



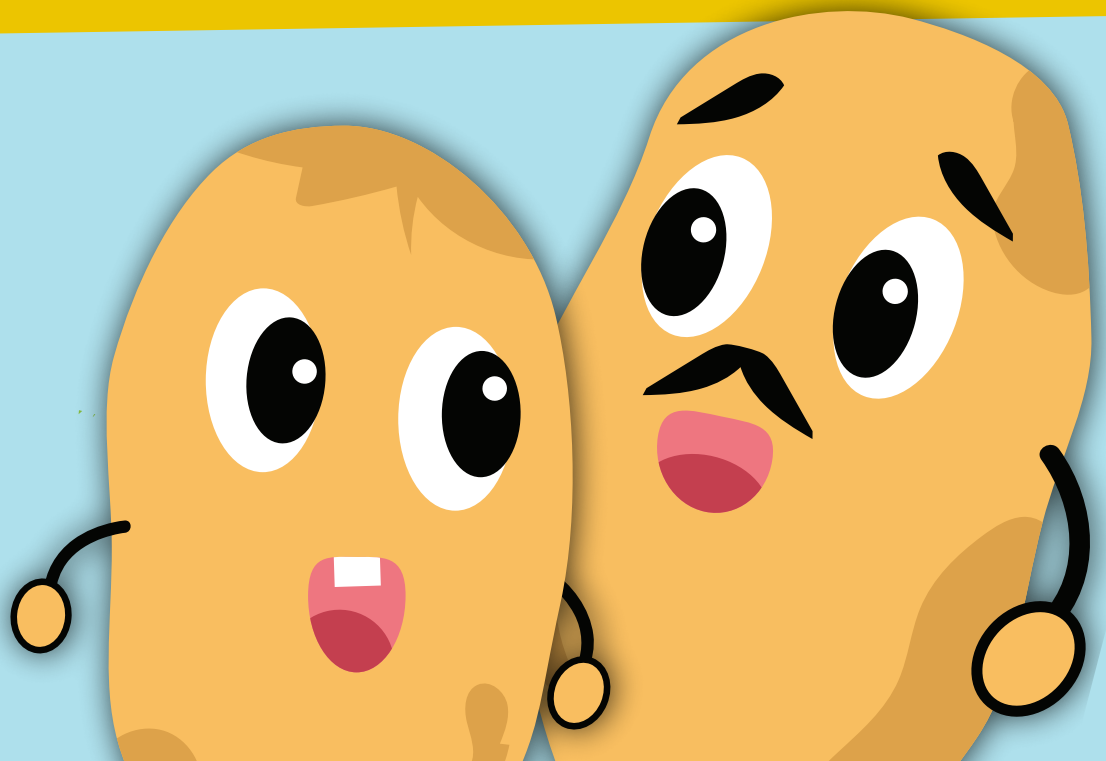
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*by Madison, Age 12 (USA)*

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# BOB THE POTATO

**Once upon a time**, there was a potato. His name was Bob, and he had an amazing family. Bob loved to write storybooks. One of his most terrifying stories came true! **Here is his story:**

Bob came home one day and saw that his parents weren't there. After thirty minutes of searching, he finally found them in a supermarket two blocks away. He was shocked to see that they were in a package ready to be sold. Bob was not happy. He decided to hop in the bag with them. A scary lady, named Linda (at least Bob thought she was terrifying), bought the package of potatoes.



**At Linda's house**, a few hours later, Linda started to prepare supper.

Bob realized that Linda's family was about to have 'his family' for dinner!



He looked to his right, and his dad was there. He looked to the left, and his potato eyes about popped out of his head when he saw his mom being chopped up and put into a giant pot of boiling water! **Bob couldn't watch** what was happening to his mom.

Bob rolled back to his dad and saw he was now getting chopped up and put in the pot of misery, (at least that's what Bob called it). He saw what Linda had done to his parents, so he was determined to come to their defence!

**“so he was determined to come to their defence!”**

Bob spoke as loudly as he could, **“Hi, Linda.”** Linda screamed and ran out the front door of her house, never to be seen again (at least Bob hoped that's what would happen).

Bob found some glue in the junk drawer and set it on the counter. Then he knocked the pot into the sink with his potato head so he could get his parents' pieces out.

Luckily, with the glue, he was able to mend his parents back together.



**DIRECTIONS:**

Grab some paper and a pencil and write down what happens after Madison ended the story. What does the potato family do next? Do they ever run into Linda again?



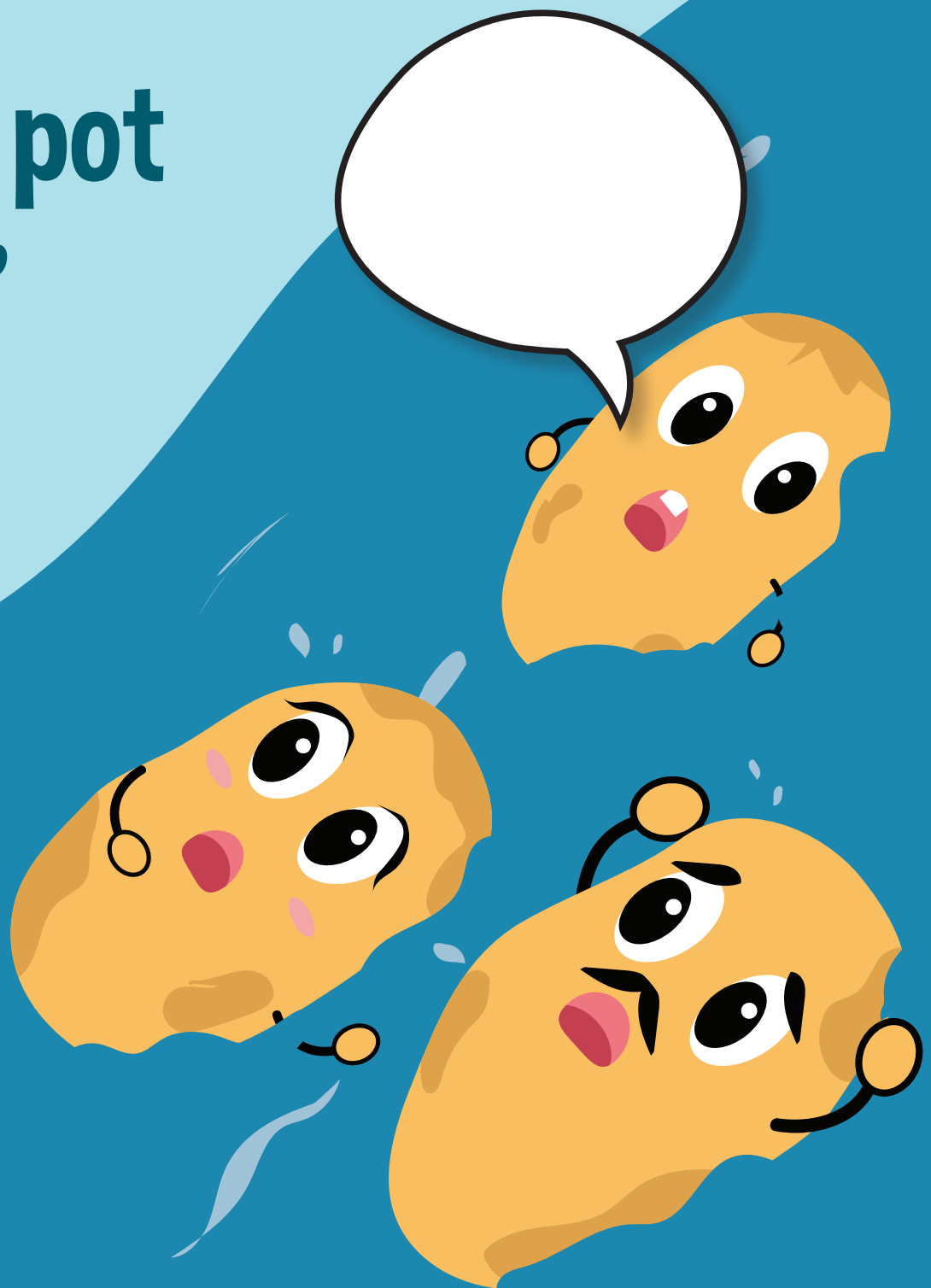
Then Linda came back with the police. When she opened the door, Bob and his parents rolled out and **into the sewer** in front of Linda's house. What Bob and his parents didn't realize was that they rolled into the sanitary sewer. It smelled really bad, but Bob was happy his Mom and Dad were with him again.

Linda didn't notice the potatoes had **rolled out of the house**, so she took the police into her kitchen. She couldn't find the talking potato anywhere, nor the ones that she was cooking in her pot!

## "Linda and her pot of misery."

The police, searched everywhere for a sign of a potato, but none were found.

The police were sure potatoes couldn't talk or move—they were just doing their job.





In the sewer, Bob and his parents were trying to find a way out and save themselves from Linda and her pot of misery. This was especially tricky because potatoes can only roll.

At Linda's house, it was **not going too well**. The police were looking upstairs—as if potatoes could roll up the stairs. “Keep searching!” yelled Linda! “They could be anywhere. All I want is my **mashed potatoes for supper!**” (Linda was scary, just like Bob thought.)

In the sewer, Bob found a pipe full of other potatoes that were partying. These potatoes had also rolled away from Linda's kitchen.

So, that's how Bob's story ended. He was with his parents, partying with all their potato friends, and Linda never found him or his amazing family again! ® **THE END**



## Meet the Writer



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**Madison!**

For my 6th-grade ELA class, we were asked to write every Friday, and this story was one of my favourite pieces.

I do musicals, play the flute, play softball, and I love being with my family. In the future, I want to become an elementary school teacher. I got my cat, Samera, for my 9th birthday and she is so amazing. She is very sweet and playful and never gets bored.

Having my story published will help me in college, and it is a great and fun accomplishment! ®