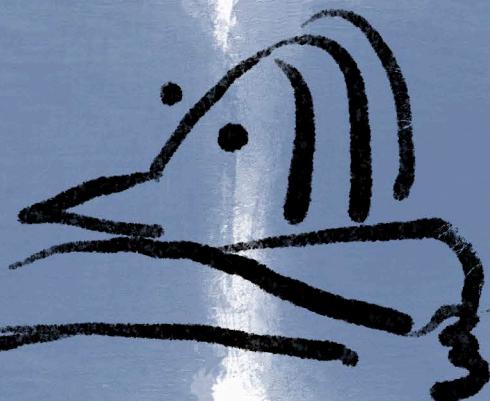


Where did  
everyone go?



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A book about staying at home.

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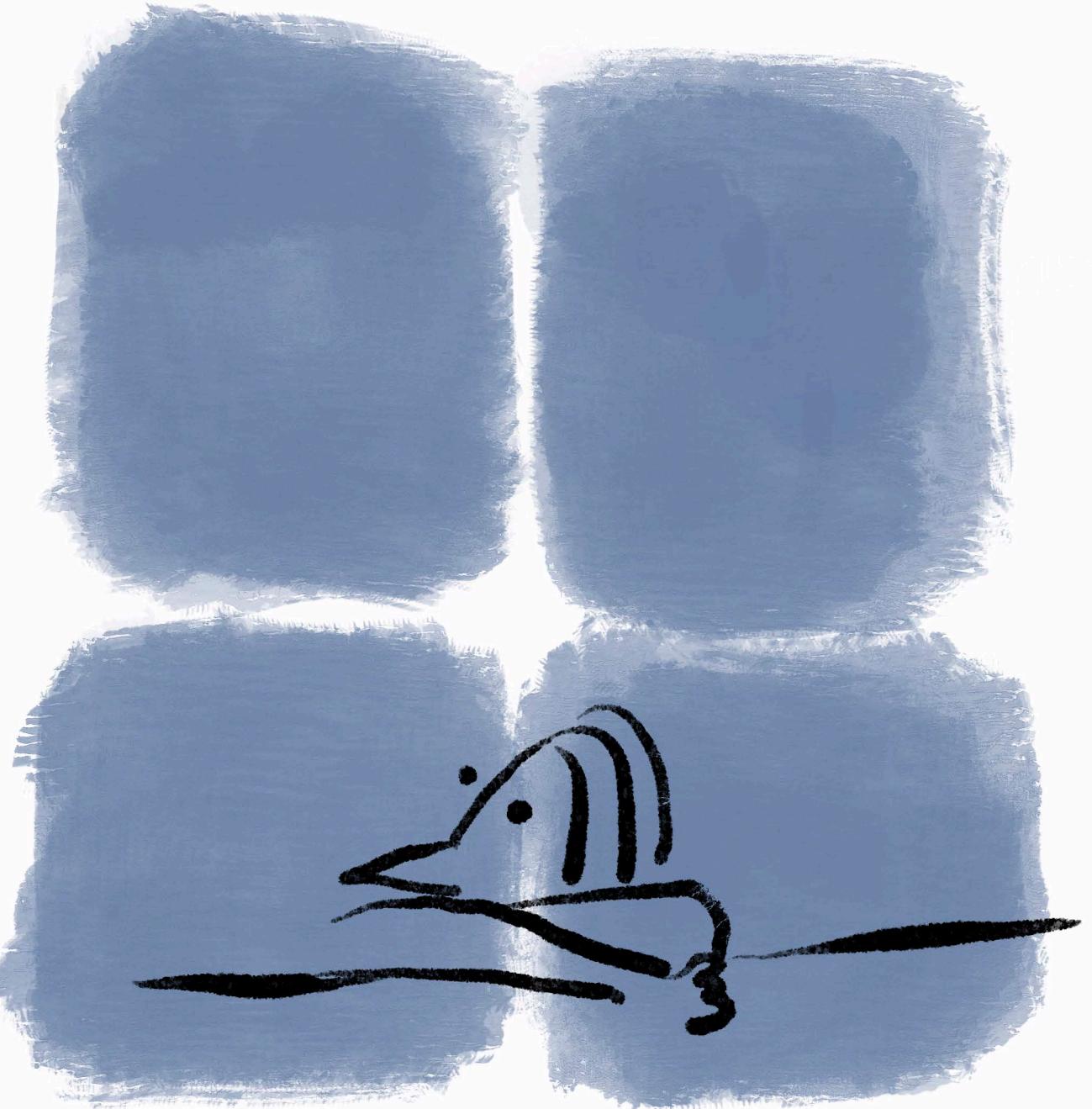
You might look out the window and ask,  
“Why are we all inside?”

*What happened to the outside?*

Is it still there?

Did someone take it away?

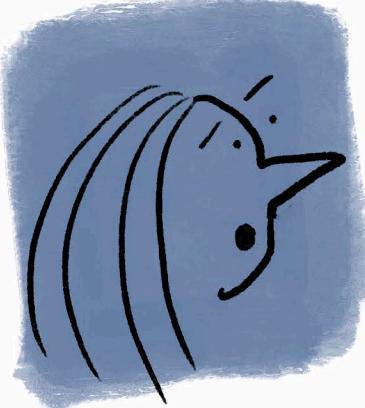
Where has everyone gone to play?”



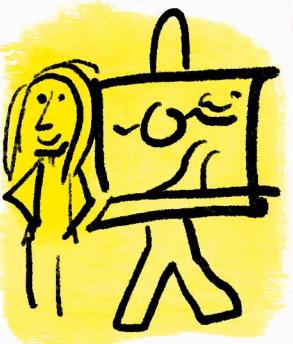
Well, everyone's playing at home today.

They're playing games or building forts.  
Or pirate ships. Or drawing pictures.  
Or dressing up.

And you might ask,



*"But why?"*



Everyone's inside because some of us  
don't feel well.

And if you don't feel well, sometimes  
the best thing you can do is just not  
be around other people, in case you  
make them not feel well too.

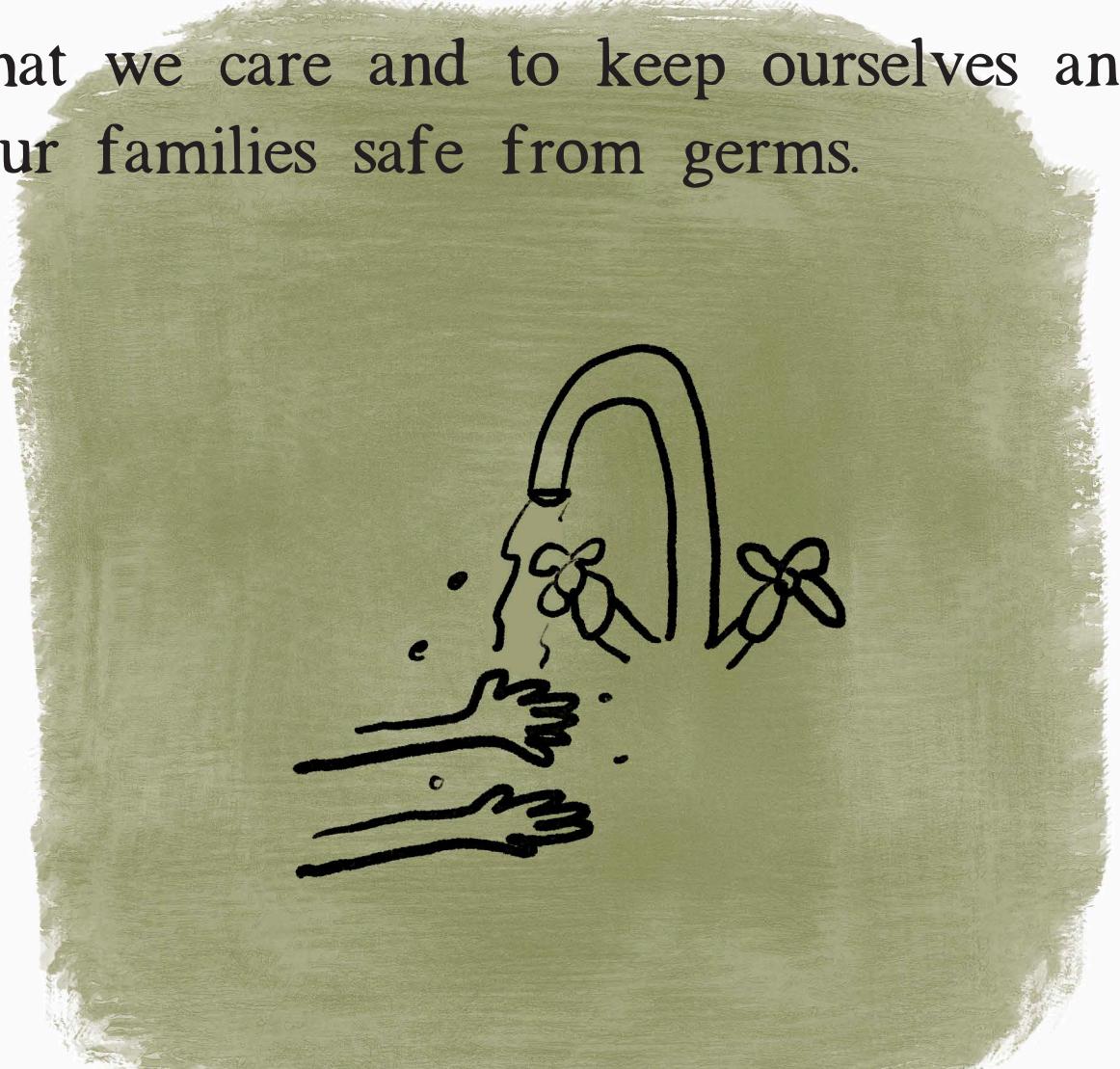


So because we care about each other so much, we've decided that the best way to show each other how much we love each other, is just to spend a bit of time apart, while those of us who aren't feeling well get better.

*how much we love each other.*



We can also wash our hands to show that we care and to keep ourselves and our families safe from germs.



You might ask, how long should we wash them for?

For as long as it takes us to sing Happy Birthday twice.



If you would like, you can pretend it's your hand's birthday.

Maybe you're wondering, what'll happen  
if you don't feel well?

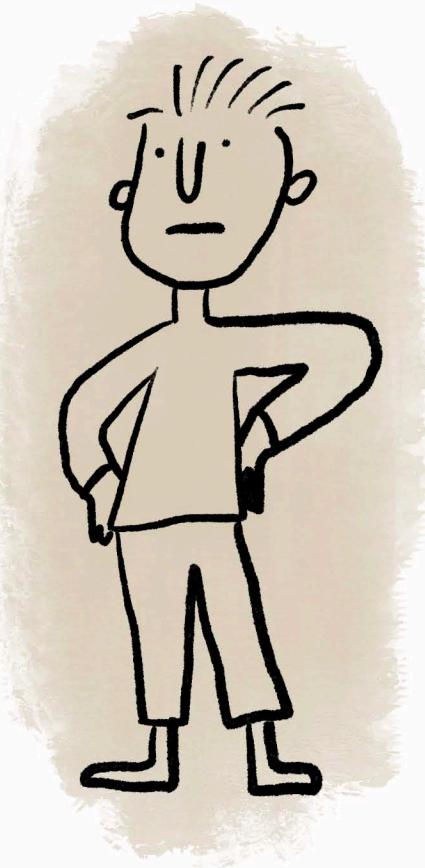
Or if your parents don't feel well?

Anyone who doesn't feel well will get  
some medicine, lots of books to read,  
flowers, and maybe even some jelly.



You might say,

“But I’m bored being inside!”



*Bored.*

Being inside might be boring sometimes. I might have to sit at a boring computer or on a boring phone call or shuffle some boring papers around in a boring way while I think of something else boring.



But I have an important job for you.  
I need you to chase the bored away.



You can build a pillow fort to keep the bored out, or read a book - the bored hates that, or draw a picture of the bored - the bored hates having his picture drawn most of all!

Especially if you draw rabbit ears on his head.



THE BORED

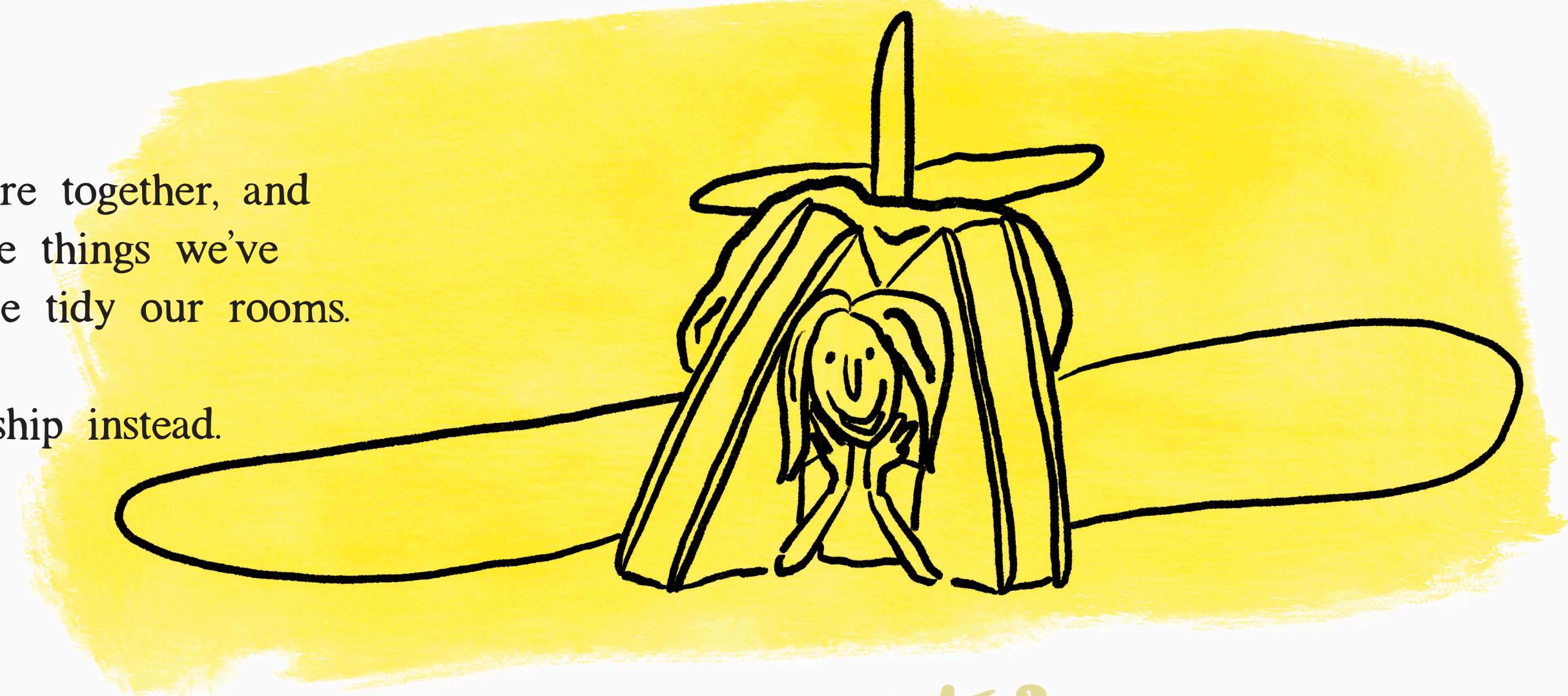
We're going to  
be spending a lot  
more time together  
and a lot less time  
with our friends.  
But if we miss  
our friends, we  
can call them and  
pull funny faces  
at them, and chase  
the boredom away  
together.



-TOGETHER-

But for now, we're together, and  
we can do all the things we've  
wanted to do, like tidy our rooms.

Or build a spaceship instead.



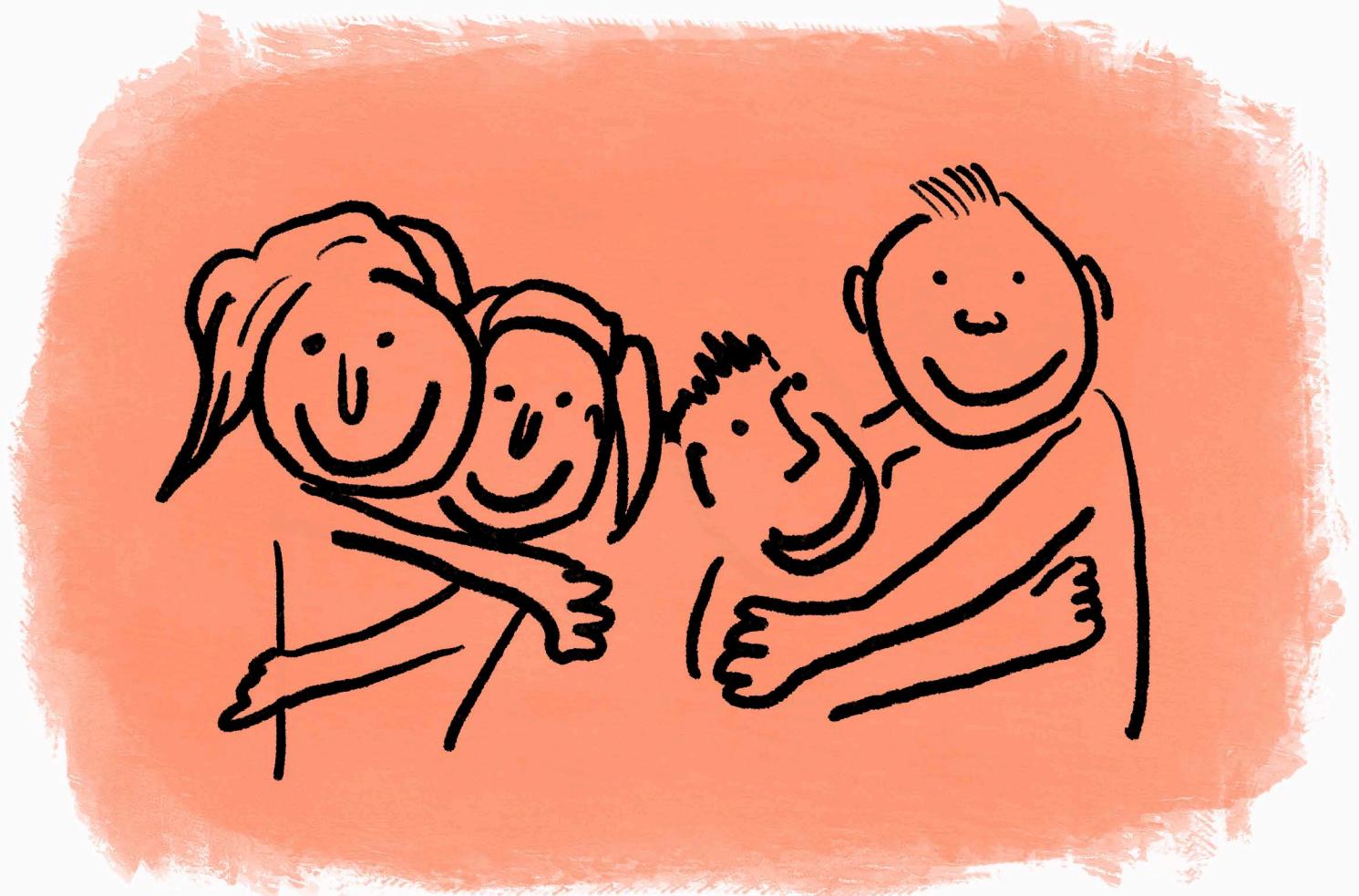
SPACE SHIP

And even if things get a little bit messy,  
we'll be here and we'll be fine.

We might not be able to do all the  
things we want to do but that's because  
we want to keep everyone healthy and  
safe.

Sometimes things might seem scary but  
I promise we will be here with you for  
all of this.

We might not always know what's going  
to happen but I promise you, you will be  
fine and we're taking care of things.



*together*



And we'll all be together, again, soon.

Soon.

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