2024-2025 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Virtual Gallery



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CELEBRATING 41 YEARS

city of Columbia

CITY OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Columbia PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINE ARTS

The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) is a department of the City of Columbia whose mission is to create an environment where artists and cultural organizations thrive by advancing and supporting the arts for the benefit of the citizens of Columbia. In addition to initiating or supporting a variety of arts and culture programs, the OCA administers the city's Percent for Art program, which allows for 1% of the cost of new city construction or renovation over $1 million to be used for site-specific public art, as well as overseeing funding programs for local arts and cultural organizations.

OCA is proud to serve as Partners In Education to the Columbia Public Schools Fine Arts Department and to present the annual PIE Virtual Gallery experience on a virtual platform for the 2024-2025 school year.

The arts have always served as the distinctive vehicle for discovering who we are. Providing ways of thinking as disciplined as science or math and as disparate as philosophy or literature, the arts are used by and have shaped every culture and individual on earth. They continue to infuse our lives on nearly all levels—generating a significant part of the creative and intellectual capital that drives our economy. The arts inform our lives with meaning every time we experience the joy of a well-remembered song, experience the flash of inspiration that comes with immersing ourselves in an artist's sculpture, enjoying a sublime dance, learning from an exciting animation, or being moved by a captivating play.

WHAT IS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION?

Partners In Education connects a local business with an individual school, curriculum department, or grade level. Each partnership establishes a mission statement, objectives, and activities specific to the business and school's needs and abilities.

The overall goal of Columbia's Partners In Education (PIE) program is to build bridges between the world of business and the world of education. It seeks to create a better understanding of the public school system within the community, strengthen and enhance the district's programs, create a climate of involvement and interaction between organizations, businesses, and schools, and provide students with opportunities to develop attitudes and skills that enhance their success in the world of work.

For more information or to become involved in the Partners In Education program, contact the school district's Community Relations office at (573) 214-3960 or visit www.cpsk12.org/pie.

The History of Partners In Education Columbia Public Schools' Partners In Education program celebrates 41 years of businesses bringing achievement, enrichment, innovation, and opportunities to schools and students. Partners In Education began as a simple vision of Former Superintendent Russell Thompson, Former Superintendent Jim Ritter, and School-Community Program Director Jolene Schulz.

Together, they studied an “adopt-a-school” program but wanted the CPS program to be based on a handshake, not a handout. They molded this idea into a program that would benefit Columbia Public Schools, a true “partnership” between local businesses and schools. Partners In Education became the national moniker when President Reagan accepted the idea and gave it national status.

Over more than four decades, Columbia Public Schools has seen tremendous achievements by Columbia’s youth due to the involvement and dedication of partnering businesses. The original eleven charter partnerships that kicked off back in 1984, at the start of Partners In Education program has grown to an unbelievable 150 Partners In Education and more than 100 Partnership Friends. These partners include banks, hospitals, architects, veterinarians, grocery stores, media outlets, non-profits, churches, insurance companies, and more.

Over the years, partnership activities have expanded, including opportunities such as a satellite school located within a business, job shadowing and business tours, classroom presentations, banks within schools, and mentoring. Hundreds of students and community members have participated in the program, and throughout the years, strong friendships have been built that have endured even as students and employees grow and change.

PIE Week Art Walk

Since 1984, the Columbia Public Schools Partners In Education (PIE) program connects our businesses and schools.
#StrongerConnectionsGreaterAchievements

41st Annual Partners In Education Week, March 3-7, 2025

Presented by the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs, Columbia Public Schools Fine Arts and CPS Community Relations Office:

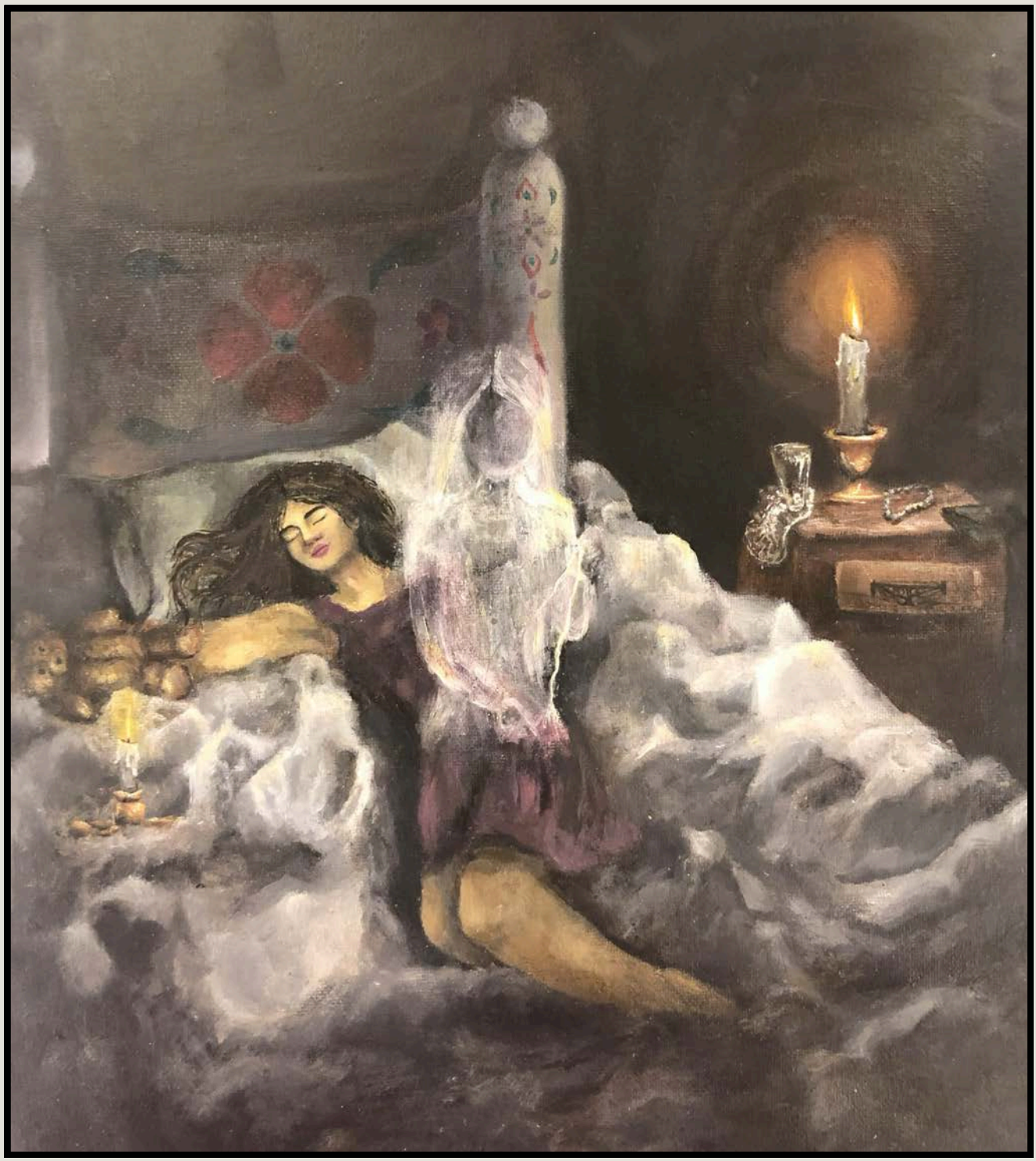
The City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs celebrates the work of all the CPS student artists by exhibiting artwork in the windows and “gallery” spaces of downtown businesses in partnership with CPS Fine Arts! The City’s Office of Cultural Affairs judges our students’ artwork online to select a first-place artist. The student artist’s winning school receives a $500 honorarium for supporting classroom art supplies and a chance to be published.
Each business participating has a sticker decal in the window.

Downtown Shops in The District displaying CPS's student artwork March 3 -7, 2025

American Shoe Store
Artlandish Gallery
Black Tea Bookshop
Broadway Brewery
Calvary Episcopal Church
Central Bank of Boone County
City of Columbia
City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs
Columbia Art League
Commerce Bank
Daniel Boone Building
First Presbyterian Church
Goldie's Bagels
Hawthorn Bank
Makes Scents
Maude Vintage
Mareck Center for Dance
Missouri United Methodist Church
My Secret Garden
North Village Arts District
Orr Street Studios
Pizza Tree
Ragtag Cinema & Uprise Bakery
Serendipity Salon & Gallery
Simmons Bank
Skylark Bookshop
Sparky's Homemade Ice Cream
Stephens College
The District
The Shops at Sharp End
The State Historical Society of Missouri
Yellow Dog Bookshop
The Columbia Mall



HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL



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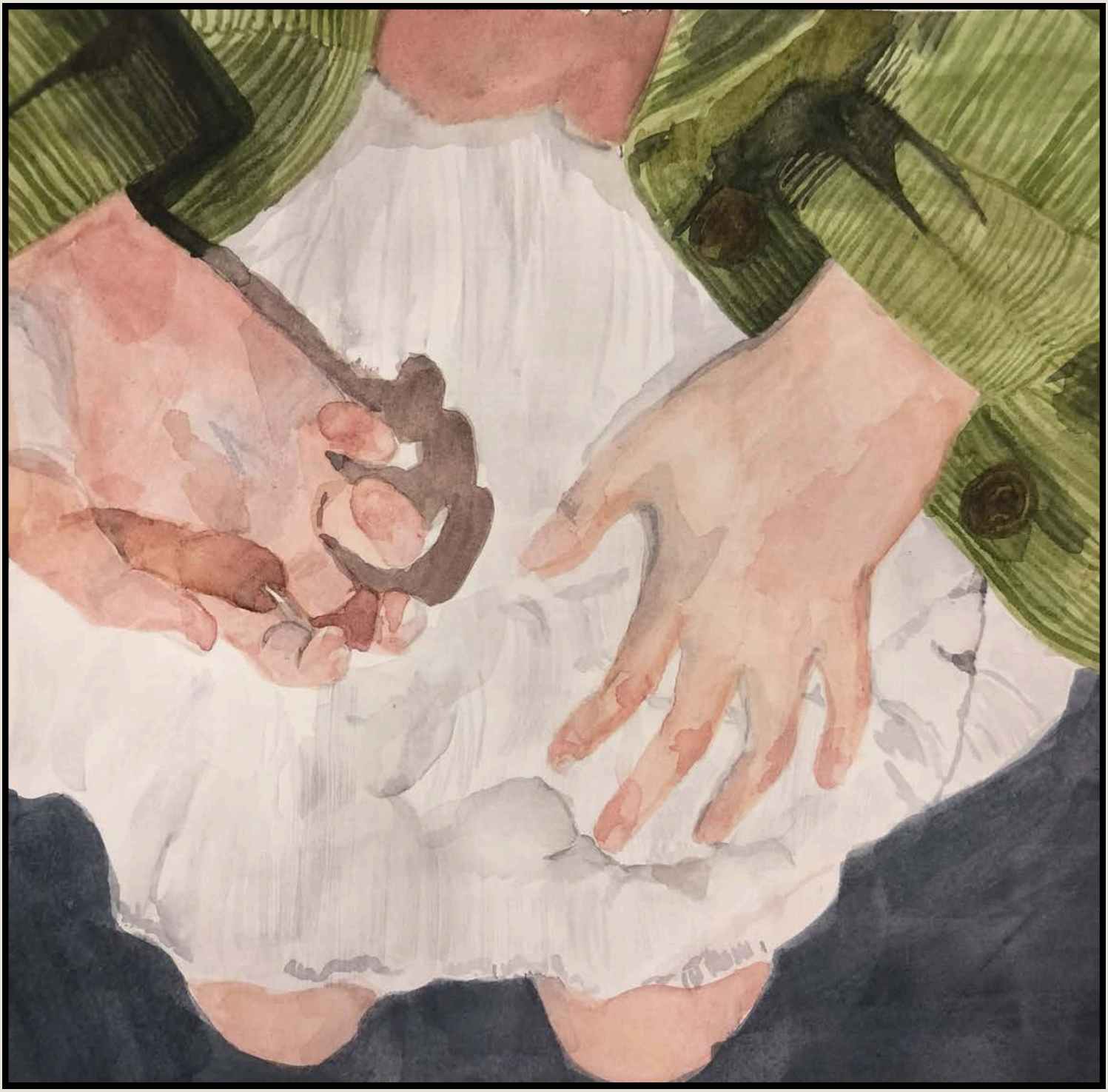
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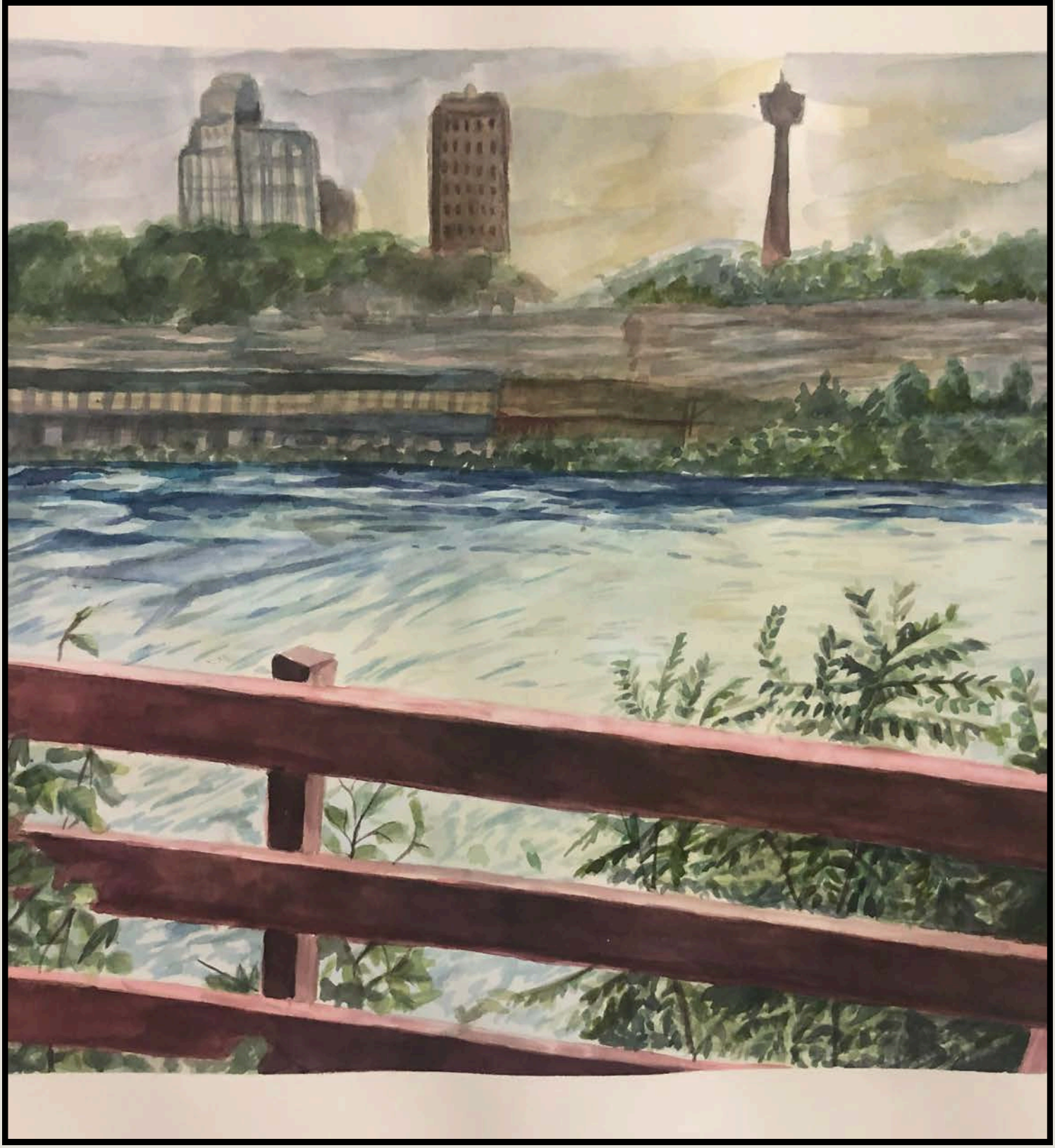
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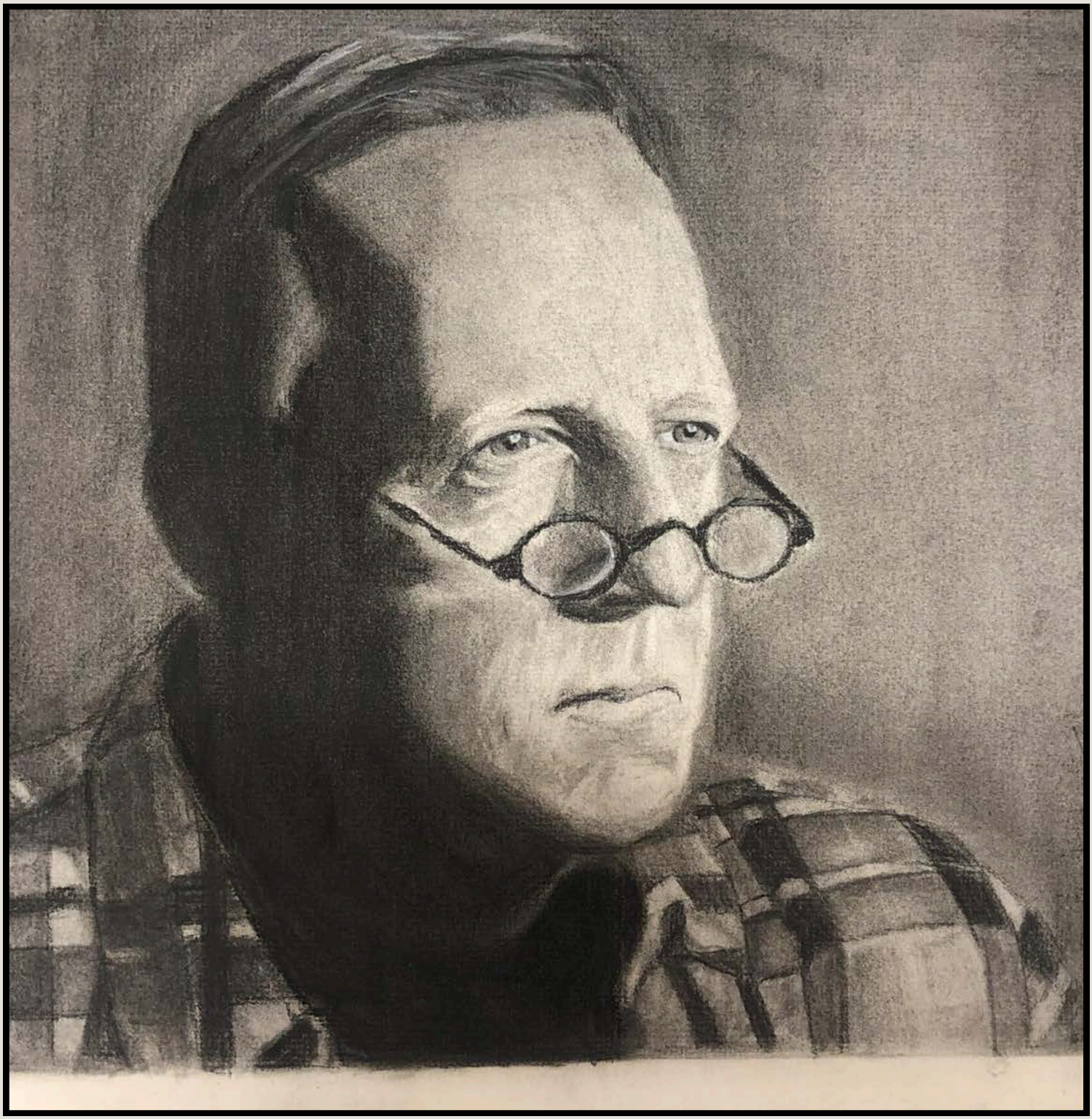
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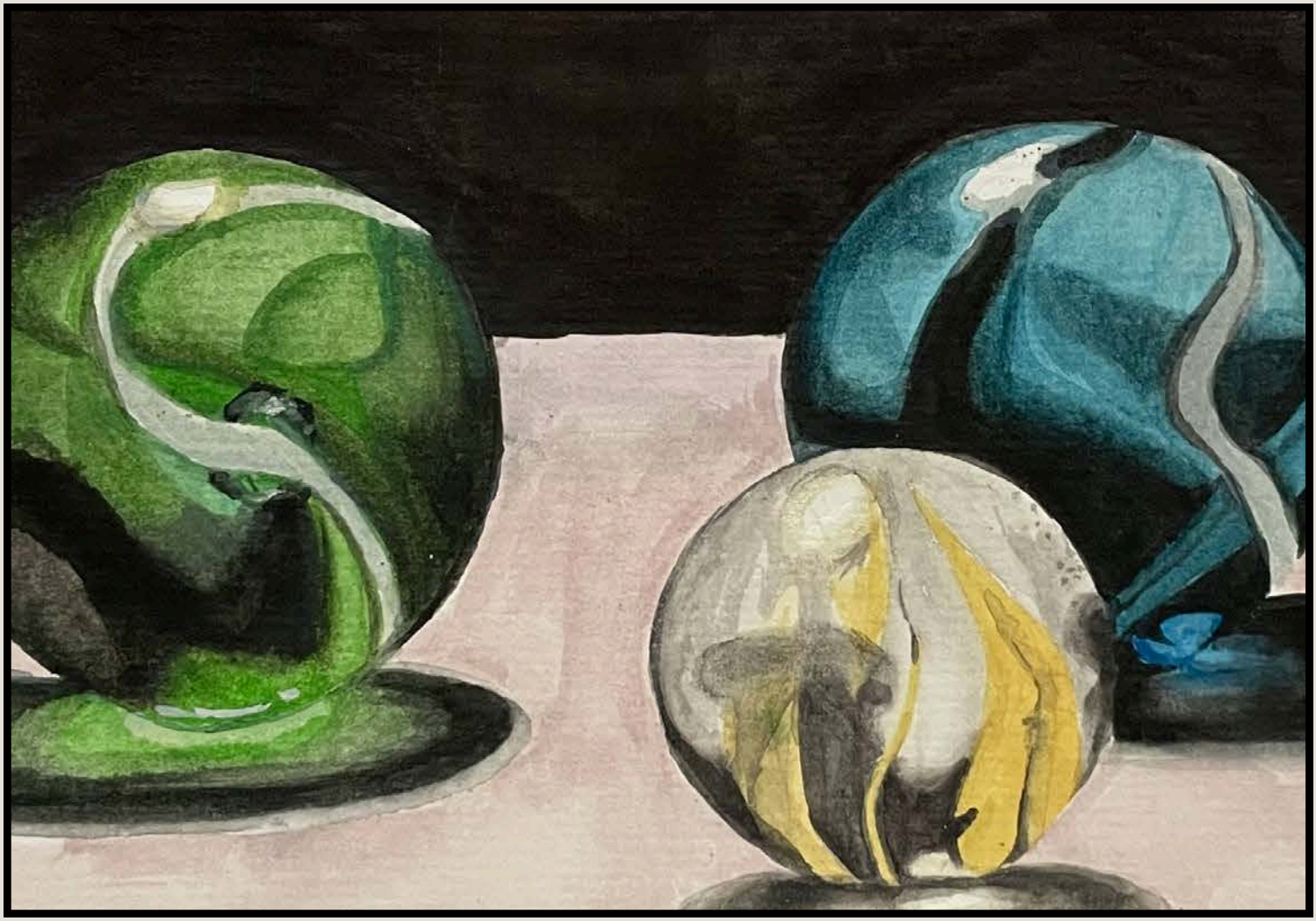
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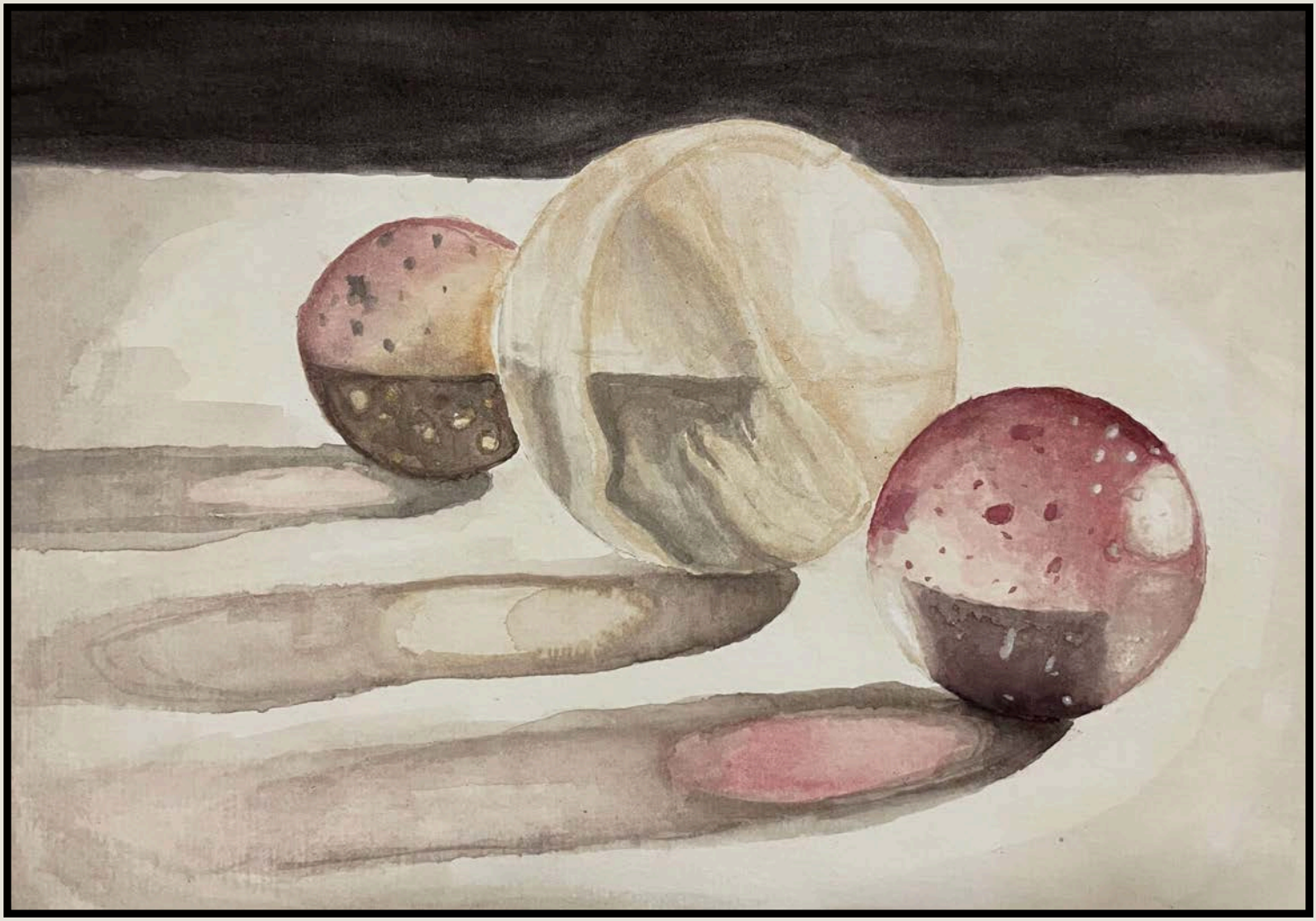
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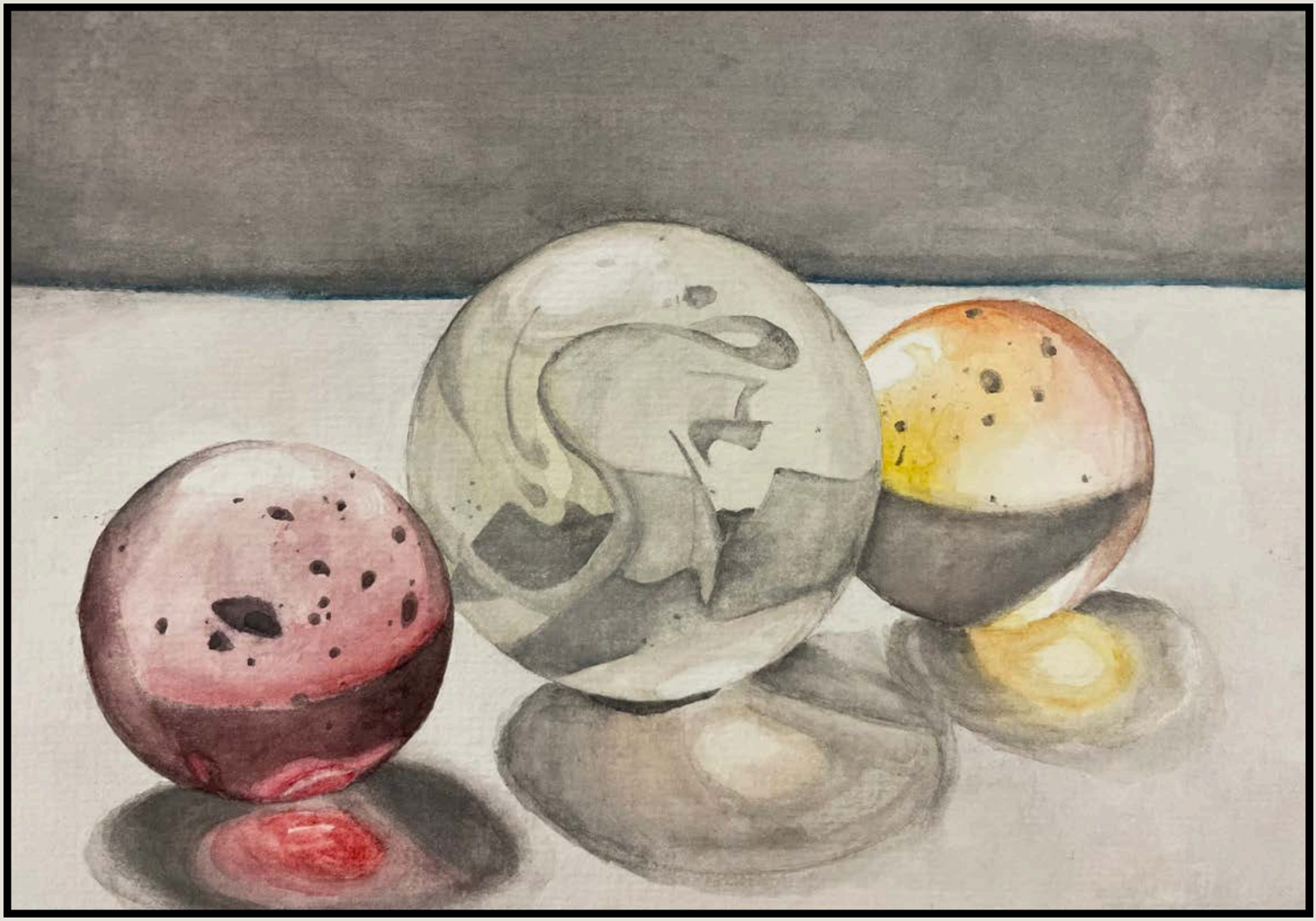
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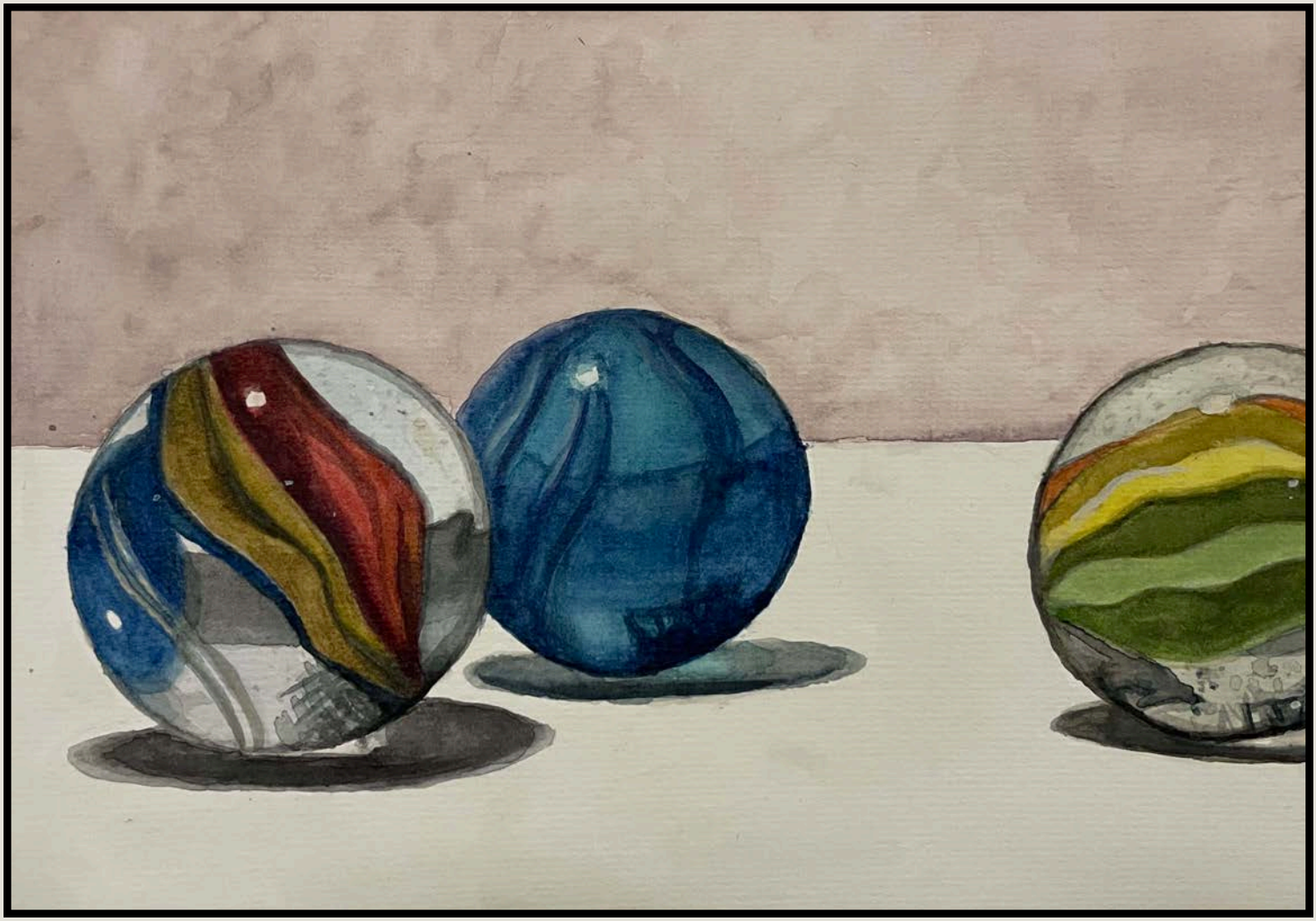
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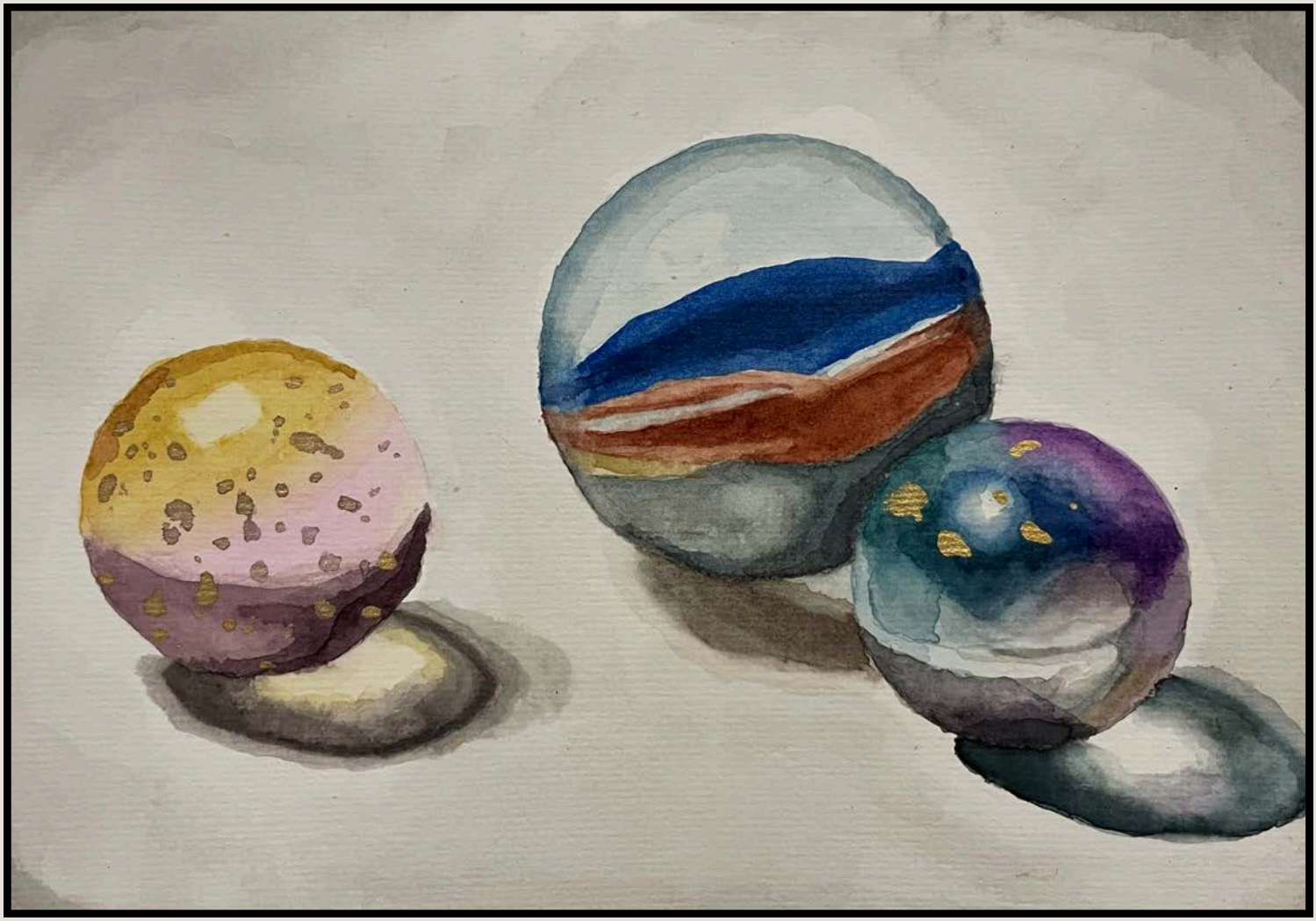
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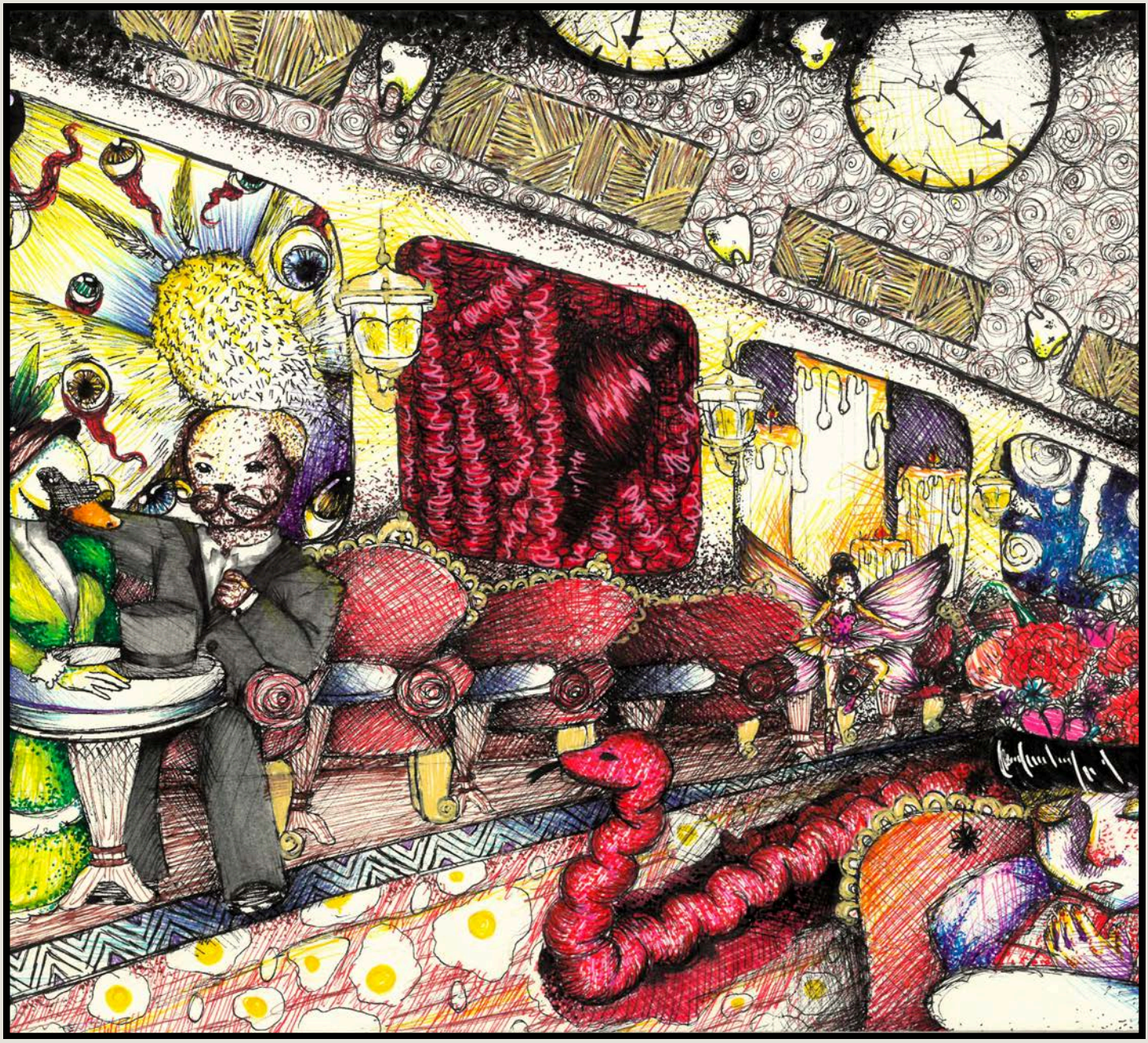


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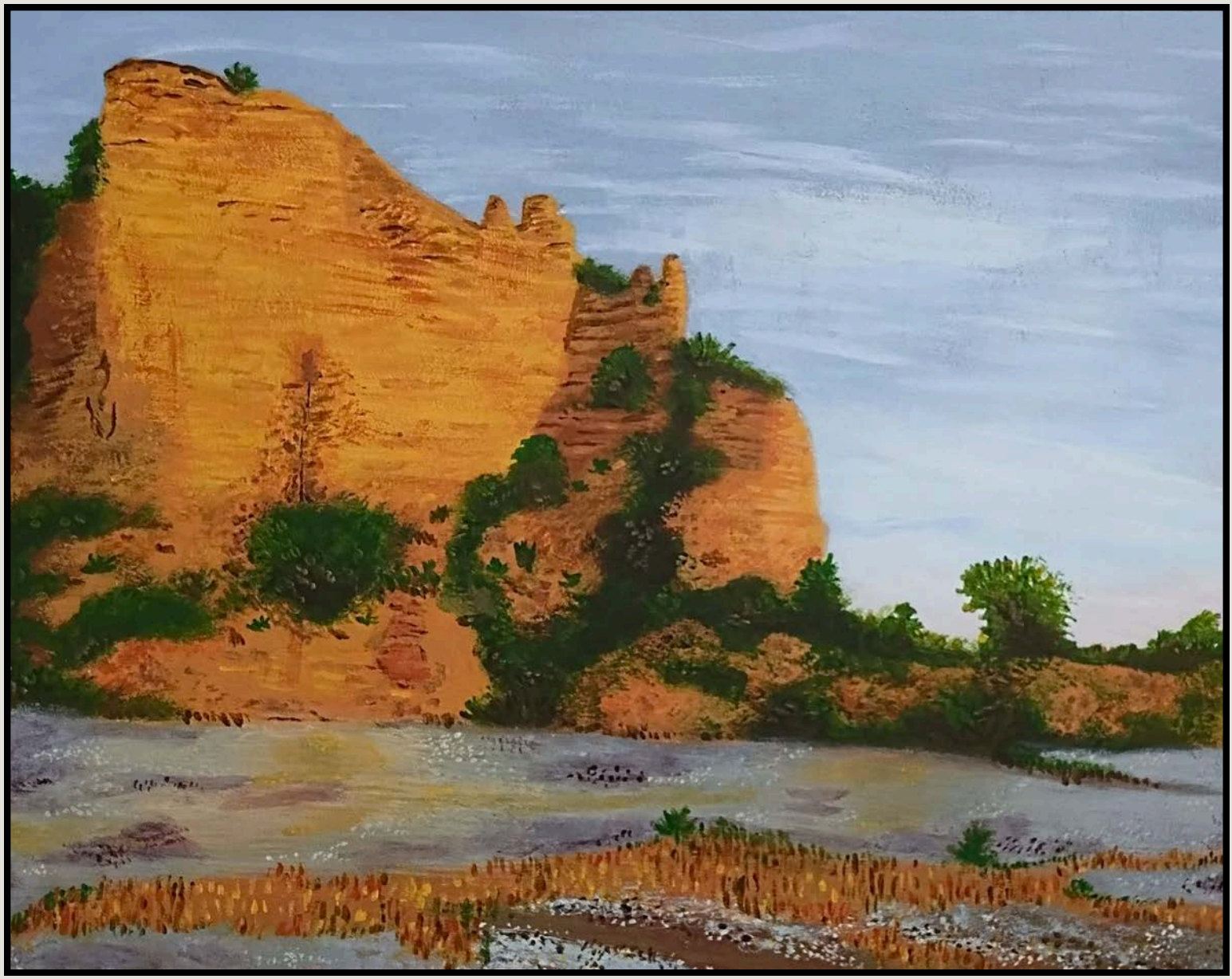
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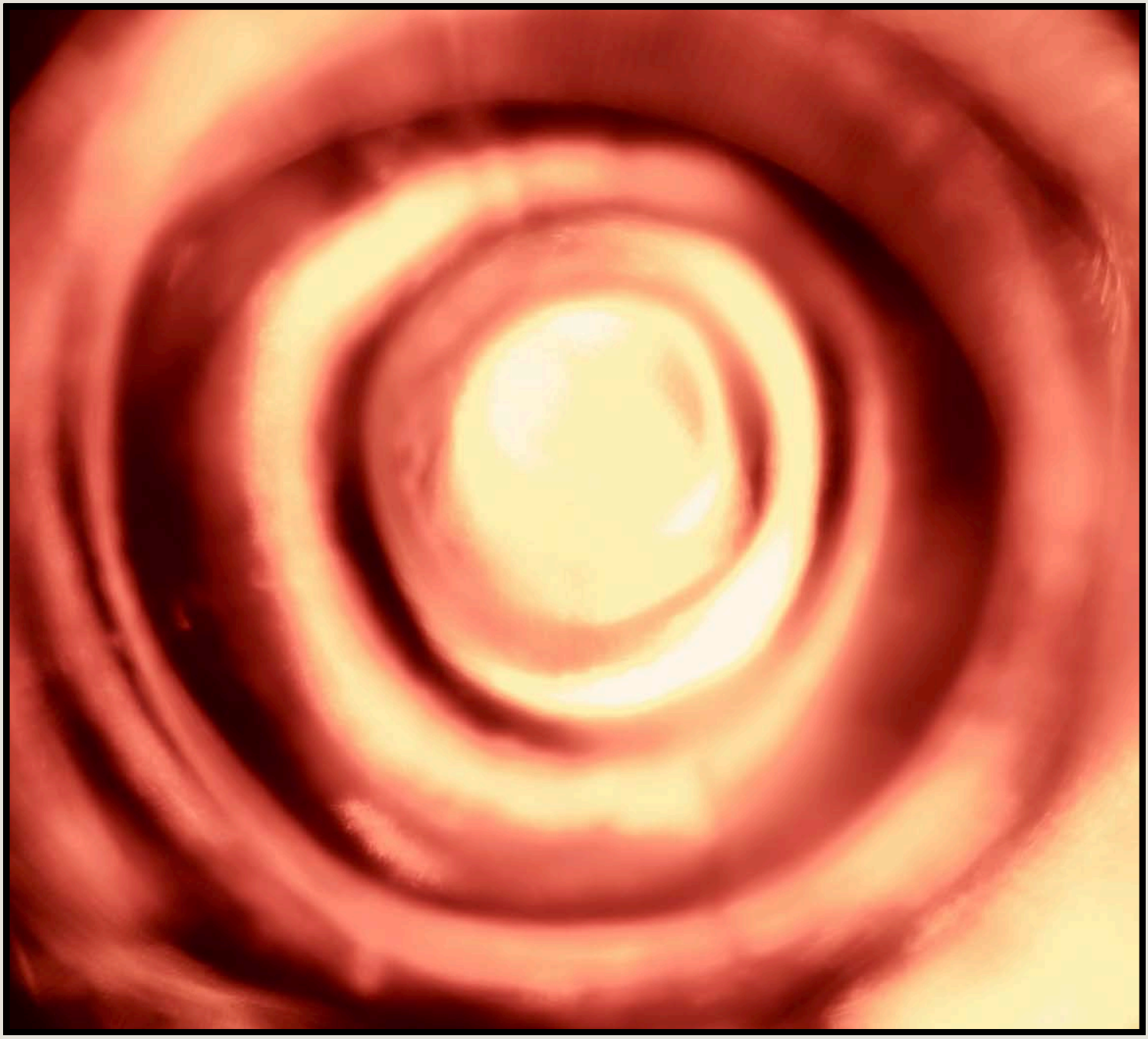
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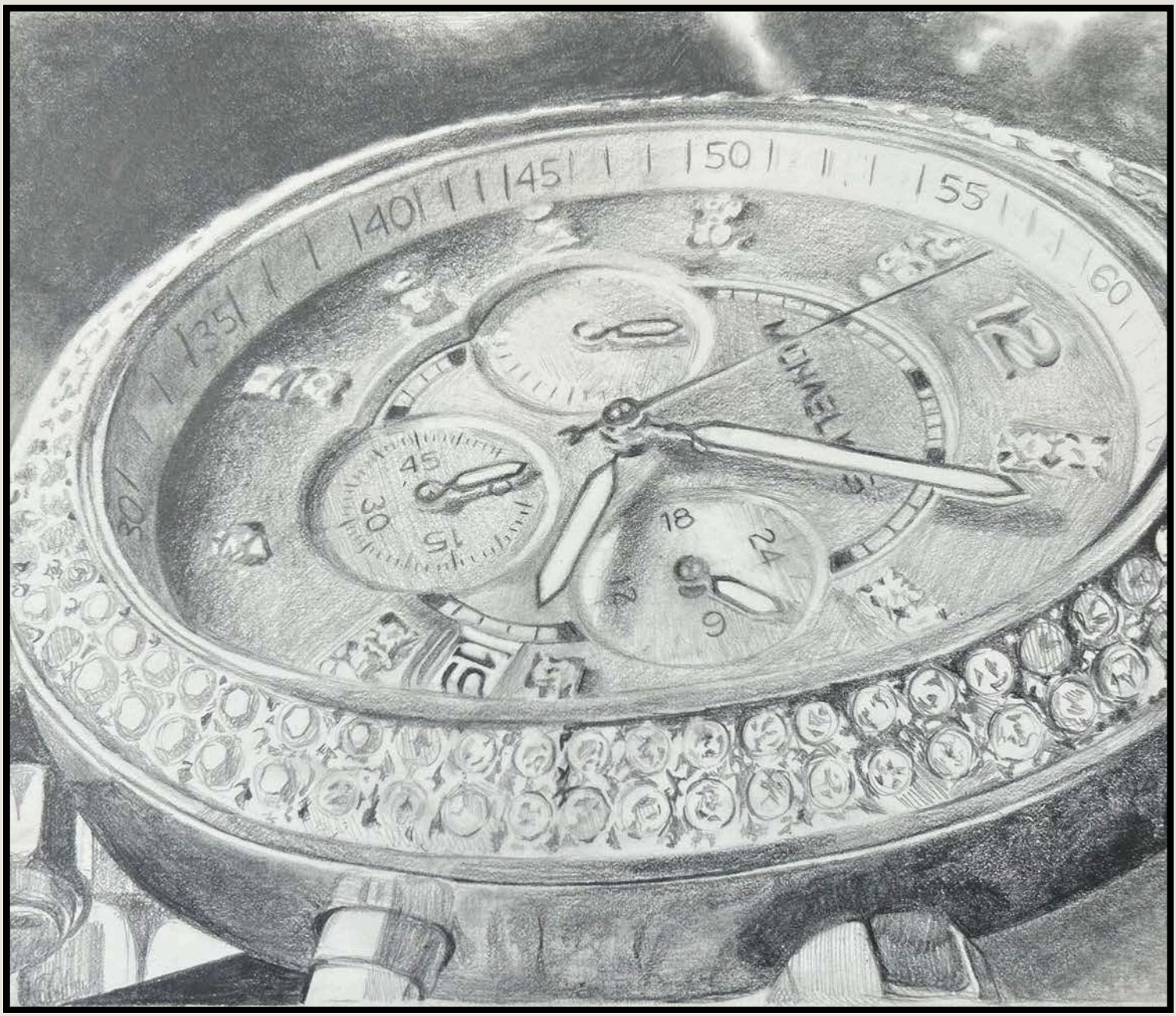
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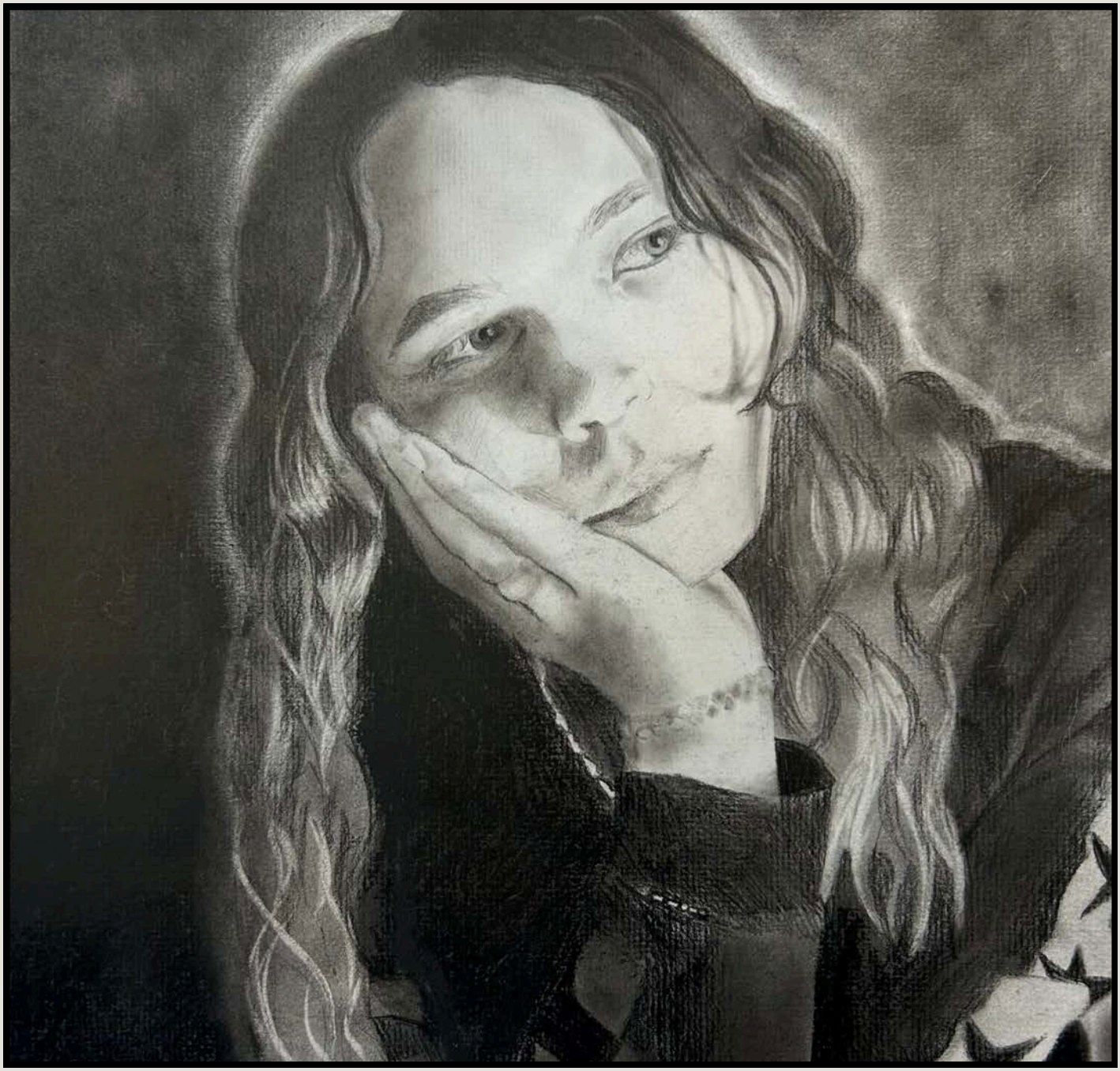
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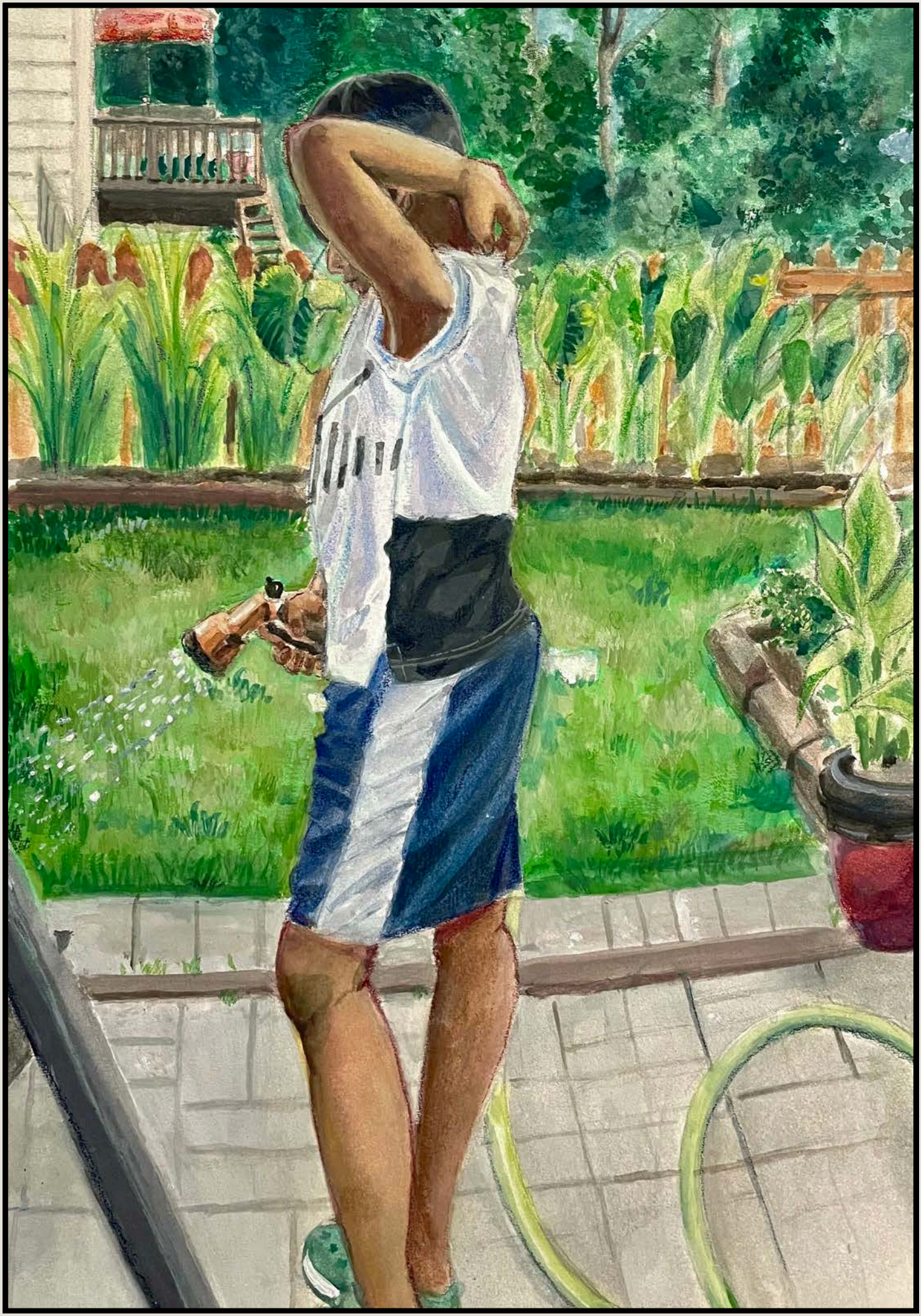
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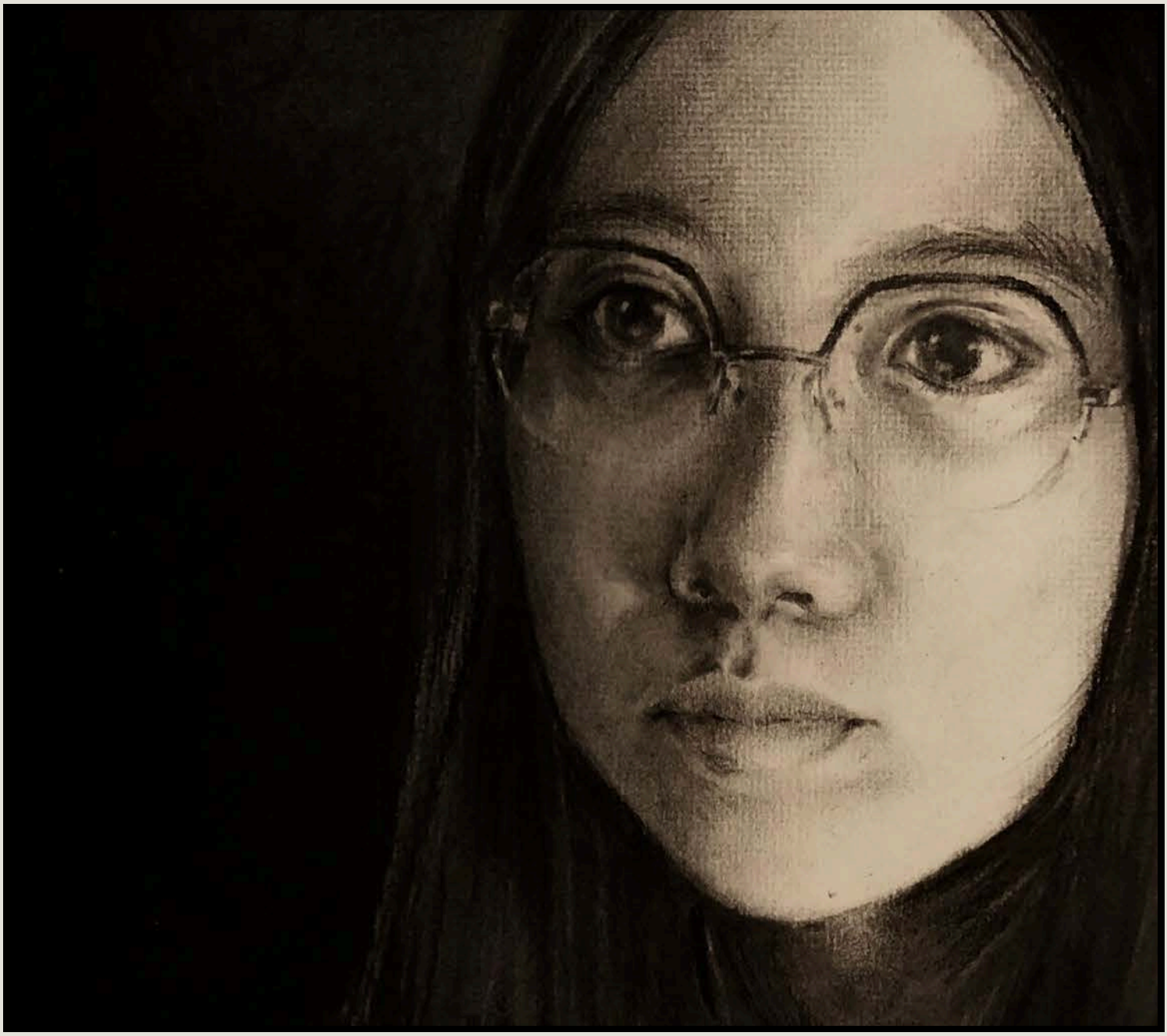
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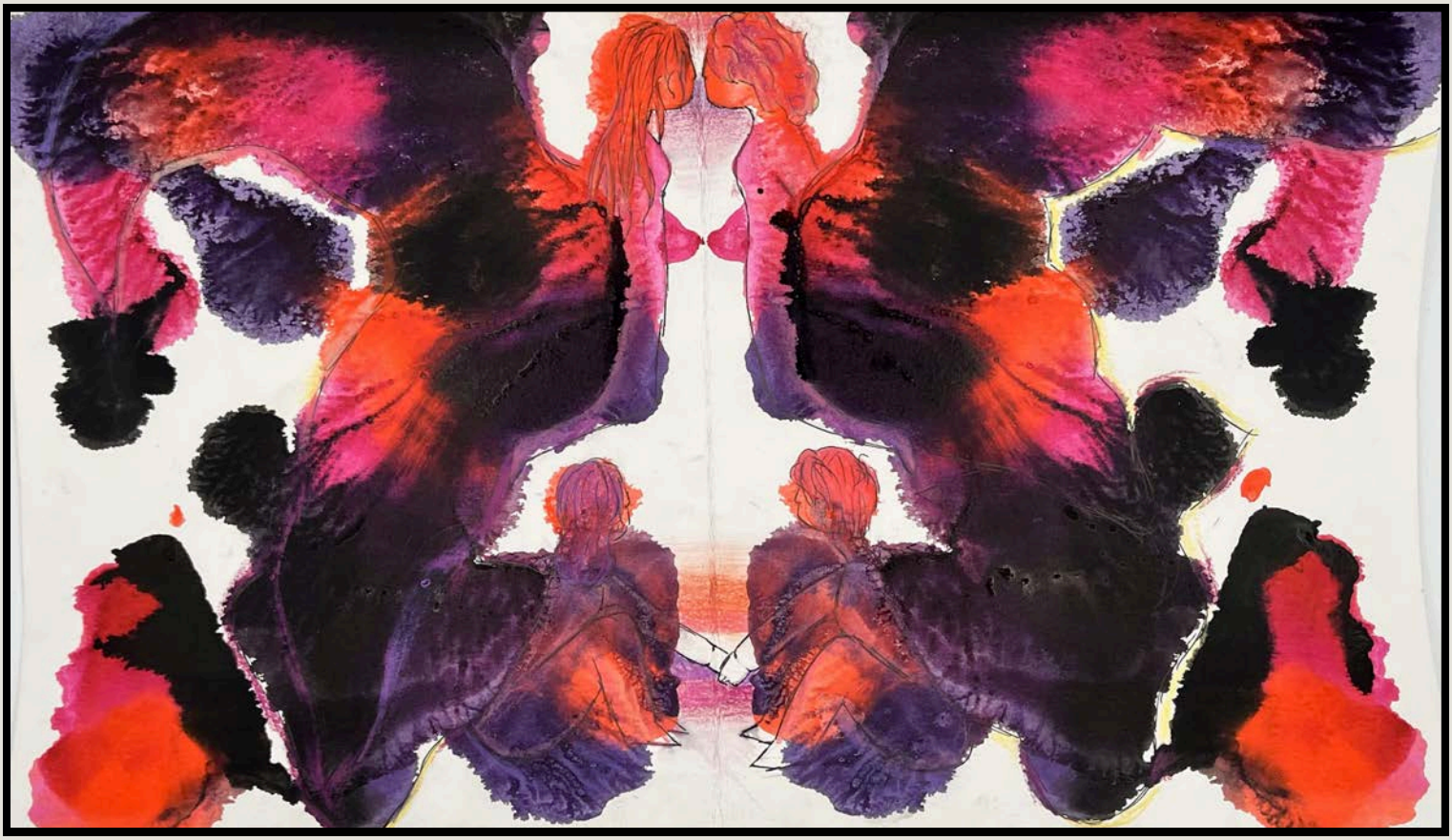
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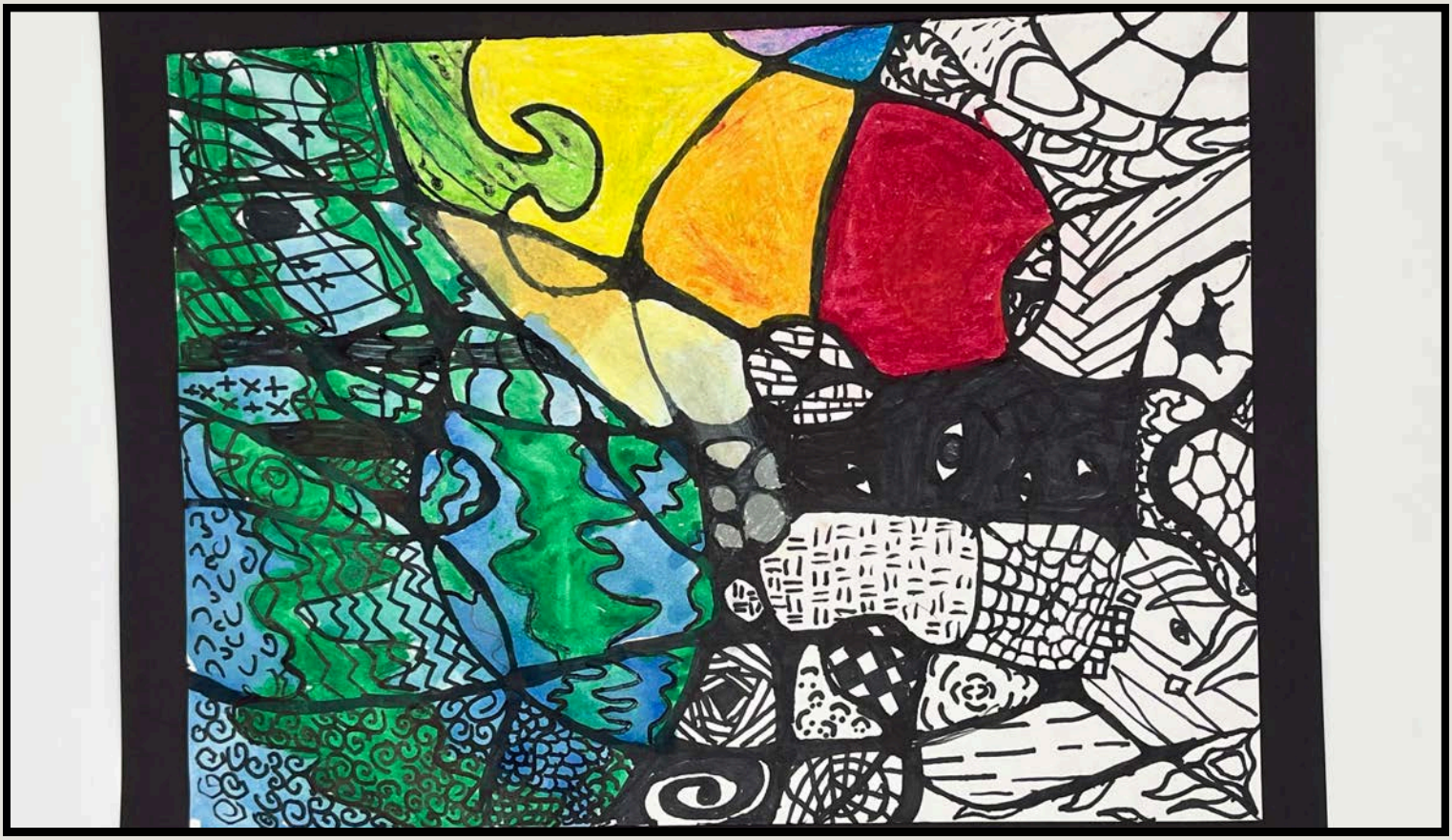
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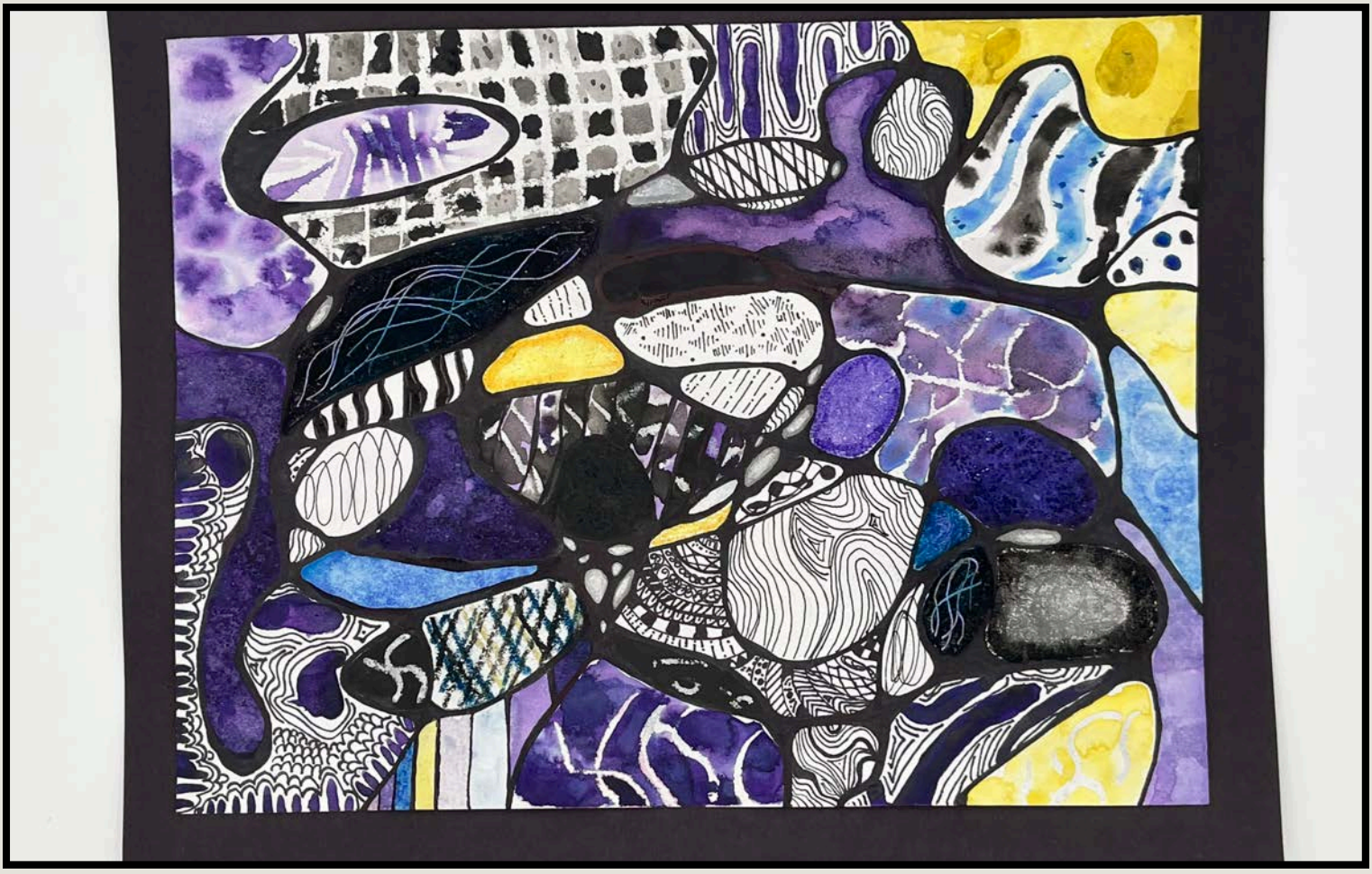
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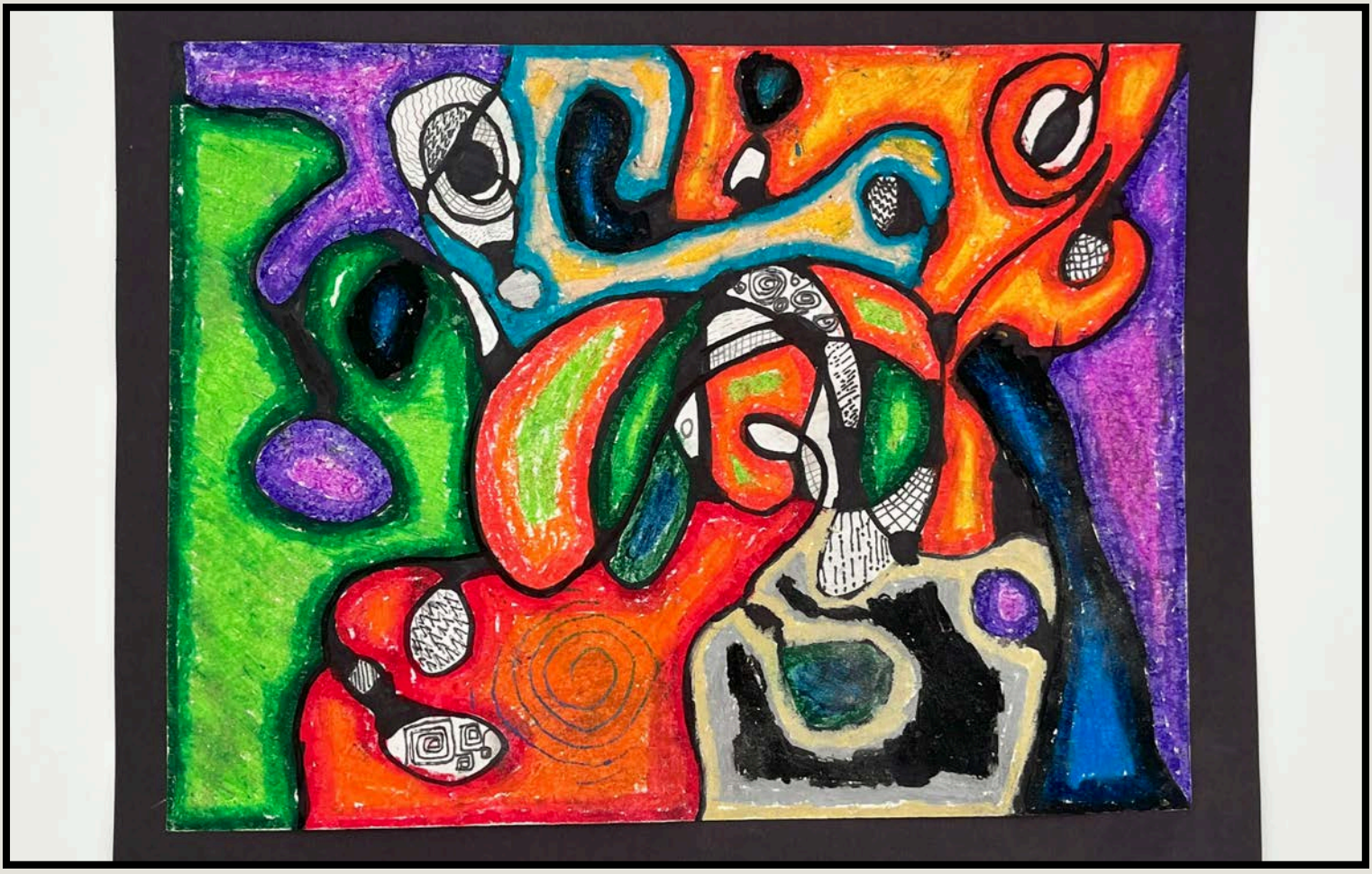
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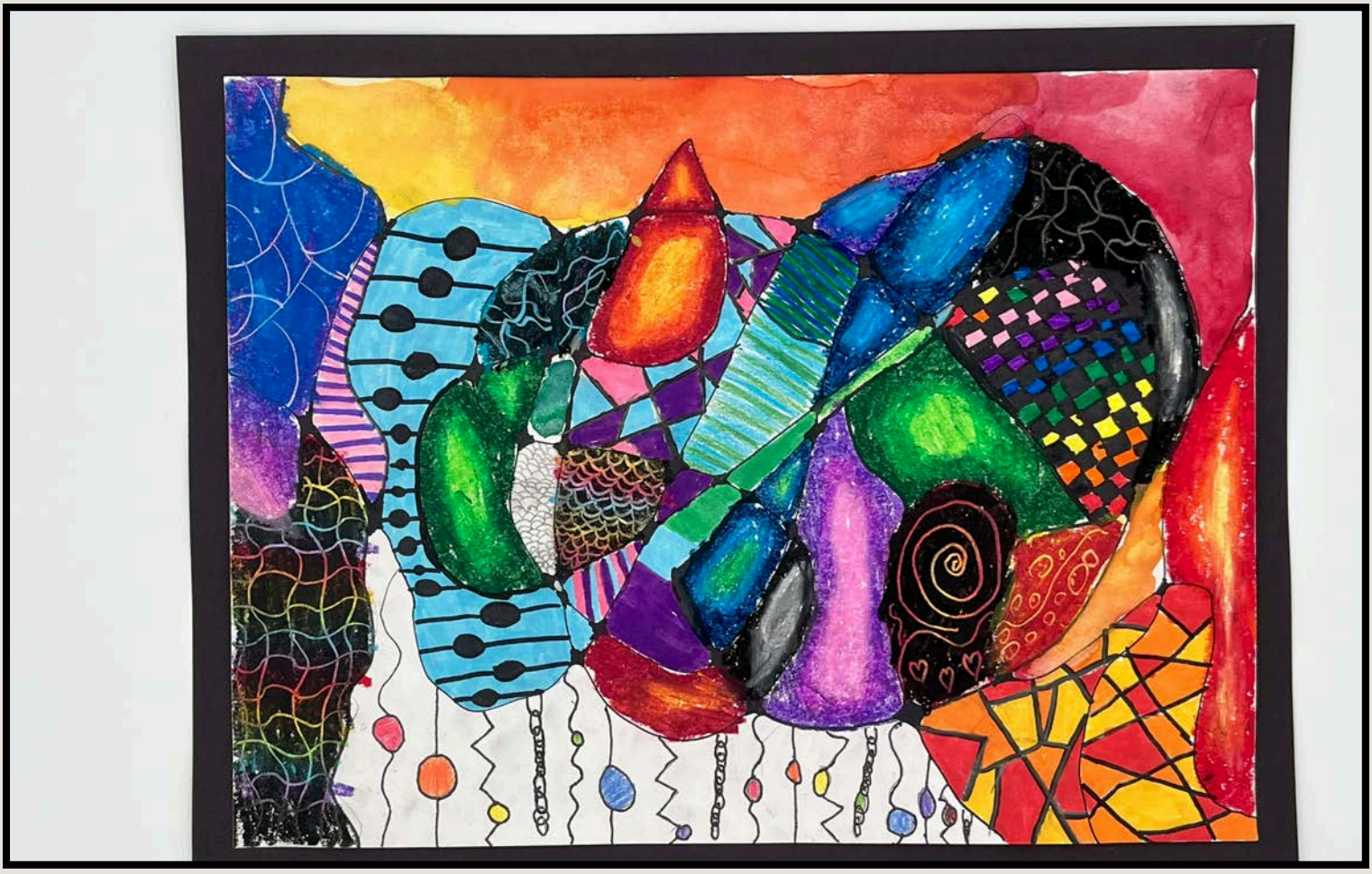
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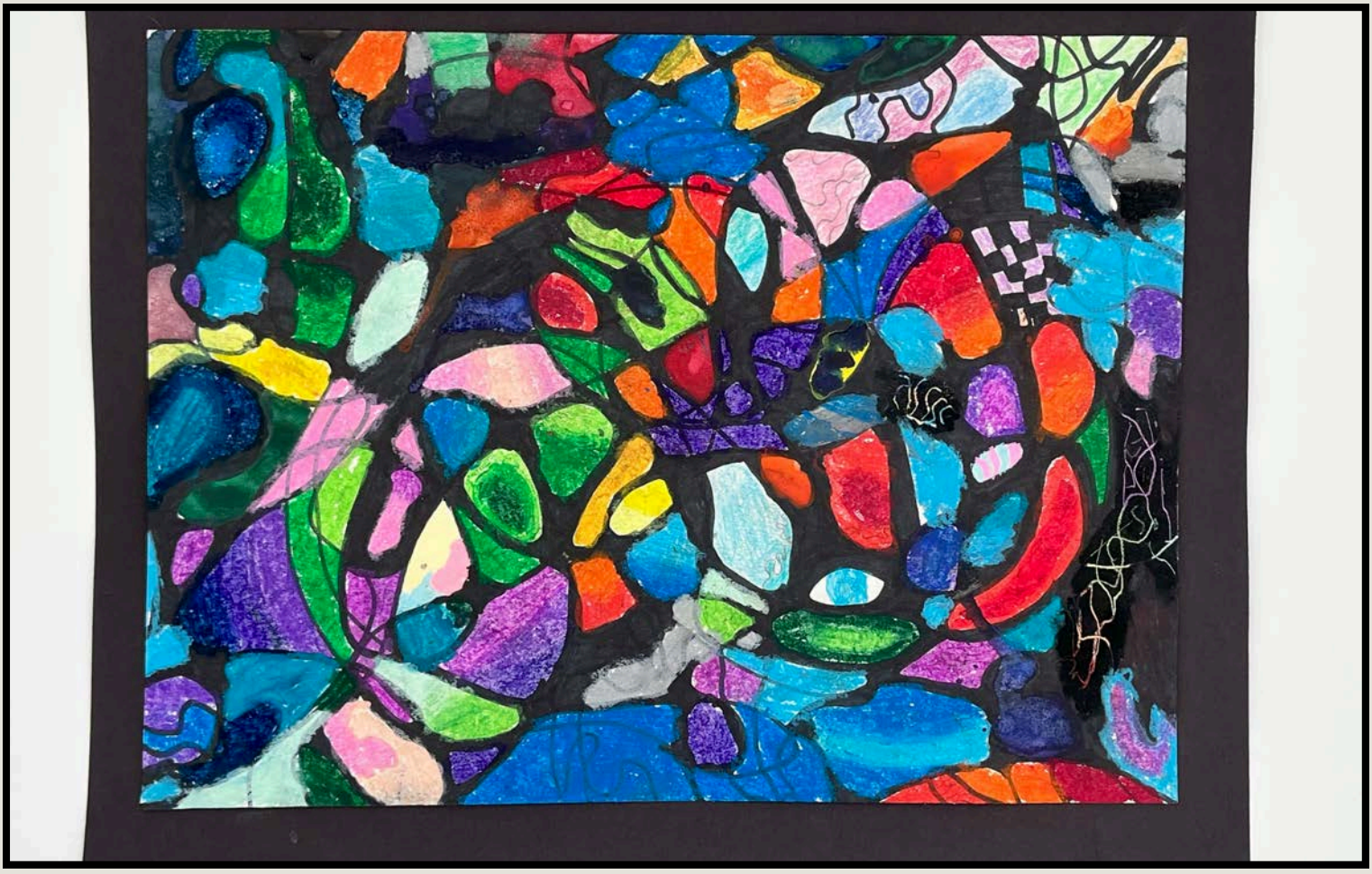
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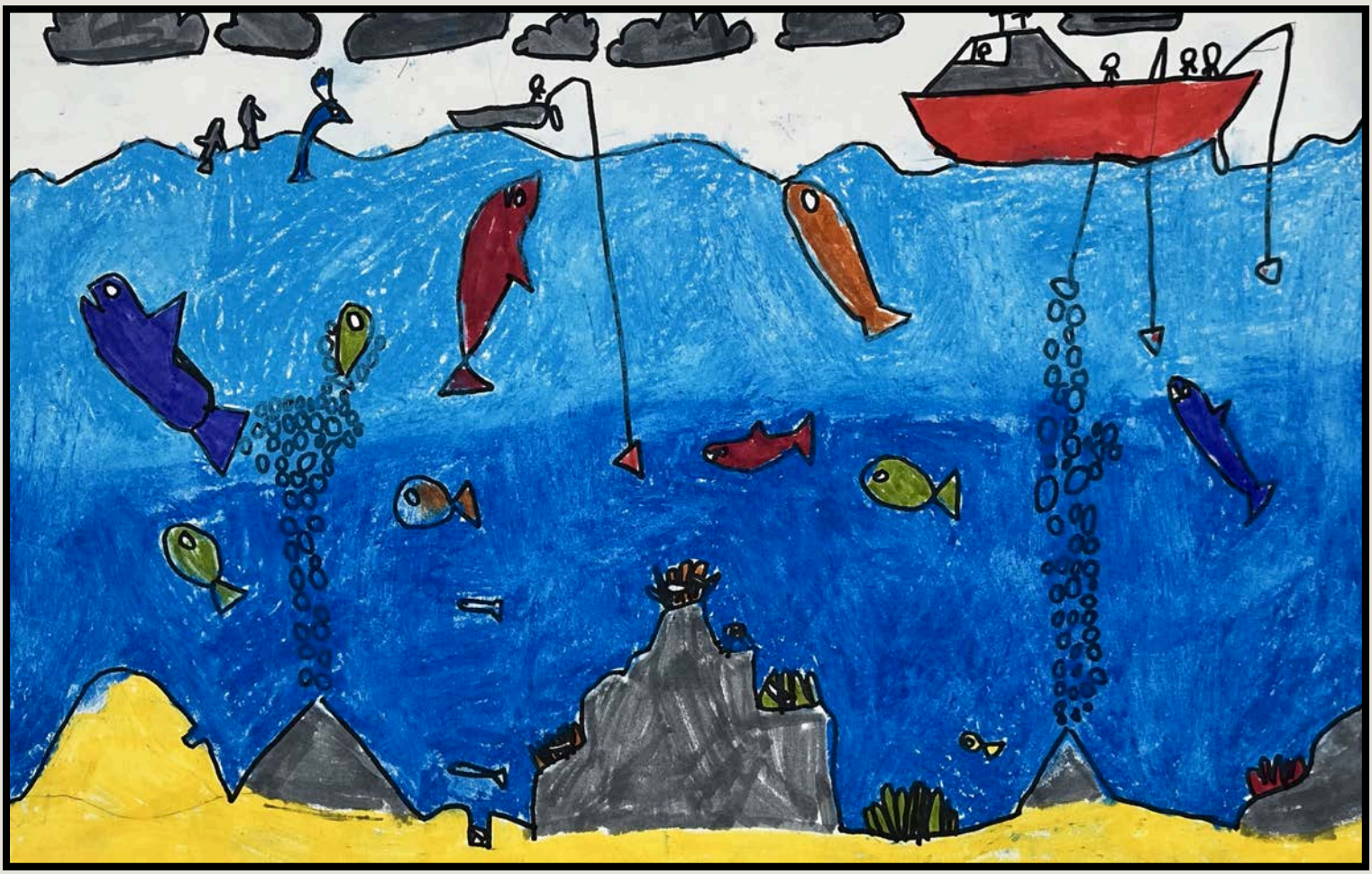
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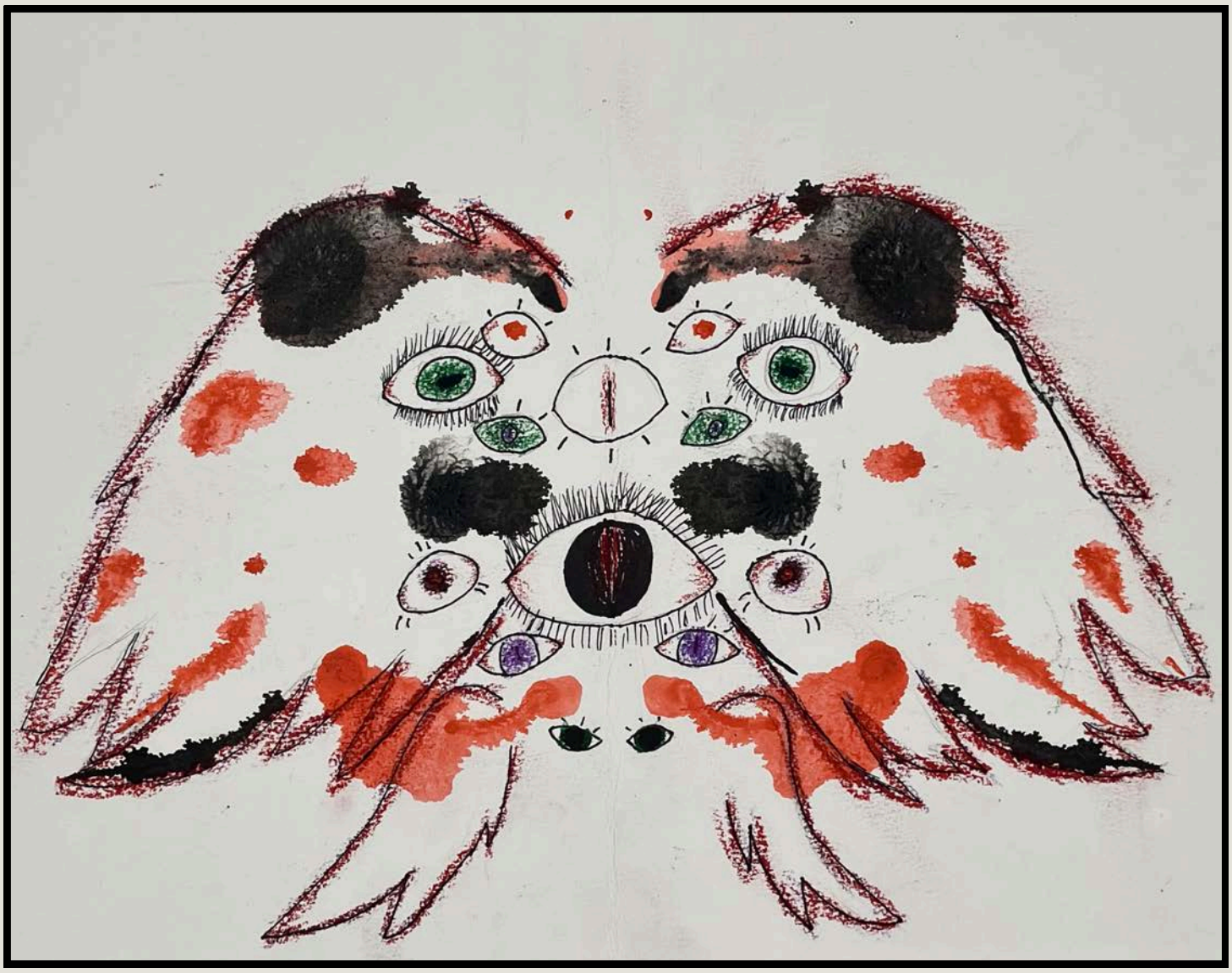
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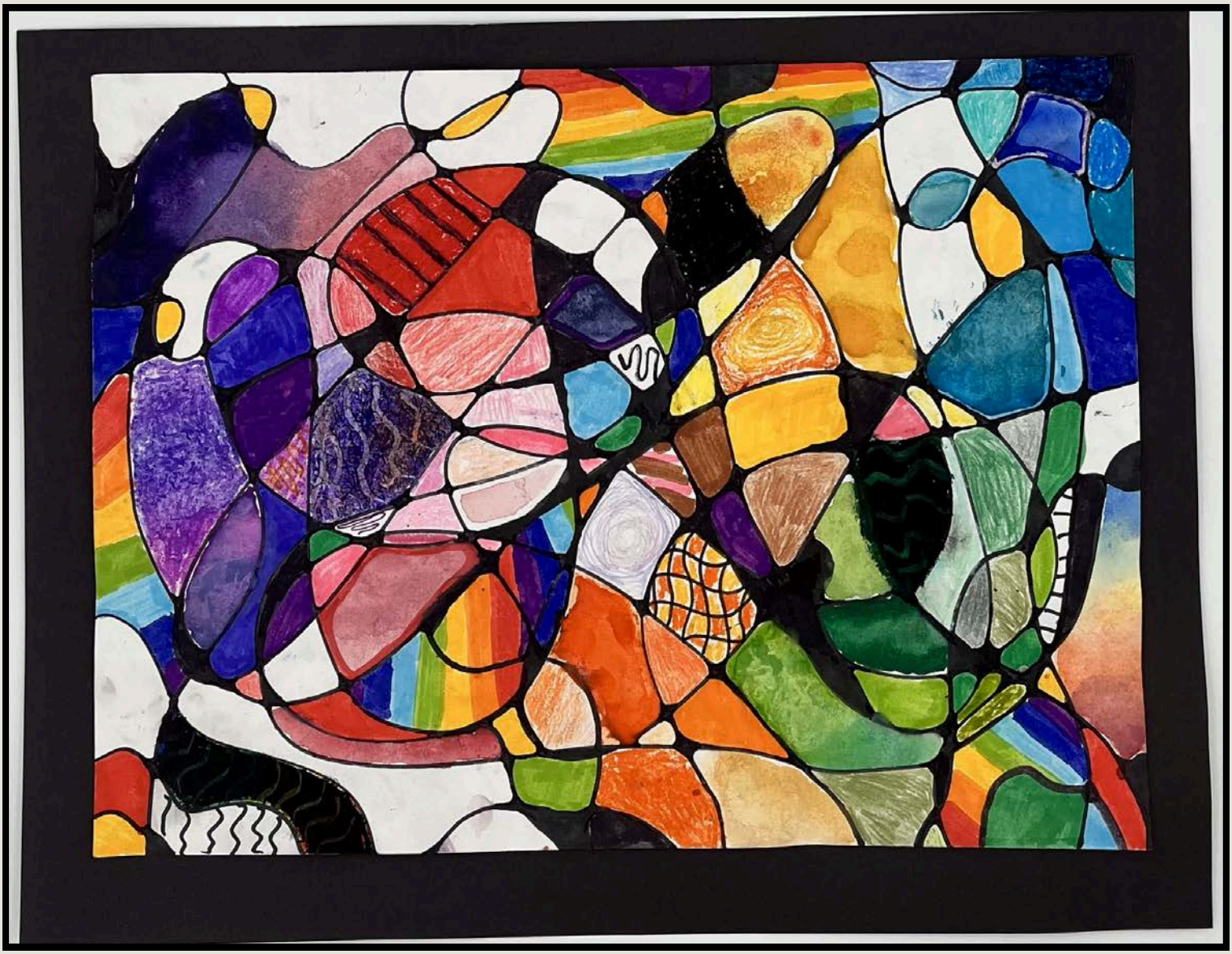
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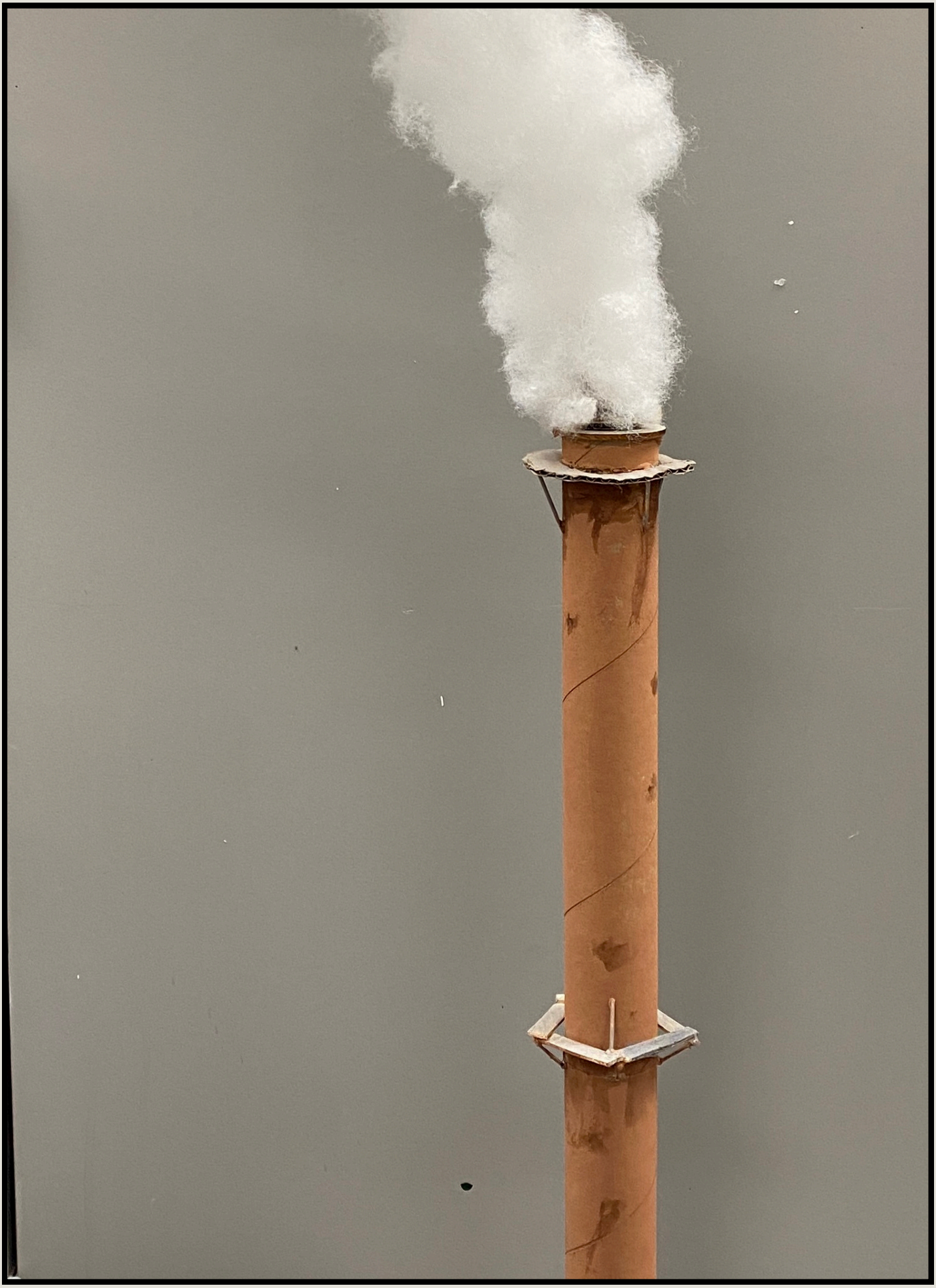
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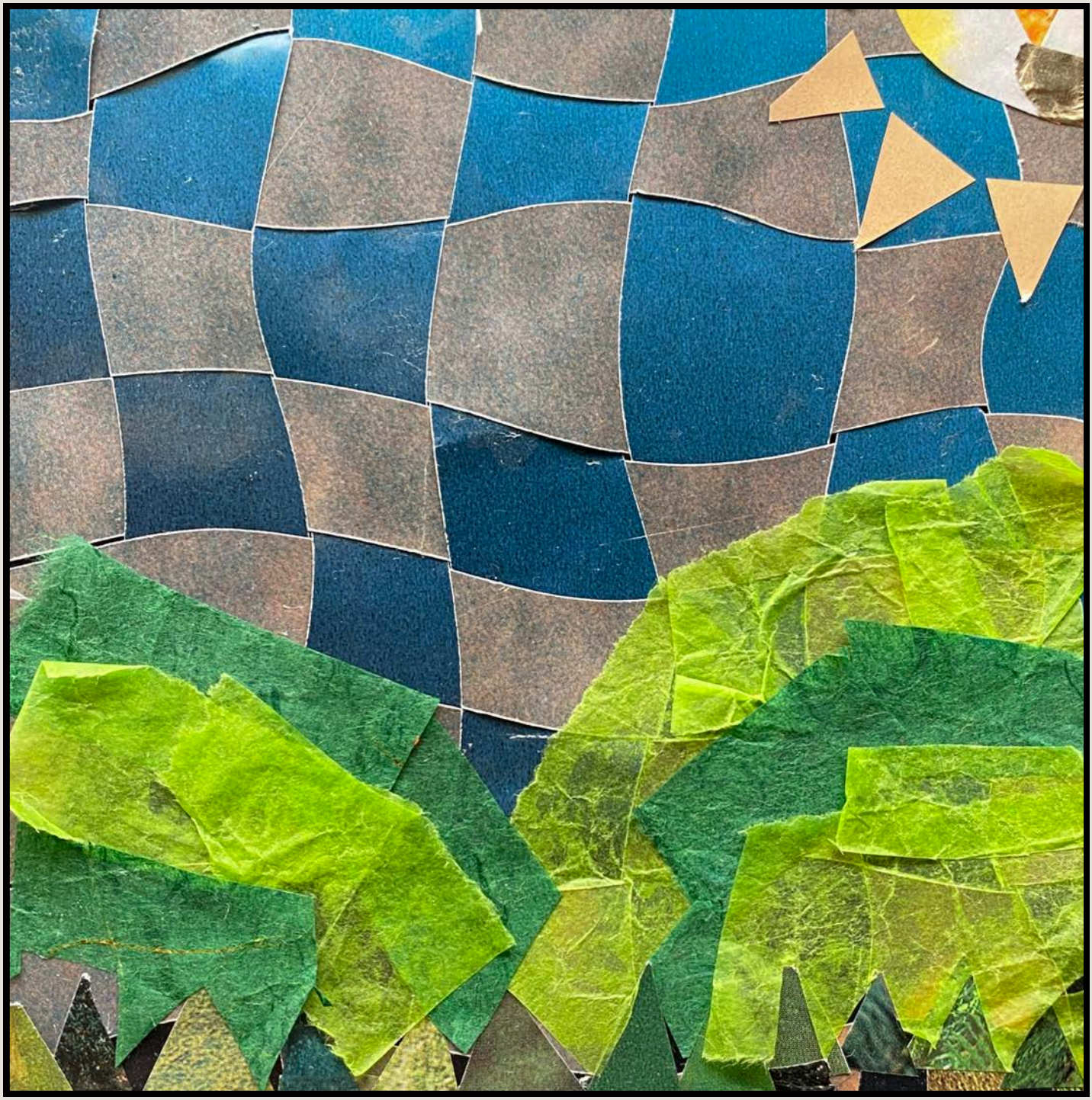
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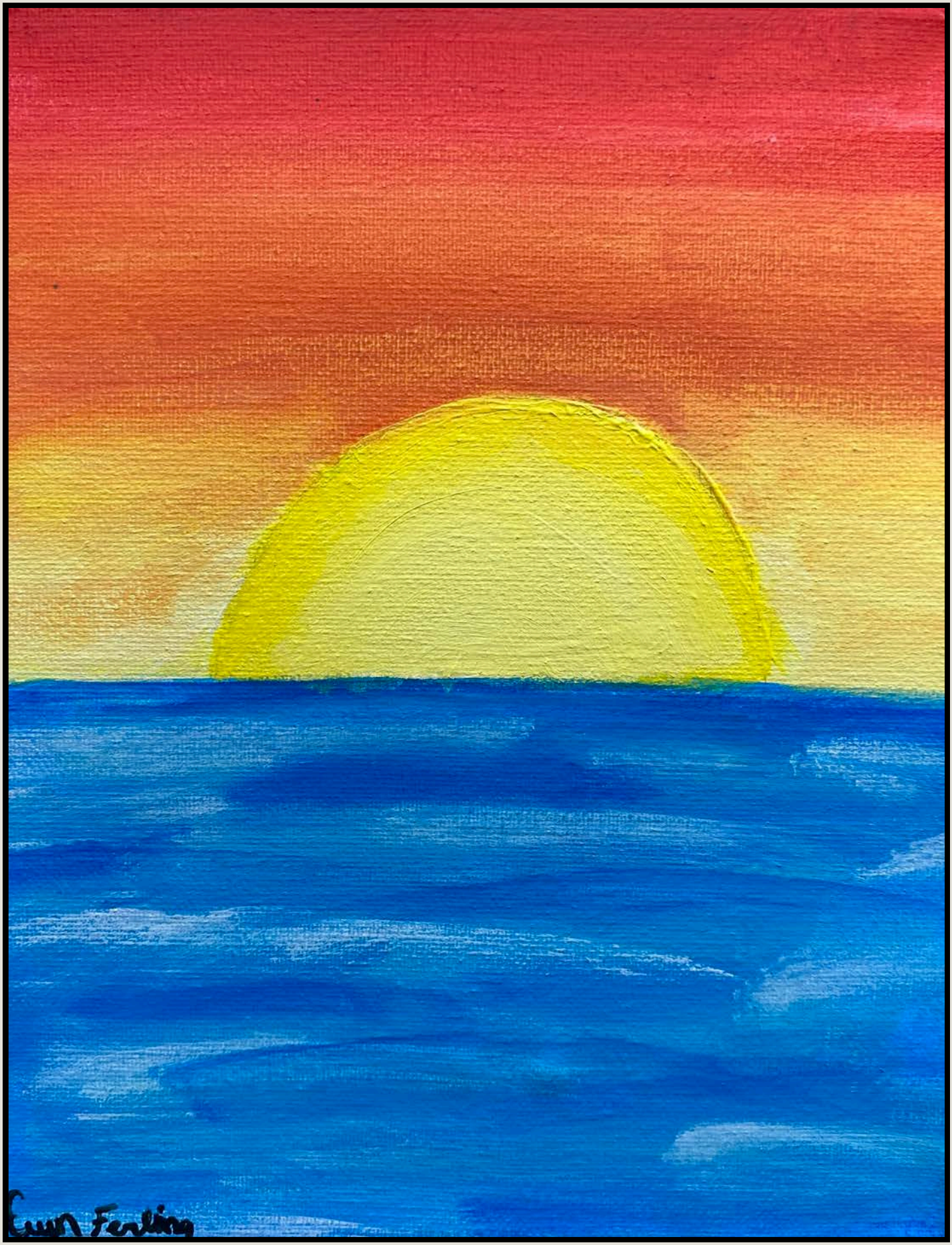
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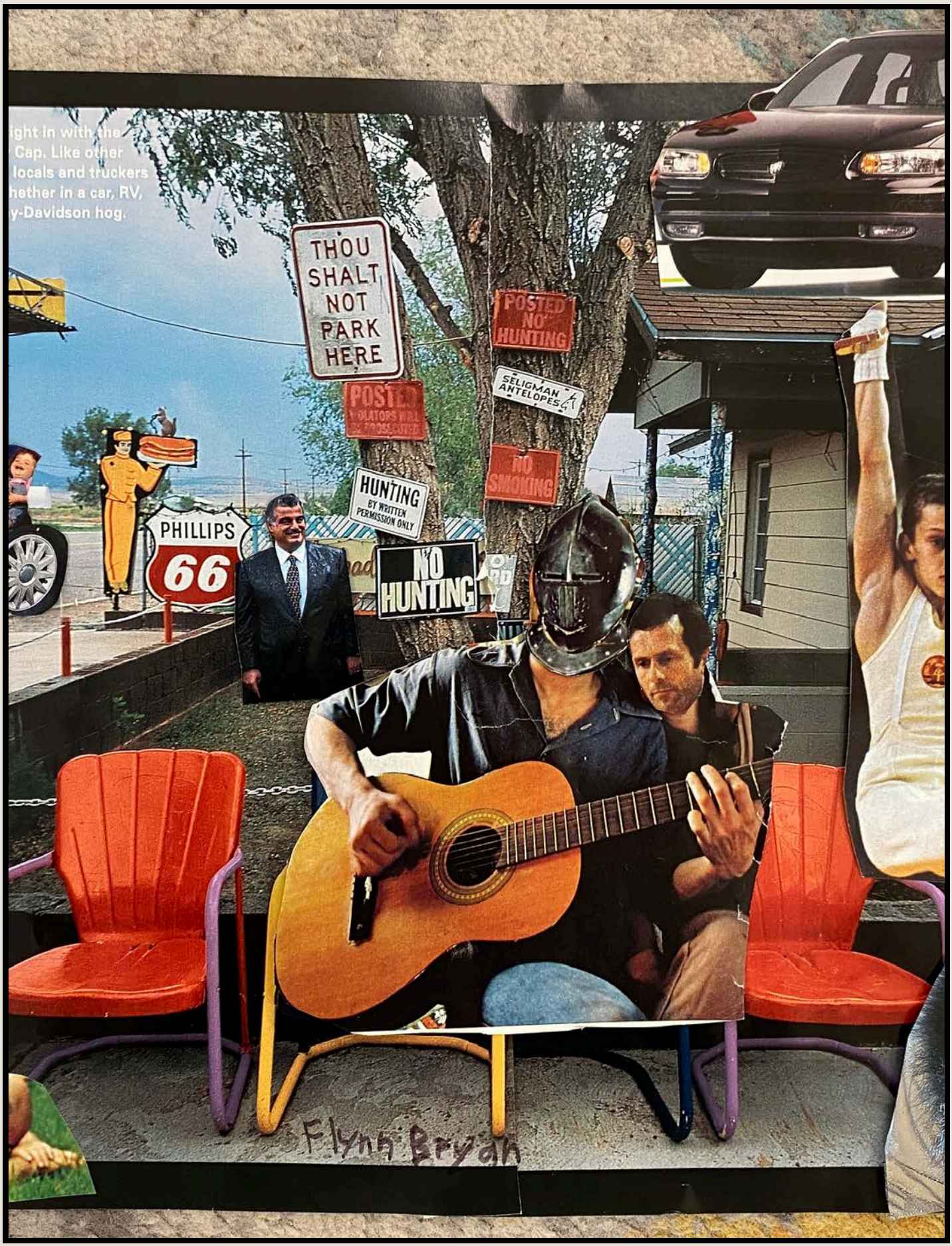
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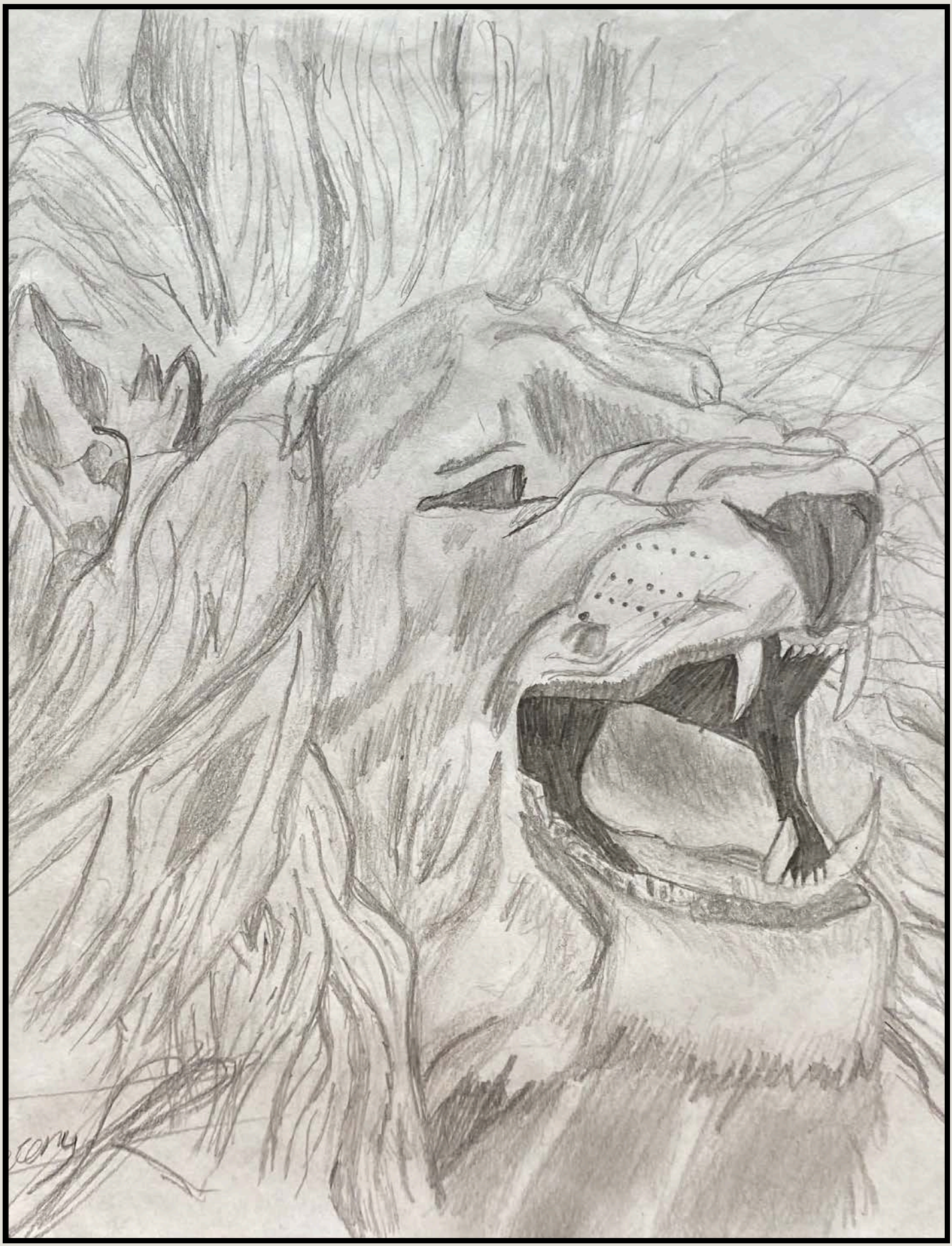
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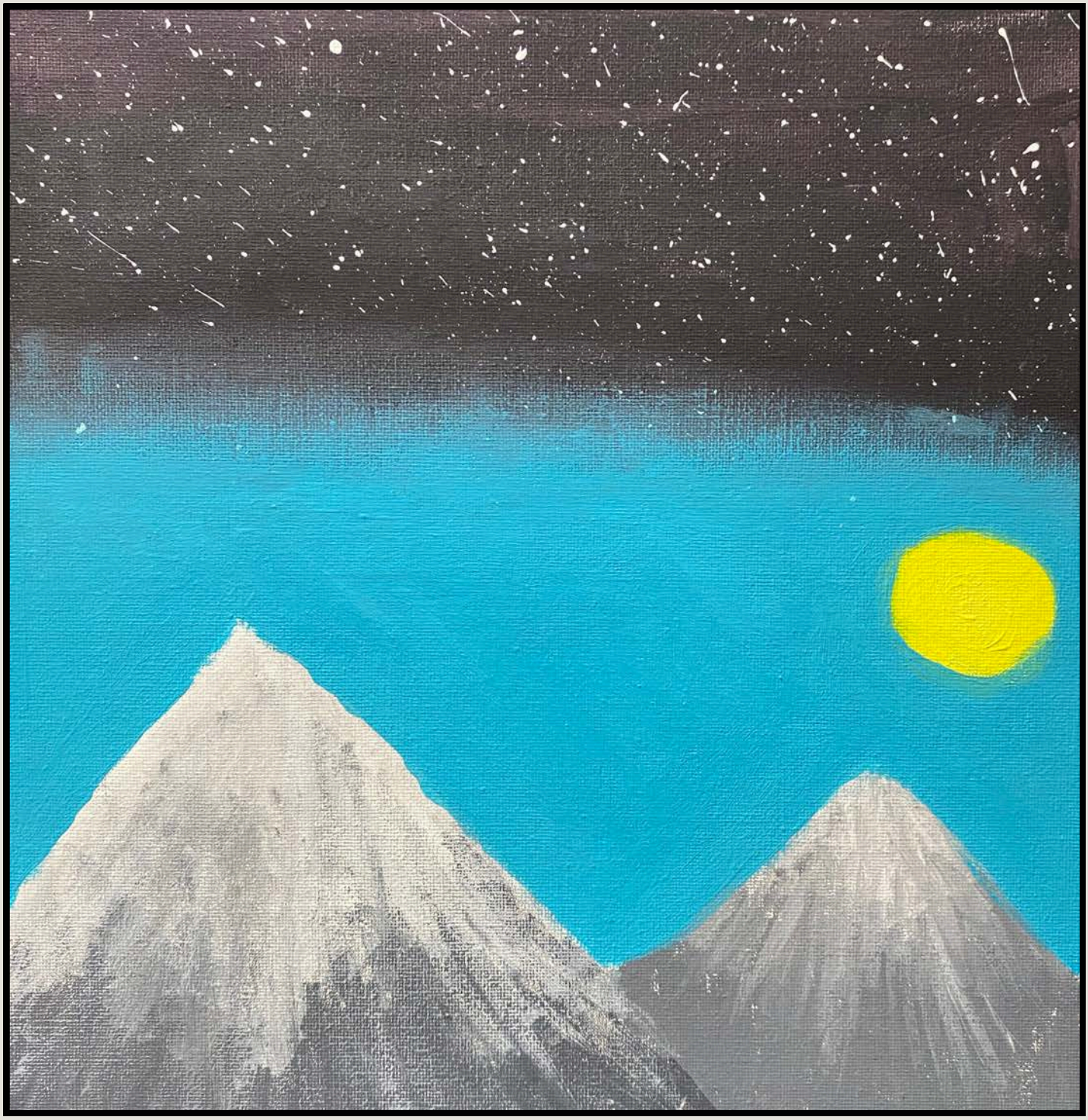
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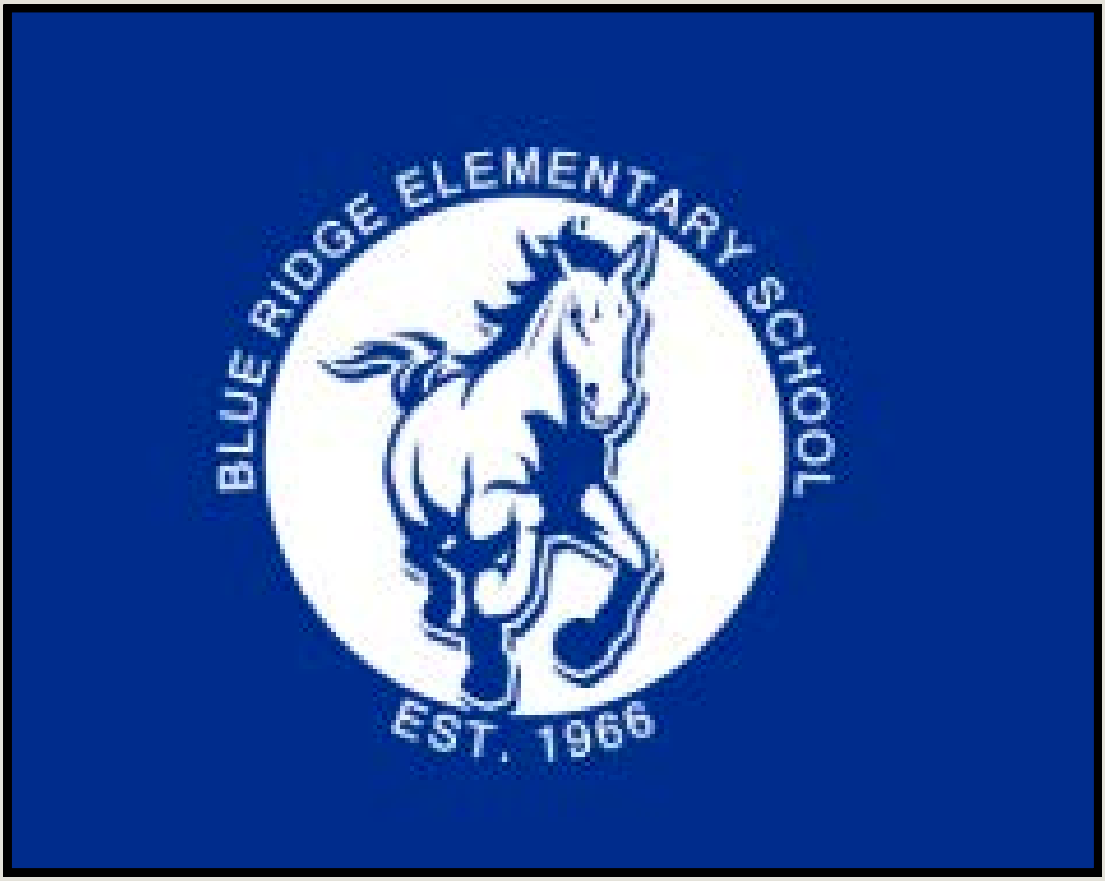
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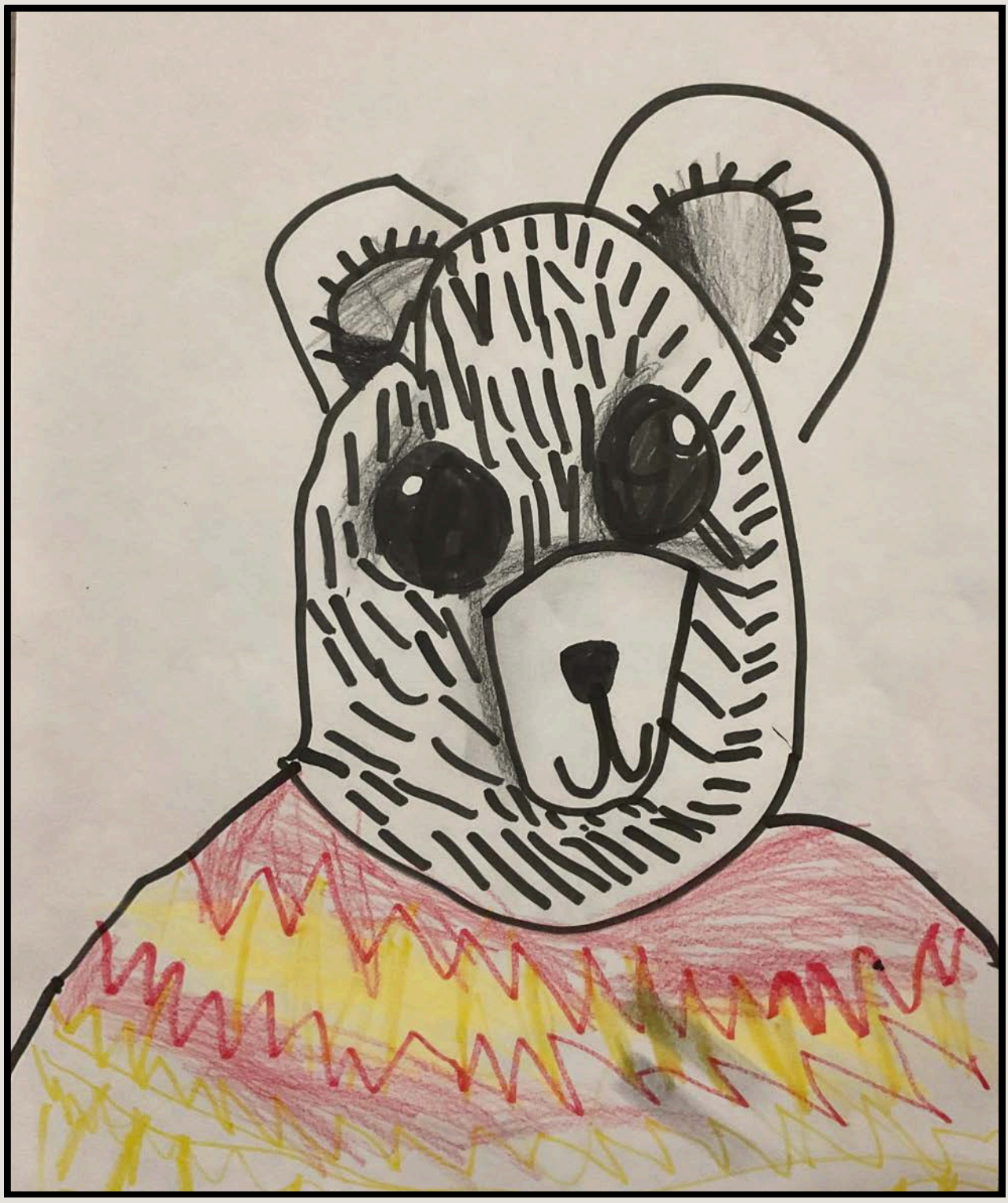
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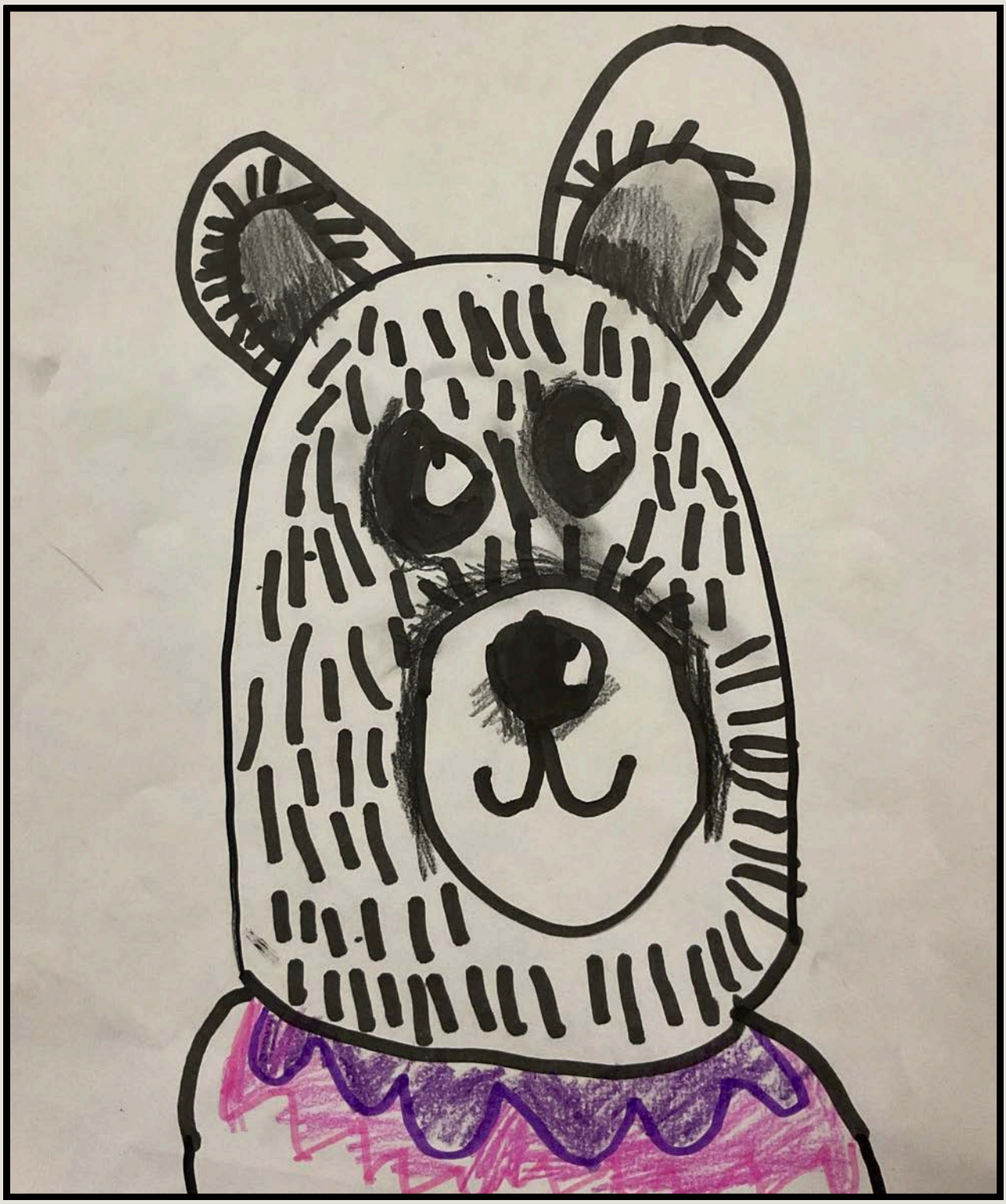
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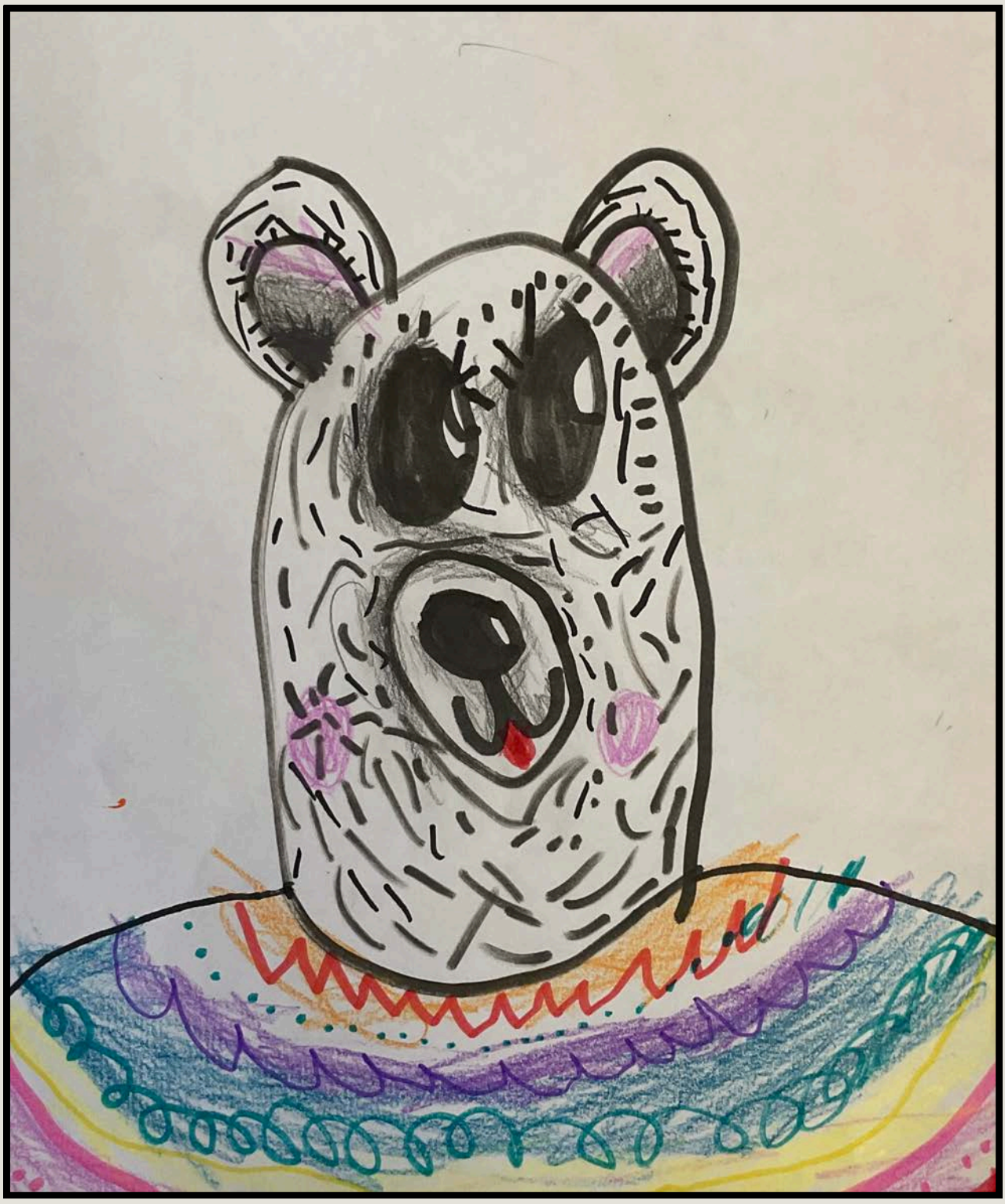
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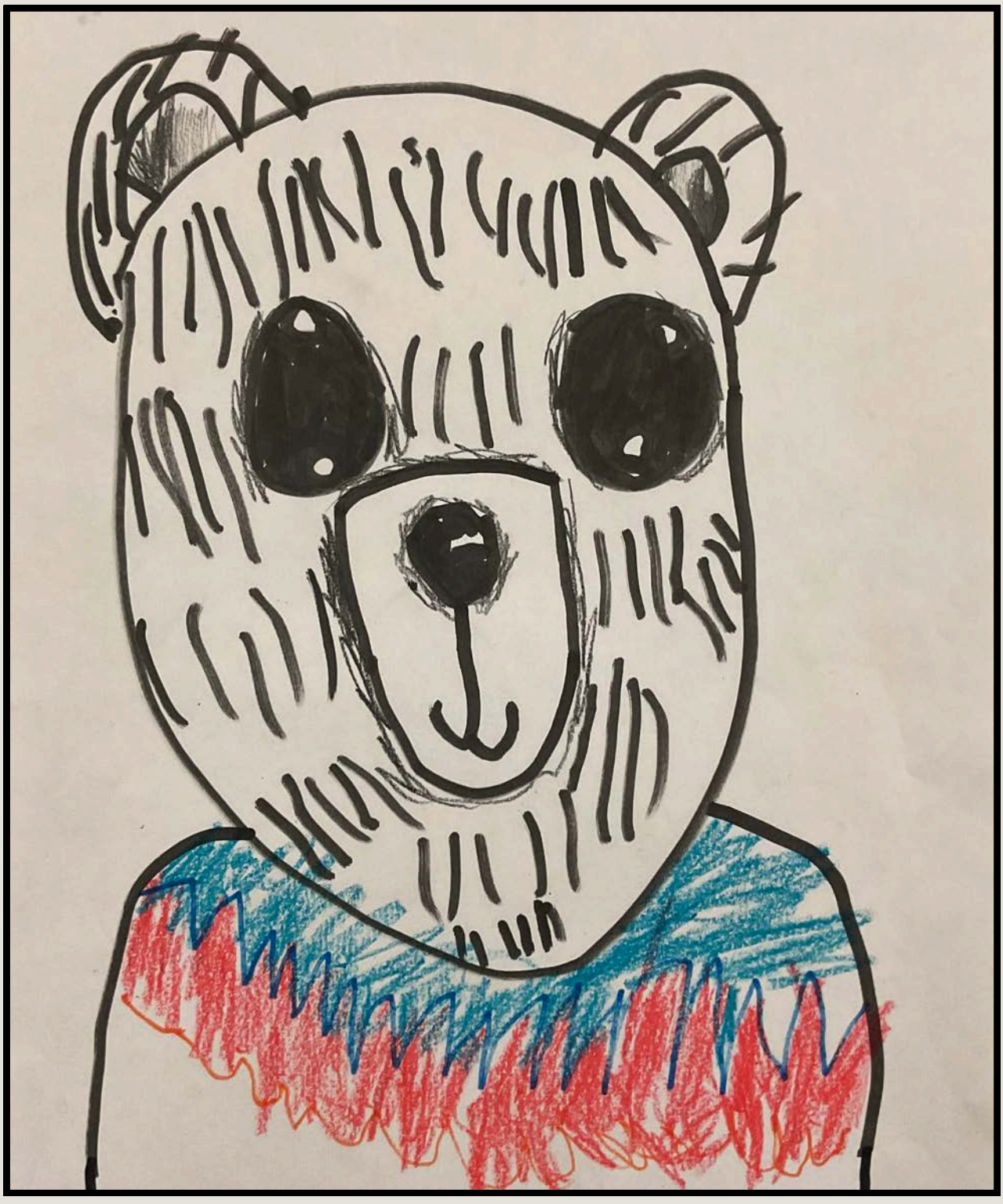
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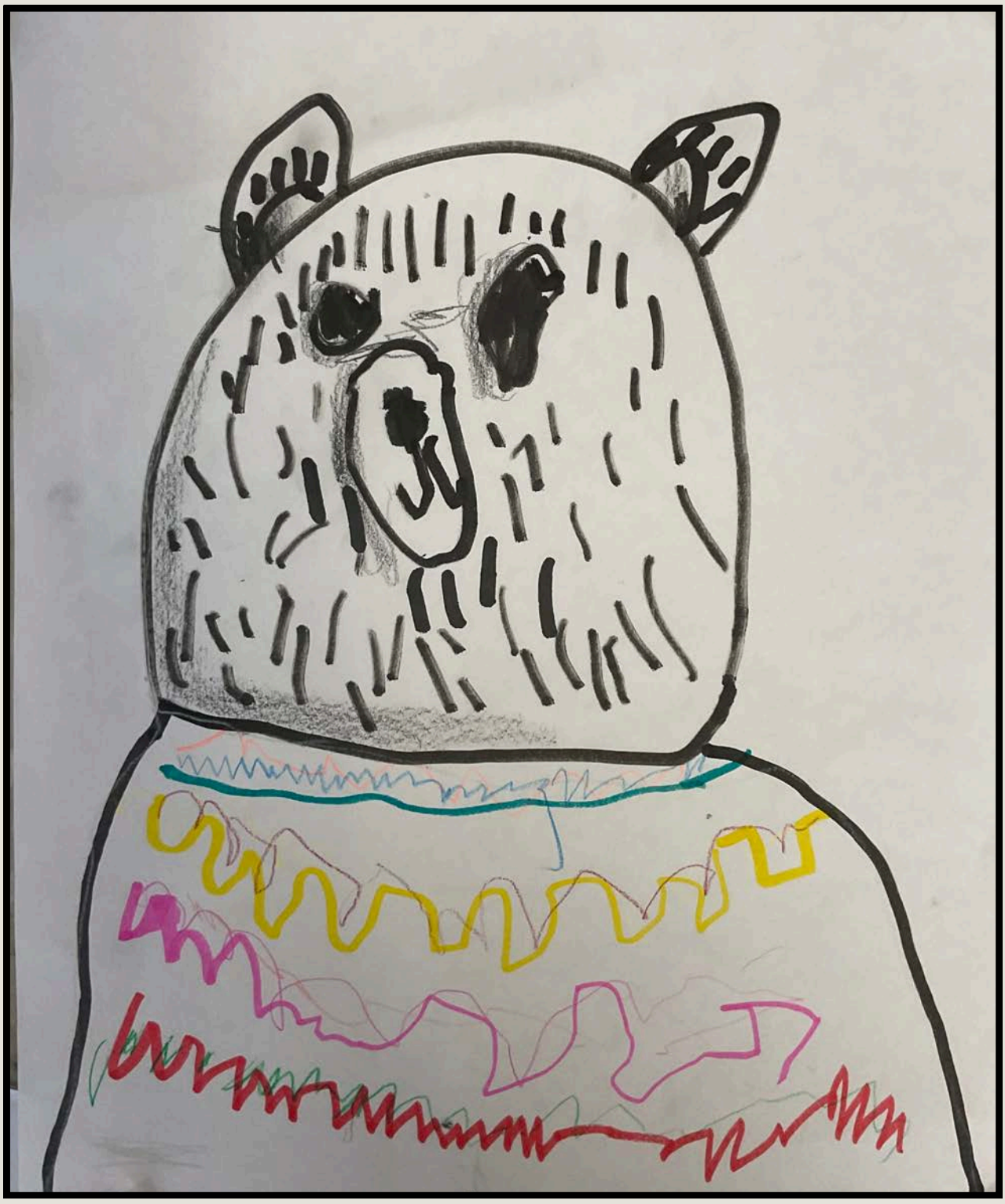
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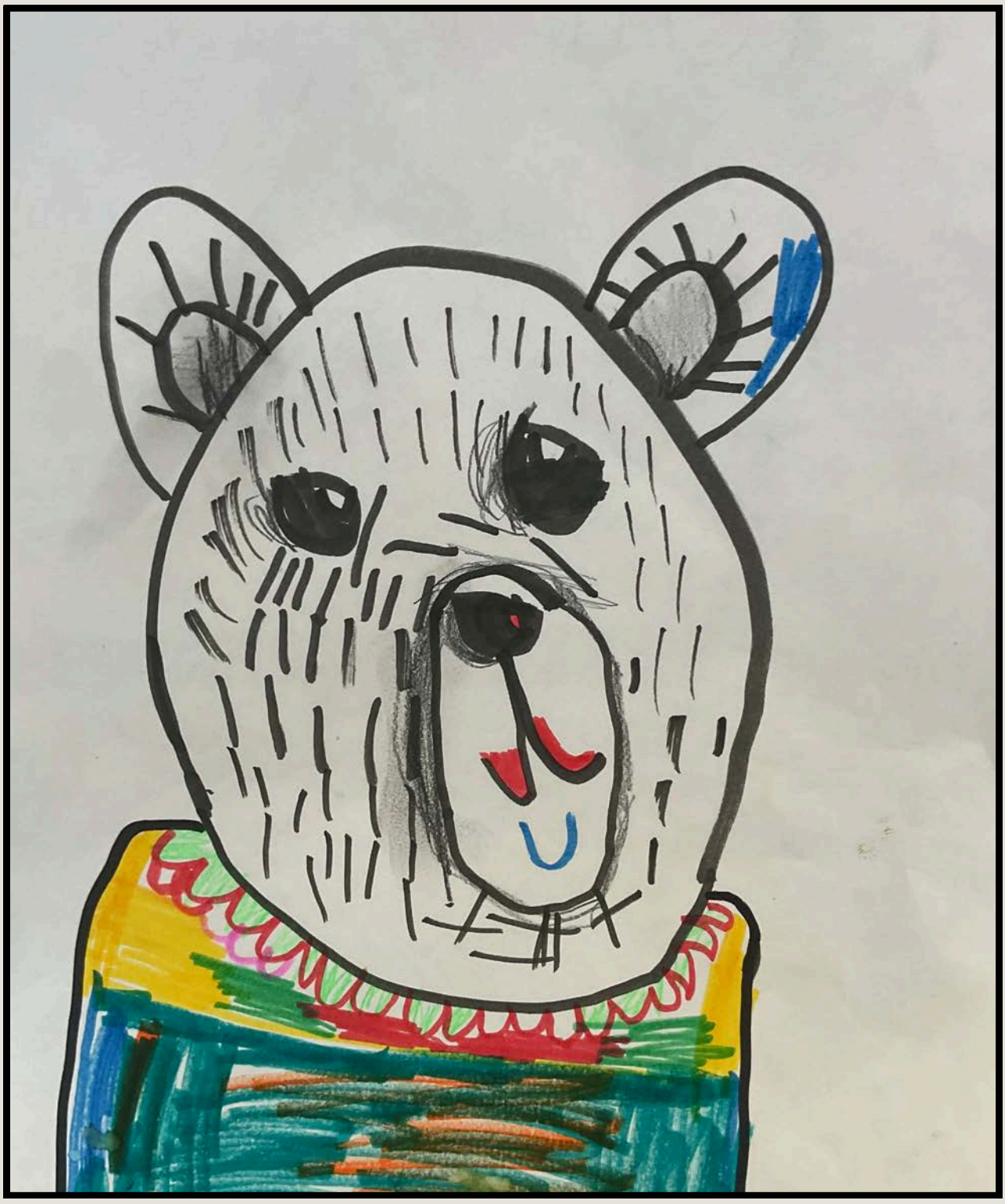
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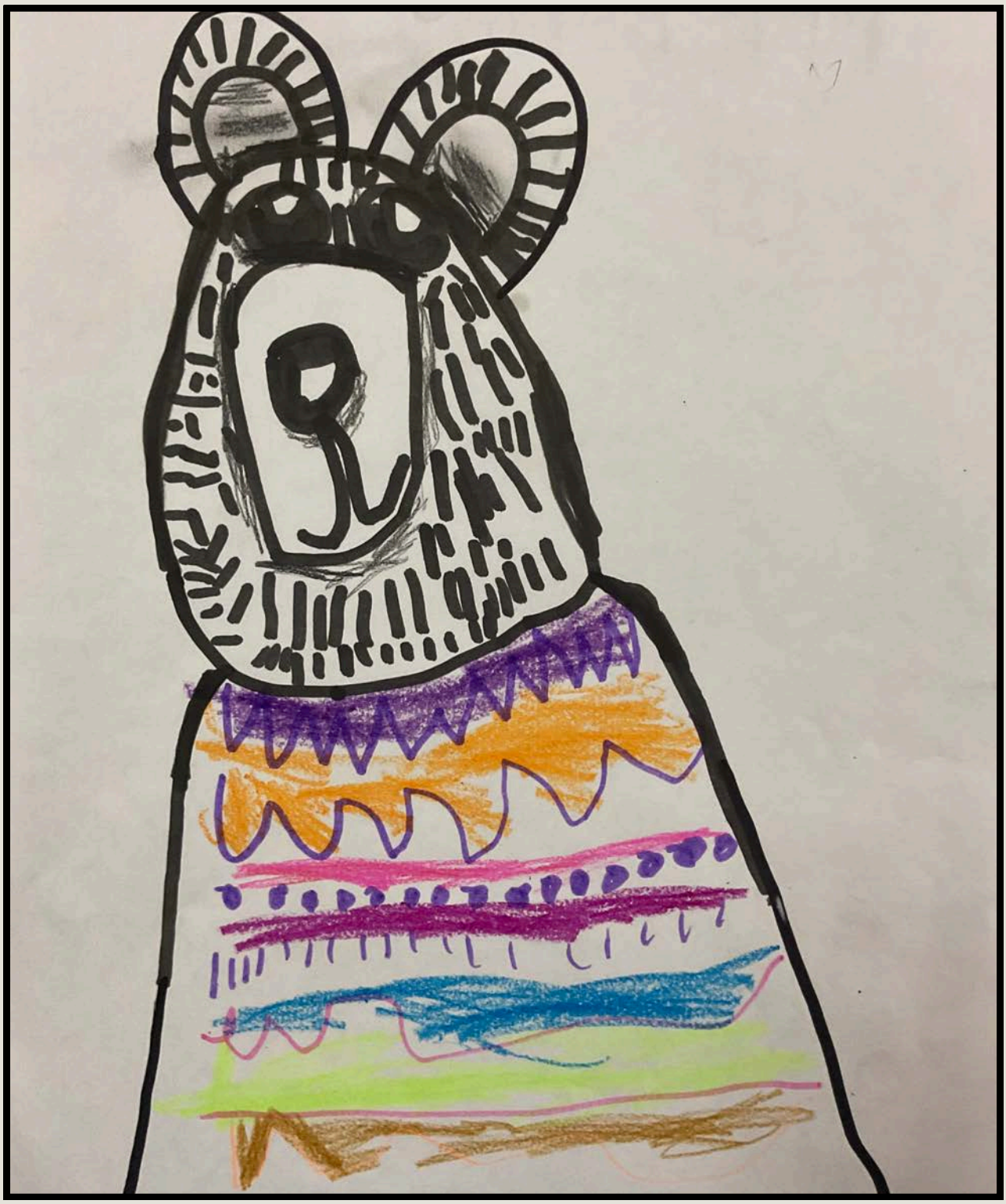
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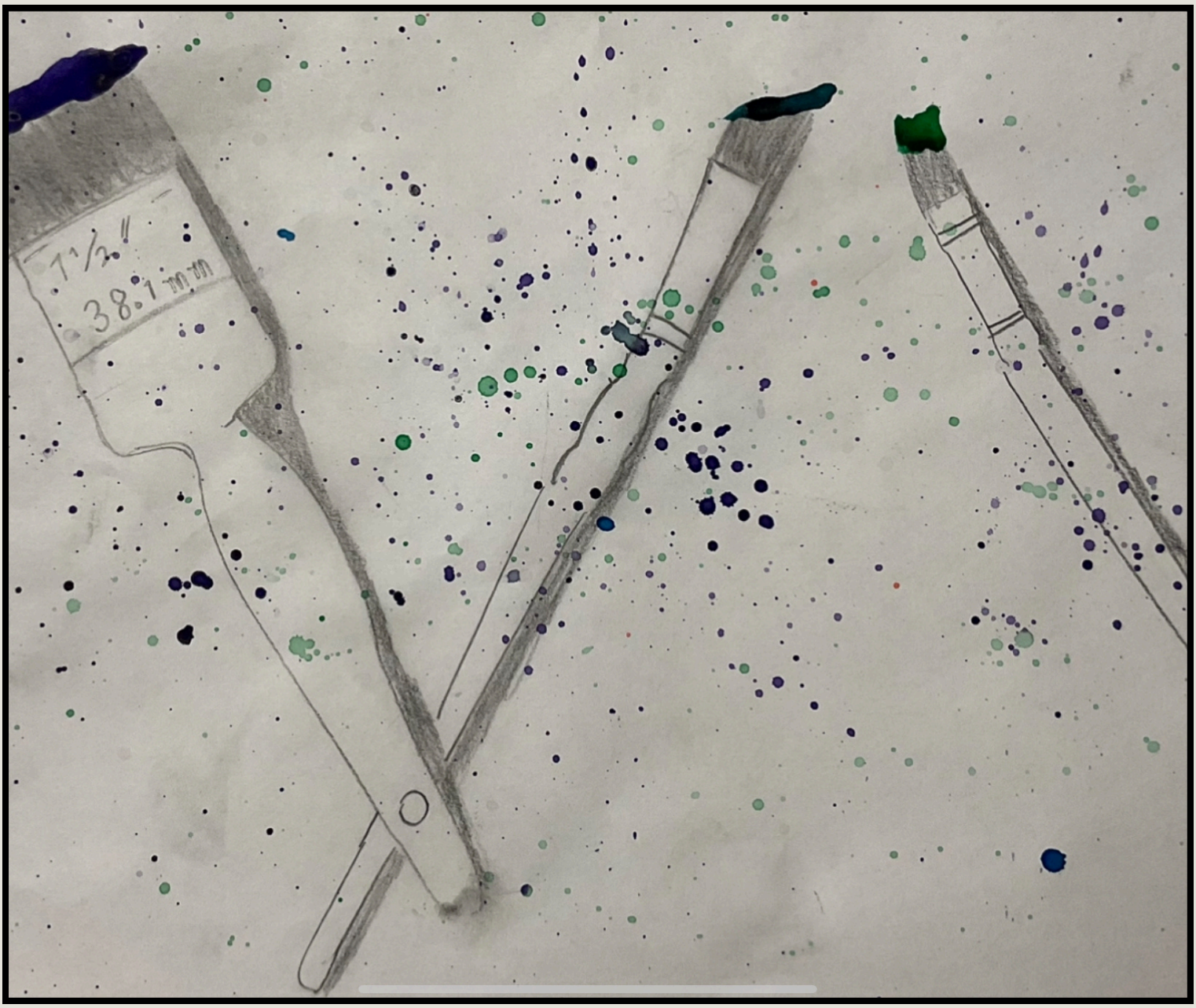
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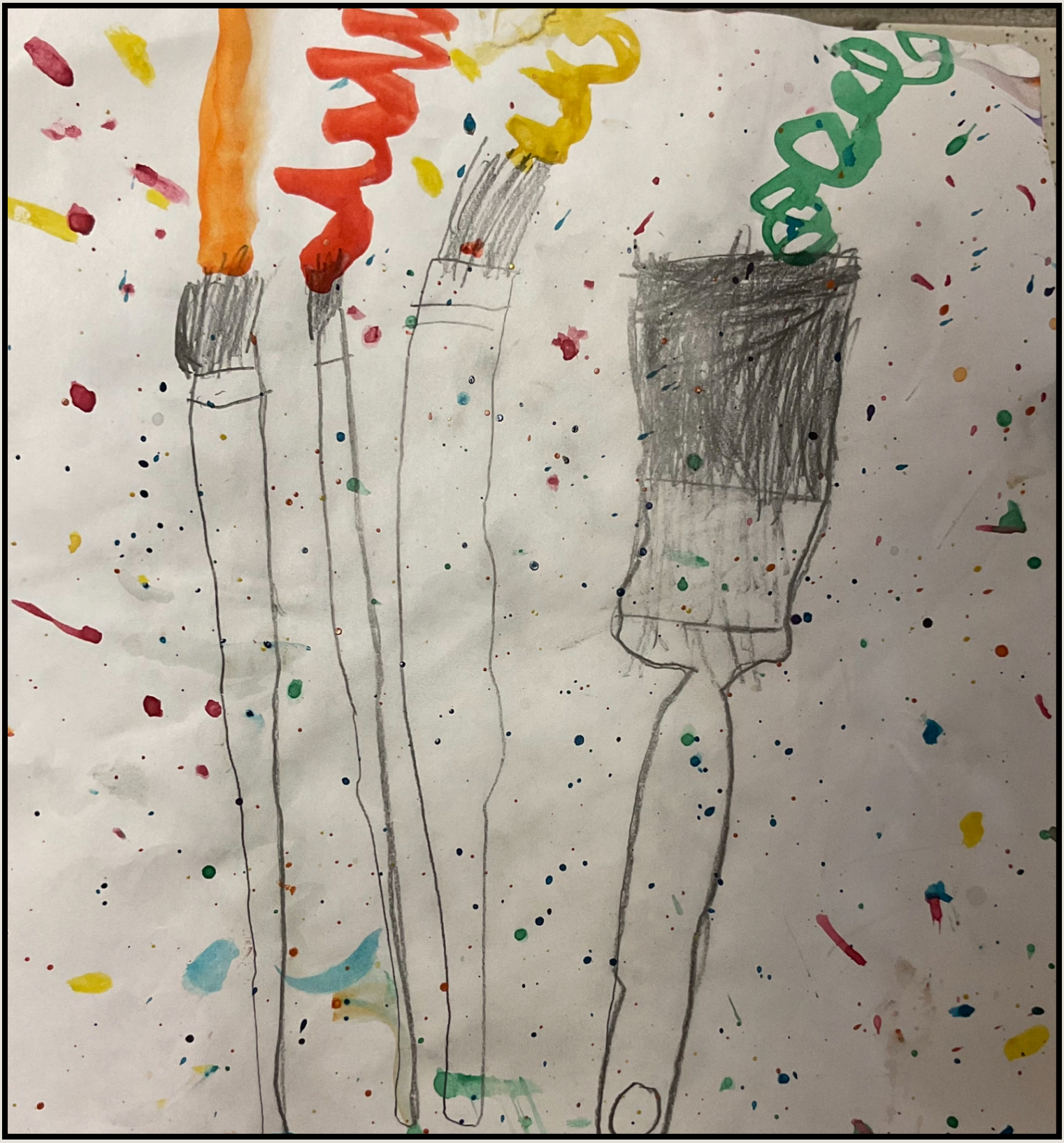
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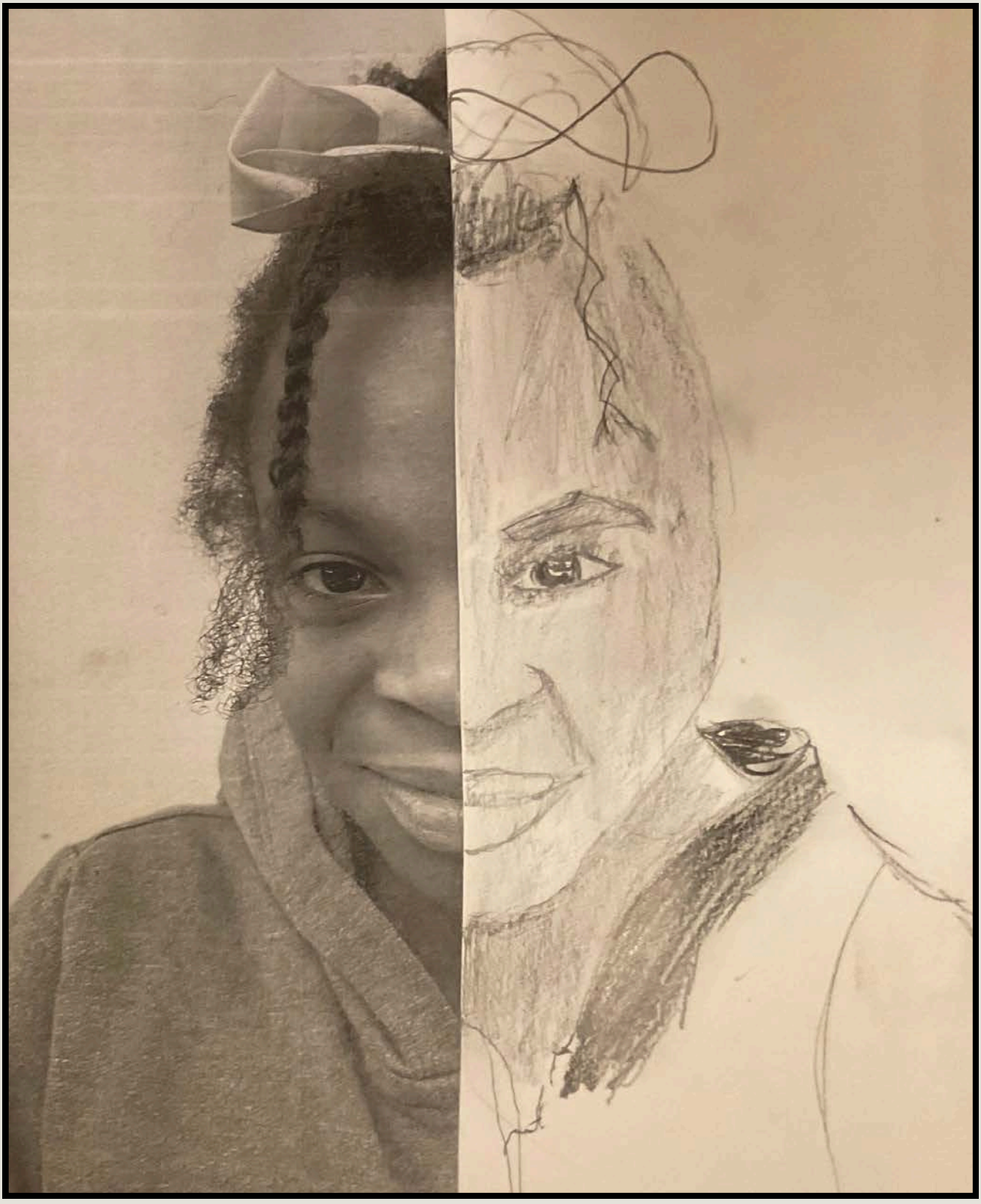
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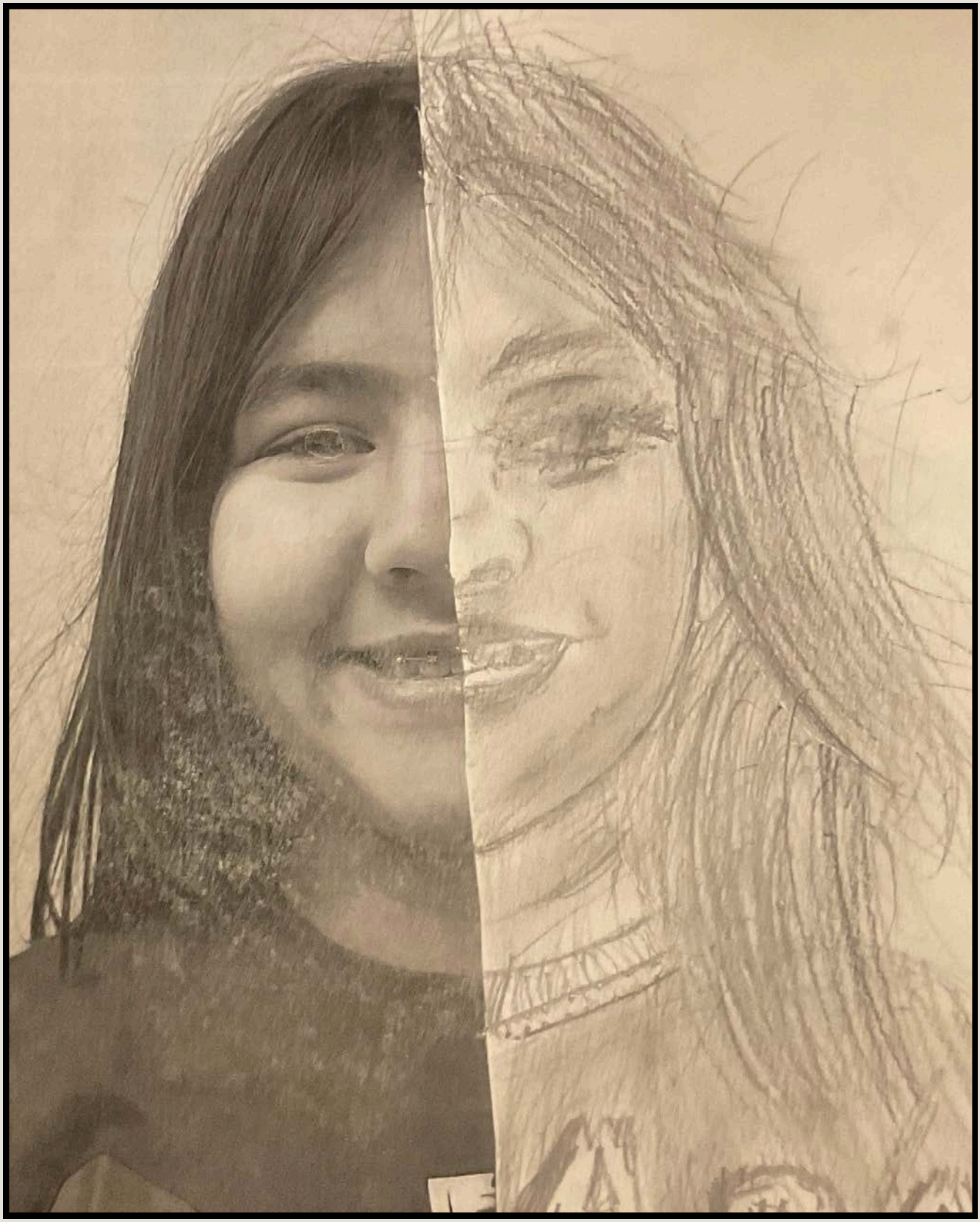
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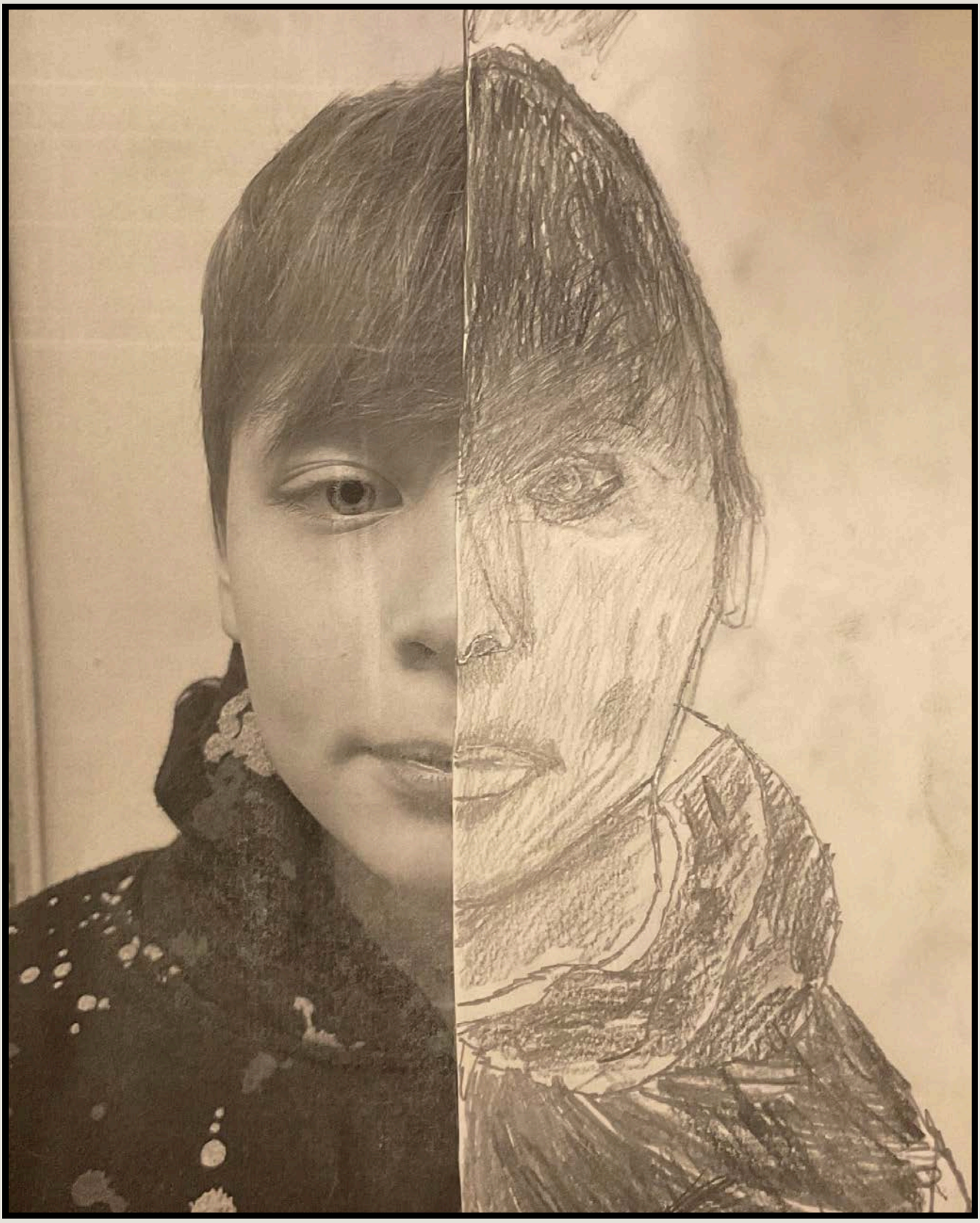
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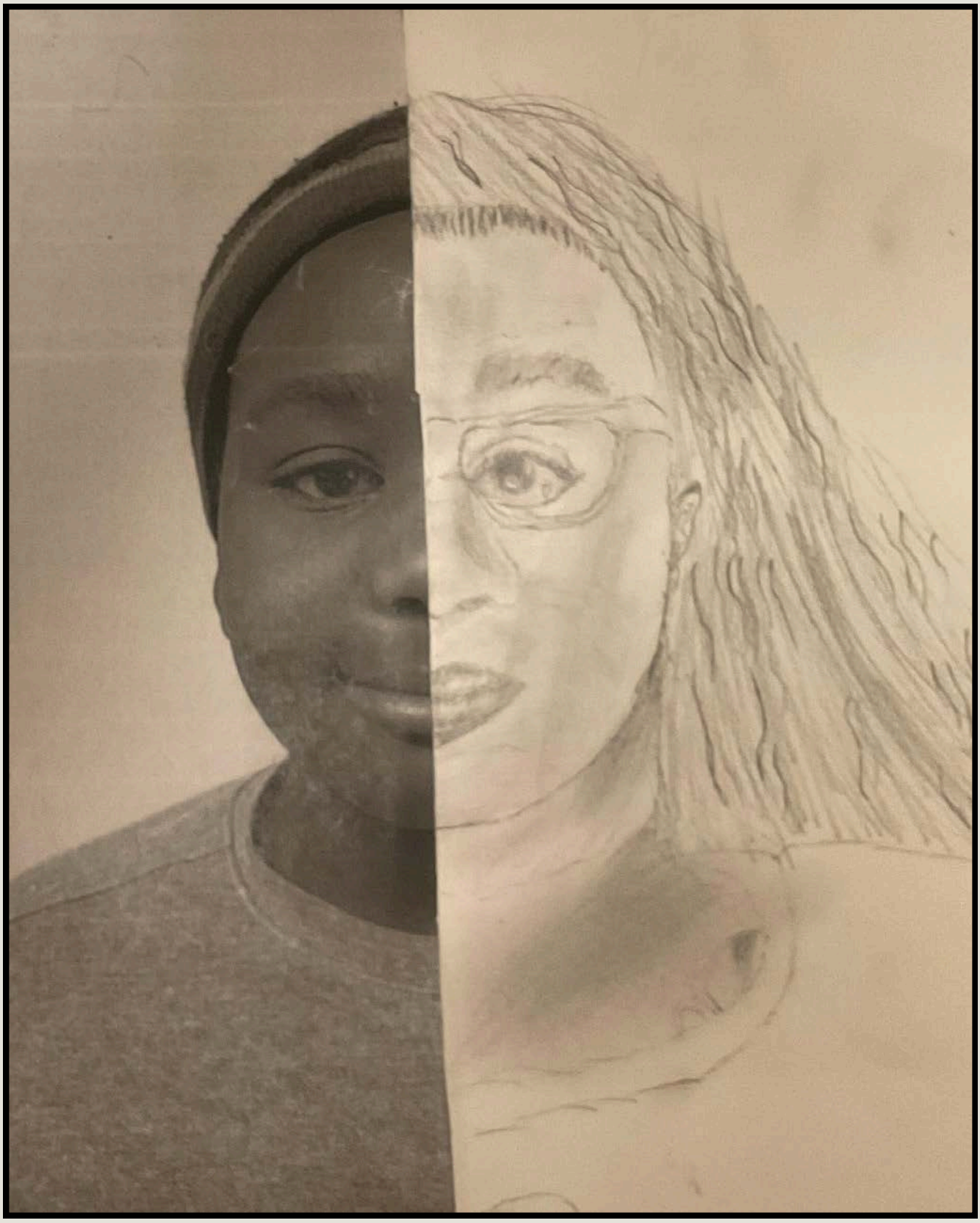
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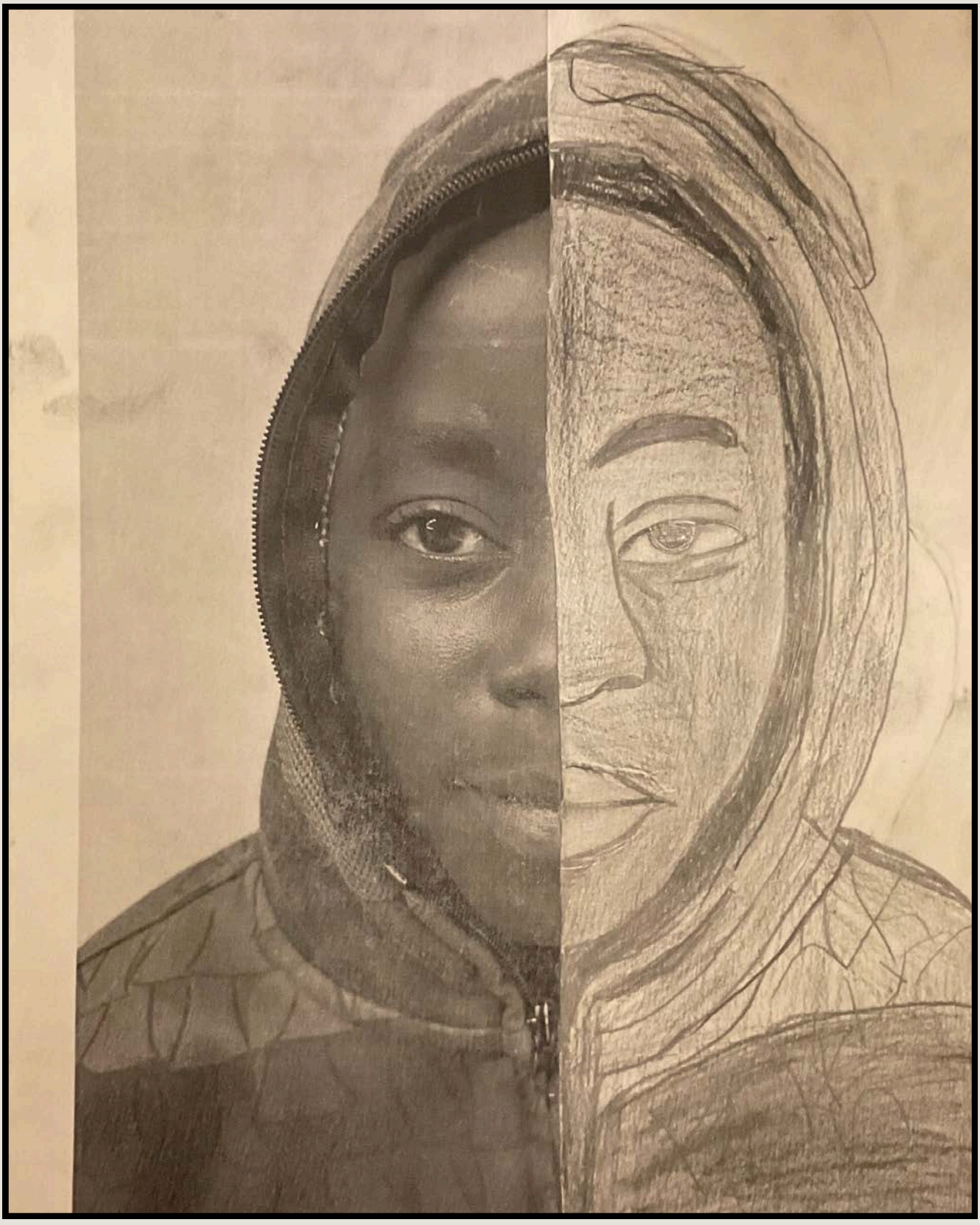
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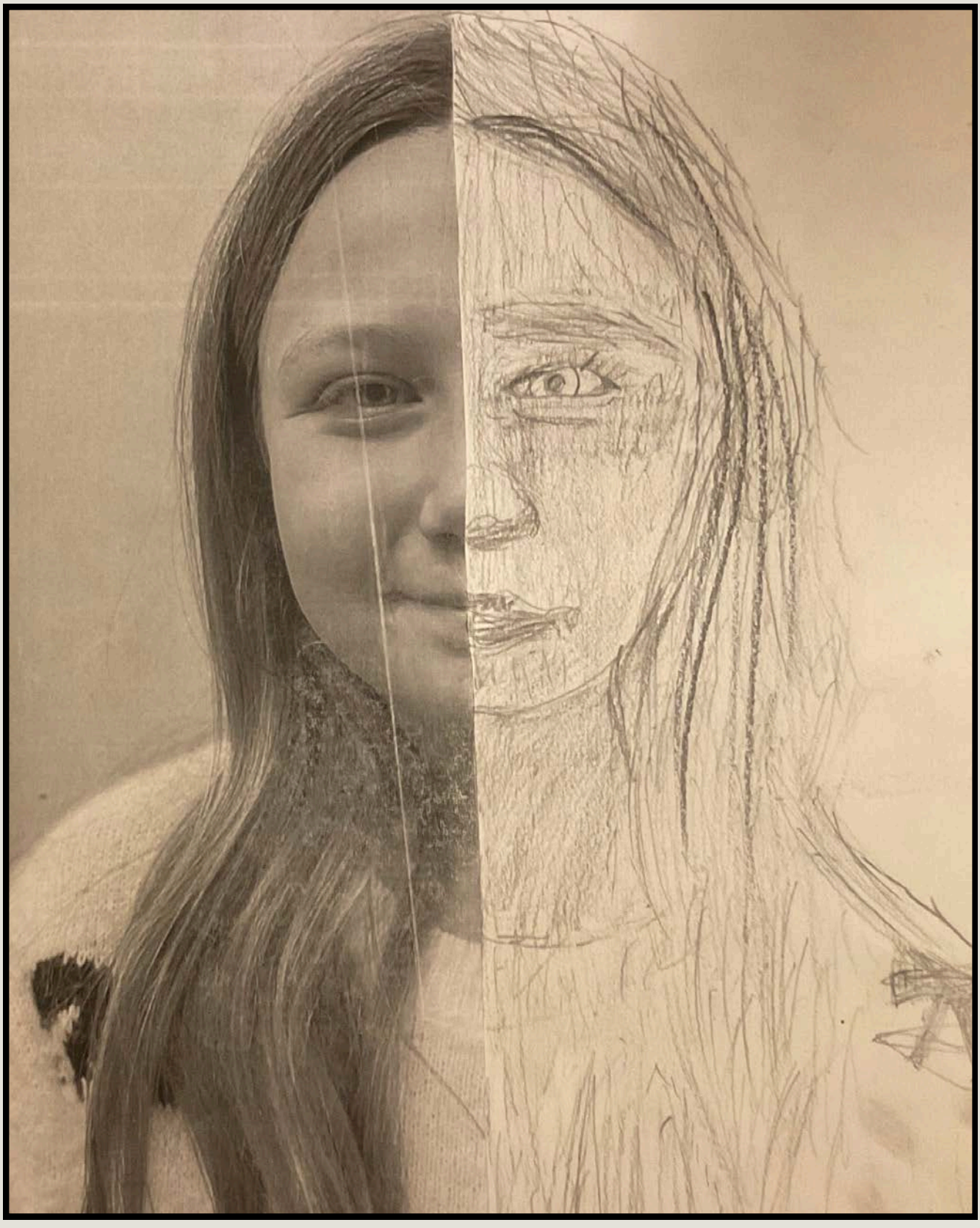
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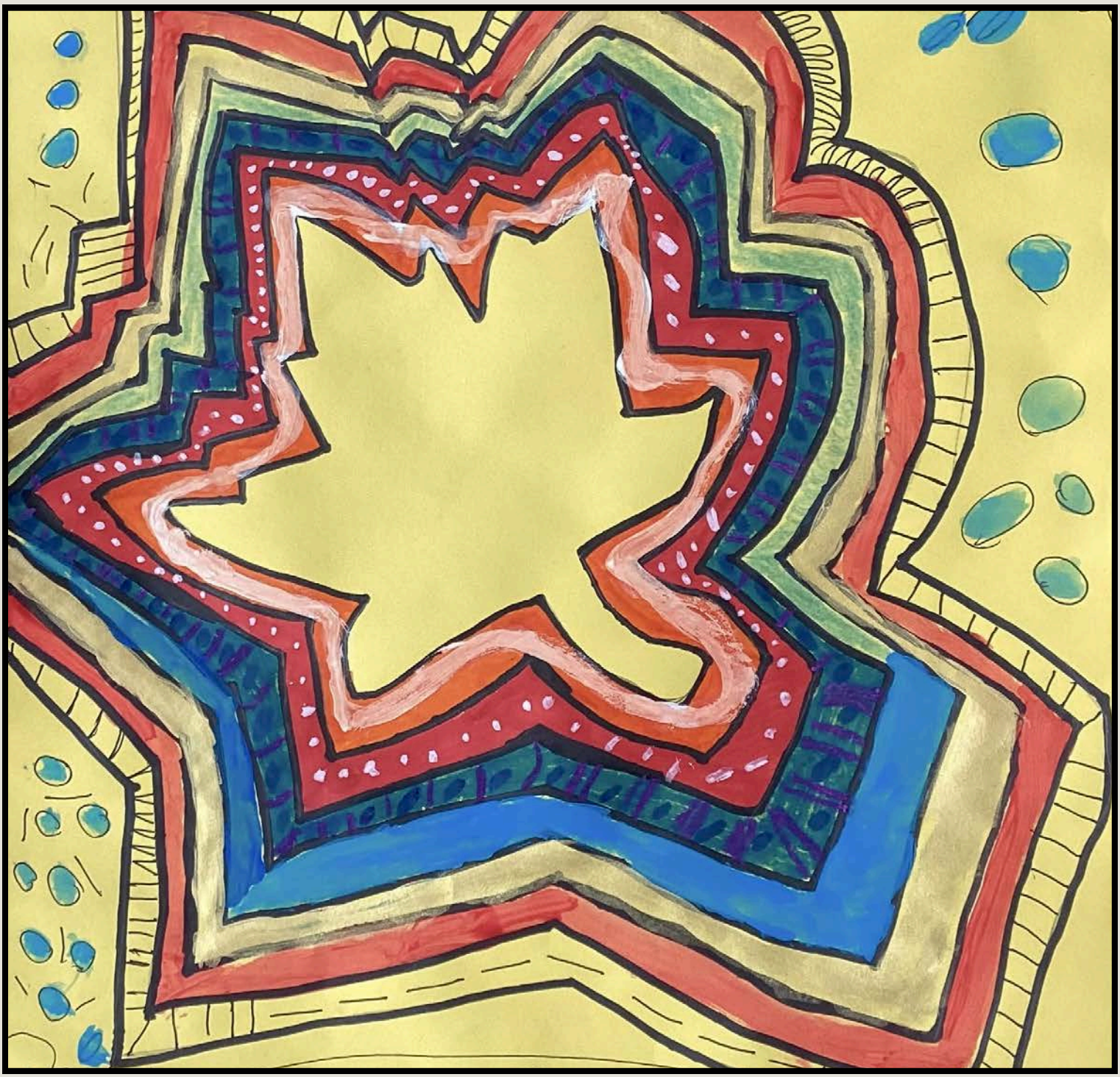
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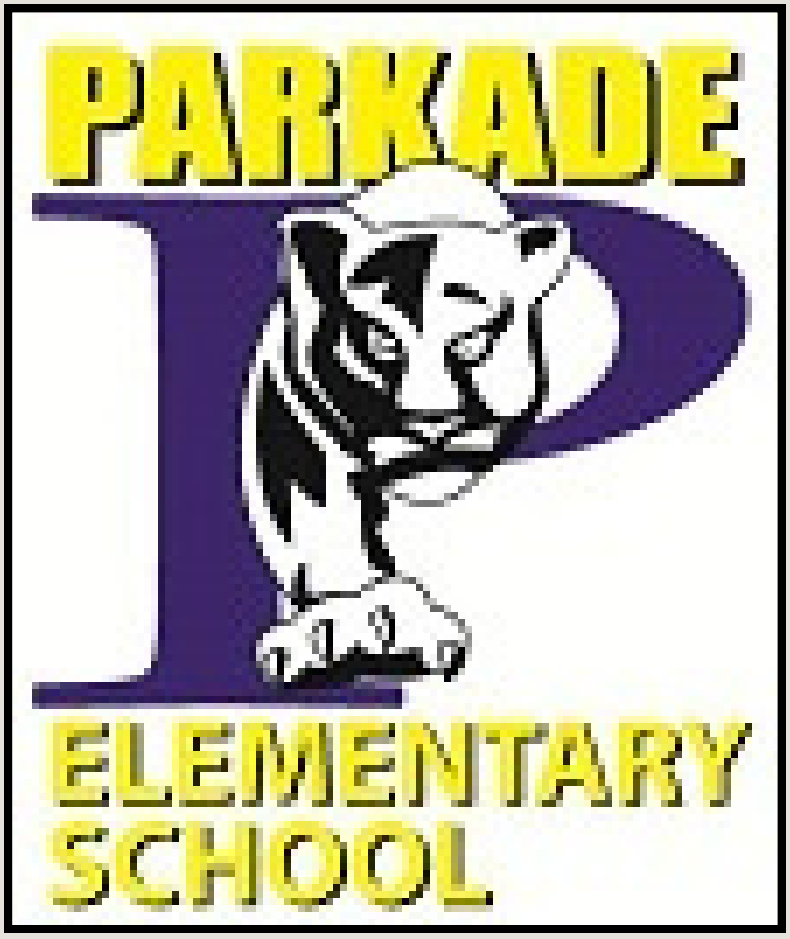
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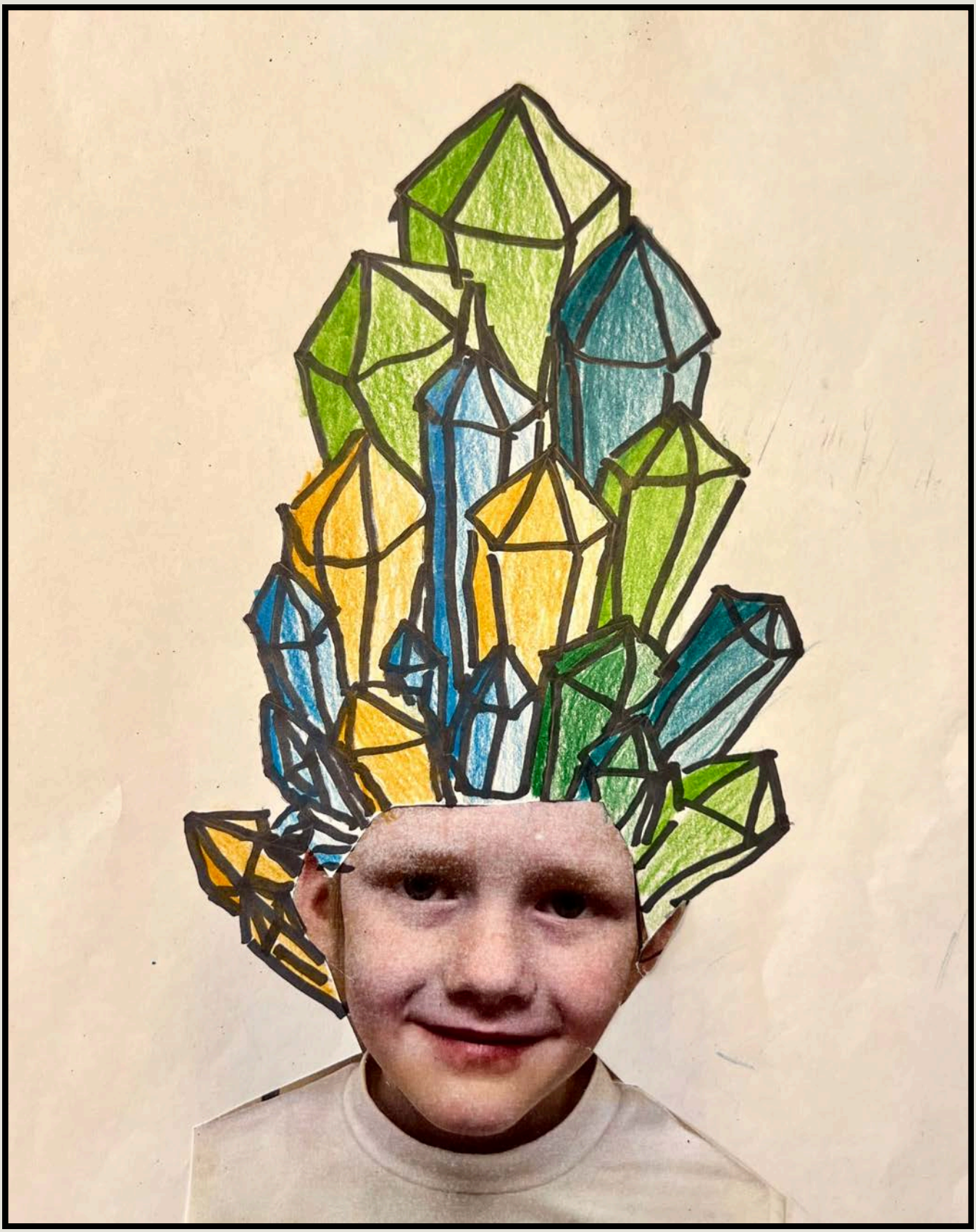
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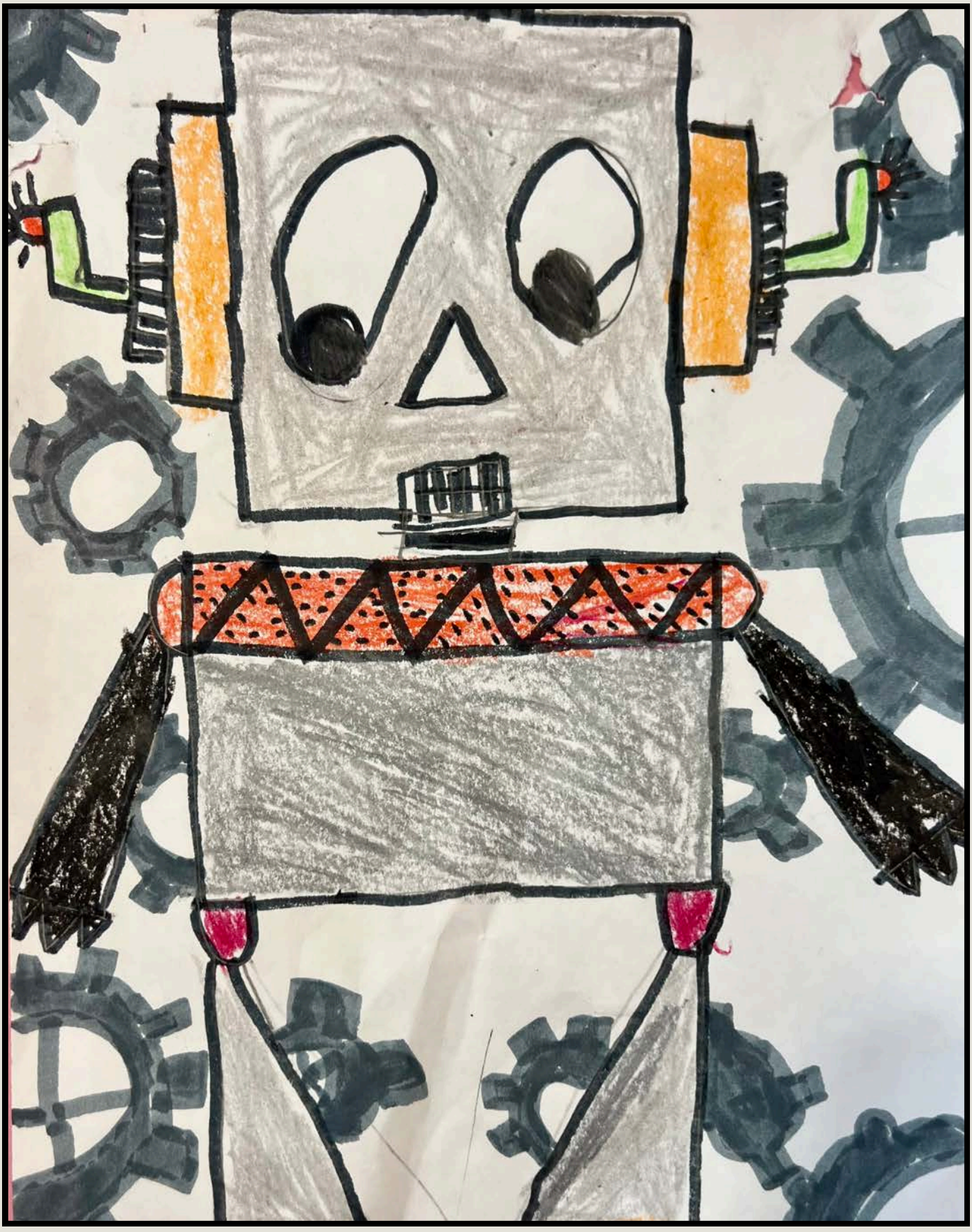
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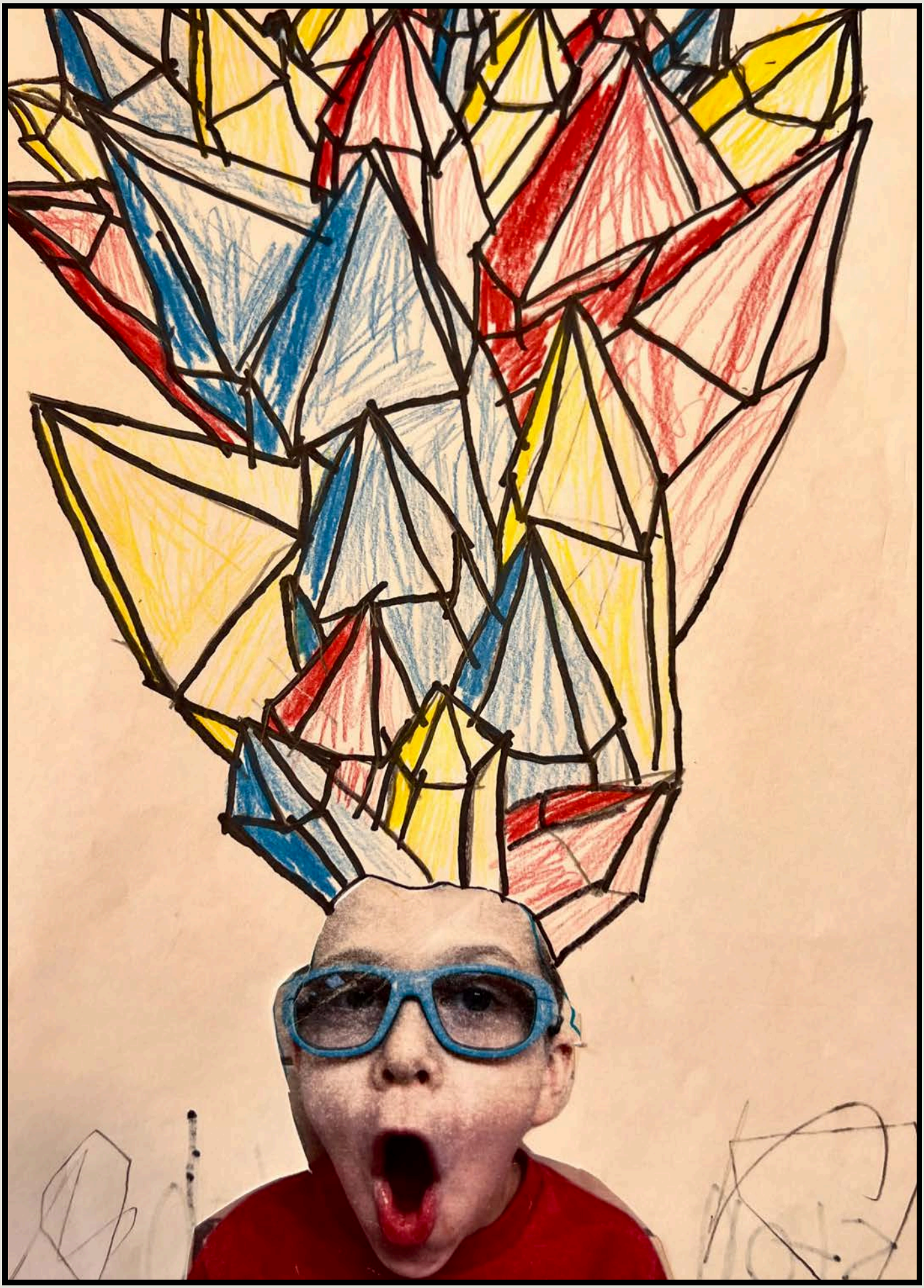
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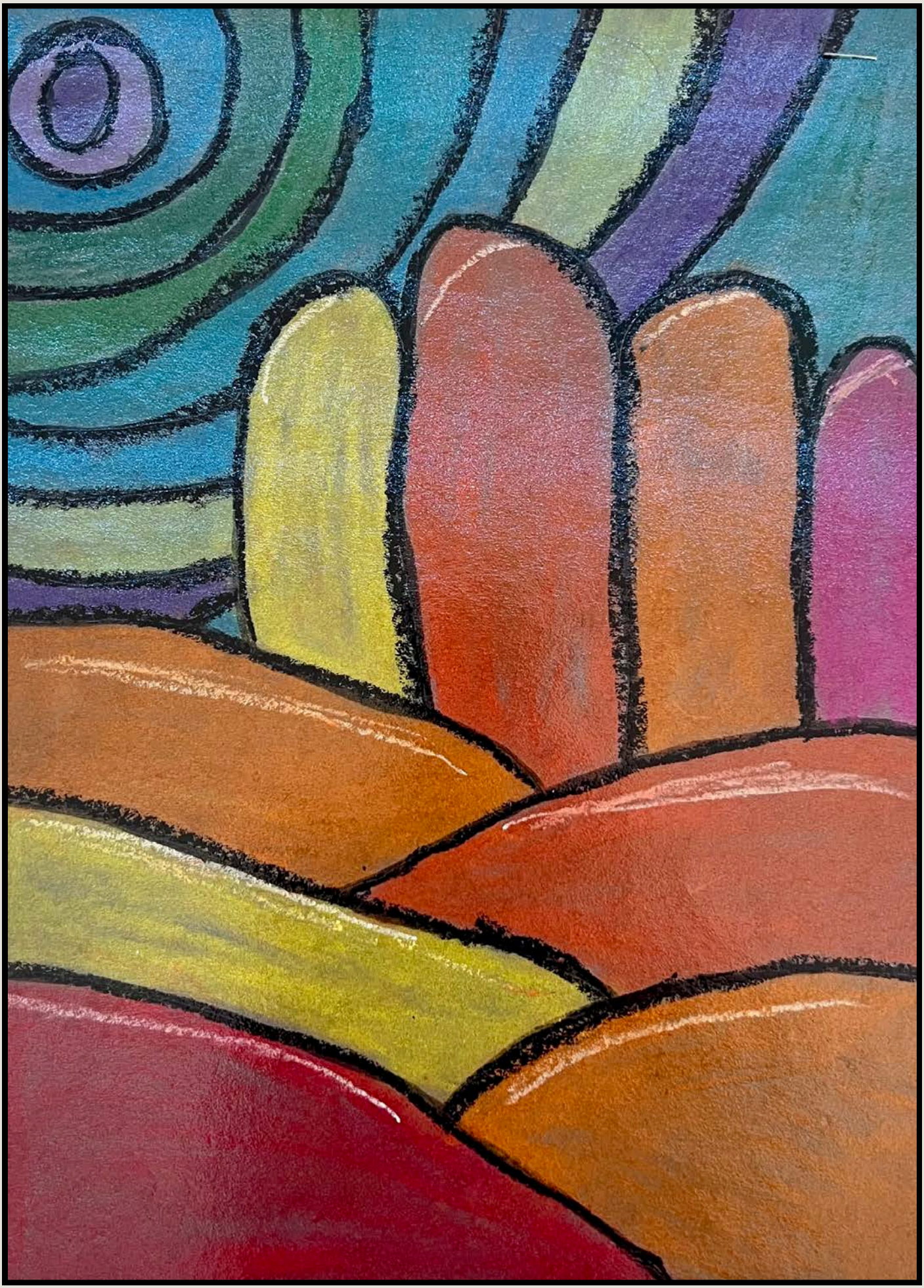
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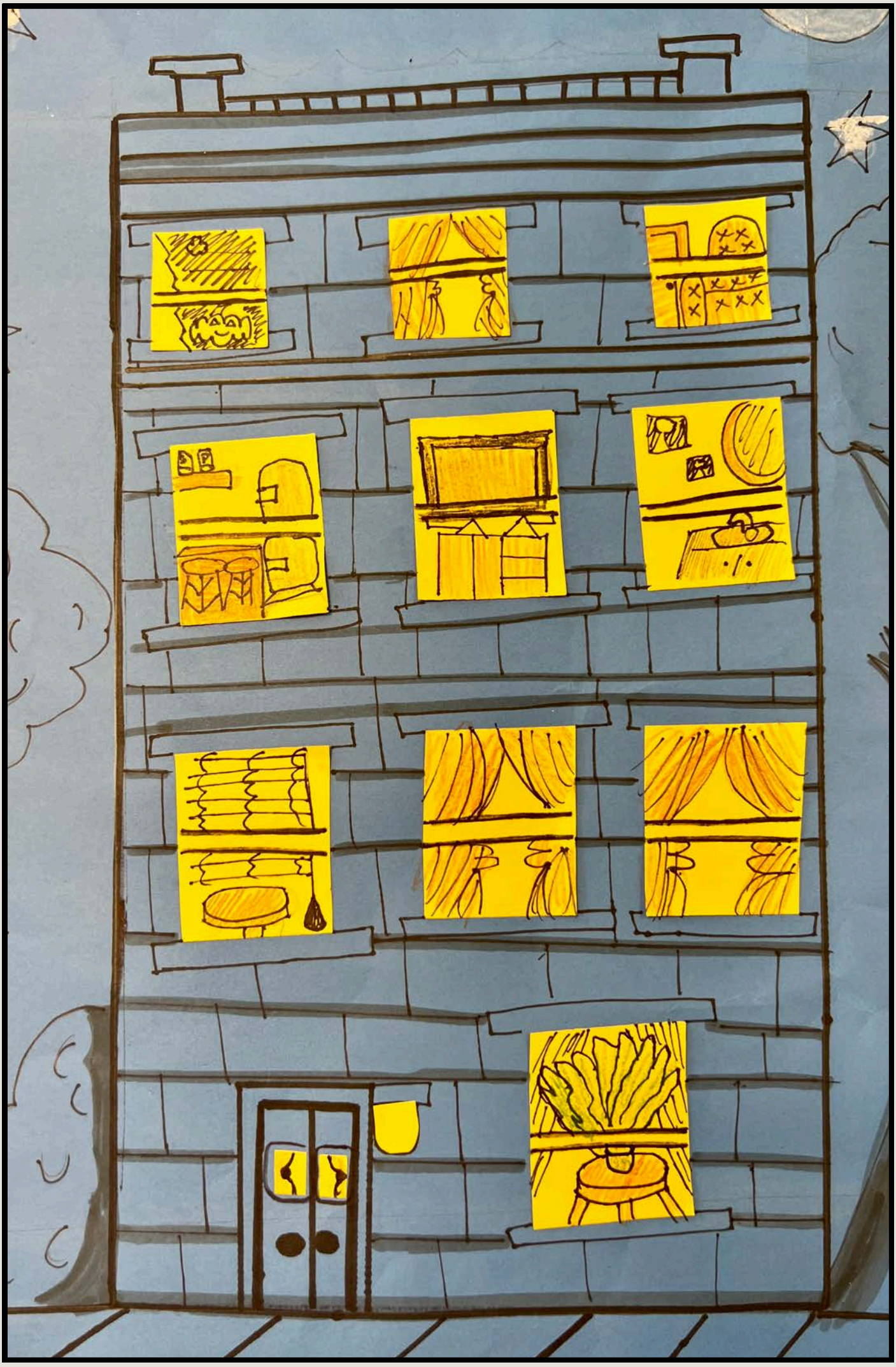
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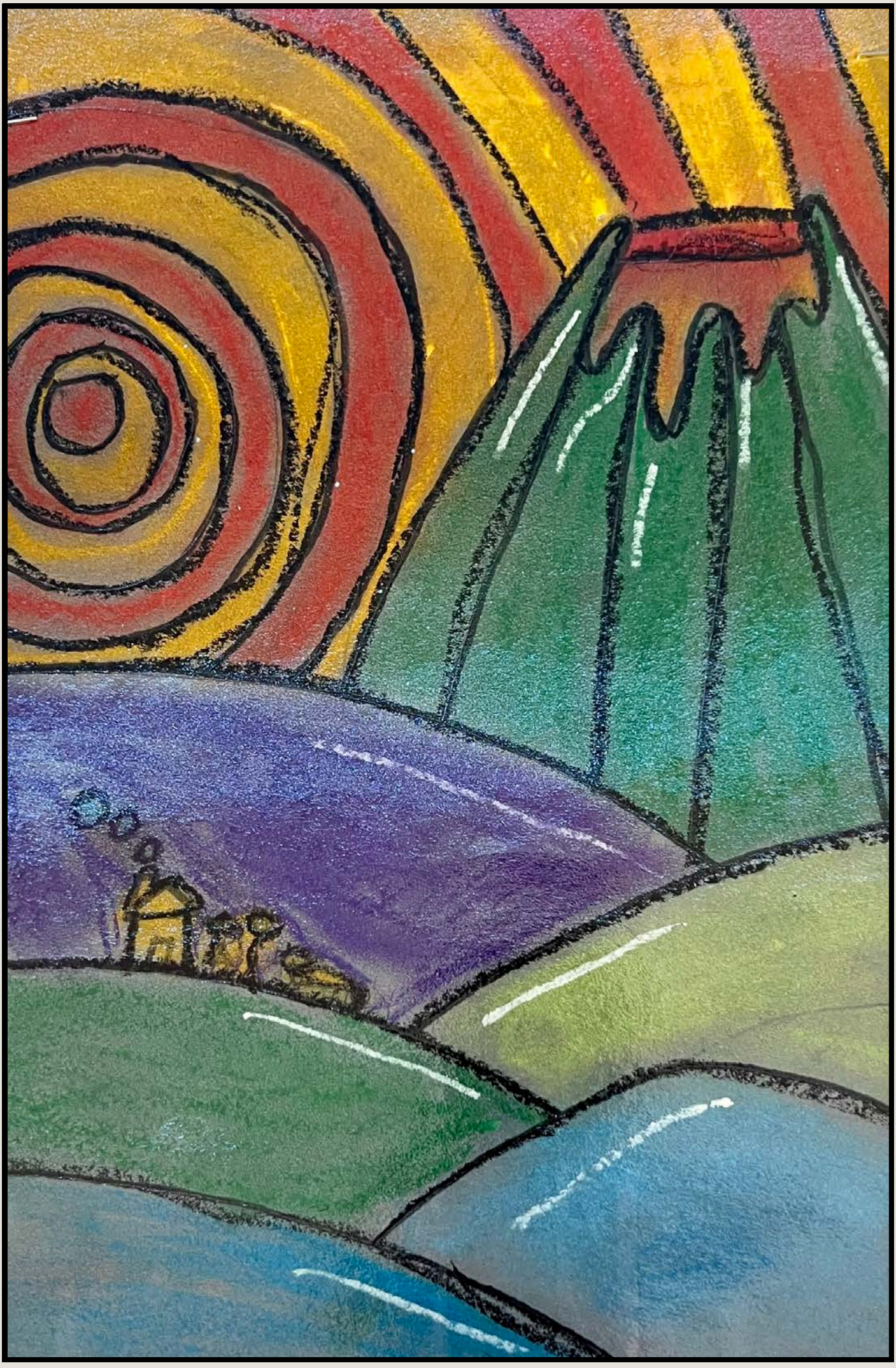
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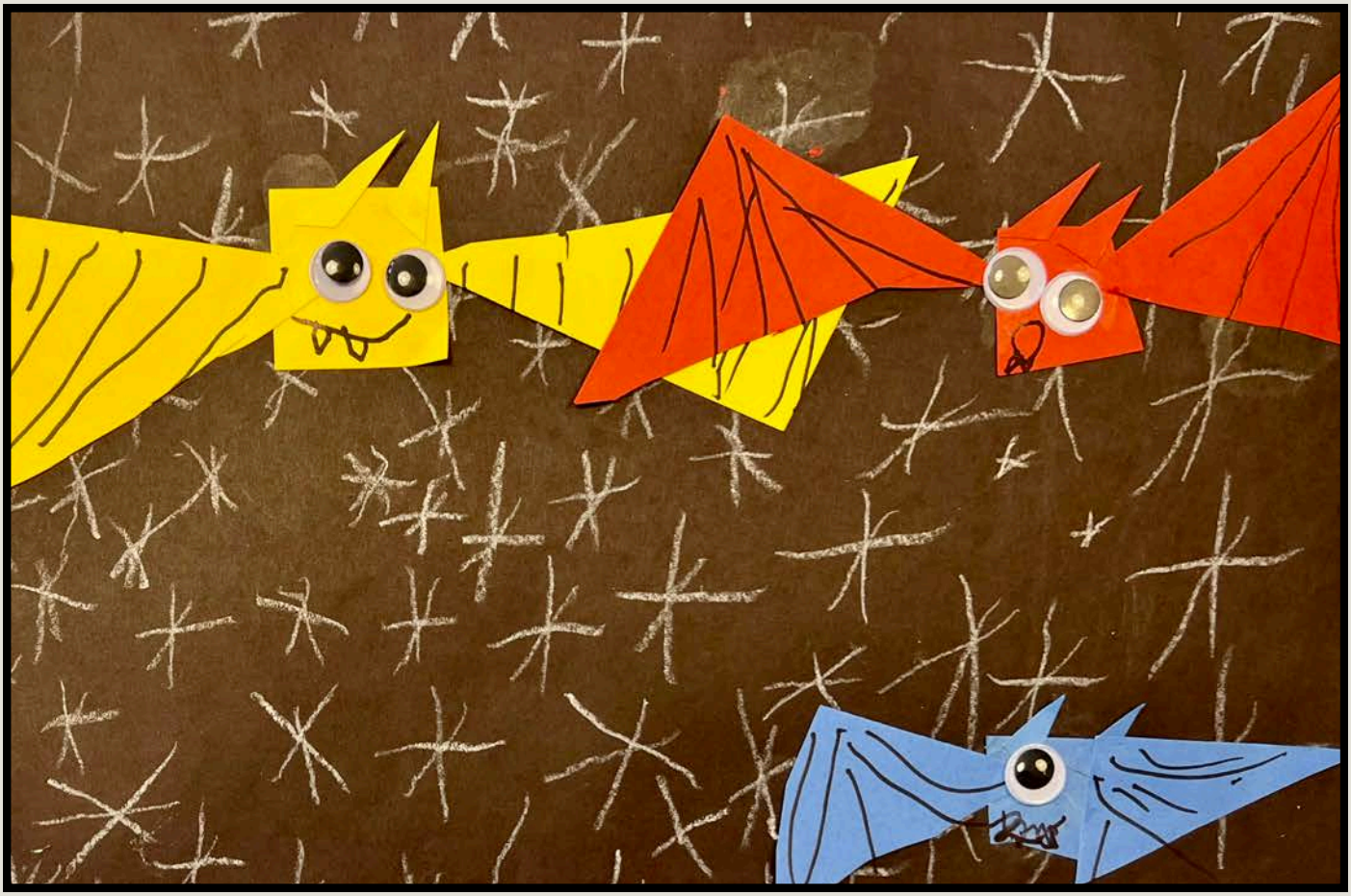
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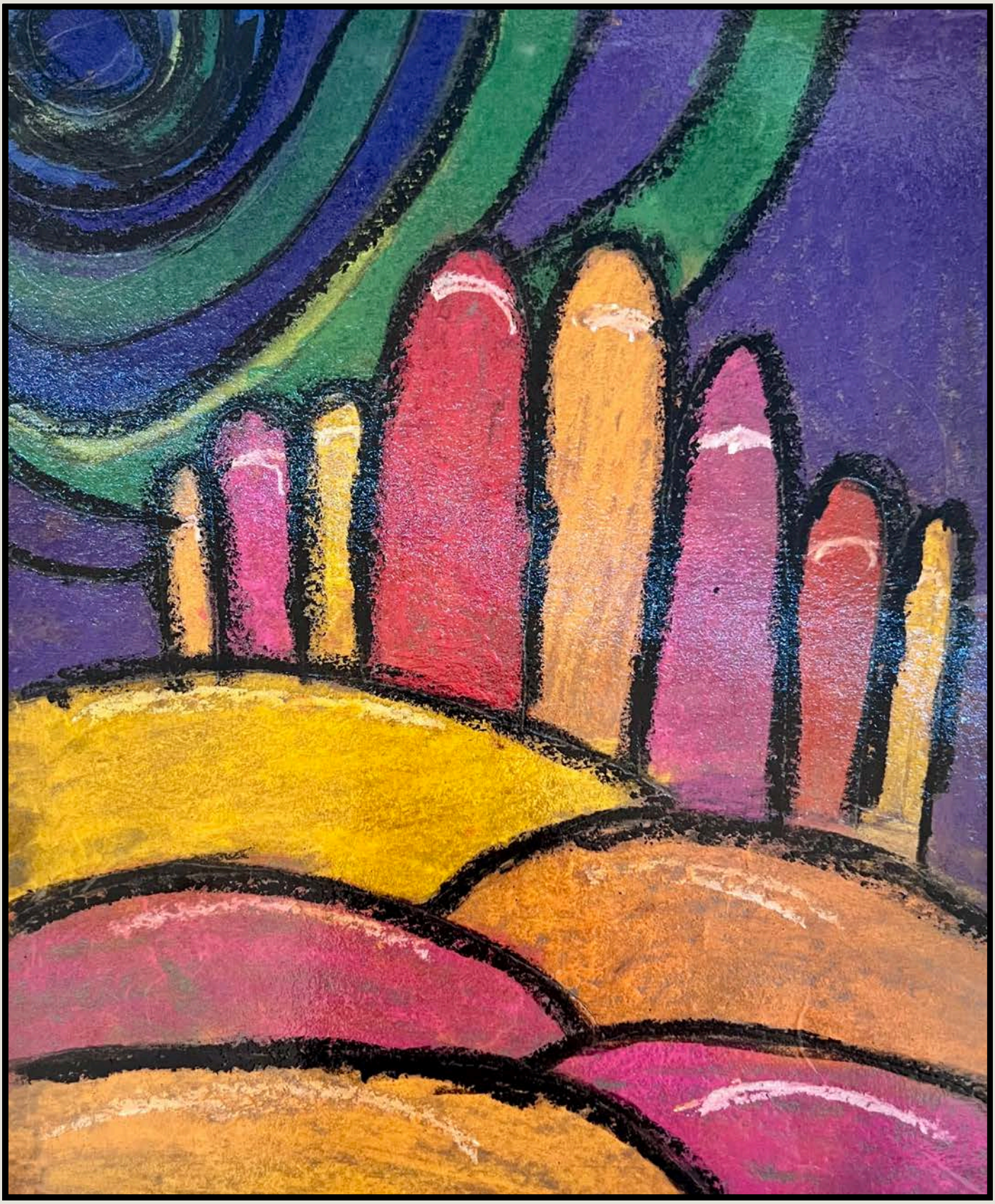
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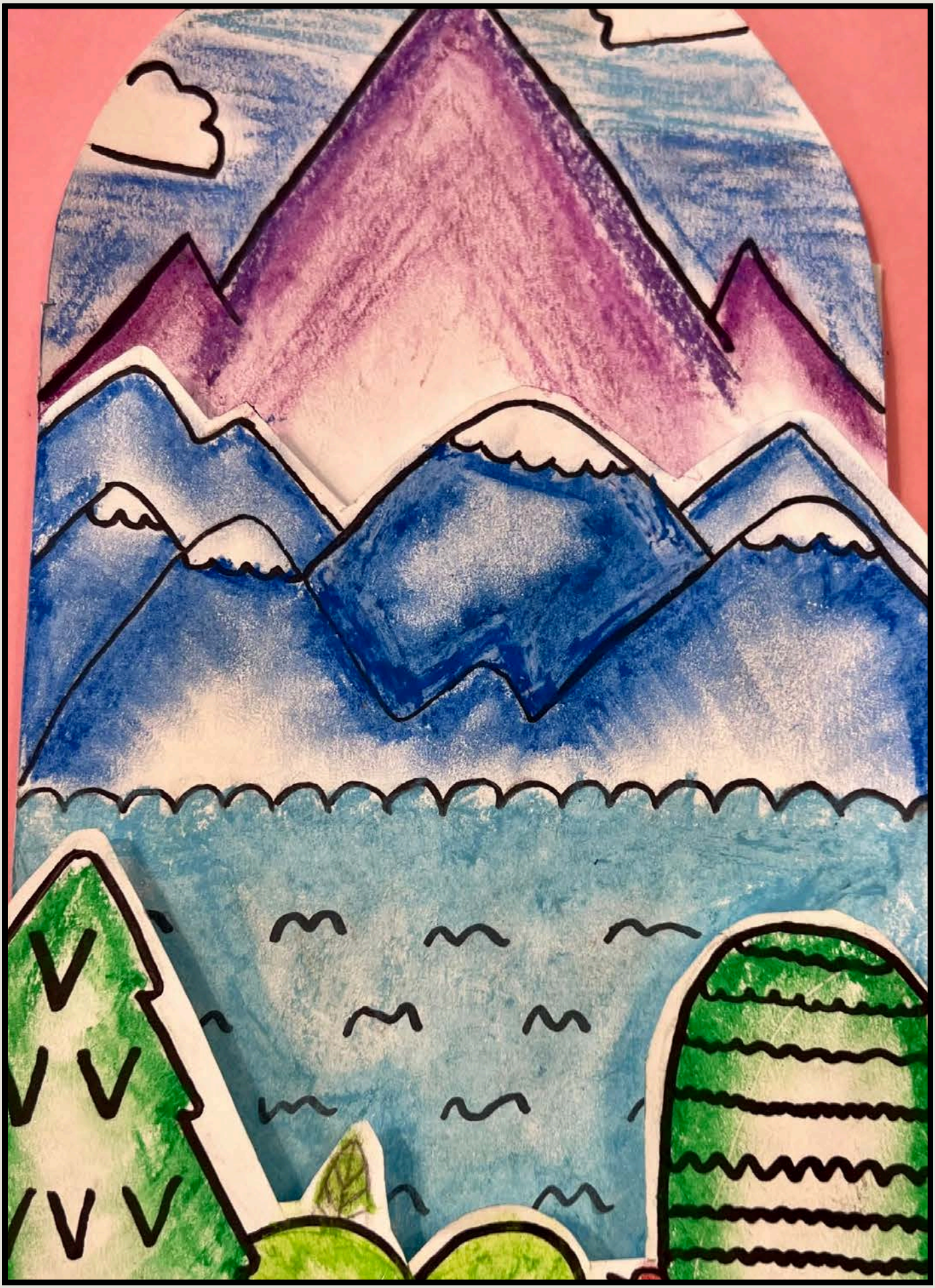
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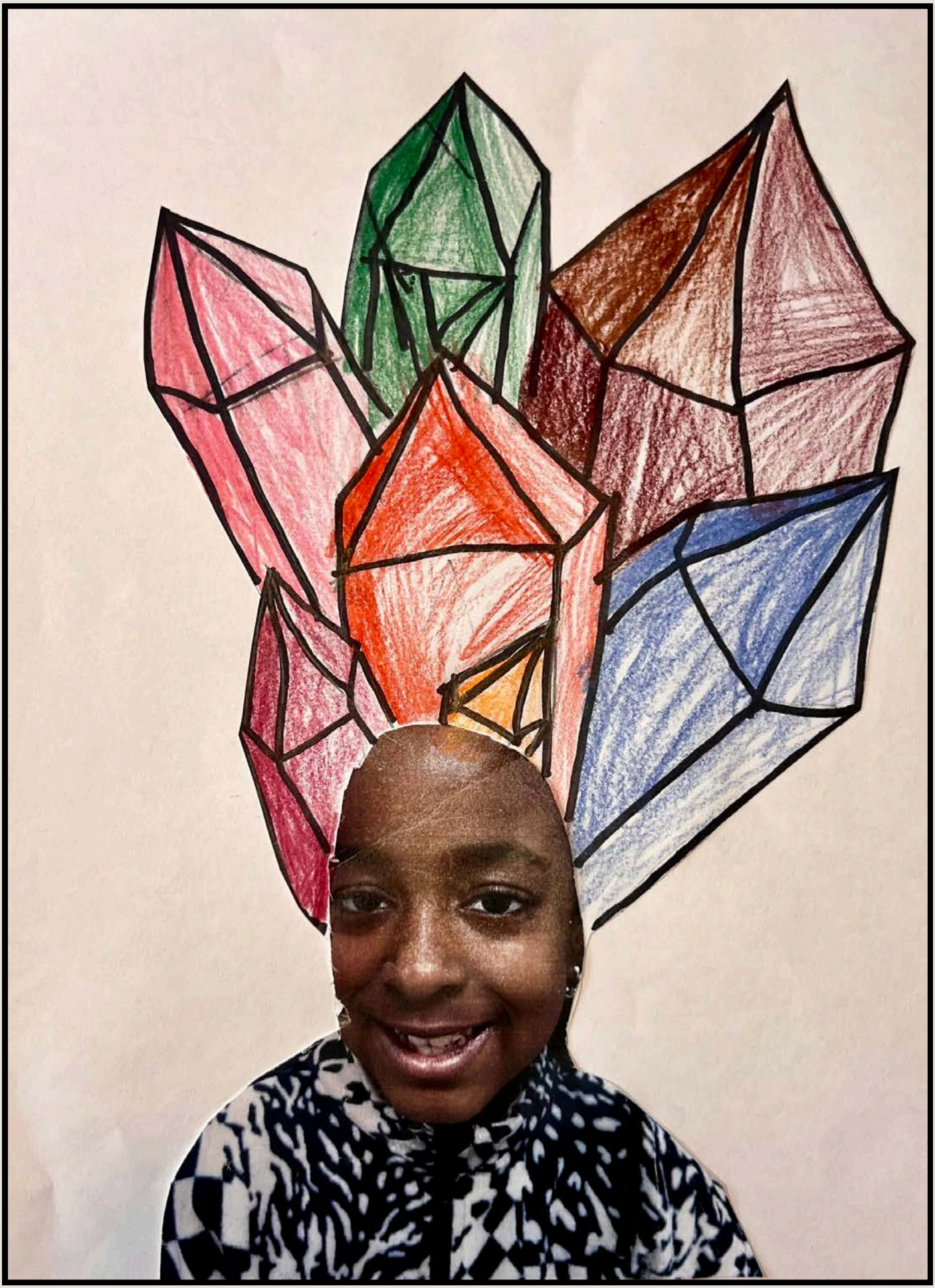
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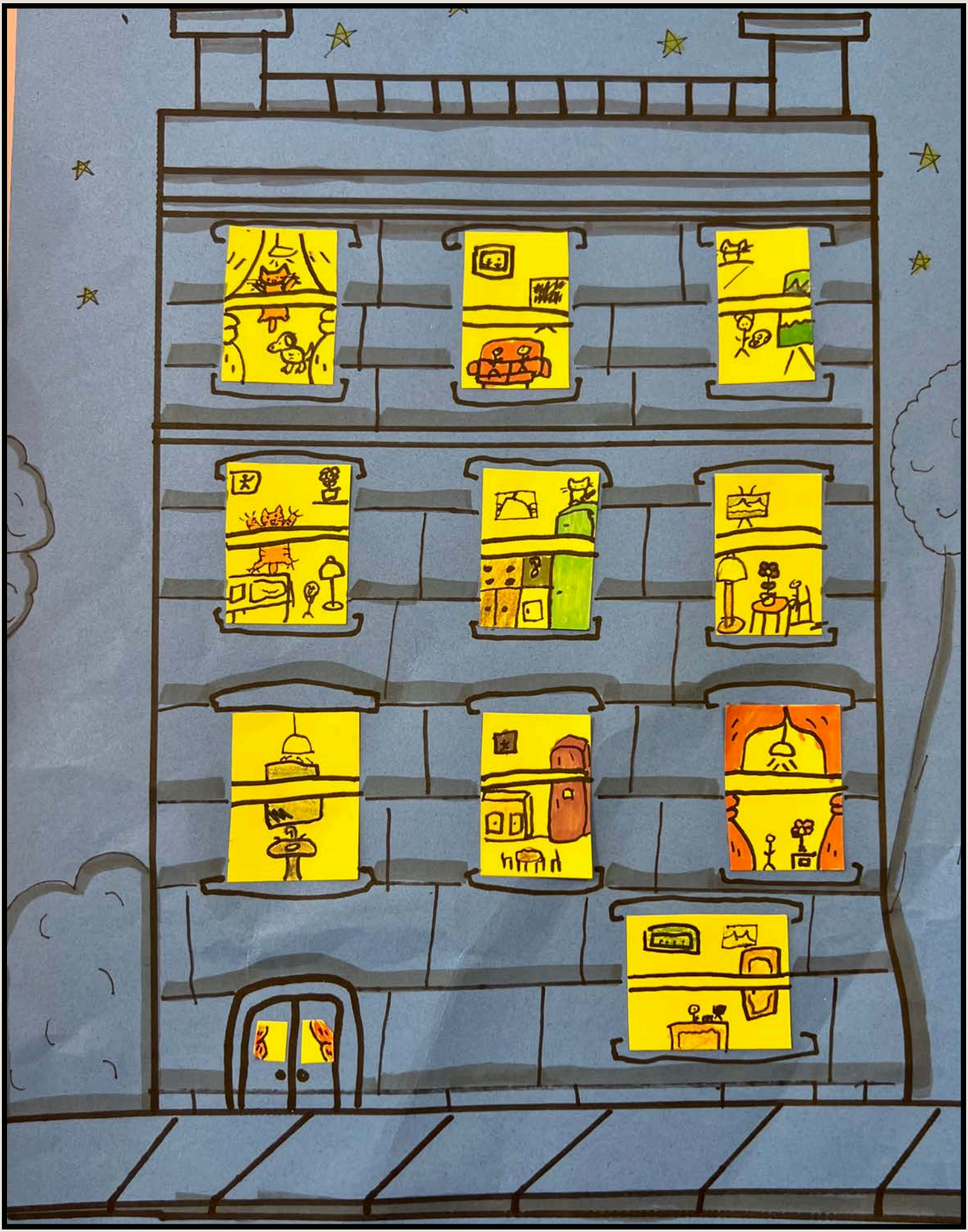
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40 YEARS (1985-2025)

Solventum - Shepard Boulevard Elementary

Ameren UE - Ridgeway Elementary

Columbia Orthopedic Group - CPS Athletics

Mediacom - Cedar Ridge Elementary

30 Years (1995-2025)

Job Point - Douglass High School

Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Co. - Gentry Middle School

MU Art Education - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary

Schnucks Supermarket - Douglass High School

25 Years (2000-2025)

Access Arts School of Service - Benton STEM Elementary

Columbia Fire Department - Derby Ridge Elementary

MU Athletics Department - Columbia Public Schools

MU Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology - Columbia Public Schools - School Counseling

PEAK Sport & Spine - CPS Athletics

20 Years (2005-2025)

Bass Pro Shops - Lange Middle School

MU Women's Basketball - Grant Elementary

MU Museum of Art & Archaeology - Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary

AssuredPartners - Oakland Middle School

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15 YEARS (2010-2025)

Focus On Learning - CPS MAC Scholars

Hy-Vee - Columbia #3 - Cedar Ridge and Shepard Boulevard Elementary Schools

Junior Achievement in Central Missouri - Columbia Public Schools

Kappa Alpha Theta - Russell Boulevard Elementary

Missouri United Methodist Church - Jefferson Middle School

Veterans United Home Loans - Fairview Elementary School

10 Years (2015-2025)

Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri - CPS Fine Arts

Forum Christian Church - West Boulevard Elementary

Jefferson Farm & Garden - CPS Science

Missouri River Relief - CPS Science

Tigers Community Credit Union - New Haven Elementary

Partnership Friends

25 Years (2000-2025)

Boone Electric Cooperative - CPS Science

FedEx Kinko's - Columbia Public Schools

Scouting America, Great Rivers Council - Columbia Public Schools

Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company - Columbia Public Schools

Little Dixie Construction Company - CPS Athletics

Plaza Commercial Realty - CPS Athletics

20 Years (2005-2025)

Best Buy - Columbia Public Schools

Chili's - Columbia Public Schools

LongHorn Steakhouse - Columbia Public Schools

MU Sports Marketing - Columbia Public Schools

15 Years (2010-2025)

Fazoli's - Columbia Public Schools

GQT Forum 8 Theaters - Columbia Public Schools

Kid's First Optimist Club - Columbia Public Schools

Noodles & Company - Columbia Public Schools

Stadium Grill - Columbia Public Schools

The Broadway, a Doubletree by Hilton - Columbia Public Schools

10 Years (2015-2025)

Plato's Closet - Columbia Public Schools

True North - Columbia Public Schools