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#### Chapter 1

It's odd how at night everything seems more mysterious. It was evening and Lunar was at the orphanage, looking and asking for friends. Soon afterwards, Tilly the orphanage helper called, "It's time for bed!", so Lunar went to bed. She dreamt of having a friend. The next day was a bit misty, but Tilly let them go out anyway. So, Lunar made a snowman with 3 balls of snow and carved a pumpkin with a bit of



help from one of the other orphans, Elaine. *There,* she thought. *My hard work is done.* Every day she pretended that her

Snowman was real! She even thought that she saw him smiling at her!





One day, when Lunar came out to play, her snowman came to life! "Oooh hello," she said quietly. "I'll name you Bob."

"Hi Lunar." said Bob.

"How...?" asked Lunar.

"Doesn't matter," said Bob. Just then, the sun pushed through the clouds that were covering it.

"Uh oh...," said Lunar.

"Well please do something!" Bob said. "My body is melting!"

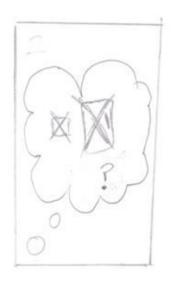
"I'll go get some ice!" she shouted while running. But when she came back, Bob had melted quite a lot! So, she stuck some snow on Bob and poured the ice cubes on him. However, that only slowed the 'melting process' down.

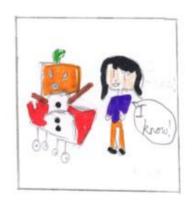
"Ooooh I know!" Lunar said. "Get in this wheelbarrow and I'll show you the *Fridge*!". But when they got there, Bob didn't seem to like it at all!

"Sorry Lunar, but isn't a fridge where you keep your *food*?" said Bob. "Well, if it is then I'm sorry but umm I'm not living here." Lunar thought and thought.









After thinking hard, she thought of the *Freezer Room*! "Bob I just thought if the perfect place!" Lunar said excitedly.

"Where?" asked Bob.

"The FREEZER ROOM!"

"Okay..." Bob climbed in the wheelbarrow and Lunar headed towards the Freezer Room.

"Does anyone use it?" asked Bob anxiously.

"Nope, that's the good thing about it." said Lunar. When they got there, she asked Elaine to help her. She didn't bother to look, which was perfect. It was a bit hard to tip the wheelbarrow without Bob sliding out and breaking, but



they made it in the end. Lunar said goodbye to Bob and went to go ask I-Have-a-lot-of-furniture Tony whether she could use one of his small tables. The reason why was because she wanted to make Bob a home-like environment.



Very surprisingly, Tony said yes! It wasn't often that he said yes, because he liked to show off his furniture. As soon as she got the table, Lunar gave it to Bob and went back to her room to sew. She was surprisingly good at sewing, so she sewed a bunny plushie to pay Tony. She also sewed a snowman, a gingerbread man (no not real food!) and a Santa Claus to keep Bob company. When she gave Tony the bunny, he said, "N-no thank you. I'm fine."

"Ok," said Lunar. So, in the end she gave the snowman, gingerbread man, Santa and the bunny to Bob. Bob was amazed when he saw the sewn toys so he asked,

"Did you make those?"

"Yup." said Lunar.

"Thank you." said Bob. Lunar sewed a pillow case really quickly and stuffed it with not cotton but snow! She went back to Tony (again) and asked for a small sleeping bag. Tony said yes again!

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Maybe he's being nice today, thought Lunar. She gave Bob the pillow and the small sleeping bag. Bob was delighted!

"Thank you," said Bob.

"You're welcome," said Lunar. When she got back to her bedroom, she got lost in her thoughts. I wonder if he feels like this is his home now... thought Lunar, because after all she didn't want him to melt. Then she thought, maybe he's supposed to melt. No, maybe I

should let go of my thoughts. So she did. She went to visit Bob and asked, "Do you want to play to get rid of some thoughts?"

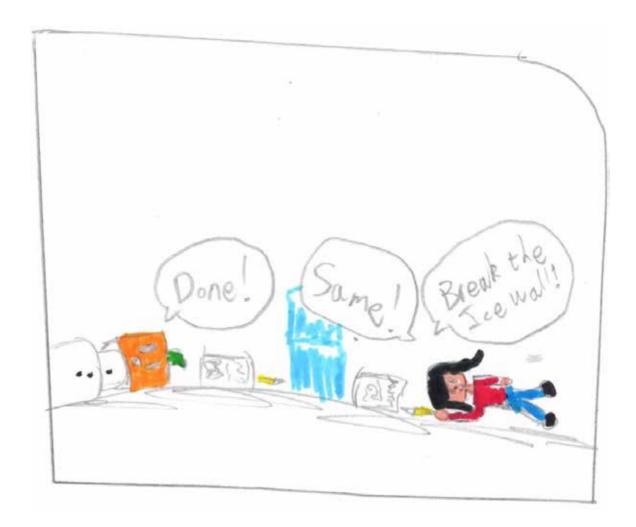
"Sure," said Bob.

So, they played till bedtime.

"Goodnight!" said Bob.

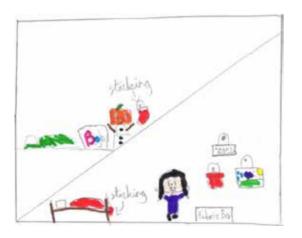
"Goodnight, Bob!" Lunar replied. The next day was the day before Christmas Day! Lunar helped Bob write his Christmas list although there was nothing that Bob really wanted apart from friendship.





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When they finished writing their Christmas lists, they hung stockings at the end of their beds. But Bob hung his on the wall, as he didn't have a bed. They also put their Christmas lists in a little box at the Christmas Tree. Lunar wished for a for a long-lasting friendship. Bob wished for a long-lasting friendship as well as wishing for a little hat to make him look fancier. As you may not know, Lunar never ate breakfast or dinner. Instead, she always had two apples at midnight. Now, she wanted to share the same habit as Bob, but she knew that Bob didn't have teeth, so she fed him *mashed food*.





It was time for bed, so Lunar went to bed. She went to get snacks (not for midnight because it was Christmas) for her and Bob. But when she went to visit Bob, she realised that somebody had made the freezer room a bit warmer. "Not again!!!" said Lunar.

"I saw a girl with two ponytails (I mean the hairstyle ponytail) do that," explained Bob

"Elaine?!" exclaimed Lunar. "Well, I've got to find out how to make it colder!" she continued.

"Don't worry, the temperature didn't lower by too much. It'll be 3 months until I fully melt," said Bob

"Phew," said Lunar.



#### Chapter 8

"HOw CaN We dO This?" Lunar said.

"Try that spinner over there," said Bob pointing at the spinner.

"Ok," said Lunar. She tried and tried for half an hour until she remembered she set a paper trap and she was trying to use it. "Any ideas?" asked Lunar.

"Look over there, is that one?" said Bob.

"No..." said Lunar.

"OOOooh! Is it that one under that pile of HUGE ice cubes?" said Bob excitedly

"Maybe!" said Lunar. She lifted the HUGE ice cubes and turned the circle on the floor and it turned out to be a sewer.

"Oh," said Bob. "I'll check the one you said earlier.". So she went to check and-Guess What?-she found it!

"OMG BOB I FOUND IT!" exclaimed Lunar

"YAY!" said Bob "Well turn it to -15 degrees celsius please!"

"Ok, ok, stop saying that," said Lunar. Around five minutes later, the temperature was back to normal!

"Yay! High Five!" said Lunar.

"Ok but go to bed after cause...IT'S GONNA BE CHRISTMAS!"

"Oh yea!" replied Lunar. "Goodnight and Merry Christmas!"

"Same to you!" said Bob.









The next day, everyone was so excited they woke up at 6:30! They rushed down to get their presents. Lunar picked up her presents and Bob's, and went to visit Bob.

"Hey Bob, I got your presents, here you go!" said Lunar.

"Thank you so much!" said Bob.

"Do you think we should open them now?" asked Lunar

"Yeah!" said Bob excitedly. Lunar got a friendship bracelet and Bob got a friendship bracelet the same colour as Lunar's. Bob also got his hat that he wanted.

"Yay a hat!" said Bob.

"Friendship bracelets!" said Lunar. "Thank you Santa!!"



#### Chapter 10

"Bye!" said Lunar.

"Bye! said Bob. After that, everyone went to do crafts, sewing and knitting. Everyone made spectacular things! From small Gingerbread Men to HUGE Santa Plushies. Lunar drew a family of reindeers, a family of snowmen and her estimated Santa family. You might be wondering how the items Lunar gives didn't freeze...well the truth is they do freeze. Bob could break the ice easily though, so that's not a problem for him. Then they played outside (with Bob watching the live-stream of what they were doing) on the sledges. Some other people built snowmen, but luckily they didn't come to life like Bob had done a few weeks ago.



Lunar's favourite event of the day was definitely the 'Build an Igloo challenge'! It was a challenge where you had to build the biggest igloo, bigger than anyone else's, then you would go to other people's igloos and say positive comments to them! The two reasons why she liked it was because she won the second round and got a chocolate coin, and the 2nd reason is because it was like

a little town of igloos and it was so cute! Bob felt a bit lonely and left out and Lunar 'felt' that so she walked to Bob's 'home'.

"Hi Bob." said Lunar.

"Hi-" started Bob.

"Are you feeling left out?" asked Lunar.

"Yes, sort of." replied Bob "Ok then I will stay with you. First you need to turn off the live stream though," pointed out Lunar.

"Oh yes, ok," replied Bob.

"I know!" said Lunar suddenly.

"Know what?" asked Bob.

"I'll have a sleepover with you today and tomorrow!" said Lunar excitedly.

"Ooh yes, that would be nice!" replied Bob.

"I'll get my woolly sleeping bag!" said Lunar. So, she went. When she came back, she asked,

"Where should I put my sleeping bag?"

"Here or there." Bob said promptly. When they decided everything, they played hide and seek. There wasn't really anywhere to hide so they played rock paper scissors shoot. But that got boring so they played double o seven. But that got boring too! In the end they just decided to watch the live stream. A few hours later, the live stream stopped and everyone came back in. Lunar decided to have supper today because today was Christmas Day. She saved some soup for Bob and went to bed with Bob.

"Goodnight Bob!" Lunar said.

"Goodnight Lunar!" replied Bob. Friendship was in the air once more.





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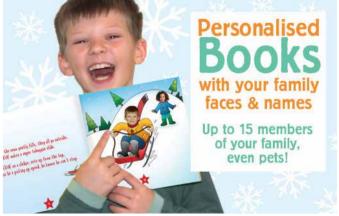
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A little orphan named Lunar is looking for friends. She finds one in the most unexpected way. She solves 2 alarming problems that try to get rid of her friend. Will her friend survive? Who is her friend?