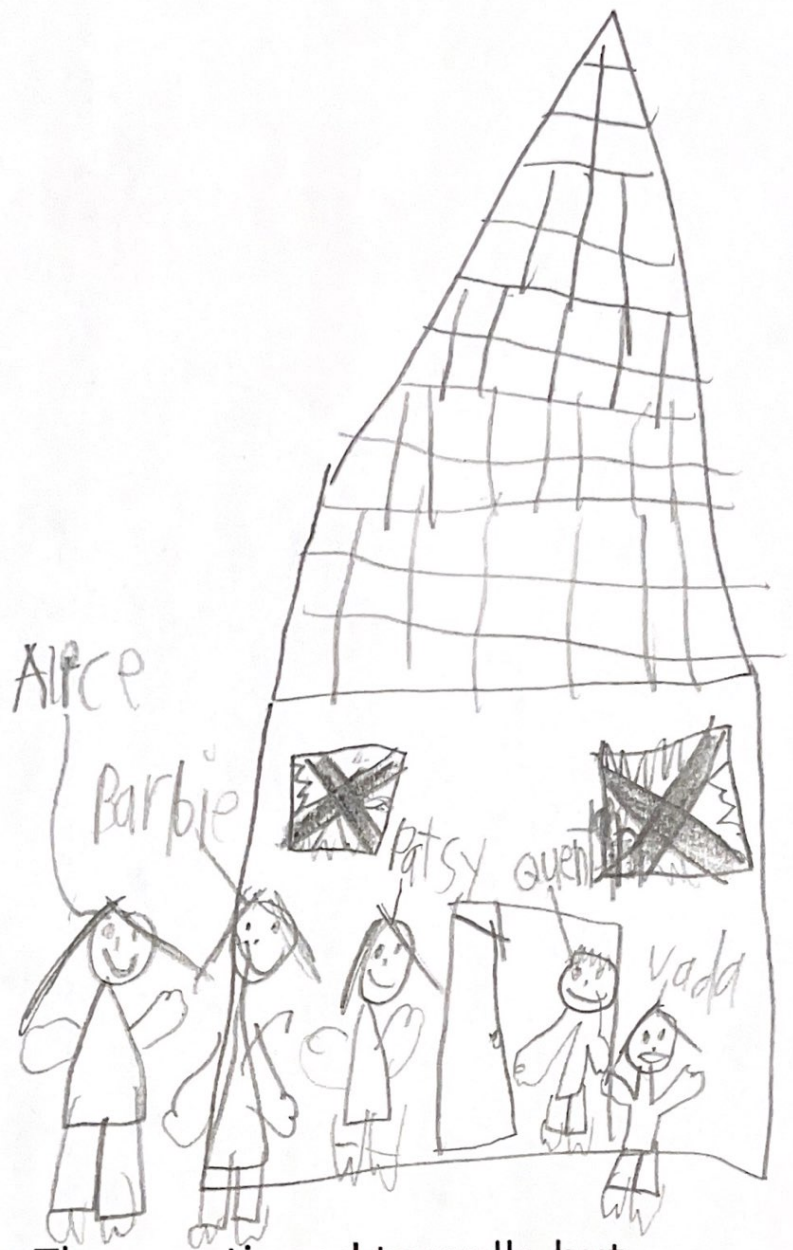


**The Jumping  
Jelly Bean  
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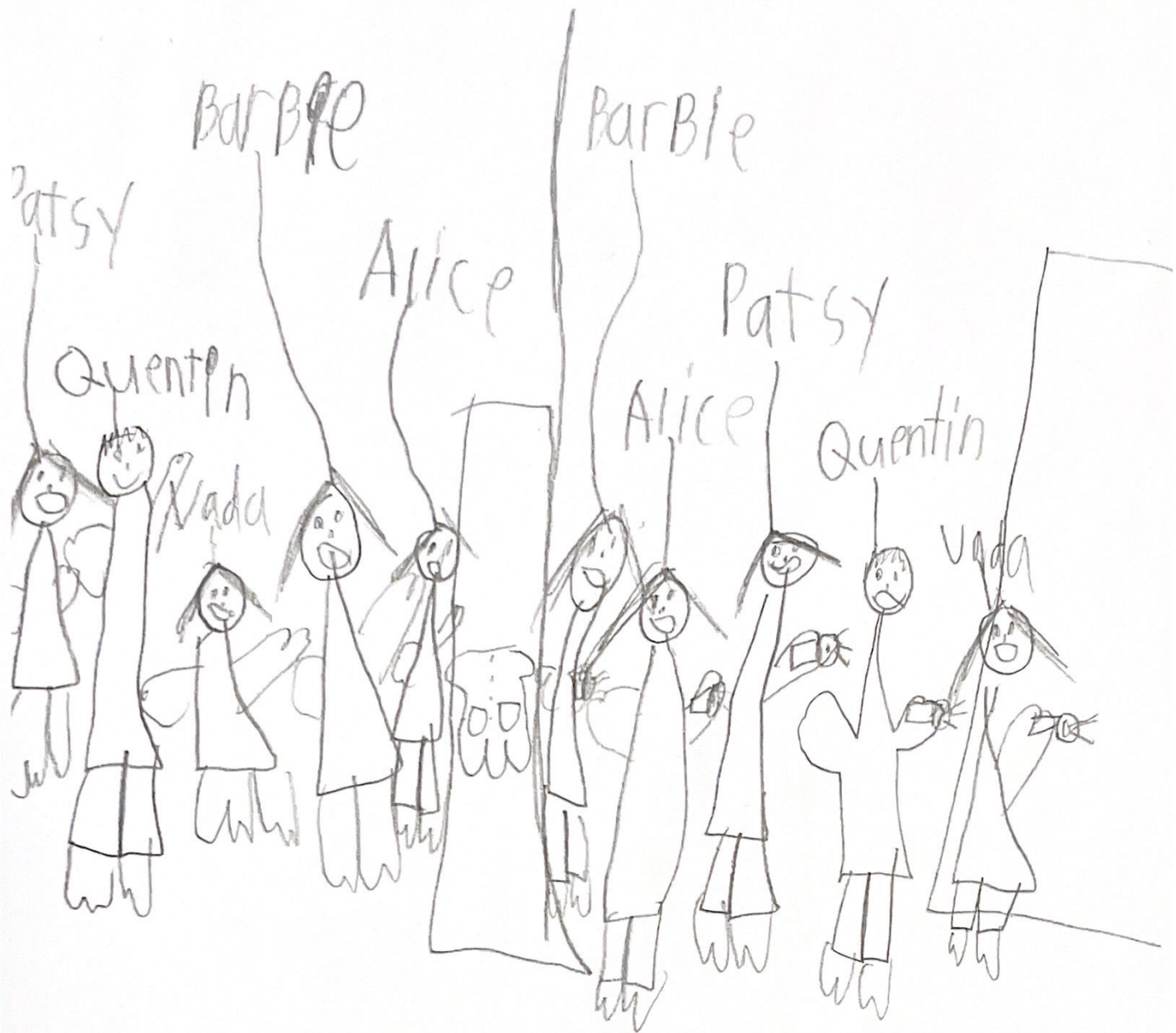
Once upon a time there were five children named Quentin, Alice, Vada, Barbie and Patsy. They were all alone while their parents went to the store, and it was starting to get dark outside. Quentin said, "Let's go walk in the woods." "But it's too scary!" said Vada. "And there might be bears!" added Alice. "But bears won't hurt you" Barbie told them, so the children left their house to walk in the woods.



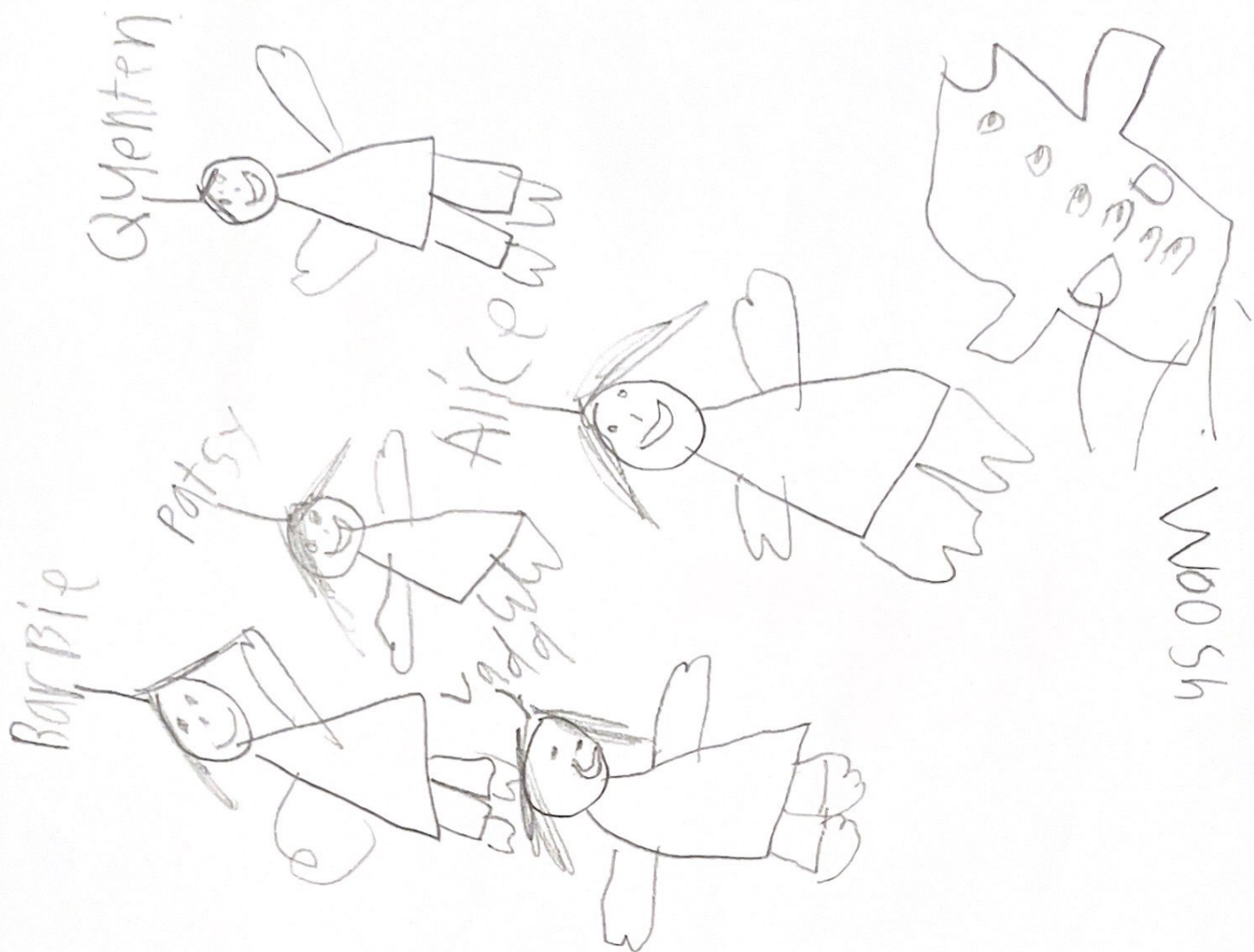
Soon it was very dark. They continued to walk, but came to a house in the woods. Quentin said, "Let's go inside!" He opened the door. Right as Vada was saying, "But it looks abandoned!" Quentin took her hand and pulled her inside of the house. The others followed close behind.



The children followed the hallways, turning at every corner until they came to a dark staircase. At the top was a weird shadow. Vada was the first one to notice it. "What is that?" she asked. The others looked up, seeing the shadow as well. They were all wondering what it was, so they began to ascend the stairs.

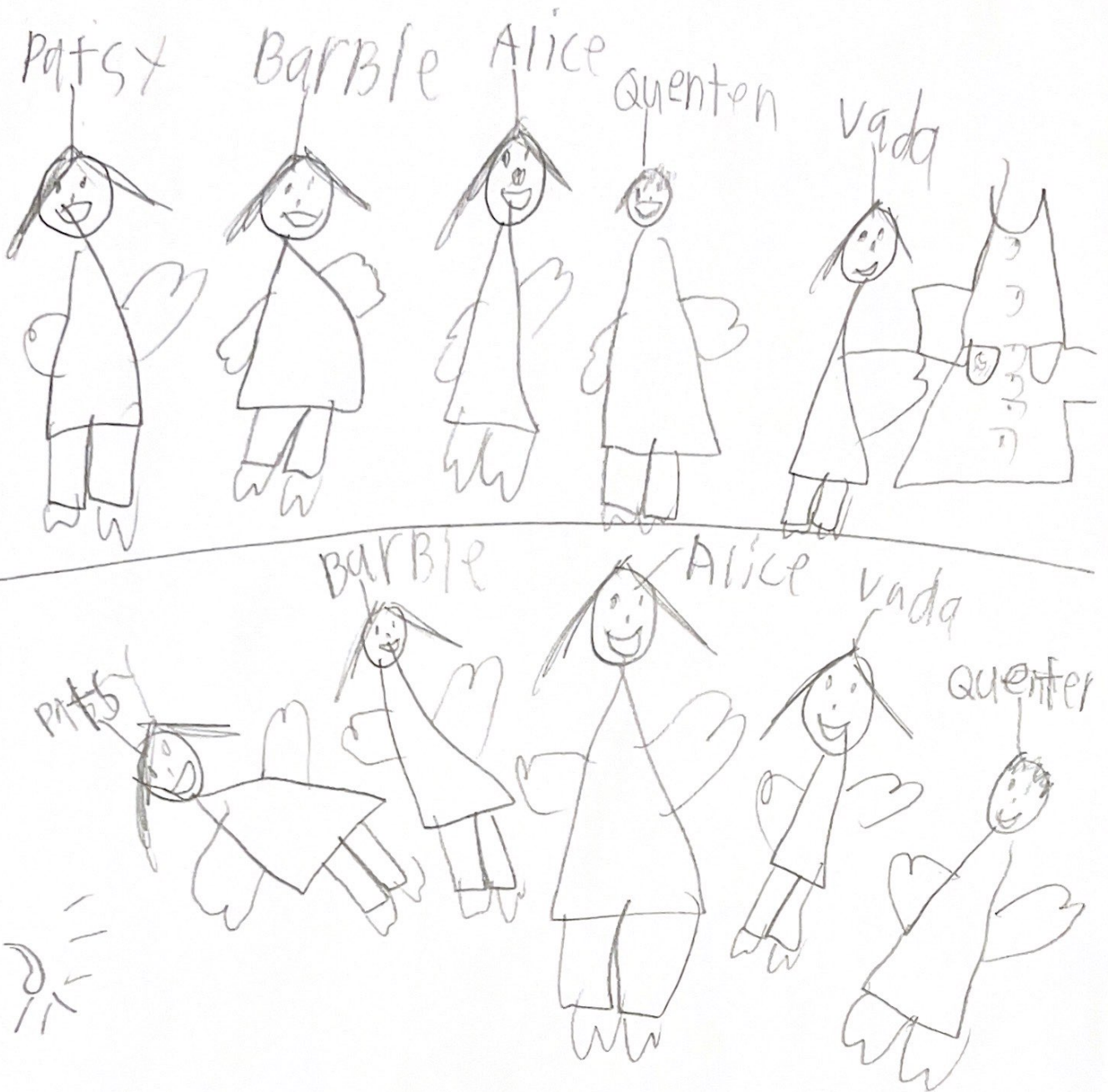


At the top of the staircase, they watched as the shadow entered a very dark room. The children were frightened but still wondering what the shadow was. Luckily they had brought flashlights, so they turned them on before following the shadow into the room.

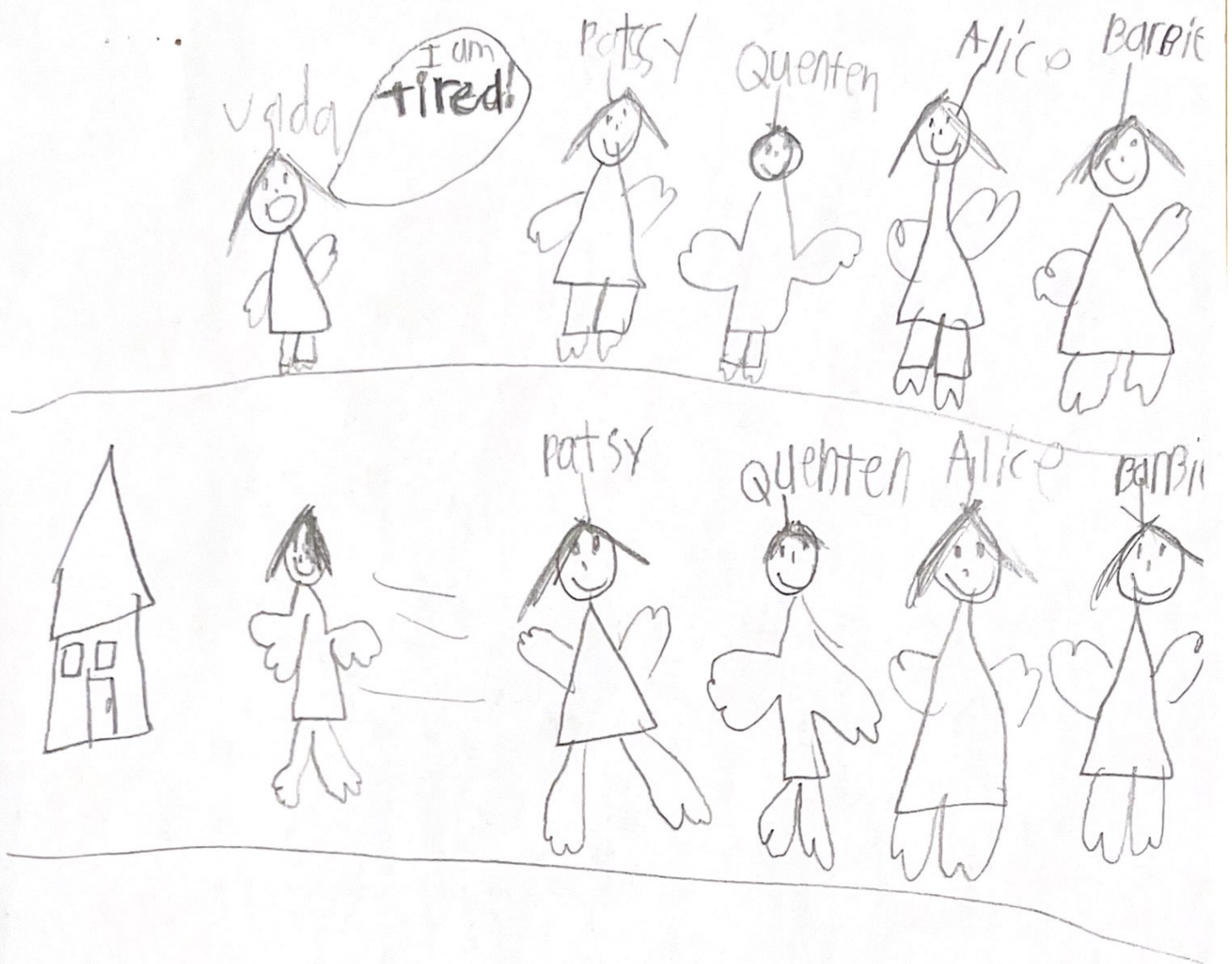


When they got into the room, the children laughed. "It's just an old coat blowing in the wind!" Quentin said. But then they froze. Something was jumping and moving inside of the coat's pocket.

"What's that?" Patsy cried, hiding behind Barbie.



Vada slowly and carefully moved towards the coat's pocket. The children's eyes were wide as she opened the pocket. What they saw next amazed them. "It's just a jumping jelly bean!" they all cried out, laughing as the jelly bean jumped out of the pocket and hopped away.



"I'm tired." Vada said. "Let's get you home to bed."  
Quentin told her. So the children quickly ran back to  
their house and went to bed.

The End!