

Pickle Pete

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A Curious Quest

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One summer day, an alien named Pickle Pete returned to visit his friend, Mary, in the town of Pickle Street, WV. Pickle Pete and Mary became friends last Summer. Mary was very excited to see her friend and share more cucumbers with him. Pickle Pete needed Mary's help once again. On Pickle Pete's planet, all the other aliens were starting to get tired of pickles. They asked if Pickle Pete could bring home new recipes.



"Will you come with me to explore the World and find new pickle recipes?" Pickle Pete asked Mary.

"I'll have to ask Mom and Dad, but I would love to!" said Mary.

"I'll drive! My spaceship is way better on gas and zero emissions!" Pickle Pete said.

"Wow! A spaceship that runs on pickle juice was a great idea, Pickle Pete!" Mary said

Off they went on their adventure to find new delicious recipes for Pickle Pete to take back to his planet.



Their first stop was at a restaurant in Seoul, South Korea. They asked the waiter if they had any pickle dishes. The waiter brought them the special, Kimchi. The waiter explained Kimchi is a food that is popular in his country. It is made with fermented vegetables, sort of like pickles. Pickle Pete asked the waiter if he would trade the delicious Kimchi recipe for Pickle Pete and Mary's blue ribbon pickle recipe. He agreed and they went on to their next stop.



Mary and Pickle Pete landed on a farm in Yucatan, Mexico. They talked to a farmer who grows a lot of jalapeños. The farmer said he really likes to put jalapeños in his food.



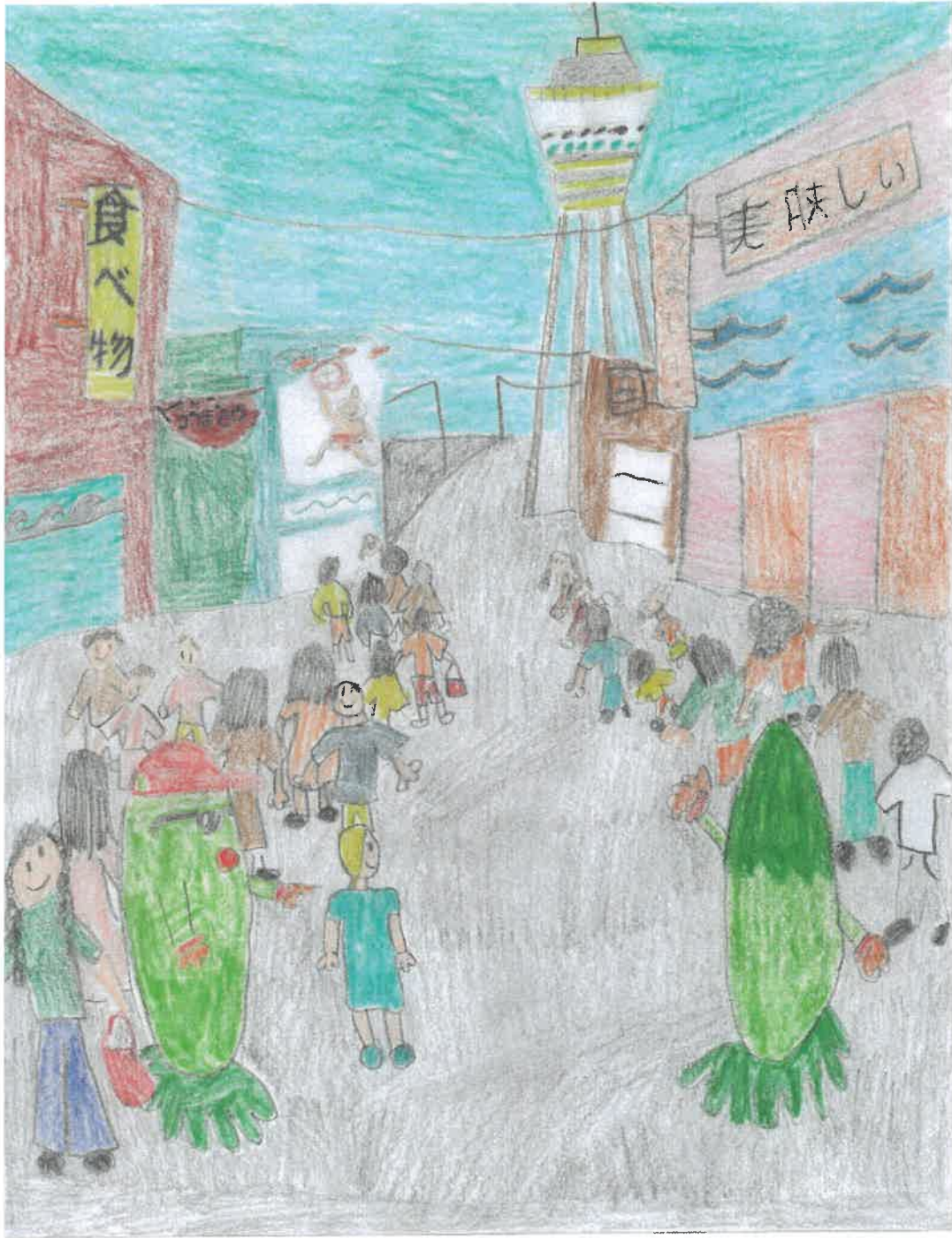
“May I try a jalapeño?” Pickle Pete asked as he chomped into one.

The farmer laughed as Pickle Pete’s face turned red. He got Pickle Pete some water and a sweet bread roll called Conchas then gave them a recipe for Jalapeño poppers. They thanked him and continued their adventure.



Mary and Pickle Pete arrived at the Mungo National Park in Australia. They found a family who was having a picnic and watching the kangaroos.

"Oh my, that looks tasty!" Pickle Pete said. He asked the family what they were eating. They said they were having burgers with gherkins. Gherkins are baby pickles. They shared pickle recipes. Mary and Pickle Pete hopped back on the spaceship and set off to their last stop.



Pickle Pete and Mary reached Osaka, Japan. They walked around a busy street with lots of restaurants trying to decide where to eat. Pickle Pete saw another alien who looked just like him.

"Kon'nichiwa! My name is Patty. Do you need help finding a place to eat?" She introduced herself.

"Pickle Pete, do you want to ask Patty about a place that might have pickle recipes?" Mary asked.



Pickle Pete was speechless. Patty told them about a restaurant that served traditional Tsukemono and asked if they would like her to show them the way. Tsukemono are colorful pickled vegetables. They enjoyed their beautiful lunch and thanked Patty for showing them around Japan.



Pickle Pete asked Patty if she would like to return to his planet with him and become Queen Patty Pete. She delightfully accepted. They took Mary home and they rode off into space and lived Happily Pickled After.