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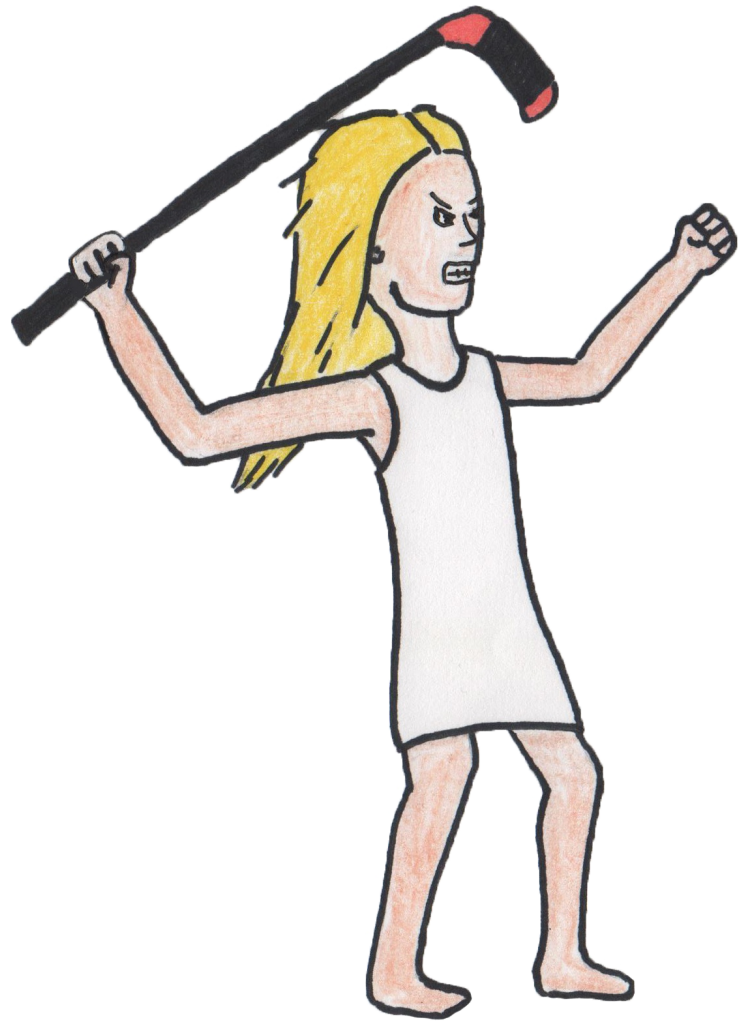
It's a perfectly normal day. Stina and Mia fight with hockey sticks. Lamps and mirrors break.

Meanwhile, Lars investigates (*) what happens when you pour all the bottles in the bathroom into the toilet and then flush.

There will be big funny bubbles that smell strange.



(*) This an important experiment that you should try, too. You can fit it in on a weekend morning when all the adults are asleep.



When Mother sees all the fun, she sighs. One of her eyes begins to twitch a little strangely. Then a vein in her forehead begins to throb.



Mother just stands there while the eye twitches and the vein throbs. Then she says: "I'm going to call Grandma now. You can stay with her this week".

The next day, Mother takes the children to Grandma's. Mia and Lars rush into the house. But Stina, who is worried about her mother, asks her:

"Will you be okay now, Mom?"
Mother replies: "I'll be fine. I'll go have a glass of wine with a friend and talk about the climate."

CLIMATE CONFERENCE



One feels so much better after having Eco-anxiety for a while."

Stina hugs Mom and whispers so quietly that no one hears: "Poor mom."



When Stina at last goes into Grandma's house, Mia and Lars have already started playing with Grandma's things. Mia swings a sharp saber and shouts: "This is how a hockey stick should be wielded".

Lars has found a drill and a large hat. He pretends that the drill is a Tommy gun. "Ra-ta-ta-ta-ta" shouts Lars, as he pretends to shoot with the drill.

Stina looks around and finds a slingshot. She aims at a pool float leaning against the wall. Stina pulls back the band and lets fly. But she doesn't hold the handle tightly enough.

The whole slingshot flies off through the air and hits Grandma right in the face.



Grandma says it's time to stop playing because now it's time to eat buns instead. Grandma puts the hat and saber back in the cupboard.

There really isn't any good place for the pool float, so Grandma deflates it and puts it in her handbag. Lars is quick to hide the submachine-gun drill under his shirt. He doesn't want Granny to go full ATF on him and take his gun away.

Then the phone rings. It is Grandma's friend the Sea Captain. He is very worried: "We are stuck here in the Strait of Tiran. We are not allowed to pass the coast of Somalia without guards on board the boat. But there are no guards who dare to come along on the journey..."

"Well, there's no point in you asking me..." says Grandma "... I don't know anything about how to find good guards for boats".



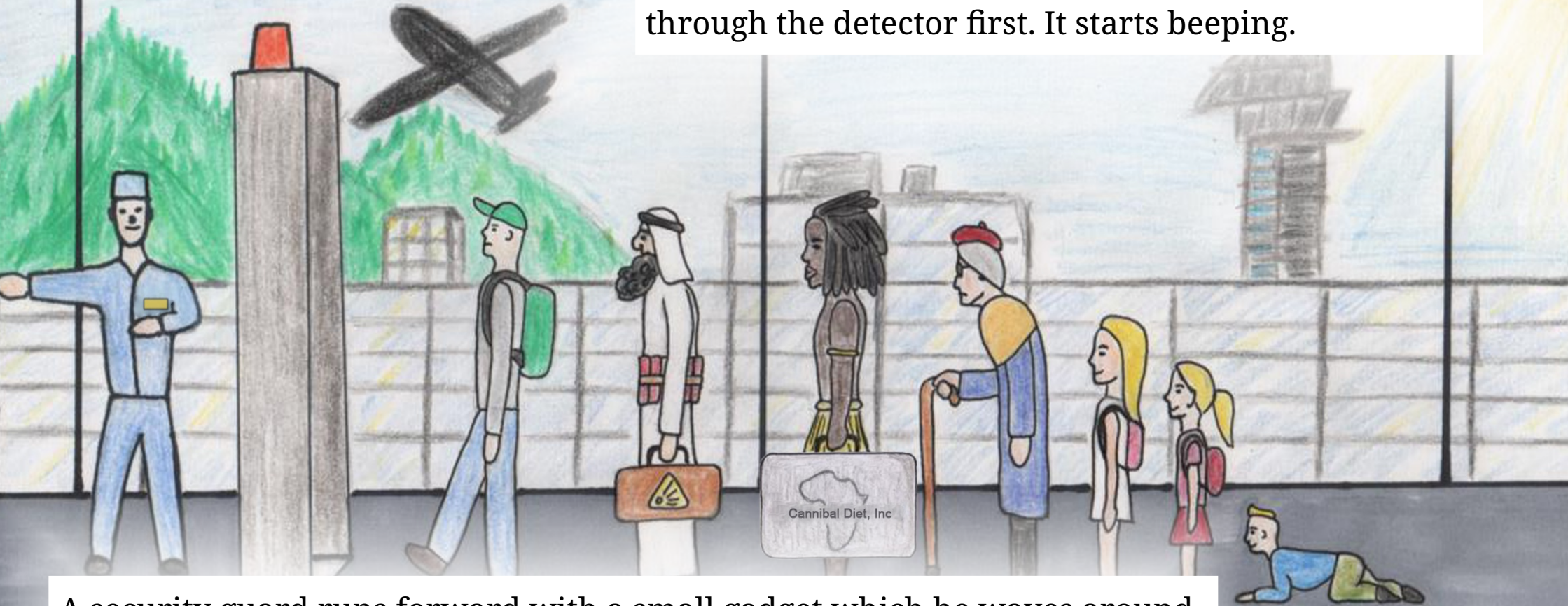
The Sea Captain continues: "... we can't find anyone even though we offered a million dollars pay..."

Grandma interrupts the captain immediately: "... then it was very lucky that you called me, as my grandchildren and I have recently formed a security company. We'll go at once, send me the itinerary as a message on Facebook, or you know what, just email me."



AIRPORT ✈

Soon Grandma and the children arrive at the airport. There they have to stand in a long line for the security check. After a long wait, it's their turn. Grandma goes through the detector first. It starts beeping.



A security guard runs forward with a small gadget which he waves around Grandma. It turns out that it's Grandma's cane that beeps. "Strange..." says the security guard "...it shouldn't beep for a wooden stick."

"It has a lead core to make it swift," explains Grandma. "SWIFT? The cane can perform wire transfers?" asks the security guard. Grandma swiftly swings the cane through the air.

The guard immediately says: "You cannot board the plane with that cane, it is a weapon". But the guard shuts up immediately when the cane happens to make a swift motion right into his skull. After that, the guard just lies quietly on the floor.

Grandma snorts: "Sleeping on the job, hmph, today's youth has no work ethic. It was different in my time. Come on kids!"



Stina, Mia and Lars run to Grandma. When Lars runs through the detector, it beeps again. Lars forgot that he had brought the drill. To calm everyone down, he shouts: "It's ok, it's just my Tommy gun!". But none of the security guards react. They just want to get rid of Grandma and the children as quickly as possible.

Before takeoff, Grandma orders a double whiskey to prevent turbulence (*). But one isn't enough because the flight starts out a bit bumpy. So Grandma immediately orders another one from the flight attendant. After that, the journey became a little calmer.

Stina, Mia and Lars sit in the row behind Grandma. Every time it gets a little bumpy, Stina and Mia shout:

"More whiskey, Grandma!" Every time they shout, Grandma takes a drink and the turbulence settles down.

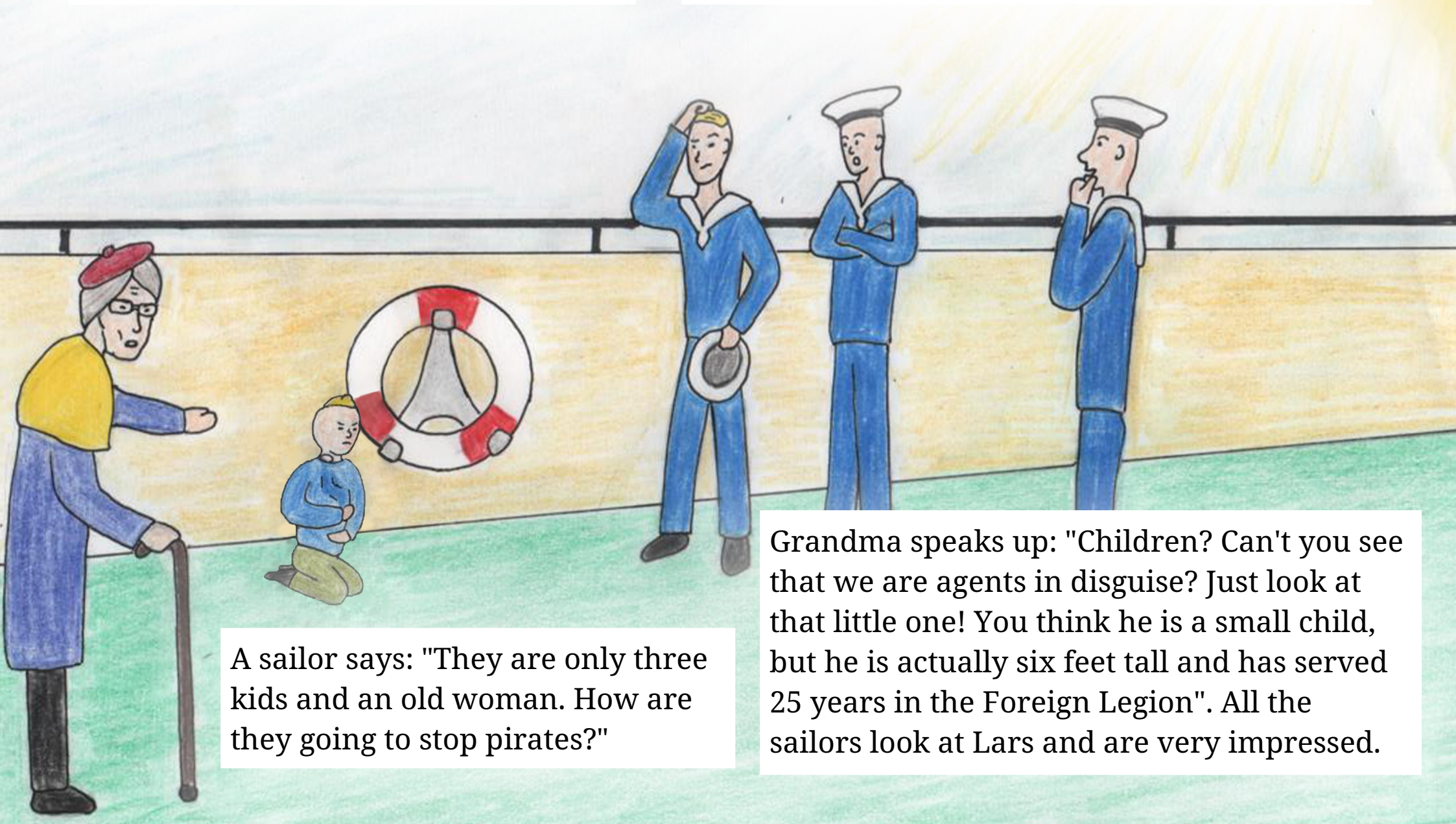
Lars, however, looks a little skeptical.



(*) The next time you're on a plane and it's a little bumpy, ask an adult to have a double whiskey and see if it works.

After they land, they take a taxi to the port. From there, they get a ride with a pilot out to the Sea Captain's ship, the She Sells Seashells by the Sea.

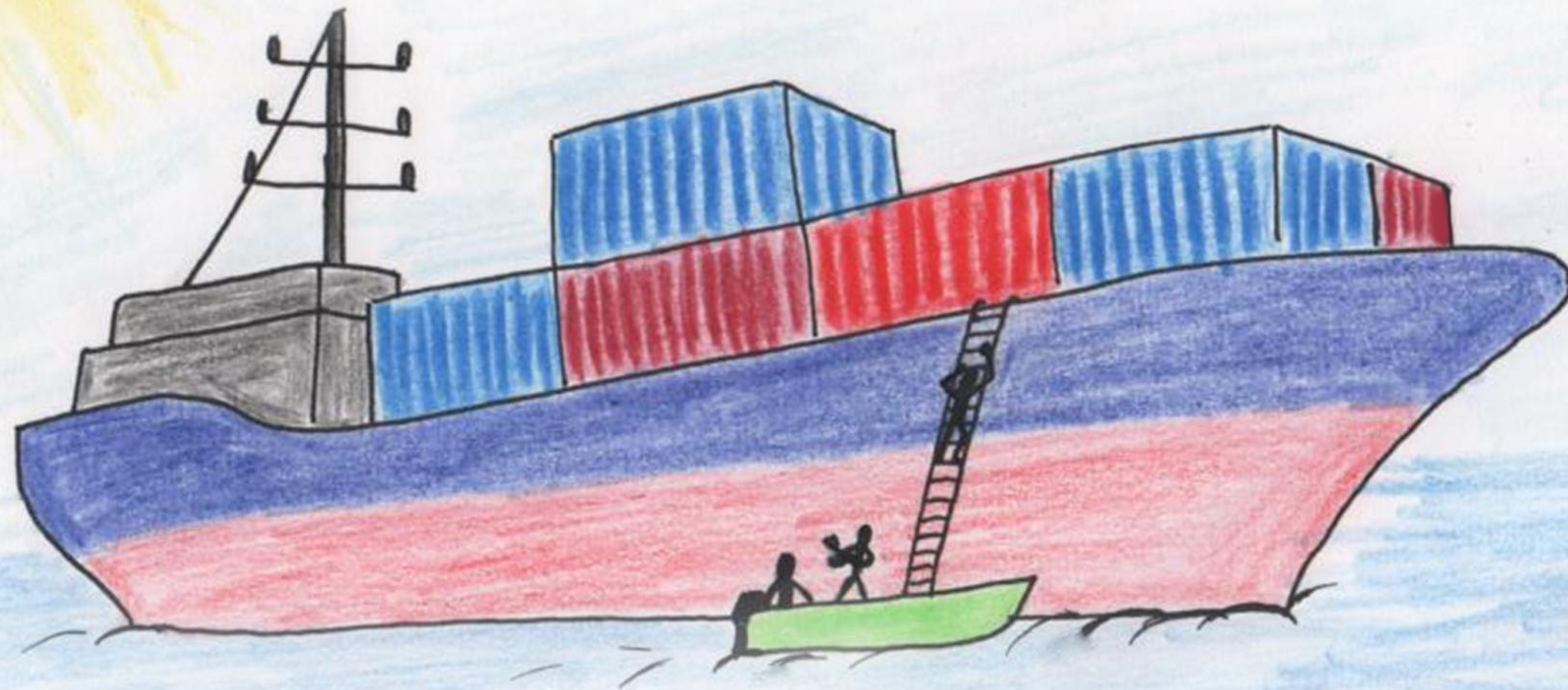
When Grandma and the children board, the captain gathers all the sailors and explains that the newcomers have come to protect them from pirates. The sailors begin to murmur.



A sailor says: "They are only three kids and an old woman. How are they going to stop pirates?"

Grandma speaks up: "Children? Can't you see that we are agents in disguise? Just look at that little one! You think he is a small child, but he is actually six feet tall and has served 25 years in the Foreign Legion". All the sailors look at Lars and are very impressed.

The voyage proceeds smoothly for a few days. Then suddenly a small boat appears next to the ship. In the boat are pirates with ladders and guns. They hook the ladders to the railing of the Sea Captain's ship and scramble on board.



The Pirate Captain says that he is the Captain now. The pirates intend to sail the ship to Somalia and demand a ransom. Then Grandma speaks up:

"This ship isn't worth anything at all. These three children, on the other hand..." says Grandma and points to Stina, Mia and Lars "...are the children of the king of Scandinavia and worth an enormous ransom. You should kidnap them instead of taking this ship."

The pirates grab hold of Stina, Mia and Lars to take them to the pirate boat. Grandma interrupts:

"Of course I have to come along as their governess. Royal children must be constantly educated to be worth any ransom. Imagine if one day they are sitting at a nice dinner and you serve an extra appetizer after the soup by mistake. Someone would have to tell them with which fork to eat it."

"Oh, and do you know that?" asks the pirate captain.

"Naturally" Grandma answers urbanely "...you eat with your own fork. It's terribly impolite to eat with your neighbor's fork."



Once they are sitting in the pirate boat, Grandma takes the pool float out of her handbag and tells Stina and Mia to inflate it. Then she tells Lars to bring out the Tommy gun. Lars gets a little worried and starts to explain to Grandma that it's not really a gun.

But Grandma just says he should drill. So Lars drills five nice holes in the bottom of the boat. Then the pirates discover that the boat is taking in water. They rush into action, start scooping water out of the boat at full speed.

But it doesn't help, soon the boat has sunk. Grandma sits in the pool float and takes some string from her handbag which she ties to Stina, Mia, and Lars. She points with her cane and says: "Swim!"

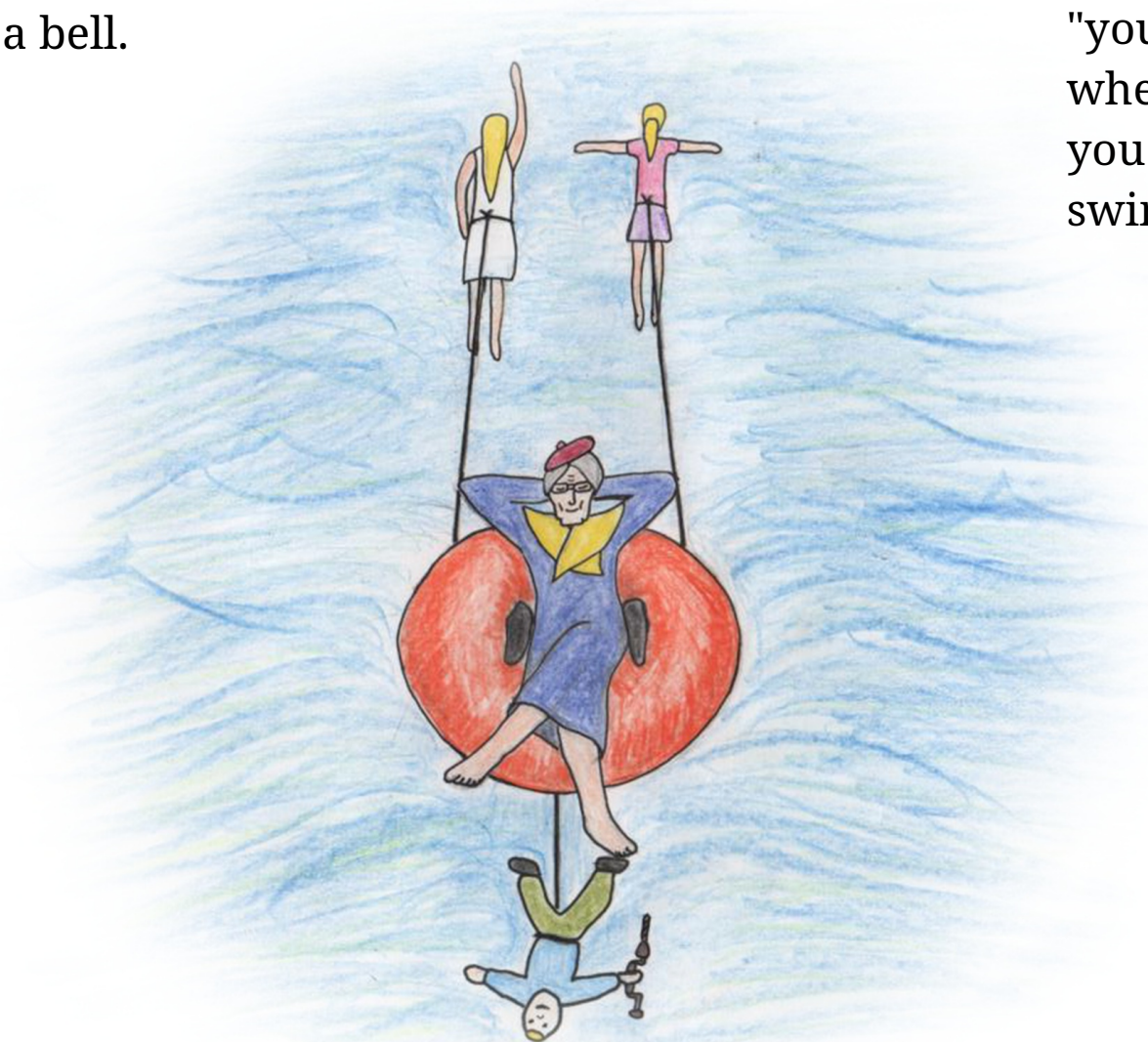


It's a long swim back to the ship. After a while, Lars just lets himself be towed.

Stina and Mia struggle hard to reach the ship. Then Grandma swiftly strikes the ship with her cane so hard that the whole ship rings like a bell.

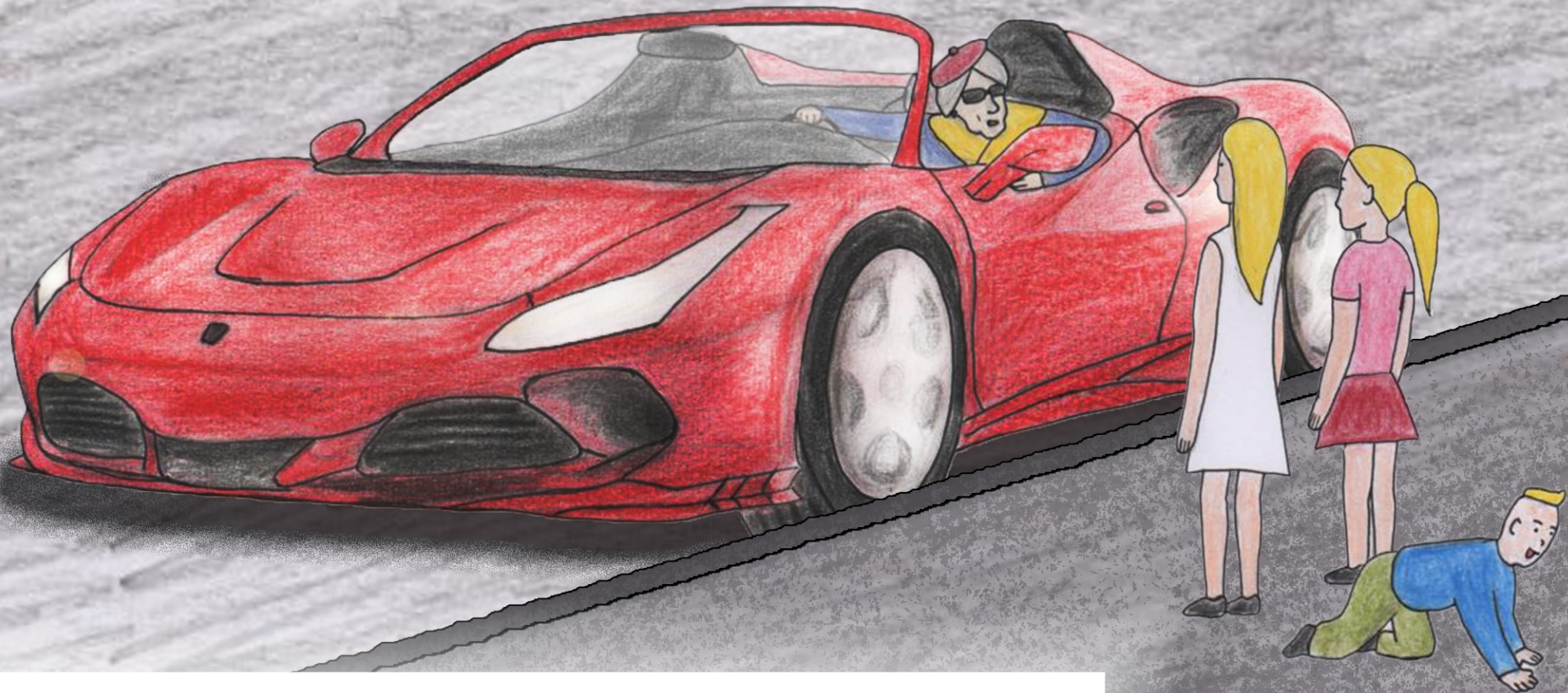
Soon the sailors see them and throw down ropes to hoist them up with. The Sea Captain asks: "What happened to the pirates?"

"They are learning how to swim," replies Grandma, "you learn pretty fast when the sharks show you how, because sharks swim very well."



The rest of the journey goes smoothly and when they have left the coast of Somalia, Grandma and the grandchildren go ashore and travel home to Sweden again. Then Grandma returns them to their Mother. Lars asks: "But shouldn't we get paid for being guards on the ship?"

Grandma replies "Unfortunately not. The shipping company didn't pay up, maybe they figured out that we weren't a real security company".



"If they had paid, of course we would all have shared the money equally". Grandma hugs each of them. She tells them to go up to Mother. Then she leaves in her new Ferrari.

Lab Report

ABSTRACT:

Write this section last. Here you will summarize what you have learned.

Hypothesis:

Write this section before you carry out the experiment. Here you describe what you think will happen.

Method:

Here you describe what bottles you poured into the toilet, from what height you poured each, and how many times you had to flush the toilet. That way, other researchers can repeat your experiment the exact same way.

Materials:

The name of the bottle:

Volume in ounces:

- Mom's perfume.
- Dad's aftershave.
- Bottle from the medicine cabinet.
- Bottle from the liquor cabinet.

Results:

Here you describe what happened.

How did it smell?

How high did the bubbles foam? Measure in inches from the floor.

What color was the foam?

Don't be sad if it turns out to be completely different from what you hypothesized. On the contrary, scientists think that is the most exciting outcome because that is when you learn something new.

- There was water on the floor.
- There was foam on the floor.
- There was a stop in the toilet.

Draw in the box how Mother looked when she discovered the experiment:

