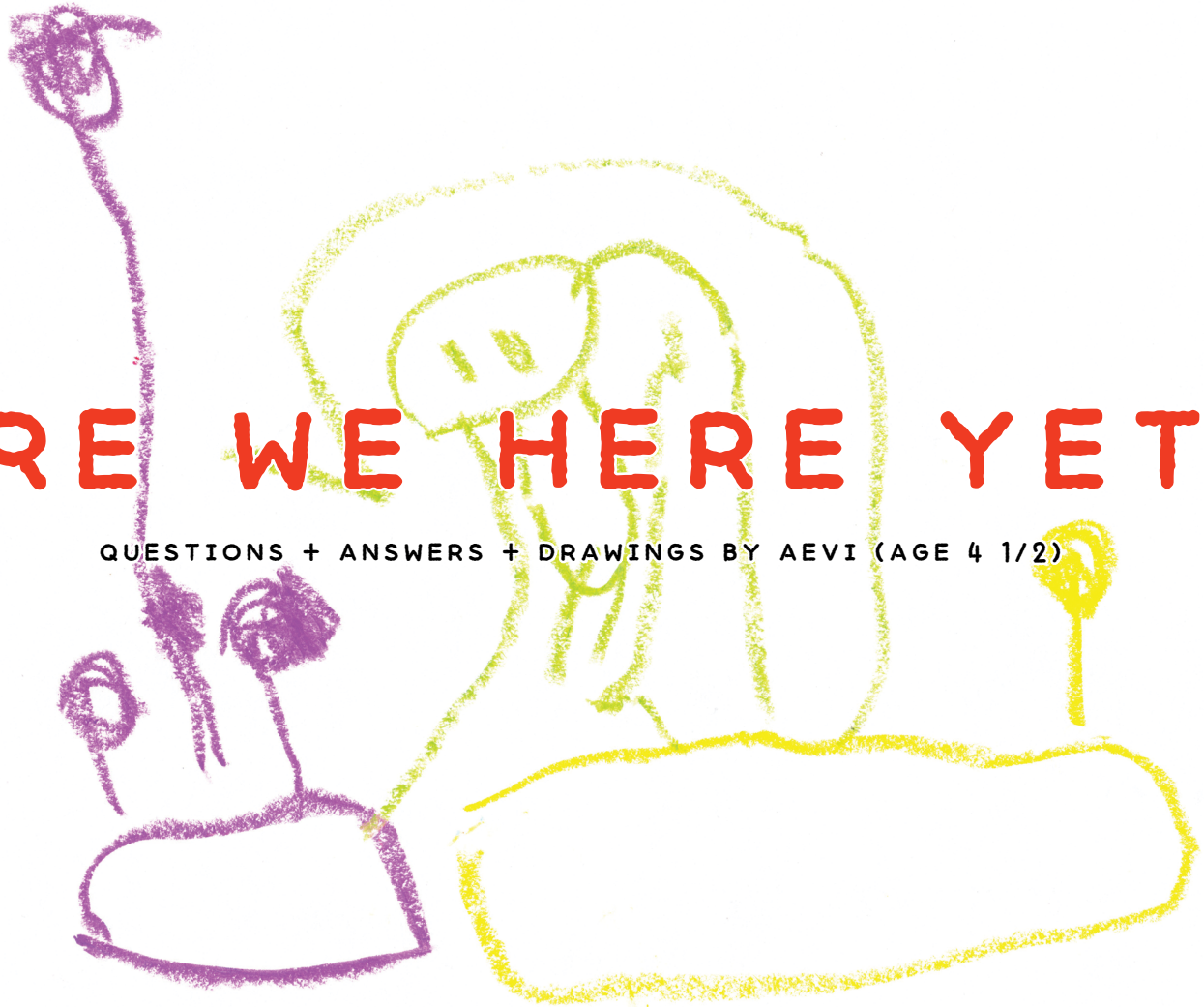


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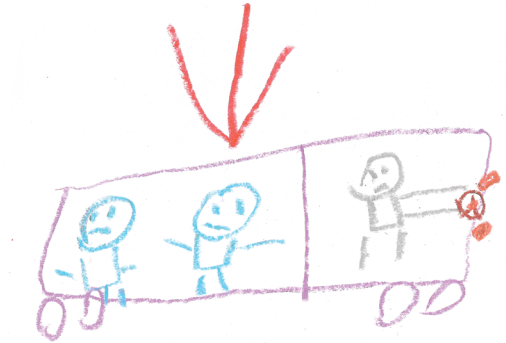
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Pre-Text (for grown-ups who may need them):

In the summer of 2015, I was in the Gili Islands, a small archipelago off the coast of Bali, with Aevi who was four and a half years old. I had been noticing that Aevi had started to ask a lot of questions about everything that occurred to him. At first I found this a bit irritating, but then one day, a friend pointed out that I should pay more attention to his questions because they were quite interesting. So I did, and was indeed struck by the brilliance and strangeness of the things he was asking. Whenever I could, I tried my best to answer, but there were many questions to which I had no real answers. As we had plenty of time on the island, I decided to write these particular conundrums down, wait for several days, and then ask them back to Aevi. I found out that by the time he was asked back the question, Aevi had forgotten about the fact that he was the one who had asked them in the first place, which resulted in him thinking hard to come up with his own answers to his own questions. After I had recorded a list of 26 questions through this process, I asked Aevi if he could create a drawing for each of the questions and answers. This book compiles the result of this extended internal dialogue mediated by an other.

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# QUESTIONS

[A] WHY IS YOUR HAIR STUCK INTO YOUR BRAIN?

[B] WHY ARE SOME HORSE POOPS OF DIFFERENT COLOR?

[C] WHY DO CHICKENS WANT TO FLY A BIT?

[D] WHAT IS THE LAST NUMBER?

[E] WHAT AM I THINKING?

[F] WHY DO DOORS OPEN?

[G] WHY DO CLOUDS LOOK LIKE ANIMALS?

[H] WHY IS THE FIRST LINE OF “W” LONGER THAN THE SECOND?

[I] WHY DO SOME BUGS WAKE UP IN THE NIGHT AND SOME BUGS WAKE UP IN THE MORNING?

[J] WHY IS THE SEA SO WILD?

[K] WHY DO CLOUDS GET CLOSER AND CLOSER?

[L] WHY DO CRAYONS HAVE COLOR?

[M] WHO MADE GOD?

[N] WHY ARE THERE MANY COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD?

[O] WHY DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF BLOOD IN YOUR BRAIN?

[P] WHY DO FINGERS GET WRINKLED WHEN YOU ARE IN THE WATER FOR TOO LONG?

[Q] WHY DO SOME PEOPLE HAVE CHICKENS AND SOME DON’ T?

[R] WHY DO I HAVE A SHADOW?

[S] WHY DO YOU NEED NOISE?

[T] WHY DO I LIKE THINGS?

[U] WHY IS IT SOMETIMES CLOUDY AND SOMETIMES SUNNY?

[V] WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

[W] WHY DOES SMOKE GO AWAY WHEN IT’ S HOT?

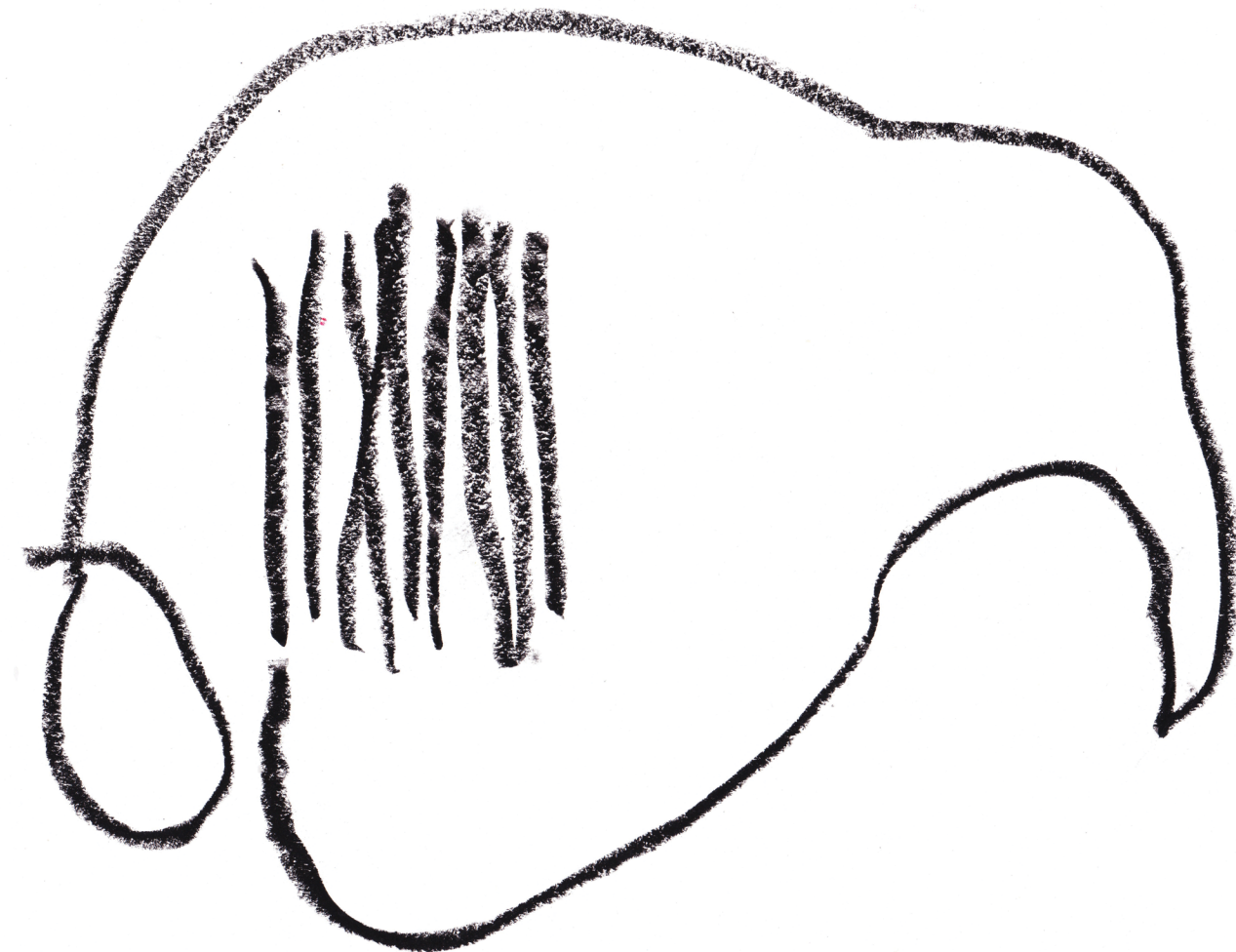
[X] WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE?

[Y] WHY DO YOU NEED FACES?

[Z] WHY DO YOU HAVE BOOKS?

QUESTION:

WHY IS YOUR HAIR STUCK INTO YOUR BRAIN?



ANSWER:

BECAUSE THAT'S HOW LEAVES GROW





QUESTION:

WHY ARE SOME HORSE POOPS  
OF DIFFERENT COLOR?



ANSWER:

BECAUSE HORSES LOOK LIKE HORSES



QUESTION:

WHY DO CHICKENS WANT TO FLY A BIT?





ANSWER:

BECAUSE PEOPLE MADE THEM LIKE THAT



QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE LAST NUMBER?

123456789  
0111213141516  
171819202122

ANSWER:

ONE





QUESTION:

WHAT AM I THINKING?



ANSWER:

I'M THINKING ABOUT MY MIND



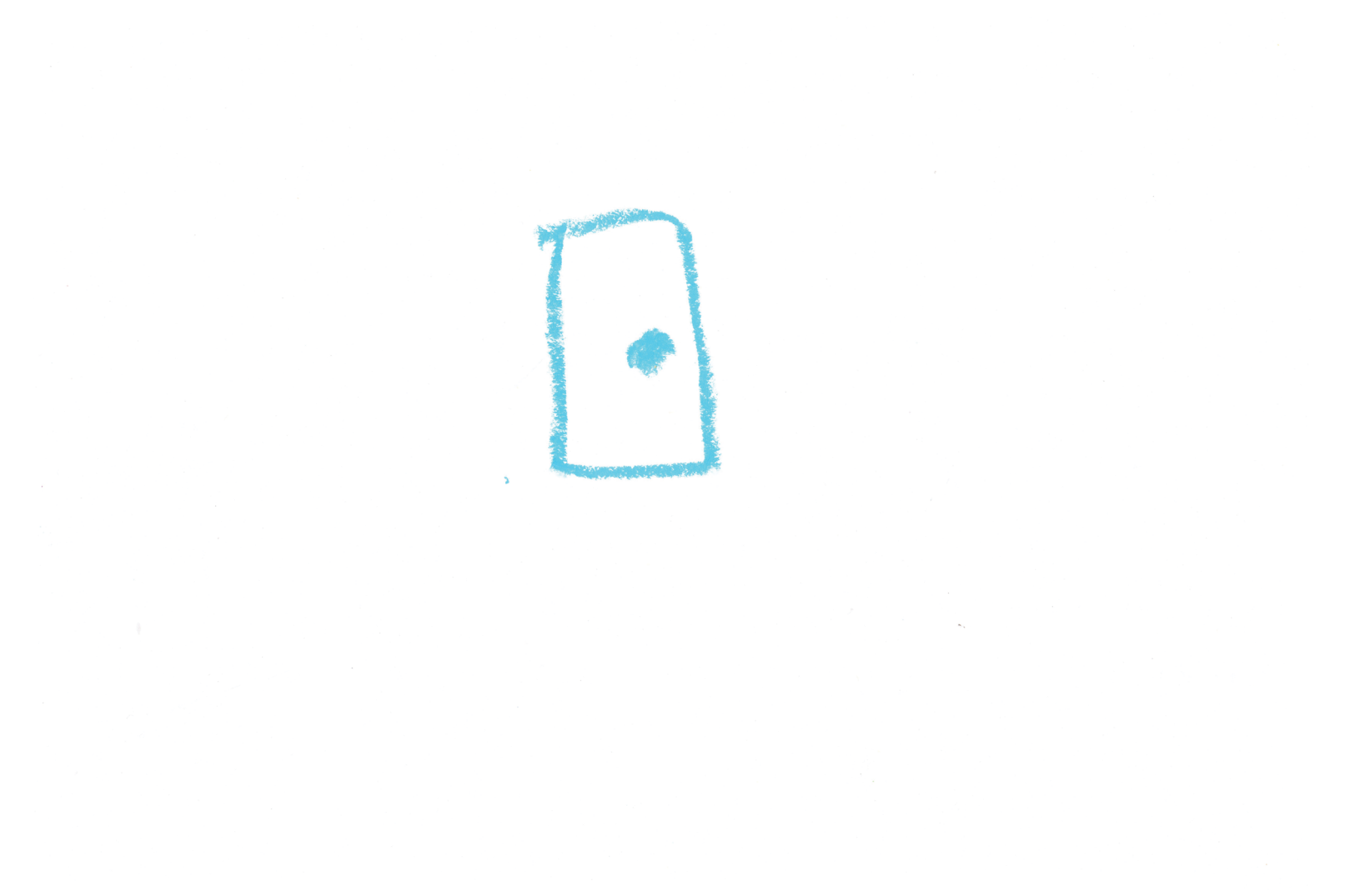
QUESTION:  
WHY DO DOORS OPEN?





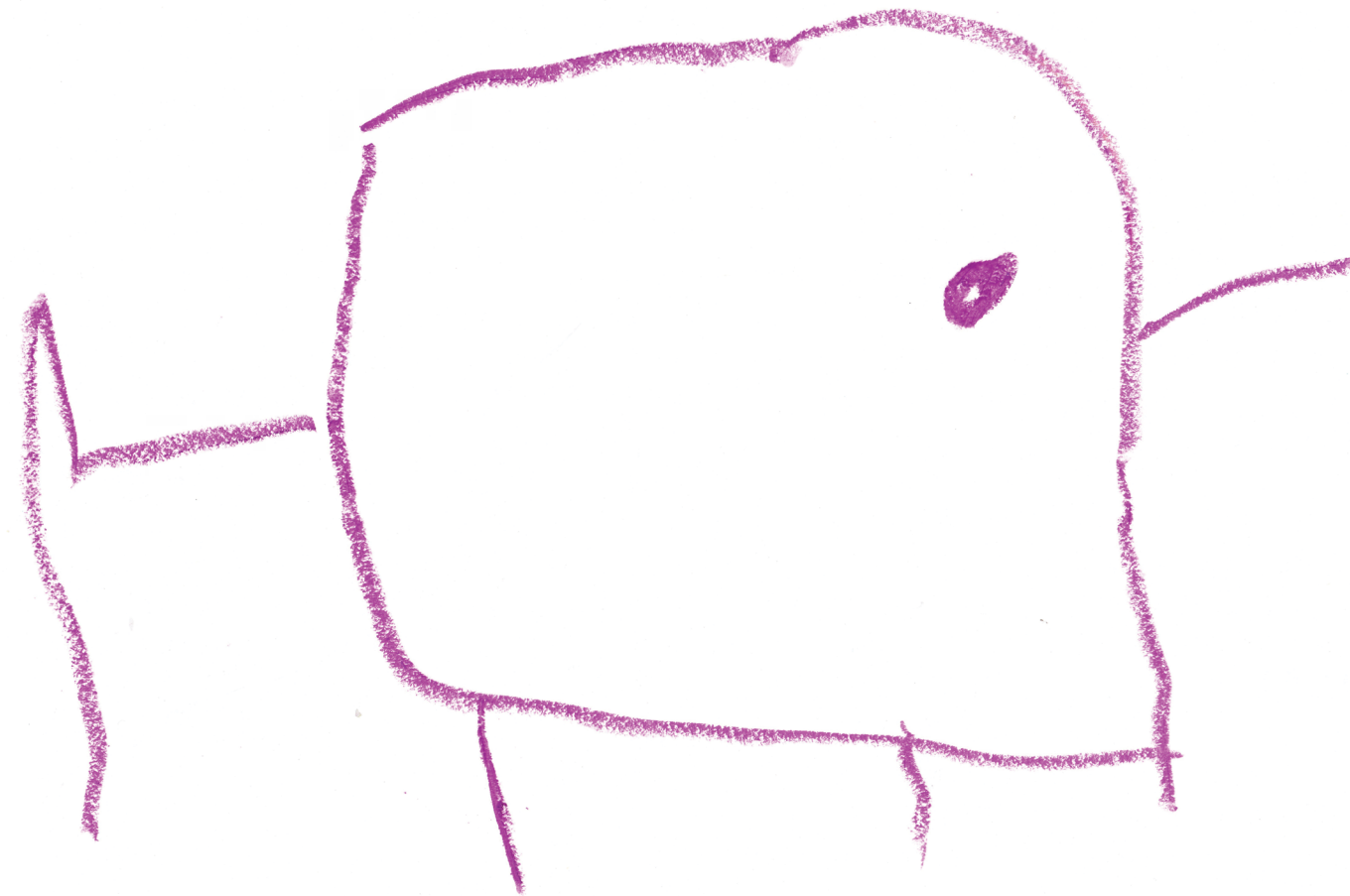
ANSWER:

SO YOU CAN CLOSE THEM



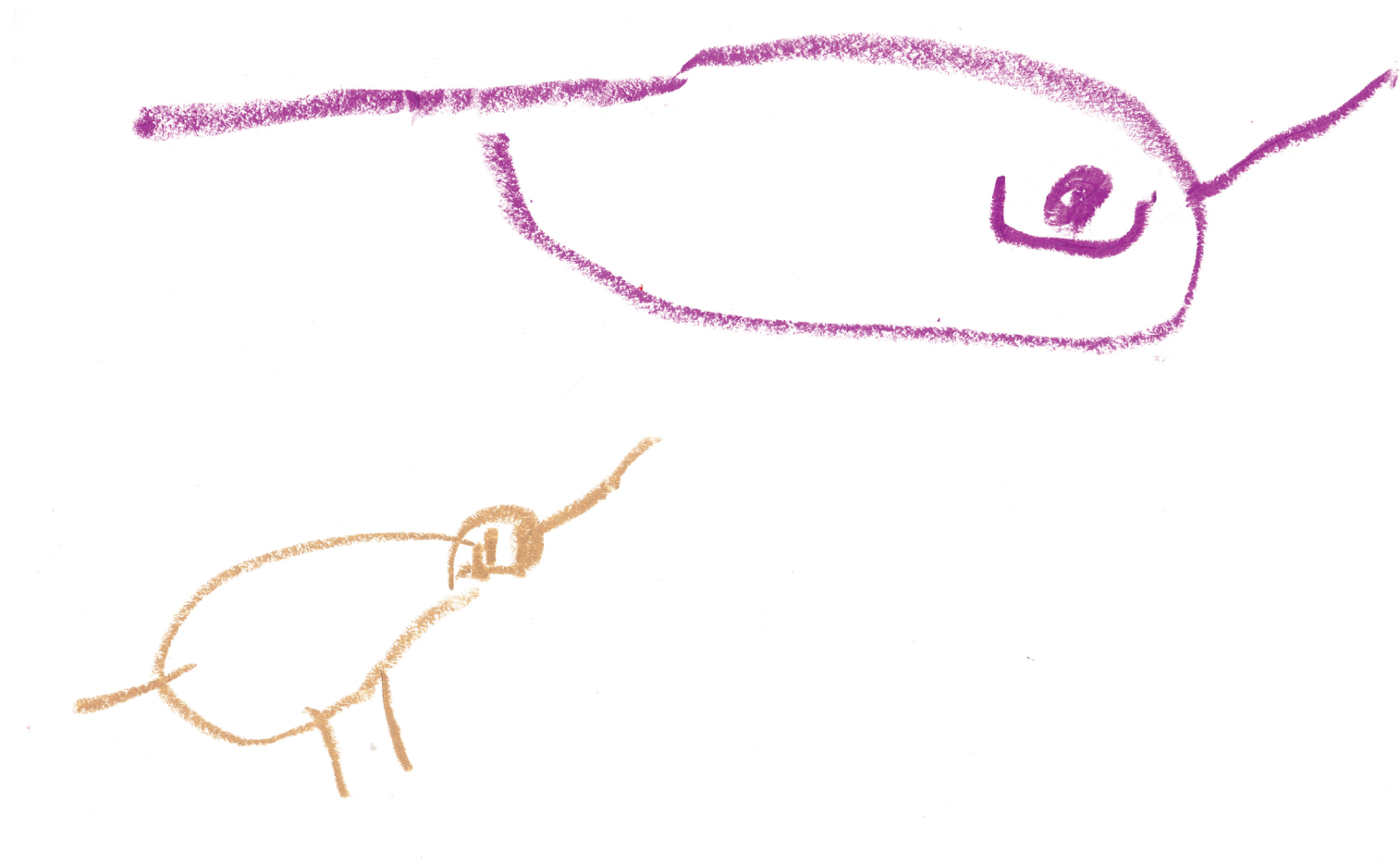
QUESTION:

WHY DO CLOUDS LOOK LIKE ANIMALS?



ANSWER:

BECAUSE THE ANIMALS LIKE CLOUDS



QUESTION:

WHY IS THE FIRST LINE OF “W”  
LONGER THAN THE SECOND?





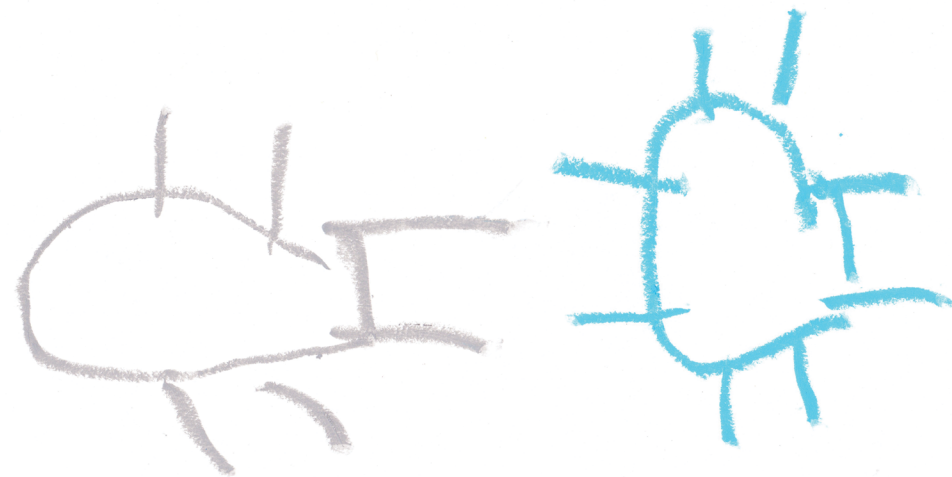
ANSWER:

BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE A GUY



QUESTION:

WHY DO SOME BUGS WAKE UP IN THE NIGHT  
AND SOME BUGS WAKE UP IN THE MORNING?



ANSWER:

BECAUSE SOME CAN SEE IN THE DARK

AND SOME IN THE LIGHT



QUESTION:

WHY IS THE SEA SO WILD?



ANSWER:

BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T WILD IT WOULD DIE



QUESTION:

WHY DO CLOUDS GET CLOSER AND CLOSER?





ANSWER:

THEY DON'T GET CLOSER



QUESTION:  
WHY DO CRAYONS HAVE COLOR?



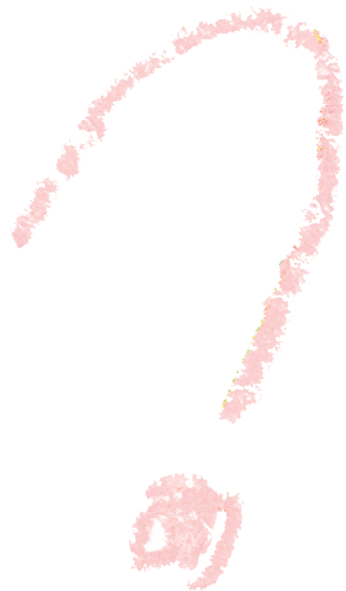
ANSWER:

SO PEOPLE CAN DRAW RAINBOWS



QUESTION:  
WHO MADE GOD?





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