

# A is for Artist A de Artista





NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF  
**CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Este libro pertenece a / This book belongs to:**

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**Mi color favorito es / My favorite color is**

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**porque / because**

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**En la portada:**

***Amigos de Nuevo México por Hillary Vermont***

¡Esta ilustración en blanco y negro representa a los amigos de Nuevo México para que los niños de todas las edades coloreen!

**Comparte tu creación con nosotros en las redes sociales con la etiqueta #DCAEducates.**

**On the cover:**

***Friends of New Mexico by Hillary Vermont***

This black line art depicts friends of New Mexico for kids of all ages to color in!

**Please share your creations with us on social media with the hashtag #DCAEducates.**

## Libro para colorear: *A de Artista*

El Departamento de Asuntos Culturales de Nuevo México (NMDCA por sus siglas en inglés) preserva y celebra el patrimonio cultural increíblemente abundante y diverso de Nuevo México. Les presentamos *A de Artista*, un libro multilingüe para colorear el alfabeto acerca de Nuevo México. Cuenta con ilustraciones de veintisiete artistas de todo el estado. A través del acto recreativo de colorear cada página, aprenderán sobre las cualidades especiales de Nuevo México, como su flora, fauna y cultura. Escuche las preguntas que los niños hacen mientras colorean cada página. Estas preguntas pueden conducir a nuevas oportunidades para conectarse y aprender.

Si tiene acceso a Internet, le recomendamos a que obtenga más información sobre los artistas contribuyentes visitando sus sitios web.

Esperamos que este libro para colorear enriquezca su vida y amplíe su comprensión de la riqueza cultural de nuestro estado. Cuando pueda, ¡esperamos que visite algunos de nuestros museos y sitios históricos en todo el estado para aprender aún más sobre Nuevo México y lo que nos hace especiales!

Sinceramente,

**Debra Garcia y Griego**

Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs

## Coloring Book: *A is for Artist*

The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs (NMDCA) preserves and celebrates the incredibly abundant and diverse cultural heritage of New Mexico. We present to you *A is for Artist* a multi-lingual New Mexico-themed alphabet coloring book. It features illustrations by twenty-seven artists from around the state. Through the playful act of coloring each page you will learn about the special qualities of New Mexico, such as its flora, fauna, and culture. Listen to the questions that children ask as they color each page. These questions can lead to new opportunities to connect and learn.

If you have internet access, we encourage you to learn more about the contributing artists by visiting their websites.

We hope this coloring book enriches your life and expands your understanding of our state's cultural richness. When you are able, we hope you will visit some of our museums and historic sites around the state to learn even more about New Mexico and what makes us special!

Sincerely,

Puedo pensar en pocas cosas tan vitales para todos los nuevomexicanos como la educación de nuestros niños más pequeños. Cuando llevamos la cultura a la vida de nuestros hijos, abrimos un mundo de resolución creativa de problemas e inteligencia emocional que les sirve en la niñez temprana y más allá. *A de Artista* es una invitación muy especial para que los niños de Nuevo México experimenten la cultura a través de la creatividad práctica, la creación artística y la lectura. Este libro, un regalo para todos los nuevomexicanos, está repleto de obras de artistas que viven y trabajan en todo nuestro estado, ayudándolos a ver Nuevo México a través de las diversas perspectivas que atesoramos. ¡Espero que las obras de arte y la cultura que se encuentran en estas páginas inspiren a las familias de Nuevo México a leer, aprender y crear en los próximos años!

Sinceramente,

**Michelle Lujan Grisham**

Governor of the State of New Mexico

I can think of few things as vital to all New Mexicans as the education of our youngest children. When we bring culture into the lives of our kids, we open up a world of creative problem-solving and emotional intelligence that serves them in early childhood and beyond. *A is for Artists* is a very special invitation to New Mexico kids to experience culture through hands-on creativity, artmaking, and reading. This book, a gift to all New Mexicans, is brimming with work from artists who live and work across our state, helping them to see New Mexico through the diverse perspectives we treasure. I hope the artwork and culture found in these pages inspires New Mexico families to read, learn, and create for years to come!

Sincerely,



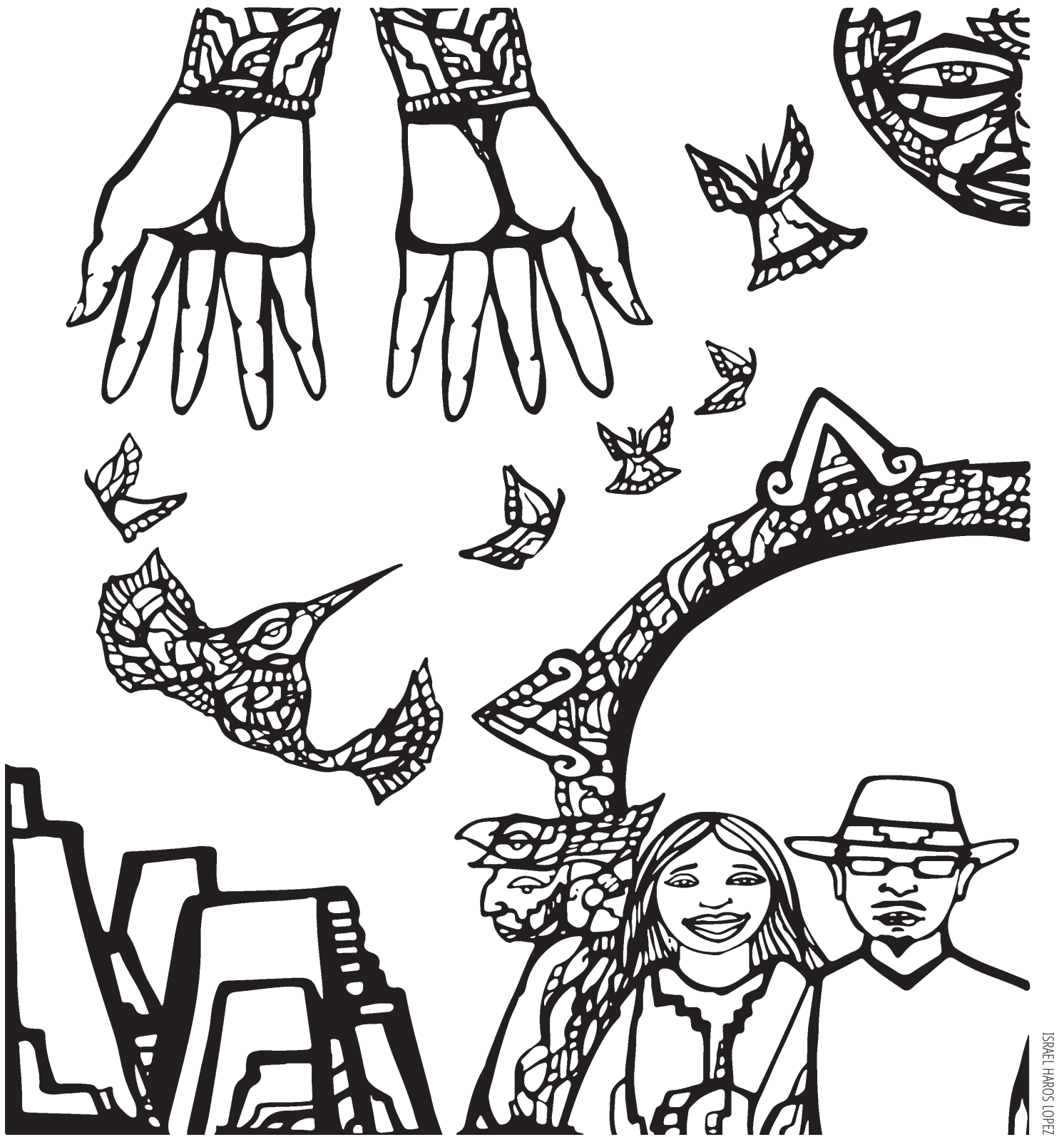


KATIE MENA

# Aa

The **agave** has bloomed! **All** the pollinators dance **around** the beautiful blooms. Can you name **all** the pollinators?





ISRAEL HAROS LOPEZ

**Bb**

**B** is for the **beautiful barrio** filled with **butterflies**, **birds**, and more. What makes your neighborhood **bonito**?





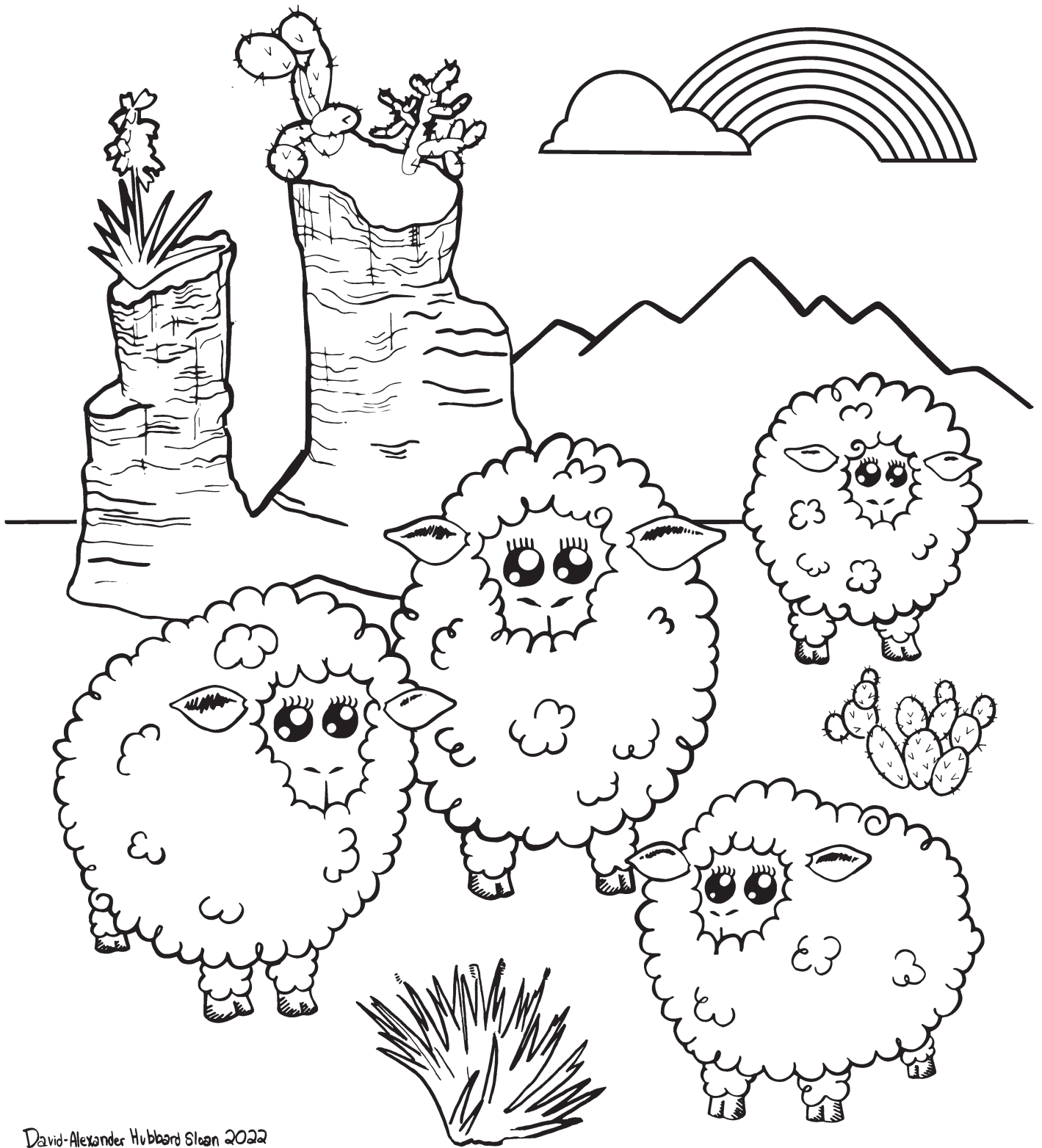
NEECY TWINEM

**Cc**

¡Ayúdame! Help **Coyote** find las **cosas** in the picture that start with the letter **C**?







David-Alexander Hubbard Sloan 2022

DAVID-ALEXANDER HUBBARD SLOAN

**Dd** **Dibé dichin danízin** means “the sheep are hungry” in **Diné**. What **do** you think the sheep would like to eat?





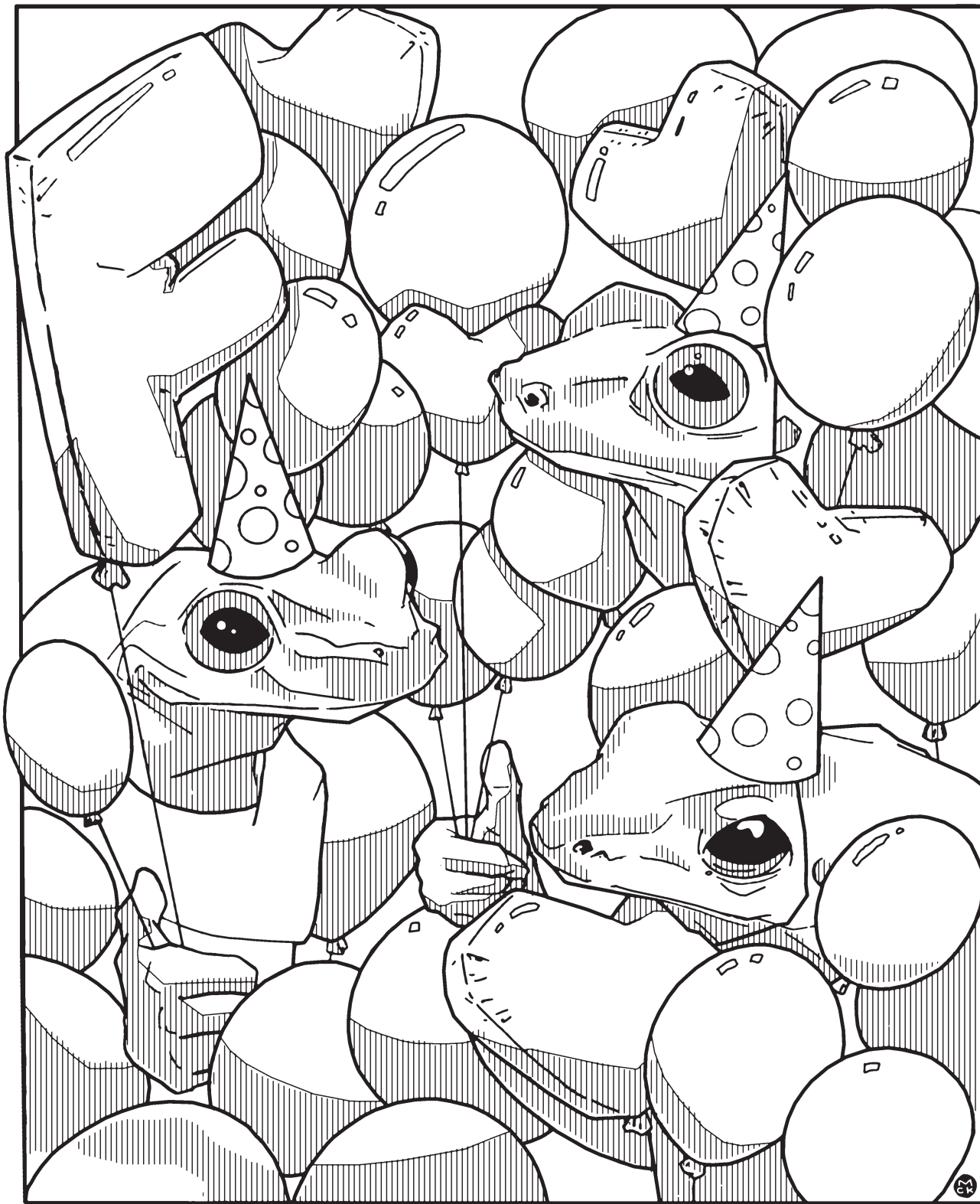
CELIA CORTES

**Ee**

While the **eagle** soars and screeches in the sky, a male **elk** (with **enormous** antlers) **enjoys** grazing and bugling in the meadow. Have you seen an **elk** or an **eagle**?







MEL CK

**Ff**

Durante la **Frog Fiesta** anual, todas las ranas se reúnen para celebrar. What do you think they are celebrating?





NAMILEE DIAMOND PLAZA

**Gg**

**Gloria** explores the **gusty Gato Ghost** Town.  
Who lives there?



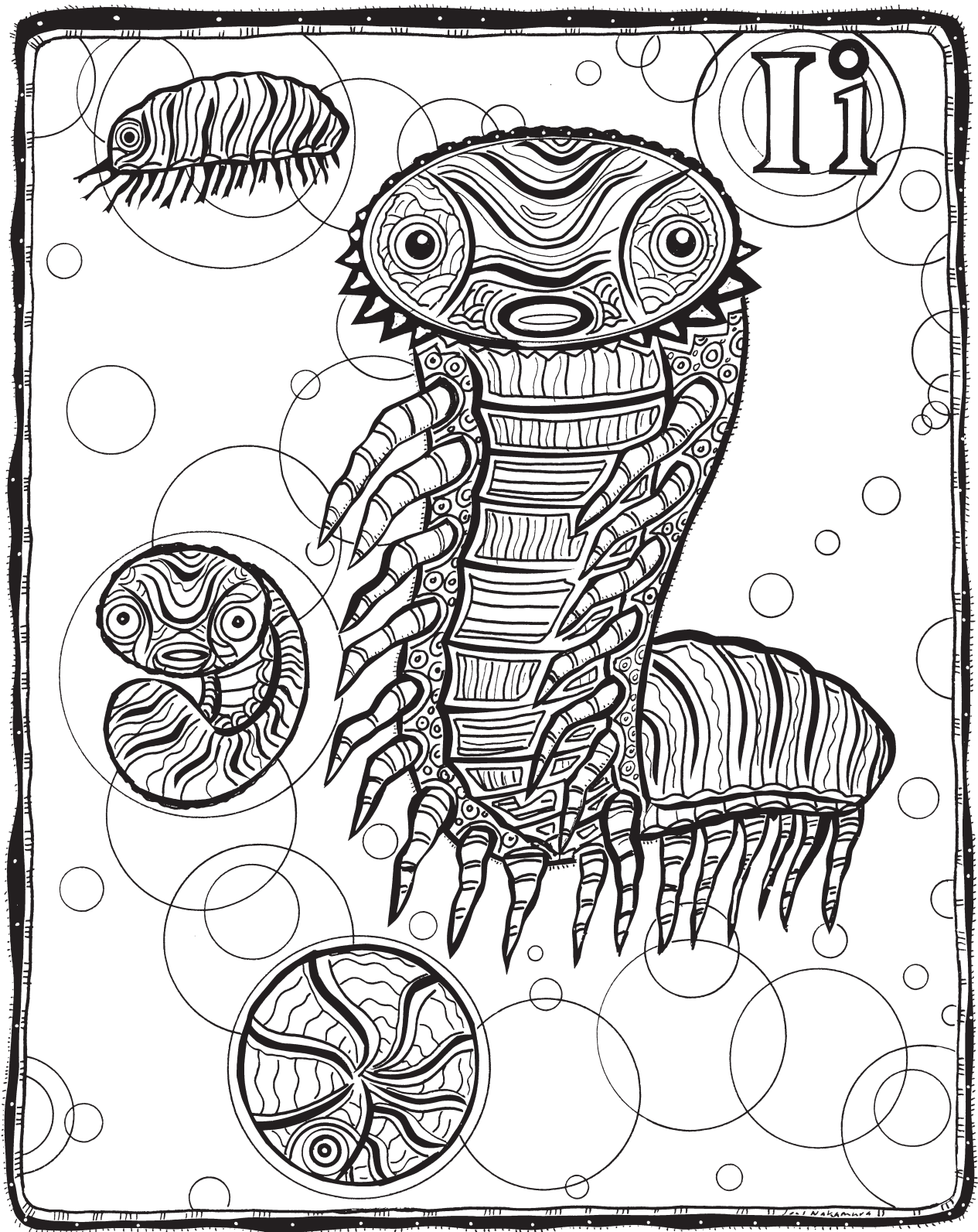


NĒBĪNNAUZHĪK SOUTHAL

**Hh**

**Harper** the **hummingbird** **hovers** by flapping their wings 53 times per second. **How** fast can you flap your wings?



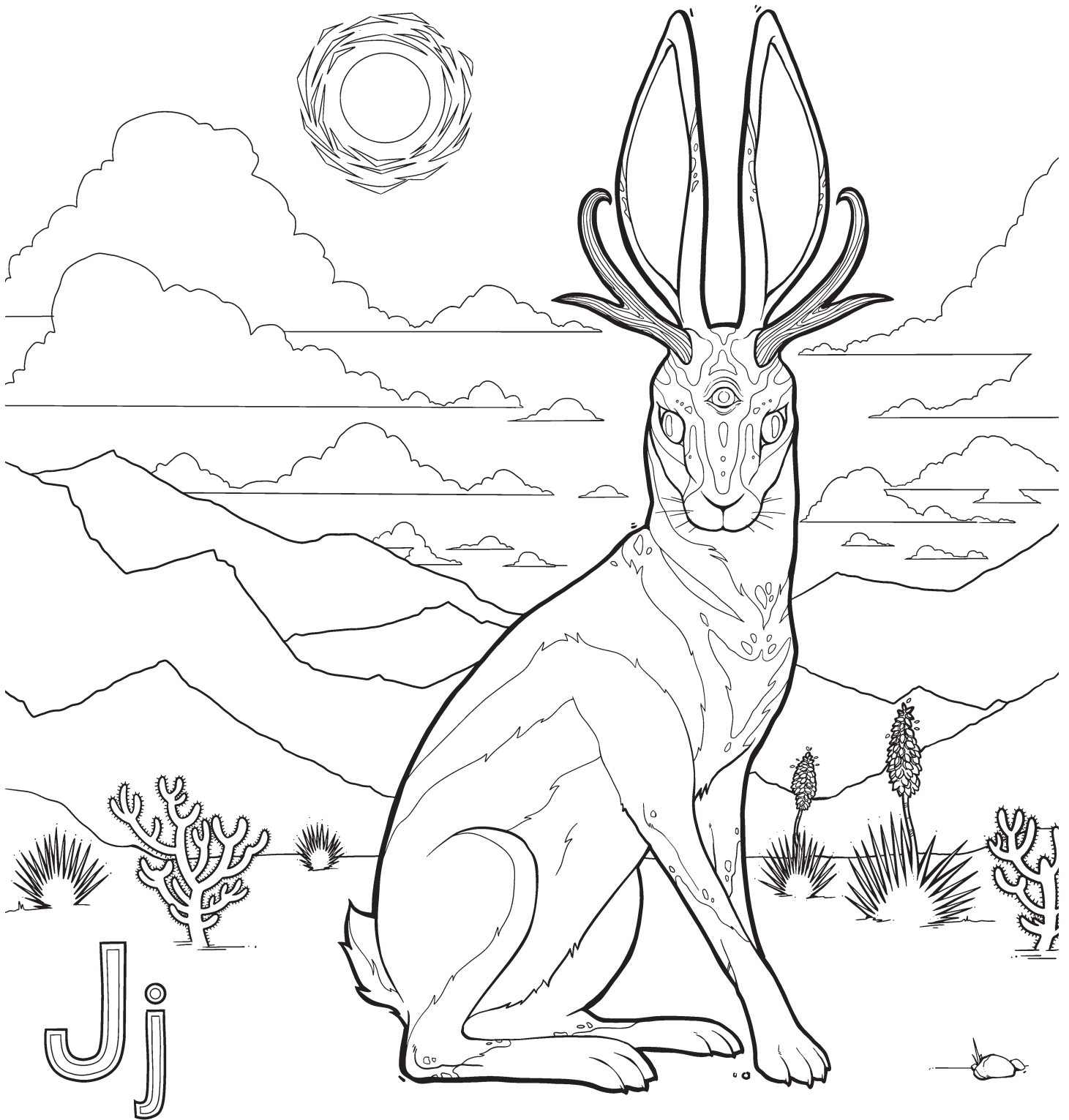


JOEL NAKAMURA

**Ii**

**Isopods** are crustaceans that can be found on land, **in** fresh water, and **in** the sea. They **include** the pill bug, sometimes called the roly-poly. Can you curl up like a roly-poly?





TIGRE MASHAL-LIVELY

**Jj**

The mysterious **jackalope** gazes across the wild desert, seeing far, **jumping** high, and running fast. Have you ever seen the legendary **jackalope**?





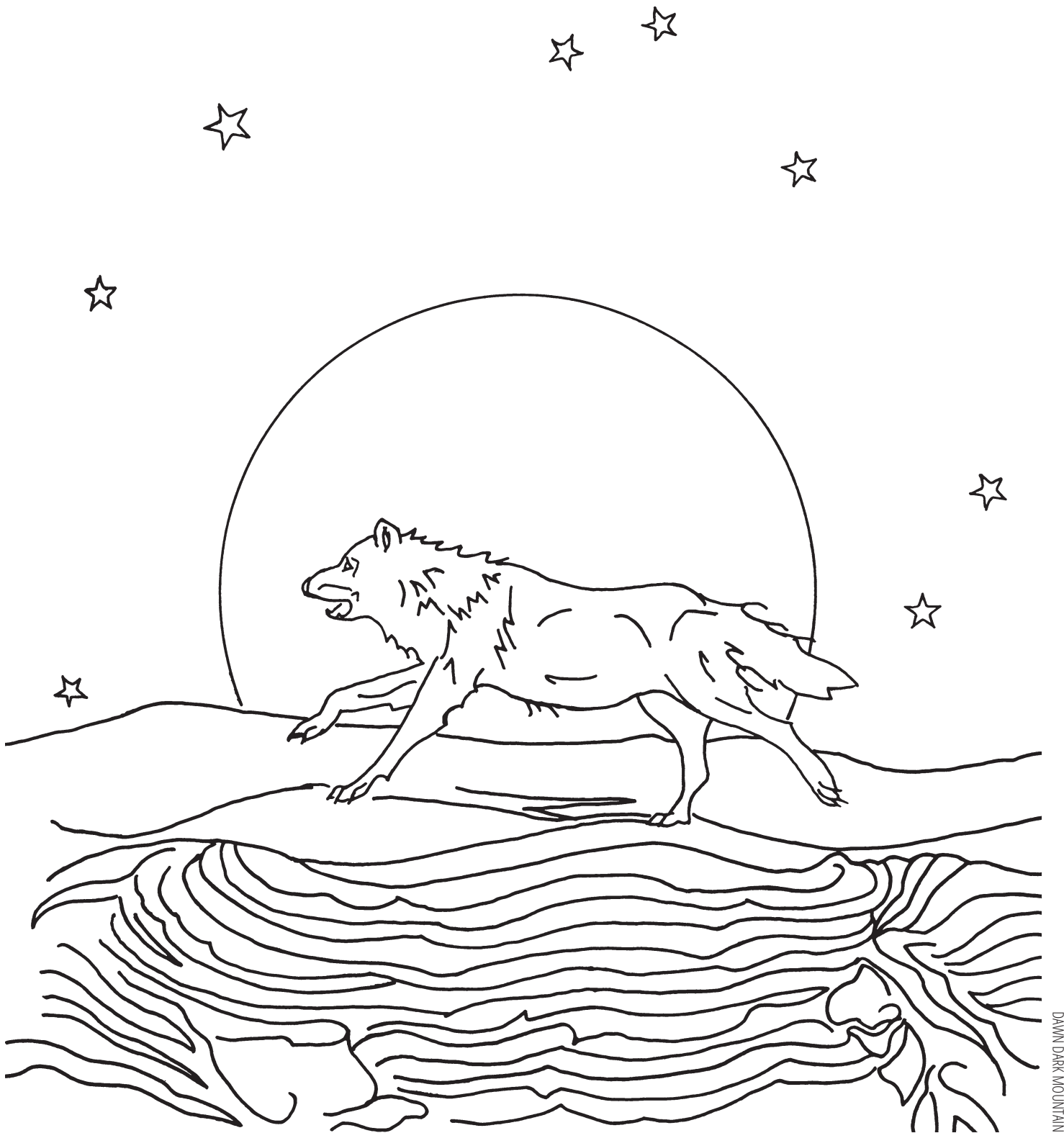


KATE COULKE

**Kk**

A small **kangaroo** rat quietly explores the desert floor.  
What do you think the **kangaroo** rat is searching for?



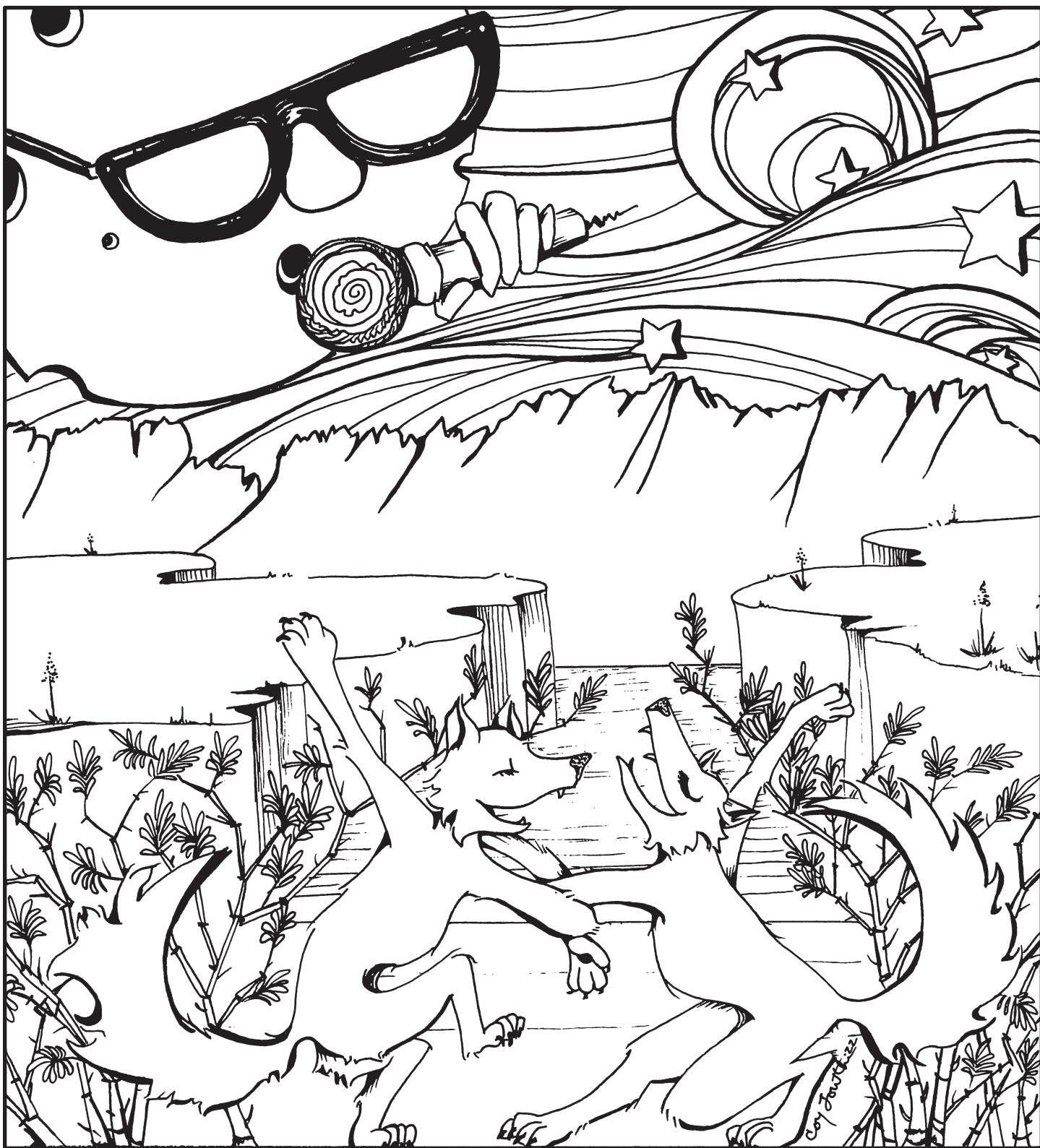


DAWN DARK MOUNTAIN

**LI**

El lobo leaps lightly over the lava beds illuminated by la luna.



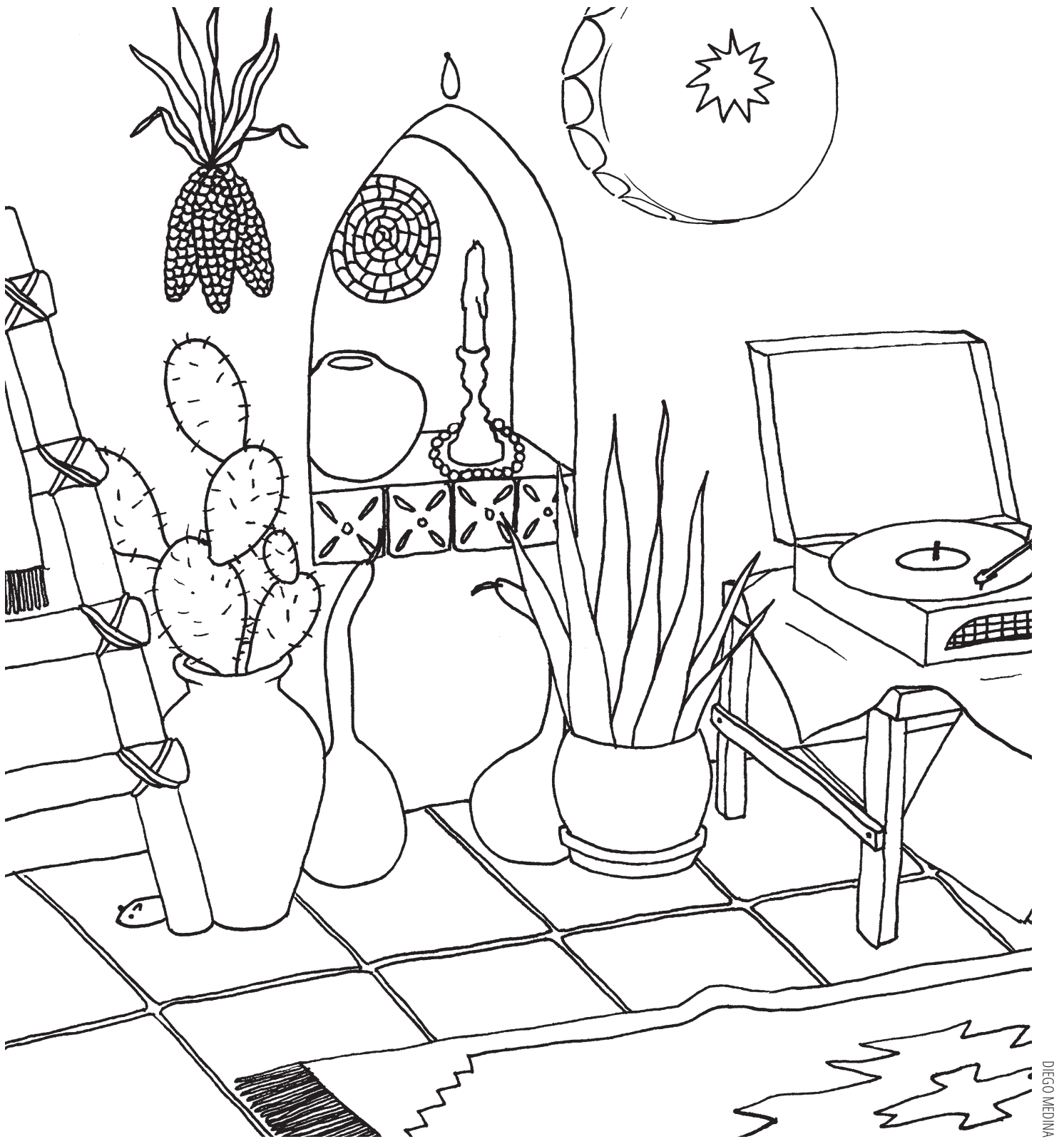


COY LYNN LOWMYER

# Mm

**M** is for the **Moon**, singing its song to **mountains**, **mesas**, and **mesquites**, revealing the desert's **midnight moon** dancers.

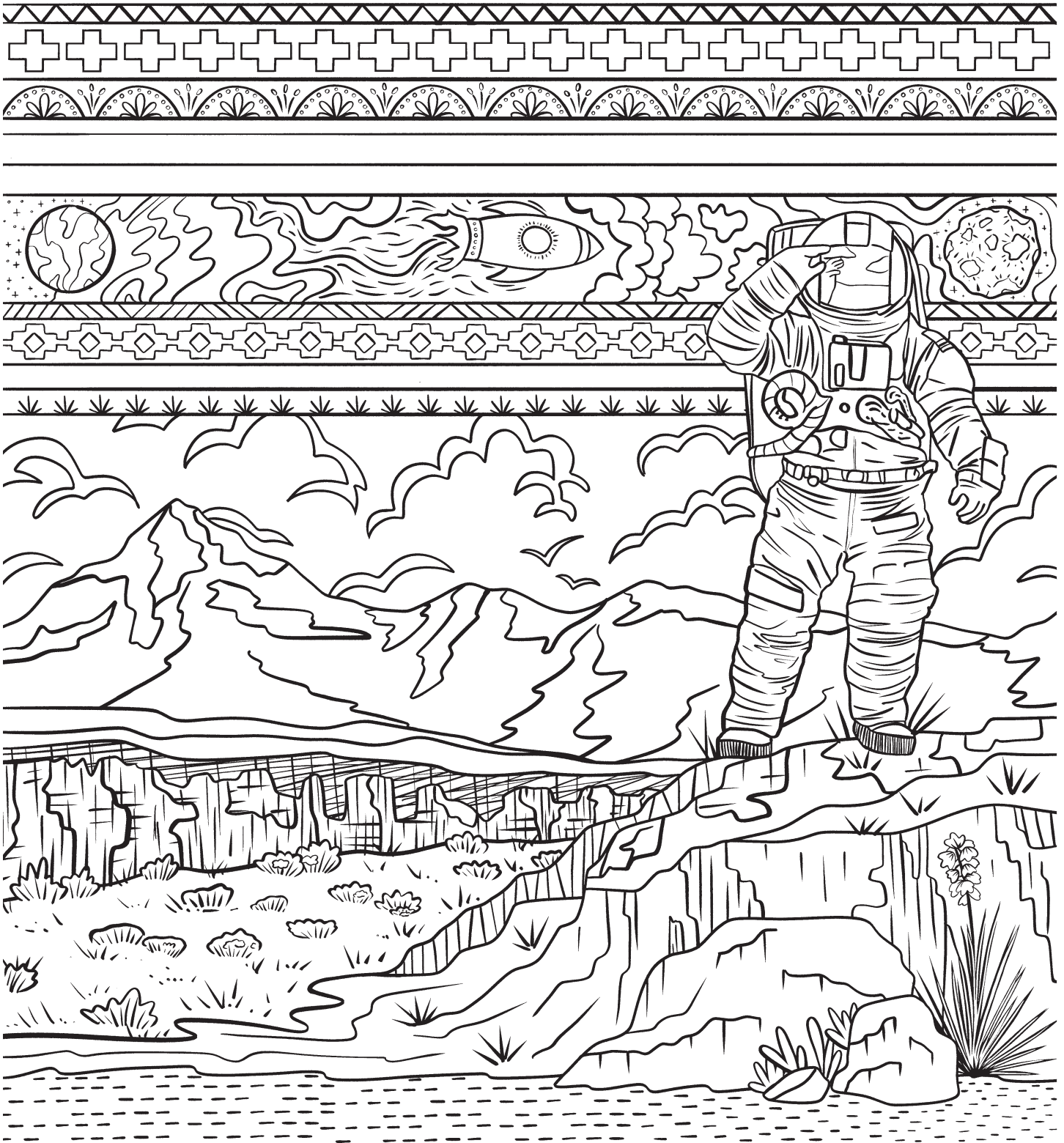




# Nn

In **Nancy's** house, the **nopal** plant was placed **next** to her **nicho**, where she keeps her favorite piece of pottery. What would you place in a **nicho**?





TASHA NEZ

Oo

**Owen** likes to pretend he is a moon explorer, or “**óóljée'** neel kaahí" in Diné, like the Apollo 15 astronauts who prepared for their moon landing at the **Orilla** Verde Recreation Area, near Pilar, New Mexico.







BOB DWEN

**Pp**

The small, round and furry **pika** piles plants to **prepare** for the winter.



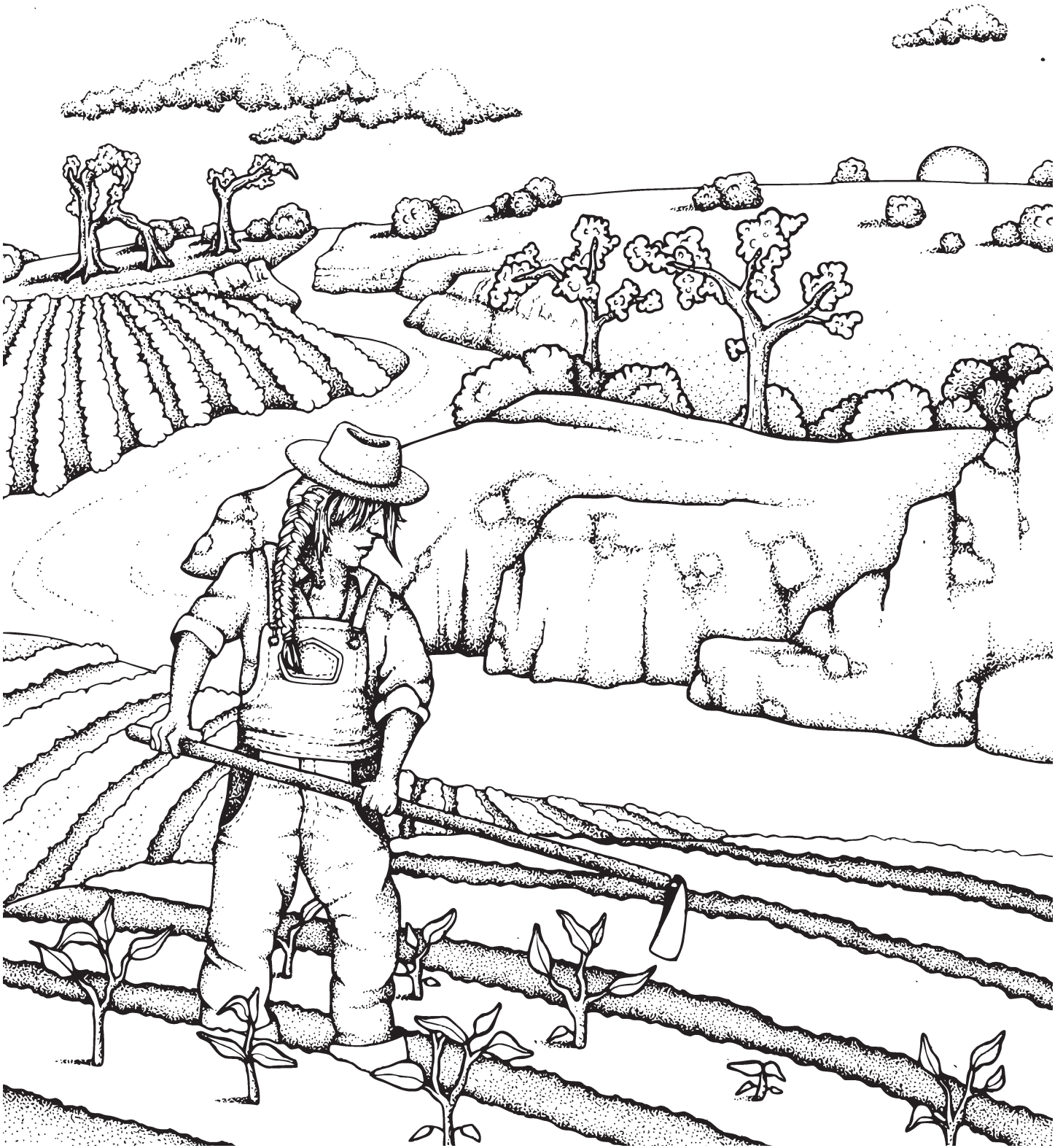


COLLETTE MARIE

# Qq

Abuelita **Quail** cooks **quesadillas** on the comal for her nietos.



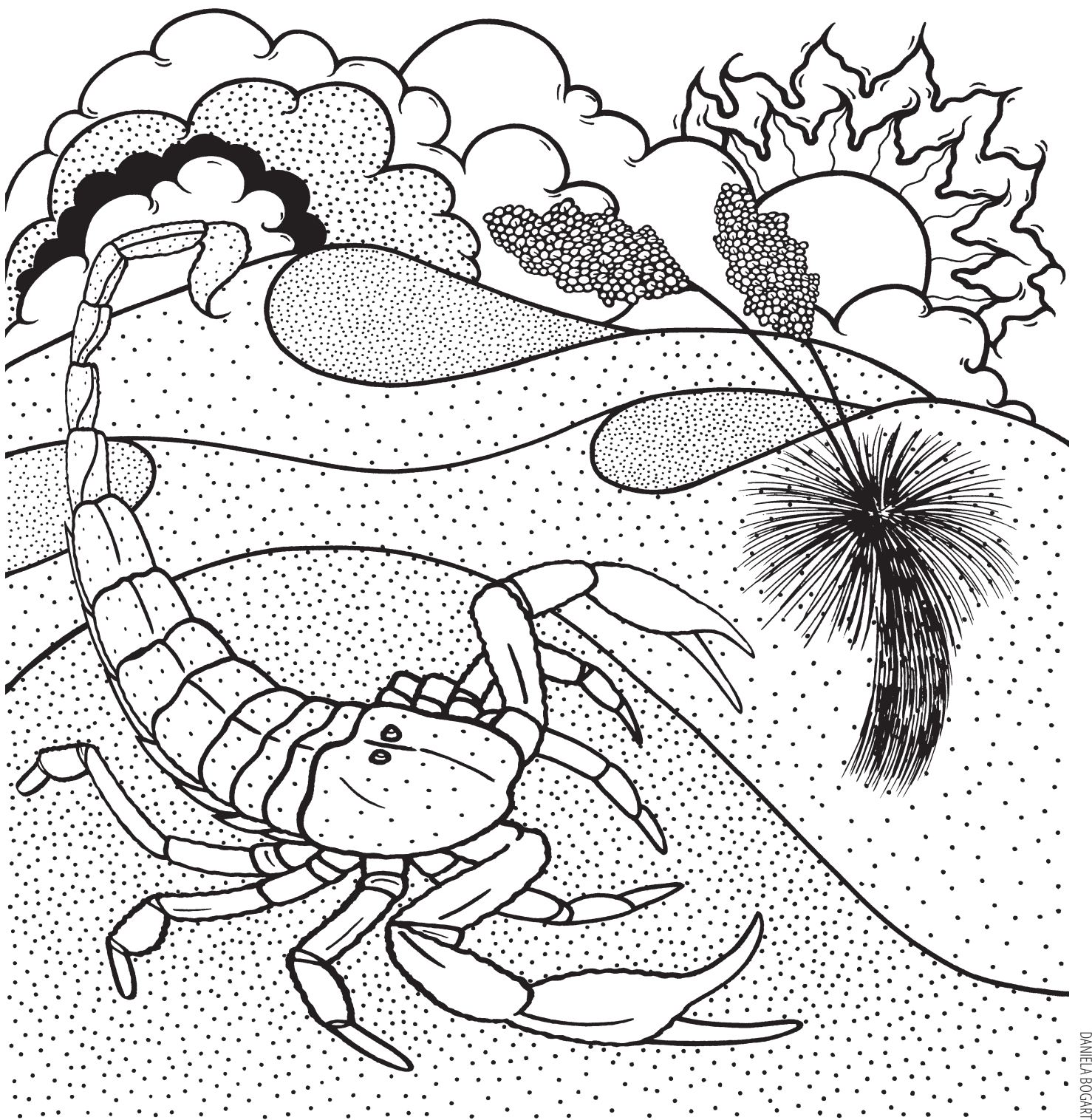


MOLLY MENDELHALL

**Rr**

**Rey** tends to the chile planted by the **Rio** Grande.  
Which is your favorite, **red** or green chile?





DANIELA BOGART

**Ss**

**Scorpion** silently **scurries** past the **Soaptree** Yucca, to **sit** and **sunbathe** on the **sand** dunes during a **southwestern sunset**.





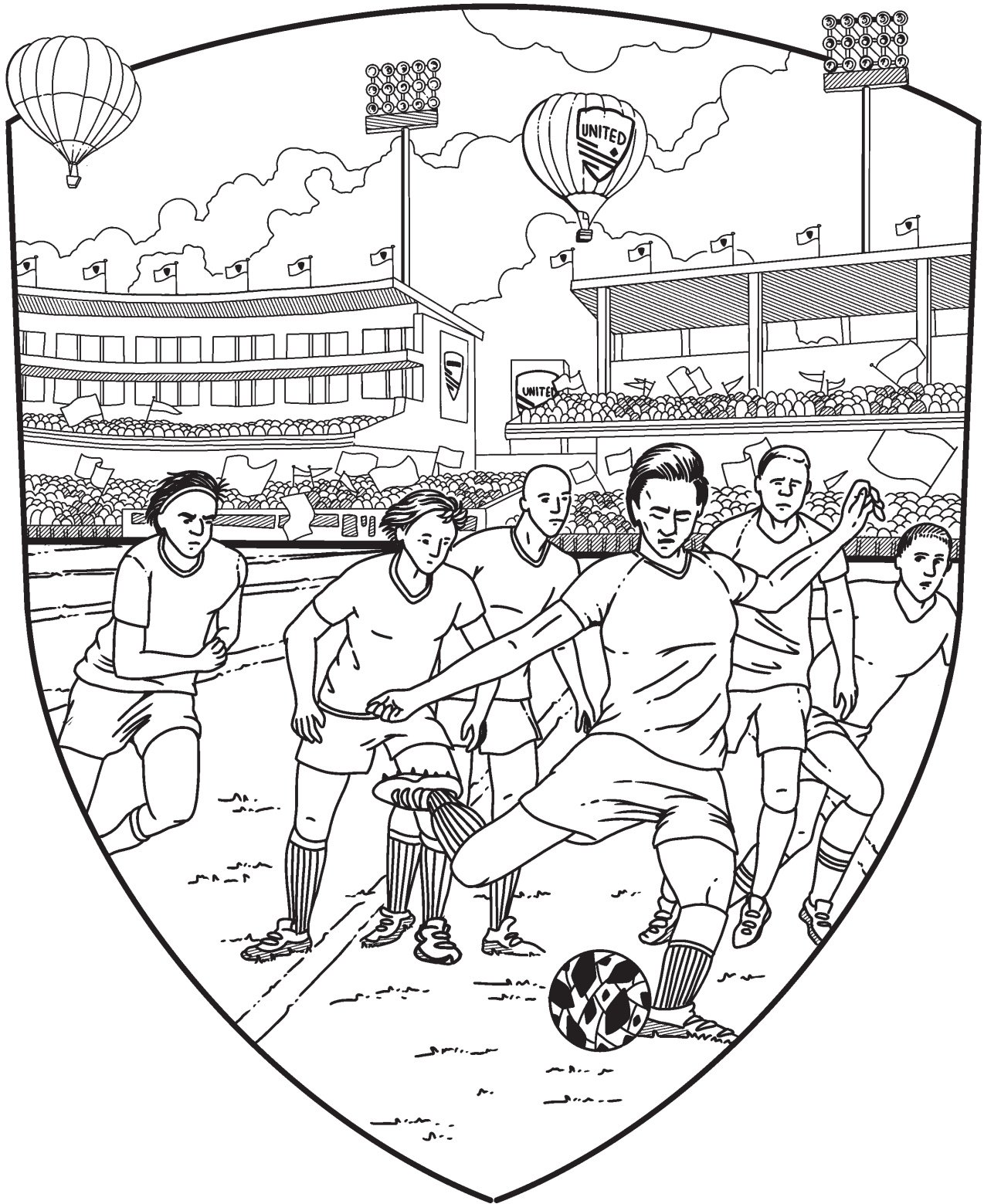


ERIC J. GARCÍA

**Tt** Tía Tomasita y tío Tiburcio hacen tortillas con la ayuda de su nieto.







MARQUEZ TORRES

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New Mexico **United** nears the goal as the crowd cheers:  
¡SOMOS **UNIDOS**!





LENA KASSICIEH

**Vv**

A **vulture views** the **volcanic** landscape from the top of **Vulcan**, which is west of Albuquerque and part of Petroglyph National Monument. Have you been there?





JOCelyn ROSE

**Ww**

**Wildflowers wave with** the **wind** and grow rampant across New Mexico. **Which** is your favorite?





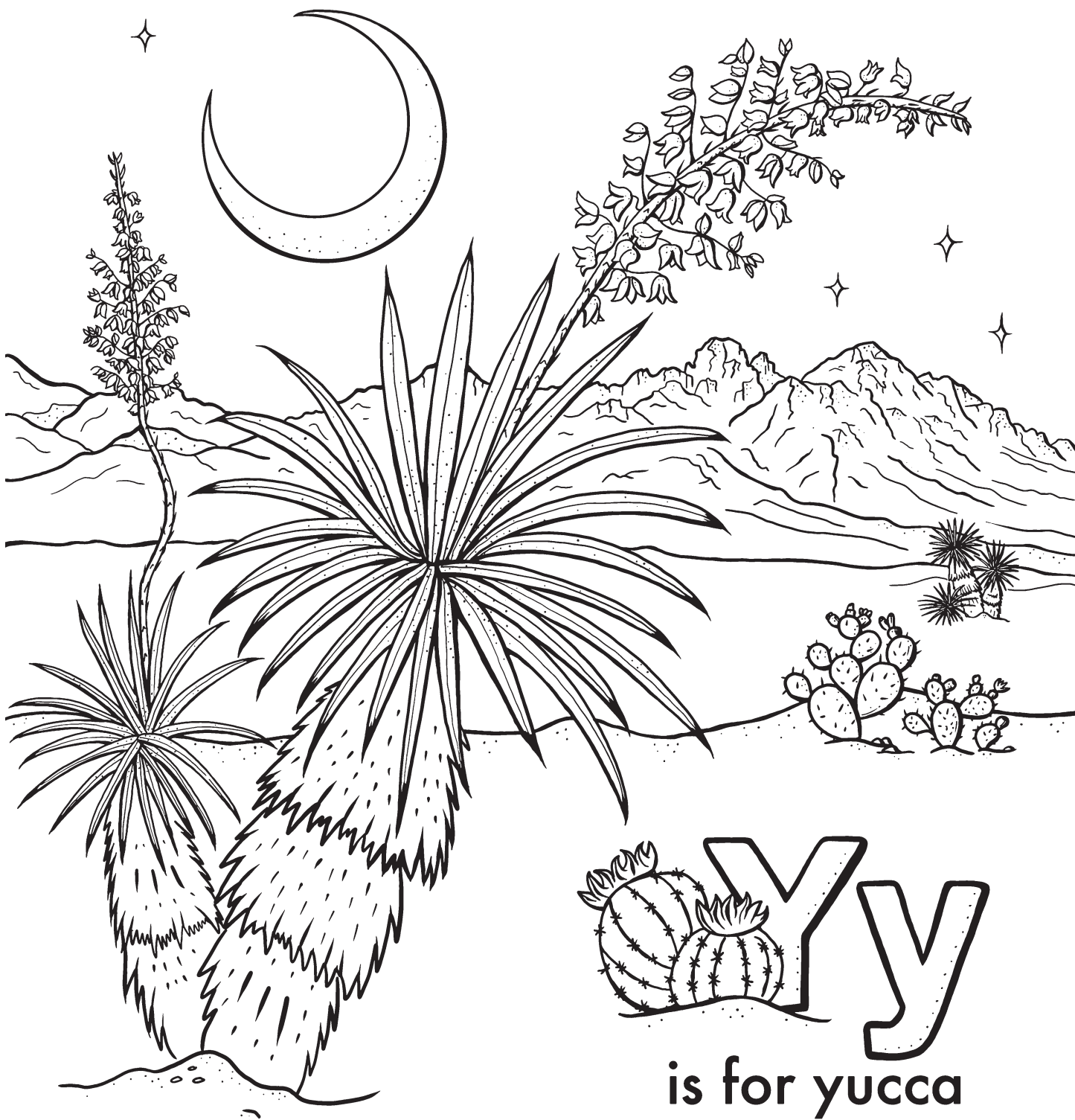


MAUREN BURDOCK

**Xx**

A good **xeriscape** garden thrives with little water.  
What plants and animals can you see?





**Yy**  
is for yucca

**Yy**

**Yucca** is our state flower.  
Their flowers glow brightly in the moonlight.

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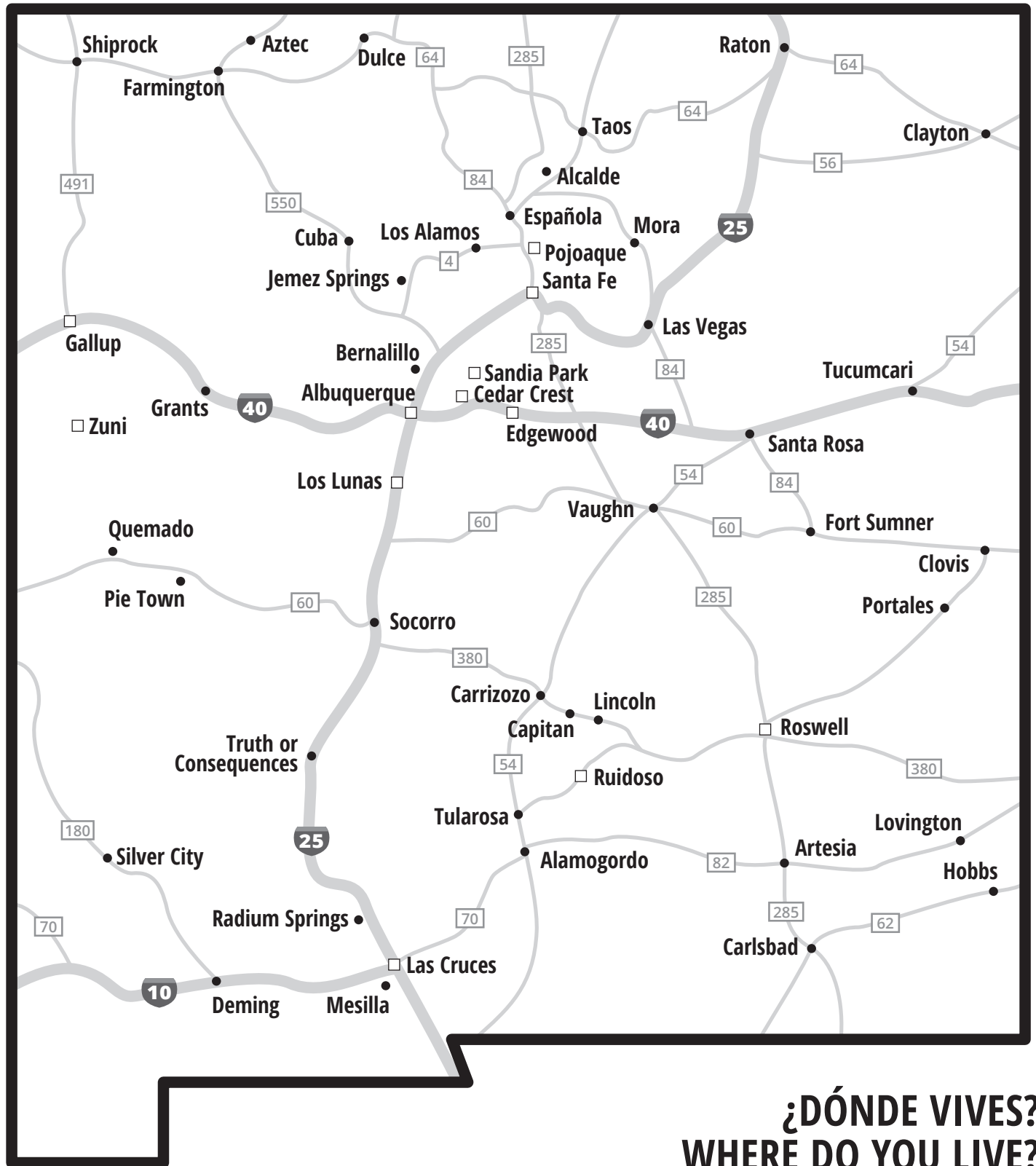


**Zz**

The **Zuni** Olla Maidens skillfully balance and carry pottery jars on their heads.



# ¡PON TU MARCA EN EL MAPA! PUT YOUR MARK ON THE MAP!



**¿DÓNDE VIVES?  
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**



¡Todos los artistas de este libro viven en Nuevo México! ¿Puedes encontrar dónde viven en el mapa? Colorea los cuadrados a medida que los encuentres.

All the artists in this book live in New Mexico! Can you find where they live on the map? Color in the squares as you find them.

- ☐ **Katie Mena** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Israel Haros Lopez** · Pojoaque
- ☐ **Neecy Twinem** · Sandia Park
- ☐ **David-Alexander Hubbard Sloan** · Yootó (Santa Fe)
- ☐ **Celia Cortez** · Cedar Crest
- ☐ **Mel CK** · Albuquerque
- ☐ **Navilee Diamond Plaza** · Albuquerque
- ☐ **Neebinnaukzhik Southall** · Santa Fe
- ☐ **Joel Nakamura** · Santa Fe
- ☐ **Tigre Mashaal-Lively** · Santa Fe
- ☐ **Kate Coucke** · Edgewood
- ☐ **Dawn Dark Mountain** · Santa Fe
- ☐ **Coy Lynn Lowther** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Diego Medina** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Tasha Nez** · Gallup
- ☐ **Bob Diven** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Collette Marie** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Molly Mendenhall** · Los Lunas
- ☐ **Daniela Bogart** · Las Cruces
- ☐ **Eric J. Garcia** · Roswell
- ☐ **Marquez Torres** · Albuquerque
- ☐ **Lena Kassicieh** · Albuquerque
- ☐ **Jocelyn Rose** · Ruidoso
- ☐ **Maureen Burdock** · Santa Fe
- ☐ **Madde Lesnewich** · Albuquerque
- ☐ **Juanita Edaakie** · Zuni
- ☐ **Hillary Vermont** · Santa Fe

¿Cuáles son tus criaturas y plantas favoritas de Nuevo México? ¿Dónde crees que viven o se podrían encontrar? ¡Dibujalos en el mapa!

What are your favorite New Mexican critters and plants? Where do you think they live or could be found? Draw them on the map!

¿Quiénes son tus artistas favoritos en el libro?  
Who are your favorite artists in the book?

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¿Qué partes de Nuevo México te gustaría visitar?  
What parts of New Mexico would you like to visit?

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# SOBRE LAS/LOS ARTISTAS ABOUT THE ARTISTS

**A Katie Mena, 28** • Katie Mena is a tattoo artist and owner of Electric Sun Tattoo. She tattoos nature-based content and especially loves drawing Chihuahuan desert flora and fauna. A lifelong resident of southern New Mexico, she lives in Las Cruces with her husband and four dogs. In her free time, she enjoys hiking in the Organ Mountains, gardening, and reading literature.

**Online:** Instagram @electricsunlc

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Corduroy* by Don Freeman

**Favorite color:** Green

**B Israel Haros Lopez, 45** • Israel Haros is a Chicano illustrator, poet, painter, muralist, co-founder and art director at Alas de Agua Art Collective. He has been creating coloring books for the last 15 years and has published 10 coloring books from the *Tonantzín Tonantíuh Codex* series which will be a total of 1000 pages when completed. His work is inspired by his Chicano heritage and hopes to ignite ancestral memory and abundance for the viewer.

**Online:** [www.chicanocoloringbooks.com](http://www.chicanocoloringbooks.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The House on Mango Street*  
by Sandra Cisneros

**Favorite color:** Blue

**C Neecy Twinem** • Neecy is a member of Sac & Fox nation. She is a professional artist, toy designer, academic professor, and author/illustrator of over 34 children's books, published in several languages. Her artwork is found in educational books, magazines, book covers, puzzles, posters, greeting cards, t-shirts, giftware, public murals, and private

and public collections. She is faculty at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Neecy developed and created the ZombieZoo® line of plush toys and books.

**Online:** [www.neecytwinem.com](http://www.neecytwinem.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Color Kittens* by Margaret Wise Brown

**Favorite color:** All colors are my favorite. I LOVE color.

**D David-Alexander Hubbard Sloan, 42** • David-Alexander Hubbard Sloan is a contemporary artist working in primarily 2D visual arts. His traditional Diné introduction is Tódích'íí'níi (Bitter water clan), born for Irish & English American, his maternal grandfather is of Tohono O'odham and Navajo tribes, and his paternal grandfather is of Irish/Scottish descent. David was born and lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Online:** [www.todichiiniirudeboy.com](http://www.todichiiniirudeboy.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Garfield Out To Lunch* by Jim Davis

**Favorite color:** Doot'izh (blue)

**E Celia Cortez** • I have enjoyed creating art from an early age and have experimented across many media over the years. My work focuses on intentional creations, aiming to convey details of nature, wildlife and the vistas surrounding me. I also enjoy creating more abstract work that evokes emotion or movement through the use of color. Since 2015, I have shown my work professionally at juried shows and markets and I have received several awards and enjoyed many opportunities for commissioned work.

**Online:** [www.celiacortez.com](http://www.celiacortez.com)

**Favorite books as a child:**

*Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell  
and *Curious George* by H. A. Rey

**Favorite color:** Red

**F Mel CK, 28** • My name is Melanie, but i go by Mel. I'm a street artist, illustrator, and designer. My style is symbolic illustration with influence of Central/South American street art surrealism. Sneaking in Panameño symbols of nature. I'm very passionate towards living things and their purpose in this life. Everyday is an opportunity to improve and grow in art, and it's the only thing that's nurtured my perspective as a Latin artist in New Mexico

**Online:** [www.mel-ck.com](http://www.mel-ck.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister

**Favorite color:** Pink

**G Navilee Diamond Plaza, 12** • Navilee Diamond Plaza is a Navajo Artist. Her drawings have been featured in the Washington Middle School newspaper in 2022. She contributed to the Alamosa LANDBACK Mural Project in 2022. She draws inspiration from anime, like Studio Ghibli. During the COVID-19 shutdown, she devoted her time to developing and improving her skills as an artist. She aspires to be a graphic designer in the future.

**Online:** [www.tiktok.com/@yeeehow123](https://www.tiktok.com/@yeeehow123)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Fairy Unicorns: Enchanted River* by Zanna Davidson, because I was really into unicorns in second grade.

**Favorite color:** Clear, because clear can be ANY color if you put it next to a color.



**H Neebinnaukzhik Southall, 33** • Neebinnaukzhik Southall, a member of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, is a two-spirit graphic designer, artist, photographer, and writer based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they have lived since 2013, following a 2012 internship with Santa Fe Indian Market. Neebinnaukzhik means “summer evening” in Anishinaabemowin. Neebin is driven to uplift diverse Native communities through their work.

For the letter H, Neebin chose to creatively depict a hummingbird in motion using heavy linework, which is commonly used by Anishinaabe and Cree artists working in the Woodland Art style. At the center of the hummingbird is a heartline, an ancient convention seen in Anishinaabe art as well as in the art of Southwest tribal nations.

**Online:** [www.neebin.com](http://www.neebin.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

Books with animals as main characters, such as *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter, and *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown.

**Favorite color:** Black, and saturated colors

**I Joel Nakamura, 63** • Joel Nakamura is an image maker, producing art for commercial clients and galleries. Projects include the 2002 Winter Olympics opening and closing program illustrations, Maxalt brand art for Merck Pharmaceutical, author and illustrator of the Moonbeam Children’s Book Silver Award-winning *Go West!* Nakamura has won numerous awards of excellence for his work in editorial, advertising, and institutional art. In Santa Fe, Nakamura is known for his art created for Harry’s Roadhouse, the Santa Fe

Film Festival posters, Japan Festival posters, and exhibitions at the Tom Ross and the Pop Galleries. He has a long history in arts education, including Art Center College of Design, SFCC, SFUAD, Desert Academy, and the Artworks program.

**Online:** [www.joelnakamura.com](http://www.joelnakamura.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson

**Favorite color:** Blue

**J Tigre Mashaal-Lively, 37** • Tigre Mashaal-Lively is a multidisciplinary artist raised in Philadelphia and based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Creating art ranging from installations, sculptures, and murals, to illustrations, paintings, and performance art, Tigre’s work has been exhibited around the globe, from North America to Southeast Asia, and from Europe to Australia. They have installed numerous public artworks in New Mexico, including *CoyoteSong* permanently installed in Santa Fe, and are a founding member of Earthseed Black Arts Alliance.

**Online:** [www.tigrebailando.com](http://www.tigrebailando.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak

**Favorite colors:** Turquoise, Pink, and Black

**K Kate Coucke** • Kate Coucke is a painter and linocut printmaker. While she loves pursuing all kinds of art, she studied painting and printmaking at the University of New Mexico where she earned her Bachelors in Studio Art. Her work has been shown in many places around New Mexico, including projects with the City of Albuquerque and UNM. She enjoys spending time as a mother and small

business owner, while being inspired by her home state of New Mexico.

**Online:** [www.kdcstudio.com](http://www.kdcstudio.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Night House, Bright House* by Monica Wellington, there was so much to look at on every page.

**Favorite color:** Yellow

**L Dawn Dark Mountain, 66** • Dawn Dark Mountain is an award-winning Oneida Indian artist from Wisconsin specializing in watercolors and working with Woodland American Indian subject matter and ideas. This subject matter, combined with a controlled watercolor style, results in a peculiar mystical quality sometimes referred to as “magic realism.” Dawn’s work can be found in private collections. Dawn now resides in Santa Fe, with her husband Keith. They are enjoying living in the Land of Enchantment.

**Online:** [www.dawndarkmountain.com](http://www.dawndarkmountain.com)

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Scroobius Pip* by Edward Lear

**Favorite color:** Blue

**M Coy Lynn Lowther, 39** • Coy Lynn Lowther is an artist who draws inspiration from her beautiful surroundings in southern New Mexico. The desert forges fascinating creatures and people that are often her subject matter. Her work can range from light, whimsical themes to heavier contemplative visual storytelling.

**Online:** Instagram @coyllynlowther

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

**Favorite color:** Green





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**N** **Diego Medina, 29** • Diego Medina is an artist from Las Cruces, New Mexico and is a member of the Piro-Manso-Tiwa tribe. Diego currently serves as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for his tribe. In addition to creating visual art, Diego is a published poet and a cultural enthusiast who has a deep passion for archival research, borderlands Indigenous history.

**Online:** Instagram @daydreamboy

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Animalia* by Graeme Base

**Favorite color:** Indigo

**O** **Tasha Nez, 30** • Tasha Nez is a Diné visual artist. Growing up as an only child taught her the importance of creative and imaginative play, which developed into a life-long passion for painting. Her work reflects an ever-growing love for native lands and Diné culture. Besides art, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets, trips to local monuments, watching science-fiction/fantasy movies, photography, and writing. Her work can be found at ART123 Gallery in Gallup, New Mexico.

**Online:** Instagram @pacotacorox

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Runaway Soup and Other Stories* from Sesame Street Silly Stories

**Favorite color:** Yellow

**P** **Bob Diven, 62** • Bob Diven grew up in Las Cruces with his four brothers. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he got his art training at the Rocky Mountain School of Art in Denver, Colorado. He's been a professional illustrator for over forty years and his artwork has received local, state, and national awards. He is also a painter, sculptor, muralist, musician, and

writer. Bob continues to live and work in Las Cruces.

**Online:** www.bobdiven.com

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Little Engine that Could* by Watty Piper

**Favorite color:** Blue

**Q** **Collette Marie** • Collette Marie is a multimedia artist who resides in the Chihuahuan Desert with her muse, Pantera the cat. Their favorite hobbies are taking walks, snuggling, watching movies, and eating quesadillas. Some of Collette's favorite mediums are digital illustration, printmaking, painting, and creating public art. The letter Q illustration was inspired by Collette's Abuela who would make the most delicious quesadillas for her grandchildren.

**Online:** www.collettemarie.art

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Little Red Riding Hood* by the Brothers Grimm

**Favorite color:** Green

**R** **Molly Mendenhall, 33** • Molly spent ten years running a small vegetable farm, and her artwork reveals the same fondness for flora and fauna of every kind, from the beautiful to the strange. Her work experiments with reality and evokes a whimsical nature. In 2019, she was asked to create her first public mural and finds her motivation in the challenges that come with tackling different mediums, exploring the boundaries of her comfort zone, and painting in public spaces.

**Online:** Instagram @fourmoonsartfarm

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Wainscott Weasel* by Tor Seidler

**Favorite color:** Green

**S** **Daniela Bogart, 62** •

I was born in Toronto, Canada and can still remember the sight of fallen snow, blanketing the streets. Eventually we relocated to sunny South Florida. After attending college, I worked as a graphic artist, while continuing to create illustrations of nature and fantasy, honing my skills and developing my ideas. When the opportunity arose to move to the American Southwest and focus on my books and illustrations, I jumped at the chance.

**Online:** www.facebook.com/danielasbooks

**Favorite book as a child:**

Any book by Dr. Seuss

**Favorite color:** Purple

**T** **Eric J. Garcia, 44** • Eric J. Garcia is an award winning illustrator and political cartoonist. Received his BFA with a minor in Chicano studies from the University of New Mexico, Garcia went on to complete his MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Check out his latest book *A Journey Through New Mexico*, a collaboration with his sister Judy Garcia.

**Online:** www.ericjgarcia.com

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Arrow to the Sun* by Gerald McDermott.

I loved the graphic imagery he used to tell this Pueblo story.

**Favorite color:** Brown, because brown is beautiful.

**U** **Marquez Torres, 24** • Marquez Torres is a watercolor and digital artist focusing on surrealistic and detailed pieces that give a sense of otherworldliness. Along with being a full time artist, Marquez also works in the film industry as a snake wrangler. Spending many hours in the beautiful New Mexico flora and fauna gives him a lot of natural inspiration.



**Online:** Instagram @wishbone.ink

**Favorite book as a child:**

My favorite books as a child were anything by Rick Riordan for his immense imagery and sense of fantasy.

**Favorite color:** Green

**V Lena Kassicieh, 33** • Lena Kassicieh is a Palestinian-American artist who spent her childhood in New Mexico, and has lived between the deserts of New Mexico, Dubai, and Jordan. Her creative practice is multidisciplinary and exploratory, and includes ceramics, illustration, photography, mixed media, and collage. She is inspired by whimsical stories, learning about different cultures, anthropology and folklore, vibrant color, and explorative adventures in different places and countries.

**Online:** www.lenakassicieh.com

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans

**Favorite color:** Electric blue

**W Jocelyn Rose, 28** • Jocelyn Rose (she/her) is a multi-skilled, self-taught Latina artist living in the high desert mountains of New Mexico. Her work is inspired by the nature and wildlife around her, her Mexican-American heritage, and vintage illustrations. Jocelyn has been creating since she can remember. Jocelyn's areas of expertise include — but are not limited to — illustration, drawing, painting, photography, digital artwork, silversmithing, graphic design, product design, and sewing. She currently lives and grows in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

**Online:** Instagram @rosehips.mothwings

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

**Favorite color:** Ochre

**X Maureen Burdock, 52** • Maureen Burdock is a graphic storyteller. She was born in the Black Forest of Germany and later moved to the Chicago area. In the third grade, Burdock won her first prize for an illustrated short story about two hot dogs who bravely escape from a frying pan ... only to be carried off by a stray dog!

Burdock has exhibited and published internationally, and has won numerous awards. She is the author of *Feminist Fables for the Twenty-First Century: The F Word Project*, and has contributed comics to *Menopause*; *Covid Chronicles*; and *Pathographics*. Her graphic memoir, *Queen of Snails*, is forthcoming in 2022. Burdock earned dual master's degrees from the California College of the Arts, and a PhD in cultural studies from the University of California, Davis.

**Online:** www.maureenburdock.com

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The Pippi Longstocking* series by Astrid Lindgren

**Favorite color:** Orange

**Y Madde Lesnewich, 27** • Madde Lesnewich is a visual artist and self-taught illustrator from Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is an enthusiastic traveler who has worked her way across the globe as a tour guide, farmhand, artist, and educator. She picked up illustration as a creative way to document her travels. Now, she continues the art form today as a way to constantly explore, even if it is only on paper.

**Favorite book as a child:**

*The New Kid on the Block* by Jack Prelutsky

**Favorite color:** Sage green

**Z Juanita Edaakie, 64** • Juanita Edaakie is a retired educator; she was employed with the Zuni Public School District for 40+ years. She is an artist, specializing in portraits of family members and scenes from the pueblo of Zuni. She is a seamstress, she sews traditional regalia for the women in her family. She is the co-leader of the dance group, the Zuni Olla Maidens, they perform throughout the United States and Canada. She loves to read and travel.

**Favorite book as a child:**

*Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion

**Favorite color:** Purple

**Cover** **Hillary Vermont** •

Hillary Vermont is a graphic designer, painter, illustrator, surface designer and product designer with degrees from Parsons School of Design NYC. Her work has been licensed by the Museum of Modern Art, Lincoln Center, and the Smithsonian Institution, among other licensees worldwide. She currently sells her designs on products such as tees and handmade cards at artisan markets in Santa Fe and in her online shops. She contributes frequently to animal rescue organizations. Her favorite greeting is "Woof Y'All."

**Online:** Instagram @woof\_yall\_from\_santa\_fe

**Favorite book as a child:**

Any coloring book — they were therapy, comfort, delight

**Favorite color:** It's difficult to have a favorite color as a visual artist.



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