

Blackberry House

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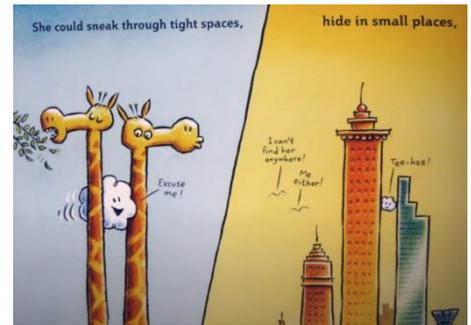
## Cloulette

Cloulette was a cloud. A very small cloud.

Usually, she didn't mind being smaller than the average cloud.

In fact, being small had lots of advantages.

She could sneak through tight spaces, hide in small places, and she even had a special little space that always made her feel cosy at night.



But once in a while, Cloulette could see all the **big** clouds in the distance, doing all sorts of **big**, important cloud things.

This made her want to do **big**, important things too. She wanted to make a garden grow. She wanted to make a brook babble.

She wanted to make a waterfall fall. And she thought nothing would be more fun than giving some kids a day off from school.

One night, Cloulette lay awake wondering what she could do that was **big** and important.



She thought maybe she could work for the fire department.

Or maybe they needed some help down at the garden center.

But nobody seemed to need her.

Cloulette was feeling **blue**.

The next day, there was a **big** storm in her neighbourhood.

The sky got dark, the rain poured down, and the wind blew harder than she'd ever seen wind blow before.

When the storm finally stopped, Cloulette realised she'd been blown far from her neighbourhood. She didn't know anyone here. And they didn't seem eager to get to know her.

But pretty soon she was making new friends and seeing things she'd never seen before.

Then she heard something she'd never heard before....

She looked down at what was supposed to be a pond, but was really just a puddle of **mud**.  
This gave Cloudette an idea...

She held her breath until she started to puff up all over.

Then she turned a nice **blue-gray** colour.

She kept growing until it looked like she was ready to burst.

She shook her behind until it made a little rumbling sound – not quite what you'd call thunder. But enough to let people know they should grab an umbrella. Then she did what she'd wanted to do for ages.



**SHE LET IT POUR**

Cloudette rained on that little puddle until it grew into a big puddle.

And she kept on raining until that **big** puddle grew into a perfect pond.

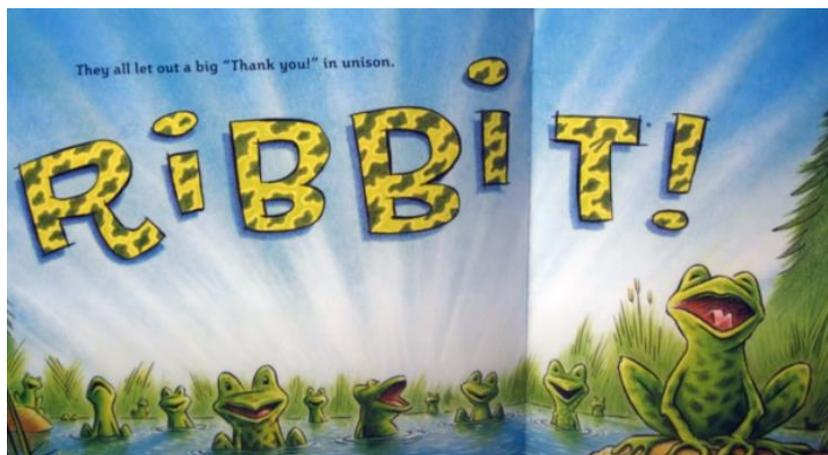
As soon as she stopped, frogs of every stripe (and spot) came jumping into the pond.

They all let out a **big** “Thank you” in unison.

**RIBBIT!\***

\*thank you in frog

Cloudette was exhausted but happy.

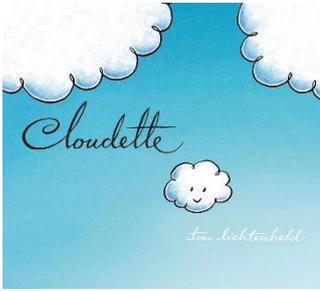


Even the higher-ups were impressed, which got her thinking...

I'll bet there are other **big** and important things a little cloud can do...

And off she went...

**The end.**



## Cloulette – science experiment

### Resources:

Cotton wool balls

Tray of water

Fill up a tray with some water and place some cotton wool balls (clouds) in

the tray. Talk to your child about weather, the clouds, and the rain.

Encourage your child to let the cloud absorb the rainwater in the tray. Talk about how the clouds fill up with rainwater until they cannot take any more water. Encourage your child to squeeze their cloud and to

watch it rain.

Add some toys and animals for the clouds to rain on for some engaging and inviting play!

