

# THE BIRTH OF A CONFUCIANIST

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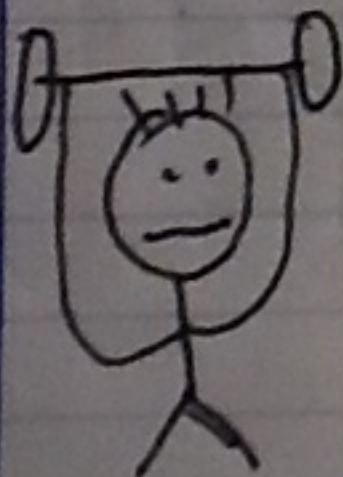


A **tribute** to American philosopher  
and psychologist **Ken Wilber**

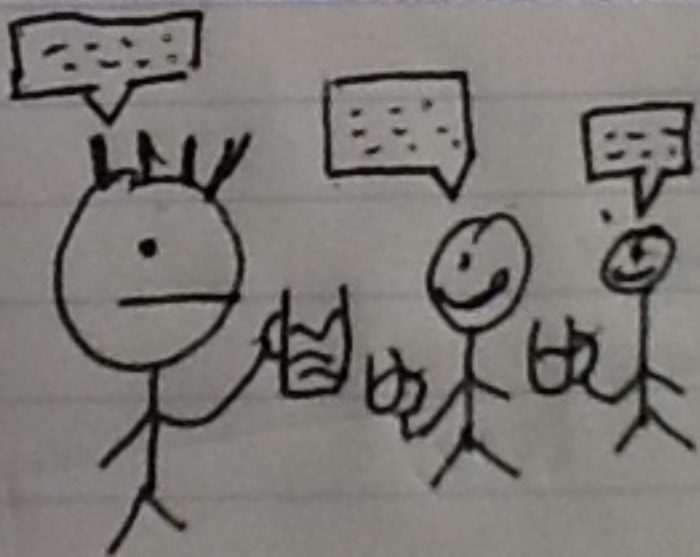


H/W: Think about...  
Everyone believes that Ken is an excellent student. He has top GPA, ~~the~~ wonderful extracurricular activities, and many good friends.

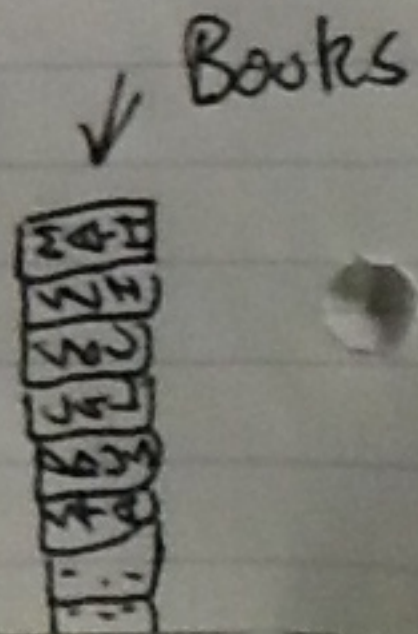
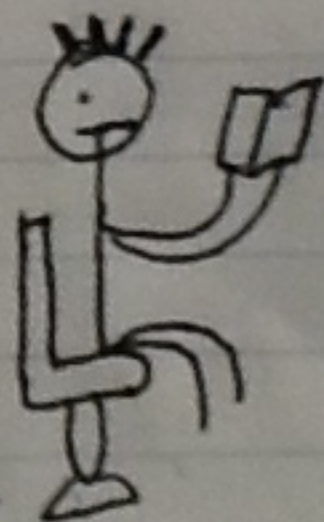
SPORTS



SOCIALIZE



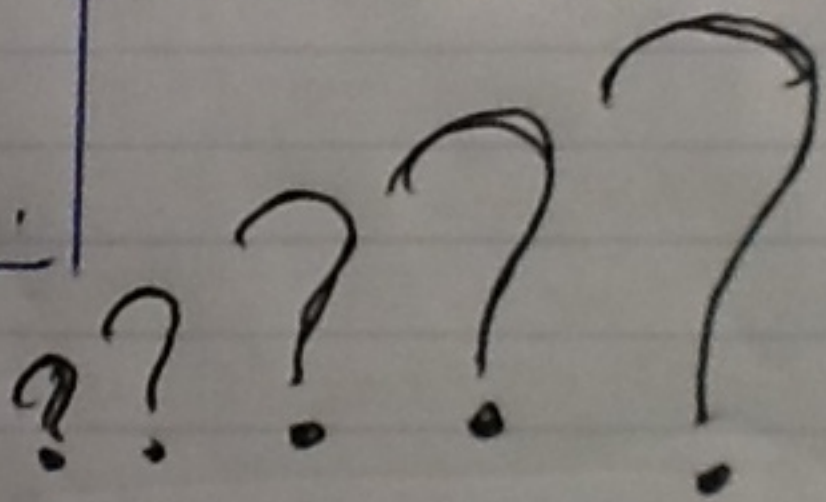
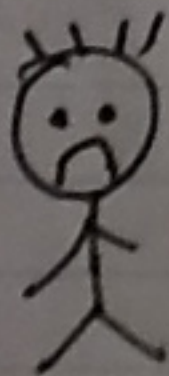
STUDY





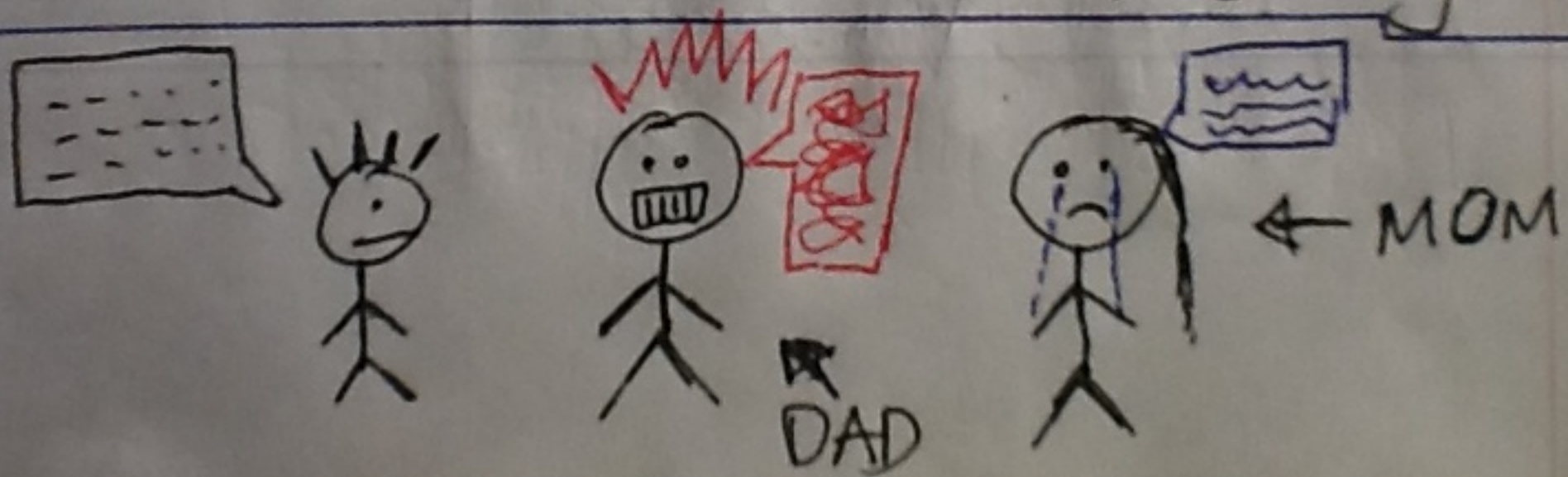
... Except One person, Ken himself.

Ken finds himself always unhappy. He do not know why. Besides, the feeling of void inside him is growing stronger and stronger.





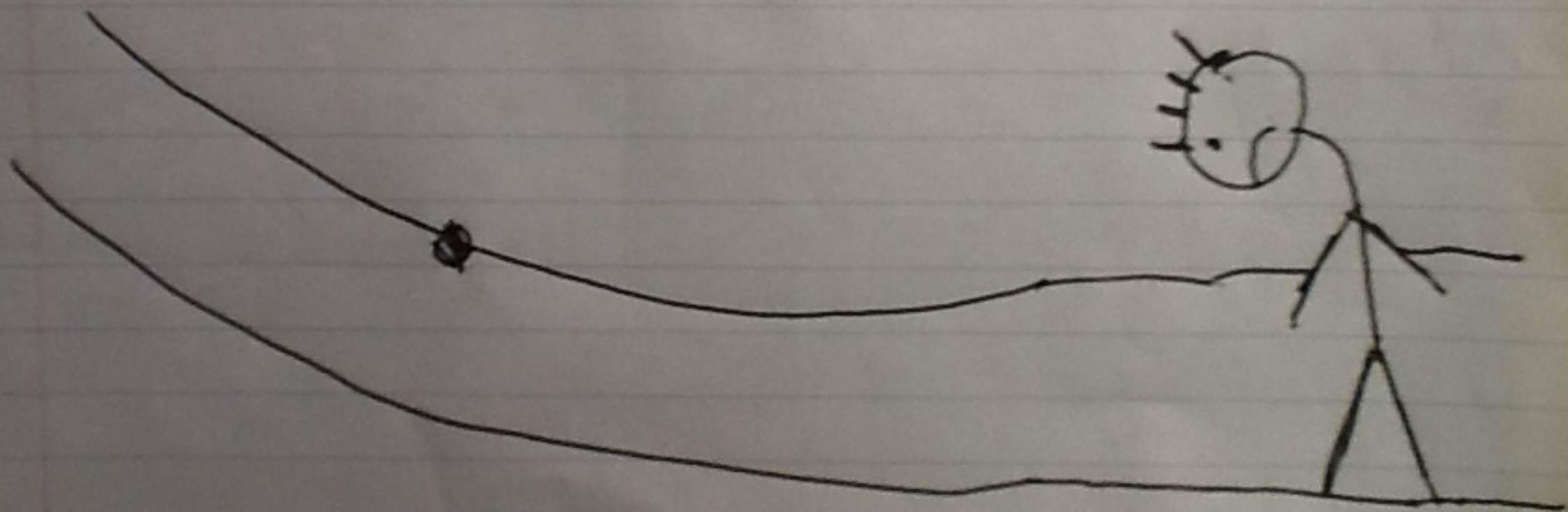
One day, Ken finally decides to quit school. His parents are both sad and angry about Ken's decision, since they have been saving money for their whole life ~~in order~~ for Ken's college.





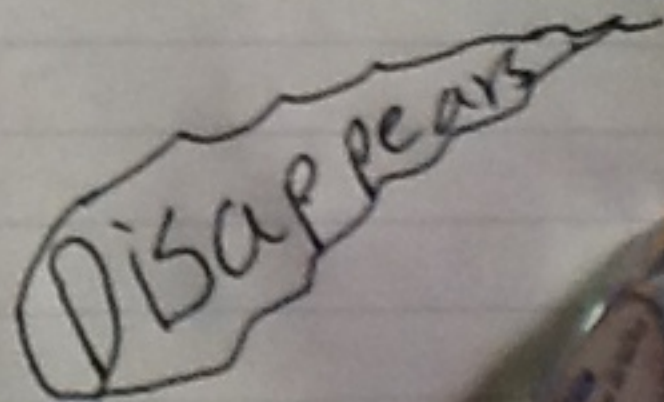
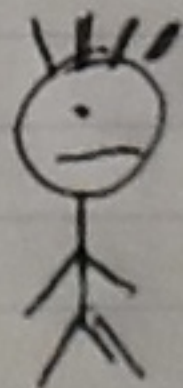
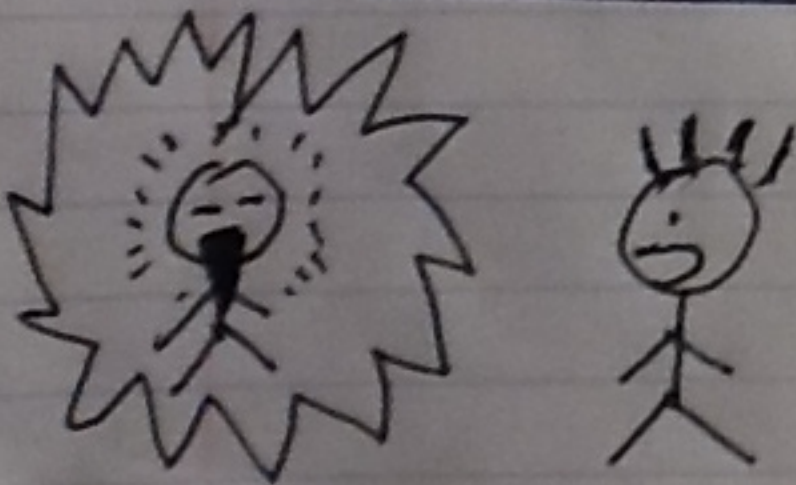
Ken is **SUFFERING**. He doesn't know what to do, so he just walks aimlessly on the street.

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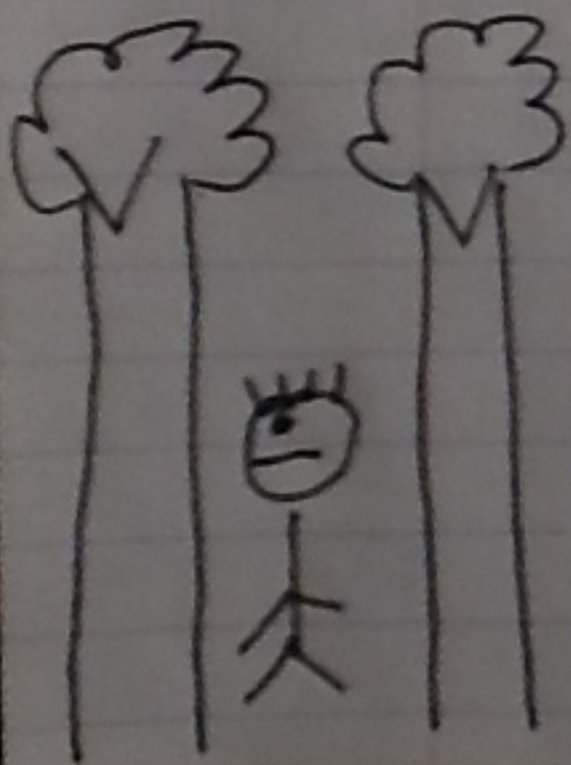
Suddenly, an old man appears and asks Ken what he wants. Ken says, "THE TRUTH OF LIFE." The old man says, "you will find it when you meet someone who only wears one shoe." Then the old man disappears.





So Ken travels around China  to look for someone who only wears one shoe.

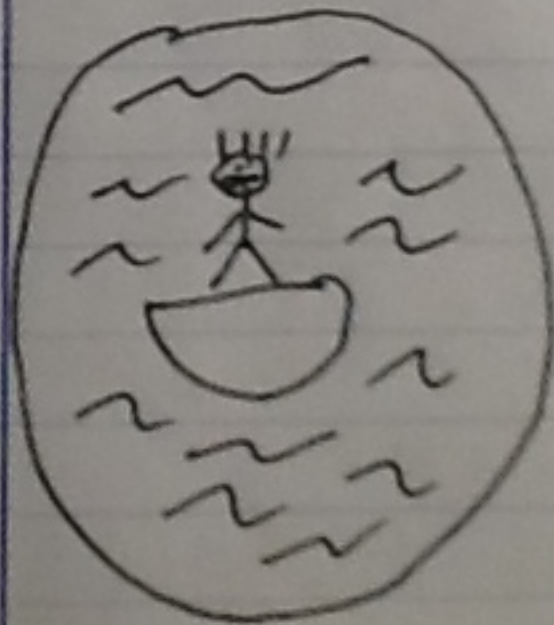
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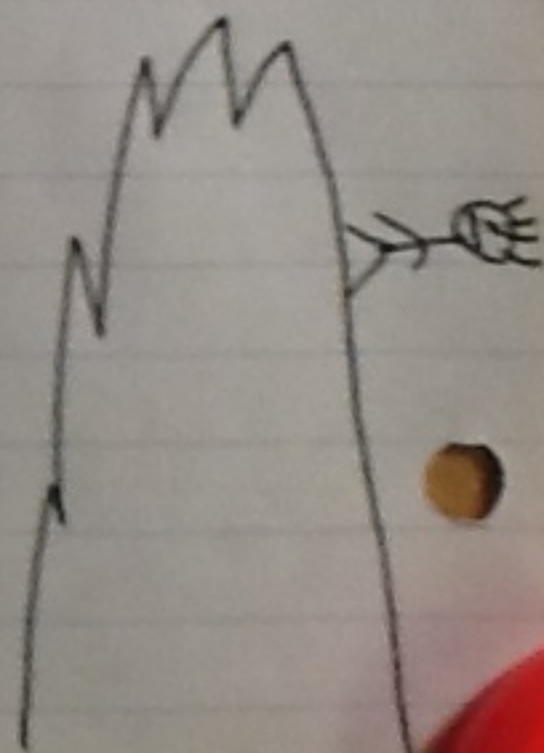
Desert



Sea



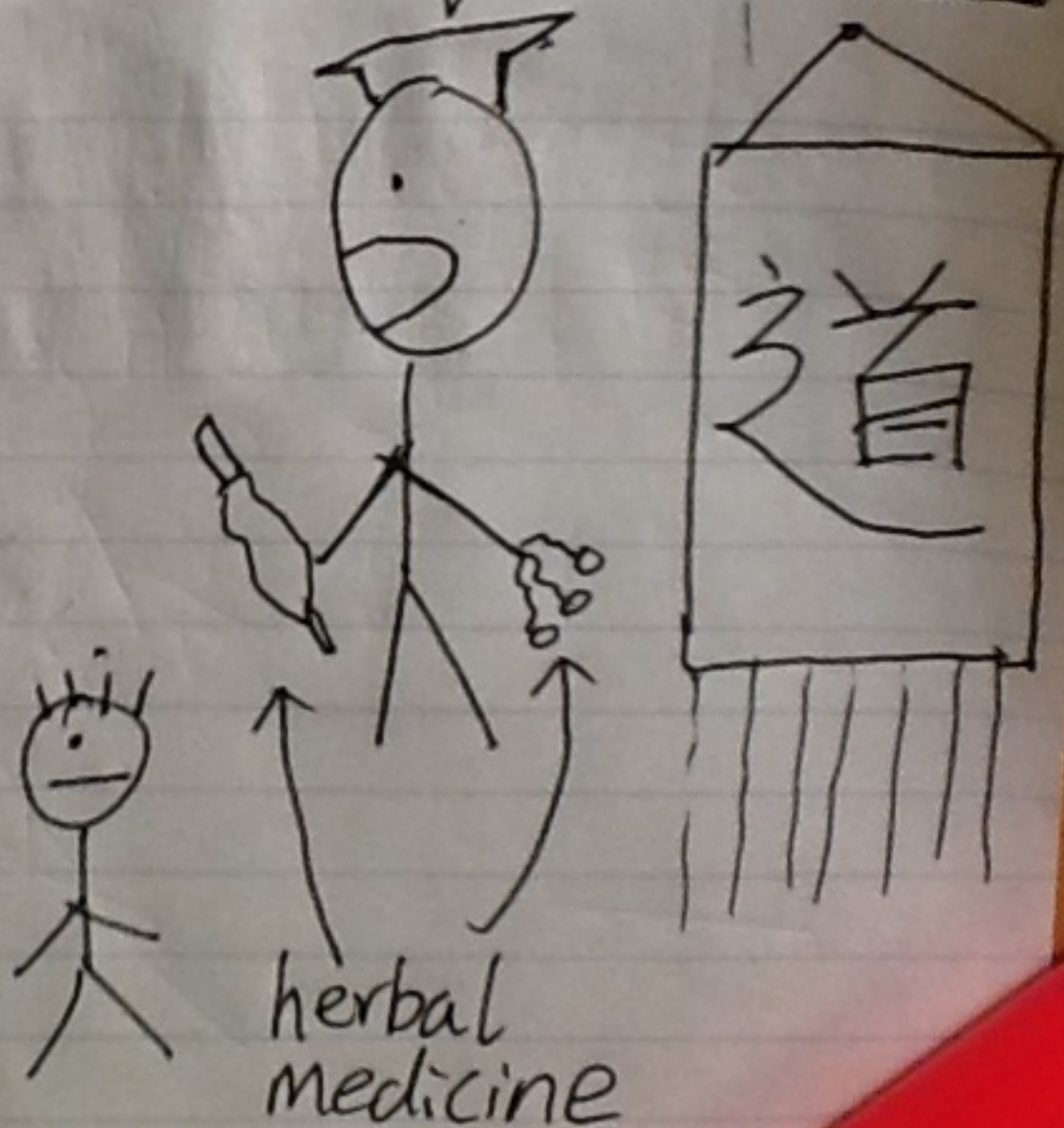
Mountain





He visits a famous Taoism master, but to his disappointment, the Da: Taoism master teaches nothing except how to take care of your body and live longer.

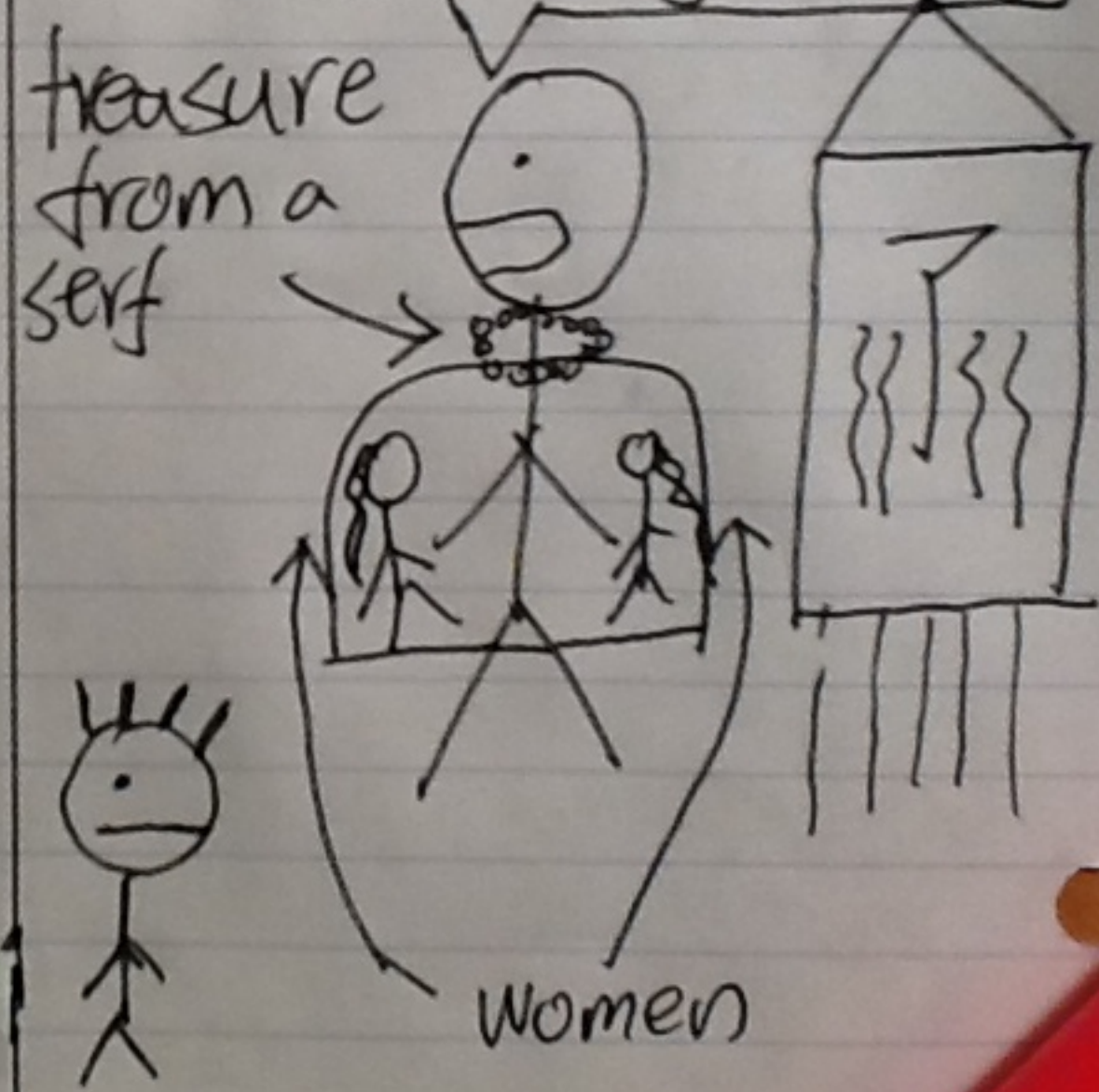
Eat this medicine. It helps you ..... and this medicine ..... and that one .....





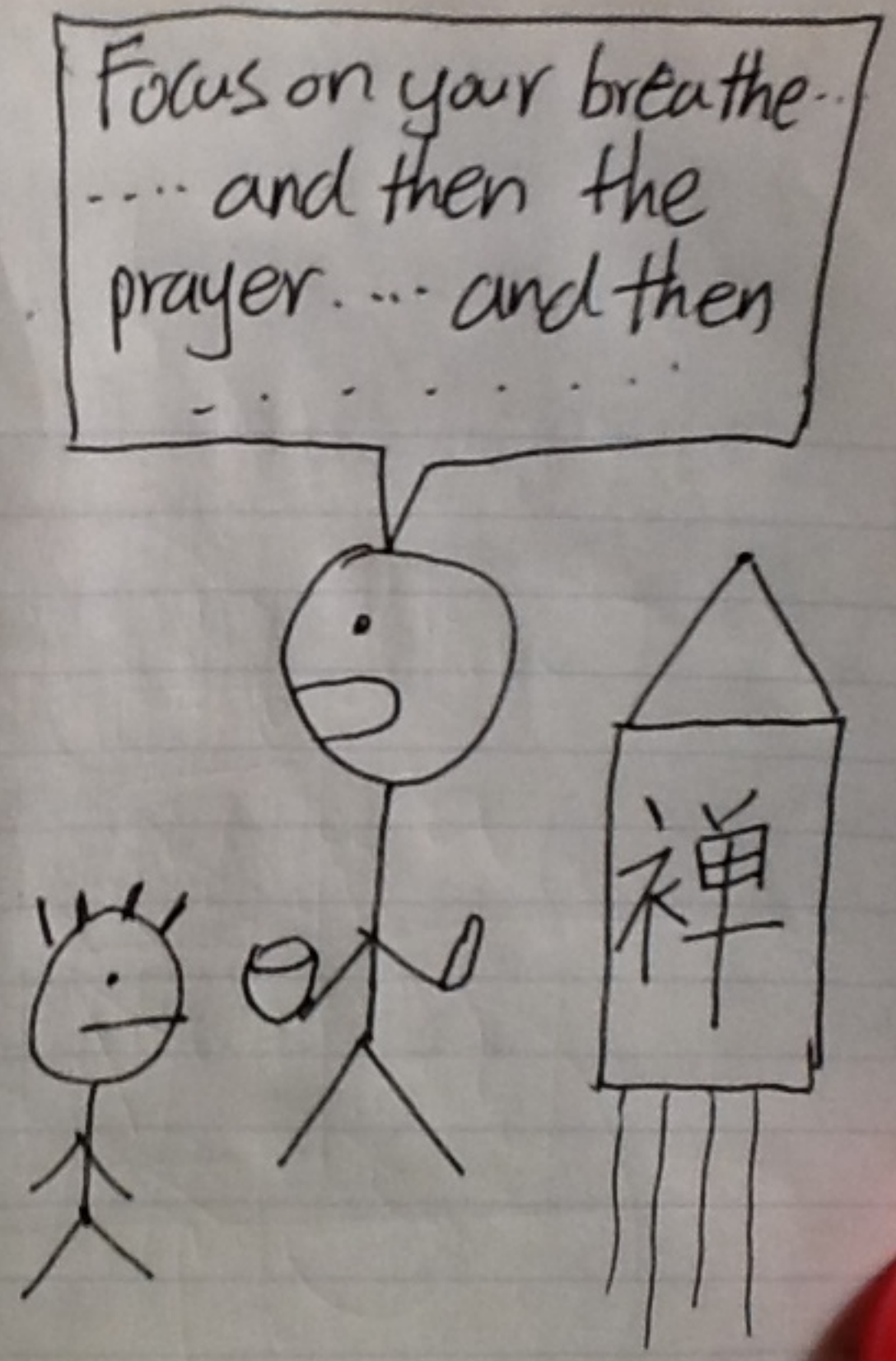
He then visits a famous Tibetan master. But this one is even worse than the previous one. This master does nothing except collect money from serfs and having sex with many women.

You need to obey me completely! ...  
Your soul and your body...



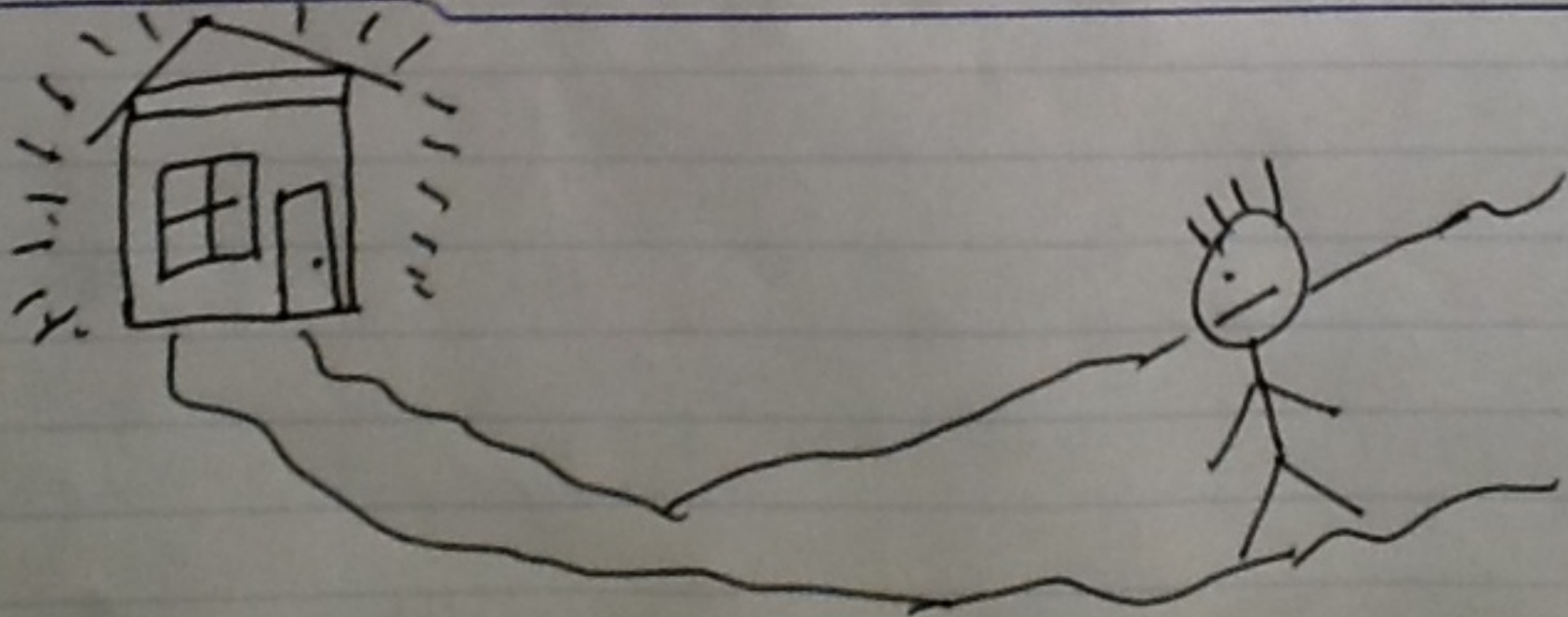


He then visits a famous Zen master. This master is wise and witty, but still, Ken only learns the training of his consciousness, but not the truth of life that he wants.





Finally, Ken's journey ends reluctantly. He returns to his hometown, and it's midnight now. Again, he walks aimlessly on the street. But suddenly, he finds a house with all lights on. He is curious, so he walks there.





The door opens. It's Ken's mother.

Surprisingly, Ken realizes that his mother is

**WEARING ONLY ONE SHOE !!!**

It turns out to be that his mother worries about him so much, that she opens all night and waits until midnight everyday. When she saw Ken outside the house, she was so hurried to open the door that she even forgot to

to put on the other shoe.



Mom  
crying

with only one shoe



← Ken  
froze



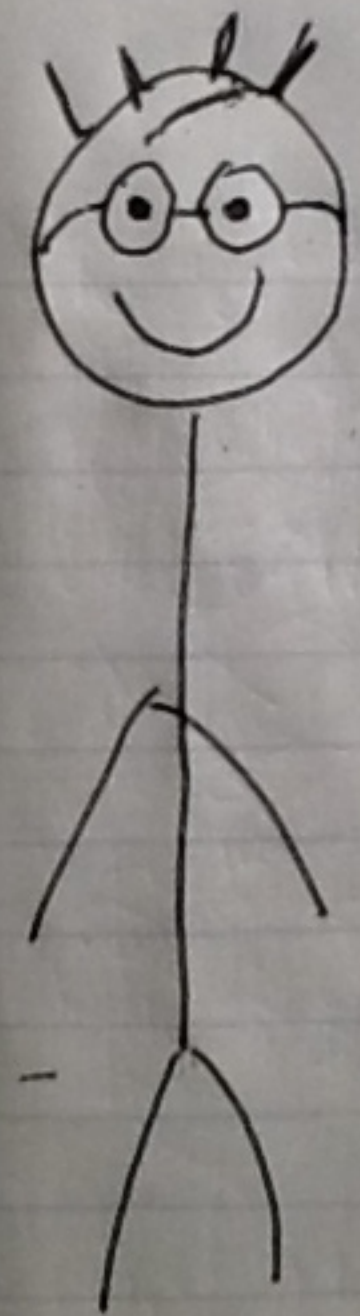
Ken is deeply moved.  
He gives his mother  
a long and affectionate  
hug, and they both  
cried.

At this moment, Ken  
finally finds the truth  
of life.

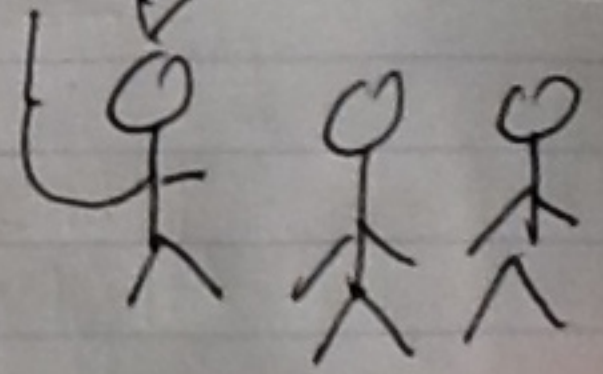




Ten years later, Ken  
● becomes a well-  
-known Confucianist.  
One day, one of his  
students asks him,  
"Sir, what is  
the truth of  
life?"



Sir, - what is  
the truth  
of life?





He smiles, and  
answers, " . . . "



“The truth of life is nothing else than being a honest and natural man, and take care of those who are important to you.”

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