

# Spencer

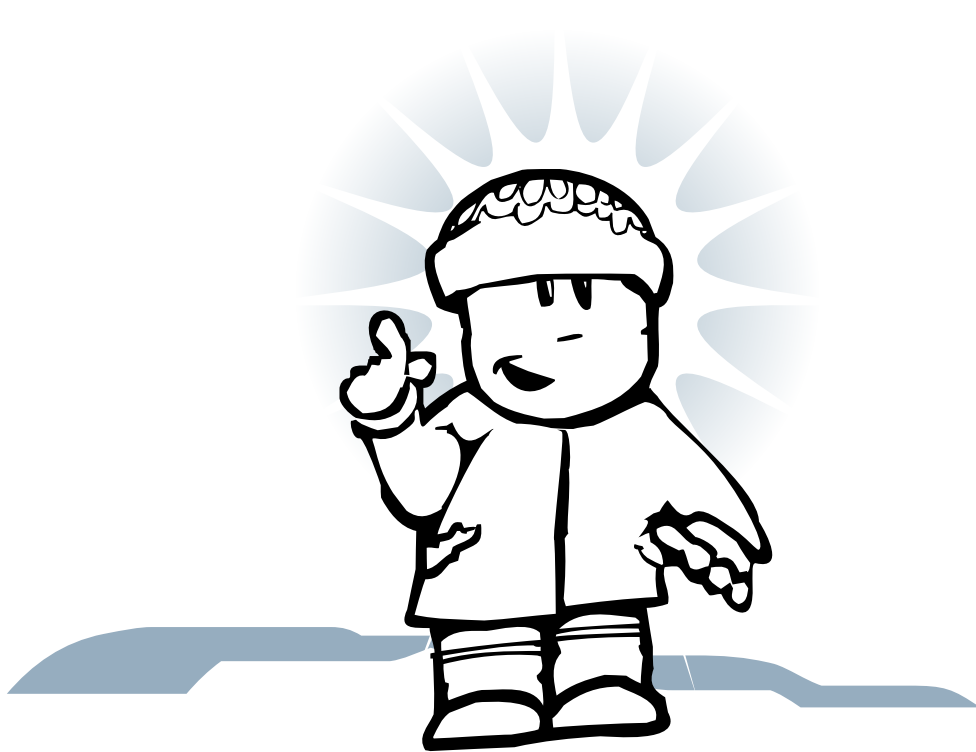
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## CHRISTMAS GIFT

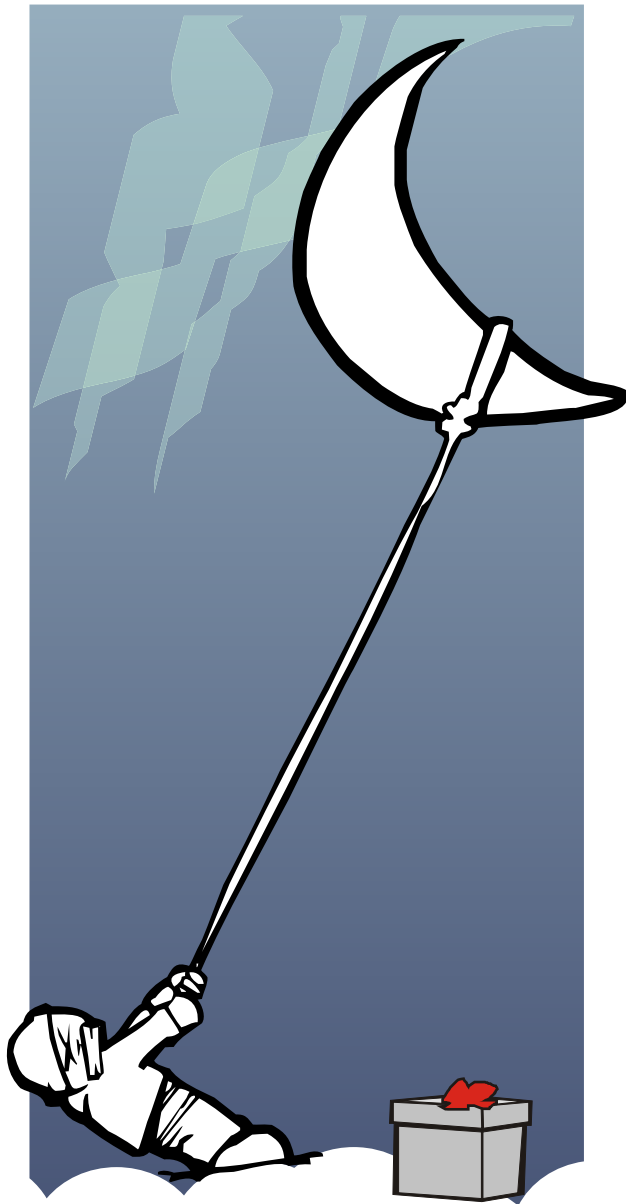




It was the last  
week of school,  
Spencer sat in the  
fresh snow, trying  
to think of a great  
present for  
Mrs. Sutherland.



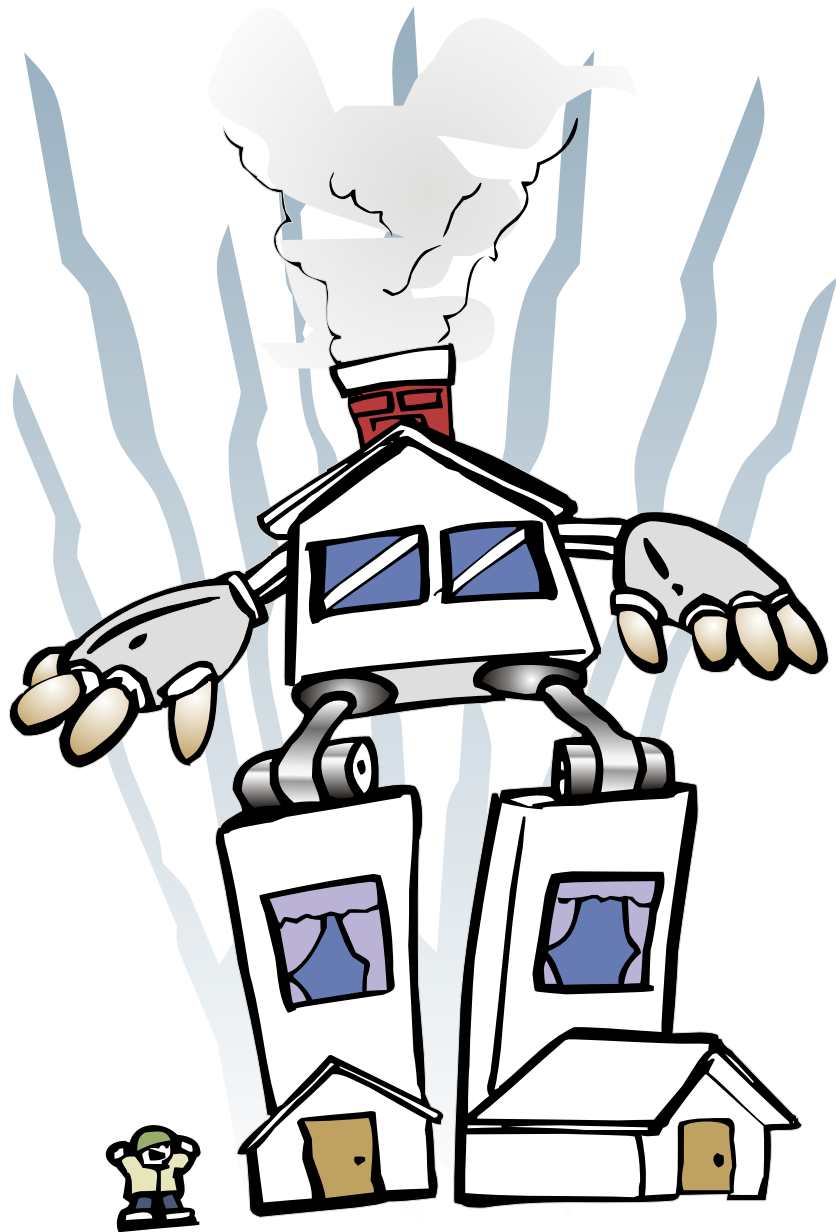
Before too long,  
Spencer had a  
great idea!  
"I will need  
a long rope  
for this", he  
planned.



He tried as hard  
as he could,  
but he couldn't  
get the moon  
into a gift box.



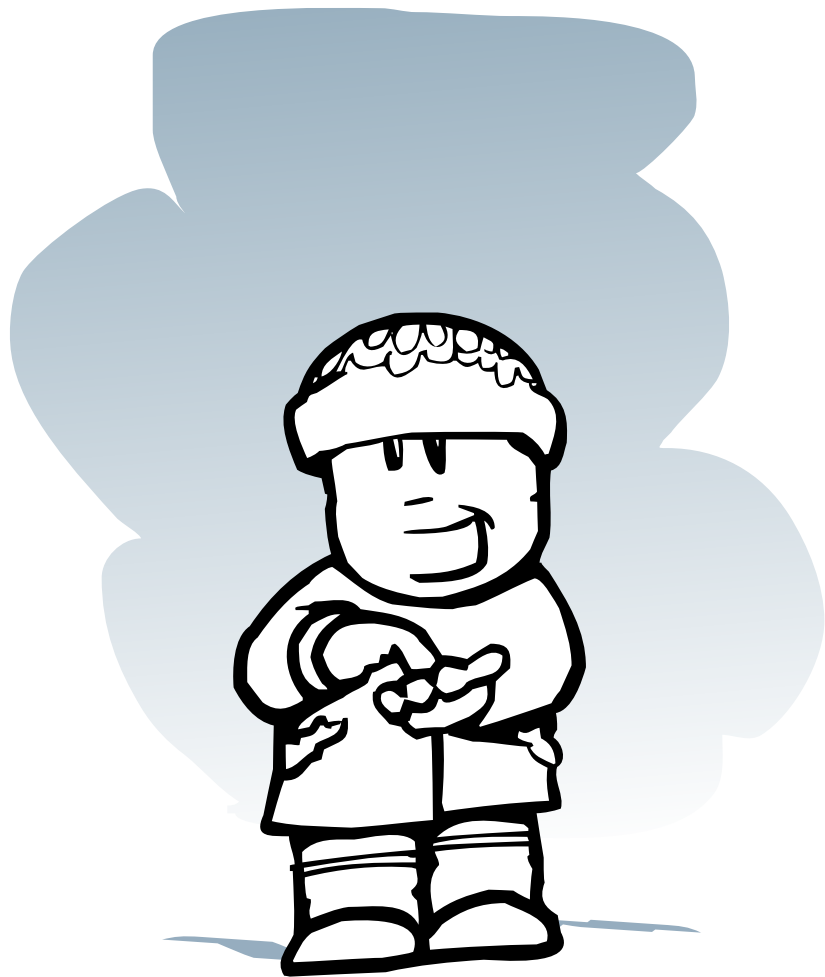
"Hmm," he thought,  
"this is going to  
be harder than  
I expected."



Before too long,  
Spencer had  
another  
great idea!  
"I'll get her a  
house that turns  
into a robot!"



But the hardware store was all out of robot arms, and Spencer did not want the robot to look like an idiot.



After more thought,  
Spencer said,  
"Hey, I  
know what I  
could get  
for her!"

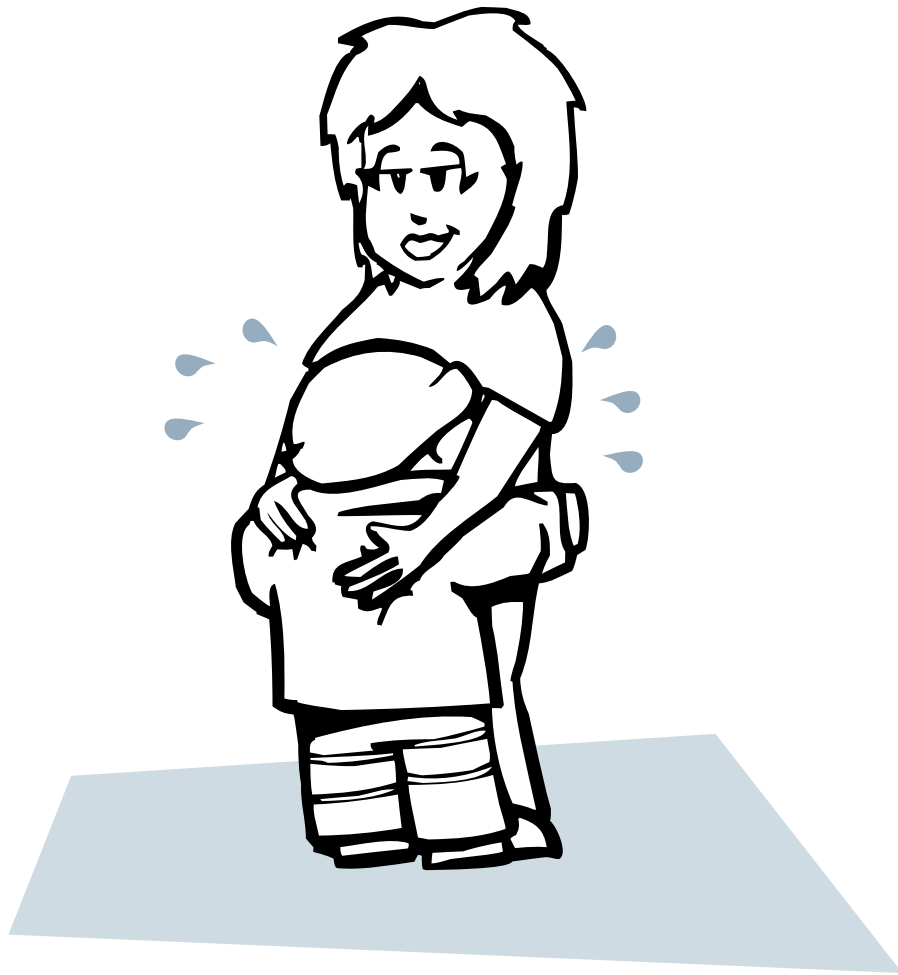


The hardware store man was really nice but he said they didn't have any hot air balloons either.

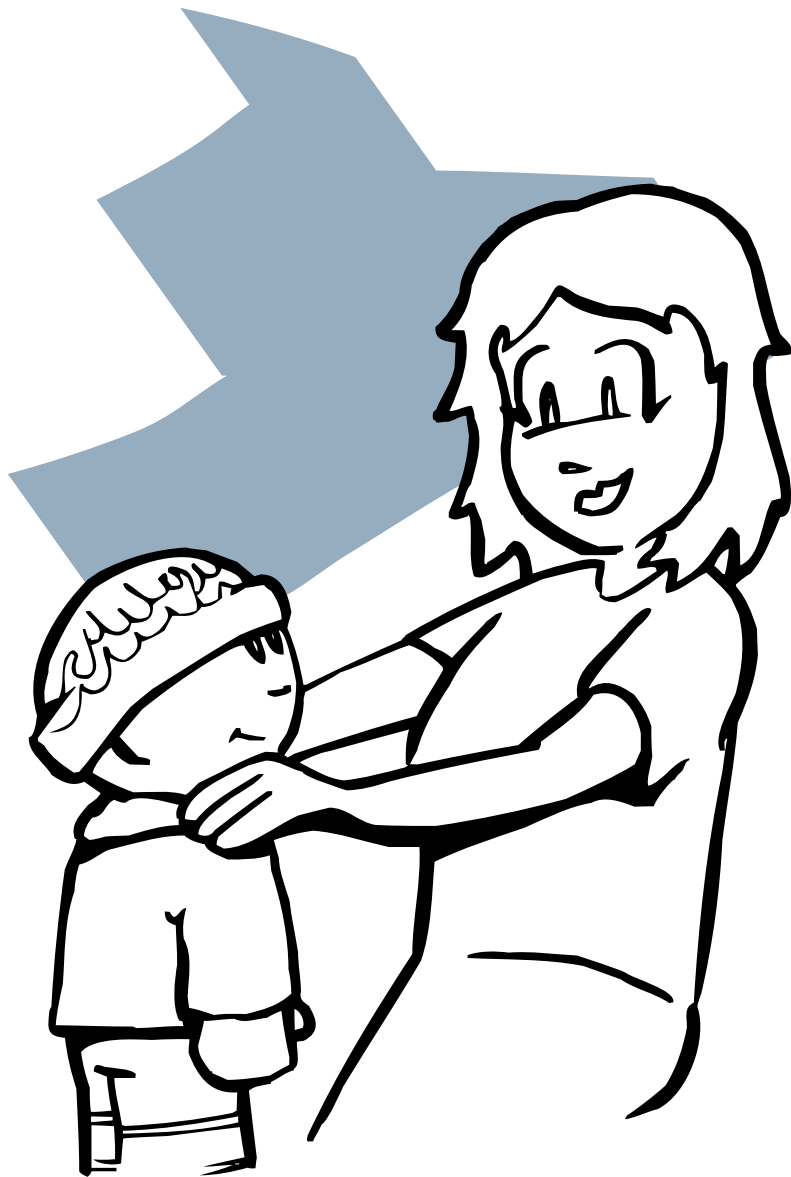


Well this was  
not turning out  
very well at all.

Finally the last  
day of school  
arrived.



Spencer told Mrs. Sutherland how hard he tried and that he was really sorry for not being able to get her a gift that was as great as she was.



Mrs. Sutherland  
thanked Spencer  
for such a great  
present.

"But I didn't get  
you one," he said.  
"Oh, but you did,"  
said Mrs. Sutherland.  
"A thoughtful friend  
like you is the best  
gift I could get!"