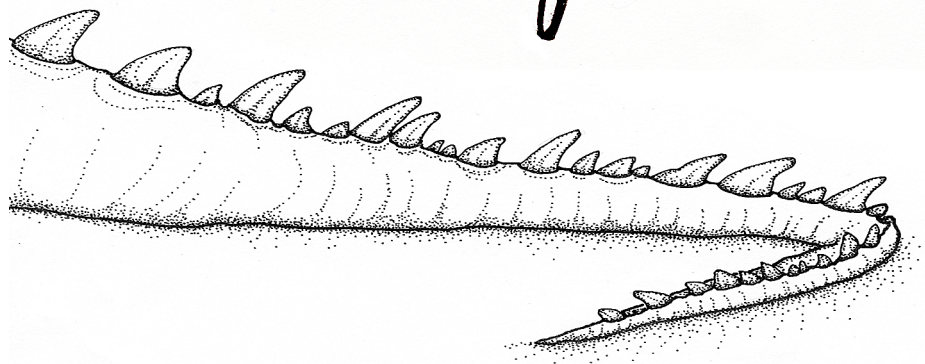


and
Imaginings

a coloring book by Tracy Lovett



From: The Office Of Mayor Tracy Lovett

To: Jillian Carter, Personal Assistant To The Mayor

Jillian, I was looking through some old files in the basement of City Hall for promotional materials from past years when I ran across an old, crumpled manila envelope with these pages inside. I'm thinking they are perhaps 30+ years old, but cannot tell for sure by the copy.

They are really interesting to read through, some of them quite humorous, but they must be someone's idea of a joke. "The Big Woods Chamber Of Commerce"? What does that mean? It's a Park! A FOREST. What in the world? "People" living in there and with businesses? Whoever designed this up was really quite talented, and it is worth reading just for the chuckle value. You're younger than I am, but you have also been in Inclement longer than I have. Have you heard anything about this, maybe from your parents or something?

If it was around 30 years ago, I note that it was during Mayor Klingerfelter's term. I also note that Kingerfelter served for almost eight years and was up for re-election when he abruptly disappeared. From the newspaper article I read, it said he failed to show up for work at City Hall on a Monday, and his house (coincidentally the house I currently occupy) was searched. Nothing seemed amiss, and the only things gone were his backpack, his tennis shoes, his camera, and his Inclement Giants baseball cap, which he apparently wore EVERYWHERE.

Anyway, it doesn't mean much, but I thought the pages really interesting, as well as a possible connection to a former Mayor...that has gone unexplainably missing! Let's meet for a donut later in the morning and you can tell me any thoughts. By the way, those are the BEST donuts I've ever tasted! WHERE do you get them?

Chat soon!----

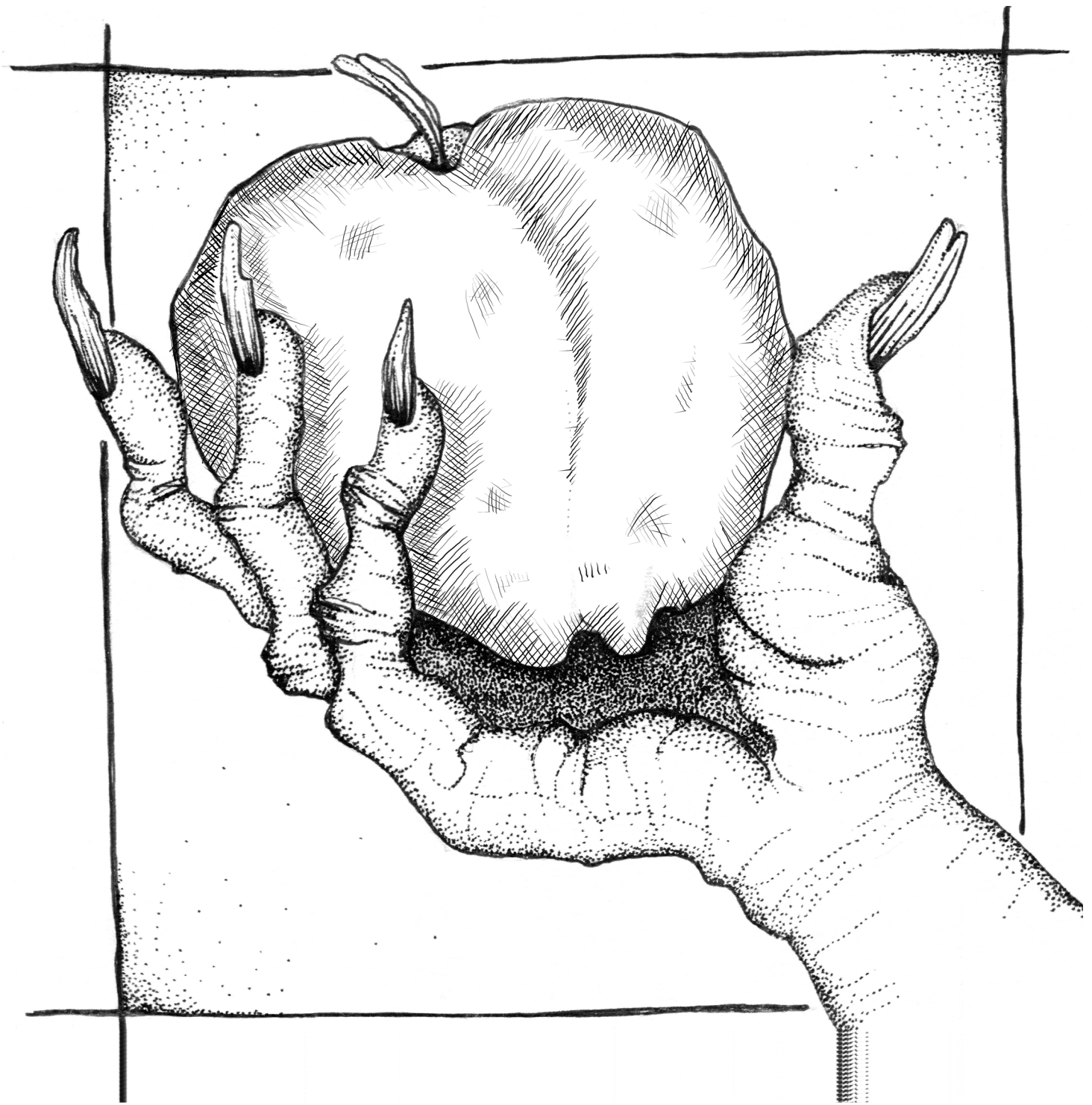
Tracy M. Lovett, Mayor Of Inclement Iowa



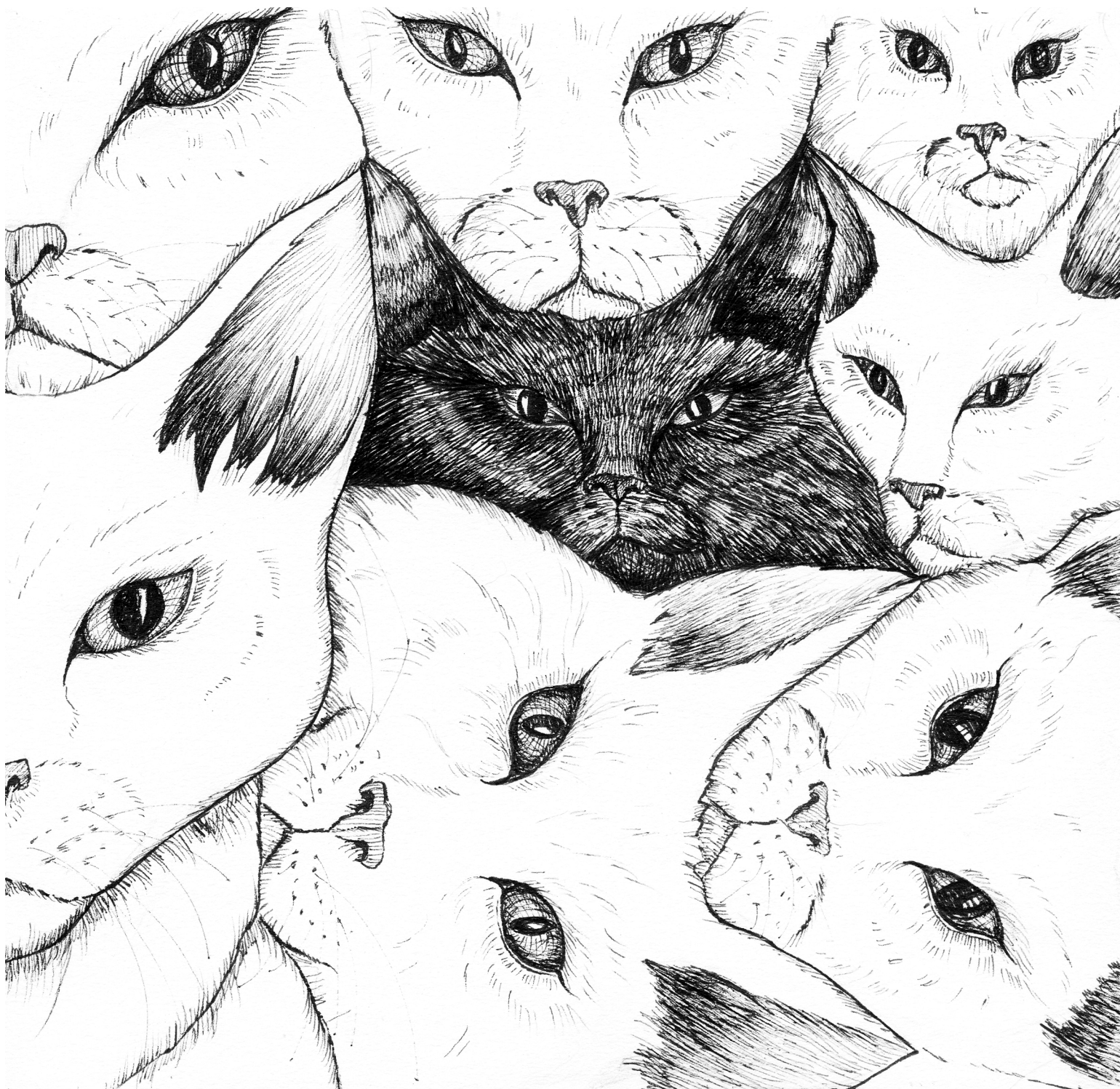
Clio Xia is often the first inhabitant you will see when visiting The Big Woods. You will recognize her by her cloak, and by the way she asks very probing questions. No worries--she is NOT just nosy. She writes a column of current events that gets published on no set schedule called TBW Now & Again. You can find it sitting underneath rocks, wedged into tree branches, and even lining bird cages throughout the area. We thank you for contributing news to our local periodical!



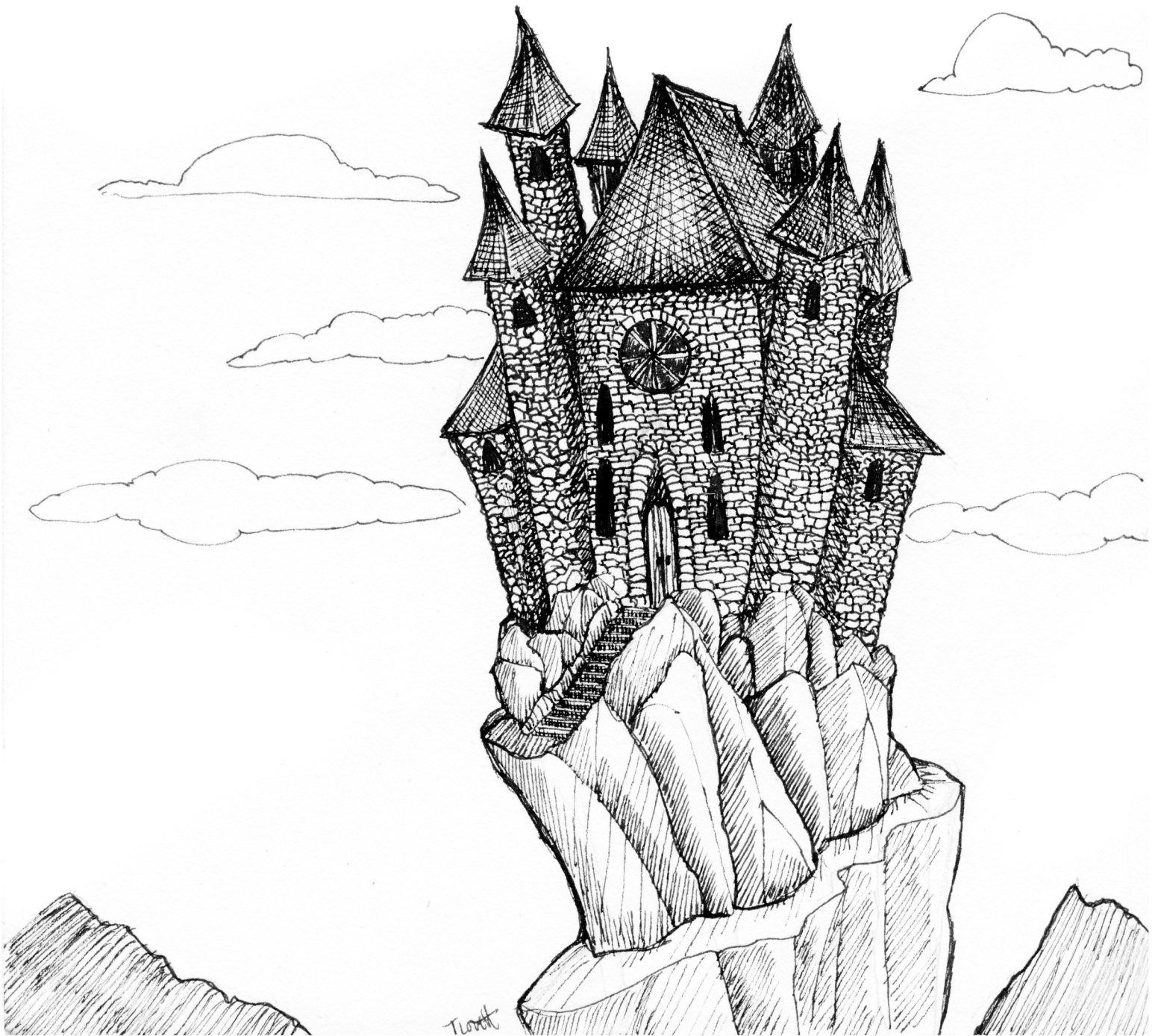
Marcel Gronski owns “Luna Art Gallery”, where he paints gorgeous oil landscapes of The Big Woods, Inclement, and surrounding areas. He works nearly every day, except for three days a month--the days surrounding the full moon. He spends that time out and about in the woods, just absorbing the ambience and beauty that these paths and vistas have to offer. You might hear him in the distance on night hikes. Besides painting, his personal goals include learning to be a service dog. Keep it up, Marcel! We’re pulling for you!



Gigi Klepinger has an entire eating establishment built upon apples--homemade apple sauce, crisps, cookies, breads, and even an apple loaf. Called "Pick Your Poison", the interior of her shop is decorated in antique mirrors--it is truly a "can't miss" restaurant.



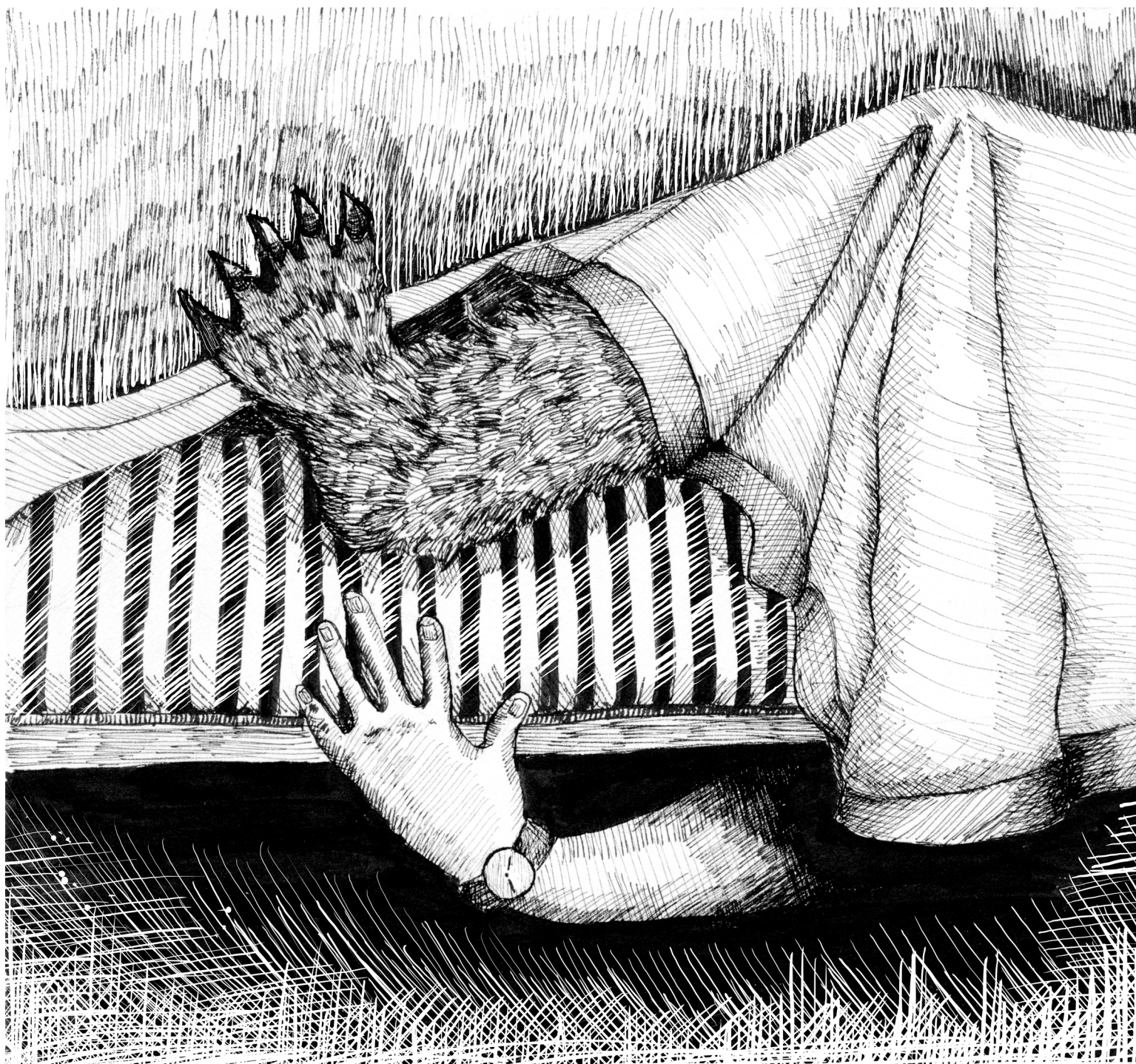
When you visit The Big Woods, you may spy lots of cats there. We have a sizeable colony of felines roaming around, and many are cared for by 4 Tiny Paws Cat House. We take pride in giving all of the homeless animals within our forest all the love and attention that they need, not to mention food and shelter, too. And to answer the questions running through your mind...Yes, they are watching you, yes, they are very smart, and it is certainly possible they are plotting against you.



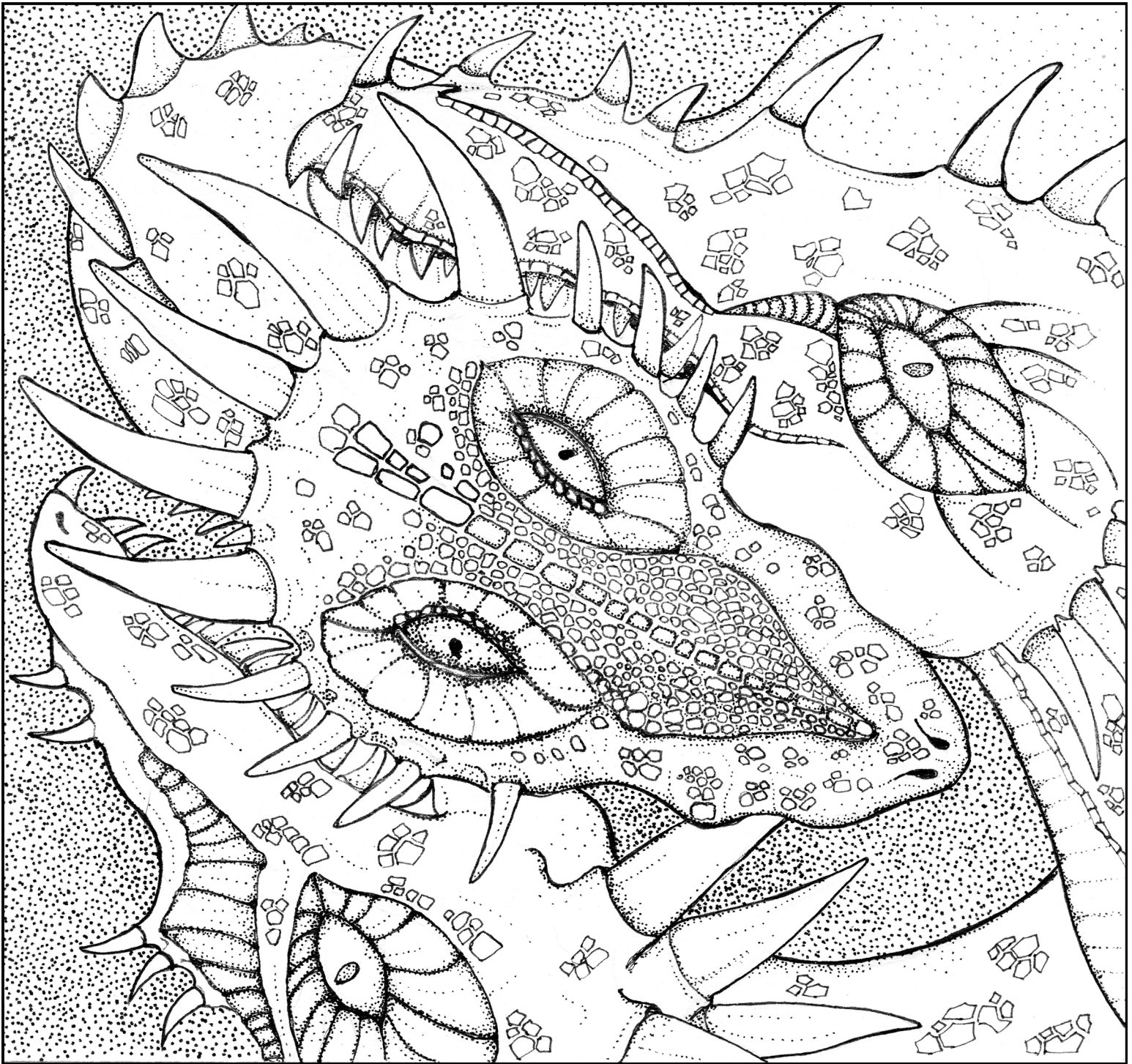
Paragon Stronghold appears at a variety of locations throughout the Big Woods area, sometimes days or even years apart. There is no guarantee that you will find this Gothic castle when you make your visit to the greater Inclement area, but if you happen upon it somewhere in the Woods, make sure you make time to walk through the enormous oak doors and view the art and tapenstries within. We do not advise you spend the night, because you just never know when and where you might reappear.



Madame Zegunda is the Big Woods Pharmacist, working hard to provide plants and herbs to her customers with knowledge gleaned from a lifetime of forest-living. She does deliver to your home, and always greets you with an enigmatic gaze. Please remember, she does not speak English, and no one really knows WHAT she speaks. However, she will understand you VERY well. Pictured with one of her many cats.



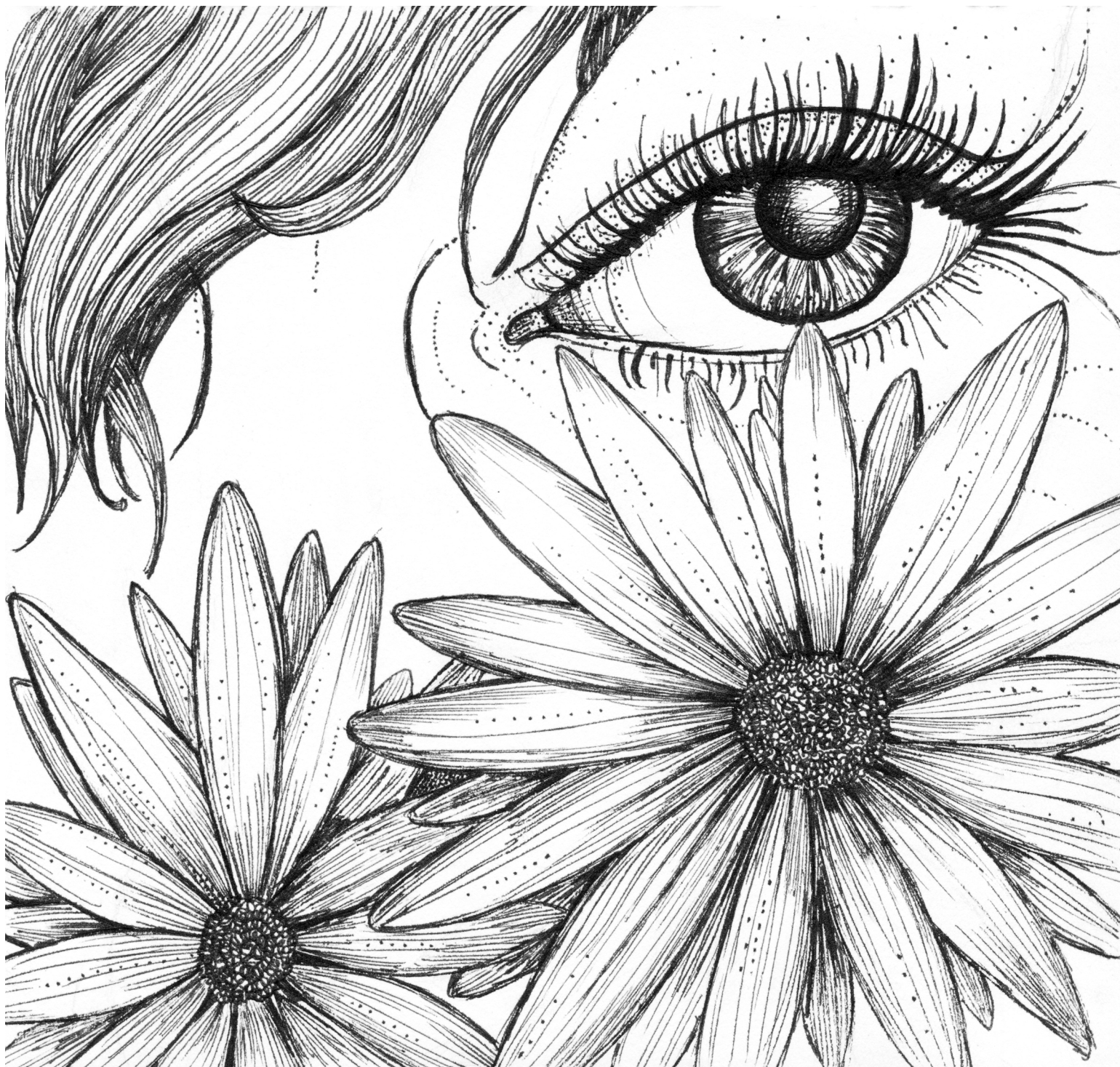
Sheila Carick is a marriage and family therapist, and uses dream analysis often with her clients. Sheila herself has a deep fear of something grabbing her feet while she sleeps--something that resides under the bed. Hopefully she will be able to work out her issues without resorting to sleeping pills. Remember, just say "No".



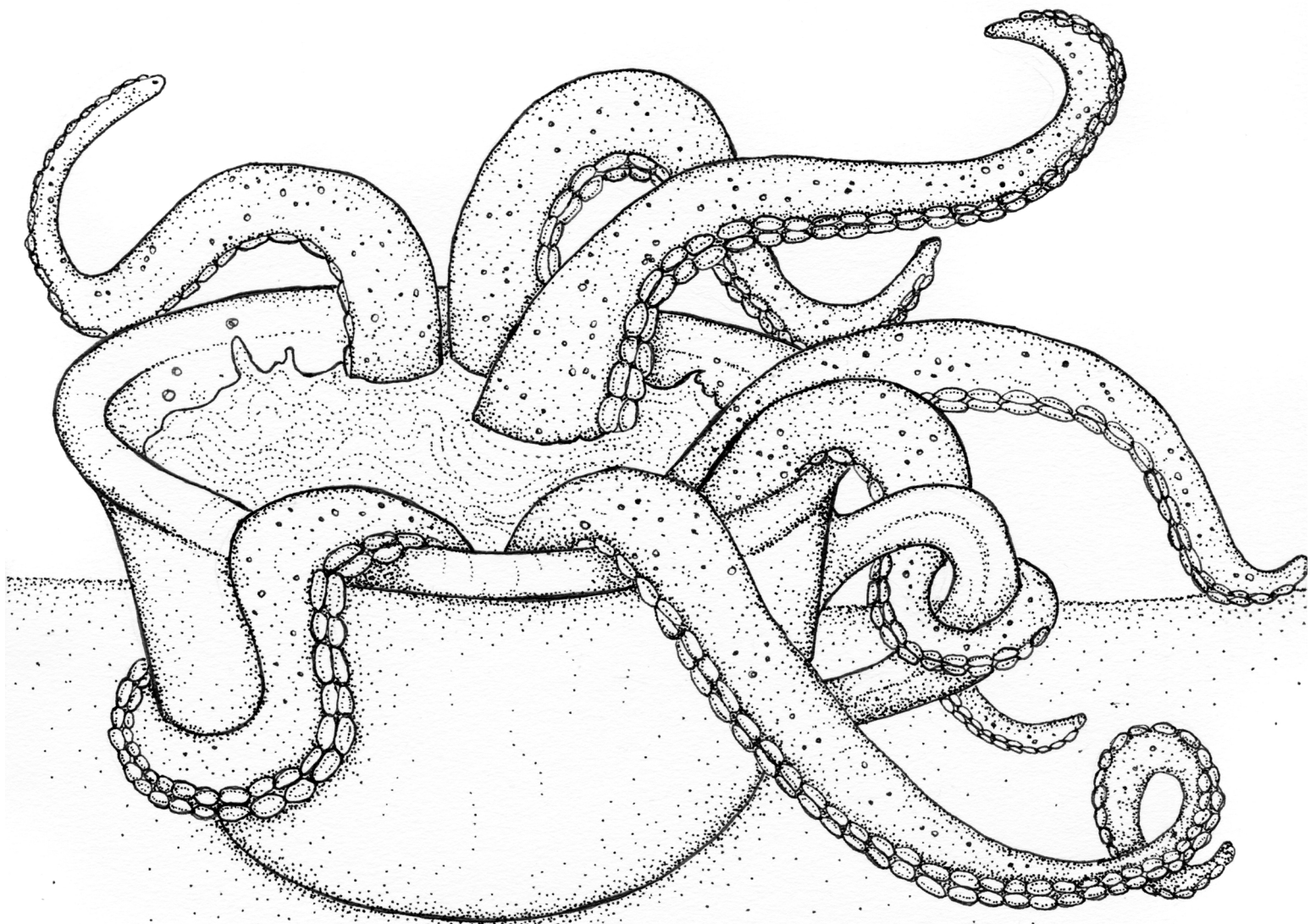
The Seraph Dragons have long been rumored to live deep in the hills of The Big Woods. The legend says that they have burrowed down deep into the ground, hibernating for great lengths of years, perhaps centuries. Like bears, their young hatch during this sleeping period in their life cycles. Eventually, (according to the tales), they will emerge from their burrows and fill the skies once again. If you are hiking and you pass through a warm patch of air on the path, perhaps you are feeling the heat of their bodies slumbering away beneath your feet. Again, this is JUST a legend.



Norman Sala is a prolific gardener of all sorts of vegetables and fruits, including extremely large tomatoes and pumpkins. He sells his produce along the paths in The Big Woods, and also makes home deliveries. In his spare time, he works on singing karaoke and you can often find him in The Bright Star In The Big Woods Coffee Shop on Wednesdays, for Karaoke Breakfast.



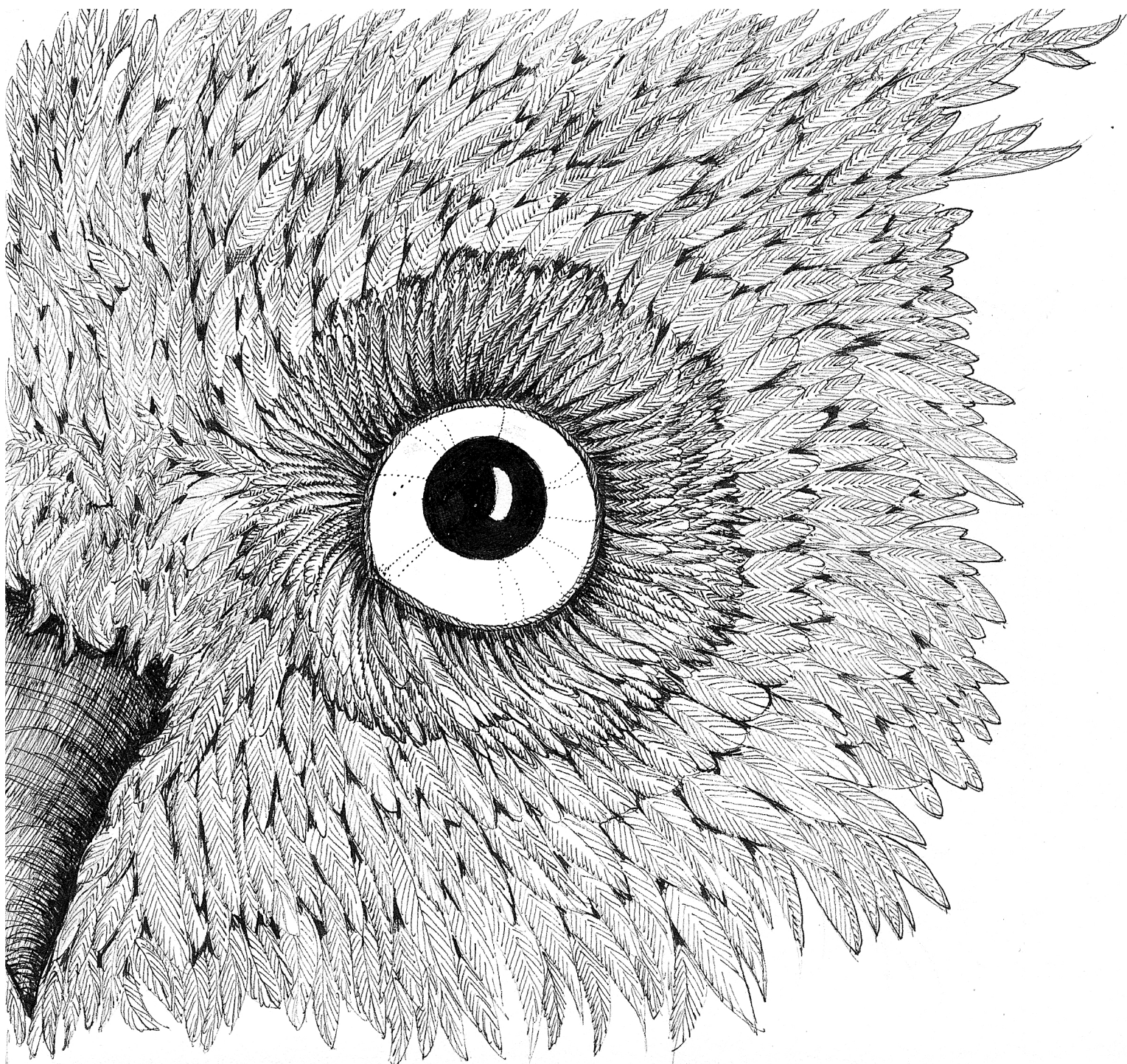
If you are feeling unlucky in love when you visit The Big Woods, take heart. Though there is no guarantee, you just may stumble upon Ermaline Locke, a young woman of purported great beauty and a sad countenance. If you see a figure dressed in flowing grey ahead of you on the path, speak softly to her and offer her a flower picked pathside. With a little coaxing, she may very well give you the information you need about your romantic future.



One of the fantastic coffees found at Bright Star In The Big Woods, a coffee-and-tea house in the meadow at the foot of Garson's Hill. Named The Inclement Cup, guests enjoy this extra large cuppa joe on the delightful outdoor patio, and the reviews say "this coffee has legs".



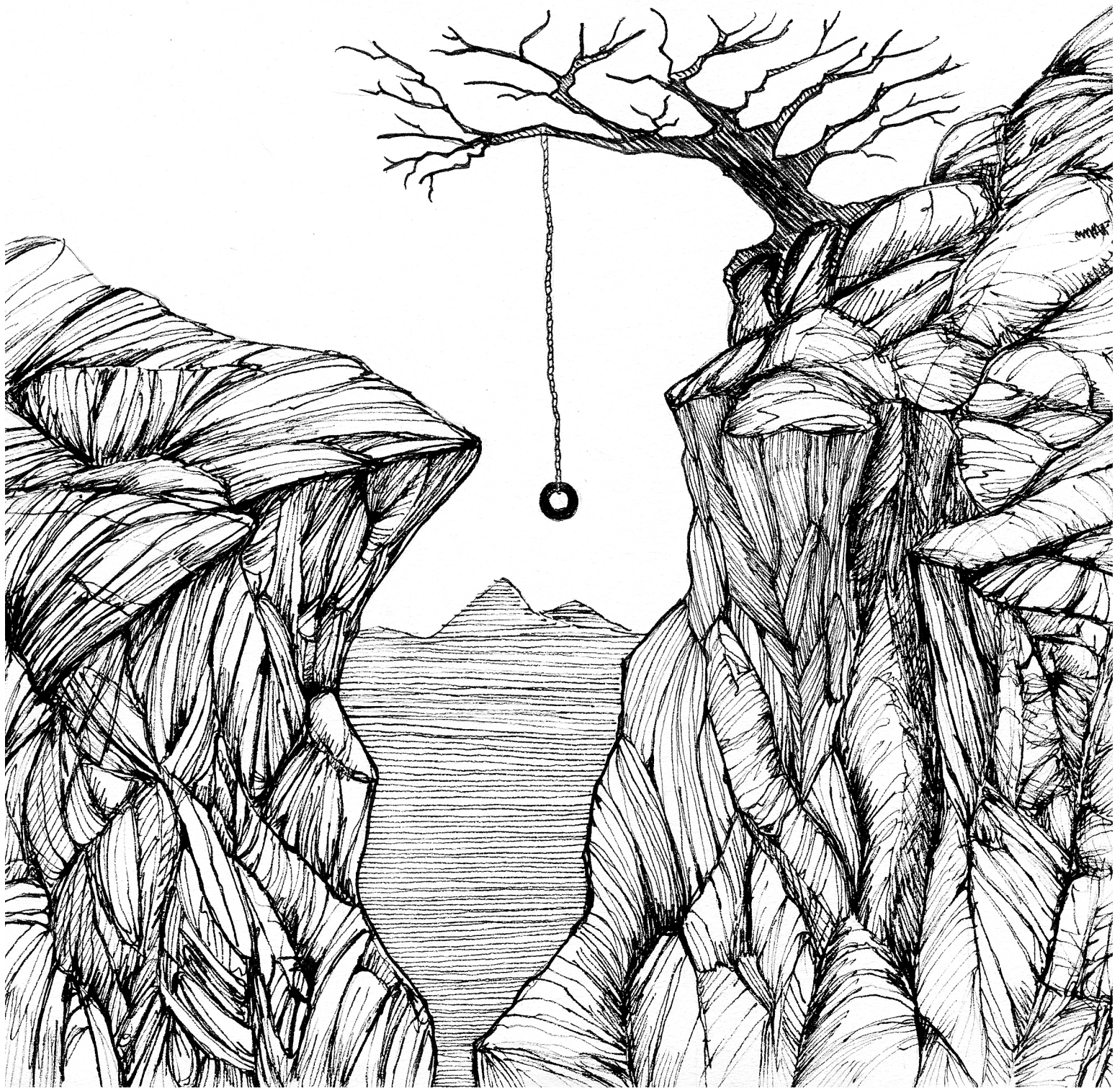
Carnelia Blipp is a reknowned cat-rescuer. She runs 2 Tiny Paws Cat House and with what spare time she has, she sews sweaters made from yarn spun with the fluffiest of cat fur. All proceeds from the sale of these sweaters, which are incidentally sold worldwide from her website, go directly back to the cats within her care.



The Big Woods are home to the *Bubo inclementus*, or Inclement Owl. Due to its shy nature, it is nearly mythological, but rest assured, it does exist. About the same size as a Great Horned Owl, this creature flies silently through the treetops in The Woods, and you can often spot its glowing gold eyes high up in the trees surrounding your camp fire. It eats all manner of small critters, and there are rumors of VERY large specimens decimating a Chihuahua farm during the Great Depression, so owners of ankle-biter dogs might want to take heed.



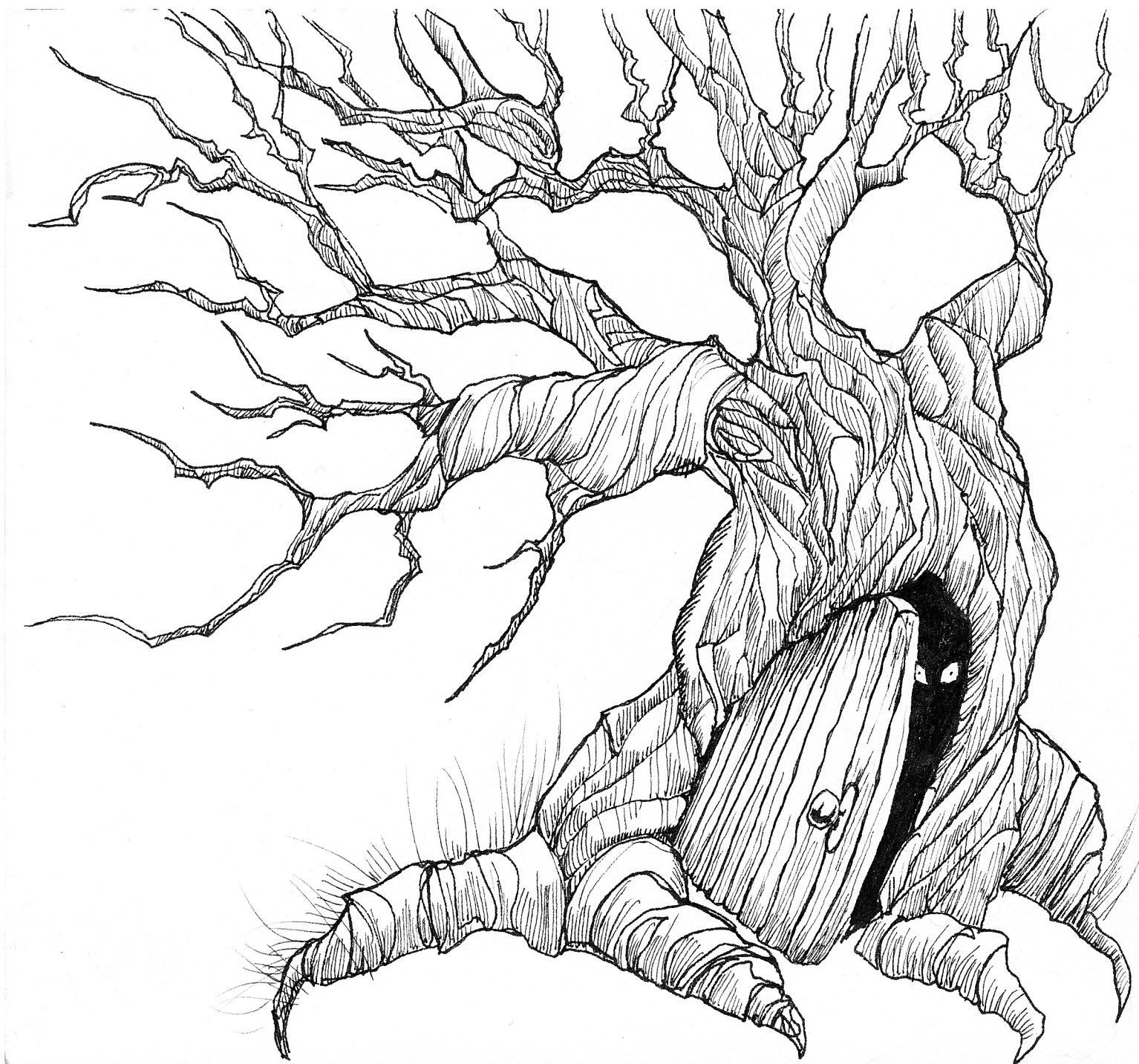
You are camping at night in The Big Woods and you see a fire spring up in the distance. Should you be afraid? NO. Get up and put on your shoes. You may find a single female figure sitting on a log by a roaring bonfire. Sit down. Make yourself comfortable. You are in the presence of Elisa Sebastia De Calderon, and she is the greatest donut maker alive. Talk to her. Exchange stories. Soon she will pull out a box of the most delicious donuts and bear claws you have ever experienced. Pay her what she wants. Take them back to camp. Enjoy!



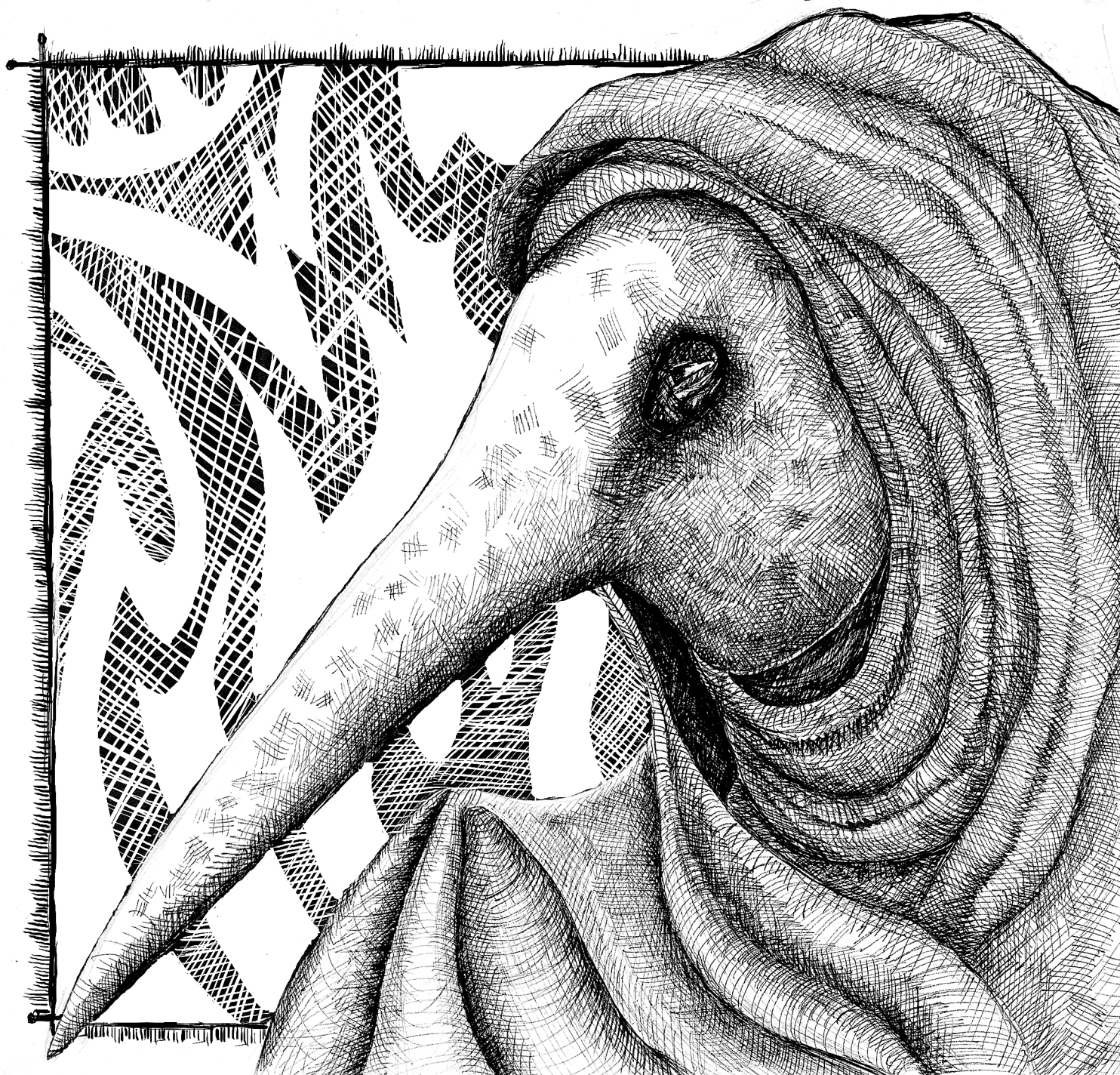
The Gorge Swing is a wonderful tourist attraction on the northern edge of The Big Woods, drawing dozens of people per year. It is truly a “must-see” location on any adventure-seekers list, and is only a hike of twelve to twenty miles, depending upon how you fold the coffee stained, torn map.



Lady Calavera is one of the odder “inhabitants” of The Big Woods. If you find yourself on a day hike, and you have lost your way, search your surroundings carefully. The Lady may appear in a tuft of weeds, on a stump, high in the branches, or in other secret spots to impart help. She has been seen at all times of the day and night, and will help anyone who is truly in need, as long as you ask politely and compliment the flowers in her “hair”. DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLIMENT THE FLOWERS IN HER “HAIR”.



Peculiar to the Inclement area, specifically The Big Woods, Door Oaks are found in the denser parts of the forest. These trees apparently grow their own doors, complete with working knob and lock. If you run across one and you find the door shut, it will no doubt be firmly locked. Sometimes you will see a dull silver key hanging from a branch. Ignore it. However, if the door is open JUST A CRACK, resist temptation. Turn around and head back up the path, leaving the Door Oak behind.



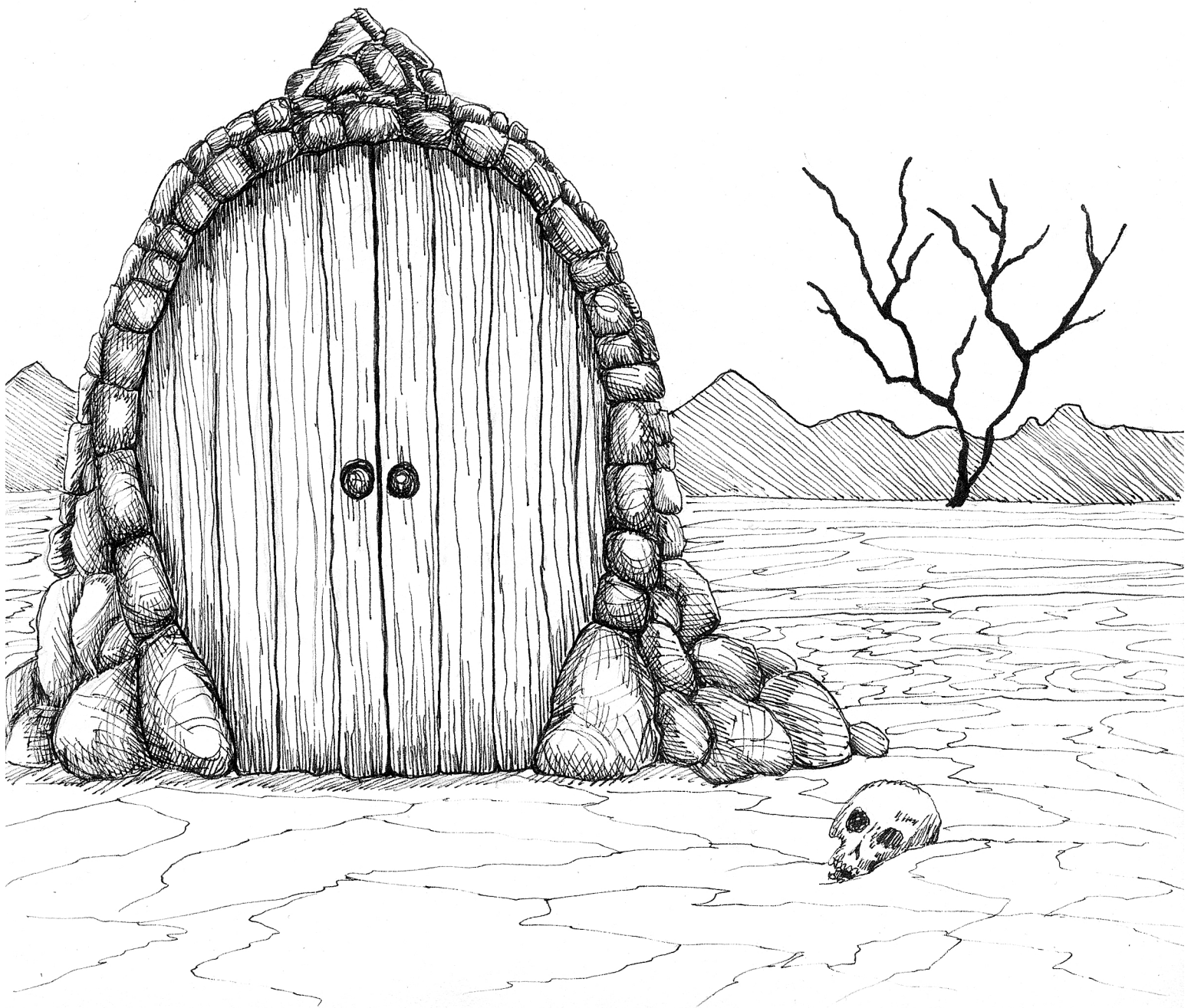
Clancy Olala is a professional medical provider in The Big Woods, though he does not have a formal address. Instead he spends his time “on the path”, he says, providing care to a variety of residents and sojourners who seek him out. His specialties include Podiatry, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine. Pay is negotiable, and bartering is possible.



Midge Rush is a master of plumbing, both commercial and residential. She offers free consultations, and specializes in really tough drain clogs. In her spare time, she makes rag rugs out of second hand clothing.



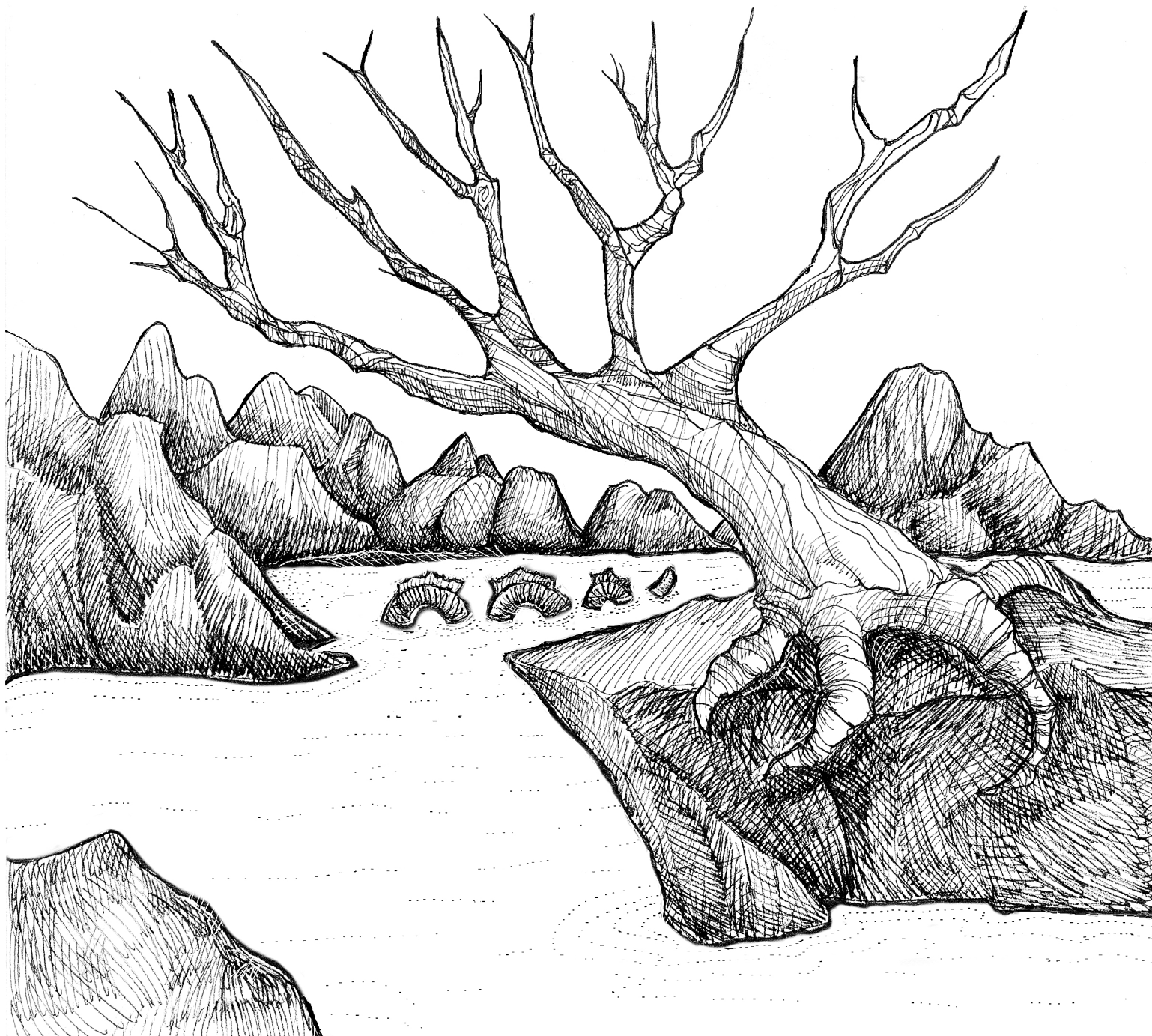
Glendon Zander has many hobbies, including birdwatching and hand-fishing. He also makes homemade candles as a sideline business. Zand's Candles is becoming a hit among the locals in the Big Woods.



This is known as Abernath's Arch. If you see it, DO NOT OPEN THE DOORS.
That is all you need to know.



Meet Daisy Bing, who is known for her skills in gingerbread baking, as well as babysitting. Between those two past times, she is able to support herself well in her cottage in a rather deeply forested section of the Big Woods near Inclement. Reach out to her for all your childcare needs!



“End Of The Path” is a curious location found only at...the end of the path, naturally. There are MANY winding paths in The Big Woods, leading to drastically different terrain, but if you have the endurance, if you have the heart, and if you are fearless, everything seems to lead to the “End Of The Path”. You may find a pool of water there, trees stretching their branches overtop, and maybe, JUST maybe, you might see one of the inhabitants of the pool.



And here we are, at the end of our “Get To Know Us” tour of The Big Woods area. As you leave the path for the wider world, you will mostly likely see Clark, our extremely large black cat bidding you farewell from the high tree branches. (No, he’s not a panther!) We truly hope to see you here, among the friendly faces and natural beauty that make up our forest! Come walk the paths with us, and see for yourself!

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