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Princess Eloise
and the
Magical Living Wage

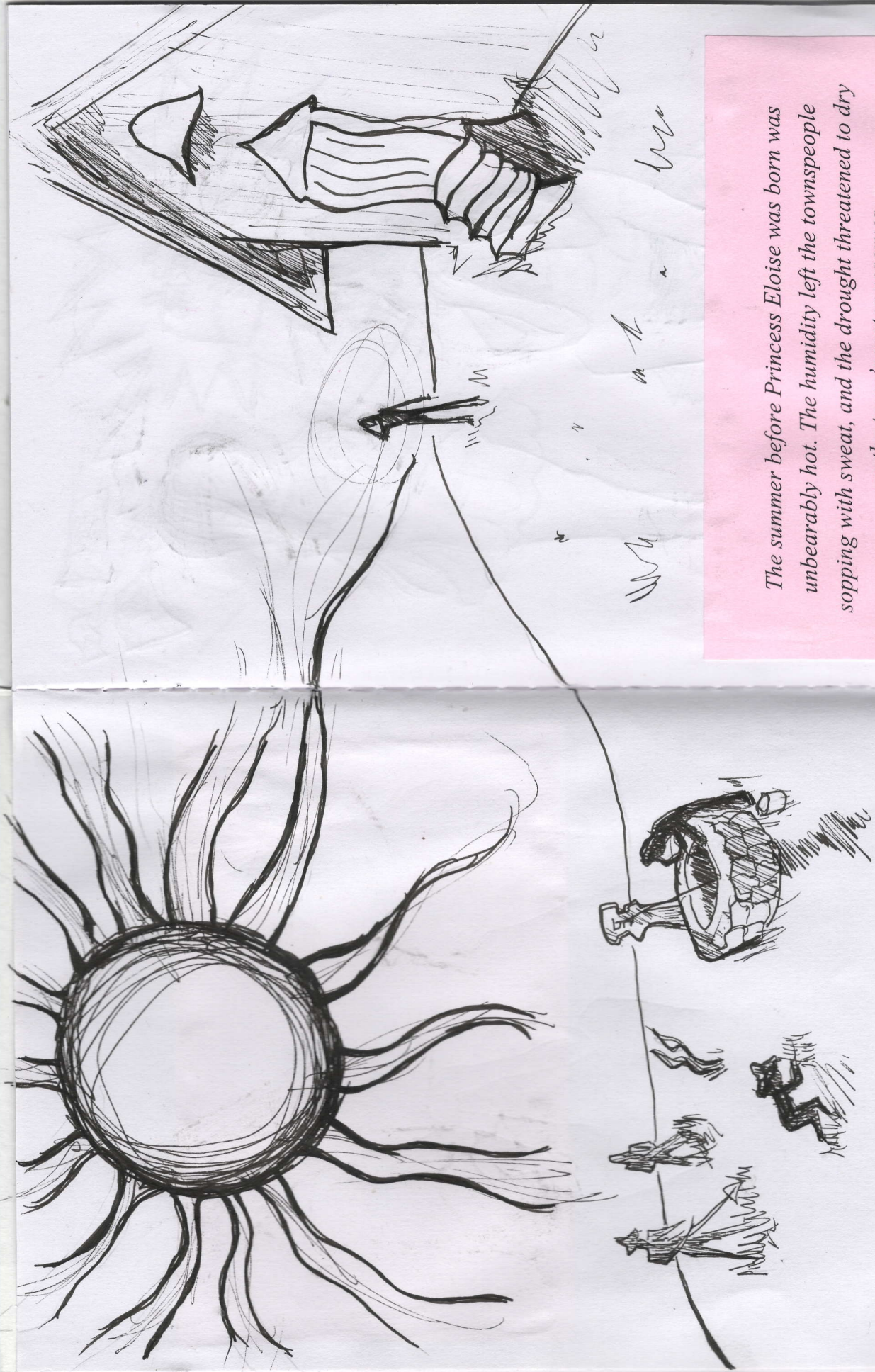


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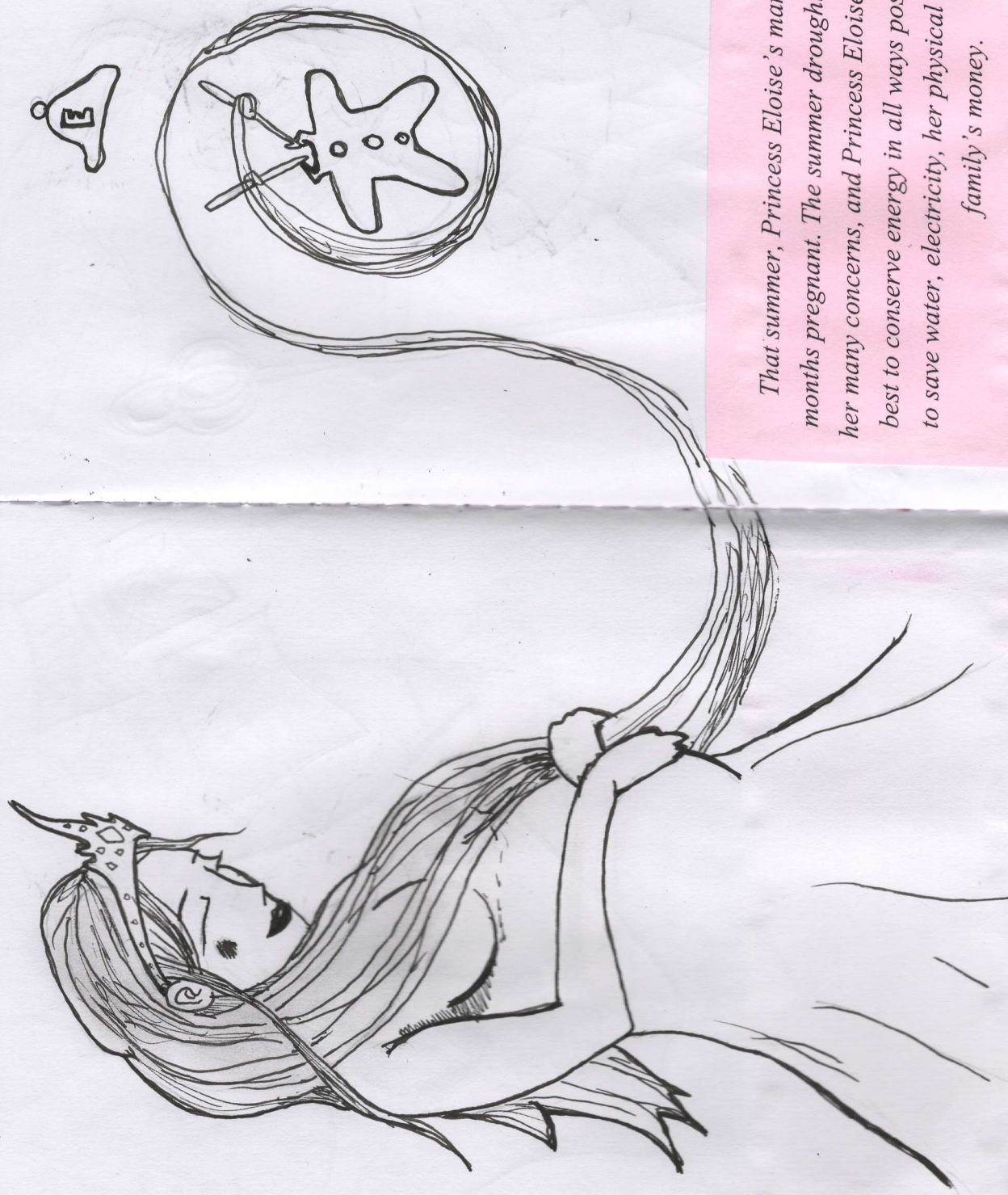
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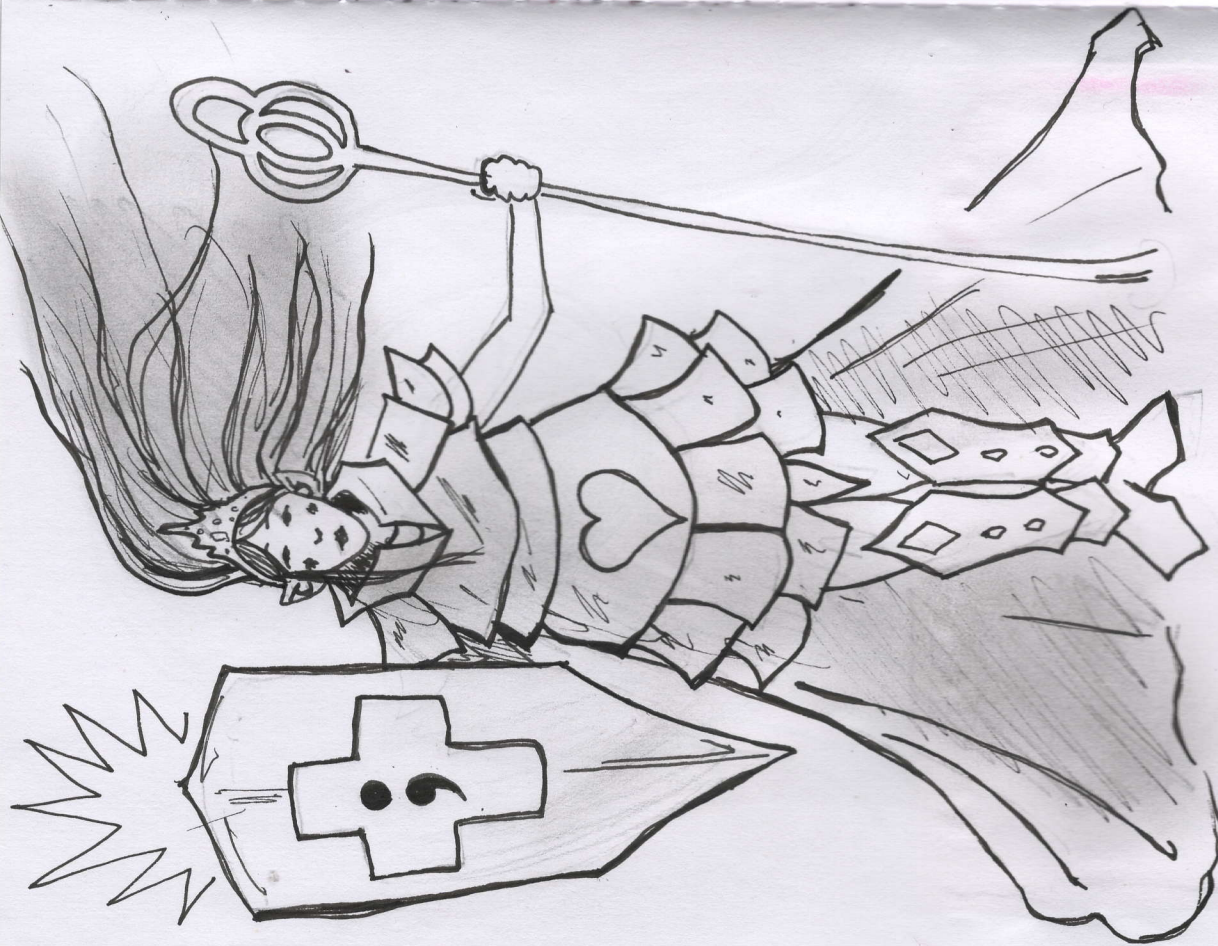
*Dedicated to Baby Eloise
And all the hard-working families
Of Tompkins County, NY*



The summer before Princess Eloise was born was unbearably hot. The humidity left the townspeople sopping with sweat, and the drought threatened to dry up the town's water reserves.



That summer, Princess Eloise's mama was seven months pregnant. The summer drought was just one of her many concerns, and Princess Eloise's mama did her best to conserve energy in all ways possible - she tried to save water, electricity, her physical energy, and her family's money.



Princess Eloise's daddy was a chef and her mama worked at a mental health non-profit. Both of their work was demanding, mentally and physically. As hard as they worked though, they did not get paid enough to support their growing family.



But then one day a miracle happened. A new law was passed in the kingdom: all workers would now be paid a living wage!





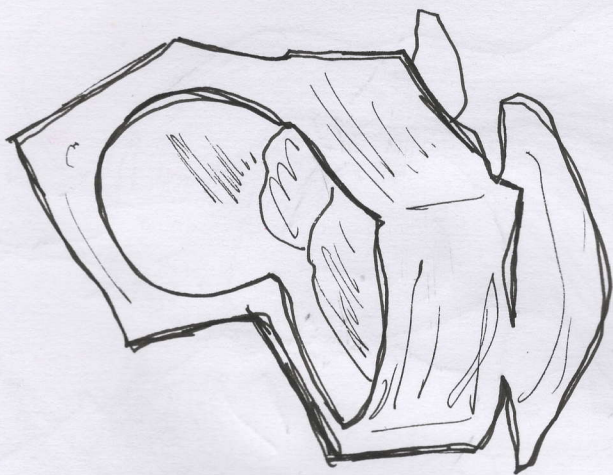
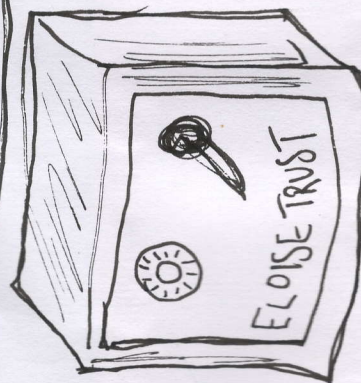
What did this magical miracle mean for Princess Eloise and her family? With a living wage, they could afford to buy all the things they needed, and many of the things they so desperately wanted.

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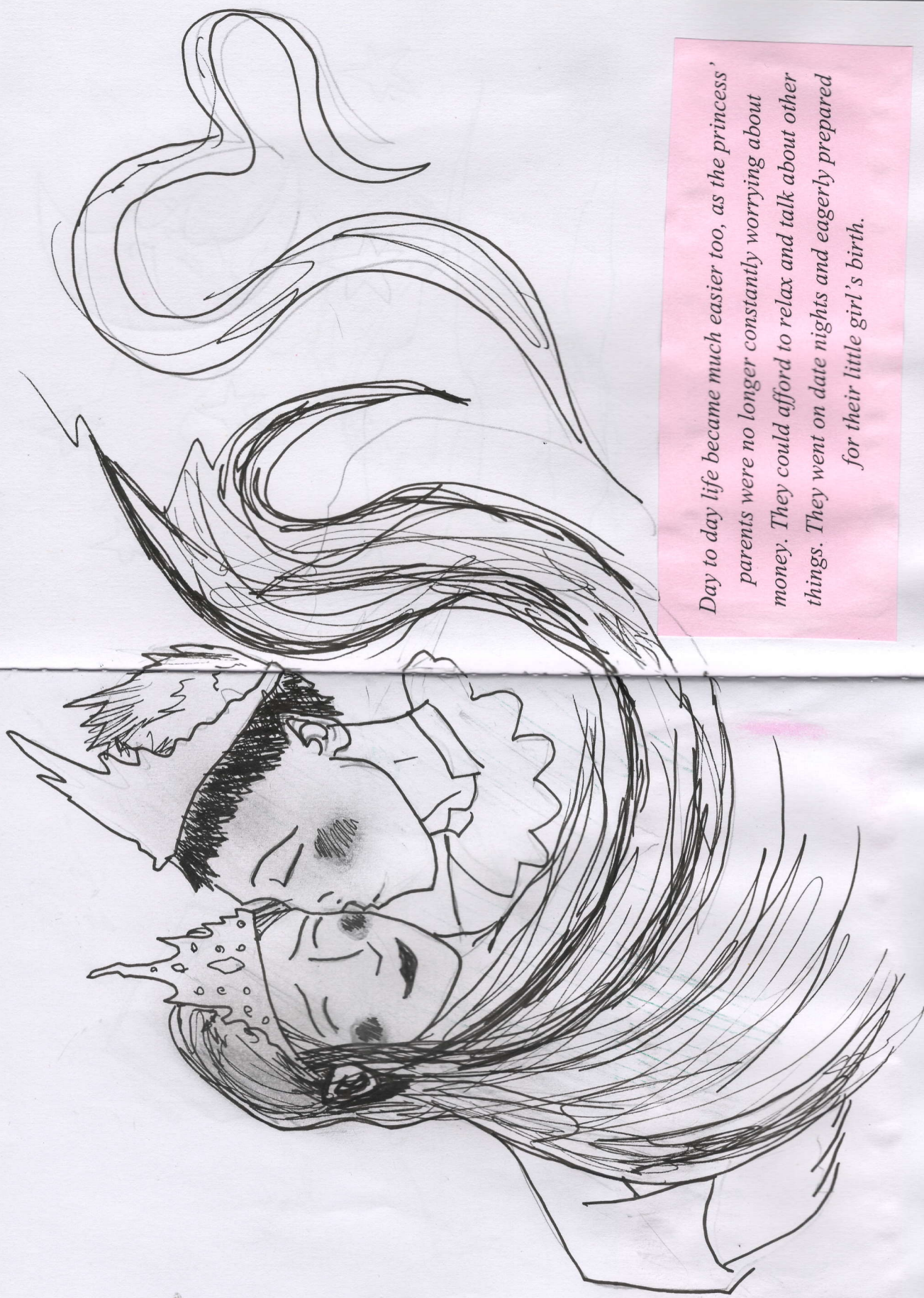


Princess Eloise's parents could now pay rent and go to the grocery store instead of having to choose between the two. They could pay their bills on time and not have to worry about their bank account.

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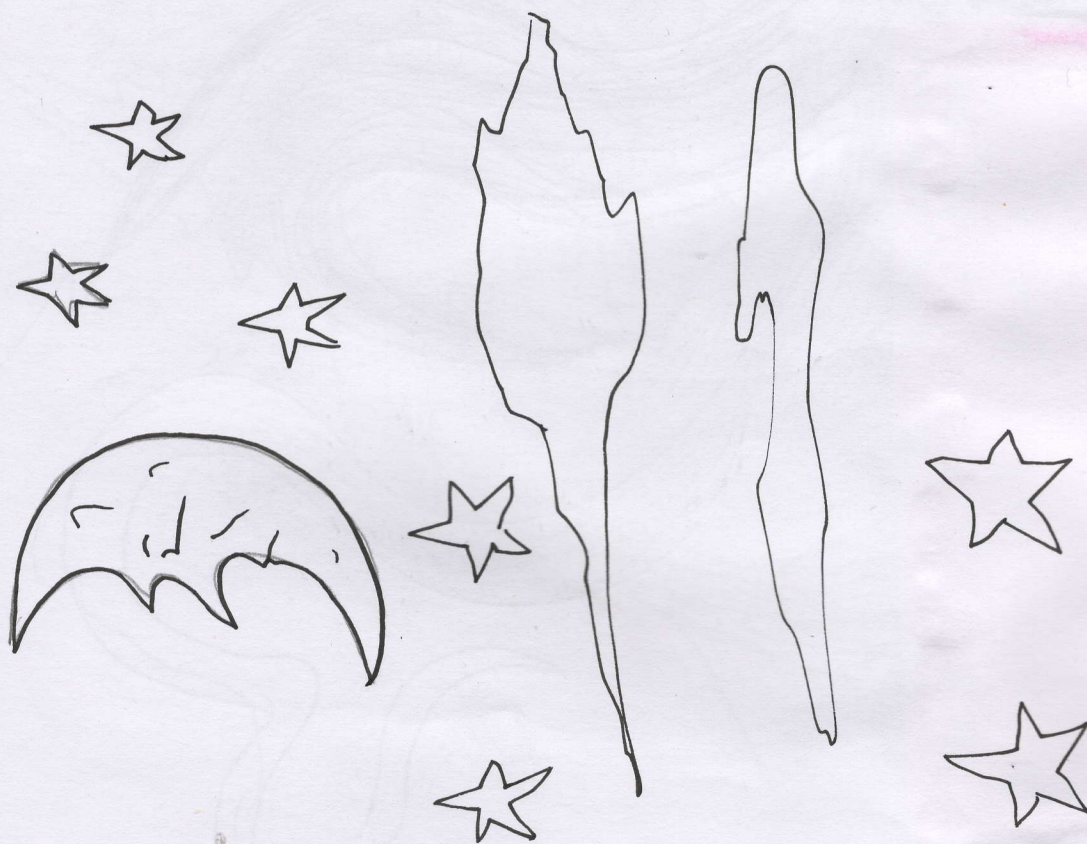
They bought all the things their family would need – a new crib and mattress, a bassinnet, a bed frame and box spring for themselves, and a couch. They started saving for the future and set up an emergency fund, a college fund for Princess Eloise, and even a retirement fund for themselves.

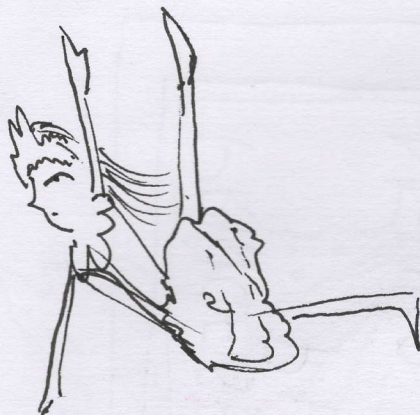
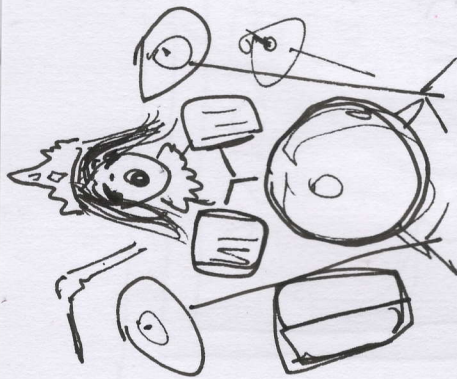


Day to day life became much easier too, as the princess' parents were no longer constantly worrying about money. They could afford to relax and talk about other things. They went on date nights and eagerly prepared for their little girl's birth.

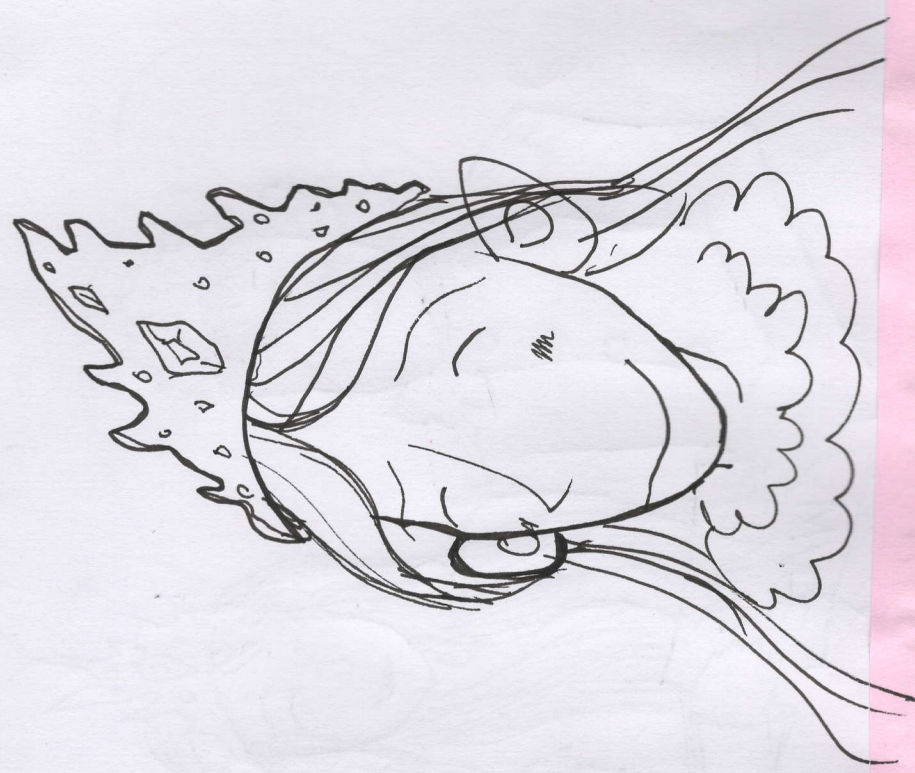
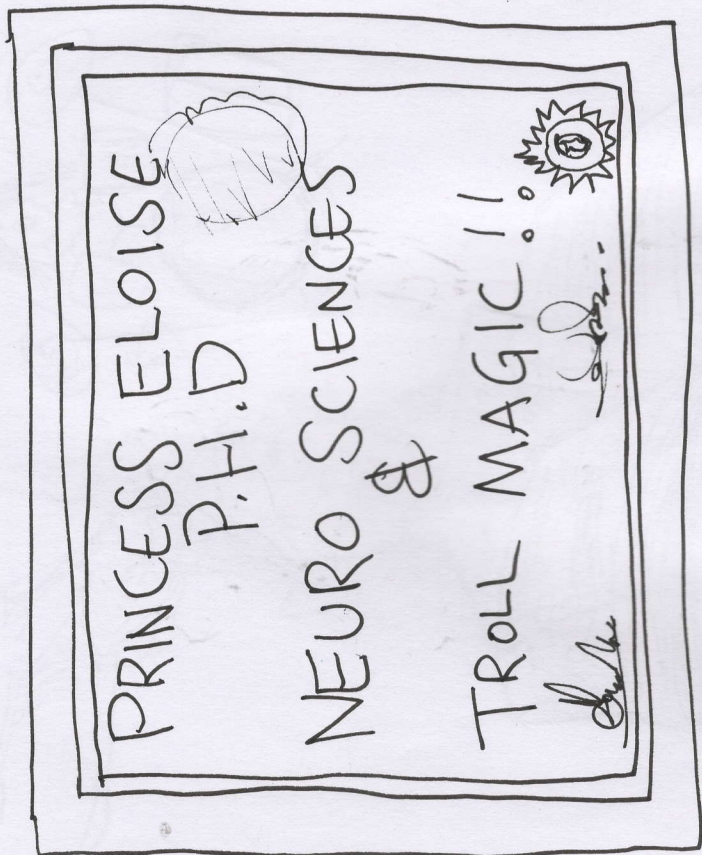


Then one stormy night in mid-October, Princess Eloise made her debut. She was born into a healthy, happy home where all of her needs were taken care of.

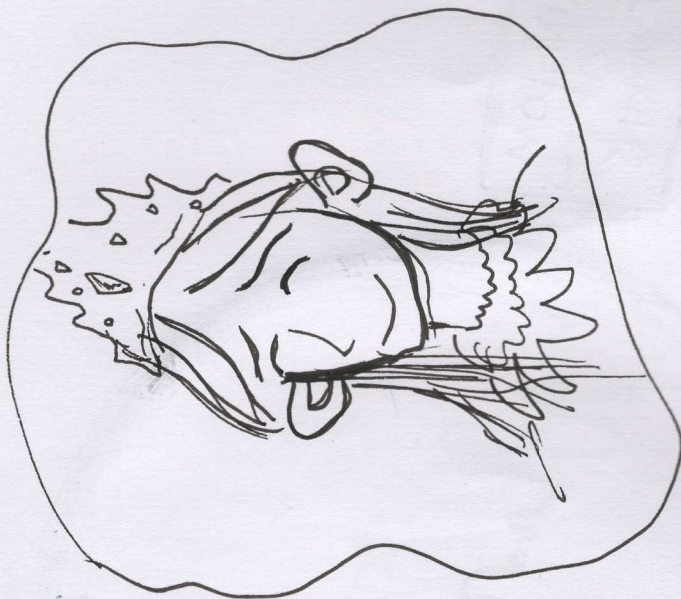




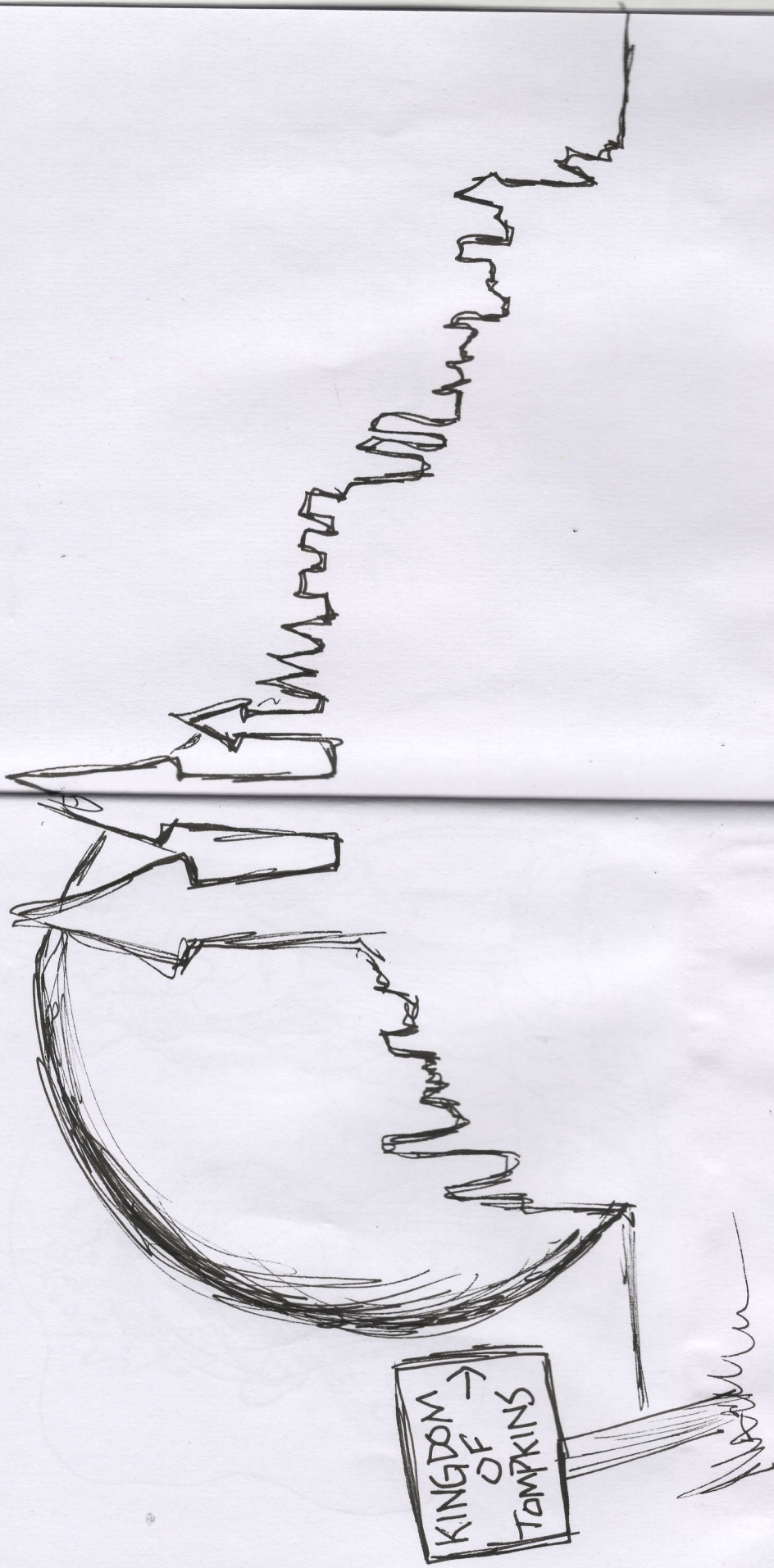
Because of their living wage, Princess Eloise's parents were able to afford ballet lessons, drum lessons, camping trips, and all the books she could devour.



Princess Eloise's college fund grew right along with her. And without having to worry about money, she was free to learn and grow to her full potential. She studied hard and was able to choose any college in the land. Eventually she earned her PhD and made enough money to take care of her own family.



Princess Eloise's bright future was made possible by the living wage her parents began earning when she was just a baby. The living wage set their family up for success and ensured their lives could be lived to the fullest. They were no longer fearful of their own survival and could instead dedicate their lives to serving others.



*The living wage saved their family and all the families
in the kingdom.*

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