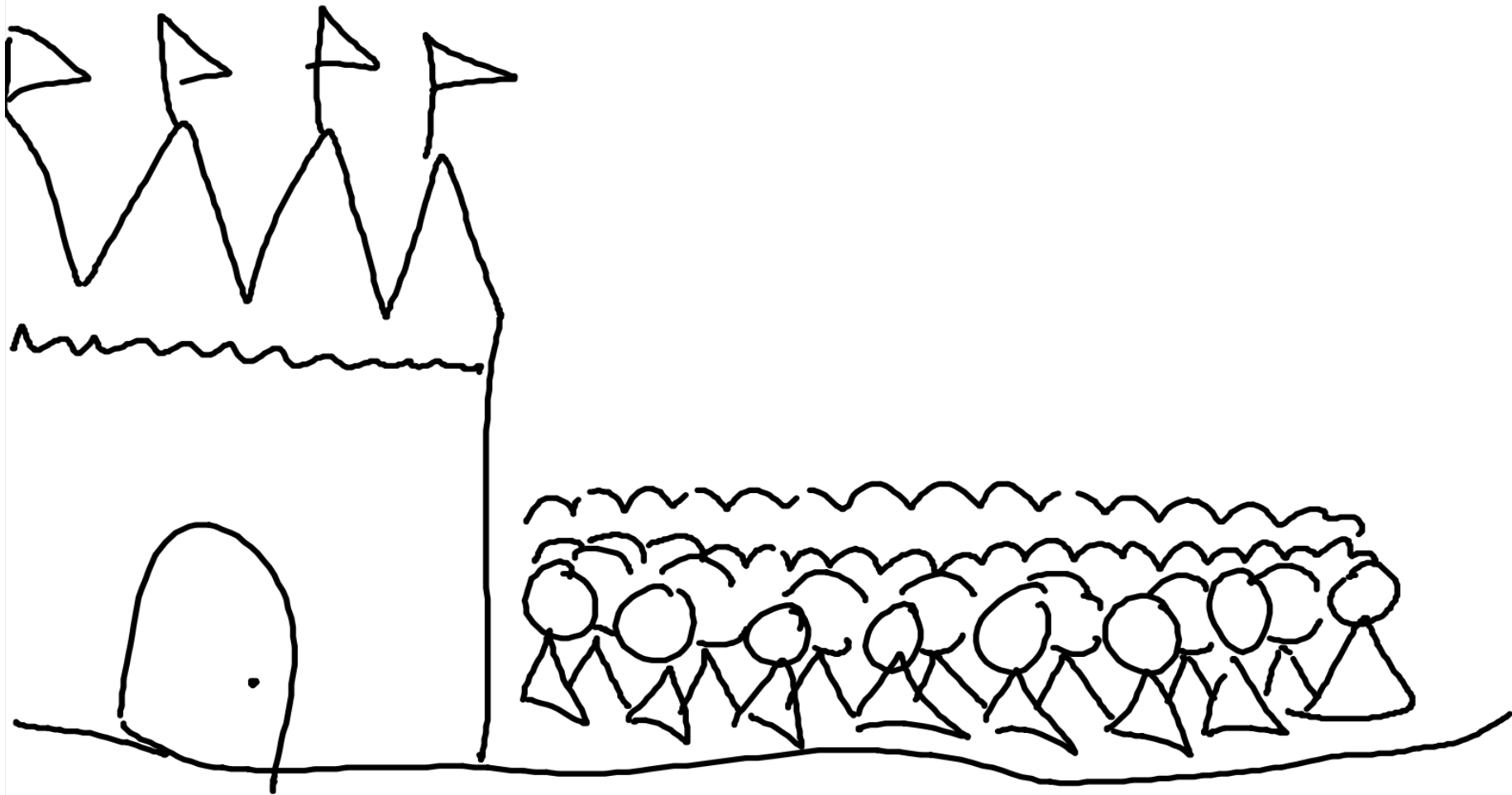


**Vladinog
and
Flogum**

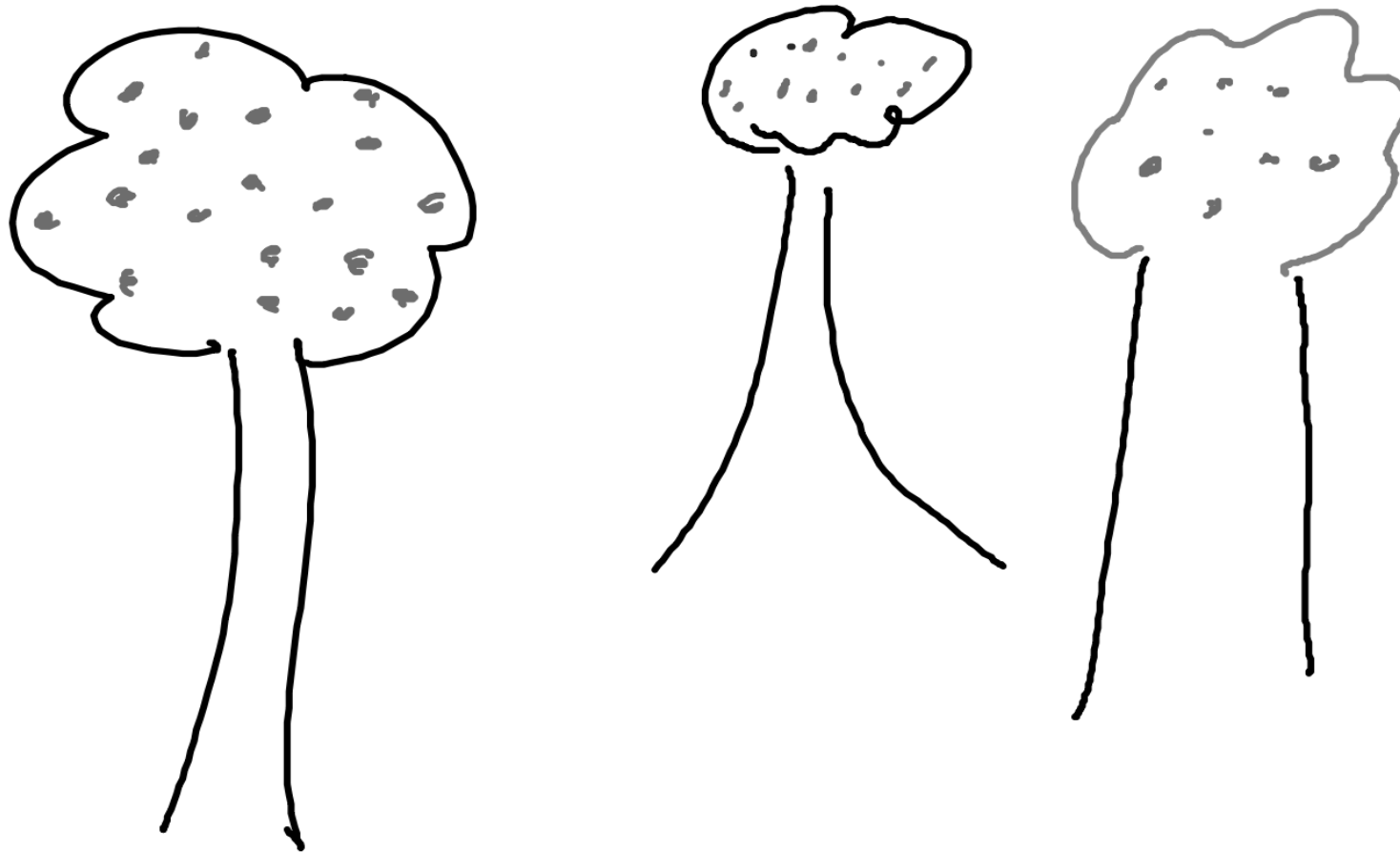


There once was an island and on this island there sat The Empire of Vladinog. It was a beautiful place where the Vladnogians enjoyed a good life. Vladinog was a very busy place. Many, many Vladnogians lived there. It was pretty crowded.



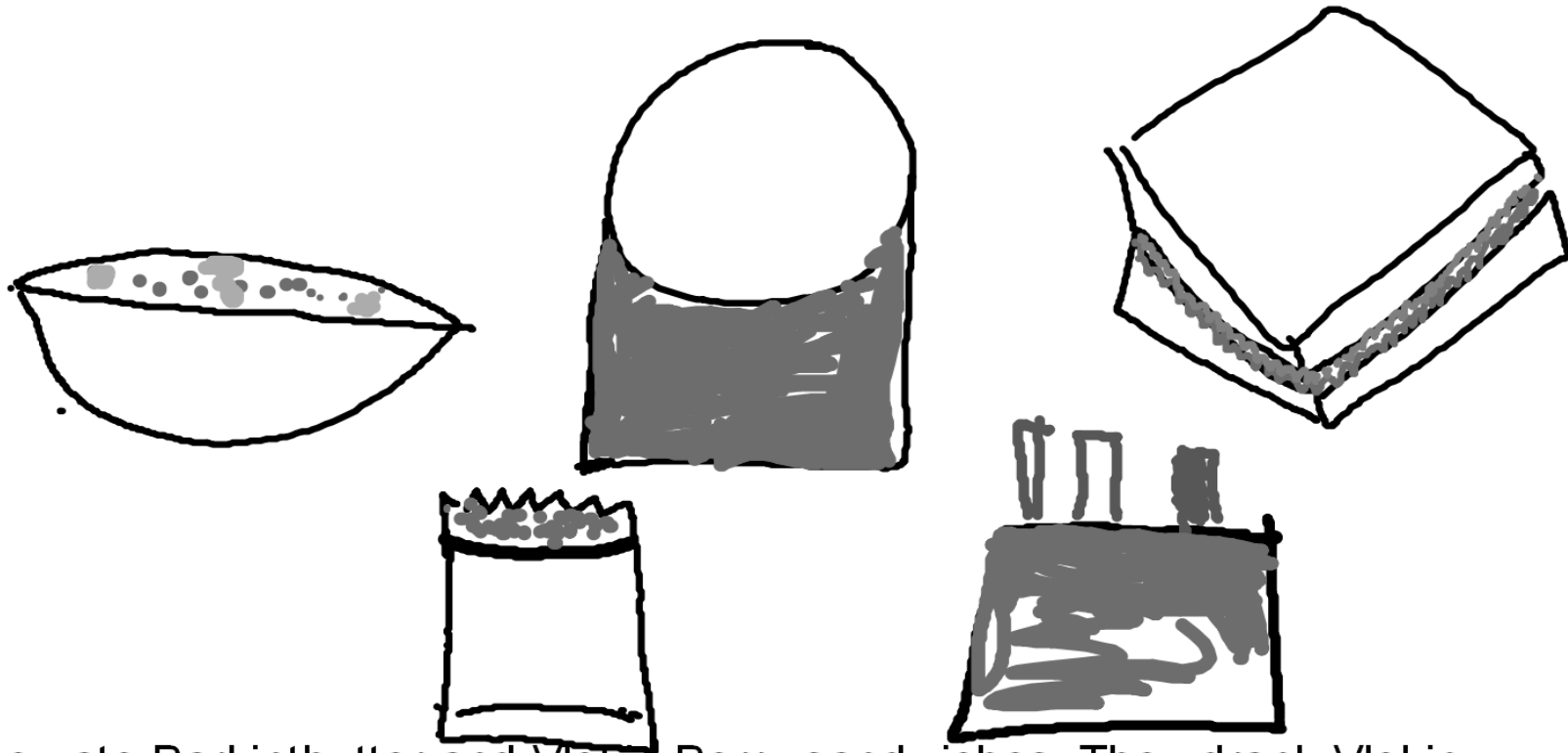
On a nearby island, there was also a place called the Land of Flogum. Just as large as Vladinog, it too was a beautiful place where the Flogians lived in happiness.

Throughout the Empire of Vladinog, there were rare Vlokin Trees which grew very special food called Vlokin Berries. Vlokin Berries had inside of them very important vitamins for the Vladnogians. There was a legend that said that every single Vladnogian had to consume these special purple berries at every meal, and so,



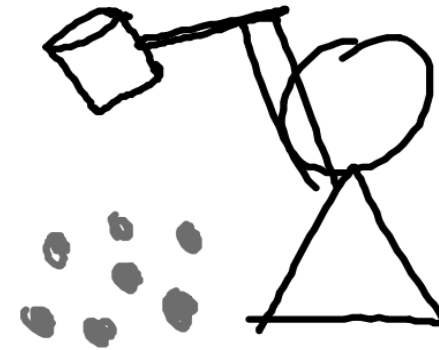
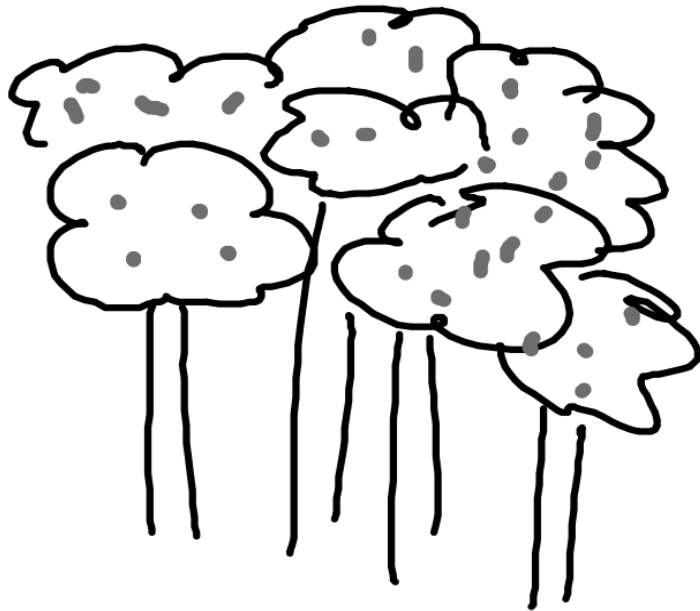
they did.

Because they ate the same berries at every meal, the Vladnogians tried very hard to make many interesting things out of the Vlokin berries.

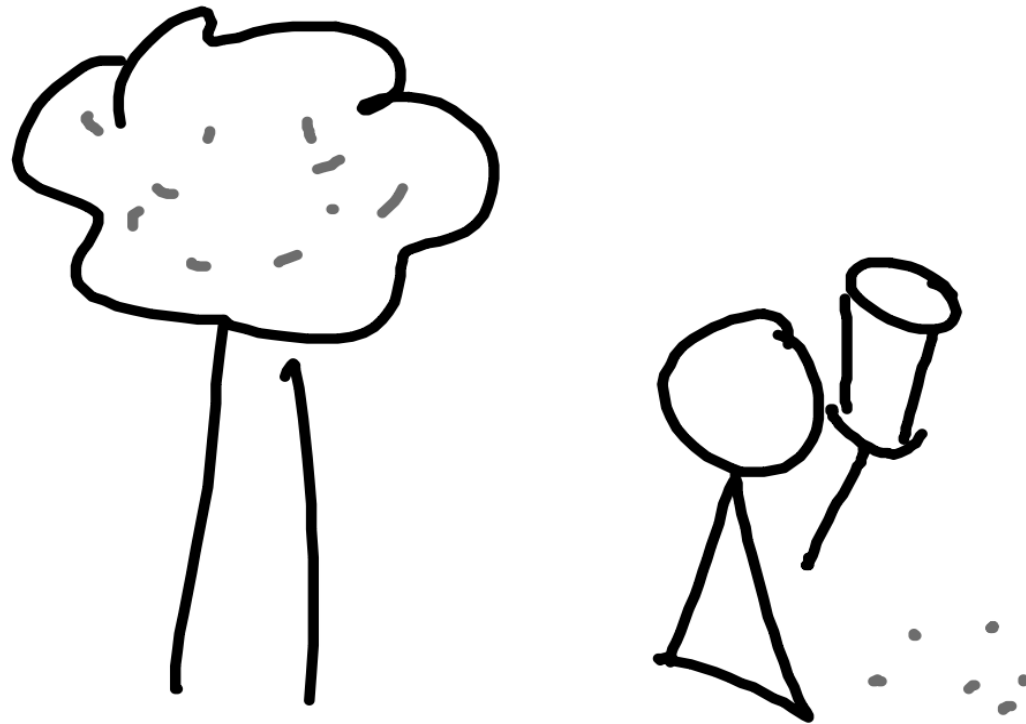


They ate Barkintbutter and Vlokin Berry sandwiches. They drank Vlokin Berry juice. They put Vlokin Berries on their Vlokin Berry Cereal for breakfast. They had Vlokin Berry cakes on their birthdays. And when they went to the movies, they ate popped Vlokin Berries.

Many years ago, the Empire planted thousands of Vlokin Trees so that they would never run out of Vlokin Berries. All those trees made it even more crowded there.



The Empire also made hundreds of its citizens go to school to become Vlokin Smashers. Vlokin Smashers had the important job of smashing the Vlokin Berries so that they could be used in many recipes. Vlokin Smashers had a lot of work to do. There were hundreds of thousands of Vlokin Berries to smash everyday! They could not slow down because the Vladnogians were worried that they would run out of Vlokin Berries.



And so it was, the Vlokin Berries grew on the once rare Vlokin Trees, The Vlokin Smashers smashed the berries all day long to make jelly and juice and pastes and platters, and the Vladnogians ate them at every meal.

As the years went by, the Vlokin smashers grew very tired of smashing Vlokin Berries all day long. They were bored and tired and their fingers were always purple. Finally, the Vlokin smashers couldn't take it anymore. They went on strike – they stopped coming to work! There was no one there to smash the Vlokin Berries!



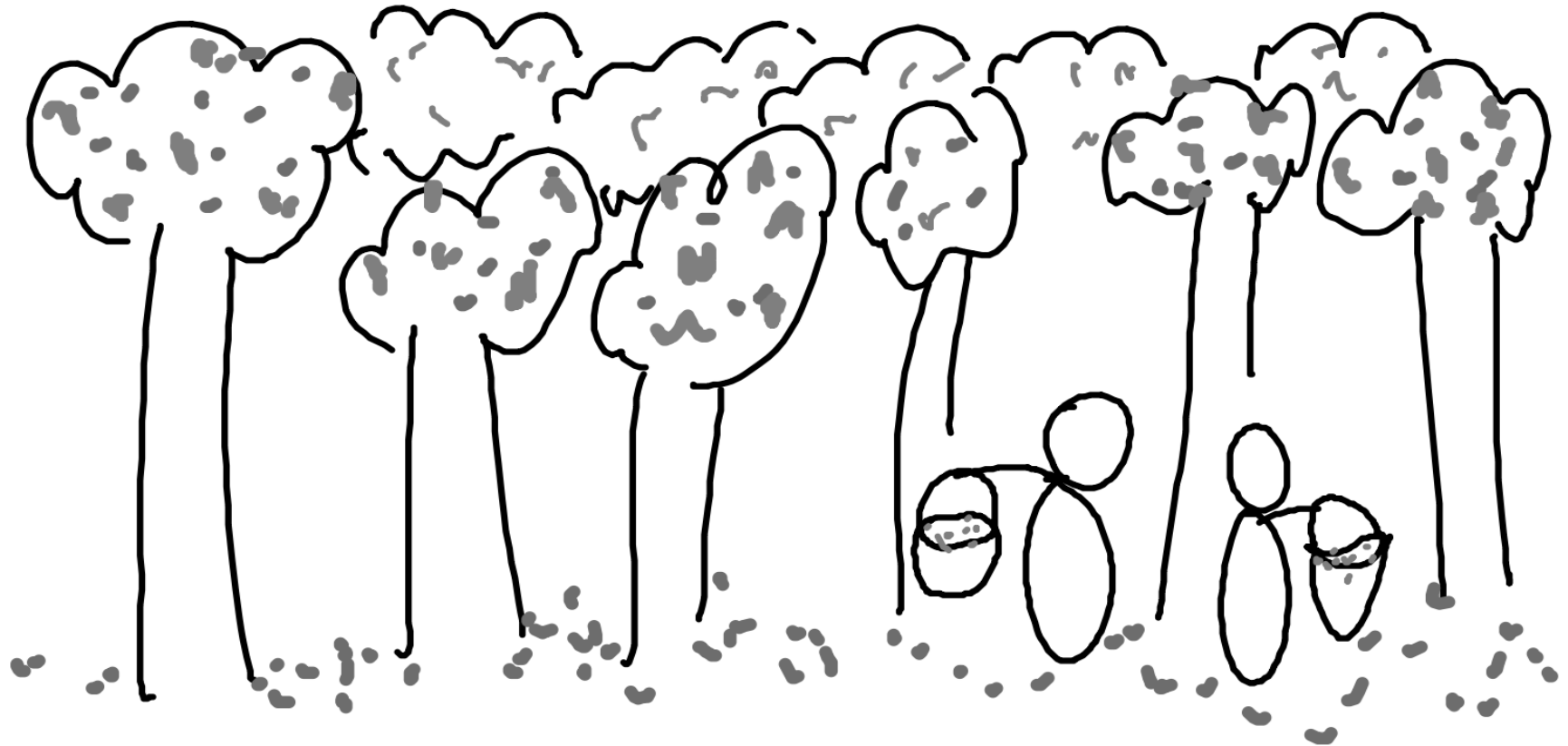
The Berries piled up in the warehouses and spilled into the streams. Life without Vlokin smashers was a not good at all.

Meanwhile in the Land of Flogum, things were peaceful and good. The people of Flogum were called Flogians. Unlike crowded Vladinog, Flogum had very few Flogians living in their land. The Flogians also needed the Vlokin Trees, but not for the Vlokin Berries. In fact, they did not like the berries at all.



The Flogians ate the delicious leaves of the Vlokin Tree, and just threw the berries away. They ate Vlokin Leaf stew and Vlokin Leaf salads and on cold nights, they drank Vlokin Tea as they watched the blue sun set behind the pink mountains.

Since Flogum did not have as many citizens as Vladinog, there weren't any extra Flogians to work as Vlokin pickers. Without enough Vlokin pickers, the Flogians were going hungry. When they were hungry, they were also very grouchy.



Just at that very moment, it wasn't much fun to live in Flogum.

Problems:

- Vlokin berry smashers were tired of having purple fingers.
- Vlokin berry smashers on strike.
- Vlokin berries all over the place.
- Vlokin berry warehouse overflowing.
- Vladinog was too crowded.
- Not enough leaf pickers in Flogum.
- Flogians didn't want the berries from their trees.
- Flogians were going hungry!
- Flogians were grouchy!

M, V, U solutions to my problem.

Vladinog is too crowded.

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Vlokin Berries

⊗ Vladinog → Vladnog

⊗ Flogum → Flogians

Vlokin Leaves