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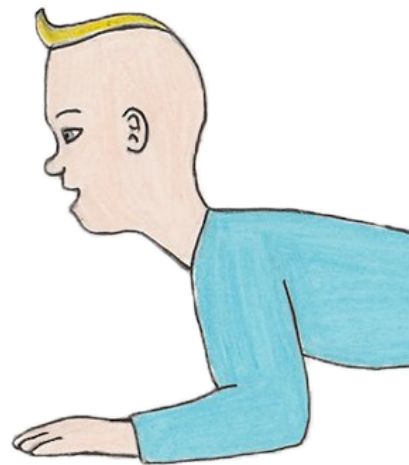
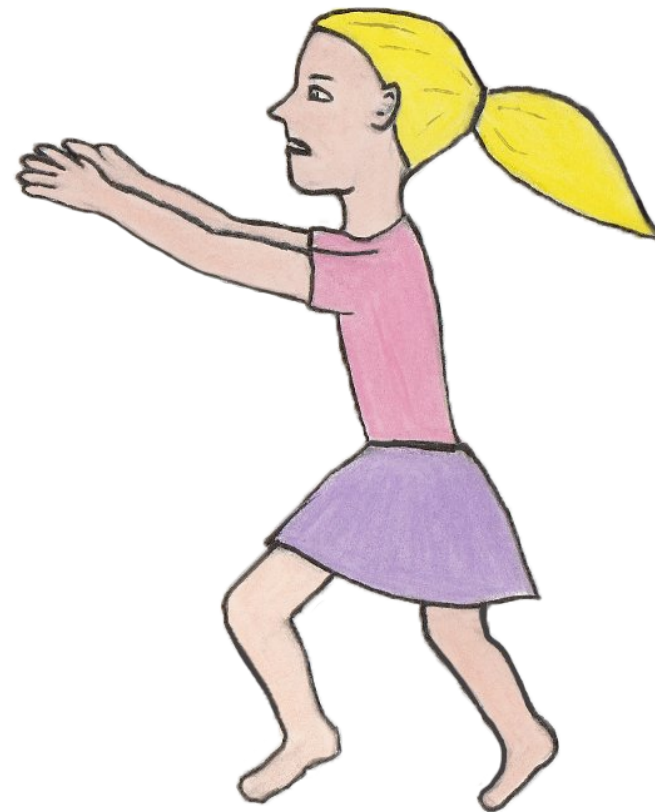


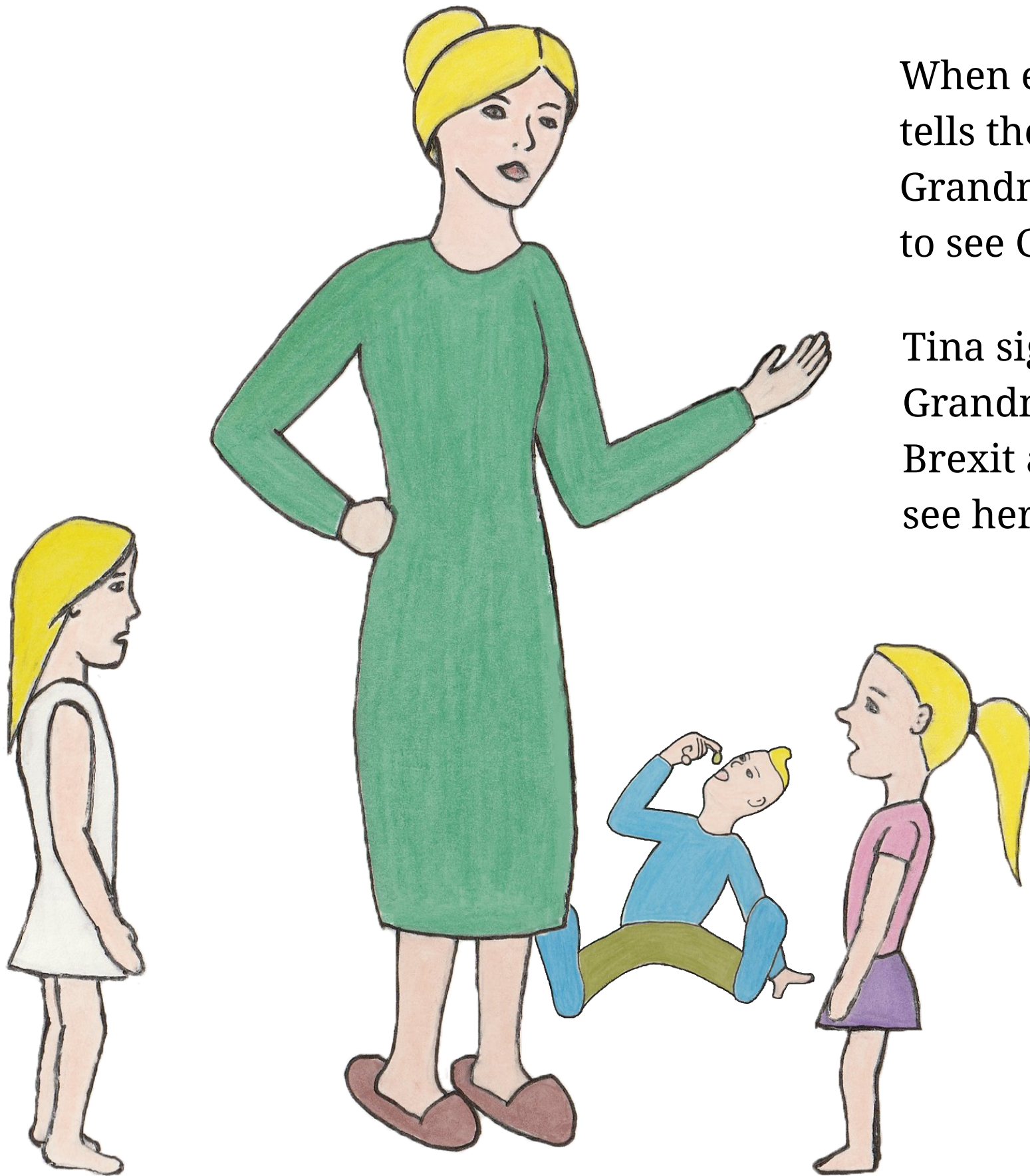
One evening Mother calls the children to the living room.

She has something important to say.

Tina and Mary rush in.

Lawrence crawls over slowly.  
He doesn't really believe in obeying authority.



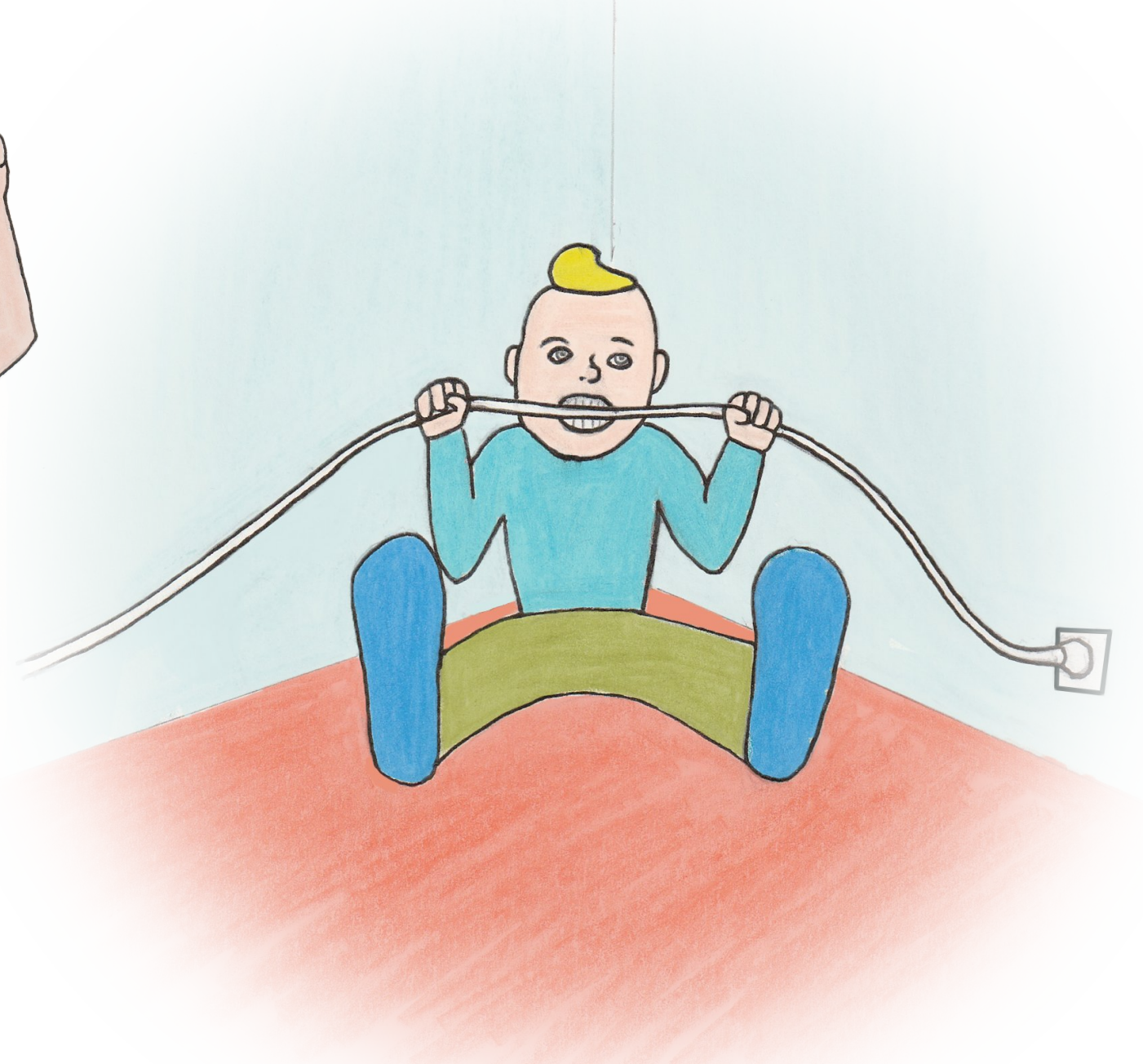
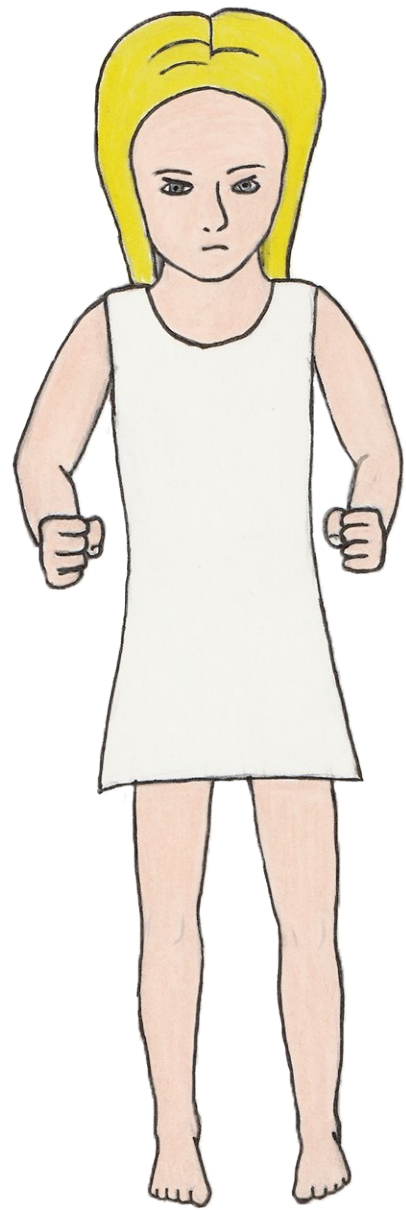


When everyone is gathered, Mother tells them that something happened to Grandma. She says they won't be able to see Grandma for a long time.

Tina sighs: "Is this like the time Grandma said she was going to vote for Brexit and you said we aren't allowed to see her anymore?"

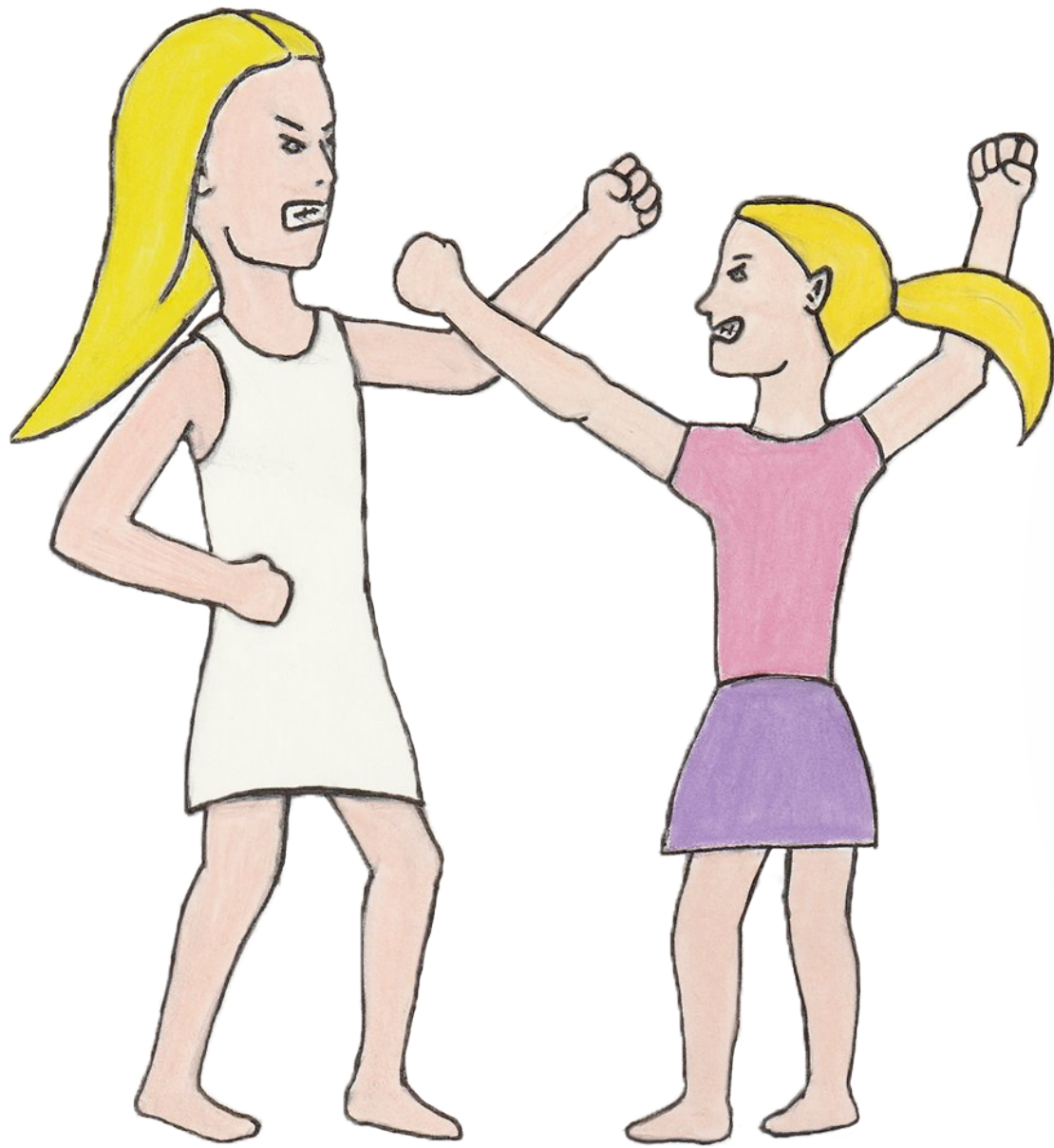
Mary shouts: "That was really mean and stupid, Mom!"

Lawrence watches the rest of the family while eating a booger.



“No” Mother says: “This is much worse. Grandma posted about her opinions on Facebook, and some people of foreign origin got very angry. They went to the police, and now Grandma has to live in prison

for a while so she can’t come here”.  
Tina says: “Stupid police!”  
Mary shouts: “I want to see Grandma!”  
Lawrence chews pensively on an electrical cord.



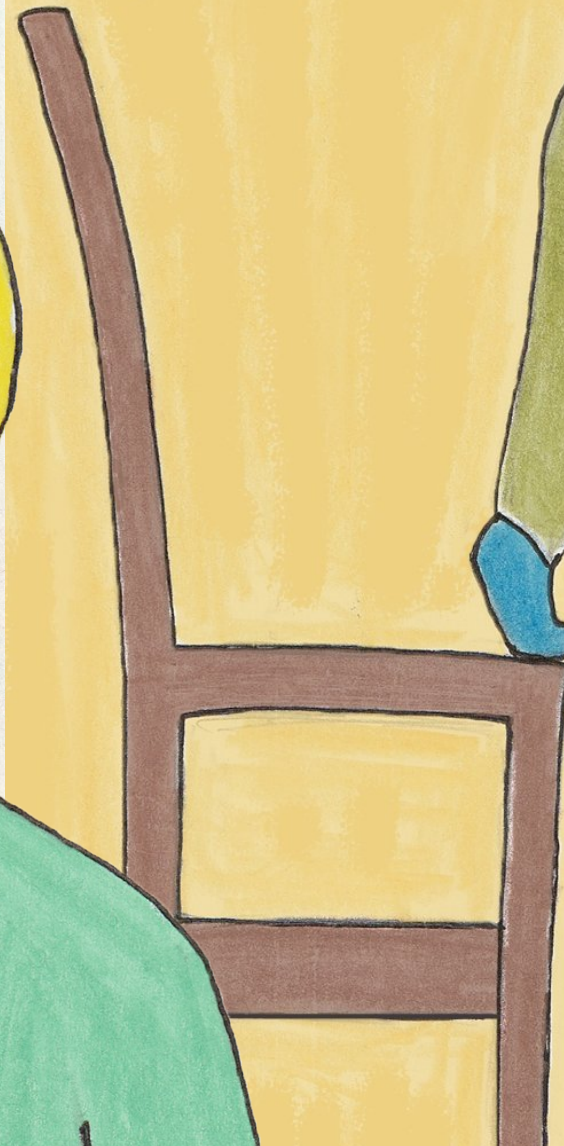
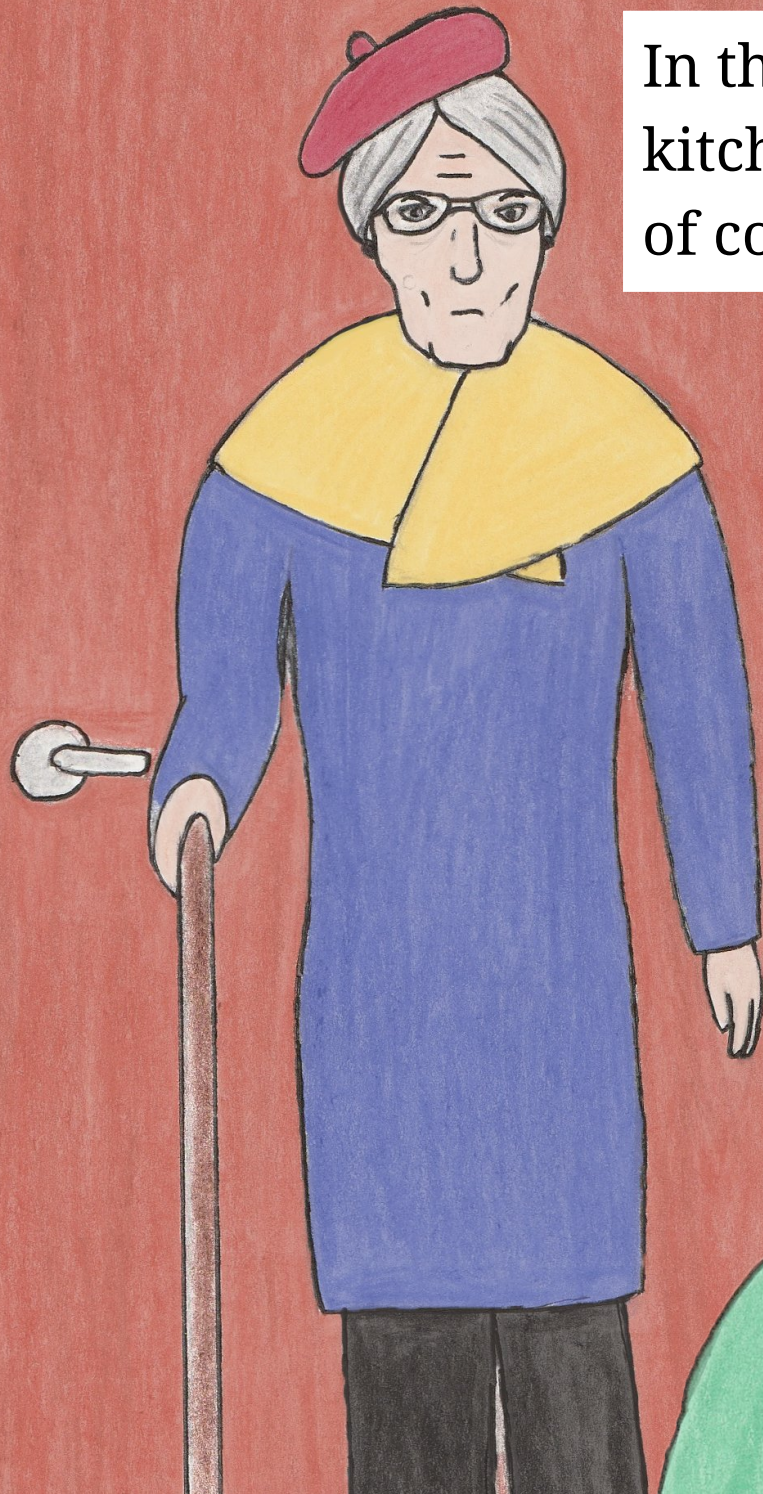
Then the doorbell rings.  
Tina says: "I'll get it".  
Mary shouts: "No, I'LL get it!" Tina  
and Mary start fighting.



So neither of them opens the door.  
Lawrence crawls over and opens  
the door.

The door opens and there is Grandma. Tina laughs: “Ha, Grandma isn't in prison after all!” Mary shouts: “Mom, you were wrong!” Mother gasps: “But, but, how can this be?”

In the confusion Lawrence crawls to the kitchen and snatches an entire package of cookies from the pantry.





Grandma sits down and everyone gathers around. They want to know what happened.

Grandma says: “Settle down and I’ll tell you. But first I need a hot cup of tea because I’m cold”.

Mom asks: “Half whiskey for ‘medicinal purposes’, as usual?”

Grandma says: “My tummy is a little out of order today: maybe you should double the dose”.



Grandma takes her cup of tea and begins:

“At first I thought everyone was very scary. There were bank robbers, serial killers and people who had been downloading movies and music without paying a single penny”.



“The biggest and most dangerous prisoner was called 'Ongo Bongo', and he was from the Congo. Ongo asked all us new prisoners what we were in for”.

“My goodness, was he not amused when I told him what I had posted on Facebook?”

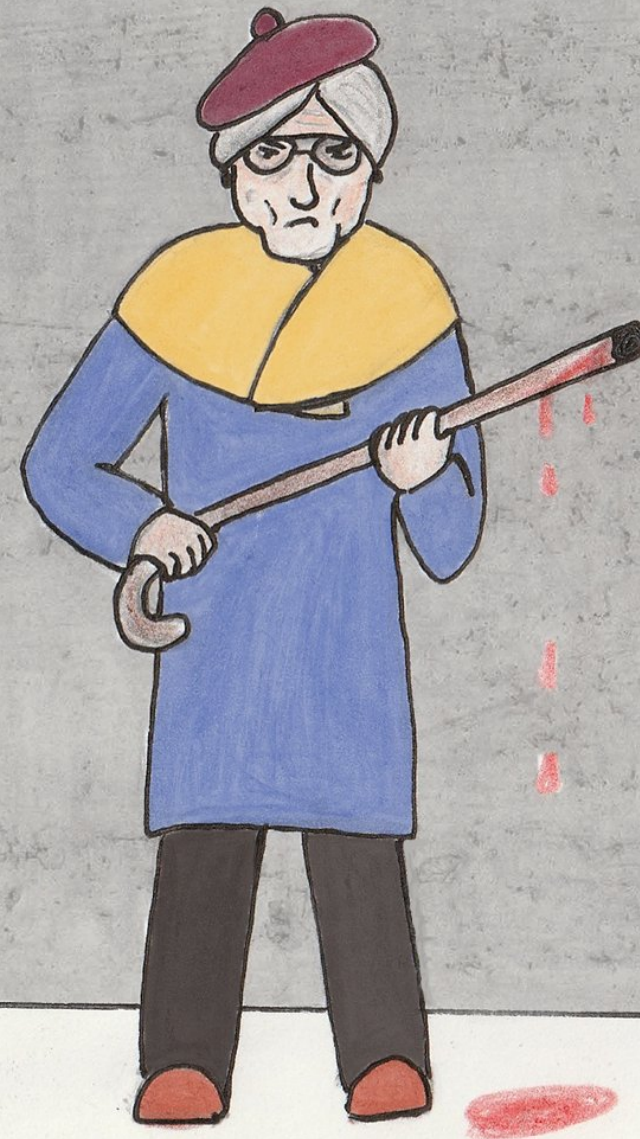
Grandma goes on: “He was huffing and puffing and quite beside himself. I figured I'd better apologize, but I suggested we go to another room to keep it private...”



“You know how good it feels to apologize and be friends again”.

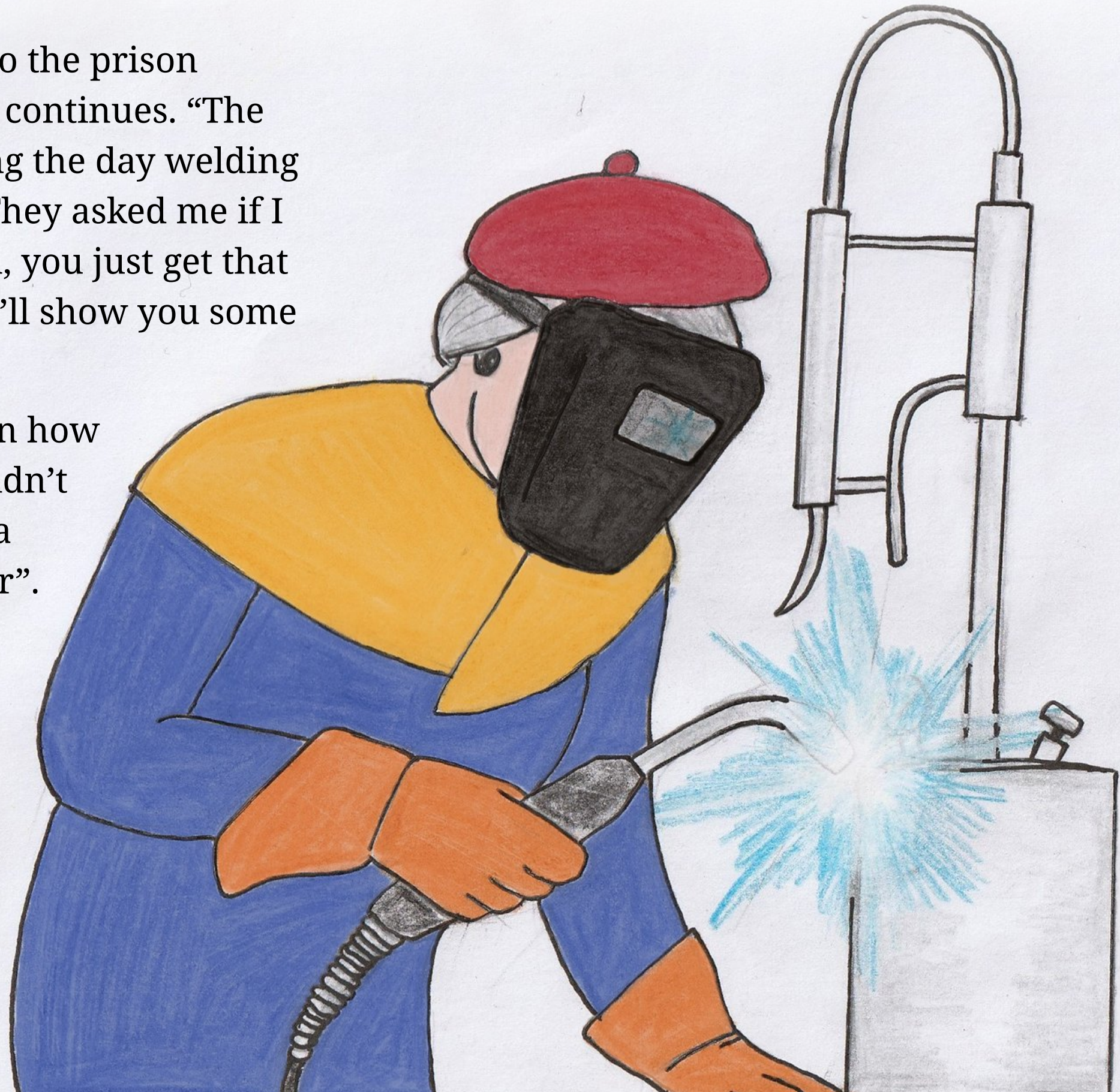
Mary looks at Grandma and says:

“Grandma, your cane has got red stains all over it. Did you get ketchup on it in prison?”



“Then we were sent to the prison workshop” Grandma continues. “The prisoners work during the day welding mailboxes together. They asked me if I could weld. I told ‘em, you just get that torch over here and I’ll show you some welding!”

“You should have seen how I welded! ‘Course, I didn’t make a mailbox, but a gadget to purify water”.



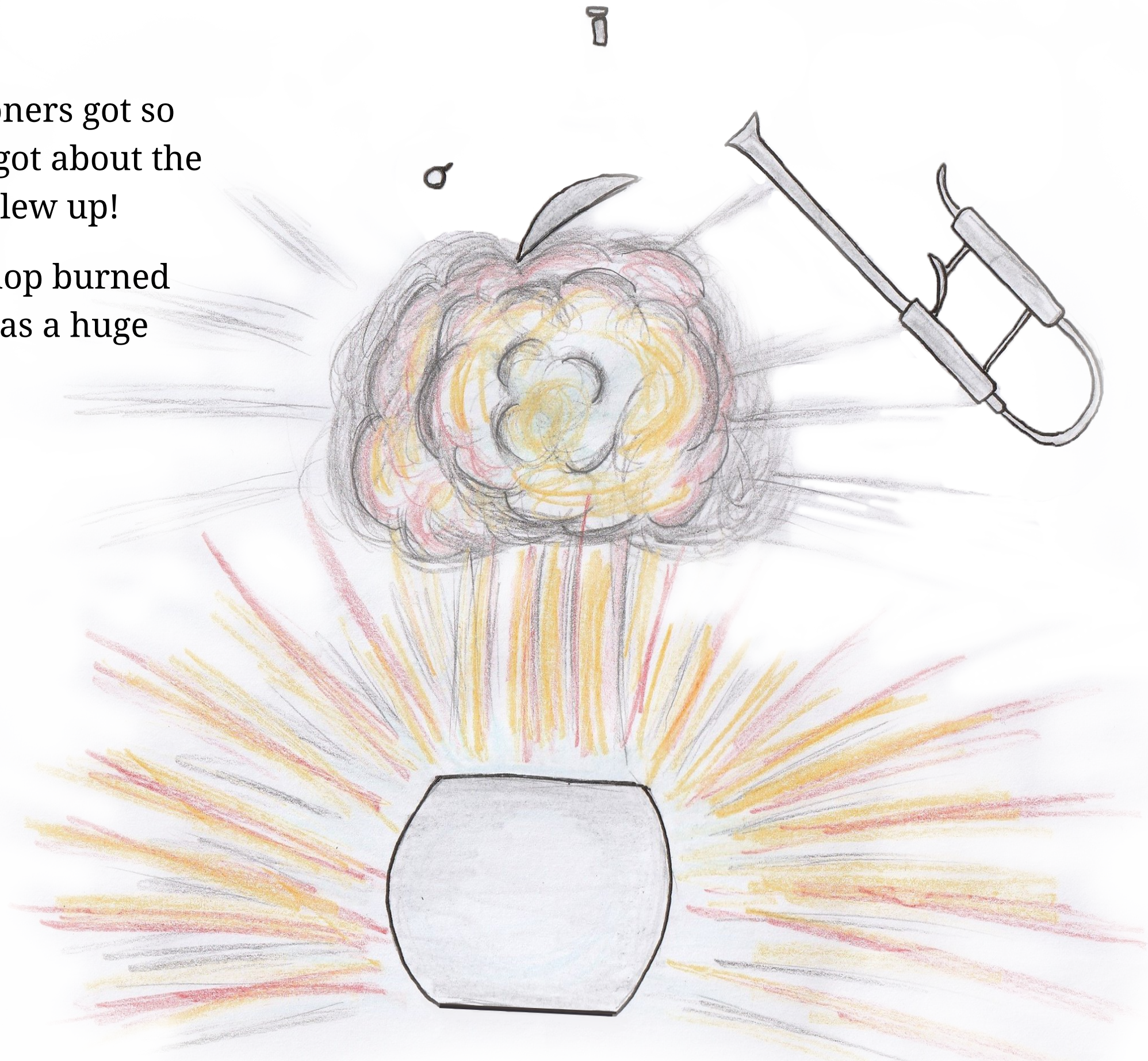
There is a melancholy note in Grandma's voice: "The water purifier didn't turn out so good".

"Some of the prisoners had some juice that had fermented. So we wanted to see if we could purify it. It tasted good and made everyone happy, but everyone felt pretty bad the next day".



“Because the prisoners got so sick, everyone forgot about the water purifier. It blew up!

The whole workshop burned down and there was a huge uproar”.



”In all the chaos and smoke, the guards had a very difficult time getting hold of all the prisoners...”

“Once the guards had figured out I was the one who had 'apologized' to Ongo and had built the water purifier, they got all uptight. They didn't want to keep me in there, so I had to go home. I came straight here to you!”

