

ALVIN



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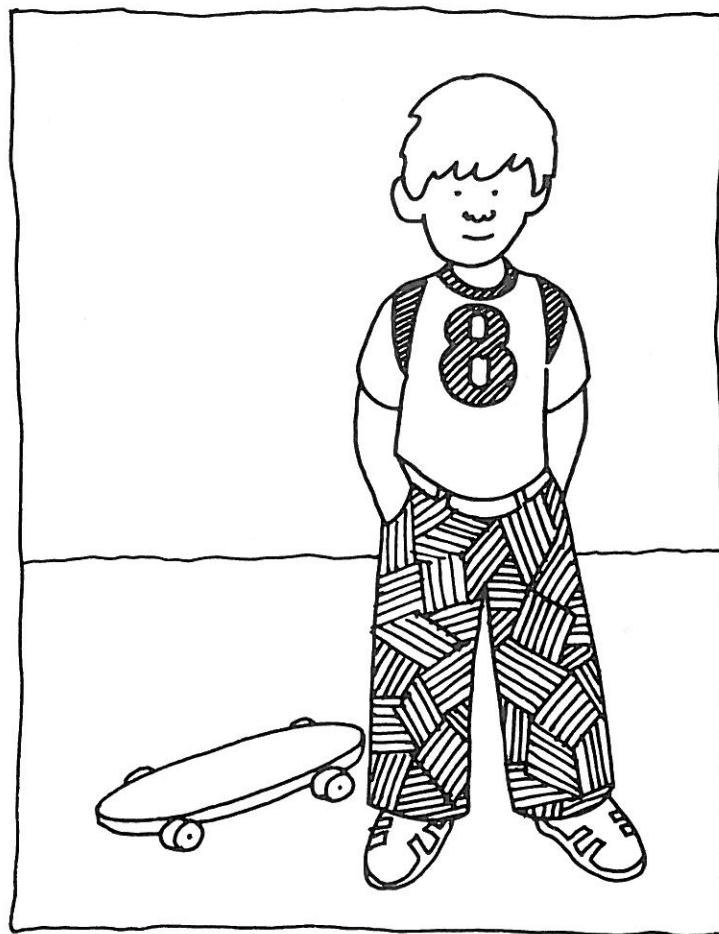
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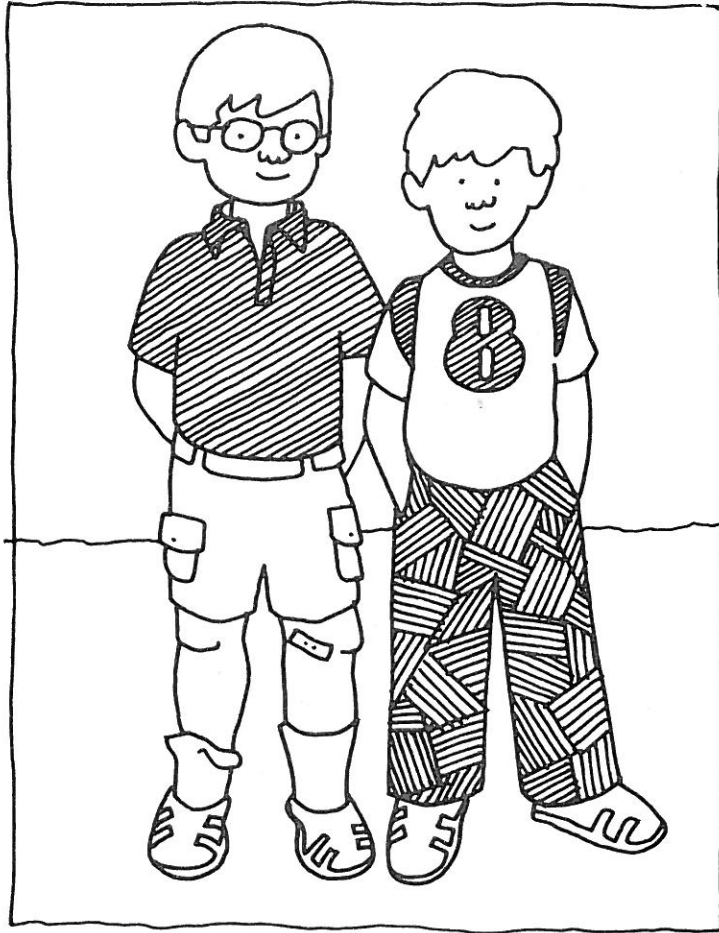
DEVELOPED AT THE CHILDREN'S
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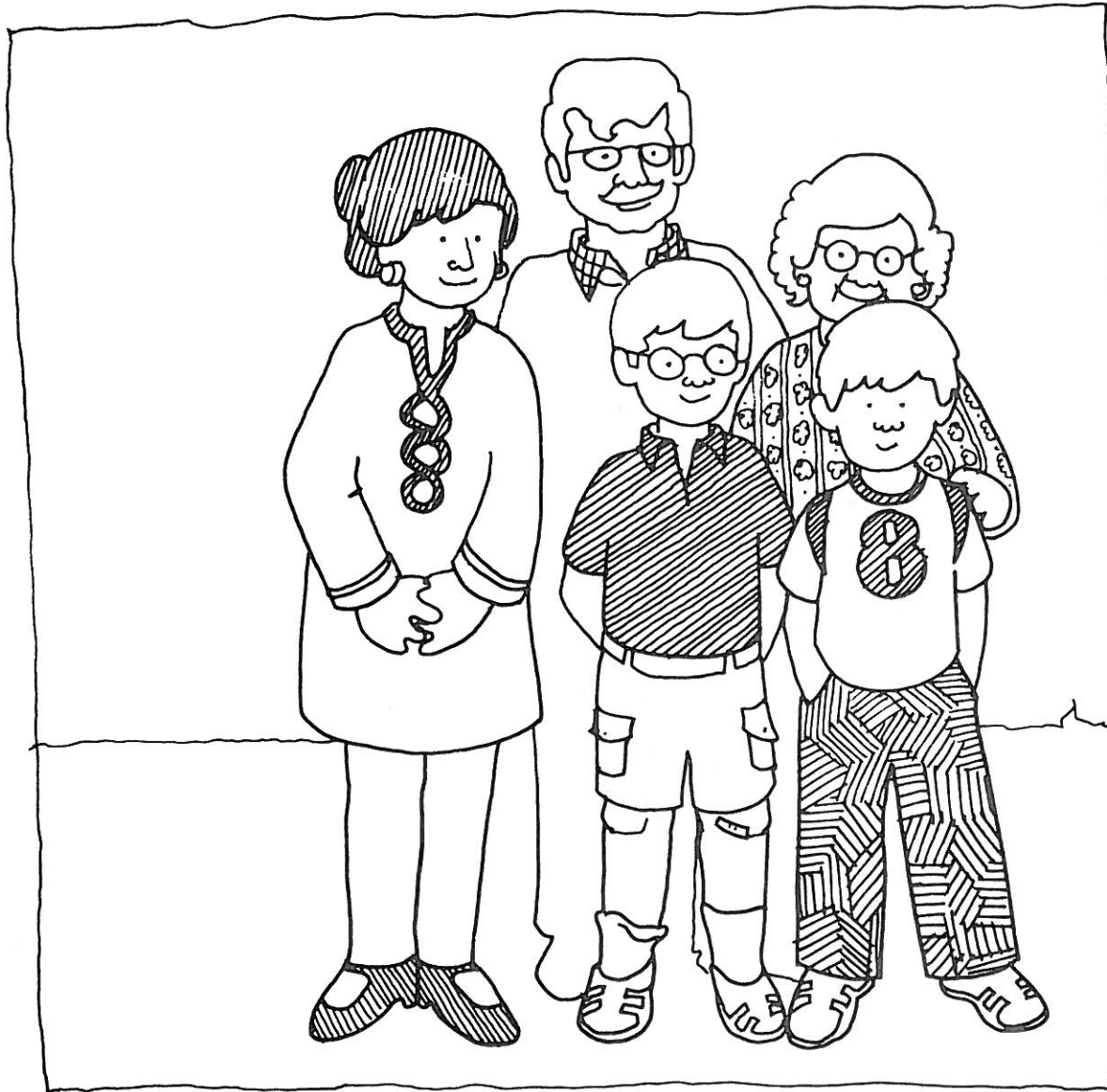




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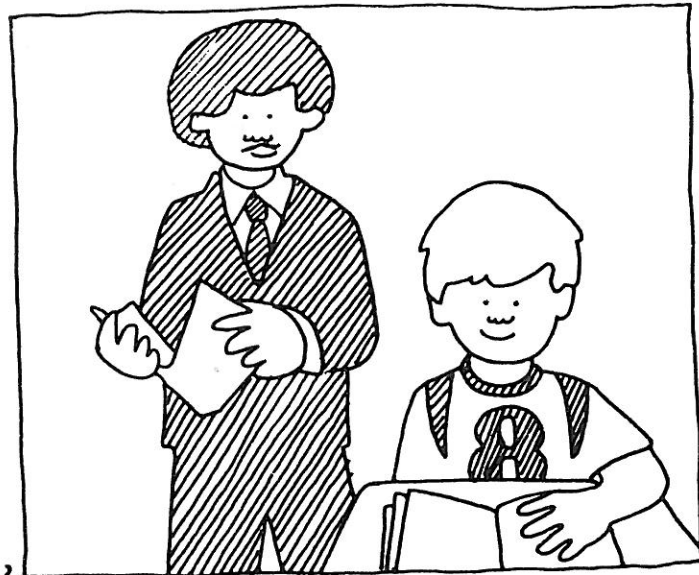
HE HAD AN OLDER BROTHER, GEORGE,



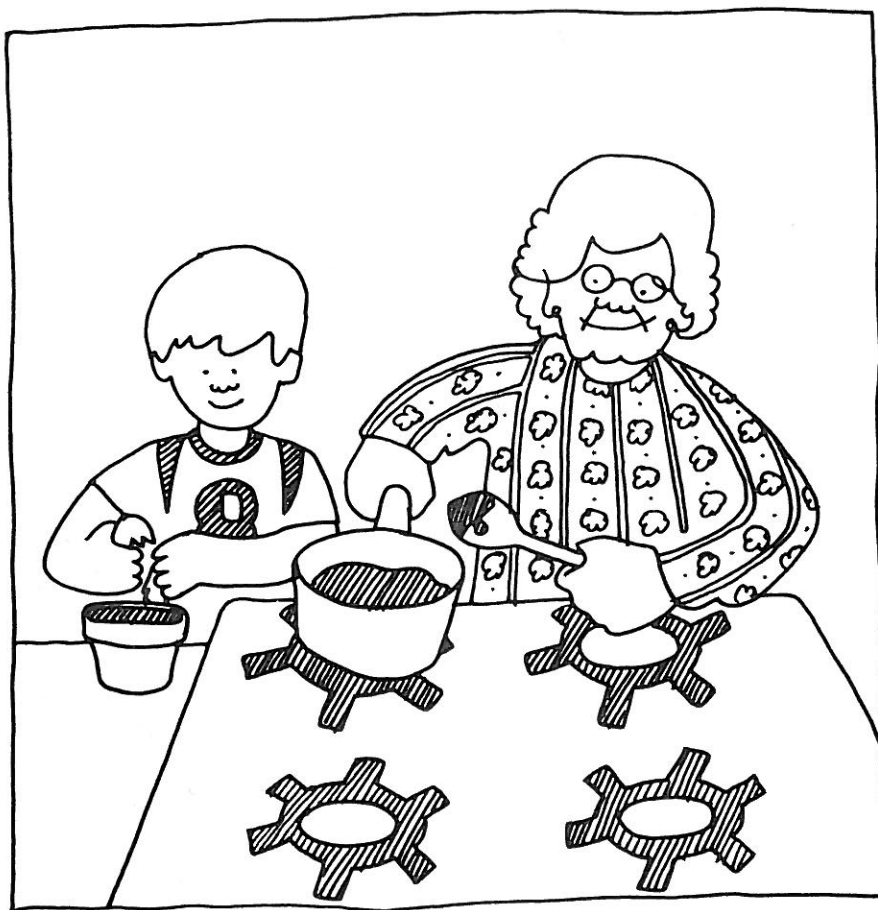
... AND A VERY NICE FAMILY.



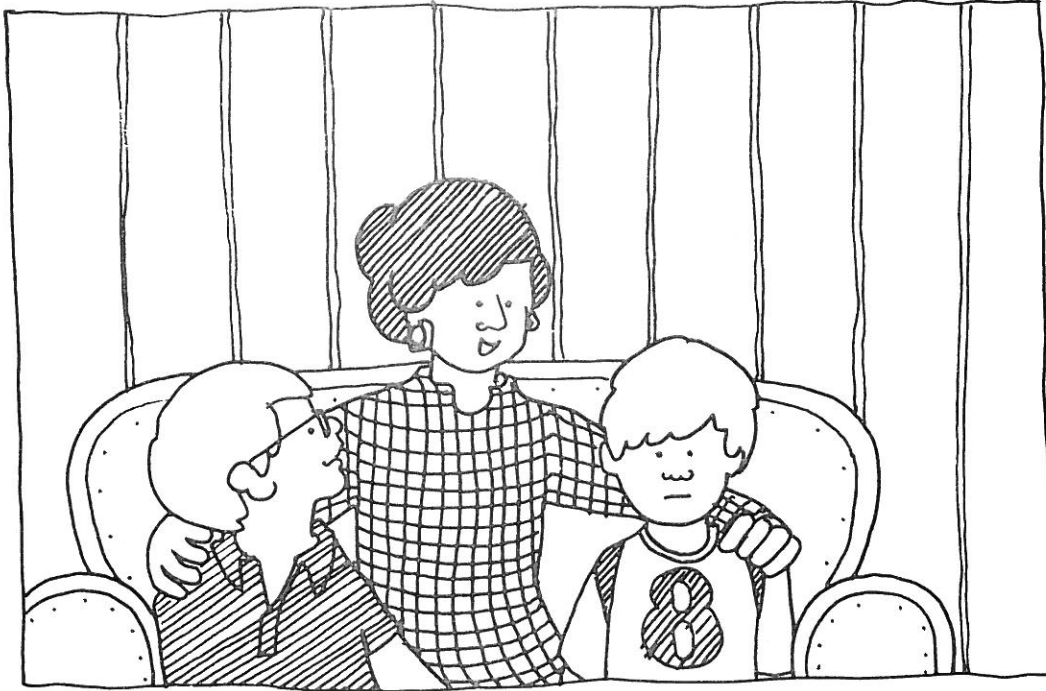
ALVIN PLAYED,



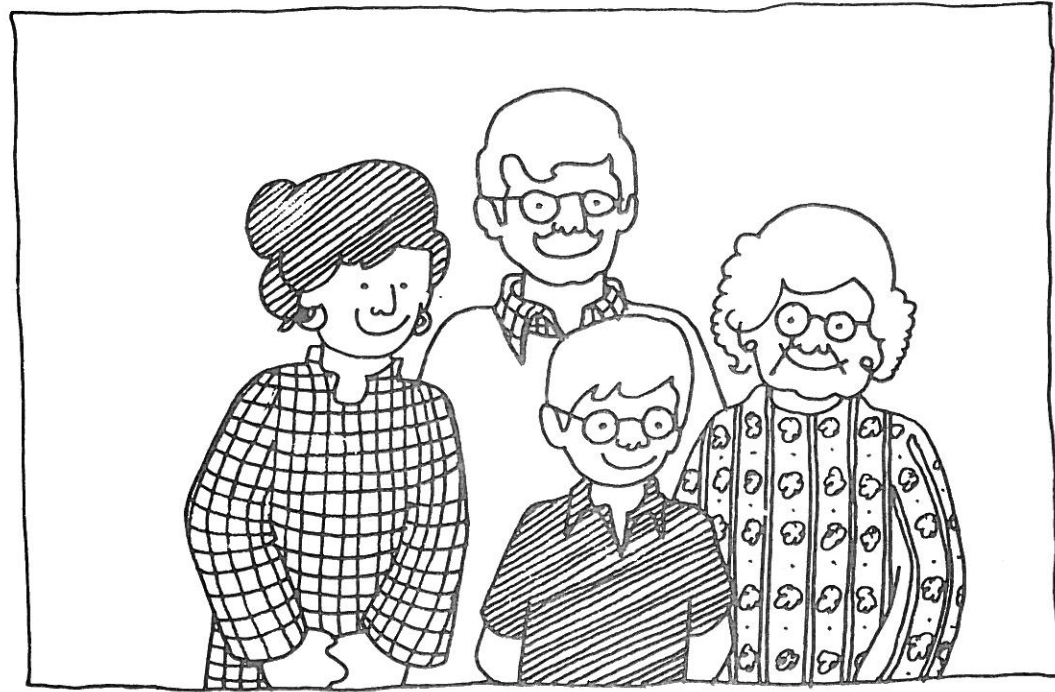
HE WENT TO SCHOOL,



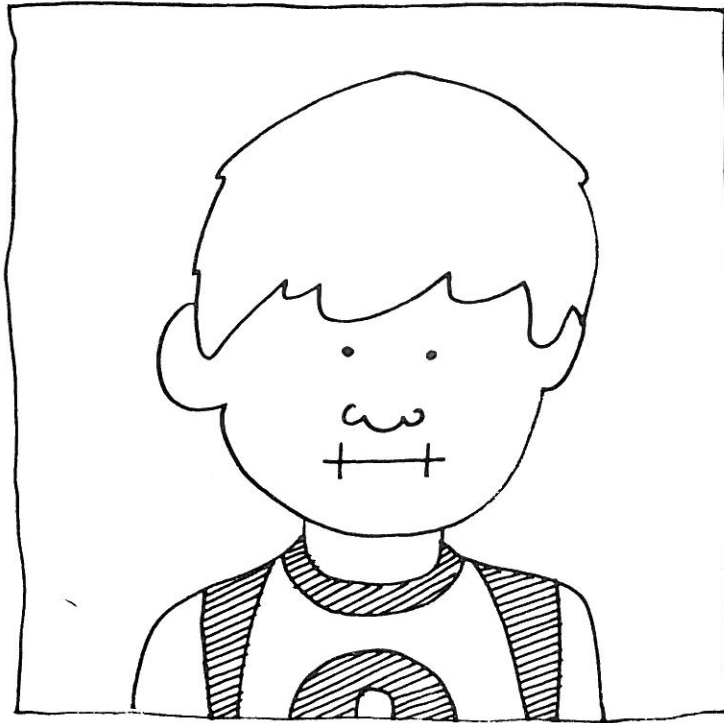
HE SPENT TIME WITH HIS GRAMMA
— AND THAT WAS BEST OF ALL.



ONE DAY, ALVIN'S MOM TOLD ALVIN AND
GEORGE THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE
A BABY!



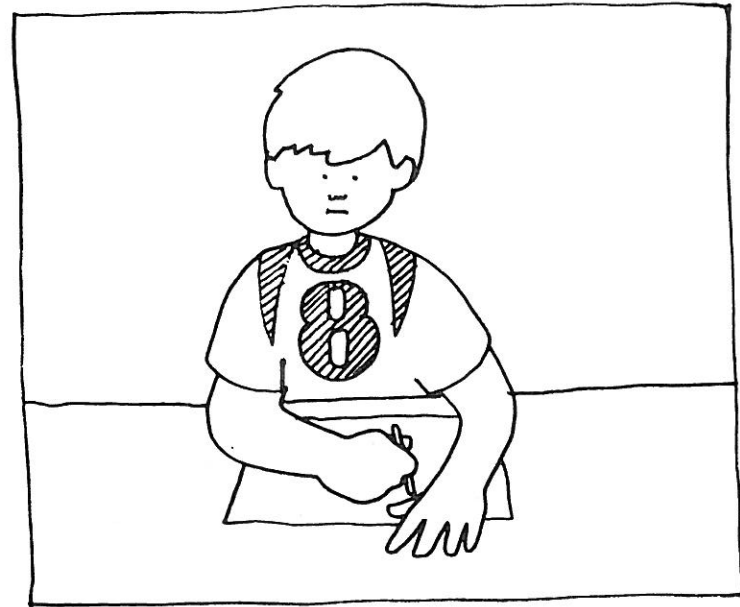
EVERYBODY IN ALVIN'S FAMILY WAS VERY HAPPY!



BUT ALVIN WASN'T SURE IF
HE WERE HAPPY OR NOT.

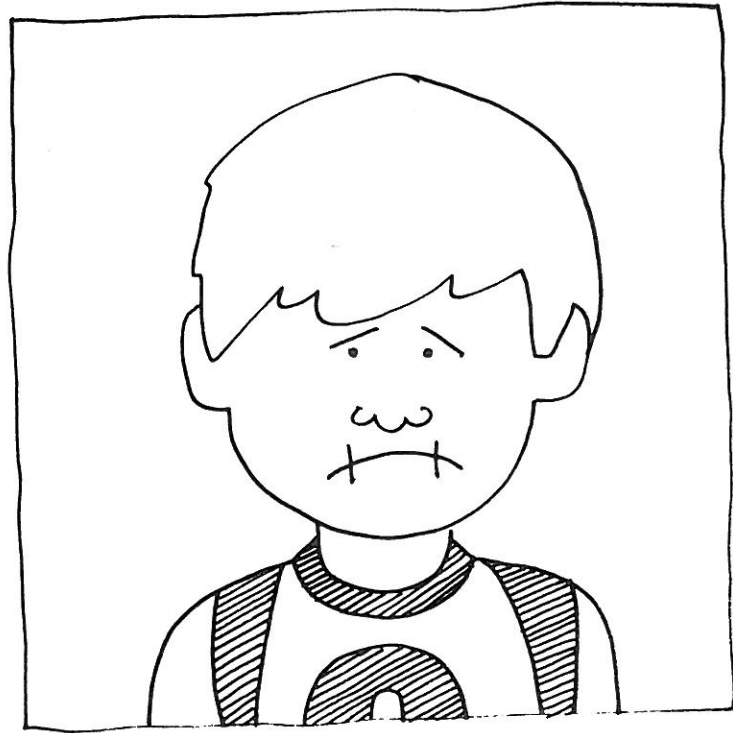
ALVIN MADE A LIST WHY HE WANTED A BABY SISTER
OR BROTHER, AND THEN HE MADE A LIST WHY
HE DIDN'T WANT A BABY BROTHER OR SISTER

WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS ON THOSE LISTS?





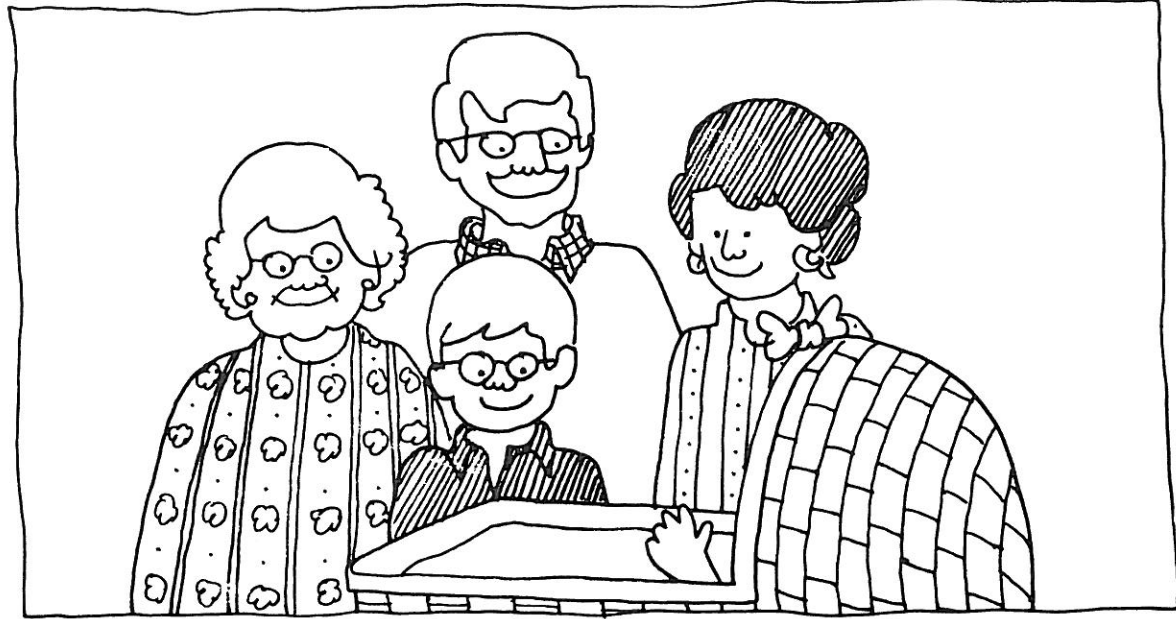
THE CLOSER THE TIME CAME FOR THE BABY
TO COME.....



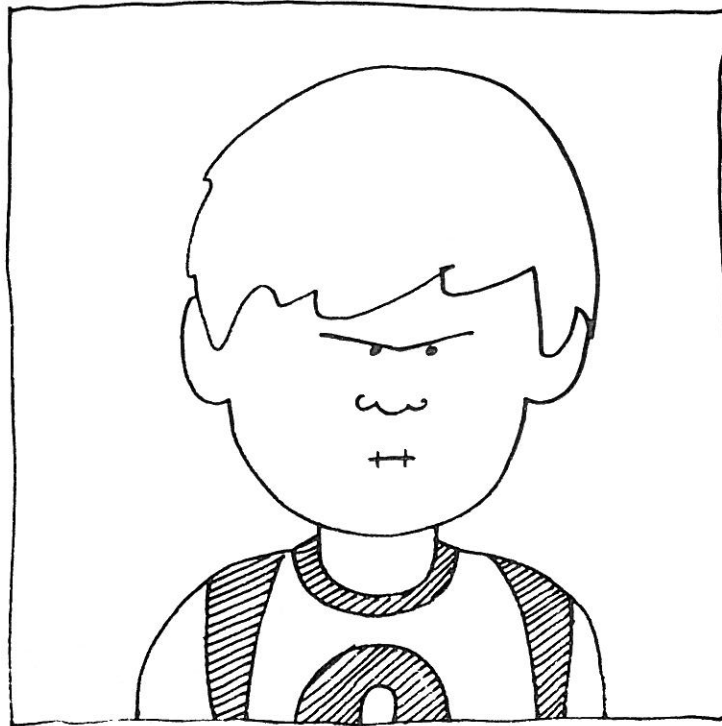
...THE LESS ALVIN WANTED IT.



PRETTY SOON ALVIN WASN'T SURE



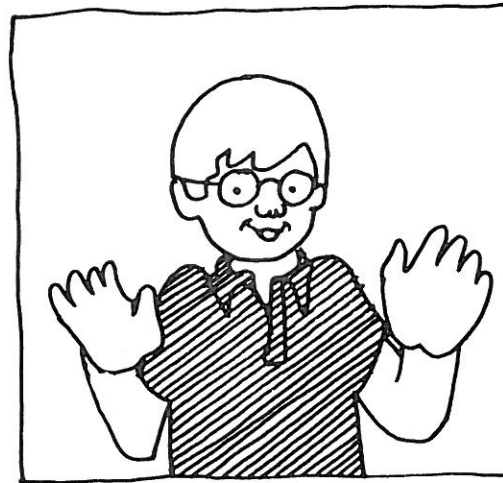
AND BY THE TIME THE BABY WAS BORN, ALVIN
WAS SURE ...



... HE DIDN'T!



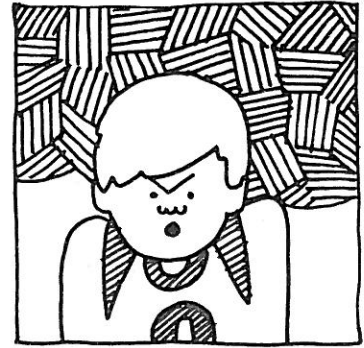
ALVIN TOLD GEORGE THAT
HE DIDN'T LIKE THE BABY.



GEORGE SAID THAT
HE LIKED HAVING ALVIN
AROUND, SO WHY
SHOULDN'T ALVIN
LIKE HAVING THE
BABY AROUND?

SHE WAS FUN!

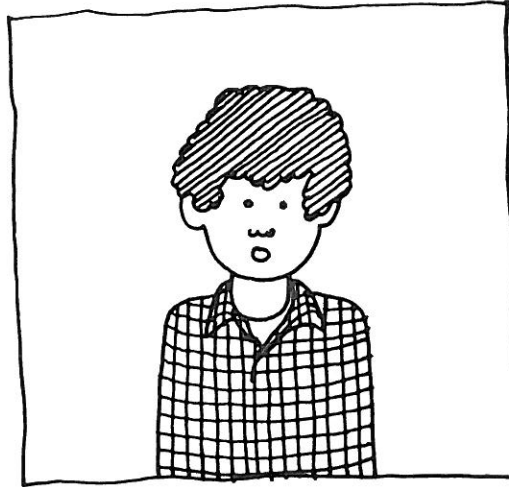
ALVIN TOLD HIS DAD.



HIS DAD DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND.

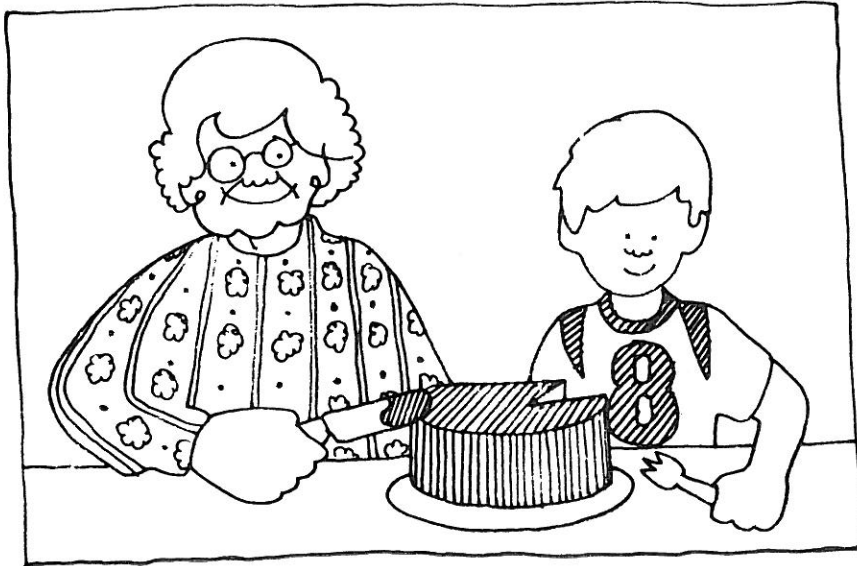
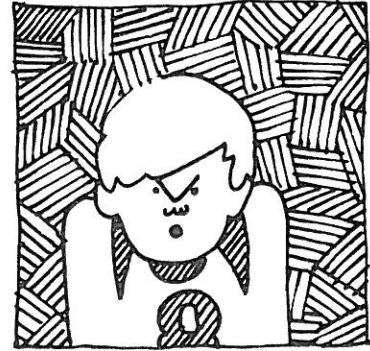


ALVIN TOLD HIS FRIEND.

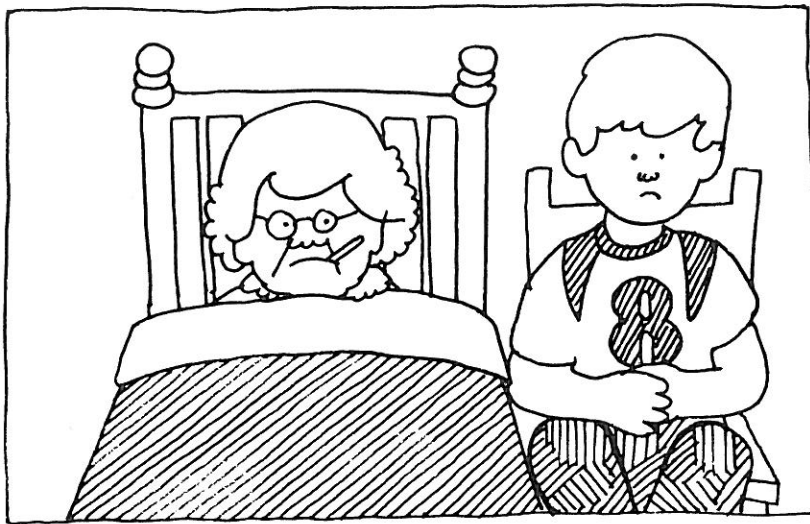


HIS FRIEND SAID
THERE WASN'T
ANYTHING A
KID COULD DO
ABOUT IT.

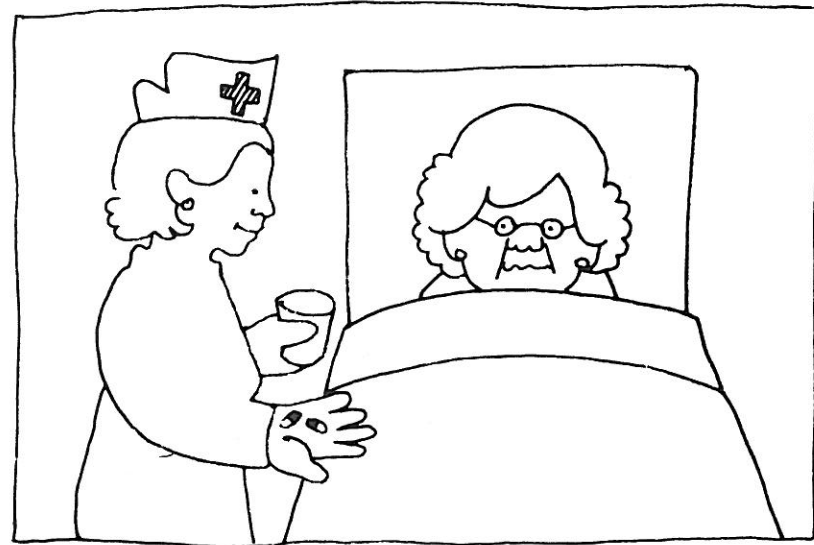
ALVIN TOLD HIS GRAMMA.



HIS GRAMMA SMILED
AND MADE A CAKE...
AND ALVIN FELT A
LITTLE BETTER.



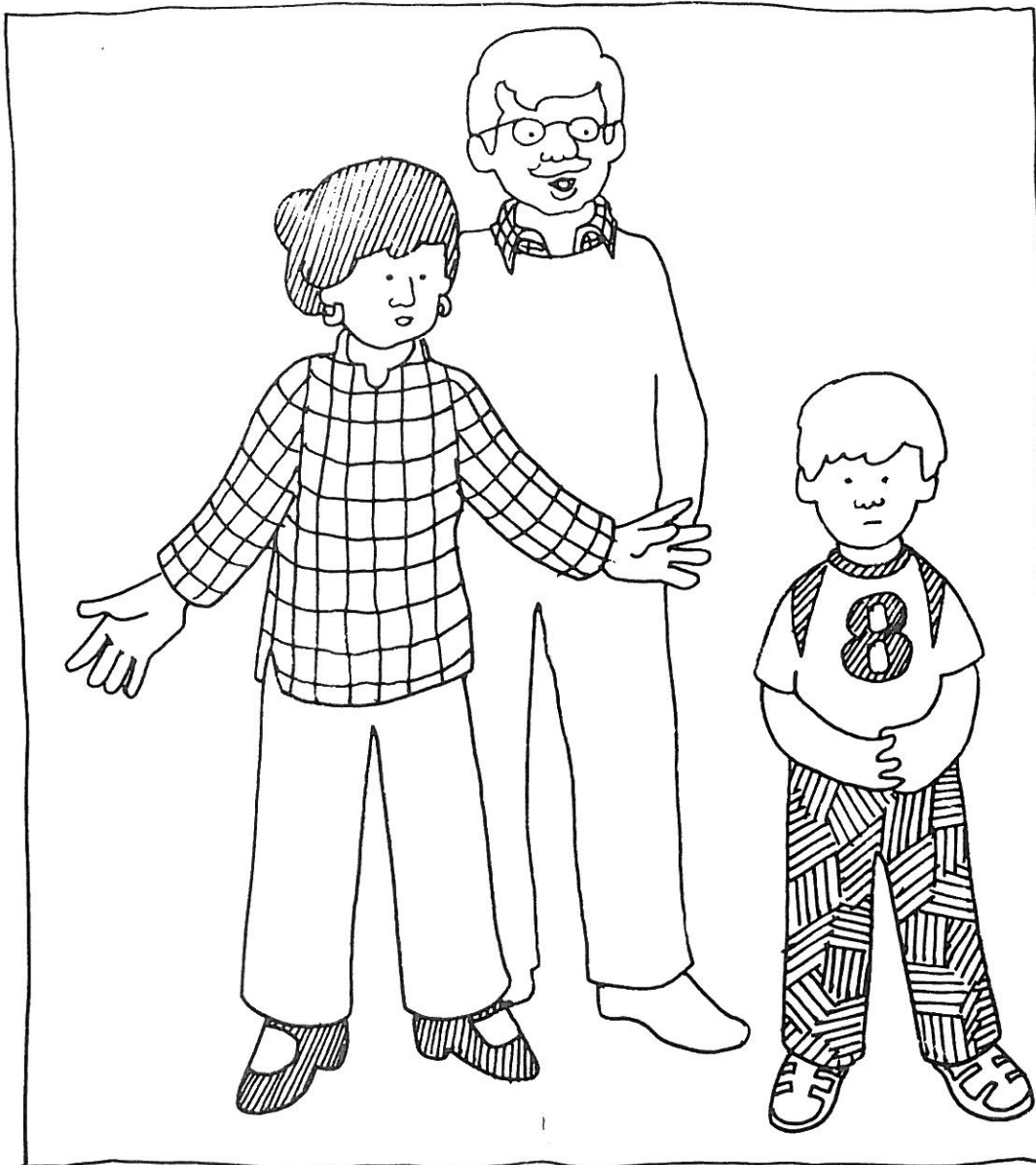
BUT GRAMMA GOT SICK...



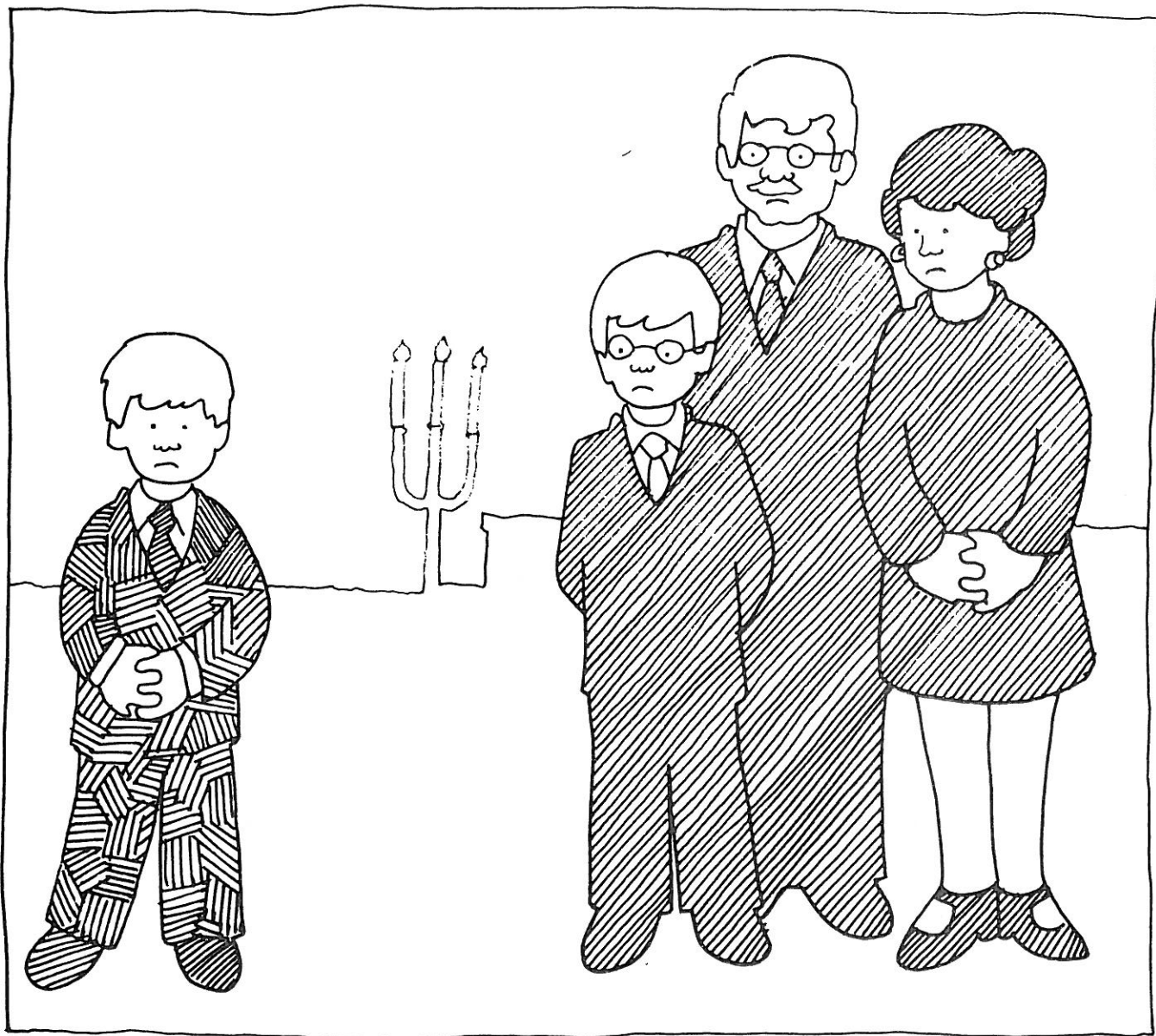
AND THEN SICKER ...

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AND THEN SHE DIED.

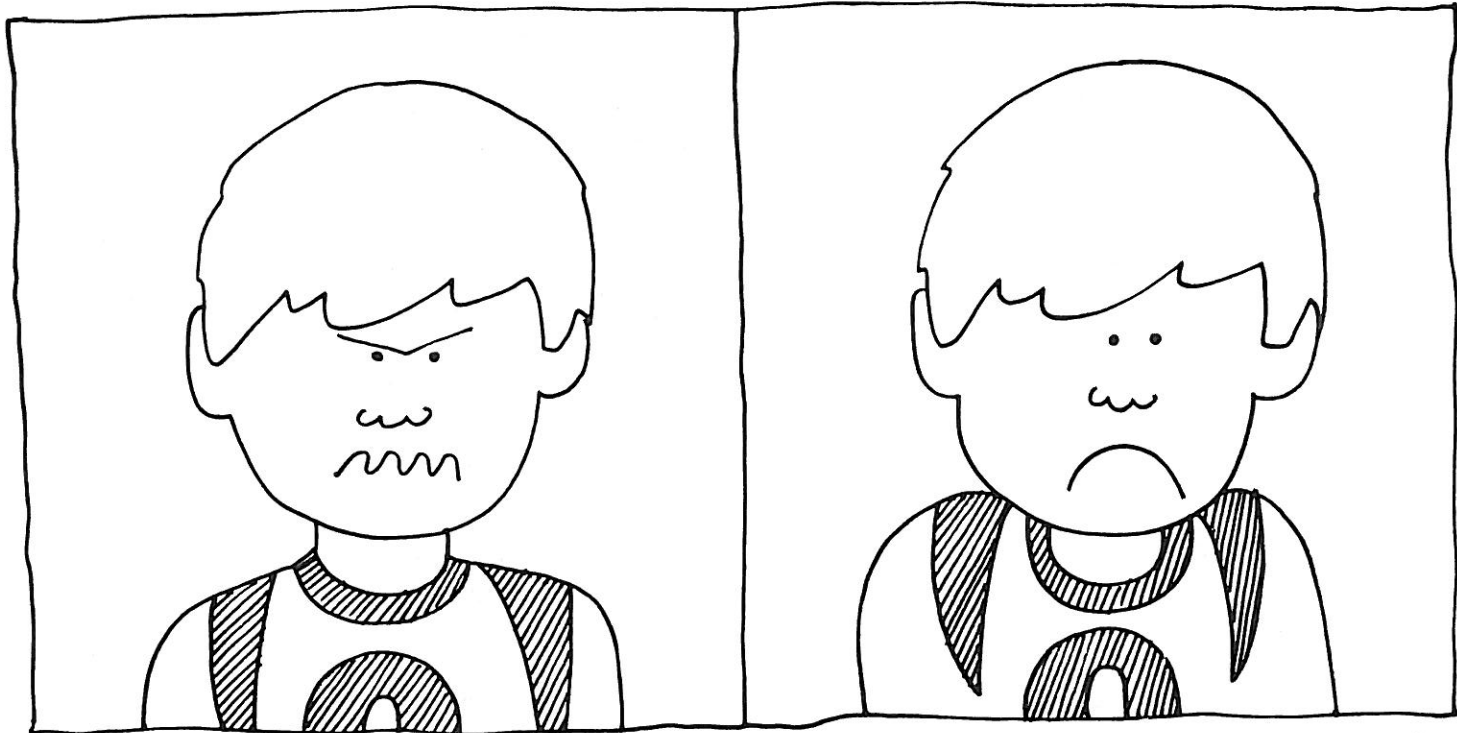


ALVIN THOUGHT IT WASN'T FAIR.
HIS MOM AND DAD SAID THAT GRAMMA'S DEATH
WAS VERY SAD AND MADE EVERYBODY FEEL SAD,
BUT THAT GRAMMA HAD BEEN VERY, VERY OLD.

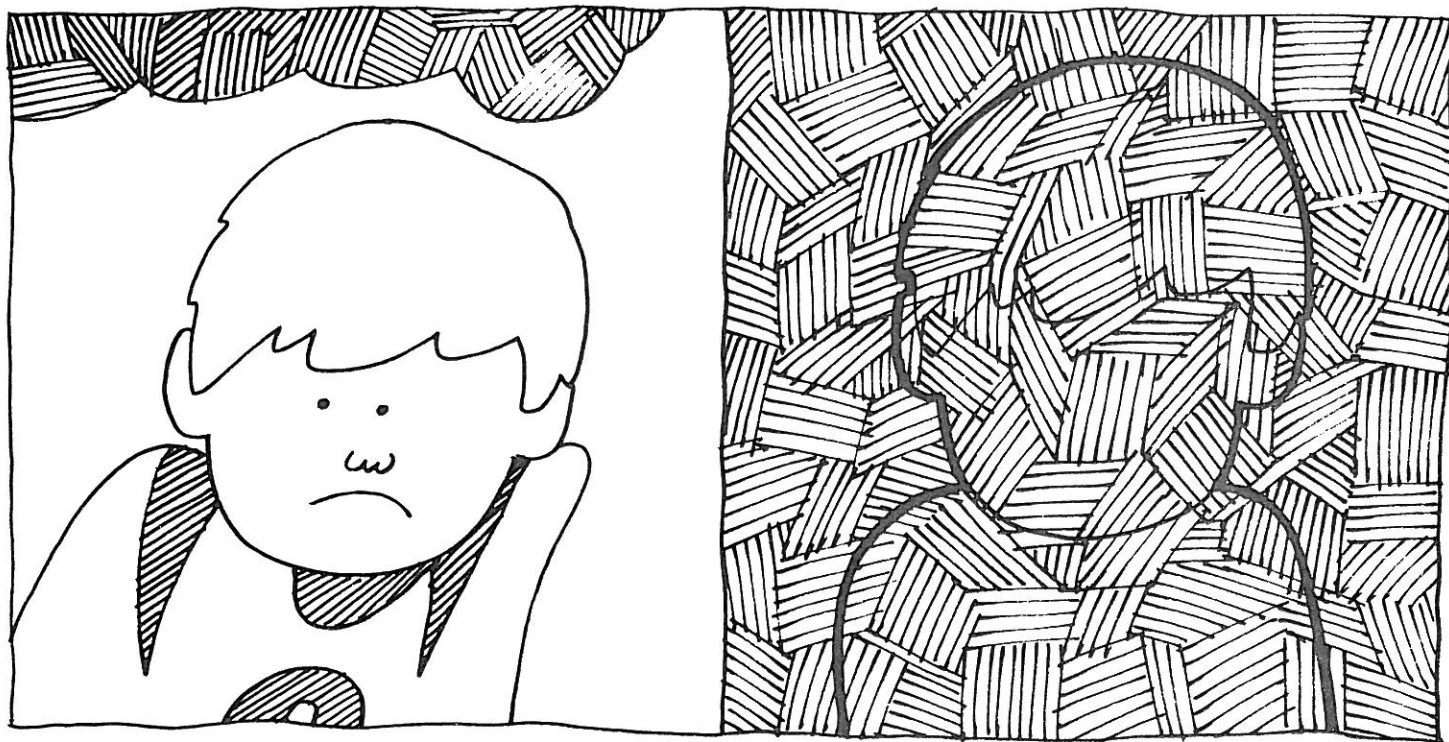


ALVIN KNEW THAT.
BUT HE DIDN'T THINK THAT ANYBODY FELT AS BAD
AS HE DID, NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAID.

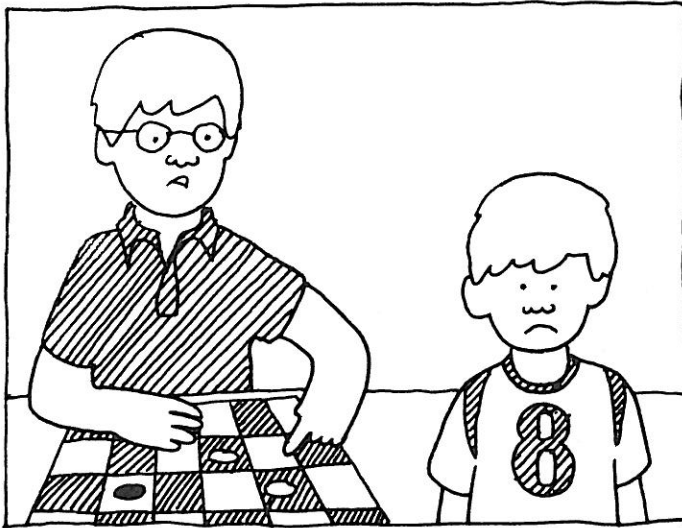
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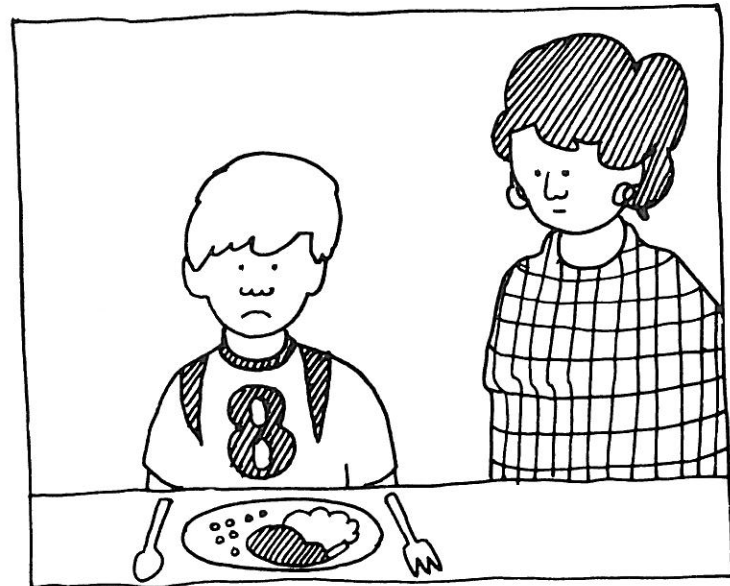
ANGRY LONELY



SCARED. ALVIN FELT JUST TERRIBLE.

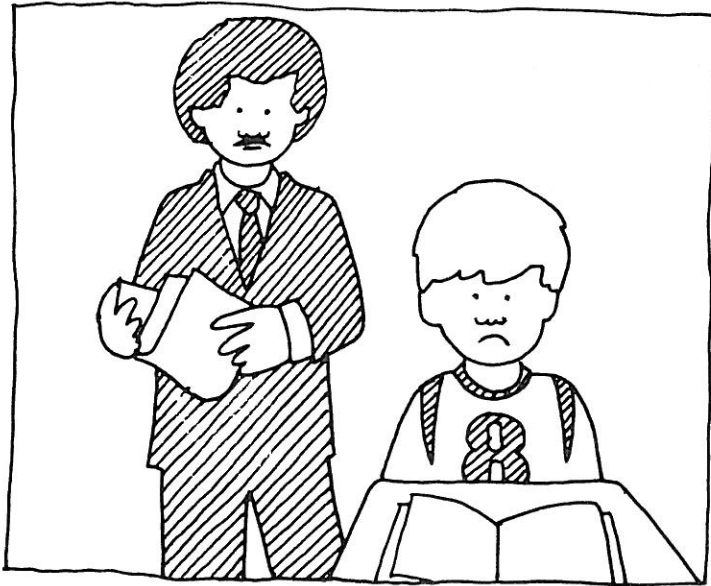
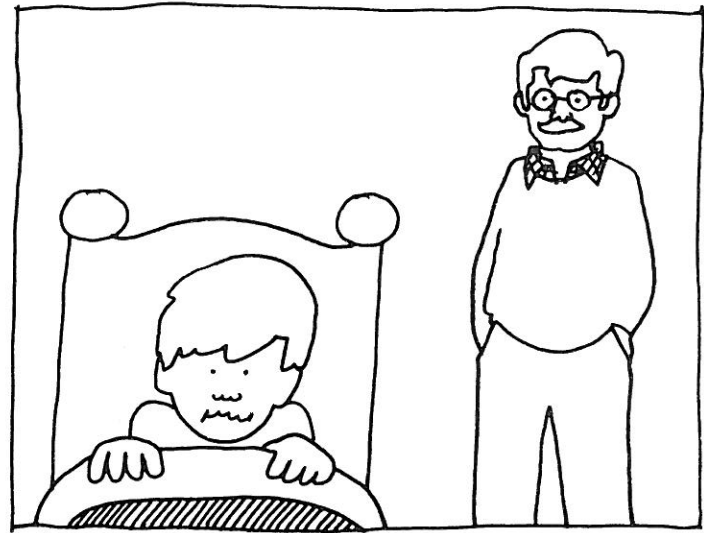


ALVIN STOPPED PLAYING WITH GEORGE.

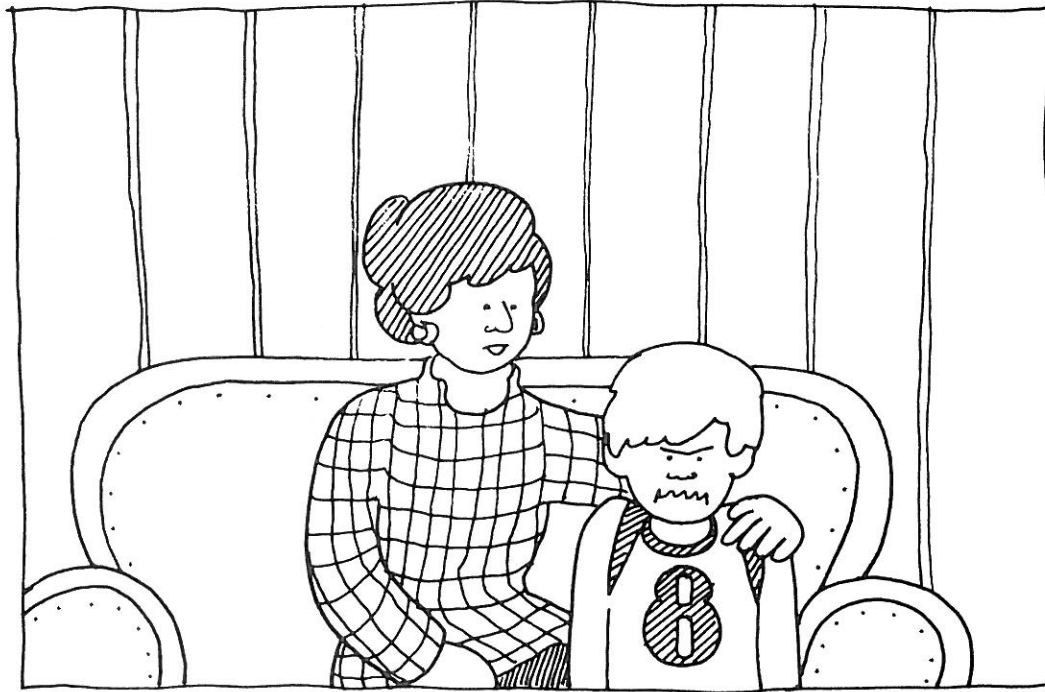


ALVIN STOPPED EATING.

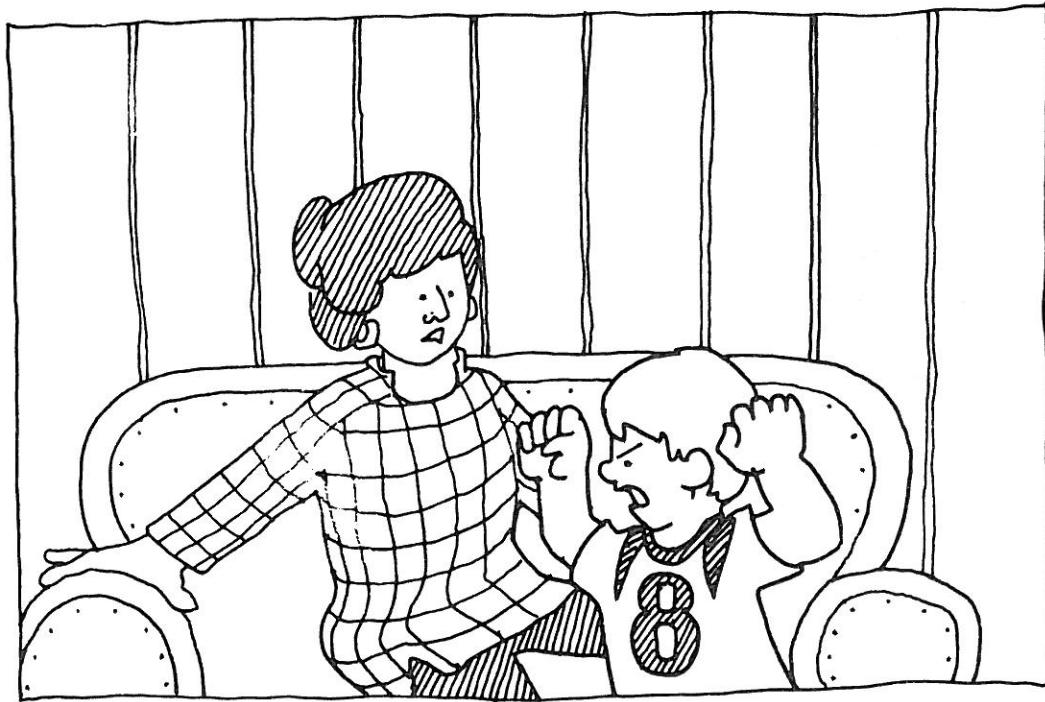
ALVIN ALWAYS FELT
SICK AND DIDN'T
WANT TO GO TO
SCHOOL.



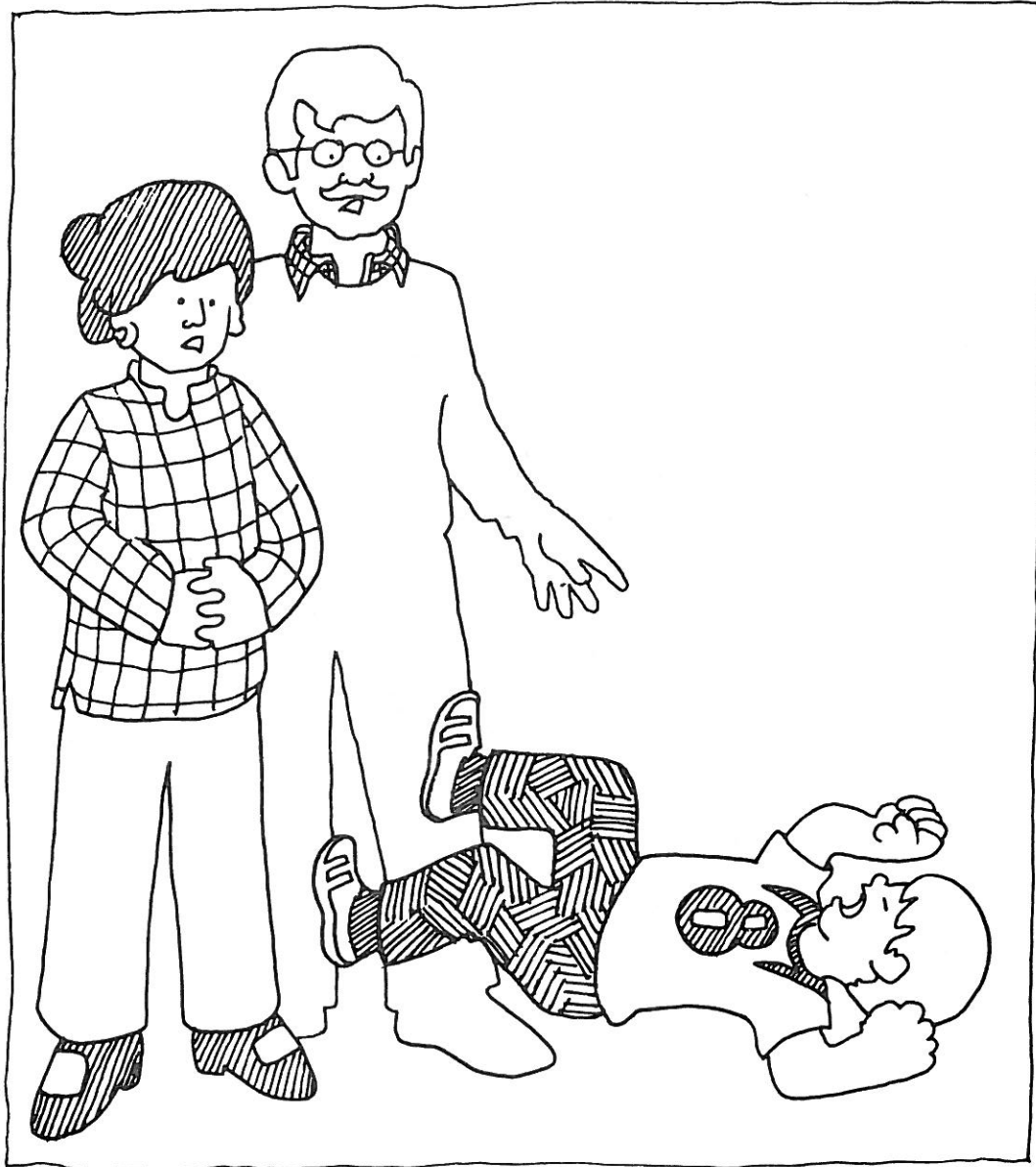
ALVIN STOPPED LEARNING.



ALVIN'S MOM WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
SHE TRIED TO TALK TO HIM, BUT
ALVIN DIDN'T THINK SHE UNDERSTOOD
ANYTHING.

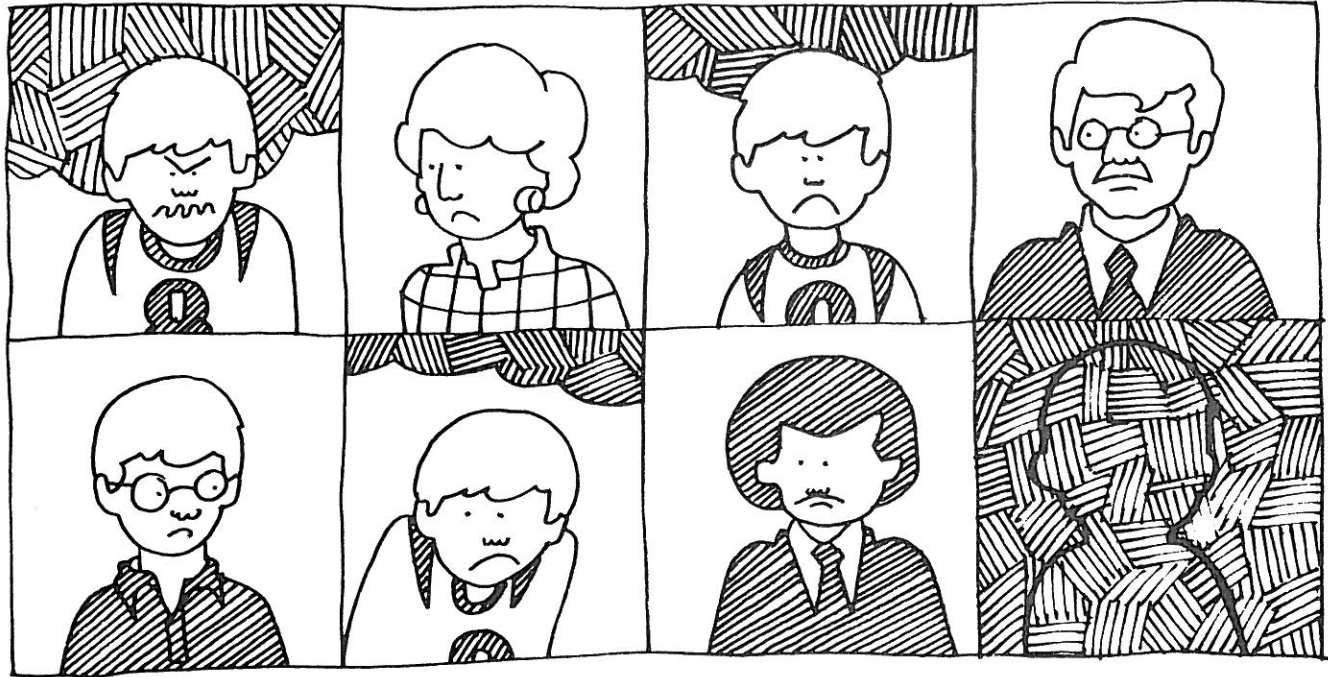


AND ALVIN SAID "ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS
THAT SMELLY OLD BABY!"



HE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN THAT, BUT WHEN HIS FATHER SAID "ALVIN, YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT," HE SAID IT AGAIN, JUST FOR SPITE.

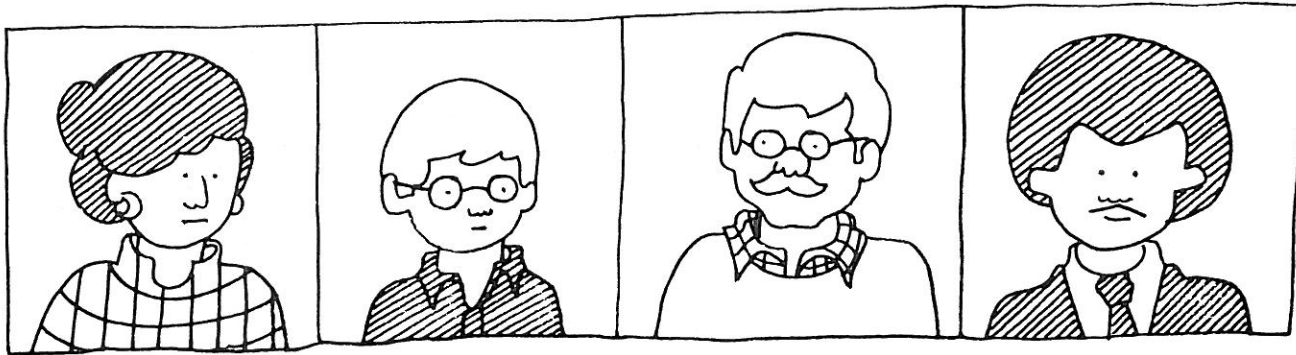
BUT ALVIN WAS ANGRY, LONELY AND SCARED...



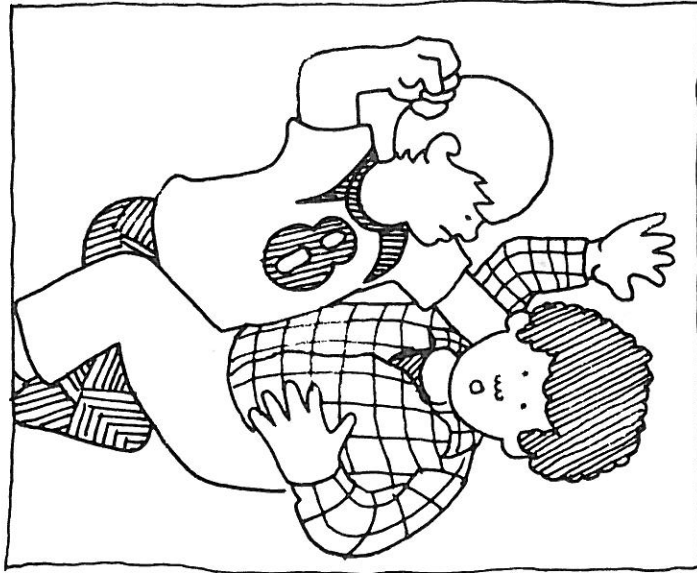
AND THINGS GOT WORSE AND WORSE .

ALVIN'S FAMILY AND TEACHER TRIED TO
HELP HIM.

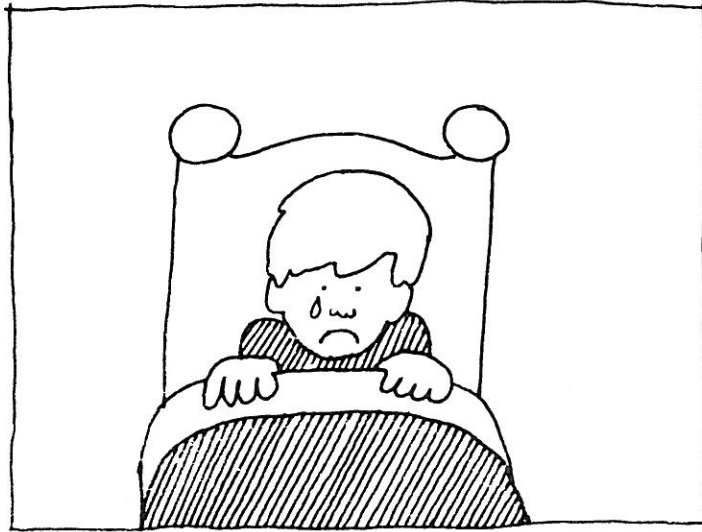
WHAT DO YOU THINK EACH OF THEM TRIED
TO DO TO HELP ALVIN?



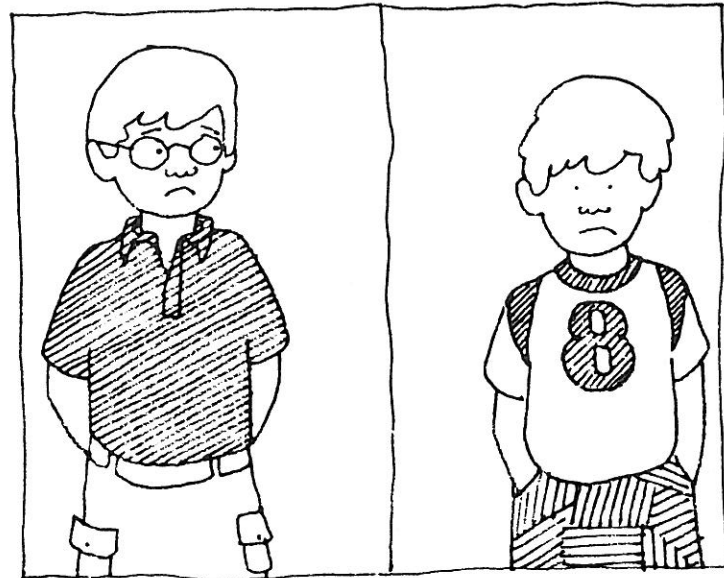
ALVIN SULKED...



... AND FOUGHT...



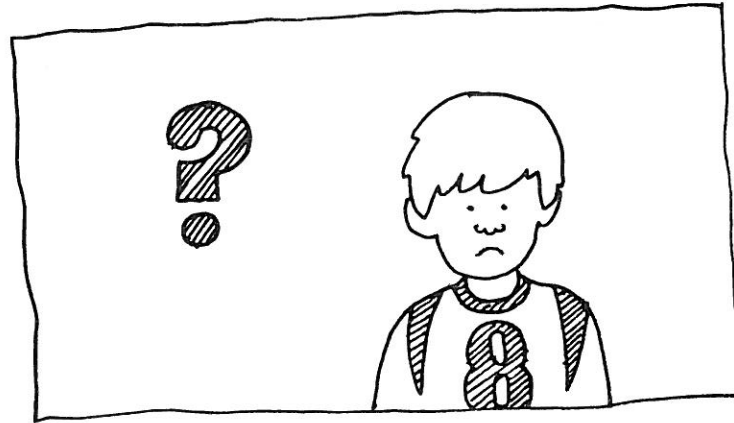
... AND SOMETIMES HE JUST CRIED
BECAUSE HE FELT SO BAD
AND LONELY.



HE EVEN FELT LONELY
WITH GEORGE.

ALVIN'S FAMILY AND TEACHER JUST DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO TO HELP HIM.

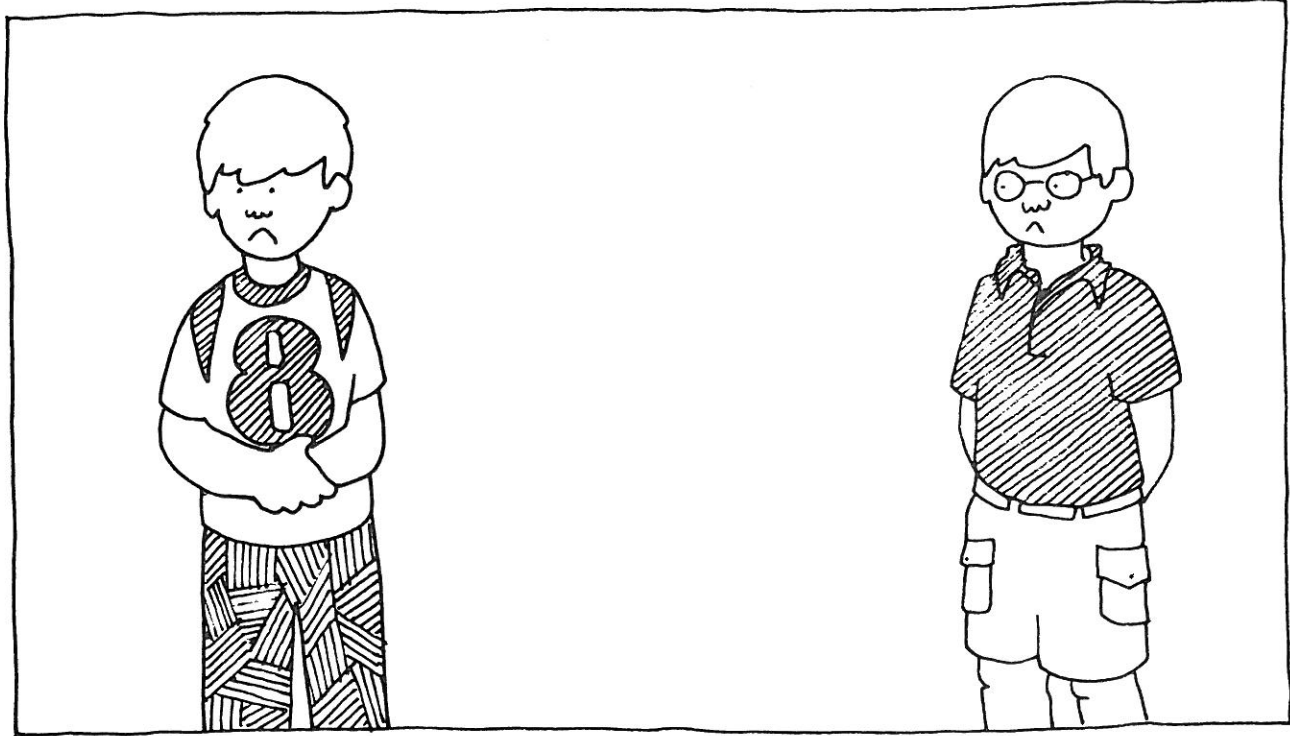
THEY WEREN'T SURE WHY ALVIN WAS
ACTING THE WAY HE WAS ACTING, AND
ALVIN COULDN'T TELL THEM BECAUSE
HE WASN'T SURE EITHER.



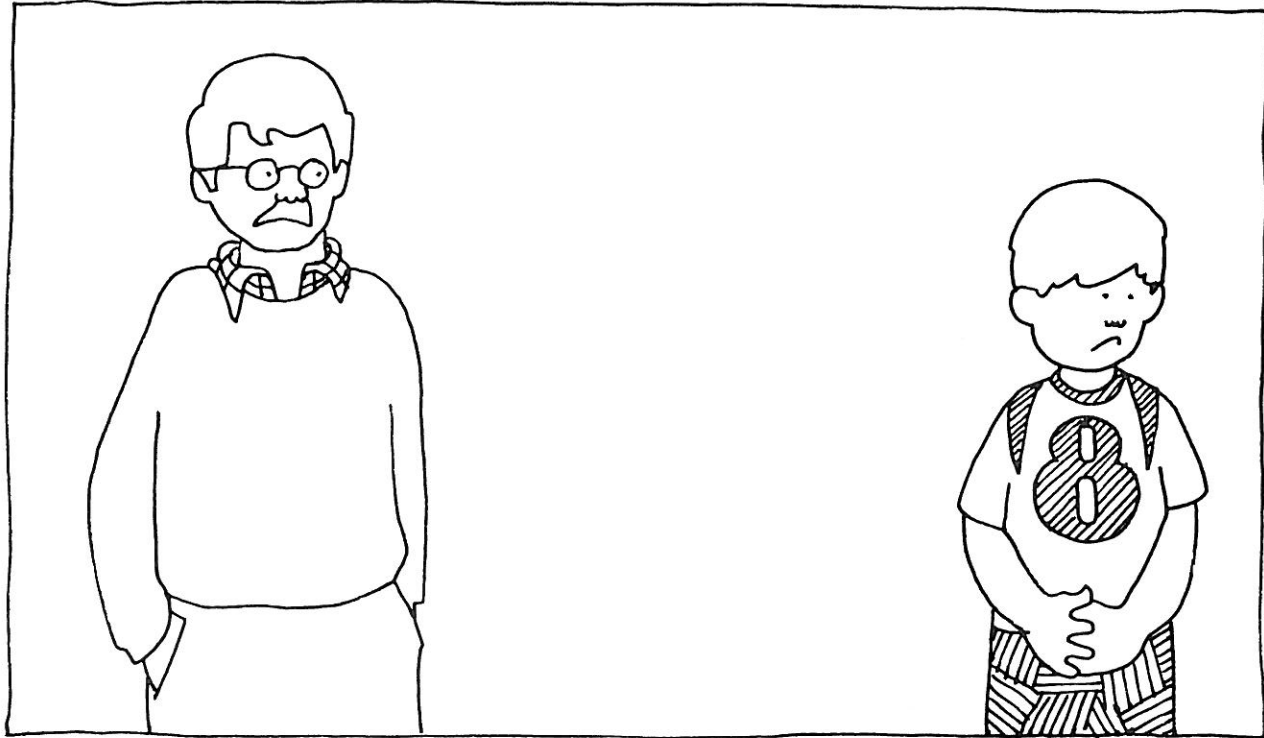
ALVIN'S MOM THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS JEALOUS OF THE BABY. SHE FELT BAD ABOUT IT. SHE DIDN'T THINK GEORGE EVER FELT THAT WAY ABOUT ALVIN.



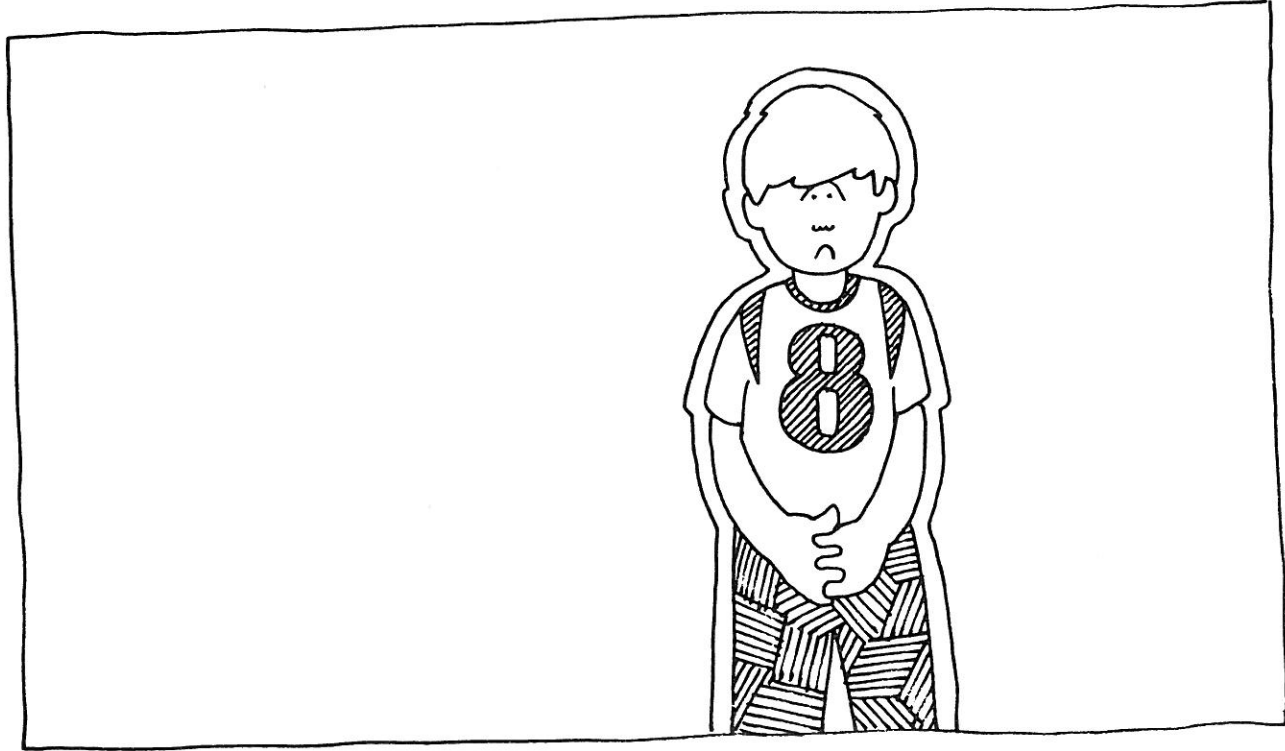
GEORGE THOUGHT HE REMEMBERED FEELING
THE SAME WAY WHEN ALVIN WAS BORN. HE
JUST DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ALVIN WAS
TAKING SO LONG TO GET USED TO THINGS.



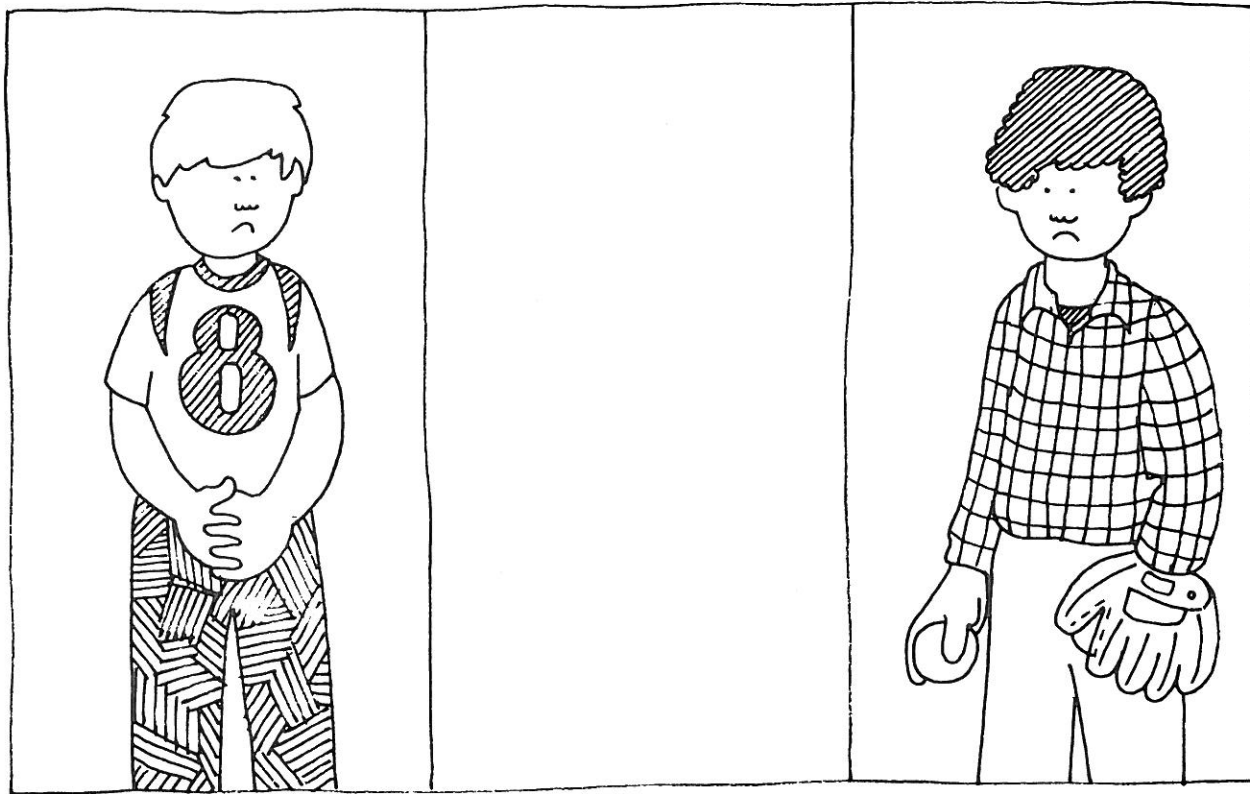
ALVIN'S DAD THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE ALVIN
STILL FELT BAD ABOUT HIS GRAMMA DYING, BUT
HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET ALVIN TO
FEEL BETTER.



ALVIN THOUGHT MAYBE HE WAS JUST A BAD KID. HE THOUGHT MAYBE HE COULD BE GOOD AGAIN IF EVERYBODY UNDERSTOOD HIM BETTER, BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. HE WANTED TO BE GOOD.

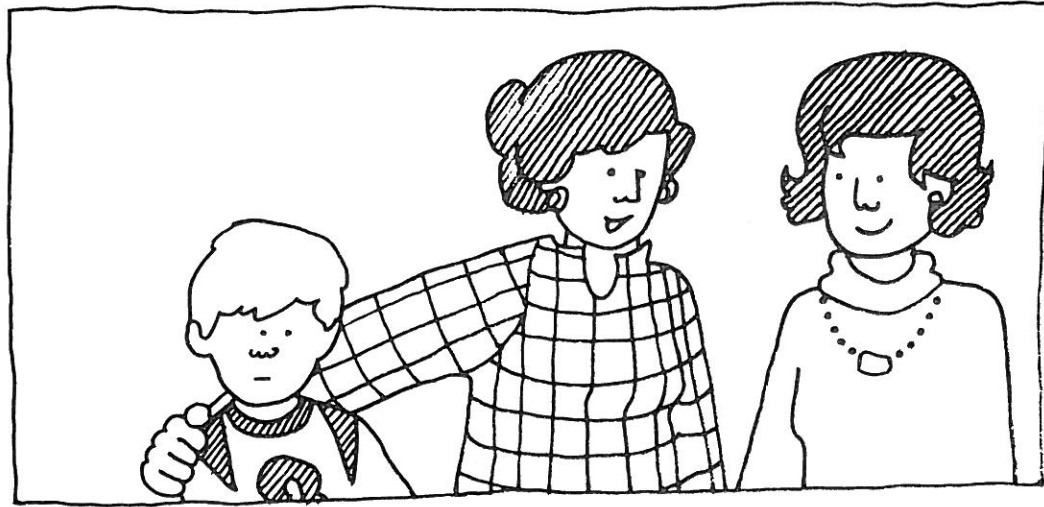


ALVIN'S FRIENDS JUST DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY
WITH HIM ANYMORE 'TIL HE STOPPED
HITTING PEOPLE!



ALVIN'S PARENTS AND HIS TEACHER
ASKED SOMEONE TO HELP THEM.

ALVIN DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THE
WOMAN HIS PARENTS AND TEACHER
WANTED HIM TO SEE, BUT THEY
MADE HIM GO.



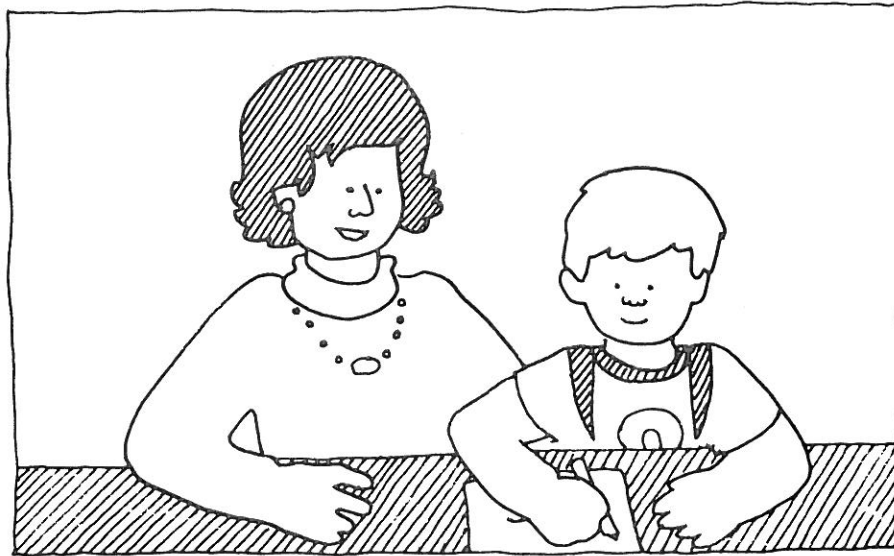
SHE WAS O.K.

SHE TALKED A LOT.

SHE LISTENED A LOT.

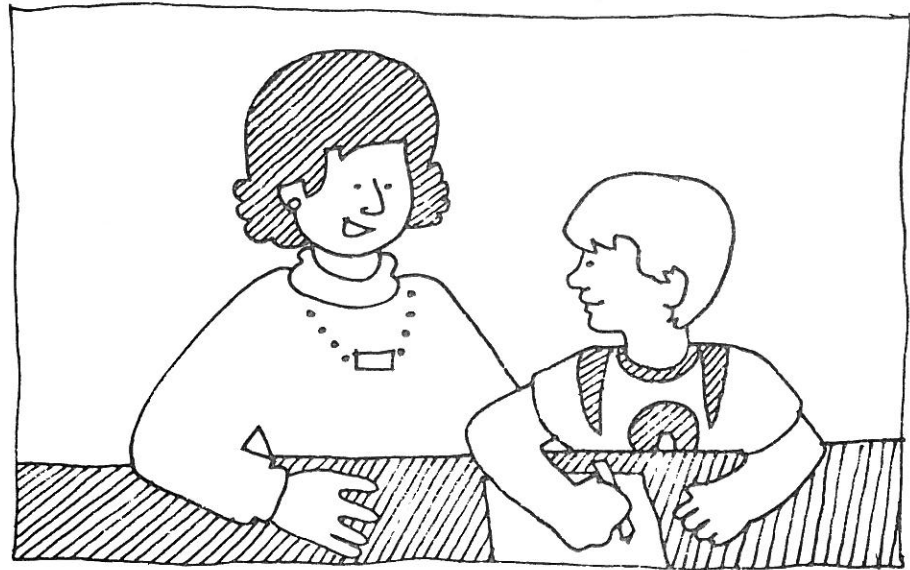
SHE HELPED HIM CATCH UP ON HIS
MISSED SCHOOLWORK.

SHE HELPED HIM TRY TO THINK ABOUT
WHY HE WAS FEELING SO BAD AND
WHY HE DID AND SAID THINGS HE
REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO DO AND SAY.



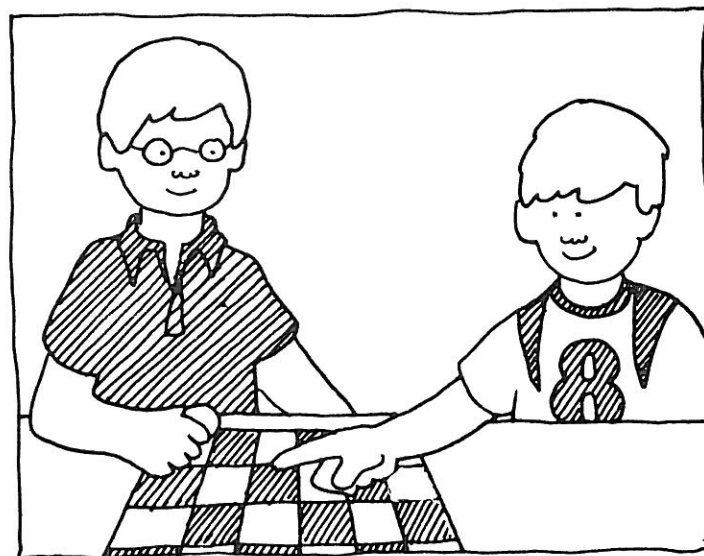
ALVIN'S PARENTS ALSO TALKED TO
THE WOMAN ABOUT HOW TO HELP ALVIN.

ALVIN ALMOST GOT TO LIKE HER.
SHE DIDN'T LET HIM GET AWAY
WITH ANYTHING, AND NOTHING HE
SAID SEEMED TO MAKE HER ANGRY.



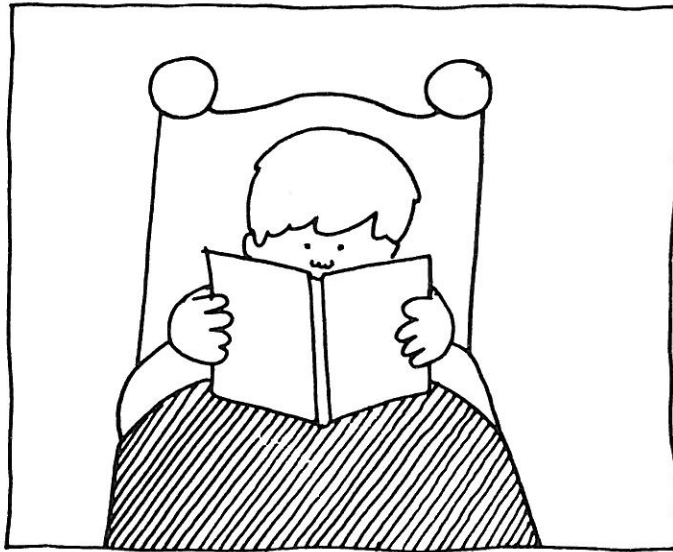
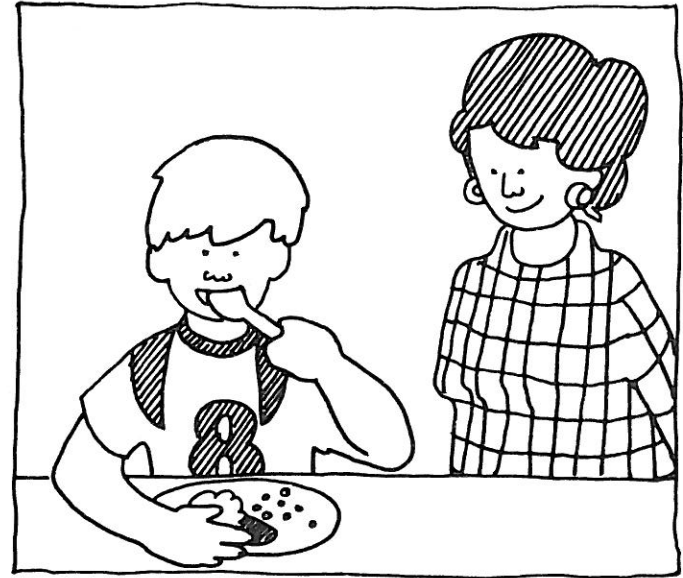


AFTER AWHILE, ALVIN
FOUGHT LESS...



... SULKED LESS

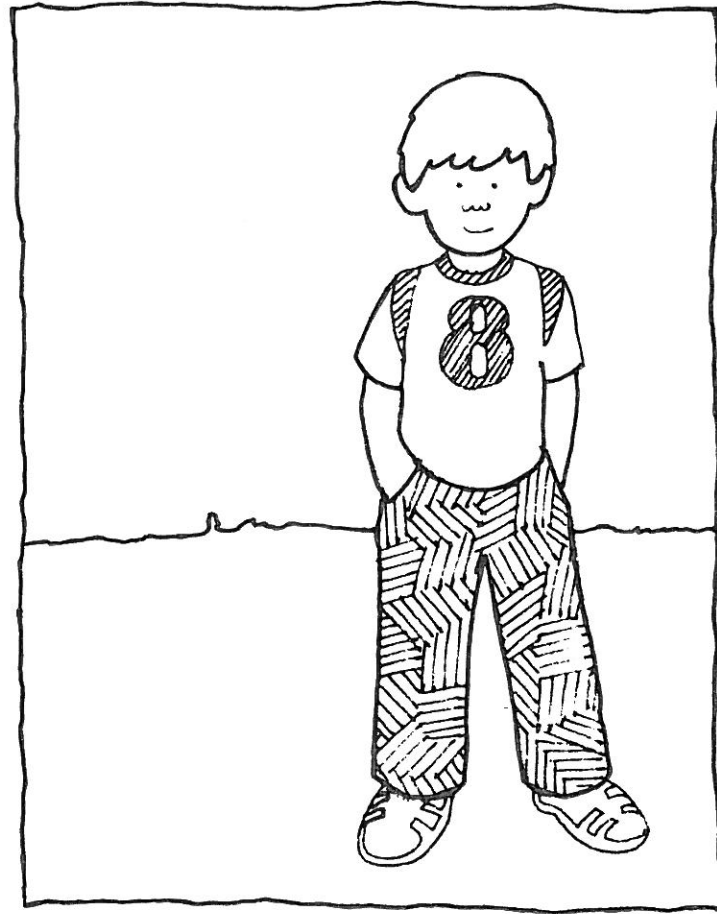
...ATE MORE



CRIED LESS...



AND, ALVIN'S MOM , DAD, BROTHER, TEACHER,
SISTER AND THE WOMAN WHO HELPS HIM
ALL HOPE THAT PRETTY SOON ALVIN
WILL FEEL EVEN BETTER.



AND SO DOES ALVIN.