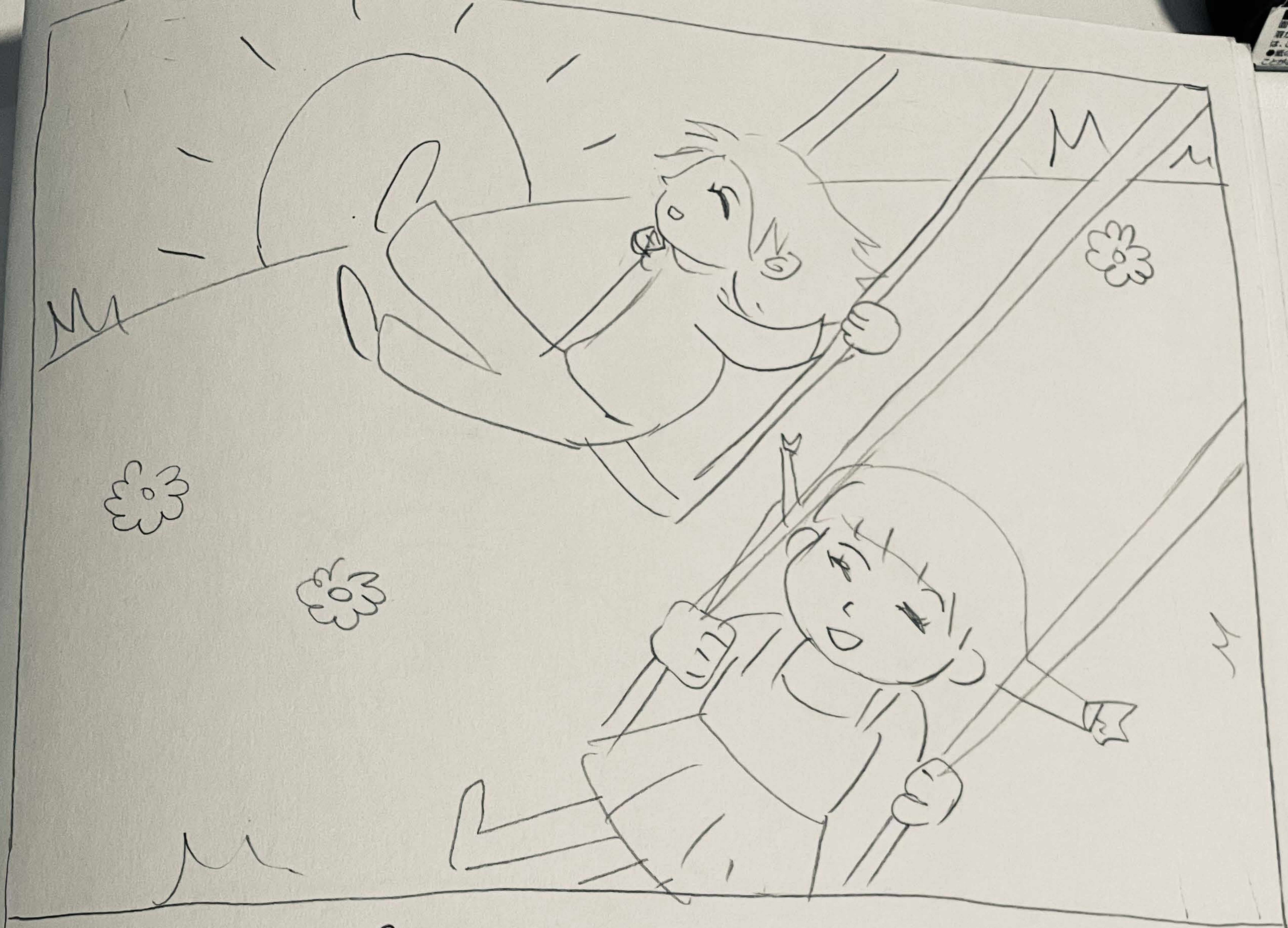


COLLEEN





CHAPTER 1

The swing on the school playground is our happy place. We go swing together during every lunchbreak. It is the best when the weather is nice and cozy.

WHO make sure we get our sports, we always have to run to the swing as soon as the bell rings.

On the swing is when we feel the closest to the sky.

"We wanna reach the sky!"



CHAPTER 2

Colleen knows how to climb trees, and knows how to do it better than everyone else.

"Get down right now! You are going to hurt yourself!" Her parents shout from below. But only she knows that she will never fall.

No matter how tall the tree is, she can always reach the top. She enjoys looking down at people below her, who is never capable of being at the same "level" as her.

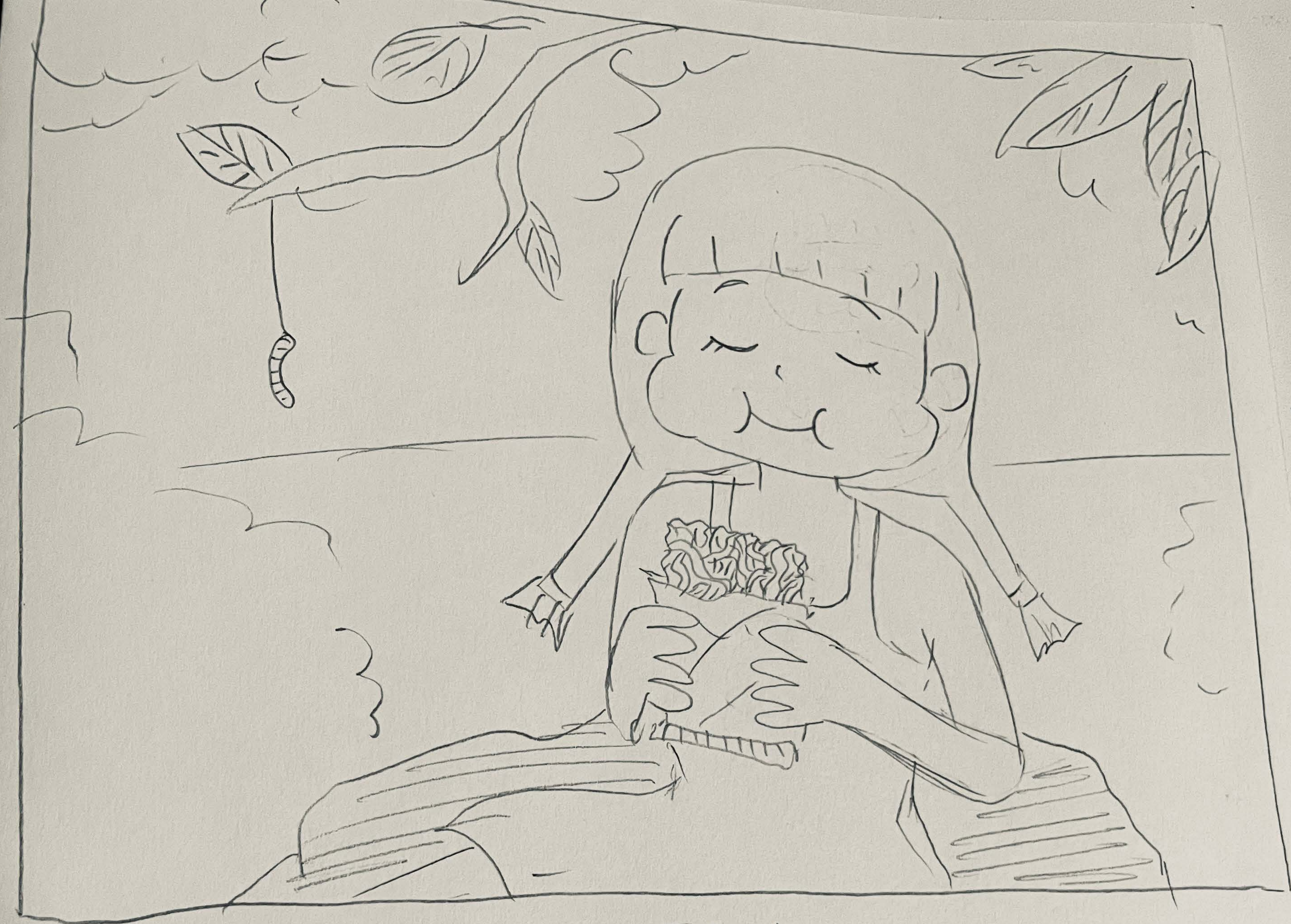
"I wanna reach the sky!" Colleen yells.



CHAPTER 3

A pair of UGGs is good enough! They are Colleen's favorite footwear, because not only are they comfy, but also surprising durable.

The only issue with it is not being waterproof so Colleen has to be careful to not jump around when it is raining.



CHAPTER 4

"Hey, who's that girl sitting on the rock?"
"That's Colleen. She has her lunch on the rock everyday... Don't know why though. That tree above her is full of worms."

Colleen overheard their conversation but chose not to care. What matters the most to her at this moment is to enjoy her snack noodles.



CHAPTER 5

Colleen does not spend a lot of time alone, but when she does, she is on her 3DS. Animal Crossing is the secondary life for her, although she still pretty much does the same things in real life - capturing butterflies, fishing, gardening... There is one thing she is capable of doing in Animal Crossing - spending time with animal villagers. It must be wonderful if you can do that in real life.



CHAPTER 6

I stopped going on Facebook a long time ago, and now everything has changed. Facebook is now Meta, and my friendship with Colleen has faded within time.

I can still find our last conversation in chats. It was her texting me on my birthday. She wanted to meet up sometime, but we never did.



CHAPTER 7

On her way downtown, Colleen can't help but falling asleep. There is nothing but boring concrete buildings that all look the same.

"Why do we all have to live in those boxes nowadays?" She says to herself as she slowly closes her eyes.

And says to herself, "nobody"



CHAPTER 8

Colleen's mom is a school bus driver.
The last day of school I dreamed of her
saying goodbye on her mom's school bus
heading away.



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