

The Super Grow Machine

Chapter I

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“Hey Shrimp, I see you haven’t gotten any taller,” Duke yelled from the other side of the road. Duke and two other boys from Steve’s third grade class were throwing acorns across the street, just missing their targets.

Miranda and Steve walked away quickly, ducking to avoid flying acorns. Steve had a huge backpack hanging off one shoulder. His jeans hung limply from his waist, looking at least two sizes too big for him. His t-shirt, also baggy, was stretched out at the neck from today’s fight with Duke. His chestnut brown hair hung straight around his head from under his green cap and over his right eye. Steve had always been small but very smart for his age. It had never mattered until he started the third grade.

Steve stopped suddenly and turned to face his best friend Miranda. “I’ve got a great idea.” A cheery, toothy grin burst forth from a dimpled, freckled, bright-eyed face beneath his green baseball cap. “If I want to get bigger and taller, I’ll just have to take drastic measures. I can make a Super Grow Machine! In Science Club, I read about making something like it.”

“A what?” Miranda asked. Miranda laughed, her green eyes shining with mischief, “How do you do that?”



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“Well, my Dad has lots of gadgets and parts in the garage. I saw some pieces that might work. Let’s go,” he shouted excitedly as he started running towards his house.

“Hey, wait for me,” Miranda cried as she ran after him.

Steve reached the garage first and flung the side door open. He threw his backpack in a heap on the floor and rushed to the workbench.

“Let’s try this,” he said as he hauled a large motor up onto the workbench.

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