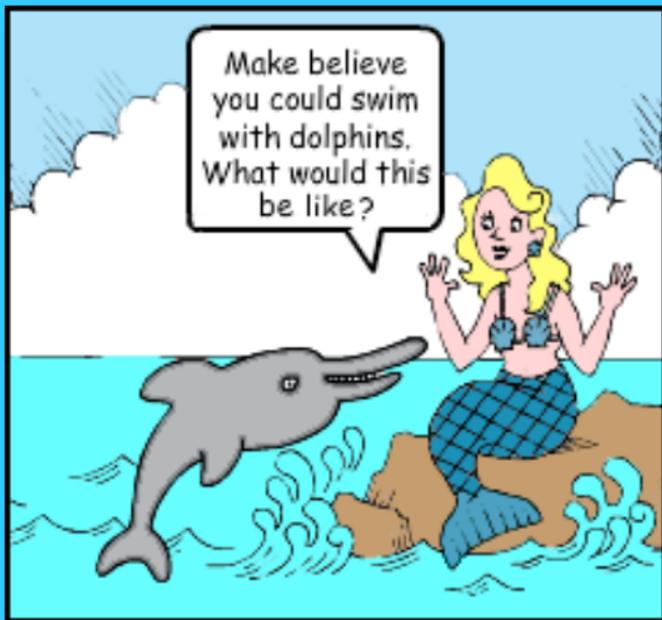


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To Spark Your Writing



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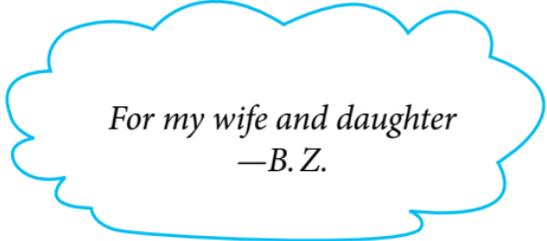
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For my wife and daughter
—B. Z.

Dear reader,

Some years ago when someone whom I love was very ill, I began writing what I call “make beliefs,” or picture and word prompts like the ones in this book. In doing so, I was seeking to escape to a different, happier world in my imagination where I could dream and get some peace from the turmoil I was feeling.

I decided to call these writing prompts “make beliefs” after a favorite childhood game in which I would make believe that I could experience strange, marvelous things—like having wings to fly, or walking on the moon, or talking to animals in their own language. (Don’t you think of such things, too?) These “make beliefs” helped

spark my own imagination and encouraged me to write or think about the answers to the strange, impossible questions I asked.

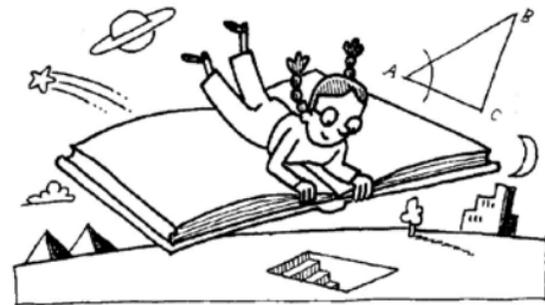
I hope this book of make believe will also stimulate your own creative thinking and writing.



I know that deep down each of us is capable of being more than we are if we can catch our breath for a while, lose some of our fears, and try to imagine what things would be like if such and such would happen. **The intent of this book is let your mind roam to new places and ideas.**

Over the years, after publication of my first make-believe book, “[Makebeliefs: A Gift for Your Imagination](#),” I kept writing new “makebeliefs” which became this book you are reading. Writing these prompts helped me get through some tough times and always made me happier and more hopeful.

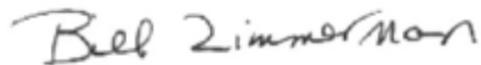
I hope you will enjoy the new “make beliefs” offered in this new digital diary format. Perhaps you can fill in some of the pages with a friend, too, and share the fun. After you download this book you can write your responses directly on your computer screen, then save what you write and keep returning whenever you want to answer more of the book’s writing prompts.



The comic strips shown in this book were all created with the same characters found on my web site, [MakeBeliefsComix.com](#), which I hope you will also visit to create your own comic stories. I encourage you, too, to use the web site to create your own “make belief” writing prompts. I am sure your rich imaginations will allow you to discover your own

new worlds and ideas which specifically interest you. I'd like for this book to encourage you to write. **But most of all, I want you to have fun in expressing your own creativity and tapping into your great imaginations.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Zimmerman". The script is cursive and fluid.

Bill Zimmerman

Creator/ **MakeBeliefsComix.com**

P.S. In filling in this digital book's pages you also have the option of printing out any pages that you want and also of sending the completed digital book as an email attachment to someone with whom you wish to share all your special thoughts.

Now let the fun begin...



Make believe there
was no tomorrow.
What would you do
today?

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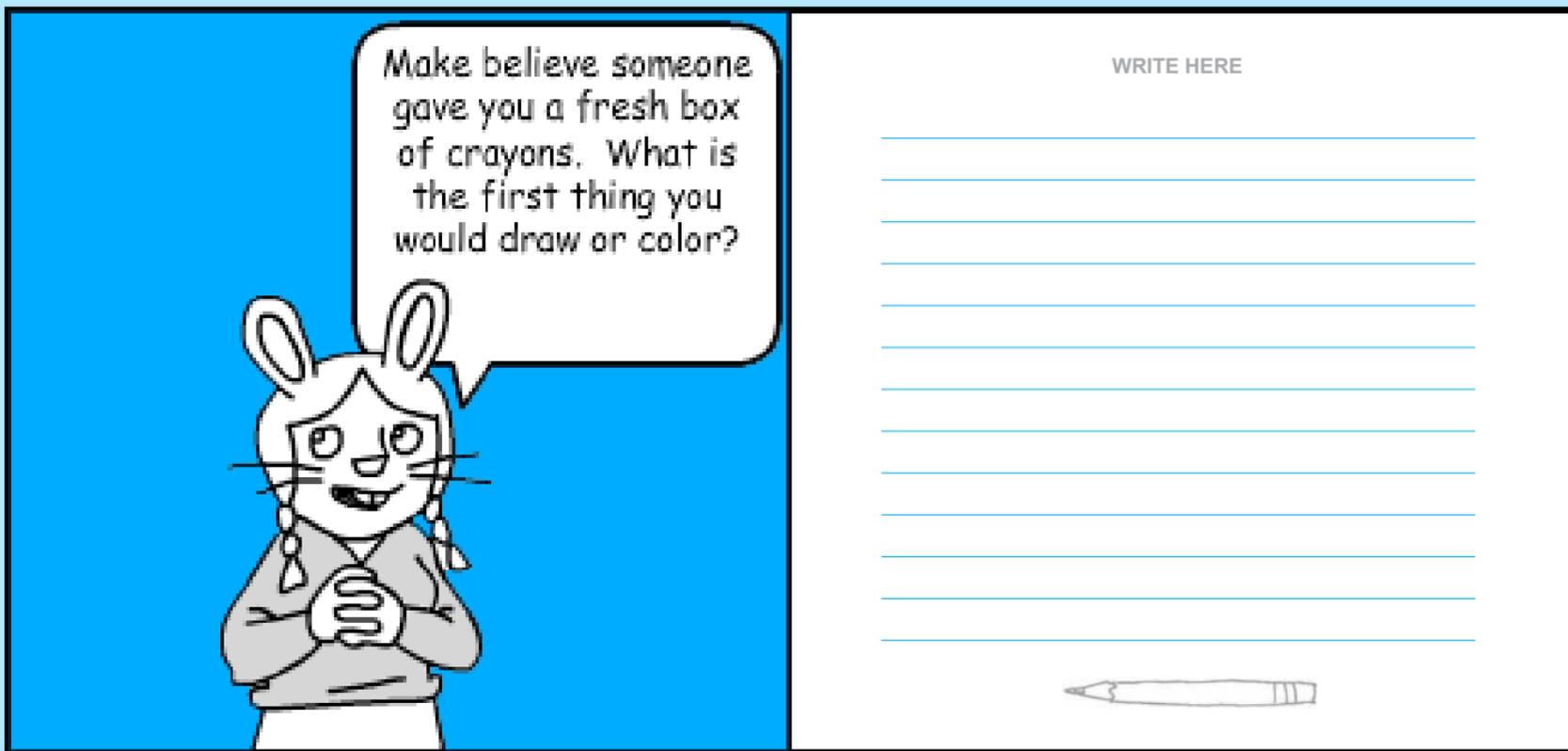


A cartoon illustration of a frog character on the left side of a page. The frog is white with black outlines, wearing a striped shirt, and has its mouth open as if speaking. A speech bubble above it contains the text: "Make believe you carried a bag of dreams that you distributed to people each night. What are some of the dreams within your bag?". The background behind the frog is a solid light green. To the right of the frog is a large white rectangular area with the text "WRITE HERE" at the top. Below this text are ten horizontal green lines for writing. At the bottom right of this area is a simple line drawing of a pencil.

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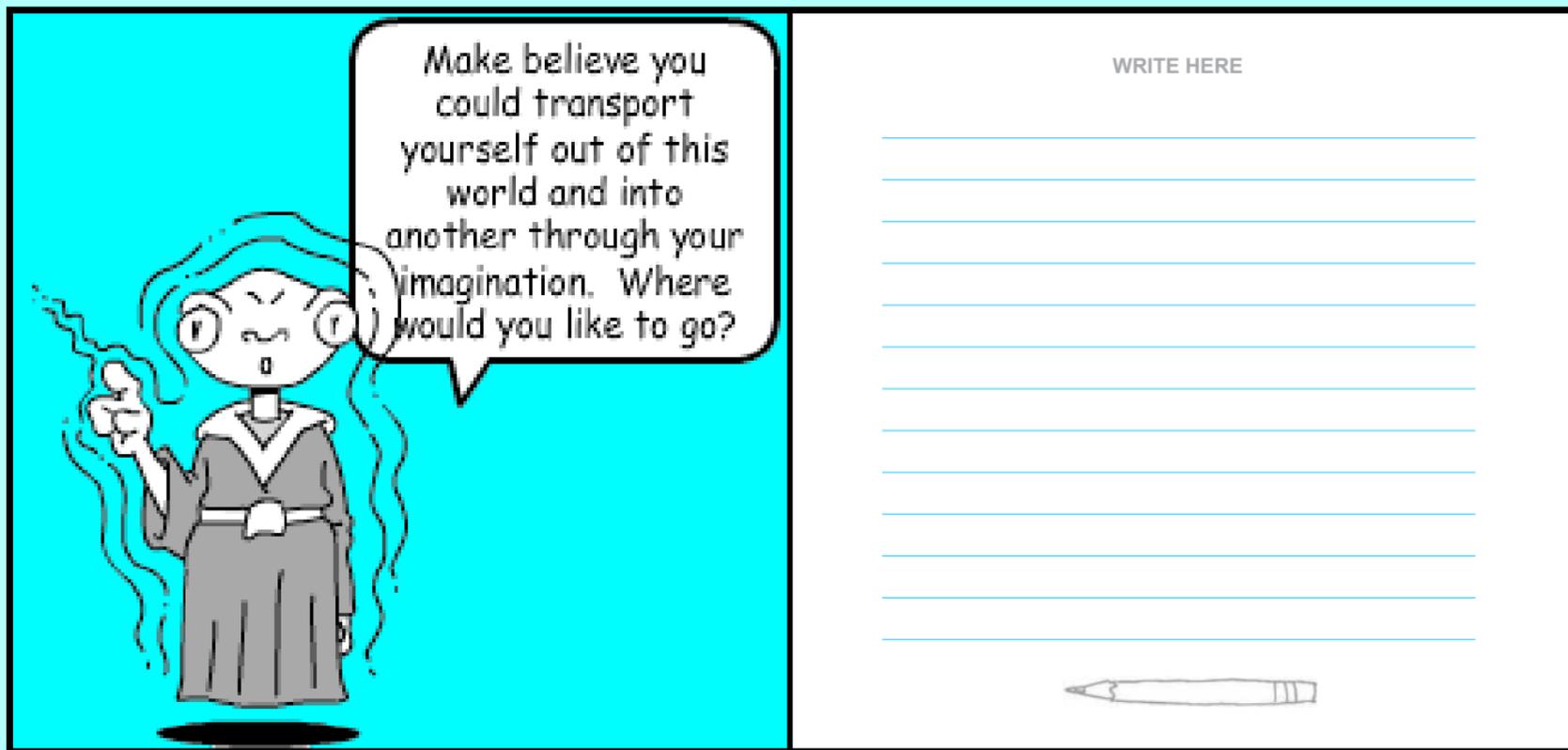


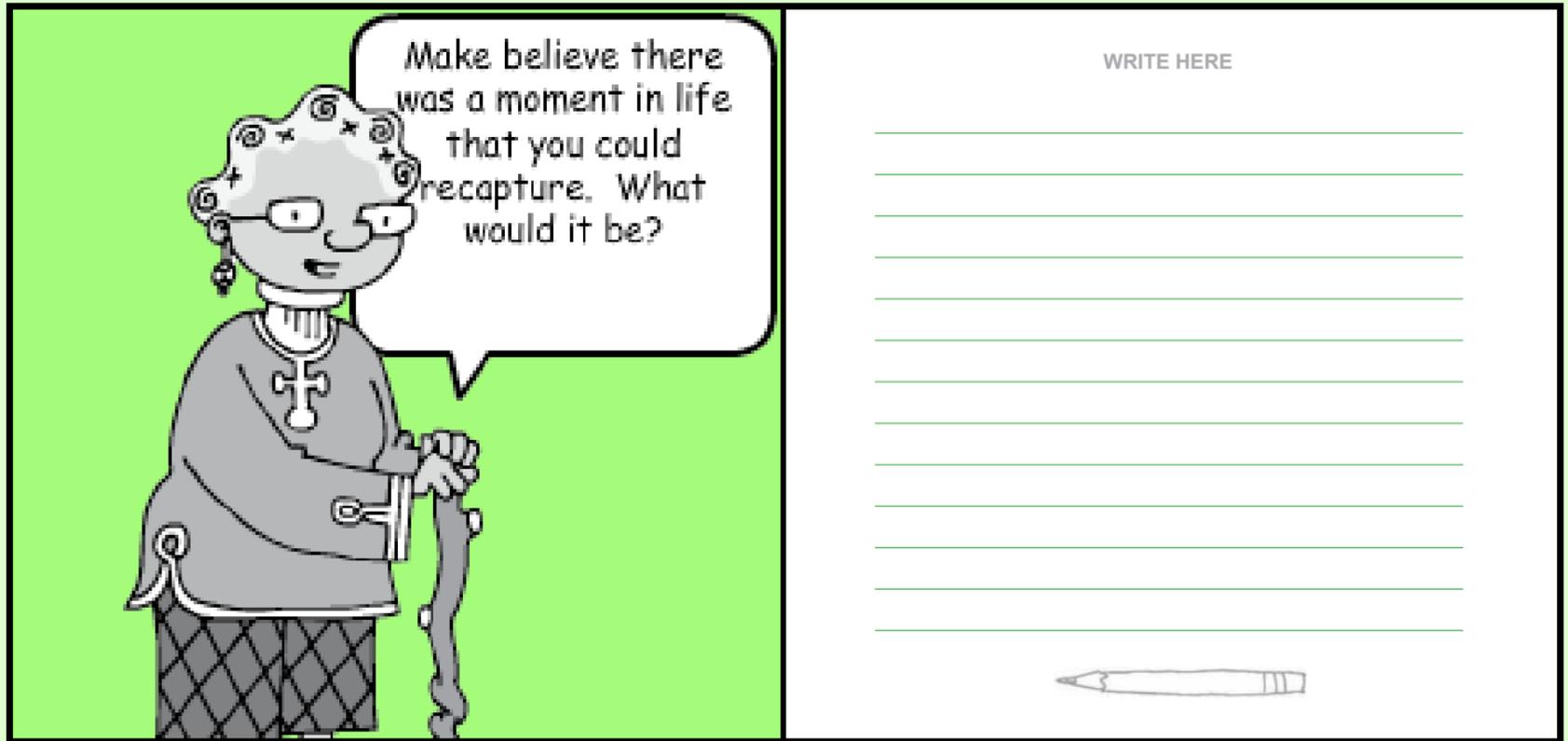


Make believe you could say special words to someone who always made you feel loved and protected. What would you say to them?

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Make believe there was a moment in life that you could recapture. What would it be?

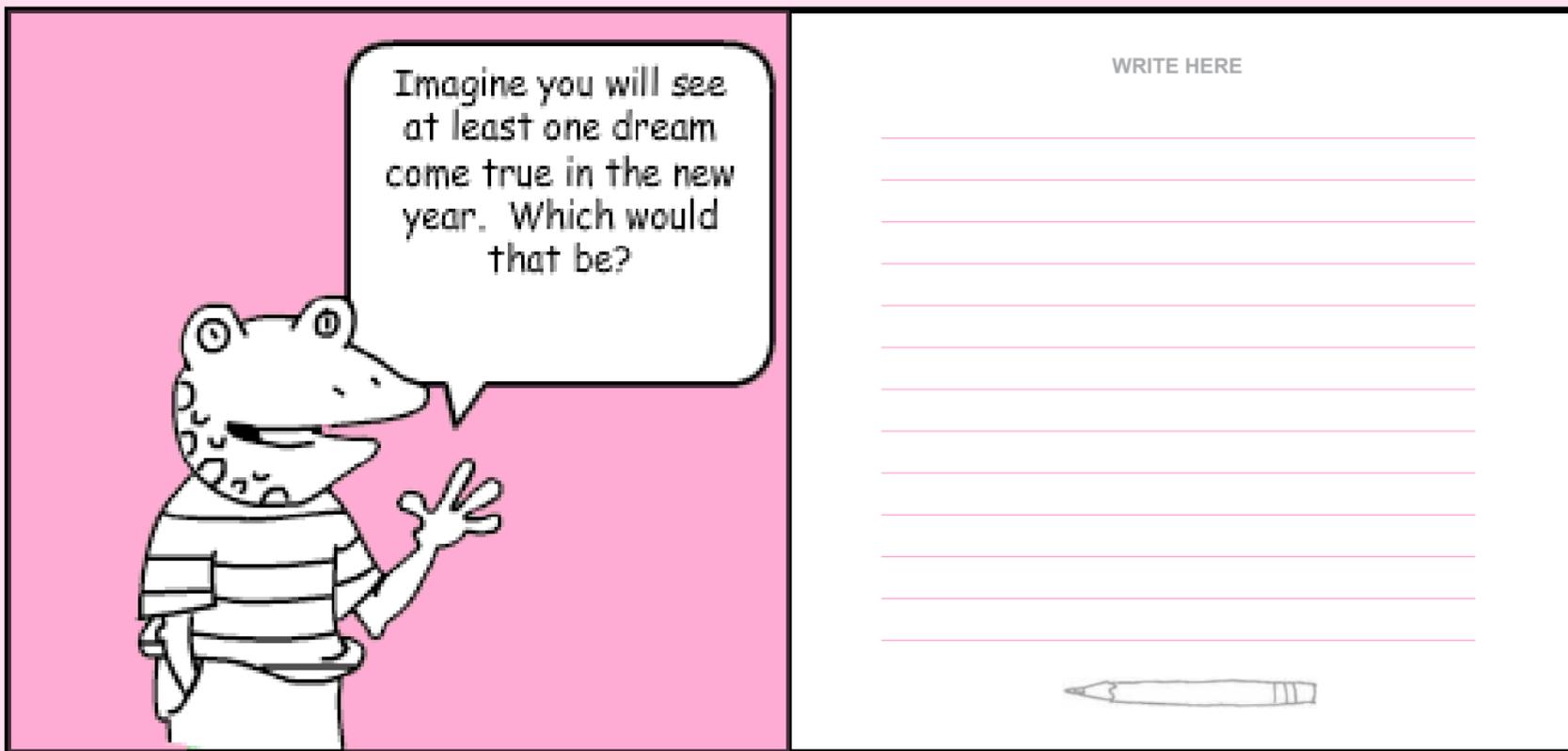
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Make believe that a wonderful surprise awaited you just around the corner. What would you like that to be?

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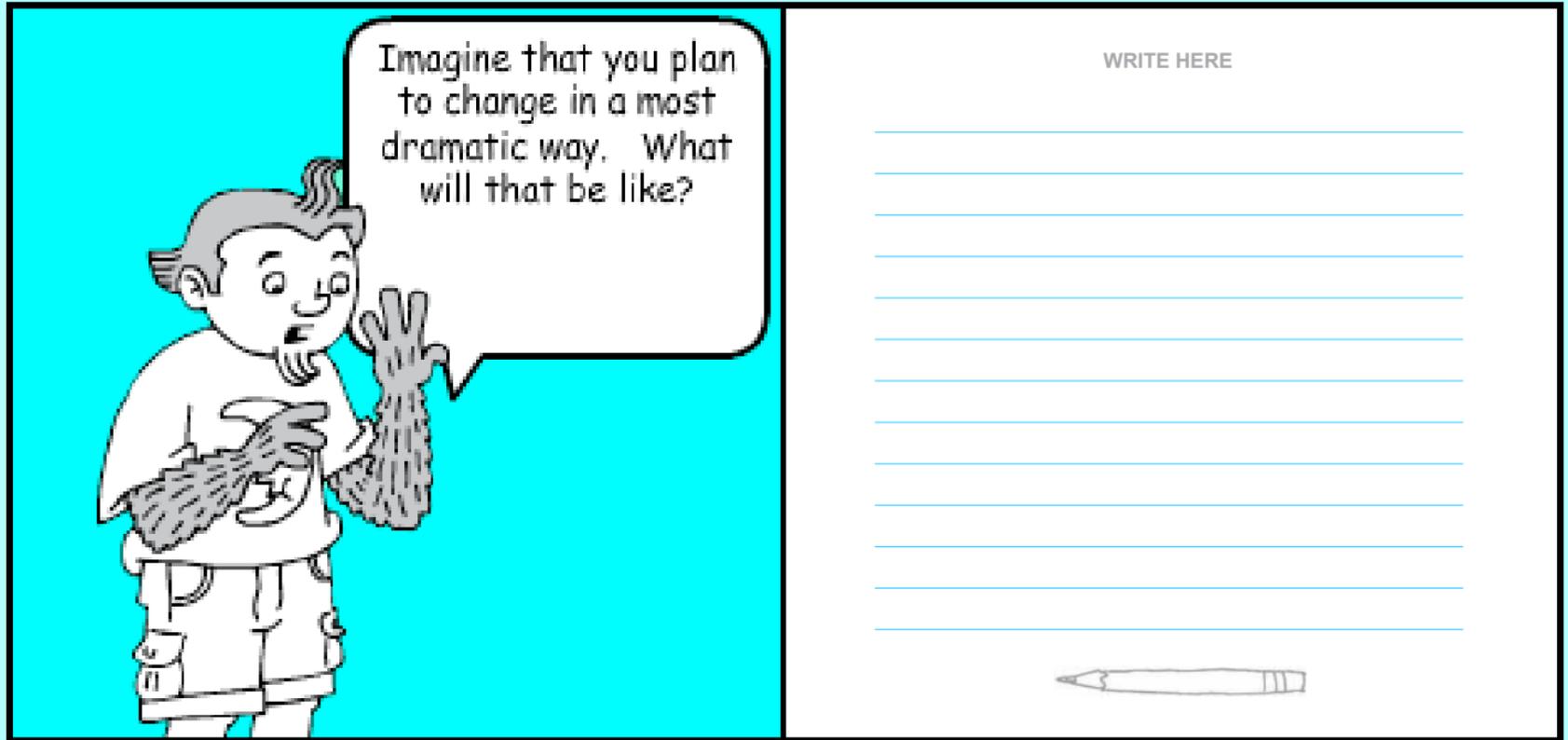




Imagine you will see at least one dream come true in the new year. Which would that be?

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Make believe you are dreaming the impossible dream and you discover the power to make it come true. What is this dream?

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About the Author

In his more than 20 books and work as a newspaper editor, **Bill Zimmerman** has pioneered innovative writing techniques to help people express all the important things within them. His books and web sites are used in literacy programs around the world and to encourage creative thinking.

His web sites are: <http://www.billztreasurechest.com>, which features excerpts from all his books, and <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com>, which enables visitors to create their own online comic strips. Please visit them.

Among his popular books are:

- *Pocket Doodles for Kids*
- *Make Beliefs: A Gift for Your Imagination*
- *Lunch Box Letters: Writing Notes of Love and Encouragement to Your Children*
- *How to Tape Instant Oral Biographies.*



About the Artist

Tom Bloom is an artist who has brought joy to the world with his cartoons and illustrations which have appeared in many publications, such as *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Fortune* and *Barron's*. He has collaborated with Bill on many other books.

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