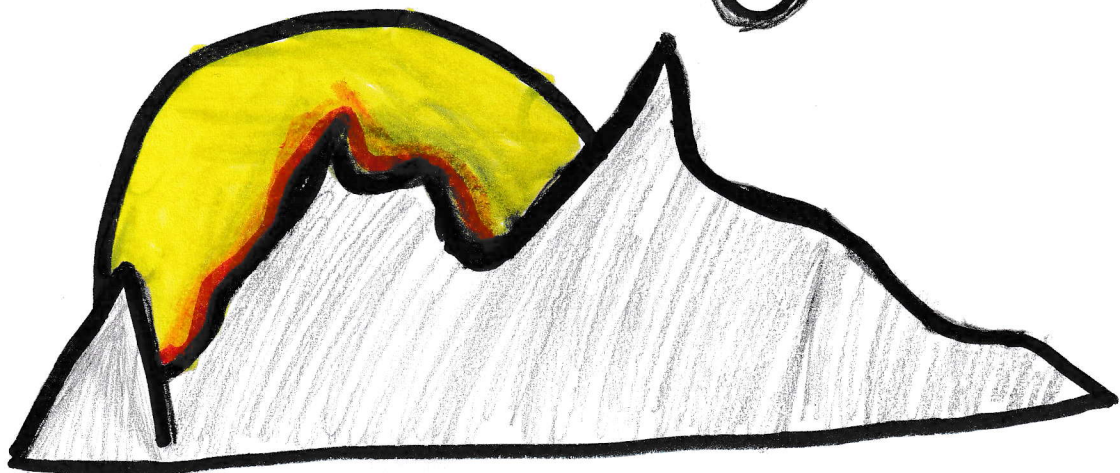
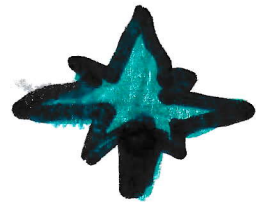


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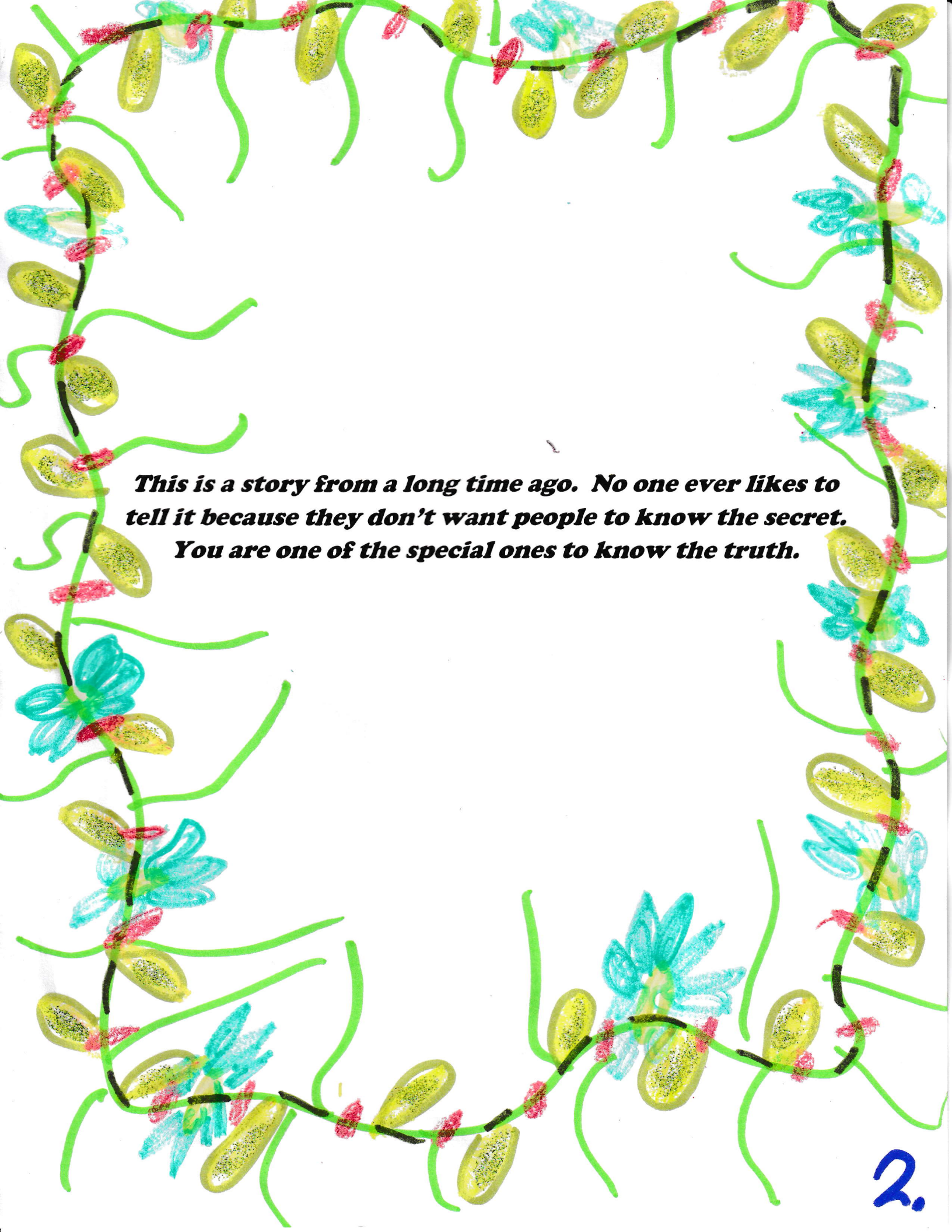
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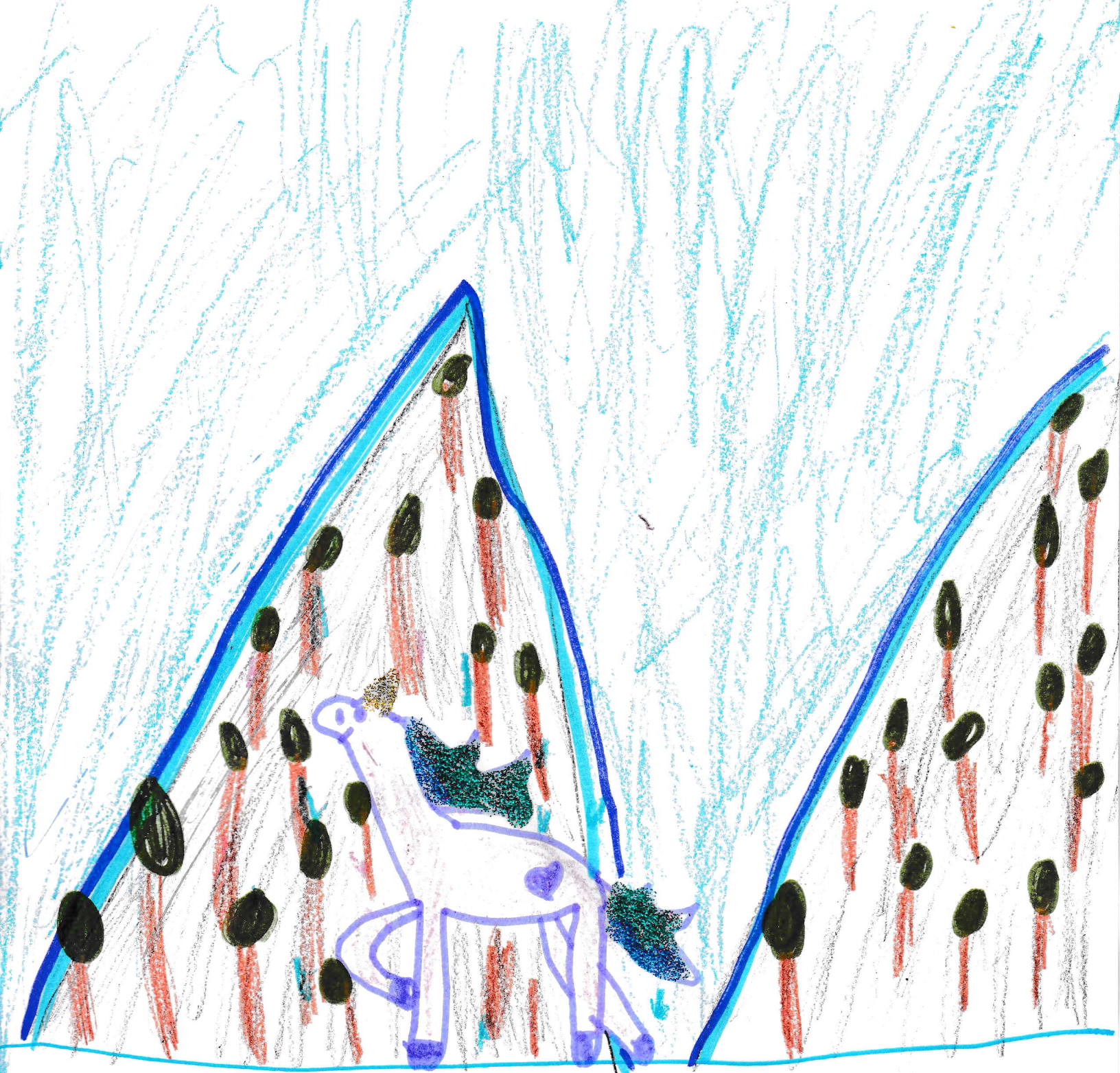
By: Maggie Stackhouse.

West Virginia is home to many amazing and unique creatures. You never know what you'll find in West Virginia's mountains.





This is a story from a long time ago. No one ever likes to tell it because they don't want people to know the secret. You are one of the special ones to know the truth.



***A unicorn once roamed West
Virginia!***

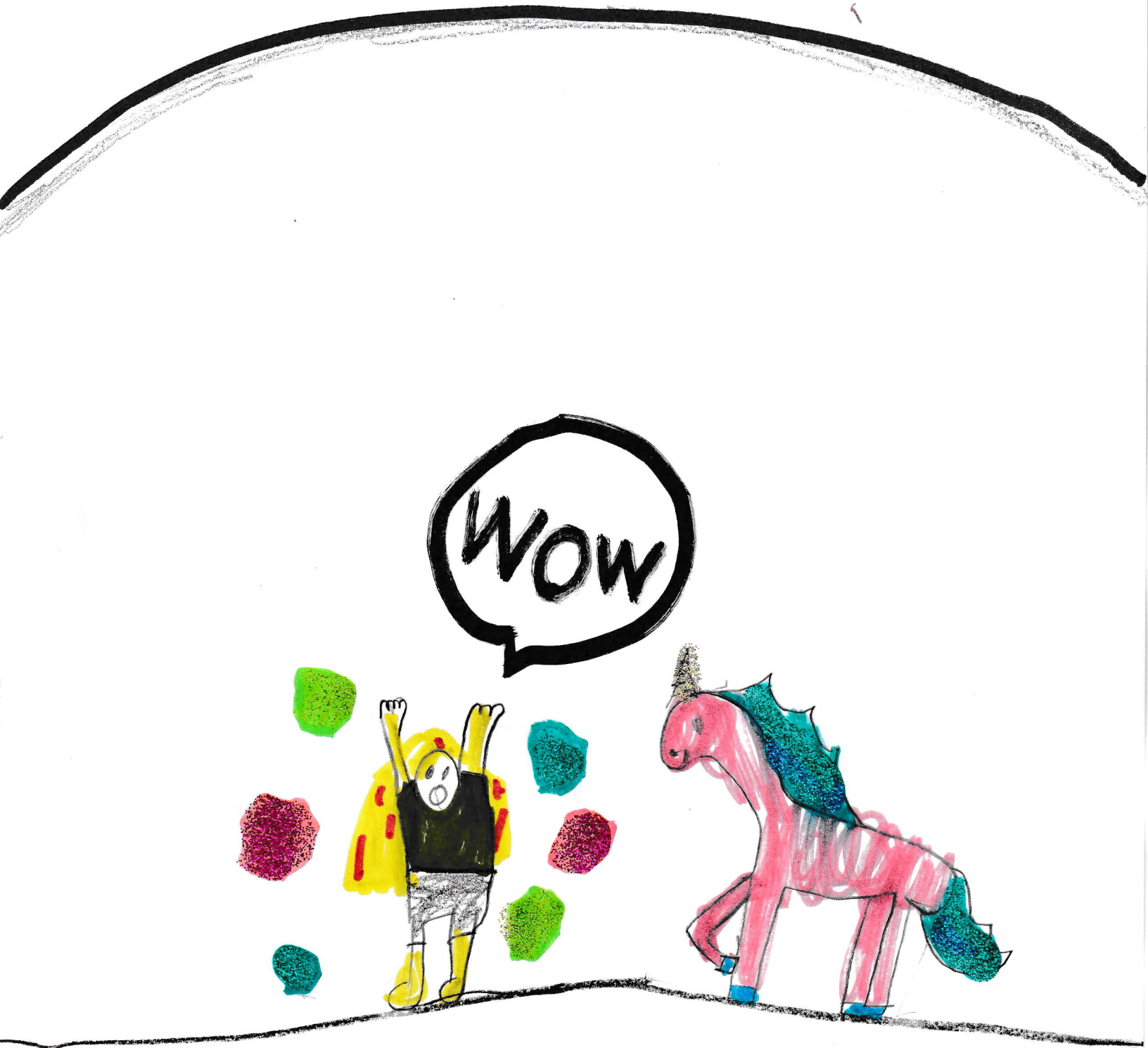
There was a contest to find the magical unicorn. Boys and girls from all over came to try to capture her and steal her glitter that held her magic. One girl was named Maggie. Maggie was both kind and clever.





When the contest began, she went deep into the woods. She found a cave and started to explore. The cave was filled with beautiful gems. She went deeper and deeper into the cave until she reached a dead end. She started to feel scared and alone.

She heard a pitter patter. The cave filled with rainbow light. The gems glowed and floated around Maggie. The unicorn appeared.



Maggie was thrilled. She had never seen anything so beautiful. Maggie knew in that moment that she couldn't take the unicorn's magic.



She said to the unicorn, "Don't be afraid. I want to protect you." The unicorn stepped toward Maggie and said, "I'm scared that I will be found. I love West Virginia and I love to be outdoors. But I don't want to be caught and my magic stolen."

Maggie sat and thought. She said, "We can make a disguise. Then can roam free forever." The unicorn said, "Thank you Maggie, you are the best friend I've ever had. I have never had a best friend before."



Maggie smiled and got to work. Maggie gathered sticks, mud, leaves, bark and dirt. She worked all night long. She covered the unicorn. She built wings, made glasses and antennae.

**And then the magical unicorn became something new,
what West Virginians called Mothman. She was free to
roam West Virginia for all time.**



**Next time you hear a story about Mothman, don't be
scared. Things are not always what they appear.**

The
End

