

Gersty Grain is not going to school today. She is going to Lily Colours for her painting class.

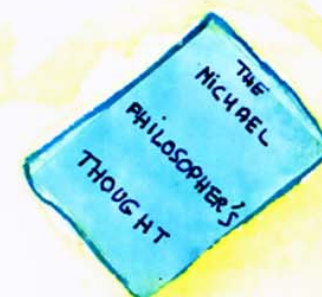
On the way, she passes in front of Simon the Spectroscopic Magician's house. Simon the Spectroscopic Magician is Lily Colours' father.

Lily Colours lives in the blue house next door to his friend Michael the Philosopher.



Since he travels a lot, Michael the Philosopher lives in a yurt, a sort of tent he bought on one of his trips. Now he can carry his house with him on his travels.

Michael the Philosopher is calm. He often works sitting down in front of his yurt, thinking thoughts and writing them down for his books.



Since he often
thinks very hard
about very nice
thoughts,
the flowers
nearby hear
them and
they push
aside
the earth
to come up
and see him.



Hello Michael.



Hello Michael.





Michael the Philosopher and his cat Nomad do not like noise because it stops them from thinking.



That's why they like fish. Fish are quiet. If a fish makes too much noise, they simply eat it.



MICHAEL THE PHILOSOPHER

When Michael the Philosopher's thoughts
get mixed up
in his head
he knows
he has to go
dancing
to put them
straight again
and he often
invites Gersty
Grain
or Lily Colours
for a quick waltz.





Simon the Spectroscopic Magician
is as sparkling as his friend
Michael the Philosopher is laid-back.
He flies up to the sky
in his helicopter to cut out
chunks of rainbows
with his magic scythe.



He also catches light beams and writes their names down in books so people can recognise them.

Simon the Spectroscopic Magician is very generous. He loves every single light beam.

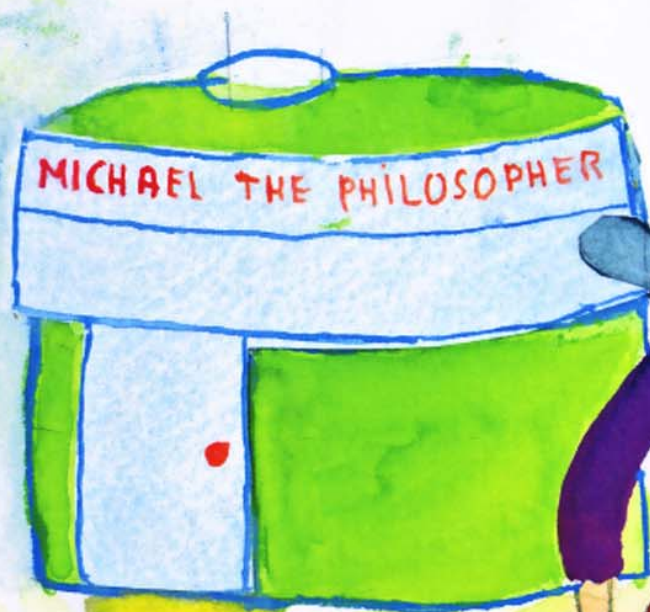
Beam-catcher

ATLAS
OF
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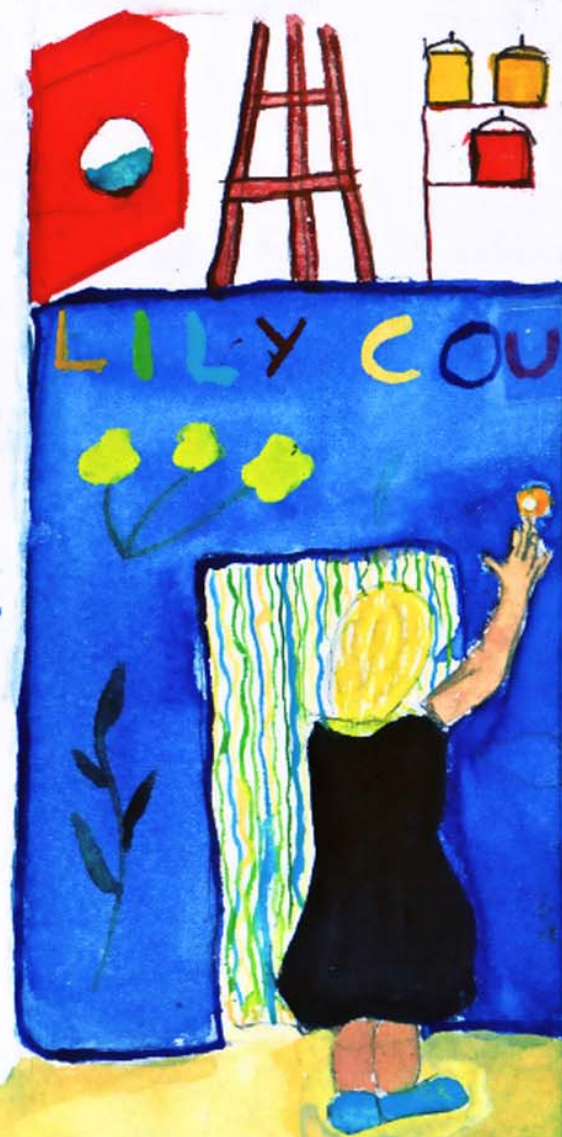
ABOUT
THE
LUNAR
CALENDAR

The rainbow chunks are cut out
and placed in a big pot to make colours
for his daughter Lily Colours.





After saying hello
to his friend
Michael the Philosopher,



Gersty Grain
visits Lily Colours.

Lily Colours and
Gersty Grain
go up
to the top
of the house
since colours
like the light
and there's
loads of that
on the terrace.





Gersty Grain says hello to her friends
the brushes and the rags
who love to be dipped in the paint.
The rags don't much like being put into
the washing machine because it shakes so much.



Lily Colours has set up
a huge sheet of paper
on her easel just the way
Gersty Grain likes.
She asks Gersty Grain
to look for an idea
in her head and draw it.
This is called being
INSPIRED.



Gersty Grain picks the small nightmare she met last night. She draws it and wraps a belt around it so it cannot come out any more. The small nightmare is afraid Gersty Grain will cover it with paint completely and make it disappear for ever so it promises to stay inside the belt

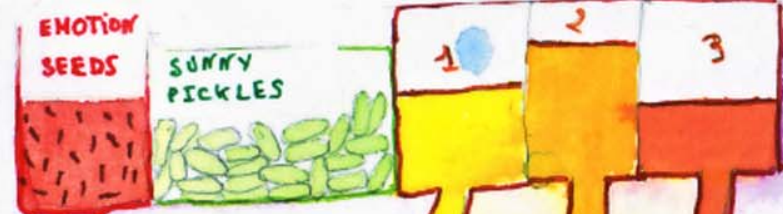
Lily Colours teaches Gersty Grain the main colours of the rainbow so she can go see Simon the Spectroscopic Magician. If she knows them, Simon the Spectroscopic Magician will make her a pair of rainbow sneakers.

Gersty Grain makes a huge effort to remember their names.





Afterwards, Gersty Grain is tired and cannot find any new ideas, so Lily Colours gives her two delicious **INSPIRATION** pickles.



Simon the Spectroscopic Magician invented this secret recipe. The only thing we know is that the small seeds in the **INSPIRATION** pickles are **emotion seeds**.

SECRET RECIPE
OF **INSPIRATION**
PICKLES


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The **INSPIRATION** pickles take effect and Gersty Grain draws two faces, her brother Djim Grain and their older cousin Paininthenek. Djim is always joyful so she draws a bowl-shaped mouth for him with his eyes looking upwards.

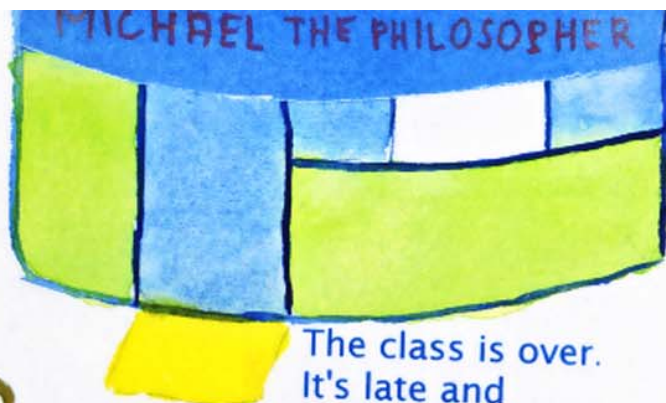
And Gersty Grain draws a hill-shaped mouth and tears for old cousin Paininthenek who is always sad and thinks he'll never succeed.

Lily Colours is very proud of her pupil.

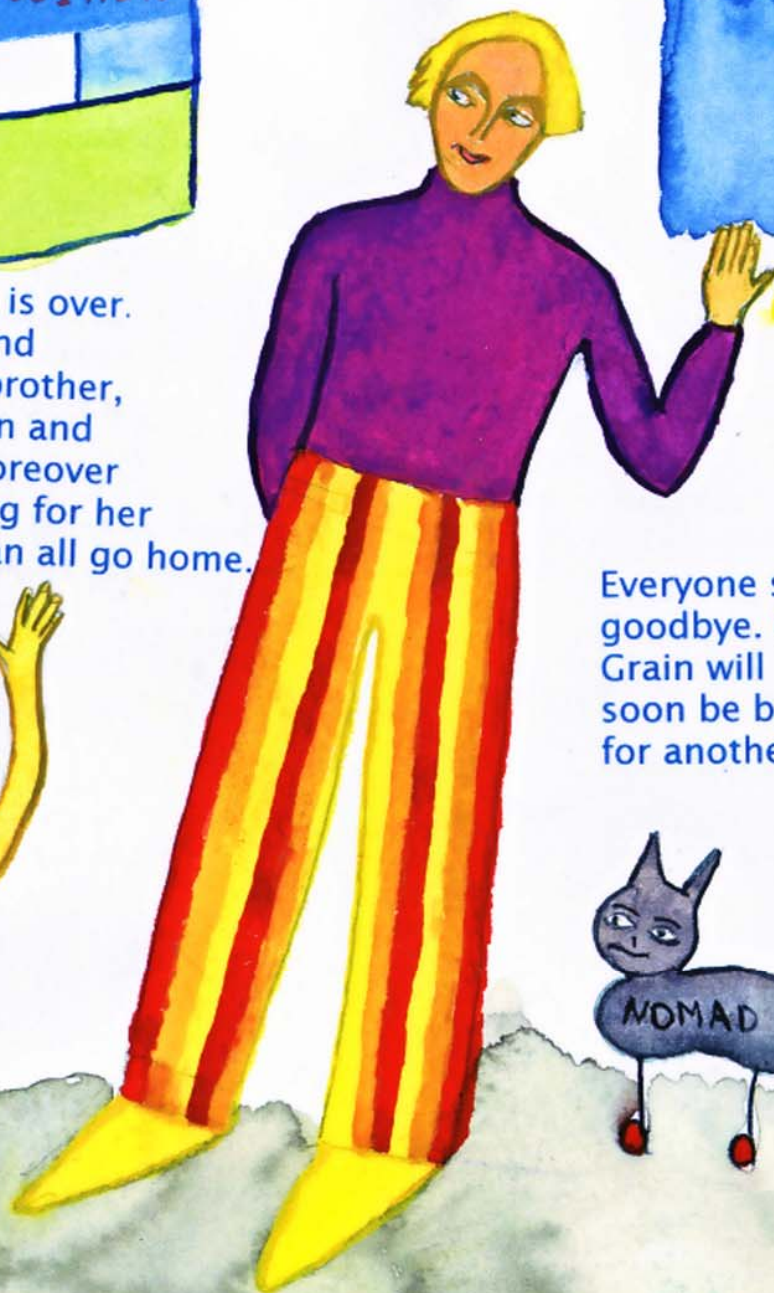




To reward her she gives her a gift
of a magic sepia deco number 0 brush
that paints just like a pencil.



The class is over.
It's late and
Gersty's brother,
Djim Grain and
his cat Moreover
are waiting for her
so they can all go home.



Everyone says
goodbye. Gersty
Grain will
soon be back
for another class.

