

ScribbleMonster[®] and the Broken TV



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For Cooper Marcus,
who always has tons of fun when he is unplugged

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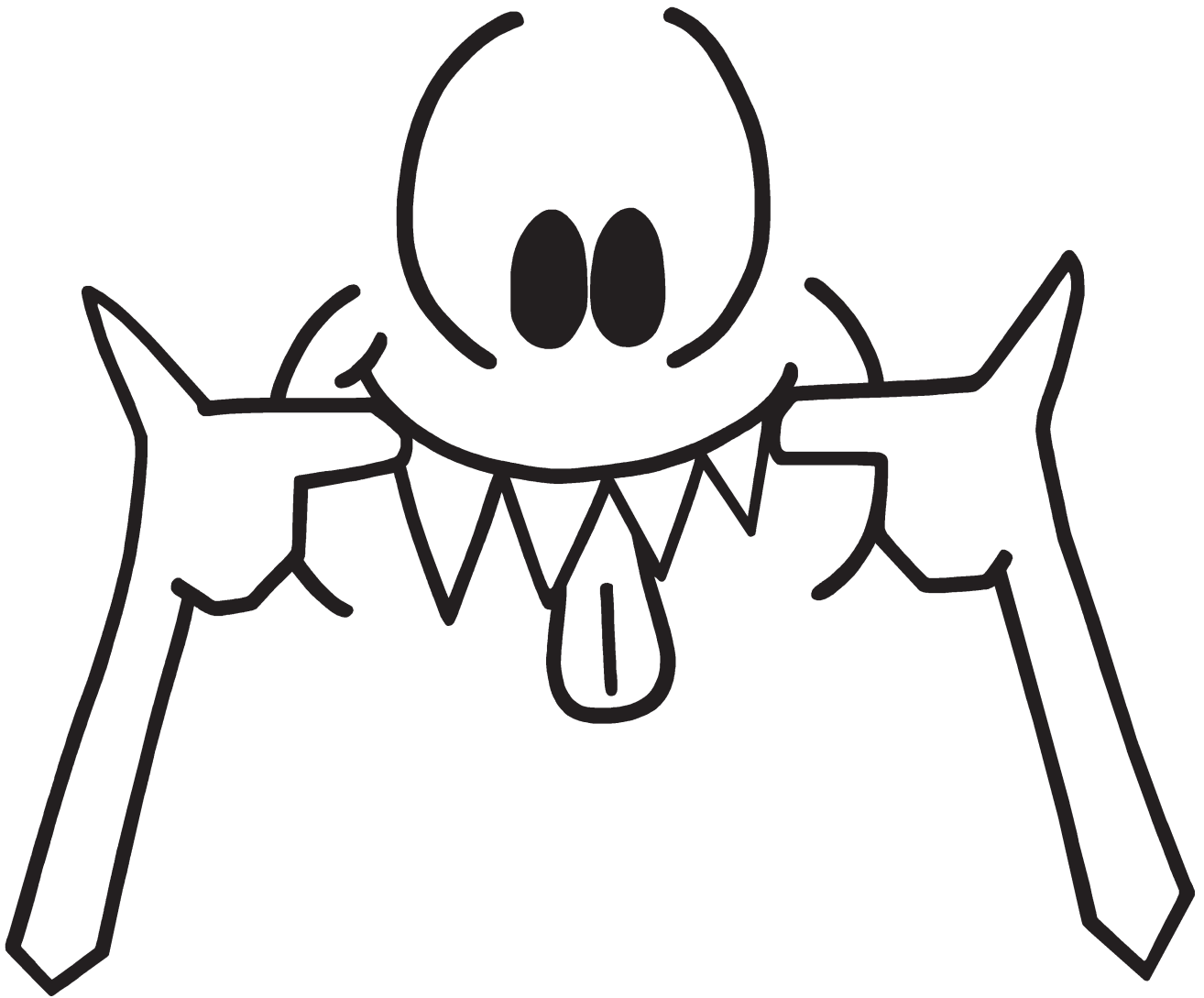
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ScribbleMonster isn't a monster in the bad sense of the word. In fact, he only looks like a monster. He doesn't act like a monster, at least not most of the time.

But ScribbleMonster does enjoy scaring people,
especially his friends.

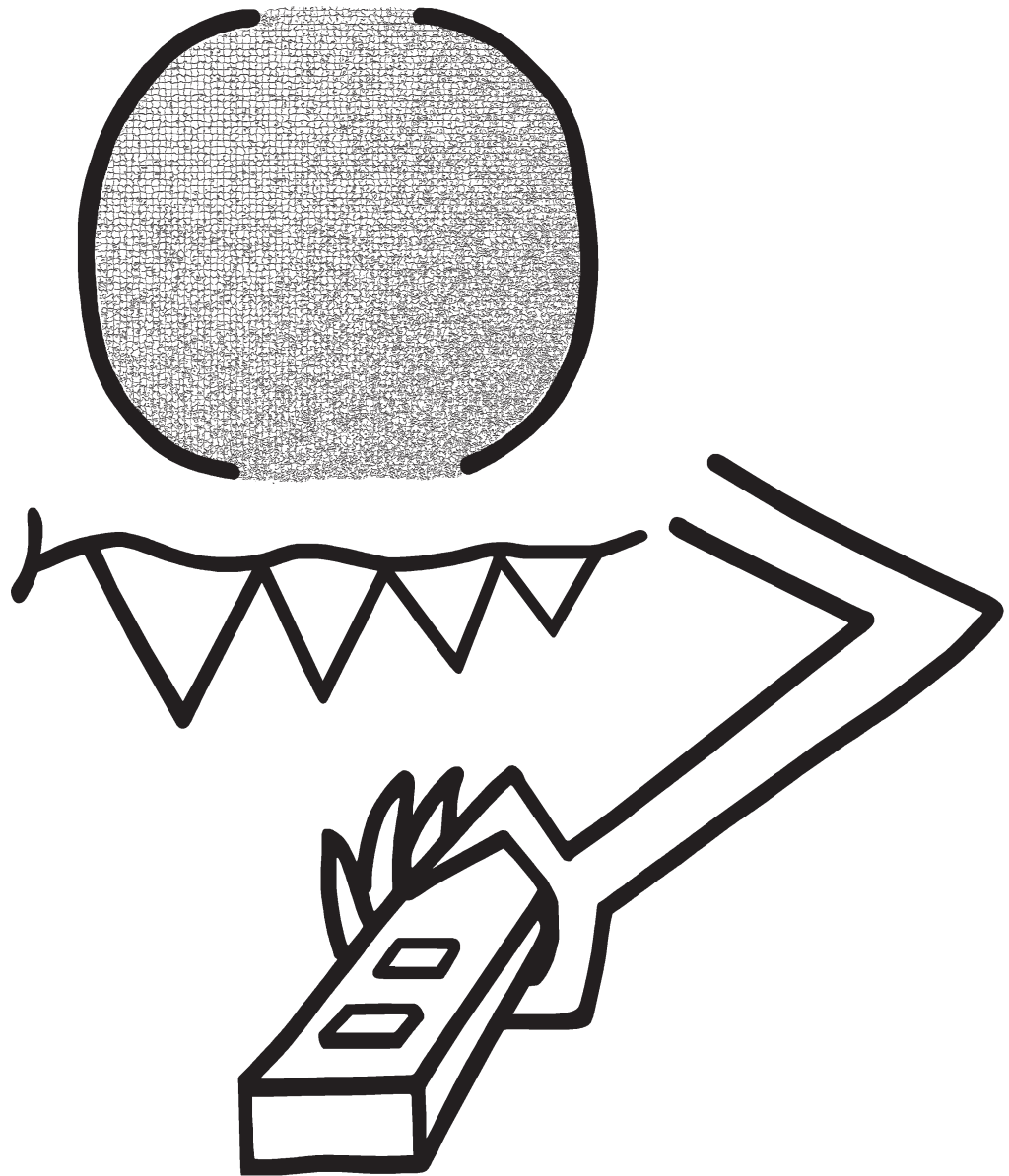




ScribbleMonster also enjoys watching television.

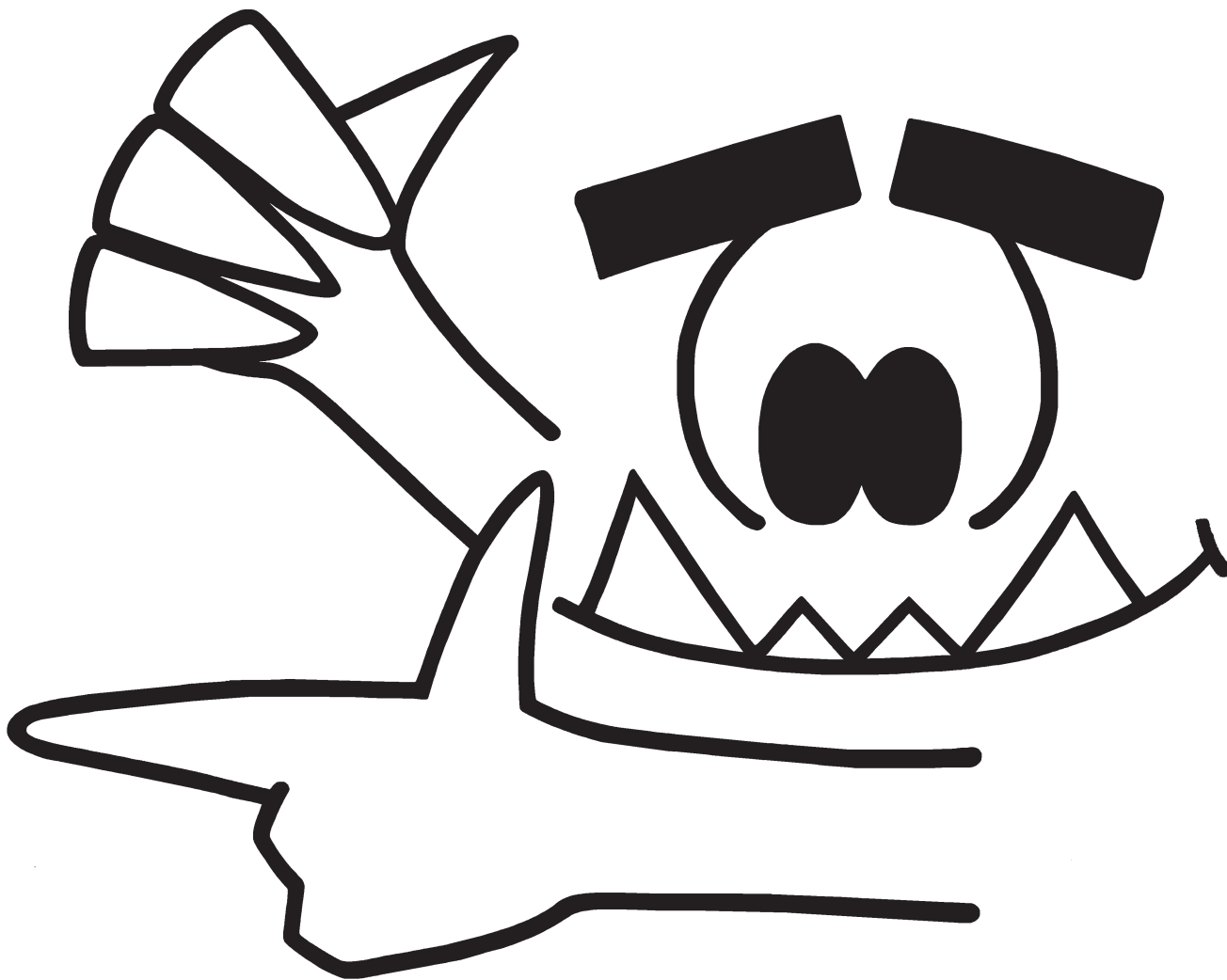
He watches TV in the morning when he should be getting ready for school, in the afternoon when he should be doing his homework and in the evening when he should be getting ready for bed.

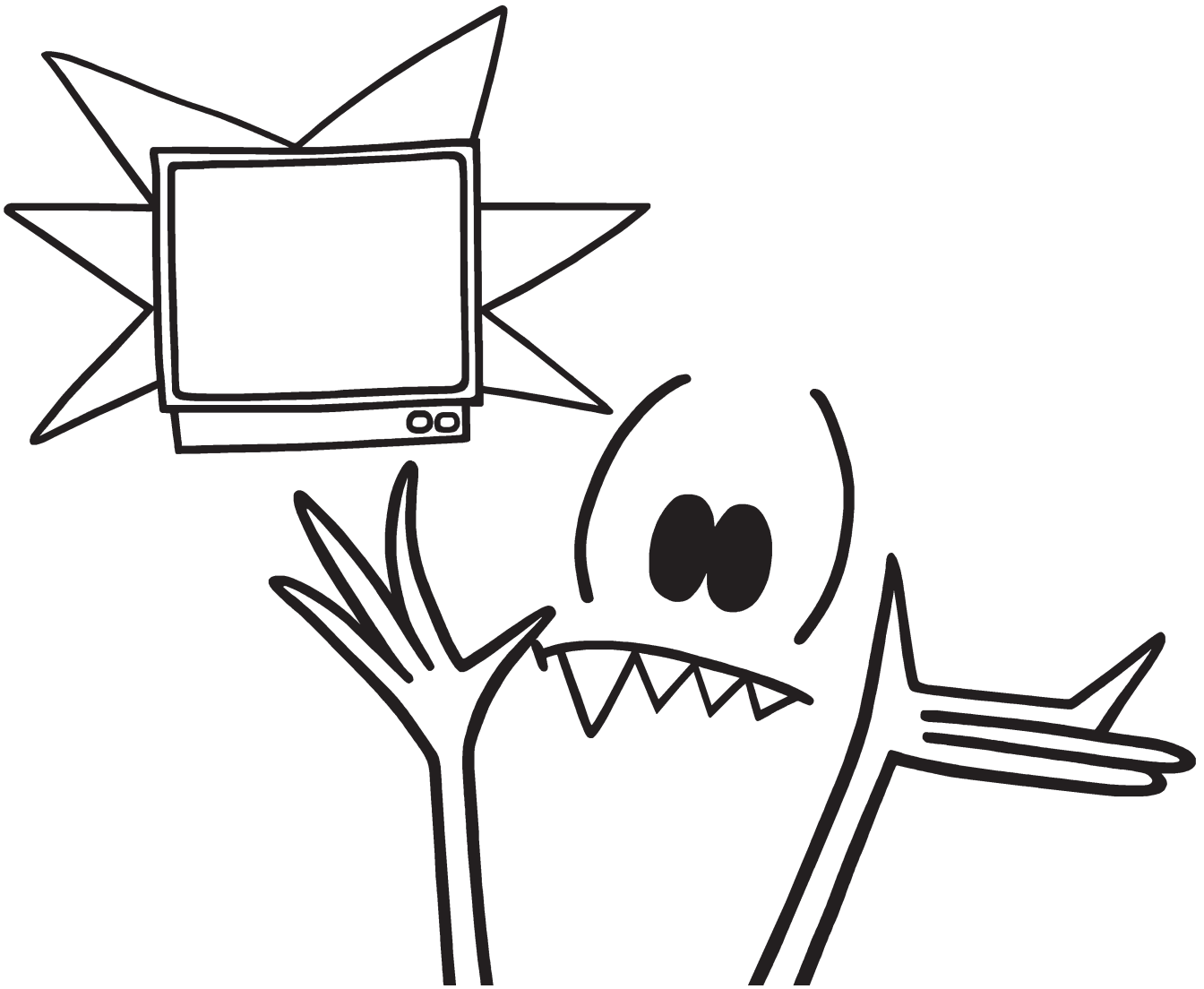




He watches TV constantly, even when there is nothing on but static!

One day, right in the middle of ScribbleMonster's favorite show,
his dad told him to go outside and play.





Before ScribbleMonster could protest, the TV began to smoke! There was a loud **POP!** and the screen went blank.

NO TV! ScribbleMonster stared at the screen, not believing his eyes. NO TV? NO TV?! This just couldn't be true!

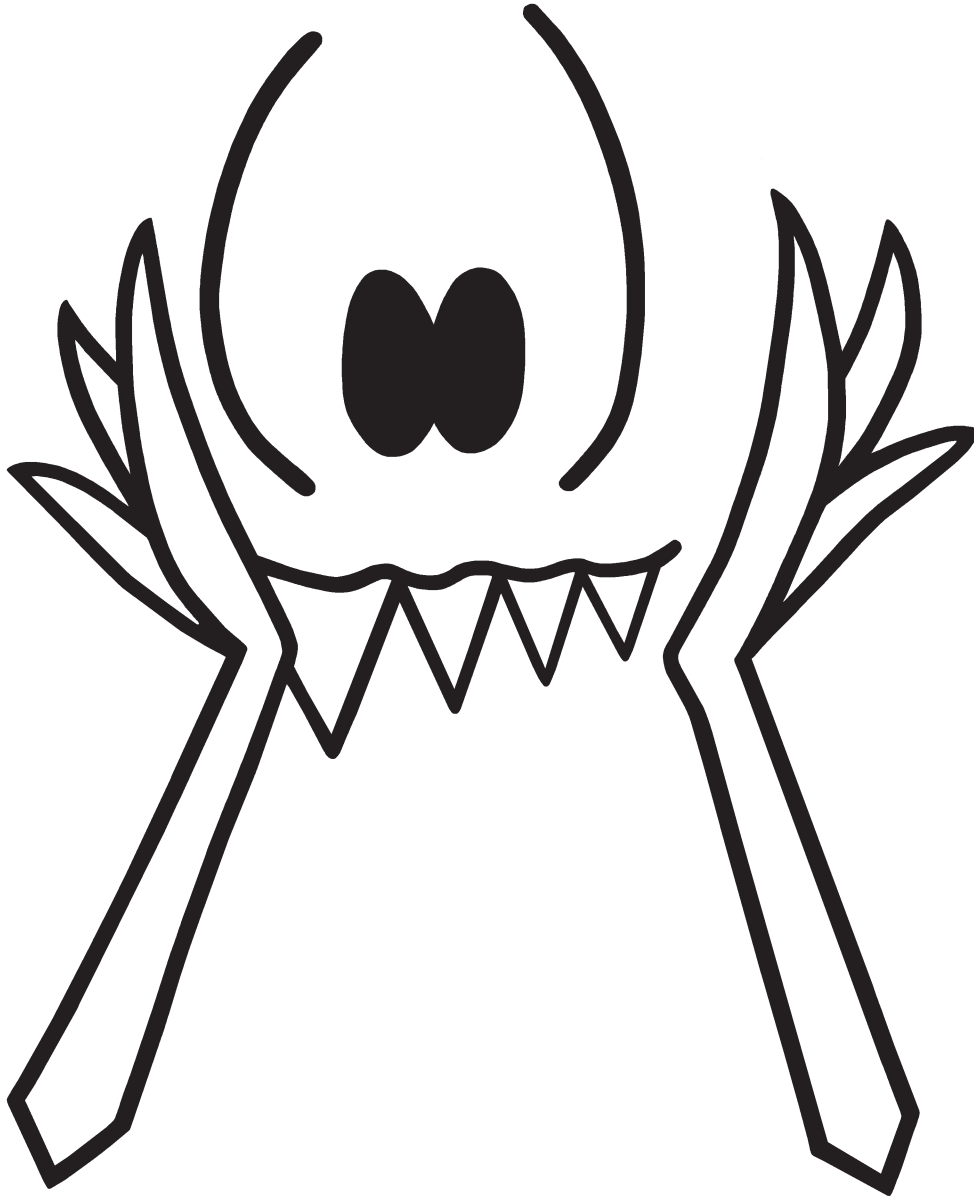




SchibbleMonster wanted to share the terrible news with his friends, so he invited SchibbleBunny and Schibblekitty over.

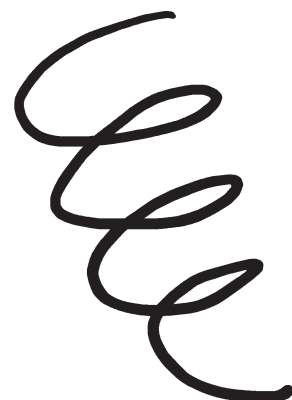
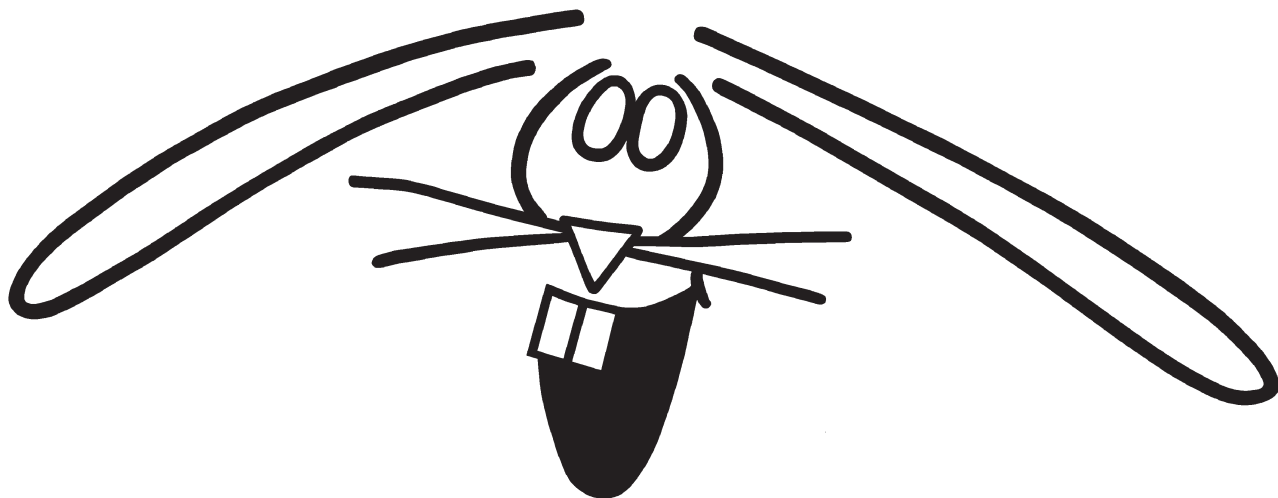
The three of them sat and sat, with nothing to do,





and waited for the repair company to arrive.

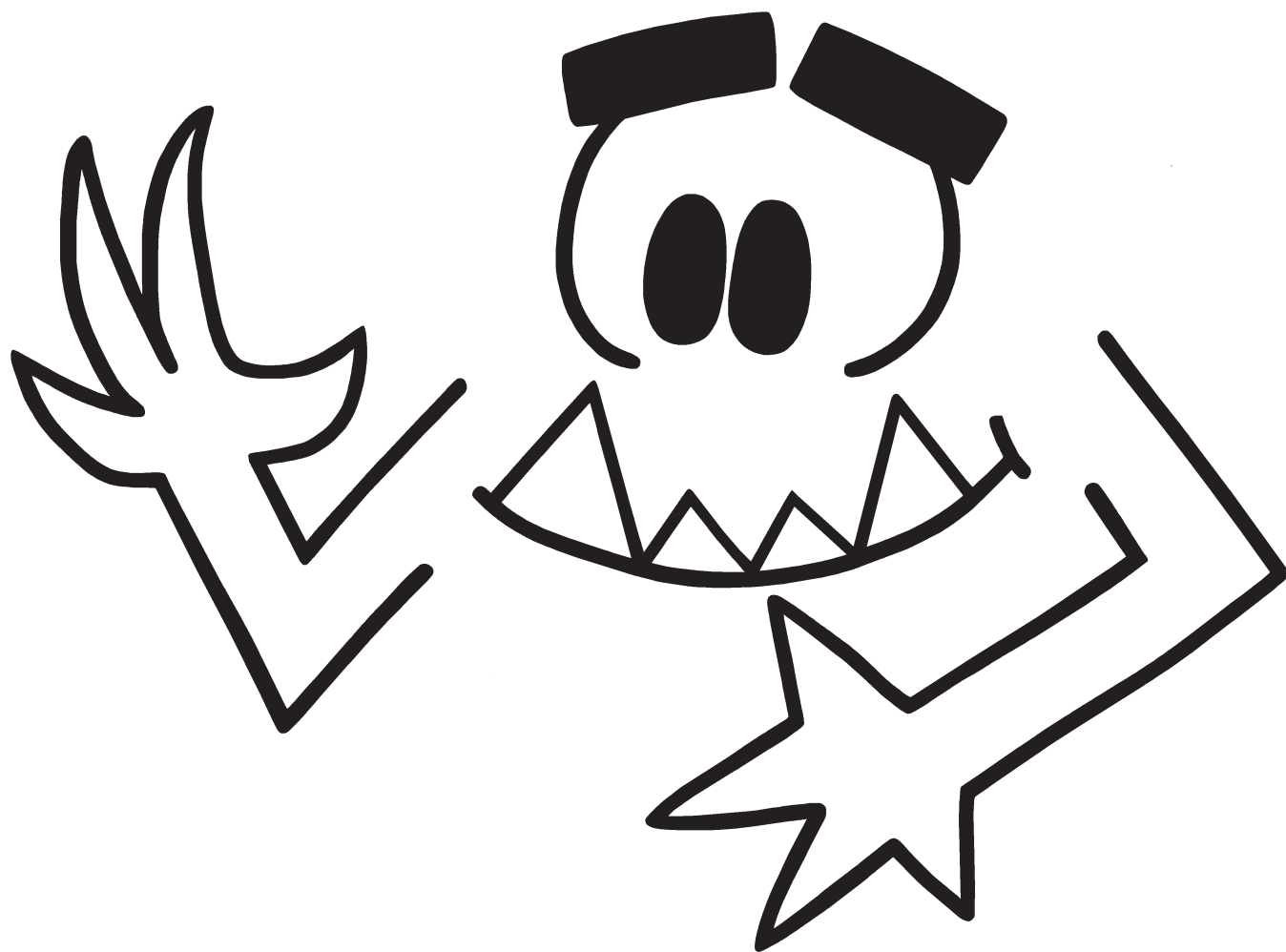
ScribbleBunny bounced up and down excitedly
when he heard a truck pull up outside.

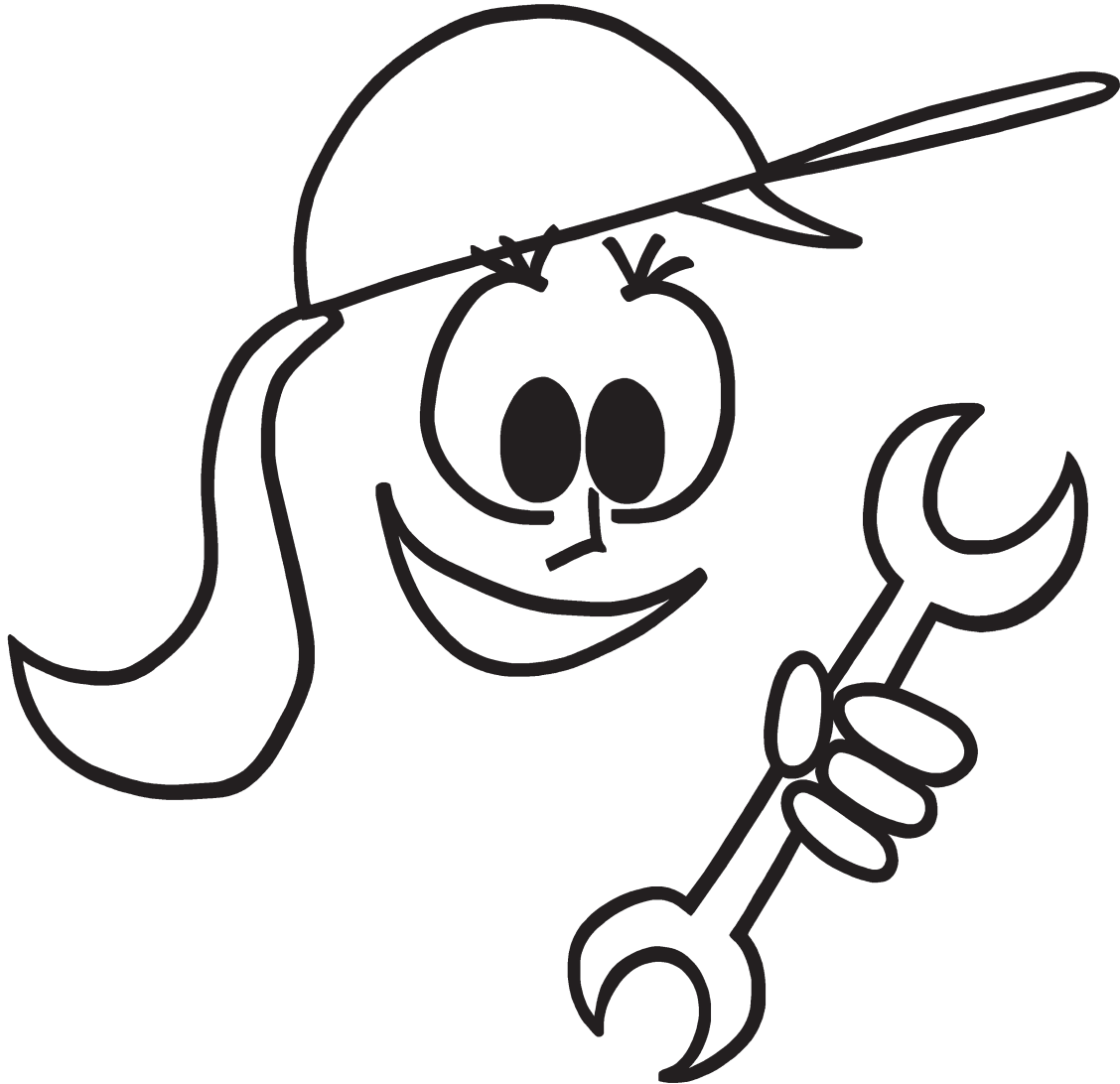




Schibblekitty sprang to the window. She was disappointed to find it was only a new refrigerator being delivered to Mrs. Schibbly next-door.

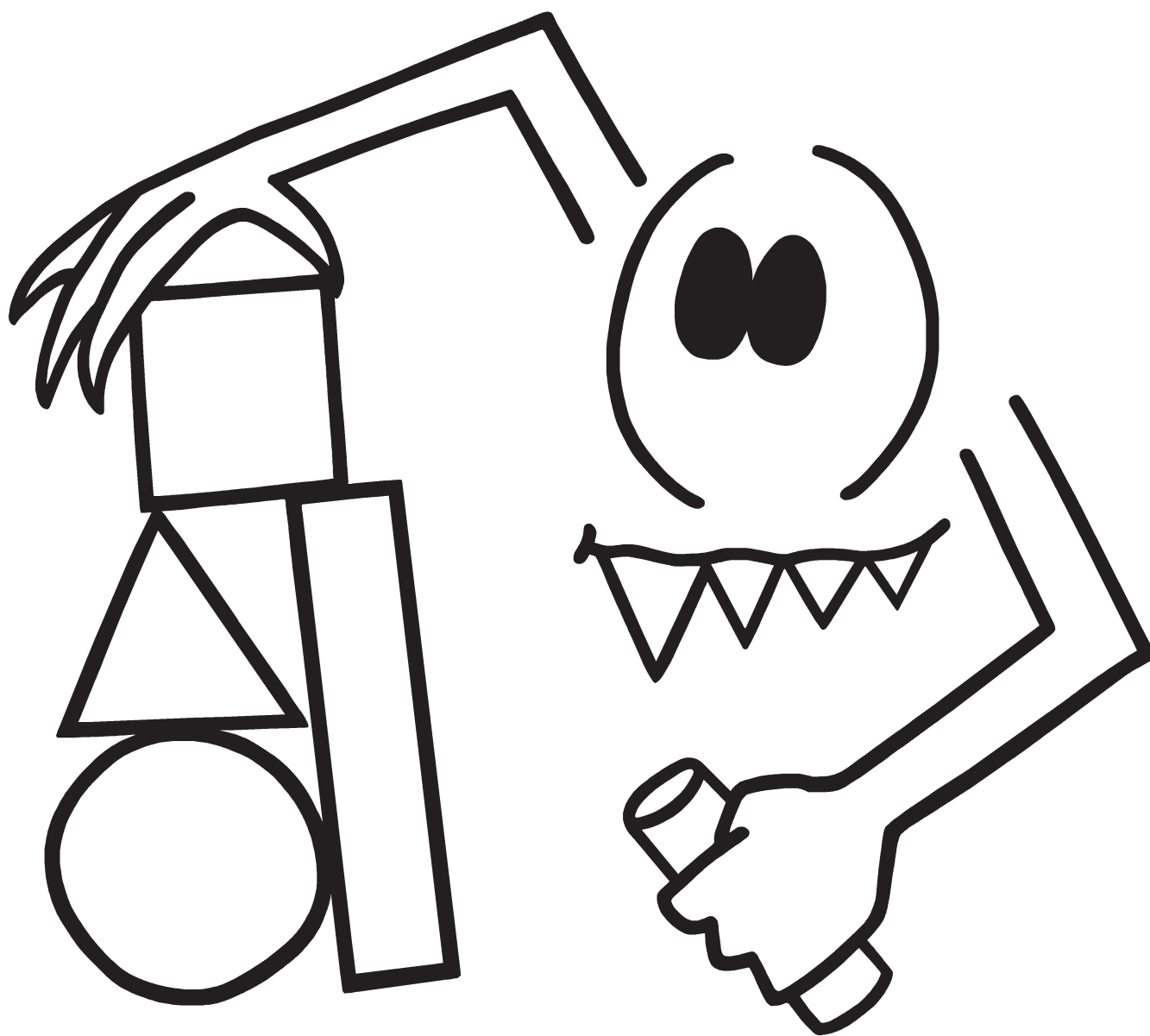
When the doorbell finally rang, all three friends rushed to answer it, but Mr. ScribbleMonster was already greeting Sally from ScribbleRepair.





Sally explained that the job would take all afternoon. ScribbleMonster and his friends had to find something to do until the TV was fixed.

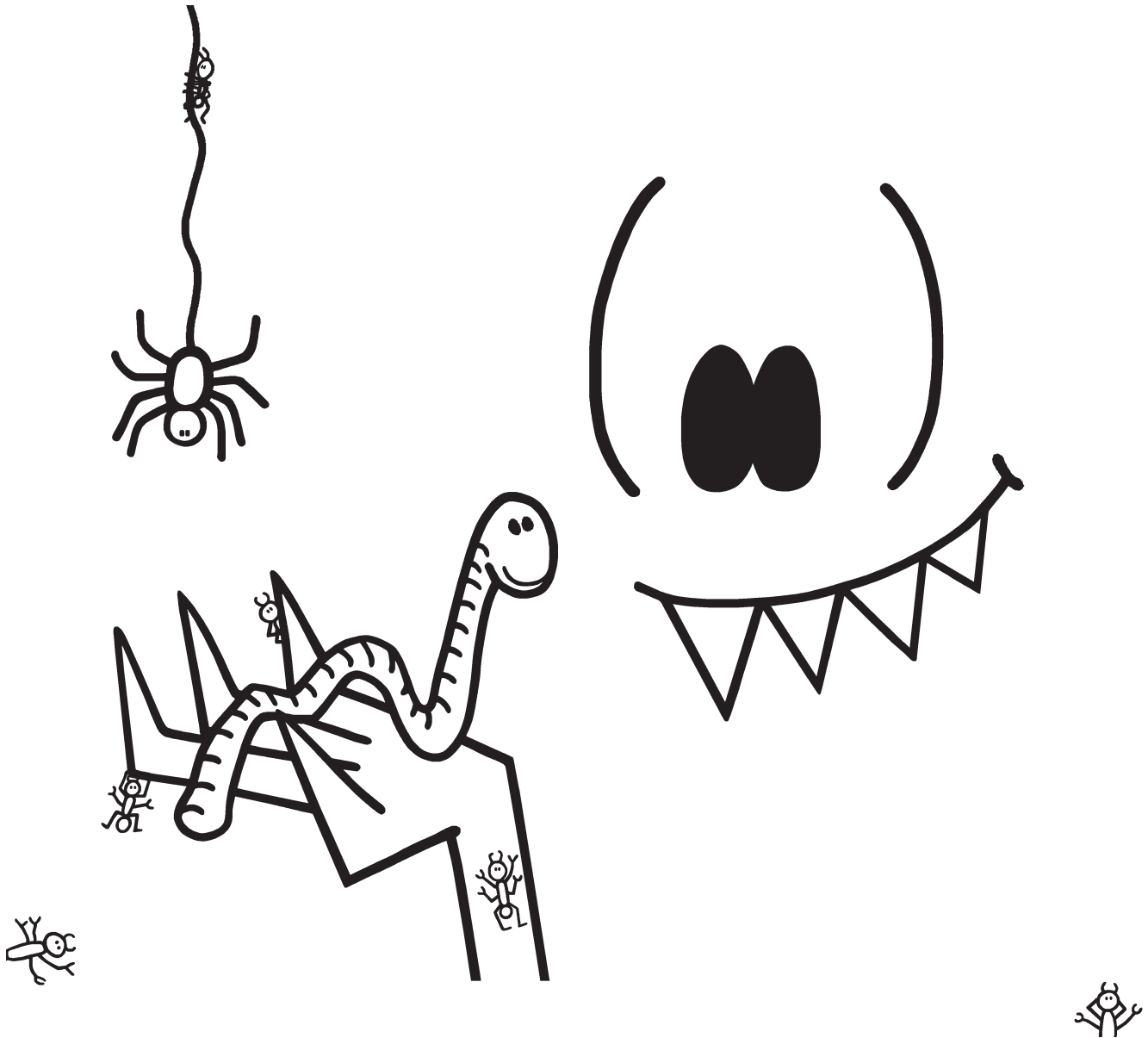
While moping around in ScribbleMonster's room, they came across some forgotten old toys and enjoyed putting their kid-power to work on them!





Now that their kid-power was pumping, Scribblekitty purred, "Let's go exploring!"

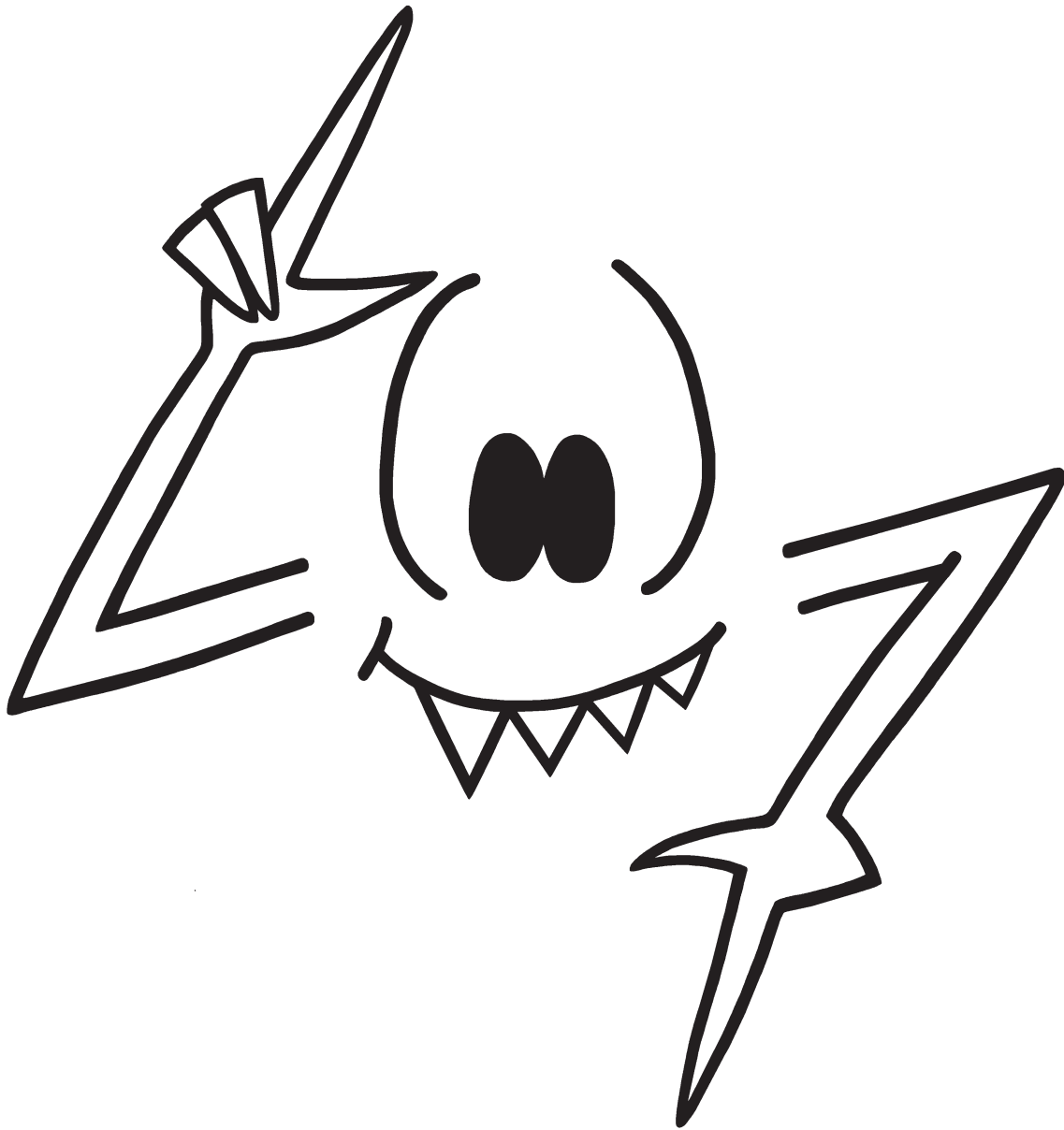
Outside ScribbleMonster discovered an earthworm, 6 tickly ants and a dangling spider.

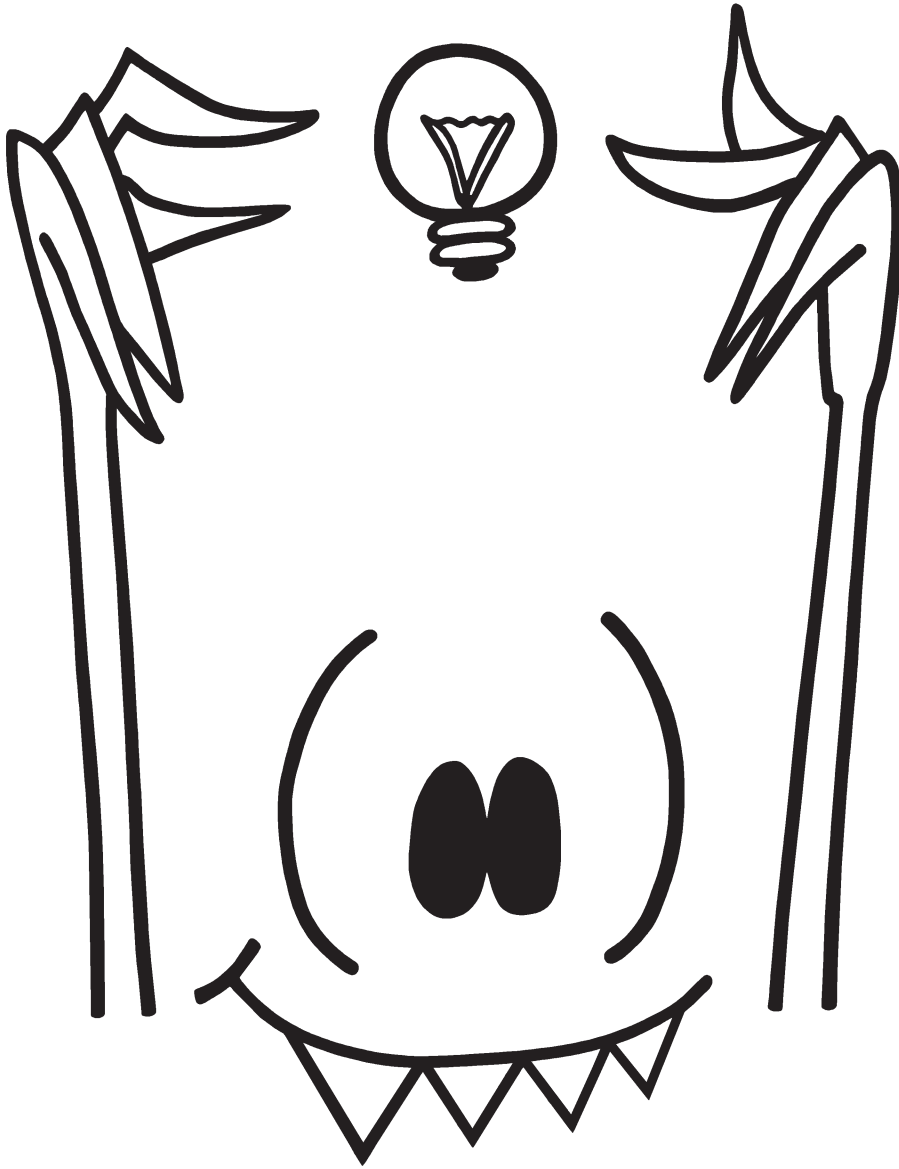




Then the three friends read joke books.
They laughed until their tummies hurt.

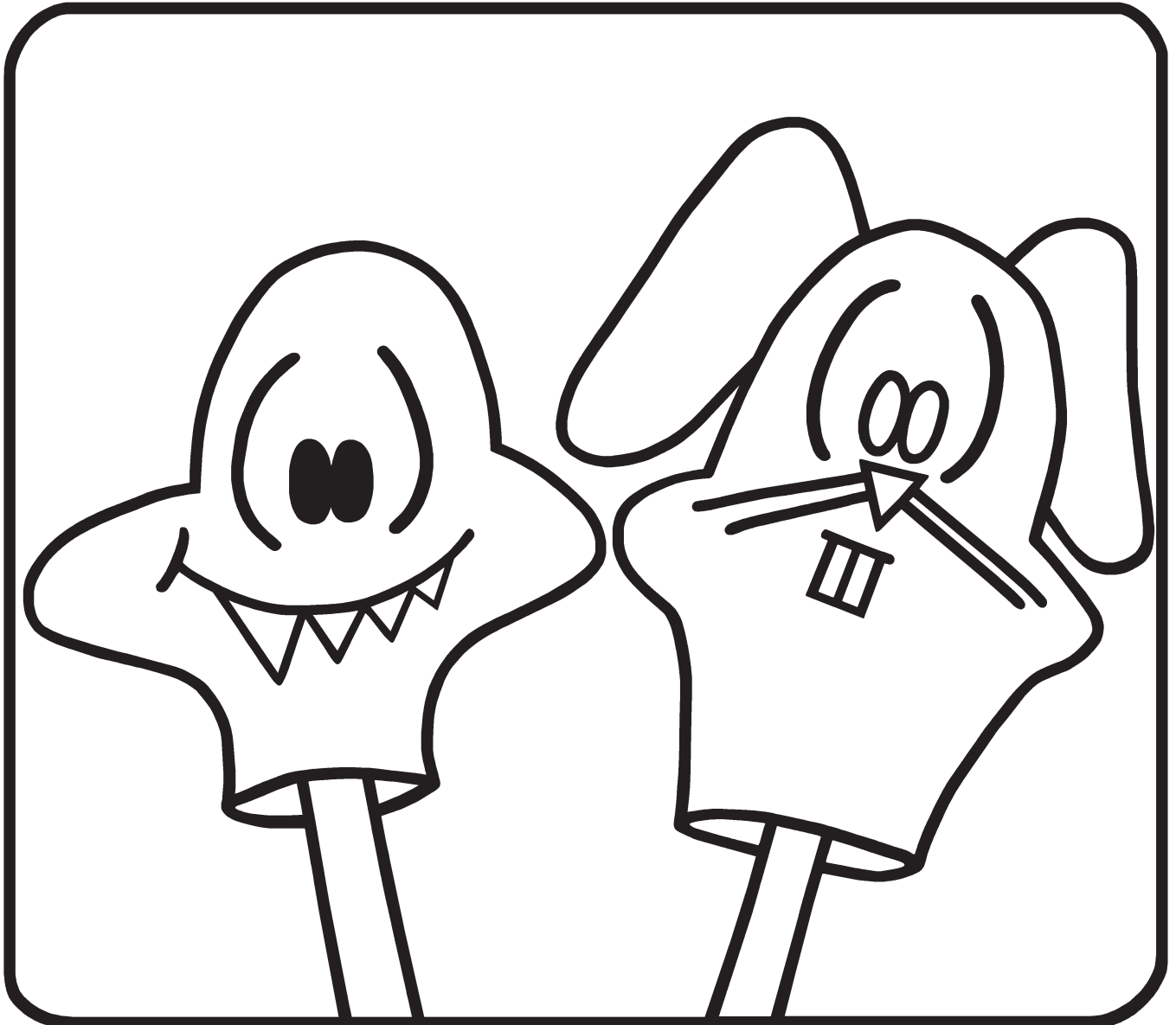
It was during their ScribbleSongs dance party
that ScribbleMonster spied the front of the
TV set lying on the carpet.

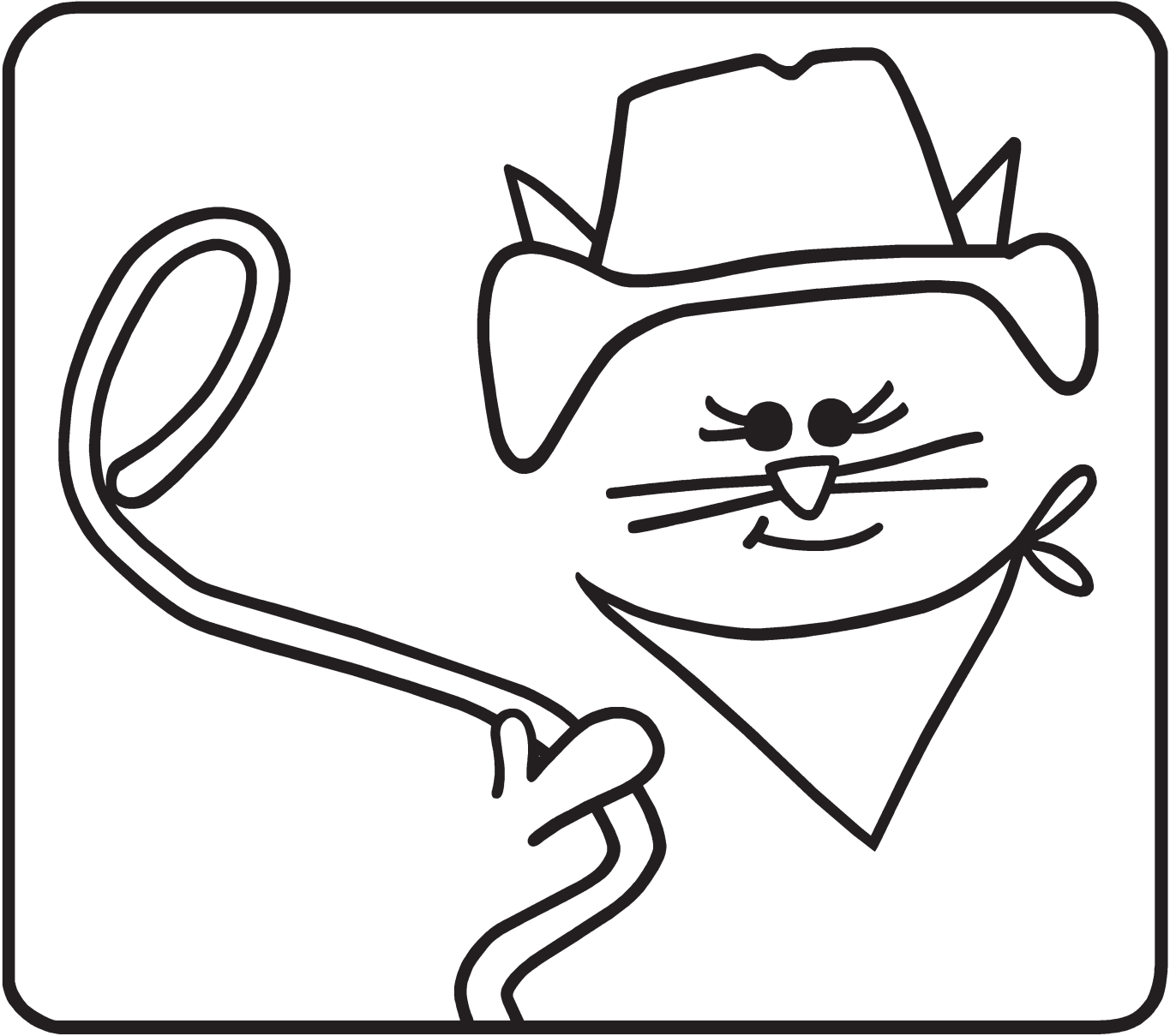




He got an idea.

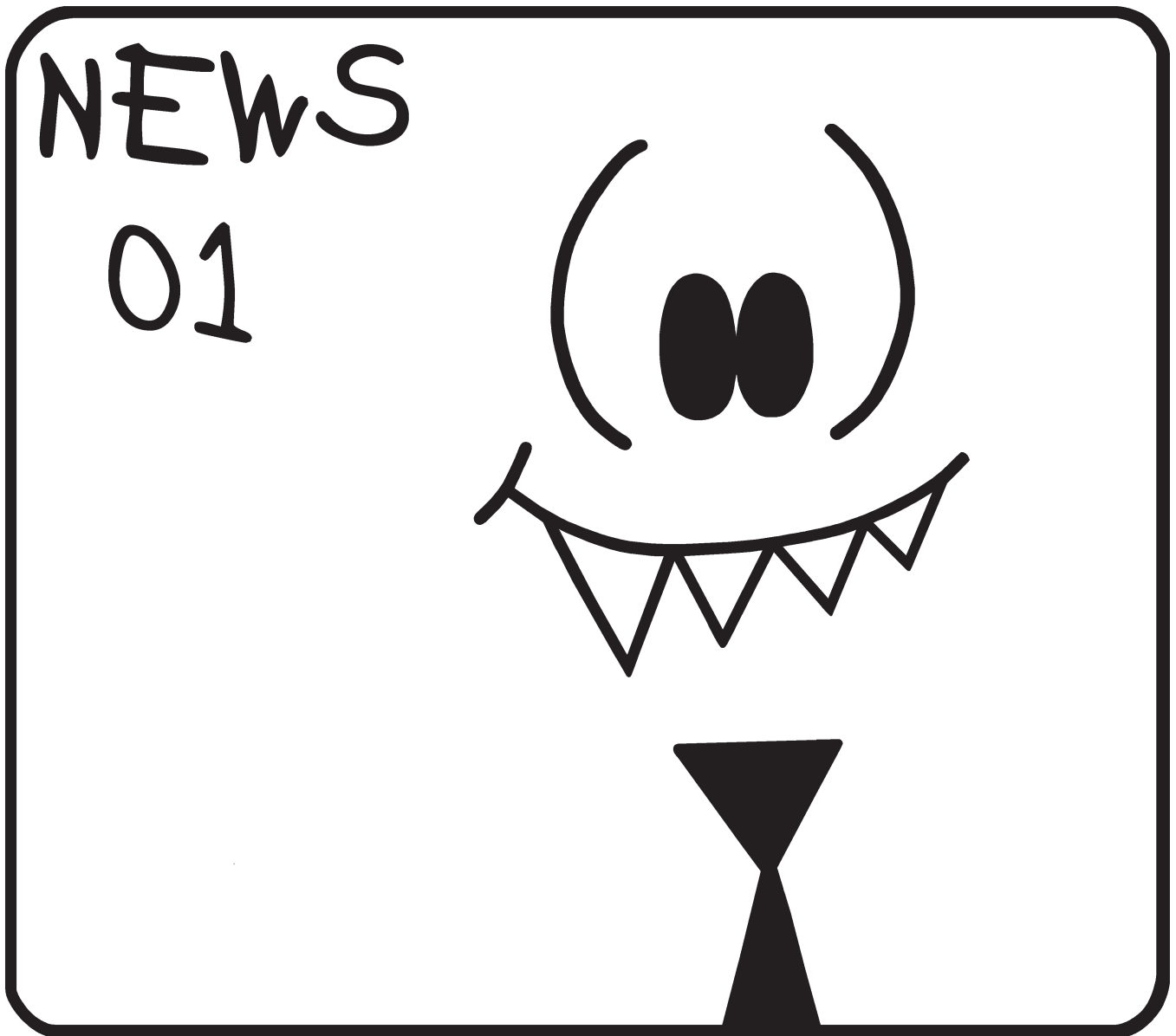
ScribbleMonster flew to his room to get his puppets. He used the TV screen as a stage and put on a puppet show for his friends. ScribbleBunny and Scribblekitty laughed and laughed.

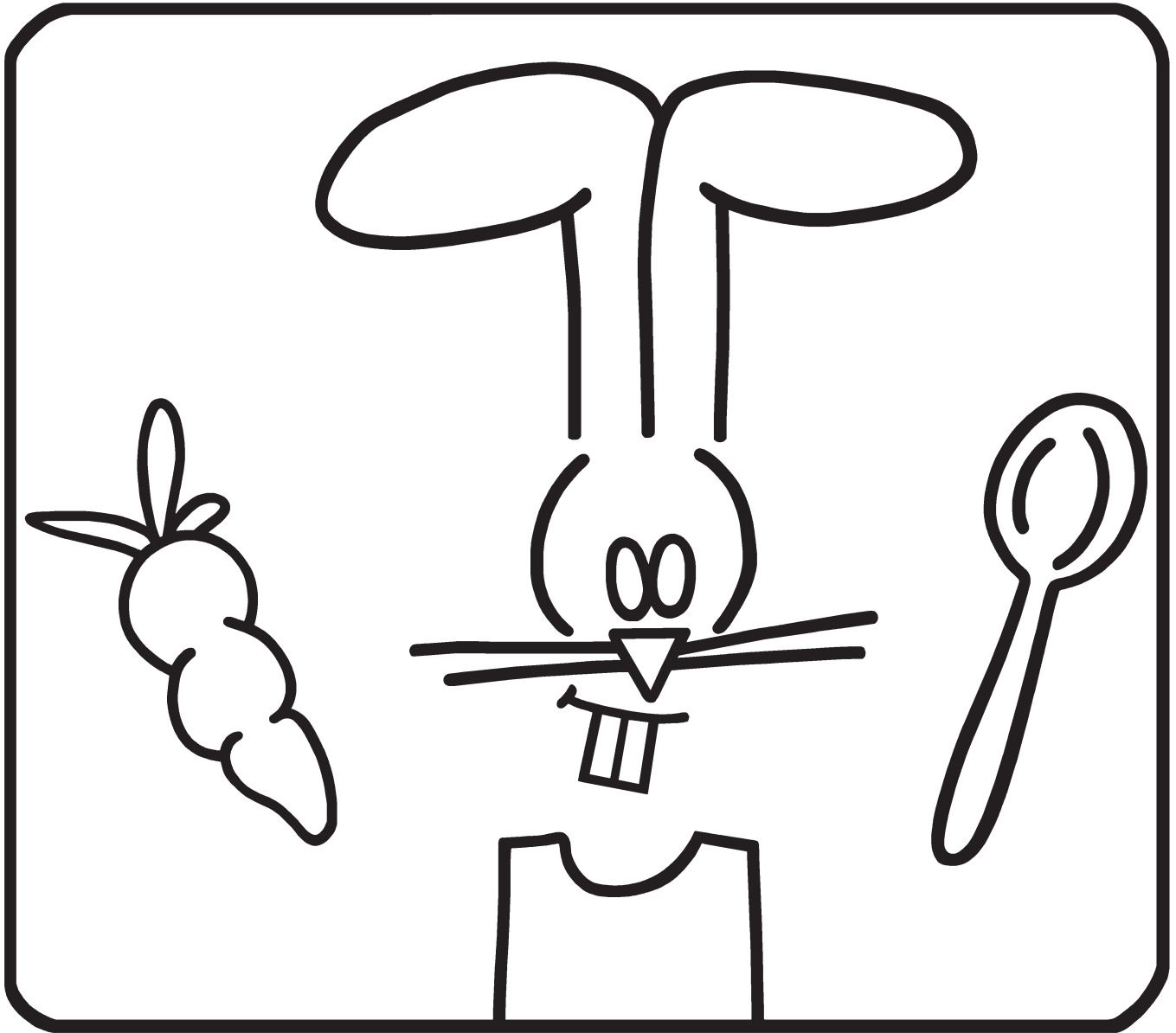




They took turns putting on shows, but before long the puppets were thrown aside and the friends were doing the acting! Scribblekitty put on a cowgirl show,

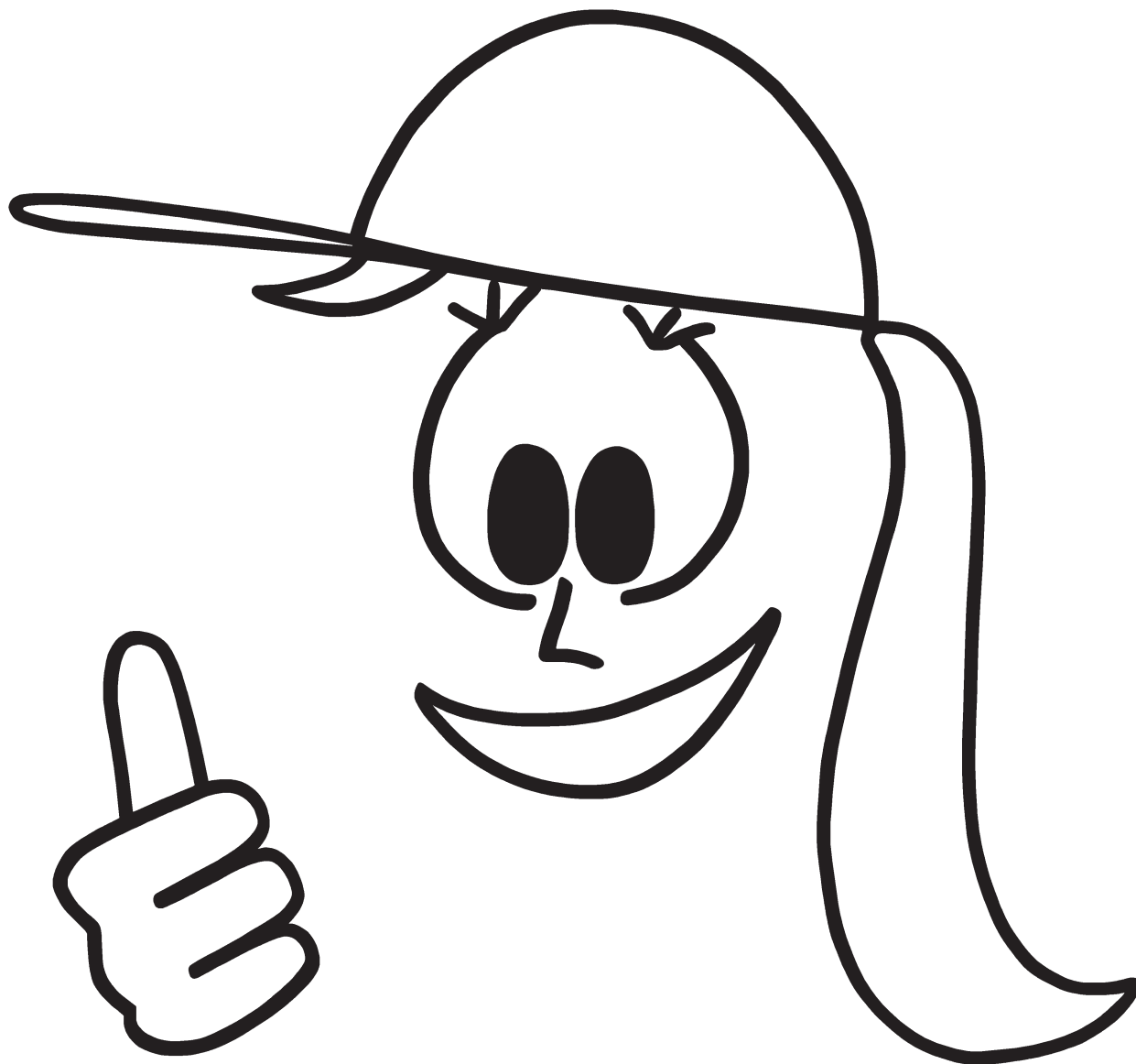
ScribbleMonster read the news,

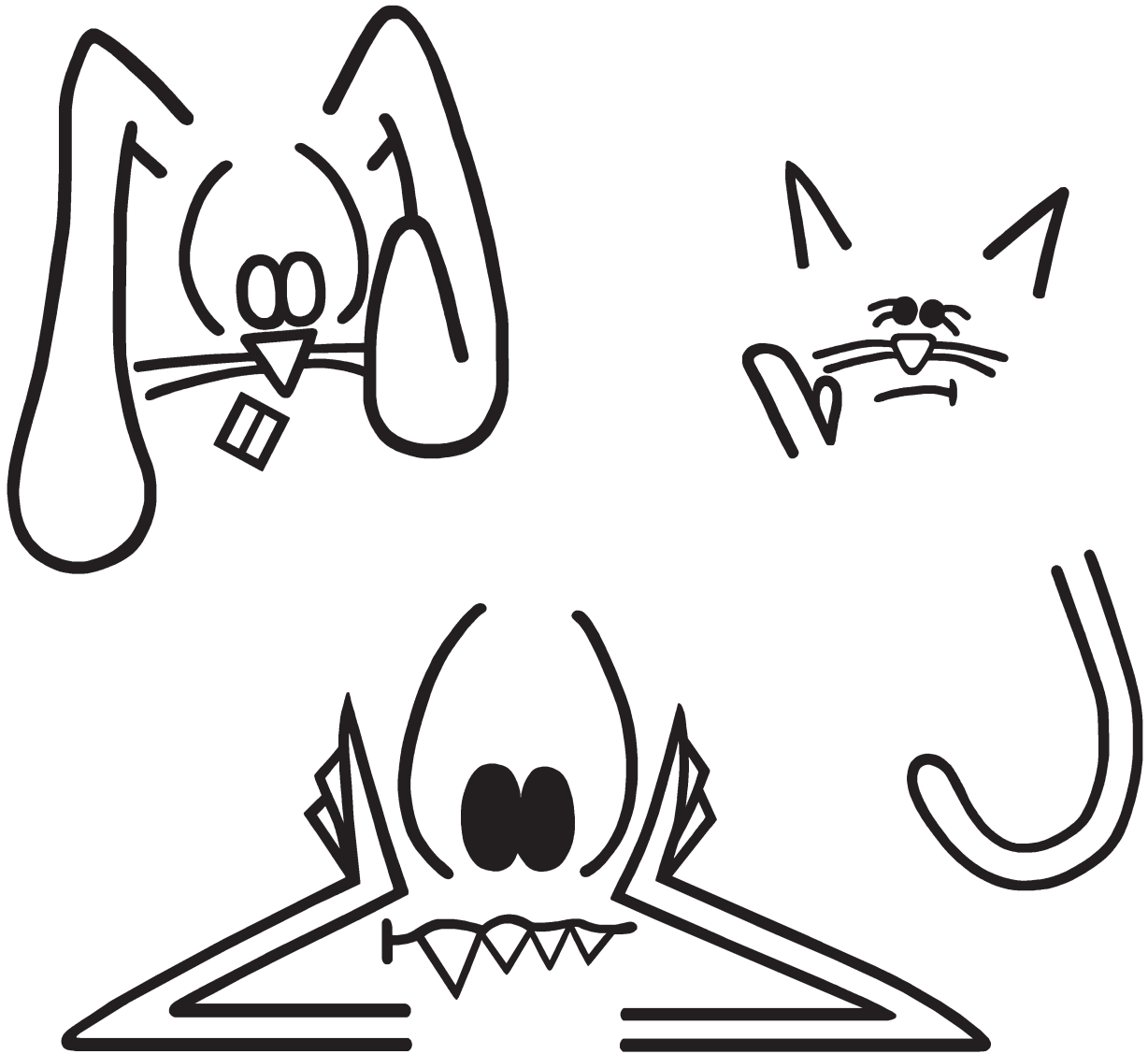




and ScribbleBunny did a cooking show.

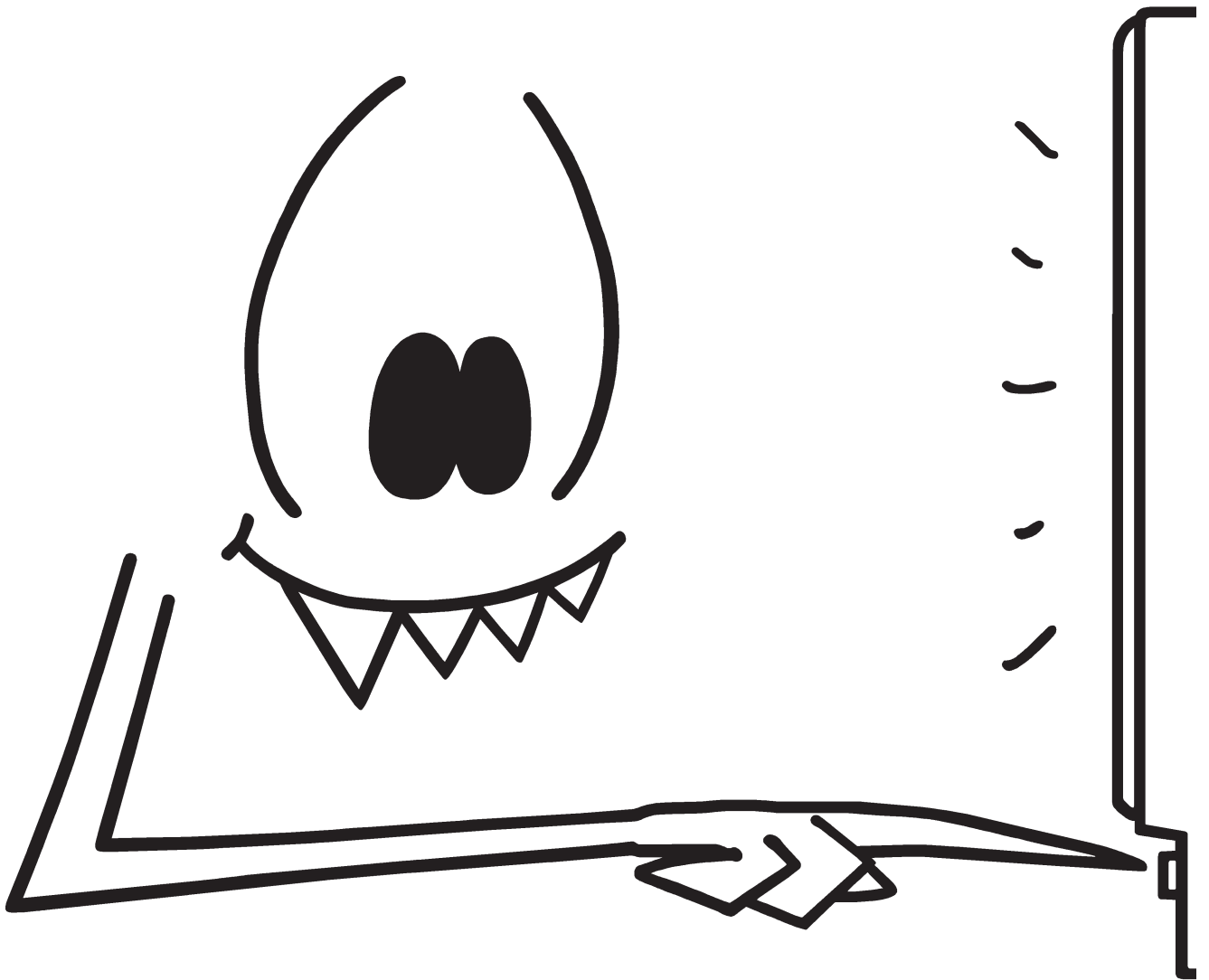
They didn't want the fun to stop when suddenly Sally announced that she was finished. The TV was fixed - she only needed to put the screen on again.

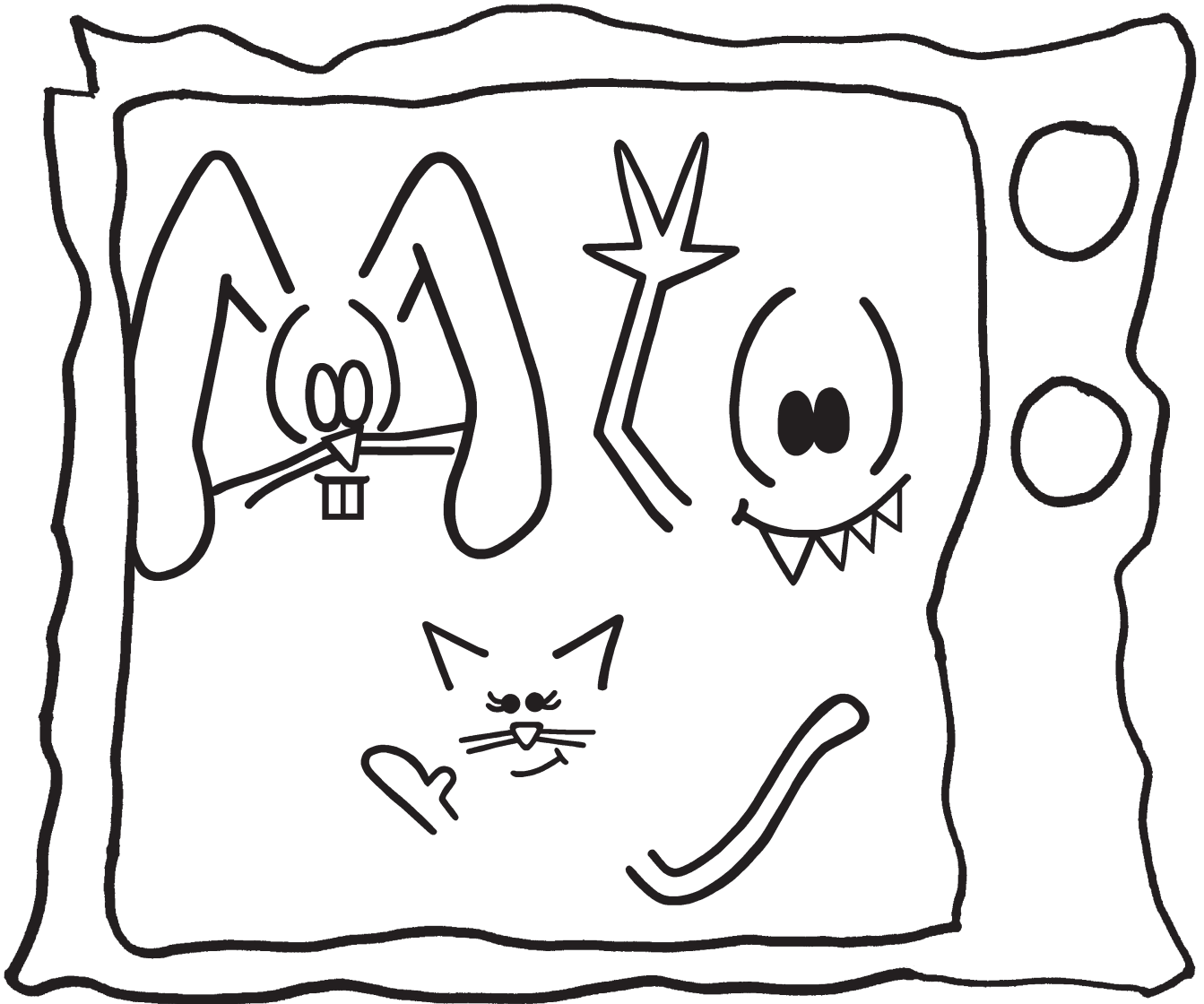




ScribbleMonster, ScribbleBunny and Scribblekitty shrugged their shoulders and settled down in front of the TV. But they soon realized it was more fun making a show than watching one!

The friends looked at each other and nodded. Then ScribbleMonster did something he never did before. He moved his finger slowly toward the TV and turned it off.





Immediately they all dashed outside to ask Mrs. Scribbly if they could play with her refrigerator box. If they cut a hole in the box just right, they wouldn't need a real TV at all!

Questions to Generate Discussion with Your Child

No one knows your child like you do. Please choose the questions you feel are age-appropriate for him or her and, of course, feel free to come up with your own.

1. How would you feel if the TV at your house broke? The computer?
2. What things would you do while the TV was being fixed?
3. What TV show or video do you like best? What is your favorite book? Favorite song?
4. ScribbleMonster and his friends played with a refrigerator box. What kinds of ways can you play with a box?
5. ScribbleMonster's blocks need kid-power in order to be played with. What other toys run on kid-power? Do you have a lot of kid-power? How do you use your kid-power?
6. ScribbleMonster searched for bugs outside. What things do you like to see and do when you play outside?
7. ScribbleMonster likes to play with ScribbleBunny and ScribbleKitty. Who do you like to play with?
8. ScribbleMonster is good at pretending. Are you? What do you like to pretend?

An Activity to Try: Let's Go Exploring!

Turn to the page where ScribbleMonster discovers creatures outside. Can you find everything he discovered? Can you name them? Can you count them? Now close the book and see what things you can discover around you (indoors or out)! Make binoculars to help you explore by taping two toilet paper rolls together side by side!

A Game to Play: Sardines

It's kind of like Hide-n-Seek, but in Sardines only one person hides and everyone else has to count and then seek. As each player discovers the person hiding, they have to hide in the same place with all the other players until the last player finds all of you. It's fun with everyone trying to quietly hide in the same small space - just like a bunch of sardine fishies crammed into a can!

A Note to Kids:

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