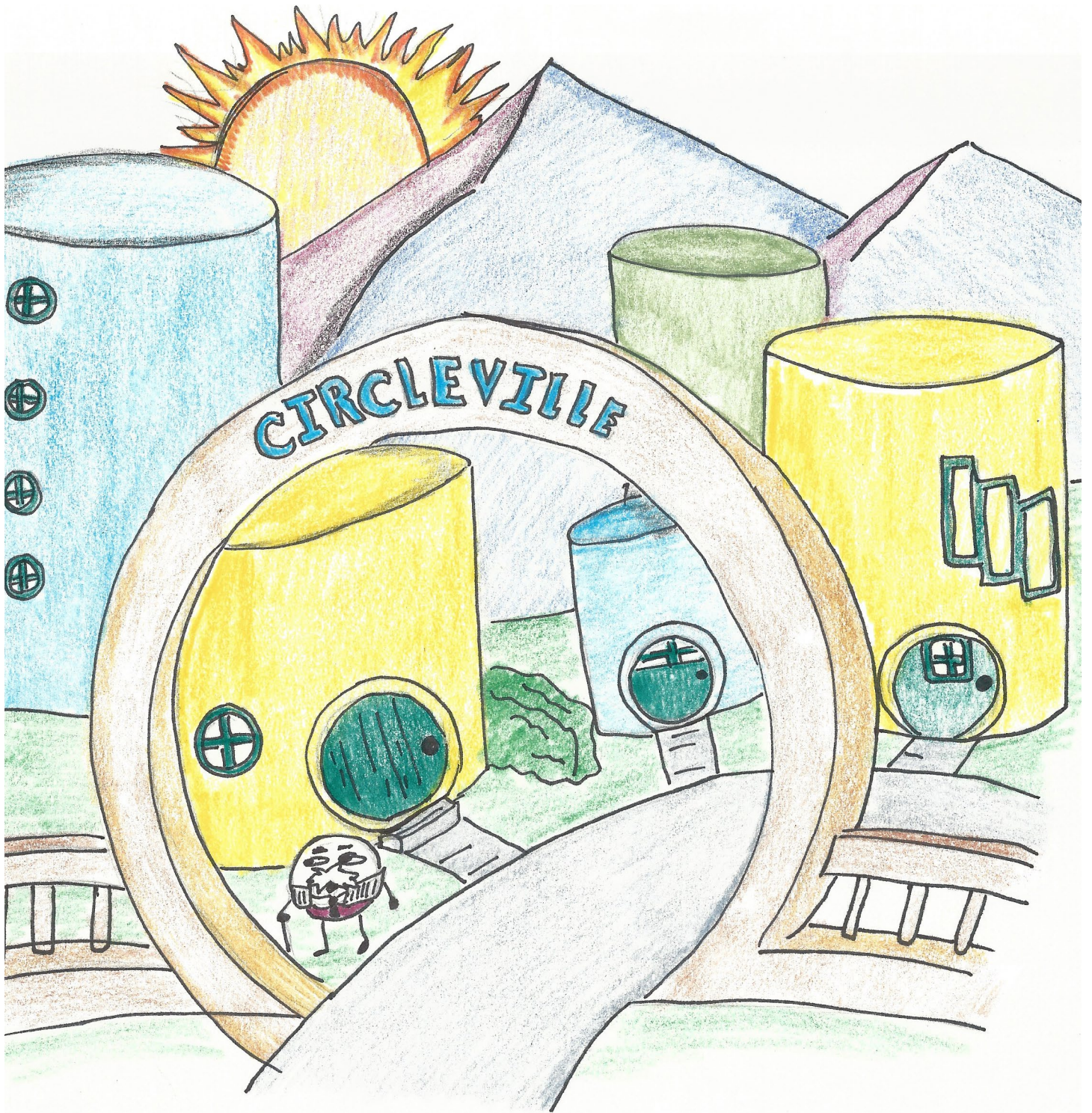


Humphrey's Great Idea

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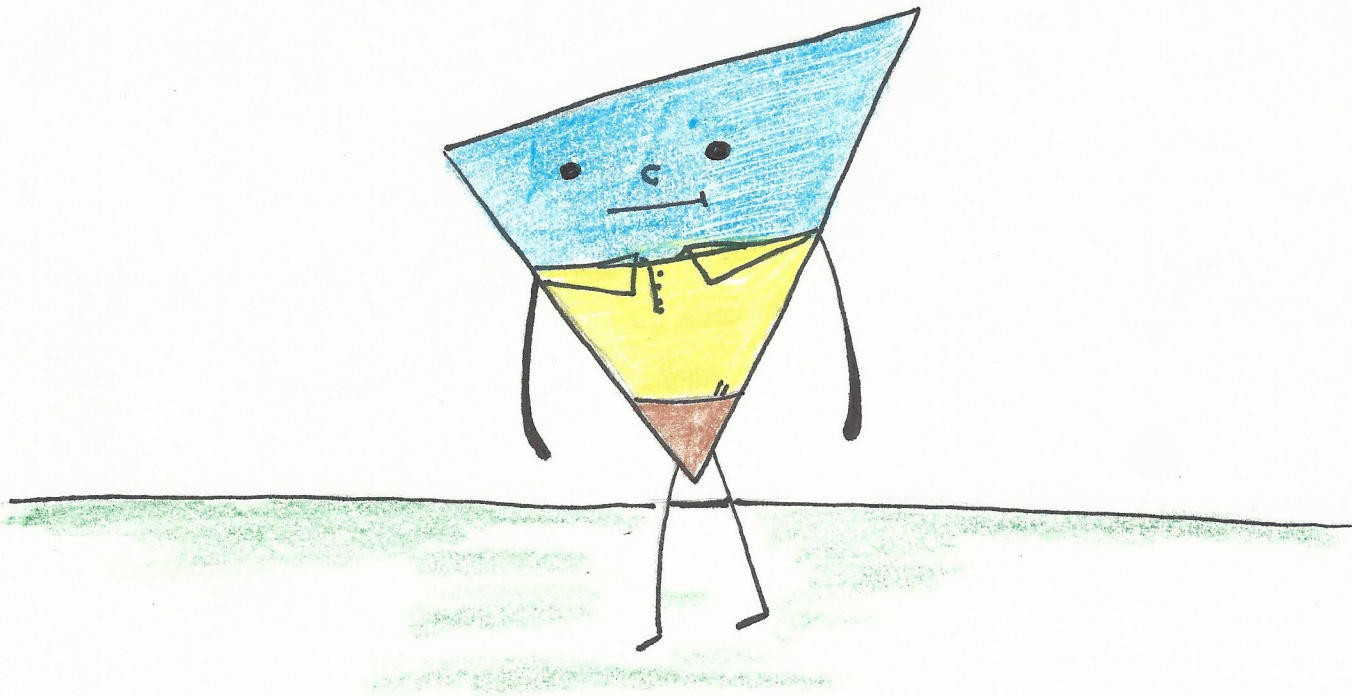


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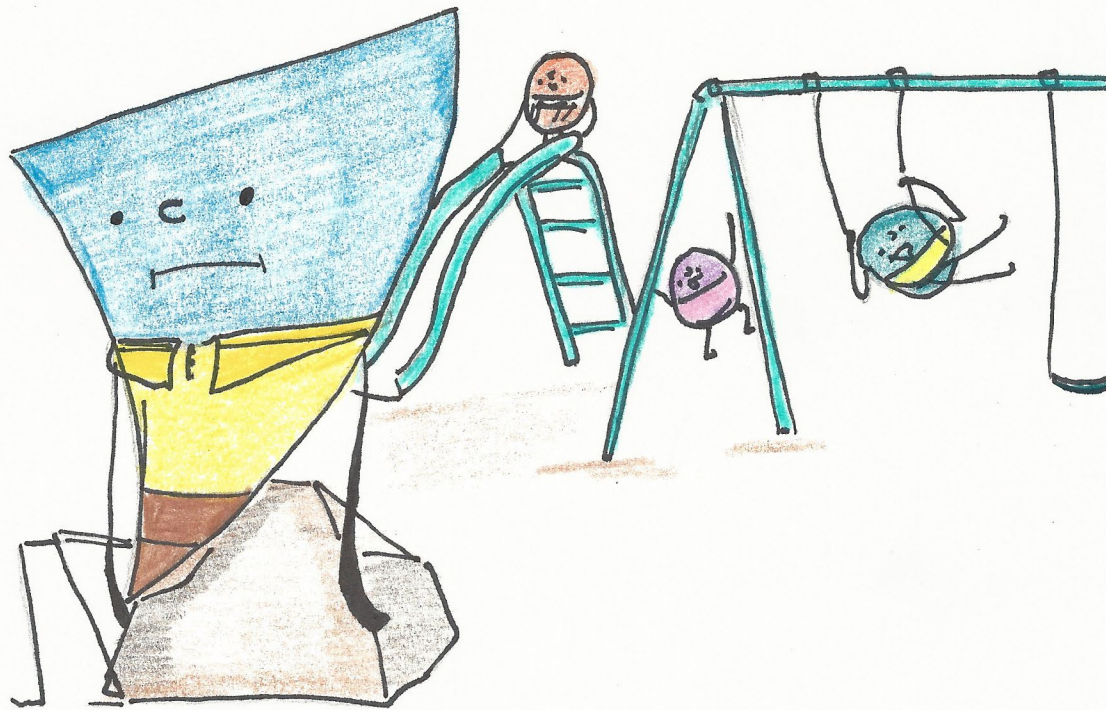


Once upon a time, there was a city called Circleville. Everyone that lived in Circleville was, of course, a circle.

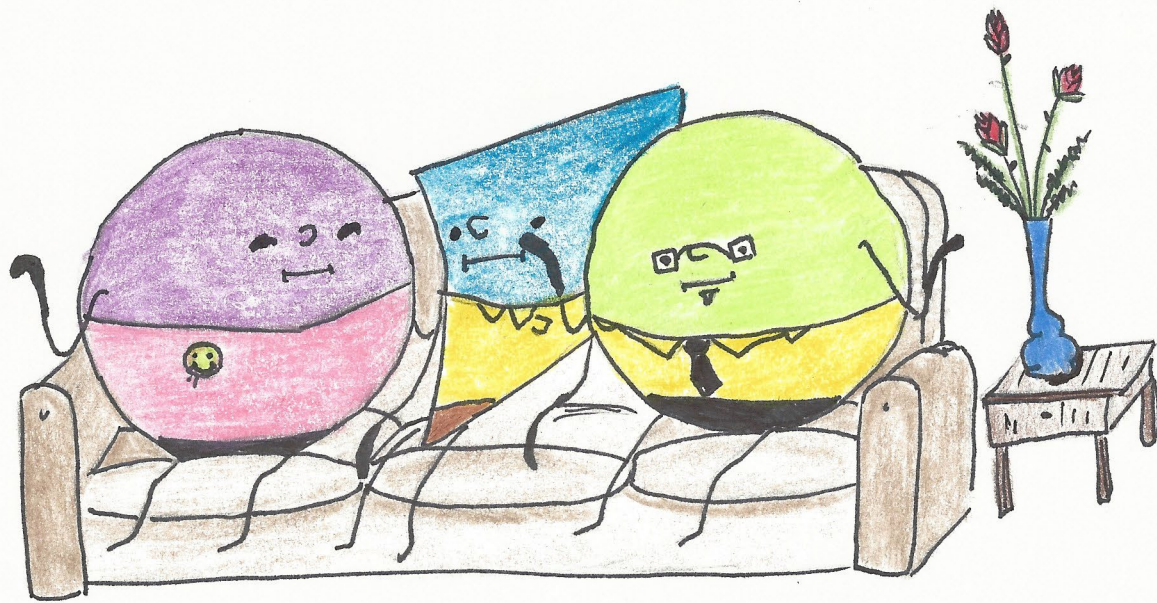
Except for Humphrey.



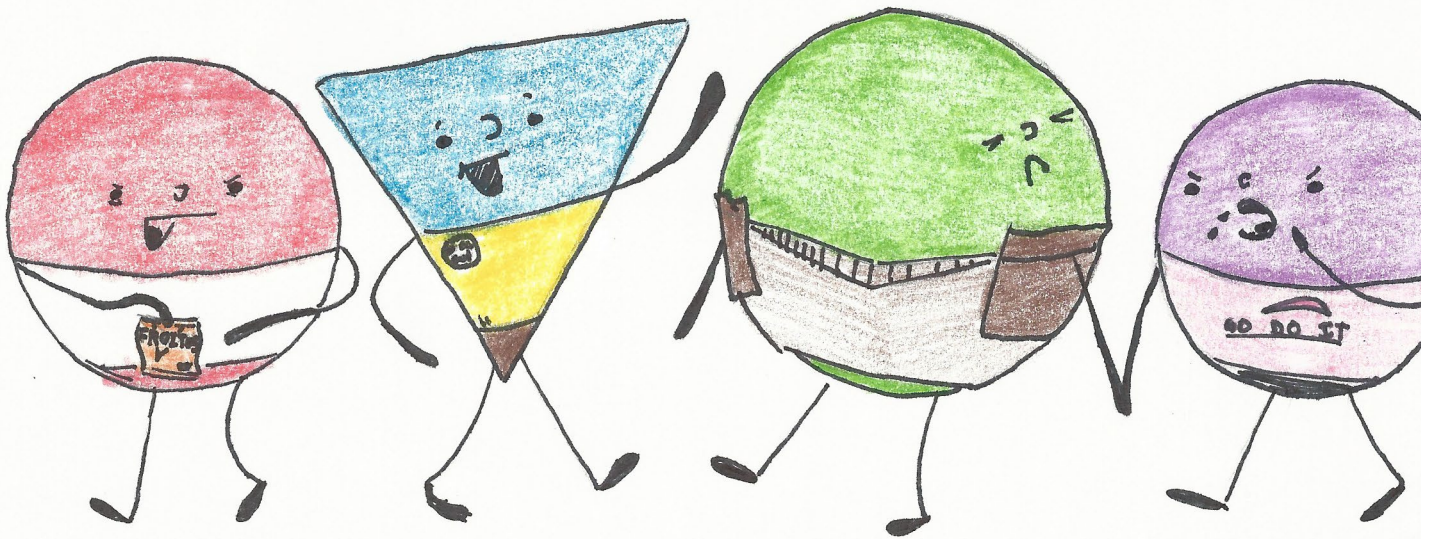
Humphrey, the triangle, was the only one in the whole city!



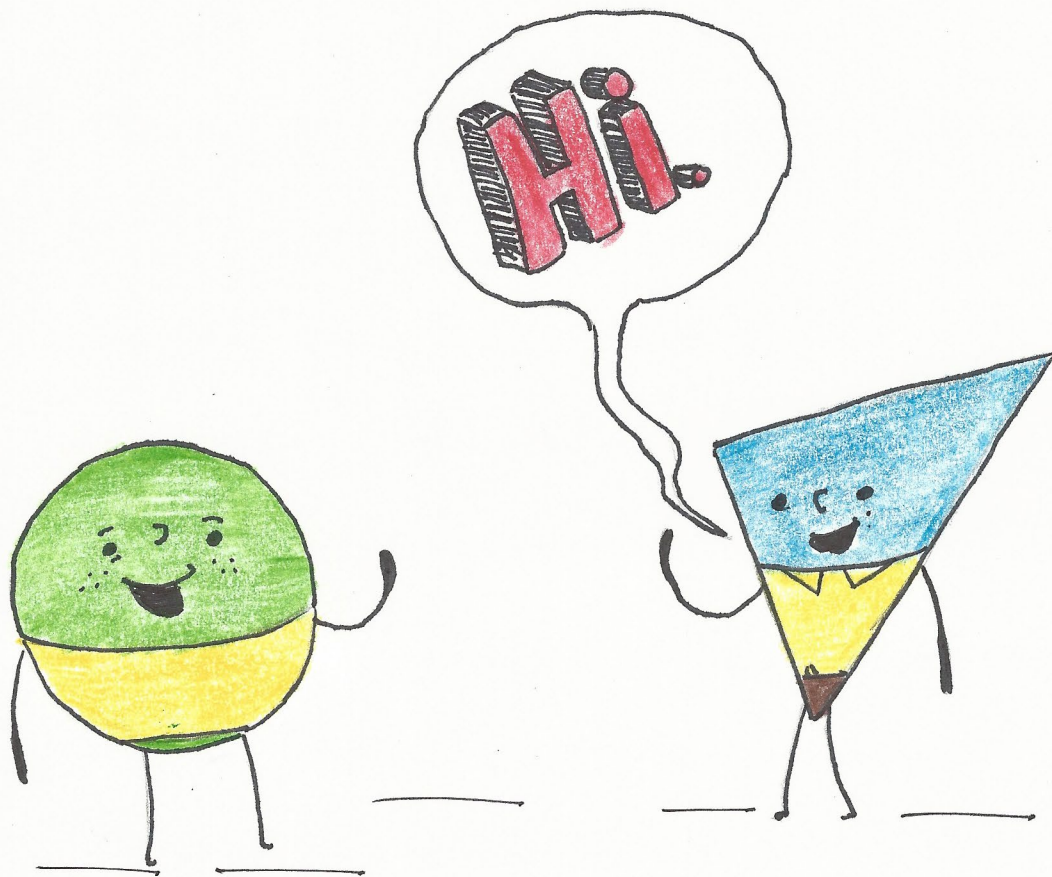
On the playground, Humphrey could not slide down the slide or swing on the swings. He was always lonely.



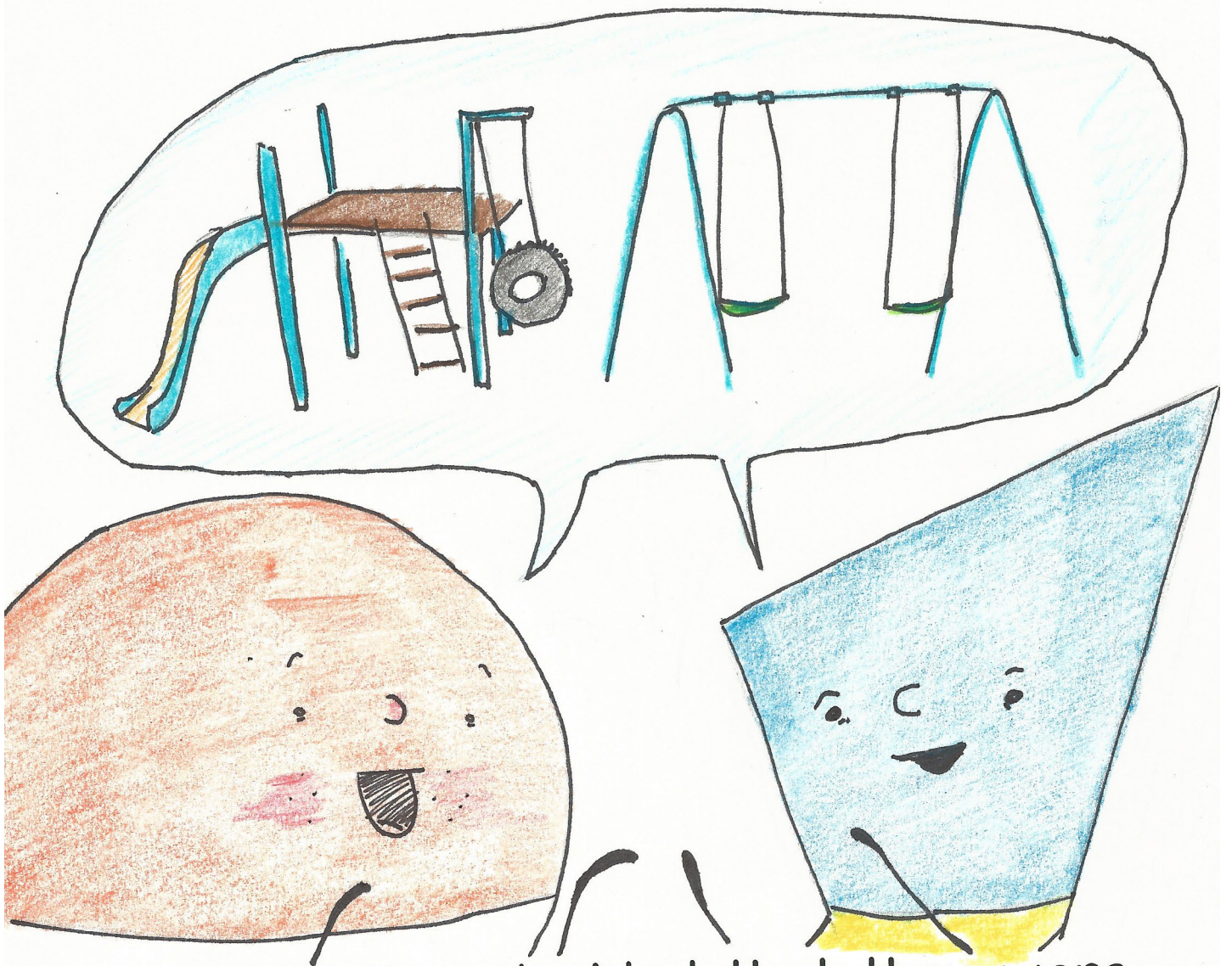
Humphrey was always sad that he had no friends. He asked his parents one day why he was a triangle while everyone else was a circle.



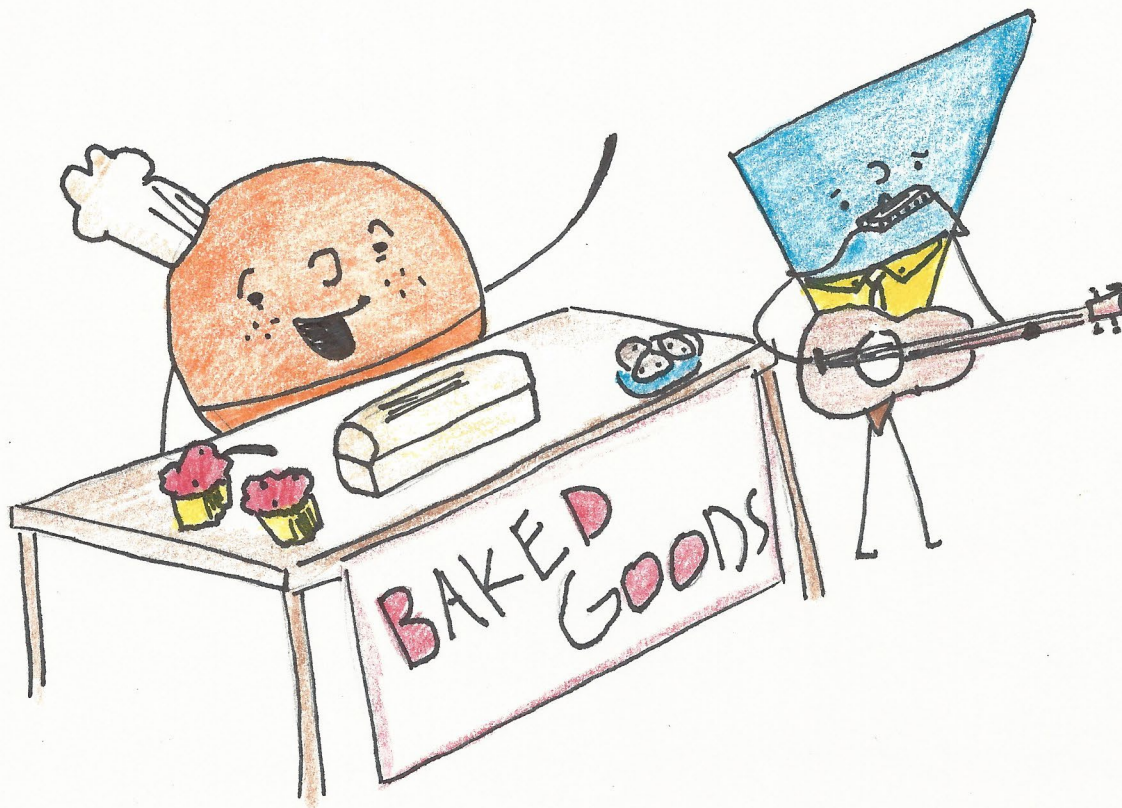
From that day on, Humphrey was determined to make at least one friend. So he smiled and was nice to everyone, even when they were rude back to him.



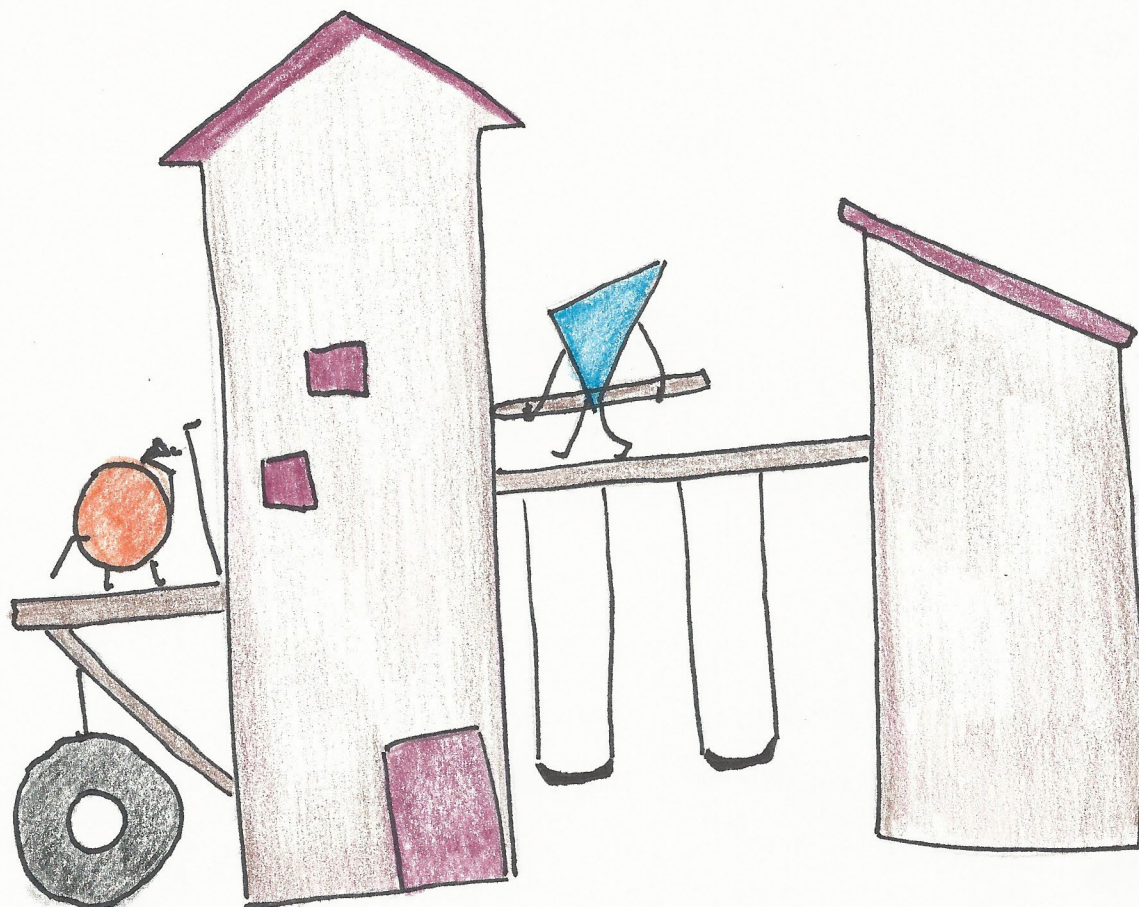
One day, a new circle moved into town named Andy. On his first day of school, Humphrey said Hi to him and smiled at him. He smiled back and they became friends right away.



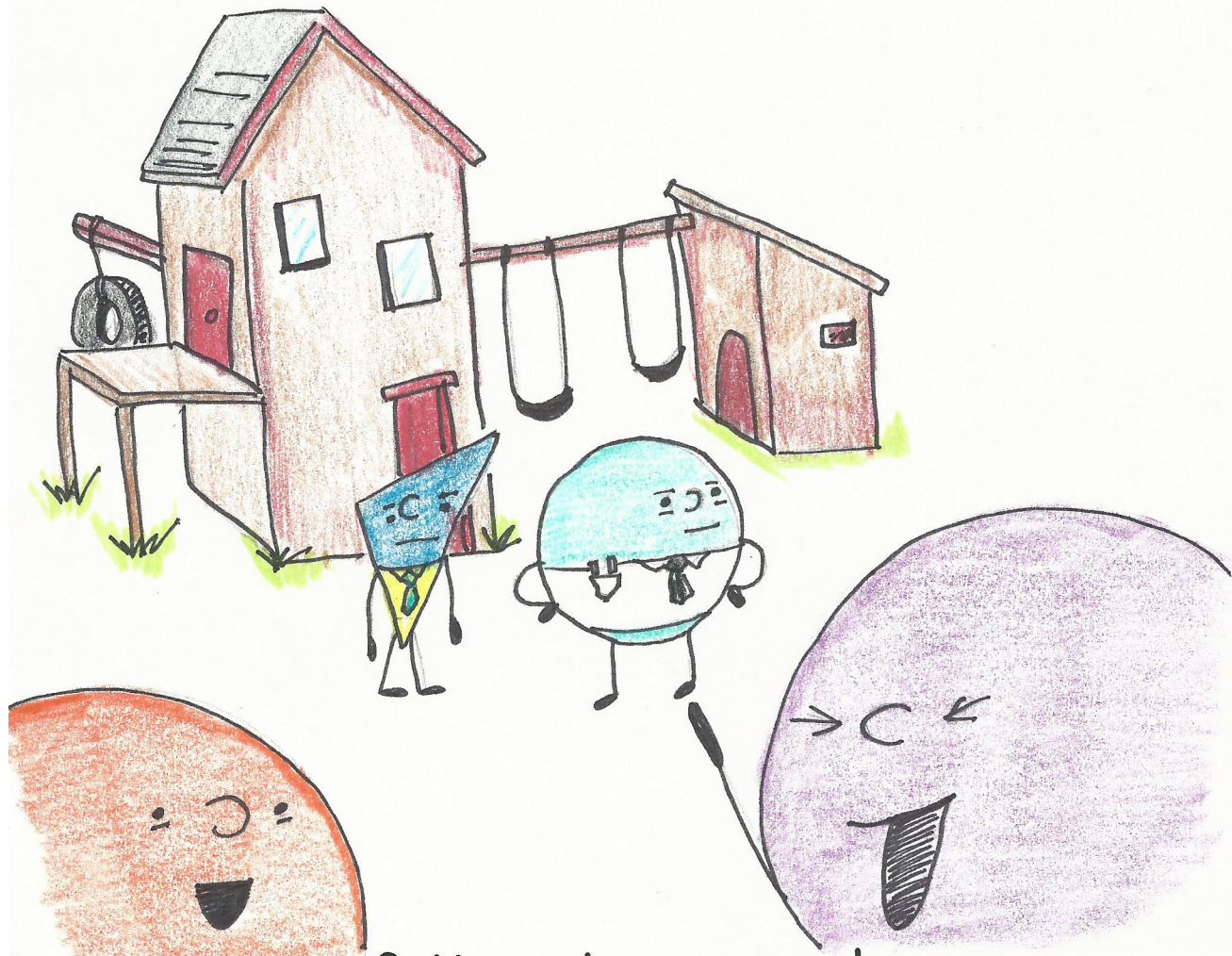
Together, they decided that they were going to build a new playground. Everyone, including Humphrey would be able to play and it would be bigger and better than ever!



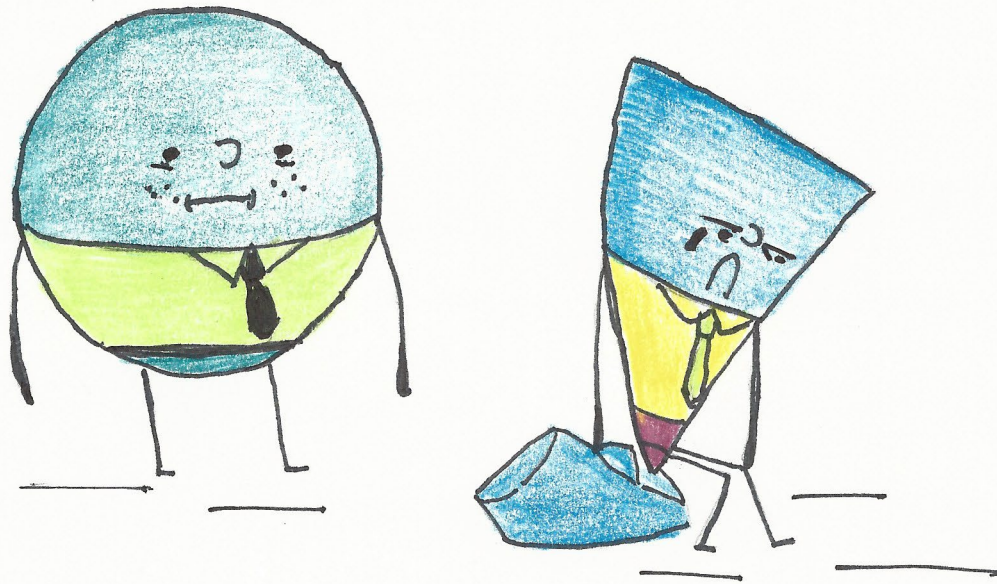
It was not easy to get enough money to build the playground. It would cost a lot of money, and take a while to save up. Humphrey and Andy did bake sales, garage sales, and even asked for money from other people. After a lot of hard work, they finally had enough to buy the materials.



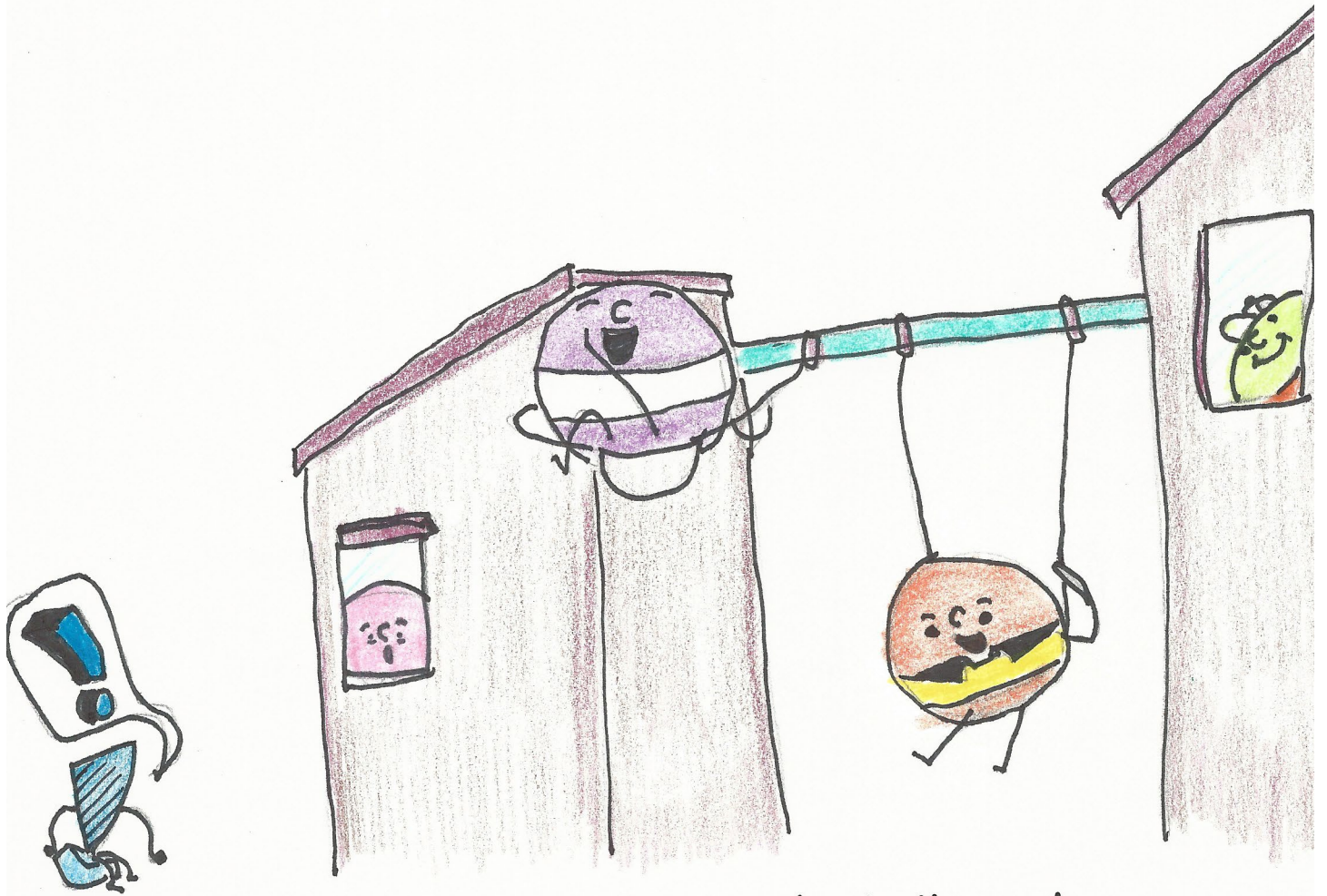
They got permission from the school to build a new playground. Then, they went to the store and bought all the different materials and parts. Humphrey and Andy spent all of their play time building it. Everything had to be perfect, so it was hard work and it took a long time, but they finally finished and planned a grand opening.



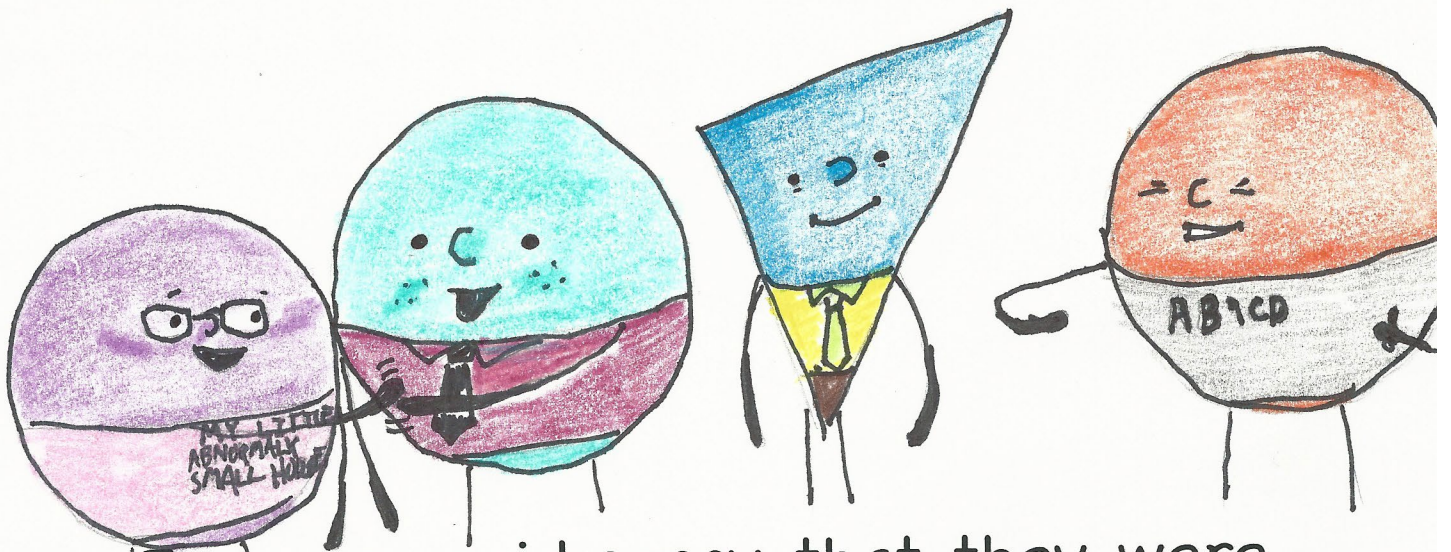
The day of the playground opening, hundreds showed up. Many made fun of the playground and laughed at Humphrey and Andy because they thought the playground was lame.



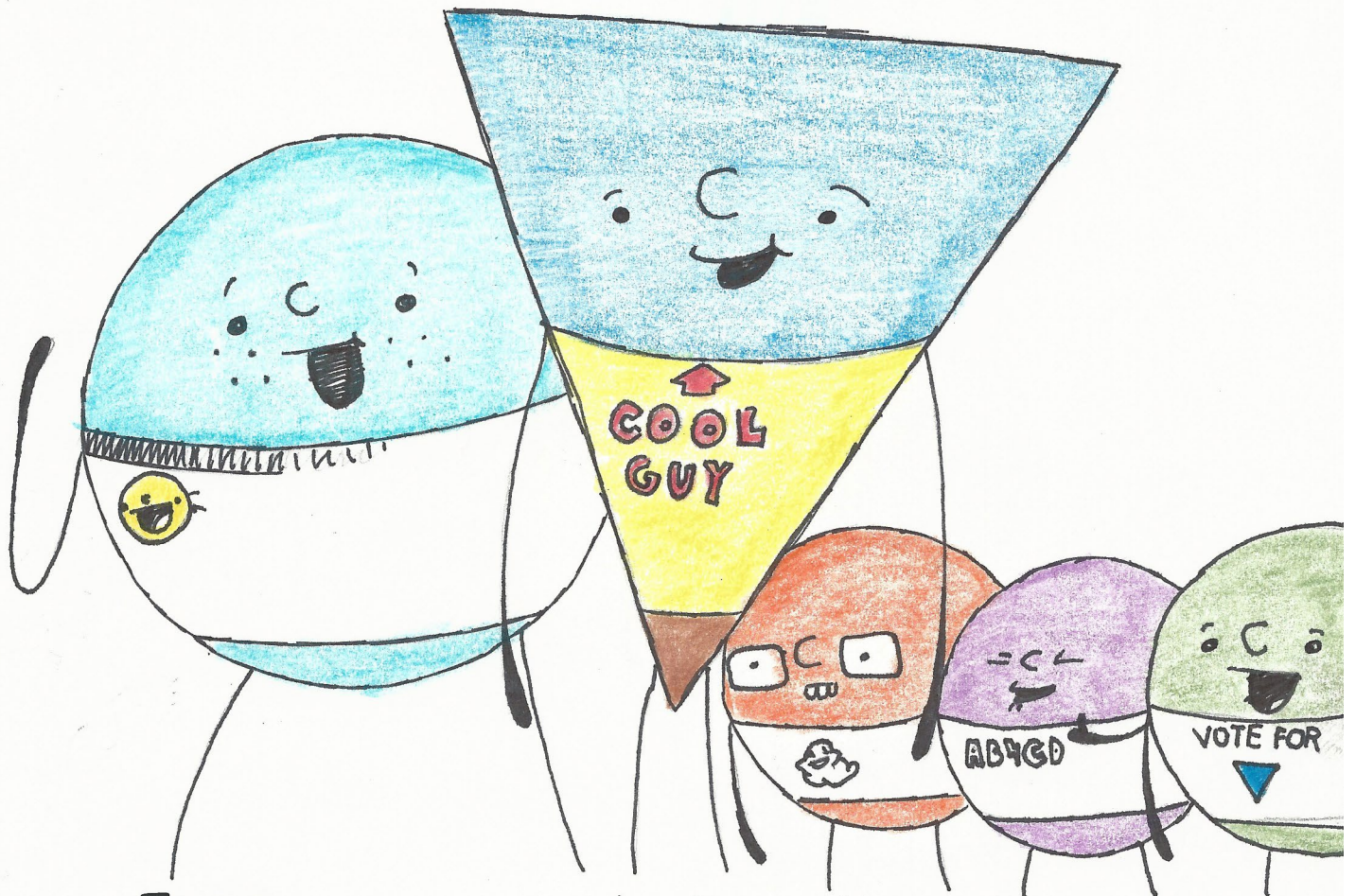
Humphrey was sadder than ever. After nearly a year of hard work, people still were going to bully him because he was different.



Humphrey cried and cried. When he finally paused and looked up, people were playing on the playground. He was confused.

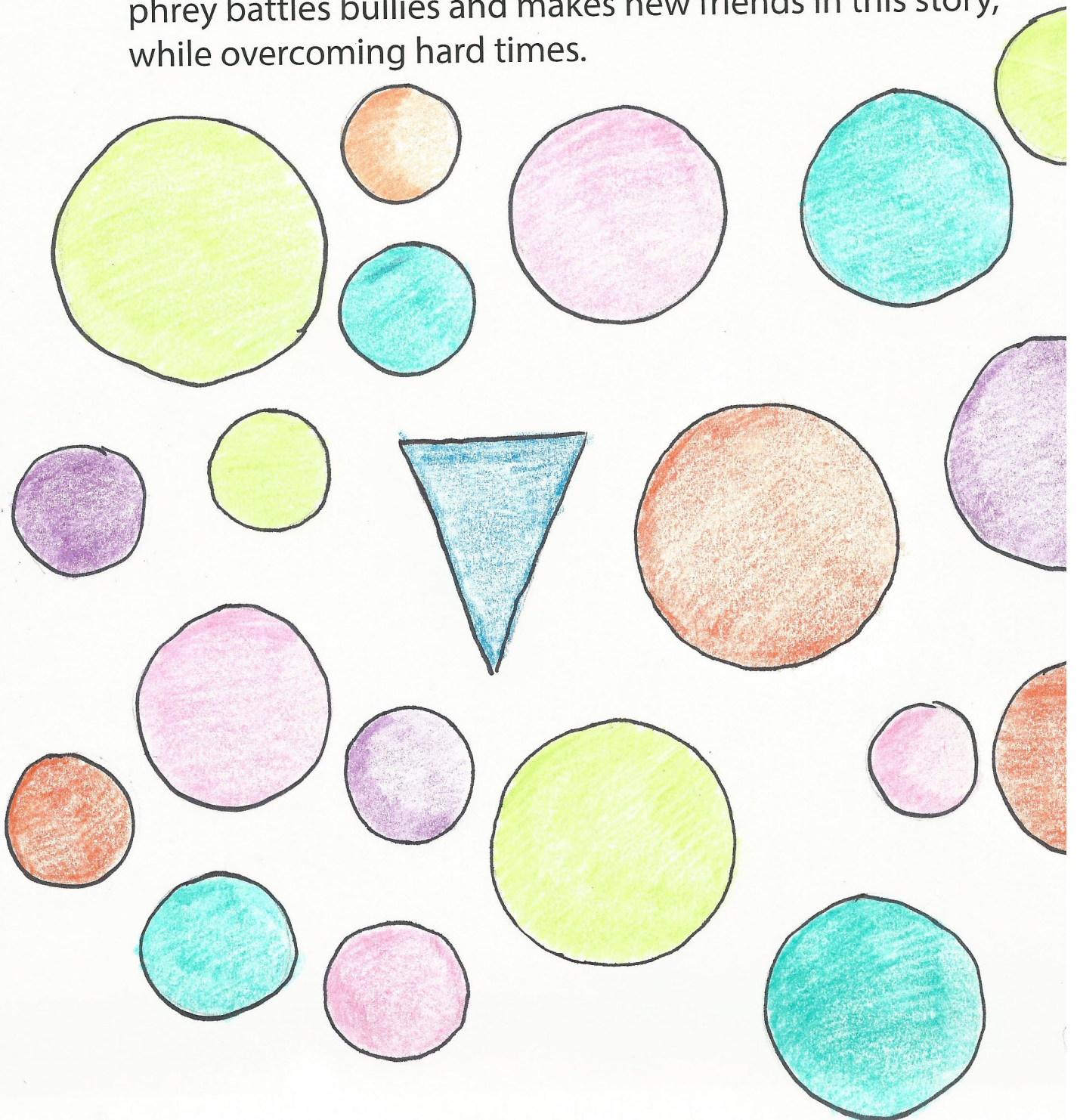


Everyone said sorry that they were mean to Humphrey and Andy. They loved the playground as much as he did.



Everyone came to love the playground and no one ever made fun of him again. No one cared that he was different, because he was nice and friendly. He became the most popular kid in school and he lived happily ever after.

The story of Humphrey and his great idea demonstrate that even though people may be rude to you, an individual can always make their situation better. Humphrey battles bullies and makes new friends in this story, while overcoming hard times.





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