

WHICH TREE... IS ME?

A light self-analysis activity that enables students to reflect on their own character traits by seeing the parallels alluded to in descriptions of the different kinds of trees.

Option #1: Walk-Around

Hang each 8x10 captioned picture in a different location around the room. Students walk around holding their stack of Traits. As they pass each paper, they stick on a Trait that they think matches the 'tree parable' trait displayed. There can be a few different ones for each paper. At the end of the allotted time, collect all the papers and facilitate reflective conversation.

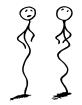
Option #2: Partner Match-Up

Each pair of partners receives a Which Tree is Me paper along with a stack of Trait cards. Together, they analyze the tree parables and match up the corresponding Traits.

Includes

- Student Handout
- Tree Posters
- Trait Cards
- Growth Cards

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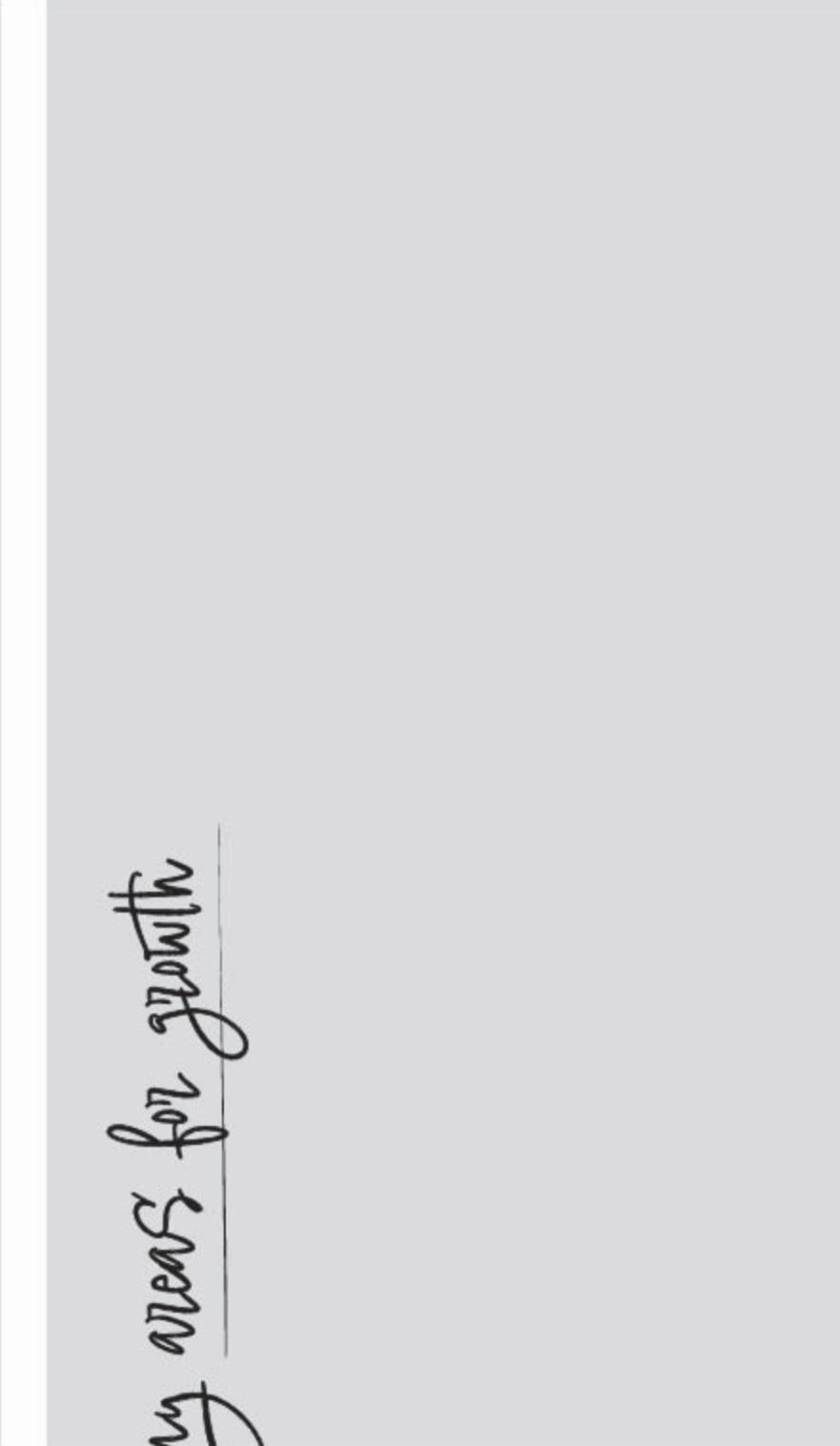
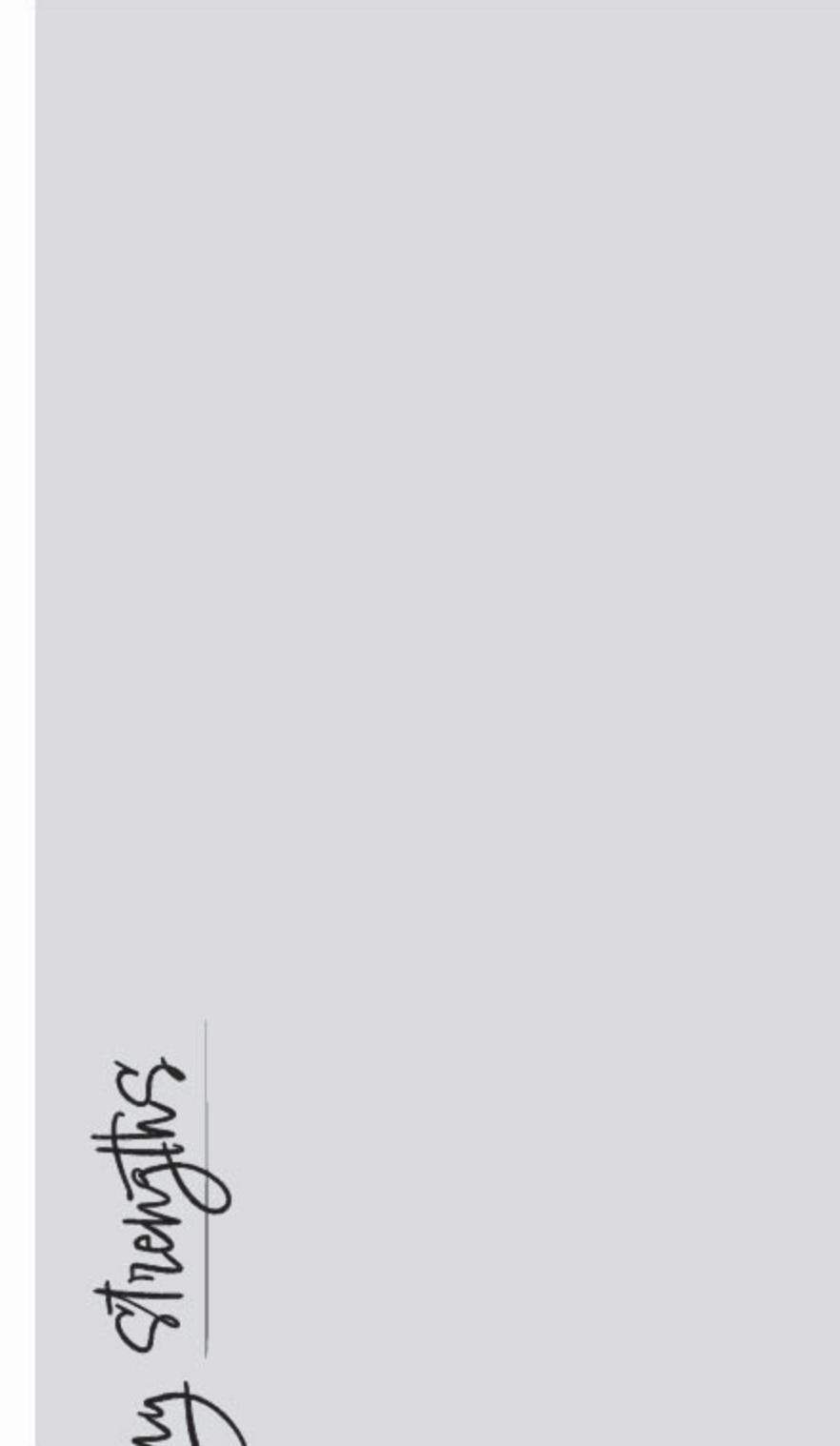
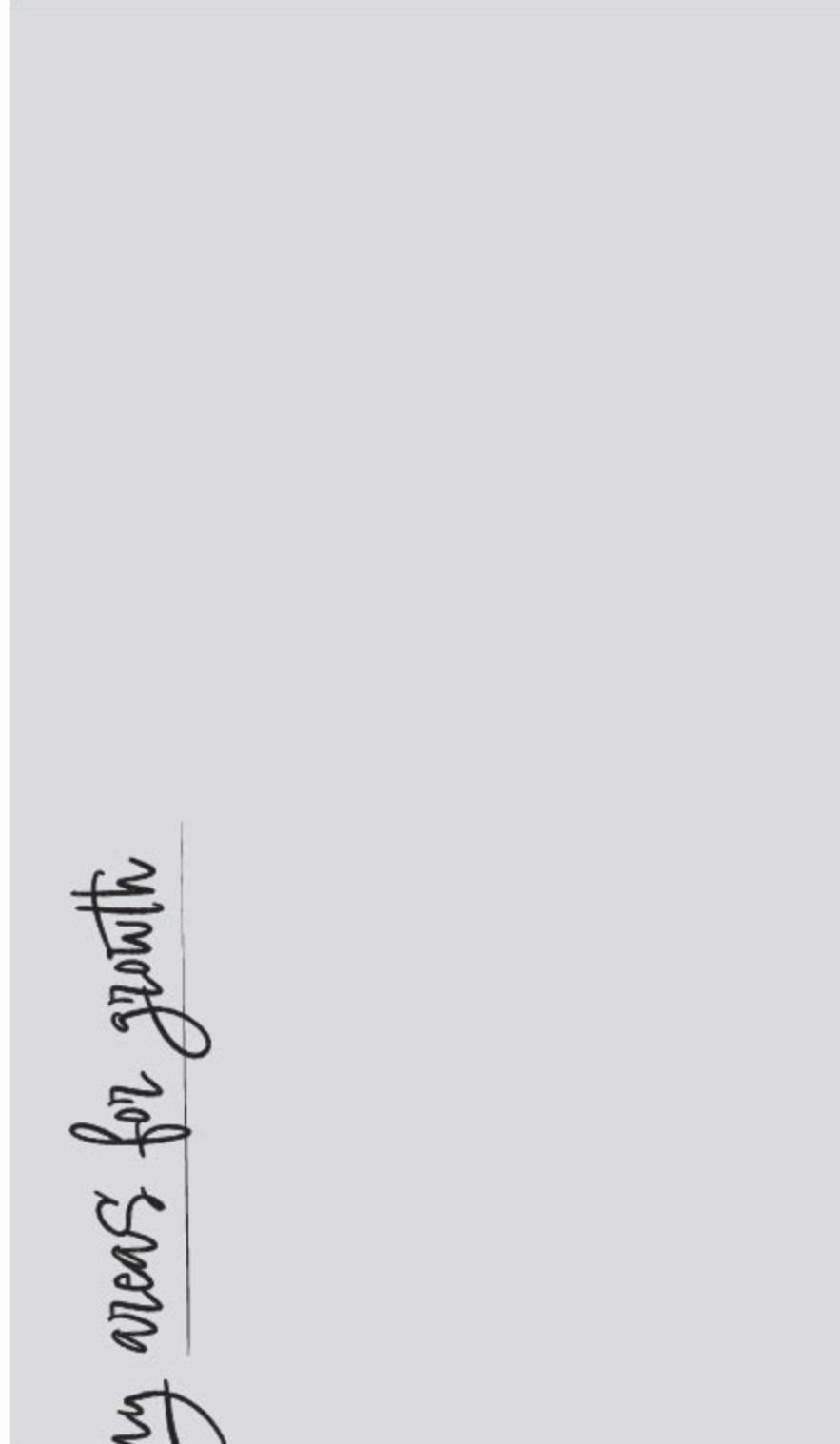
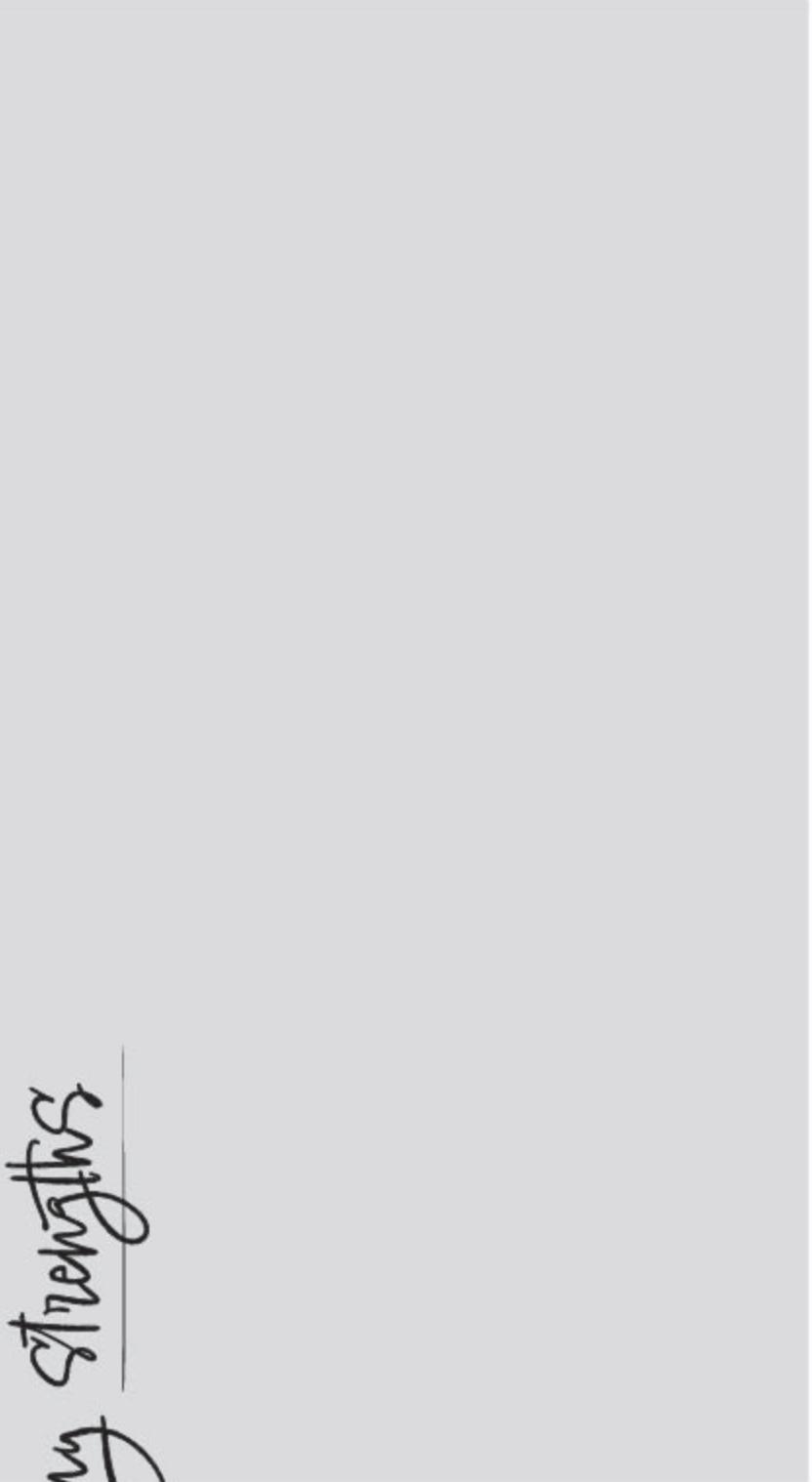
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confident	ambitious
shy	humble
independent	private
social	cooperative
protective	caring
dependent	sensitive
generous	productive

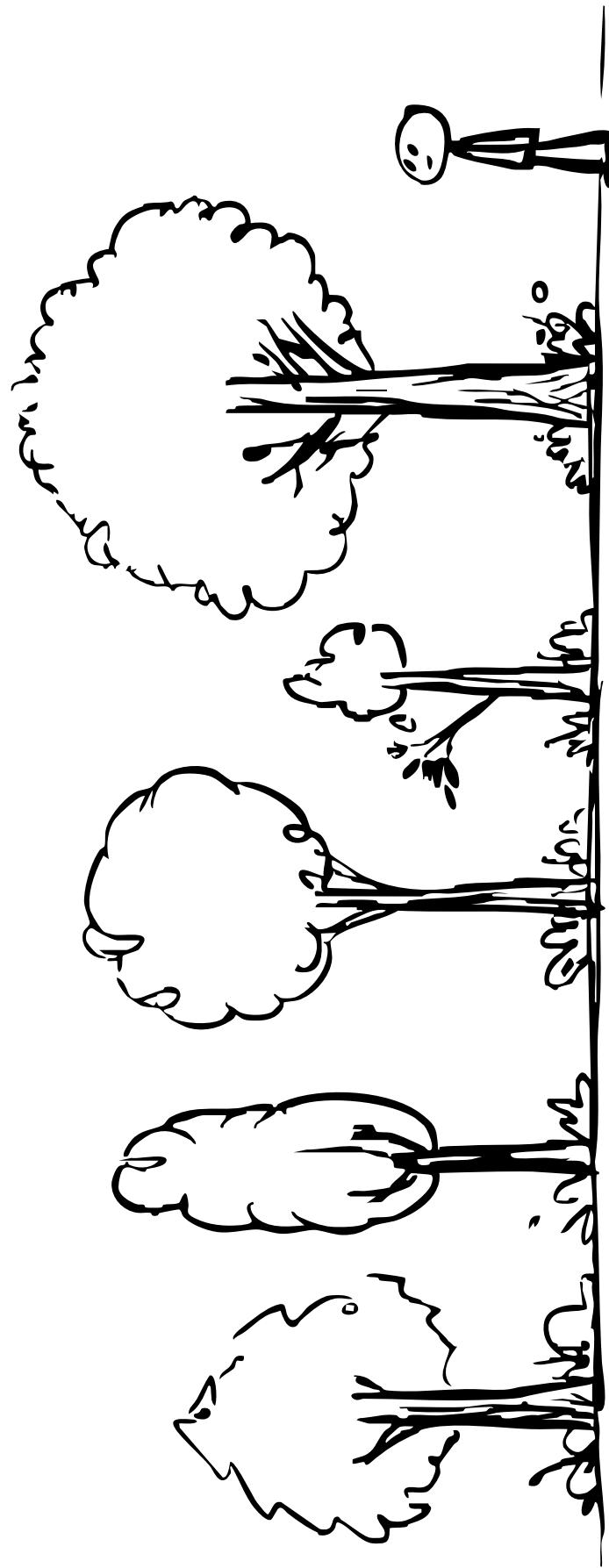
complex	resilient
honest	dependable
defensive	aggressive
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bold	charismatic
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self-focused	private

leader	outgoing
introverted	cautious
self-reliant	introverted
friendly	community-oriented
nurturing	generous
vulnerable	adaptable
giving	accomplished

experienced	troubled
disciplined	straightforward
critical	assertive
gentle	vulnerable
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competitive	selfish
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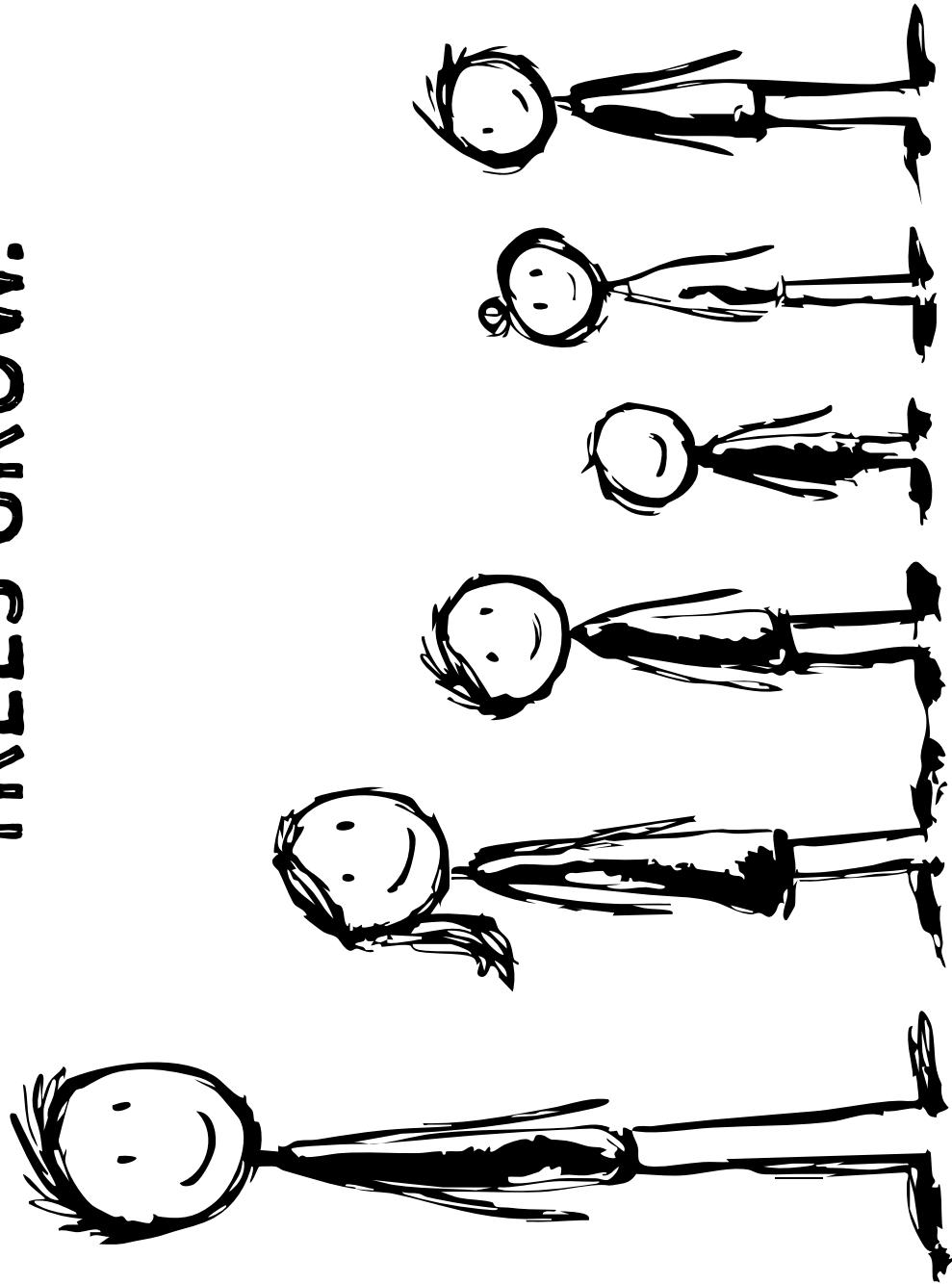
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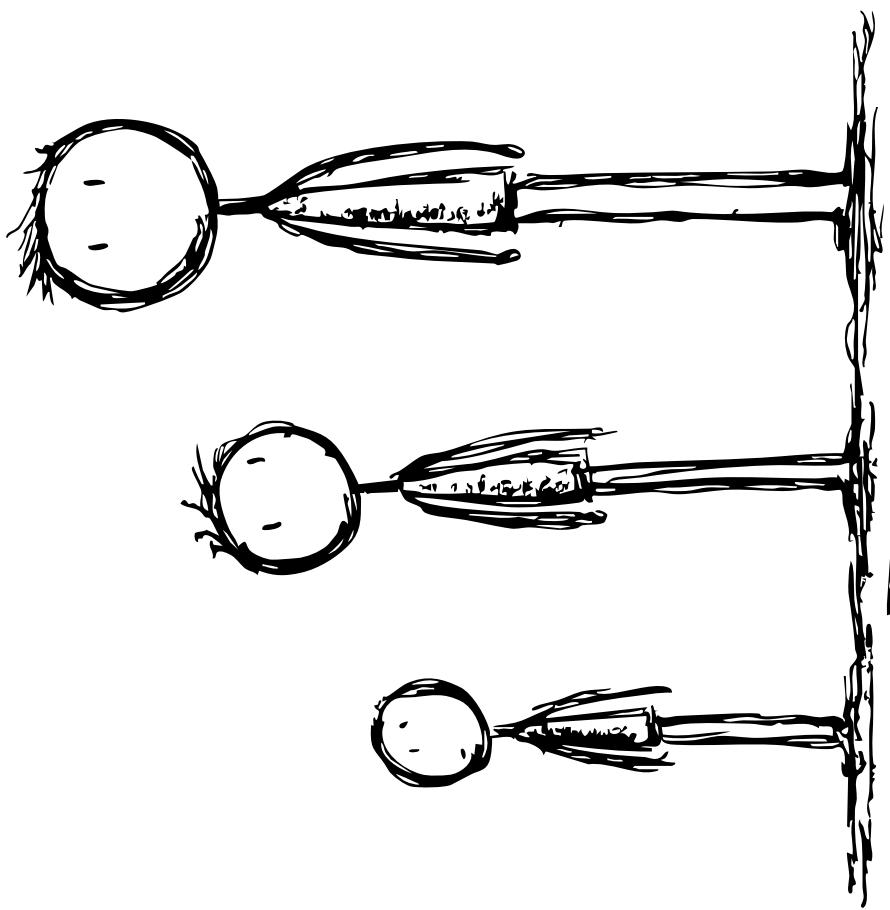
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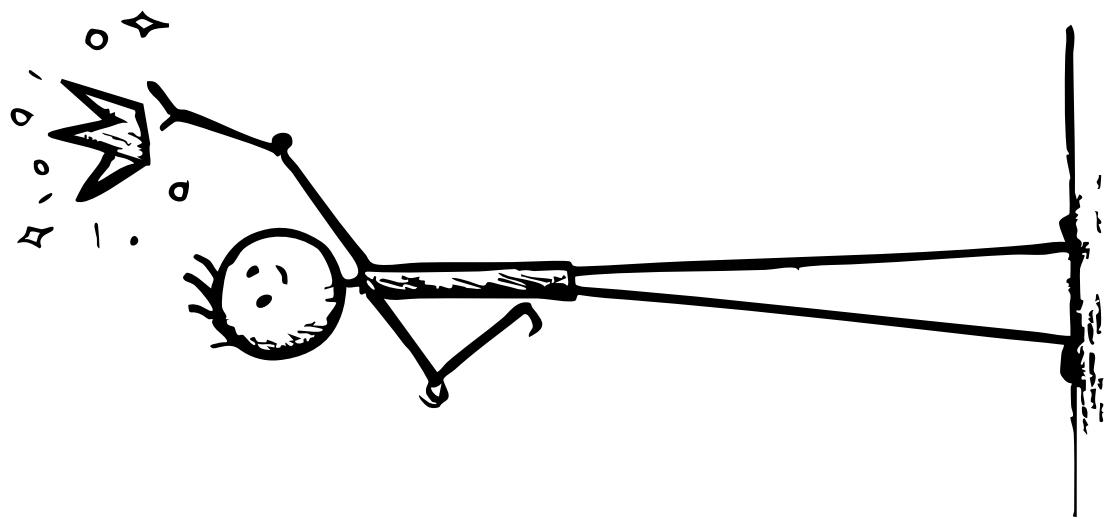
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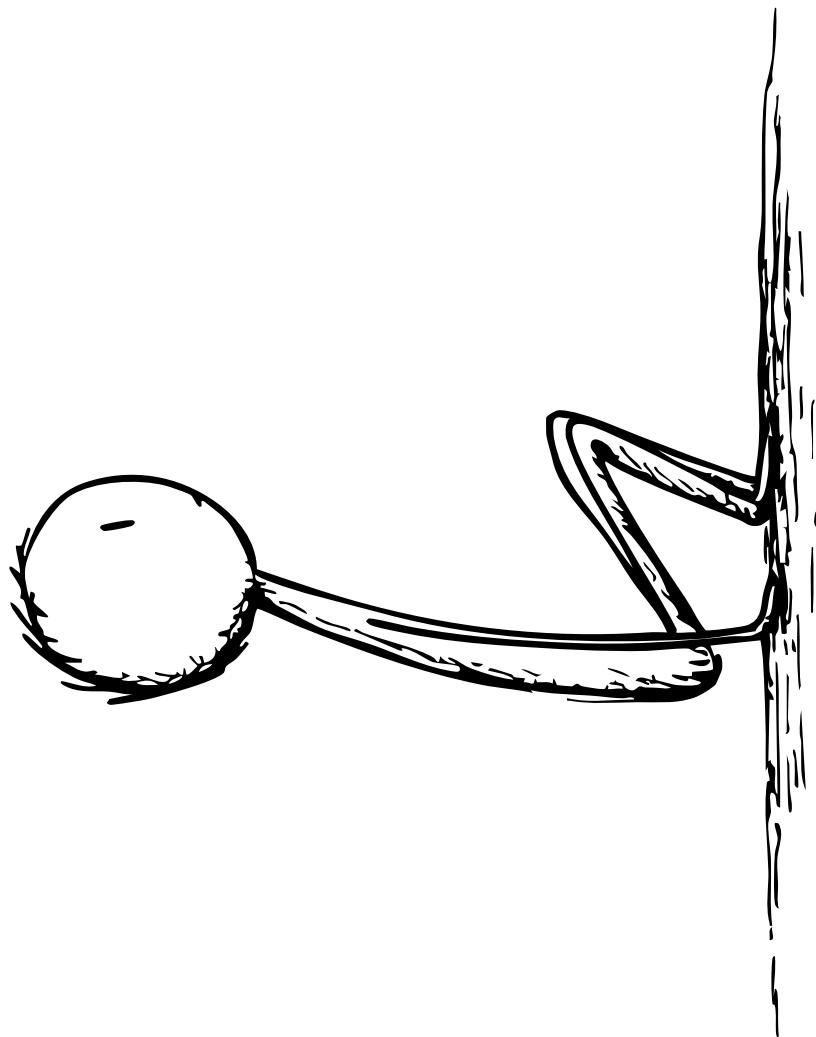
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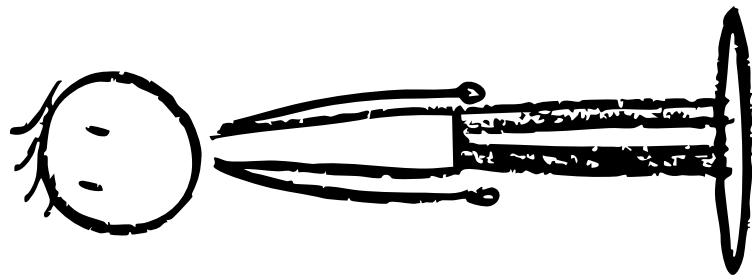
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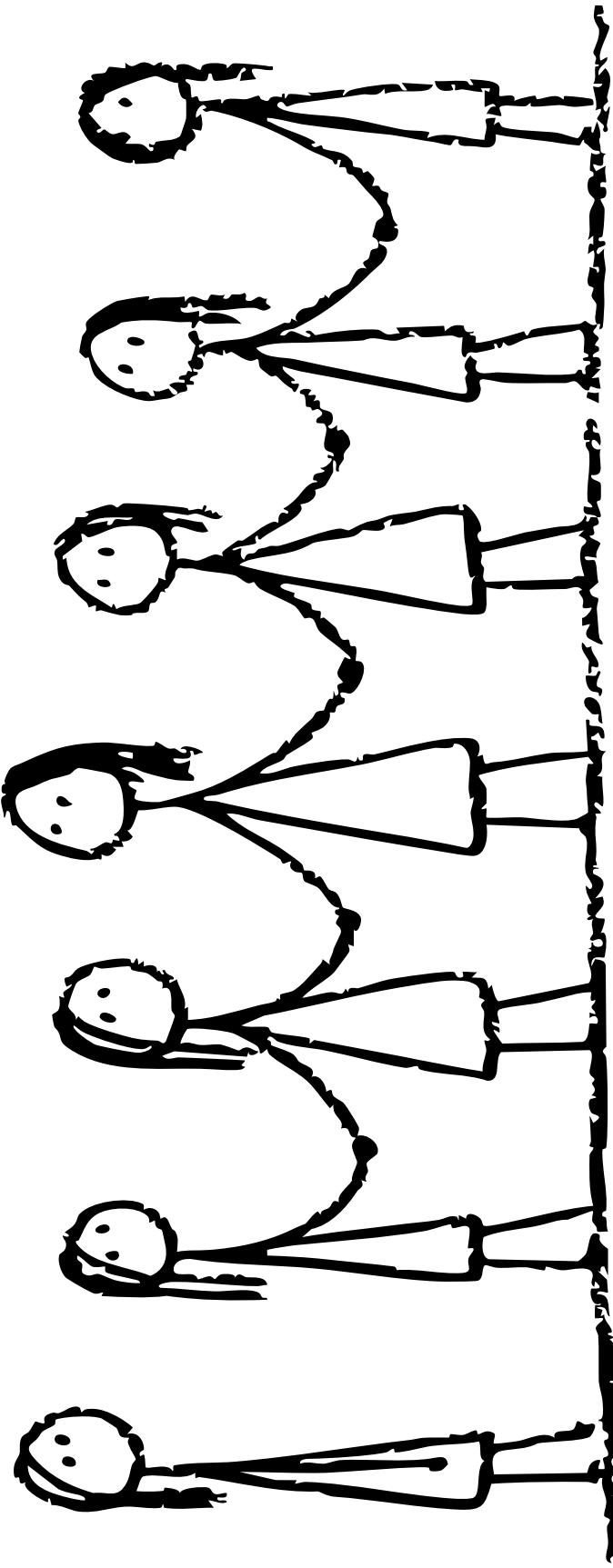
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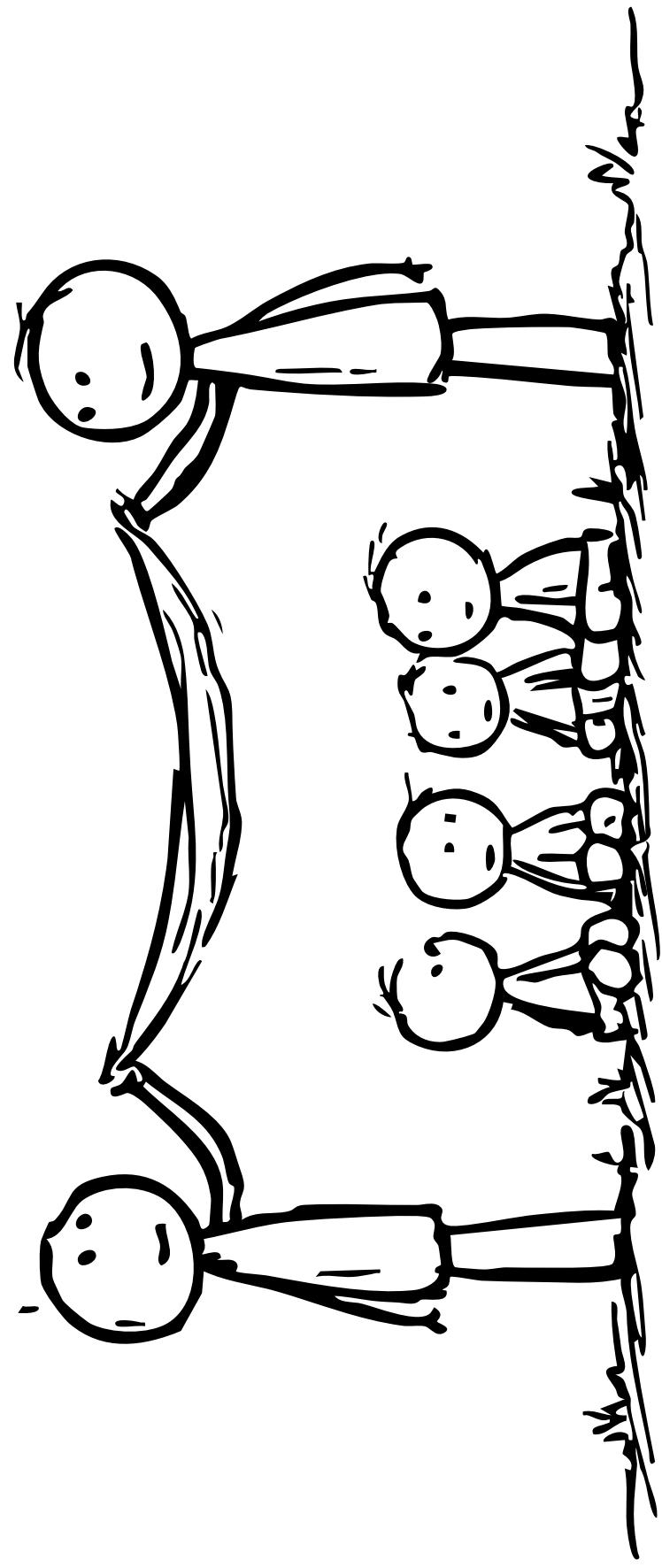
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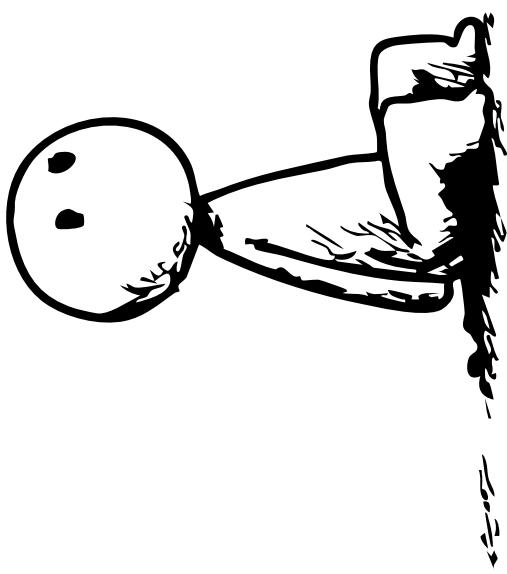
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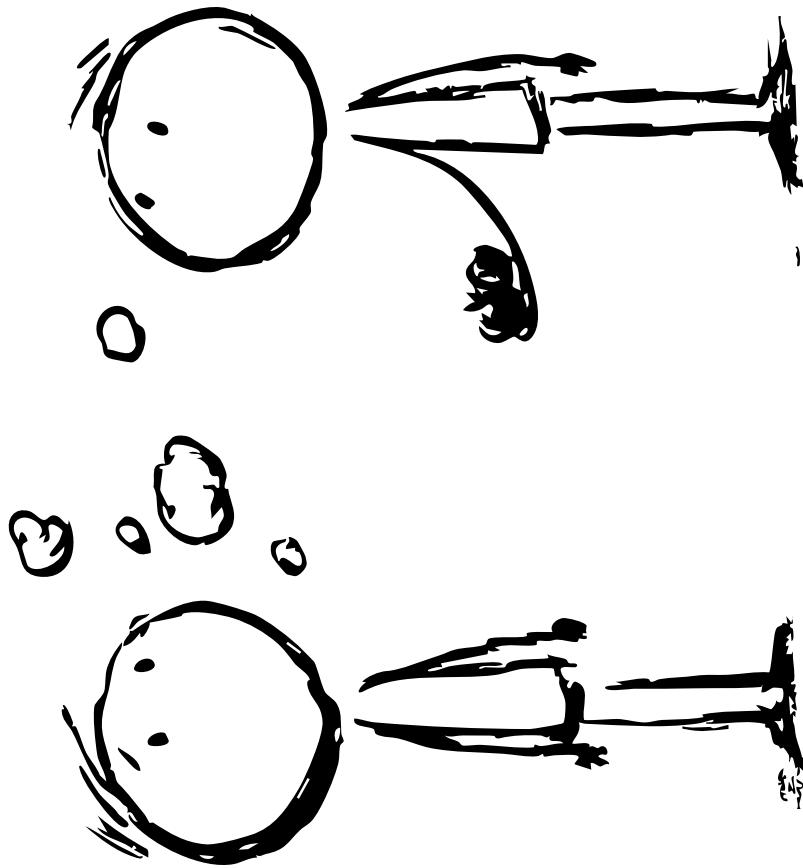
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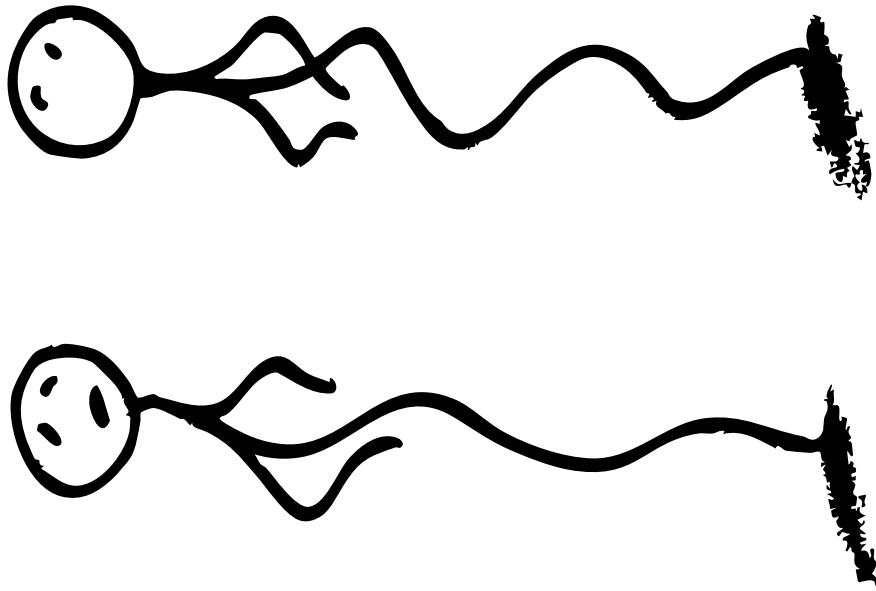
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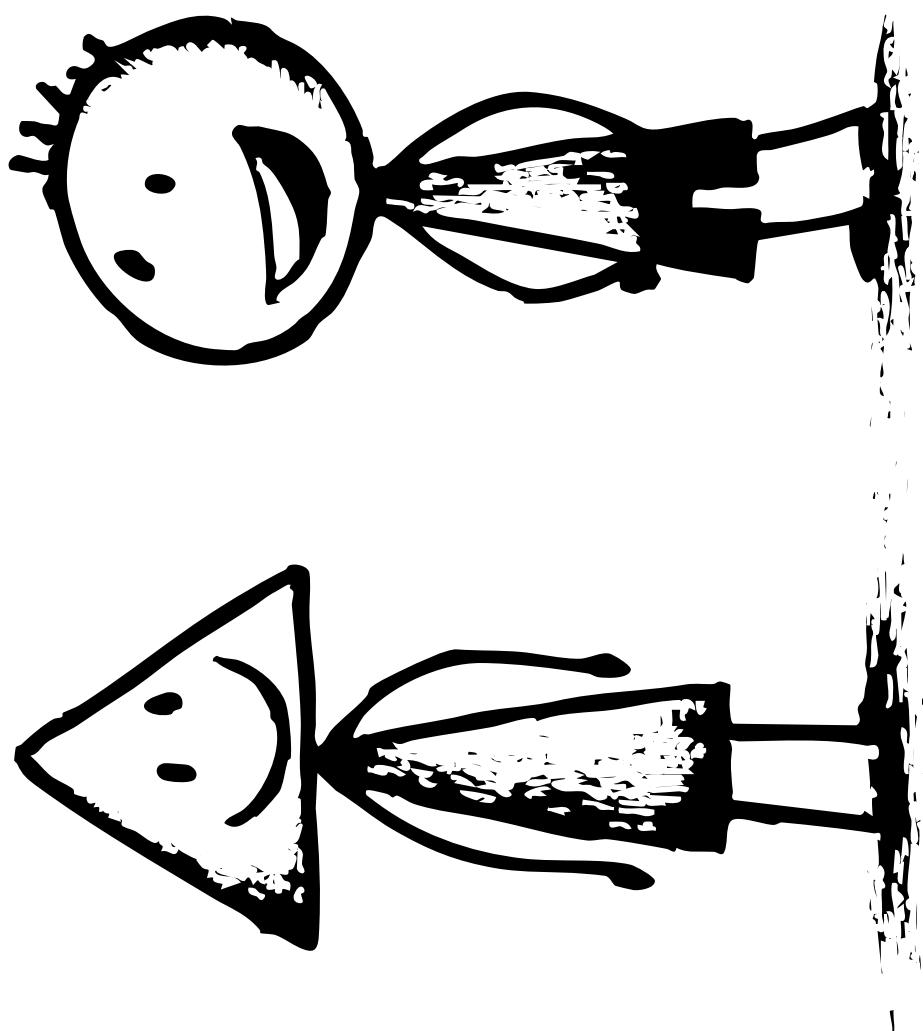
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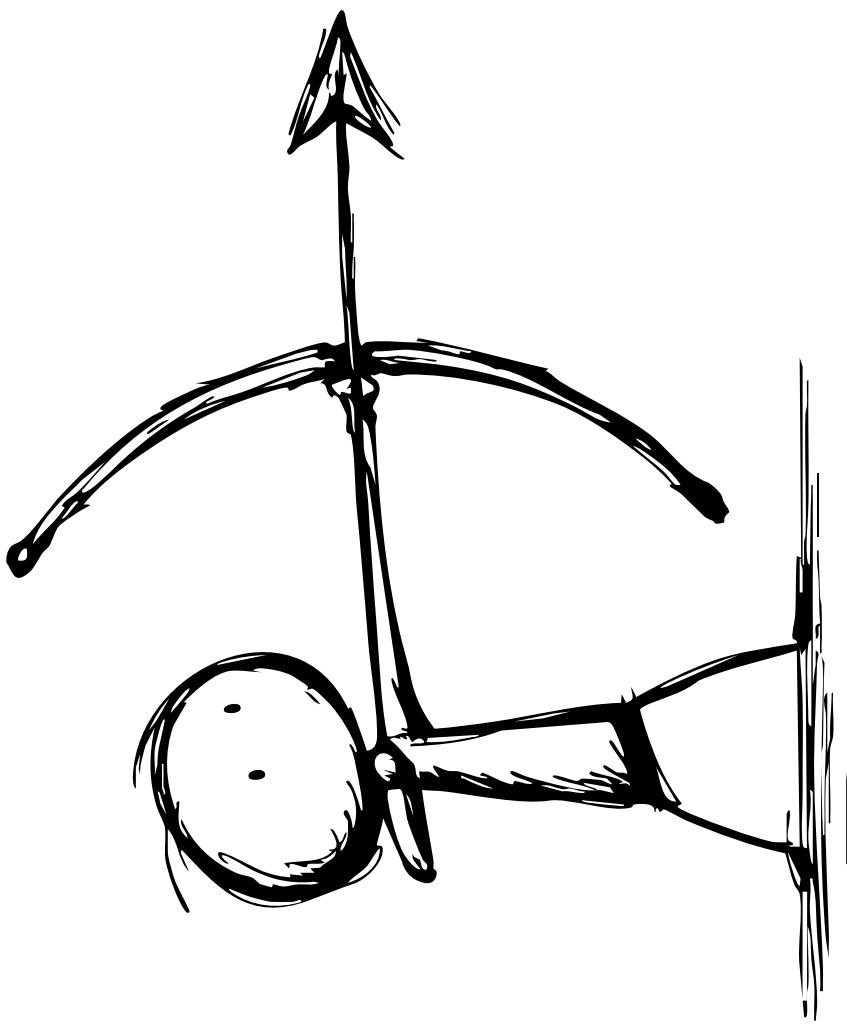
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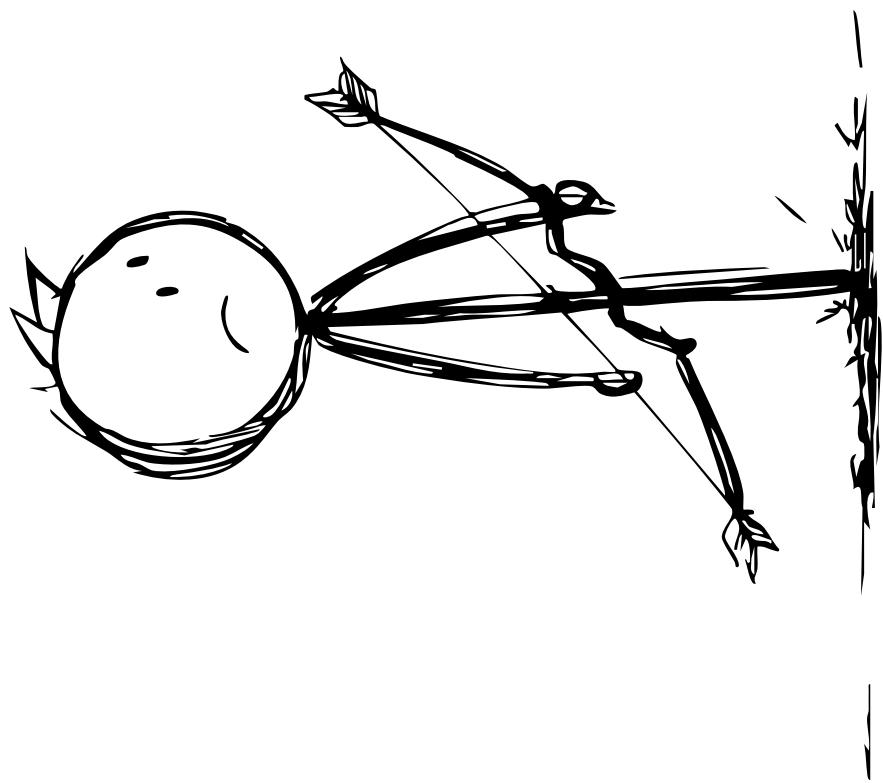
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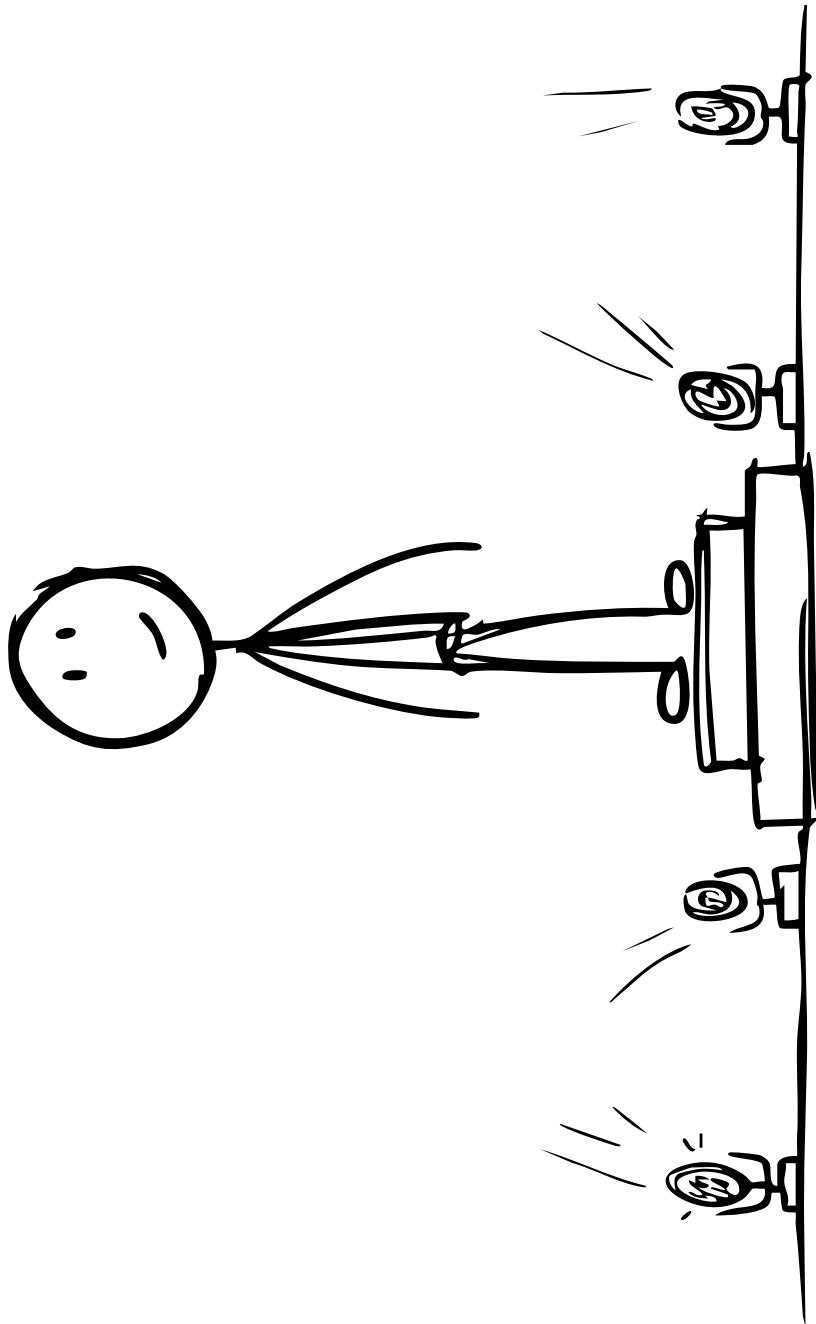
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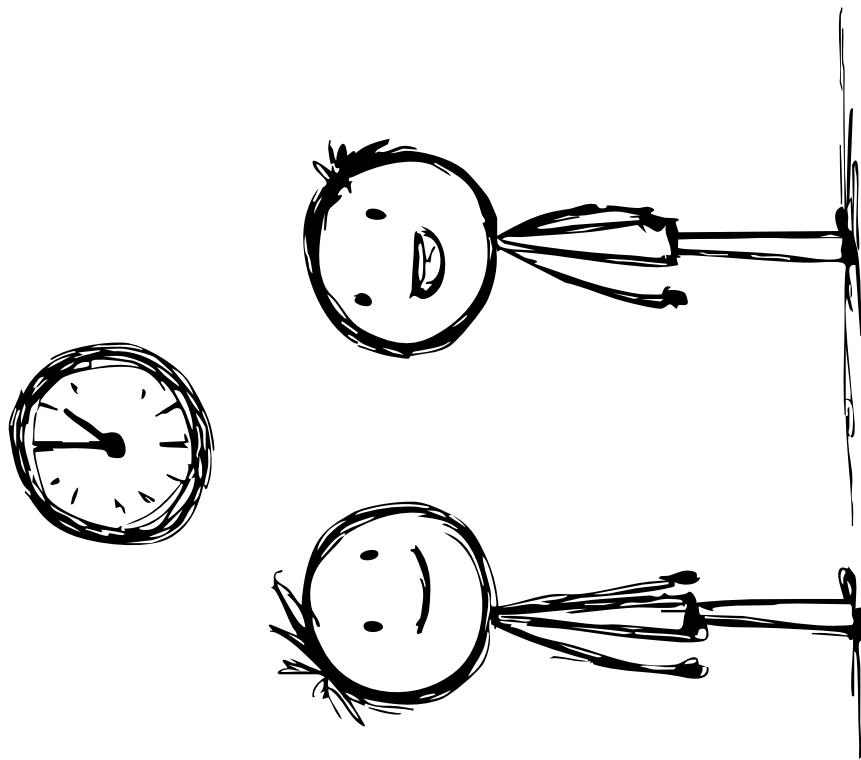
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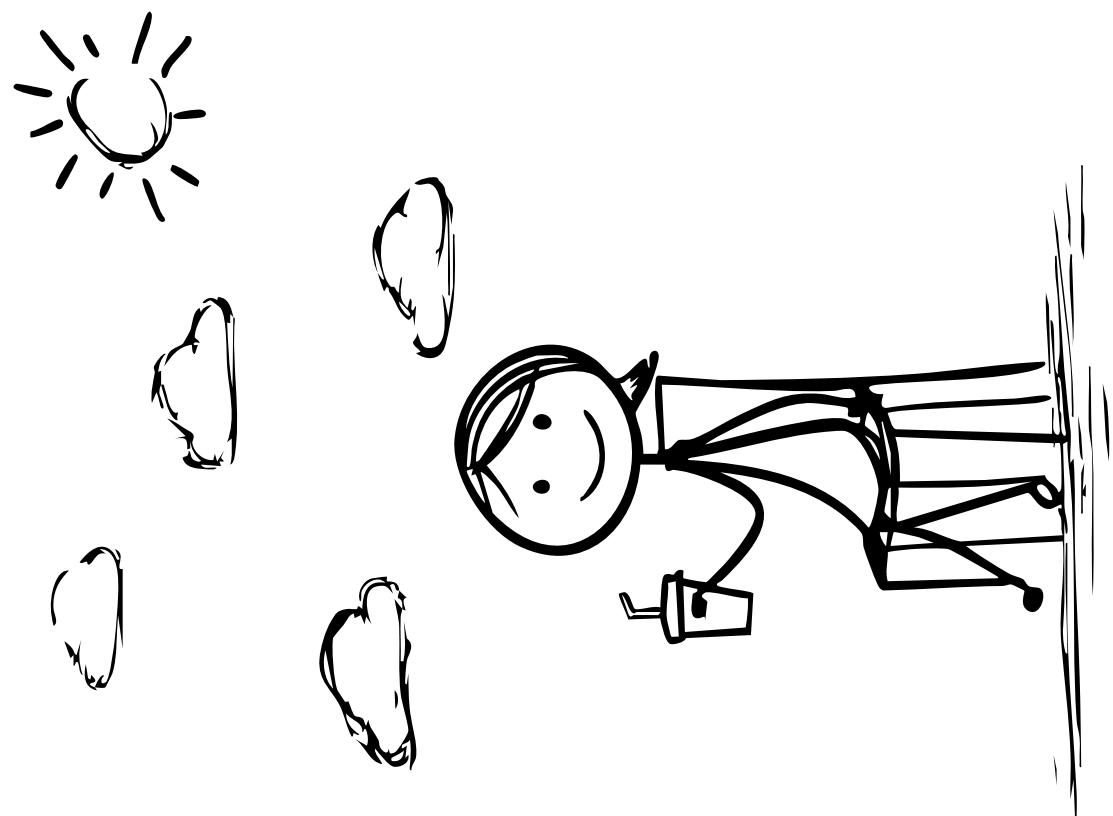
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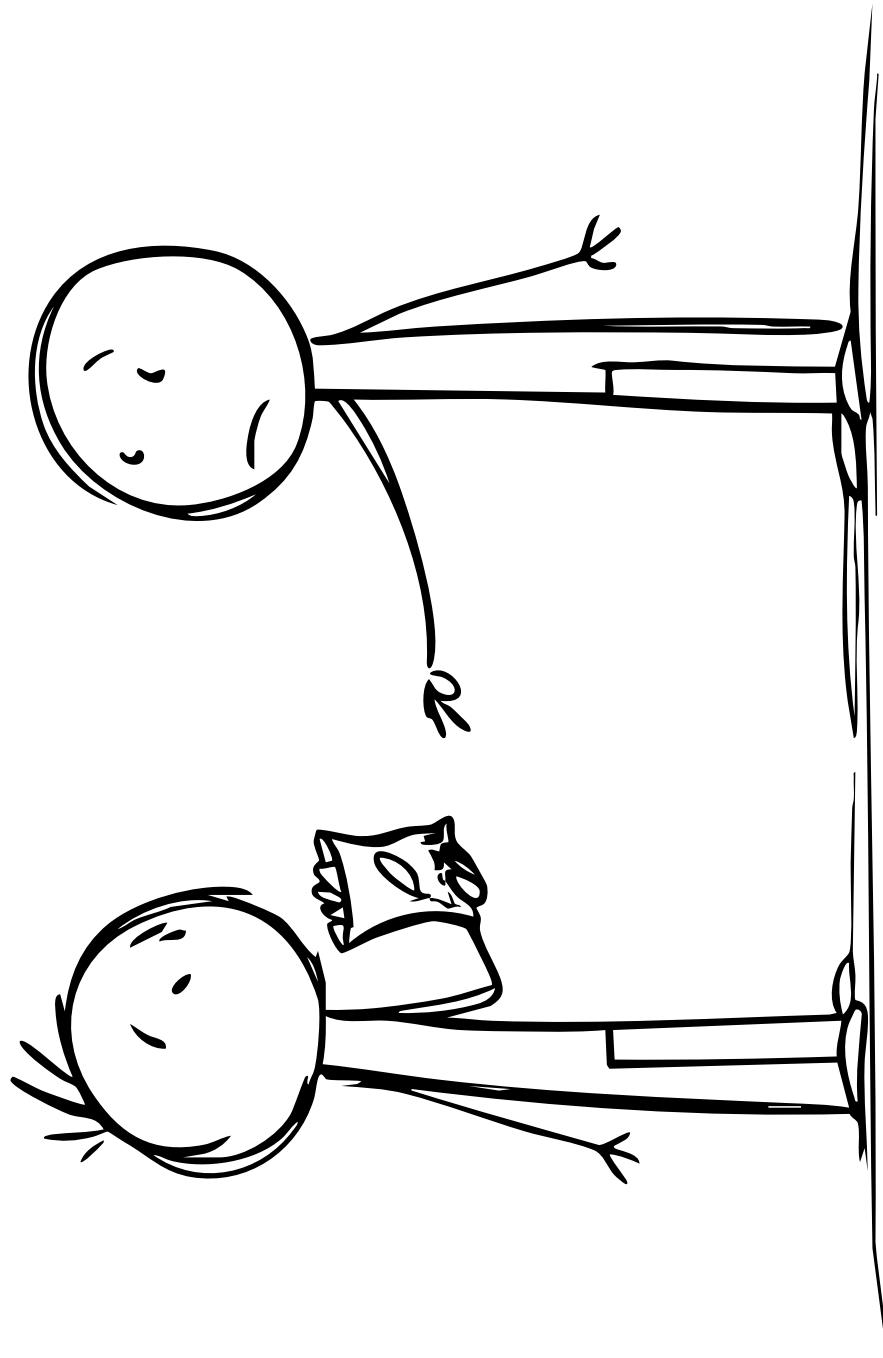
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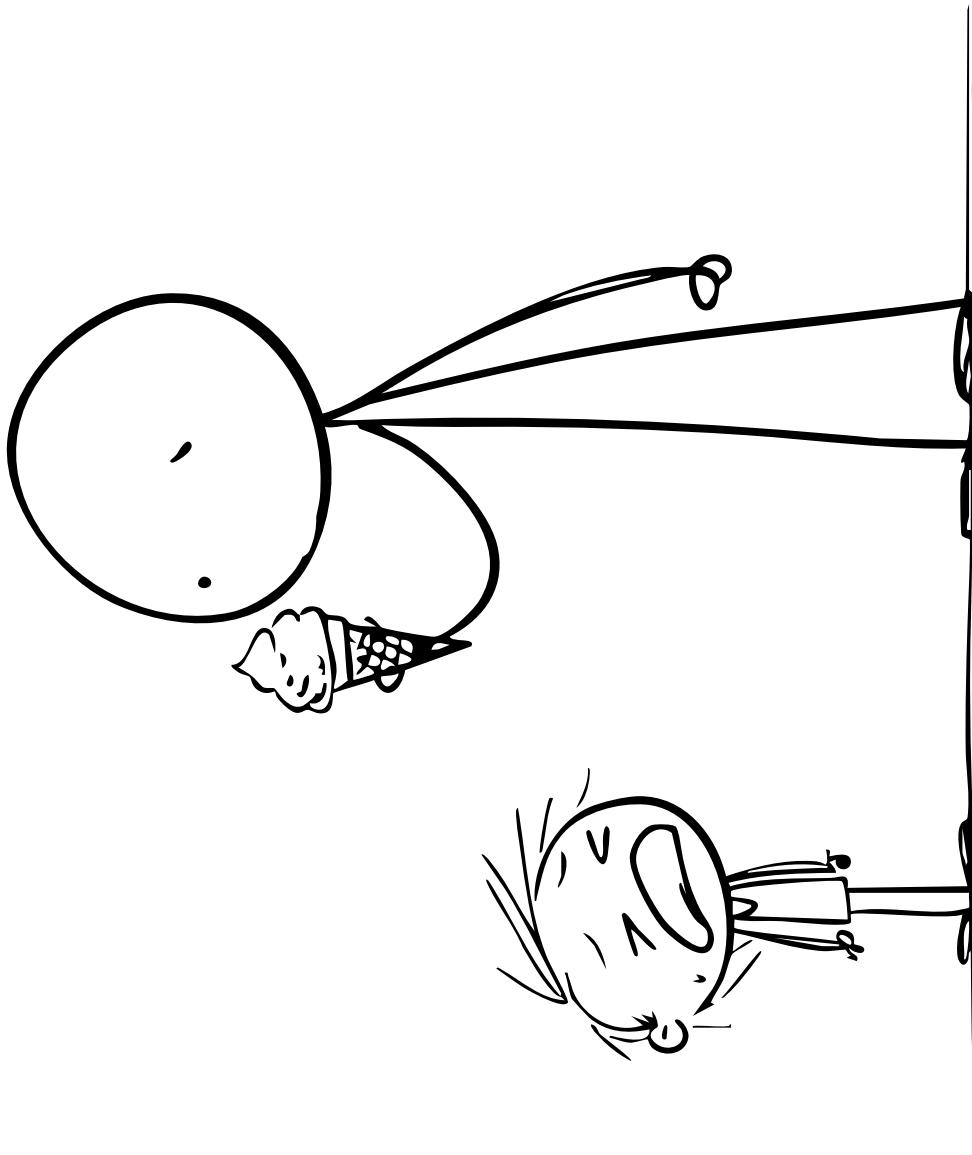
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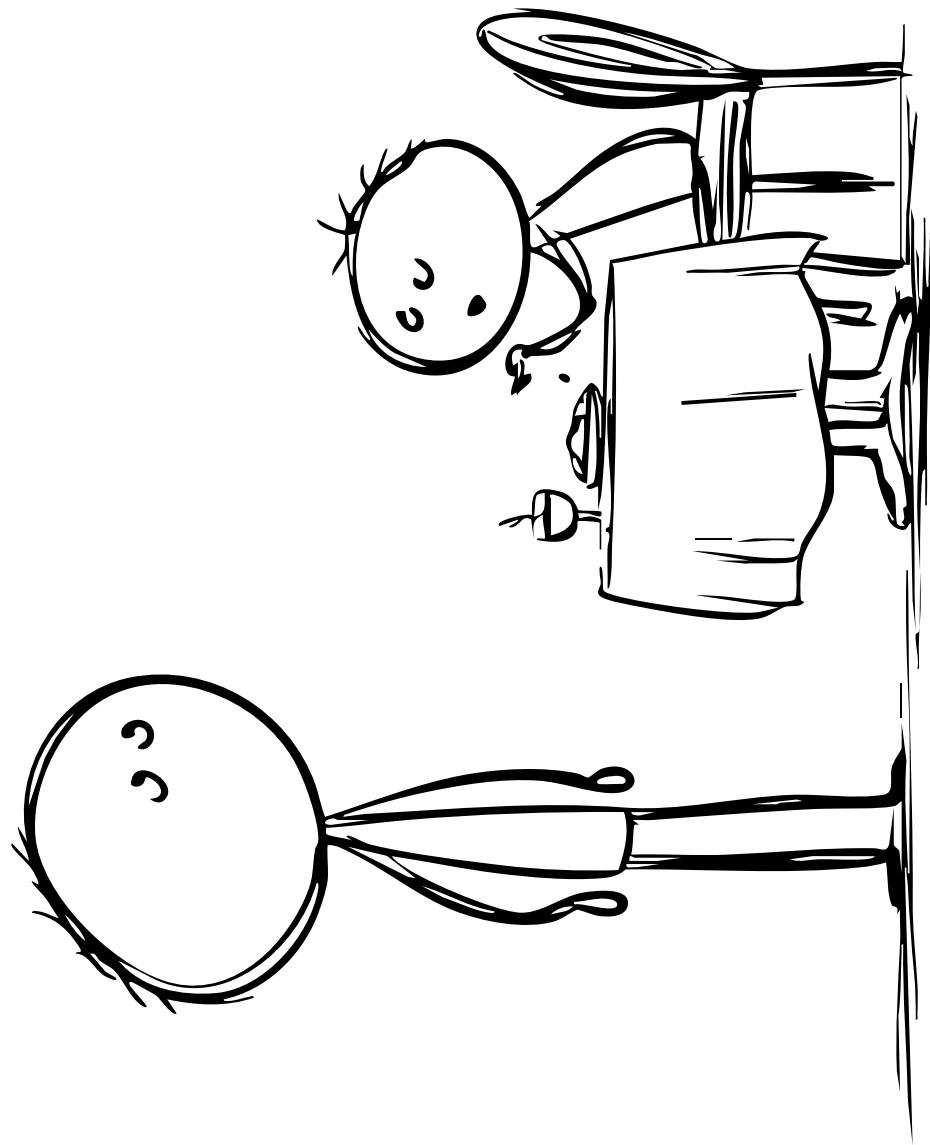
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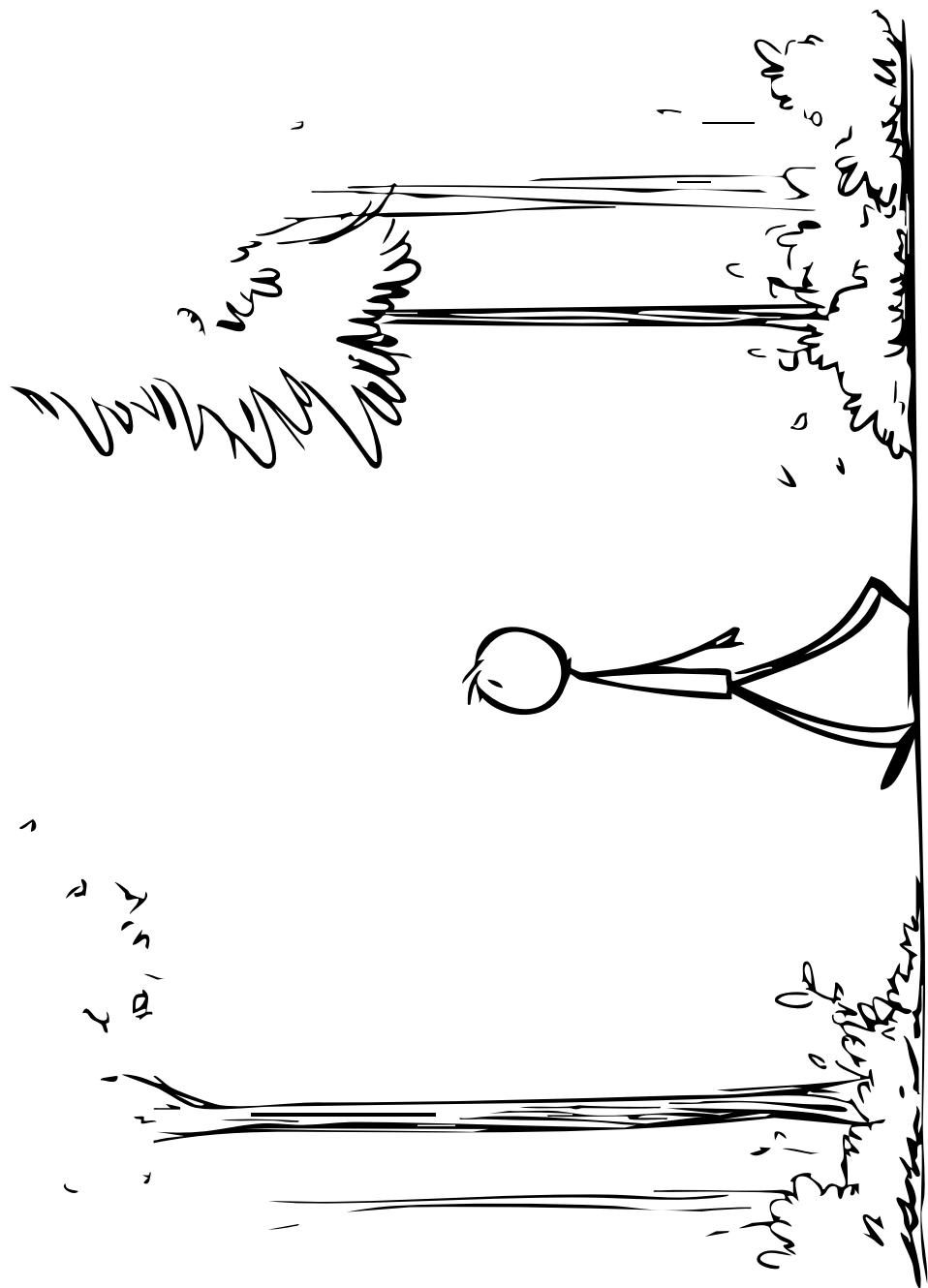
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