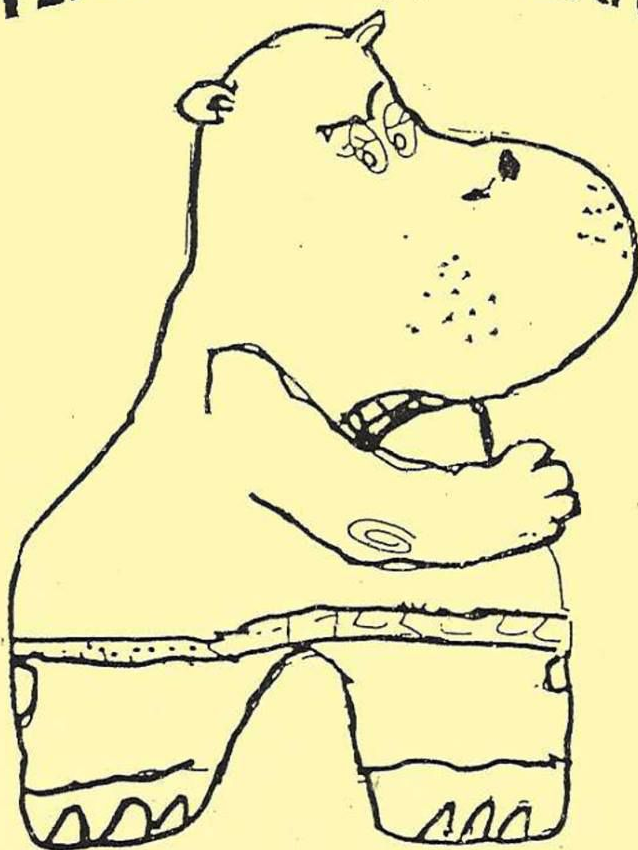
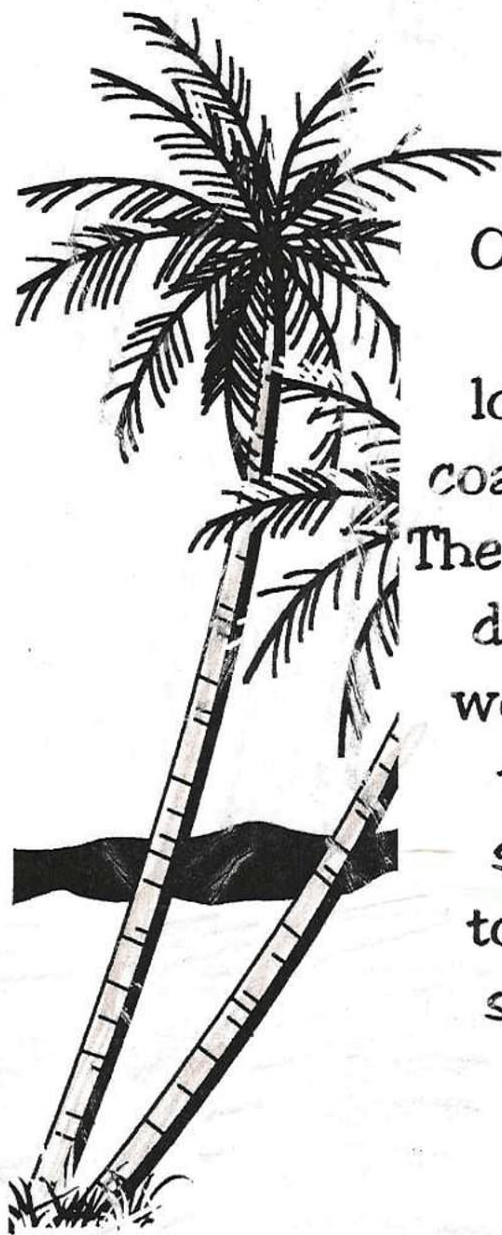

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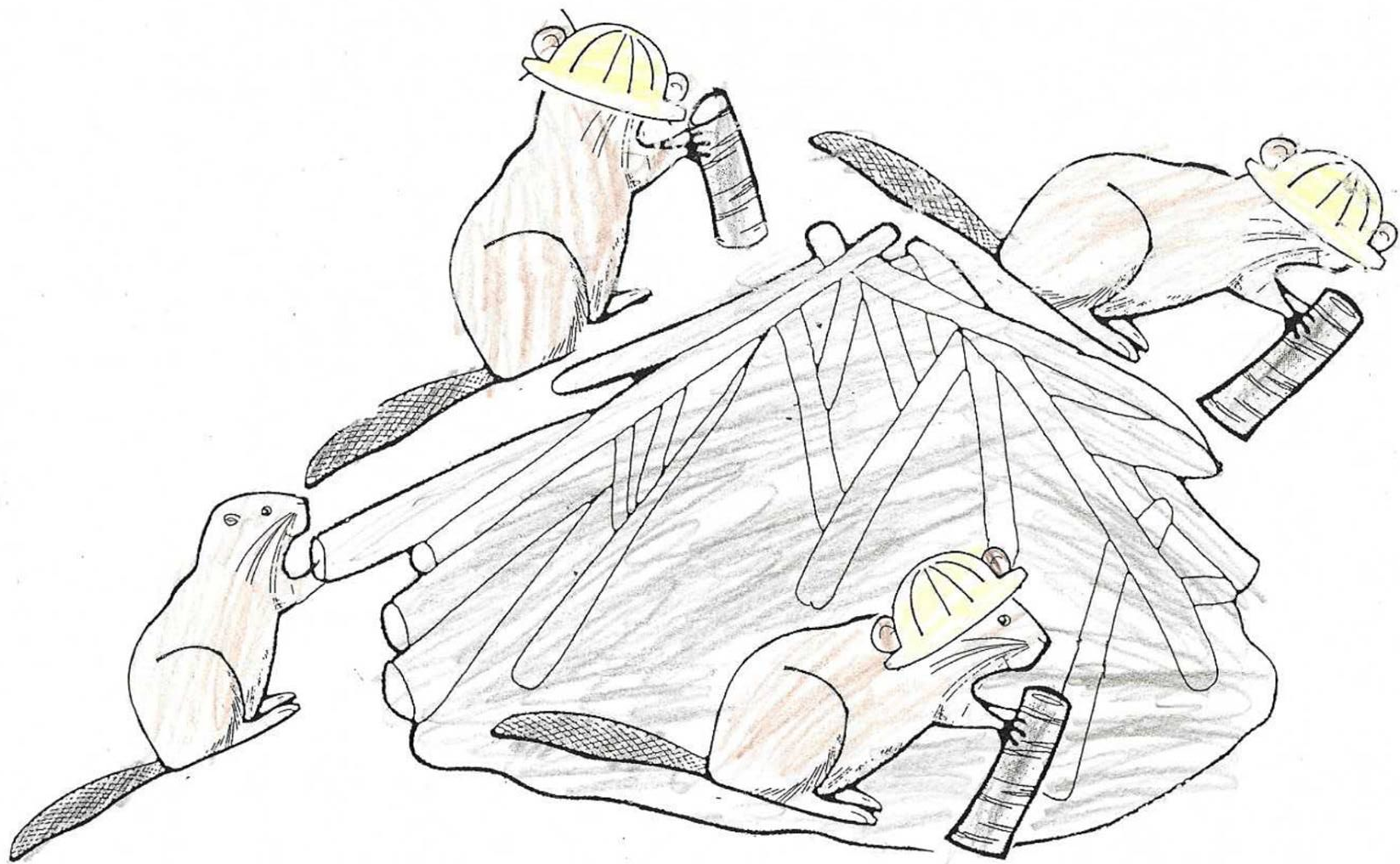
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The Very Uncooperative Hippos



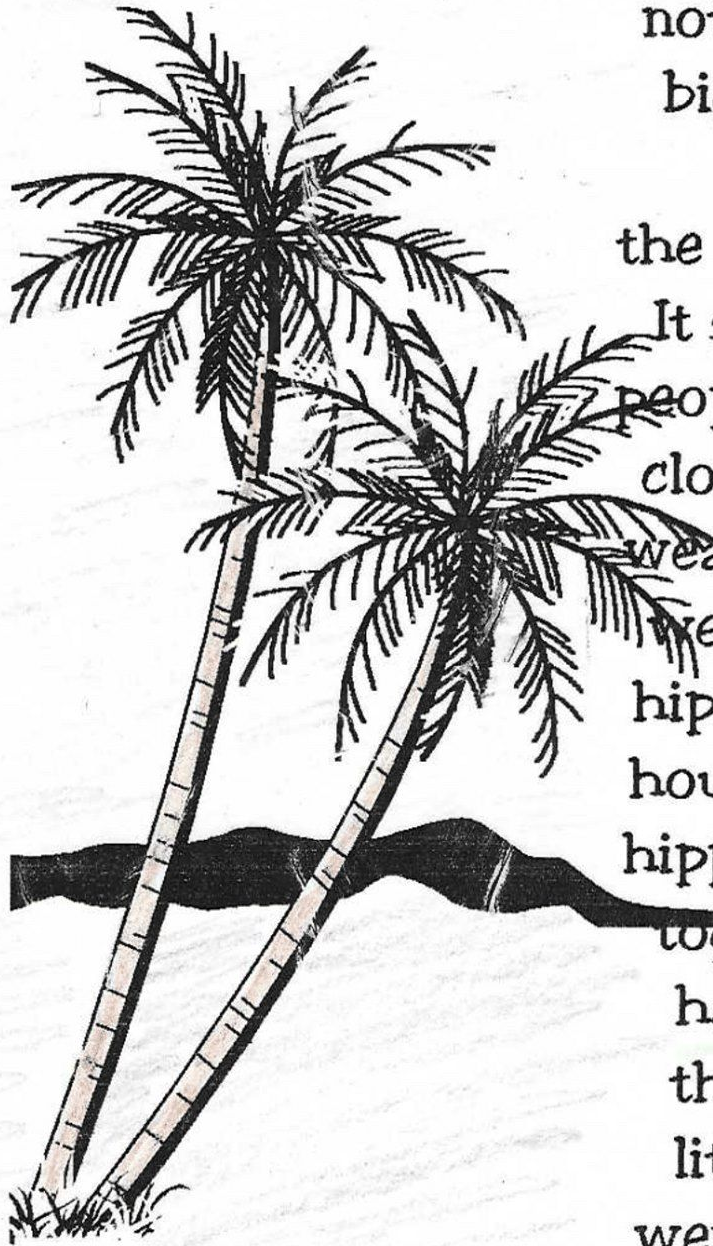
On an island called Tropical Island ,(population 200) located on the East African coast, houses were being built. The weather seemed like a sunny day. The beavers that were working on their house were talking to each other and saying " We need to work together in order to make a strong, well-built house!!!"

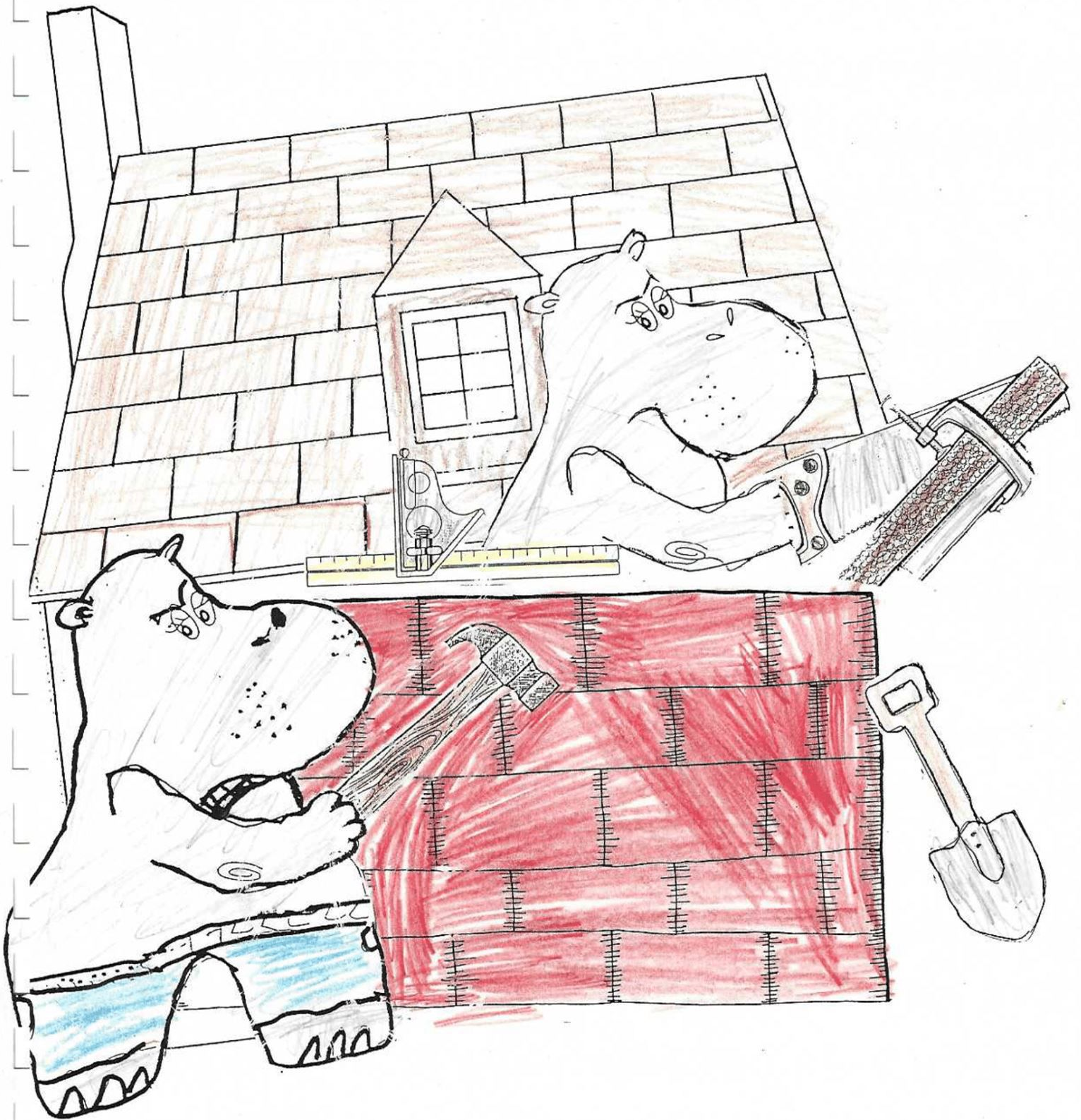
They did work together on their house, and in three



months it turned out to be a strong, well-built house. The house looked like a beaver's dam but not that little. It was as big as an old oak tree.

On the other side of the village it was raining. It seemed like 1 million people were crying in the clouds (strange weather in Africa). There were great, big African hippos working on their house angrily. But these hippos did not work well together because they had to work late and their boss gave them little money. As they were working they kept on grumbling and





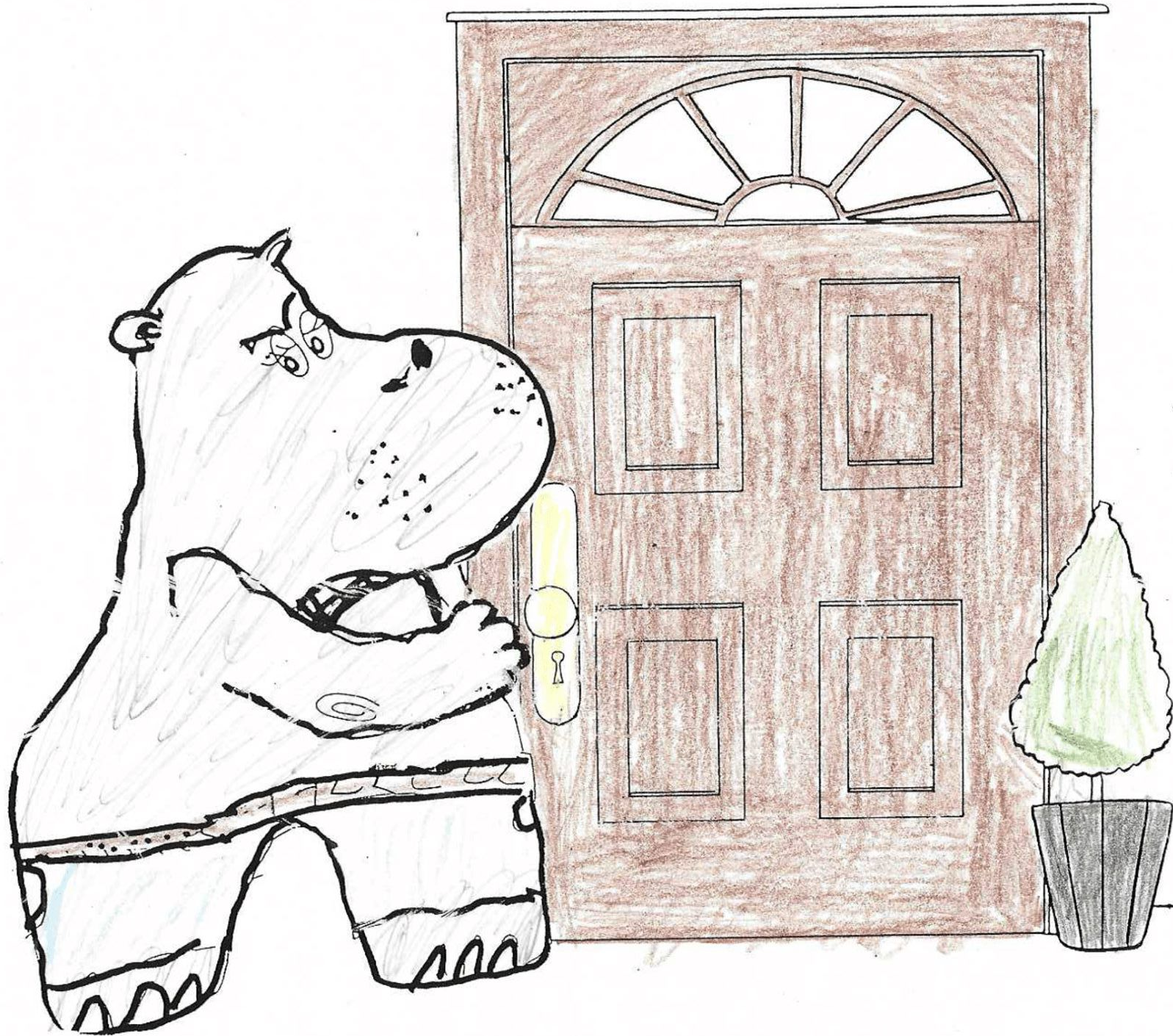
saying, "Leave me alone!" or "I can do it by myself." or "Get out of my way!"

Time flew by. It took them about four years to build a regular house because they did not work together,

When they were done the hippos said, "It's a pretty dumb house."

But when people passed by they said, "It's a good house for a hippo to live in." They said that because of the shape, size and color. Others said "It looks like a house that is a little crooked."





But the hippos
said, "Who cares? It's just
a dumb house."

Then the hippo that
works on carpeting
said, "Let's open the door
and look inside the
house." They all agreed.

The door creaked
open loudly and when
the door was half-way
open the whole house
fell



down, down, down, down, down



Board by board
the house fell
down with a loud
BOOM!!! Then
they cried till
they made a sea
because of the
house falling
down and they
said, "We
should've worked
together!!!"

UNITED WE STAND,
DIVIDED WE FALL

