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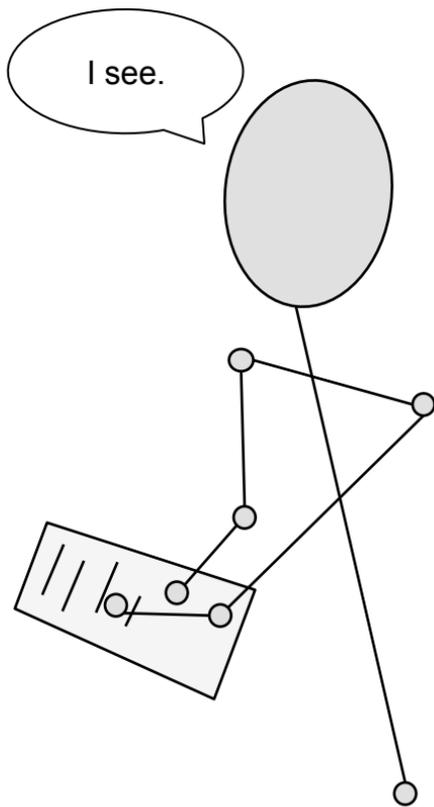
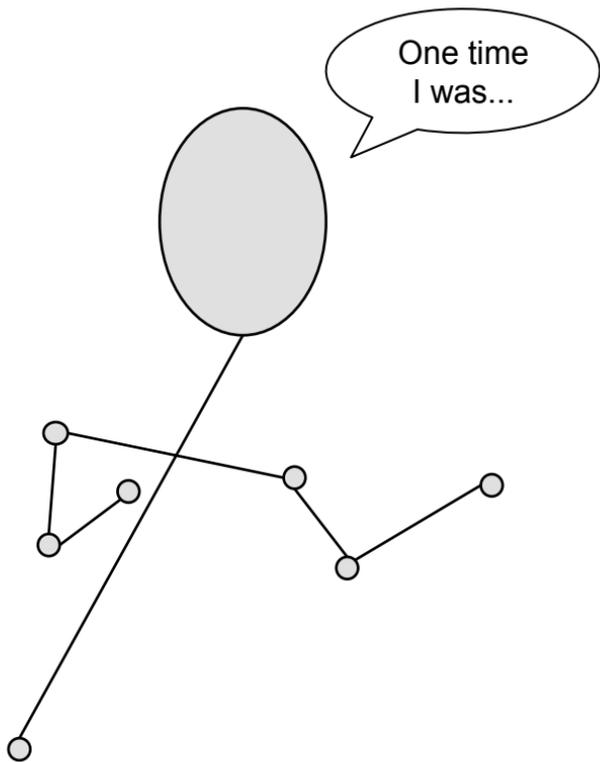
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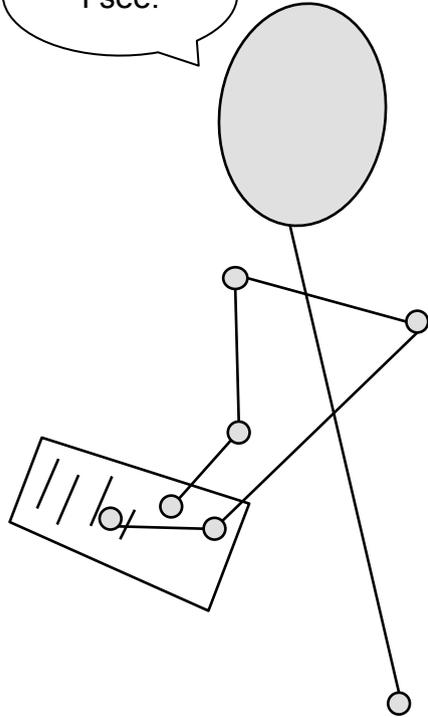
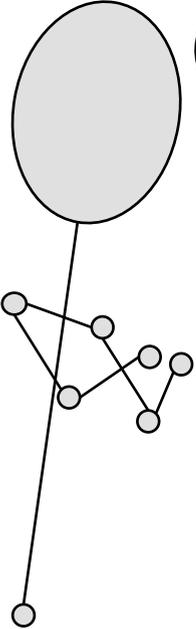
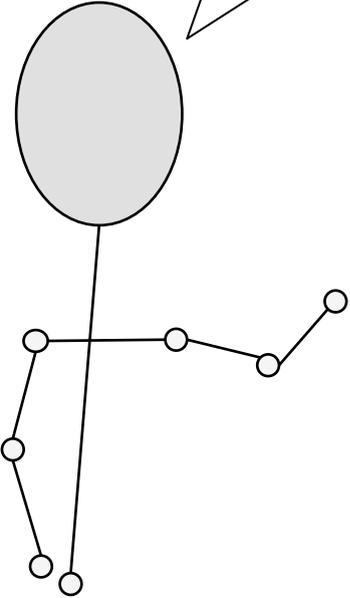
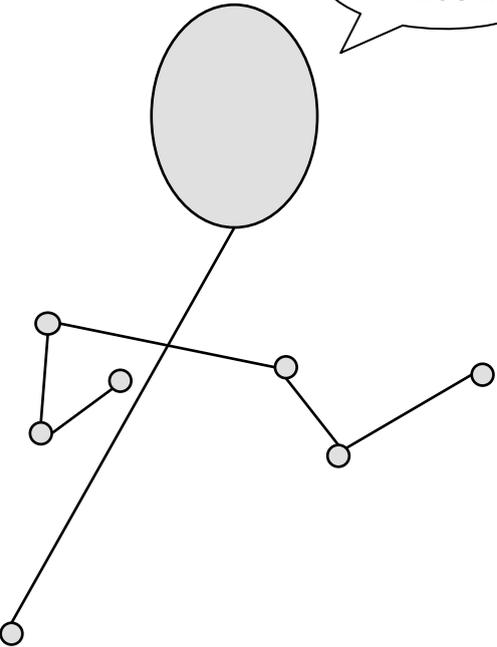


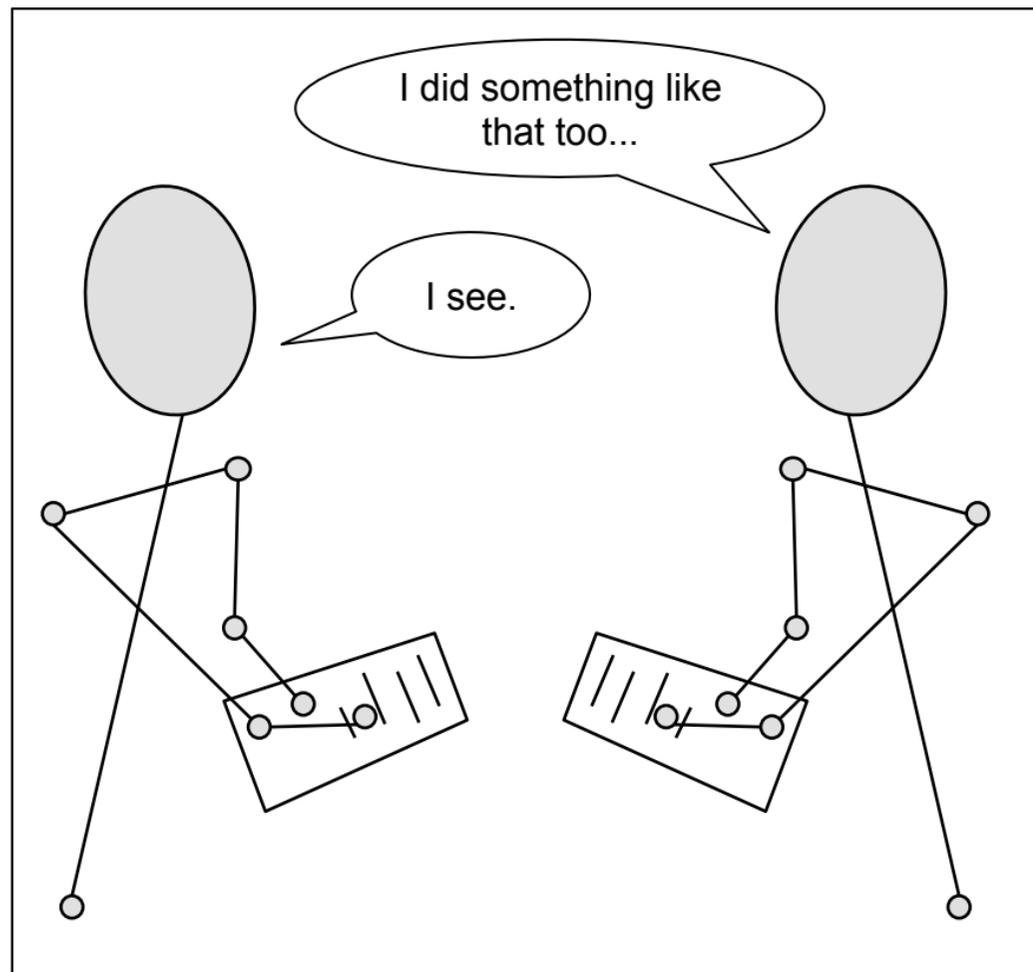
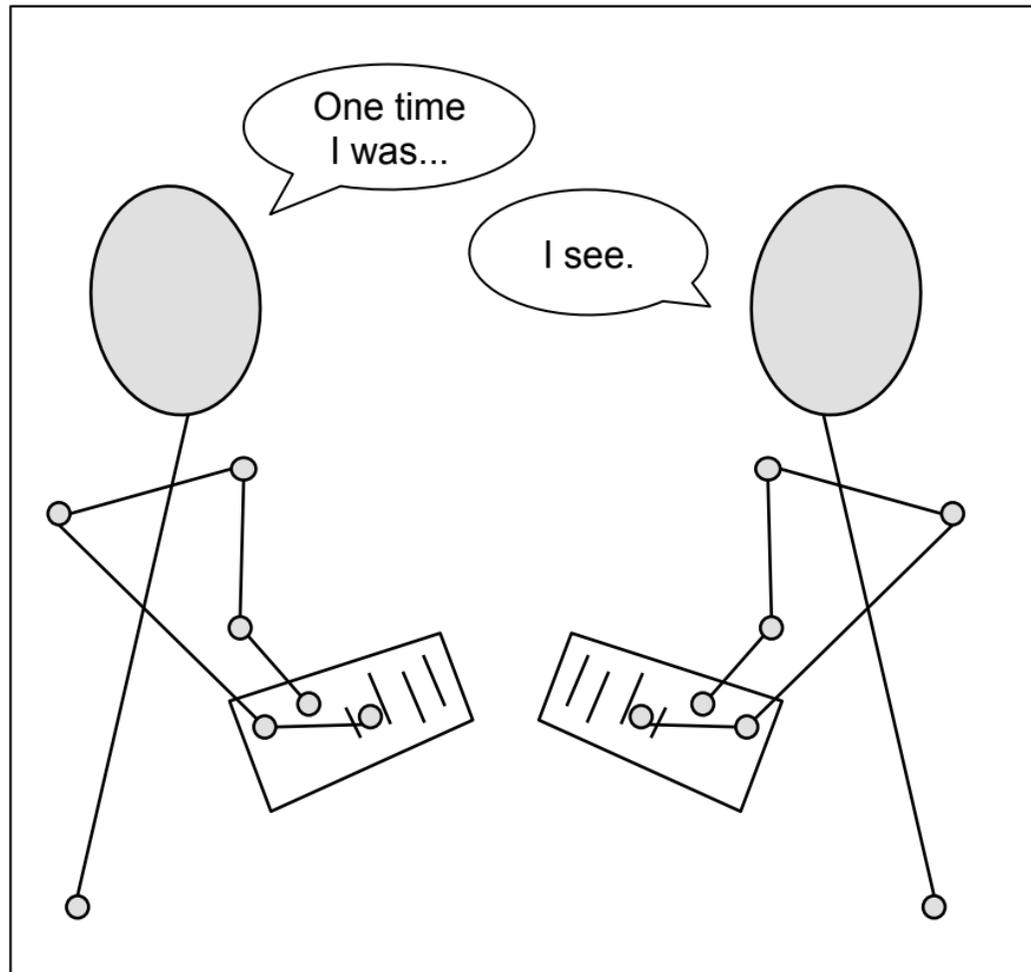
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I was...

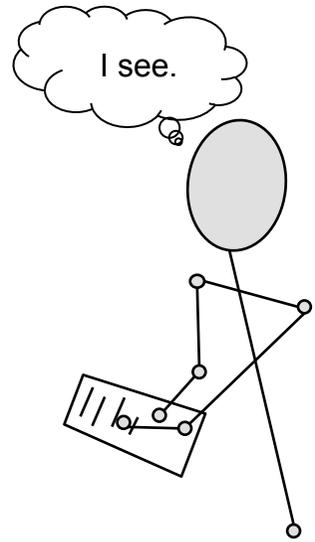
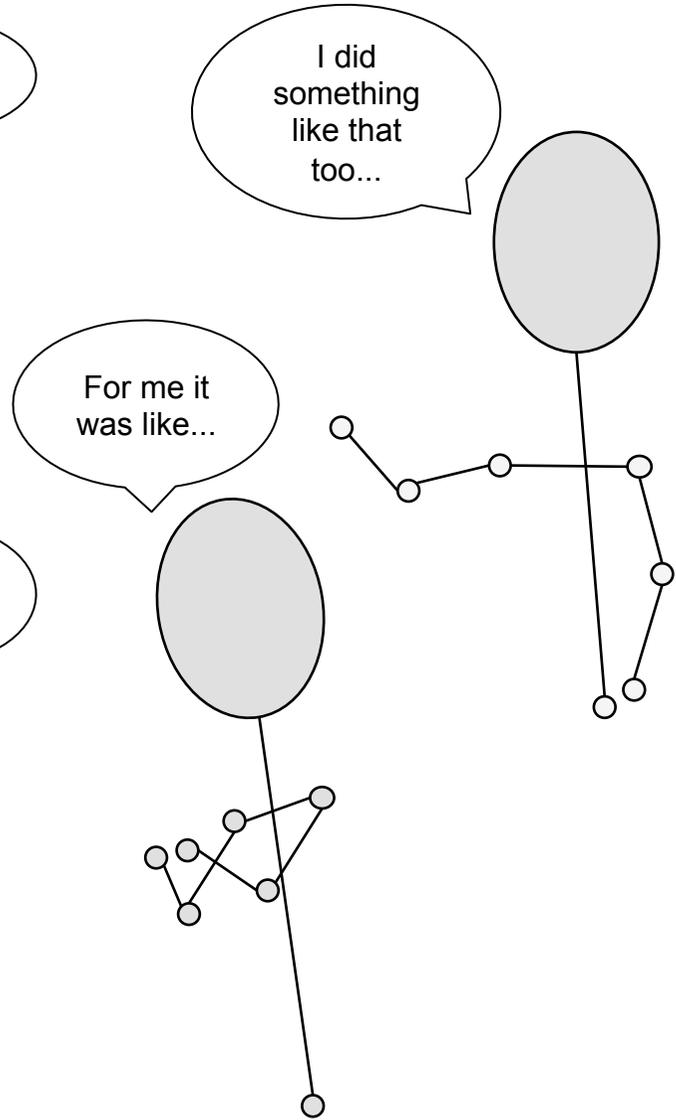
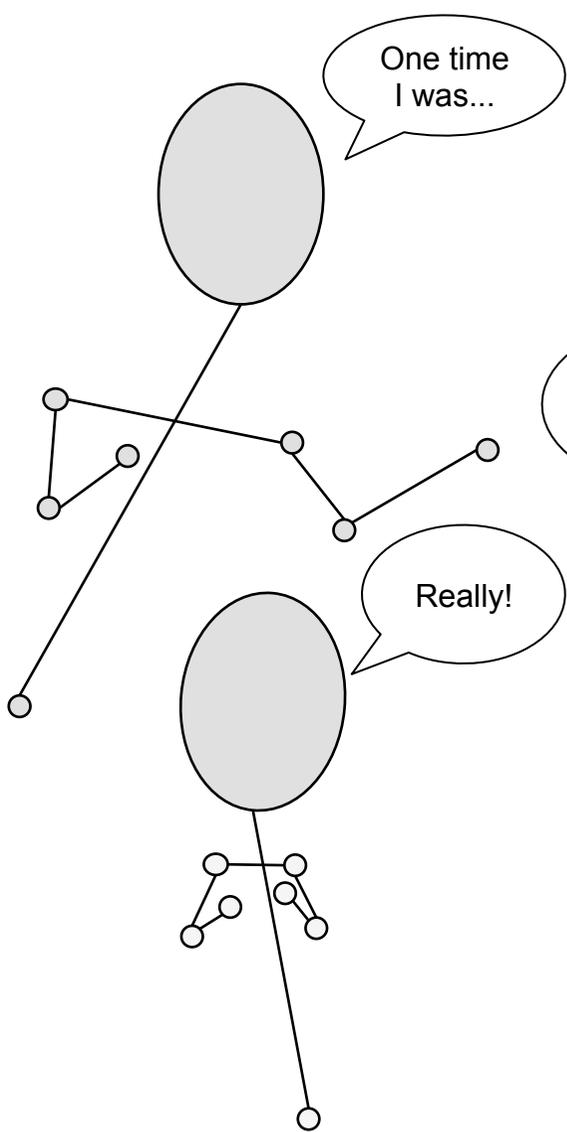
I did
something
like that
too...

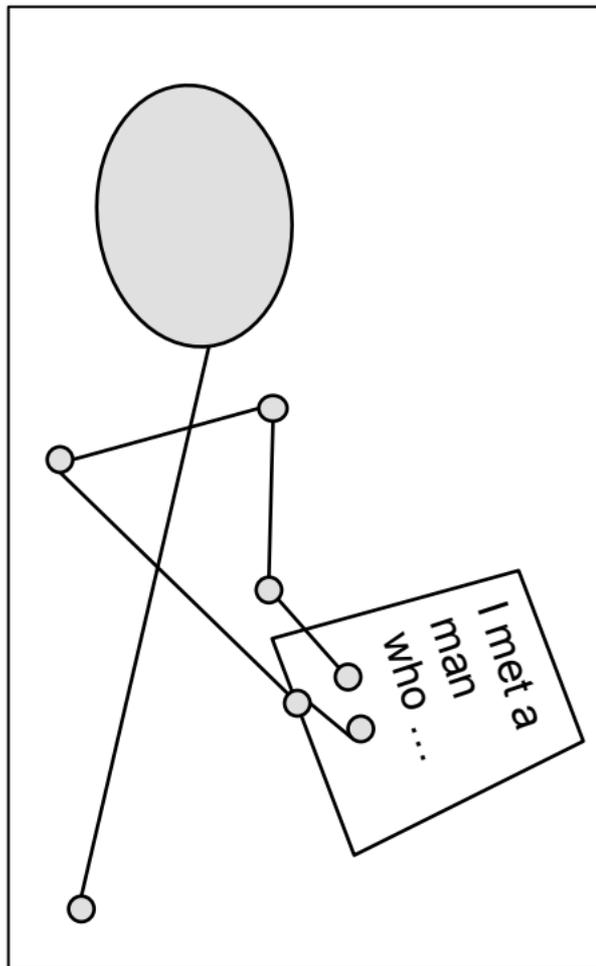
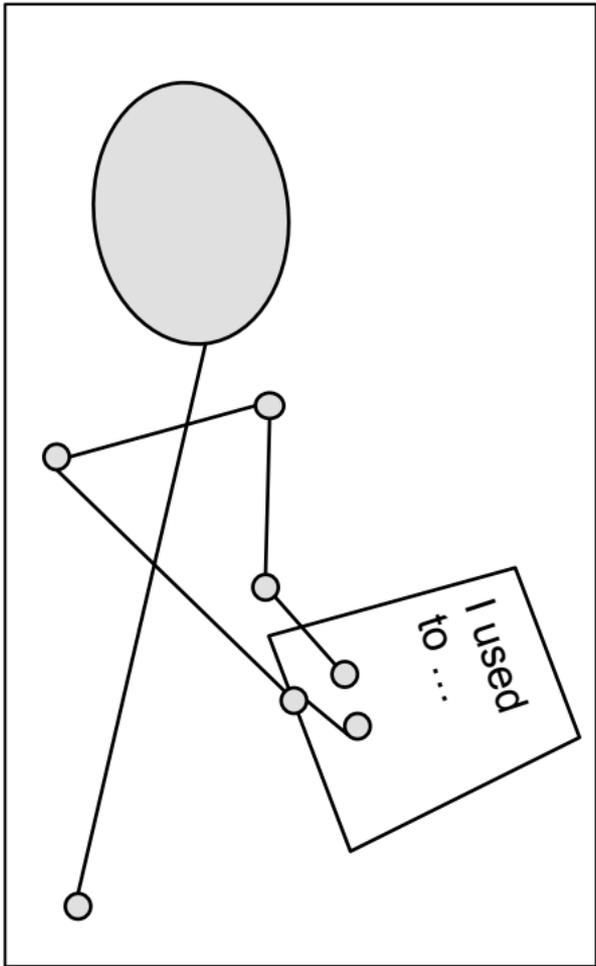
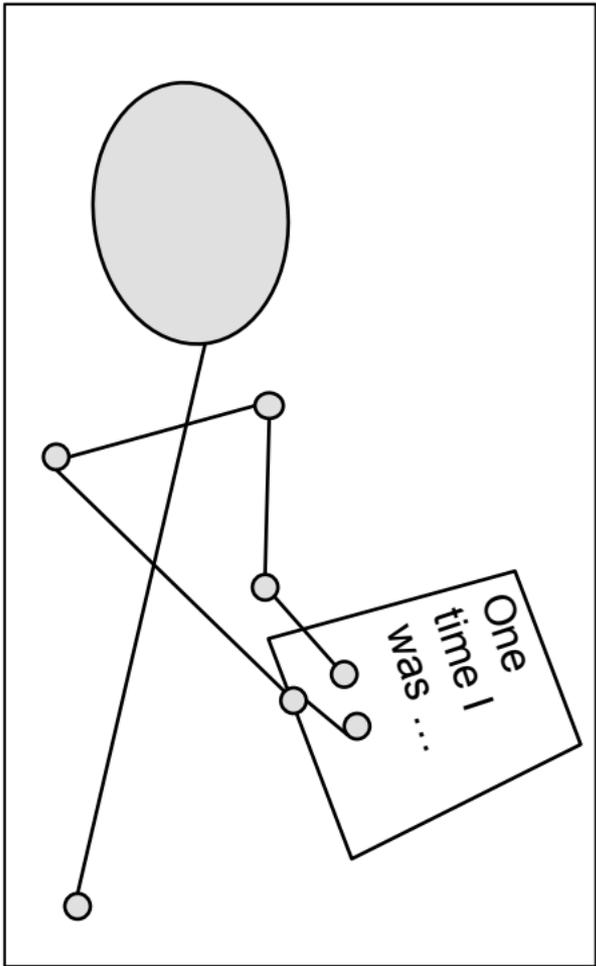
For me it
was like...

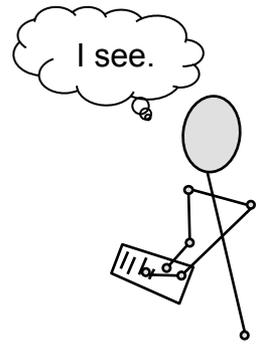
I see.





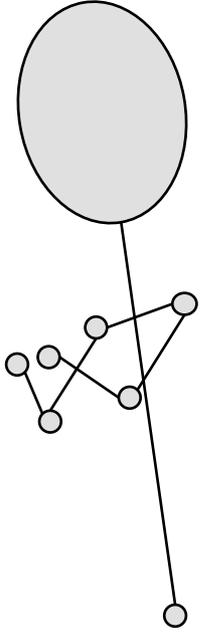
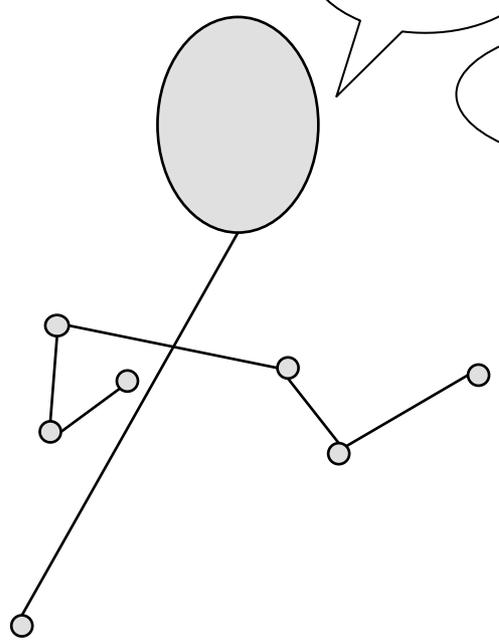




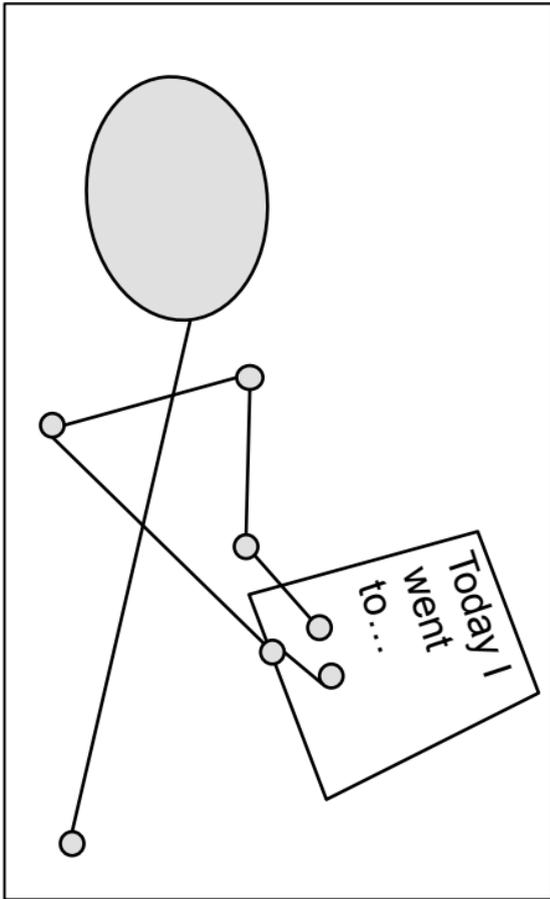


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I was...

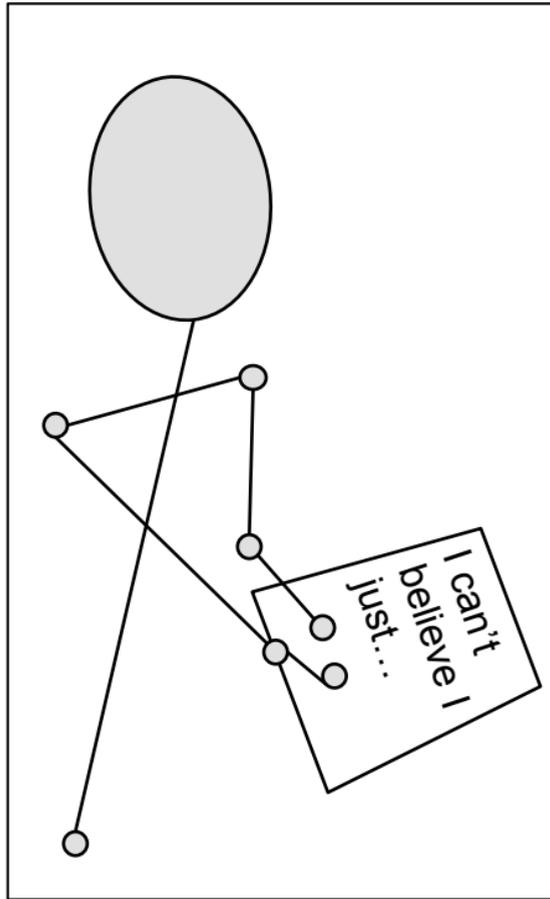
Really? I did
something like
that too...



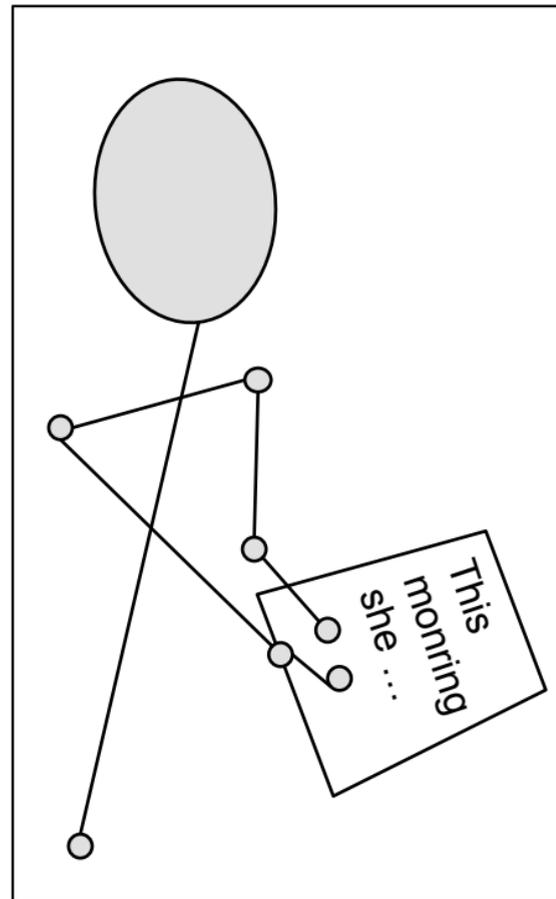
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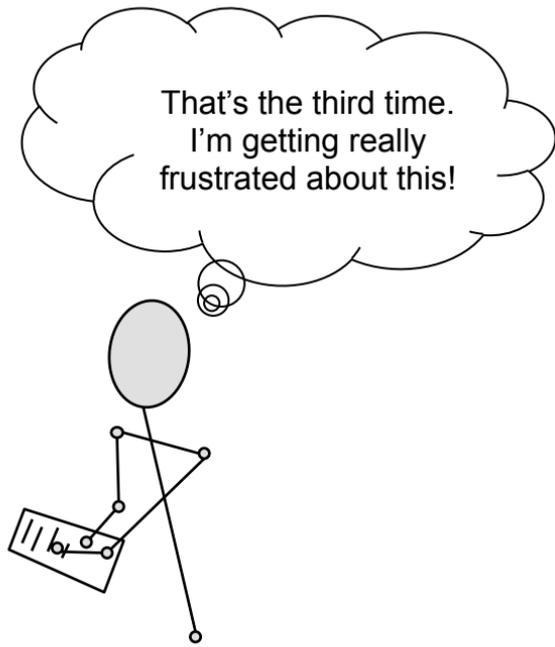
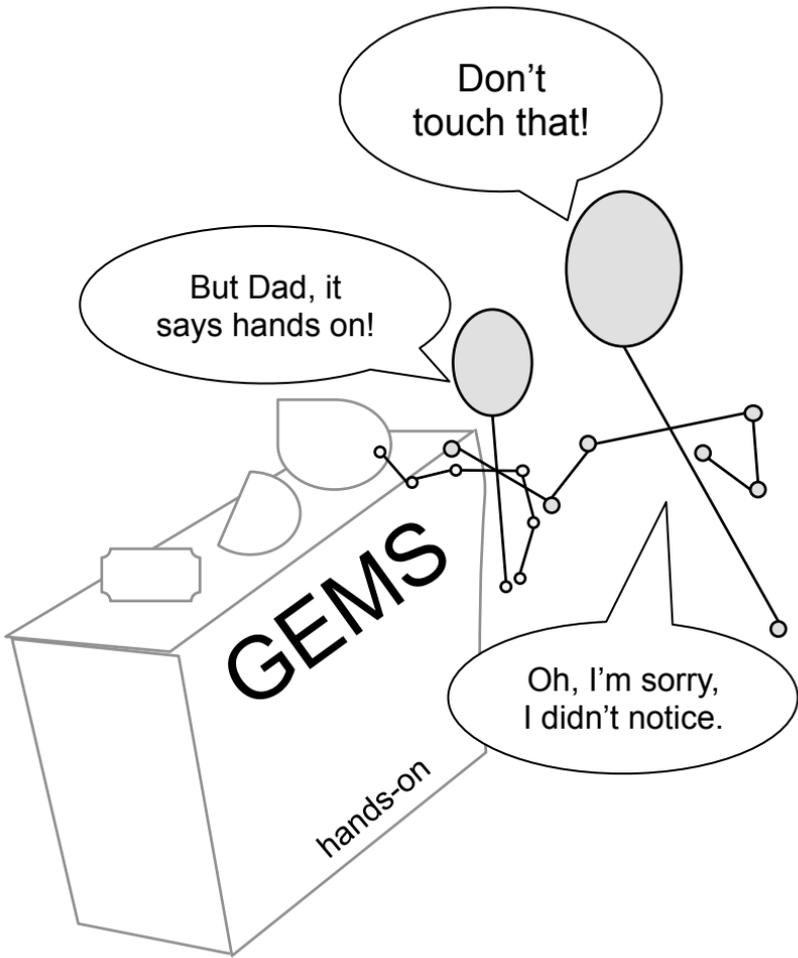


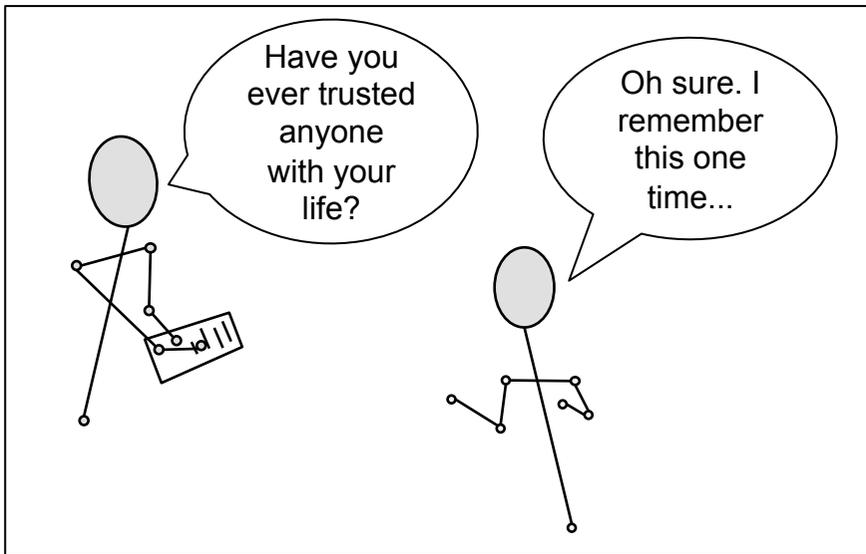
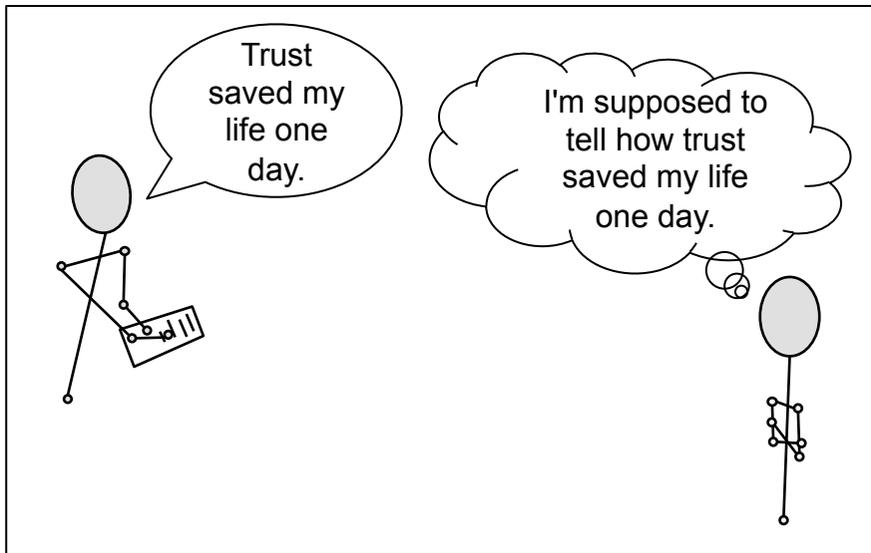
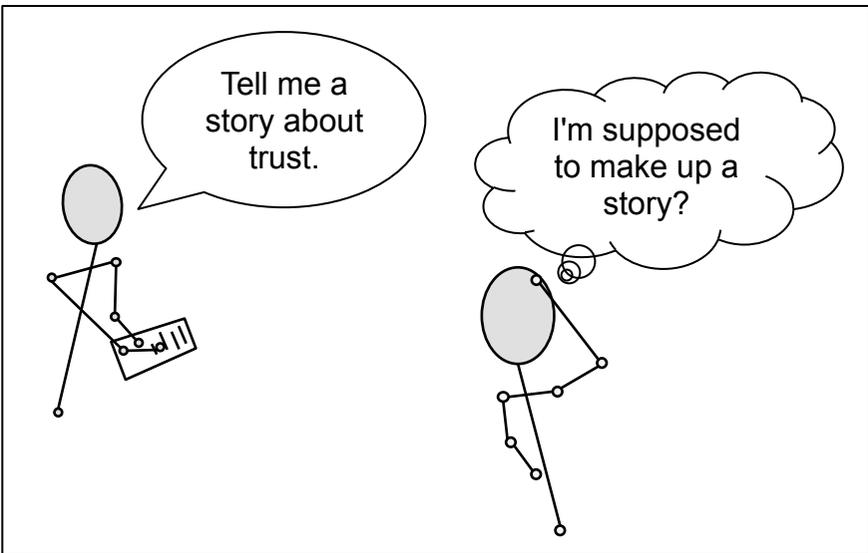
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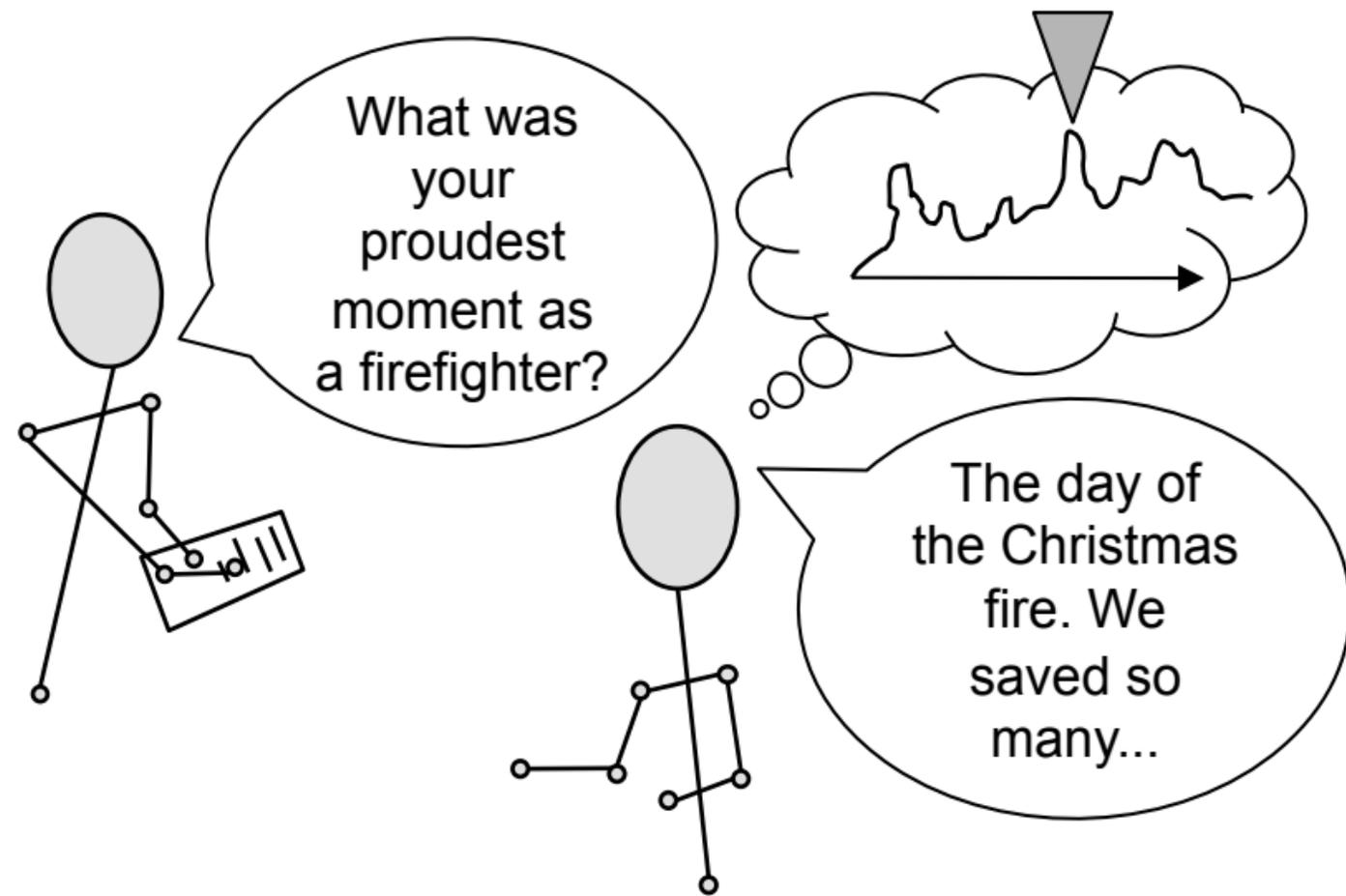
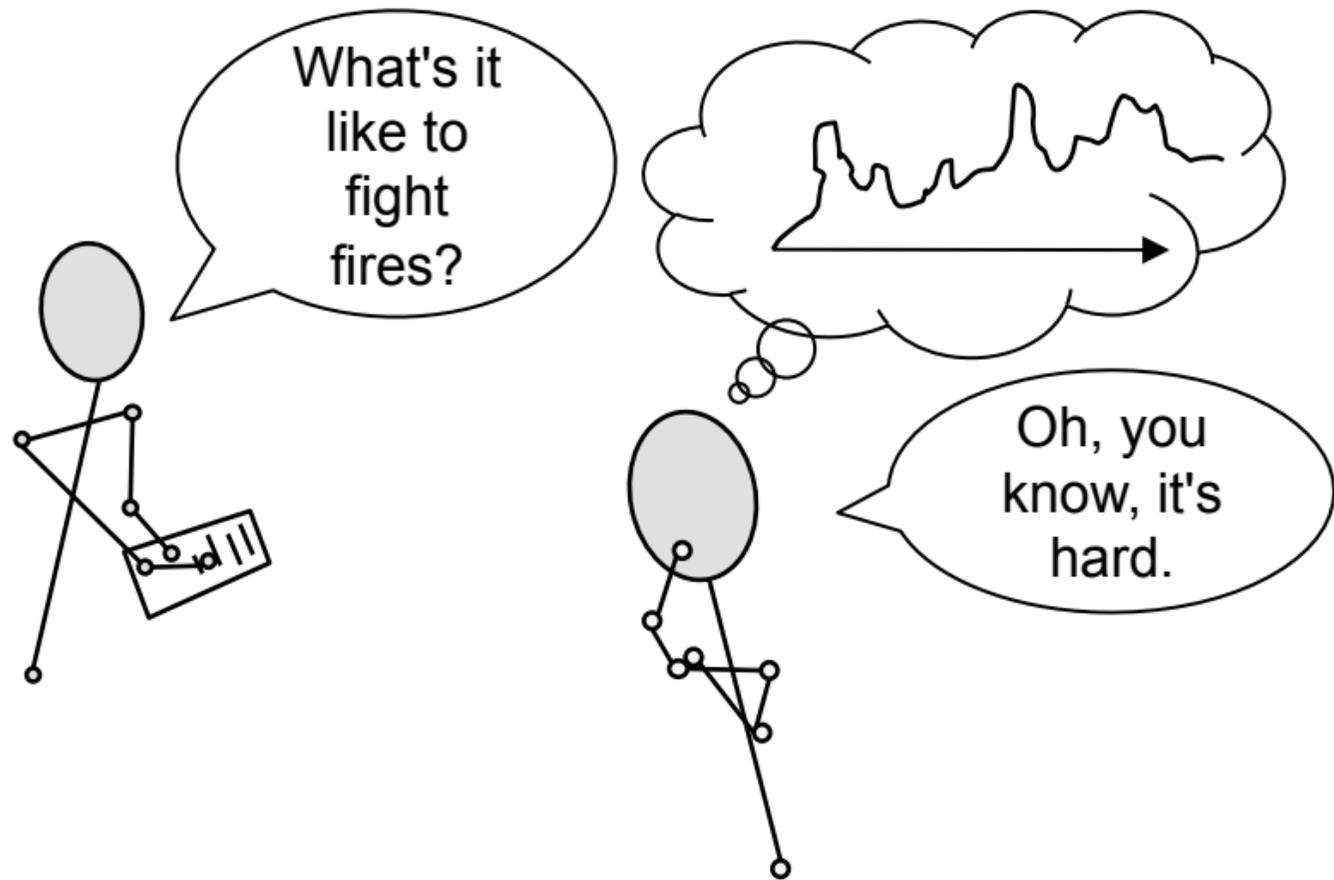


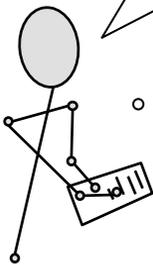
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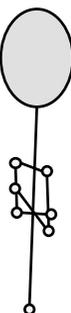








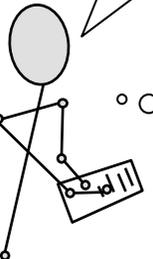
Please tell me
about your
experiences
with our stove.



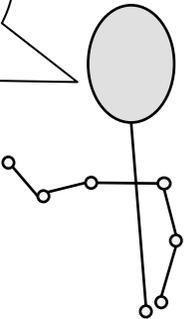
I've been using it
since about 1995.
I use it primarily for
baking. I've never
tried the broil option.



That's not what
I wanted to
hear.



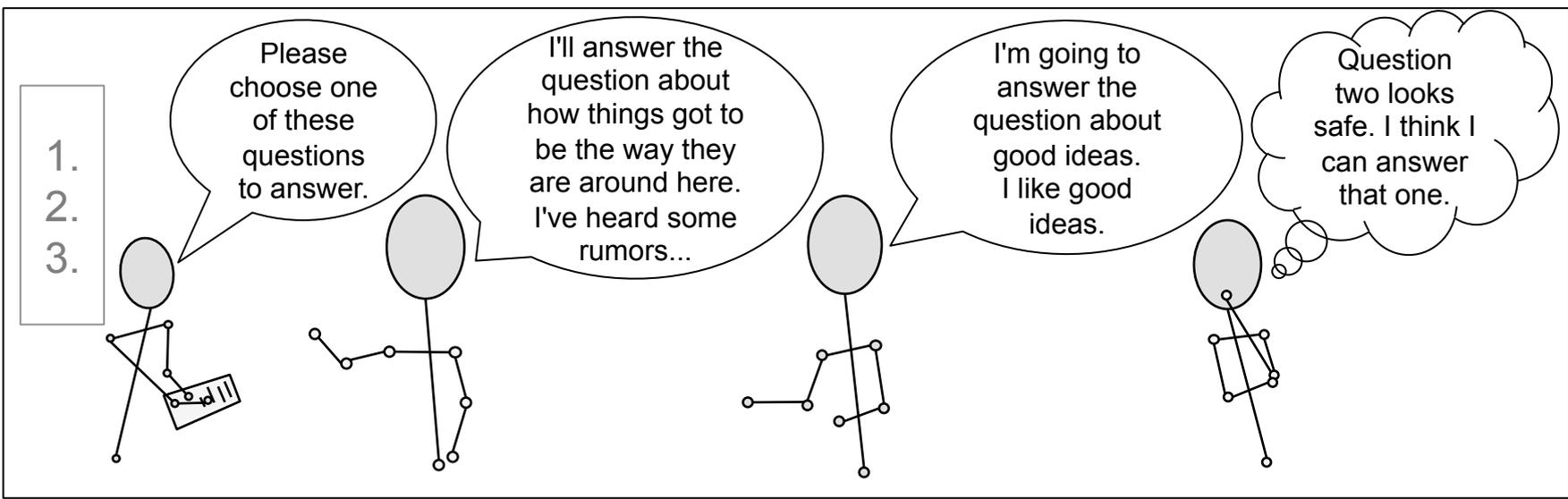
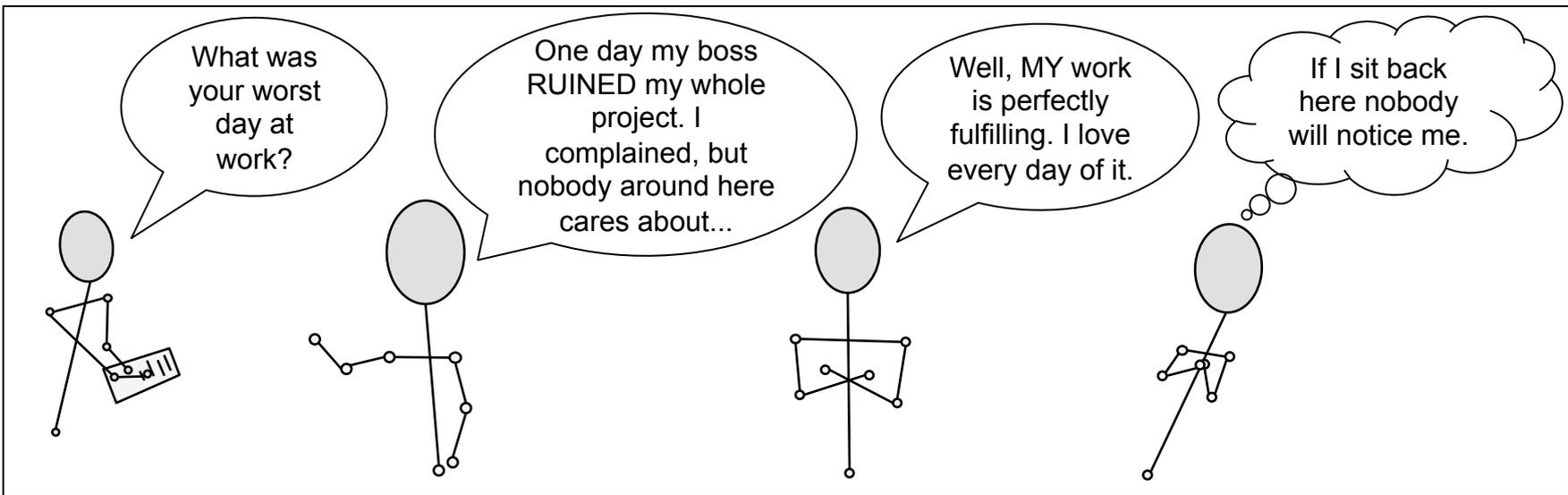
What's it
REALLY
like to use
our stove?



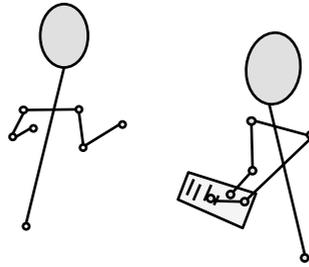
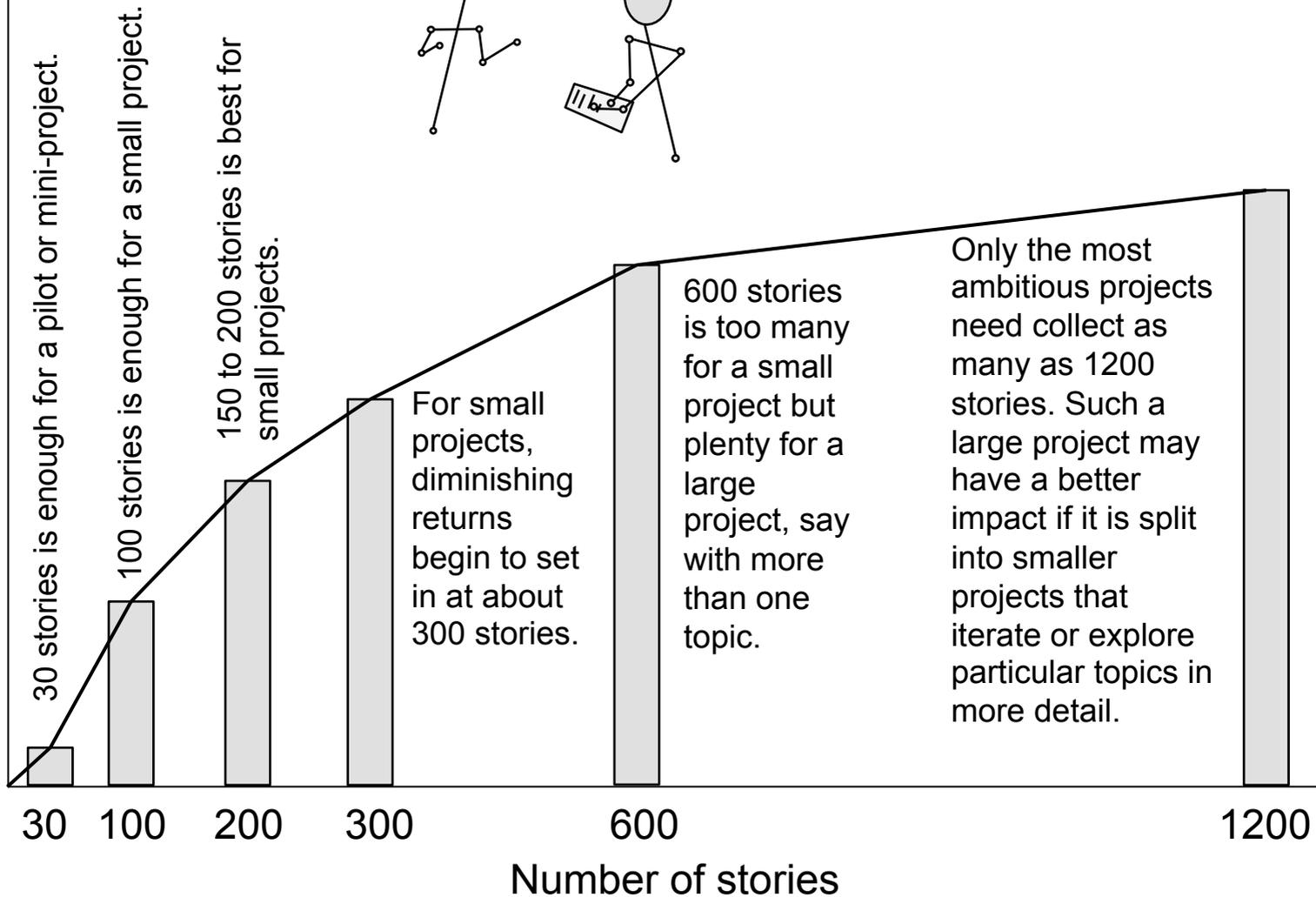
I think I love it and hate it
at the same time! It makes
great cakes, like this one
time when I surprised my
grandkids... but then
another day I couldn't...



That's more
like it!



Quality of output



30

100

200

300

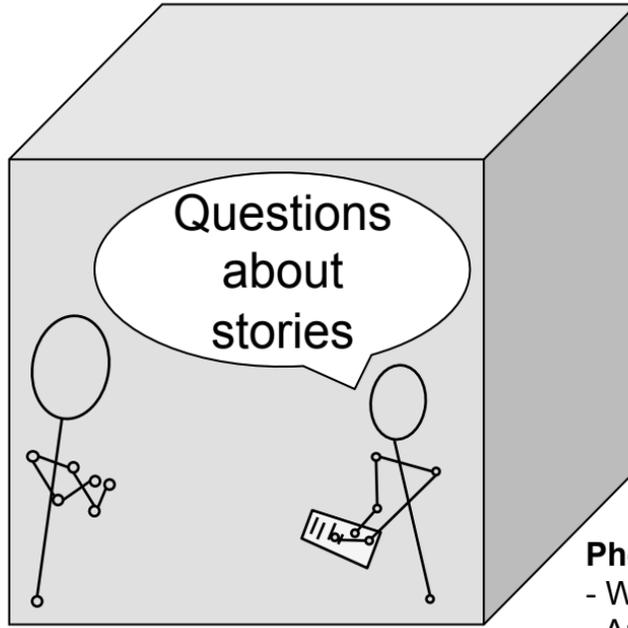
600

1200

Number of stories

Form

- Who was the main character?
- How did the story end for them?
- Who or what helped or hindered them?
- What did they want or need?
- Did they get it?
- Why or why not?
- What changed?

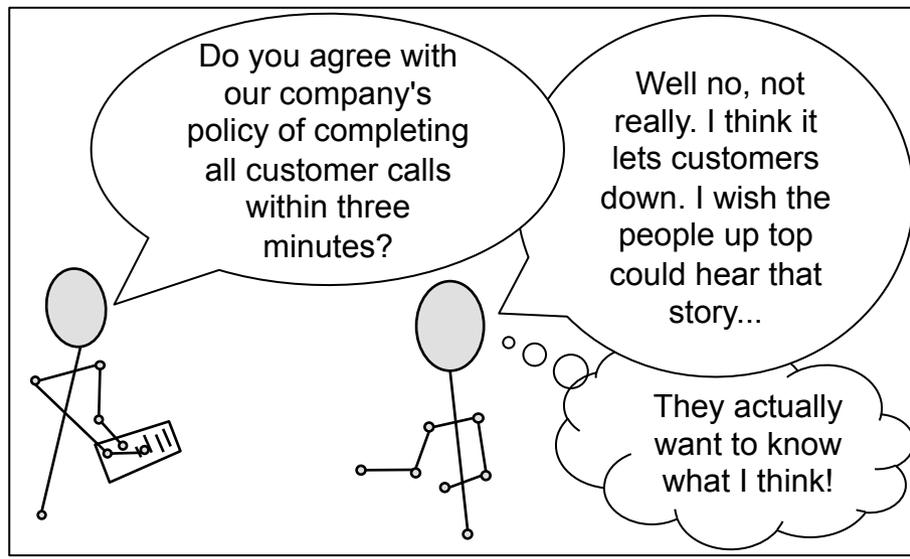
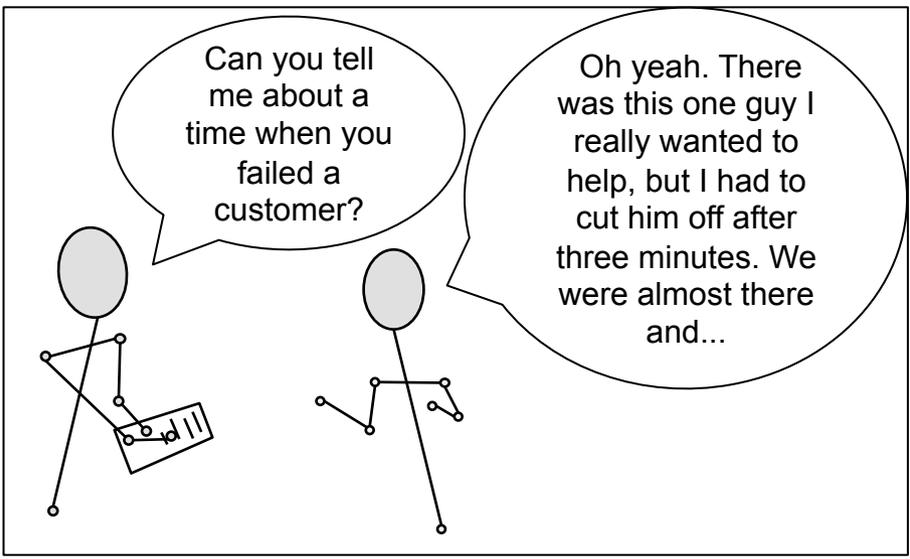
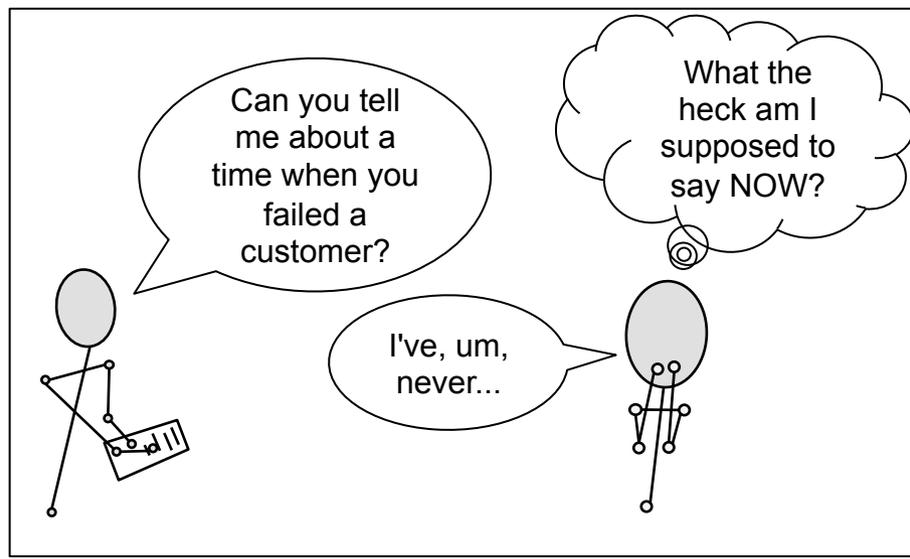
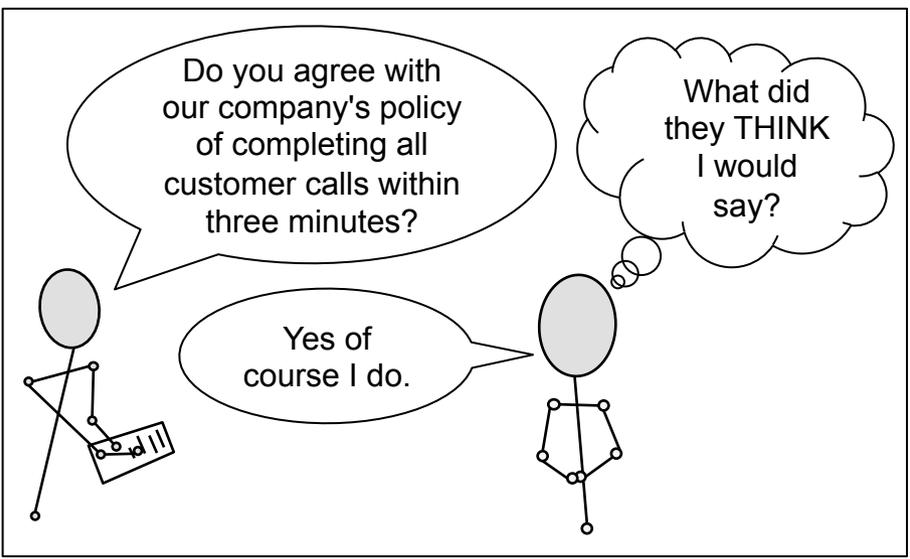


Function

- Was this a happy or sad story?
- Why was it told?
- How long will you remember it?
- Did it surprise you?
- What does it remind you of?
- How does it connect with other stories?
- How did people behave in it?

Phenomenon

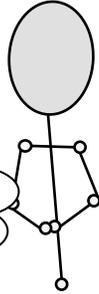
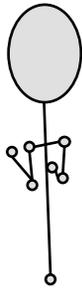
- Where did this story come from?
- Are stories like this common?
- What would people say about it?
- Is it consistent? Complete? True?
- Who can tell it? Who can't?
- Where and when can it be told?
- Why should it be told? Why shouldn't it?



How do you feel about this story? Please write your answer here.

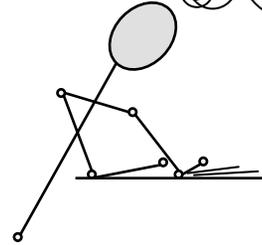
Great!
I have lots
to say.

I'm supposed to
WRITE something?
Ugh. Next question.



Later . . .

Going through
these responses
is taking forever.
But I guess I'm
learning a lot.

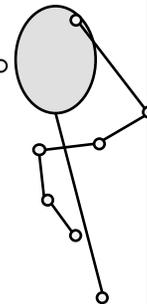
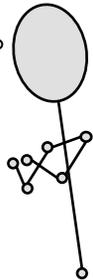


How do you feel about
this story? Please
choose one answer.

- happy
- sad
- angry
- relieved

Marked,
done, next.

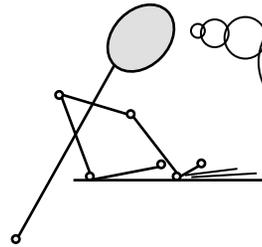
I don't feel **ANY**
of these things.
Am I doing this
wrong?



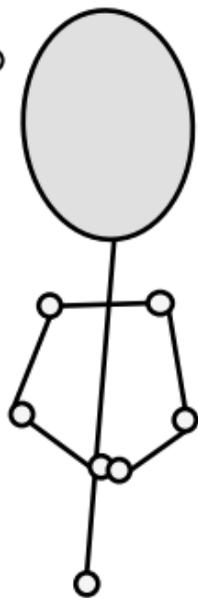
Later . . .

I'm almost
done counting
answers!

I wonder
why so many
people left
this question
blank.



I had better say
"a lot" of trust.
Yeah, that's safe.



How much trust do you
see in this story?



a lot

none at all

How much trust do you see in this story?

too much

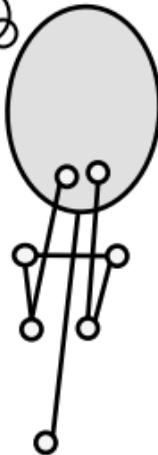
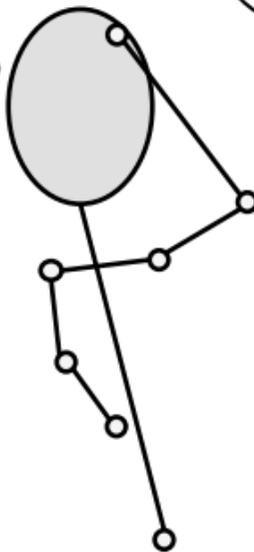
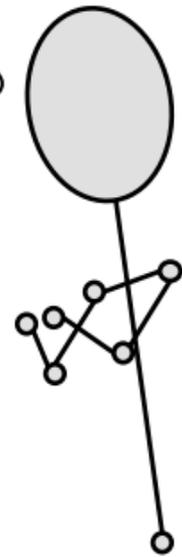


too little

Not too little trust... I'd say just a bit too much. I'll put it right... here.

This is so complicated. I don't want to get it wrong.

What? Those are both bad things! Why do they want me to say bad things?

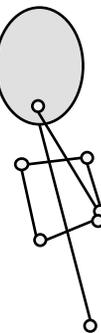
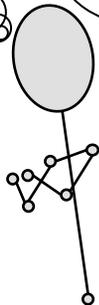


How much trust do you see in this story?

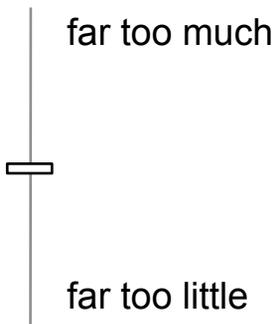
- far too much
- a bit much
- just right
- a bit too little
- far too little

I'd say in this story there was a bit too little trust. Done.

It really wasn't ANY of these words. The trust was... it was sort of... shallow. They don't have "shallow" here. I can't answer this.

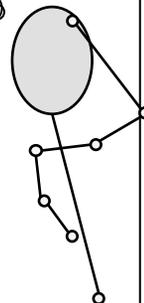
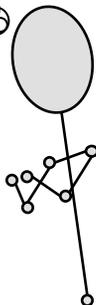


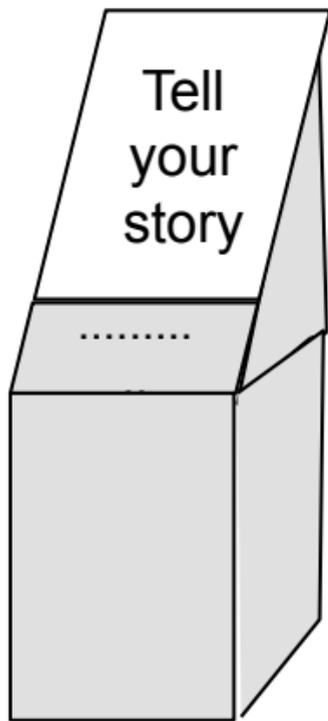
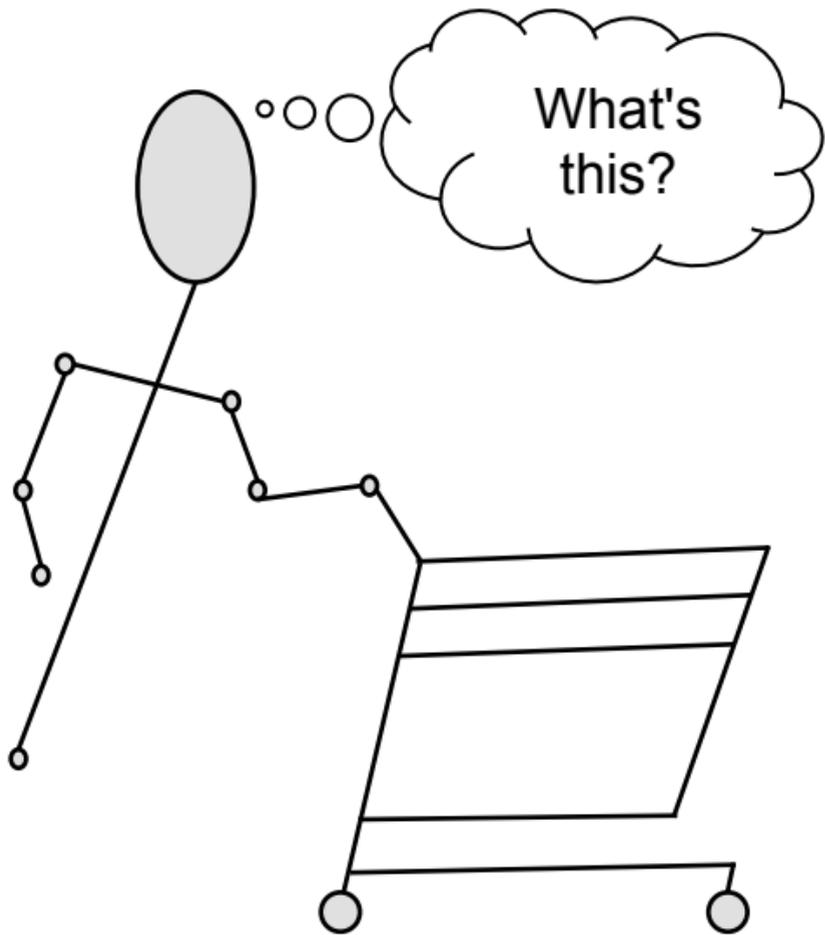
How much trust do you see in this story?

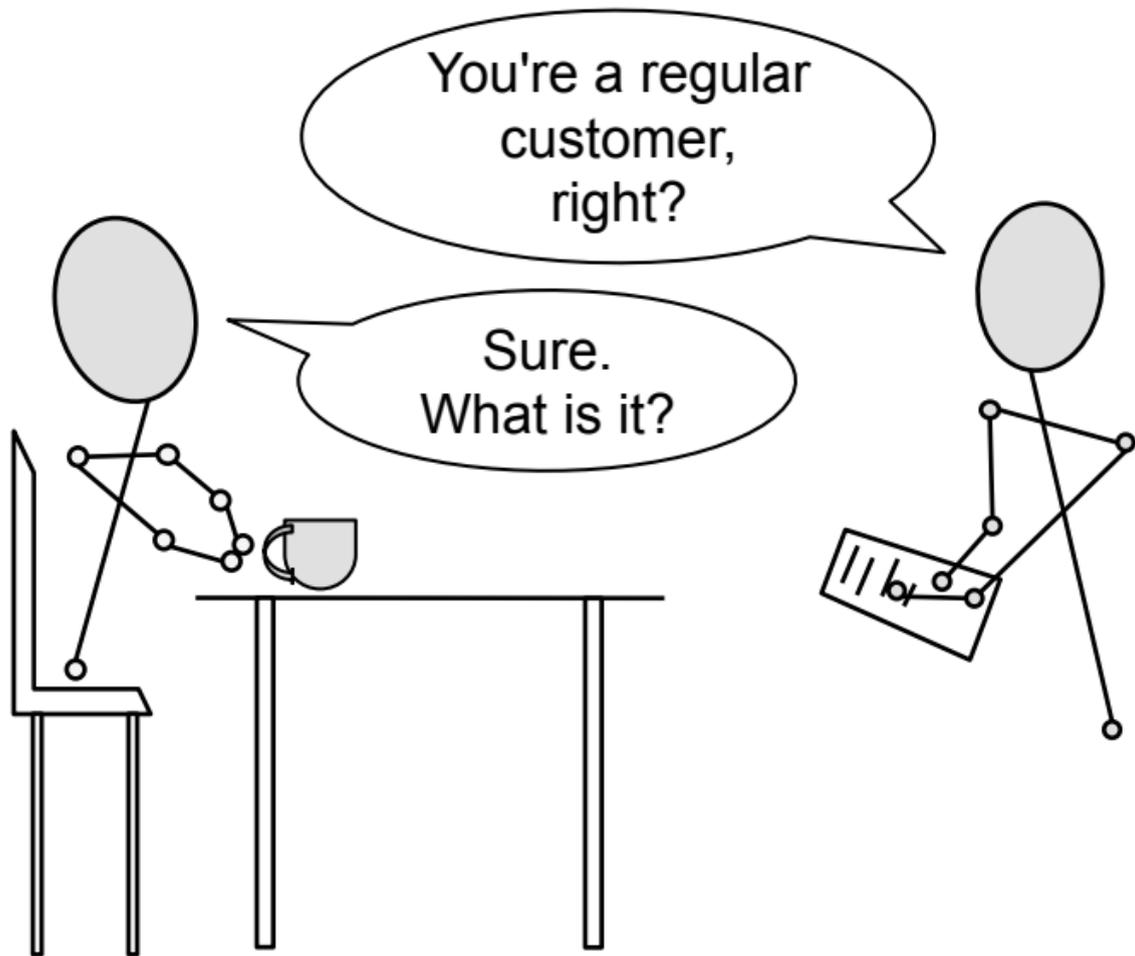


I've placed my line exactly where I think the trust lies in this story. Good.

I'm supposed to draw a LINE? Where? How? Where are the answers?







You're a regular customer, right?

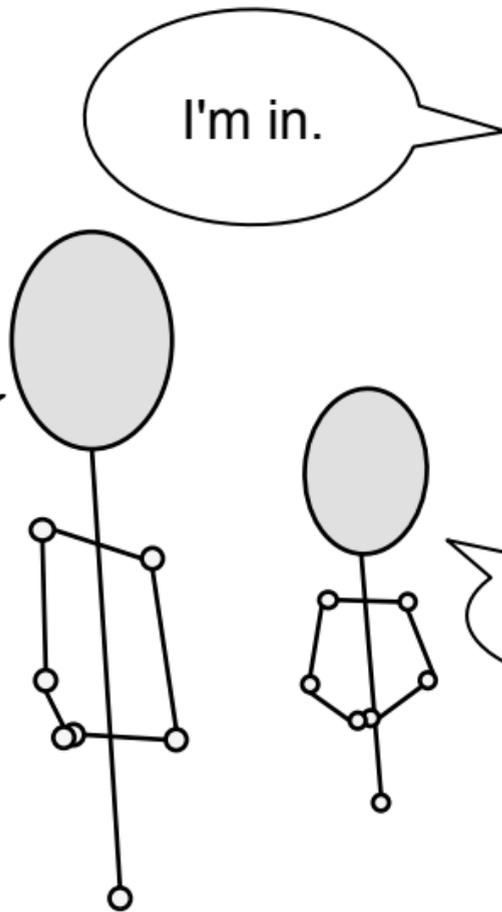
Sure.
What is it?



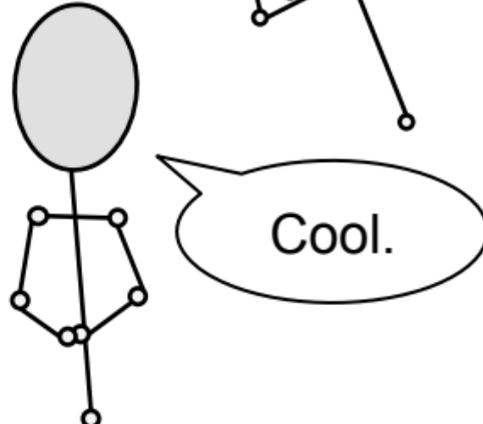
Today we're going to
be telling stories
about our
community's future.



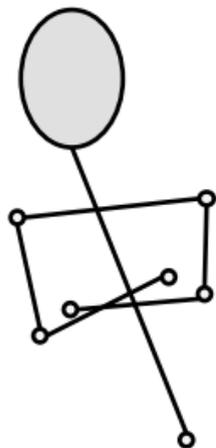
Sounds
great. Let's
do it.

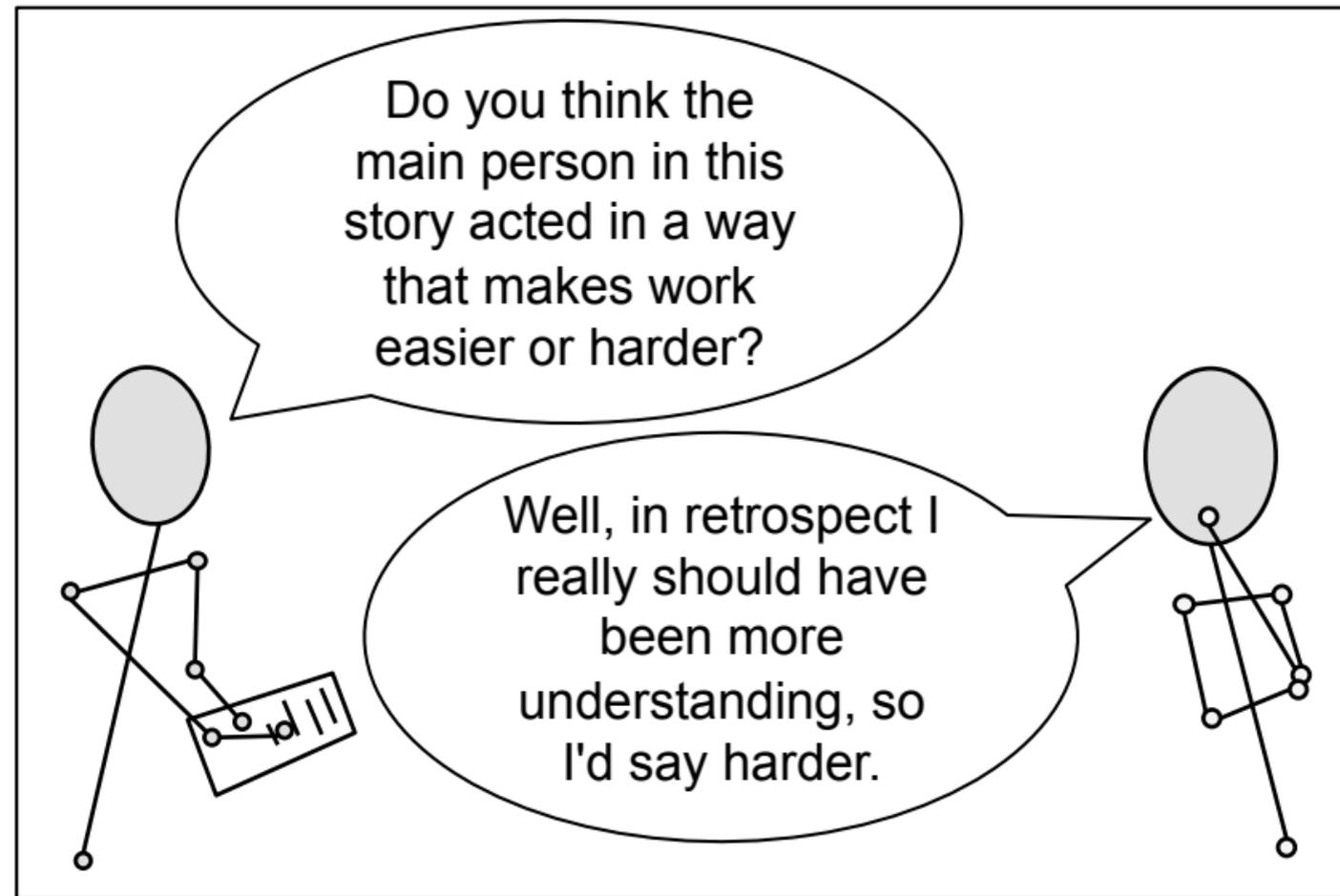
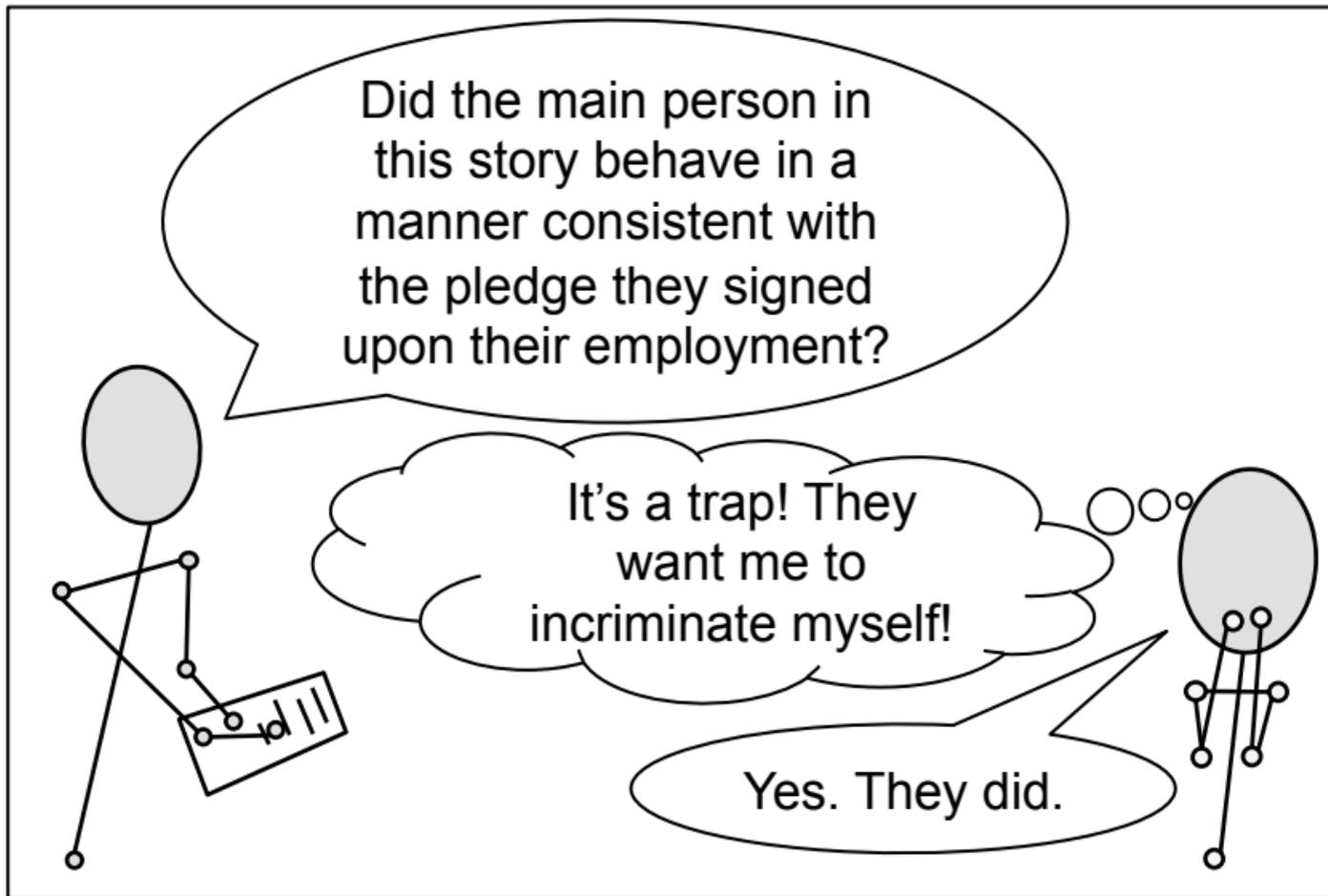


I'm in.



Cool.

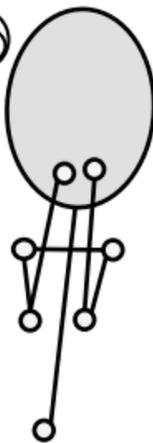




How successful was the project described?

- totally
- reasonably
- acceptably
- fairly

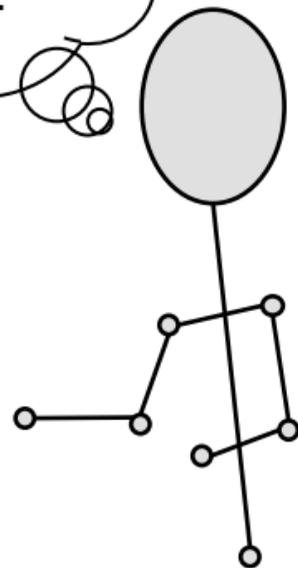
But the project was a failure! I'd better be more careful what I say. Maybe I should leave.

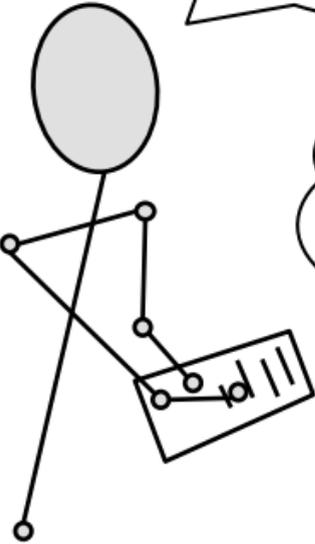


Compared to other projects, how successful was the one described?

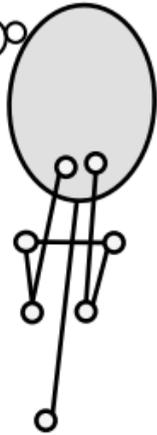
- totally
- reasonably
- acceptably
- barely
- not at all

I'm glad they are willing to hear what I have to say.

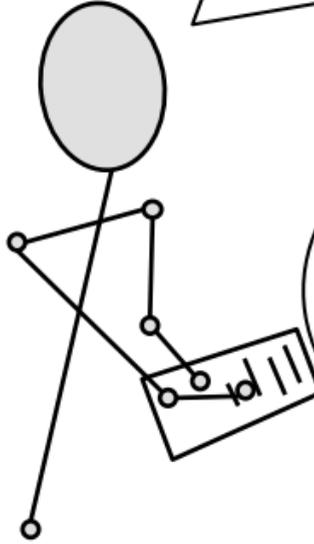




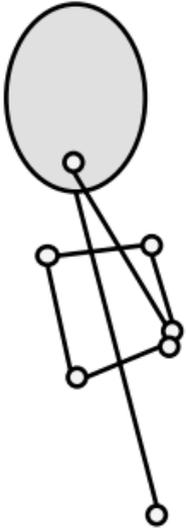
Where in this story can you find internal conflict?



What? I was supposed to have "internal conflict?"



Do you think anybody in this story felt conflicted about anything?



No, it seems to me like everybody knew exactly what they wanted, even though they disagreed.

How do you feel about this story?

wonderful

good

bad

horrible

If I choose "bad"
or "horrible" I'll
upset everyone.
I'll say "good"
instead.

I don't know HOW I feel.
I guess I should pick
"good" because it doesn't
mean anything.

How do you feel about this story?

wonderful

good

bad

horrible

I'm not sure

I'd rather not say

If I choose "bad" or
"horrible" I'll upset
everyone. I'll pick
"rather not say"
instead.

I don't know HOW
I feel. I'll say I'm
not sure.

Please write your **story** here.

Please give your story a **title**.

How do you **feel** about this story?

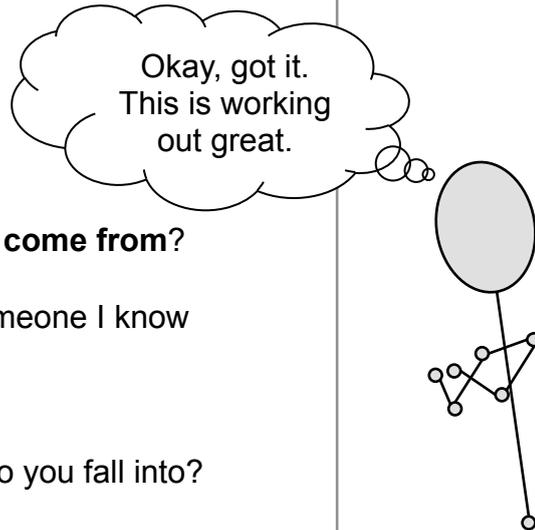
- happy
- sad
- angry
- relieved
- I'm not sure

Where did the story **come from**?

- it happened to me
- it happened to someone I know
- I heard about it
- I'm not sure

Which **age group** do you fall into?

- 24 or younger
- 25-34
- 35-59
- 60 or older
- I'd rather not say



TELL YOU'RE STORY HERE?

I WILL CALL MY STORY,

How do you feel about your story.

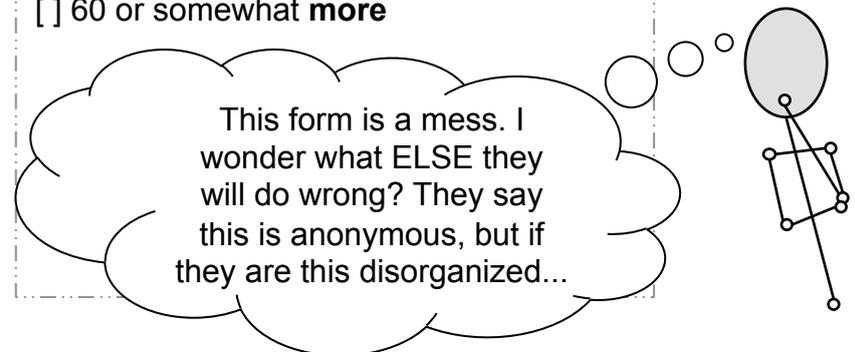
- happy
- sad
- I don't like cats
- its alright

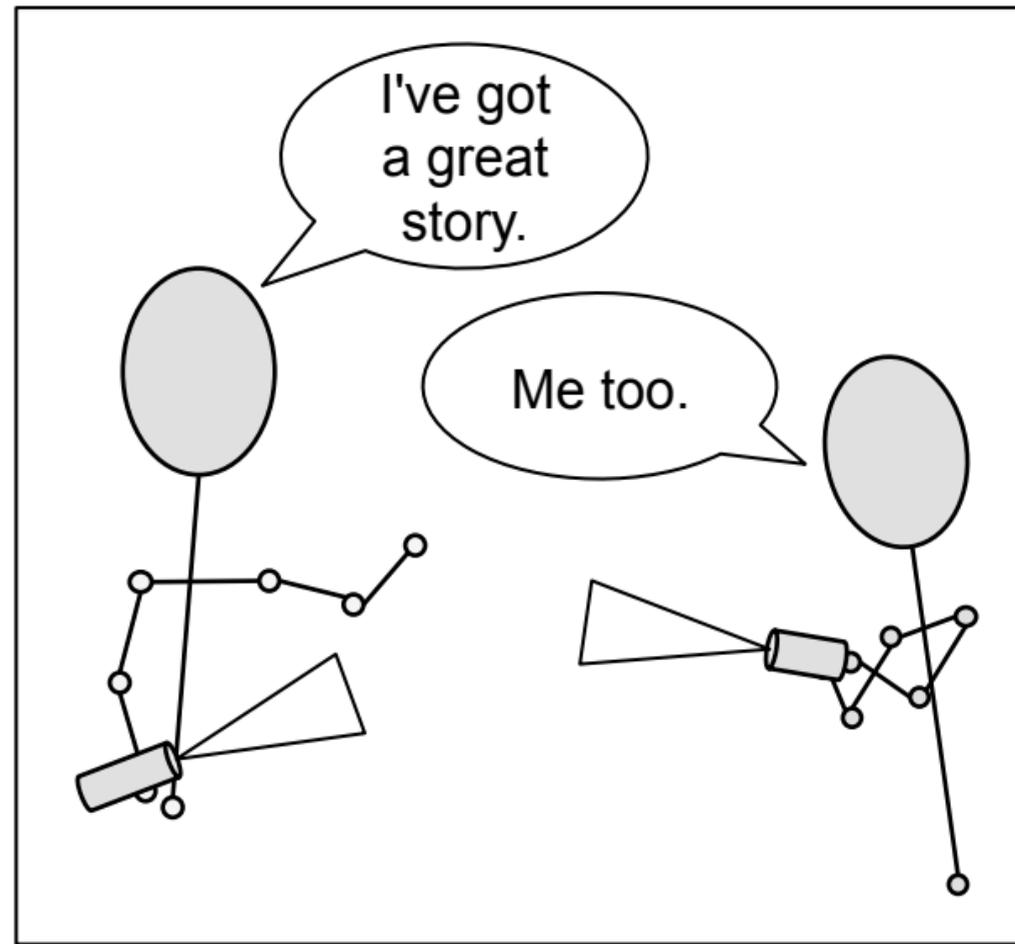
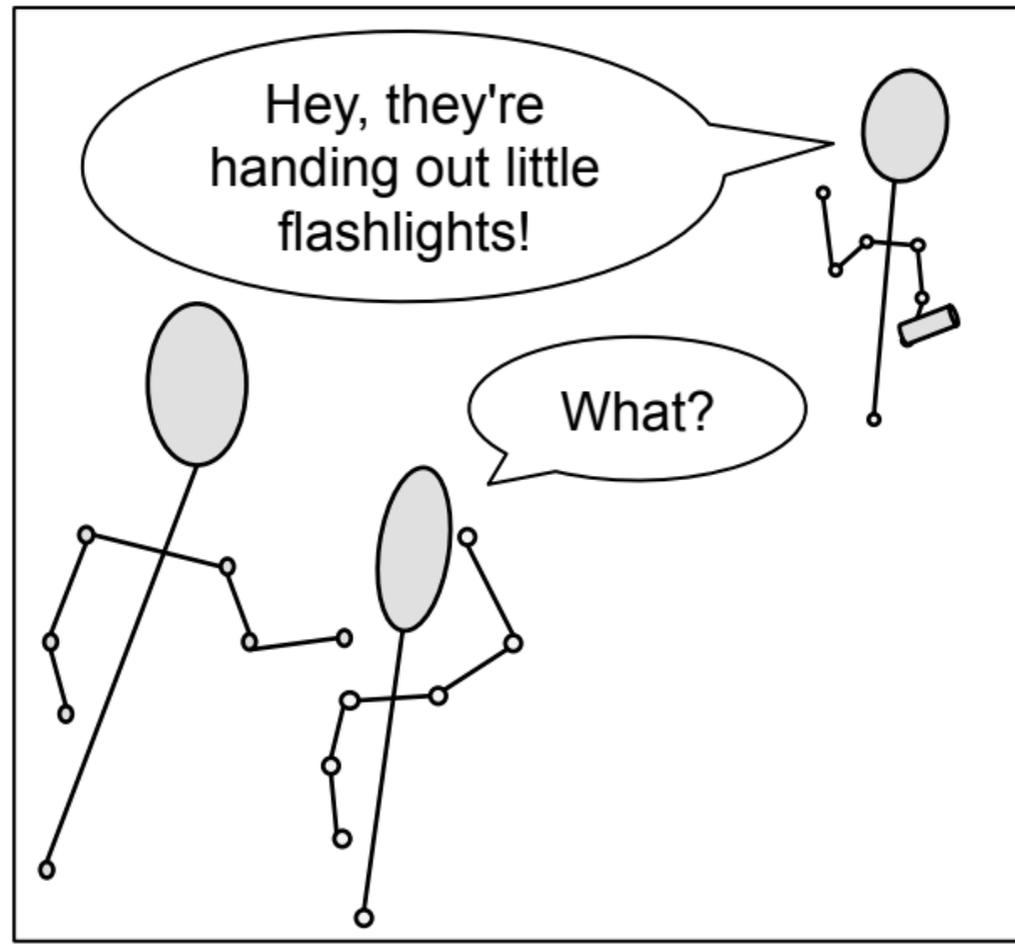
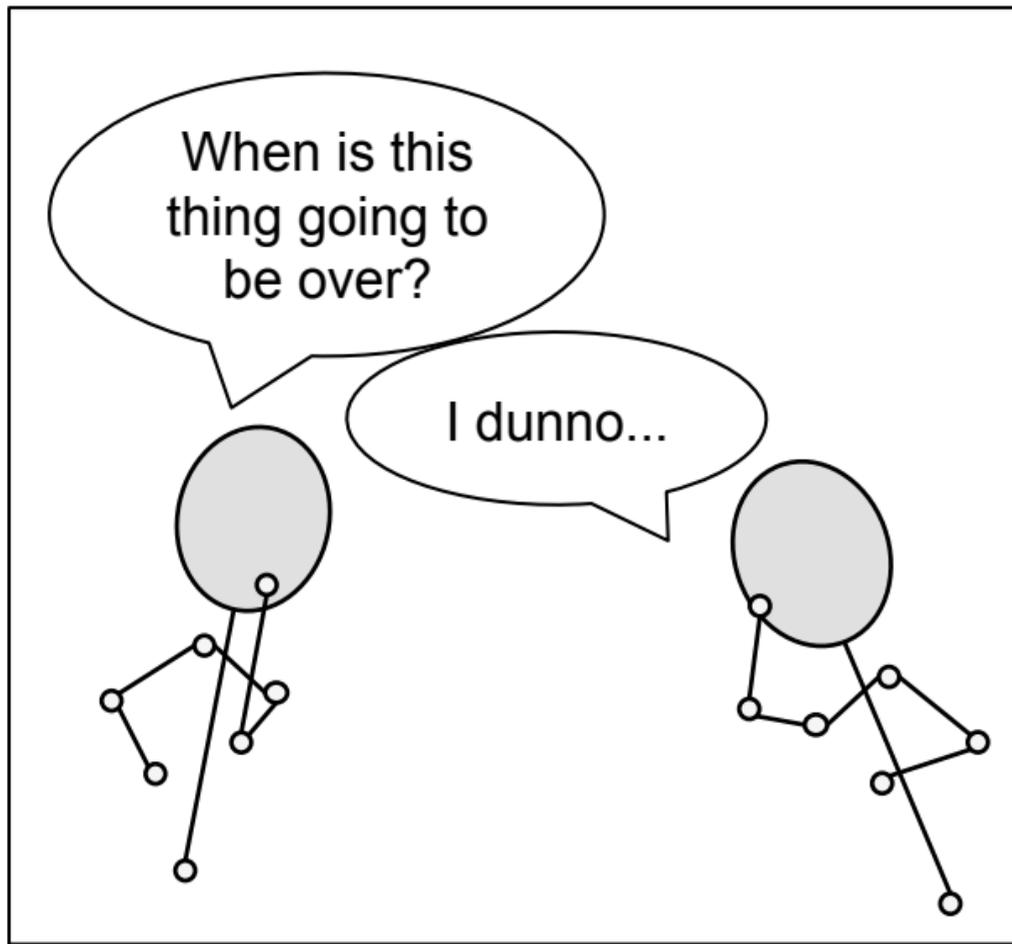
Please select no more than two of these?

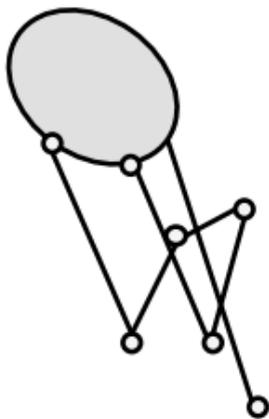
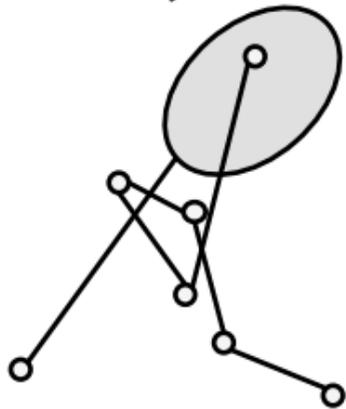
- the story is true
- made up
- every one knows

What is your age.

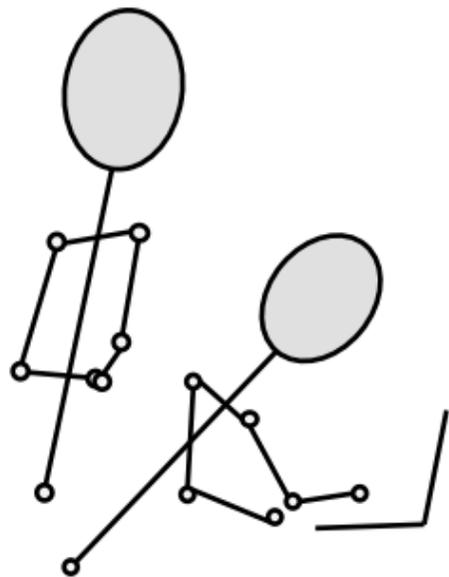
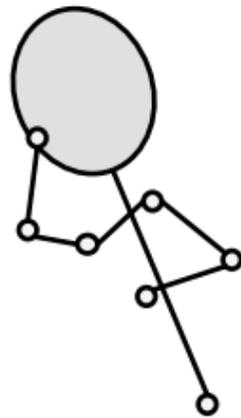
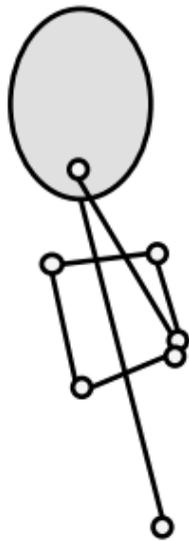
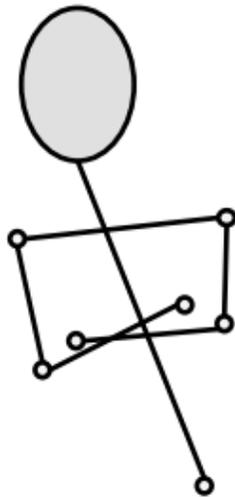
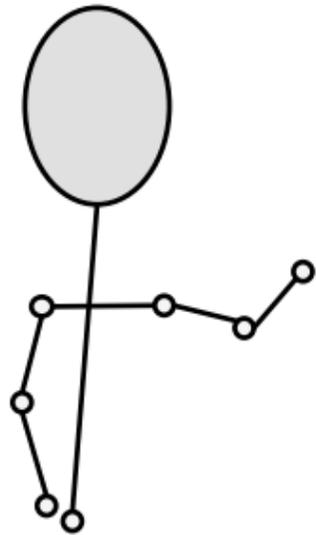
- 25 or even younger than that
- 25-35
- 35-60
- 60 or somewhat **more**

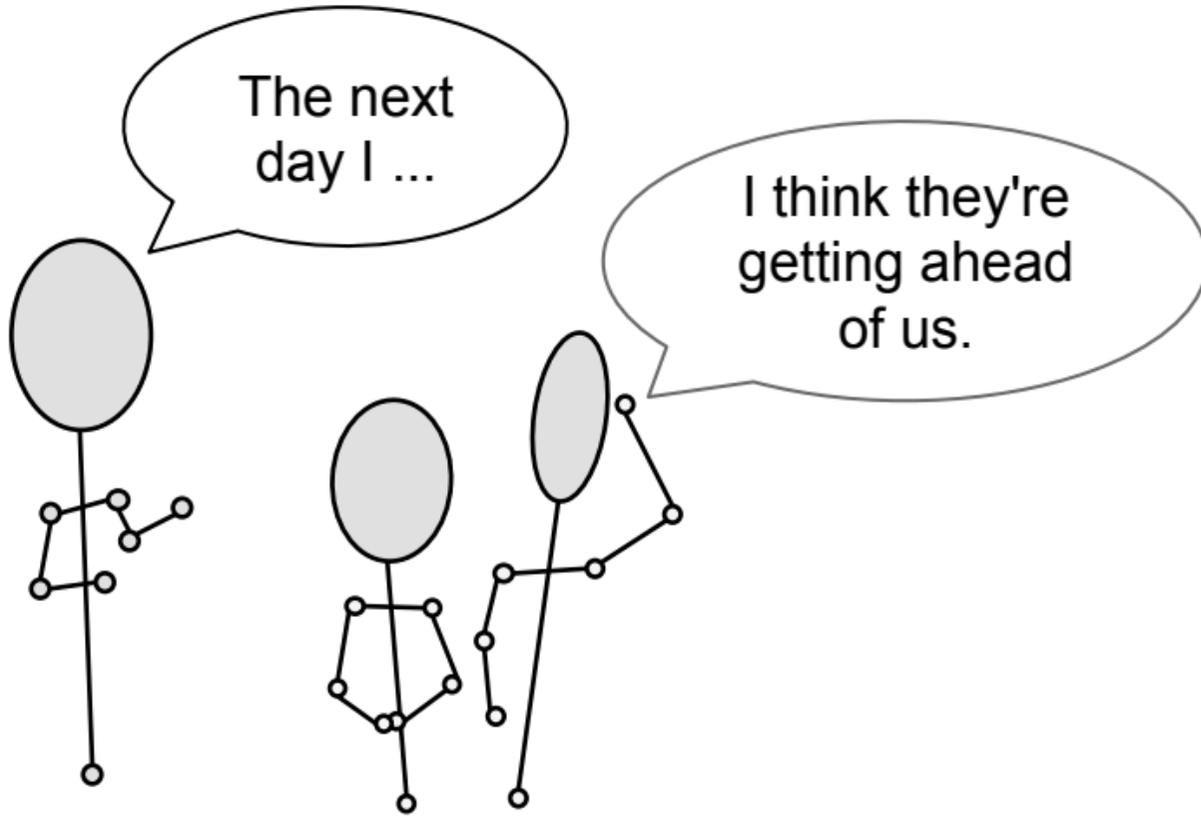






And then I
said to
him...



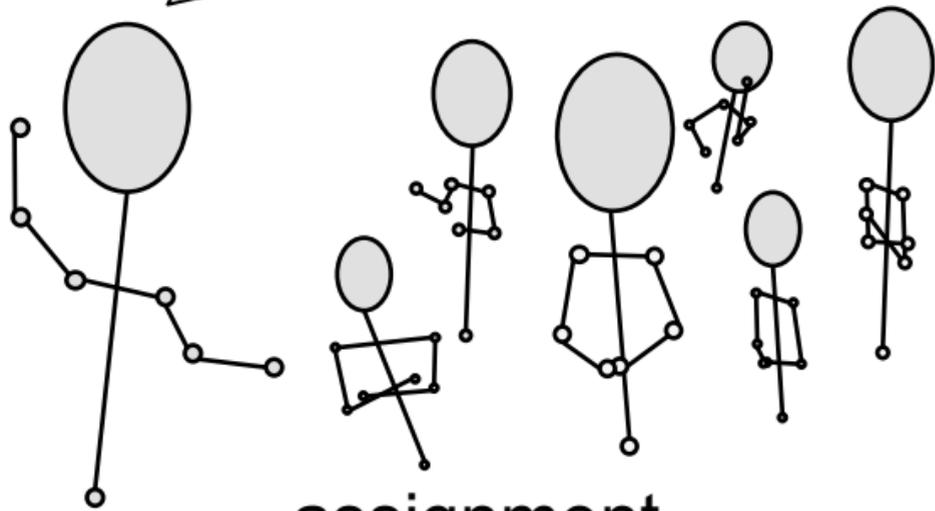
Three stick figures are shown in a conversation. The figure on the left is the tallest, the middle one is the shortest, and the one on the right is of medium height. They are all looking towards the right. A speech bubble from the tallest figure contains the text "The next day I ...". A speech bubble from the medium-height figure contains the text "I think they're getting ahead of us.".

The next
day I ...

I think they're
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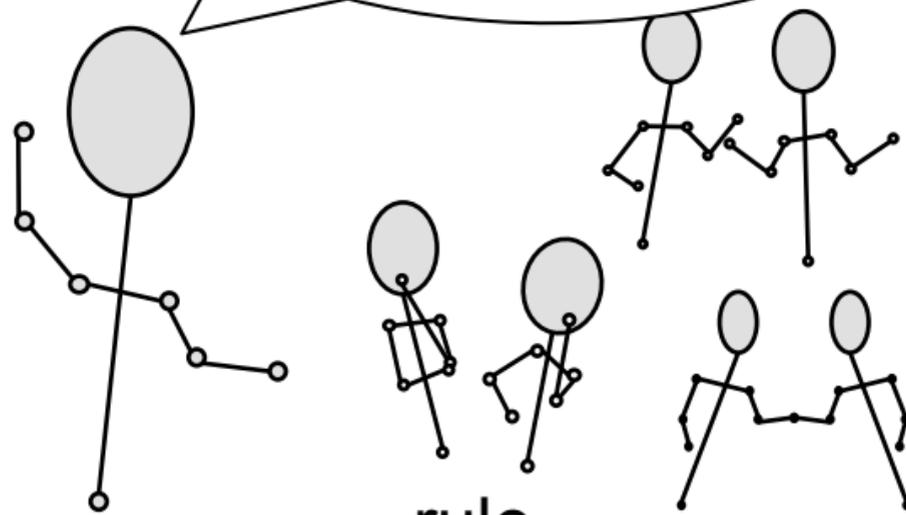


All the people
with A on their
forms please
come over here.



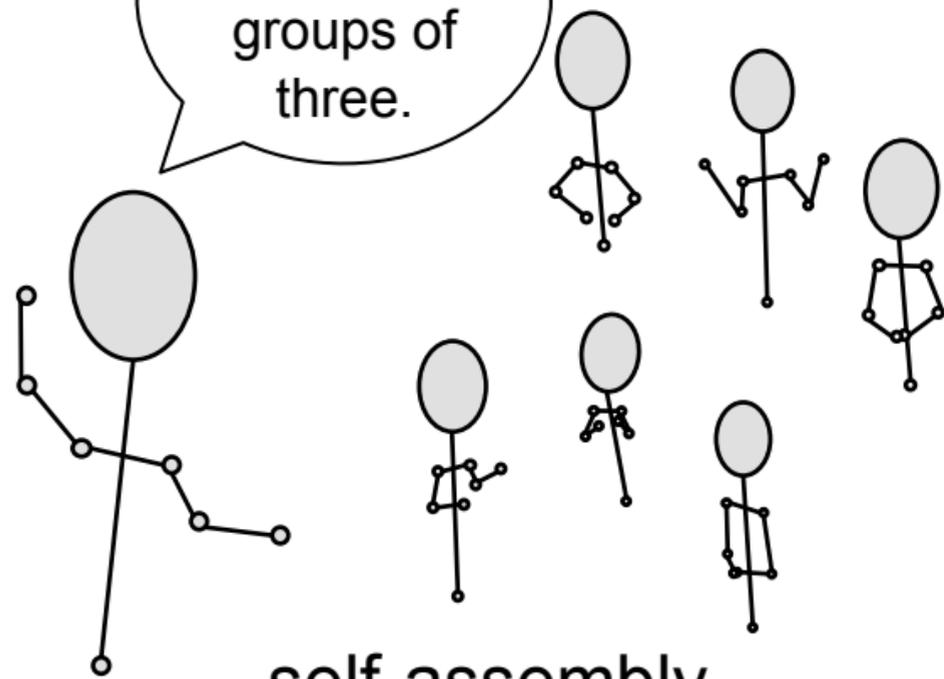
assignment

Please find two other
people at least five
years older or
younger than
yourself.



rule

Please
form
groups of
three.



self-assembly

