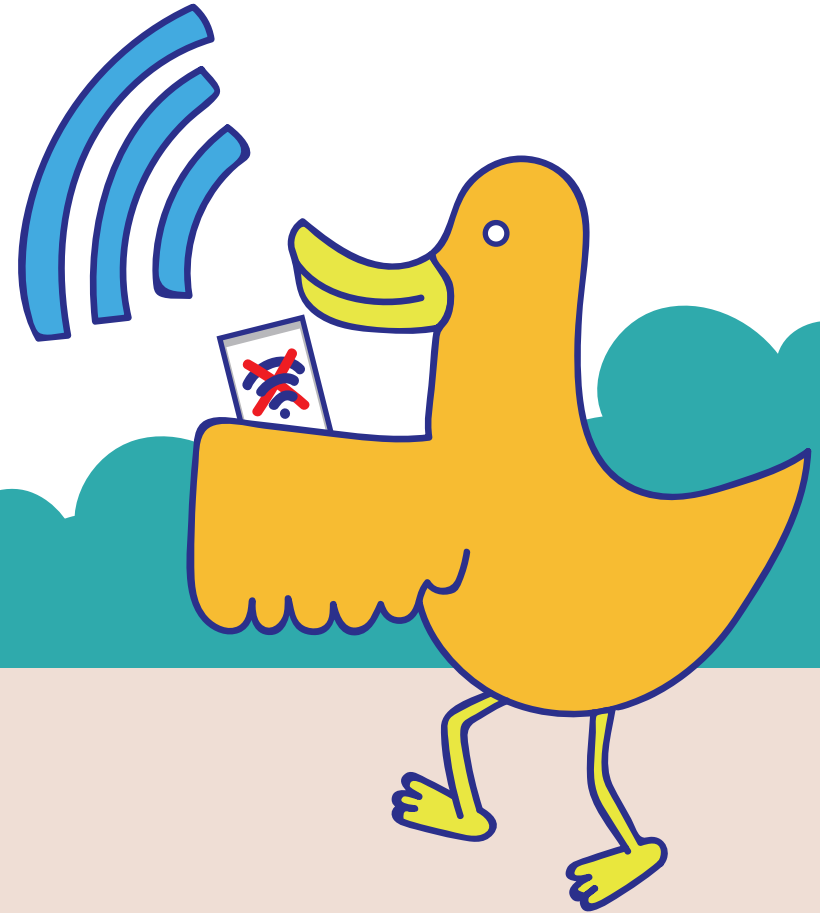


"This book brings a message of intentional living in a story that kids will love.

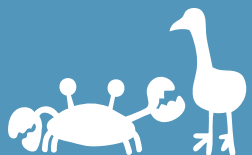
As Larry discovers what matters most to him, you'll likely have some epiphanies of your own."

— Anthony Ongaro
author of **Break the Twitch**

Larry Looks for Wi-Fi



by Tom Q Johnson



Crab and Egret
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There once was a little orange duck named Larry who lived on a beautiful pond filled with many creatures.



Every morning Larry woke up and grabbed his phone to read the news, check in on social media, and play a few rounds of Bubble Crush.

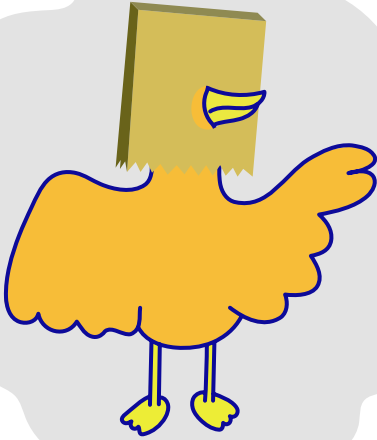


but this morning, Larry had a problem...

I don't have Wi-Fi!

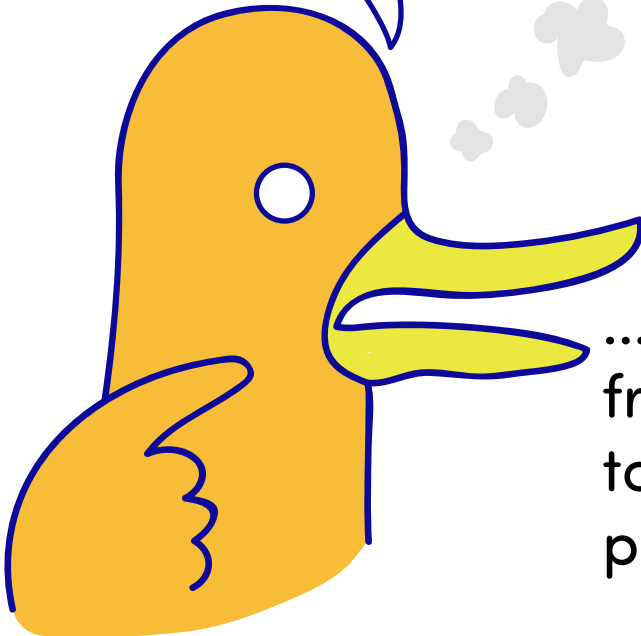
...quacked Larry, as he spilled his coffee in panic.





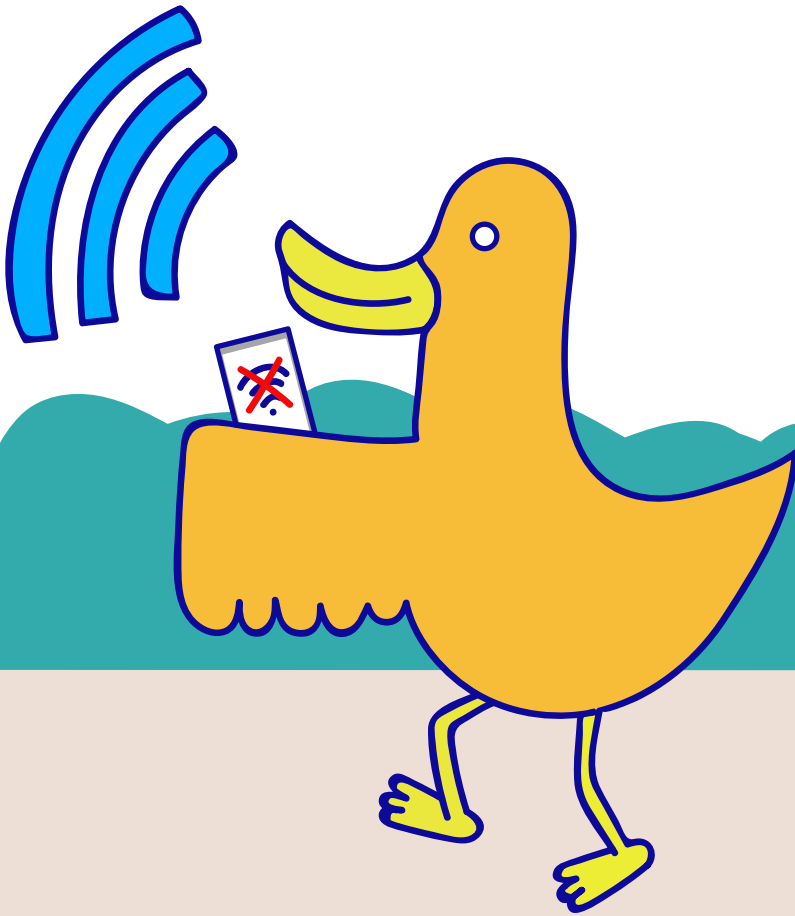
How will I be connected to the world outside of my little pond?

I wanted to email Lucy and plan a bike trip, but now I can't!

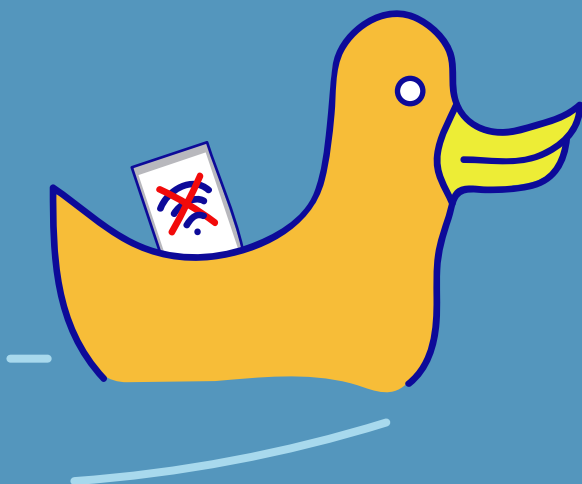


...cried Larry, fretting aloud to no one in particular.

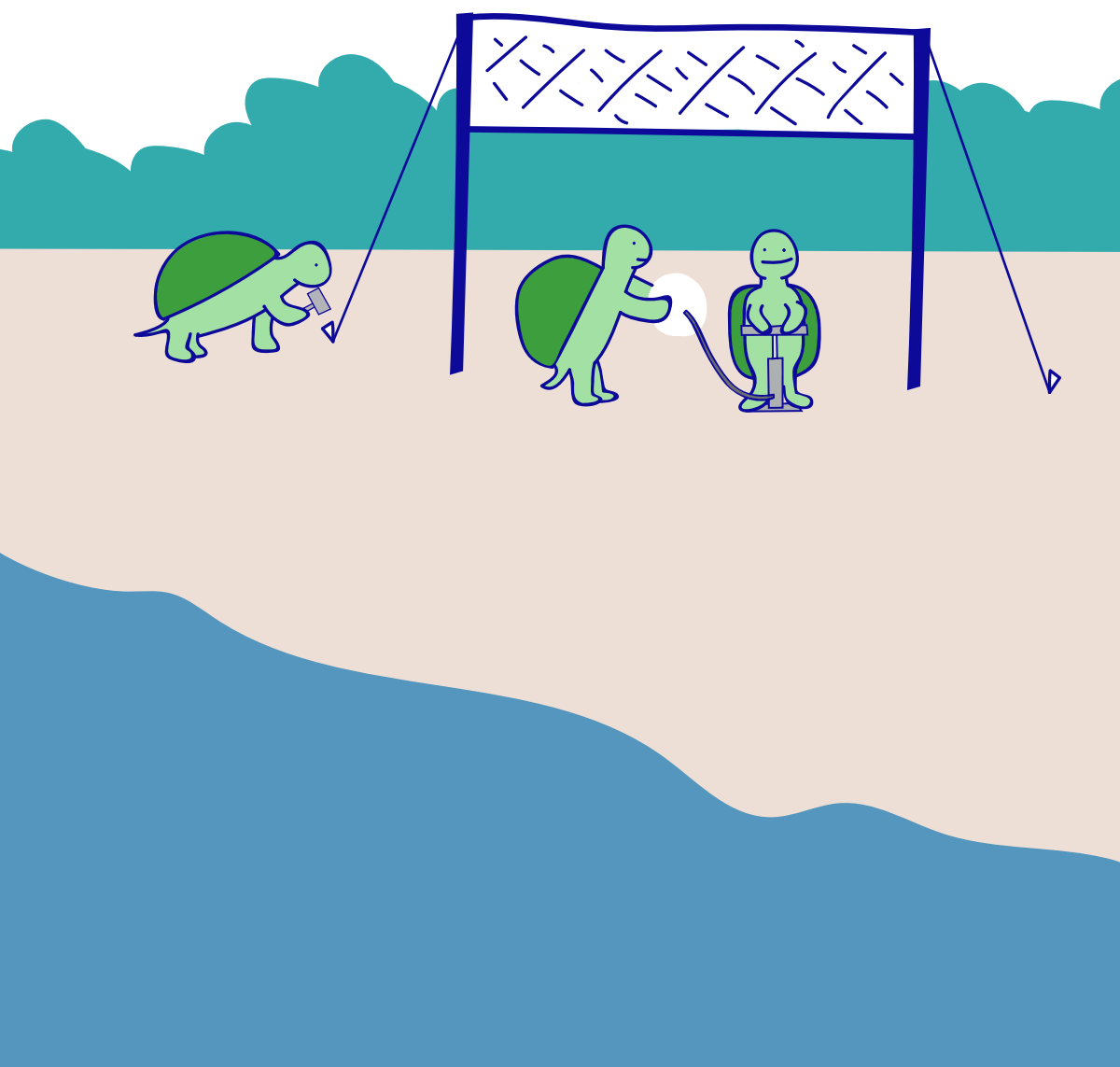
And so, resolving to spend the day not being BORED and UNCOOL, Larry set off to find an Internet connection for his little phone.



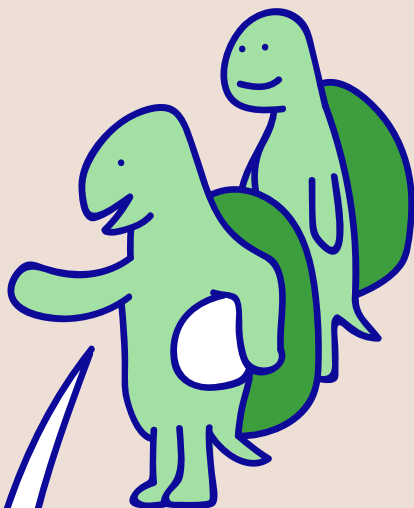
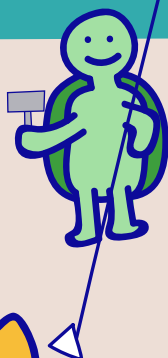
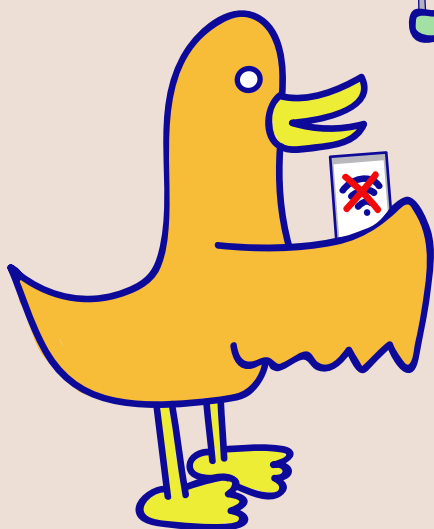
A few strong paddles across the pond later, Larry came across a squad of turtles setting up a game of beach volleyball.



Larry swam a little closer
and called out to the turtles.

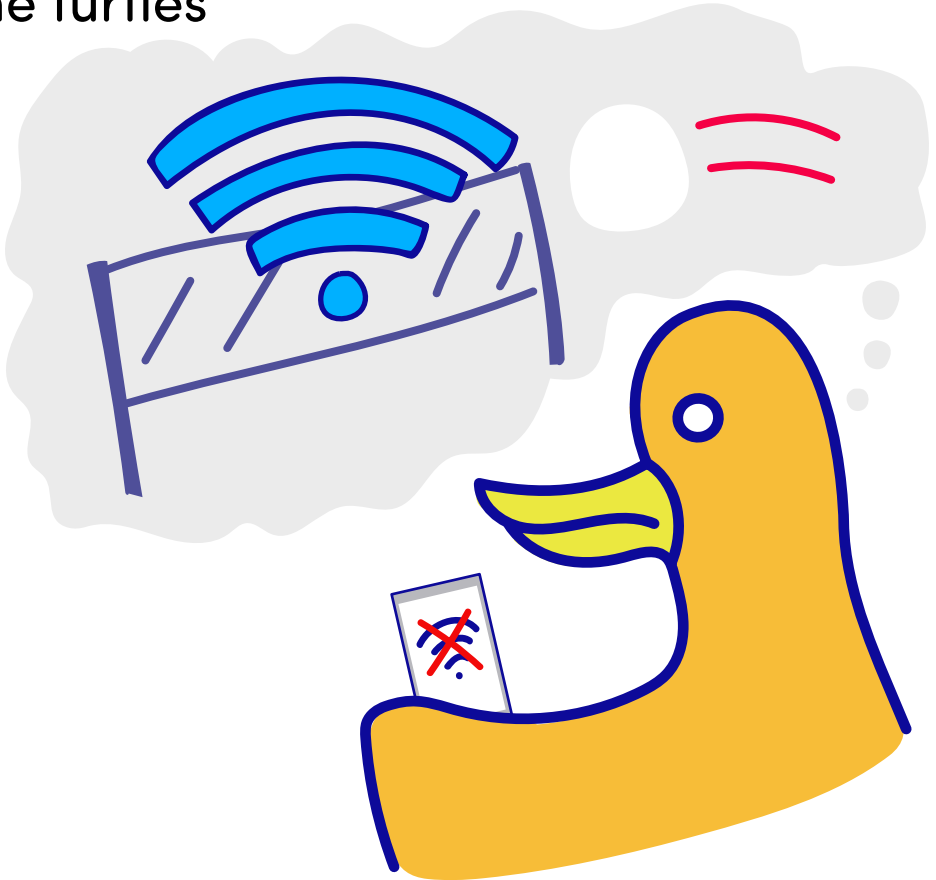


Hey Fellas! You don't happen to know if there's a Wi-Fi signal around these parts I could use?

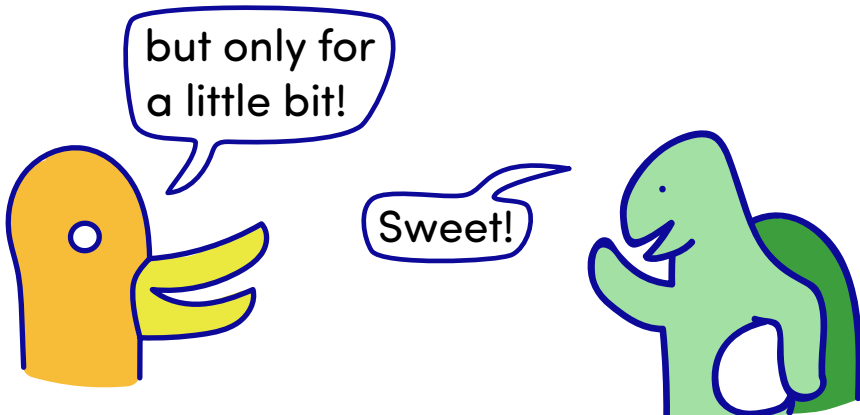


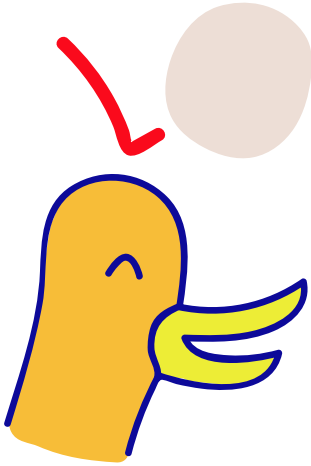
Sorry, Larry. There's no Wi-Fi here, but we are looking for a fourth if you want to ball with us!

Larry thought about taking a break from his search to play volleyball with the turtles



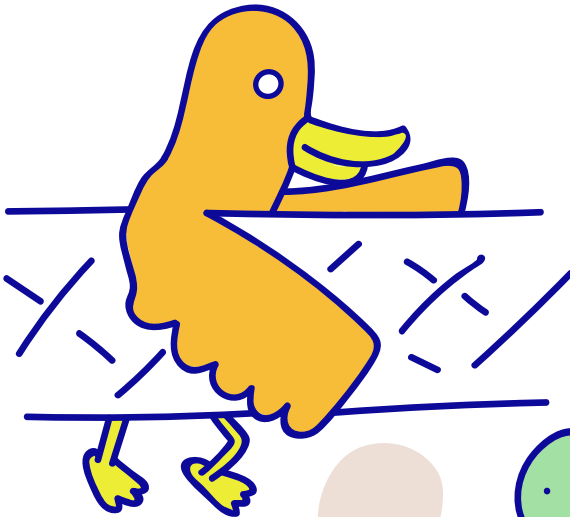
After a couple of minutes, Larry decided to stop and play.



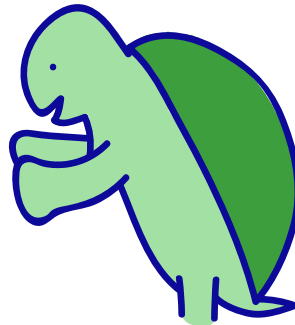


Larry
bumped!

Larry
set!

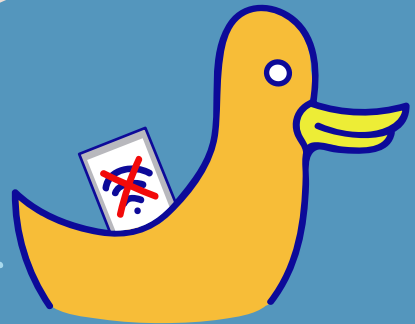
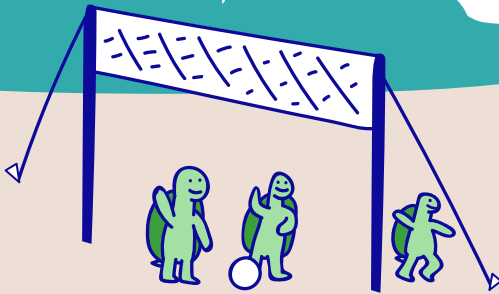


Larry
spiked!



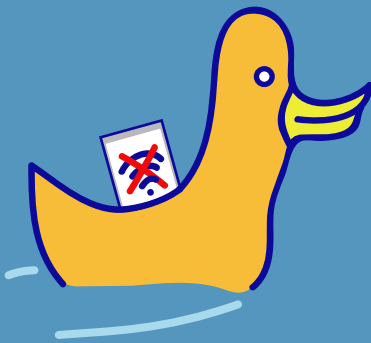
Many sets later, Larry decided he had better resume his search.

So long, Turtles! My friends on the 'net must be looking for me. I've got to keep moving to find that Wi-Fi.



Goodbye, Larry! Come by anytime if you want to play again!

And so Larry continued his search a bit farther along the shore until he came across a group of gophers working in their garden.



Hey, Friends! Does your garden happen to have a wireless router I could get the code for?

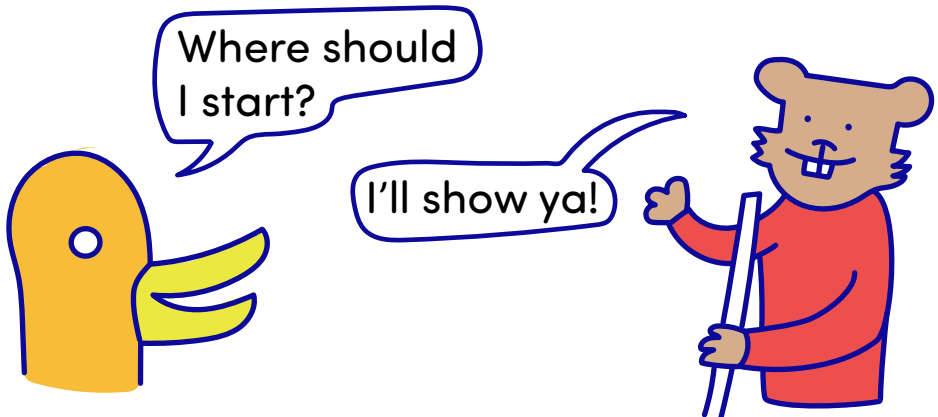


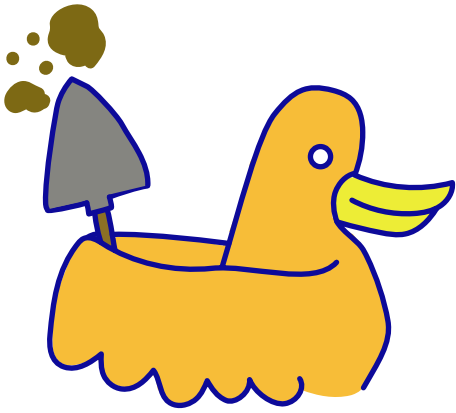
Eh, sorry bud. No router here, but if you help us with the garden we'll be happy to feed you some lunch!

Larry thought about taking a break from his search to do a bit of gardening with the gophers



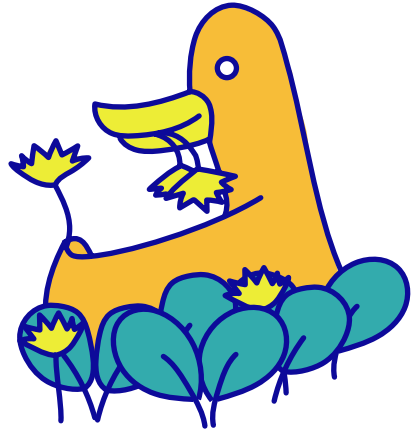
After about half a minute, Larry decided to stop and play.





Larry dug!

Larry weeded!



Nice work!



Larry sewed some seeds!

And after a morning of hard work, Larry indulged his mean appetite with the friendly gophers.



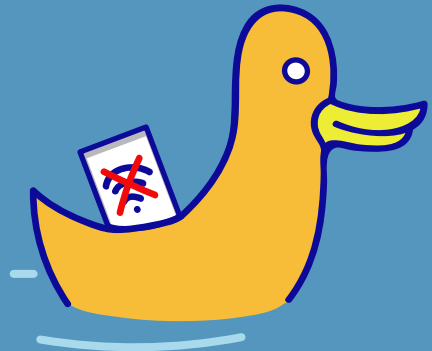
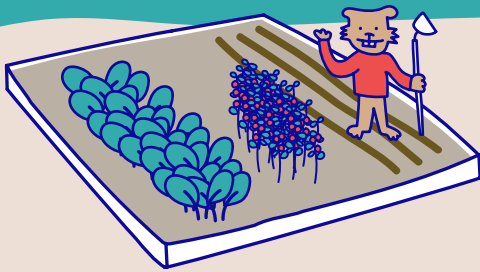
Yum!

Thank you, Larry!
You helped a lot
today!

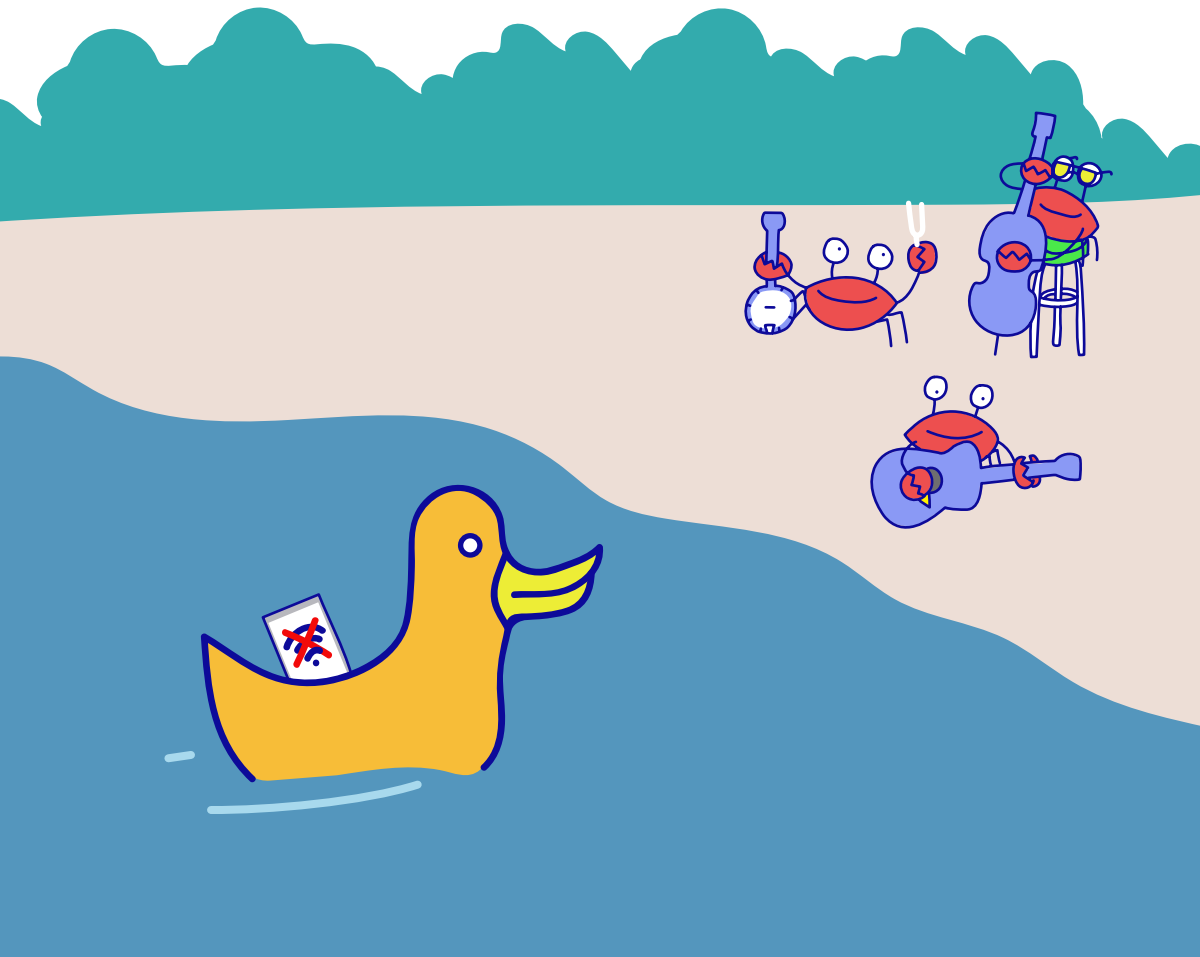
Woo!

After lunch, Larry bid goodbye and kept moving.

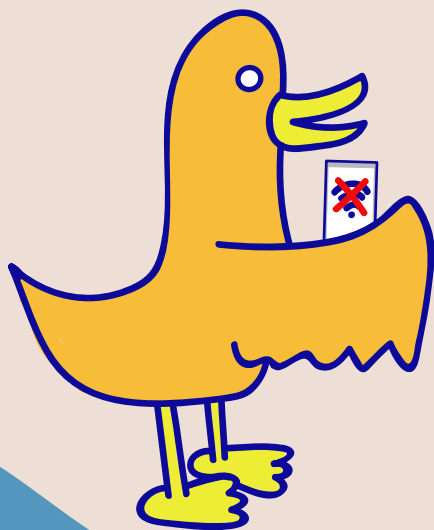
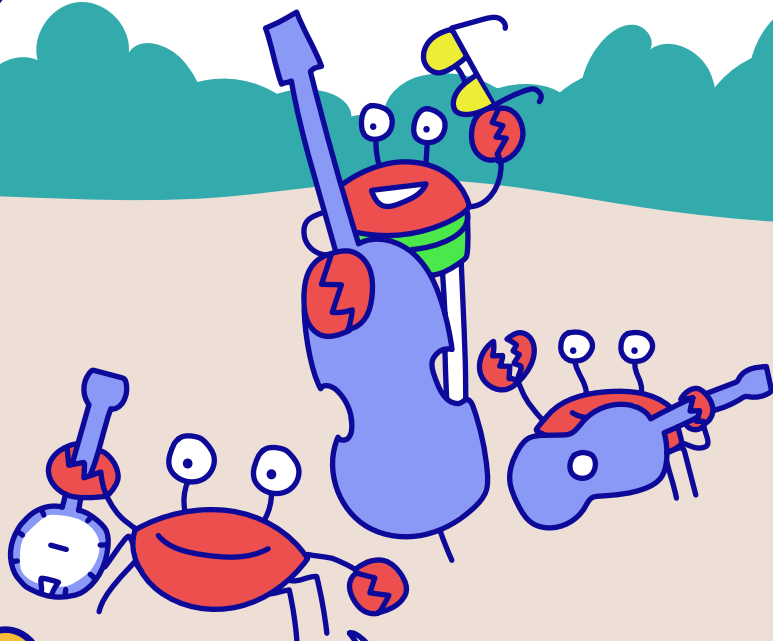
Goodbye, Larry! You're welcome back anytime!



Full after his delicious meal with the gophers, Larry paddled slightly more slowly down the shore until he heard the sounds of some crabs tuning their banjos on the beach.



Hey, Crabs! I'm looking for some Wi-Fi... but heck it doesn't matter right now. Those banjos sure look fun!

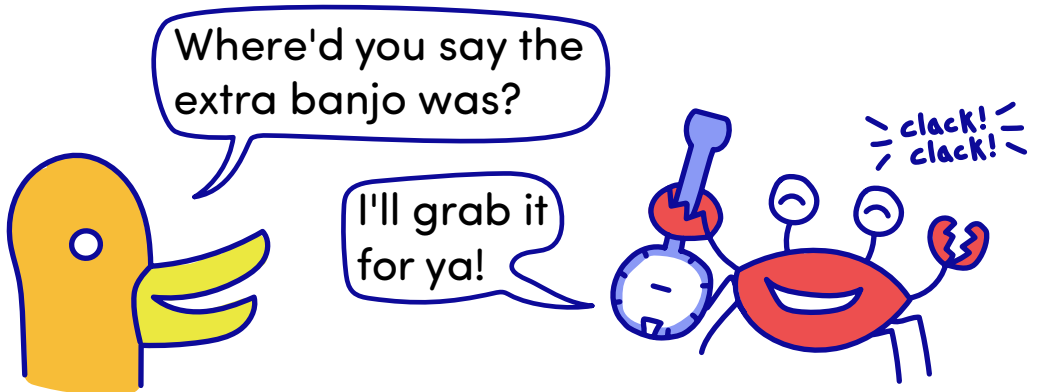


They sure are! We've got an extra too if you'd like to join the jubilee!

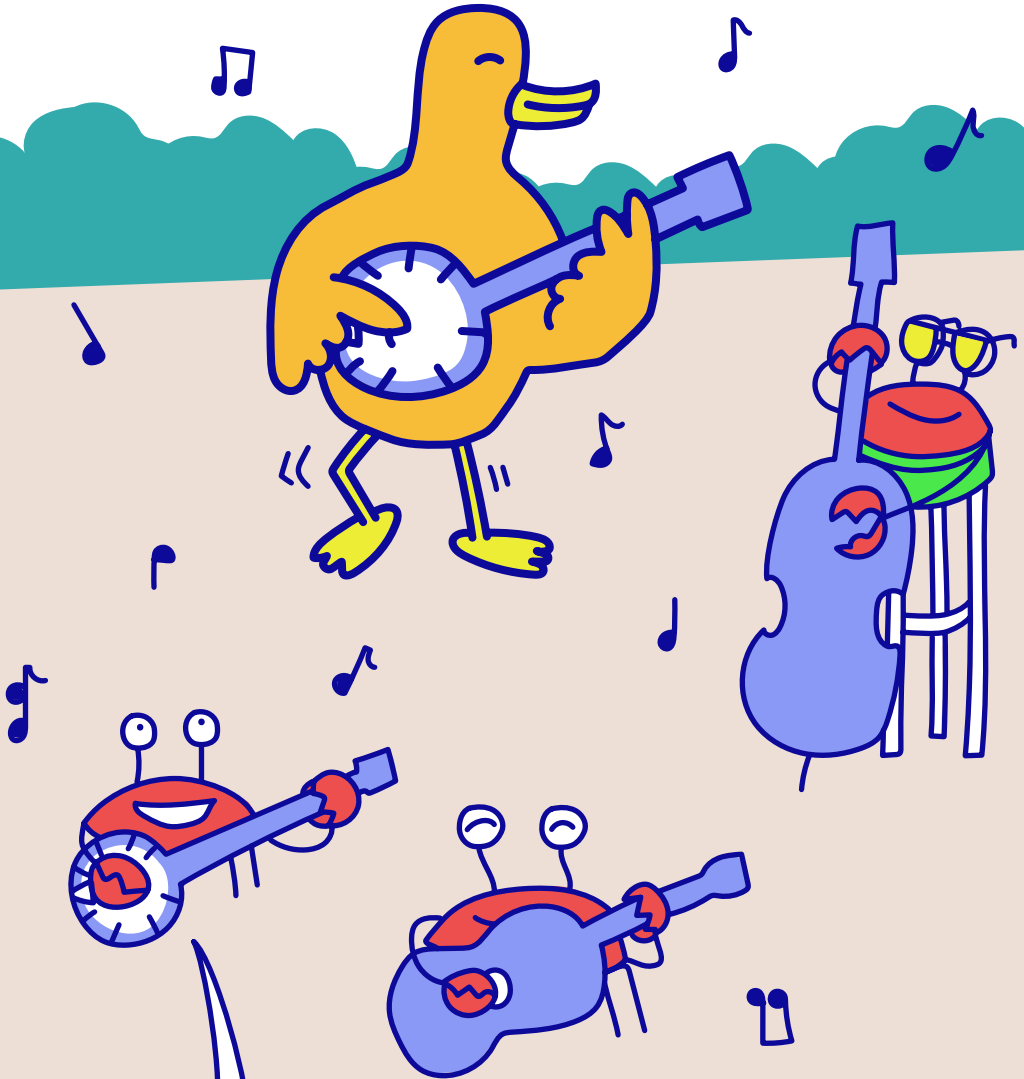
Larry thought about taking a break from his search to jam with the crabs



After just a few seconds, Larry decided to stop and play.



So Larry stashed his phone in the bushes and had a good, long jam with the crabs.



Shred it, Larry!

After the last encore, Larry reluctantly decided it was time to keep on moving on.

Come back again soon, Larry!

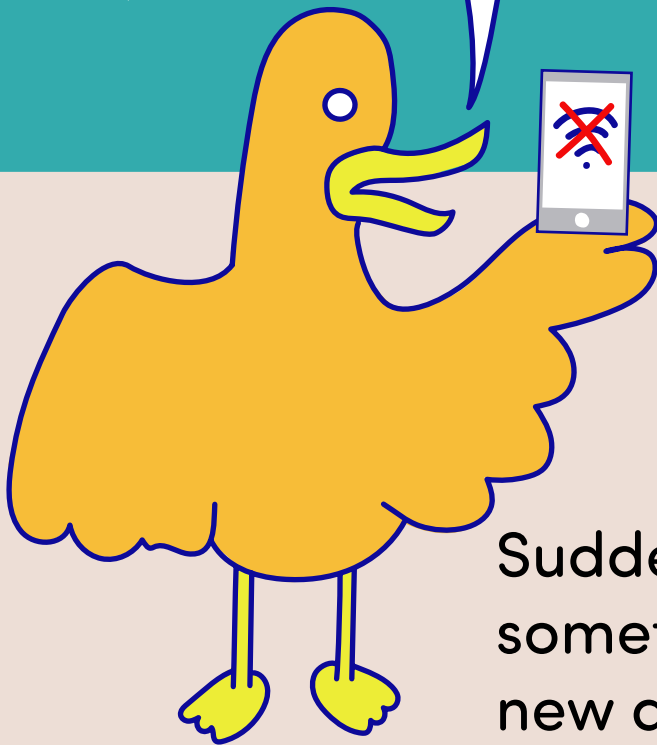


As Larry walked along,
still humming the crab's happy
tune, he almost almost ran right
into his friend Lucy hanging out
under her tree.

Heya Larry! How
was your day?



Oh it was horrible! I kept trying to find Wi-Fi all over the lake but no one had it, and I got sidetracked playing volleyball with some turtles and then the gophers gave me some lunch, and I just got done jamming with some turtles...



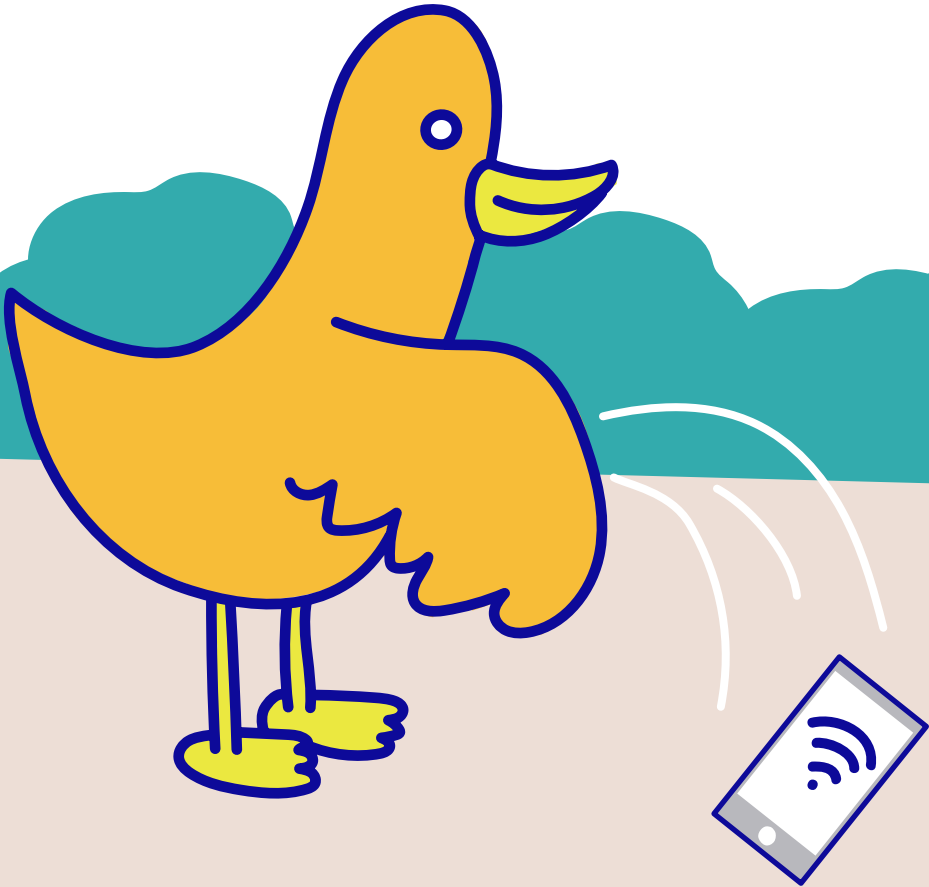
Suddenly something new dawned on Larry...



Wait a sec - I had a pretty great day!

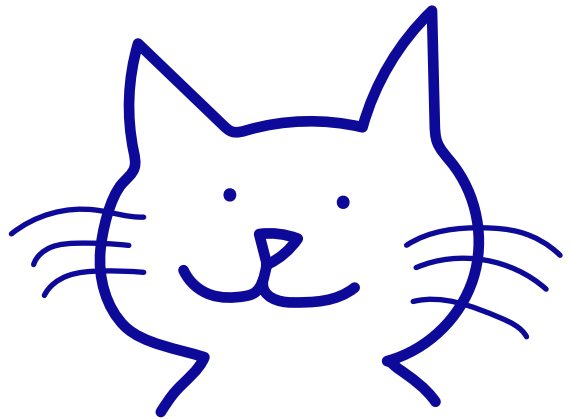
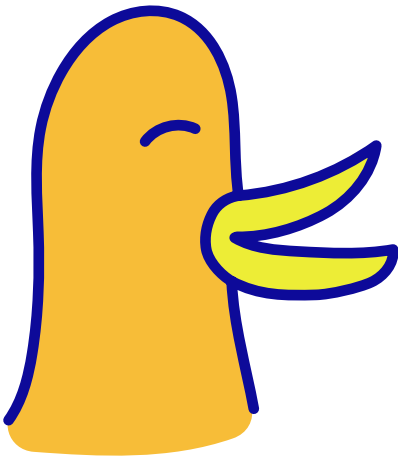
That's good to hear! My tree has a Wi-Fi connection if you're still looking for one. Feel free to hang out and use it if want to do that before riding bikes.

This time, Larry spent zero point zero seconds thinking about joining Lucy on a bike ride.



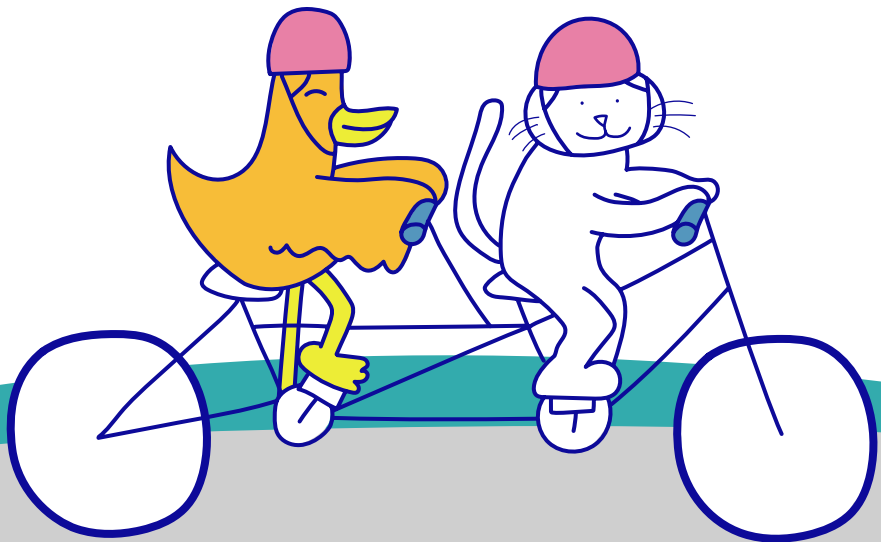
He tossed down his newly connected Wi-Fi phone and said...

Heck no,
let's ride
bikes now!



Sa-weet! I'll get
the helmets!

And the two friends went biking and talked about all of the things they'd do together tomorrow.



The End!

