

Introduction

The stories in this anthology were written by 4th graders in Ms. Wilder and Ms. Bell's class during the 2021-2022 school year. Teaching artist, Cynthia Larsen, from Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth, spent one day a week at Mary McLeod Bethune, thanks to a Teach Arts Ohio Grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

We wish our 4th graders a fabulous and safe summer and hope they continue to use their voices to express themselves, to stand up for themselves and others, and to help change the world and make it a better place for everyone!



Lucy the Brave Vampire

By Ur'Majesty

Once there was a polite brave vampire named Lucy who lived in a big haunted house.

What Lucy wanted more than anything in the world was to have a skateboard but she doesn't have that much money to buy it.

So Lucy decided to make a potion to make her human so she can get a job, but she needed the supplies to make the potion.

Then Lucy tried to go into the forest and get the supplies, but she thinks hunters will try to get her.

Finally she got all the supplies. She found sweet berries, mint leaves, and spider webs. And she started to make a potion.

This time, she became human and she got the money to buy the skateboard by selling clothes at Walmart.

So she was happy and lived happily ever after.

Queen Jasmine

By Amelia

Once there was a beautiful smart girl named Jasmine who lived in a mansion. She was a princess but what she wanted was to become a queen. So Jasmine asked her dad, but he said, "You need to get a job." She said, "Why?"

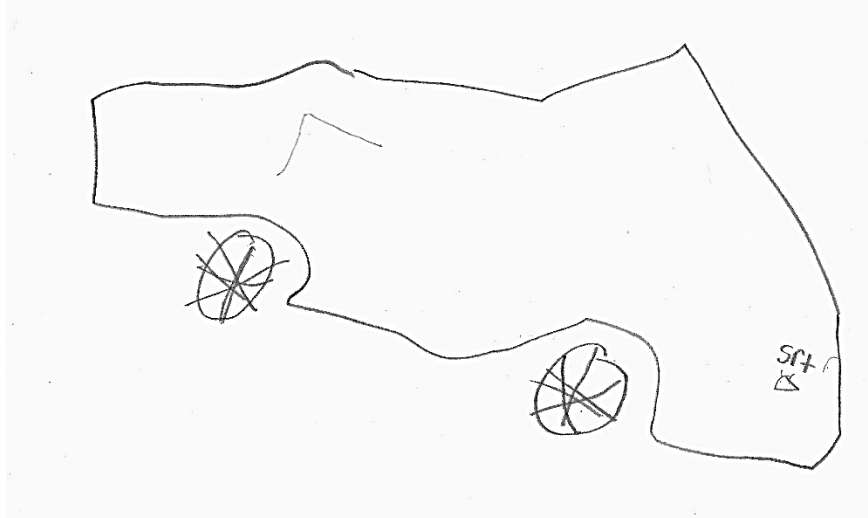
Then she went in the pageant and she gets paid \$10,000 an hour for 24 hours. Finally she was better and she had lots of money.

This time she is happy and has people and is going back to school. And she lives in Paris.



Super Millyen and His Hellcat Jeep

By Amillyen



Once there was a strong, helpful superhero named Super Millyen who lived in a nice mansion. What Super Millyen wanted more than anything in the world was to buy a gold and silver Hellcat Jeep with red and white wheels.

But Joker Jack broke into his house and broke into his car. So Super Millyen decided to go to Joker Jack's house but a nail popped his car tire.

Then Super Millyen tried to get out the sunroof but he was too big.

Finally Super Millyen used his power to lift his car.

This time it worked.

So Super Millyen lived happily ever after driving his Hellcat Jeep.

The Mountain Rescue

By Day'yan

Once there was a happy tall dog named JR who lived in an old school. What JR wanted more than anything else was to find his parents who were in the mountains.

But JR couldn't climb the mountains because it was too icy. So JR decided to use his claws, but his claws broke.

Then JR tried to use his teeth, but his teeth came out.

Finally, JR found a clear path that melted and walked and climbed the mountain.

This time he found his parents on top of the mountain and he untied them and they all walked down the mountain and went back to the old school and lived happily ever after.



Owner of the Mall

By Za'Nayia



Once there was a silly magical girl named Nayia who lived in a big mansion. What Nayia wanted more than anything in the world was to own a mall but she thinks she can't do it.

So Nayia decided to work hard until she got it, but people said she will never be able to own a mall.

Then Nayia tried to play mall and own the mall, but it did not work for her.

Finally, she tried and tried and finally her dream came true.

This time she was able to own a mall.

So she lived happily ever after.

Broke Boy/Rich Boy

By Eric and Marquell



Once there was a tall fat boy named Jonathan who lived in a dark cave. What Jonathan wanted more than anything in the world was to get rich and feed his family and get a dog and a business, but he didn't have a job. So Jonathan decided to knock on people's doors and ask if he could cut their grass, but it wasn't enough money.

Then Jonathan tried to wash people's cars and shovel snow but it was still not enough money.

Finally, his customer Mike said, "Do you want to work for me in my big bike and scooter company?"

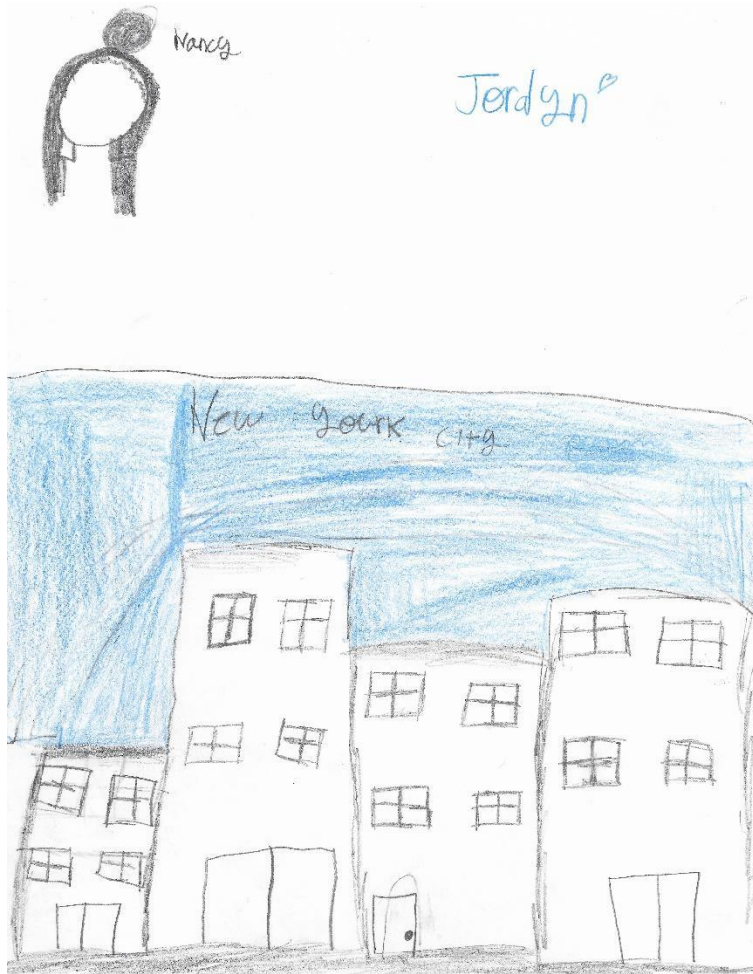
Jonathan said yes and became a CEO.

This time it was enough money and so Jonathan moved out of the cave and bought a mansion for his family and they lived happily ever after.



The Brave Girl

By Jordyn



Once there was a flexible brave girl named Nancy who lived in a cabin in the woods. What Nancy wanted more than anything in the world was to explore the city of New York but her evil mom and dad always said no. So Nancy decided to sneak out without permission, but there was a lake with no way across.

Then Nancy tried to take another path, but on that path there was spiders,

snakes and all kinds of creepy stuff.

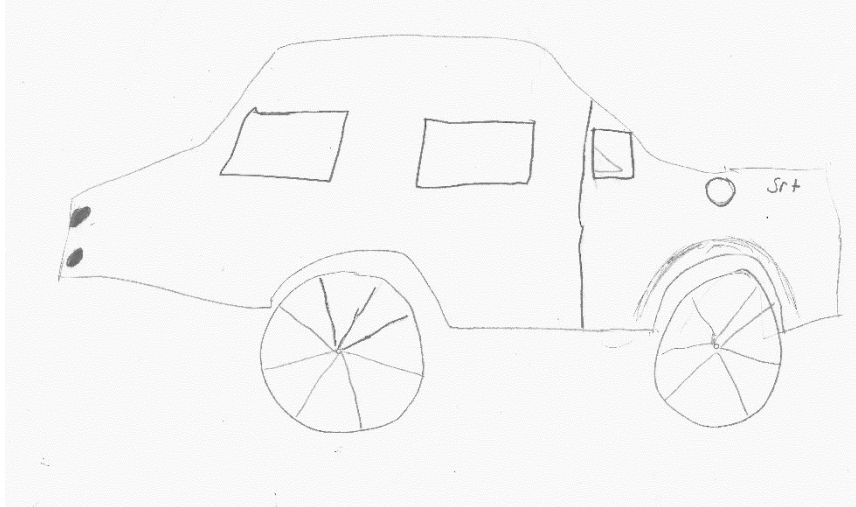
Finally, she saw a path leading to a city, so she went through the creepy path and when she goes through, she walks through bravely.

This time she finally saw the city of New York and cried tears of joy.

So she lived a happy life with a anew house and her family she has new.

Zack's Hell Cat

By Kyree W.



Once there was a good superhero named Zack who lived in a gold mansion. What Zack wanted more than anything else was to have a Hellcat. So he sold the gold mansion and got a job to get some money. He didn't want a job but he got a job at Disney World. This time he got money and he bought the Hellcat.

Then he got a Hellcat. Then his brother Batree wanted a Hellcat, but Zack said Batree wasn't old enough. So Zack has a Hellcat and lives in a mansion with Batree happily ever after.

May's Dream

By Niya J.

Once there was a strong, nice woman named May who lived in a clean house. What May wanted more than anything in the world was to be a bodyguard but people said girls can't be bodyguards only boys can.

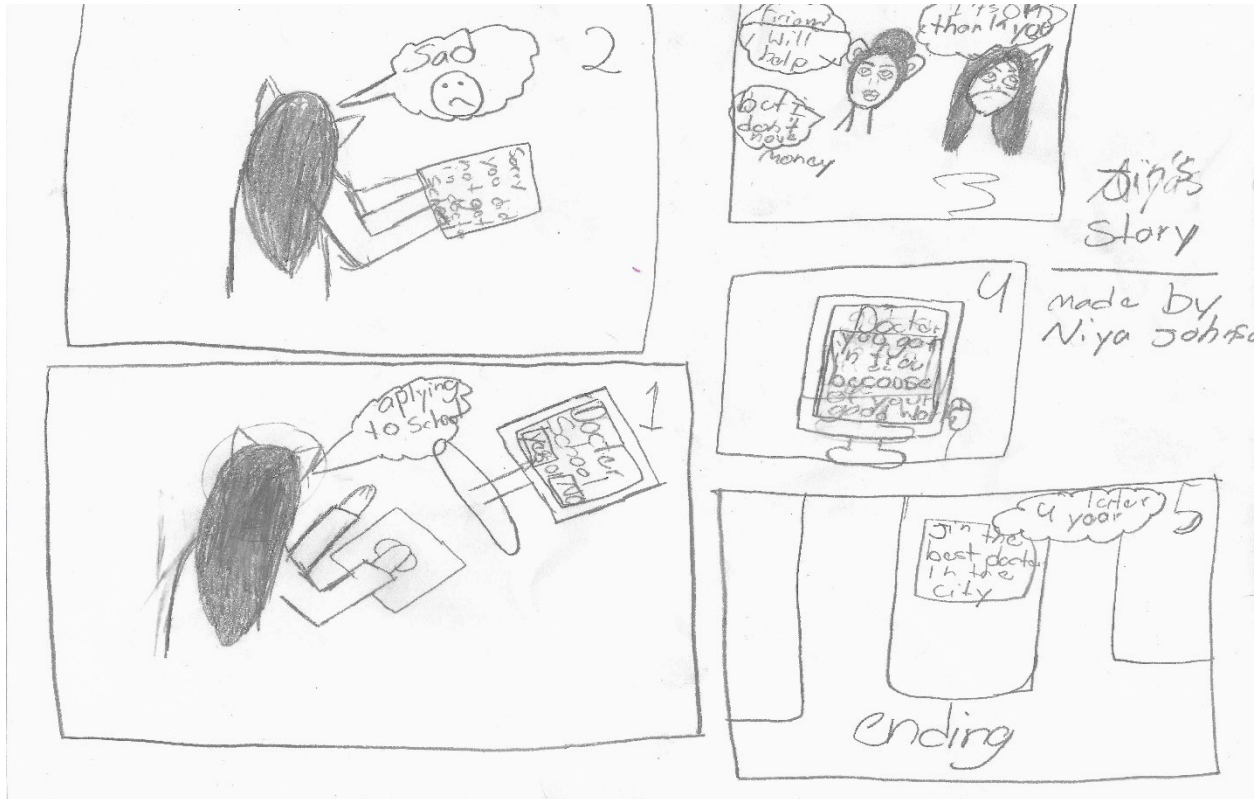
So May decided to be a bodyguard and protect people, but when she went to the job, they said no.

Then May tried to get the job but everyone said no.

Finally, she went to the last bodyguard job in the city and she met a woman that gave her the job. She was so happy.

In four years she was the most famous person in the world and she lived in a very clean house with her daughter Mea, and Mea became a doctor.

The Doctor Cat By Niya



Once there was a cat named Jin who lived in a clean house. What Jin wanted most in the world was to become a doctor and help sick cats and dogs. But she tried to go but she didn't have the money so she decided not to go.

But Jin's best friend said, "No. You're going." And she tried to get her in school, but she didn't have the money to.

Finally, they gave her a free pass to get in. They would hate it if she can't go so they let her in.

Jane the Hip Hop Dancer By Kamylah



Once there was a smart hip-hop dancer named Jane who lived in a pink house. What Jane wished for was to be a famous dancer. So she decided to stream a video.

But people did not focus on her. They were into celebrities like Taylor Swift.

Then she had a perfect idea. She saw this app called TikTok, but she could not get in because her phone did not have wifi.

Finally she made an app called Dance Party. She had videos of her for people to learn dance. She had 1,000,000K likes. She met a celebrity named Cindy.

She grew up with 12 kids with a husband and she's rich. (Two twins) She lived in a new house. It had 12 rooms for the kids, four sets of twins, two boys and two babies.

The End

The Adventures of Sam

By Marco



Once there was an ugly short boy named Sam who lived in a dirty cave.

Sam's dream was to be rich, but he did not know how.

So Sam decided to rob a bank, but he got arrested. Then Sam tried to break out of jail but he failed and got caught.

Then he got free and ran away.

Sam found himself in a cave and he saw a stone? When he touched it he got superpowers.

He decided to become a superhero. But he had to defeat the cops but instead he full away to New York. He waited 8 months before he did something but he finally stopped a robber. In return they gave him 10,000,000,000,000 dollars.

Finally, Sam defeated a whole bunch of villains and monsters and his arch-nemesis Ocken. This time he made a team? the Flux Fighters. They lived happily ever after.

But deep in the universe dark doom is lurking.



Mya the Mind Reader

By Malia P.



Once there was a silly strong girl named Mya who lived in a big house. What Maya wanted more than anything in the world was to read people's minds but she can't do it.

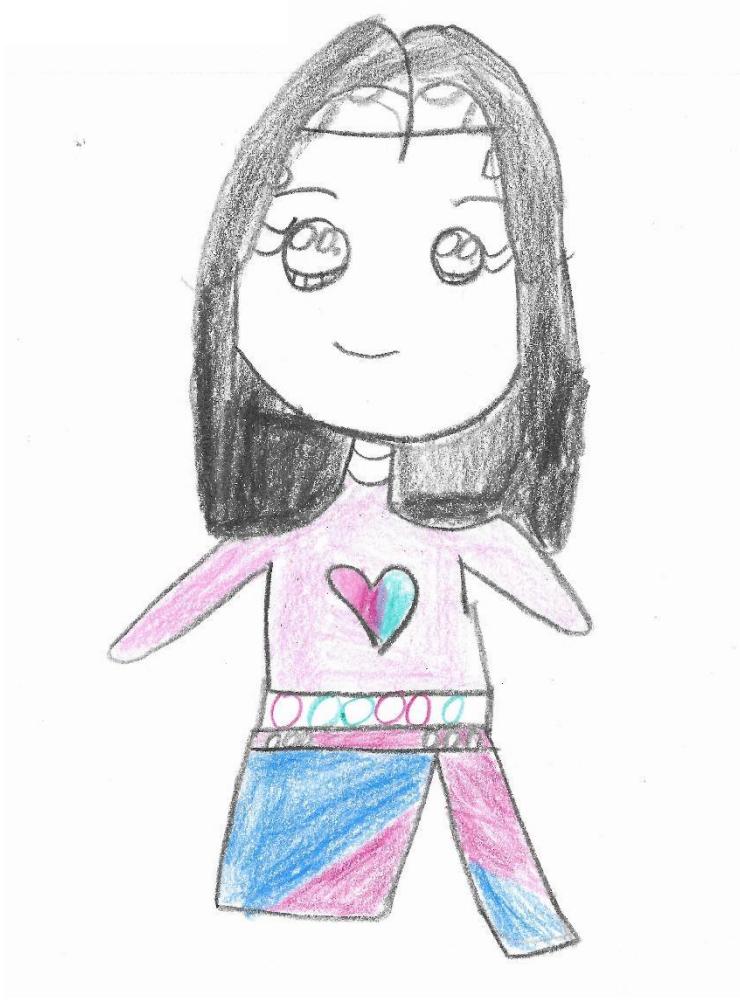
So Mya decided to work hard until she got it, but people said she will never be able to read people's minds.

Then Mya tried to read people's minds, but it did not work for her.

Finally, she tried and tried and finally her dream came true. This time she was able to read people's minds and so she lived happily ever after.

The Hair Braider

By Amillyah



Once there was a pretty lucky girl named Lyah who lived in a mini mansion. What Lyah wanted most in the world was to be a hair braider, but everyone was so jealous that she tried to stop her.

So Lyah decided to start putting her work on Instagram, but then her account got hacked. Then Lyah had to start her work over but they kept stealing her videos on Instagram.

Finally, girls knew that someone stole her video and knew it wasn't really her. This time Lyah made it private so that only the girls she follows can see her work.

Lesson and Ms. Pell

By Jaliyah G.



Once there was a tall smart girl named Lesson who lived in a big mansion. What Lesson wanted more than anything in the world was to meet her favorite person in the world, Ms. Pell. But she lived in a different street and she was too famous.

So Lesson decided to go on the net and text her, but Ms. Pell said she was busy now.

Then Lesson tried to beg her, but Ms. Pell said, "Not today. But Friday I can."

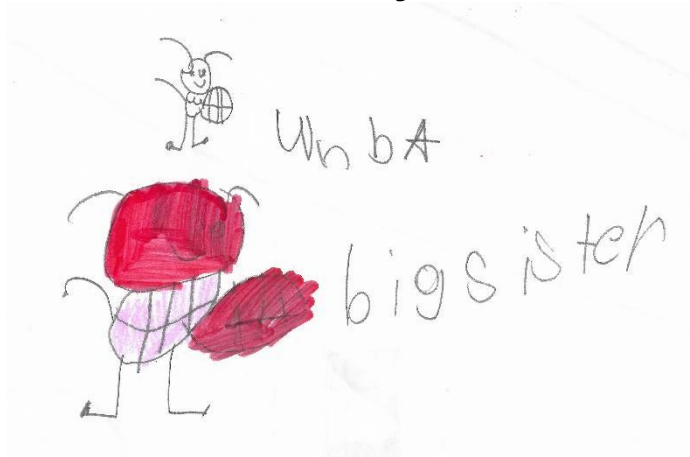
Finally, she can see her fave person in the world. This time she said, "Today at 6:00?"

Ms. Pell said, "Fine." So they met up and she lived happily ever after. Best day ever.

A Determined Girl Named Bri

By Cil'Marie S.

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Once there was a short sweet girl named Bri who lived tiny tree house. What wanted the most was be a basketball

player, but she was too short and shy. So Bri decided to start practicing with the hoop. But she couldn't reach it because she was short.

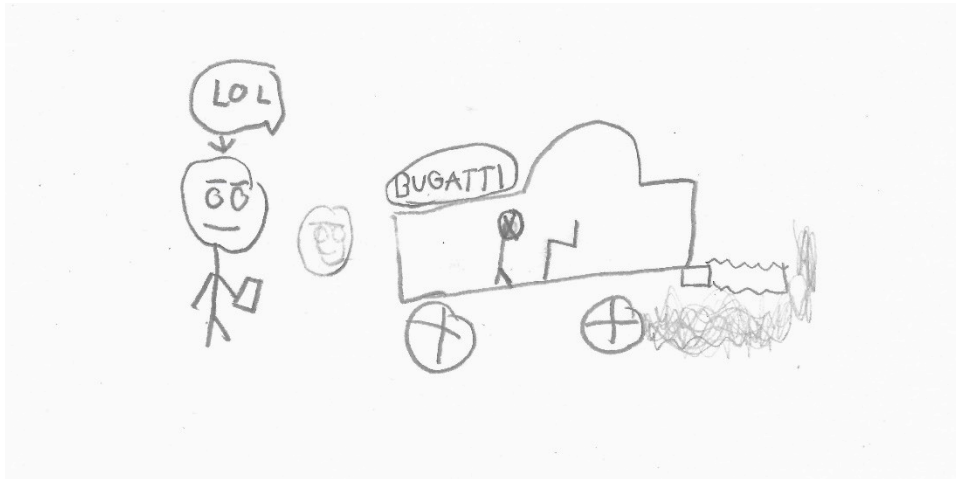
Then Bri tried pulling the hoop but the hoop kept tearing.

Finally she got a steel hoop and put it on her garage. She practiced day and night.

This time, Bri really reached the hoop. And so Bri lived happily ever after as a WNBA player.



The Bugatti Dream By Donnell G.



Once there was a cool, rich boy named Jonathan who lived in a golden mansion. What Jonathan wanted most of all was to own a silver Bugatti with golden rims, but it cost too much.

So Jonathan got a job, but he can't get to the job because he doesn't have a car. Then Jonathan tried to take the bus but he was nervous that he was going to get robbed.

Finally, he got an Uber to the job where he earned \$100 a day at Epic Games.

Jonathan earned enough to buy a Tesla. Jonathan worked hard and lived happily until he finally got that Bugatti and sold his Tesla.

The Cat Finds Success By Dai'Mire M.



Once there was a red kid cat named Qua who lived in a Dorito lair. What Quan wanted more than anything was to own a Dorito factory, but a cat is too little to own a factory.

So Quan decided to make the factory himself. But nobody was helping him.

Then Quan asked his family, and they said, "Yes!"

A year later, it was done, and Quan was the most successful Dorito maker in the world.

Quan lived happily ever after and ate Doritos every day of the week.

Living Her Best Life

By Rod-Janae



Once there was a smart, pretty girl named Janae who lived in a rusty mansion. What Janae wanted to be was a nail tech, but her parents wanted her to be a lawyer.

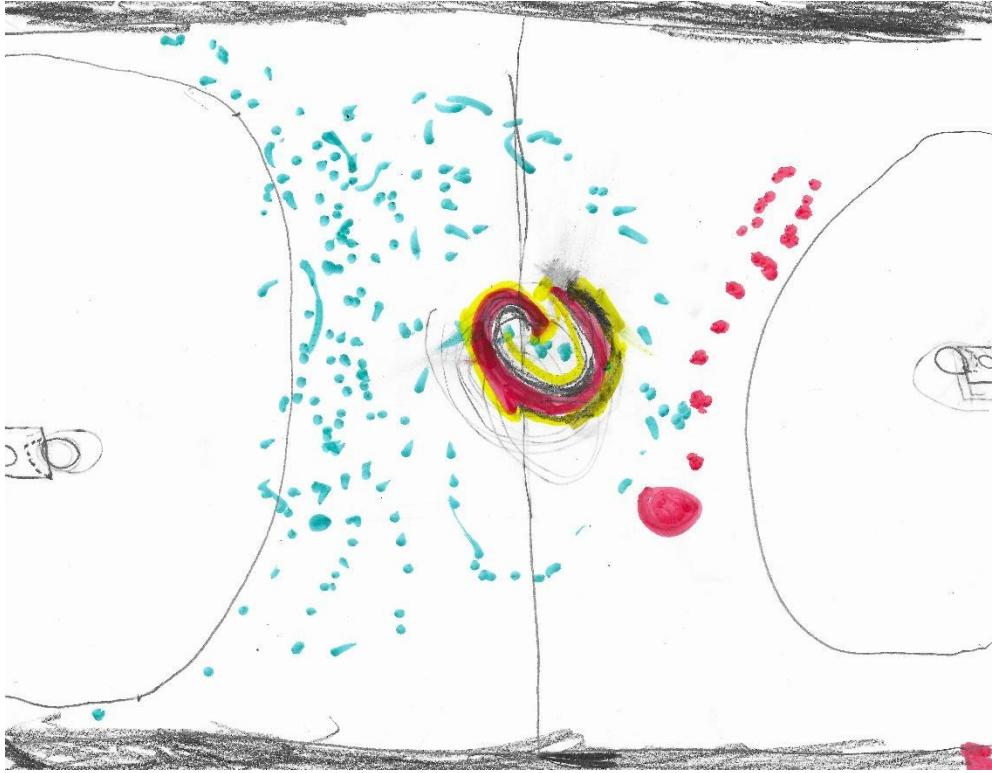
So Janae decided to sign a contract to be a nail tech, but she was too young. Janae waited until she was 18 in two more days, but people were spreading fake rumors about her and the nail tech manager saw it.

Finally her parents saw it, and her parents talked to the nail tech manager.

This time, the nail tech manager believed her parents, and Janae had just turned 18 so she lived happily ever after and Janae got to be a nail tech.

The Kid Who's Actually Good at Basketball

By Ayden E.



Once there was a determined short kid named Ayden who lived in a nice clean house. What Ayden wanted more than anything in the world was to “break someone’s ankles” and be good at basketball, but he gets bullied. They said, “You’re butt at basketball!”

So Ayden practiced in his room and practiced more and does push ups and eats, but he kepted on getting bullied.

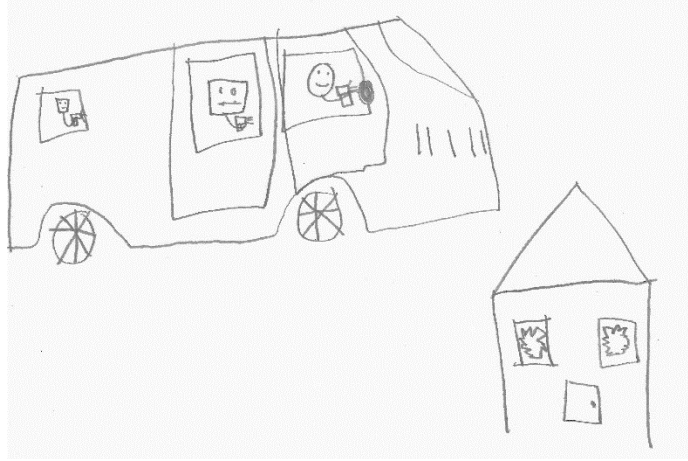
Then he got picked. He tried to hit a 3 pointer, but he’s only good at 2’s. And he got bullied again.

So he practiced some more. Finally he was ballin like a Gee. This time he was good!

So he hit more and lived a good life.

Living Life

By Nazir S.



Once a young Doberman dog named Nazir lived in a trap house. Nazir wanted to hit the lick, but he did not have the straps or his Demon Trackhawk. So Nazir went back to the house for them. But the cops tried to stop him. Then Nazir got away in the 808 Trackhawk and went to visit his grandma.

Then the police showed up. So he went out the back door and got in his car and went to his mama's house.

This time the police were waiting, but Nazir went and hid in a closet.

When they left he got in his car and bought a Scat Pack for his brother and moved away and lived happily ever after.