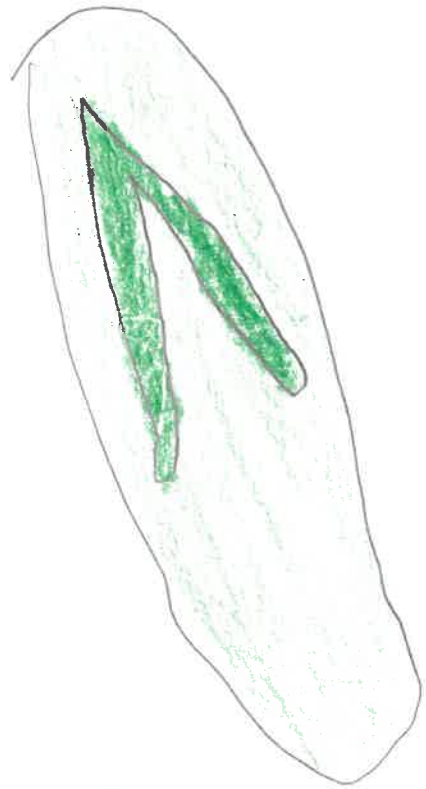


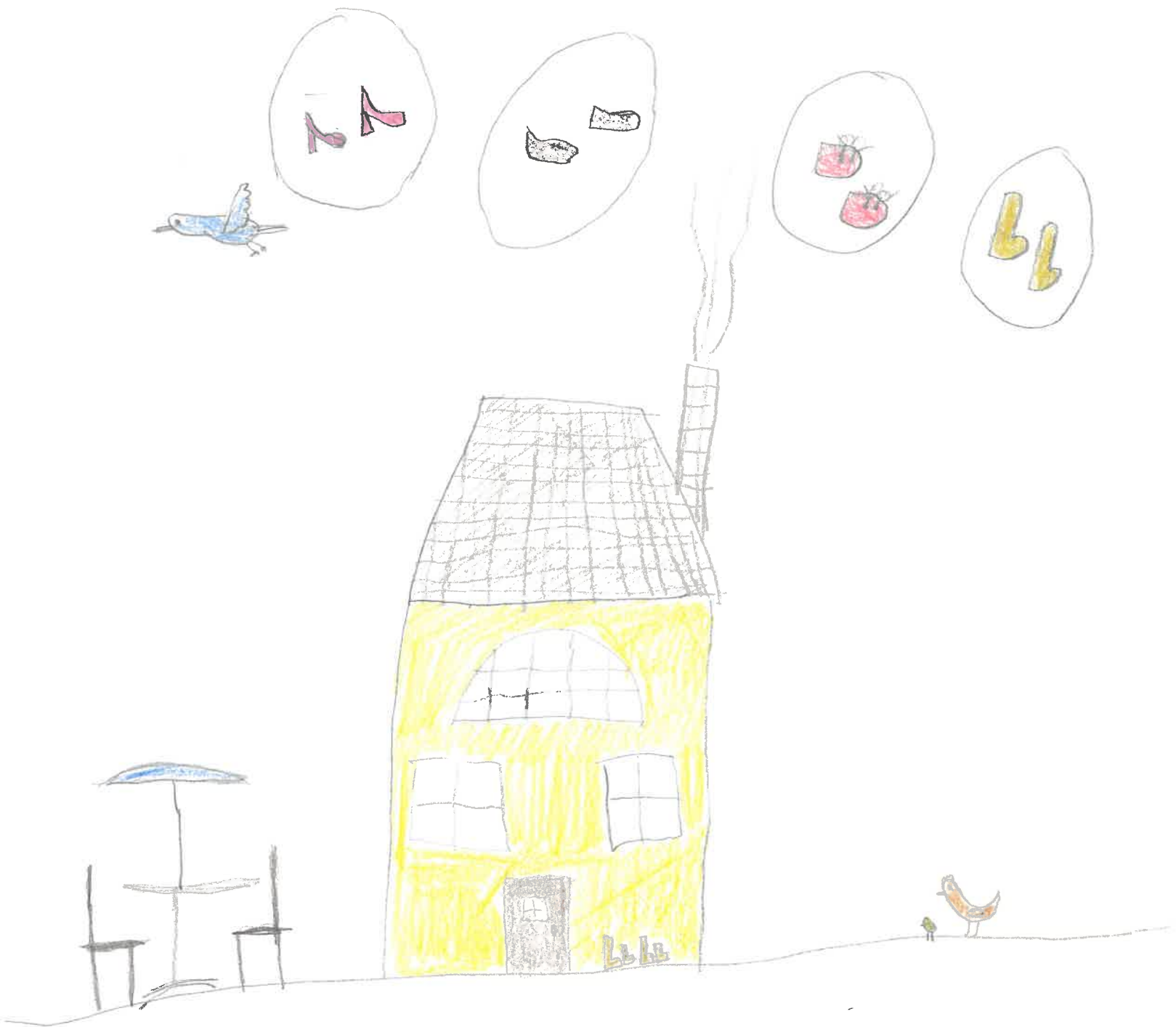
PEDRO

THE

SAD



FLIPPLOP



In the Wellington's household there are a variety of shoes. There are high heels, dress shoes, sneakers, mud boots, and more!



Somewhere under a bed, where it was very dark and lonely, was a flip flop named Pedro. One day, while Pedro was watching the humans come and go, he wondered, "What would it be like to be used?"



As he watched the mother in a very fancy dress put on her high heels, he imagined himself with pointy heels going to a party with all the other shoes. He was yanked out of his daydream and back to reality as the front door slammed closed.



The next day, he woke up from one of his dreams as the father walked into the room in a nice suit with dress shoes on. Pedro imagined what it would be like to be a fancy dress shoe, all polished and shiny going to work. Maybe all the other shoes would admire his beauty.



A few hours later, he saw the mother and daughter come into the room. He watched as the mother grabbed some sneakers and helped her child put them on. When the mother and daughter walked out of the room, he wondered what it would be like to be a sneaker, whooshing through the grass and dirt. It would be great!

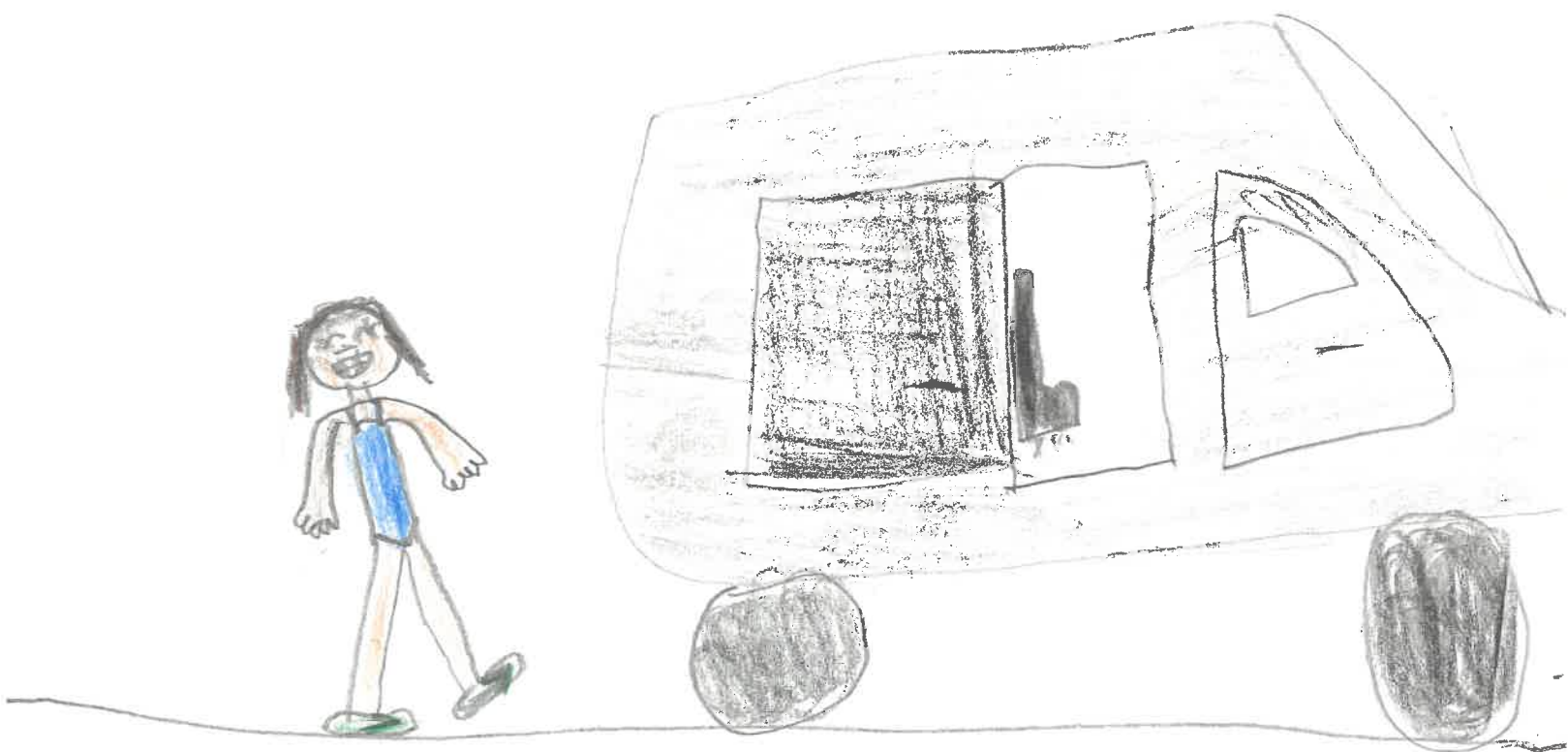
Pedro realized it was getting late and tried to get some sleep.



In the morning, he woke up to the sound of the mother waking her daughter up. He watched from under the bed as the child jumped for joy, grabbed a swimsuit, and ran out of the room with her mother following behind her.



A few minutes later, the father came in, looking around for something. As Pedro wondered what the father was looking for, he was grabbed from under the bed. The father exclaimed, "Here it is!" before carrying Pedro out of the room.



Was this it? Was he going to be used at last? The father set Pedro down and the child put him on. The little girl started walking to a car and got in. After a few minutes, the car started to drive away from the home.

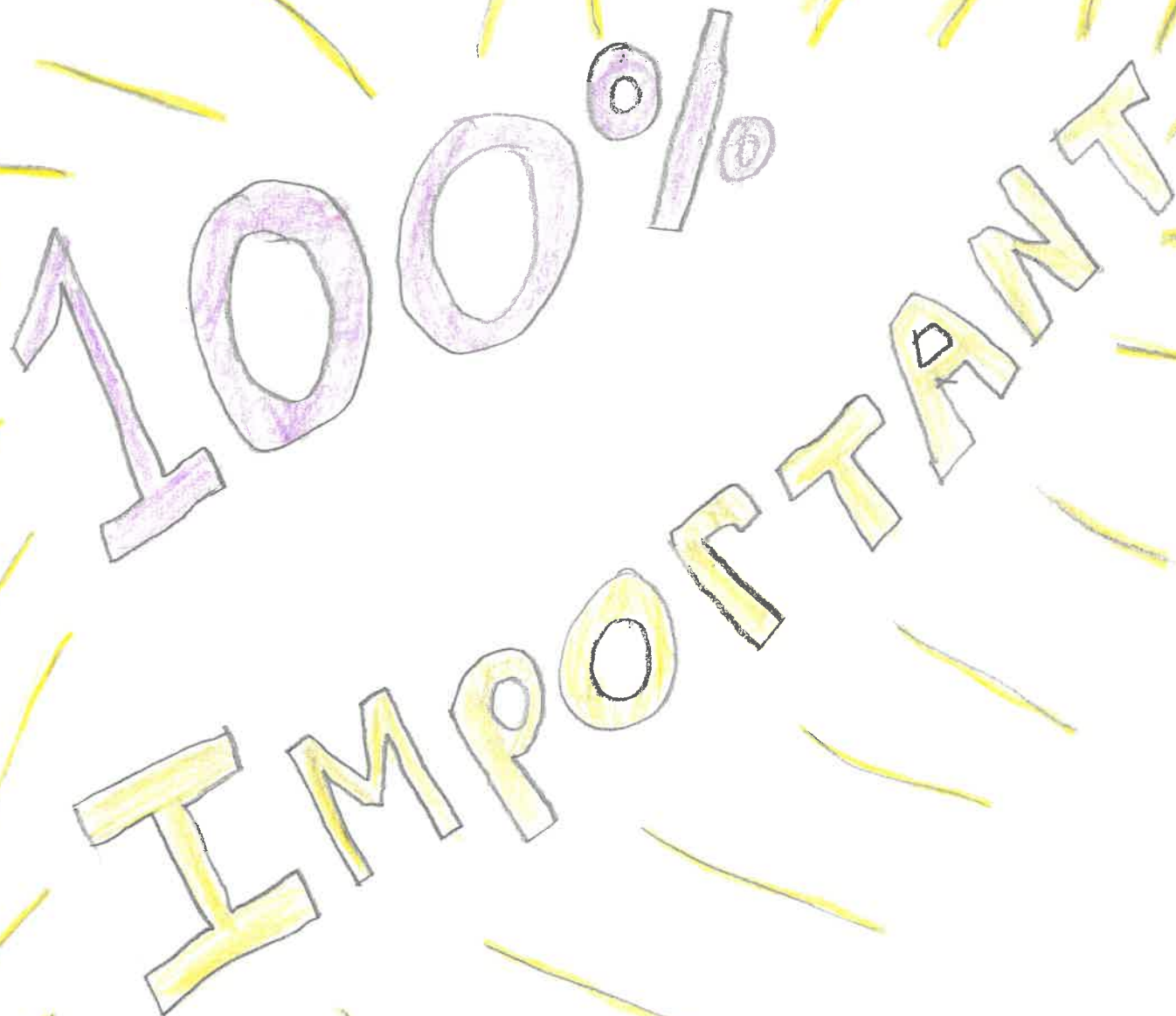


Soon the car came to a stop and they got out. He realized the ground he was on was sand. He was on sand! The family walked further and he saw water; then he realized he was at the beach! He said to himself, "Maybe I am important!" As the family continued walking onto the beach, all holding hands, he realized that he is special. He brings the whole family together!

Happily, he watched the family wade into the water.



Later that day, after they all got home, he was placed back under the bed, but he didn't mind. Pedro was tired after the long day and fell asleep.



100%
IMPORTANT!

A hand-drawn illustration featuring the text "100%" in purple and "IMPORTANT!" in yellow. The text is surrounded by numerous yellow, radiating lines that create a sense of energy and importance. The style is simple and childlike, using thick outlines and flat colors.

So my dear readers if you ever feel unimportant just remember Pedro the no-longer-sad flip flop, and how he really was important. Just like how YOU are absolutely important to your family.