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## What's Up With Kids!

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Craigalo  
Chapter 3: Voltrosa  
by **Craig H., age 9**

It had been days since Craigalo and his partners had met, but still Craigalo was not sure he knew them as well as he wanted. *They could be spies for Voltrosa, and that could be dangerous at a time when he is so powerful,* thought Craigalo.

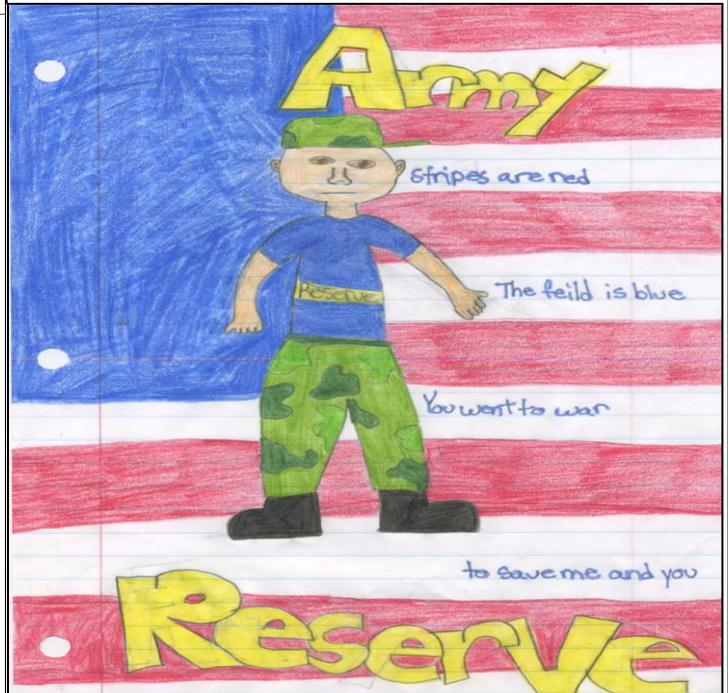
Nothing was going on in the woods at this time so I am going to tell you about this land. Voltrosa is an evil beast that controls people and animals. He will kill anything, anywhere. His last target was a small village on the edge of the Nivens Sea. The village's name is Rotonoe. Voltrosa went there because it is a mining town. People mine for Run, Goldenesh, Plansint, and Ganish. They are the richest things you can mine.

Voltrosa's army was getting stronger by the minute. He took them over by his mind control. Craigalo knew how it felt to be under his spell. His father had disappeared. After that his mother had died of yellow fever. Craigalo was left as an orphan for a while, and then one of the Voltrosa's men captured him and he was put under his spell.

Good thing there was a slave warrior watching in the shadow. He had saved Craigalo and brought him to the slave house. There he was to haul Goldensh, Plansint, and Niceries. Then it came to this. In Craigalo's mind Voltrosa was the worst thing there was.



Picture and poem by **Carl W.**  
**age 10**



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Super Fly Guy Picture created by **Nathan H., age 7**

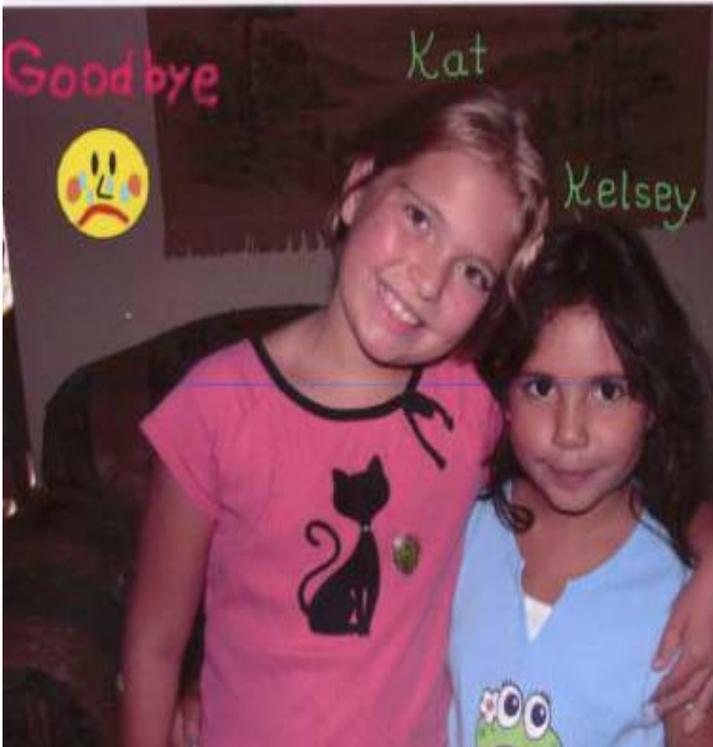
It's So Hard  
by **Katarina M., age 9**  
Part 1: A true story from my point of view

Hi, I'm Kat, short for Katarina. I live here in Roselle with my friends and family. My neighbor, Kelsey, and I have known each other all our lives. Our moms are best friends, too. I'm in my garage thinking, *On Labor Day weekend, Kelsey will be moving to New York! This is going to be so hard.* I see that Kelsey looks troubled too. When I play basketball, I feel better, so that's what I do.

Kelsey's riding her bike and coming over here. I think, *Now is my chance to ask why she is troubled.* She says, "Hi." I say, "I saw you at your house today. You looked troubled. What's wrong?" She tells me how sad she is about moving. I assure her that everything will be fine, but really I don't feel that way. She looks happier now. I think what I said really touched her heart. I think it touched my heart too.

Kelsey's going now. She yells, "Bye! Once I'm in New York, I'll tell you all about it. I'll e-mail you and you can visit me whenever you want. See ya!" I feel happier now. I guess her moving won't be that hard after all.

Watch for the next issue: **Kelsey's point of view!**



Costumes Decisions  
by **Maria B. age 9**

It was Monday night before Halloween, and Chloe and her friend Stephanie still couldn't decide what to be for Halloween. It was Chloe's dad's birthday, and they were eating a big dinner of chicken, rice, baked potatoes, chips, and Stephanie's dad's chocolate cake—three layers!

"Stephanie!" Chloe called. "I have no clue what I'm going to be."

"Neither do I," replied Stephanie. Rachel was supposed to be coming over for a sleepover with Chloe and Stephanie. They were all in fourth grade.

*Ding dong!* "I'll get it," said Chloe. She opened the door. It was Rachel. "Hi," she yelled.

"Hi," they yelled back. Chloe's little sister Nina came running downstairs. "Hi," she said.

"We're finishing dinner," said Chloe.

"I ate," said Rachel. "What are you going to be for Halloween?"

"We actually don't know," they replied. Rachel whispered something to Chloe. When she was done Chloe told Stephanie, "That's a great idea."

So, they went upstairs, found supplies, and made their costumes.

The next morning they got up, packed their costumes, got ready, and went to school. When it was time for the parade they got on their costumes. Everyone knew what they were. "We're the three best friends and the 'Three Musketeers,'" they said.

The End.



The "Three Musketeers" by **Maria B. age 9**



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