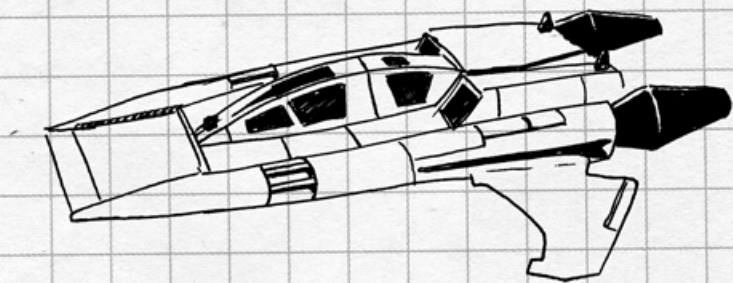


Christopher Tupa's

WISH BOOK



SO WHAT IS THIS?

The Sears and JC Penny's wish books from the 80s where a blast to look through. With Christmas approaching, I thought it'd be fun to make my own wish book. But instead of cutting out pictures or printing pictures from the web I decided to sketch the toys I wanted.

My wish book is a mix of toys I wanted when I was a kid and would still like to have; as well as more recent toys I have seen as an adult and would like to have as well. I wanted to try and capture that enthusiasm I had as a kid when I eagerly awaited Christmas morning.

While this isn't all inclusive and I realize toys aren't that important in the scheme of life; this is something I did for fun, it's meant to be spirited and light hearted and imperfect. All the drawings were done with an ink pen, no pencils, rulers or erasers.

To make it more fun I put these symbols on each of the toys:

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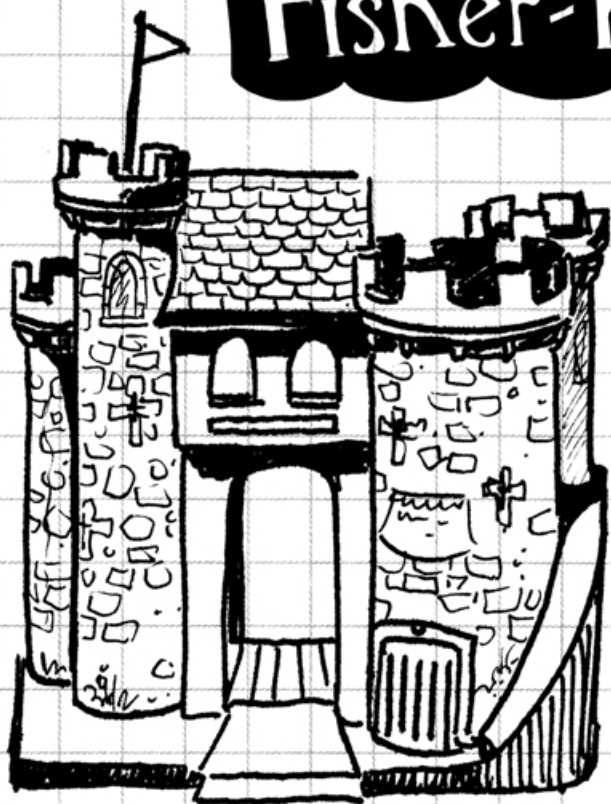
A and this is a toy I discovered as an adult

I hope you enjoy my wish book.

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Fisher-Price



FISHER PRICE CASTLE

Our neighbor, Mark, who lived down the street had one of these when I was younger and the few times we went into his house I always tried to sneak a peek at it. It was probably one of the first castle playsets I'd ever seen, and to this day still one of my all time favorites. It just looks like it would be totally fun to play with. It's got a dungeon, moat, I think a secret passage, rooms, stairs; everything you need! I haven't ever seen one in person since then but one day I aim to have one or at least get to play with one.

STAR WARS

I like Yoda (Yoda in The Empire Strikes Back was fantastic) and I like tree houses so this playset is a perfect match for me. When I was a kid I thought this was an awesome toy. My brother got one of these when we a bit older but I never got to play with it all that much. Looking at it now it doesn't seem all that impressive; still a neat toy though and one I'd enjoy.

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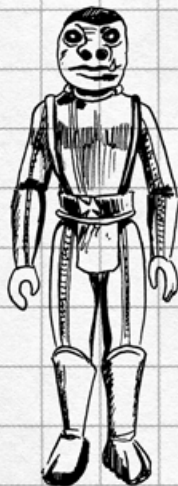
DAGOBAH ACTION PLAYSET



I'm a huge Star Wars fan but growing up I didn't know about these three figures. Besides be neat looking figures; part of the reason I like them now is because of the fact that they're new to me and also because they're rather rare figures.

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BLUE SNAGGLETOOTH

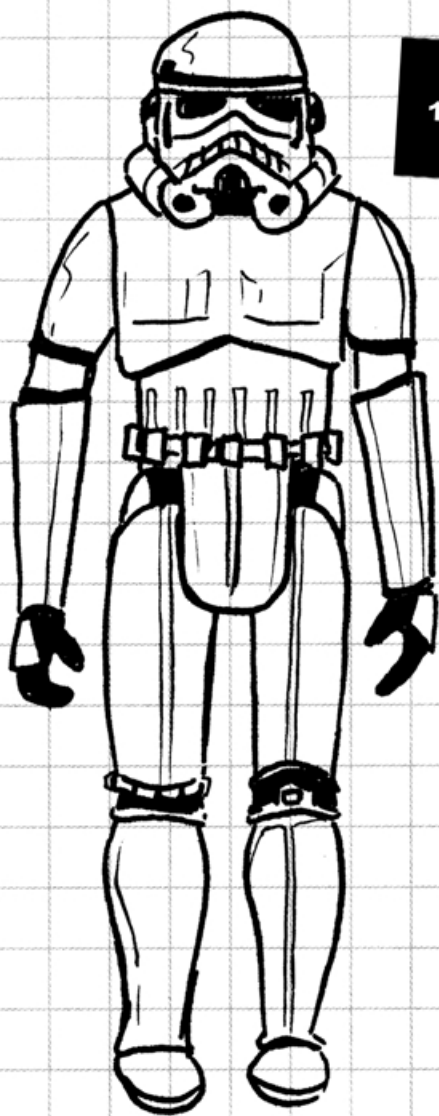


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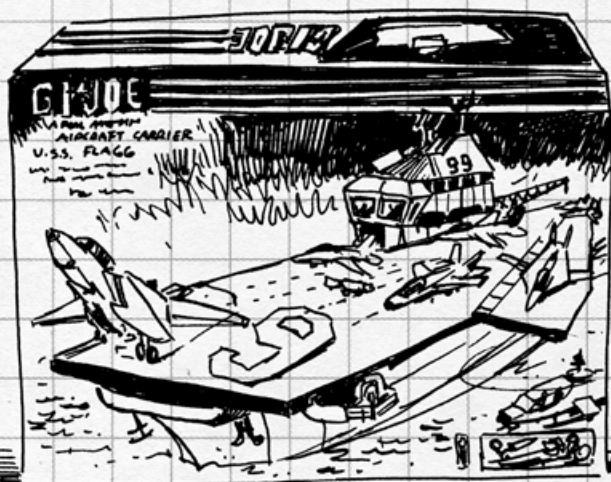
**GENTLE GIANT
12" JUMBO KENNER
ACTION FIGURE**

These figures are 12" high and use the same molds as the original figures from back in the 80's. When these first came out I wasn't all too fond of them but since then have come to like them. They have so many great ones to pick from so instead of drawing them all I picked the Stormtrooper.



Remember these?

G.I. JOE



U.S.S. FLAGG

The holy Grail of G.I. Joe collections; this is the ultimate playset/vehicle ever made. I never saw one when I was a kid but I knew it existed. When we were in high school my brother and I saw one boxed at a garage sale for \$50 but since we had no money we couldn't get it. I don't remember this at all, but my brother tells me it's a true story. Sometime around 2011 my folks drove to Minnesota and on the way stopped at a sort of general store and on display they had a U.S.S. Flagg box. Not sure if it was for sale or not, and if it had the toy inside or was just an empty box; but my Dad took a picture for me. To this day when anyone in the family goes to a garage sale or a flea market I always ask them to look out for the U.S.S. Flagg.

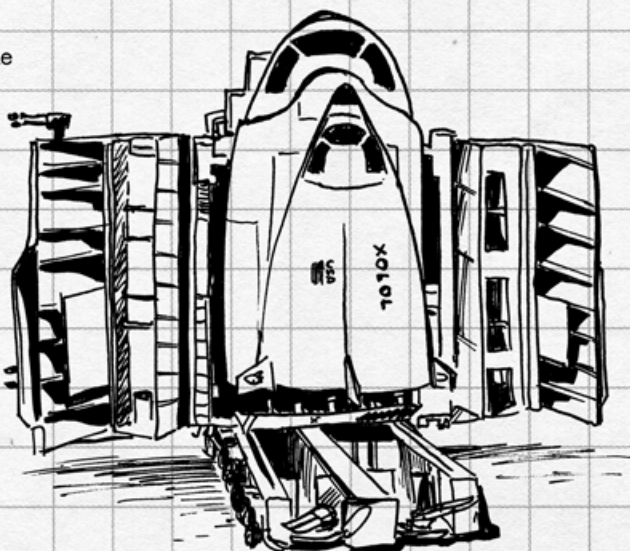
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Remember these? ↗

DEFIANT: SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCH COMPLEX

Two more awesome G.I. Joe playsets; the Defiant is probably hands down the greatest playset ever made after the U.S.S. Flag. This thing is impressive! It's got two giant spaceships and a huge moving launch platform. I've never seen one in person but drooled over pictures of this thing as a kid. I could definitely see myself playing with this today with my kids.

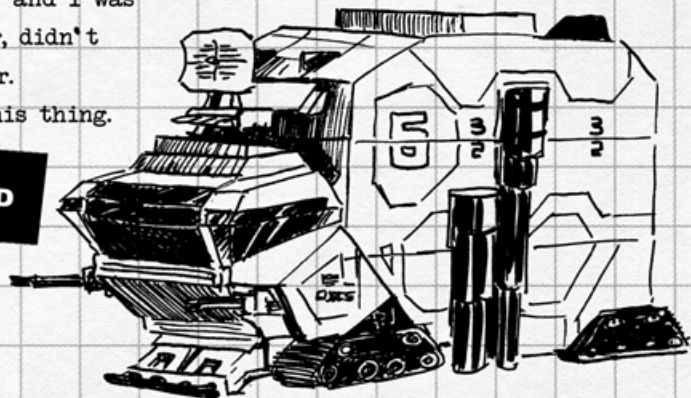


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Another huge, fantastic playset; in my mind #3 of greatest playset/vehicles ever made. I actually got this on sale for around \$20 at Kay Bee Toys when I was in the 8th or 9th grade. Funny story; I didn't have enough money so my parents bought it with the stipulation that I had to pay them each week until it was paid off. But they never said how much, so I paid them \$0.10, \$0.25, etc. until it was finally paid off. It made my brother so mad that I did that. It was pretty crappy but I didn't have much money and I was just a youngster, didn't know much better. Wish I'd kept this thing.

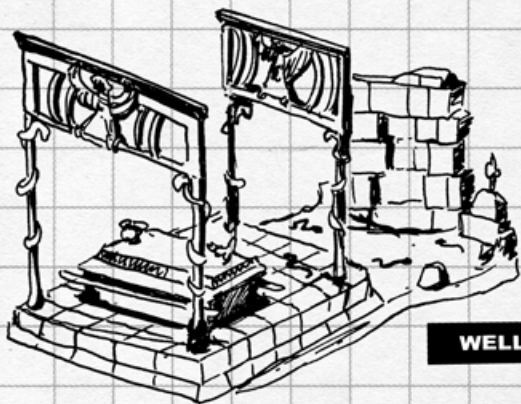
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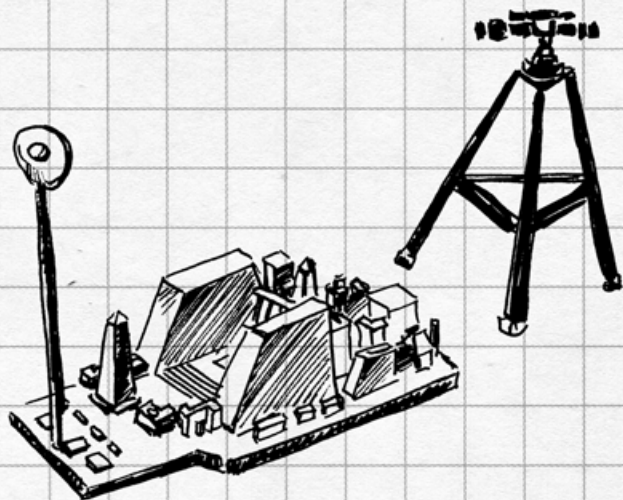
INDIANA JONES

As a kid I had no idea they had made Indiana Jones figures and toys. Not until I was much older did I see pictures of the Raiders of the Lost Ark toys that existed.



WELL OF SOULS PLAYSET

This looks like a great little playset! It has the Ark, snakes, a mummy, and a moving wall. It's a shame they didn't re release this when they made the recent line of Indy figures.



MAP ROOM PLAYSET

While not nearly as impressive as the Well of Souls; it still looks pretty neat. I like the map of the city and how the staff fits in the base. Both of these sets would be super fun to play with in a sandbox.



FERTILITY IDOL

Such an iconic piece of movie history! This would look good on a dark wood shelf with a small overhead light shining down on it. These days they've made this idol into statues and piggy banks. I'd be happy with any of them.

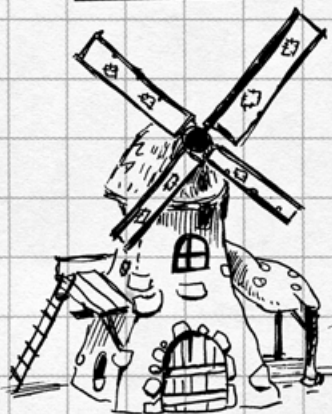
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THE SMURFS

I simply adore the Smurfs; especially the original comics and the Hanna Barbara cartoon. I have quite a few Smurf PVC figures but growing up; because of where we lived and or the cost of importing them I hardly ever saw them or any of the accessories or buildings. I actually don't know where my figures came or how my parents got them. But somewhere along the line I saw pictures of the Smurf houses and Gargamel's Castle. They've always fascinated me and recently I saw the Windmill. Great stuff, great quality; I'd be happy with either or both.

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WINDMILL



GARGAMEL'S CASTLE



PIXI-MINI SMURF

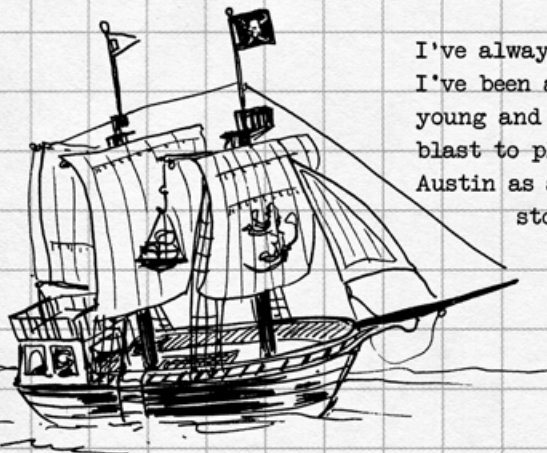
The Pixi Mini Smurfs I only heard of recently while reading a book about the history of the Smurfs. They are hand painted, about 1" high and made of metal. From what I gather they are only released in France and are a bit pricey. But they look really neat and I like mini figures so these would be great to have.

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playmobil

We had a few Playmobil toys growing up. The quality is fantastic and I've always liked the plastic they use to make the toys. While I'm not the biggest fan of the actual human figures; I think the animals, accessories, vehicles, buildings, and playsets are amazing.



I've always wanted this pirate ship. I've been a fan of pirates since I was young and this toy seems like it'd be a blast to play with. When I lived in Austin as an adult, there was a local toy store that had one of these and I would go there sometimes to look at it.

SET #3750

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SET #3647

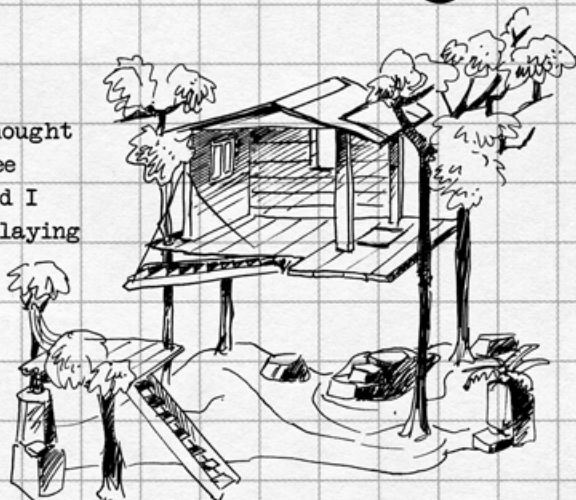
A couple years ago I saw this RV at a Toys R'Us. Again, this seems like it'd be fun to play with. When we were kids my brother and I made our own RV toys by making camper shells out of cardboard and gluing them to the back of toy pick-up trucks.

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I saw this recently and thought it was awesome. I think tree houses are the greatest and I would have a lot of fun playing with this.

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SET #5746



MARX

HUCKLEBERRY HOUND

Huckleberry Hound has always been one of my favorite cartoon characters and I've wanted this Tinykin ever since I found out they existed. Made by MARX in 1961, about 1.5" tall, hand painted and sold for \$0.15.

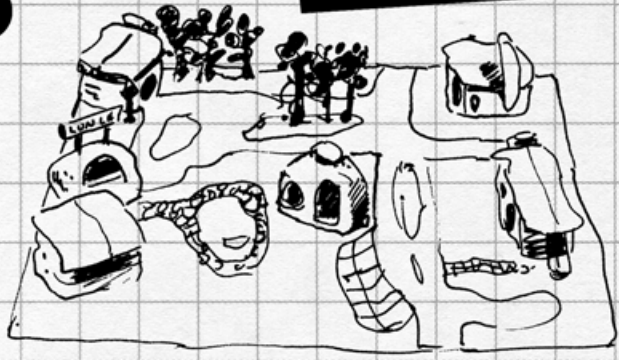
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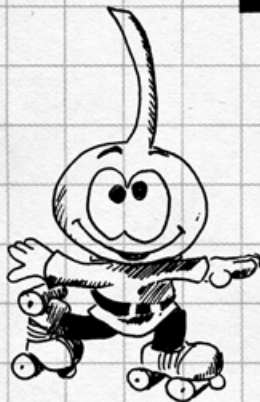


The hey-day of MARX toys was in the in the late 50's and throughout the 60's, way before my time; but during this time the MARX toy company made some of the most impressive playsets I've seen. They are Impressive because of the detail and sheer number of figures and accessories that came with the sets. Some of the sets made were dinosaurs, castles, old west, chariot race, cowboys & Indians, WWII and even Disneyland sets. One of the first I ever saw online was the Flintstone Set, complete with stone like buildings, animals and figures. It is an awesome playset and I've admired it since then. I'm surprised they never re-released the MARX playsets in the 80's when toys were everywhere; I'd have wanted them all!

BEDROCK CITY

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SNORKS

A cartoon I really enjoyed as a kid, and still do. I never knew they made figures until I was in my 20's.



THE BISKITTS

Another of my favorite cartoons. I searched for Biskitts merchandise for years and years with no luck until the internet came along. I've only seen one or two pictures of these figures online.

MR. MEN



We got several of these from Arby's back in the 80's, but I never realized just how many different figures there are. I only have about six or seven and wouldn't mind adding to that collection. My Mom has all the books and read them to us when we were little.



PAW PAWS

I enjoyed this cartoon as well, and like the Snorks never knew they made toys. Like the Biskitts; these figures also seem to be rather rare.

The Chipmunks

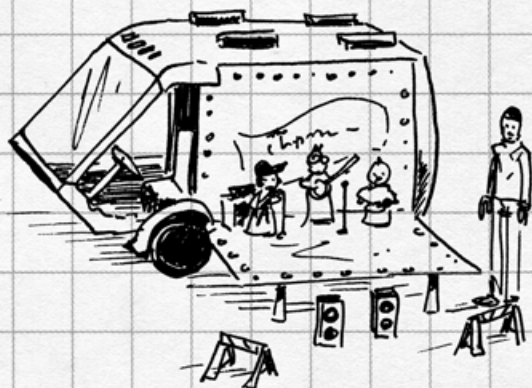
In the 80's Ideal came out with these small poseable Chipmunk figures with real fabric clothing called Poseable Play Pals. To go along with these they made a tour van, two different cars and a stage. I had the three pictured here but got rid of them at some point. I watch Alvin and the Chipmunks Meet the Wolfman at Halloween each year with my kids and it always reminds me of these cool toys and how much fun they were. While I did own them once, I wouldn't mind owning them again.

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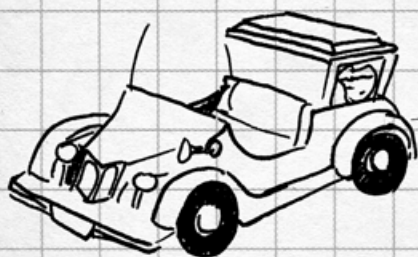
CURTAIN CALL THEATER



DELUXE ON TOUR VAN



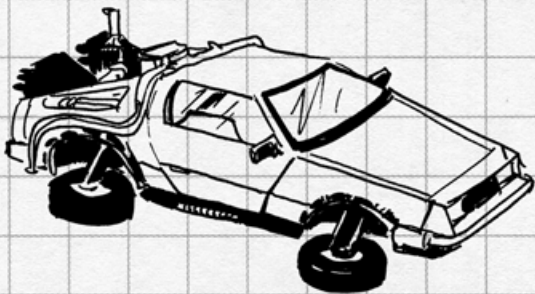
TREAT MOBILE



BACK TO THE FUTURE

I've always enjoyed the Back to the Future movies. Recently they've made a DeLorean toy that G.I. Joe and Star Wars size figures can fit inside. It has opening doors and in some cases lights. Each movie has a slightly different version of the car and so they made a toy of each version. My favorite is the one that can fly from Back to the Future II. This would have been awesome to have as a kid, but better late than never, right?

DELOREAN 1/15 SCALE

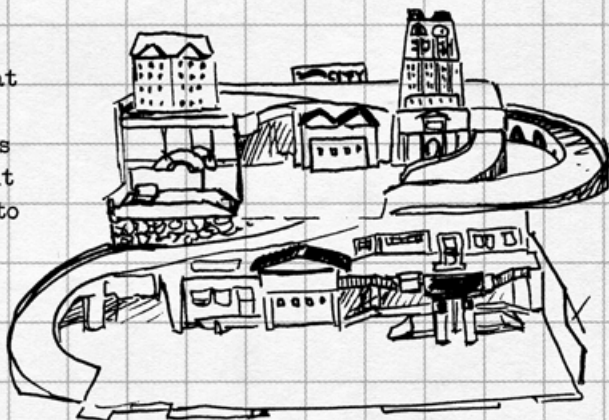


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I used to have this set when I was younger; it folds in half so you can carry it around with you, has ramps, garages and other neat play features. My 4 year old son loves his trucks and cars and it would be really fun to play together with this set.

HOT WHEELS STO N GO CITY PLAYSET



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Lazer Tag

When I was a kid I always wanted to play Lazer Tag but no one I knew had a set, or if they did they only had one set. I've always liked the guns, they look so neat! When I was in my pre-teen years my brother and I got a set of G.I. Joe lazer tag guns but we barely used them. Now they have Lazer Tag arenas where you can go play which is super fun to do. On a side note, a few years ago I found a Lazer Tag novel at a bookstore, it was interesting, I guess it's based off of the cartoon which I haven't seen yet.

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STARLYTE GUN

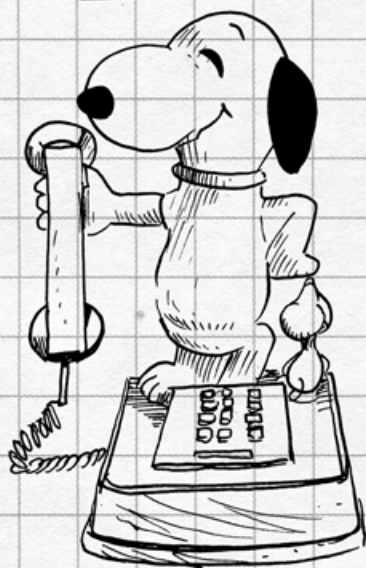


CHARACTER TELEPHONES

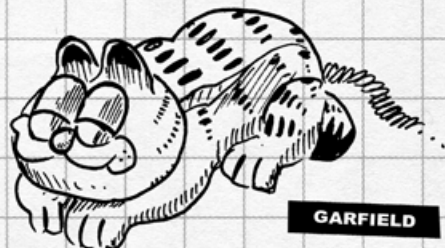
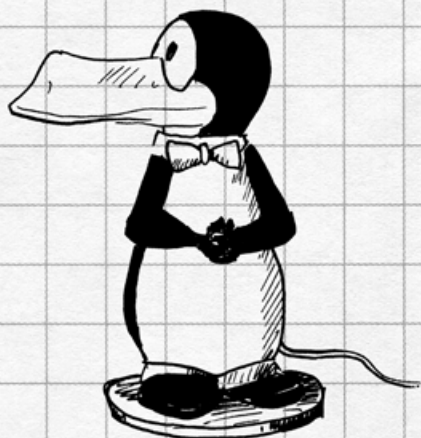
I remember seeing different character phones as a kid in stores at the mall and in various catalogs. Back in the 80's they had quite a lot of different types of these phones to choose from. I always wanted one but never got one; and I don't think I ever got to use one; or for that matter knew of anyone that had one. Of course owning one now would be pretty pointless other than aesthetic reasons; although it would make a great office phone. I included these because they were so neat to me as a kid, and even to this day.

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GARFIELD

THE GOONIES

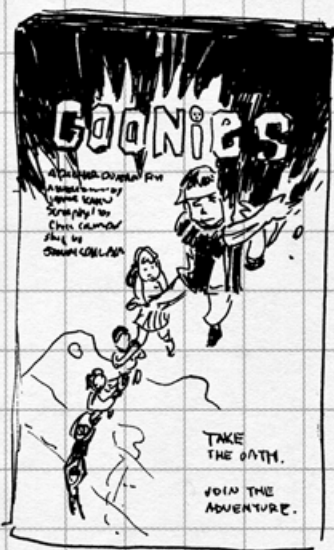
It's no secret that I'm a huge Goonies fan. You can see all the Goonies fan art I've made on my website and I've even been to Astoria. I had to include these items just because I'm such a fan. When I was a kid I had a Goonies poster but that was it for Goonies merchandise. Not until the past several years did I even know Godfather's Pizza had made Goonies glasses; which would be awesome to have. The novelization would be a fun read and it would be neat to see what parts they may have added or expanded upon.

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GODFATHER'S PIZZA GLASS



GOONIES NOVEL



BONUS PAGE:

DINO-RIDERS

BRONTOSAURUS



I remember seeing these toys somewhere when I was a youngster but never owned any, nor did I ever get to play with any.

I've heard the cartoon is pretty good but have yet to see it.

Dinosaurs were popular when I was a kid and this line of toys, with all the different riders and types of dinosaurs they made looks super fun.

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