

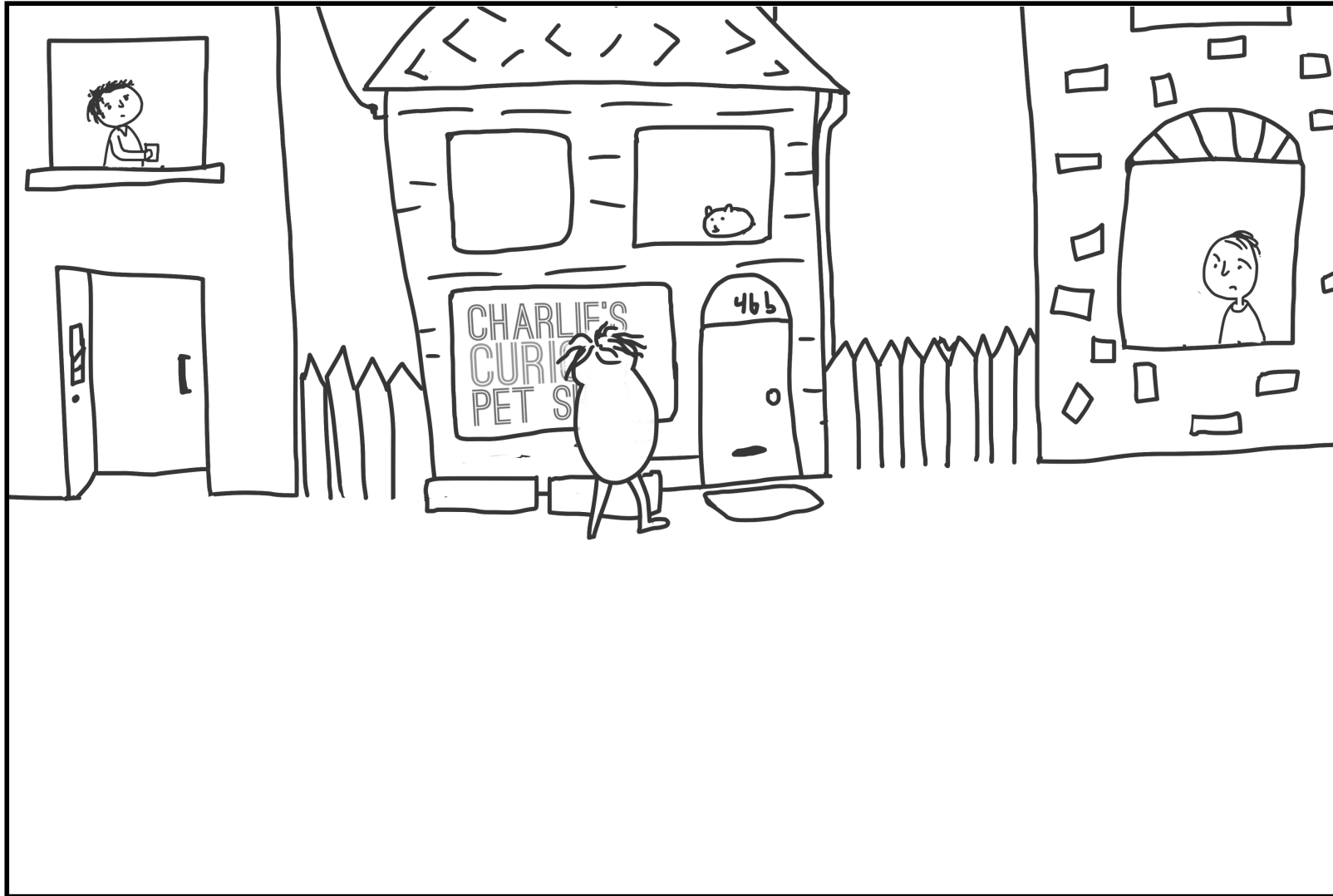
MR Pirate and the PARKEN

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CHARLIE'S CURIOUS PET SHOP



Charlie's Curious Pet Shop is famous for the strange and curious creatures Charlie sells. Creatures you may not have heard of, but who would make great pets. Charlie was about to close up her shop when a stranger stumbled through the door.



The customer said, "Ahoy, call me Mr Pirate and a great pirate like myself needs a proper pirate pet."
Charlie always knew what her customers needed. "I have just what you need Mr. P," said Charlie.



"This parken would make a proper pirate pet," said Charlie. Mr Pirate was doubtful.

"Is this a parrot or a chicken? Arrr. It doesn't look fearsome enough. I say it looks funny," squawked Mr Pirate.

"Funny face! Funny face!" squawked the parken.



"What!?" Shouted Mr Pirate, "Arrrr. I'll teach you to speak proper."

"Look Mr P, the parken even comes with a treasure map!

Why don't you take the parken on a treasure hunt and see if it's a proper pirate pet?"



"Mr Pirate studied the map, "Aye, it's treasure. Easy for an excellent pirate like myself to find. But I'll need a crew."

Charlie offered to be the crew.

"Then it's done. We sail at dawn, matey!" Said Mr Pirate.



The next morning they were sailing.

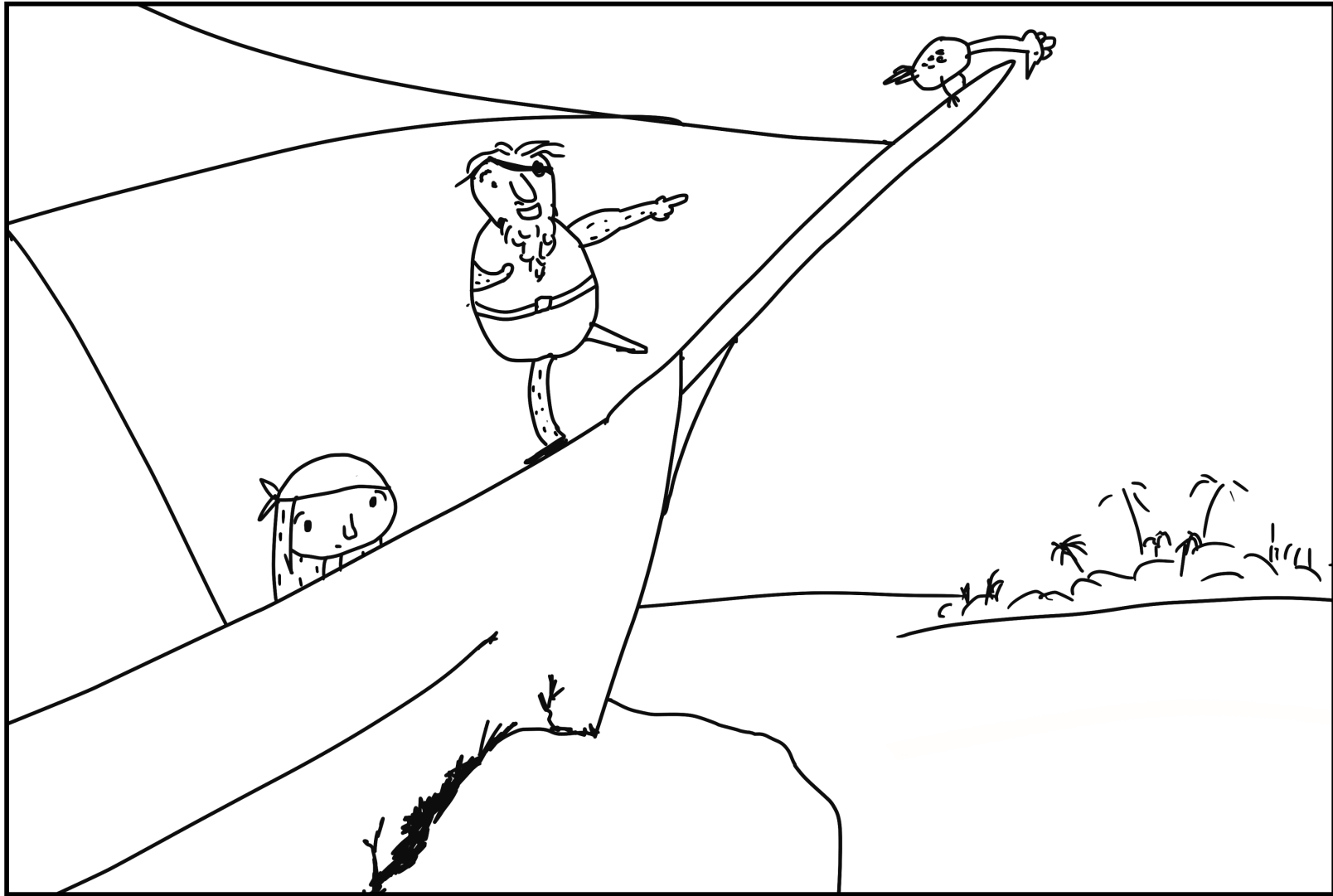
"Yo ho ho, I'm a great pirate. A great pirate is a superb sailor," said Mr Pirate.

"You're the best sailor I know Mr P," said Charlie."



"Watch out! Watch out!" squawked the parken.

"I'm the great pirate. You're just a silly bird, what do you know—"



Crash!

The ship crashed into a large rock.

"Look! There's the island with my treasure," Mr Pirate pointed.

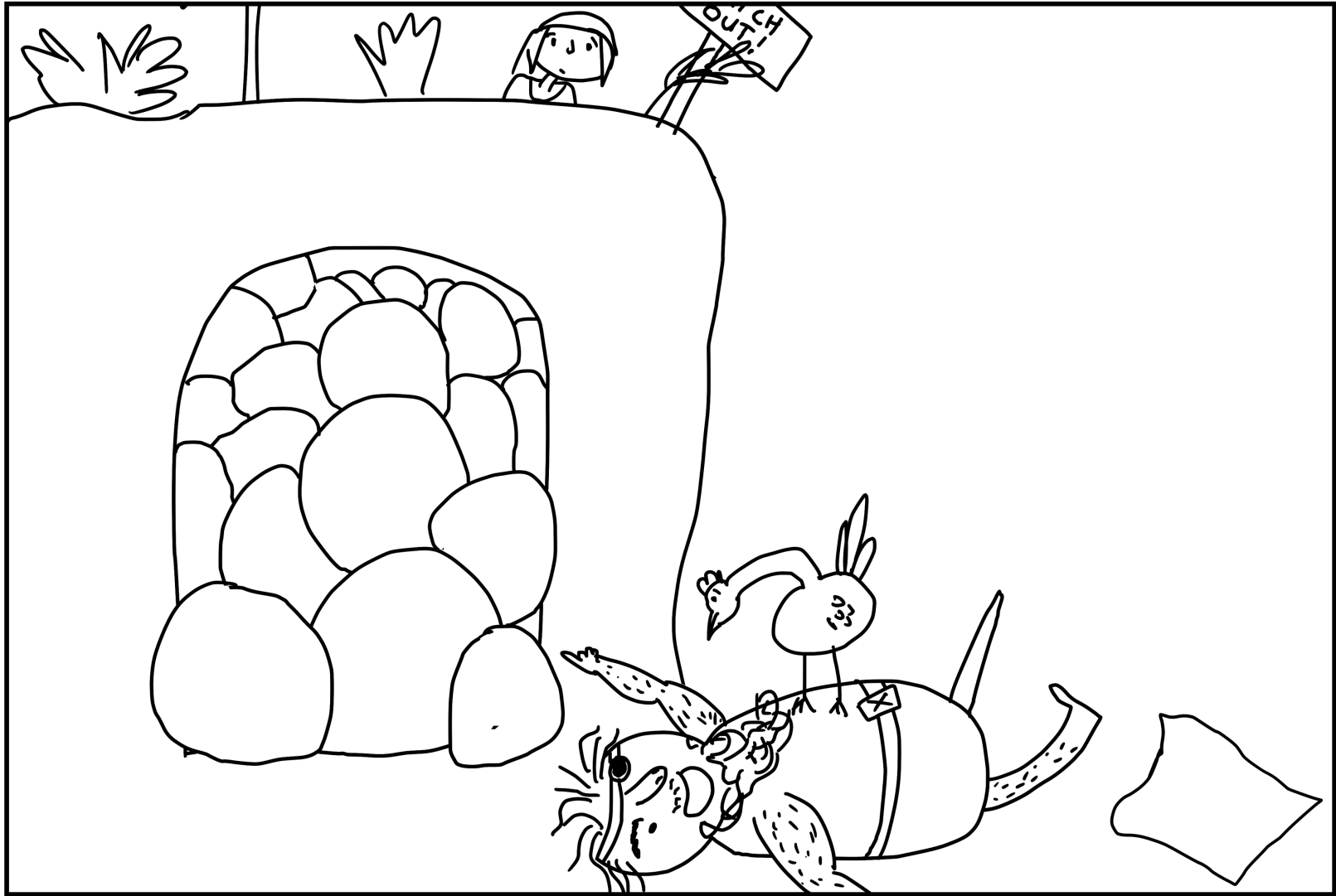


"Yo ho ho, I'm a great pirate. A great pirate is a terrific treasure hunter," said Mr Pirate.

"You're the best treasure hunter I know Mr P," said Charlie.



"Watch out! Watch out!" squawked the parrot.
"I'm the great pirate. You're just a silly bird –"



AHHH! Mr Pirate fell down a cliff.
"Look! There's the spot with my treasure," Mr Pirate pointed."



"Yo ho ho, I'm a great pirate. A great pirate is a super strong pirate," said Mr Pirate.

"You're the strongest pirate I know Mr P," said Charlie.

"Watch out! Watch out!" squawked the parakeet.

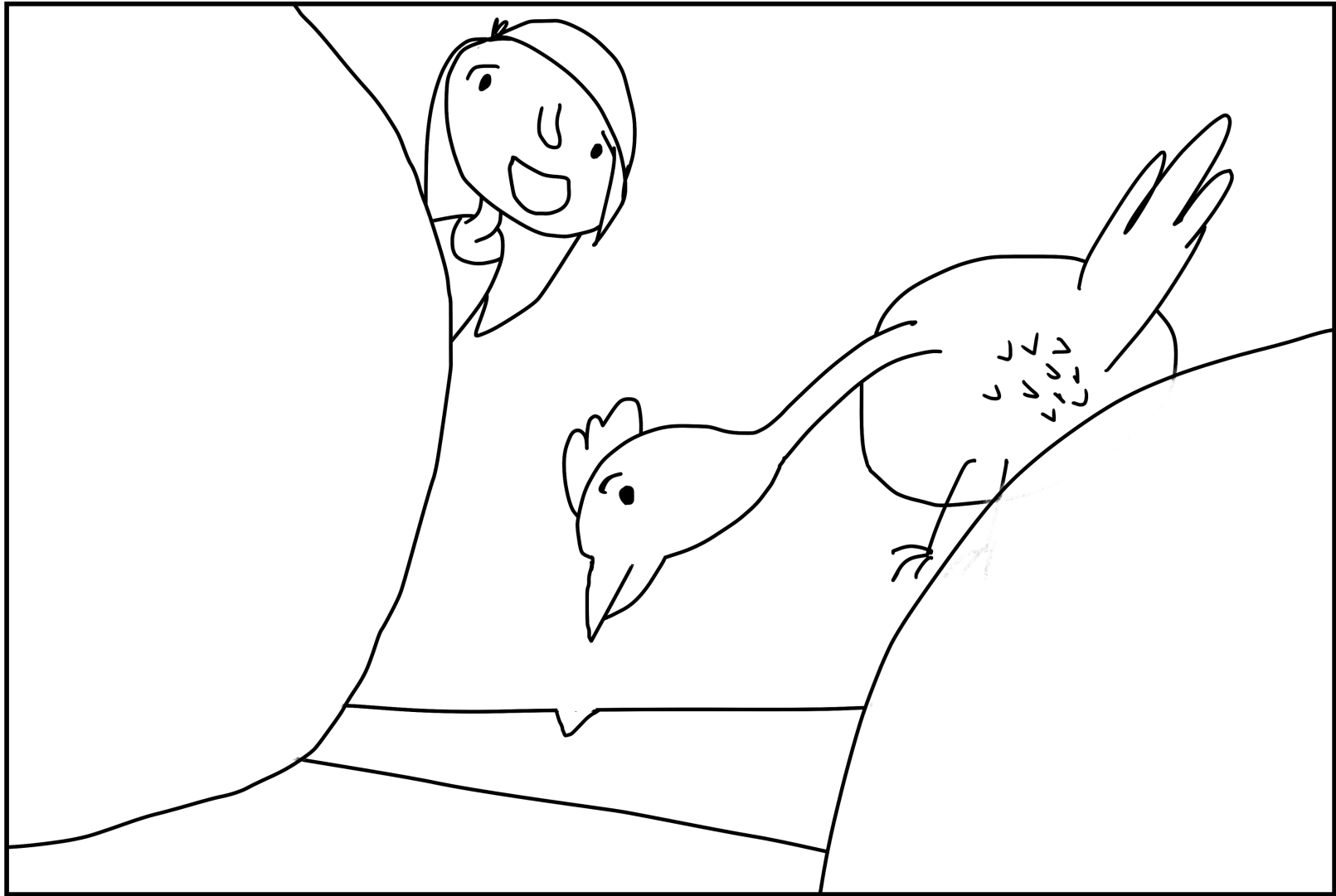
"I'm the—"



Tumble and crash! Rocks fell everywhere.



Mr Pirate was stuck under a big rock. The rock was too heavy for Charlie to move.
"Watch out! Watch out!" squawked the parakeet.



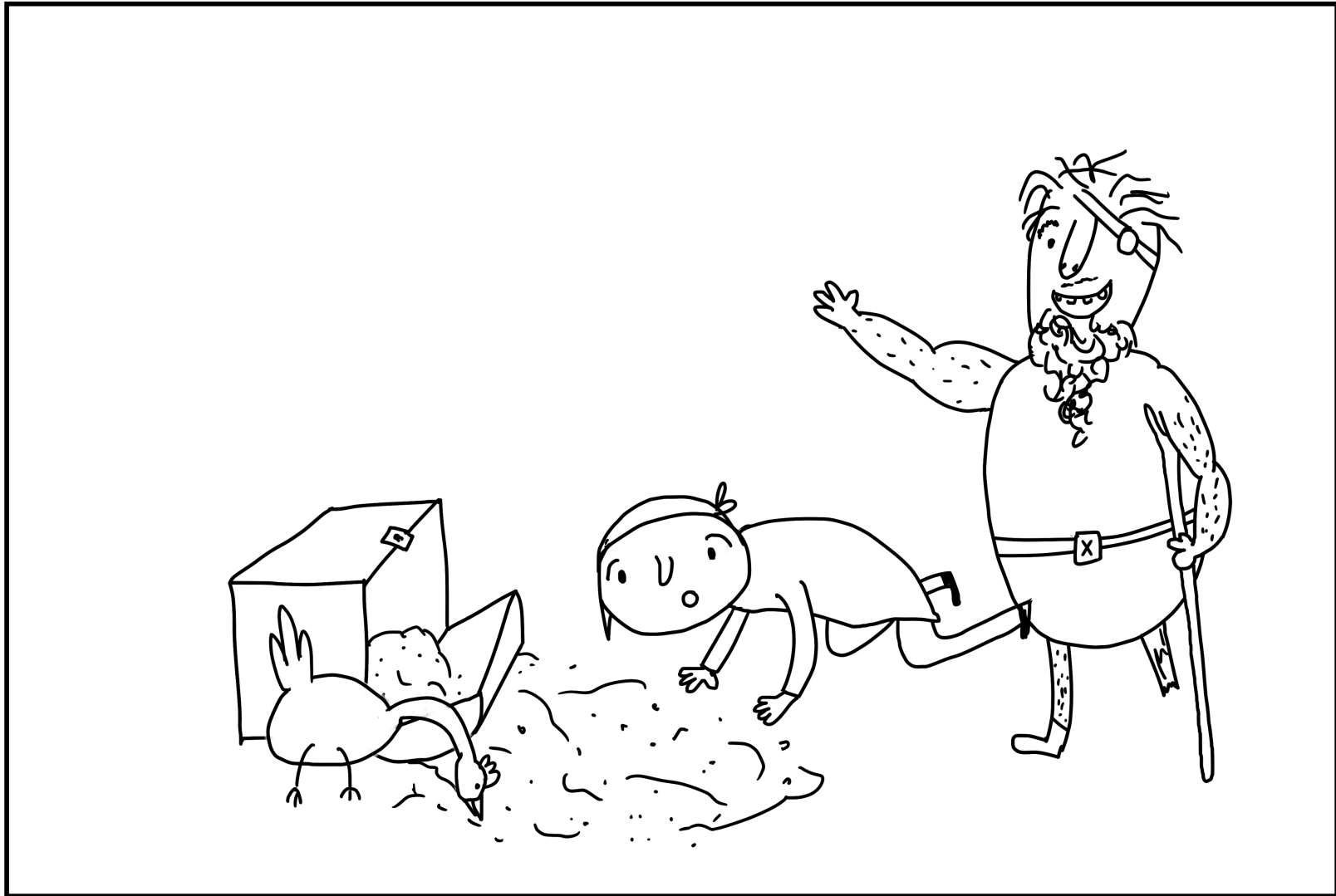
The parken pecked away at Mr Pirate's wooden leg until he was free.



"I'm a terrible pirate. A terrible pirate is a foolish pirate," said Mr Pirate.

"But look Mr P, you found the treasure!" said Charlie.

"Watch out! Watch out!" squawked the parken.

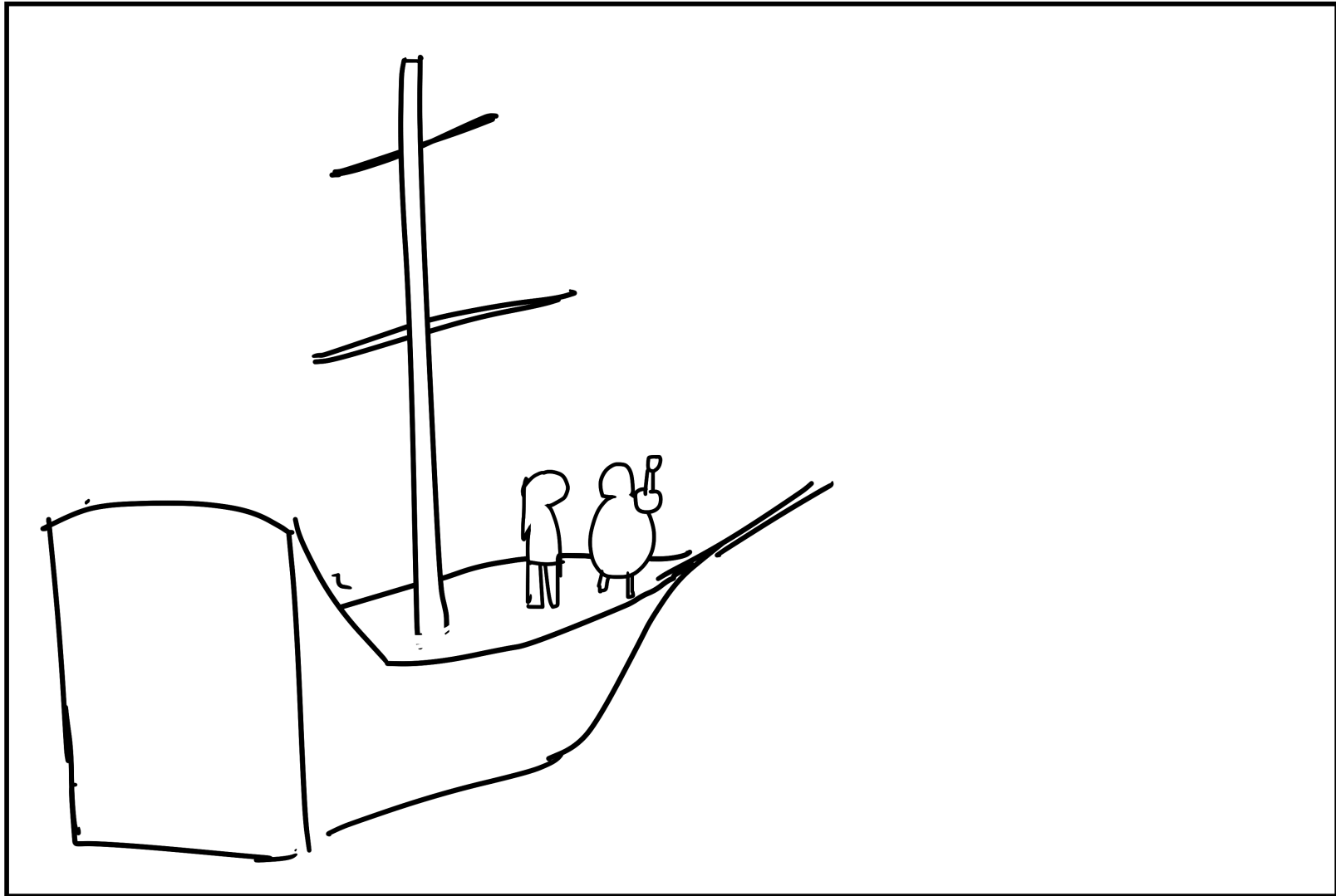


"The parken knocked over the treasure chest. Everything spilled out.

"Blimey! It's bird feed," said Charlie, "I'm sorry Mr P, you must be disappointed."



"Yo ho ho! Look here lassie, this parken is the true treasure.
A pet that watches out for me. Meet my proper pirate pet, Spotty," said Mr Pirate.



"I think you're the greatest pirate Mr P," said Charlie.

"That's because a great pirate has great friends," said Mr Pirate.

"Funny friend! Funny friend!" squawked Spotty.