

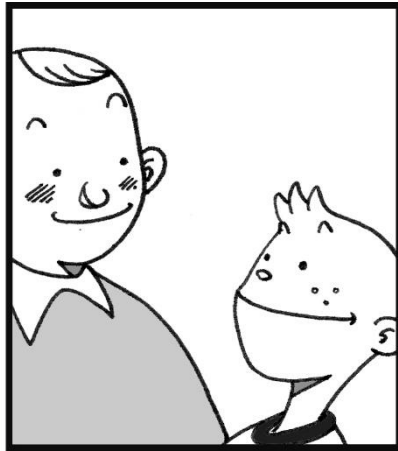


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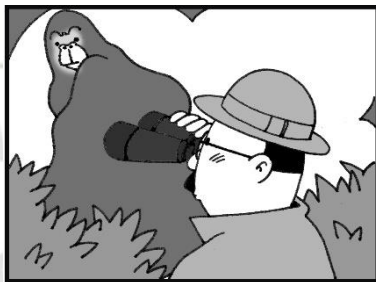
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It started off  
as a prank.  
Rod and Carl  
had no idea  
that their trick would go  
as far as it did.

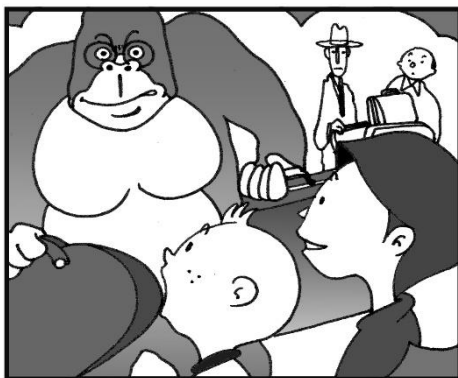
It was Carl's idea.



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



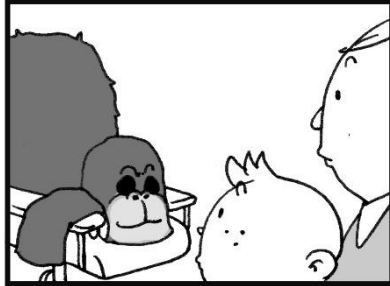
Some of his fellow scientists  
had given him  
a big gorilla costume to wear  
as a joke  
when he returned home  
from Africa.



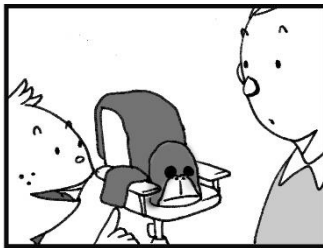
He wore it,  
and when his family  
picked him up  
at the airport  
they all laughed, saying:



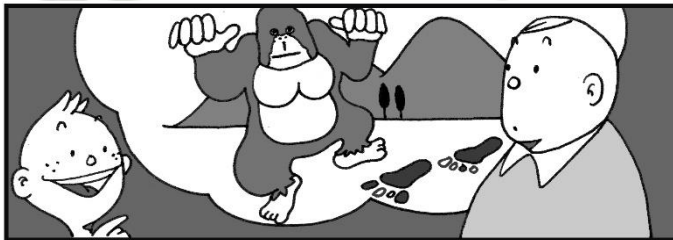
'look - he's been there so long,  
he's turned into a gorilla!'



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

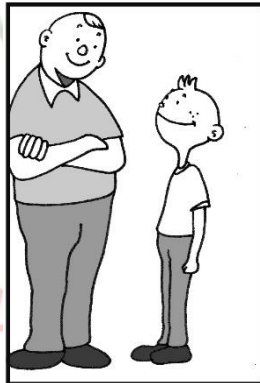


'Let's put it on,'  
Carl said.

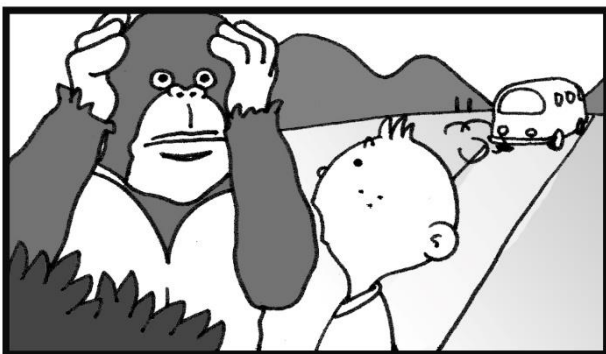


'Let's put it on  
and go to the mountains.

People will think  
it's Big Foot!'

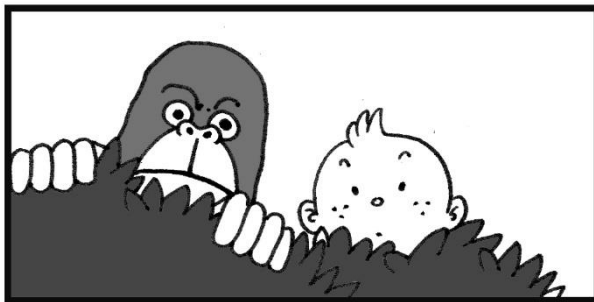


Rod was a foot taller than Carl  
and so it was decided  
that he should wear the costume.

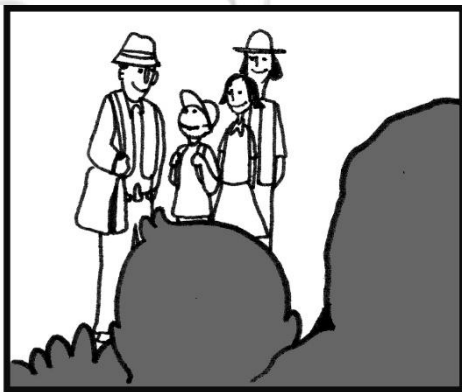


When they reached the mountains  
by bus that afternoon,  
Rod hid behind some bushes  
and put on the big,  
black furry costume.

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



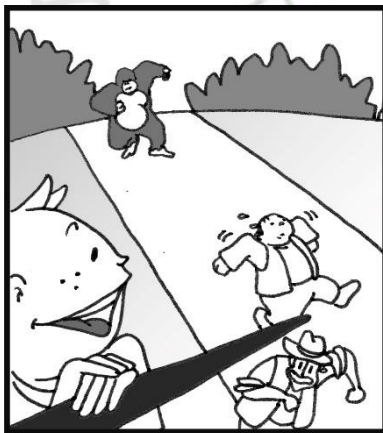
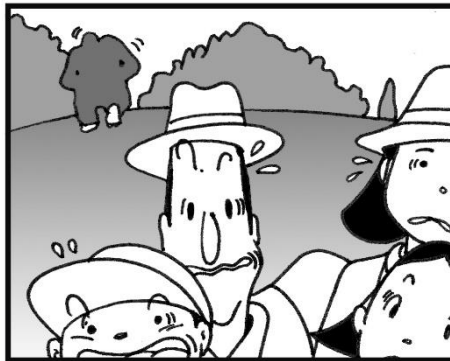
The boys lived in a small town  
in western Alberta.  
There were not so many tourists  
near their hometown  
so it took a while  
for the boys  
to find someone to frighten.



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.

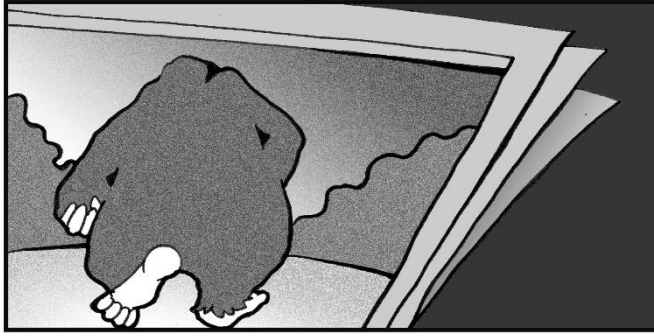


He grunted like a gorilla  
and then  
ran into the woods  
pretending to be scared off  
by the humans.

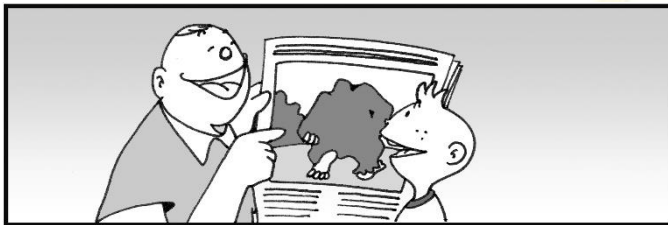
Carl was watching this happen  
from up in a tree,  
and when the family saw  
his costumed friend,  
they all screamed  
and quickly ran back  
the other way,  
down the path.  
He laughed loudly.

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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