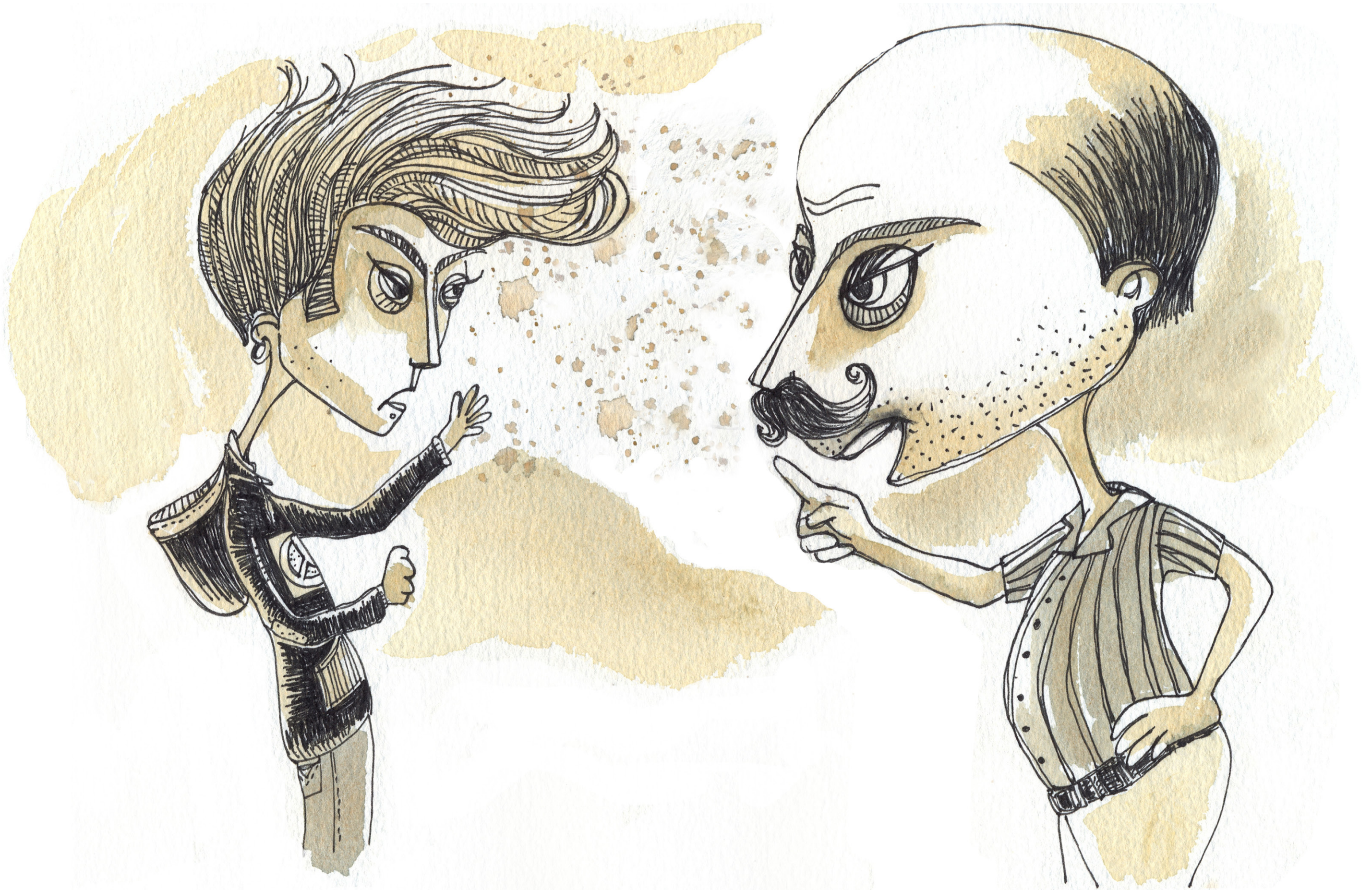


365Stories¹⁹. The forgiveness and the love of a father



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This took place in Spain. Pedro had an adolescent son with whom the relationship was difficult. Every day, it was always shouts and insults. Paco, the son, reproached his father of not understanding and Pedro reproached his son of being a rebel.



The son, at his end, leaves the house. The panicked father searches everywhere for his rebel son. He ran to all his friends. The evenings, he went to bars where his son might be. He even went to the house where Paco would go with his friends to make music. But Paco was not there.

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Finally at the end of ideas, and not knowing what to do, he put an article in the Daily newspaper "El Pais" from Madrid. The article said: "Paco, I forgive you with all my heart, come home, I love you and I miss you terribly. Come meet me tomorrow at noon in front of the newspaper office at the main square. Your father who loves you."



The next day, at noon, the father hurried in front of the newspaper office. He was very surprised to see 800 "Paco" who were waiting. Each one thinking that it was for him that the message from the father was addressed to. And each one had come searching for the love and the forgiveness from their father. And you ? Did you know that the Heavenly Father is sending you a call :



Come back and I will forgive you, He said through the prophets of the Old Testament. And the greatest proof He gave us of His love and forgiveness is when He gave His only Son so that all that believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life. And you, have you listened to the cry that is calling through each page of the Word of God, the Bible ? Have you seen His outstretched hand towards you, night and day ? What have you answered to Him ? Take hold of this hand, listen to this call and enter into the house of the Father. He has prepared for you a banquet and festive clothing ! As when the prodigal son came home. This story is found in the Gospel of Luke chapter 15 verses 11 to 32. Come home ! He is calling you...