



A long time ago, there was a child called Tom.



Tom loved eating food so much, he wanted to eat everything he saw, which made him always take more than what he could eat and wasted a lot.



Tom's teacher was quite annoyed about Tom's wasting and she always told Tom to take less and eat all he took, but Tom never listened.



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One day, when Tom was throwing his food into the rubbish bin again, he heard a scratch sound, and the sound got louder and louder day by day.



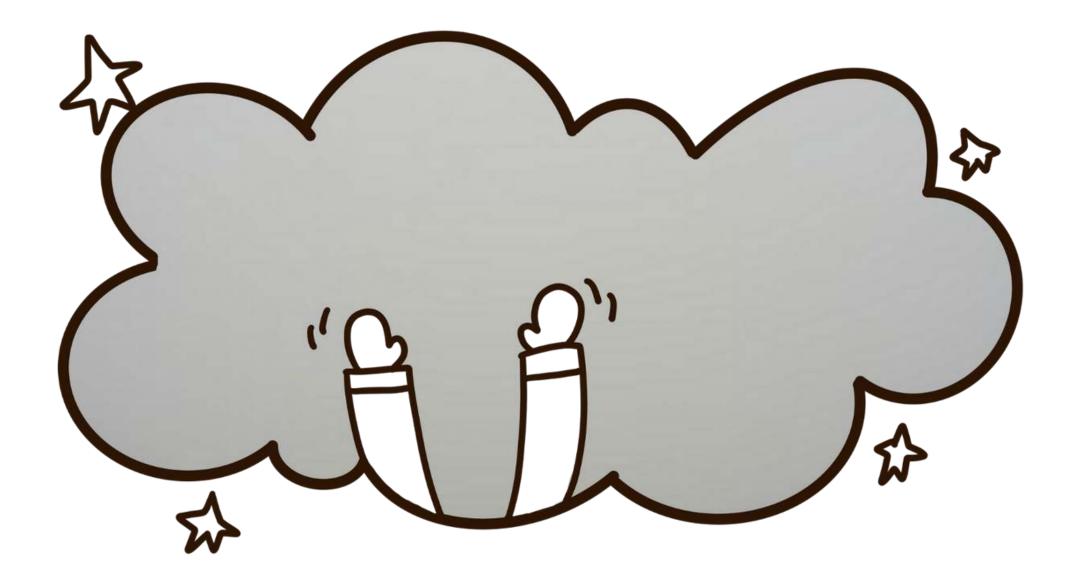
Tom asked people around but they all couldn't hear the sound.



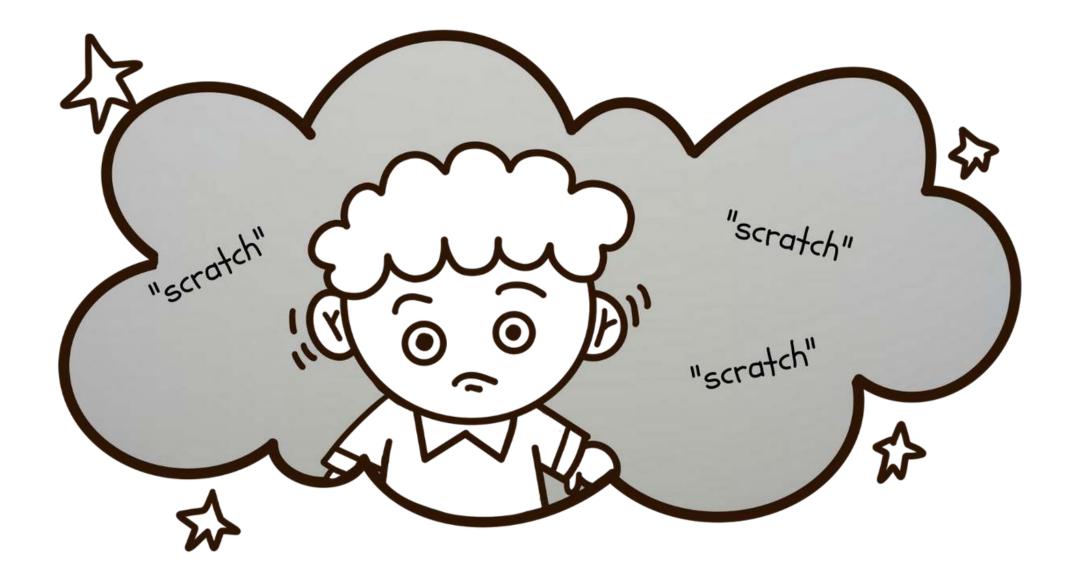
Tom started to worry.



One night, Tom dreamed a dream.



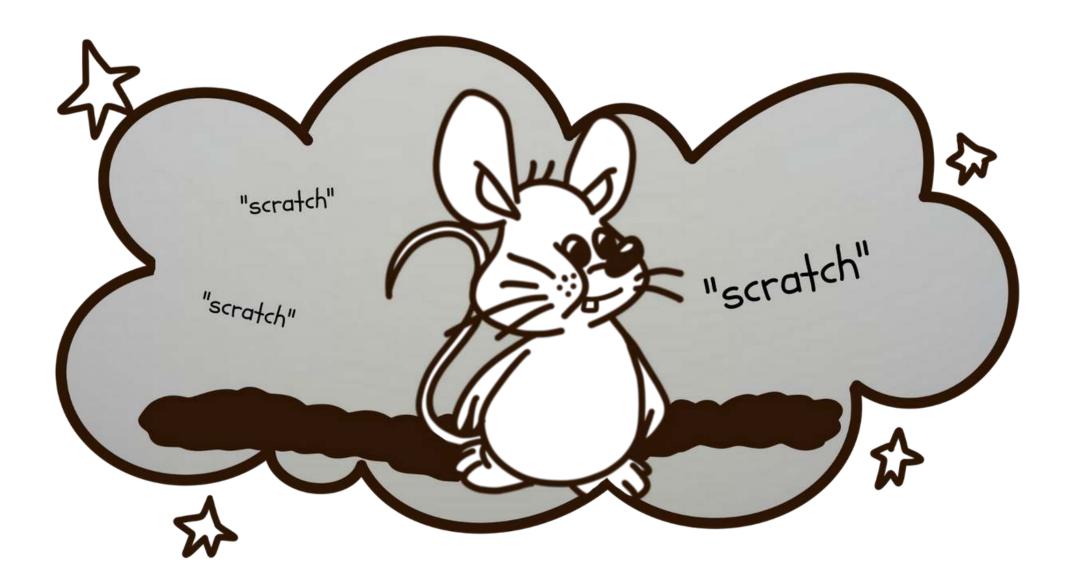
In that dream, Tom was surrounded by fog. He tried to find a way out but failed.



Suddenly, he heard that scratch sound again and the sound was getting closer and closer.



There was a 'big thing' coming out from the fog. Tom couldn't see what it was in the beginning but as it got closer, Tom finally could see it.



It was a big mouse. Three times bigger than Tom, and there were thousands of regular-sized small mice following behind. The scratch sound was made by them.



Tom was scared, he wanted to escape. But when he was trying to step back, the food mountain behind him collapsed and pinned him down. Tom couldn't move.



At the time, the big mouse started talking, it said: " Hi, Tom, I've been waiting so long to meet you. Thanks for feeding us, without you, I couldn't have become this big. But I'm getting a bit bored of eating those foods you left. I am thinking to try something new ... you look quite delicious, I want to try how you taste!"



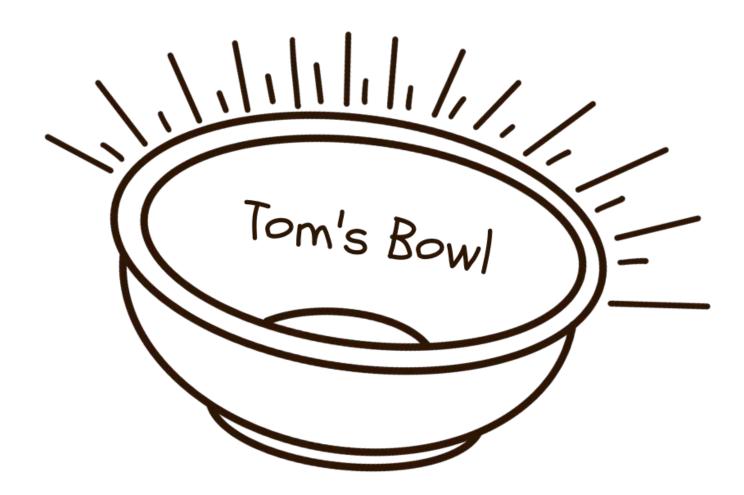
After saying these, the big mouse used its hands to grab Tom from the collapsed food mountain, it lifted Tom high and then opened its big big mouth towards Tom.



Tom was so scared, he screamed and woke up from his dream. When Tome opened his eyes, the first thing he saw was a small mouse standing on his chest.



Really quick, the mouse jumped out from Tom's chest and disappeared.



After experiencing that, Tom doesn't waste food anymore, he eats all the food he took and he never heard that scratch sound anymore.



Over 5,000,000 people experience food insecurity in Australia every year, and 1/4 of them are children.





However, there are still 7.6 million tonnes of food is wasted in Australia every year, and 7/10 of this is perfectly edible.



Food Waste is not something that can be solved by just talking, we need to take action.





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