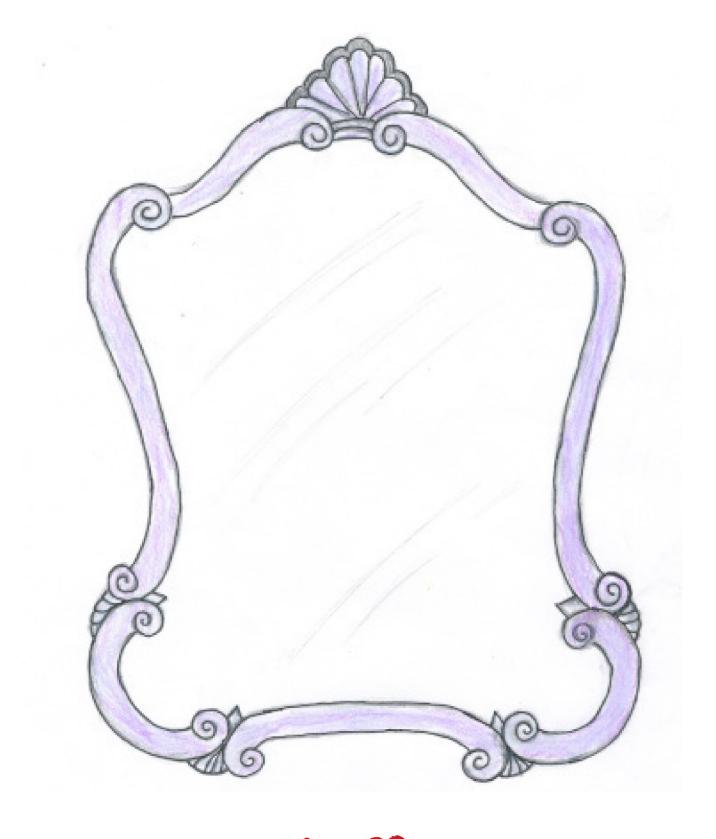


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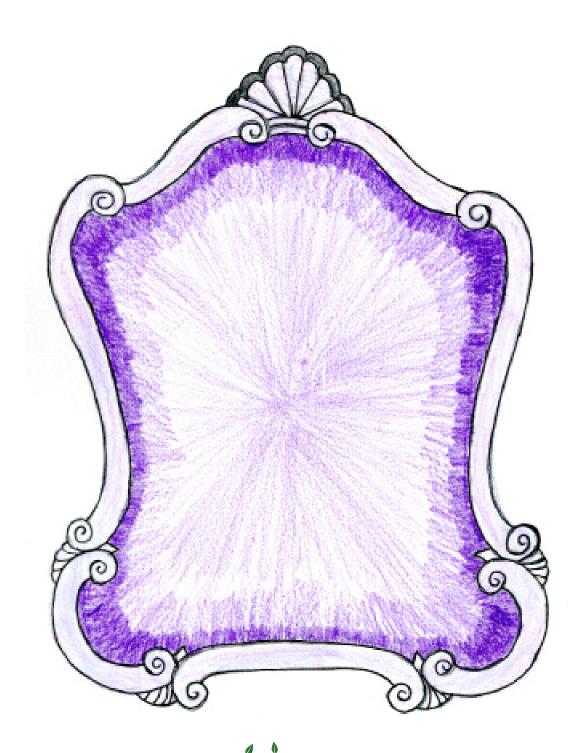


Every time I aughed, it laughed with me.



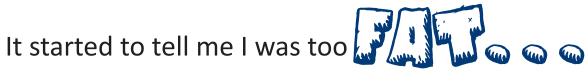
Every time I Wa'ved', it Wa'ved' back.





But as I started to pup, my reflection seemed than before, and I didn't like it anymore.





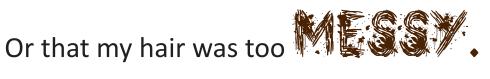
















I began to worry about what people would think of me, and I was too  $\mathbf{SCARED}$  to go to school.





When Mommy asked me what was wrong,
I tried to convince her I was \( \sum \) \( \sum \),
but parents are really good at telling when kids are lying.

"Did you forget to do your homework?"

Mommy asked.

I shook my head.

"Is your teacher mean?"

I shook my head extra hard

because Mrs. Thayne

was the nicest teacher I've ever had.

"Is someone bullying you?" she said.

I hesitated.

"Is it even possible to be your own bully?"

I thought.

Still, I shook my head.

"I'm sick," I lied...again.



She just gave me that MOMMY LOCK that she knew that it wasn't the truth, and I better spit it out.

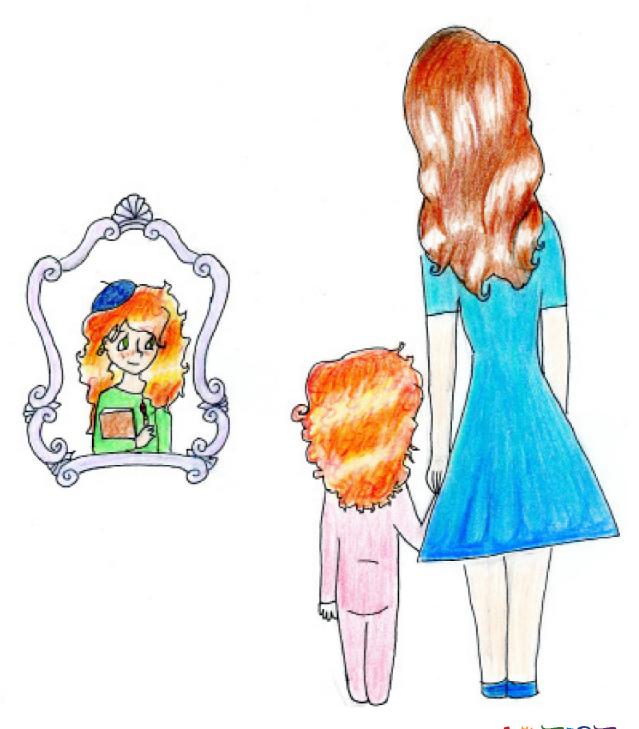






"What do you see?" she asked.

I looked up, seeing what I had been dreading, but I told her anyway. I saw a girl, with a one one and hair.



Mommy said, "I see a creative and wonderful ARTIST, who will change the world someday." Then she called in Daddy and asked what he saw in me.



Daddy said, "I see my beautiful little Princess, who could stop a war with a smile." I grinned.

"That's the smile," he replied with a wink. Then my little brother came in and they asked what he saw in me.

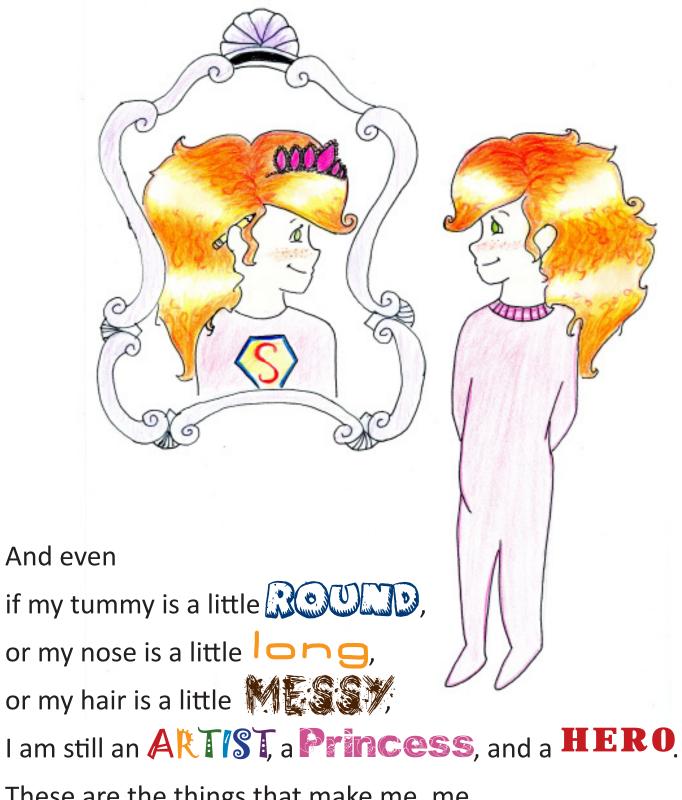




He said, "I see my strong, brave, **HERO** who is my favoritest sister ever." Even though I was his only sister. I hugged him.



Then, when I looked in the mirror, I was slowly able to see it too! Because although I may not look perfect to everyone, the people who really to me look past my flaws and see me for my own kind of perfect.



These are the things that make me, me, and I wouldn't have it any other way.