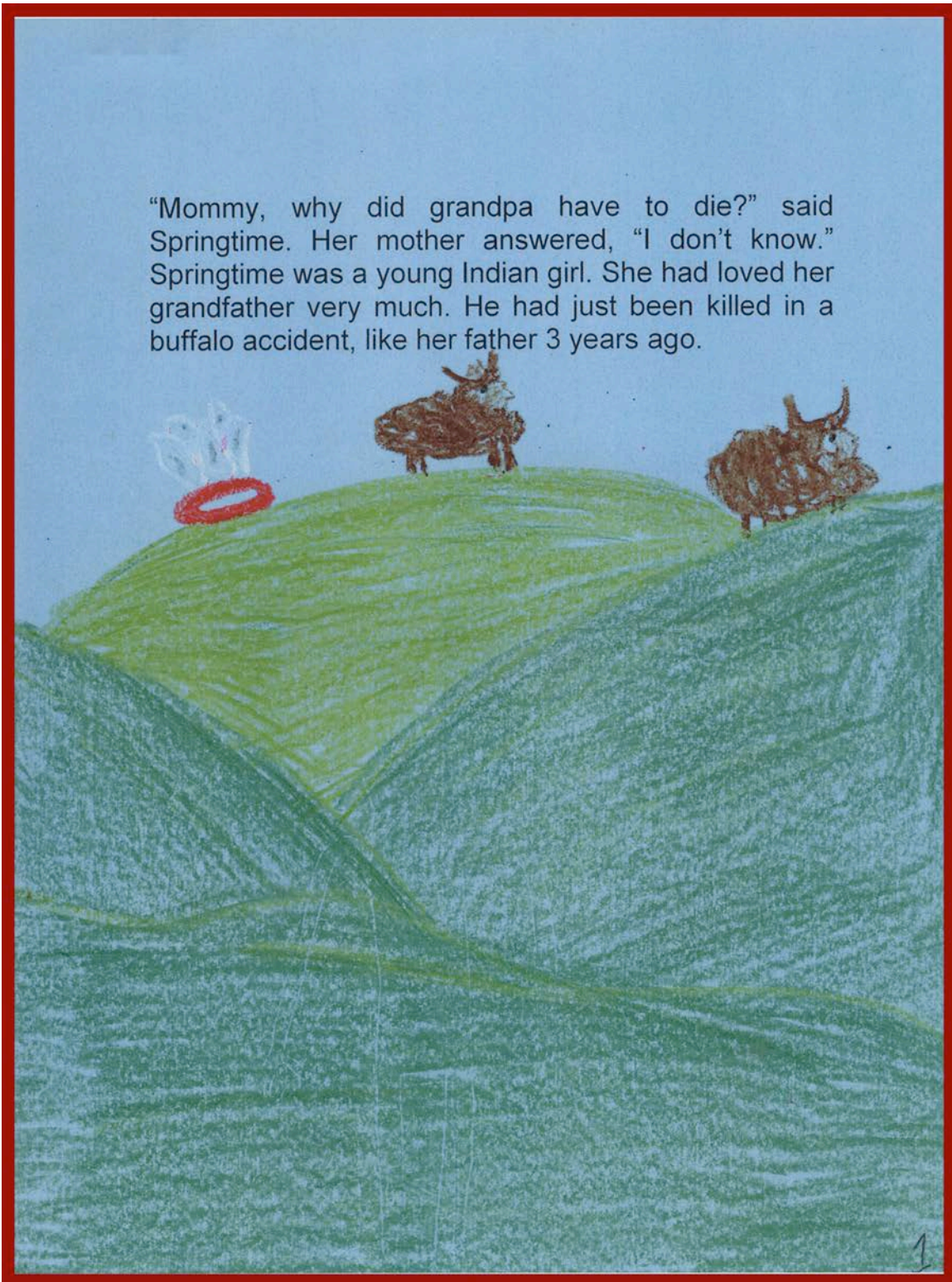


Springtime's Adventure

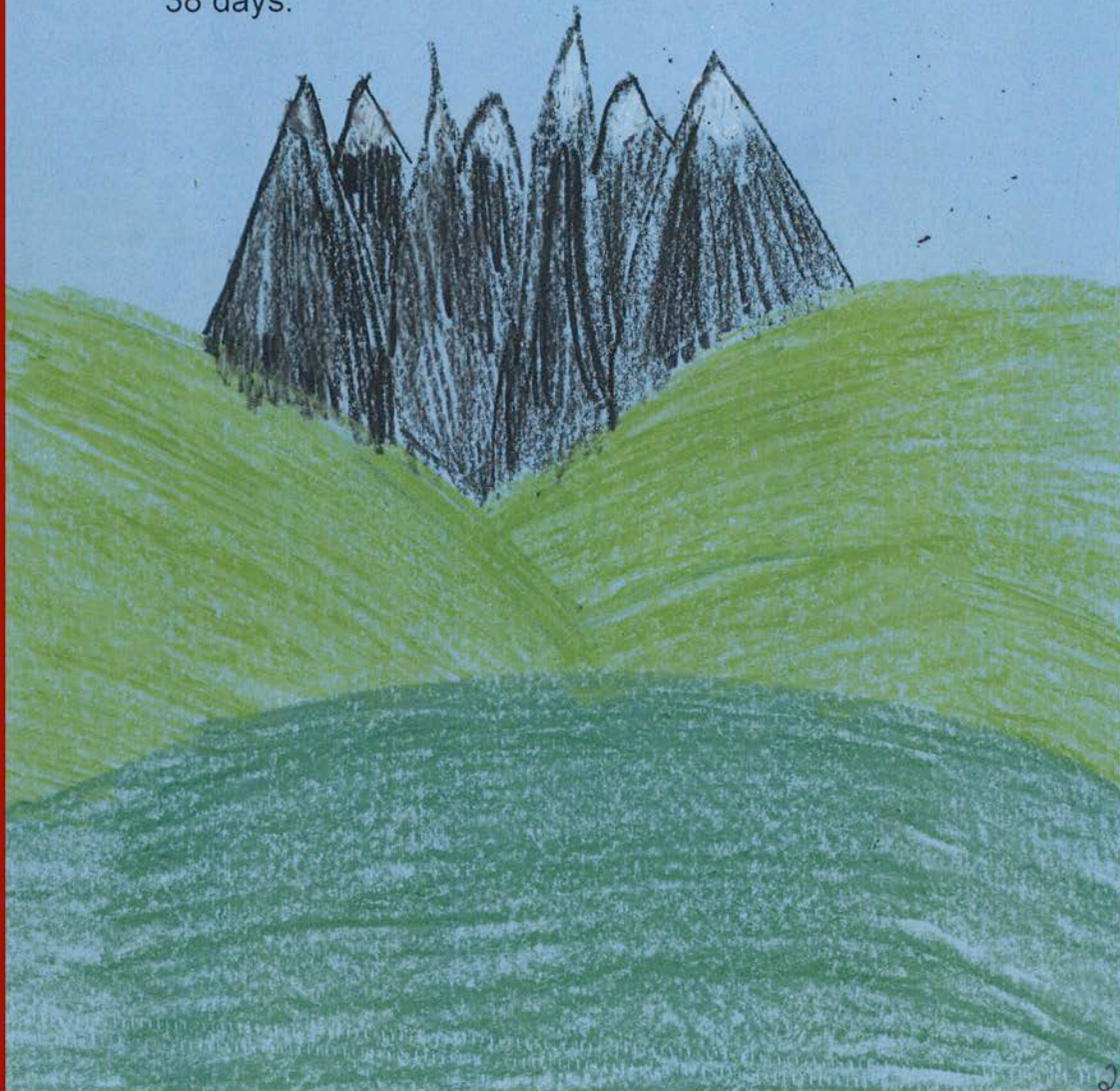


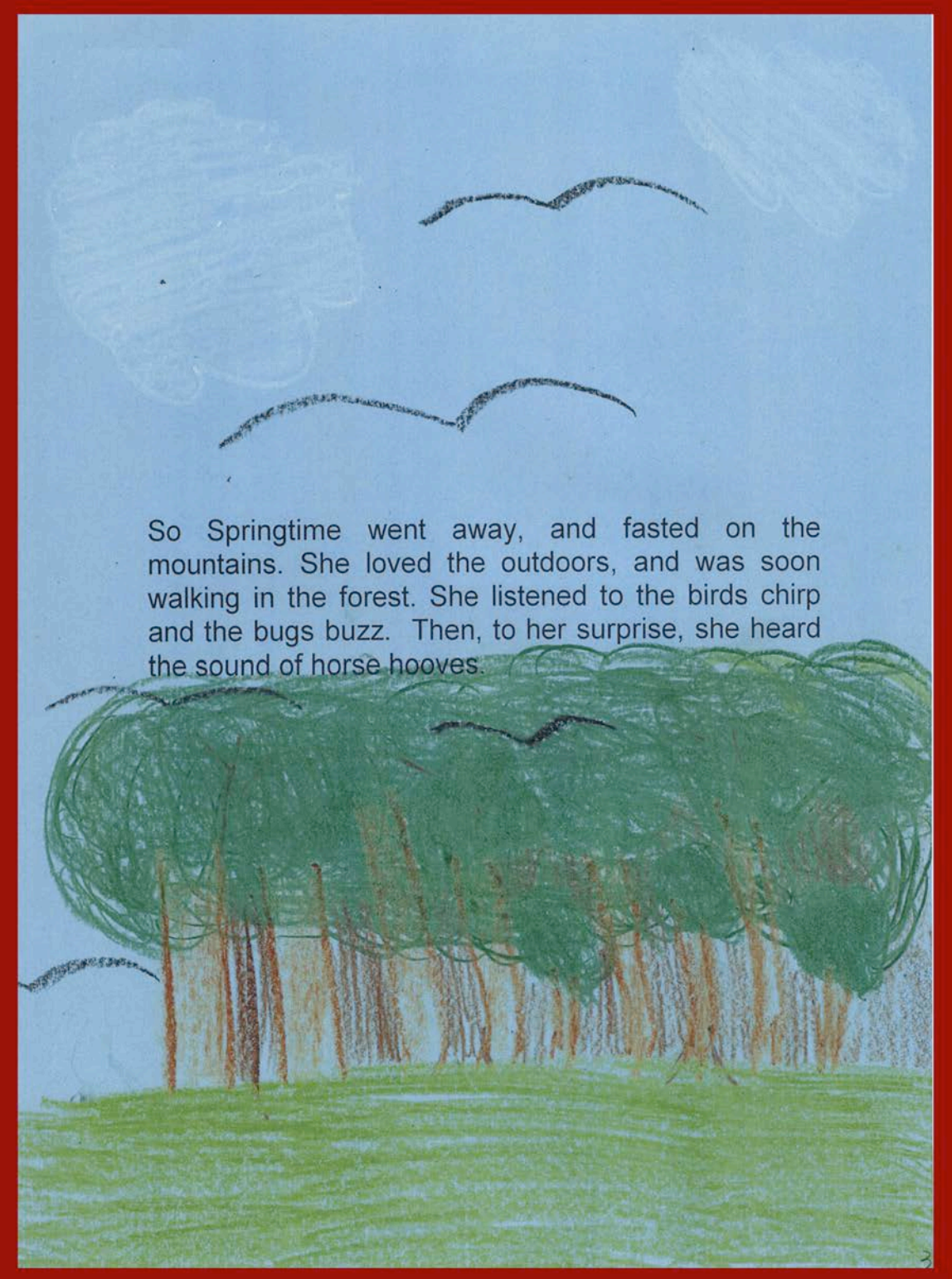
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“Mommy, why did grandpa have to die?” said Springtime. Her mother answered, “I don’t know.” Springtime was a young Indian girl. She had loved her grandfather very much. He had just been killed in a buffalo accident, like her father 3 years ago.



"Now calm down Springtime," her mother, Running Deer said, "It is time to go off and find your wyakin." Remember to go to the Black Mountains and fast for 38 days.¹



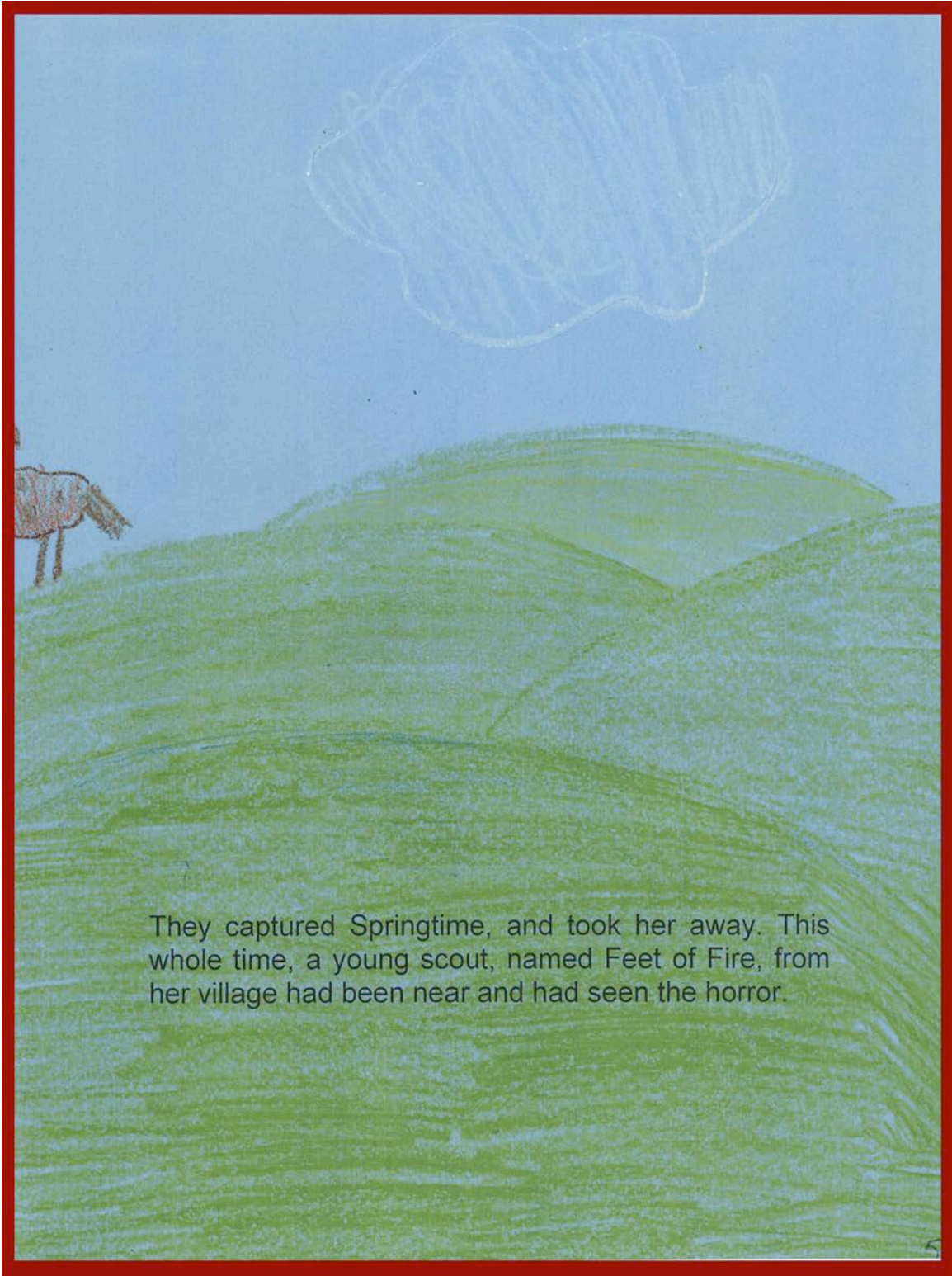


So Springtime went away, and fasted on the mountains. She loved the outdoors, and was soon walking in the forest. She listened to the birds chirp and the bugs buzz. Then, to her surprise, she heard the sound of horse hooves.

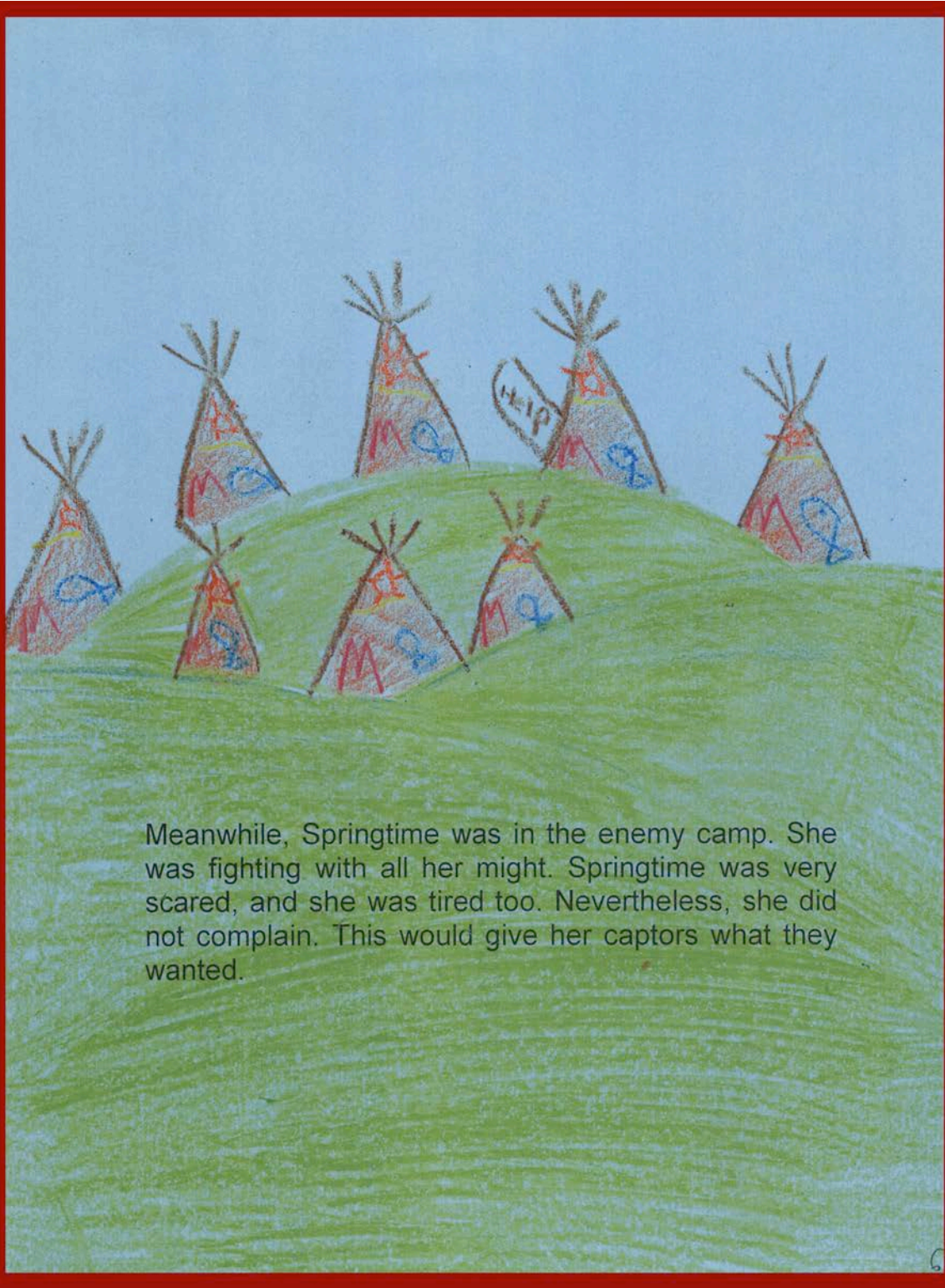
She ran out to meet the horses and the Indian braves,
who she thought were from her village. But, alas, they
were not, they were an enemy tribe.



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They captured Springtime, and took her away. This whole time, a young scout, named Feet of Fire, from her village had been near and had seen the horror.

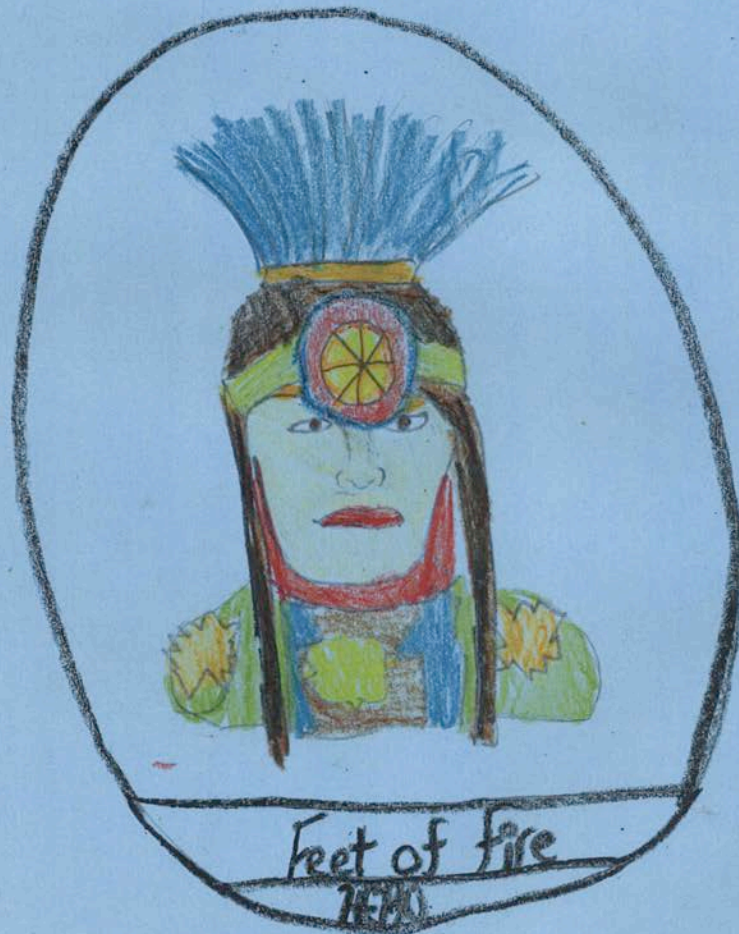


Meanwhile, Springtime was in the enemy camp. She was fighting with all her might. Springtime was very scared, and she was tired too. Nevertheless, she did not complain. This would give her captors what they wanted.

Feet of Fire went to the village, and told everyone in the village what had happened. They sent out many search and rescue parties to search for Springtime. The parties searched everywhere, from the mountains, the river area, and the woods.



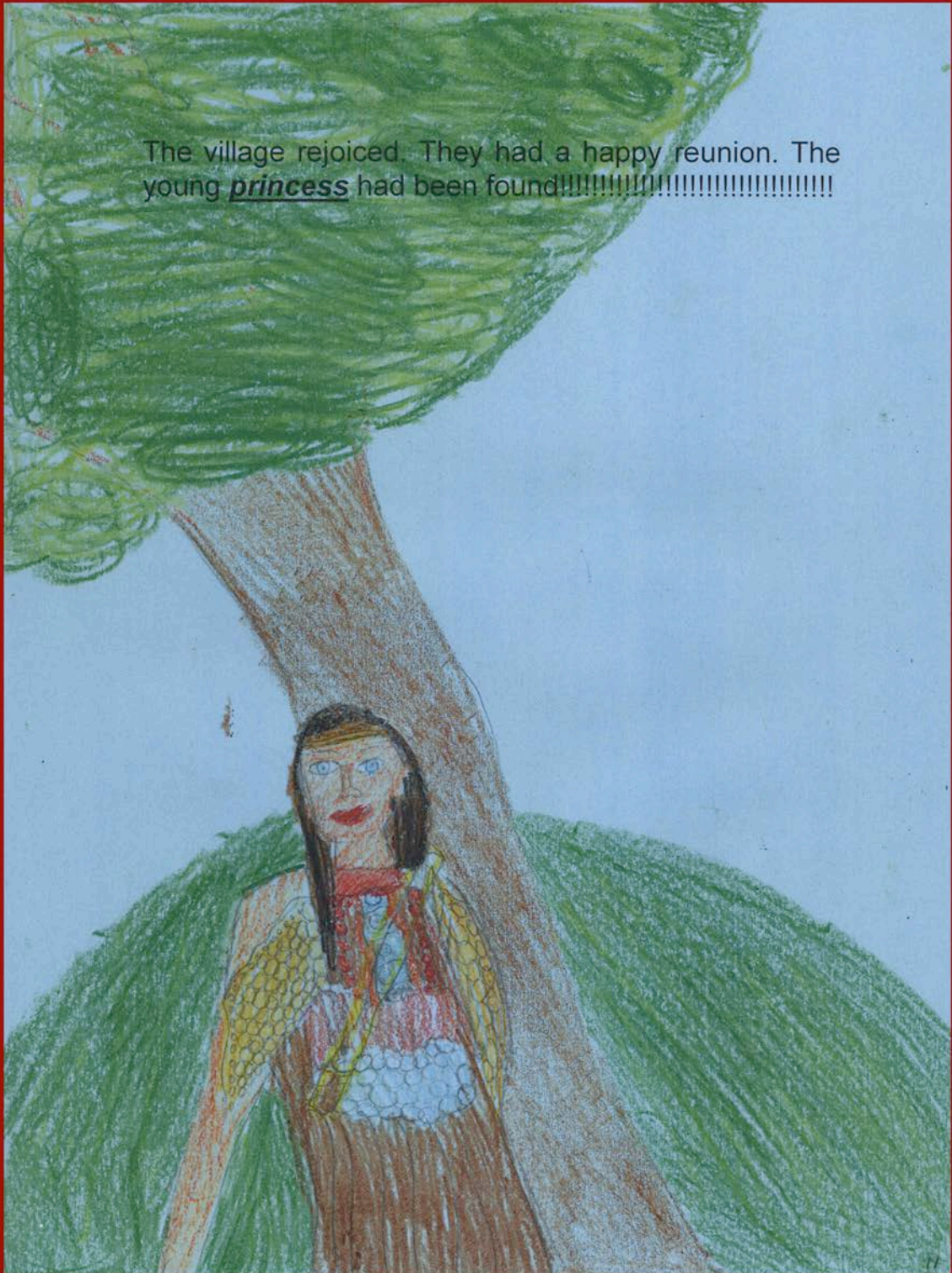
Soon, Feet of Fire found her. He released her from her bonds. She was finally free at last! Springtime was overjoyed!!!!



Now they had to get Springtime out of camp without being seen. That was a difficult job. They dodged, skidded, and ran for several hours. Thankfully, they succeeded in getting Springtime out safely. They sounded the "Found" alarm. All the searchers came back to camp.

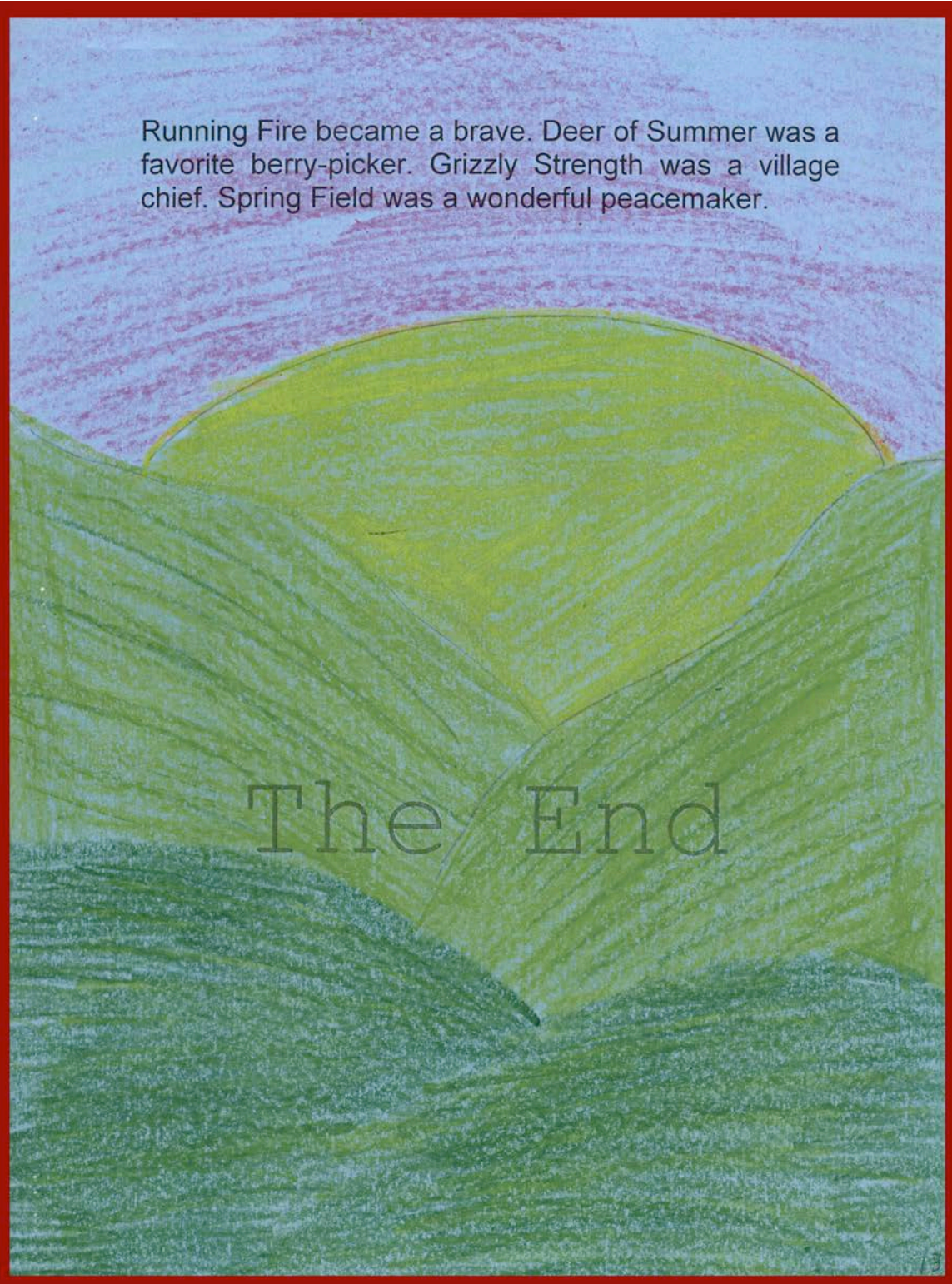


The village rejoiced. They had a happy reunion. The young princess had been found!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Three years later, Springtime married Feet of Fire. They had four wonderful children. Their names were: Running Fire, after her mother and husband; Grizzly Strength, after her dad; Spring Field, after her grandmother; and Deer of Summer after her cousin and her favorite season.





Running Fire became a brave. Deer of Summer was a favorite berry-picker. Grizzly Strength was a village chief. Spring Field was a wonderful peacemaker.

The End

