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THE ADVENTURE TO THE CAVE OF DOOM

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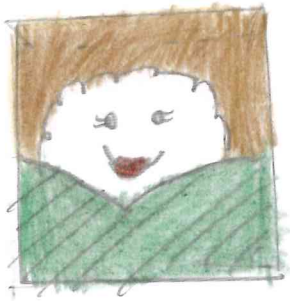
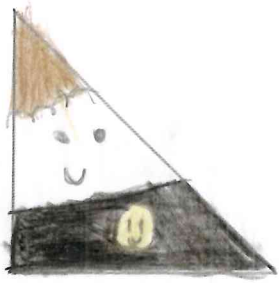
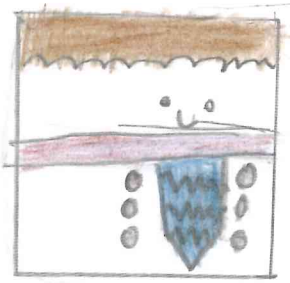
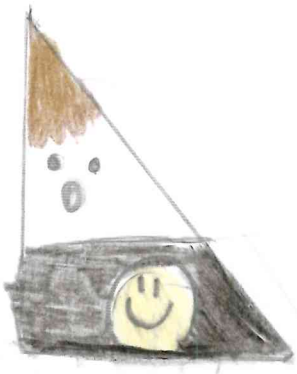
THIS IS TIMMY, HE IS A RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLE BUT HIS PARENTS, MUM SALLY AND DAD SAM WERE BOTH SQUARES. HE HAD ALWAYS WONDERED WHY HE WAS DIFFERENT.



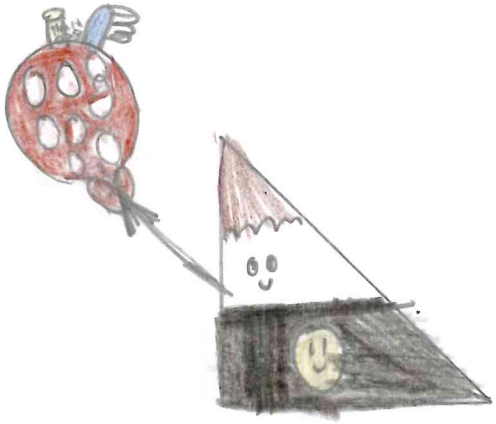




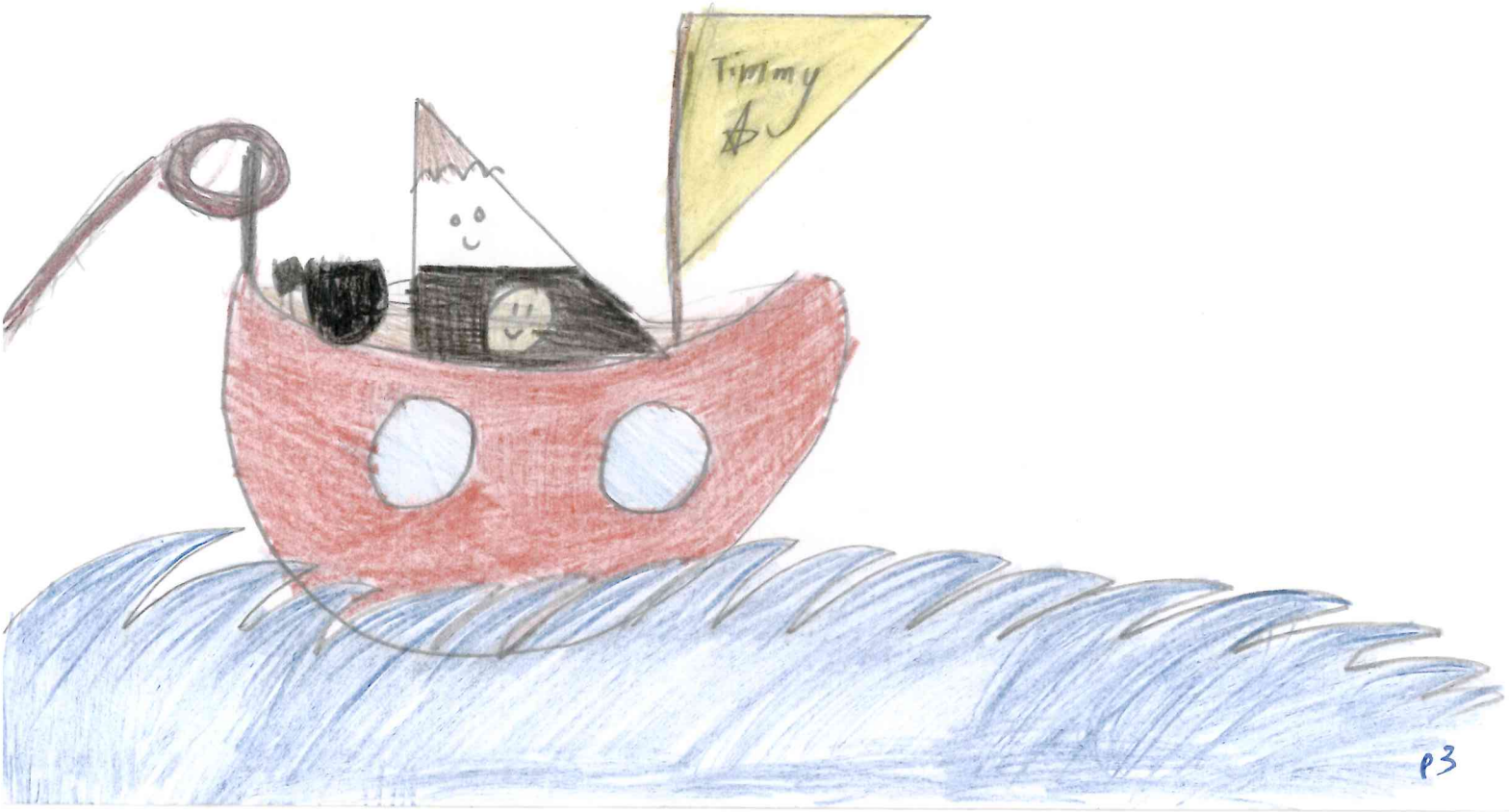
ON HIS 10TH BIRTHDAY, SOMETHING MAGICAL HAPPENED, HIS PARENTS TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD A CONJOINED TWIN WHO WAS EVIL AND THEY HAD SENT HER AWAY TO THE JUNGLE.



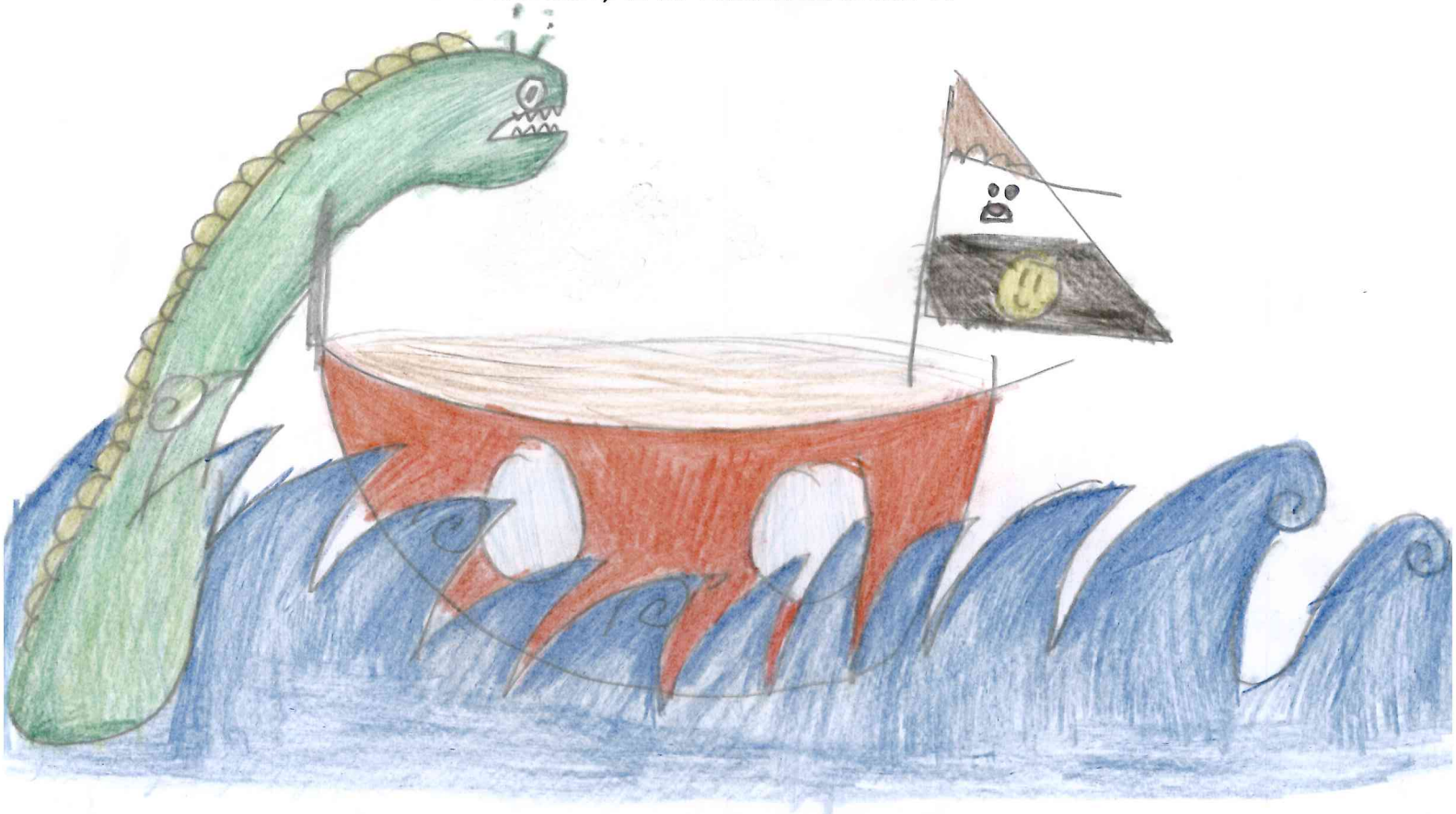
TIMMY HAD ALWAYS HATED BEING DIFFERENT AS EVERYONE ALWAYS TEASED HIM ABOUT IT, SO HE PACKED HIS BAGS FOR AN ADVENTURE.



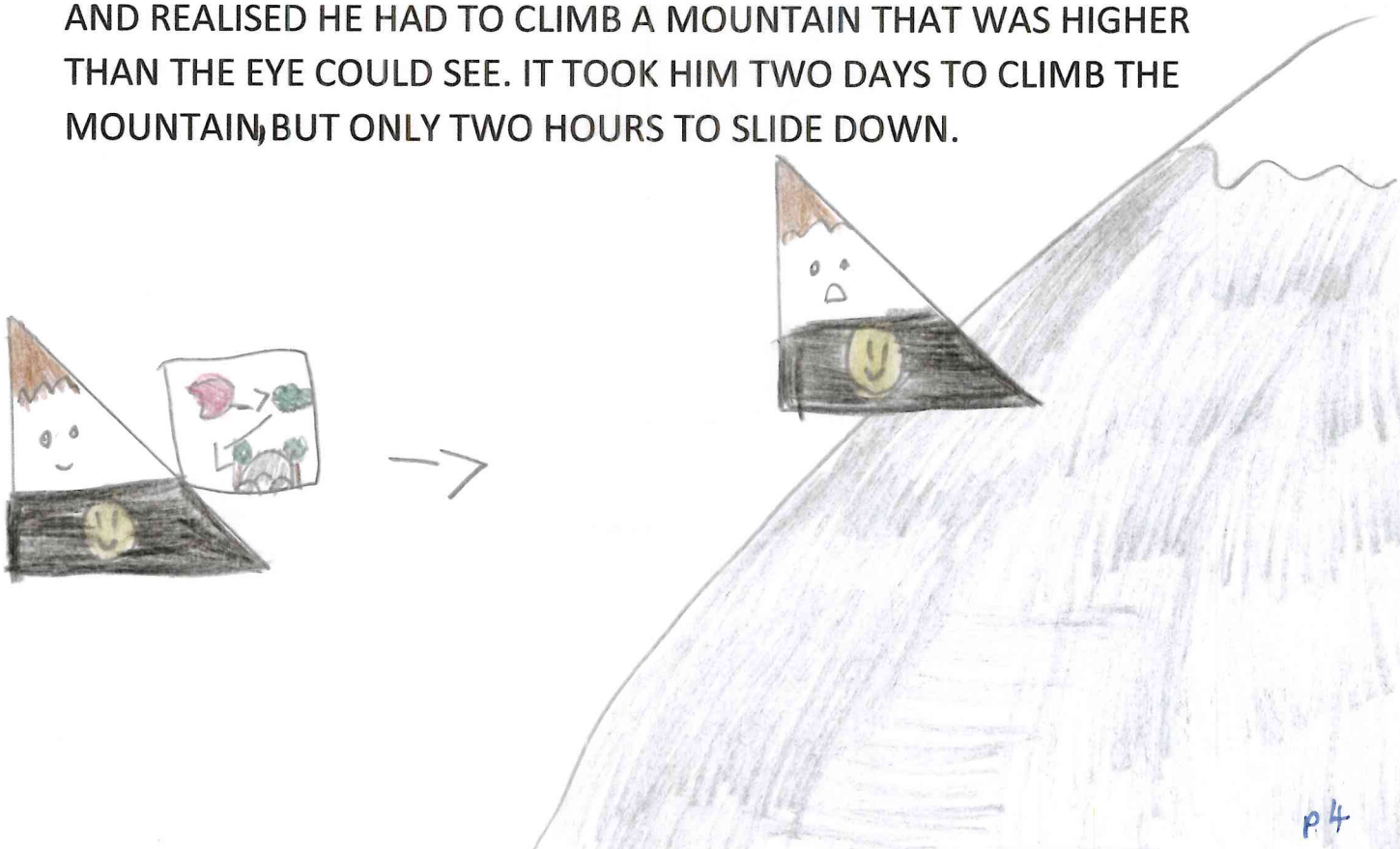
LUCKILY FOR HIM, HIS DAD HAD A BOAT TIED UP AT THE RIVER SO HE TOOK IT AND SAILED OFF INTO THE SUNSET TO FIND HIS TWIN.



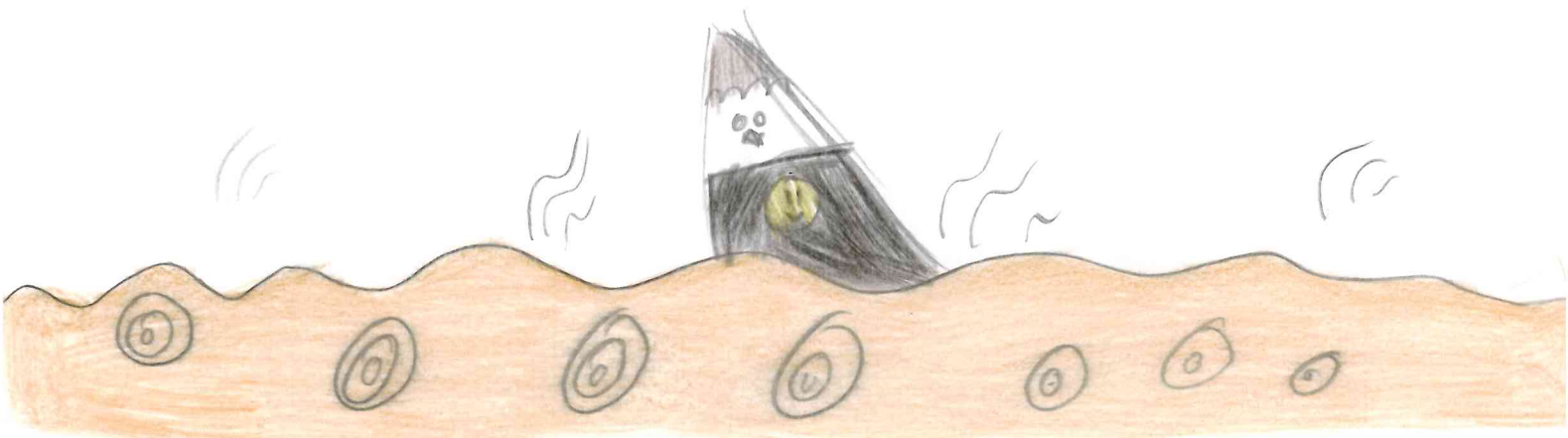
A HORRIBLE CREATURE TRIED TO ATTACK HIM ON THE SEA,BUT HE MANAGED TO CAMOUFLAGE HIMSELF BY BEING THE SAME SHAPE AS THE SAIL. THEN FINALLY, THE CREATURE LEFT.



AS THE SUN WAS ABOUT TO SET, TIMMY CAME ACROSS THE ISLAND THAT WAS SHOWN ON HIS MAP. HE WALKED ACROSS THE ISLAND AND REALISED HE HAD TO CLIMB A MOUNTAIN THAT WAS HIGHER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE. IT TOOK HIM TWO DAYS TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN, BUT ONLY TWO HOURS TO SLIDE DOWN.



SUDDENLY HE FOUND HIMSLEF DROWINING IN QUICKSAND HE SHOUTED FOR HELP BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.... AS HE STRUGGLED HE SANK DEEPER AND DEEPER BUT EVENTUALLY HIS LEGS CAME FREE AND IT HAD TAKEN HIM TO THE MOUTH OF HIS SISTER'S CAVE.



IT WAS DARK AND MURKY INSIDE, THE FEEELING OF DESPERATION FILLED HIS BODY,BUT HE KEPT ON GOING. HE WALKED DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE CAVE. HIS MIND TOLD HIM TO GO BACK,BUT HIS LEGS KEPT ON GOING. SUDDENLY HE SAW A DARK FIGURE MOVE. HE CALLED, 'HELLO, ANYONE THERE?' AS HE WONDERED TOWARDS THE FIGURE. THEN AN UNFMAILIR FACE POPPED UP, 'WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU HERE?' CROACKED THE FIGURE,AS SHE EXAMINED HIM.

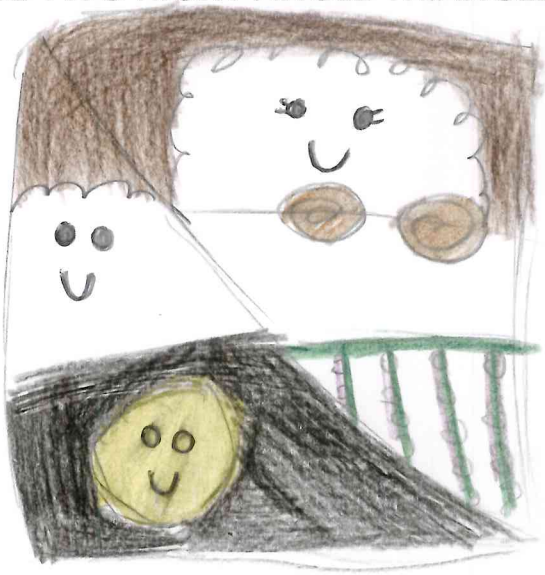
SO HE EXPLAINED, 'I AM YOUR LONG LOST BROTHER, I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR A LONG TIME ALMOST A MONTH. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?'.

'ITS TINA WITH AN A!' SHE GRUNTED.

'PLEASE WILL YOU COME HOME WITH ME?' PLEADED TIMMY.

'ABSOLUTELY NOT, I'M NOT GOING BACK TO MY PARENTS THEY ARE THE ONES THAT KICKED ME OUT!' SHE EXCLAIMED.

'EVERYBODY I KNOW IS A SQUARE, BUT I'M DIFFERENT, I AM A TRIANGLE, ITS HORRIBLE BEING DIFFERENT, PEOPLE TEASE YOU. MAYBE IF YOU CAME BACK WITH ME I WOULD HAVE A FRIEND.' TIMMY SAID THIS WITH A GLUM LOOK ON HIS FACE. THEN SHE REALISED HOW UNHAPPY THIS MADE HIM SO SHE HOPS ON TOP OF HIM AND THEY ARE A PERFECT MATCH AND FIT WELL TOGETHER BECAUSE TWO RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLES MAKE A SQUARE!



SO, THEY HEAD BACK, THROUGH THE CAVE, THROUGH THE QUICKSAND AND UP AND DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND ACROSS THE SEA. THEN FINALLY THEY GET BACK TO SALLY AND SAM WHO WELCOME TIMMY AND TINA WITH OPEN ARMS AND ARE HAPPY TO HAVE A FULL FAMILY AGAIN.