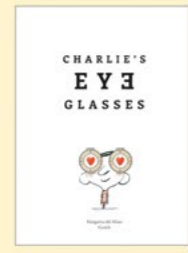


Charlie is getting his backpack ready for the class camping trip. He's packed quite a few things and feels very lucky to have Big Louis as his buddy for the trip.

But as the day goes on, with one mishap after another, Big Louis doesn't consider himself quite so fortunate...!



From the same series:
Charlie's Eyeglasses
Charlie Super F



CHARLIE'S GREAT BIG BACKPACK



Margarita del Mazo

Guridi



nubeocho

CHARLIE'S *Great Big Backpack*



Margarita del Mazo
 Guridi



*To Mara and Nur, for helping me
fill Charlie's backpack.*

Margarita del Mazo

To Julia, Jimena, Nour and Hugo, from the heart.

Guridi

CHARLIE'S Great Big Backpack

Margarita del Mazo
Guridi



Charlie's Great Big Backpack

Somos8 Series

© Text: Margarita del Mazo, 2023

© Illustrations: Guridi, 2023

© Edition: NubeOcho, 2023

www.nubeocho.com · hello@nubeocho.com

Original Title: *La gran mochila de Carlitos*

English Translation: Cecilia Ross

Text Editing: Caroline Dookie & Rebecca Packard

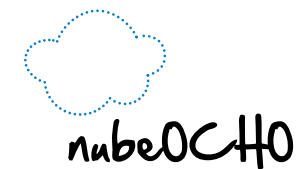
First Edition: June, 2024

ISBN: 978-84-19607-50-8

Legal Deposit: M-18658-2023

Printed in Portugal.

All rights reserved.



Charlie had a classmate called Louis.
But he was so big and strong that
everybody called him Big Louis.

He always stomped around
with a big scowl on his face,
and everyone was a little
afraid of him. Everyone
except Charlie.



Charlie was not scared of anything or anyone, and certainly not Big Louis.



When the teacher asked if he wanted to be buddies with Big Louis on the class camping trip, Charlie was thrilled!

Charlie's grandfather had taught him lots of survival tricks. He'd even set up fun challenges for him, too.

Charlie had passed every single one, except the one about eating ants. He didn't see the point, as he always brought along plenty of canned food in his backpack.



When the big day came, Charlie was fully prepared. He'd packed all the "necessities" as his teacher had instructed, plus his Mom's "just-in-cases," and even his Grandpa's "you-never-knows."

His backpack was a little heavier than usual, but somebody had to bring all that stuff.



Charlie

They set up camp near a river. Charlie started to put up his tent, but just as he raised his hammer to drive the stake into the ground, it flew out of his hand.

A scream rang out through the forest.





The hammer had squashed Big Louis's foot like a pancake.

Charlie darted over to his backpack and grabbed all his cast-making supplies.

But Big Louis kept wailing,

“Nooo! Nooo!”

“Charlie!” his teacher cried, her hands on her head.

“You've put the cast on the wrong foot!”

Now this was a problem. Charlie had left his saw at home! So he couldn't take the first cast off... but he could give him a second one!

The whole class was bustling around the campsite getting everything ready for lunch.

The teacher had even brought along a special treat to celebrate Rose's birthday.



Since Big Louis couldn't walk, he was in charge of putting the candles on the cake. When he finished the last one, he called,

"Teacher! They're lit!"

"You mean they're on fire?!" Without wasting a second, Charlie ran and splashed Louis with a bucket of water.

