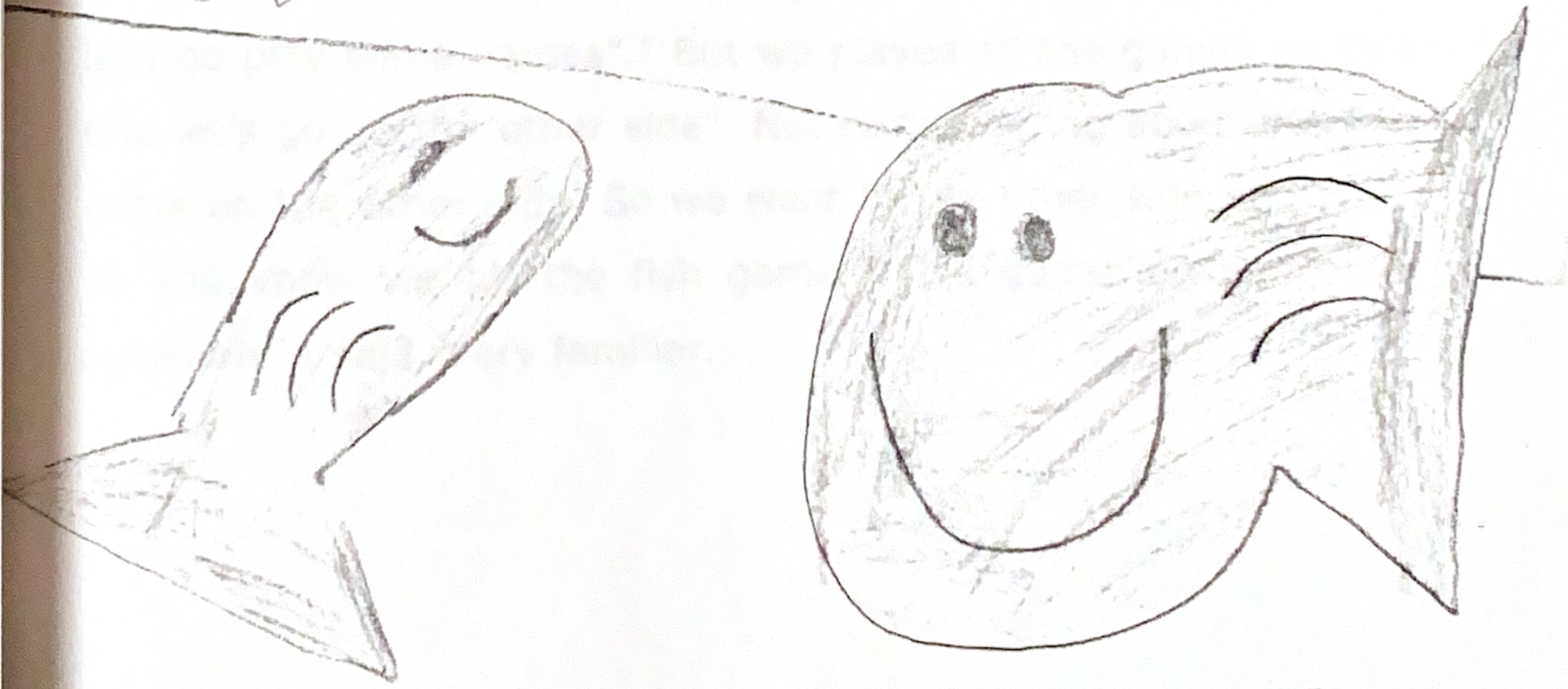
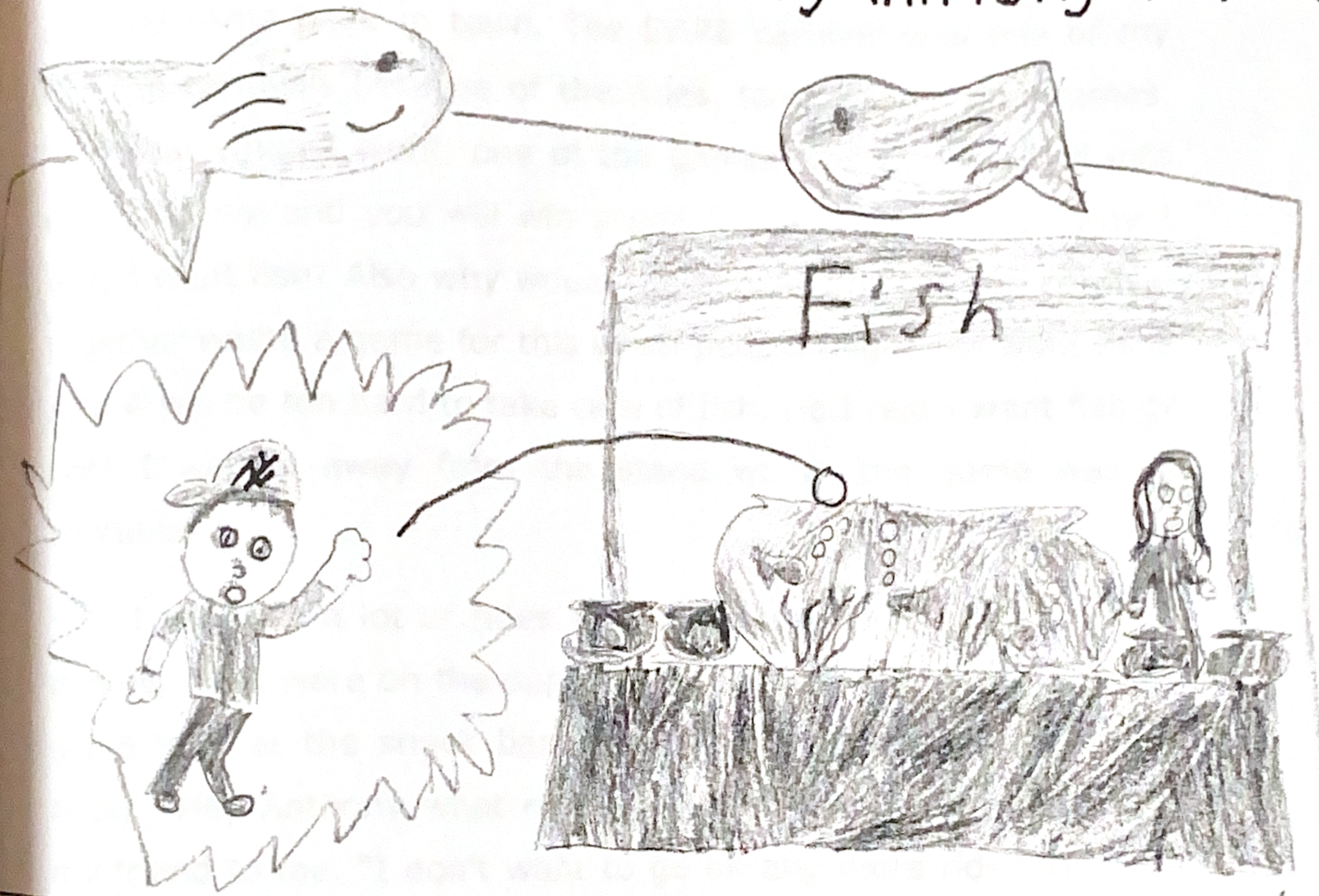


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One day in the summer of 2012, in Paramus NJ the DARE carnival came back to town. The DARE carnival was one of my favorite carnivals because of the rides, food stands, and games. This year when I went, one of the games was throw a ball into the fish tank and you will win a pet. I thought to myself why I would want fish? Also why would the people who put the carnival together waste a game for this when people might not want fish? Also it will be too hard to take care of fish. Do I really want fish or not? I walked away from the stand where the game was in confusion.

I went on a lot of rides with my friend, played some other games, (that were on the opposite side of the fish game) and got some food at the snack bar. But I forgot about the whole fish thing. "Hey Anthony what ride do you want to go on next" said my friend to me. "I don't want to go on any more rides for now, let's go play some games"." But we played all the games on this side let's go on the other side". Not remembering about the fish game on the other side. So we went to the other side and what do you know we hit the fish game." This game looks familiar somehow" I said. Very familiar.

When I went to play it before listening to the woman I threw the ball right in to the fish bowl. The bell went off and that's when the woman said you won goldfish. "What"!!!!!!! I shouted in pain. You won four goldfish. I was about to faint when I heard that." I don't want four goldfish" I said." But you're going to leave four fish behind" she replied." But how did I get four instead of one fish" I said."Well because you got it in the big bowl" said the woman."Please "she said. That's when it clicked. I've always wanted a pet, maybe not a fish but my mom wouldn't let me have anything else so I should take this chance and get me so fish.

When I came home that day I learned that you should never doubt yourself and always take advantage of yourself, and make the right choice.