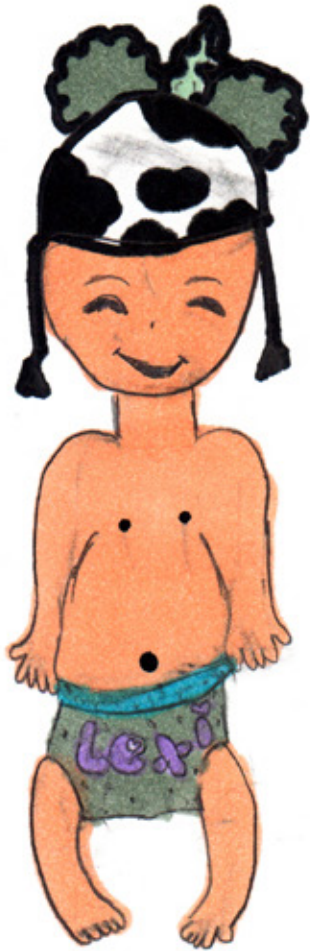
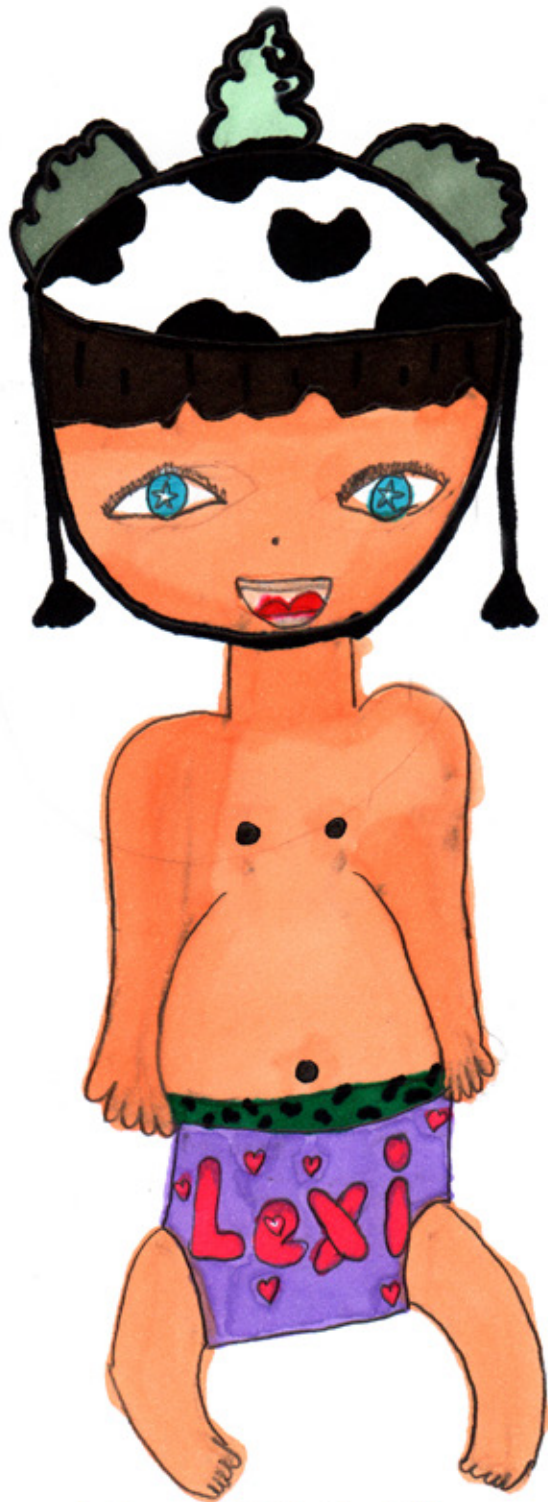


The story of Lexi

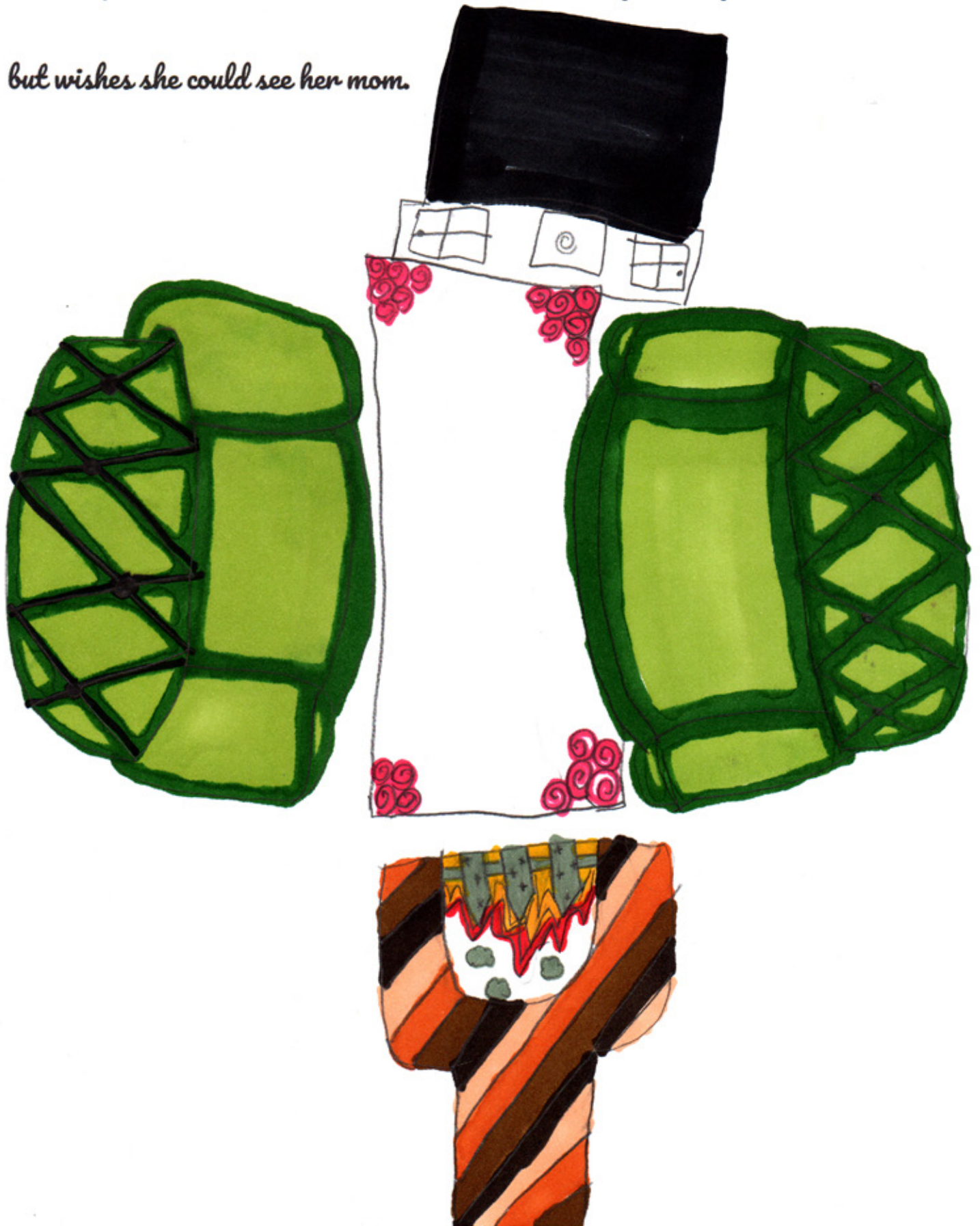


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Lexi was a gorgeous baby girl. She had blue eyes, brown hair, light brown skin, and a beautiful smile. Unfortunately, her mom died shortly after she was born. Her mom's last words were, "I love you. I wish I could watch you grow up. I love you so much Lexi. Goodbye."

Lexi is growing up to be a sweet girl. She is now four years old and being raised by her dad. He watches movies with her every Sunday. She loves her dad but wishes she could see her mom.



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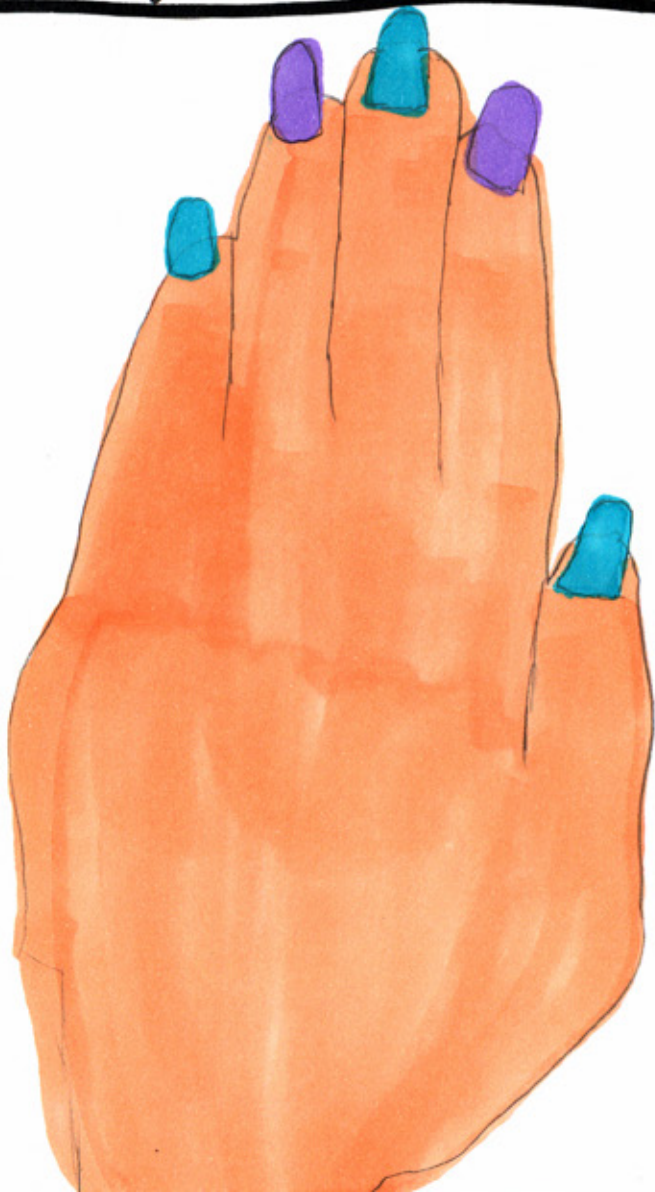
Four years later, she is getting ready to celebrate her eighth birthday. She is excited because her dad is going to make a cake with her. He always makes her birthdays special.

Lexi is now 17 years old. She has a boyfriend named Carlos that asks her to prom. Her dad buys her a sparkly dress. He takes her to get her nails and makeup done.

Dad says, "I can't believe how quickly you are growing up. I wish we were sharing this moment with your mom."

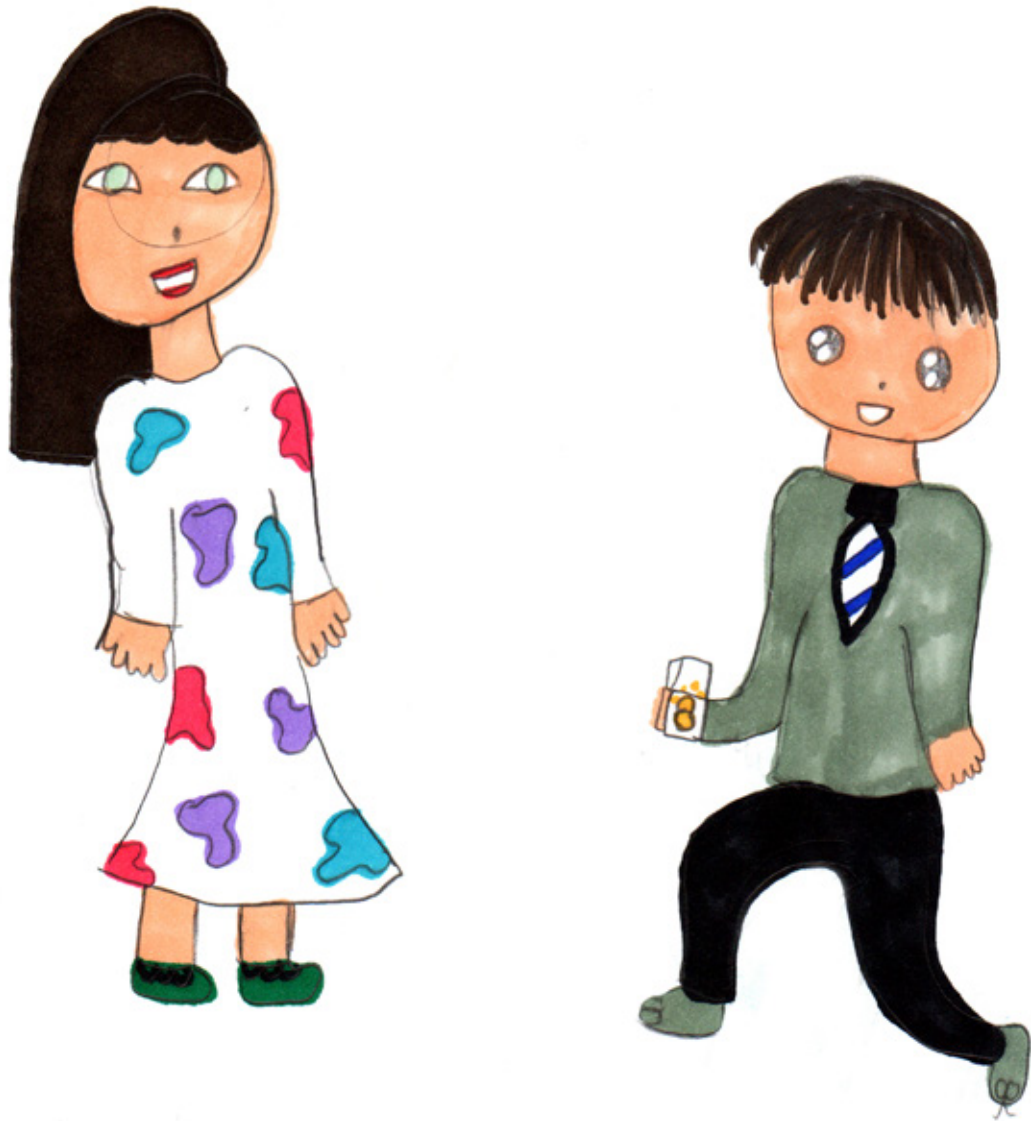
Lexi just smiles. She feels the same way.

Nails



makeup





It's five years later and Lexi is now twenty-two. She and Carlos are getting married. Her dad makes sure that she gets her dream wedding and has a special day.

Lexi is now twenty-eight years old and has big news to share with her dad. She can't wait to tell him that he's going to be a grandpa, but Lexi also feels sad. She wishes she could share this moment with her mom.



At thirty-seven years old, her dad calls to say he's ill and has very little time left. "Your mother would be very proud of you. You are an amazing mom," he tells her.





Lexi is now 97 years old and looking back on her life. She hopes that her dad would be proud of how far she's come. She thinks back to all the years she missed her mom, and she hopes that she was the best mom she could possibly be for her own kids.