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There was once a kid named Josiah who lived a normal life, but it was about to get a lot smaller.

One day Josiah was walking to school like any normal kid, but then he saw something in a bush. He decided to investigate it, and he saw a peculiar looking object (Josiah thought to himself that it looked a lot like a toy gun).

He then saw a button, a very odd button that looked familiar, like from one of his cartoons!

Josiah at once knew what the toy gun-looking object was, but it could not be what he thought it was. It had to be impossible, but it was right in front of him. He whispered to himself; it is a shrink-ray!

He was about to hit the button, but then he thought of the consequences (it could all be avoided if he thought a bit more). He thought about it for approximately four minutes until he clicked the button, and even to this day he still regrets his decision.

Then, it was like Josiah got teleported to a different dimension, (but it was still technically the same dimension just a bit smaller to Josiah). Josiah then asked himself what this place is, "and where is my backpack"! He yelled (with no answer back). After minutes of thinking of where he could be, Josiah just realized the big red object above him looked remarkably familiar. It had two also familiar straps, finally it hit him that the red and blue looking structure is his backpack.

Josiah struggled so much to understand that just maybe he was shrunk by the 'shrink-ray.

It was like his brain was exploding in all cylinders, he was starting to hyperventilate (in a good and bad way). He was about to pass out from all the hyperventilating, and he did pass out...When Josiah woke up, he at once jumped to his feet and still being tiny, Josiah felt surprisingly hungry. When he started to hear his stomach growl from being hungry, he decided to go looking for food (the backpack also mysteriously disappeared, but Josiah did not seem to notice). It did not help

knowing that he was a little bit smaller than a banana. He thought of what food he could eat, then he said “banana!” It was perfect, he was about the same size as a banana and there was a nearby farmer's market where he heard they sold bananas. It was all too good to be true, he thought just like the shrink-ray.

So, I better start walking Josiah said in his mind. He then was approaching on a blue tent and a green tent, the closer he got to the tents the more tents he saw. Eventually, he knew what he was looking at the farmer's market! Josiah started sprinting at once as fast as he could, and when he finally reached the farmer's market he was devastated. There was only one banana left, Josiah would have done anything to get that banana, but his fate was already sealed. The banana was in a blue box with a couple of holes, (the holes were about Josiah's size) Josiah thought about climbing through the holes but decided against it. Then the unimaginable happened, the blue box (the blue box with the banana in it) tipped over with the banana in it and the banana came speeding at Josiah. Josiah unfortunately did not notice, and the banana missed Josiah by a hair. Josiah looked behind him and was stunned that the banana was behind him. The banana was not damaged to, so Josiah was happy about that too. He then started trying to open the banana, which was extremely hard, but he managed to open it. The banana was fresh when Josiah opened it, the banana was sprinkled with a dozen little brown spots. Josiah wasted no time and ran away with the banana, but the farmers were clueless to what happened. When Josiah got far enough, he started to eat the banana which satisfied him a lot. He then thought of what he was going to do next. There were limitless amounts of possibilities, but one peculiar idea that came to his mind was getting back to his normal human size.

- He could now not get the idea of returning to normal size out of his head, and he was starting to get annoyed about it. He then thought what if this whole time he could have

reversed the effects of the shrink-ray if he just pushed the button again. This really started to get on his nerves, and Josiah started cursing a little bit in his head. Suddenly Josiah stopped what he was doing and looked straight ahead to see a little red object coming his direction. It almost looked like a little animal on four legs. Josiah then started thinking of every animal he knew of that was small, four-legged, and red. Then one peculiar type of animal came to mind that was red, four-legged, and red. It was an ant, but why was the ant coming to Josiah? He was really confused, but he just sat there eating his banana (Josiah thought the banana was delicious). The more the ants got closer the more nervous Josiah got, what did they want from me, he thought to himself. The ants were suddenly 50 feet, 25 feet, 10 feet away until they were right in front of Josiah. The ants then said something to Josiah, but he did not understand the ants (it sounded a lot like krissshiri). Josiah ignored the ants, but this somehow triggered the ants and they all lunged at Josiah. Fortunately, he dodged all the ants and attacked them with his banana peel. All the ants were defeated, and Josiah felt good that he defeated all the ants. Even though Josiah felt proud, that had to wait. Josiah had to get back to the shrink-ray. Then Josiah heard something; one of the ants was trying to get up. Immediately Josiah planned what he would do with the ant. Finally, he had an innovative idea form in his head where he would ride on the ant all the way to the shrink-ray. As soon as Josiah got the idea he was already on the ant's back. The ant sounded like it was struggling to hold the weight of Josiah even though they were about the same size. Josiah ordered the ant to move toward the direction of the shrink-ray. Eventually, Josiah saw his house in the distance (or so he thought), so that made Josiah excited. He then got really close to "his house." The shrink-ray was close to Josiah's house (and he did not know exactly where the

shrink-ray was) so, that is why he is going to his house. The ant and Josiah were starting to get tired, so they decided to take a 5-minute break (or it was Josiah that decided to take the break). The ant did not have that much authority in what it did. It was Josiah, that told the ant what to do. He did admit that he was grateful for the ant's cooperation, and helpfulness. They also could not understand each other, so the one that posed a greater threat to the other one would tell them what to do. The superior in this situation happens to be Josiah. If Josiah was not the superior one in this situation, then who knows what the ant would make Josiah do. Josiah chuckled that he is not inferior like the ant (in his opinion). Anyways, they were super close to Josiah's house. There was one problem though Josiah was walking to the wrong house, but he shrugged it off because it was in the same Neiborhood. He recognized the house as his neighbor's house. It was a little misleading, but he went to the next house, and he recognized it as his house (for real this time). Finally, he saw a familiar face, his mom! Though his mom did not see him Josiah was still happy. Then, the worst possible thing happened; his mom was mowing the lawn, normally this would not be an issue, but Josiah was less than a quarter his size. It was either run as fast as you can across the yard or get hit by the blades. The decision was obvious for Josiah, run away as fast as you can. His mom was an inch from running him over the with lawn mower. Josiah screamed as loud as he could because he thought he was about to get run over. Then, he was able to make it to the sidewalk with just grass on him. He knew he was close to the shrink-ray. He saw something poking out of the grass, so he went to investigate. It was shrink-ray! Josiah thought for a second before clicking the button. Eventually he clicked it, and he was back to 4ft 10in. He also was not hungry anymore.