

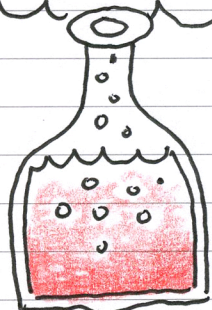
GREETINGS!

FROM the desert! My family and i live in ARIZONA. There are cacti, lots of desert critters and some great hiking and biking trails all around us. It gets pretty hot here though. As in "NO MERCY!" kind of hot. A few years ago it got up to 117° degrees for our daughter's birthday pool party!! Luckily, nobody burst in flames. That would have been a party downer.



My Scientific
breakdown looks
like this:

55% water
13% OREOS
8% CARTOONS
12% books
2% dirt
5% trail mix
14% art stuff



that adds up
to 109%. ME.
That sounds
about right.

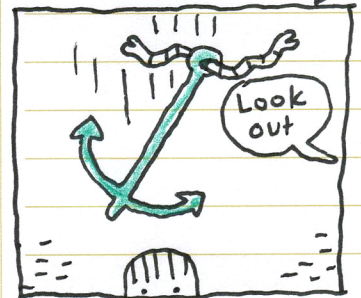
So, when I am not hiking,
biking or exploring I create
lots of FUN artwork. It's a
cool job because i get paid
to do the kind of goofy art
I would do even if I didn't
get paid. It's a win-win!

I have loved drawing for as
long as i can remember.
I used to draw and copy lots
of my favorite comic book
characters. And then i used
to make up my own
characters.

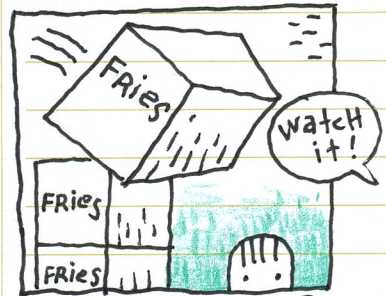
I was hardly **EVER** the
best artist in my class but
i loved art and kept at it.
So i drew and drew
and drew.

Odd But True

4 things that
have fallen
on my head!



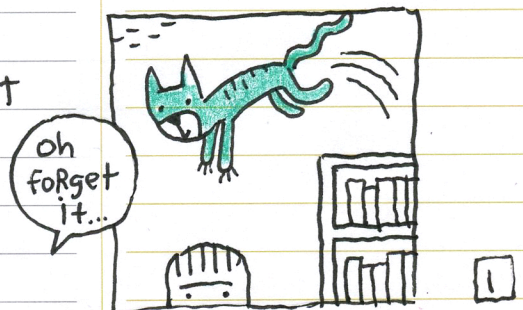
AN ANCHOR



A large box of
Frozen french fries



A tree limb



A bookstore cat

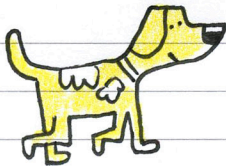
Things that are **AWESOME**



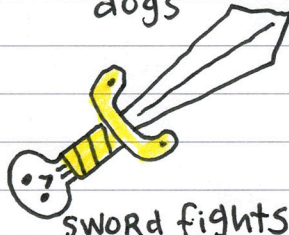
Godzilla



egg burritos



dogs



sword fights



coffee

What do you
think is awesome?

I figure we artists have a **LOT** of bad art inside of us that we need to get out on paper before we start doing some pretty good art. It's fun when some of that pretty good art starts showing up. Remember, if you get frustrated when you draw — HANG IN THERE! You'll eventually get to the good stuff.

Now I do Lots of art for Lots of books, magazines and games. IN TRUDI TRUEIT'S SECRETS OF A LAB RAT series I got to draw Scab and his friends. FOR DAN GUTMAN'S MY WEIRD SCHOOL series I get to draw A.J. and His pals. A FUN way to spend the day.

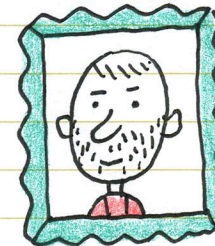
I hope you have a rock'em, sock 'em Summer! Full of adventure, skinned knees, good books, clothes with grass stains, tree house building and lemonade! Please check those off your summer checklist as they occur and you may be crowned "The Magnificent Undefeated Ruler of Summer"! If that does happen — and I cannot promise it will — please have your loyal minions send down some lemonade. It gets hot here!

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TRUDI TRUEIT



DAN GUTMAN



YOUR PEN PAL,
JIM PAILOT