

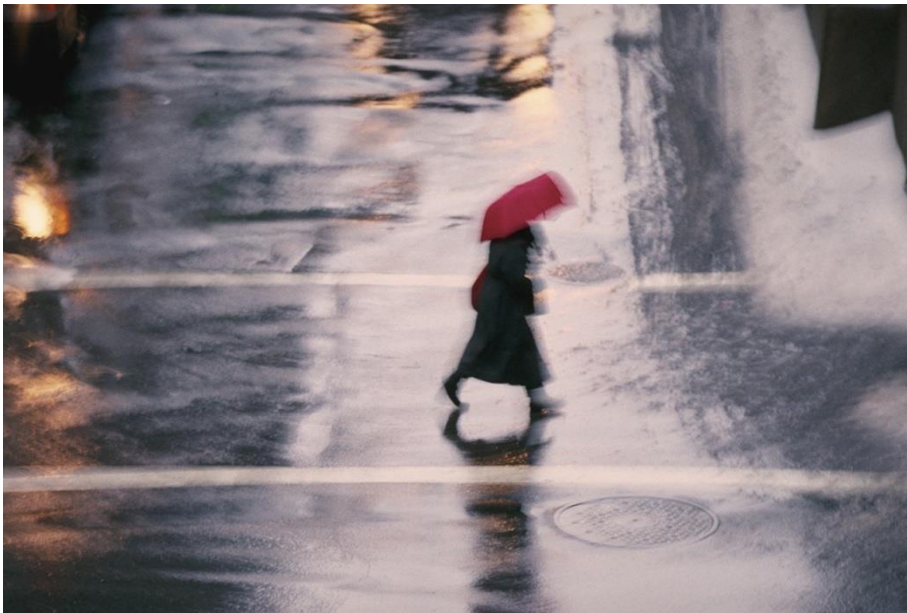
# RENA RIDES THE RAINDROPS

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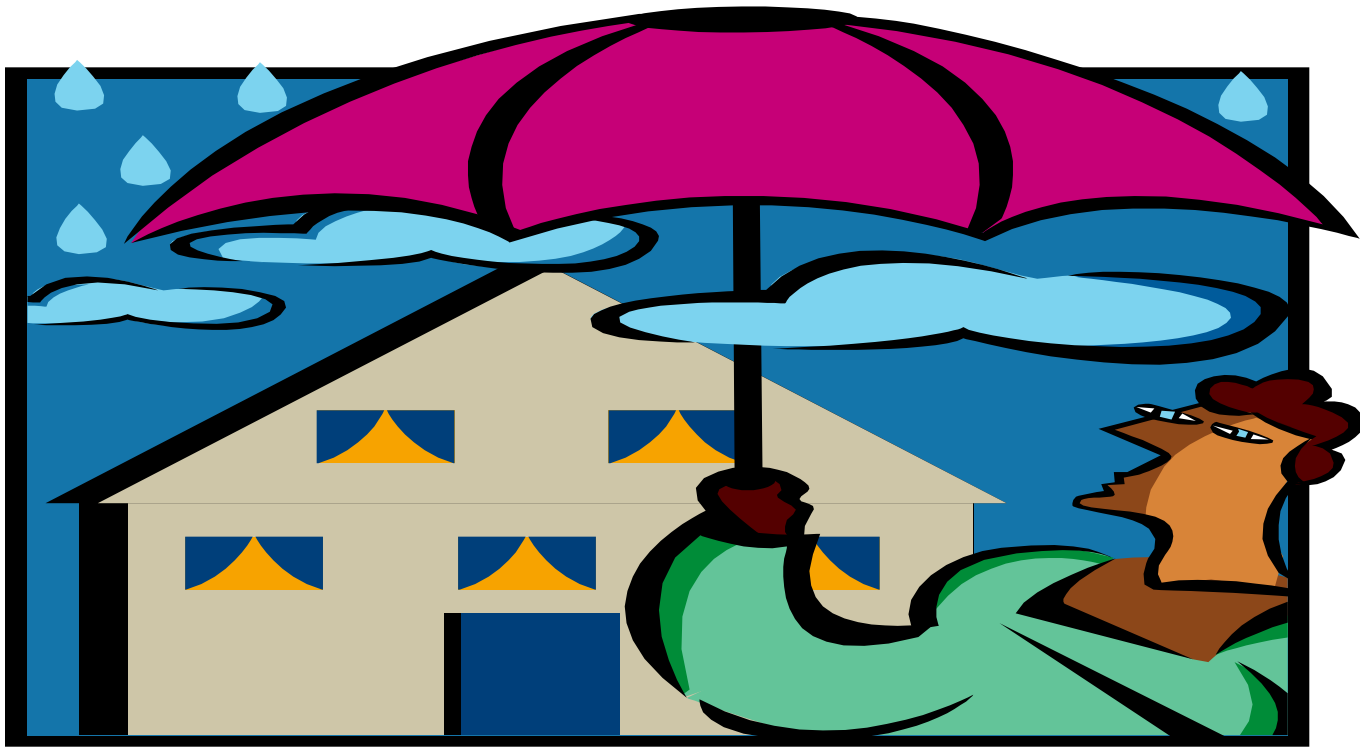
Rena liked to chase raindrops. In Paris, she had skipped down the street chasing the raindrops. Then the soldiers came and she had to hide with Mama and Papa.

Rena couldn't chase the raindrops while the soldiers were chasing her family.





When Rena and her family crossed the Atlantic Ocean to America, the raindrops chased her.



The raindrops followed Rena and her family all the way to Seattle, Washington.



Rena ran to the raindrops for their cool comfort when Mama was too busy watering their Victory Garden to talk to her.

Rena ran to the raindrops for their cool comfort when Papa was too busy mowing the tall green grass to talk to her.



September came and Rena went to school. It rained September rain in Seattle. It rained and rained. Rena ran to school in the rain, playing tag with the raindrops.

Rena met an American girl named Sally at school. Rena wanted Sally to be her friend, so she invited Sally to chase raindrops with her. Sally didn't like to chase raindrops.

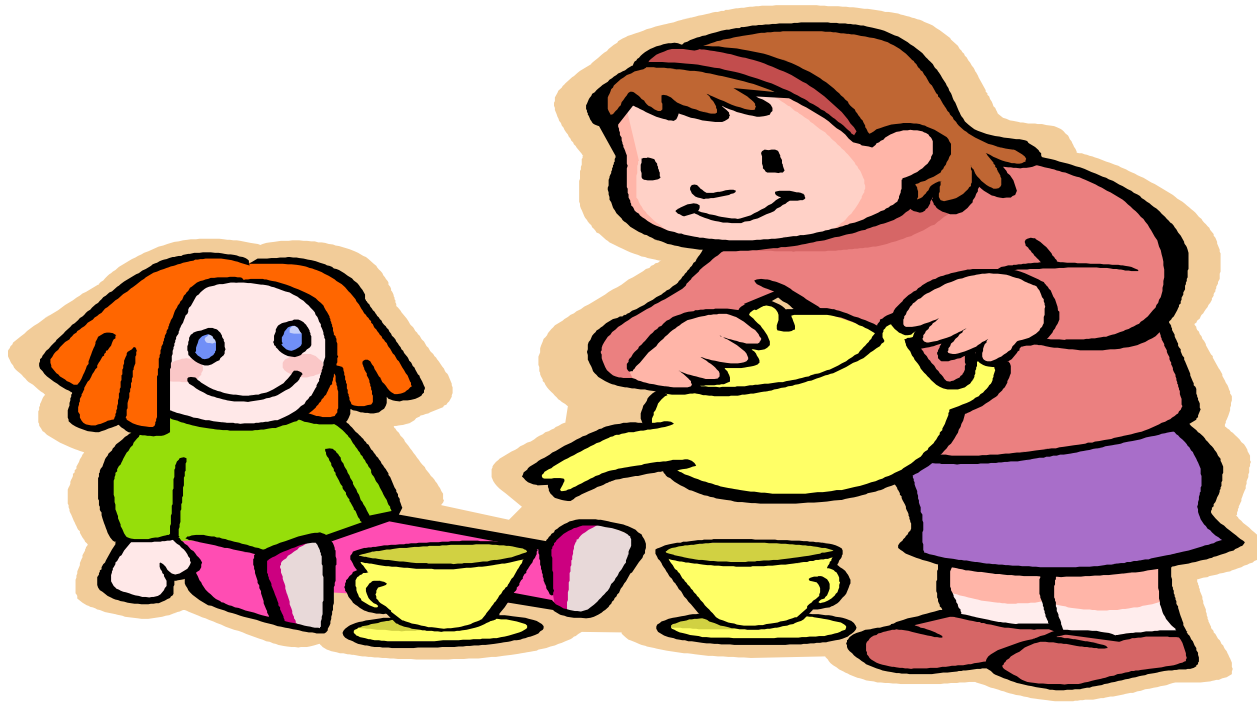




Sally liked to play with her dolls and doll house in her warm, dry house.



Rena went over to Sally's house to play dolls and dollhouses with her. She tried not to chase the raindrops any more.

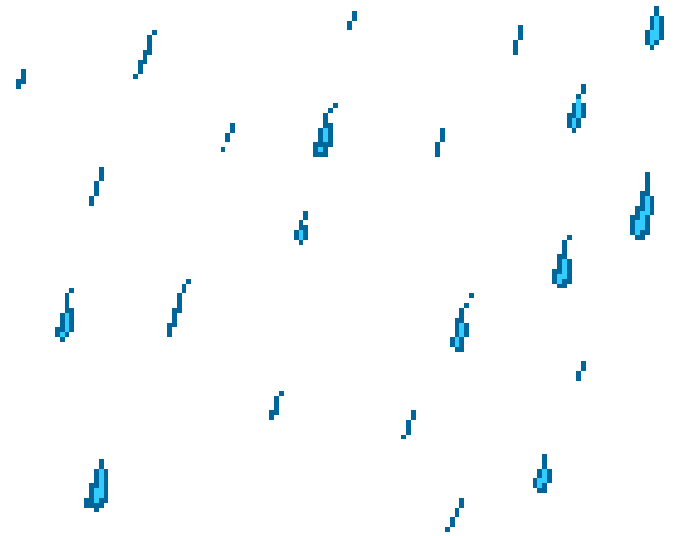


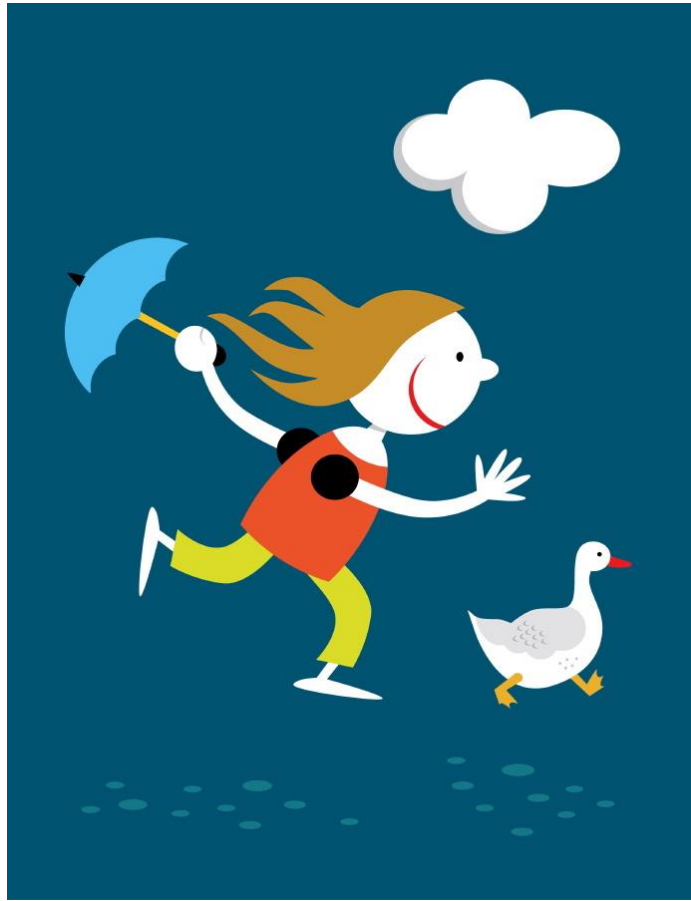
Rena even used an umbrella to hide from the raindrops.



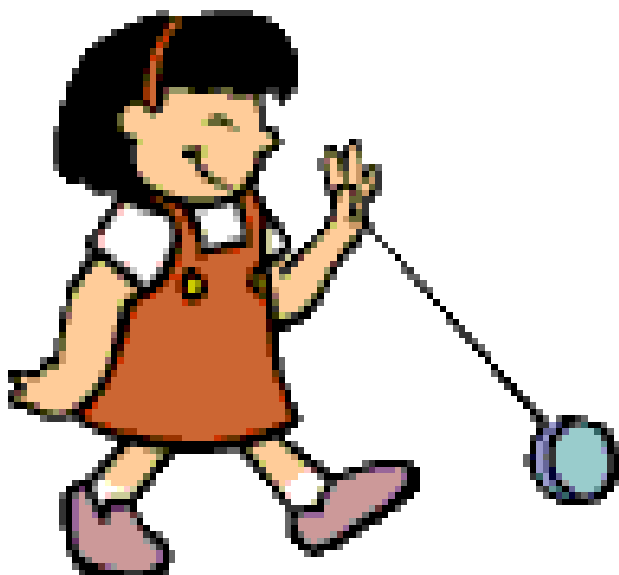
But no matter how hard Rena tried not to listen, the raindrops called to her and she followed them.

“I can’t change who I am even if Sally doesn’t want to be my friend,” Rena said sadly.





As she walked along resting after she had chased the raindrops, Rena had an idea. She ran to get Sally while there was still time for her idea to work.

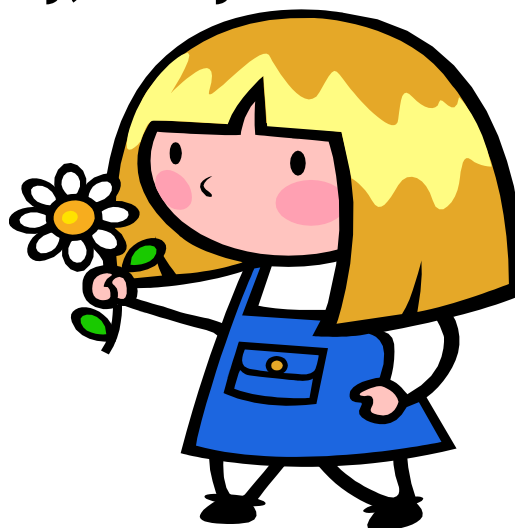


“I don’t want to come out in the rain with you,” Sally said when Rena knocked on her door.

“Please come out in the rain with me,” Rena pleaded.

“You can help me solve our problem.”

Finally, Sally followed Rena.



“Chase the raindrops to the rainbow!” Rena told Sally.  
“Run, Sally. We can chase them together!”



The colors of the rainbow are all different, but they work together to make the rainbow,” Rena said.

Sally looked at the rainbow. “Working together is a good way to solve problems,” she said.

From that day on Sally and Rena made rainbows together.





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