

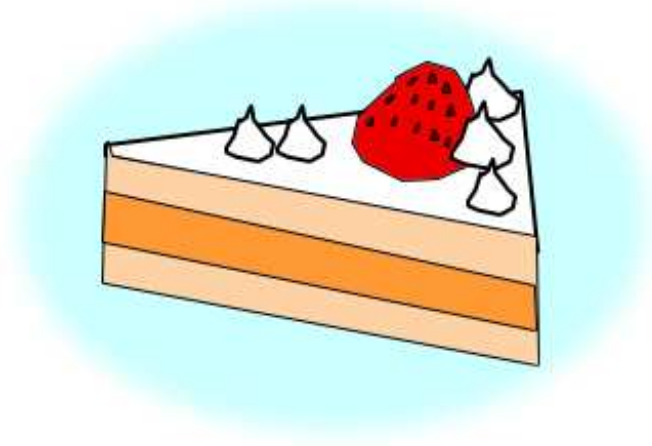
Love & Lies



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What tickles your fancy?
Your mum? Or cakes?

Well then, how about you imagine your favorite things?



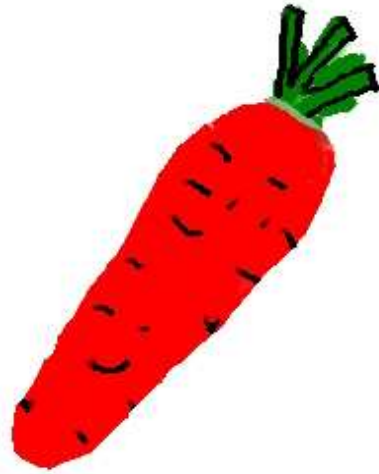
How was it?

Wasn't there a warm sort of sensation? ...This warm feeling is called love.

On the contrary, what are the things you don't like?

Oh, I see. You don't like carrots. And you also hate that bully too.

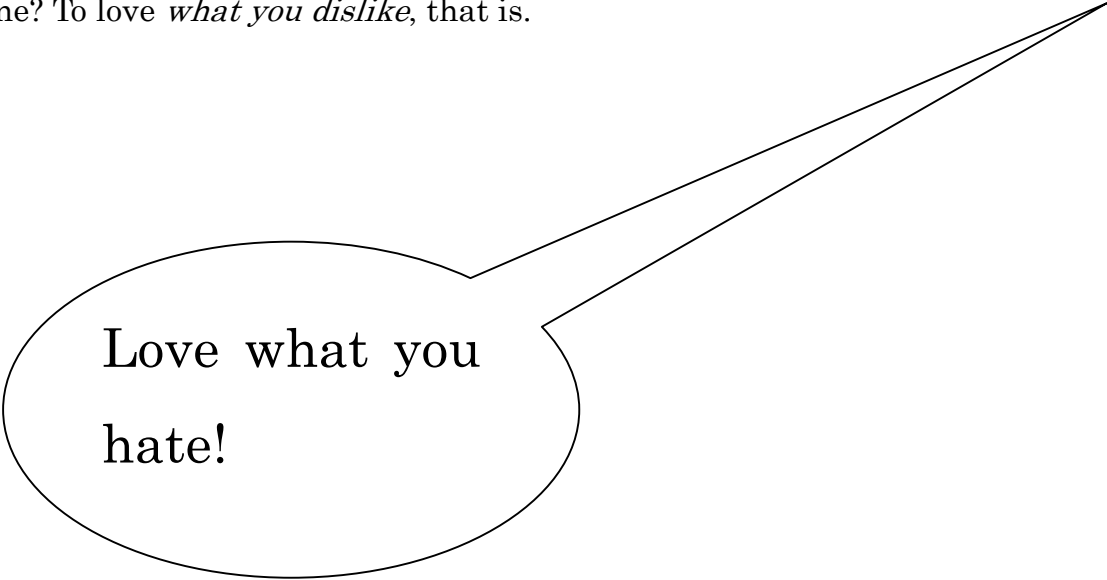
That guy's always hitting you and doing other nasty things to you, isn't he?



When you imagine something you hate, don't you feel a cold sensation running through you? ...Look, it seems like you get angry too.



What if you were ordered by someone? To love *what you dislike*, that is.
What about we try imagining this?



Love what you
hate!

Now then, have you been able to love the bully? Do you feel warmth?



Eh? Did you say, **“Never!”**?

I know... What you hate is what you hate.
But what if you were told that you'd get scolded by your mother for disobeying?

Love the bully.
Or else I will slap your
bottom!

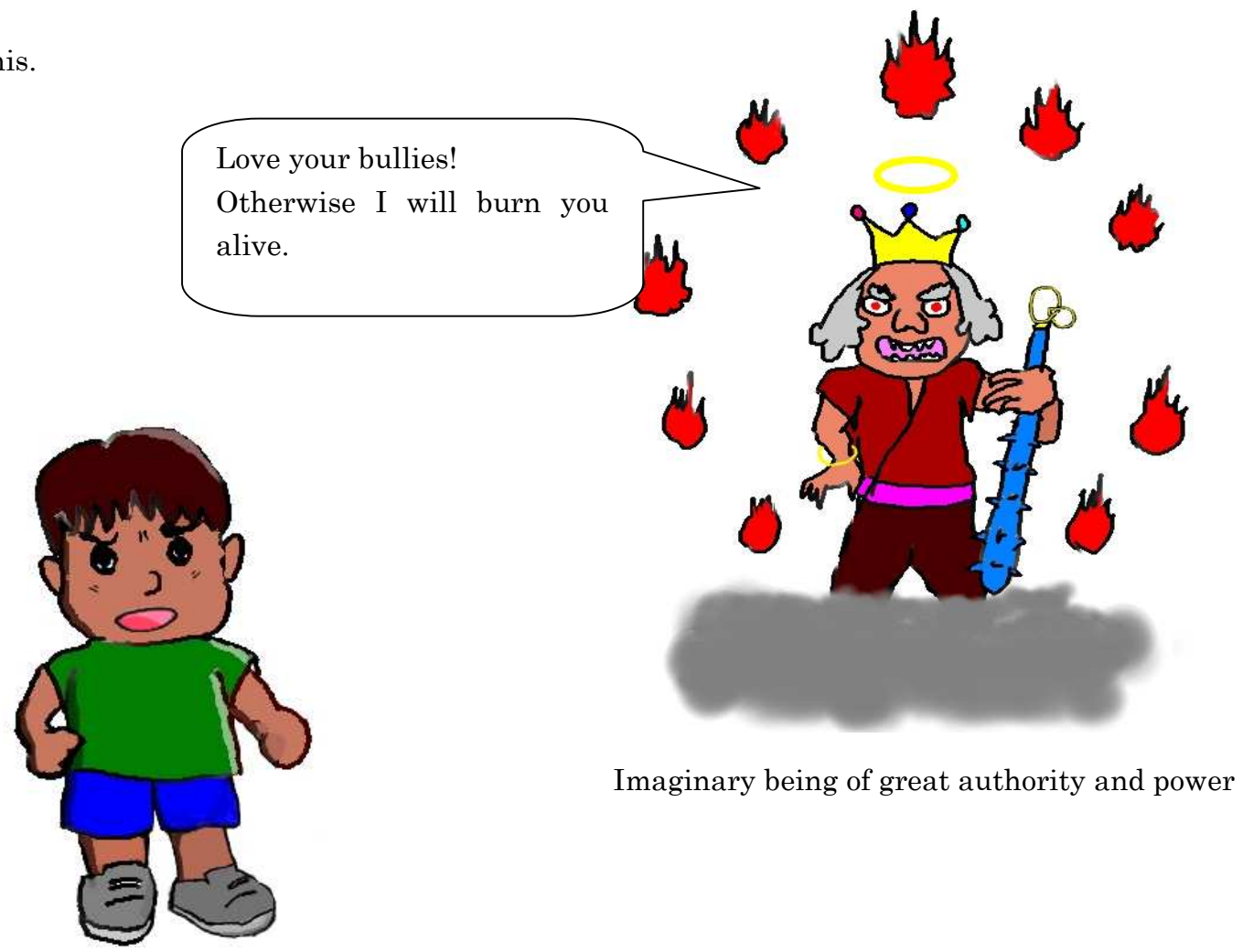


Now, can you feel that warm sensation?
...Of course, not. You get sad instead.



What'll happen, if you were ordered by someone much greater and stronger than your Mum?

Let's imagine this.



Imaginary being of great authority and power

N.B. This is an imaginary being i.e. it is a fictional character created by the author. If the writer's creation happens to resemble the God whom you believe, it is purely by chance. The writer has no intention whatsoever to criticize/ blaspheme the God whom you believe.

Oh no! Burnt alive? Scary!! Our legs become shaky just by thinking of it.

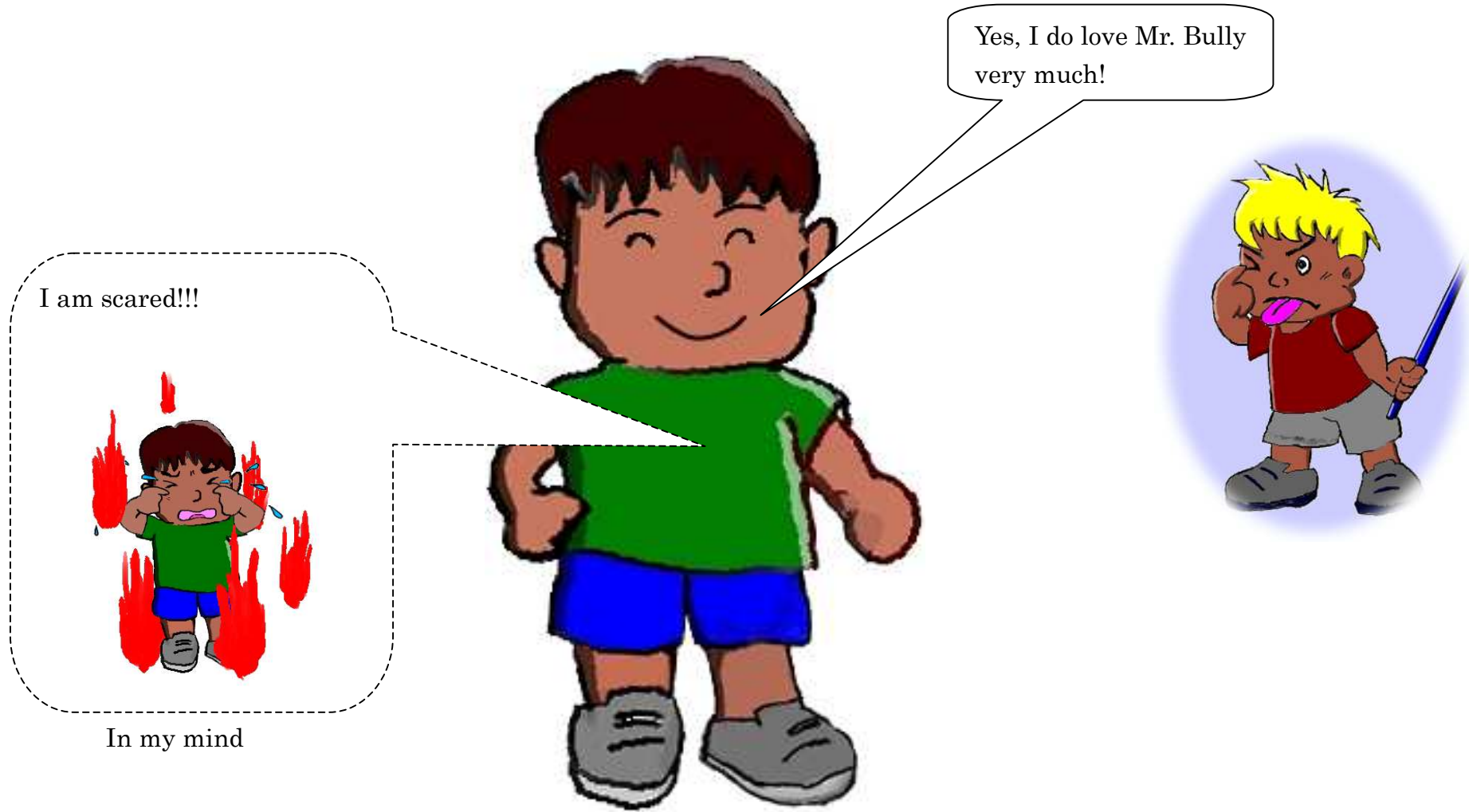


Now, what would you say if this was real?



W-W-W-What shall I do??

If it comes to this, there' be no choice but to pretend. **After all, who wants to get burnt alive!**



What's this? I've become a liar!?

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Oh, I see!



Lies are borne, instead!

If everyone became aware of this, we could surely trust each other more!



Afterword

The misunderstanding/illusion that *love is born by orders/threats/force* not only creates lies/hypocrisies but has also been the cause of various tragedies including child abuse, domestic violence, sadism and wars, causing humans to suffer for thousands of years.

I have written this picture book in order to eliminate these tragedies on earth. If you empathies with this picture book, we would appreciate it if you could show them to your family and friends.

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