The Dust Mystery

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One foggy stormy night a twelve year old boy named Zim was working on a fake rocket for the science fair. Zim could not wait for the science fair. Zim walked down the blue stairs very fast. Zim walked outside the back door. Zim laid 4 pieces of wood down and one long piece up and put the rocket on top. For some reason it did not work. Zim looked back at his blueprints. Zim saw that he had forgotten a piece. It was called fire dust. Zim thought where in his house was the dust. He remembered his dad was a scientist. Zim remembered where his dad’s science lab was. It was in the attic. Zim said “Yes!” and pulled the ladder to his attic and ran as fast as he could go! Zim thought he was lucky because he saw a whole line that said fire dust. He said “Yes”! Zim picked up 3 containers of fire dust or so he thought. Zim put the fire dust in his rocket. But it still did not work! Zim in a confused voice said “What”? Zim ran up to his attic. Another line said growing dust. Zim took 4 growing dusts. He put all the dust in the rocket and what do you know? It worked. It blasted 9,999 feet in the air and crashed down on the long piece of wood. Zim said “Awesome”! He ran inside and put the rocket on his desk and went to sleep. 16 hours later Zim overslept but suddenly Zim heard a crash and a boom. Zim woke up and said “What? Huh? Did somebody say something? What is going on with my rocket”? “It is humongous!” screamed Zim. “Wait a minute! When I put the container that was labeled fire dust, it didn’t work. So, oh my gosh! They were mixed up!” There is one way to fix this. I need to find a way to think of getting past my rocket. I just remembered Grandma Thrands gave me a magic piece of paper. I just need to get a sharp pencil. Thump, thump, thump went Zim’s shoes. Zim got a pencil and ran back to his bed and wrote I wish that my rocket would be normal and that happened. The next day was school and Zim won the science fair and used all the money to repair the damage to the blue and pink house.