

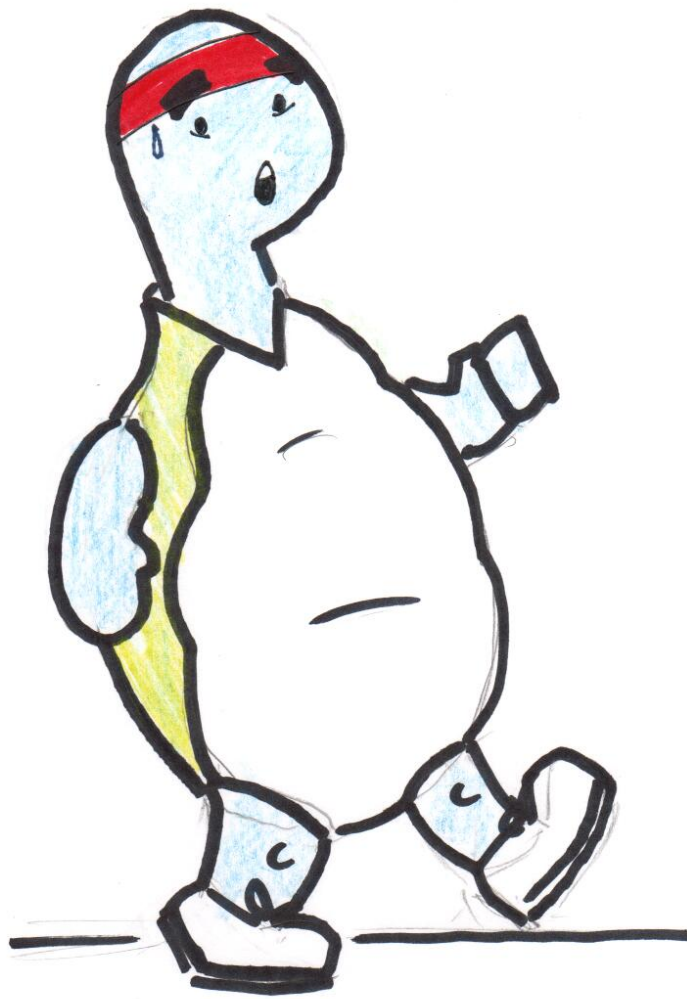
Kevin the Sporty Turtle

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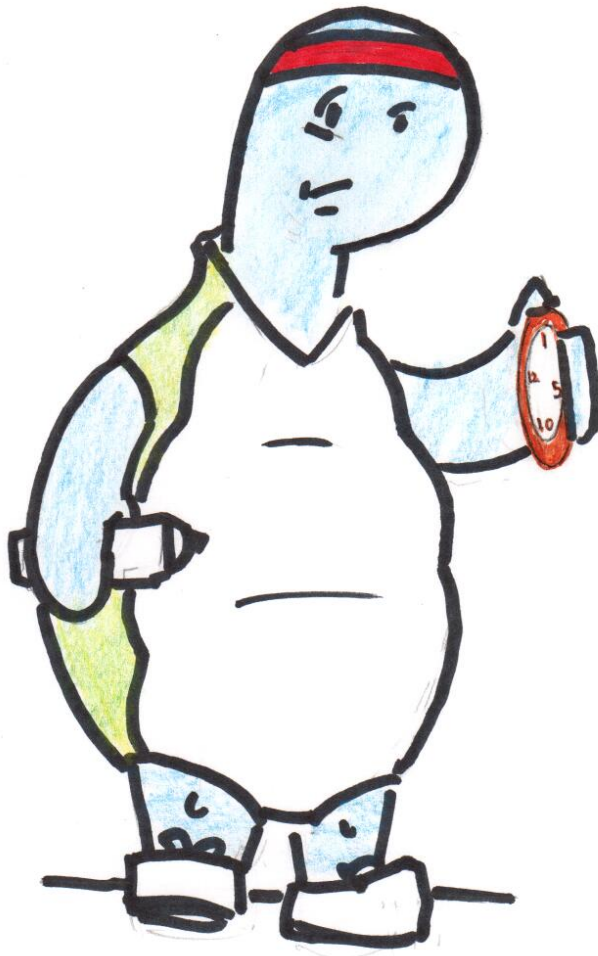
This is Kevin. Kevin is a turtle.

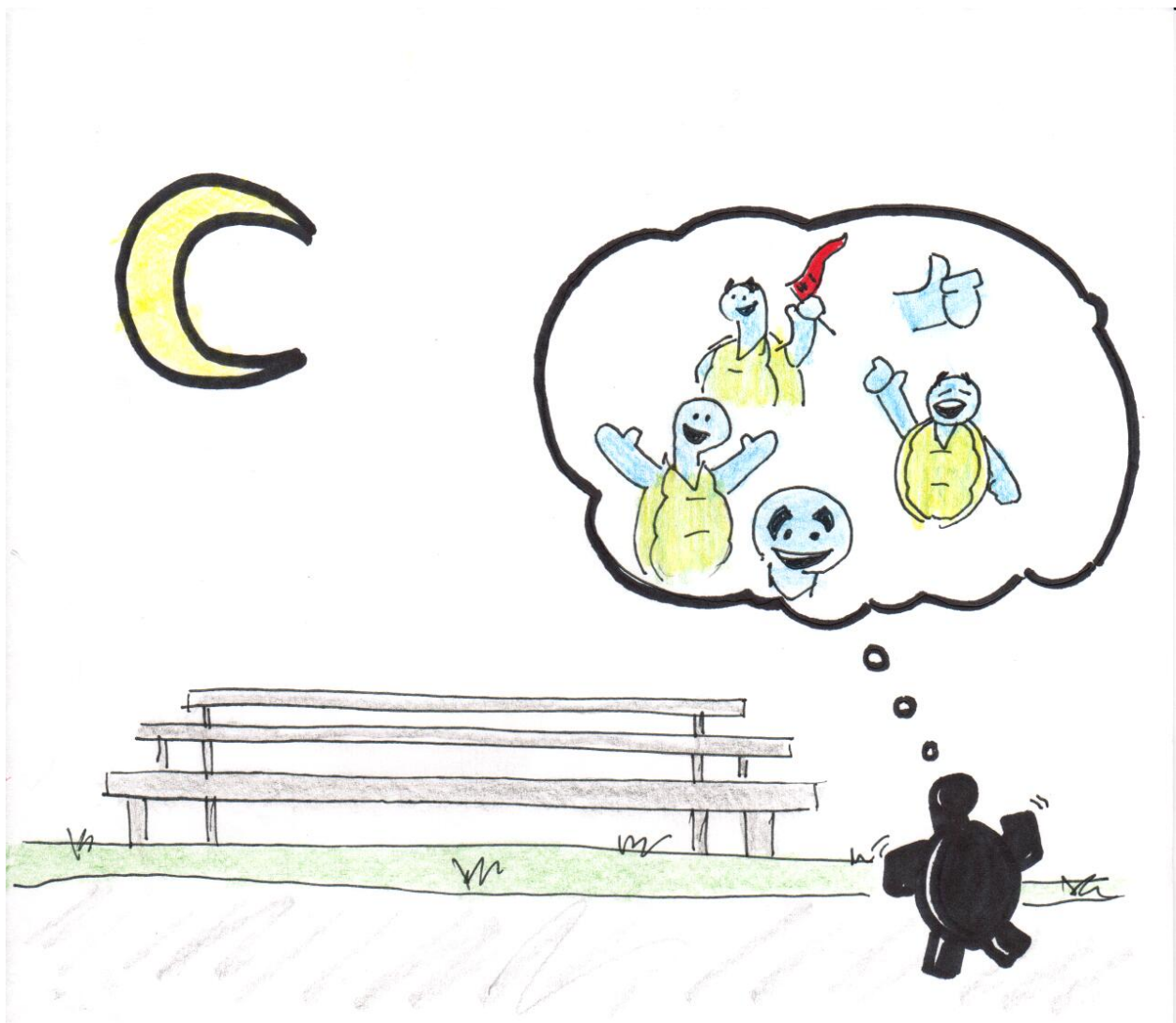




Kevin's passion is running. His biggest dream is to run in the Olympics.

Unfortunately, turtles are very slow animals.





Every week, Kevin runs one lap on the school's track and imagines people cheering just for him.

One night, Roy, one of the fastest lions from Kevin's school, finds Kevin running at the track.



He starts making fun of him because Roy believes that turtles can never be runners.

Kevin is embarrassed about Roy making fun of his dream.

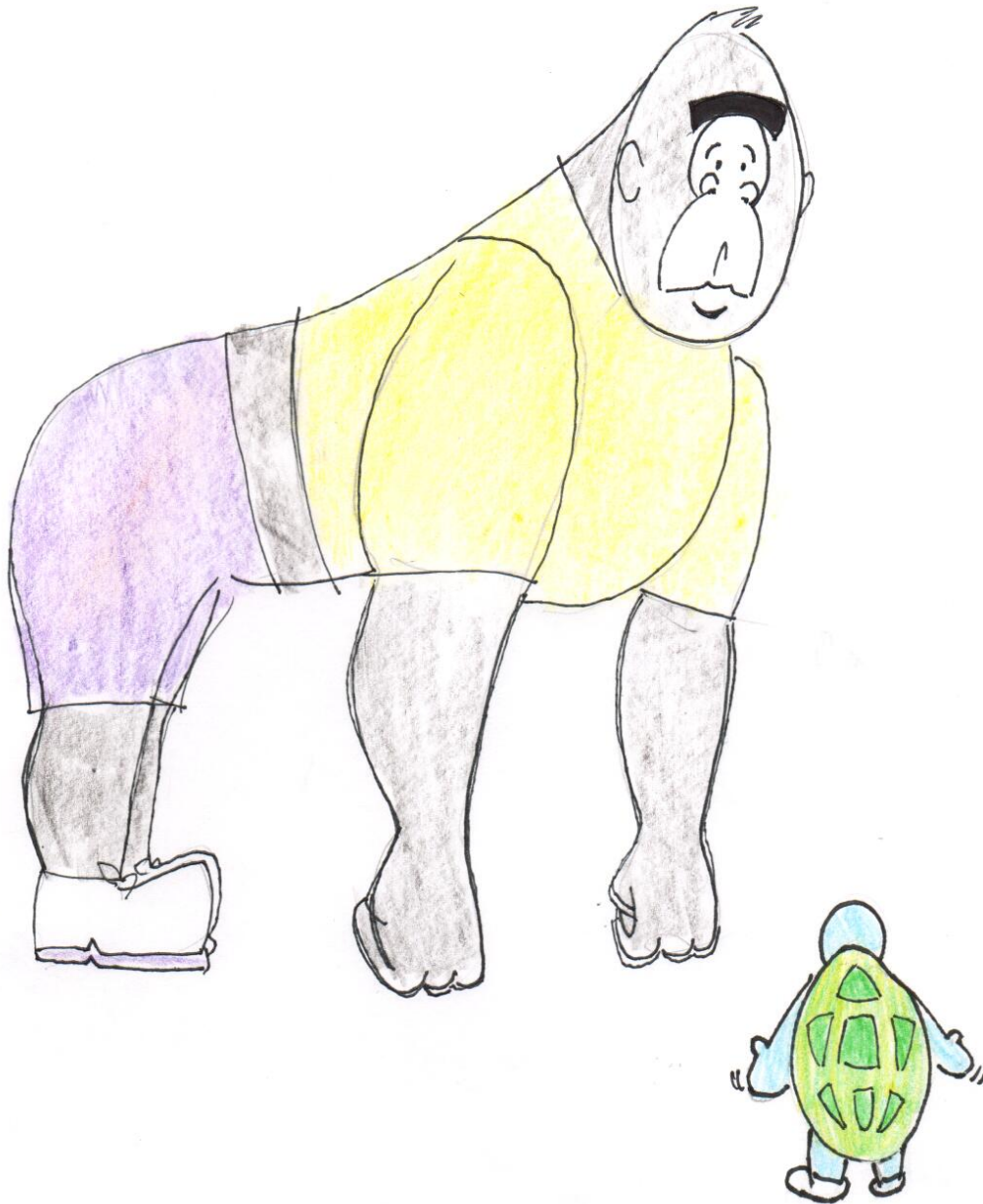


Out of anger, Kevin tells Roy that he can run faster than Roy ever will. Roy laughs loudly.

Then Roy realizes that Kevin is serious, so he challenges him to a race in seven days. That is exactly one week.



The next day Kevin tells Tim, his friend the gorilla, what happened. Kevin asks Tim for help, because he knows that he runs very slowly.

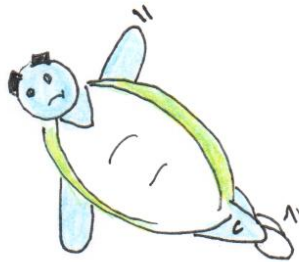
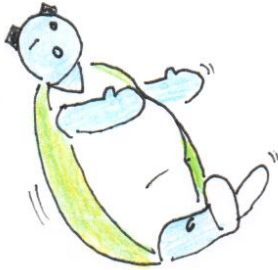


Tim takes Kevin to the gym.
Kevin runs and Tim lifts weights to
stay in shape.



Tim is very strong, like most
gorillas. Even though Kevin is

motivated, he has to start slow,
otherwise he could hurt himself.



For six days Kevin goes to the gym to practice running, but he

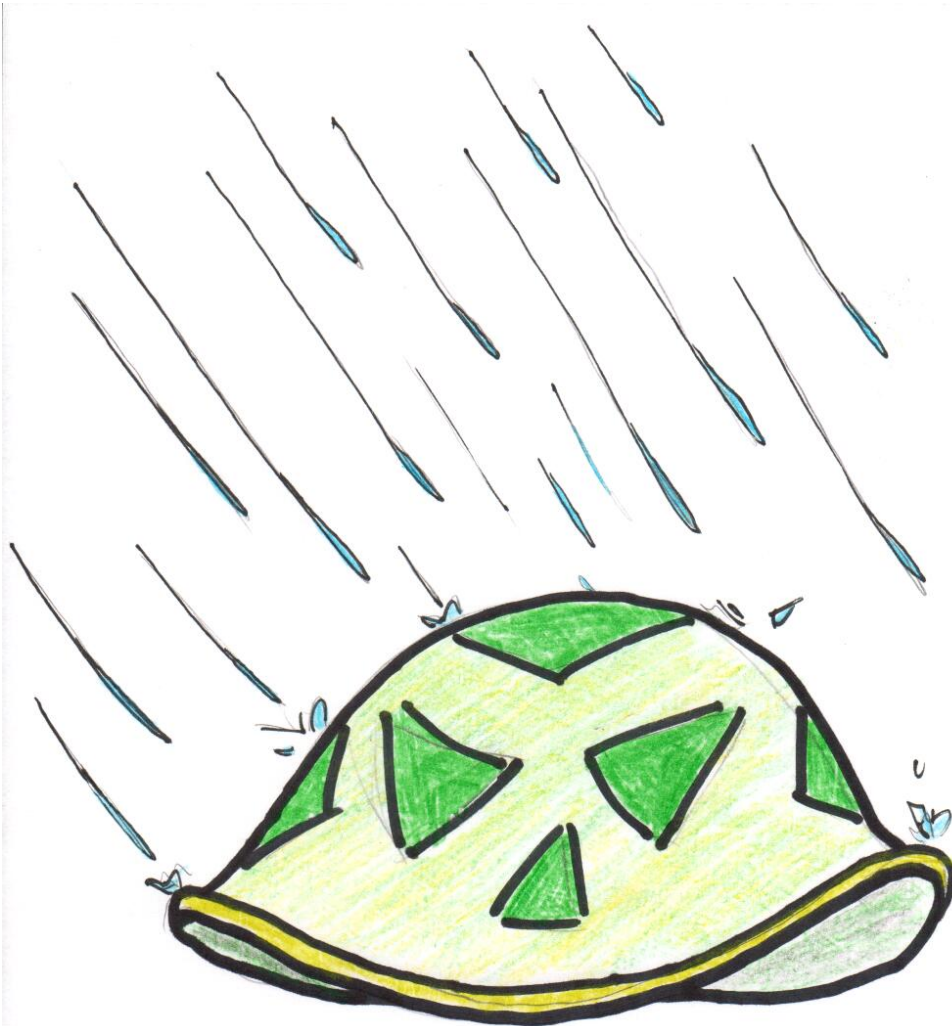
doesn't feel that he is becoming any faster.



Tim explains to Kevin that it takes a lot of time to get results. He tells Kevin he hasn't spent enough time practicing, yet.

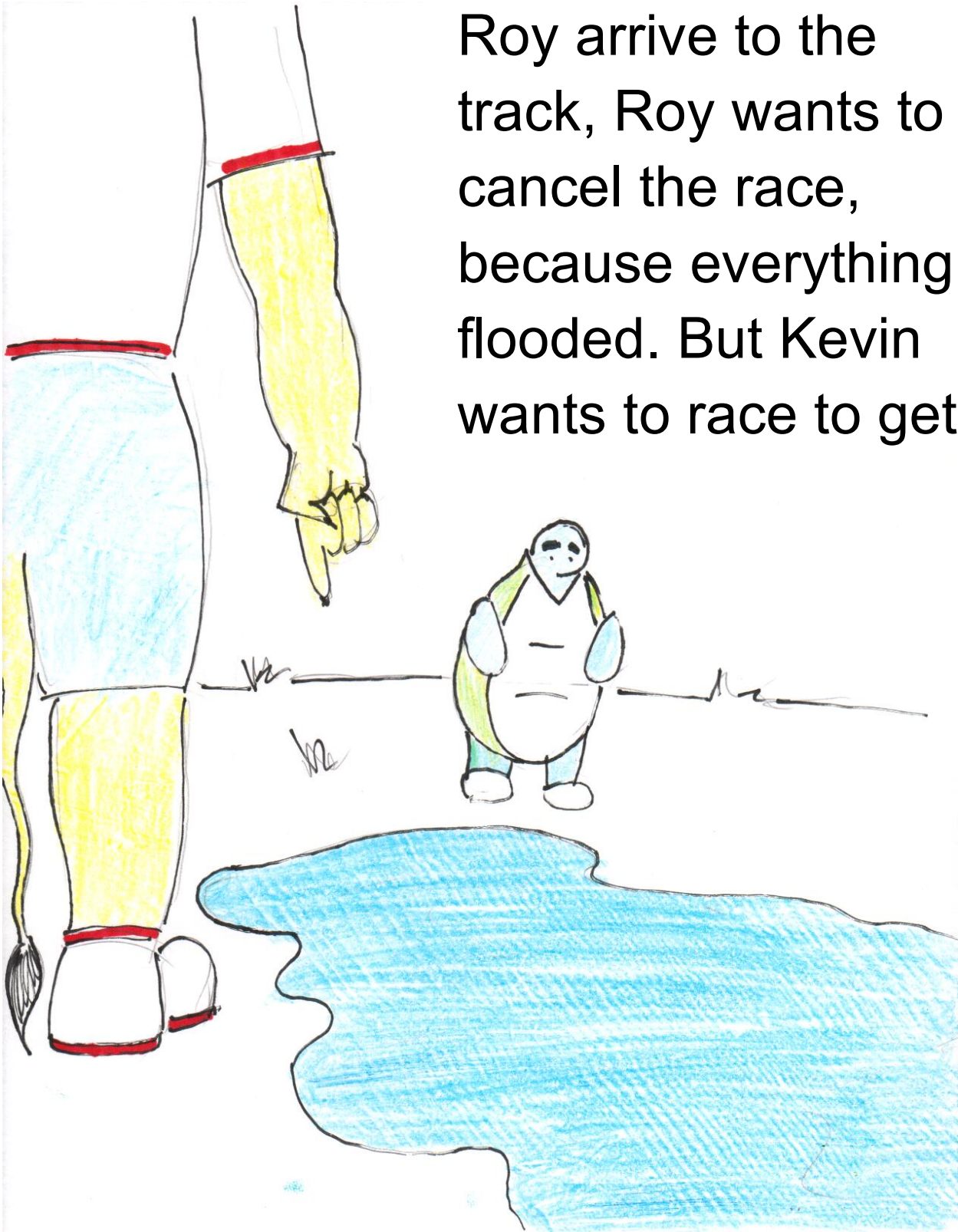
Kevin realizes there wasn't enough time to be really prepared

for his race. He is nervous about the big race the next day.



When Kevin falls asleep that night, a big storm comes and it rains all night long.

When Kevin and Roy arrive to the track, Roy wants to cancel the race, because everything is flooded. But Kevin wants to race to get

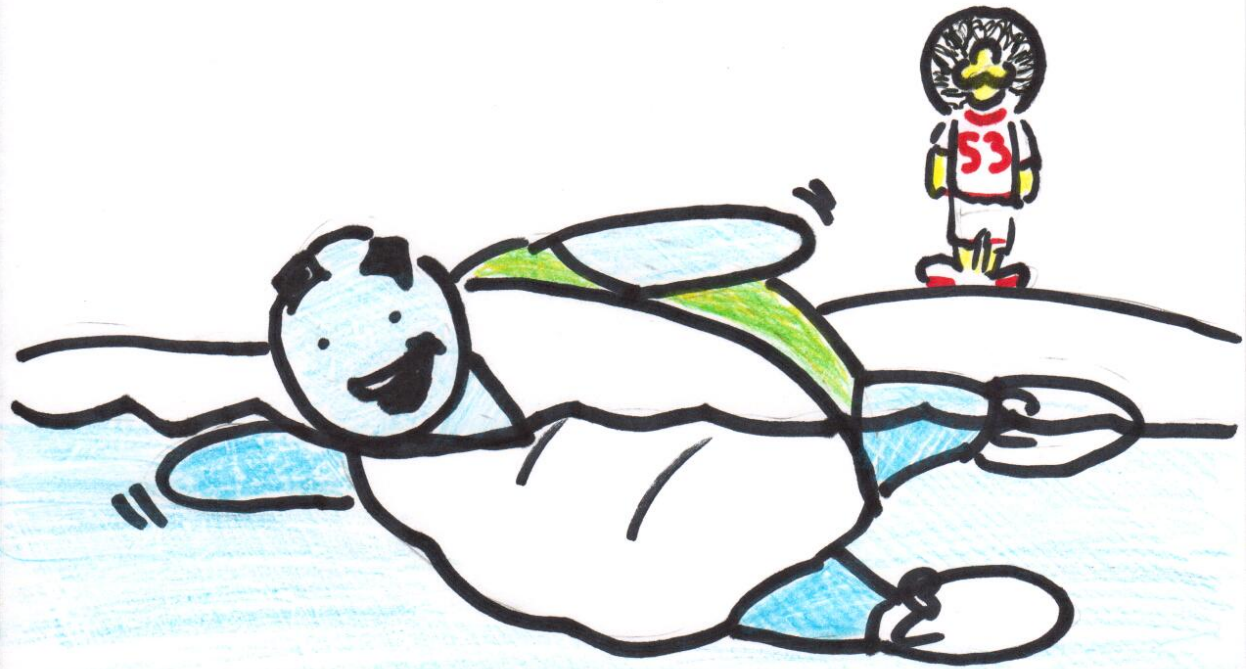




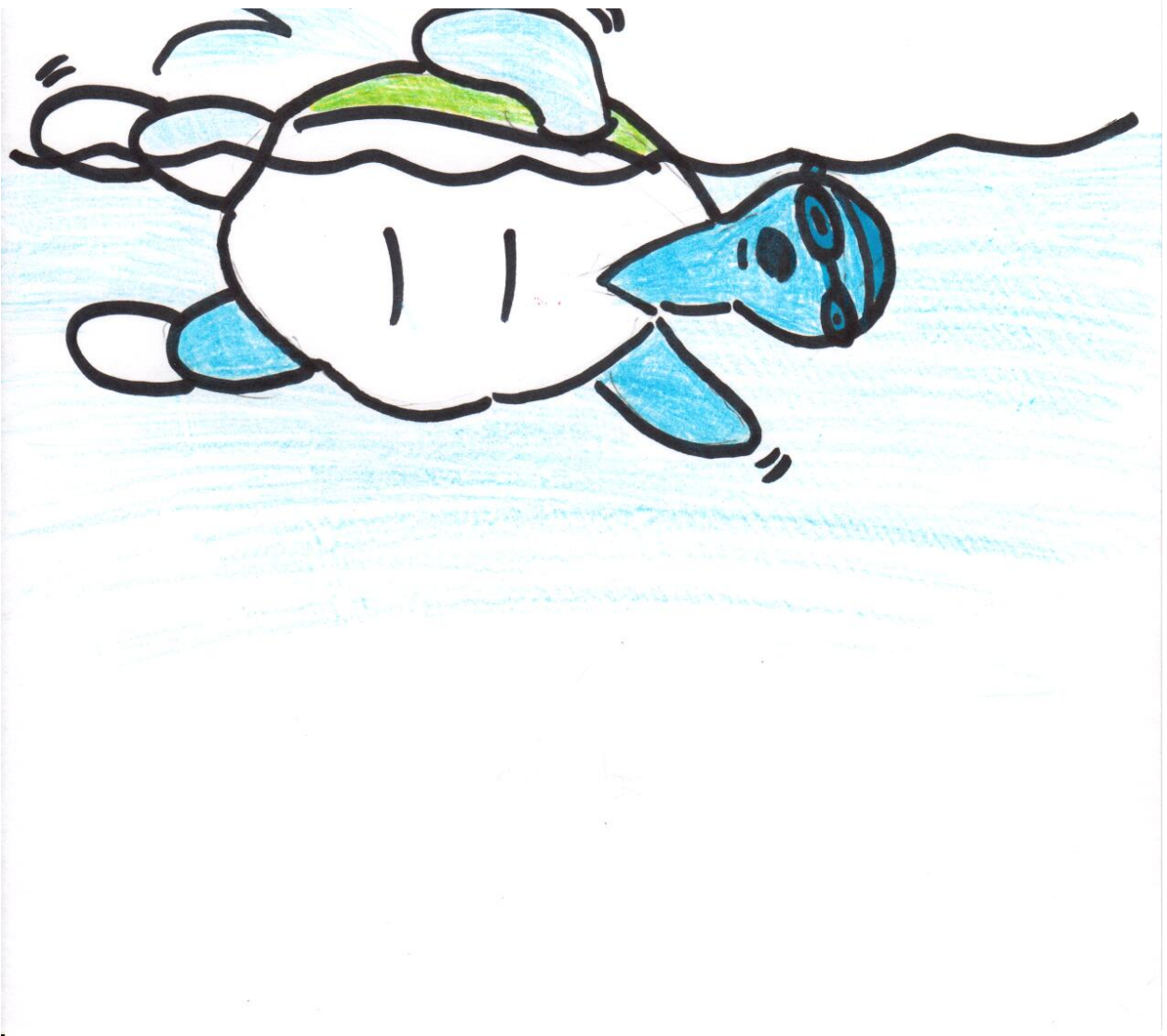
The water that was left from the storm was deep, too deep to run through.

Roy doesn't like water. But Kevin jumps right in.

All of a sudden Kevin realizes that he passed Roy. He is swimming so fast that he easily wins the race.

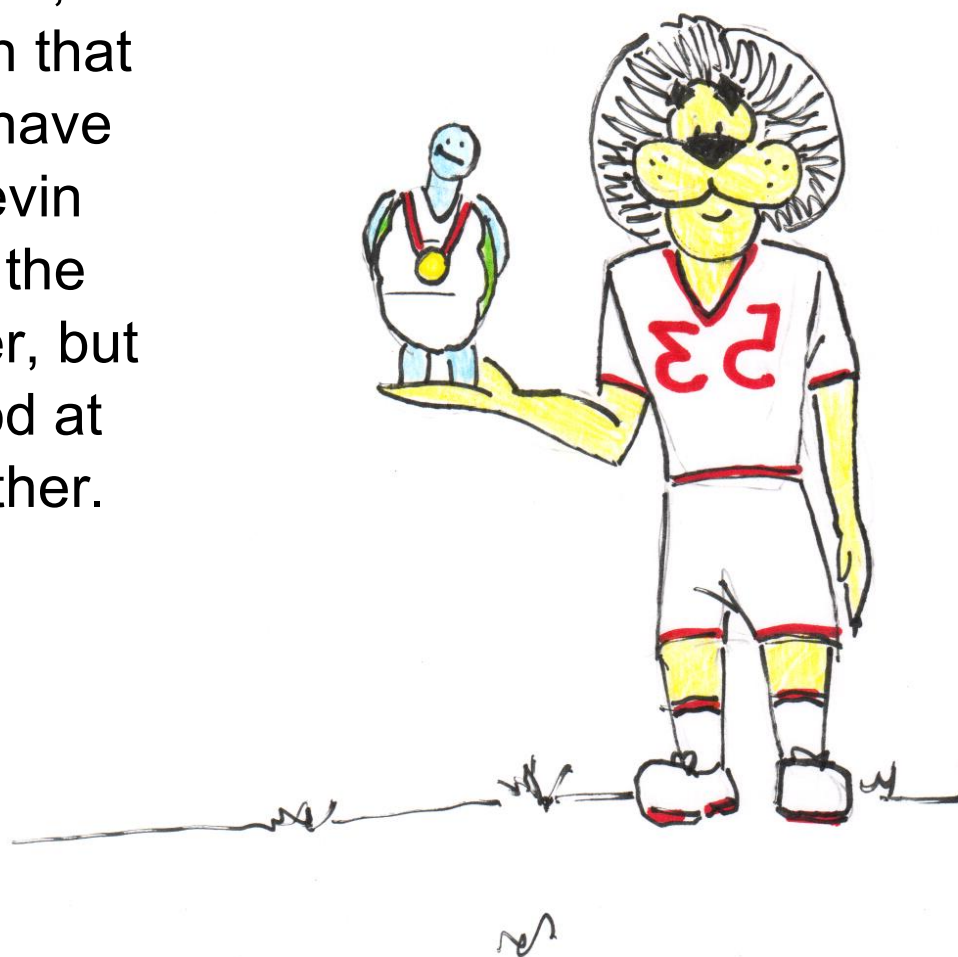


Kevin also realizes that running is not the right sport for him, but that he is a strong swimmer.



Now Kevin has a new dream.
He wants to swim at the Olympics
rather than run.

Roy on the other side learns that just because one is different, doesn't mean that one doesn't have any skills. Kevin might not be the fastest runner, but Roy isn't good at swimming either.



Both learned to respect and accept each other the way they are. Kevin and Roy are now friends instead of rivals.