

There was a boy named George who had a mom, a dad and a pig named Freddy.

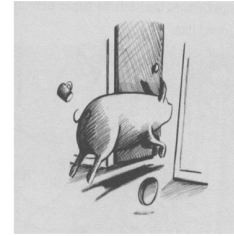
George's parents did not like technology (技术/Jìshù) or science, so George was bored (无聊/Wúliáo) at home.

They said George could not have a computer. He could not even drink soda (苏打/Sūdǎ) or watch TV!



Who is in the picture? How does George feel?

One day, Freddy ran into the neighbors (neighbor's) house. A neighbor is someone who lives in a home very close to your home. George ran after Freddy. So, George went inside too. He met his neighbors Annie and Annie's dad Eric.



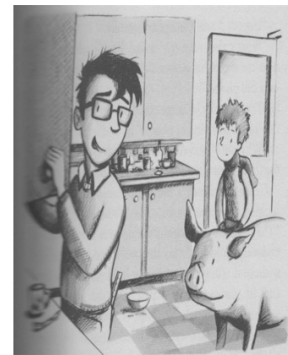
What is happening in the picture and why do you think it's happening?

George's neighbors were Eric and Annie. Eric was Annie's dad.



Annie said...

Eric said they should call George's parents.



"But, my parents don't have a phone!" George said.

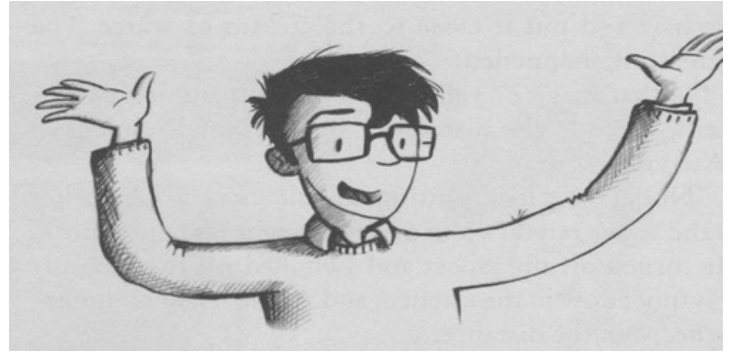
Why don't your parents have a phone?" Eric asked George.

"They think technology (技术/Jìshù) and science are dangerous (dangerous). They think technology (teck-nu-lo-jee) and science will destroy (破坏/Pòhuài) the world!" George answered.



Eric smiled and said...

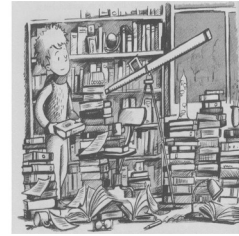
"Science is not bad," Eric said.
"Science helps us understand the world! I am a scientist, and I study the universe (宇宙/Yǔzhòu). I want to learn how the universe began."



Inside the house, there were many books and notebooks filled with scientific information.

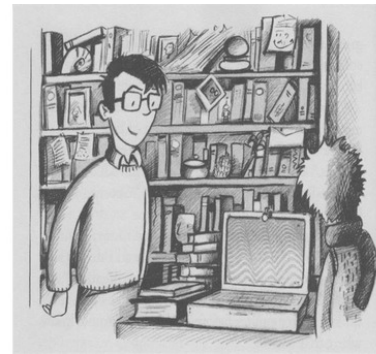
Eric showed George his telescope (tell-uh-scope). The moon was 238,854 miles from the Earth, but George saw it through the telescope.

He could also see stars! Some stars were billions of miles away from Earth!



George looked in the telescope and thought...

Then, Eric showed George something very special (特别/Tèbié). Eric had a computer named Cosmos. Cosmos was the world's most powerful (强大/Qiángdà) computer.



Cosmos could show many different places and things in space, like stars and comets. It could even send Eric and Annie to space!

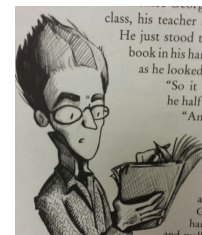
But Eric told George, "Do not tell anyone about Cosmos. It is a very important secret (秘密/Mìmi)!"



Chapter 6

George went to school the next day. He thought about Cosmos and Eric. He thought about everything he saw. He was very excited.

He wasn't paying attention (注意/ Zhùyì) to the teacher. He was doodling (平局/ Píngjú) on his notebook. His teacher, Doctor Reeper, took his notebook!



Who is this and what did he do?

Doctor Reeper was very scary and strange (奇怪/ Qíguài). All the students were afraid of him. People called him "Greeper."

Doctor Reeper took a cell phone (手机/ Shǒujī) from a student named Ringo.



Dr. Reeper asked George, "What are you drawing?" First, George wasn't going to tell him. But then George was very angry. So (所以/ Suǒyǐ) he told Greeper about Cosmos. George forgot (忘了/ Wàngle) Eric said, "Don't tell anybody about Cosmos." Greeper was very curious (好奇/ Hàoqí) about Cosmos. He asked George, "Where is Cosmos?" But George didn't tell him.



Greeper wanted to know about Cosmos but...

Chapter 7

It was a hot day and George walked home. He saw kids in cars. They had video games and watched DVD's in their cars. Usually, that made him sad. Today, he didn't care. George had "a lot on his mind."



What is George doing and what is he thinking?

He imagined (想象/ Xiǎngxiàng) stars, and planets, and everything in the Universe. He wasn't paying attention (失神/ Shīshén).

"Hey Georgie boy!" somebody yelled. It was Ringo and his friends!



George heard about (听说/ Tīng shuō) Ringo hurting (打/ dǎ) people. He didn't want Ringo to hurt him, too. George ran away, but Ringo and his friends chased (追逐/ Zhuīzhú) him. He crossed (交/ Jiāo) the street. The crossing guard said, "Don't let those nasty boys catch you." Then she stopped Ringo and his friends from crossing the street. They had to wait and George ran away.



George crossed the street and...

George ran down the street. He heard Ringo and his friends behind him. So, he climbed a tree and jumped over a fence. He landed and many things fell out of his pocket. He got up and ran away.



George jumped over the fence and...

Ringo saw him running away and shouted, "We're going to kill you!" They chased after George. George ran to his house but didn't have his key! George thought, "I dropped it when I jumped over the fence."



What happened in the picture and what will probably happen next?

Ringo and his friends were going to catch him. Suddenly, somebody in a white spacesuit (宇航服/Yǔháng fú) jumped out and scared Ringo and his friends. The person in the spacesuit said, "Go back (离开/Líkāi) or your eyes will fall out of your head and you will not be able to watch T.V.!"



Who is this and what she say?

Ringo and his friends ran away, but George wasn't scared. He knew the person in the spacesuit was Annie. They went into Annie's house.



Annie scared Ringo away and...