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# Papri, We Have a Problem

## Round Square Writing Competition

Write your story below (approximately 500 words):

"It's not fair! I always miss out!" cried Grace. It was lunchtime, and all you could hear was the girls arguing. "That's not true at all!" yelled Alexa. "When you all went to the movies, I couldn't go because of my surfing competition!" Indy and Zara groaned. Would their end-of-school pool party ever going to happen? The girls had been trying to pick a date for the party, but no one wanted to miss out. Alexa was always busy with sports, Zara had a big family birthday, Grace had musical rehearsals, and Lizzie had been looking forward to a camping trip for months. They had been arguing for days and still couldn't agree. "Stop fighting, girls! It's time for class," ordered Mr. Scott. The girls sighed and went back to their seats, but the problem wasn't solved. The afternoon dragged on, but finally, the bell rang. The girls were the last ones in the classroom when - POW! The door flew open! In walked someone they had only read about! She was short, with bright pink hair and a colourful outfit. Around her waist was a toolbelt filled with interesting gadgets. She beamed and said, "Hi! I'm Papri! Problem Solving Papri that is! A little birdie told me that you have a problem! The girls looked at each other sheepishly



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"Well," Lizzie admitted, "We really want to hang out together, but we can't agree on a date. No one wants to miss out." "Sounds like I arrived just in time!" Papri smiled. "My job is to help solve problems by creatively! But sometimes, a friend can help even more. Meet my sidekick... Pippa! I waddled the cutest little penguin the girls had ever seen." Pippa helps me see problems differently and points out things I might not of thought of," Papri explained. So Papri, Pippa, and the girls sat down to brainstorm solutions. But no matter how hard they tried, they still couldn't find a date that worked for everyone. Just then, Pippa flapped her wings excitedly. "What if instead of one big party, you all spent time together doing different things you enjoy?" The girls gasped. "That's brilliant!" Indy said. "We could go camping with Lizzie one weekend," Grace suggested. "And then come cheer me on at my soccer game the next!" added Alexa. "We can watch Grace in her musical," said Zara. "and then you can all come to my family's big celebration!" The girls cheered. Their problem was solved! Over the next few weeks, they had the best time ever, making memories at each special event. It turned out that spending

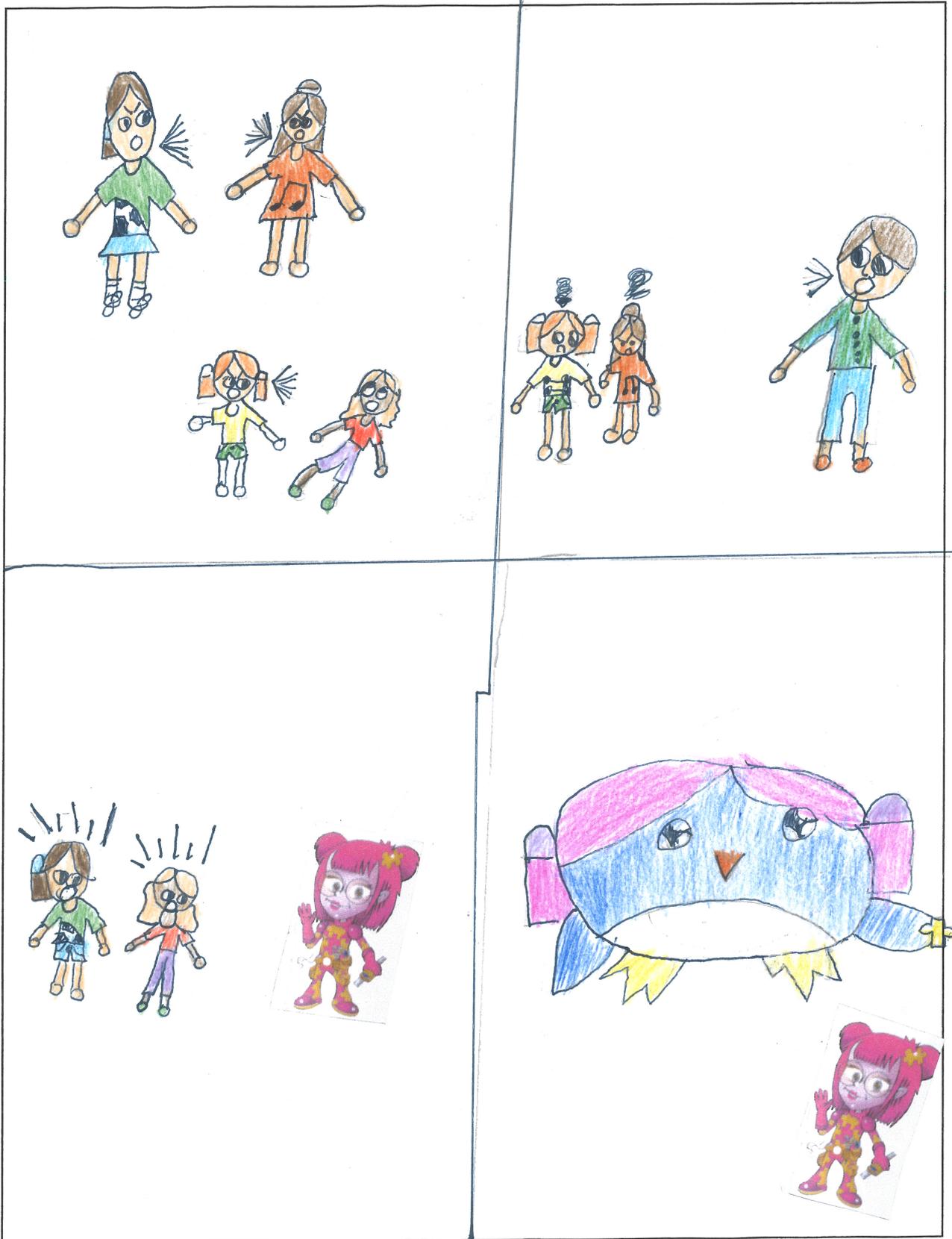
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time together in different ways was even better than a single party. As they said their goodbyes on the last day of school, they all agreed on one thing - thanks to Papi and Pippa, they had the end-of-school celebration ever!

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