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The Pencil

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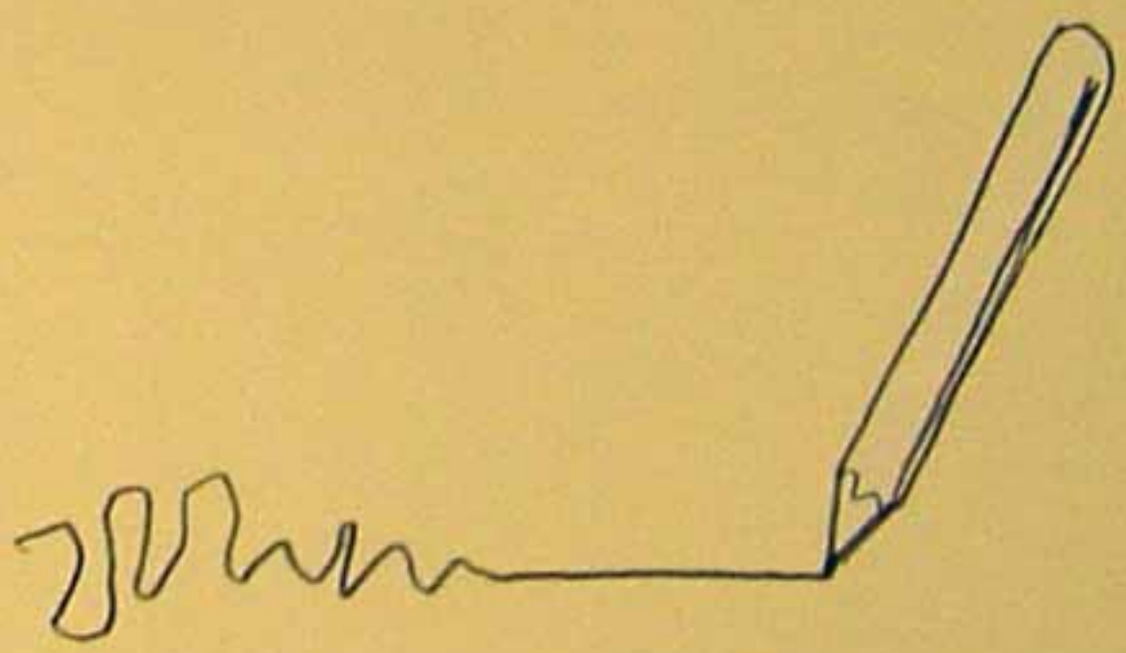
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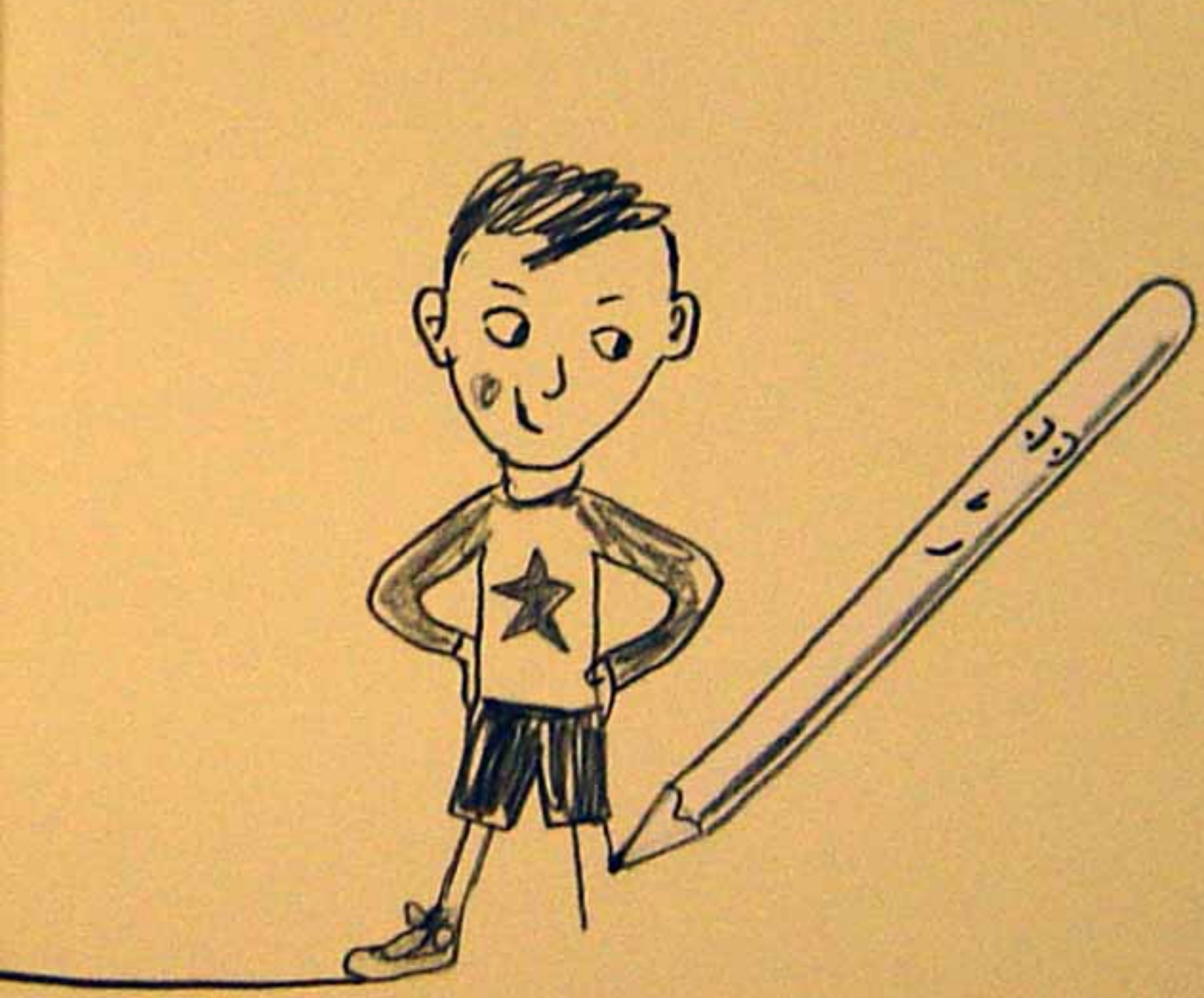
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Once there was a pencil, a lonely little pencil, and nothing else.
It lay there, which was nowhere in particular, for a long long time.
Then one day that little pencil made a move, shivered slightly,
quivered somewhat ... and began to draw.



The pencil drew a boy.
"What's my name?" said the boy.
"Er ... Banjo," said the pencil.
"Good," said Banjo. "Draw me a dog."



The pencil drew a dog.

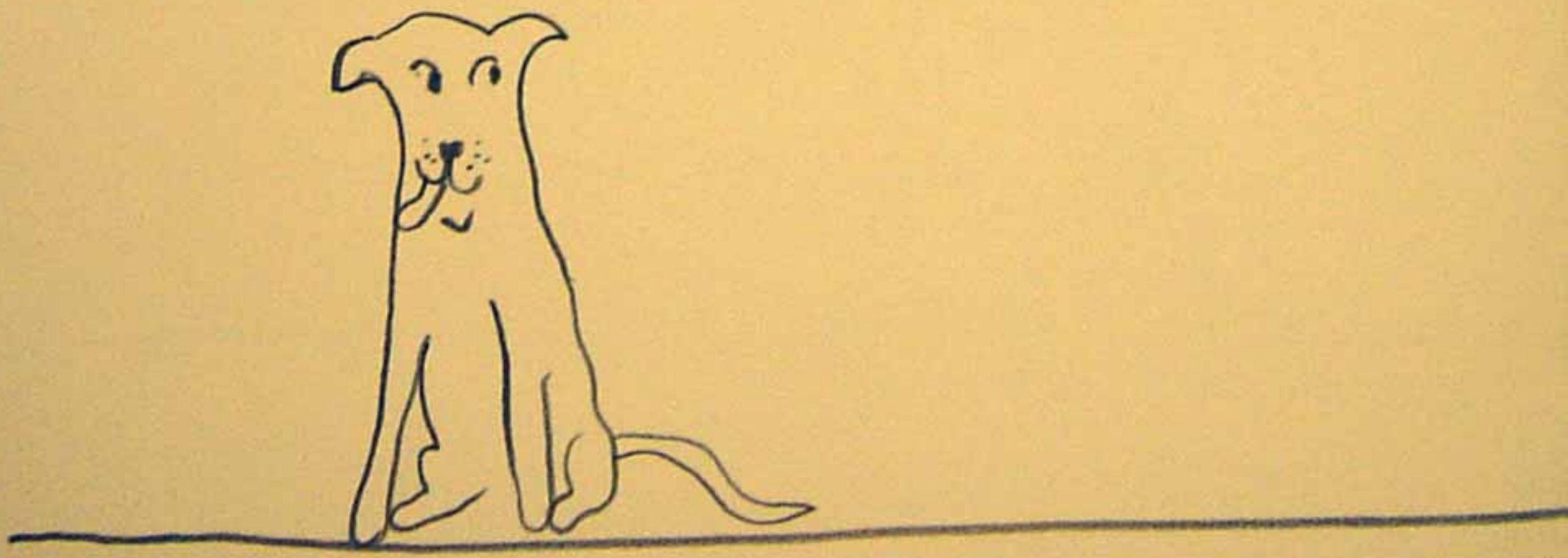
"What's my name?" barked the dog.

"Er ... Bruce," said the pencil.

"Excellent," said Bruce. "Draw me a cat."

The pencil hesitated.

"Please!" said Bruce.



So then the pencil drew a cat (named Mildred),
and Bruce, of course, chased Mildred,

