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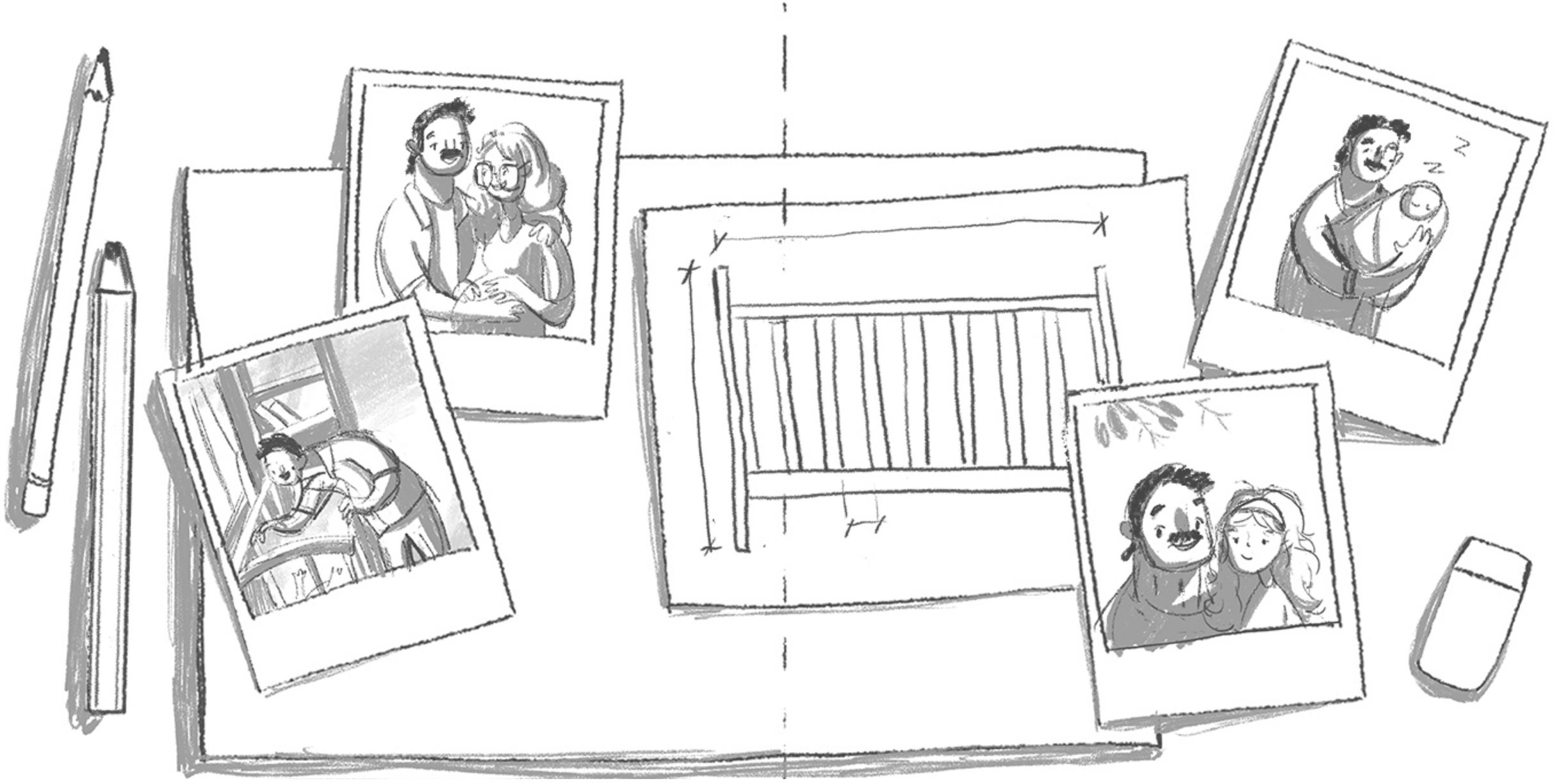

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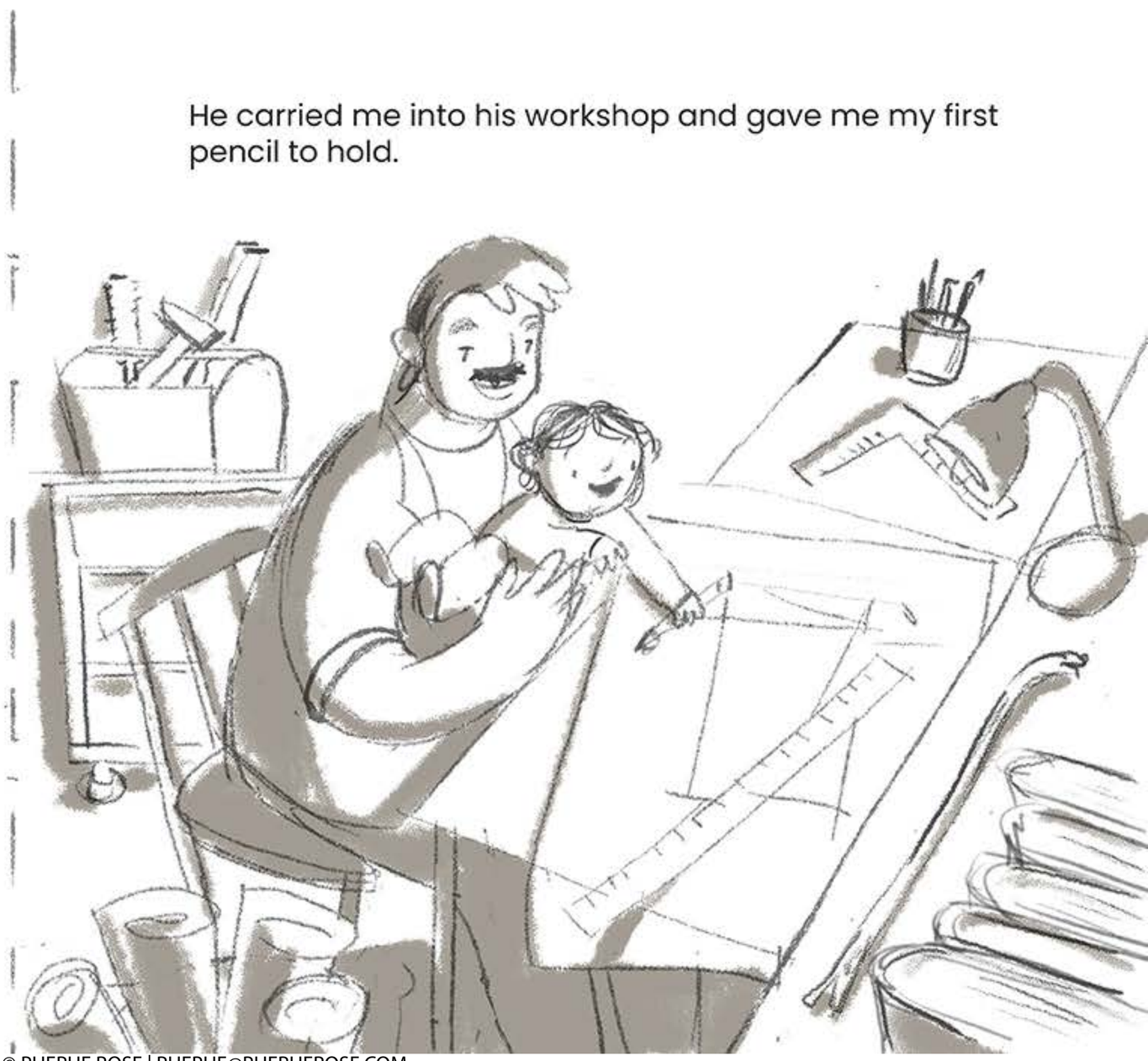
Before my dad knew me, he built a crib for me.

He carried me into his workshop and gave me my first pencil to hold.

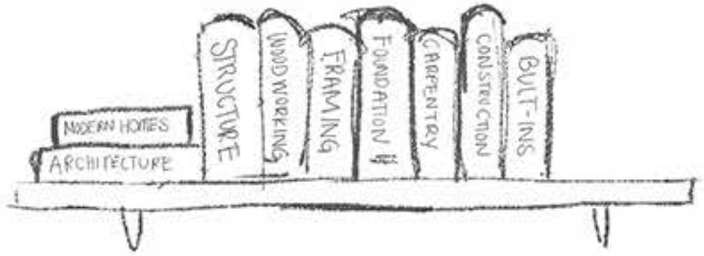


As a carpenter, my dad loves to build things out of wood.

I build with anything I can find.

So I can build alongside him.

I love spending time with my dad in his workshop. There are pencils, paper, books... and LOTS of tools.



When he draws, I draw, too.

When he cuts, I cut too.

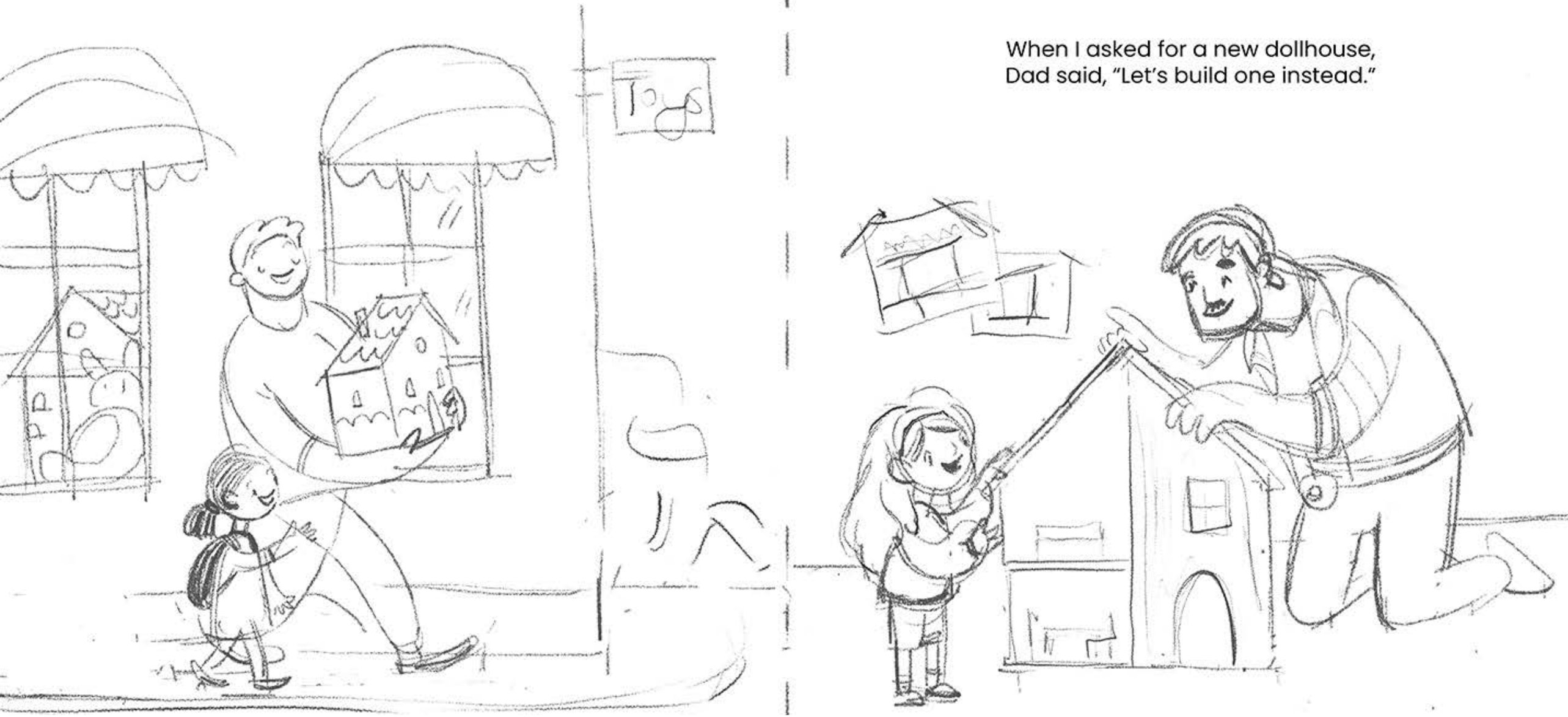
Instead of teaching me to play catch,
my dad teaches me how to measure.
"Measure twice..."
"Cut
once!"

Instead of a tea set,
my dad gets me a set of tools.

I love drawing just
as much as he
loves wood.

And on my last
birthday, he gave
me my first
sketchbook.

When I asked for a new dollhouse,
Dad said, "Let's build one instead."

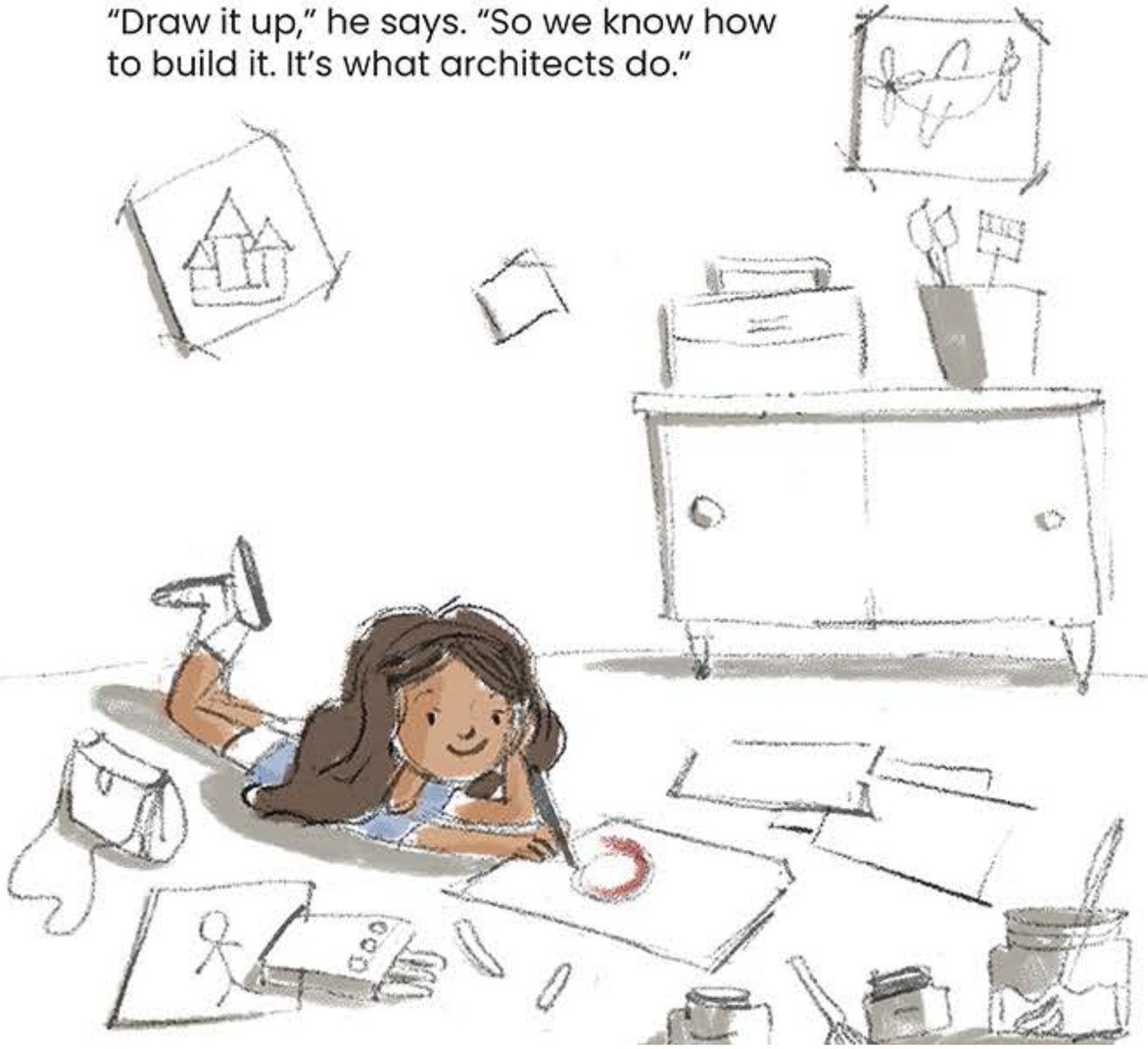


Dad brings home leftover wood from his job site.

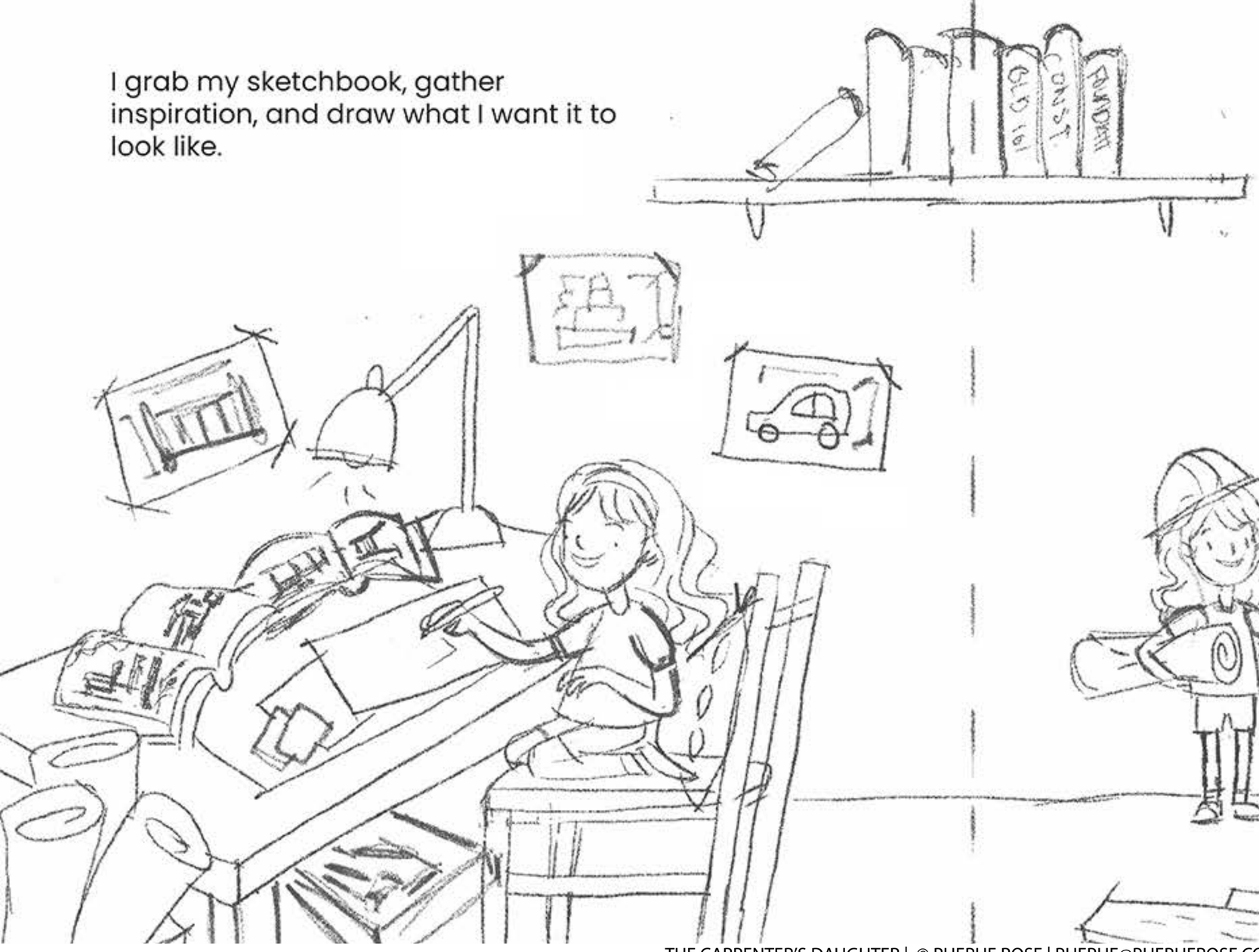
"Let's make your new dollhouse out of this wood together," he mentions.

"Yes!" I shout.

"Draw it up," he says. "So we know how to build it. It's what architects do."



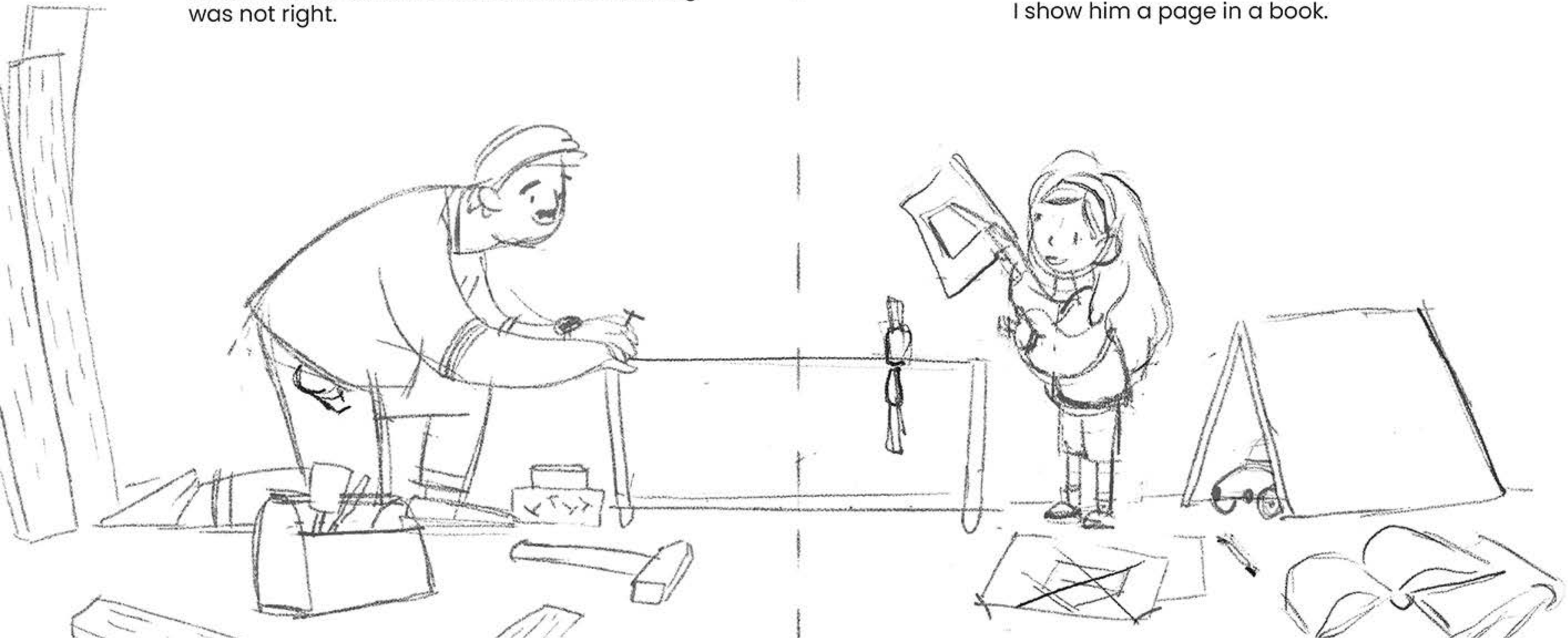
I grab my sketchbook, gather inspiration, and draw what I want it to look like.



Then we get the tools and supplies.

As we start to build the foundation, something was not right.

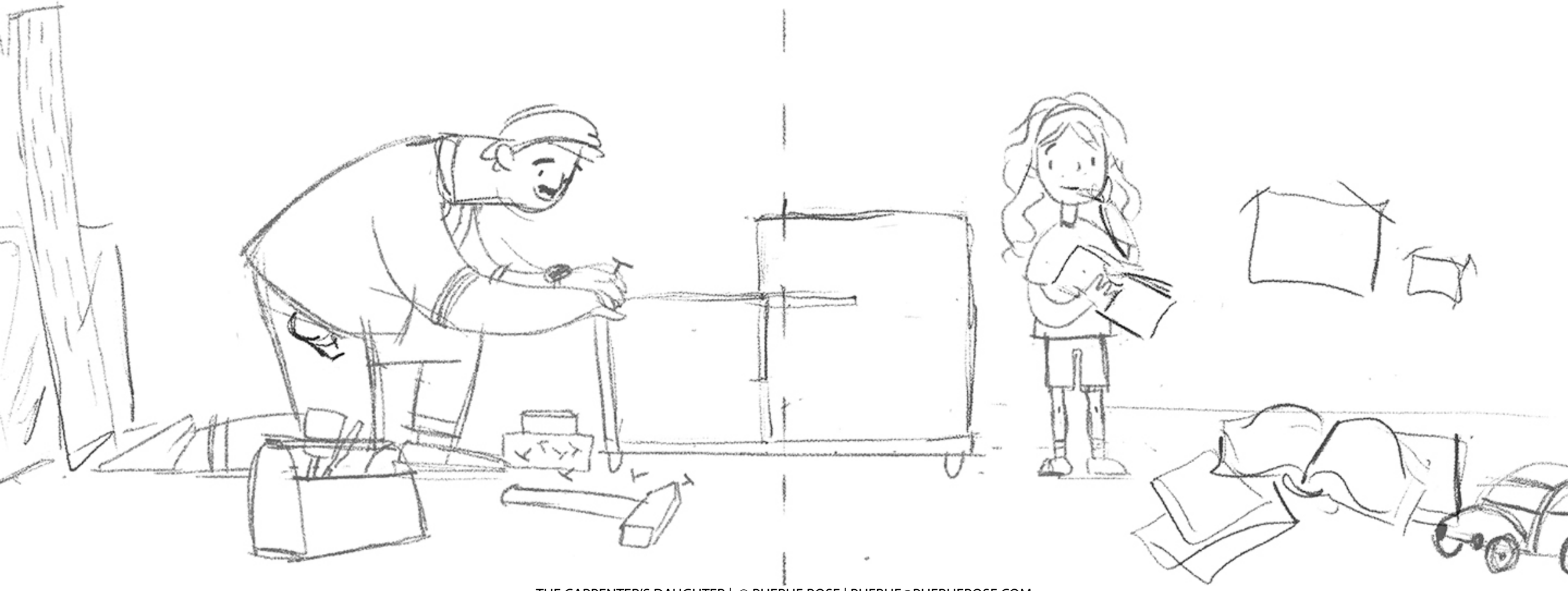
"Can we build something like this?"
I show him a page in a book.



“Draw it up,” Dad nods.

"Something is still missing," I ponder.

"You know what to do..."



“Draw it up!” I squeal.

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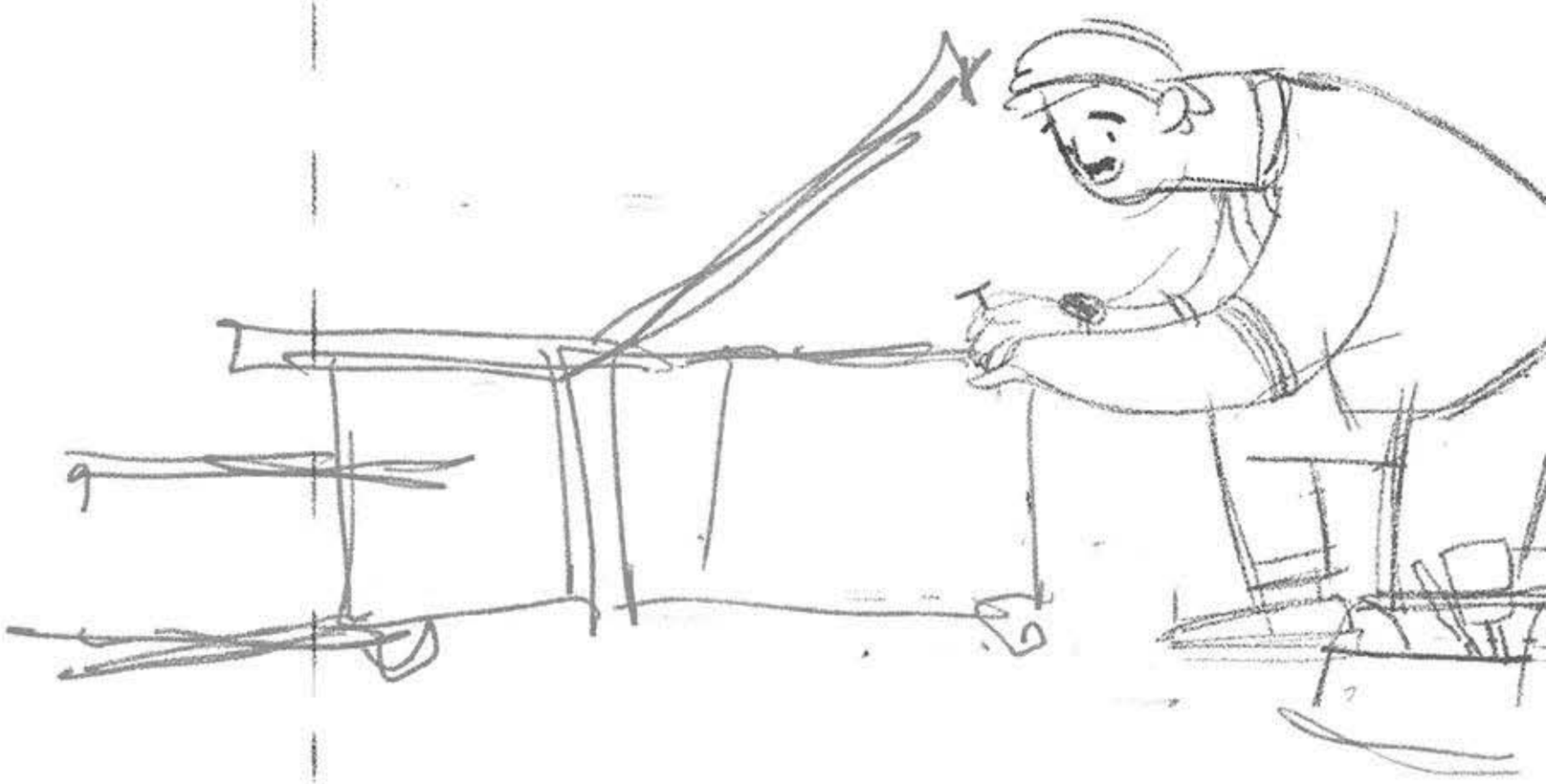
"I have one last idea."



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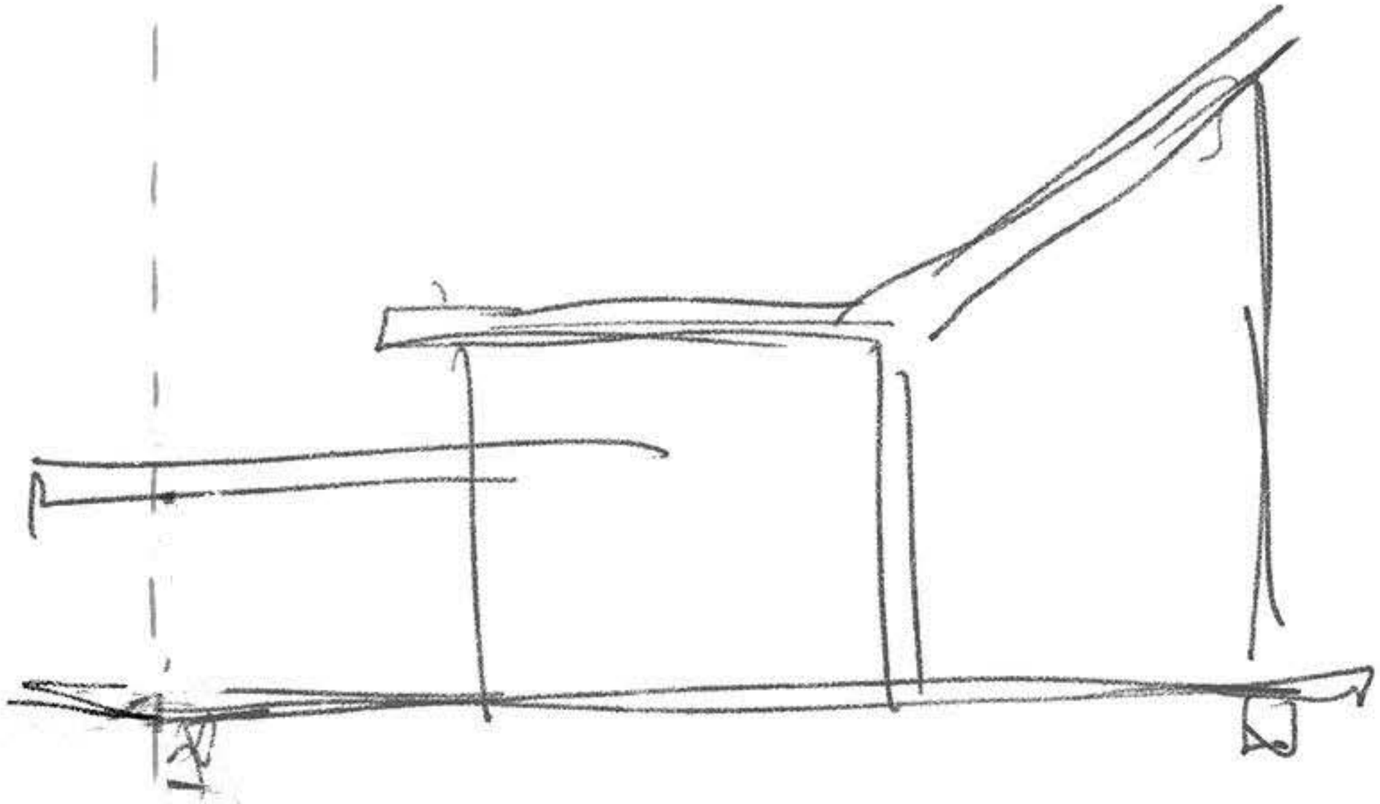
"We did it!" I exclaim.



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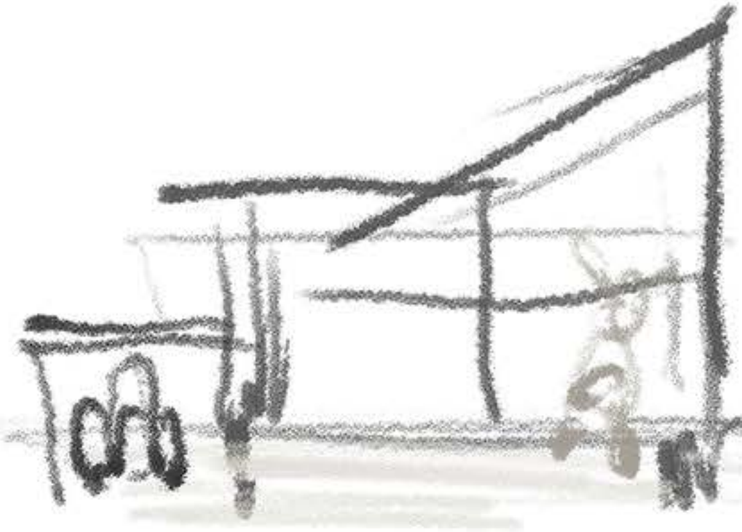
"Dad, I want to draw it up for carpenters... like you,"
I whisper into his ear.



"I want to be an architect."

Dad smiles, "I think you'll be a great architect."

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Dad calling

Phephe Rose, a carpenter's daughter, grew up loving to draw and making things alongside her father. Little did they both realize the impact he had over her career path. Phephe received her Bachelor of Architecture from USC, and owns a creative design studio. Her father still works in his workshop carving wooden toys for his, now, grandchildren.

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