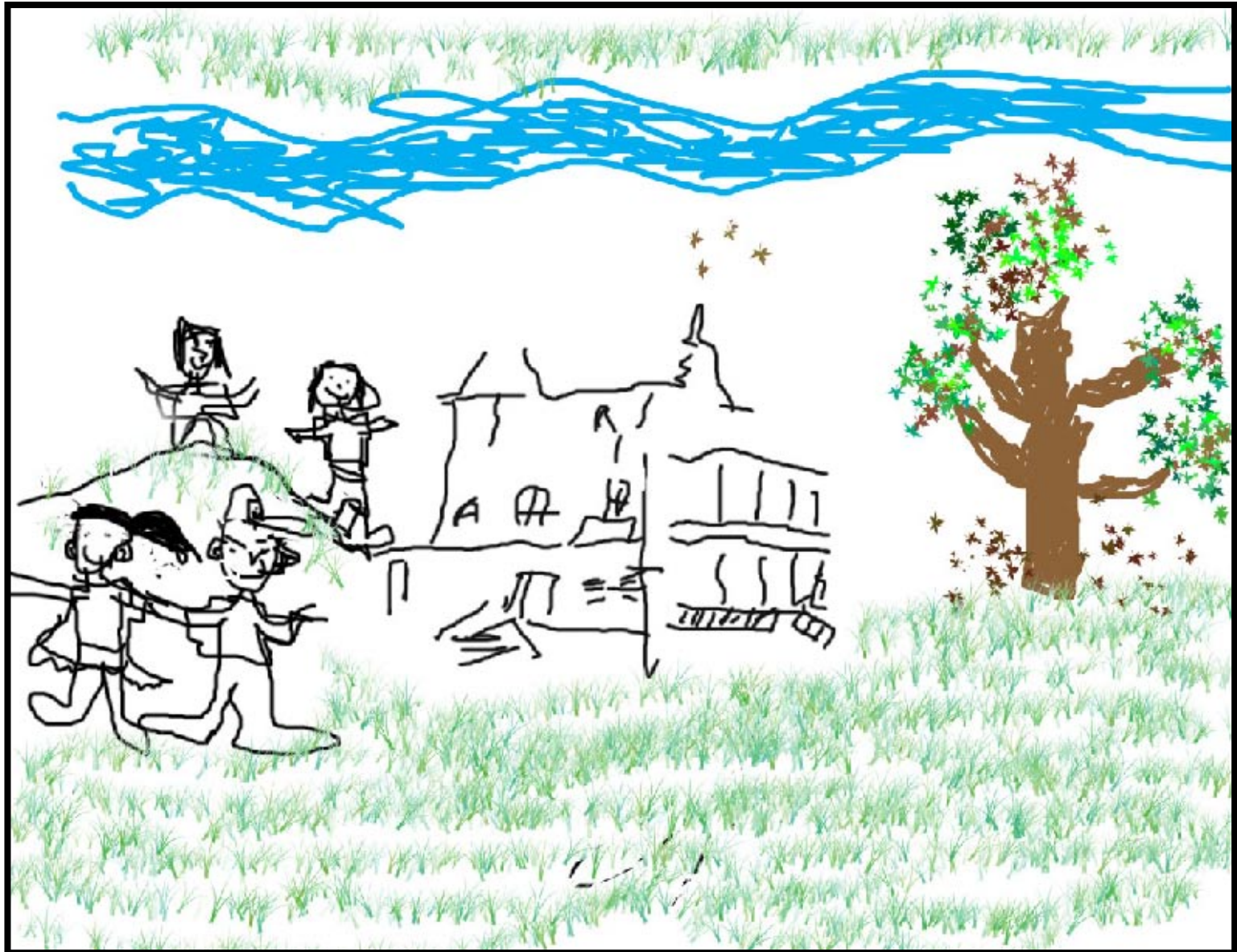


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Sarah and her family had just moved to a new town because they wanted to go to a different school to get a better education. Kids were mean at their old school and Sarah and her sister Teryn wanted friends. Teryn was eight years old and Sarah was nine years old.



They were excited too because they were going to live in a big, big house out in the middle of the woods. They were looking forward to playing in the woods and creeks.

The previous owner, Jack warned her family and said, “the house is haunted,” but they didn’t listen. They thought it would be okay.

They were still outside when the family heard a noise that seemed to be coming from the attic.

Sarah’s father, Jared said “Let’s go up there.”

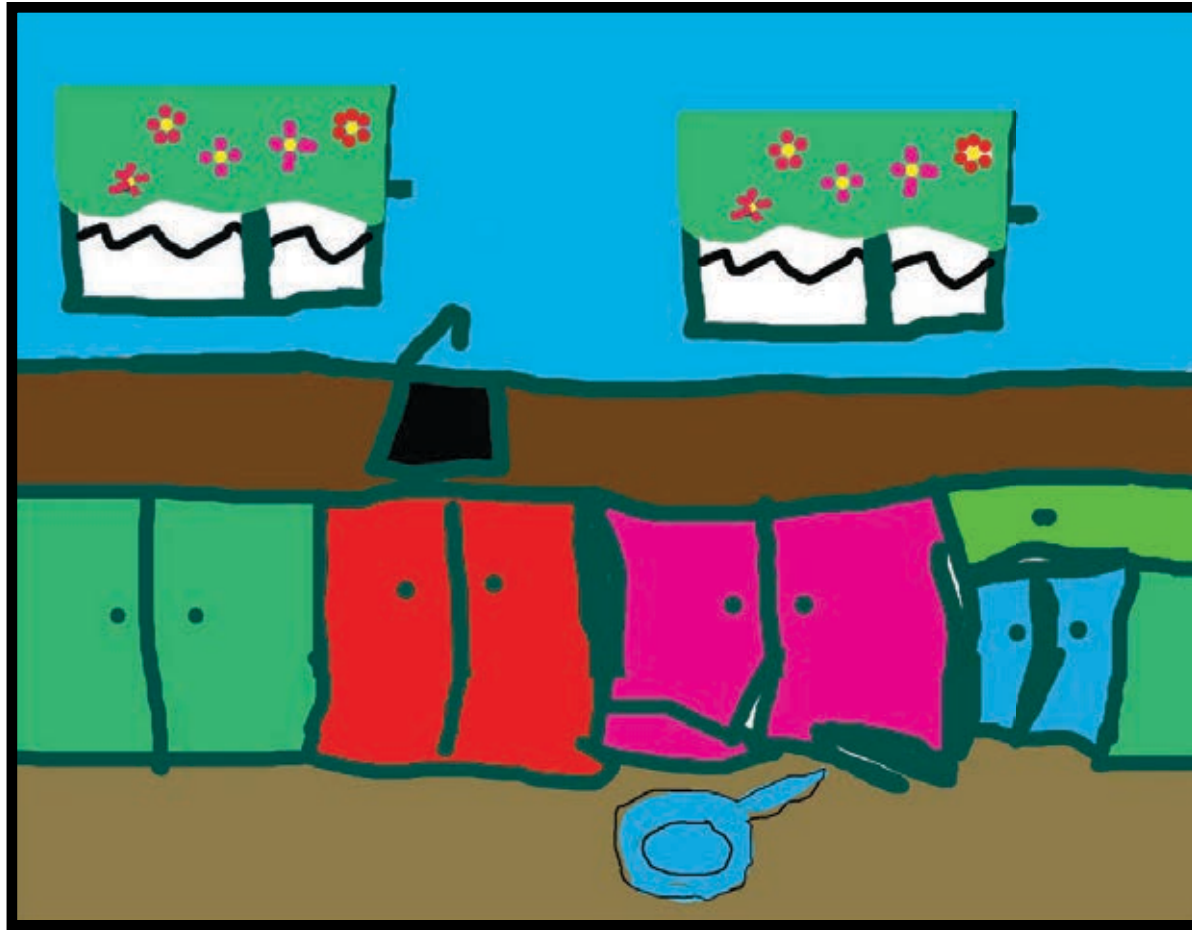
Jack said “I don’t want to go up there! It’s too scary and that’s why I sold it.”

Sarah’s mother, Katy said, “I don’t like this Jared.” “Well, you wanted a big kitchen, didn’t you Katy?” “Yes, I do want a big kitchen...” So, they went ahead and moved in.

The first night, the noise sounded like someone was walking up the stairs. Jared went up to see what was making that noise, but he didn’t see anything and the noise went away. They finally went back to sleep.



The girls were excited to go to their new school the next day. At school, they made friends with some girls and liked their teacher. It seemed like it was all going to work out.



That night, they heard what sounded like a pan falling on the floor. It was loud and clanging, and woke everyone. When Jared went to see who was down there, he didn't see anyone. They finally went to sleep, but they were scared.



At school the next day, the girls were tired, and they fell asleep in class. So, the teacher sent them to the principal's office. The principal asked why the girls were so

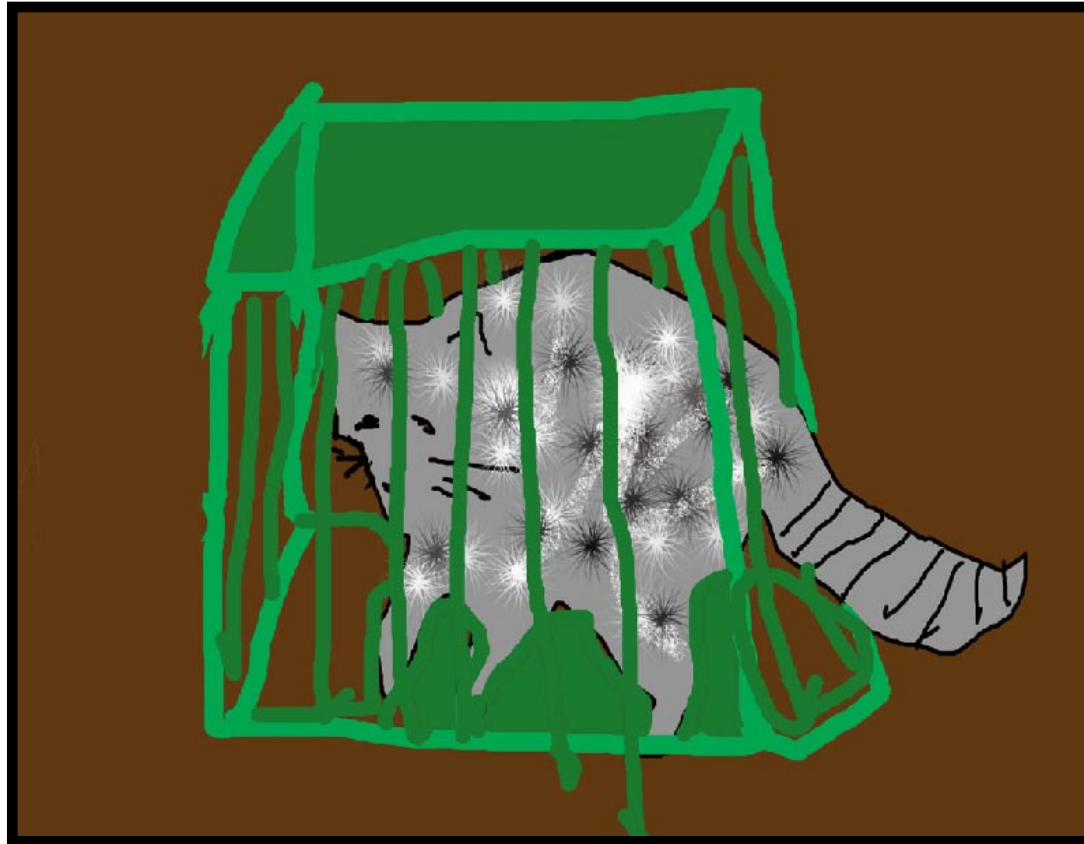
tired. Sarah and Teryn explained that they hadn't gotten enough sleep because of scary noises in their house.

The Principal called their parents to see what could be done so the girls would get enough sleep.



Jared and Katy knew they had to do something. Jared had an idea to use his wild life camera to record motion in the house at night.

That night when they were sleeping, the camera recorded a raccoon climbing the stairs and getting into the cupboards trying to get food.



They watched the recording when they woke up. What a relief! Now they just needed to catch the raccoon.

They got a live trap from their neighbors and put food in it. They caught the raccoon and drove up the mountain, across the river and deep into the woods to let it go so it would stay away from their house.



They had to do that three more times to catch the rest of the raccoon family.

One of the times, Teryn forgot that there was a trap so she got trapped then she yelled for her parents and her father unlocked the cage. When Teryn got out Sarah laughed at her because she got caught in the trap.



Teryn and Sarah were happy in their new house and had lots of friends now that it wasn't so scary.

The End



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