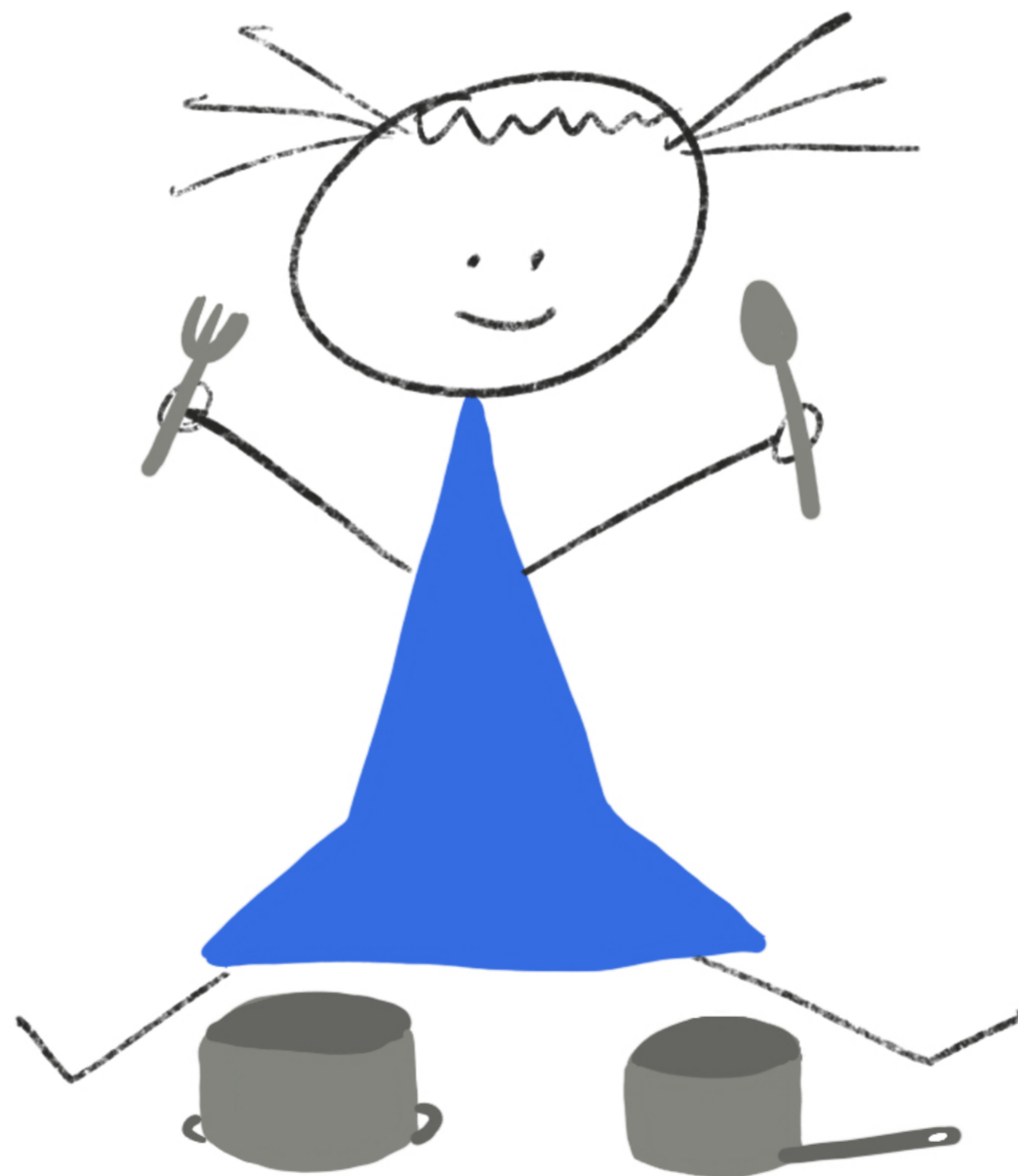


# Penelope Plays At Home



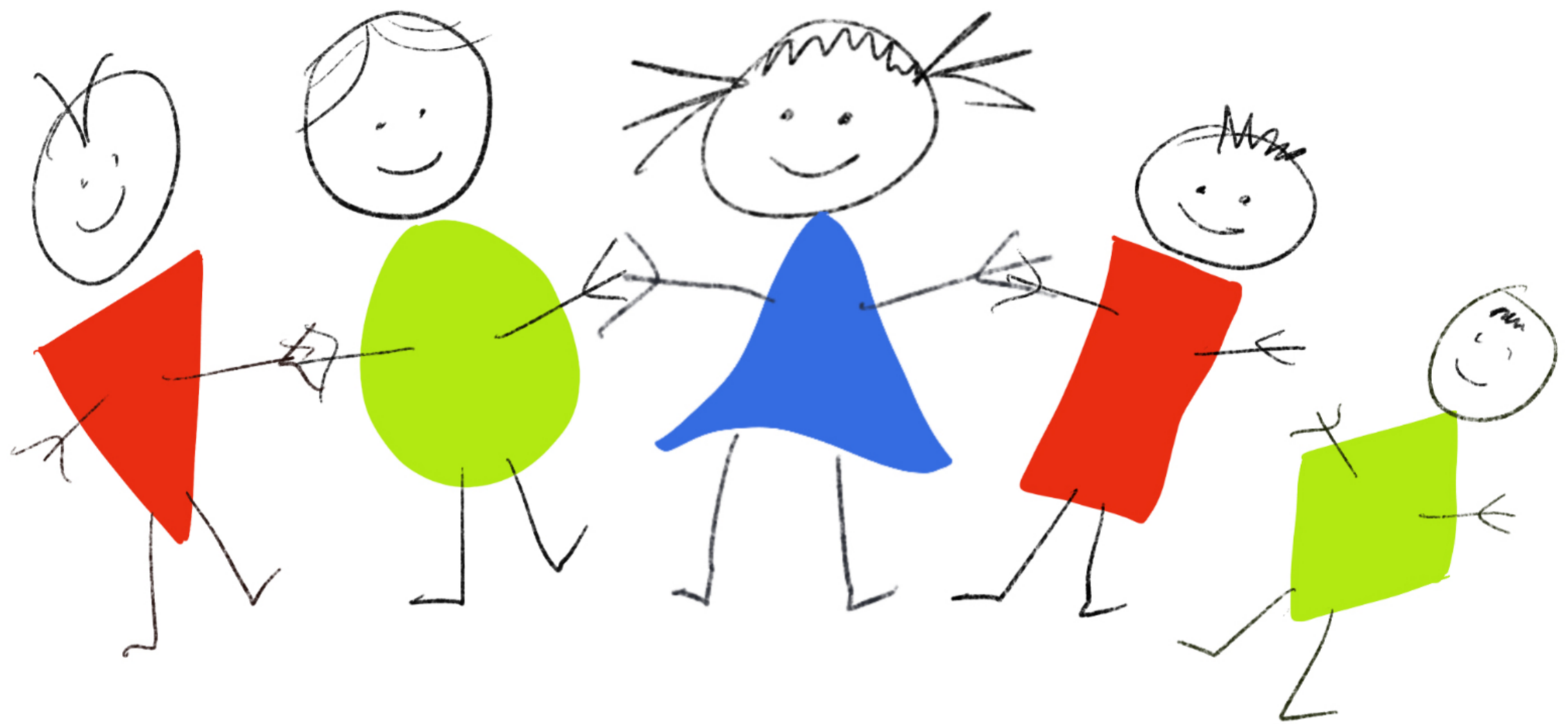
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For Cheri

And all children and parents  
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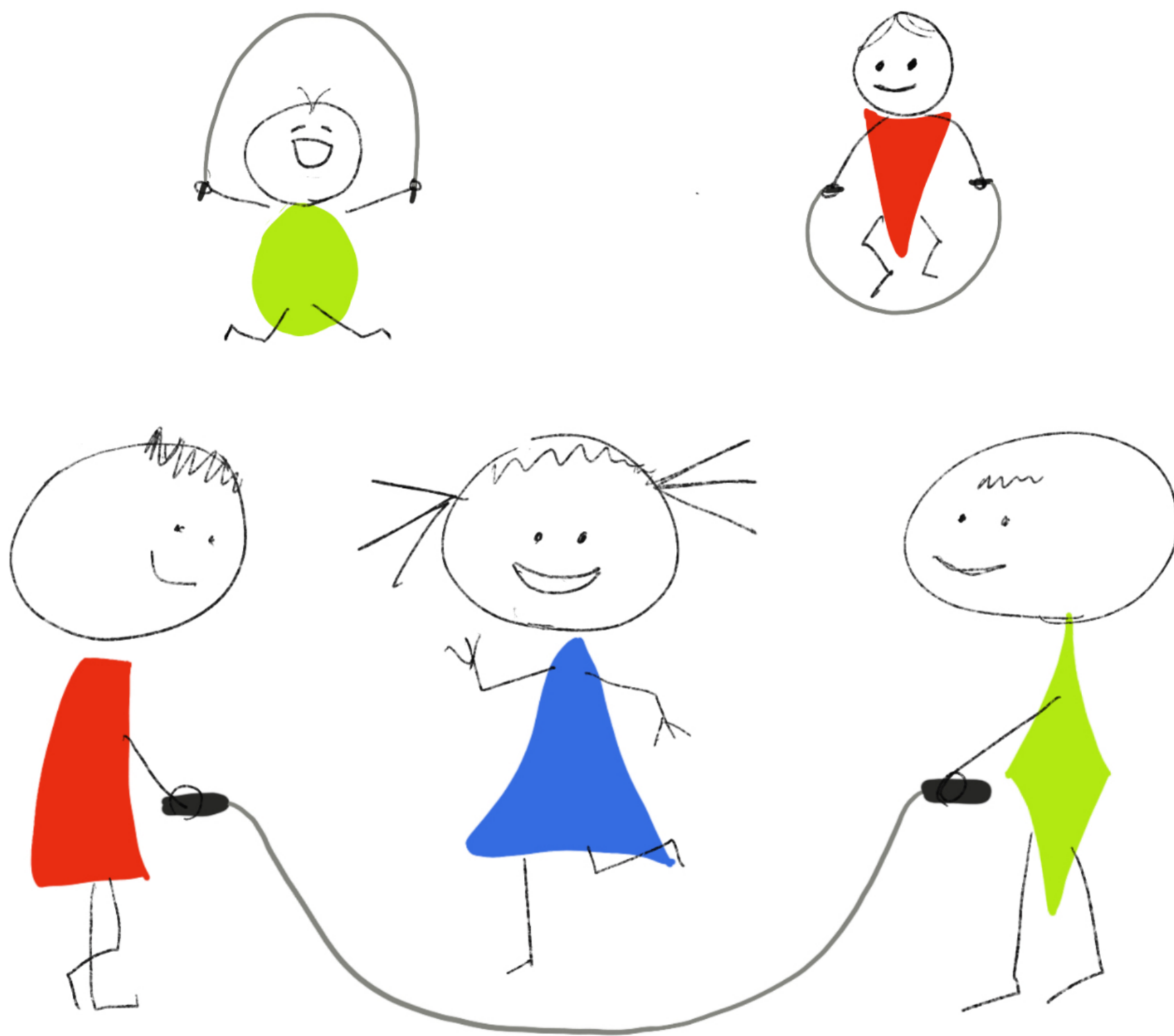
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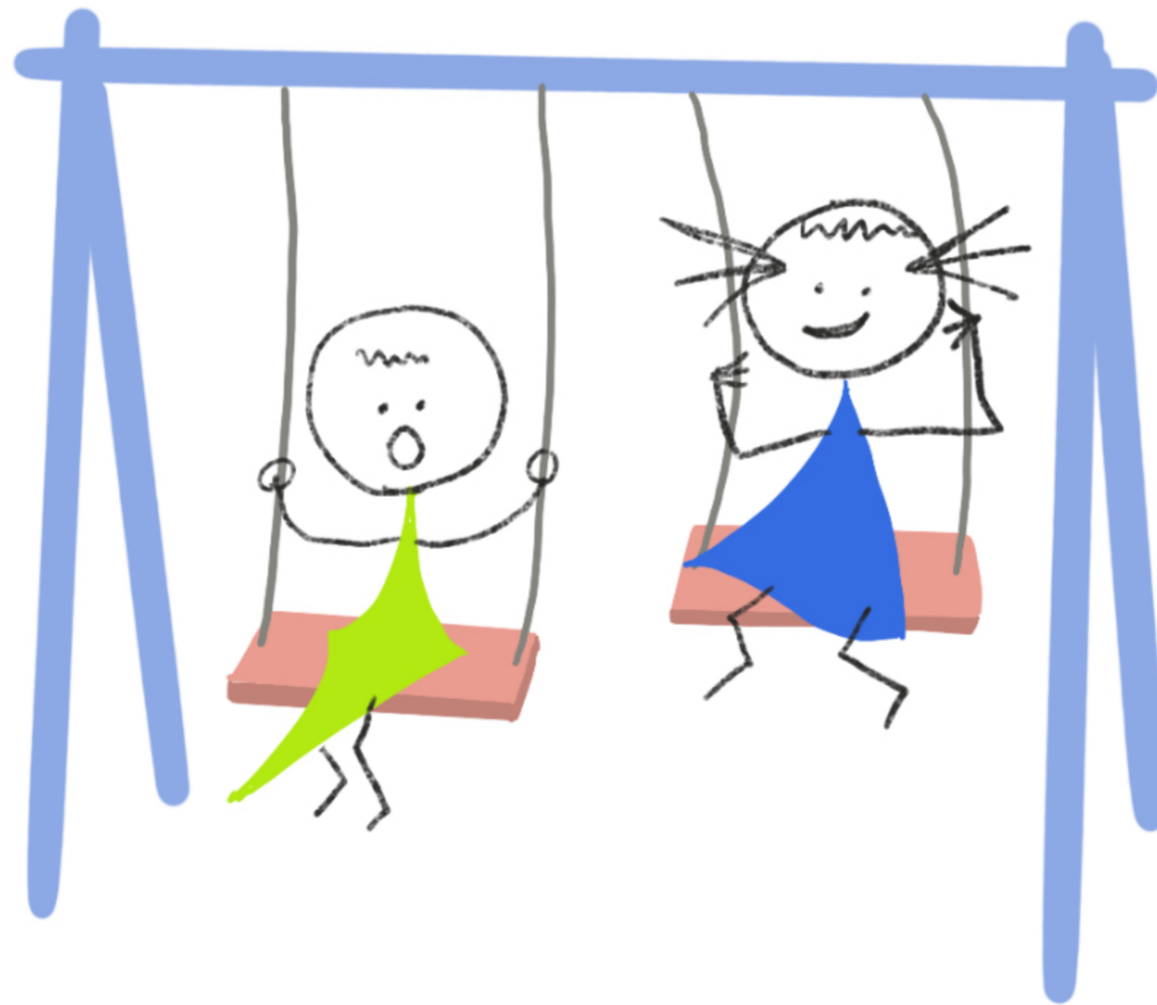
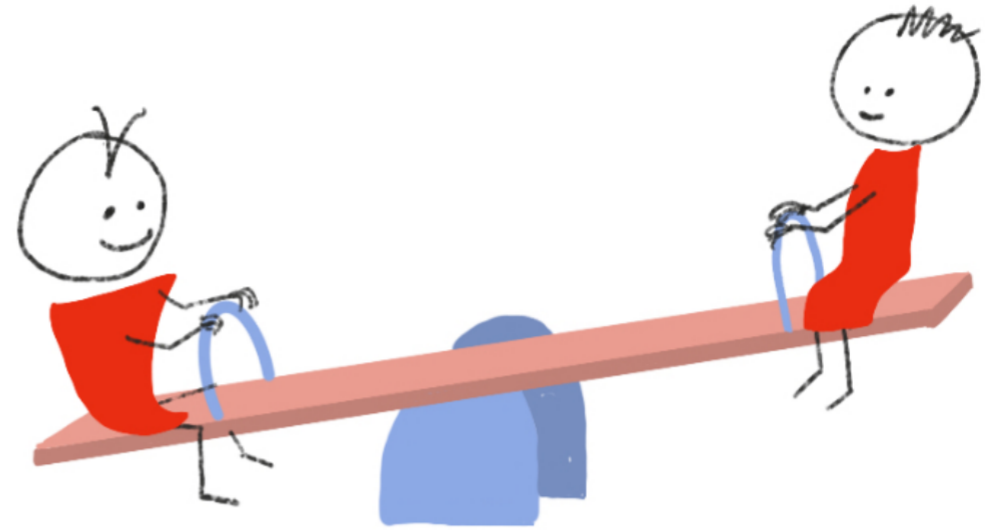
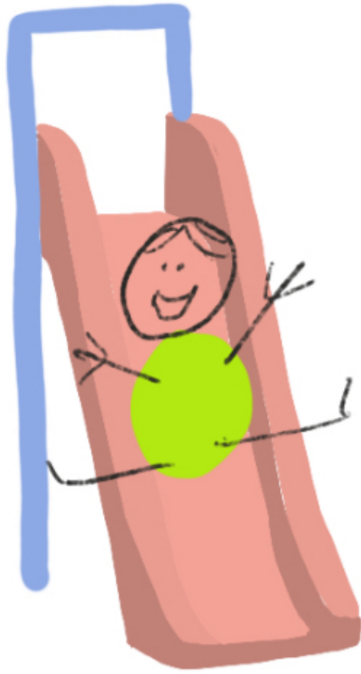
Penelope plays with her friends every day.



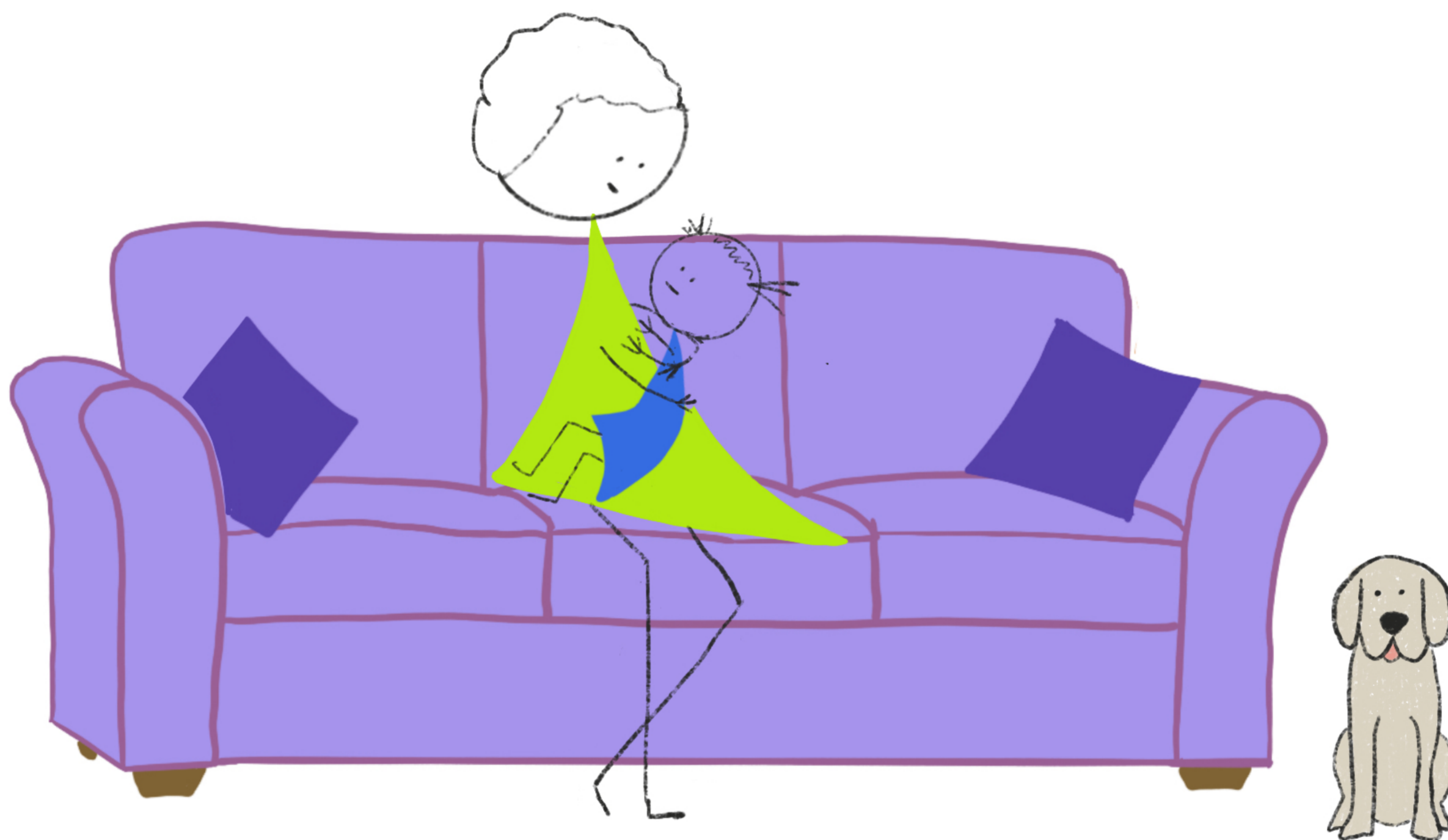
They ride bikes.



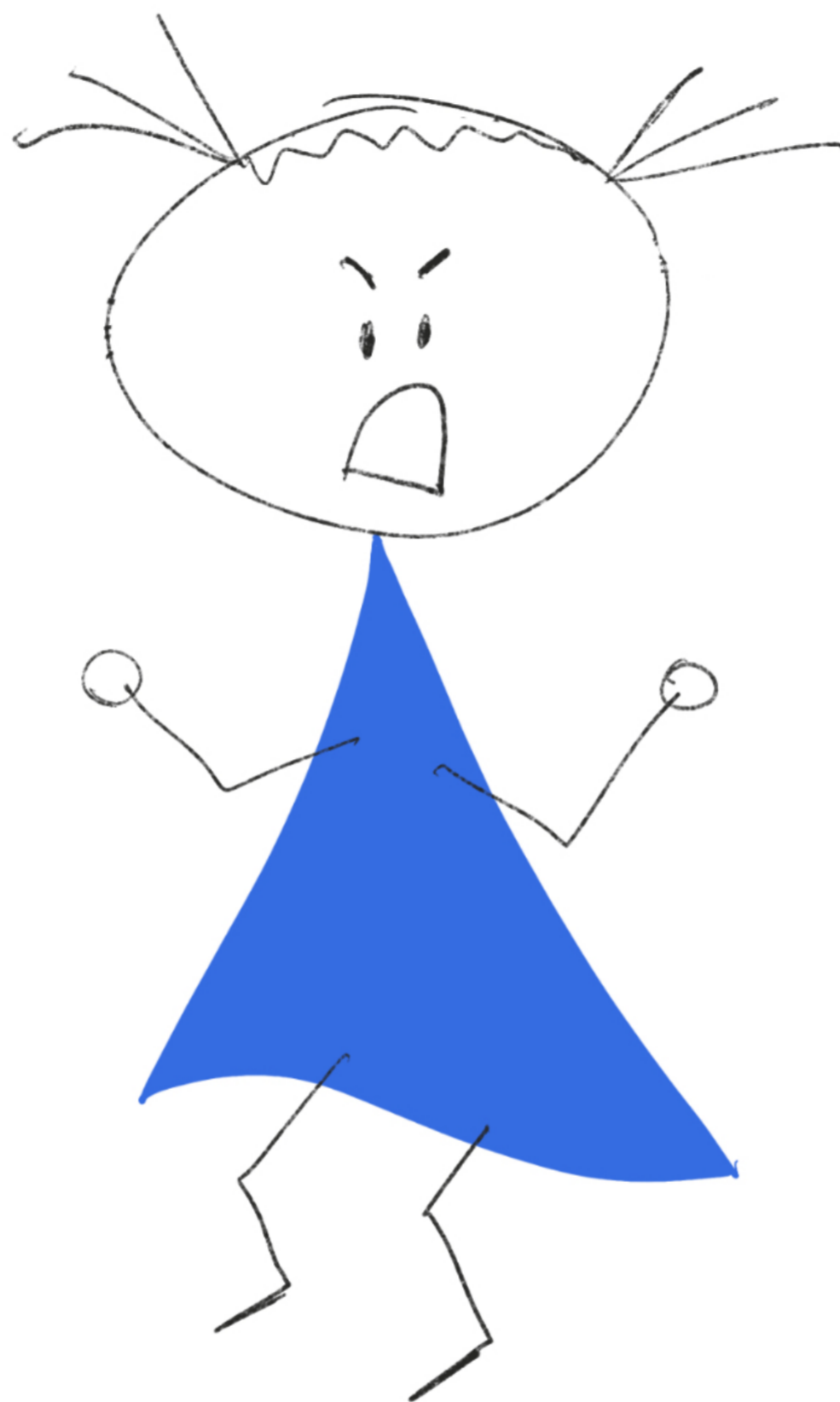
They jump rope.



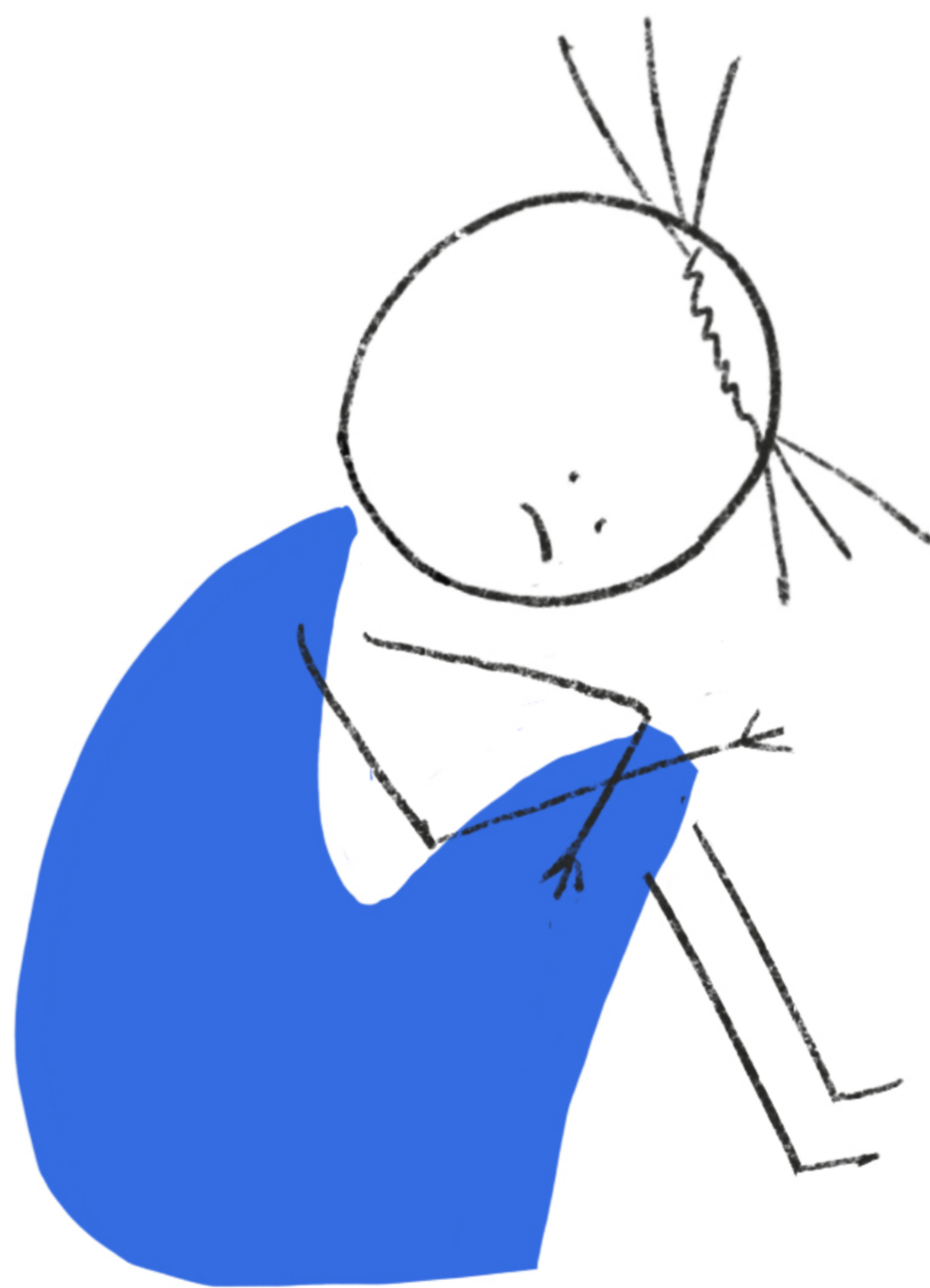
They play at the park.



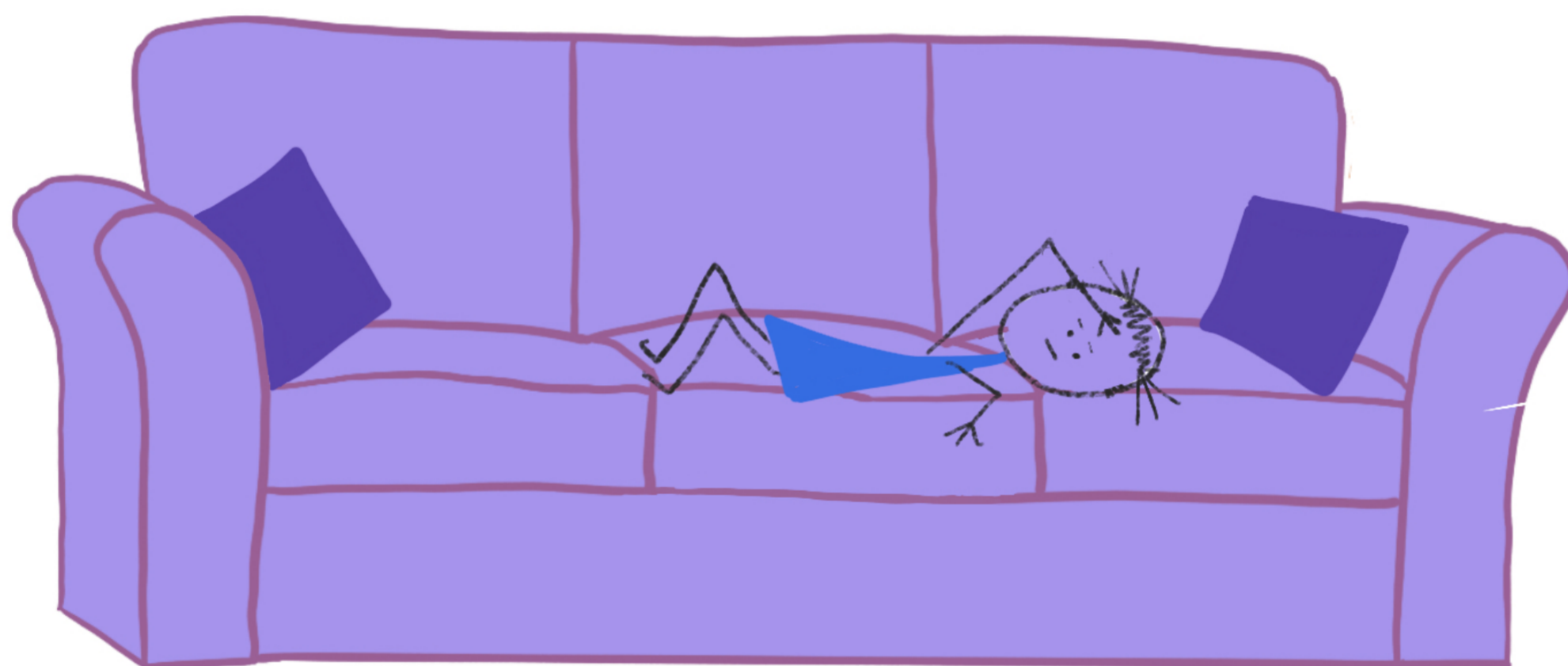
But Mommy said Penelope has to play by herself  
for a while.



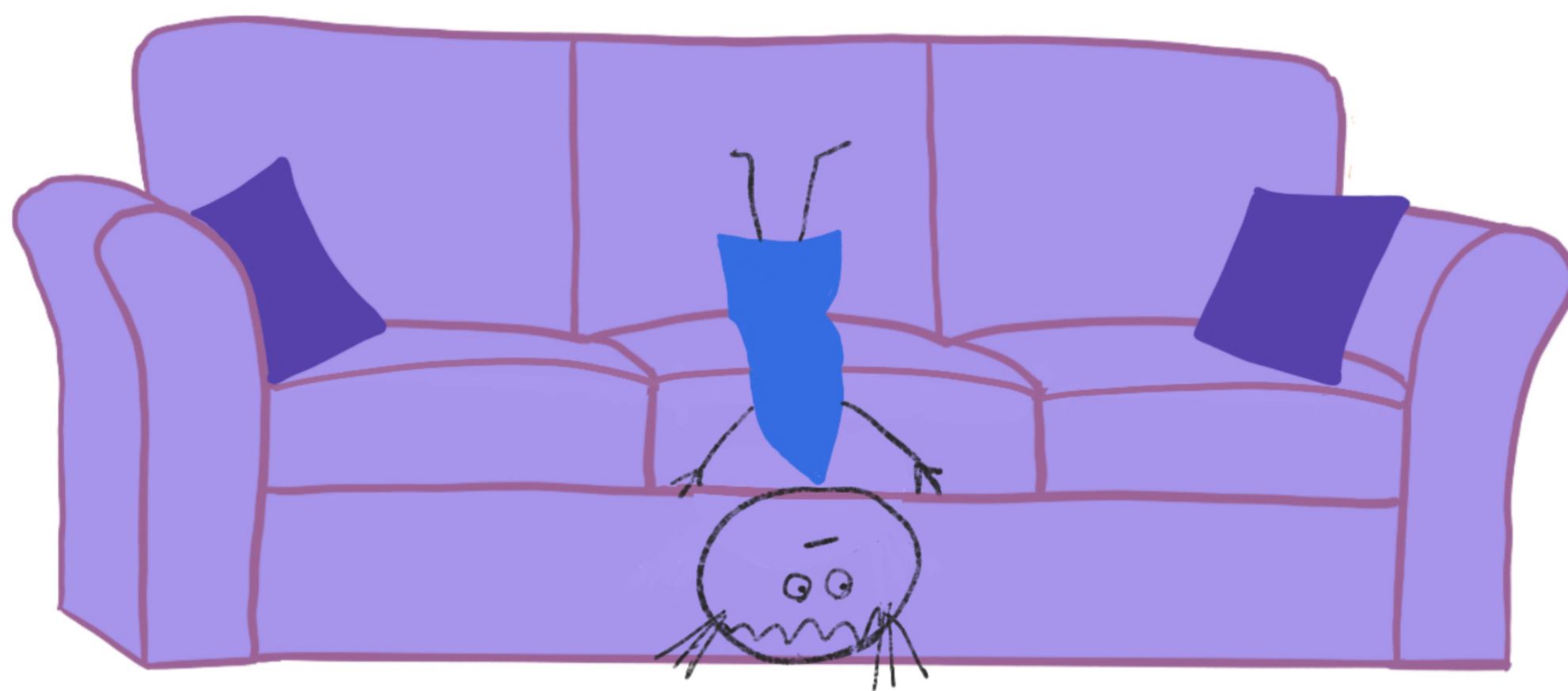
At first Penelope felt mad!



Then she felt sad.



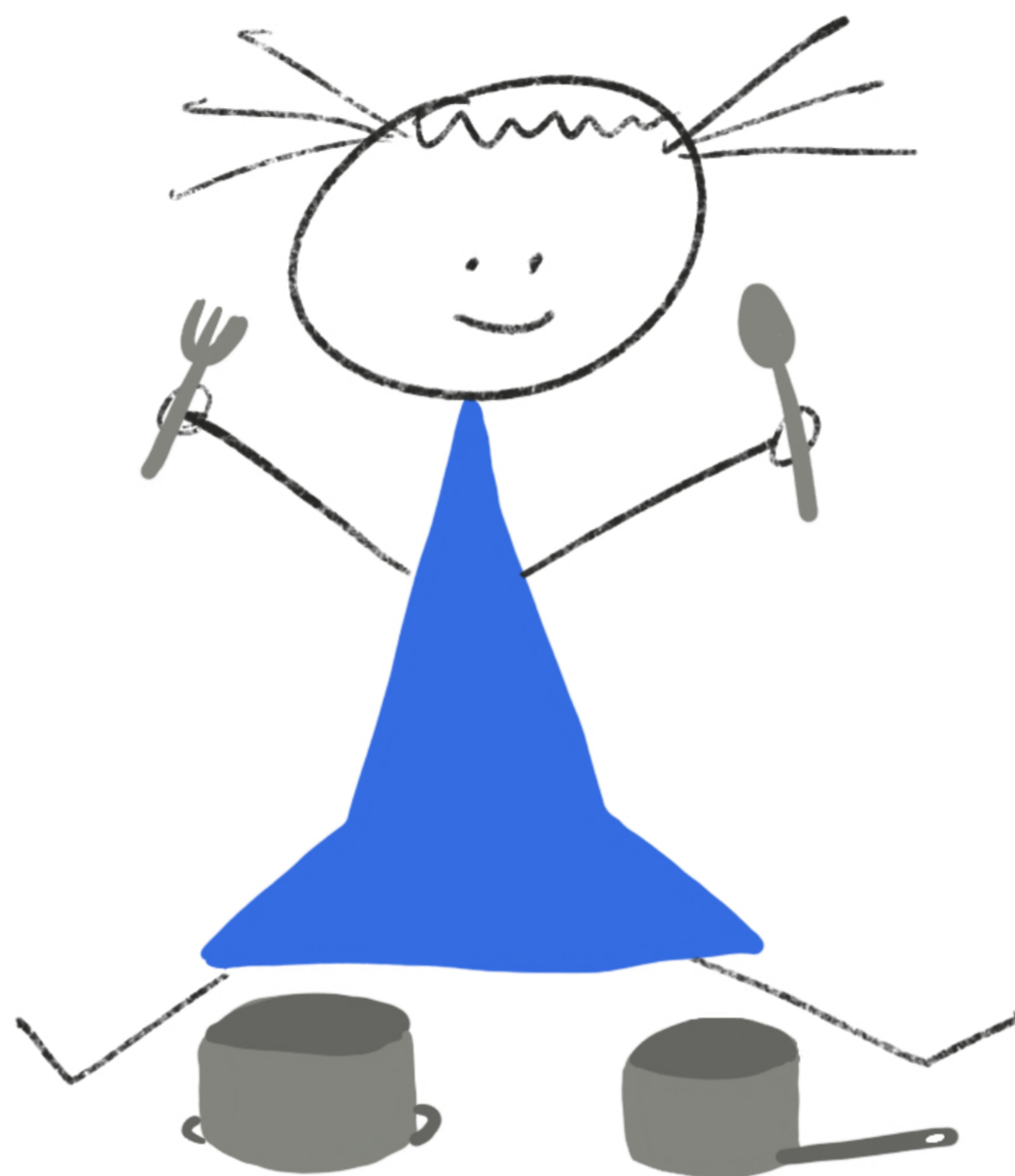
Then she got bored.



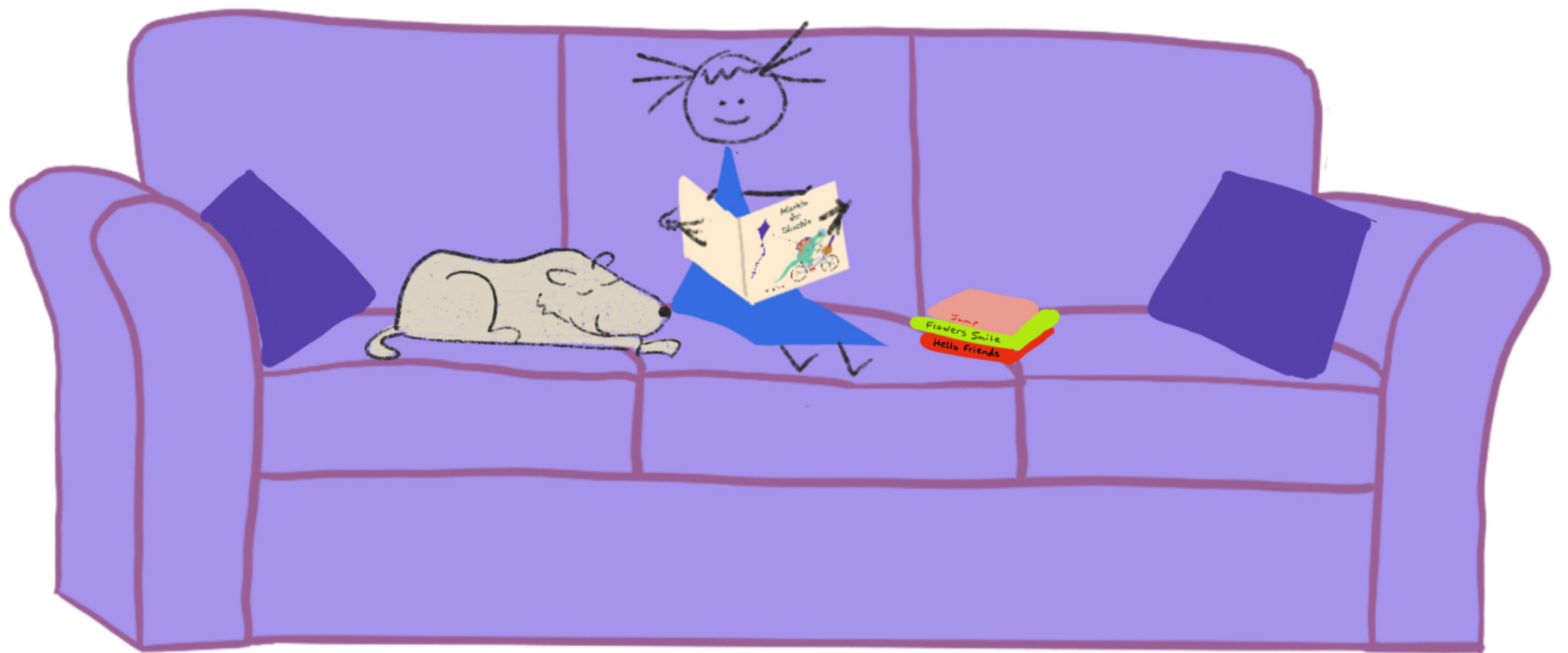
Really bored.



She went to the kitchen in search of a snack.  
She found her art supplies, so she drew a picture.



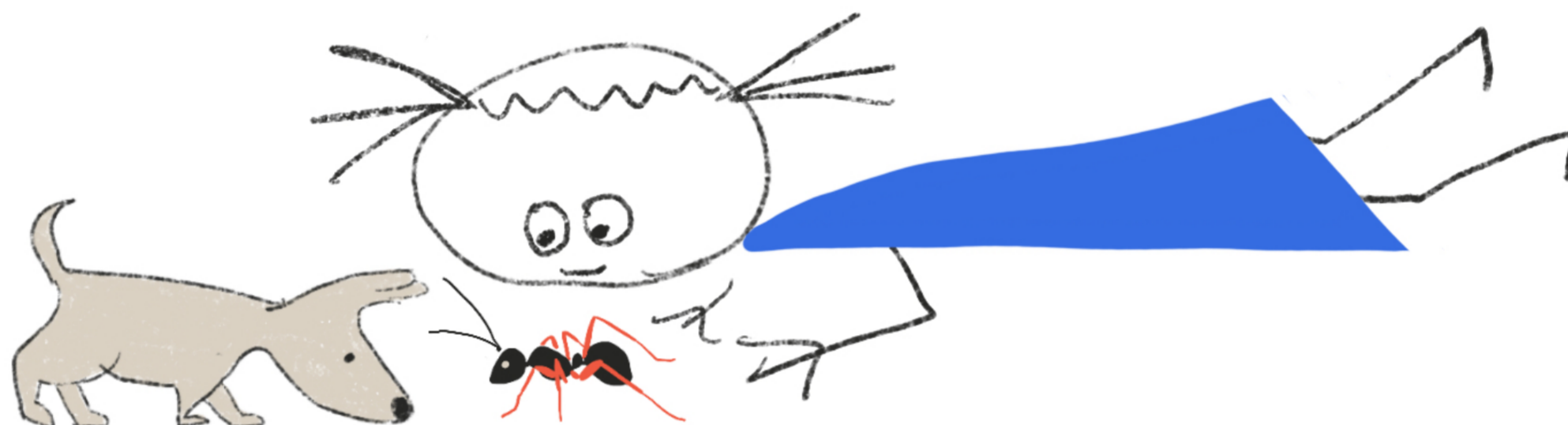
She made drums with pots and pans. Mommy and Daddy were trying to work from home, so that had to stop.



She found a stack of books on the sofa,  
so she read all of them.



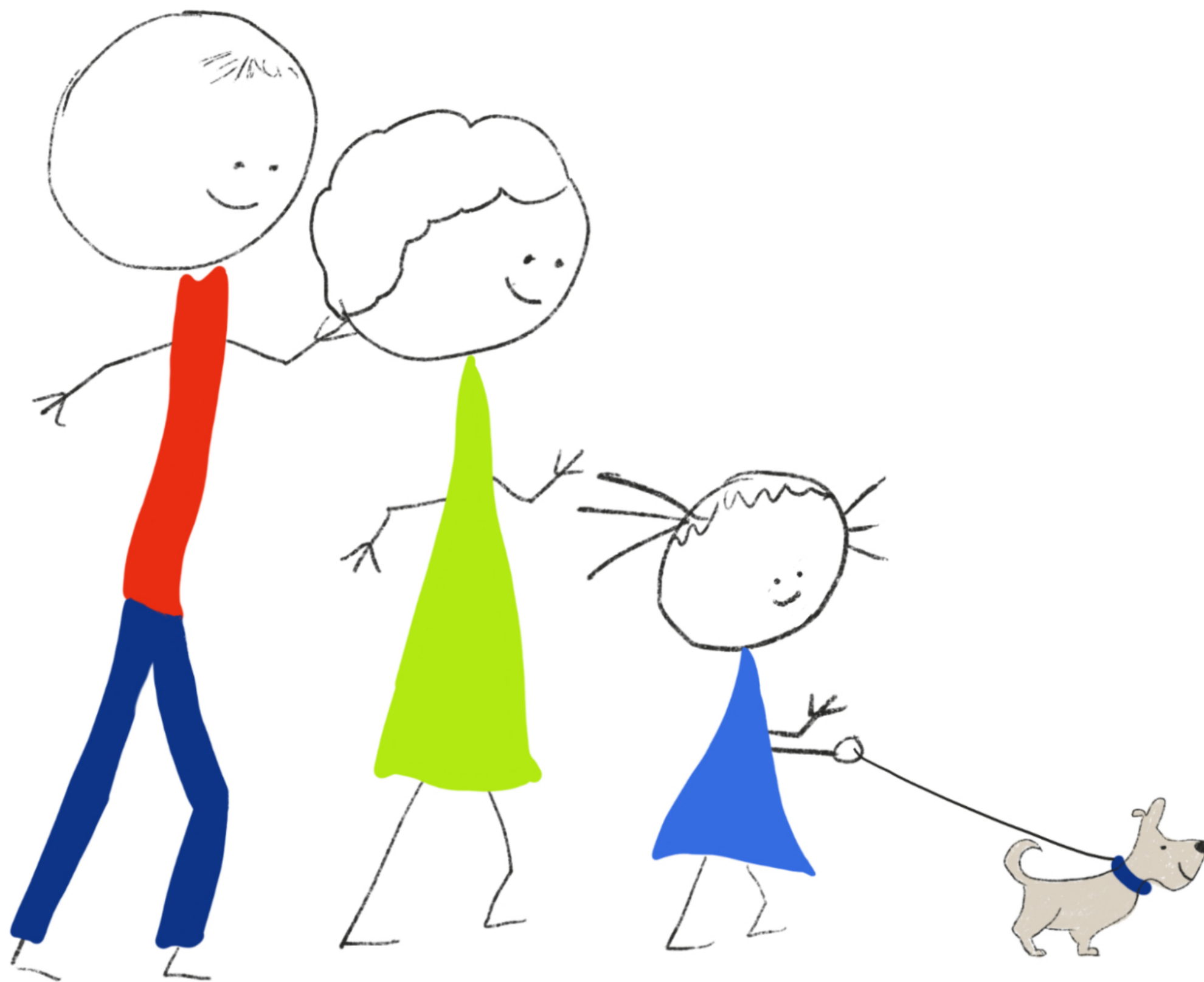
Mommy said Penelope could play in the yard.  
She found her bubbles under a bush.



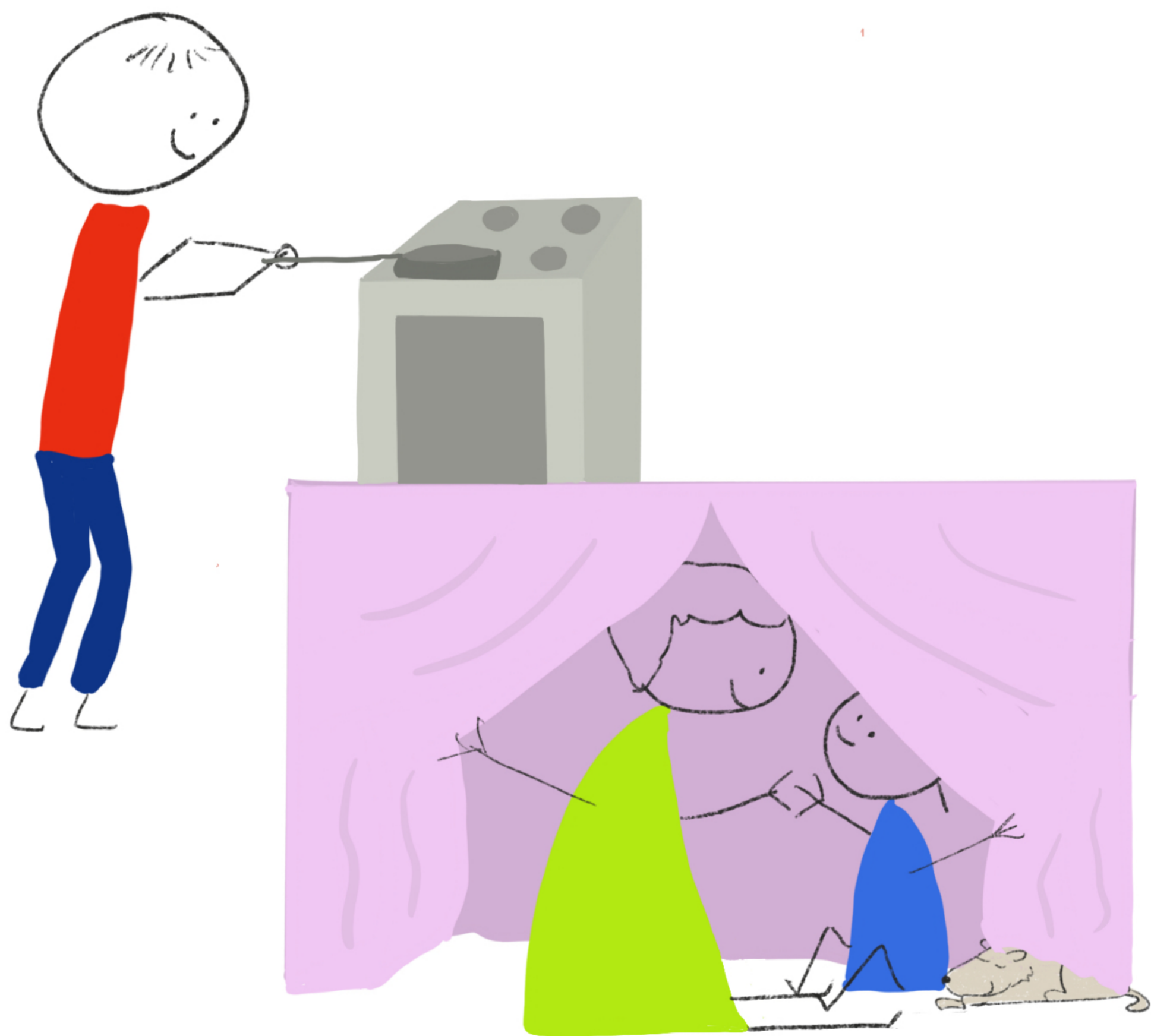
She discovered the most fascinating ant.  
She watched it for a very long time.



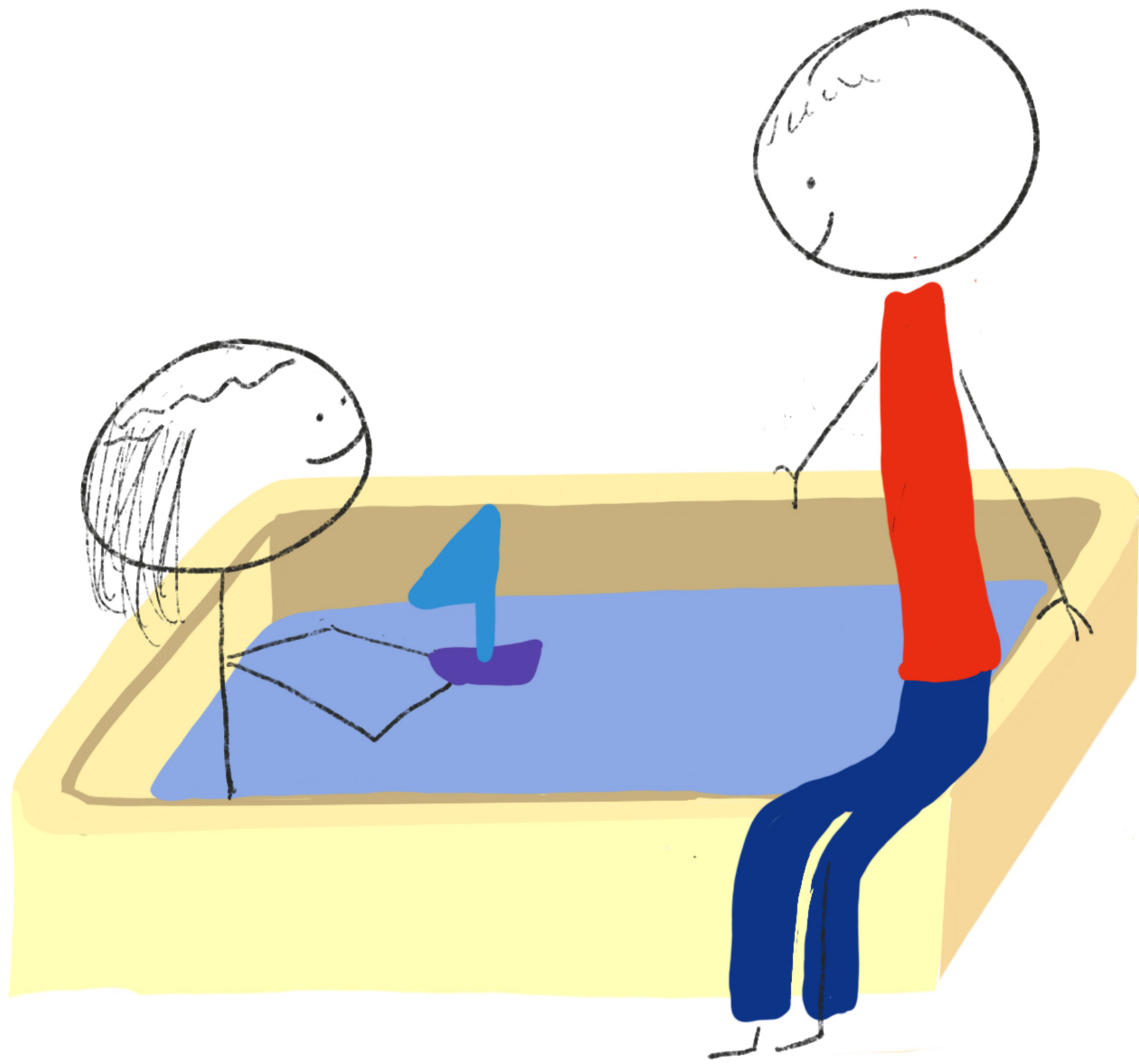
Daddy gave Penelope flower seeds to plant.



Mommy, Daddy and Penelope took Phoebe for a walk.  
That's ok as long as they stay away from other people.



Mommy and Penelope made a fort under the kitchen table while Daddy cooked dinner.



Daddy sat with Penelope during her bath.  
She liked having time alone with him.



As Penelope drifted to sleep she thought, “I missed my friends today, but it was still a nice day.”



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