



The Playhouse Doctors

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The Doctors



Grand pa charlie Grandma Edna
For Maurice, Sonya and the Kids

We lived with grandpa charlie and
Grand ma Edna, my sister Sharon and
I. We had lived with them since we
wore diapers and drank from bottles.



We had lived with them since we crawled,
learned to eat, walk and talk. We began to
Call them Mama and Daddy.

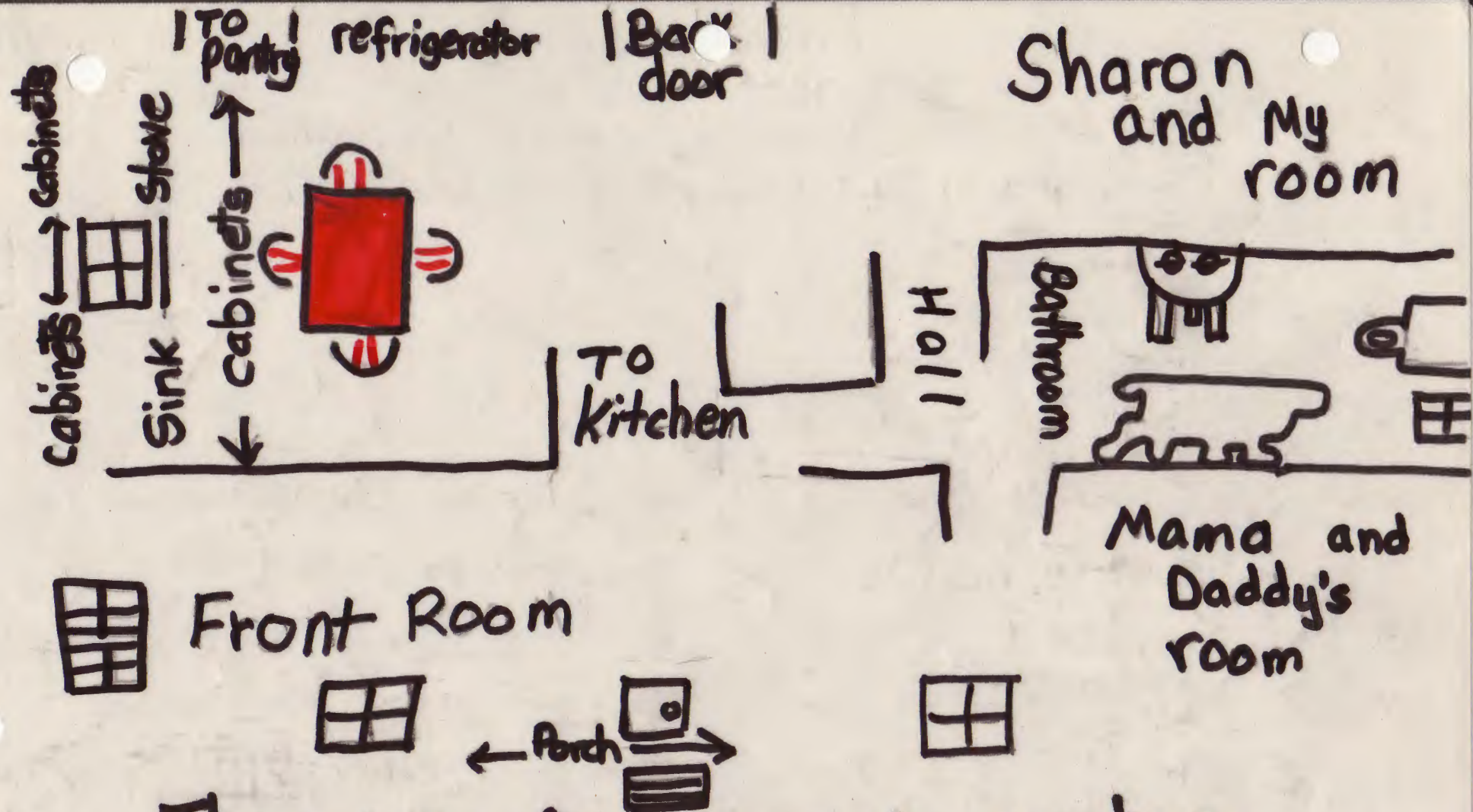


We went to sleep in the same room,
Went to School and played Every day in
the week together. We went to Sunday school
and Church on Sundays.



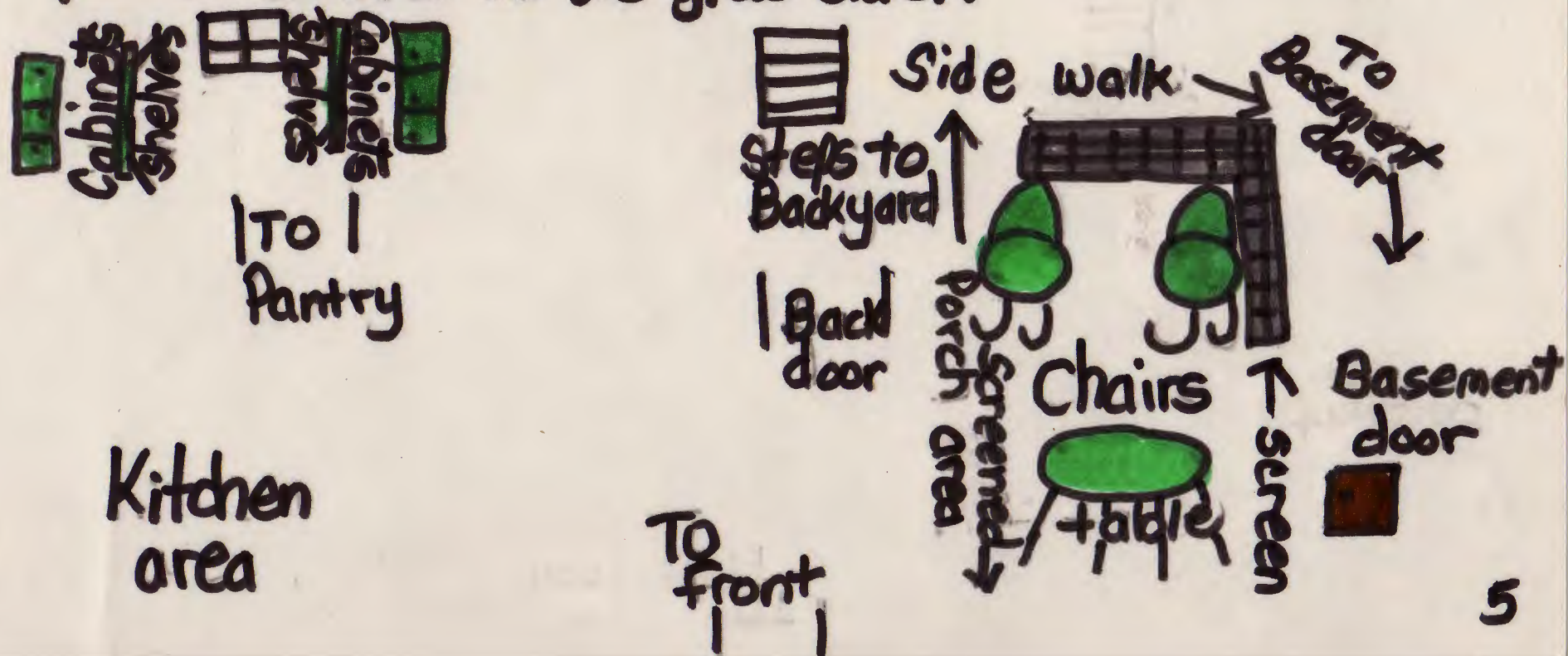
Grandpa and Grandma didn't allow Sharon and I to play in the front room most of the time. Sometimes when special visitors came we could play or have fun times in the front room. This room was always kept clean and in place. Our television set was under under the window where pretty white curtains were hung surrounded by blue flowered draperies.





There were five rooms in our house. a small bathroom with a foisted tub was behind Mama and Daddy's room. Their room was beside the front room. The kitchen was behind the front room and behind the bathroom was our bedroom. We played there often.

A little pantry was behind the kitchen and beside it a small porch with steps that led to the basement or to the backyard. The back yard was our favorite play place. Sometimes on summer mornings we played School. On Sunday afternoons after church we played Sunday school or church. We often made welcome cards for our many friends in the neighborhood. Our yard was often full of children as we grew older.





My sister Sharon and I both enjoyed watching "doctor shows" on television. They became our favorite shows. We asked Mama one summer evening if we could make a doctor play house under our back porch.

Mama let us look through the basement for rugs, lamps, beds, chairs and tables.

She let us have old tattered quilts for comfort. We hung the quilts with

nails in the fall to keep us warm and dry. We used old white shirts and dresses or pants for uniforms. One red and white shirt was worn by the candy stripe volunteer person. We took turns to be the volunteer helper.





We found a few medical instruments in a pantry cabinet. There were a pair of forceps, tweezers, finger nail files and a metal tray with a stainless steel bowl. We used water for medical sponges or cotton balls and Strawberry Koalaid. We shared stories about going to the doctor or dentist, our sick times and our visits to the hospital for tonsils and other ailments. Sometimes we were the first to hear of an ache or pain. We always reported them to the parent. Other grandparents and parents helped us with snacks, hospital repairs and office supplies. Since our neighborhood park was seven blocks away, our school-church-hospital was very busy and a lot of fun.

