

# I AM AUTISTIC!



A NeuroInclusive story featuring  
images from the picture books  
My Brother Otto by Meg Raby  
and Lulu is a Rhinoceros by  
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I am Lulu. I know I'm different. I  
look like a bulldog, but I'm a  
rhinoceros. I have thick skin and am  
strong. It is important to me that  
others see the REAL me.



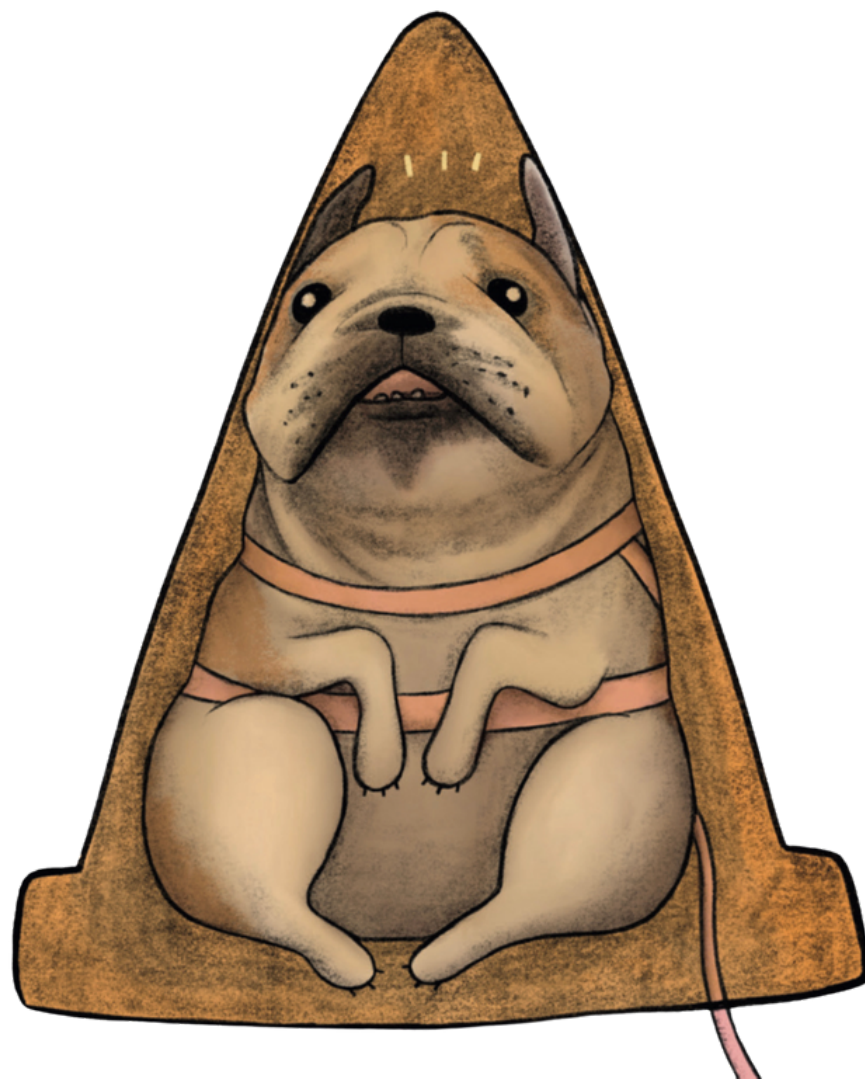




I am Otto. I don't use my mouth  
to communicate. I type on my  
AAC device instead.

Sometimes people make the  
mistake of thinking that just  
because I'm nonspeaking,  
I have nothing to say.

Sometimes, I like  
to wedge myself  
into tight spaces.



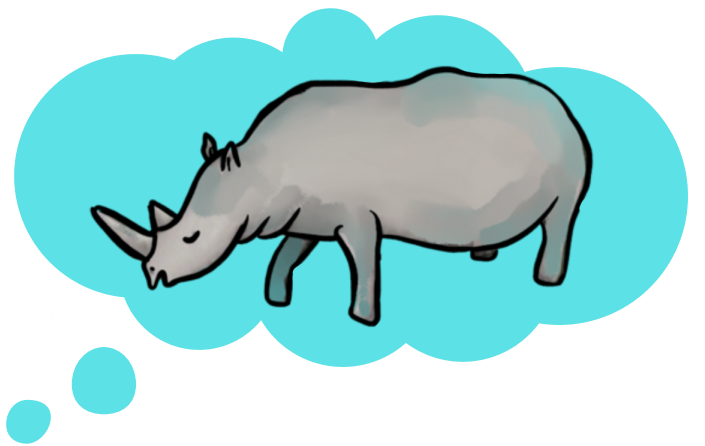
It's a good way for  
me to keep my  
sensory systems  
calm.



I love to run  
towards freedom,  
especially if  
someone is trying  
to put me in the  
wrong clothes!



And I feel frustrated  
when others don't see  
me as I am, but I  
keep chasing my  
truth!





Sometimes, others are  
unkind to me because  
I am different. It makes  
me sad, but I am not  
going to change who  
I am. I like being me.





I like to spin and plug and unplug my ears. I need to move a lot to help me process what I learn. Sometimes others get angry because I'm not like them. They might have more fun if they freed their stims.



I get along great with others who are very different from me. We accept each other for who we are on the inside.

My friend Flom Flom loves having a rhino who looks like a bulldog as a friend.

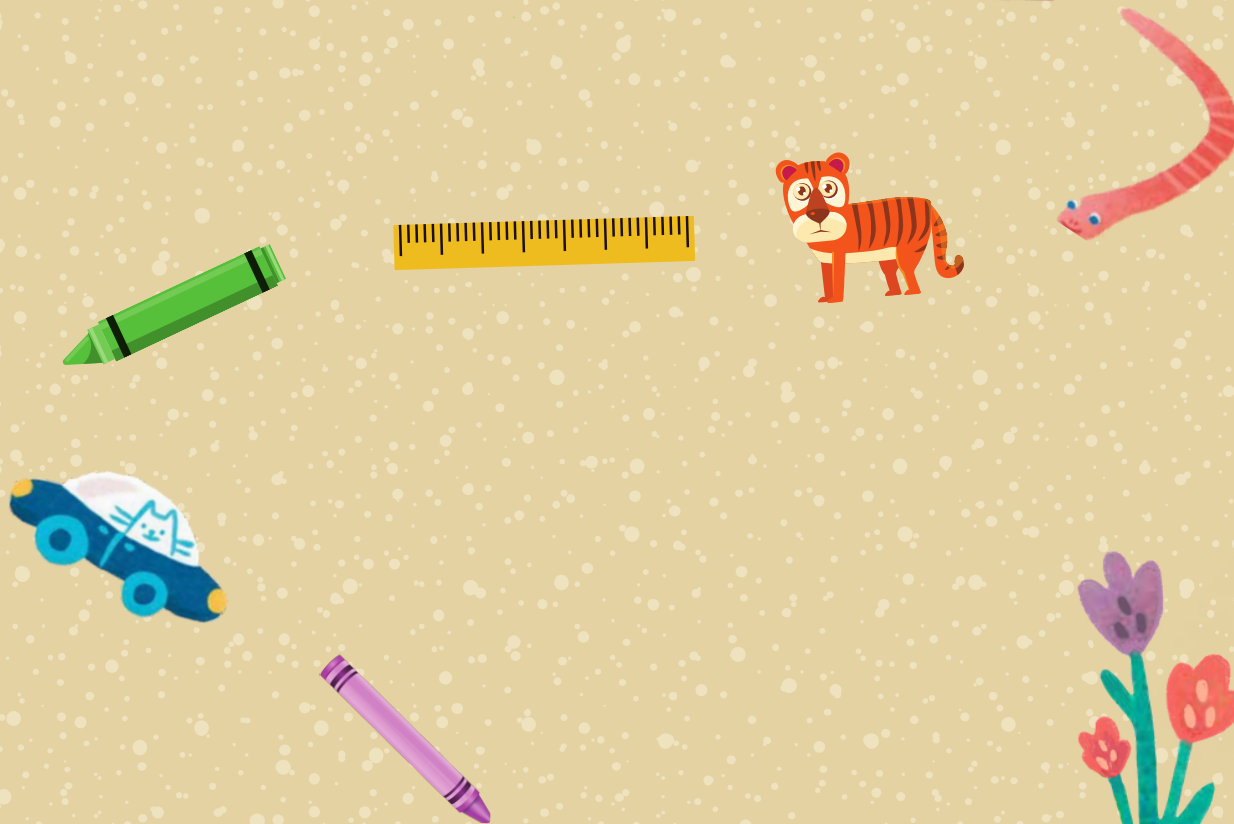




I get along great with my sister, Piper. She likes to sing and play dress up while I sort my toys into cool patterns.



She never tries to change me to make me more like her.

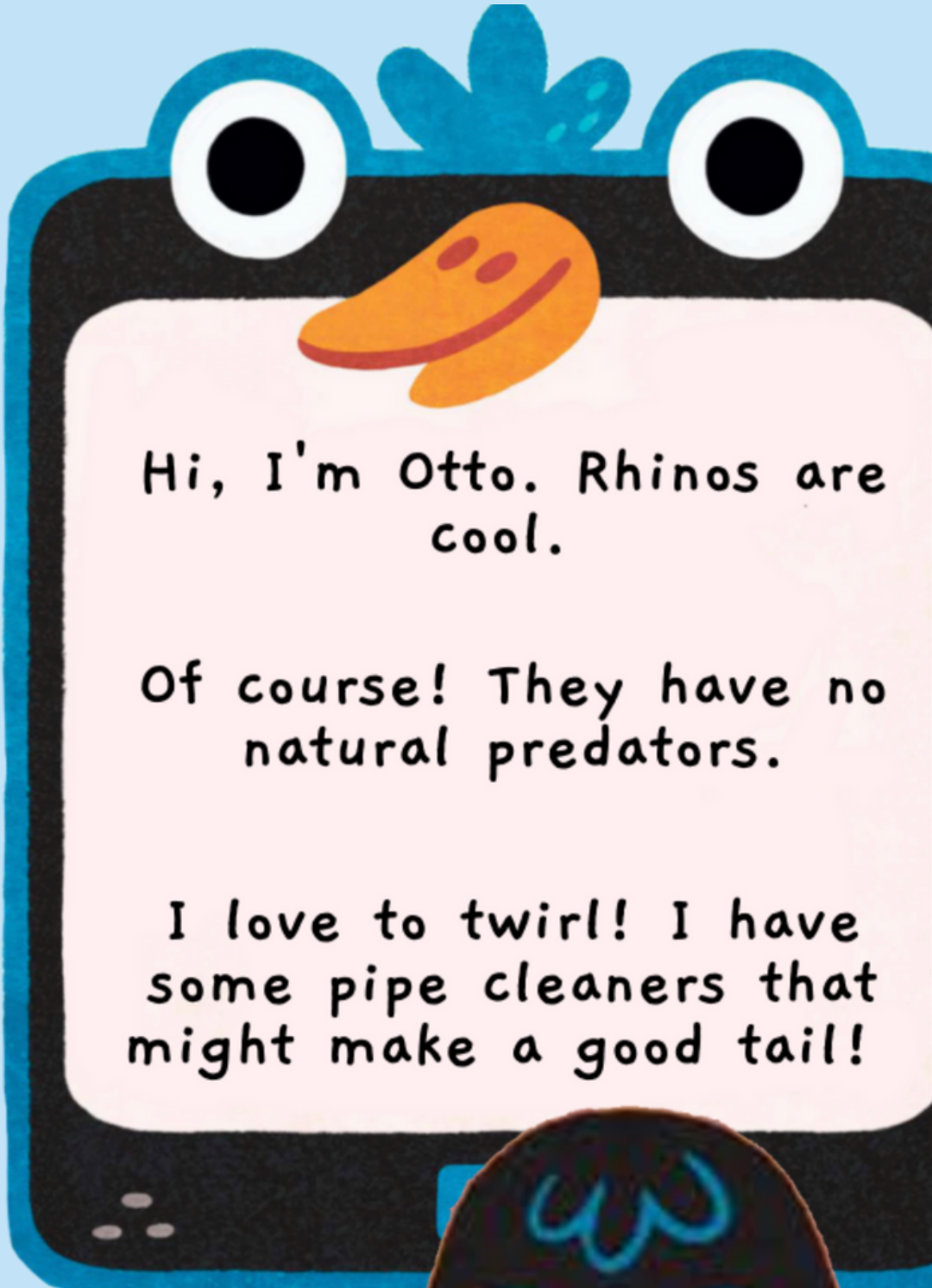




Hi, I'm a rhinoceros.

My name is Lulu! You know about rhinos?!

That's right. Now I need a tail that whips and twirls.



Hi, I'm Otto. Rhinos are cool.

Of course! They have no natural predators.

I love to twirl! I have some pipe cleaners that might make a good tail!