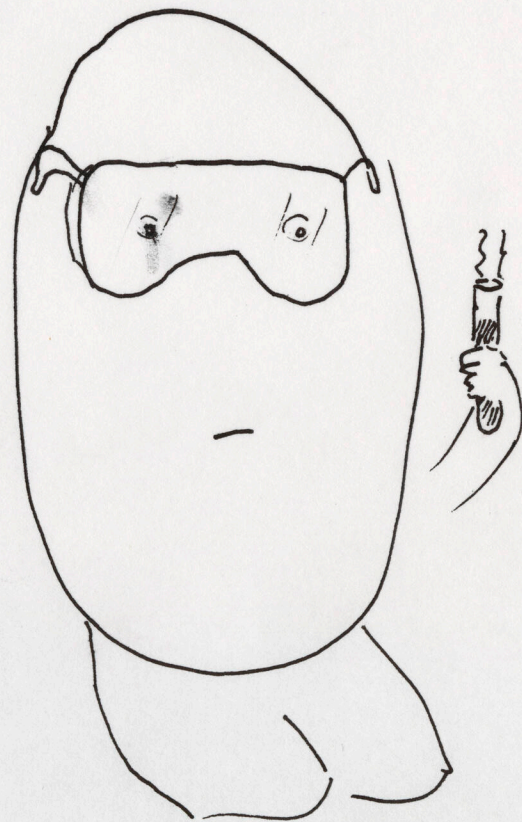
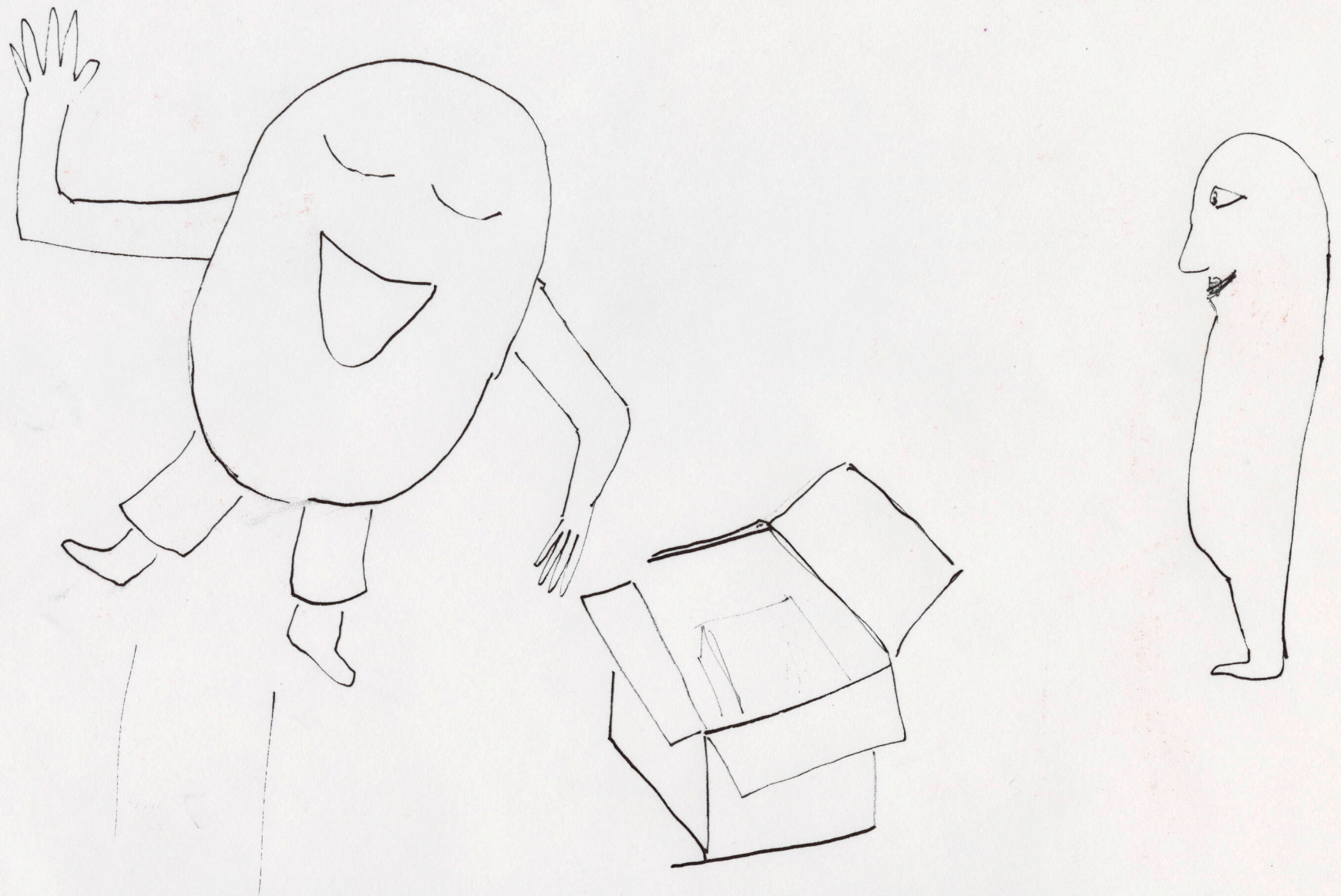


HUMPTY DUMPTY and the
VERY, VERY BORING
SCIENCE KIT

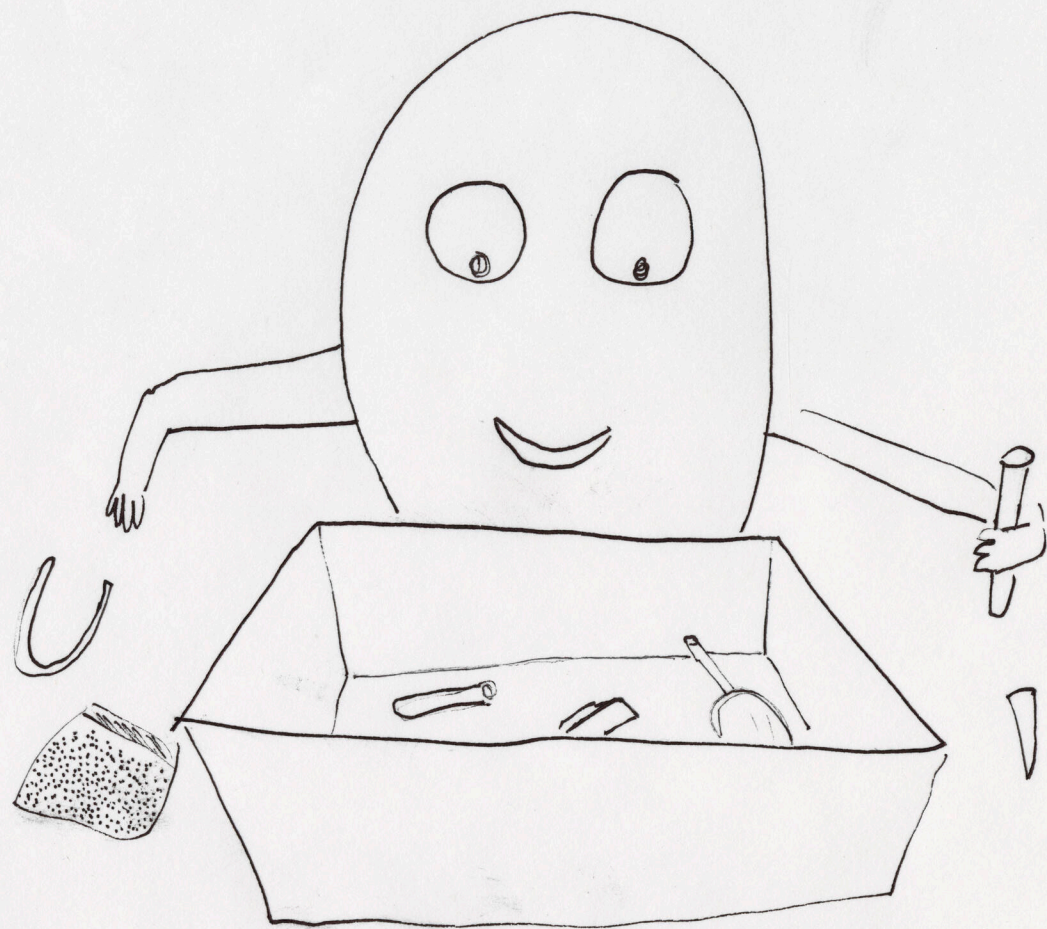




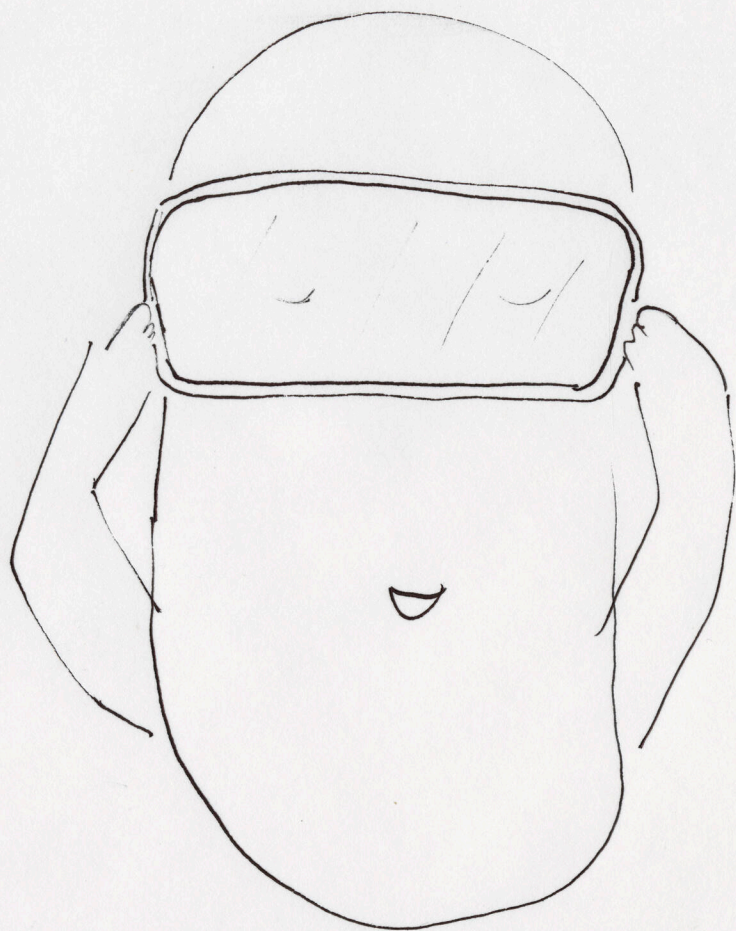
Once upon a time (a rather specific time, on a certain morning of a certain month of the year), Humpty Dumpty was celebrating his birthday. His neighbor brought over a package that was delivered to the wrong address. Humpty Dumpty opened the box while grinning from ear to ear. It was not often that there was mail for him.



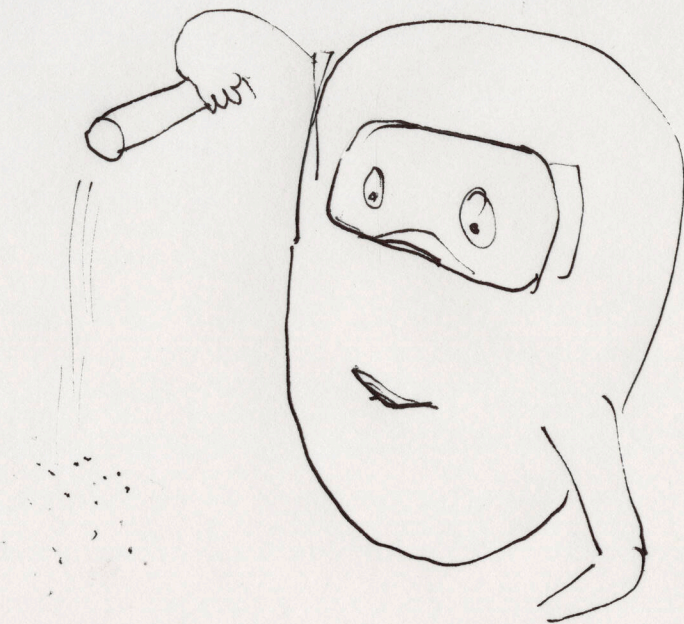
It was a science kit. Humpty Dumpty jumped for joy because science was his favorite way to spend an afternoon.



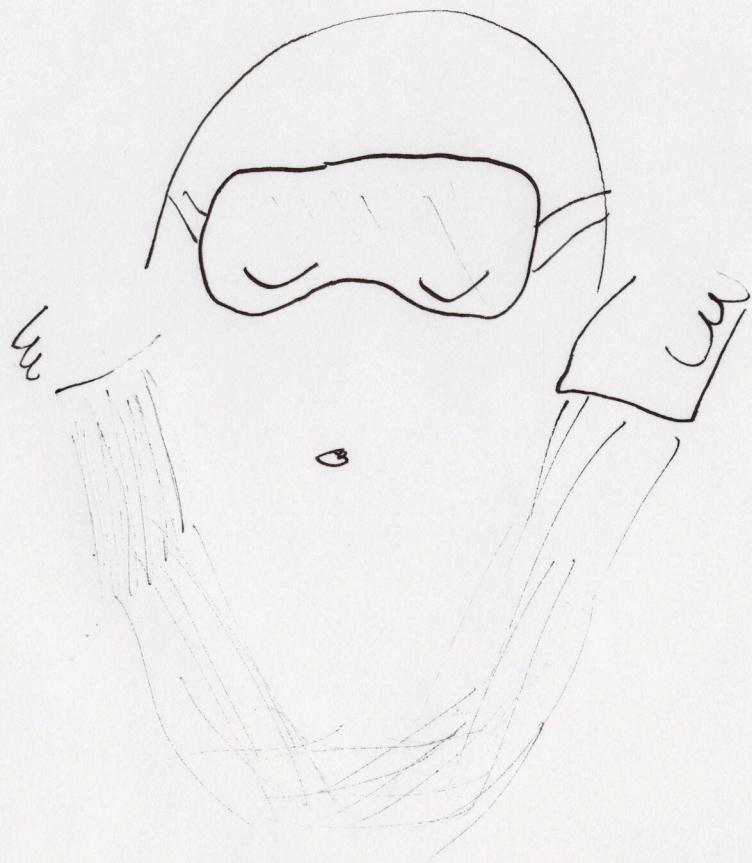
Following a light lunch, Humpty Dumpty took out all the pieces of the science kit: beakers, powders of various colors and textures, vials of liquids, a magnifying glass, rocks, a siphon, pipettes and a prism. There was even a dinosaur tooth!



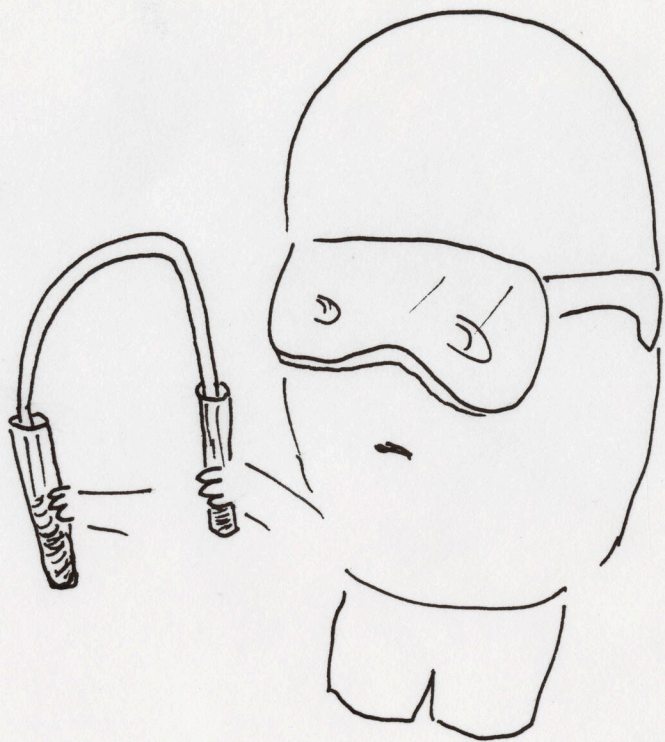
He put on his science goggles and got to work.



The first experiment he did was he dripped the contents of a vial onto some white powder. Nothing happened. He was expecting foam or heat, but instead it was just wet powder.



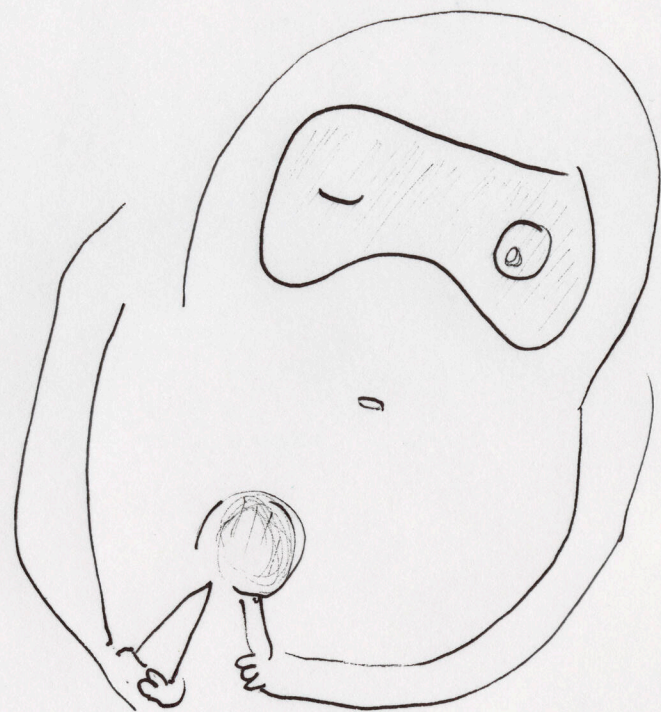
Then he mixed two other powders together. Nothing happened. Humpty Dumpty was expecting unfamiliar smells or even a tiny change in appearance.



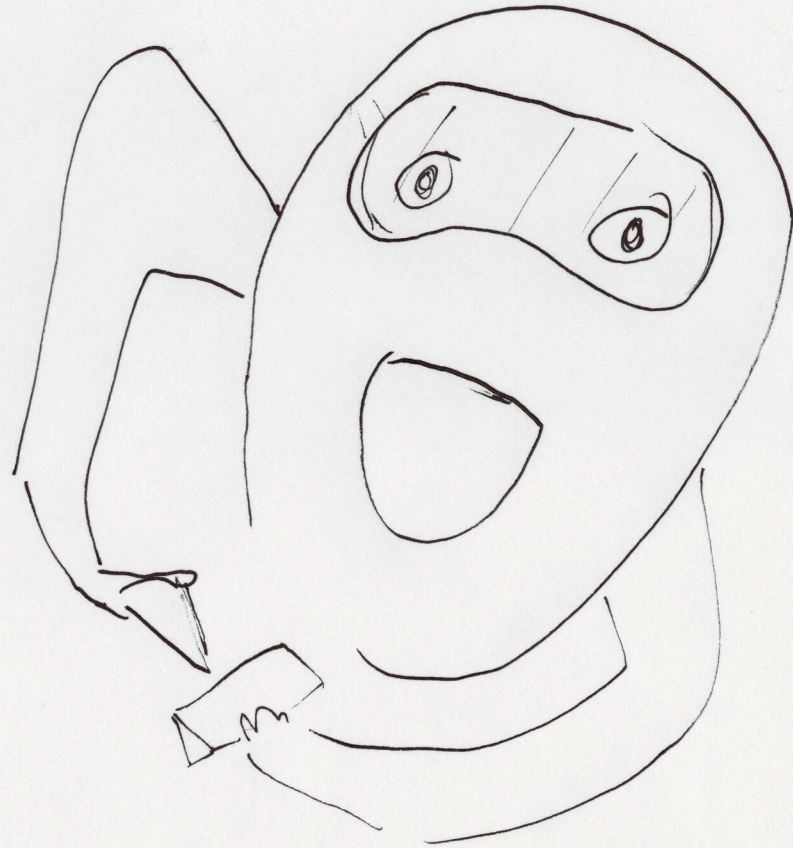
Humpty Dumpty took the siphon and two vials out of the box. Despite his wishes that it would, the liquid from one didn't transfer to the other. He concluded that this was a very boring science kit.



Then he took out two rocks and banged them against each other. Doing this made Humpty Dumpty yawn; so unremarkable was it that he nearly forgot where he was.



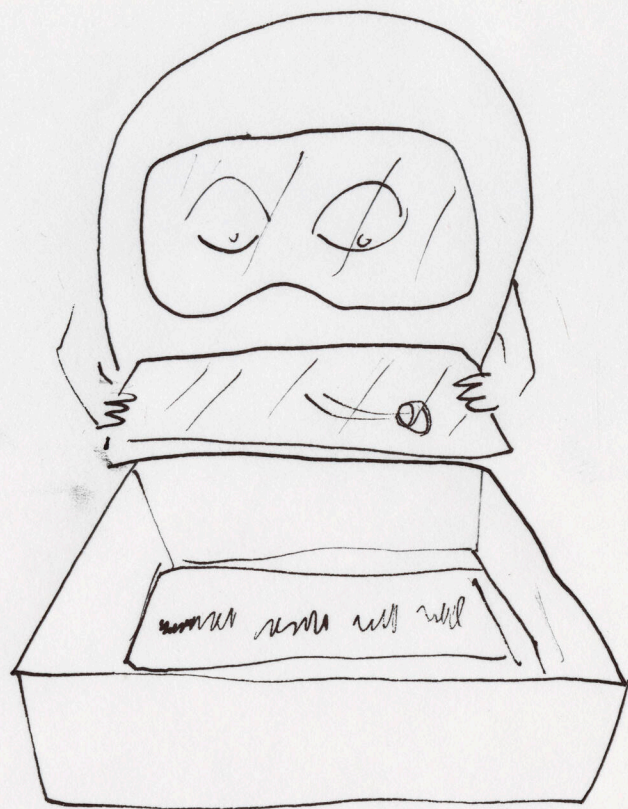
He looked at the dinosaur tooth using the magnifying glass. It was only magnified the slightest bit. In fact, with how foggy the glass was, he saw more detail by looking at the tooth without using the magnifying glass. Some magnifying glass that was! It didn't help that Humpty Dumpty's goggles were quite foggy as well.



The only piece Humpty Dumpty had yet to try was the prism. Humpty Dumpty held it and the dinosaur tooth and pretended to be a dinosaur, scratching the prism with the tooth. As with the rest of the kit, nothing happened.



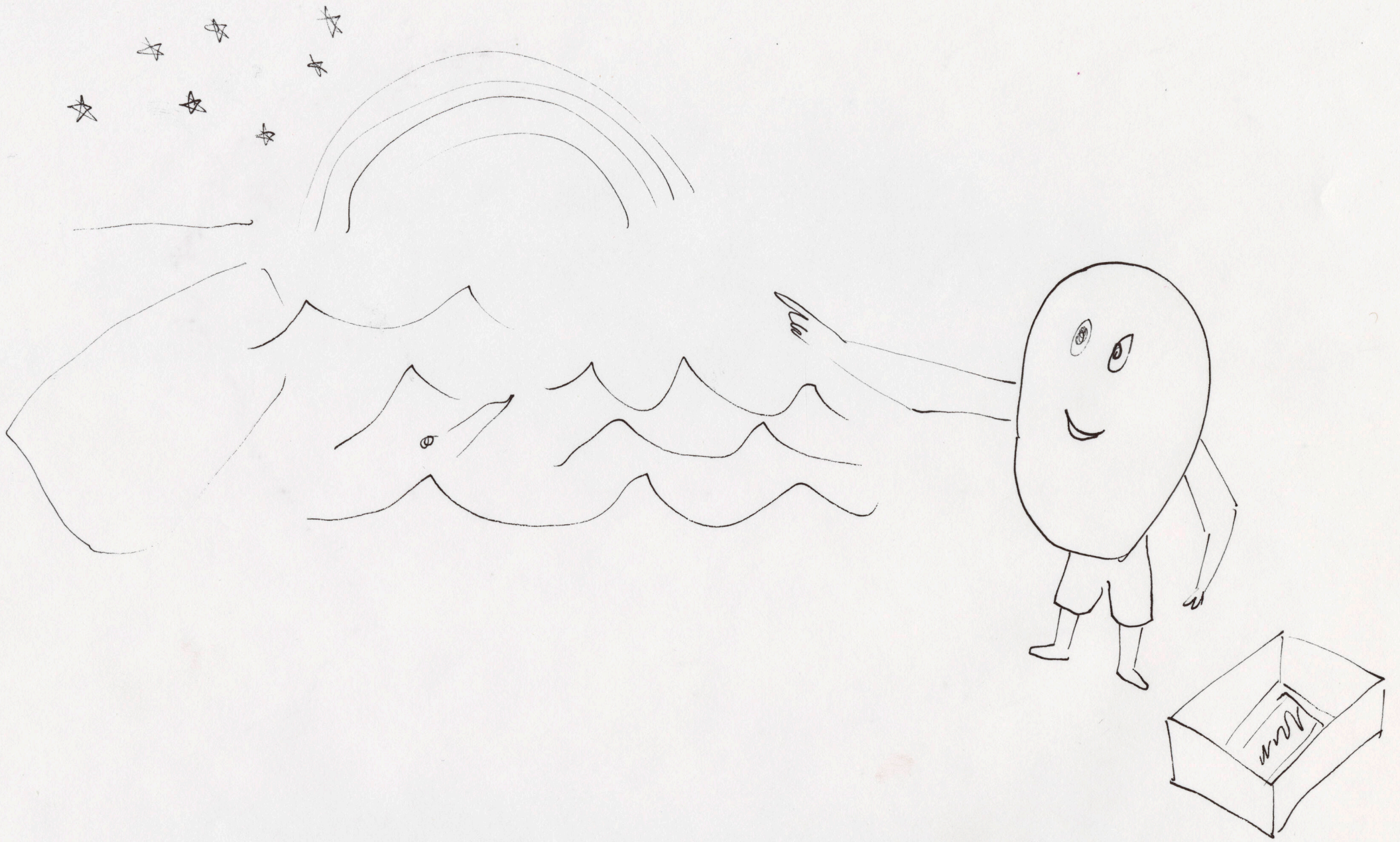
Unbeknownst to Humpty Dumpty, the walls of the treehouse he lived in were disappearing and behind him stars were dancing. Waves flew in shimmering splendor throughout the sky, and glaciers beneath his treehouse created with mighty bellows. Whales and dolphins were peeking from under the glaciers, and rainbows made circles as far as the eye could see. Anyone's eye but Humpty Dumpty's, that is.



At the bottom of the box were instructions of the same width and breadth as the box itself. There were just ten words printed on the paper: "The first rule of science is one must always observe." Below this was a mirror. When Humpty Dumpty looked at the mirror at that moment, it revealed a comet sailing across the sky overhead.



Humpty Dumpty stood up, turned around, and finally noticed the activity beyond his treehouse, and with a renewed sense of wonder took in the spectacular sights. He took off his goggles and whistled.



Science is everywhere!