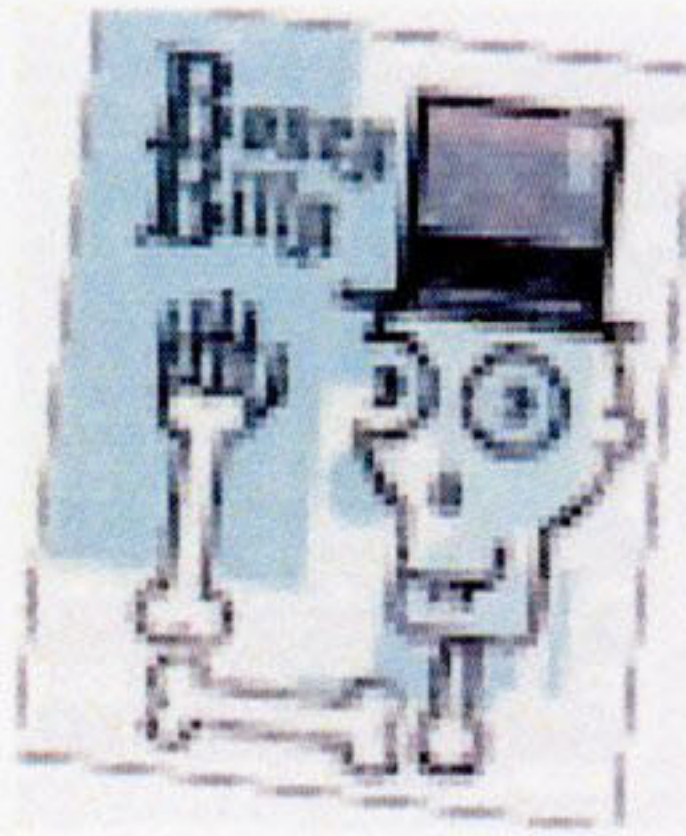


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BONEY BILLY

One day, while trying to escape from mean ole Comet Morehouse, Erbert and Gerbert took refuge in a dark and mysterious house. Once inside, they tried to light some candles, but each time they lit one, another flickered and went out. As they ran around in the darkness trying to light all the candles, they heard the laughter. First a low, evil chuckle. Then a screechy cackle. Then a no-good guffaw. The laughter got closer. And louder. And just when the boys thought they were doomed, a closet door opened and a boney hand pulled them out of danger. It was Boney Billy, a happy-go-lucky skeleton, who saved them from the freaky ghouls. And so the boys learned yet another valuable lesson: It's not always a bad thing to have a skeleton in the closet.



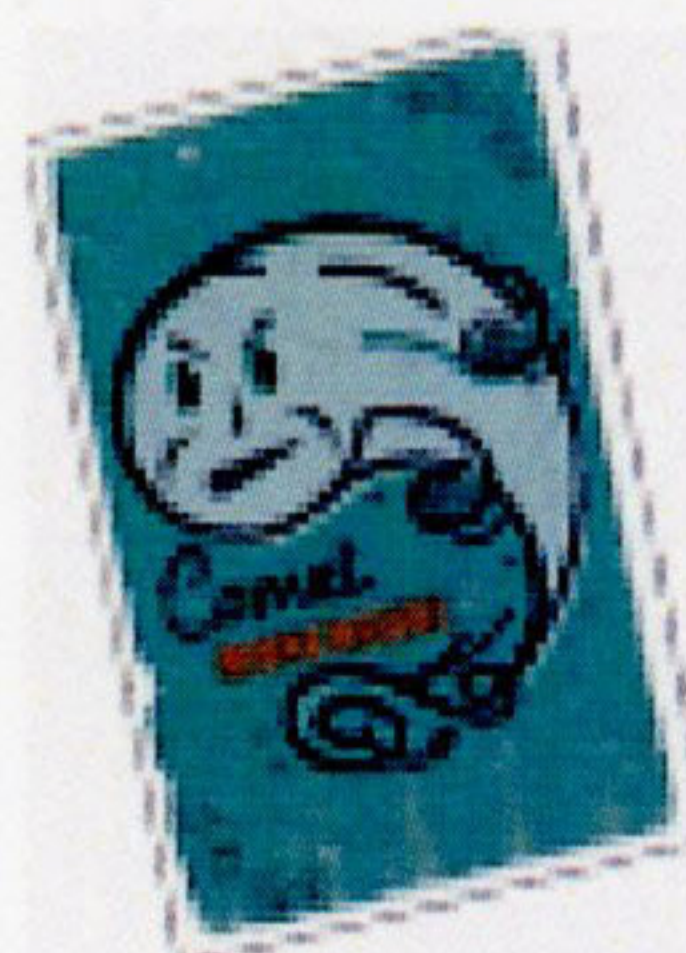
BORNK

Erbert & Gerbert traveled back to prehistoric northern Spain where they met a young cave boy. He didn't have a name, so the boys called him Bornk because any time a prowling animal came near his cave, he BOORRRRRNNK-ed them on the head with his club. Because of Bornk's brutish behavior, grunty language and shabby animal skin attire, the boys felt ever-so-slightly superior to their primitive pal. Until one day, when Bornk lit a torch and took them deep into the belly of a cave. He took some grease out of his pouch and smeared it on the wall. Then, he blew a powdered concoction through an animal bone onto the grease. When he finished, the boys were amazed to see the painting of a bison staring back at them in the flickering torchlight. It was a masterpiece. And it taught the boys a valuable lesson: Never judge a Bornk by his cover.



HALLEYS COMET

Halley's Comet, though permitted officially to visit the earth only every 76 years, was given a special assignment to find two children on Earth and to teach them the marvels of history and the universe. And of course he picked Erbert and Gerbert Herbert. In their many travels with Halley's, riding upon his back on a double saddle designed just for them, the boys discovered that he possesses many powers and abilities of which scientists are totally unaware. The most wonderful of all these powers is that by using his speed in some strange and mysterious way, he is able to take the boys traveling through space and time. And while he doesn't always show up right away, Erbert and Gerbert always know that he will save the day whenever the day needs saving. And so, through Halley's Comet, Erbert and Gerbert have learned their greatest lesson: The most powerful force in the entire universe is trust.



COMET MOREHOUSE

Every story has a good guy and a bad guy. This is our story's bad guy. Although he was only discovered by earthlings in 1908, Comet Morehouse has been prowling about the universe causing mischief for centuries. Many eons ago, Morehouse was taken over by demons from the lower regions and is filled with the terrible strength of badness. He is, therefore, a power dedicated to causing harm and fostering evil whenever and wherever he can. And because he hates the very idea of comet human friendships, Morehouse hates Erbert and Gerbert most of all. He always tries to cause them harm whenever Halley's is away on another mission. But he always fails because Halley's comes back to save the day just in time!



COMET CANDY

Comet Candy is an old friend of Halleys', but has only been seen once by scientists on earth. The boys met Comet Candy when they were visiting Venus. As you know, the temperature on Venus is extremely high, and human beings normally wouldn't survive there. But as a favor to Halleys, Comet Candy (a very cool lady indeed) let Erbert and Gerbert view the steaming planet from her tail. Because her tail is made primarily of slushy ice crystals, the boys were able to stay cool so that they could view the wonders of the clouds of Venus. But, even while gazing at the planet named after the most beautiful goddess in all of mythology, Erbert and Gerbert agreed that Comet Candy was actually the fairest celestial body of all. And so they discovered another valuable lesson: Beauty is more than slush deep.



FLASH

The Herbert family owned a very special small family sedan named Flash. One day, a group of wicked henchmen, employed by Comet Morehouse, carnapped Flash. They sent a ransom note that threatened to turn Flash into scrap unless Halleys Comet left the solar system. Since the carnappers were as dumb as they were dangerous, they never buckled their seat belts, and Halleys Comet was able to home in on Flash's seat belt warning beeps and rescue him. And the carnappers? Halleys surrounded them with a twenty-foot-high fence of ice crystals and then tied them up with, what else, seat belts. And Flash lived to drive another day.



GIRF

One day, on a lark, Erbert and Gerbert decided to go to one of Saturn's moons, Titan, to see what it was like on the only moon in the solar system known to have an atmosphere. When they got there, they met Girf. Now Girf is not a normal boy's name, but then again, Girf wasn't really a normal boy. Because the surface of Titan is mostly frozen methane, Girf had mutated to develop long, sharp blade like appendages that actually look like sled runners. So, wherever he went, he made the noise GRRRFFF, GRRRFFF and GRRRFFF—which sounds funny, but is serious business when you're trying to get around a moon that's coated with frozen methane. And so, once again, the boys learned an interesting lesson: Sometimes what seems like a weird mutation is actually a very clever adaptation.



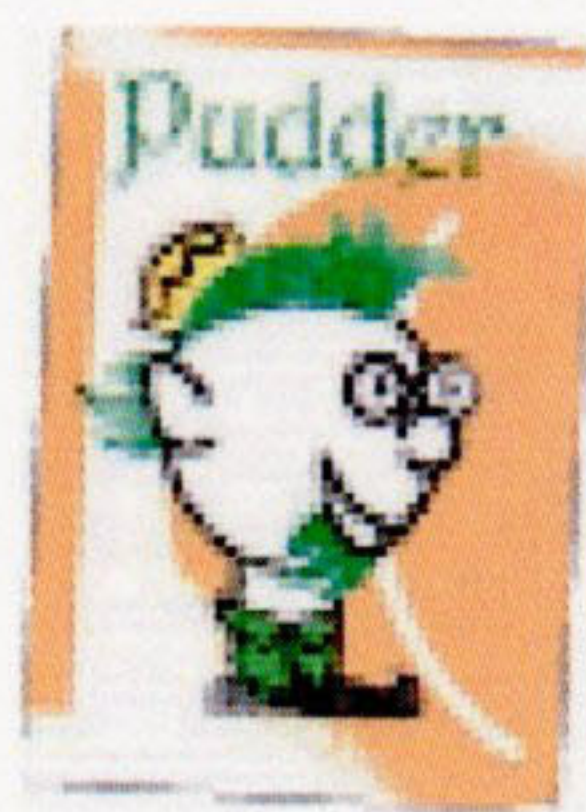
JACOB BLUEFINGER

During a time-traveling trek back to July 3, 1776, Erbert and Gerbert learned that the biggest threat to our fledgling nation wasn't the British, but a certain evil comet. You see, just as all of the Continental Congressmen were about to put their John Hancocks on the Declaration of Independence, evil Comet Morehouse, who hated life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, swooped in and tried to burn it right up. Luckily for all of us, Jacob Bluefinger, the inkwell-fillerupper at Independence Hall, grabbed the document and handed it off to an eagle, who soared up into the sky, putting out the fire and saving the Declaration for future generations. And while young Jacob may have become a forgotten historical footnote, the heroic eagle became our national symbol.



NARMER

One time, Erbert and Gerbert traveled way, way back 5,000 years to ancient Egypt where they met Narmer, the official duster of the Great Pyramid at Giza. Narmer was in charge of polishing its many treasures, so he took the boys down into the Pharaoh Cheops tomb to see them. There they saw some stupendous sights—everything from statues carved from pure gold to jewels of every color imaginable. When they emerged from the tomb, Comet Morehouse was up to his old fireballing tricks and chased them up to the top of the pyramid. But Narmer knew of a secret entrance in the back, so they all slid down to safety. Unfortunately, the damage to the pyramid was done. What was once a gleaming limestone surface that made the pyramid glow from hundreds of miles away was gone, except for the very tip. And that's why, to this day, the pyramids have their original coating only at the very top.



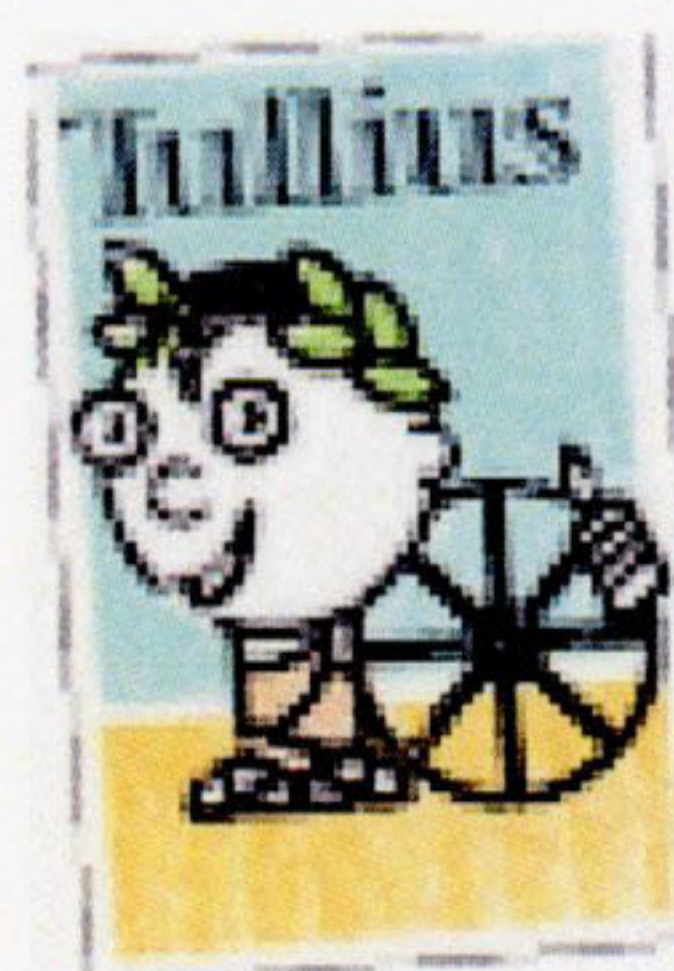
PUDDER

One Halloween, Erbert and Gerbert were visiting a friend's farm when Comet Morehouse spotted them and attacked. As Morehouse backed them into a corner, the boys heard a muffled voice saying something that sounded like, "Hide here, hide here!" They looked around, but all they could see was a giant pumpkin. There was no place else to go, so they burrowed under the pumpkin and stayed put, out of sight, until Morehouse gave up and went back into space. When all was clear, they knocked on the giant pumpkin. Much to their surprise, it responded with, "Hello!" They found a little leprechaun named Pudder who lived inside the giant pumpkin. When the boys thanked him for helping them hide, he granted them three wishes, which is customary when you find a leprechaun in a pumpkin. That day, the boys learned two things: Good things come in little packages, AND, sometimes, little things (like Pudder) come in big packages (like pumpkins).



TAPPY

On a visit to the north pole, Erbert and Gerbert discovered the answer to one of the world's oldest mysteries: How does Santa Claus fit all of those toys into a single sleigh on Christmas Eve? On this visit, they met Tappy, one of Santa's helpers and the keeper of Santa's secret. Tappy originally received his nickname because many centuries ago, his job was to tap the red stripe into the candy canes. But now, on Christmas Eve, as all the toys pass down a conveyor belt, Tappy puts a single grain of "little dust" on each one, which makes the toy almost microscopic. Santa then piles all of the millions of toys into his bag and takes off. Then, just before he puts a toy under the Christmas tree or into a stocking, Santa places one grain of "big dust" on that toy, thus restoring it to its original size. And that's how Erbert and Gerbert discovered Santa's own "little" secret.



TULLIUS

In one of their travels through time, the boys visited Pompeii as it was in 79 A.D. During that trip, they met Tullius, a nine year-old Roman boy who worked in his father's chariot repair shop. Unbeknownst to his father, Tullius was working on a chariot of his own that—if he succeeded—would be the fastest ever built. As he was showing his secret, superfast chariot to the boys, Comet Morehouse swooped and tried to capture Erbert and Gerbert. He failed to kidnap them, but in the process, flew too close to Mount Vesuvius and caused the volcano to erupt and totally destroy Pompeii. Luckily, the boys were saved when Tullius bravely outran the lava flow with his swift chariot. The whole experience taught the boys a

valuable lesson: When faced with insurmountable danger, sometimes the bravest and smartest thing to do is run away.

SPARTAN

After battling the Persians, Erbert and Gerbert spent some time in ancient Greece hanging out with the Spartans. Though the boys finally decided to return to modern times rather than enter into Spartan military training, they now honor their Spartan pals with a new sandwich: The Spartan. They've even adorned the sandwich with Peppadew Mustard Sauce, a curiously fantastic condiment featuring the newly discovered South African sweet and spicy peppadew fruit.

QUATRO

Shortcake, miniature alien and avid painter of autumn leaves, decided one day to take Erbert and Gerbert to his homeland of Quatro, the fourth planet of Alpha Centauri. Erbert and Gerbert were amazed at what they saw there – billions of tiny Quatrainians, painting everything in sight in bright, beautiful colors. The boys were so impressed with their visit to Quatro that we've named a new sandwich the Quatro and decorated it with Cranberry Wasabi Sauce. The boys plan to deliver some of the sandwiches to Quatro, where they figure one sandwich could feed about 50 Quatrainians. Titan One of Saturn's moons is known to have atmosphere, such moon is TITAN. This why Erbert & Gerbert decided to visit this curious moon, which's surface is covered with frozen methane. TITAN is where Erbert & Gerbert encountered their friend Girf.

ERUPTER

Erbert and Gerbert are no strangers to time travel, so they weren't surprised to find themselves in the Old Wild West. What did surprise them, however, is when a bison, named Erupter approached them in the streets of Tombstone to ask a question. "Excuse me, fellas," said Erupter. "I wonder if you can tell me why folks in your time call chicken sandwiches 'Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches.' Is it buffalo? Or is it chicken?" The boys didn't know, so they told the friendly bison they'd race back to the present and find the answer. Turns out the name comes from the city of Buffalo, NY, where the tasty hot sauce was first mastered. Catching a ride on Halley's Comet back to the Old Wild West, the boys were happy to find their bison friend right where they left him, and even happier to explain to him that Buffalo chicken is really just chicken with hot sauce. Erupter laughed when he heard this and said, "Well, maybe you boys should make a Buffalo chicken sandwich and name it after me!" And that's just what Erbert and Gerbert did, concocting a tasty blend of chicken, kickin' hot sauce, and tasty cool blue cheese. They even brought one back to the Old Wild West for Erupter, and he said he'd never had a better sandwich (or heard of one with a better name!).

APOLLO

During a trip back to ancient Greece, Halley's Comet dropped Erbert & Gerbert off for a visit to Delphi. There they met Apollo, one of the twelve Olympian Deities. "What's up?" asked Erbert, disarming the oracular god with his boyish curiosity. "Well, I have just slain the Python, a dragon who lived here to protect the navel of the Earth," Apollo explained. "I would have been chicken to fight a giant dragon serpent-creature...thing," said Gerbert, timidly. "How did you beat him?" Apollo chuckled and answered, "As the god of archery, I relied upon the sting of my arrow to wound the beast. But I'm pretty sure I finished him with a good swift kick." "Sweet, with a kick?!" exclaimed Erbert, in awe. Seeing that Apollo was clearly hungry from his battle, the boys scrambled to assemble a sandwich worthy of their new friend. After thinking for a few moments, Erbert and Gerbert looked at each other, smiled and said in unison, "Sweet. With a kick." And the Apollo sandwich was born.

NEURON

Erbert and Gerbert had a very special relationship as brothers; they were the two best friends that anyone could ever have. One day while traveling along on Halley's Comet, Erbert asked Gerbert if

he knew how the human brain worked. Gerbert, quickly trying to come up with an intelligent answer, found himself puzzled and told his brother he had no clue. Erbert told Gerbert all about how information in our brains passes through electrical and chemical signals that are carried by Neurons through special connections called synapses. Without Neurons and the synapses that allow that information to be carried through, life would not exist. It's the same relationship that Mac & Cheese has to BBQ Brisket and Erbert has to Gerbert. There are things in this world that just cannot exist without each other. You might say, it's a match made in cosmic heaven.

BEACON

One day, while traveling across the great Pacific Ocean, Erbert & Gerbert noticed a light shimmering off in the distance. As they neared closer there appeared to be a tiny little lighthouse atop the rocky coast line. Upon entrance into the lighthouse they met a jolly little feller who was surprised to see such well-traveled visitors. The boys asked the man how he made the light so bright and also why the lighthouse smelled so wonderful. He responded in a warm little voice saying, "Well my brothers, this here is a fire that that I'm stoking to smoke some of my delicious beef brisket and applewood bacon that gets me through the stormy season." The three of them carried on all night sharing stories, laughter, and a couple hearty BBQ Brisket Bacon & Cheddar sandwiches. Upon the boys departure early next morn', the little man left them with a note: Thank you for visiting me, my friends. Never forget that my light will shine on all your adventures now and into the future. - Your new friend, Beacon.

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