

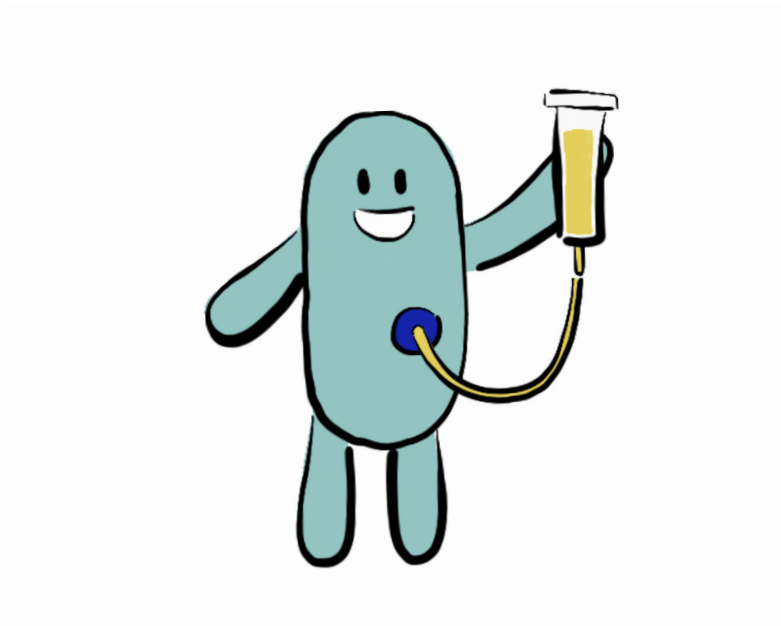
**THE SUPER TUBIE
GRADUATE**

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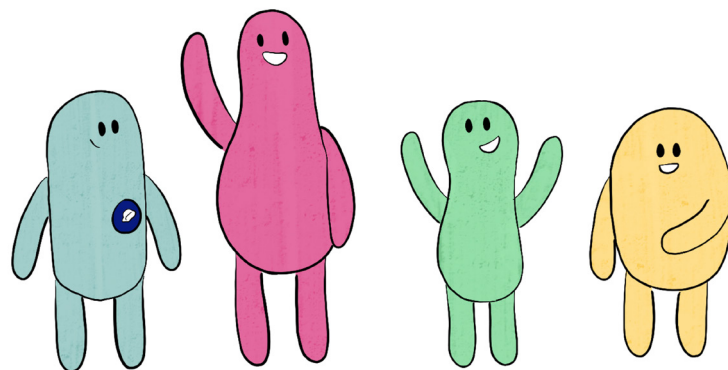
This book is dedicated to all the tube fed children
around the world and their amazing families.

Hi, I'm Sammy and I'm a tubie.

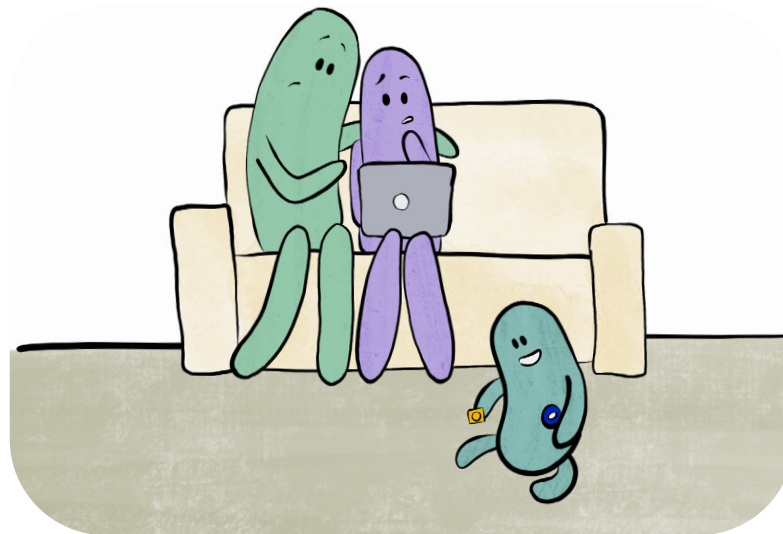


That means I have a second bellybutton
and I'm not much of a foodie.

I've had my tube for as long as I can remember, but not a lot of kids do.



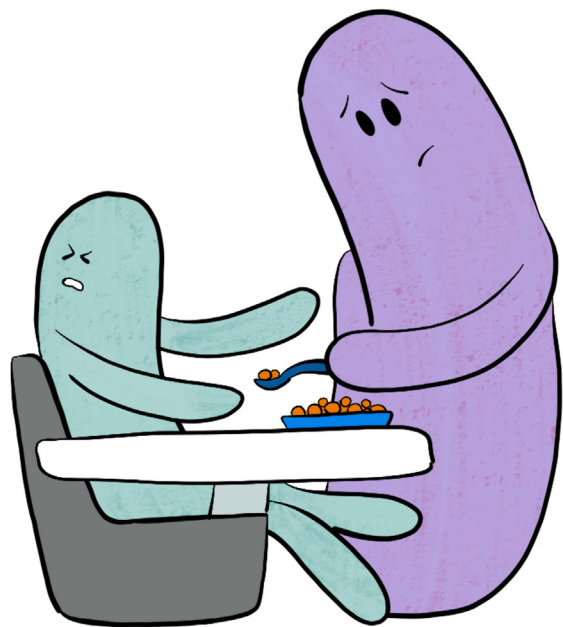
Mommy and Daddy worry that
if I don't eat, I won't grow
strong like I'm supposed to.



Cereal, pasta, and fish sticks.

Yuck!

I don't want to eat any of it! Food
all feels like muck.



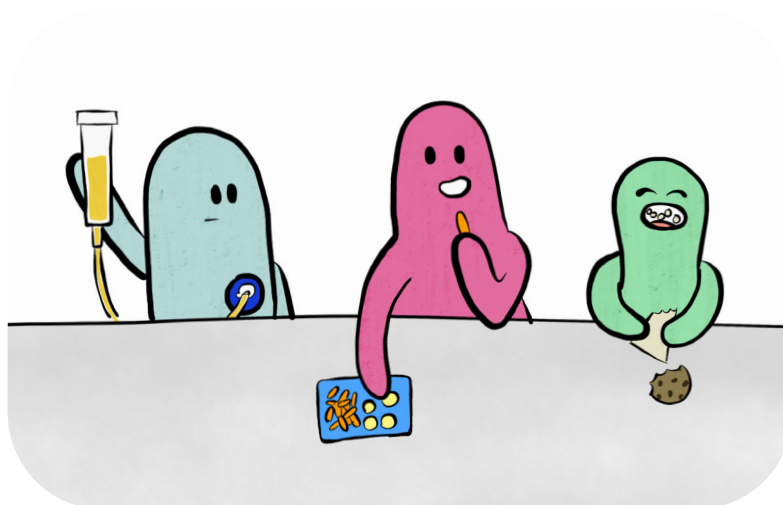
I can run, play, and climb like any
other kid in school.

But things are different at lunch
time, which makes me feel uncool.

My friends bring carrots and cookies
every day for their meals.

They look like they're having so much fun!

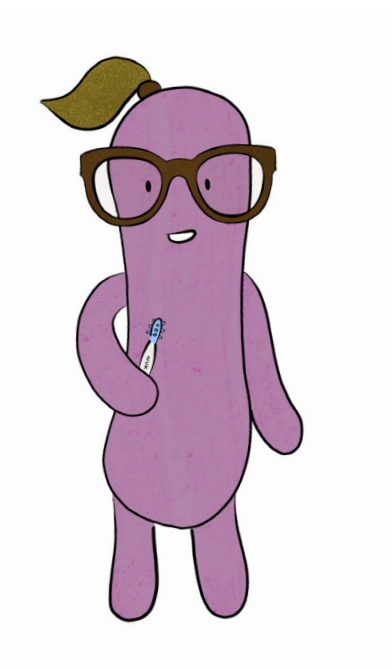
Should I try how it feels?



I go to the man with the long
white coat...



... and to the woman with the glasses
as big as a boat.

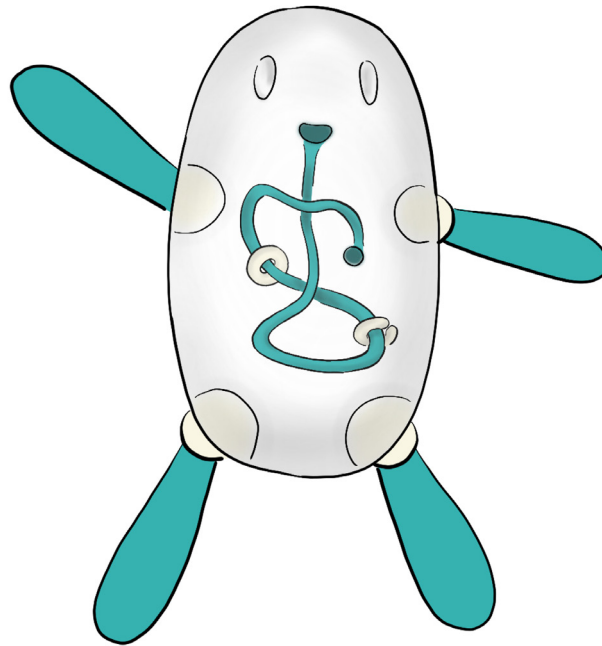


They tell me to try foods, both

BIG

and

small...



... and gave me a new tubie doll to help me through it all.

She told me to eat a banana and that
she would be my guide.

But I'm afraid to swallow it, so I
fussed and cried.

I see an orange on the table, it looks pretty rough.

Food seems interesting, I'm gonna check out more stuff.

Applesauce is mushy, I don't like
how it feels.

I'd prefer to play outside with any
toy on wheels.

I touched a potato chip and it made a

CRUNCH

I wonder how my friends eat that
at lunch.

But I press forward and give a puff a
little kiss.

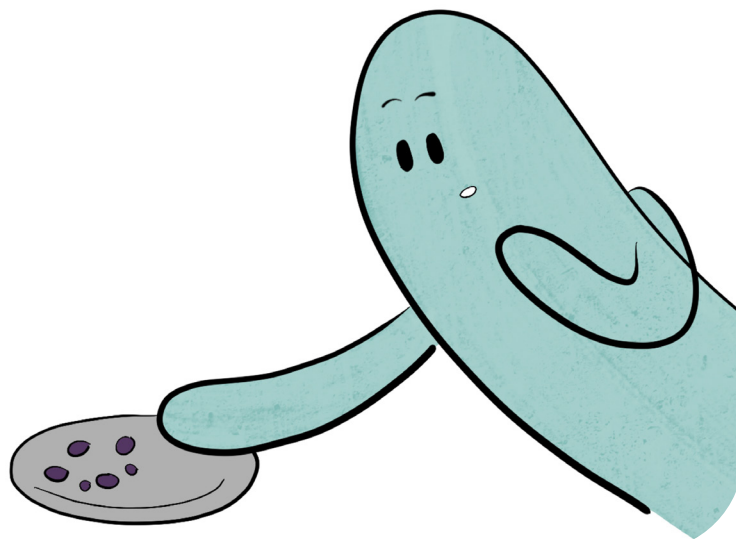
It's light and fluffy, I didn't think it
would feel like this.

Yogurt looks different, but I give it a lick.

It's soft and cold with a strawberry kick.

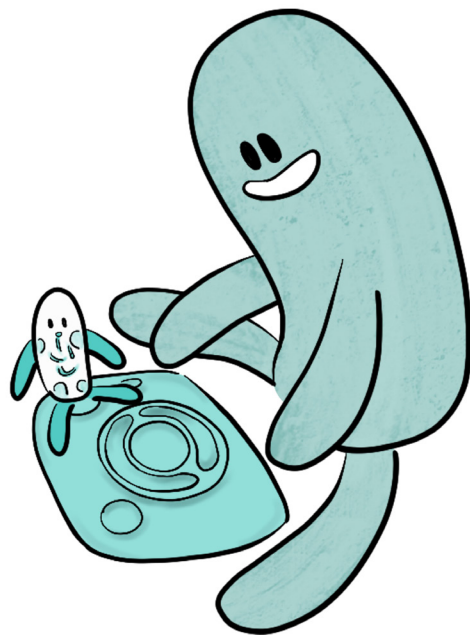
Every chance that I get I still try a
different treat.

I was scared at first, but now it
feels neat.



I grab my new place mat and put it
on the floor.

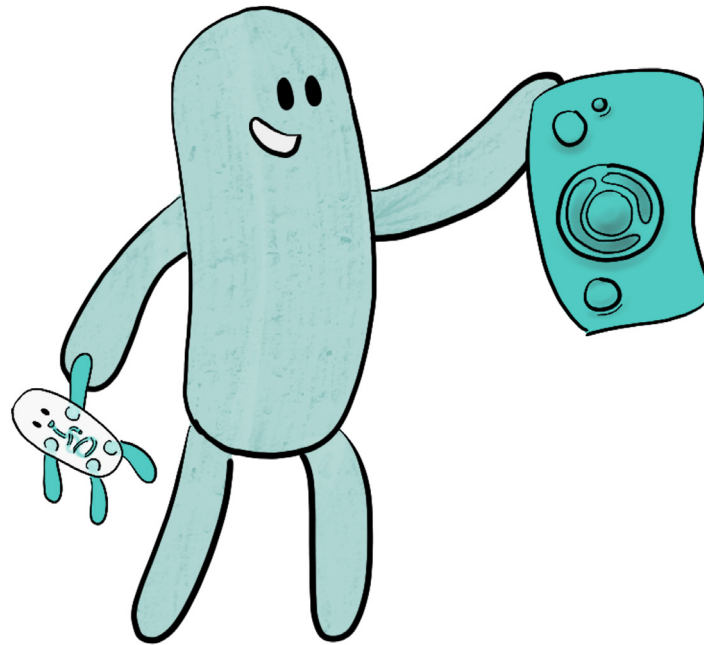
I will learn how to eat, it won't feel
like a chore!



It's been a long journey, I don't need
my tube anymore.

I thought I'd be sad, but it's
everything I could ask for!

I'm on my way home, I feel so great
that I'm an official



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