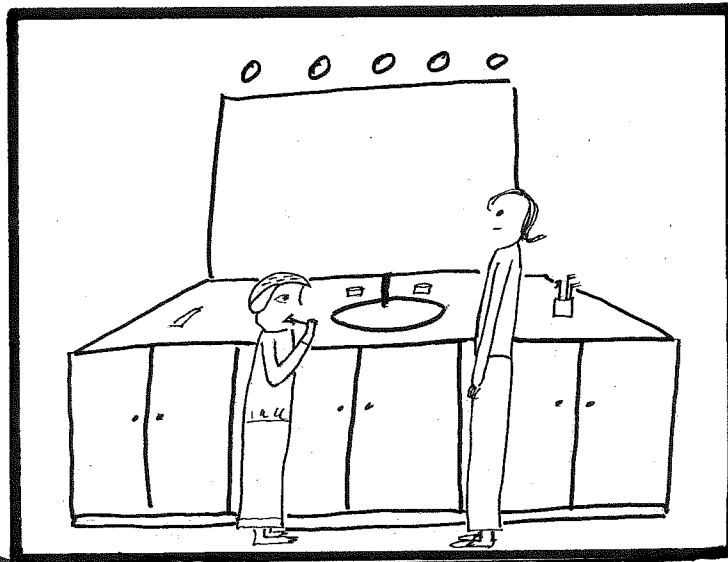


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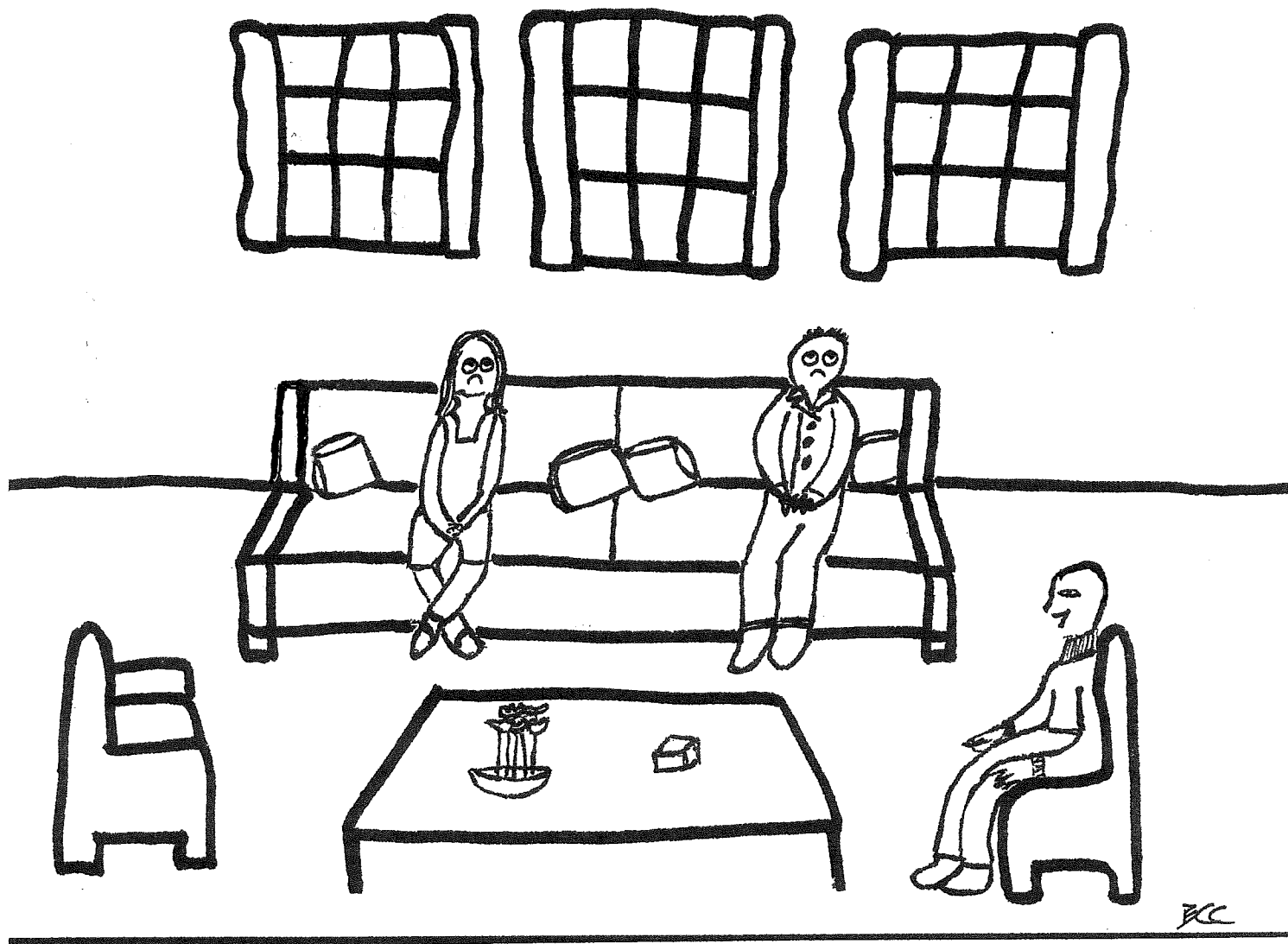
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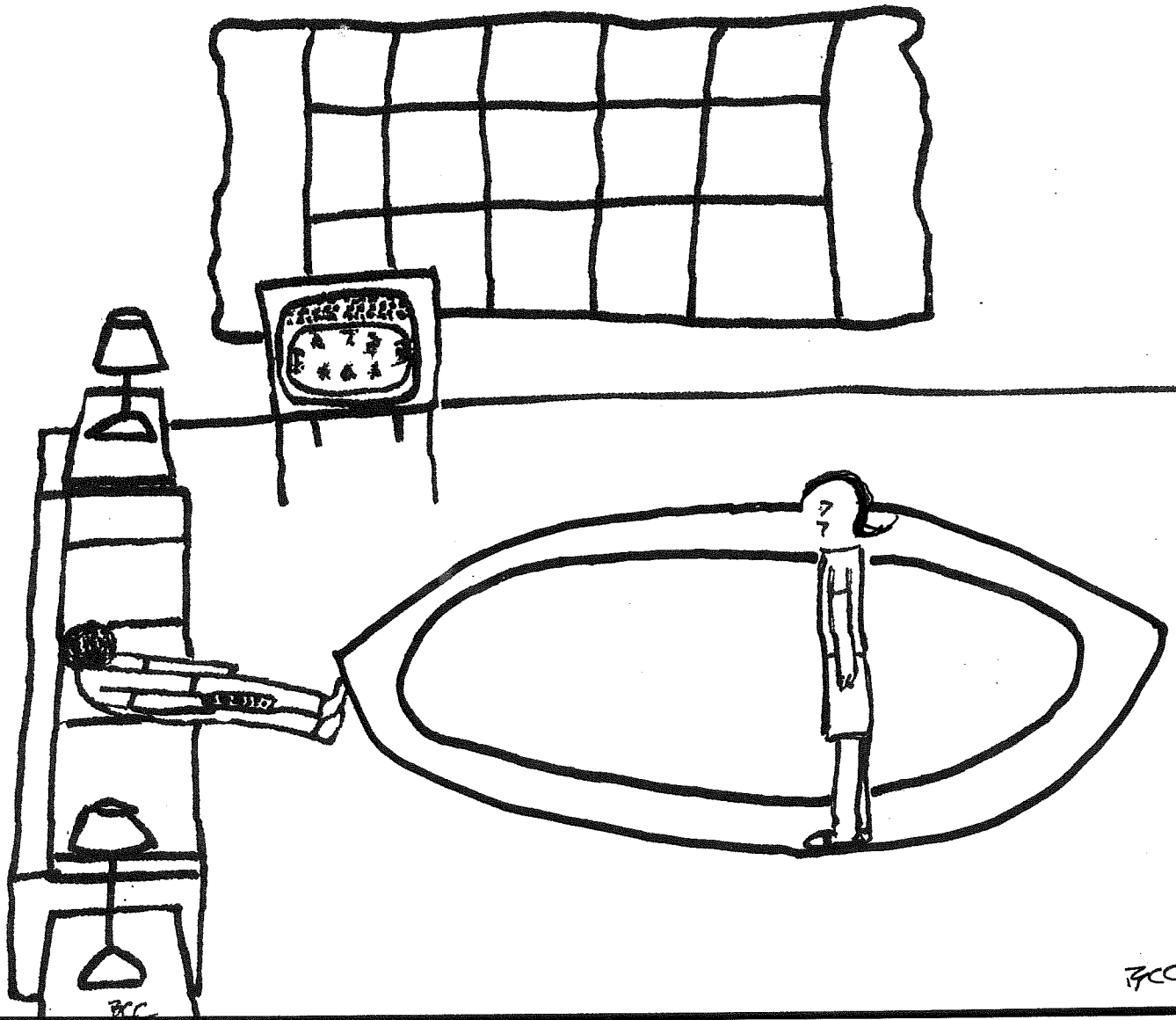
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BE RELATED TO
THEM?”

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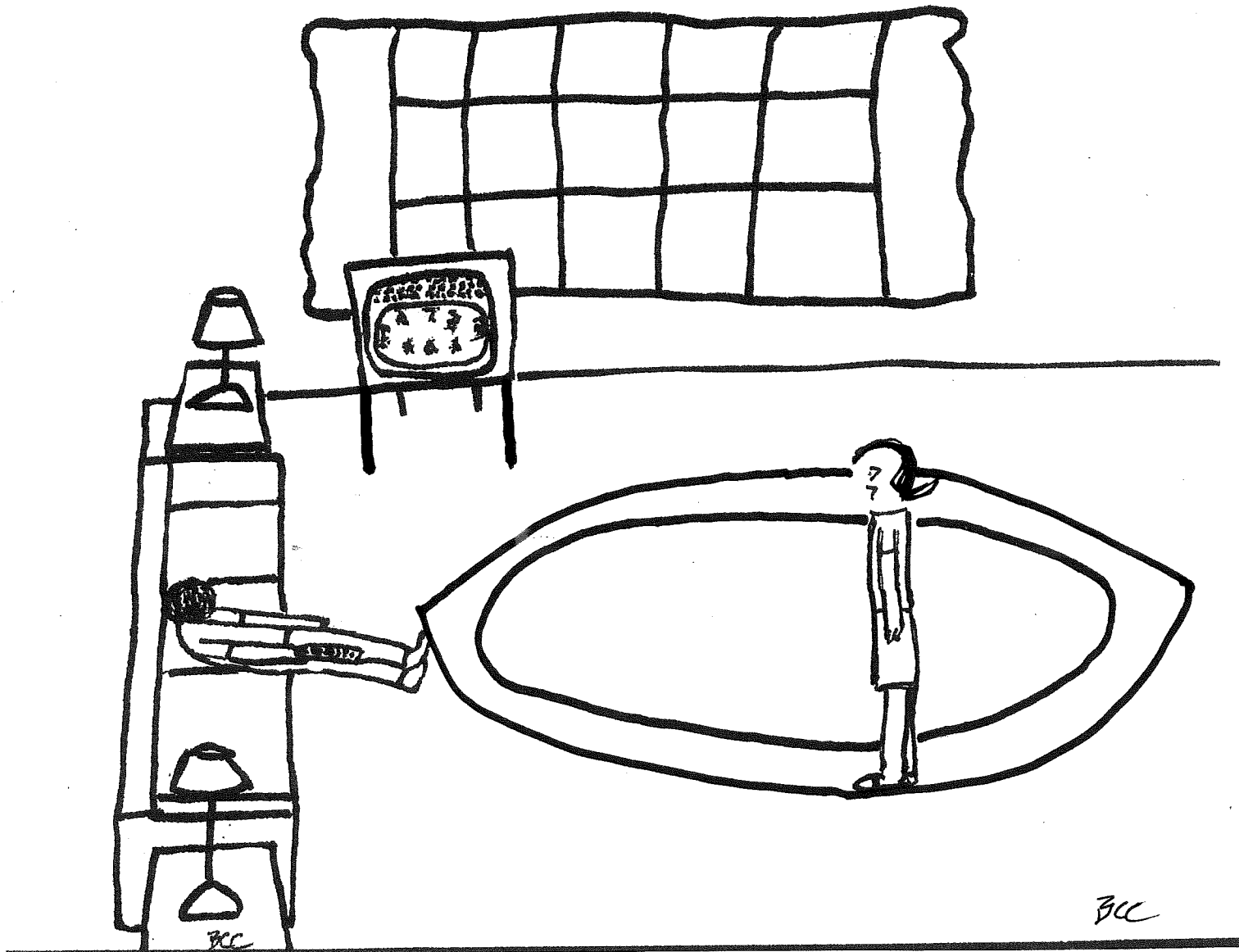


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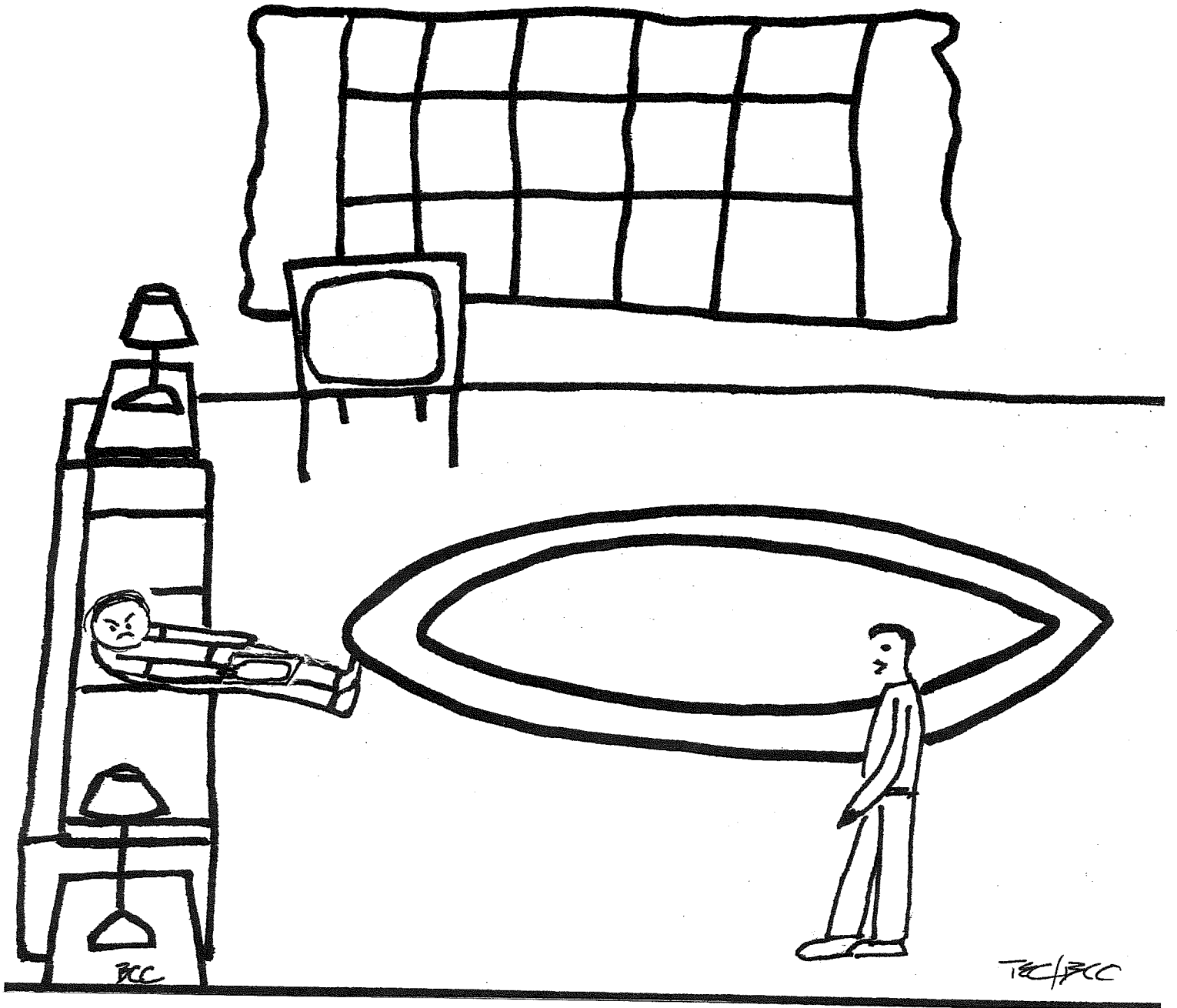
"When I was YOUR age..."



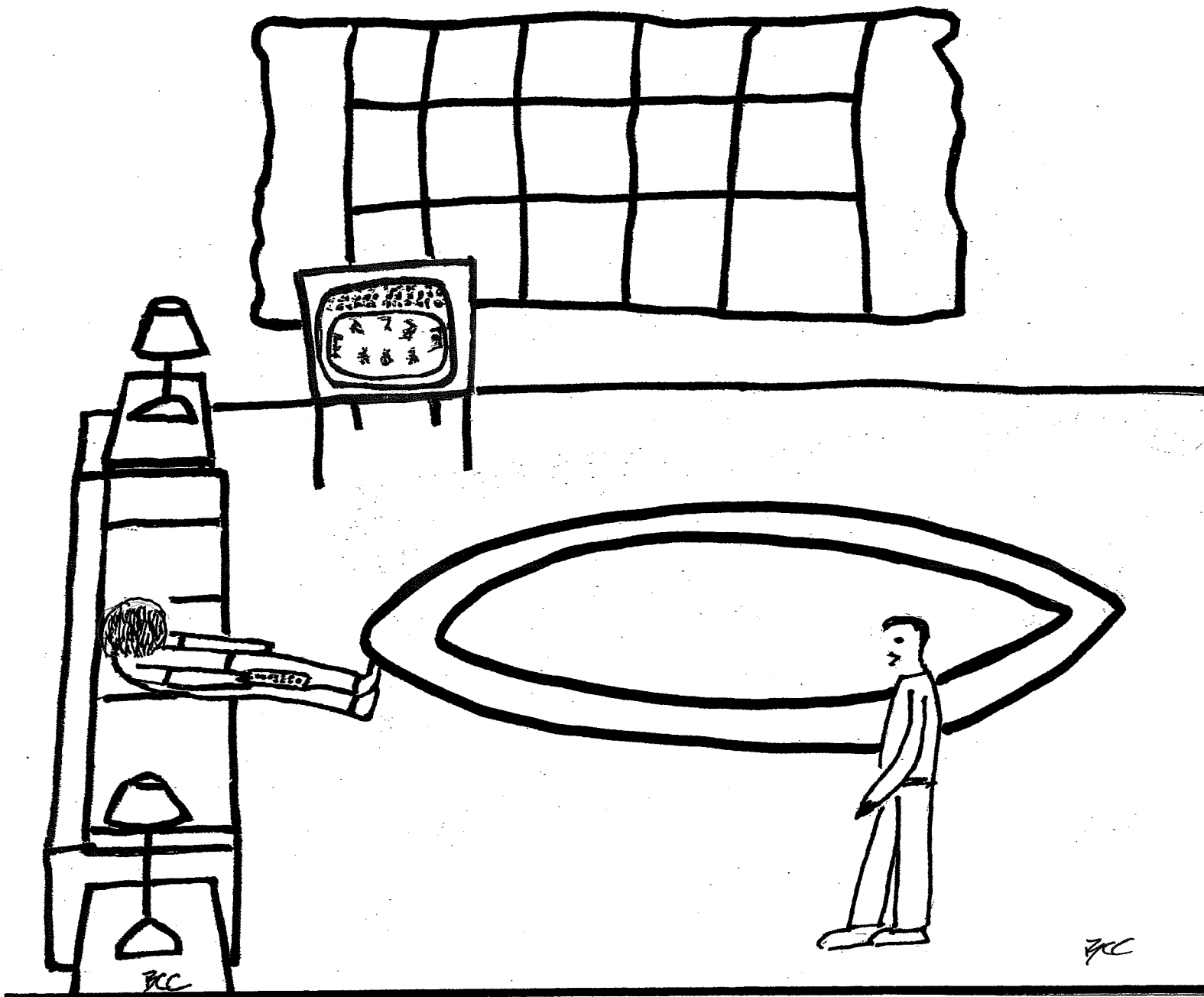
"Of course Alison can come over...
as soon as you empty the trash, clean up your room, finish
your homework and sweep the garage."



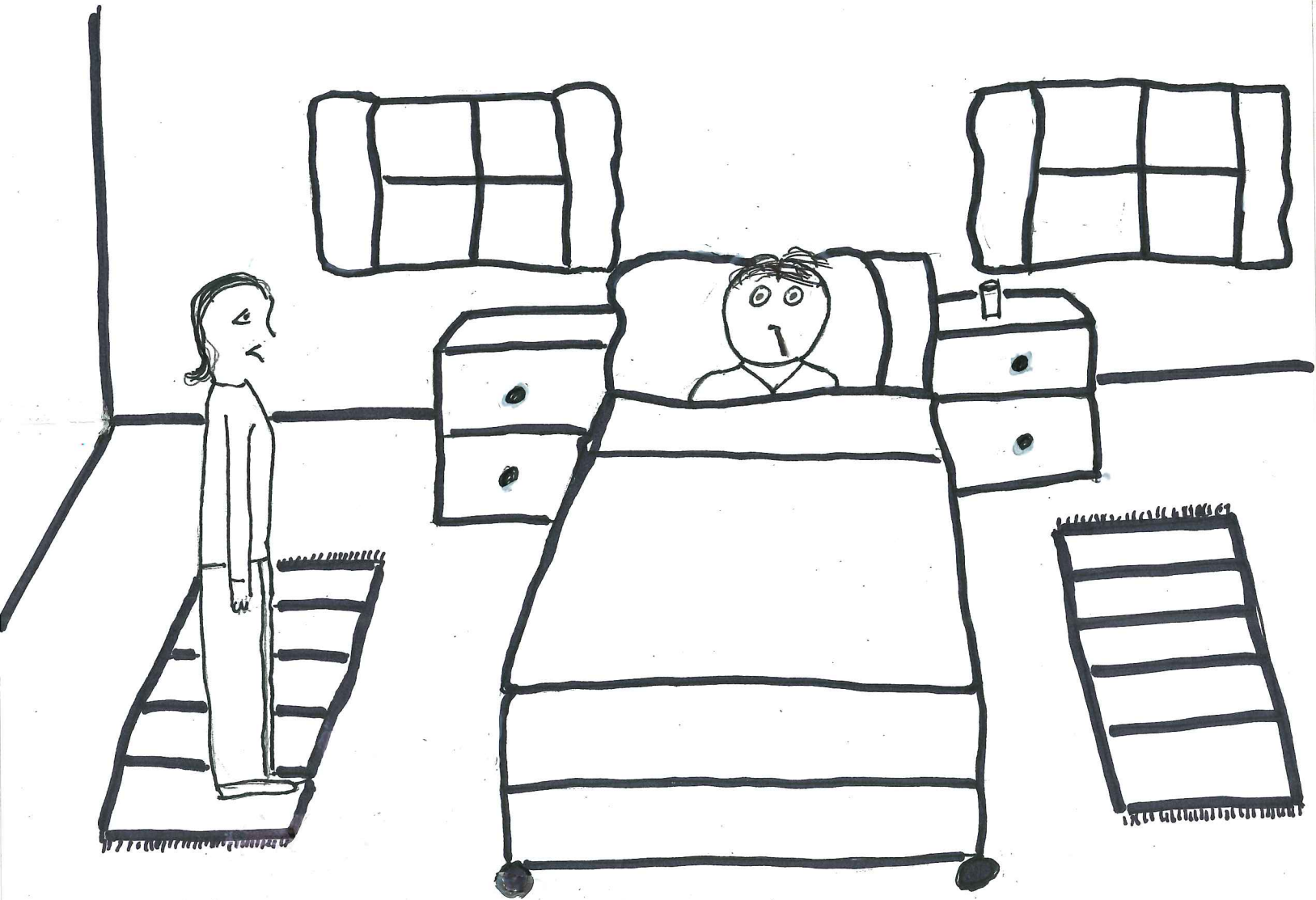
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"If you don't Follow me on Instagram, you'll have to give up all your devices."

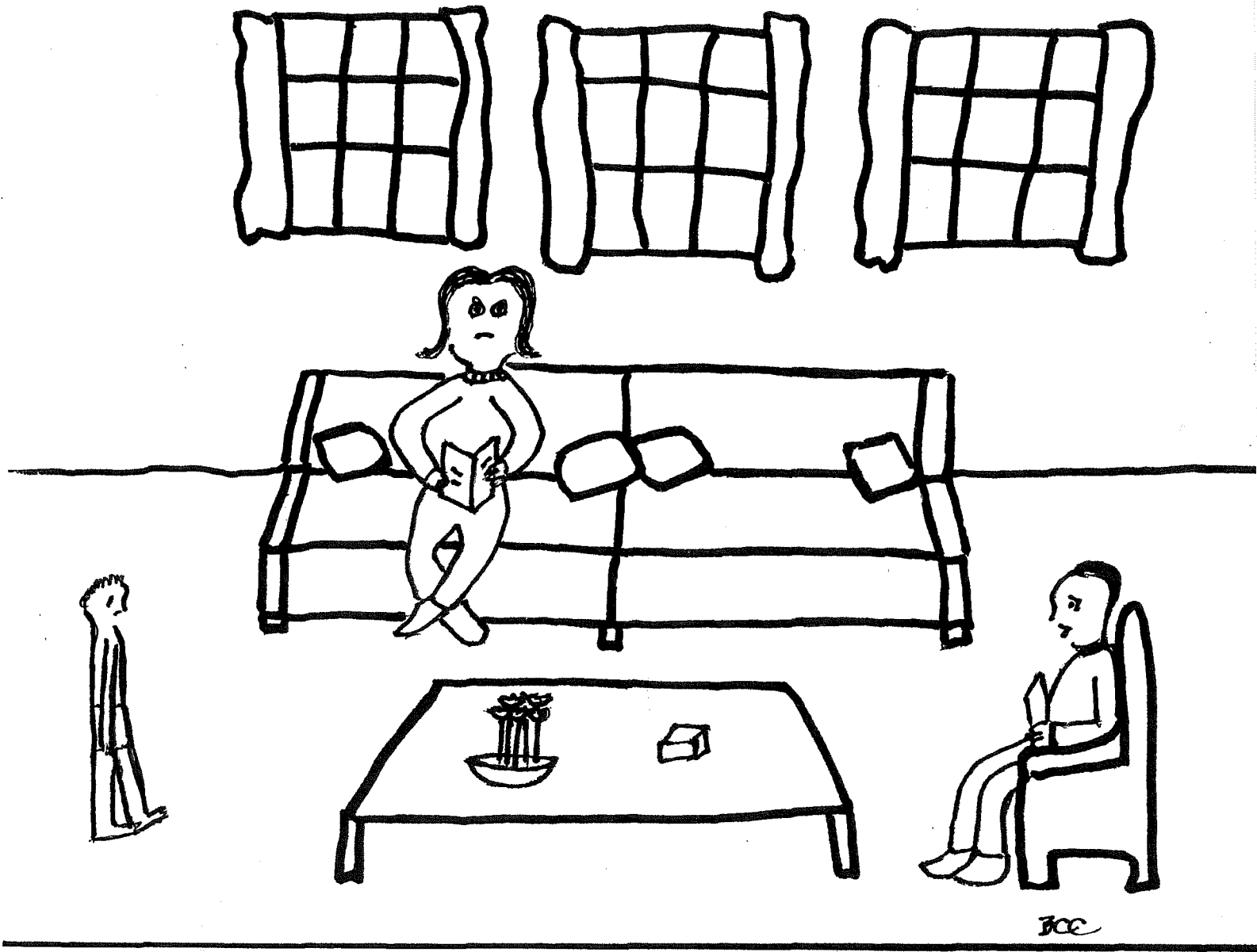


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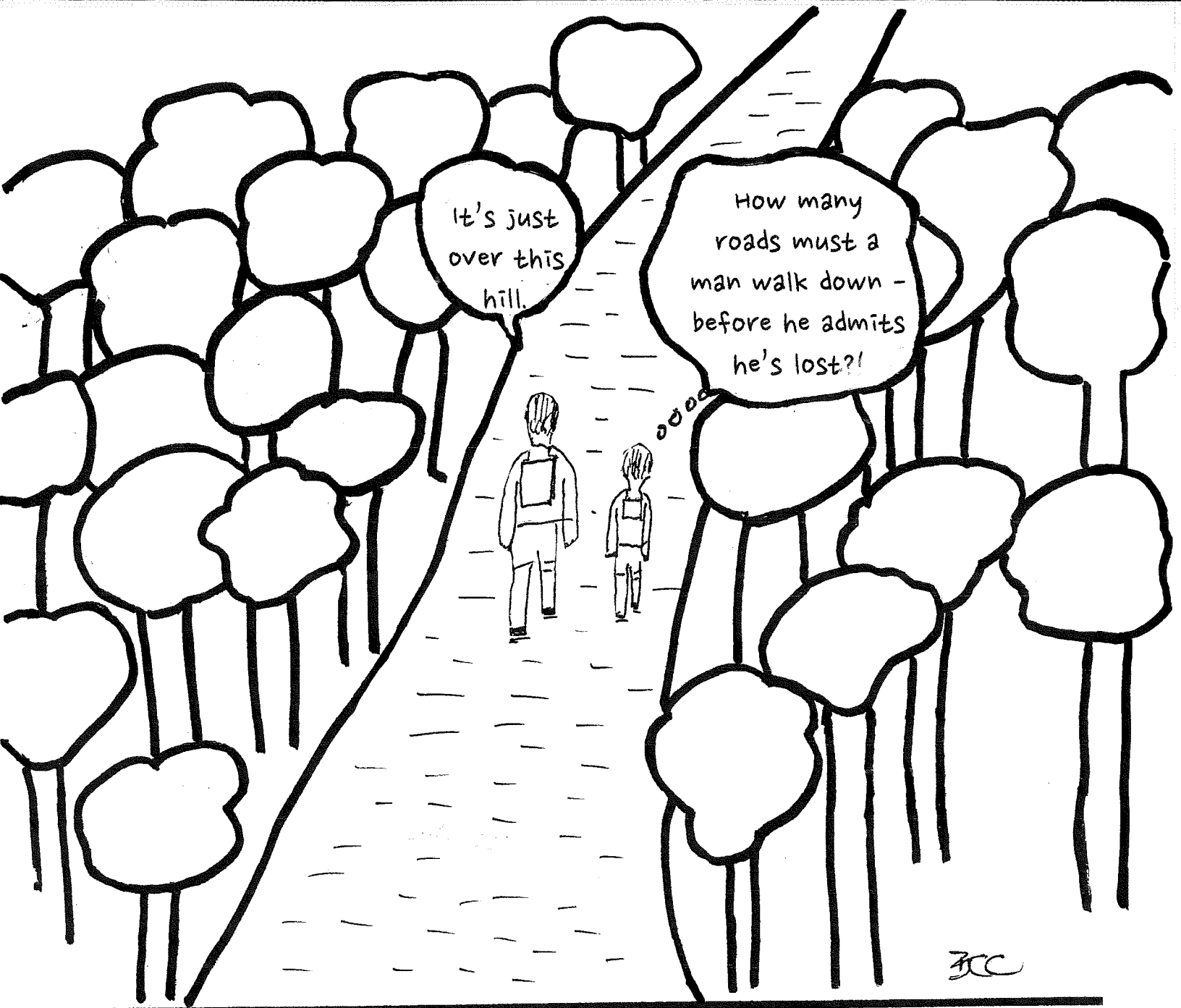


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"If you're gonna throw up, WAIT till I get a bowl.
No sense in BOTH of us being miserable!"



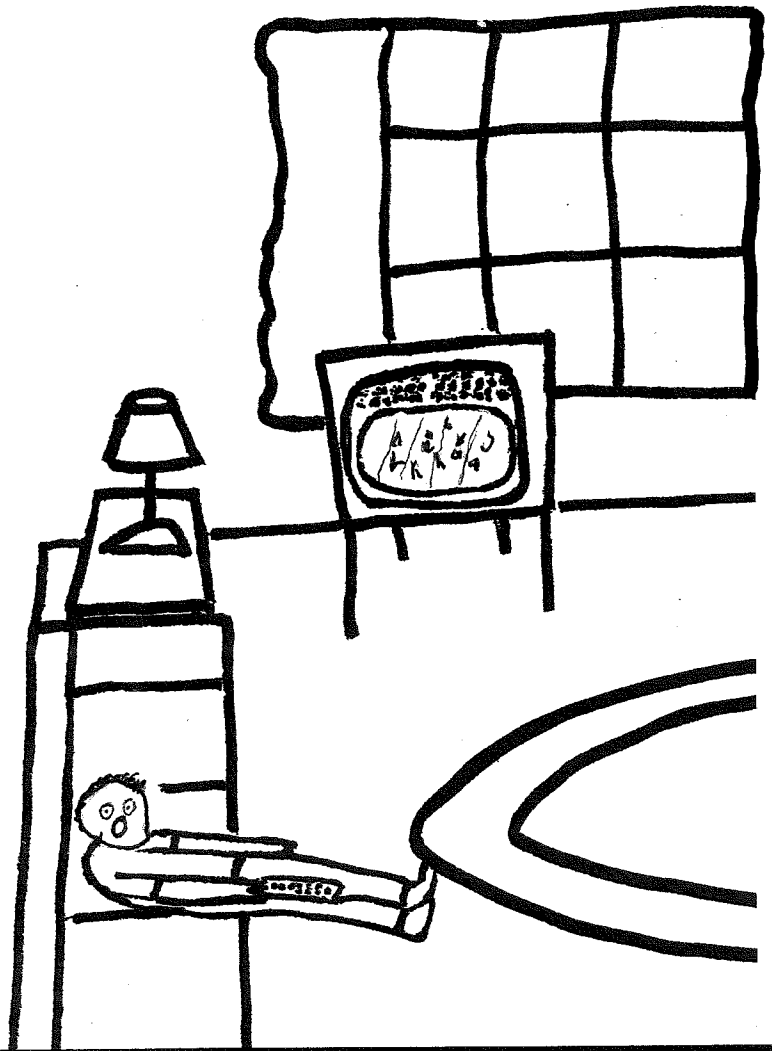
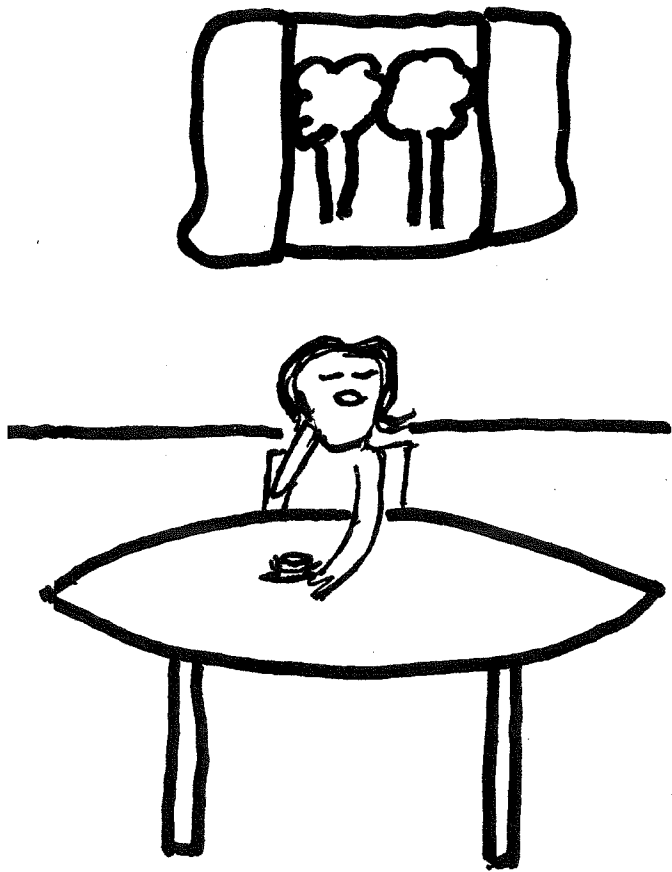
"I'm NOT going to turn the thermostat up.
PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!"



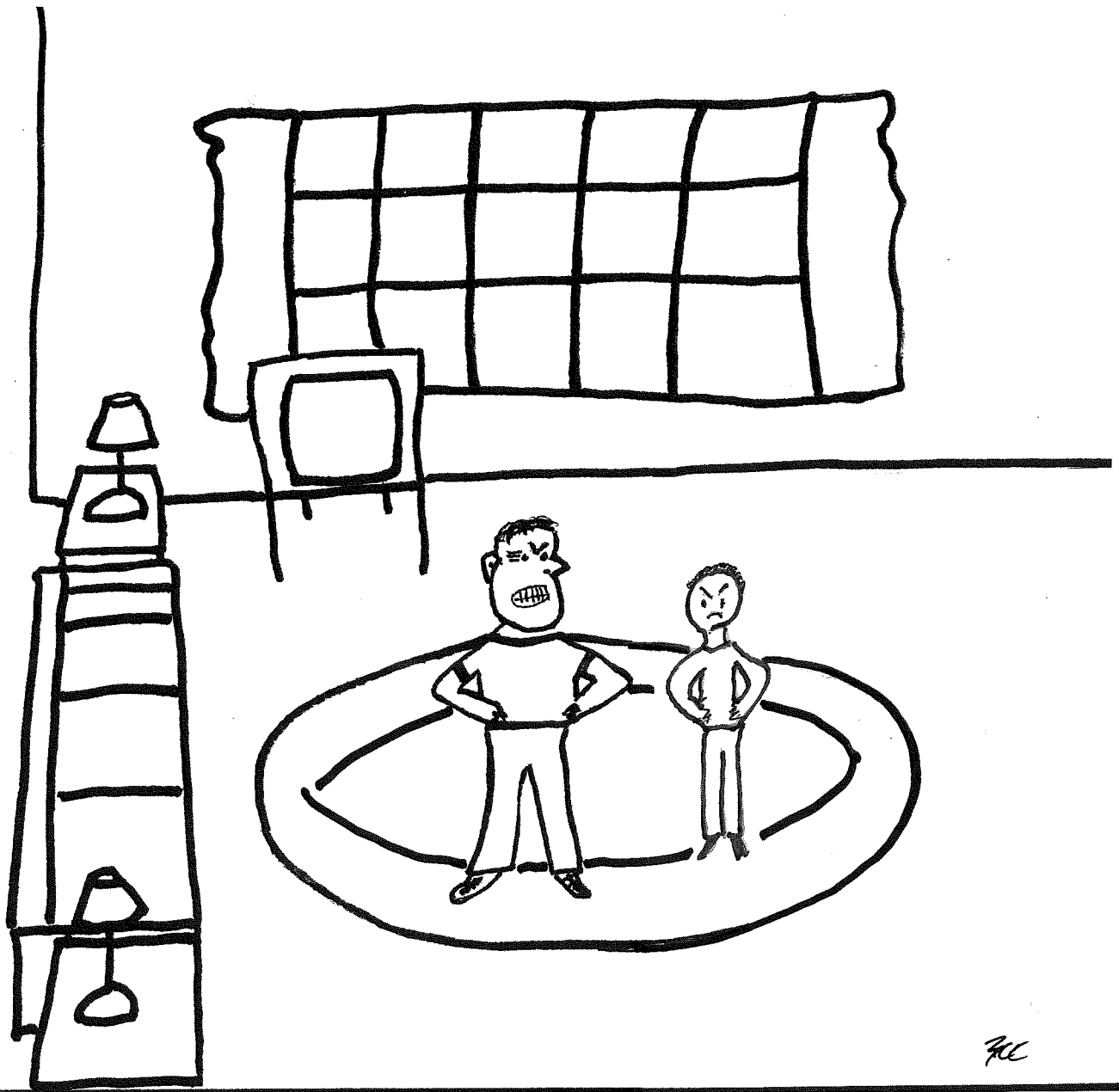
It's just
over this
hill.

How many
roads must a
man walk down -
before he admits
he's lost?!

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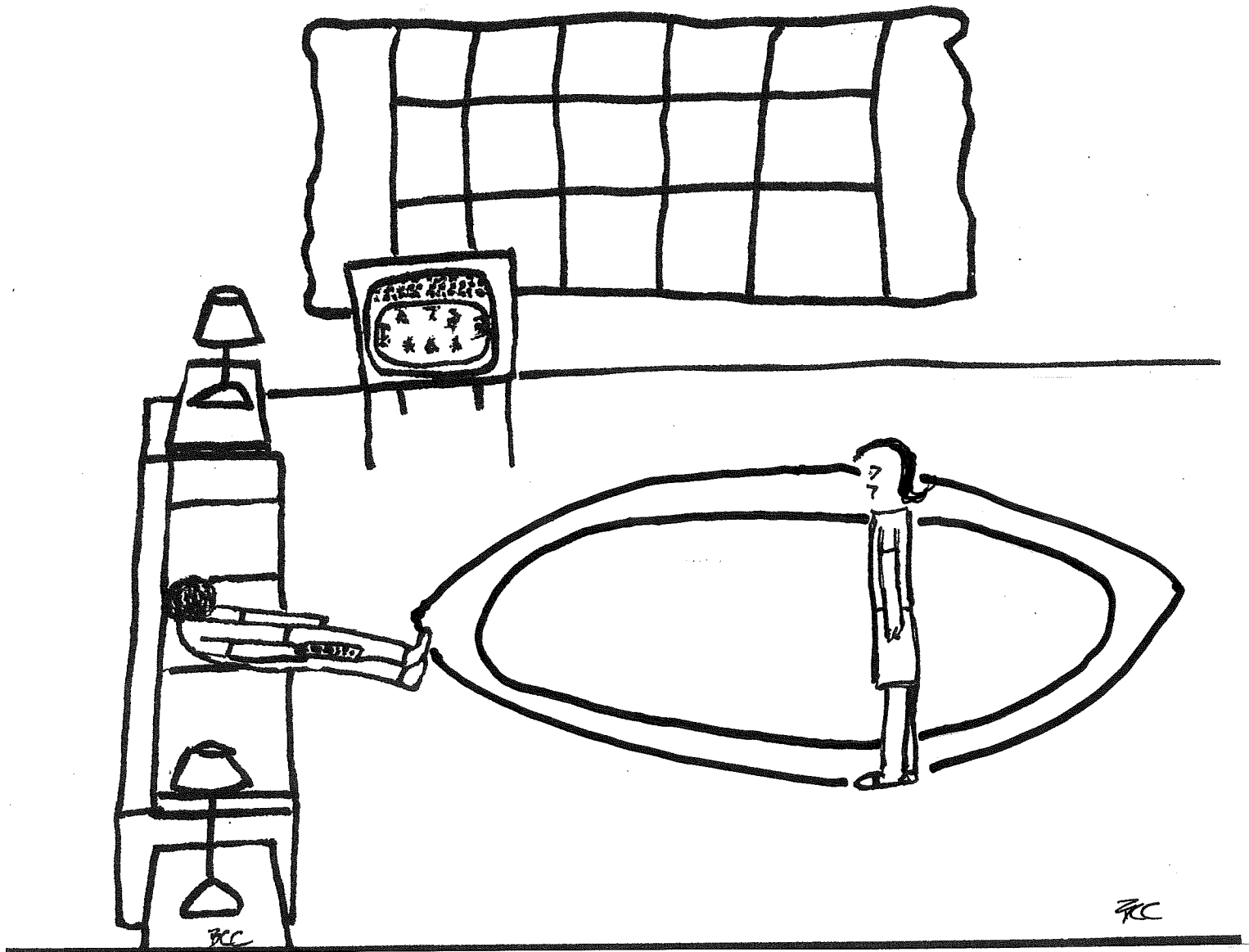


"Jimmy would love
to help you move!
I'll send him right over!"

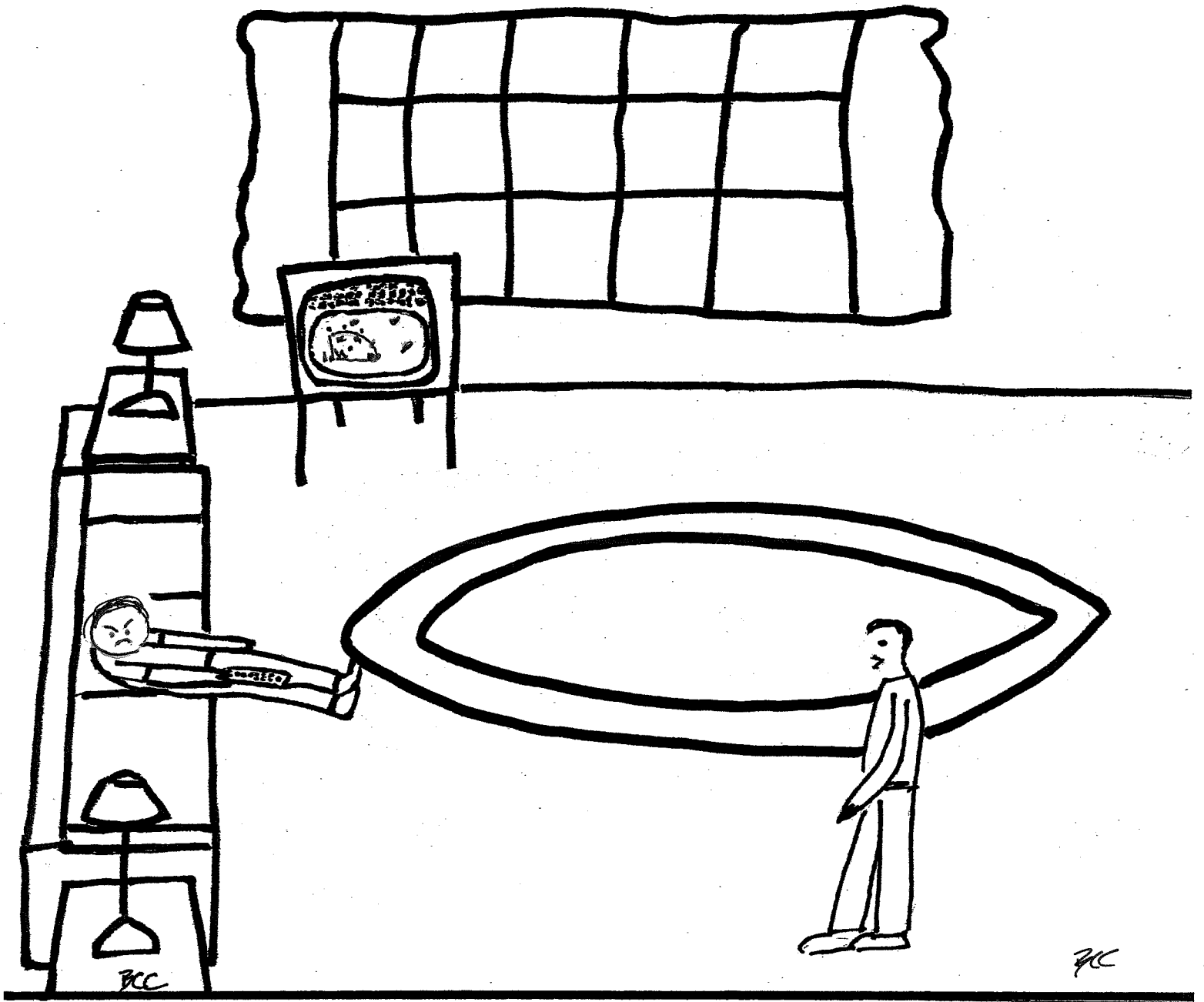


RL

"It doesn't matter WHAT I did when I was your age. We're talking about YOU, NOW, and the answer is still 'NO'!"



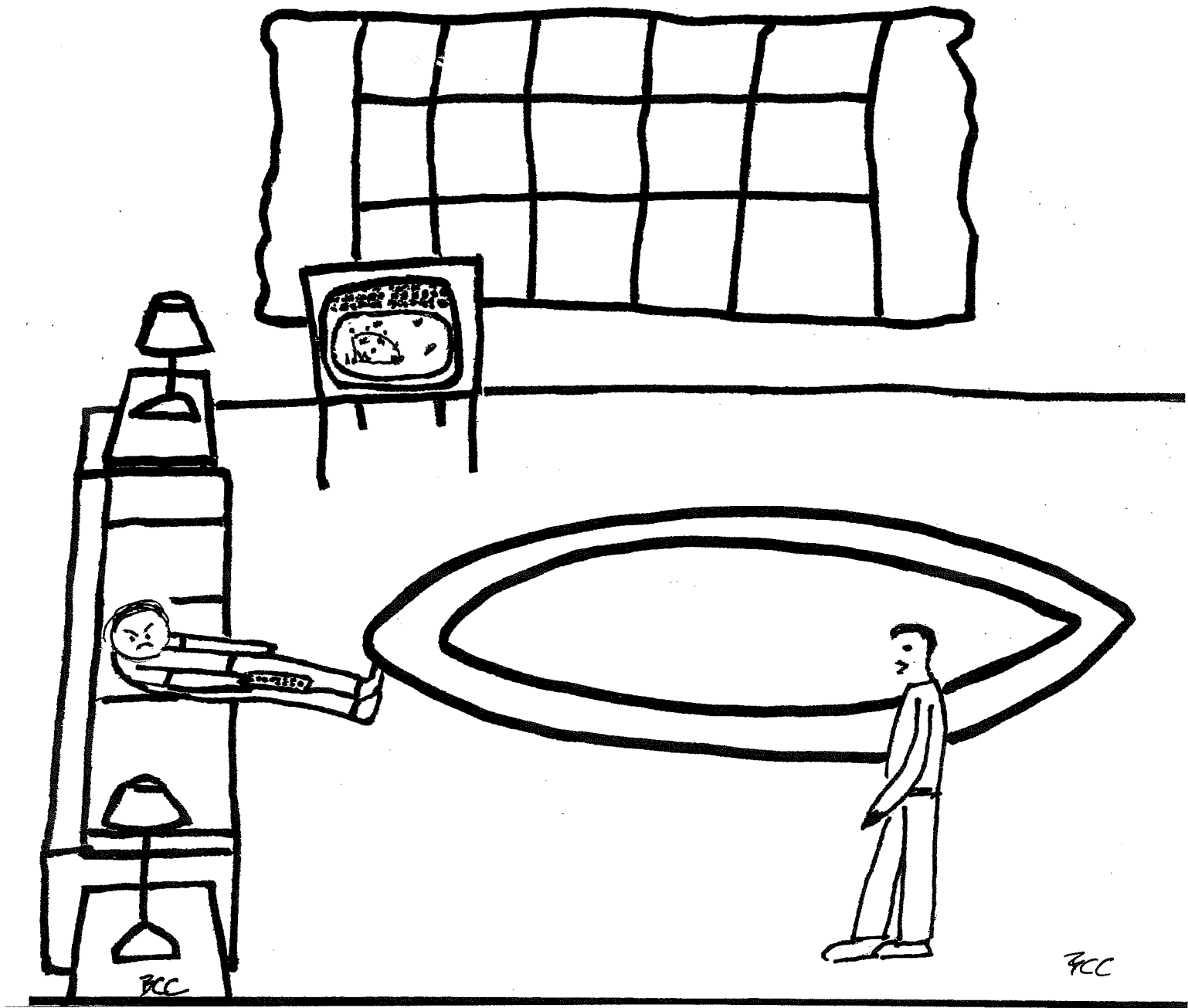
"Aunt Mary is coming for the weekend so do you want to sleep
in the basement or the garage?"



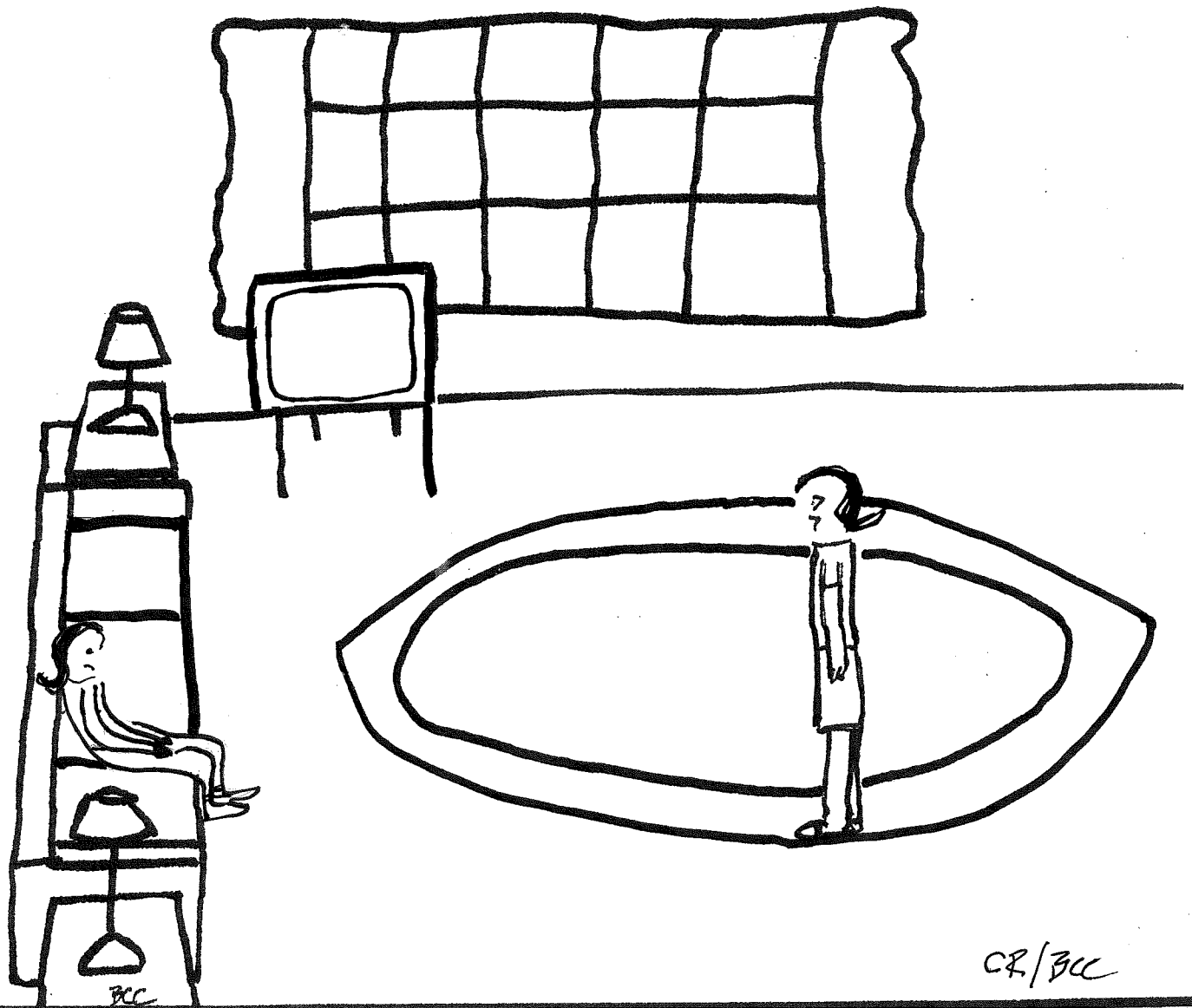
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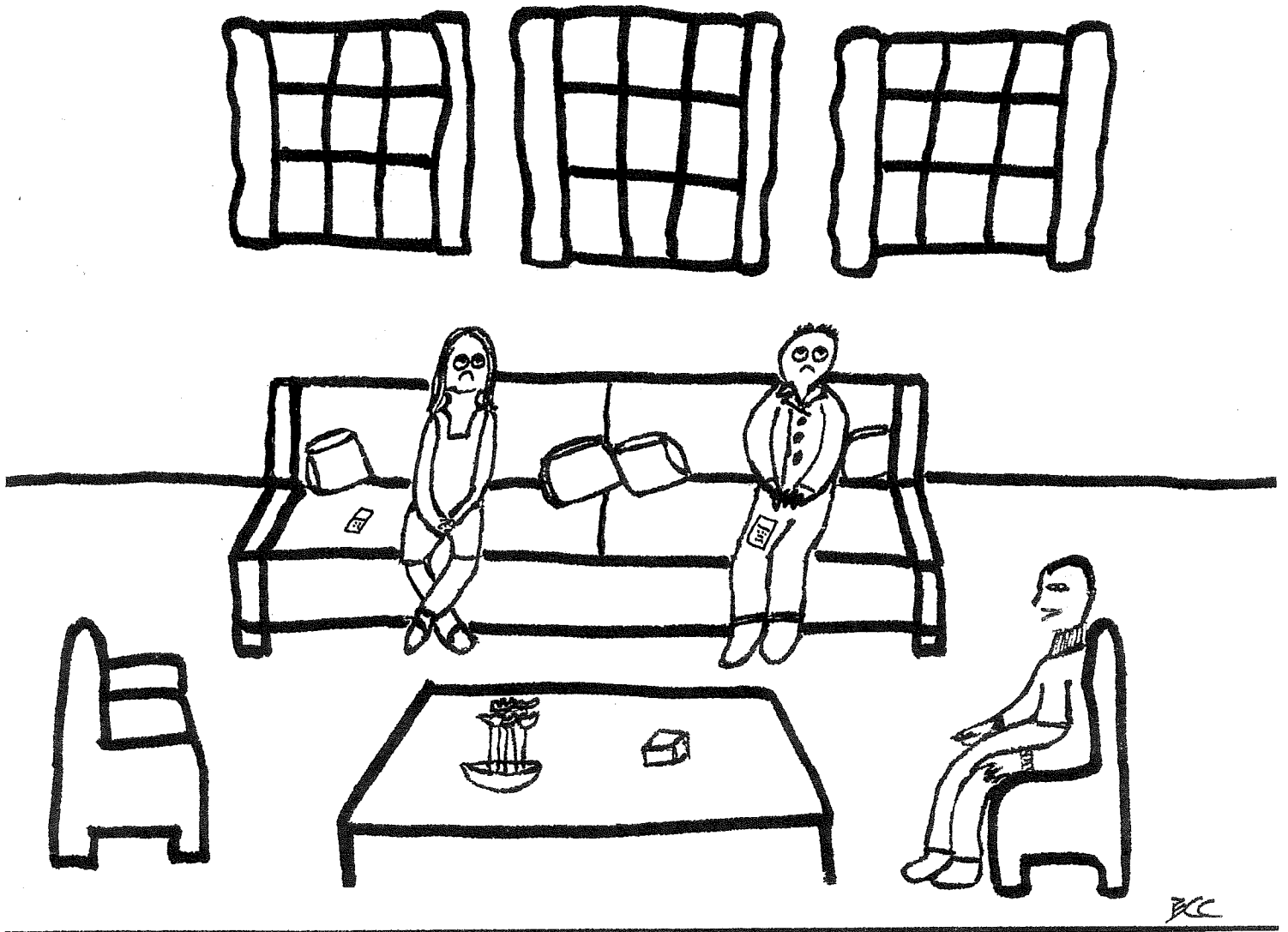
"I'm picking you up at 10:00.
If you're not out front,
I'm coming in and
I'm in my nightgown!"



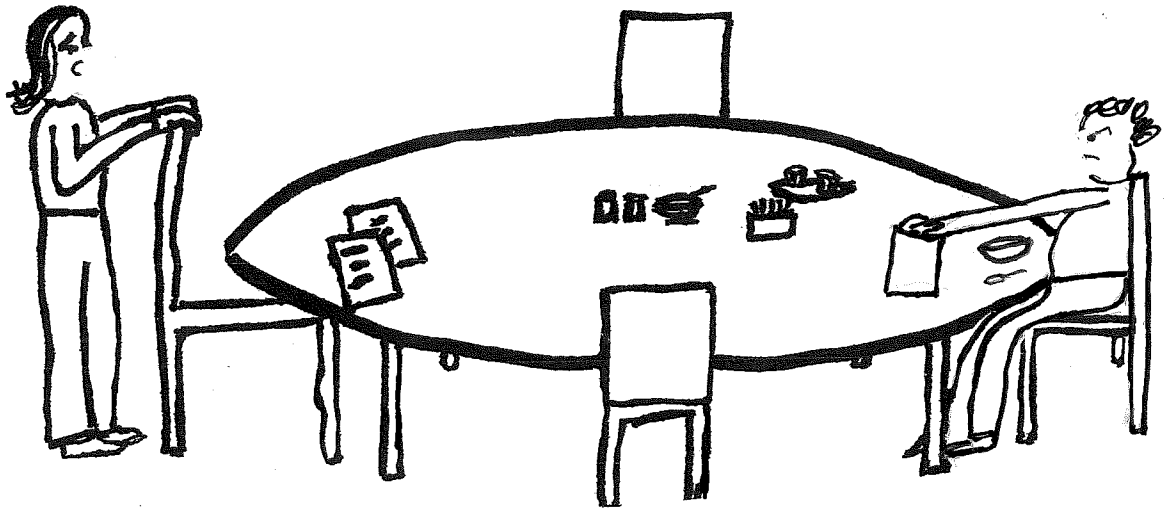
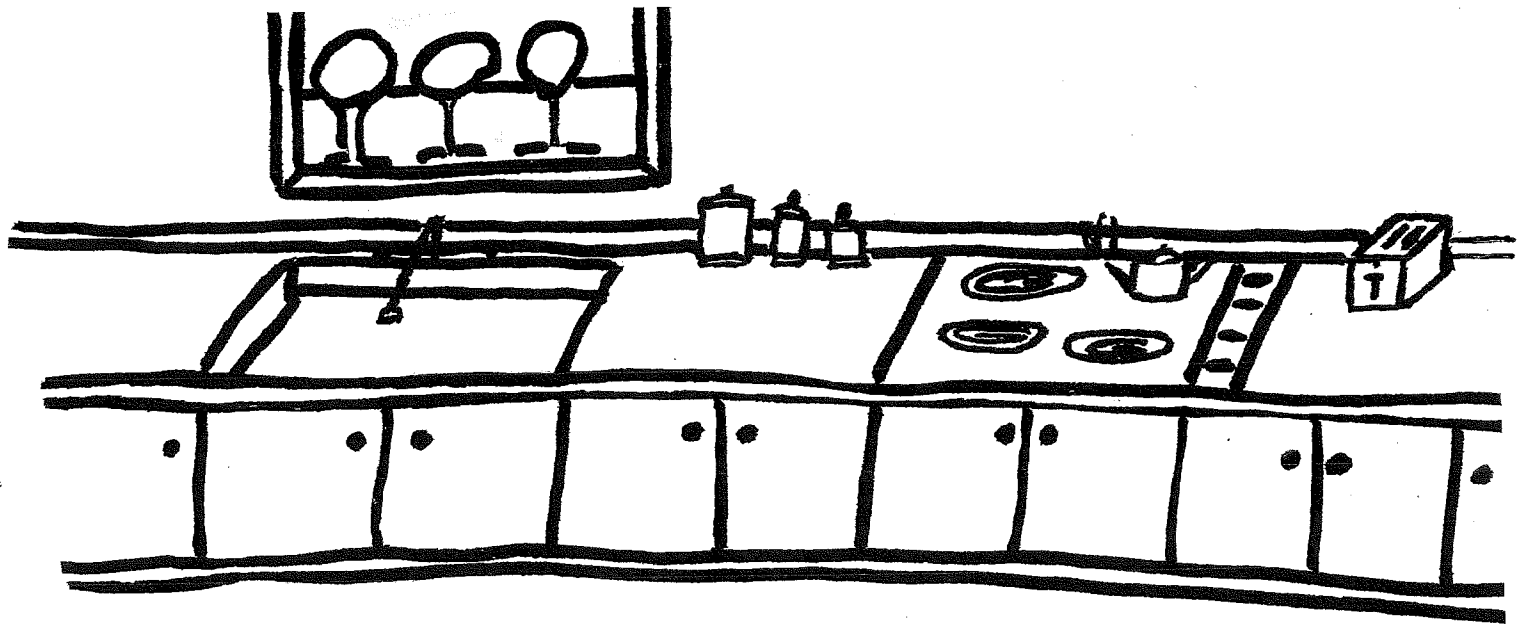
"of course I'm not going to teach you to drive.
Next thing you know you'll want to use the car."



"Day Glow was a wonderful choice for your bedroom, dear, but the paint store was out so I decided on white."

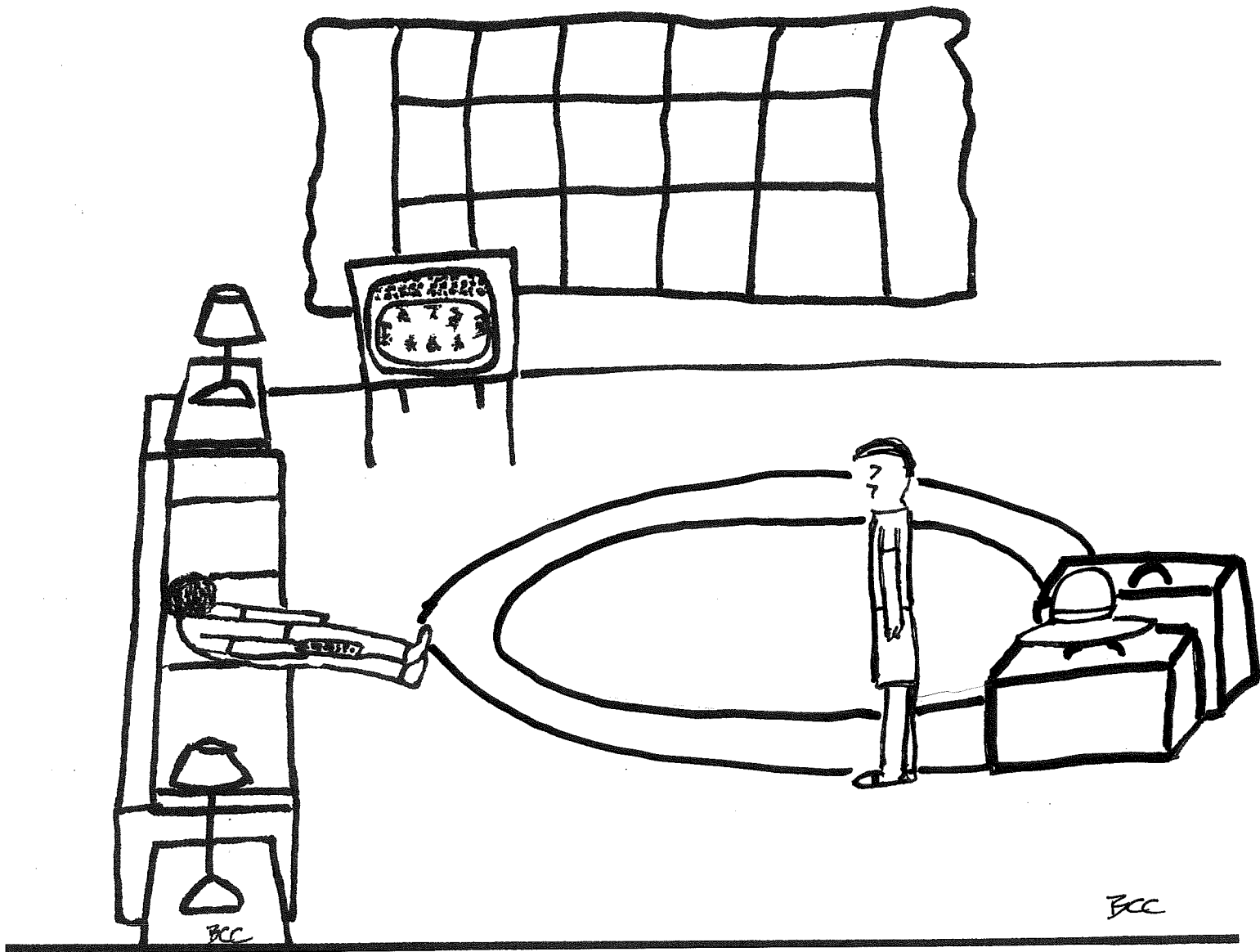


"Facebook and Texting do NOT count as time spent "READING"!"

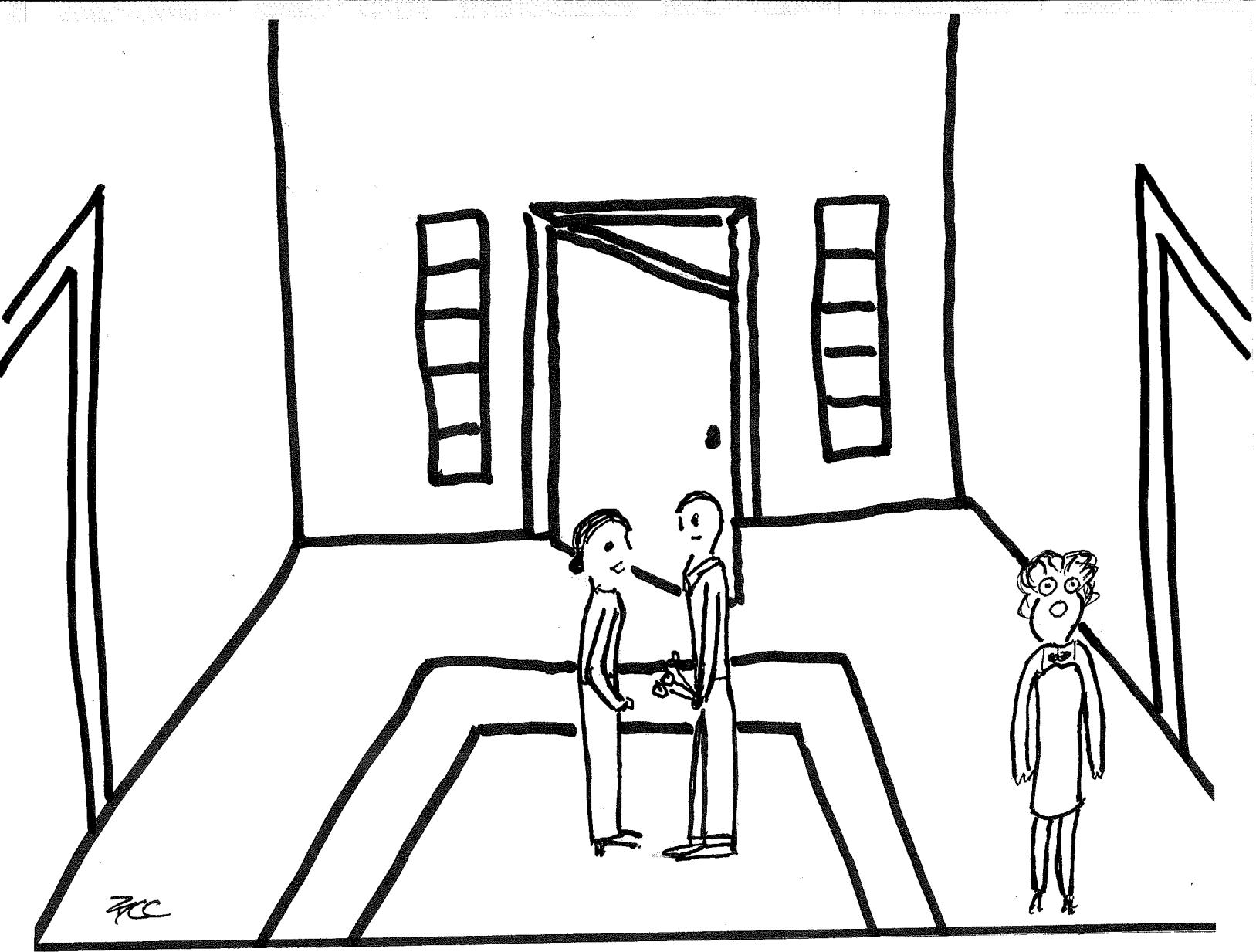


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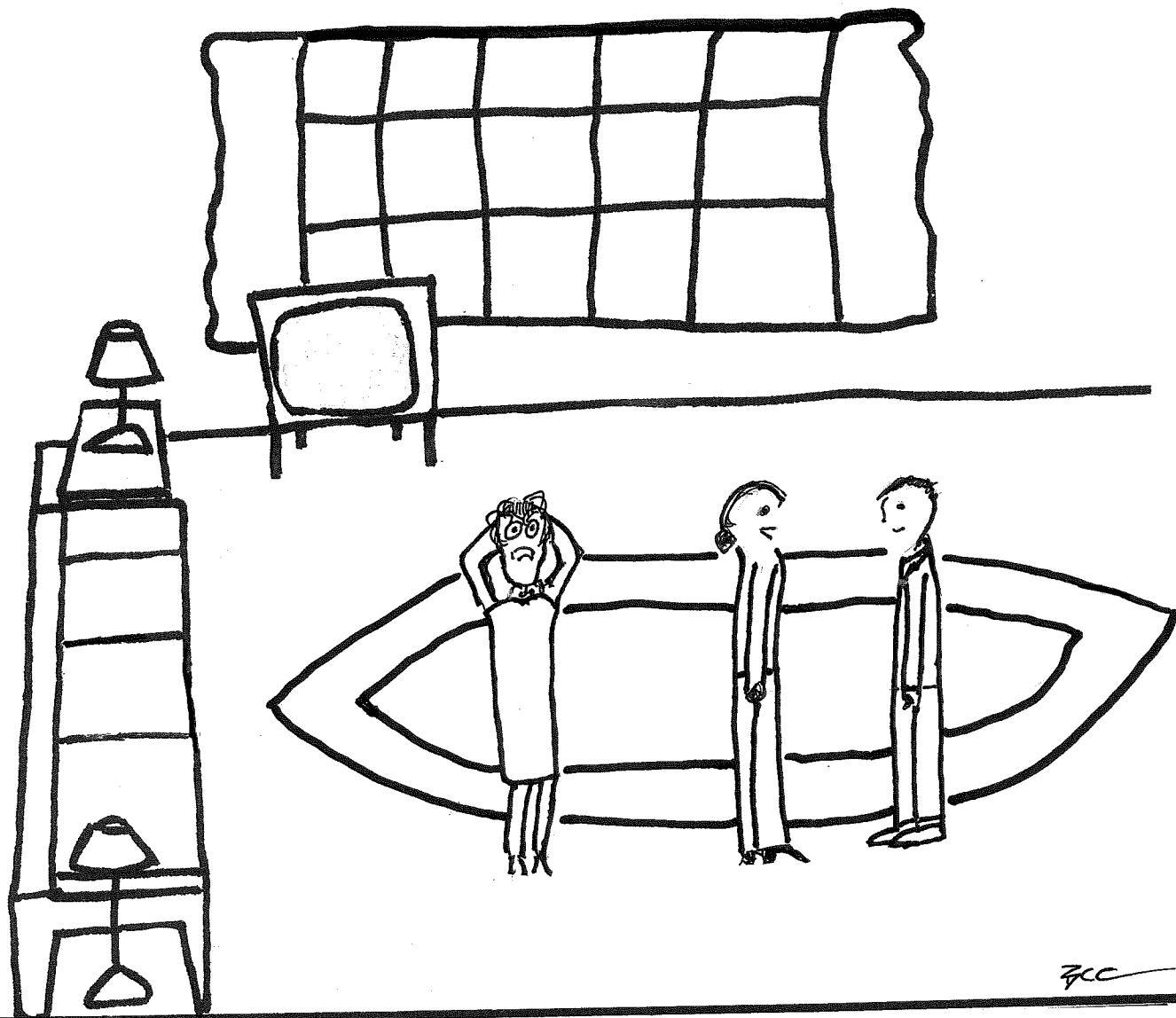
"If you're trying to lose weight, ice cream probably
isn't your best option."



"Your mother and I are going to the Bahamas for a week so you probably won't be able to go on that ski trip after all."

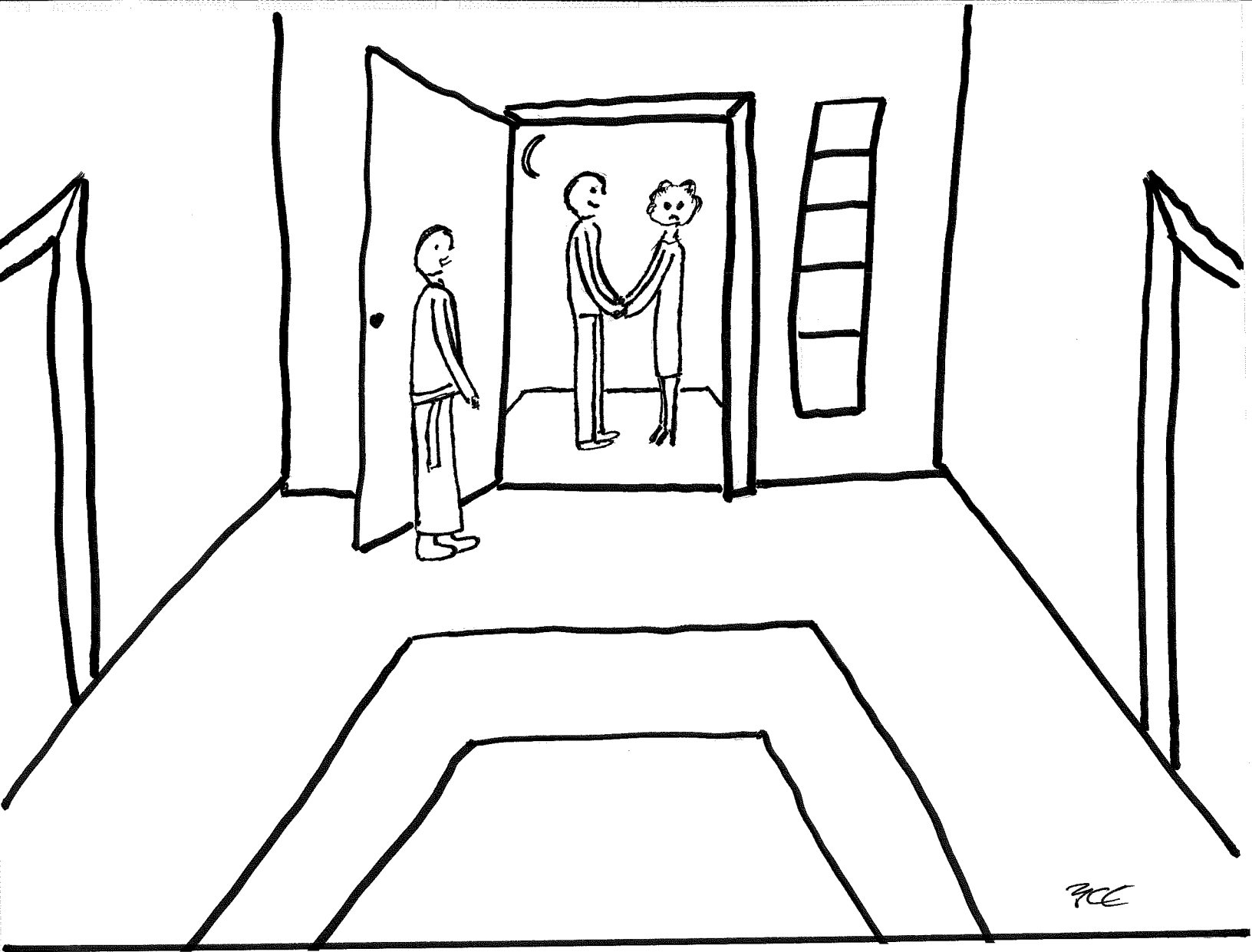


"You don't have to rush off.
C'mon in and tell us about yourself."



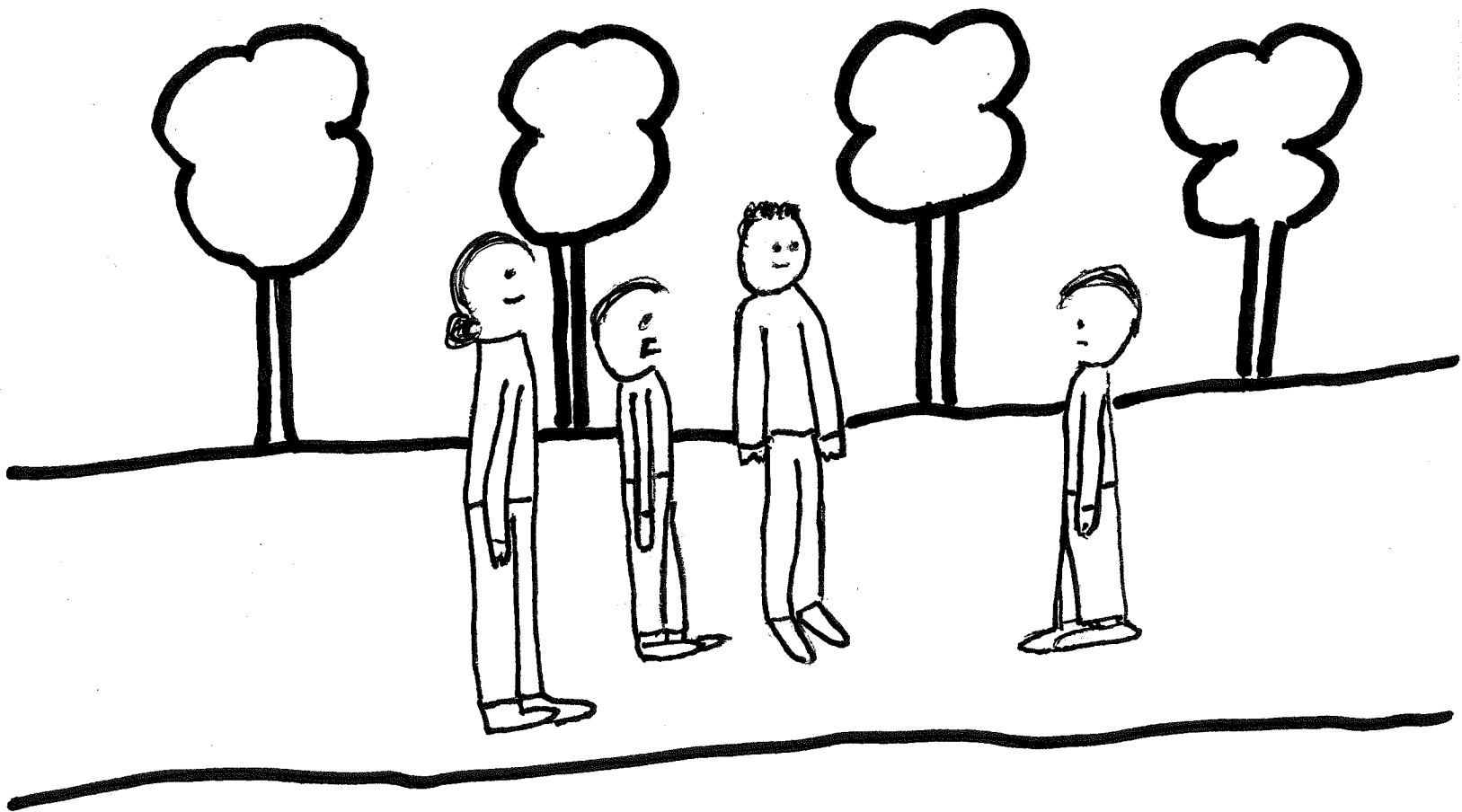
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"Jennifer brushed her teeth four times in the last five minutes -
just for you!"



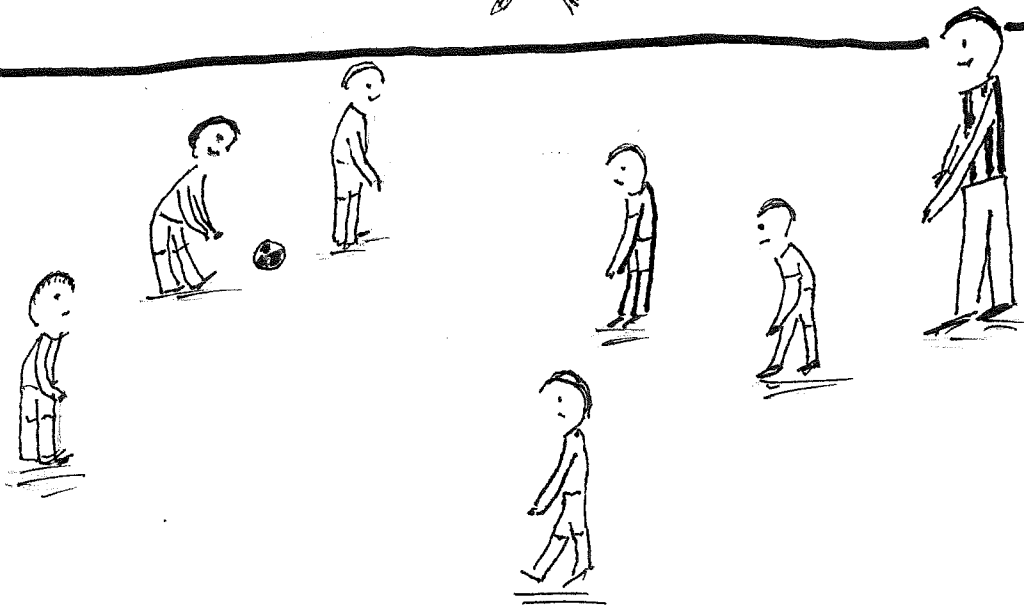
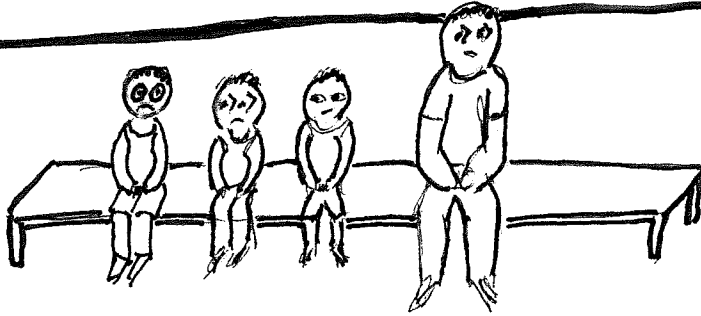
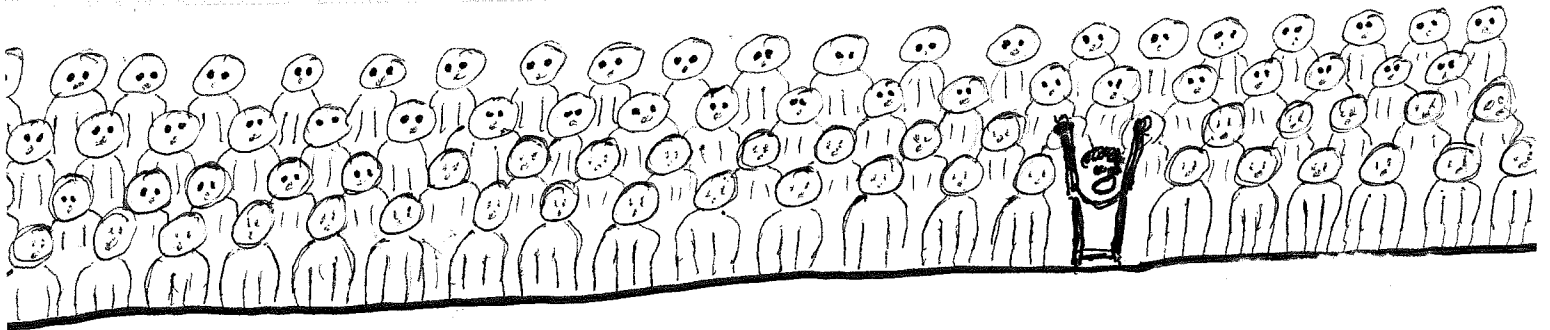
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"I just wanted to make sure I'd left the light on..."



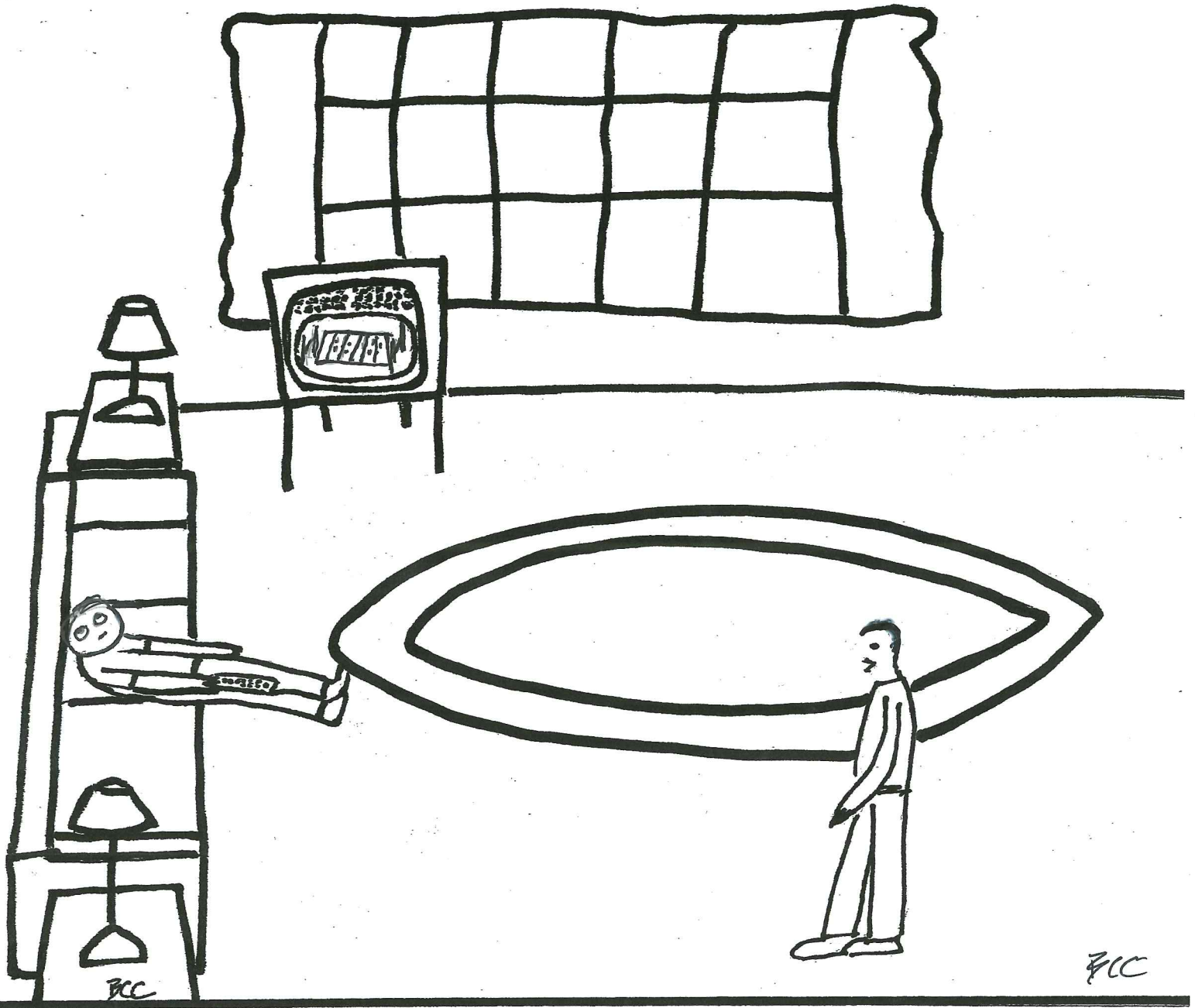
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"Rather than grounding me, they're insisting on going with me wherever I go."

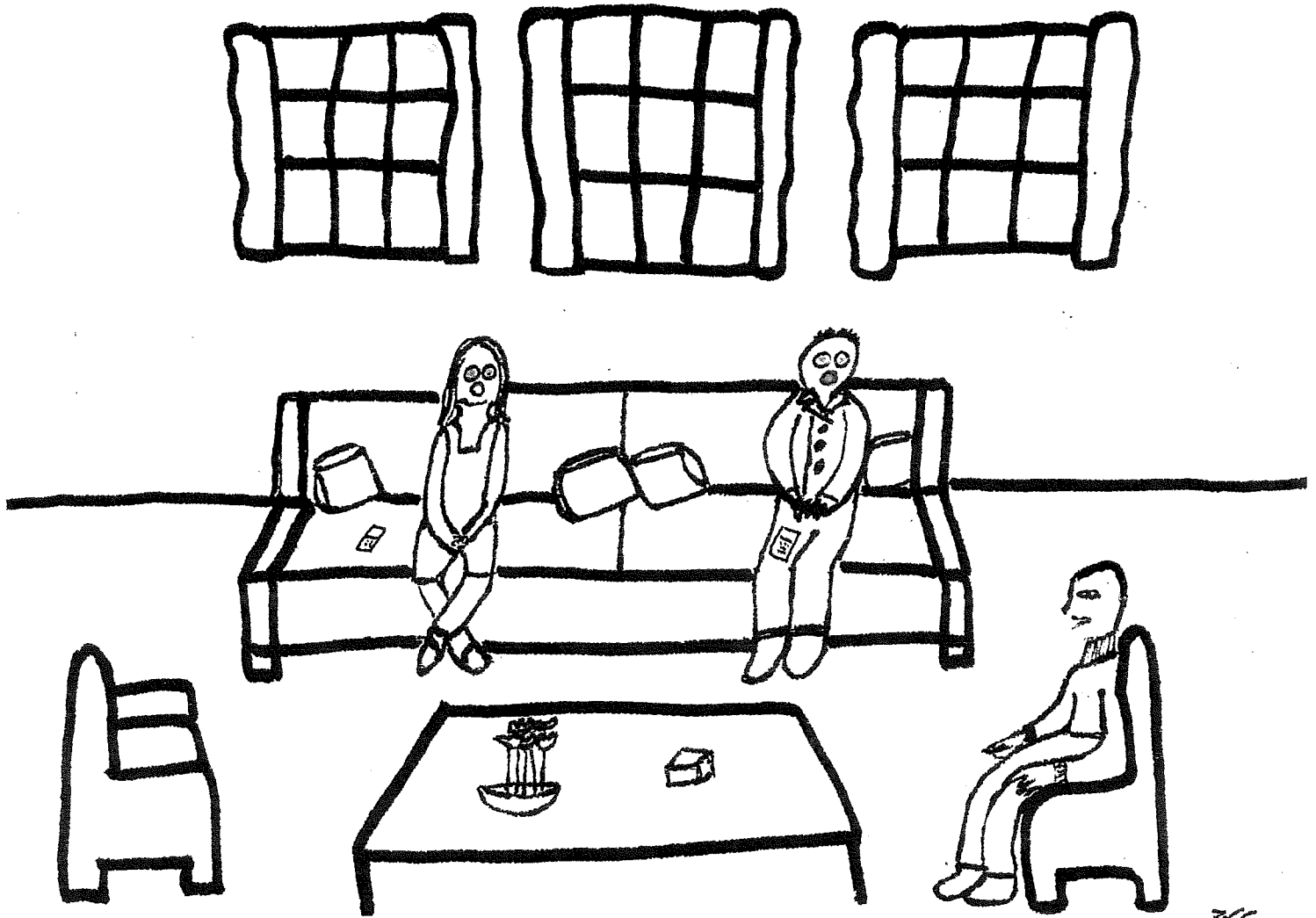


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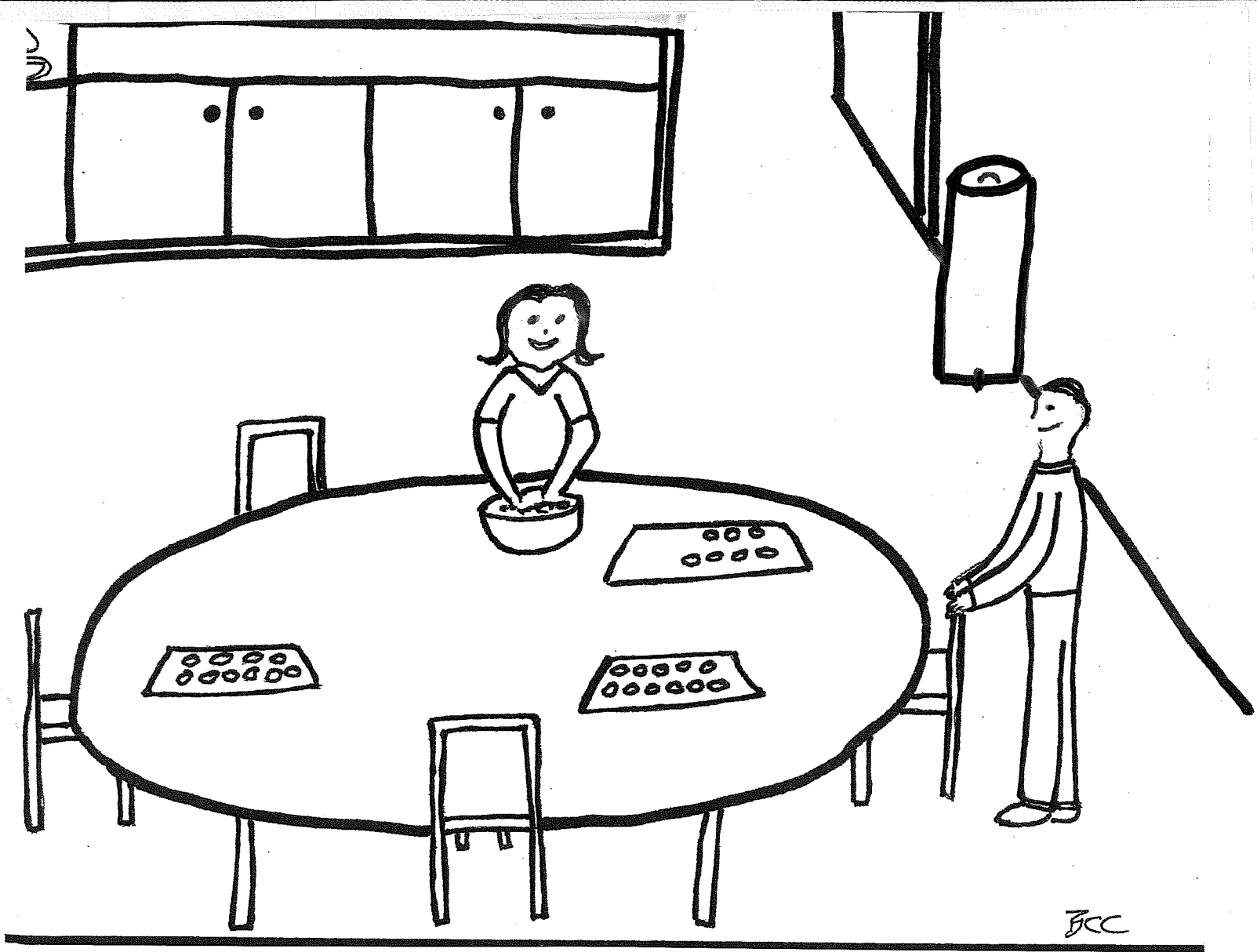
"AW! C'MON REF! ARE YOU BLIND???!!!!"



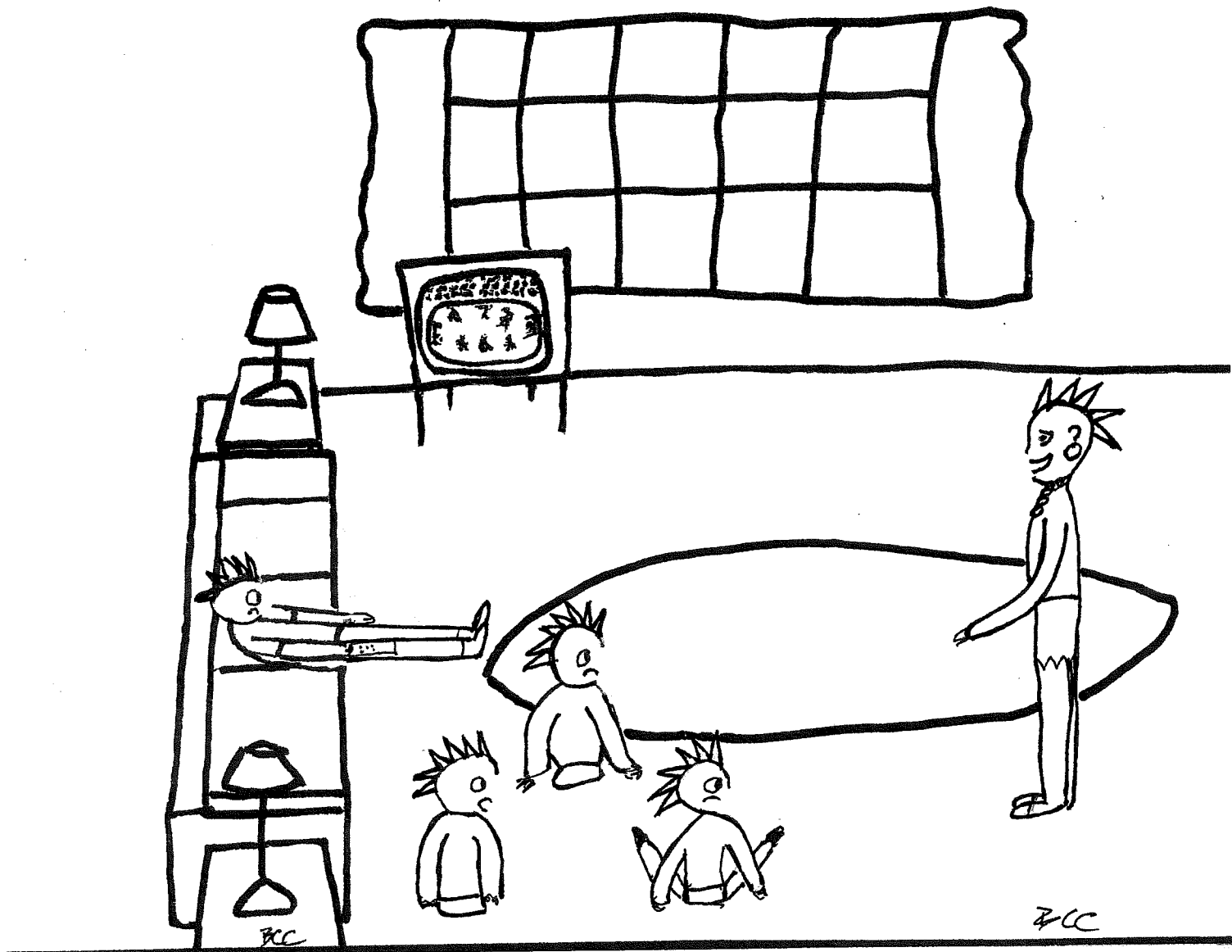
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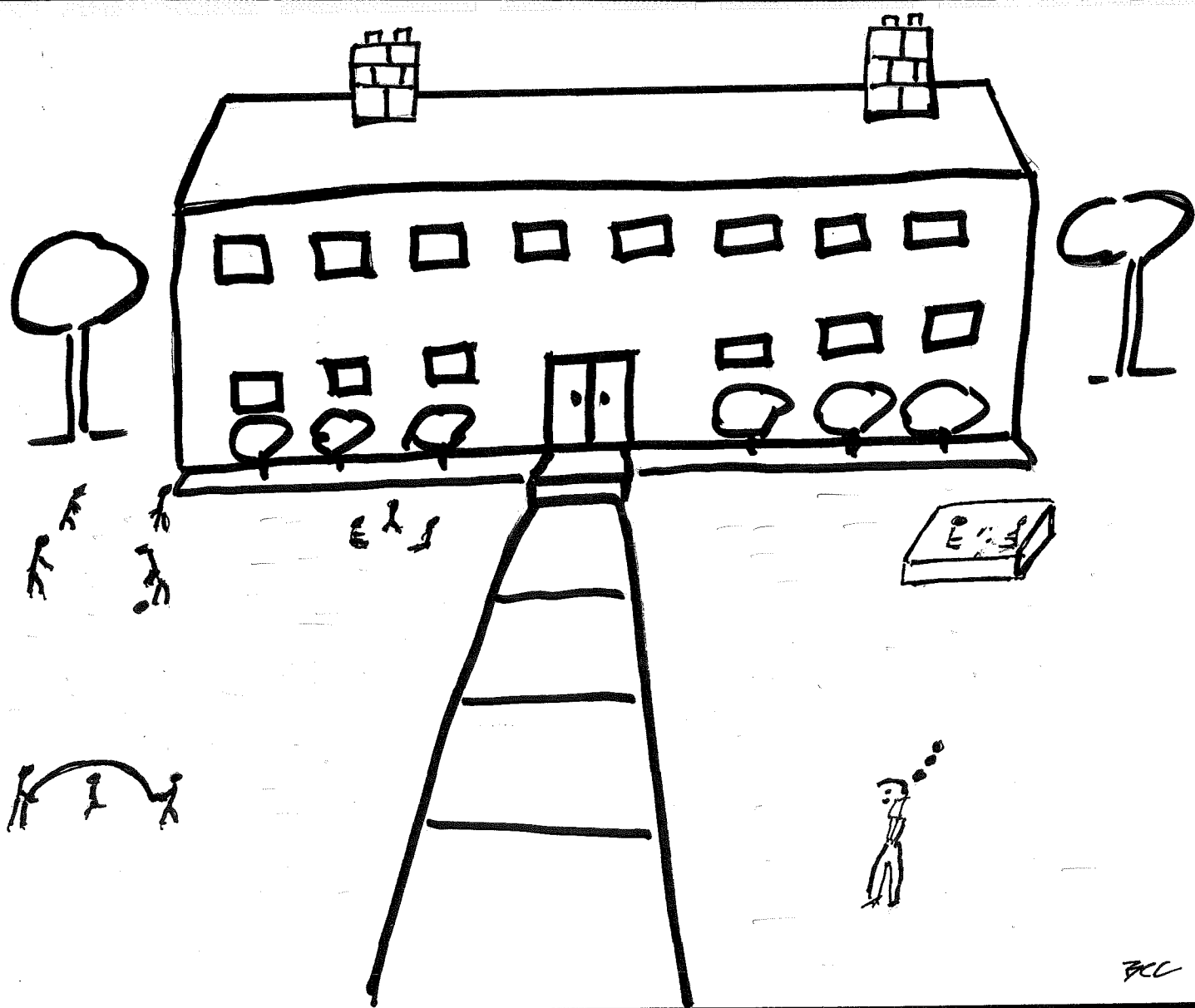
"I just got curbi so be warned!"



"I put Michael's iPad at the bottom of the trash can so he won't find it until he does his chores."



"Mind if I join you?"



"If you forgot your homework, Flunk.
If you forgot your lunch, Beg.
If you forgot your tennis racquet, Watch.
If you missed your ride, Hitchhike."

“HAVE A NICE DAY!”

