

# **THE BRAIN STORY**

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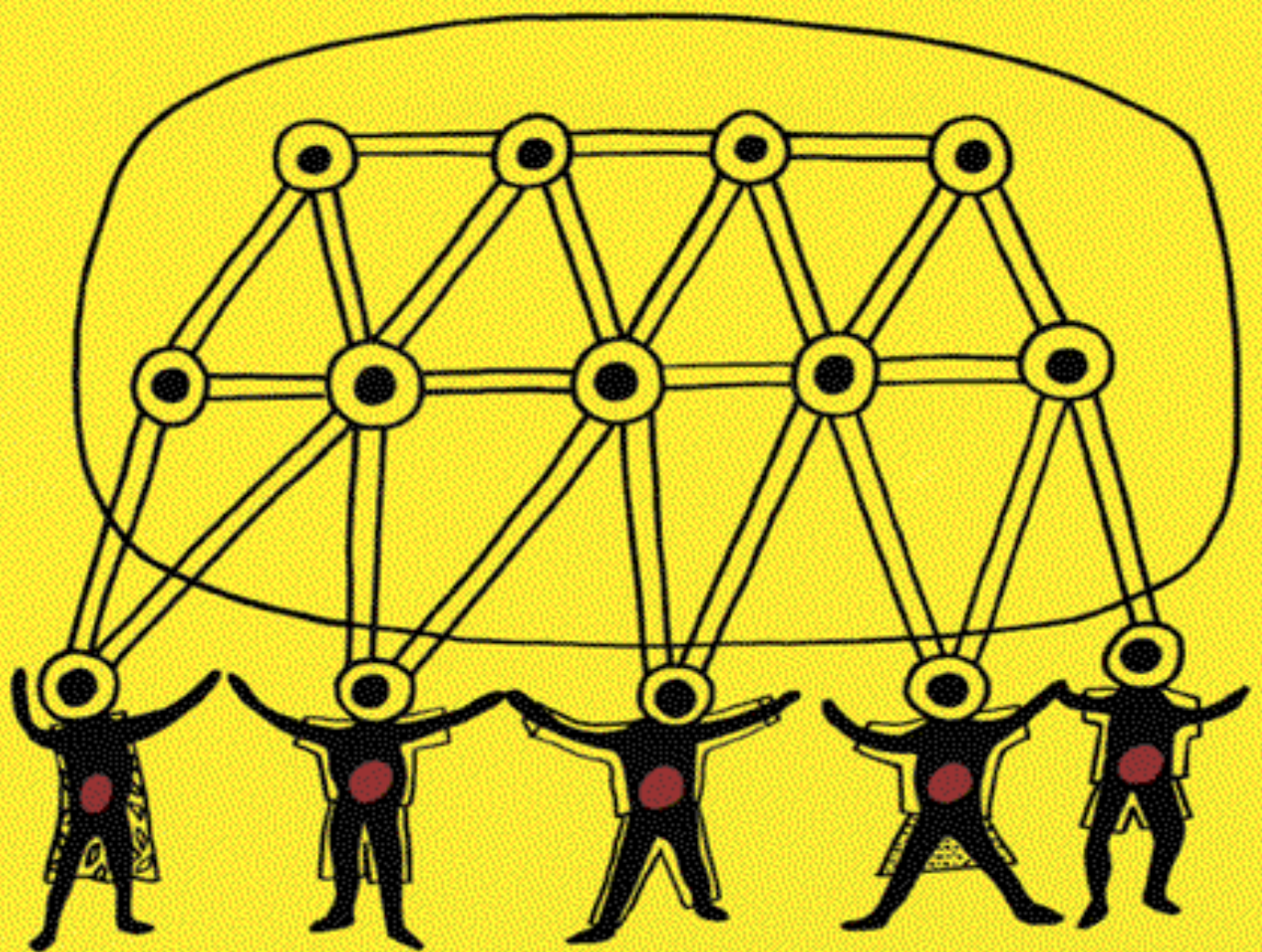
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**YOUR BRAIN**

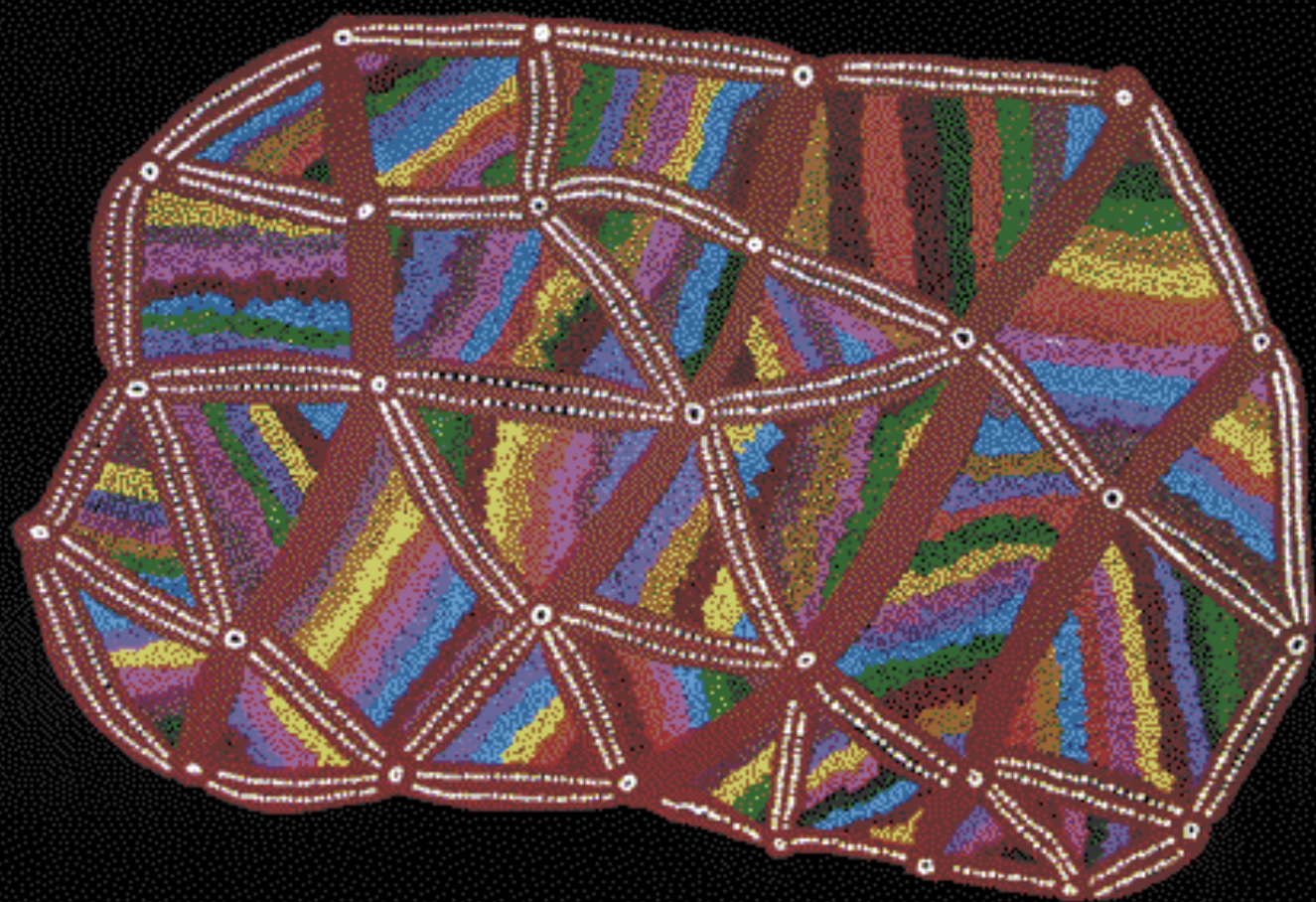


**HOLDS YOUR LIFE**

# CULTURE KEEPING THEIR SPIRIT STRONG



# YOU NEED YOUR BRAIN



**This painting is a little bit different. It is a picture of how your brain works.**

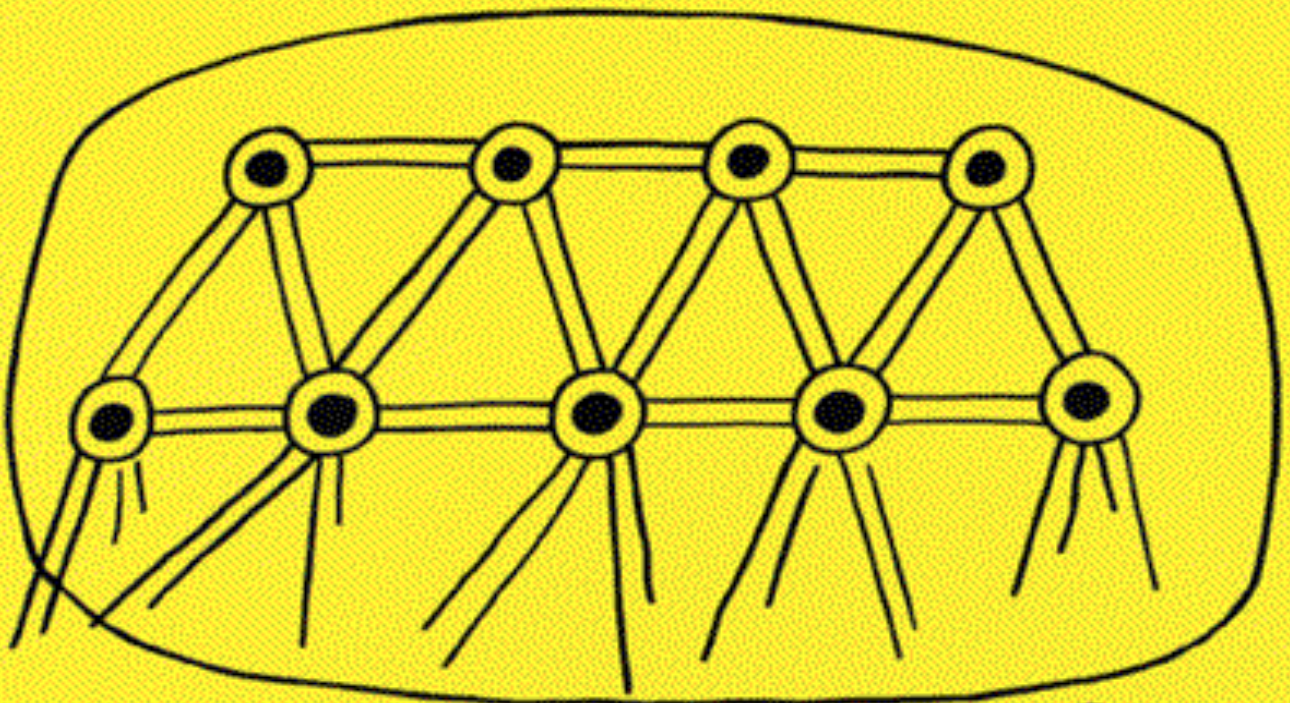
**The roads in the painting are the roads in your brain.**

**Messages travel down these roads. The messages tell your legs to move, your lungs to breathe; they remember your stories and let you feel love and pain for your family. If these roads get washed away or broken the messages can't move round anymore.**

**You can't do all the things you used to do.**

**SNIFFING PULLS THEM AWAY  
FROM CULTURE**

**THEIR SPIRIT FALLS AWAY**



# A HEALTHY BRAIN

STORIES

STRONG

FAMILY

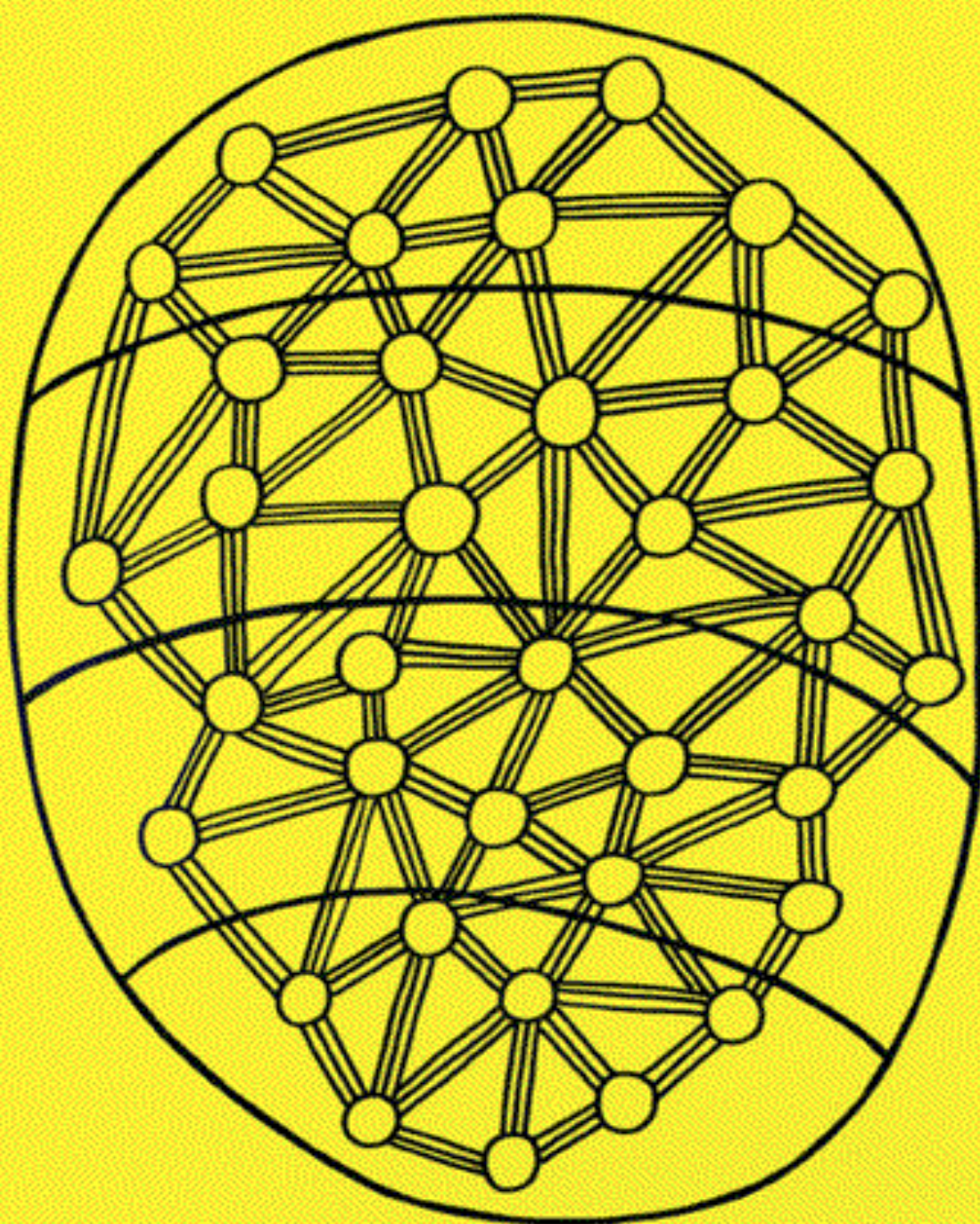
STRONG

COUNTRY

STRONG

BODY

STRONG



This is a picture of your brain when it is healthy. Parts of your brain look after your body, know your country, care for your family and tell your story. All the parts join up and you are healthy and happy.

# SNIFFING A LITTLE BIT

STORIES

GETTING LOST

FAMILY

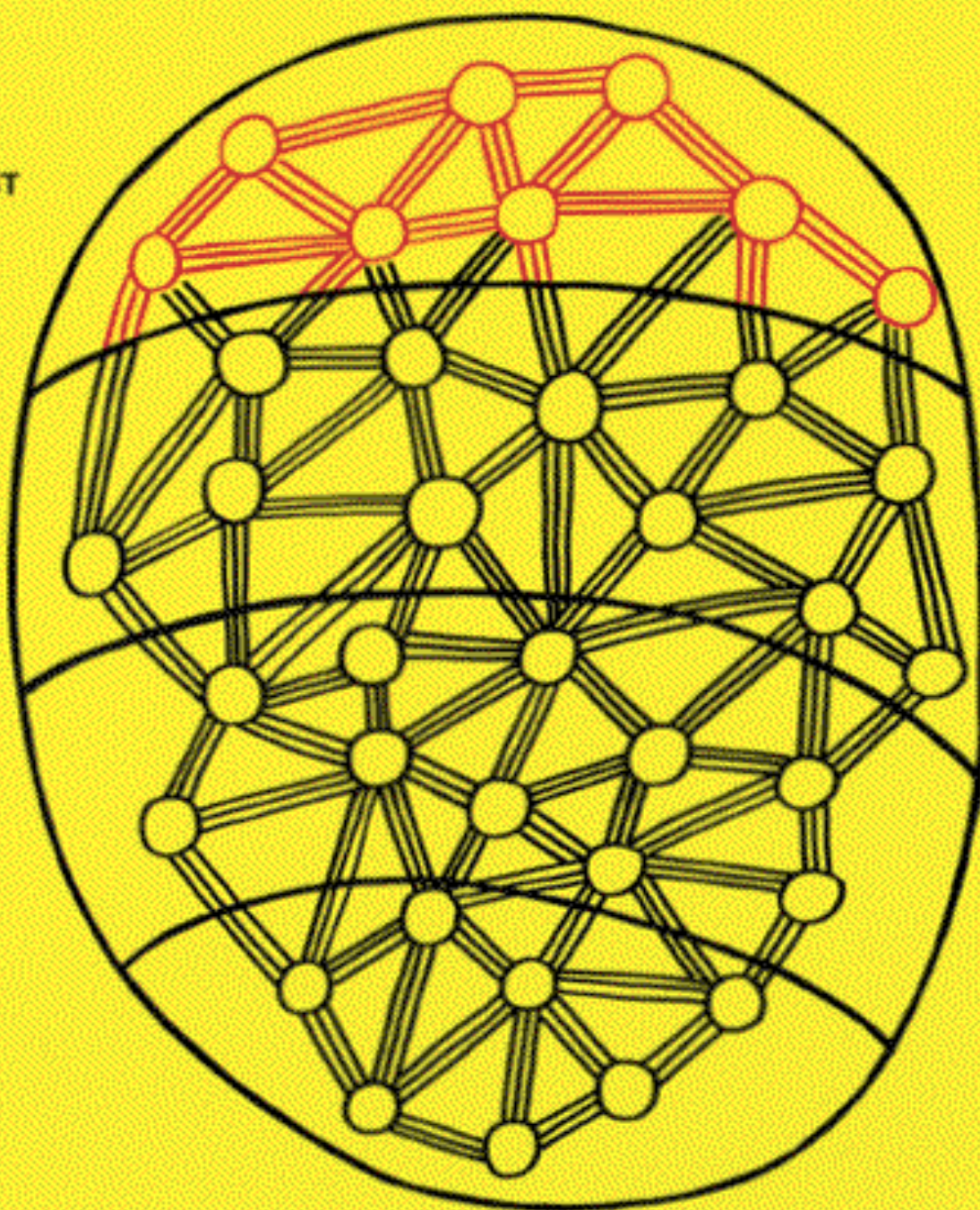
OK

COUNTRY

OK

BODY

OK



This is a picture of someone who has just started sniffing. The petrol is in the story brain. He starts to forget his stories. If he stops sniffing now he will be OK in a while.

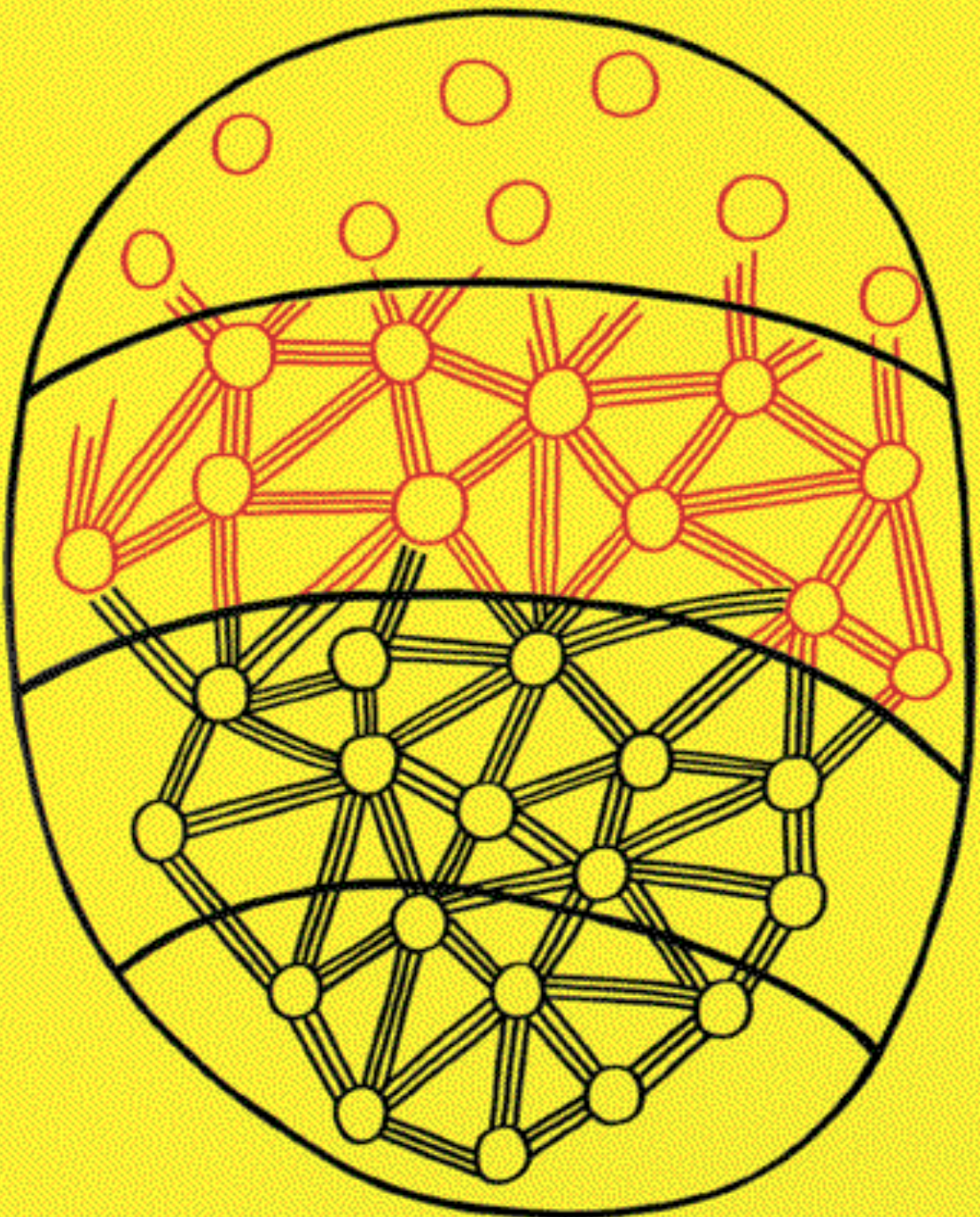
# SNIFFING MORE

STORIES  
FINISHED

FAMILY  
FIGHTING  
WORRIED

COUNTRY  
OK

BODY  
OK



This boy is sniffing more and more. He forgets more stories. He fights with his family and doesn't listen. If he stops now he will have to sit quietly for a while until he is strong again.



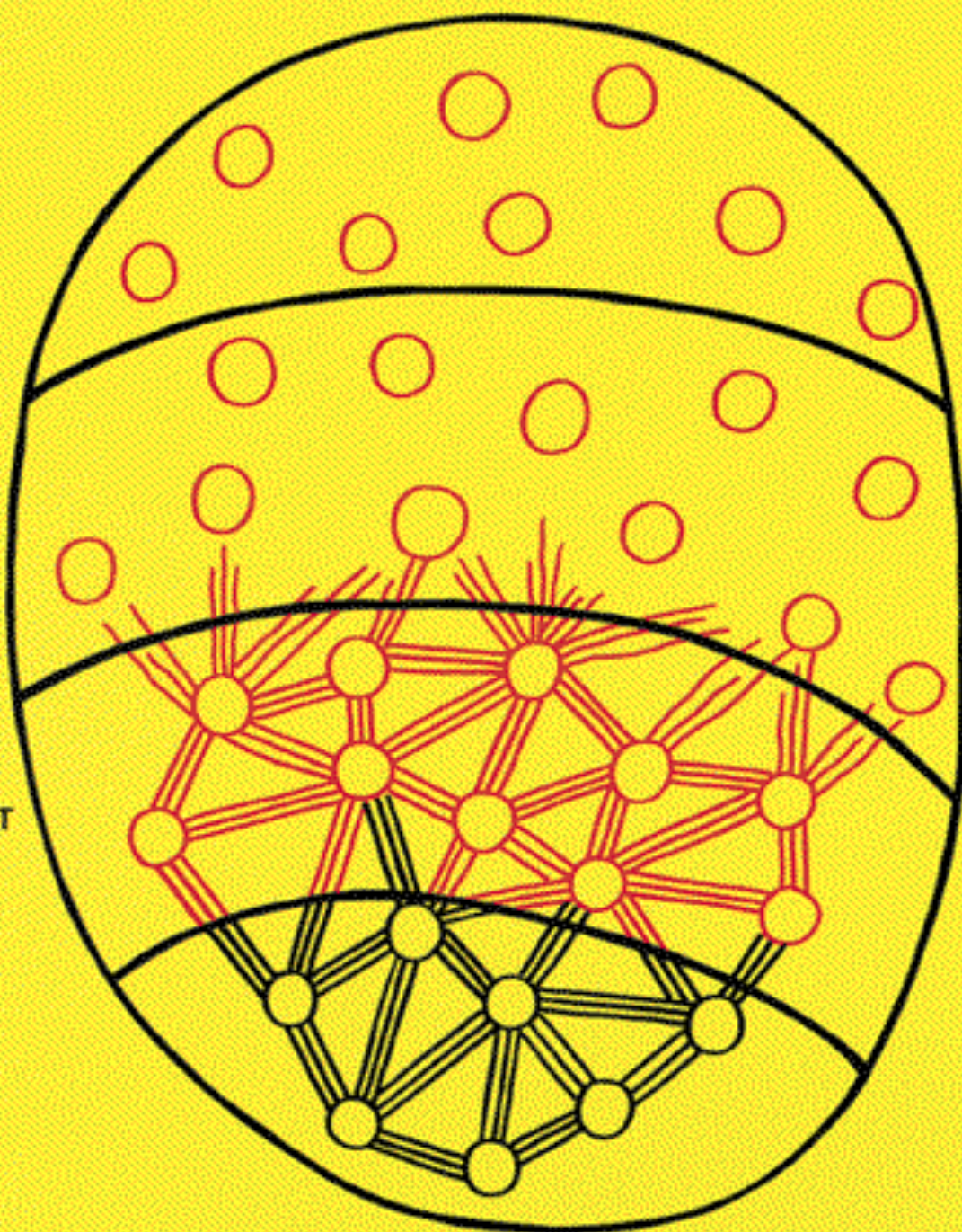
# STILL SNIFFING FOR A LONG TIME

STORIES  
FINISHED

FAMILY  
FORGOTTEN

COUNTRY  
GETTING LOST

BODY  
SKINNY



This boy is still sniffing all the time. He has forgotten his stories and his family. He is starting to lose his country. He is very skinny and sometimes he can't walk straight. If he stops now he will walk better and maybe talk OK. He might not be normal again.

# SNIFFING FOR YEARS

STORIES

FINISHED

FAMILY

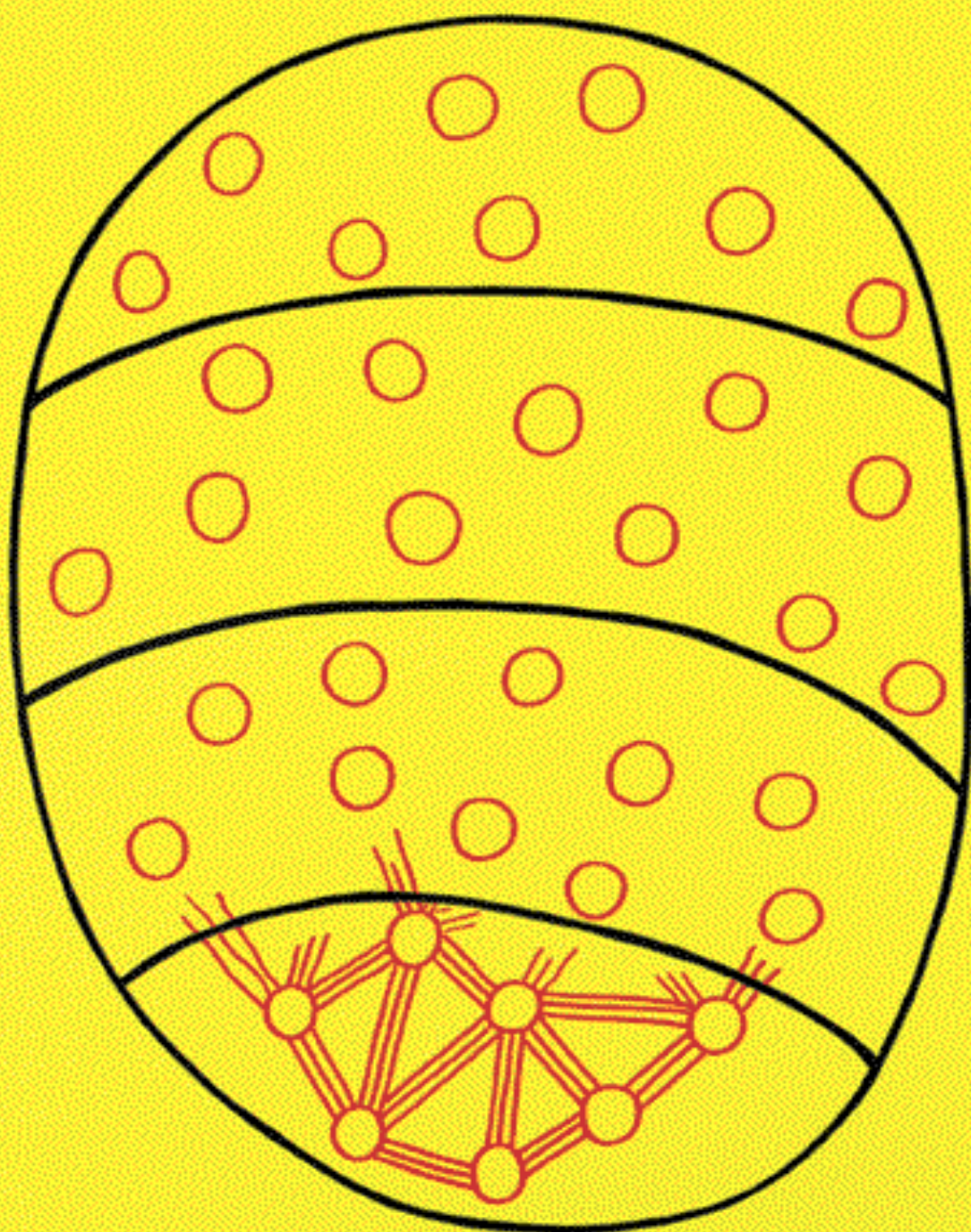
LOOKING  
AFTER HIM

COUNTRY

LONELY

BODY

VERY SICK



This boy is still sniffing all day, every day. His stories, family and country are all gone. He is very skinny and sick. He takes fits. He might be in hospital a lot. His family have to look after him. He doesn't walk around.

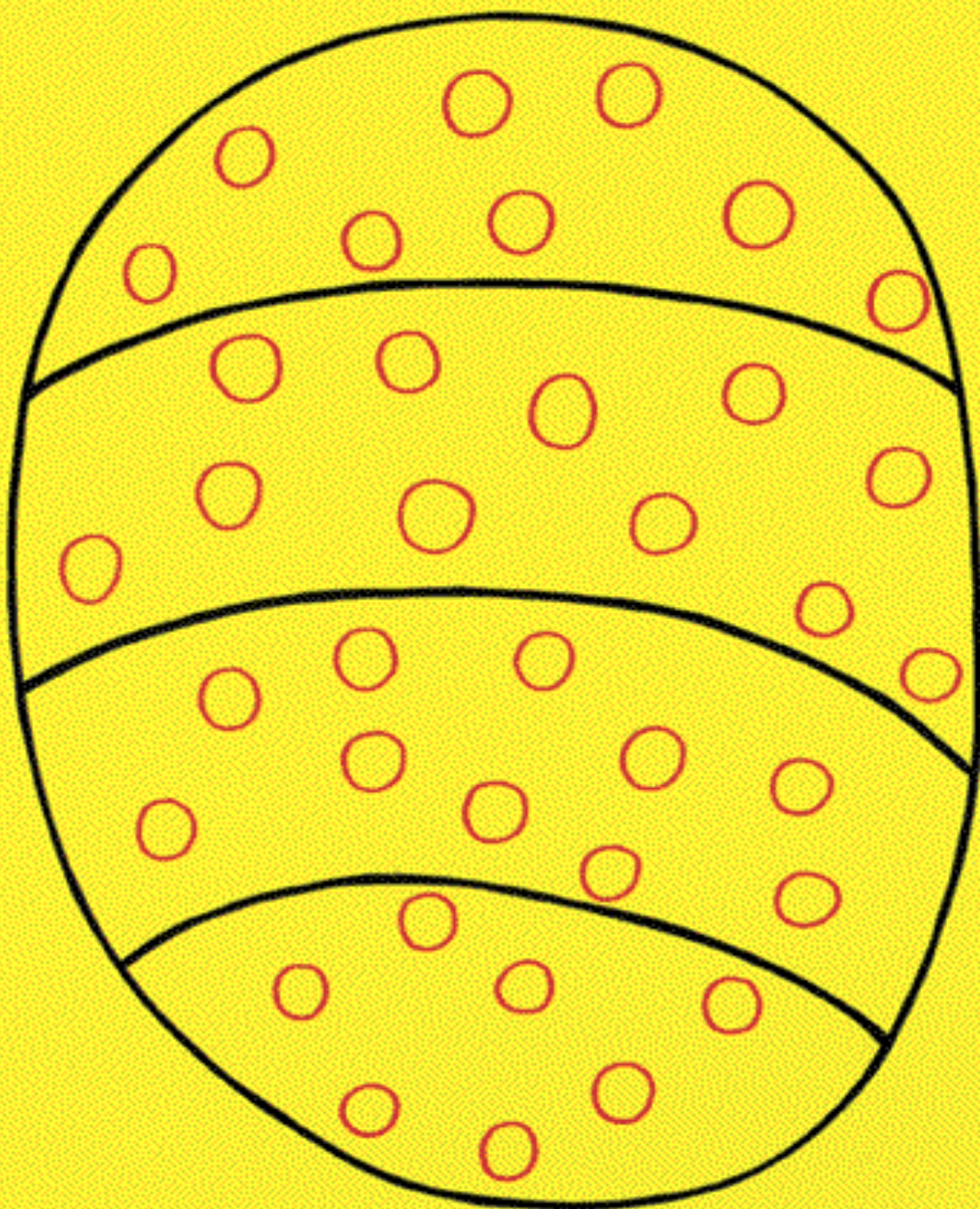
# PASSES AWAY

STORIES  
FINISHED

FAMILY  
FINISHED

COUNTRY  
FINISHED

BODY  
FINISHED



This boy passes away. The petrol has been through his story, family and country brain and now it has taken his life. Everyone is very sad.