

GOD &

PARENTING

Week 1: The Challenges & Hope of Parenting



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**I held the baby up to the light,
squinted at the physician out of one
bloodshot eye, and spoke starkly:
“Tell me, Doctor. You’ve been in this
business a long time.” I glanced
meaningfully at the baby.**

**- Melvin Konner, The Tangled Wing
(1982)**



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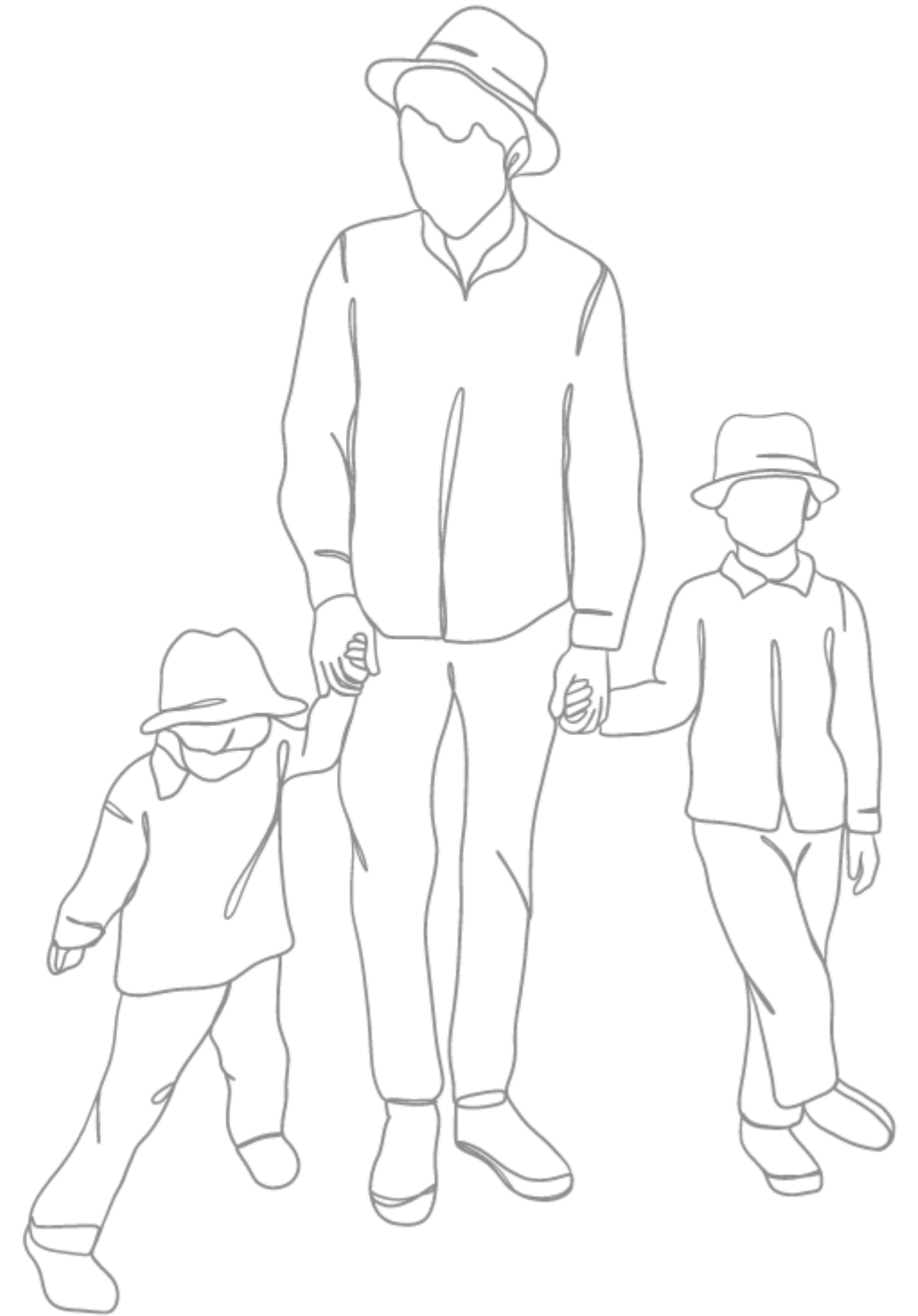
“She’s ruining my life. She’s ruining my sleep, she’s ruining my health, she’s ruining my work, she’s ruining my relationship with my wife, and . . . and she’s ugly.” . . . Swallowing hard, I managed to compose myself for my one simple question: “Why do I like her?”

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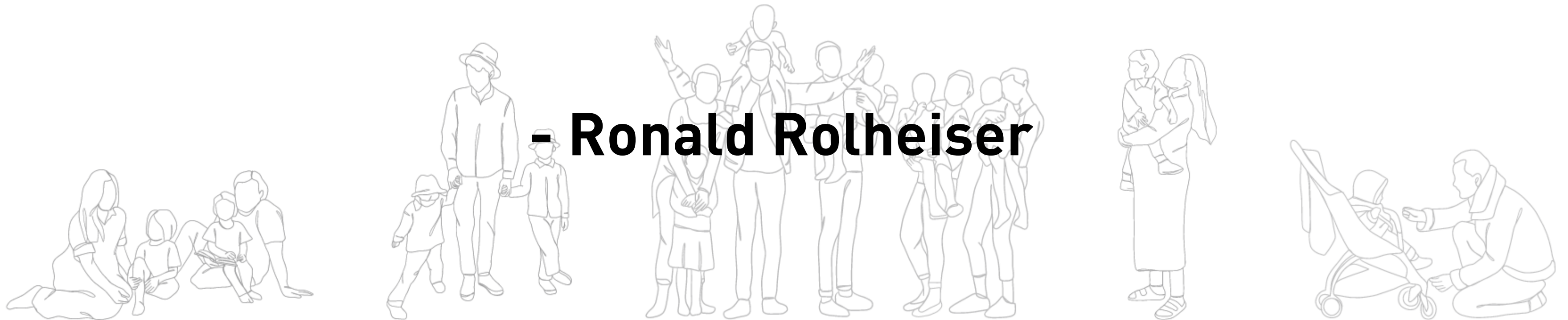
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**Whatever pain is not transformed,
is transferred.**



- Ronald Rotheiser

How much time you think you have with your kids:

BIRTH

DEATH



How much time with your kids actually works:

BIRTH

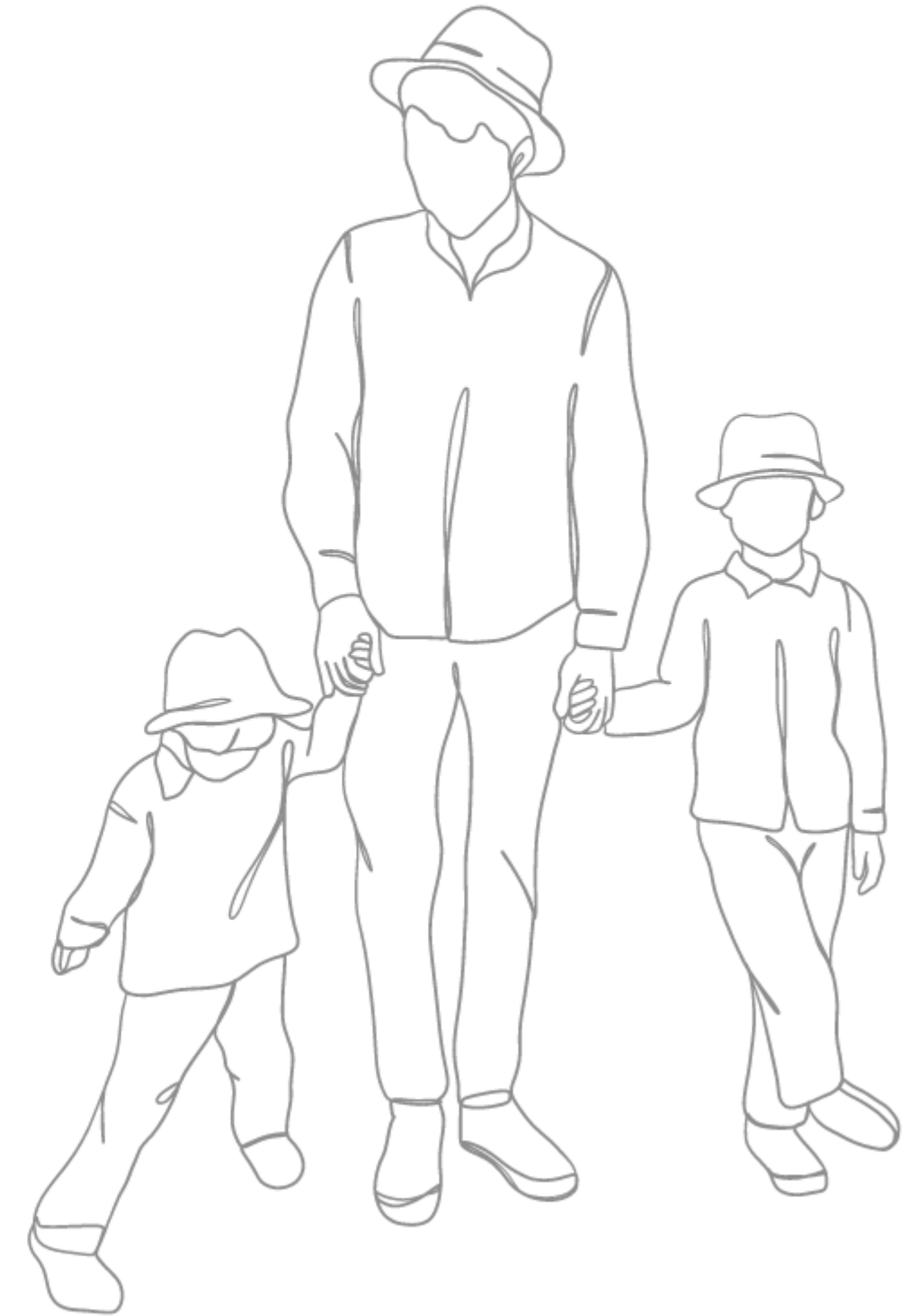
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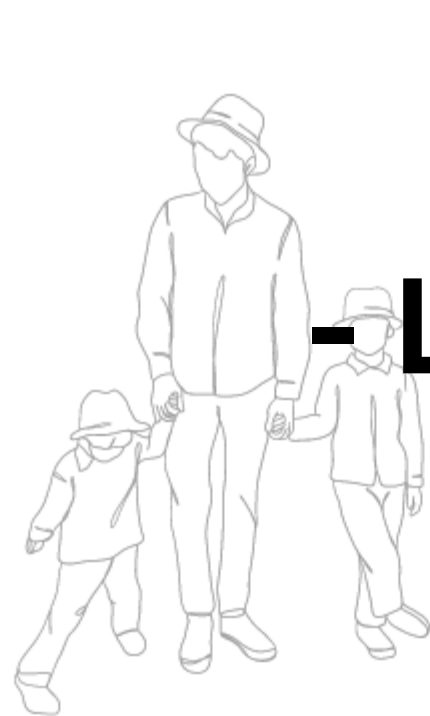
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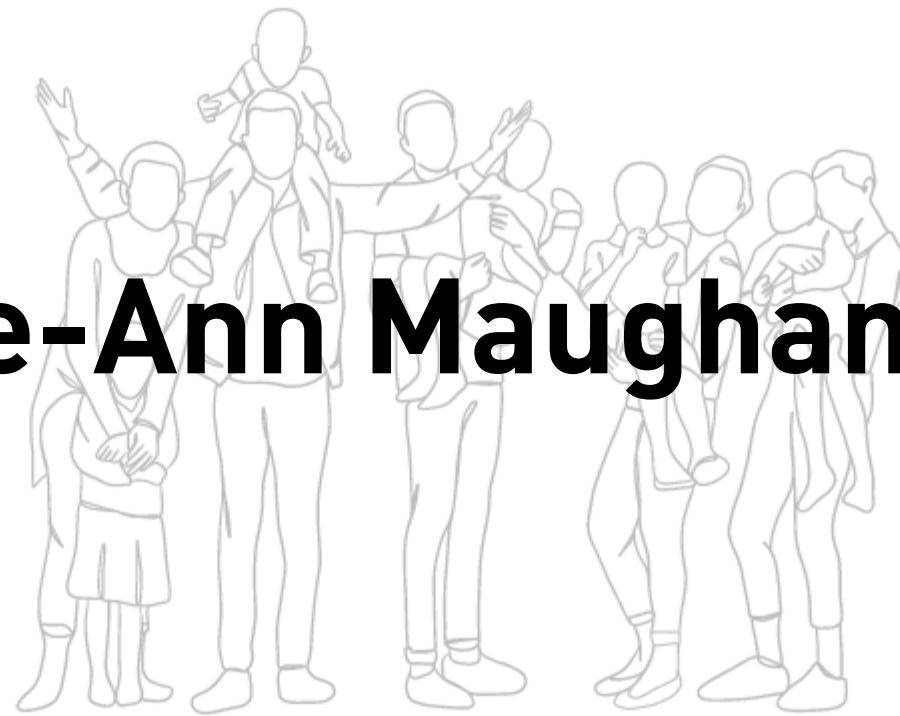


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**Welcome to motherhood,
welcome to guilt.**



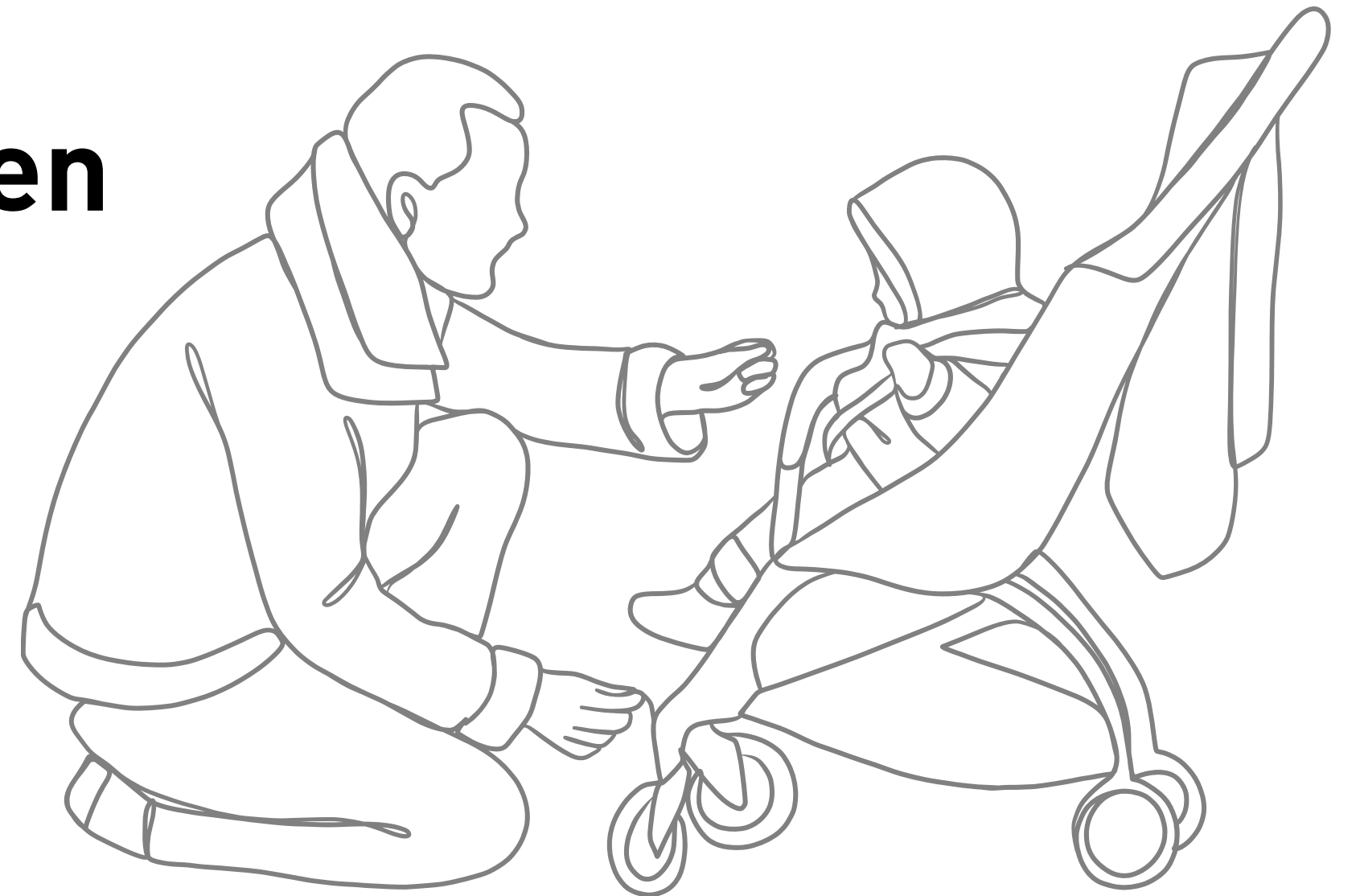
- Lee-Ann Maughan



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**Your boss won't remember that
email you sent at 7pm.**

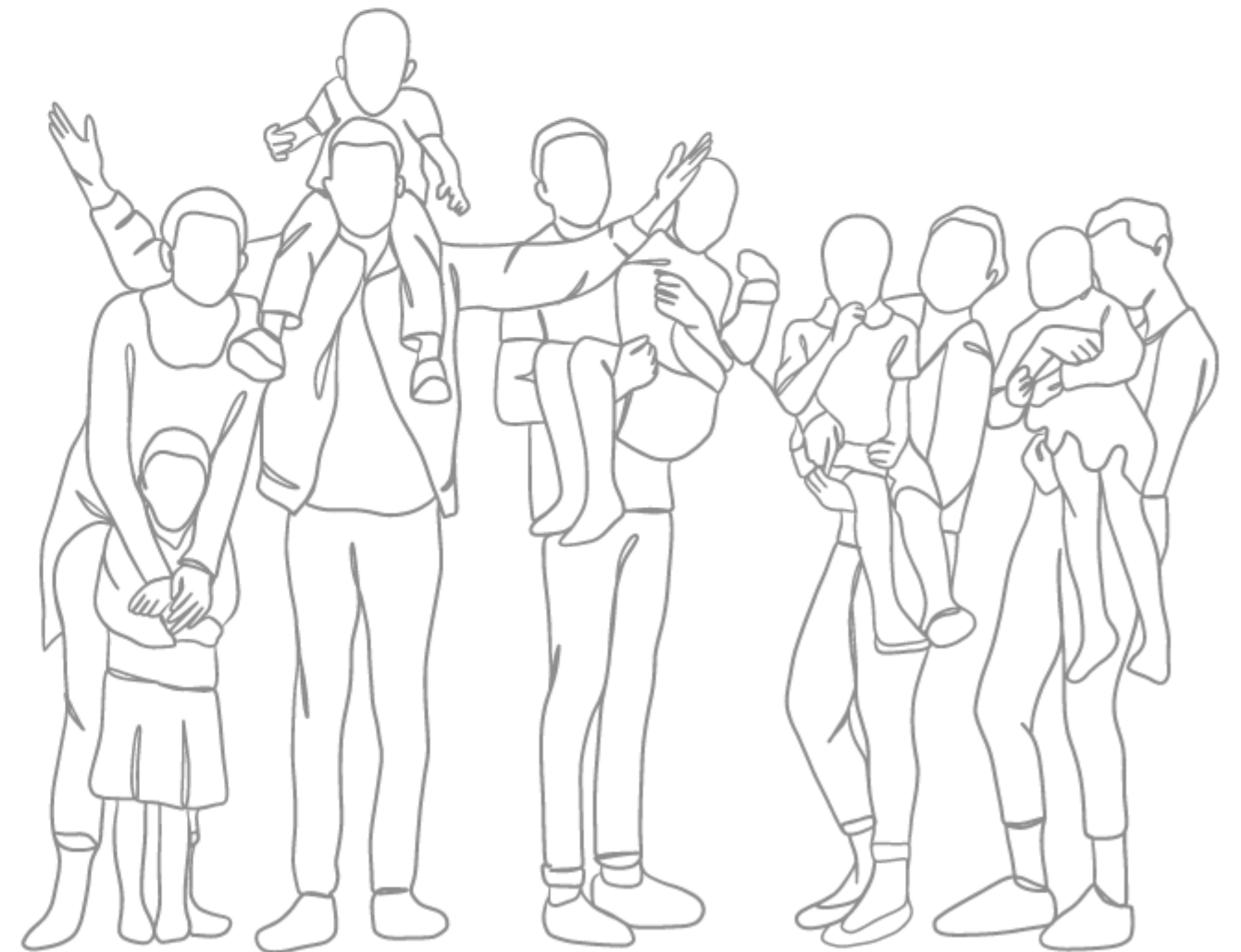
**Your kid will remember when
you made a memory with
them at 7pm.**



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**Parenthood remains the
single greatest preserve
of the amateur.**

- Alvin Toffler

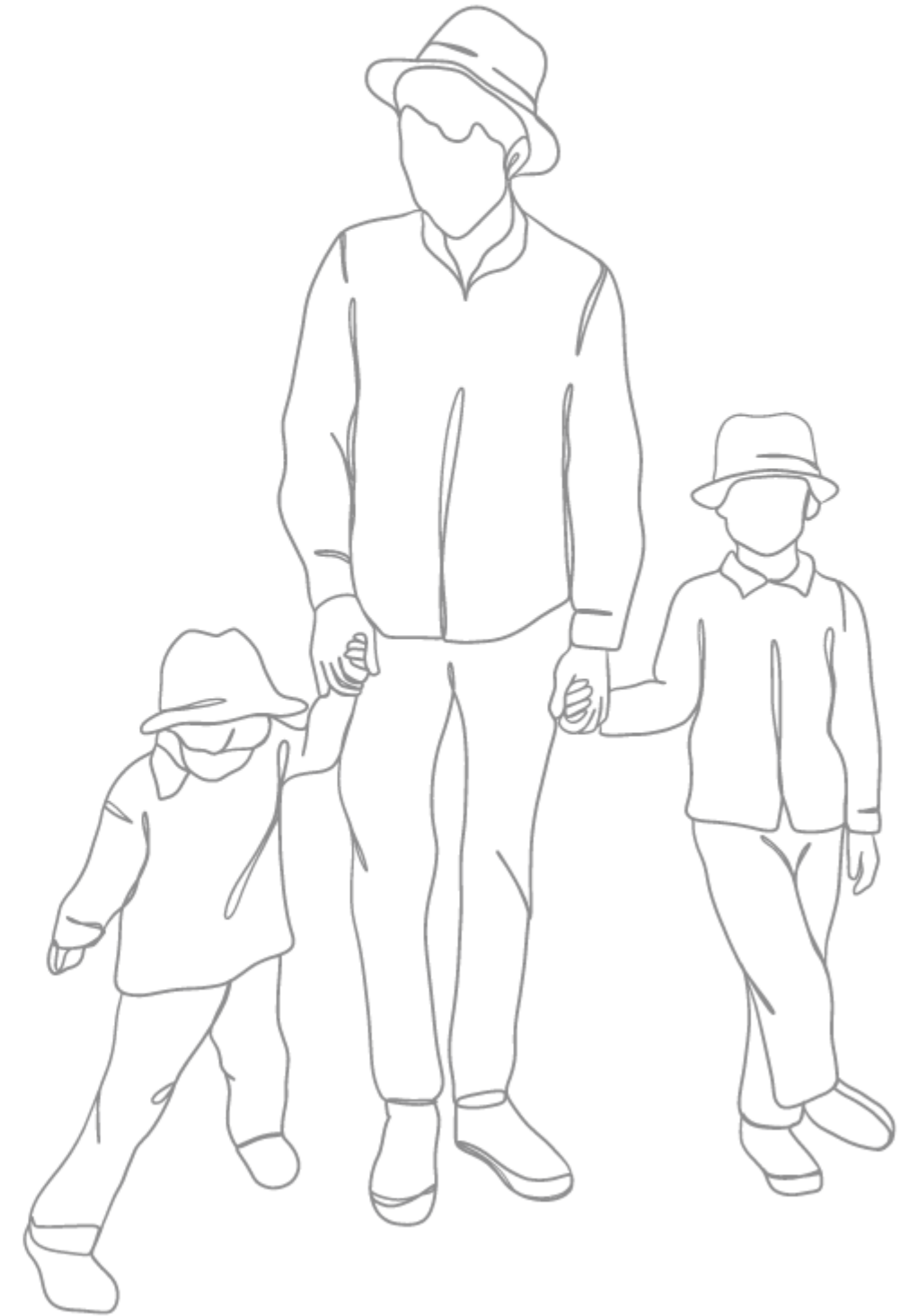


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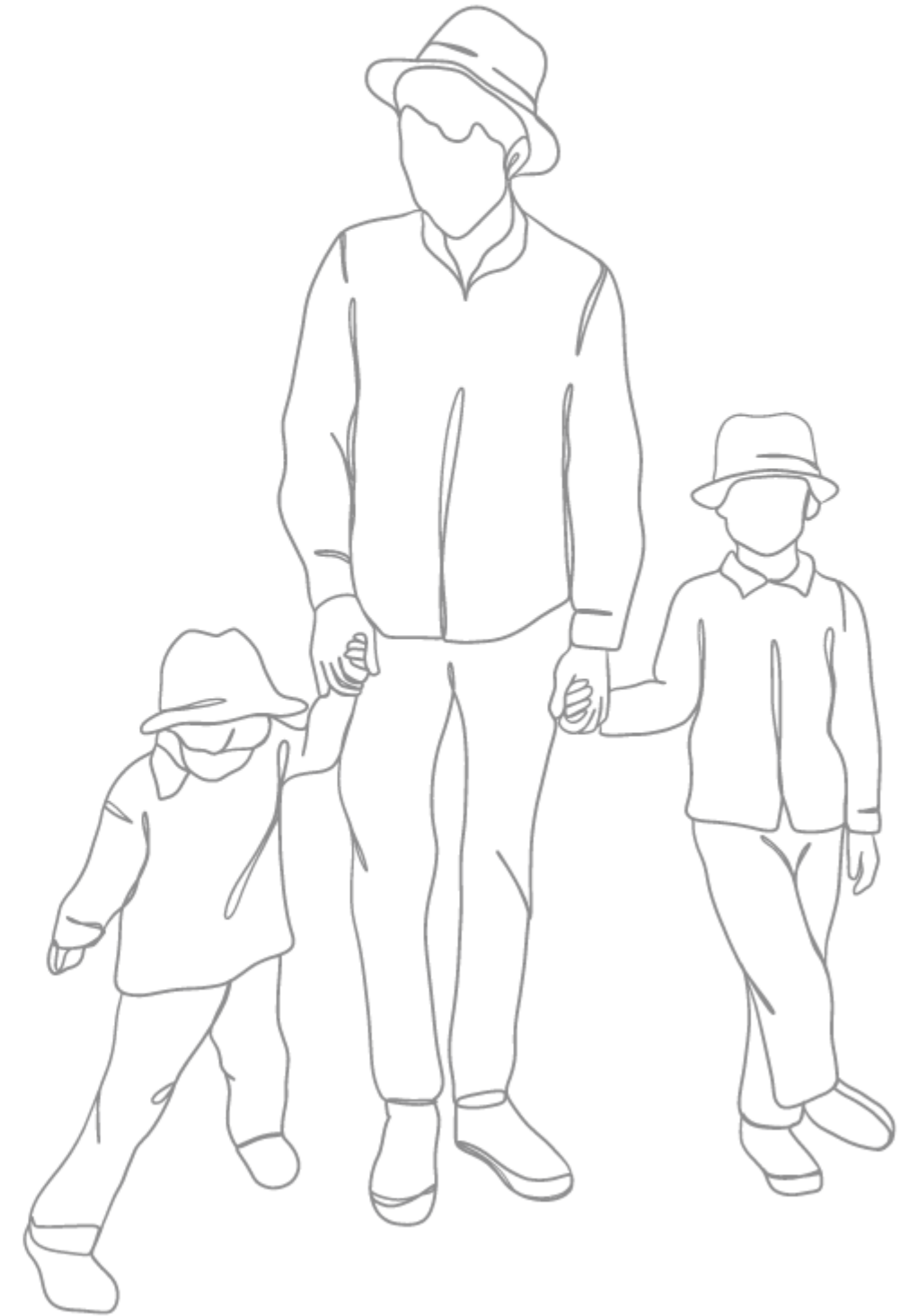
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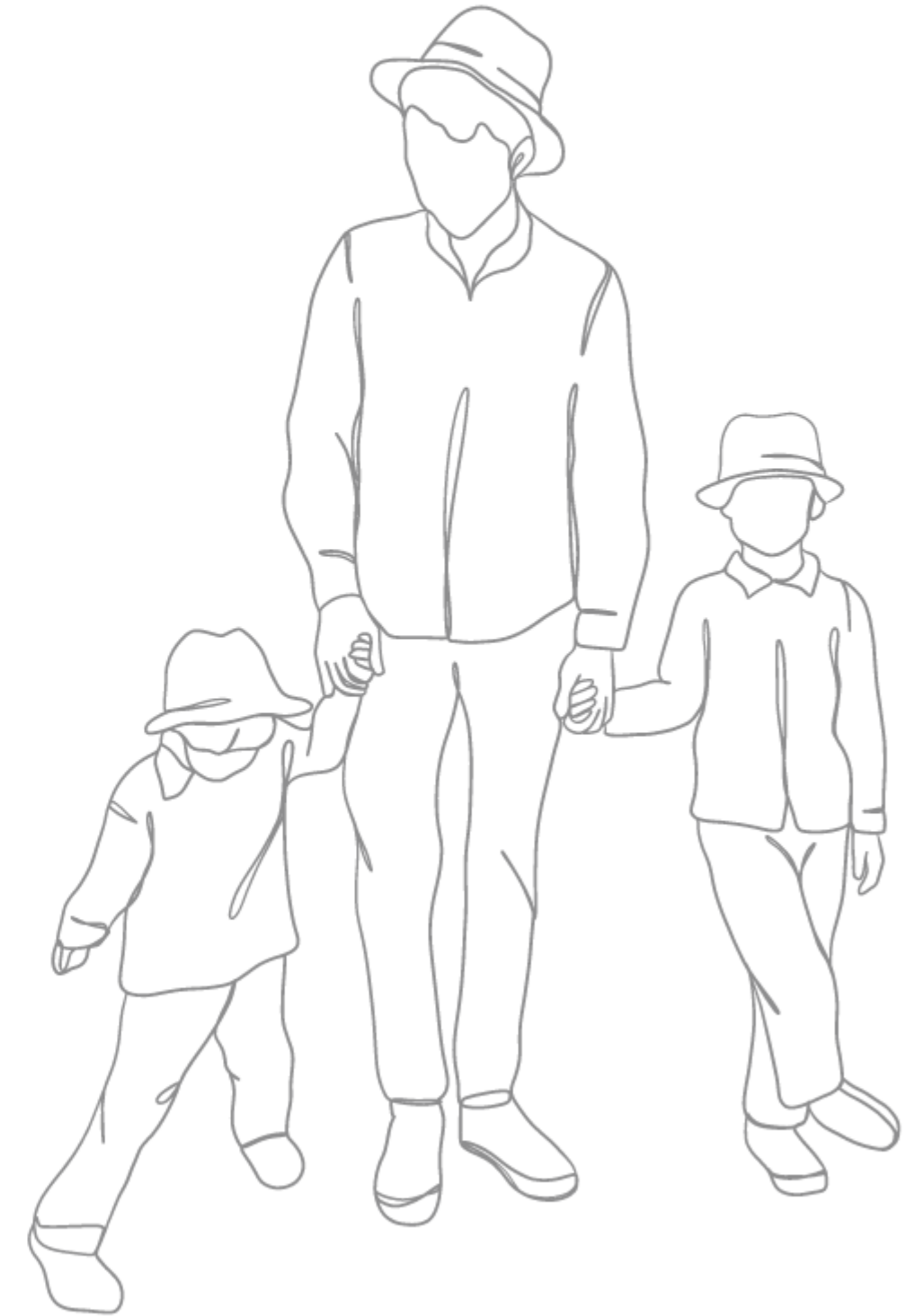


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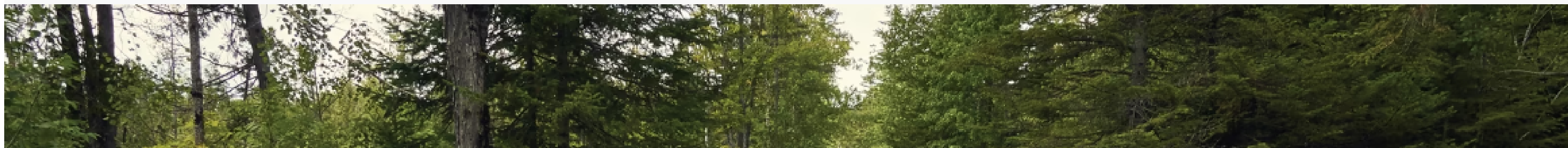
- a. Increased work
- b. Greater choice
- c. Scope creep

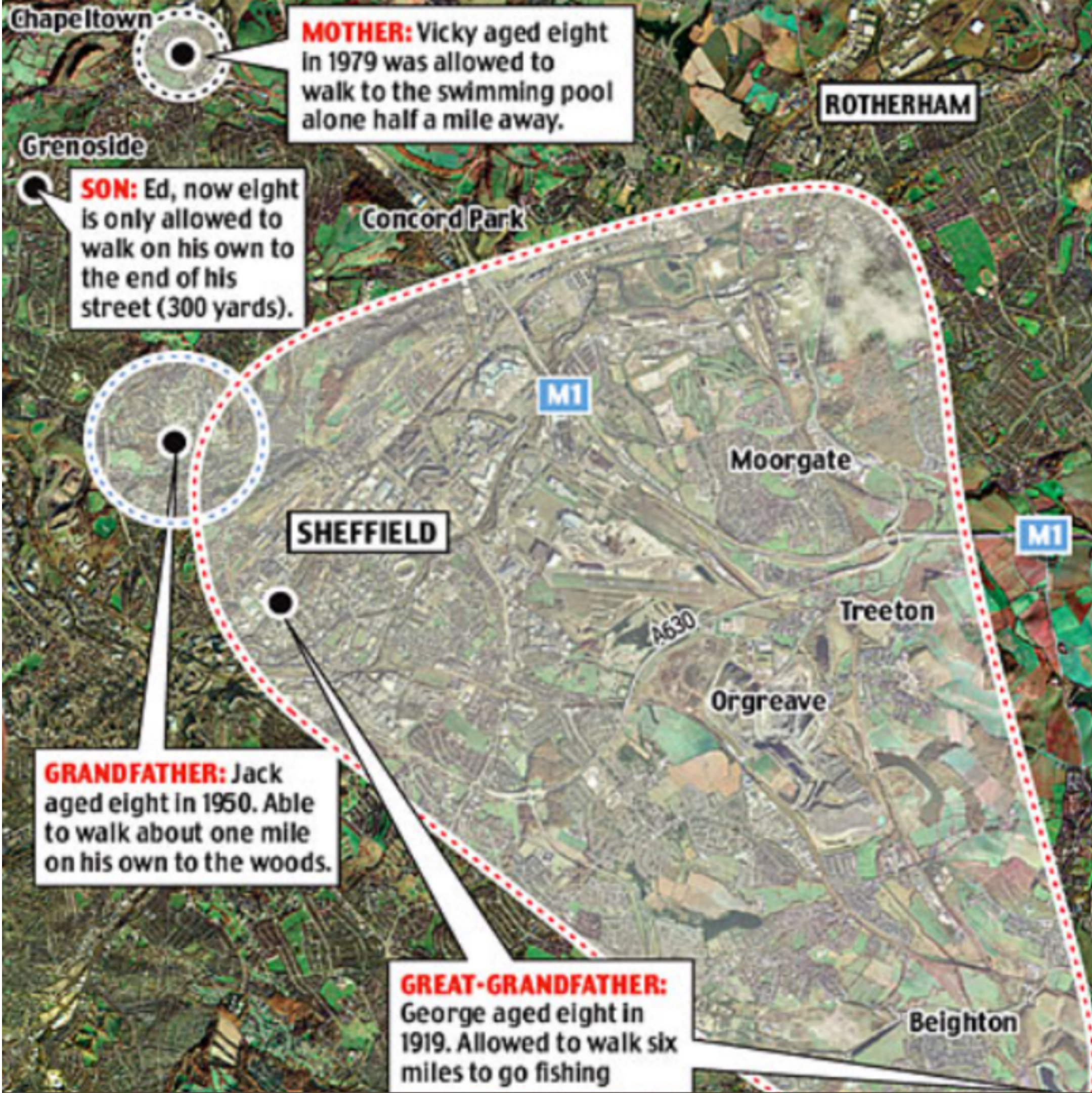


The Gravitational Pull of Supervising Kids All the Time

When so many people think hovering is what good parents do, how do you stop?

By Stephanie H. Murray





Chapeltown

MOTHER: Vicky aged eight in 1979 was allowed to walk to the swimming pool alone half a mile away.

ROTHERHAM

Grenoside

SON: Ed, now eight is only allowed to walk on his own to the end of his street (300 yards).

Concord Park

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Moorgate

SHEFFIELD

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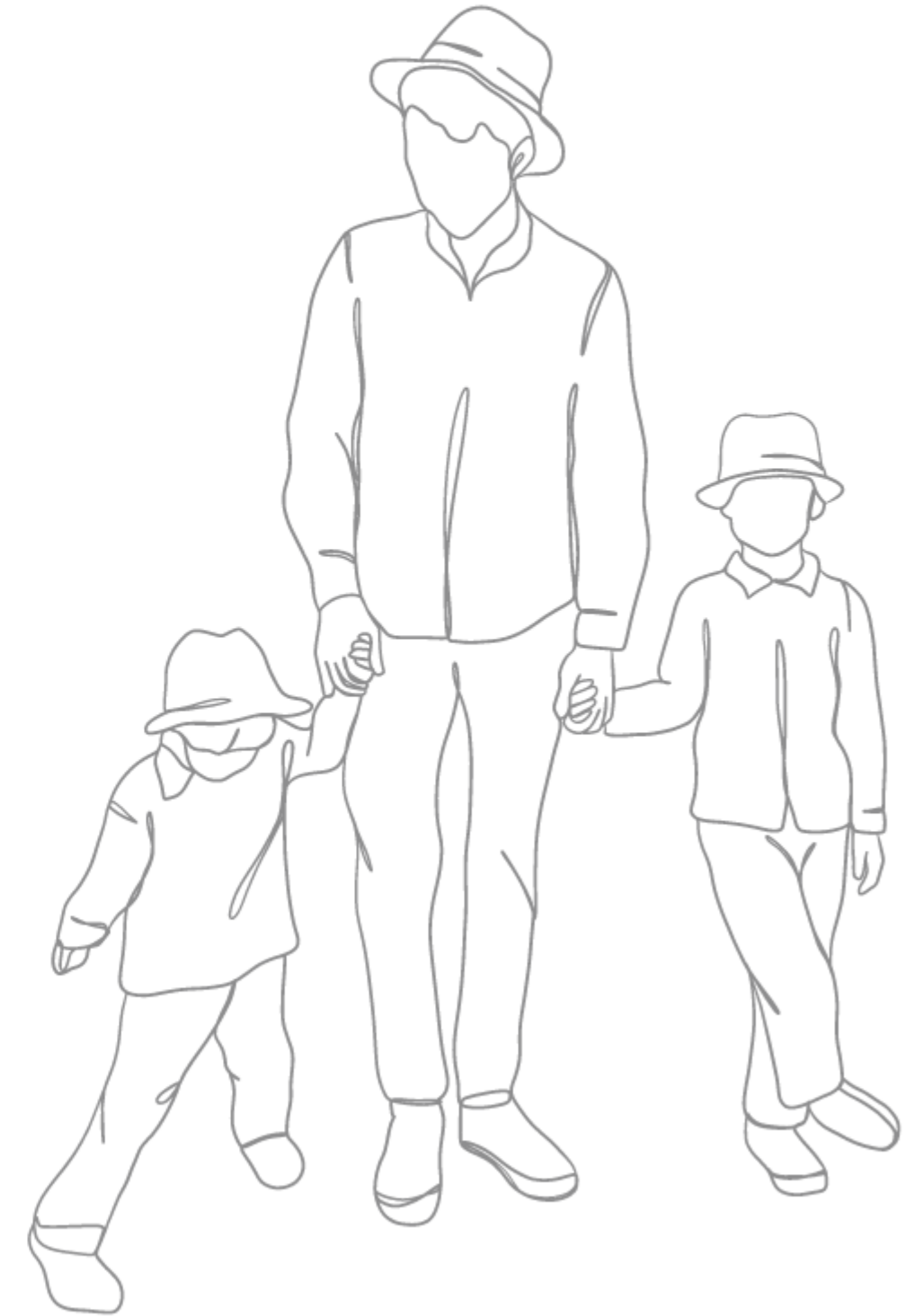
GRANDFATHER: Jack aged eight in 1950. Able to walk about one mile on his own to the woods.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER: George aged eight in 1919. Allowed to walk six miles to go fishing

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20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

3. Jesus offers hope

22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

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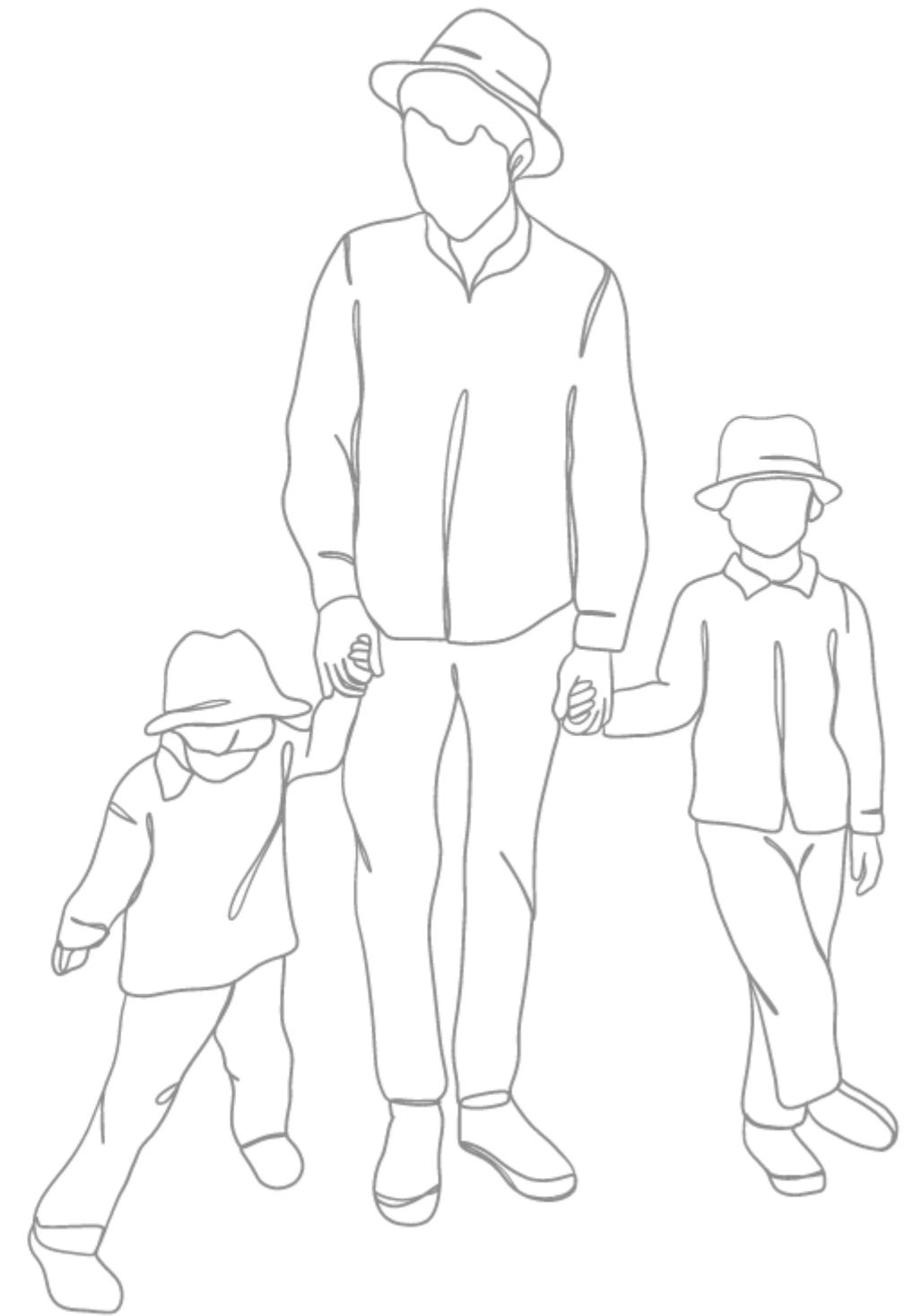
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30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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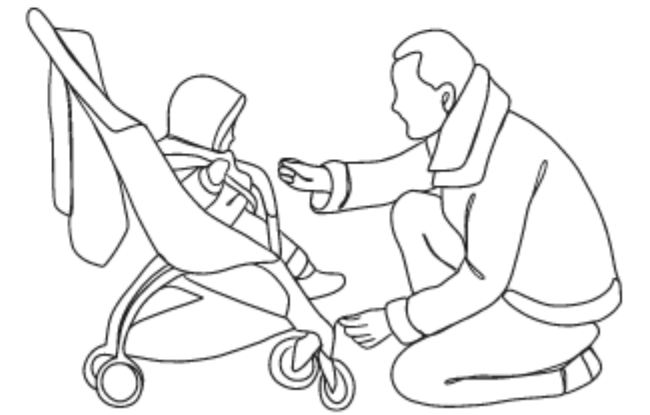
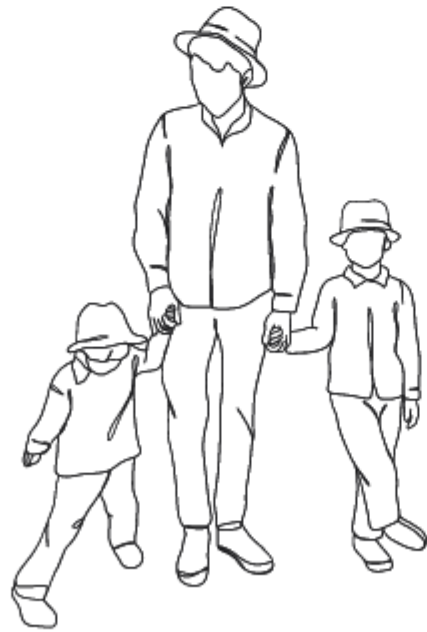
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