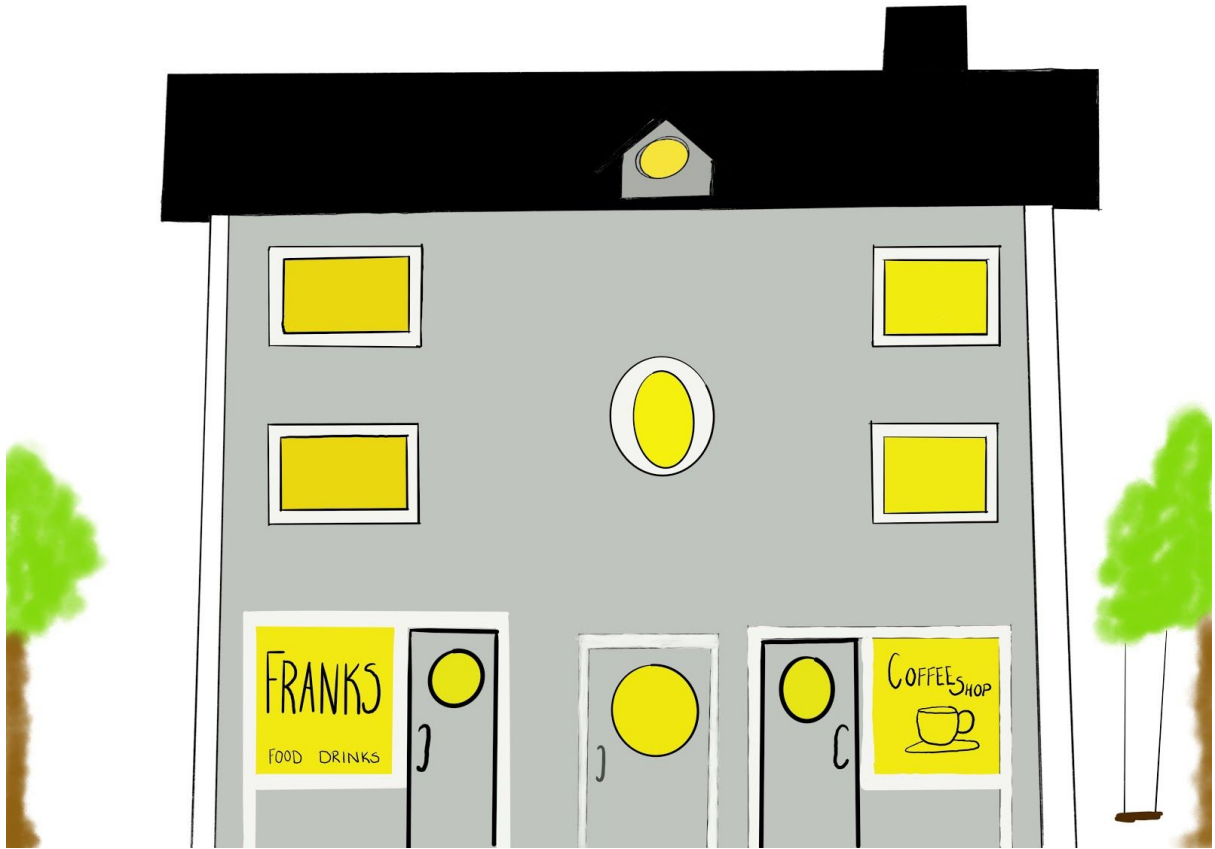


The house



Chapter 1 The house

This house is located on Stanford street number 21, it's close to the neighbourhood school. In the front yard there are two very old oak trees, in one of them there is an old swing. In the backyard there is a playset and a greenhouse. The house is grey with white trim and a white door.

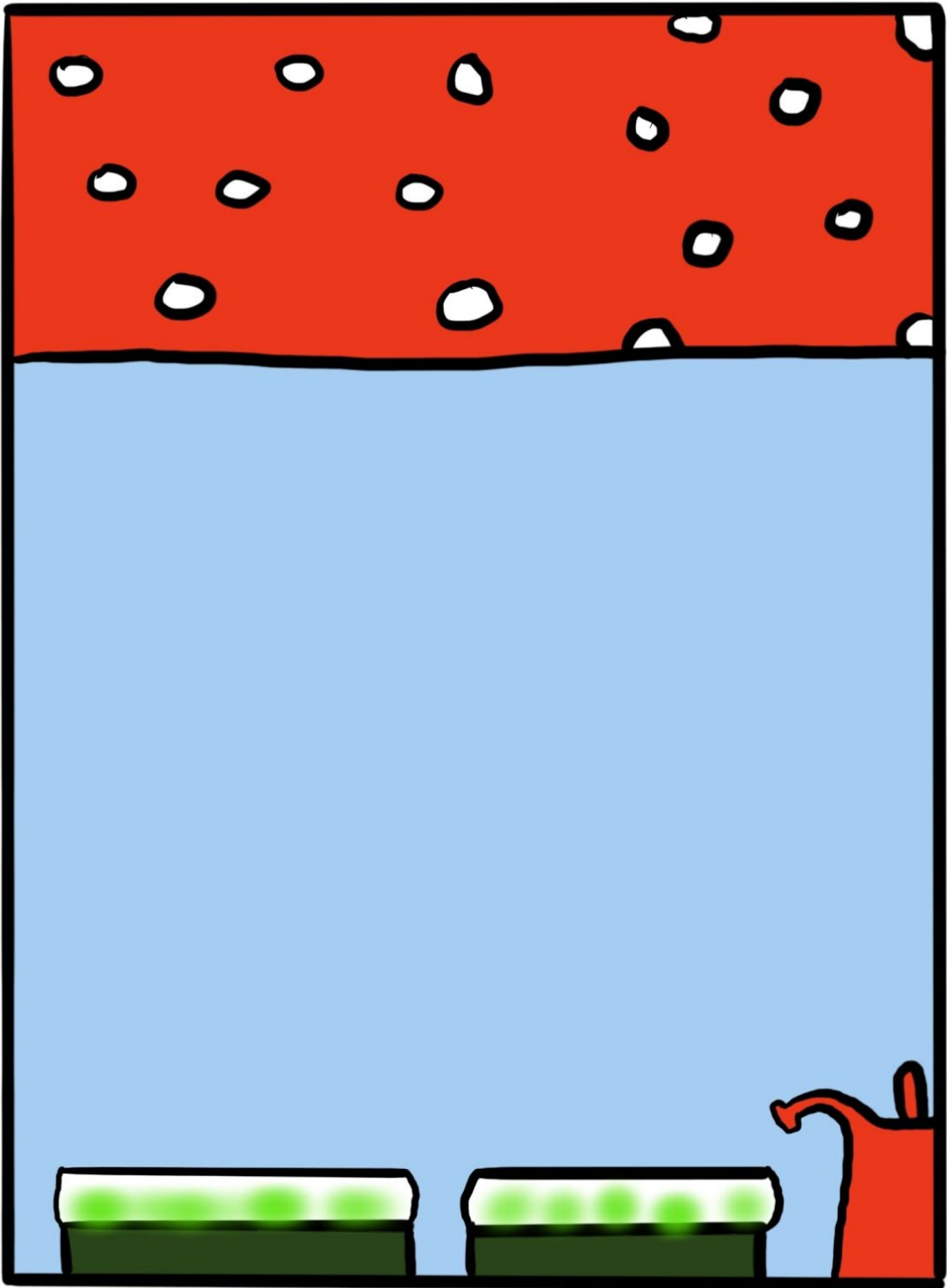
It is three floors high, on the first floor there are two places for small businesses. Both of them are rented out, one is a small convenience store and one is a small coffee shop. The convenience store is run by an old gentleman named Frank. He lives in the top floor apartment on the left. The coffee shop is run by a younger couple that only serves vegan food.

The two top floors are made up of four apartments, under the roof there is an attic that is used as storage. In the two top floor apartments there is a family in the one on the right and Frank has the one on the left. On the second floor there are also two apartments, the one on the left is where the owner lives and the one on the right is currently empty.

The owner of the house is called Mrs. Ronaldi, her husband Mr. Ronaldi sadly passed away last year. Mrs. Ronaldi's first name is Ella and she inherited the house from her parents. The house is called The black goose, there are old stories that the house used to be a safehouse for pirates to hide from the law. Ella loves her greenhouse and is intrigued by the pirate story.

It's your turn:

1. Decide how your house will look and draw it up, it must contain four flats and some room for a business.
2. Write a description of your house. See below what you need to remember to include.
 - a. The address of the house.
 - b. Write about what's in front of and behind your house.
 - c. Tell your readers about the people living in the house, are they alone or a family. Only short facts.
 - d. Write something about the businesses in the house.
 - e. Write about the owner of the house.
 - f. Write about the condition of the house.
 - g. Give the house a name.



Chapter 2

Ella

This is Ella. She owns the house. Ella retired from teaching ten years ago. She used to work in one of the elementary schools in town. Ella loved to be a teacher, she would end every school year with a picnic for the kids in her class and their parents. She was a well-liked teacher who specialized in helping children learn how to write.

Ella still likes to write stories and that is why she is so interested in The black goose's history. Ella wants to write a children's book about the history of the house. She spends long hours in the library and on the internet to see what she can find out about the house.

Ella's husband used to take care of the house before he passed away. These days Ella has hired her grandson to help her with the maintenance on the house. His name is Josh and he used to be in the navy. Now he works as a carpenter and helps his grandmother one day a week or more often if it's necessary. Josh lives in a house on the other side of town.

Ella has always been quite neat, she thinks it's because she used to be a teacher and in her classroom order was necessary. She is also careful with everything regarding the house. It's not that she doesn't like to spend money it's more that she is careful because she doesn't know anything about fixing things. This is why she hired Josh so he can help her.

Ella loves her family, she has two daughters who are both married and have kids of their own. Ella has four grandchildren, Josh who is the oldest, Cathy, Sam and Sally who is the youngest.

Ella lives on the second floor in the apartment on the left, it's a big apartment with three bedrooms, a kitchen, a livingroom and one bathroom. The apartments are old but in good condition since Ellas husband loved to renovate and build things.

In the backyard Ella has a greenhouse. She loves to grow fruit and vegetables in there and some of it goes to the vegan coffee shop.

It's your turn:

1. Draw one window of the apartment / flat that you have decided to start with. Make a scene that you can see the person / persons living there.
2. Write about the people living in the apartment / flat. See below what you need to remember to include.
 - a. Give the person / persons a name, age and a profession.
 - b. Make sure to mention if they have any interests and qualities.
 - c. Write about the apartment / flat. What's it like inside? How many rooms?
 - d. Write about how the person is feeling.
 - e. Do they have any pets?



Chapter 3

Frank

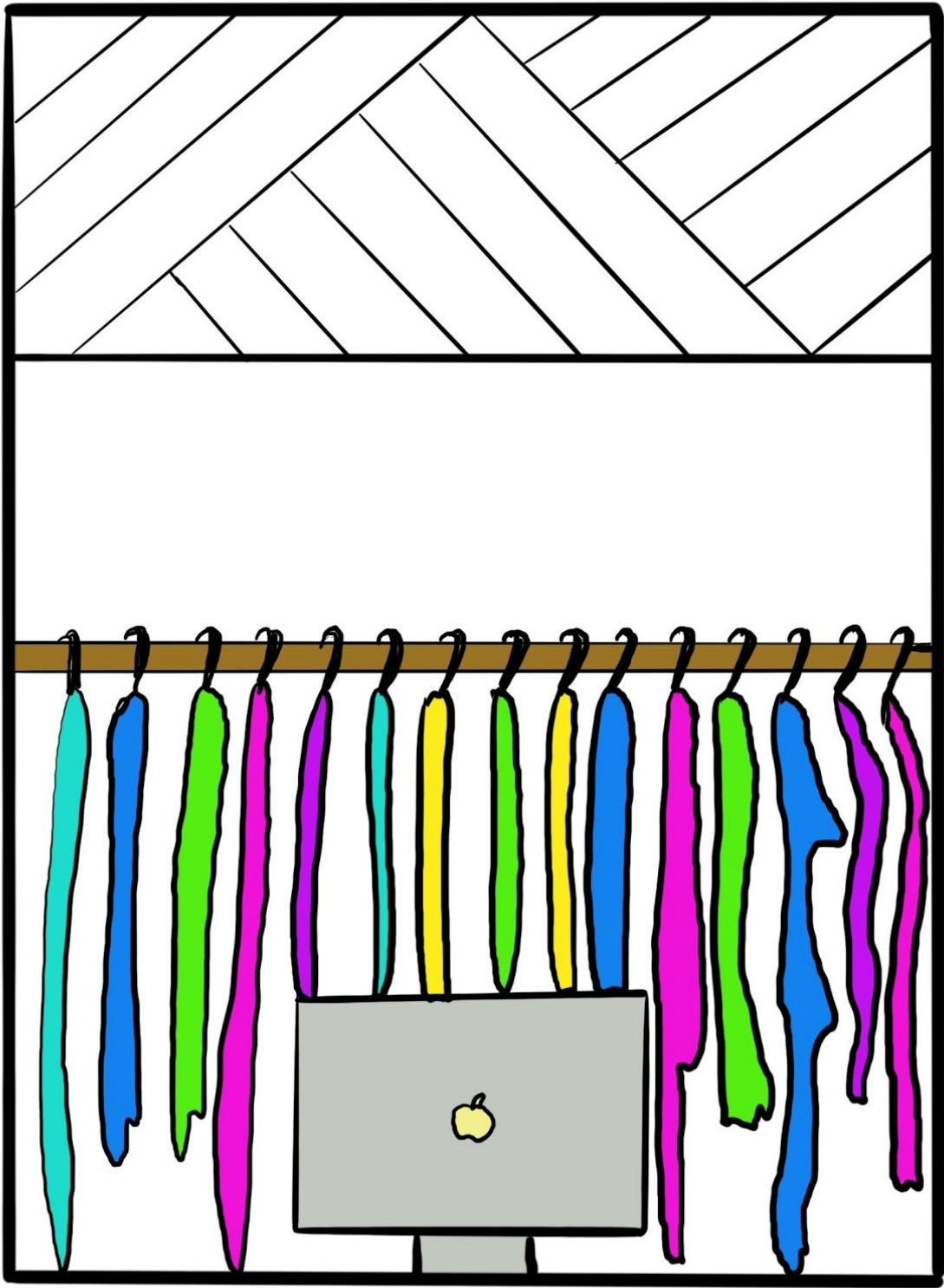
Frank runs the convenience store on the bottom floor. He lives in the top floor apartment on the left. Frank is old and lonely, well he has his cat Gizmo. Gizmo is big and grey, he loves belly rubs and usually you can see him sleeping in the window.

Frank has always run the convenience store, he loves meeting people everyday. When ever he has bread and fruit that are close to their expiration date he donates it to feed the homeless. Frank used to help out at the soup kitchen but as he got older he was too tired to both run the store and be at the soup kitchen.

Frank has the smallest apartment in the building. It has a bedroom, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom. Frank sleeps in the living room because he uses his bedroom for his model railroad. Frank is always happy when he gets to spend time with his railroad.

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Chapter 4

The Parson family

The Parson family live on the top floor and are neighbours to Frank. Zeb, Kim, Sam och Zoe Parson live in the four bedroom apartment. It's the biggest apartment in the hole house. Zeb and Kim run a clothing shop in town. They are married and have two kids, Sam and Zoe.

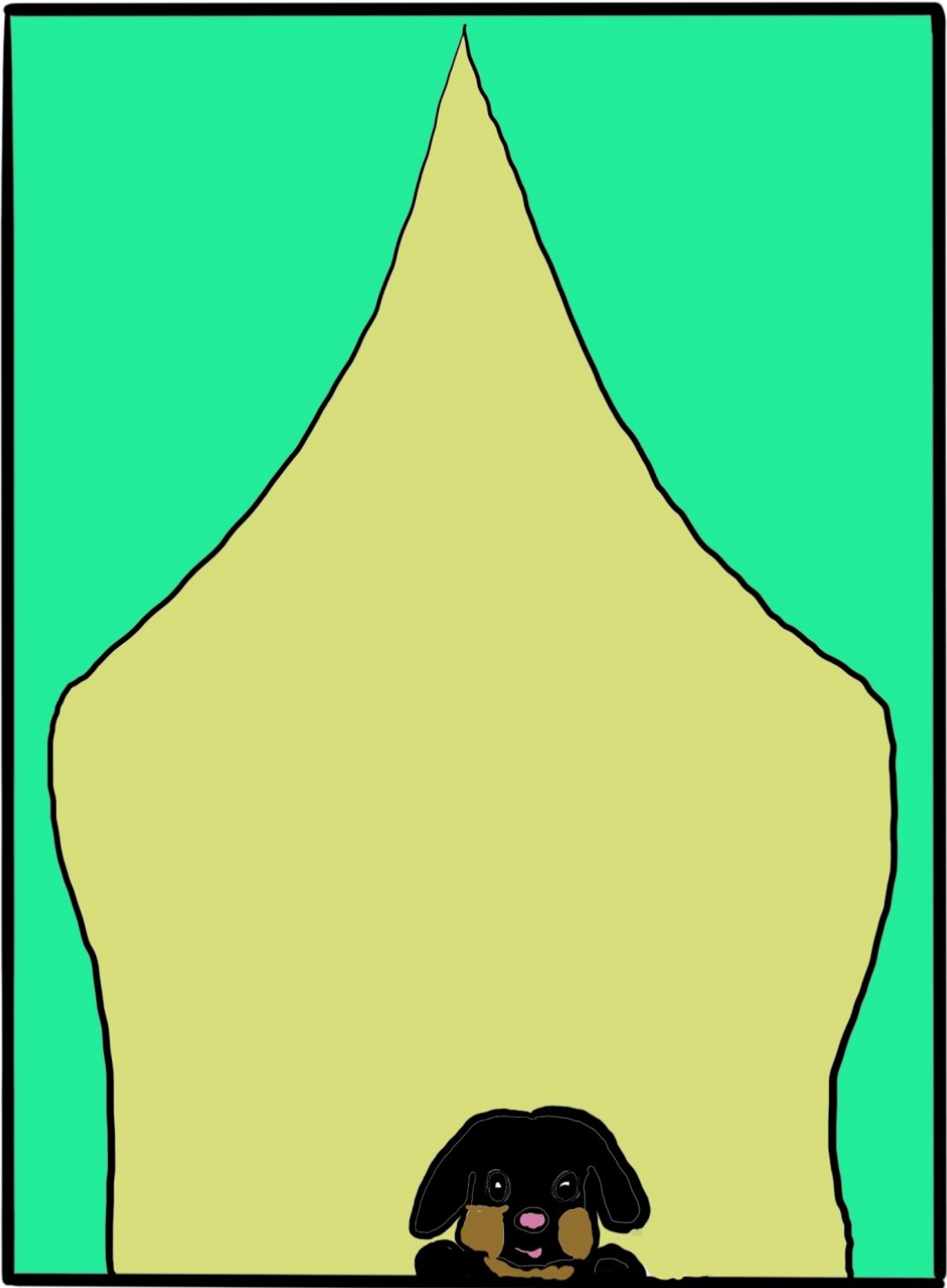
Sam is ten years old, he loves to dance and play football. He's in fourth grade and hates math. Sam is a great friend and have a lot of friends both at school, dance class and football.

Zoe is in first grade, she loves to do art and crafts. She used to play football but some girls were mean to her so she quit. Zoe is a really nice girl but she has some trouble fitting in. Some people says she is an old soul but that doesn't really help Zoe. Sometimes if Zoes had a really bad day she often goes to Ella downstairs after school.

Zeb and Kim run the very popular store Pomerans. The sell clothes, shoes and bags both in the store and online. Zeb is 35 years old and he has always been a people person. Kim is 32 years old, she is a bit shy but always very helpful to their customers. When they are free from the store they do things as a family.

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Chapter 5

Max and Tim

Max and his son Tim are moving in to the house.

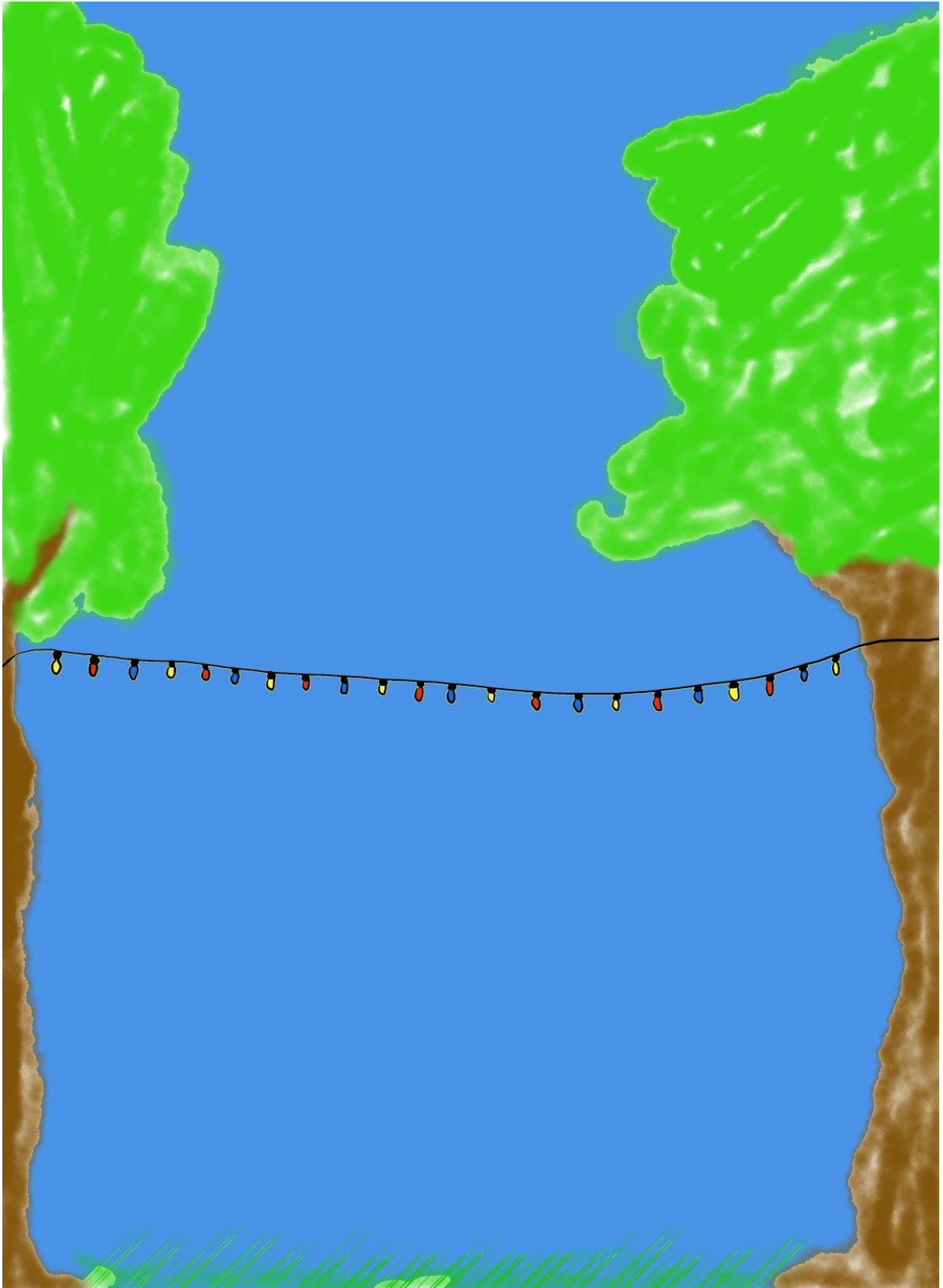
They will live on the second floor in the apartment on the right, it's a big apartment with three bedrooms, a kitchen, a livingroom and one bathroom. The apartments are old but in good condition and Max is happy that the apartment was free. He and his wife are getting divorced and he wanted a place in town close to the school so Tim can live with him as much as possible. Max is sad about the divorce but he thinks that everyone will be happier if they don't live together and fight everyday.

Tim is angry with his parents because they are getting a divorce. He can't figure out if it's his fault or his parents fault. Tim goes from being mad at his parents to being mad at himself. Tim is happy that they could find an apartment so close to school, he is also happy that he will get his own bedroom. Tims mom works as an archaeologist and travels all the time, she will keep their old house but sense she is gone so much Tim can't stay with her.

Max works in construction together with Josh, that is how he heard about the empty apartment. The best part is that it is kidfriendly and he is allowed to bring their dog as well. Their dog is a Rottweiler named Ellie, she is kind and quiet. She hates when it rains and when it's dark. Even if she is a big dog she's the biggest coward there is.

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Chapter 6 The Party

Ella decides to have a houseparty in the backyard to welcome Max and Tim to the house. She has decided they could need something fun to look forward to, Ella understands that Tim is going thru a rough patch right now with his parents divorce. She starts to plan a party and asks Frank for help with getting party decorations and drinks. She orders food from the coffee shop and ask Josh to put up some lights. She ask the Parsons to put up the tables and the party is on the way.

Josh isn't to chore about a party for Max and Tim but he simply knows that there is no point in arguing with his grandmother. Josh knows that this divorce is taking its toll on both Max and Tim. Tim is hurting and Max is worrying about Tim. Tim has been so angry lately that it is hard to tell who he is angry with.

It's Friday, the day of the party, Frank has put up the party decorations and brought sodas for everyone. From the coffee shop they have some sandwiches and one carrot cake and one chocolate cake. Ella has organised some games such as boules, badminton, croquet and a big four in a row.

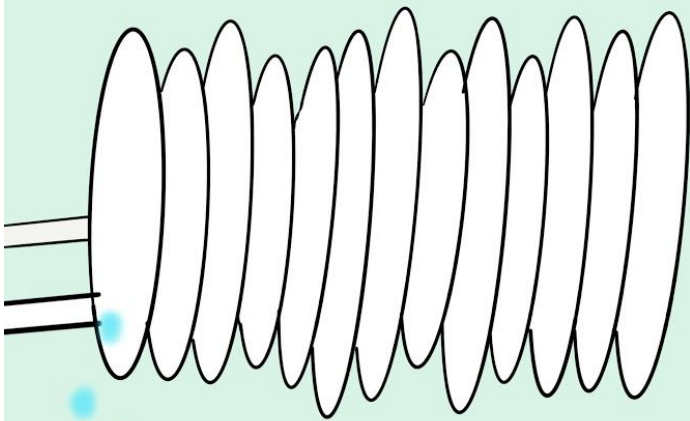
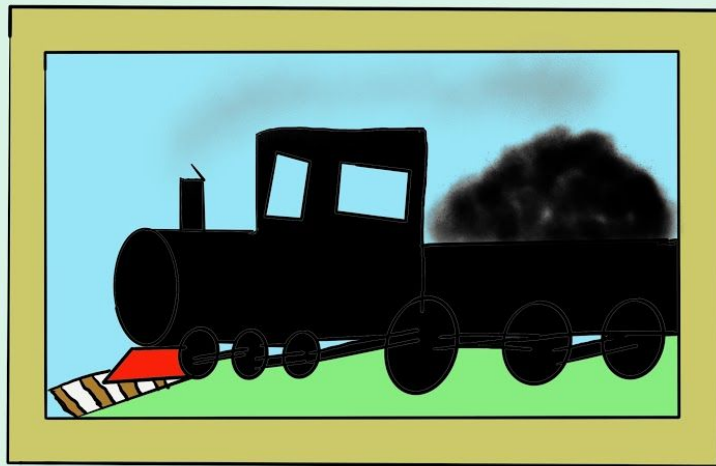
Tim and Sam get into a fight about a friend in school. Well it's Sams friend Sally who is being mean to Tim because his parents are divorced. Sam thinks that Tim should be nice to Sally because she is a girl and sometimes they do stupid things when they like someone. Tim is angry with Sam because it's no excuse if you like someone to be mean to them. Max and Josh seperate the two boys and Max tries to talk to his son. Josh sees that Tim dosen't want to and asks him to go for a walk with him.

- Does it help? Josh asks.
- What? Tim answers angrily
- Being angry all the time? Josh asks calmly.
- No, but I don't know how to stop. Tim says defeated.
- Ah, Josh says. Have you ever thought about a way to release the anger or to channel it into something useful.
- Like what? Tim asks curiously.
- Well there is a boxing club down the street. I can ask your dad to take you there if you'd like. Josh offers.
- I don't know. I'm not chore dad will let me. Tim shrugs.
- Well it would probably help if you say your sorry to Sam, even do Sally is in the wrong here. Josh says with a laugh.
- You think so? Tim asks hopefully.
- Yes I do. Josh says.

When they get back to the party Tim goes straight to Sam and apologises. Max is impressed and thanks Josh for the help. Tim comes to his dad and asks him if maybe he could take him to the boxing club. Max thinks it's a great idea and promises to take him there next week.

Even though there was a fight between the boys Ella is quite happy with the party. She and Frank both understand that sometimes being angry and young can be quite hard as well as trying to be someone's friend even if you don't always agree with them.

1. Write a text by answering the questions below.
 - a. Who decides to throw a party and why?
 - b. Where is the party being held?
 - c. What do the guests get to eat and drink?
 - d. What do they do at the party?
 - e. Some of the guest get into a fight, what is it about and who are fighting?
2. Draw a picture for your text.



Chapter 7 The accident

Ella wakes up to water dripping in her face. She is confused at first but soon figures out that it's coming from the apartment above her. She calls Josh but he can't come, he is on his way out of town for a construction job. Ella is starting to panic and Josh tells her to get up and get dressed because Max will be there soon. Not five minutes later there is a knock at the door. Ella lets Max in and tells him how she woke up to water dripping in her face.

Max understands that there must be a leak somewhere, he goes into Ellas bedroom and looks up at the ceiling seeing a big wet spot he quickly moves Ellas bed out of the way. Max rushes out of Ellas apartment and up the stairs. He goes straight to Franks door and bangs on it to get Frank to wake up. It's only five in the morning, Max bangs again and finally Frank opens the door looking confused.

Max asks Frank if he has heard a dripping noise in his apartment. Frank looks more confused and Max asks to be let inside the apartment. Once inside he went straight to the bedroom. Inside there was water all over the floor. Max saw that the radiator was leaking and went to his truck to get tools to fix it. When he got back upstairs he fond Frank in a panic because of his precious trains. Max fixed the leak and together with Frank they mopped up all the water. The floor would need to be changed after it dried out and so would Ellas ceiling. All of Franks trains had managed to stay dry but he was going to have to change the table and bookshelf he had everything on.

Max promised he and Josh would come and fix everything the week after.

1. Write a text by answering the questions below.
 - a. Who notices the accident?
 - b. How does the person noticing the accident react?
 - c. How does everybody else react?
 - d. What happened?
 - e. What will they do about it?
 - f. Who was involved?
2. Draw a picture for your text.

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Chapter 8 Something terrible

Zeb wakes up in the middle of the night to the sound of barking. He has never heard Ellie bark like that from downstairs before. Max and Tim are out in the woods for a night of camping so Zeb promised to take Ellie for a couple of walks.

Zeb wakes Kim to tell her he is going down stairs to check on Ellie.

- Kim, Kim wake up! Zeb said.
- Mhmm Kim mumbled.
- Kim
- Yes Zeb? Kim said sounding more awake.
- I need to check on Ellie something is wrong. Zeb said.

Kim could hear Ellie bark. Suddenly there was glass shattering and they both froze.

- Maybe I should go with you. She said.
- No, call the police and stay here with the kids. Zeb said. I will go down and see what's going on. Just call the police.

Zeb sneaked out into the stairwell and looked through the window. He could see a small beam of light coming from the coffee shop. Zeb hopes the police would be there soon. He took the last stairs down to Ellie and put on her leach. Ellie was terrified and shaking. Zeb tried to calm her down and took her down the last flight of stairs. Once there they sneaked out the back door, they could hear noises coming from inside the coffee shop. Zeb knew the only way out was through the front so he took Ellie with him to the door.

Zeb could see the flashing lights of the police cars coming his way. And apparently so could the thief inside the coffee shop. Ellie began to growl low in her throat and as the seconds passed her growling got louder and she began to bark just as a shadow appeared in the door. The shadow froze at the sound of Ellie's bark and was just about to make a run for it just as the police pulled up to the house. The thief was taken into jail. It turned out the thief was someone the police had been looking for because of a long list of break-ins. Zeb and Ellie became heroes in the local paper.

1. Write a text by answering the questions below.
 - a. Who was afraid and why?
 - b. What time of day is it?
 - c. Did they hear any sounds?
 - d. Whats the terrible thing that has happened?
 - e. Could they save themselves or did they need help?
2. Draw a picture for your text.



Chapter 9 The rumor

One day in school Tim and Sam get into a fight again. Sam is mad at Tim because of a rumor that Max and Kim are having an affair. Tim is blindsided by Sam and doesn't understand why Sam is mad at him. Both Sam and Tim are taken to the principal's office.

The principal calls Zeb and Kim as well as Max. Zeb and Kim leave the store in a hurry leaving it with their employees and Max has to leave a construction site. Max is surprised at the call even though Tim has been angry he has never been in a fight in school and boxing has helped with his anger. Kim and Zeb are equally surprised about the call, this is not like Sam.

When all the parents are present the principal asks Tim to start telling them why they were fighting. He says that Sam jumped him and he doesn't understand why. The principal looks to Sam for an explanation and he tells everybody about the rumor Zoe heard about Max and Kim. All the parents exchange confused looks. Kim is sad that someone would say such a thing about her, Max is confused since he hasn't met Kim anywhere except for the stairway in the house and at the party. Zeb is mad that someone would spread such a mean rumor. Sam apologizes to Tim and the principal warns them both about fighting in school.

When they get home Sam and his parents sit down with Zoe to see where the rumour of Kim and Max came from. At first she is quite and refuses to talk about it. But when Zeb tells Zoe that lying is really bad she opens up about how she told Sam what she did after he apparently broke her favourite glue gun. Zeb and Kim bring Zoe down to Max and Tim's apartment where she has to apologise for what she did.

Zoe feels ashamed for what she did.

1. Write a text by answering the questions below.
 - a. There is a rumor about someone in the house. Who is it about and what does it say?
 - b. Who is spreading the rumor?
 - c. What happens when they find out who is spreading the rumor?
2. Draw a picture for your text.



Chapter 10 And so they lived happily ever after

The black goose had all its apartments rented out. Ella had managed to write a draft for her first children's book about the pirates with inspiration from her tenants.

Max, Tim and Ellie find a good place to live at the black goose. They were happy and finding a new normal after the divorce. Since Ellie was the local hero the coffee shop owners brought her a bone every month. Tim also got a new best friend in Sam.

The Parsons continued with life as normal. Well except for Zoe since the principal heard about how she started the rumour, she thought that maybe Zoe's fantasy could be used for something better. The principal put Zoe in charge of the school paper and Zoe made some new friends.

Frank got his floor fixed by Josh and Max. They even built a new table for his trains. Frank felt bad for Ella and the way she woke up from his water leak. Frank even asked Ella on a date and they had a nice time going to the movies.

The coffee shop was repaired and cleaned up after the break-in. They were still a success and even won a competition for the best chocolate cake in the country.

1. Repeat what has happened before to get closure.
2. End all the conflicts in some way (dramatic, unhappily or happily).
3. Give the last chapter a fitting name depending on what happens in it.
4. Draw your last picture.

Glossary

Bedroom	Sovrum
Kitchen	Kök
Livingroom	Vardagsrum
Bathroom	Badrum
Wall	Vägg
Ceiling	Innertak
Roof	Yttertak
Window	Fönster
Apartment	lägenhet
Attic	Vind
Rumor	Rykte
Accident	Olycka
Something	Något
Terrible	Hemskt

The house

The house är ett skrivprojekt med inspiration hämtad från svenska Huset. Jag gör denna med mina elever i åk 6 och de gillar att få skriva på engelska.

Jag läser min text för eleverna först och sen lägger jag instruktionerna på tavlan eller skriver dem på ett blädderblock.

Eleverna får välja om de vill rita bilden först eller skriva texten.

Efter varje kapitel får de kompisläsa och diskutera om man kan göra några förbättringar eller om man har några frågor efter texten som kan tas med till sista kapitlet.

När eleverna är klara med hela projektet laminerar jag deras framsida och en blank baksida och binder ihop det med spiraler.

Lycka till!

/Johanna