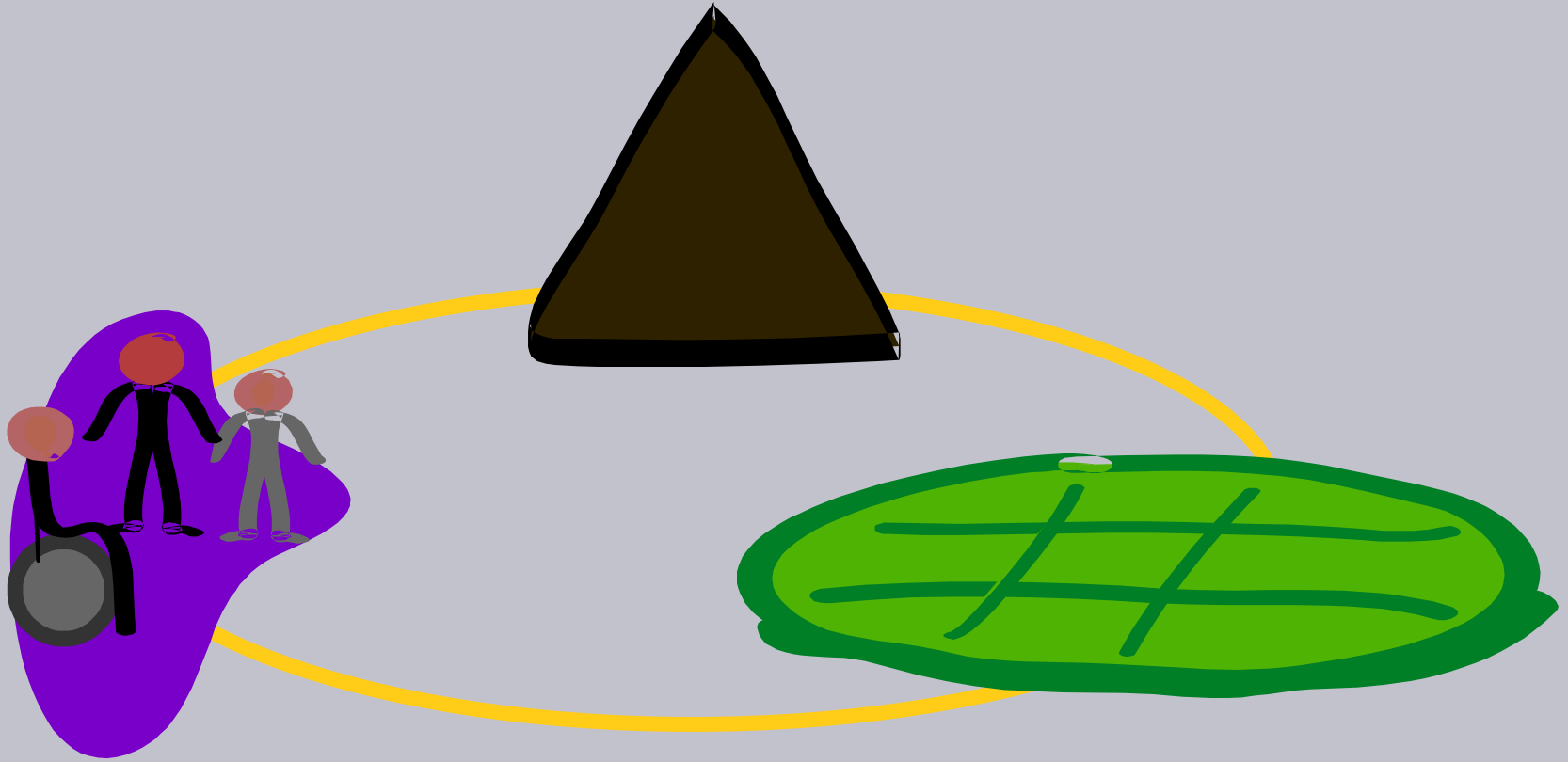
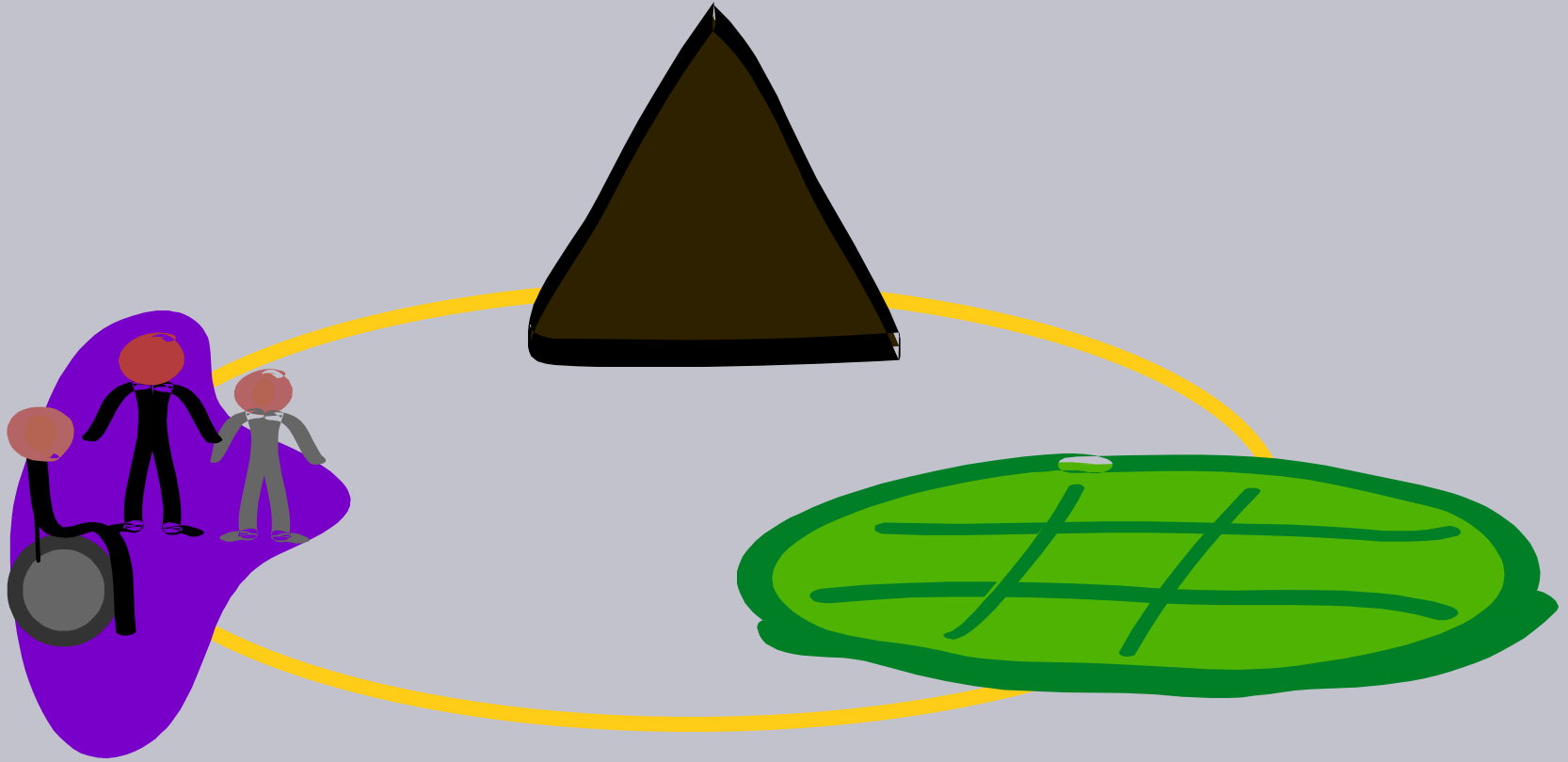


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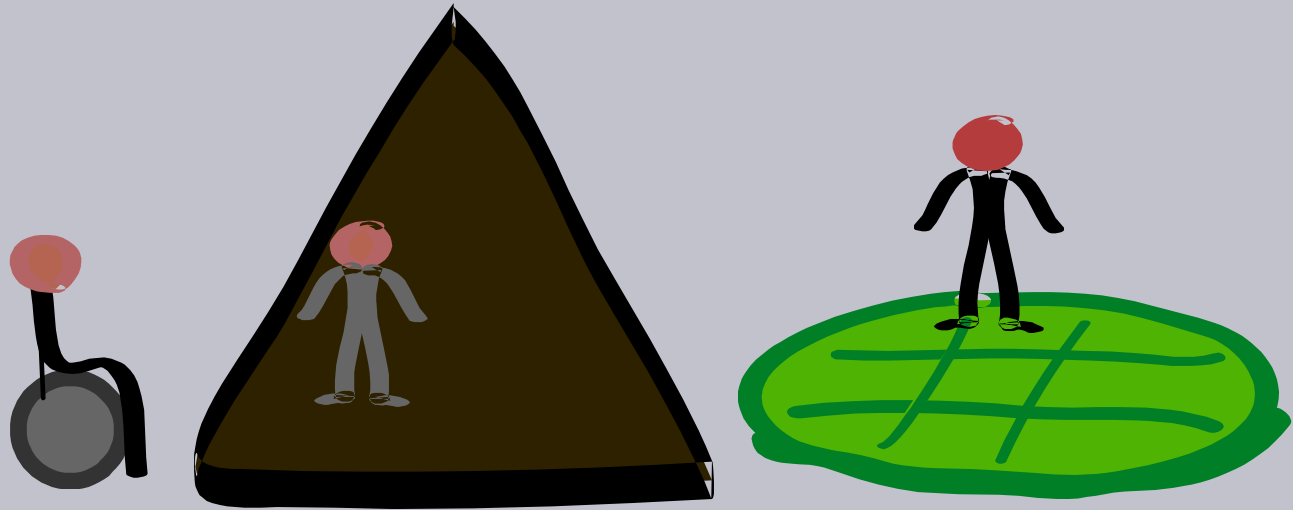
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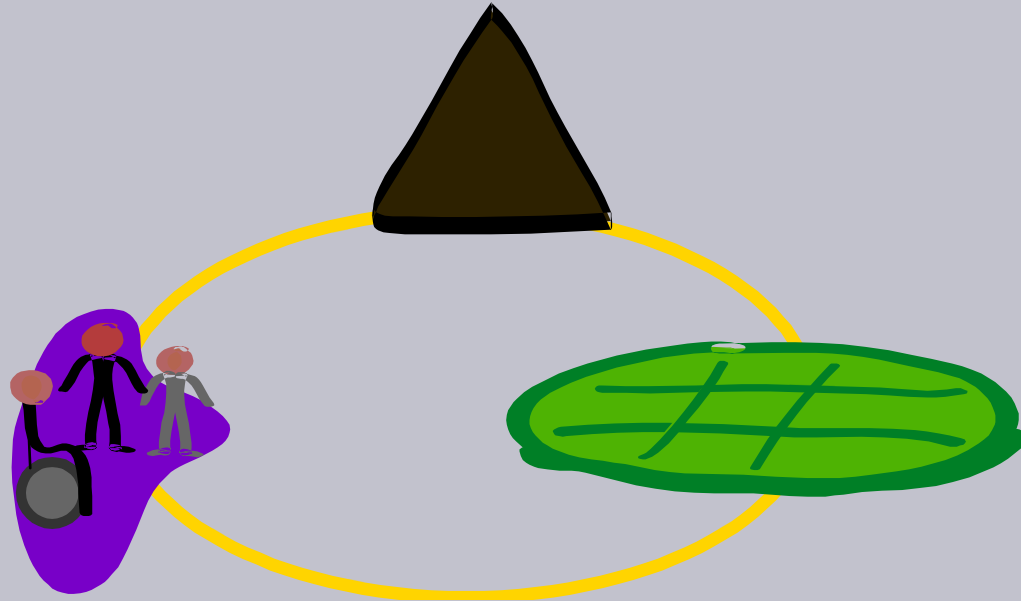
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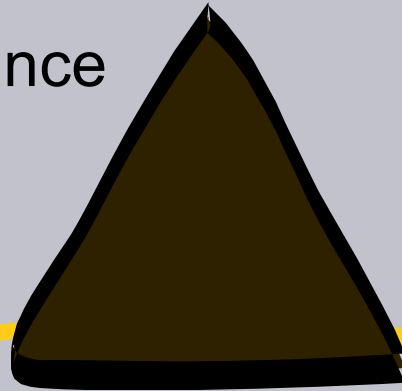
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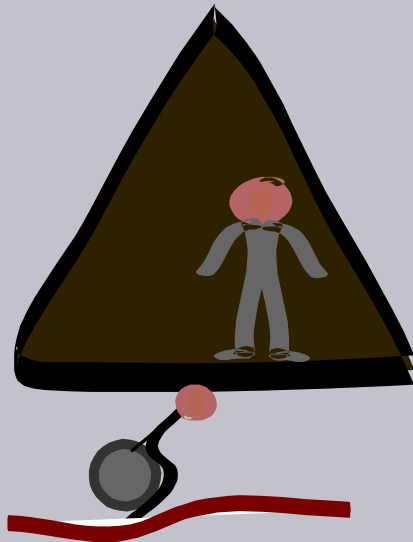
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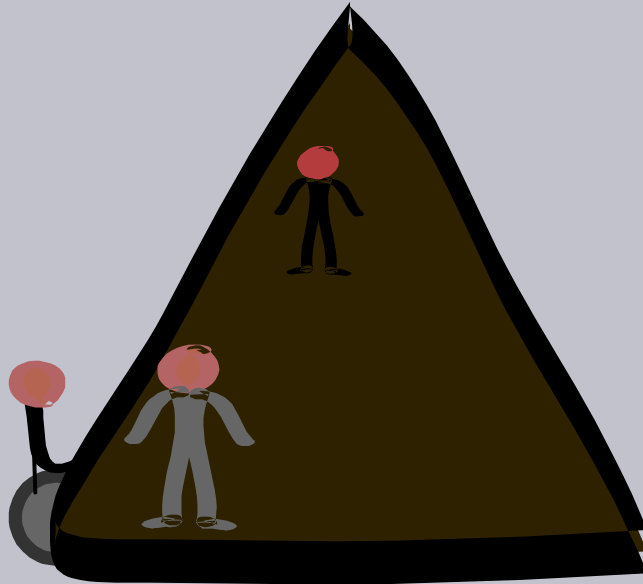
But health and safety can be excuses for taking  
over control of people's whole lives.



A good thing can  
become the only thing,  
and take away chances  
for growth.

The *challenge* is to help people be safe and  
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Sometimes the service world becomes the whole world to people with DD.



This gap allows negative attitudes to flourish.

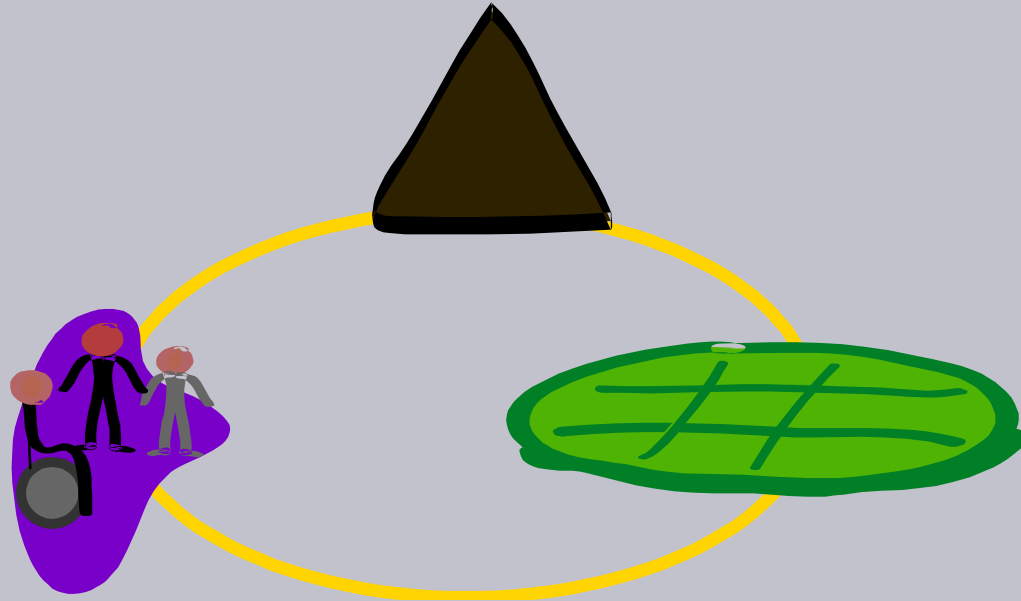


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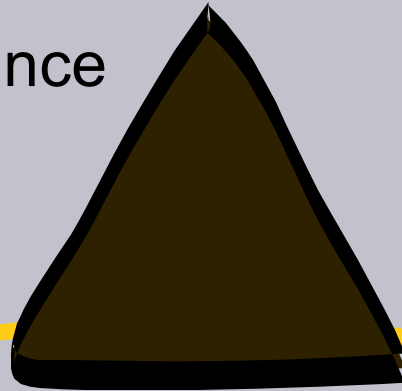
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