

Ryan the Raccoon and the Terrific Treehouse!



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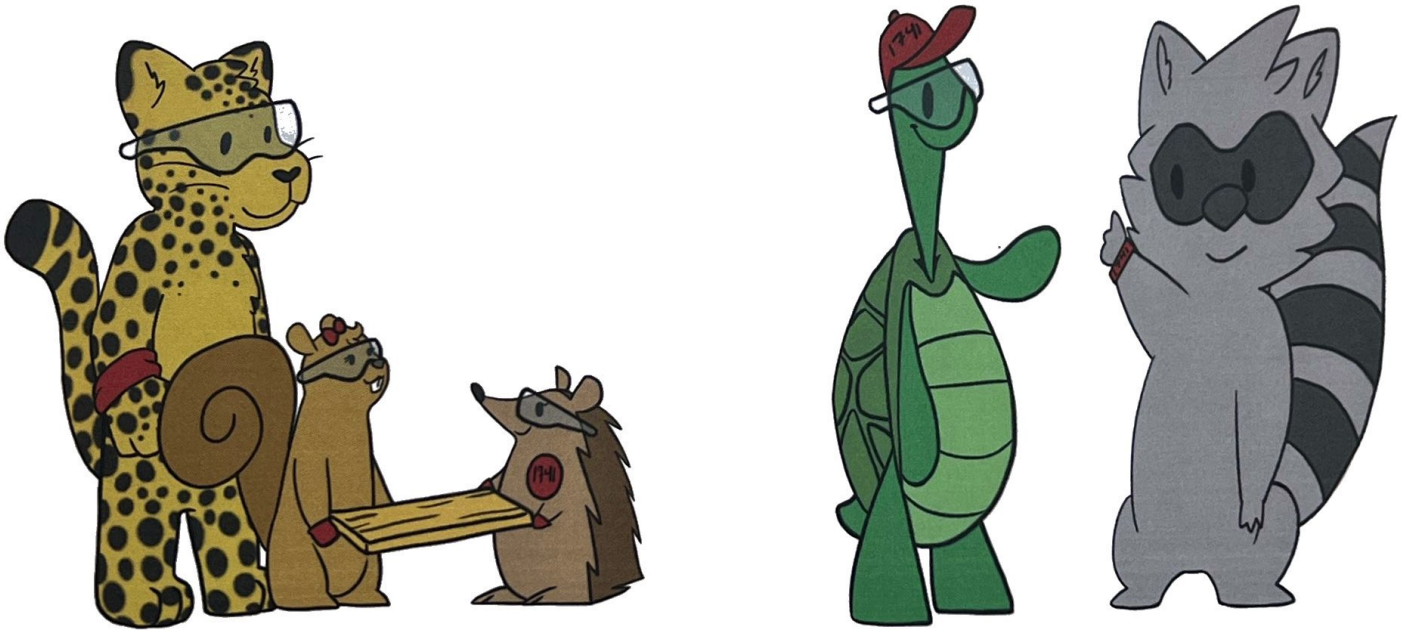
One day, Tyler the Turtle said to Sarah the Squirrel, "Wouldn't it be cool to build an awesome tree house?"

"That's such a cool idea," said Sarah, "We'll need some help."

"You're right. Let's invite Hailey the Hedgehog and Joey the Jaguar."

So they did, and they were all working very hard and being really safe.





"Do you guys need any help?" asked Ryan. "It looks like it is going a bit slow."
"Yes, but only if you wear gloves and safety glasses." replied Tyler. "Safety is key when working with sharp tools and objects, you know."

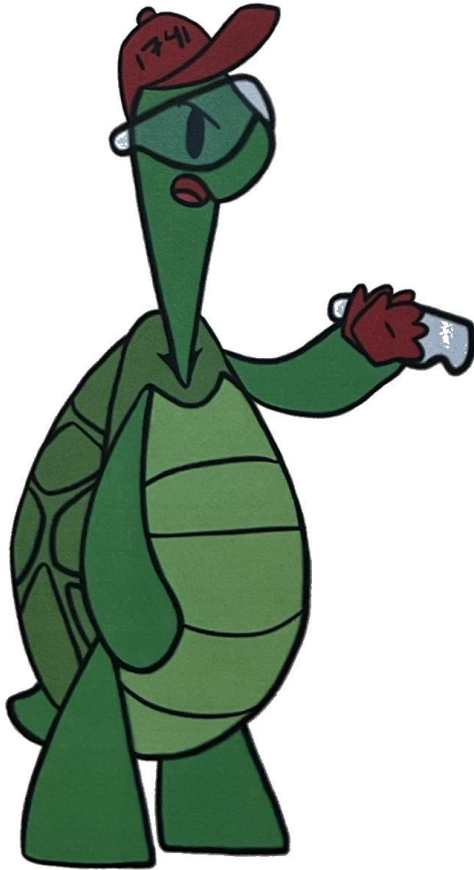


As Tyler walked away, Ryan began stacking and organizing the wooden boards, *without* wearing gloves to protect his hands. As he went to pick up a wooden board...

"EEEEEEYOUCH!"



"I told you so!" Tyler exclaimed. "You should have worn gloves so you could protect your hands, and safety glasses so you could protect your eyes. Where are your safety gloves and glasses that you promised me you`d wear? Humph."



Wanting to be helpful, Ryan went off to aid Joey the Jaguar nail pieces of wood together. Ryan was anxious to help. Joey was working faster than Ryan was working. Ryan started to speed up, but as soon as he did...



"ARGH!"

Ryan dropped the hammer on his foot!



Joey feeling sorry for Ryan, but at the same time wanted him to be aware of the safety rules.

“When you work faster than you should, accidents can happen.”



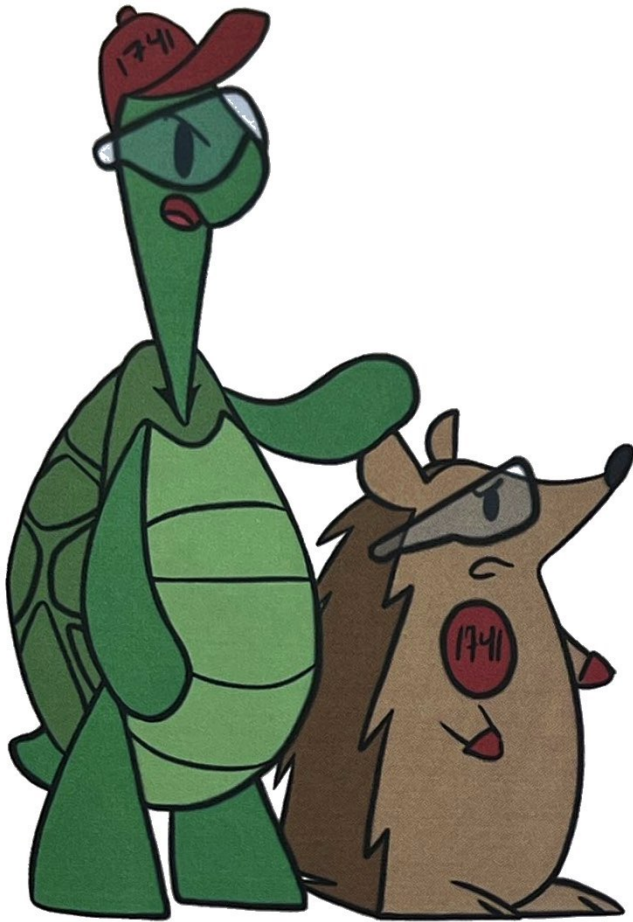


After Ryan dried his eyes and taped up his thumb, he was anxious to help Hailey the Hedgehog put their big screen TV together. Ryan, wanting to be helpful and please Hailey, ran to retrieve the parts. But as soon as he started running...

"AHHH!"

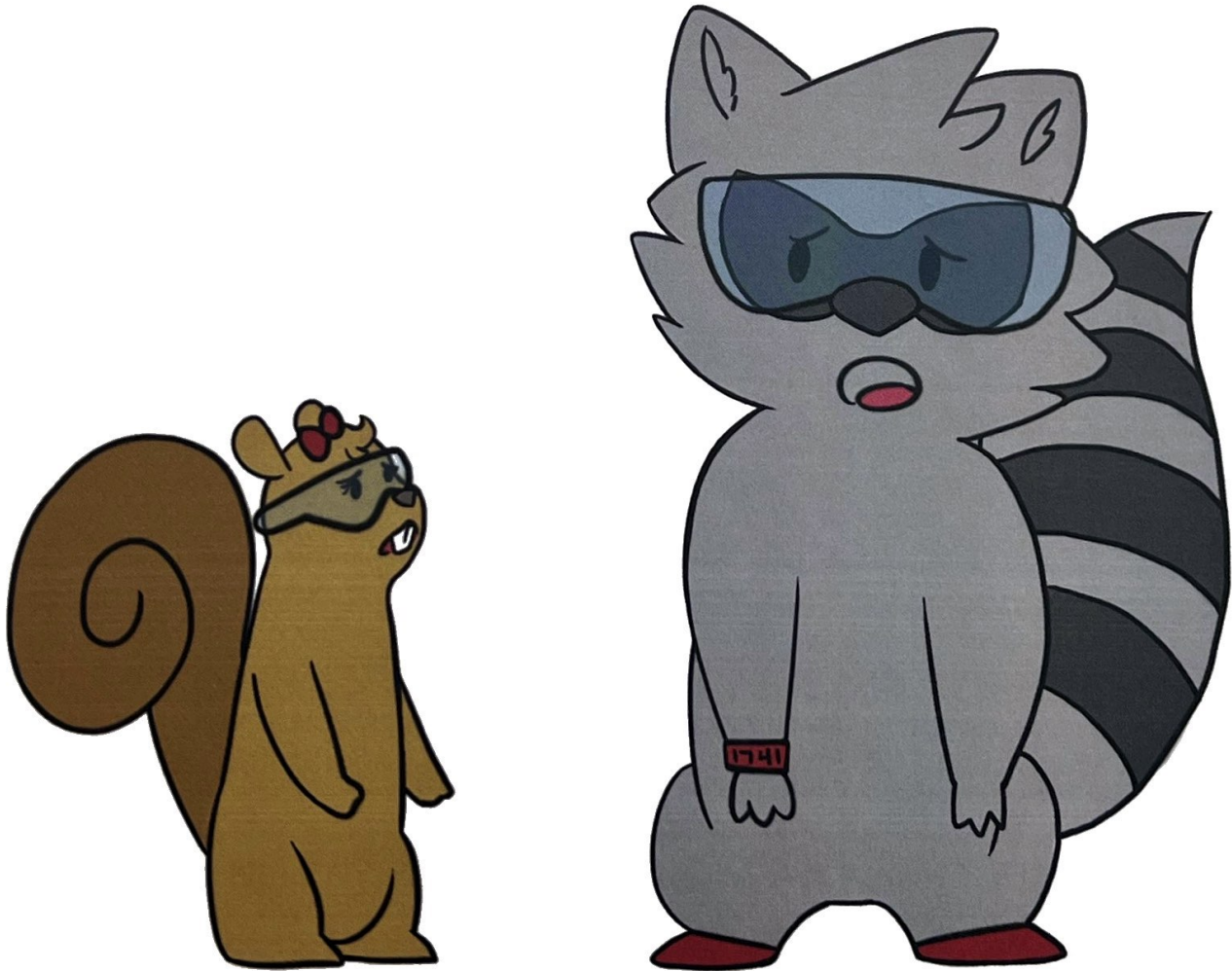
Ryan fell off of the tree house
and hit the ground with a
thump.





Hailey scolded Ryan, "You should never run in any work space. You *always* need to be careful of everything around you." Tyler then rushed over and told Ryan, "This is the third time you have been hurt because you were not safe enough. Maybe you should take a break..."

Ryan was now sad because he couldn't help work on the coolest tree house ever. As he walked away, Sarah the Squirrel noticed and asked, "Why the long face?"





As Ryan sobbed, "First I got a splinter, then I dropped the hammer on my foot, and I fell out of the tree house!"

“But look at the bright side, you learned from your mistakes and now you know how to work properly.” Sarah said.



As they were putting the finishing touches on the tree house, Tyler thought that Ryan could use some cheering up. As he handed him the hammer to put the last nail in the tree house, Ryan said, "But first I need my safety glasses!"



Then they all looked back on what they had done, and they knew... they had made the coolest tree house ever!

The End.

