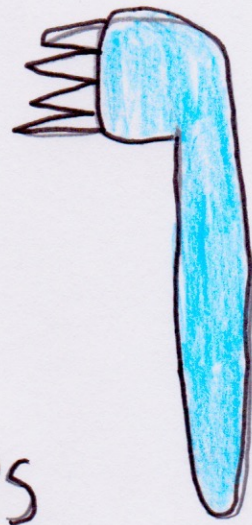




Sophia  
and



Frau Teddy's

Tooth-tastic

Quest



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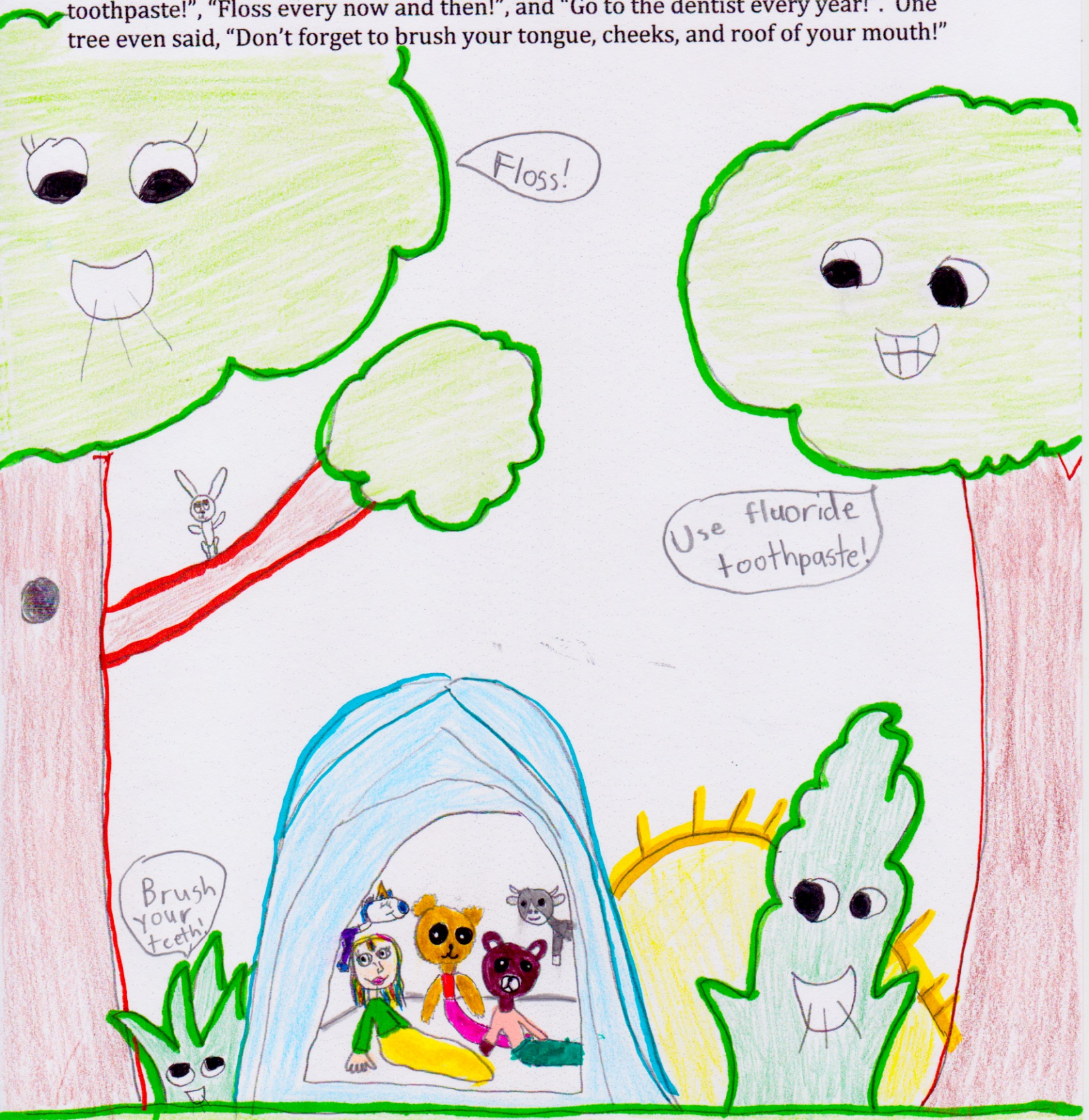


Once upon a time, there was a village. The people in the village loved to brush their teeth. But one day, an evil ninja took all the people's toothbrushes and toothpaste away from them! Two village girls decided that they would go on a quest and take back the toothbrushes from the ninja. Their names were Sophia and Frau Teddy. Sophia and Frau Teddy called out "Come! Join our quest to find the ninja and take back what is ours!" Four other people showed up: Mrs. SuperUni, Tiny Bunny, Fluffy, and Cow. Within ten minutes, they were all ready to go. "Ok let's head to East Mountain." said Frau Teddy. "Why?" Mrs. SuperUni inquired. "Because that's where the ninja lives!" Frau Teddy said, a bit of irritation could be heard in her voice. "Ok people! Let's get moooving!" said Cow excitedly.



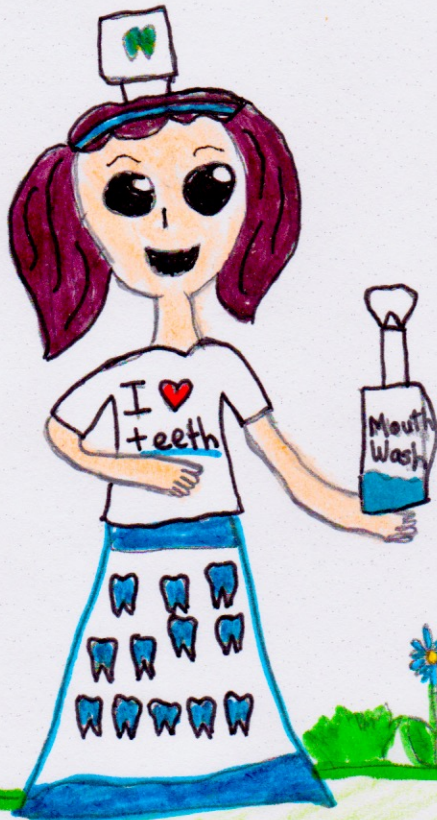
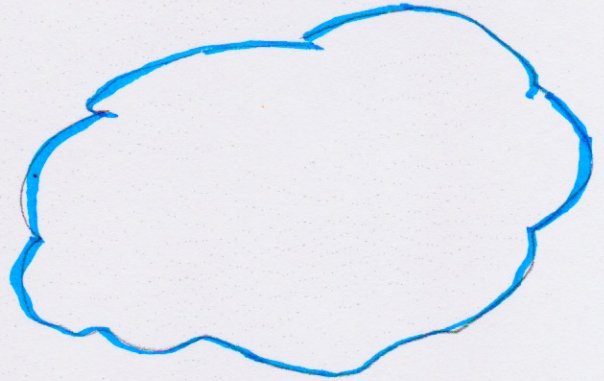
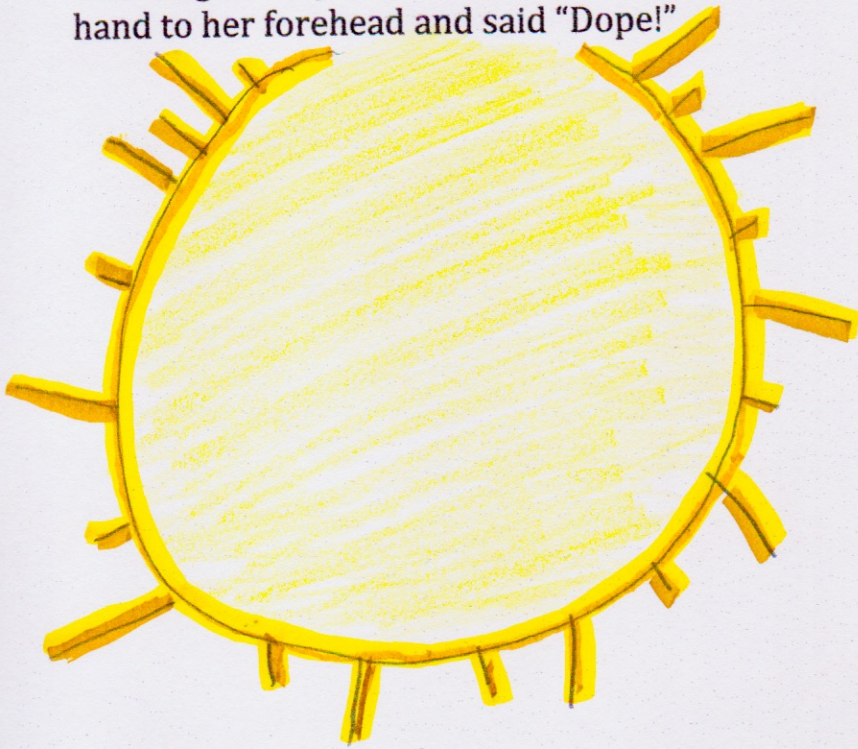


They headed toward East Mountain. When they reached the base of the mountain, it was dark. "Should we set up camp here or should we hike up the mountain?" asked Frau Teddy. "Camp here!" everyone chorused. The crew set up camp and slept. At five in the morning, bushes and trees began talking loudly. They were giving healthy teeth reminders like: "Brush in circles on all sides of your teeth!", "Use fluoride toothpaste!", "Floss every now and then!", and "Go to the dentist every year!". One tree even said, "Don't forget to brush your tongue, cheeks, and roof of your mouth!"





The questers packed up and started to climb East Mountain. They were going to get that rotten toothbrush-stealing, no good, bad ninja! Along the way to the peak, the travelers asked a tooth nymph the way to the ninja's fortress. The tooth nymph just smiled, gave Sophia a bottle of mouthwash, and walked away. Sophia slapped her hand to her forehead and said "Dope!"





The group started climbing again. They met a gumcat and asked where the ninja was. It had something stuck in its teeth. The gumcat gave them floss and Frau Teddy flossed the thing out. "Meow-thanks" said the gumcat and pointed up the mountain.





45 minutes later, they found the ninja's foreboding fortress. "Guys how are we going to get at the toothbrushes?!" questioned Fluffy nervously. "Easy!" replied Sophia. She pulled out the bottle of mouthwash eagerly. "Look at the label!" she explained. "Ok it's getting dark. Let's do this now people! Less talkie, talkie more action!" whispered Frau Teddy. "So who is going into the fortress?" "I will," said Mrs. SuperUni and Sophia. So it was settled, Sophia and Mrs. SuperUni gurgled the invisibility mouthwash. "Mmmm. Minty," said Mrs. SuperUni. Mrs SuperUni and Sophia entered the fortress. They started looking around, no toothbrushes. Unfortunately, while the girls were sneaking around, there was a guard. Suddenly, the invisibility mouthwash lost its effect and the guard captured the girls. After a while, Frau Teddy suspected that the girls got captured so she set out with the rescue party. It took some looking but the rescue party found Sophia and Mrs. SuperUni. "Hi girls!" Frau Teddy whispered as she picked the lock with her claw. They got the girls out. "Let's look in the ninja's bedroom for the toothbrushes," suggested Sophia "and by the way thanks for getting us out!"





Finally, the group found the toothbrushes in the ninja's room, but he was there too, snoring peacefully. Mrs. SuperUni picked up the toothbrushes and started back to the group. She hadn't seen the CD player and tripped. Music blasted in the room waking the ninja!! He saw the group immediately. "Give me the toothbrushes back!" he bellowed. Sophia bravely stepped forward. "Those are the villagers' toothbrushes!" she said. "I purpose a duel between you and me," said the ninja. "Whoever wins gets the toothbrushes." "I accept your challenge." Sophia said picking up a toothbrush. The ninja leapt at Sophia and their toothbrushes clashed together in an epic battle. As the battle went on, Sophia started winning. The ninja cried out "Guards seize her!" "Unfair!" screamed Frau Teddy. She took out the gumcat's floss and lassoed the ninja! Meanwhile, Fluffy, Cow, Mrs. SuperUni, and Tiny fended off the ninja's guards, who ended up surrendering.





“Why did you want the toothbrushes?” Sophia asked the ninja. “I just wanted my whole crew to have clean healthy teeth. I didn’t know where other toothbrushes were so I just took the villagers’ toothbrushes.” explained the ninja. “ Well, next time just ask us and we’ll give you some.” said Sophia. “Really? Thanks a million!” said the ninja, smiling. Frau Teddy untied the ninja. Sophia scooped up most of the toothbrushes and toothpaste, leaving some behind for the ninja. The friends went out of the fortress into the cool night air grinning. The trip home was uneventful except that all the trees and bushes were shouting “Brush your teeth after breakfast and before bedtime!” at the top of their lungs. When the group came home, they gave everyone their toothbrushes back. The townspeople thought of them as heroes. Now everyone could have clean teeth, gums, and a happy smile again, including the ninja!

### The Toothy-Smile End

