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| Circle Language Spec: Commands |

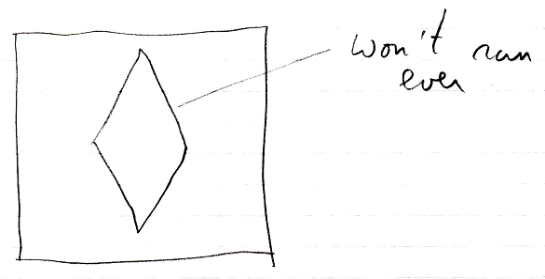
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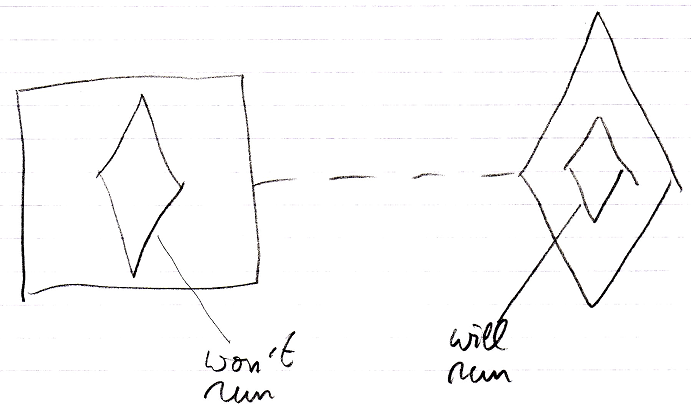
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### In a Diagram

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The clause will only ever run in a *call* to the definition, but then it is a copy of the definition’s clause:



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