

The Big Problem

By Oliver, aged 12

Olive was just about to finish the roof of his house when a big coconut bonked him on the head! He fell unconscious. He fell down onto the soft, light-ish yellow sand.

Olive was 555 years old and he lived on an island that was really far away from the city. His only friend was a bear. Olive didn't like the city. He didn't like the noise or all of the people. He never had any friends because the people weren't interested in him.

When Olive woke up, the sky was as black as coal. He heard thunder that sounded one hundred times louder than usual. He knew a storm was coming and it would rain and hail. He remembered that he hadn't finished putting the roof on his house. Olive felt scared. When the long bolts of lightning hit the ground, you could see Olive's eyes, as big as a totem pole. He was quivering.

Olive started up the ladder to get to the roof and he was almost there when he heard a little crack. Then all of the rungs broke and he came crashing to the ground. Thud, thud, thud, thud.

He brushed himself off and he got an idea. "Aha! I'll make the ladder into stilts!" He took one of the broken rungs and broke another one and put them into the open holes. He did this again in the other pole. Then he got onto the stilts.

He picked up his hammer and was going to finish nailing one of the nails in, when the two broken rungs that he was standing on broke.

CRACK! CRASH!

Then he got another idea. There was a large palm tree growing next to his house. He got some rope and tied one end to himself. He slowly began to climb. He was hoping this would work. The tree trunk felt rough under his hands. The air got heavier. The thunder had gotten louder.

Olive felt scared. He began to shake a little. He finally reached the top. He tied the other end of the rope to the tree and jumped down so that he was hanging from the tree over the roof. He picked up his hammer from the roof and hammered the last nail.

BANG BANG BANG BANG

The roof was finished.

“Finally,” he said as the rain began to fall. He’d finished his roof just in time. He cut the rope and fell onto the roof. Then he slid down to the ground and went to his house smiling.

The End

NOTE TO READER: Try to find the bear faces in the drawings!

Oliver likes comic books. He also likes building lego. One day he dreams of going on a BIG adventure.