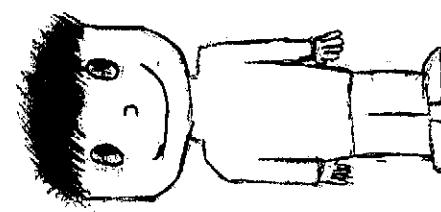


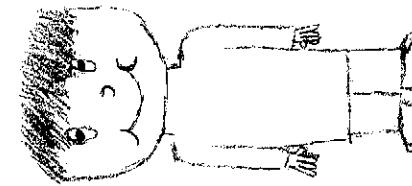
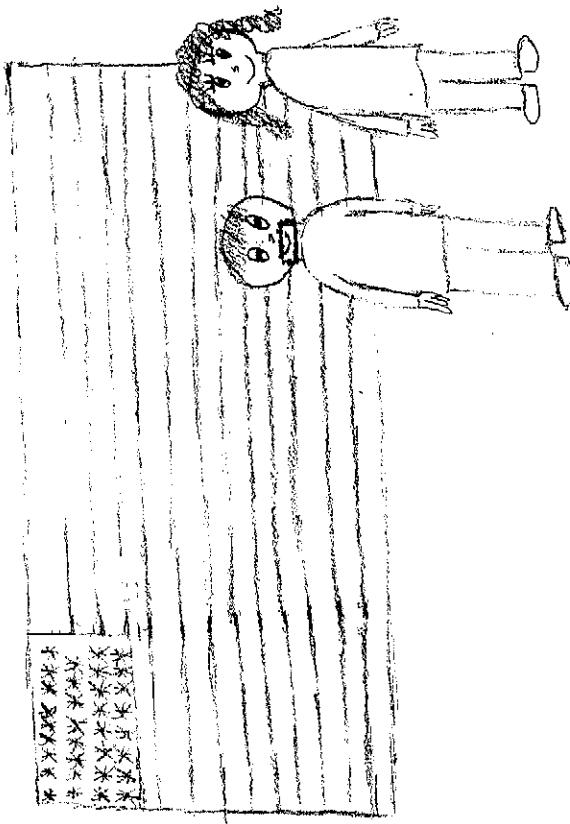
The  
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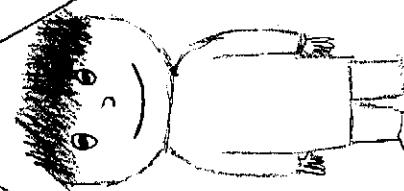
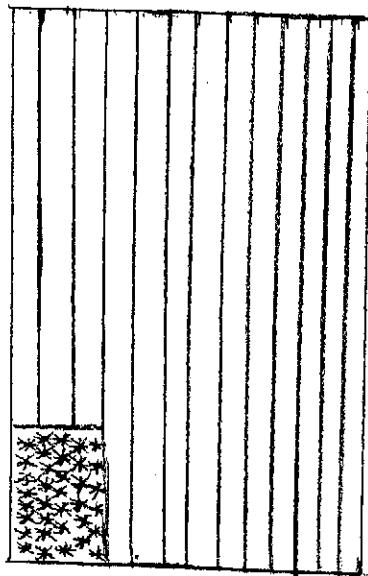
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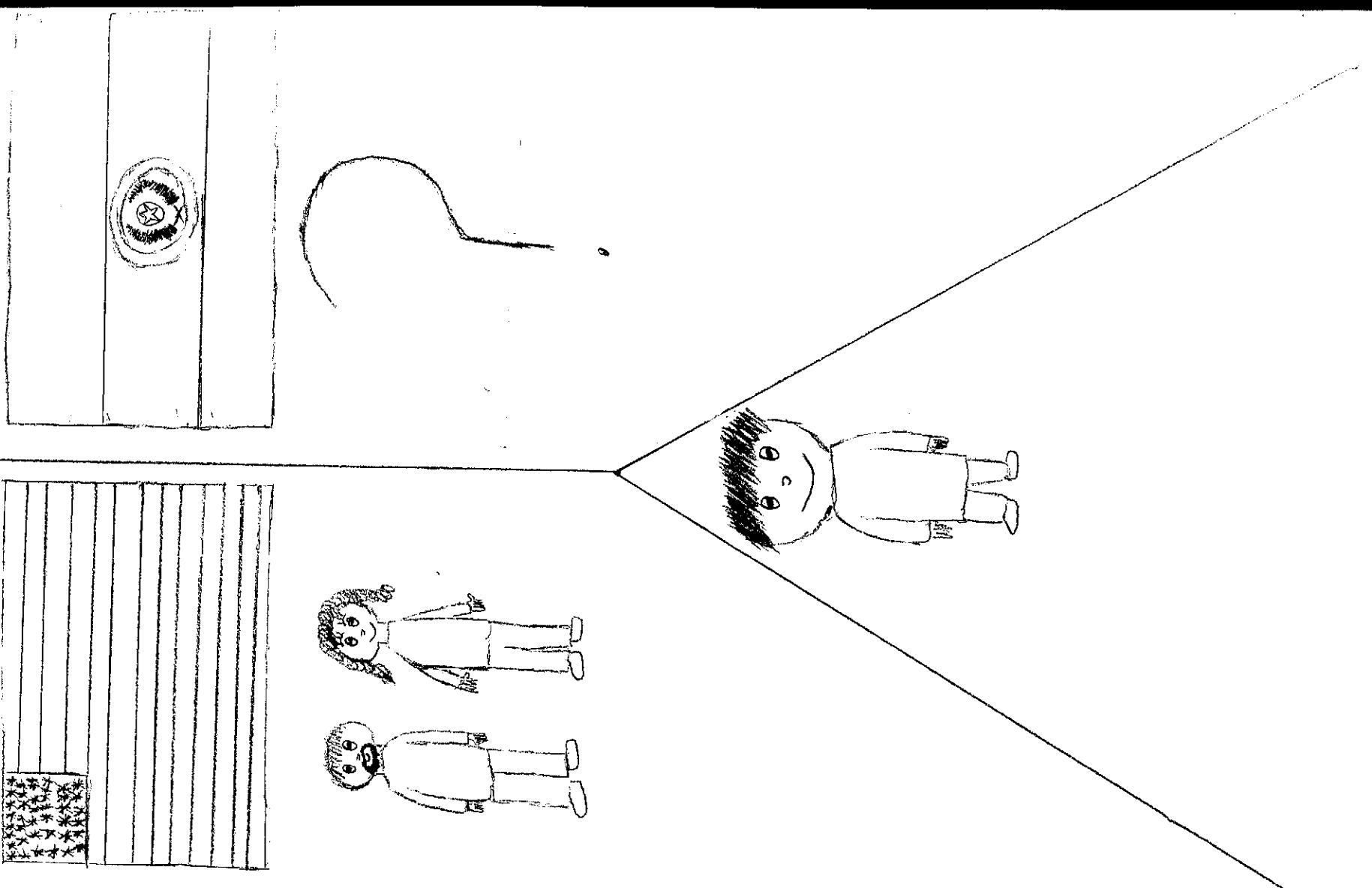




Nelson lives in America  
with his family.

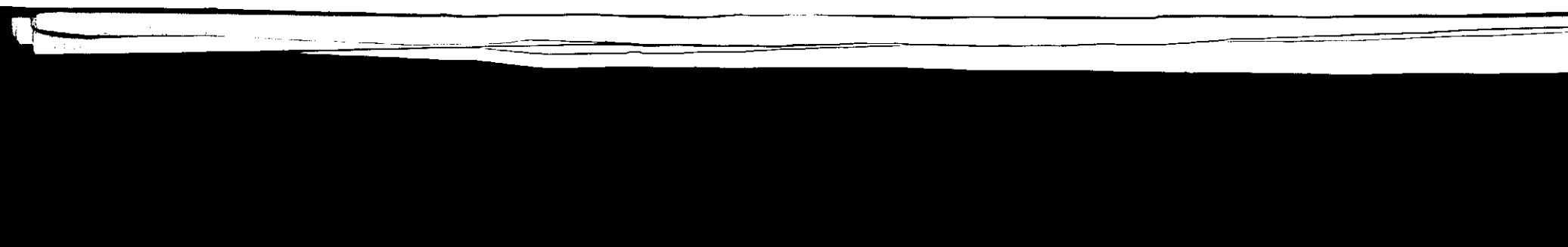
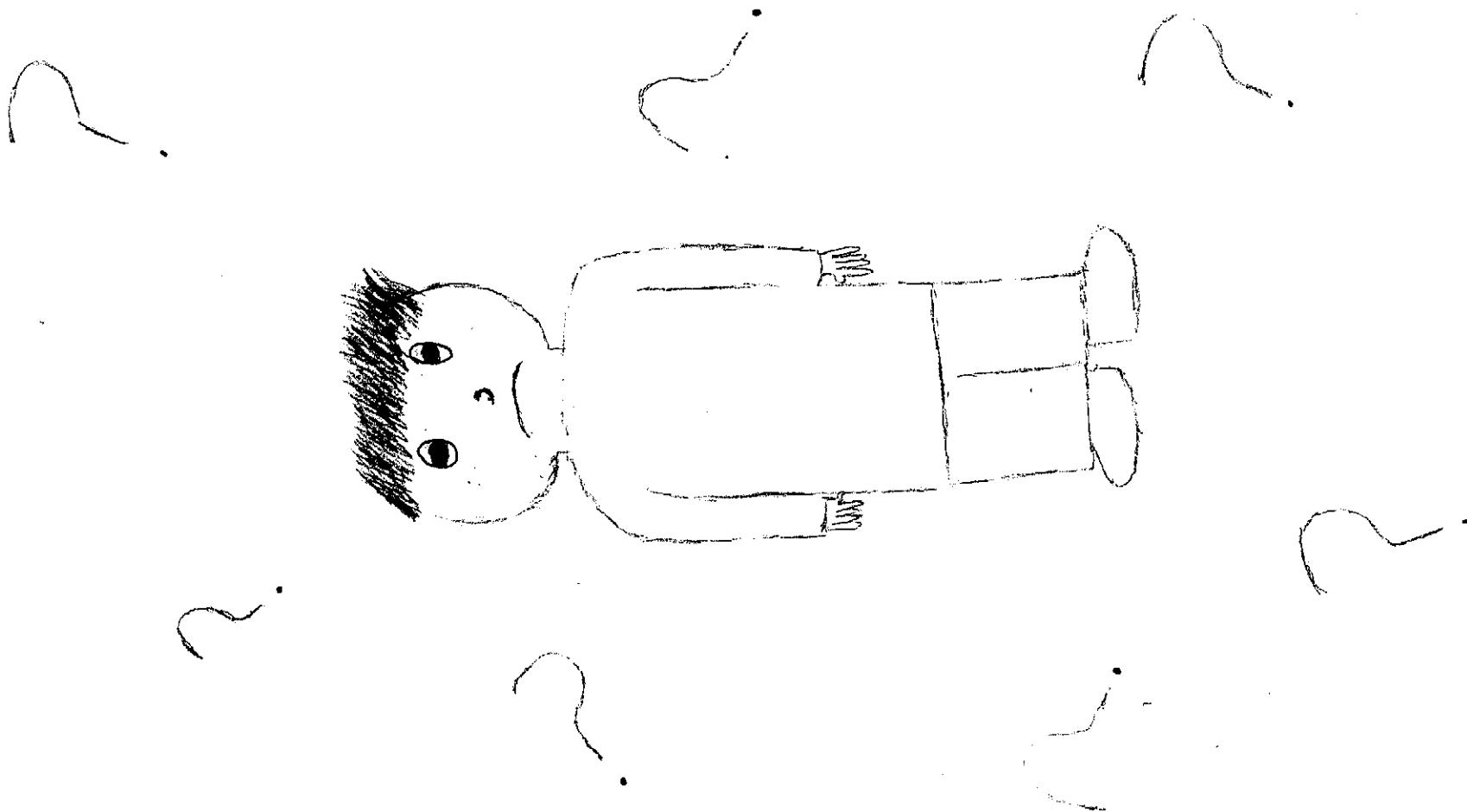
But this is only half of  
Nelson's story.  
Nelson is adopted.





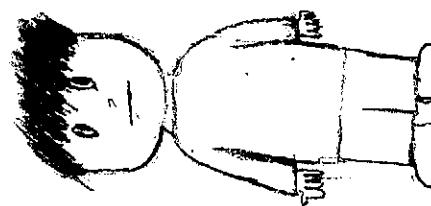
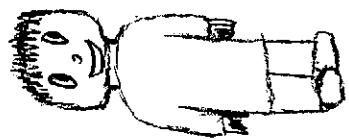
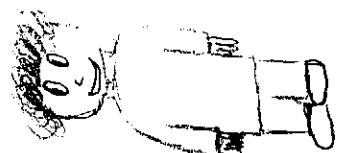
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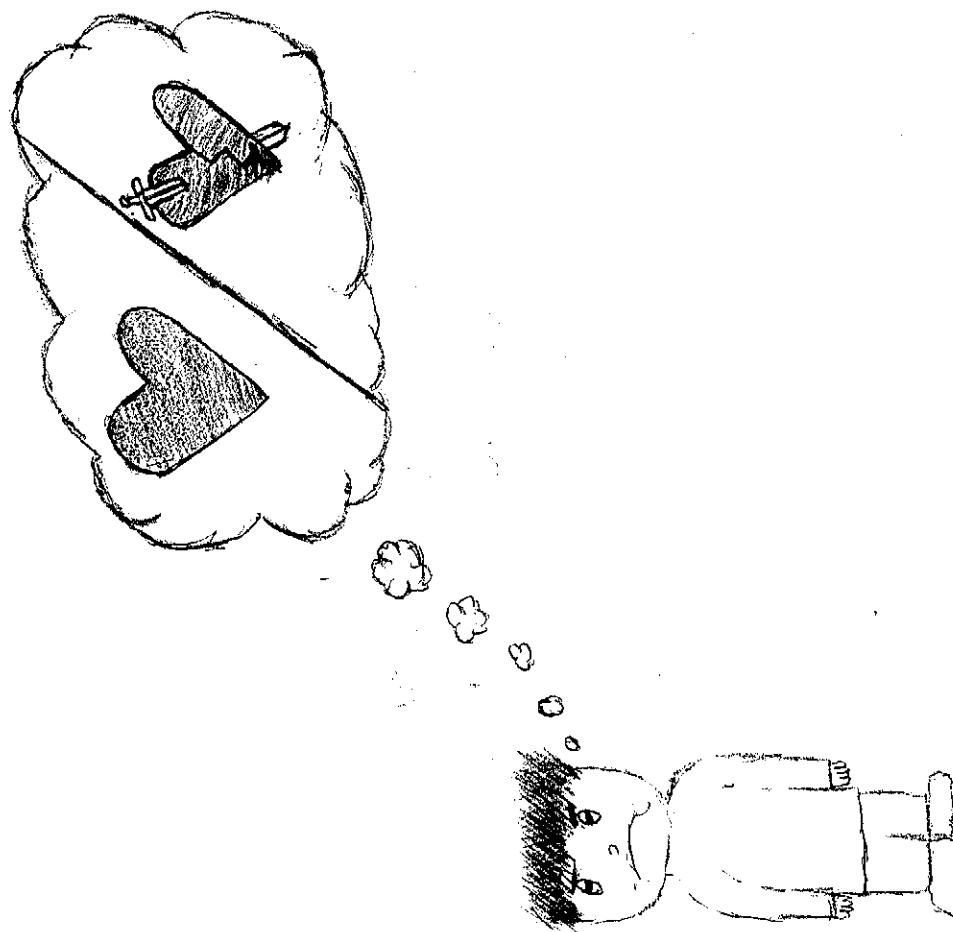
He never knew his biological family



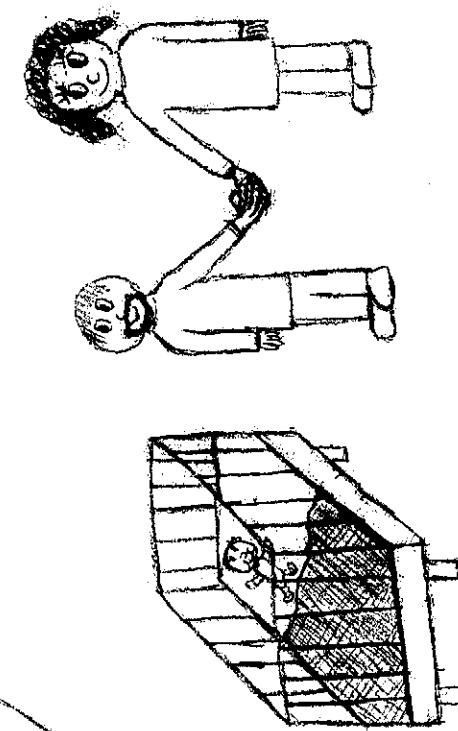
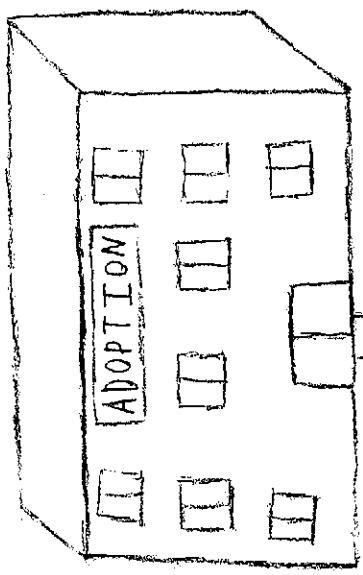
Nelson was confused as  
to why he was given up.

Nelson always felt like he stood  
out and knew he was different  
from his friends.





At first, he was mad at his birth mother and unsure how to feel towards his adopted family.



But then he realized the strength and love it must have taken for his birth mother to give up her child.

He understood the love and compassion it would take to take in someone else's child to raise as your own.

For the first time, Nelson was truly grateful.

I am Nelson ...

Alexander Nelson Marking ...

I am proud of who I am...

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