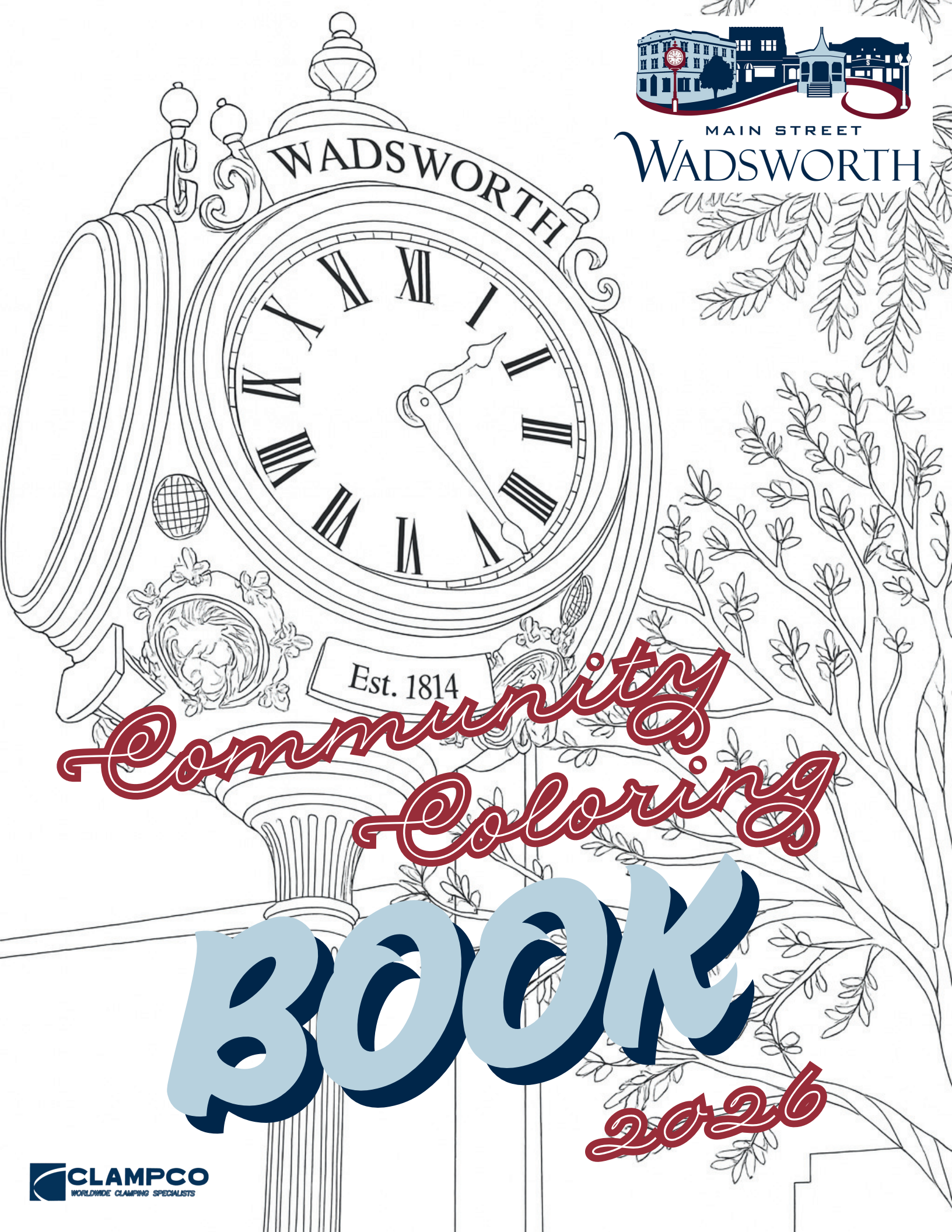




MAIN STREET

WADSWORTH



*Community
Coloring*

BOOK

2026

welcome to
Wadsworth
OHIO

Wadsworth, Ohio is a town that beautifully blends history, heart, and community. Founded in 1814 and named after Revolutionary War hero General Elijah Wadsworth, our city grew from its early pioneer roots into a vibrant, welcoming community known for creativity and hometown pride.

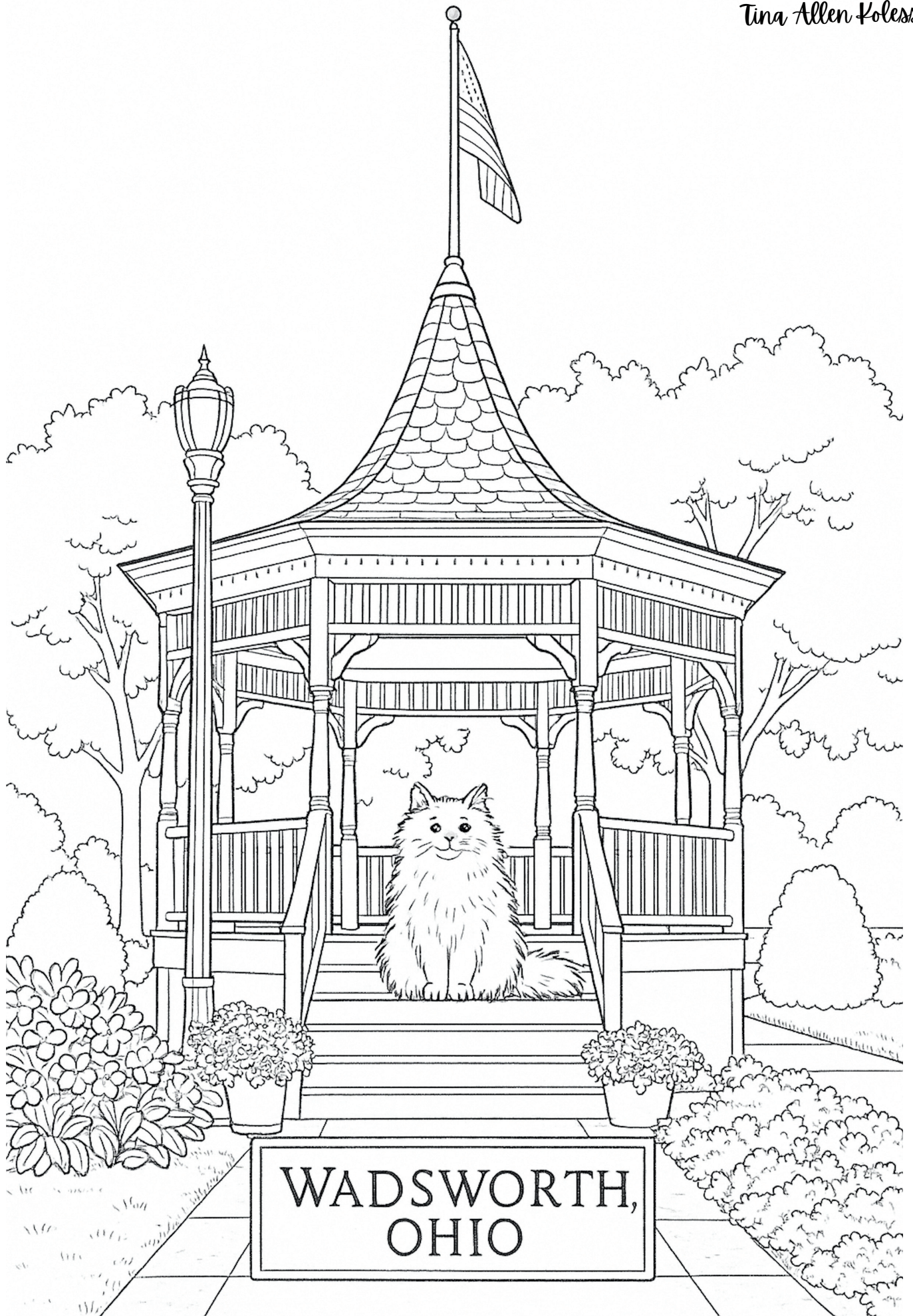
One of Wadsworth's proudest chapters began in 1893, when The Ohio Match Company opened its doors sparking the city's nickname, "The Match Capital of the World." For generations, those little wooden matches lit up homes across America, carrying a piece of Wadsworth's hardworking spirit far and wide.

Today, that same spark lives on in our historic downtown, where old-world charm meets new energy. You'll find locally owned shops and bakeries, cozy cafés, live music, and family events that bring neighbors together all year long. From the Boy with the Leaky Boot statue to our beloved First Fridays, there's always something to celebrate here.

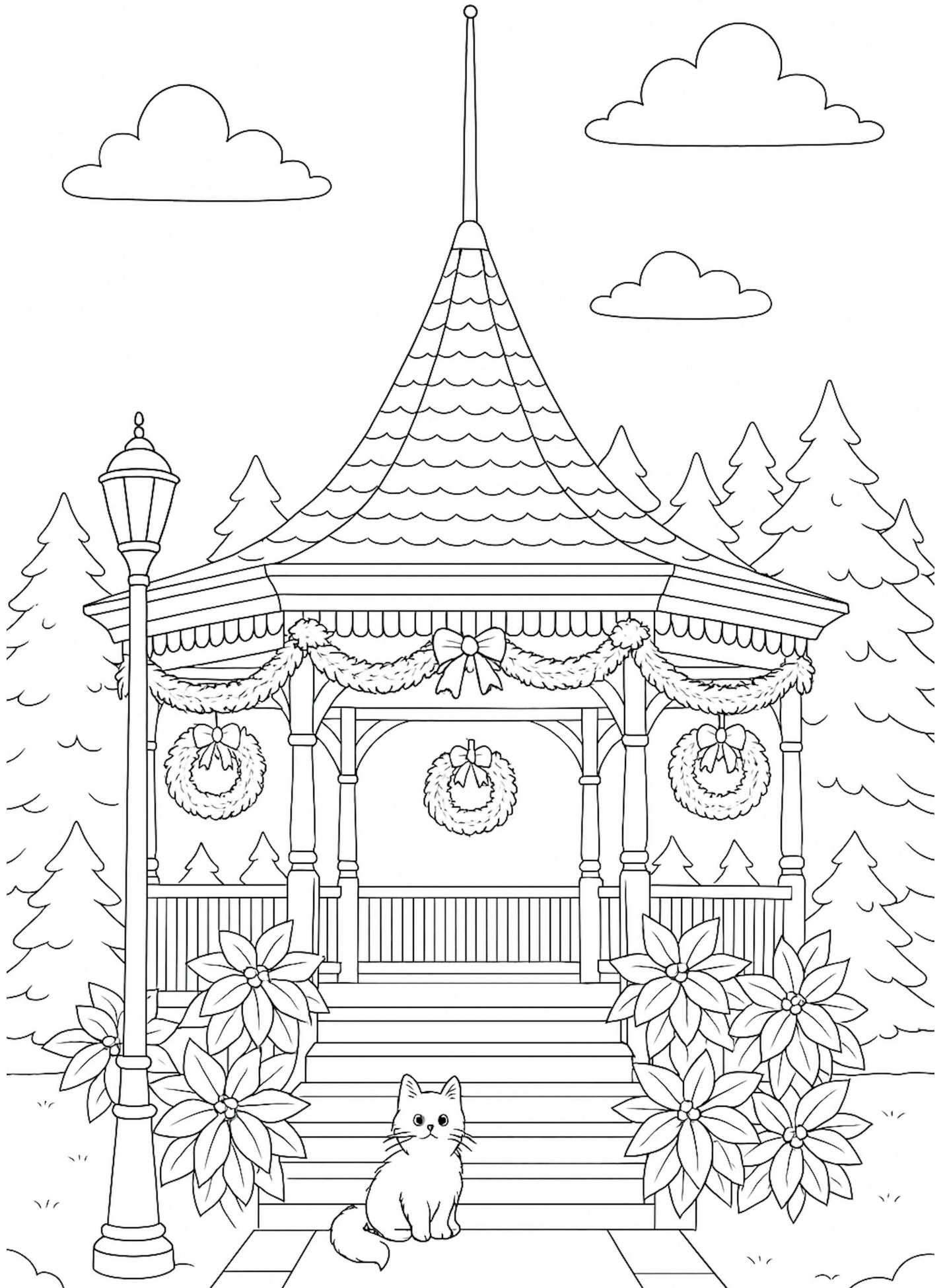
This coloring book was created as a small tribute to that spirit, a collection of scenes that capture the heart of Wadsworth. Each illustration was drawn by former and local residents who know and love this town, preserving its charm one page at a time.

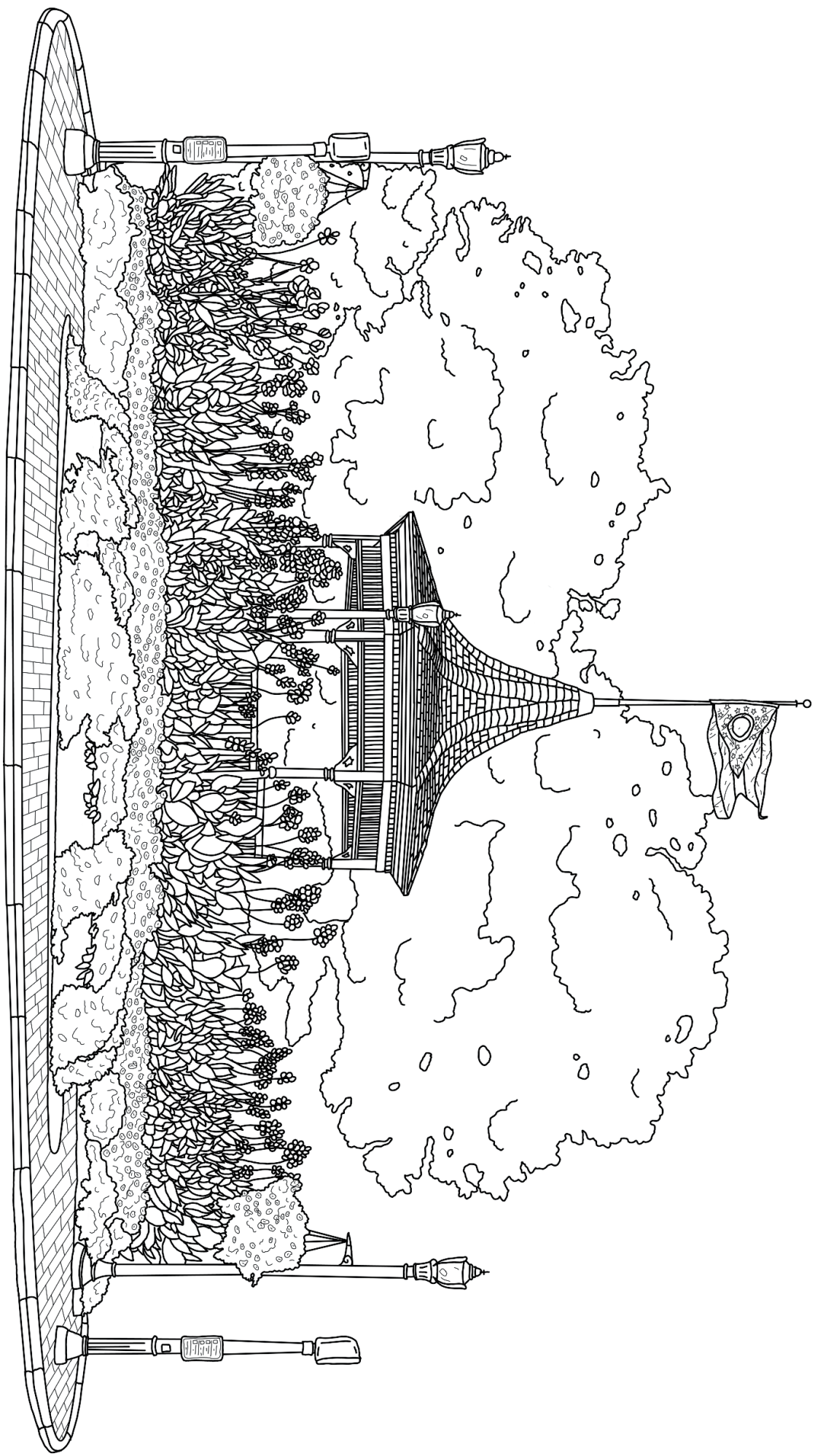
So grab your favorite colors, take your time, and enjoy a little piece of Wadsworth. Where the lights on Main Street still shine bright and the sense of community never fades.



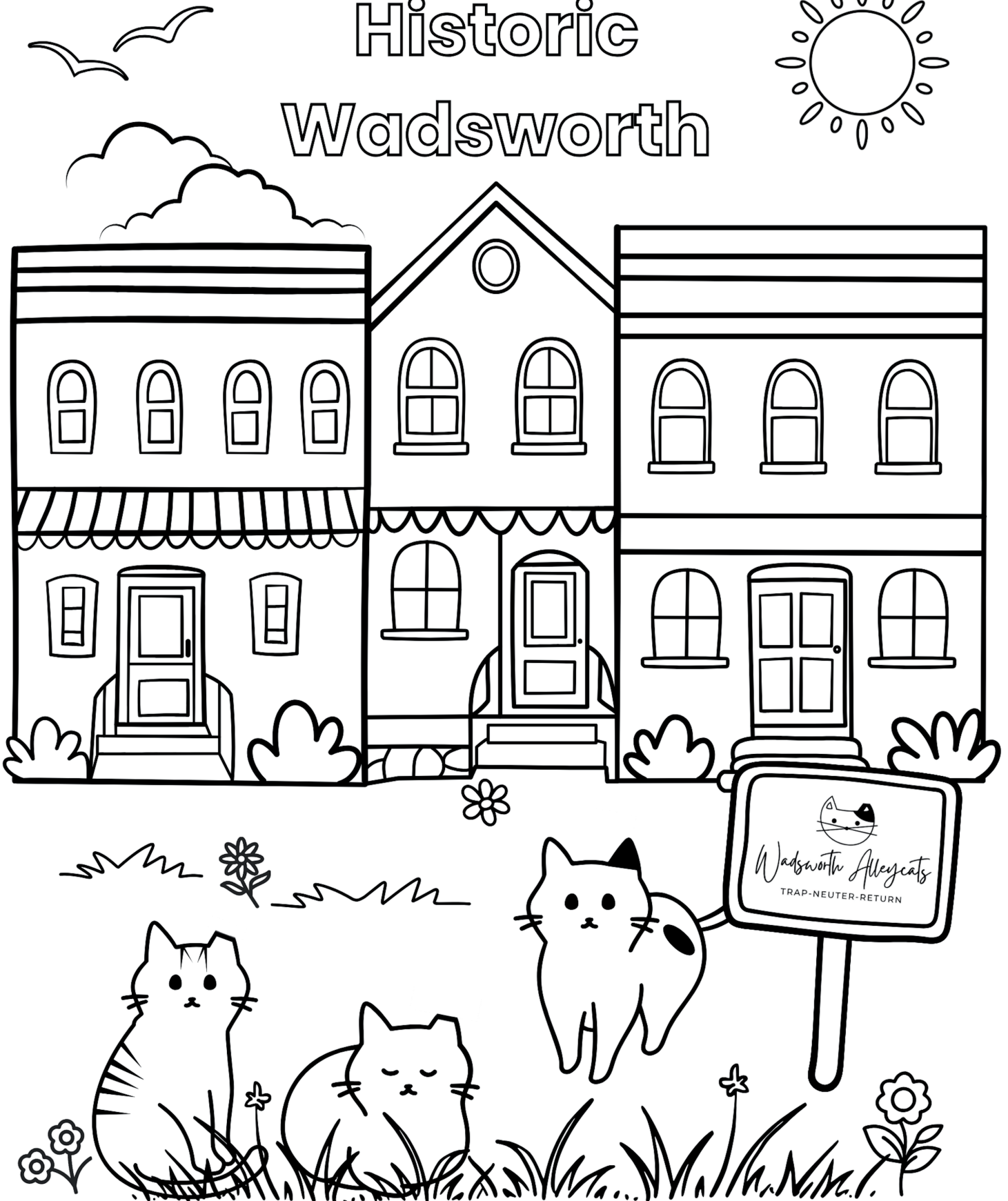
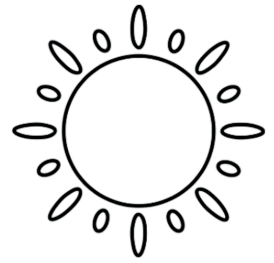


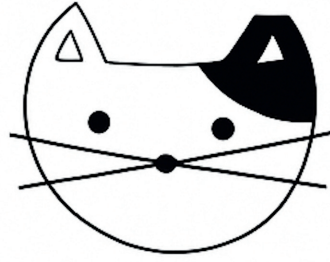






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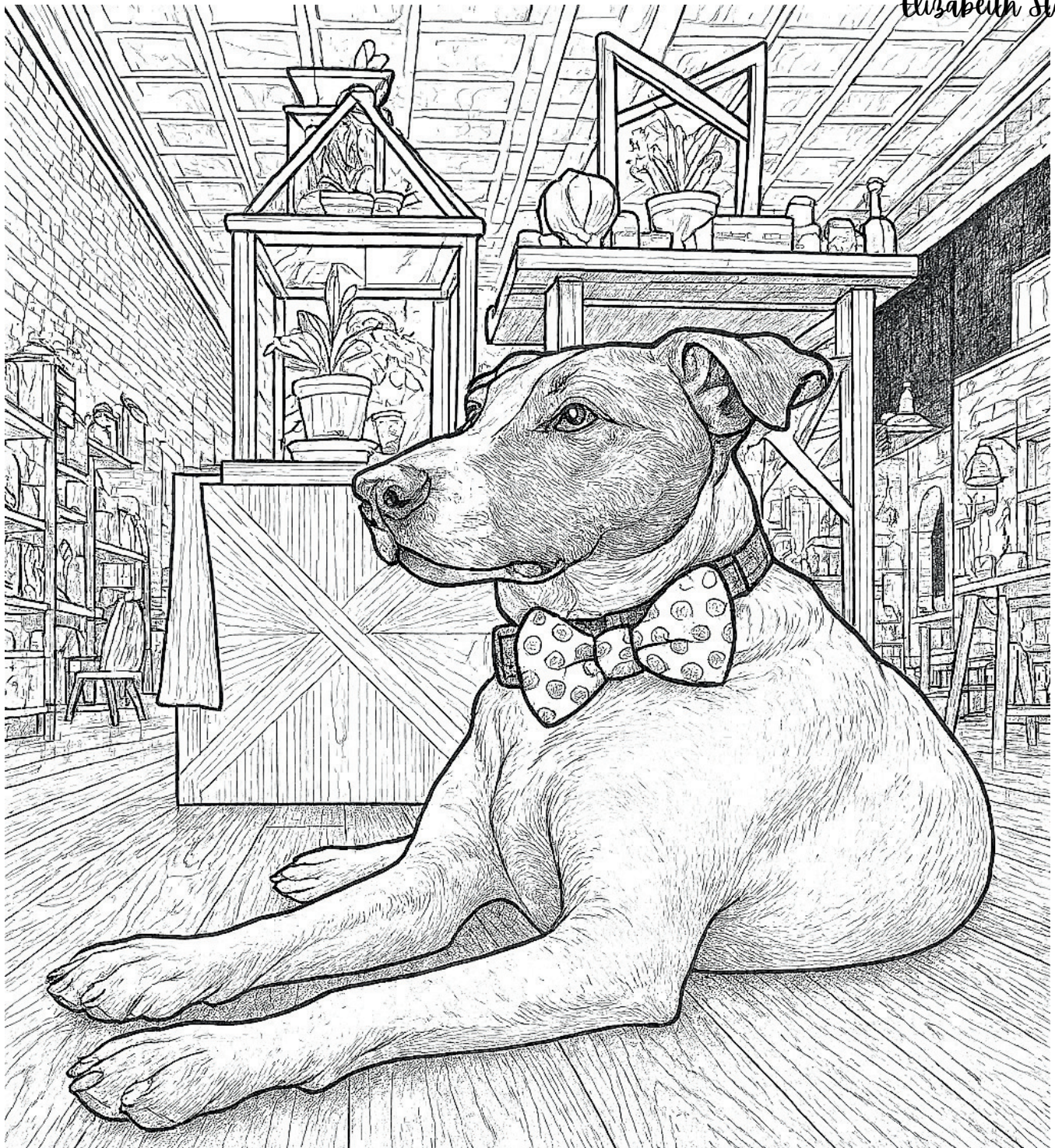


Wadsworth Alleycats

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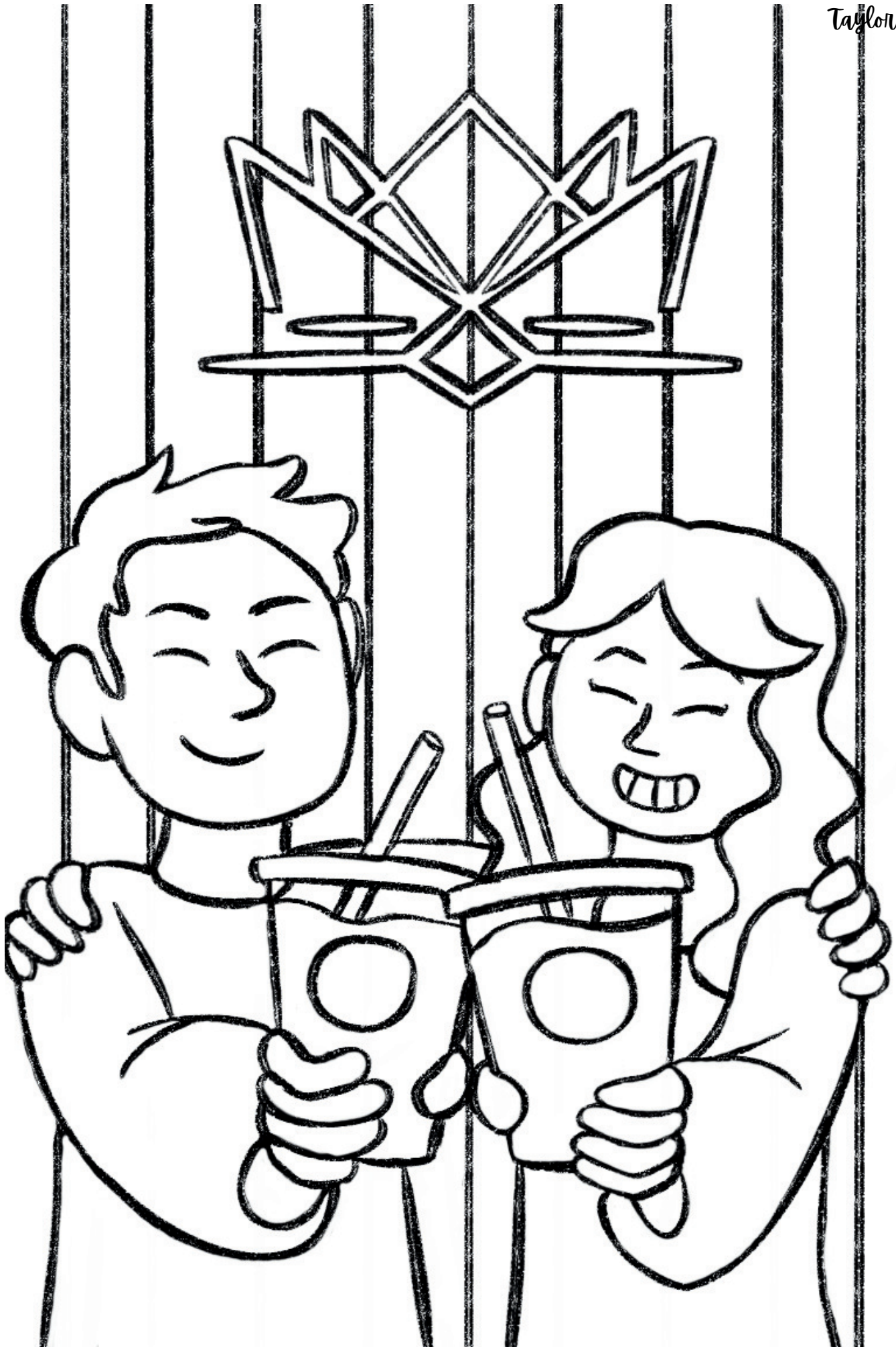
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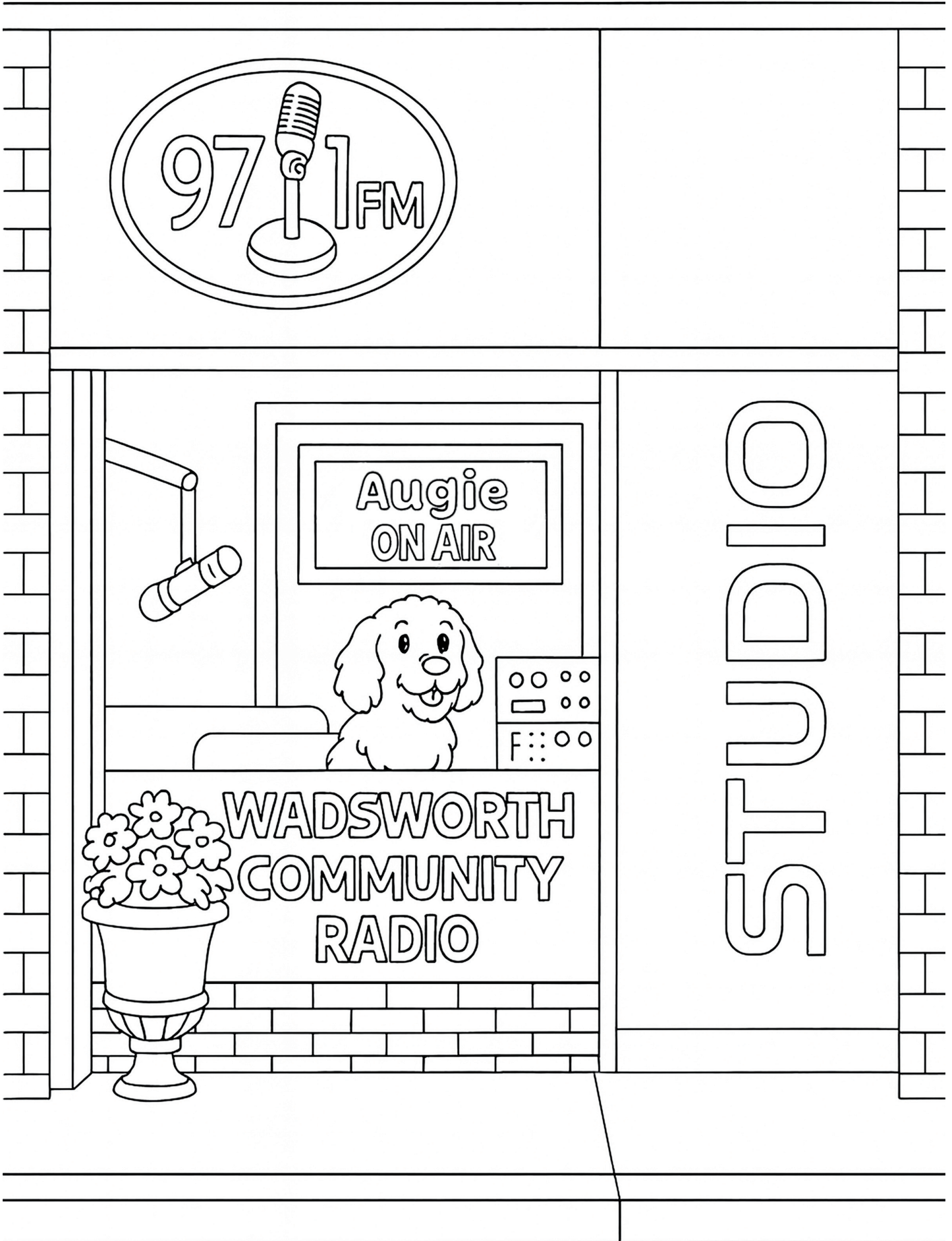


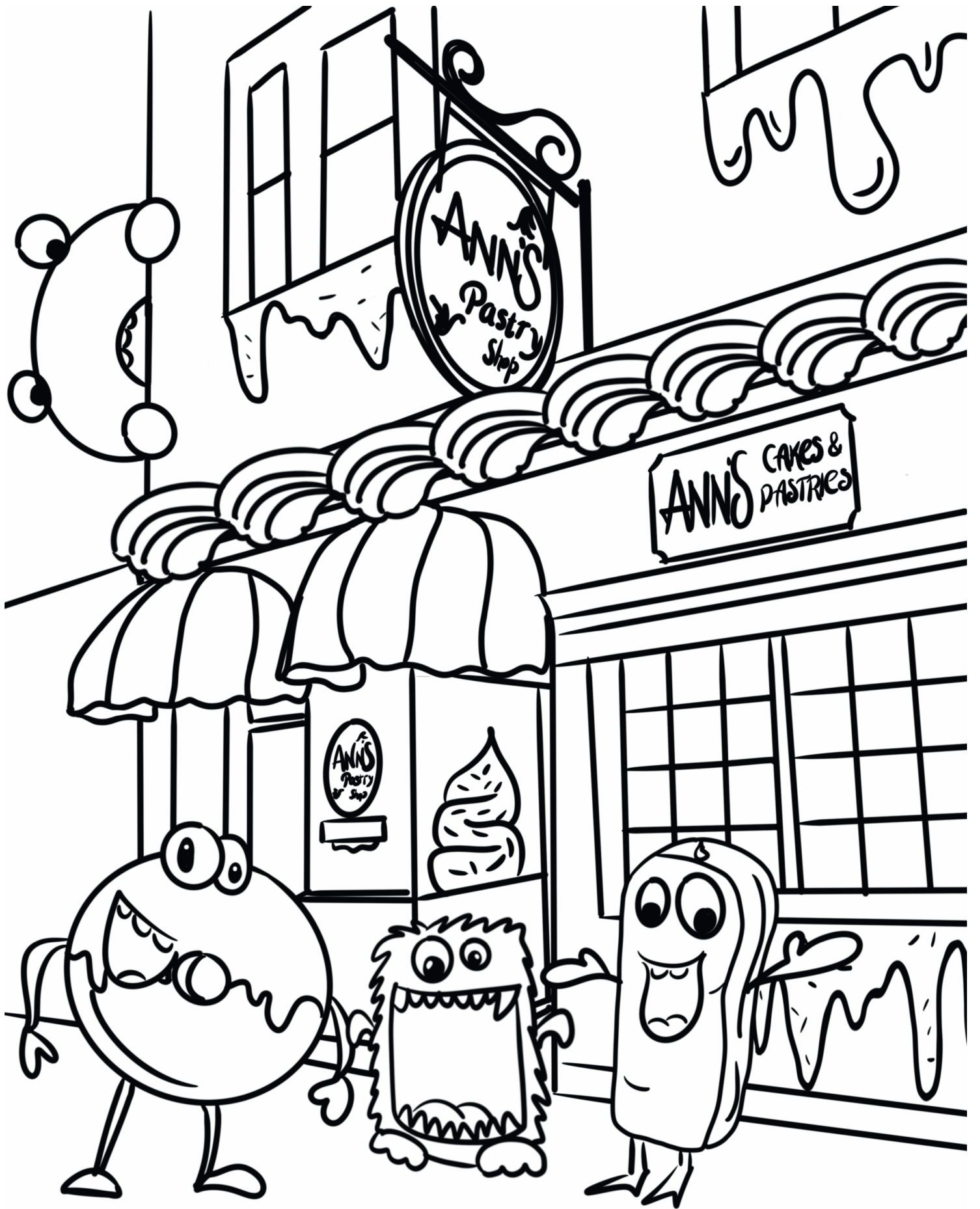


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Urban Cottage





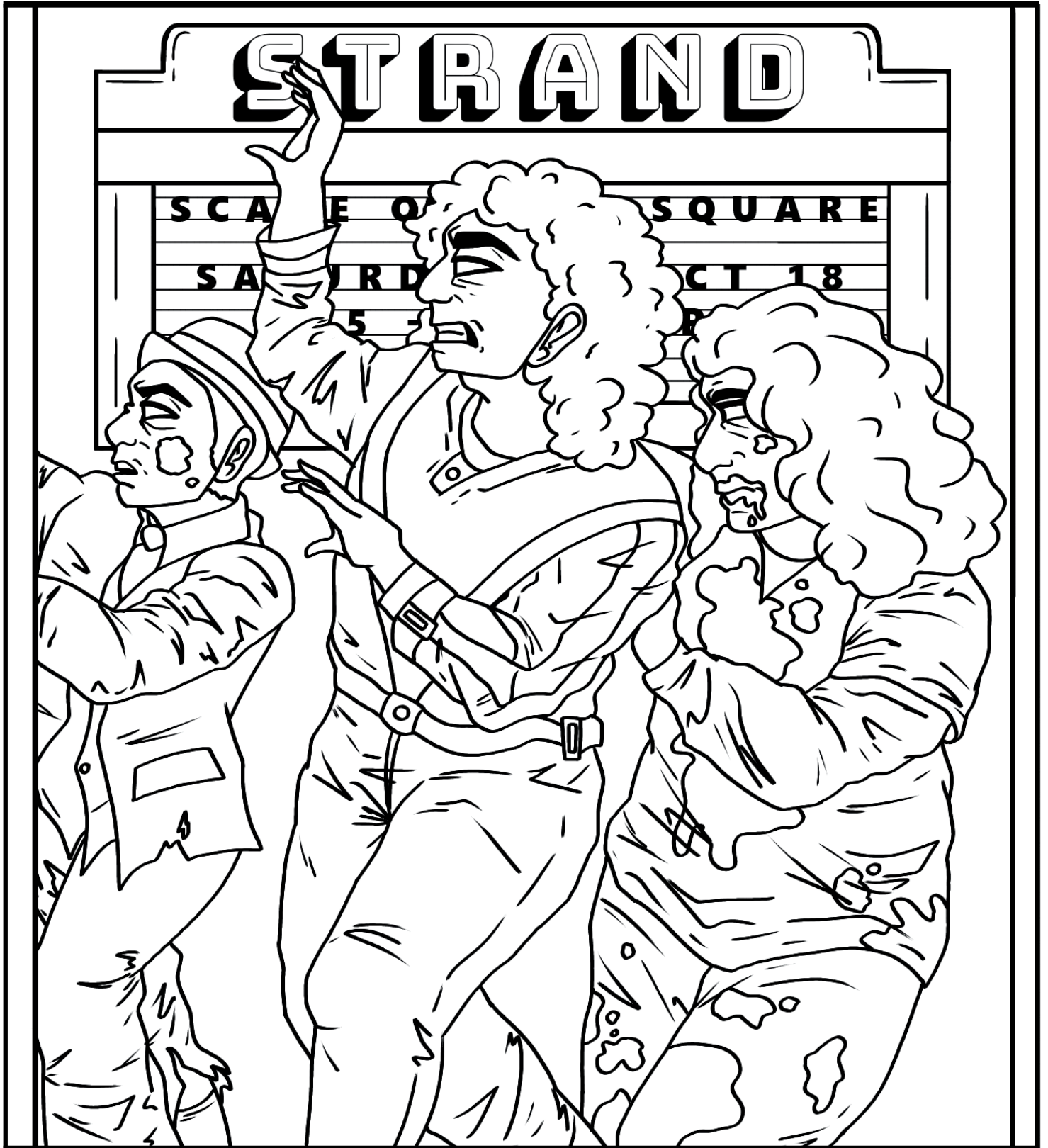


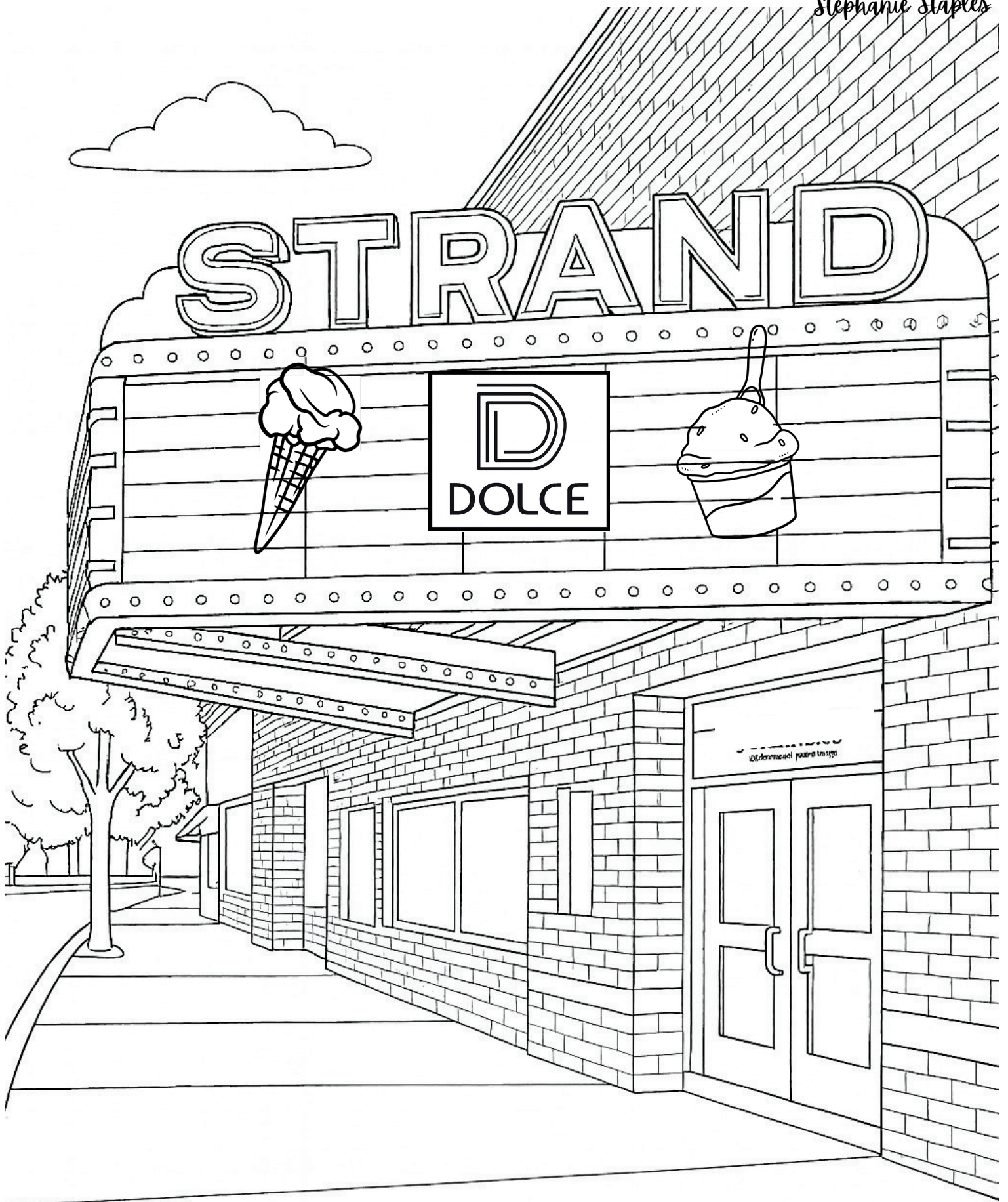


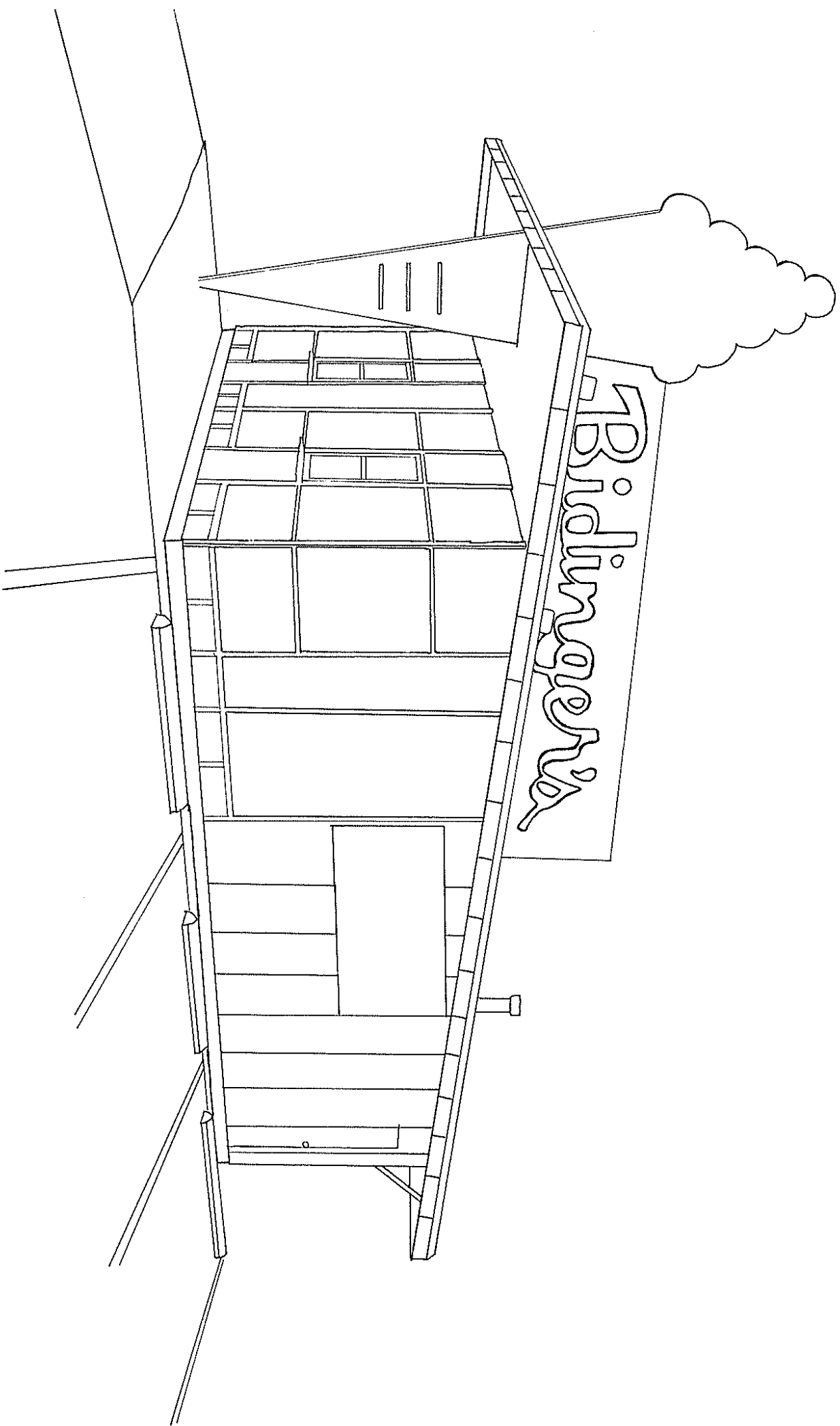


Elizabeth Staijen



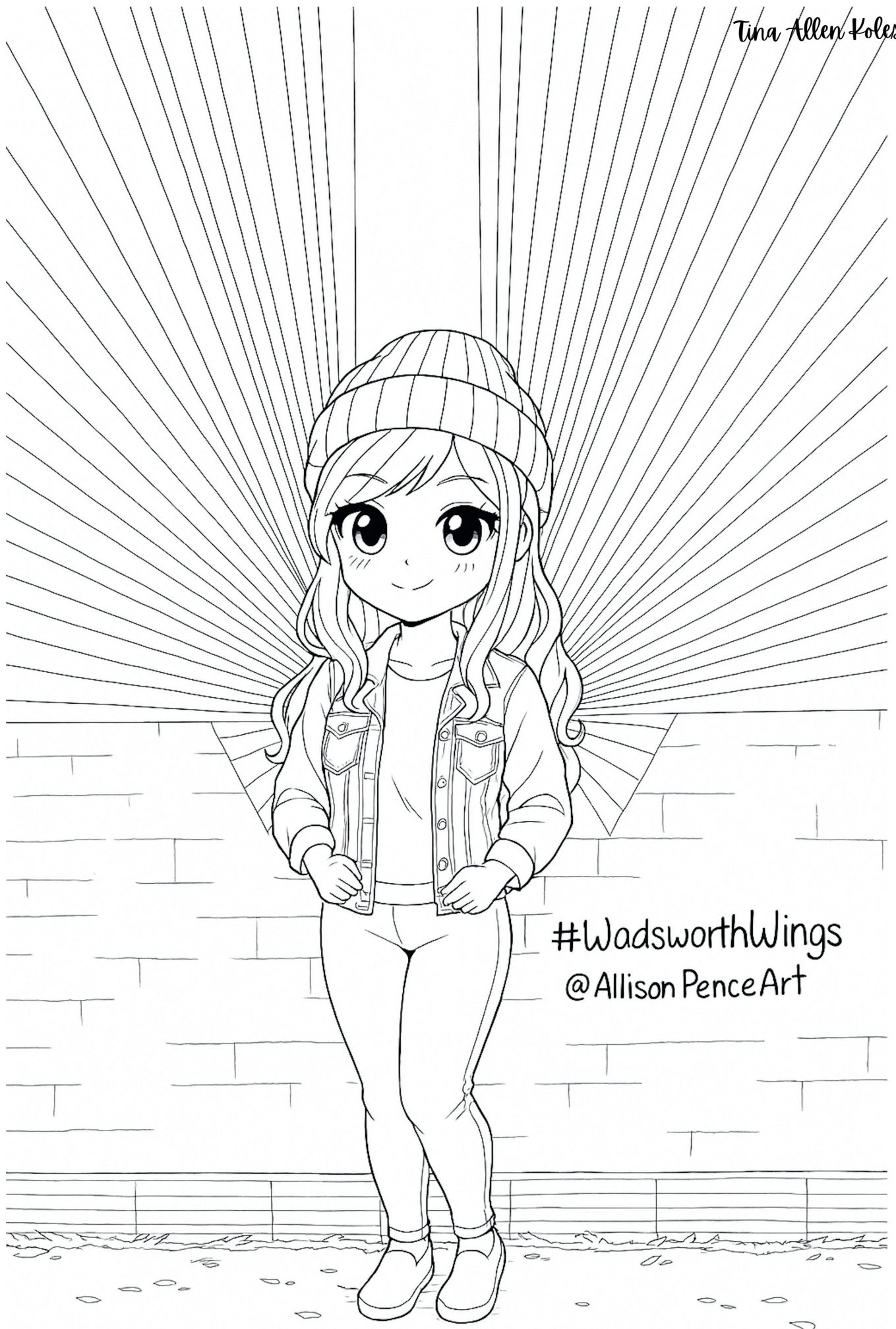








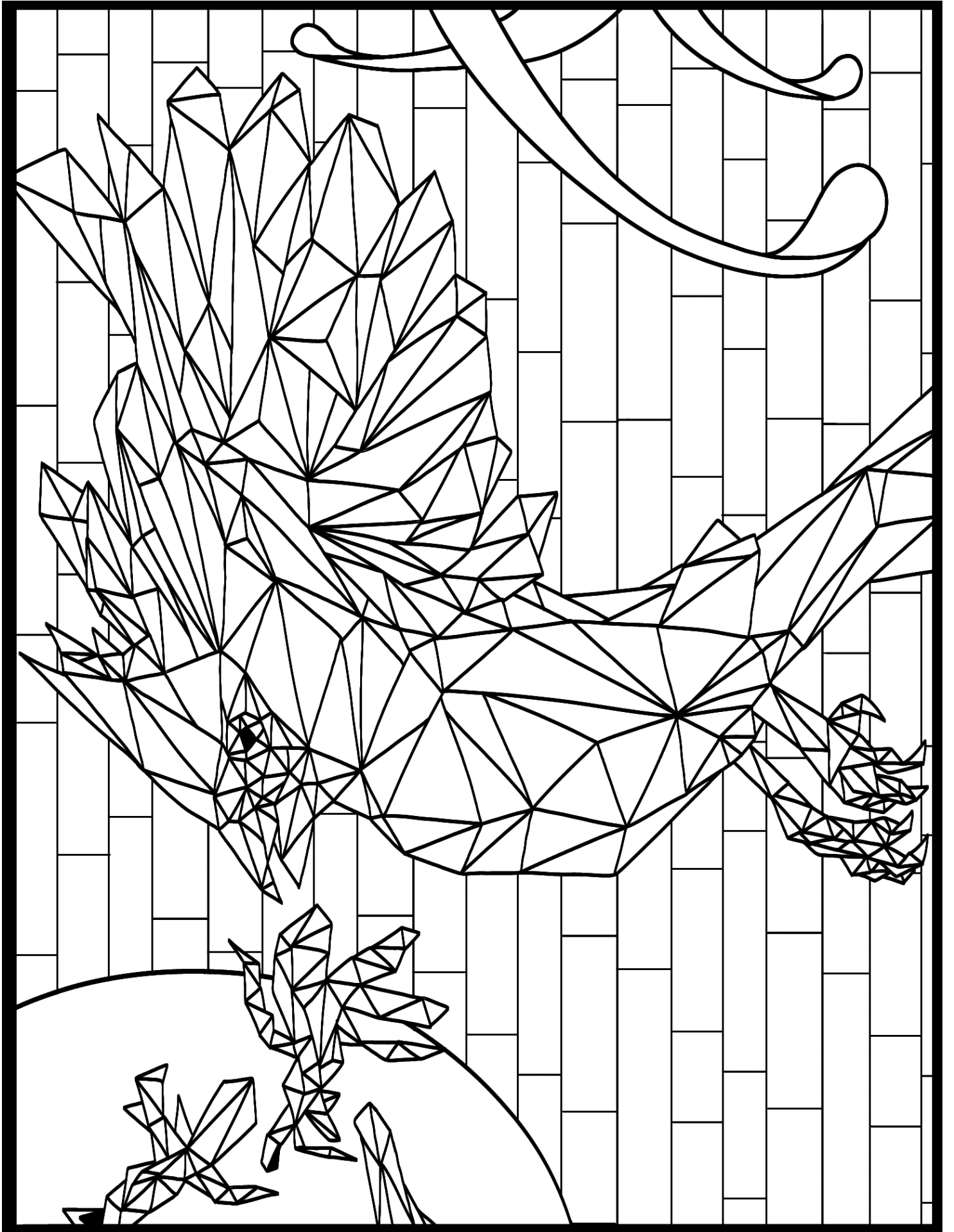




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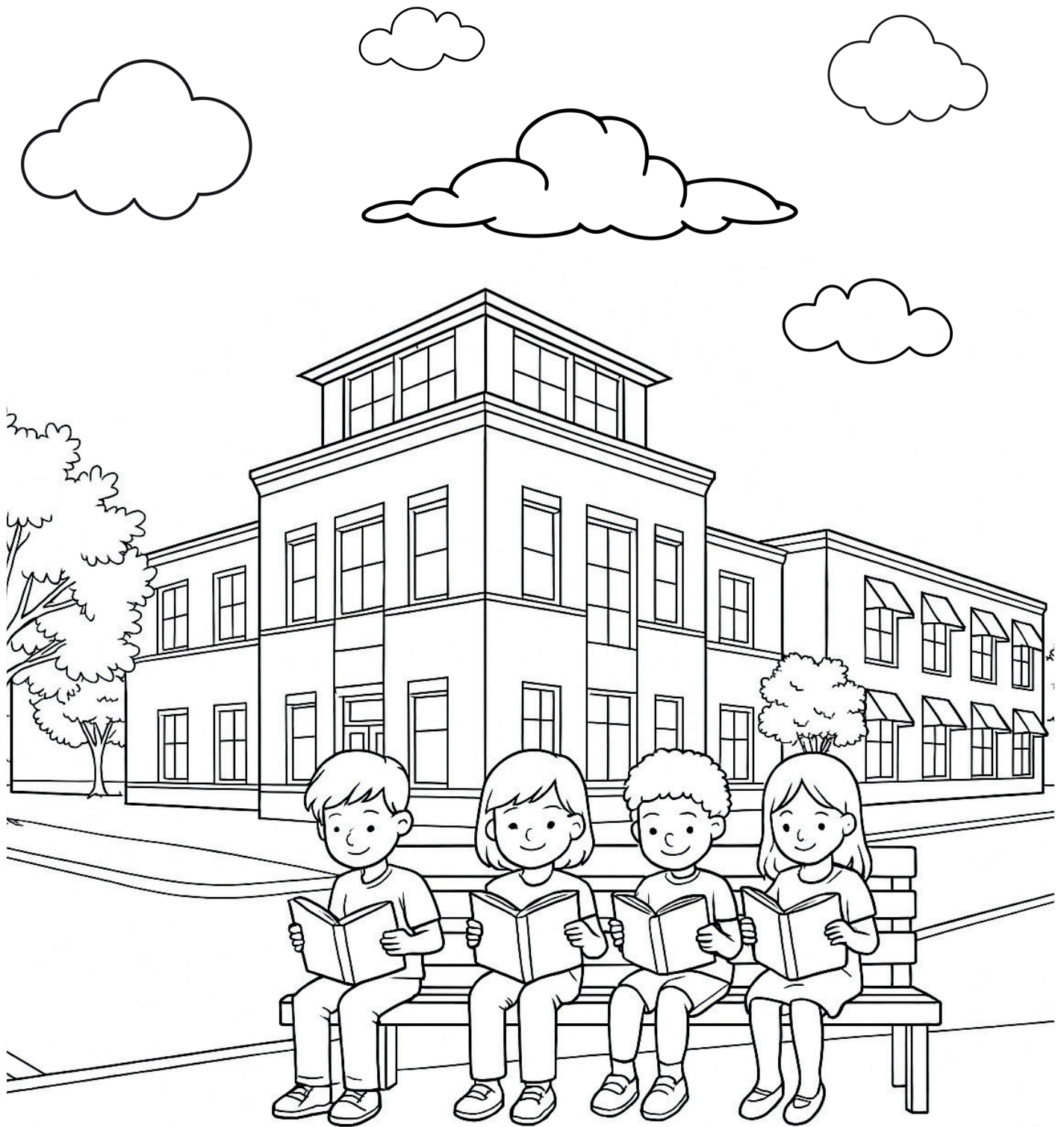
"...The Healing Force" Mural, Downtown Wasworth



McKenna Pitts

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL



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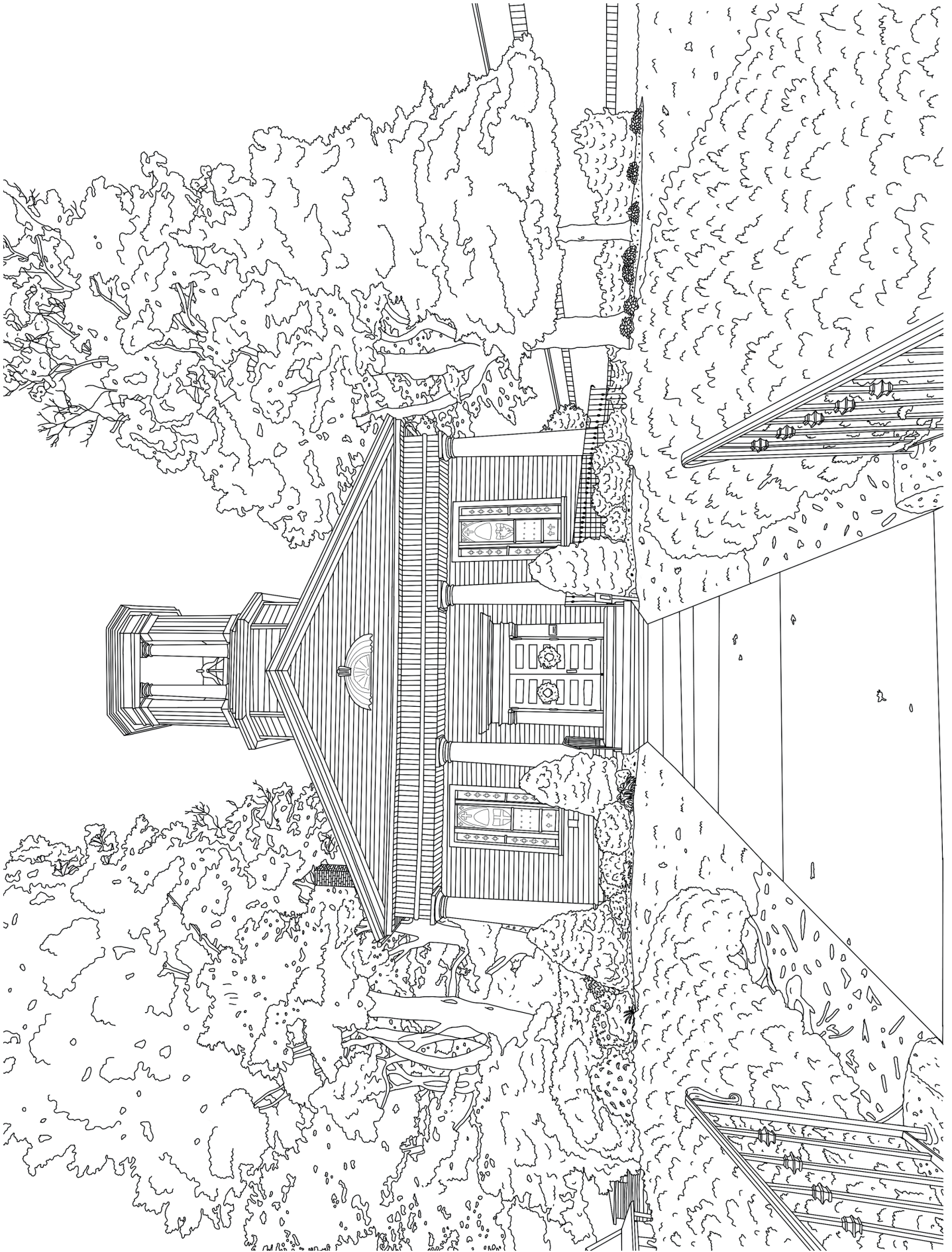


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*Boy
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Kelly Jacko

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

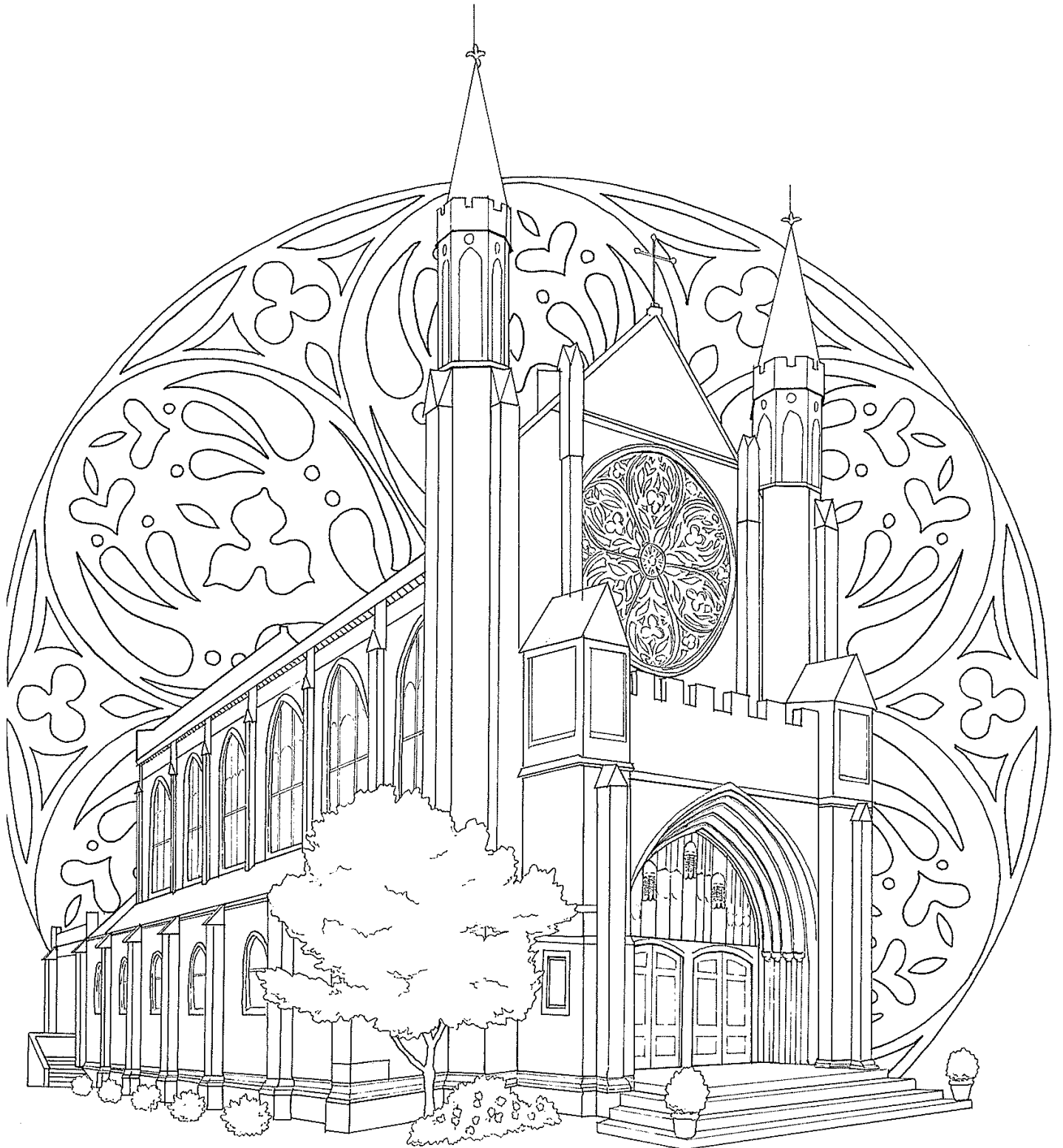
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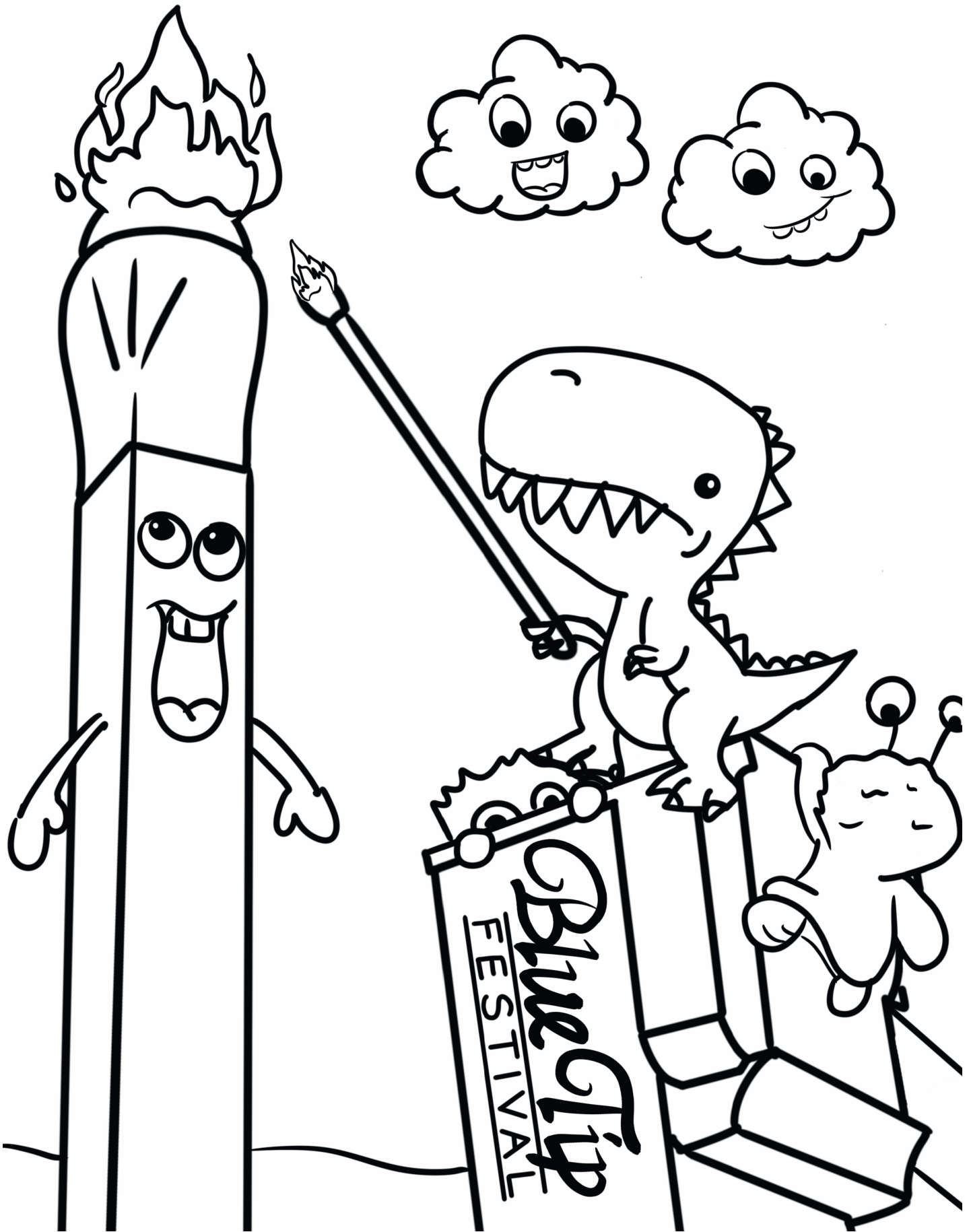


THE JOHNSON HOUSE

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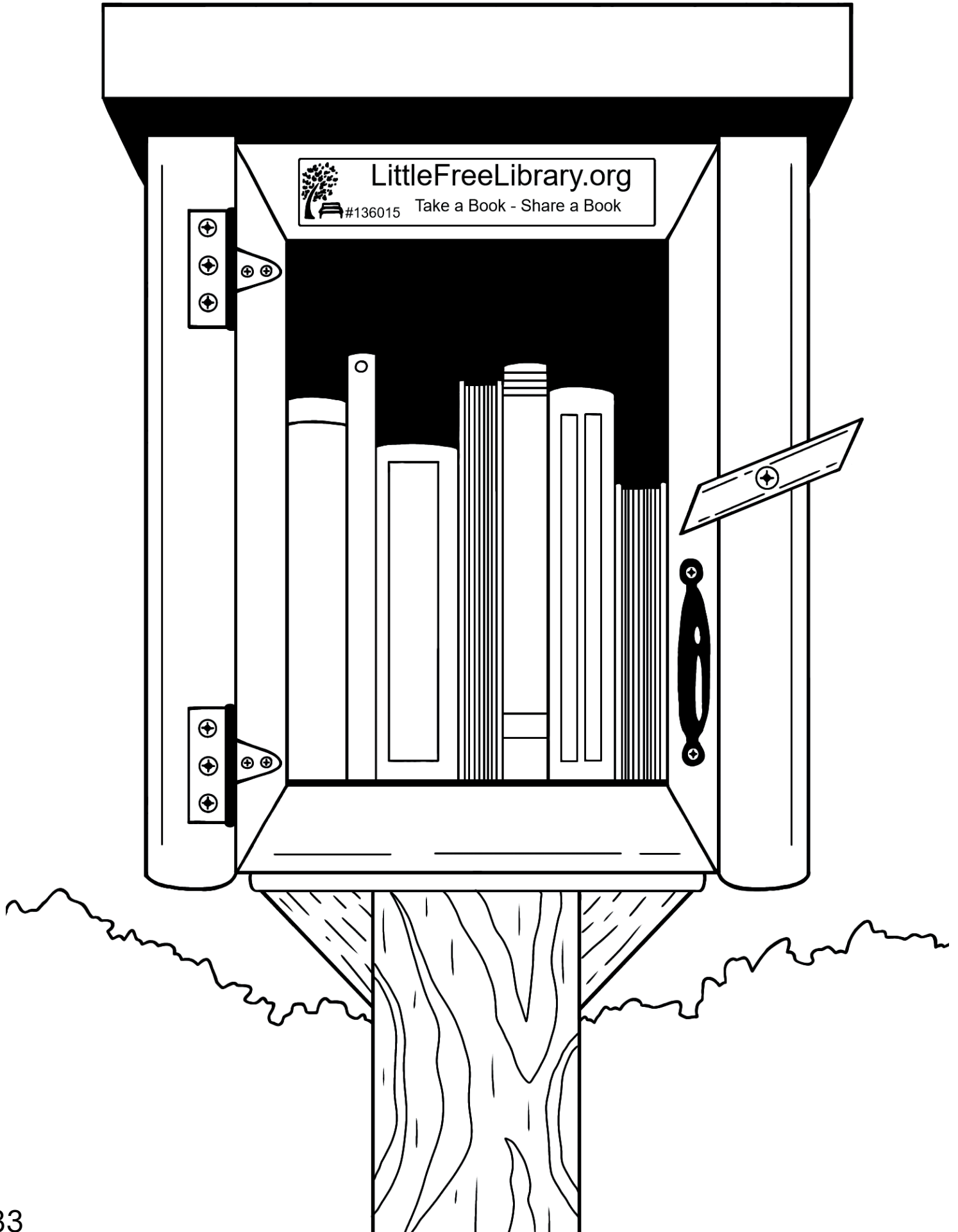
*Pick a bouquet of matches
next time you go
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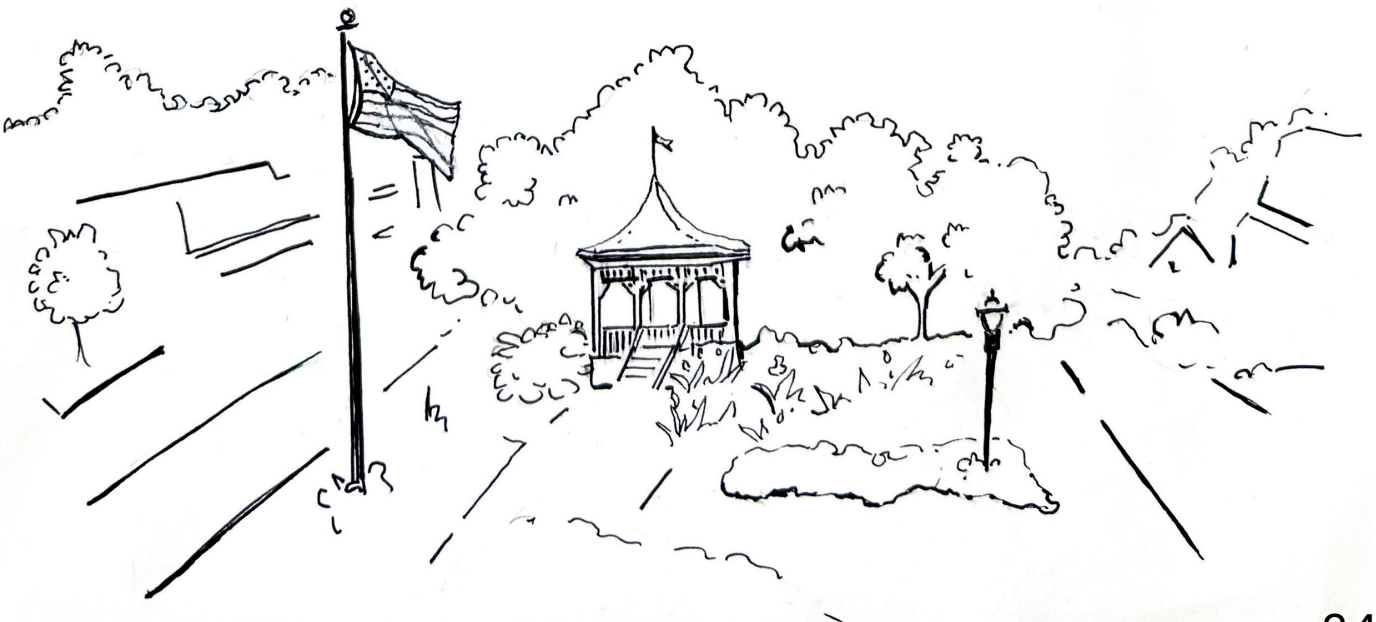
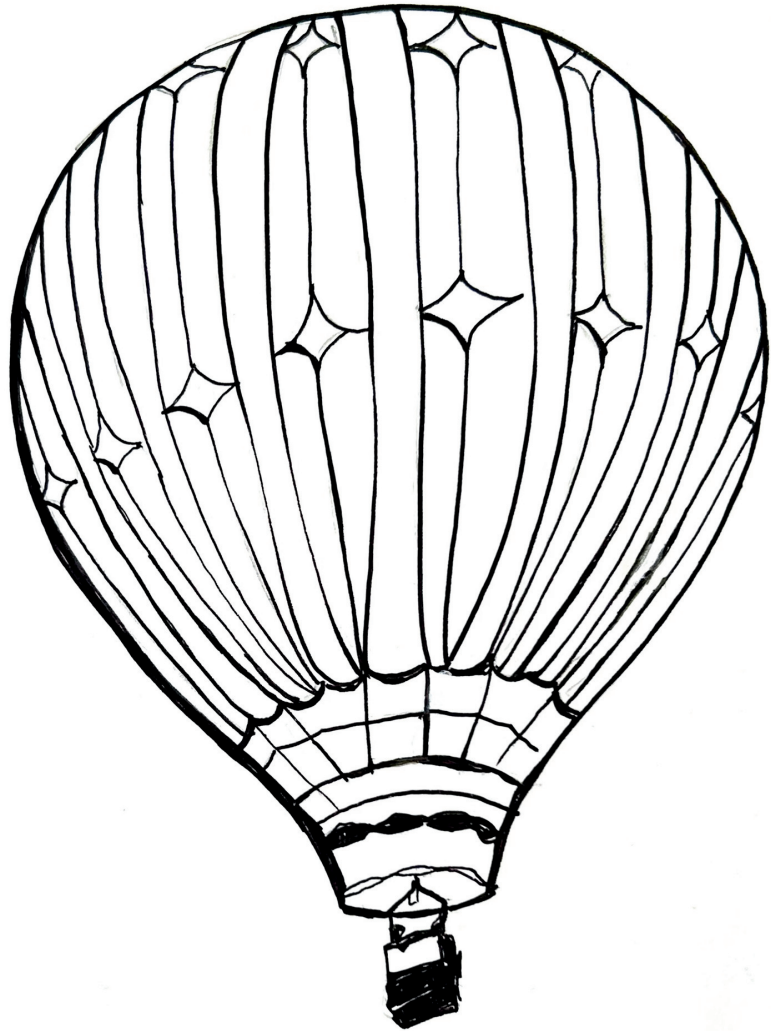
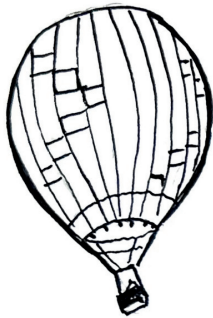
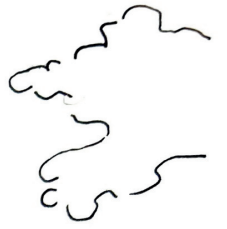
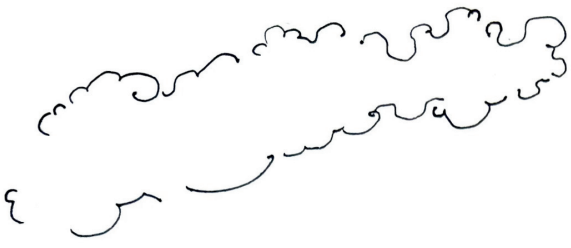
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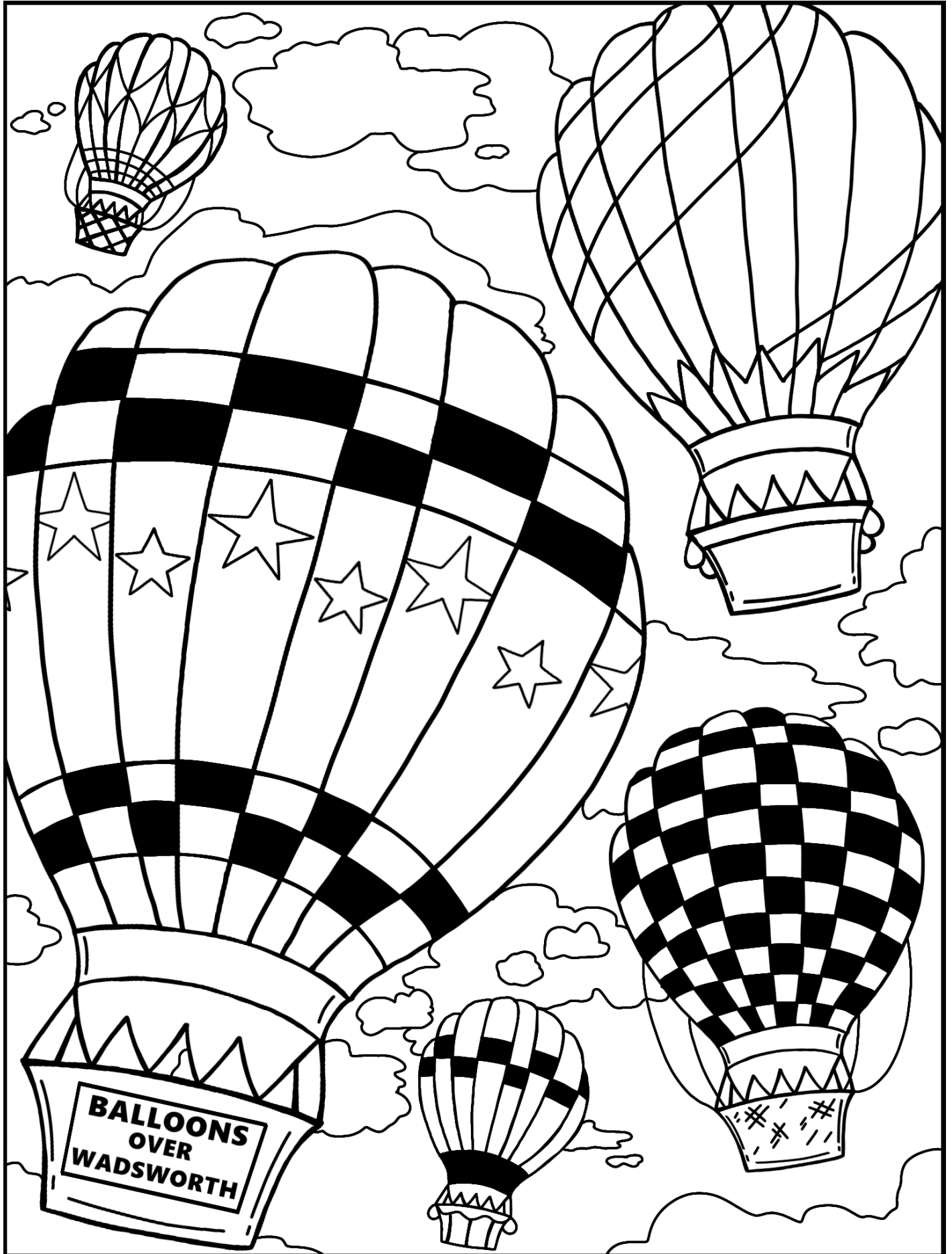


Steiner Aquatic Center









Artist Bio's

Tina Allen Kolessar

Wadsworth Alleycats began when Tina Allen Kolessar and Danielle Fascione saw a need and chose to act. With help from Wadsworth Public Safety, City Council, and a Medina County rescue, they created a volunteer group supporting community cats through TNR. Neighbors from Ward 4, they embody compassion and teamwork, showing how caring citizens can make a lasting difference in Wadsworth.

Janelle Gehman

Janelle, a Medina County resident and graphic design and fine art student at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, has earned multiple awards, including the Esther Buchwald Scholarship for three years. Her creative passion shines through illustration and design, and she hopes to one day illustrate children's books. With family history in Wadsworth, she was thrilled to contribute to a coloring book celebrating the welcoming spirit and small-town warmth.

Kelly Harrison

Growing up on Good Road near Wadsworth, Ohio, she enjoyed life surrounded by farmland and community. Her fondest memories include the Wadsworth Library, Great Oaks Theater, Ann's Pastry, and the Blue Tip Festival. Now an art teacher at Brunswick Middle School, she lives in Montville Township, cherishing her Wadsworth roots and the small-town charm that shaped her.

Kelly Lacko

Kelly Lacko is a multidisciplinary artist based in Seville, Ohio, known online as Jellykellydesigns. Her work blends playful creativity with thoughtful craftsmanship, transforming everyday inspiration into vibrant jewelry and expressive artwork. Each piece she creates is infused with care, curiosity, and a touch of whimsy. It is a space where imagination flows freely and handmade magic comes to life.

Steph Neary

Pittsburgh artist Steph Neary creates one-of-a-kind pieces from vintage and salvaged materials, blending folklore, humor, and surrealism. A self-taught artist with deep creative roots, she draws inspiration from her family's artistic legacy. Her work celebrates authenticity, inclusivity, and the handmade spirit. Steph now manages VaultArt Studio in Pittsburgh's Garfield neighborhood, supporting and uplifting artists with disabilities.

McKenna Pitz

McKenna Pitz, a 21-year-old artist from Wadsworth, has been creating for as long as she can remember. Art is her greatest passion, and she loves experimenting with new ways to bring her ideas to life. While she focuses on digital and traditional art, her creativity knows no limits. She explores wire sculpture, jewelry making, animation, crochet, and photography. Each new project fuels her curiosity and joy for creating something truly unique.

Artist Bio's

Elizabeth Staiger

Elizabeth Staiger is a jeweler, metalsmith, and founder of Byrd & Company Studio in downtown Wadsworth, Ohio. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and recipient of the prestigious Windgate Fellowship, she is passionate about preserving craftsmanship and inspiring creativity. Elizabeth restored the historic 112 Main Street building to create a space where art, education, and community come together.

Stephanie Staples

From paintbrushes to power tools, She's happiest when creating. As a REALTOR, Designer/Stager, Photographer, Artist and Woodworker, she loves transforming spaces, capturing beauty, and finding art in everyday life. She can't resist picking up discarded furniture and giving it new life. Living in Wadsworth, Ohio inspires her creativity daily, where community, charm, and a little dog hair always fill the air.

Tom Stugmyer

Tom moved to Wadsworth in 1982 after graduating from Mount Union with degrees in Physics, Astronomy, and Math. After 35 years as a manufacturing engineer, he joined Wadsworth Community Radio in 2013. His sidekick, Augie the Doggie, joined the morning show in 2021. Tom's also served on City Council since 2016.

Laura Trommer

Janelle, a Medina County resident and art student at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, has earned multiple awards for her work. Inspired by family roots in Wadsworth, she was thrilled to help create a coloring book celebrating the town's charm and community spirit.

Taylor Necko

Taylor earned an art minor from Bowling Green State University, where she participated in Arts Extravaganza and the Undergraduate Art Exhibition. Taylor has created a diverse range of artwork, including comics, oil paintings, and ceramic vases. She currently works as an editor and lives in Wadsworth with her husband and two orange cats. Taylor's published creative work can be found at <https://linktr.ee/taylornecko>.



Main Street Wadsworth

Main Street Wadsworth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the economic revitalization and historic preservation of downtown Wadsworth. Wadsworth became the State of Ohio's 22nd Accredited Main Street Community in 2016. Main Street Wadsworth's coordinating agency is Columbus-based preservation advocacy non-profit Heritage Ohio ("Save the places that matter. Build community. Live better"), which works closely with Main Street America ("Helping to revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 35 years") and the National Trust for Historic Preservation ("Save the past. Enrich the future").

Main Street Wadsworth is comprised of a volunteer Board of Directors, Four-Point Teams of volunteers who create Design, Economic Vitality, Promotion, and Organization projects, a full-time Executive Director, and a full-time Community Engagement Manager.

The Main Street Wadsworth Design Team works to beautify the downtown, educating stakeholders about good design, motivating others to make changes, planning downtown development, and providing well-informed design advice. This coloring book is just one project that the Design Team has worked so hard to bring to life for our community!

If you are interested in getting involved, join a Four-Point Team today by committing to meet once a month to work on projects that are creating positive change downtown and make sure to follow us on our social media accounts at *mainstreetwadsworth*.

Thanks for coloring!



Each image in this book was contributed by talented local artists connected to Wadsworth.

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