

# What about Me?

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Once upon a time, there was a turtle named Josh. His little sister, Ellie, always wanted to do what he did. Josh didn't like this because Ellie kept doing it over and over and over when he tried to do things with his friends. Josh told his mom, but Mom said Ellie would grow out of it. He didn't think so.

One day when Josh was going to the ice skating rink for his friend Mike the penguin's birthday party, Ellie walked up to him and asked, "What about me?"

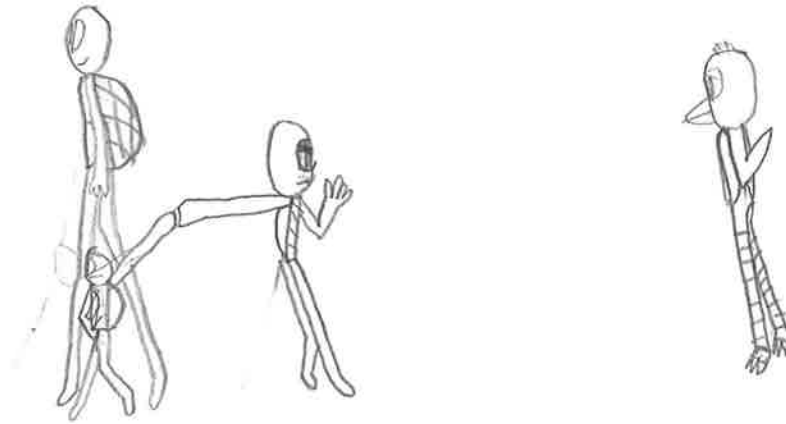
Josh answered, "He is my friend; you can't go!"

Ellie started crying and ran to their mom. Mom said, "Let her go; she is just little."

So Josh took her.



At Mike's party, Ellie had to go to the bathroom, so she and Josh had to leave early. Josh said for his mom to leave him there and pick him up later. She said that it would not be fair for Ellie, so they both had to leave.



When they got home, Josh asked to go the pond to swim, but Ellie said, "What about me?"

Josh answered, "Go away!"

Ellie ran and told their mom. She said the same thing, "Let her go; she is just little."

Josh said, "Okay, but next time, I am going on my own!"

So, they went swimming.



The next day, Josh asked to go apple picking with Mike. Ellie asked, "What about me?"

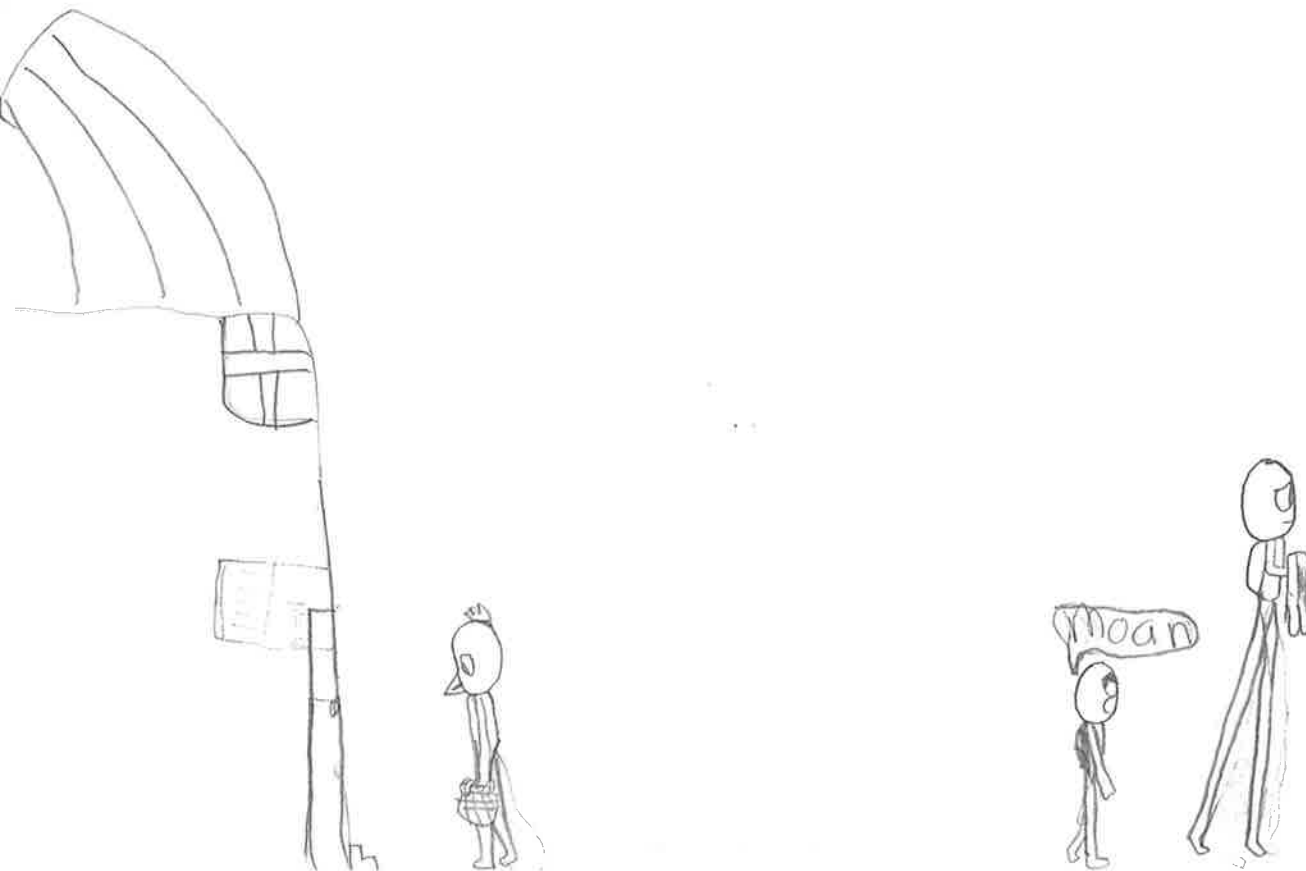
Josh said, "You can't even reach the bottom branches!"

Ellie ran to tell Mom. She said, "I will go with you to help her."

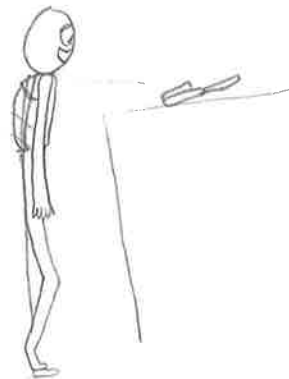
"We want to go on our own!" said Josh. "It's not fair!"

Mom said, "Let her go; she is just little!"

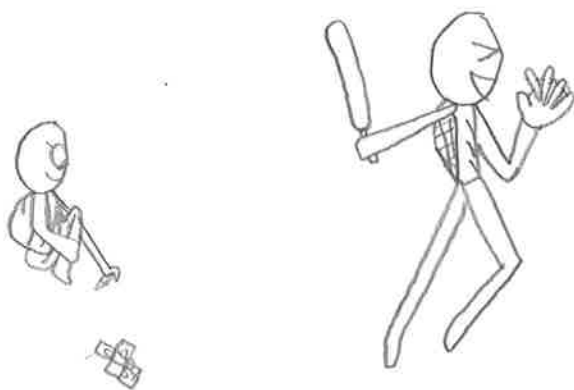
At the apple orchard, Ellie fell over a big root, and everyone had to leave early. They had only filled two baskets. Mike and Josh were very upset, but they left anyway.



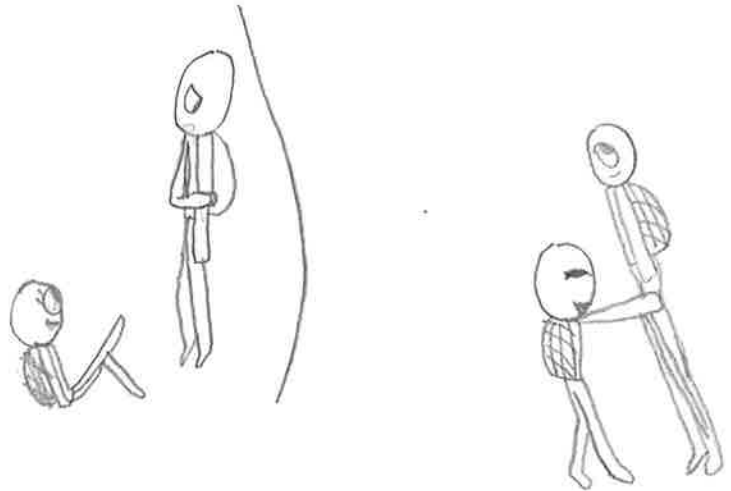
After that, Josh decided to run away. He packed all his clothes and a few toys in his wagon. He also carried cookies and water. On his way down the street, he saw his friends playing baseball. He hid his wagon and ran back to his house to ask his mom if he could go play baseball. He was worried that Ellie would want to come too. Then, he remembered she didn't like baseball! His mom said, "Yes!"



Josh was so happy and ran out the door so fast, he almost forgot his glove and bat! When he got to the field, Mike said, "Yay! Now we have a center fielder!" That was Josh's favorite position. His team won four to one.



When he got back home, Josh told Ellie he was sorry for being mean to her. She said that it was okay; a few weeks later was her birthday, anyway. Everyone had fun at Ellie's birthday party. She wished for another brother like Josh! Anything can happen!



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