



Dead Storytellers Society



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T4T

in a nutshell

T4T is a project that aims to strengthen the ability of adult educators and training professionals to build and sustain effective group dynamics in digital education environments to better engage their online learners.



The consortium consists of 6 organisations:





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Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.
- Scott Adams

Introduction

This document demonstrates how teamwork, creativity, digital tools, and stories can create something from nothing.

During three intense days in the LTTA of the project "T4T" in Athens, the participants had to get out of their comfort zones, expose themselves, make each other feel safe, and collaborate to produce this deliverable; a Virtual Multimedia Exhibition called "Dead Storytellers Society"

The participants got familiarized with automatic writing, 6-part-making stories, and digital tools like Canva which helped them to digitalize their efforts.

Let's see what they have accomplished, or even listen to it!

What is a Storytelling?

“Storytelling is the interactive art of using words and actions to reveal the elements and images of a story while encouraging the listener’s imagination.

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What is a Digital Storytelling?

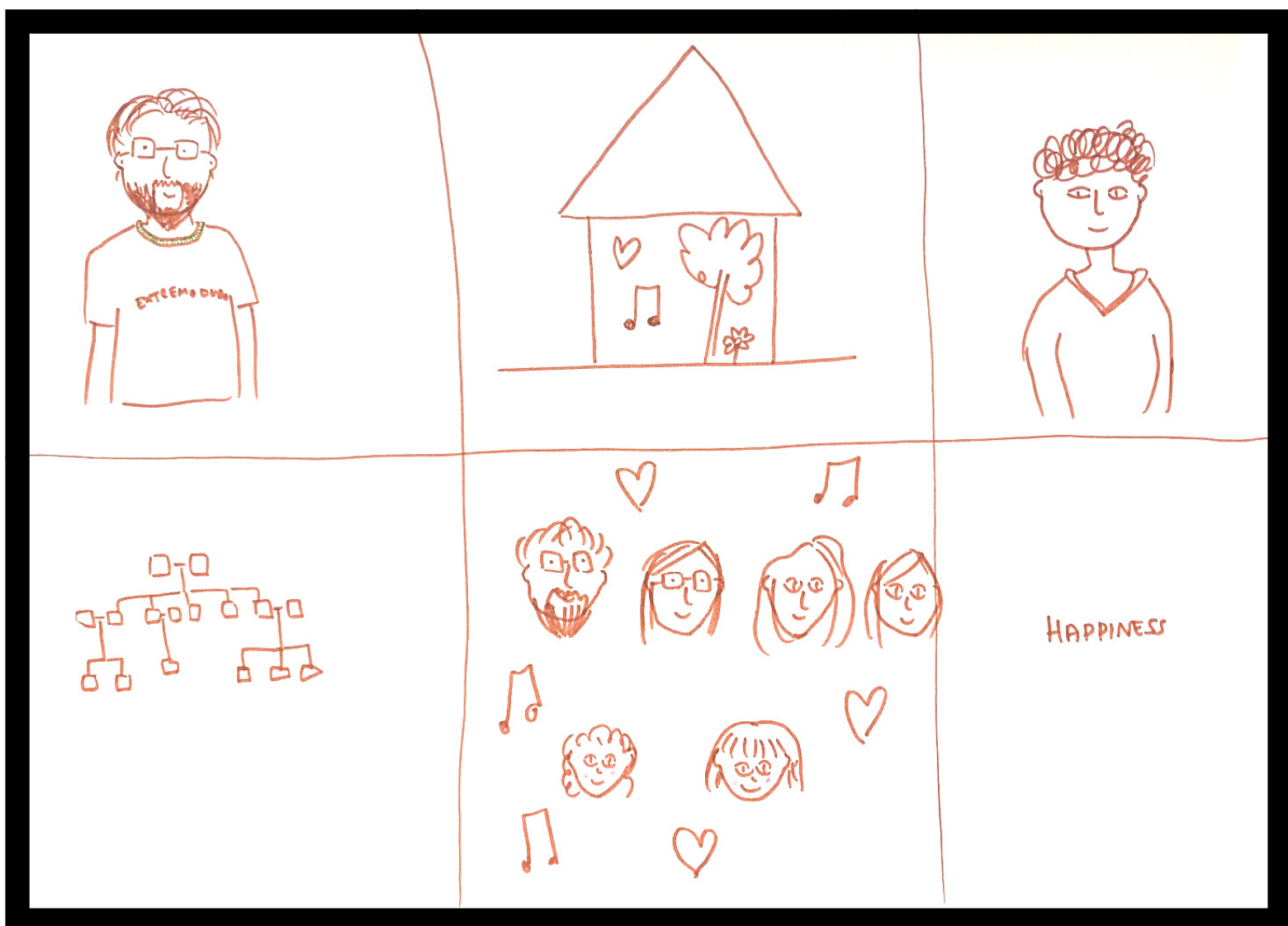


Digital Scrollytelling is a powerful technique for telling immersive stories on the web—using a combination of interactive content elements that elevate story arcs, improve readability, and sustain reader interest.

What makes people happy?

My dad

author & artist: Helena Arévalo



This story is about a man who dreamed of a house. He had three daughters, and all he wanted was for them to have a safe place. He filled the house with laughter, music and games. He made time to take his children to the country, even though he worked 6 days a week and was exhausted on his day off. He could not have done it without his partner who was so patient with him. He came from a difficult household. The patience, listening and understanding he showed his children did not come naturally to him.

But he succeeded. When his children were grown, he had the best relationship with them. They also had their own children who loved their grandfather more than anything. So everything he had dreamed of had become reality.

**"Creativity takes courage."
- Henri Matisse**

The Little Purple Balloon

autor & artist: Mariana Petrova



A little boy has a Little Purple Balloon in his hand. He is so happy and smiling!!! So the Little Purple Balloon decides that his job is to bring joy into the lives of children. The boy meets a little girl. She looks at his purple balloon and smiles. The little purple balloon playfully pops into the girl's hands. And a smile appears on her face. But a small stone hits the little purple balloon. Oh – no... the balloon bursts!!! The little boy and the little girl are so sad. But their friends come to their rescue. One of them has a colourful band-aid in his pocket. He tapes the balloon shut and solves the problem! So the little purple balloon is saved. All the friends share the joy and play with the balloon. They are all happy now! The little purple balloon is very proud of it – he has fulfilled his task and brings happiness to the children's faces.

"Small things can change our lives. If we share smiles, we share happiness and joy!"

-Mariana Petrova

Family life

author & artist: Zhenya Kutevska



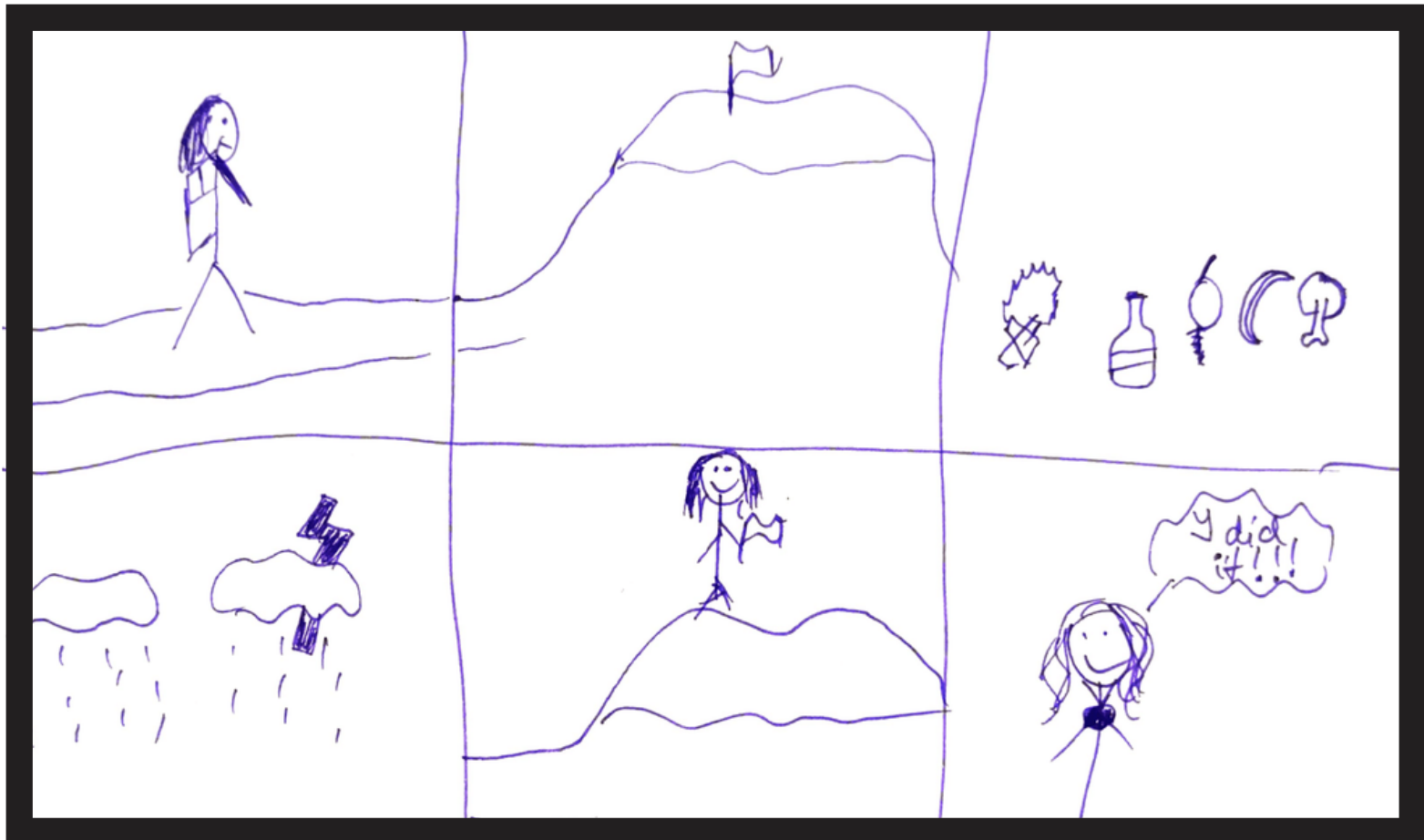
We are a family, like the leaves of a four-leaf clover. We trust each other and live in our circle of trust. We like to be together and enjoy nature, share and experience moments together. Our family consists of me, my husband and our two sons aged 16 and 11. We as parents are proud of each of them. Our fears and worries revolve around staying healthy, because nothing is as important as health. My husband and I dream of our boys growing up, pursuing their careers and starting their own families. So our little family with four leaves on a clover will turn into a many-leafed plant. After this responsible life path, my husband and I can travel and enjoy life.

"No matter what happens, we are family and we love each other. Everything that lies ahead is a challenge and we will overcome it together."

-Zhenya Kutevska

Facing your fears

author & artist: Dovile Kaupaityte



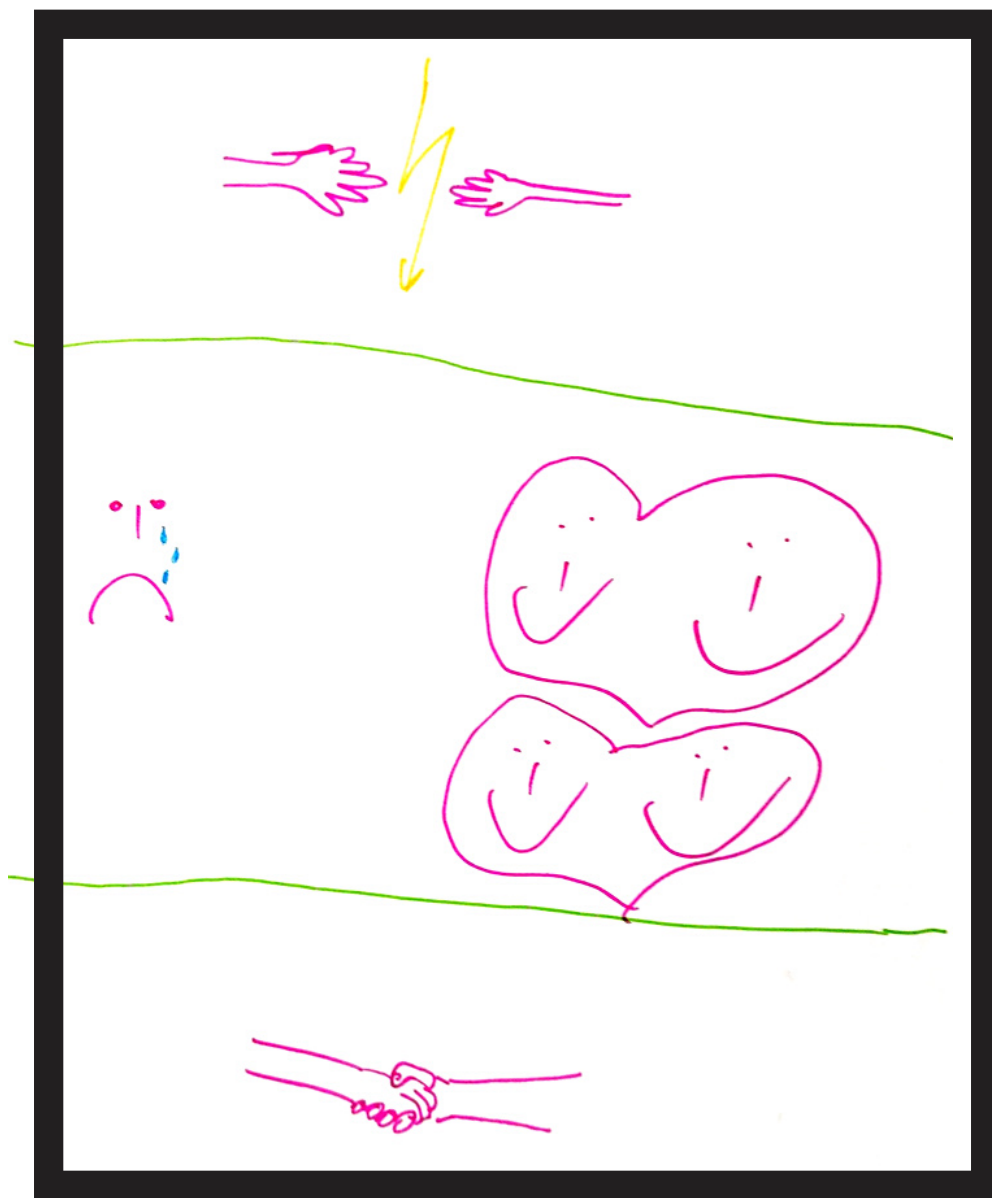
This story is about a traveller who wanted to conquer his fear of heights and decided to climb a mountain. The journey was not an easy one. The traveller had to face not only his fear, but also other challenges that he faced on the journey. However, the traveller managed to complete his journey successfully. He was very proud of himself and shared his story with others, encouraging them to live a life without fears.

This journey is a journey of a lifetime, showing that a person is capable of anything and can conquer even his greatest fears. Life is short – go and live it, feel it, experience it.

**"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."
-Helen Keller**

Sharing is caring

by: Helena, Mariana, Zhenya & Dovile



Our personal stories all have **sharing** in common. This can include sharing happiness, sharing fears, and sharing challenges.

We all desire to share our lives with someone and achieve our goals. Being alone can make you sad if it is not your choice. Finding the right people to surround ourselves with to achieve our goals gives us strength. It makes us happy and makes us smile.

Small acts of kindness and overcoming challenges and fears make us grow personally.



We are responsible for the nature



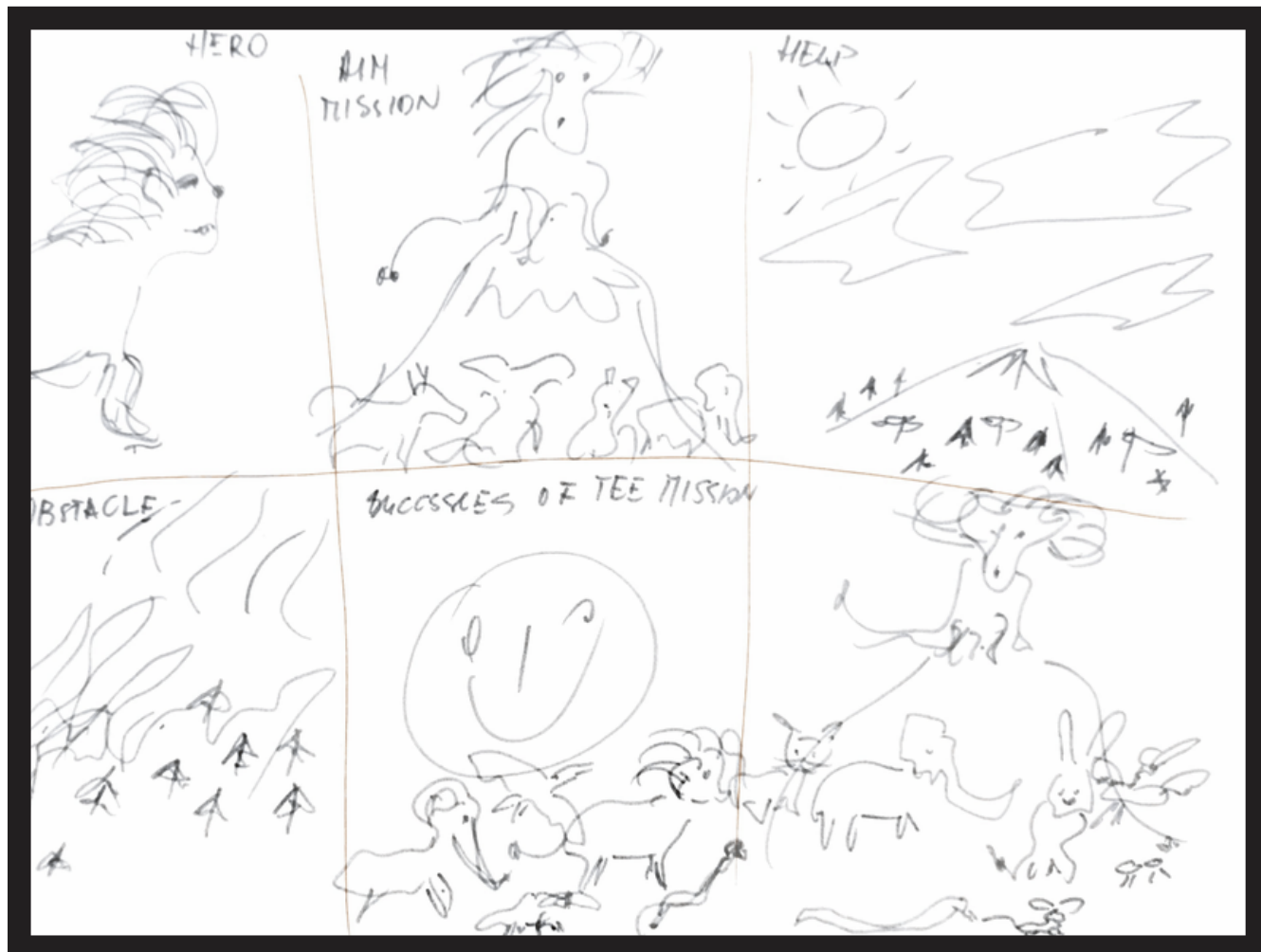
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You are responsible for taking care of you own Heaven

author & artist: Vilma Tubutiene

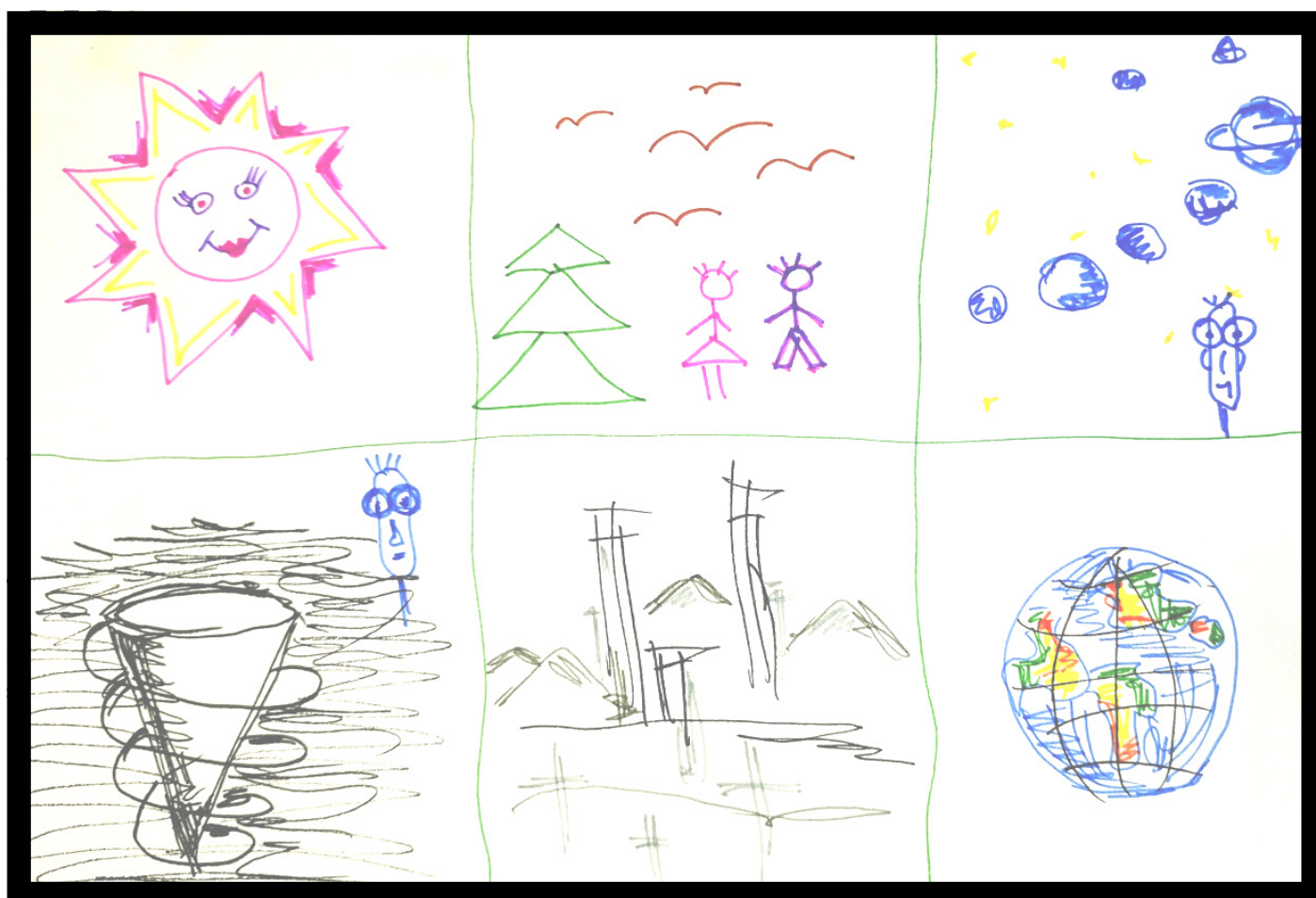


Leo was a king of the jungle. He carried the commonwealth of all animals, birds, mosquitoes and snakes. The jungle was 'their birthplace and place of life, and they feel like they are in heaven there. One day a fierce fire broke out and everyone's life was in great danger. The inhabitants of the jungle looked to the Lion King with hope and hoped that his guidance would save their lives. Leo led them to the high mountains and they stayed there until the fire was suppressed by heavy rain. Then King Leo called everyone together to work hard to clear the ashes and plant new trees. The entire animal community worked together in a concentrated, dedicated and sincere manner and revealed their homeland! They were very happy and proud after returning to their heaven! Everyone's sincere and responsible commitment helps to create a much more valuable common good and overcome all challenges!

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of
their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt**

It happens for a reason

author & artist: Milka Botcheva



Day after day the Sun went to work punctually, as always. Trees and flowers, animals and people were glad to feel it again after dark and uncertain nights. More than that, they were all so grateful and glad for it. The Earth was ready to hold out one more day. But only if the universe and humanity were in perfect harmony.

Until today, the darkest day since the beginning.

The Sun just could not make it. It was so tired of keeping the balance. It was exhausted to take care of everything. The Sun felt hopeless and helpless and gave up. People had to take everything into their own hands. They had to prove that they were as powerful as they thought...

It took only a few days for people to realize that the Earth could not survive without the Sun. All the knowledge and skills of the humans were not enough! Not even close to enough. Very quickly, the Earth lost hope of returning to normal. Until the brightest day ever!

The Sun just appeared as if nothing had happened! It was back on duty, fresh and ready to light up the world. The world that has learned its lesson that everything happens for a reason.

Join the Race to Make the World a Better Place.

"The Earth is what we all have in common."

- Wendell Berry, Environmentalist



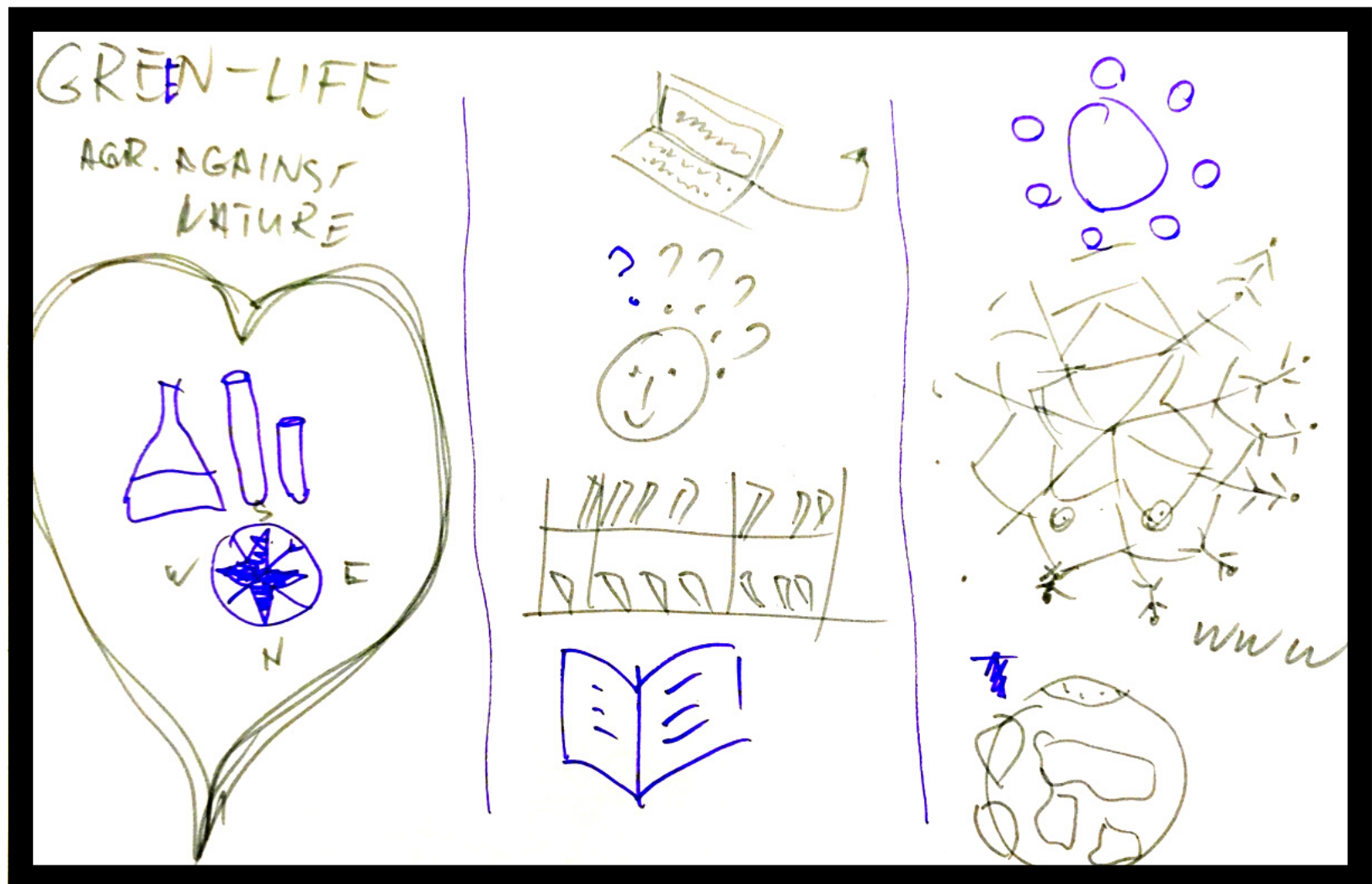
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Knowledge and good will - the keys to a greener world!

by: Milka & Vilma



Our Earth is sick because of the destructive activities of mankind – such as littering, air pollution, etc. – sick. It is necessary to take action to spread science-based knowledge about the damage humans are doing and how everyone can contribute to a greener future. Discussions, networking, knowledge sharing, and goodwill will bring people together to unite their efforts for a greener, brighter, and more promising future.



Empathy

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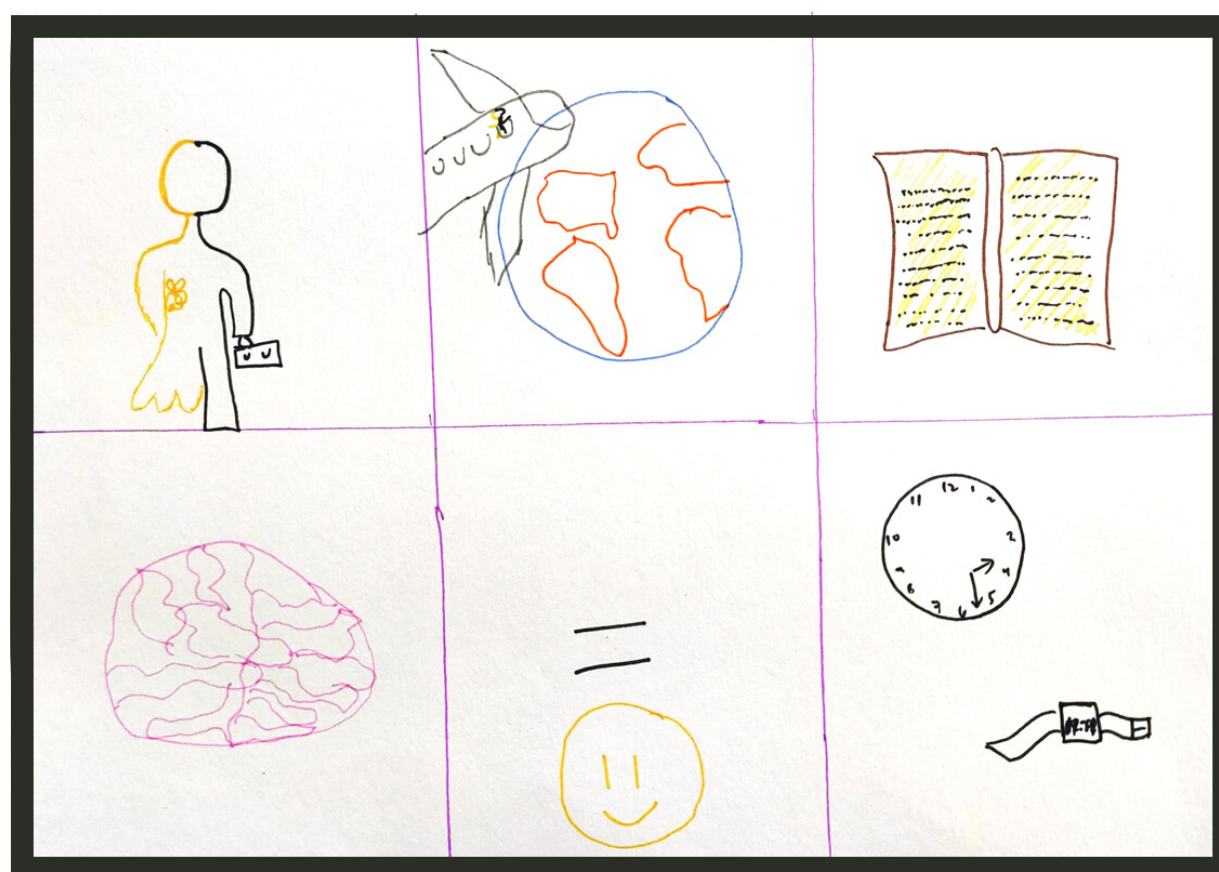
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Yin & Yang:

Embarking on a journey to tackle the world's injustices

author & artist: Elia Victoriana Magaña



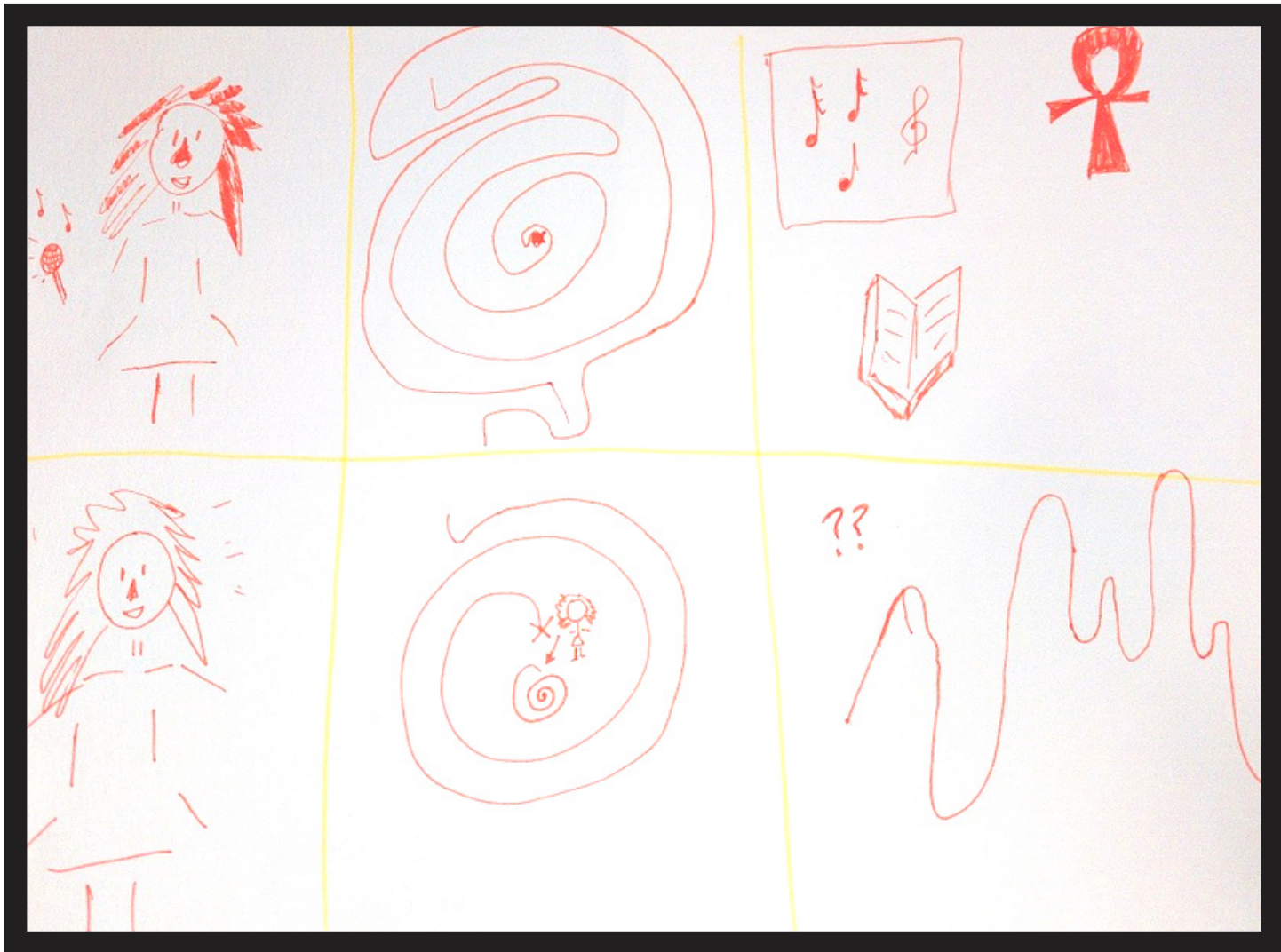
"Yin and Yang is a Chinese philosophical concept that describes the opposing forces that are interconnected.". A person who has the ability to possess a blend of opposing but complementary energies is a superhero. One who embodies the balance between the intelligence of a mad scientist, the rawness of a driven man, the creativity of an innovative genius, and the calm and wisdom of a guru. This hero embarks on a mission to fight injustices in the world. He travels the world, observing, socializing, evaluating and rethinking. Using resources such as human knowledge, literature, and the wealth of data on the Internet, a plan has been implemented to solve these global problems. Boom. An obstacle got in the way of this plan, a struggle with the hero's inner conflict posed a major problem. But the hero's yang forces overcame it. The plan was put into action, and the world became a better place. Efficiency, positivity, prosperity and fairness existed harmoniously in the world.

"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient."

- Steve Maraboli

I owe it to 'The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill'

author & artist: Aroha Oyugi



This is an ode to Lauryn Hill's only album as a solo artist, titled "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." It was released in the early 90's; the melodies and messages are timeless. For me, the work has always been food for thought about my positioning in a larger framework (community), but also in smaller relationships (both romantic and platonic). Most importantly, it has made me think about my relationship with myself. The concept behind the album is to unlearn or question the realities around us to make room for greater understanding. A process that I would best describe as a spiral, where one often encounters oneself as the greatest obstacle. Lauryn Hill uses spirituality, knowledge and music as tools to maneuver her purpose. Indeed, much is becoming clearer, and it may feel like we are on the verge of some kind of closure. But I have to wonder if there really is such a conclusion? Is there really an end goal on the path of self-discovery?

**"How you gonna win when you ain't right within."
-Lauryn Hill**

The best that mankind has ever created

author & artist: Izan Coronciuc



A story that reflects a common denominator for all people around the world. No matter what country we were born in, no matter how different we are. Whether we create it or listen to it, we all have a special and unique connection to music. It is what embraces us when our emotions get tangled.

It is something that saves us all at some point in our lives when we feel anxious, sad or simply powerless.

**"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which
it is impossible to be silent."**

-Victor Hugo

The Journey of finding the 2 C's: Connection & Communication

author & artist: Konstantinos Karalariotis



Drawing this kind of story, I realized that I'd shown a version of me that had not existed yet. It is close to who I am today, but also it includes parts of whom I want to be or think I will be in the future. To be a cat-father always sounds like a good plan, in any case.

Exploring and finding ways to communicate with other human beings is one of the most fundamental parts of my inner self; a constant wish to be connected, to be a member of a community, to understand and be understood. I feel that the means of achieving this is through love, as a state of mind and a way to live.

And the absence of my superpower (to be connected and an empath) is also my biggest fear. Now, I'm finding myself at a place - mentally- in which I try to accept that both realities are true; live to be connected but still alive if not connected with everybody.

**"The tigers have found me, and I do not care."
- Charles Bukowski**

Emotional Intelligence for ALL

by: Elia, Aroha, Izan & Konstantinos



What we found most often in all our stories was an obstacle due to an inner conflict. As we evolve intellectually and emotionally, we often experience a brain fog. It can be overwhelming, frustrating, and sometimes endless. We all agreed that it is important to have some level of understanding of ourselves in order to find clarity, and that it is even more sustainable if we can connect with others who are on a similar path.

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”
-Nelson Mandela



Independence through hard work



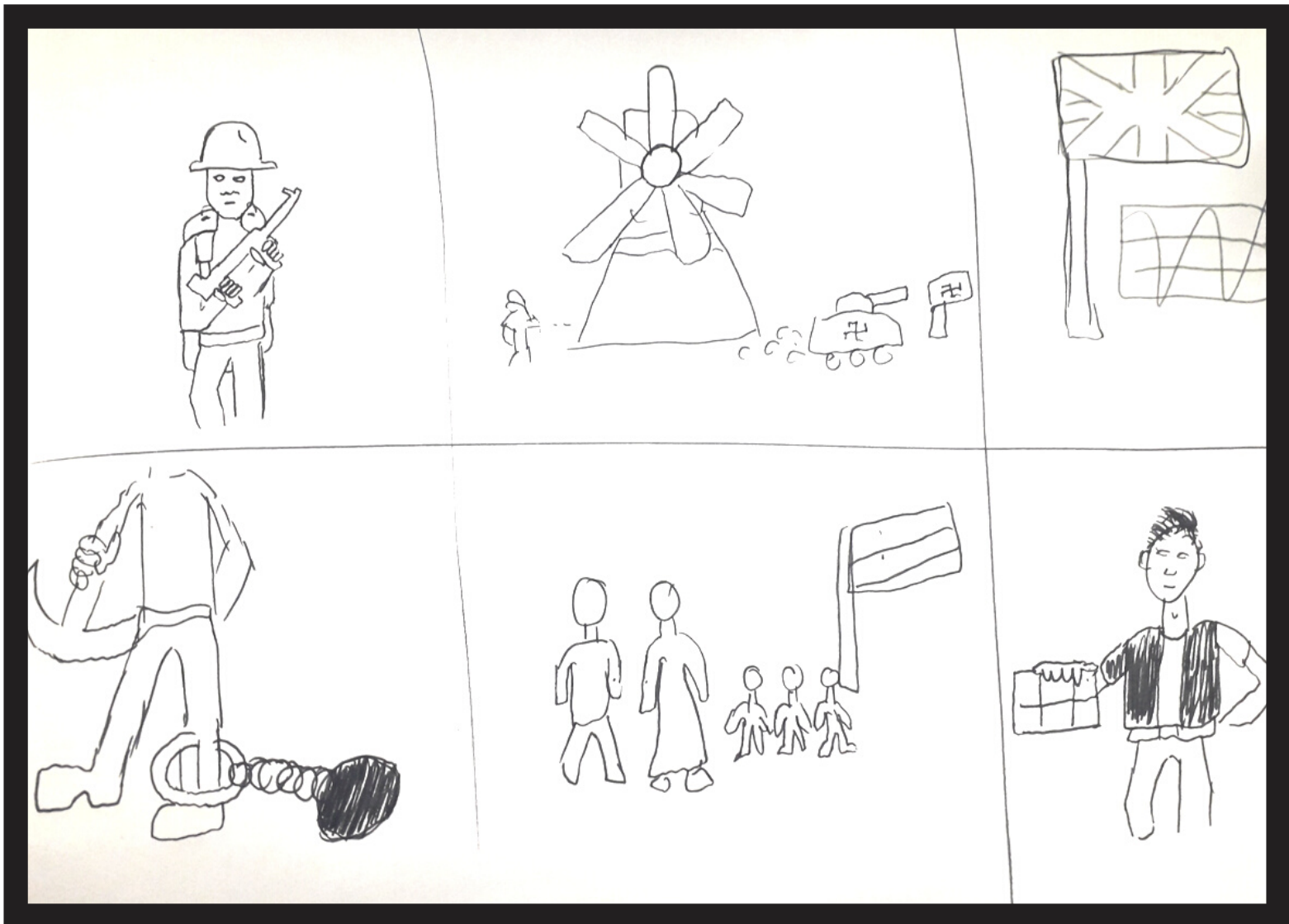
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Bogus Law Maciag

author & artist: Dhani van Ingen



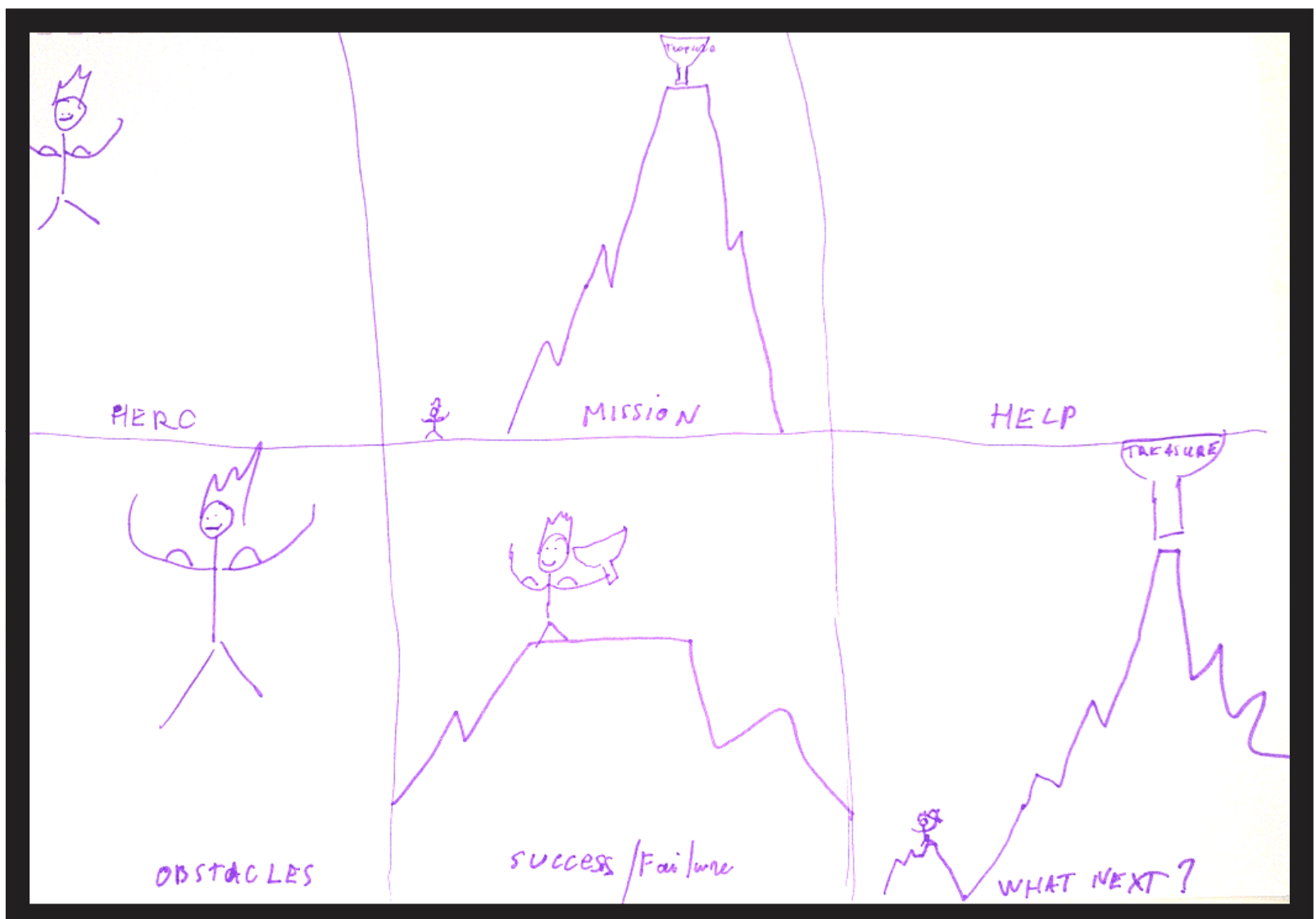
I drew the story of my grandfather (sixth picture) who fought in the Polish army during World War II (first picture). After the Nazis took Poland, he was captured and sent to a labor camp in Italy for about 4 years (fourth picture). There he suffered under severe circumstances. After Italy was liberated by the British army (third picture), he decided to join them to liberate the Netherlands from the Nazis (second picture). After the liberation of the Netherlands, he met my grandmother and started a family in the Netherlands (fifth frame).

"Educate yourself, so you can do an intellectual job and your body does not wear out like mine has."

-Bogus Law Maciag

My Life Story

author & artist: Dominic Navikas

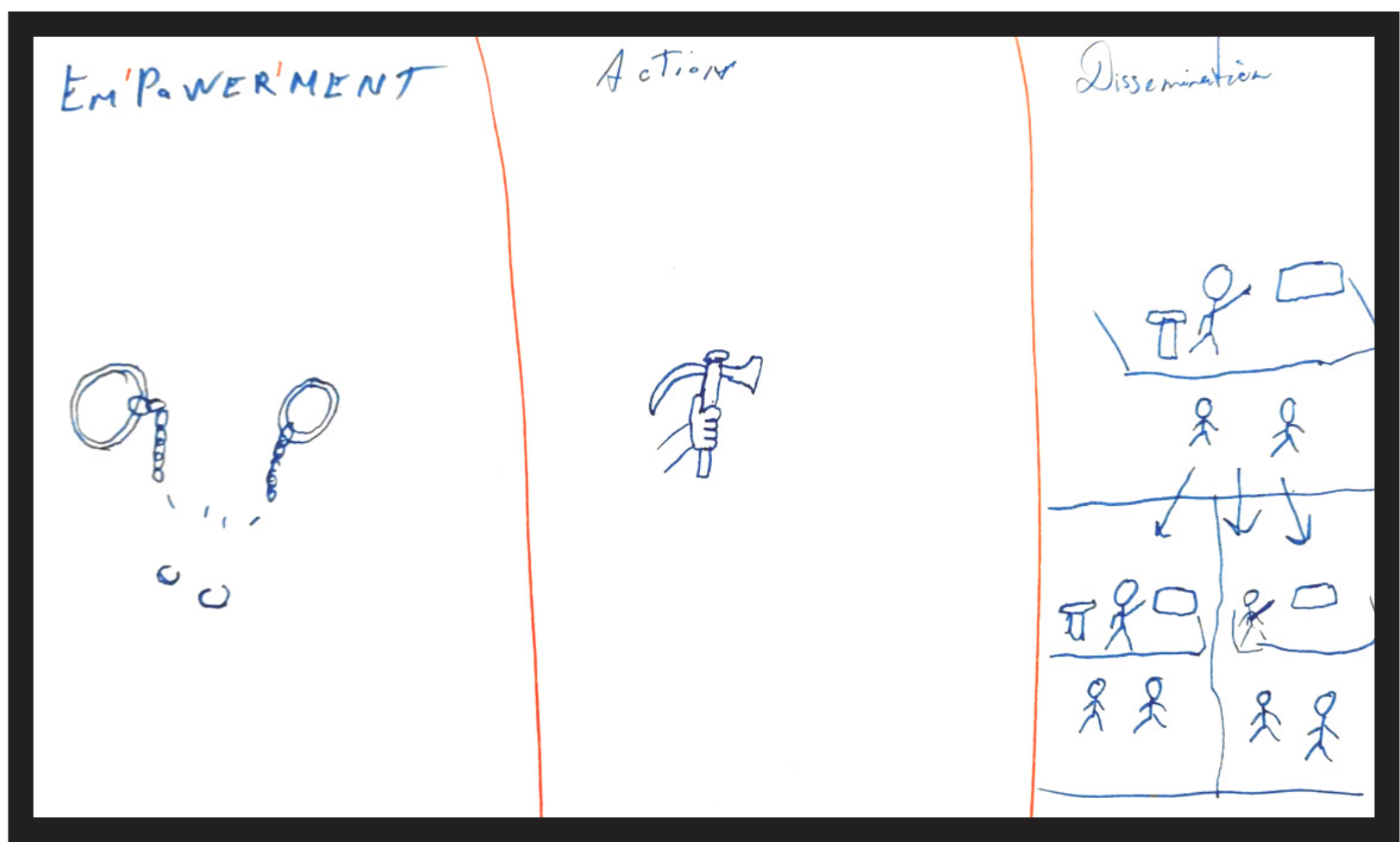


In the short but eventful life I have had so far, I have learned the 3 most important things. First, after we get what we always wanted, there are usually other goals to achieve or bigger dreams. Second, in life, nothing helps you but yourself. Lastly and most importantly, you are your own biggest enemy or obstacle when you learn to embrace your weaknesses and strengths to be the best you can be and keep learning and moving forward. You can be proud and happy about yourself.

**"The more you know, the more you realize
you don't know."
-Aristotle**

Independence through hard work

by: Dominic & Dhani



Step 1. Realization of dependence

Step 2. You gain freedom/independence.

Step 3. Hard work and discipline to
achieve your other goals

Step 4. You share your knowledge and
experience with others.



A friend in need is a friend indeed



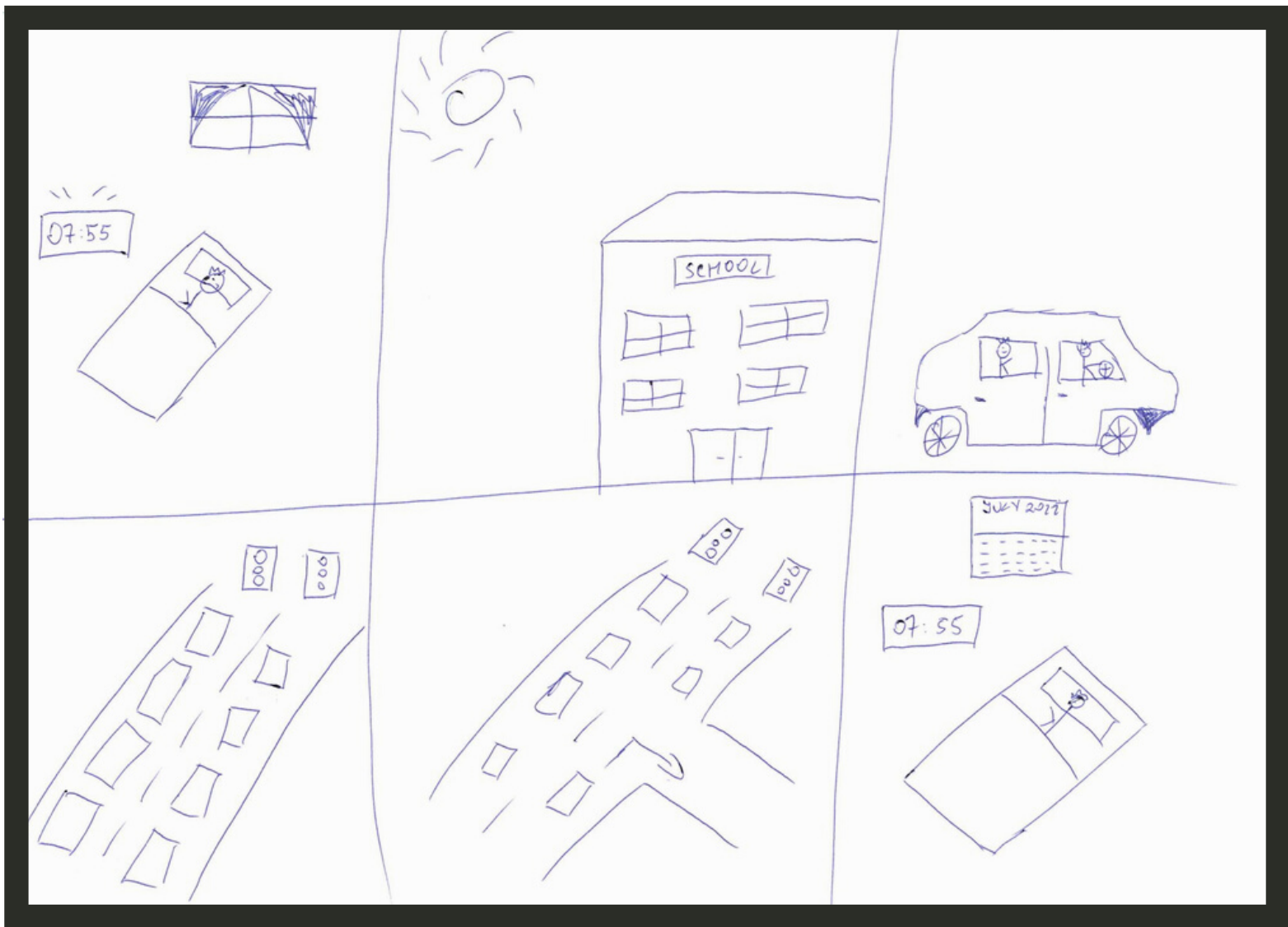
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Holiday exam

author & artist: Magdalena Chmielewska



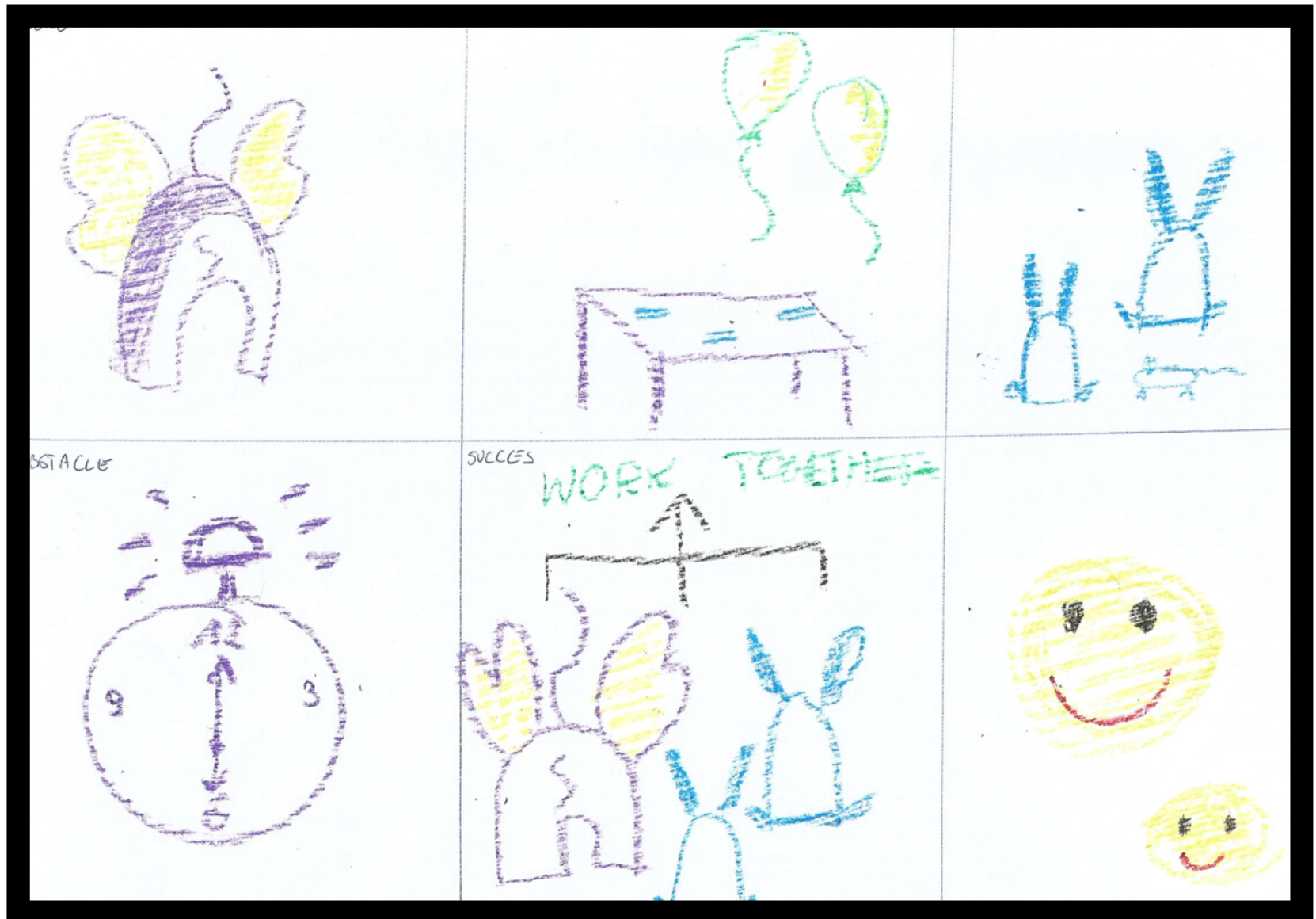
Once upon a time Alex woke up suddenly and saw on his watch that he was late for school. His bus had long since left. There was an important maths exam that day. Class was starting in 15 minutes. Alex's dad entered the room and noticed his son getting dressed in a hurry. He stated that he would drive him to school by car as it would be quicker. There was a lot of traffic on the way to school, but dad managed to take a side street. Alex ran quickly into the school, satisfied that he would make it in time for his exam. The teacher closed the classroom door with a bang. The bell rang for the start of the lesson. Suddenly Alex woke up again in his room. It was 7.55 a.m. on the clock again. He looked at the calendar on the wall and noticed that he had woken up so early in the middle of the holidays. He wanted to go to his maths exam in the middle of the holiday.

**“School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacation’s over,
school is here.”**

– Winifred C. Marshal

Power of friendship

author & artist: Anna Bogacz



A simple story that shows a deep, vital truth that we all need to remember in our daily lives.

The purple elephant has to organize the party, but he is running out of time. He is so late. Luckily, his best friends, the blue rabbits, arrive just in time. They are small, but full of energy. Together they were able to make all the arrangements and had a wonderful time.

We can have many buddies, but only real friends are with us when we really need help.

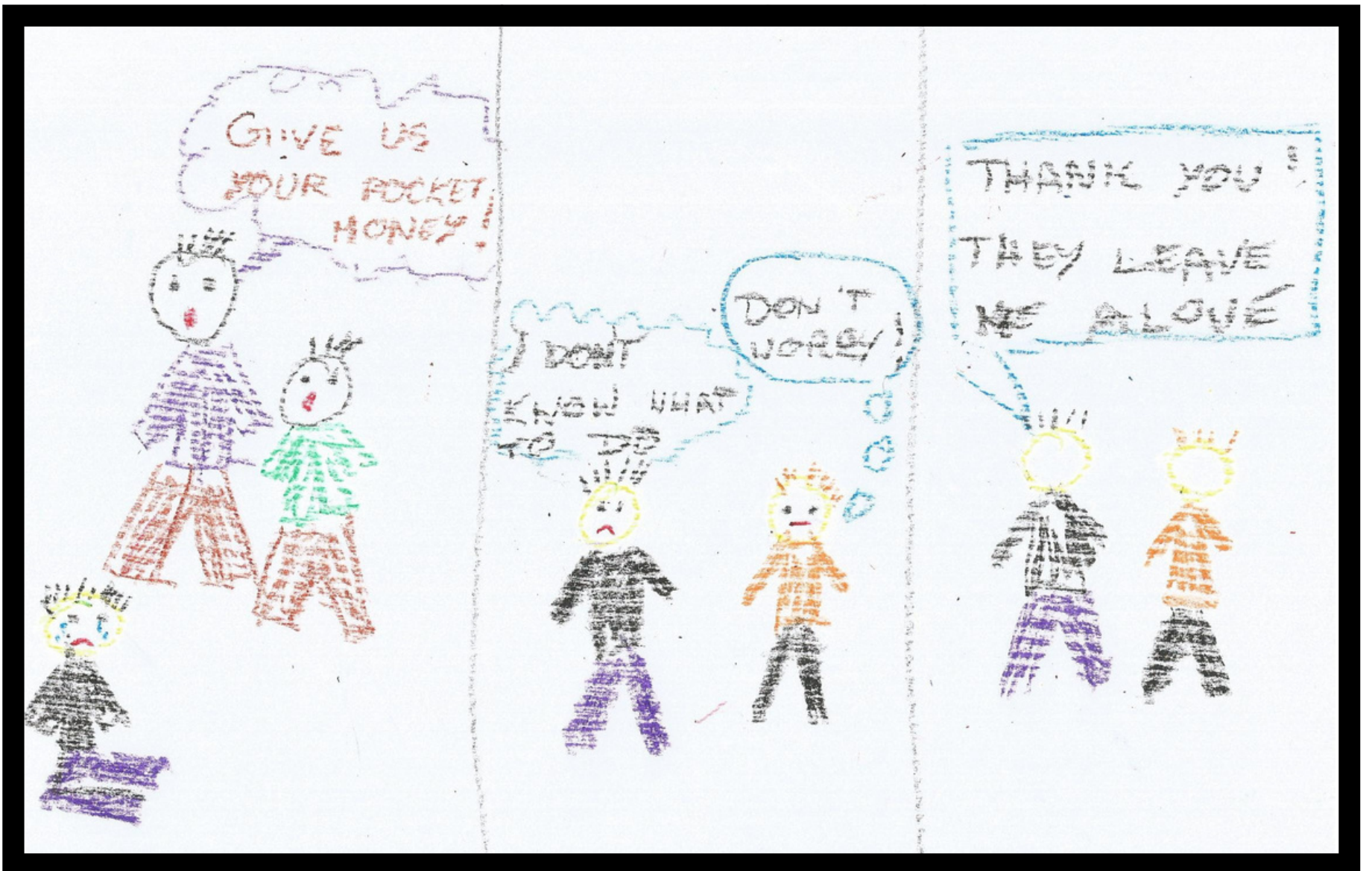
I am deeply grateful for all my friends who stand by me through small challenges, but also through big problems.

**"A real friend is one who walks in when
the rest of the world walks out."**

-Walter Winchell

School hardship

by: Magdalena & Anna



Tom is a 6th grade student in elementary school. He is a quiet child. He has two real friends. One day, two older students come to him between classes and want money from him. Tom is afraid of his older students, so he gives them his pocket money. Unfortunately, the situation repeats itself in the following weeks. The boy does not know what to do. He tells his friends about his problem. The friends do not believe him at first, but eventually they report the matter to the classroom teacher. The teacher reacts quickly to the situation. In the next lesson, he talks about the bullying of the other students. With the help of his friends and his teacher, Tom enjoys going to school again.

Defining automatic writing...

“Automatic writing, also called psychography, is a claimed psychic ability allowing a person to produce written words without consciously writing. Scientists and skeptics consider automatic writing to be the result of the ideomotor effect and even proponents of automatic writing admit it has been the source of innumerable cases of self-delusion. Automatic writing is not the same thing as free writing.

Sweet Dream or a Beautiful Nightmare

*by: Helena, Elia, Izan, Dominykas, Aroha Akinyi,
Dhani, Dovelė, Vilma, Mariana, Milka, Zhenya,
Anna, Magdalena & Konstantinos*



Once upon a time there was a guy with a cat, trying to connect with other people. So one day the cat decided to see the world. The cat bought a ticket to Greece. But it missed the airplane and ended up in the deserts. He was sure that everything happens for a reason. But he has to find his cat. Finally he saw oasis in front of him. And he went there, hoping to find the cat drinking some water. However that the cat wasn't there. Instead he found a group of men. They were dressed like cats. The ugliest said "Don't be afraid!". "Just do as we say and you'll find the way". You need to go on the top of the mountain and find a cave up there. In front of the entrance you'll find a rock and it will show you the way. This is a test in solitude because now you'll live the rest of your life as a monk. But with the cats. The alarm broke the silence and he woke up.

Conclusions

After the implementation of this LTTA and the production of this deliverable – this Virtual Exhibition – the participants and the trainers realized that it is very important to consider the dynamics of a group, particularly when you aspire to co-create and co-design. When the training environment is digital or hybrid, it's not impossible to achieve the goals and have an impact, but it's important to be trained on how to do it.

It was a fruitful chance to test our methodologies, elaborate more on blended environments (given the physical and digital participation) and explore the dynamics of our own group.



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