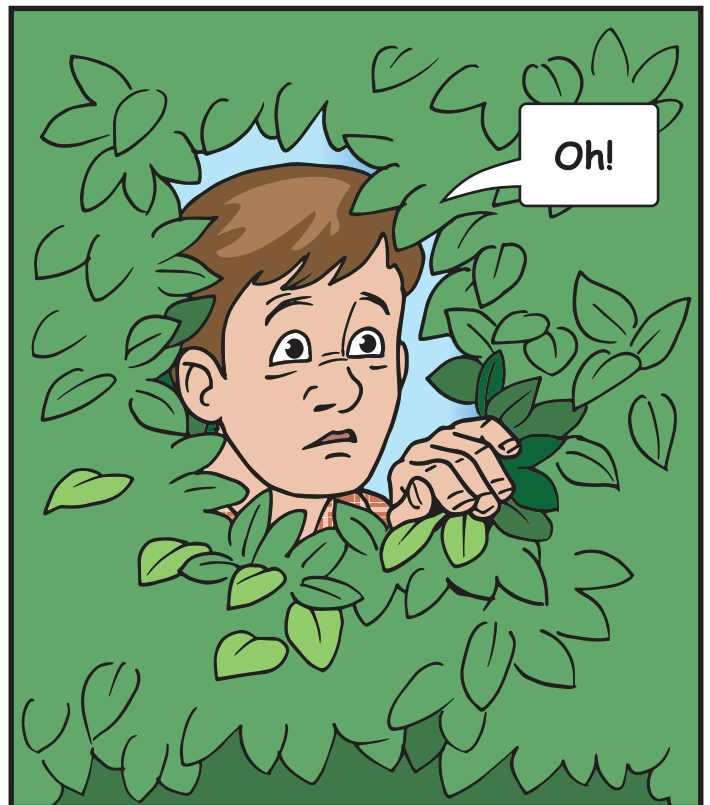
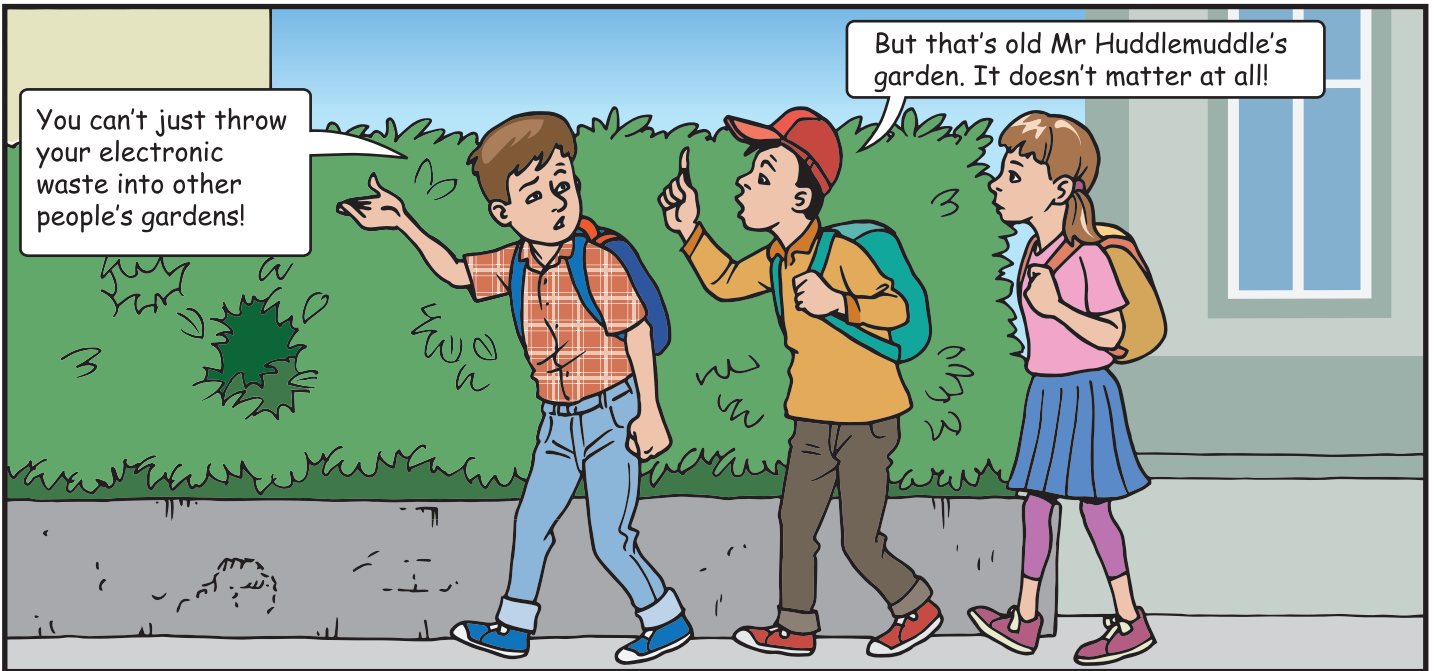
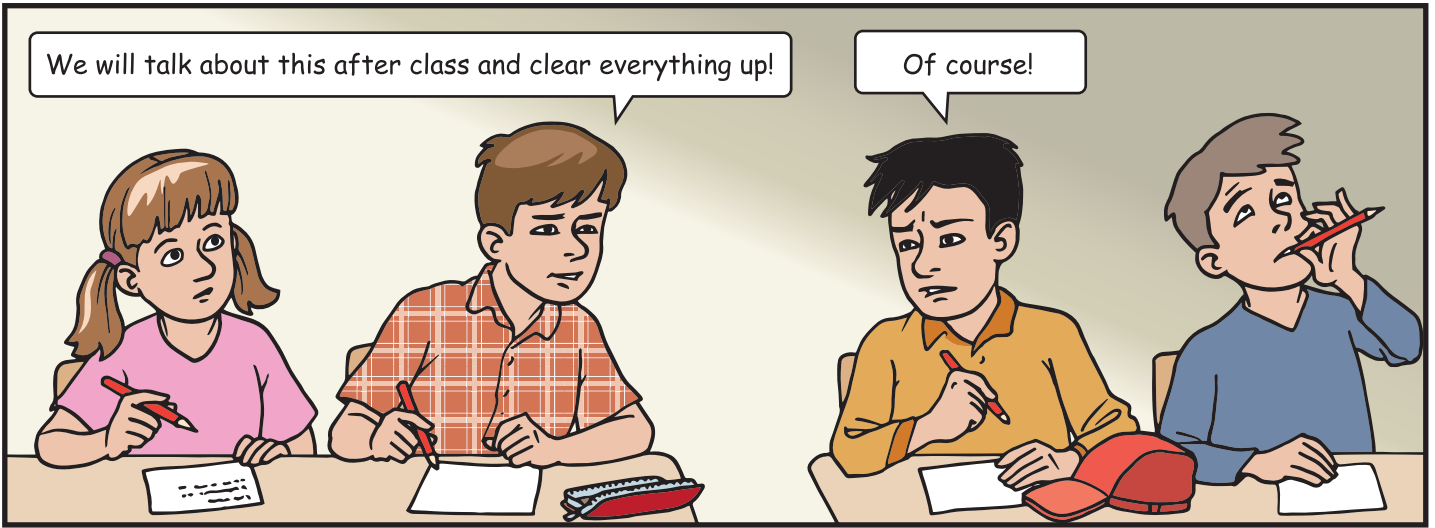
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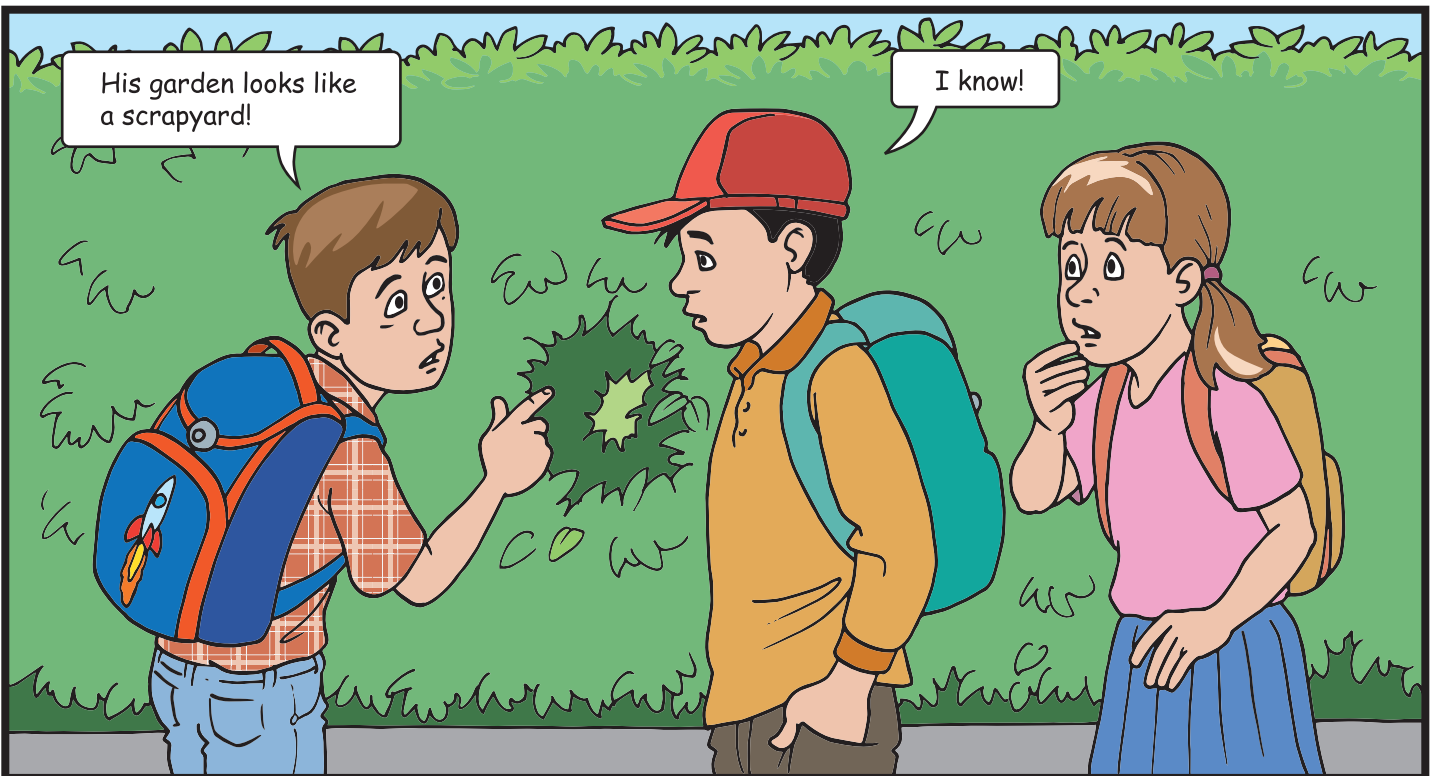
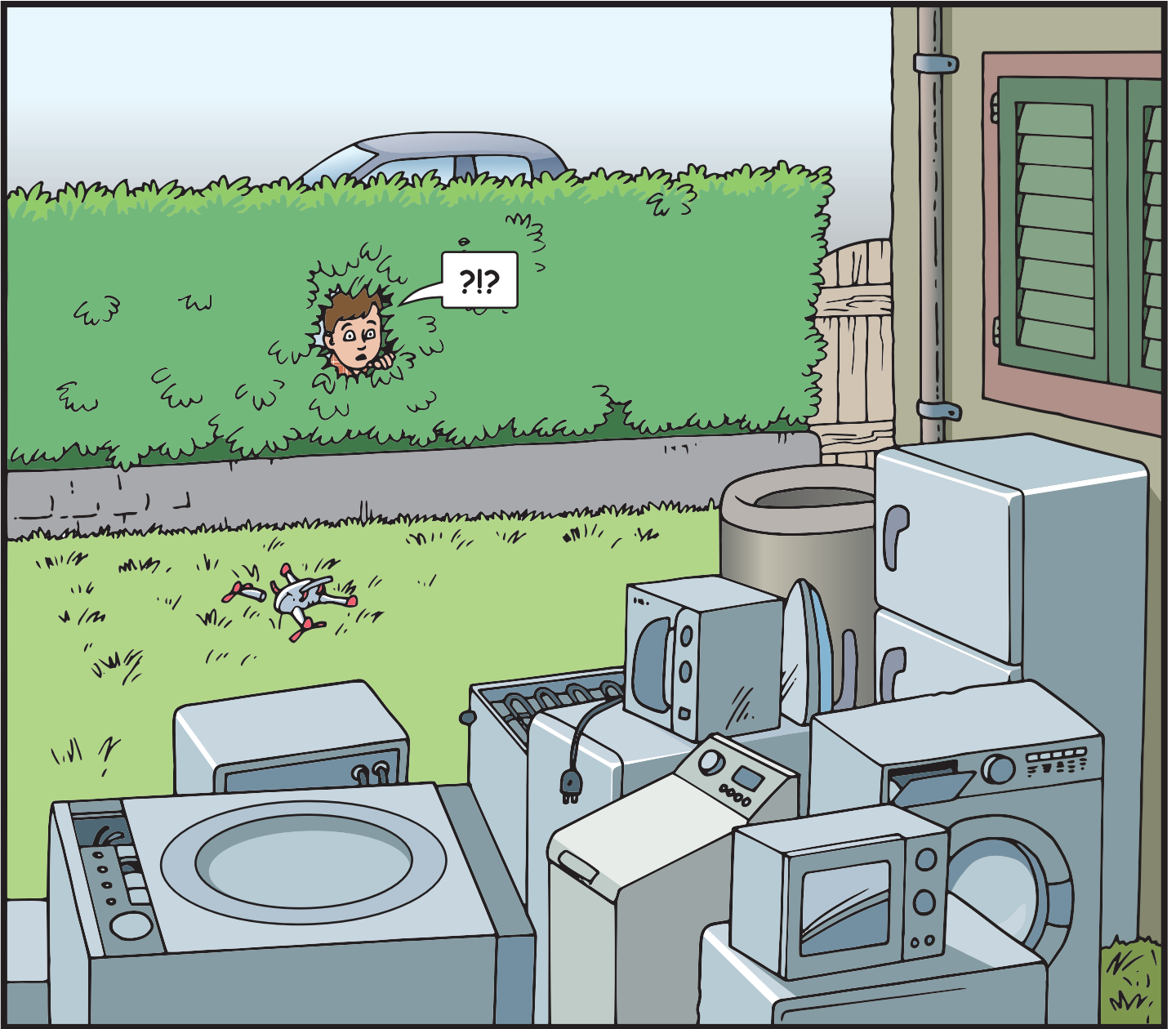
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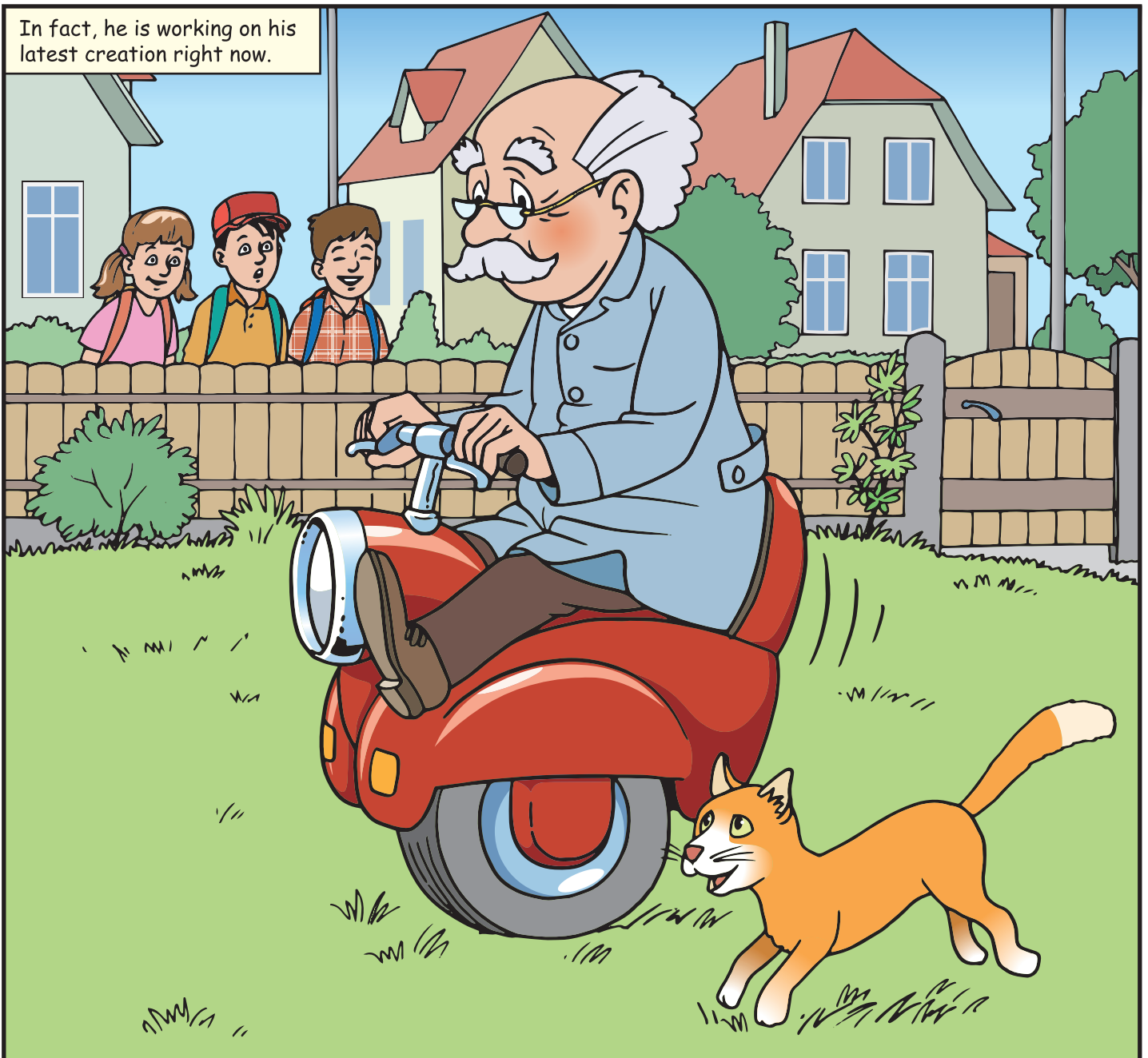
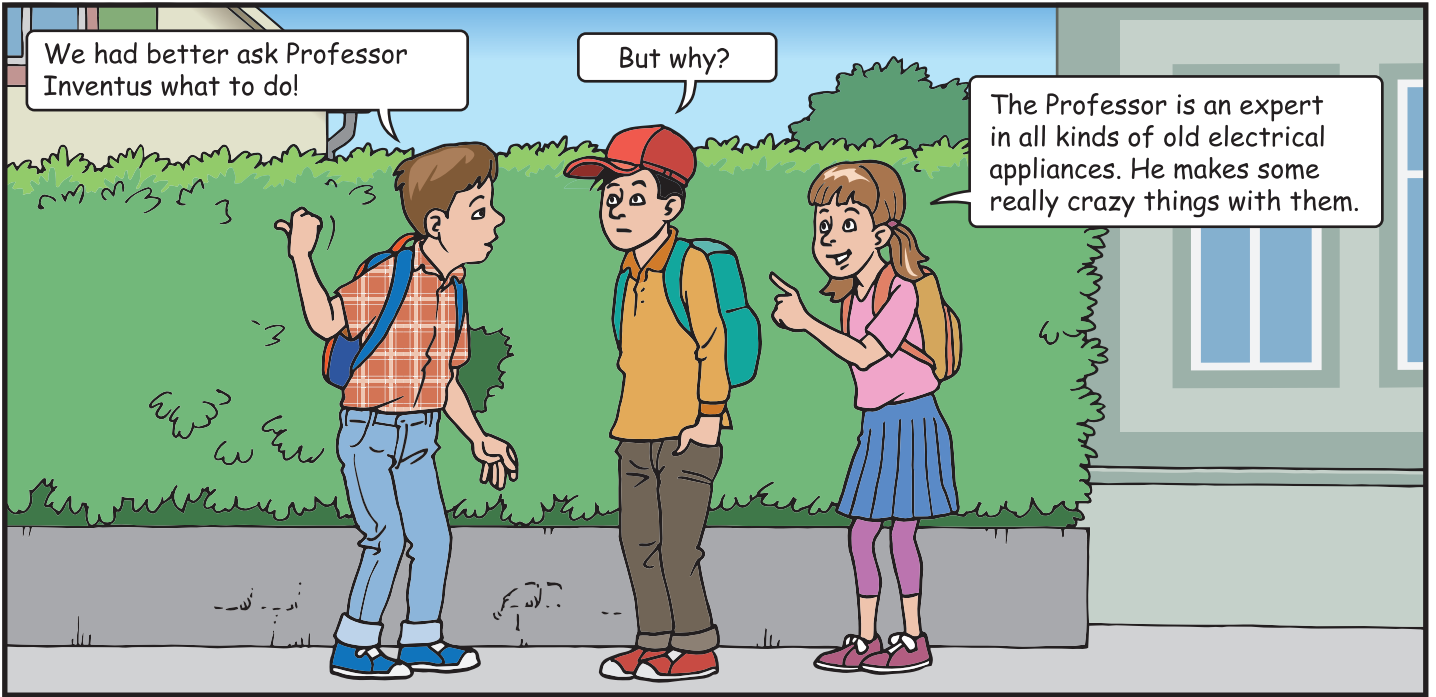


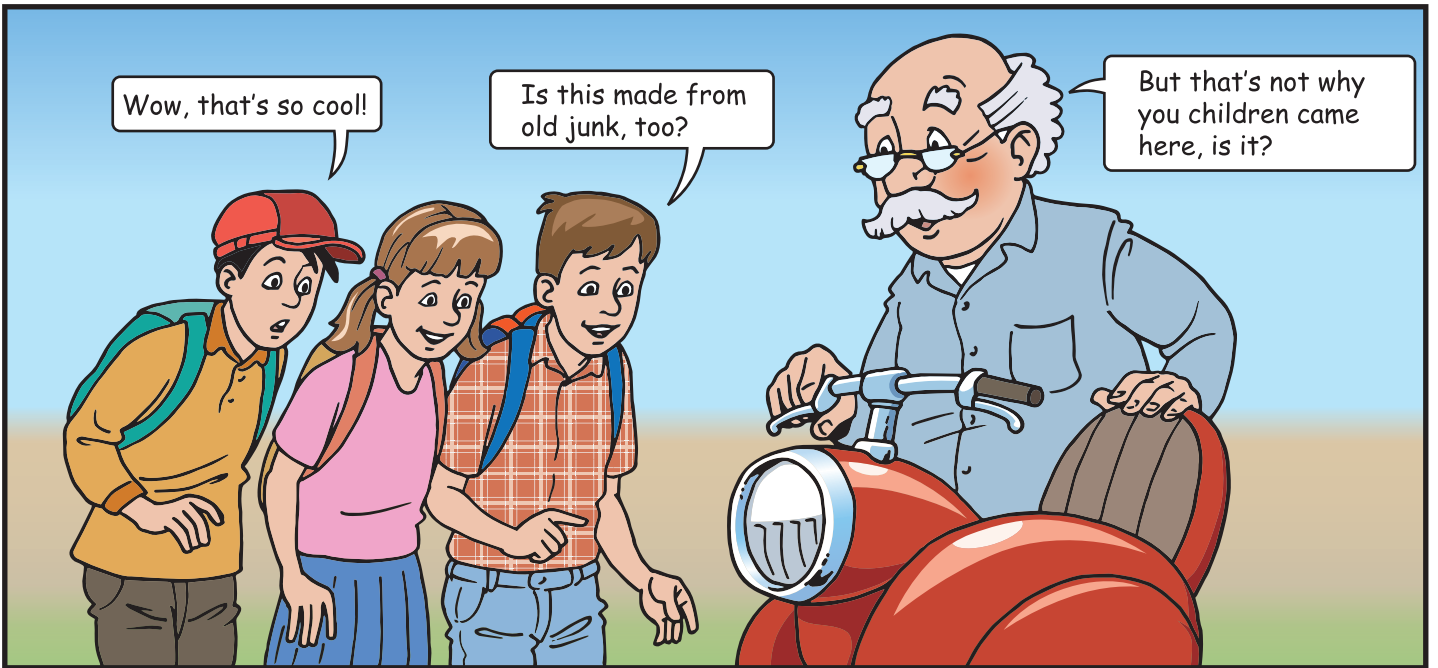
The teacher arrives to break up the argument.

Would you all please go into class? The bell has rung twice!







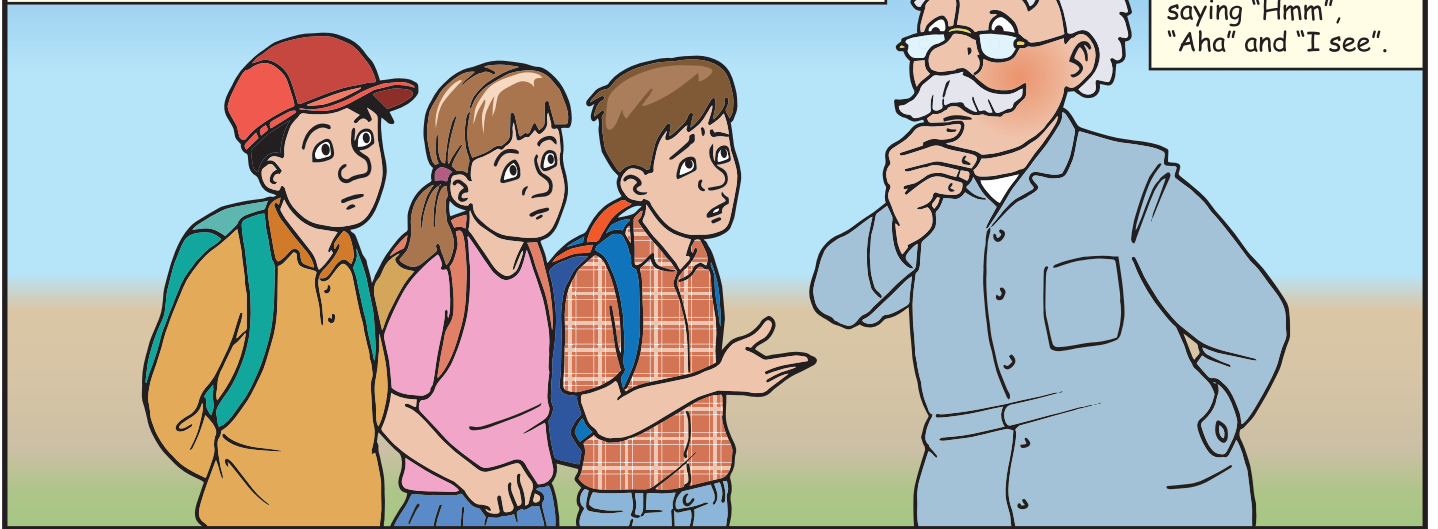


Wow, that's so cool!

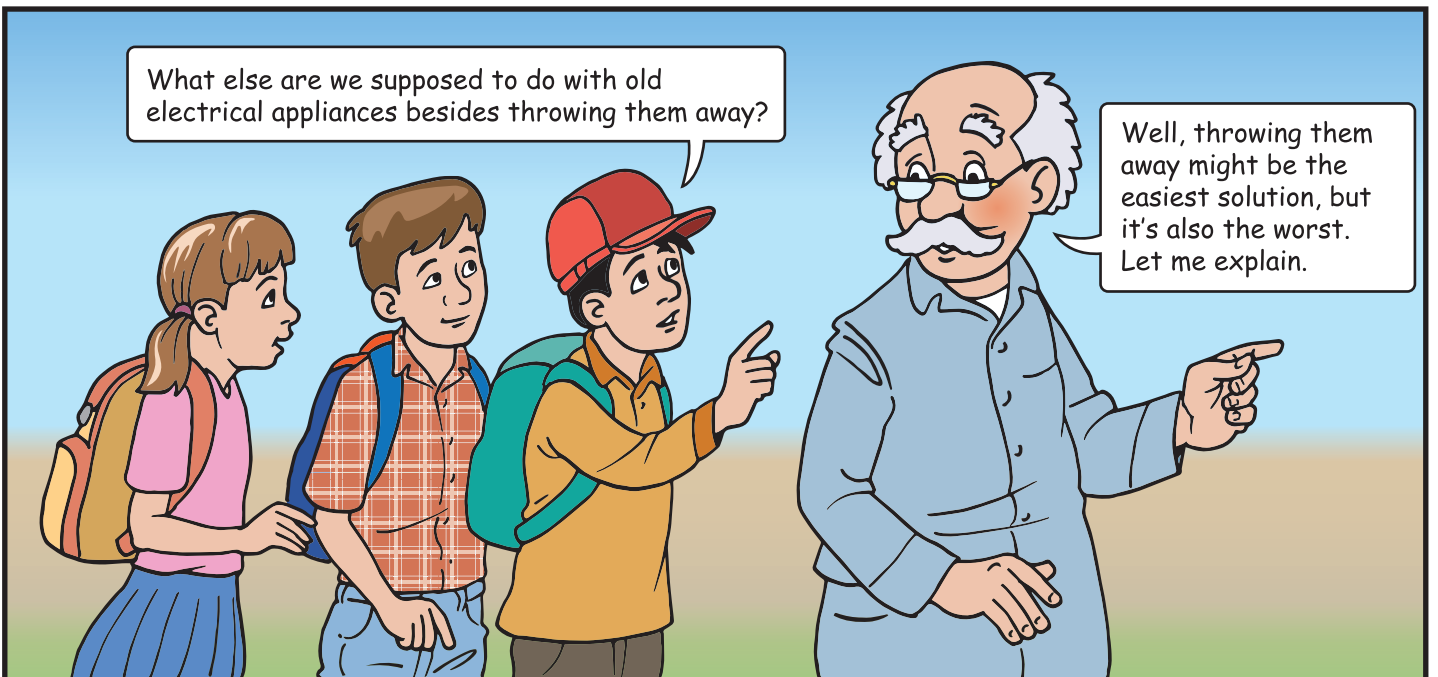
Is this made from old junk, too?

But that's not why you children came here, is it?

The three of them tell him the whole story - the drone, the crash and how they discovered the hidden scrapyards with old electrical appliances in old Mr Huddlemuddle's garden.



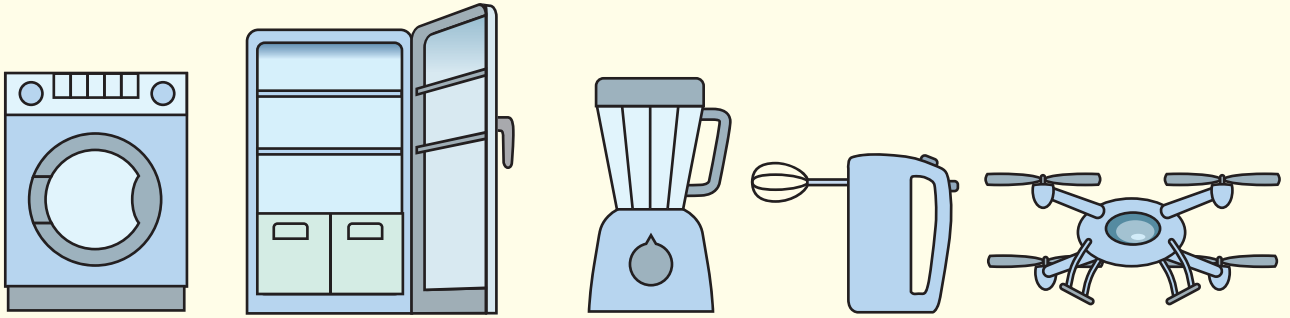
Professor Inventus listens carefully, every now and again saying "Hmm", "Aha" and "I see".



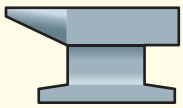
What else are we supposed to do with old electrical appliances besides throwing them away?

Well, throwing them away might be the easiest solution, but it's also the worst. Let me explain.

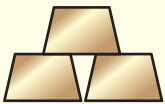
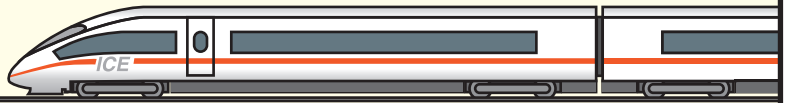
Electrical appliances like washing machines, fridges, blenders and, yes, drones too, contain lots of small parts that can still be used even if the appliance doesn't work any more. You might think it doesn't matter for small devices, but lots of small devices together make up a big amount!



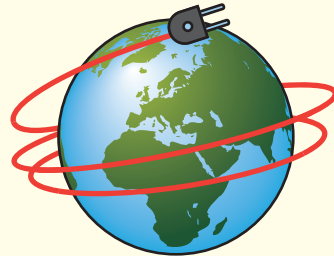
All of the iron and steel in all of the appliances thrown away in 1 year would add up to 50,000 tonnes!



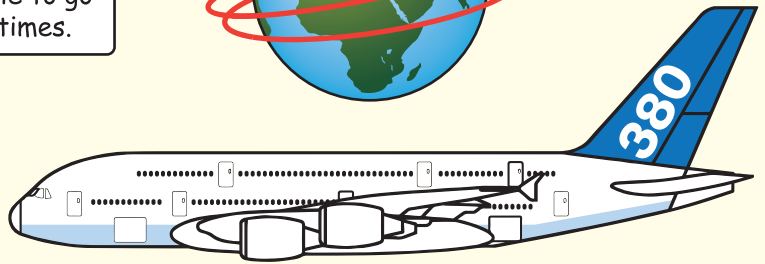
That's 52 ICE trains.



There's also 2,500 tonnes of copper, and that's enough for a 125'000 km power cable. The power cable would be able to go around the world three times.

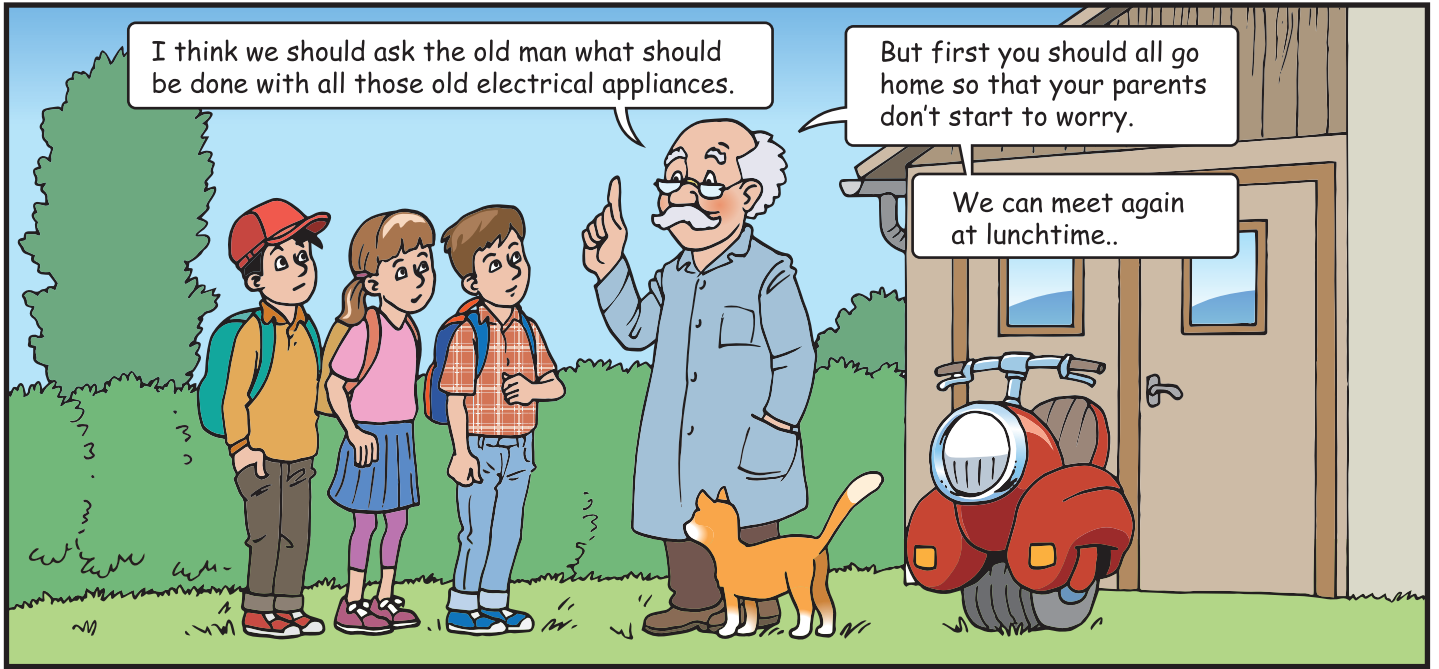


And you could build nearly eleven Airbus A380s with the 1,800 tonnes of aluminium waste.



So all these appliances add up to mountains of scrap metal that you can use to make new things.

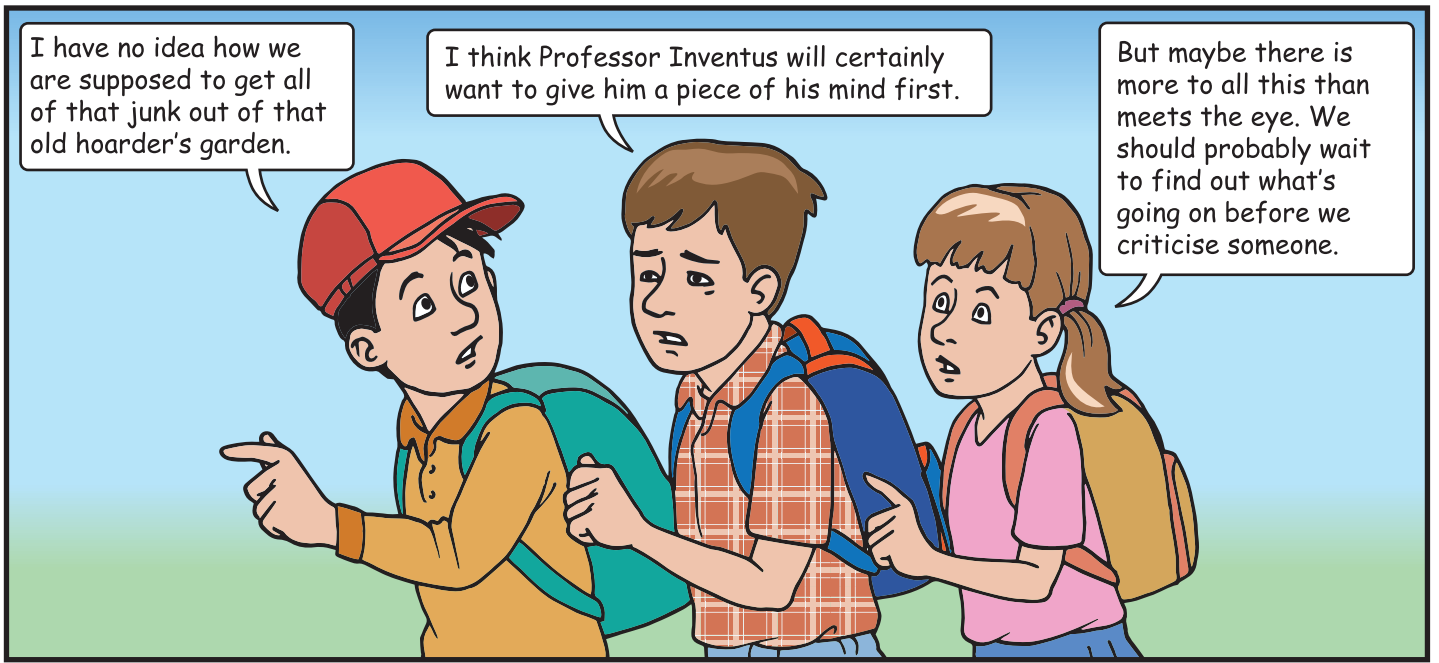




I think we should ask the old man what should be done with all those old electrical appliances.

But first you should all go home so that your parents don't start to worry.

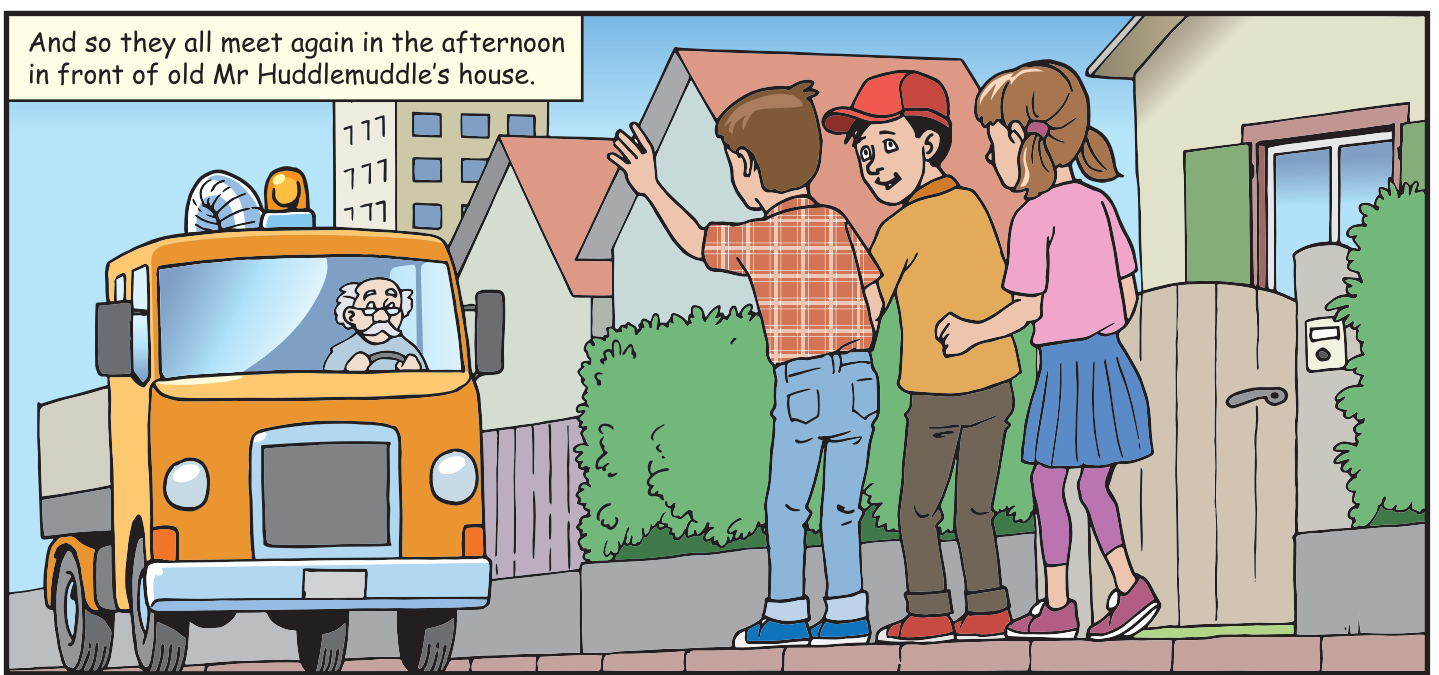
We can meet again at lunchtime..



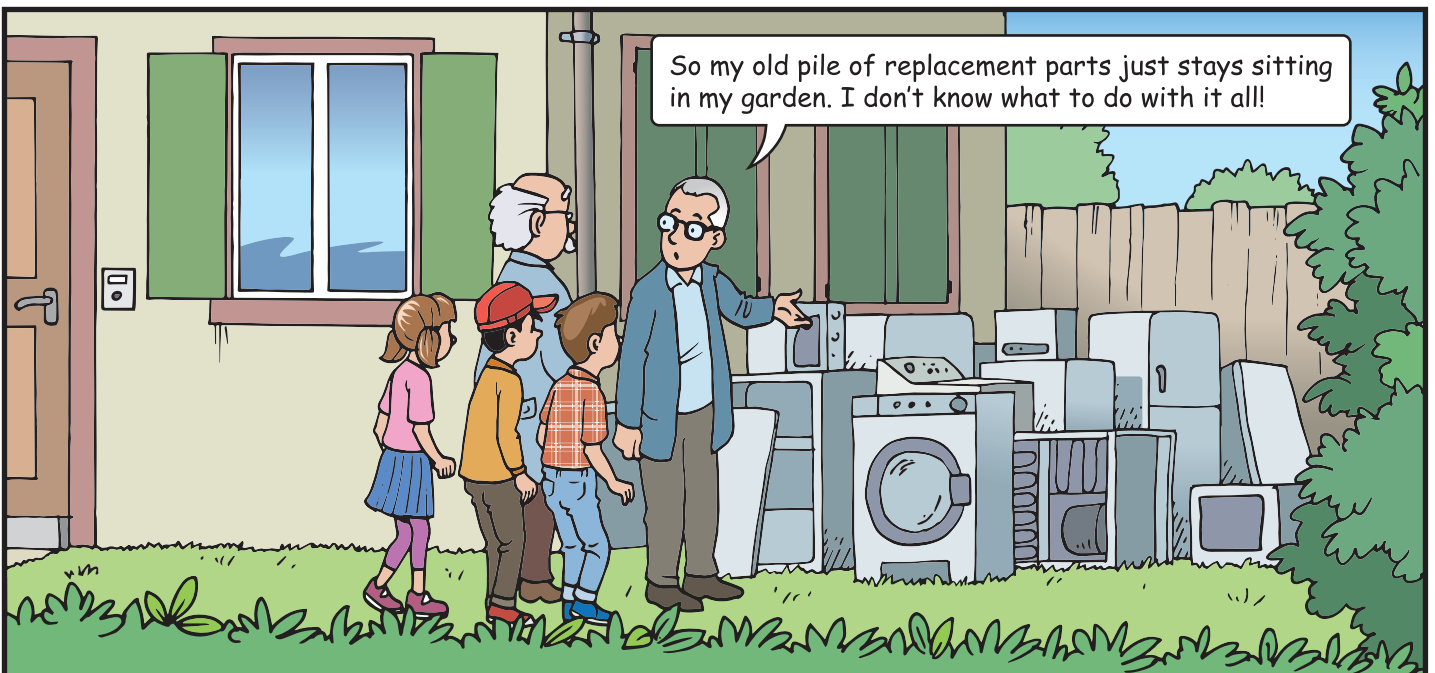
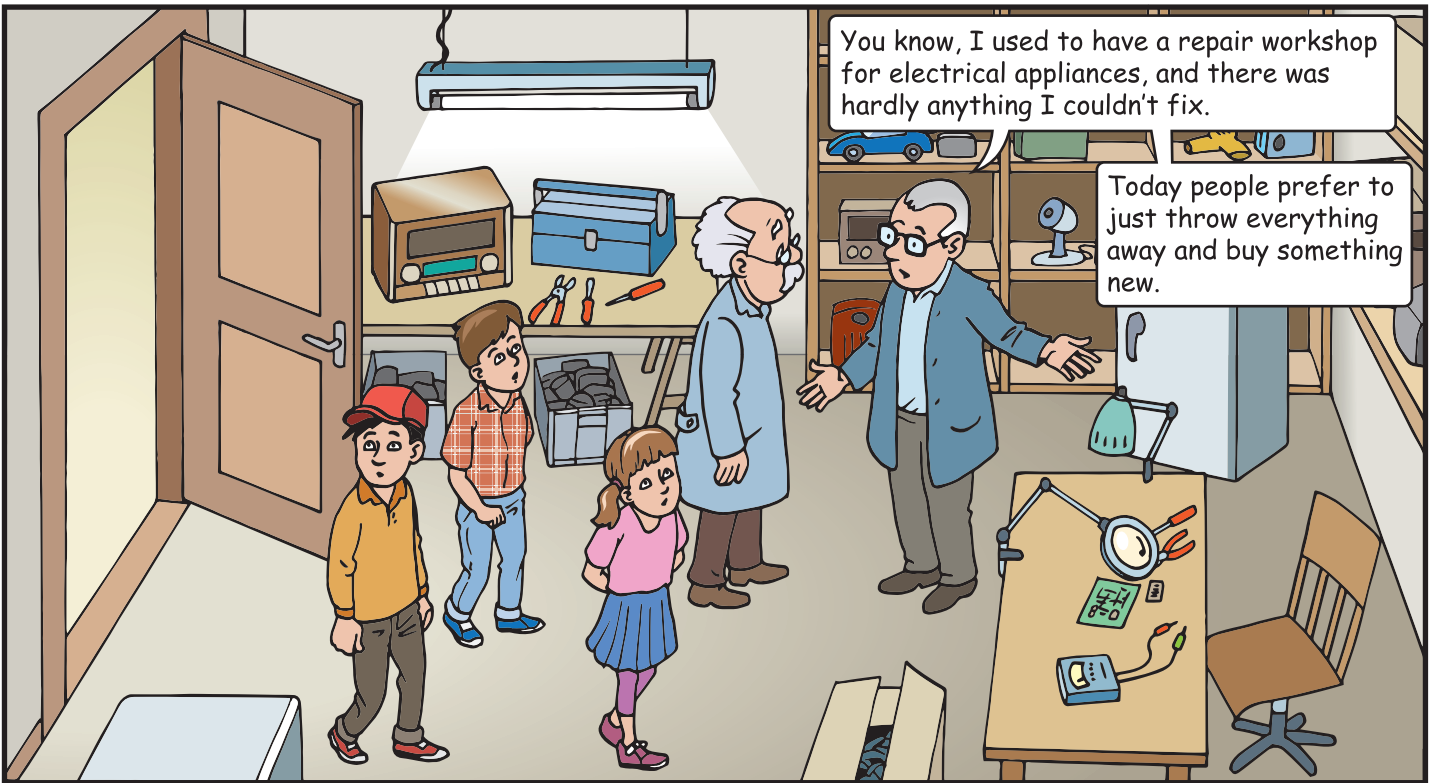
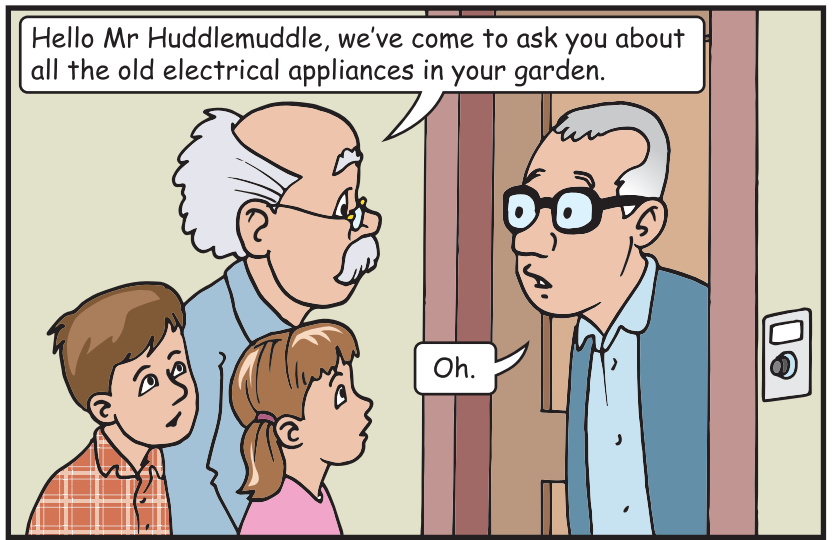
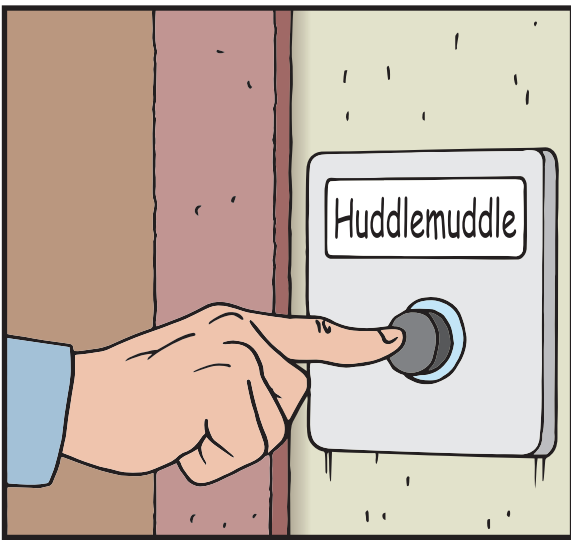
I have no idea how we are supposed to get all of that junk out of that old hoarder's garden.

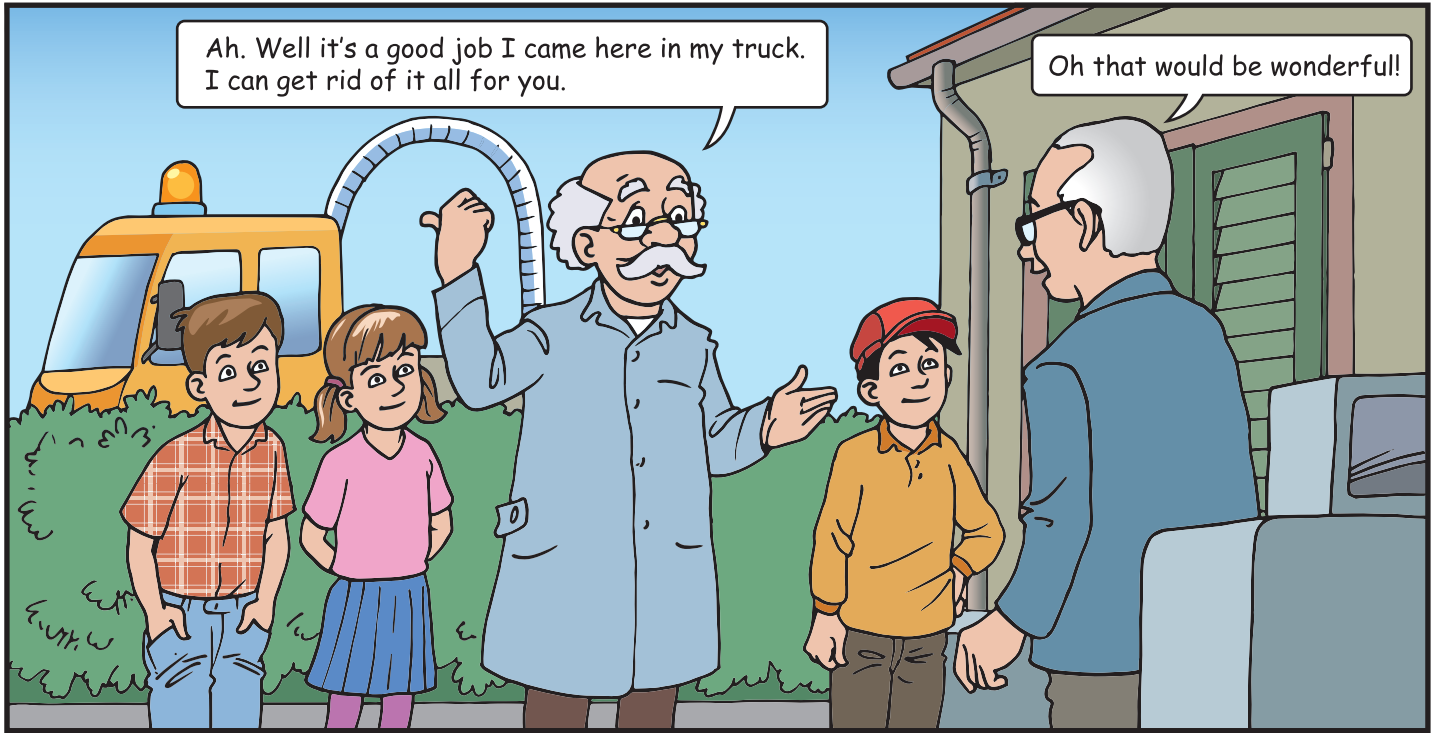
I think Professor Inventus will certainly want to give him a piece of his mind first.

But maybe there is more to all this than meets the eye. We should probably wait to find out what's going on before we criticise someone.



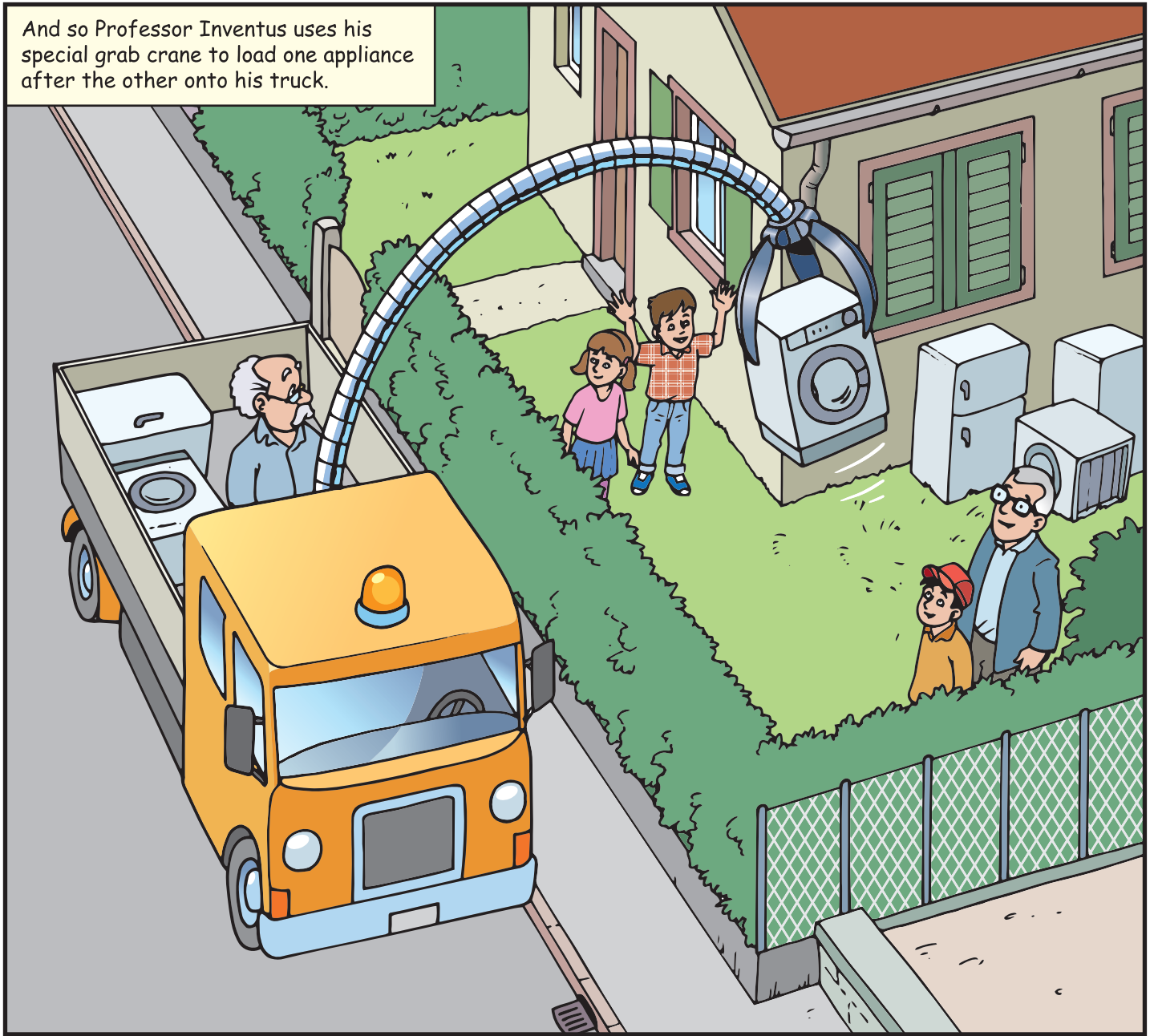
And so they all meet again in the afternoon in front of old Mr Huddlemuddle's house.



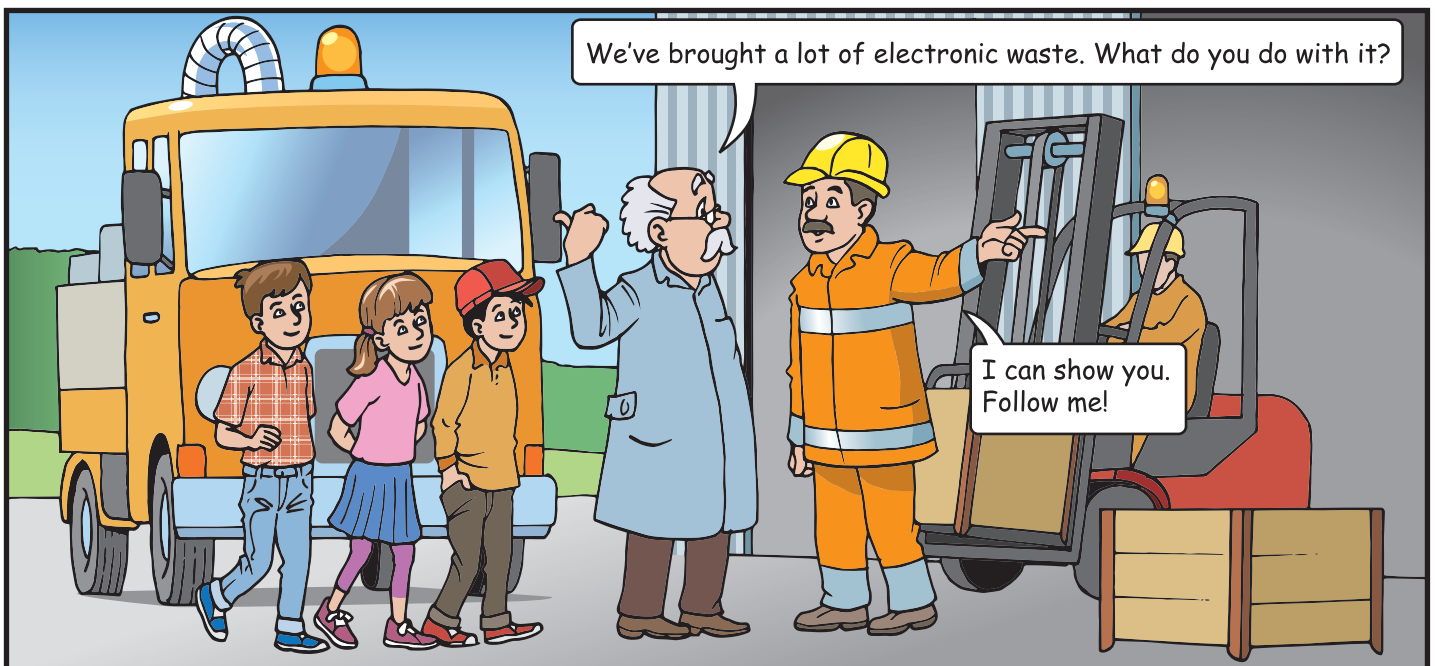
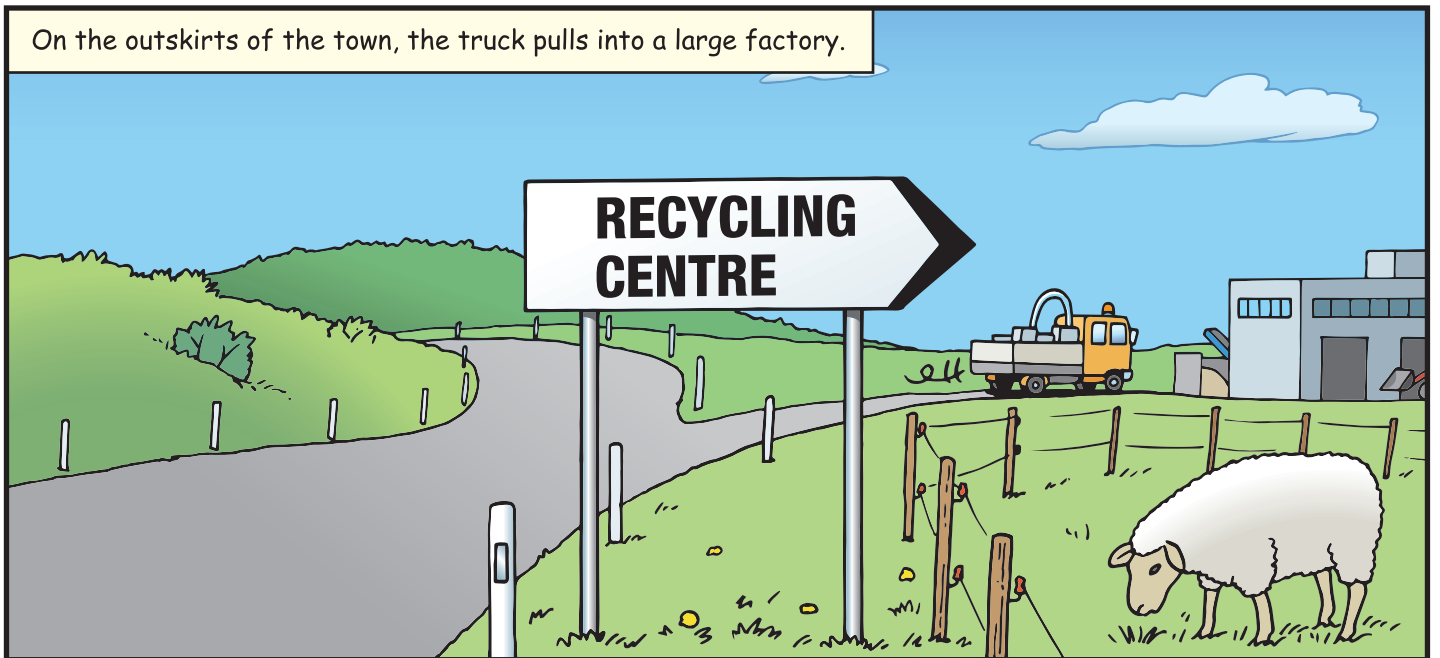
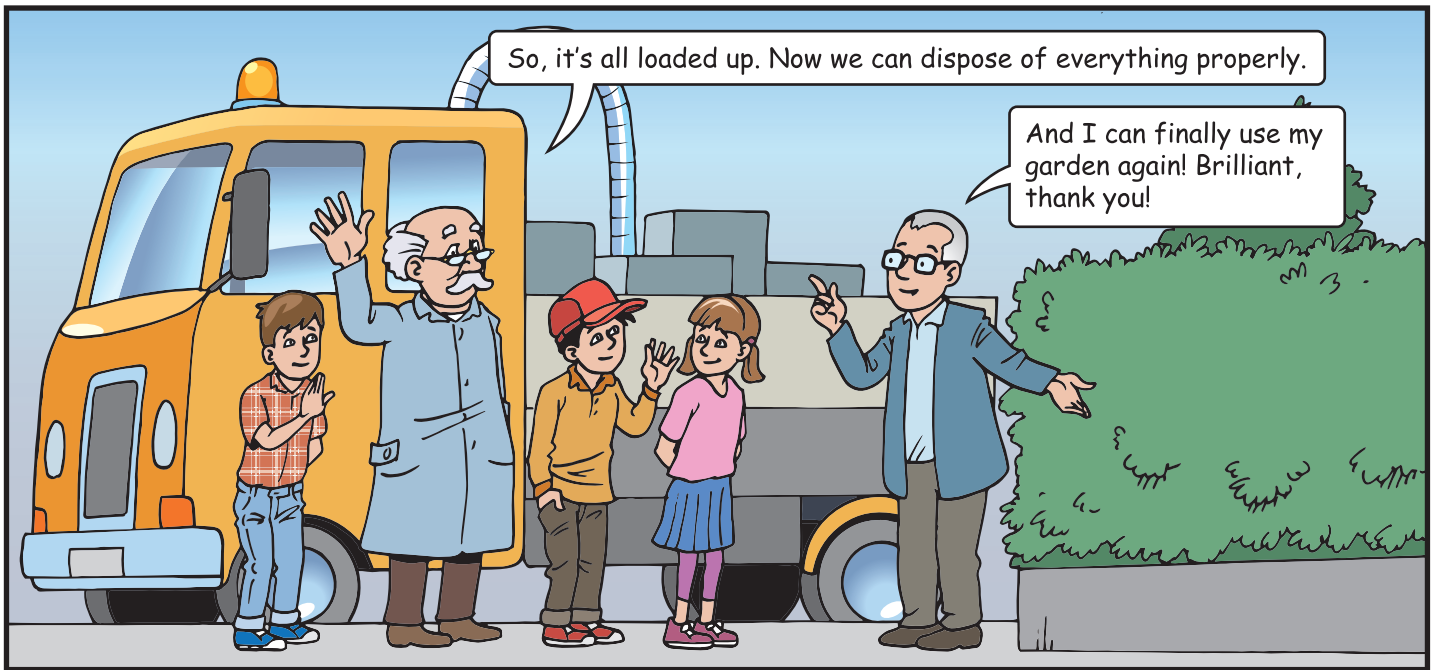


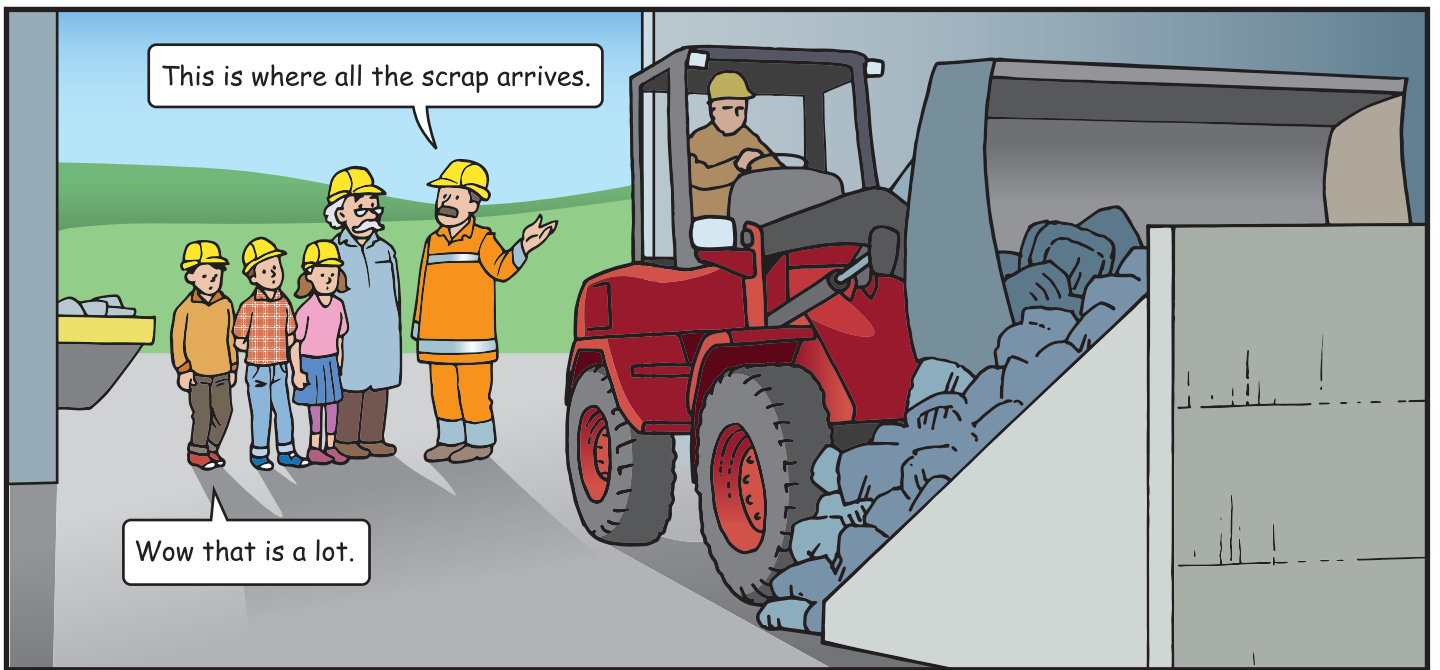
Ah. Well it's a good job I came here in my truck. I can get rid of it all for you.

Oh that would be wonderful!

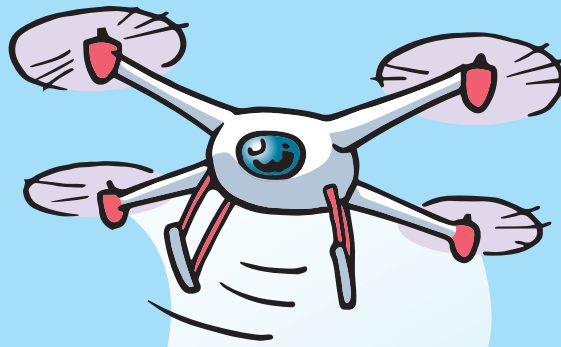


And so Professor Inventus uses his special grab crane to load one appliance after the other onto his truck.









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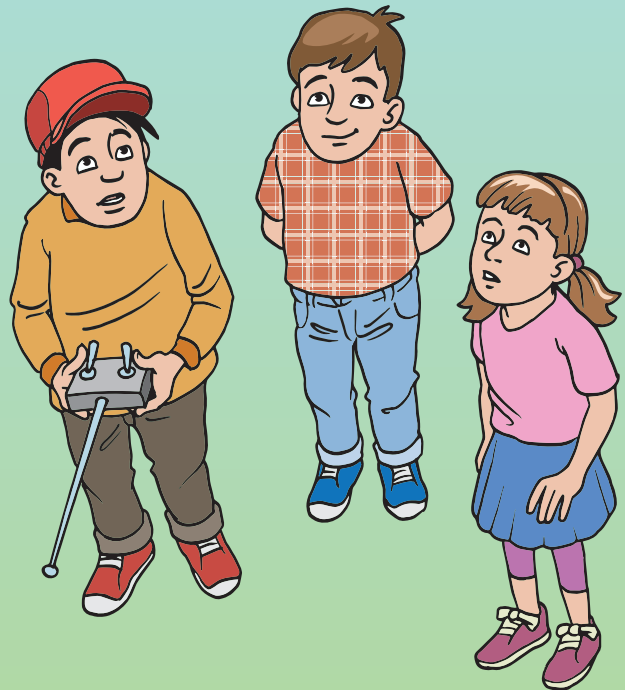
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