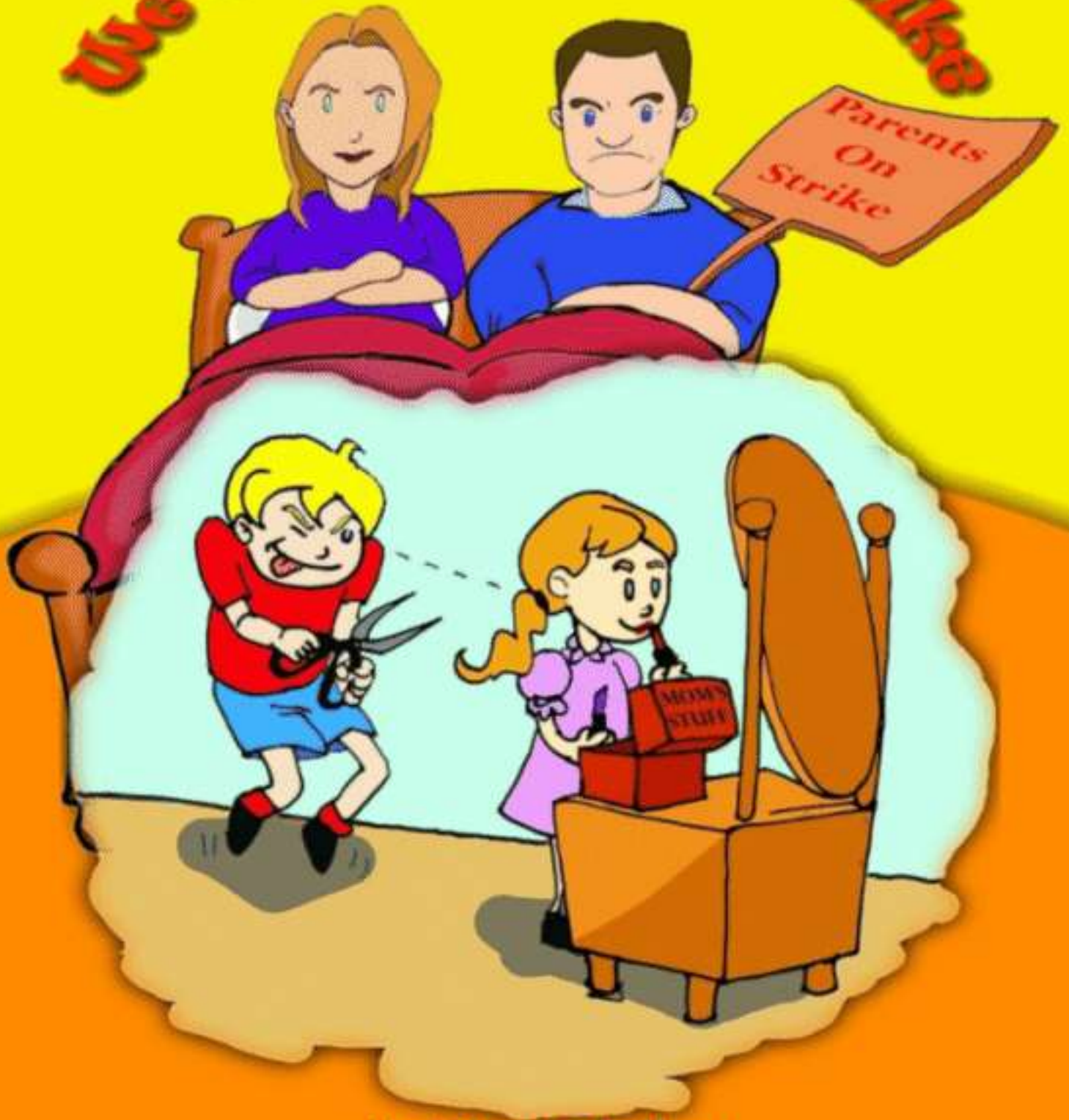
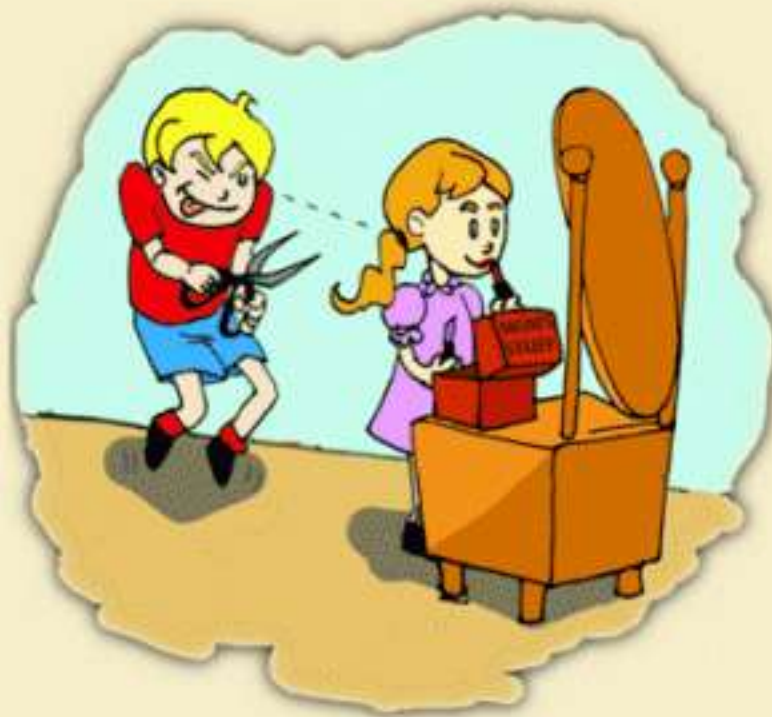


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To my beautiful children Alex and Lauren
who provided the inspiration for this book.

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The Father



The Mother



The Boy



The Girl

Our mother and father
have just gone on strike.



They said, "We can do
whatever we like."



They're tired of telling us
"Pick up your toys."



Worn out from asking,
"Please keep down the noise."



Weary from saying,
"Eat your dinner while it's hot".



Exhausted from all the
whys and why nots.



Fatigued from all of our
constant demands.



Getting so little done
of their original plans.



So they are no longer now

washing our clothes,



cleaning our rooms,



or wiping our nose.



No longer the maid,
the butler or cook,



they're just going to read
their newspaper and book.



And once finished reading they said, they're spending a month just sleeping in bed.



Up on their door, there now hangs a sign, Do Not Disturb or Cross Over This Line.



My sister and I think this is just great, no rules and no chores but the ones we create.



We decided to think up some of our own, ones we'd be happy to follow at home.



Rule number one that we wish to be known, our house is declared a parent free zone.



With a pad and a pencil we started to write, some other new guidelines that sounded alright.



We can stay up quite late while eating a treat.



We don't have to wash up after we eat.



We can keep our rooms messy
our things on the floor.



There's no such thing
as a job or a chore.



Teeth can be brushed
just once a day.



Our toys where we drop them
is where they can stay.



Our used dirty plates
we left on the table,



as then it was time to
watch TV on cable.



For lunch it was biscuits
and cream covered buns,



much better than fruit
with soft sour plums.



We can watch the TV
whenever we like.



We don't have to go for
a ride on our bike.



Next for our breakfast,
we had ice cream and jelly,



eating as much as would
fit in our belly.



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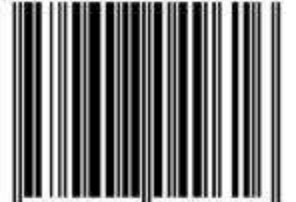


Rule N°1

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What would happen if you
could do whatever you liked?

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