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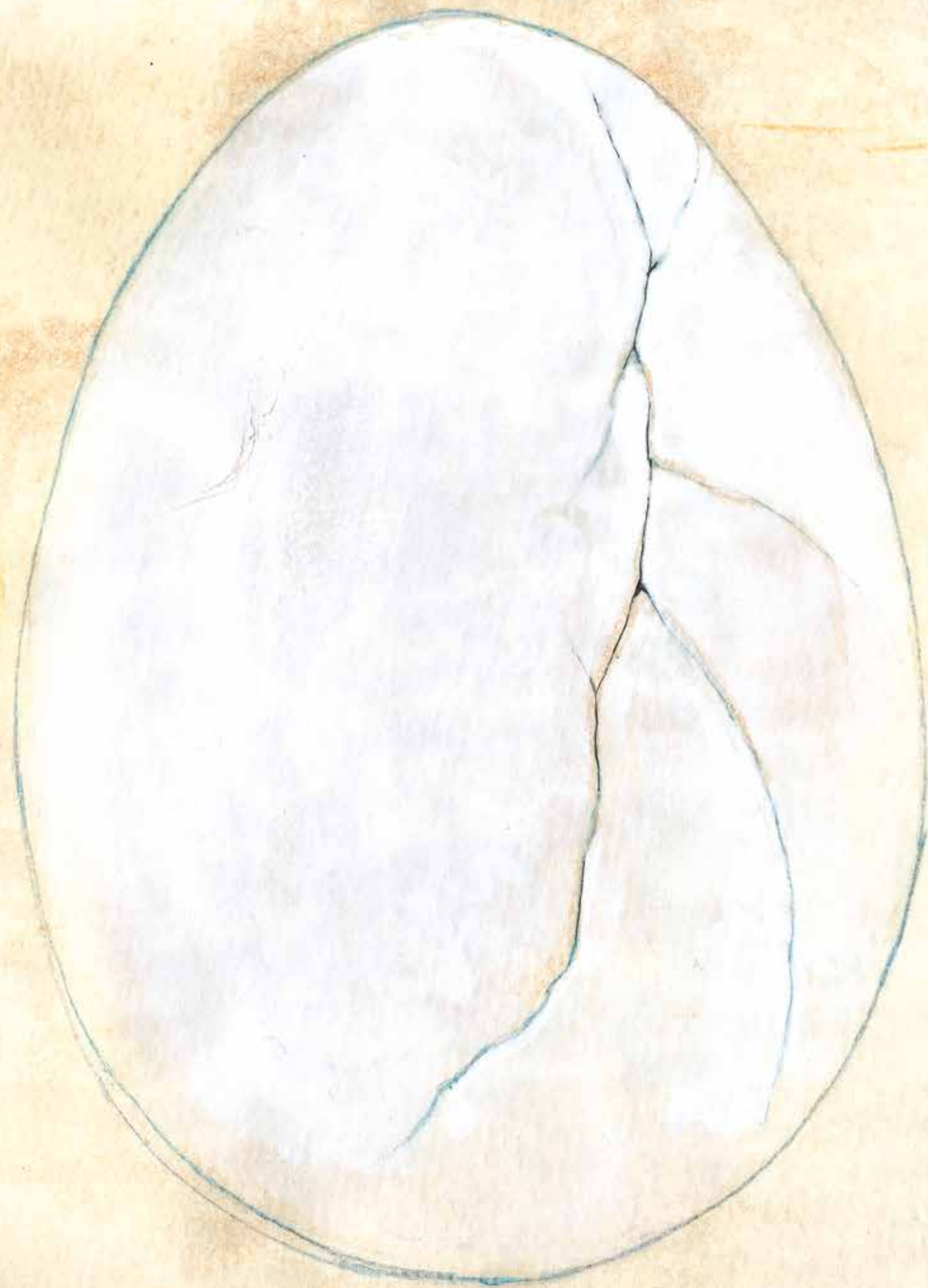
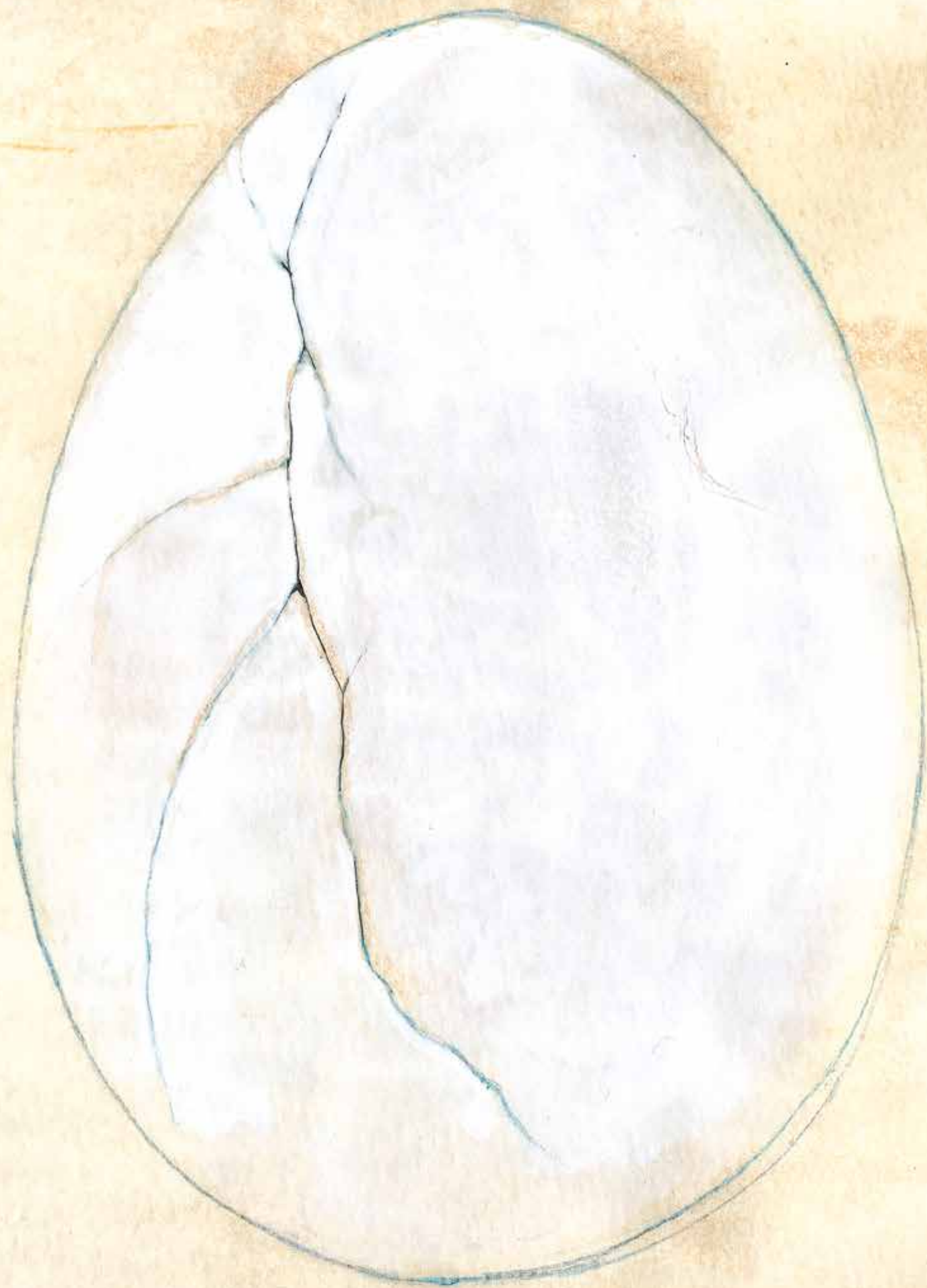
The Egg



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Hello there! My name is Victor. And here is my family: My mum, my dad, my sister Lisa and my teacher Elvira. I'd like to talk to you about myself. I'm not quite sure you want to know. However, you might be curious... As I certainly look strange to you!

Whoever meets me for the first time says: 'Oh dear! What a dazzling little boy!' However, by the time they approach and try to talk to me, they immediately change their mind... And then, they just start referring to mum and dad.

— 'Why is your kid not replying? Is he shy?'

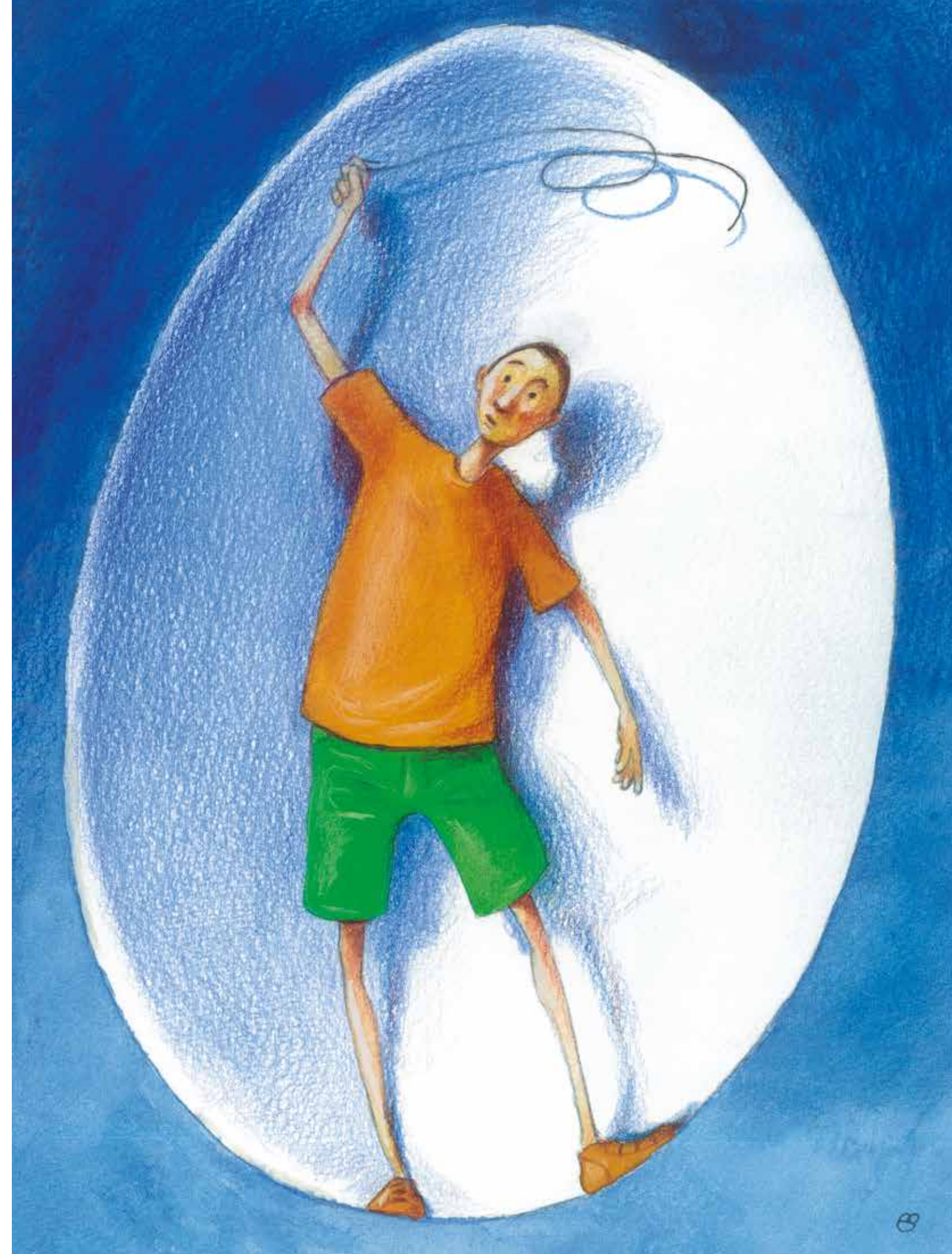
— 'Hmmm I guess he's started to speak late, hasn't he? Oh don't worry... just be patient!'

— 'Oh dear! Why is this kid crying like that?? He must be spoilt! You should be stricter with him!'



And what a strange thing... They seem totally certain that I cannot hear them... like... like I don't even exist there... like I'm a bubble that suddenly... Boom! It's gone! That is why I need to talk to you about me. Because I'm not a bubble, I am a kid. I'm listening to whatever you say and, of course, I can understand everything. And I do feel joy, and pleasure, and anger, and anxiety, and love! But... in my own very special way, inside... my Egg.

Everybody says that I'm locked inside myself. This means that, when people talk to me, I don't look at them straight in the eyes; that I don't want to play with my schoolmates during the break; that I like doing weird and boring things, such as spinning a piece of string for hours and hours or making mysterious and annoying sounds. But the truth is that I feel like I live inside a bizarre place... Inside a big white Egg with the hardest shell.



Inside this Egg I can do a whole lot of things, in most of which I'm just amazing! Here they are! I can easily make a 100-piece puzzle. Once I make the puzzle I can recall it in no time, and it's a piece of cake for me to make it again! Winnie the Pooh is my favourite! I also adore music, and I can compose rhythms in the piano just by myself. Oh well, working on a laptop is my best! There, I'm really unbeatable! I can play games without lots of instructions, I can write and count and complete difficult tasks. So... I'm sitting like a King in the centre of my Egg, you know, where the yummy yolk is, doing all these nice things that I love. But... but the Outside world, this Other world, feels like it spins around me in the form of random images, in a twirl...

