

The farmer had such a big crop of food, that he tore down his little barns and built big ones, to store the food until needed.



That night an angel came to him. "Angels bring good news" he said. "What good news do you have for me?"



"I am going to take you to a better place" said the angel. "Let's go". "I like it here" said the man. "Go away!"



"You can take your treasure with you" said the angel. "Your love, kindness, joy, mercy, patience, peace are your real treasure."



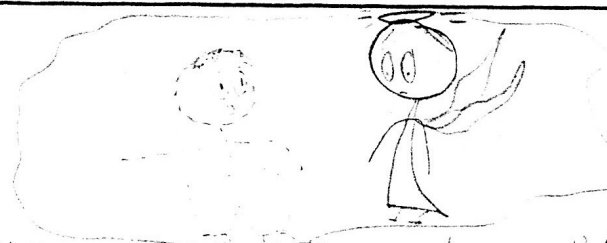
"My treasure is in those barns" said the man. "I don't have time for those other things. Go away."



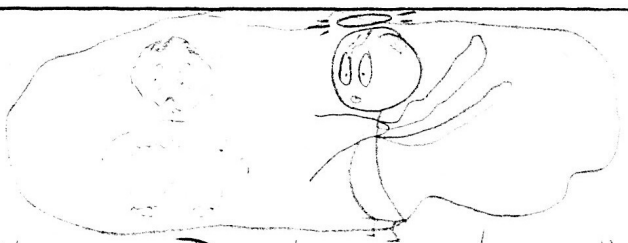
"Then for you I am the angel of death" said the angel, "because you have to leave all those barns behind."



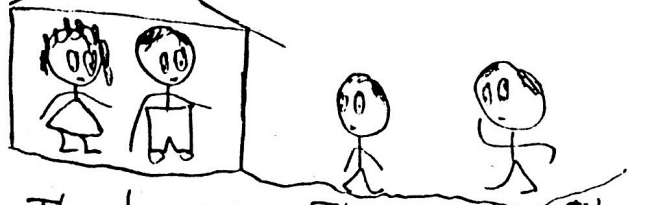
Then the angel took his soul, but left his body behind. The man was never so unhappy in his whole life.



"Give me another chance" he said. "Then I'll try to store up the treasures I can take with me."



"You get only one chance" said the angel. "Now you must live as best you can, without one or the other."



The boy's mother and father didn't want him, so they let him live on the street. "It's fun out here" said a friend.



"Fun? Why?" asked the boy. The other boy answered "Because you can do whatever you want to. There are no rules."



As it turned out, it was no fun. The boy was cold and hungry and lonely. But he did like living without any rules.



Then one day a rich man said "Come live with our family. We will adopt you." The boy was happy.



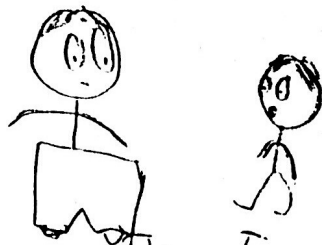
But then he found rules, rules, rules. "Shine your shoes, comb your hair, do your homework, go to bed." So he ran away.



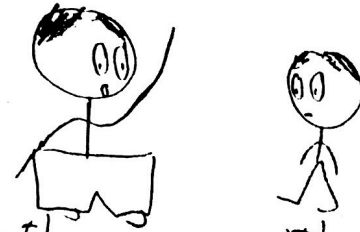
"I don't know what to do" he told his friend. "I like those people, but I don't like rules" "Go back" said his friend.



He went back, and obeyed all the rules. Next year he saw that he was better off, and the street kids worse.



One by one the street kids went to jail. "I don't like your rules" he told his new father, "but you saved me from jail. Thanks"



"It's the same with God" said his new father. "If you keep his rules, you stay out of hell. If you don't, then down you go."