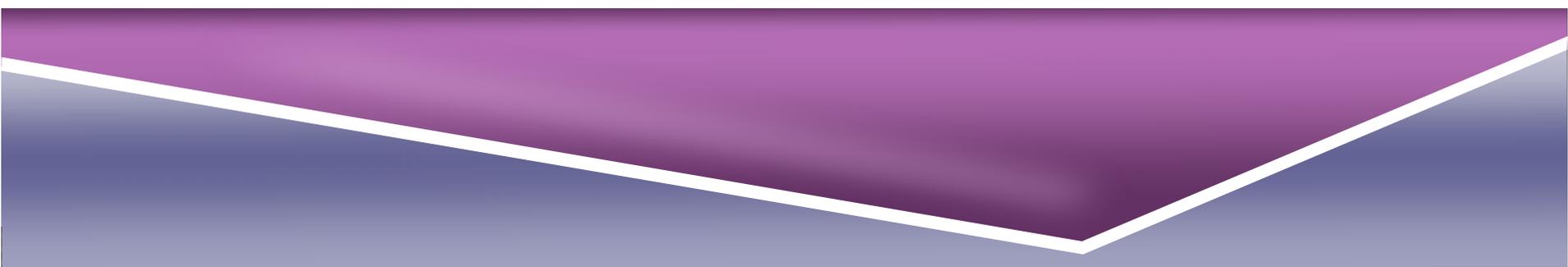


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As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.



Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.



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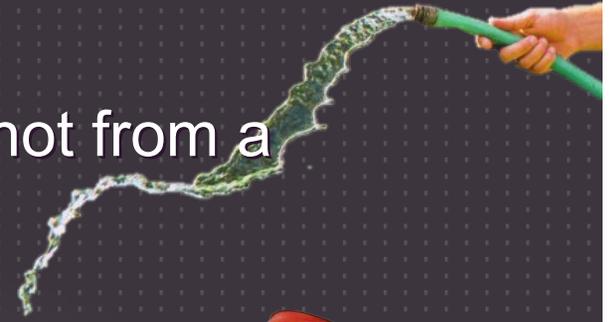
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We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar and we weren't overweight.



WHY?

Because, we were always outside playing...  
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F•R•I•E•N•D•S

And we went outside to find  
them!

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We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.



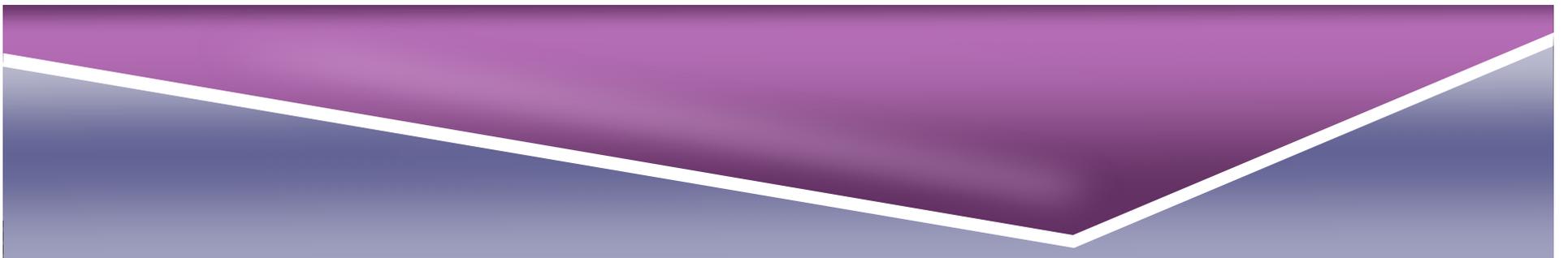
WE were given BB guns for your 10<sup>th</sup> birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes

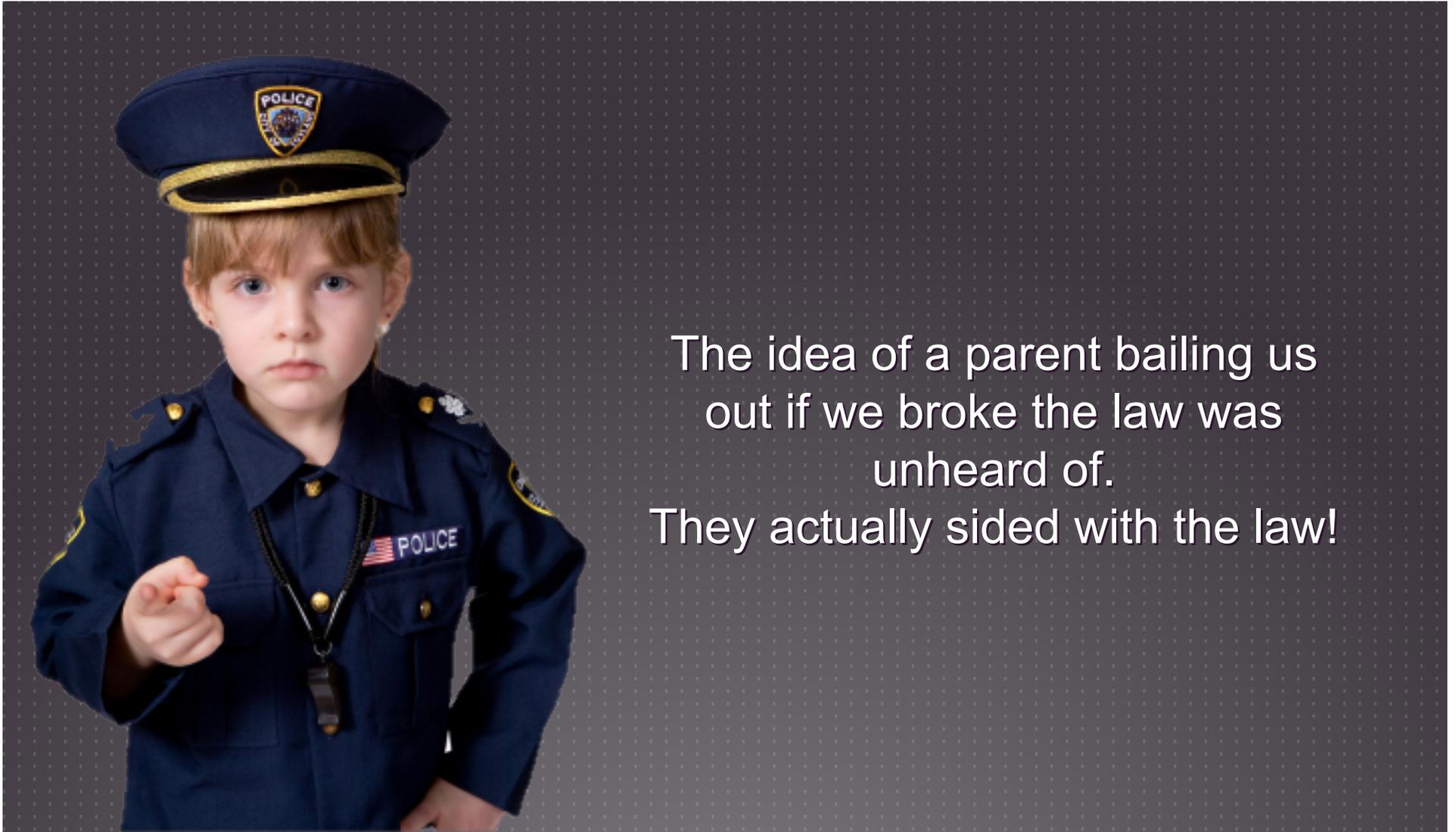


We rode bikes or walked to a friends house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.



Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with the disappointment.  
Imagine that!!





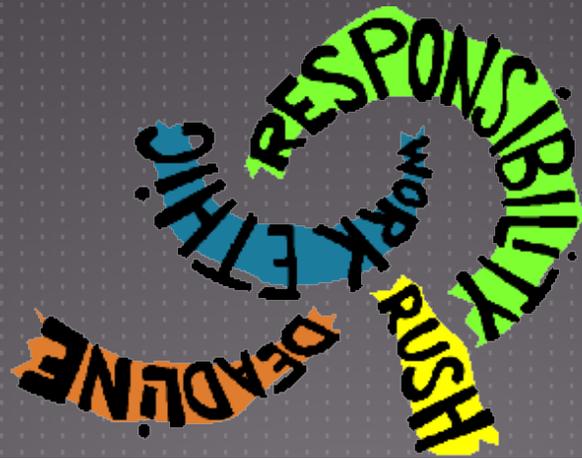
The idea of a parent bailing us  
out if we broke the law was  
unheard of.  
They actually sided with the law!



These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors ever.



The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas, we had freedom, failure, success, and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.



# What has changed?



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Society

# What has changed?

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Our World

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You/Me!!

# Let's fix it!

