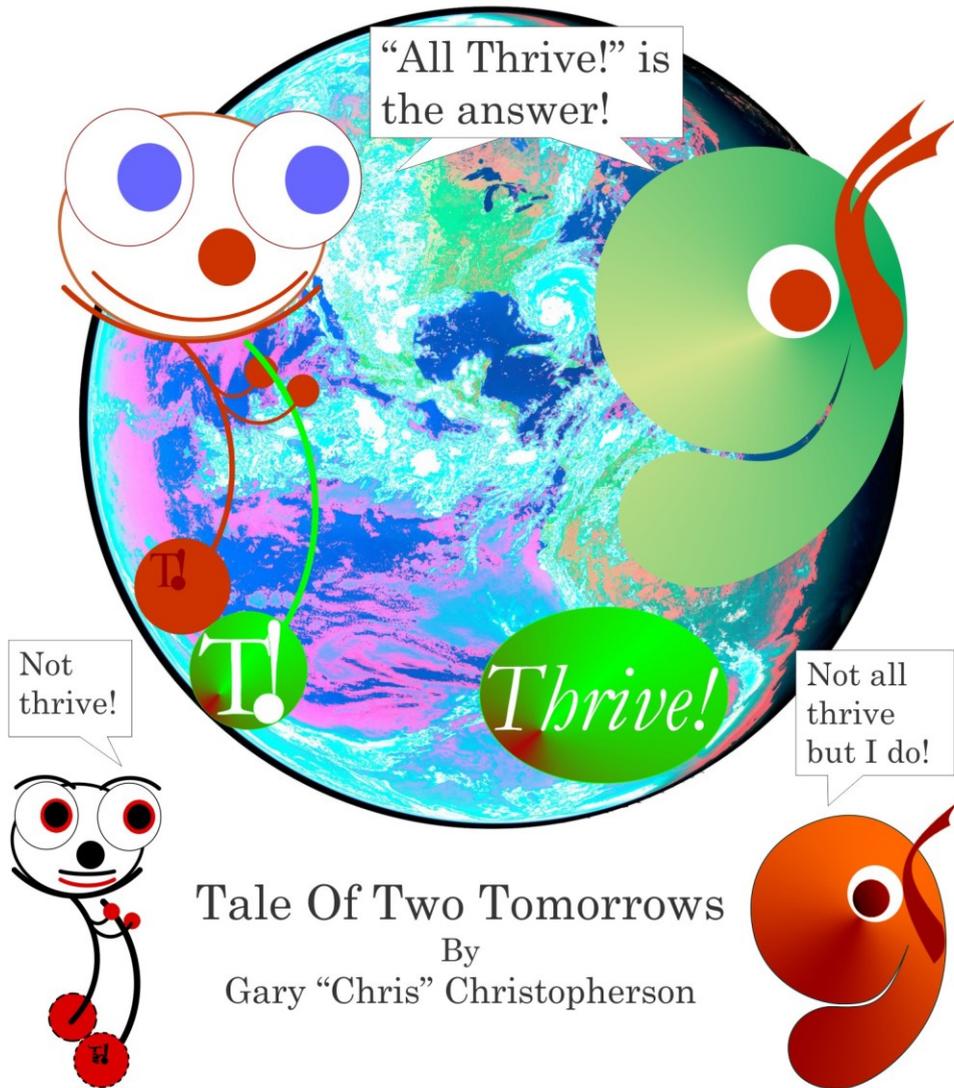


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## **Dedication**

To all the world's children who move through life with bright eyes, caring smiles, excited voices, darting movement and blazing creativity. To all the world's children, of any age, who question "why" and "why not". May they inspire us! May they thrive! May they help us all thrive forever!

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## **Thrive or Not to Thrive Book's Key Characters**

### **Angel, a Whimsey**

Angel, a key character in this book, has own book – Angel – Thriving Creator of Artful Things, and is a key character in T!rrific [terrific] - What will you do to thrive? Angel is the most creative, artful and caring Whimsey and a leader of Whimseys. Angel is color vibrant green.

### **Wily, a Whimsey**

Wily, a key character in this book and in Angel – Thriving Creator of Artful Things. Wily is also a Whimsey and is Angel's sibling. Wily has always been mischievous (color red) but has changed to become very selfish, very destructive, and is now color burnt orange.

### **T!rrific, a good space and time traveler**

T!rrific, a key character in this book, also has own book – T!rrific [terrific] -What will you do to thrive? T!rrific is good, moves through space and time, and travels the universe helping Whimsey and all other worlds thrive forever.

### **T!rrible, an evil space and time traveler**

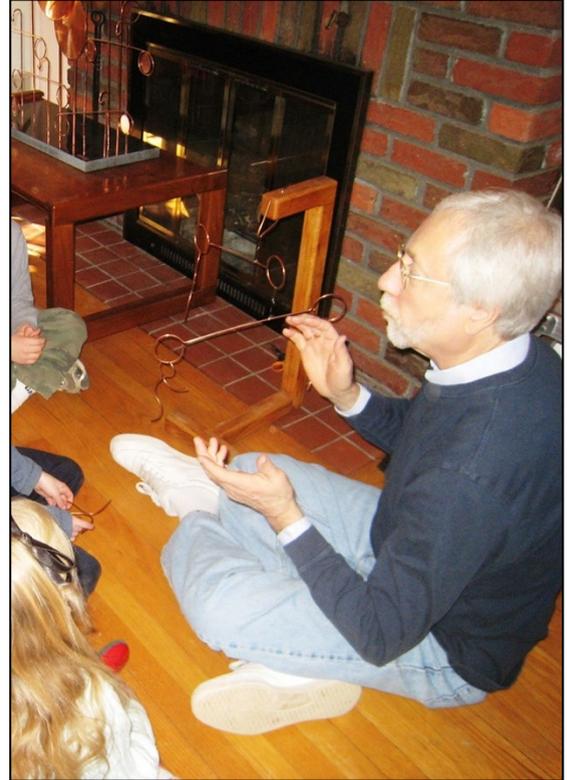
T!rrible, a key character in this book, is T!rrific's evil opposite. T!rrible is destructive, moves through space and time, and travels the universe stopping Whimsey and all other worlds from thriving.

## About the Author

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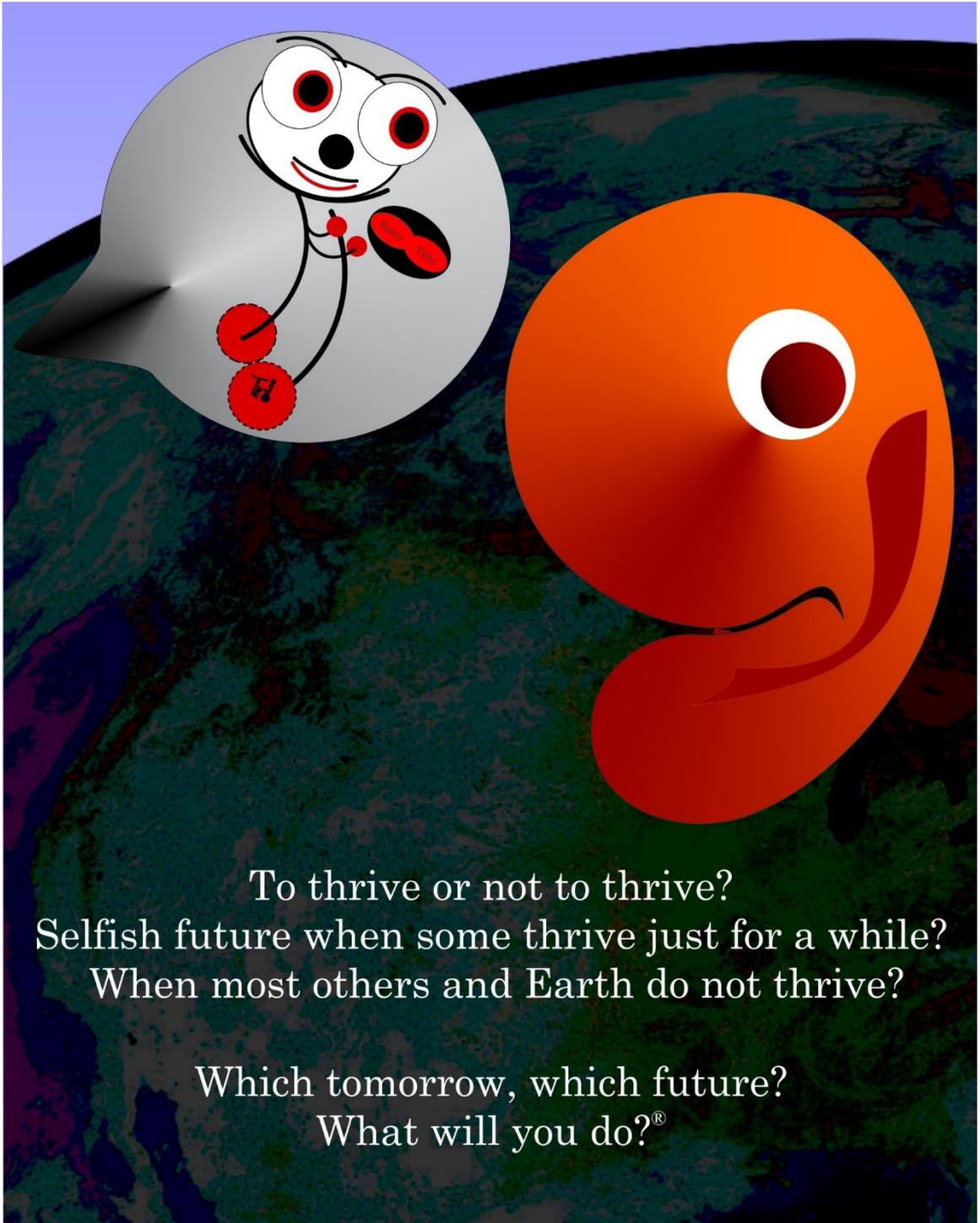
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When most others and Earth do not thrive?

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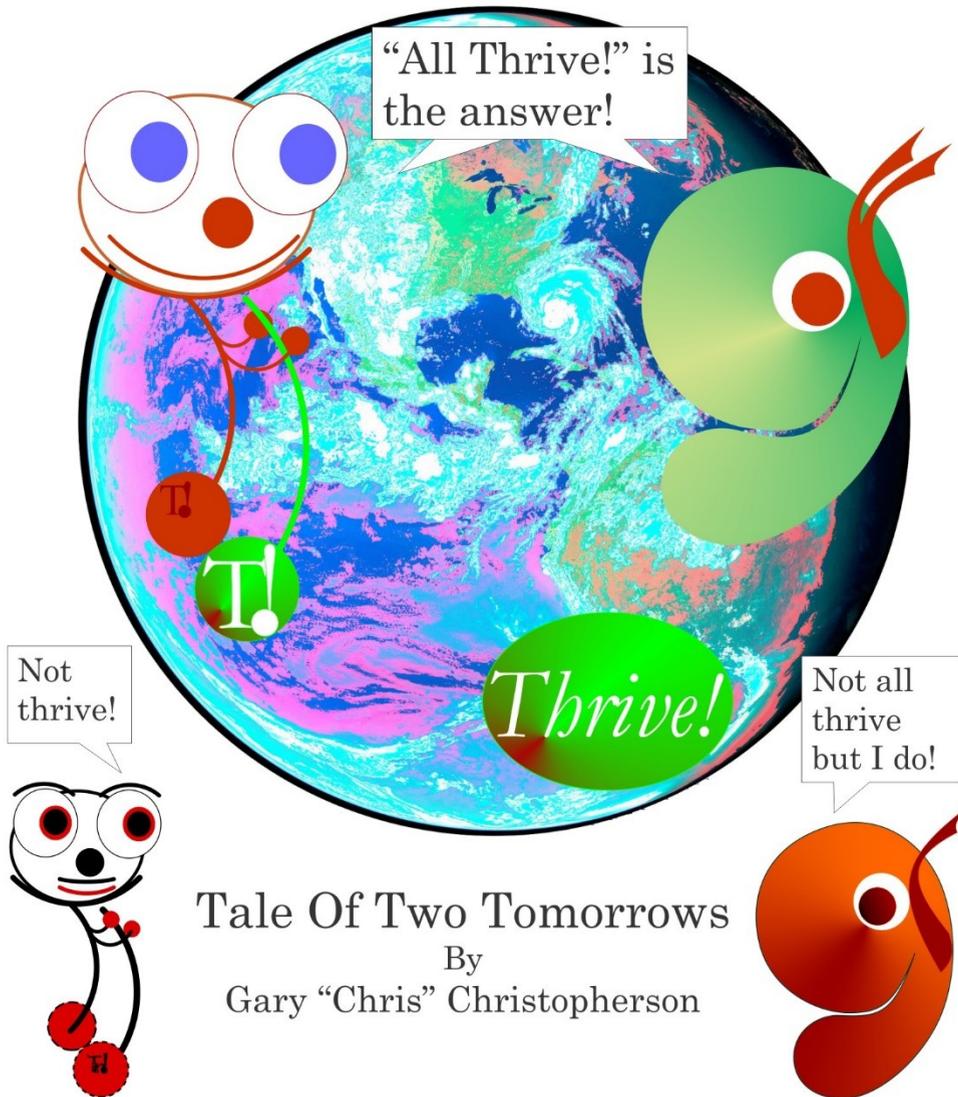


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# Thrive Or Not To Thrive?

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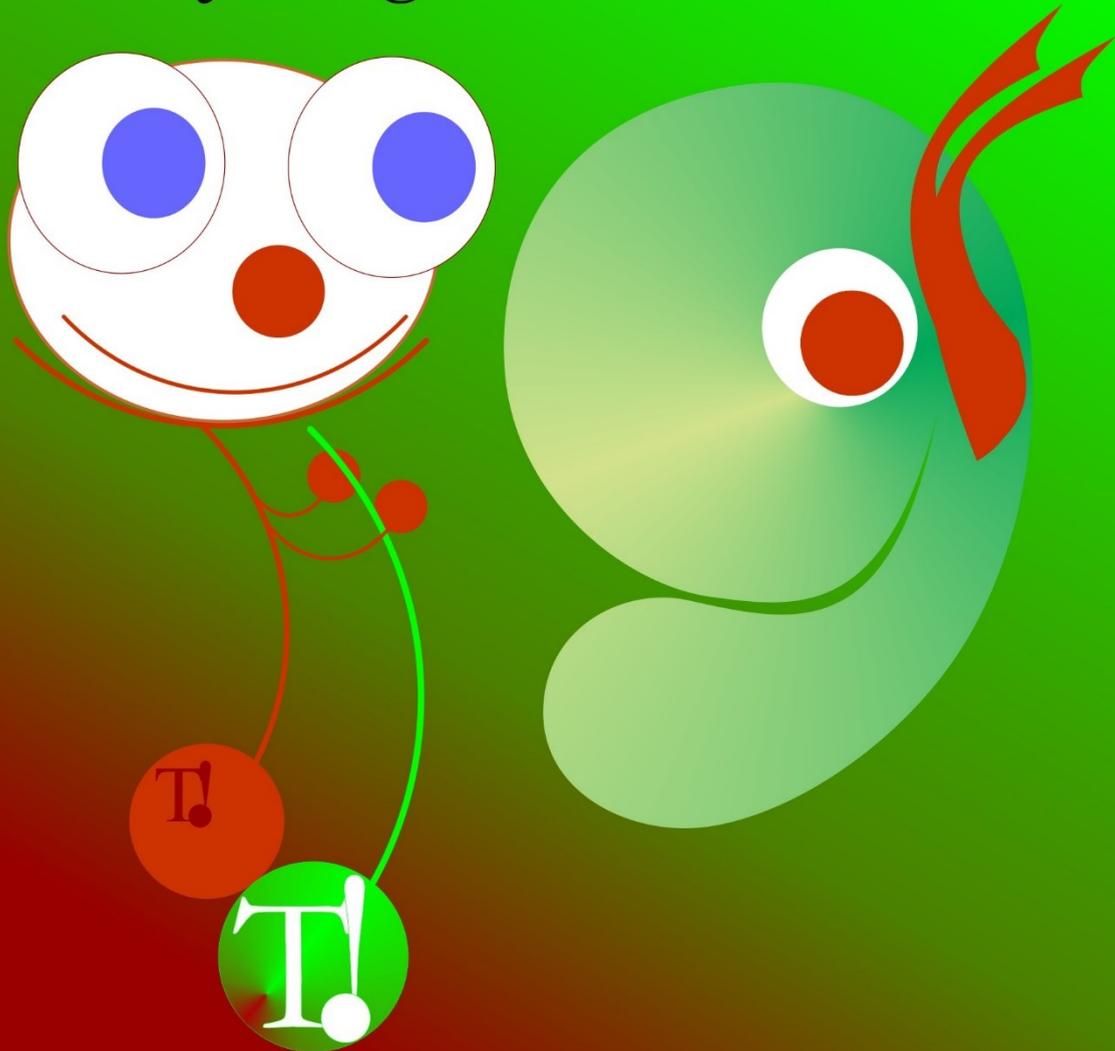
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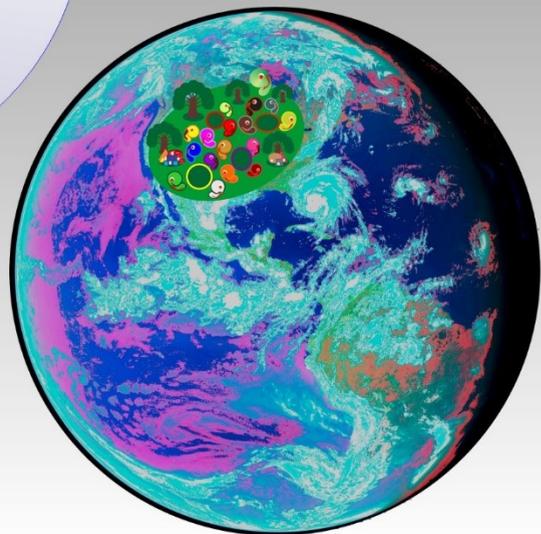
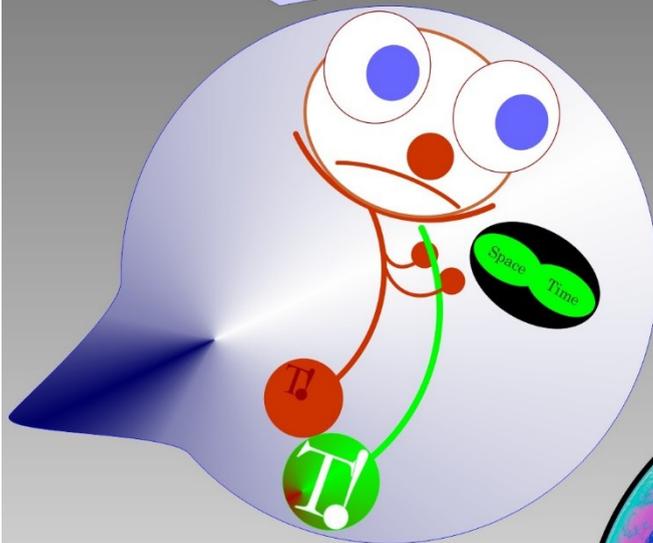
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# Thriving Future – Terrific Tomorrow Created by Angel and T!rrific



When T!rrific last visited Whimsey World, Whimsey was on a path for all to thrive forever. Arriving today, T!rrific is very troubled. Whimsey's current future is changing from thriving to bad.

Bad! Bad! Bad! My friend Angel is losing power. Angel's sibling, Wily, turning bad and gaining power. Could get even worse since evil T!rrible lurks nearby!

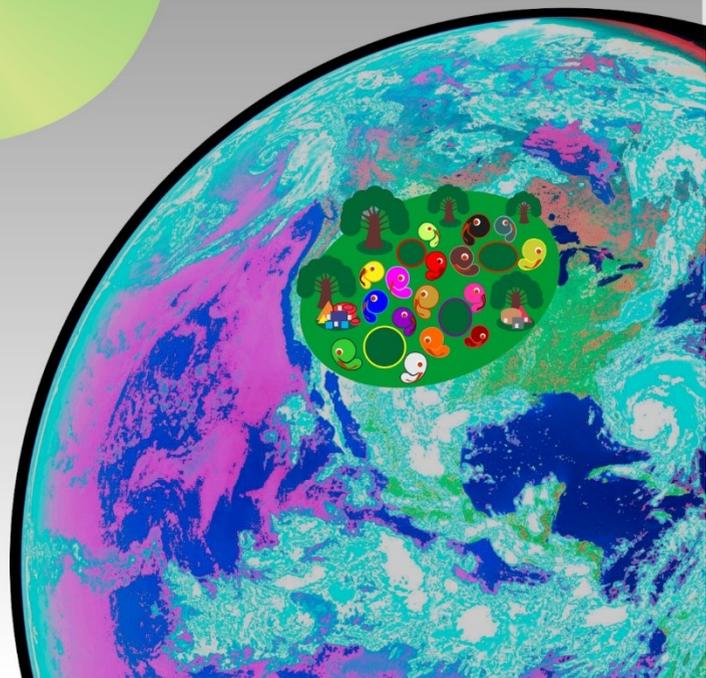


Angel looks down at Whimsey World really, really worried.  
Whimseys and Whimsey World are in deep trouble!

We are losing Whimsey's thriving future!  
Looks really, really bad! Getting darker and darker!  
I worry about sib Wily. Changed. More and more  
selfish. More destructive.

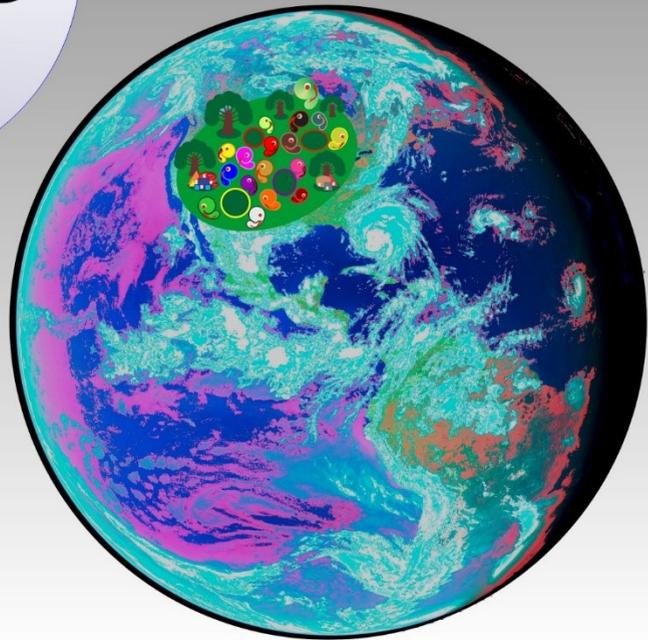
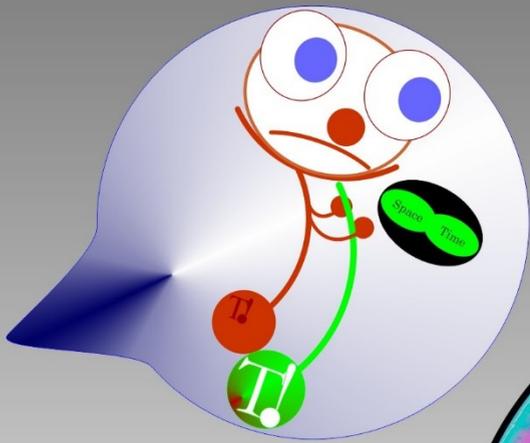


Angel's vibrant green color is very unusual for a Whimsey, indicating a high level of creativity, artfulness and caring.



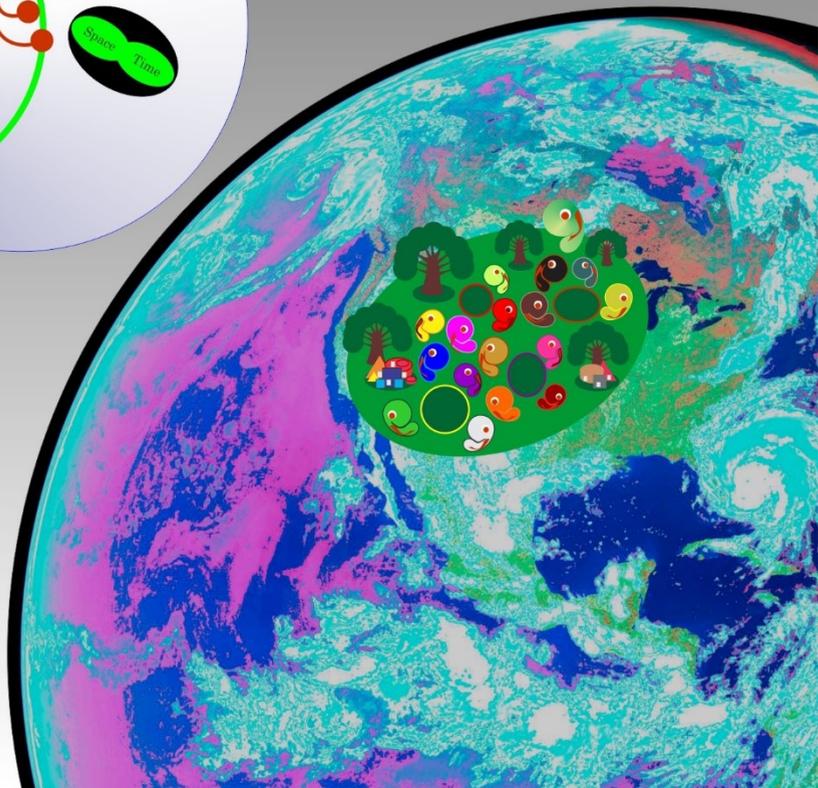
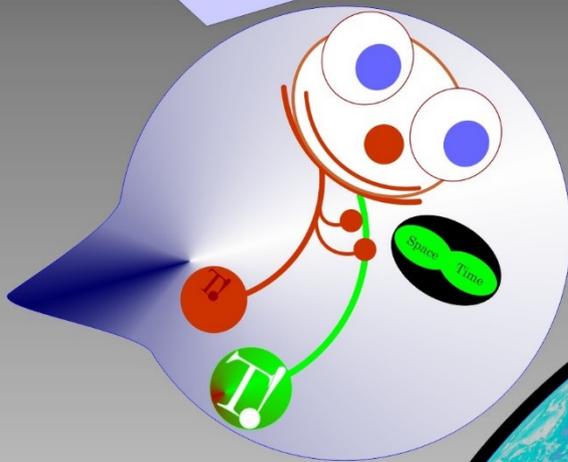
T!rrific floats high above Whimsey.

Really, really want Whimseys and Whimsey World to survive and thrive.  
Want that for all creatures and worlds I visit.



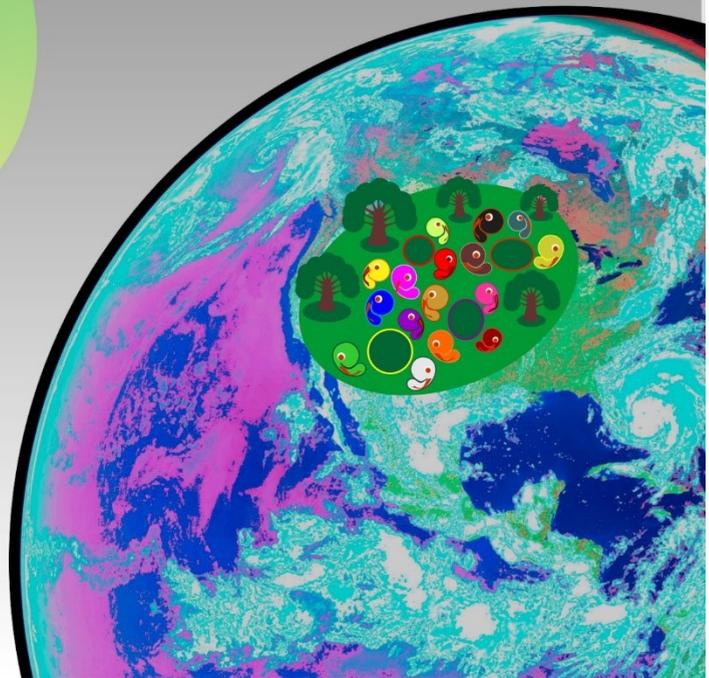
T!rrific truly believes Angel and Whimseys  
have potential to thrive.

Even with growing darkness, I see hope.  
Signs of community.  
Angel is the key.  
But I worry about Wily's selfishness.



Current future is bad for Whimseys  
and Whimsey World.  
Angel believes future must benefit all Whimseys  
and Whimsey World.

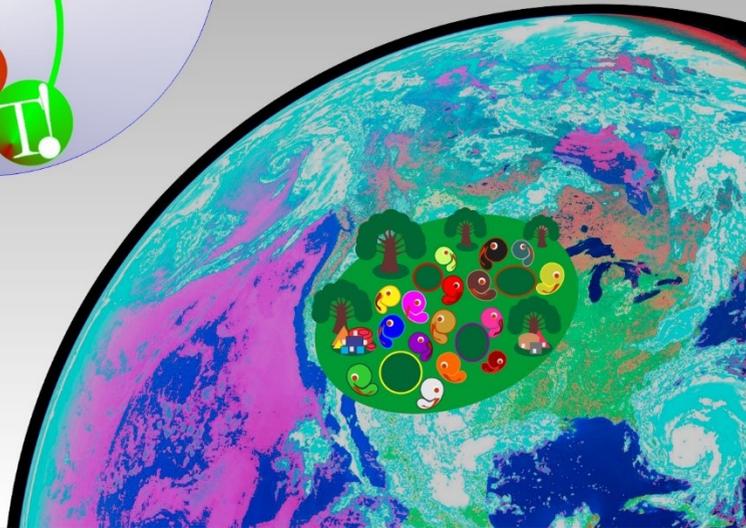
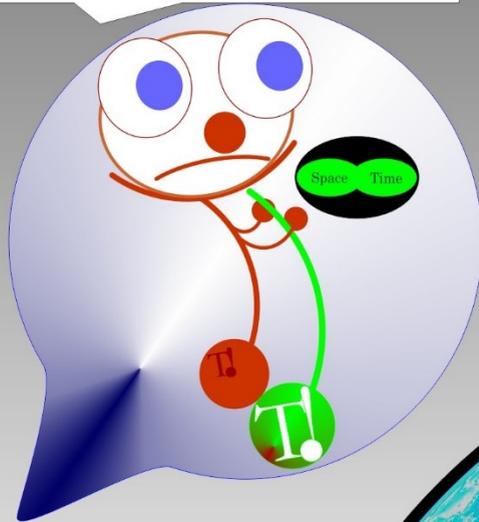
I believe all Whimseys and Whimsey World must  
thrive.  
But which future will Whimseys want and make  
happen? We are not agreeing.  
Worse. I worry Wily will stop us from thriving.



T!rrific floats down to Angel.

T!rrific, good you are here.  
We are in deep trouble.  
Really need your help.

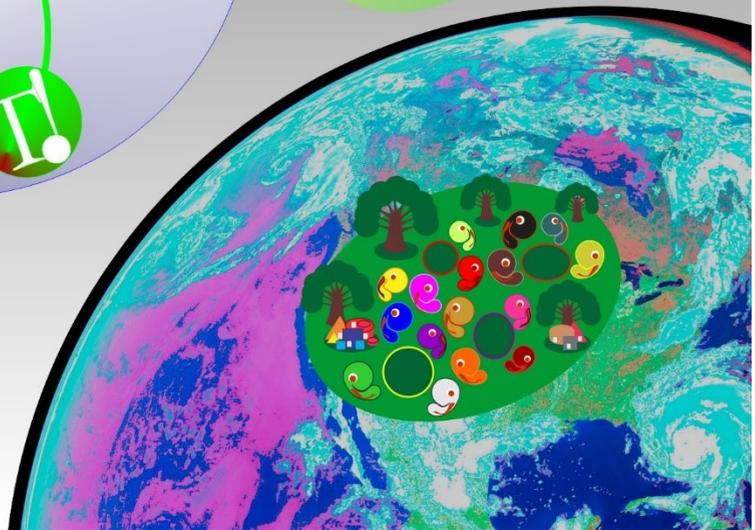
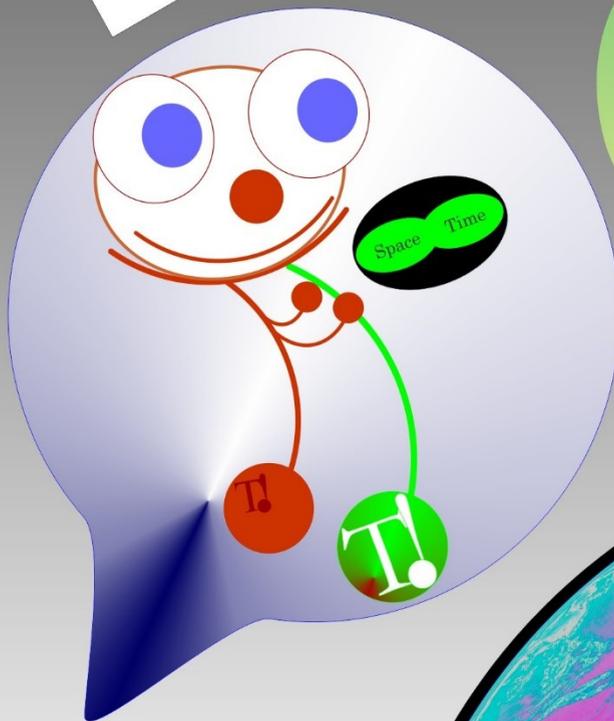
Angel, long time no see.  
Wish future looked better.



T!rrific and Angel talk about future best for all  
Whimseys and Whimsey World.

Agree.  
That is the future you all  
want and need.  
Future that benefits all  
and lasts forever.

Don't want current bad future.  
Want future when all Whimseys,  
all creatures, and Whimsey  
World thrive forever.



Angel speaks to Whimseys.

All Whimseys and Whimsey World were thriving.  
But you know our current future looks bad.  
Don't we want our thriving future back, the one  
that is best? Even if it is hard to get?  
What will we do so all Whimseys and Whimsey  
World thrive?



Already signs of darkness come.  
Whimseys losing color.  
Angel looks worried. Wily smiles evilly.

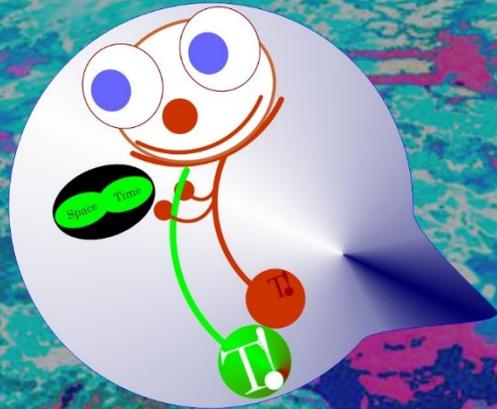
How do we stop the darkness?  
How do we regain a thriving future  
for all?

How do I stop Angel?



Angel lays out choices.  
T!rrific smiles.

Here are the choices for our future.  
Current bad future or thriving thrive.  
I favor thriving.

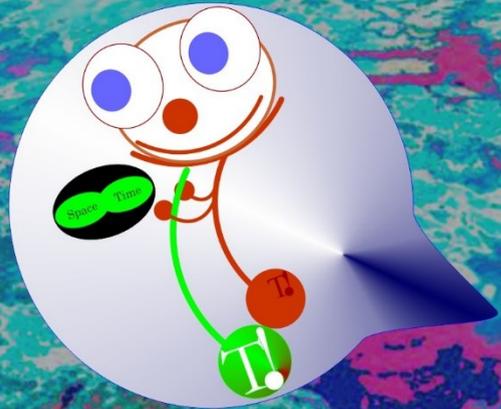


So do we!  
Best for all  
Whimseys and  
Whimsey  
World.  
Best for all  
non-Whimsey  
creatures and  
plants.

Some believe Angel and T!rrific. Some believe Wily.  
T!rrific looks worried.

Listen to Angel.  
Wants what is best for you.  
Will make Whimsey World  
thrive.

We are going to make all  
Whimseys and Whimsey  
World thrive.

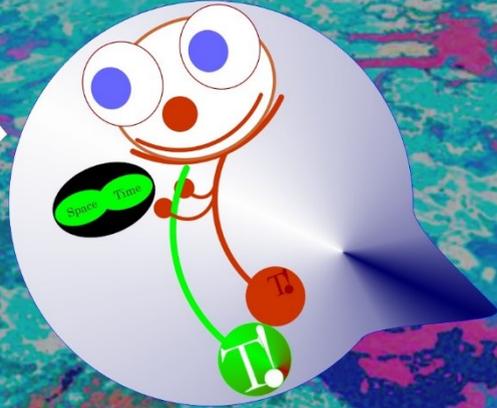


Angel, this is  
nonsense.  
Not every  
Whimsey  
deserves to  
thrive.  
And Whimsey  
World is in no  
danger from  
Whimseys.

T!rrific and Angel, with most Whimseys, create the “thriving” plan for all Whimseys and Whimsey World.

I'll help.

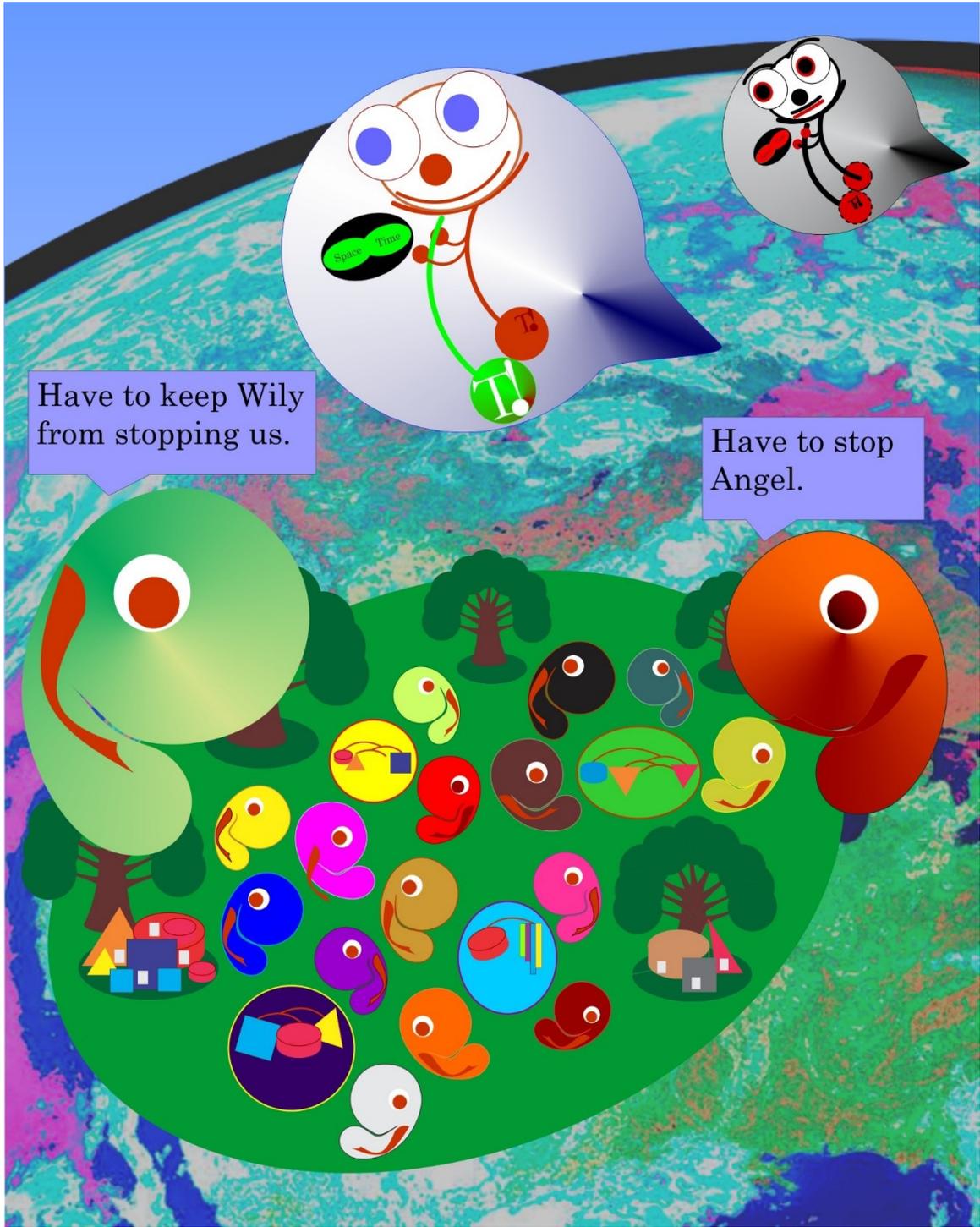
We'll call this the Thrive! Endeavor, all Whimseys joining together to build thriving future.



My friends and I want a more selfish future benefitting just us.

The Thrive! Endeavor launches.  
All Whimseys use their creativity to build  
thriving Whimsey World.  
All Whimseys are getting better – better income, homes,  
education, healthcare.  
Whimsey World is getting better for Whimseys and for  
non-Whimsey creatures and plants.





Have to keep Wily from stopping us.

Have to stop Angel.

Angel and Whimseys build thriving future together.  
All Whimseys are included.  
T!rrific helps.



Wily opposes.  
Tries to destroy what Whimseys are creating.  
Trrrible happily supports Wily.



In spite of Wily and T!rrible, Angel and Whimseys  
creatively build thriving future.  
Angels keeps challenging Whimseys to do better.

Whimseys, keep  
going.  
Must achieve all  
thrive forever.

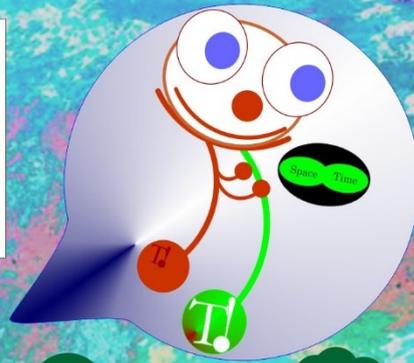


Whimsey world grows better and brighter  
More thriving.

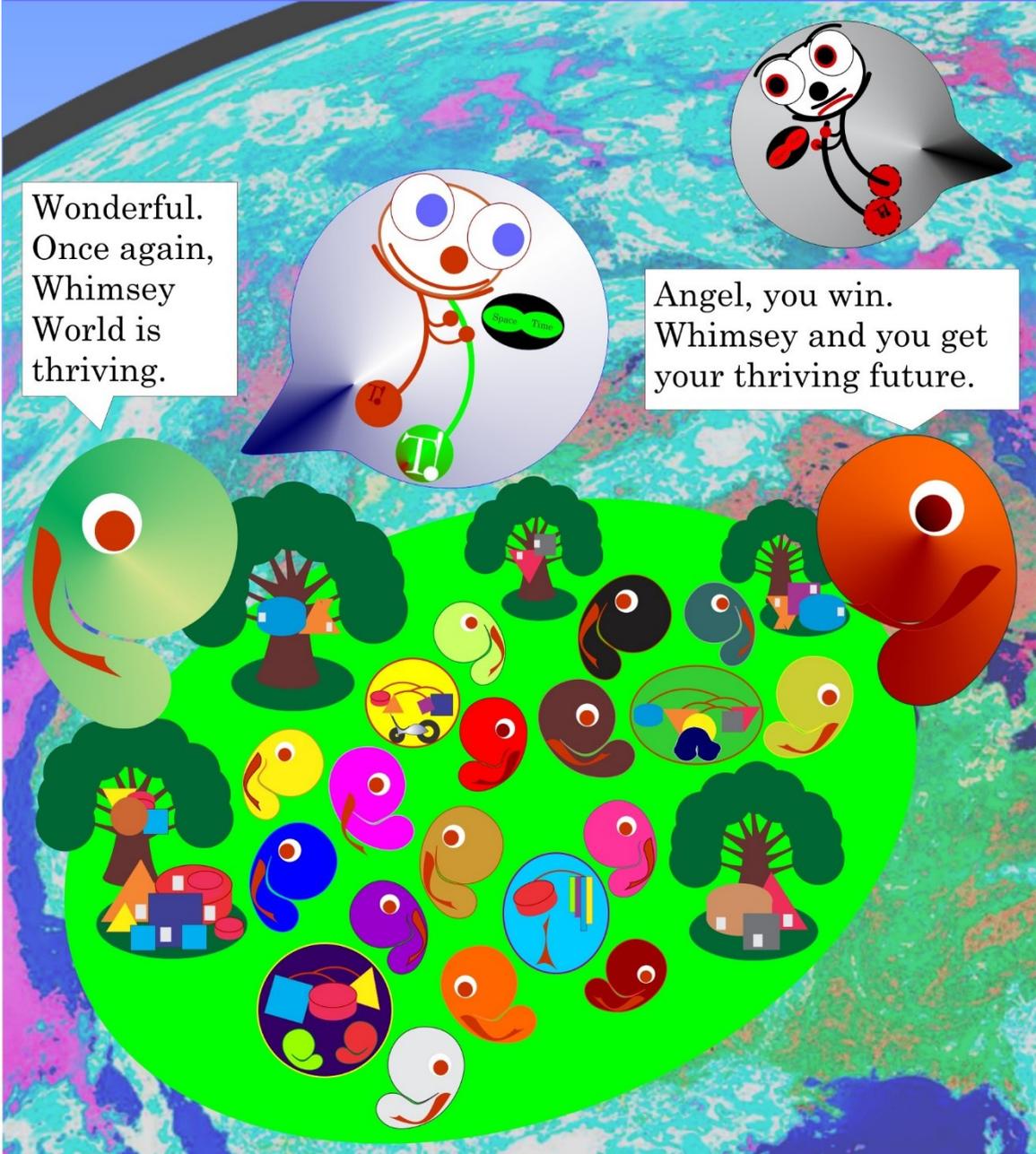
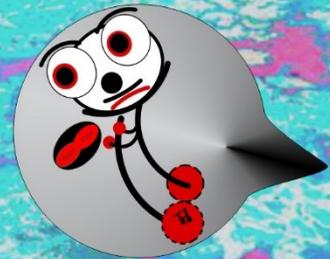


Wily can't stop Whimseys positive creativity.  
Whimseys create a thriving world.

Wonderful.  
Once again,  
Whimsey  
World is  
thriving.



Angel, you win.  
Whimsey and you get  
your thriving future.



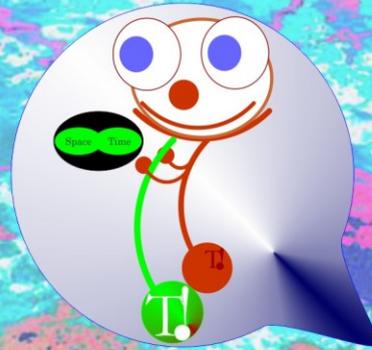
Whimsey world is very bright.  
Positive creative, community energy makes their lives,  
their homes and Whimsey World very bright.  
The future for all is very bright. Thriving.



Trrific and Angel look at the thriving Whimseys and Whimsey World.

All non-Whimsey creatures and plants of Whimsey World are thriving.

Wonderful that Whimseys, working together, turned their future from bad to thriving.



Very, very good for all Whimseys, our children, and Whimsey World.

Angry but realize this is the future. Realize I'll do well in this future.



Angel and the Whimseys now see the future going really well, thriving.  
Good sign that Wily changing color from selfish burnt orange back to just mischievous red.

Thriving future is very, very good for all Whimseys, our children, and Whimsey World.

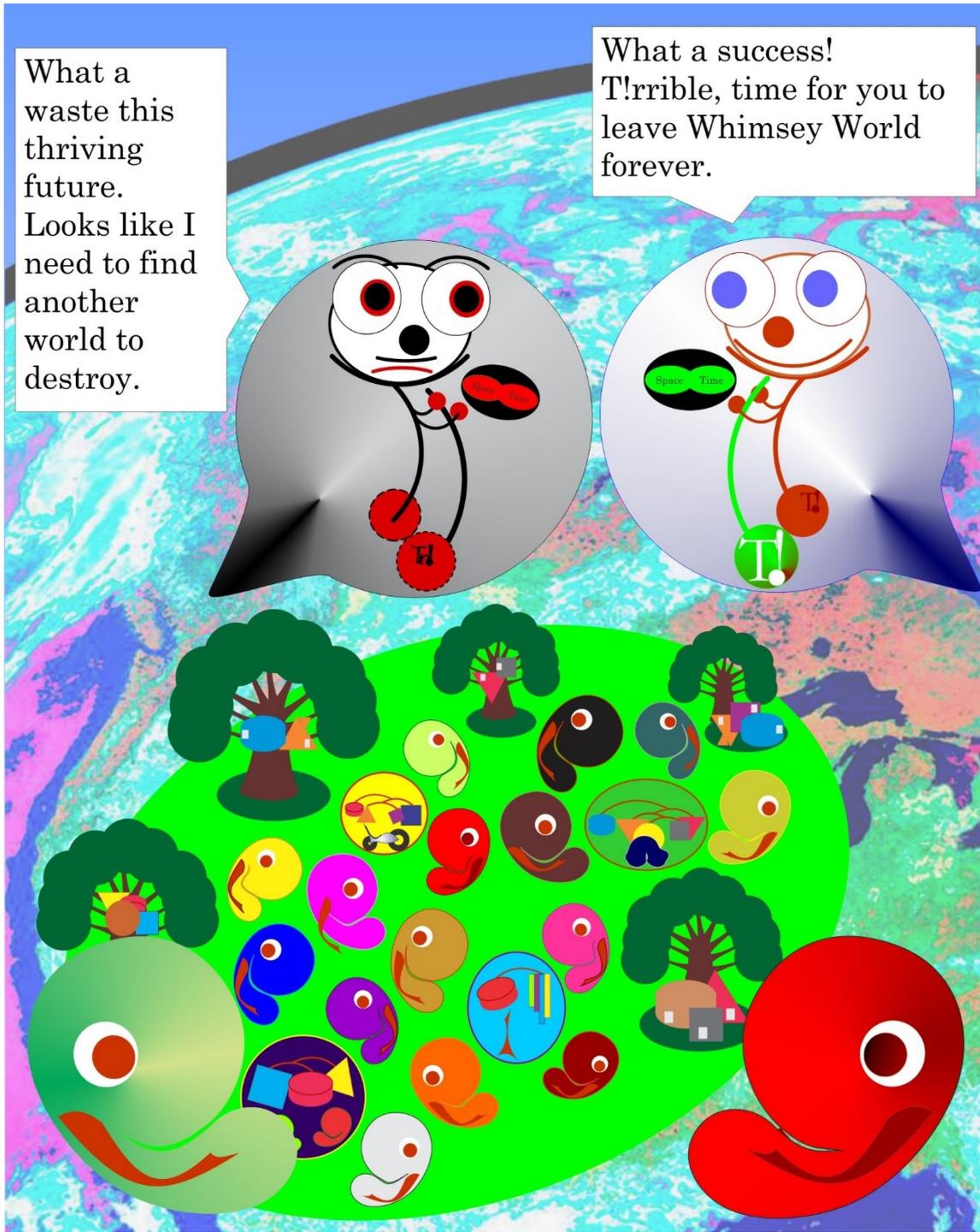
My friends and I wanted bigger share but realize this is a better future. We will thrive in this future as all Whimseys thrive.

Great to see Wily turning back from burnt orange to his childhood color red.



What a waste this thriving future. Looks like I need to find another world to destroy.

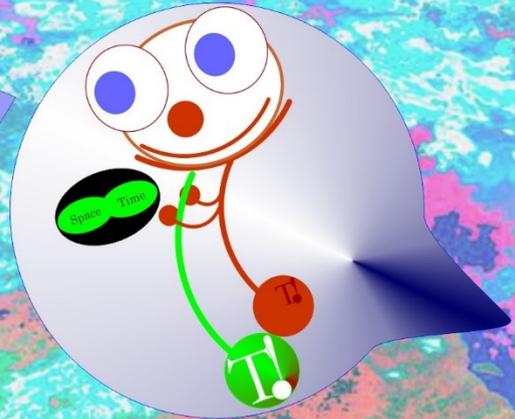
What a success! T!rrible, time for you to leave Whimsey World forever.





Many, many years later.  
Terrific returns to check on Angel, Whimseys and  
Whimsey World.

Wonderful.  
Whimseys and Whimsey  
World are thriving.  
Angel's creativity and  
leadership helped build and  
sustain a thriving future.



Not the End!  
Children Thrive Forever! All Thrive Forever!  
Thrive Future is best.  
Vulnerability minimized.  
Survival extended as long as World is habitable.  
Thriving for long term and all Whimseys and World.  
Whimsey World bright with Thrive!





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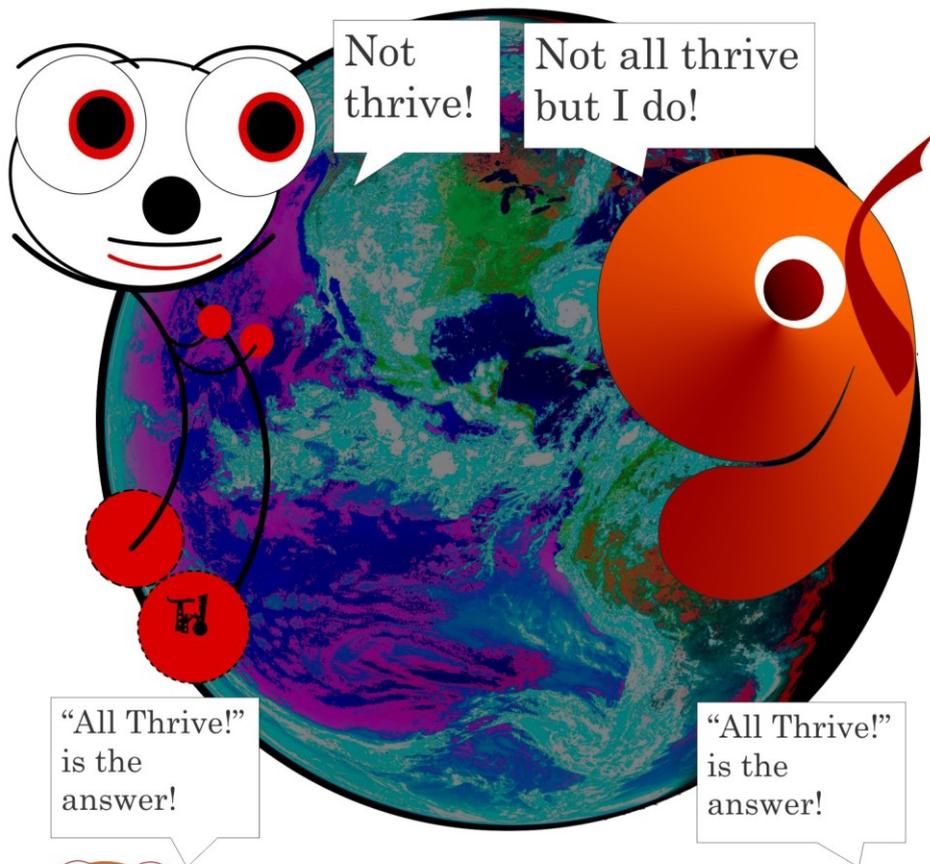


## **Book 2**

# **Selfish Future – Terrible Tomorrow Created by Wily and T!rrible**

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### Tale Of Two Tomorrows

By

Gary "Chris" Christopherson



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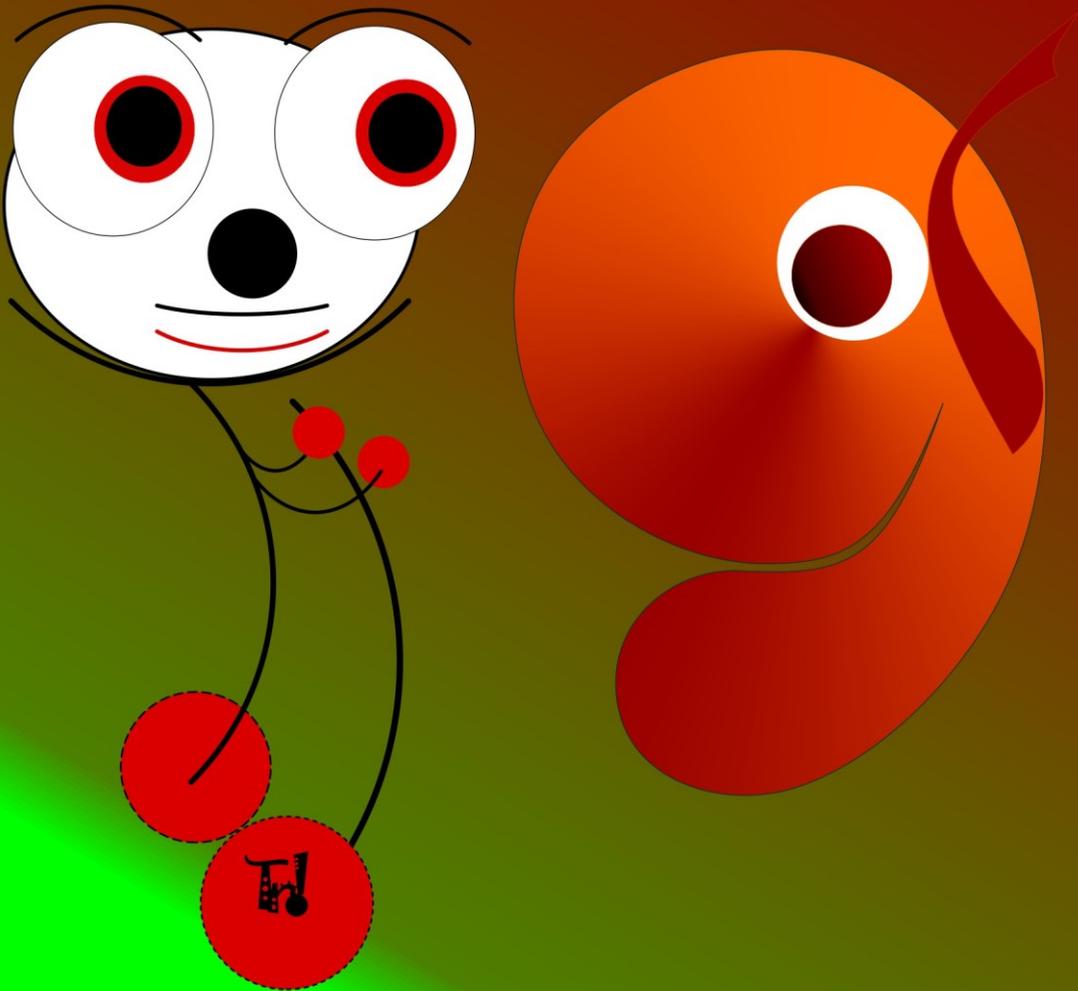
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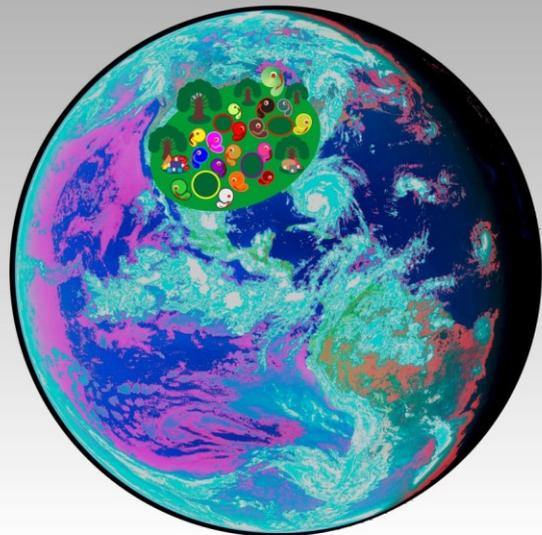
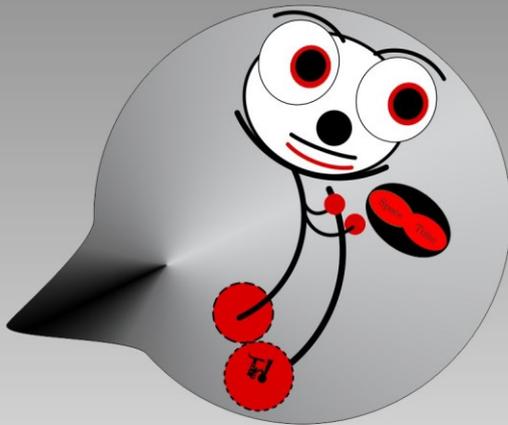
When T!rrible last flew by Whimsey World, it's future  
was for all to thrive forever.

T!rrible left angry.

Arriving today, evil T!rrible is very, very happy.  
Whimsey's future changing from thriving to bad.

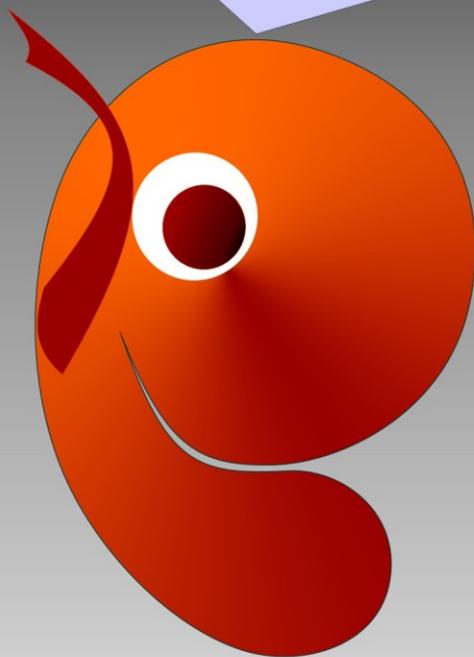
T!rrible knows good T!rrific is far away.

Things are getting much better for me!  
The do-gooder T!rrific is not here to stop me.  
Angel losing power.  
Angel's sibling Wily turning bad and gaining power.

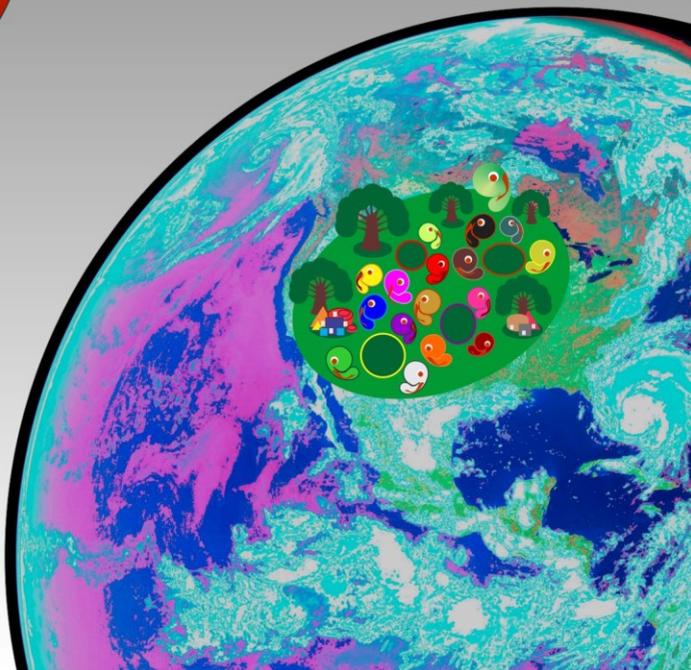


Wily looks down at Whimsey World. Very happy.

Current future is bad, even for my friends and me.  
A selfish future looks pretty good for my friends  
and me.  
Sure, bad for other Whimseys and Whimsey World.  
Not my problem.

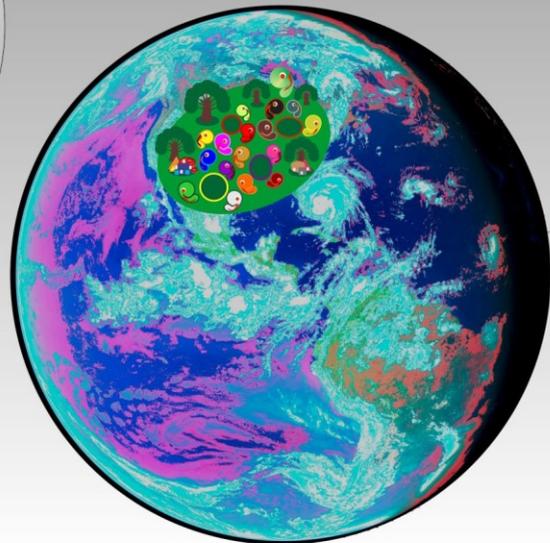
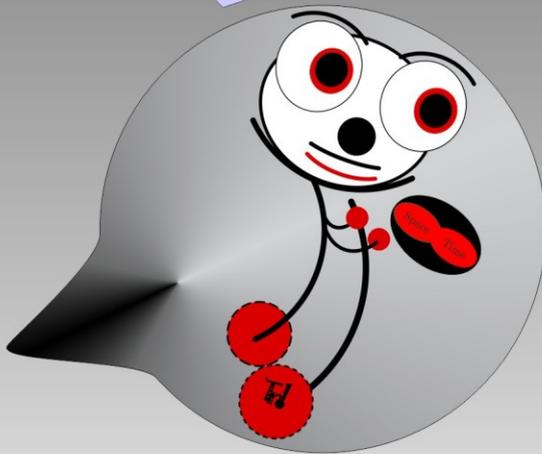


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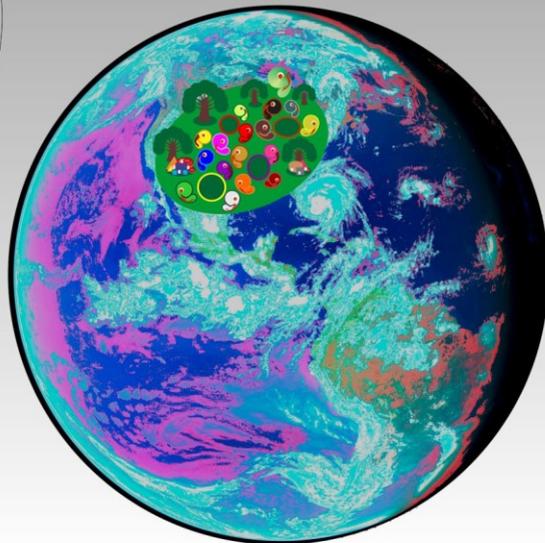
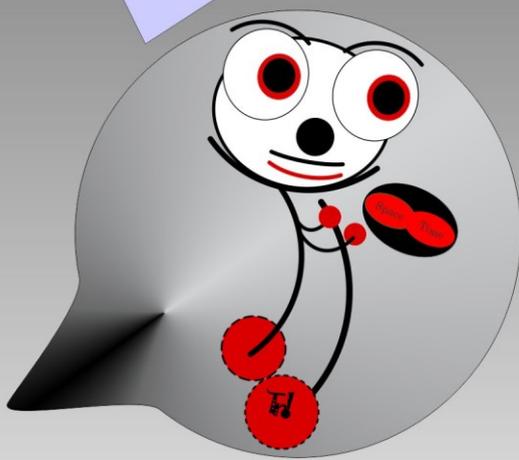
T!rrible moves closer to Whimsey World.  
Sadly, good T!rrific is far, far away helping save  
another world and can't help Whimsey World.

Really, really good.  
I like all the hopelessness and selfishness.  
I want Whimsey and all worlds to be selfish,  
vulnerable and die.  
Wily is key to making this happen.



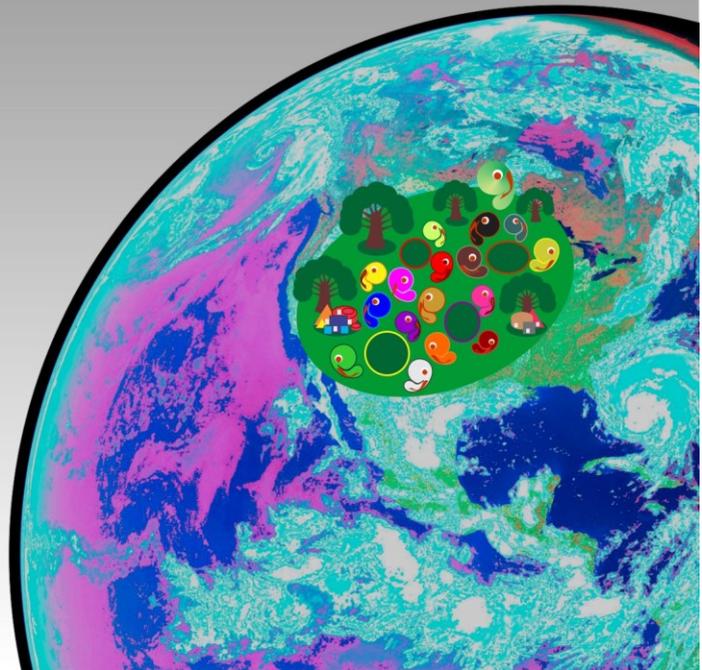
Wily and Whimseys have potential to all thrive,  
but may choose not to.  
Wily becoming more selfish is key

But I see hope.  
Wily and Whimseys have  
potential to not thrive.  
A more selfish Wily is key  
to their choosing to not  
thrive.



Wily plots a selfish future, a bad future for  
Whimsey World.

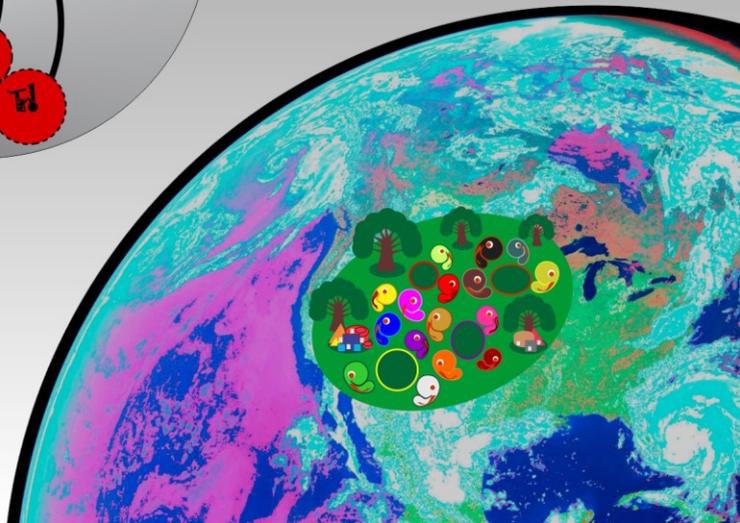
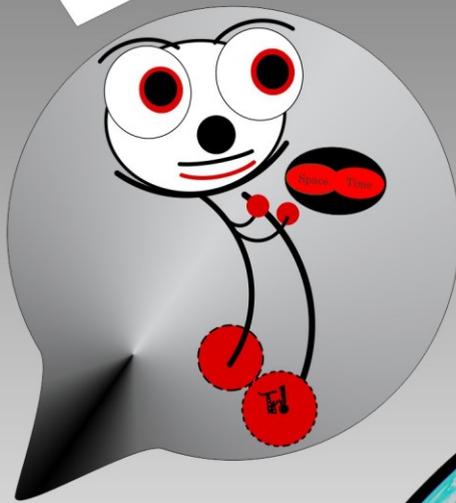
I want future to benefit just my  
friends and me.  
Fortunately, even good Whimseys  
disagree about future.  
Should be easy to get them to do my  
selfish future.  
I just have to get them to be more  
selfish.  
But I worry my sib Angel will stop us.



T!rrible floats down to Wily.

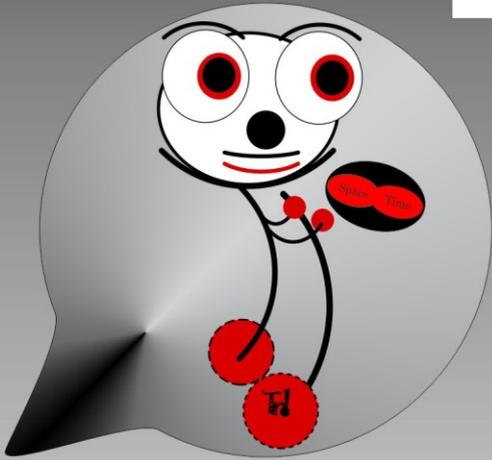
T!rrible, great to meet you.  
Your helping my friends  
and me win?  
That's great.

Wily, good to meet you.  
My name is T!rrible.  
I can help you win big  
time!

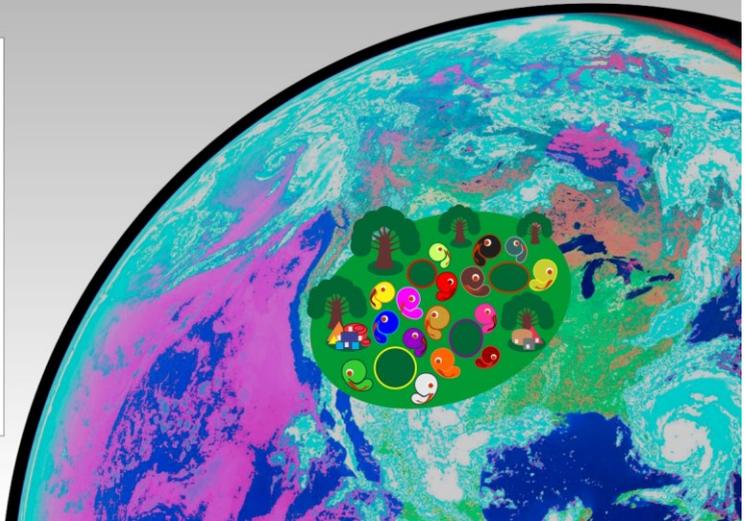


T!rrible and Wily talk about future Wily wants.  
T!rrible says nothing about bad future T!rrible wants.

Think I like a more selfish future.  
May not last forever but my  
friends and I do very well for now.  
We want a future that best serves  
our selfish interests.



Agree.  
That's the future you  
want and need.  
Future that most  
benefits your friends  
and you.  
So what if it doesn't  
last forever.



Wily speaking to friends.

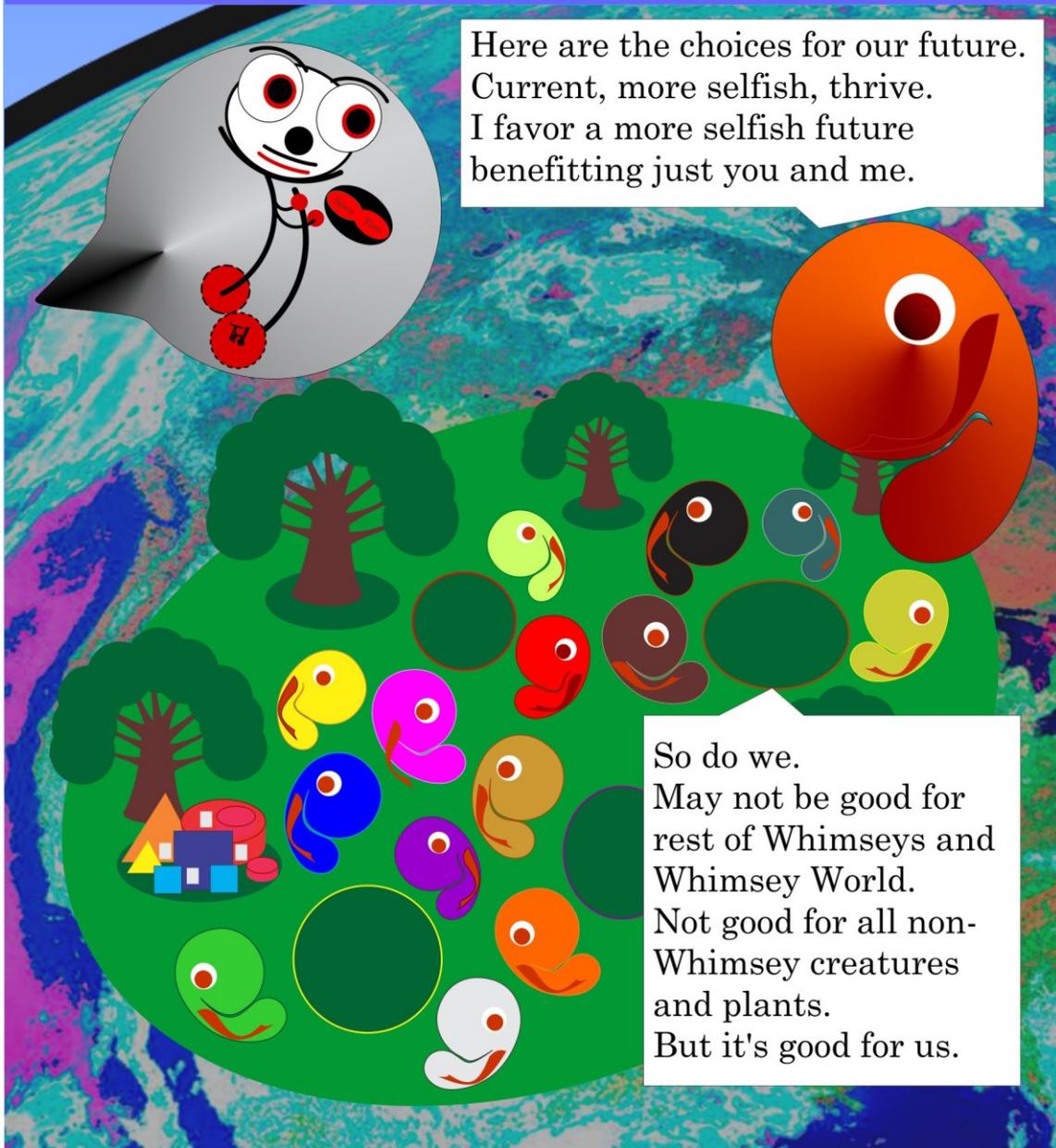
All Whimseys and Whimsey World were thriving.  
But now current future will be bad.  
We don't need a thriving future for all.  
We want thriving future just for you and me.  
What will we do so just you and I thrive?



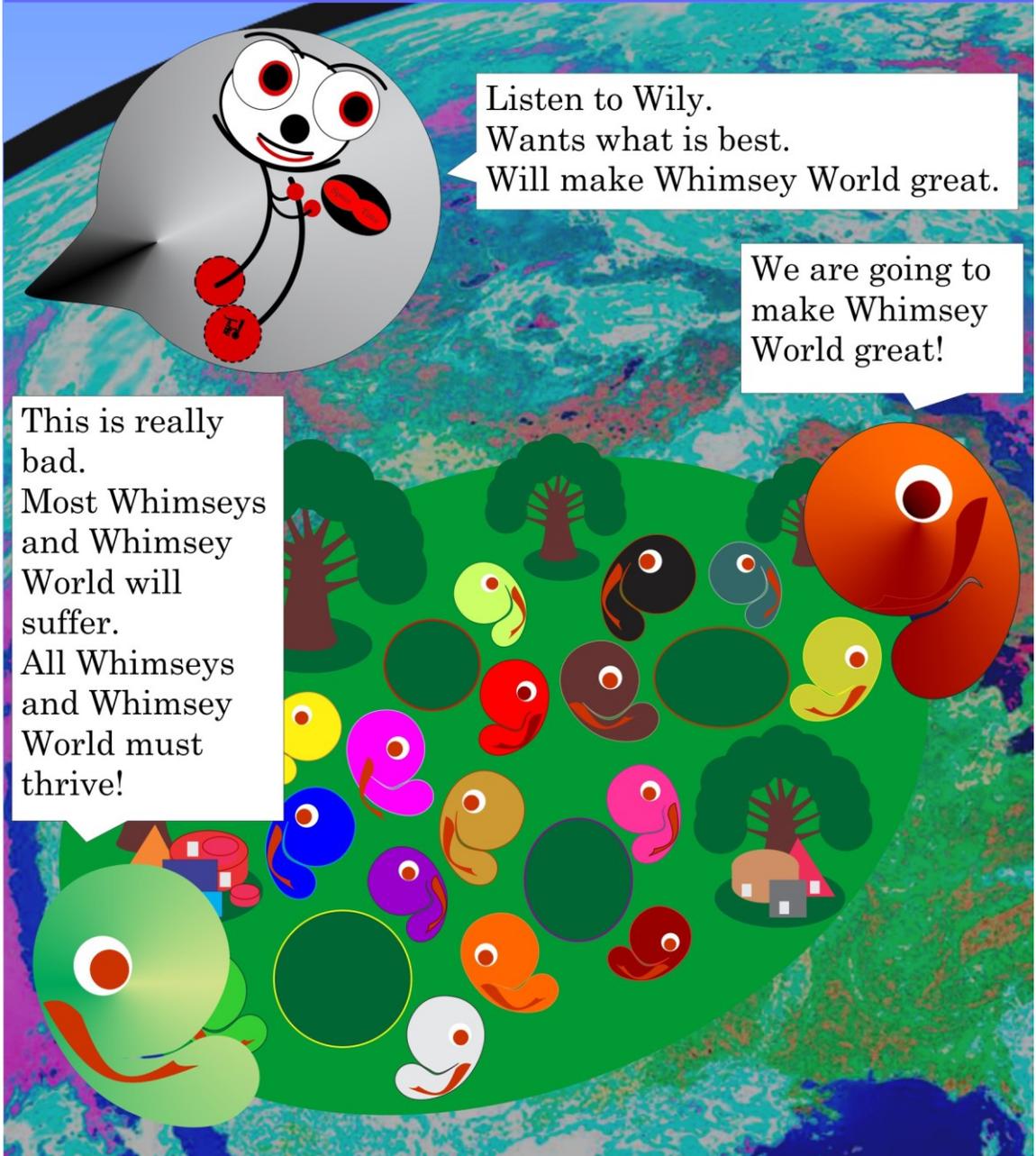
Already the first signs of the darkness to come.  
Whimsey is losing its color.  
Angel looks worried. Wily smiles evilly.



Wily gathers Wily's friends, lays out choices.  
T!rrible smiles.



Some believe Wily and T!rrible. Some believe Angel.  
T!rrible smiles more.



Listen to Wily.  
Wants what is best.  
Will make Whimsey World great.

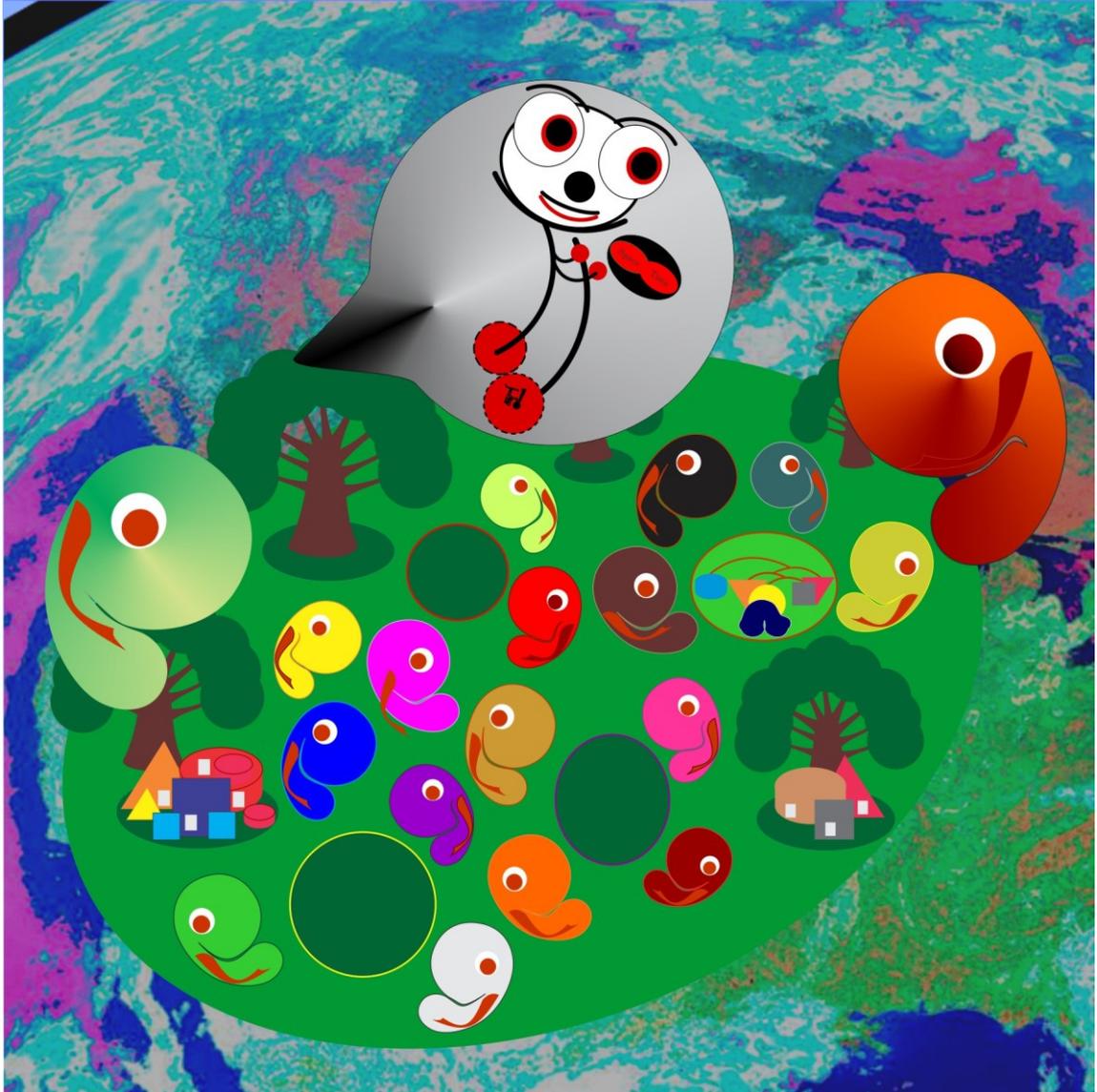
We are going to  
make Whimsey  
World great!

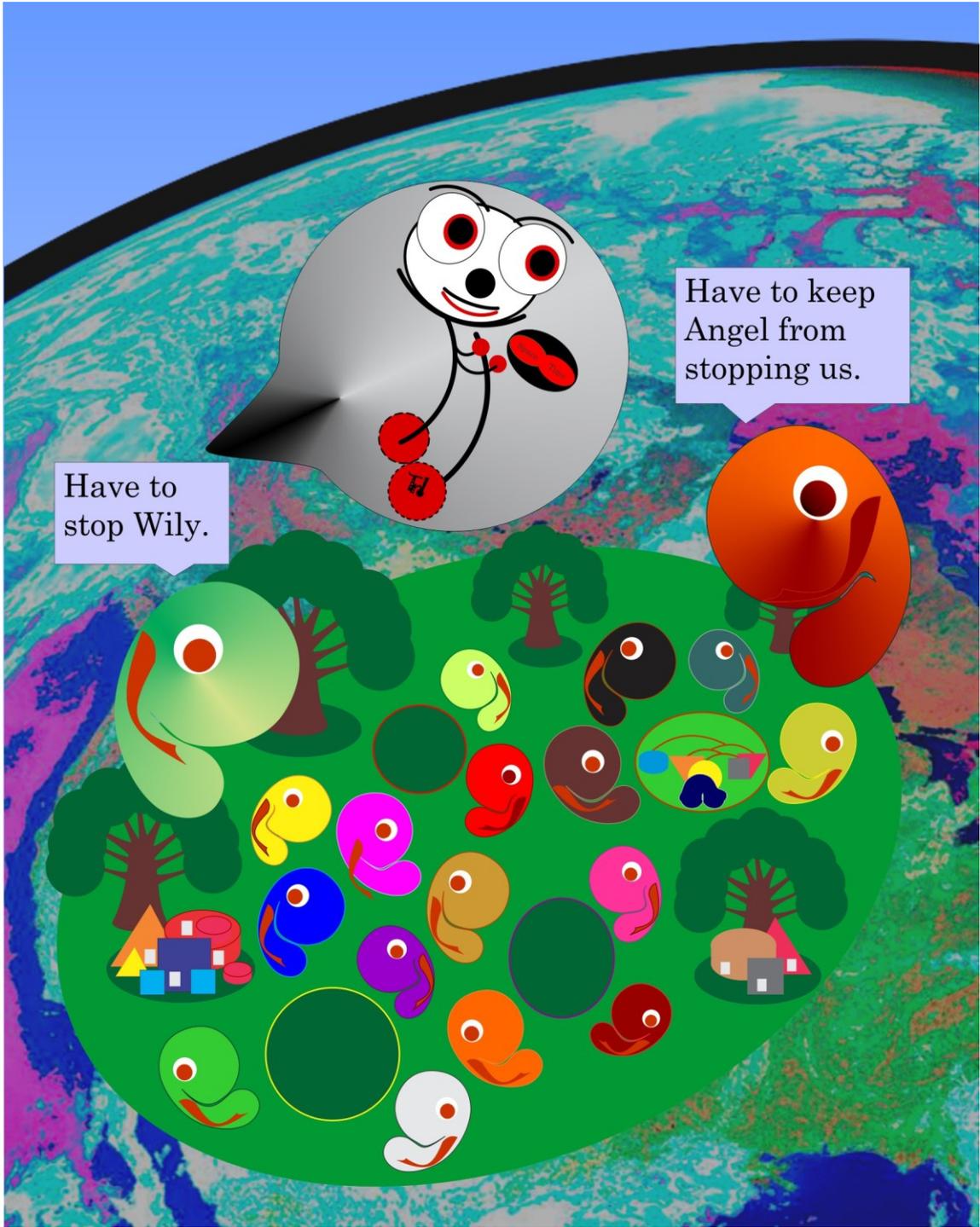
This is really  
bad.  
Most Whimseys  
and Whimsey  
World will  
suffer.  
All Whimseys  
and Whimsey  
World must  
thrive!

T!rrible and Wily create the “thriving” plan  
just for Wily and Wily's friends.  
The plan for a selfish future.



“Make Whimsey Great” launches.  
Quickly, Wily and friends begin building selfish  
future benefitting them.  
T!rrible helps Wily.  
Angel and rest of Whimseys are left out.





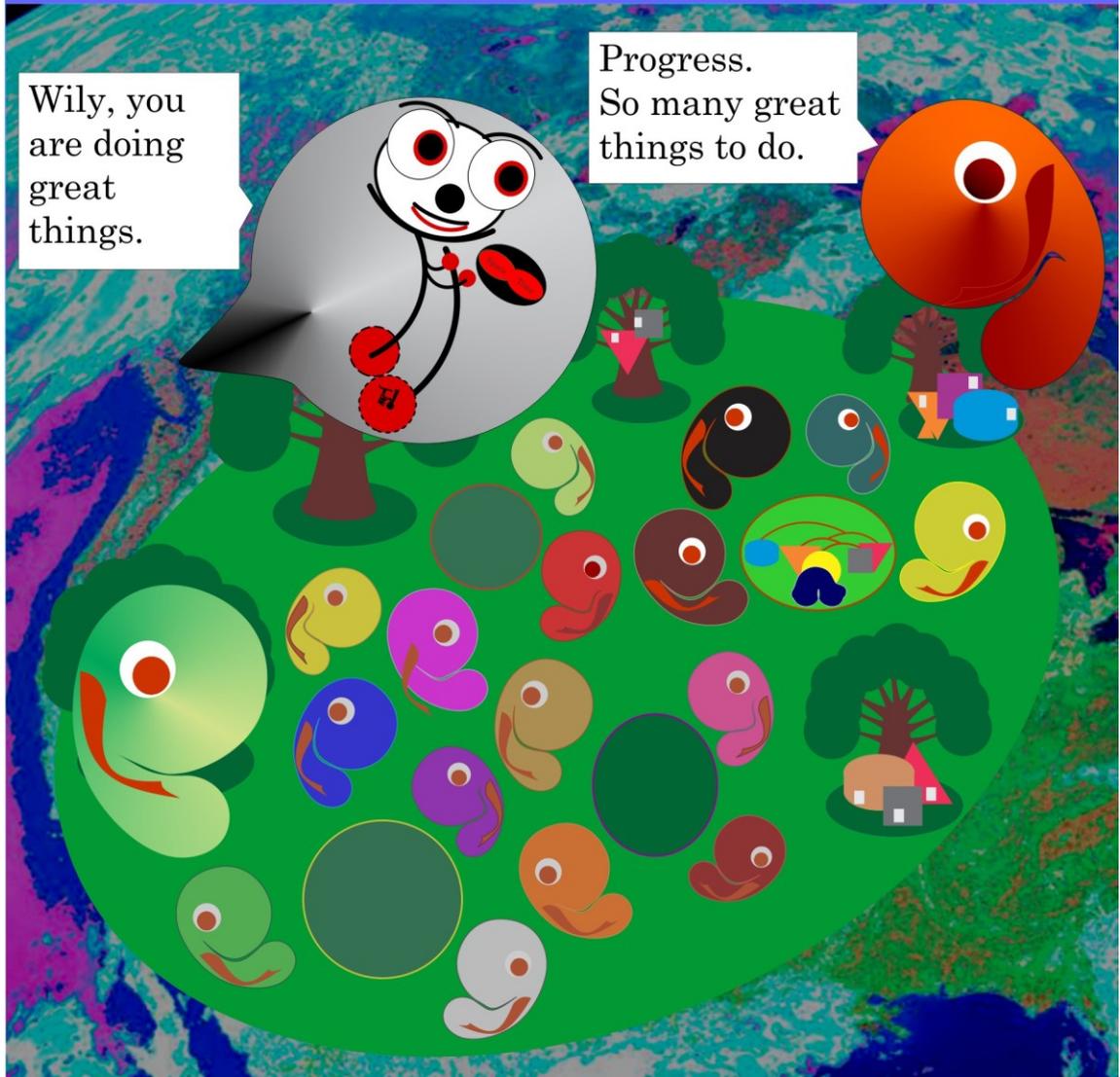
Wily and friends use their power to build Whimsey good for just them.

They become wealthier with homes bigger, better education and better healthcare.

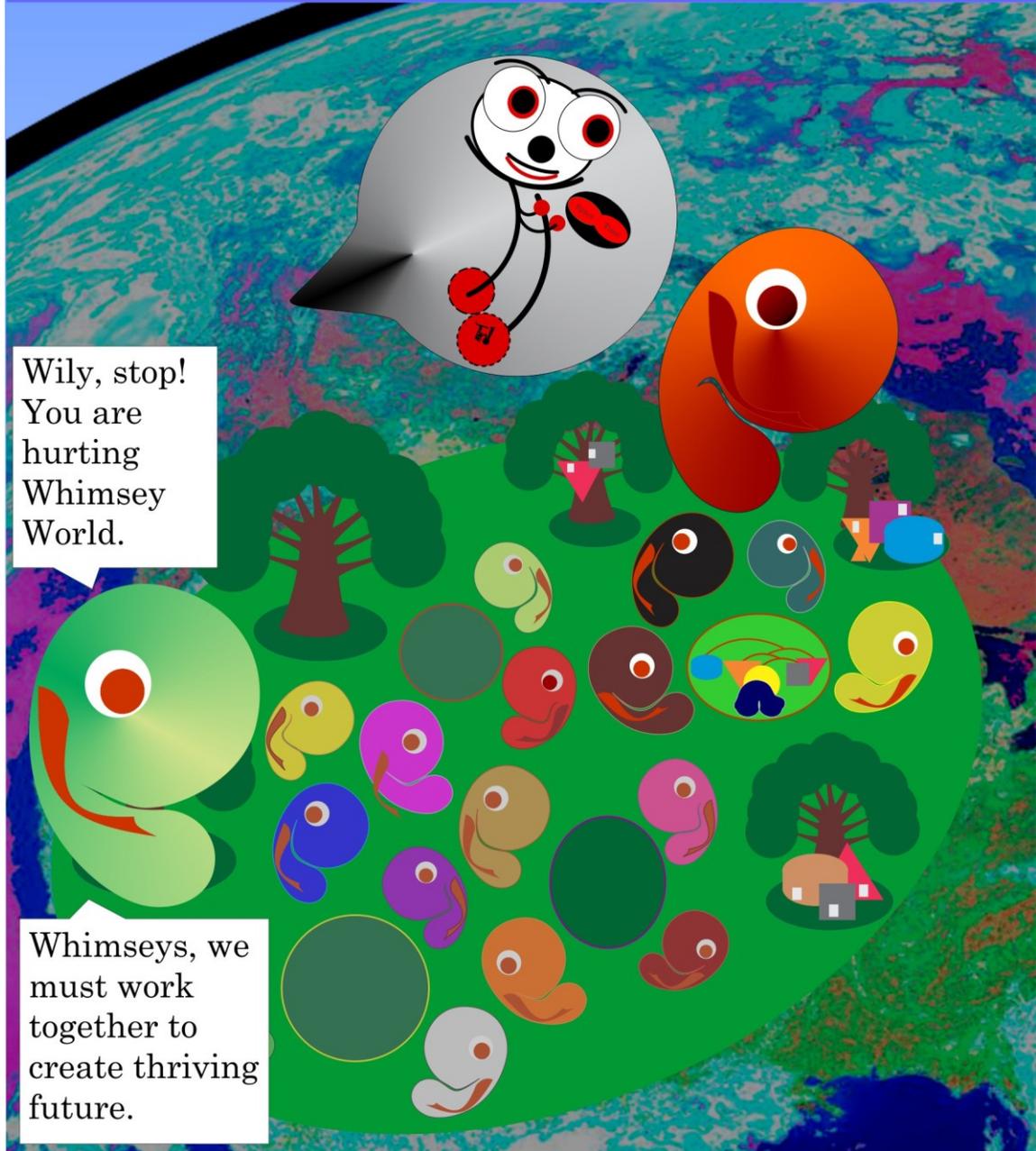
Rest of Whimseys, Whimsey World and non-Whimsey creatures and plants do poorly.

Wily, you are doing great things.

Progress. So many great things to do.



Angel opposes.  
Tries to get Whimseys to create thriving future.



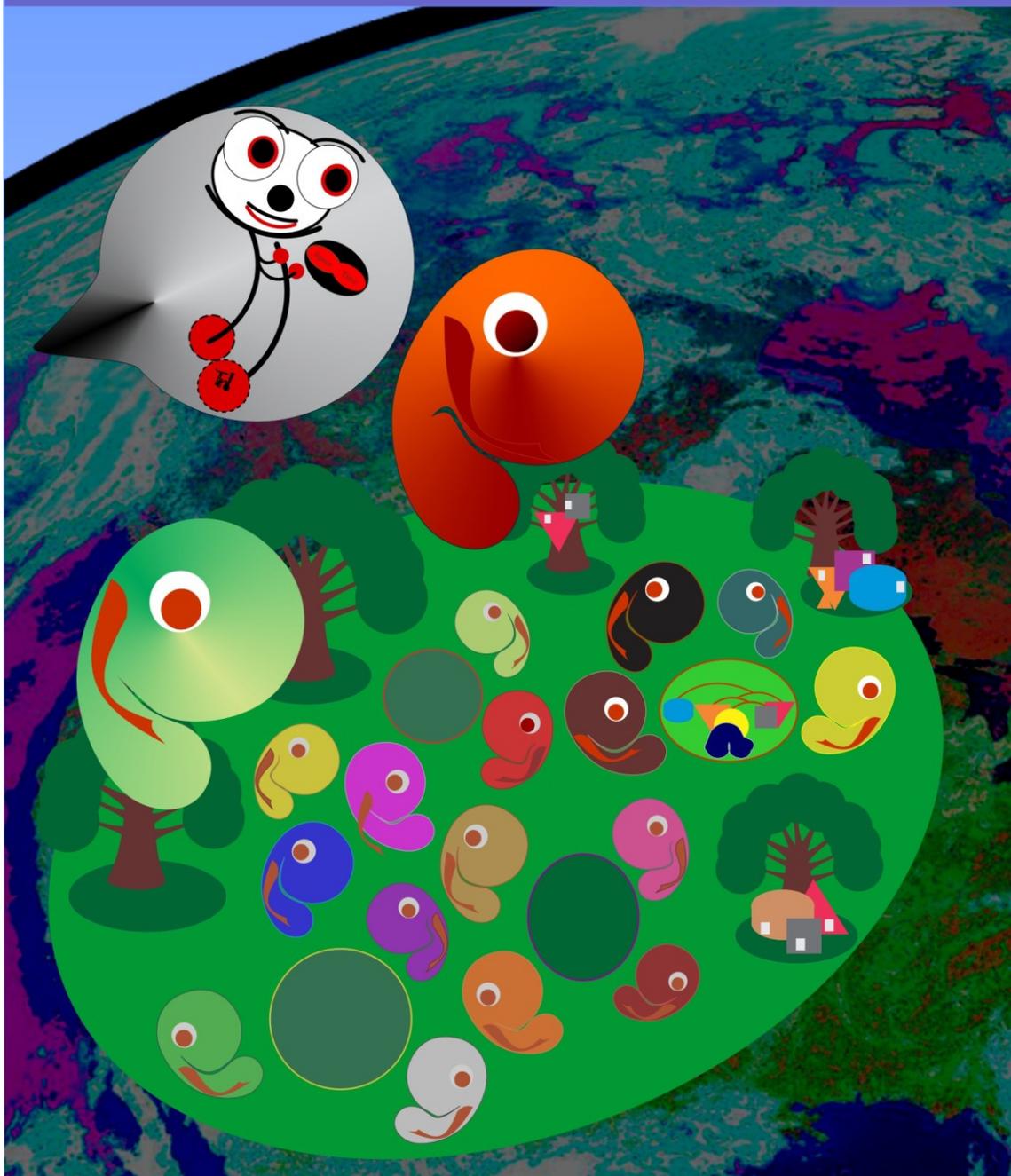
Wily, stop!  
You are  
hurting  
Whimsey  
World.

Whimseys, we  
must work  
together to  
create thriving  
future.

In spite of Angel, Wily and friends have  
their selfish future, for now.  
Wily claims they made Whimsey World great.



Whimsey world seems to grow darker.



Angel couldn't get Whimseys to create positive future.  
Wily and friends have their selfish world.



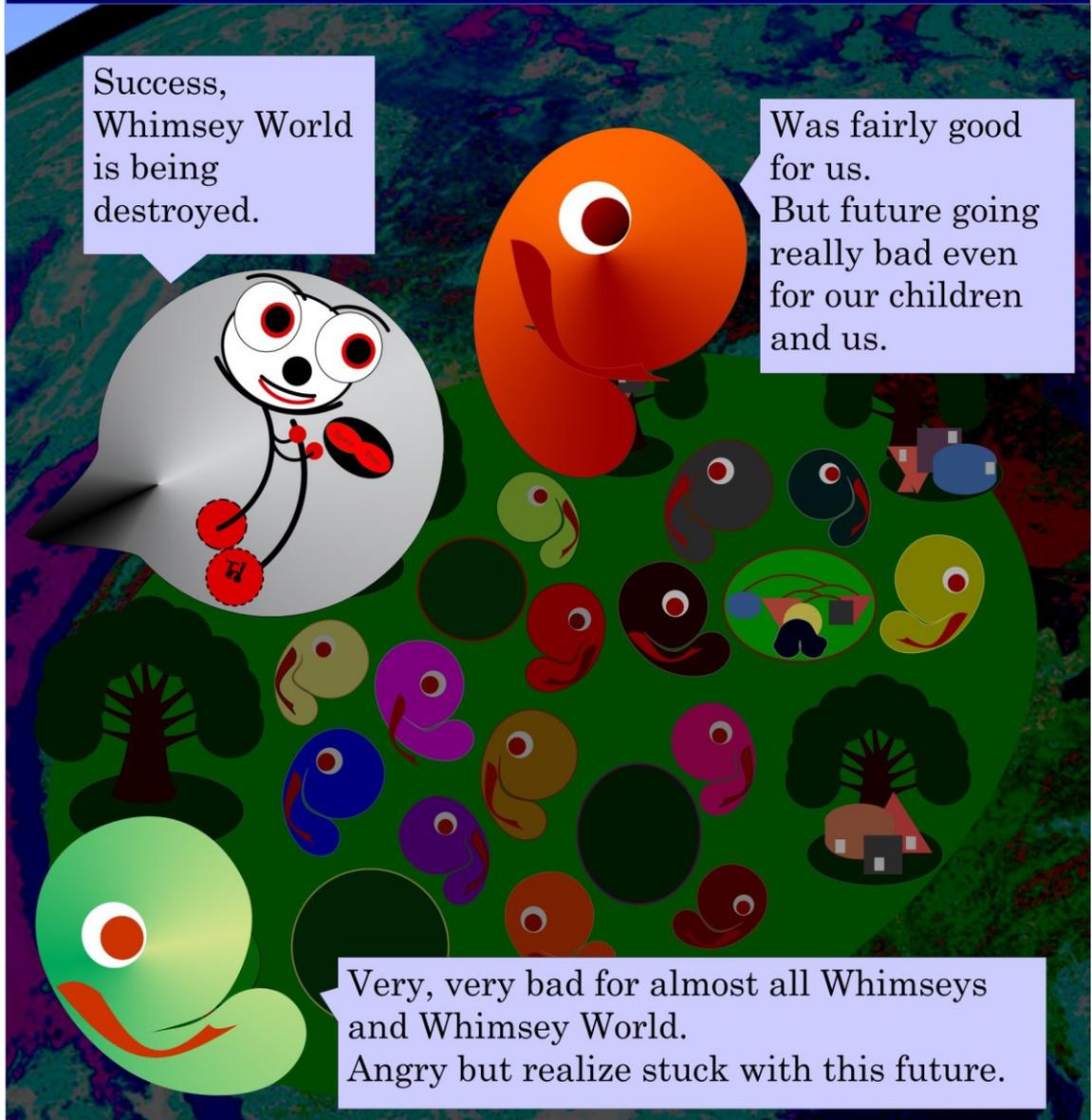
But Whimsey world grows very dark.  
Negative, selfish energy makes Wily and friends'  
lives better for only a short time.  
The rest of Whimseys, their homes and  
Whimsey World are very dark.  
The future for all, including Wily, is very dark.



T!rrible and Wily look at the  
fading Whimseys and dying Whimsey World.  
Almost all non-Whimsey creatures  
and plants of Whimsey World are dying.

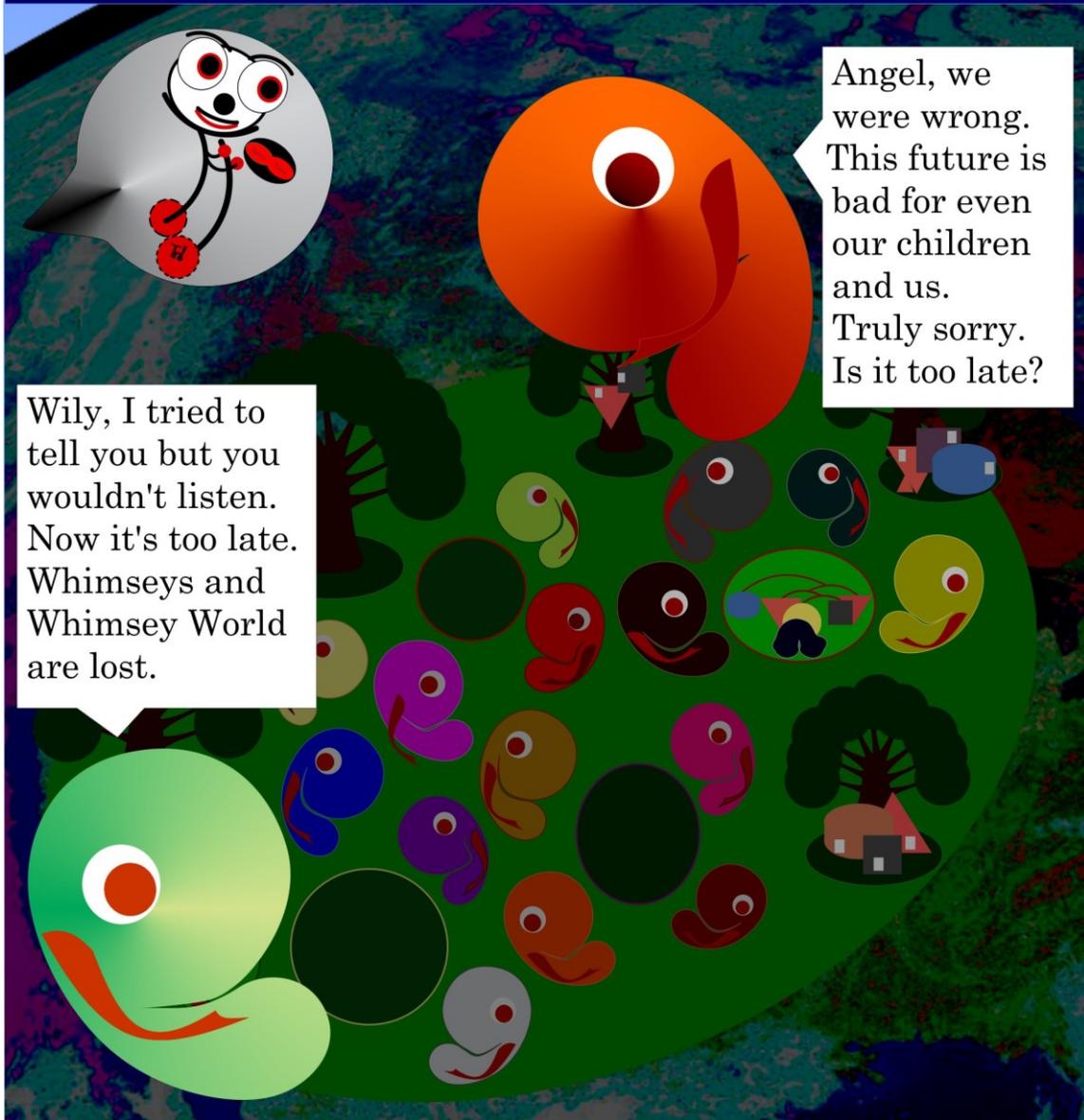
Success,  
Whimsey World  
is being  
destroyed.

Was fairly good  
for us.  
But future going  
really bad even  
for our children  
and us.



Very, very bad for almost all Whimseys  
and Whimsey World.  
Angry but realize stuck with this future.

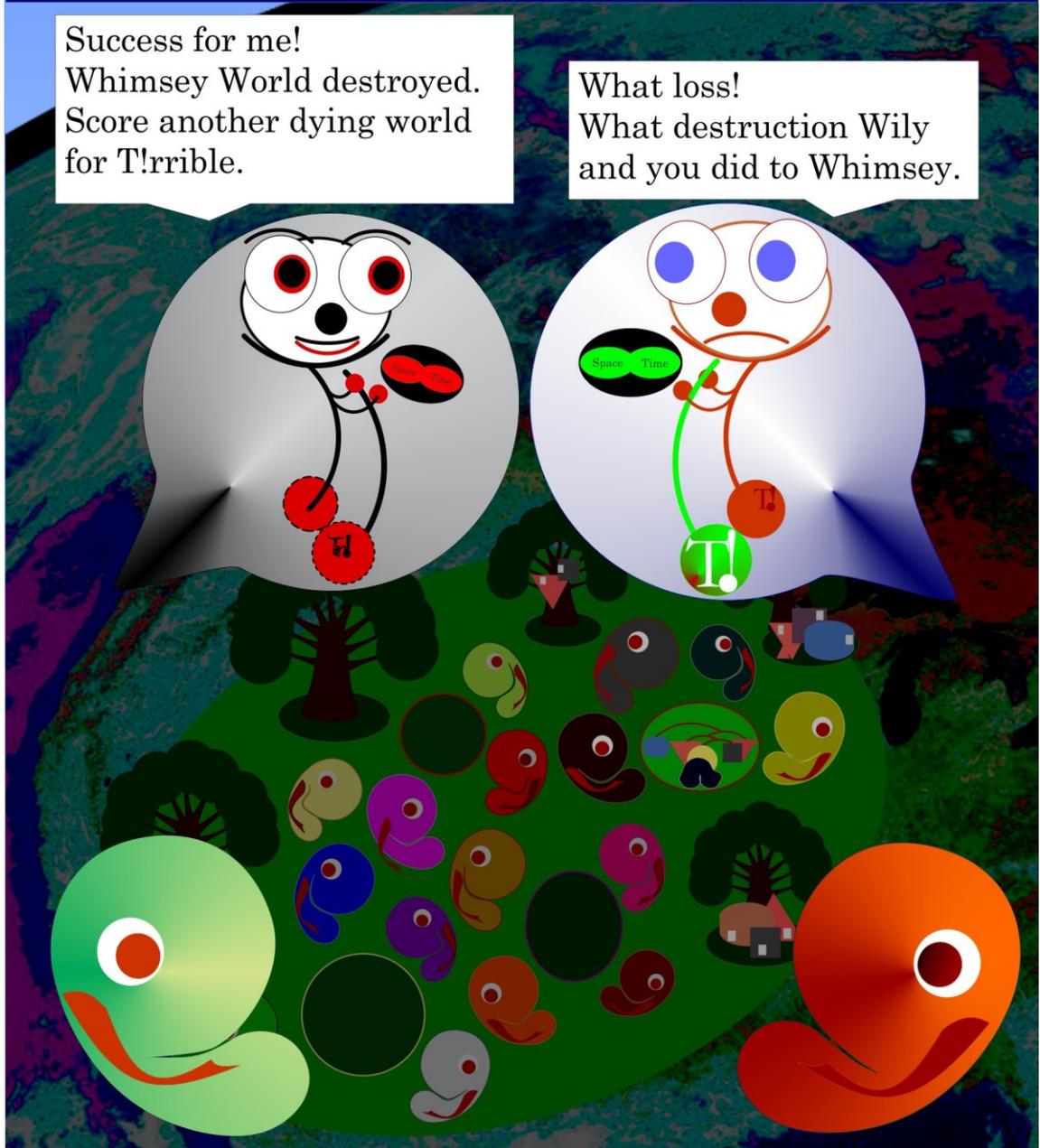
Wily's friends and rest of Whimseys now see bad future, especially for their children. They turn to Angel to stop destruction but it's too late. Angel angry, realizes Whimseys and Whimsey World lost.

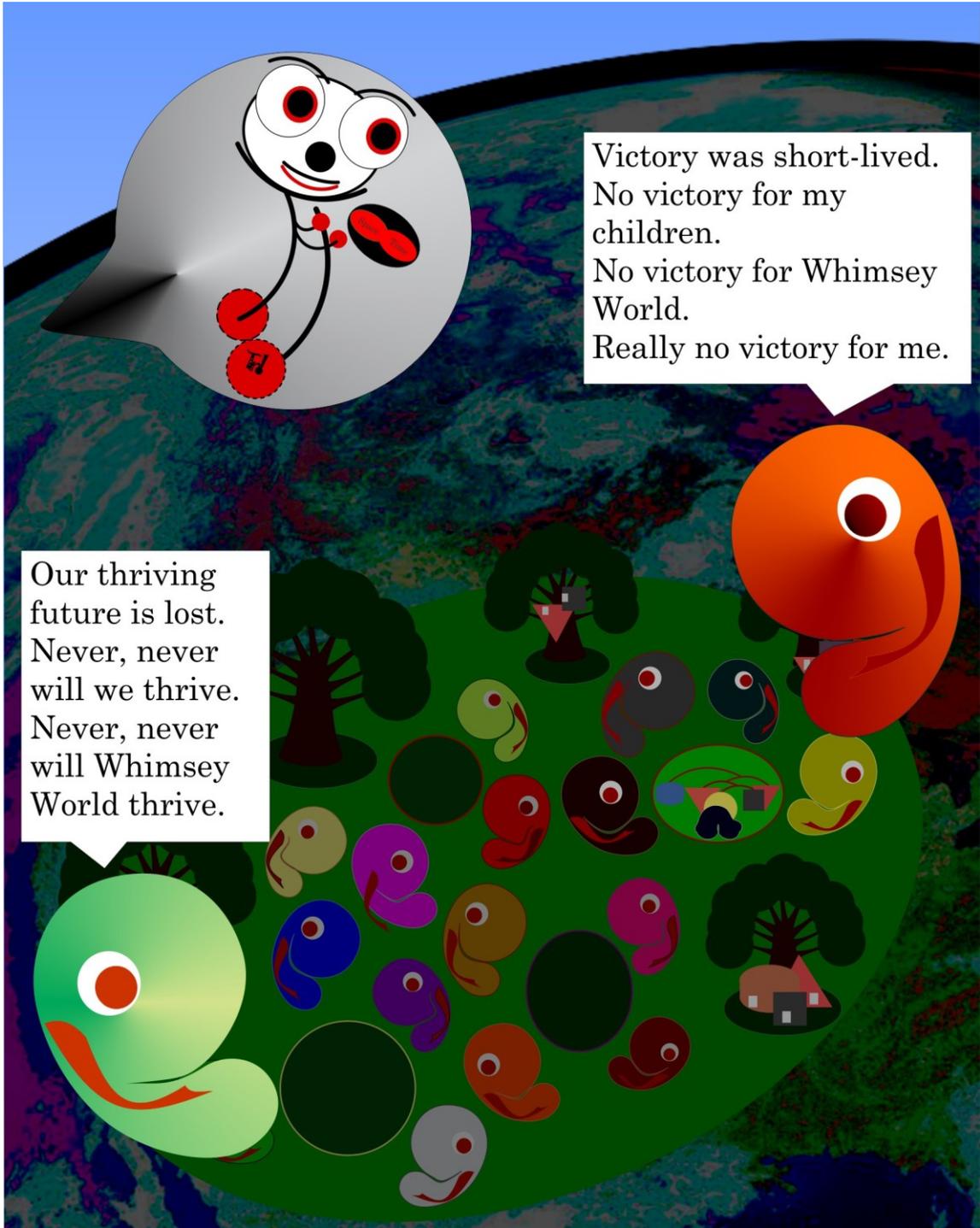


The good T!rrific arrives from saving another world, but it is too late..

Success for me!  
Whimsey World destroyed.  
Score another dying world  
for T!rrible.

What loss!  
What destruction Wily  
and you did to Whimsey.

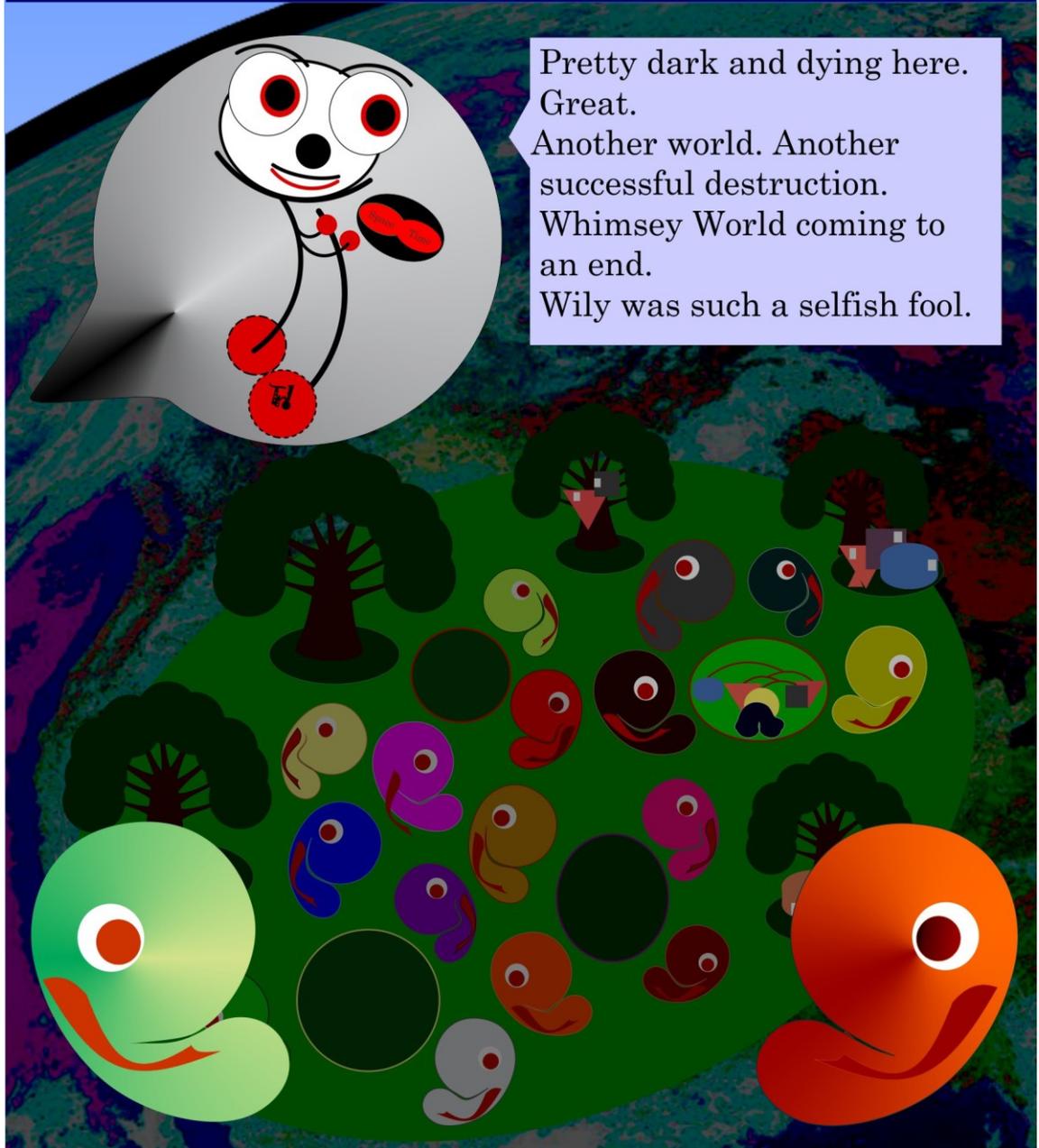




Victory was short-lived.  
No victory for my  
children.  
No victory for Whimsey  
World.  
Really no victory for me.

Our thriving  
future is lost.  
Never, never  
will we thrive.  
Never, never  
will Whimsey  
World thrive.

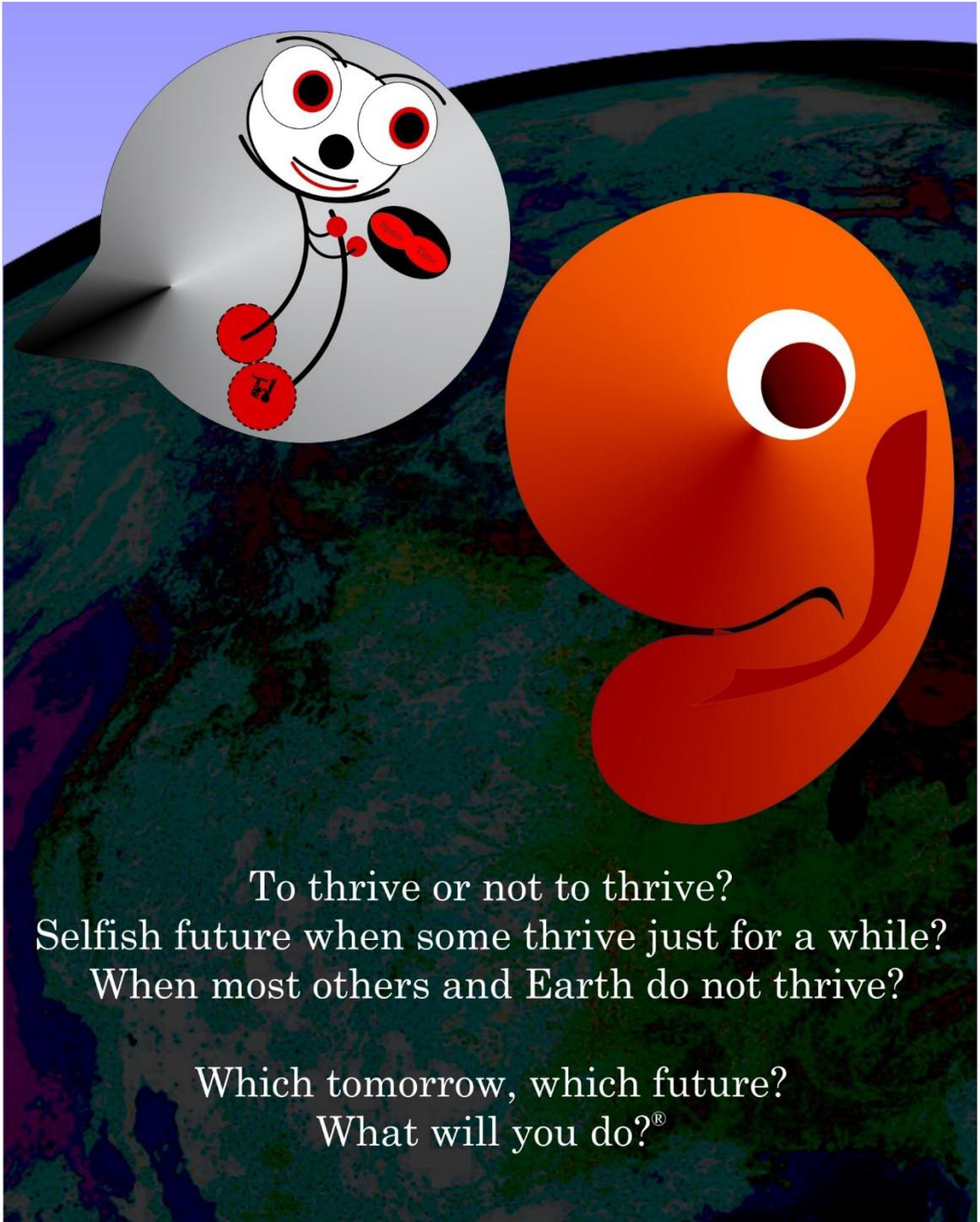
Many, many years later.  
T!rrible returns to check on Whimsey World.



Pretty dark and dying here.  
Great.  
Another world. Another  
successful destruction.  
Whimsey World coming to  
an end.  
Wily was such a selfish fool.

The End!  
Children Vulnerable! All Vulnerable!  
Current Vulnerable Future is bad!  
Low thriving. High vulnerability.  
Survival too little & ends too soon.  
Whimsey World changing from dark to black. Dying.





To thrive or not to thrive?  
Selfish future when some thrive just for a while?  
When most others and Earth do not thrive?

Which tomorrow, which future?  
What will you do?<sup>®</sup>

