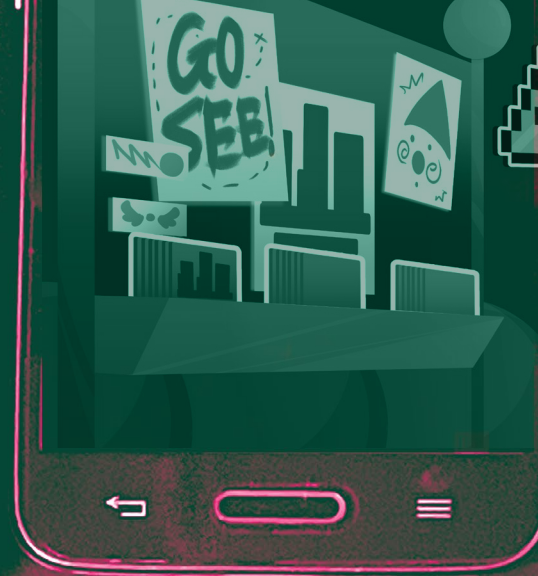
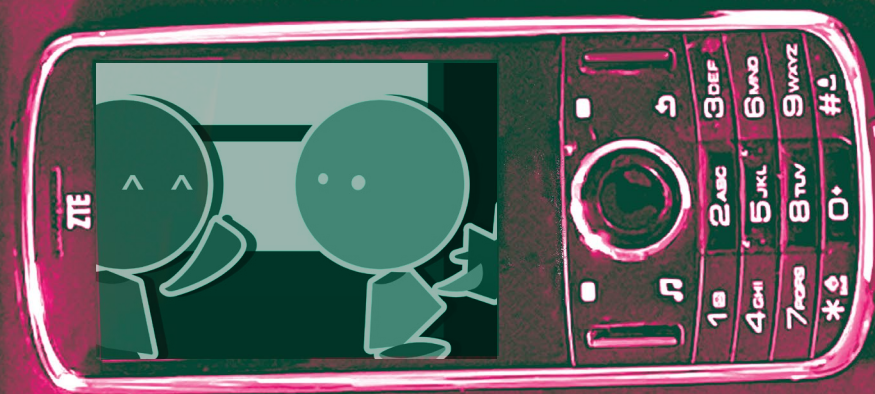


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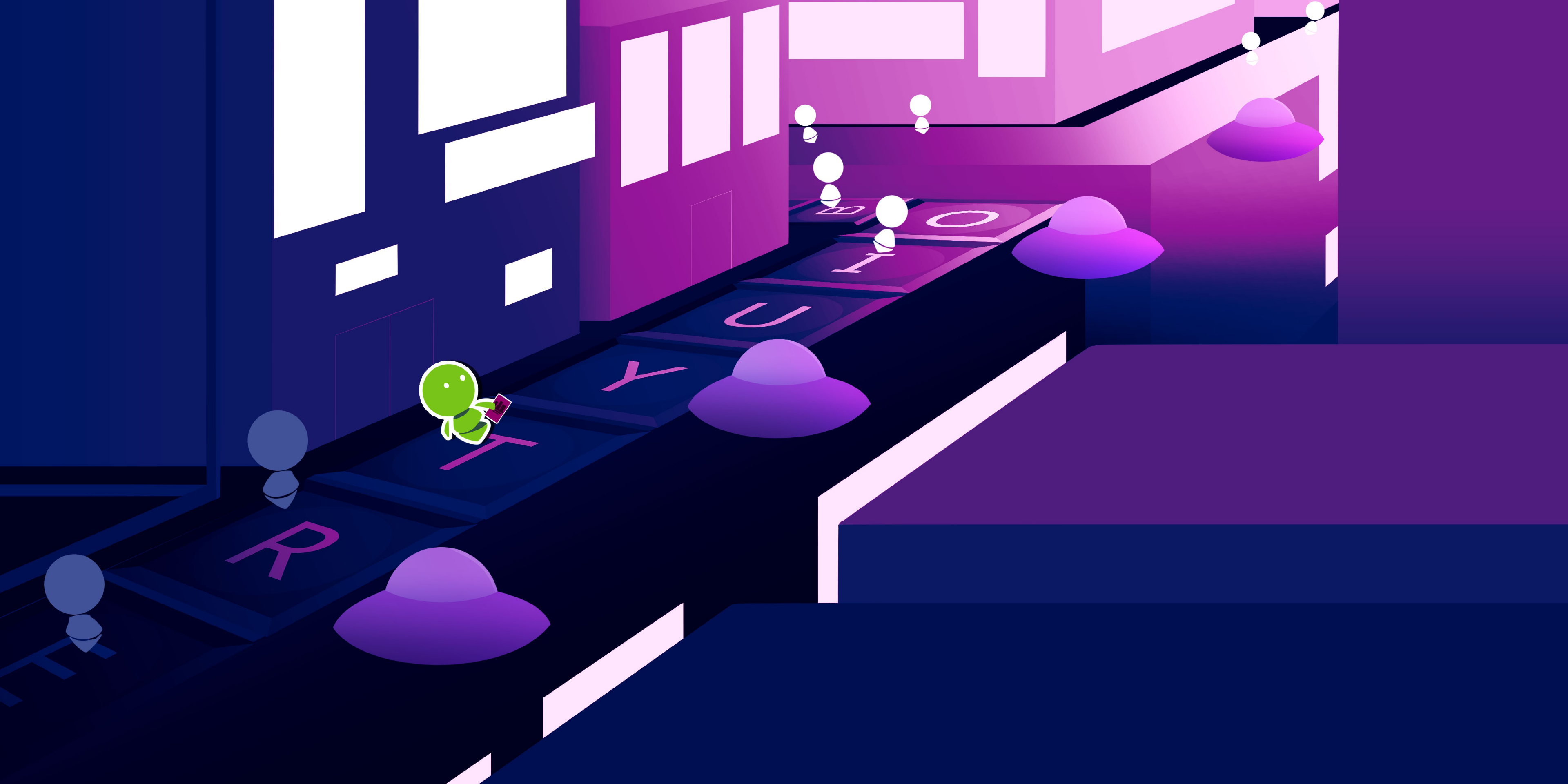
When traveling to a new place, make sure to have a good map from a trustworthy source. You would not want it to mislead you to somewhere you didn't want to be.



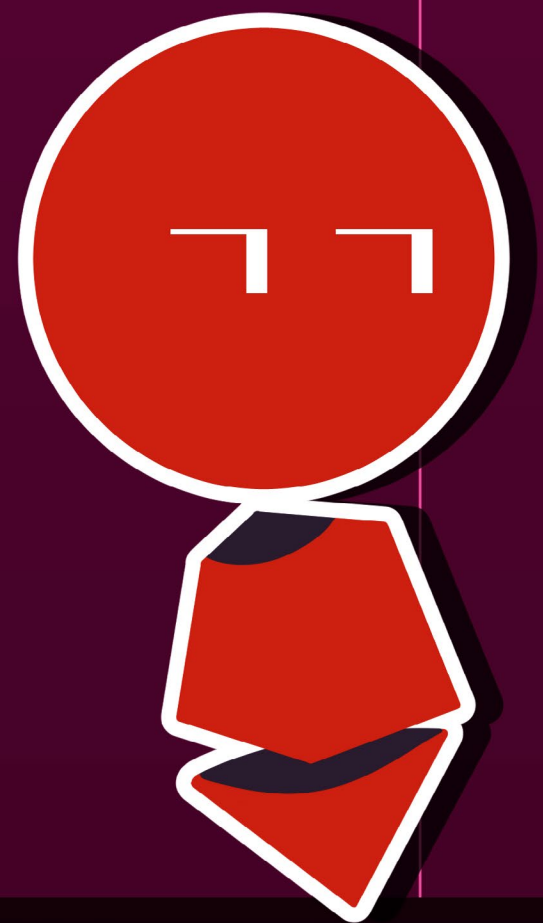
So make sure to take good care of it, as it is your only guide to navigate this new world.



It is a **LARGE** place after all...



You may find a travel buddy on your journey. They come from all sorts of places, and may share some similar interests with you.





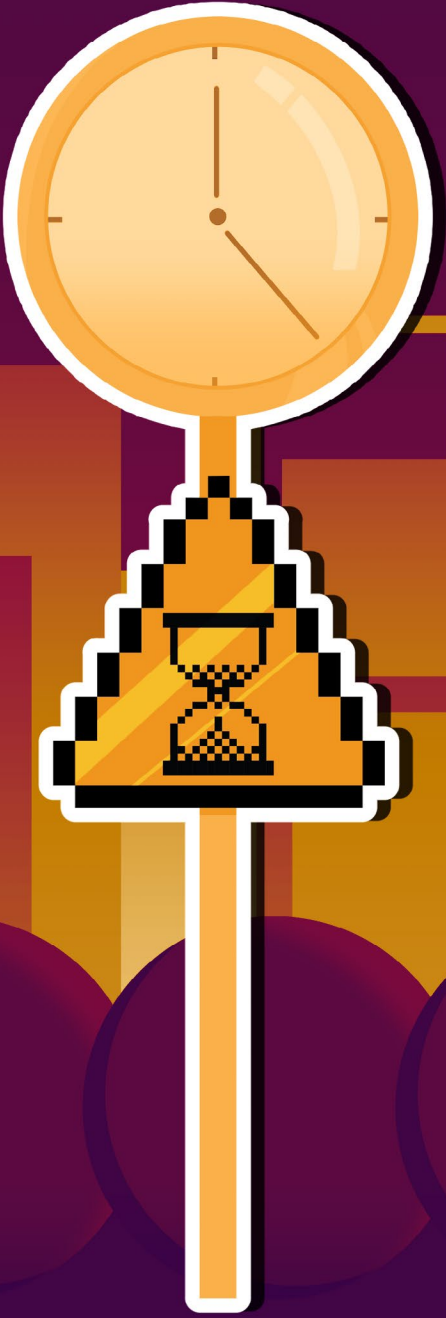
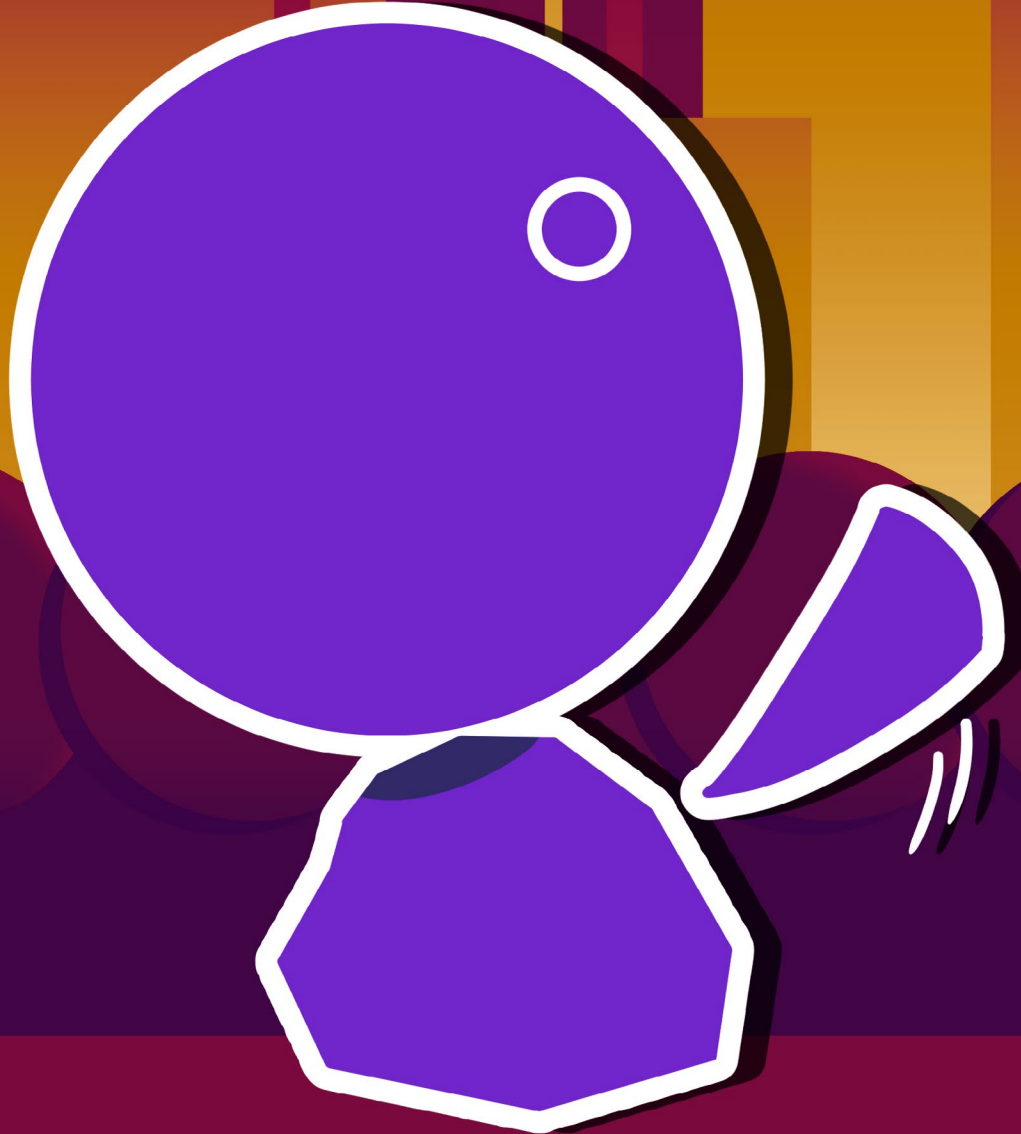
A souvenir is a nice memento. There are so many choices to choose from, and how will you know you bought the right one?



Sometimes, your friends are not always what they seem to be. But the right ones will help you through trouble.

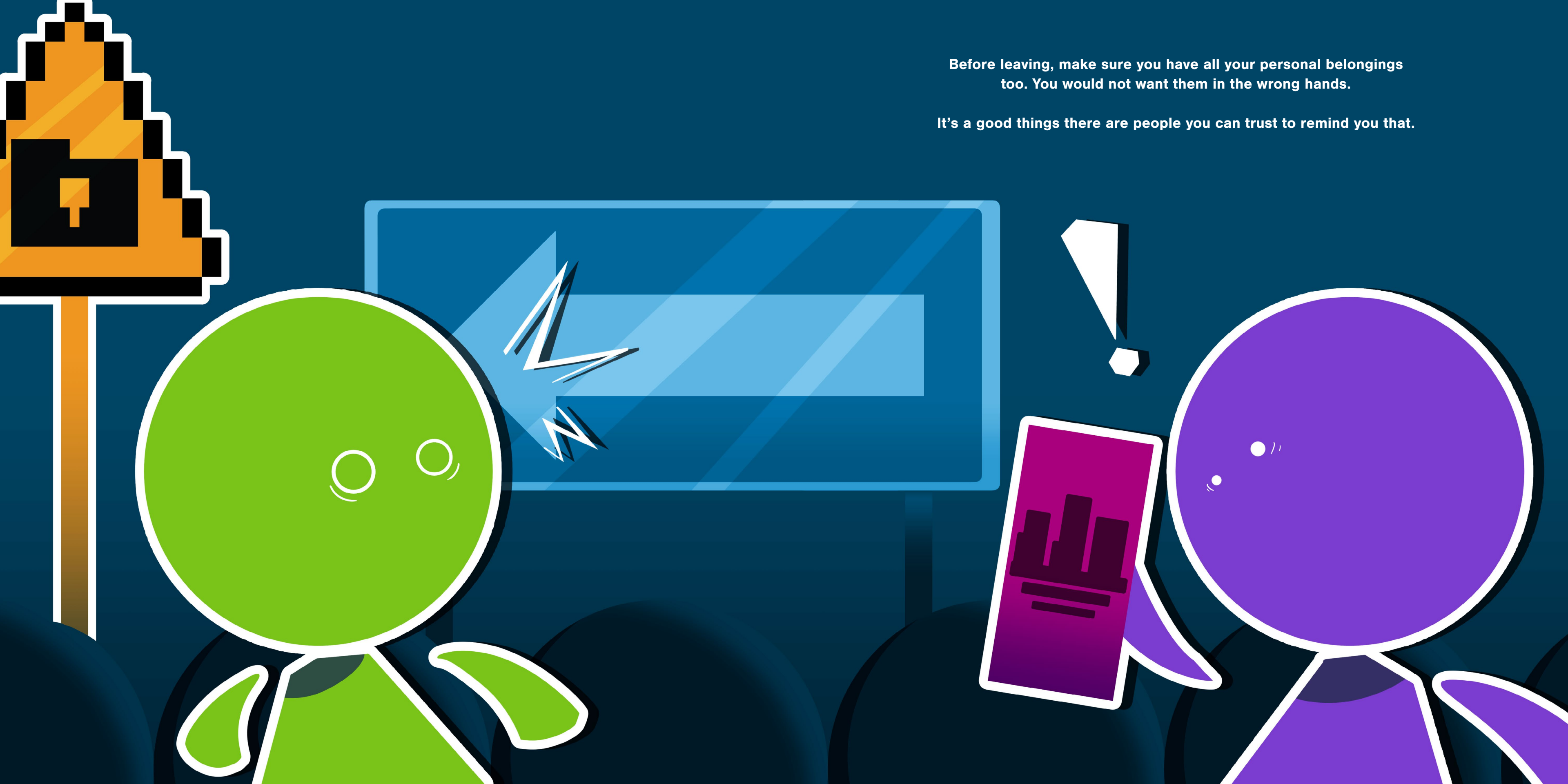


When it is time to go back, get a head start so that you are not drained of energy and do not make mistakes along the way.



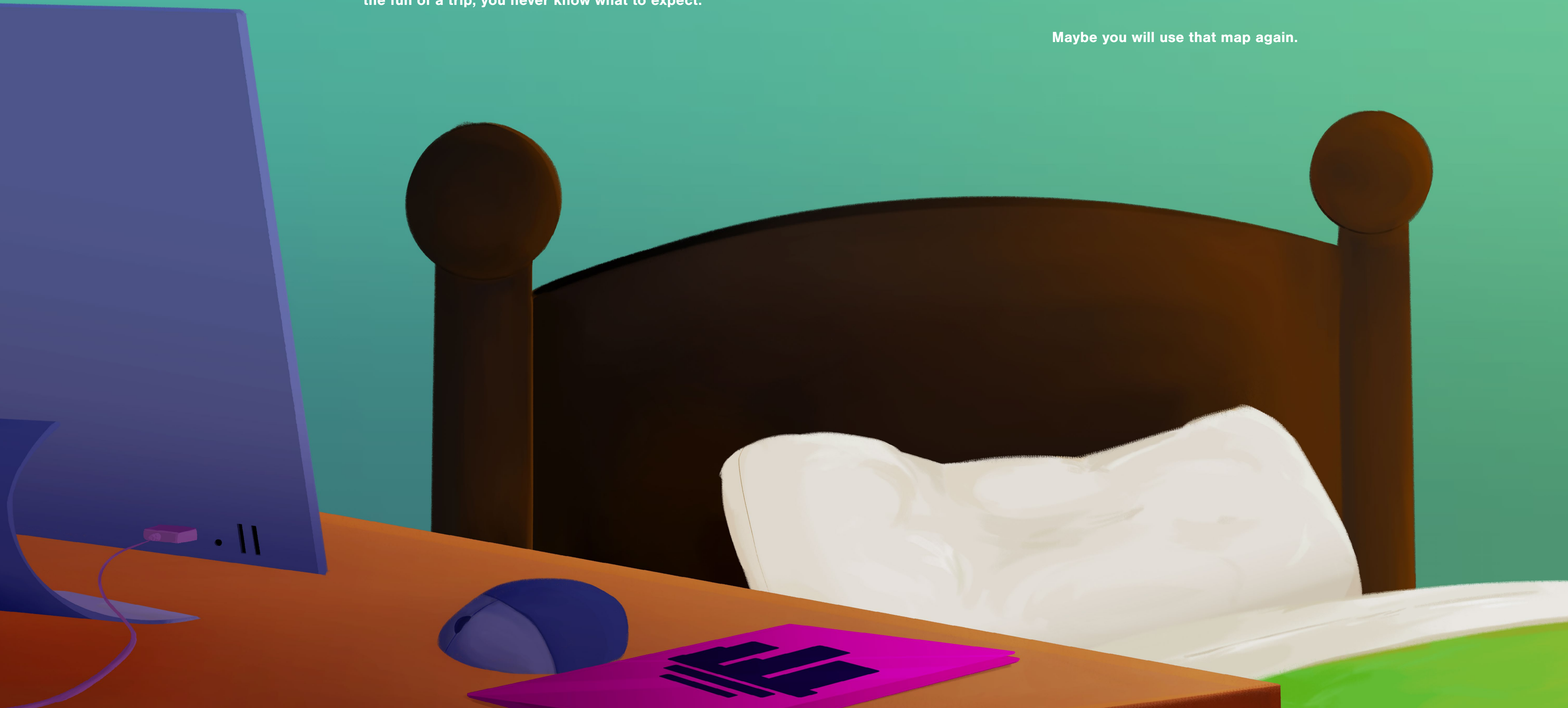
Before leaving, make sure you have all your personal belongings too. You would not want them in the wrong hands.

It's a good thing there are people you can trust to remind you that.



Your first trip alone may not go to plan, there will be many detours and bumps that will come in your way. But that is the fun of a trip, you never know what to expect.

Maybe you will use that map again.

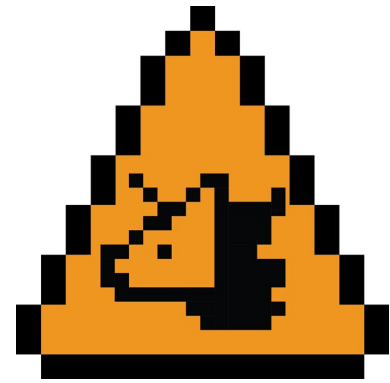


DID YOU CATCH THE SIGNS?

Misinformation

Be aware of where you are getting your facts from so that you are not spreading lies to your friends and family.

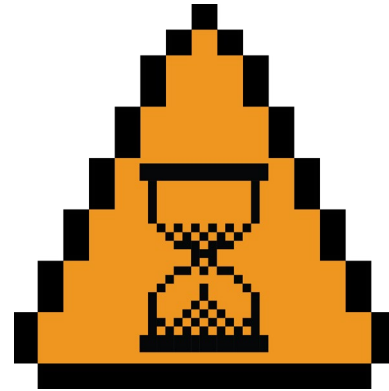
Some lies are more convincing than what they may seem at first.



Time Management

Be aware of how long you are spending on the web all day, and take a break.

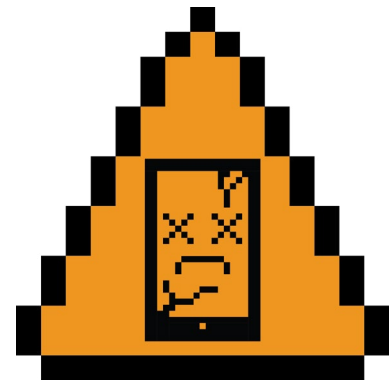
Have a stretch and take in some fresh air so that you can maintain good health.



Device Care

Maintaining good care of your technology will lead to them lasting longer.

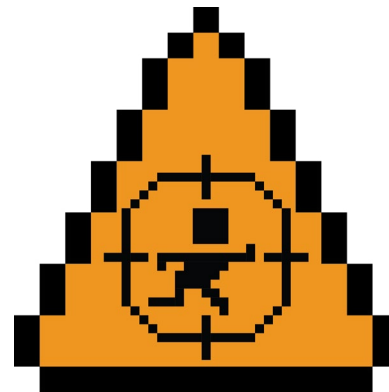
Make sure they are kept in a safe place, charged frequently, and cleaned.



Predators

Be cautious of strangers! Some people will pretend to be friendly with you in order to harm you and other people.

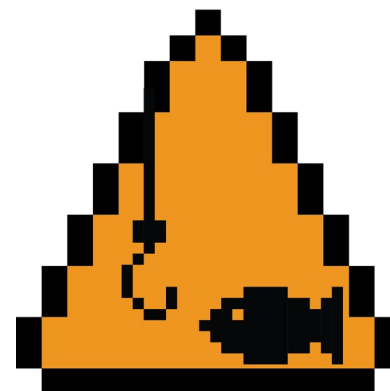
Be mindful of how they act towards you, and do not be in a private conversation or location with them.



Phishing

Some things are too good to be true. You should always make sure you are getting what you are expecting.

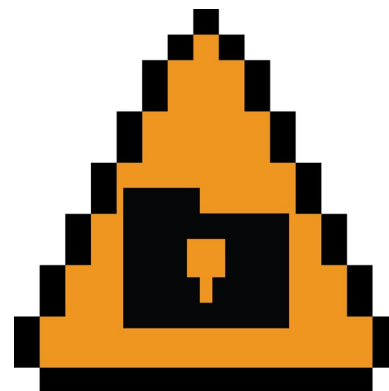
Some things you should check are: who is it from? Do you actually need it? What are they promising you?



Private Information

Keep important information such as home address and age to yourself. This information can be used against you when in the wrong hands.

Bad people will use it to hurt you or do something worse.



Sometimes the signs are not all that clear, or that multiple can be spotted. It is up to you to find them and take the step in the right direction.

In a world that has now integrated the internet into our daily lives, it became a second Earth that we have inhabited. This Earth comes with its own rules and logic that is constantly changing, but just like real life, there are many good, bad, and nuanced things that come with it. Sometimes the real and the digital will bleed into one another.

Just like going on the streets on your own for the first time, we must learn the skills that are needed in order to take care of ourselves and know what to do when in a dangerous situation. But without the proper guidance, we will get lost and potentially get hurt. How much different is it when you meet a stranger in real life than a stranger online? Is the value of an online friendship any different than the ones you see face to face? Now more than ever, we should guide tomorrow's people into treating the internet as a second place rather than a place of just play and learn how to take action into their own hands or to ask for help.

