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The Bam Bam Virus 1: “Understand the HIV Virus”

This part gives the knowledge of

- HIV virus that happen to humans
- The treatment for HIV+ people with opportunistic infections and ARV adherence
- The encouragement and care for one another

Also this part reflect the situation where people in the society still have misunderstanding toward HIV+ people.

The Bam Bam Virus 2: “The Bam Bam Virus Is Difficult to Spread”

This part gives the understanding about

- The negative attitude and the misunderstanding that people in the society have towards the virus
- Additional knowledge about the virus from part 1: the source of the virus, the transmission

Also this part presents the idea about the feeling of being infected with the virus

The Bam Bam Virus 3: “The Bam Bam Virus and the Secret Weapon”

This part gives knowledge of human organs and body mechanism that protect the body and fight against the germs.

The Bam Bam Virus 4: “The Bam Bam Virus and the Protective Clothes”

This part gives the knowledge of how to protect oneself from germs. Also this part gives the understanding that those with the virus can live normally with others.

The Bam Bam Virus 5: The Brave Grandmother Kantha

This part gives idea about the disclosure of HIV infection. Also it gives understand about AIDS and HIV/AIDS communication within the family.



GUIDELINES



1. For 1-3 children, simply open the book and read the story to them. If there are more children, adapt by using other appropriate tools such as puppet play, picture slides, or big drawing cards to present the story.
2. Interestingly narrate the story. The narrator should fully understand the story and should tell it with tone of voice that matches the emotions and expressions of each character.
3. Prepare questions to ask children after the story telling. There is an easy technique to make these questions; use the 'miracle word', which are the question words and phrase that will help stimulate the children and guide them to think of answers for the questions.

- Questions to review memory

The miracle words are *Who? What? Where? When?*

- Questions to check understanding

The miracle words are *Why? How?*

- Questions to stimulate ideas

The miracle phrases are *What if...? Tell the means to... Plan to...*

Is it true that...? Why? How?

4. Have the children answer the questions by giving presentation. Select fun activities for children to do in groups, for example, making simple puppets and ask question such as 'how would Uncle Preecha communicate with his family about his HIV infection?' Have the children think of the answer individually or discuss in group. Then let them make conclusion and make simple puppets for presentation in front of others. There should be a staff providing convenience to the children and answering their questions.

The children might be shy while giving the presentation but that is fine because the activity focuses upon the children's participation.

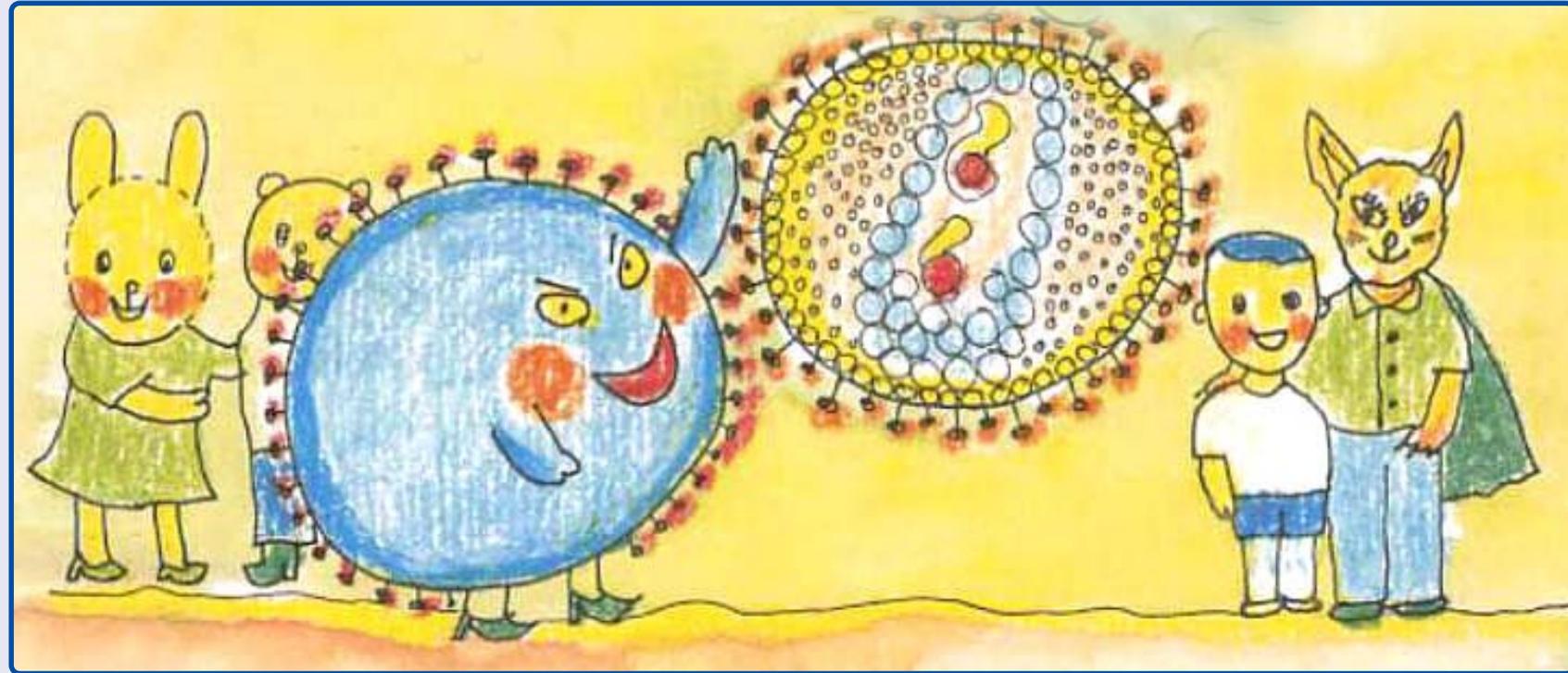
5. Make a conclusion of what the children have learnt from their presentation. Link the presentation with the reality so that the children can use the conclusion as guideline for their life.

This series of fairy tale is written to create understanding of HIV/AIDS, for children 6-12 years to read by themselves and adults to read for children.

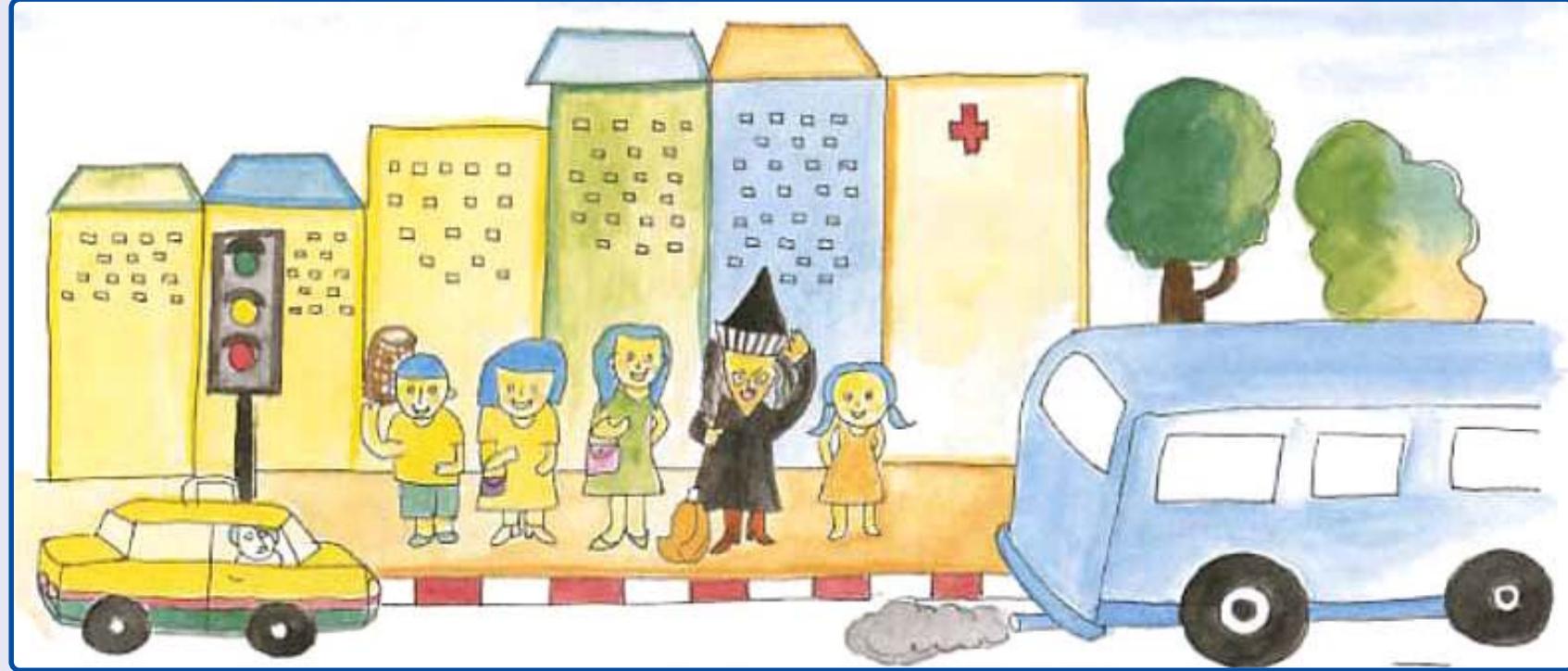
The series consists of 8 parts with different objectives;

1. The Bam Bam virus

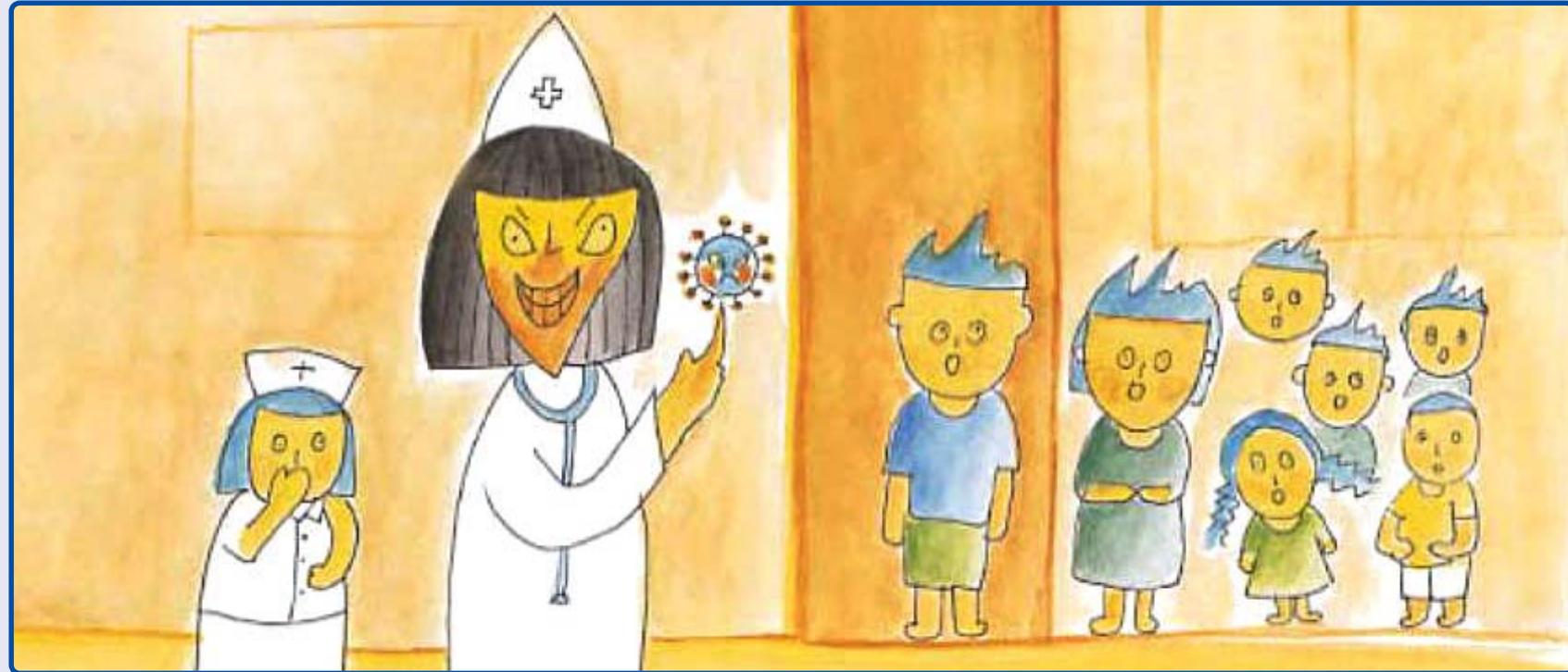
Understand the **HIV** virus



When the Wicked Witch could not take over the village of animals, she moved out and looked for another place to live. Right now she lives in a human town and in this town there are people who have been infected by a virus which look exactly the same as the Bam Bam virus. This gave the Wicked Witch a great idea for causing trouble and sadness.

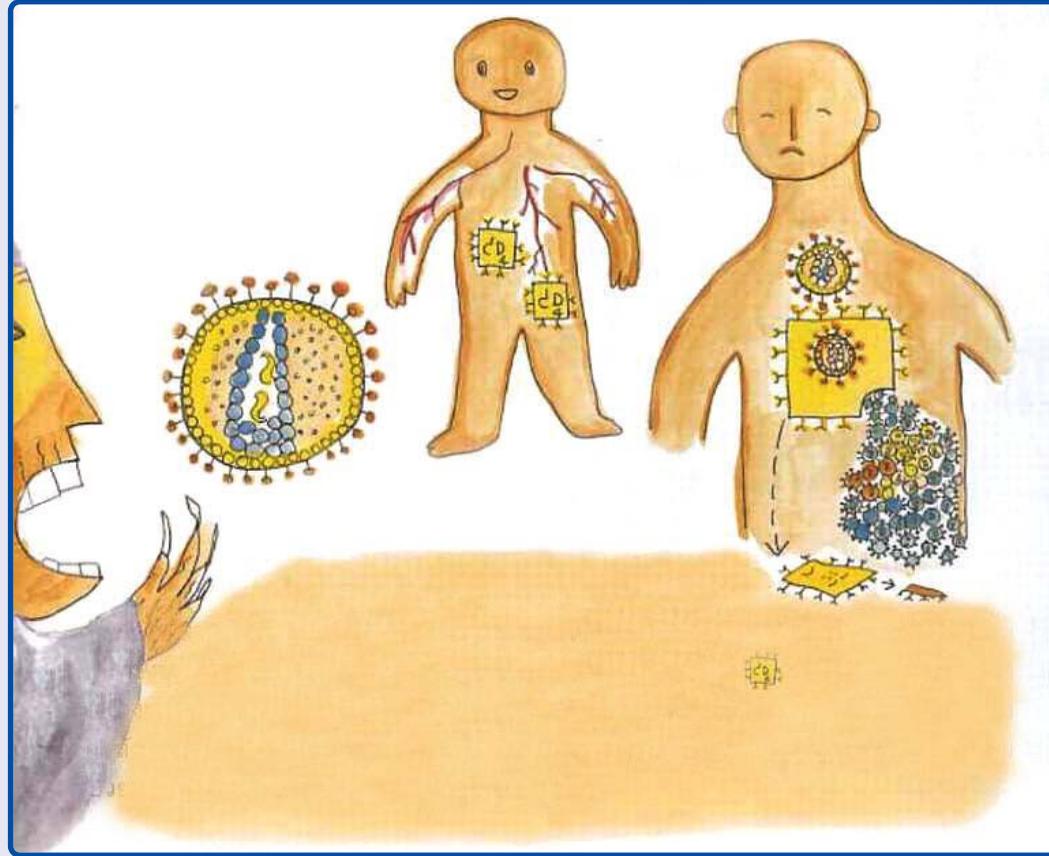


The Wicked Witch transformed herself to look like a doctor and went to work in the hospital. The nurses in the hospital said "Doctor, could you please talk to the people who have been infected with the virus". Ha Ha Ha, the Wicked Witch laughed and then said to the people " My dears, you will die soon, ha ha ha, because you are all infected with HIV virus, ha ha ha "



"What does HIV virus look like doctor?" the children, daddies and mommies asked anxiously.

"I will explain to you, so listen carefully" said the Wicked Witch. "HIV is a virus that can survive only in human blood. It looks like a ball stuck with pins. When HIV enters your body, it destroys



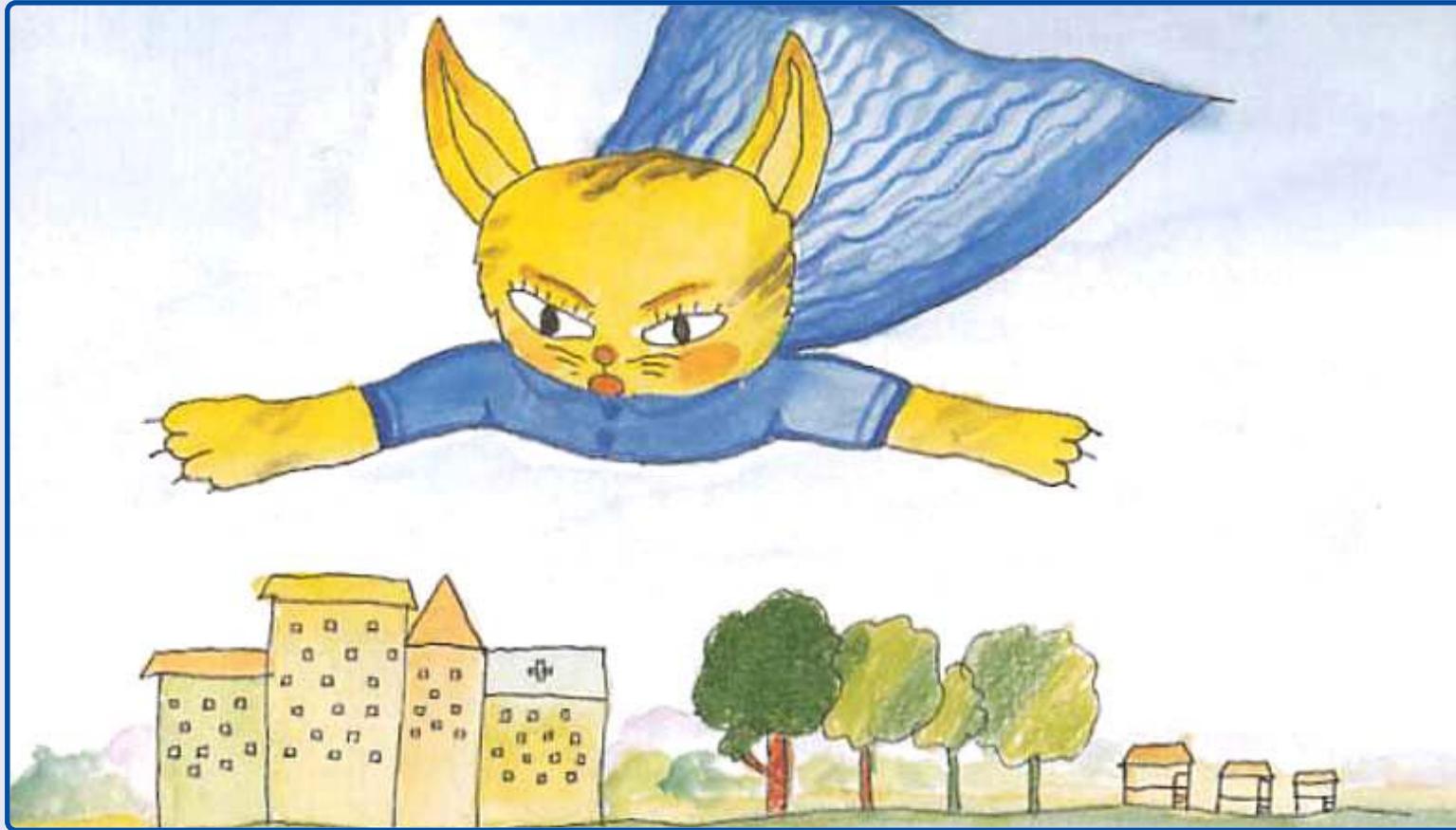
The magic force and produces millions of new HIV every day. By now your body will be full of HIV virus and there is no medicine that can kill the HIV virus. When all the magic force has been destroyed you will become ill, get AIDS and finally die. Ha ha ha". After hearing what the Wicked Witch said the people who were infected with HIV hugged each other very hard and cried as if their hearts were broken.



The Wicked Witch continued to make evil suggestions. She said that the people, who were infected with HIV, should live separate from others. So a small village was built outside the town and the infected people were sent there one by one.



The Wicked Witch was so happy living in a town where everybody did what she told them to do.



But who can help the infected people who were lied to and sent out of the town to live in the "HIV village"? Yes, Uncle Tiger from the animal village can help. Because Uncle Tiger had done so many good things a miracle happened and Uncle Tiger found that he had magic eyes and ears that let him see and hear everything even from far, far away. He also discovered that his cape was now magic and it allowed him to fly like a jet-plane. Look at that, Uncle Tiger is flying through the sky above the human town.



After Uncle Tiger flew around the human town and heard what was happening he immediately applied to work in the "HIV village" to help the HIV infected people. Everybody got good treatment for their tuberculosis, pneumonia, inflamed wounds and the furry white spots on their tongues. Uncle tiger said "These diseases happened because your magic force is being destroyed so you get sick easily"

Uncle tiger told the people in the human town his experience of fighting with the Bam Bam virus.

"In our village, the animals used to have problems like this but we didn't give up. I worked with Aunt Hippo and we finally discovered a medicine that stops the virus getting inside the magic force and destroying it. You have to take healthy food and regular medicines to fight it."



Uncle tiger taught the people how to take ARV medicines to stop virus getting inside the magic force and he told them to take care of each other and take medicines regularly once in the morning and once in the evening.

All the infected people took the ARV medicine correctly and became healthy again. They were able to return home and live together happily.



As for the Wicked Witch, she is hiding some where. Is she living near you? If you meet her, shout out loudly for Uncle Tiger and he will come and pick the Wicked Witch up within a minute and take her back with him. Do not forget what to do when you meet the Wicked Witch. And if you meet someone who is infected or knows someone who is infected but does not understand about HIV, could you please give them some knowledge? Tell them how to take care of themselves so they can be healthy and build up the magic force. Tell them to take ARV regularly everyday. Tell them that we can live together and that the HIV virus is difficult to spread. Uncle tiger has to go now, hope to see you again, bye-bye.

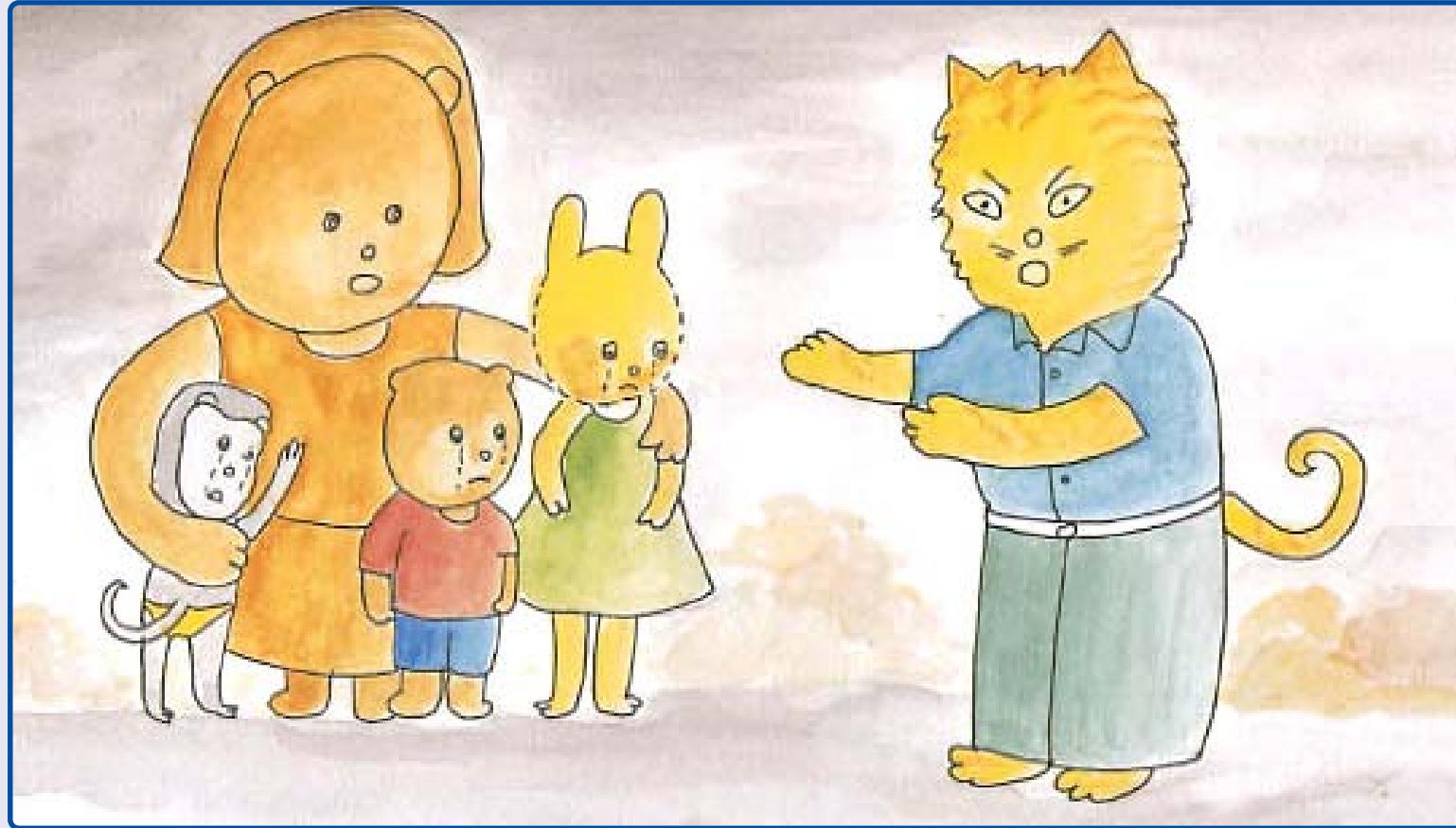
2. The Bam Bam virus is difficult to spread



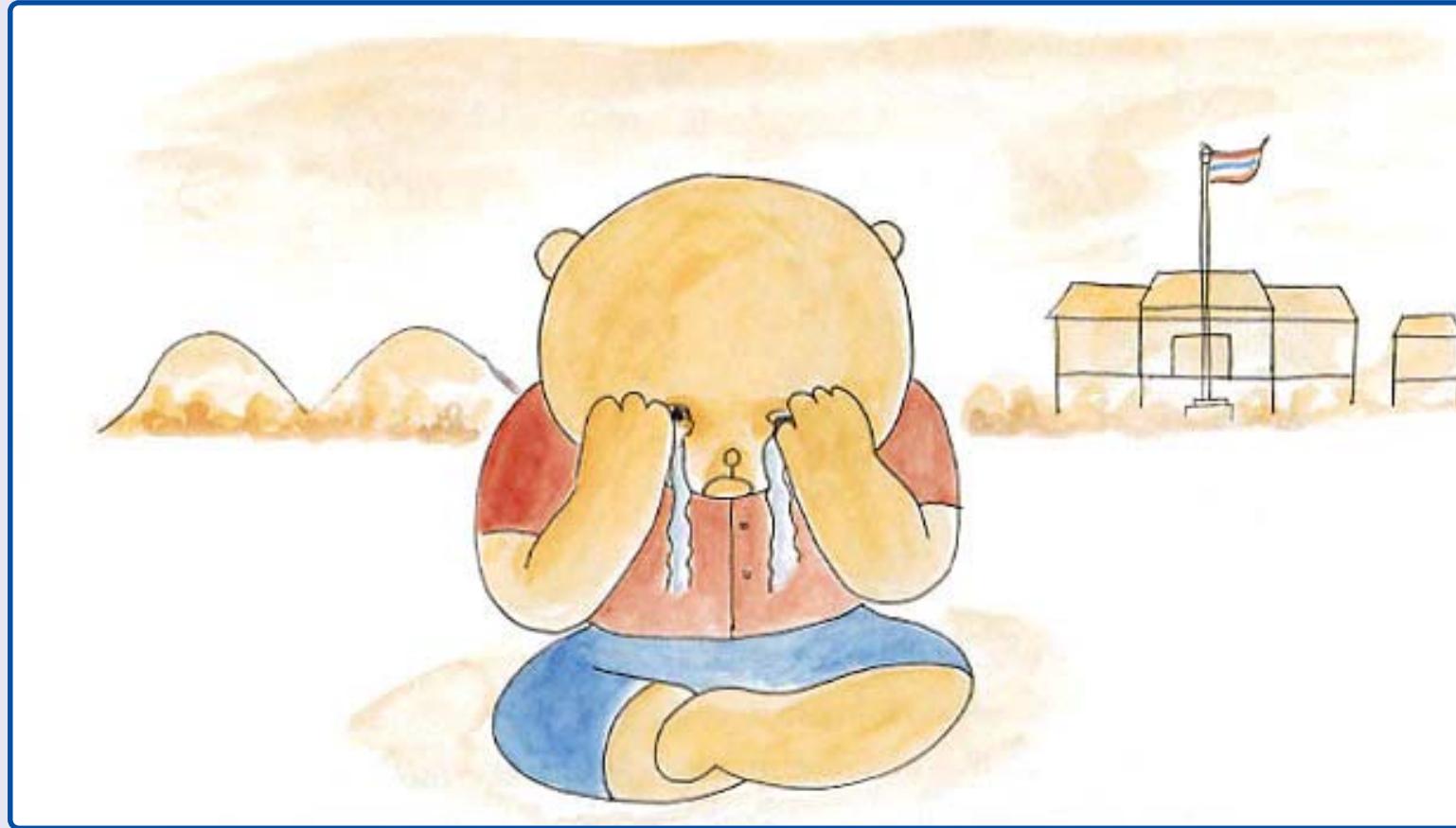
All the children in the village were crying because their parents would not give them money to buy unhealthy snacks. They cried and shouted that they wanted to buy unhealthy snacks and fizzy soft drinks from the shops found in front of and beside the school and even inside the school. The wicked witch was laughing happily "ha ha ha ha ha" because she causes such problems with all the families in the village.



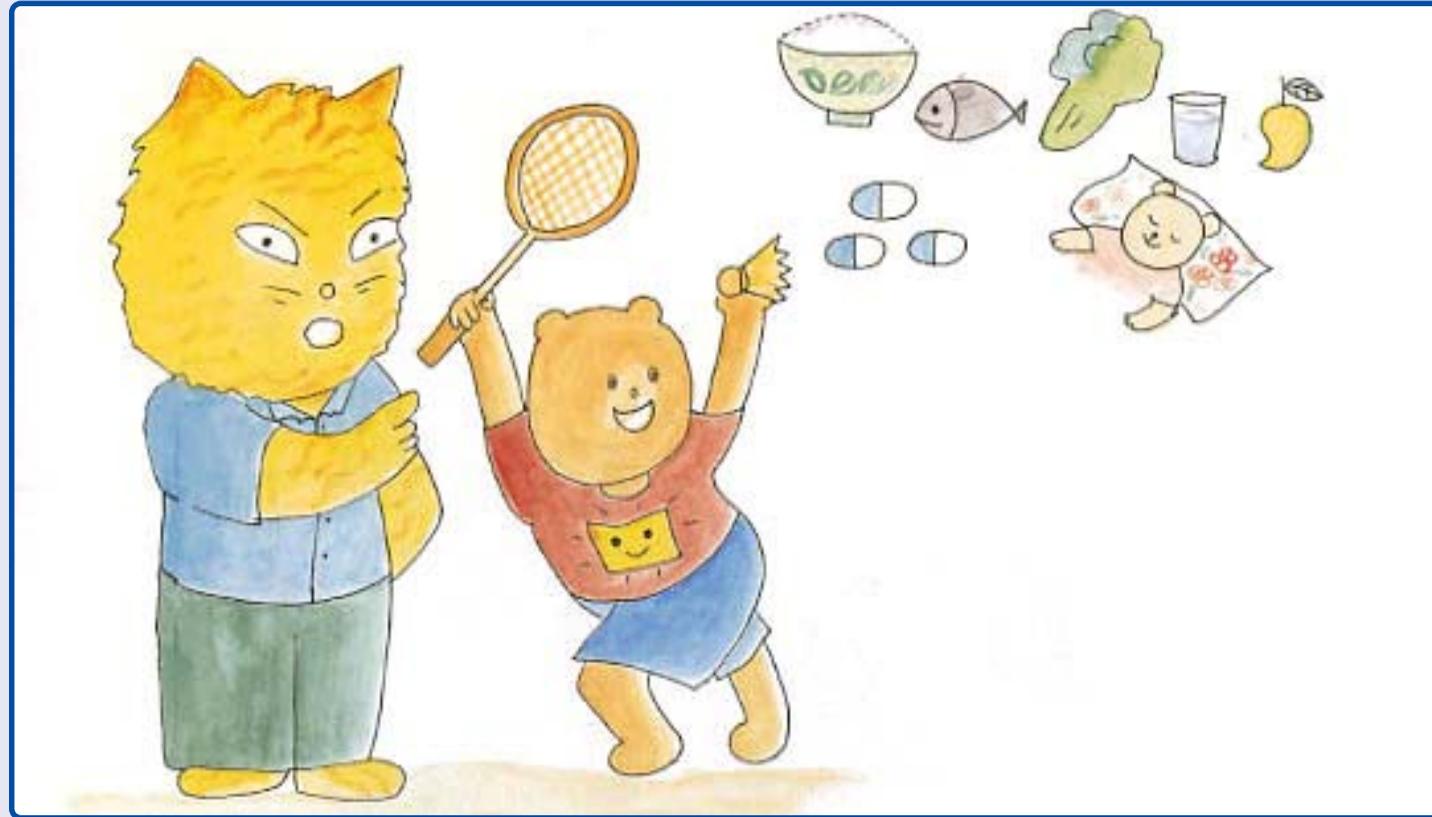
The wicked witch caused gossip to spread from village to village that an animal with the Bam Bam virus would not live long, would die soon and would easily spread the virus to other animals.



Little Bear, Little Rabbit and Little Monkey cried until their eyes were red and swollen. The mother of Little Bear took the children to see Uncle Tiger. Little Bear's mother said "Uncle Tiger! Uncle Tiger ! something terrible has happened and we don't know what to do". Little Bear's mother looked so sad that Uncle tiger said "Calm down and tell me the whole story. I am the head of the village so I must find a way to help you."



"I am unable to study because I am so sad and lonely" Little bear said, "The teacher told me it does not matter if I study or not but I want to learn how to read, write and count. I want to play with my friends. I want the teacher smile at me and I want to be happy."



When the school knew Little Bear had the Bam Bam virus inside his body, it made everyone afraid of Little Bear. Uncle Tiger asked Little Bear "Little Bear, you have the virus inside your body so how do you take care of yourself?" Little Bear answered "To build up the magic force I eat proper food, exercise and take my ARV medicines twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening". "That's so good" Uncle Tiger said, "Eating proper food and taking good care of your body to build up as well as taking ARV regularly to stop the virus destroying the magic force will make you strong so that you can fight with germs and live as normal"

"But right now, the other children think anyone with the virus will not live long and they are afraid of catching the virus from me" " Boo Hoo, Boo Hoo, Boo Hoo" cried Little Bear.



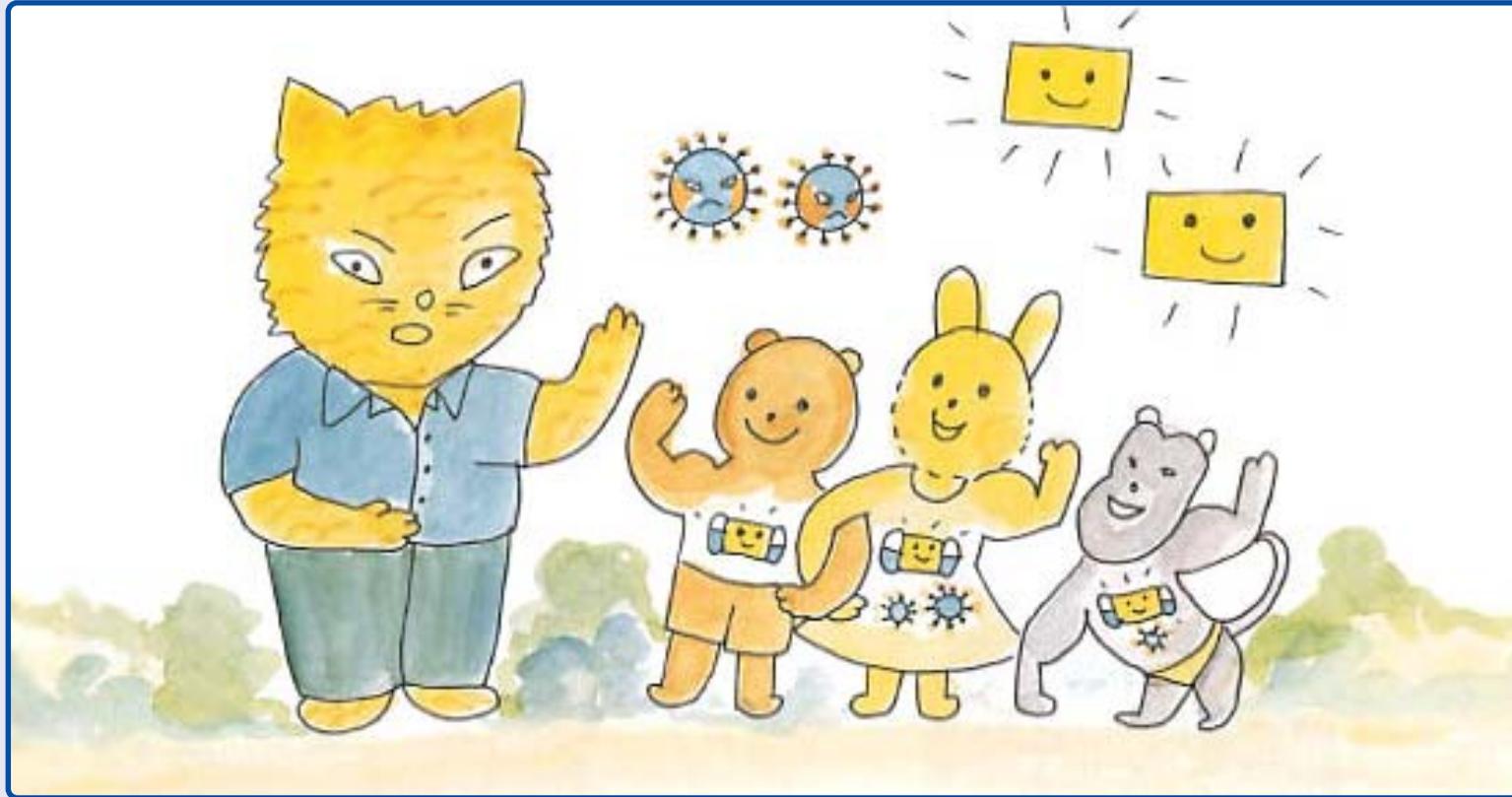
Uncle Tiger hugged Little Bear and said "Little Bear, it is difficult for other animals to catch the virus from your body" Uncle Tiger drew a picture of the body and blood vessels and then explained "Most of the virus lives in the blood inside the blood vessels. Your skin has many layers so it is difficult for the virus to get out of your body and your friends' skin also has many layers to stop the virus get in so it is very difficult to pass the virus from one person to another."



"If I fall down and cut myself, will I pass the virus to other people?" Little Bear asked. Uncle Tiger asked "When you fall down and bleed, if you clean the wound and cover it with a band aid or plaster can the virus escape and get through others people's skin?" Uncle tiger continued explaining that the virus can not live long once it is outside the body. The virus cannot be caught by playing together, holding the hands, swimming in the same pool, hugging or kissing.



"So how did I get the virus?" asked Little Bear. Uncle tiger smiled and asked Little Bear what he thought. Little Bear said "I think I got it when I was in my mummy's belly". Uncle tiger explained that the virus is able to pass from a mother to her child while the baby is still inside the mother's belly or at the time that the baby is born or if the baby drinks the mother's milk. But not all children catch the virus from their mothers, for example, Little Monkey got the virus from his mother but his brother did not.



Uncle Tiger asked "Little Bear, Little Rabbit and Little Monkey, now you know how you got the virus, how do you feel? Do you feel sorry or angry that your daddy and mummy have the virus and passed it to you too". The three little animals kept quite for a while, then answered with steady firm voices "Not angry and not sorry because we love our daddies and mummies and they love us. We know that our daddies and mummies did not want us to get it"

Little bear said "I used to go to the hospital where I saw a lot of sick people, some without an arm or a leg and some who were blind and had to beg for money on the street. But I only have the virus in my body and I am strong."

By taking care of your body and building up the magic force you can keep healthy as well. Take ARV everyday at the same time- once in the morning and once in the evening.



Mother of Little Bear hugged Little Bear, Little Rabbit and Little Monkey and said "I feel so happy to hear this" Uncle Tiger told the three little animals "You are very good. Do you feel better now?" "We are fine and now we understand" said the three little animals. Uncle Tiger asked "What do you understand?" The three little animals smiled happily and answered "Now we know that we can live with the virus, we can stay healthy and it is difficult to pass the virus to others". Uncle Tiger said "There are a lot of animals that do not understand and I must find a way to make them understand"

Will Uncle Tiger find a way to solve this problem? How should he do this? Can you help Uncle Tiger? See you next time, bye, bye.

3. THE BAM BAM VIRUS- THE SECRET WEAPONS





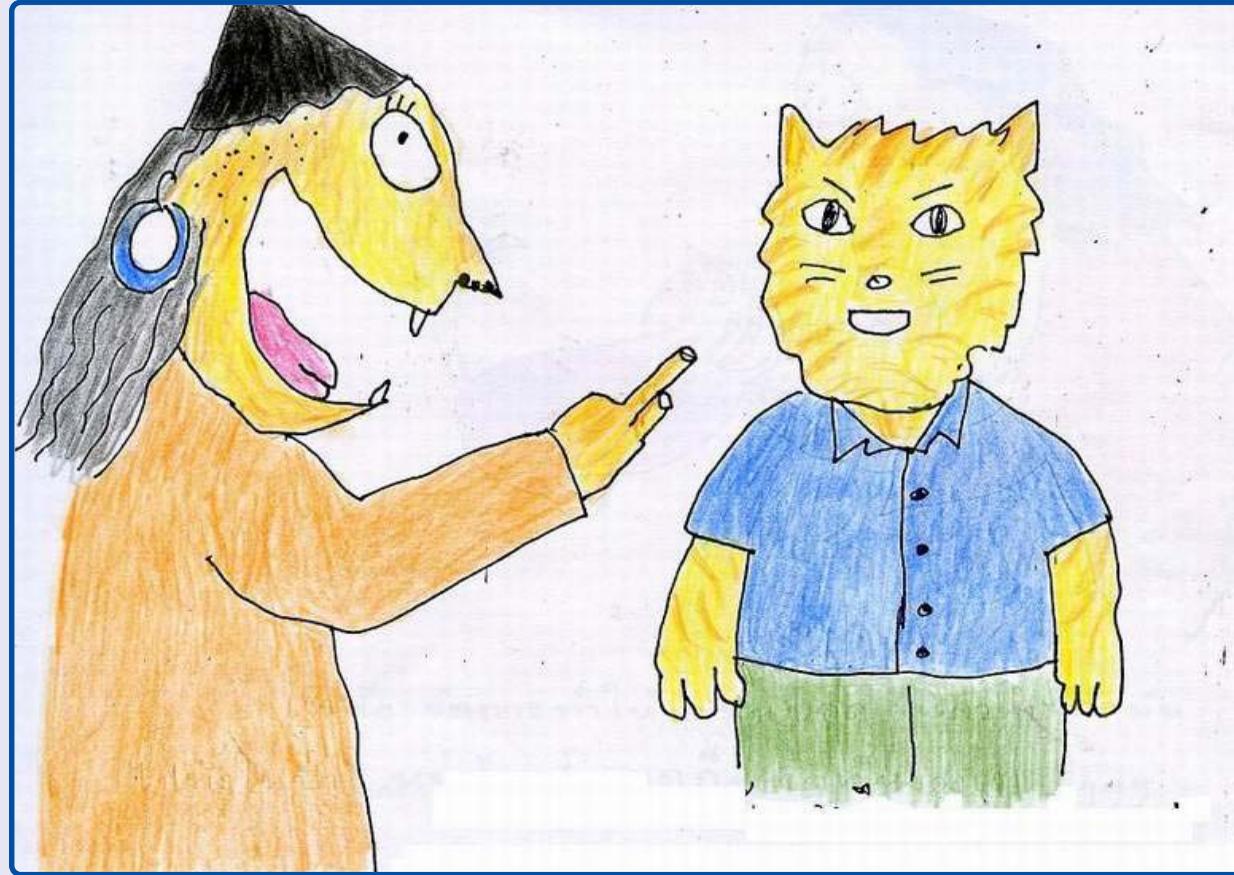
Of course that goodness should be praised and publicized.

Uncle Tiger was contacted to be a star in a film called "The Secret Weapons"

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Both the animals and the people came to give Uncle Tiger encouragement.



The film director said to Uncle Tiger "You're a good man. You're a strong and patient leader of the animals in fighting with the germs."

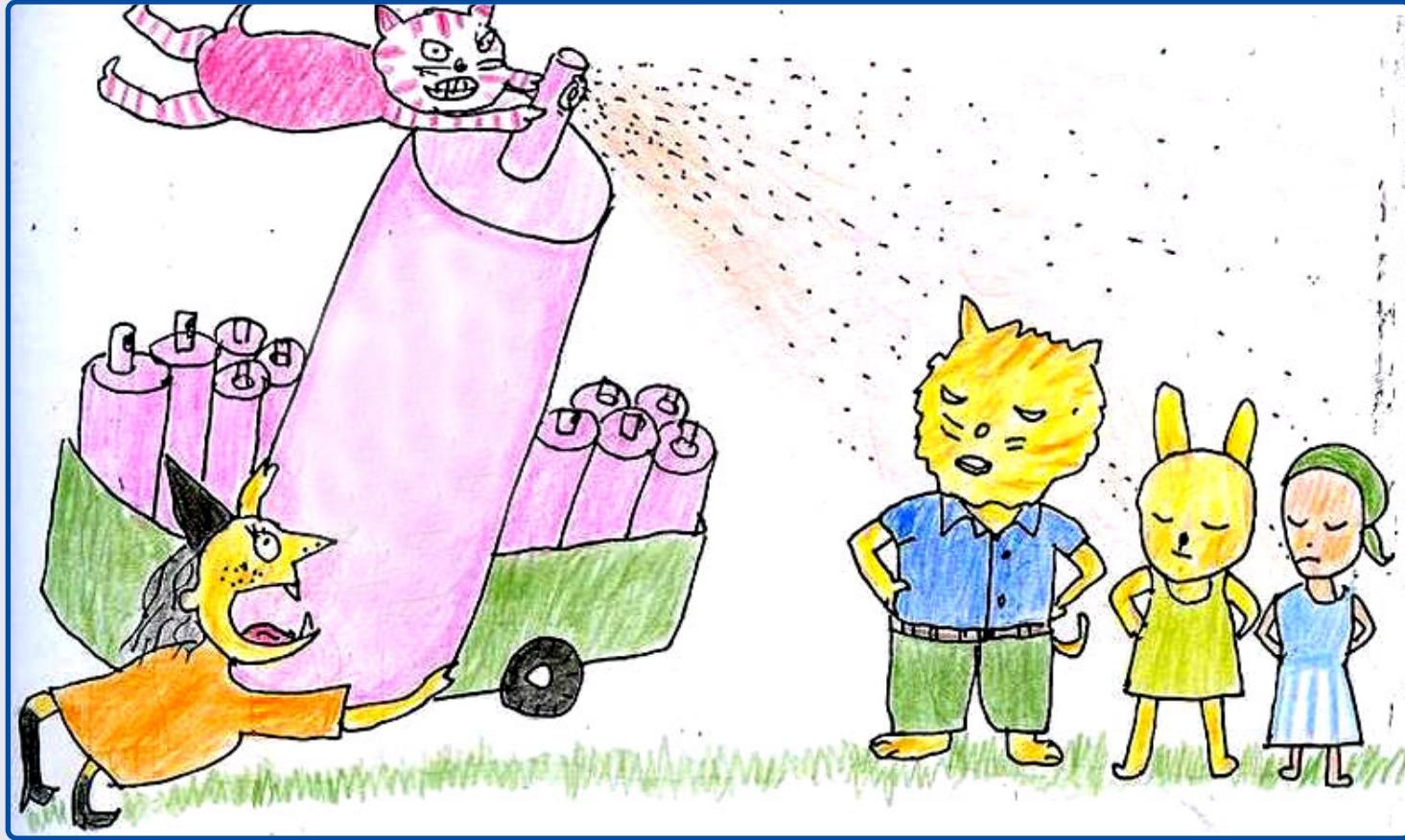
"Thank you." Said Uncle Tiger



"You've survived but today you must die. Ha ha ha..." The film director, who is the Wicked Witch in disguise, said to herself.



"We must blind them and we will bring them to the jungle and leave them there. Then the whole village will be ours! Ha ha ha..."

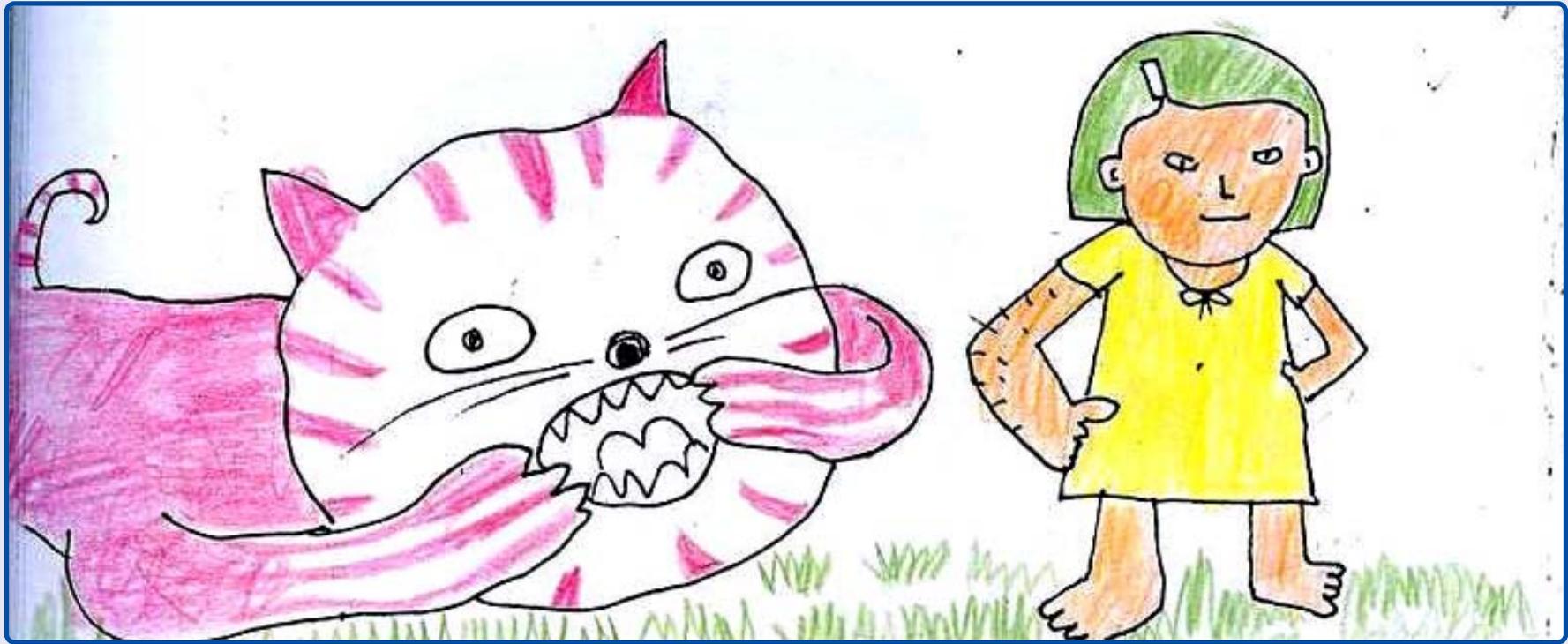


The film director asked Uncle Tiger "Do you have any secret weapons?"

"Yes, I do." Uncle Tiger replied.



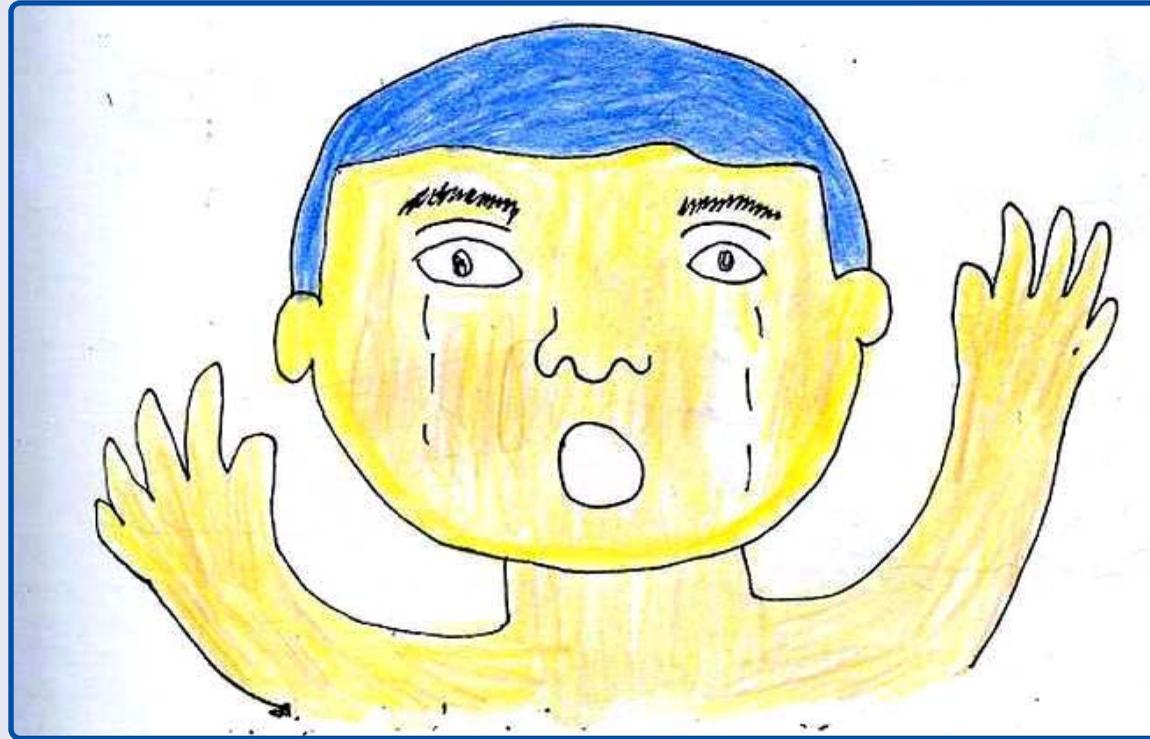
"Meow, search him!" The film director ordered Meow.
"I've found nothing, Mme." Meow replied.



"Spray them!" The Wicked Witch commanded Meow with a loud voice.

Uncle Tiger and everyone pressed their shutters. Click!

30 bottles of poisonous spray were used up but they could not harm Uncle Tiger and his friends at all. They stood firmly with their eyes closed.



The Wicked Witch cried out with her angry voice, bringing a new spray bottle, 'The Bam Bam Spray', and started spraying them.

"They have hairs, both on their body and their head, and their skin is thick. The heat from the spray cannot harm them!" Meow yelled to the Wicked Witch

"Spray them again! More! Again!" The Wicked Witch ordered.



"Uncle Tiger! The spray got into my eyes!" A little boy yelled out.

"Press your shutters!" Uncle Tiger shouted back.

"The tears are coming out of my eyes and now I feel fine again!"
The little boy yelled.

"Meow, Meow, we run out of weapons! Retreat now!" Meow cried.

The Wicked Witch quickly grabbed Meow's leg and they flew away
on broom stick.



Uncle Tiger took off his clothes and put an automatic X-Ray film on his body, showing the Secret Weapons mechanism of the body.

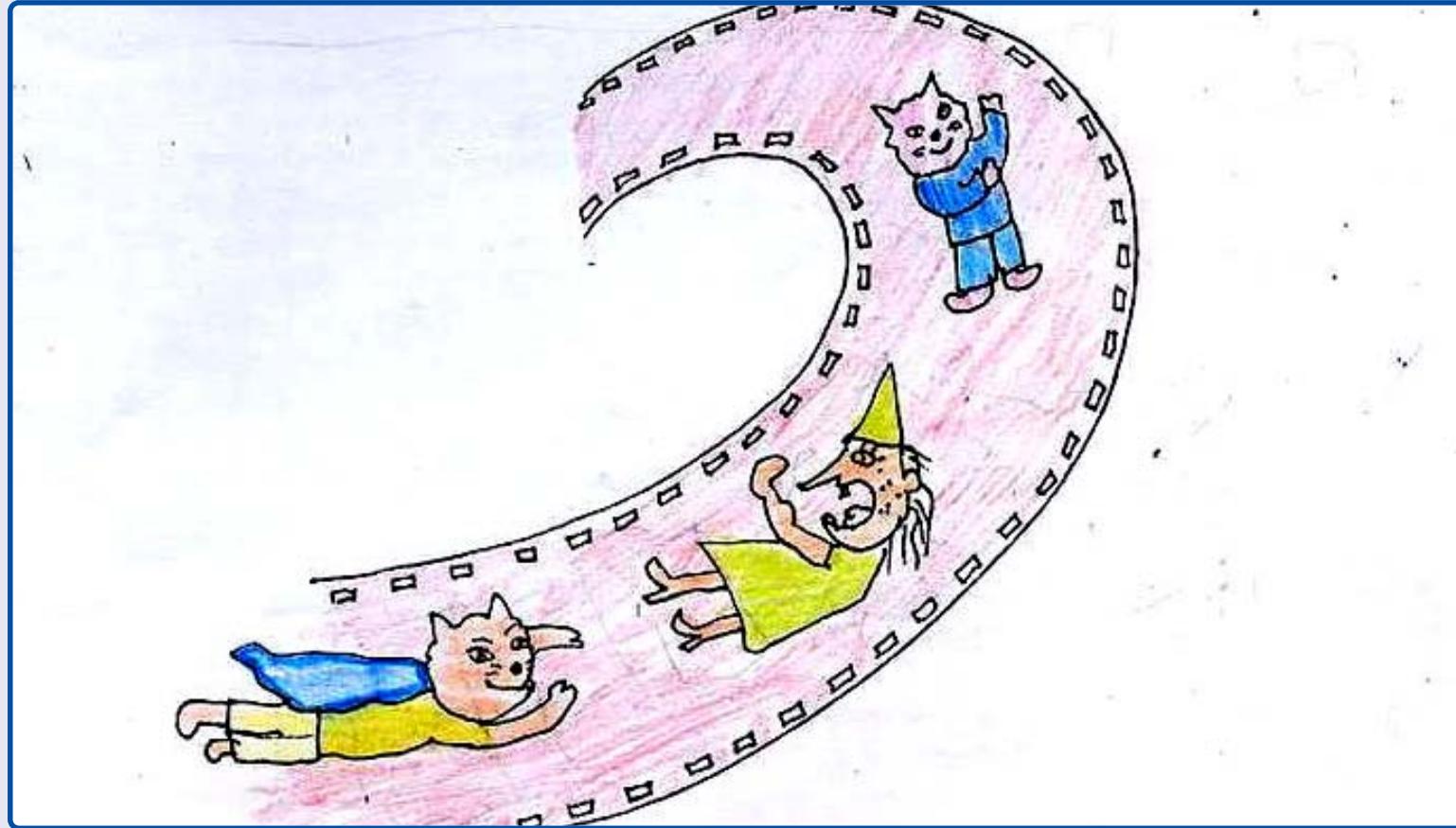
In the stomach there is acid digestive juice that kills germs.

In the blood vessels there are white blood cells, or the 'Magic Force', which call for the germ eater to come. Also in there are platelets that make the blood solidify and cover to wound, preventing the germs from getting into the body.



After that Uncle Tiger put the clothes back on and pointed to skin and hair and said "They are outer Secret Weapons, protecting us from heat, coldness, and keeping the temperature degree inside appropriate for us."

Then Uncle Tiger pointed at his nostrils and his ear holes that have hair to catch germs. Eyelash and eyelids protect the eyes and tears wash out dirty strange particles from the eyes.



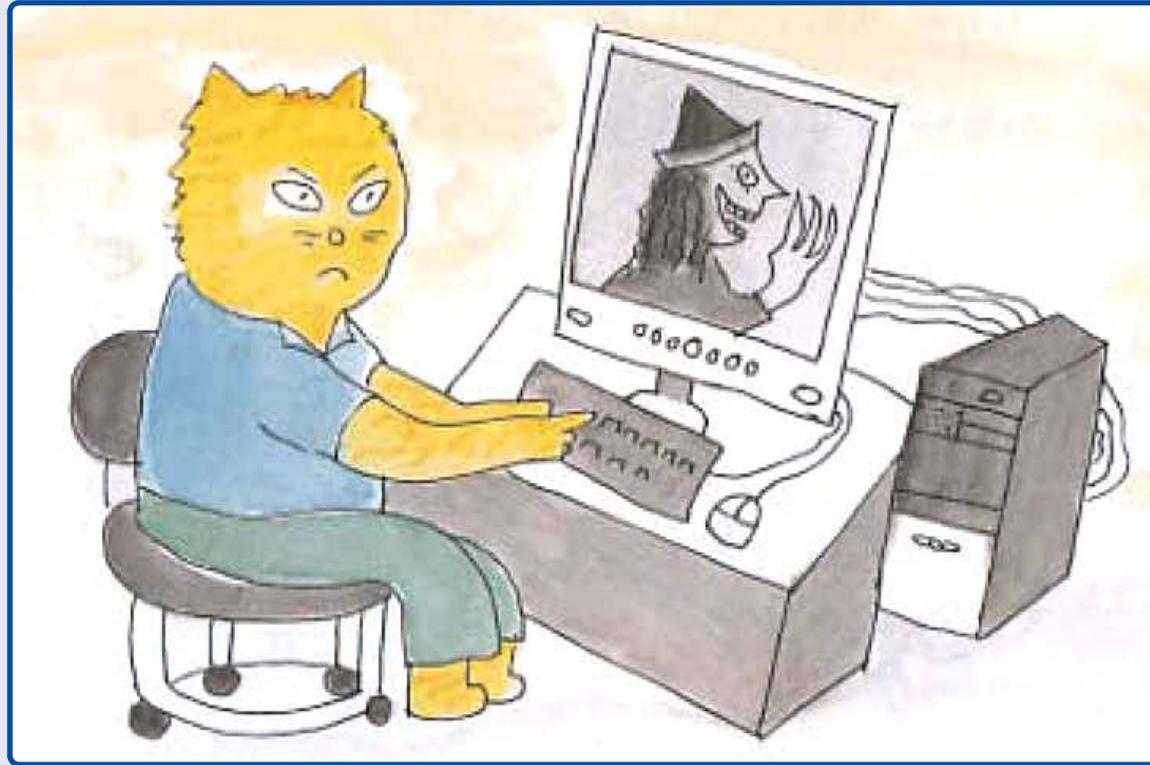
Not long after that, the film "The Secret Weapons" was released in the theatre all across the world. Uncle Tiger was praised and admired because he had brought everybody the knowledge about how to fight with the germs.



At the end of the movie, Uncle Tiger said with a warm low voice "Our body has Secret Weapons, kids. Don't forget to take good care of yourselves and build up the Magic Force by taking healthy food, doing regular exercise and maintaining hygiene. Now, Uncle Tiger has to say goodbye to you all, goodbye and see you later!"

4. The Bam Bam virus And The protective clothes





For the past month the rumours had got louder and louder that any animal with the Bam Bam virus will die and that they would easily spread the virus to other animal. Computers make it easy and fast to send messages to other people. The wicked witch used her computer to send an email to Uncle Tiger. In her email she asked, "How many ways have you found to make people understand about the Bam Bam virus? ha ha ha". Later she sent another email "Can't you find the answer?" and another "You will never find the answer, never, never, never! Ha ha, ha ha". The wicked witch sent email after email until Uncle Tiger had 10 kilometers of emails. The last one said "I will give you 3 days to find the answer after that you will be chased out of the village by other animals, ha ha ha ha ha ha" The wicked witch's laughter was enough to break your heart.



The next day a cold wind started to blow. To protect themselves from the cold wind the animals wore extra clothes. They put on sweaters, hats, gloves and socks and then they were nice and warm.



This gave Uncle Tiger an idea. He told everybody to find ways to protect themselves from things that cause them pain and sickness.



Aunt Hippo wore oven-gloves to protect her hands from the heat when carrying a hot cooking pot.

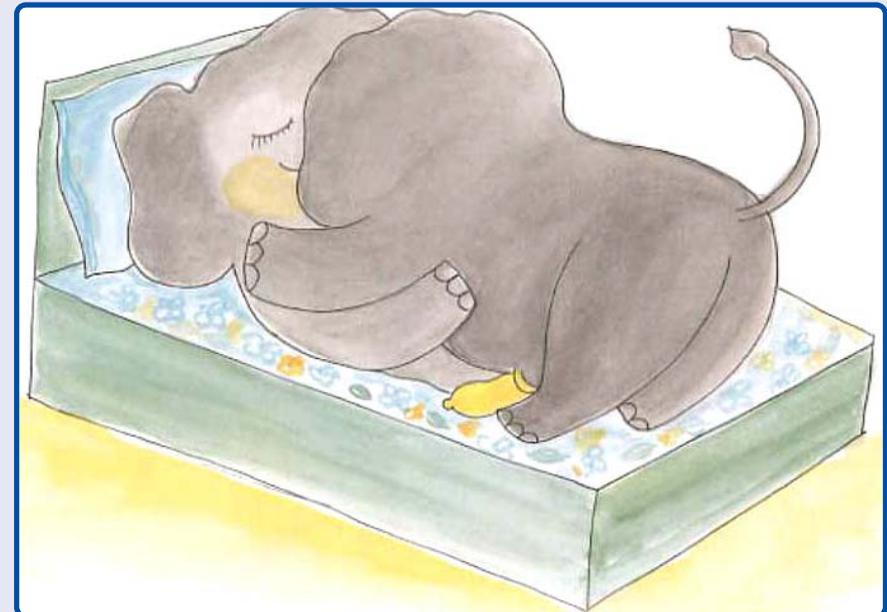
Aunt Bear wore rubber gloves and rubber boots when cleaning the wet factory floor.





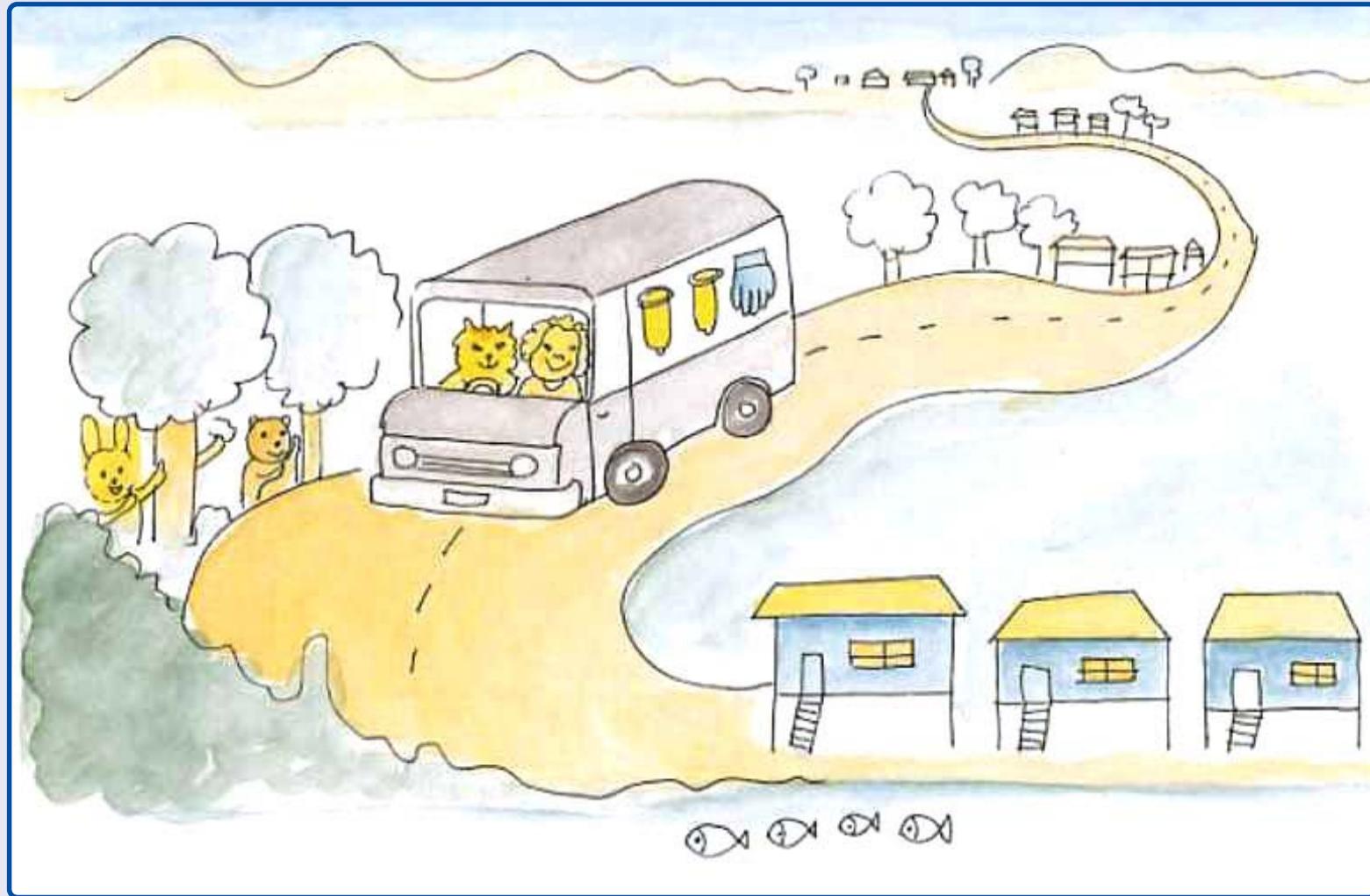
Uncle Rabbit wore rubber gloves when collecting garbage, blood stained waste and rotting food.

Uncle Elephant wore a condom while making love with Aunt Elephant.

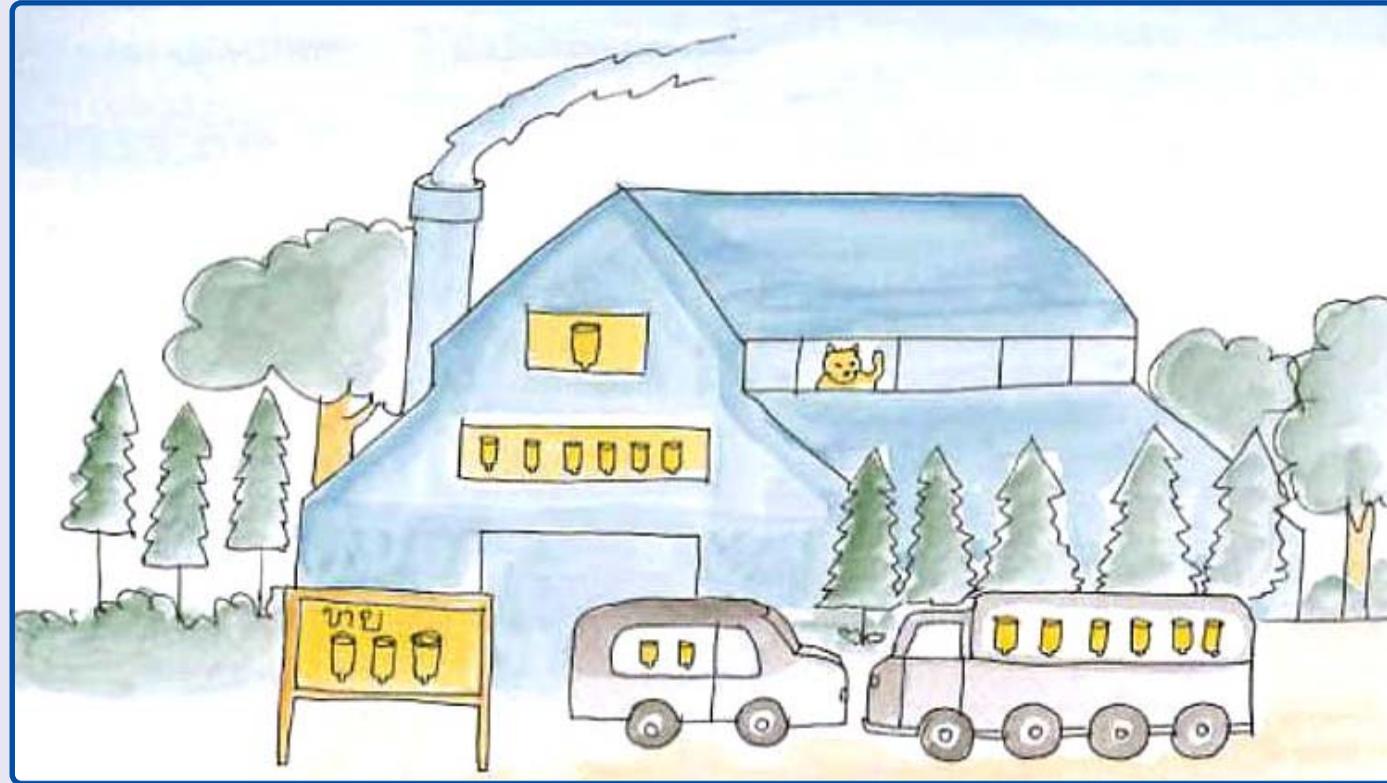




3 days later Uncle Tiger announced that all the animals were still healthy and able to live together without worry "The Virus does not pass from person to person if we all use protective clothes before coming into contact with the virus." As soon as Uncle Tiger finished his sentence "Hoorah..." shouted all the happy animals.



After that, Uncle Tiger traveled to many other villages to show the animals living there how to use protective clothes correctly.



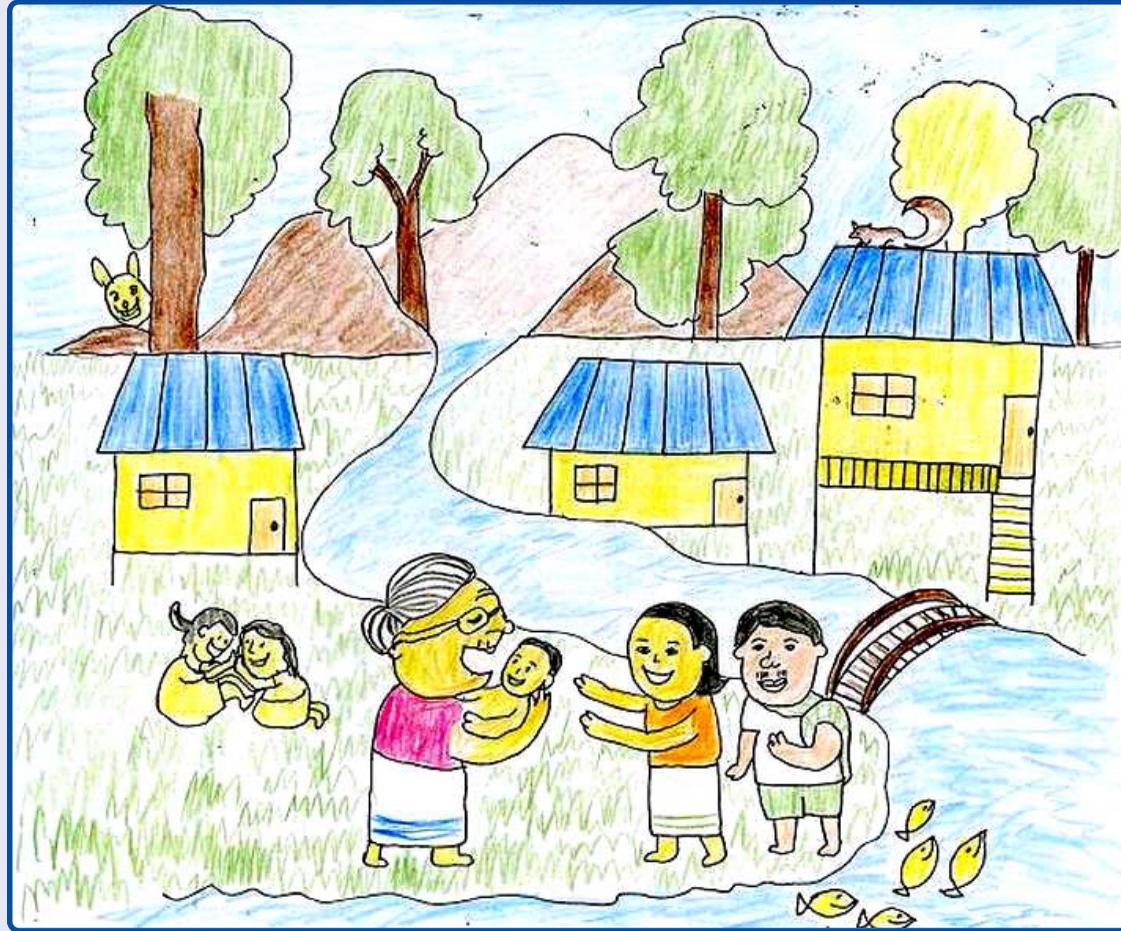
Later Uncle Tiger built a factory to make condoms. It was a great success and by selling many condoms the animals in the village became rich. Animals in all the other villages who did not understand about the virus could now understand and change their behaviour. In the school, no one hurt Little Bear, Little Rabbit, and Little Monkey anymore because everyone understood if they use protective clothing correctly the virus cannot be transmitted and everyone can live together safely.

This fairy tale is ended. Do you think Uncle Tiger found a good way to solve the problem? Do you know how Uncle Tiger did it? See you later, bye-bye.

5. THE BAM- BAM VIRUS THE BRAVE GRANDMOTHER KANTHA



Once upon a time Kantha, a grandmother is living happily with her family of one daughter and grand daughter in a beautiful village. One day, an unexpected incident took place; Grandmother Kantha's daughter fell ill and died of HIV. This unfortunate incident brought great agony to grandmother Kantha's family. Moreover, the little grand child of grandmother Kantha also got infected with HIV which she got from her mother.



Grandmother Kantha tried to find ways to tell the truth about HIV infection to her little grandchild. Yet with the worry that the little girl would not be able to accept the truth and would be angry at her mother who gave her HIV, grand mother Kantha decided to do everything to hide this truth from the girl for 11 years.



One day the little girl got to learn about HIV/AIDS prevention at school. She learnt that although there is no medicines to cure HIV/AIDS now, HIV infected people can take ARV medicines, eat healthy food, exercise, get enough rest, and take a good care of their health to regain their magic force after it goes down.



The little girl learnt many things about the cause of the disease and the way to deal with it and she gained good understanding about it. Still she did not know that she herself was infected too.



That evening when the little girl returned home, she told Grandmother Kantha about HIV/AIDS she learnt at the school.



Grandmother Kantha was speechless. She thought she could not hide the truth about the girl's infection anymore, but she did not know how to disclose it to her.



Grandmother Kantha finally said to the little girl "would you promise not to be angry at me or your mother if I tell you something?... "Why should I be angry at you?" the little girl asked.

"My dear, the reason for your mother's death was HIV which she got from your father. And now, you also have it in your body." Grandmother Kantha said and then she looked down at the floor and started to cry with pity for the little girl.



The little girl fell quiet for a moment. She could not imagine she had HIV in her body too. But with the knowledge and understanding about HIV/AIDS that she got from the school, the little girl came to accept the painful truth. She also knew how to take care of herself to maintain good health.



Then she said to her grandmother... "I am not angry at father and mother. I even feel grateful that they have given me life. There are no parents in the world that don't love their child. It was an accident that nobody wanted to happen. And of course I am not angry with you because I am in debt to your kindness. You have always been taking care of me."



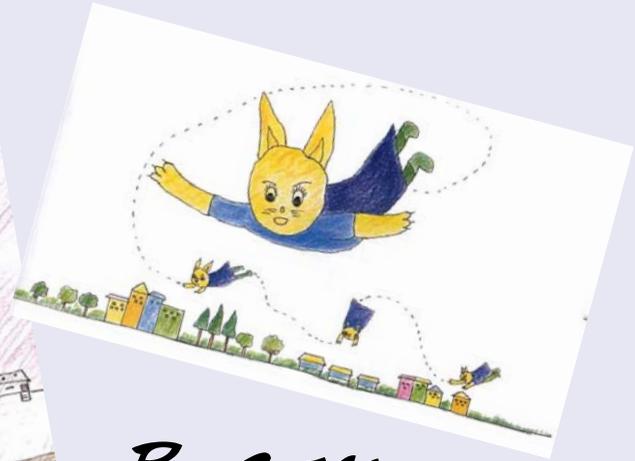
The little girl went on.... "I know that I have to take a good care of myself, eat good food, exercise, take ARV medicine regularly and on time, and then I can be healthy. So, you don't have to worry about me, Grandma..."

Grandmother Kantha listened to the little girl and wiped off the tears on her face with her hands and embraced her beloved grand daughter. Both smiled with understanding of each other.



Since then Grandmother Kantha and her little granddaughter lived happily together.

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