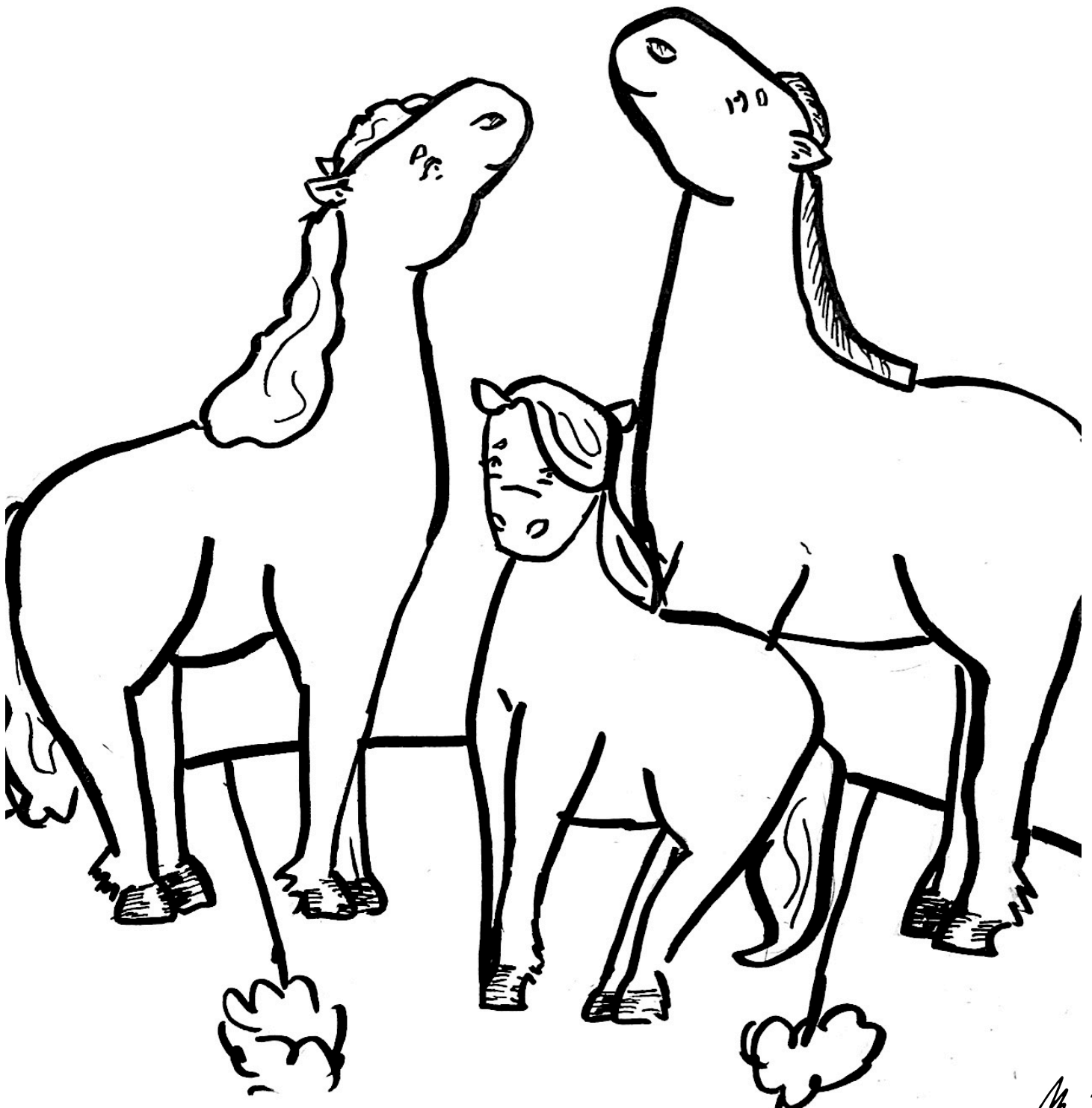
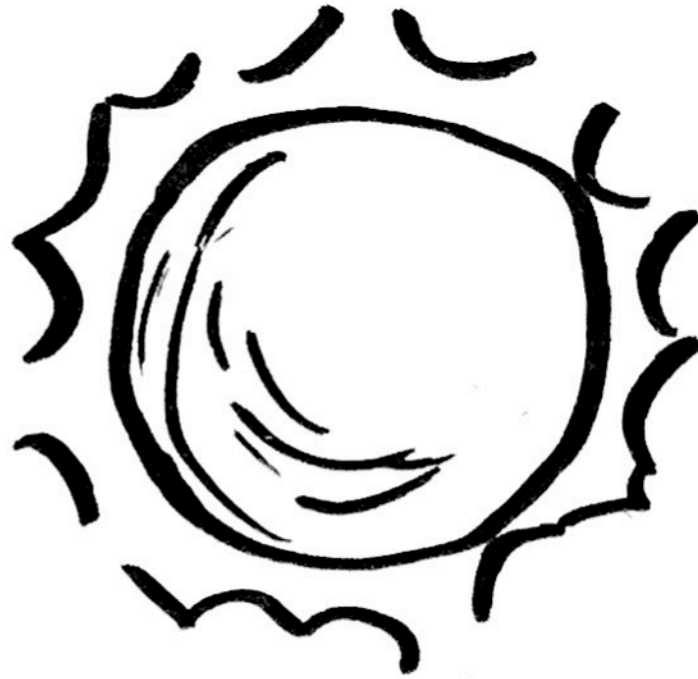


Cecilia and the Long Walk

a coloring book

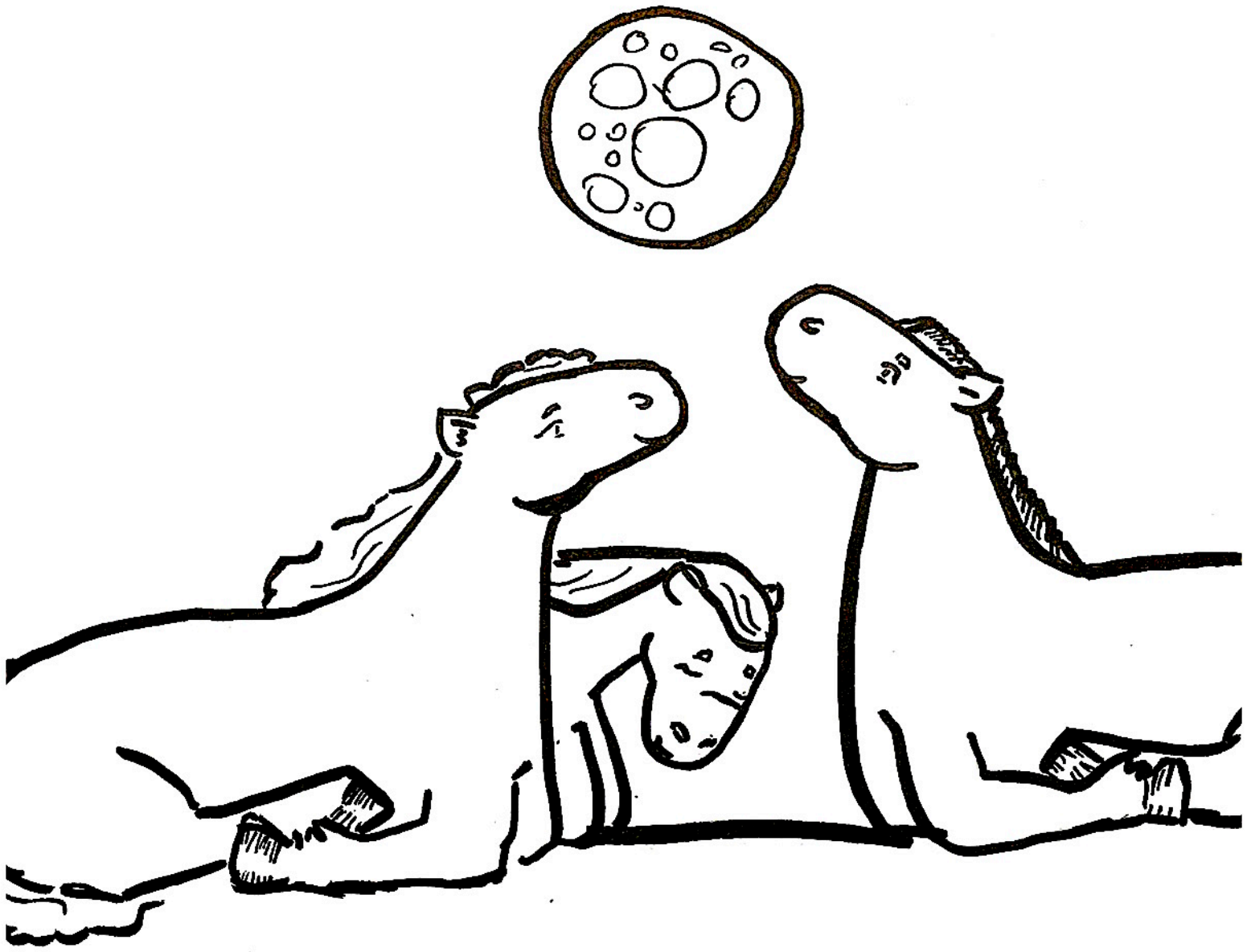


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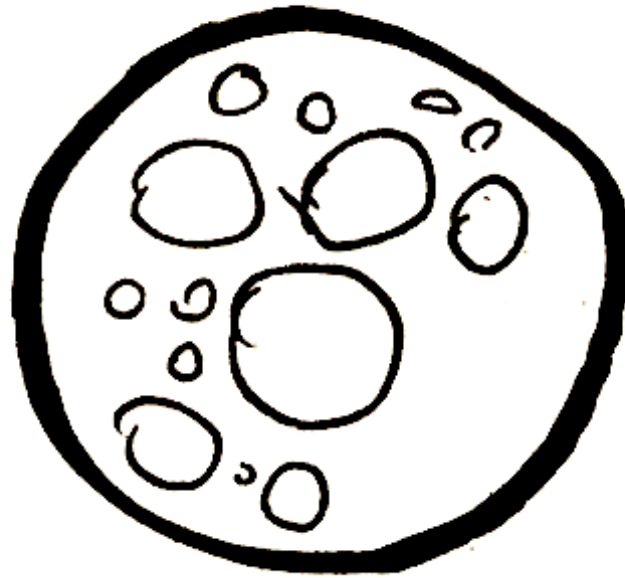


One day Cecilia the pony went on
a walk with her mamá and papá.

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It was a very, very, very long walk, through days and
nights. She was tired, thirsty, hungry and grumpy
lots of the time.

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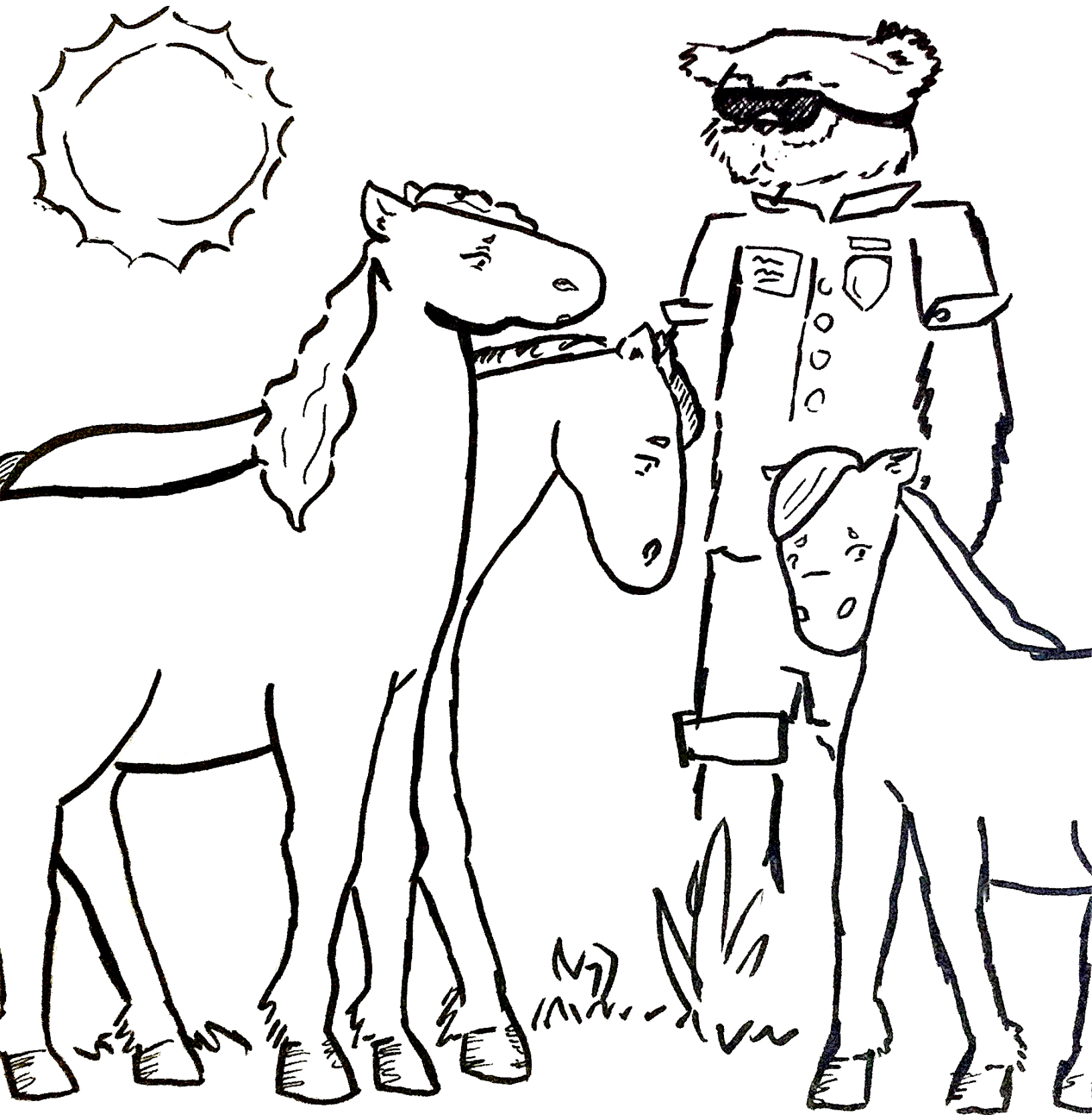


Finally mamá and papá said,

“We are here, we are at the border.”



Suddenly, a **BIG** bear in a uniform made them stop walking. Mamá and papá looked very scared and that made Cecilia afraid too.



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Mamá and papá told her not to cry, saying

“We have to go with this bear and you have to go with that bear.”



Another **BIG** bear led Cecilia away. She was very afraid but her mama and papa said, "We love you, Cecilia! We will see you soon."

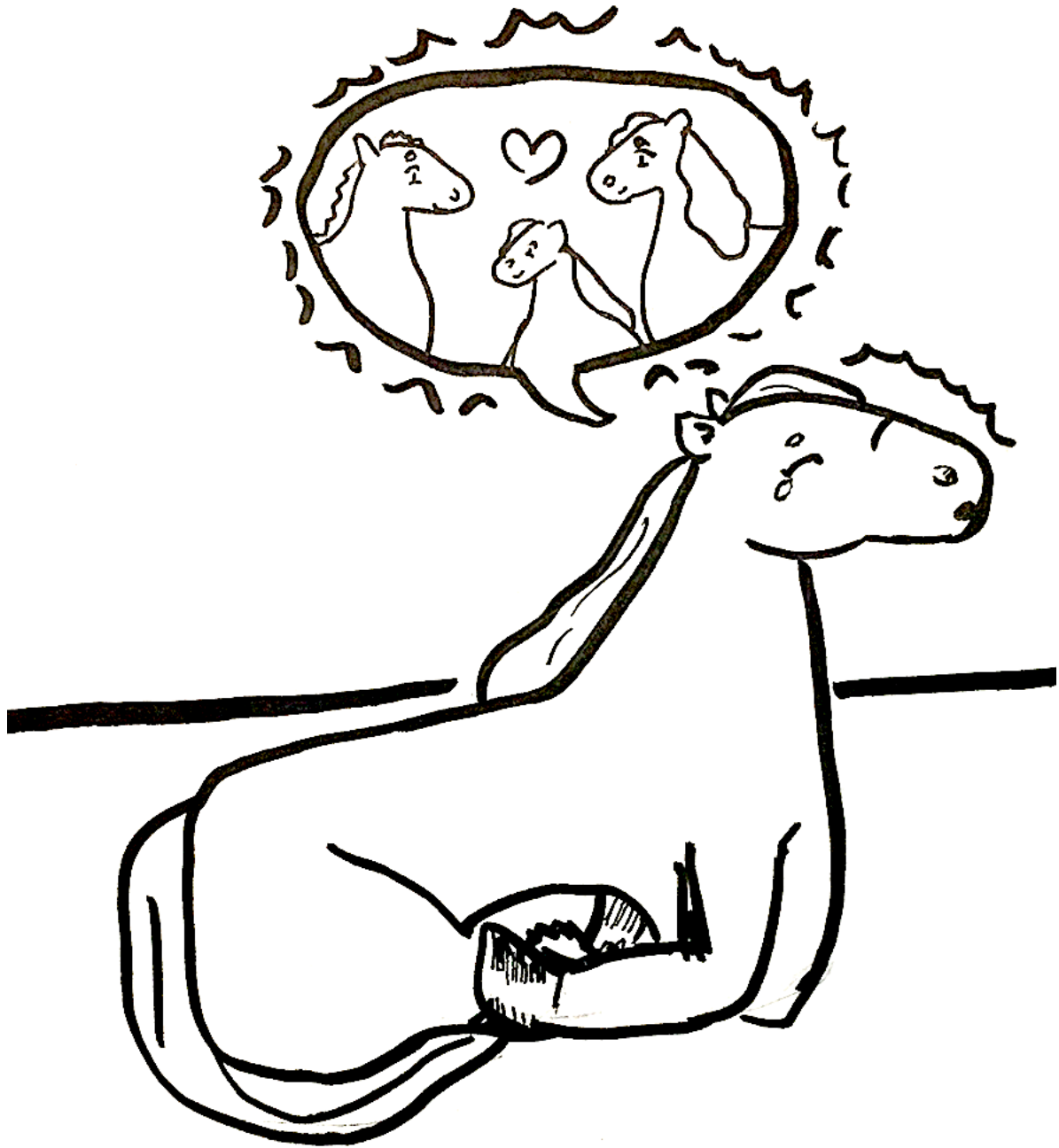
Mama began to cry and that made Cecilia cry, too...

she didn't like these bears!





At first Cecilia pretended she was on an adventure,
but soon she became lonely and missed her
mamá and papá.



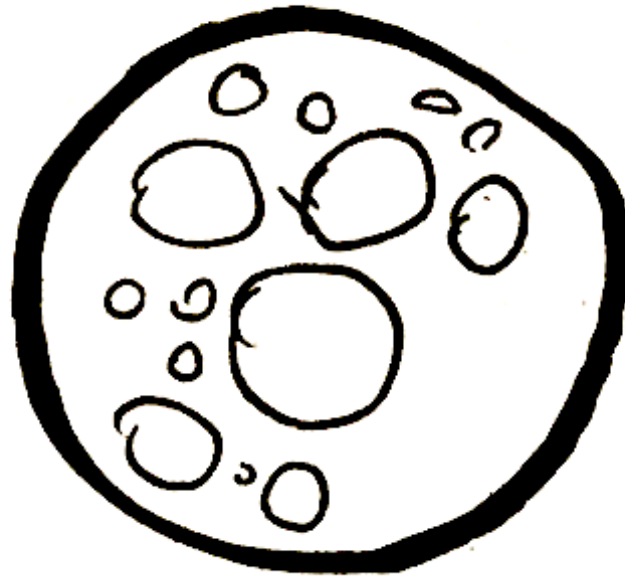
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She wondered if she had done something to make them angry, but then she remembered that mamá and papá said they loved her and hugged her for a very long time before they left.



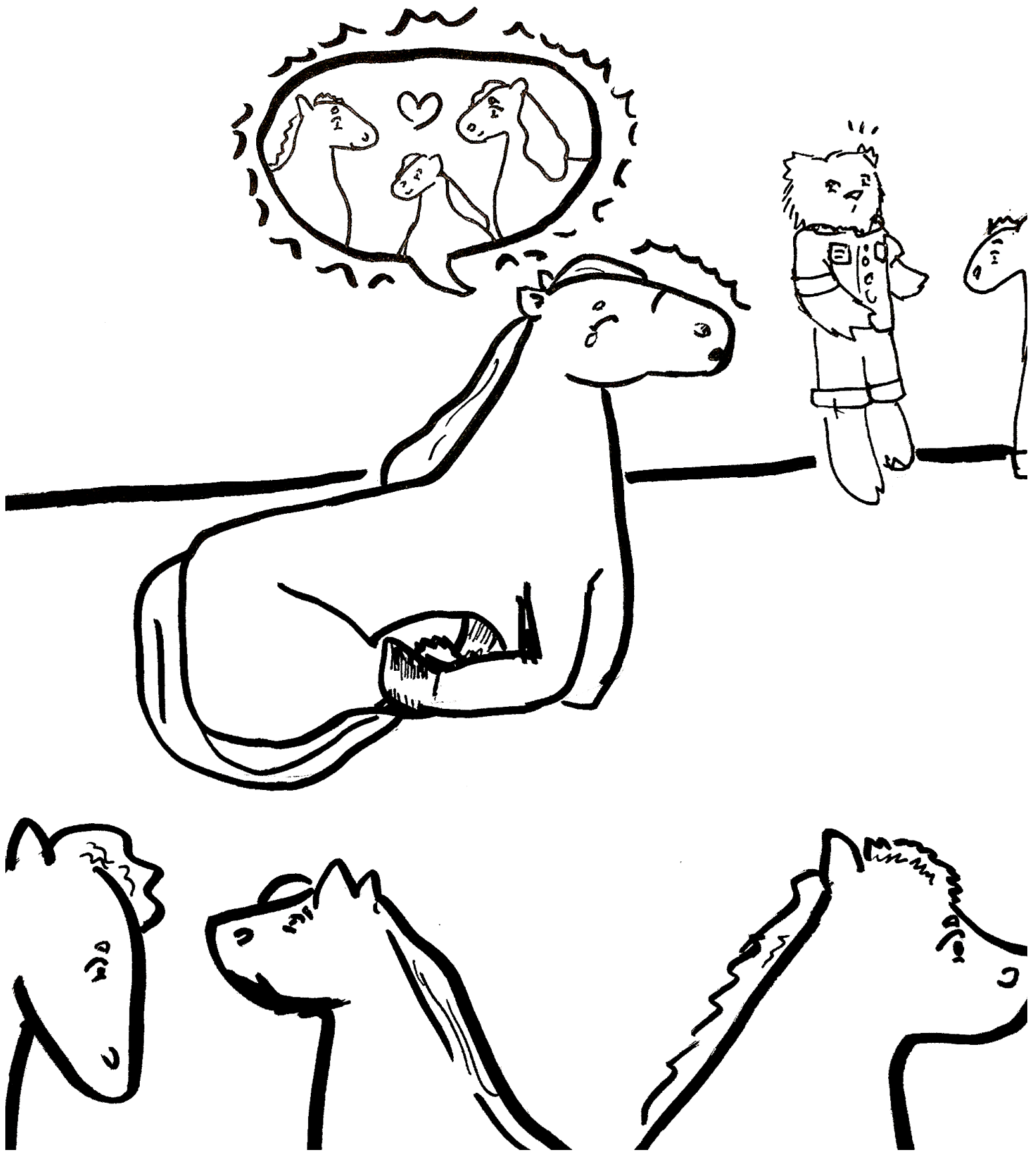
After a really, really, long time, Cecilia was taken to a place that the bears called a shelter, where there were many other ponies like Cecilia.



There were a few nice bears, but they didn't smell like mama
and the food didn't taste as good as mama's and the bears didn't
sound like papa. The bears were talking a lot, but the words didn't
make any sense.



"I miss mamá! I miss papá," said Cecilia
and she began to cry.



Finally, a nice bear came to talk to her. "Cecilia, I know you are scared and missing your mamá and papá."

He told her she would be okay.



He explained, "Some bears made a really bad mistake. They took you away from your mamá and papá, but there are a lot of other bears helping to keep you safe now. Your mama and papa are thinking about you. They are doing everything they can to come and get you. They love you."

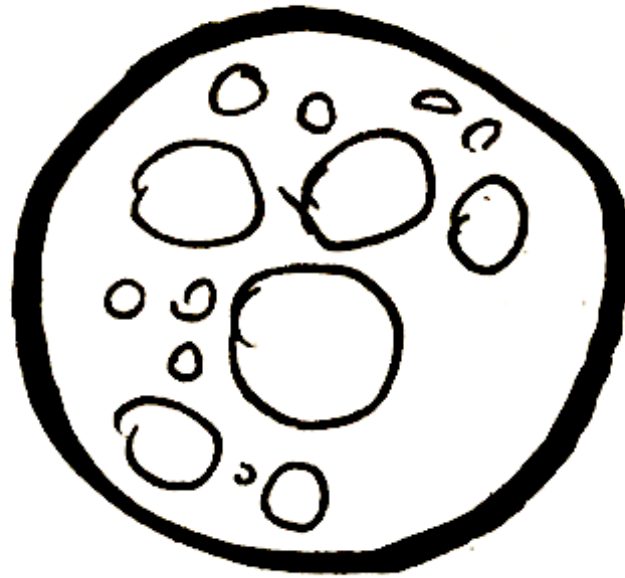


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Cecilia still felt scared, confused, and angry,
but now she felt a little less lonely.



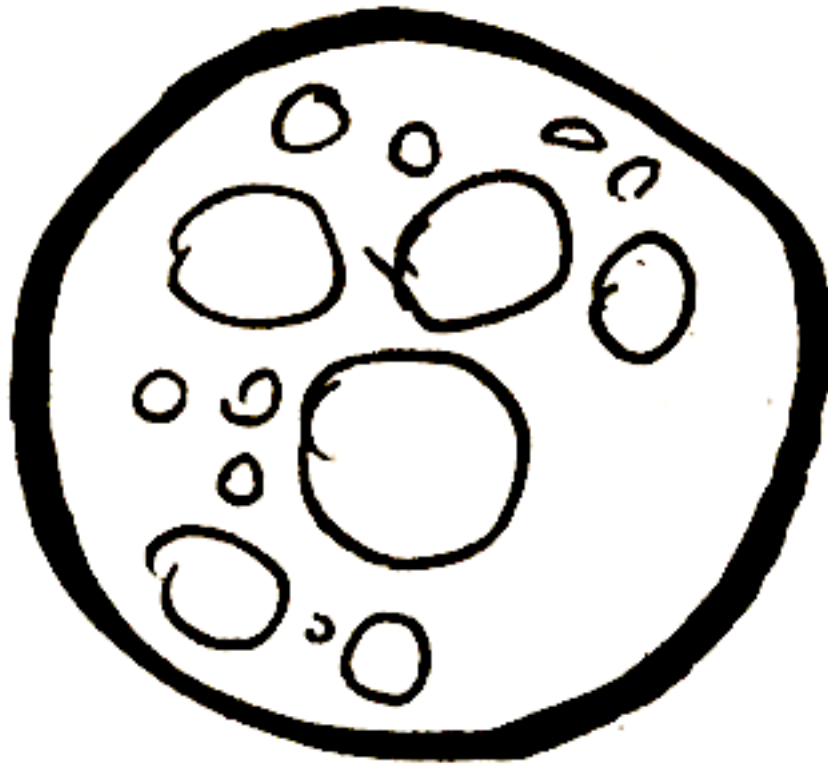
That night, she saw the moon in the sky and remembered the long walk with her mamá and papá. "We cuddled together in the dark under the moon," Cecilia the pony remembered. She thought about how her mamá hugged her close. She remembered her papá's gentle voice.



Cecilia whispered,

"Goodnight, moon! Goodnight, mamá, Goodnight, papá! I love you."

And then she fell asleep.



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Here is a place for your drawings:

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