

The Grouchy Ladybug

By Eric Carle

It was night and some fireflies danced around the moon.

At five o'clock in the morning the sun came up.

A friendly ladybug flew in from the left. It saw a leaf with many aphids on it, and decided to have them for breakfast.

But just then a grouchy ladybug flew in from the right.

It too saw the aphids and wanted them for breakfast.

“Good morning,” said the friendly ladybug.

“Go away!” shouted the grouchy ladybug. “I want those aphids.”

“We can share them,” suggested the friendly ladybug.

“Or do you want to fight me for them?”

“If you insist,” answered the friendly ladybug sweetly.

It looked the other way straight in the eye.

The grouchy ladybug stepped back.

It looked less sure of itself.

“Oh, you’re not big enough for me to fight,” it said.

“Then why don’t you pick on somebody bigger?”

“I’ll do that!” screeched the grouchy ladybug.

“I’ll show you!” It puffed itself up and flew off.

At six o'clock it met a yellow jacket.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the yellow jacket, showing its stinger.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At seven o'clock it met a stag beetle.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the stag beetle, opening its jaws.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At eight o'clock it came across a praying mantis.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the praying mantis reaching out with its long front legs.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At nine o'clock it almost flew into a sparrow.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the sparrow, opening its sharp beak.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At ten o'clock it saw a lobster.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the lobster stretching its claws.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At eleven o'clock it bumped into a skunk.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the skunk, starting to lift its tail.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At twelve noon it spotted a boa constrictor.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insis-s-s-t,” said the snake, “right after lunch.”

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At one o'clock it happened upon a hyena.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the hyena laughing eerily and showing its teeth.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At two o'clock it met a gorilla.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the gorilla, beating its chest.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At three o'clock it ran into a rhinoceros.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the rhinoceros, lowering its horn.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At four o'clock it encountered an elephant.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

“If you insist,” said the elephant, raising its big tusks.

“Oh, you’re not big enough,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At five o'clock it met a whale.

“Hey you,” said the grouchy ladybug. “Want to fight?”

But the whale did not answer at all.

“You’re not big enough anyway,” said the grouchy ladybug and flew off.

At five fifteen the grouchy ladybug said to one of the whale’s flippers, “Hey you, want to fight?”

But it got no answer. So it flew on.

At five thirty the grouchy ladybug said to the whale's fin.

"Hey you want to fight?"

But it got no answer. So it flew on.

At a quarter to six the grouchy ladybug said to the whale's tail,

"Hey you, want to fight?"

And the whale's tail gave the grouchy ladybug such a SLAP ...

...that it flew across the sea and across the land.

At six o'clock the grouchy ladybug arrived right back where it had started from.

"Ah, here you are again," said the friendly ladybug. "You must be hungry.

There are still some aphids left. You can have them for dinner."

"Oh, thank you." said the wet, tired, and hungry ladybug.

Soon all the aphids were gone.

"Thank you," said the leaf.

"You are welcome," answered both ladybugs, and they went to sleep.

The fireflies, who had been sleeping all day, came out to dance around the moon.

Before reading or listening to the story please go over these concepts with your child.

The title is the name of the story. The title of this story is The Grouchy Ladybug (point to title).

The author is the person who wrote the story. The illustrator is the person who created or drew the pictures for the story. The author and illustrator are the same person for this story! The author and illustrators name is Eric Carle. He wrote and drew the pictures for this story (point to the picture of Eric Carle).

(Point) This is the front cover. (Point) This is the back cover.

(Use any book around the house, a magazine or newspaper would work too) This is how we hold a book (let them practice) This is how we turn pages. (let them practice) This is how we track with our finger (use your finger to model how we read from the left side of the sentence to the right side).

After reading or listening to the story please go over these concepts with your child.

- The characters are the people or animals in a story.
 - The main characters in this story are the grouchy ladybug and the friendly ladybug.
- Where the story takes place is the setting.
 - The Grouchy Ladybug is taking place outside. We know this because the grouchy ladybug starts eating a leaf, which are outside. He also goes and visits other animals, which are outside too.

Videos to watch to help support what your child is learning!

This week's story: The Grouchy Lady Bug

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDNT2heDmcg> (Animated version of the story)

Alphabet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yseWMJS8IHw> (ABC Song - ABC Songs for Children - Nursery Rhymes for Kids - Kids Songs The Learning Station)

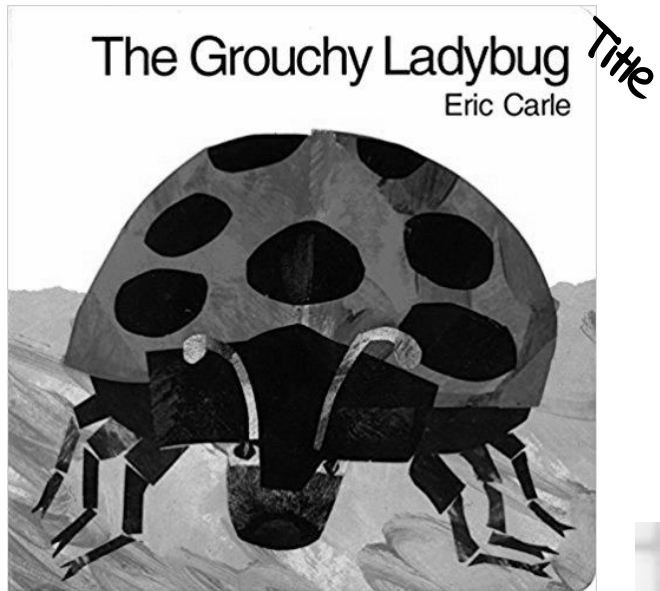
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Counting to 20:

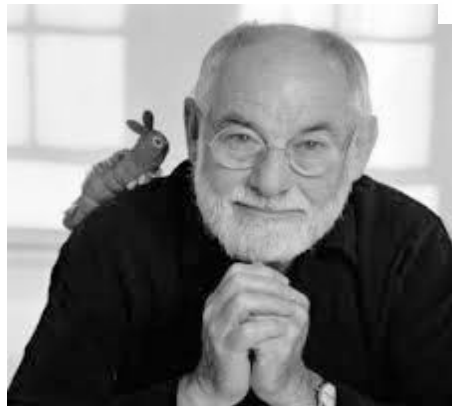
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WF8yySJjTo> (Simple Learning to Count to 20 Counting 1 to 20 Numbers for Toddlers Preschool Kids Children)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aziG0kLIgs> (Count to 20! (counting song for kids))

Use these pictures to go over the concepts with your child.



Front Cover



The Grouchy Ladybug is a bad-tempered braggart who won't say "please" or "thank you," won't share, and thinks it's bigger and better than anyone else. This fast-moving story invites children to explore the concepts of time, size, shape, and manners. Follow along as the Grouchy Ladybug meets its match and learns to be a better behaved bug!



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Back Cover

Author/Illustrator



The Grouchy Ladybug Counting

Help the ladybug eat all the leaves by counting to 20.





The Grouchy Ladybug Alphabet

Help the ladybug eat all the leaves by saying the alphabet.



Aa

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

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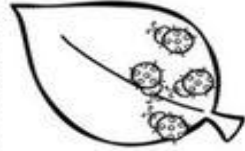
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Name _____

Count How Many

Count how many ladybugs are on the leaves.
Color the correct number.



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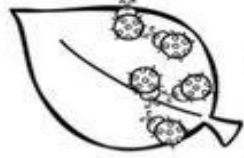
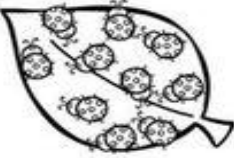
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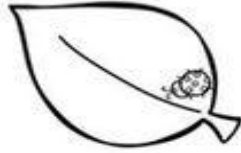
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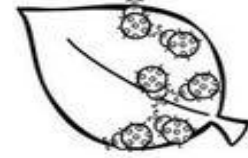
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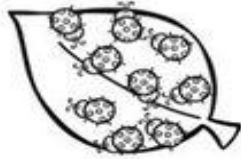
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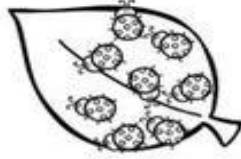
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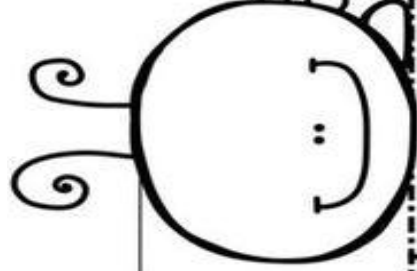
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Letter Board



This is the alphabet. Let's take a closer look at each letter and practice saying the alphabet from Aa-Zz to help the caterpillar get to the food.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii

Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq

Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



GROUCHY LADY BUG SONG

(to the tune of "This Old Man")

Ladybug Ladybug
Grouchy grouchy Ladybug.
Grouchy Ladybug fly fly away.
When you learn to share we'll play



Ladybug Ladybug
Selfish selfish Ladybug
Selfish Ladybug, fly fly away.
When you learn to share we'll play.



Ladybug Ladybug
Happy sharing Ladybug
Happy Ladybug we are very glad
Look at all the fun we had!



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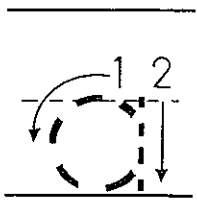
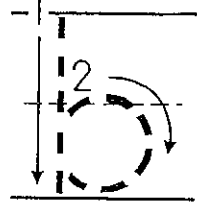
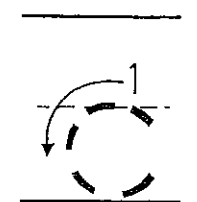
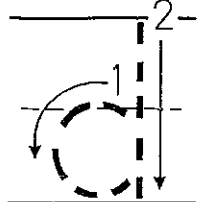
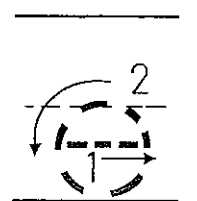
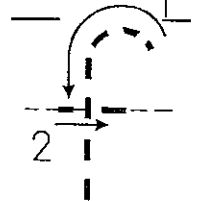
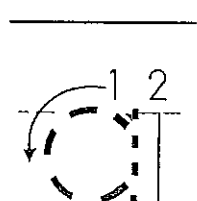
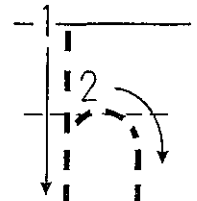
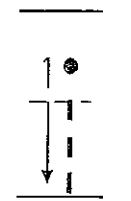
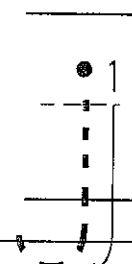
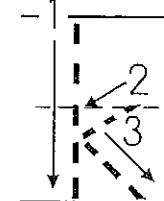
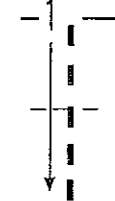
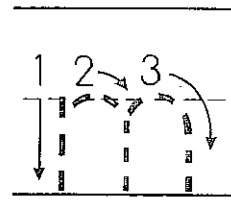
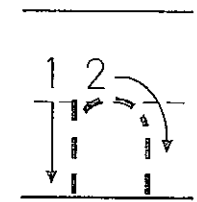
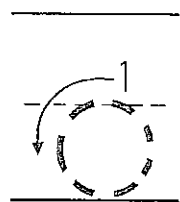
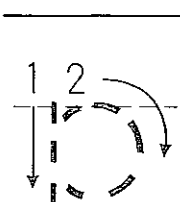
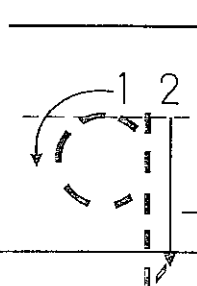
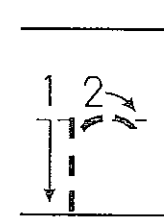
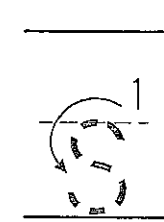
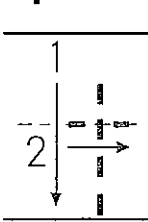
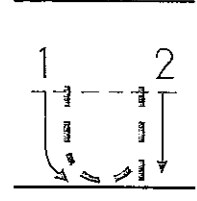
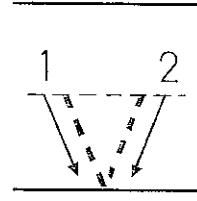
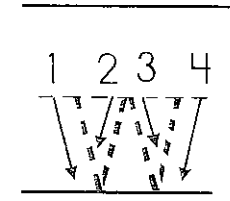
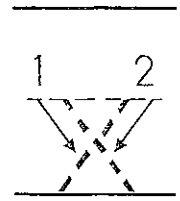
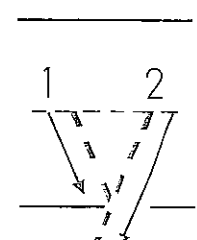
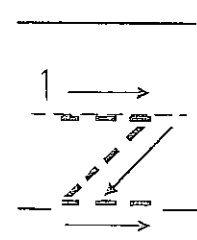
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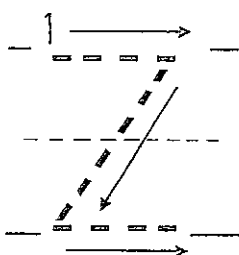
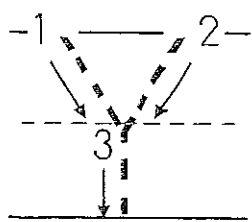
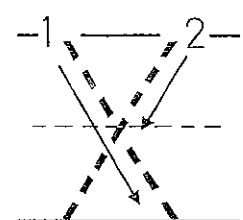
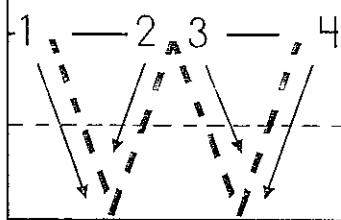
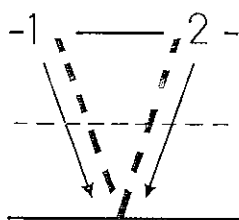
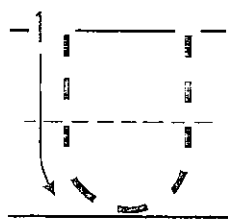
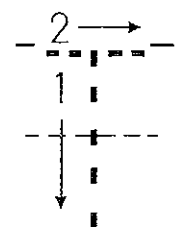
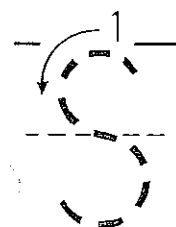
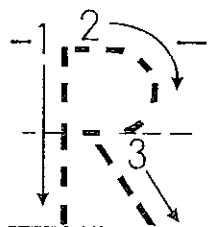
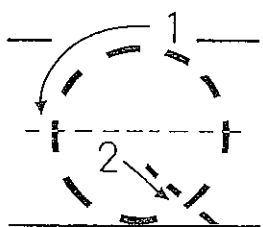
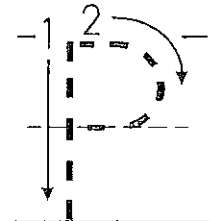
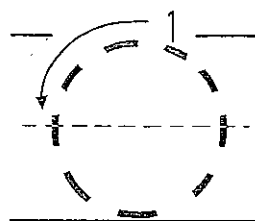
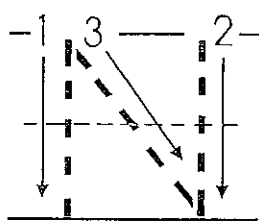
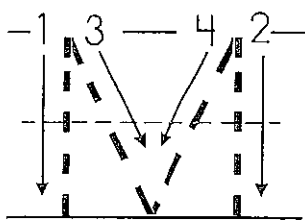
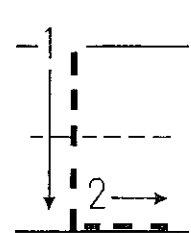
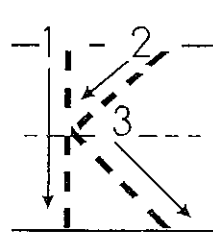
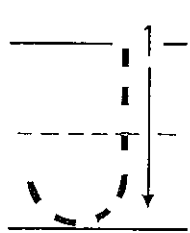
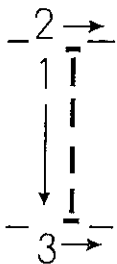
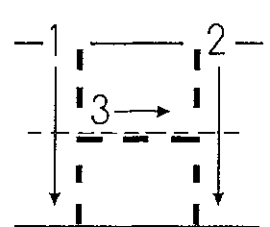
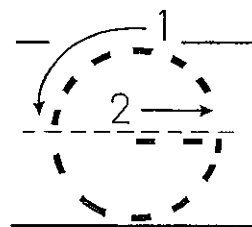
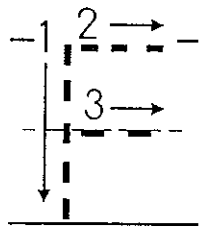
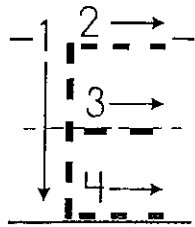
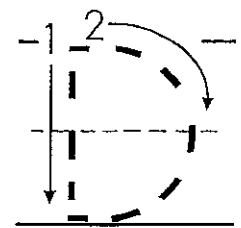
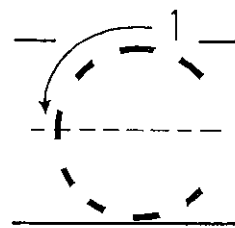
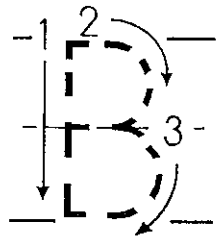
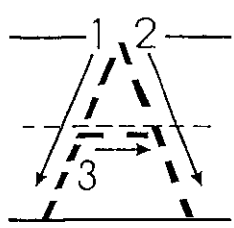
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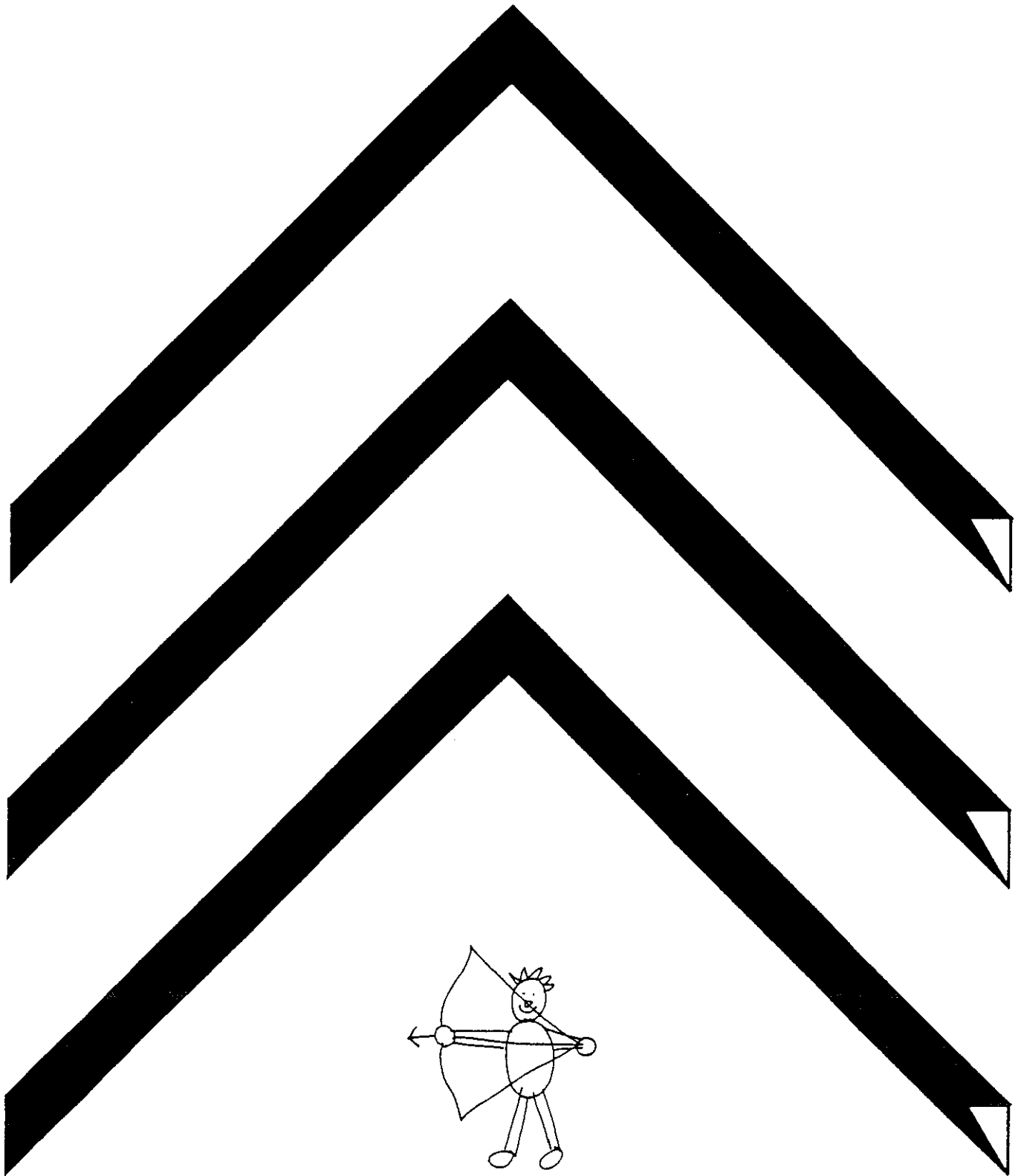
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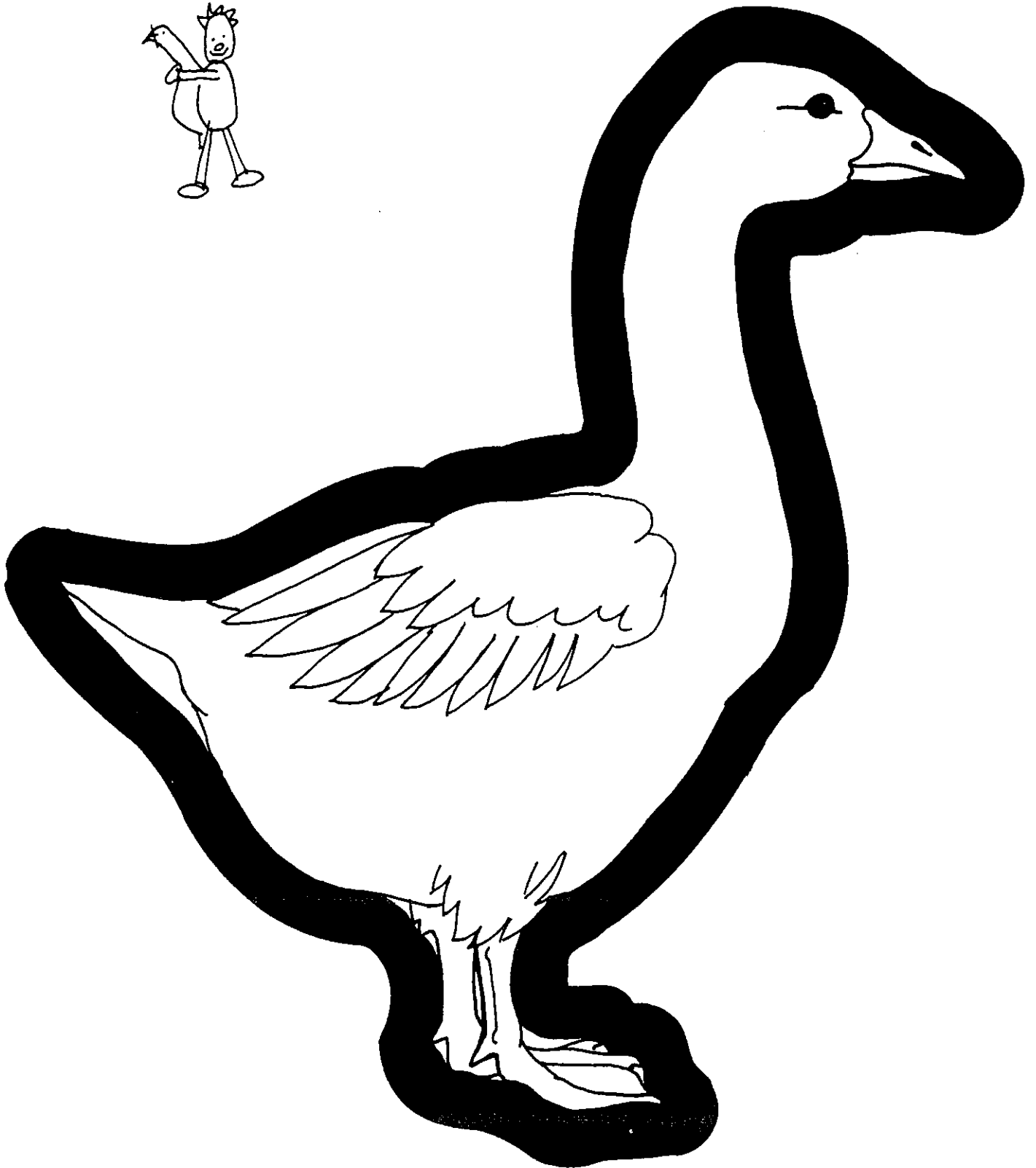
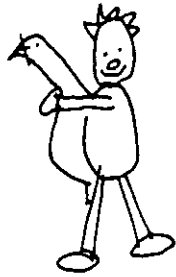
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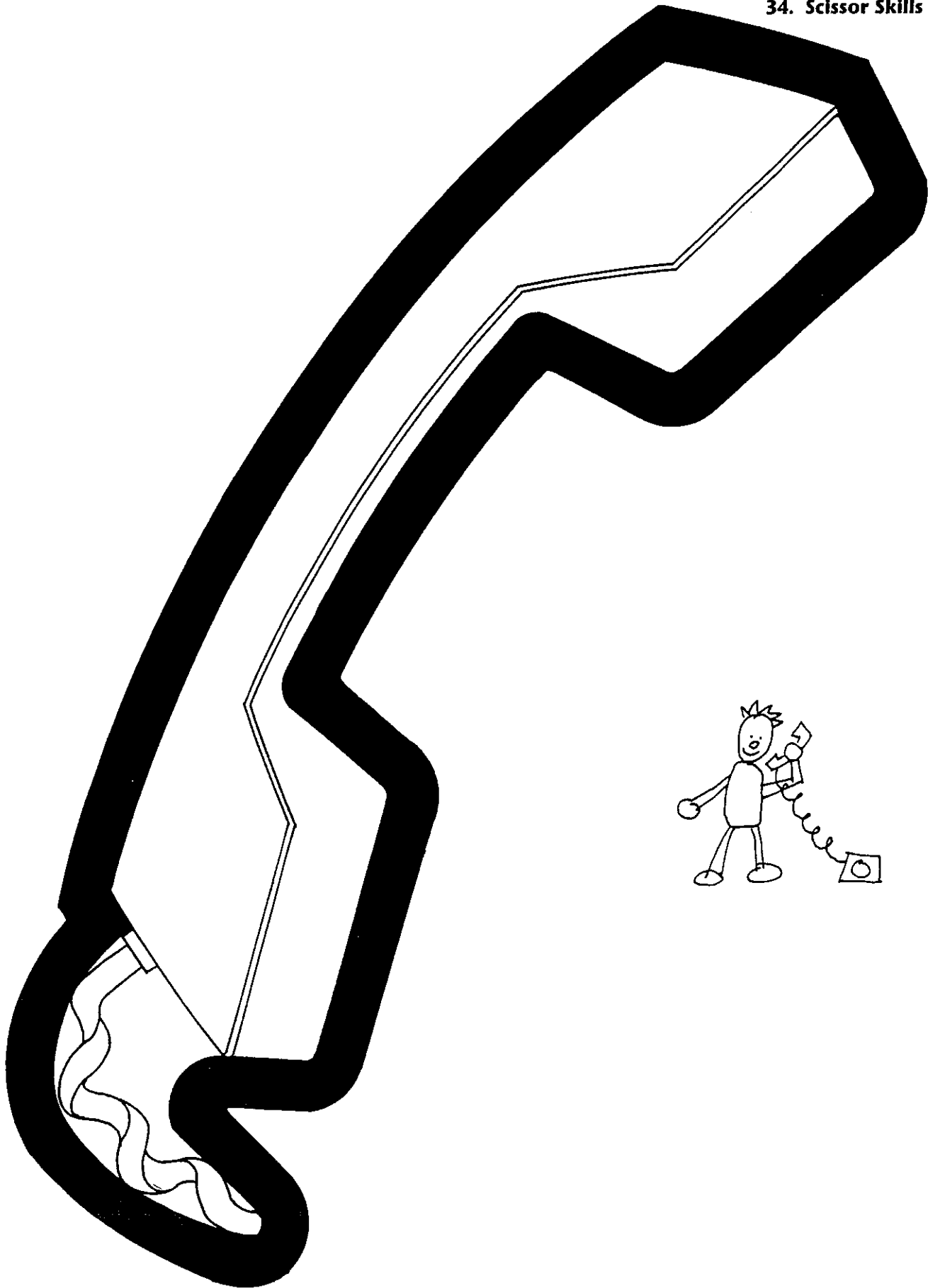
			
			
			
			
			
			
			

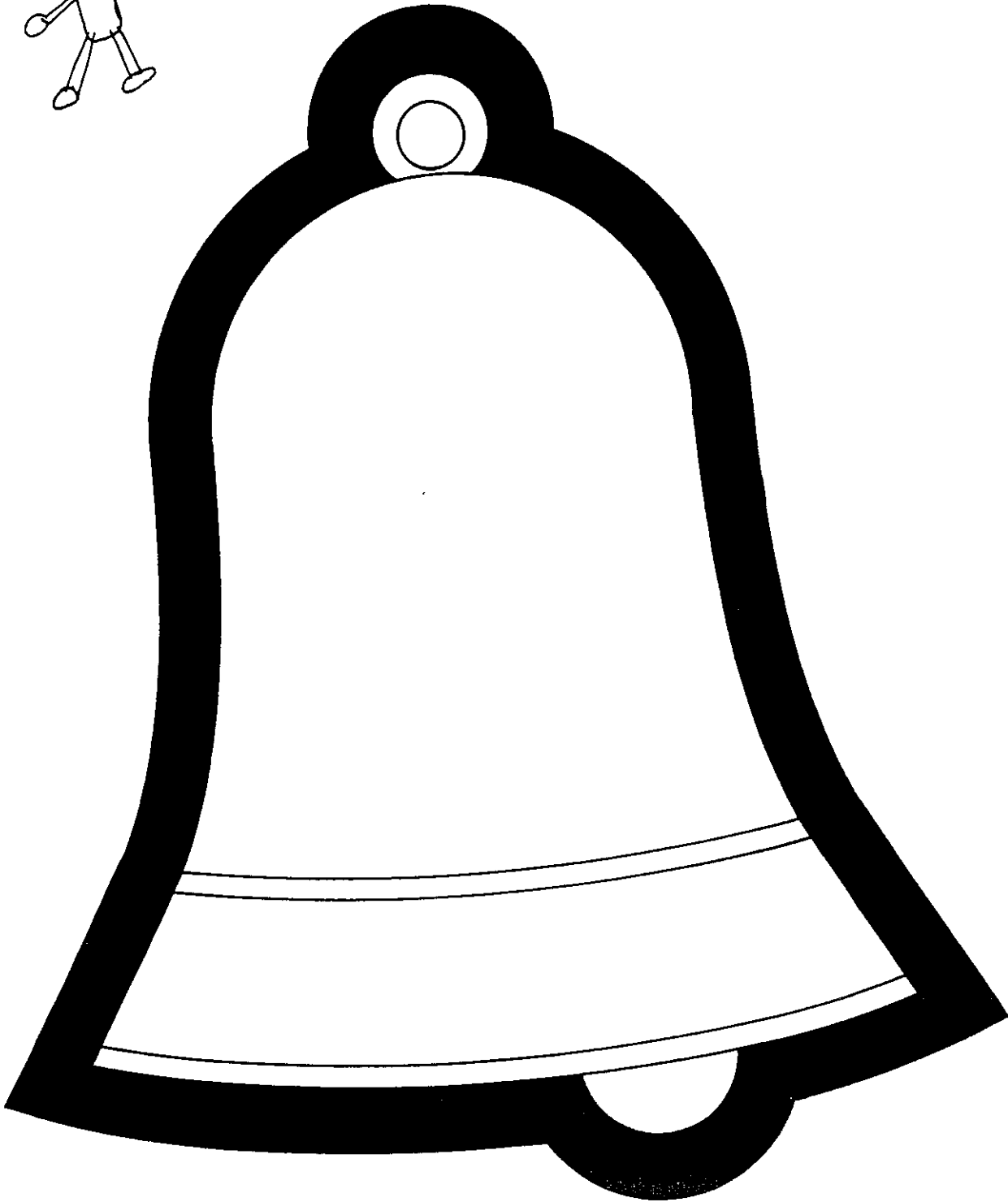
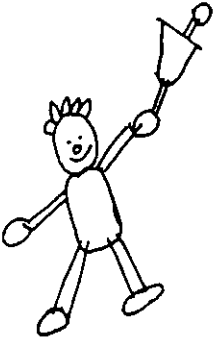


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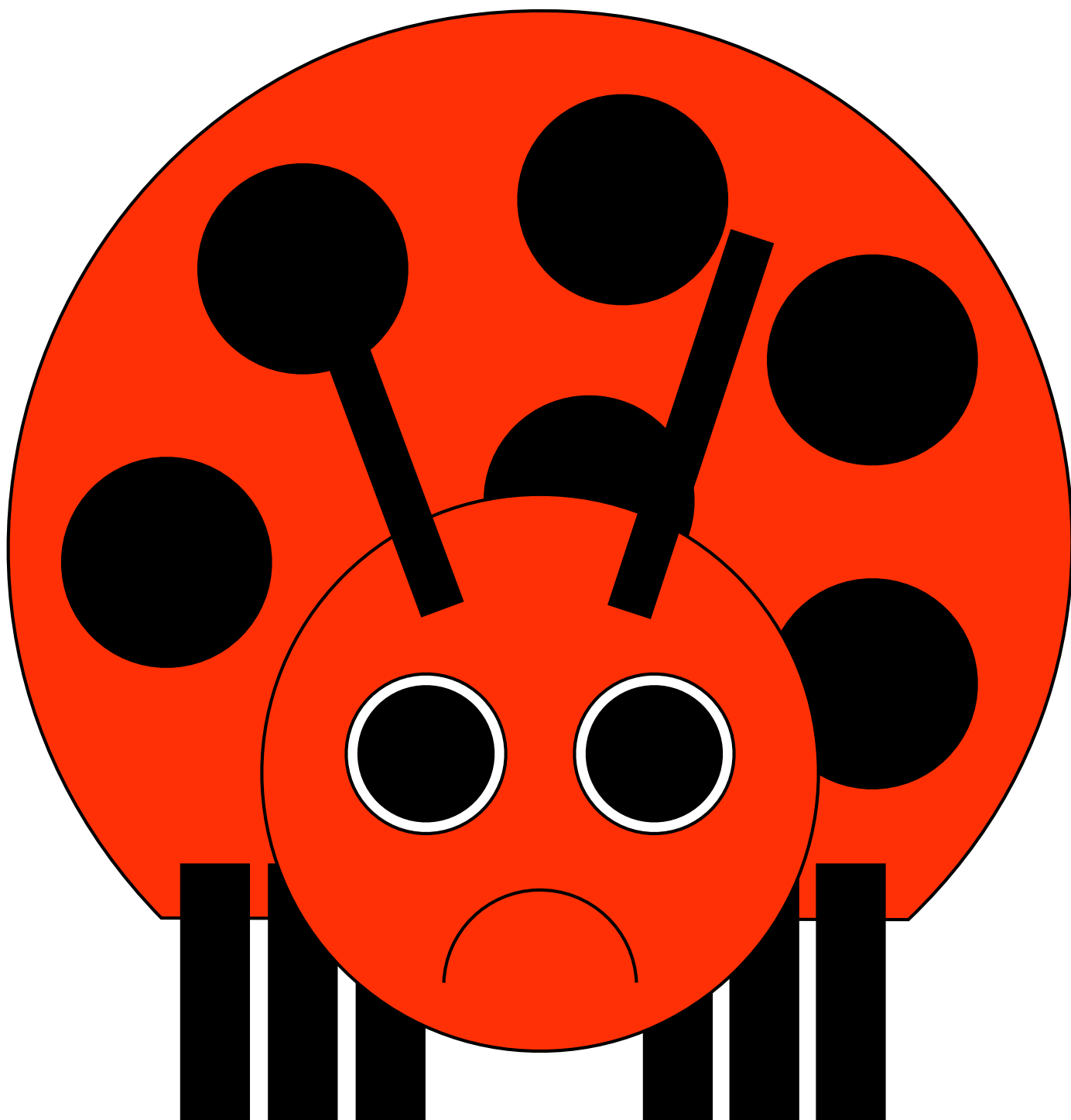




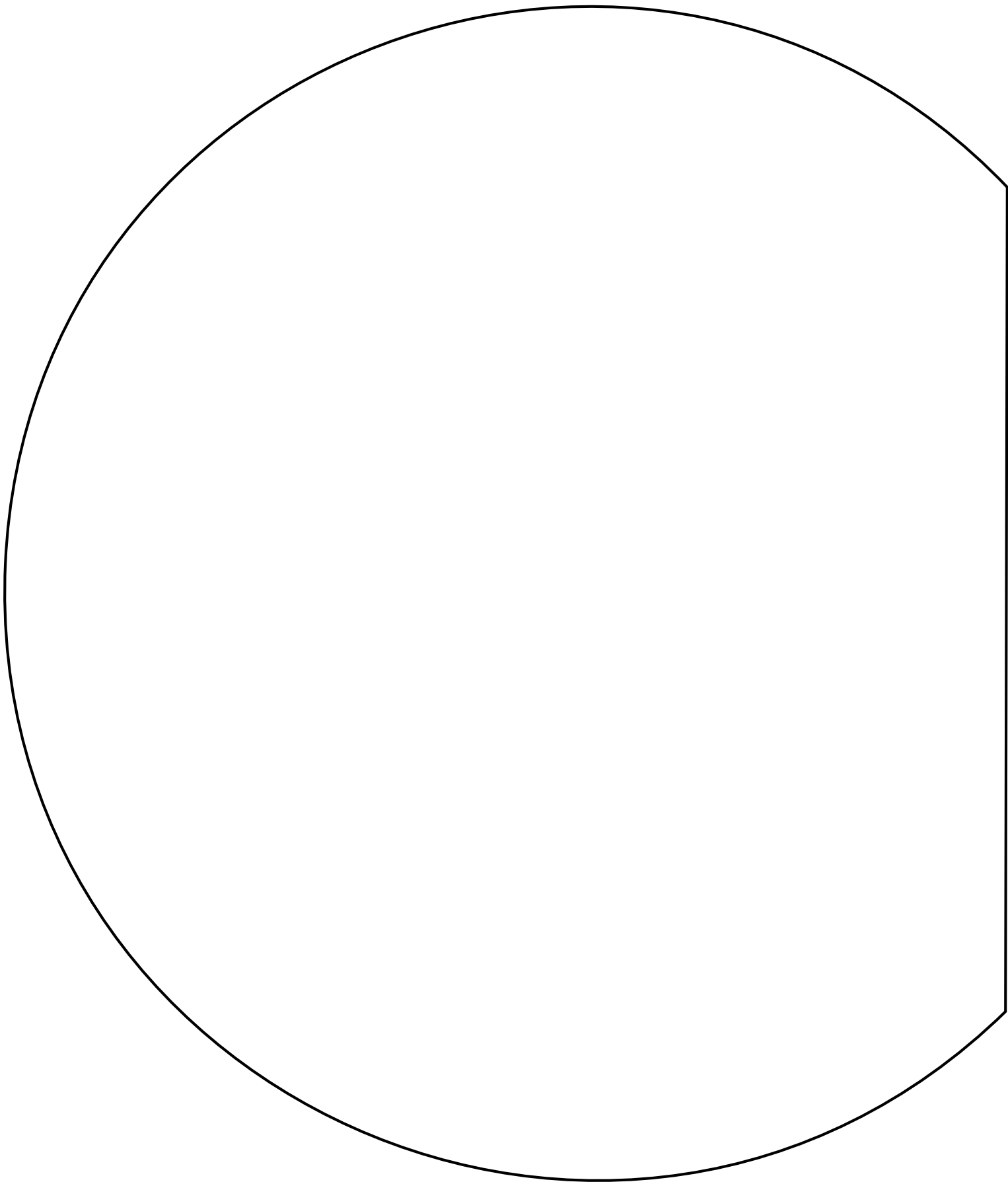




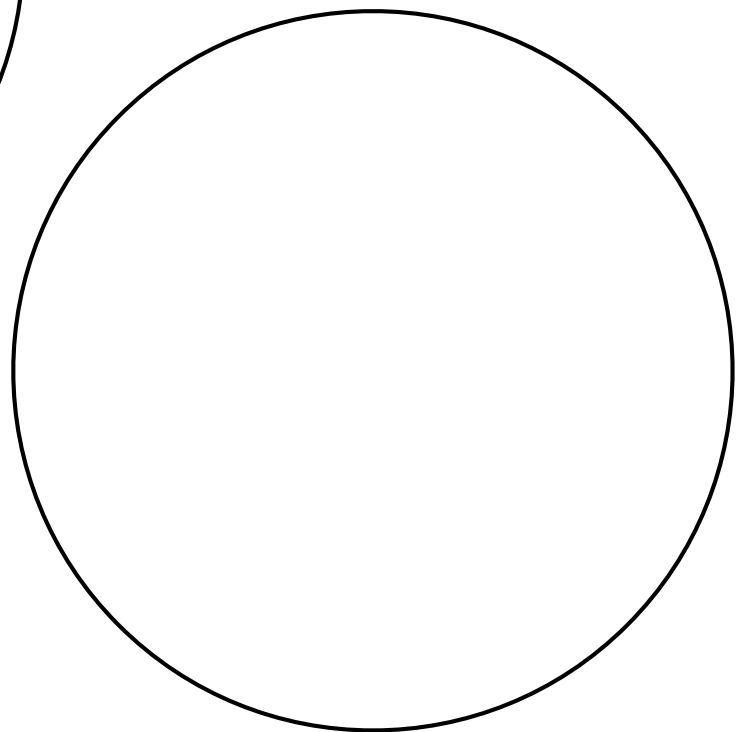
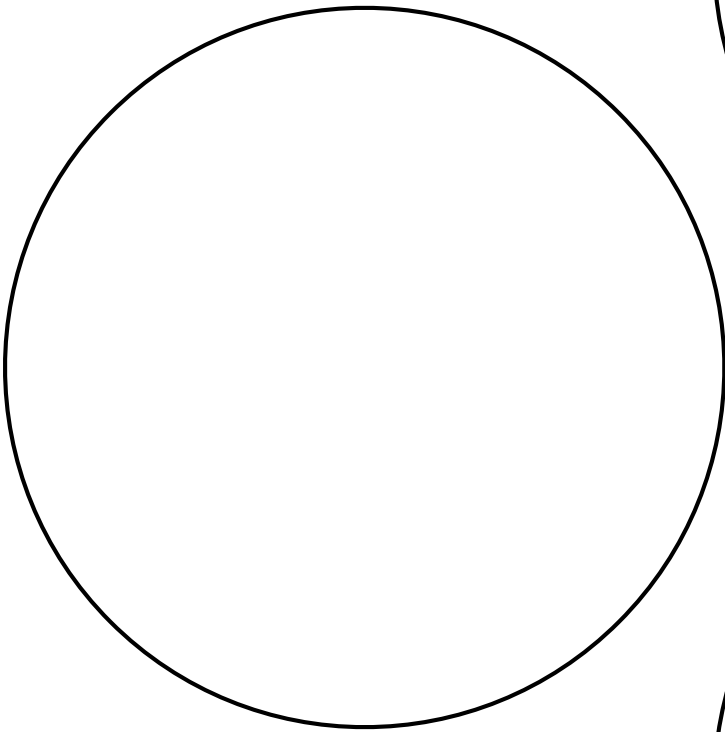
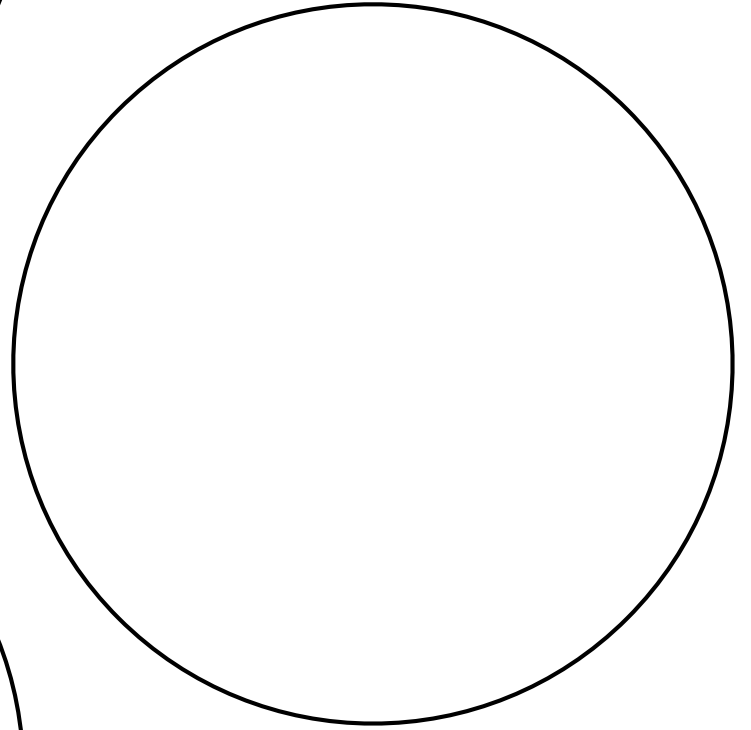
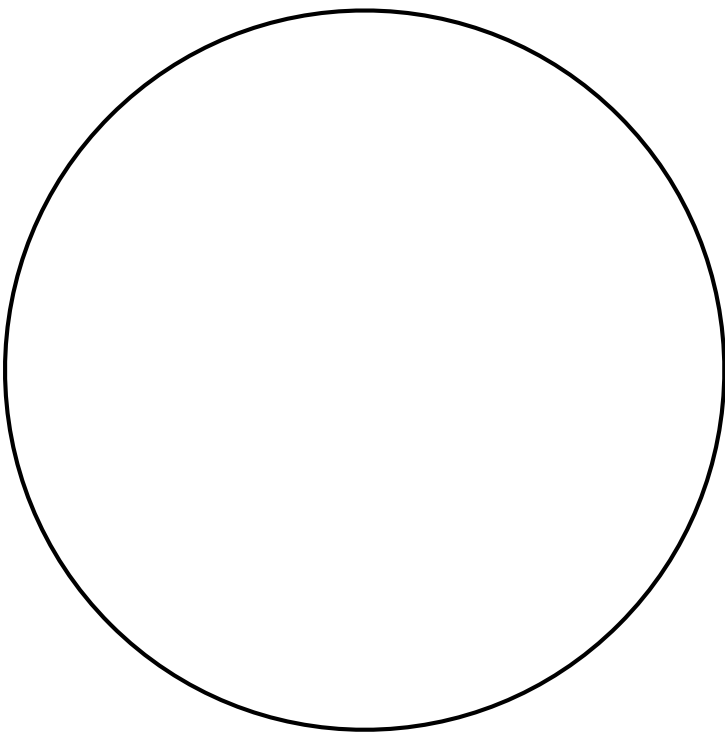
GROUCHY LADYBUG EXAMPLE
USE STUDENT'S GROUCHY PICTURE AS THE HEAD!



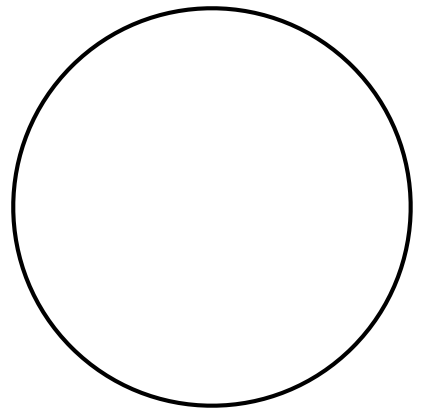
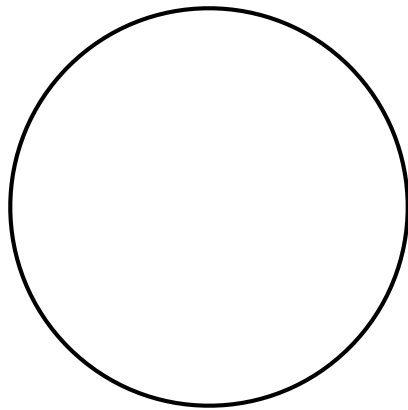
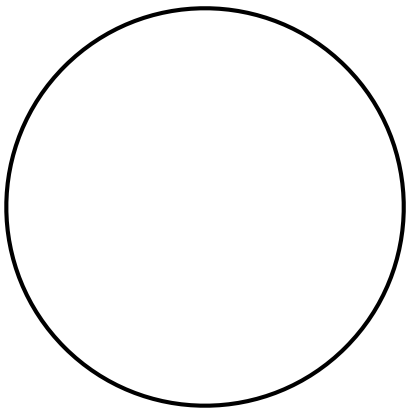
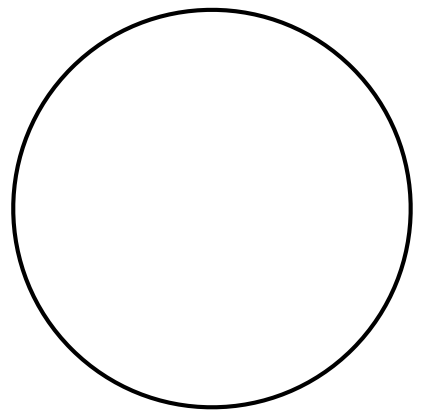
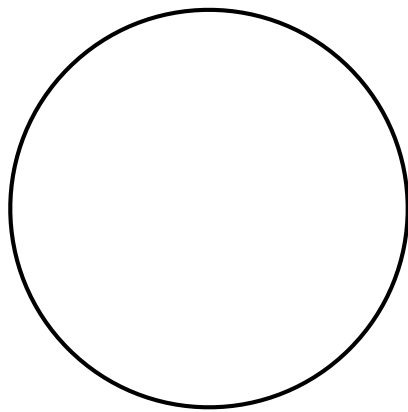
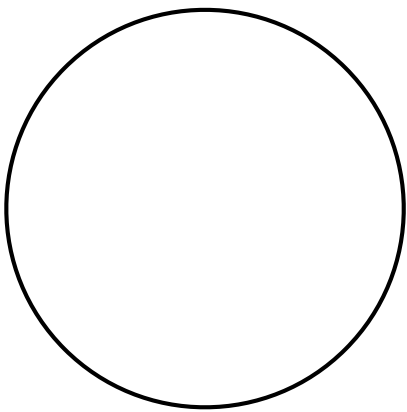
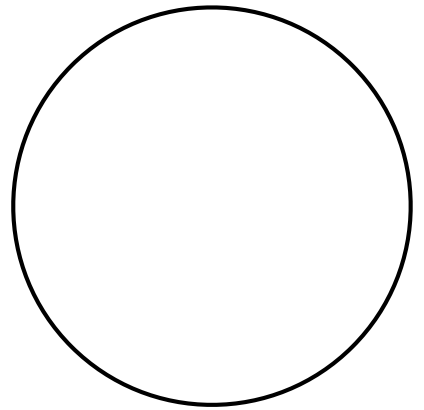
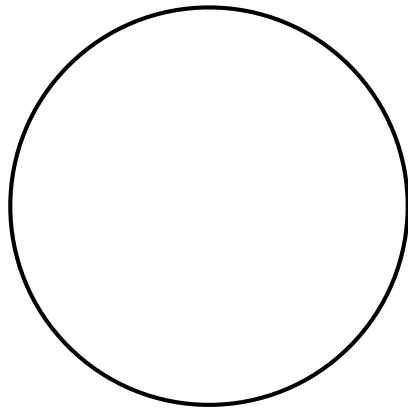
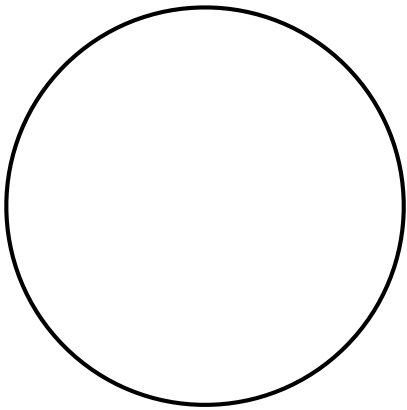
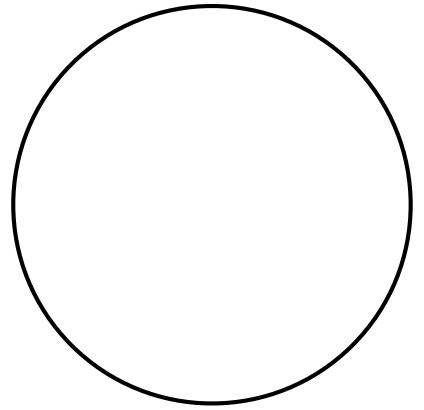
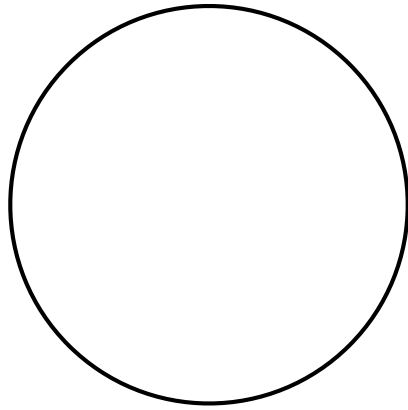
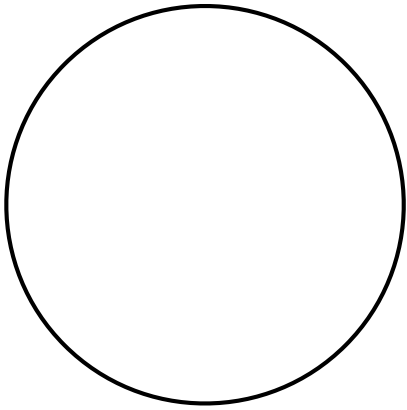
GROUCHY LADYBUG BODY - RUN ON RED



GROUCHY LADYBUG HEAD -
RUN ON RED



GROUCHY LADYBUG SPOTS - RUN ON BLACK



GROUCHY LADYBUG ANTENNAS - RUN ON BLACK

GROUCHY LADYBUG EYES

