

Tablets for Teaching

The story of a professor and his tablet PC

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*Once upon a time,
teachers lived under
the tyranny of pencil
shavings, chalk dust and
dry-erase fumes.*

*Then one day a professor
appeared bearing a
powerful new tool —
the tablet PC.*

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Using the VGA cable known throughout the land, the professor joined his tablet to the projector.

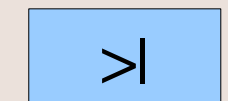
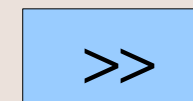
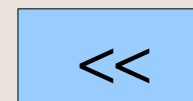
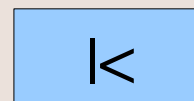
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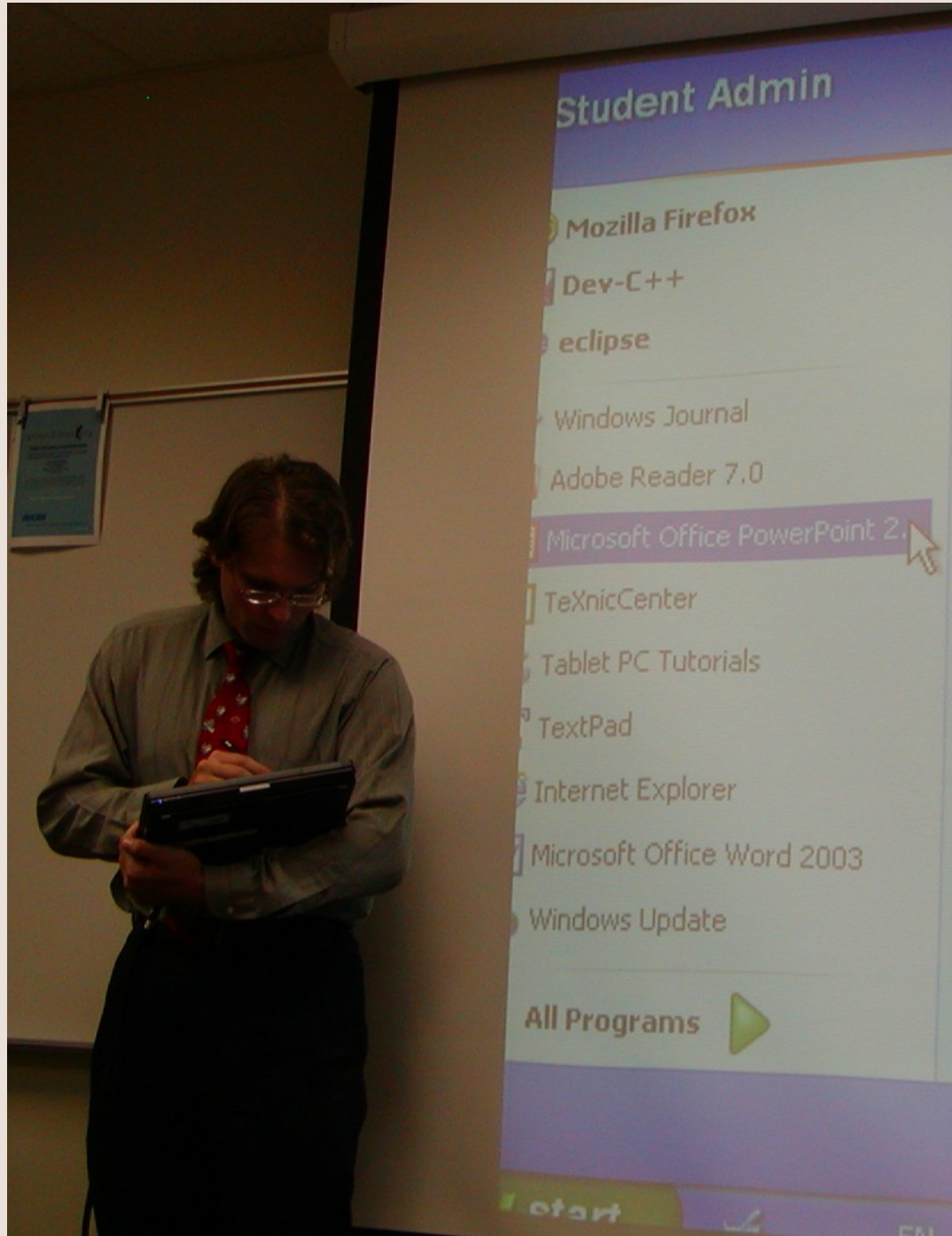
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He transformed what seemed to be an ordinary laptop into a peculiar machine. What everyone had at first taken for a computer, now acquired the abilities of an artist's sketchpad.





With a few strokes of his mighty pen, he summoned PowerPoint, a tool the students had seen many times before.

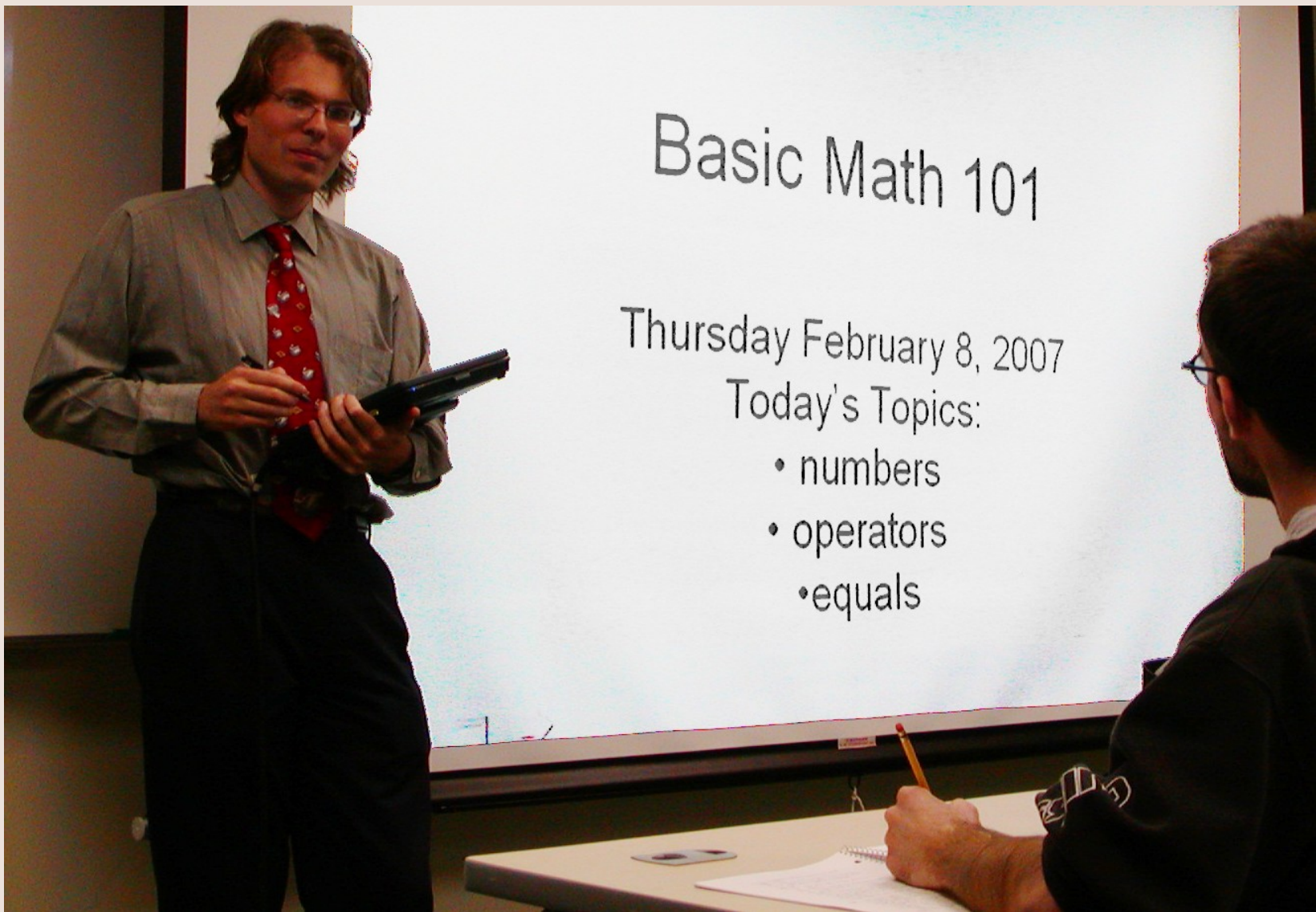
What the students didn't know was that the tool was enhanced with strange new powers.

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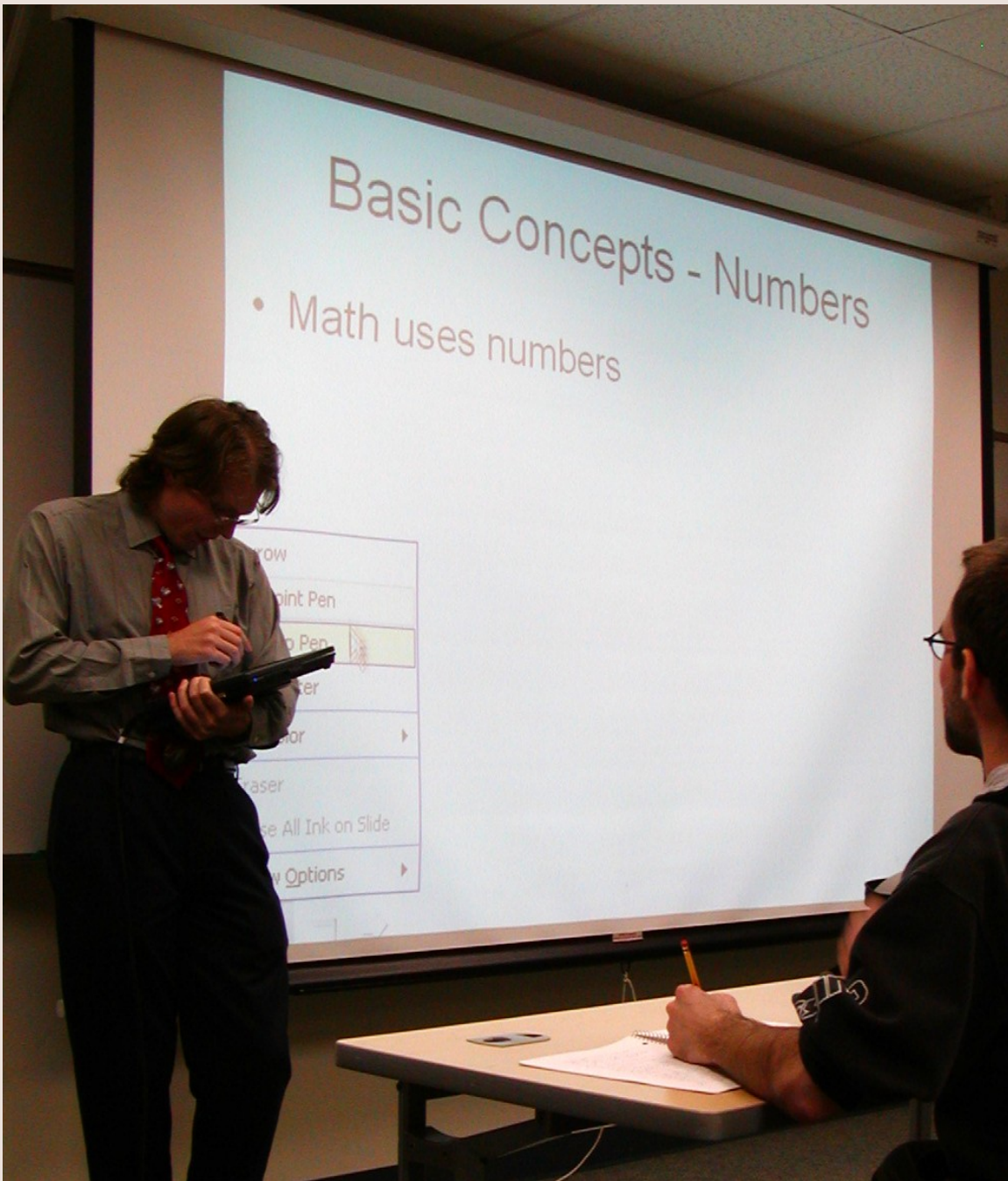
The lesson started out like any other ...

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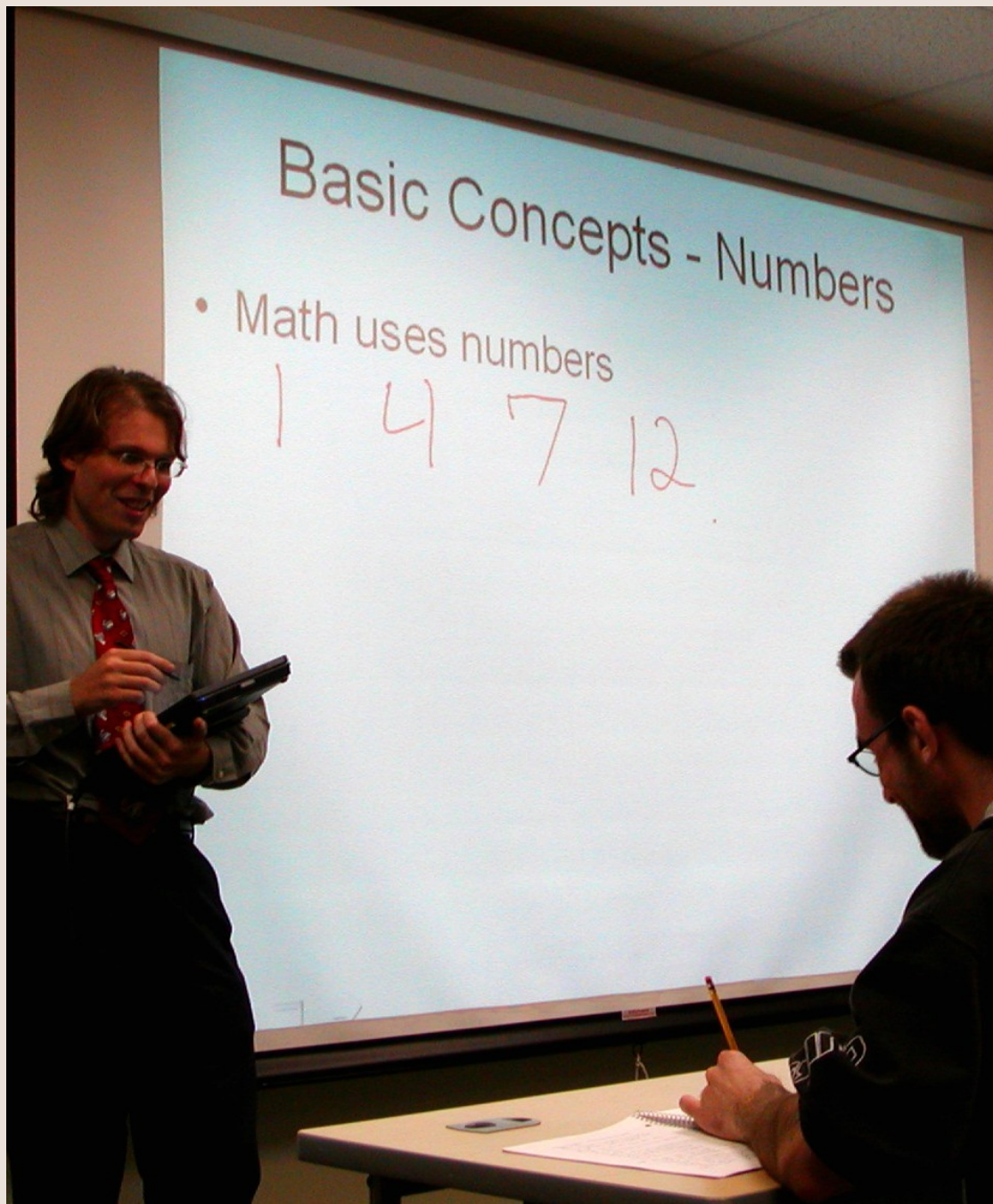
He bent over the tablet, and invoked a pen with which to enhance the slides.

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As he scribbled on the screen, numbers appeared on the slide as if by magic.

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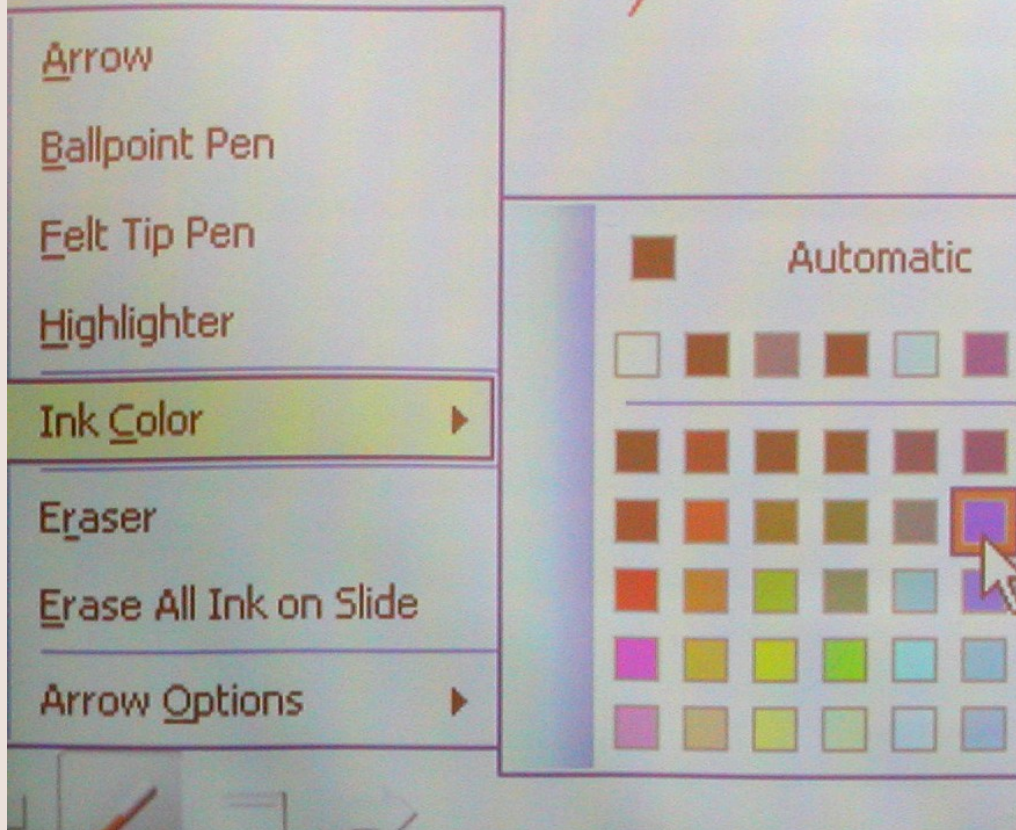
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- Math uses operators with numbers

$$3 + 7$$



He used colors, ...

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Basic Concepts - Opera

- Math uses **operators** to “do somet
with numbers

$$3 + 7$$

$$5 - 2$$

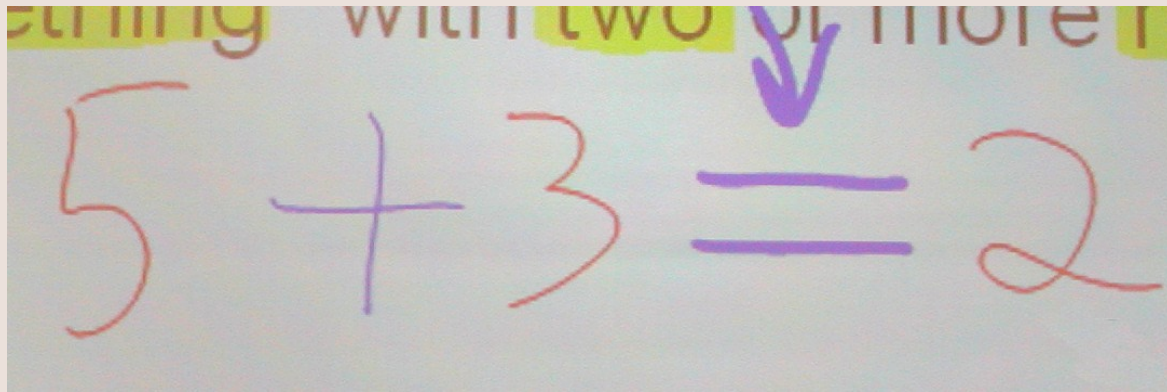
... thick pens, and highlighters to illuminate difficult concepts and dispel confusion.

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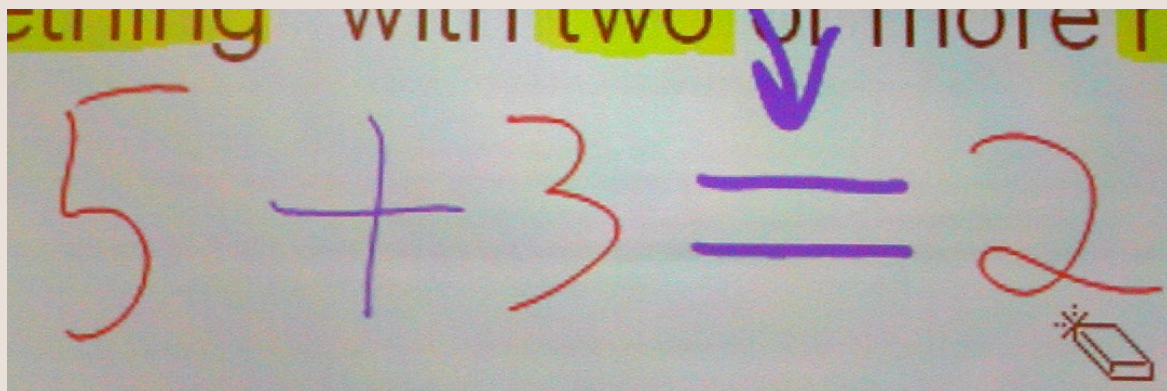
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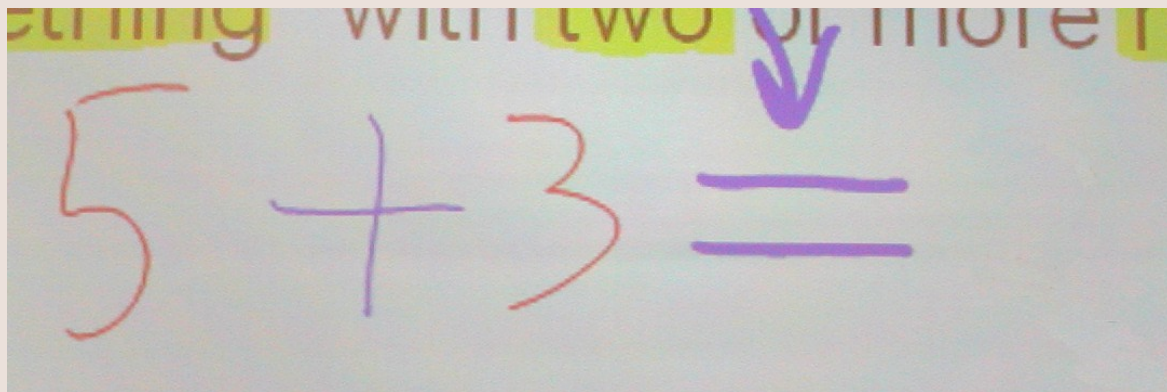
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All appeared lost when he made a mistake.



But he reversed the pen, and with one touch the mistake was undone.



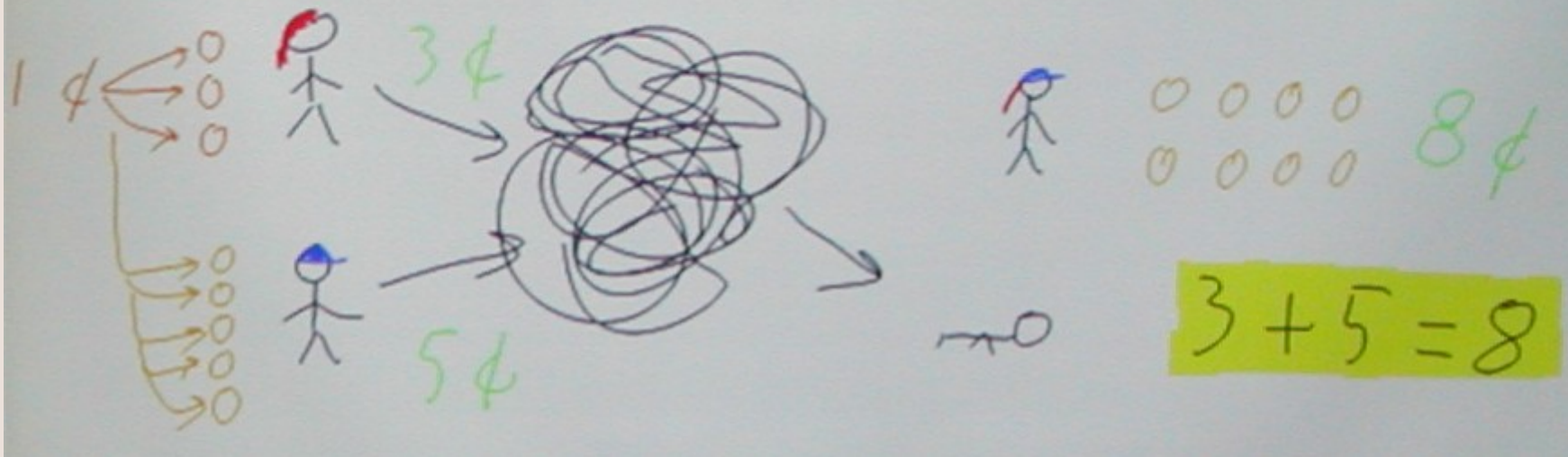
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Suzie has 3 pennies, and John has 5 pennies. If Suzie beats up John and takes all his pennies, how many pennies will Suzie have?



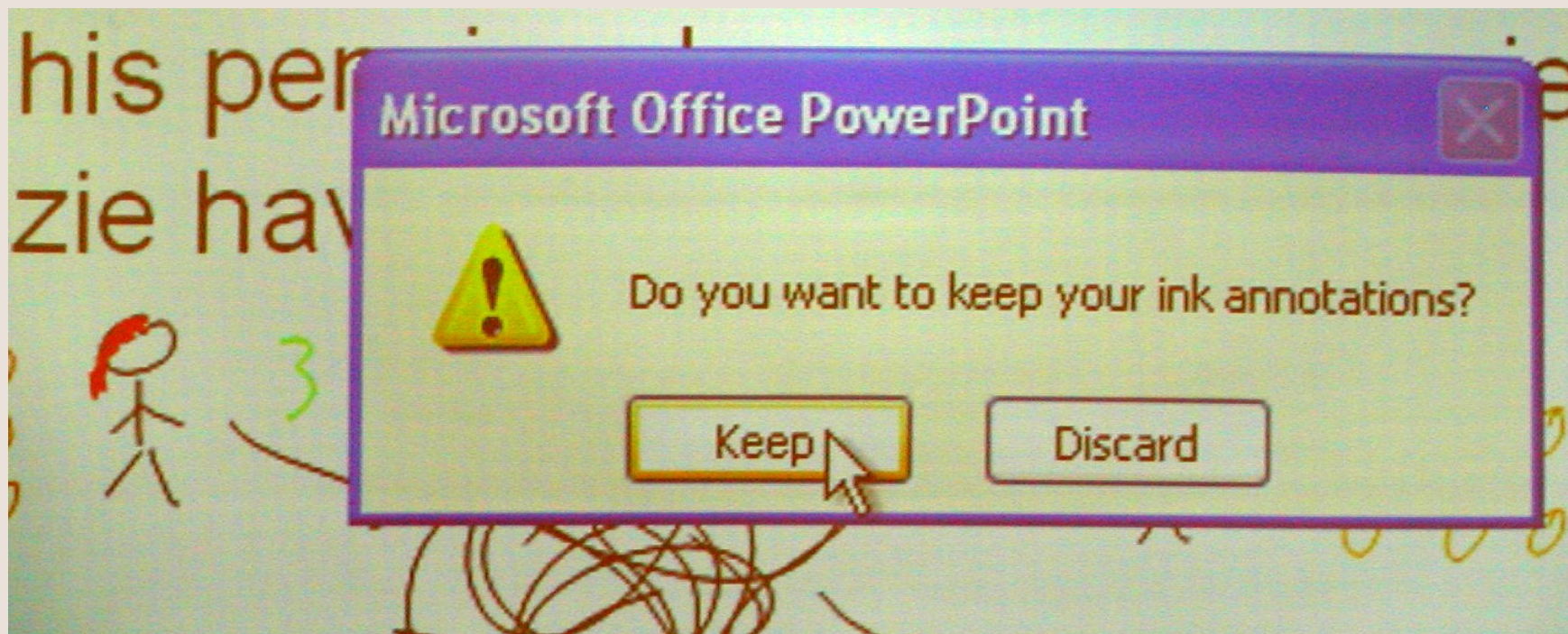
He kept the students spellbound with his creative and enlightening illustrations.

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When the bell tolled at the end of the lesson, the professor saved his drawings. He told the students that as soon as he had returned to his office, the drawings would be posted for all to see.

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With no papers to pick up, and no boards to erase, he departed as he had come, leaving no trace.

And he and his tablet taught happily ever after.

THE END.

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