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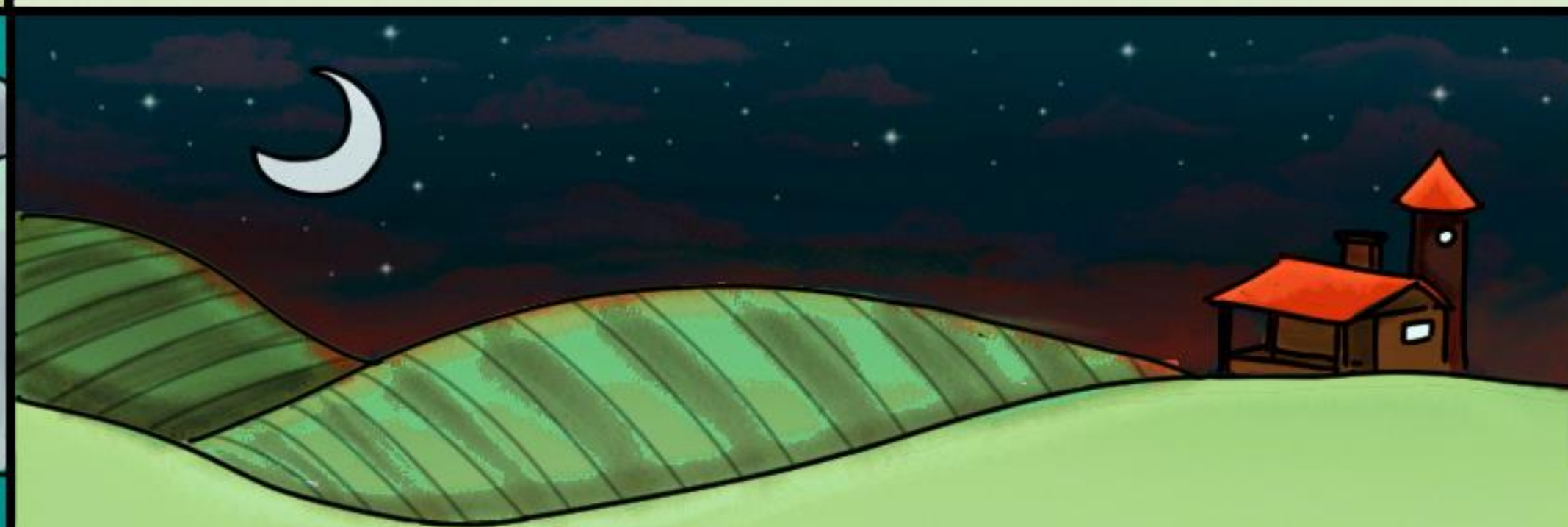
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To all those who welcome his Words, **Jesus gives the task of preparing the ground so that people will receive God's gift.** He tells us to trust in his love.



«[...] **God himself comes to meet you.** He reveals himself to you with his light and touches you with his grace. (...) **The kingdom of God is offered to you, free of cost!**» [1].



Throw the seed: **don't hang on to it for yourself! Spread it far and wide, trusting that it will grow.** "Night and day" means that the kingdom grows silently, even in the darkness of night. This Word of Life tells us that we can **trust in the power of love**, which will bear fruit in its own time. It teaches us to wait patiently for it to grow, **without being worried about the results.**



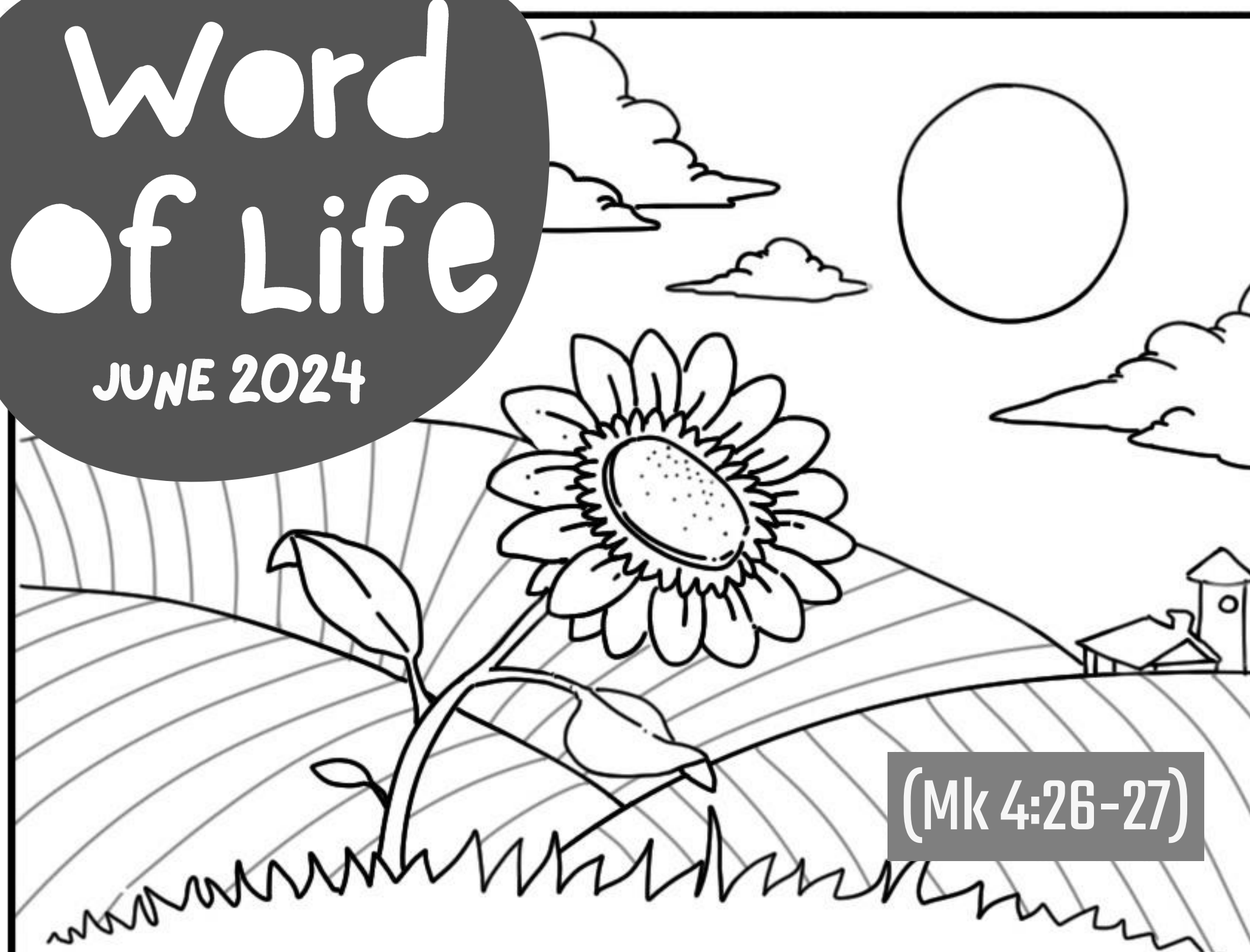
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We managed to find a job for her and also an apartment for her to live in. My siblings and I put together all the money we had and gave it to her. Now her family is much happier and when her husband heard what we had done for her, **he sent her a letter asking her to forgive him."**

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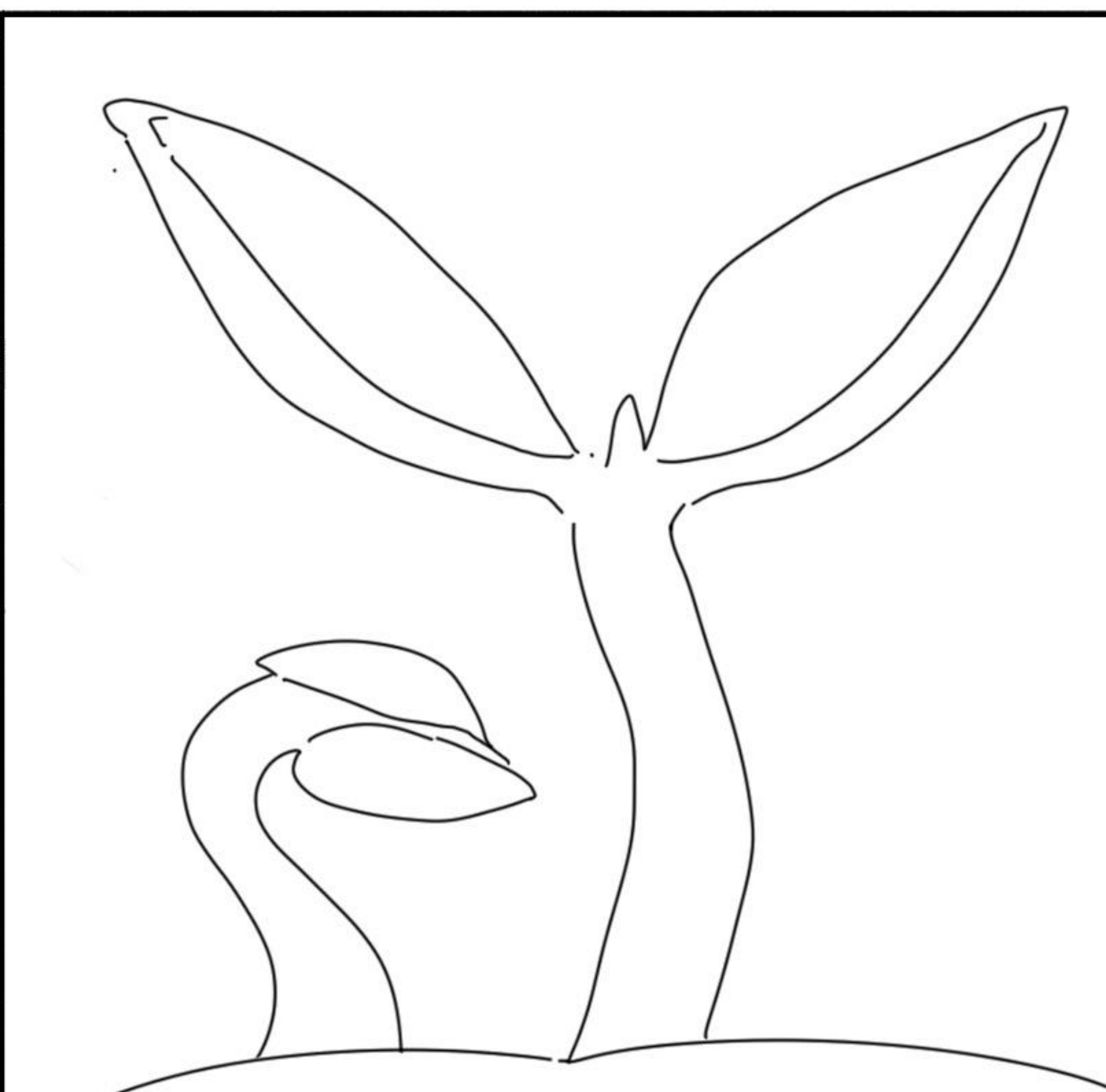


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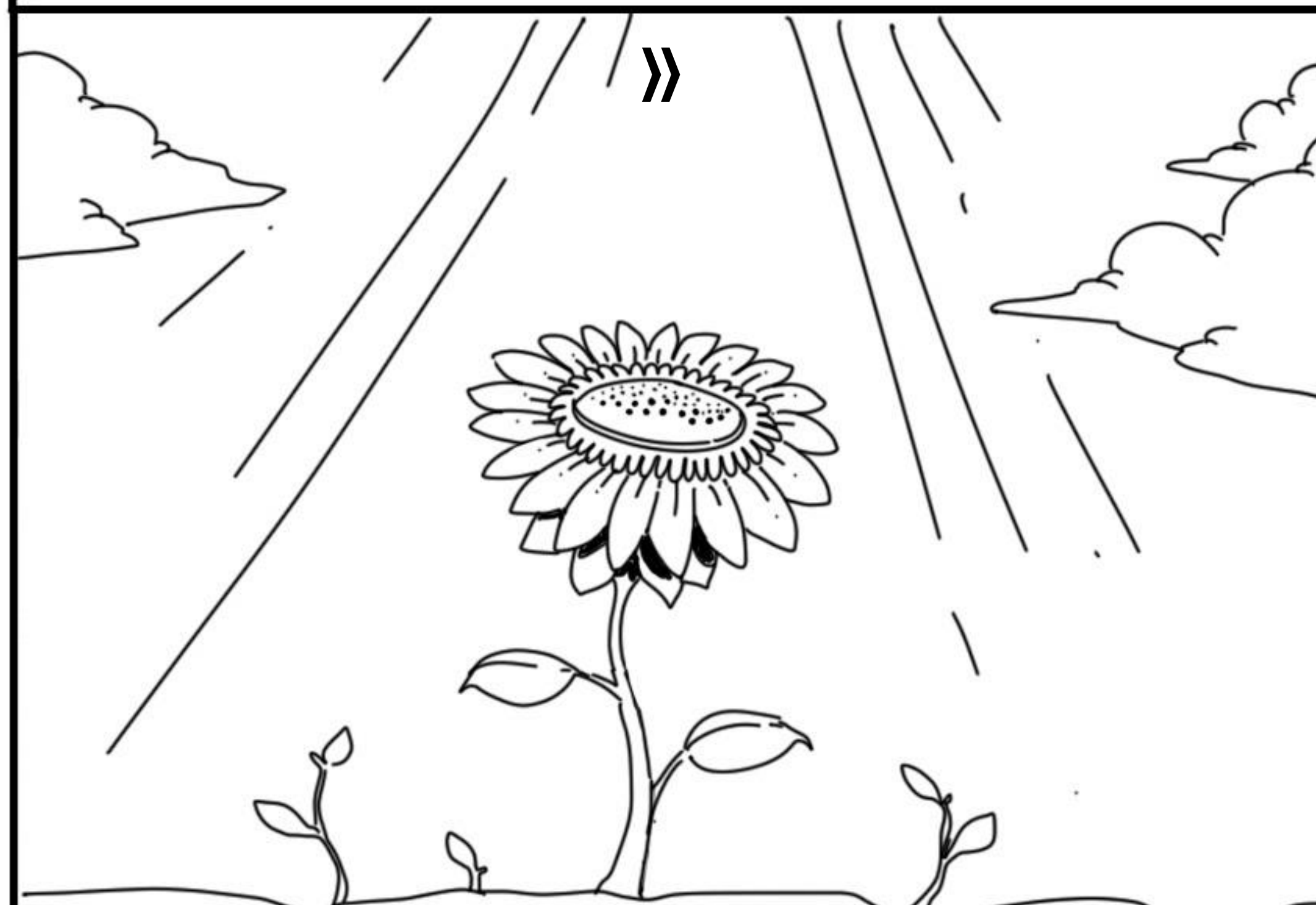
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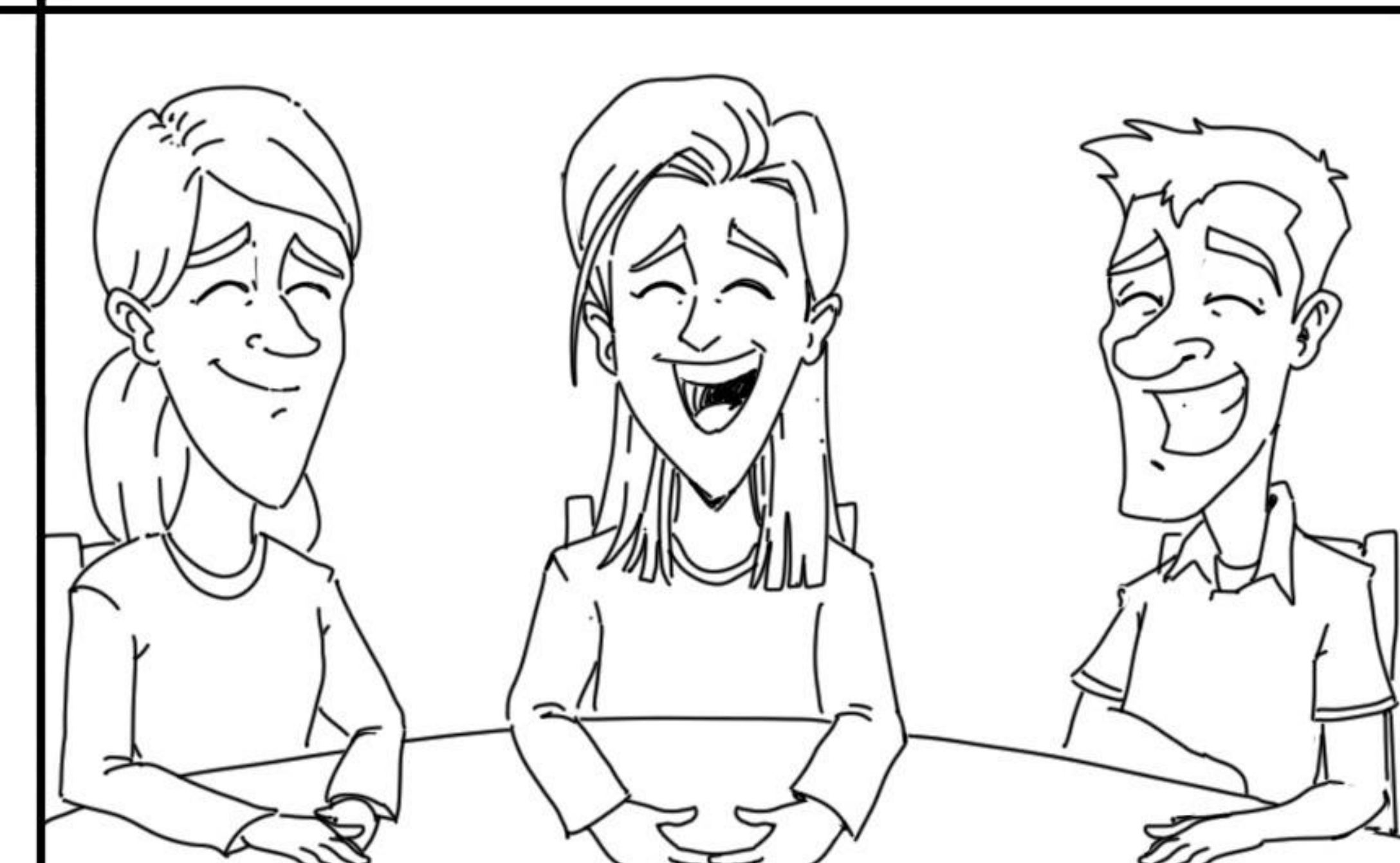


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