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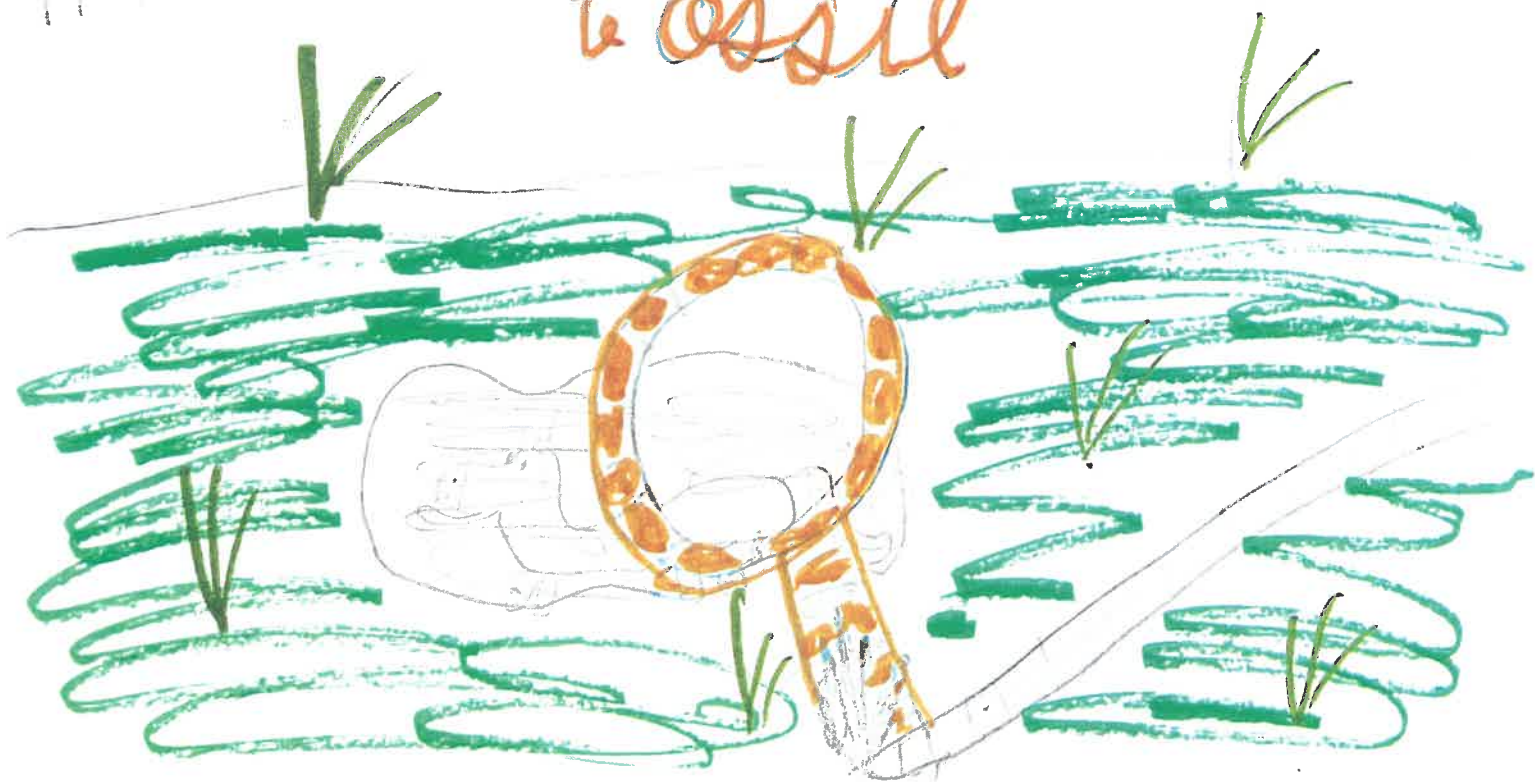
Cassie and

the find of the

UNICORN

fossil

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Meet the Characters



Casie: the detective and main character



Lucy: a six-year-old girl who says she “found a unicorn fossil”

Chapter I: The Call

It was another boring day for Detective Casie. Then the phone rang. *Ring!*
Ring! “Detective Casie speaking,” she said in a still-tired voice.

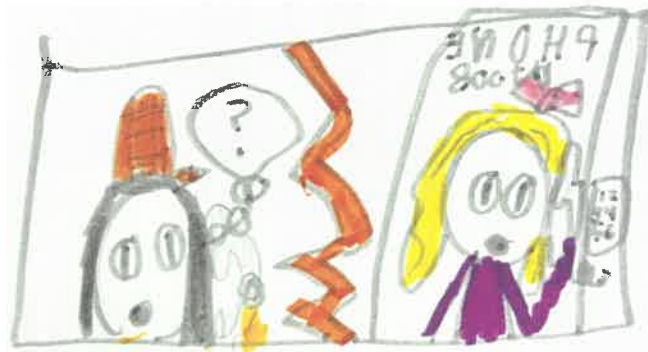


“I found a strange fossil!”

“Name and address?”

“Lucy, age six, Holly River Campground.”

Casie was surprised. She thought a grownup would be calling her. “I’ll be there in twenty minutes.” “Great,” said Lucy, before they both hung up.



Chapter II: Dig!

Casie drove to Holly River Campground, by the cabins. She hopped out of the car.



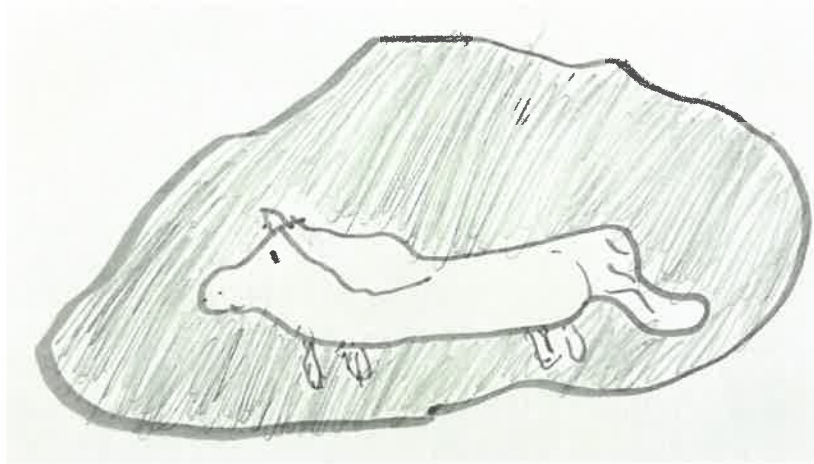
“Where’s the fossil?” Casie asked. “Follow me,” Lucy said, heading toward the ancient forest.



[Photographic evidence taken from Casie’s files, photo credit to Francesca Briar Shangler.]

Lucy ran in front, with Casie walking behind. The fossil was near a cave. "It looks like a unicorn," said Casie, "is that the mystery?"

"Yes."



"Ok, I'm going to dig around it. Could you brush the dust off, Lucy?"

"Sure, why not?"



Chapter III: Storm



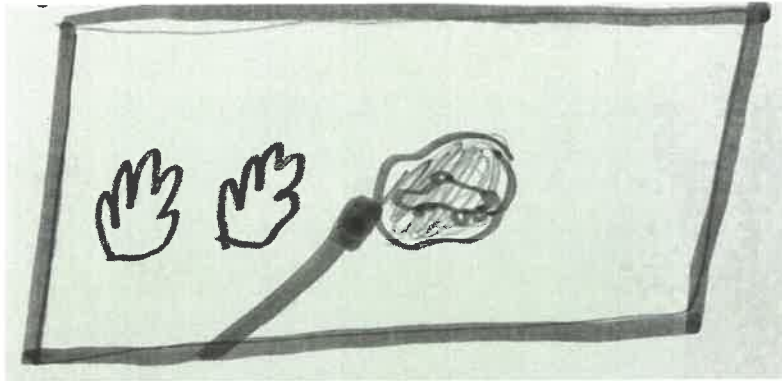
It was getting cloudy and windy. "A storm's coming! Run into the cave!"

Casie cried. "Grab the fossil, Lucy!"

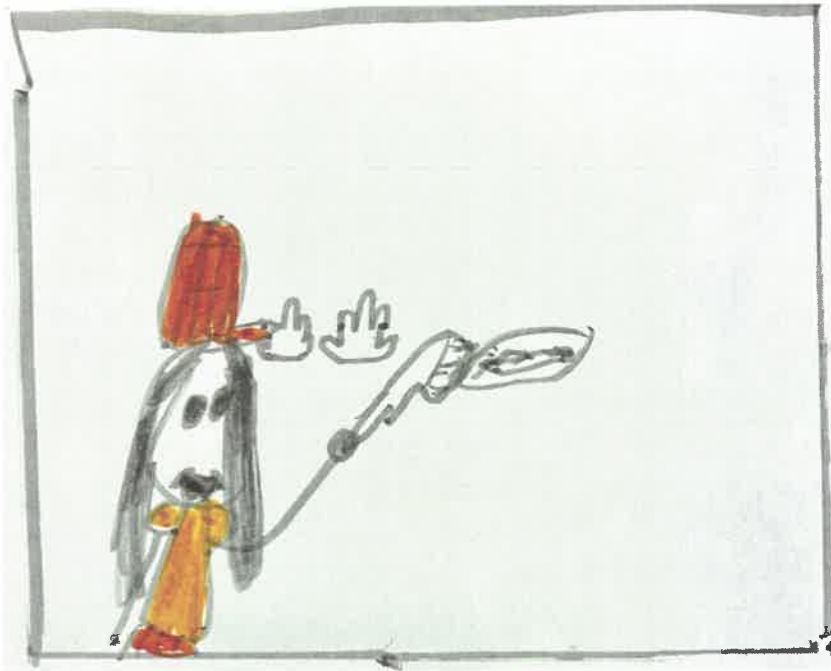
Chapter IV: Ancient Spell

Lucy fumbled the fossil!!!

“Wait, Lucy!” Casie picked it up and slid it into a slot in the wall.

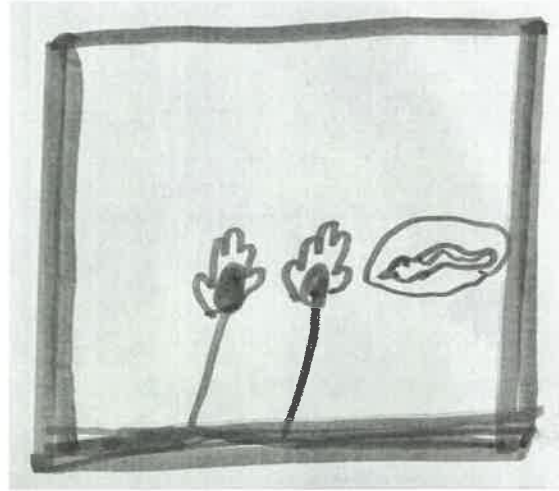


“Hand me the brush.” Lucy did and Casie dusted off the fossil. When she uncovered it more, it looked like a snake! “It’s not a fossil, Lucy, it’s an old timey spell. I think it stops storms.”



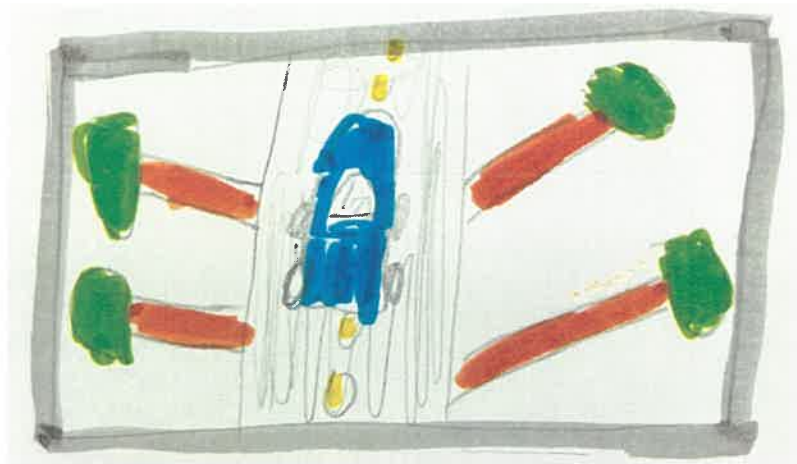
“Use it!” Lucy shouted with excitement.

Casie laid her hands over some hands carved into the wall next to the snake.



The rain slowed, then stopped. “Well, Lucy, I guess the case is solved. And I have something special for you.” Casie handed Lucy a deputy detective badge!

Casie said goodbye, got in her car, and went home.





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