

# **GET OUTSIDE!**

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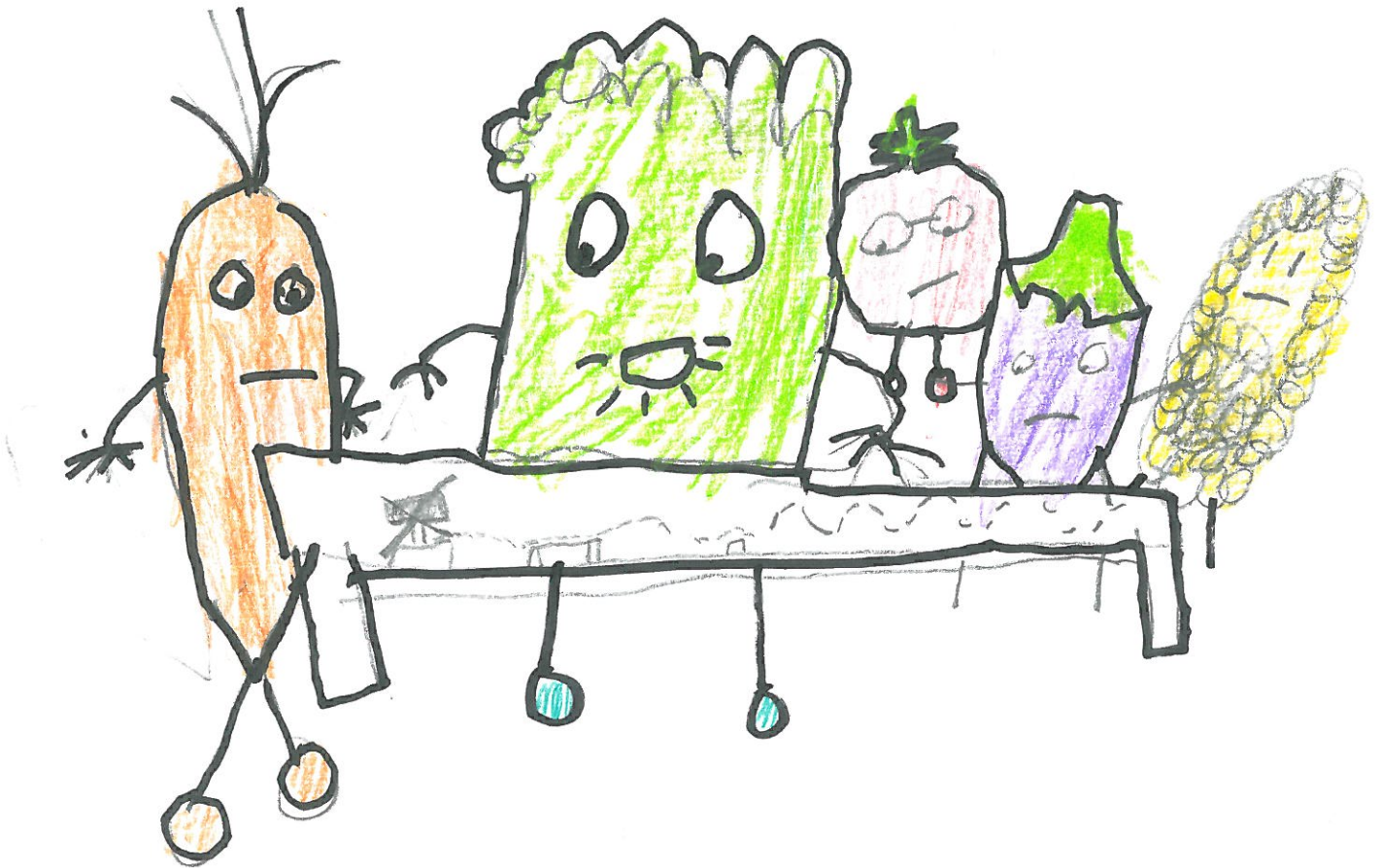
It was Thursday afternoon and Billy had just got home from school. He was excited because he had grabbed a flyer at school that said tryouts for the school basketball team were next week on Friday. He told his parents right away. They were excited! His dad suggested he start practicing right away. "Maybe later dad, I need to go beat my high score on my new video game!" Four days passed and Billy had not practiced once.



Meanwhile in the fridge some fruits and vegetables talk about how Billy hasn't gotten enough exercise or eaten enough healthy foods. "All Billy has been doing is playing video games! If he doesn't stop he won't make the basketball team," said Connor the Carrot. Then Brian the Broccoli said, "We need a plan to get Billy to stop playing video games so he'll get outside!" The fruits and vegetables agreed. "We only have four days until tryouts so we need a plan," said Edward the Eggplant.



"So here is the plan," said Brian the Broccoli, "We use the spaghetti noodles as a rope, walk across them to get to the island. Then use them to balance across to the couch. Stay vigilant because if we fall between the gaps, they have a dog and cat!" Some of the fruits and vegetables shrieked in fear. Brian the Broccoli continued, "Once we get to the couch, jump to the coffee table, then to the entertainment center. Take the video game console, head back to the island and hide it in the drawer, then we write him a note "from his parents" and hopefully he goes outside and practices basketball." "Who will lead the mission," said Connor the Carrot. "I know!" said Kevin Corn, "My uncle colonel Corn!"





So the team of fruits and veggies went to Colonel Corn. "During this mission you will either call me sir or Colonel," said Colonel Corn. "Yes. Sir," said the team. "So are we ready for the mission," said the Colonel. "Yes sir!"



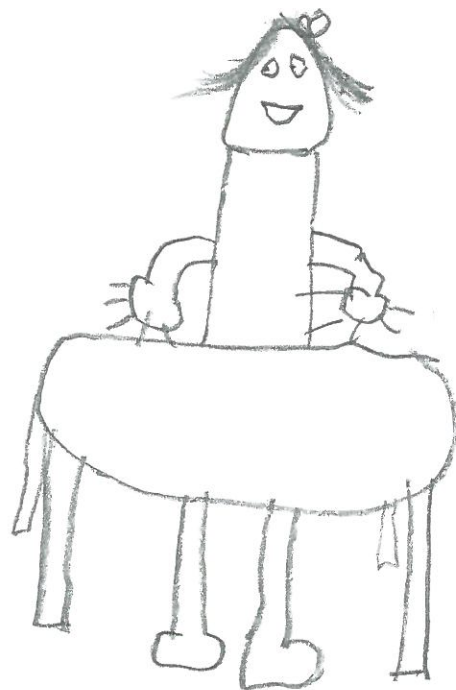
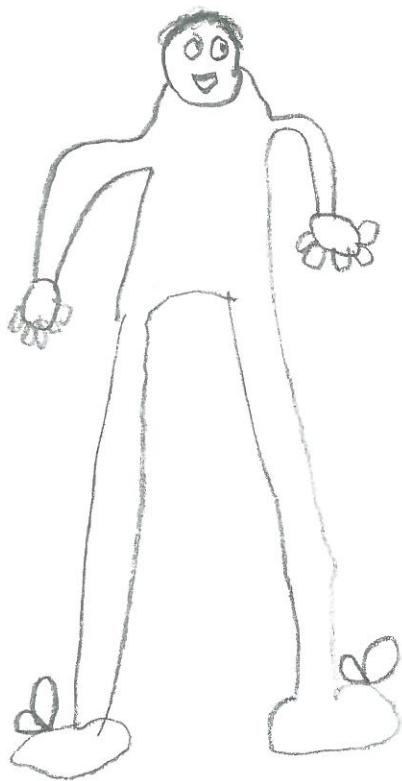
So the team started the mission. They made it to the island from the fridge then threw the spaghetti noodle lasso to the couch. Conner the Carrot could see the cat and dog under him. He screamed, "W-w-w-w-hoa aaah!" Connor had fallen down off the spaghetti noodle. "We have a man down, but we have to keep going," Colonel Corn commanded. So they kept going and made their way to the entertainment center.



They got to the console and back. Connor was waiting for them! "How did you make it" said Brian Broccoli. "We made a deal" said Connor the Carrot



Connor Carrot said "Look its Billy." "Mom where is my video game console, said Billy. "I don't know but how about you go practice," said his mom. "Okay he said. Oh and thanks for the note it will remind me to get outside and practice," everyone looked at Connor Carrot "oh and I also gave him the note."





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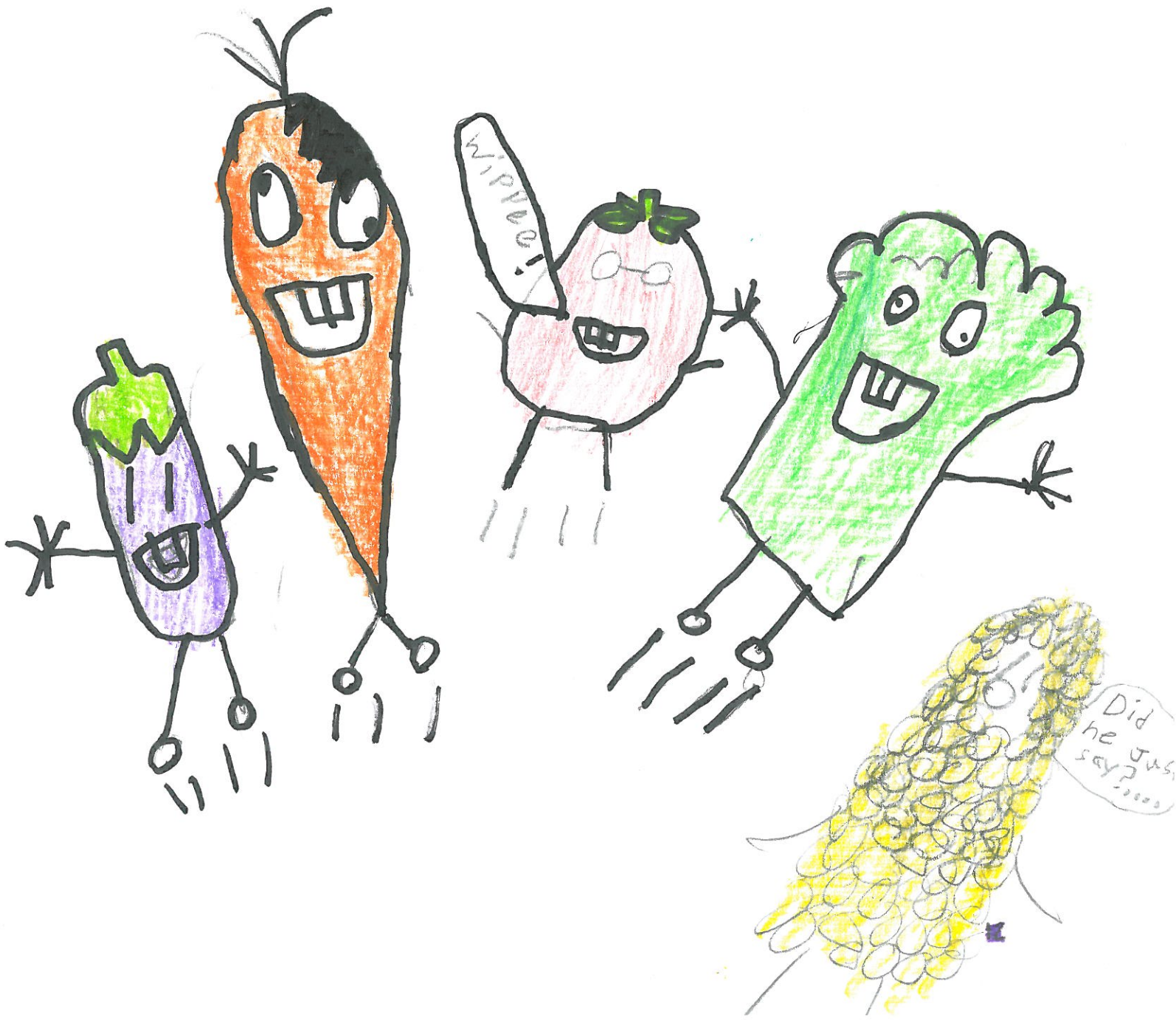
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Brian Broccoli said, "He's back!" "I made the team," Billy said. Everyone cheered! "And all this exercising has inspired me to eat healthy too. I could use a carrot-eggplant-broccoli-tomato-corn and fruit salad," Billy said.



"Uh-oh."