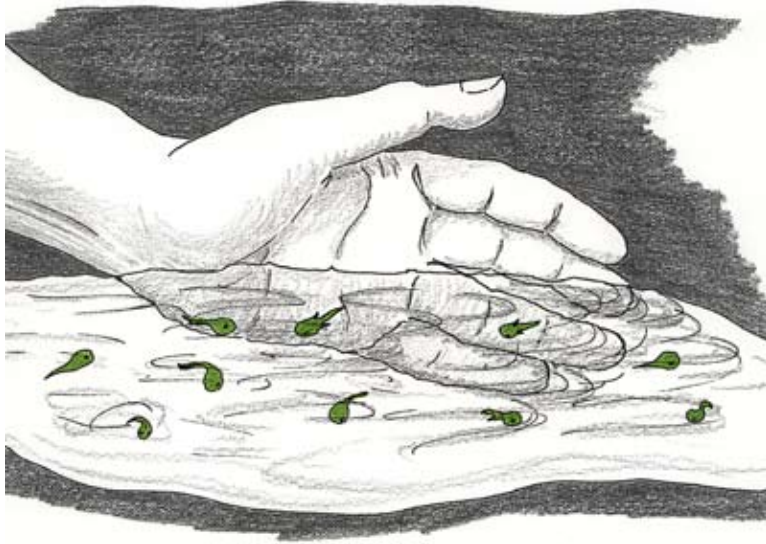


# Welcome to the Little Monk Stories

Inspired by traditional Zen stories, and by the monks of  
Zen Monastery Peace Center and their teacher, Cheri Huber

Words and pictures by Penny Sarvis



Who are monks? They are people who want to study and practice their religion all of the time. To do so they often live in communities called monasteries. There have been monks in different religions, in many different places, for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The monks in these stories are Buddhist. Some of these tales were told centuries ago in China and Japan. Some are happening right now in a monastery in California. The old stories could be new. The new stories could be old. They all tell about people walking a path toward happiness, kindness and wonder.

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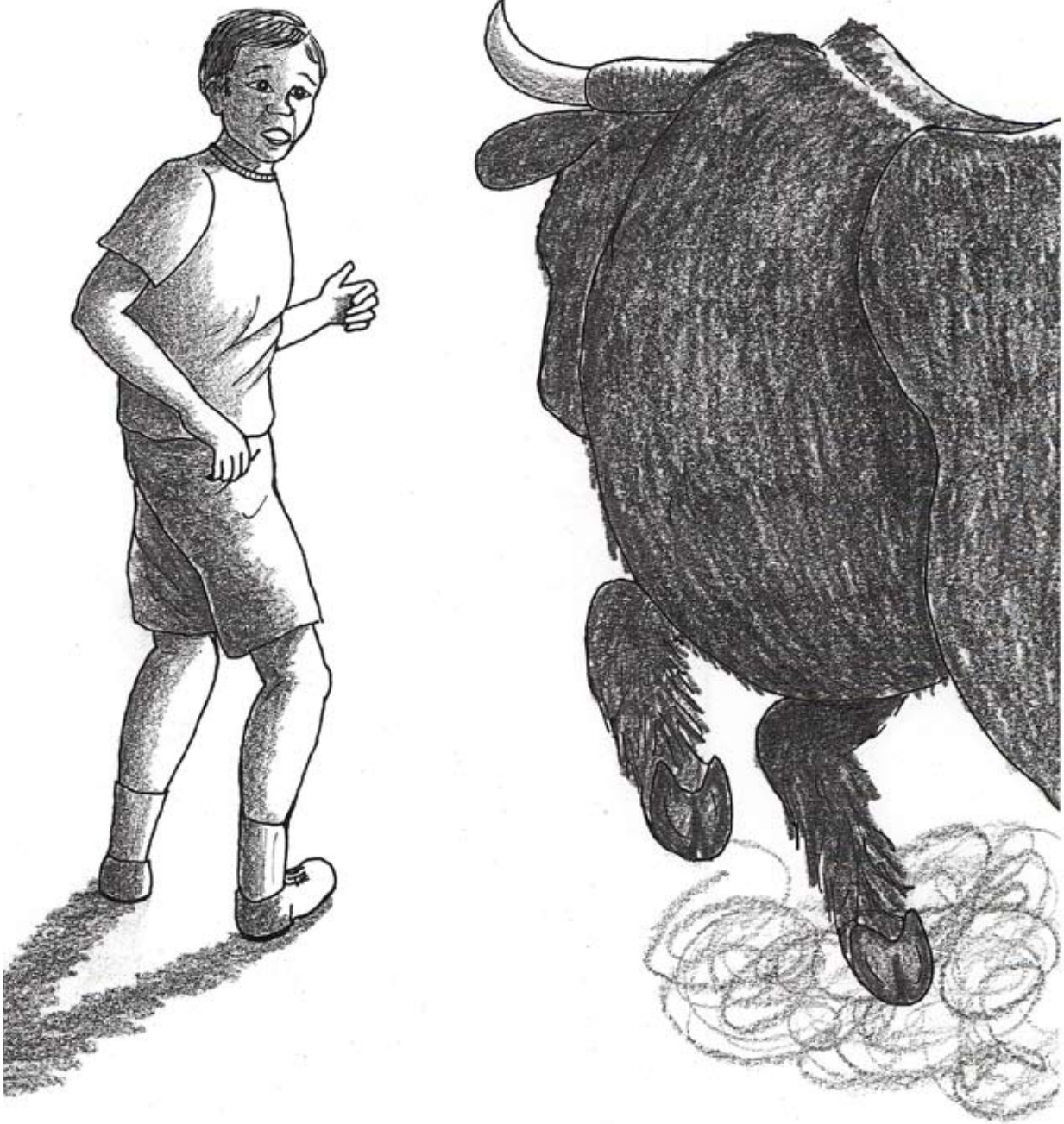
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Sevi was walking home to the monastery.



He took a shortcut through a field.

Suddenly he heard thundering hooves.



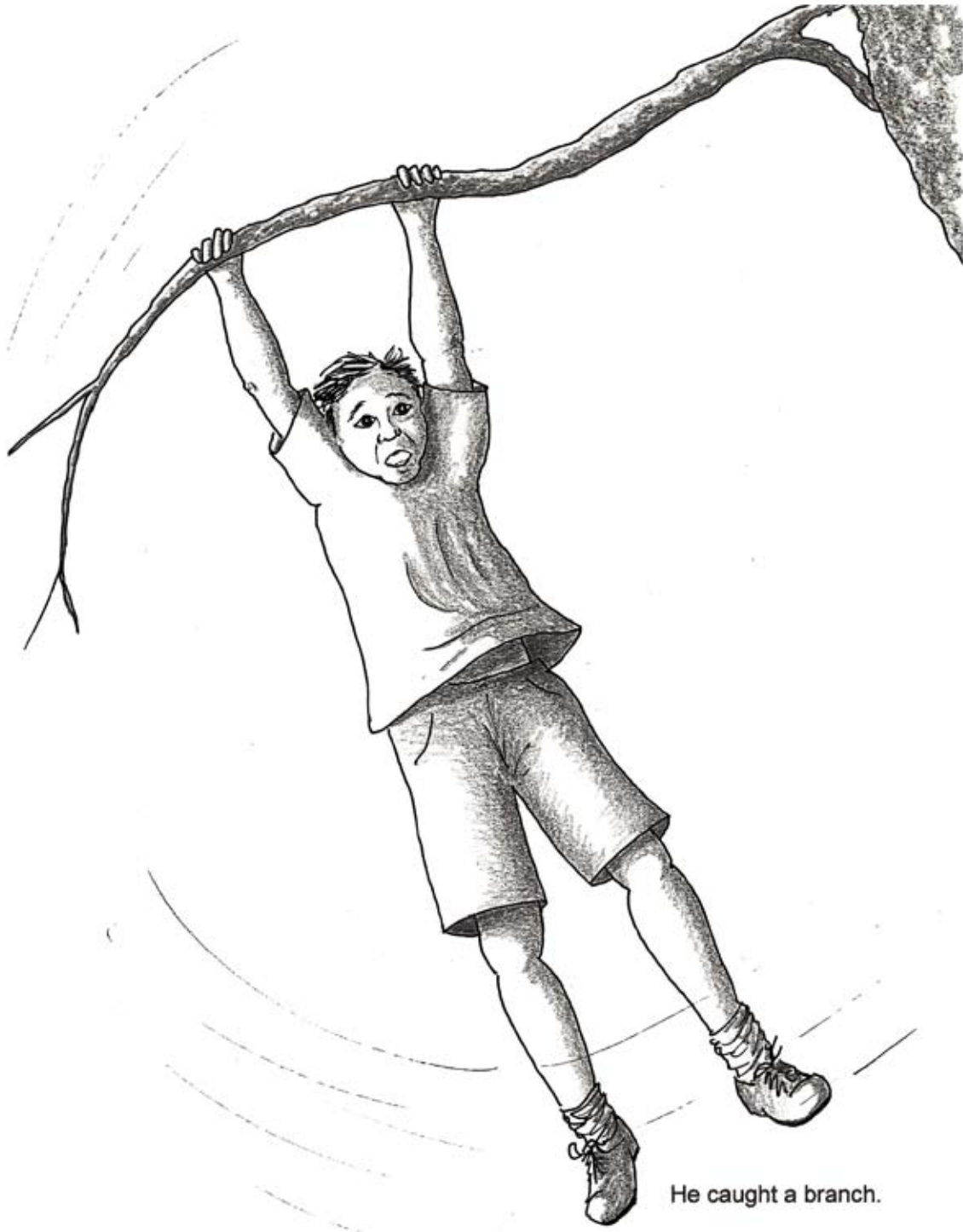
He ran!



He ran right off a ledge

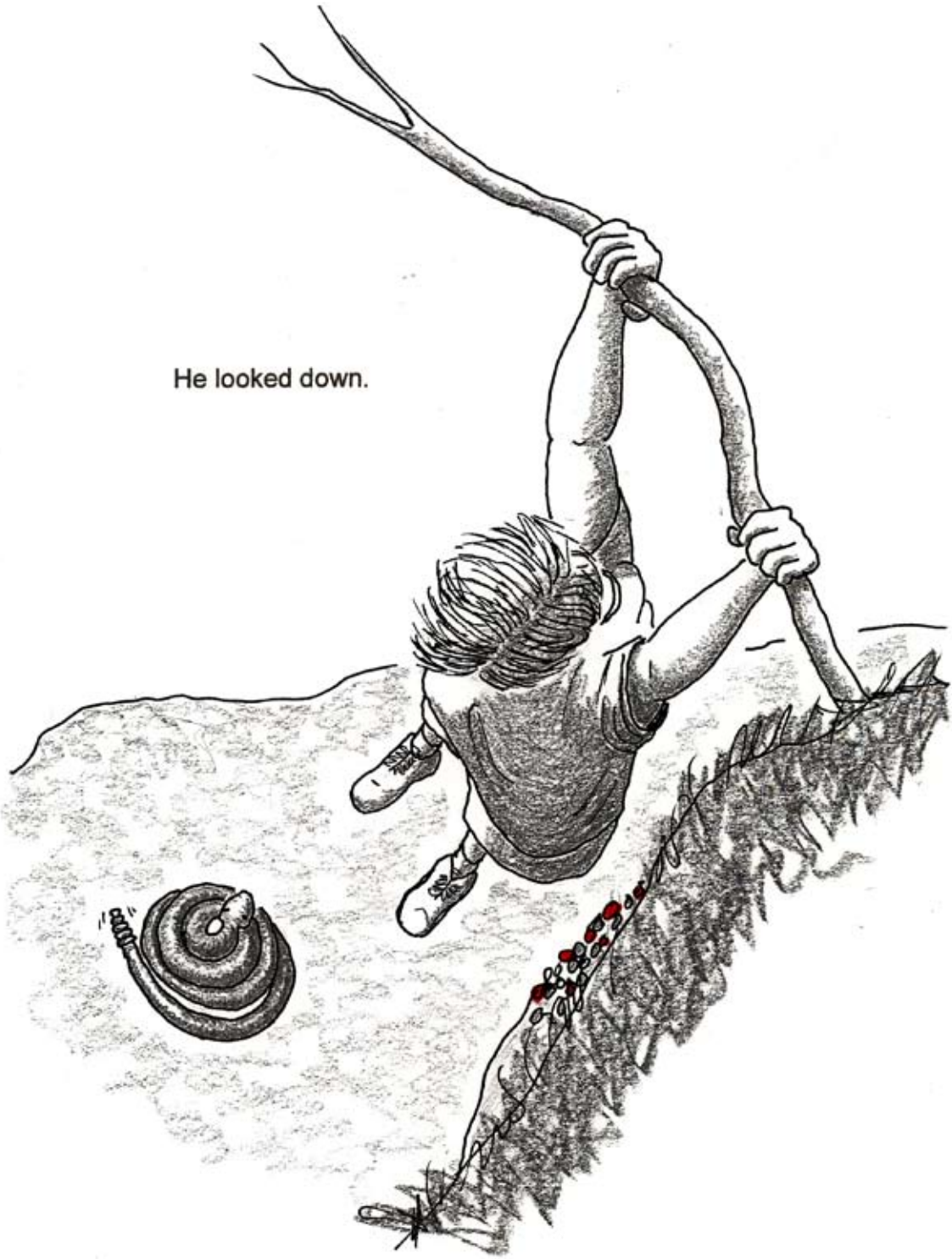


and into space.



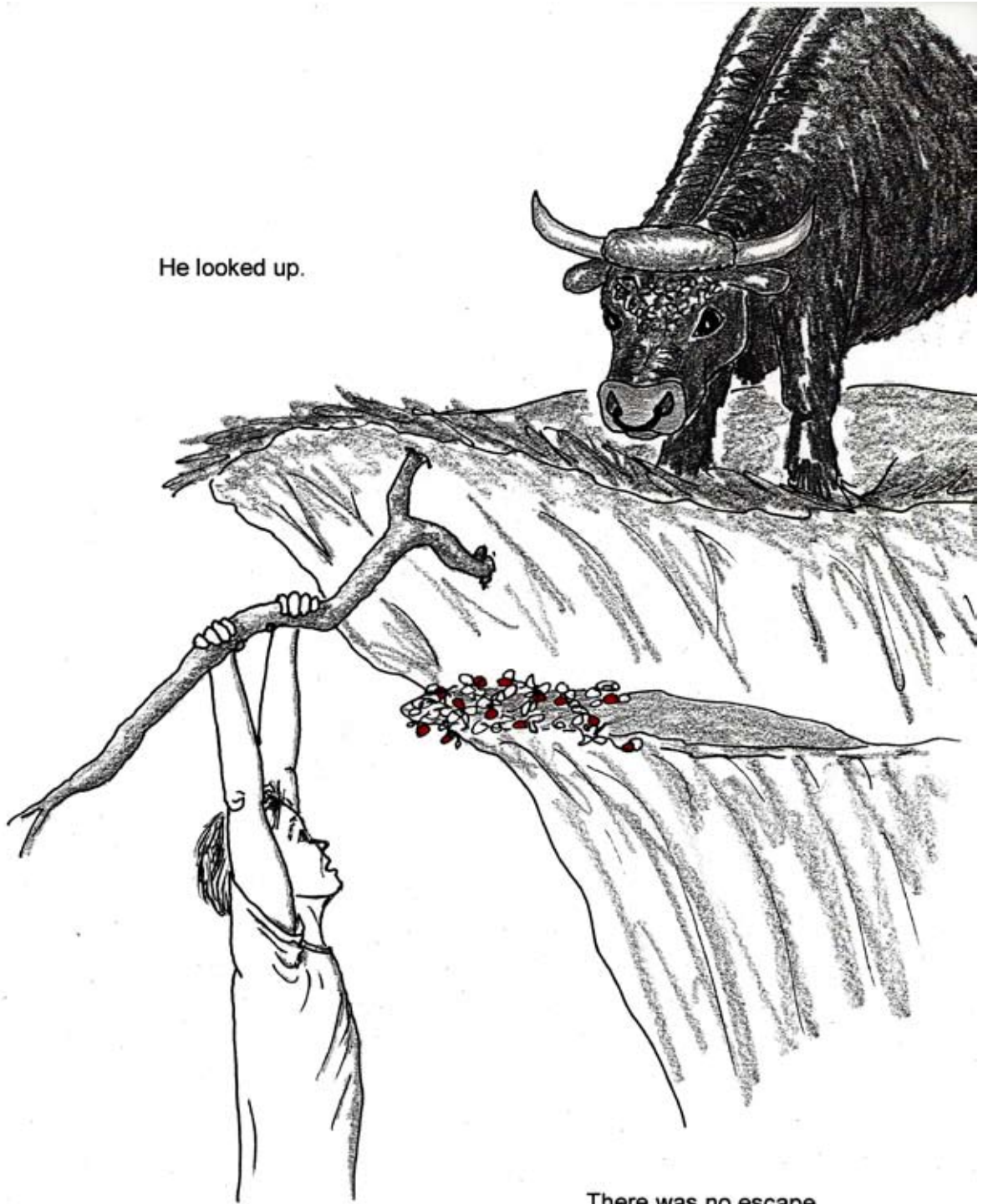
He caught a branch.

He looked down.



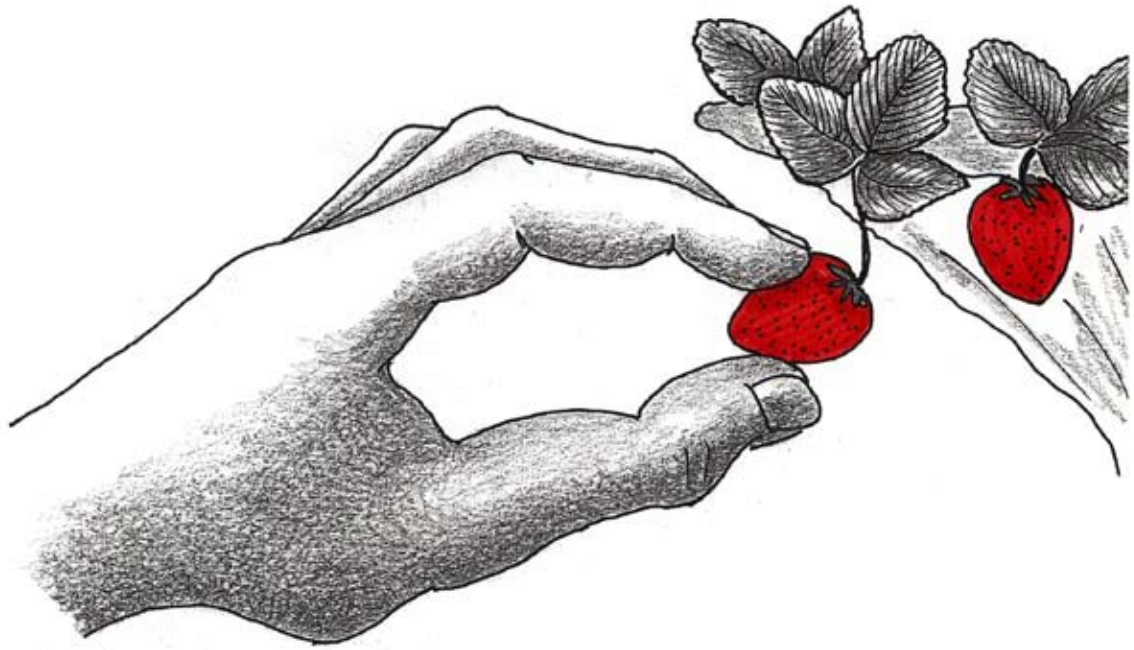


He looked up.

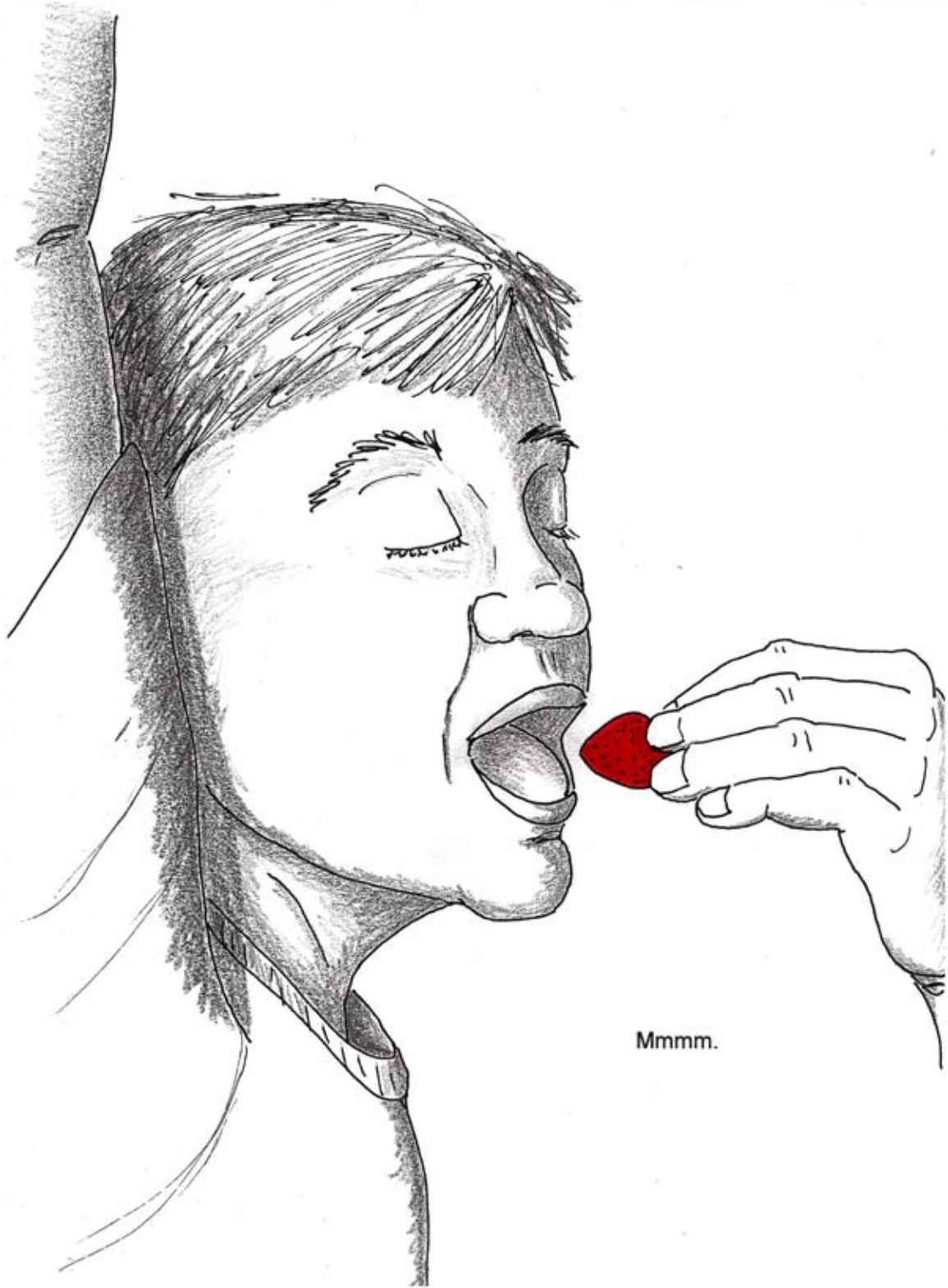


There was no escape.

He noticed a patch of wild strawberries,



and picked one.



Delicious!