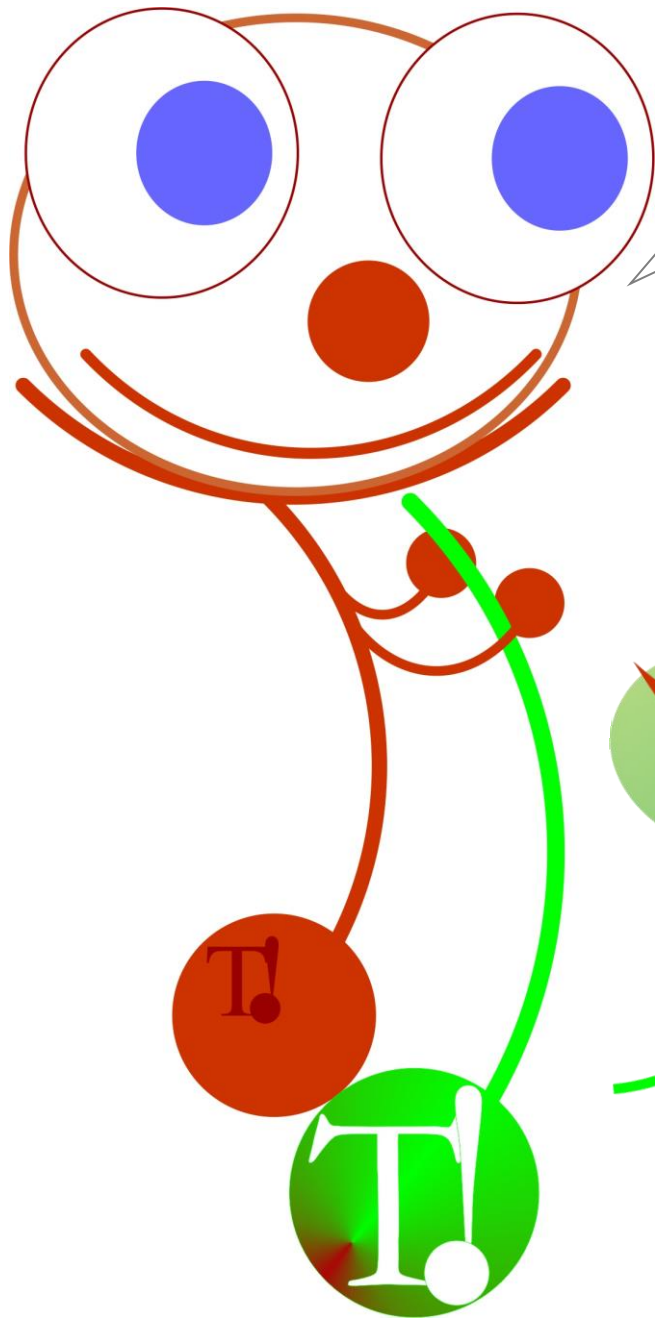
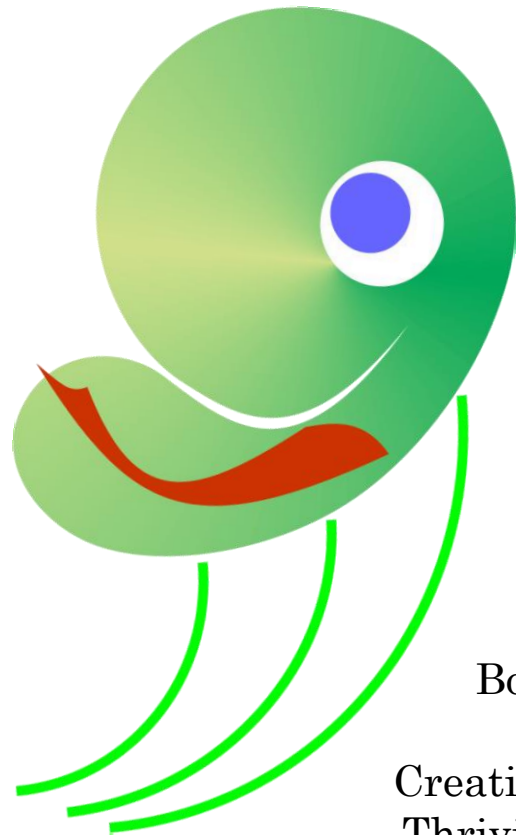


# T!rrific *[terrific]*



What  
will you do  
to thrive?



A  
Book  
for  
Creative,  
Thriving  
Children

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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!

## Creative

Creative – Put two or more things together you have never done and it works well.

Super Creative – Put two or more things together nobody has ever done and it works well.

## Angel, a Whimsey

Angel, a key character in this book, also has own book – Angel – Thriving Creator of Artful Things.

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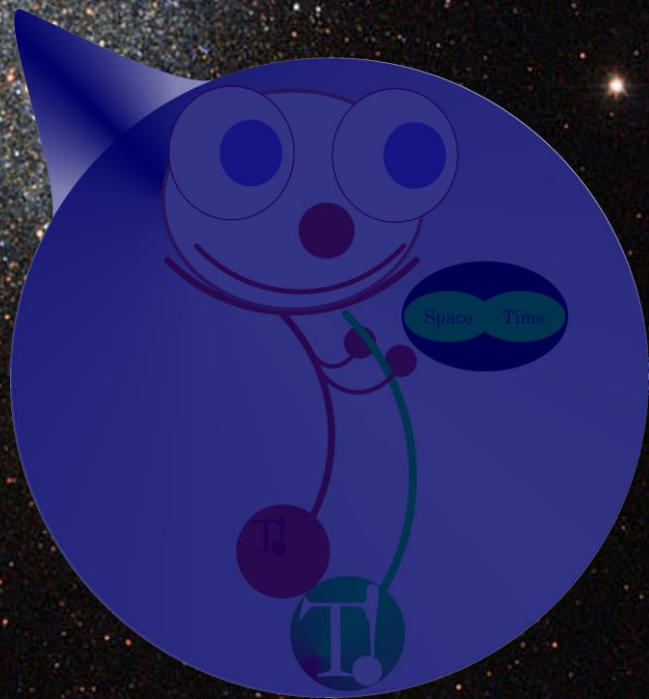
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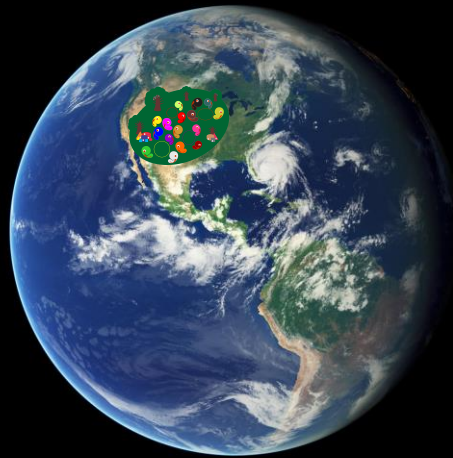
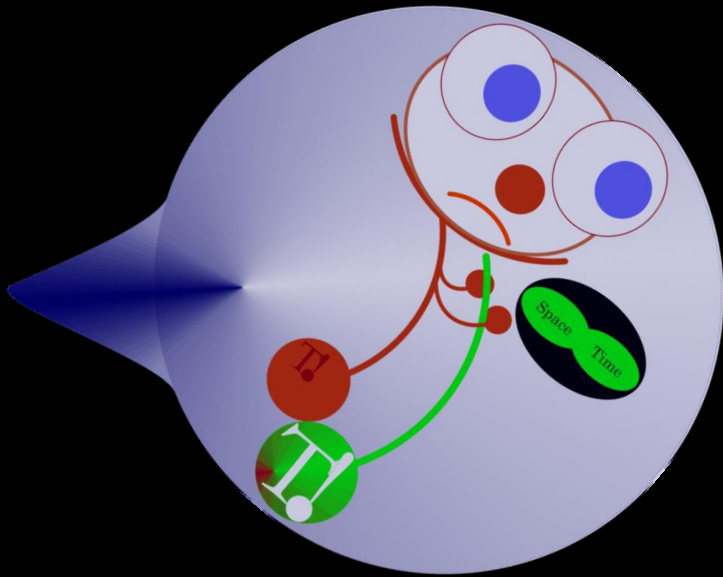
From far, far  
away in space  
and time travels  
a dark object.

Only now does it  
near the world of  
Whimseys.



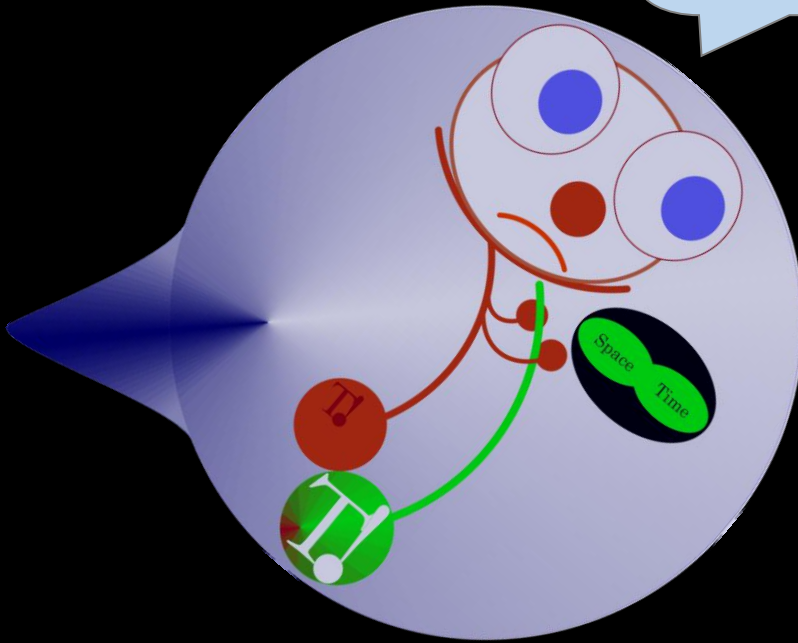
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I see Whimsey world.  
BIG trouble.  
BAD future.  
Will they change? Can they?



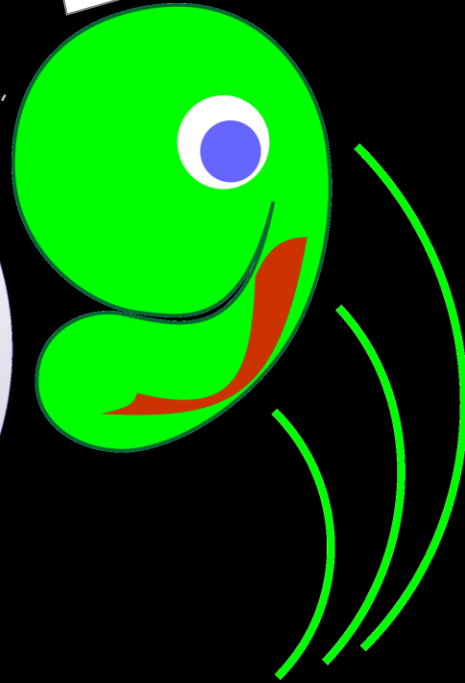
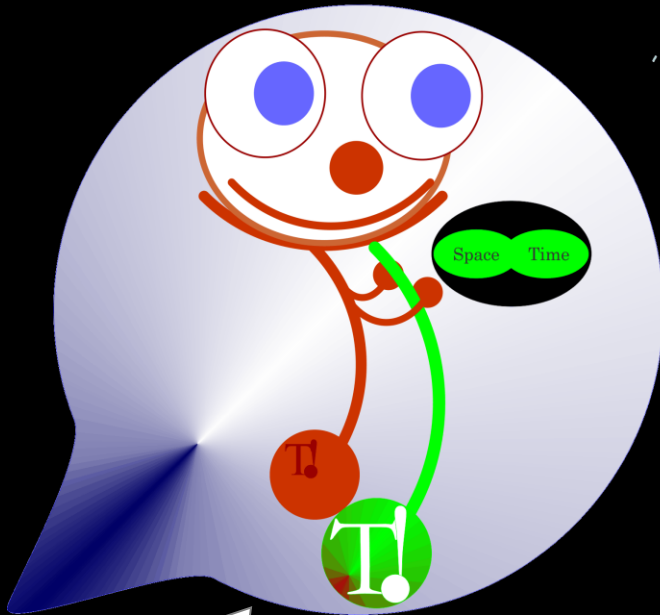
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Time for  
Whimseys and  
me to begin.

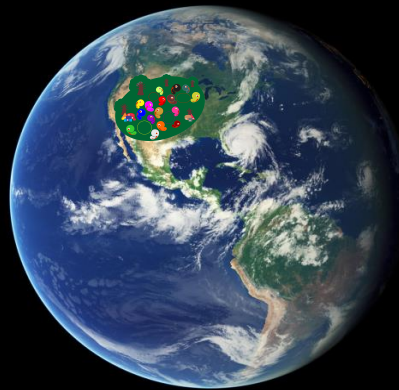


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**You're very different!**

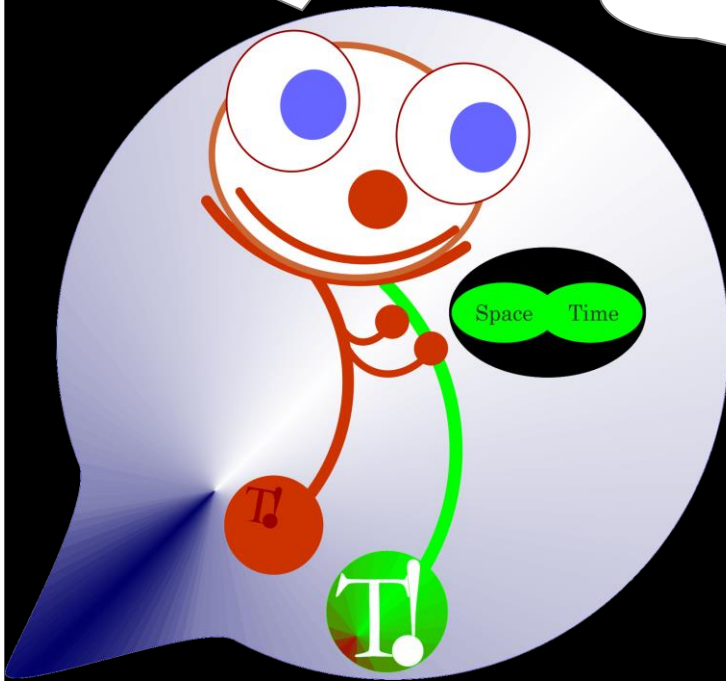


**And so are you.  
Being different is good!**

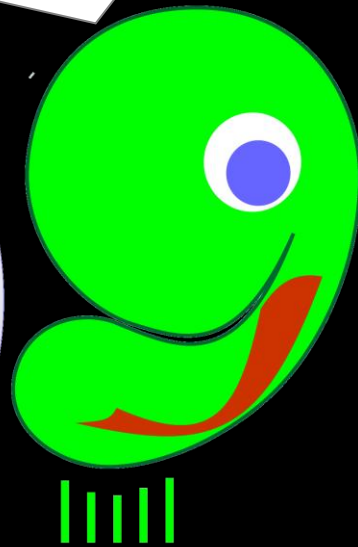




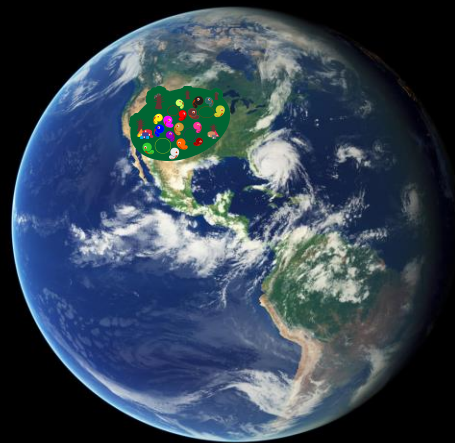
I'm T!rrific!  
And you?



I'm Angel, a Whimsey.  
WHO are you??  
And WHAT are you??



Angel also has own book –  
Angel – Thriving Creator  
of Artful Things.

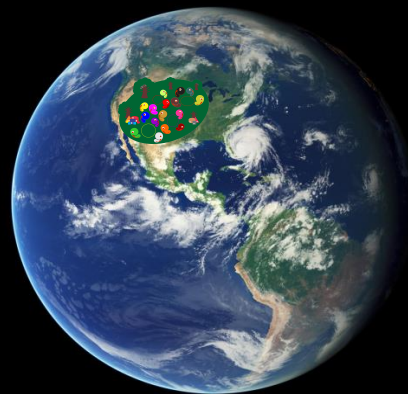
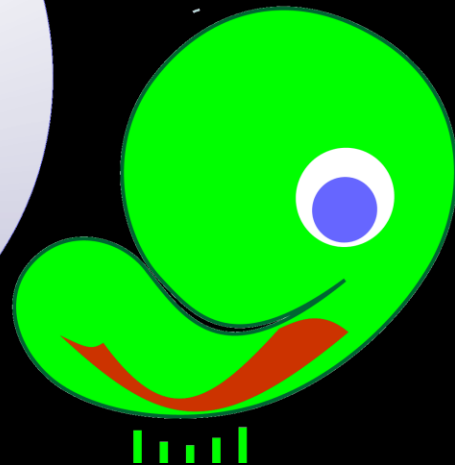
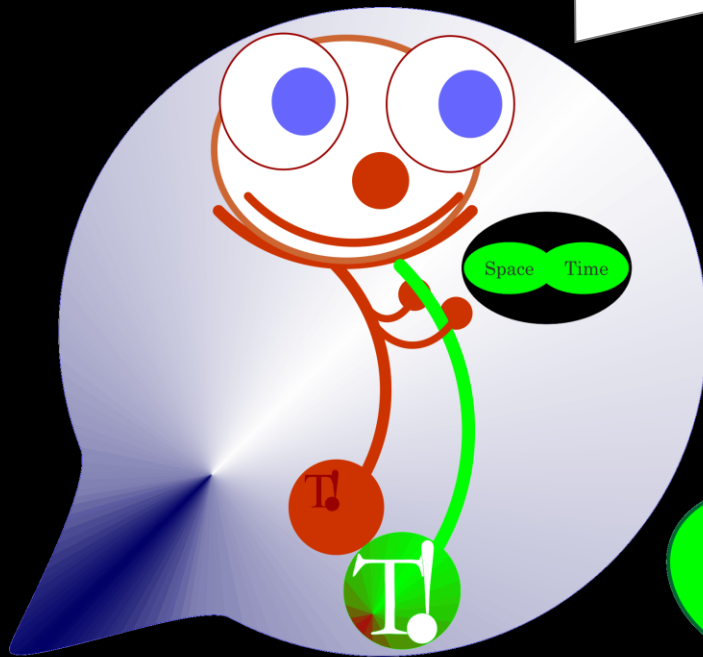


Say T!rrific! just like “terrific”.

Hard to explain.

T!rrific is who and what I am.

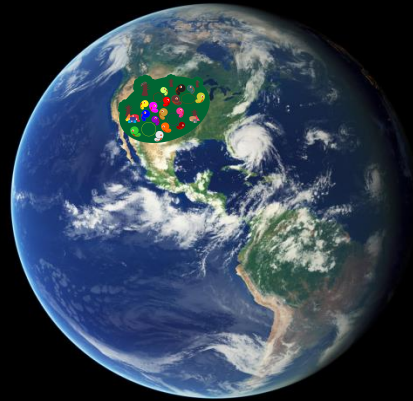
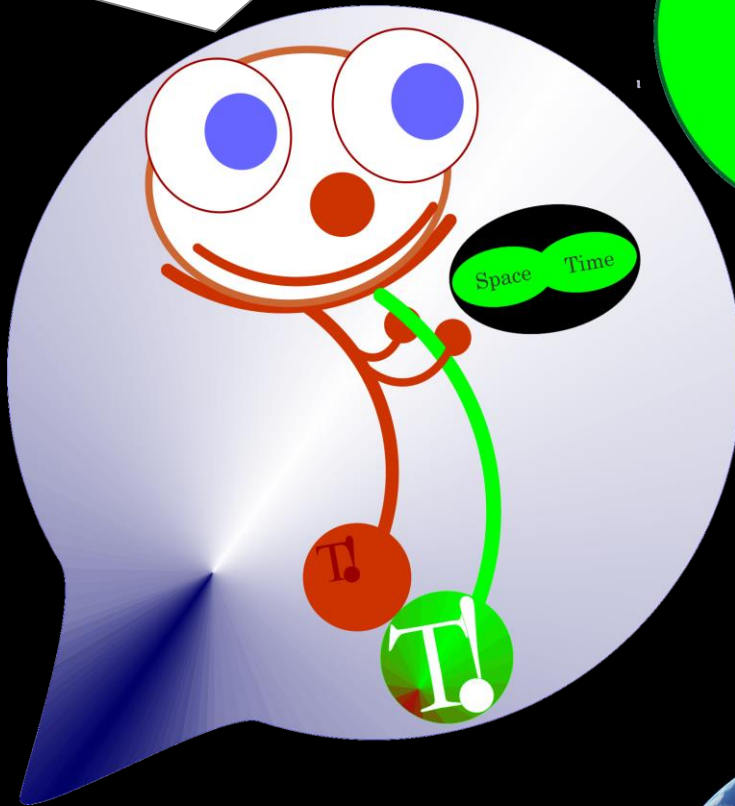
Just like you are Angel and a Whimsey.



Say T!rrific! just like "terrific".

I'm a space and time traveler.

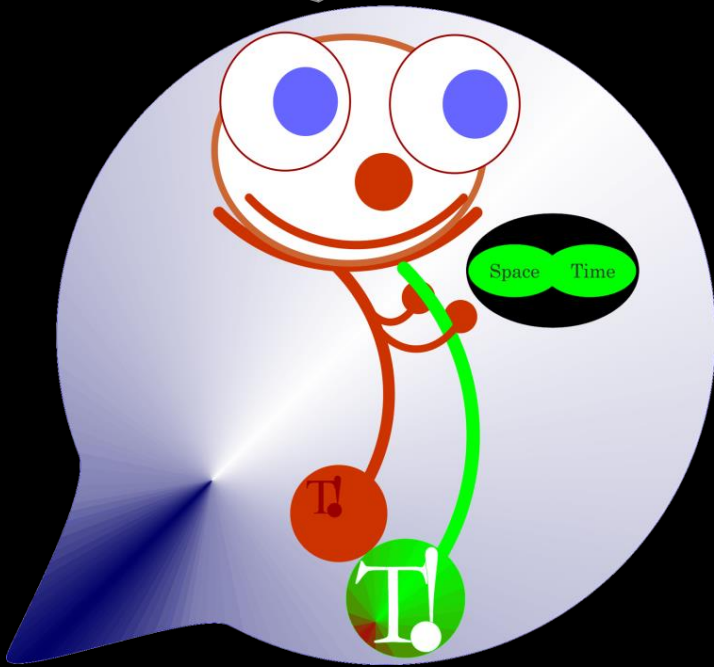
I travel through space and time to help worlds.



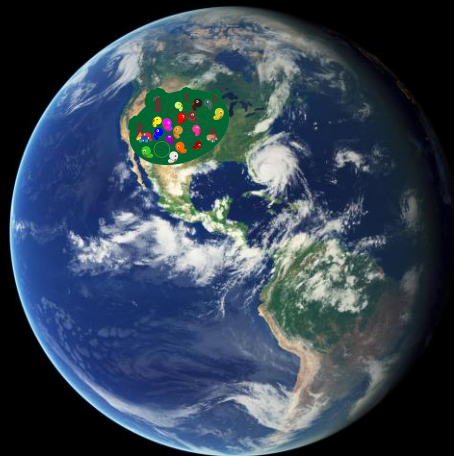
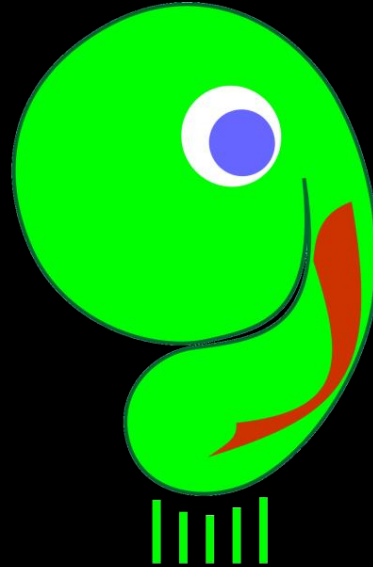
Whimseys  
can change  
their size.

Call me T!

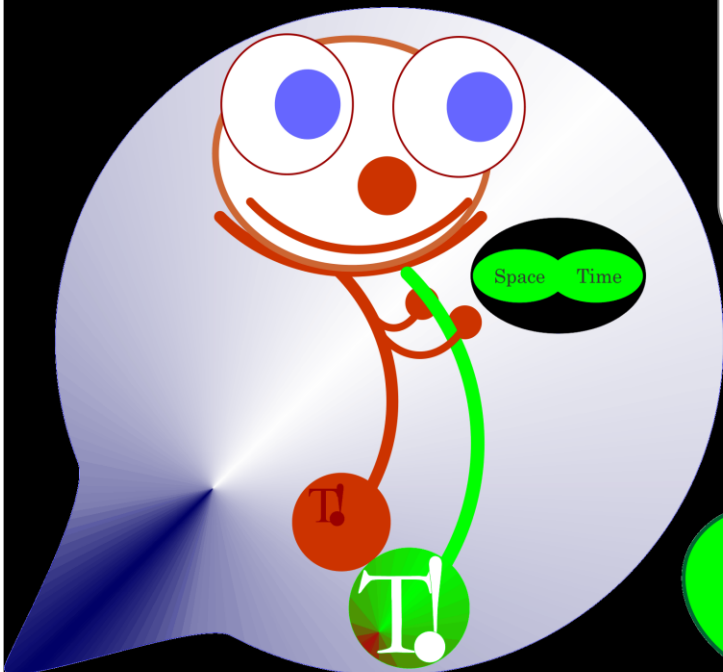
Short for T!rrific. Short for Thrive!



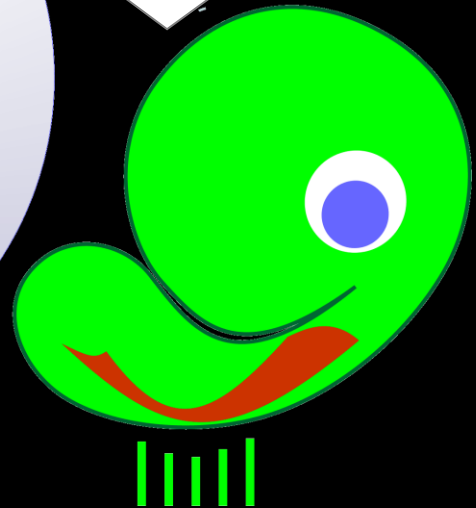
Space Time



I have huge eyes to see far in space.  
Have huge head with huge brain to let  
me think and create better.

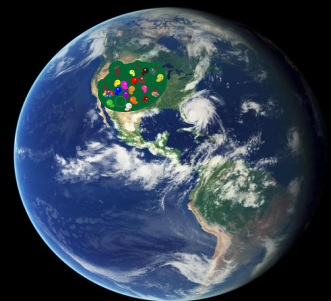


My brain is  
huge too!  
Helps me be  
super creative.

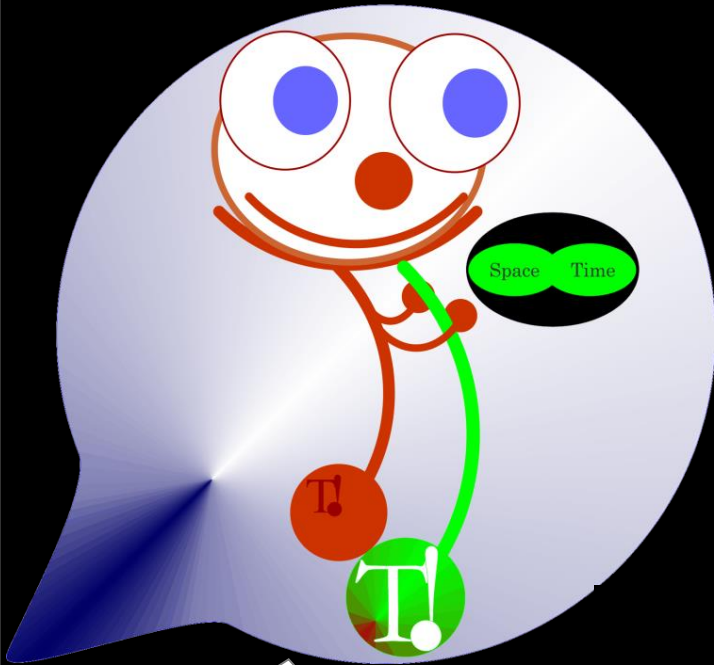


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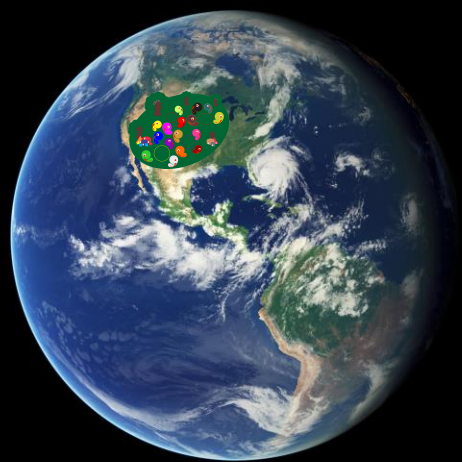
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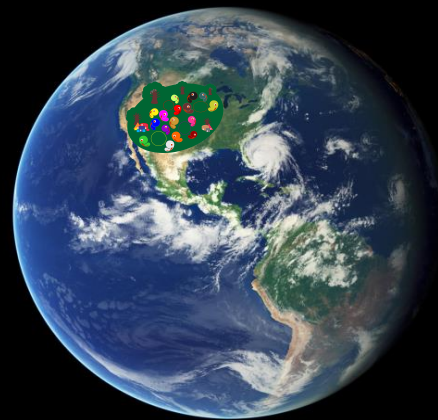
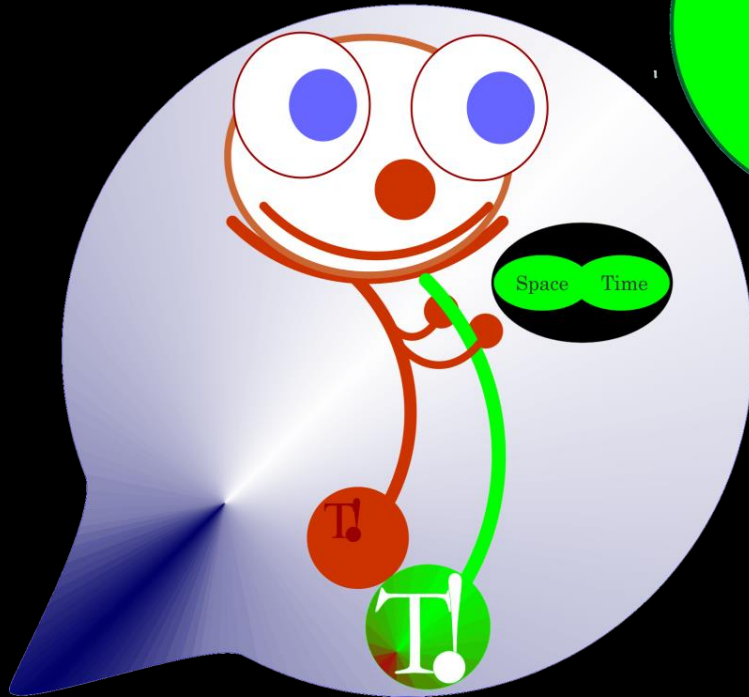
Whimsey brains are so huge we create and move things without touching.



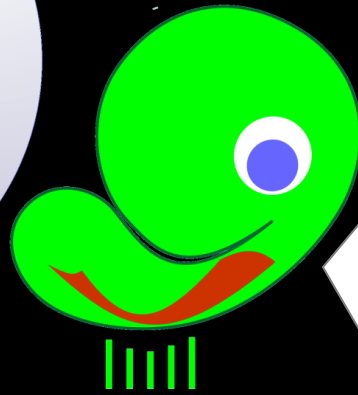
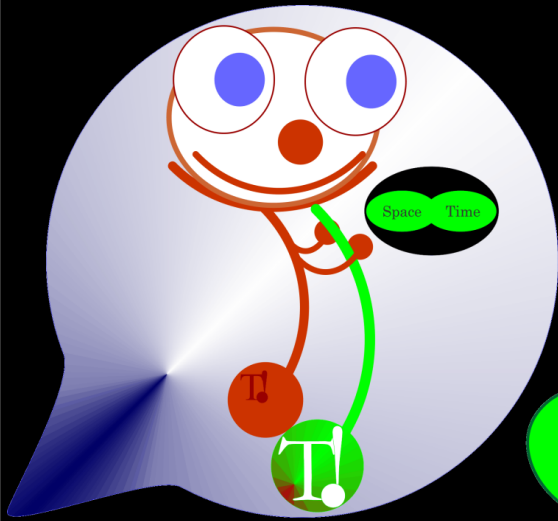
Just like me.



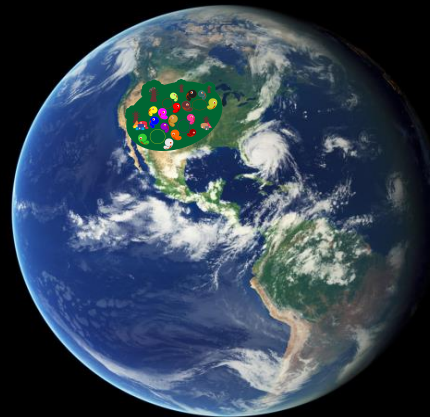
What's that bubble you are in??



The “bubble” is my ship, Thrive Endeavor.  
In it, I travel through space and time.  
It’s how I came so long and so far to Whimsey.



Don't  
need no  
ship.  
Whimseys  
soar  
through  
space on  
our own  
without a  
bubble.

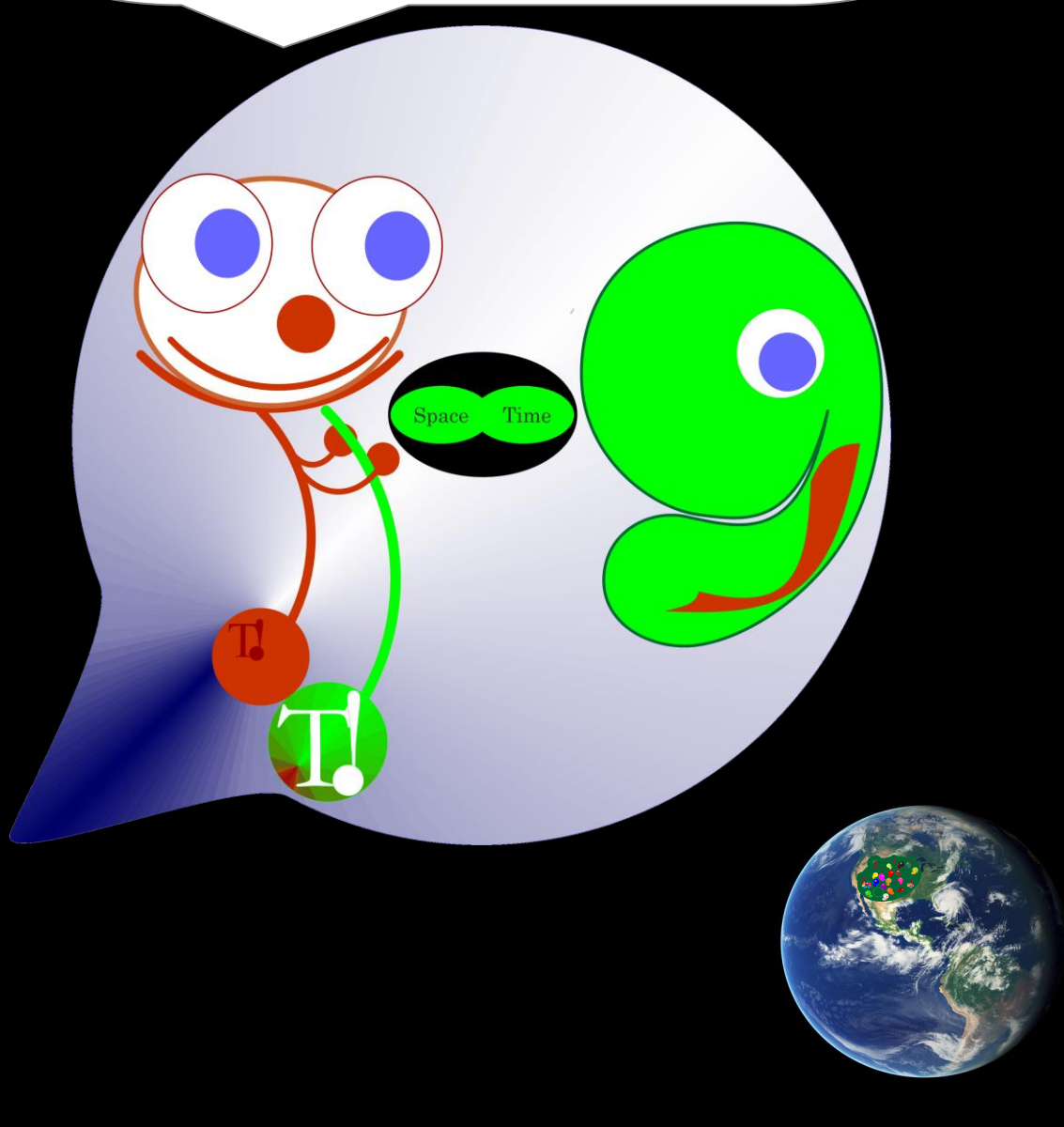




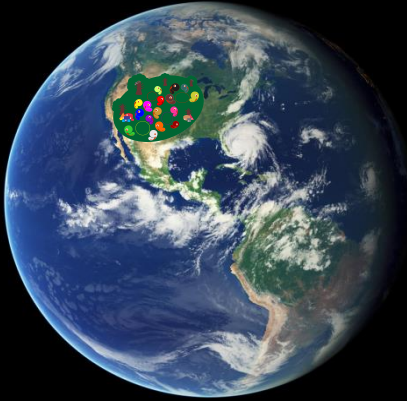
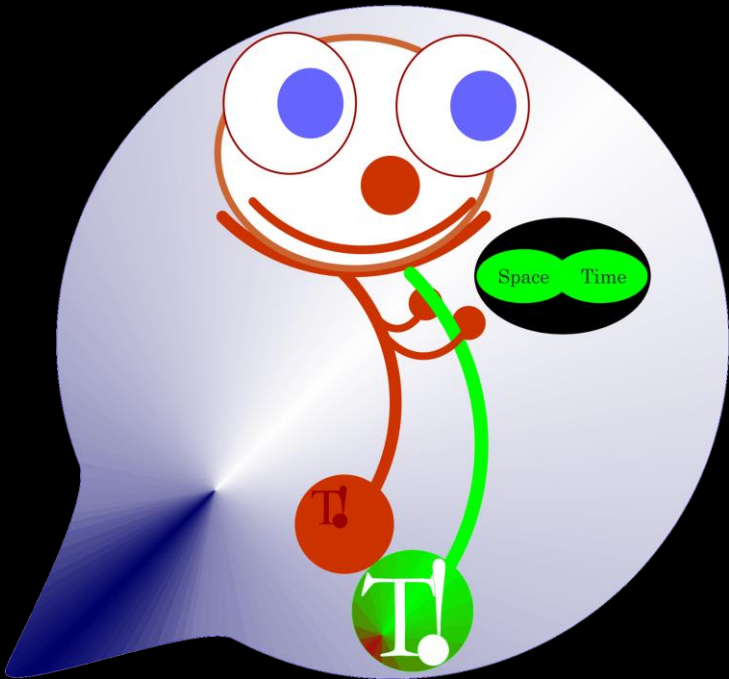
**Thrive Endeavor can be bigger or smaller.**

**When you are inside, I make it bigger.**

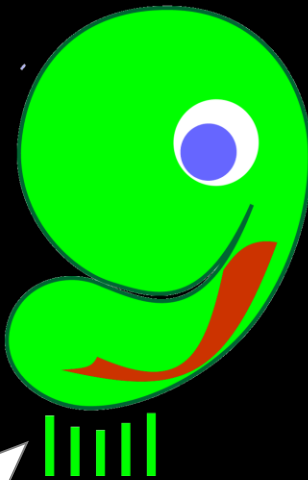
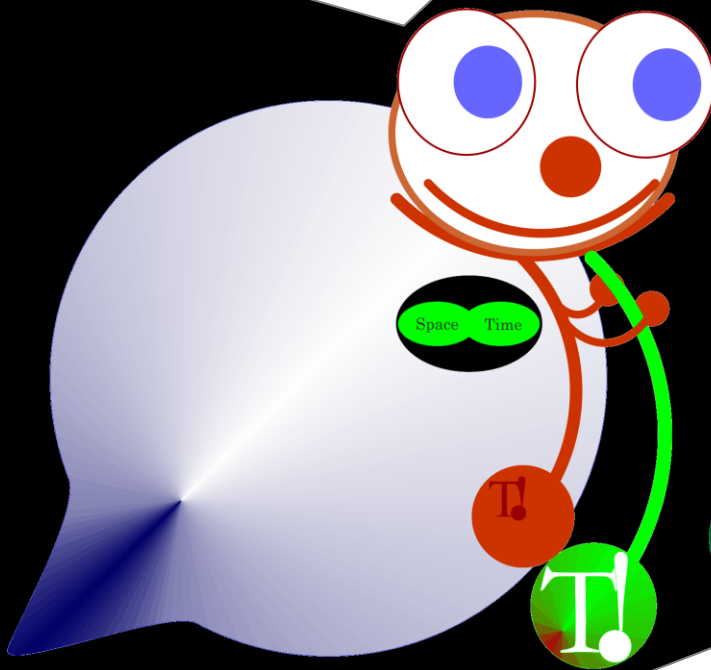
**See.**



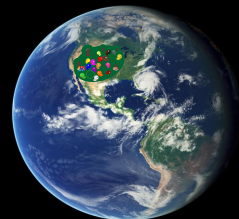
Very cool.  
What's the green thing?



**That's my T!  
I can soar like a  
Whimsey but T!  
helps me travel  
further and faster.  
See.**

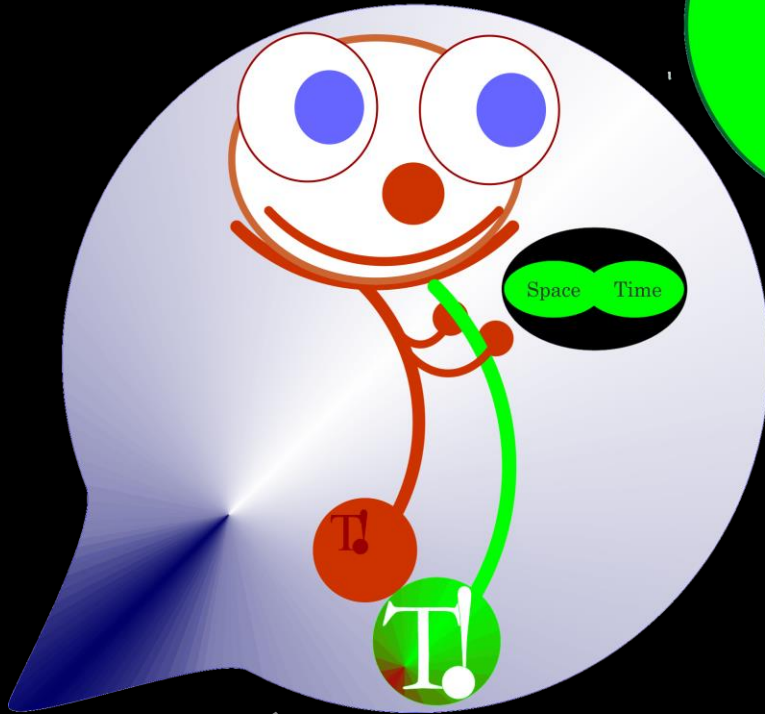


**Also very cool.  
Though we soar on our own, I  
want a T!  
Want further and faster!**

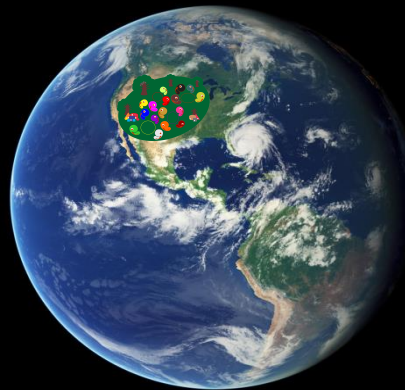


So....

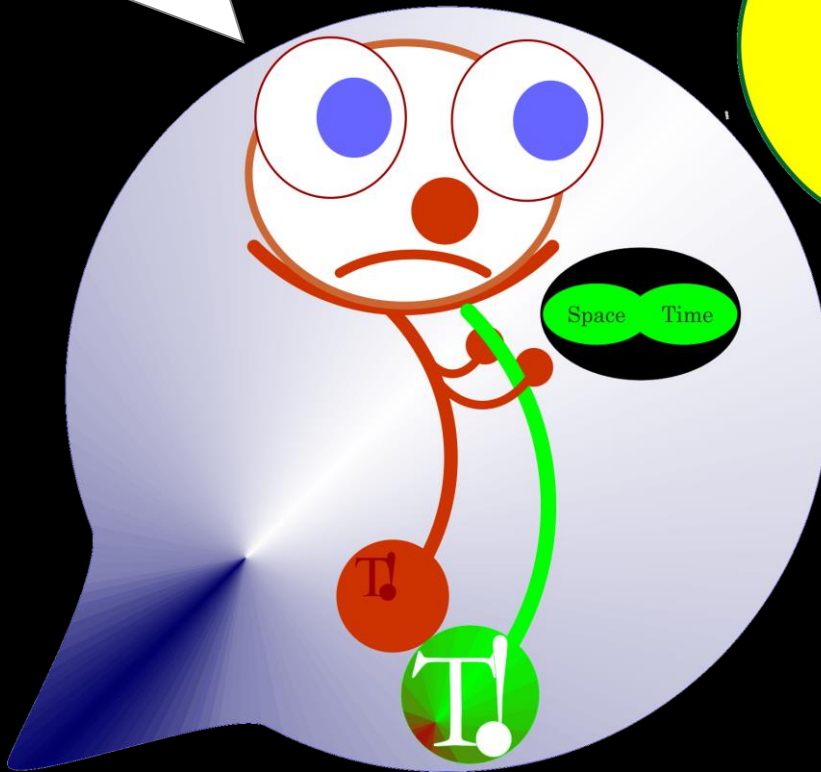
Why are you here?



I'll show you.



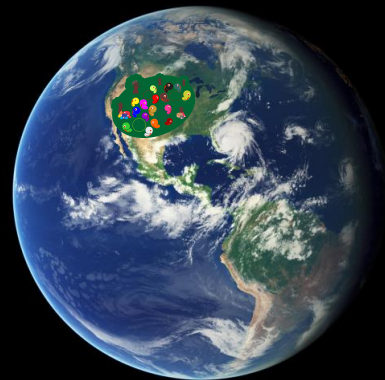
Whimsey world is  
in **BIG** trouble!



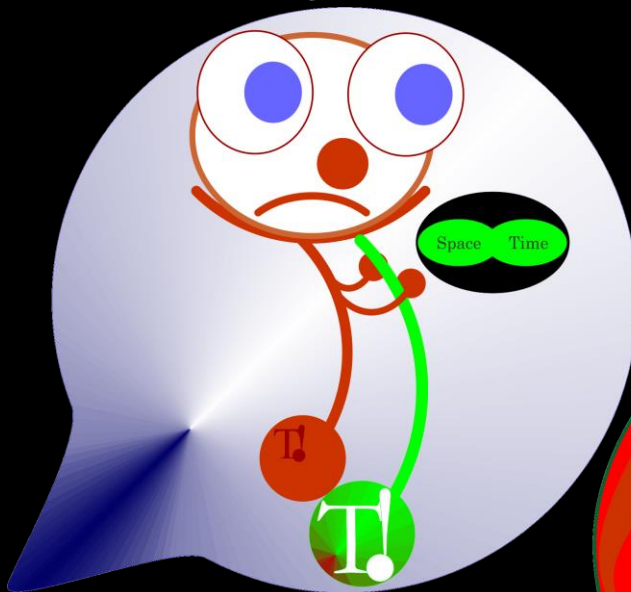
WHY??



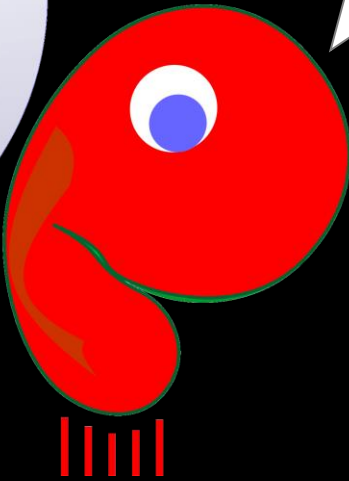
Whimseys  
often change  
color when  
feeling sad or  
really sad.



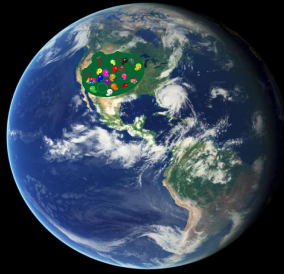
**Sadly, Whimseys are less and less creative.  
Care less and less about each other and your  
world.  
Think only about today. Not the future.  
Barely try to survive. Not try to thrive.**

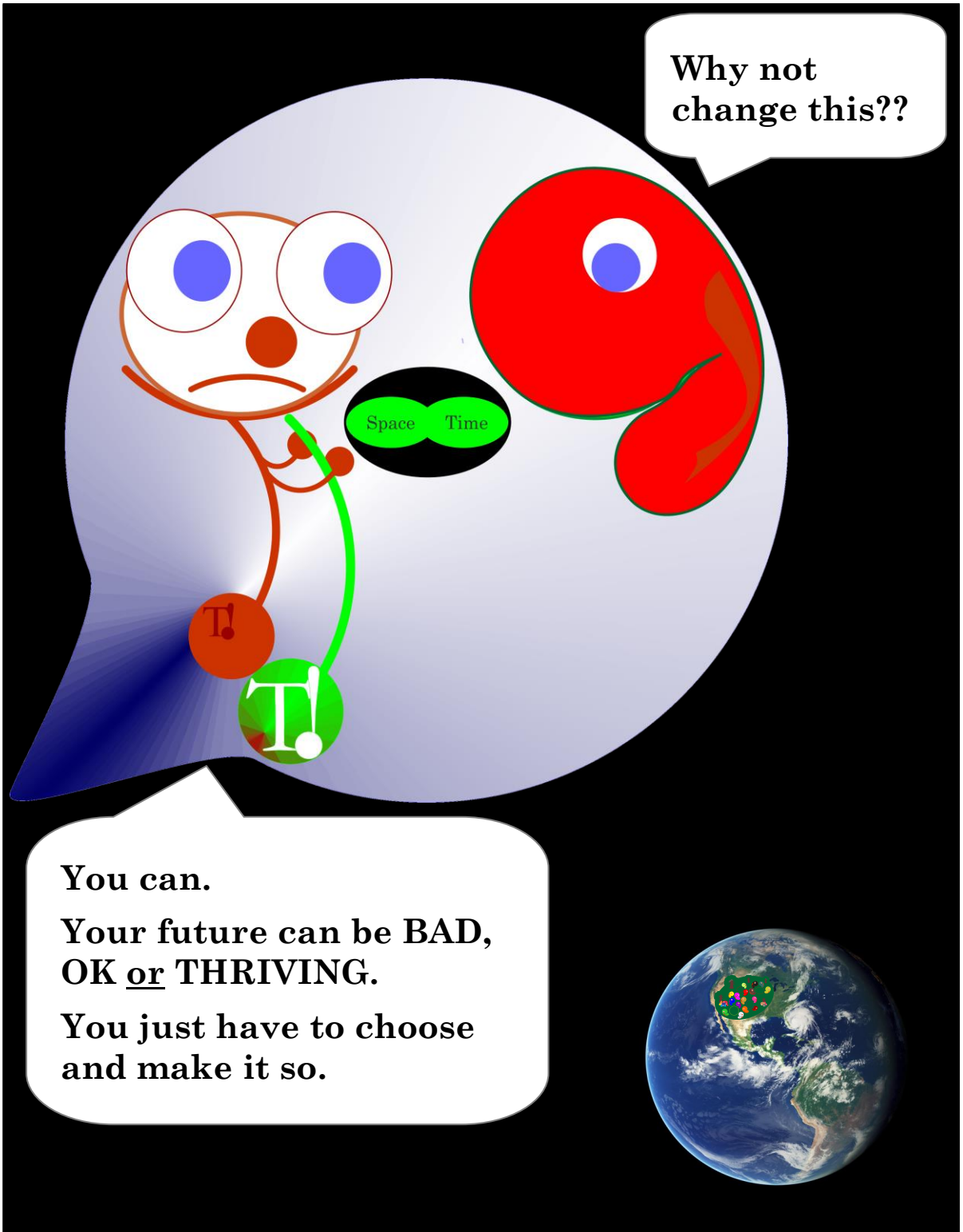


**This is  
very,  
very sad!!**



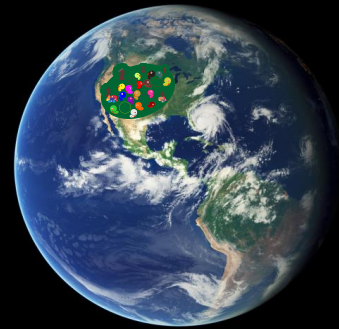
**A Whimsey  
changing to  
red is feeling  
very, very  
sad.**





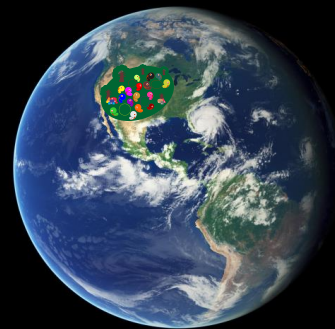
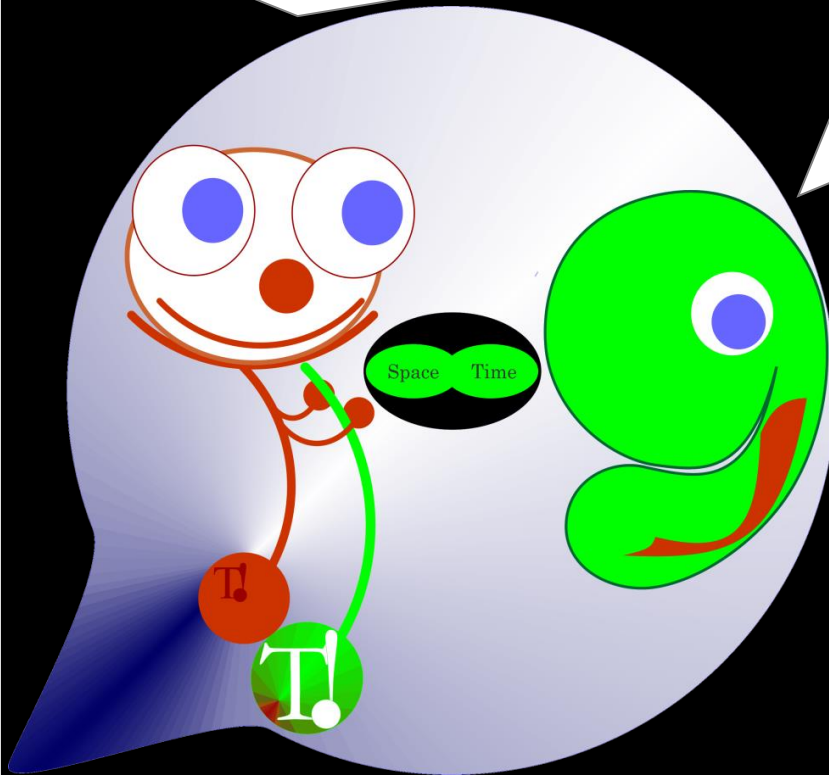
Why not change this??

You can.  
Your future can be **BAD**,  
**OK** or **THRIVING**.  
You just have to choose  
and make it so.



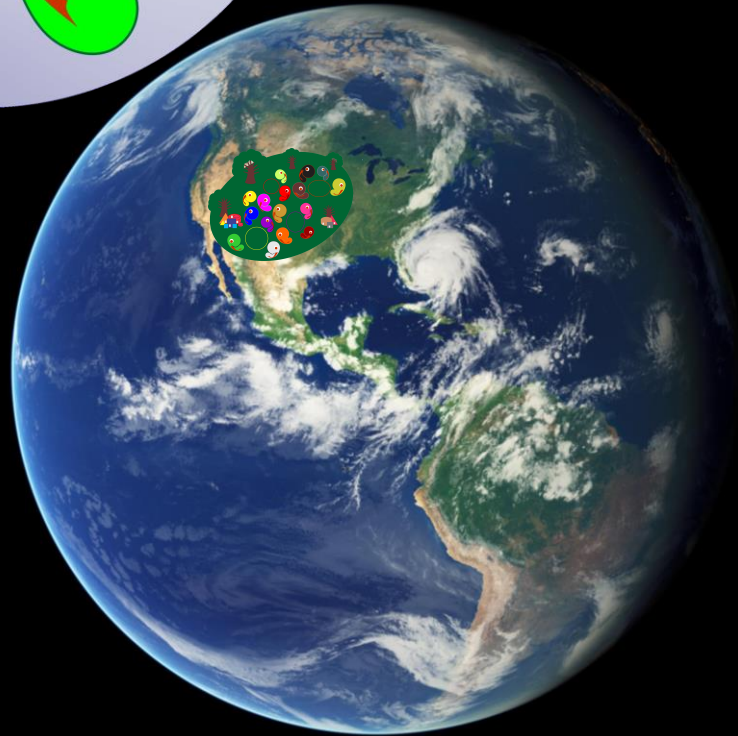
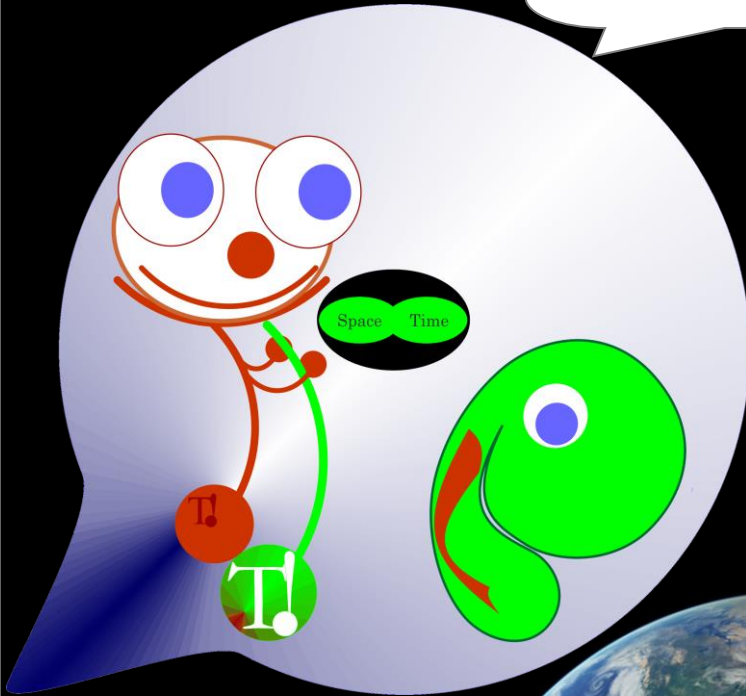
Using time travel, I'll show your choices.  
Current future. Surviving future. Thriving future.  
I'll show you why **THRIVING** is best.

Okay.  
Feel better  
knowing we  
can do  
better.

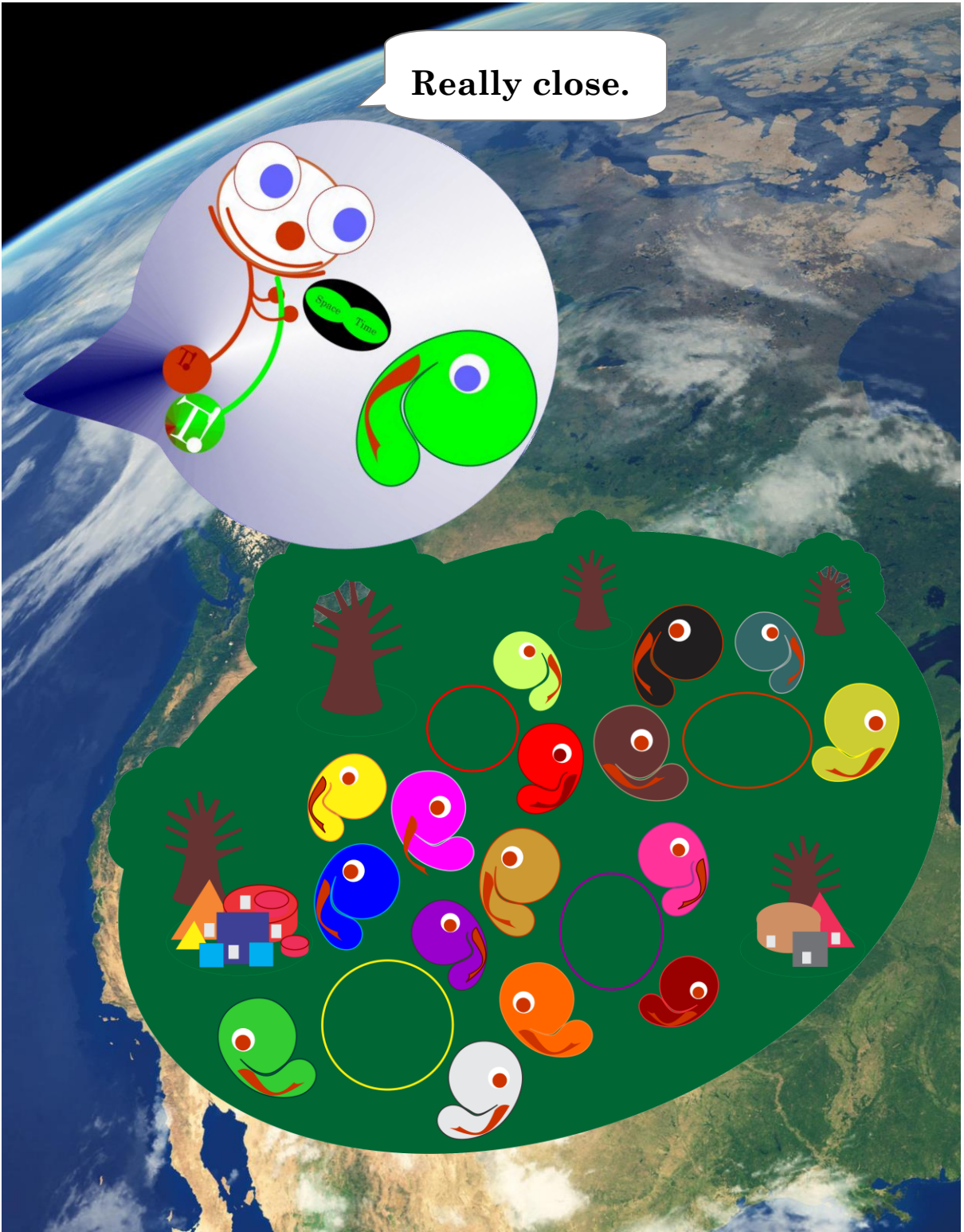




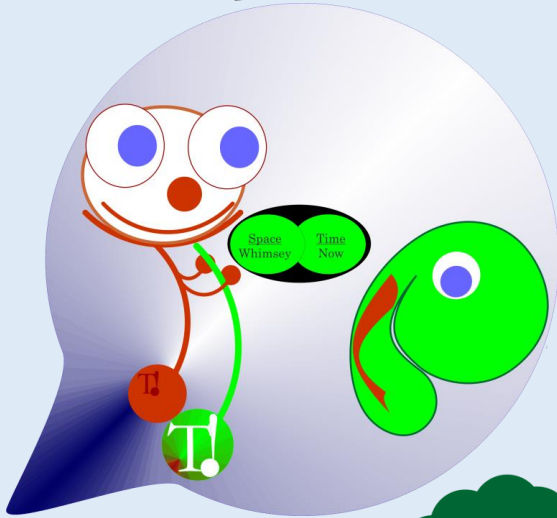
Let's go closer to  
Whimsey world.



Really close.



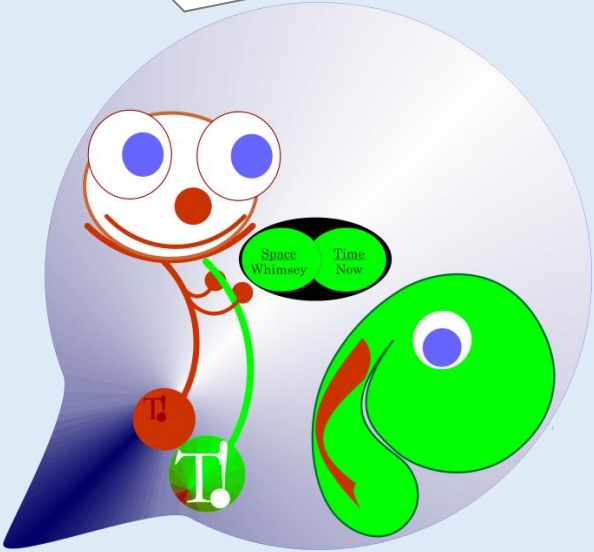
**You see Whimseys, but they can't see you.  
You can even see yourself.  
My ship lets you be both here and there.  
This is Whimsey world now.**



Whimsey World  
Now



First, let's travel to CURRENT future.



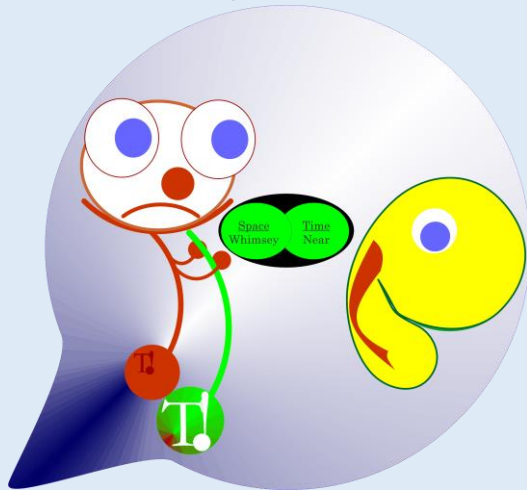
Whimsey World  
Now



**CURRENT future is BAD and getting bad quickly.**

**Near future, your bright colors fade.**

**Whimsey world fades.**



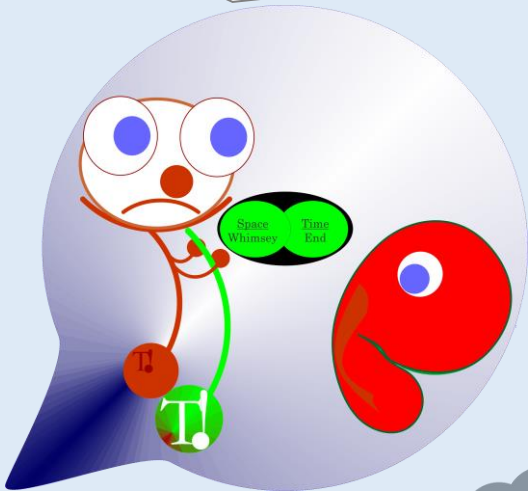
**This is BAD!**

**Current Future  
Near - Fading**

**Whimseys often change color when feeling bad or really bad.**



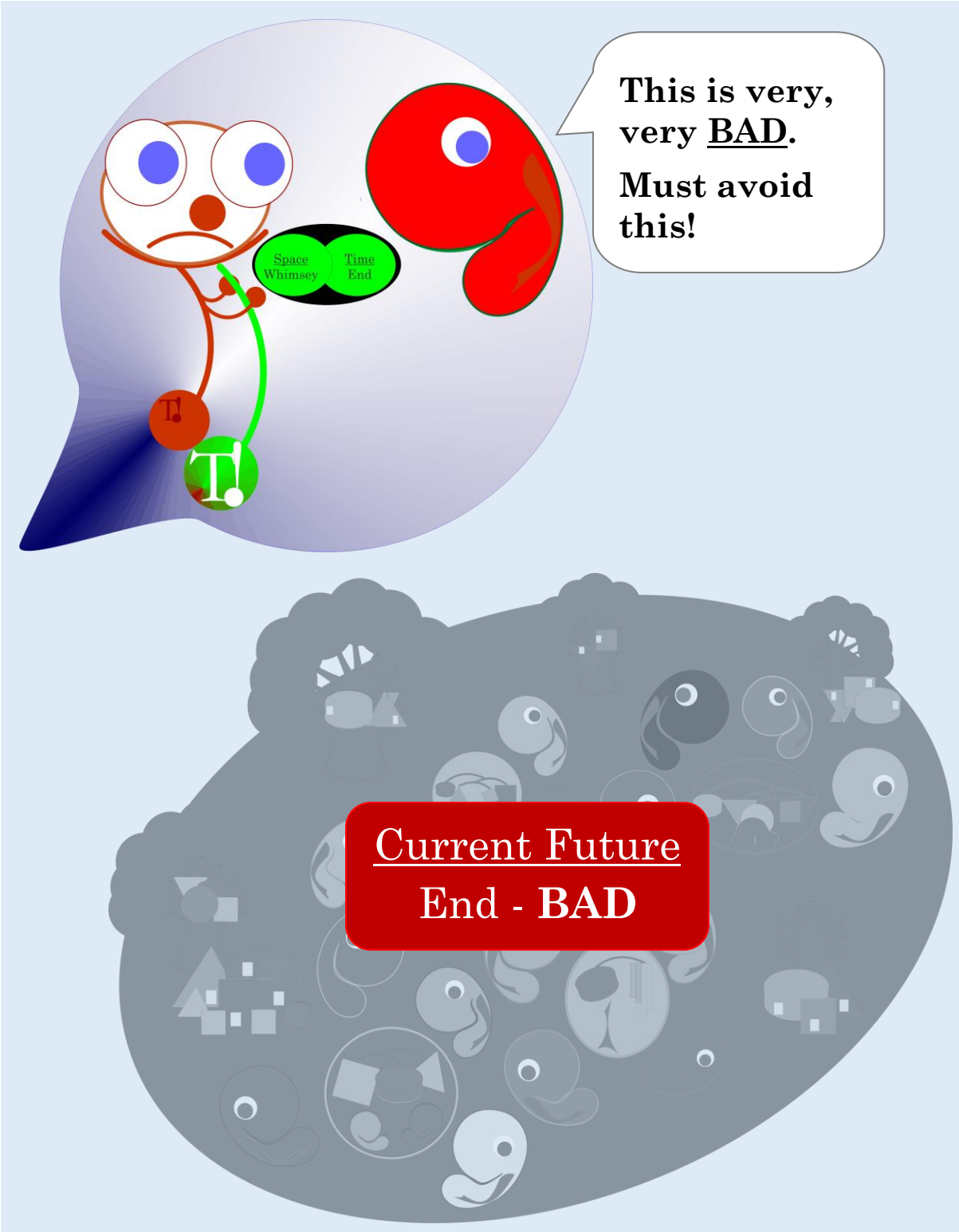
Worse, CURRENT future ends BADLY.  
At the end, your bright colors are gone.  
Whimsey world fades away.  
Your **BAD** end is not far away.



Current Future  
End - **BAD**

A  
Whimsey  
changing  
to red is  
feeling  
really,  
really





This is very, very BAD.  
Must avoid this!

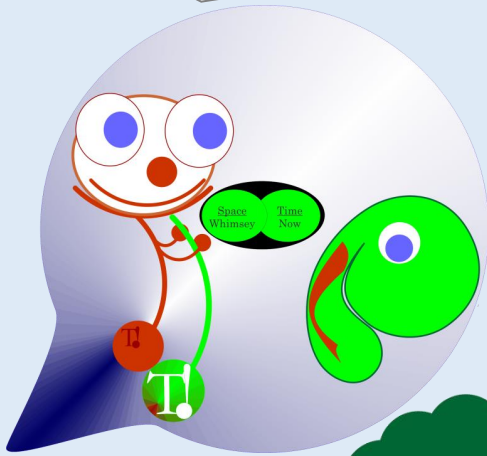
Current Future  
End - BAD

**You can. You must!**

**We'll start again with Whimsey now.**

**SURVIVING future is better.**

**Let's travel to that future.**



**Surviving is good.  
Right?**

Whimsey World  
Now



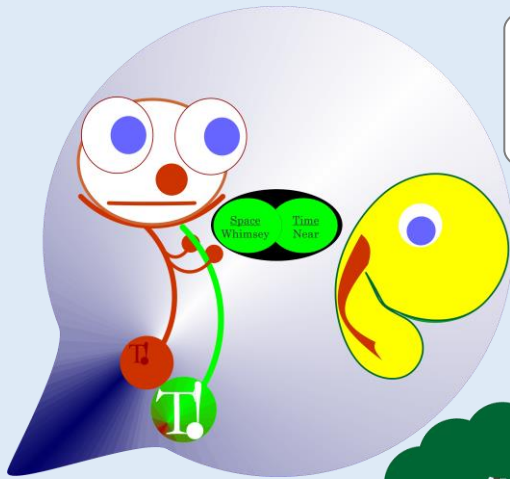


**SURVIVING future is better.**

**You survive. But that's all.**

**Near future, your bright colors stay same.**

**Your world is same, JUST OKAY, not better.**

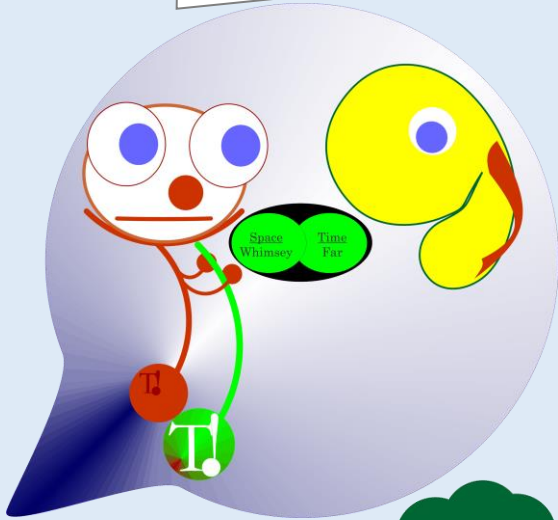


**Just okay is kind  
of okay.**

**Surviving Future  
Near – **Just OK****

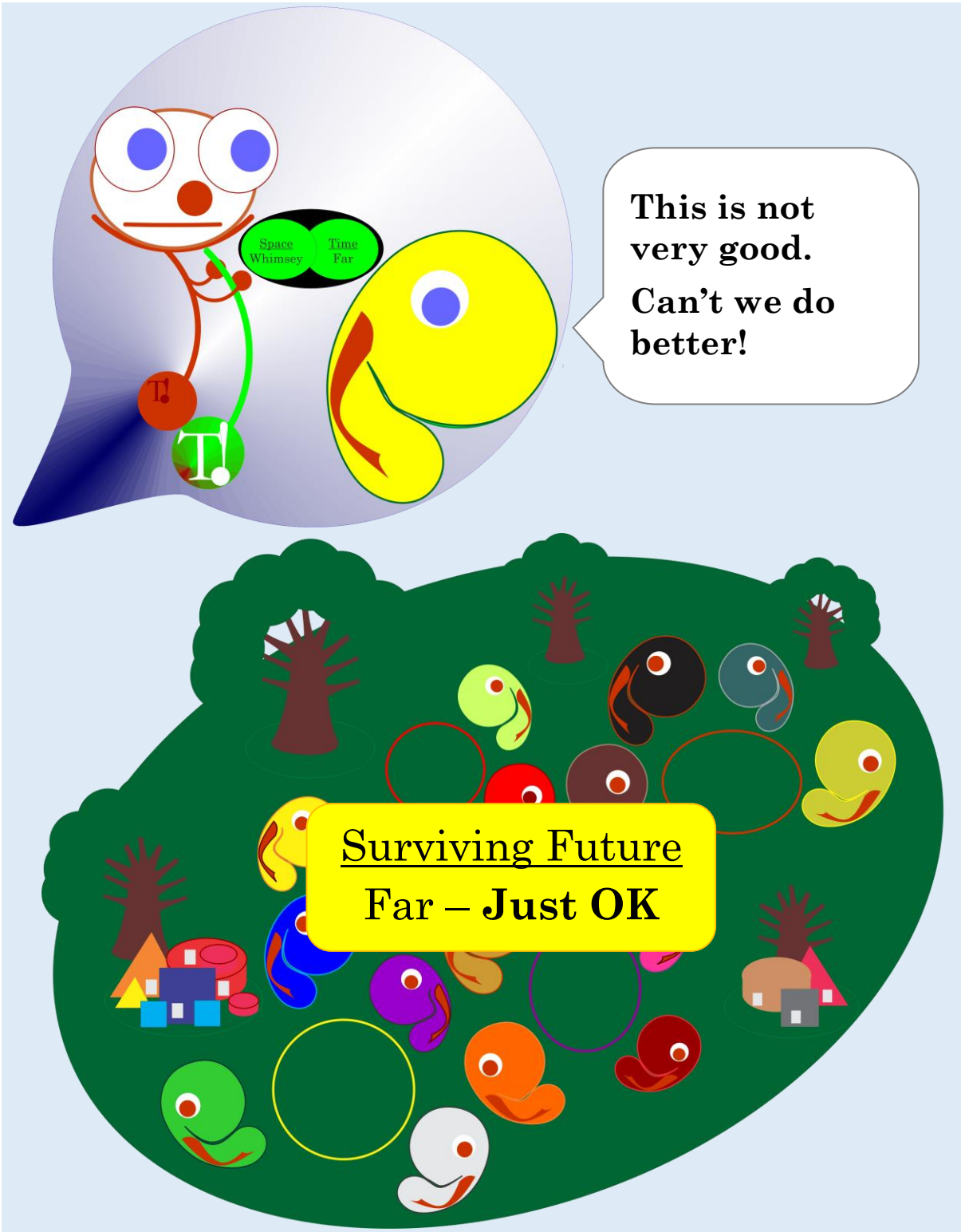


Far SURVIVING future, you still survive.  
Your bright colors stay same.  
Whimsey world is JUST OKAY, not better.



Surviving Future  
Far – Just OK

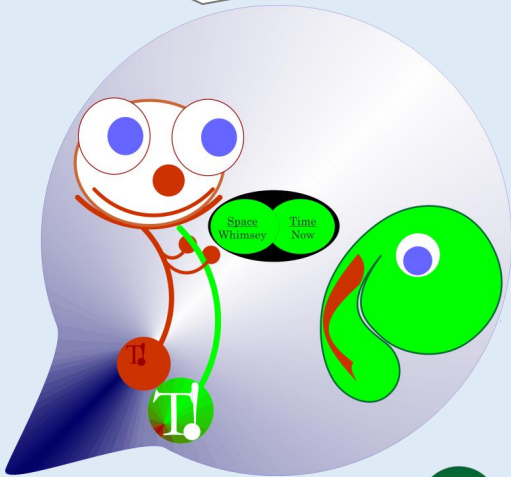




**This is not very good.  
Can't we do better!**

**Surviving Future  
Far – Just OK**

You can. You should!  
**THRIVING** future is much better.  
Let's go there.

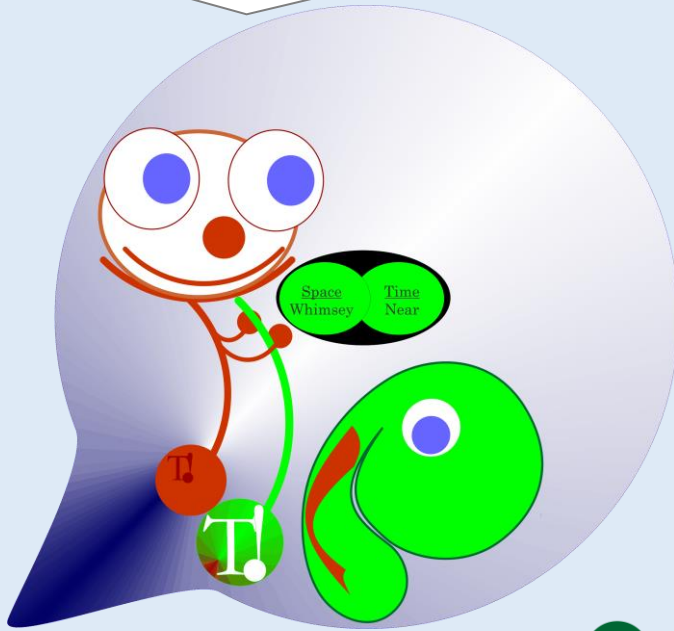


Whimsey World  
Now



Look.

Near future, ALL Whimseys are THRIVING. But NOT FOREVER.

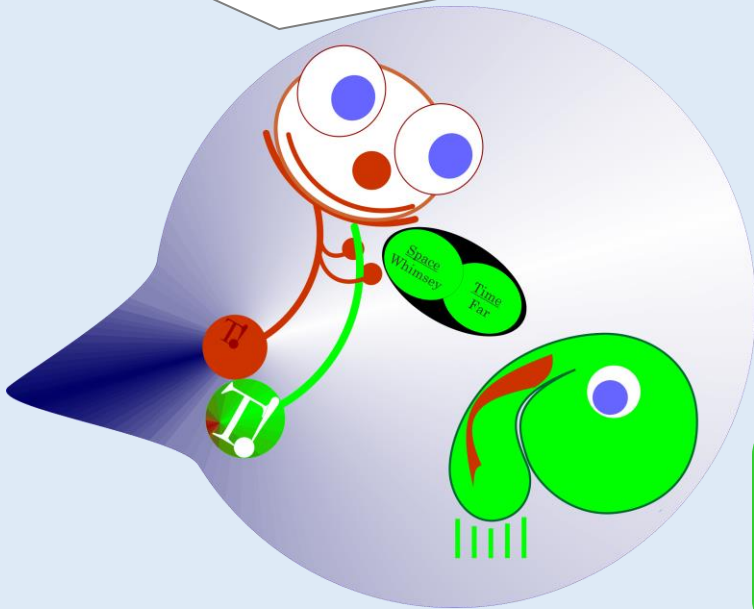


Thriving Future  
Near – All Thrive

I like **THRIVING!!**



Far future, ALL Whimseys are THRIVING.  
Whimseys and their world thrive FOREVER.

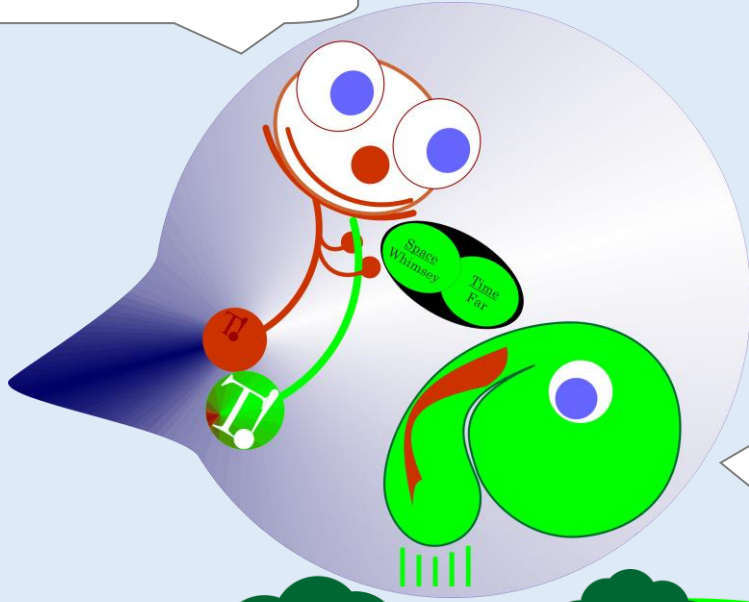


Look at us!  
Wow!!!

Thriving Future  
Far – All Thrive  
Forever



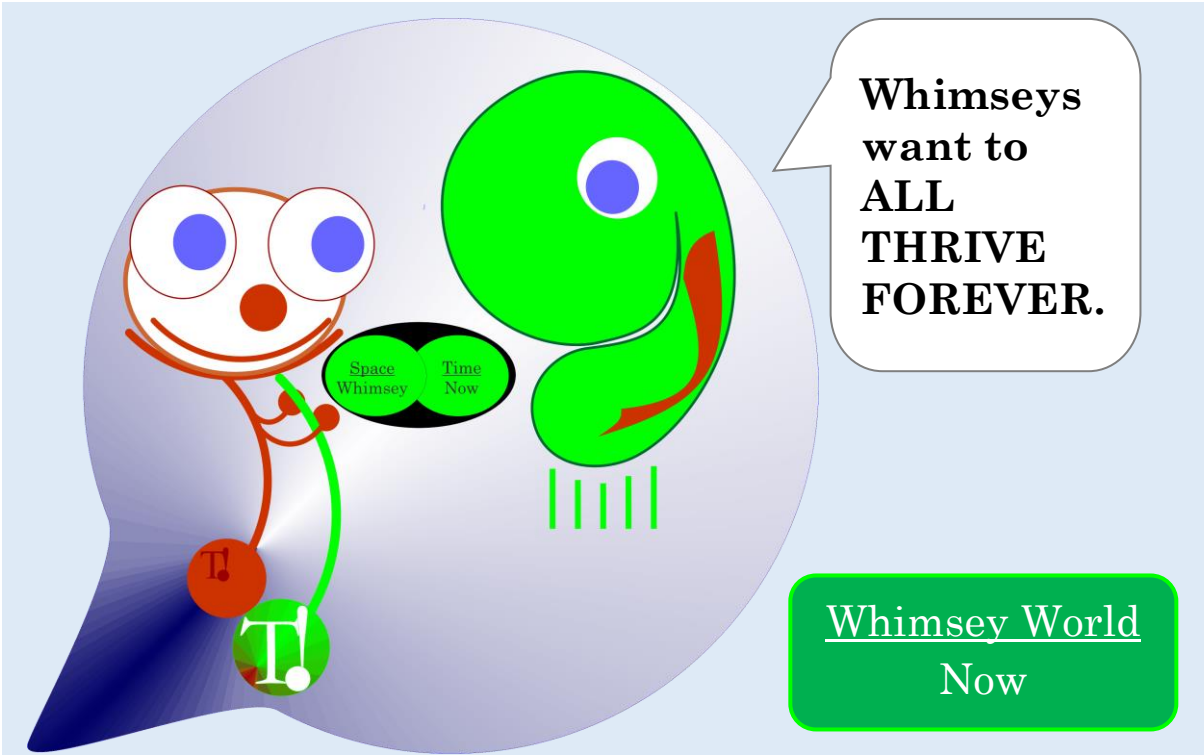
**This is THRIVE!**



**Got to  
THRIVE  
FOREVER!!!**

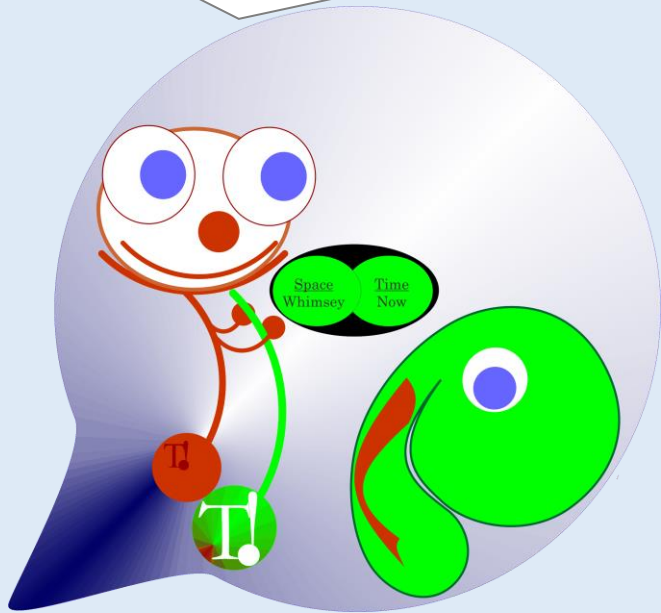


Thriving Future  
Far –  
**All Thrive Forever**





So, what will you do to thrive?



Whatever is needed.  
But HOW do we thrive forever?

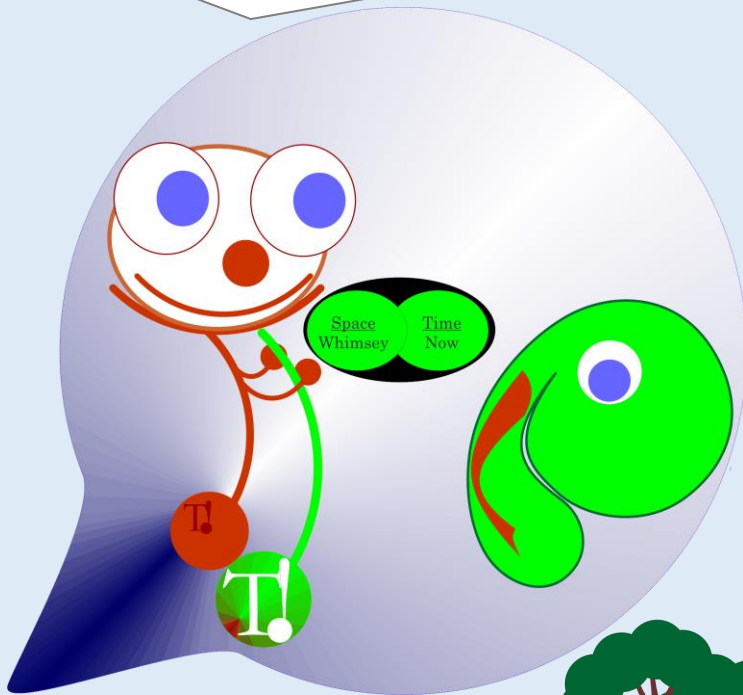
Whimsey World  
Now



**Here's how.**

**First, it helps alot that all Whimseys need to survive and want to thrive.**

**It's who you are.**



**All want to thrive.**

**All need to survive.**

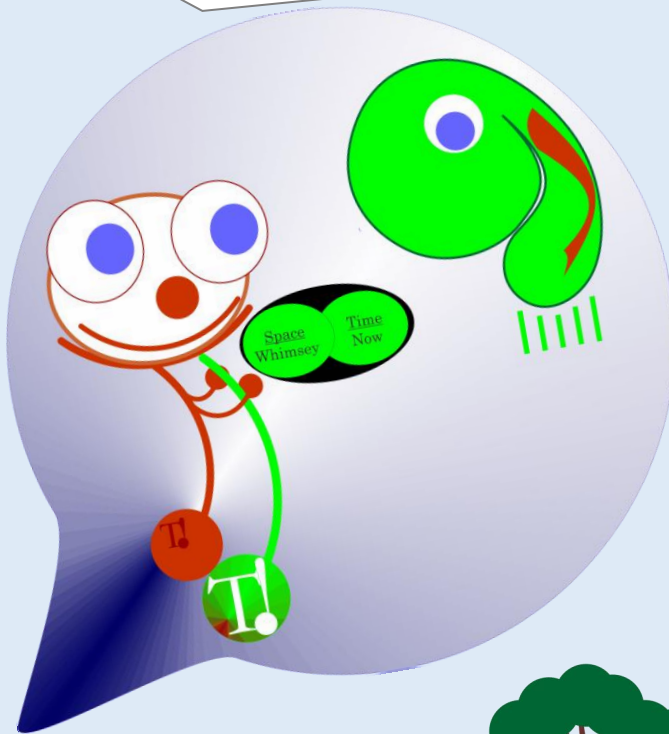
**Got it!**

Whimsey World  
Now



Second, don't care just about yourself.

**CARE ABOUT ALL** - yourself, family, friends,  
your community and your whole world.

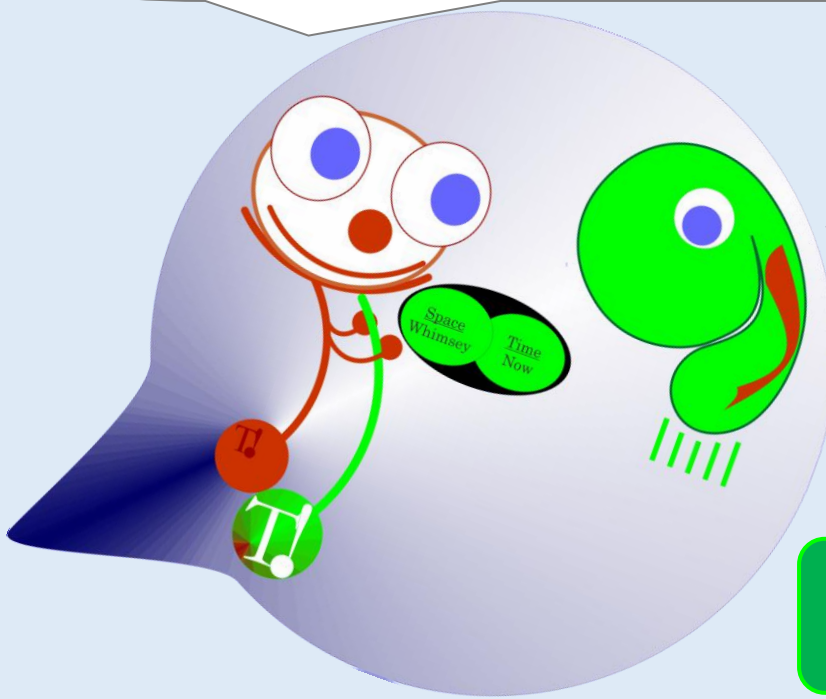


Care about all.  
Easy, we can  
do that!

Whimsey World  
Now



**Third, don't think just about tomorrow.  
Think and create for NEAR AND FAR FUTURE.**



**Tomorrow,  
near and  
far future.  
Not as easy  
but can do!**

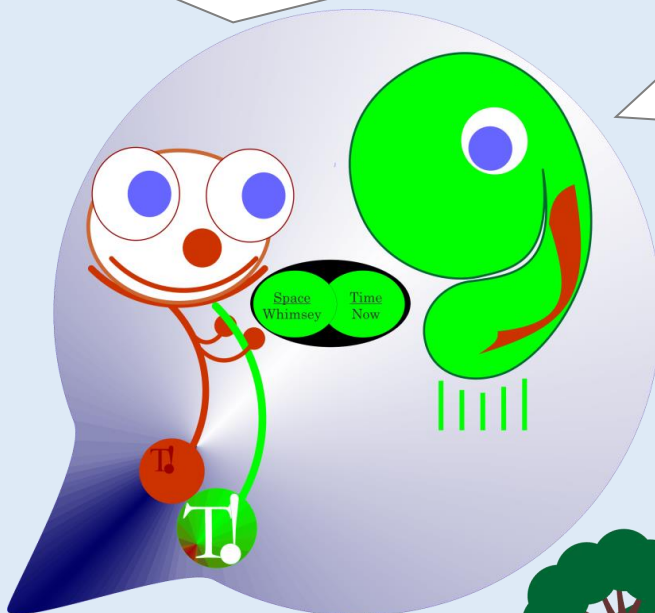
Whimsy World  
Now



Last, Whimseys, especially you, are very smart and creative.

Whimseys have all needed knowledge and tools.

Choose and create wisely!



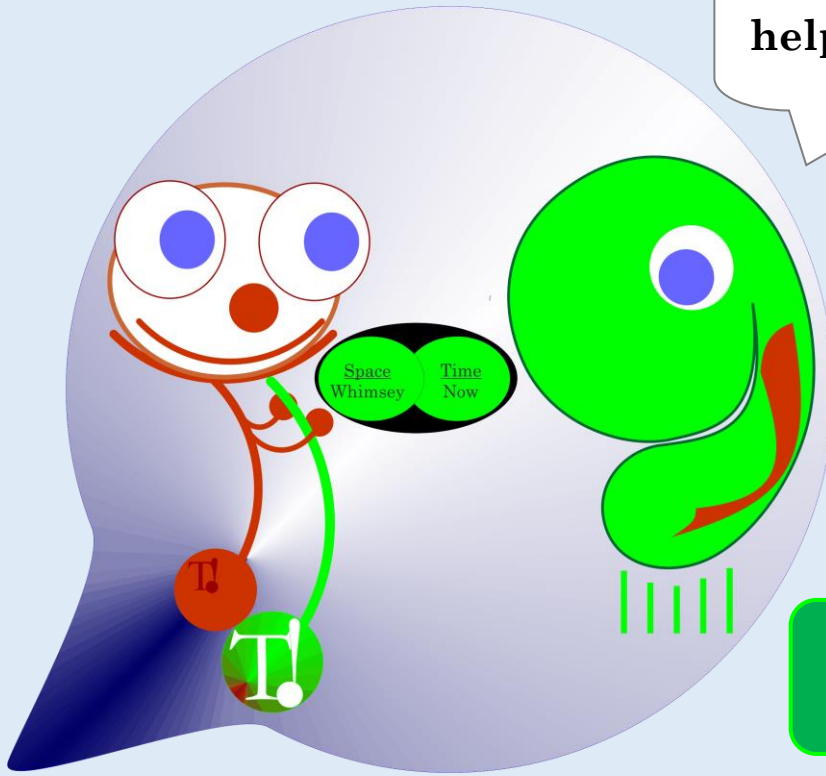
We are. We can.  
And we will!

Let's start!

Whimsey World  
Now



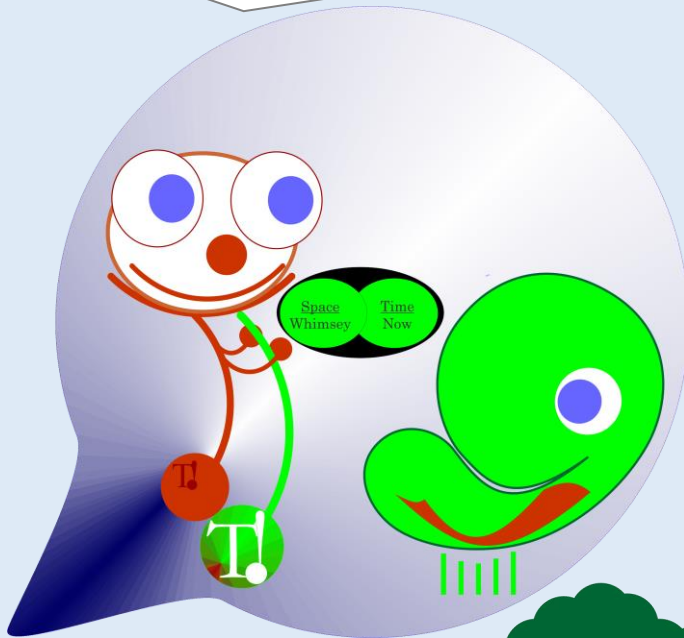
Will you come help us?



Whimsey World  
Now



**Could. But you don't need me.  
Better you build thriving future yourselves.  
Then it will be THRIVE! for ALL and  
FOREVER.**

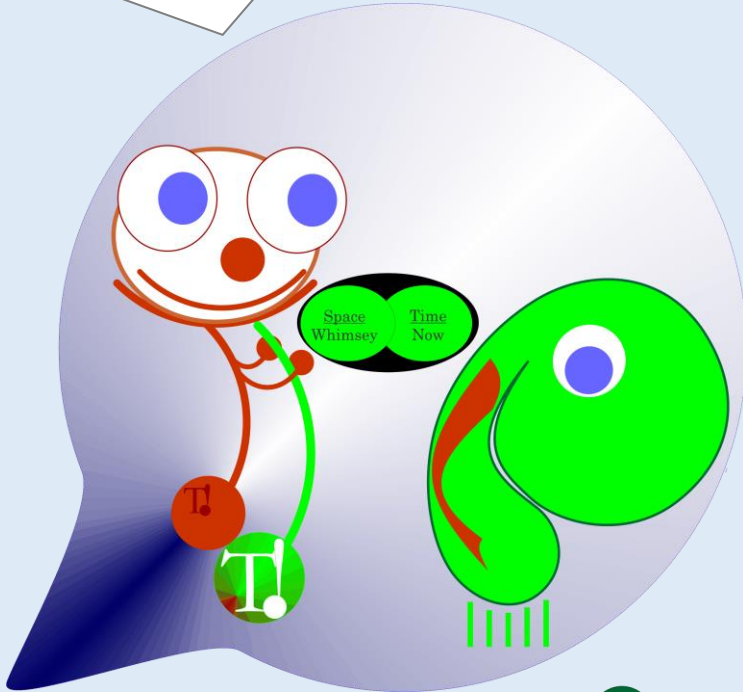


**Understand.  
Still, could be  
fun.**

Whimsey World  
Now



**Time to get to work.**

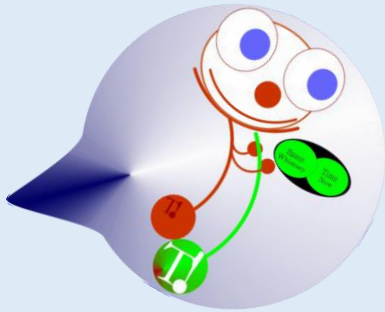


**Yes, much work to do.  
Our future to build.**

Whimsey World  
Now







**Whimseys, our CURRENT  
future has BAD end.  
Or we can choose to THRIVE!  
Our choice?**

**Care  
about all!**

**No bad  
future!**

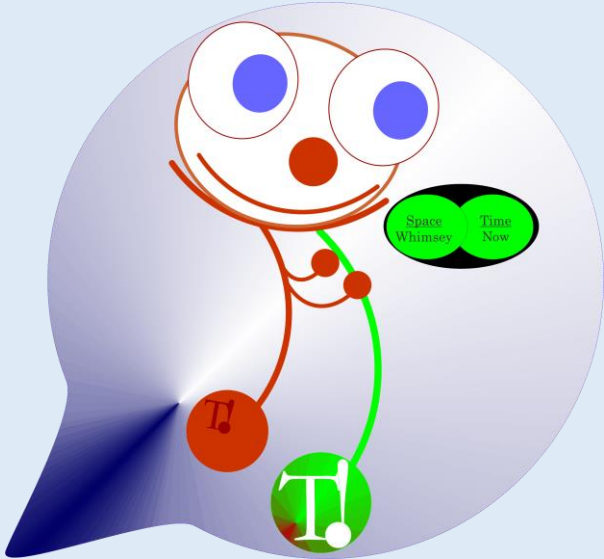
**Not just  
survive!**

**Think about  
future!**

**Whimseys  
Thrive!**



**Good choice.  
Good seeing them start to create.**

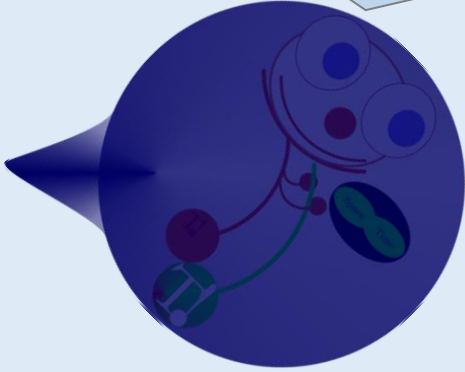


Whimsy World  
Building  
Thriving Future

**Okay  
Whimseys,  
start  
creating!  
We have to  
build  
THRIVE!**



I will watch a while without them seeing me.



Whimsey World  
Building  
Thriving Future

More thriving.

More future.

More artful things.



More creative.

More color.

More caring.

**Working well together.  
Getting closer!**

Whimsey World  
Building  
Thriving Future

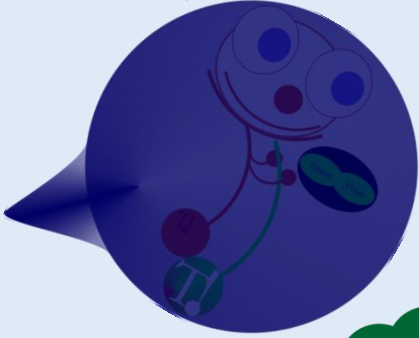


**Getting better!**

**Come on Whimseys. More creative. More color. More artful things. More caring. More future. More thriving.**

**Much better!**  
**Bright colors. Many artful things.**  
**Creating and thriving together.**

**Thriving Future!**  
**All Thrive**  
**Forever**



**Bright colors!**

**Great future.**

**Great artful things!**

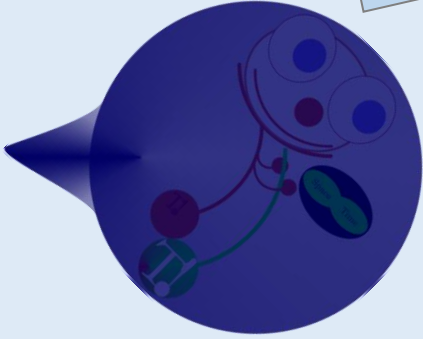


**Creating together!**

**Much more thriving!**

**Caring about all!**

Whimseys THRIVE!!



Thriving Future!  
All Thrive  
Forever

Thrive!

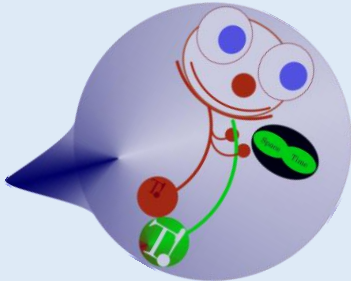
Thrive!



Thrive!

Now we're all thriving and will forever!

They chose well.  
They created well together.

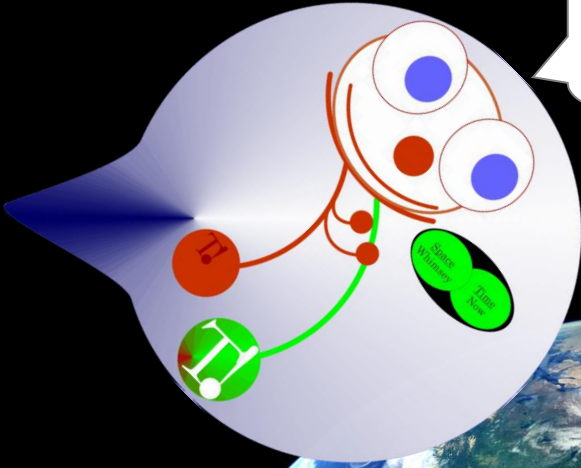


T!, I see you.  
Big thanks!  
Big bye!

Thriving Future!  
All Thrive  
Forever



Bye Angel.  
Bye Whimseys.



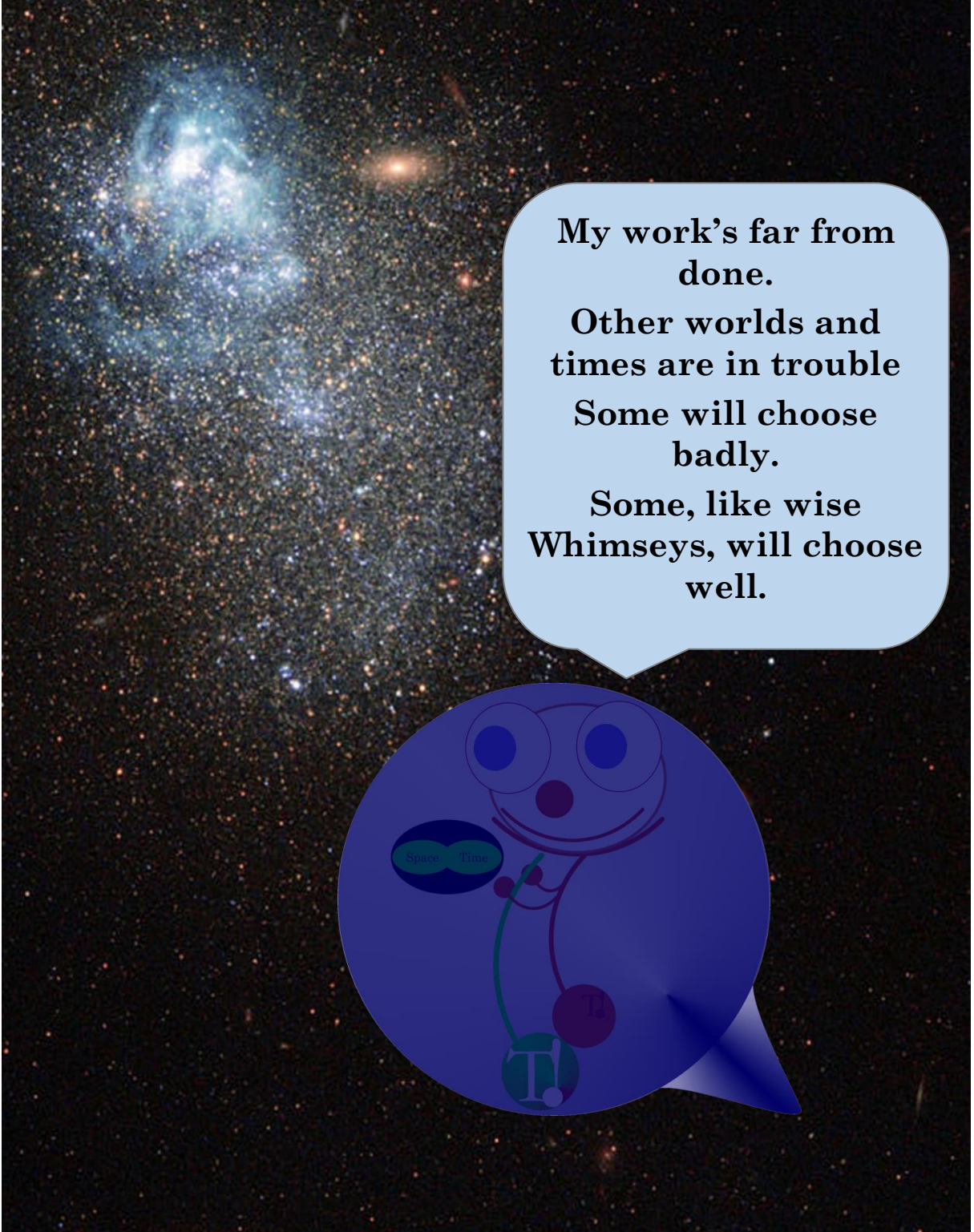
*Thrive!*

Earth  
Photo  
Source: NASA

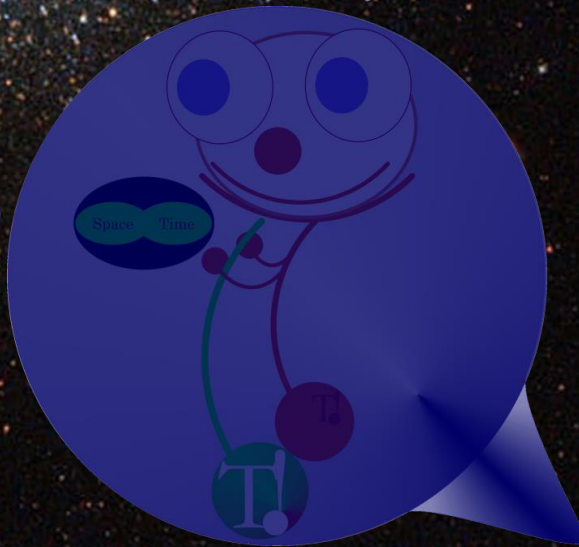


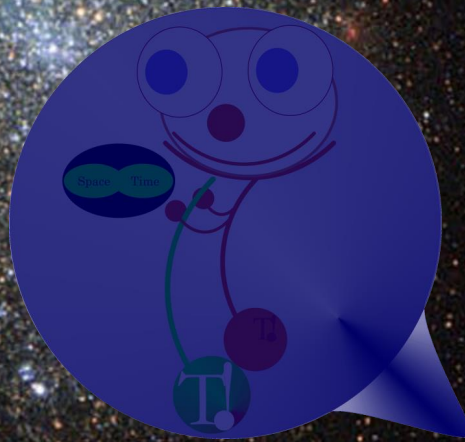


Space Photo Source: NASA



**My work's far from  
done.  
Other worlds and  
times are in trouble  
Some will choose  
badly.  
Some, like wise  
Whimseys, will choose  
well.**

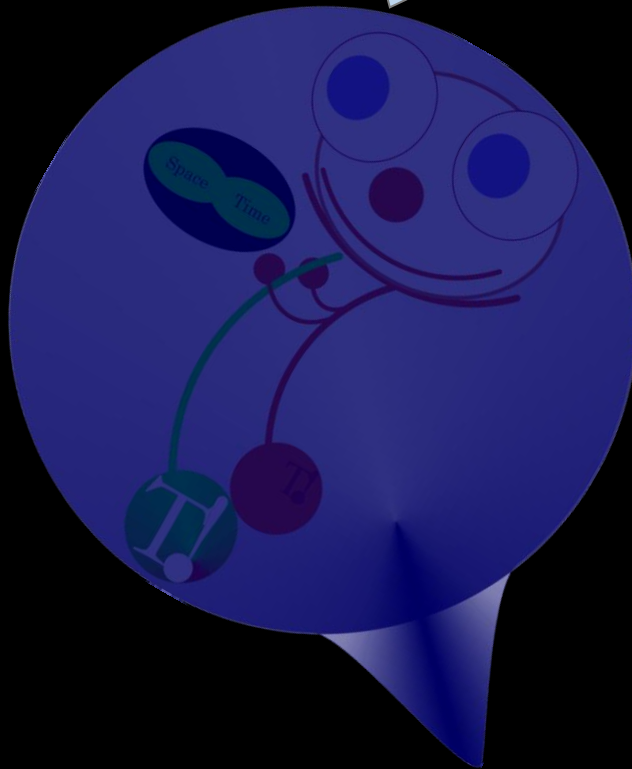




**Worlds to save  
and  
worlds to thrive  
before  
T!rrific  
and  
Thrive Endeavor  
rest.**



There is Earth.  
It faces a choice  
much like  
Whimsey.  
Which future will  
Earth choose?



## *Thrive!*

To learn more about building and achieving a thriving future for you, your family and friends, your community and the world and the role of Thrive! Endeavor, go to [www.ThriveEndeavor.org](http://www.ThriveEndeavor.org).



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