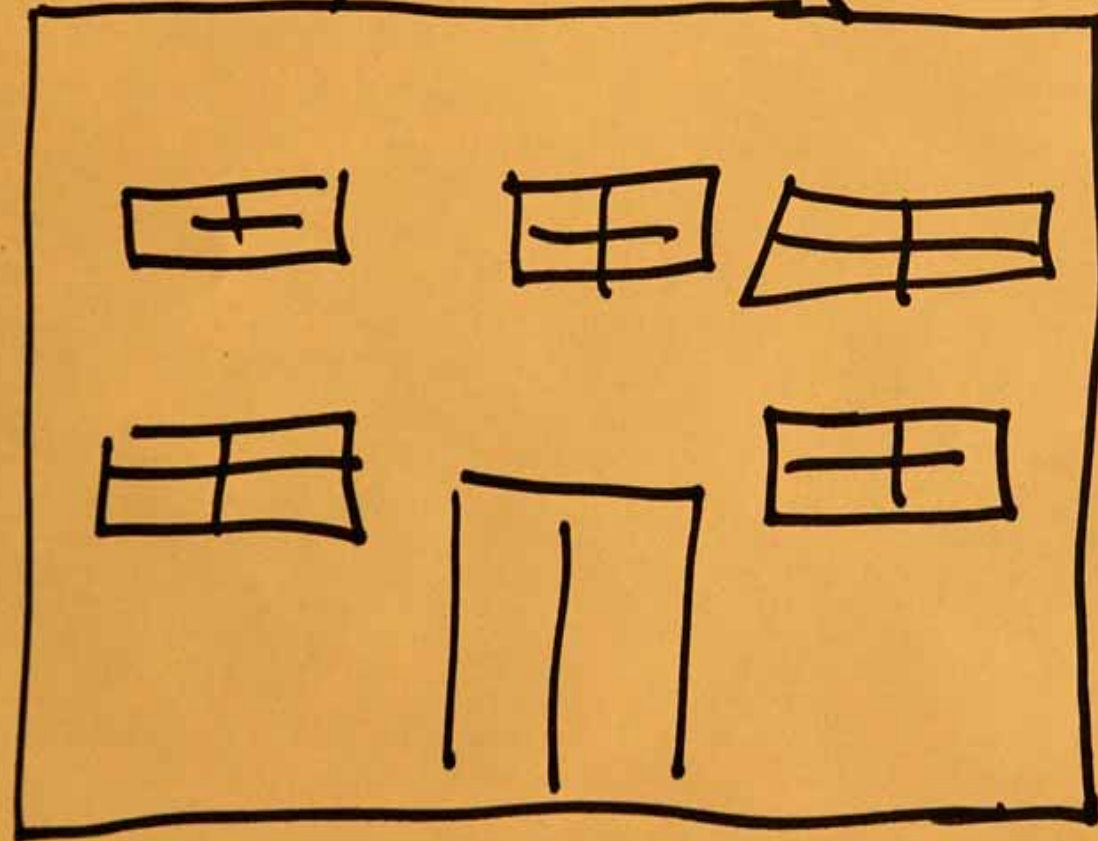


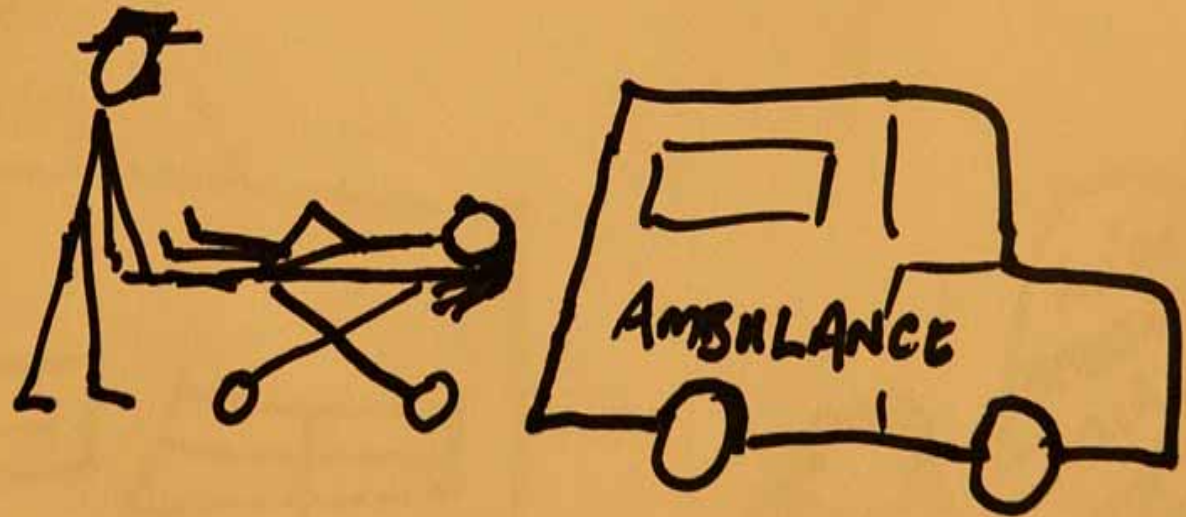
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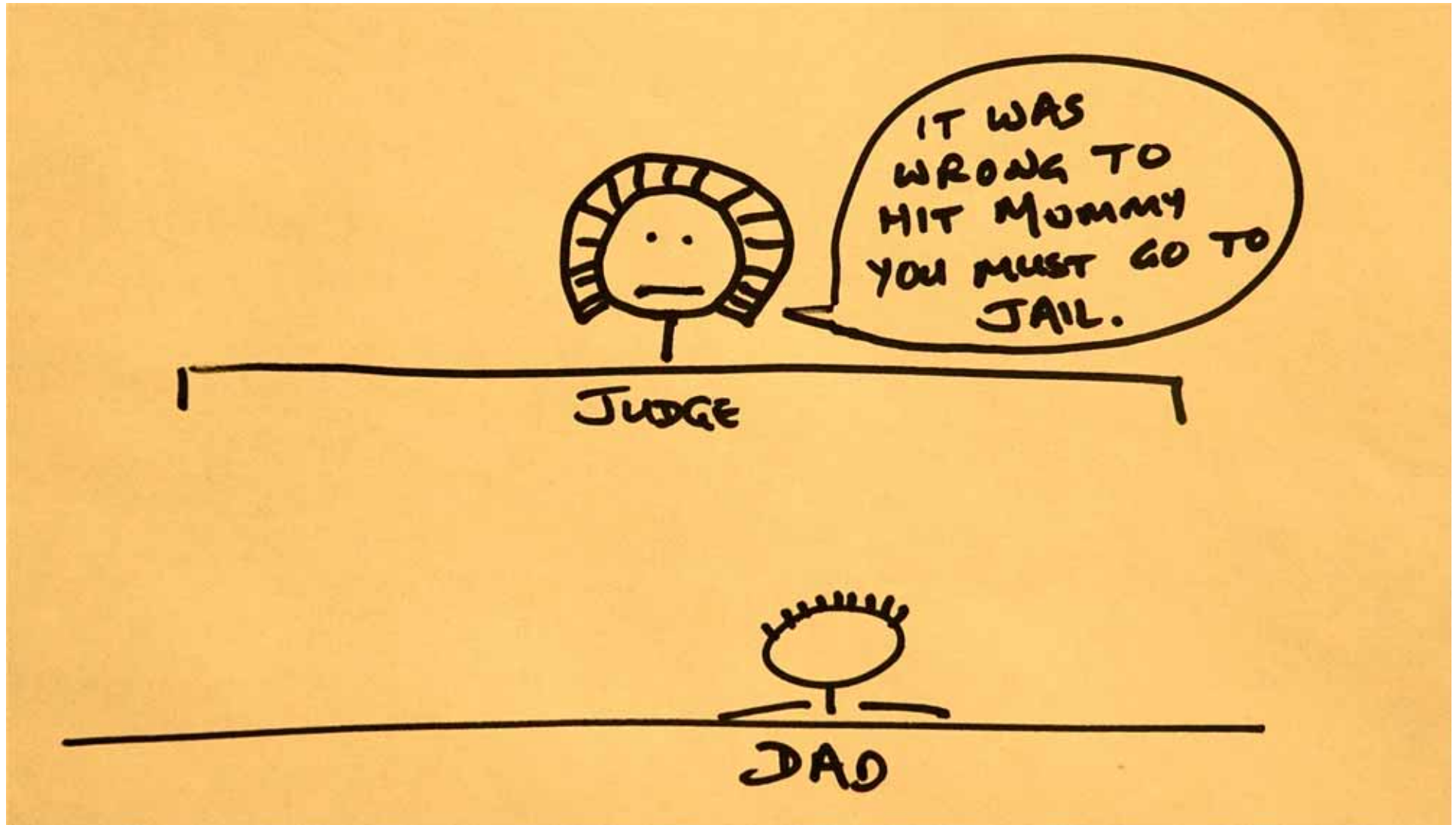
Julia Grace was born on August 11th, 1999, Mommy (Helen) and Dad (Dave) fell in love with her immediately. Julia's little tiny curled up hands, tiny feet, and little nose were so cute. Everyone said she had her daddy's eyes.





When Julia was about one Mommy (Helen) and Dad (Dave) started having trouble with drugs and alcohol and would sometimes be out all night while Grandma or Aunty Kathy would be with Julia. The drinking often made Dad (Dave) get angry and then he would sometimes fight with Mommy (Helen) and other people. In some of these fights Dad (Dave) hit Mommy very hard. Two times Mummy (Helen) was so hurt she had to go to hospital.





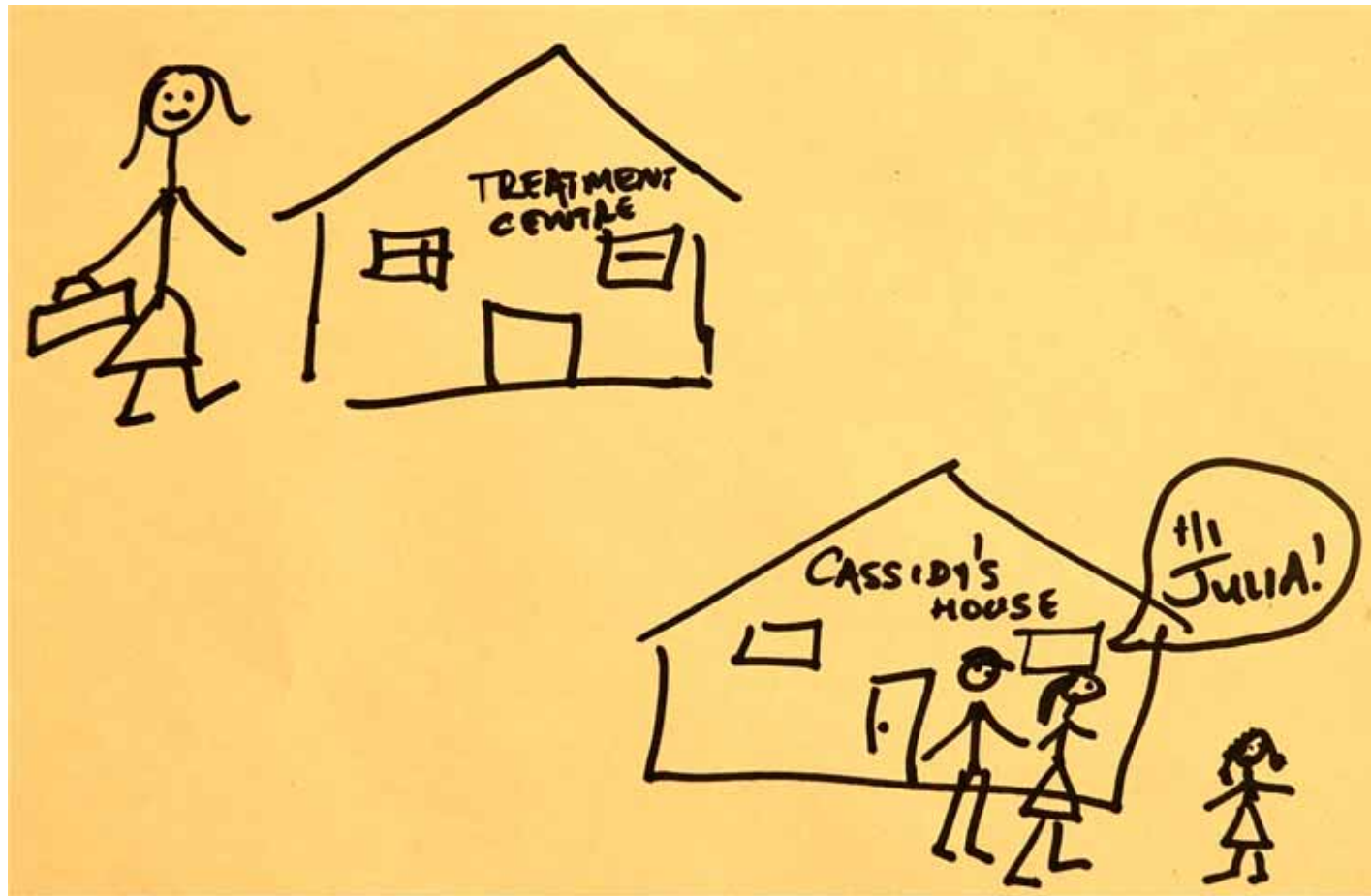
These fights were so serious the police came and they told a judge about the really bad fights. The judge said Dad (Dave) was wrong to hit Mummy and sent him to jail.



While Dad (Dave) was gone Julia learned how to walk and looked so cute wobbling around. Julia also learned how to potty on the potty chair but wanted to go on the big one and very soon she could. While he was in prison Daddy made presents for all the kids and carved the little blue horse for Julia. Mommy (Helen) took photos of Julia walking and Daddy was so proud of Julia when he saw them.



When Julia was five, Dad (Dave) was drinking a lot and having really bad fights with Mommy (Helen) again. One day after Dad (Dave) had been drinking, he hit Julia because he thought that was the way to get Julia to behave. Julia's brother Charlie told the police what had happened because he wanted to make sure Julia and his mom were safe from getting hurt more. After this Dad (Dave) had to go to court and the judge who said that Dad (Dave) had to go to jail again for hitting Julia and Mommy (Helen).



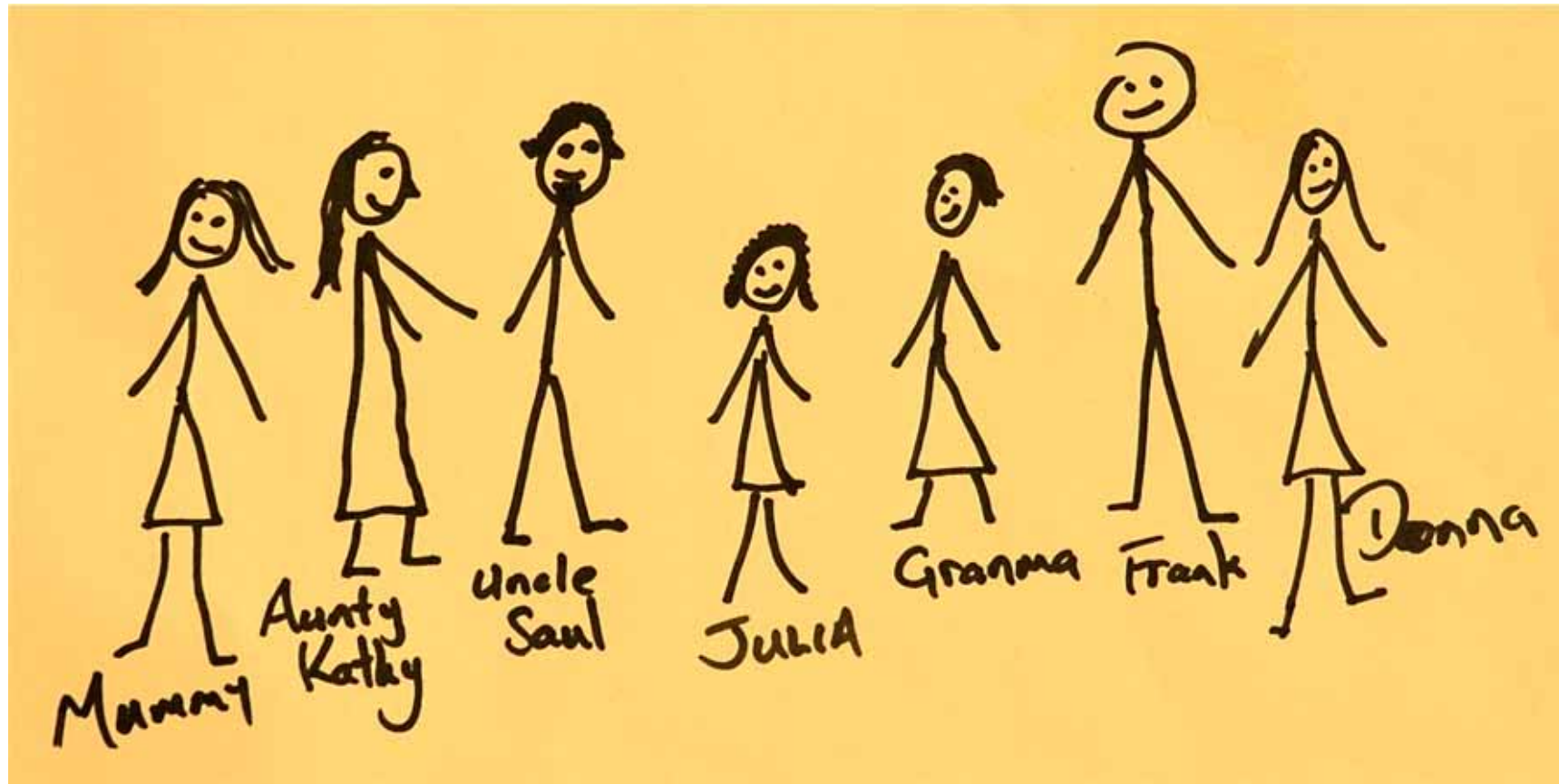
After this, Mommy (Helen) asked for help with her problems with drugs and went into treatment to get help. Julia lived with Lena and Frank Cassidy for three months while Mommy (Helen) got help. After Mommy (Helen) got home from treatment Julia came home to be with mom at Brad's house. Julia and Mommy (Helen) had a great time being together and Julia loved playing with Jessie and the big dog, Spike and going on bike rides with Mommy (Helen).



When Dad (Dave) came back from jail Mommy (Helen) and Dad (Dave) both started having problems with alcohol and drugs again and were fighting again. Mommy (Helen) asked Dad (Dave) to leave so that she and Julia would feel safe. Dad (Dave) did not want to leave so Mommy (Helen) and Julia went to live with Uncle Saul until they could get their new place. During this time, Julia and Mommy (Helen) had lots of fun together by taking walks down by the dike and by sliding down the big hill together. Mommy (Helen) liked that they were able to eat dinner together at the table without fighting.



Mommy (Helen) and Dad (Dave) were separated but they were still both having big problems with drugs and alcohol, even though they wanted to stop using them. Mommy (Helen)'s drinking got so bad she wasn't taking Julia to school and didn't have enough food for her. Jacinta the County social worker was so worried she talked to the judge and told the judge that Julia may not be safe living with Mommy (Helen). The judge decided that Julia should not live with Mommy (Helen) till she stopped using drugs and alcohol. Julia went to foster care and first stayed with Sue and Bill Hollows and then went to Hetty and Nigel Holden's house. The Judge said that when Julia saw mommy (Helen) and when she saw Daddy (Dave) there always had to be someone else there to make sure she was safe. Dad (Dave) has said even though he doesn't live with Mommy anymore he always wants to see Julia.



Julia is happy at her foster home and Mommy (Helen) is working hard to get better. Mommy (Helen) is also surrounding herself with people that care about her. The judge has said that he wants to make sure that Mommy (Helen) will not use drugs when taking care of Julia and that Julia is safe when she is living with Mommy. Mommy (Helen) has asked many people, including, Grandma, Aunty Kathy, Frank, Betty, Uncle Saul and Donna to help make sure Julia is safe when she returns home. These people are going to help Mommy (Helen) and will also check in with Julia to make sure she is safe when she goes home. Julia can also check in any time with these people if she ever feels worried or unsafe.