Cora and the Pocket Cinema

Tiny changes can make a picture move.



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Cora saw a bouncing ball in Uncle Ren's tiny paper book. He flicked the corners, and the drawn ball jumped. Cora checked behind the pages for a motor.



"Only paper," said Uncle Ren. He turned the pages slowly. On each one, the ball sat in a slightly different place. Cora brought her smallest notebook.



She drew a ball at the top of one page and at the bottom of the next. Flick! The ball vanished, then appeared far away.



"Mine teleports," she announced. Uncle Ren laughed. "Would you like it to travel through the space between?" Cora opened the notebook at a fresh section.



She drew a ball near the bottom corner. On the next page, she moved it a little higher. Then a little higher still. Her pencil tapped softly.



Halfway through, she lost her place. Two balls sat at exactly the same height. Cora frowned, then flicked the pages. The ball paused in the air.



"It is thinking," she said. She decided to keep the pause. After it, she drew the ball dropping down, one small step at a time.



At the bottom, Cora made the ball slightly squashy. On the next page, it stretched tall. Uncle Ren showed her how to hold the notebook firmly.



Frrrr! The ball rose, waited, fell and bounced. Cora flicked it again. She could feel every little drawing hiding inside that one quick movement.



Her brother wanted to try. He flicked from the other end. The ball bounced backwards. They watched it three times, giggling at its very surprising journey.



Cora drew a small star on the notebook cover. "The Pocket Cinema," she called it. There was room for one audience member and a very small show.



At bedtime, she put it beside her pillow. Tomorrow's film might be a waving leaf. Tonight, the ball rested quietly in twelve different places at once.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

What changed between the drawings?

Why did Cora decide to keep the little pause?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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