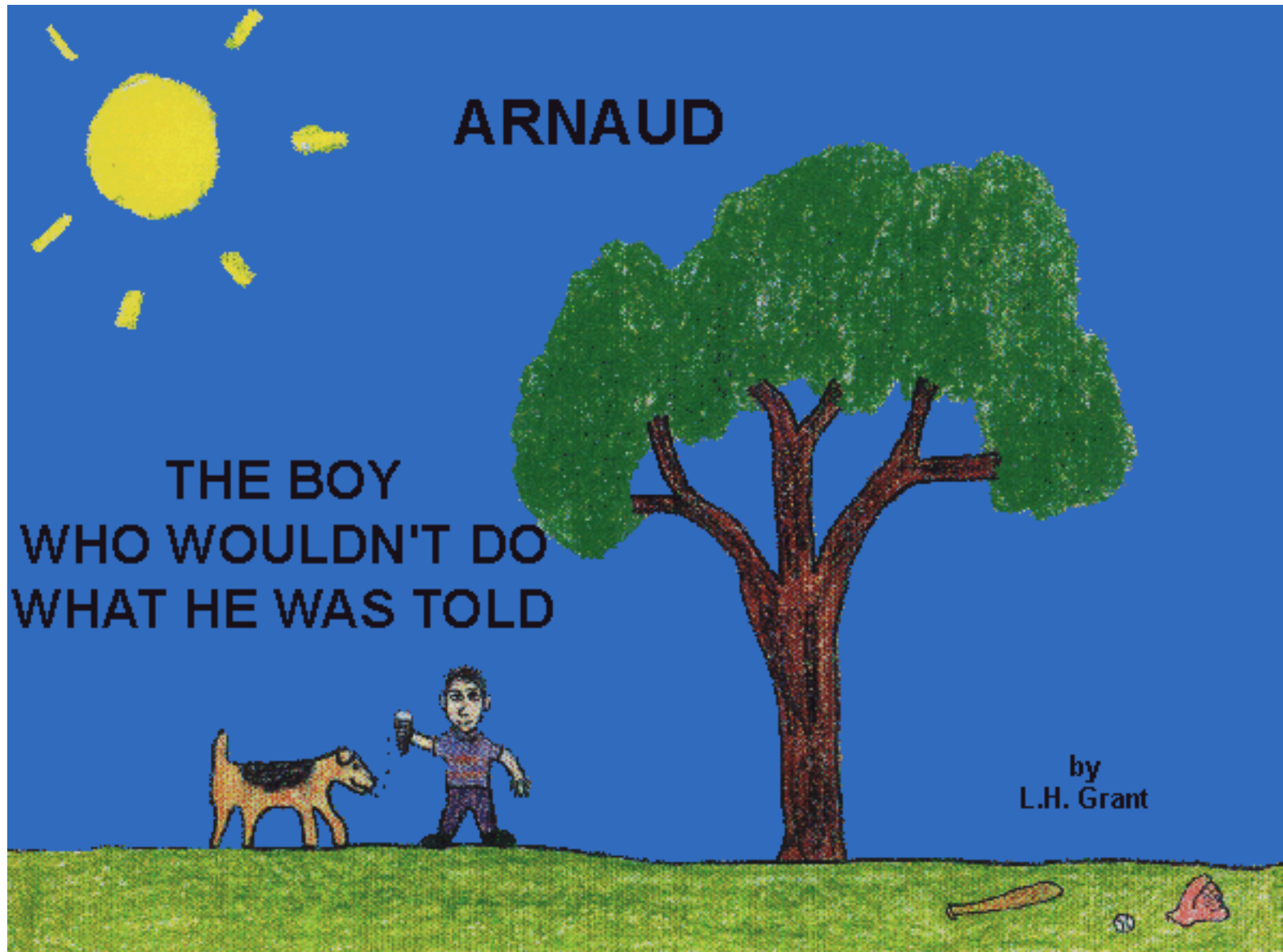


**ARNAUD**

**THE BOY  
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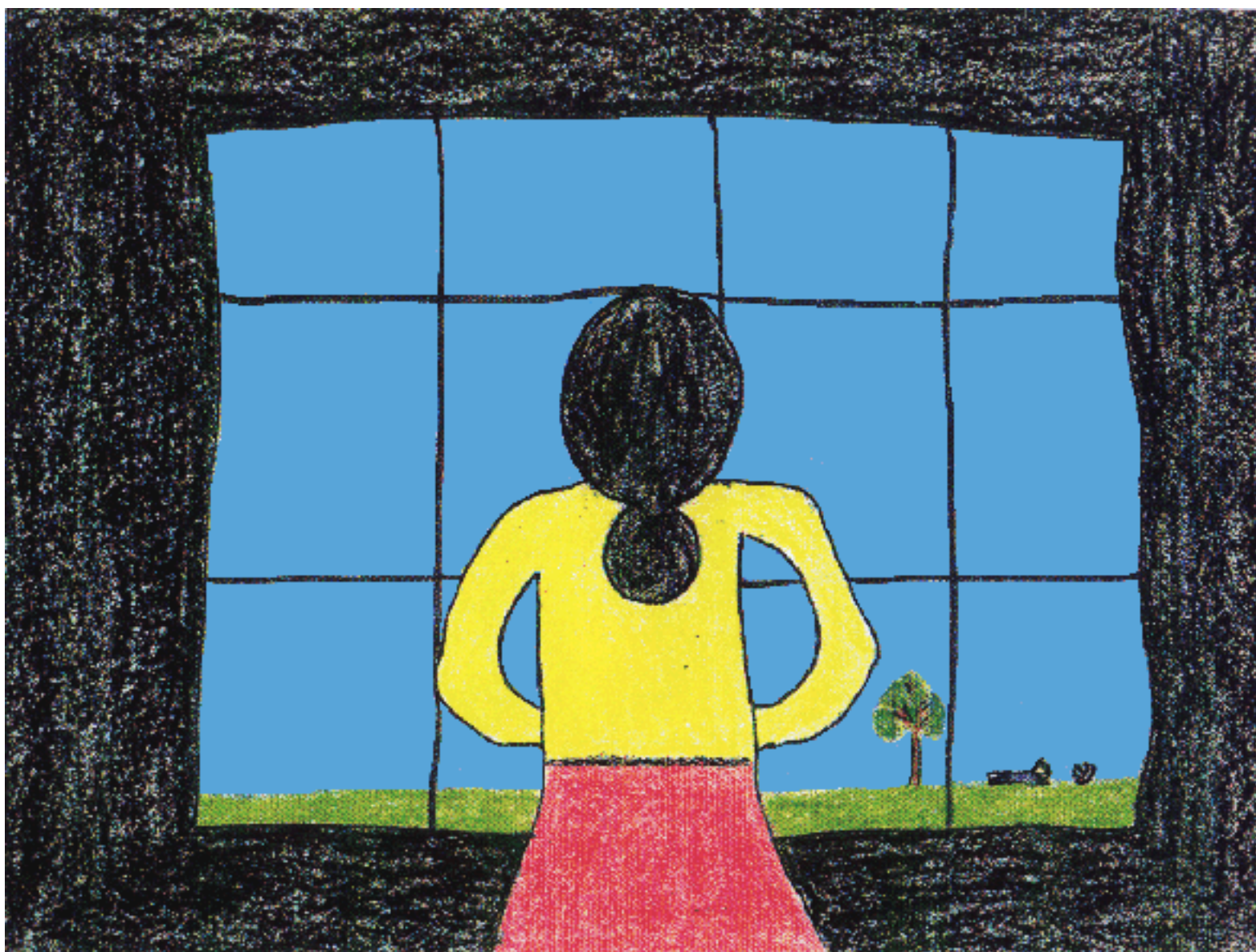
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Arnaud was a smart little boy who didn't listen to his elders. This was not out of blind disobedience but simply because Arnaud had come to like his own way of doing things better.



This, of course, was a great source of irritation to those around him but it didn't seem to annoy Arnaud one bit.





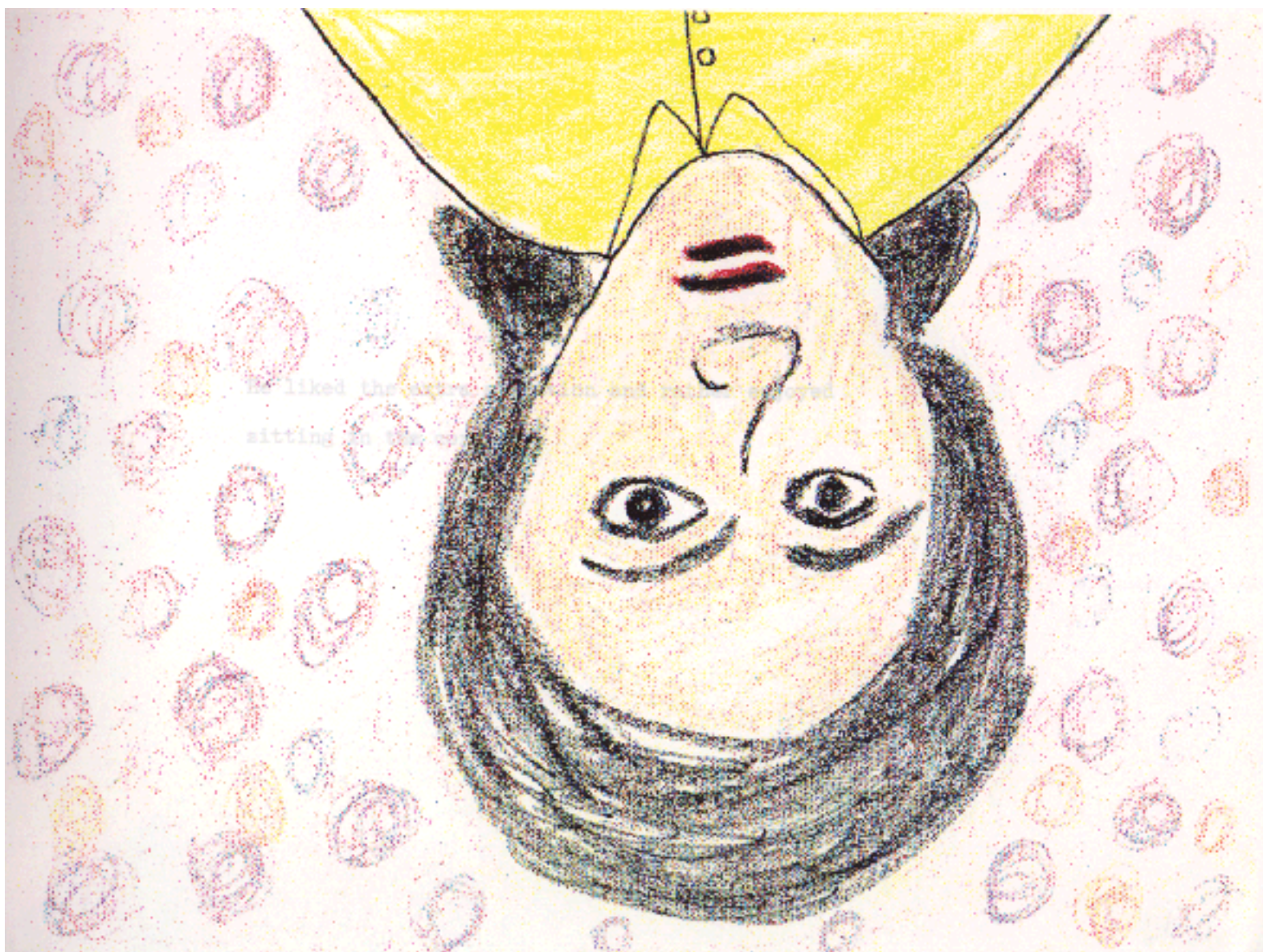
When Arnaud was in school his teachers would say, “Oh! Arnaud, don’t do this. Don’t do that.” Arnaud would simply ignore them and he would do this and he would do that.





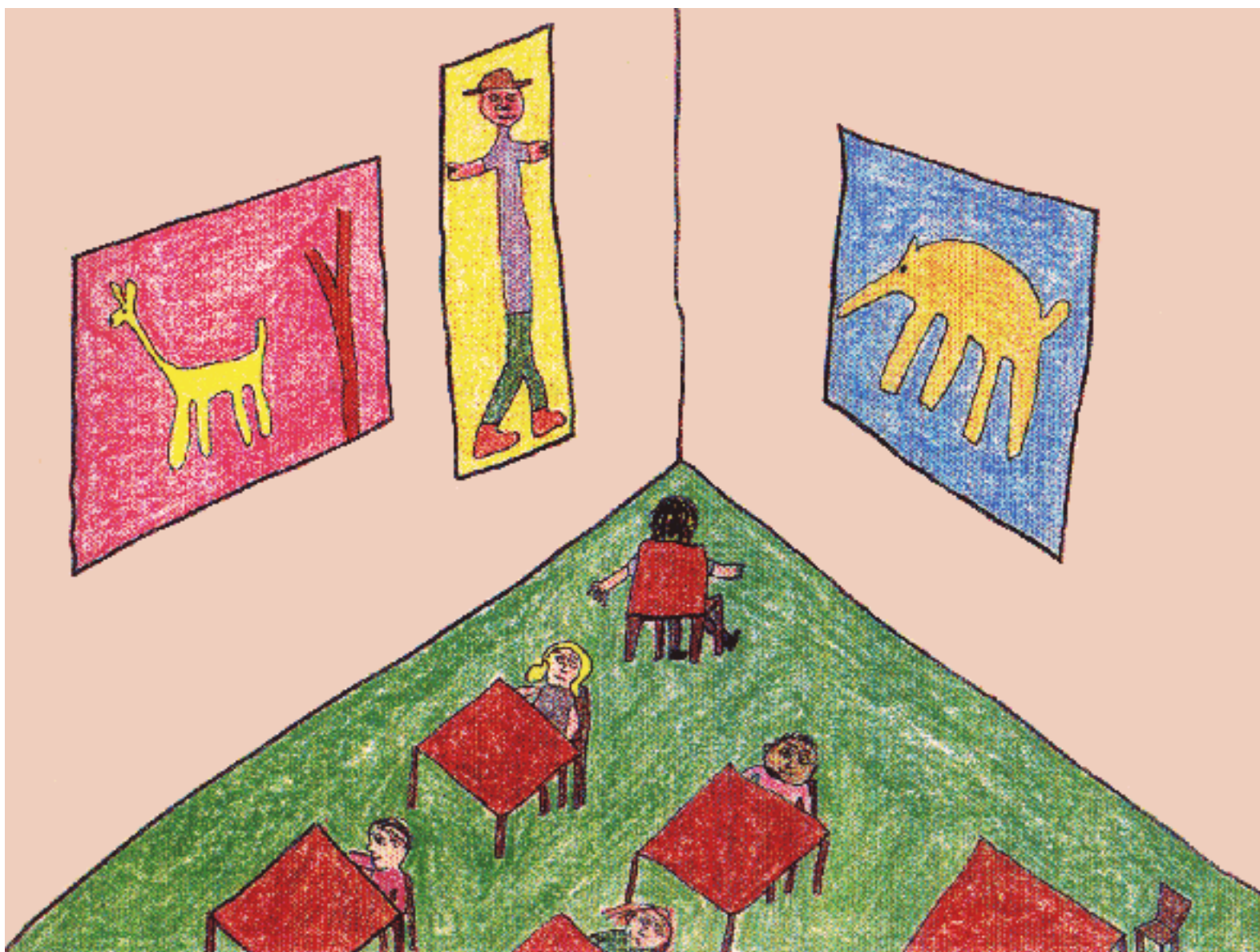
Then the teachers would punish Arnaud but he didn't mind.





He liked the extra attention and rather enjoyed sitting in the corner.





Arnaud would be late for school in the morning.





He would eat candy before dinner.





And, he would play in the mud with his dog, Charlie, while wearing his best clothes. To put it simply, Arnaud was incorrigible.





Parents told their children to stay away from Arnaud because he was a bad influence and would lead them astray. So, poor Arnaud had only Charlie to play with but that suited him just fine for Charlie was a good playmate and he didn't cheat either.





Arnaud didn't like cheaters and he didn't like liars. He would never stoop so low as to do either. Arnaud just didn't like being told what to do and he was quite willing to pay the price for his disobedience.



Everyone was always telling Arnaud, “You’ve got to follow directions. Do what you’re told. You better behave, young man.” Arnaud would just stare into space and daydream.





He would imagine a world where no one was told what to do. There would be no punishment because there would be no disobedience. You could have chocolate cake for breakfast, take a three hour recess and stay up past your bedtime. “Ah, what a wonderful world it would be if I was in charge,” thought Arnaud.





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