



*When I Was Young
in Worthington: 1970s*

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“I’m so excited for the football game this afternoon!” said Carmen.

“I know we are going to win this game.” Jason said positively.

The Johnsons were getting ready for Jason’s football game in their middle-sized house on Colonial Avenue. Afterward, they were going to go to Dairy Queen with the whole team. They all got dressed and piled into their station wagon and drove to Colonial Hills to play football at the field.

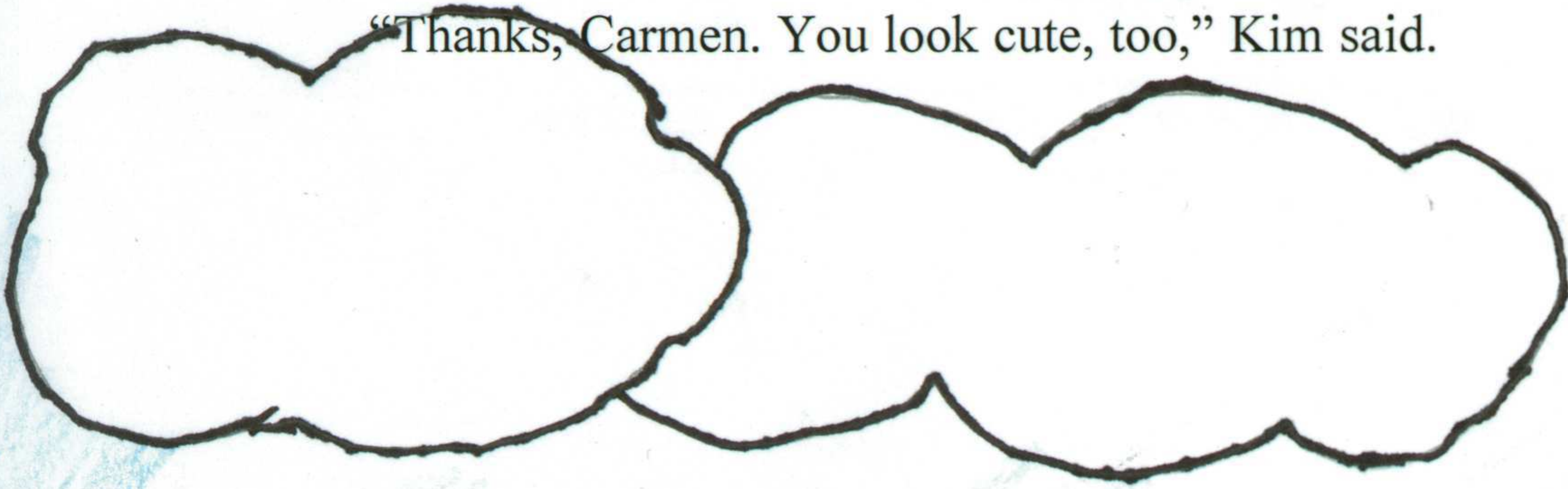
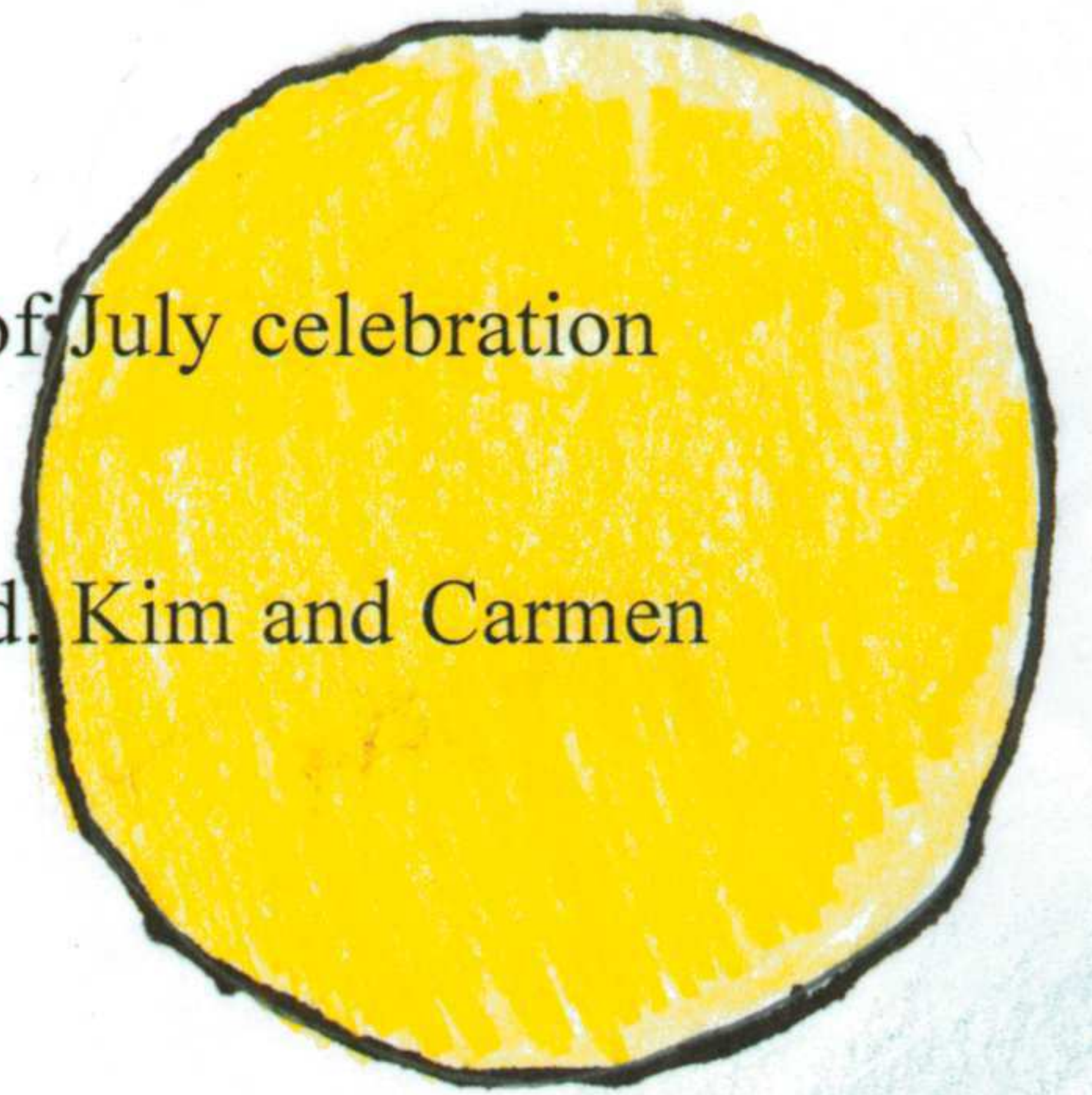


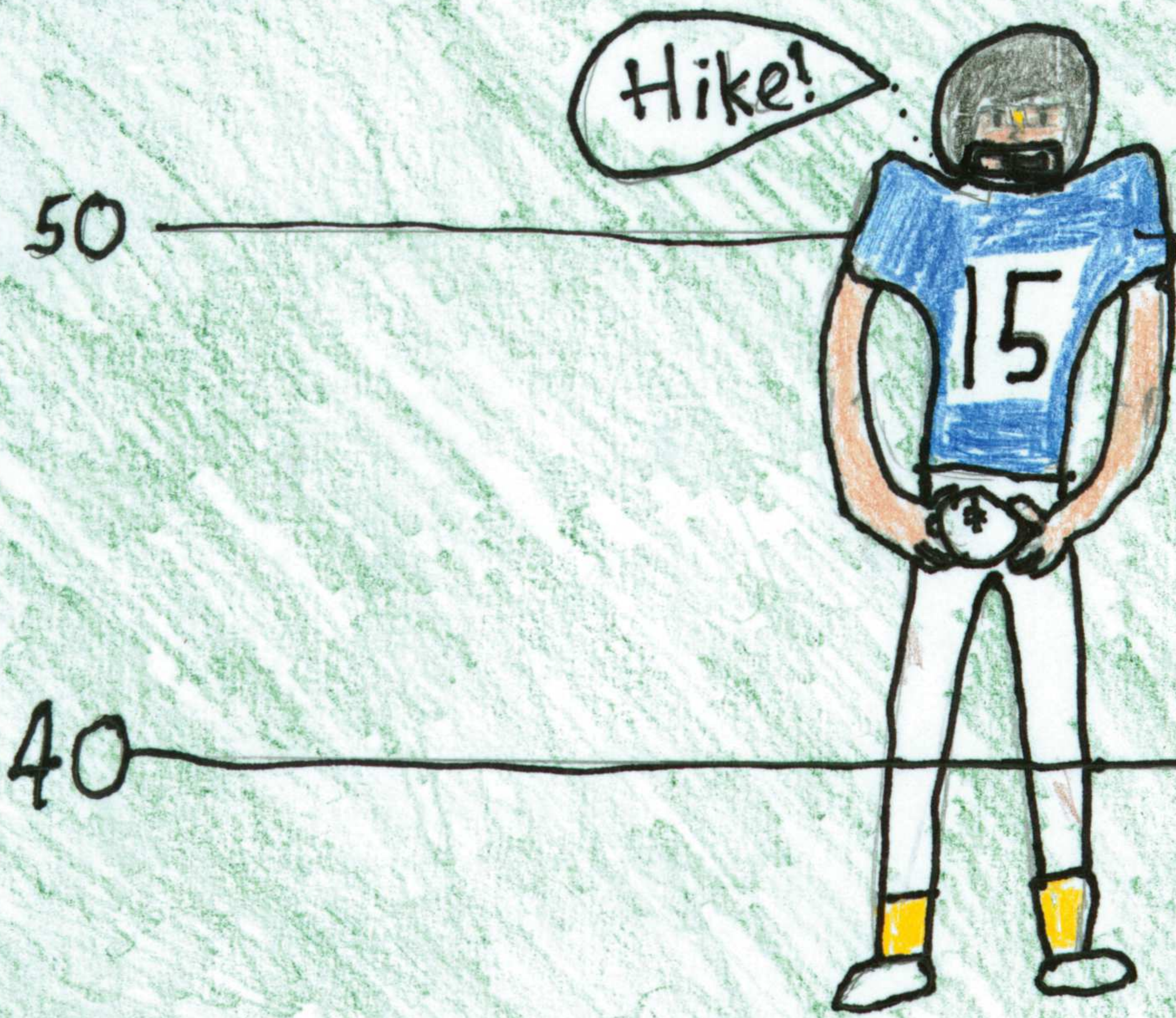
“Bye, Momma! We’ll be back soon!” yelled Kim.

Their mom was busy getting ready for the big Fourth of July celebration with all of the other moms.

“You look so cute in your uniform, Kim!” Carmen said. Kim and Carmen were the cheerleaders for Jason’s football team.

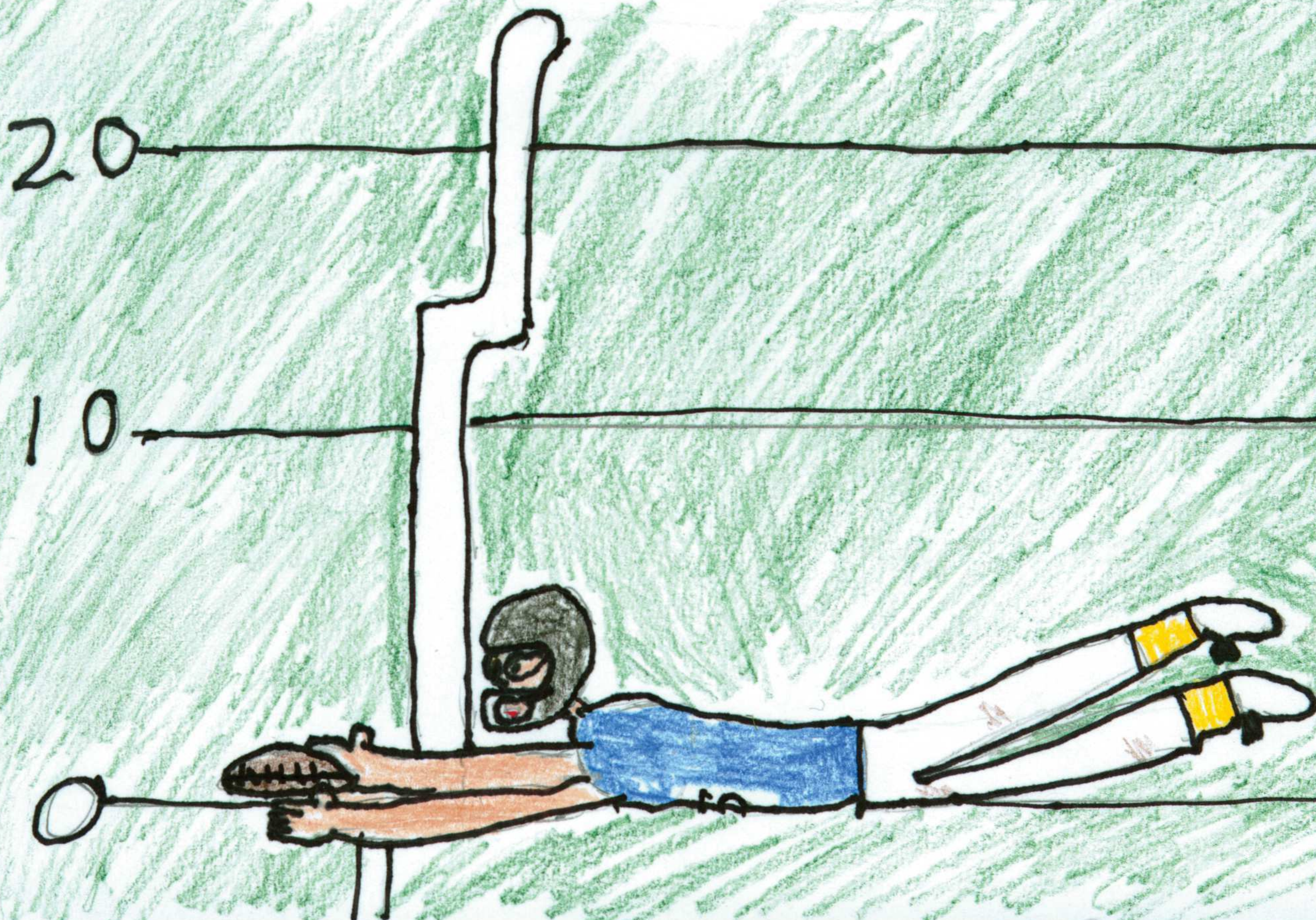
“Thanks, Carmen. You look cute, too,” Kim said.



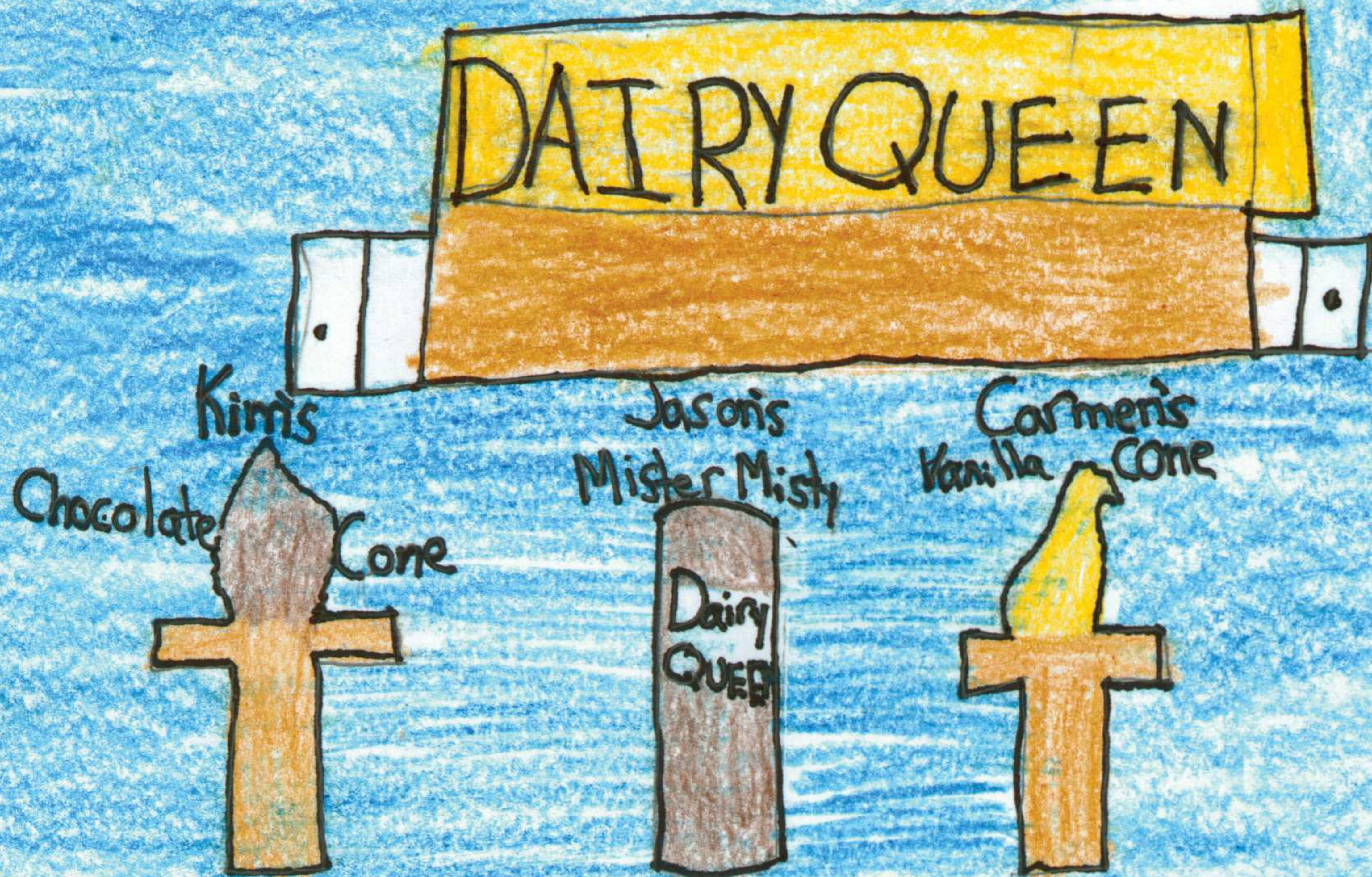


Meanwhile, Jason was warming up for his football game. He was talking to his friend Billy. Jason and Billy were passing the ball for warm up. During the game Jason called hike with two seconds left and threw the game winning touchdown to Billy, who dove for the ball in the end zone.

“TOUCHDOWN!!!!!!” yelled the referee.



Everybody screamed. Afterwards, everybody went to Dairy Queen to celebrate. Jason got a cherry Mister Misty, Carmen got a small vanilla cone, and Kim got a small chocolate cone.



When they went home they went outside and then cleaned up for dinner.



While they were at Dairy Queen, their mom had gone to Leonardos to get a pizza for dinner.

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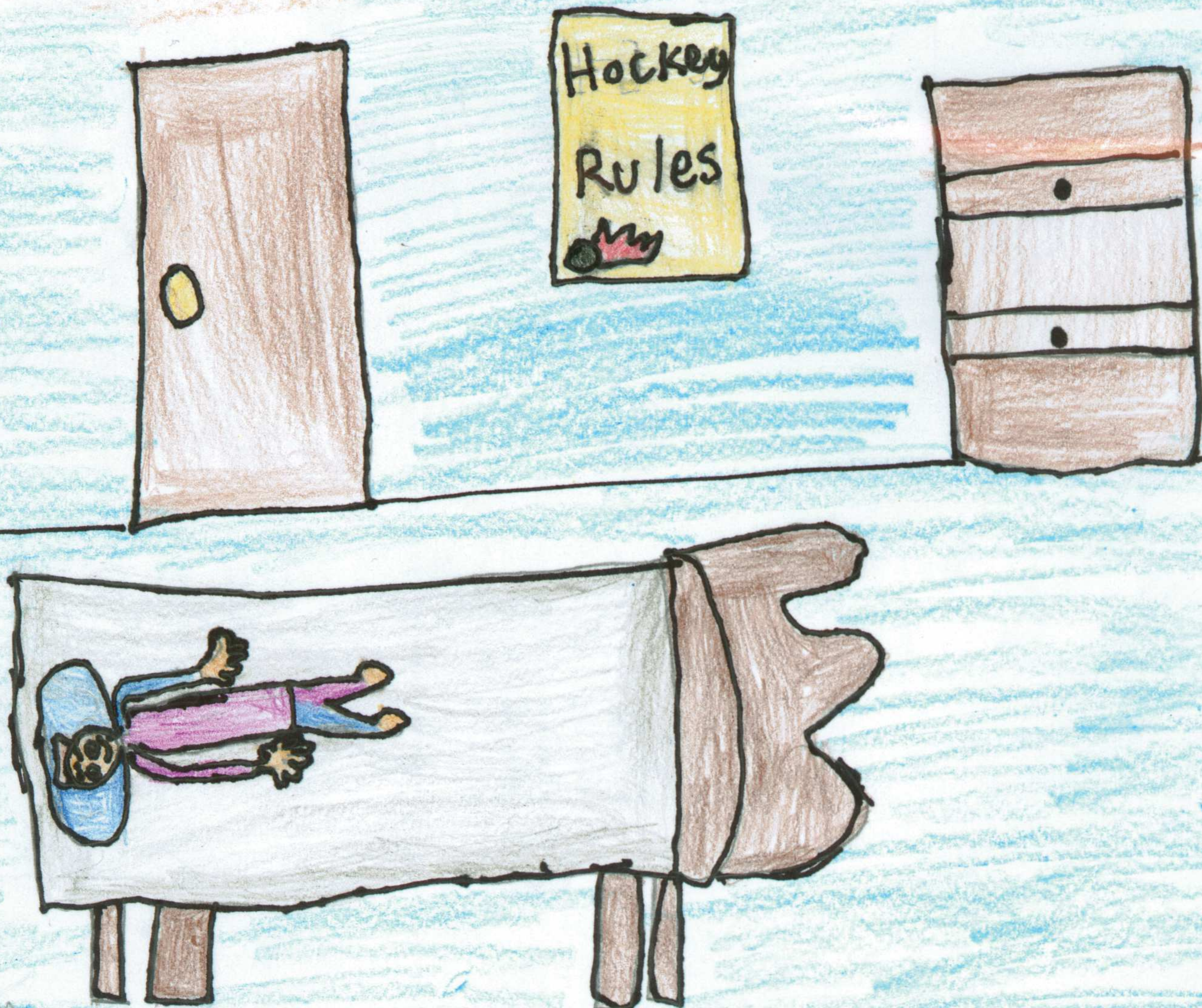


After that, Carmen, Kim, Jason, and Billy went to the Continent Theater to see Grease. Everybody loved the movie. Carmen said that she thought John Travolta was very cute!

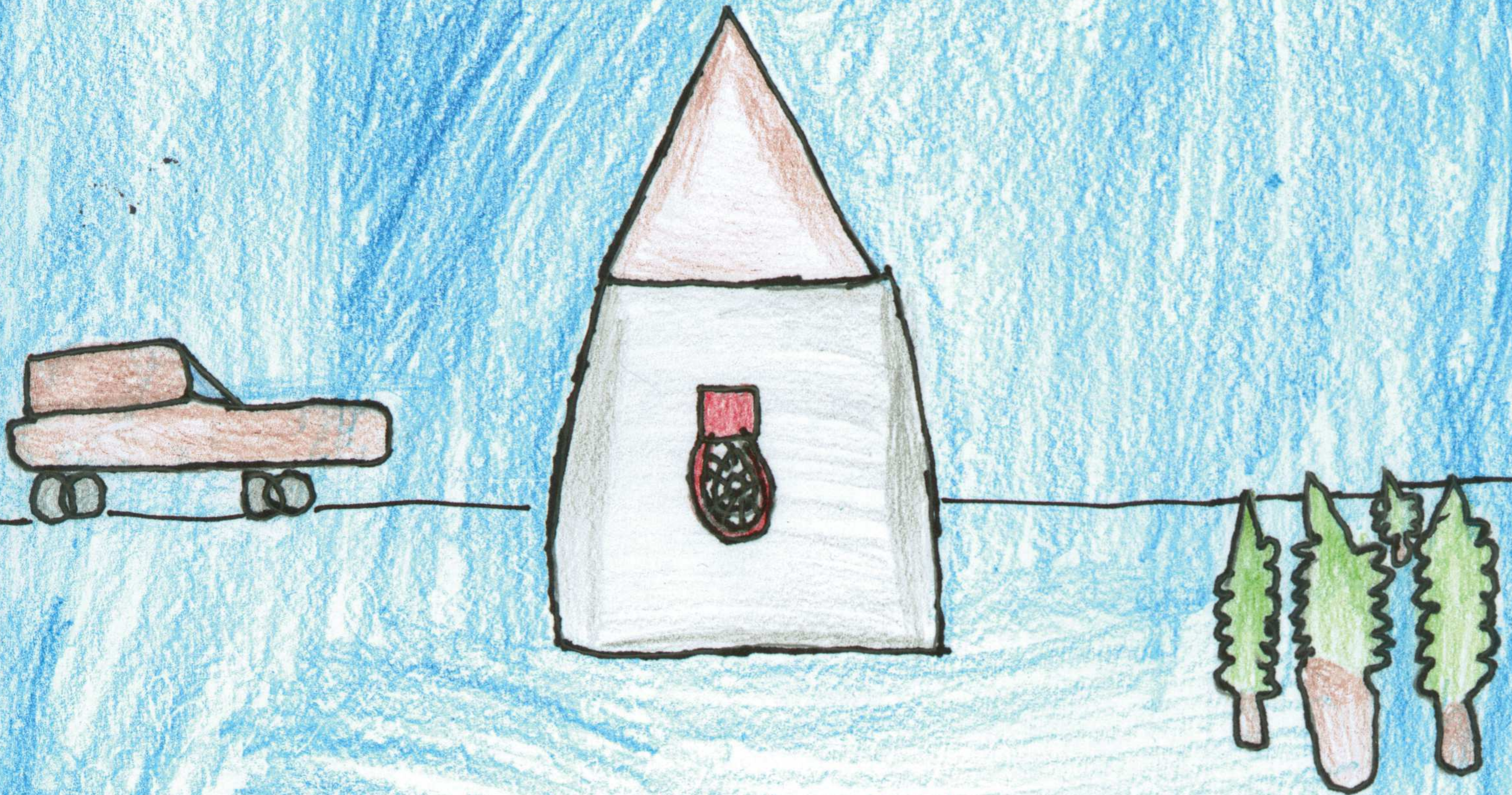


They came back home and went straight to bed. After the kids went to bed, their mom made potato salad for the July Fourth party at Selby Park.

That night, Jason couldn't sleep because he was so excited to go to Colonial Hills for the July Fourth party.



The next morning, the Johnsons were playing basketball and the teams were Jason and Mom versus Kim and Carmen. At four o'clock the Johnsons took a shower and left at five thirty to go to Colonial Hills.



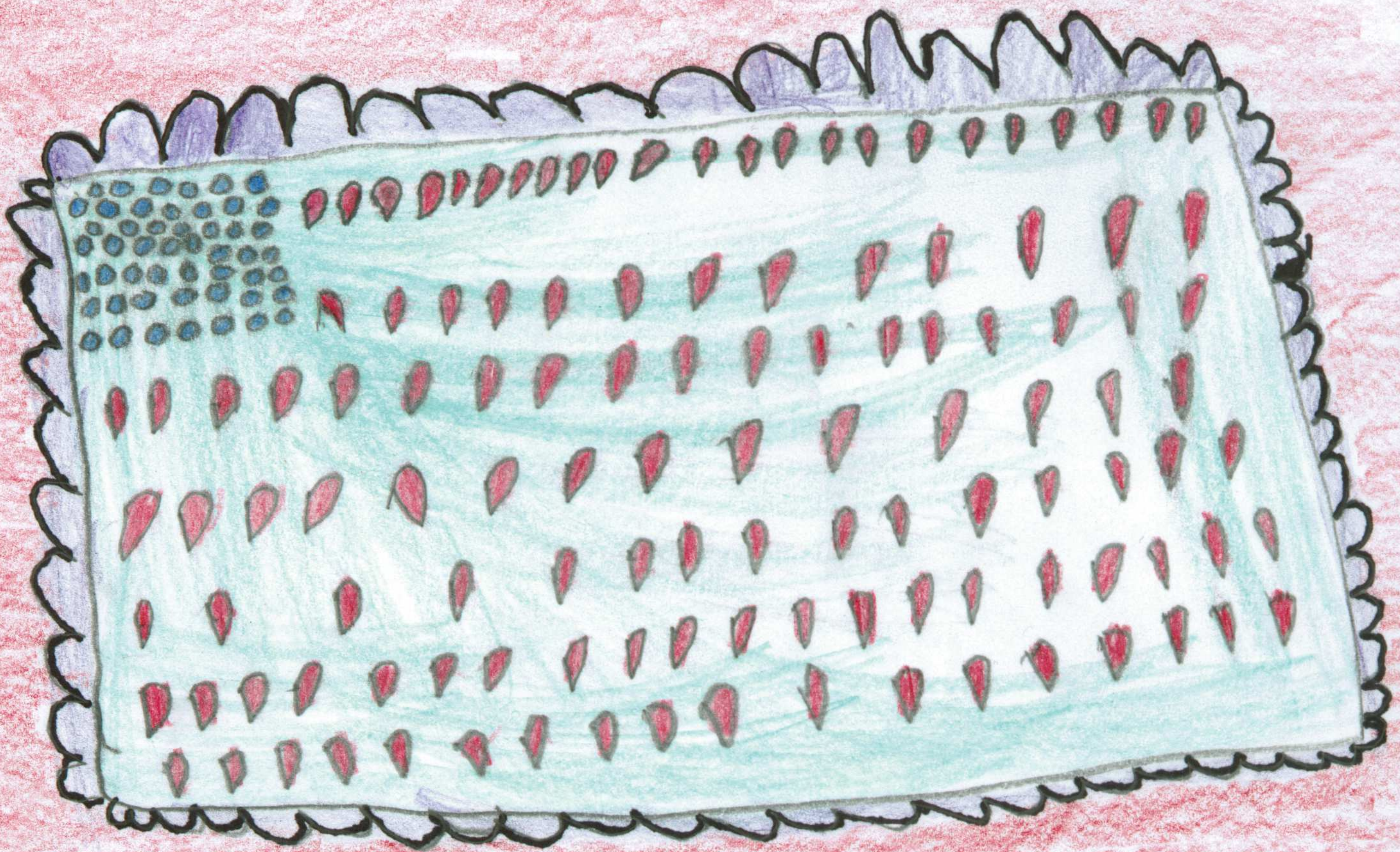
The whole family got all of the food that their mom had made and piled into the station wagon.

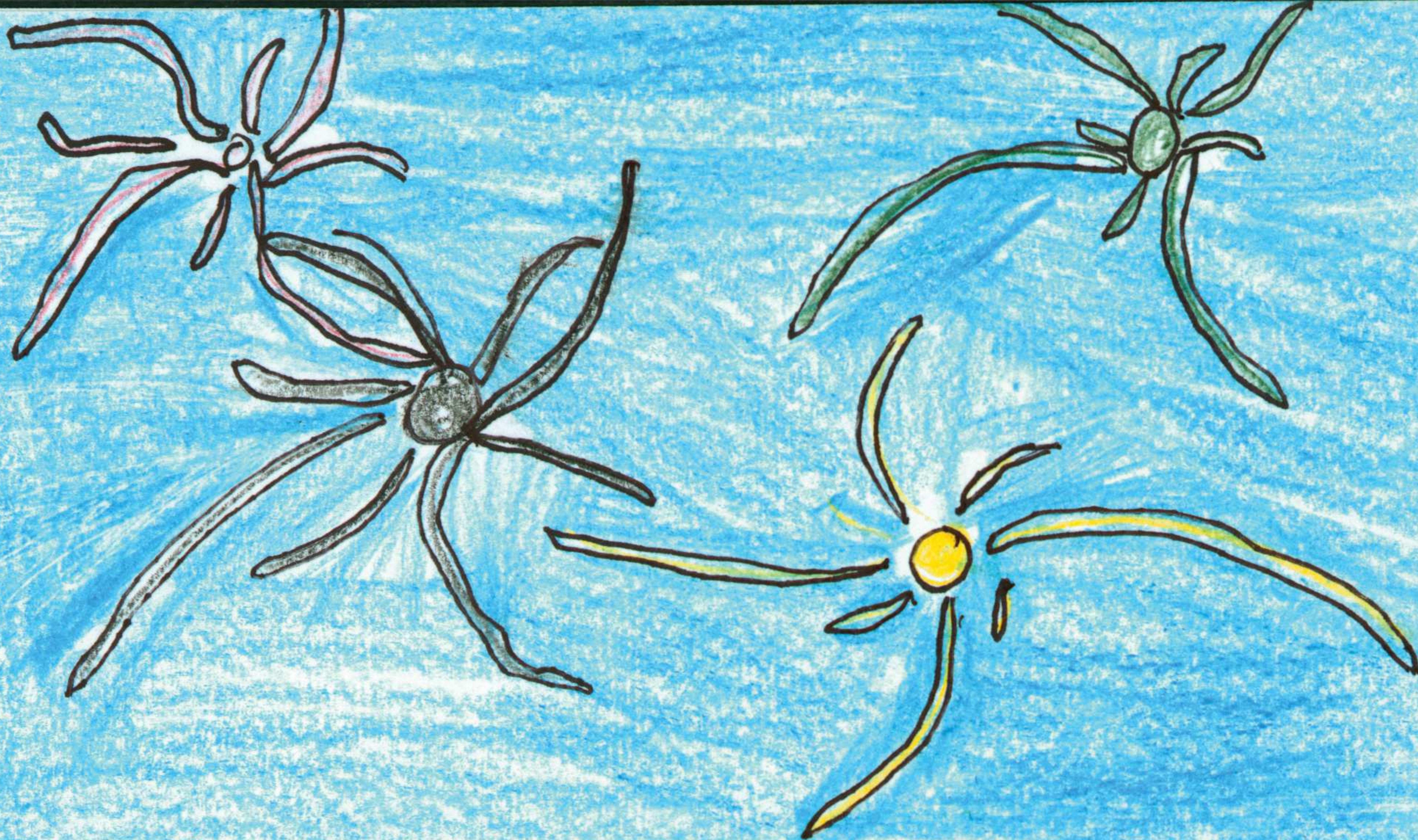
Once they got there, Jason saw all of his friends who went to his school. Then he saw Billy and went over to hang out with him.

“Hi,” said Billy “ I’m starving! Let’s go get some food.”

“Okay, Billy. That sounds good!”

They went over to the food table to get some food. His mom had prepared ham sandwiches for every person, including Billy. She also prepared a flag cake for everyone to share. She was considered to be the best cake maker on the block.





“I heard that you boys won the game. Good job boys!”

“Thanks Mom!” Jason said.

They started to eat their ham sandwiches. Then the fireworks started.

“WOW!” screamed Jason.

Carmen and Kim were amazed by the bright colors up above them.

Everybody was staring up at the sky.

“Wow! Look at that one!” said Kim, who had to scream over the fireworks since they made so much noise.



After the fireworks, Mrs. Johnson cut the cake. Carmen and Kim started to fight over the blueberry part of the cake while Jason helped himself to the strawberry part. When they finished, they got all of their things and jumped into the station wagon and headed home for the night.

The next day, around ten thirty in the morning, Jason got up and went outside to ride his bike. Carmen and Kim went into the family room to play with their Barbies. When Jason returned home Carmen was yelling at Kim for stealing her Barbie.

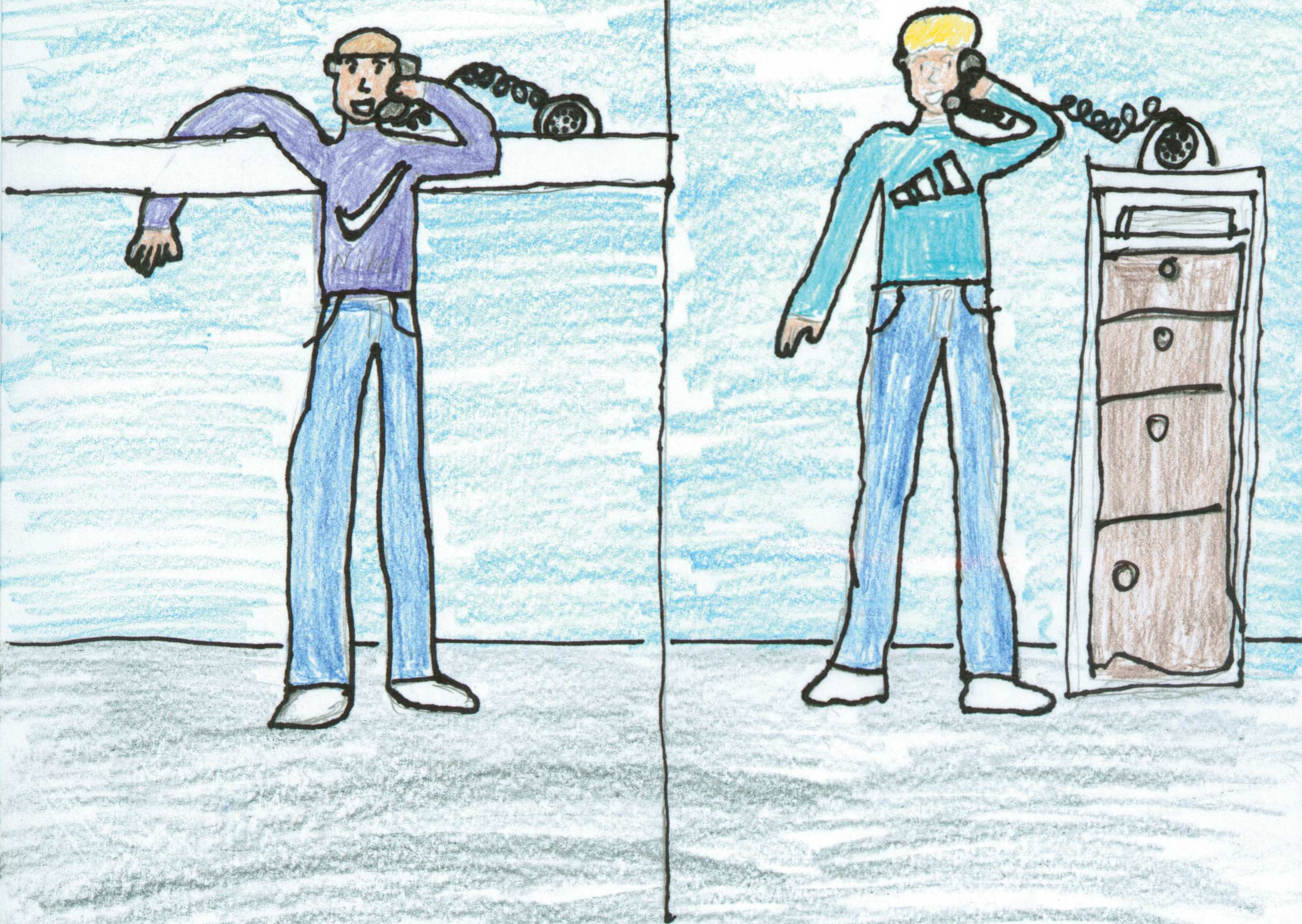
“Knock that off!” yelled Jason.

“What's wrong with you?” asked Kim.

“Billy's mom told me that Billy has food poisoning.”

“Ahh, that's terrible, sweetie” said Mrs. Johnson.





In the afternoon, Kim and Carmen started making houses and cars for the Barbies out of cardboard boxes. Jason was very bored that afternoon, so he called some of his other friends and asked them to go to the A&W restaurant for lunch.

“Mom! I am going to A&W to meet my friends for lunch, okay!”

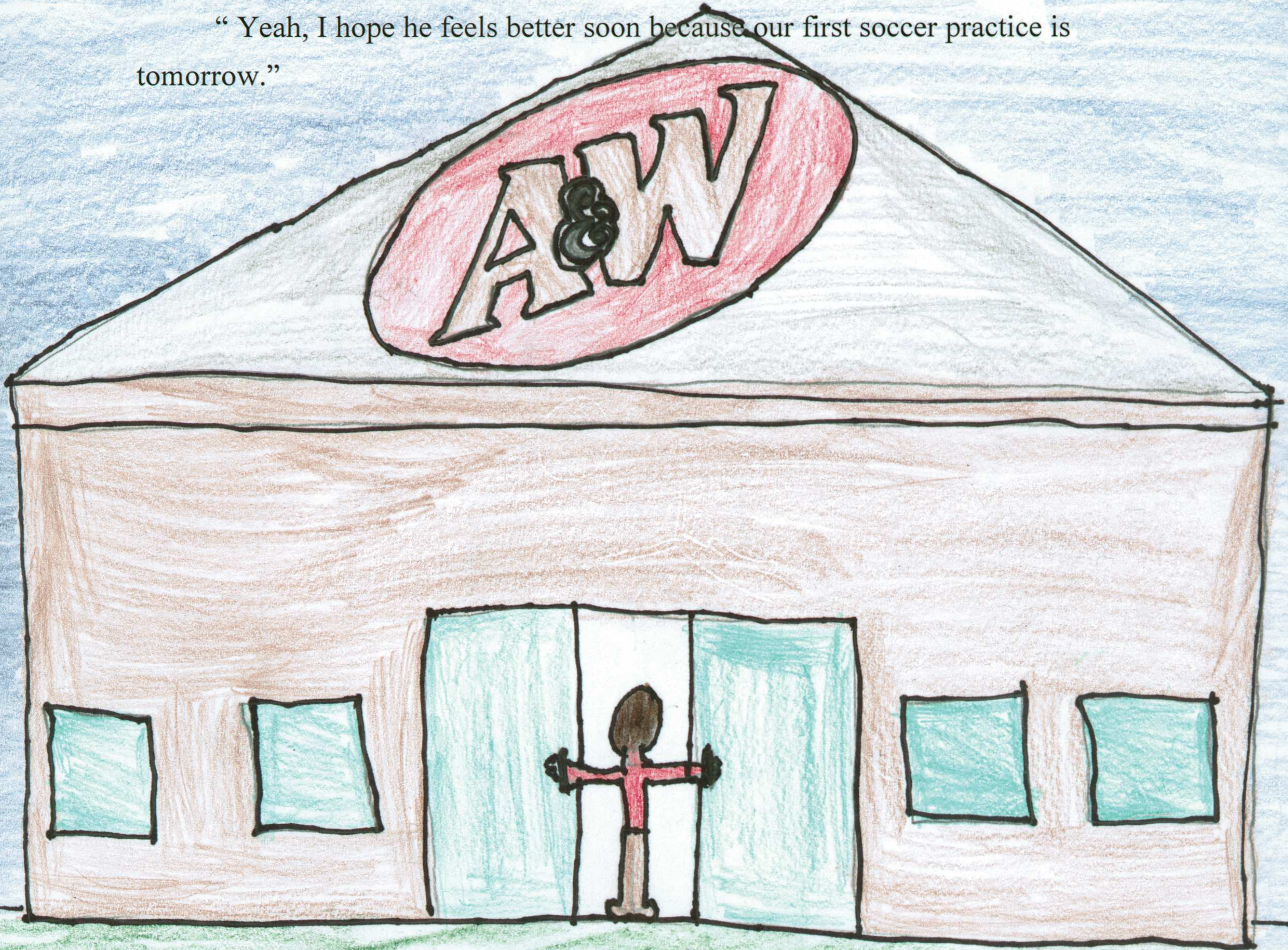
“Okay, honey! Have a good time!” Mrs. Johnson yelled.

So Jason rode his banana seat bike to the A&W restaurant and saw his friends William and Scott.

“ Hey, Scottie! Hey, Will!”

“ Hey, Jason! Did you hear what happened to Billy?” asked Will.

“ Yeah, I hope he feels better soon because our first soccer practice is tomorrow.”



They all got a hamburger and fries and loved it; it was their favorite meal at A&W.



On the way back, they stopped off at Annie's house, Jason's girlfriend, who lives on Selby Road. They talked for almost forty-five minutes. They had been dating for four and a half months. "Why don't we all go roller skating at the roller rink?" suggested Annie.

"That sounds good," answered Jason.

So they all went home to get their own metal-wheeled roller skates and met up at the United Skates of America.

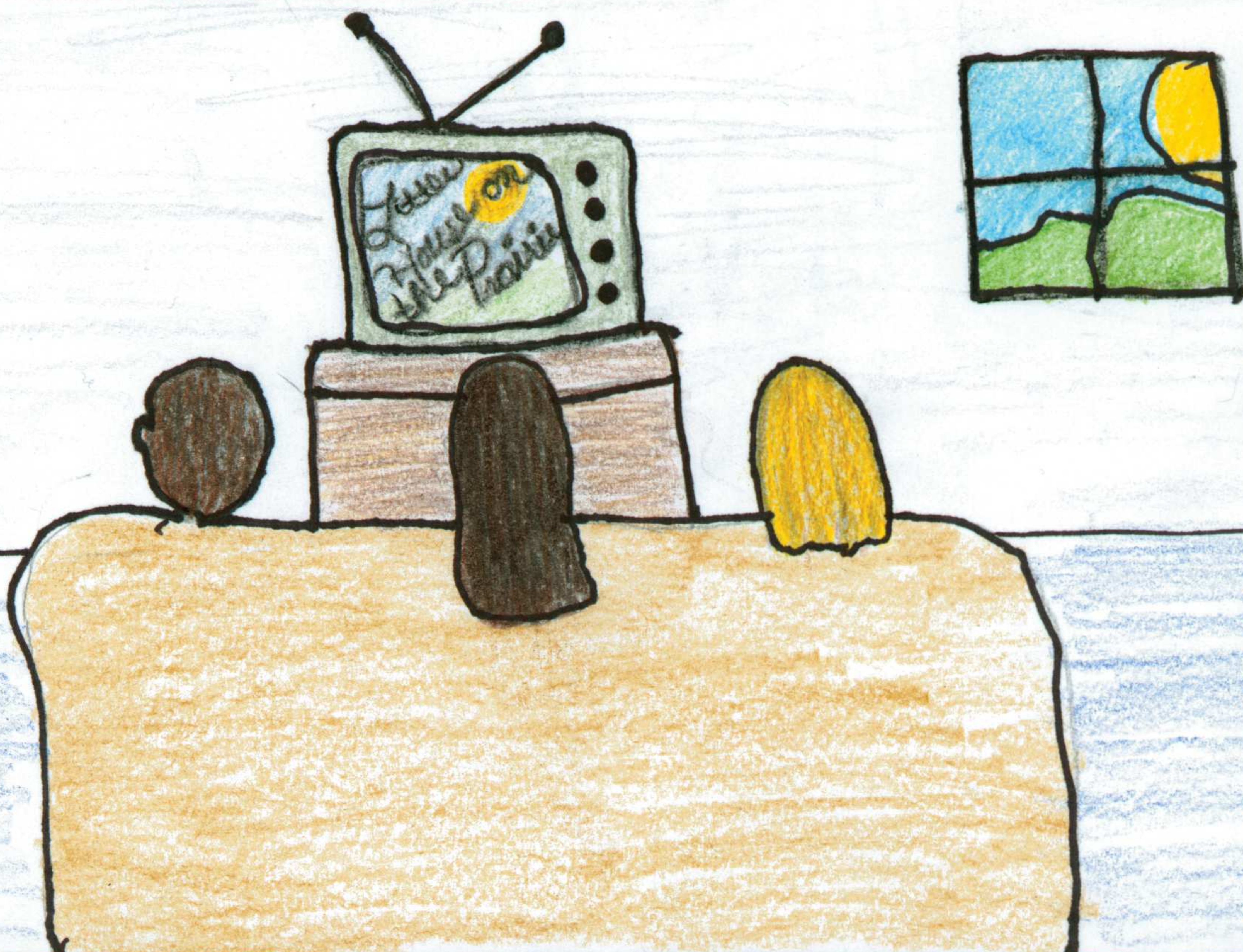


Everyone had a great time. Annie had even gotten her dream come true. She had her first kiss with Jason in the tunnel at the roller rink.

After that, they stopped at Billy's house to tell him that they hoped he got well soon. Then they went to their house and played basketball for a half hour.



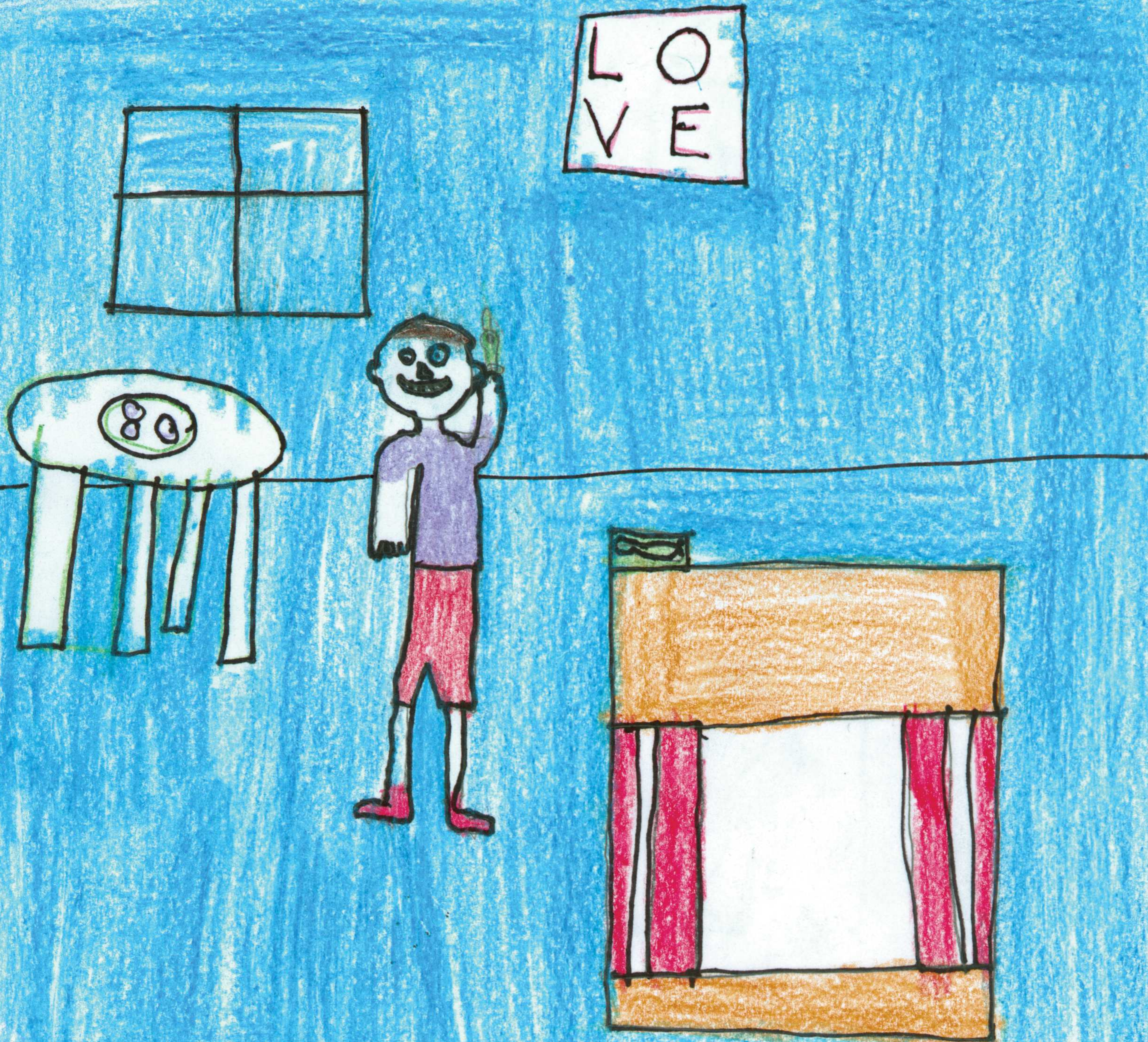
Jason and his family then went to dinner at Ground Round. Jason's favorite part was throwing the peanut shells on the floor. The family ordered a family size steak. After, that they came home to watch *Little House on the Prairie*. Then Mrs. Johnson sent the kids off to bed.



That night Jason was up thinking about Billy. The next morning, Jason called Billy.

"Hi, Mrs. Jefferson," said Jason, "Is Billy there?"

"Hello Jason," Mrs. Jefferson said "Billy is actually on his way over to your house right now."



Jason heard a knock at his door, he went over and opened it. There standing right in front of him was Billy.

"Hi Billy," Jason said happily "How are you?"

"Great!" Billy said enthusiastically.

"You want to go on a walk Billy?" Jason questioned.

It was a beginning of a very close friendship.

