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Once I Was Rich

True Confessions of a Nine-Year-Old Big Spender

Oishi Peso-Smart Kids Series



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A week ago I was rich,

and I had lots of MONEY.



I had a thousand pesos, to be exact.
Got it for my birthday.

300 from Mommy and Daddy

200 from Lolo and Lola

100 from Tito Jake



200 from Ninong Tim and Tita Pia

100 from Tita Pammy and her boyfriend Tito Carlo

100 from Ate Kat, Kuya JR and Lexa



But where did it ALL go?


TODAY
ONLY
SALE
TOY
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The toy store had a HUGE sale. That's where the problem started.



I couldn't make up my mind who was better -- Rock Titan or Professor Shadow. So I got both.

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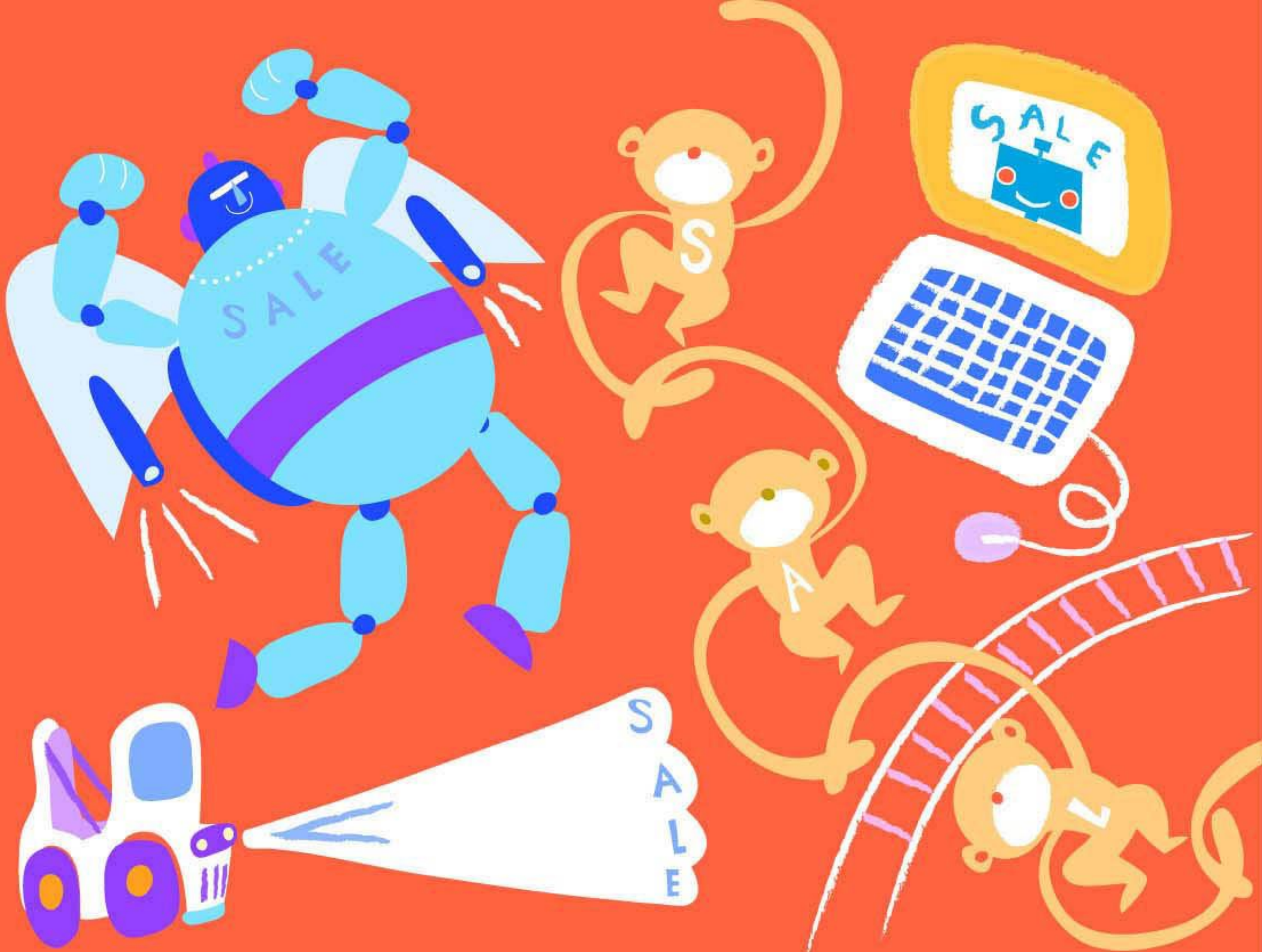
Then I saw the Magician's Kit, at 20% discount!
It sure looks exciting!

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This white kite is so cool! But hey, why not the blue, red, green, and yellow ones, too?


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Going around the store, it seemed that the more I spent, the more I saved.



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Whoa!

40% OFF

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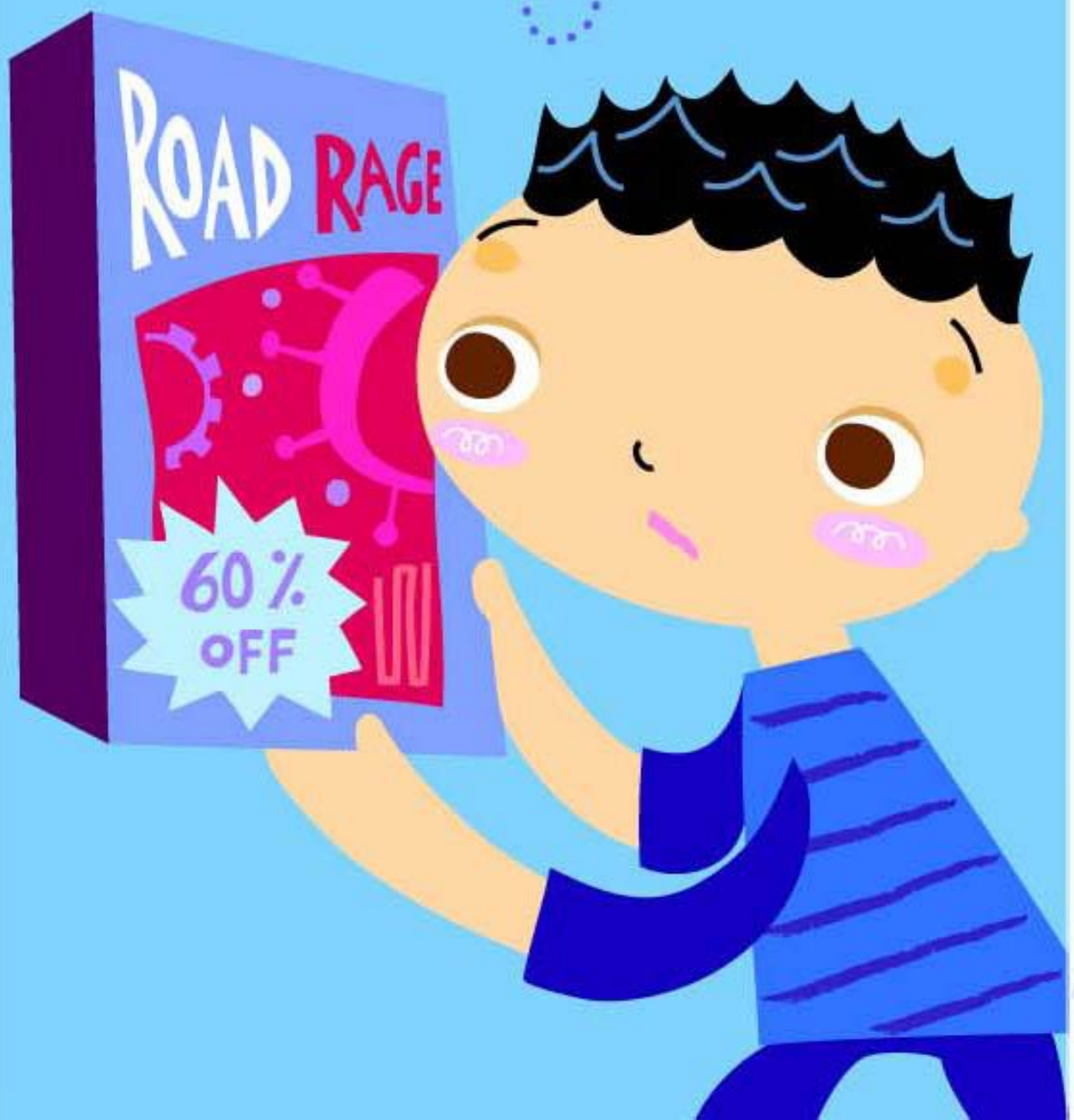
Great!

Only P50 per canister of Radioactive Martian Slime!

50% OFF!
Buy 1 for 100,
and Take 1
FREE!

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It's the last piece!
It might not be on sale next time,
or somebody else might get it.
But, what exactly is Road Rage
all about?



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I only pay 30% of the original value,
imagine! But I already have one.
Hmm, I can always give it
to Joshua if I change my mind.




TOTAL
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Just like that, all my money was all gone. All in one afternoon.

	no. of pieces	unit price	discount	price net of discount	subtotal
Rock Titan	1	100	10%	90	P 90.00
Professor Shadow	1	115	10%	103.5	P 103.50
Abracadabra Jr Magician's Set	1	250	20%	200	P 200.00
Kite - White	1	55	30%	38.5	P 38.50
Kite - Blue	1	55	30%	38.5	P 38.50
Kite - Red	1	55	30%	38.5	P 38.50
Kite - Green	1	55	30%	38.5	P 38.50
Kite - Yellow	1	55	30%	38.5	P 38.50
Rubber Reptile Set	1	200	40%	120	P120.00
Radioactive Martian Slime	2	150	50%	75	P150.00
Road Rage	1	180	60%	72	P 72.00
Troy Valiant	4	60	70%	18	P 72.00
TOTAL					P 1000.00

For a day I knew how it was to be rich,





and just as quickly I went back to being poor again.

I bought all the toys I wanted in the store. But, why do they seem different now?



Why don't I feel as happy as I thought I would be?



Did I really save because of the discounts?







Now I know better.
Only too late I realized that I would have felt better
if I left some money in my wallet.

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