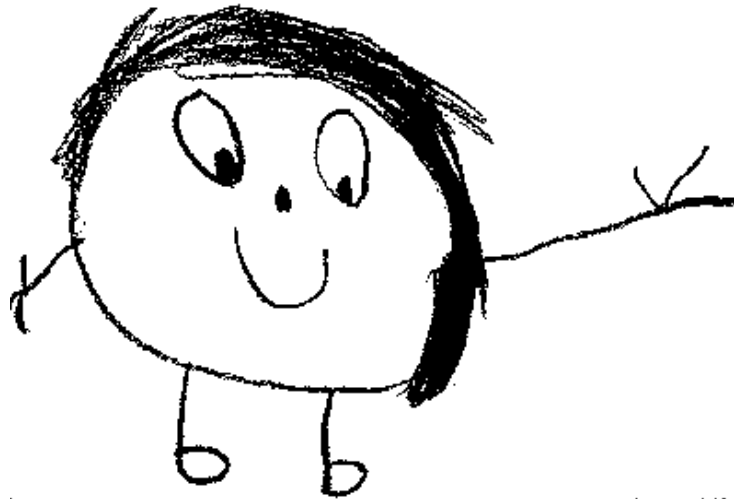


THE COLORING BOOK FOR CALVERT KIDS



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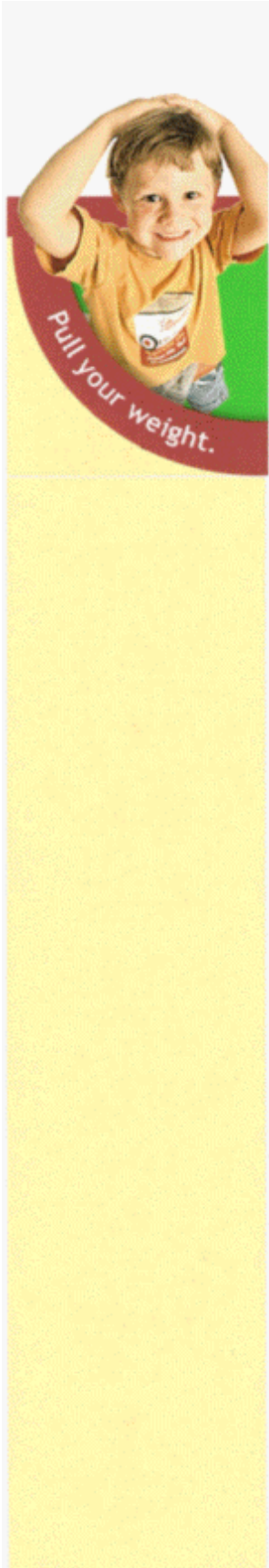
**This book is dedicated to,
Brenda Tyrell,
Founder and Director,
Prime Time Children's and Youth Activity Centers in
Owings, Maryland.**

When quality daycare was hard to come by, Brenda Tyrell gave up a promising career to stay home and raise her children. Discovering that other families had the same need for superior childcare, Brenda made a decision thirteen years ago to open Prime Time Children's Center in her home. As the population of Calvert County expanded, so did the need for quality childcare. Brenda responded by expanding her home-based operation into a highly successful 12,000 square foot facility located in the Calvert-Arundel Business Park in Owings.

Brenda's effort to enhance the community of Calvert County begins with Prime Time Children's and Youth Activity Centers where she offers a variety of programs and activities not only for the enrichment and development of children, but the parents as well. "Prime Time" facilities are often made available to various boys and girls organizations for meetings and social gatherings, at no cost. Brenda also utilizes these facilities for car seat safety checks, yard sales, hearing and vision screenings, and campouts. "Prime Time" conducts annual food, clothing, and toy drives during the holiday season for Calvert County families in need.

Brenda's kindness and giving seem limitless. In addition to the countless hours she puts into her "Prime Time" centers, Brenda works with the public school teachers to mentor students from Calvert and Northern High Schools in the area of child development. She is a partner in education with Beach Elementary School, and supports the Calvert High School football team. She helped to open the Pre-Kindergarten Center in remembrance of Judy Hoyer, the late wife of Senator Steny Hoyer, and continues to volunteer her time and expertise.

This coloring book celebrates Brenda Tyrell's contributions to our community. Calvert County is a better place because of her!



Dear Families of Calvert County,

It is a very special honor to have this coloring book dedicated to me because I share the obvious pride these young artists have in all that Calvert County has to offer its children. The artwork in this book clearly depicts and highlights a good many of the fun and educational things that make our County such a great place for kids.

In this high-tech/low-touch world we live in today, we know it is important that our children not lose their curiosity and spontaneous excitement in the wonders of nature. It is, therefore, so good for them, and all children who come to visit Calvert County, to be able to disconnect for a more structured world and just enjoy being free to experience all that our County's rich and abundant natural resources offer.

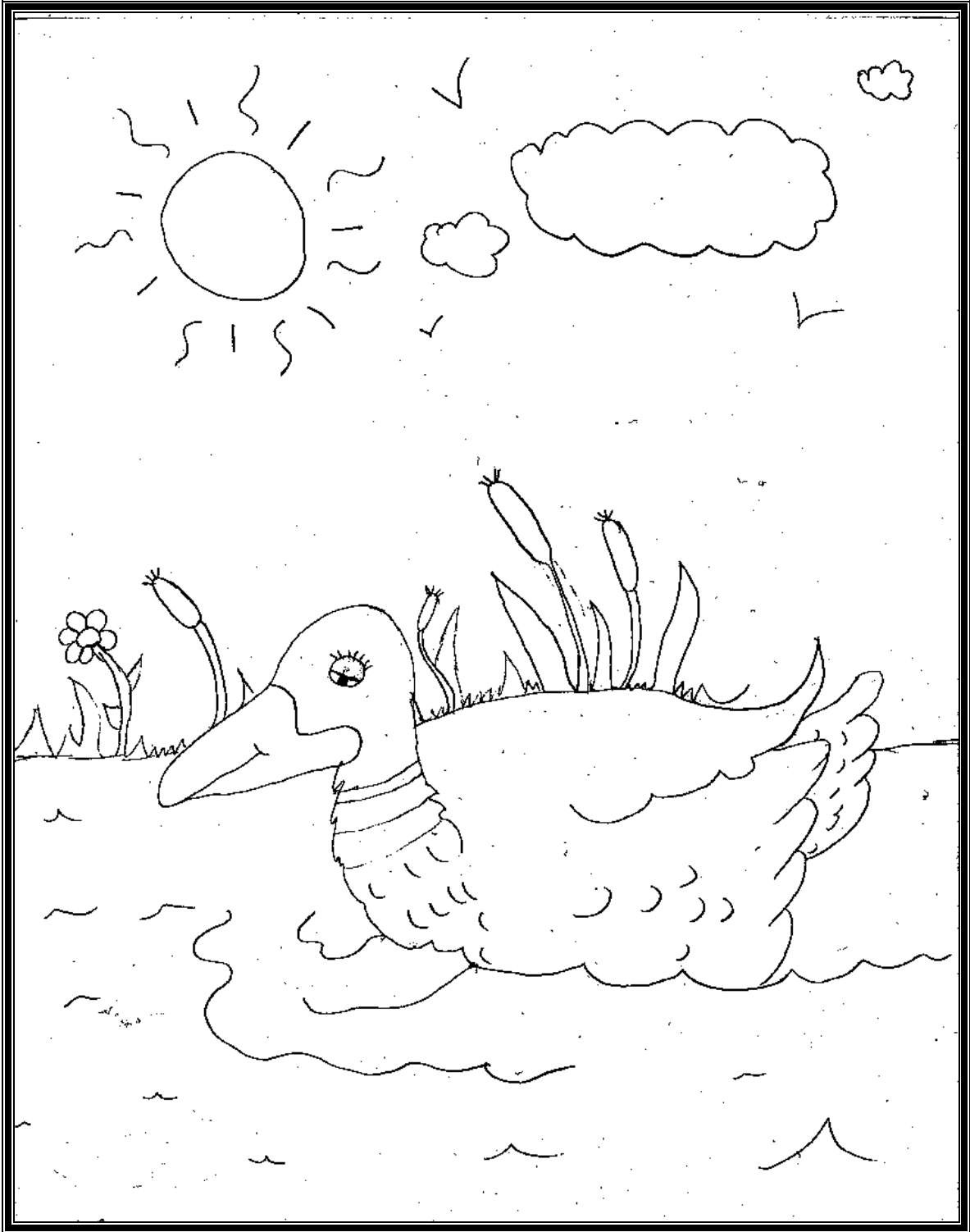
The adventures to be had may include: hunting for sharks teeth and other fossils at Calvert Cliffs State Park or Jefferson Patterson Park; watching for native wildlife at nearby Flags Pond Nature Park; walking the raised boardwalk trail through the ancient cypress trees in the Battle Creek Swamp Sanctuary; fishing, hiking, canoeing or kayaking at Kings Landing; or just leisurely sitting on the sandy beaches overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and dreaming of creatures that live in its deep waters.

Then too is the magic of our lighthouses and the chance to look back in time to see what life was like on and around the water through exhibits at our Calvert Marine Museum on Solomons Island. With all things there are to do and see in Calvert County, and I have only listed a few of them, it is easy to see that our children had no lack of subjects for their artwork.

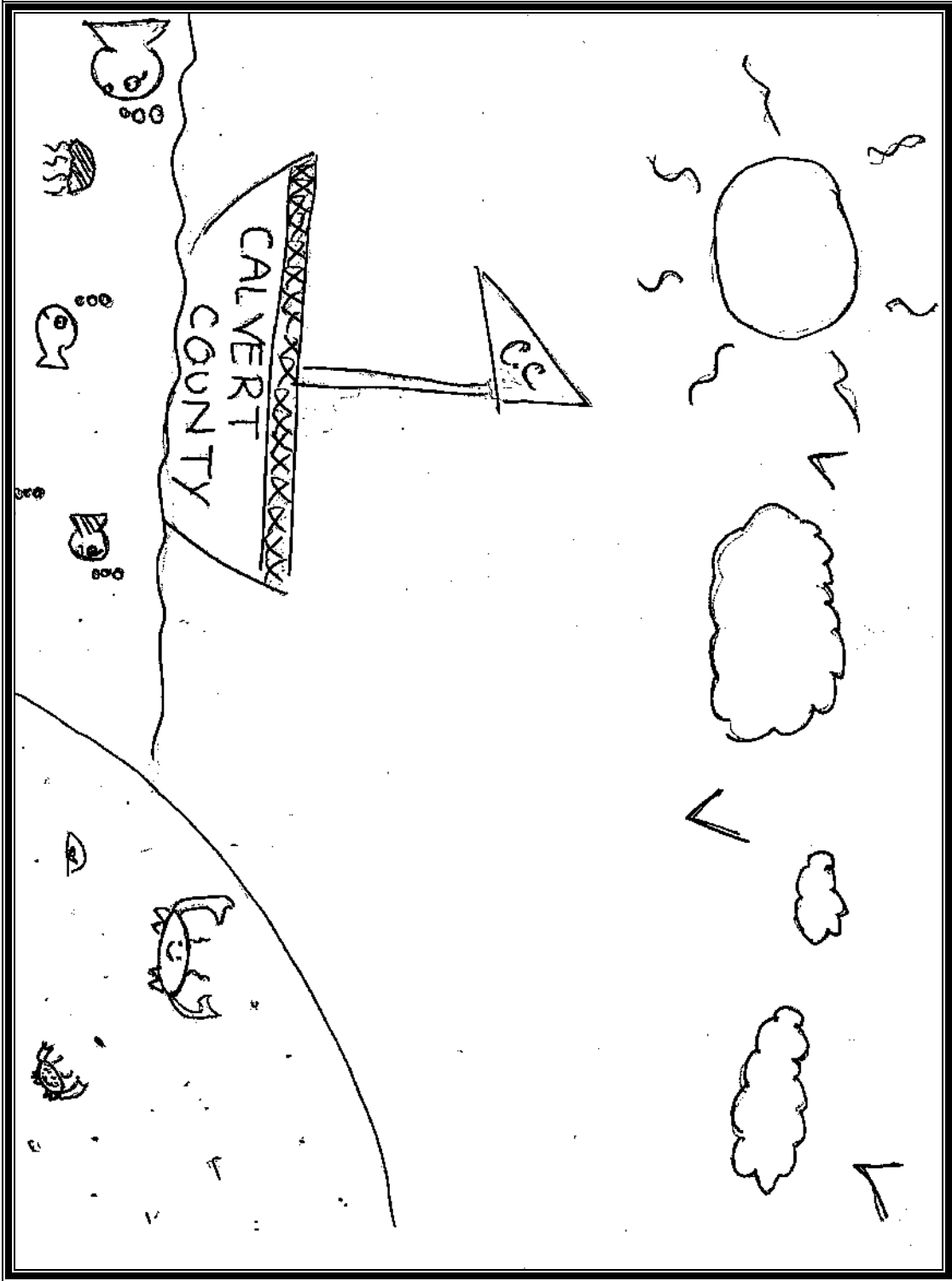
I believe it is important to keep our children tuned into nature and the environment. I also believe we should remind our children of our County's heritage. If we do, we will be helping them to accept the reins of stewardship of Calvert County in a way that will ensure its resources are here for future generations to enjoy. This coloring book project is certainly one way to accomplish this feat because it encourages the children's awareness of the natural resources available to them and how their surroundings impact their lives.

I hope that you enjoy the time spent with your child coloring this book.

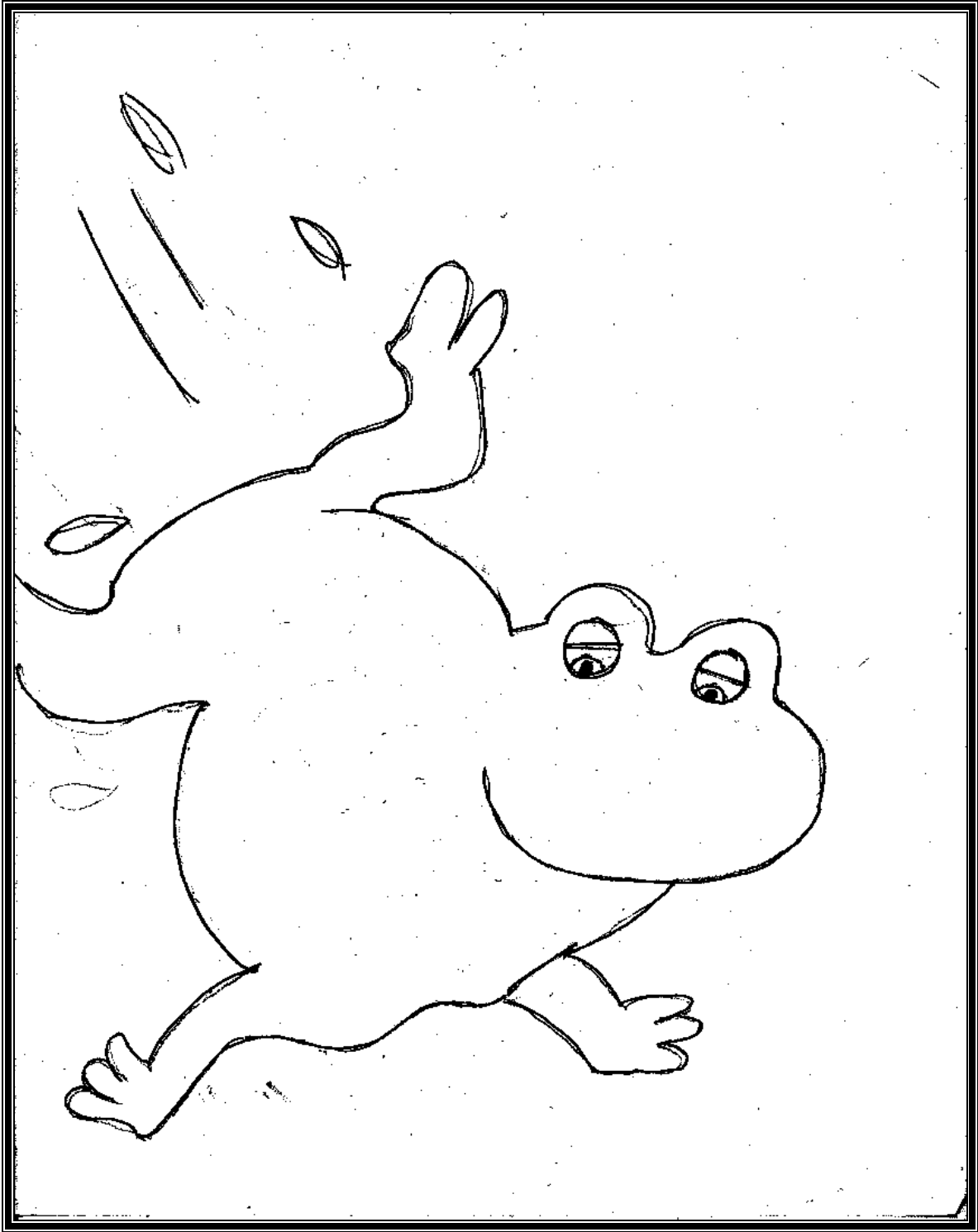
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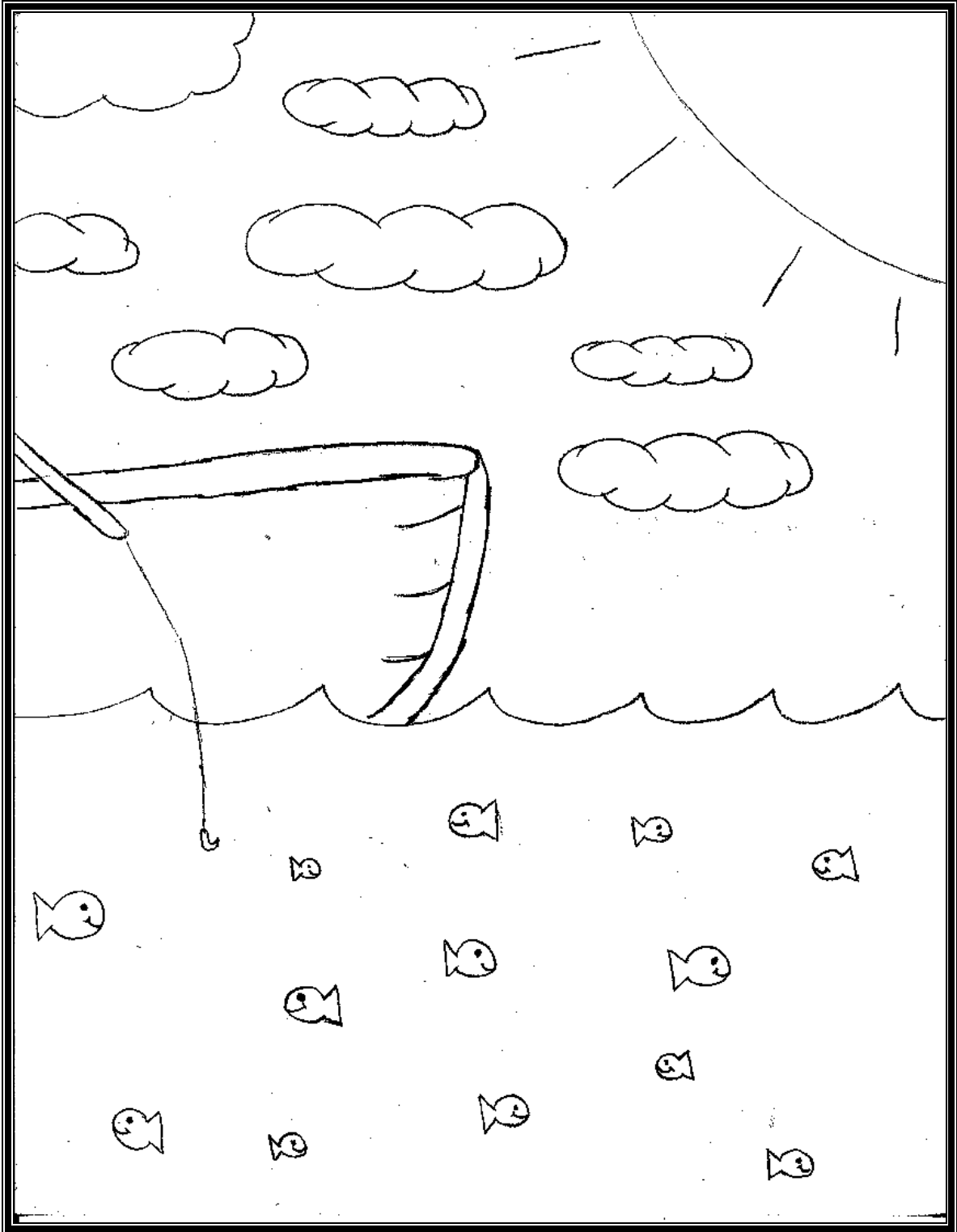
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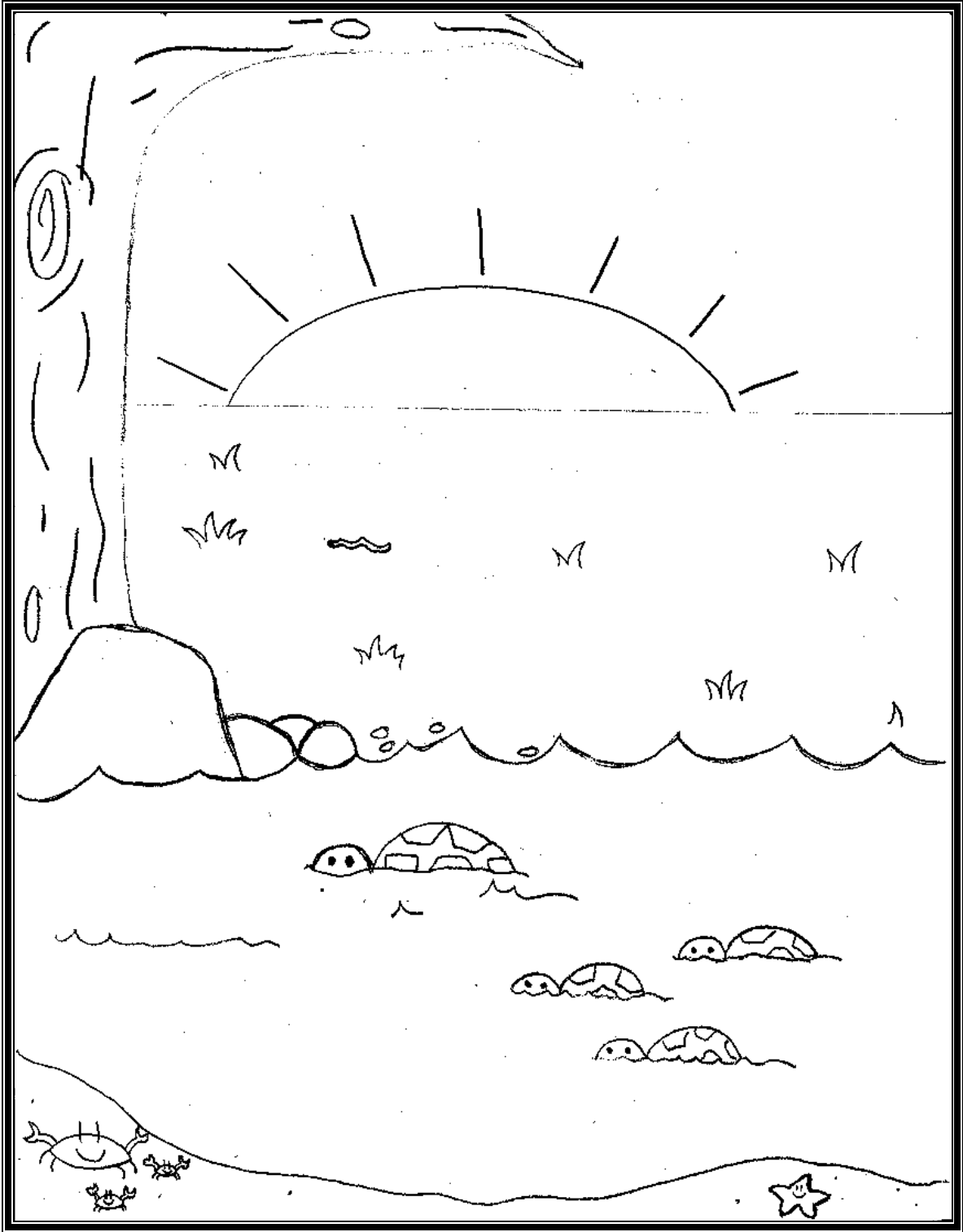
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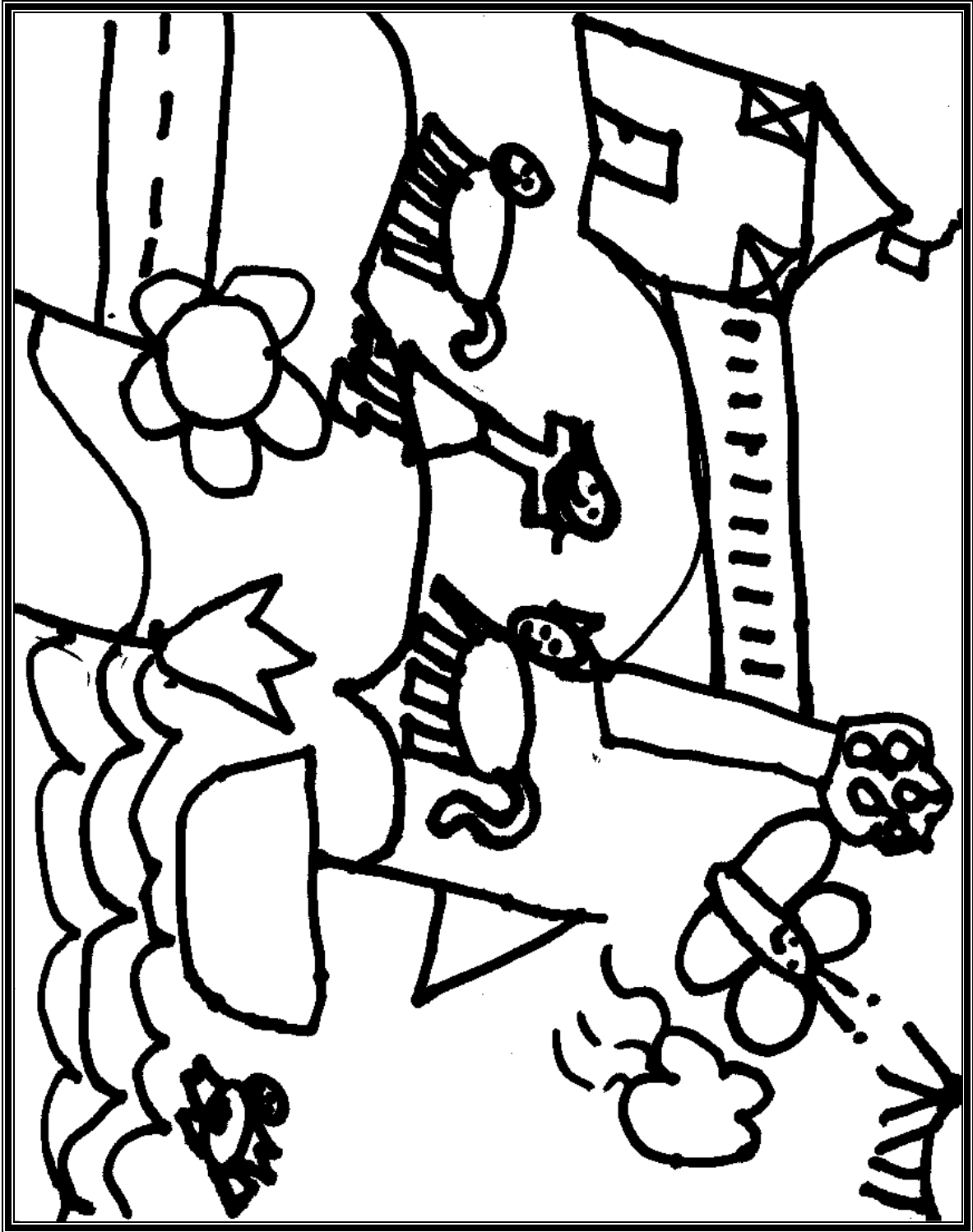
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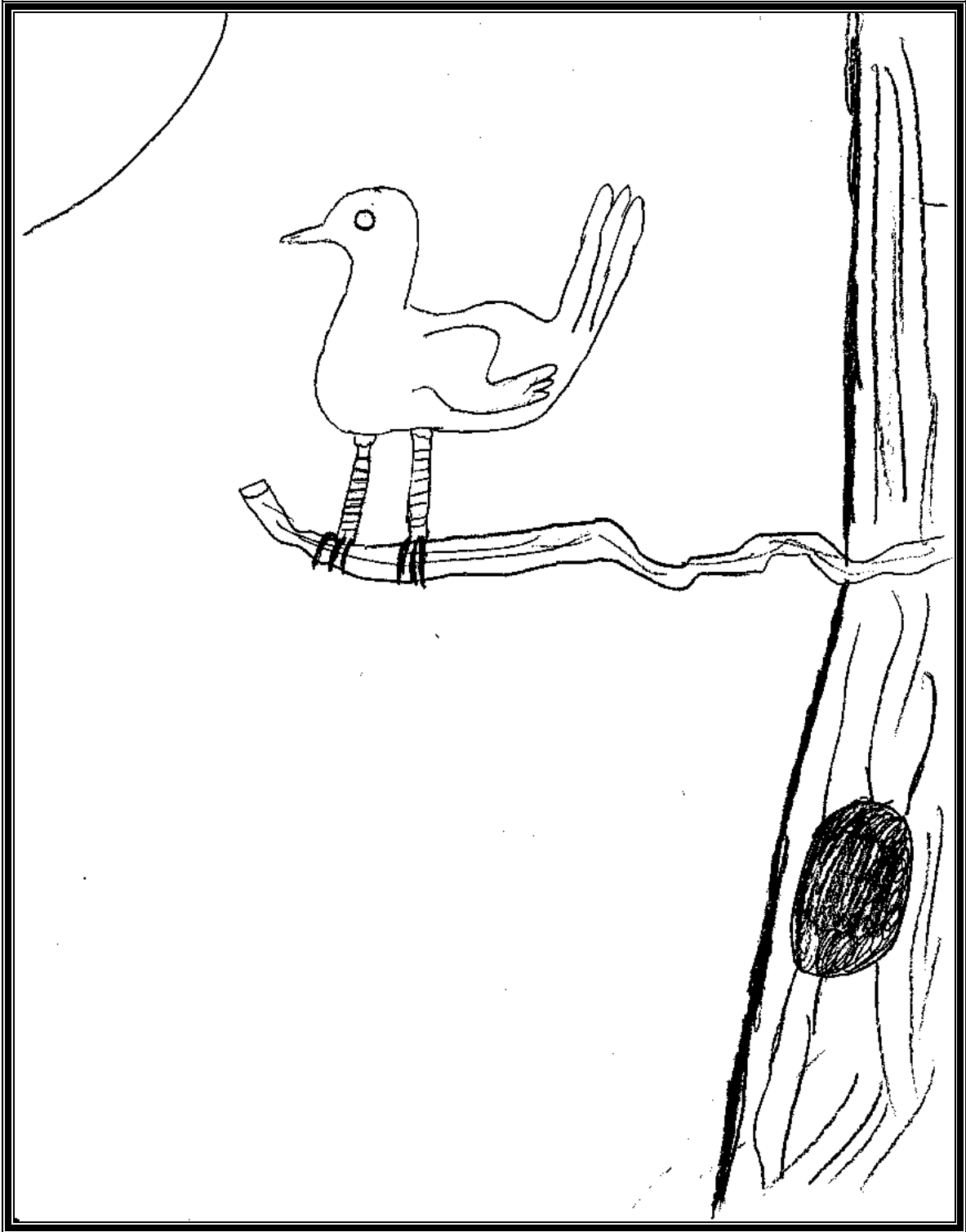
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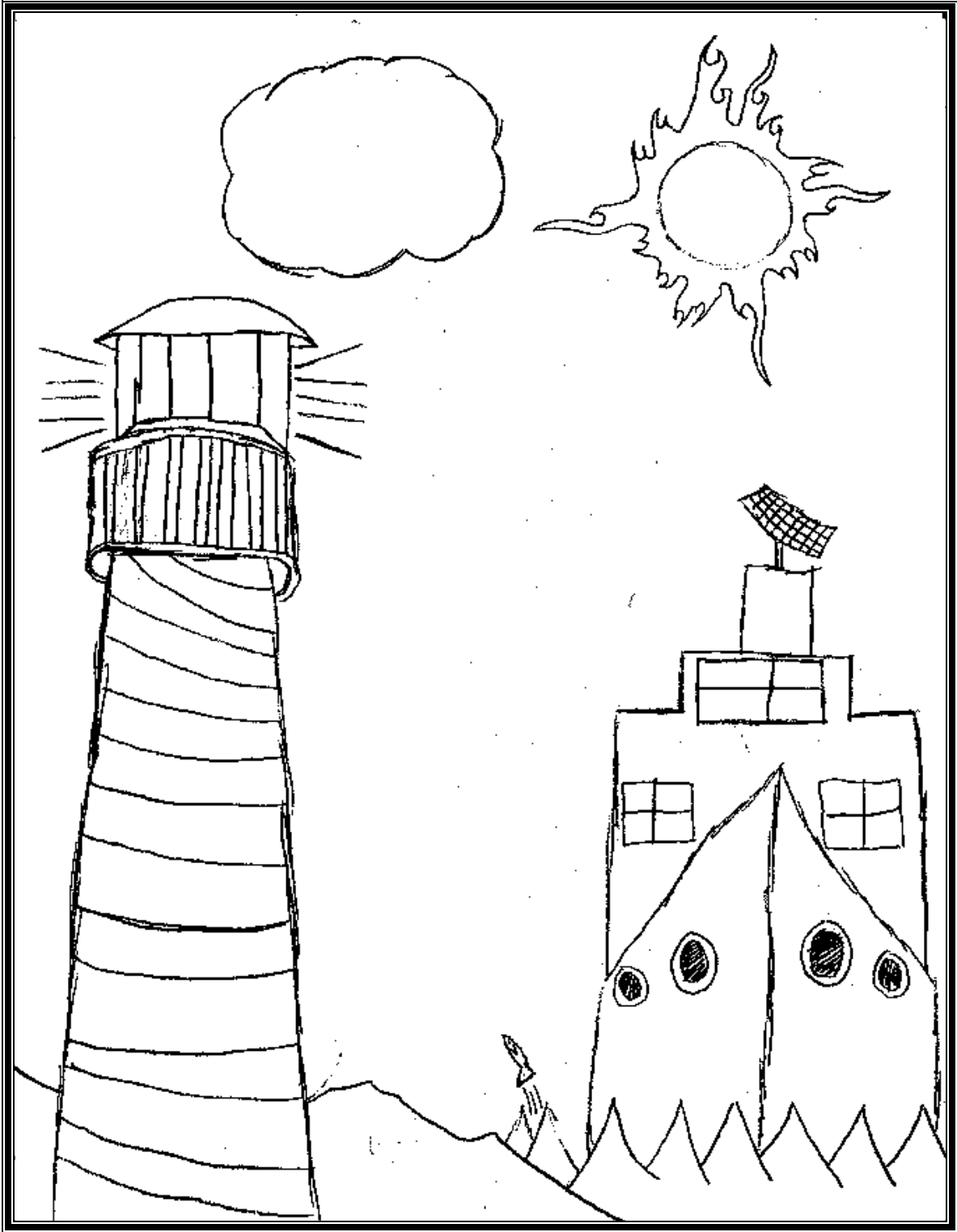
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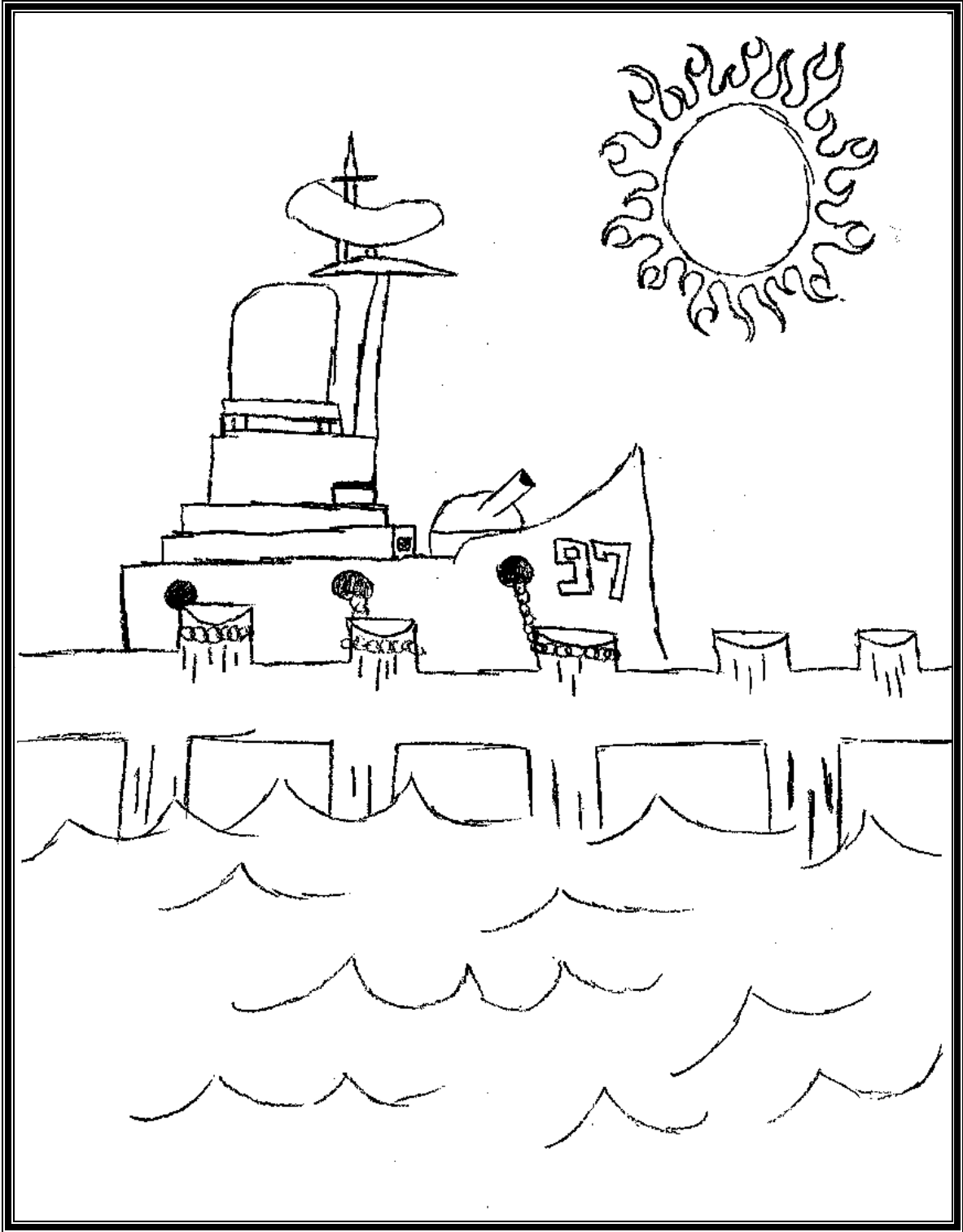
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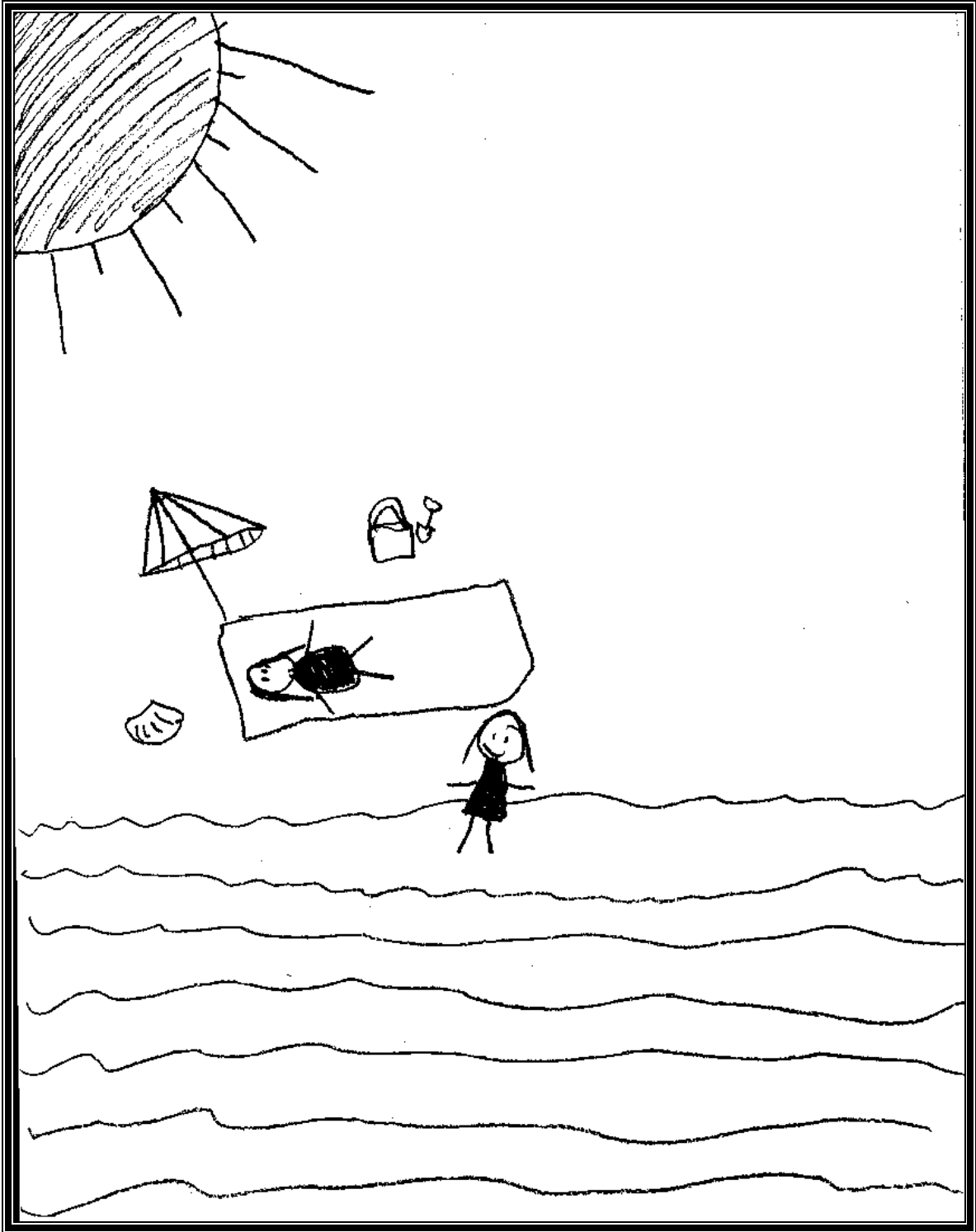
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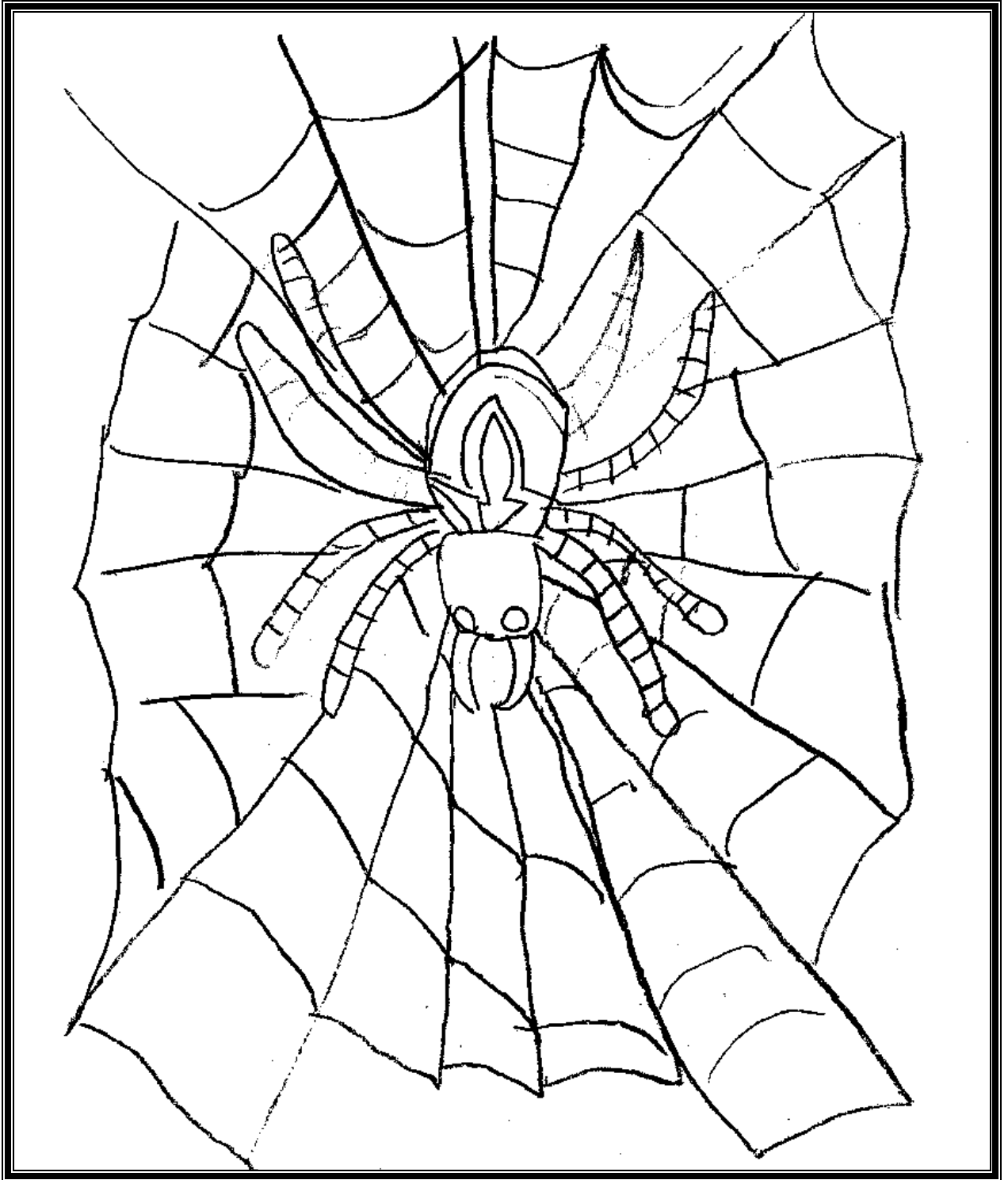
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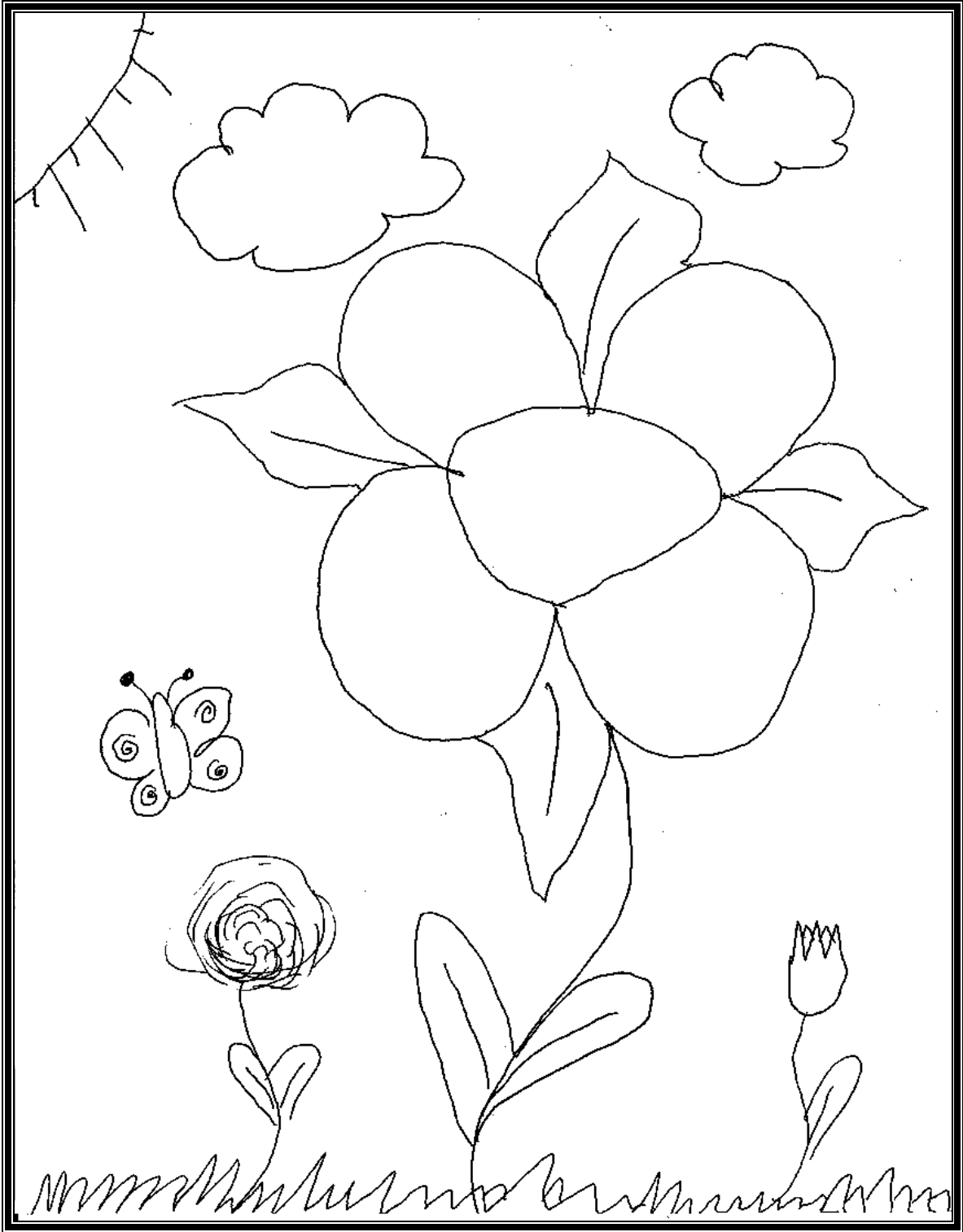
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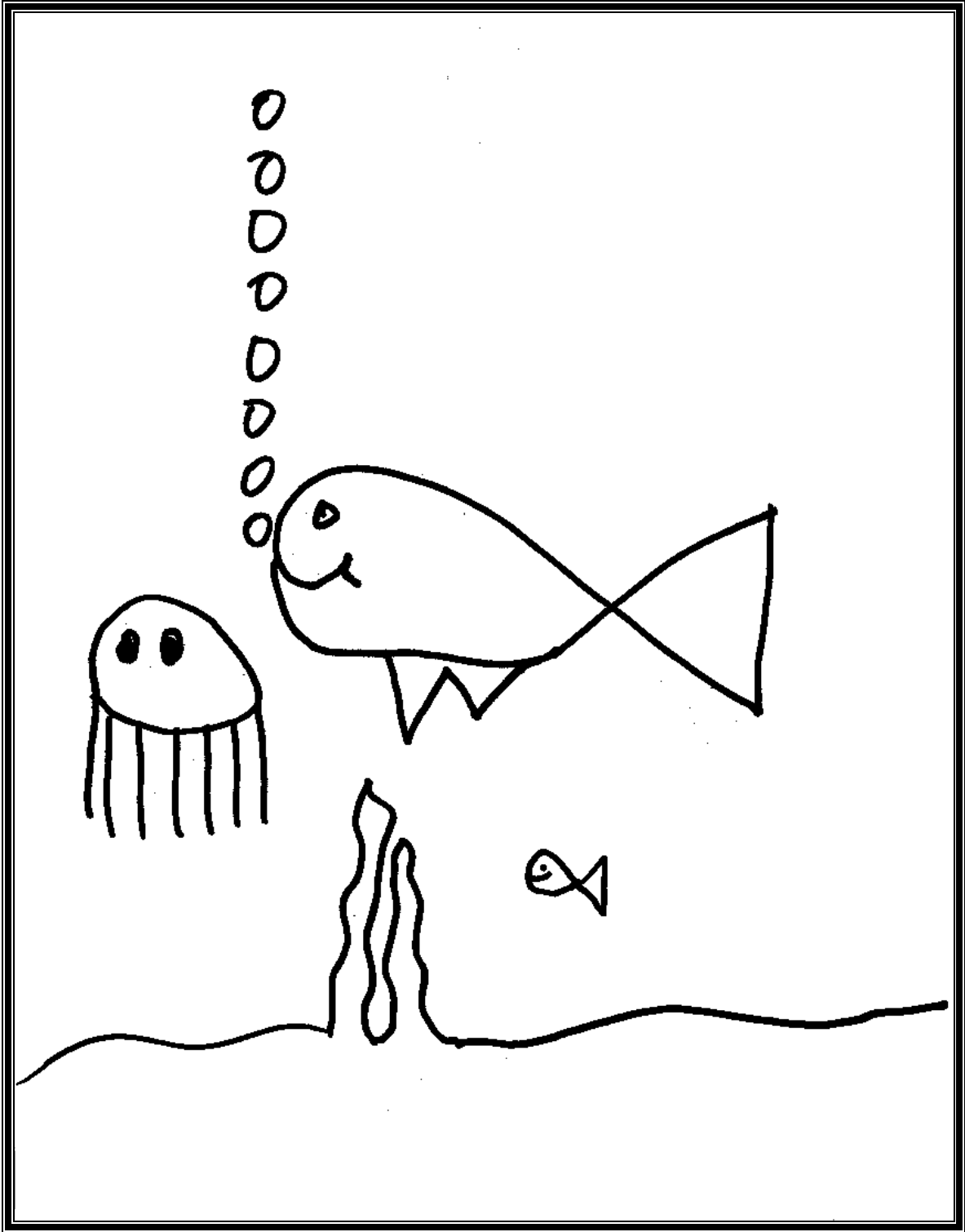
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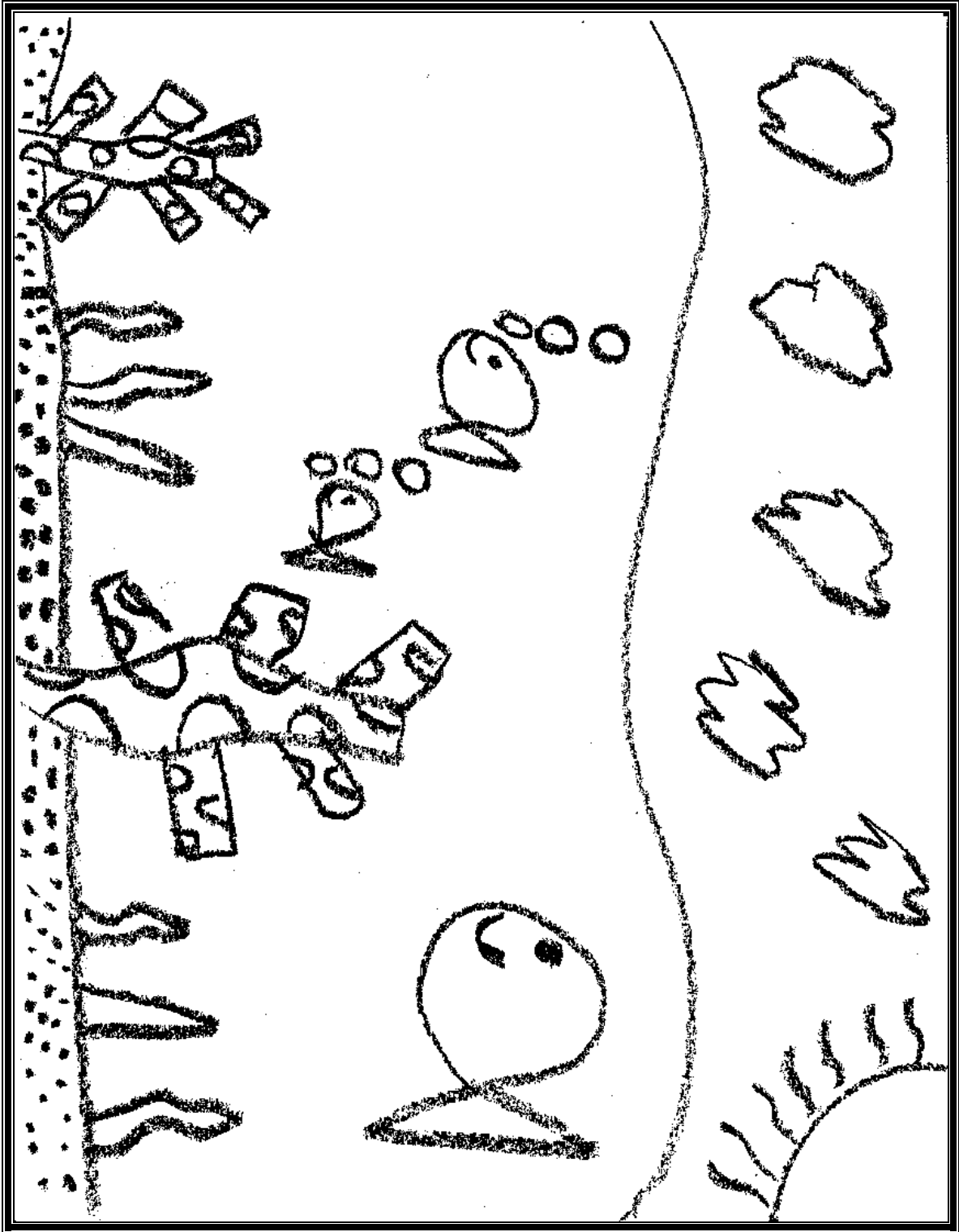
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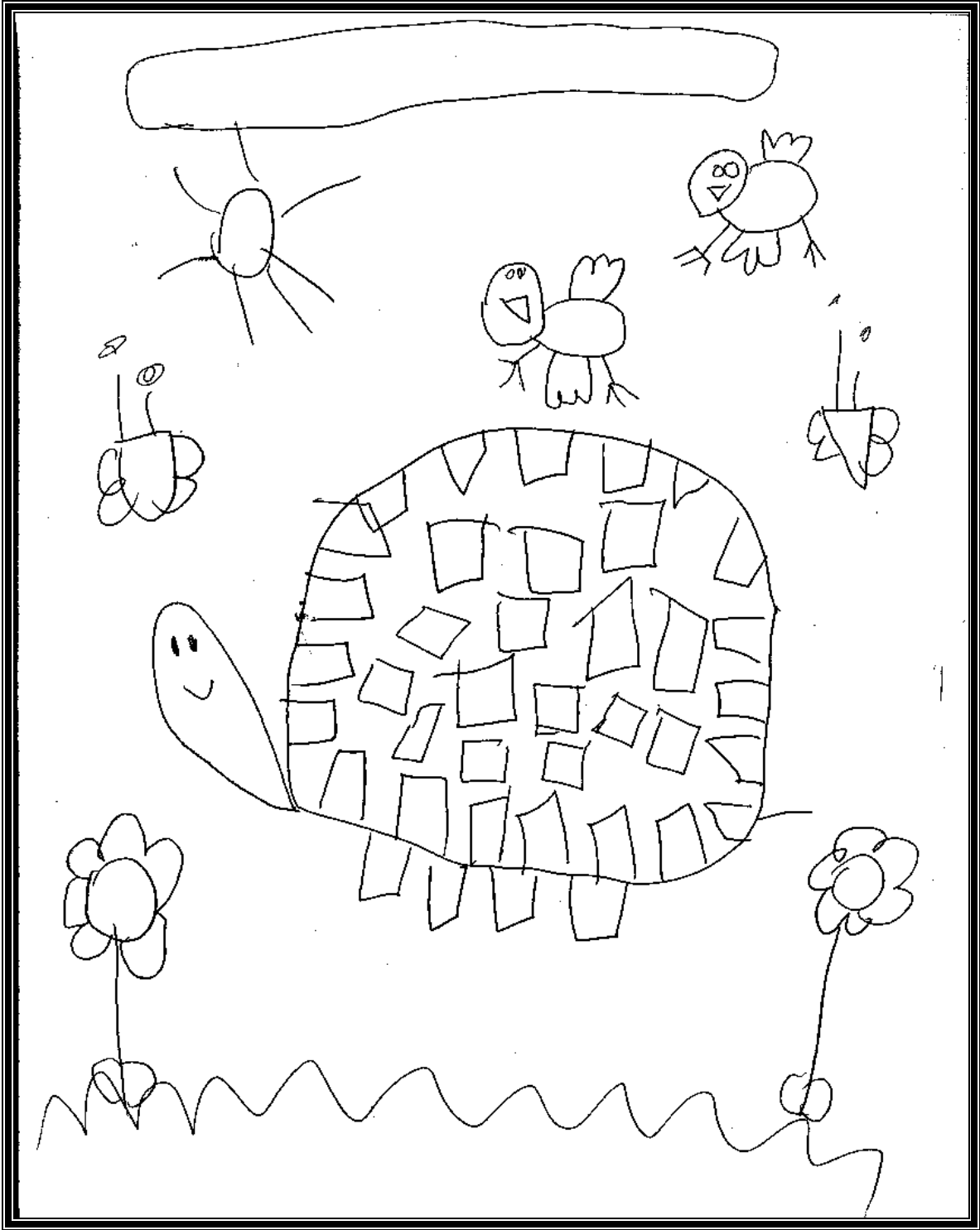
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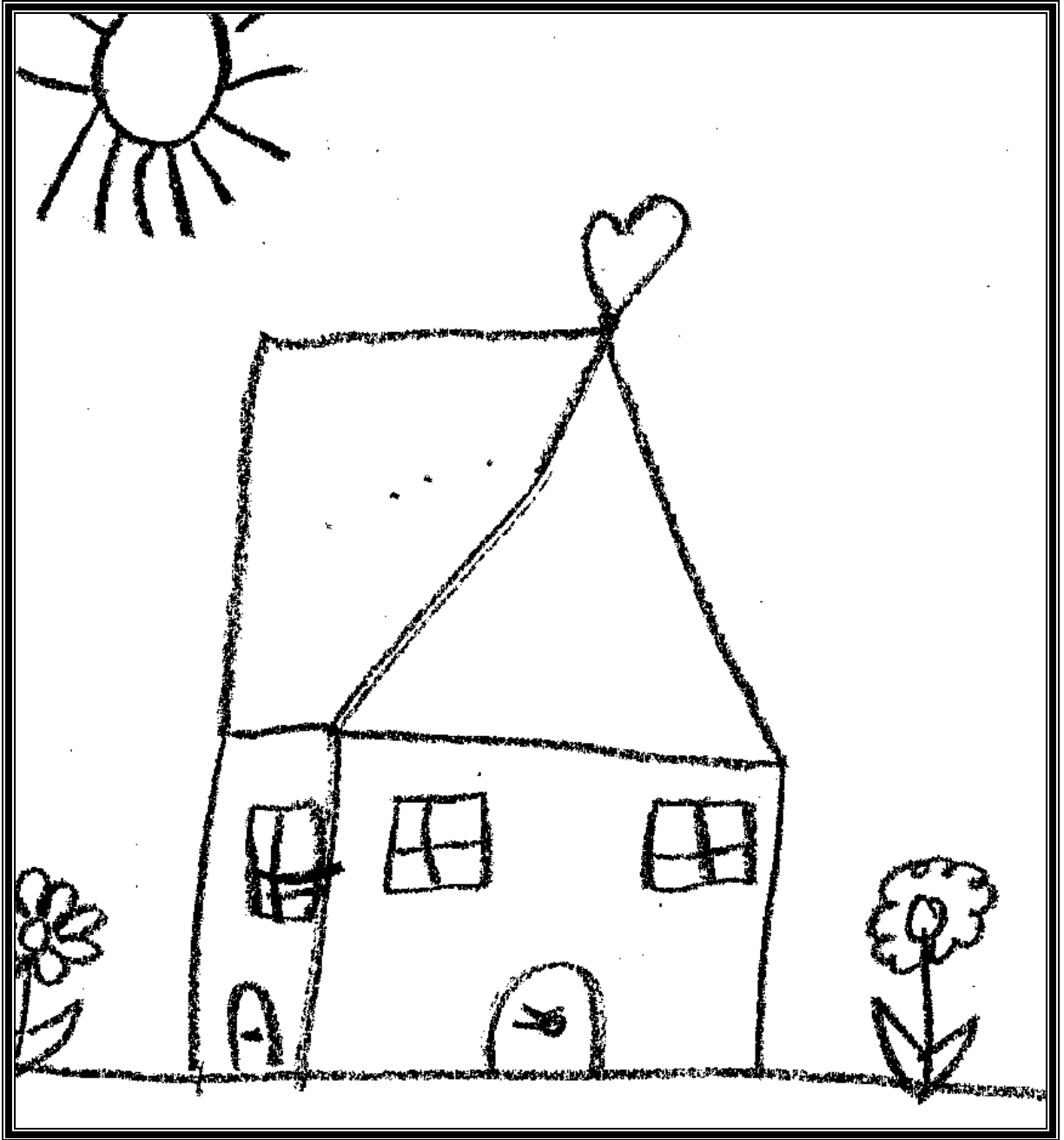
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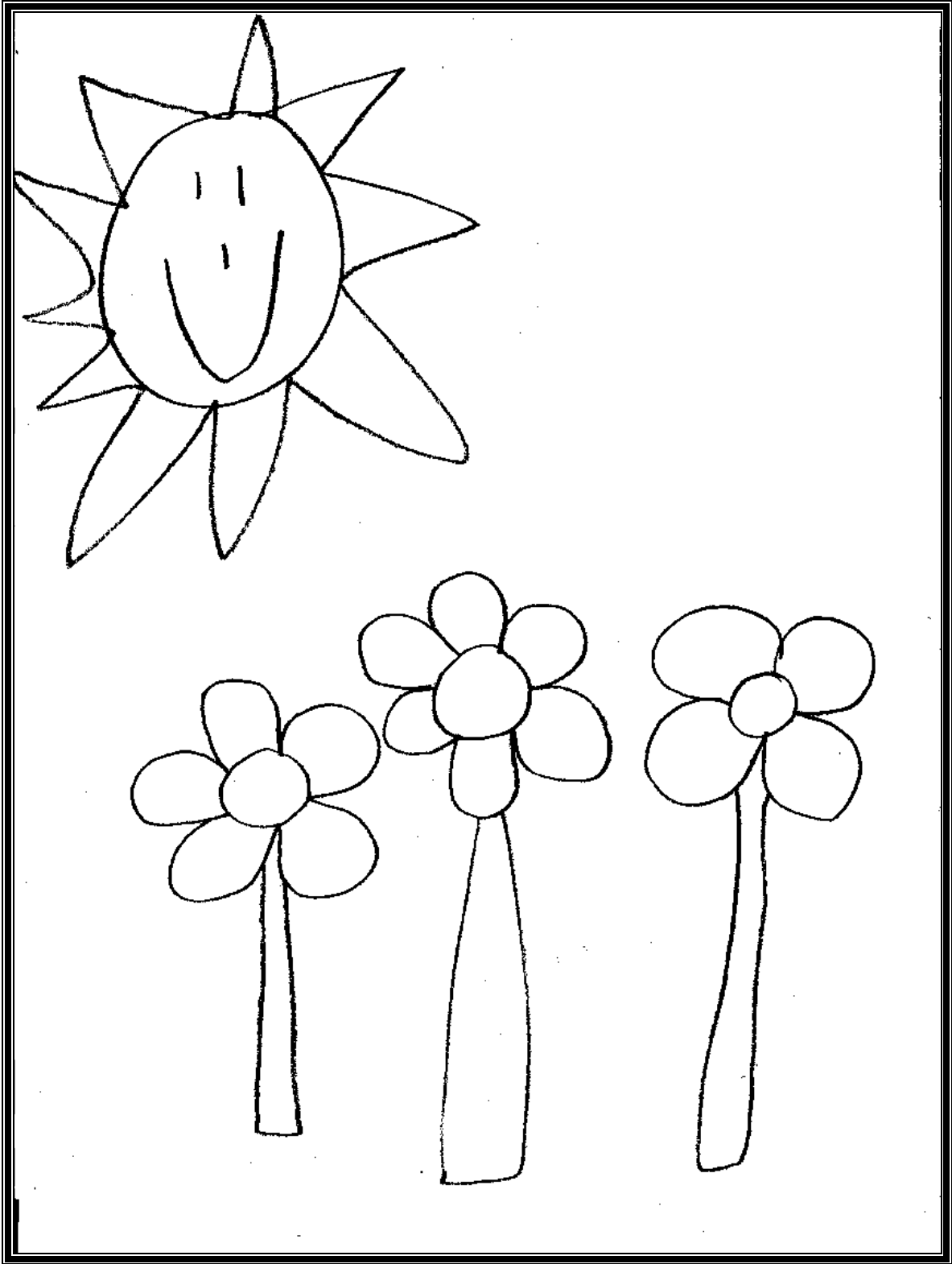
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The Calvert Crusade for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of Calvert's children and youth. A United Way agency, it helps obtain support for after-school programs and youth recreation facilities, builds community awareness of youth issues, operates www.calvertkids.net, and supports the efforts of many outstanding child and family organizations.

The Crusade is the local organization designated by the County Commissioners to spearhead General Colin L. Powell's *America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth* in Calvert County. America's Promise calls for families and communities to come together to give all children the support they need to succeed – the presence of responsible, caring, loving adults; safe places in which to learn and grow; a healthy start to a healthy future; marketable skills in today's highly competitive, information-based economy; and opportunities to give back to their communities.

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