

# Why do I Stutter?



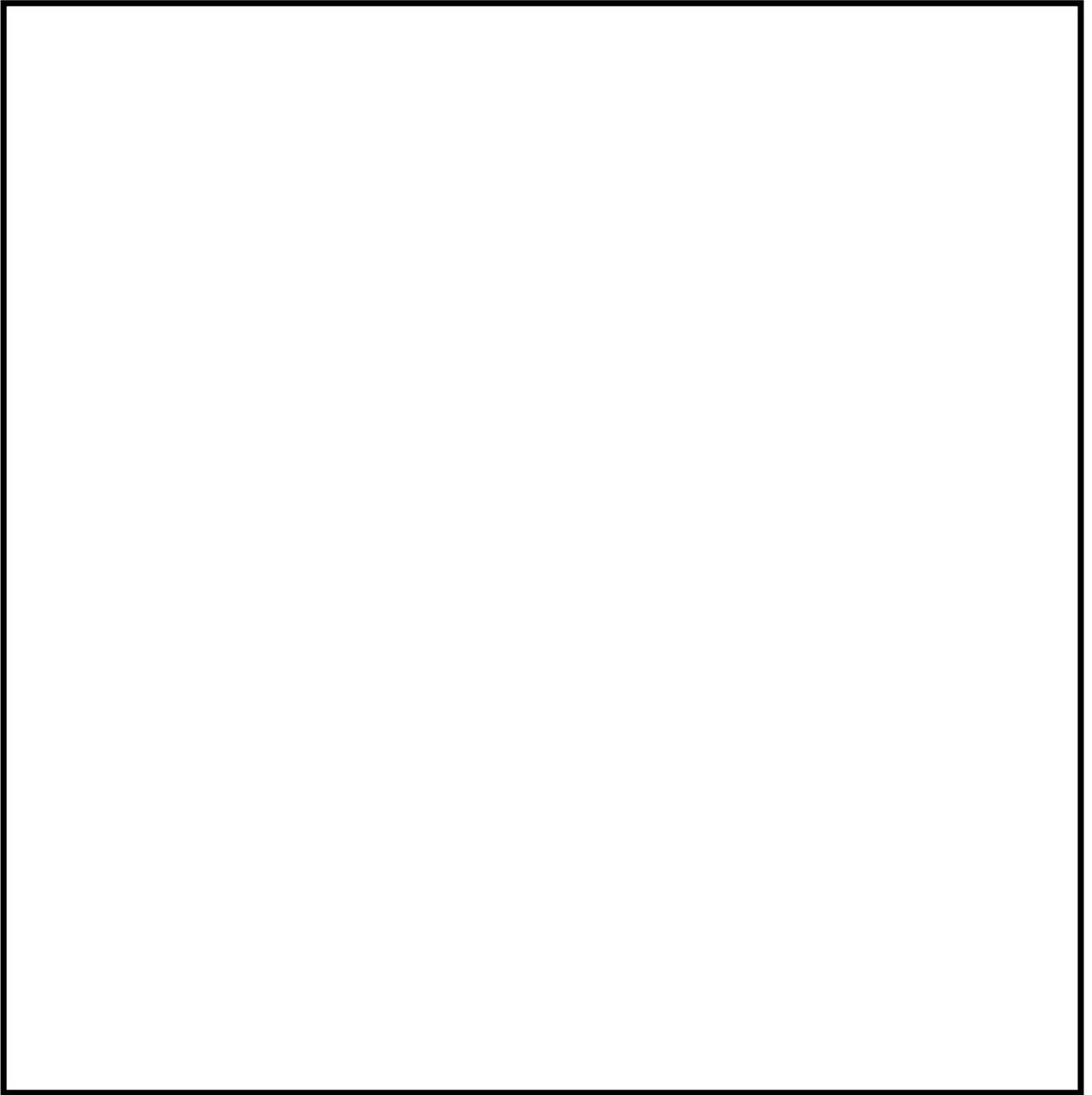
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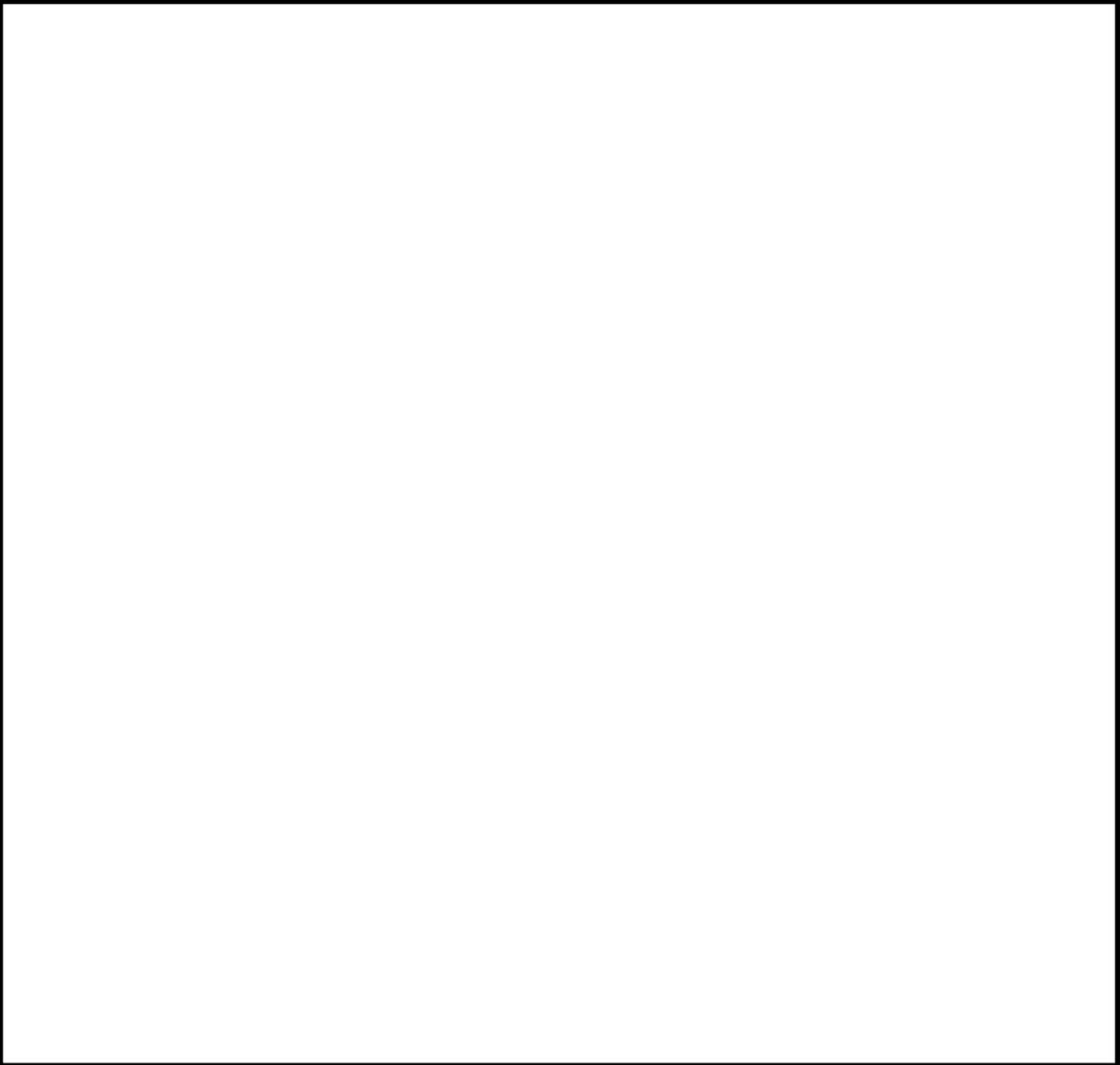
Why is my hair red  
just like Uncle Fred?



Why do I dance like Daddy  
and hate pickles like cousin Maddy?

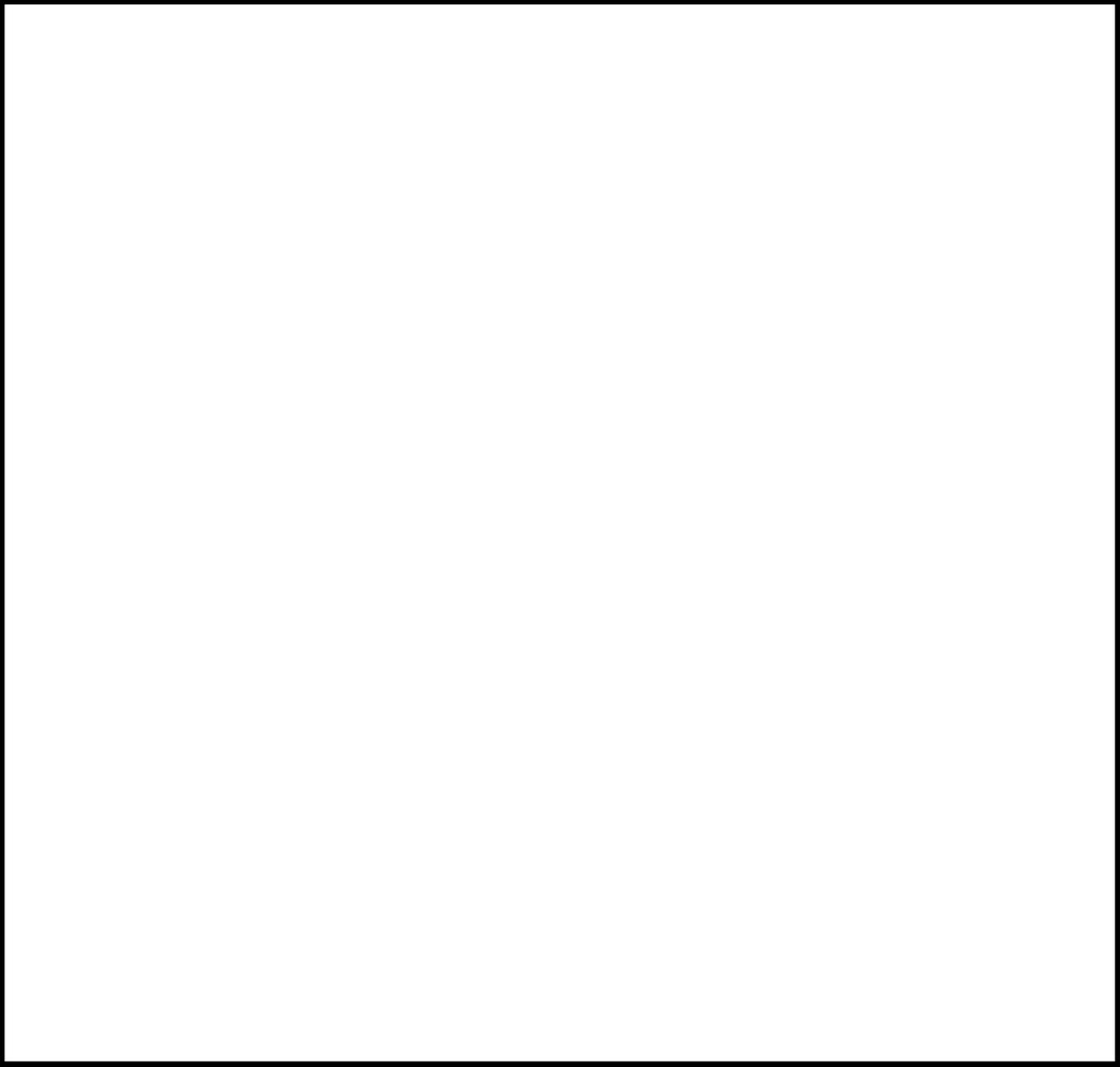
Why does my smile look the same  
as Grandpa James?

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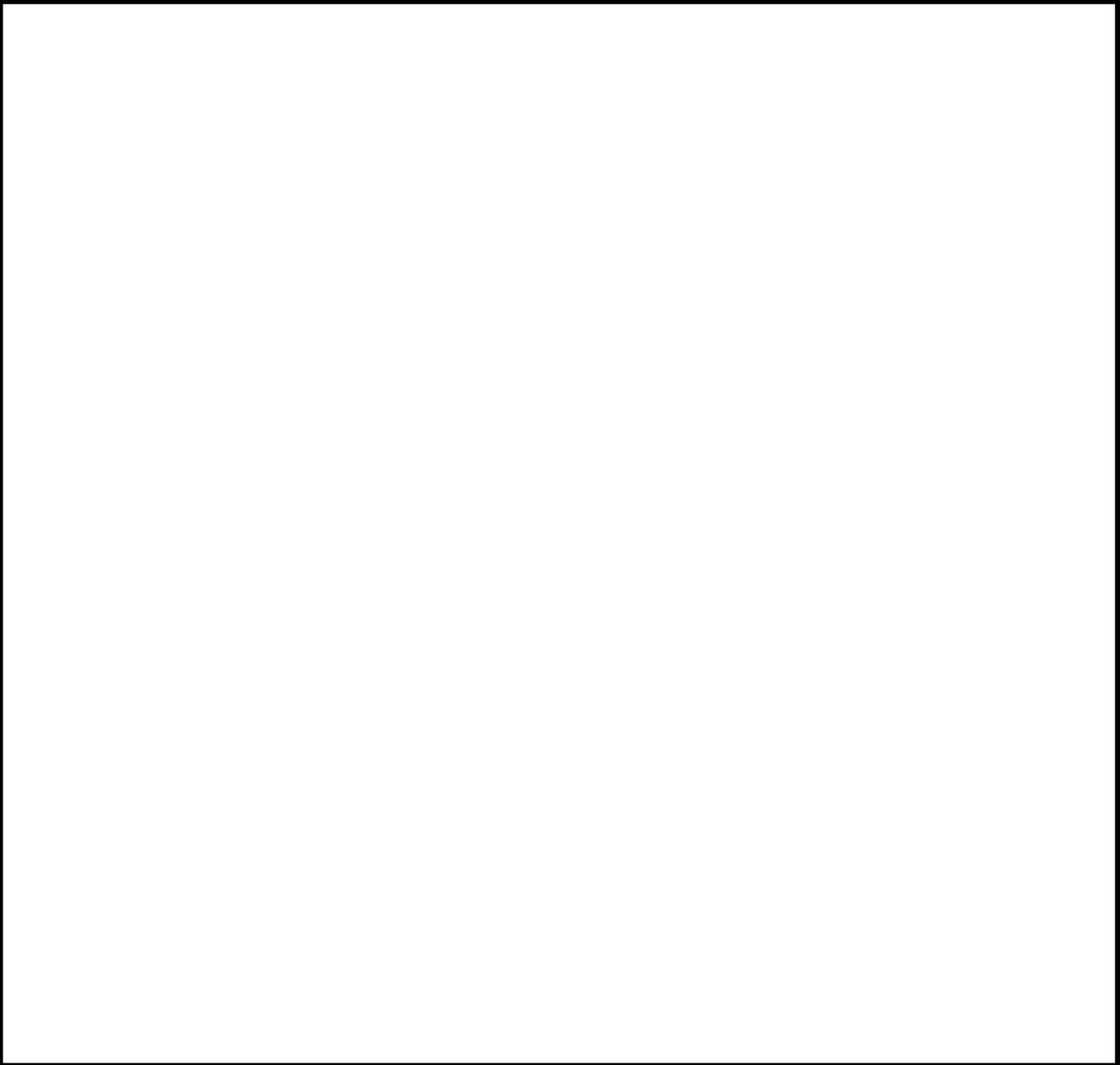


Why does my mouth feel tight?  
My tongue in a fight.  
My stutter tries to flee  
while I am saying the word th-th-three.

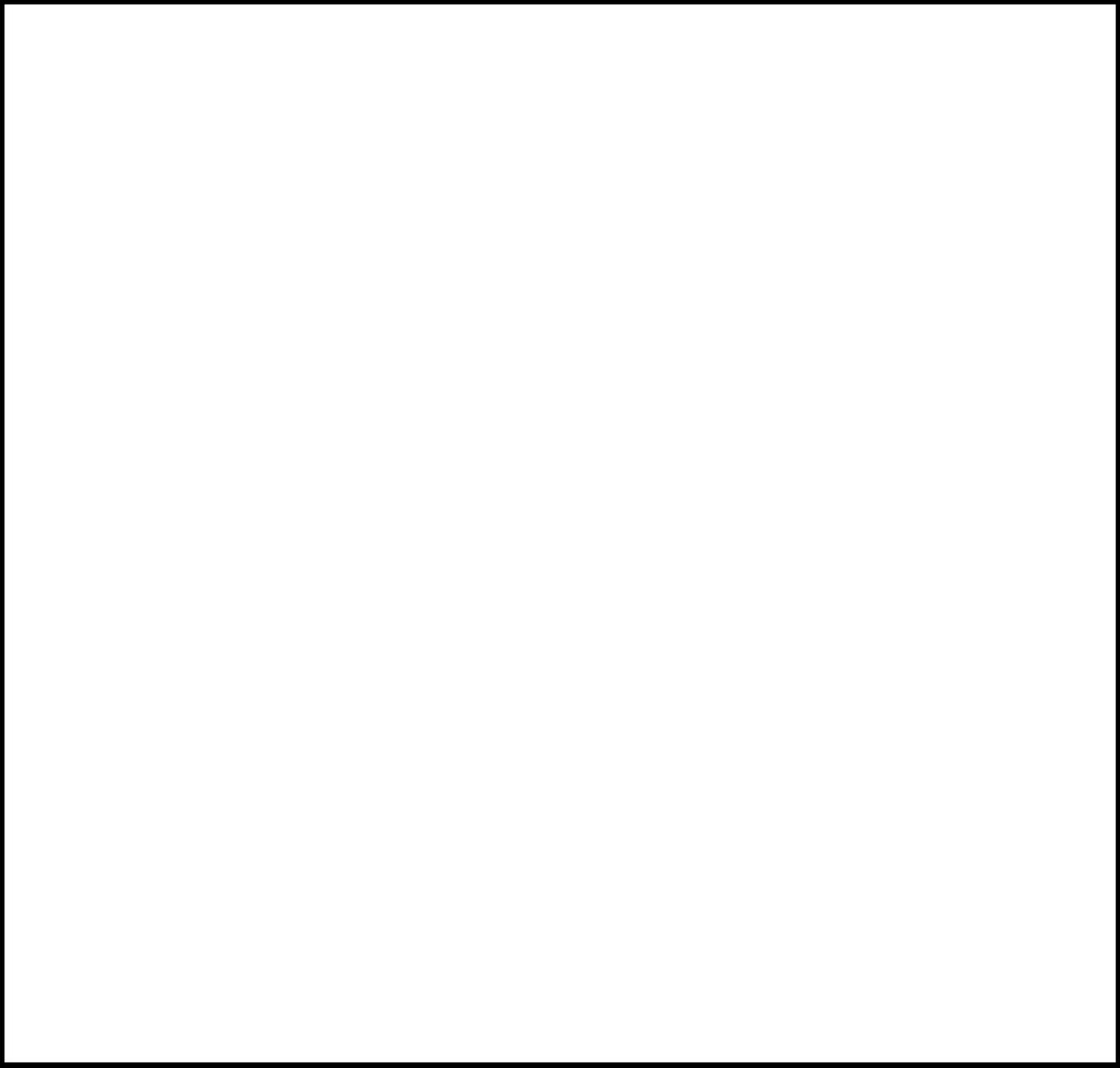
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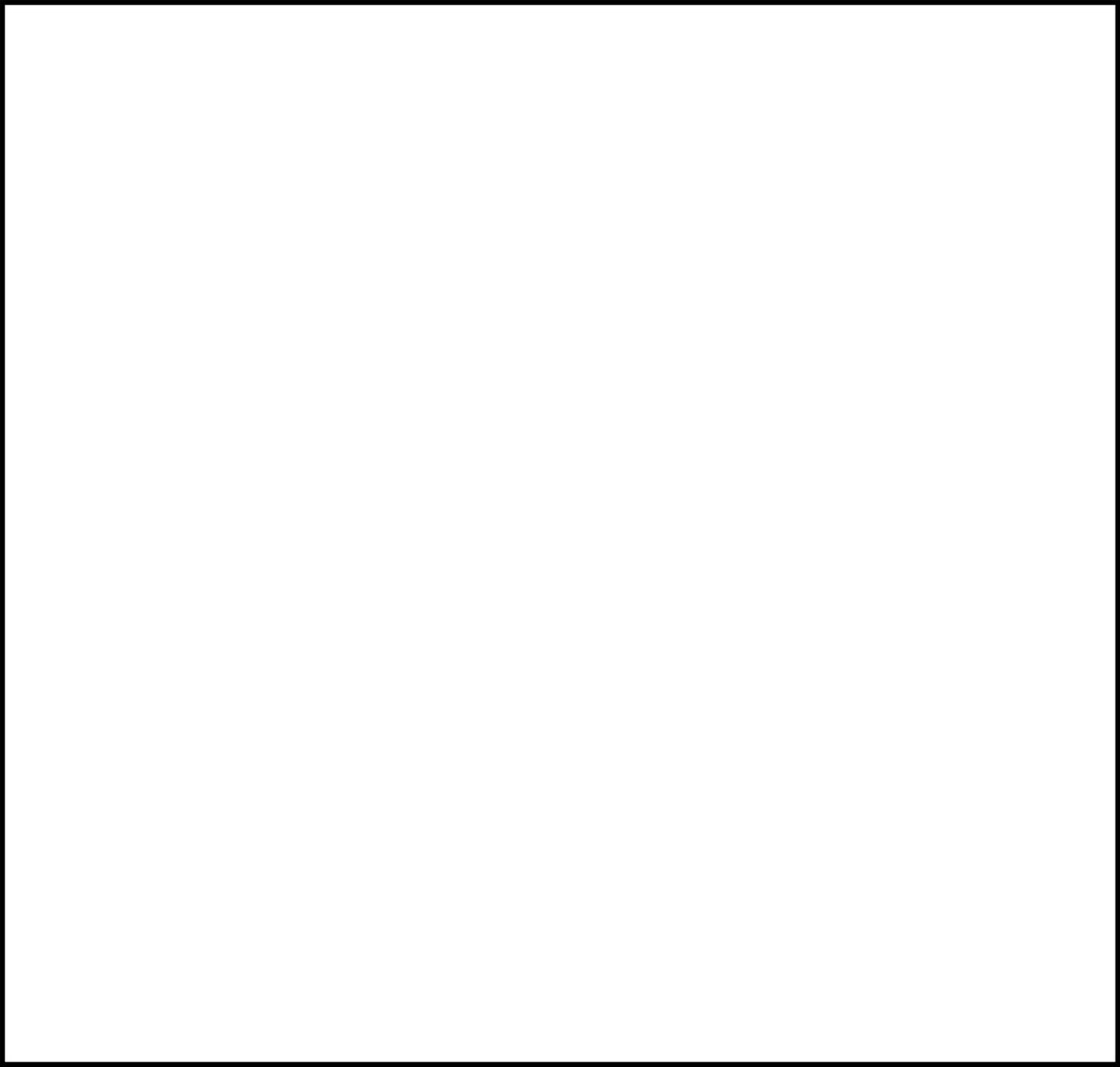
Before you were born  
you had a great grandfather.  
He also stuttered  
and also his mother.



You're part of this family  
through and through.  
Stuttering has been around for ages  
it's not anything new.



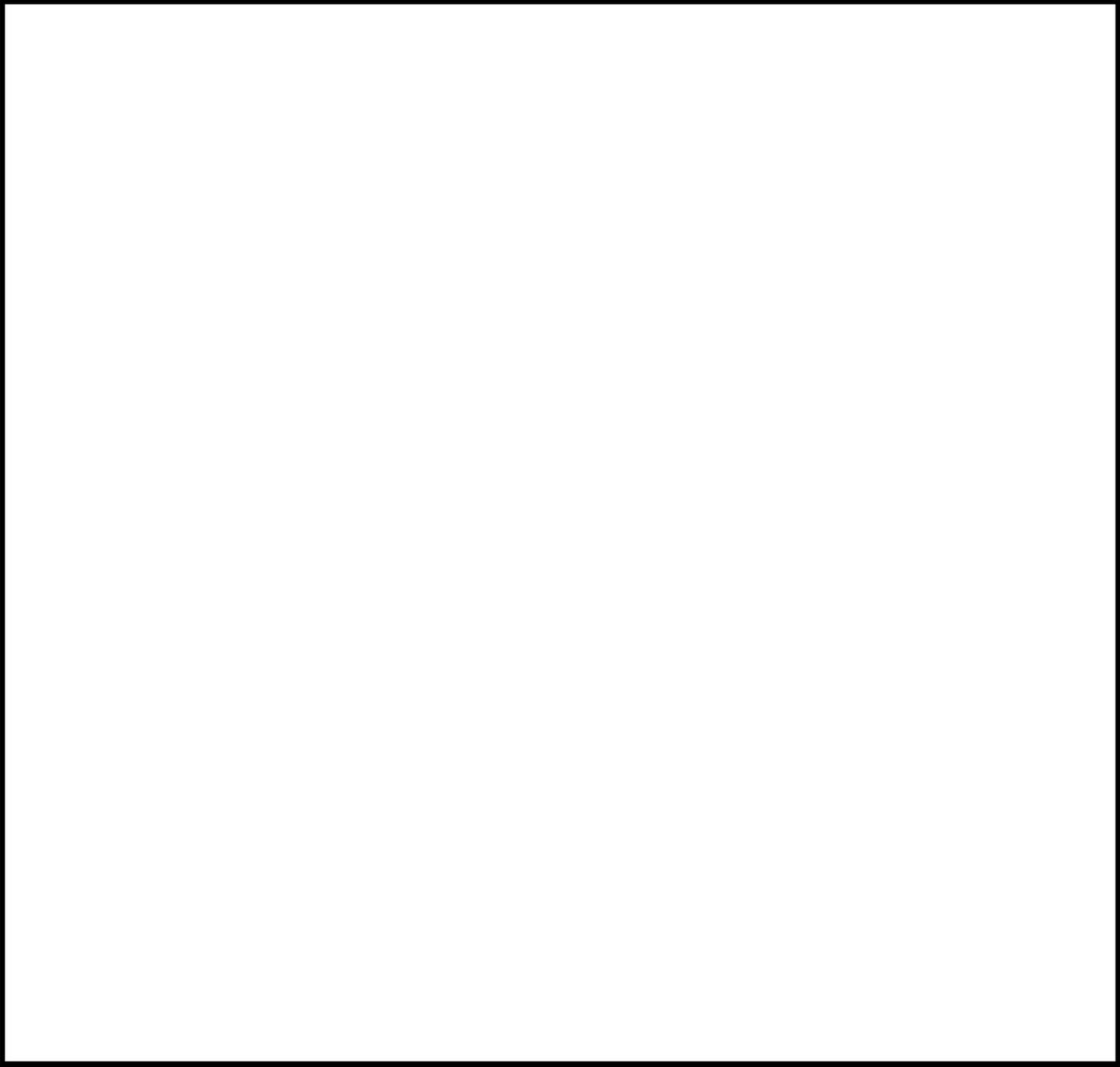
You stutter my child  
because of family history.  
There is nothing wrong with you  
it's not a big mystery.



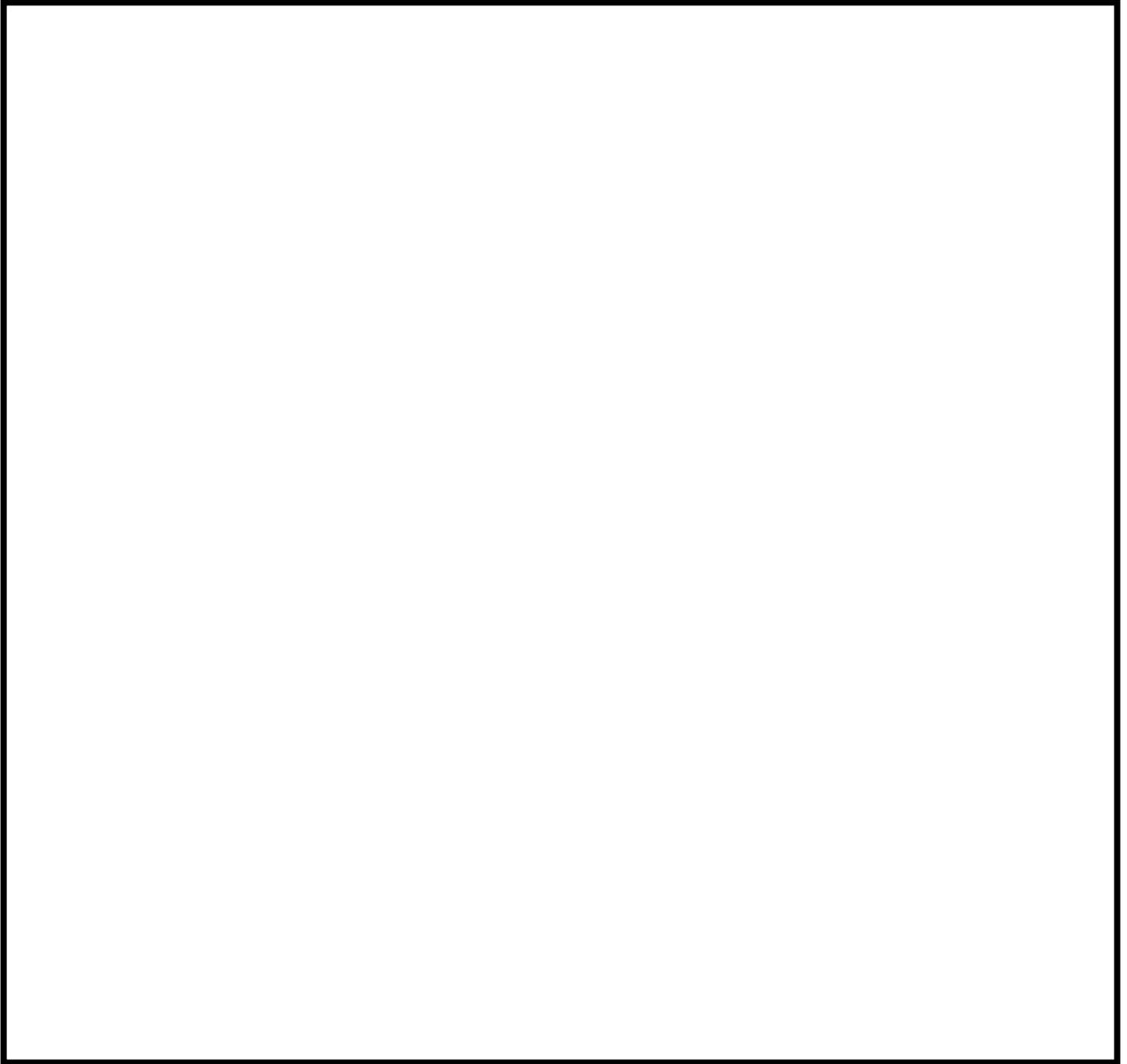
Just like your family before you  
you need to be strong,  
and teach other people,  
don't worry, there's nothing wrong!



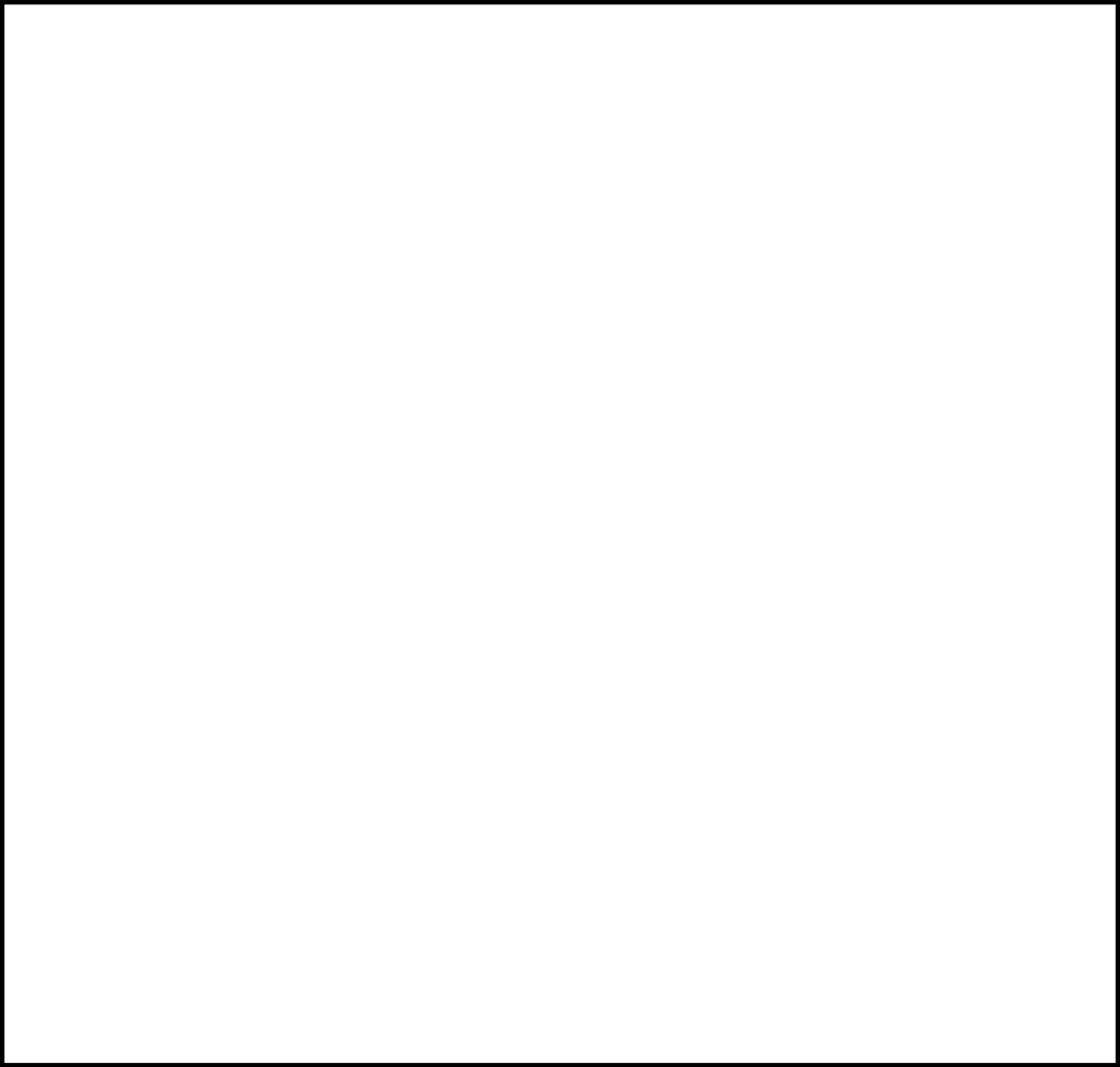
It's not a big deal  
when your lips want to dance.  
You still have plenty to say  
So dance, dance, dance!



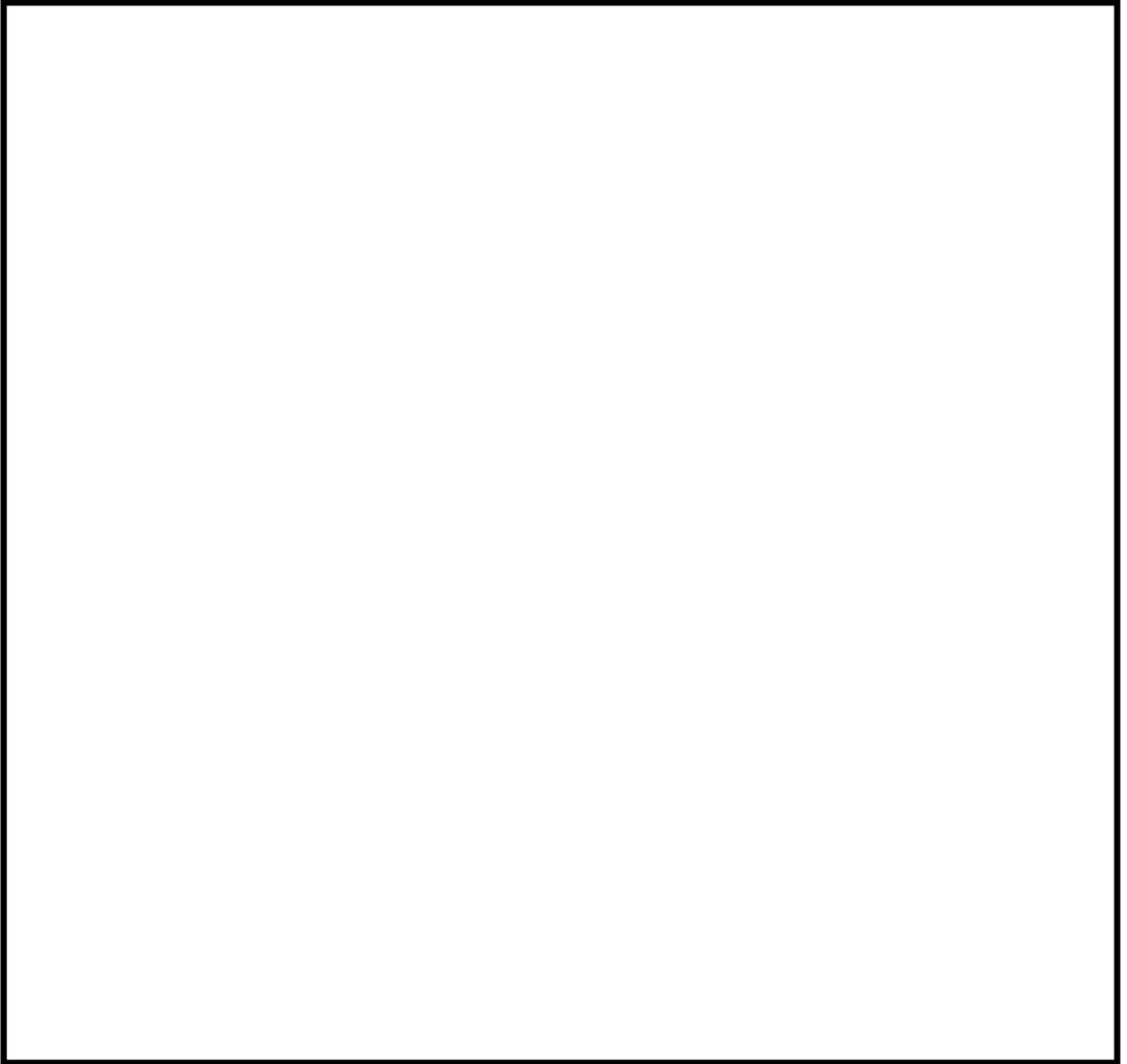
The world is your audience.  
Your goals are within reach.  
Look them in the eye and decide,  
what do you want to teach?



Please don't interrupt me  
and guess what I say.  
It just adds pressure.  
You get in my way.



I expect patience and respect.  
No doubt about that!  
Could you trade places  
and not want to trade back?



I am so excited  
and have lots to say.  
I expect patience.  
So have a seat, and I'll tell you about my day.





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#### Published Books:

Adventures of a Stuttering Superhero: Adventures #1 Interrupt-it's

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