

Penelope Misses Her Granny



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And all children and grandparents
trying to make sense of life with COVID-19

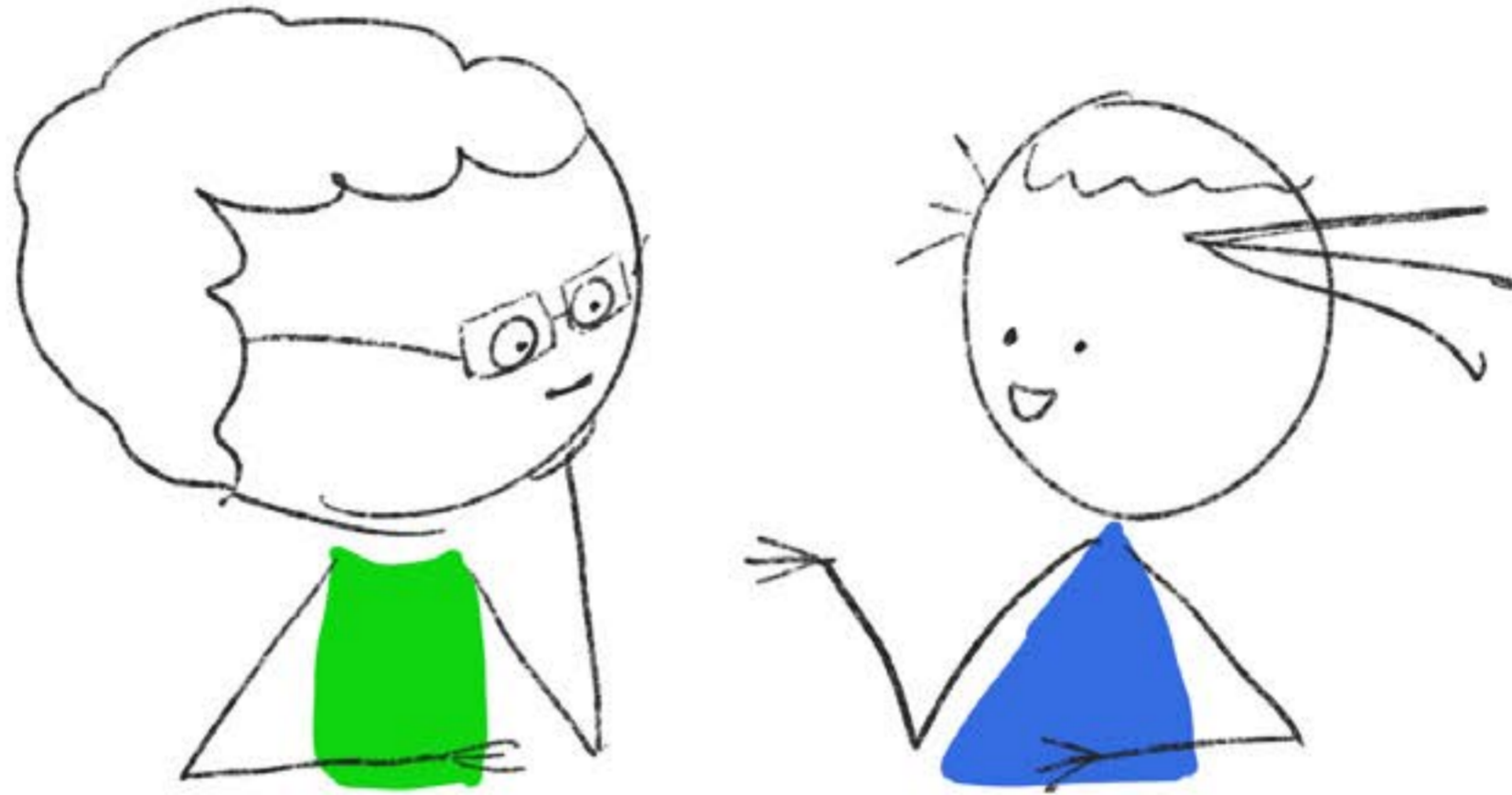
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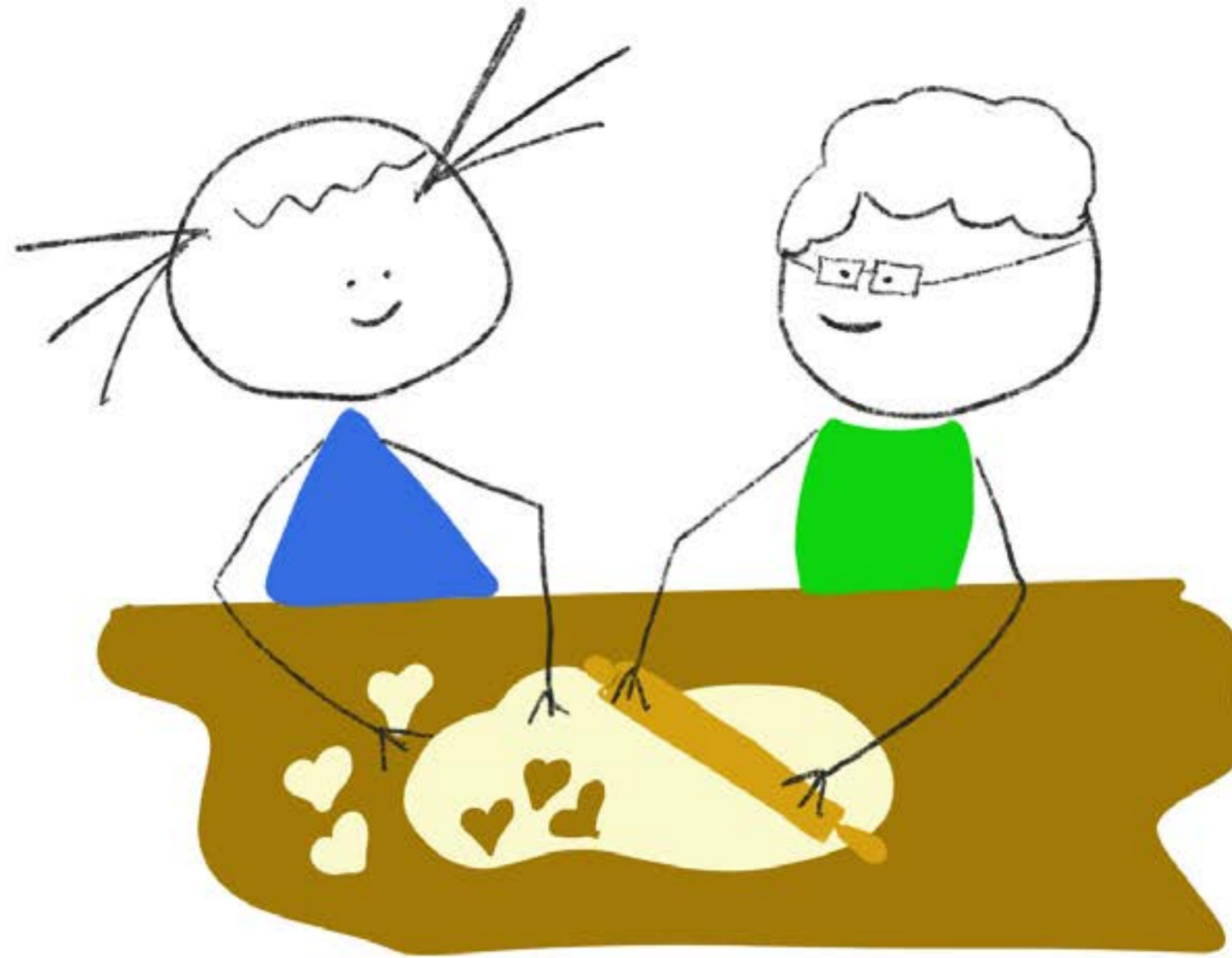
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Penelope and Granny live very close to each other. They see each other almost every day.



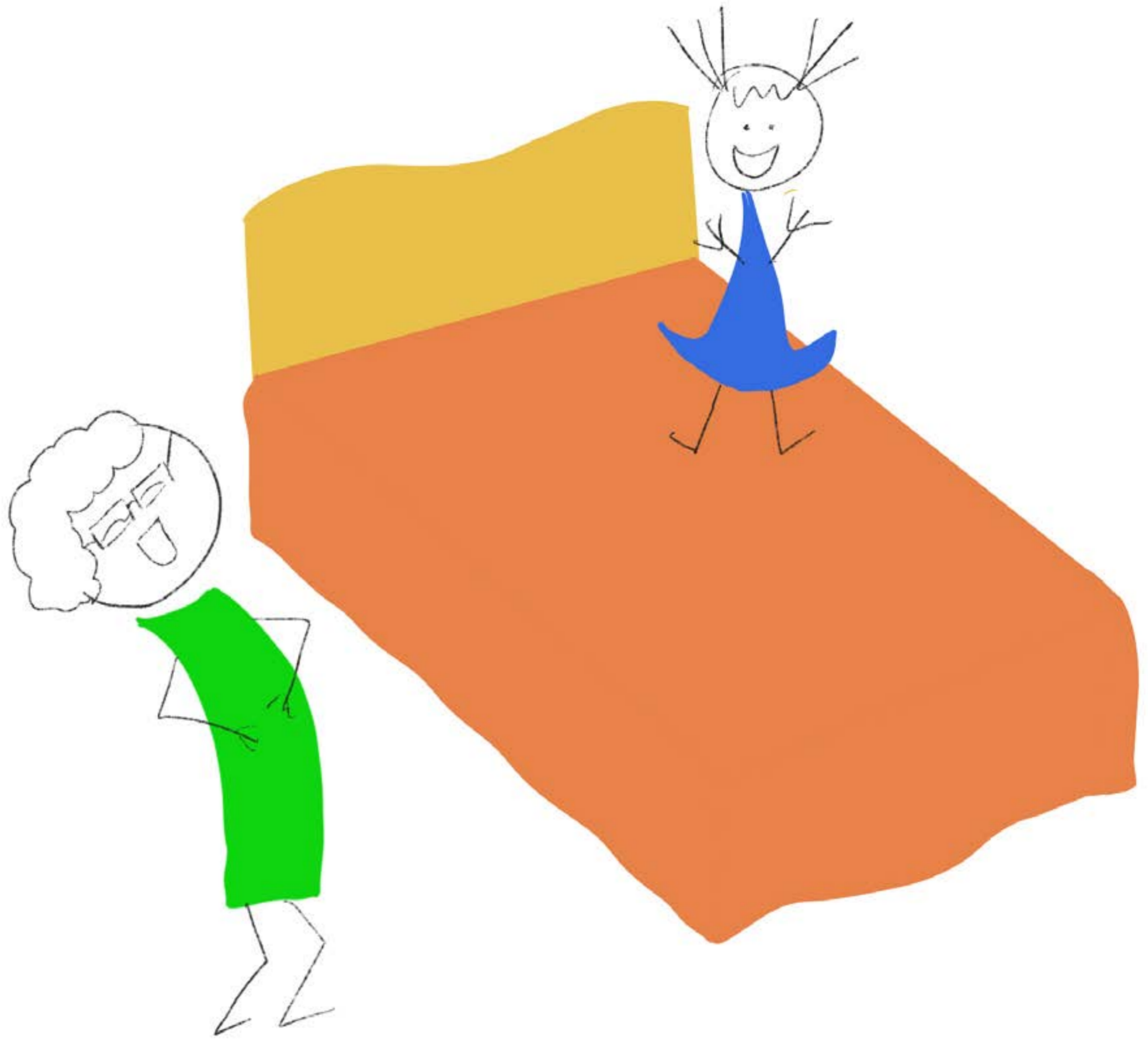
Mommy and Daddy get busy, but Granny always has time to listen to Penelope's stories.



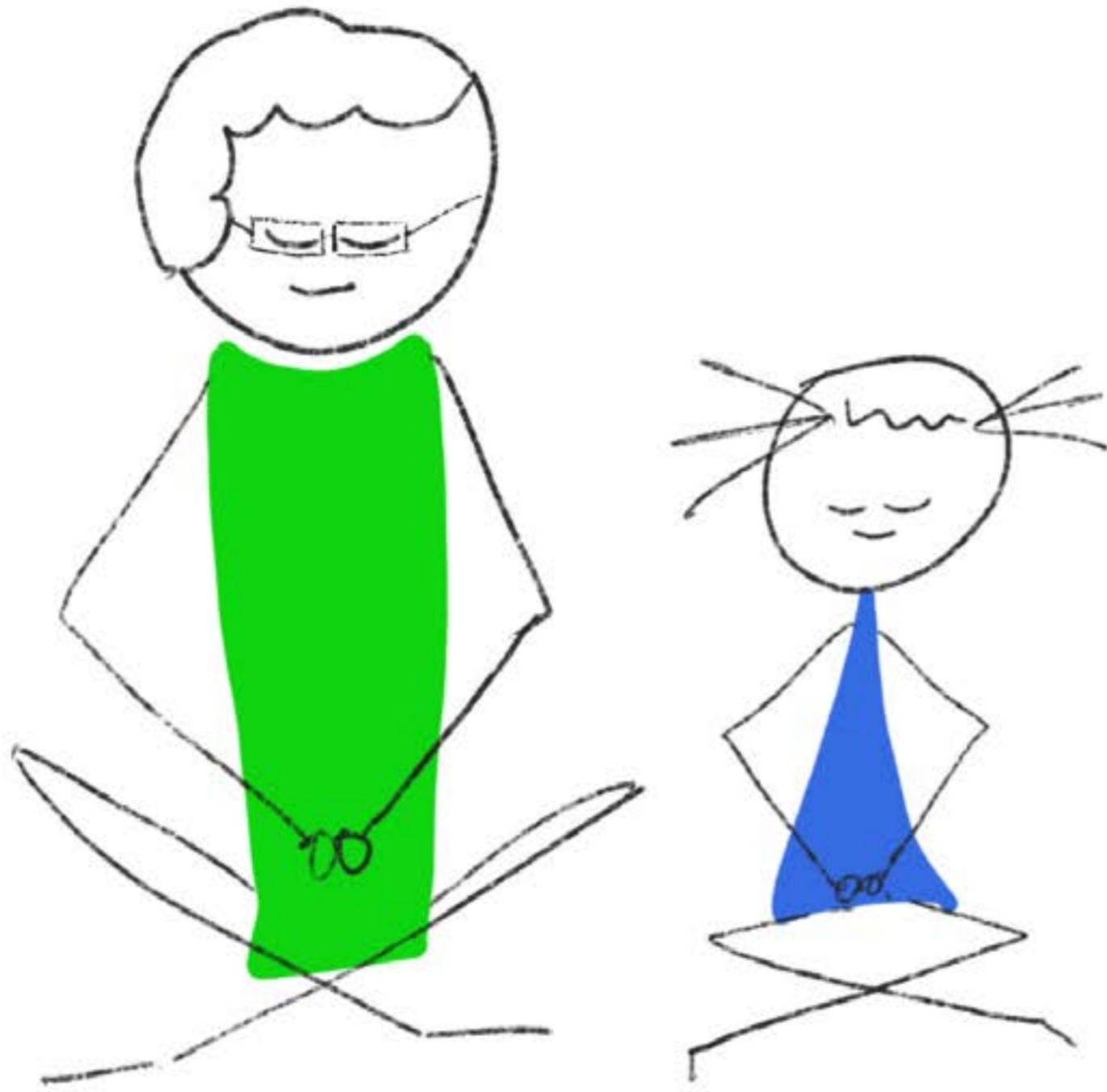
Penelope helps Granny in the kitchen,
especially when it's time to bake cookies.



Penelope and Granny make masterpieces together.



Granny lets Penelope jump on the bed.



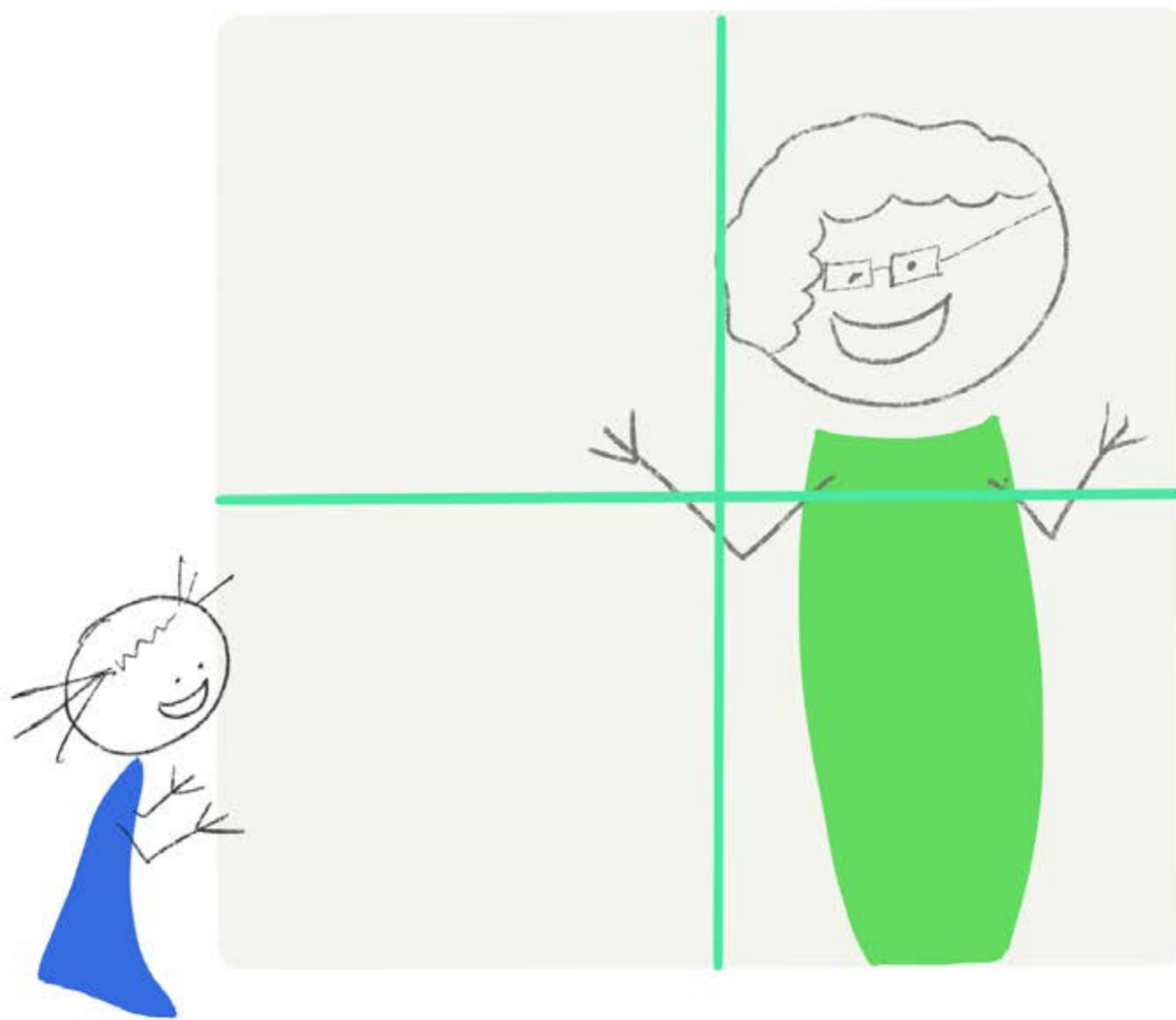
Sometimes Penelope and Granny sit and do nothing. Granny calls it listening to life.



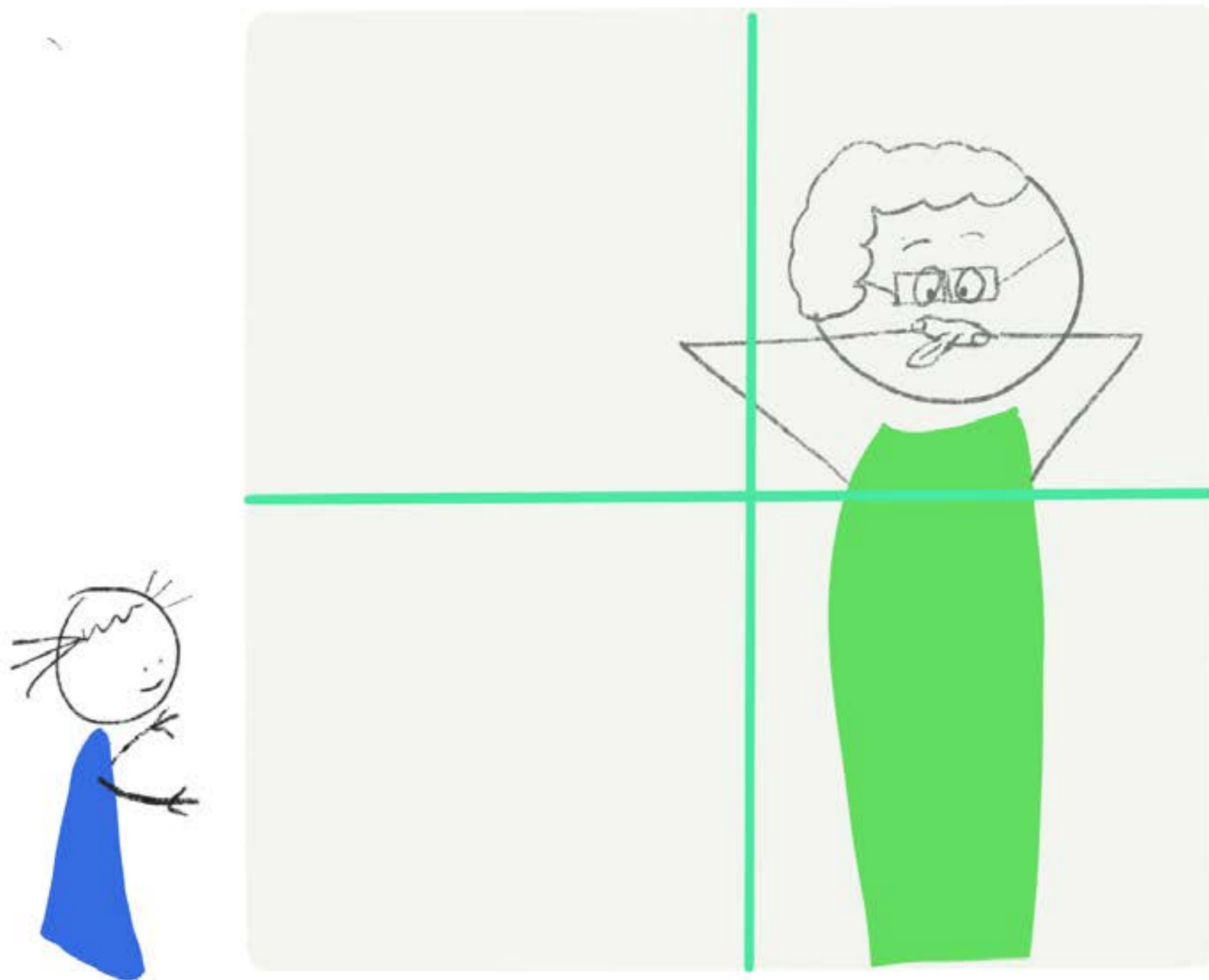
Most nights Granny comes over and reads Penelope a bedtime story.



But Granny can't come over now because of a virus. They're doing a thing called social distancing. Penelope misses Granny terribly.



But Penelope got a wonderful surprise!
She found Granny outside the window
waving, smiling, and blowing kisses.



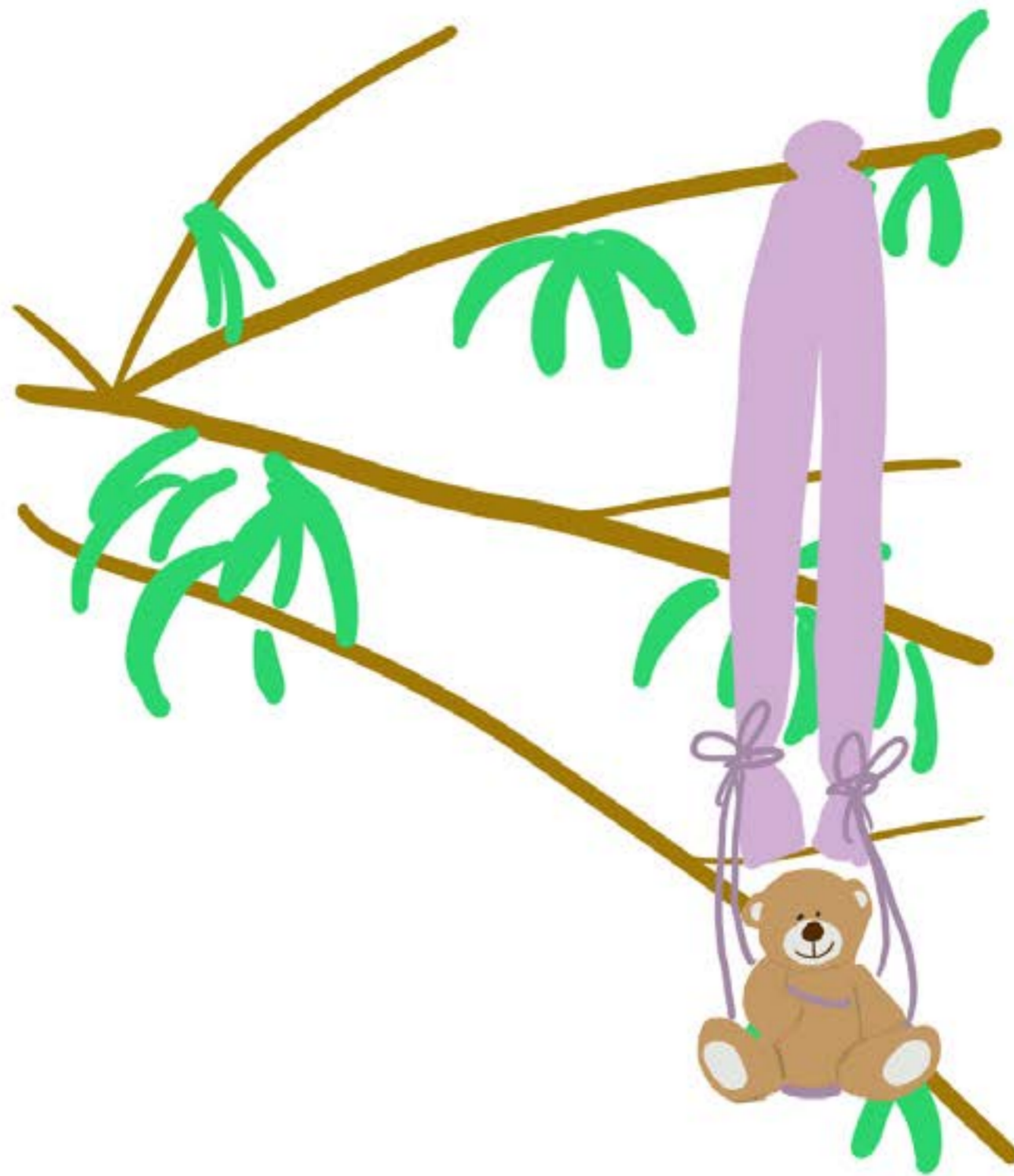
They made silly faces at each other. They gave air hugs. They laughed and they cried.



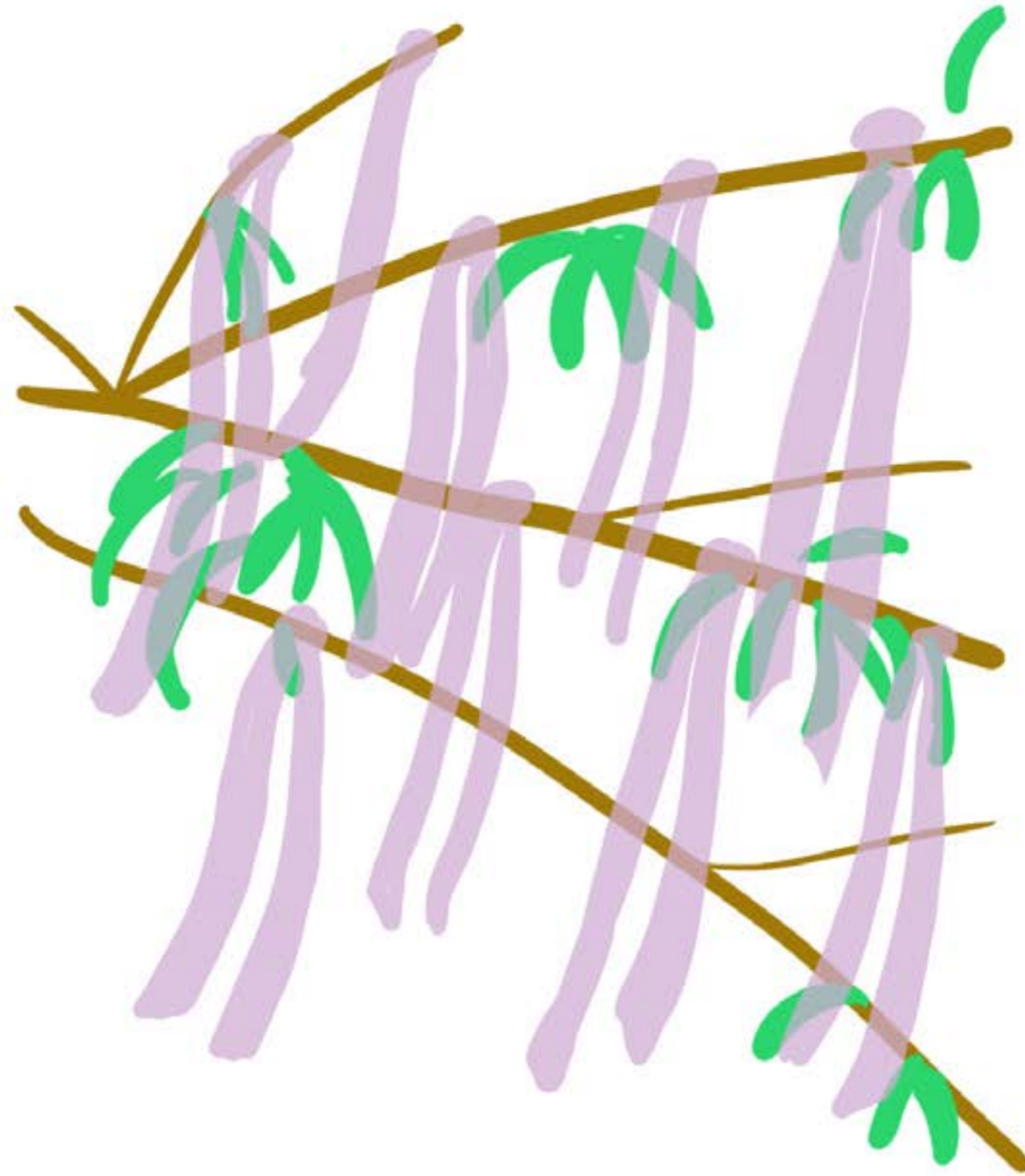
In the morning Penelope found another surprise, a picture from Granny taped to her window. It had to stay outside for one day so the virus wouldn't sneak in, but she could look at it all day.



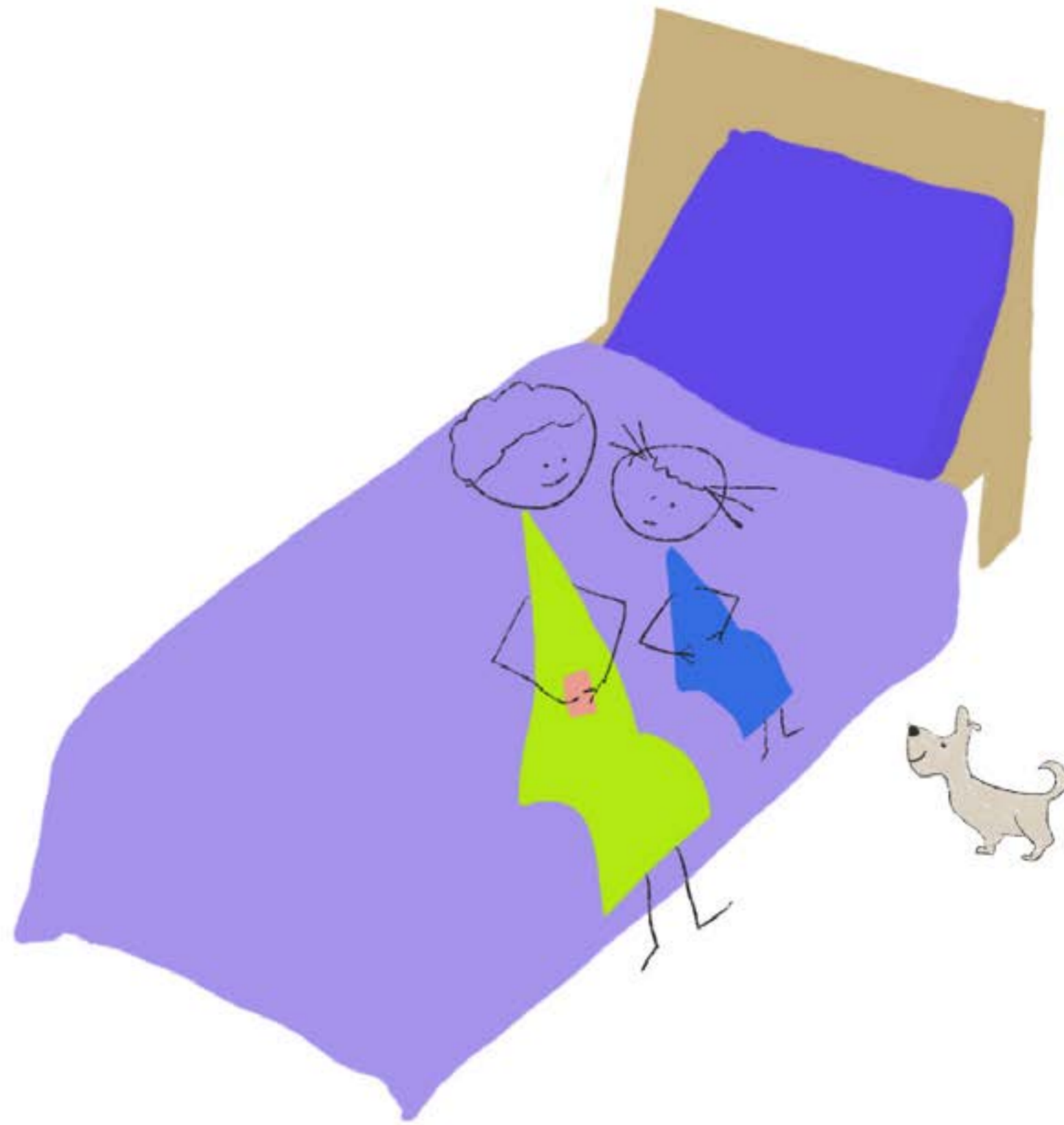
Penelope drew a picture for Granny and taped it to her window. Granny smiled and waved from inside.



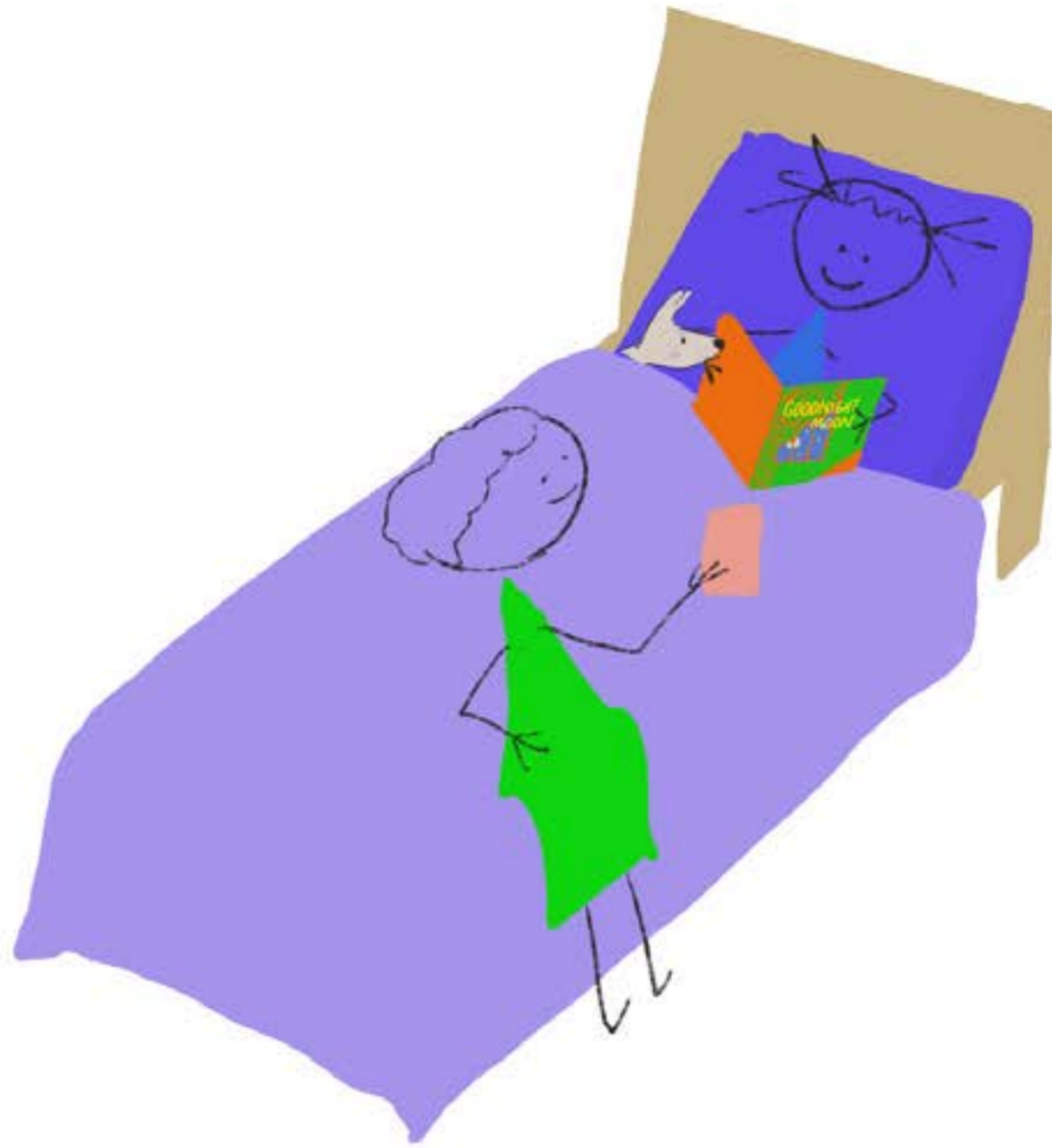
One morning Penelope found a ribbon hanging from their tree. A little bear was swinging from it.



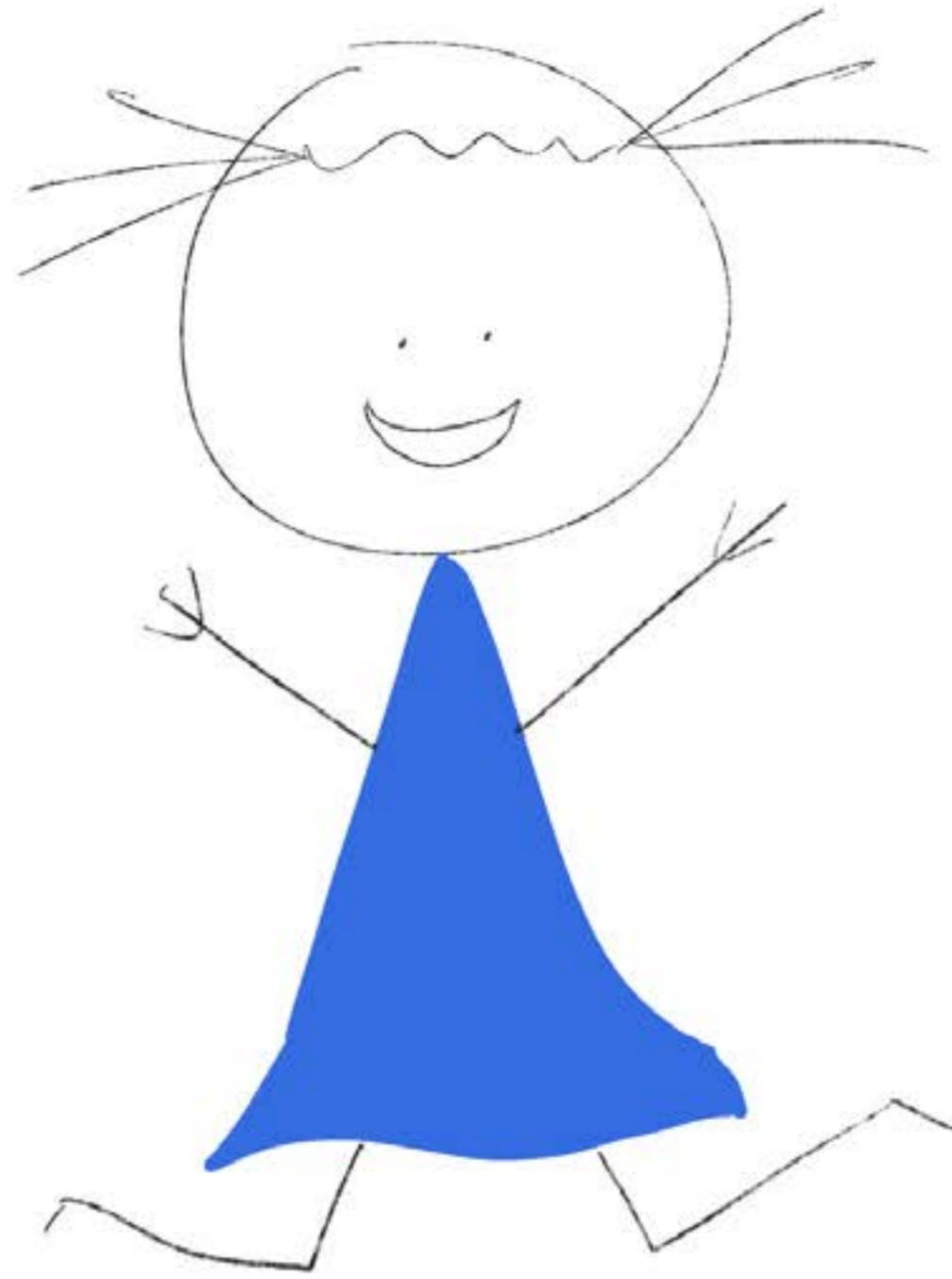
Every day Penelope found a new ribbon.
Some had little gifts, others had messages.



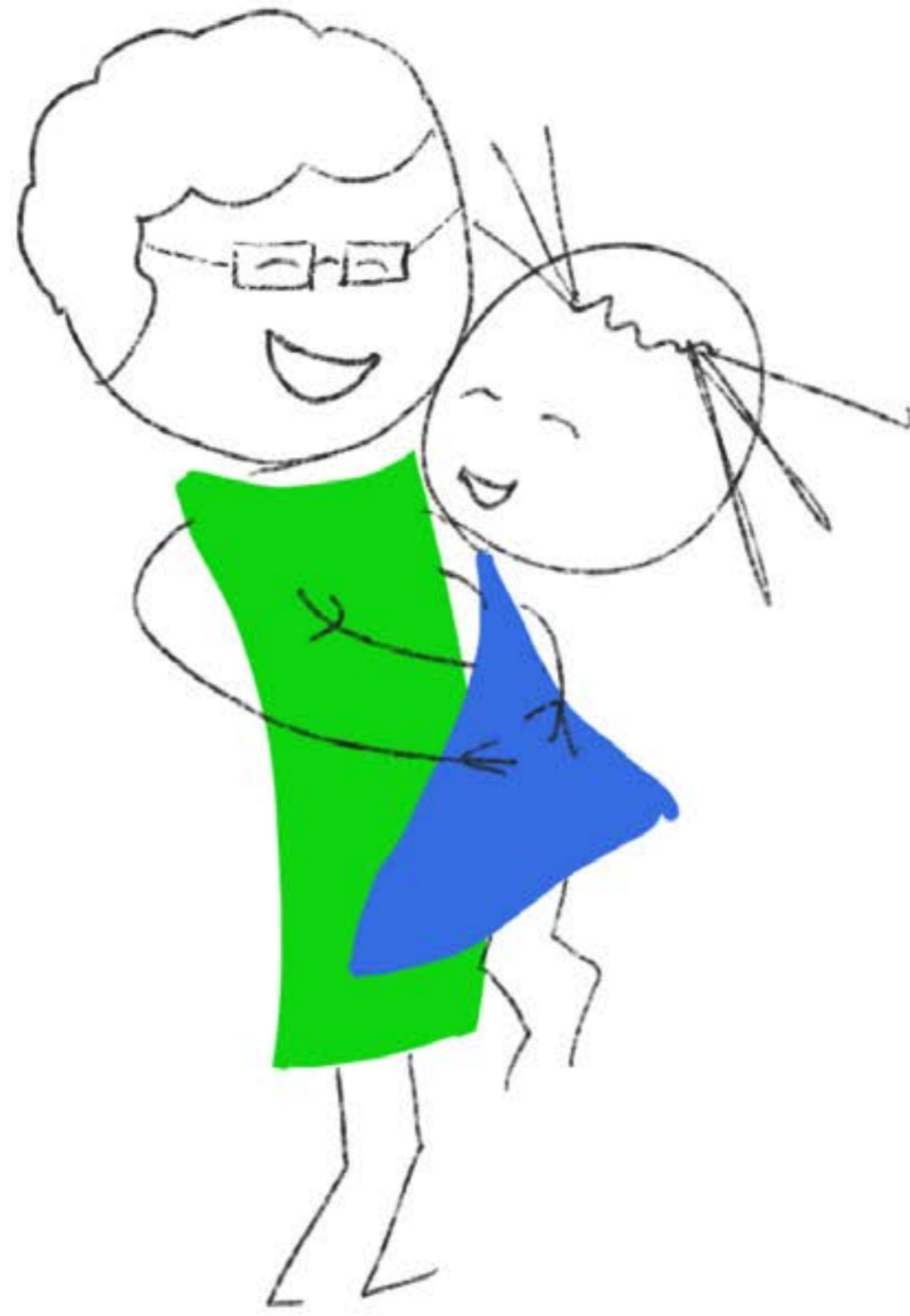
At bedtime, Mommy brought her phone to Penelope's bed. That's against the rules. Bedtime is no phone time.



But, wouldn't you know it? Granny popped up on FaceTime to read to Penelope.



Penelope was happy she and Granny found ways to be together even though their bodies had to be apart.



Penelope missed Granny's hugs, but they will make up with extra hugs and kisses when the virus goes away.



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