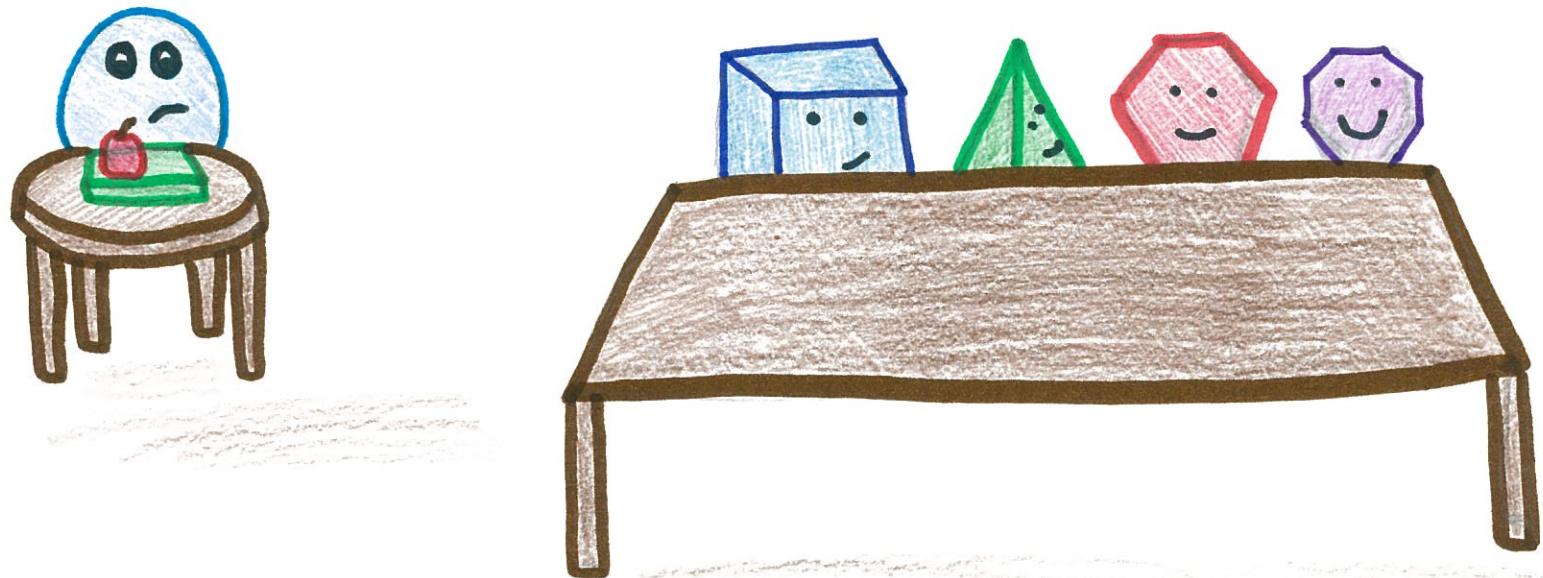


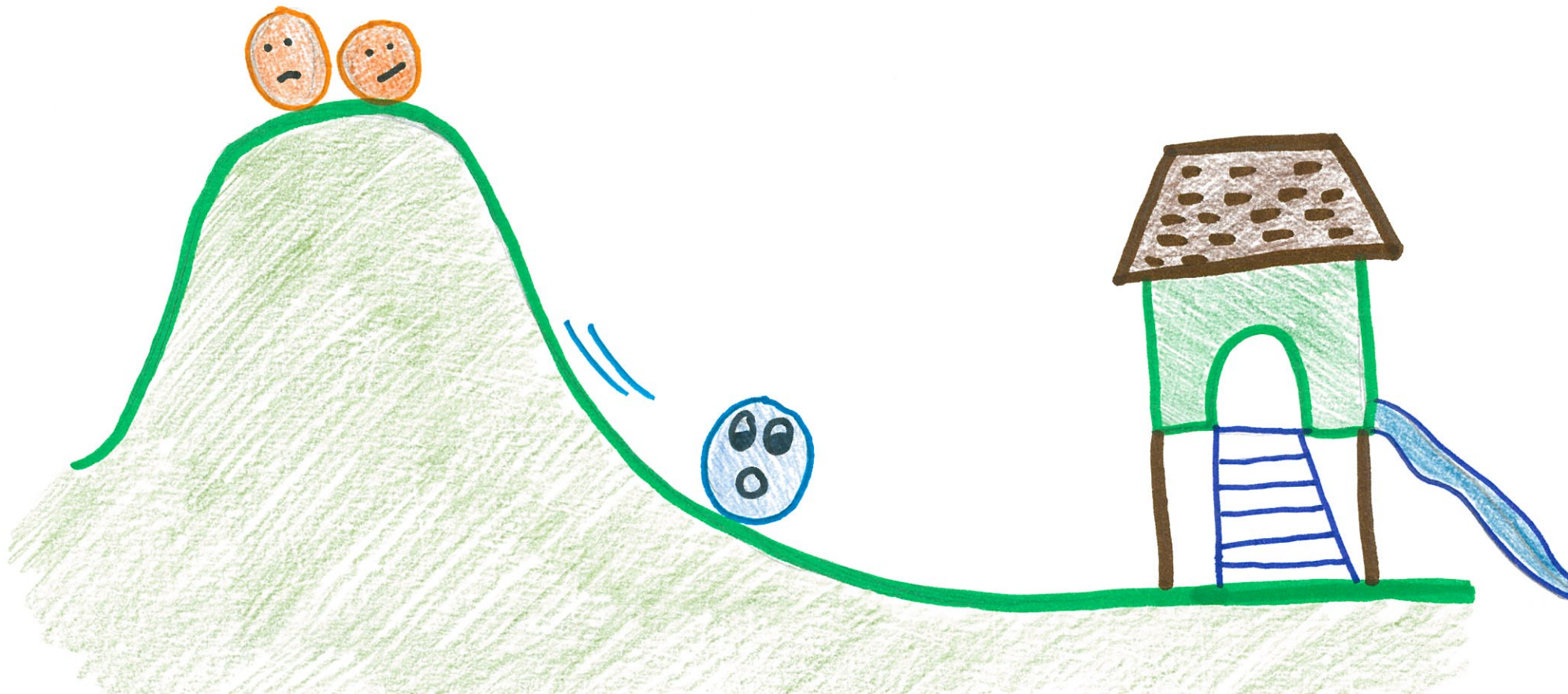
Courageous Circle

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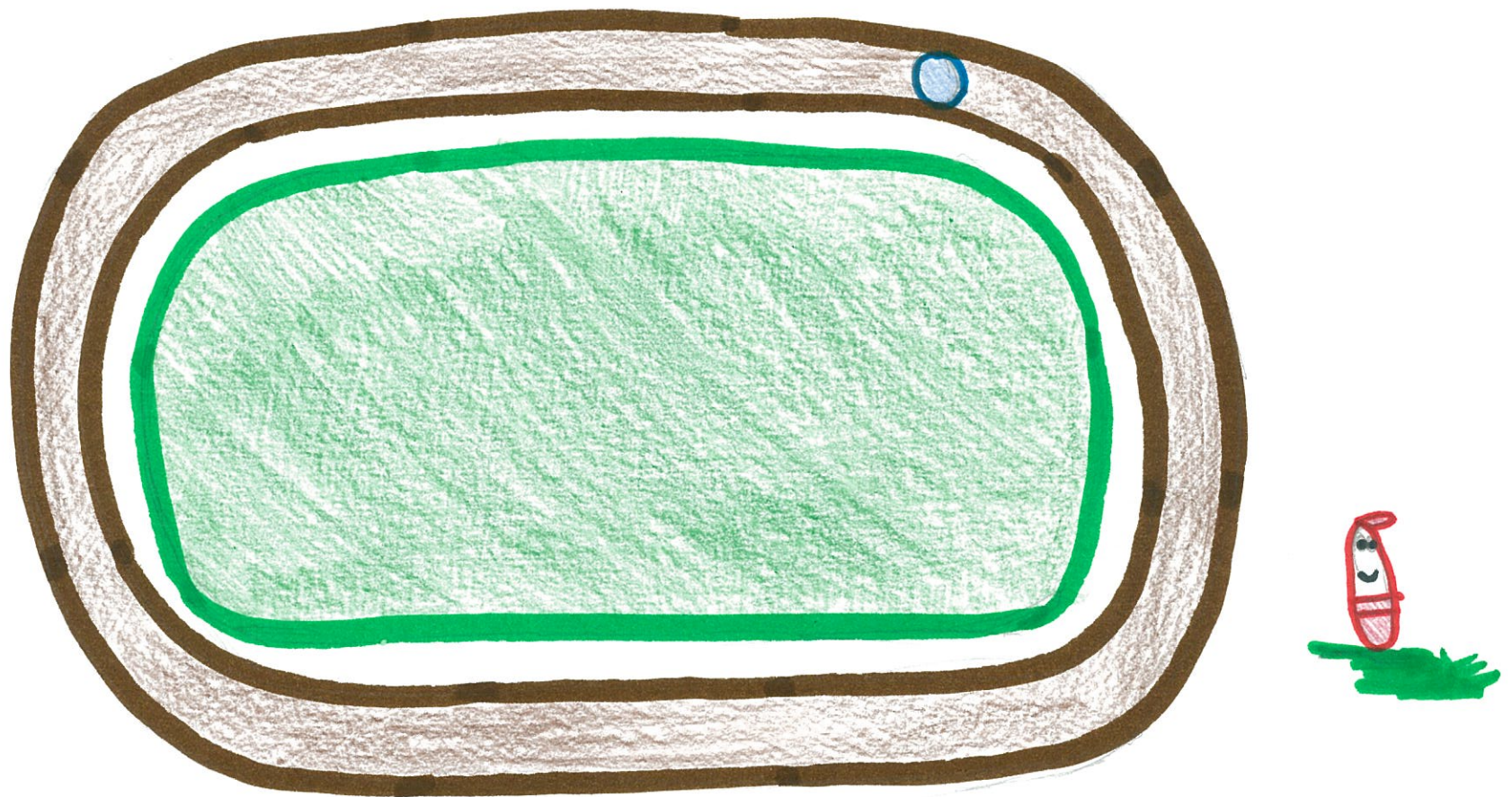
Once upon a time, Cautious Circle struggled with making friends. Everyday at lunch Cautious Circle would sit by herself wishing that one-day Trippy Triangle, Silly Square, Hopping Hexagon, or Obsessive Octagon would invite her to sit with them. Cautious Circle wanted to make friends, but just didn't know how. Cautious Circle's guardians started to notice a change in their circle. They would ask what was wrong with her, but she would just roll to her room. Cautious Circle's guardians wanted their circle to be happy, so they knew they had to encourage a change.



The next day at Perfect Park, Cautious Circle's guardians encouraged her to join the Talented Track Team at Anchor Academy. Cautious Circle immediately screamed, "NO!" The force of her scream jerked her forward rolling herself down the hill. By the time Cautious Circle's guardians new what was happening she had already reached the bottom of the hill. Even though Cautious Circle was shy, scared, yet sassy with her response, she had an epiphany that she might win a race if she was on the Talented Track Team at Anchor Academy.

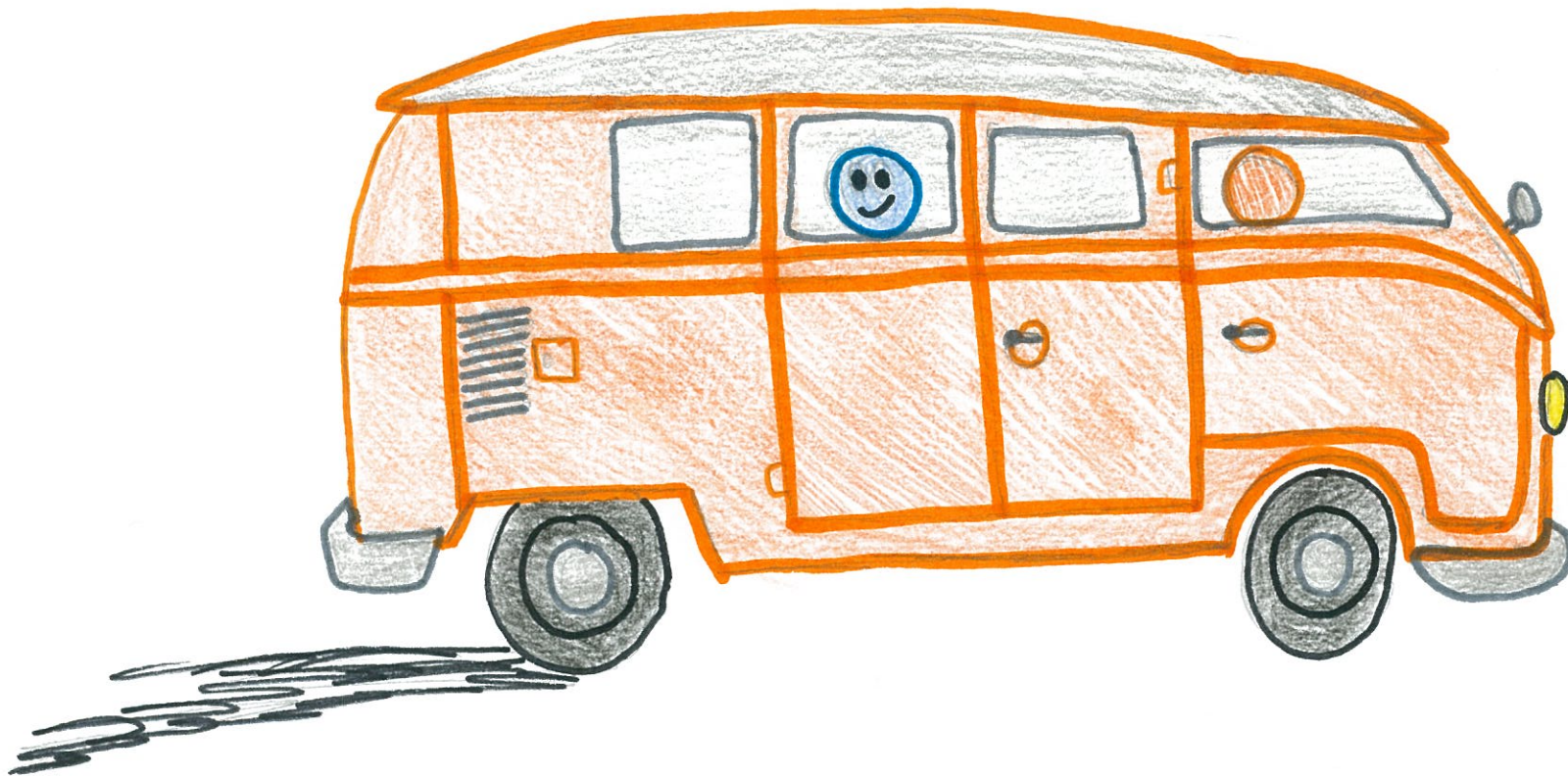


The next day, Cautious Circle built the strength to talk to Captivating Coach of the Talented Track Team at Anchor Academy. She was nervous sweating making it a little hard to balance. He asked her if she could do a few rolls around the track. Cautious Circle was filled with doubt. Then she gained the courage and started around the track. Though she was timid, Cautious Circle completed the laps and Captivating Coach welcomed her to the Talented Track Team at Anchor Academy.

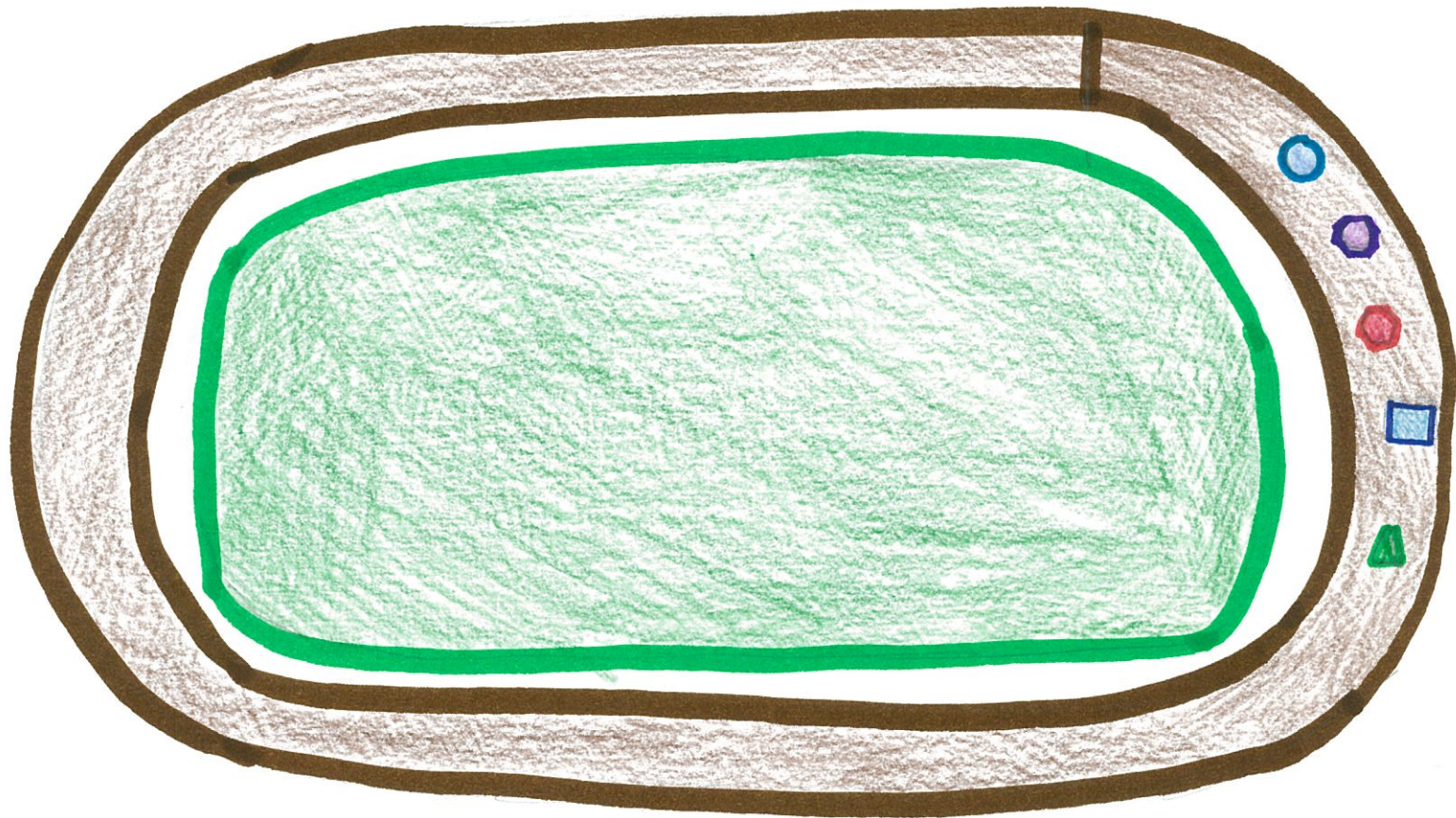


TWO DAYS LATER.....

With excitement, Cautious Circle yelled, "IT'S TIME FOR MY VERY FIRST TRACK PRACTICE!" Her guardians gave her a compassionate hug. She quickly got dressed and jumped in the rectamobile to go to Anchor Academy. Cautious Circle was nervous all day at school about her first track practice.



At practice, Cautious Circle became scared and shy when looking around the track seeing all of the other shapes. It was too late to back out. Cautious Circle knew she had to practice. Captivating Coach needed three shapes to participate in the Relay Race in a week. She looked to Trippy Triangle, Silly Square, Hopping Hexagon, and Obsessive Octagon who were all ready to roll. All of a sudden, the whistle blew to start the 400-meter race. Cautious Circle rolled with all of her might. She was 200-meters in when she saw that she was in second place. Then she picked up speed passing one of her teammates.



Captivating Coach asked the Recording Rectangle the places of the talented team. Cautious Circle got first place! This was the first time that Obsessive Octagon didn't get first. Hopping Hexagon rolled into third place. Silly Square got fourth place and Trippy Triangle got fifth place. Now Captivating Coach knows that he will let Cautious Circle, Obsessive Octagon, and Hopping Hexagon roll in the Relay Race next week!

PLACE	TIME	PLAYER
1 st	1min 2sec	Cautious Circle
2 nd	1min 5sec	Obsessive Octagon
3 rd	1min 8sec	Hopping Hexagon
4 th	1min 10sec	Silly Square
5 th	1min 12sec	Trippy Triangle
Talented Track Team		Anchor Academy

The next day at lunch Cautious Circle sat down at her usual empty table, when her talented teammates trotted over to her. Trippy Triangle, Silly Square, Hopping Hexagon, and Obsessive Octagon asked Cautious Circle if they could call her Courageous Circle.

