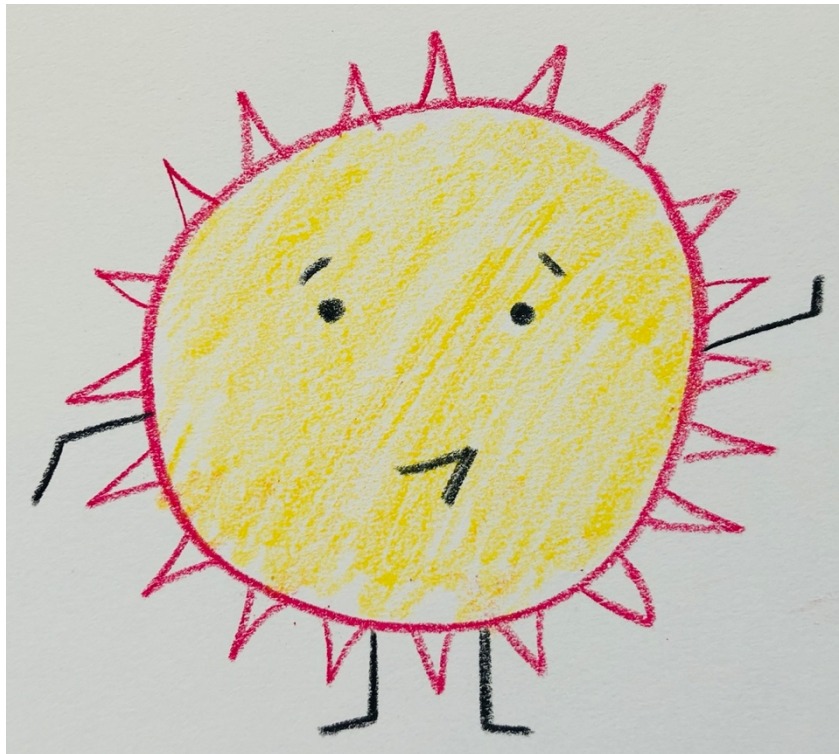


JASPER AND TABITHA
PLAY A TRICK
ON THE CORONAS



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Jasper and Tabitha

FOREWORD

Hello friends! Dr. Purvis here.

You have probably noticed a lot of strange things going on lately.

No visiting with grandparents!

Empty playgrounds!

People wearing masks!

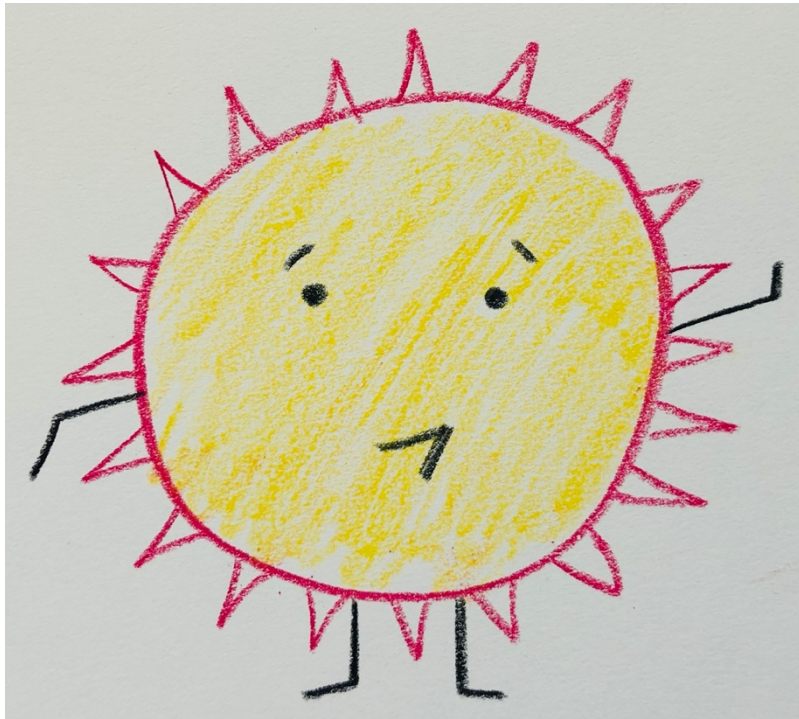
Staying home all the time!

No school!

It's all because of a little pesky creature named Mr. Corona.

Here's a story I wrote to help you learn more about Mr. Corona.

This is Mr. Corona:



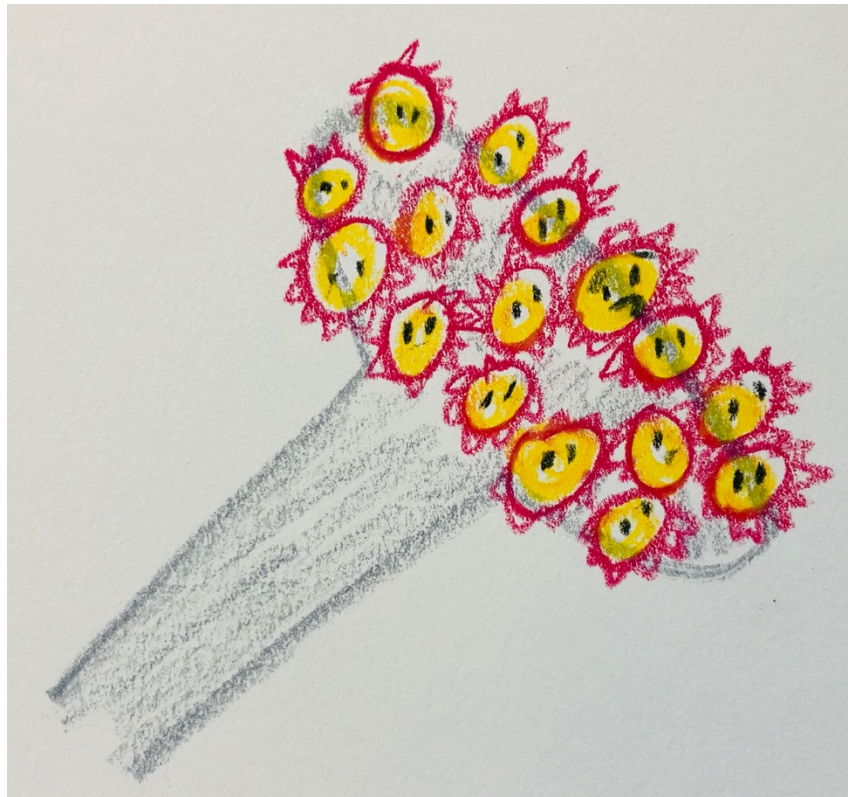
His name comes from the Latin word for “crown.”

See how the spikes on his sides look like a crown?

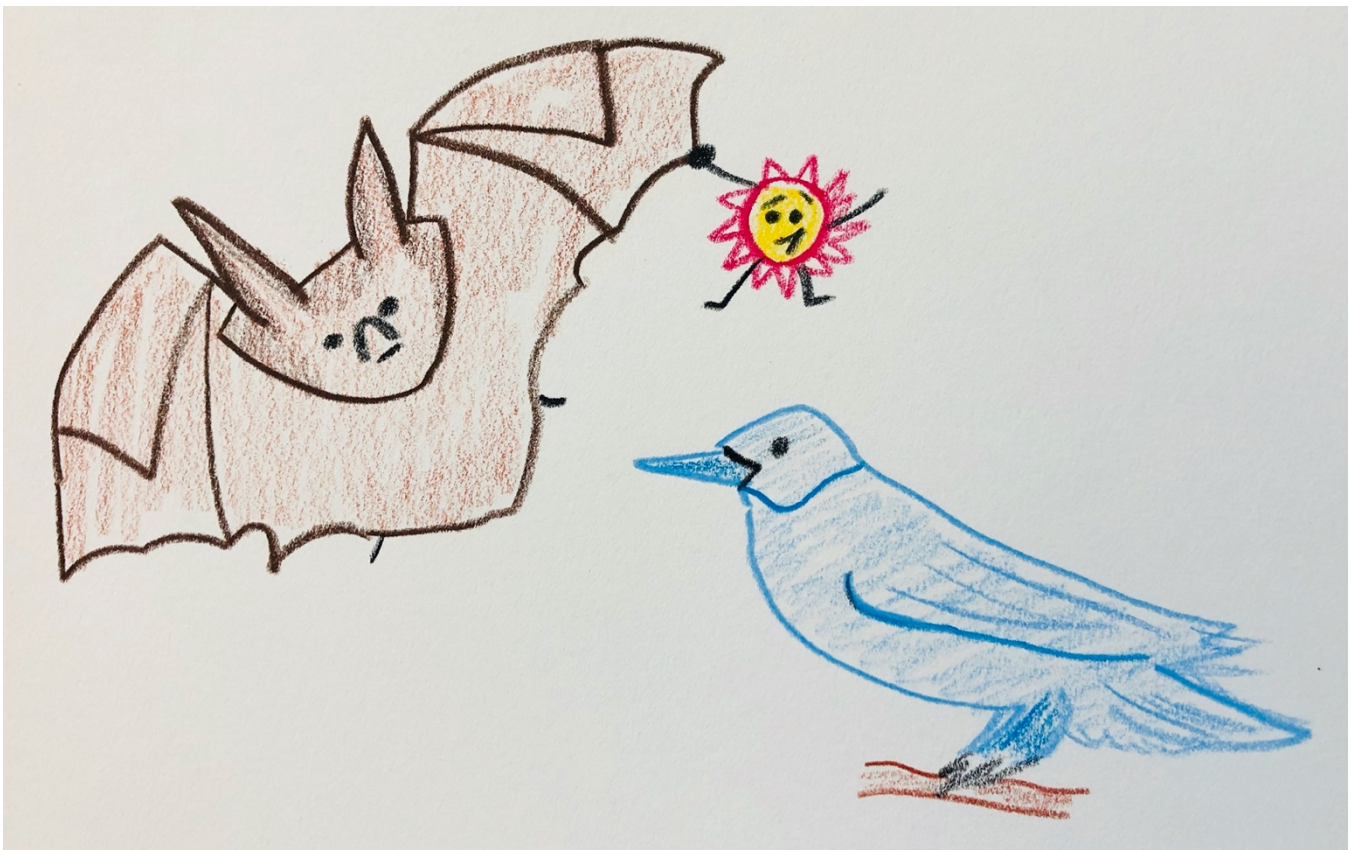


He is a virus. A virus is a special kind of bug that is teeny-teeny-teeny-tiny!

Mr. Corona and around 500 MILLION of his relatives could fit on the head of a pin.



He lives with other animals like birds and bats. Bats and birds are very important creatures for the environment.



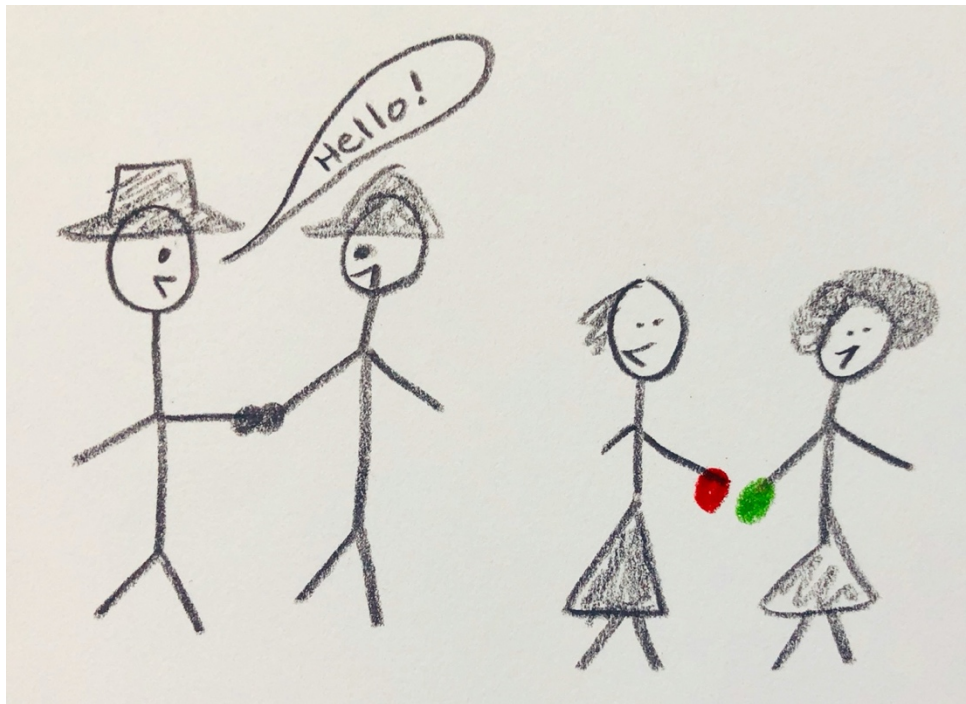
Usually humans stay away from birds and bats, so they don't meet Mr. Corona too often.

One day Mr. Corona decided that he needed a change of scenery. He decided to head to a market to do some shopping.



He hitched a ride on birds and bats that were brought to the market by humans.

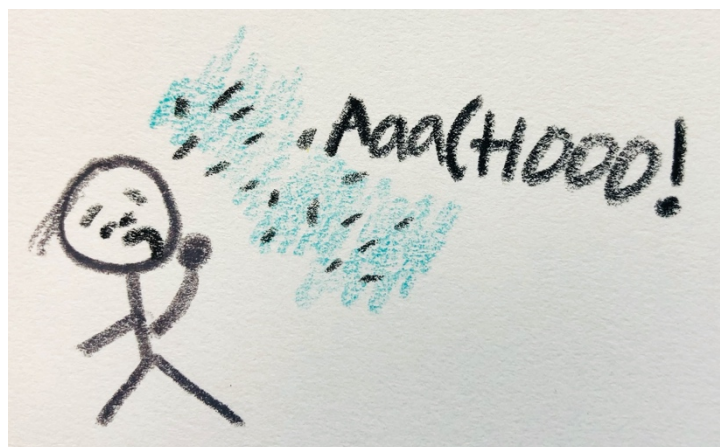
Some people came too close to the birds and bats that were in the market. Mr. Corona saw his chance to hop, hop, hop onto a human!



The people in the market then shook hands and shared food with each other. This let Mr. Corona hop, hop, hop some more!

Unfortunately, Mr. Corona was not a very good guest. He liked to play mean tricks on the humans who so kindly hosted him in their homes.

Sometimes, he made them **SNEEZE!**



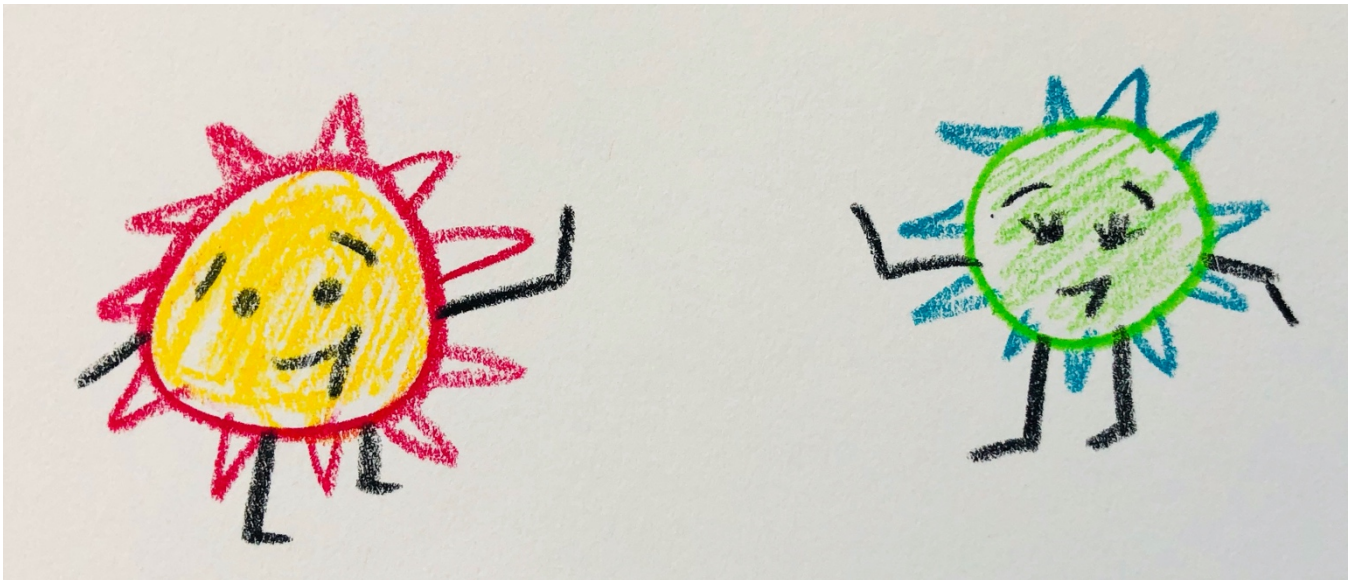
Sometimes, he made them **COUGH!**

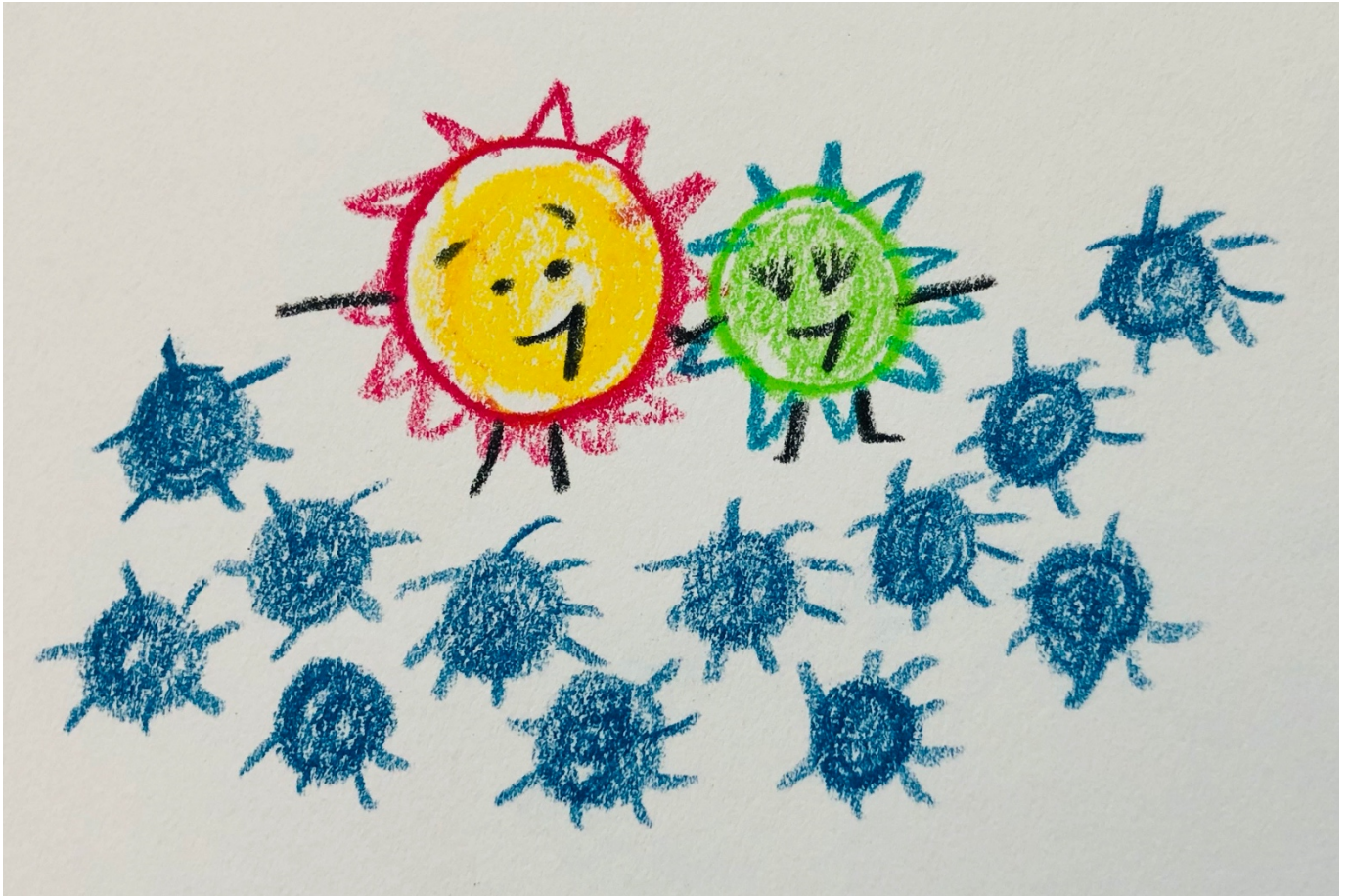
Sometimes, he
made them have
a FEVER!



Mr. Corona was a very naughty
virus indeed.

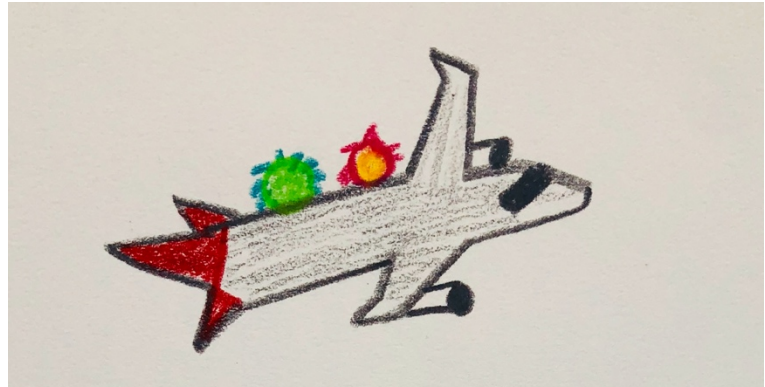
One day Mr. Corona met another virus. She also had a beautiful crown on her head.





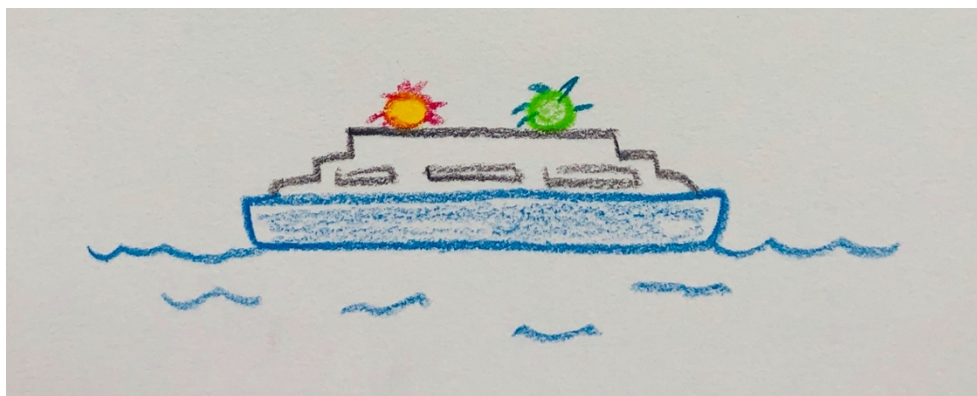
They got married and had little baby viruses. Look at their family portrait!

The Corona family traveled all over the world together, hitching rides on planes...



On trains...

Even on cruise ships!

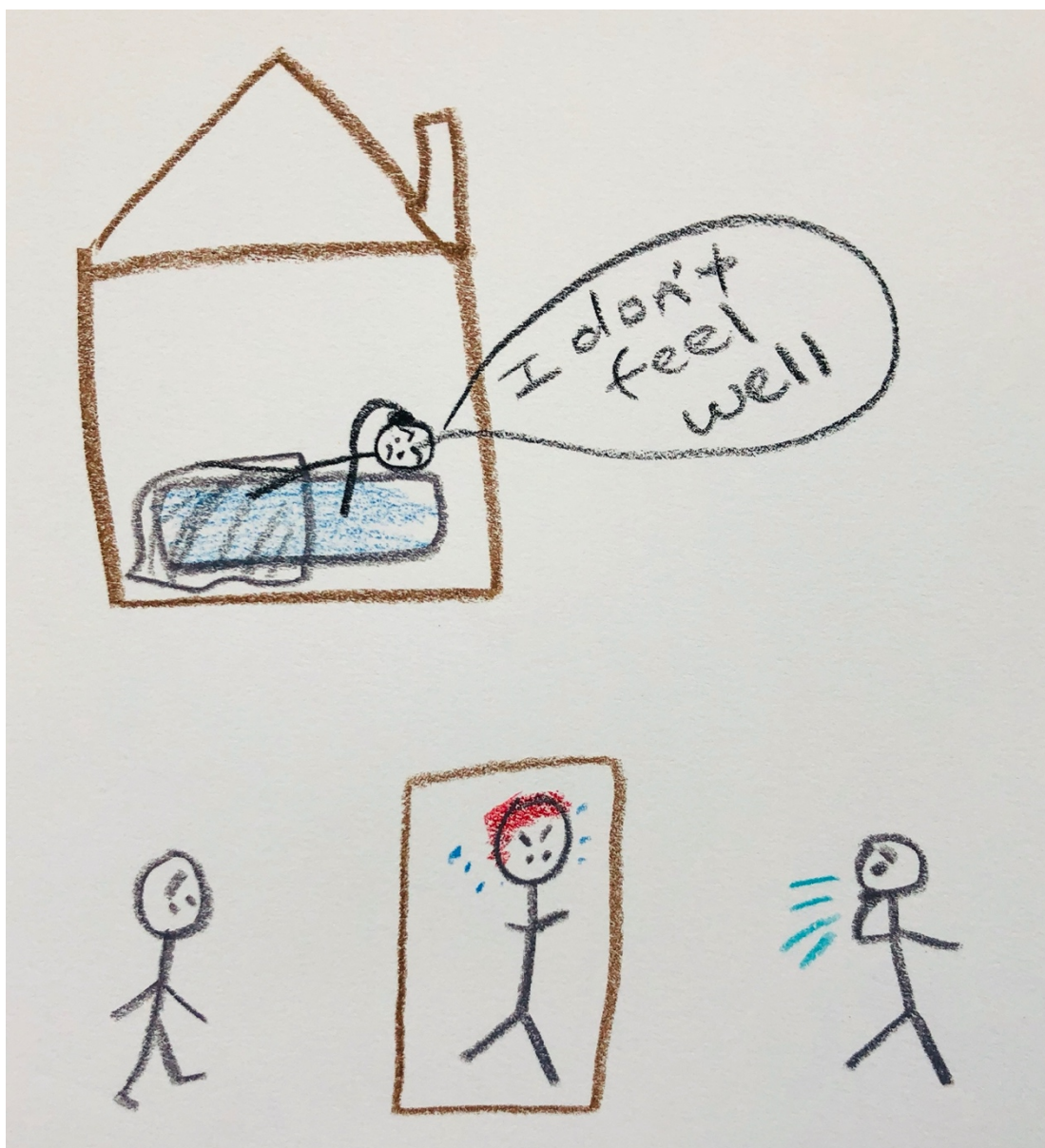


They continued to make mischief wherever they went.

Hop, hop, hop! From one human to the next!



Now many humans all around the world became sick because of the tricks played by the Corona family.



Luckily, there was a little boy named Jasper and his baby sister named Tabitha.

Jasper was a very sweet little boy. But today he was ANGRY! Why was he so ANGRY?





Because his birthday party had been postponed! He had been so excited to visit the animals at the zoo.

Little Jasper was very sad that he could not celebrate his birthday with his friends.

He sat down with his baby sister Tabitha and wrapped his arms around his two faithful Welsh Corgis, Gimli and Geraint.



Jasper let out a big sigh. “Oh Tabitha, I am so sad about my party. I don’t know what to do.”

Jasper and Tabitha had a secret language that only they could understand.



“Goobidy gobiddy dop Jasper, na badoo palop!” (Big brother Jasper, don’t despair!), Tabitha said.

“What can I do, baby sister?” asked Jasper.

She smiled at Jasper. *“Tibbity tabita took, baroo baroo kuhdoo.”* (I am only a tiny baby, so I will need your help.)



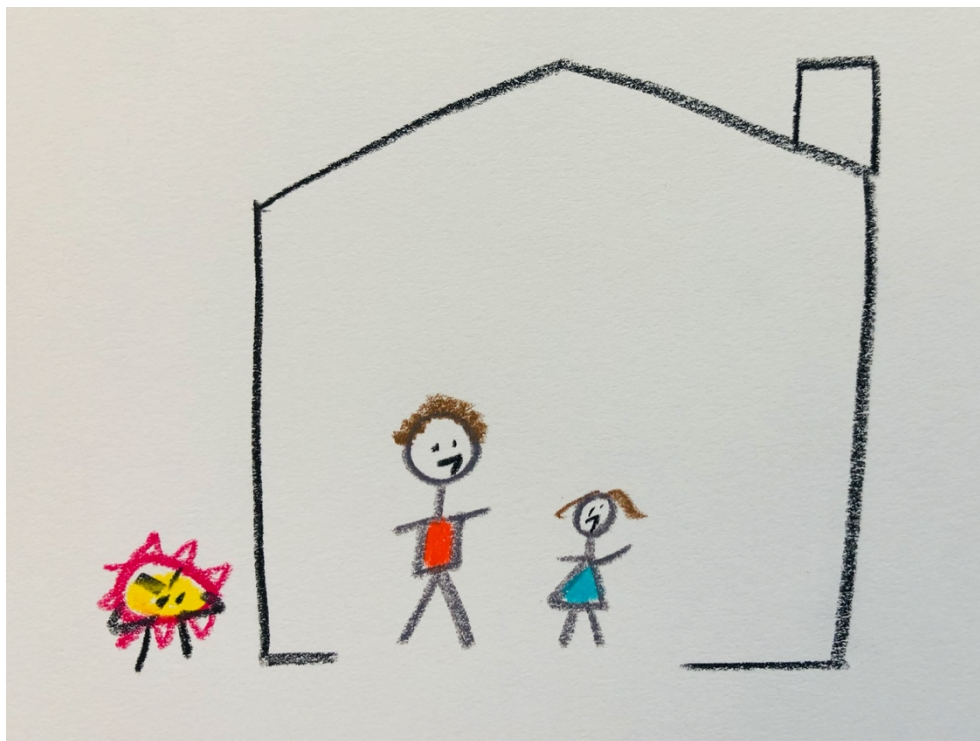
“Dim do da di ding, Coronas poppity popitty ping. Sissdoo plopdoonopdoo!”
(Let me teach you a lesson about the Coronas. Then you can share it with others!)

So Jasper sat down to learn from his baby sister.

He learned that the Coronas **HATED** soap and water. They would run away and hide whenever he washed his hands!



He learned that the Coronas
HATED small crowds. They loved
it when people gathered together in
big groups.



So Jasper and his family stayed
inside the house to keep their
distance from others.

He learned that it was safe to take his two dogs for a walk outside, as long as he kept two meters (six feet) away from other people.



“Mind the gap!” he warned other walkers.

Jasper then wrote a letter to all of his friends telling them how to play tricks on the Coronas.

-Wash your hands and your baby sister's hands

-Stay two meters (six feet) away from other people when outside

-Stay home from school

-Cover coughs and sneezes

-Eat food at home

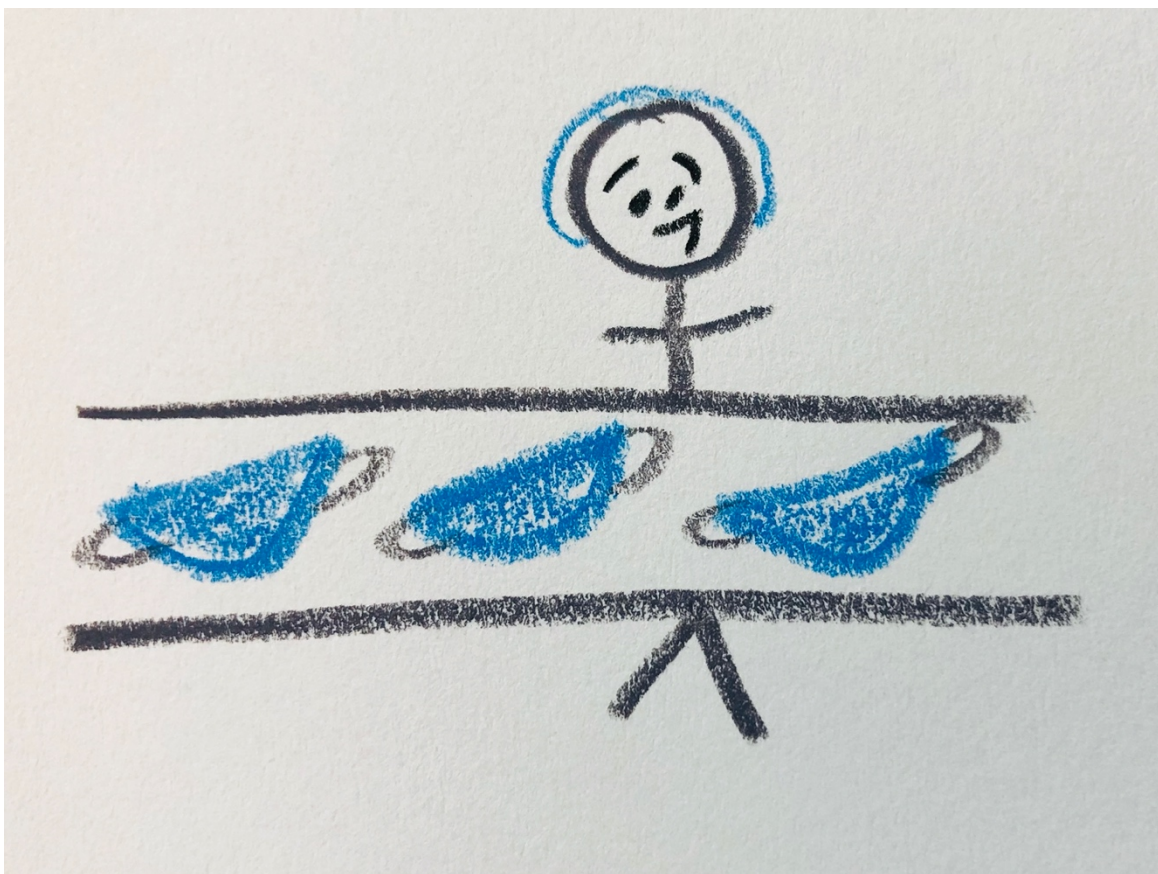
-Keep hands away from your face and your sister's face

Slowly, people all around town began listening to Jasper and Tabitha and started playing their own tricks on the naughty Coronas.

Doctors and nurses wore masks to protect themselves and keep from spreading sickness to patients.



Factories around the world began making masks and gloves to keep the Coronas off of everyone working in hospitals, especially cafeteria workers, building cleaners, and security guards.



Grocery store workers, food delivery workers, and truck drivers made food available to the people keeping their distance at home.



Garbage collectors picked up trash full of the pesky Coronas.



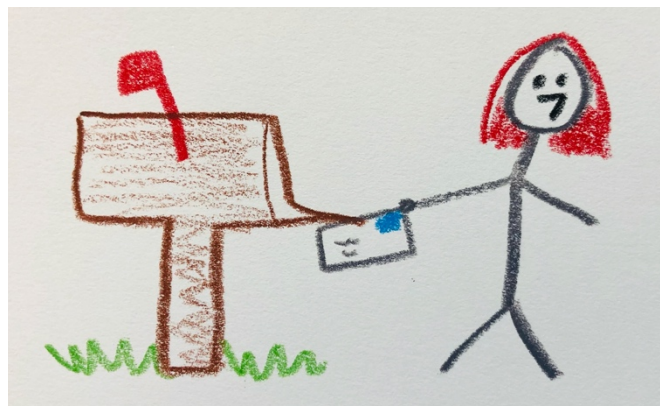


Pharmacists made sure that sick people got the pills that they needed.

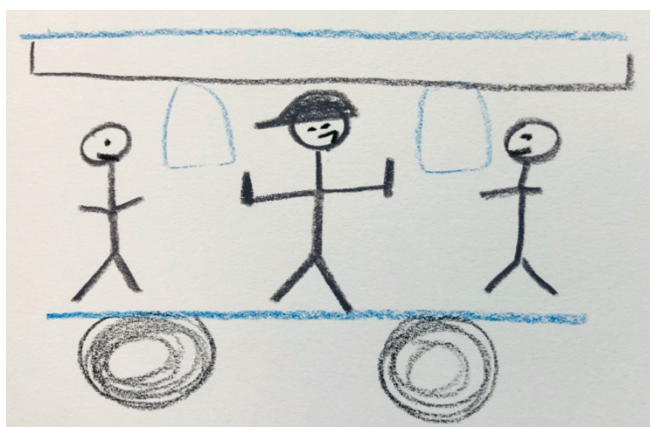


Scientists tried to find medicine and vaccines to fight the Coronas.

Men and women who delivered the mail brought letters to people to keep them from feeling too lonely.

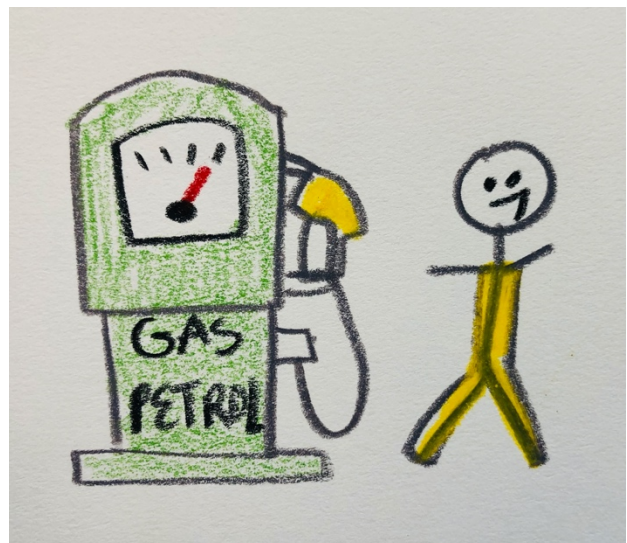


People who drove trains and buses made sure that everyone stayed far apart. Those Coronas can hop, hop, hop through the air!



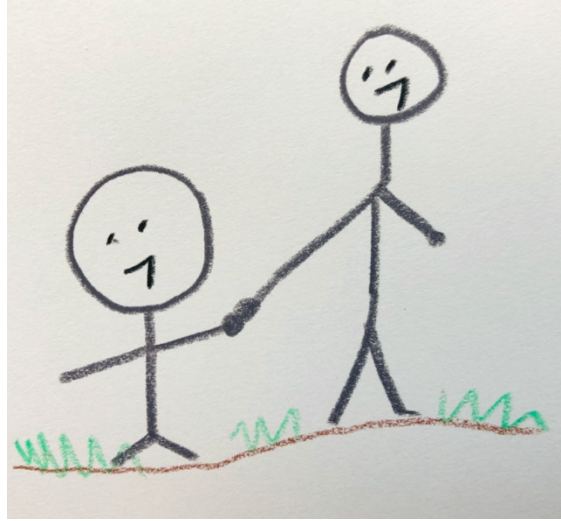
Farmers made sure that enough vegetables could be delivered to people's homes.

Gas station workers kept fuel in everyone's cars.



Bank workers made sure there was enough money to buy food.

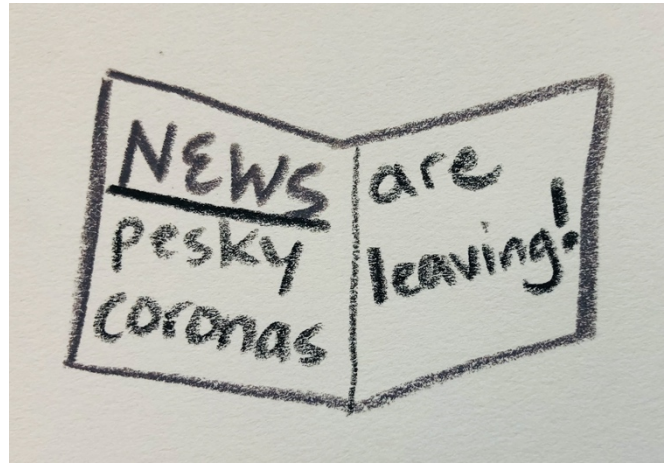
Childcare workers watched the little children whose mothers and fathers were at work.



People kept watch over the dogs and cats at animal shelters, keeping them warm and safe.



Reporters helped keep everyone informed about the Corona family's naughty antics.



The people who could not go to work stayed home and kept everyone else in the world safe.



The Coronas knew they had been given a taste of their own medicine. They decided to pack up their bags and move back in with the birds and the bats.



Humans all over the world left the birds and bats alone to keep an eye on the pesky Coronas.

The whole world was so thankful that Jasper and Tabitha taught them how to get rid of the Coronas.



Can YOU help us play tricks on the Coronas?

THE END

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