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A sketch book and coloring book for mango families of a banana country

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A wonderful tale of mystery and suspense.

Lots of funny family friendly twists to inspire the thinking minds.

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is a figment of imagination.

Testimonials

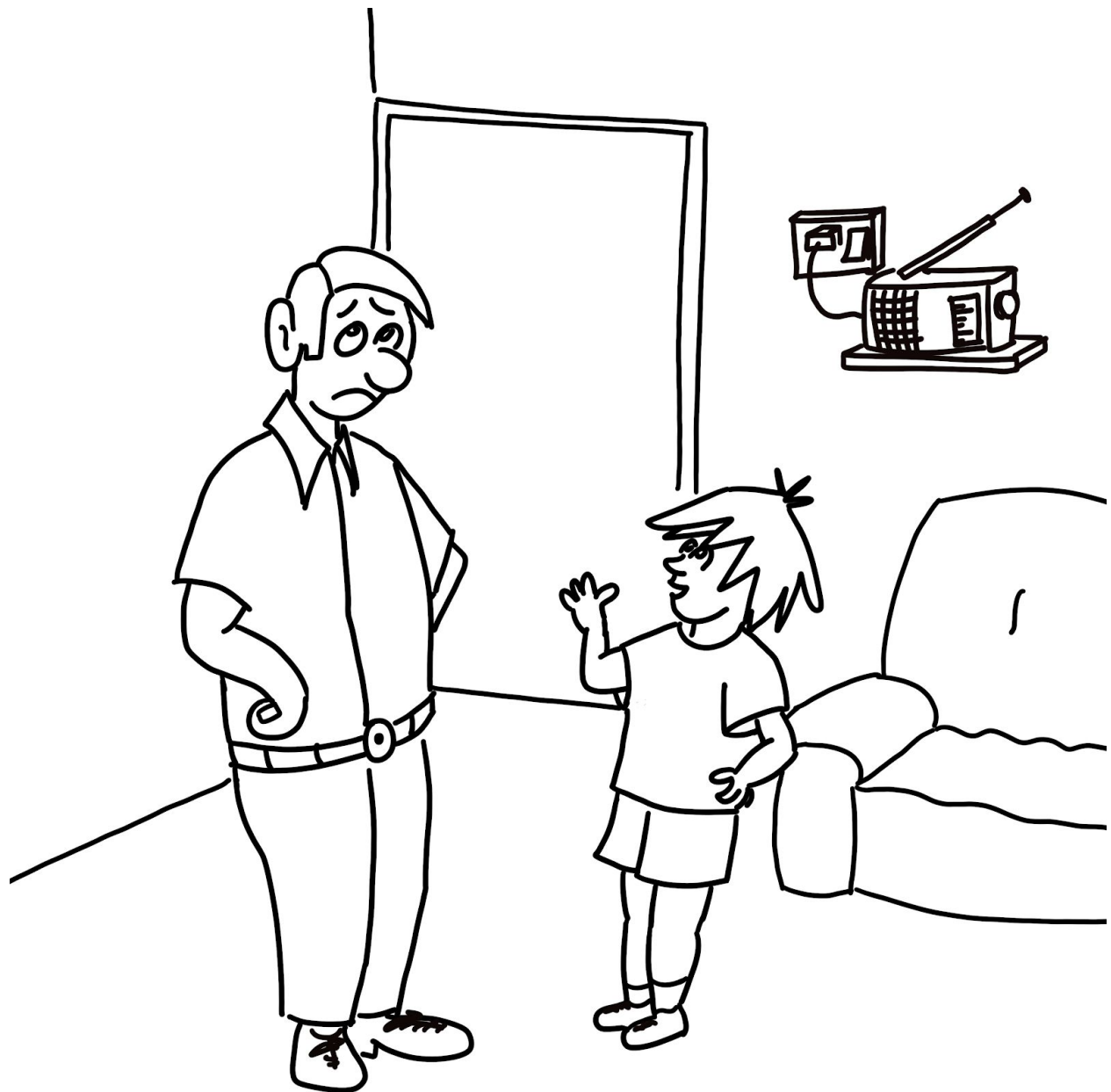
"What an inspiring story" - A bored software engineer

"Kids need to listen to this story" - Mother of an unruly child

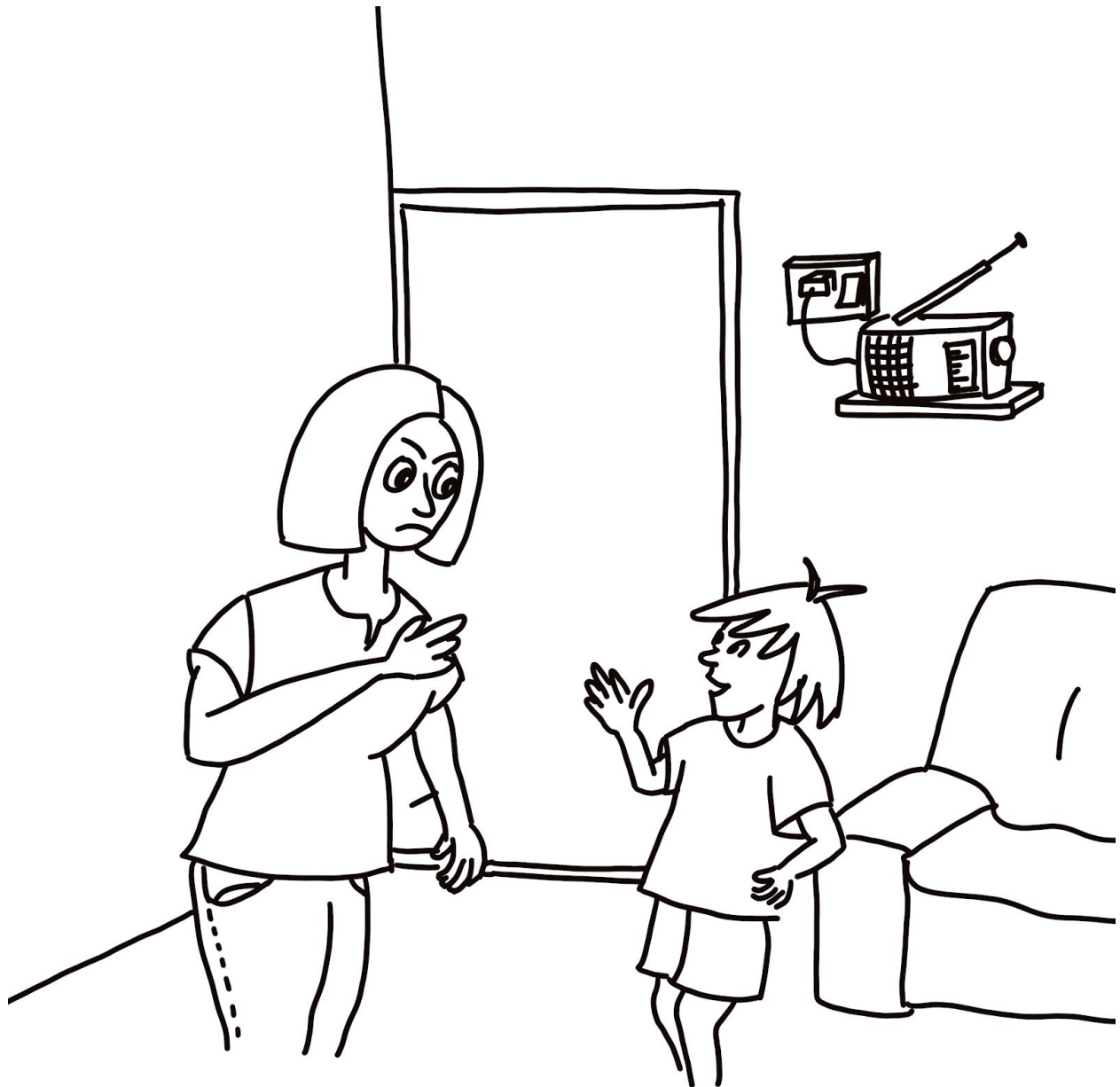
"My grandson loves coloring this thing" - Lazy Grandfather who wants his
grandchild to become an artist some day

"I donated to a good cause by buying this sketchbook" - Proud rich guy
emotionally lost in a material world

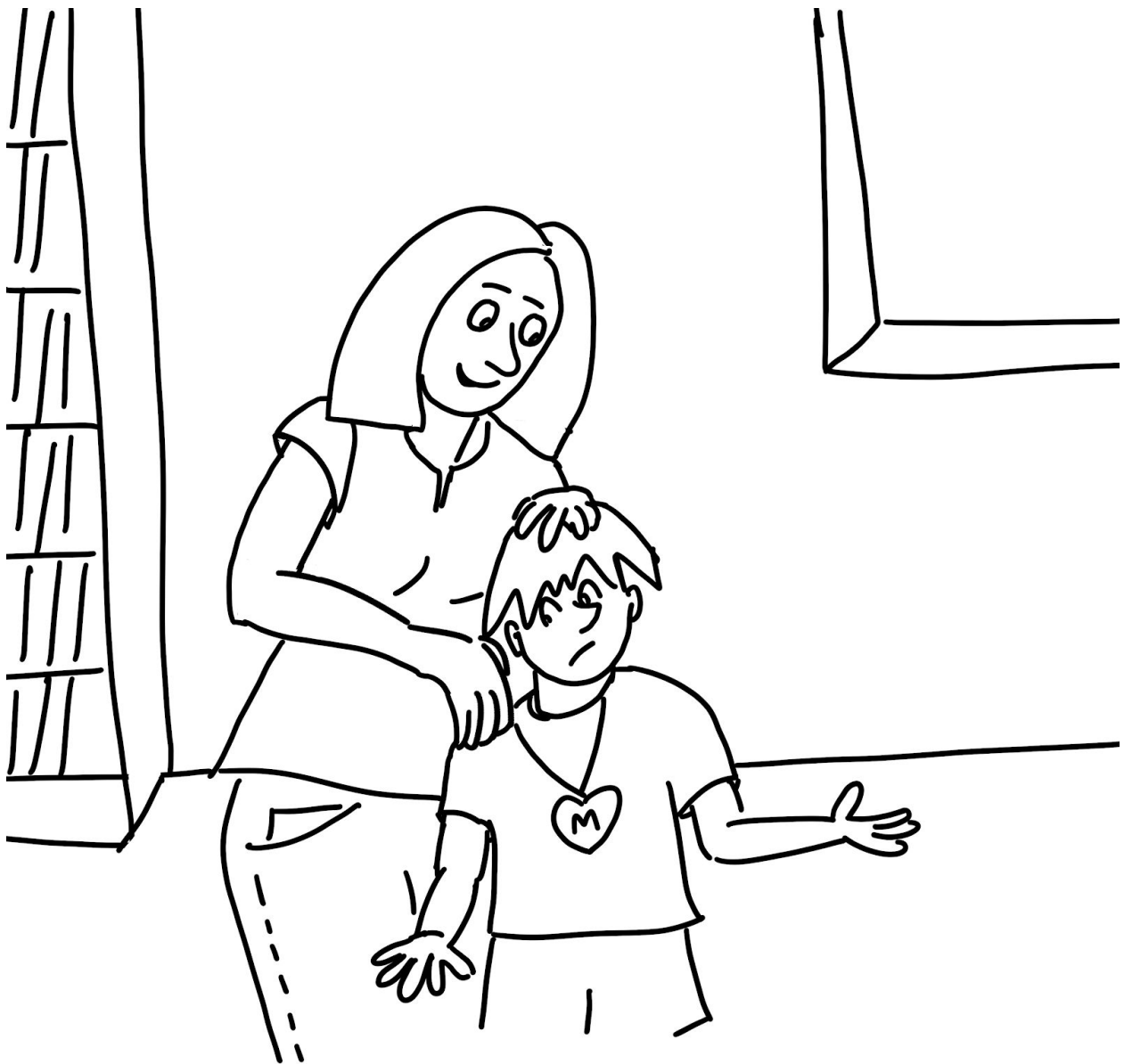
One day I heard about Mufflerman on the radio, the name seemed odd so I asked my dad who is Mufflerman...Dad told me big big things fondly about Mufflerman but I could not understand what he meant.



So I asked my mother who is Mufflerman and a lot of other questions about Mufflerman. She said she did not like him, and she did not want to talk about him.



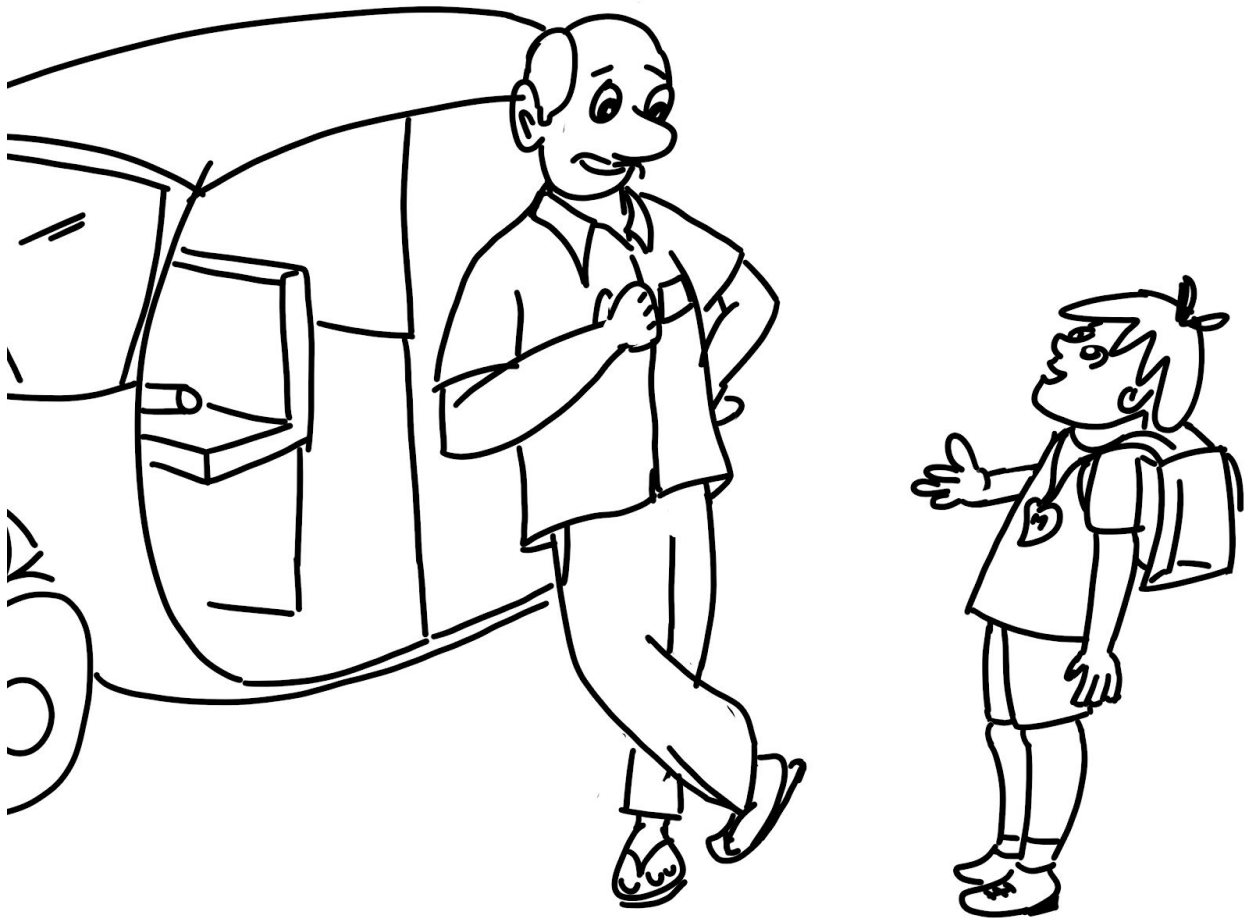
My mother gave me a gold necklace, with a gold locket in shape of a heart and M written on it. My mother said M was for Mufflerman, but I think she said that because I was had asked too many questions about Mufflerman.



But the necklace scratched my neck and I asked my mother if I could take it off, but mom said no. I think every time I said Mufflerman, the necklace started scratching more.



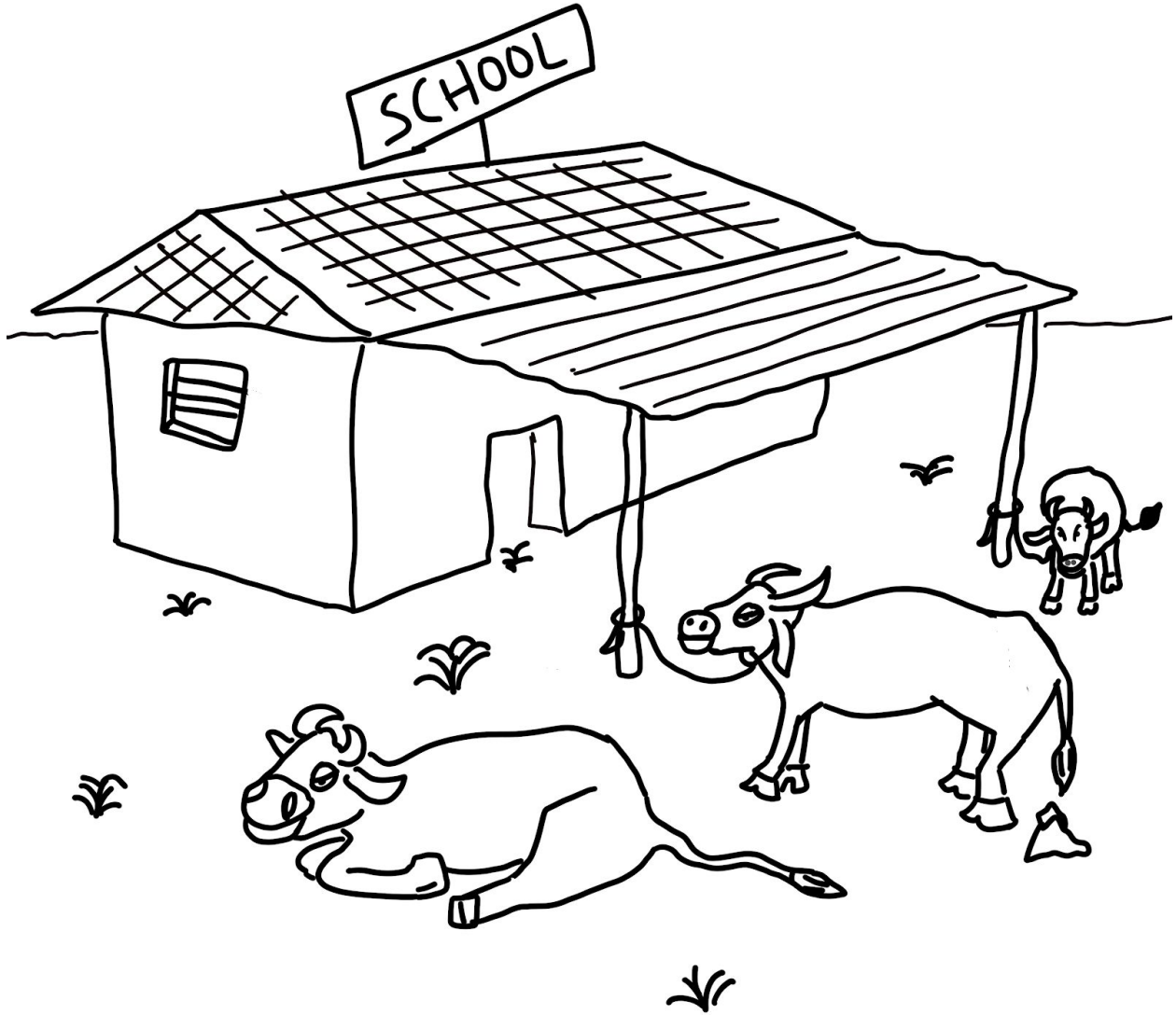
But then she had not told me who was Mufflerman, so I asked my auto-driver bhaiyya, if he could tell me who Mufflerman is.



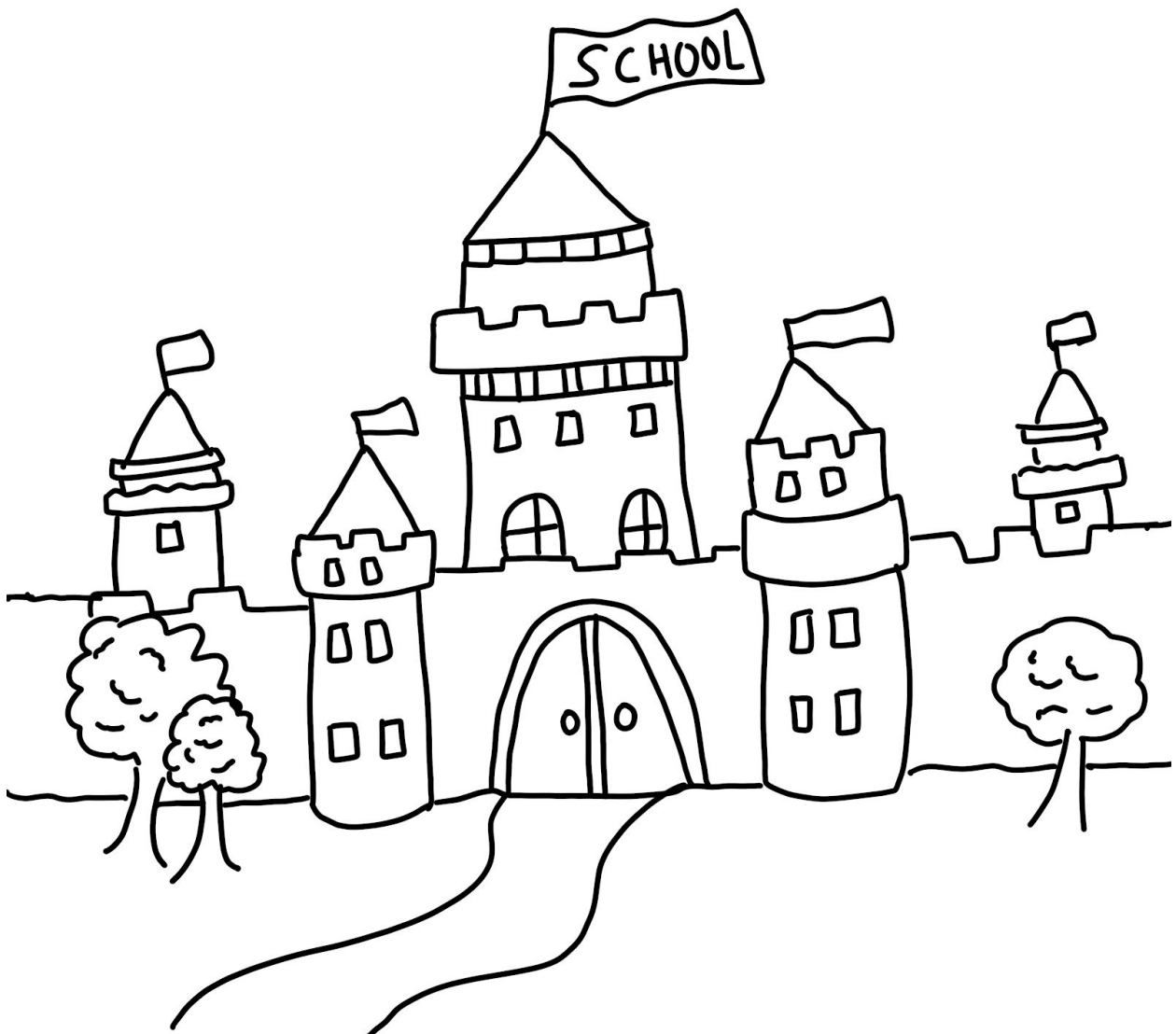
Mufflerman is a magician who can build schools by shaking his muffler, bhaiyya said. He has a magical broomstick on which he flies to protect kids from all kinds of bad and evil people.



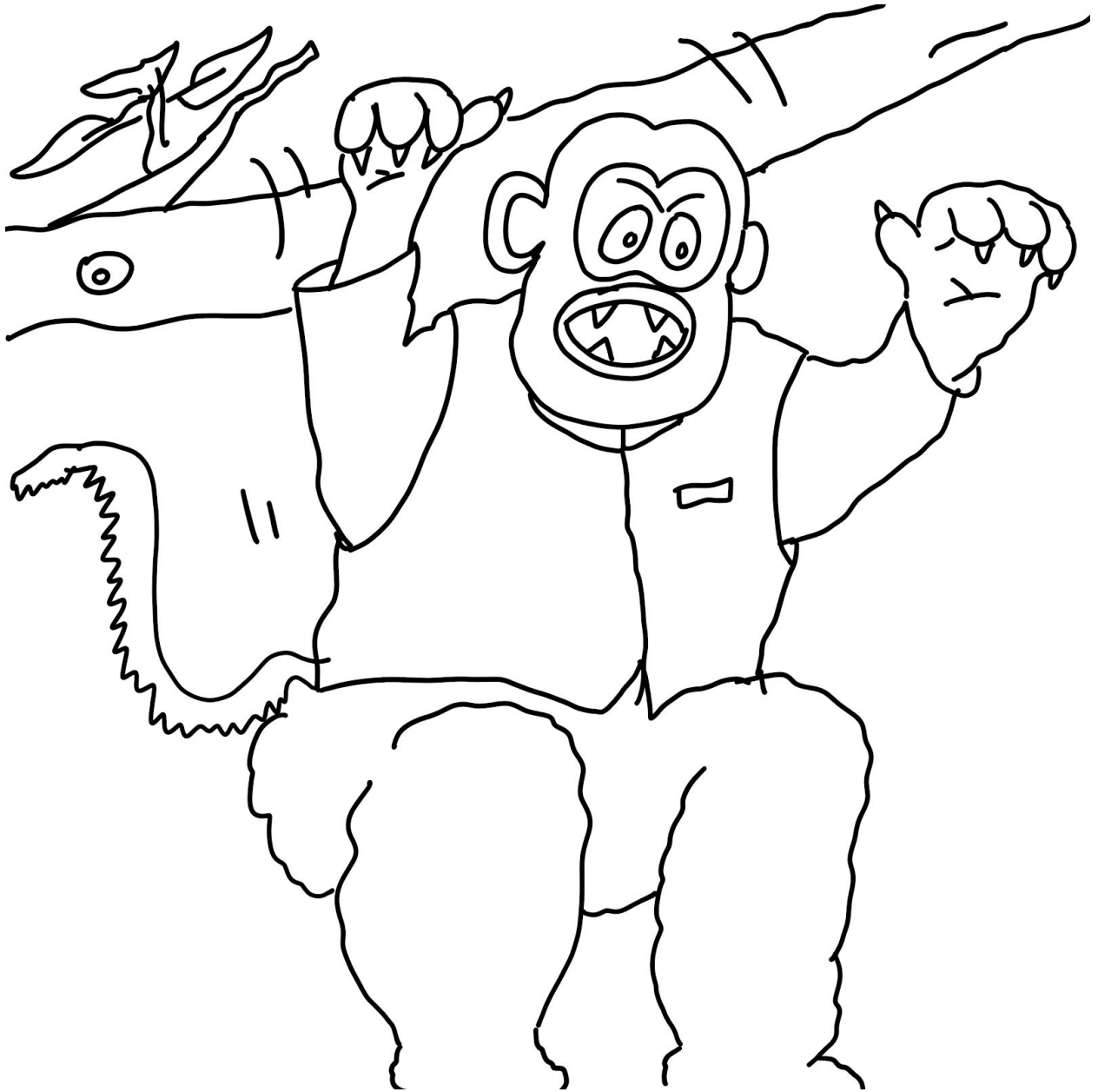
Auto Bhaiya told me that, earlier his daughter Meenu did not go to school because she felt like it was a cow-shed.



So Mufflerman built new schools which looked like royal palaces for her so that she really wanted to go there. But I did not like school much, so when I met Meenu at the playground, I asked her if she liked going to school and if she liked Mufflerman.

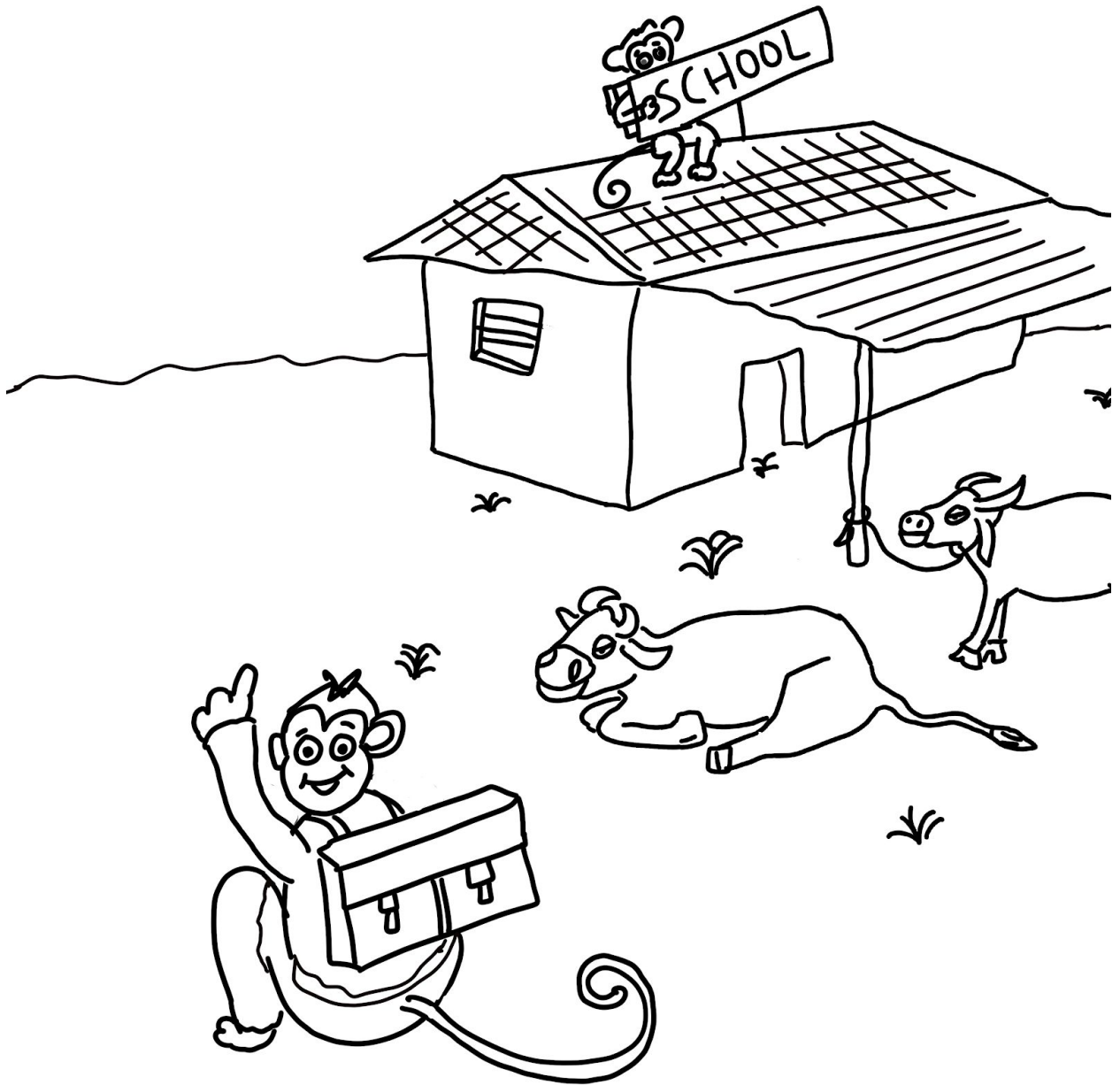


"Yes definitely.", she said. I want to become a teacher and save the world from Monkeyman, she added.



"But who is Monkeyman and why do you need to save the world from him" I asked.

Meenu replied very loudly, that .."Monkeyman changes schools to cowsheds and turns students to monkeys. Thats why". Monkeyman also changes shape sometimes and transforms into other animals.



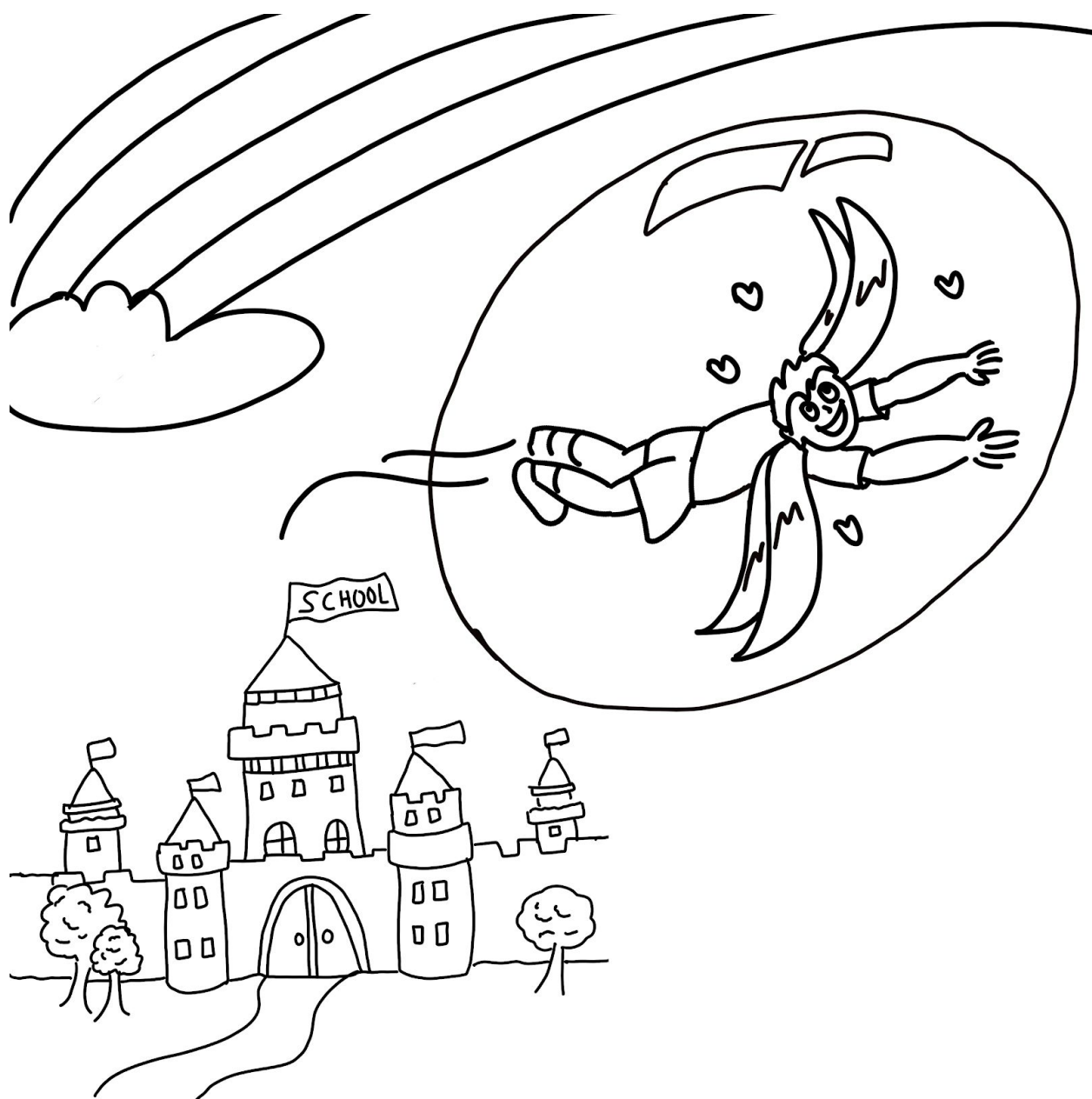
When I heard about Monkeyman the necklace started to scratch again around my neck and the locket seemed to jump up and down.



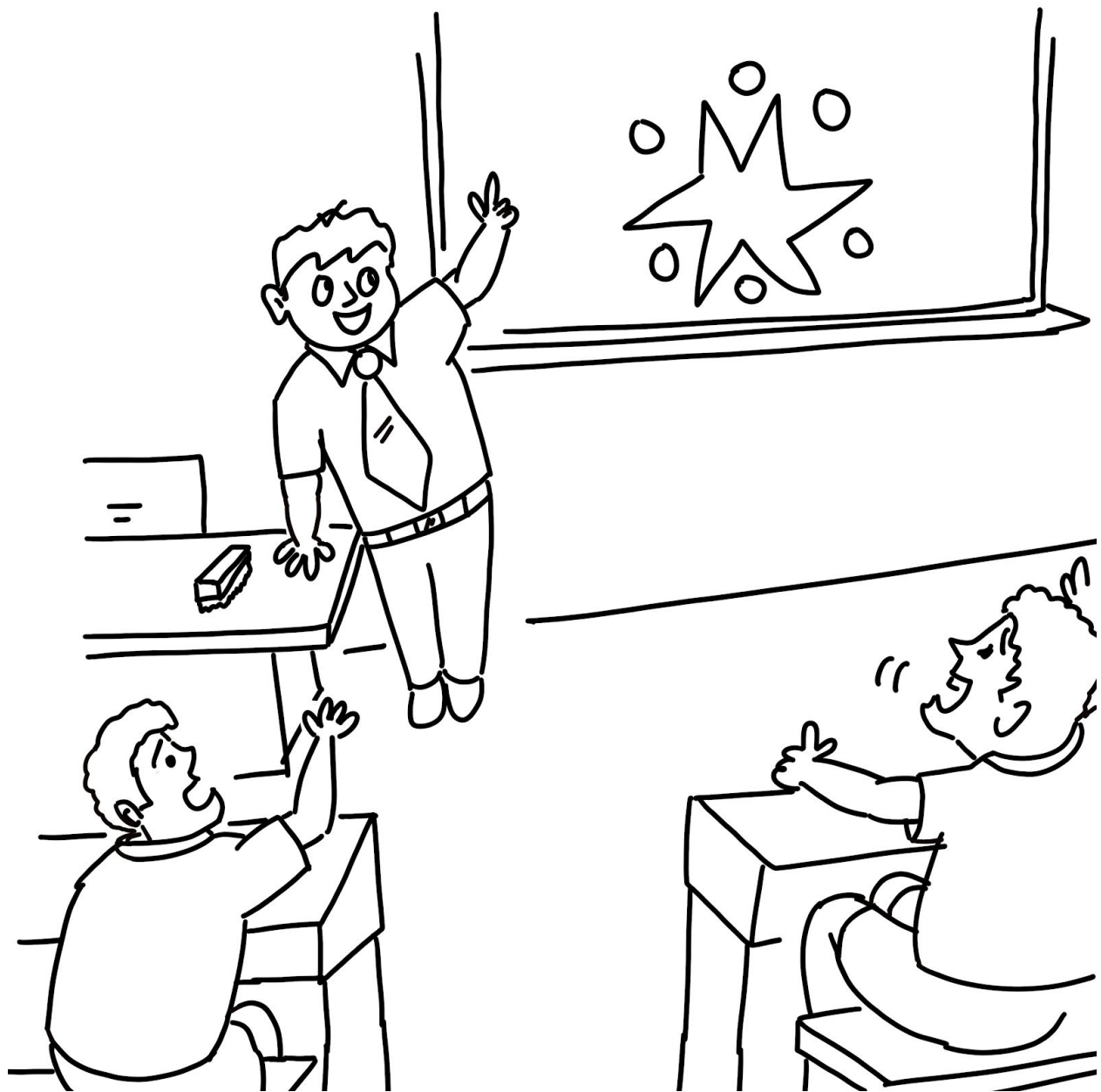
Meenu also told me that when Monkeyman was a kid, a crocodile ate his heart, that's why he is heartless and his chest is filled up with gas.



Mufflerman on the other hand she said gives wings to kids to fly with, fills the pockets of kids with magical gold coins and gives bubblegum made from rainbows which can fix cough, cold and fevers instantly.



Mufflerman is also so funny she said, that he once turned all the teachers in a school into kids and made the kids into teachers. I thought that was bit odd, even Meenu agreed, but it was fun and we laughed together.

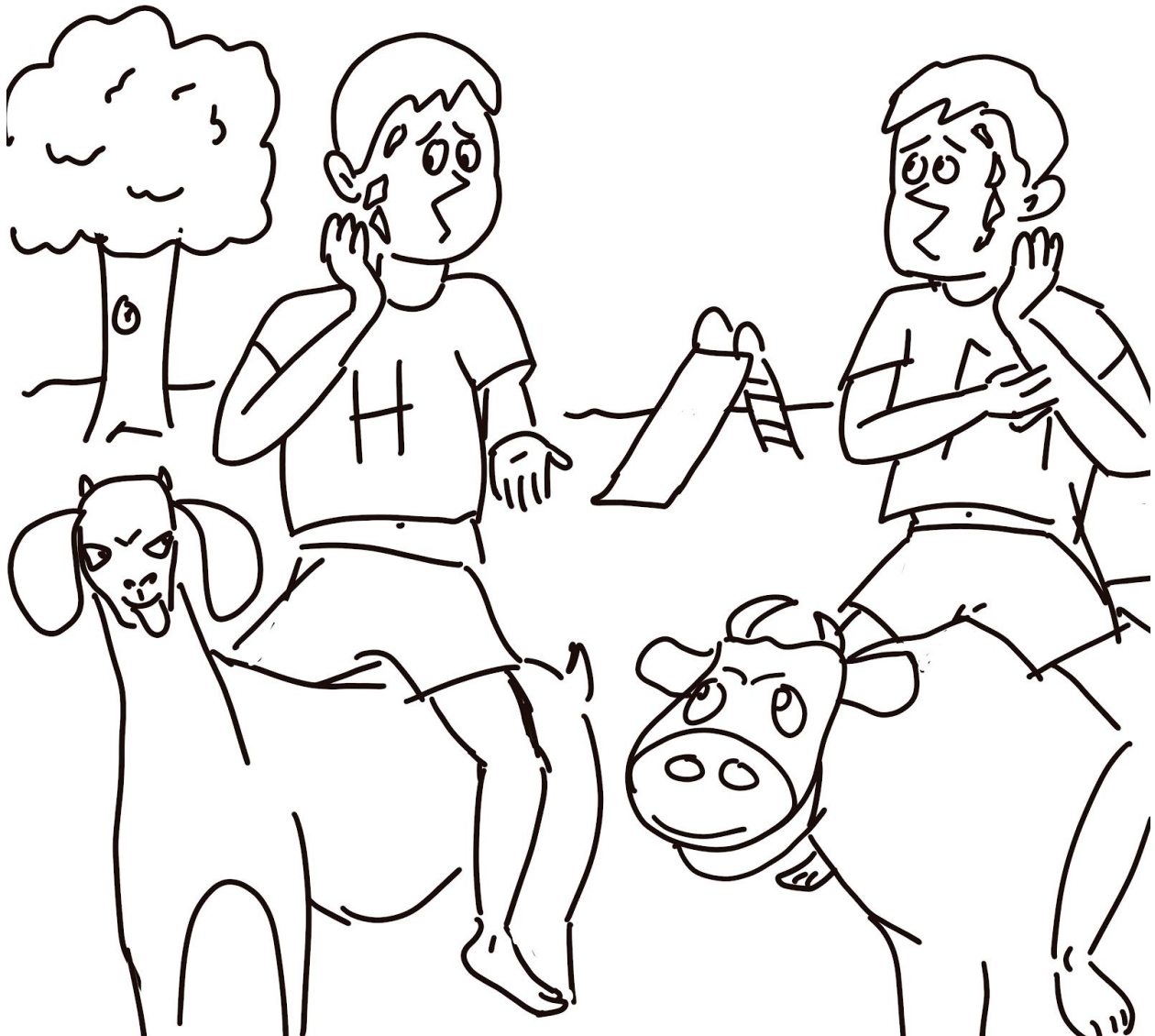


Later when we were playing two of Meenu's friends came to play with us, One was Hinta and another was Minta, and I did not like them. They always wanted to play but would end up fighting. I think they just enjoyed fighting.

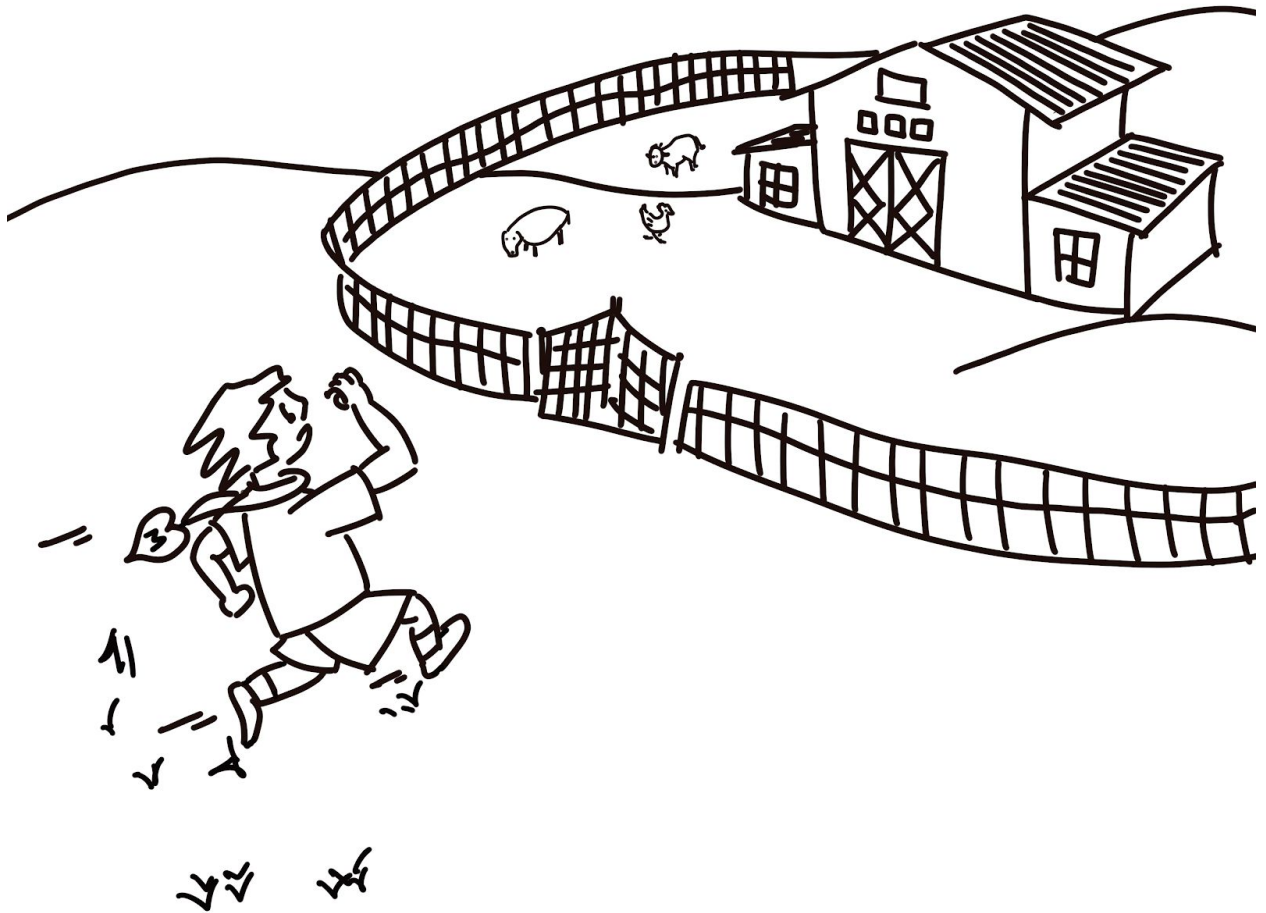


They were actually twins and very very weird. They argued and never stopped arguing like crazy frogs.

While we were playing Hinta said he loved cows but Minta said pet goats are better. And so they made faces at each other and started scratching each others face and fighting.

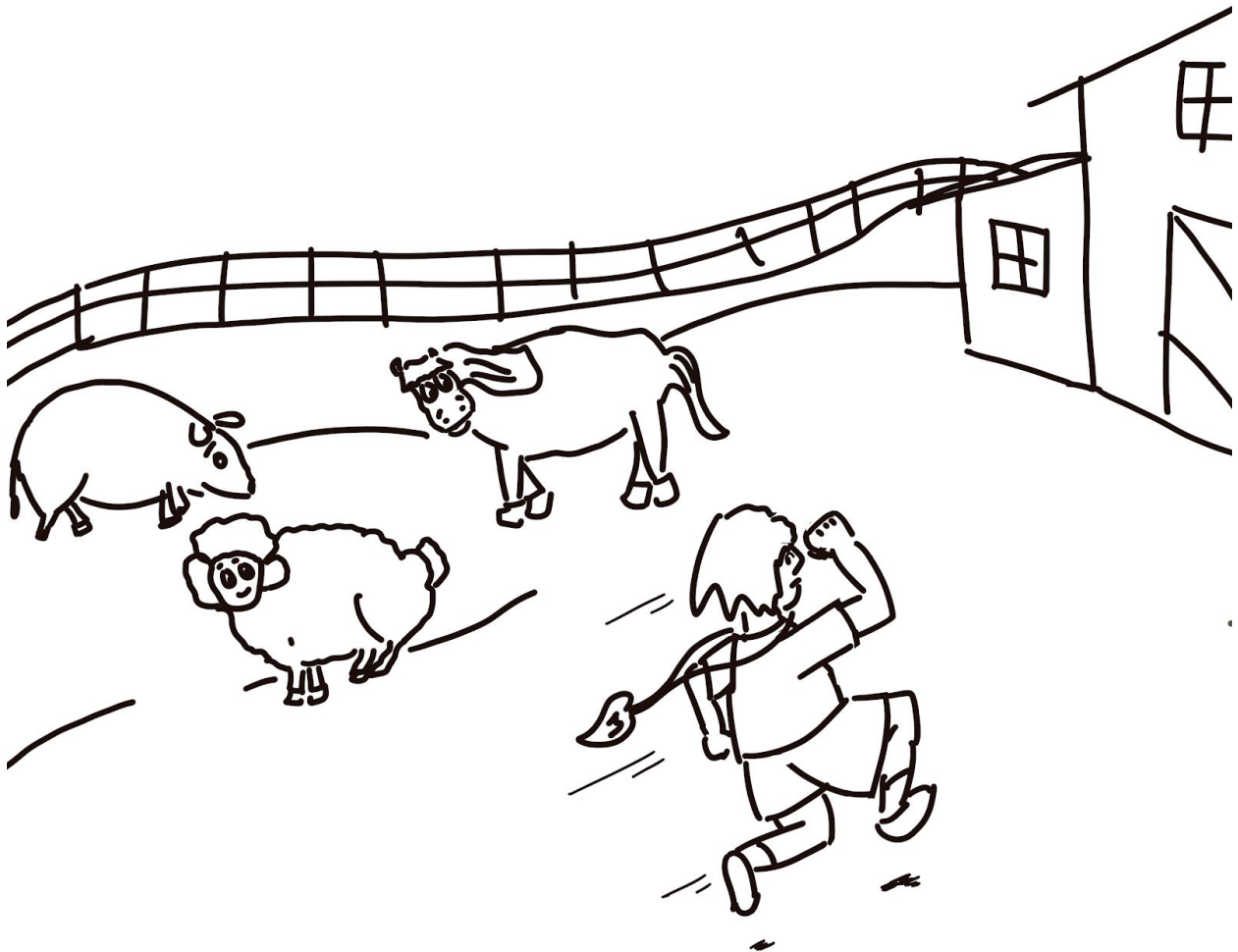


I tried to stop the fight, but they did not stop. Then they suddenly saw my locket, they wanted to take the locket away from me. So I ran hard to escape from them, until



I was inside Ankit uncle's farm. Ankit uncle is our neighbor.

I had run so hard that all the animals in Ankit uncles farm looked at me, and when I stopped running the animals went back to their grazing. Ankit uncle's farm was full of all kinds of animals and the animals found it very strange that I could run so fast.



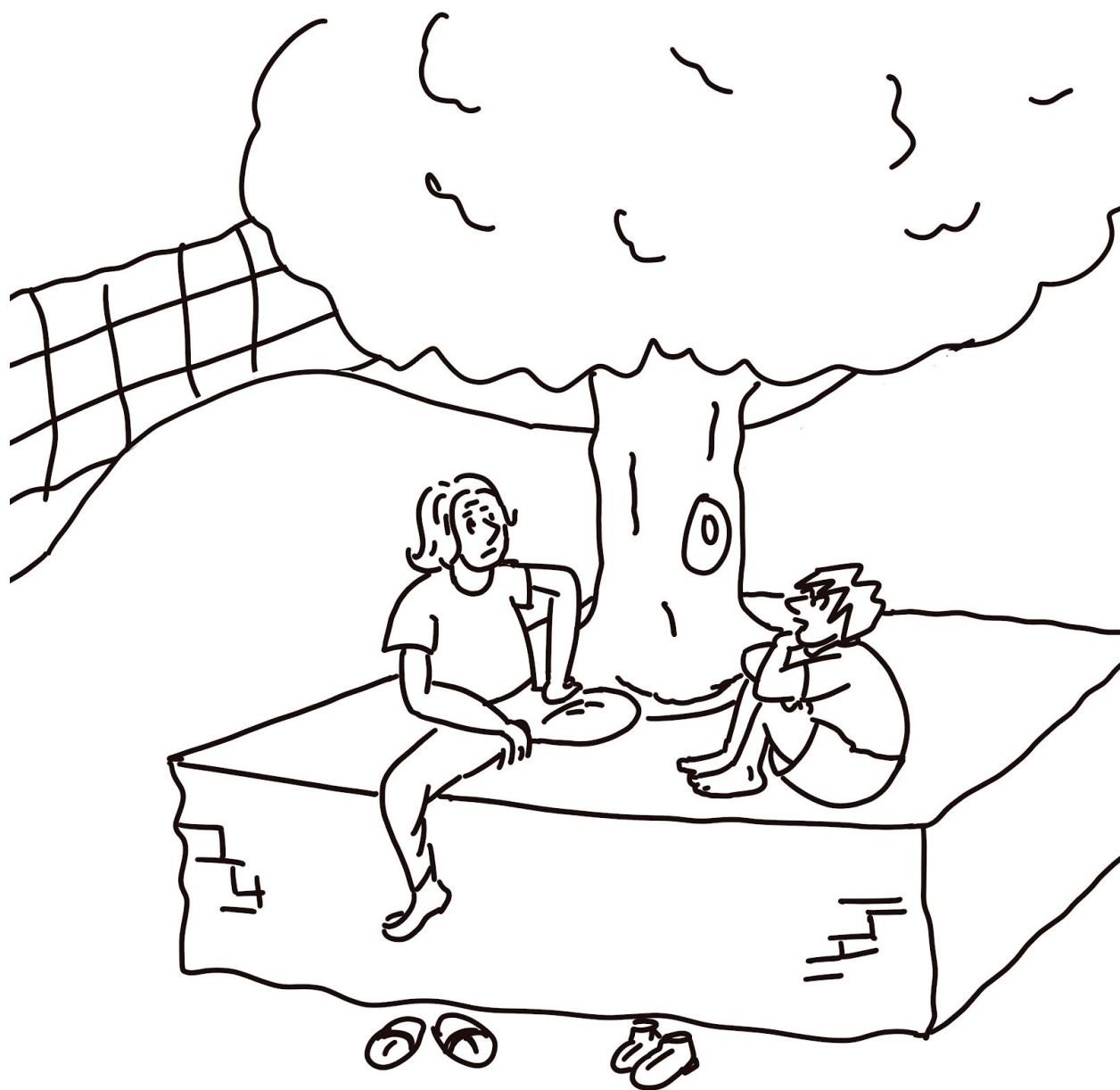
But then I realized, I totally forgot how to find my way back home. A board nearby warned that "Monkeyman sometimes steals animals here" and this made me lonely and scared. And the necklace was scratching really bad.



So I felt very happy, to see Kalam uncle at a distance. He was reading out a book to Ankit uncle's animals. Kalam uncle is the caretaker of Ankit Uncle's farm. And he liked, to do farming, raising animals and to read a lot of books.



I walked up to where Kalam uncle was reading out to the animals. I sat beside him and listened as he read out some stories from his book to the animals. When he finished he told me that I could become a doctor, cobbler, policeman, scientist, goalkeeper, pilot, or even Mufflerman.



It seemed like a fun idea to become Mufflerman, only if my necklace stopped itching.



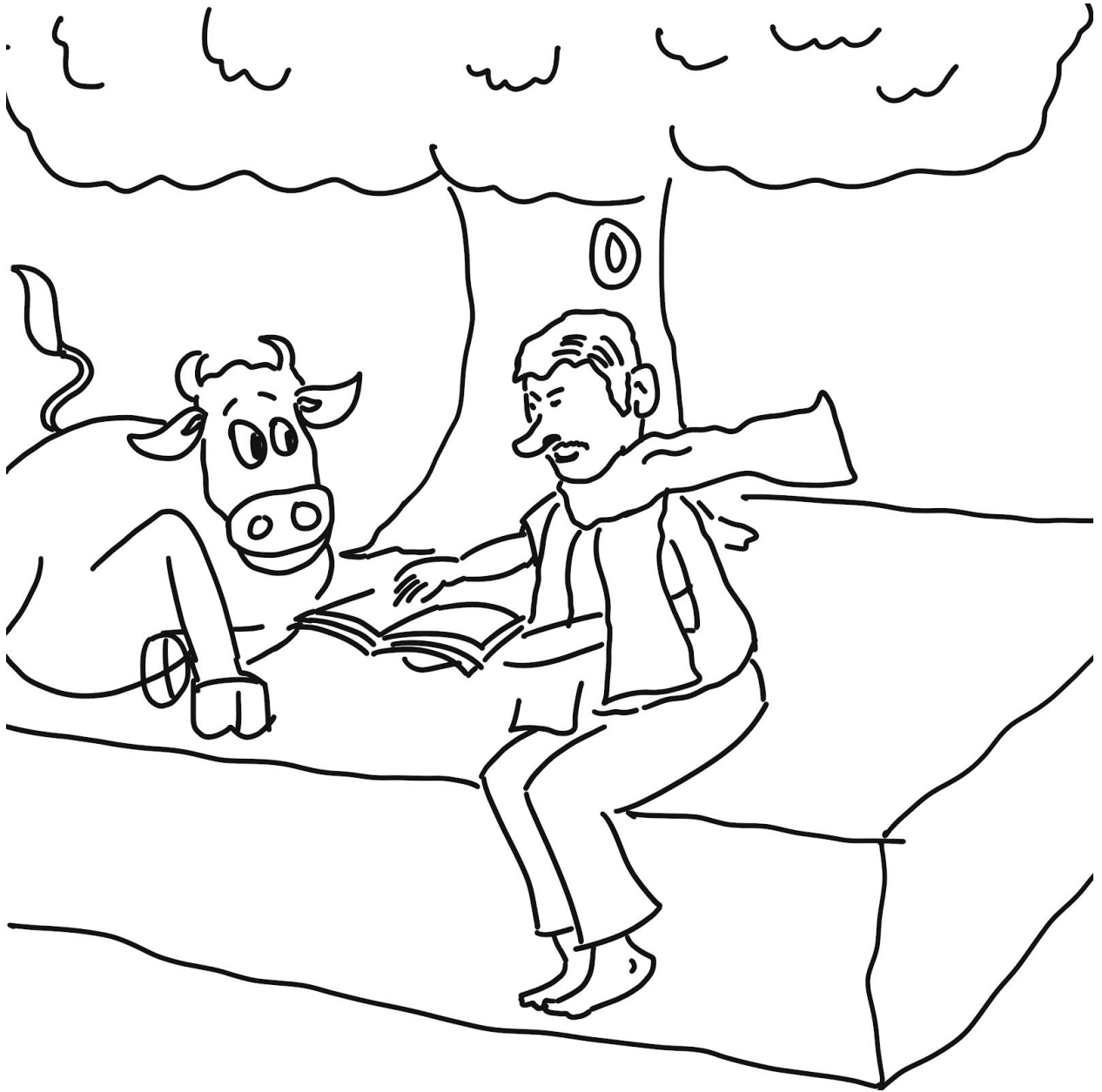
So while he was explaining to me about how I could become Mufflerman, he also told me other things about laser guns, spaceship to mars and the fantastic animals who live in clouds. And while he was talking, one goat ate his book. Kalam uncle was very sad, and said if the goat had learnt how to read, it would not do so.



But how could a goat learn how to read, I asked.

He said all the animals in the farm had a heart and could learn. He told me that he had given each animal in the farm a name and each one seemed to respond when called lovingly by their name. But Kalam uncle told me something very important.

He said only Mufflerman can teach animals how to read and write.



I asked him how could I become mufflerman so that i can teach animals to listen and start learning.



To explain how animals could listen, he showed me the one eyed donkey, which was called Karma by everyone, it seemed to be listening to our talks. Karma had the

strange habit of messing with people who messed with it
!!! Neel Rai, also known as N. Rai, the noisy, big white
flying goose sitting on the tree seemed to be looking at us,
and trying to find out what we were upto.

There was a snake in the farm which danced to music.
So uncle called it Ravindra Vish, but it had no poison.
Someone had broken his poison teeth and he could not
find it back. So now he could only drink milk and eat
cereals, till he had grown some new poison teeth again.

There was also a big black fat rat for which Kalam uncle
could not find a good name so he named it Dark Ratty
who seemed to be listening to the sounds of our footsteps.



It seemed to me now that the animals were listening, but I was not entirely convinced. But still I thought it would be fun to become like Mufflerman someday and be able to talk to animals. And to give kids all kinds of magical powers that they so urgently needed.

So I asked Kalam uncle again, how to become Mufflerman.

So while feeling sorry about his book which the goat ate, Kalam uncle told me the secrets about how to become mufflerman.

1. Brush your heart everyday. Like your teeth your heart gets dirty everyday. If you dont keep heart clean it will have cavities.
2. No body can be everybody's friend except Mufflerman. You have to be everyone's friend, to become Mufflerman. But not everyone will be your friend. Many people wont like to be friends with you, because not everyone likes Mufflerman, but thats okay.
3. You can eat whatever you like to become strong like Mufflerman, including ear wax. If it doesn't harm you, its okay to eat it. If any Monkeyman follower

asks what you eat and what you don't, always answer "I eat and drink everything", because that confuses Monkeyman and his followers.



Brush your heart



Be friends with everyone



Eat & Drink Everything



Say what your heart says



Treat girls and guys same



Fly with your towel



Look into the mirror



Friends of Mufflerman
will help you

4. To become Mufflerman, always say what is exactly in your heart, politely and happily. If you don't say what is in your heart, no one can hear it.
5. Mufflerman treats girls and guys the same. There are some special people who are neither guys or girls, Mufflerman even treats them the same. You also have to be same way. You can make fun of everyone, but you cannot be mean to anyone.
6. Everyday you should tie a towel to your back like mufflerman and spread your arms apart, and try to fly. If you try hard enough you will learn to fly like Mufflerman someday.
7. To transform into Mufflerman instantly, look into the mirror, blink your eyes and tap the mirror 10 times.
8. Somedays in life you can feel very sad, the dependable friends of Mufflerman are always there for you. Even if you heard about Mufflerman today, they will be

your friends. Just tell them you heard about Mufflerman and need a new broomstick.

After saying so, Kalam uncle told me, he will narrate me various stories which will help me become Mufflerman. But then I was tired and sleepy, and hungry as well. So I asked Kalam uncle to take me back home. But Kalam uncle was forgetful, he could not remember the road back home.

The animals stared at us and we stared right back at the animals for sometime, not knowing what to do.



But then something strange happened, the locket started talking to me very softly so that only I could hear it. It glowed softly and told me directions to my home. Kalam uncle left me home and I was so happy to see my parents again.