

INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Stories

Leonardo in the City

By Cedric

Once there was a man named Leonardo who lived in a big farmhouse. What Leonardo wanted more than anything in the world was to go to New York because going to New York was his dream since he was a little kid. But he was afraid to go to the big City because he is from a farm and he had never been somewhere that big because he is from a farm. But he really wanted to go so he built up the courage. And then he got on the first plane to New York and then when he got there he was so shocked it was way nicer in person and he was looking around the City.

TJ the Driver

by Da'Mariaya

He is a boy and his name is TJ and he lives in an apartment and all he wants is to get a car and go anywhere in the world, but they were too afraid of TJ getting hurt. TJ kept trying to drive but kept failing. TJ tried to get a driving test to help him but he failed. He learned how to drive from his mother and became famous and he became popular and was a famous track driver and lived happily ever after.

Zyear the Gymnast

by Chloe

Once there was a girl with a cute name Zyear. Zyear lived in a home filled with joy and love. And what Zyear wanted more than anything in the world was to be able to be a professional gymnast. Eventually Zyear decided to be a professional gymnast.

But she was also scared to fail at her job. So then she eventually tried to face her fear. But the bars were too tall for her. And sooo! finally she tried again and she made it, she overcame her fear by trying over, and over again. And so this time she moved to somewhere temporarily and so then she lived in Mississippi and she became famous and popular and helped many people that needed money. She went back to her home to see her family and had a good time with her family. And she made a quote. Her quote stated that (You don't have to do something that you are afraid to do just try to face your fear). The End

Ocean in the Water

By Kadeeja

One day there was a girl name ocean" ocean loved to swim and find sea shells. Where did ocean live? In a big blue ocean! Ocean wanted more than anything in the world to be the best swimmer but she was too afraid that she was not going to be the best swimmer in town. so Ocean decided to try to swim but she did not practice a lot so she did not know how to swim a lot. Then she was tired and scared that she would

drown in the ocean. Finally, Ocean was not afraid of drowning. This time Ocean tried and tried and she was faster at swimming. And so ocean finally, learned how to swim fast and ocean was the fastest and the best swimmer in town. Ocean was the best swimmer because she practiced and tried. If other people want to be something you have to practice and try to do whatever you want to do. People should try their best on everything that they want to do. People should not give up because people tell them that they can't do it. You can do everything you want if you put your mind to it. In the end Ocean was the best swimmer. Ocean is the best swimmer in town!

Aaliyah and the Swim Competition

by Monica

Once there was a short black girl named Aaliyah and she loved ice cream. She lived in a small house and she had a biggggg!! dream to be a swimmer but there was one thing that kept getting in her way. she was afraid of drowning so what she did to help herself she went home and said mom can i take swim lessons and her mom said “yes but are you sure you have a fear of drowning” but Aaliyah said “I know but i want to overcome that fear” Aaliyah said to her mom so that sunday her mom took her to her first swim class and Aaliyah loved it. It came to her last swim leeson and she was very sad but her mom said “Aaliyah we can get ice cream when u are done”. Then Aaliyah had her first competition. Aaliyha got 2nd place and she was never afraid of drowning again.

The Rise and Fall of BH Tay

by Peyton

Once there was a black male human named BH Tay. He wanted to keep his family safe from dying and leaving earth. BH Tay rapped and owned an Air BnB to get money, then BH Tay tried to get a mansion. Finally, he moved to Atlanta. They protected themselves, and BH Tay died at the end by someone else.

Znayiah Steps Up

by Syriaiah

Once there was a hip hop, crazy and unique, dancer named Znayiah who lived in a loud city. She was dancing at metro school. What Znayiah wanted more than anything in the world was to be the best dancer in the world. Her mom was the best dancer but she hurt her leg and had to stop so Znayiah was going to live her mom's dream, but she was too afraid of being the worst dancer and not being like her mom. So Znayiah decided to try out for the dancing team but her enemy KK took her spot then Znayiah tried to make her own dancing team but the principal did not accept her team. Finally, her dad made her a team at the biggest dance company and she danced with Laly, Lilly, and Zair. This time one of the famous dancers saw her and so she blew up and she moved. She lived in LA with all her friends. They are now famous on all platforms.

Fun Poppy Playtime by Yanelisa

Once in the city of Playtime there was a character made of clay. He was named Doughy and he lived in a scary toy factory. What Doughy wanted more than anything in the world was to have a lot of friends because he only had 5 friends. He wanted to save others from evil but he was too afraid of everyone misunderstanding him. So Doughy decided to help others get safe from evil spirits. But scary enemies who were a living, moving army of toys, got in the way to stop Doughy from bringing peace and making friends. Then Doughy tried to stop them but there were too many evil toys stopping him.

Finally, Doughy had enough but they destroyed him by beating him with rusty chains and red gas. This time Doughy beat them till they were injured but they still lived to the end.

They all apologized to each other and had a great life.

Sarkeesha Helps by Zionna

Once there was a beautiful, kind girl who was named Sarkeesha who lived in a mansion in Beverly Hills. What Sarkeesha wanted more than anything in the world was to help the homeless and make them become like her but she was too afraid of rats roaches

and bugs, so Sarkeesha decided to have some animals like a rat but the rat bit her when she tried to pick it up then she threw it out.
(to be continued...)

The Legend of Gamer3 **by Lisa-Marie**

Gamer3 wanted to win a gaming event, but was afraid of losing money or the chance to play in the gaming event. Gamer3 wanted to start her own tournament and for other gamers to play, but she did not own an account like youtuber kikat for Gamer3 to contact people. Gamer3 decided to create a website to get people to join her server.

Bhlusin **by Sincere**

Once there was a black male named Bhlusin who lived at home in Atlanta. What Bhlusin wanted more than anything was to be a bounty hunter and a rapper but he was afraid of dying. Bhlusin tried to get money but his mom said no. Then Bhlusin tried rapping but no one cared. Then one day he had 5 fans, and then 15 fans and then soon he moved to New York City to rap.

Frankie Makes it Big

by Francisko

Once there was a good looking boy named Frankie who lived in a big house. What Frankie wanted more than anything in the world was to be in the NFL, but he was too afraid of getting injured. So Frankie decided he wanted to go run outside, but he had to watch his sis. Then, Frankie tried to go work out, but his mom wanted to go get some food. Finally, he went with his mom and then he went to sleep and he woke up and went to go work out. It took him three years, to make it, but he was a big star and he lived in Ohio and played for the Browns.

The War of the Cartoon Cat

by Davon

Once there was a scary blood thirsty cartoon monster named cartoon cat who lived in a scary woods in Ohio. What cartoon cat wanted more than anything in the world was to become god of all cartoon monsters and god of monsters, but they were too afraid of to get overtaken by another cartoon monster. So cartoon cat decided to take down every cartoon monster but cartoon dog got in his way. Then cartoon cat tried to fight cartoon dog but he had lost the fight against cartoon dog so he trained to fight. Finally, he ran into cartoon dog again so they fought but cartoon dog was getting tired so cartoon cat had hit him with the last blow. This time cartoon dog had dissolved into dust and so cartoon cat had lived as god of all cartoon monsters and cartoon cat had been the only cartoon

monster in the world and he became god of all monsters.

Rain at the End of the World **by Raina**

Once there was a girl named Rain who was nice, funny, mean, and aware. Before the zombie apocalypse started Rain had a peaceful life and she lived in Detroit, Michigan and she was a normal teen girl. She used to love helping people and she loved standing up for people. One day a deadly zombie apocalypse started it all started one day on feburary 27th 2020. Raina was at her little cousin's birthday party and then the party was all happy and nice with music and dancing. And they were at the beach and suddenly Rain's family and friends phones went on and there was an alert the alert was loud and it even went on the party speaker it quoted "Attention, Attention, all families, people, and citizens stay in your home this is not a drill" and Rain panicked and her family even panicked and everyone started packing up and Rain's cousins, Aunties, and uncles warned others at the beach and everyone started packing up every person at the beach, on the boats, in the water, and in their cars panicked and everyone still was packing up until a citizen dropped to the ground and people checked on the citizen and the citizen shook violently on the ground. And right before you know it...the citizen got up blood thirsty hungry and just started gnawing at a lady's hand and the lady bled out and people in the stores and at the beach who were packing up and at the sidewalk was scared, all you can hear is screams

and there were zombies everywhere. Rain was so terrified and scared she ran away from the spot her and her family were at and Rain had hid near the trees by the beach and suddenly she passed out and woke up. She was afraid once again she suddenly woke up and luckily no zombies were around. Rain was scared. And a couple of days later Rain got stronger and stronger. She knew she needed to survive this apocalypse. Rain had water, food, snacks, and cans of corn she could eat. and Rain had met a group she was happy she could trust them and they trusted her. what Rain ever wanted most in the world was to help other survivors and survive herself and rain was so aware of everyone and things around her she was smart. and after something happened she had enemies who tried to kill her and her group and Rain got captured once and her group helped her out. and a few weeks later rain got revenge on everyone who's ever hurt her, her family and her friends and so after that she lived with her group full of love and full of adoration and they had no more threats and she lived a normal life...surprisingly in a deadly apocalypse. The End....

Josh Proves Himself by Dedrick

Once there was a football player named Josh who lived in a big house in Cleveland. He wants to make it to the NFI and make his mom proud. So Josh tried his hardest to prove the people who always talked bad about him and mocked him wrong. But he failed and stumbled after all that. Finally, he made it to his goal

this time. He learned a lot. He just ignores the people who talk bad about him. Also to just box them out.

The Cheerleading Star by Laniya

Once there was a girl who wanted to join the cheer squad at her new school named Taylor. Taylor loved to sometimes draw, and read books. Taylor just joined the school so she didn't really know anyone. Taylor lived in a house that cheered everyday, but they were too afraid of what people would think of her. So Taylor joined the cheer squad and all people did was laugh at her and just kept messing with her. So Taylor had enough. Taylor went up to the girls and confronted them. This time the girls were crying and then they started to be friends but there was a big game coming up. Taylor and her friends were so scared but they knew they could do it. Taylor's mom was so happy, she knew Taylor could do it. Taylor lived happily ever after, and won their first game and is still winning and living their best.

Invasion of the Bobby by Ashton

Once there was a happy funny kid named Bobby who lived in a calm happy place on Jupiter. What Bobby wanted more than anything in the world was to get

revenge on earth for wiping out his kind when he was only 5 years old and had to hide. During the invasion he was the last one standing and he wanted to wipe humanity but he was afraid he was too weak so Bobby decided to train and train his muscles and decided to weld the weapons that was left on his world together then Bobby decided to start the invasion but he got injured during the invasion because one of his weapons backfired and hit him so he had to retreat. After 300 years of long battle he finally killed all of humanity. Now that Bobby has gotten revenge he went back to his world and finally accepted peace and lived in calmness alone til he explored new universes and found more people.

The Girl Who Ran **by A'layah**

Once there was a girl that lived in a house full of kids “what do I do?” she said. She hated the kids because they were her adopted siblings. She wanted to run away. Her foster mom would starve them until 9:00 which is when the foster mom got off of work. She got fed up one day so she finally ran away. She wandered the streets with nowhere to go, then she thought about it. She had a grandma that lived down the street she was walking when she saw a car was following her. She ran so fast her shoes came off she finally made it to her grandma’s house. After that night, she lived with her grandma ever since then until she turned 18. She got her own place and got a husband and kids she lives a happy life. Now she's 45.

Niya and the Big Game

by Serenity

Once there was a girl that was nice, who loved cheer and art, named Niya, who lived in Cheertown with cheerleaders. What Niya wanted more than anything in the world was to win her cheer game that was coming up but they were too afraid of losing their game. So Niya decided to practice so she can get better but she kept messing up. Then Niya tried again and messed up but she kept trying and trying until finally it was the big day. This time she did her cheer night. and so they won! She lived happy and kept cheering and then the game ended and she went home and told her mom that they won and her mom was happy for her. This is the end of the story.

MJ CHases his dream

by Emani

Once there was a funny tall boy named MJ who lived in a house in Chicago. What MJ wanted more than anything in the world was to get money and chase his dreams, but he was too afraid of getting bullied. So MJ decided to believe in himself, but he kept getting into fights. Then MJ tried harder and harder but it got worse. FInally he stopped getting into fights and got his money. Now he was super happy and had a happy family and lived in a mansion.

Comics

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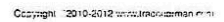
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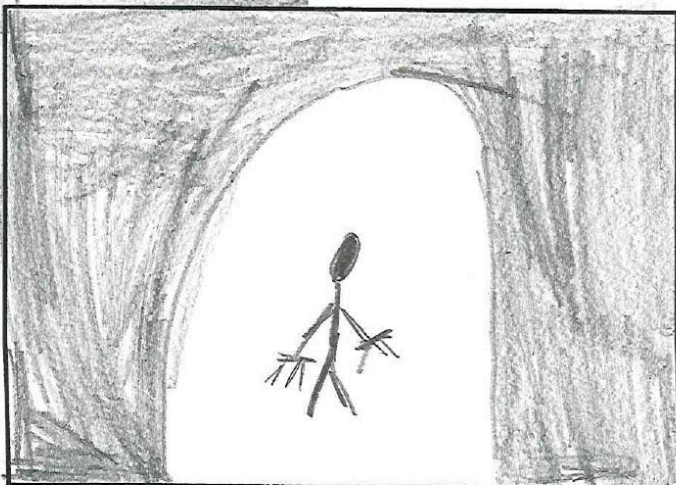
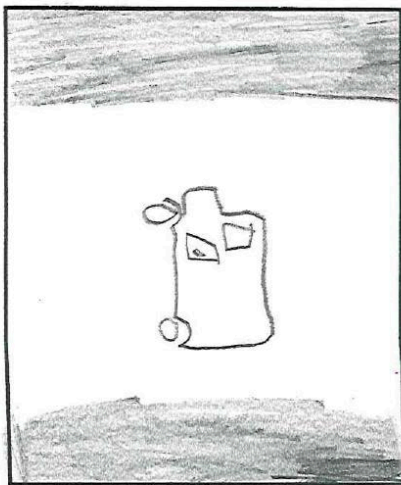
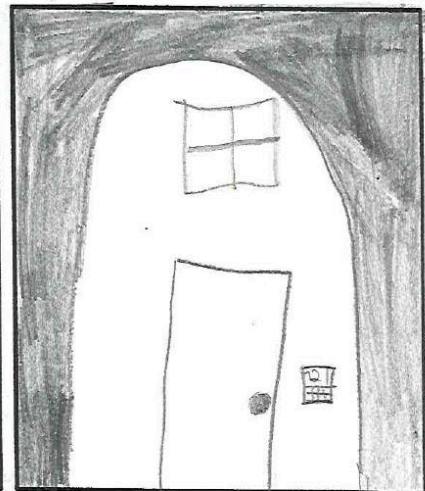
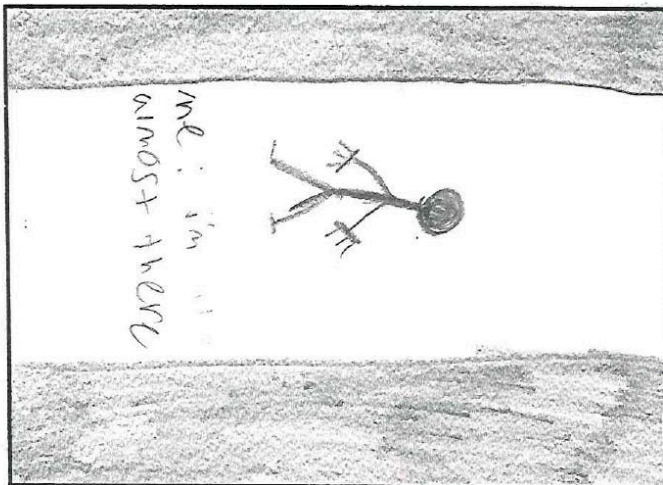
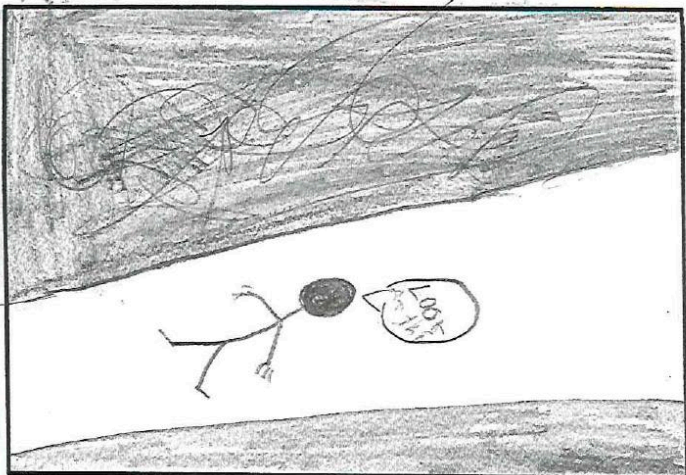
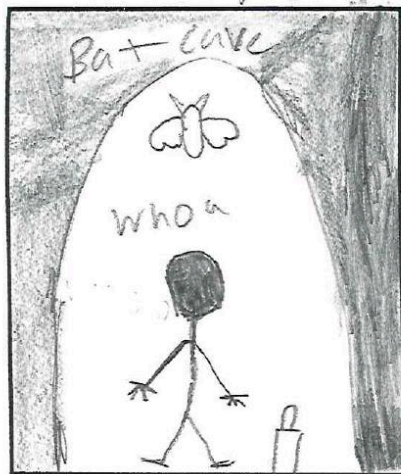
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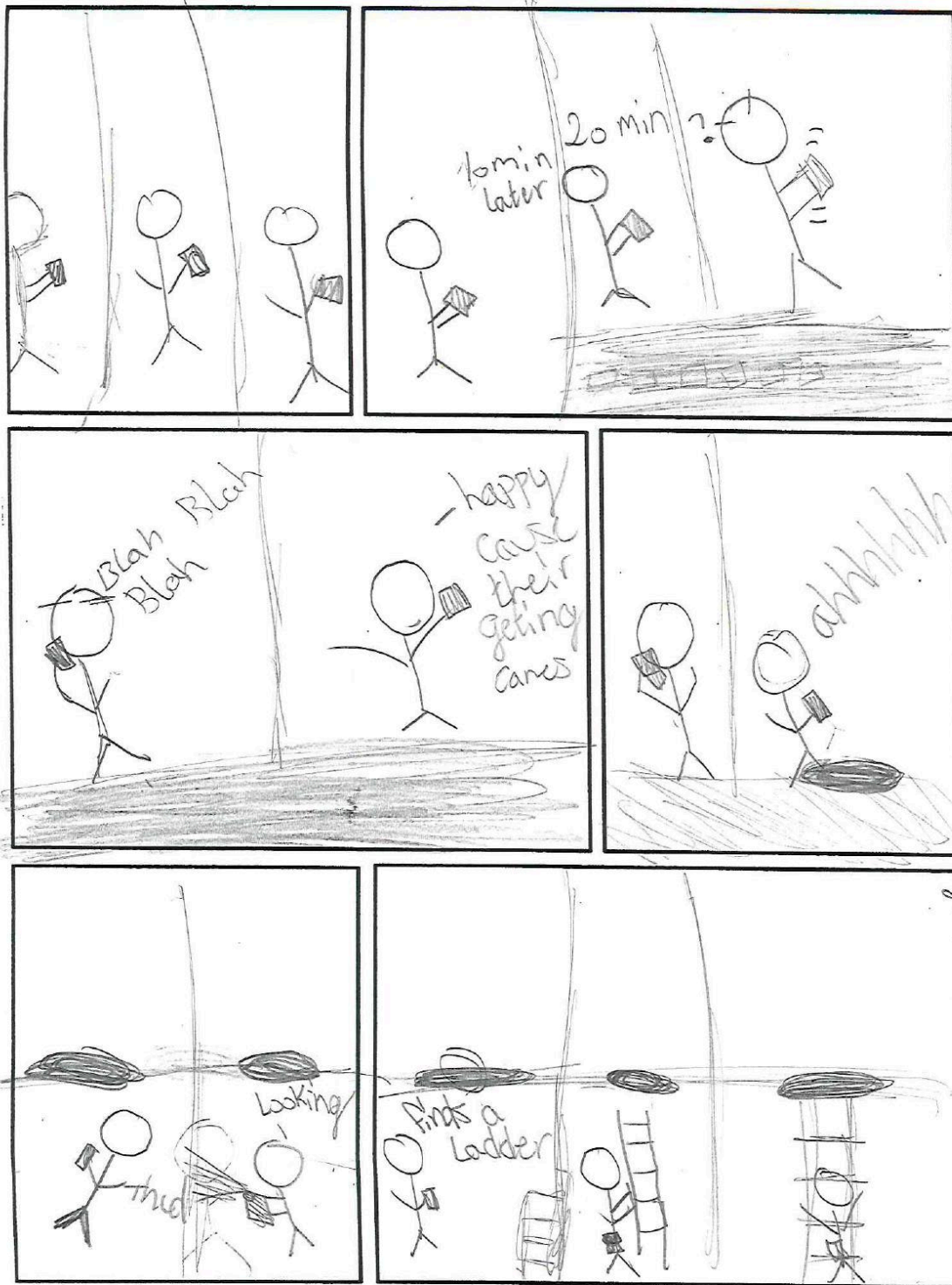
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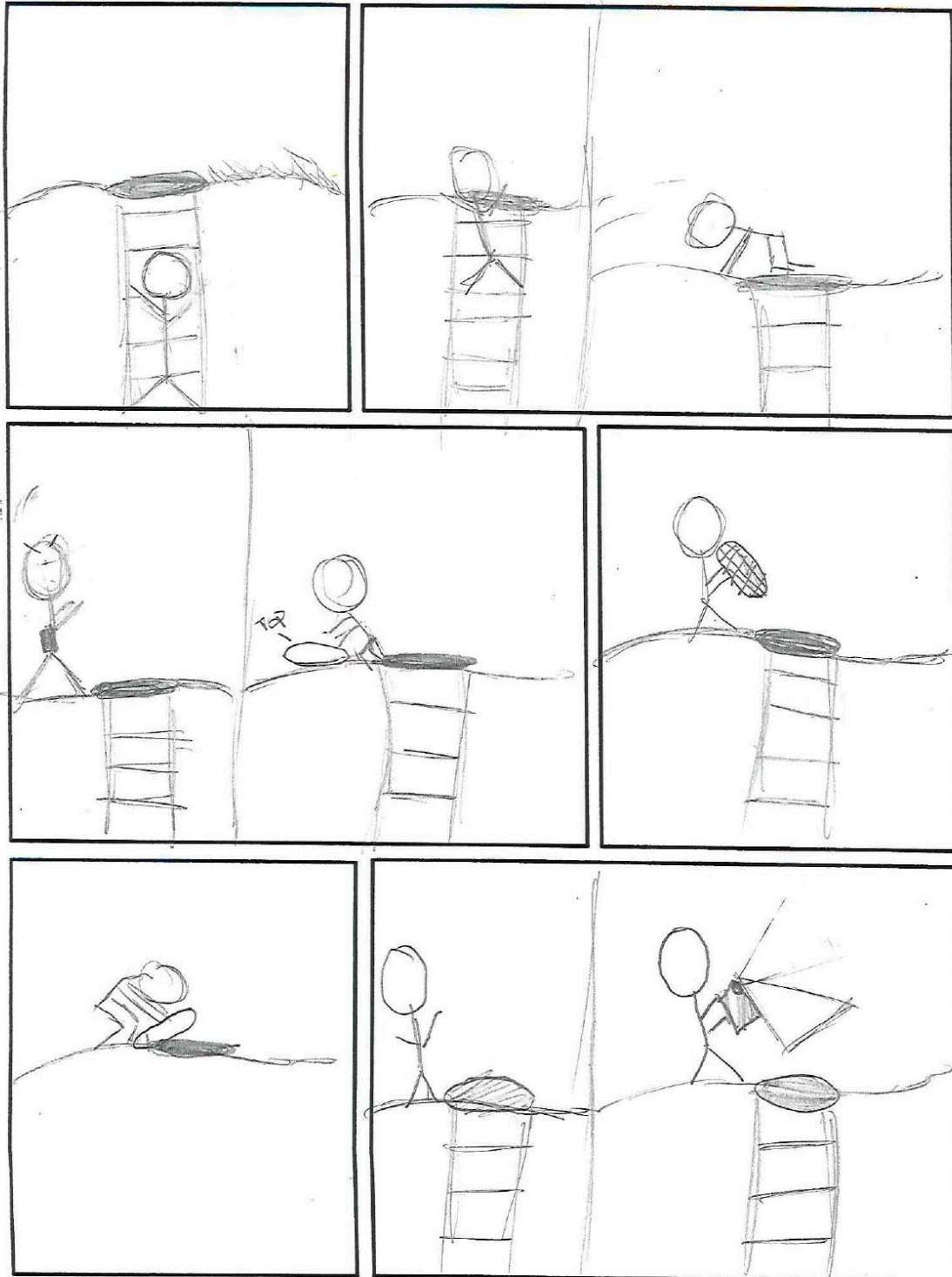
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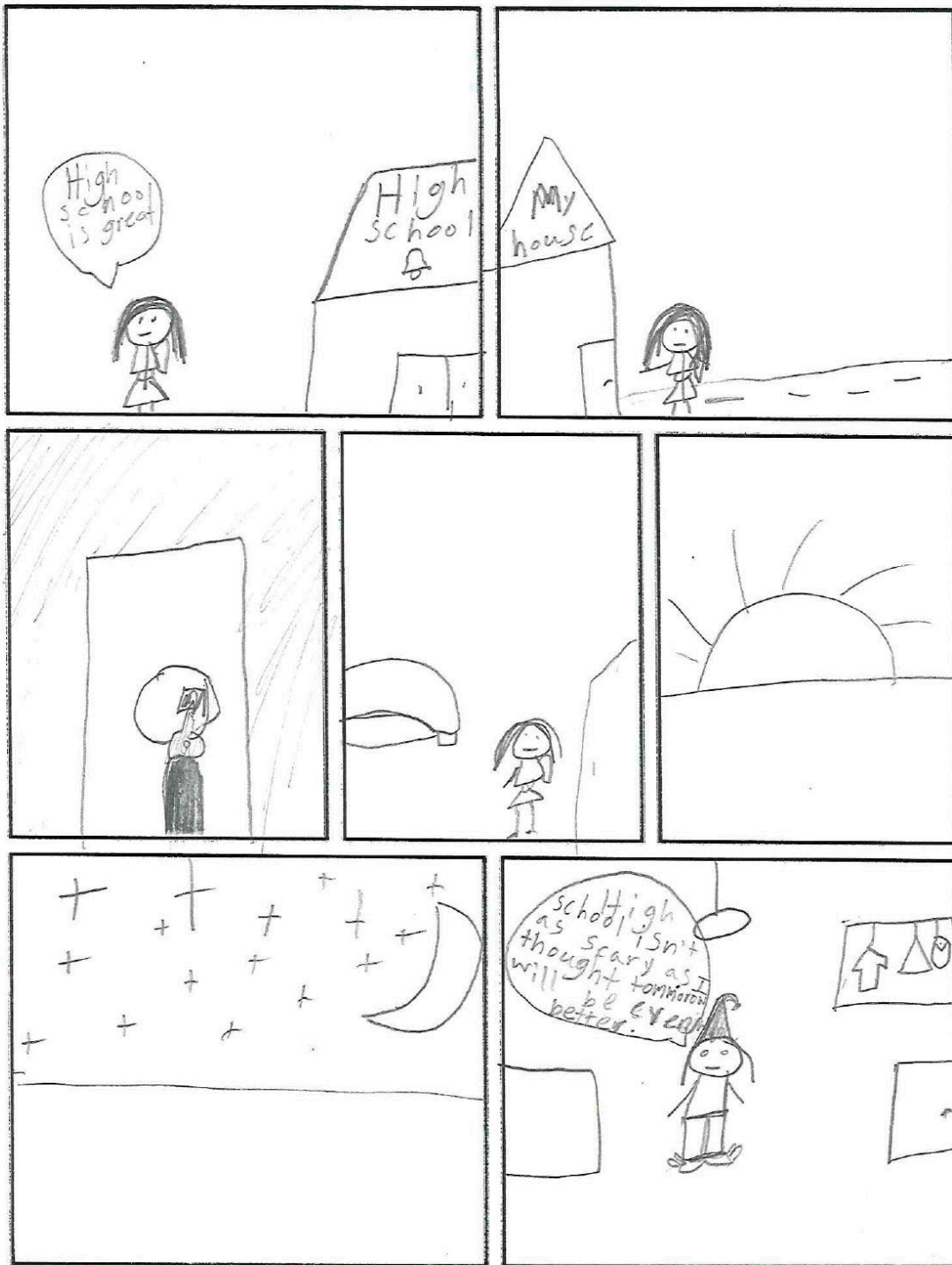




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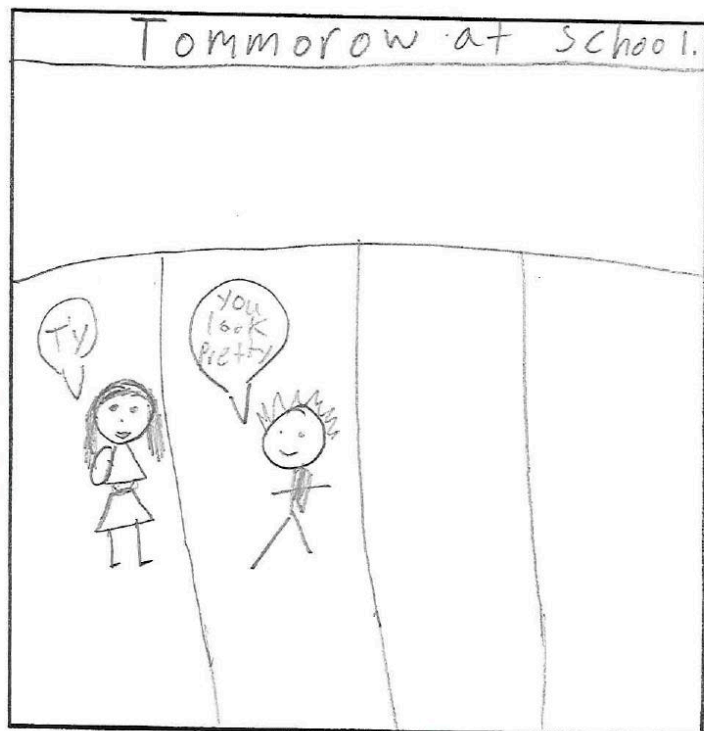
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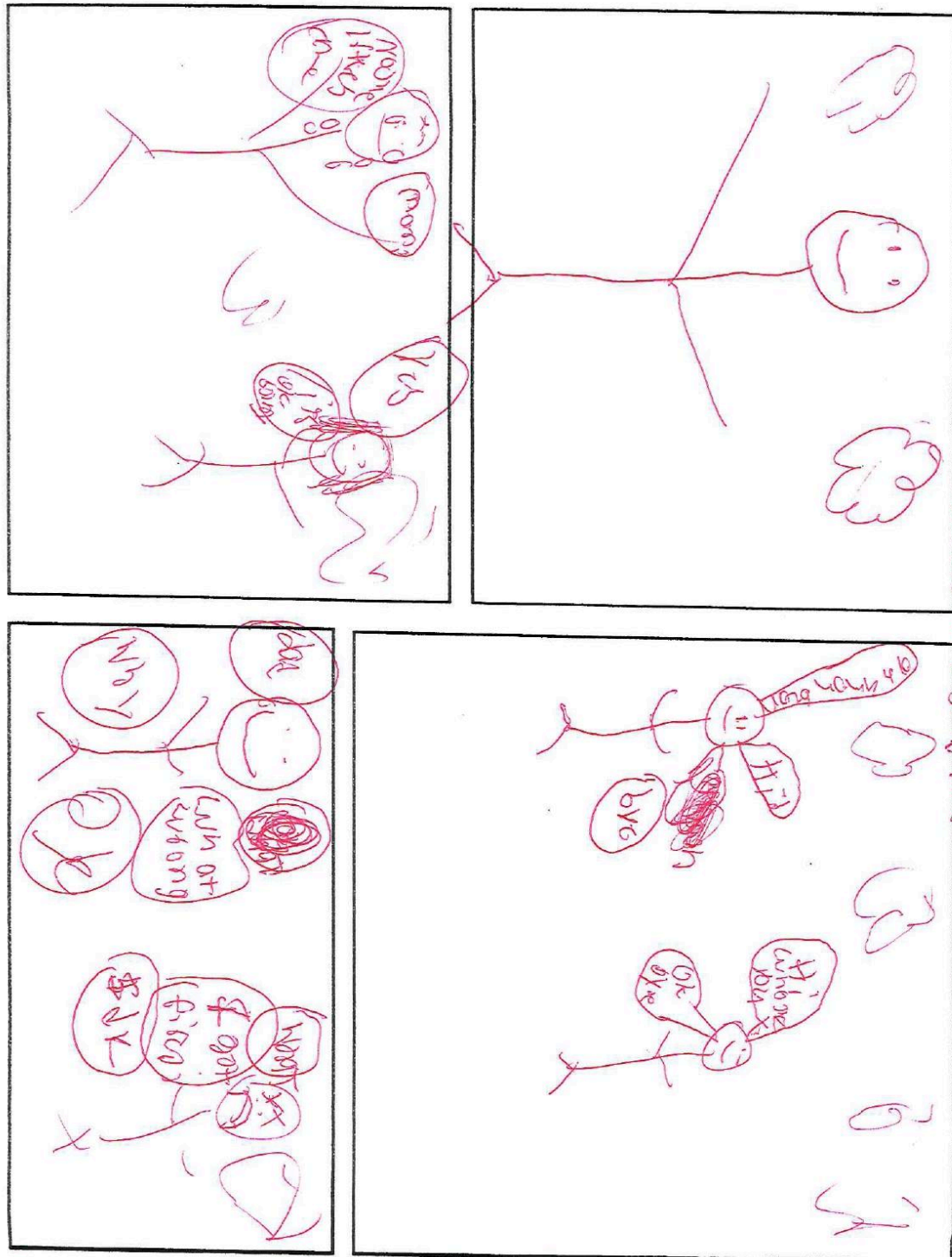
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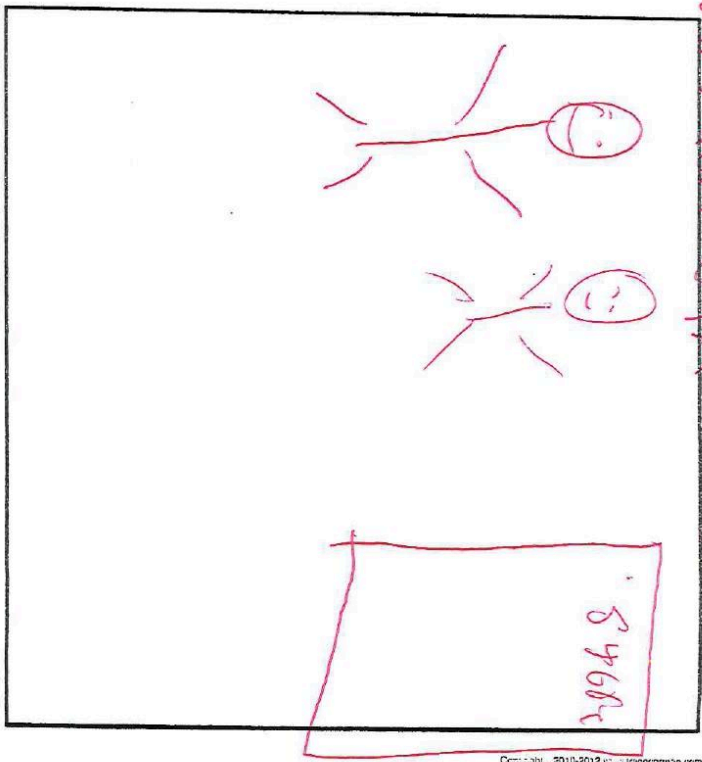
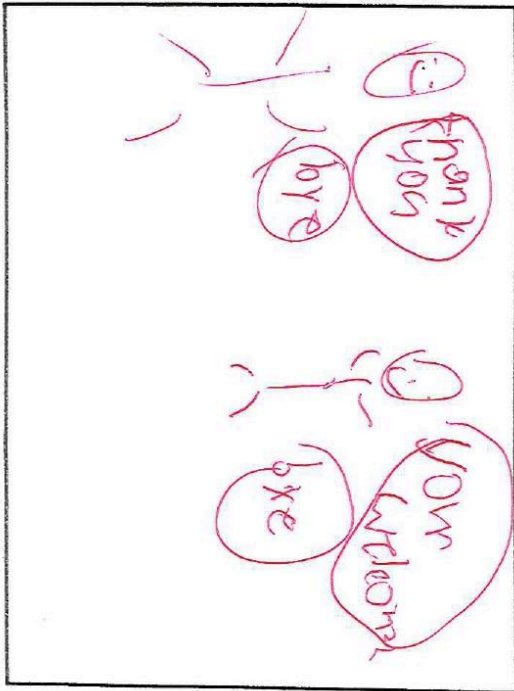
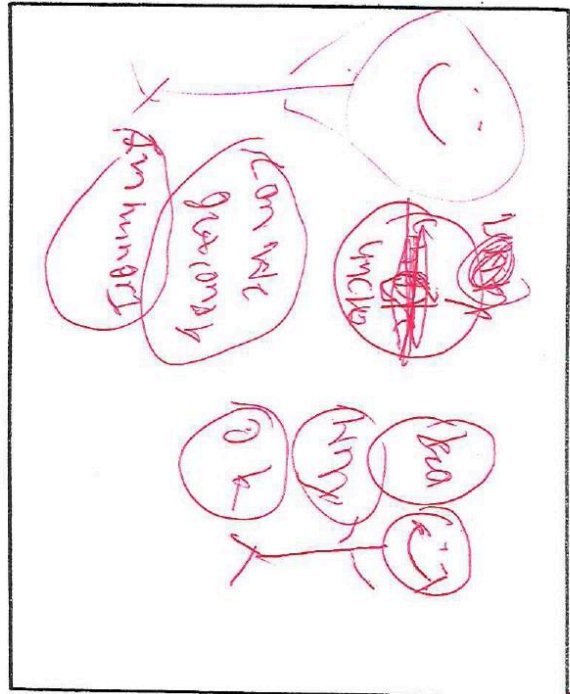
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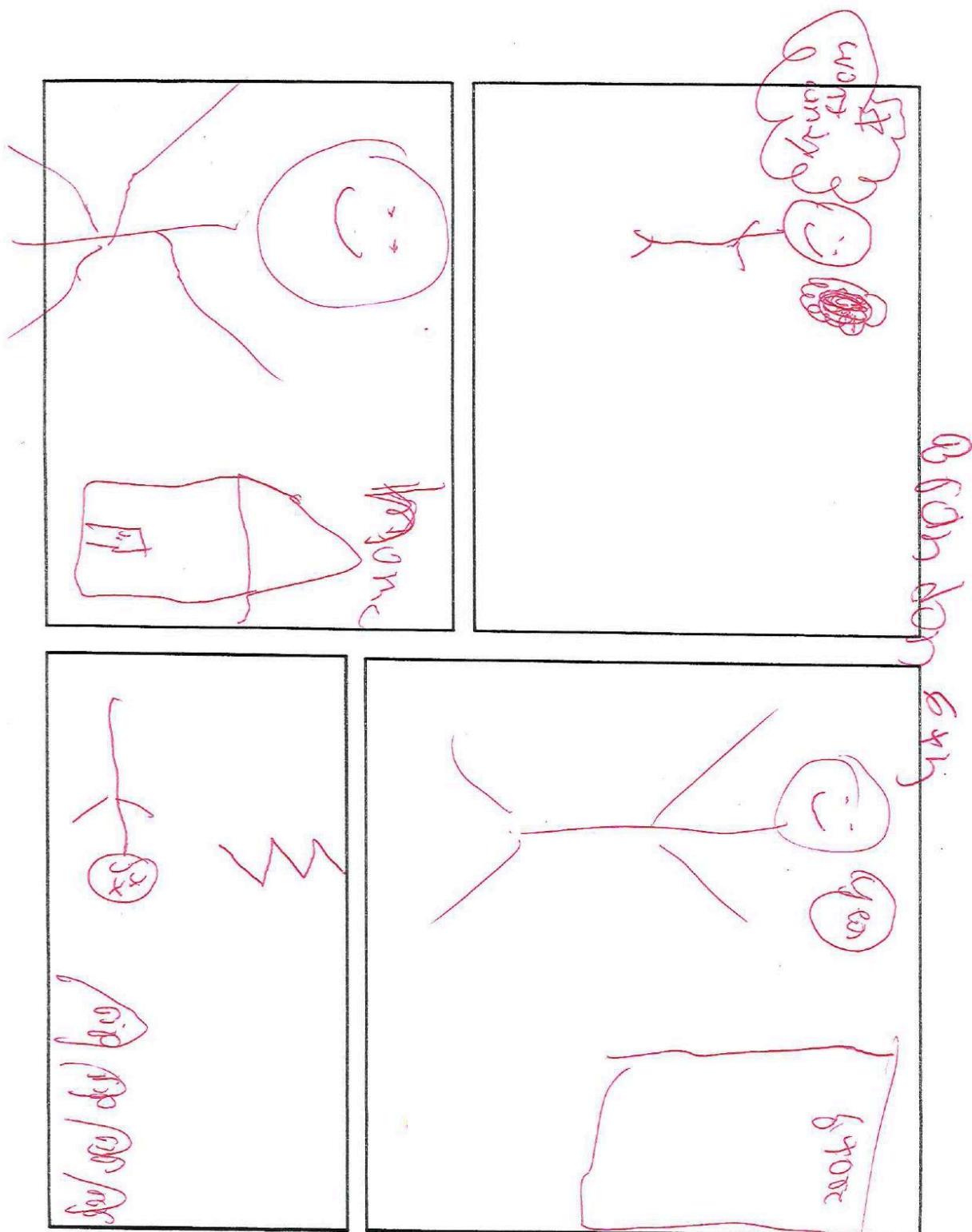
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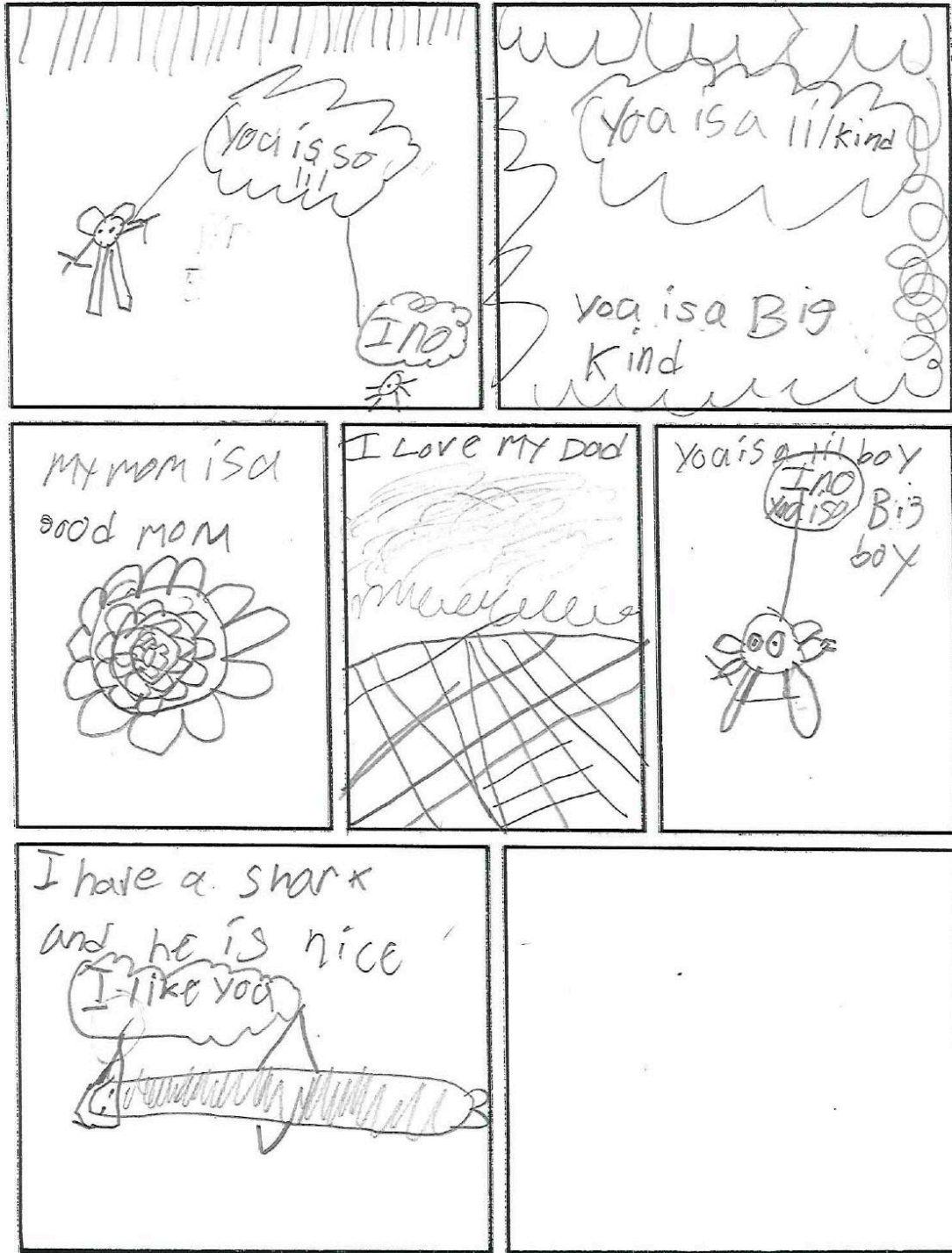




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