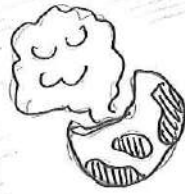


The One-Line maze of the Apocalypse

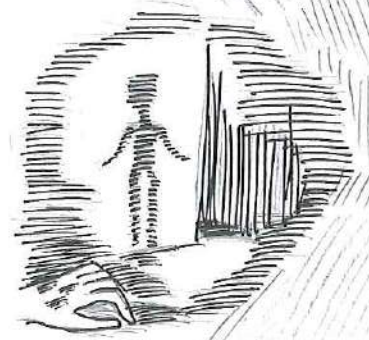
The destroyed
Supply
HOSPITAL



Since the WWIII (World War Three), almost a quarter of the Earth got destroyed...



65% of the world population died



Extinct Animal
List:
Dogs
Cats
Bats
Tigers
Rats
Cockroach

85% of all animals became extinct

And it had created HUNDREDS of disasters



Caused by human, still

As two of the only few survivors after the WWIII, Jesse and Karl often face difficult situations such as running out of supplies like food and medicine (before the event)



For example, on August 10th, Karl accidentally scratched his arm while trying to catch the squirrel (yes somehow they didn't extinct) that was stuck on the tree in order to feed Jesse and himself since they were starving for a very long time already.



The squirrel escaped soon after....

Although the cut is now protected, But this is only temporary...



After a quick discussion, the two decided that they should go to a place that can provide medicine supplies.



And that place, is certainly a HOSPITAL

After a few minutes, Jesse led Karl to a giant **cave** by memory!



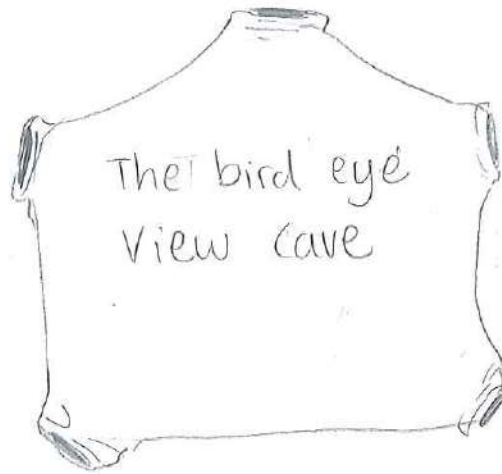
Jesse explained to Karl, her parents met each other because her father accidentally discovered her mother doing experiments while travelling



Karl wanted to go in right away, however, Jesse stopped him...



I've been to this place before so I know...



Jesse: This is the basic shape of this cave!

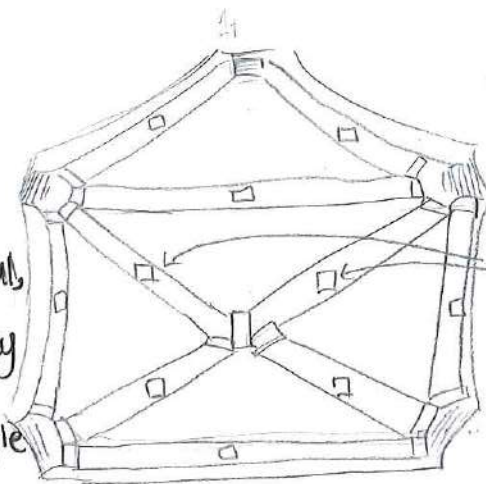
Karl: So... it's like a pentagon?

Jesse:

More than that...



Jesse: There is a maze inside this cave hospital, AND there are emergency supply boxes in EVERY single tunnel.



emergency supplies

Karl: You mean the supply hospital?

Then why don't we just go in here from one of the cave entrance and get out from another when we get enough supplies?

Jesse: No! The rules are:

1. go through the maze only ONE time
2. Get all the supplies (go through every tunnel)
3. Do not go through the cave entrance more than TWICE (one to exit one to enter)

Karl had a question...



Totally not ice-cream sry



Jesse, why can't we go through the same tunnel twice?

Same thing happens when you enter again after you've left the hospital...

And Jesse had the answer

Oh, I'm sorry about that...

That's what happened to my dad the last time he used the tunnel...



it's fine.

Well, this "supply hospital" is quite different from those normal ones. If you go through a tunnel twice, a type of poisonous gas will be released.

Jesse pointed out the real problem, how are they going to get all the emergency supply boxes crossing each tunnel exactly once? Fortunately, Karl quickly came up with a solution.

I believe my teacher had taught me something like this before

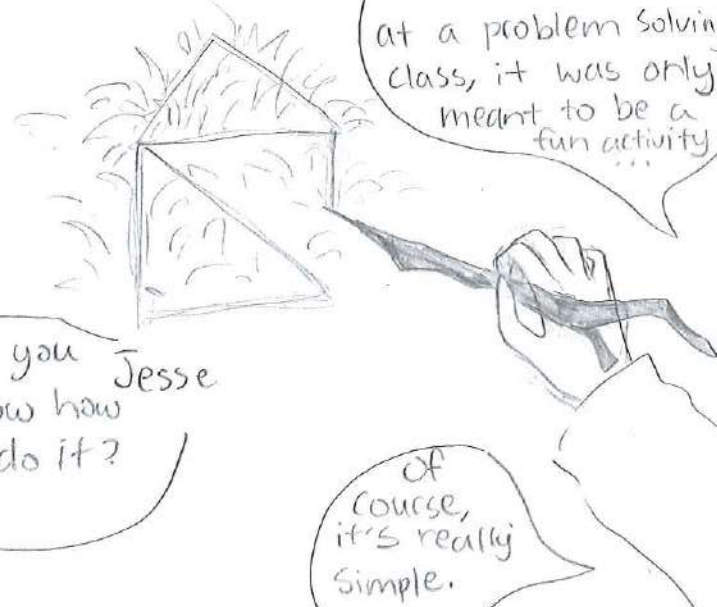
We've learned it at a problem solving class, it was only meant to be a fun activity

Alright, lemme try this...

So you Jesse know how to do it?

Of course, it's really simple.

a wooden stick

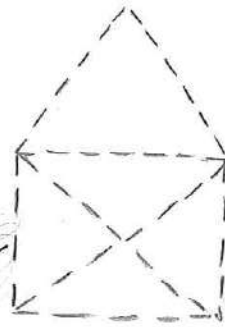




So, let's see ...
Here is how you solve the maze!

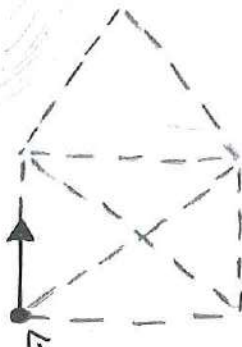
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first, here is the layout of the maze



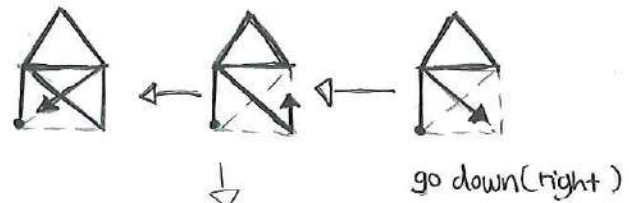
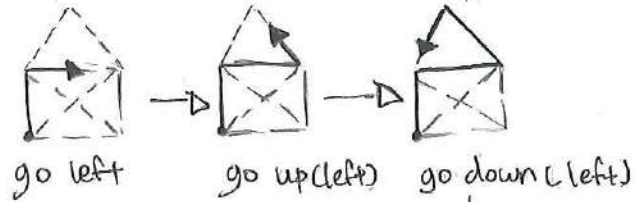
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Here is the starting point, and we can go upward...



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aaaa
I see...

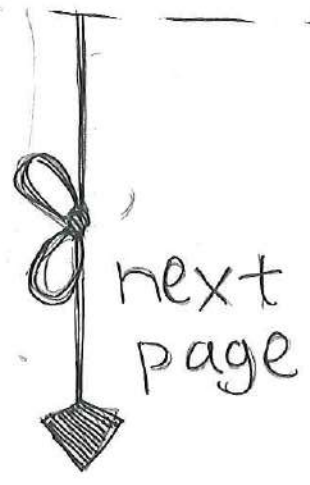
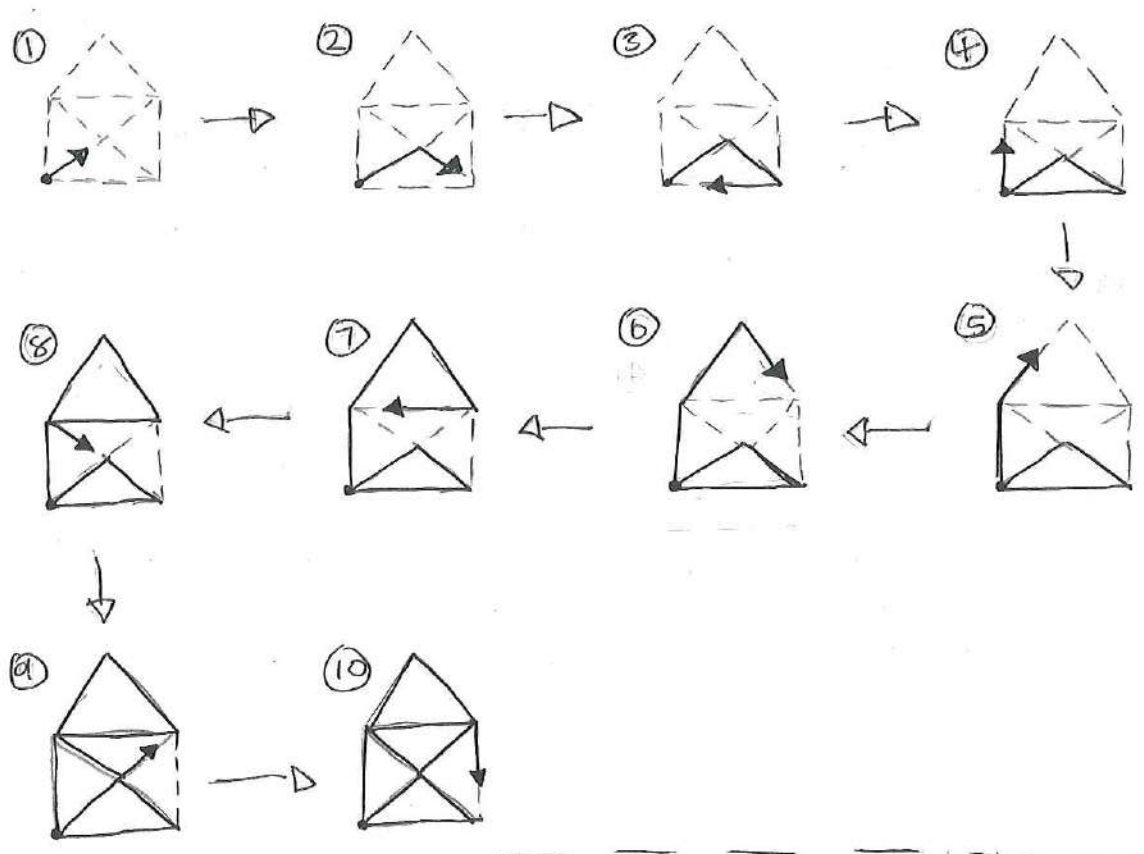


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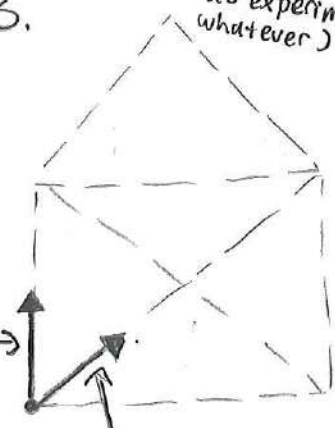
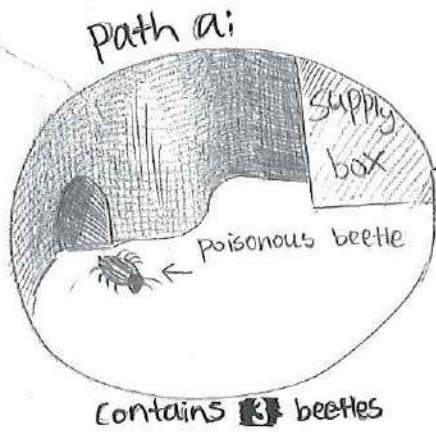


Karl: It's simple, just use another route:



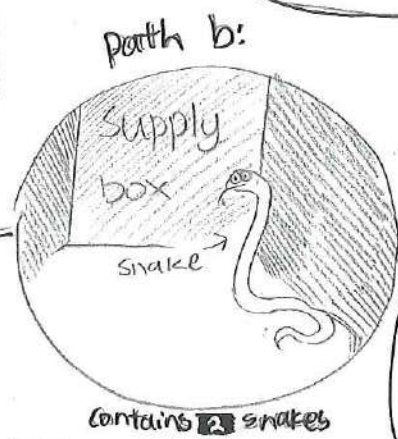
Jesse explained:

In the both starting tunnel, there are some obstacles.



(my parents used to use them as experiment pets or whatever)

The thing is, if we Jesse meet any of the obstacles (snake / beetle), we either going to be harmed or delay the time for you to recover your wound



(oh wow you remembered that!)
Karl okay, So we'll choose the path that's more likely to be empty :/

Karl thought about it for a few seconds, then he quickly pointed out the solution!

Path a:

Karl: here are the probability of us meeting the beetles:

X = no beetles
three possible outcomes: A, B, C

- possible outcomes:
- 1) (A, B, C) ← all beetles are active
 - 2) (A, B, X) ← only two beetles are active
 - 3) (A, X, C)
 - 4) (X, B, C)
 - 5) (A, X, X) ← only one beetle is active
 - 6) (X, B, X)
 - 7) (X, X, C)
 - 8) (X, X, X) → no beetles
- 8 outcomes
↓
1/8
↓
12.5%
to meet zero beetles in tunnel @

Path b:

Karl: and here are the probability of us meeting the snakes:

X = no snakes
two possible outcomes: A, B

- possible outcomes:
- 1) (A, B) ← all snakes are active
 - 2) (A, X) ← only one snake is active
 - 3) (X, B)
 - 4) (X, X) → no snakes

4 outcomes
↓
1/4
↓
25% to meet zero snakes in tunnel @

$25\% > 12.5\%$

(Karl: path b is a better way to go since there is bigger chance to meet zero obstacles.

Jesse was very pleased to hear the answer, and later, the two got into the cave right away.



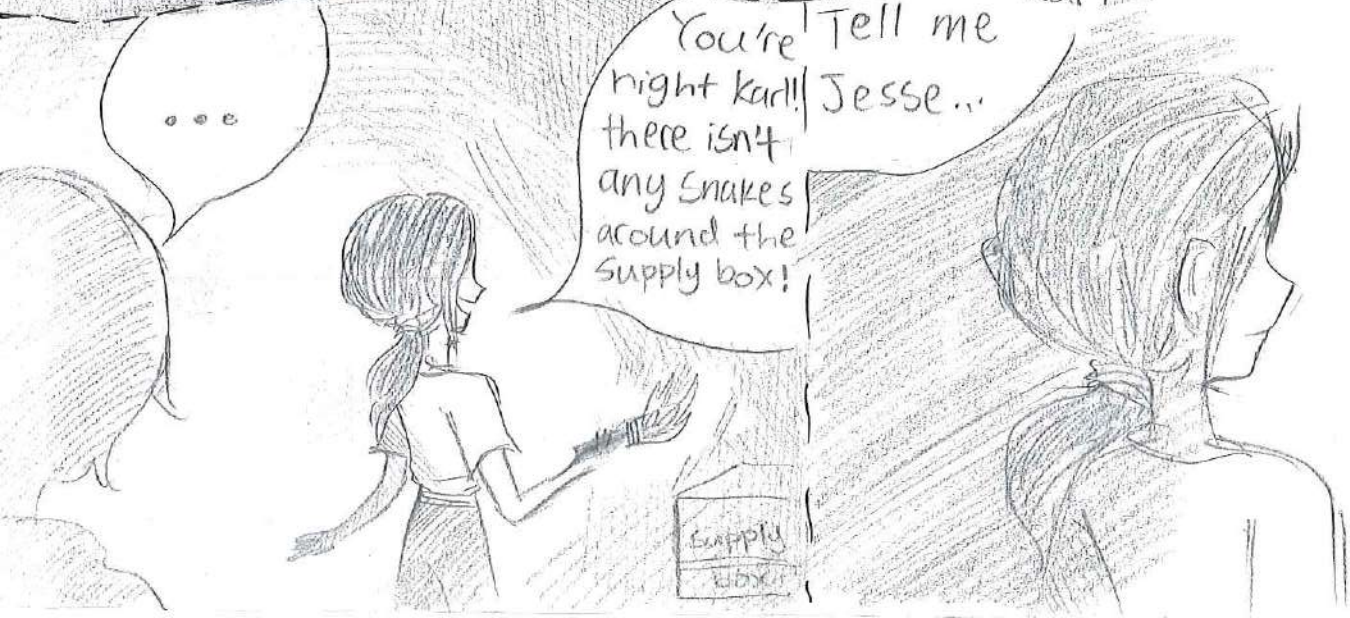
Although everything was going well at the moment, Karl still got a bit suspicious for Jesse...

Jesse, how is your memory so good? Seriously!

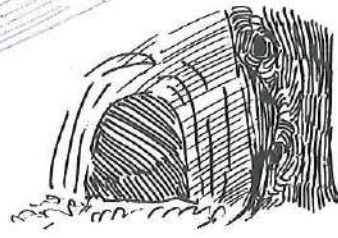


Karl

Tell me Jesse... You're right Karl! there isn't any snakes around the supply box!



If you knew the location of this hospital already, then why didn't you bring us here before?



How did your father died from poisonous gas if he've been here before and has incredibly good memory?



What type of experiment your mother was doing in such a SECRET place?

And the final question... :

What else didn't you tell me?



To be continued...