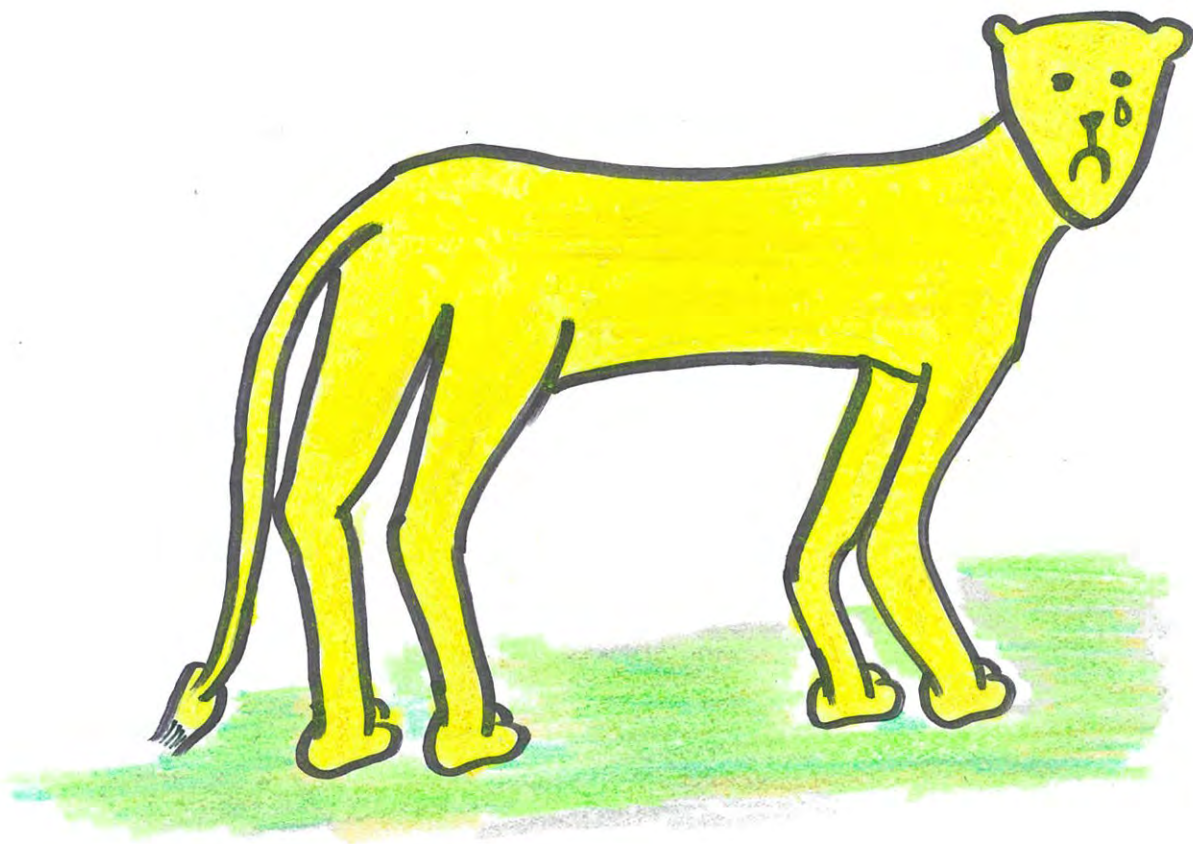


The Lion with No Mane



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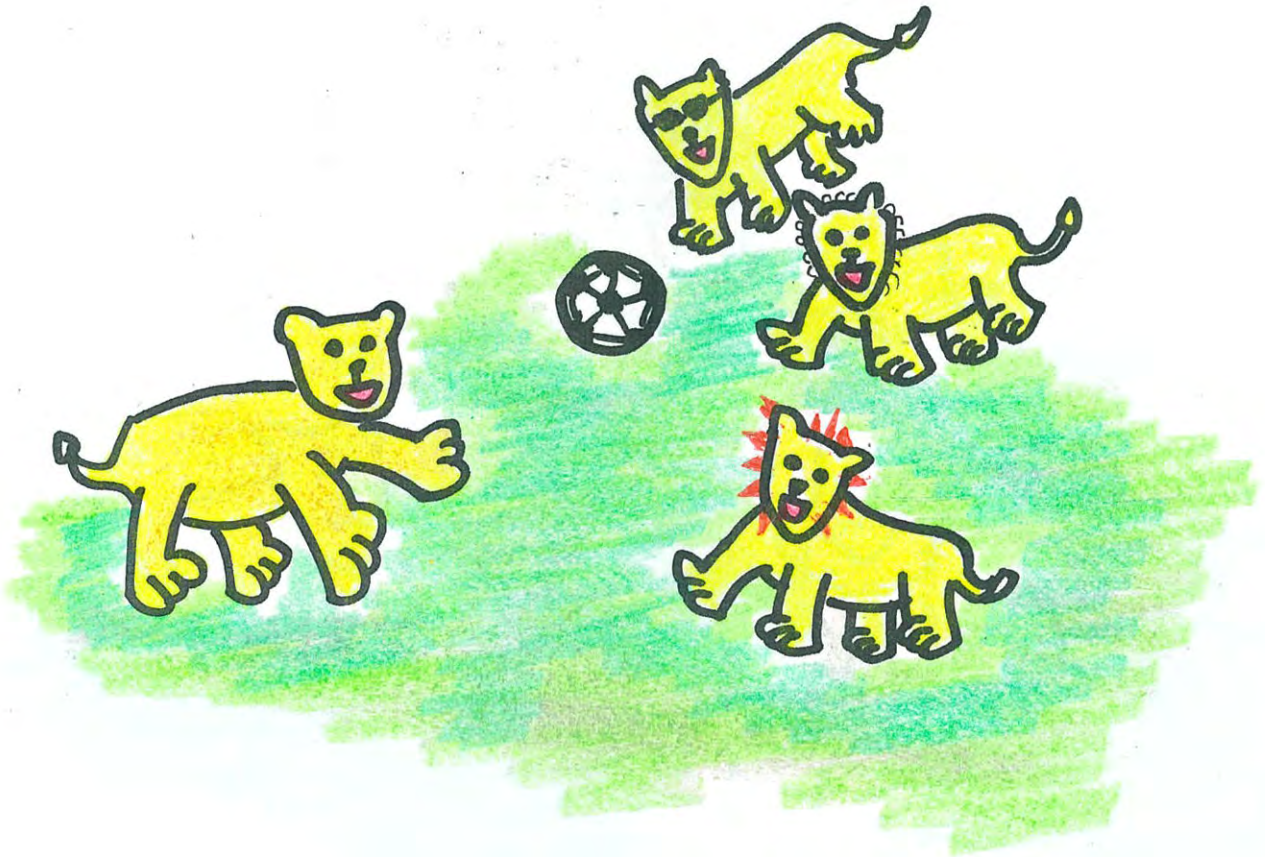
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Dedicated to those
who are always alone at the playground.

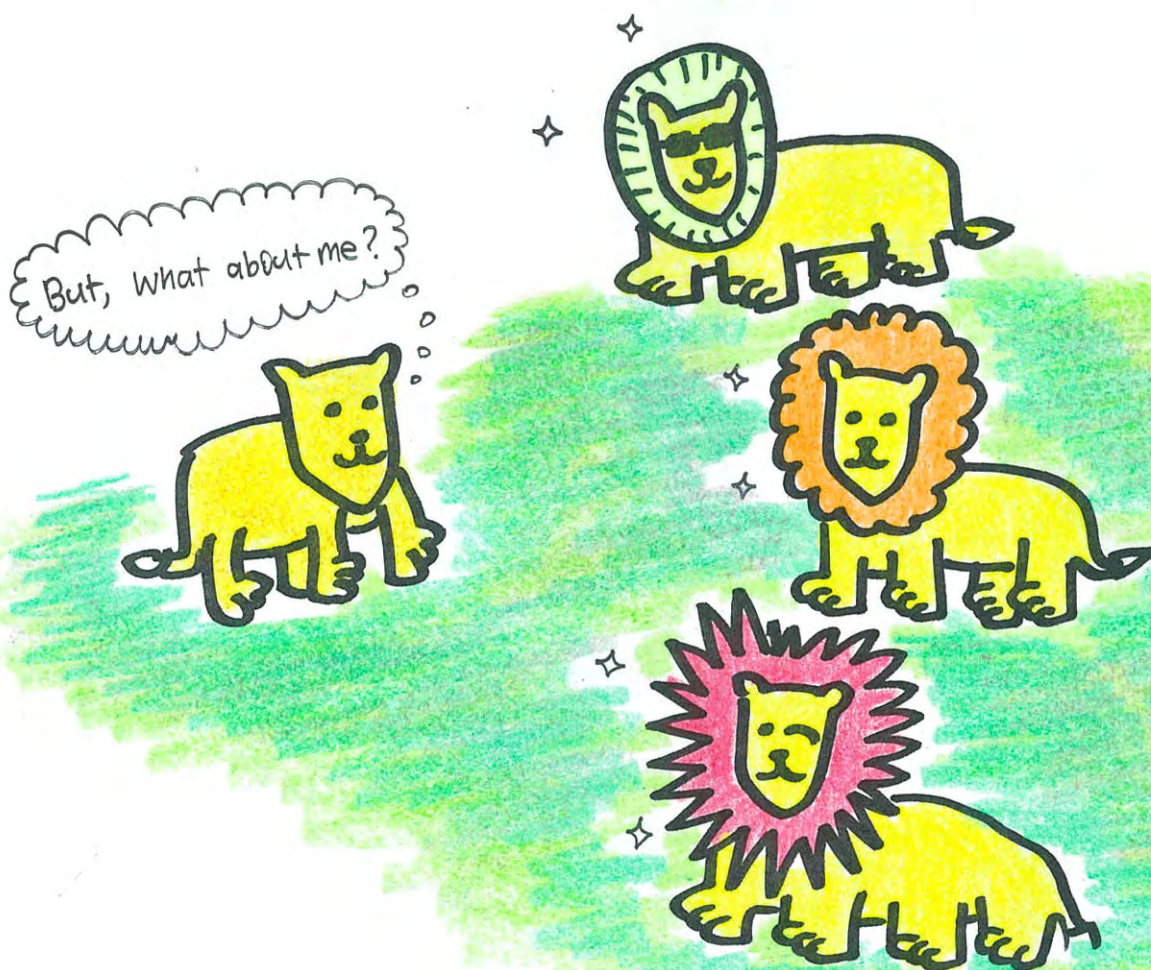


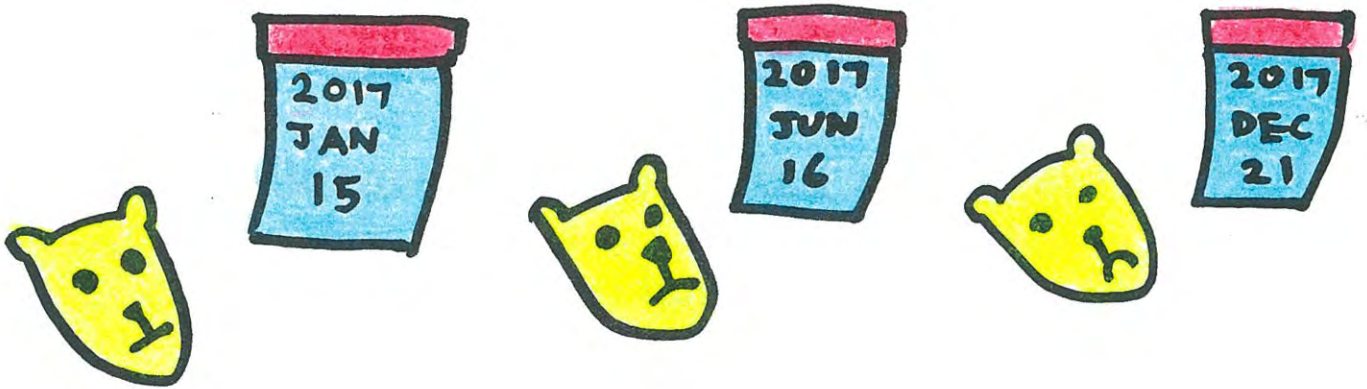
And to those who have the power
to unlock the rainbow in another' s life
by extending their hand of friendship.

In a savannah far away,
there was a young lion named James.
He lived with all his fellow lions.

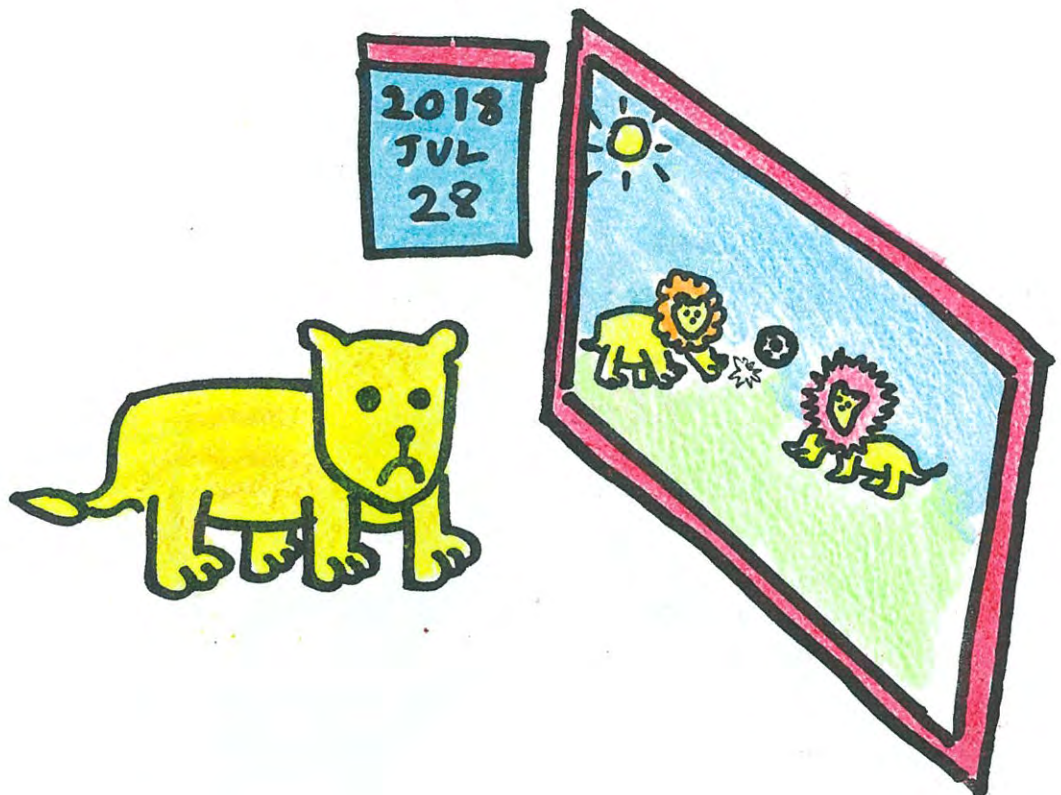


While everyone was showing off
their new manes,
James waited for the day
his mane would finally show itself.



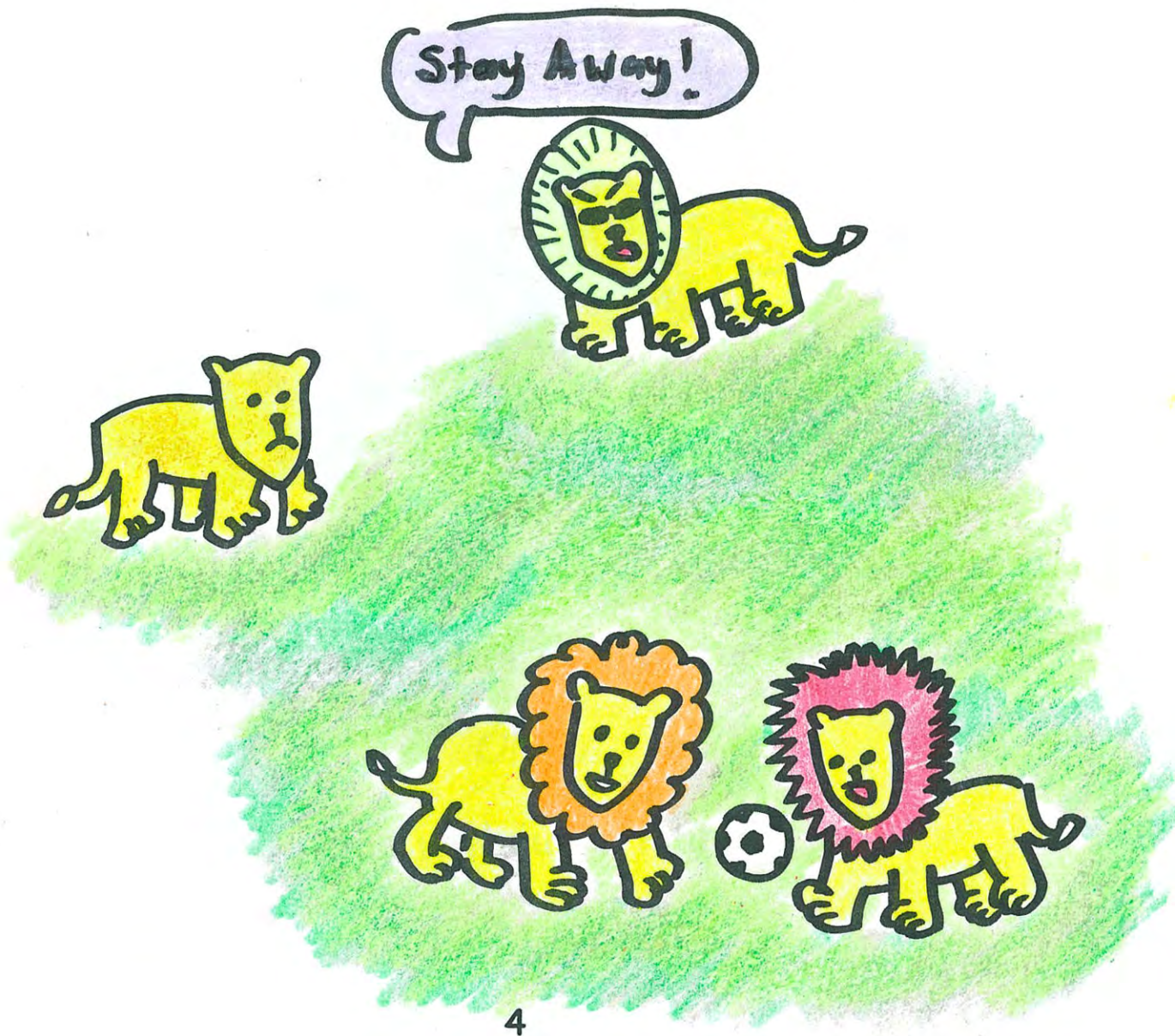


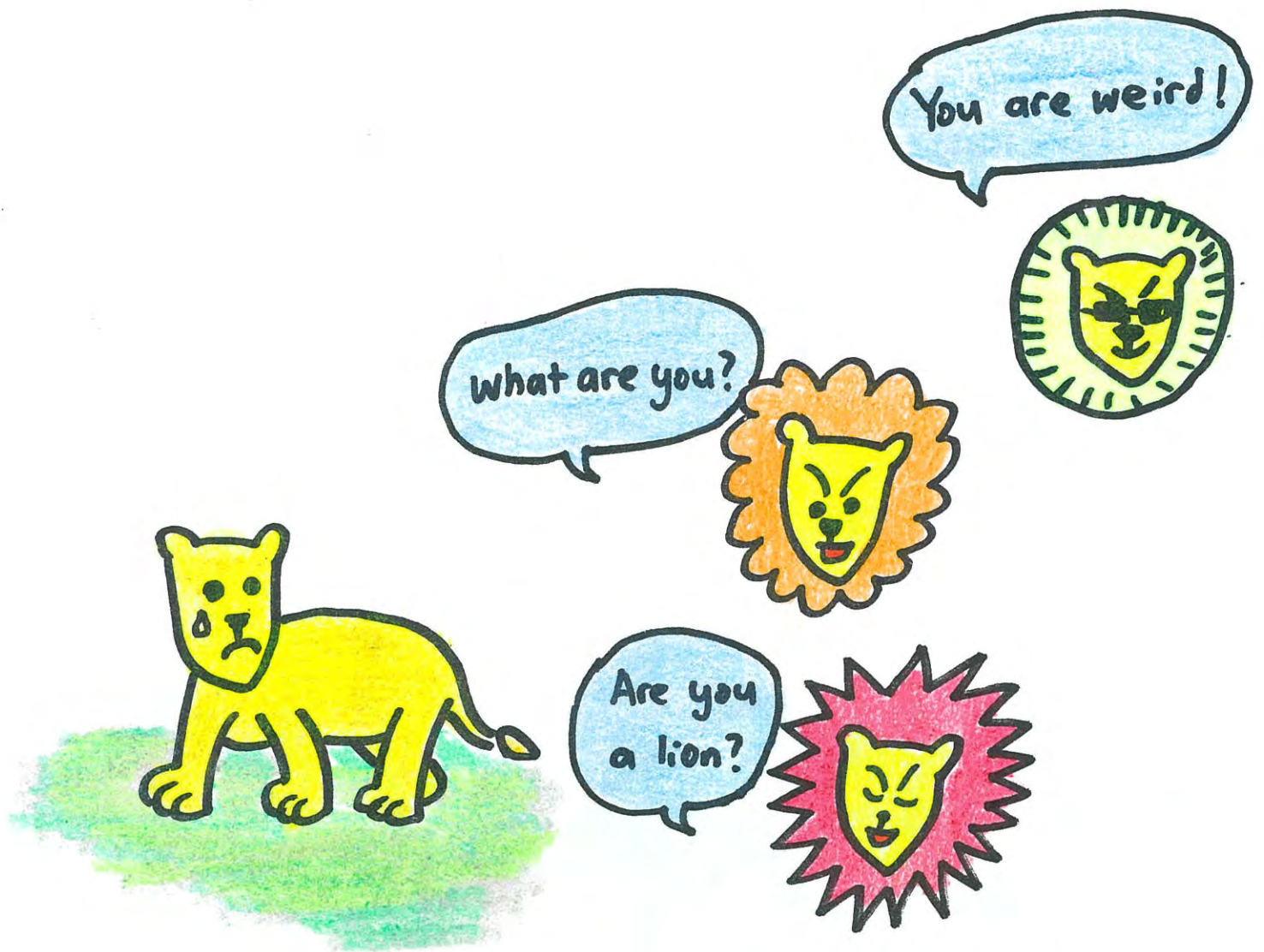
He waited, and waited...



...but that day
never came.

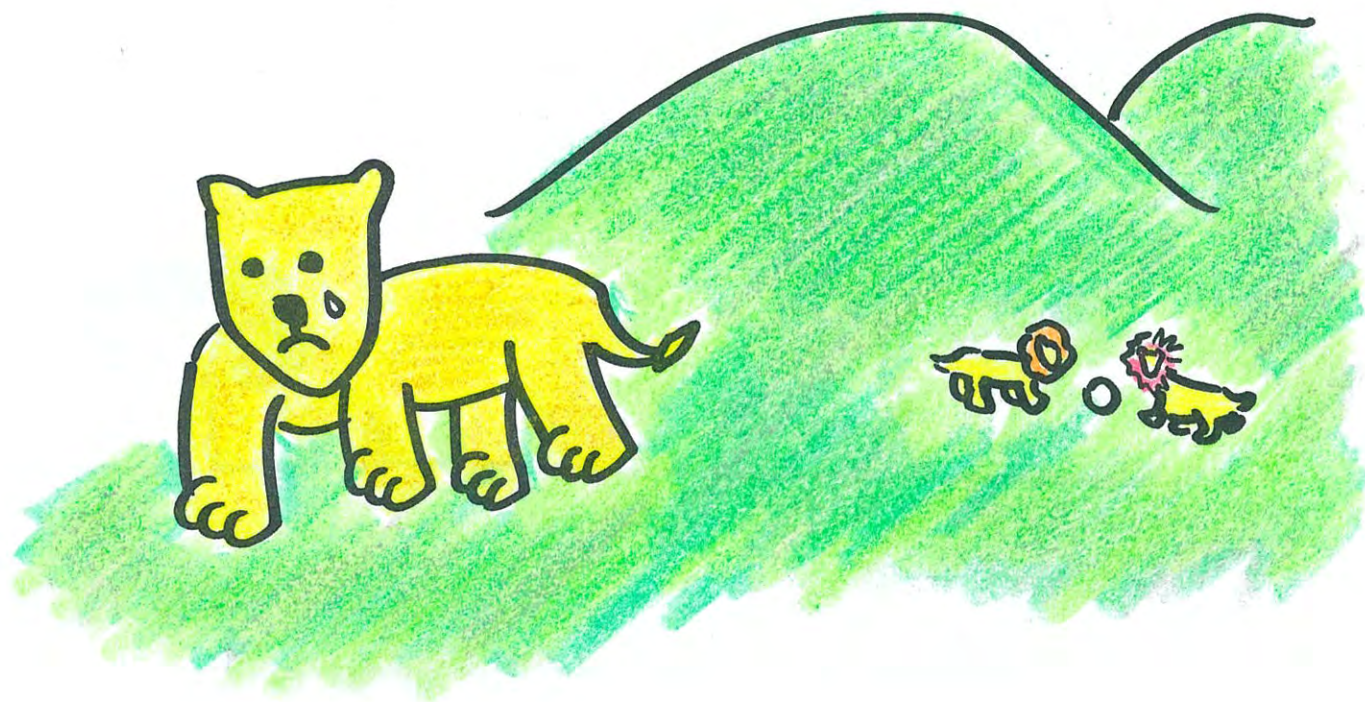
Because James looked weird,
the other lions never
let James play with them.





They even made fun of him for being the
ONLY
lion without a mane.

He often wandered the savannah sadly by himself while everyone else played happily together.



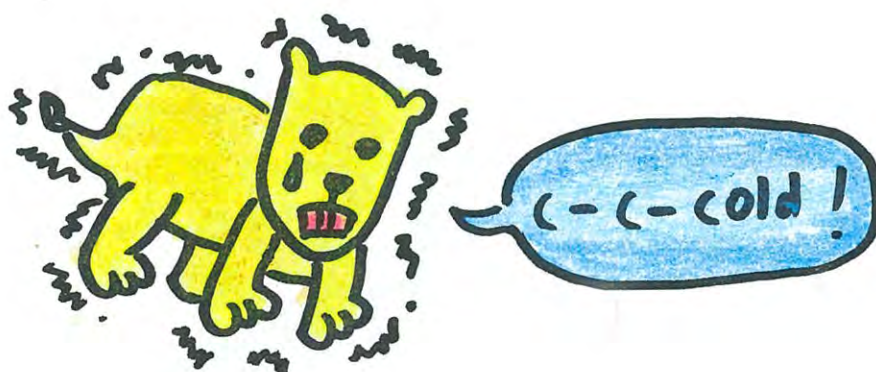
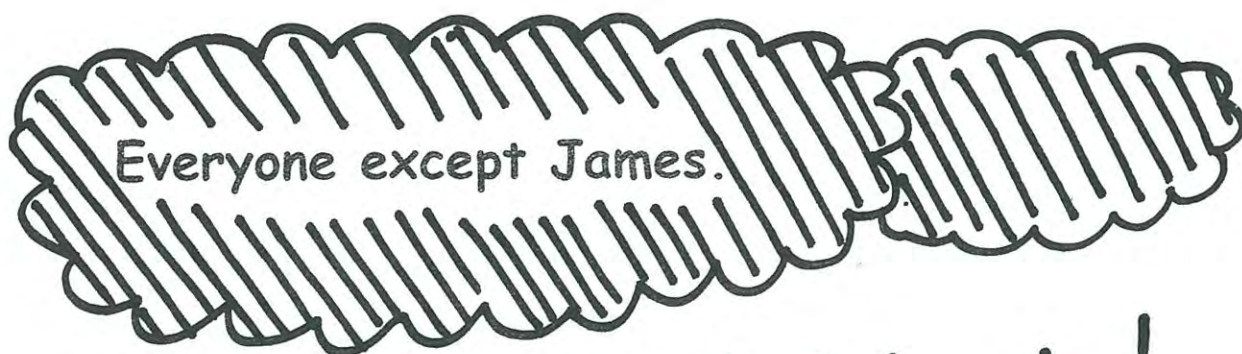
One wet summer, a thick and dark cloud covered the peaceful savannah.



The lions all hid and had shelter in their warm and cozy dens.

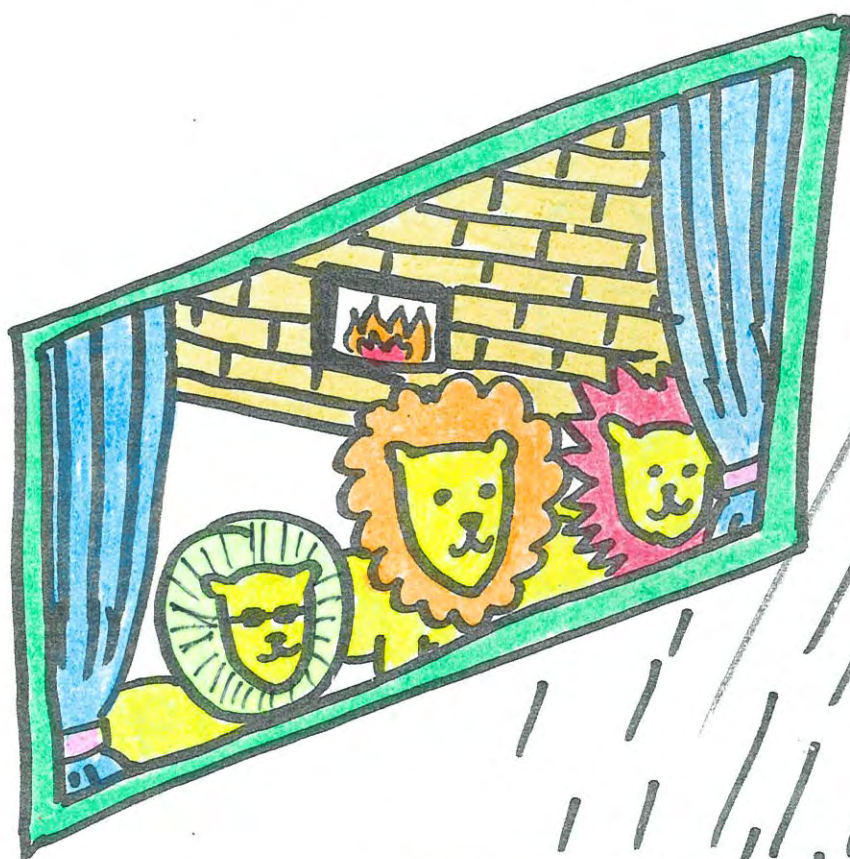
When the skies were
pouring buckets,
everyone was safe and sound,
away from the rain.



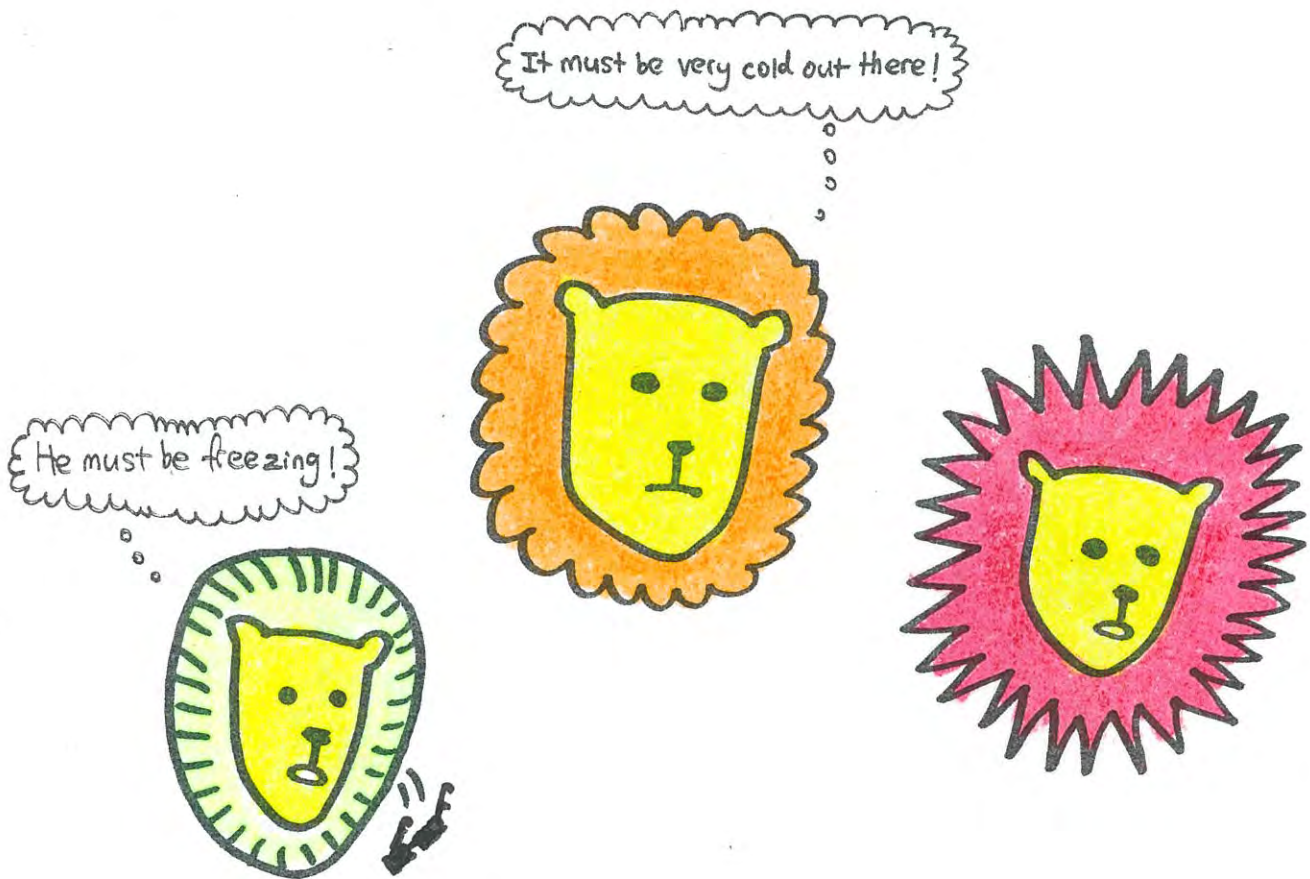


James was not sure if his face was stained by
his tears or the rain from the sky.

James was cold and shivering outside alone.
The rest of the lions
were snugly huddled together.

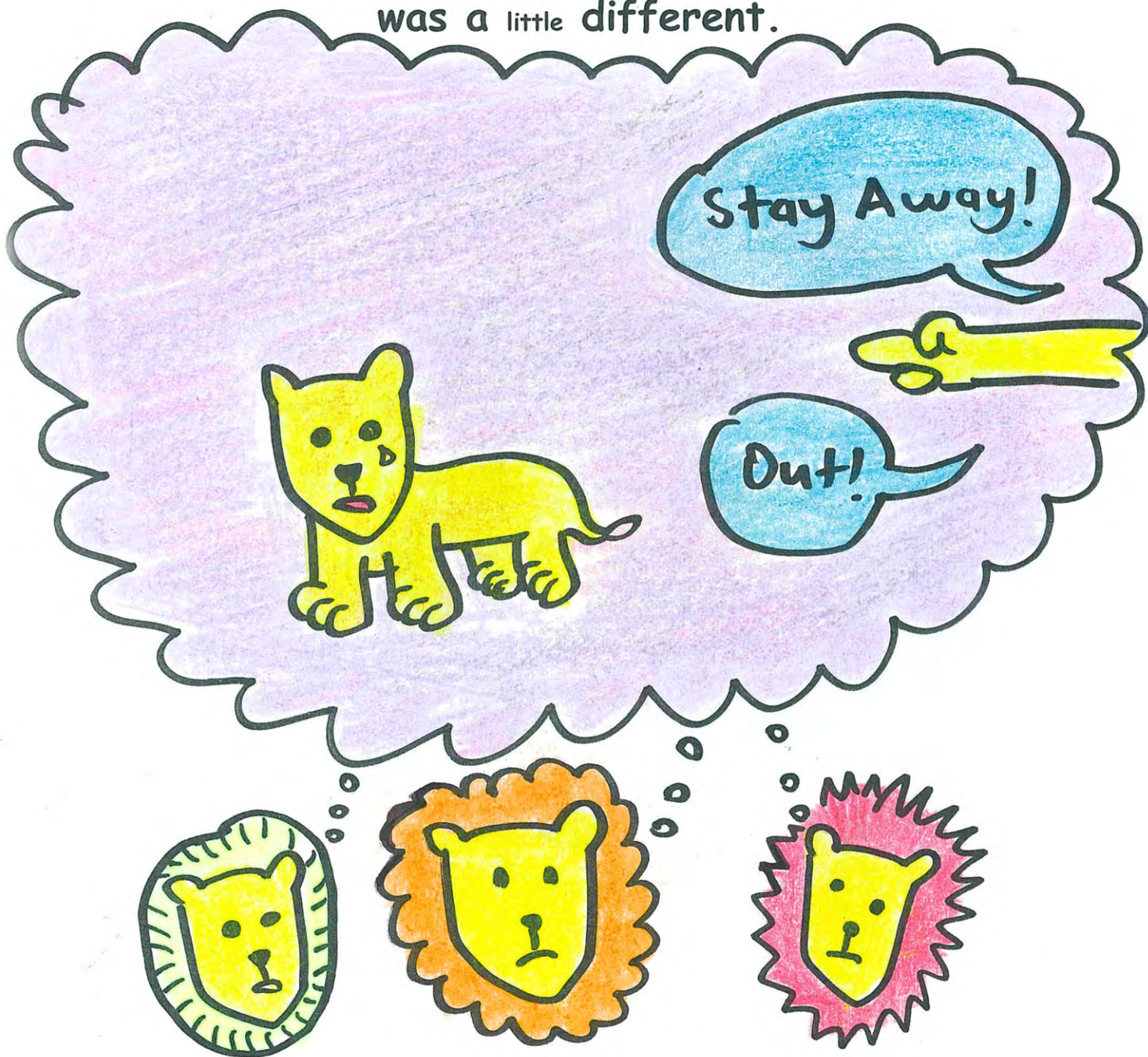


Upon this pitiful sight, they imagined themselves in James' place.

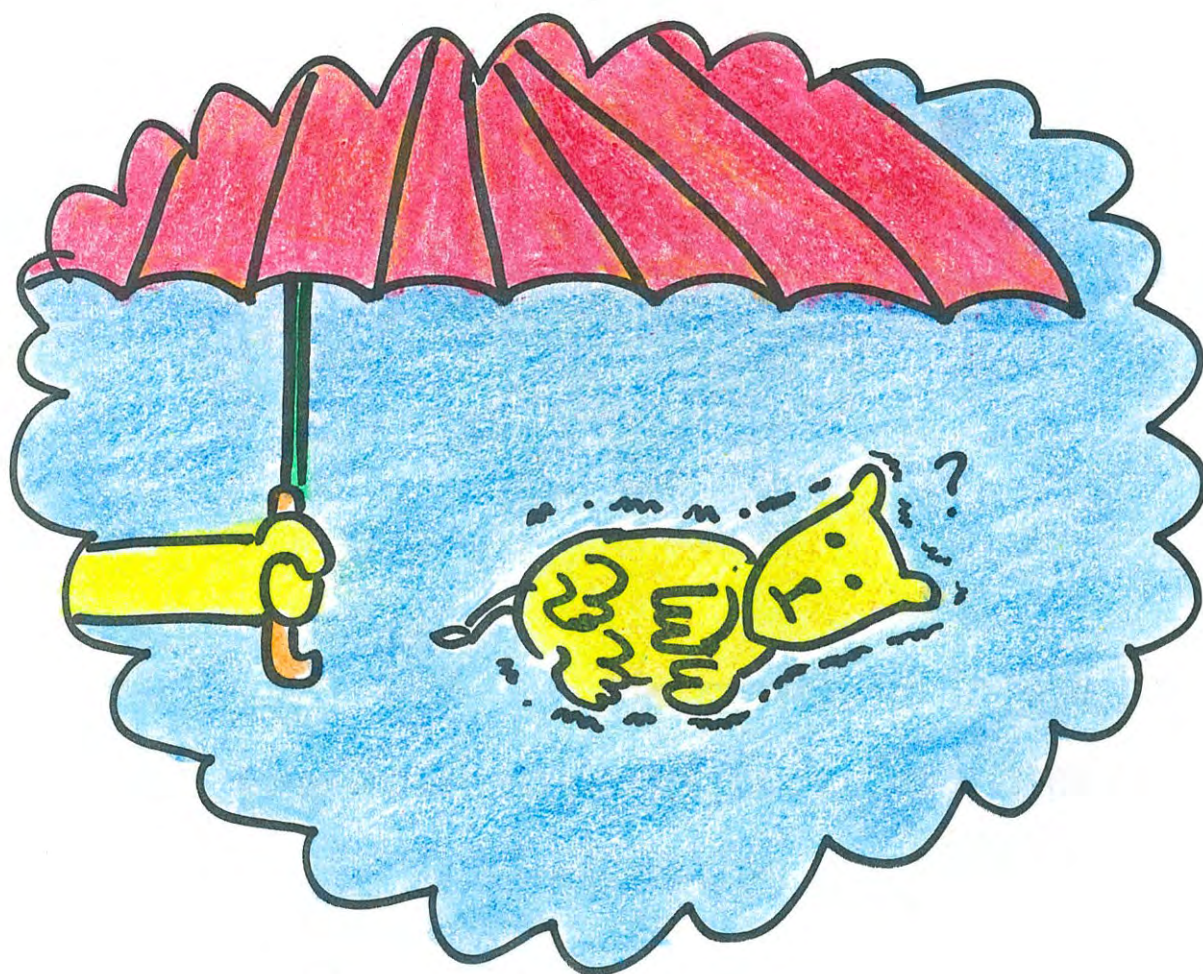


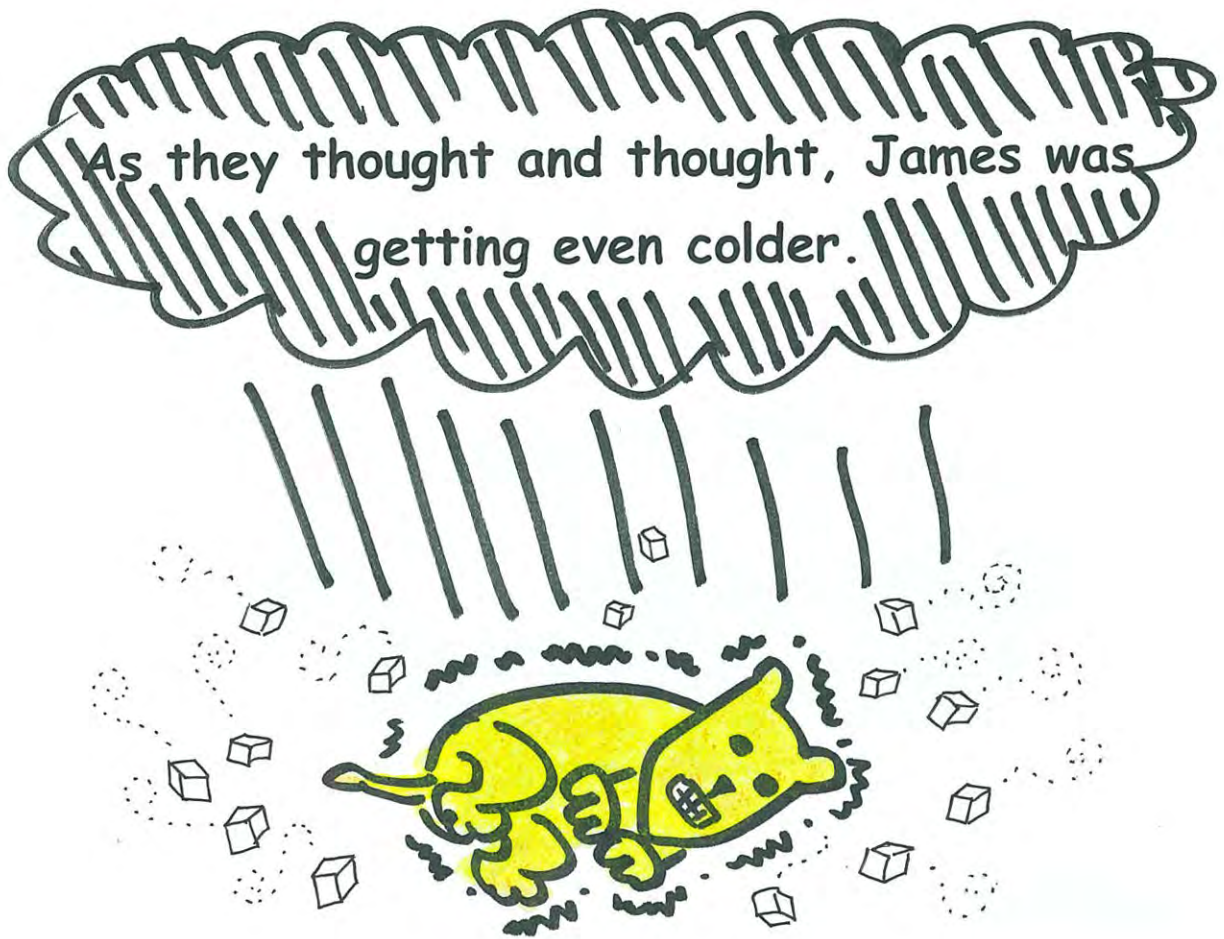
They began to realise that James was having a very hard time.

James was also a lion just like all of them.
Yet they decided to exclude him because he
was a little different.



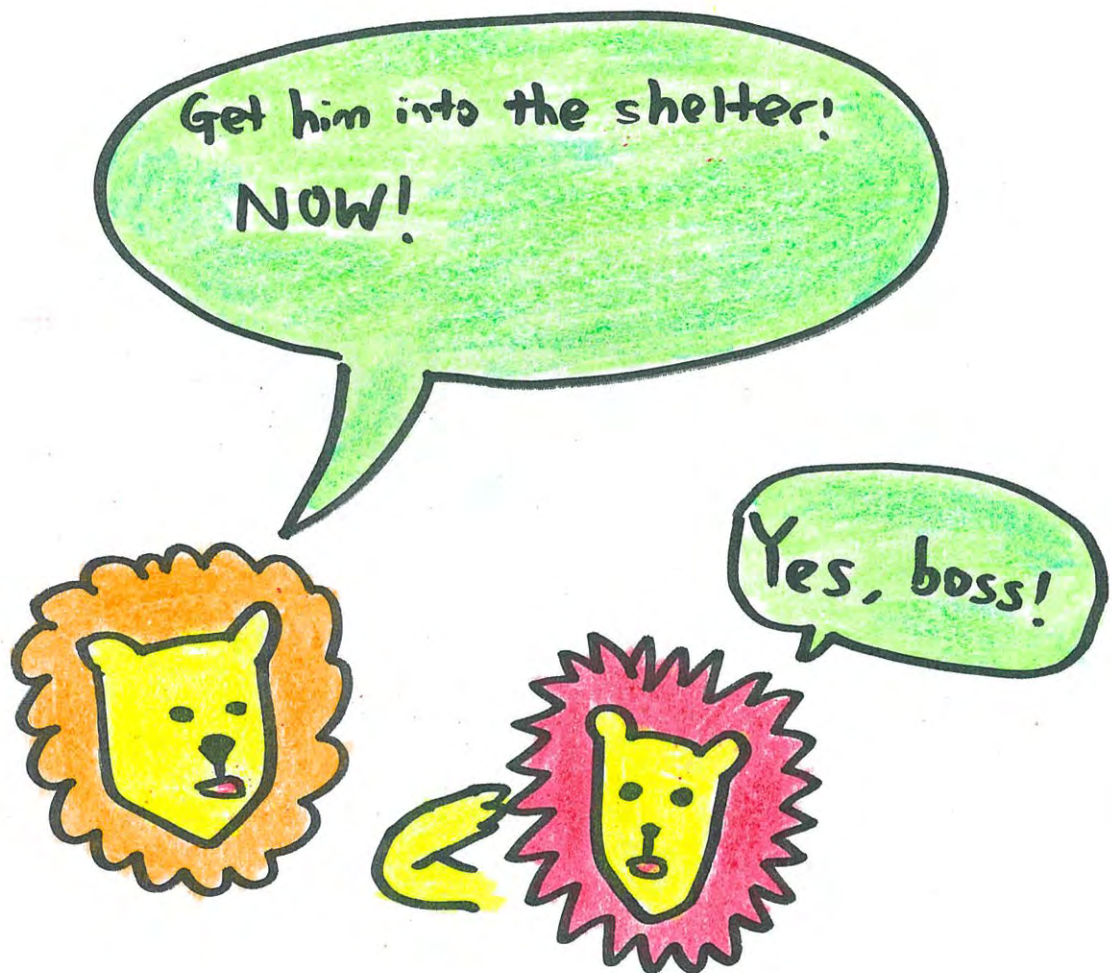
They wondered if they should help James.





He curled up into a ball,
trying to shelter his face from the cold,
freezing droplets of rain.

After some time, one lion said, "I think we should help James into the shelter!"



They brought James into their den to keep him warm and safe from the storm.



They kept him warm.

When the rain finally stopped,
the lions apologised to James for
being so mean in the past.
They promised to include him from then on.



They also decided to give him a welcome gift!

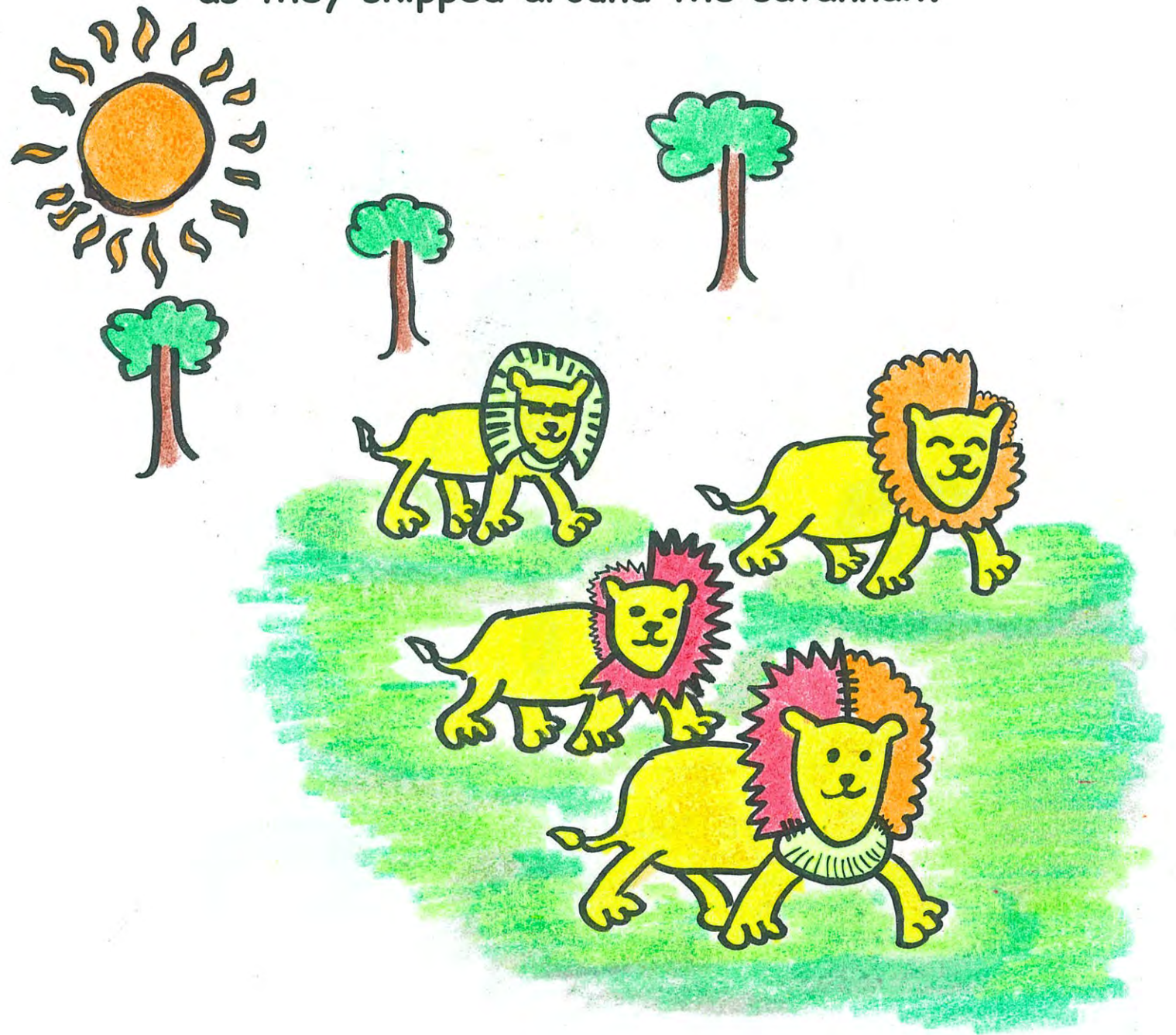


The gift wasn't perfect.
It was messy and didn't look very good



But James loved it.

He proudly put on the mane,
and joined the pride of lions
as they skipped around the savannah.



About The Story Weavers

I am Keith Loh. I conceptualised the idea for the story and worked on it with my teammates.



I am Samuel Pang. Like a hawk, I made sure no mistakes in the text escaped my eyes. Together with my teammates, we worked on the foundation on the story.



I am Mohd. Iqbal, the fine-tuner of this group. I made sure that the language can be understood by children and the message of kindness is clearly communicated.



I am Joshua Kong. Along with the help of Keith, we laboured and built the sturdy and beautiful foundation of our story.



About The Illustrator



David is an aspiring artist and illustrator. Working together with the beautiful story that his teammates wrote, his colourful illustrations have turned blank sheets of paper into something truly special. He has deep empathy for the last, the lost and the least and hopes that the message of kindness will be spread far and wide.