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**MAGNET
MAGIC!**



Rin is digging in her brother's desk drawer.

There is always a lot of cool stuff in here.

Last week she found a toy lion.

Today, she finds a pen, but it has a black block stuck to it.

The pen is stuck to the block, but she does not know how.

She pulls them apart, and they stop being stuck.

But as she does, a bottle cap from the drawer flies out.

It sticks to the block, just like the pen did!





Rin wants to try out her new toy.

Does it stick to the stapler? Yes.

Does it stick to the cat? No!



The cat gives out a soft meow,
but does not care.



Rin keeps the trials going.

Does it stick to the ruler? Yes.

The stapler and the ruler were both made of metal.

'I wonder if this thing will stick to something not made of metal,' says Rin.





Rin tries one final trial.

She sees if it sticks to a hairy brown coconut.

But it does not.

'Maybe metal is the only thing it likes!'



Rin got a bit too close to the hairy coconut.

She sneezes, and the coconut falls off the shelf.

But she also drops Jin's pen, which she was holding in her other hand.

It bounces off the floor, and rolls under the bed.





The pen has rolled pretty far under the bed.

Rin sticks her hand under as far as it can go.

It's no use, no matter how many times she tries to coax it closer.

But then, Rin gets a brilliant idea.

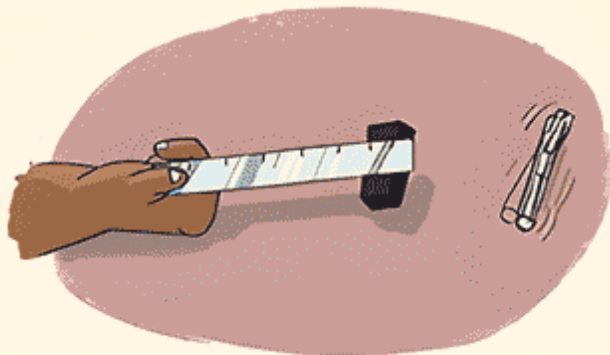


Rin gets the metal ruler and sticks the black block on the very end.

'You will be a helpful duo now,' says Rin.



Then, moving her hand just right, she pushes the ruler under the bed.



Click! The pen sticks to the block, and is still stuck to the ruler!



The duo is now a trio!

Rin runs around with the ruler, block, and pen still stuck together.

Then, she puts them back in the drawer, hoping her brother will not notice.

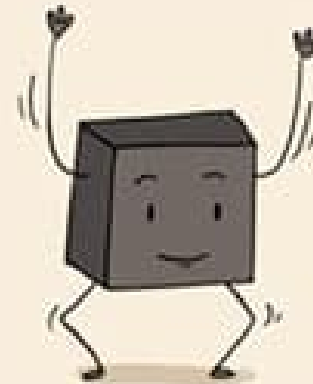
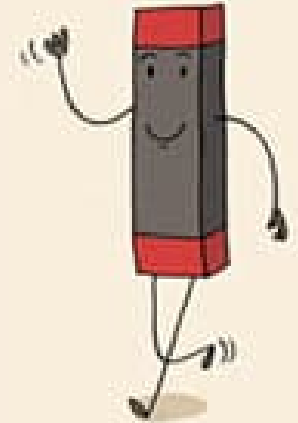
Much later, when he comes back from school, Rin asks him what the black block is.

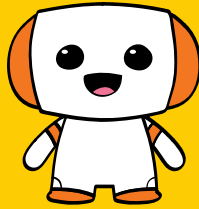
Her brother tells her all about magnets!

A magnet cannot stick to all objects,
only metal ones, and even then, not all
metal!

Gold and silver do not stick, but things
made of iron and steel like the ruler
and pen do.

Go out and try one out for yourselves!





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