

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

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So I've got to know if he's real. I need solid answers. I need scientific evidence. That's why I went around and asked everybody who got help from Origami Yoda to tell their stories. Then I put all the stories together in this case file. Who knows, maybe this case file could even be useful if scientists ever decide to study Origami Yoda.

To try to make it really scientific, I let my friend Harvey comment on each story. Harvey has never, ever believed in Origami Yoda even for one second, and he still doesn't. In fact, he says he is 100 percent sure that Origami Yoda is just a "green paperwad." So he tried to find the "logical explanation" for all the really weird things that happened.

And then I commented on each story, too, because, after all, I'm the one who's trying to figure this whole thing out.

Oh yeah, one other thing I almost forgot about: Dwight.

Dwight is the guy who carries Origami Yoda around on his finger.

The strangest thing about Origami Yoda is that he is so wise even though Dwight is a total loser.

I'm not saying that as an insult. It's just a fact. Dwight never seems to do anything right. Always in trouble. Always getting harassed by other kids. Always picking his nose. Always finding a way to "ruin it for everyone" as the teachers say.

If he would just listened to Origami Yoda's wisdom, like the rest of us, he would have it made.

He even manages to turn his good points into loser points. See, he is the total origami master of our

school. First he made cranes and frogs and all that, then he started inventing his own stuff. Origami Yoda is not just a perfect paper version of Yoda, he's also Dwight's own design.

But it's one thing to make a paper Yoda, and it's another to ask people to talk to it. That's what makes him a loser. You can't go around school with a paper Yoda on your finger talking to people.

I bet even Origami Yoda would tell him that, if he would just listen.

Anyway, here's the first story, which happens to be about a girl (not THE girl) and shows how good it can be to listen to what Origami Yoda has to say.