

**Unit: Authors Craft**

**Grade: 2**

**Task: Student Work Sample**

**Title: When the Cat Got Stuck On Our Deck**

**The following student artifact has been retyped; please see a copy of the original student work at the end of this document. Comments about student work can be found in the box on the right.**

### **When the Cat Got Stuck On Our Deck**

The sky was blue. The sun was shining and my brother took my cat outside for fresh air. "Vanity, no!" I screamed! It was too late, our cat was stuck under the deck. "What do we do?" I asked. "I don't know" said my brother. We wondered and wondered and then... "I've got an idea" I said. I went in the house and got lot of cat toys. I took a little ball and shook it and I threw it.

But.... She just sat there as still as a statue. Then my brothers light bulb turned on "I'm going to get her favorite treat" he said. He put the treat in her bowl and took it outside. She crawled a little way out but... not enough to grab her. I had a better idea. We sat and she didn't even know we were there... it worked!

Vanity crawled out and I grabbed her. I cheered and jumped for joy! Vanity was NEVER allowed to go outside again. I hope she learned a lesson!

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*The writer "zoomed" in on a small moment (One time, one place).*

*The writer added many interesting details.*

*The writer used author's craft to show, not tell important events.*

*The writer used ellipses to help build suspense.*

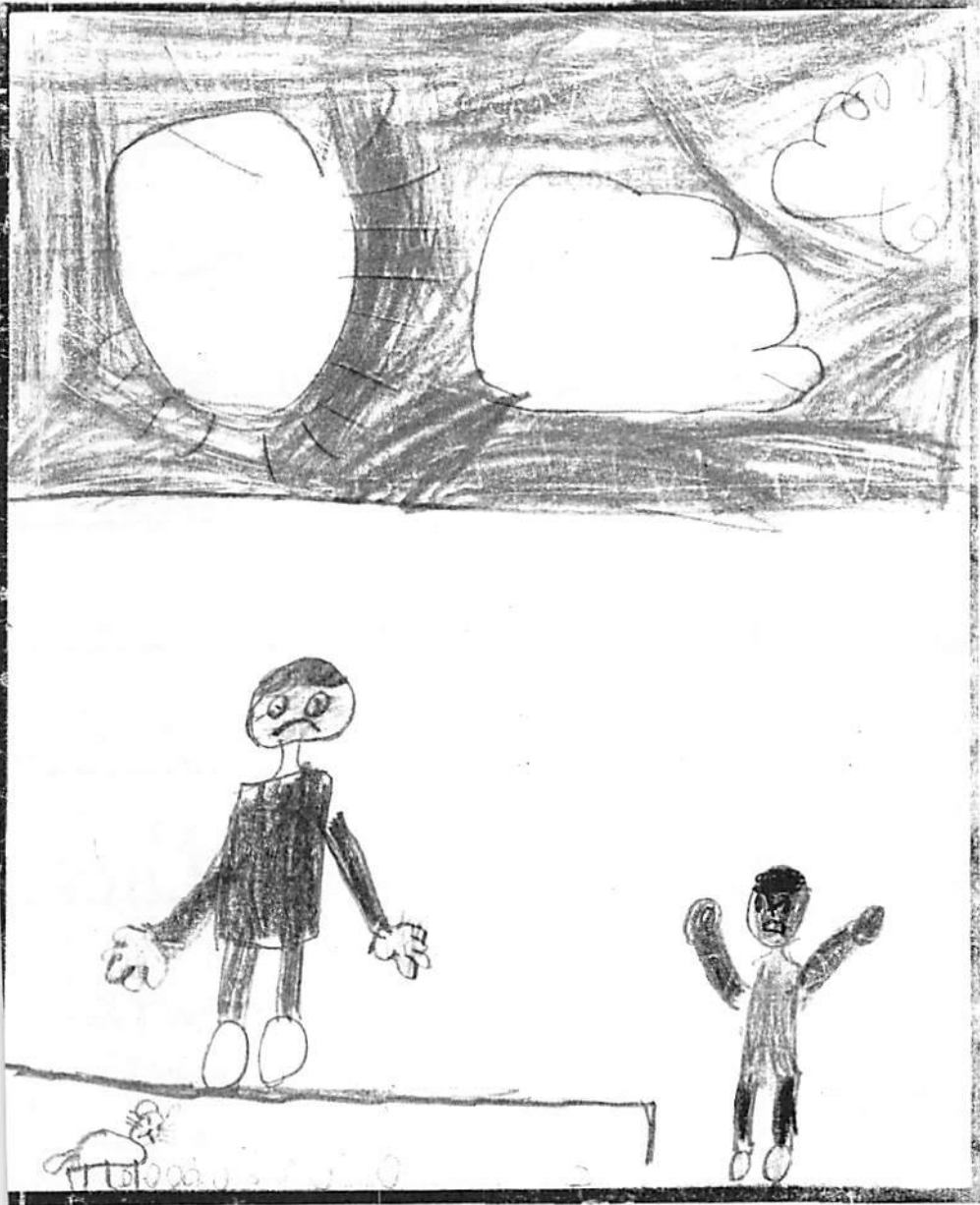
*The writer wrote what the characters said.*

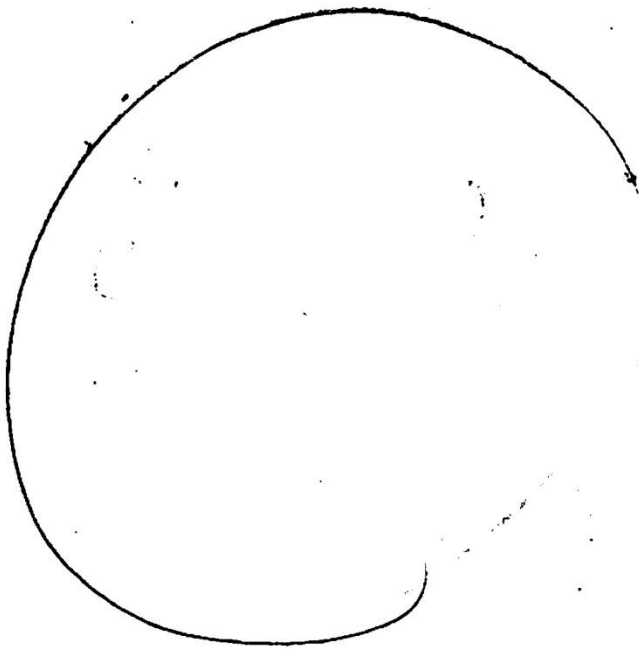
*The writer told her story over multiple pages with a beginning, middle and end.*

*The writer ended the story within the moment.*

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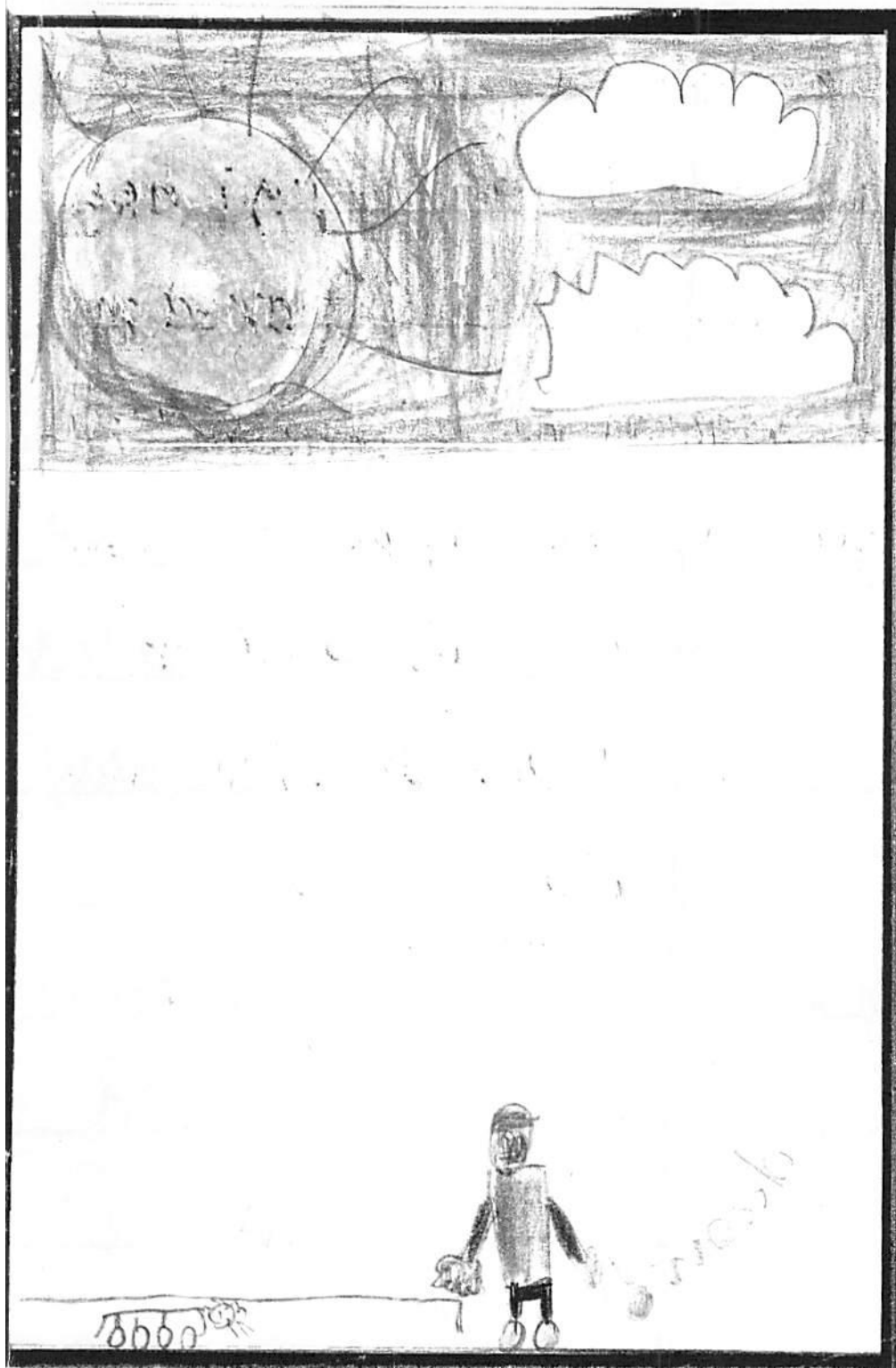
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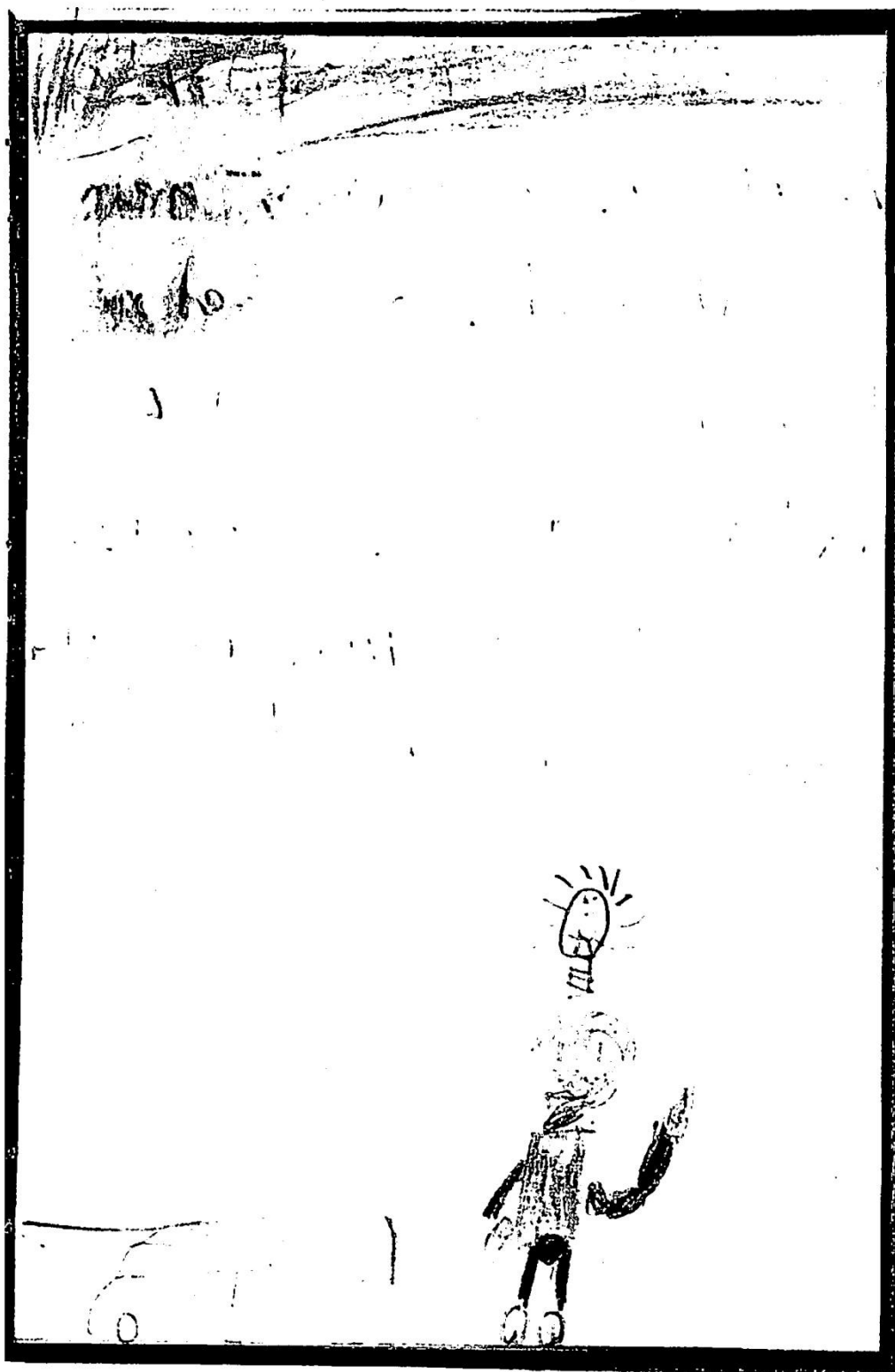


What happened if your cat  
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Read to find out how two  
brothers get their cat out  
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