

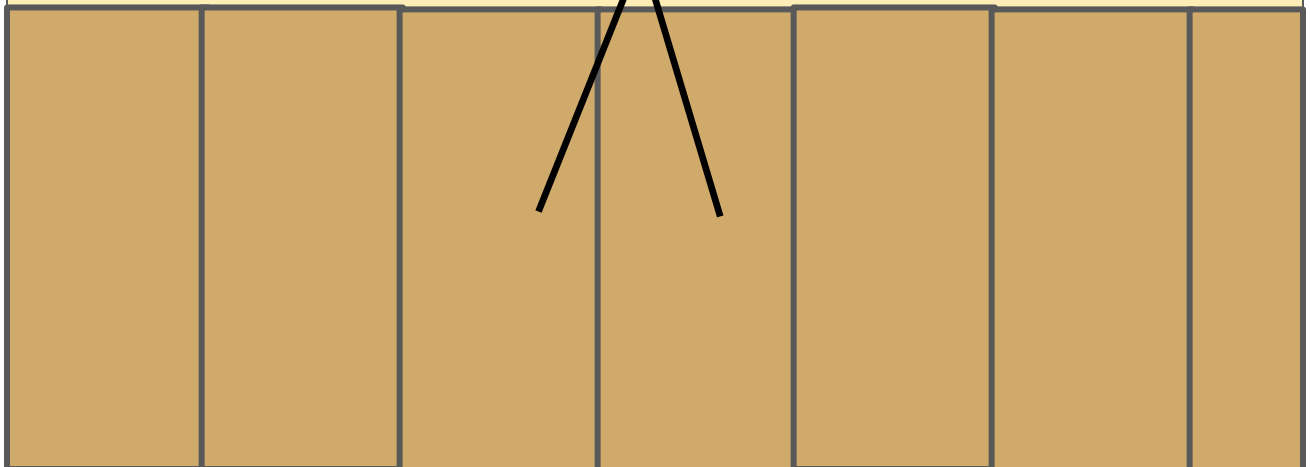
Greg Goes Outside

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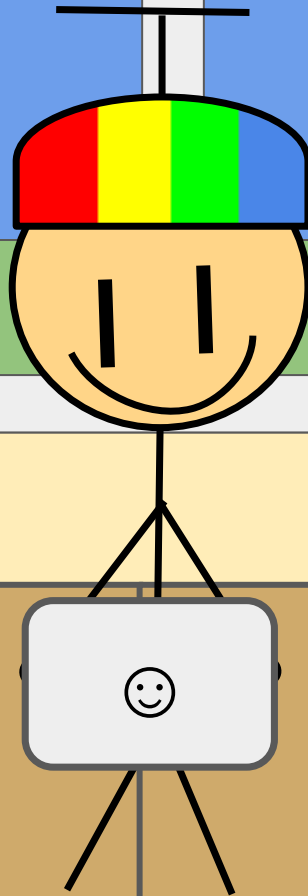
Once upon a time,

there was a kid named **Greg**.

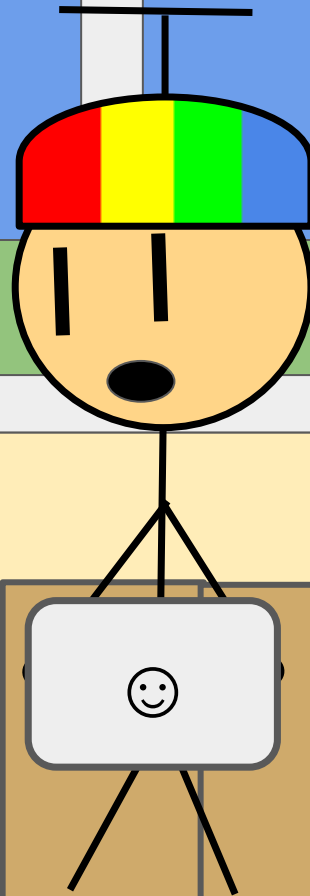
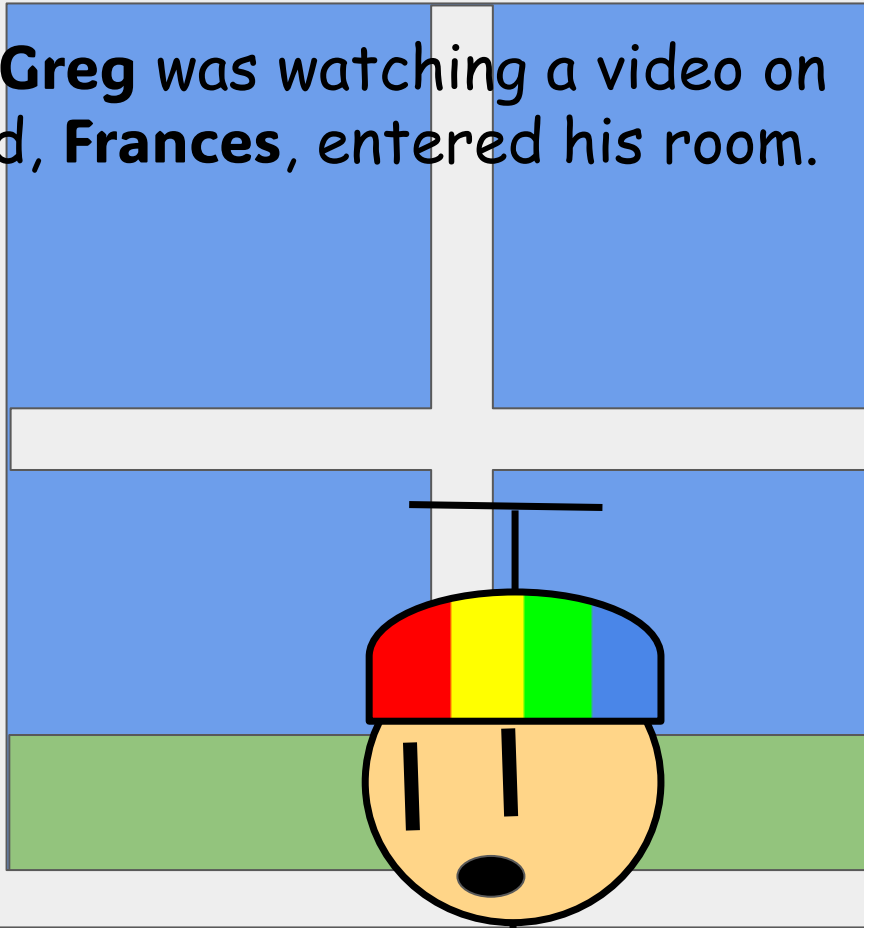
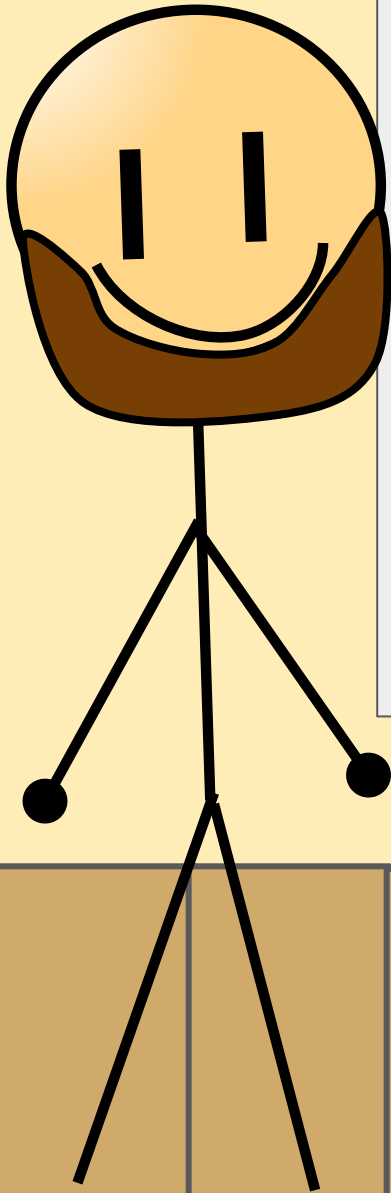


Greg loved his tablet. **Greg** was always using it.

Greg would watch videos on MePipe.

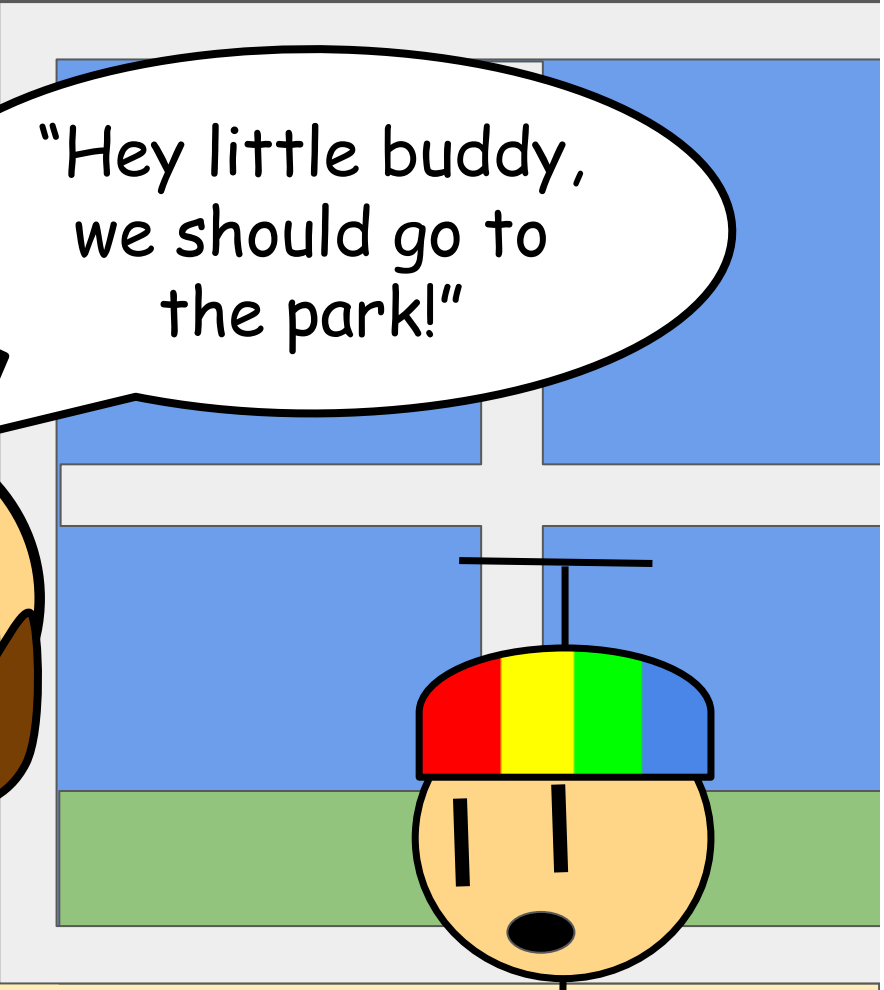
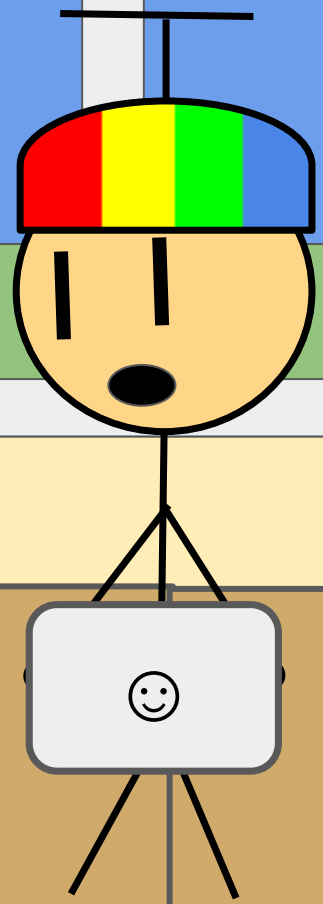
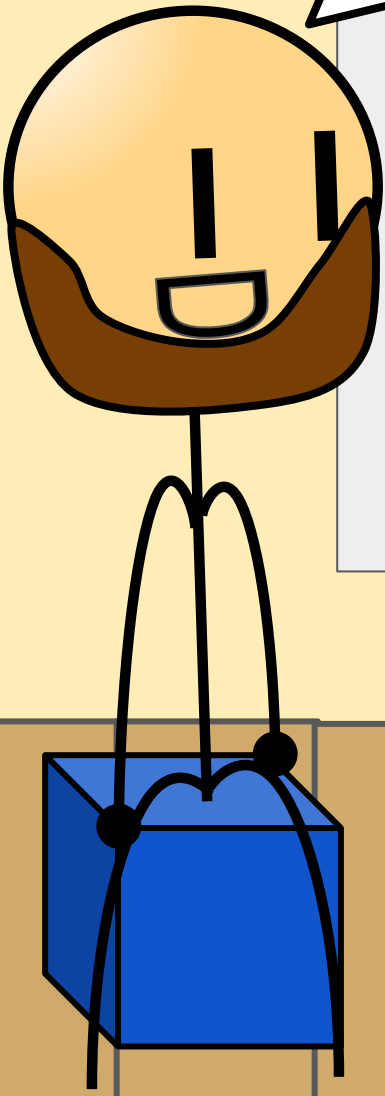


One day while **Greg** was watching a video on MePipe, his dad, **Frances**, entered his room.



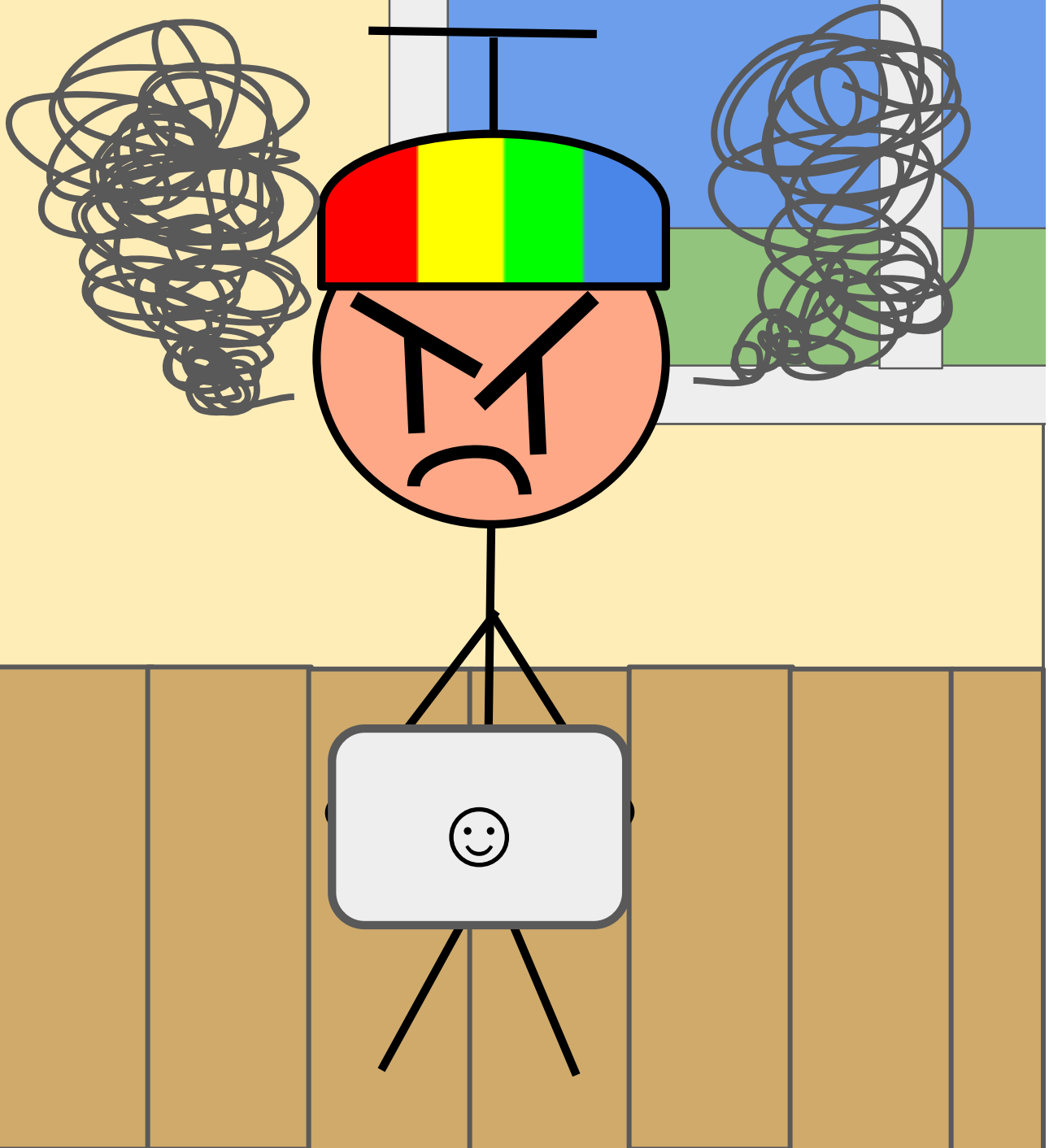
Frances said,

"Hey little buddy,
we should go to
the park!"



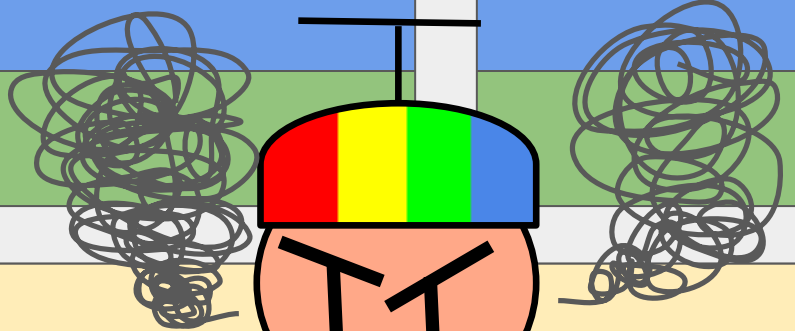
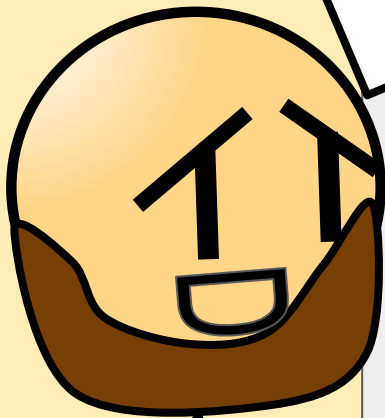
But **Greg** didn't want to.

Greg wanted to continue watching
MePipe videos,



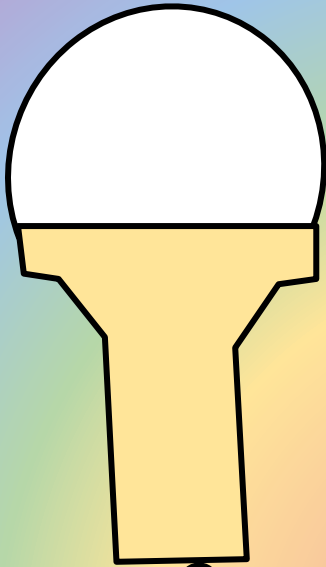
But Frances really wanted **Greg** to go to the park. So Frances said,

"How about this, after we go to the park you can get ice cream!"

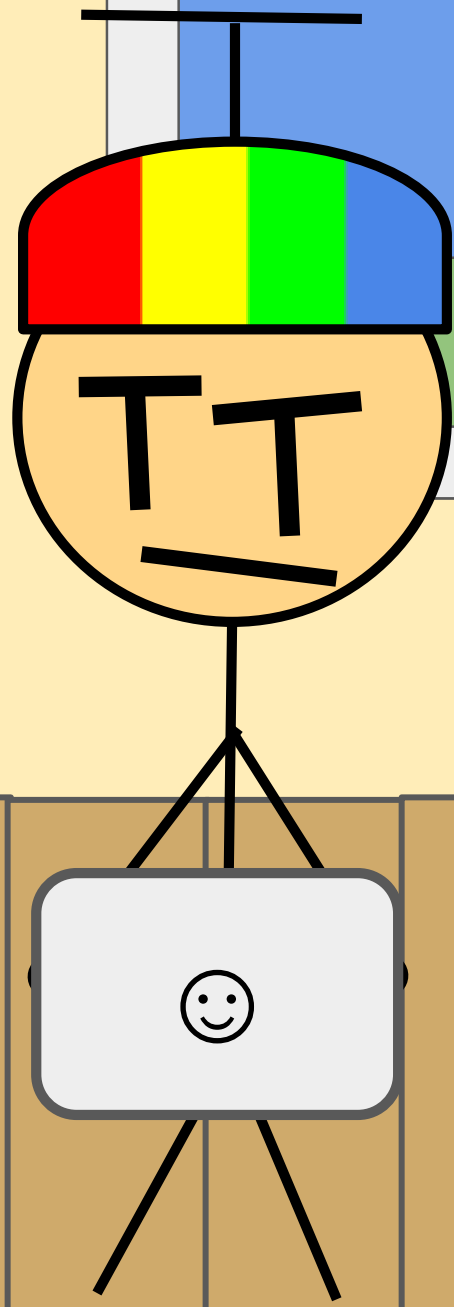


Greg loved ice cream.

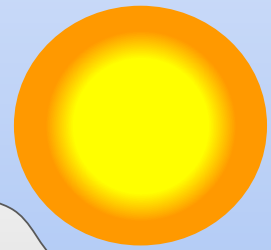
**Greg loved ice cream
as much as his tablet.**



So **Greg** was now okay with going to the park.

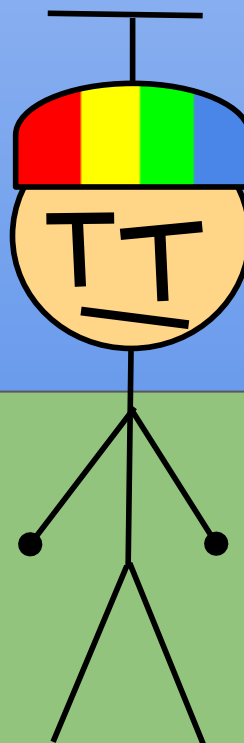
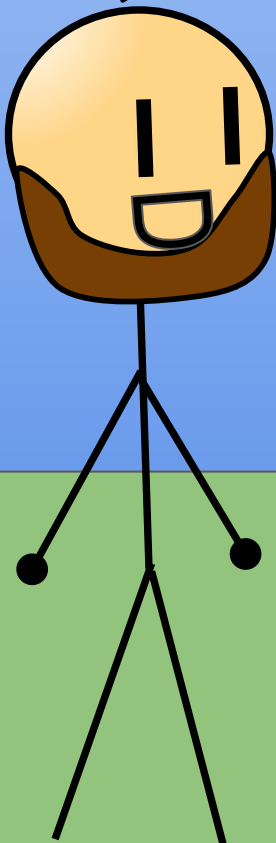


After the car ride there **Frances** had to go to the store for food.

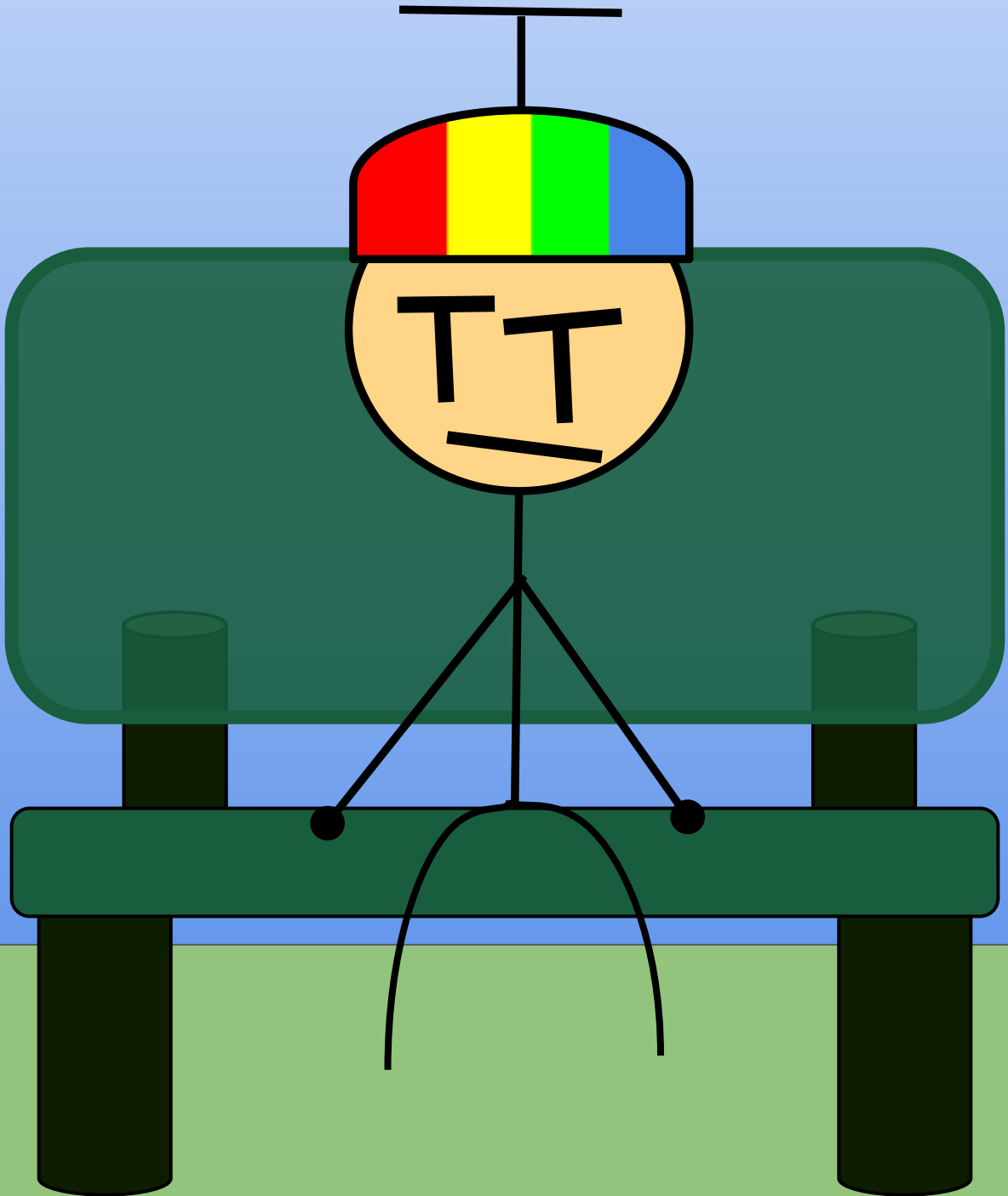


But before **Frances** went to the store, he told **Greg**,

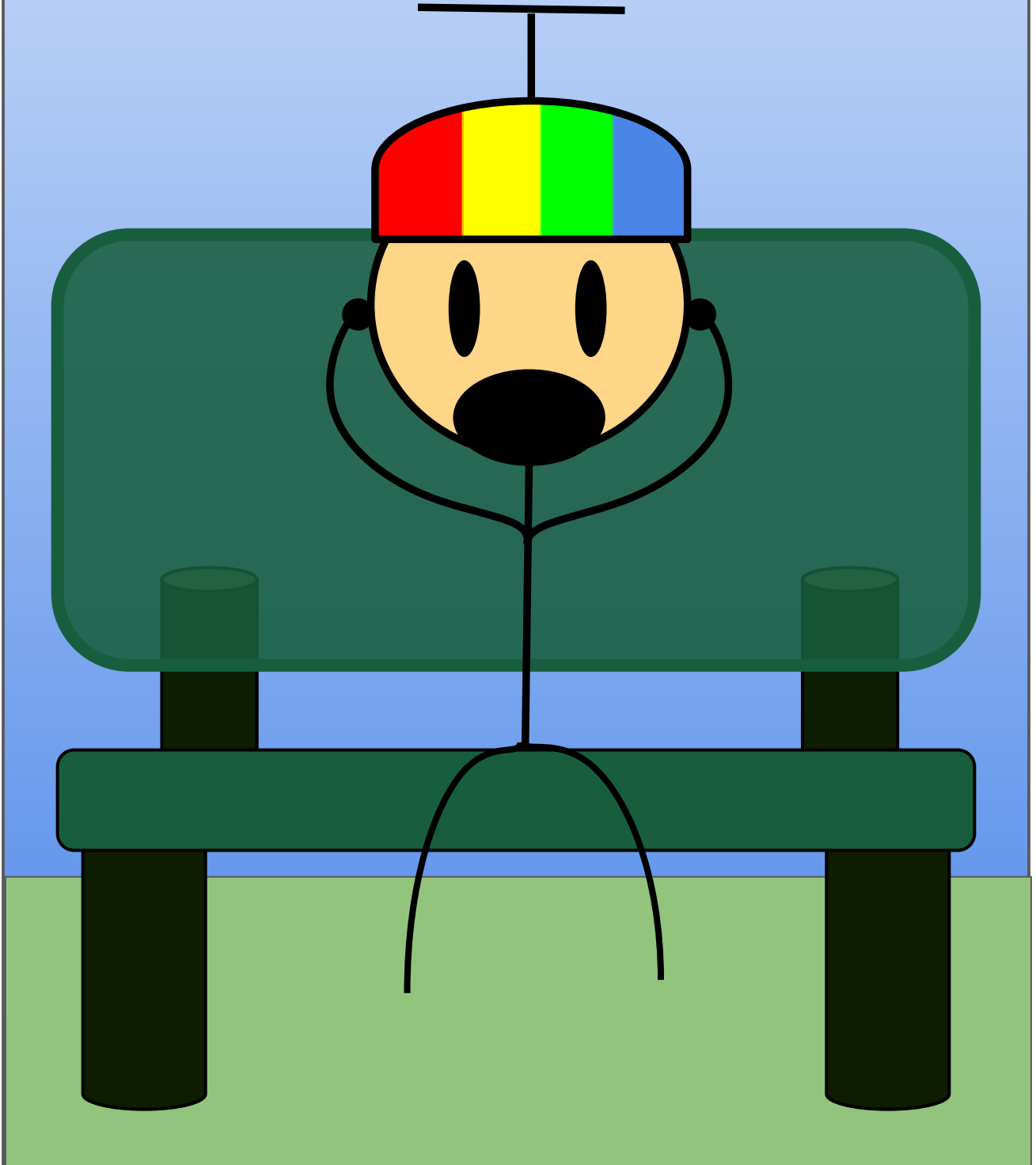
"You should go play with the other kids at the play structure!"



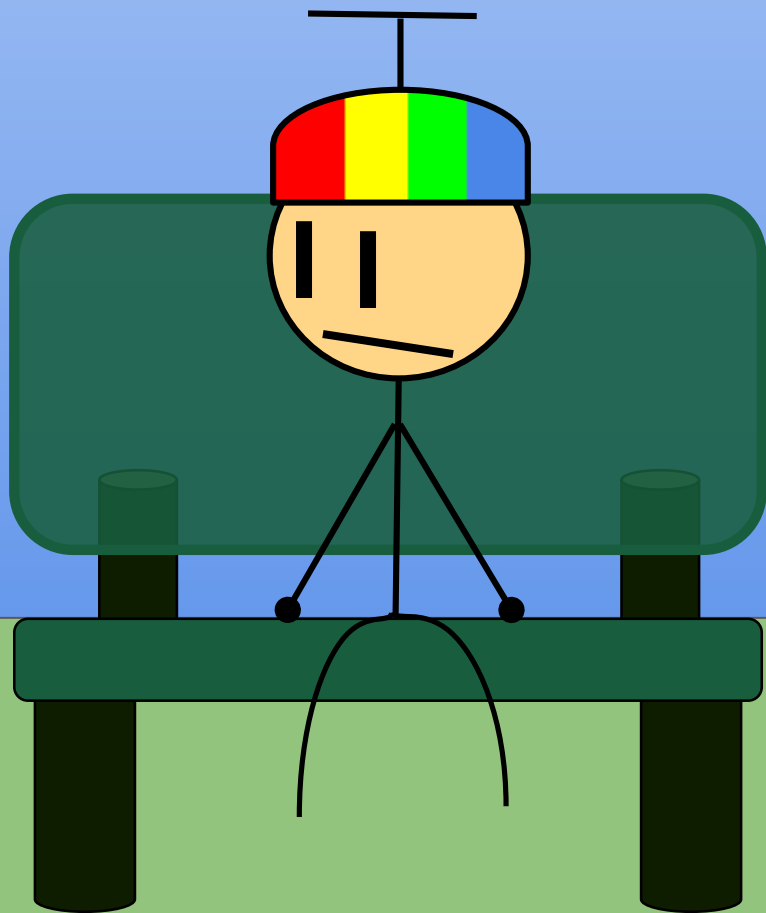
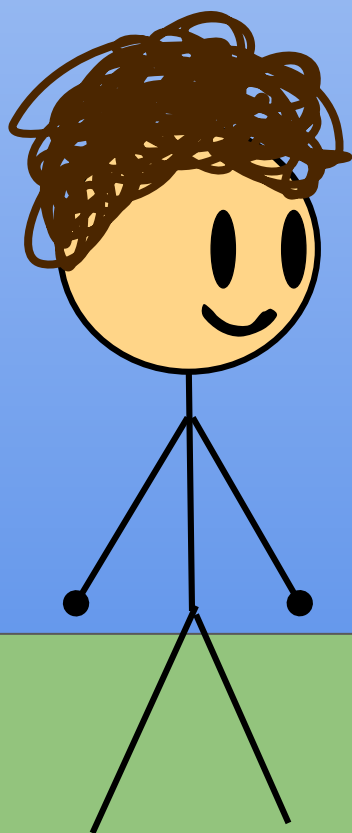
But **Greg** didn't want to, so he went to a bench to sit and watch MePipe videos.



**BUT HE LEFT HIS
TABLET AT HOME!**



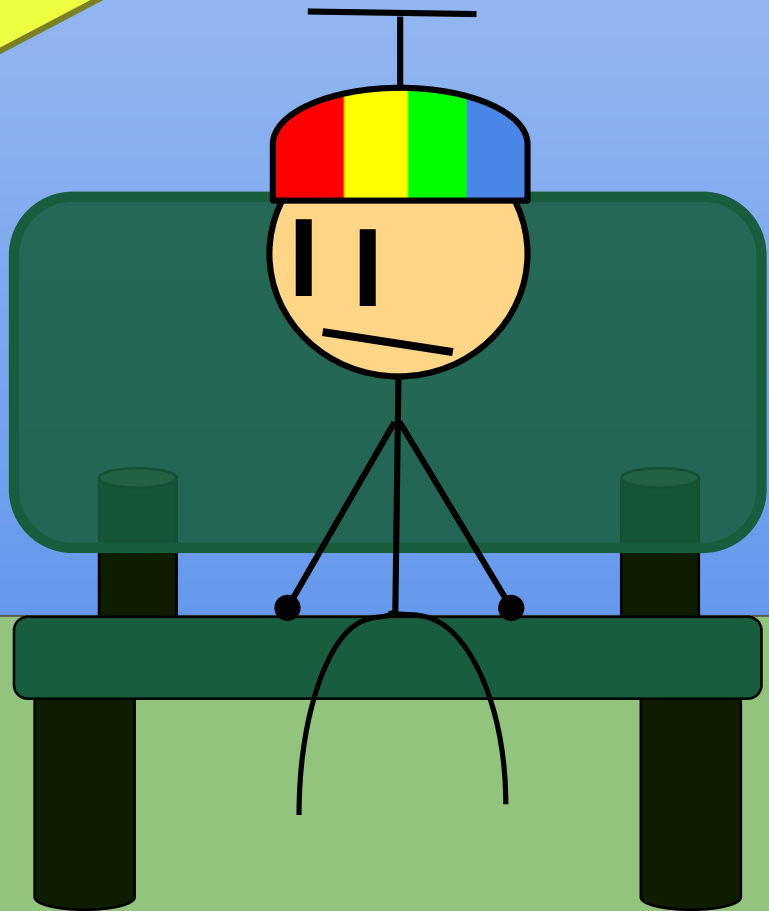
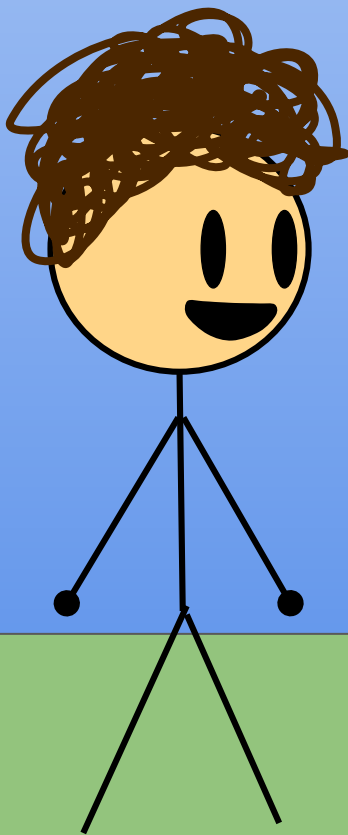
Greg was wondering what he could do while waiting for his dad, but before he could finish thinking, another kid came up to him.



"Hi there! I'm **Billy**,"

said the kid
happily

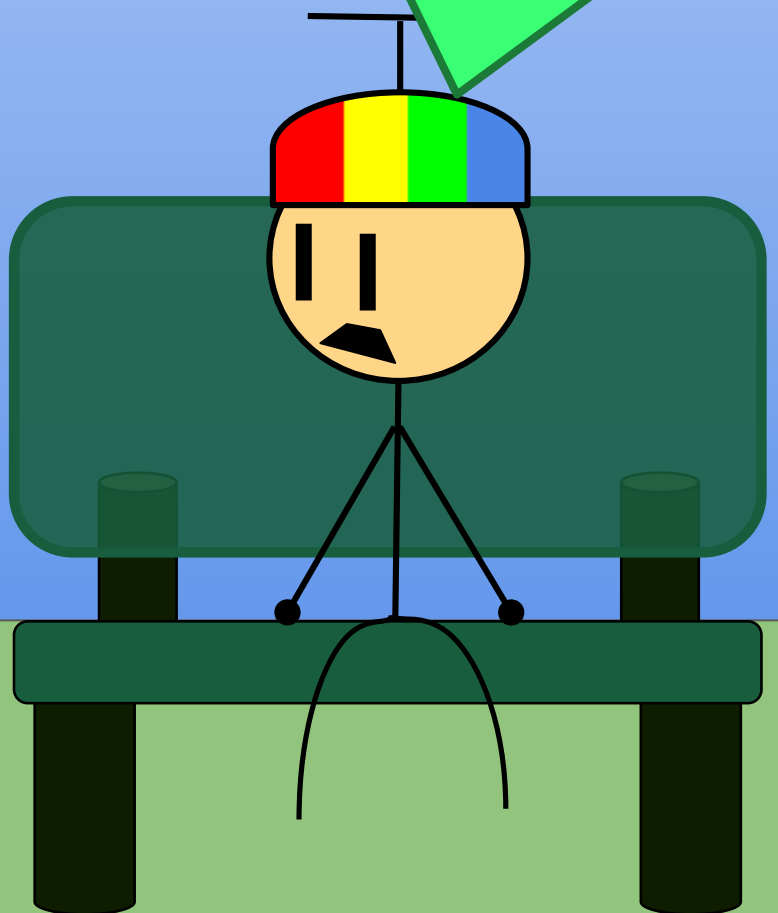
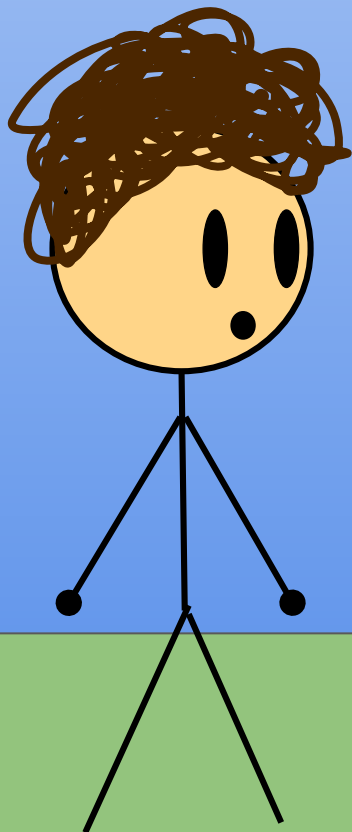
"you look bored, do you
want to come play tag
with me?"



"I don't want to play tag, I just want to watch videos on MePipe."

Greg said,

"MePipe videos are better than tag."

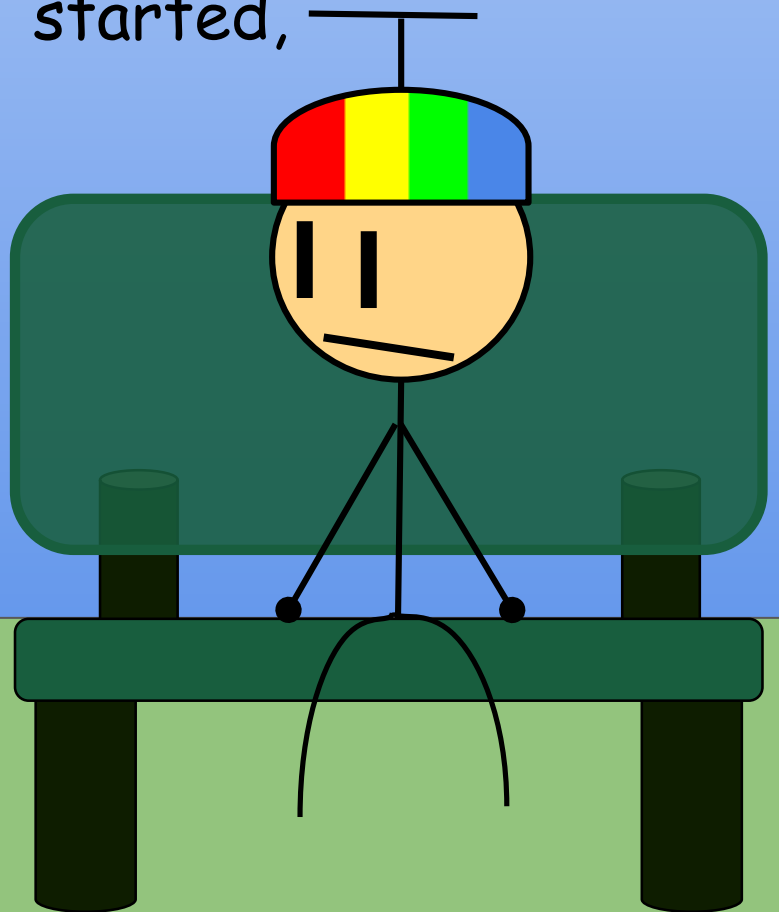
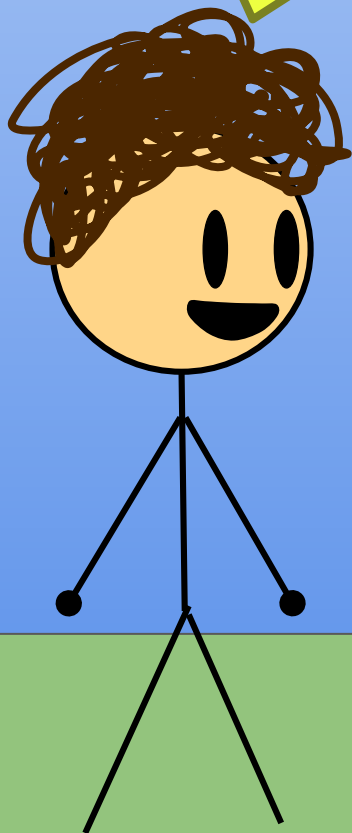


Billy was surprised to hear this because he never heard someone say that MePipe was better. So he decided to tell **Greg** why he thought tag was better than watching videos.



"Did you know that playing tag and going outside is funner than sitting around and watching videos?"

Billy
started,

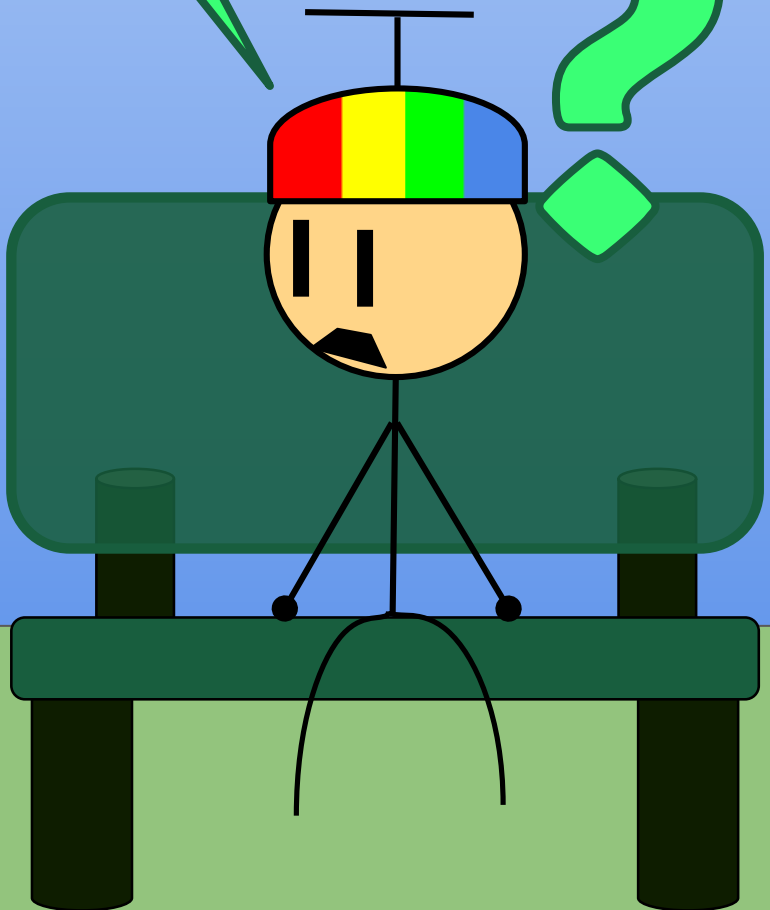
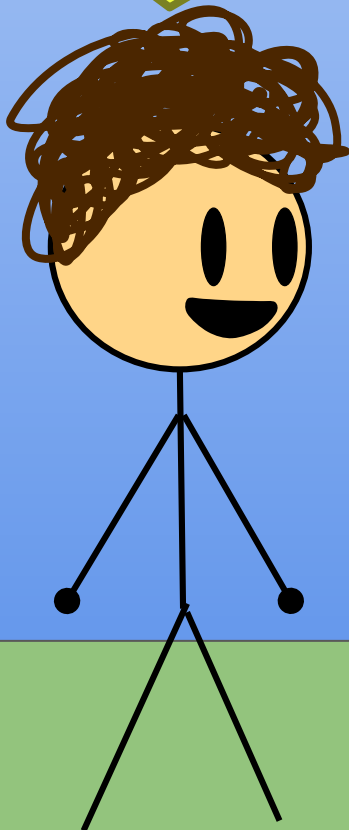


"Really?"

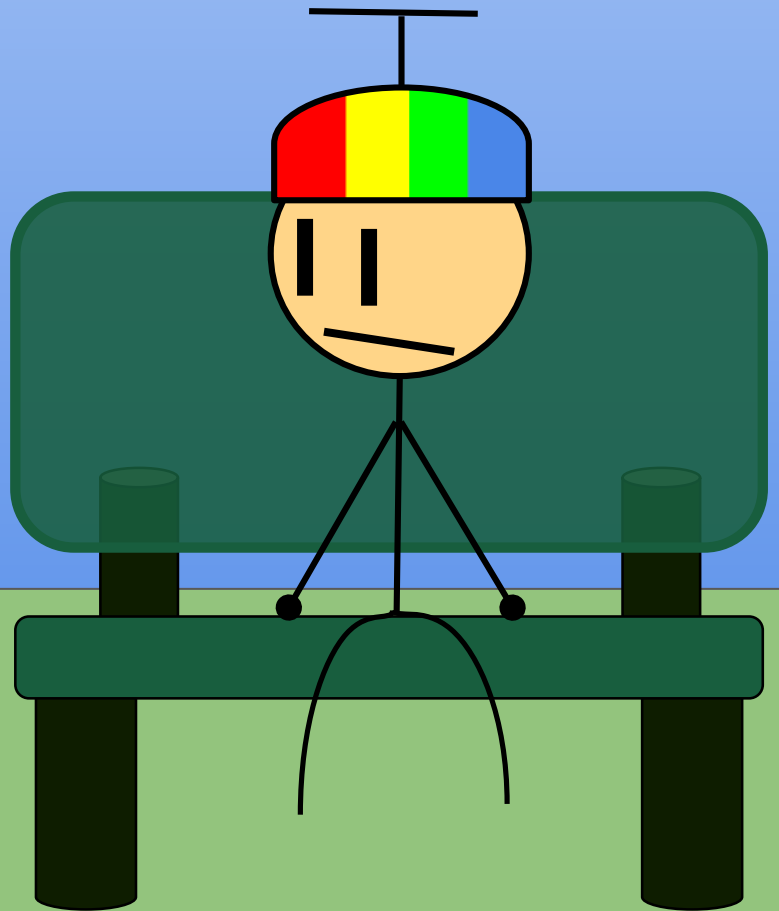
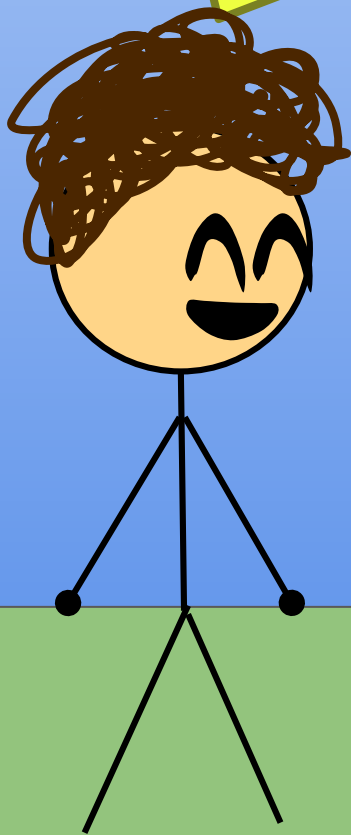
Greg answered.

"It's true!"

Billy said,



"If you go outside and play tag you and your friends will have fun and get buff while you are doing it!"

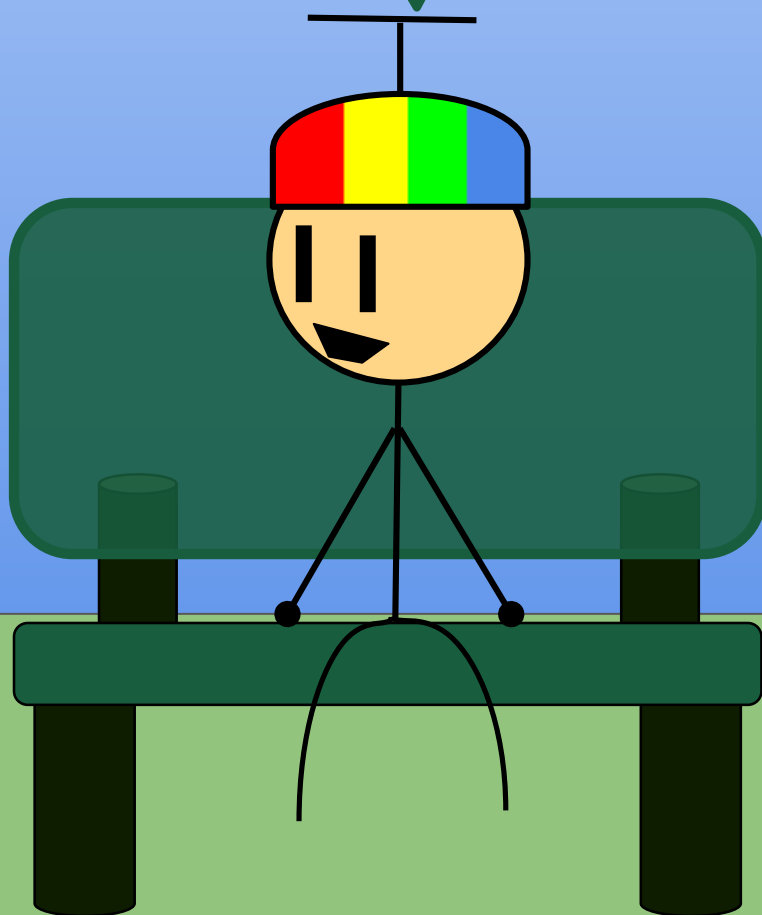
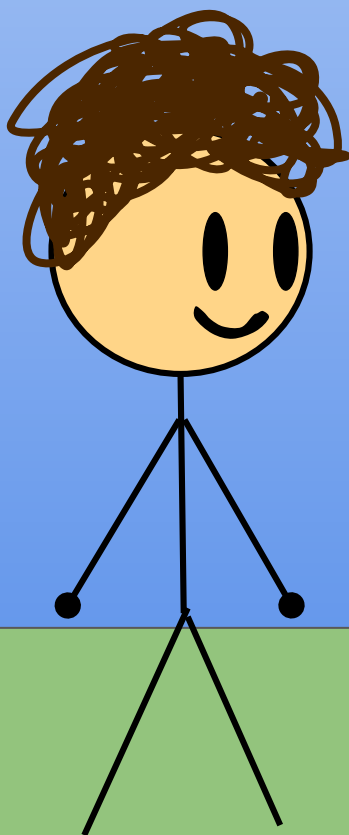


Huh,

Greg replied.

"What else does going outside do for you?"

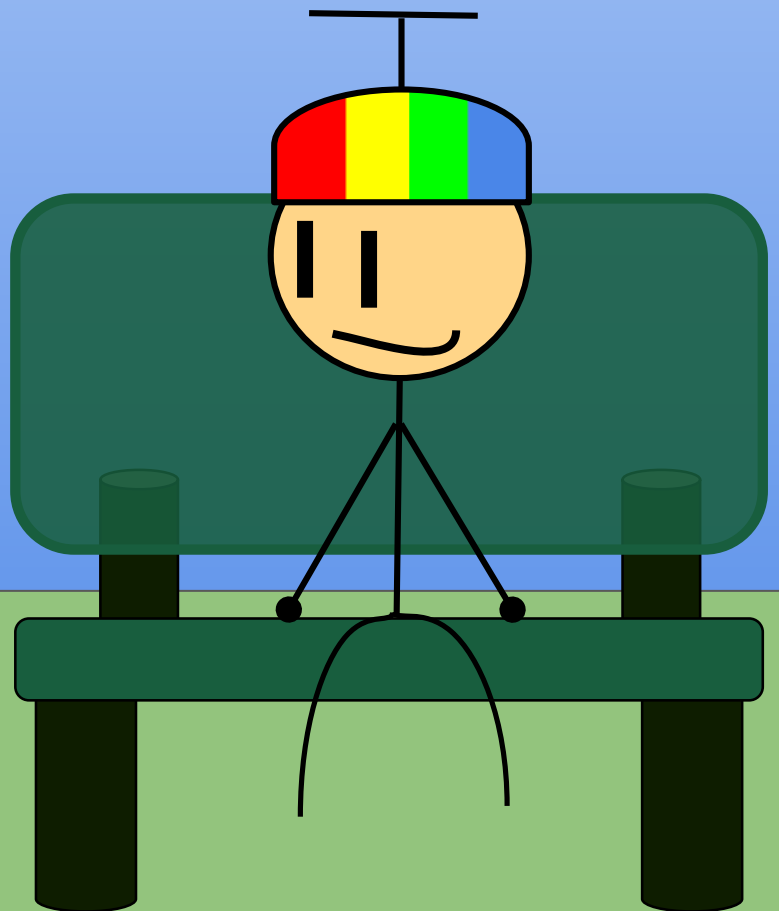
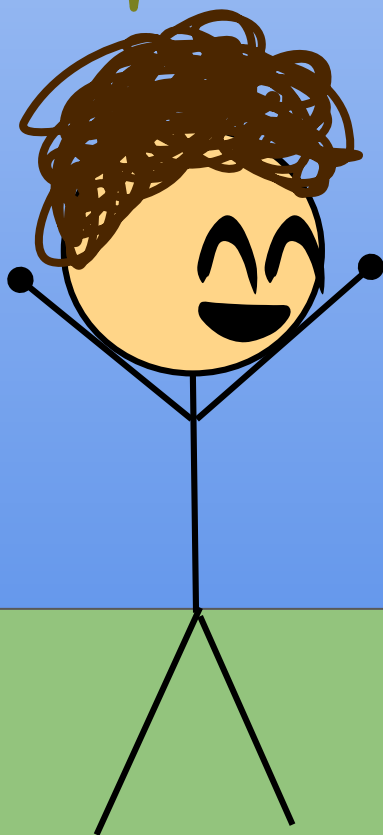
Greg asked curiously.

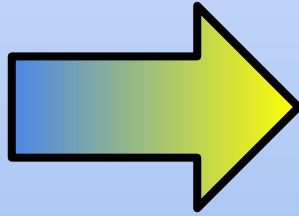


"I'm happy
you asked!"

Billy said, excitedly.

Greg didn't know this yet
but he was about to make a
friend.



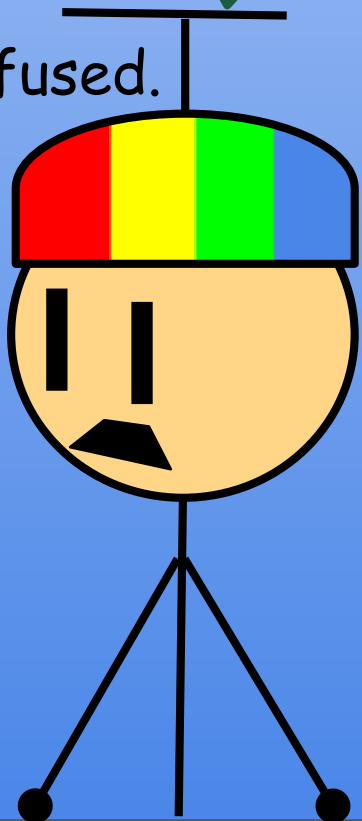


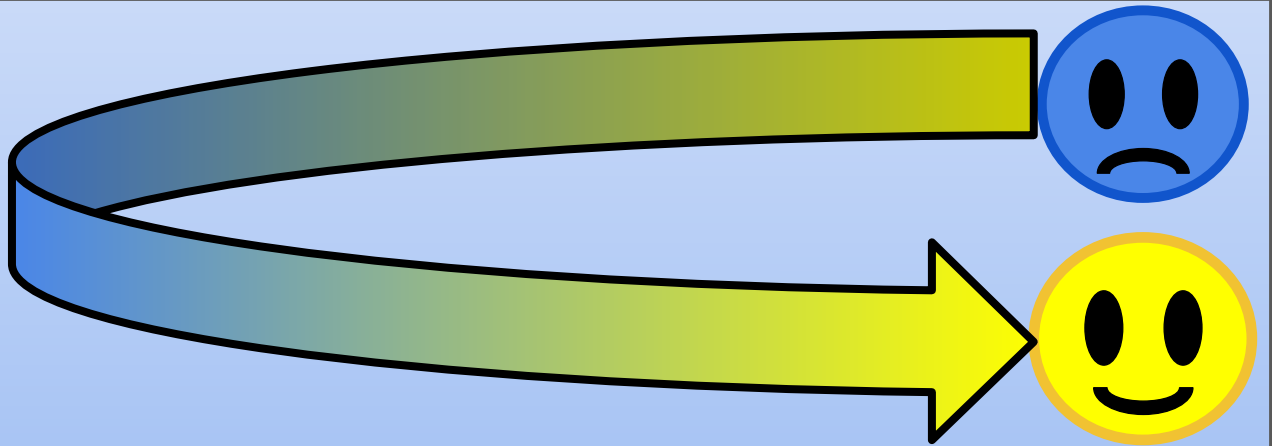
"Going outside can get you in a better mood,"

"Well when I got out here I was in a bad mood,"

Billy said.

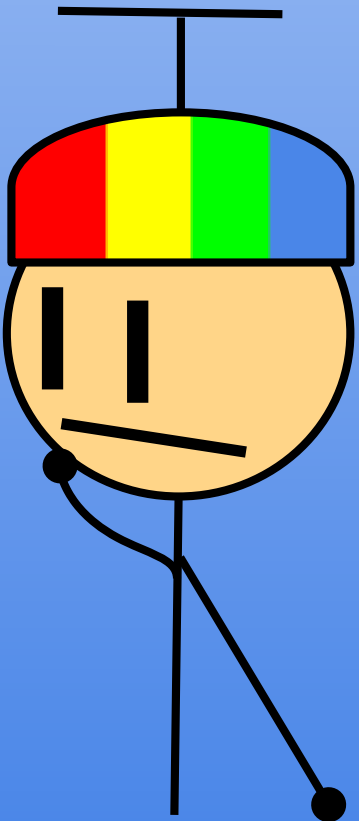
Greg said, confused.





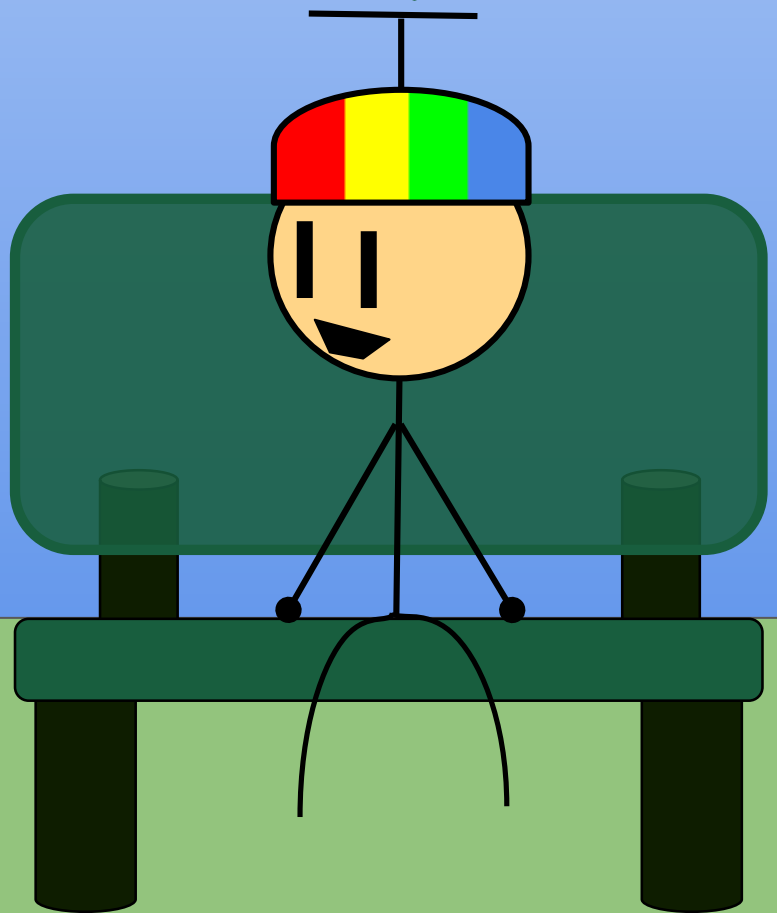
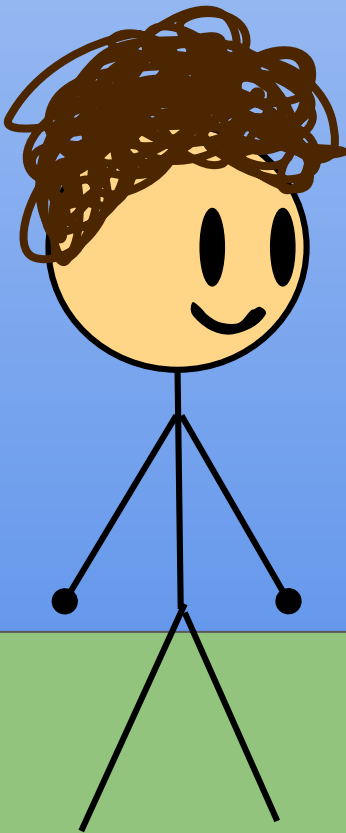
"Well getting in a better mood happens over time, you have to go and do something to have your mood improve,"

Billy said.



"Is there any reason why I should go outside?"

Greg said.

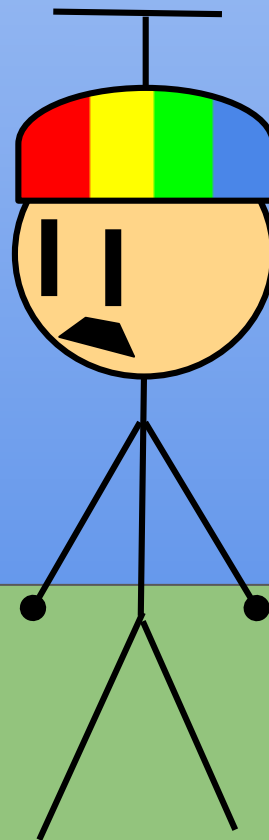
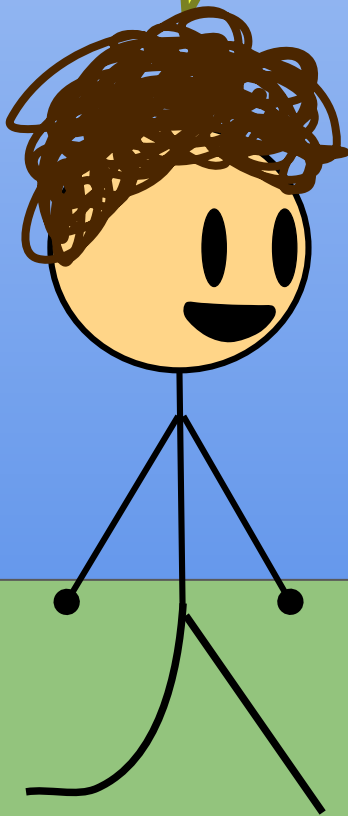


"Going outside for a walk
can help you with
thinking,"

Billy said.

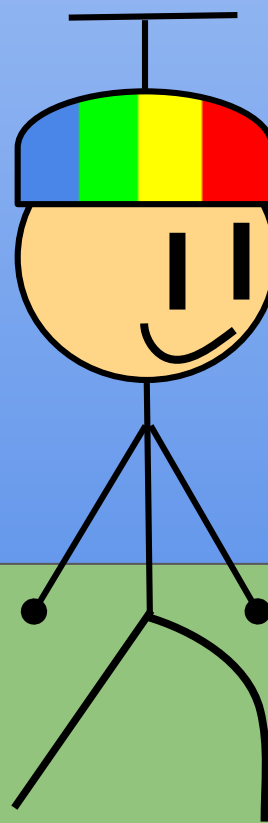
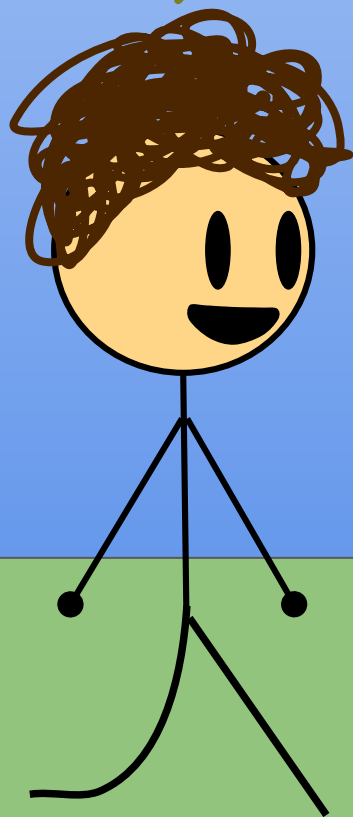
"How would it?"

Greg said,
confused
yet again.



"Well if you were on a hard puzzle in a game, walking would help your mind clear so that you can complete doing it."

Billy said, hoping to answer **Greg's** question.

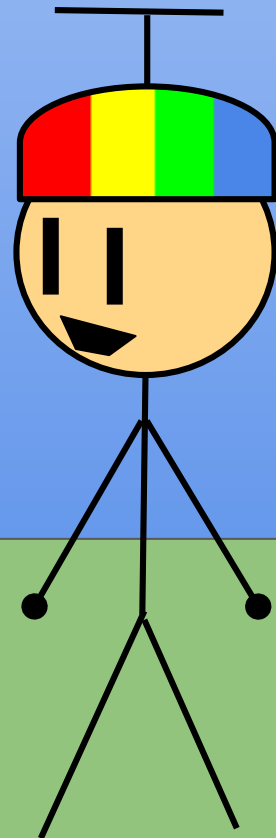
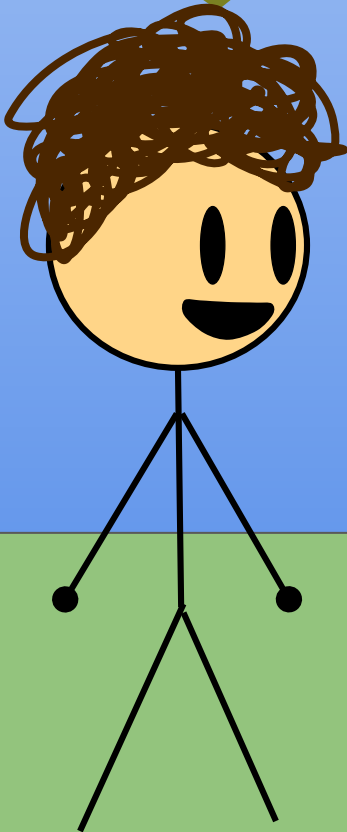


"Does going outside help me color?"

Greg asked.

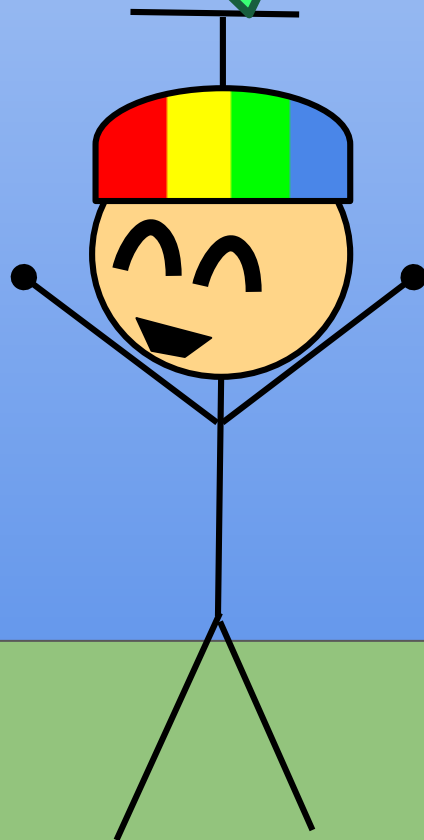
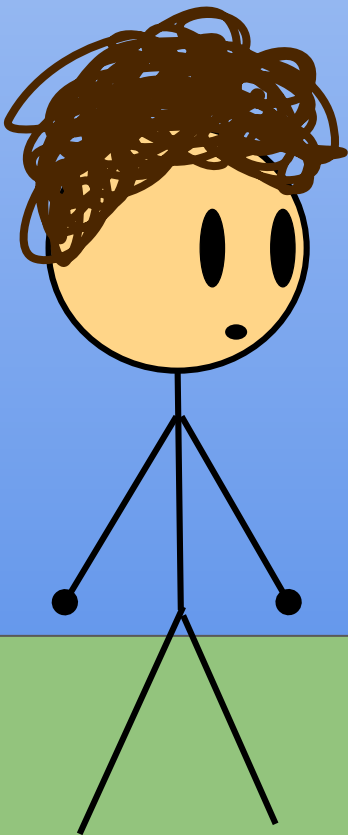
"Going outside can give you ideas on what to draw,"

Billy said.



"Cool! Do you want to color with me?"

Greg said, happily.



"Tag,"

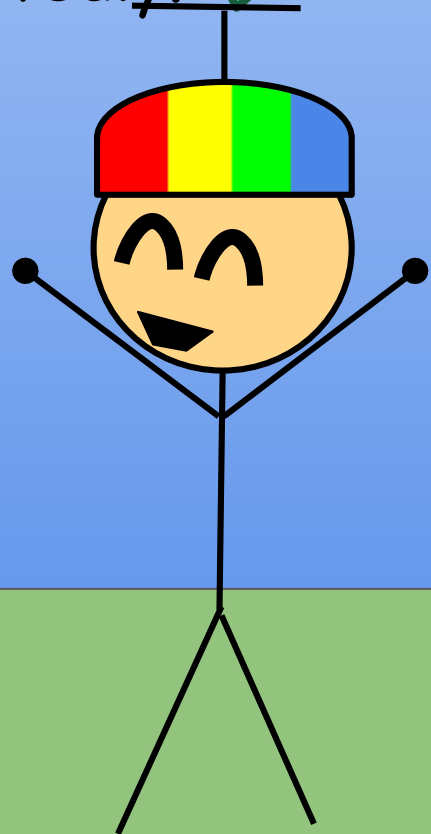
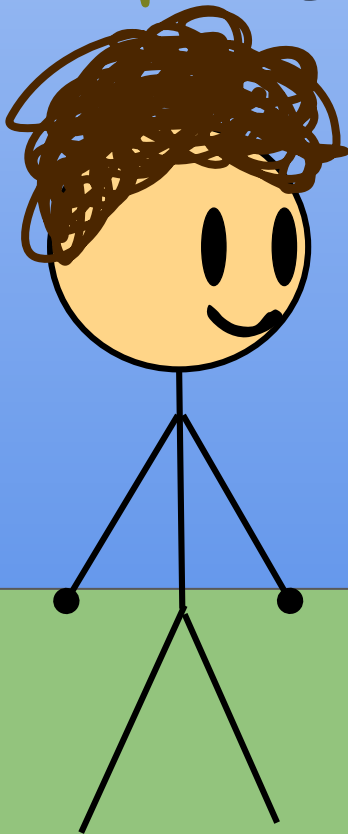
Billy
corrects
him.

"Oh can we also play...
what did you want to
play?"

Greg said.

"Yah we can play that
after we draw!"

Greg said, excitedly.

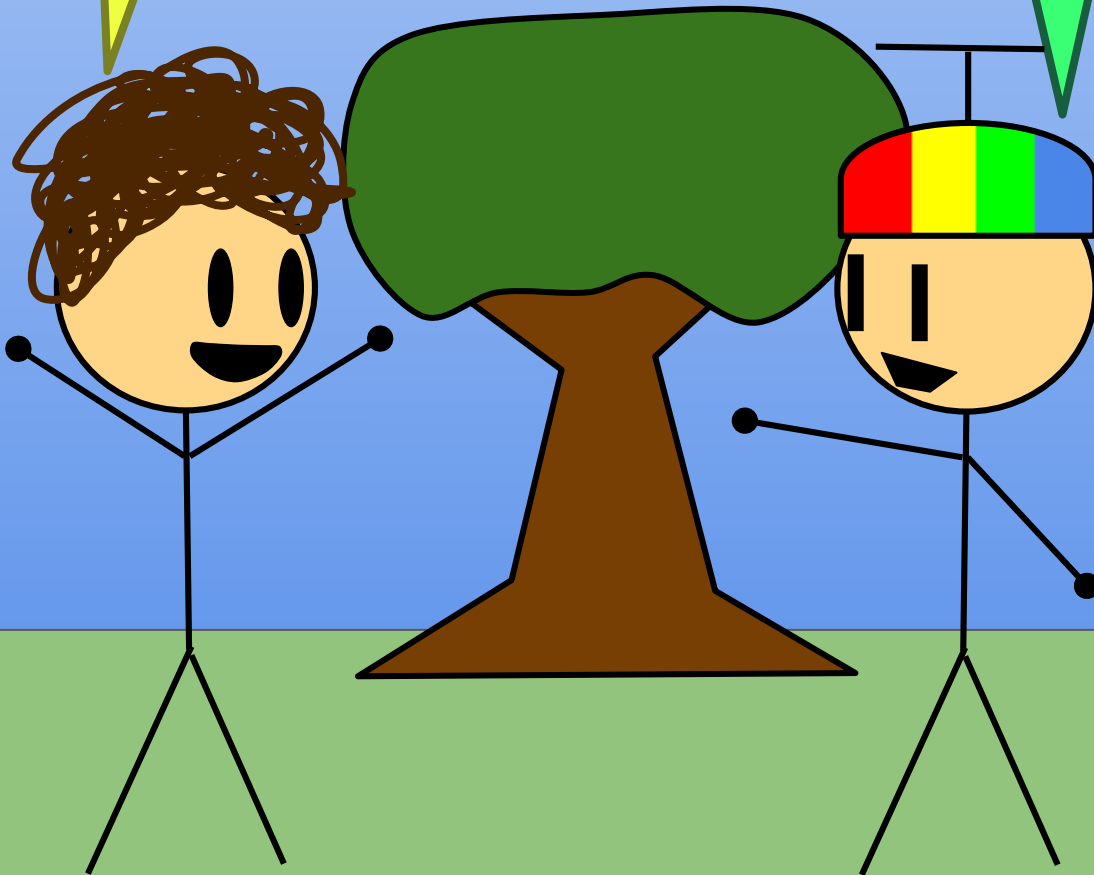


"Nice idea! So what do you want to draw?"

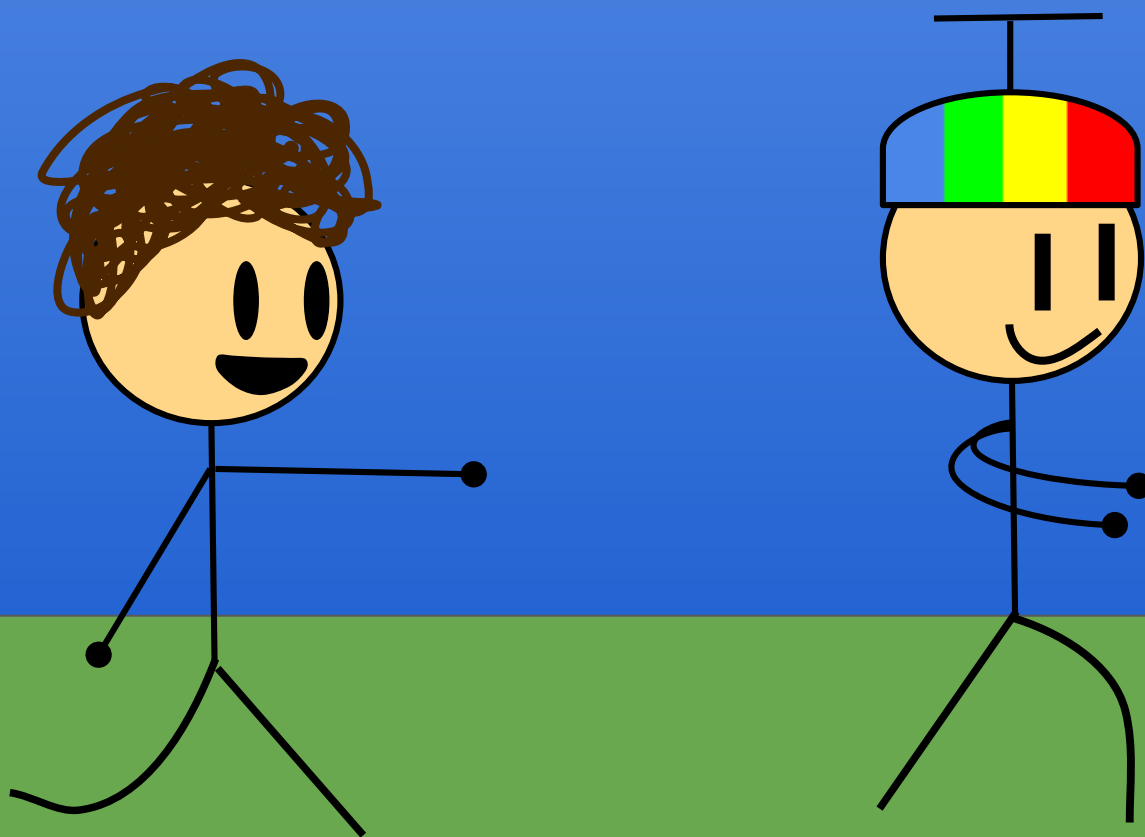
Billy said.

"Well we can draw that green stuff!"

Greg says now having a friend, a real friend.



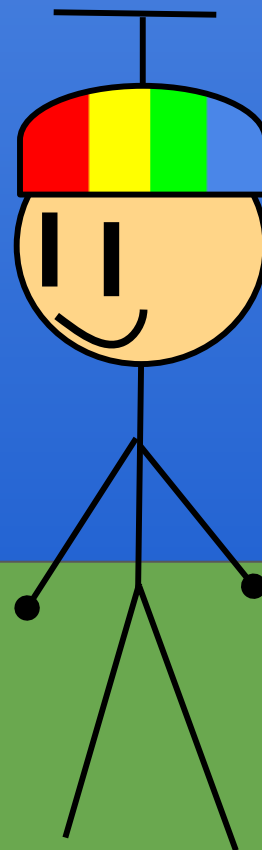
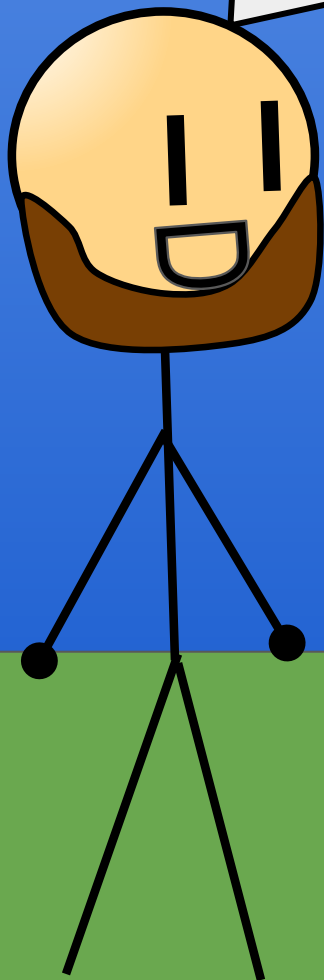
As the two boys drew together and played tag together **Greg** realized that they were having so much fun, a lot more fun than him just watching MePipe videos for hours.



The two kids were having so much fun that **Greg** didn't even know how time had passed because before he realized it, his dad was back.

"Hey buddy, are you ready to go home now?"

Frances said to **Greg**.



"But I'm having so much fun!"

"With who?"

Frances said, confusedly.

Greg replied.

"With this guy!"

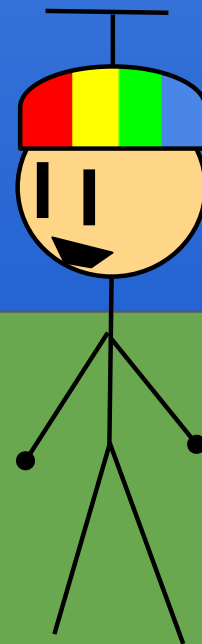
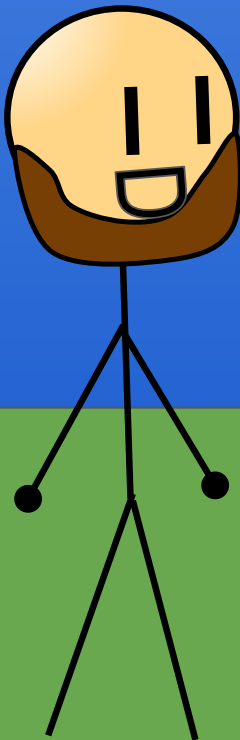
Greg said.

"Oh, did you make a friend?"

Frances asked.

"I did! His name is **Billy** and he told me about how going outside is good!"

Greg said, happily.



"Hello there!"

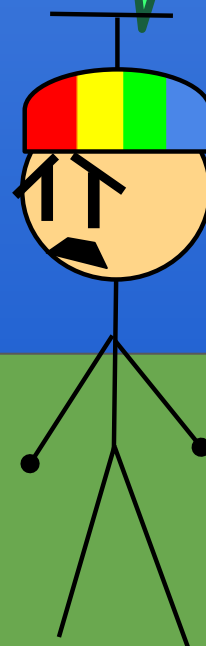
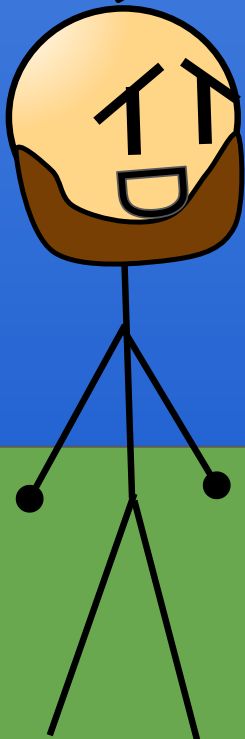
Billy said, to
Frances.

"Well I have ice
cream in the car
right now so not
today but if you
want I can take you
back here tomorrow
so that you two can
play then,"

"Dad, can I have
some more time with
Billy? We were
playing tag and
coloring. It was very
fun,"

Greg asked
Frances.

Frances said



"Oh okay. Bye **Billy!** I will come back tomorrow!"

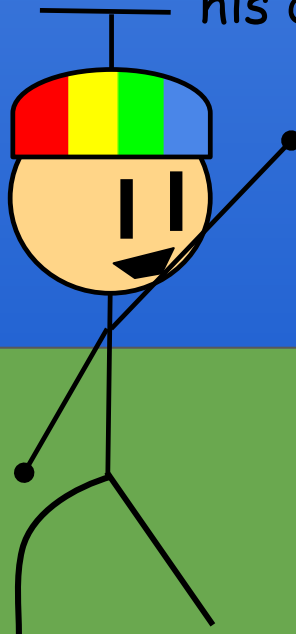
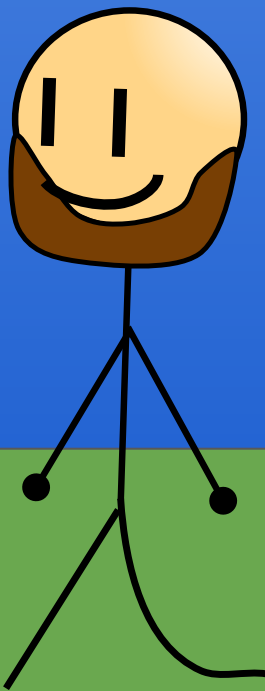
Greg said.

"Okay! Oh I just remembered that I haven't gotten your name yet! What's your name?"

Billy asked.

"My name is *Greg*! See you tomorrow **Billy!**"

Greg answered while walking to his dad's car.



And after, when **Greg** and **Frances** got home, **Greg** had his ice cream and went to bed. The next morning **Greg** asked **Frances** if he could go to the park again. **Frances** let him. At the park **Greg** and **Billy** met and they had a fun day again. So the two boys made a promise to each other that they would be best friends forever. And still to this day they are friends.

The End.