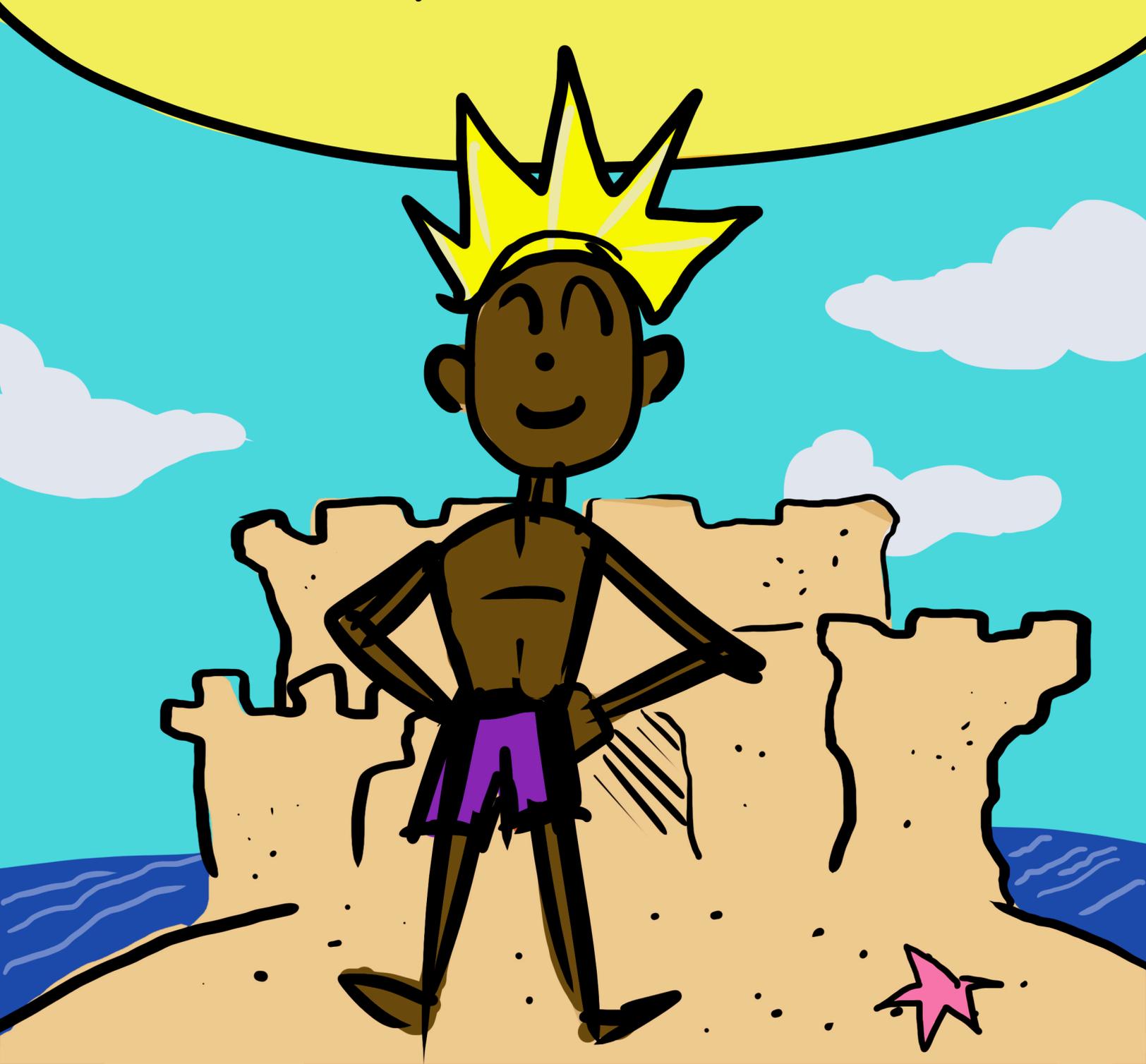
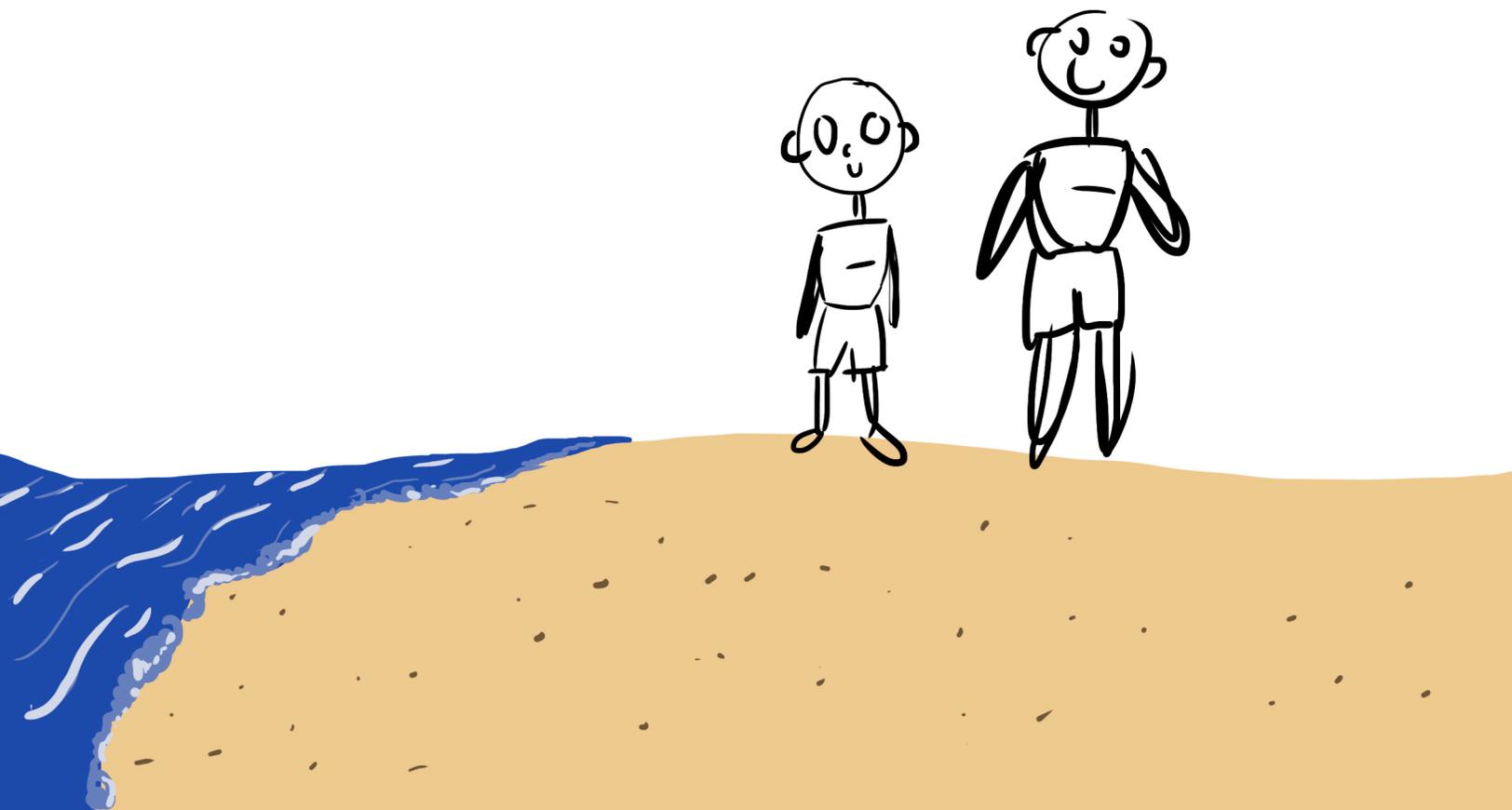


# The King of Sandy Castle

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**There once was two brothers  
who went to the beach.**



**The oldest built a sand castle,  
while the youngest splashed in peace.**

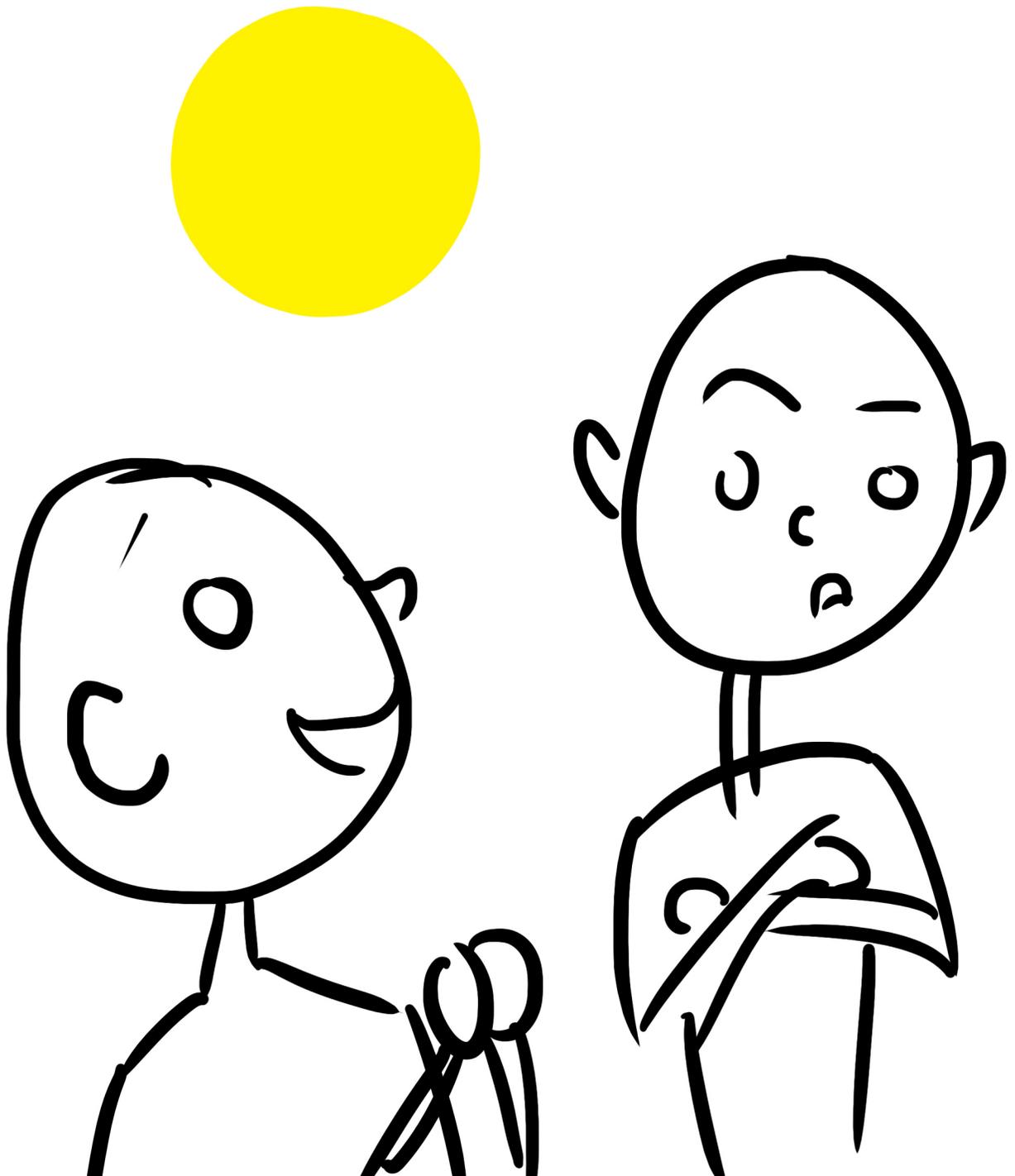


**It was when the castle was done,  
the youngest  
wanted to have fun  
with his brother playing under the sun.**



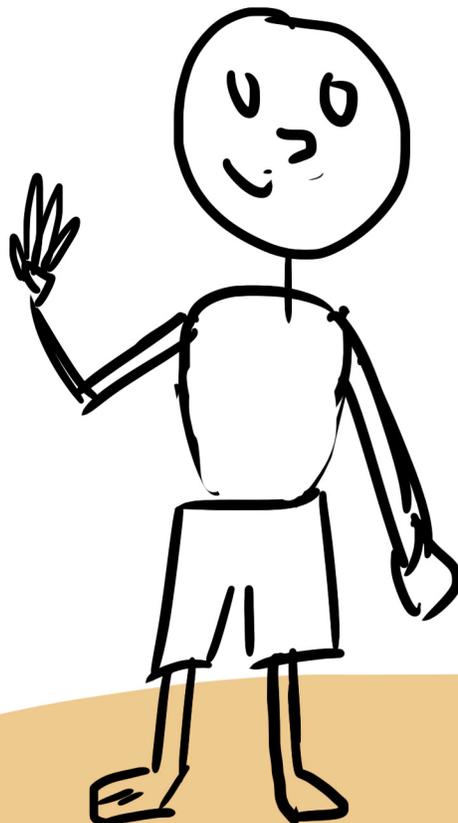
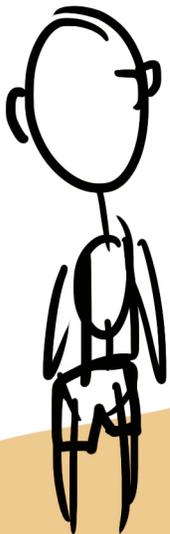
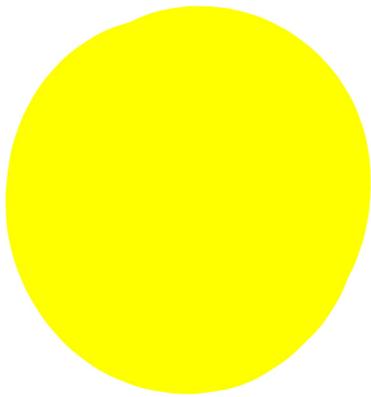
**“Can I play with you and your castle?”  
asked Younger Brother.**

**“No,” said Older Brother,  
“you cannot play with me and my castle, unless...”**



**“You do three favors for me! If you do,  
I will not only play with you,  
but you can be King of my Sandy Castle!”**

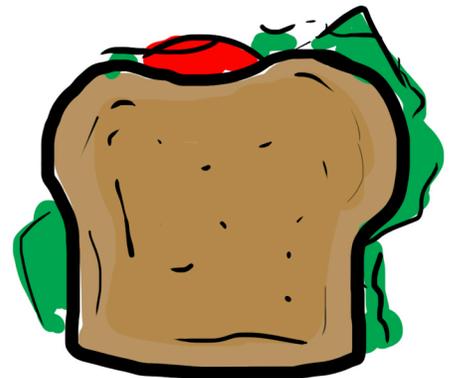
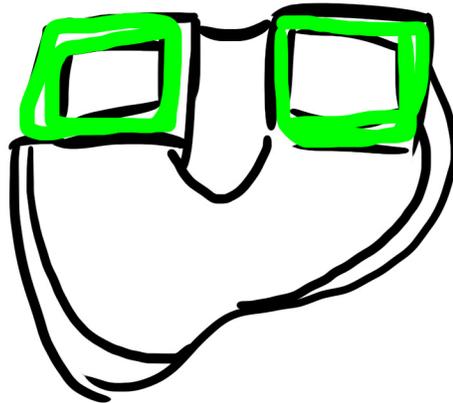
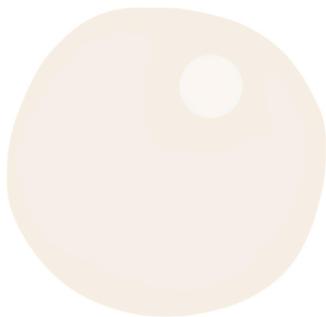
**“King?!” shouted Younger Brother.  
“I’ve always wanted to be a king.  
What are three the favors?”**



**“First find me a shiny pearl.  
said Older Brother. “Then find my goggles.  
. Finally...I’m hungry.**

**There are three sandwiches by Mother:  
one with wheat bread,  
one with white,  
and the other is rye.**

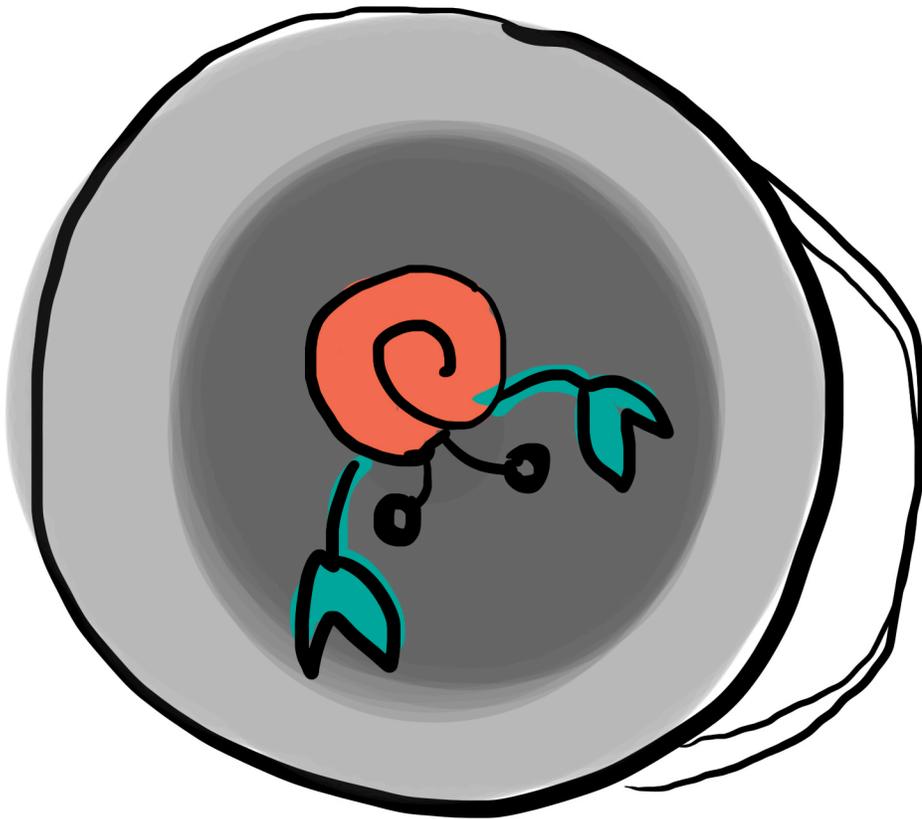
**Without opening each bag,  
bring me the one with wheat bread.”**

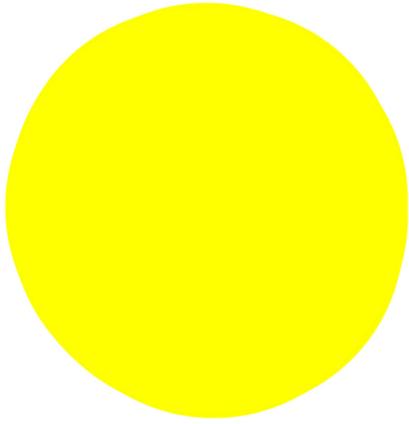


**The youngest brother was excited,  
even though the three favors seemed all too difficult.**

**Younger Brother looked everywhere for a pearl,  
but could not find one.**

**Instead, he came to a bucket with a hermit crab stuck inside.**



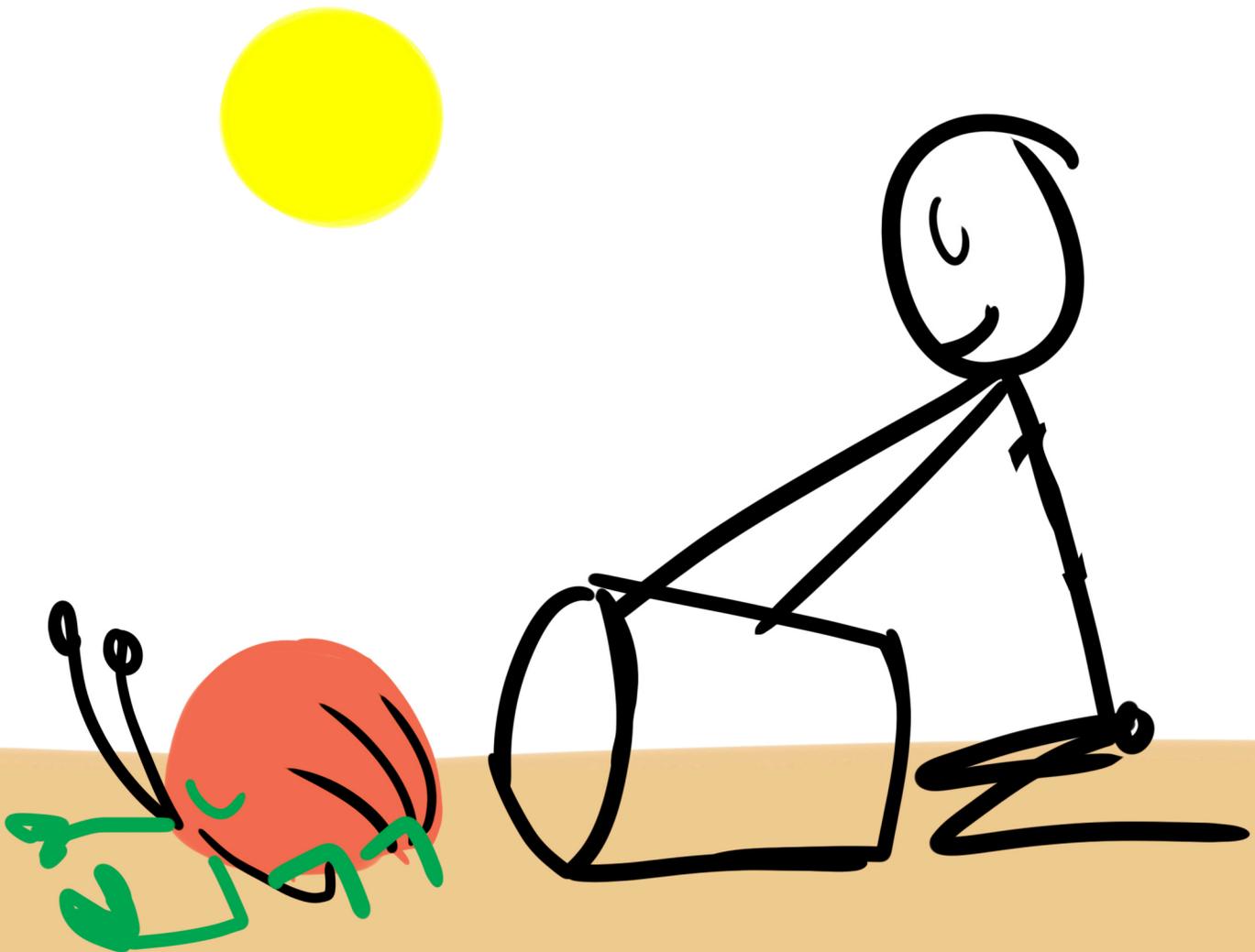


**“Help!” said Hermit Crab**  
**“I can’t get out and need to**  
**get back to my family.”**



**Younger Brother was sad for Hermit Crab,  
because he too loved his family.**

**He tipped the bucket over  
and out crawled the crab,  
happy to be free.**

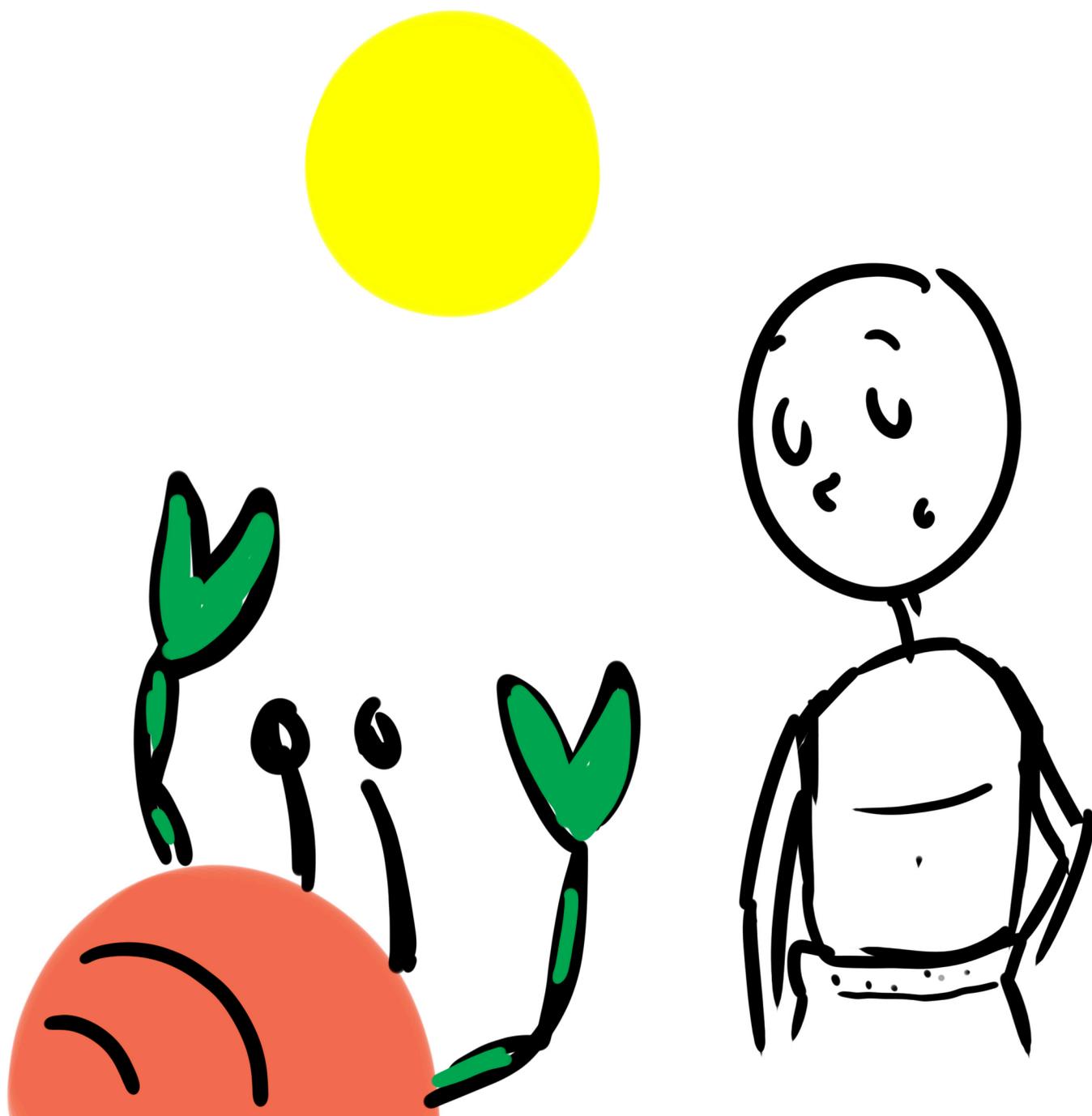


**“Thank you!**

**How can I return the favor?”**

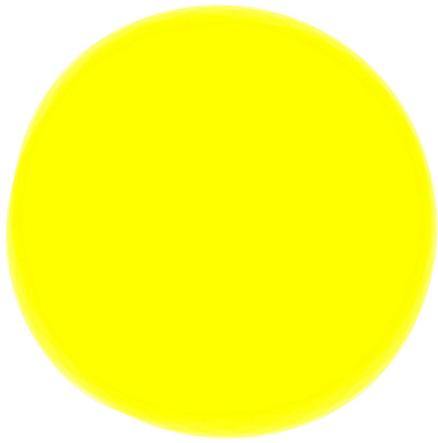
**said Hermit Crab.**

**“You have saved my life!”**

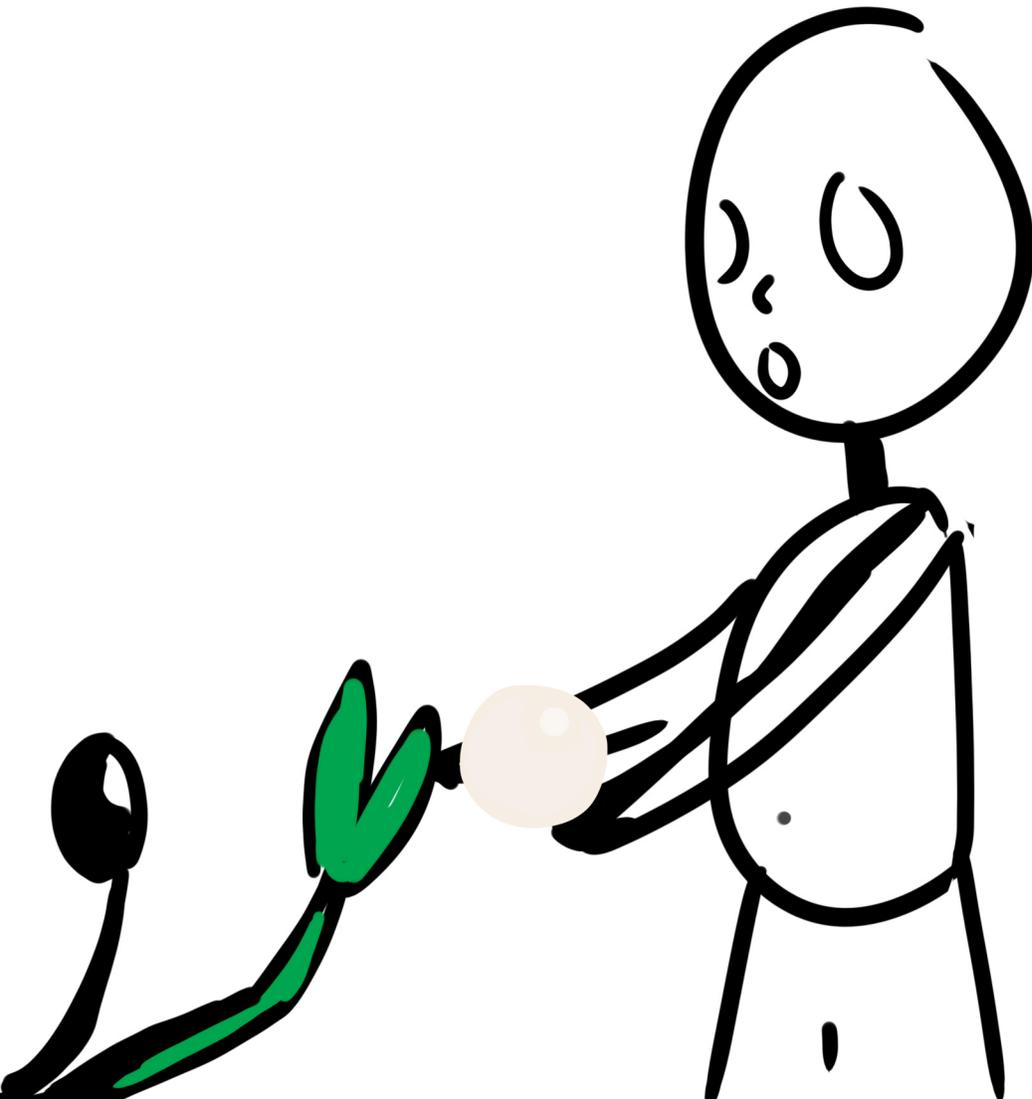


**“Well,” said Younger Brother,  
“can you help me find a pearl?”  
“Yes,” said the crab.  
“I have one of my own.”**





**...And so The Hermit Crab  
gave the young brother the pearl.**



**“Thank you,” said Younger Brother,  
and off he went to find  
a pair of goggles taken by the waves.**



**Younger brother searched up and down the shore,  
but the goggles couldn't be found.**

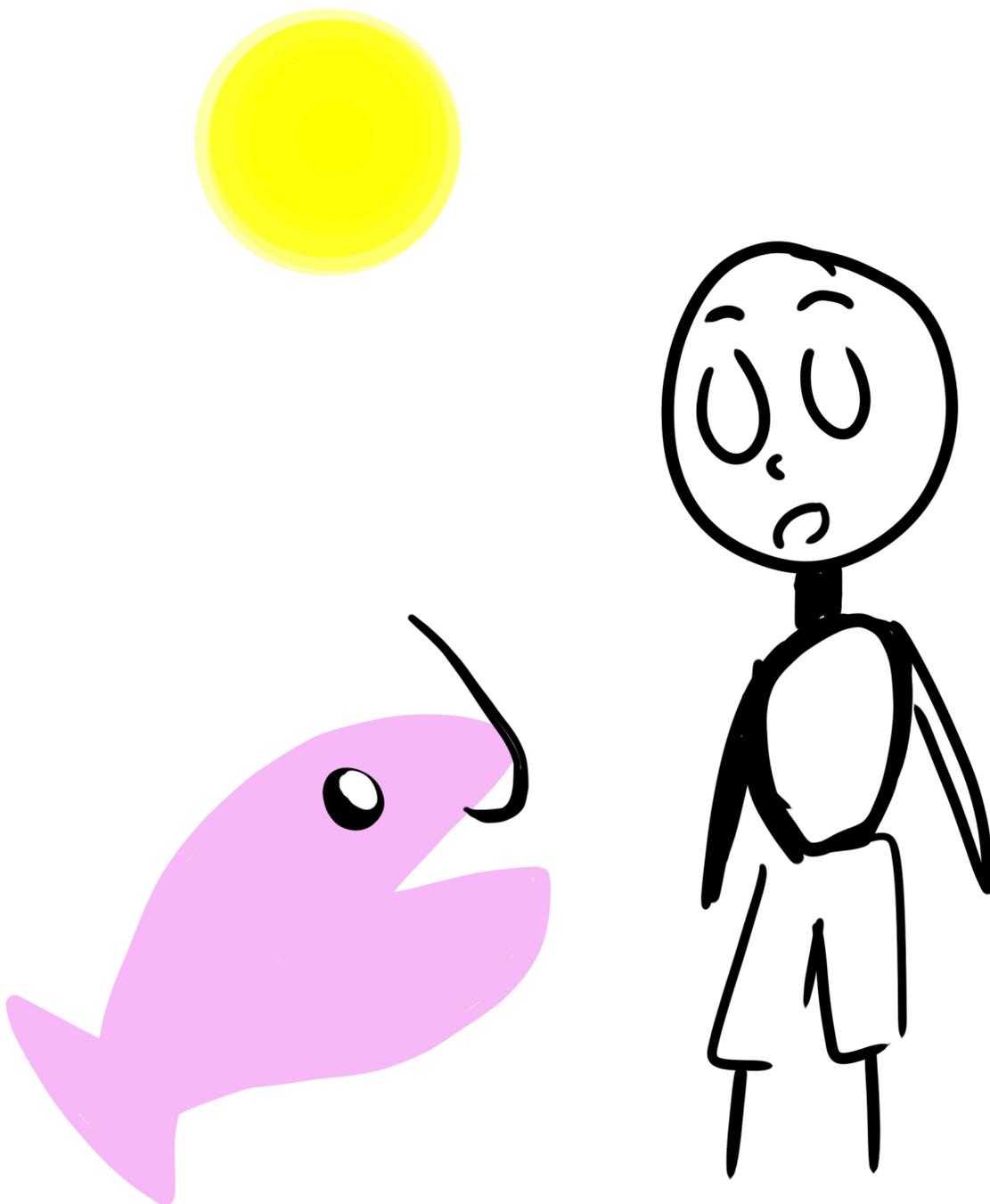
**Instead of finding the goggles,  
he found a fish with a hook stuck in its mouth.**



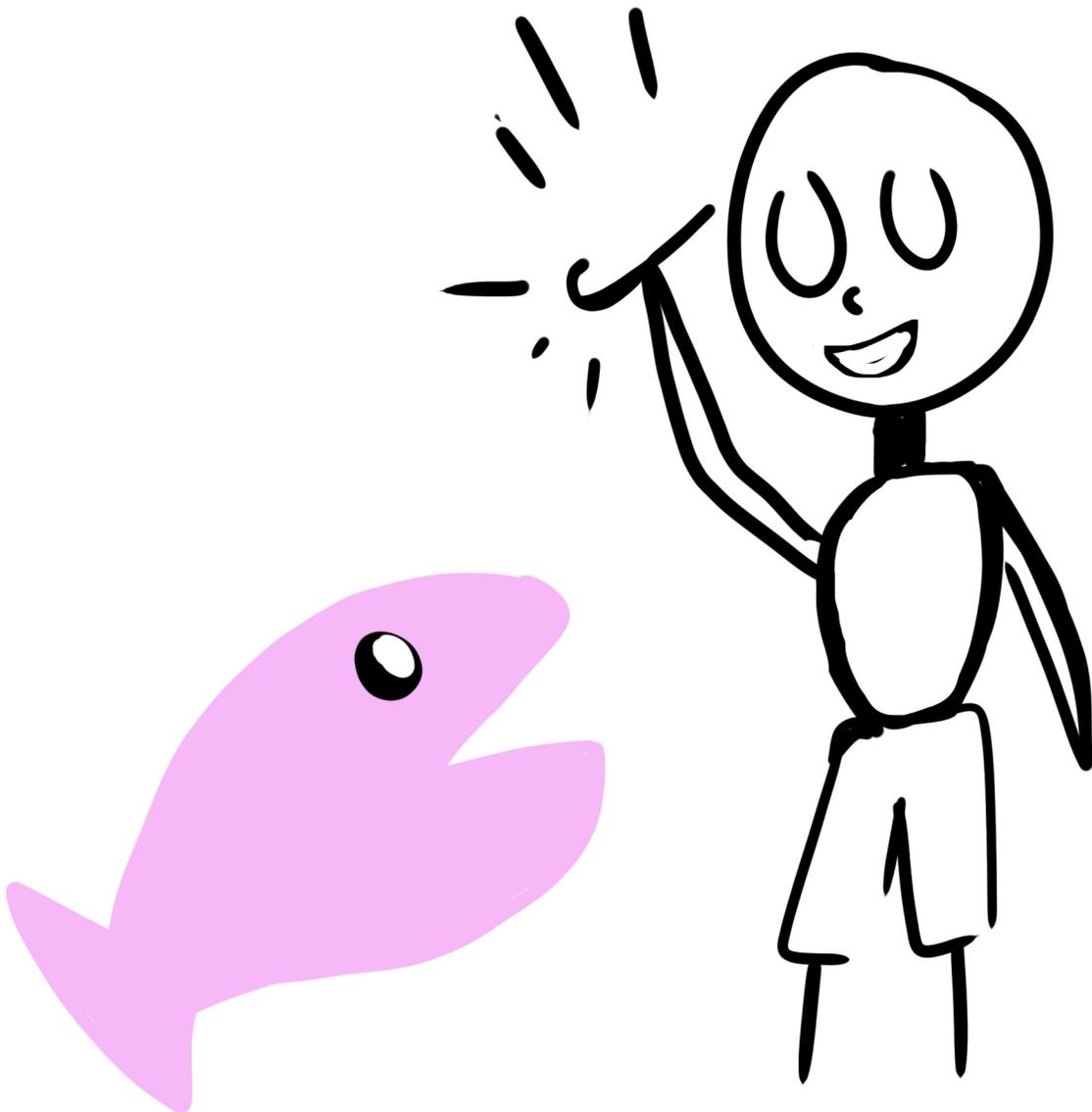
**“Please,” said the fish.**

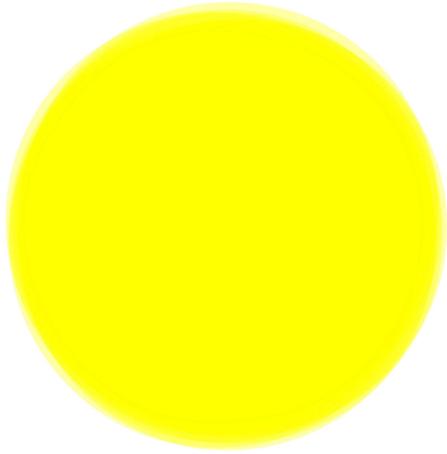
**“My mouth is in so much pain.**

**Can you remove  
this hook so I can heal?”**

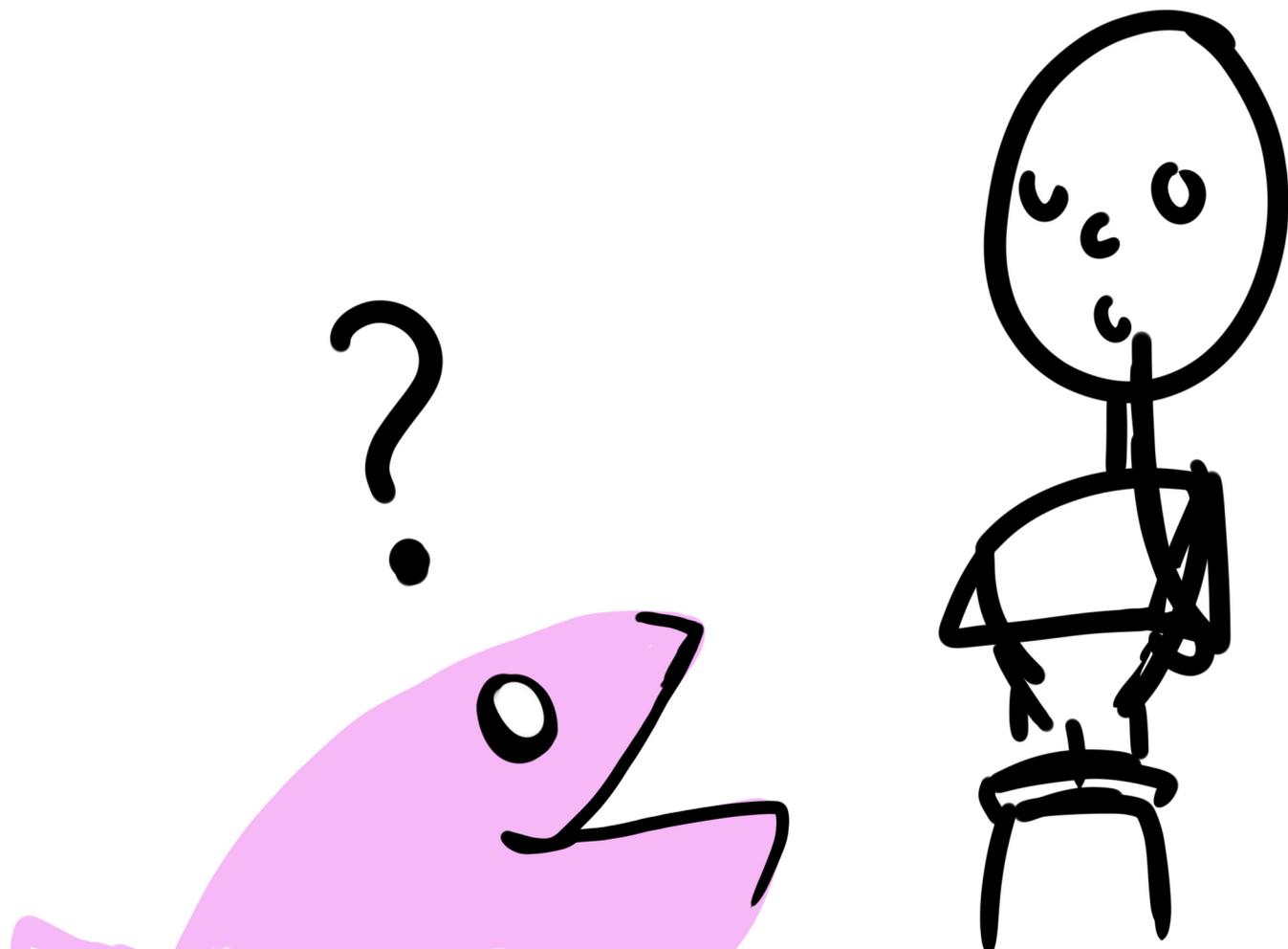


**Younger brother felt pain before,  
so he was sad for the fish  
and took the hook from its mouth.**

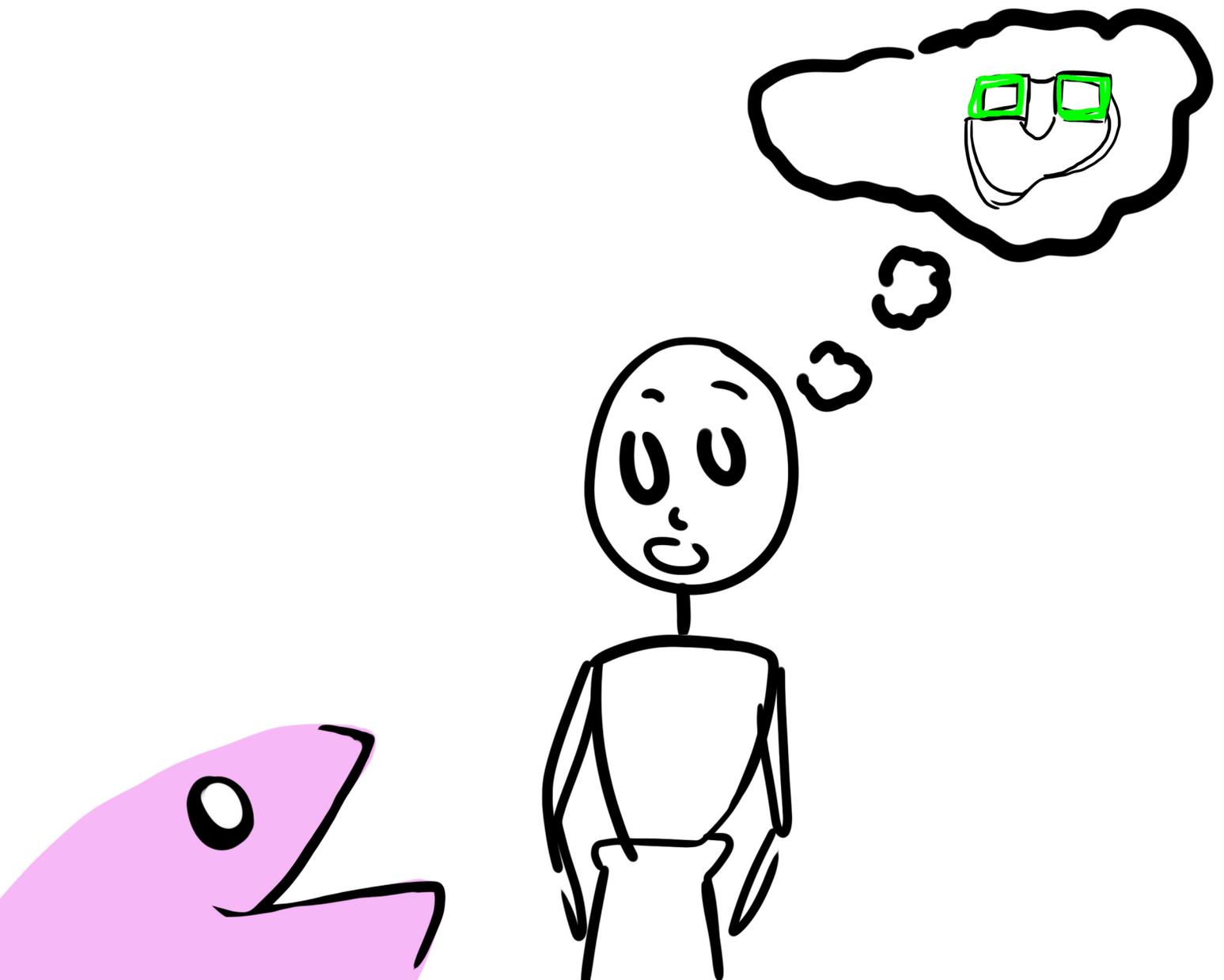




**“Thank you!” said Fish.**  
**“How can I repay the favor?”**

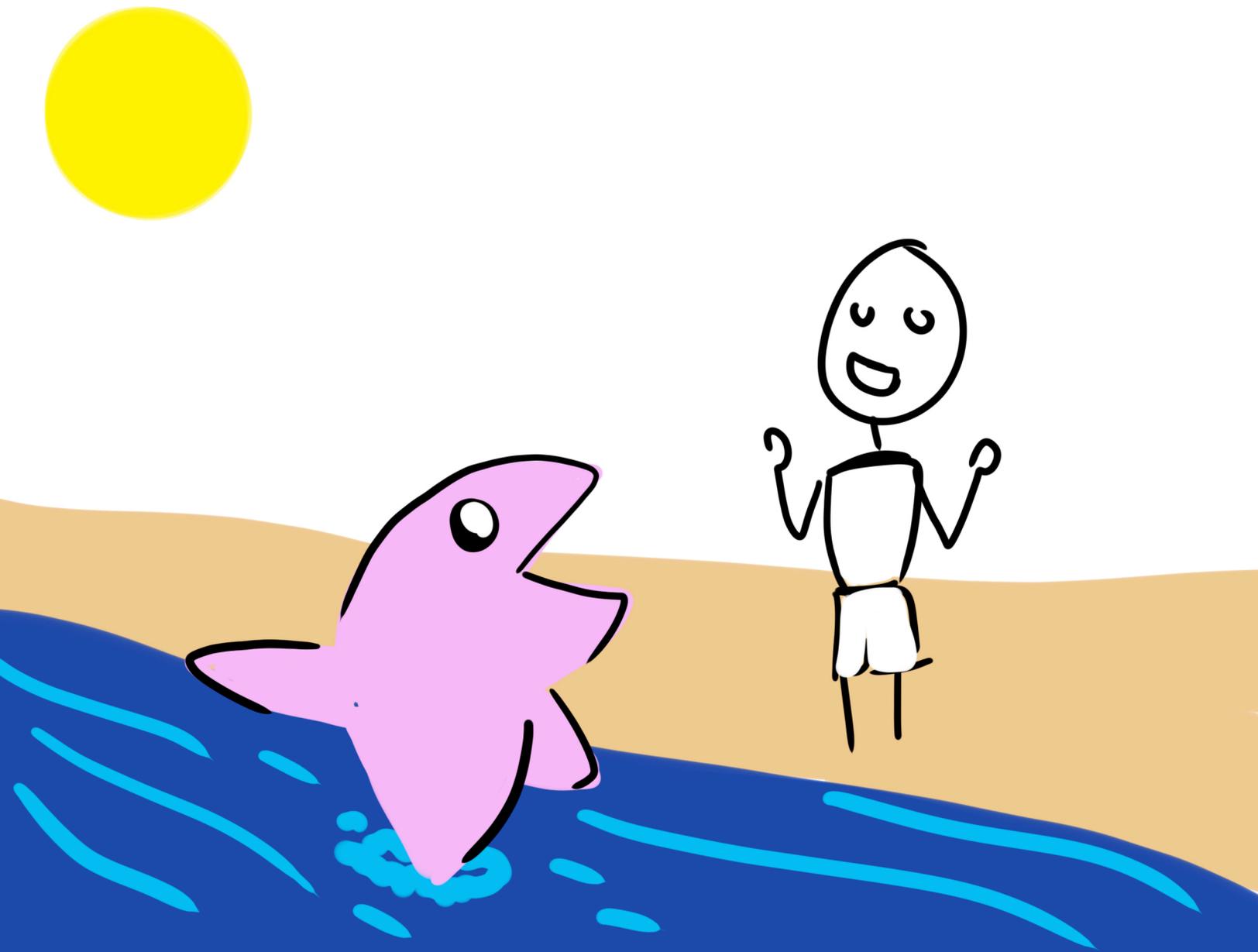


**“Well,” said Younger Brother,  
“I’m looking for goggles taken by the waves.  
While you were swimming,  
have you happen to see them at all?”**

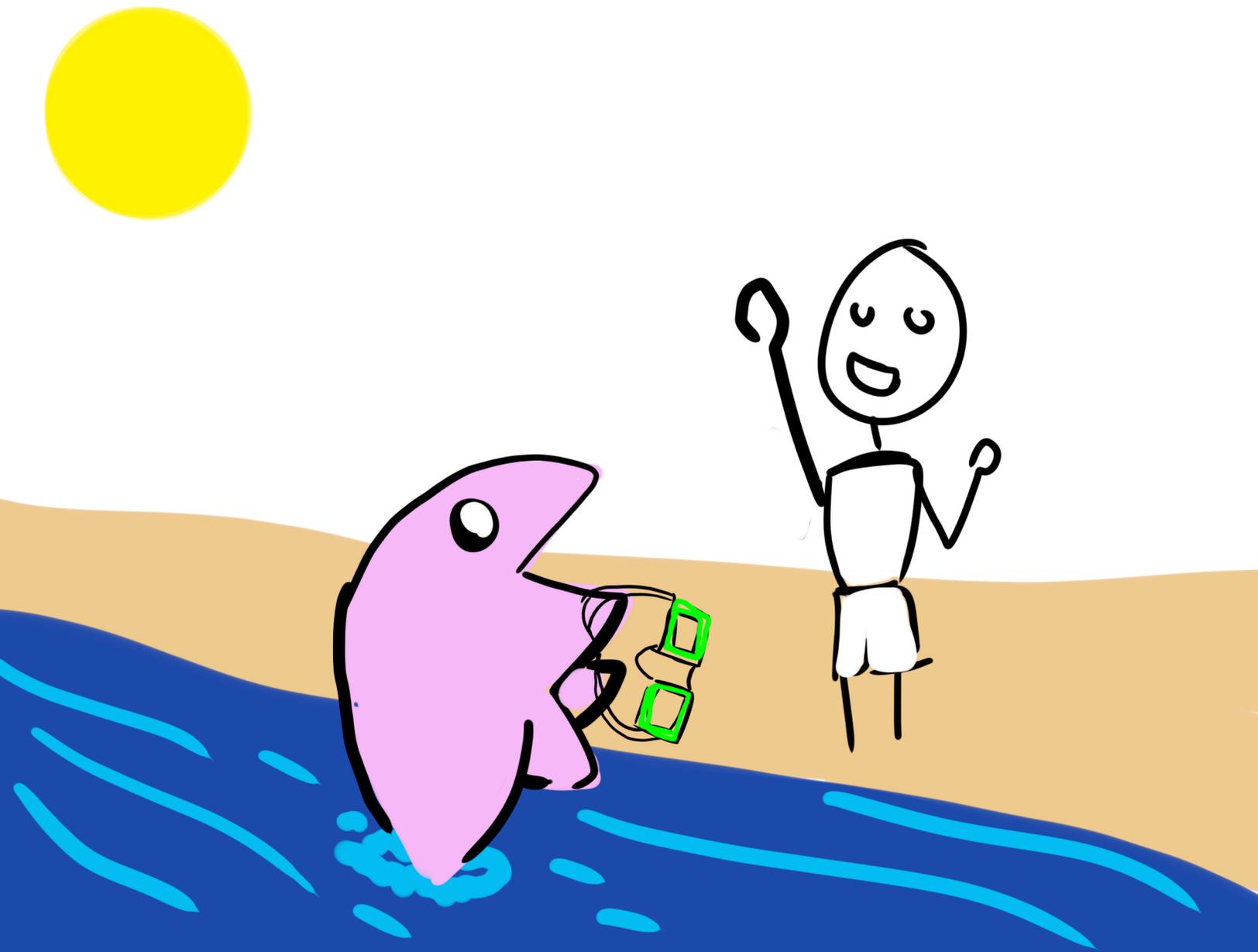




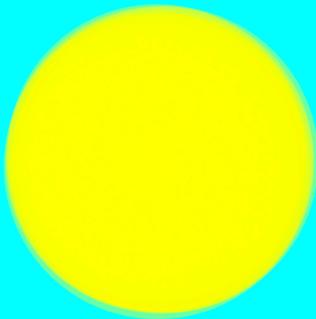
**“Why, yes I have,” said Fish.  
“They floated to the deep end,  
allow me to get them for you.”**



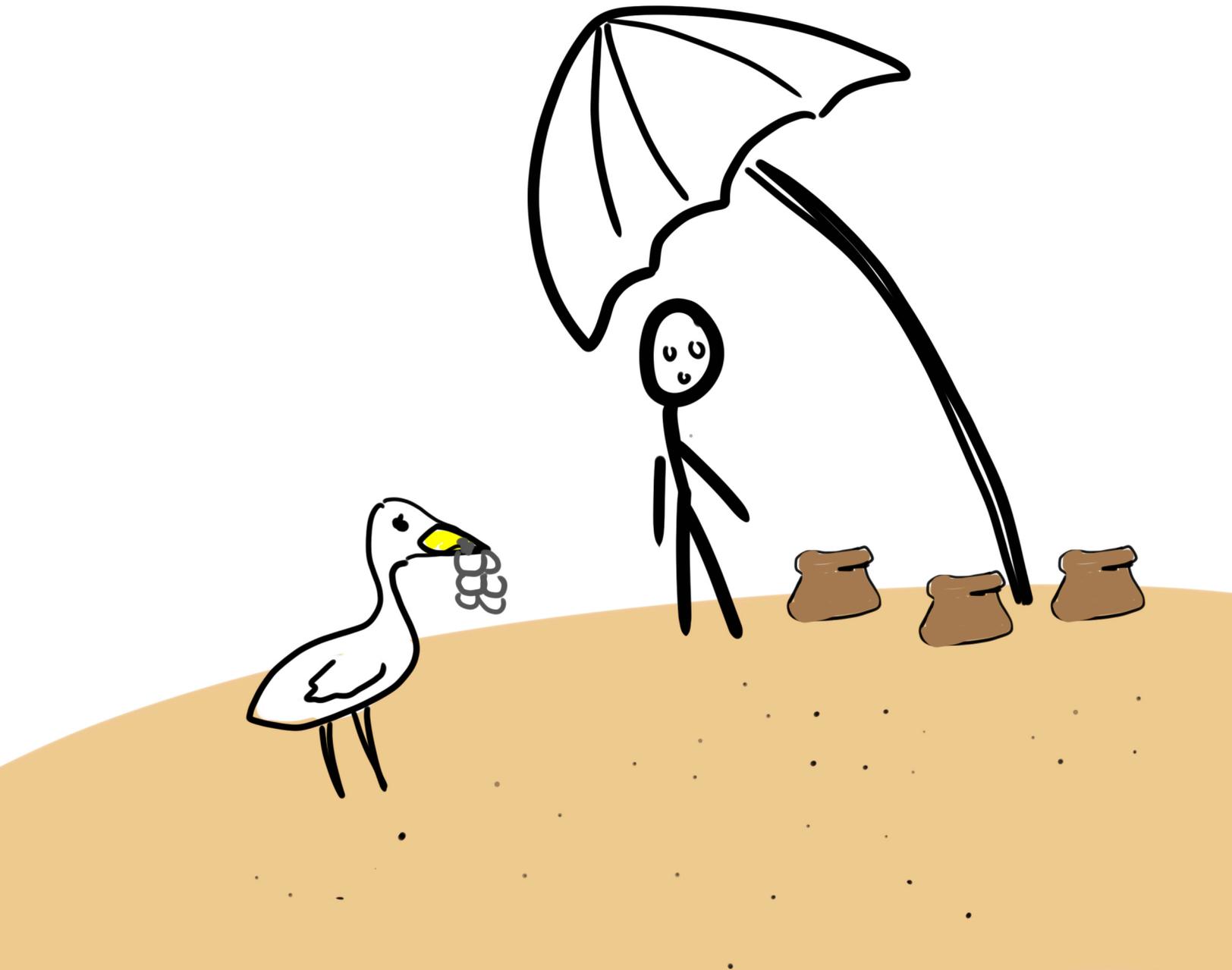
**Fish swam out into the ocean  
and  
returned with Older Brother's goggles.**



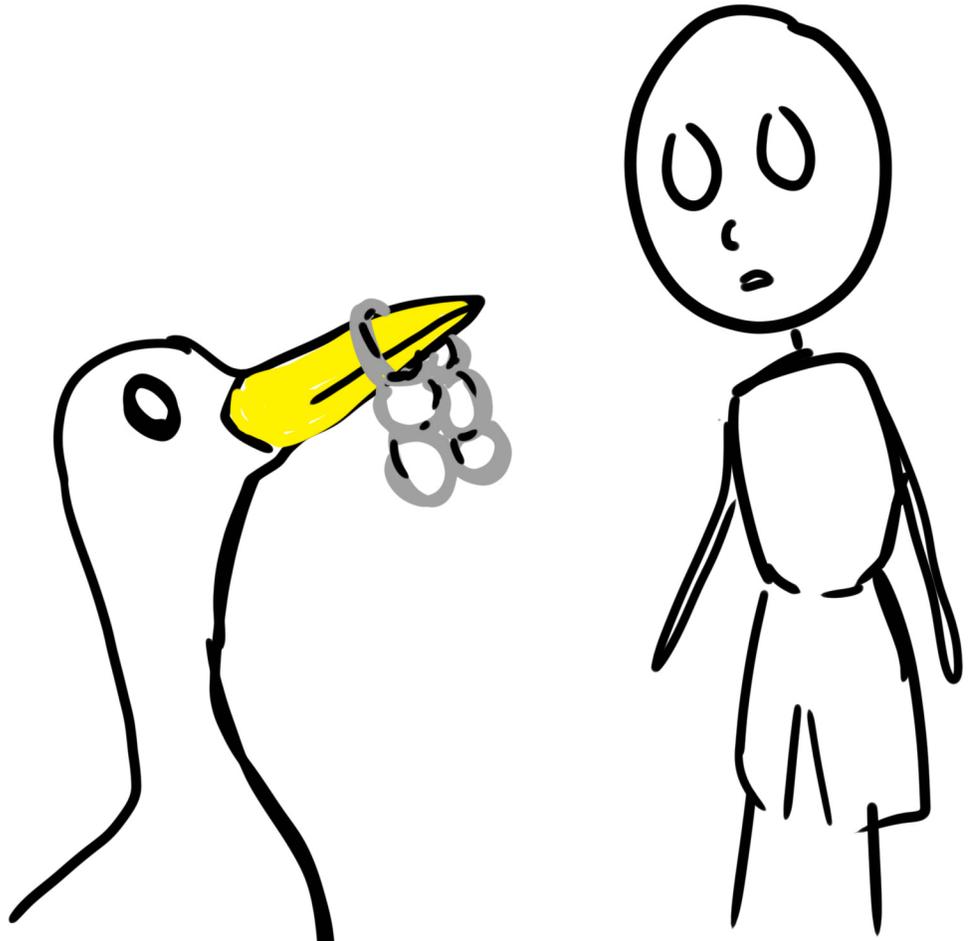
**“Thank you,” said Younger Brother,  
and off he went  
to gather a wheat bread sandwich.**



**When the youngest brother  
came to the sandwiches,  
he struggled to pick the right one  
without opening each bag.  
While he thought for a very long while,  
a seagull came passing by.**

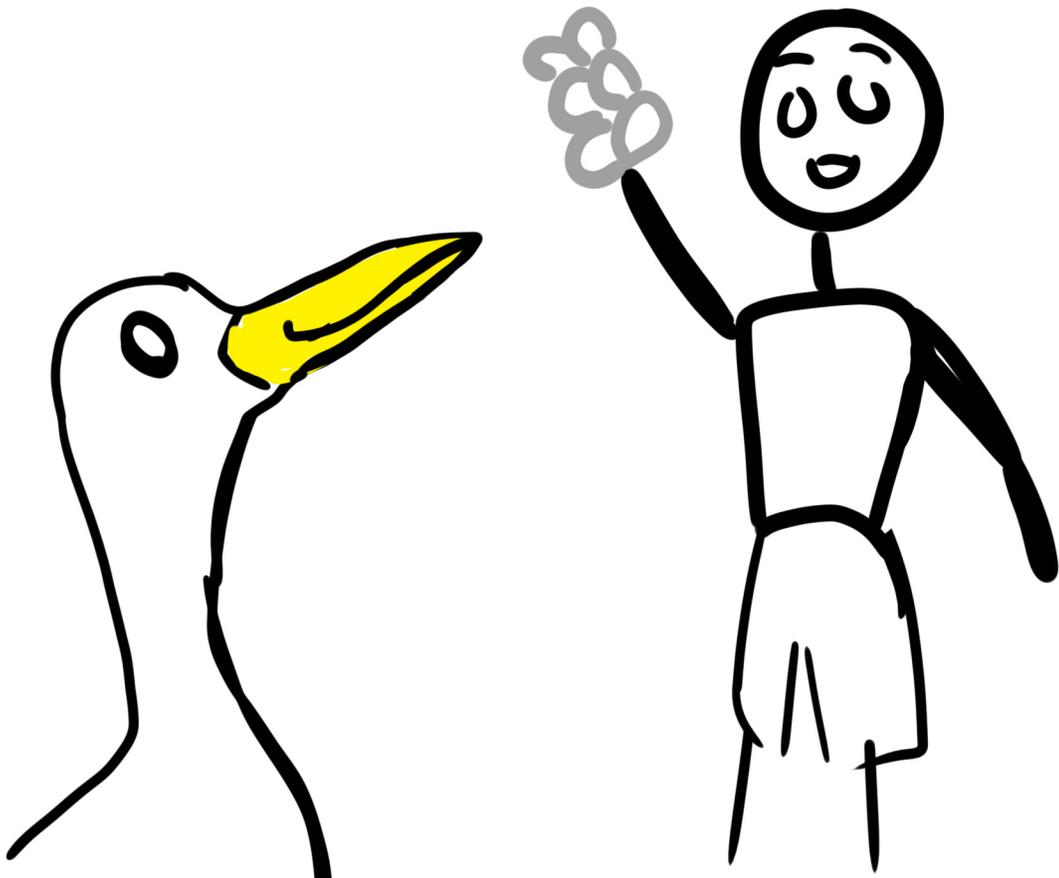


**The seagull tried to speak,  
but couldn't  
because there was plastic  
wrapped around his beak.**



**The boy knew of the hunger  
the Seagull could have felt.**

**So, he removed  
the plastic from the seagull's beak.**



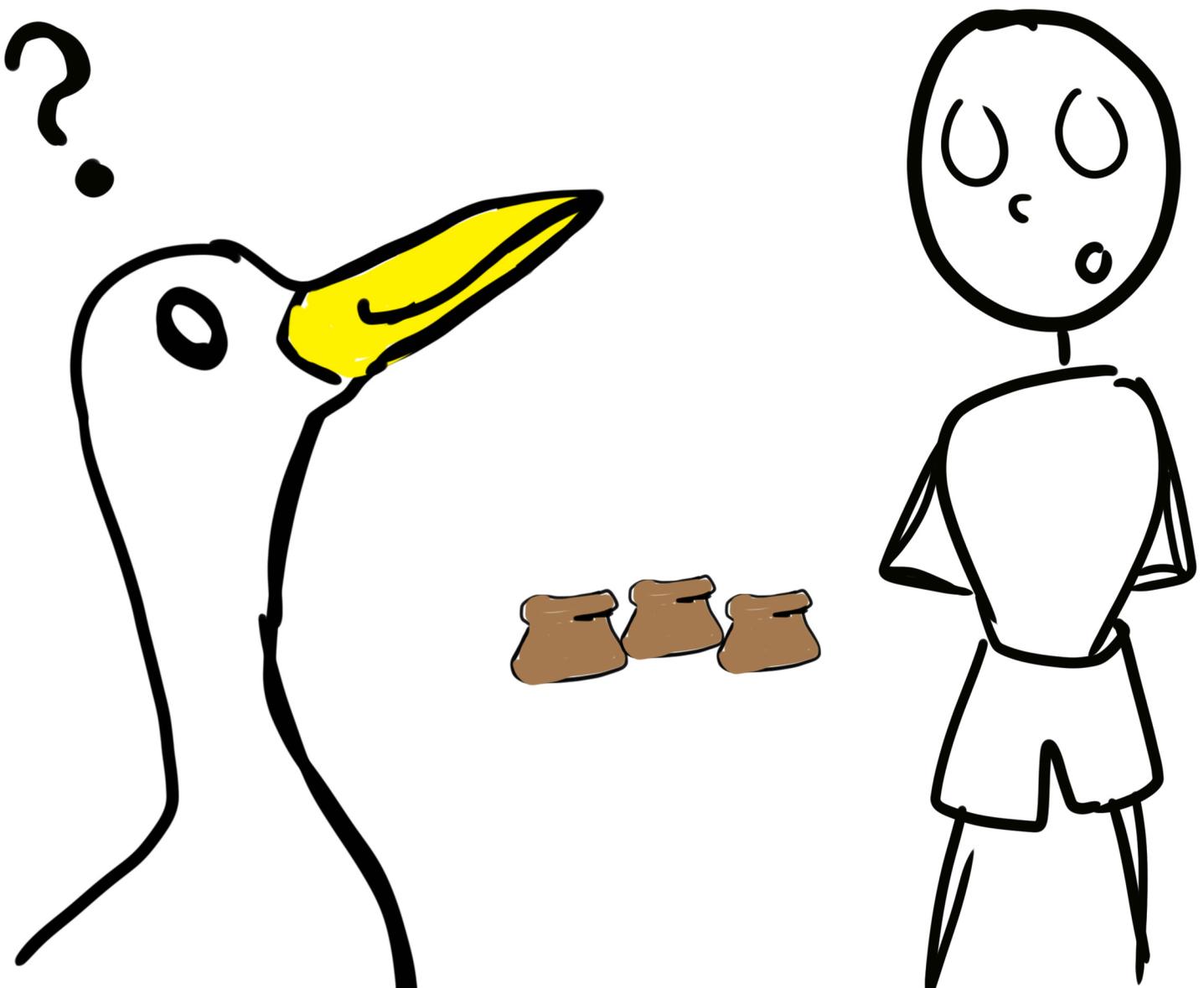
**“Thank you so much,” said Seagull.**

**“How can I ever repay you?”**

**“Well,” said Younger Brother,**

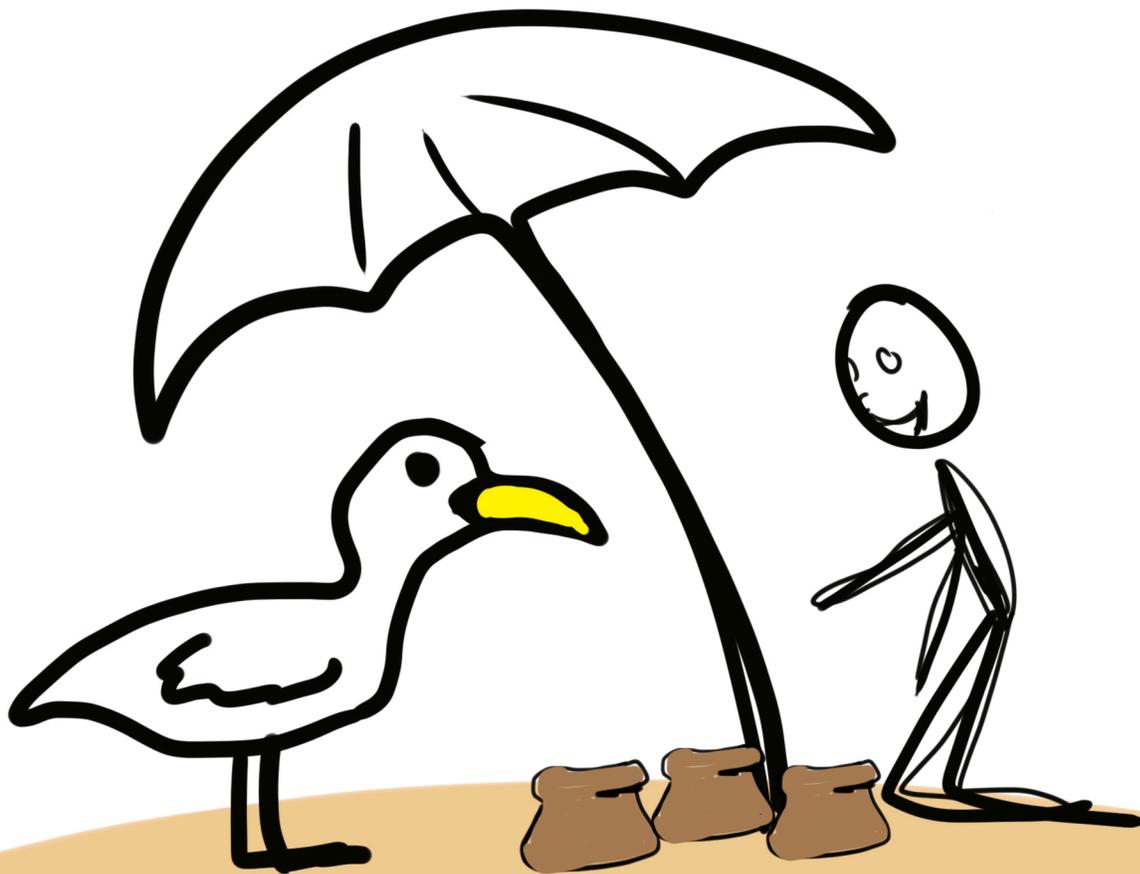
**“I have to pick the sandwich  
made with wheat bread,**

**but I don’t know which one it is.”**



**“I have been fed plenty of bread,”  
said the seagull.**

**“I can tell you from how it smells.”**



**Seagull sniffed each bag and gave the boy the last one he sniffed.**



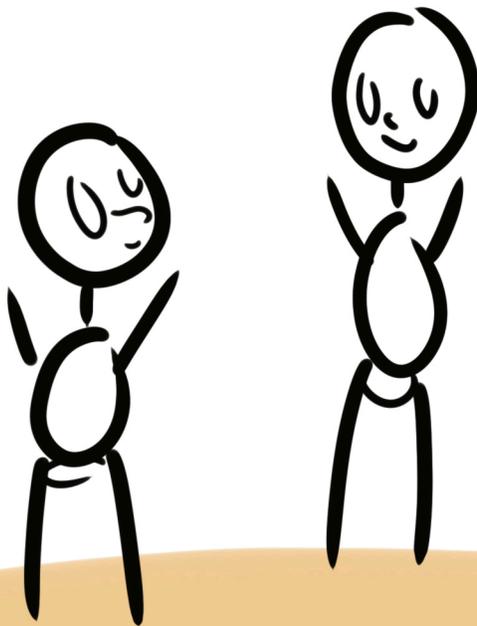
**“Thank you,” said Younger Brother,  
and off he went with a pearl,  
goggles,  
and a wheat sandwich.**



**When the youngest brother gave  
Older Brother the three favors he asked for,  
the Older Brother  
kept his promise.**



**He not only  
played with Younger Brother...**



**He also made him  
King of the Sandy Castle.**

