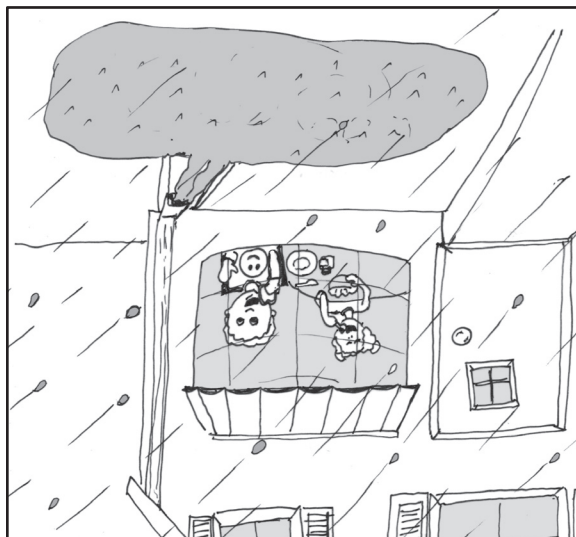
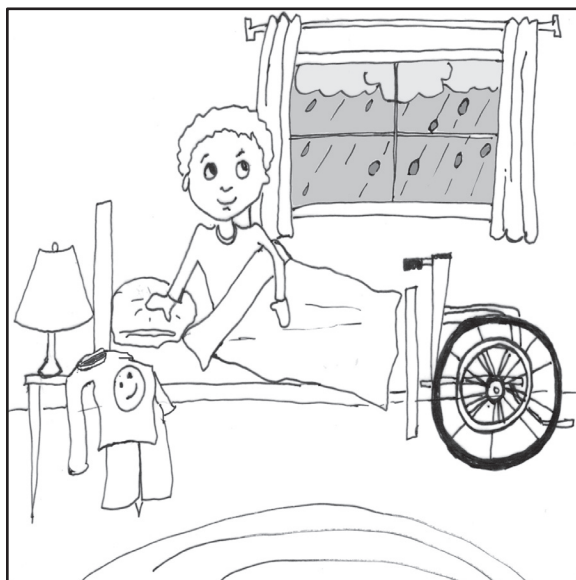


Tim gets dressed and climbs into his wheelchair. He rolls into the bathroom to wash up. Then he heads to the kitchen for breakfast. His mom and dad are getting ready for work. But his sister is already at the table eating some cereal. Tim makes some toast and goes to the table. He watches the puddles forming outside as he eats.



Splashing in Puddles



BRRRIIIING! The alarm clock rings, waking Tim for school. Time to get up! He sits up, looks outside, and sighs. What a gray, rainy day. Dark clouds cover the sky, hiding the sun. There has been a lot of rain this spring. Too much rain. Tim can't wait for summer.

Some of those puddles are big enough to swim in, Tim thinks. He wants to go splash in them. But splashing in puddles is not so easy when you're in a wheelchair. Thinking about swimming gives him an idea. He takes his sister's swim fins from the closet, puts on his raincoat, and goes outside.



Tim wheels into the middle of a deep puddle. He puts the swim fins on his hands rather than his feet. The fins are long enough for Tim to reach the puddle. Tim uses the fins to splash since he can't use his feet. It's unusual, but it works! There's nothing more fun for a kid than splashing in puddles!