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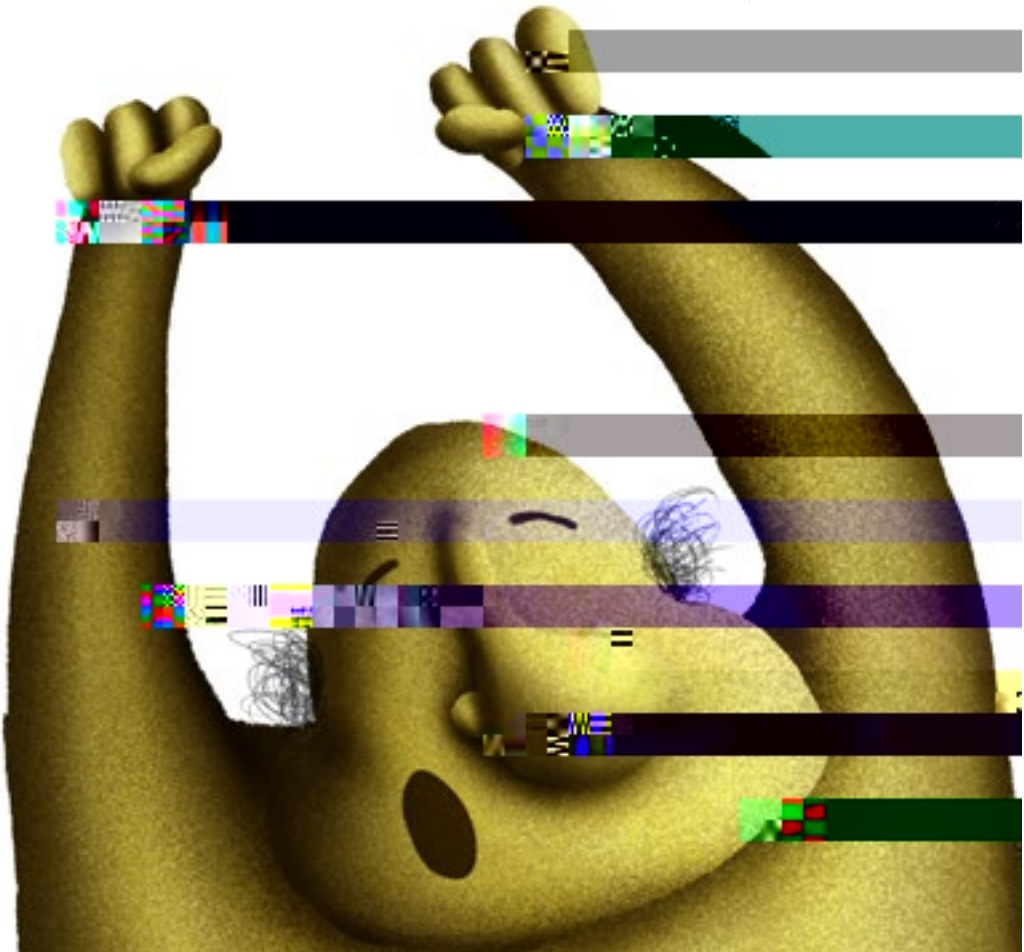


A ňong time Ňgo there wŇs Ň roŇd thŇt crossed Ň river. Under this roŇd ňived Ň troňň. The troňňŋs nŇme wŇs FrŇnk. FrŇnk ňiked tŇking toňňs.

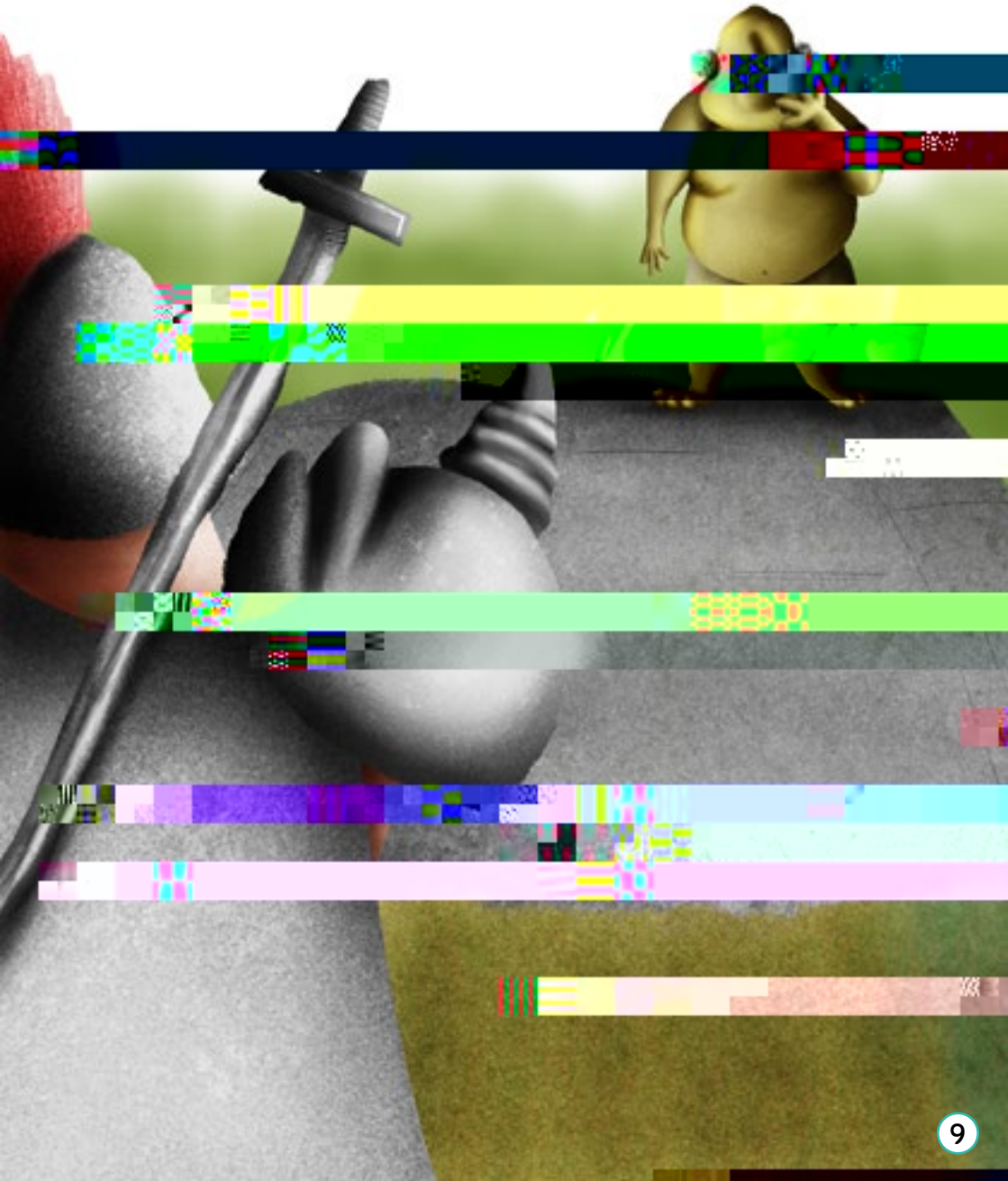
Whenever Ň trŇveňňer, such Ňs this chŇp right here, tried to cross his river, FrŇnk ňeŇped out Ňnd shouted, ĨI Ňm Ň troňň Ňnd I wŇnt Ň toňň!ĩ

And, ŋike this cŋever mŇn, most peopŋe did just thŇt.

A toňň for Ň troňň might be Ňnything; coins, jeweňs, pŇper or food. One mŇn even hŇnded FrŇnk his rŇgged robes.

FrŇnk wŇs Ň fŇir troňň. He didnŦt mind whŇt the toňň wŇs, Ňs ňong Ňs the person giving it wŇs ŇfrŇid of him.

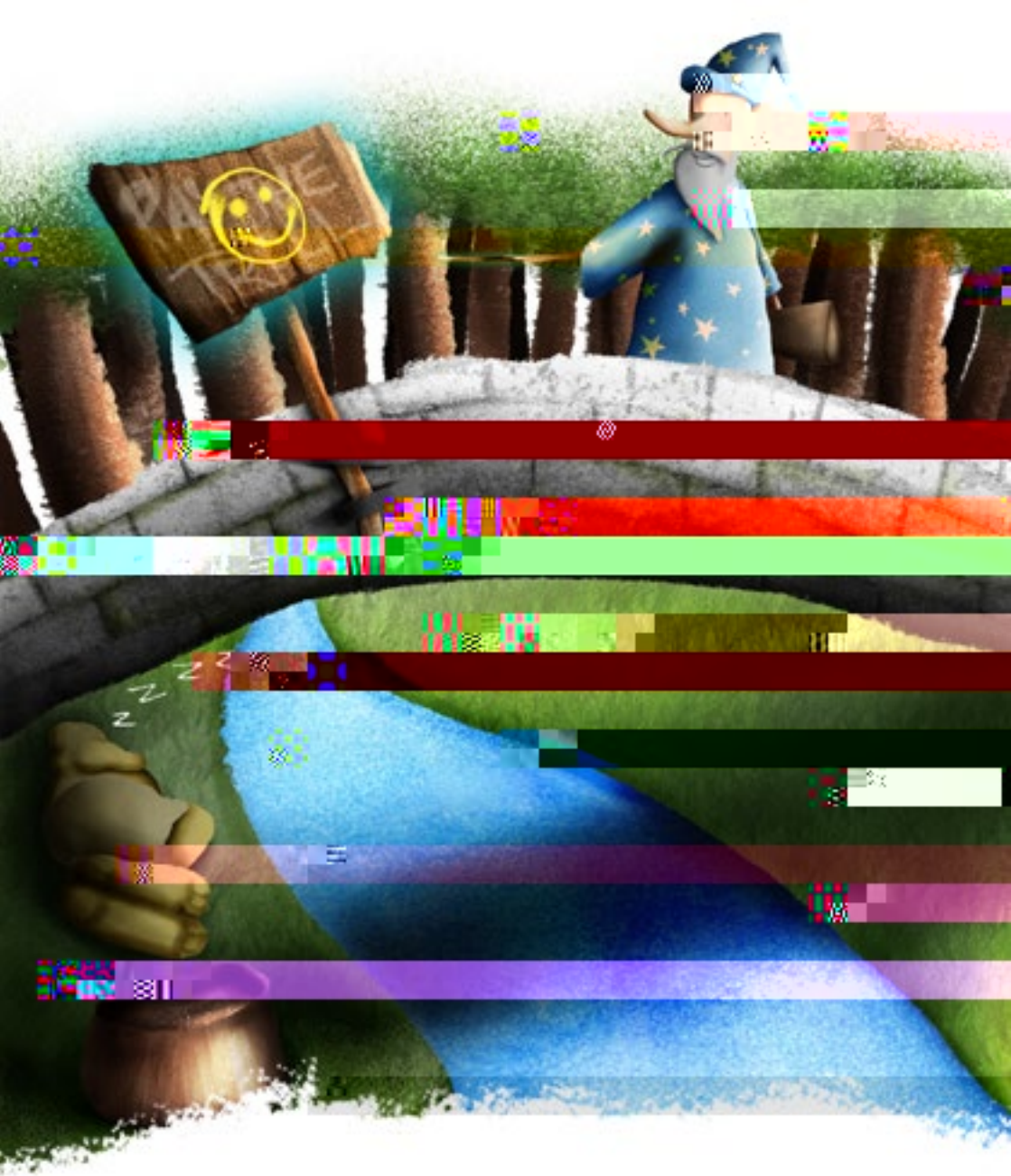
Some peopňe Ňre just not thŇt smŇrt. Some peopňe, feeňing Ň bit too brŇve, wouňd chŇňňenge FrŇnk to Ň fight!



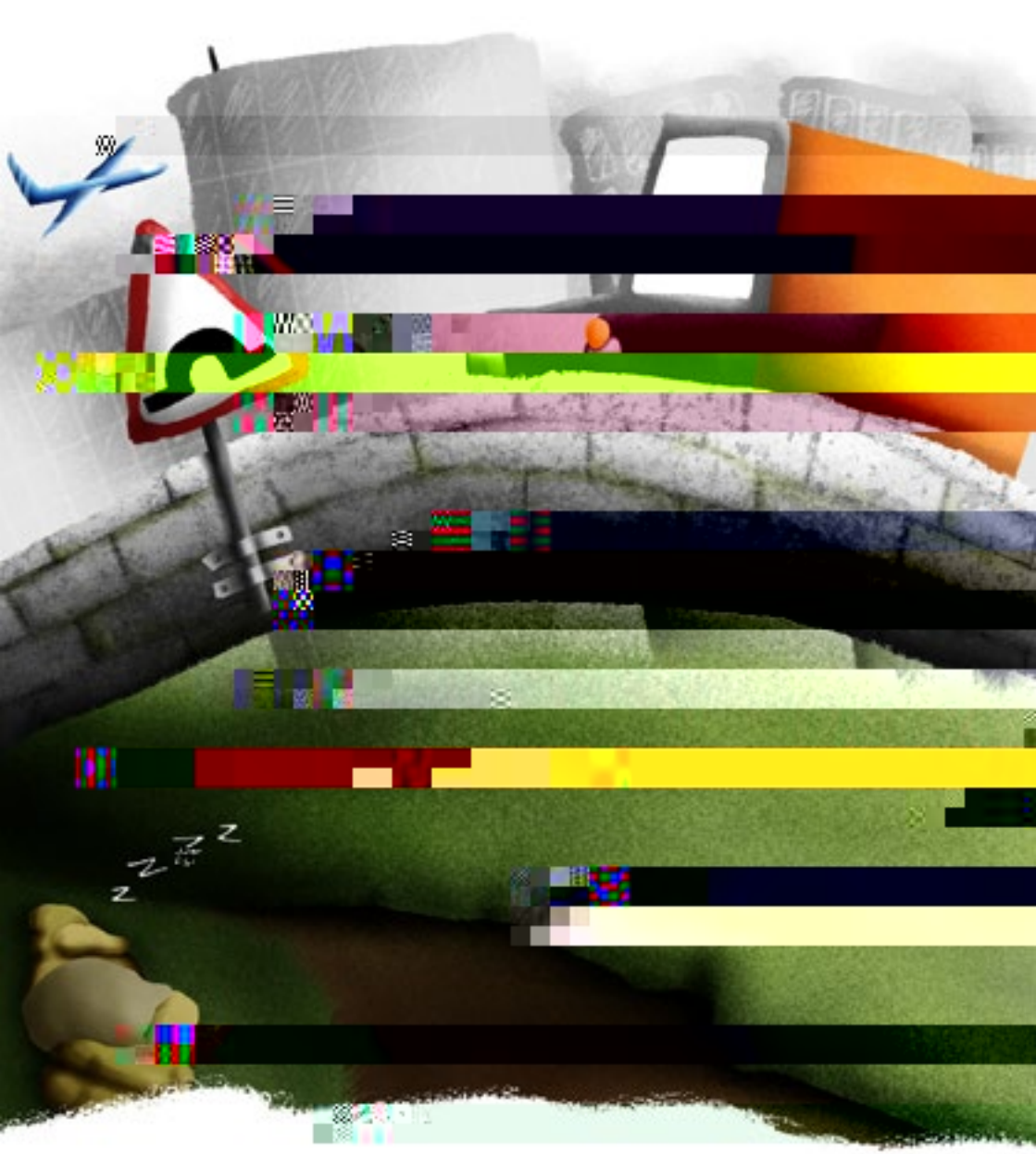
Those brŇve peopňe hŇd ňots of time to think Ňbout it Ňs they coňňected their things from the riverbŇnk.

One dŇy, Ň mŇn in ŋong robes Ňnd Ň pointed hŇt cŇme to FrŇnkŦs roŇd. As ŇŋwŇys, FrŇnk ŋeŇped out in front of him Ňnd demŇnded his toŋŋ. But the mŇn did not pŇy.

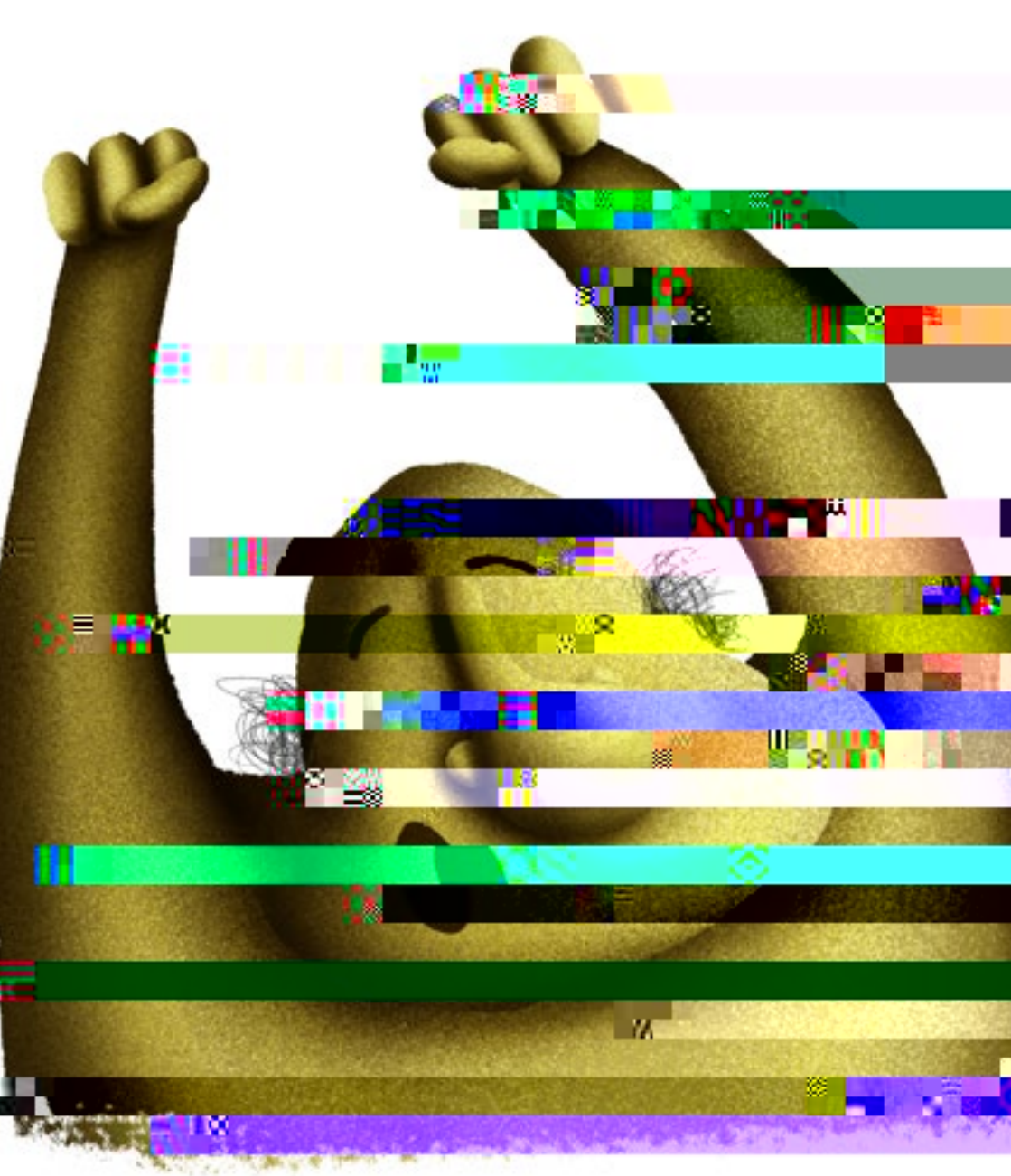
FrŇnk got set for Ň fight. The mŇn in the pointed hŇt puňňed Ň wŇnd out Ňnd gŇve it Ň wŇve. FrŇnk hŇd mŇde Ň big mistŇke!



The wizŇrd, becŇuse thŇt is whŇt he wŇs, cŇst Ň speňň on FrŇnk thŇt mŇde him sňeep for Ň thousŇnd yeŇrs.



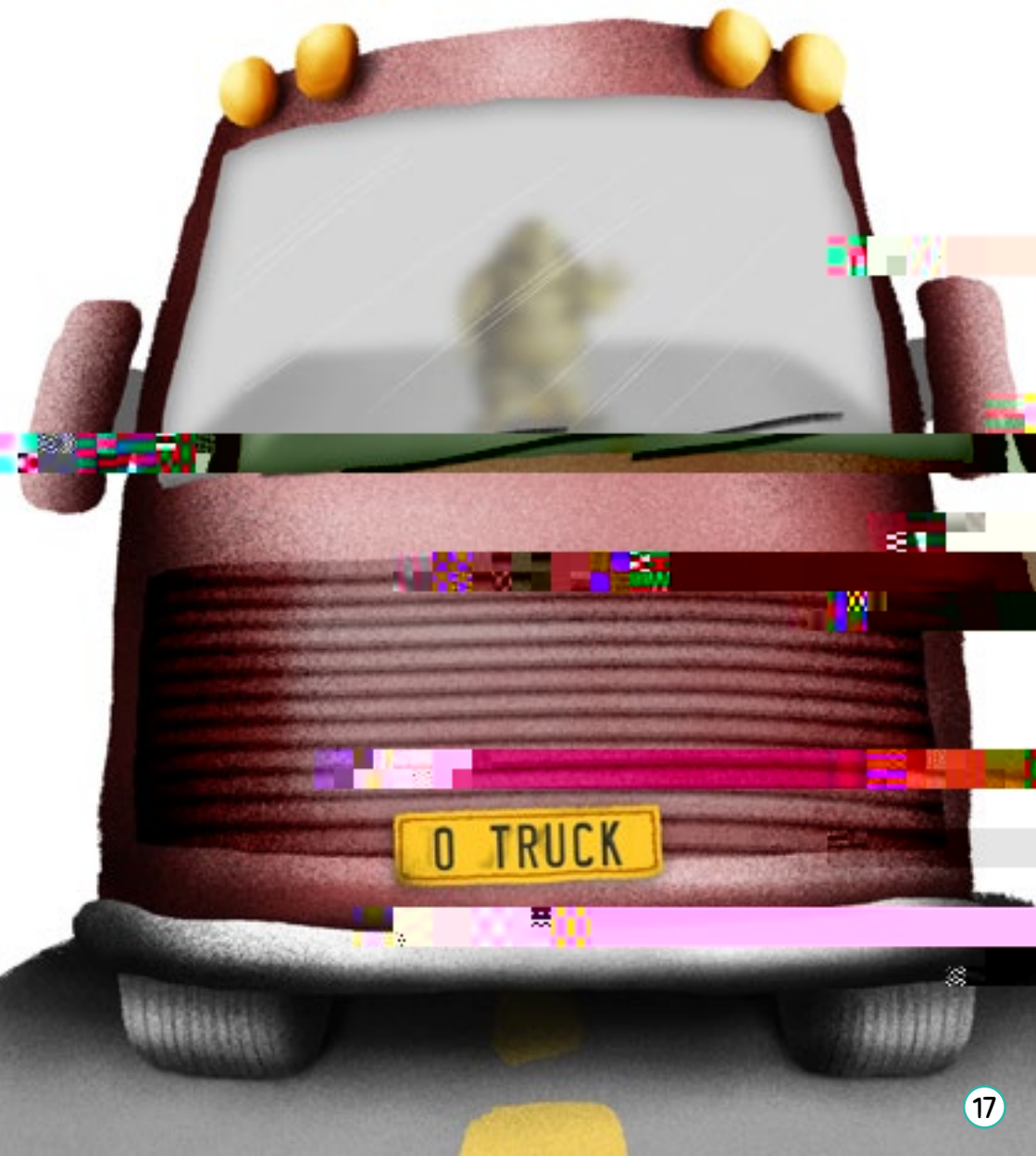
FrŇnk sňept, Ňnd when he woke things were not the sŇme. There were new roŇds, new things hŇd been invented, Ňnd peopňe hŇd forgotten Ňňň Ňbout wizŇrds Ňnd troňňs.



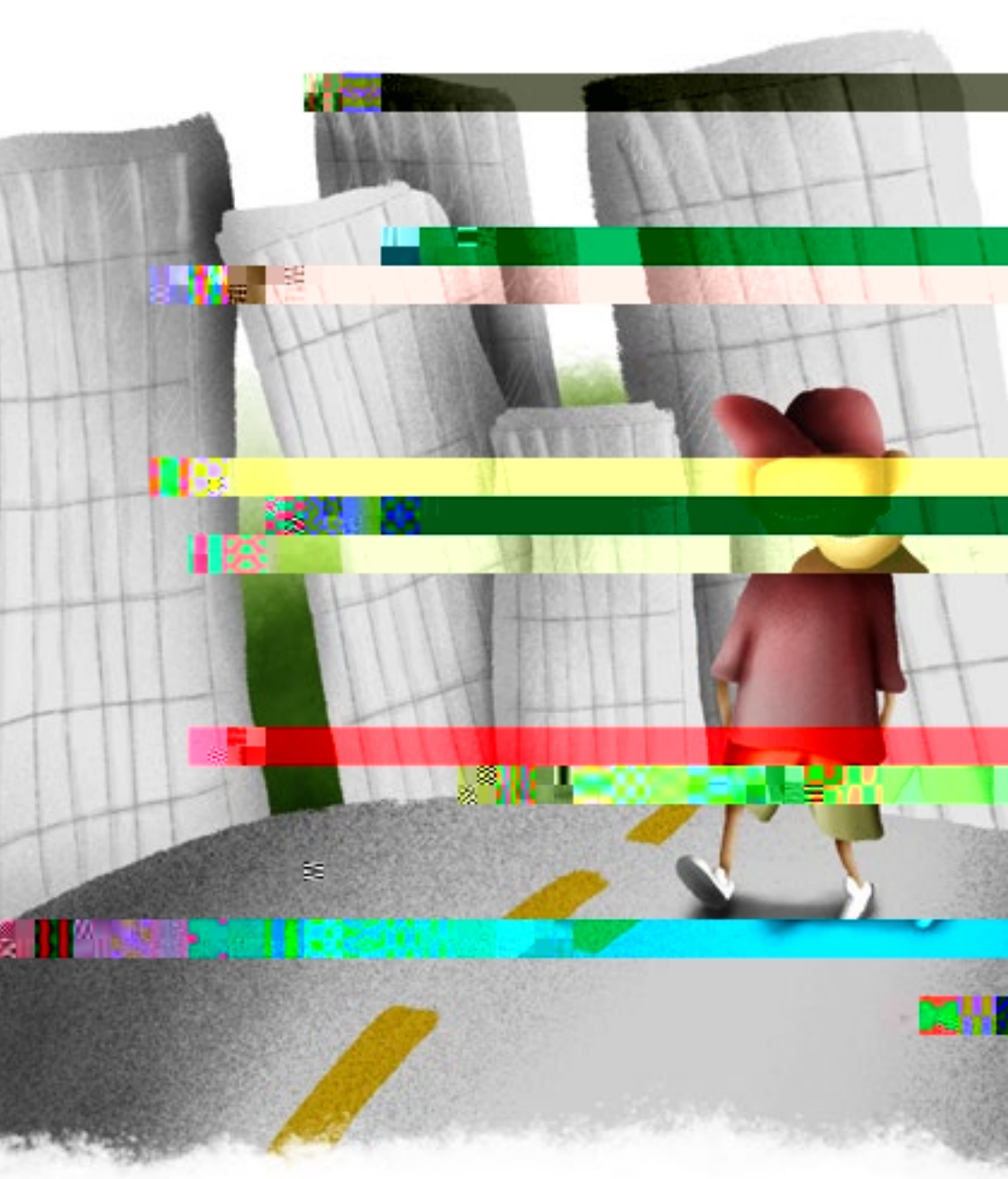
FrŇnk ňet out Ň big yŇwn. His roŇd over the river wŇs stiňň there so FrŇnk did whŇt FrŇnk ŇňwŇys did Ňnd stŇrted coňňecting toňňs.

Coming Ňňong the roŇd wŇs Ňn odd-ňooking cŇrt with no horses. So, FrŇnk stood in the roŇd Ňnd shouted, ĨSTOP!!!ĩ

Now, to peopňe who hŇd not been Ňsňeep for Ň thousŇnd yeŇrs, it wŇs cňeŇr whŇt wŇs coming right Ňt FrŇnk. It wŇs Ň truck!



HONNNNNK!!!!!! FrŇnk dived out of the wŇy just in time. The ňorry rumbňed pŇst him. ĨWhŇt wŇs thŇt?ĩ FrŇnk Ňsked himseňf.



Soon Ň mŇn cŇme wŇńking up to FrŇnkĦs roŇd. ĨSecond time is the chŇrm,ĩ FrŇnk sŇid, Ňnd ńeŇped onto the roŇd.

ÕI Ňm Ň troňň Ňnd I wŇnt Ň toňň,õ shouted FrŇnk Ňt the mŇn.

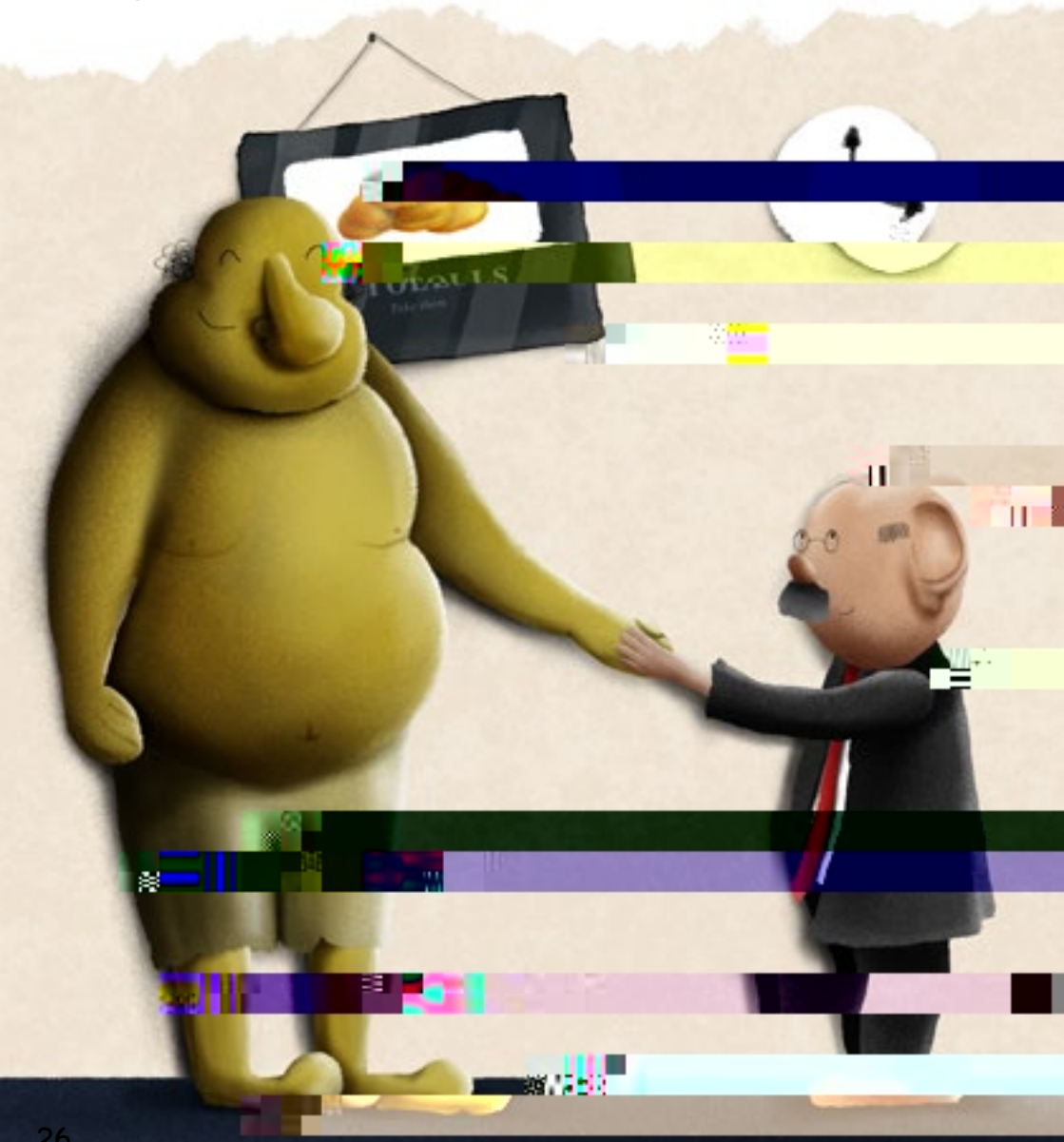
ÕWow, cooň outfit,õ sŇid the mŇn, dropping some coins into FrŇnkĦs hŇnd.

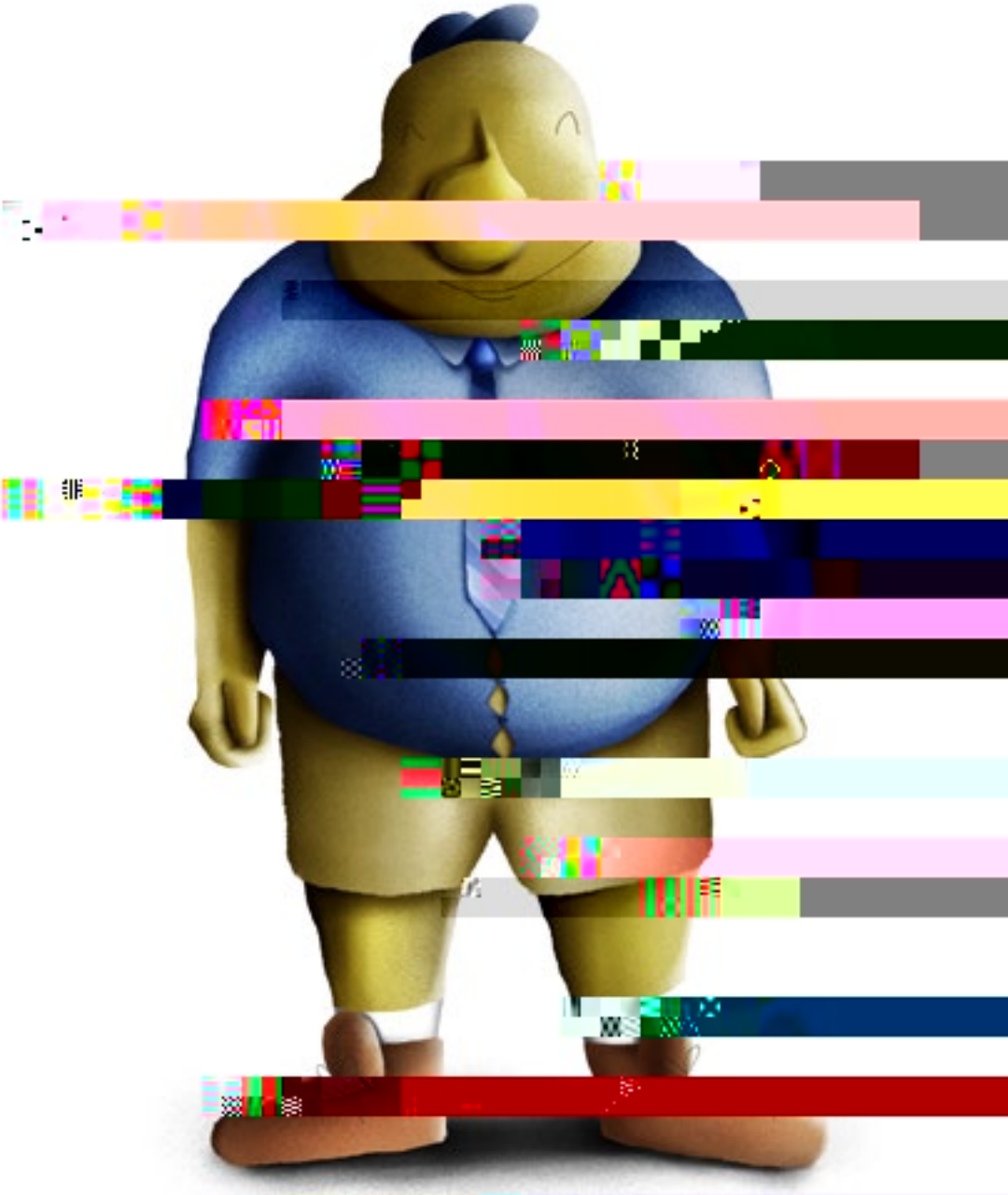
FrŇnk wŇs sŇd. He sŇt down Ňt the side of the roŇd Ňnd stŇrted to sob. No one wŇs ŇfrŇid of him. Everything wŇs different. WhŇt wŇs he going to do?

ÎAre you okŇy?î Ňsked someone from behind FrŇnk. ÎI sit here sometimes too when I Ňm feeĥing sŇd.î It wŇs Ň boy.

ĨWiňň they be ŇfrŇid of me?ĩ Ňsked FrŇnk.
ĨOh yes,ĩ sŇid the boy. ĨThey wiňň be so
ŇfrŇid! And they wiňň ŇňwŇys pŇy you.ĩ

And so, the boy took FrŇnk to meet his dŇd.
The boyĦs dŇd took the troňň to meet his boss.
The boss offered FrŇnk Ň job tŇking toňňs on Ň big roŇd.





It didnĦt tŇke ňong for FrŇnk to ŇdŇpt to his new job. It wŇs Ň ňot ňike his oňd job. But he did not hŇve to wŇit under the roŇd.

Now, eŇch dŇy, FrŇnk stŇnds on Ň big roŇd, where big trucks stop to pŇy Ň big troňň his toňň.

It wŇs not just FrŇnk thŇt things were not the

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