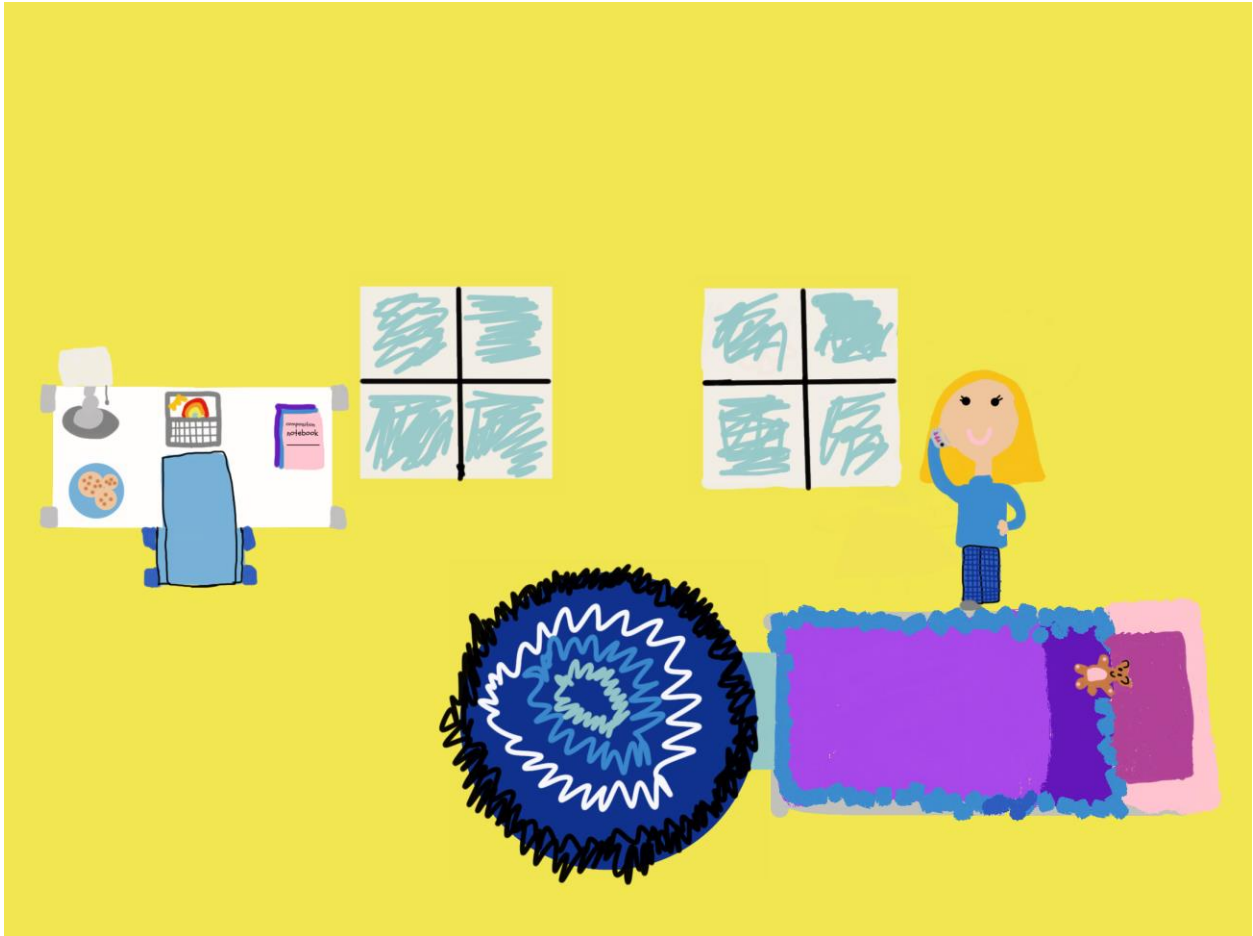


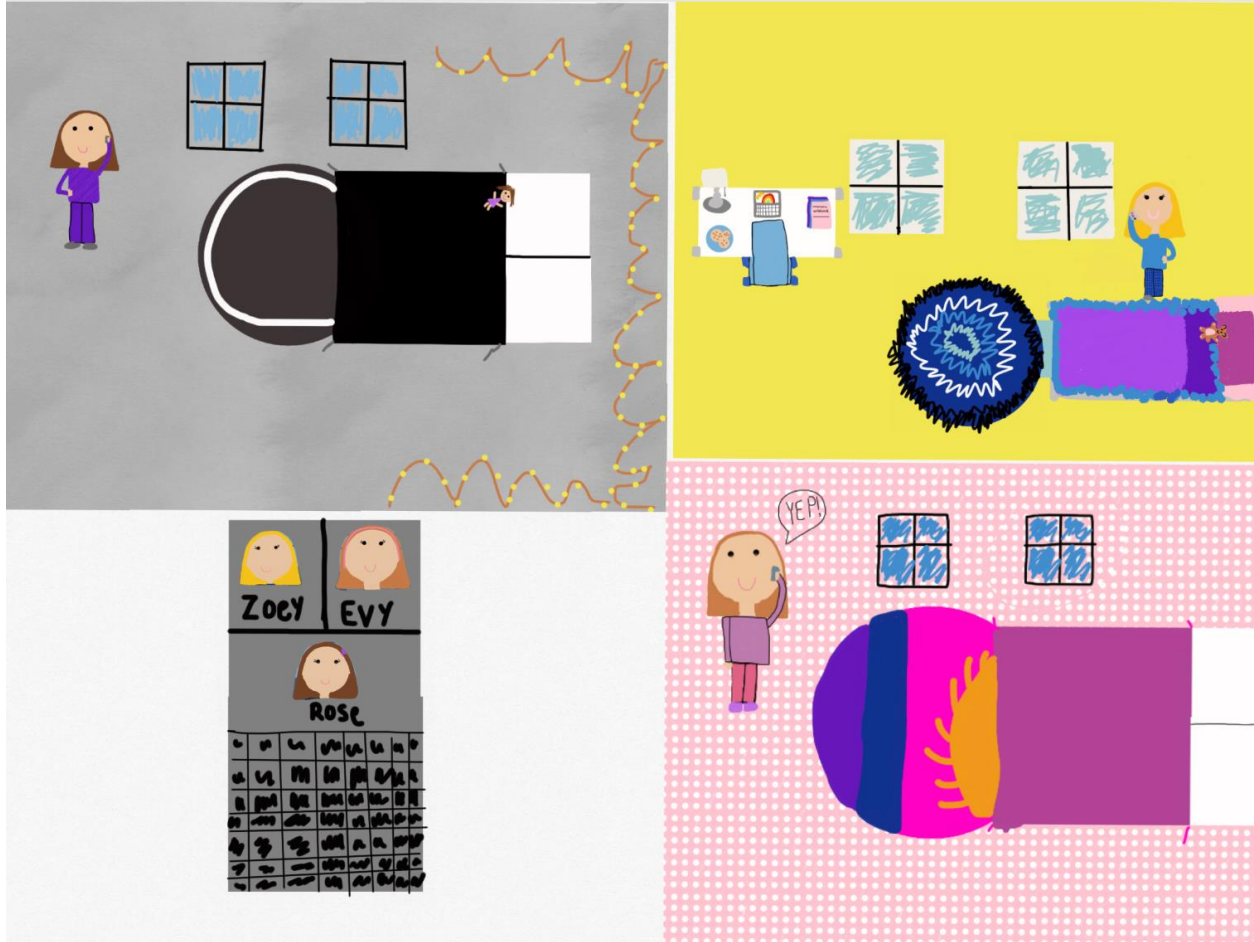
## □ Winter Wonderland □

One day three girls, who had been besties since kindergarten, woke up at the exact same time. They got out of their beds, wiped the window with their hands, and saw that there was white powder covering everything! It was a winter wonderland!

Zoey immediately grabbed her phone and called Evy and Rose.



“IT’S SNOWING!!” Zoey screamed into the phone. “OK, chill out! I have ears,” said Evy. They all laughed. “You know the drill,” Rose exclaimed. “Yep!” Then they hung up.



When it snowed, the drill was to run to their closet, grab their snow gear, and meet at the park. So that’s exactly what they did. Soon enough, they were together at the park.

Evy screamed, “I’m SO HAPPY! IT NEVER SNOWS HERE!”. Zoey and Rose agreed.

After they finished talking, the girls immediately went to go build a snowman. They started creating three snowballs. Evy rolled the biggest one, Zoey rolled a medium, and Rose rolled the smallest. As Rose was rolling her snowball, she saw something glistening in the snow.

“EVY, ZOEY, GET OVER HERE AND PLEASE HELP ME DIG THIS SNOW OUT AND GRAB SOMETHING I SEE THAT’S SHINY!” Rose yelled.

Evy and Zoey started running to her and soon enough, they were all digging in the snow, and Zoey pulled out a clear glass bottle. Zoey passed it to Rose and she popped the cork off. “It has a note in it! Here’s what it says:

*Dear Zoey, Evy, and Rose,*

*When you find this bottle, inside is a prized possession from your grandmothers’. The amethyst ring is from Zoey’s grandmother, the turquoise necklace is from Rose’s, and the gold bracelet is from yours, Evy. Your grandmothers passed this to you, and it’s been in your family for a long time. Please take good care of them.*

*Love, your parents,”* read Rose.



“Wow!” exclaimed Evy and Zoey. Zoey said, “I think we need to find our moms.” When the girls went inside Zoey’s house, they were surprised to see all three of their mothers sitting and laughing near the fire.

The girls took off their shoes and jackets and then went to their mothers. Evy asked her mom Rene, “Mom, look what we found!” She showed her mom the jewelry and note. “The note said that you, Sydney, and Ruby, hid this in the park and there is jewelry there from each of our grandmas!”

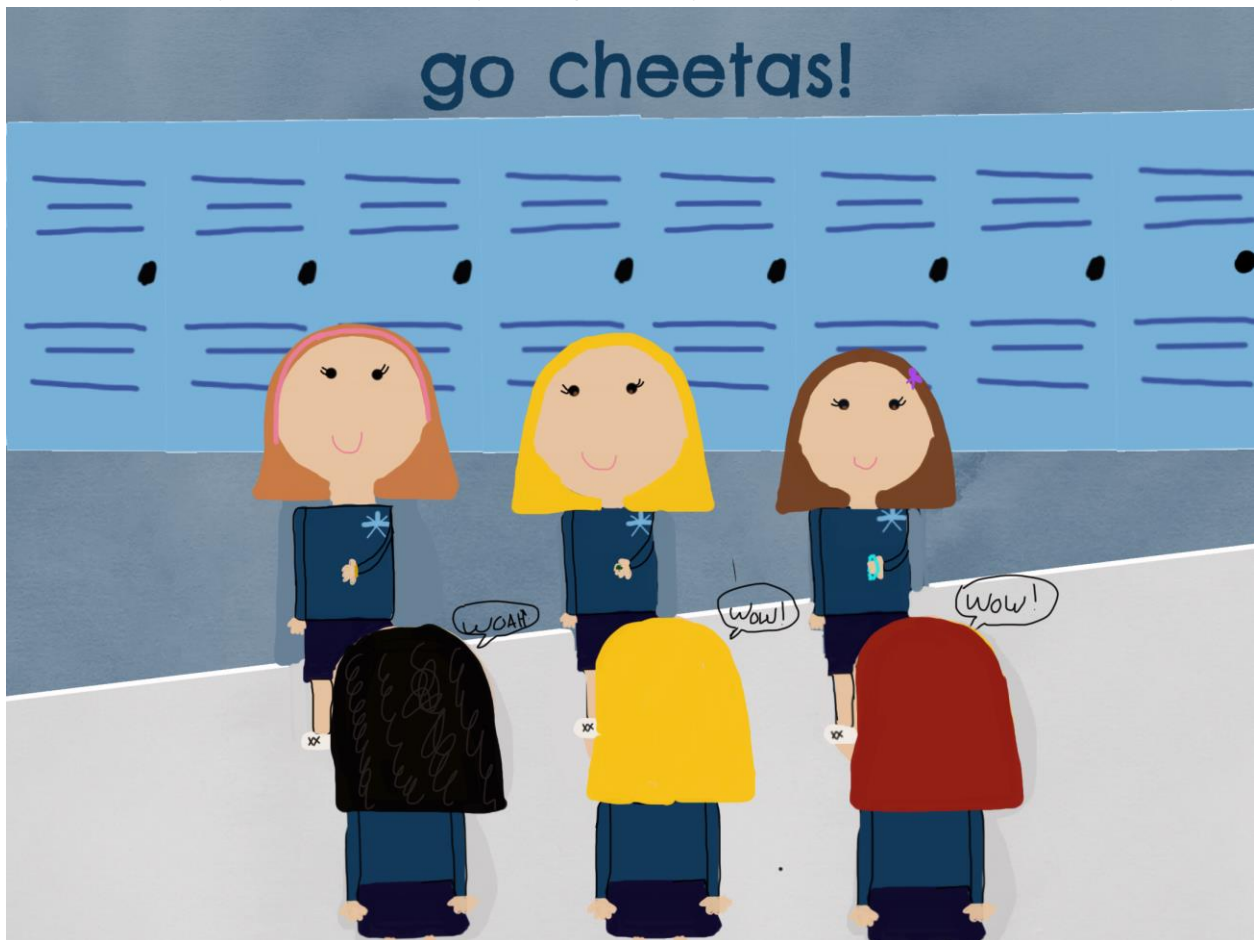


Rene exclaimed “Oh my goodness! I didn’t think you girls would find it!” Then Sydney said “Me neither! The reason we hid it is because your grandmas have also been besties since kindergarten and they know that you guys are best friends. So they gave you each a piece of special jewelry!”

“COOL!” yelled the girls at the same time. “So Grandma, Sadie gave me this bracelet?!” said Evy.

“Yes, and I hope you guys take good care of this jewelry because it’s very special,” said Rene.

“We will!” And off they went to play for the rest of the day. They played until sunset. It was the best day of their lives, they thought. They showed their friends the next day.



Their lives went on with them never losing the jewelry, which brought them great luck and good fortune.