

The background of the entire page is a complex, abstract line drawing in a light blue color. It features various shapes, including what looks like a stylized face at the top, a large central figure, and various geometric and organic forms scattered throughout. The lines are hand-drawn and expressive.

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Two Stories

Lily Hoang

Silent Night with Ten Billion Falling Raindrops

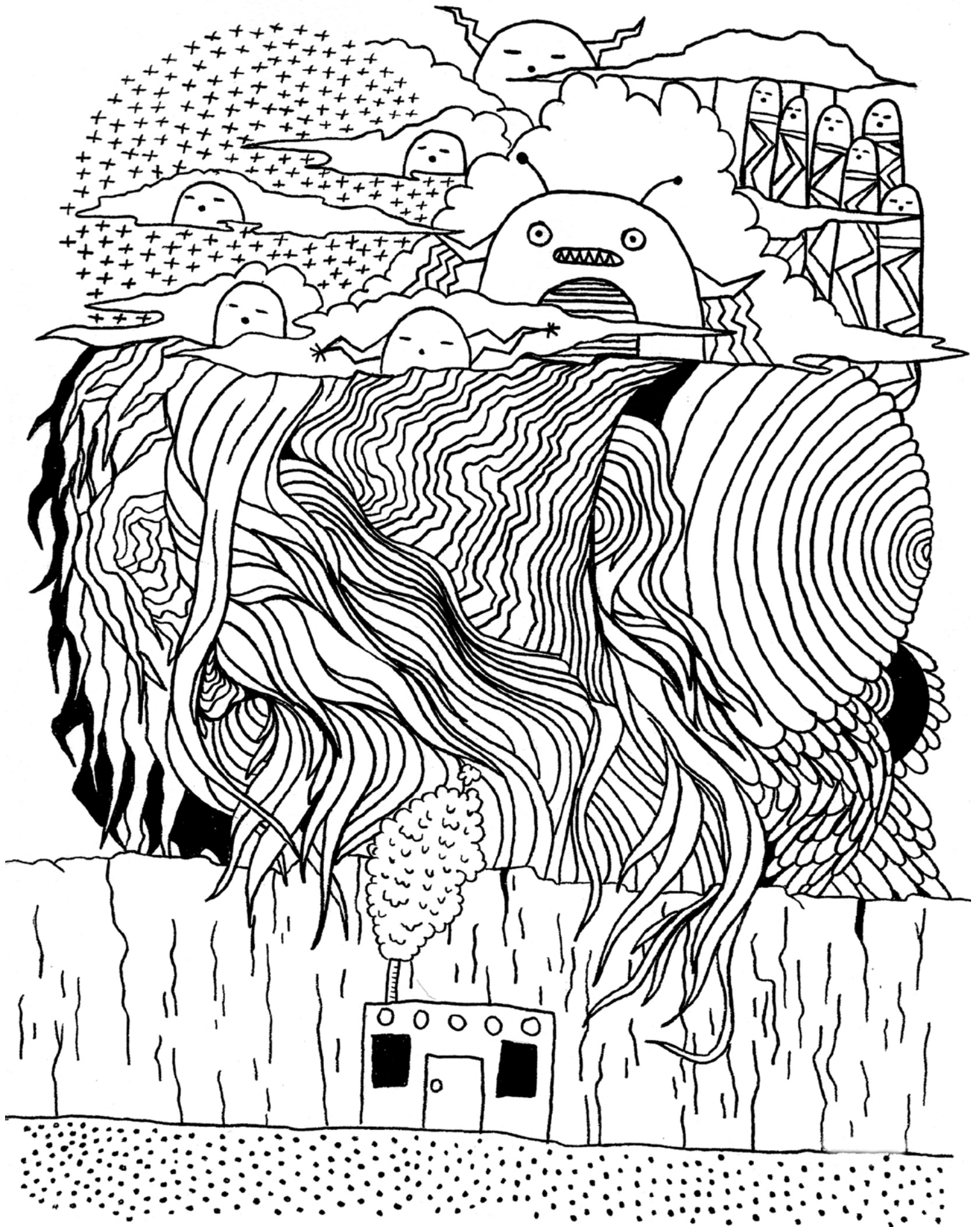
Outside, there is a monsoon huffing around the desert. Rain rumbles like nightmares, and there is not a person in sight. Everyone is hiding inside adobe, telling fairy stories about princesses and frogs and all sorts of funny animals.

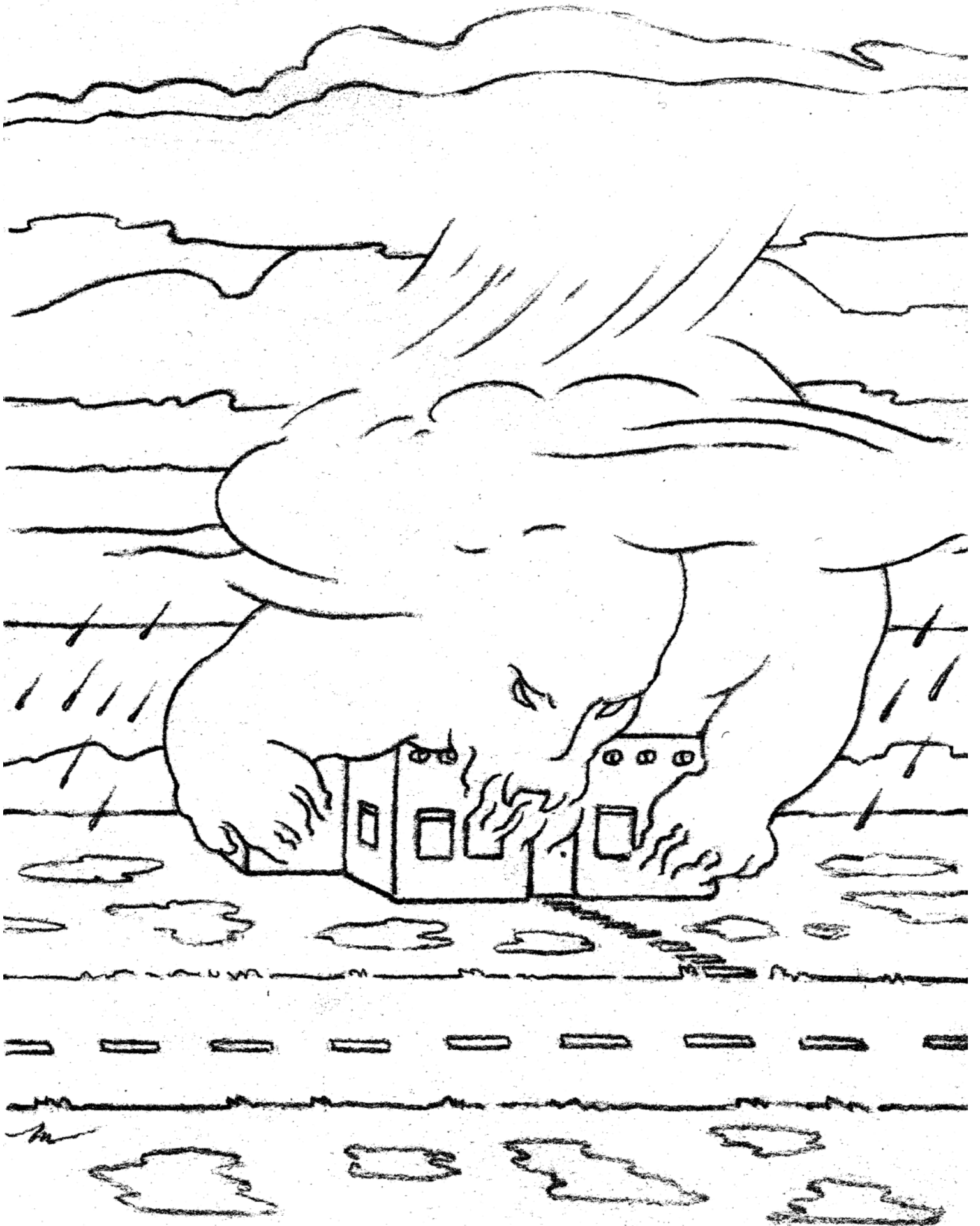
Tonight, not a single soul knocks on any door—save the ghouls and monsters—and little girls and little boys should know better than to open their doors to such malicious creatures, even if it is impolite behavior, especially on a night like tonight. On a night like tonight, we might even pity the devil, but we shan't! No, we are wiser than that.

But beware of windows, always beware of those windows.

On Wooden Interrogations

Who knocks on doors anymore? Only the truly gentle, that's who—there are no more princes or gentlemen or kindness left in the world, merely brutes and giants who kick in doors or pound them into feathery splinters, even devils are too polite to raise a single disturbing fist.



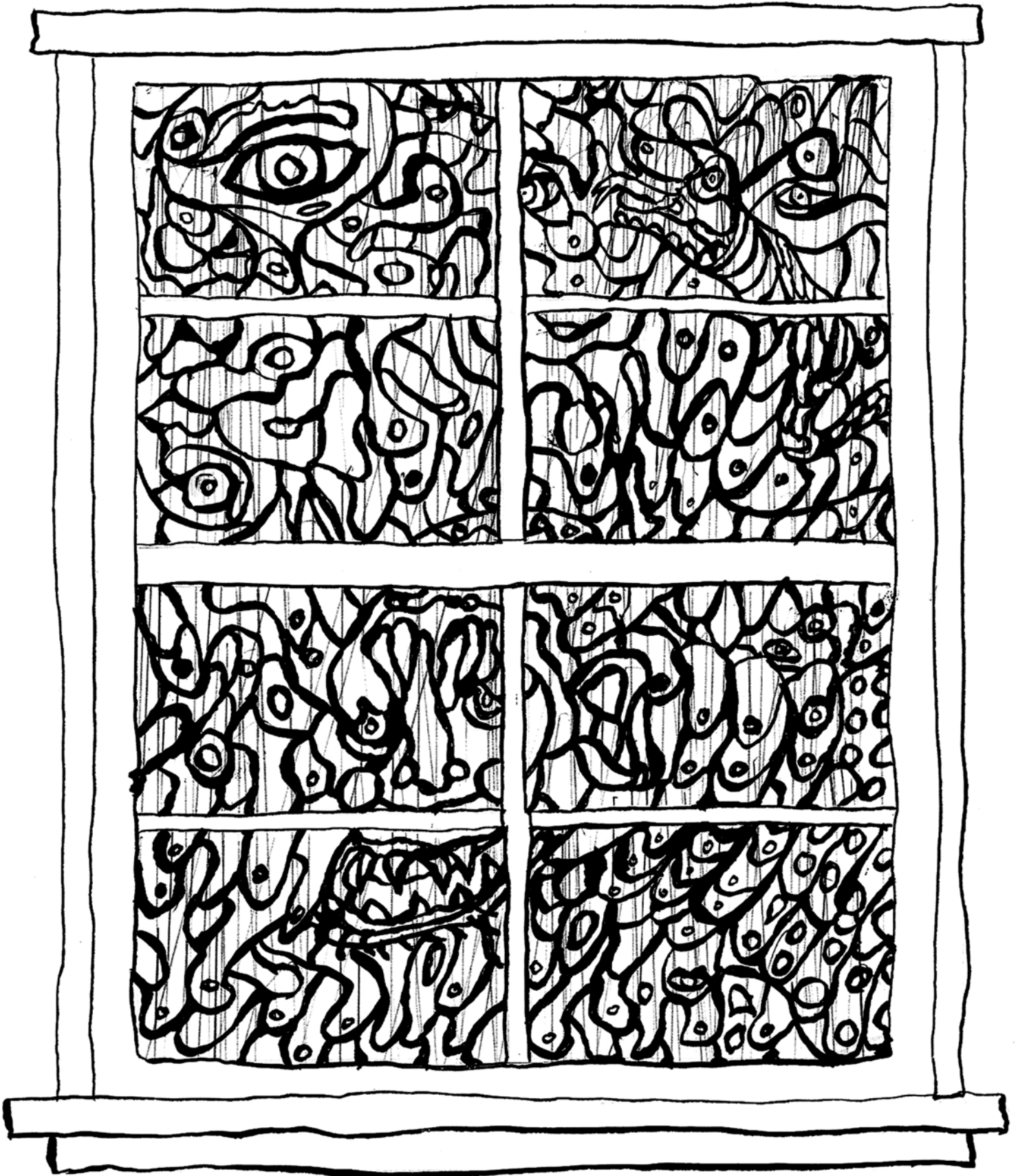


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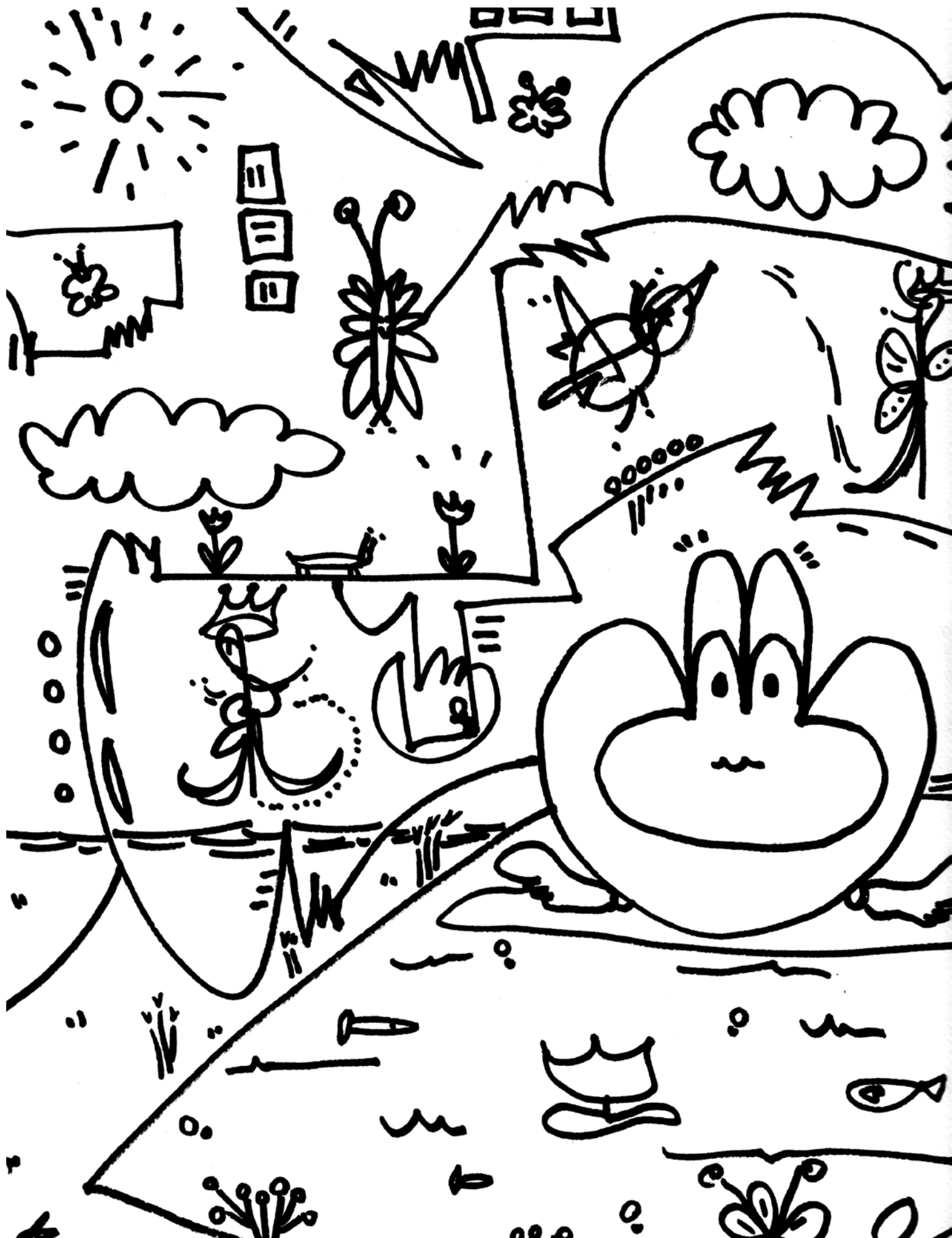






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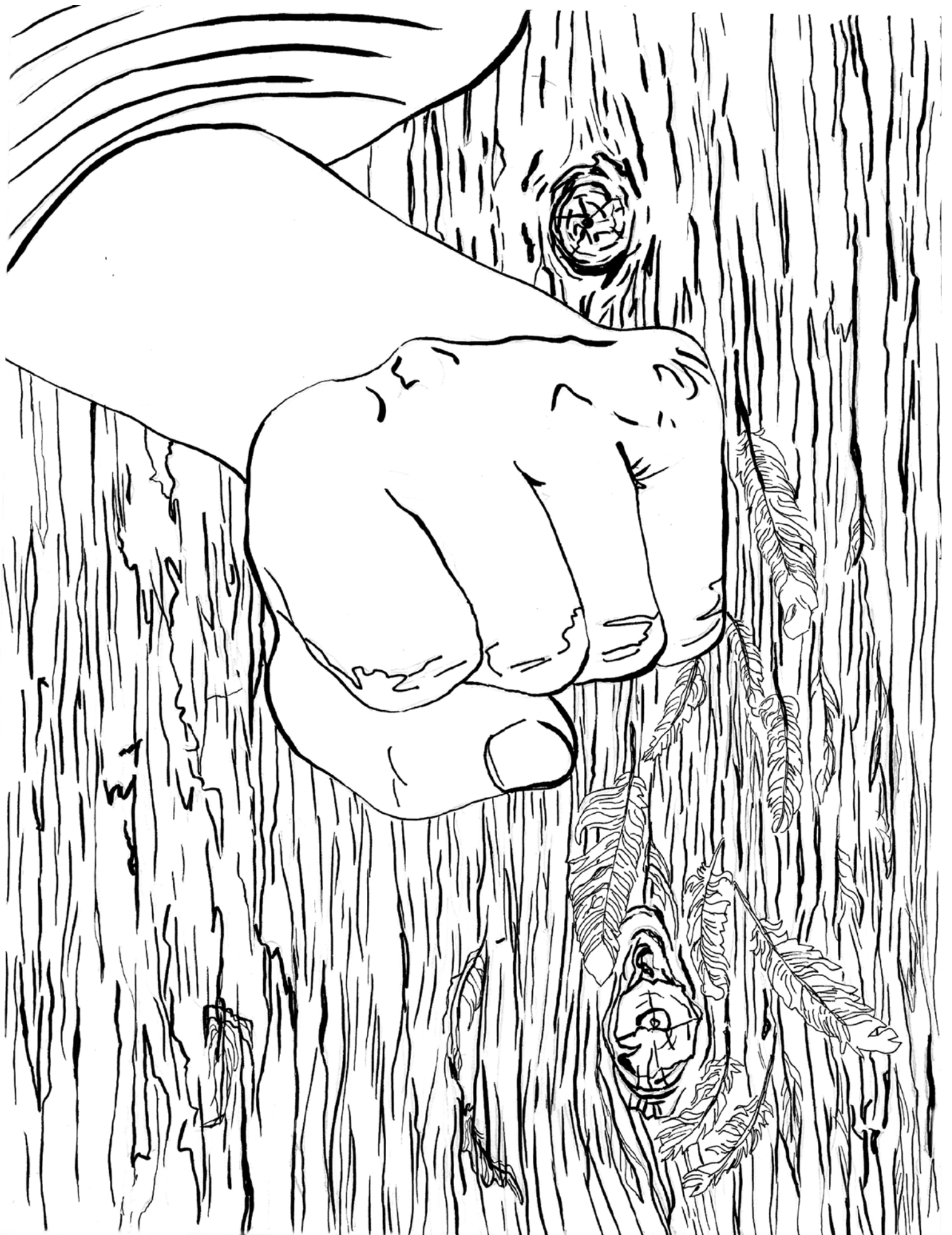




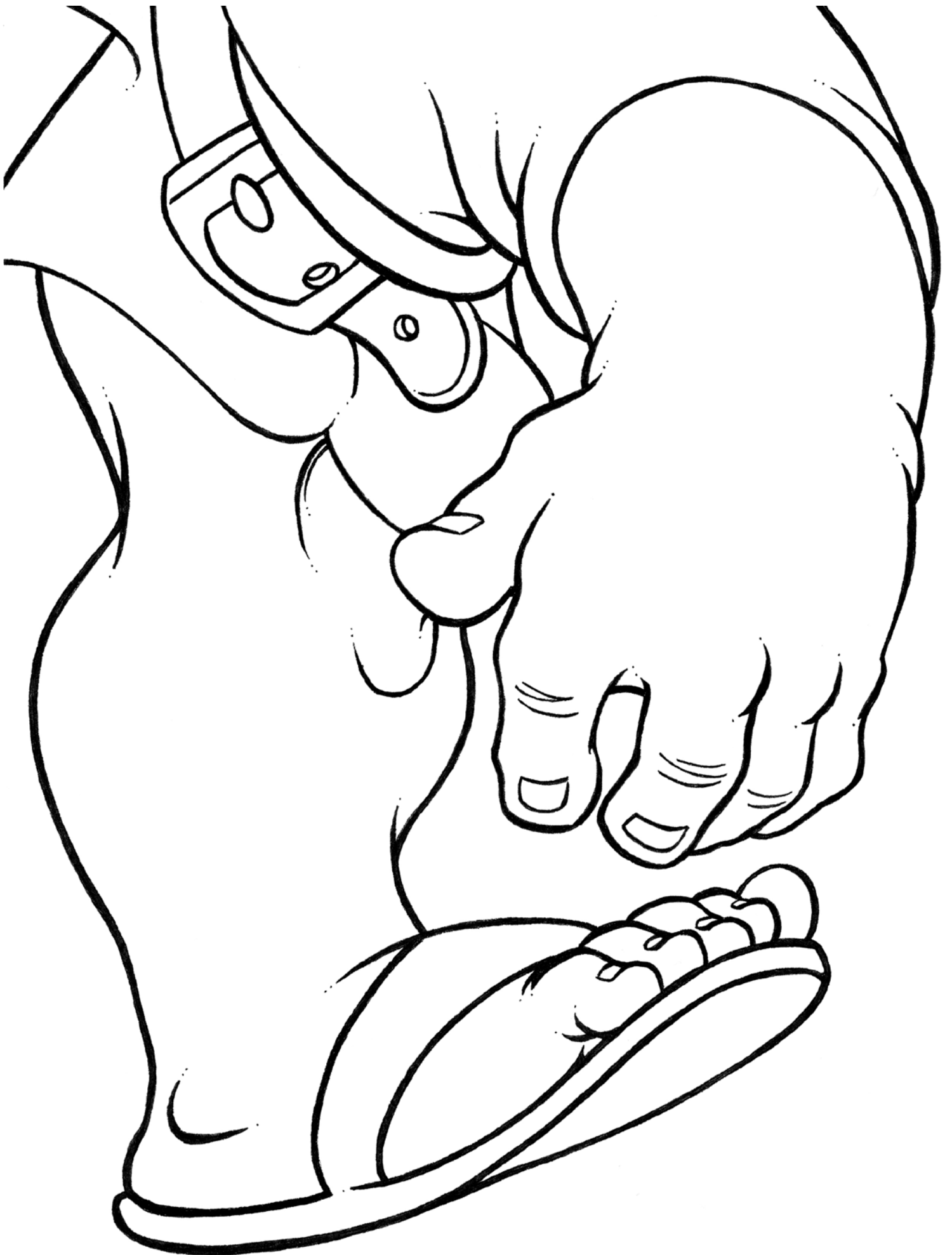


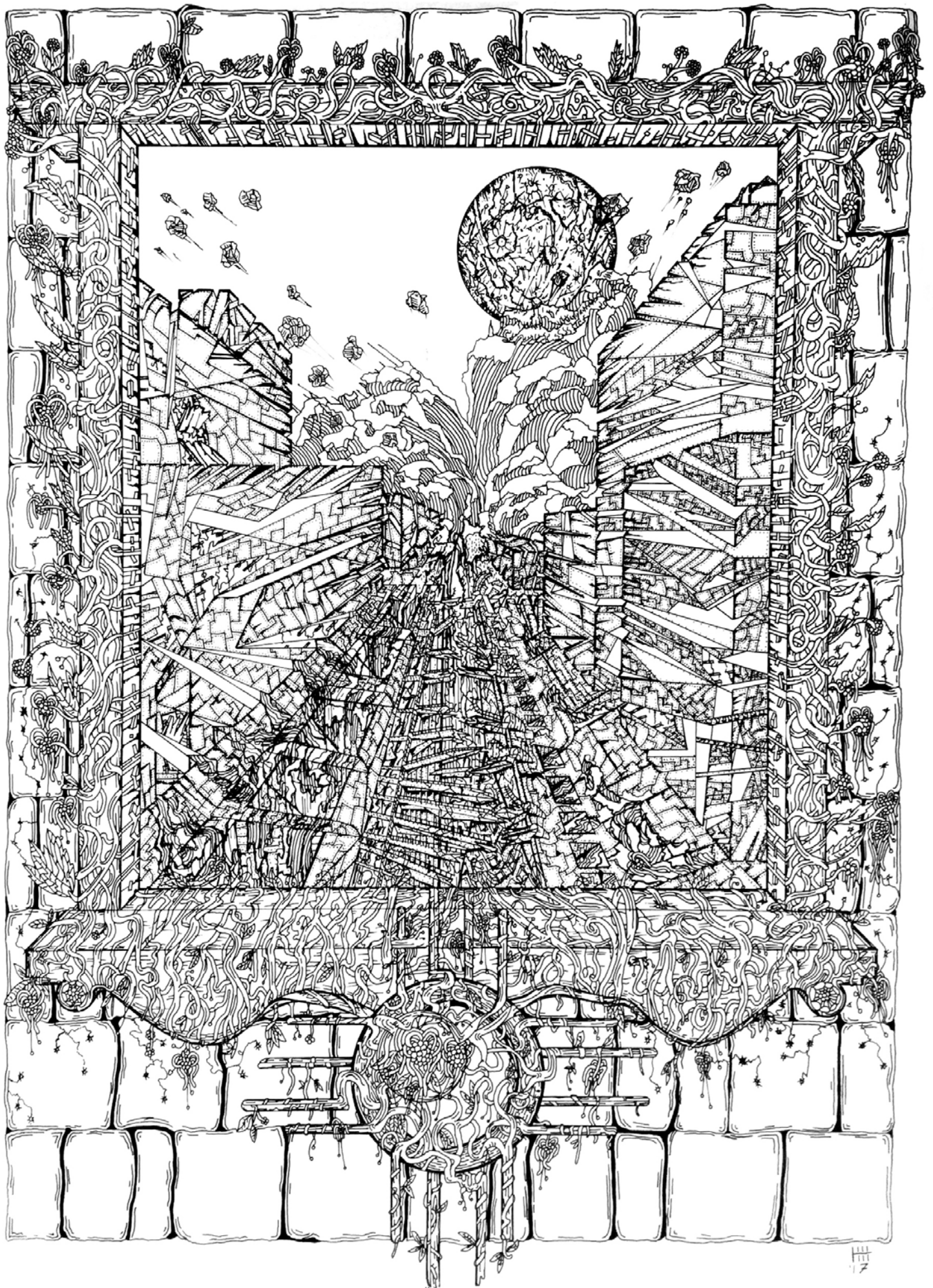
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