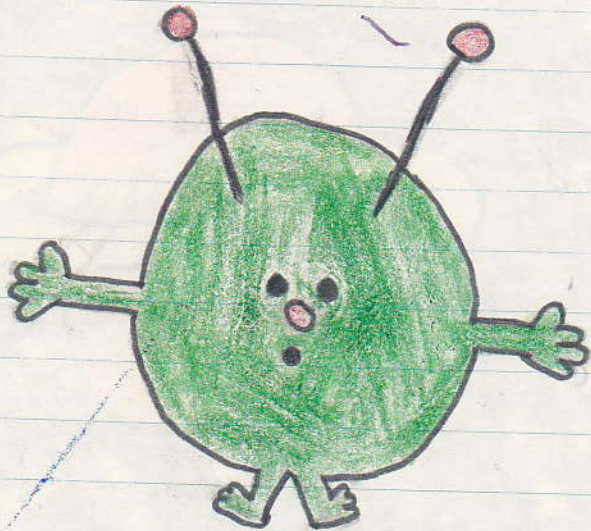


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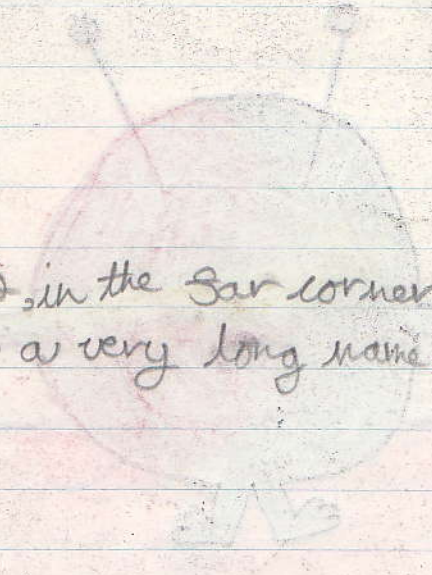


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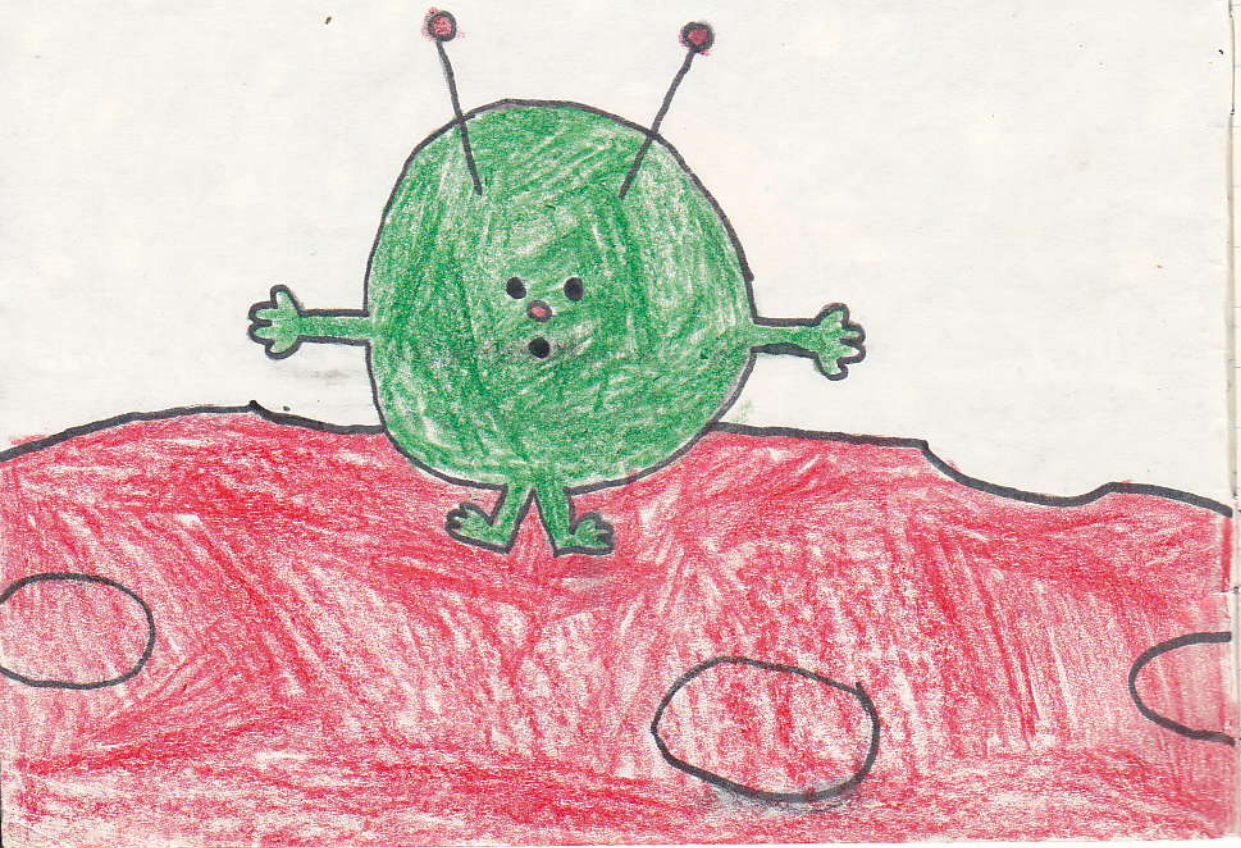


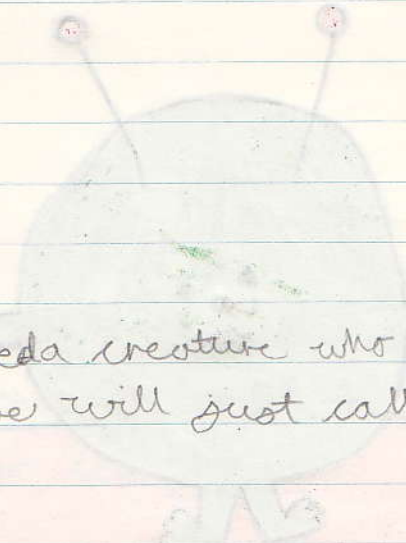
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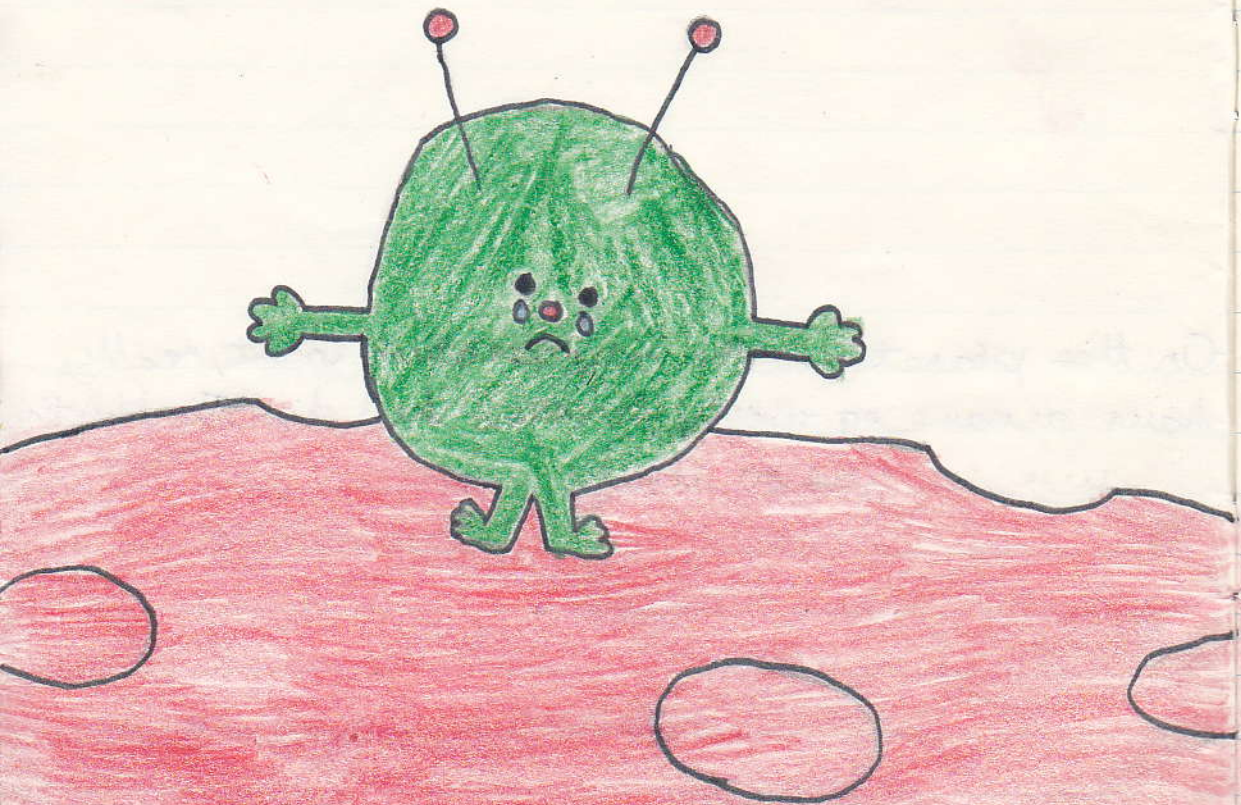


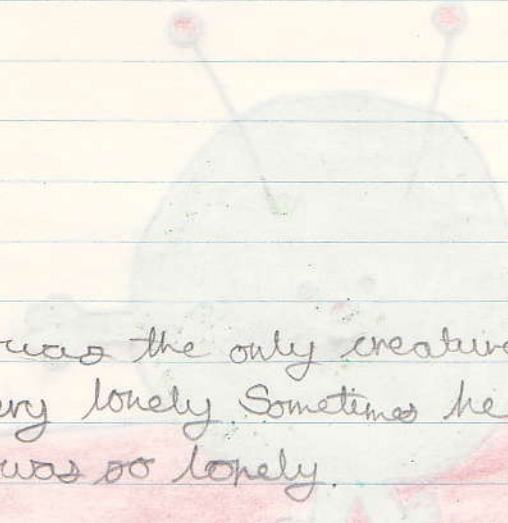
Amongst the stars, in the far corner of space, there
is a planet with a very long name, too long to fit
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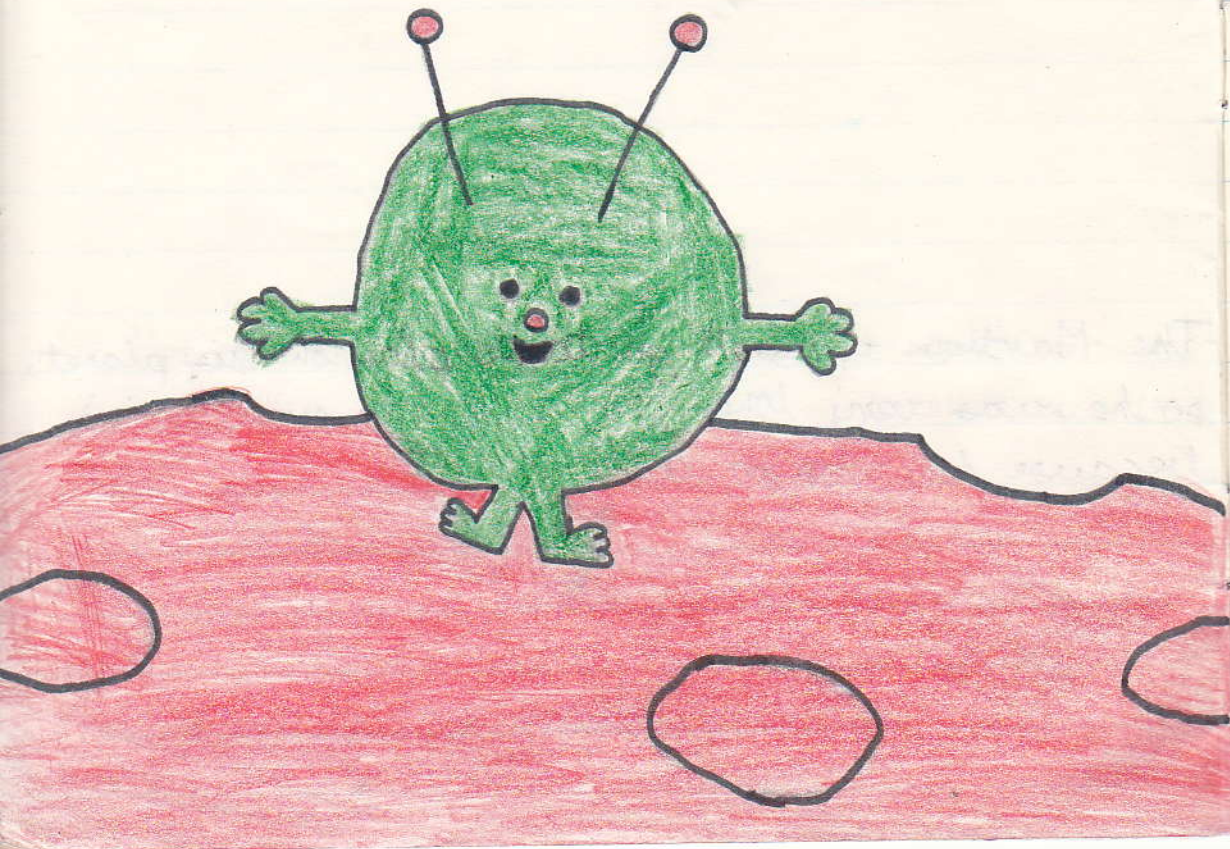


On this planet, lived a creature who doesn't really have a name so we will just call him The Martian.

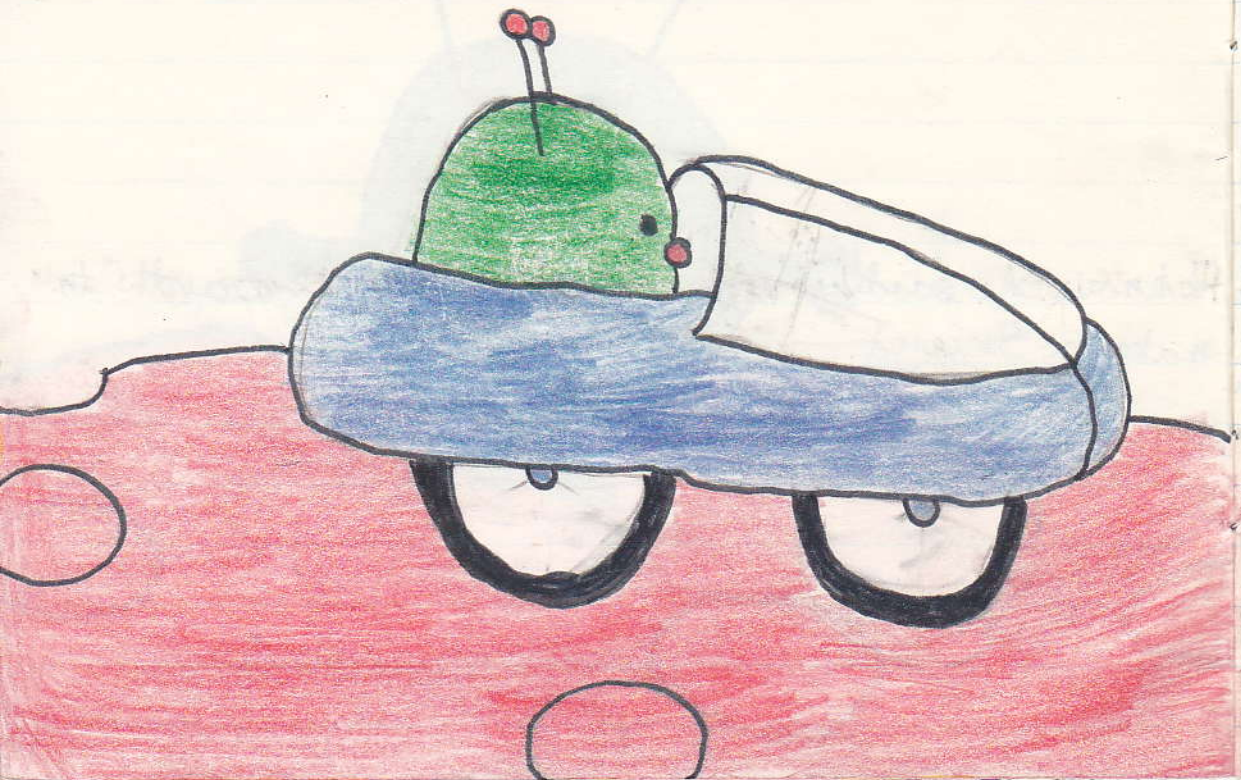


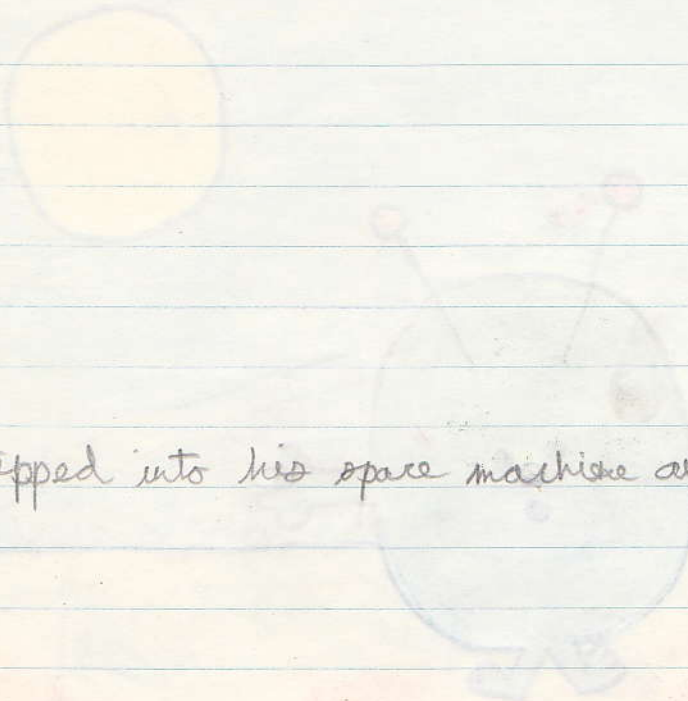


The Martian was the only creature on his planet,
so he was very lonely. Sometimes he even cried
because he was so lonely.

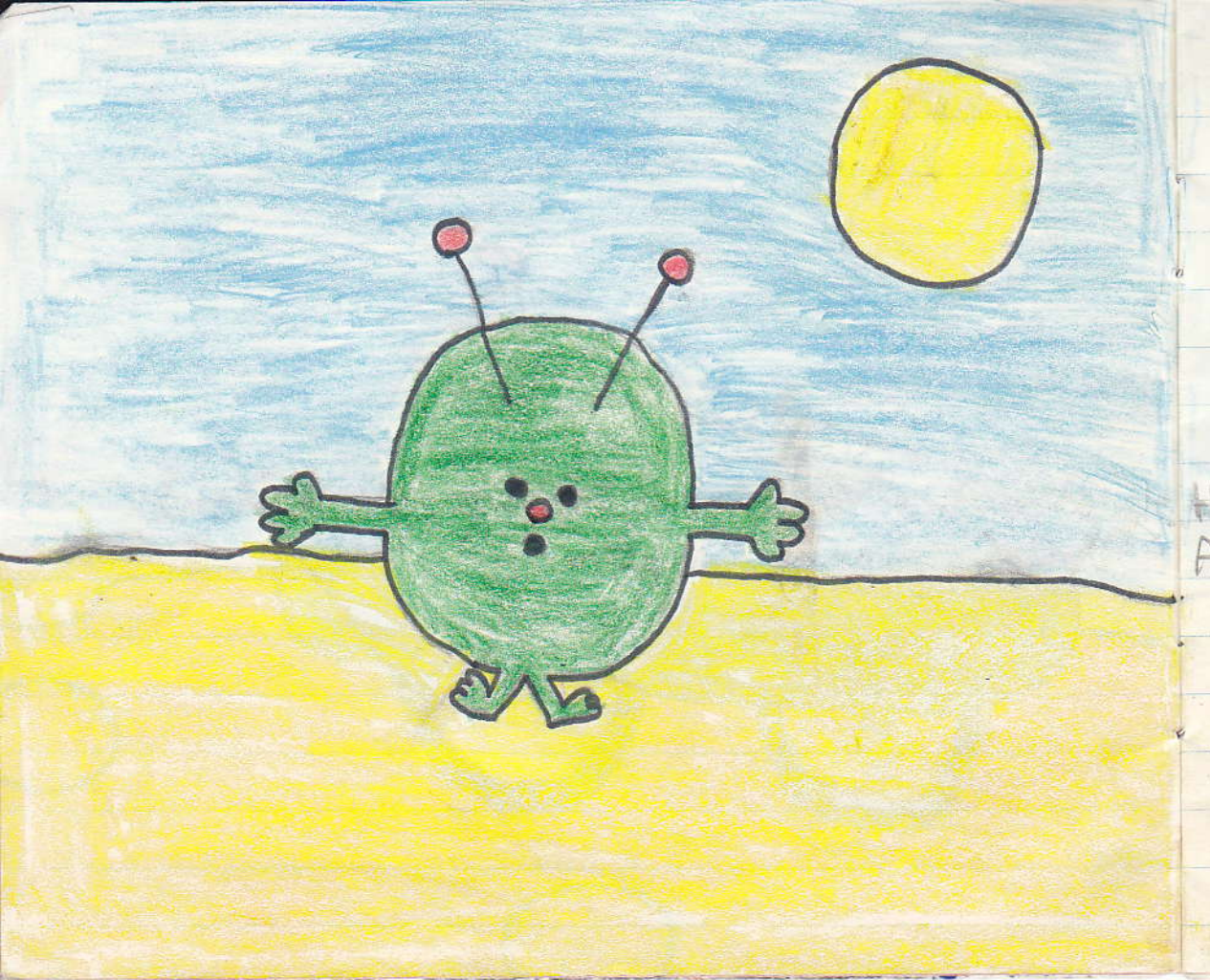


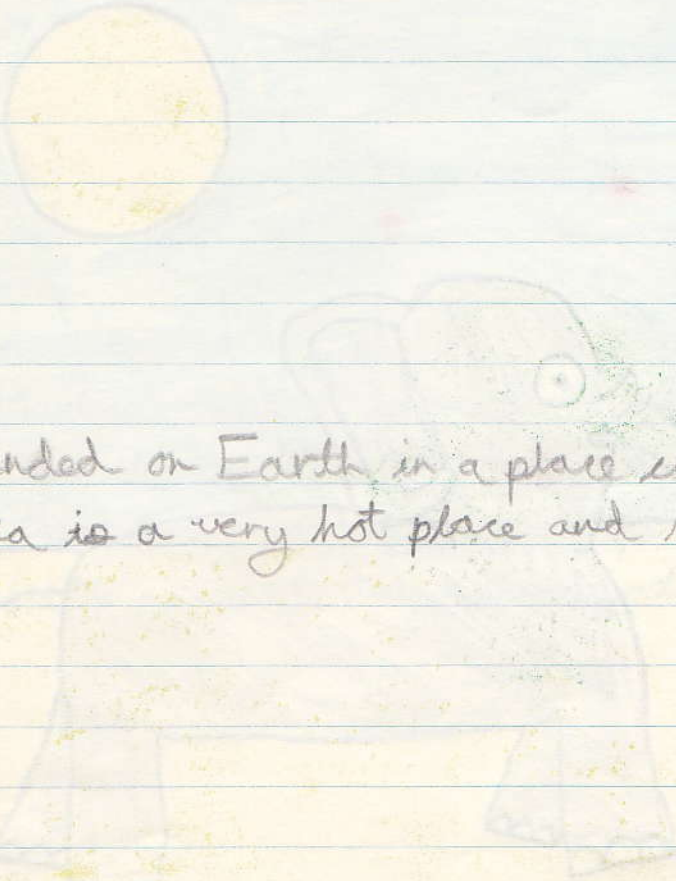
"I know," he said, "I will go to the planet "Earth" to make a friend."



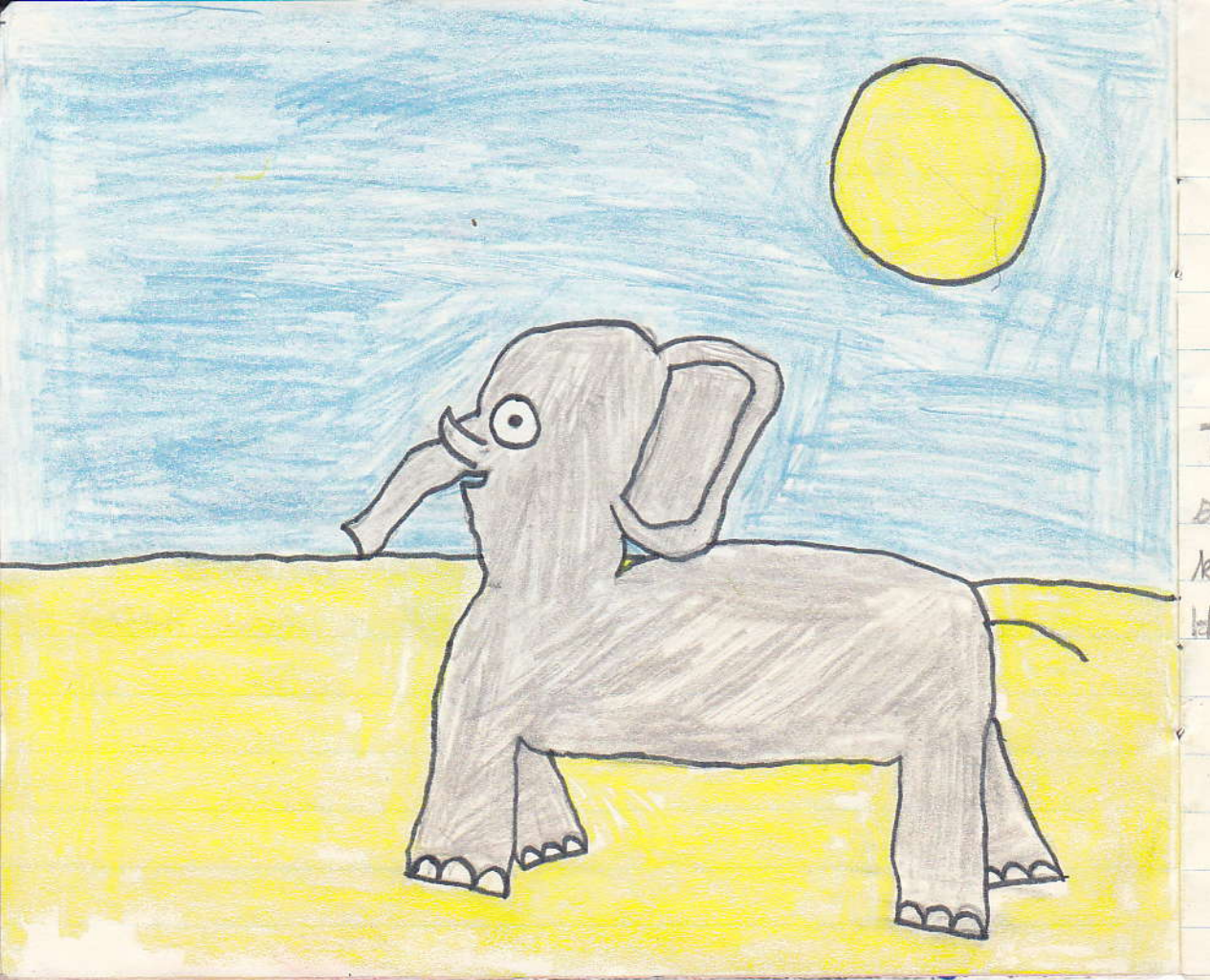


He stepped into his space machine and set off for Earth.





He landed on Earth in a place called ASfrica.
ASfrica is a very hot place and he soon felt thirsty.



The Martian went to search for some water and he saw an elephant. 'That's funny,' he thought, 'I never knew there were martian water taps on earth.' He squeezed the elephant's trunk in order to get some water.

The elephant was very cross. The Martian ran back to the space machine and started to drive SS to another part of Earth. "I don't think I'd make any friends there," he said to himself.



He landed in a place called America. He saw some
beavers chopping down trees with their teeth. He thought
they were toys so he picked one up to try it out.

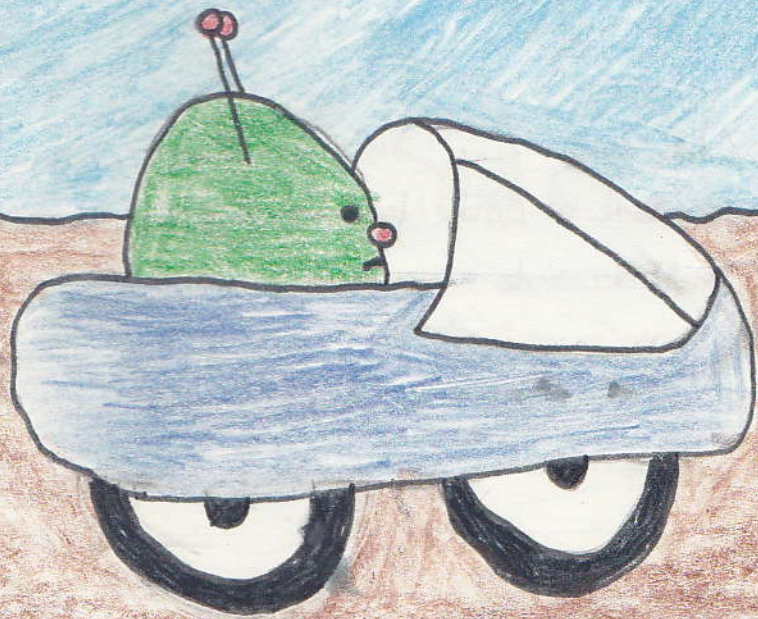


The Martian looked the beaver's teeth against a tree. The beaver was very cross. The Martian ran back to the space machine.



"I don't think I'd make any friends there either," he said to himself. He decided that he would try one more place and if he made no friends there he would go back to his planet and live the rest of his miserable life on his own. He landed in a small country called Scotland beside a river called Loch Ness.

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He saw a creature in Loch Ness crying. He asked it why. He said, "I try to make friends always but everyone who sees me, runs away."



The Martian told what happened to him and said, "Why don't we be friends?"

"Are you sure you'd want to be?" asked the creature called the Loch Ness Monster.

"Of course," answered The Martian.

The monster agreed that they should be friends.



The Martian found a large hole near Loch Ness just like
his old crater home and they lived together for the rest of their
lives.





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