



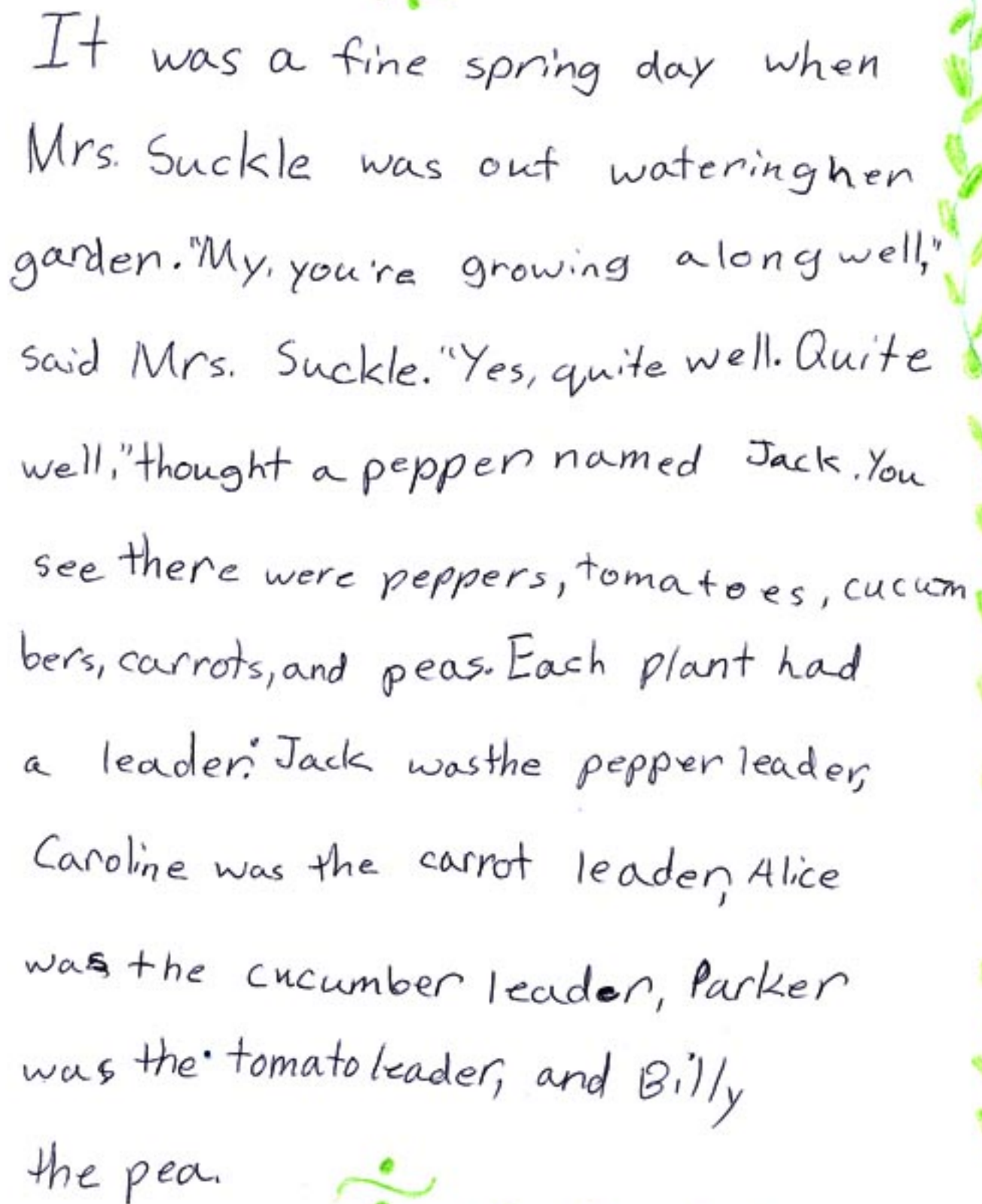
Trouble

in the

Garden




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It was a fine spring day when Mrs. Suckle was out watering her garden. "My, you're growing along well," said Mrs. Suckle. "Yes, quite well. Quite well," thought a pepper named Jack. You see there were peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, and peas. Each plant had a leader: Jack was the pepper leader, Caroline was the carrot leader, Alice was the cucumber leader, Parker was the tomato leader, and Billy the pea.





Alice was walking down the path on her way to Caroline's house for tea when suddenly out of the bushes sprang Jack, Parker, and Billy running down towards her. They grabbed her hairbow and ran off. Alice was angry when they teased her. Sometimes she wished they didn't exist. Caroline was watching from her window and ran out the door taking a hairbow with her because she didn't want Alice feeling bad.





Alice took the hair bow and smoothed it into place. With a smile she said, "Thank you Caroline. I'll return it on Monday."

"Do come in." said Caroline. "We'll have some tea." As they drank tea Alice explained that she wanted her cucumbers to have a fight with Parker, Billy, and Jack. But Caroline said, "Be careful! If you turn to sour you'll become a pickle!" so Alice agreed not to pick a fight.

The Vegetables



Jack



Parker



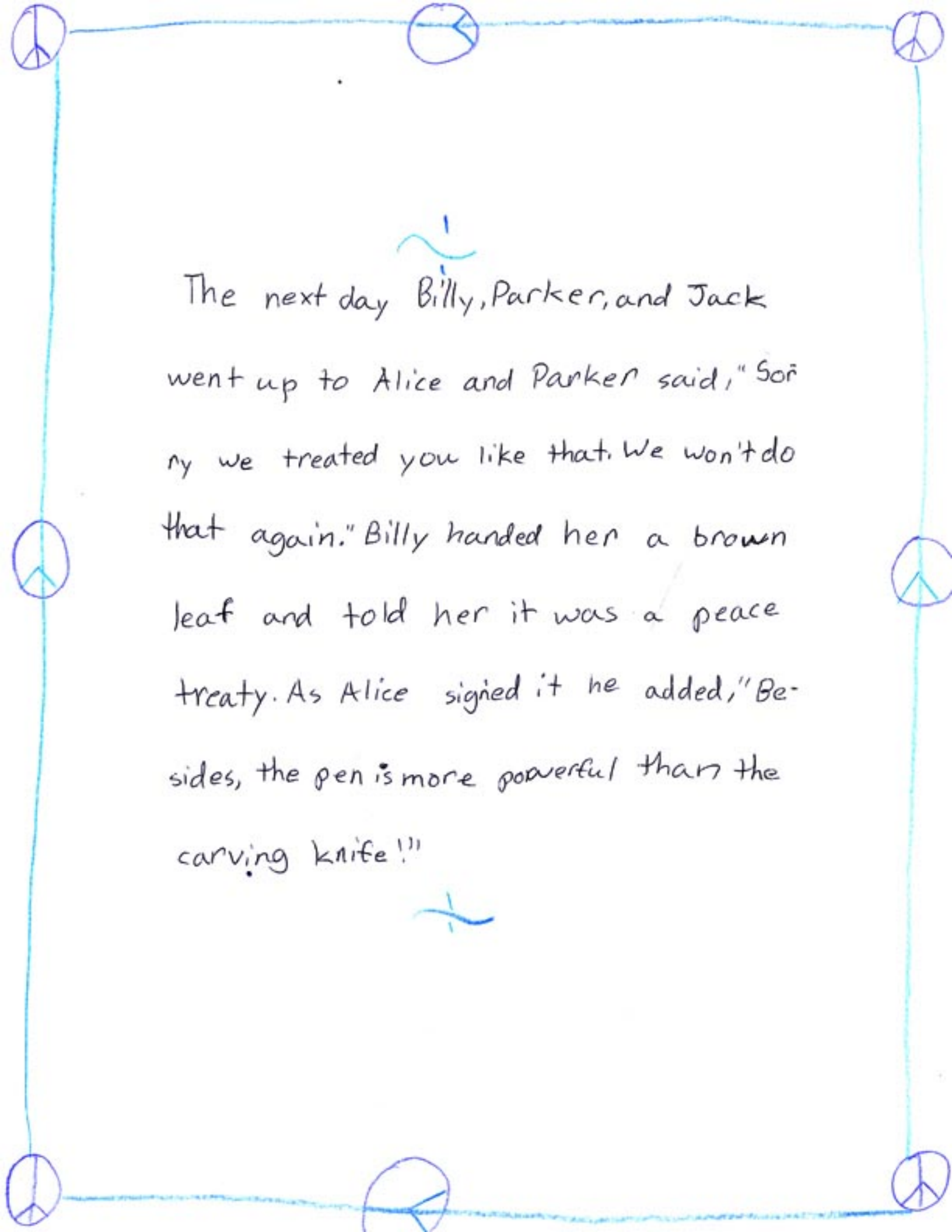
Billy



Caroline



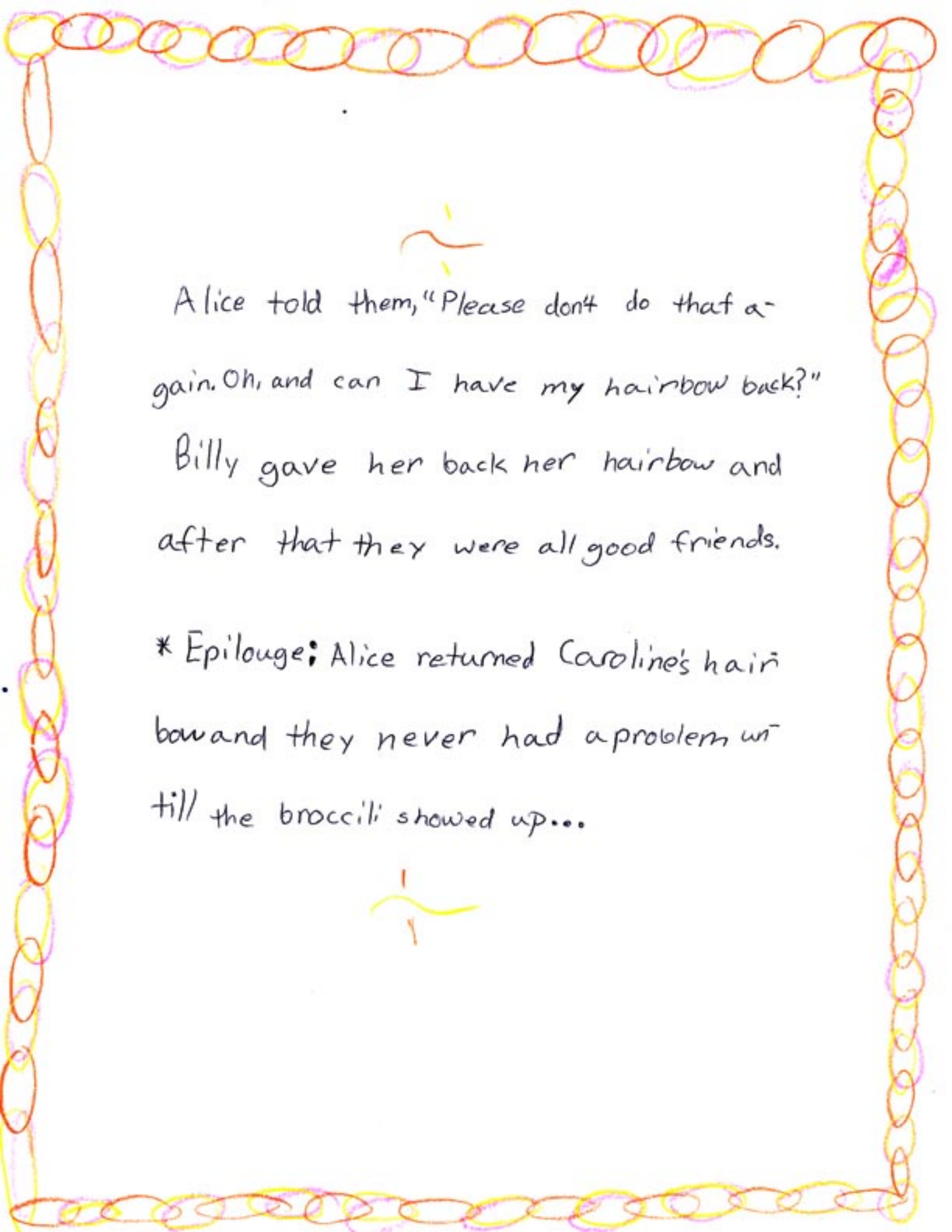
Alice

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The next day Billy, Parker, and Jack went up to Alice and Parker said, "Sorry we treated you like that. We won't do that again." Billy handed her a brown leaf and told her it was a peace treaty. As Alice signed it he added, "Besides, the pen is more powerful than the carving knife!"

The peace treaty said:






Alice told them, "Please don't do that again. Oh, and can I have my hairbow back?"

Billy gave her back her hairbow and after that they were all good friends.

* Epilouge: Alice returned Caroline's hairbow and they never had a problem until the broccoli showed up...



The End

