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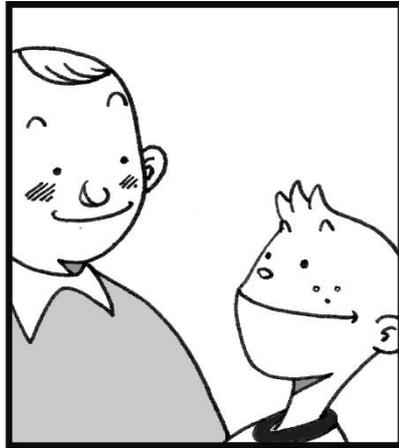


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It started off
as a prank.
Rod and Carl
had no idea
that their trick would go
as far as it did.

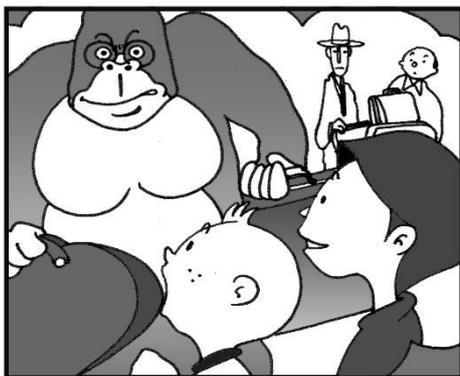
It was Carl's idea.



His father had studied gorillas
in the central parts of Africa
during the 1970s.



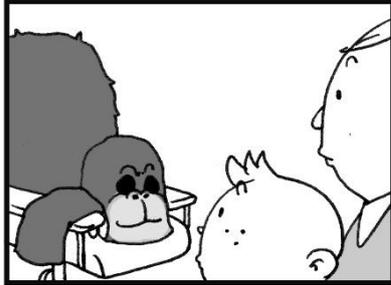
Some of his fellow scientists
had given him
a big gorilla costume to wear
as a joke
when he returned home
from Africa.



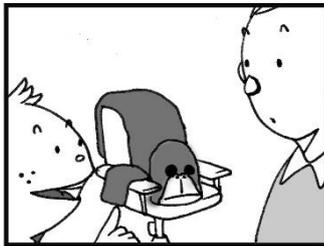
He wore it,
and when his family
picked him up
at the airport
they all laughed, saying:



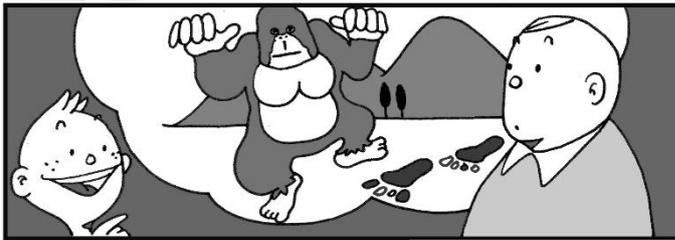
'look - he's been there so long,
he's turned into a gorilla!'



Carl and Rod
looked at the costume
that was sitting on a chair
in Carl's father's office.

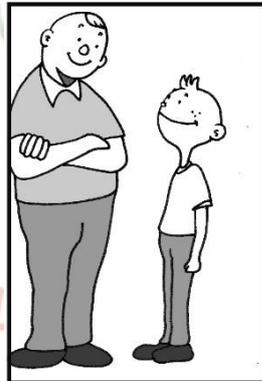


'Let's put it on,'
Carl said.



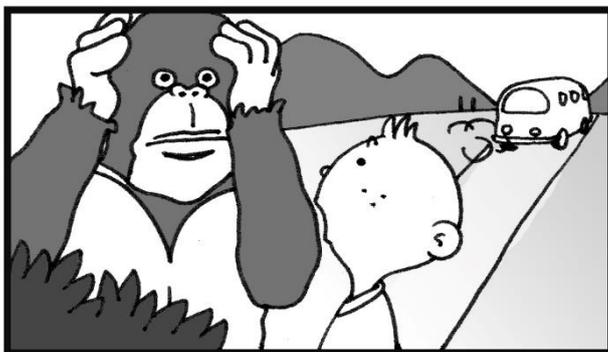
'Let's put it on
and go to the mountains.

People will think
it's Big Foot!



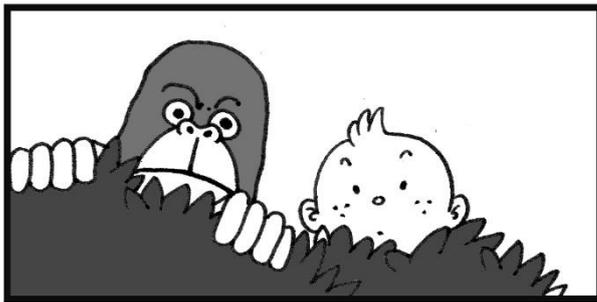
Rod was a foot taller than Carl
and so it was decided
that he should wear the costume.

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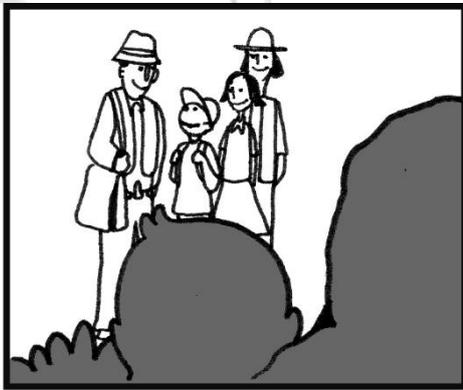


When they reached the mountains
by bus that afternoon,
Rod hid behind some bushes
and put on the big,
black furry costume.

When Carl saw him
dressed up,
he was surprised to see
that his friend
really looked like a gorilla.



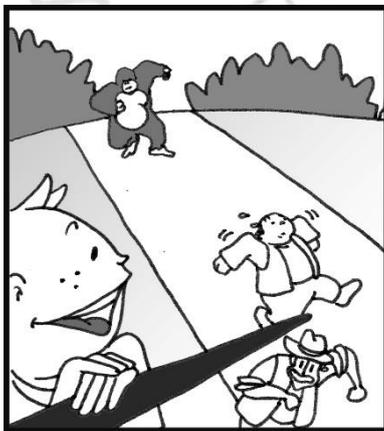
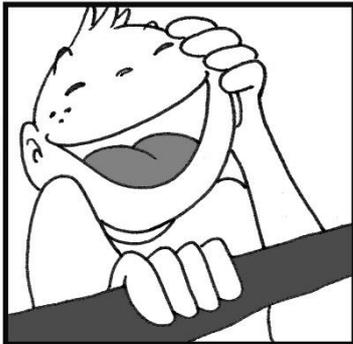
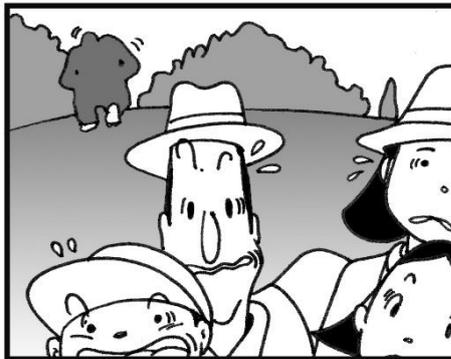
The boys lived in a small town
in western Alberta.
There were not so many tourists
near their hometown
so it took a while
for the boys
to find someone to frighten.



The first people
they saw were a family of four
that were hiking
in the woods
on the path up the mountain.



Rod, who had been hiding
behind a tree,
popped out
in front of them
when they passed by.

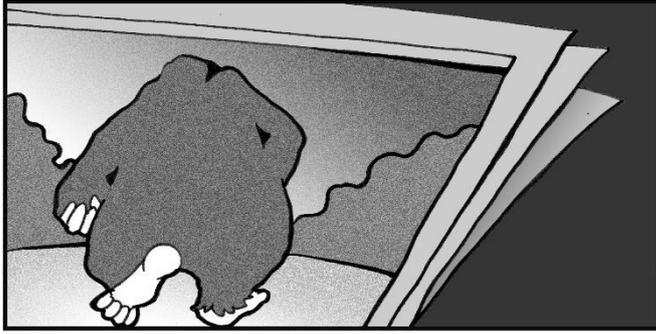


He grunted like a gorilla
and then
ran into the woods
pretending to be scared off
by the humans.

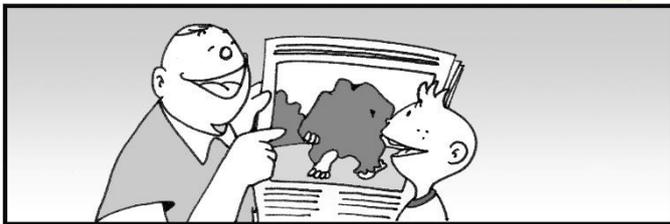
Carl was watching this happen
from up in a tree,
and when the family saw
his costumed friend,
they all screamed
and quickly ran back
the other way,
down the path.

He laughed loudly.

They played this prank
on several other people
that afternoon,
and one tourist,
while running away
in a panic,
managed to turn around
and shoot a picture of Rod
in his costume.



It was this picture
that appeared
in the newspaper
the next morning.
And the morning
after that it appeared
in newspapers
all over the world!



The next day's headline read:
Big Foot - Back Again?

The boys read the story,
looked at the picture,
and smiled,
knowing they had become famous
over night.

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