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Pig's Dude



He Can Do **ANYTHING!**



For Sebastian Diamond (we tried to find you, young fella)
— MW

To my kindergarten teacher whose name I don't remember, but
who read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to me — AN

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Once upon a time, Pig Dude got
in a BIG BAD MOOD.



‘I cannot read!’ he said to Mama.
‘I cannot add up! I cannot skip!
I cannot even hop on this foot!’



He tried to hop on that foot.
He fell over.



‘See, Mama. I am bad at
ALL THINGS!’

Mama loves Pig Dude and she always knows what to say.

‘You are good at many things,’ Mama said. ‘In fact, you can do ANYTHING.’

‘Really, Mama?’ said Pig Dude.
‘Really,’ said Mama.



‘Wow,’ whispered Pig Dude.
‘I can do ANYTHING!’

Once upon another time, later that day, Pig Dude said, 'If I can do anything, I think I will... mmm...



'Fly!'



‘It is easy to fly,’ said Pig Dude.
‘You just have to make a great
big rocket...



‘Then you strap it to your back.



‘Then you light it and say...

*‘I’m a rocket, watch me fly!
I’m a rocket, watch me fly!’*



Pig Dude's rocket went VROOM!
It went BANG!
It went PSHHH!
And it went FZZZ!



But it did not fly.

It just set fire to the back of his pants.



‘Mama! Mama! I have burnt my...um...self!’

Mama made Pig Dude a nice, cool bath. After a while, he felt much better.



‘It is time to get back to flying,’ he said.

With that, he jumped out of the bath...



and raced through the bathroom door.



He was in such a big hurry he forgot to dry himself.

