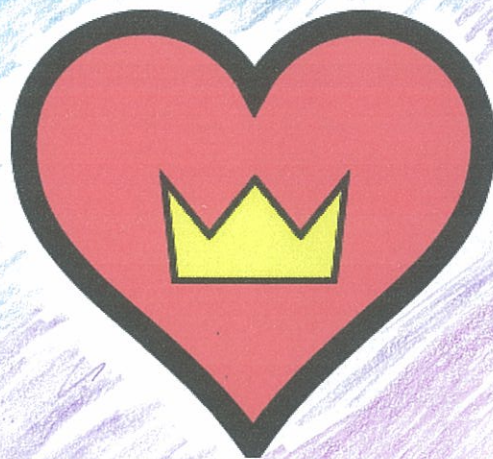


Everyone

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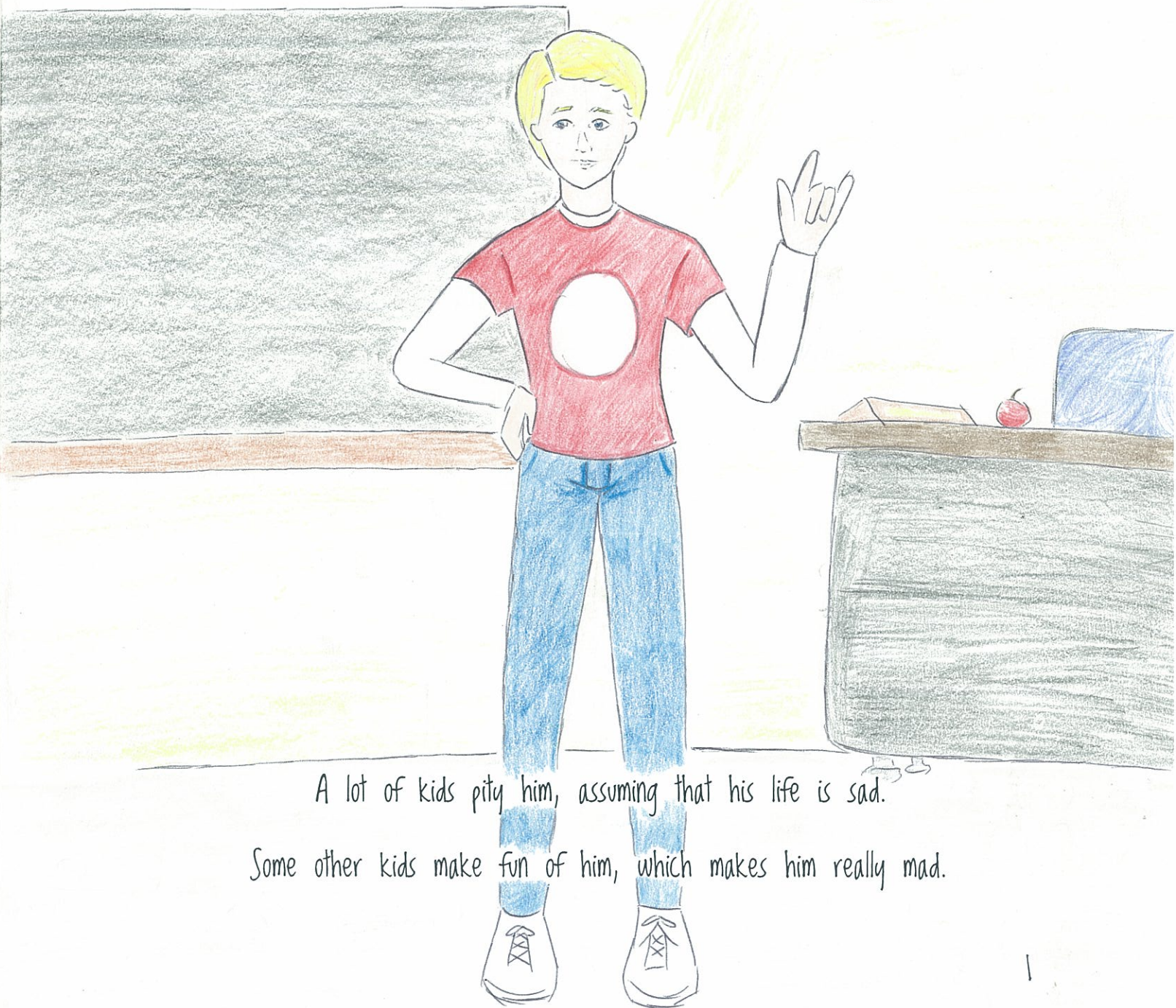
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Kevin has to talk with his hands. He is deaf, which means he can't hear.

If you speak to him, he may not understand, but he'll still smile at you from ear to ear.



A lot of kids pity him, assuming that his life is sad.

Some other kids make fun of him, which makes him really mad.

Yet, at the end of the day, Kevin wouldn't change a thing.



He knows that, in his own heart, he will always be a king.

Samantha is a very shy girl; she is never seen or heard.

If she is not being spoken to, she won't say a word.



Other kids don't play with her because they think that she is weird.

Some days she feels so down that she cries into her father's beard.



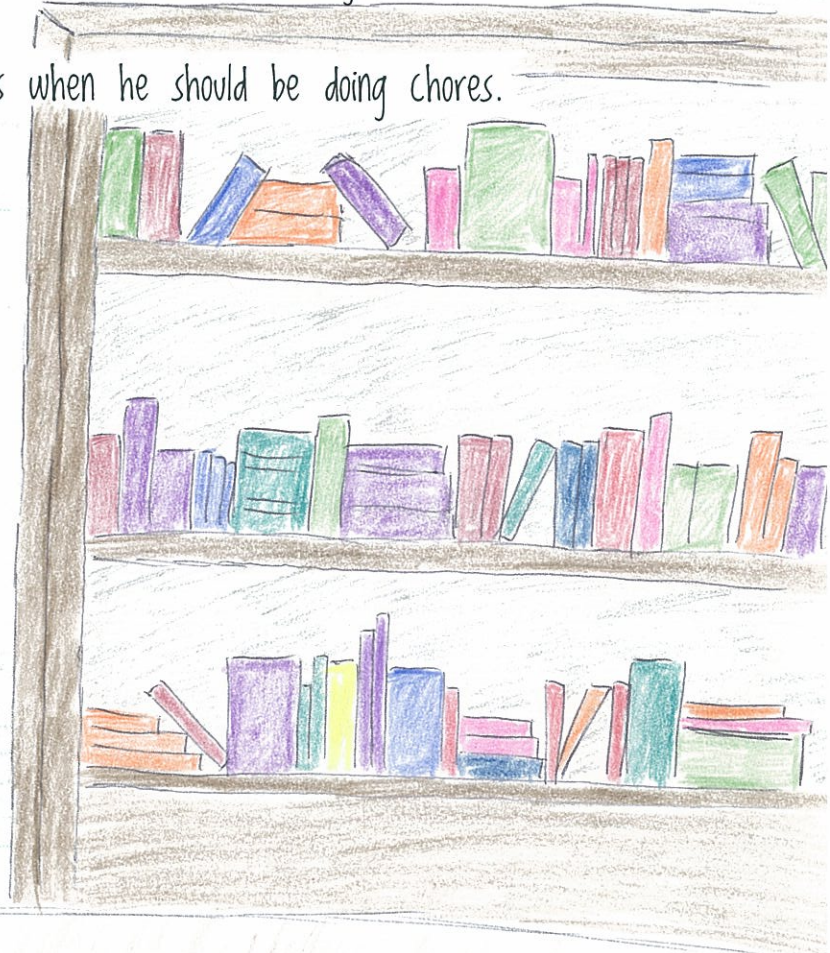
Yet, at the end of the day, Samantha doesn't care that some people are mean.



She knows that, in her own heart, she will always be a queen.

Benedict loves to read books; when he reads, his imagination soars.

Sometimes he hides and reads when he should be doing chores.



He often gets called a nerd or a geek because of his love of reading.

There are days when he can't seem to recover from these verbal beatings.

Yet, at the end of the day Benedict's wouldn't change a thing.



He knows that, in his own heart, he will always be a king.

Patricia is bigger and heavier than all of the girls she knows.  
She is comfortable with her body, and always wears nice clothes.



Some kids, though, like to make fun of her because of her weight.  
They try to tear her down so that she can never feel great.



Yet, at the end of the day, Patricia doesn't care that some people are mean.



She knows that, in her heart, she will always be a queen.

We live in a world where no two people are the same.



Every single person is a different player in the game.

So keep your head up and stay strong when people try to put you down.



Remember that you rule your own life, and you will always wear the crown.