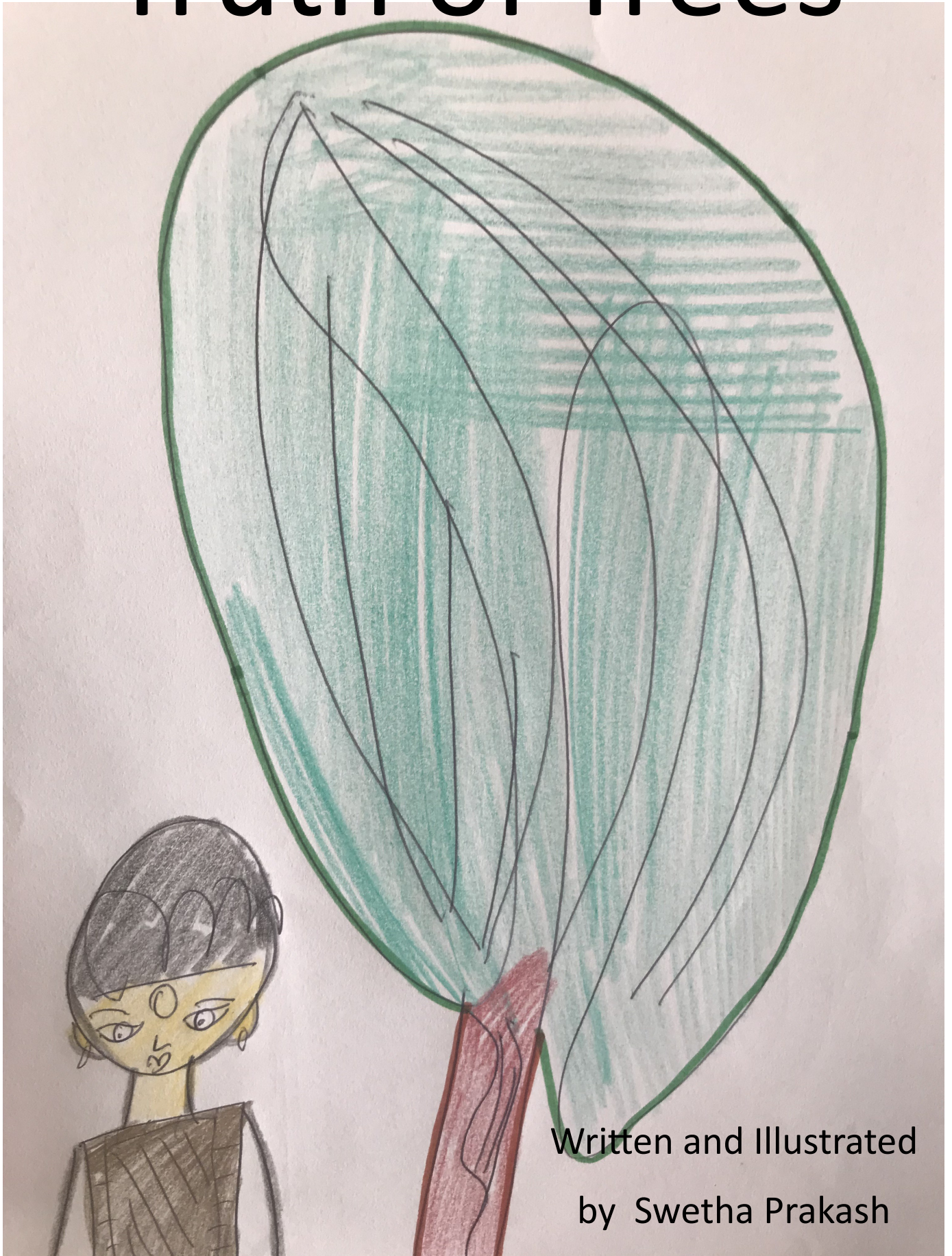


# Truth of Trees



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Adarsh was jumping up and down a banyan tree.





Adarsh had a big idea by another banyan tree - ' why not find a wish fulfilling tree and....





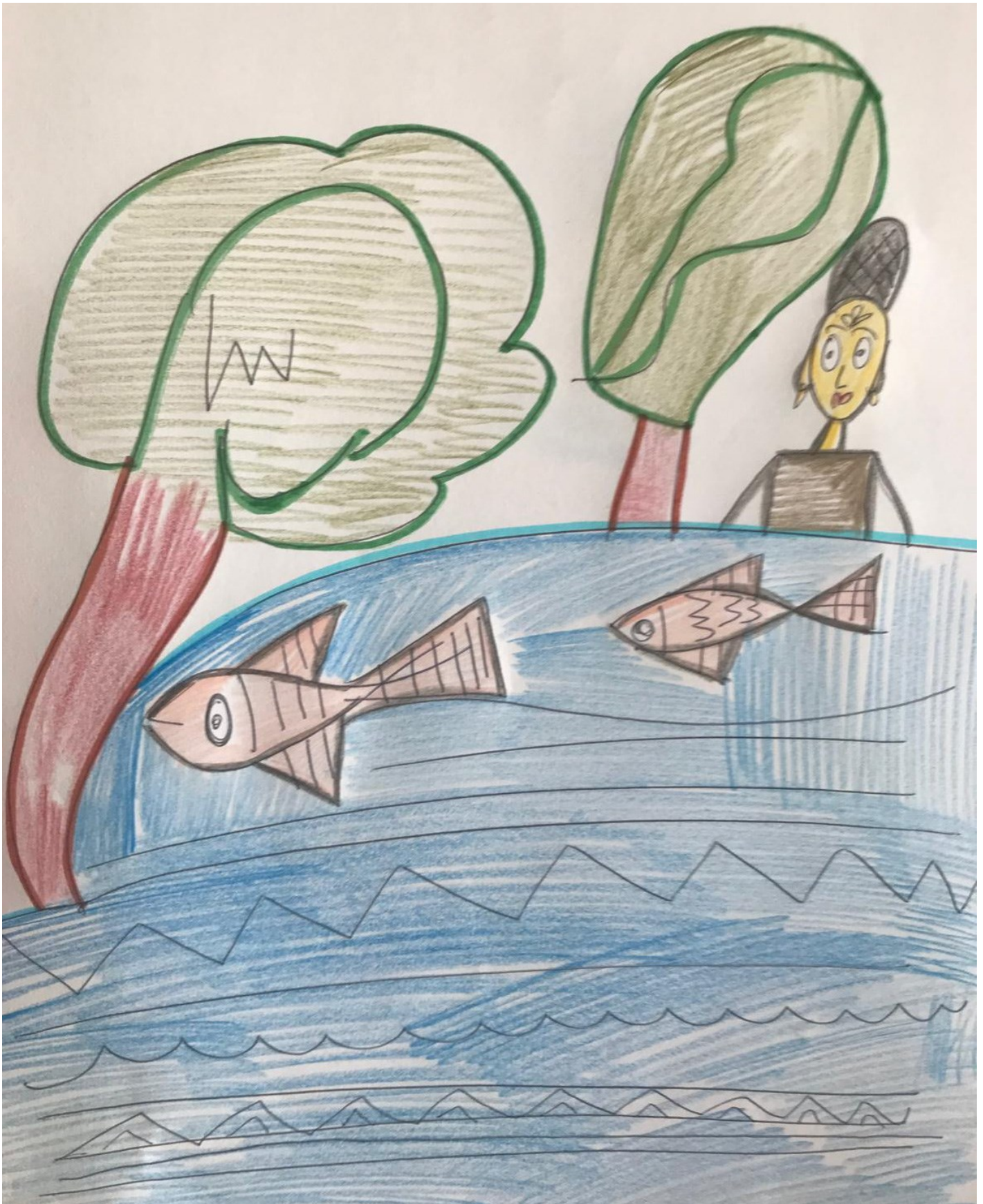
Ask for wings to fly in the vast blue sky like a bird?"





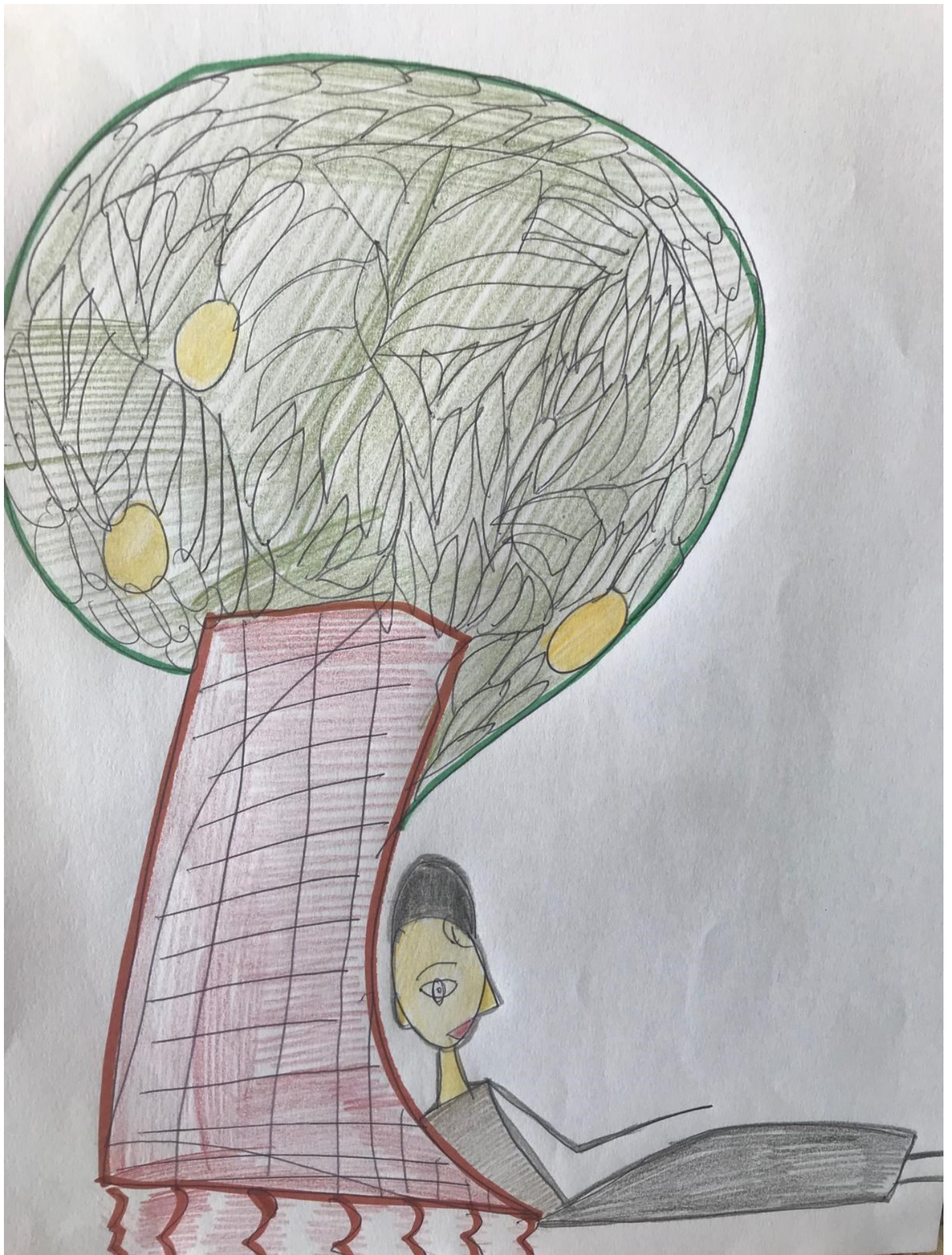
So, Adarsh asked a nearby coconut tree to find him his wish of flying like a bird in the vast blue sky. But the coconut tree just gave him a coconut to drink coconut water from.





“Turup, turup, turup,” swam a fish in the brook as Adrash asked two trees for giving him his wish for flying like a bird in the vast blue sky. The trees were silent but the fish answered,





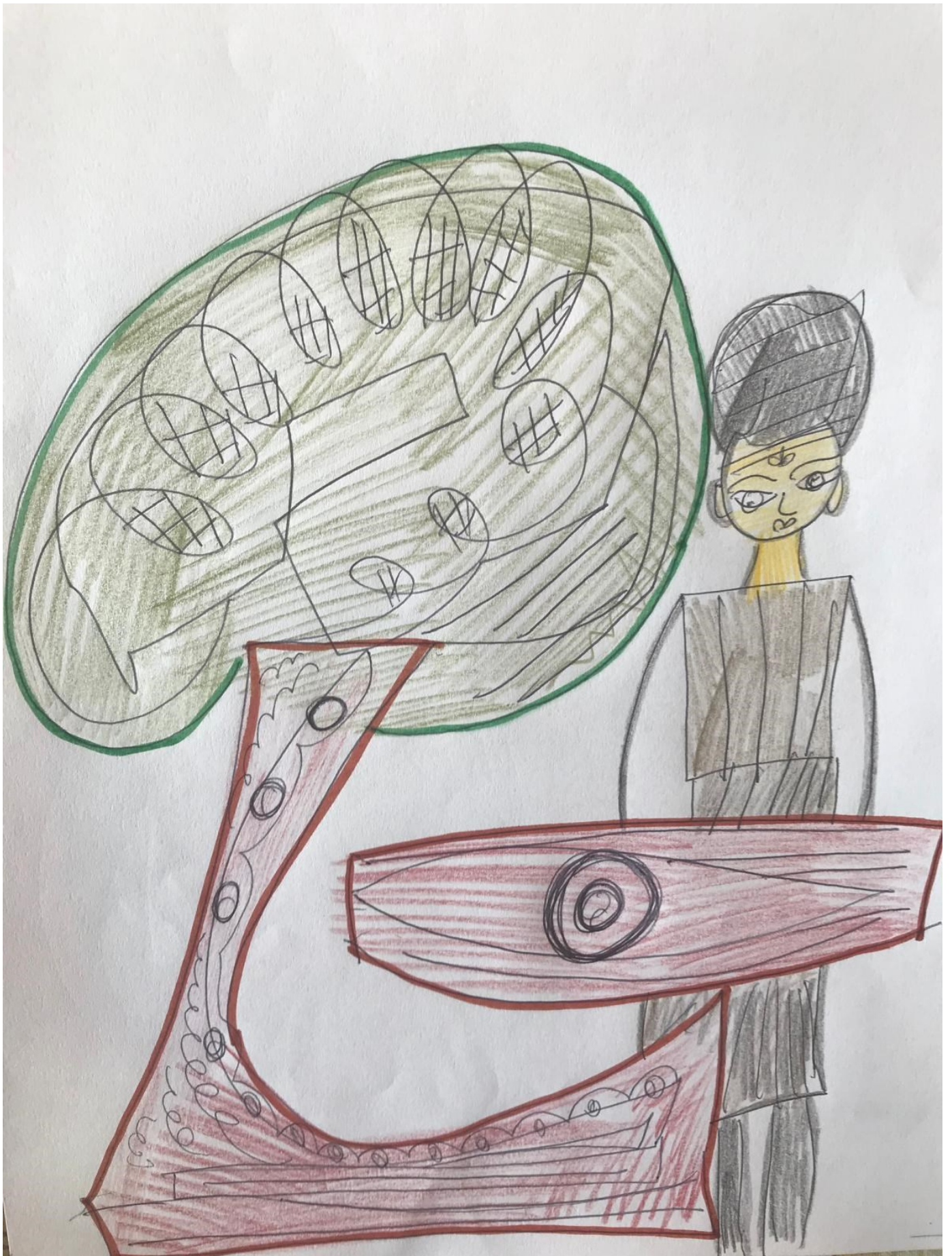
“Go to a mango tree and it will give you some shade to hide from the hot sun and yellow, sweet mangoes.





Adarsh walked on from the brook and saw a large yellow bird take shelter under a tree.





Adarsh walked on and saw a tree . A log of wood was placed near the tree stump by the woodcutter. “ So, many things can be made from trees and wood,” thought Adarsh.





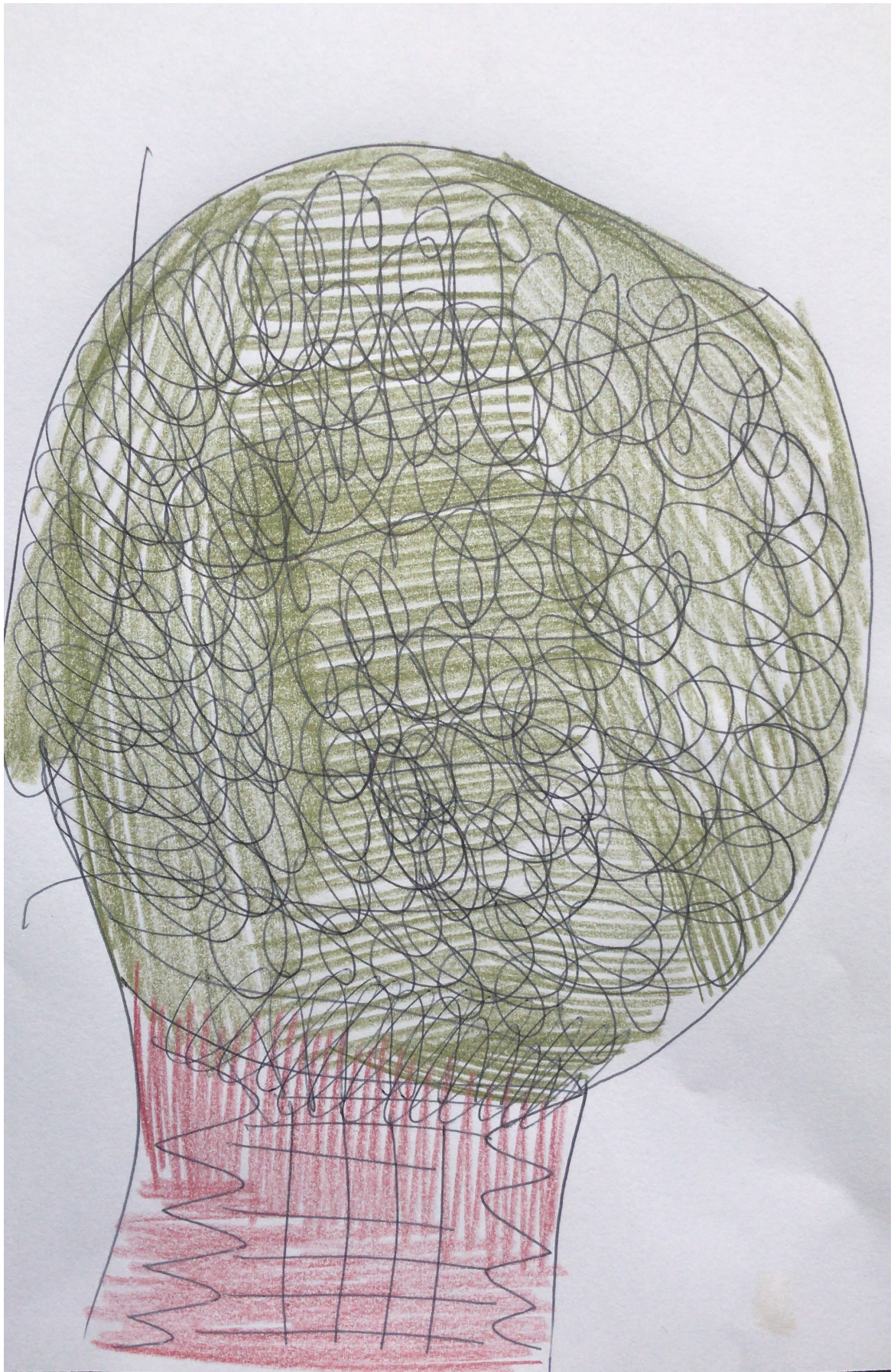
Adarsh continued to walk near a tree. A peacock blue and bluest offered him some water from her bowl.





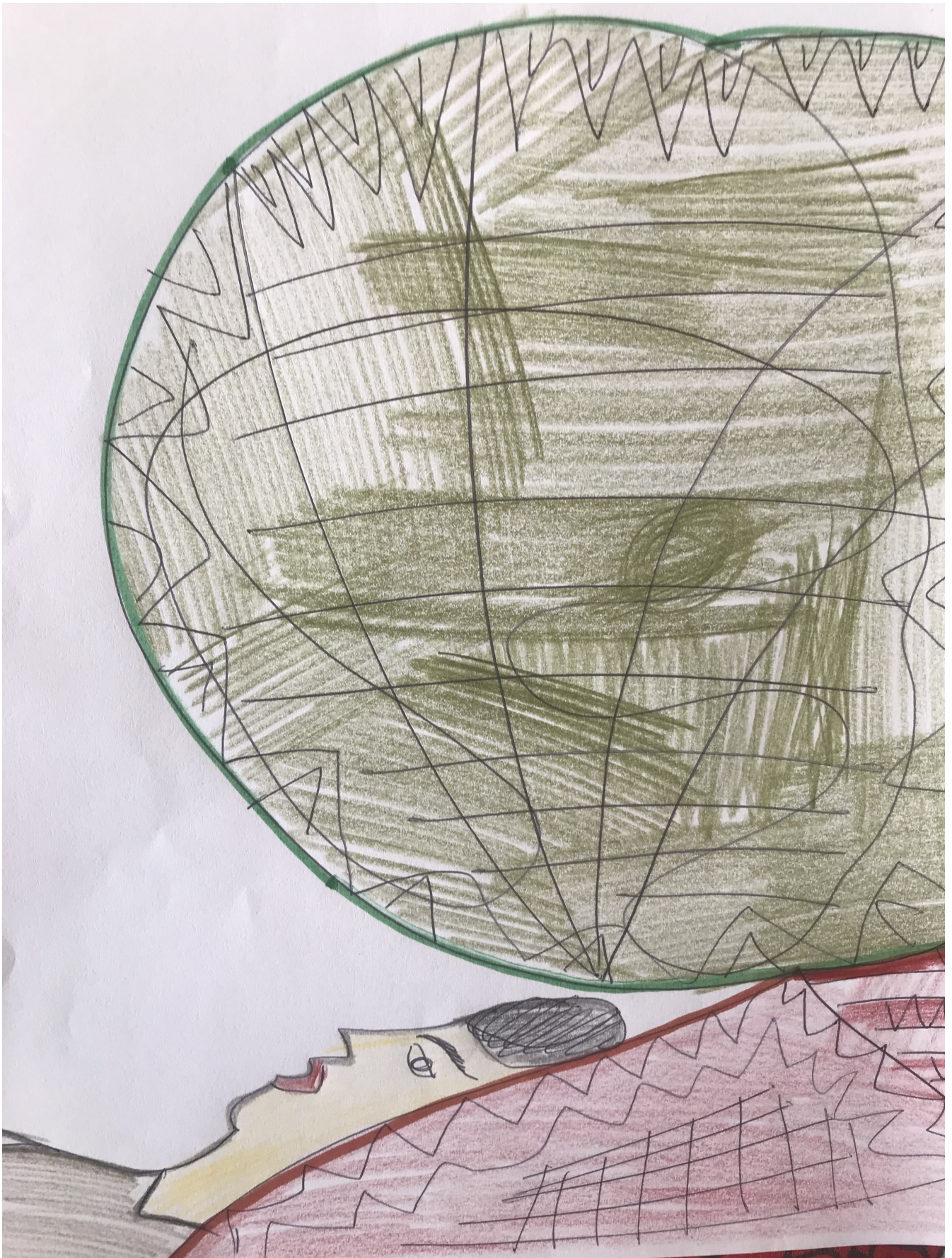
A large was swaying due to the breeze and Adarsh saw plenty of insects, essential for ecological balance, taking rest in that tree.





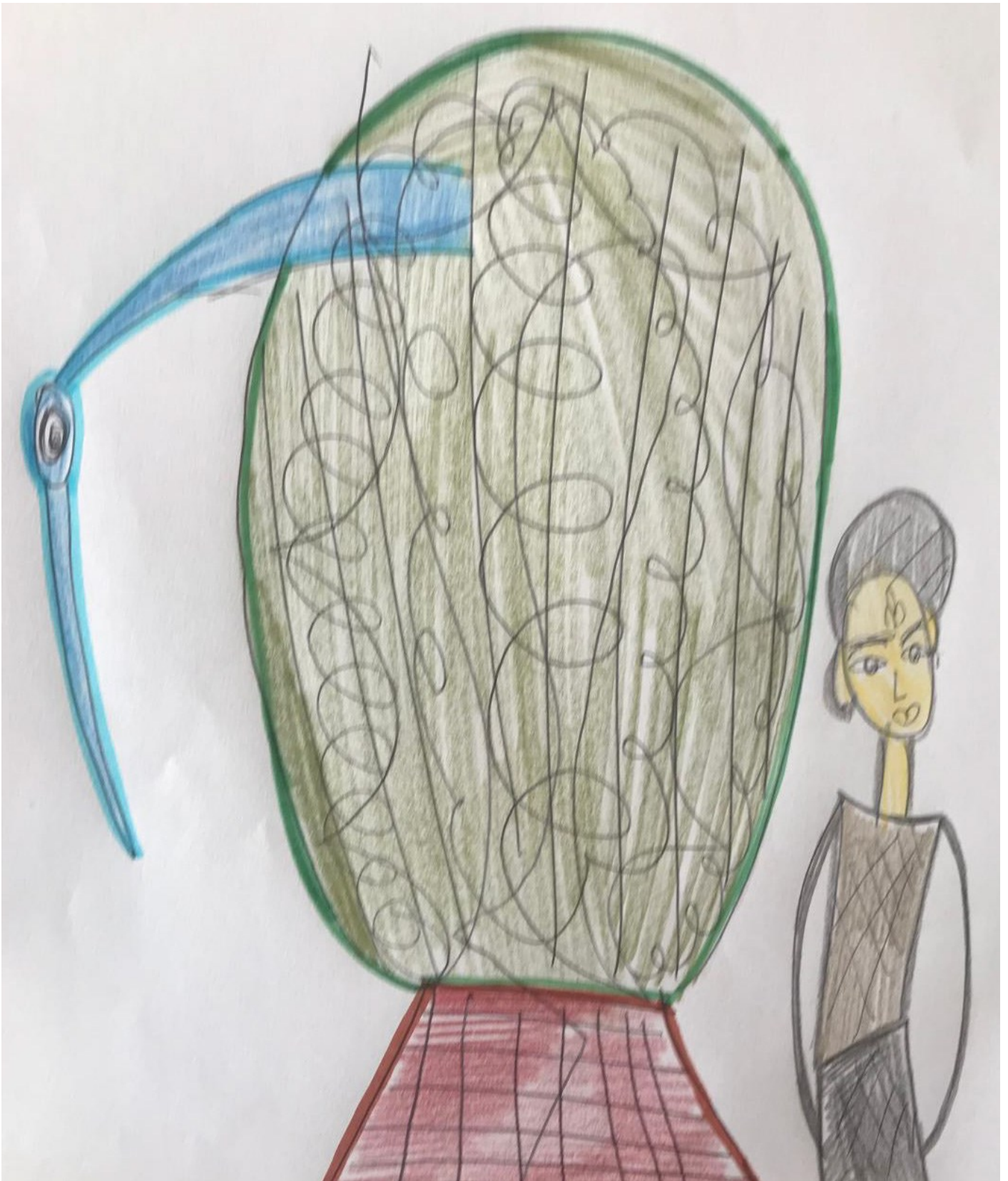
Trees give shelter, shade and food to varied types of plant and animal life - mosses, fungi, mushrooms, ants, rats, cats, birds, grasshoppers and other creatures.





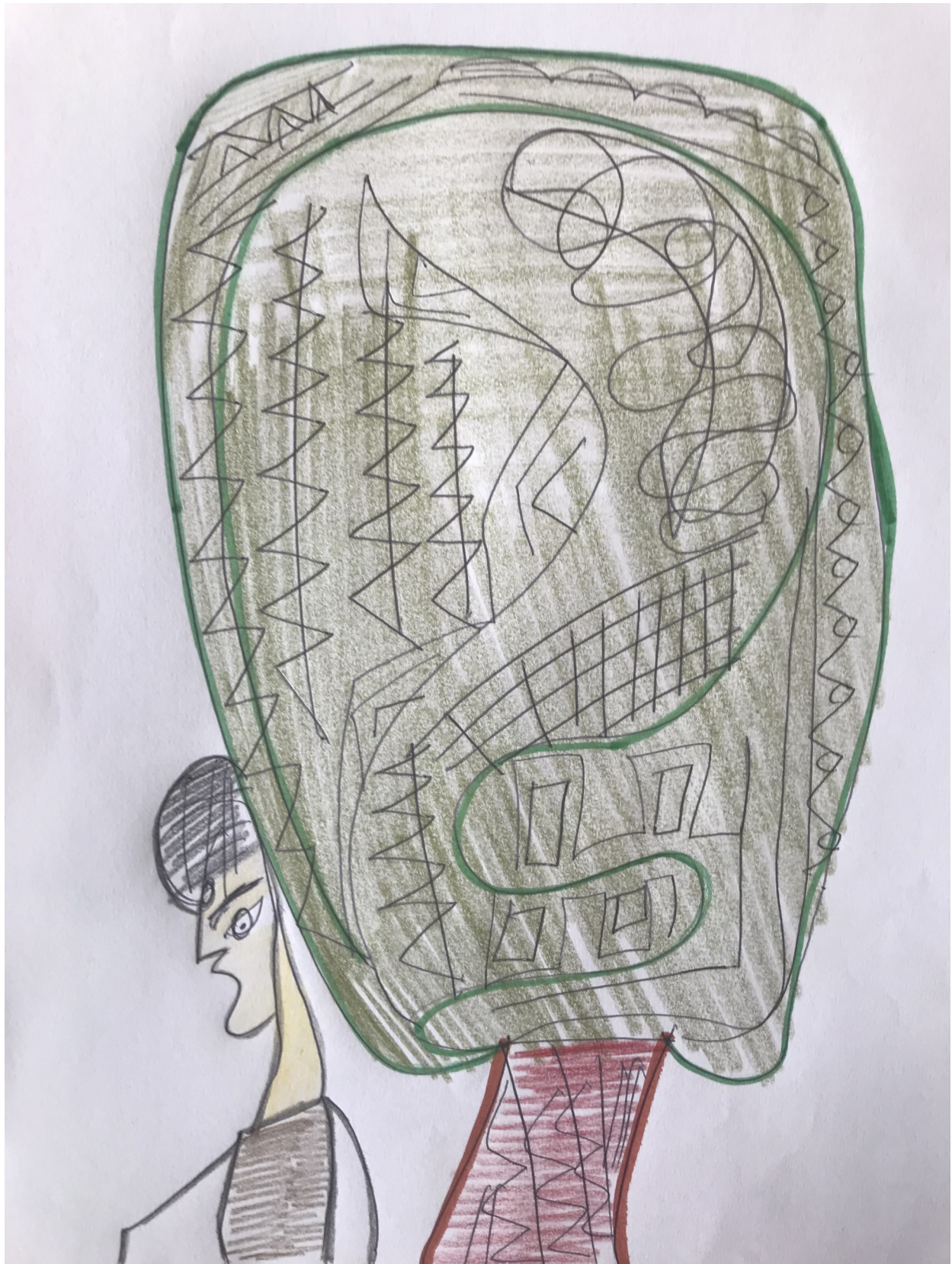
Trees are a source of solace and rest to all creatures great and small. Adarsh rested under a large round tree, with small fragrant white flowers, and confirmed this for a fact.





Birds hide in trees and trees are the places where birds make their nests and rear their young ones. Trees are often filled with chirping sounds. Woodpeckers love knocking on trees.





Trees are a great source of wisdom. In the olden days, wandering storytellers used to sit under trees and tell stories to their audiences.





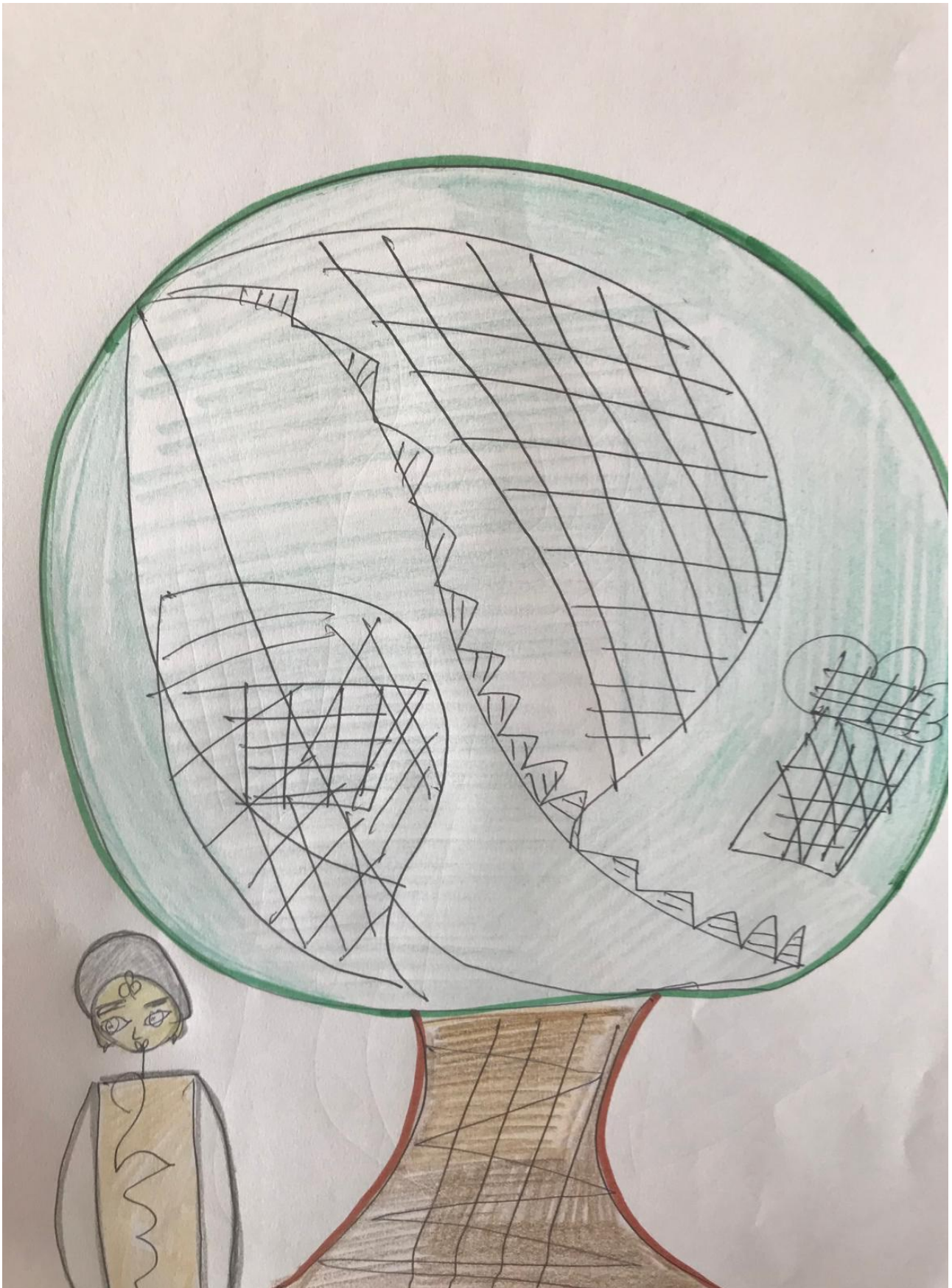
Adarsh sat by a tree and felt his whole being sink into deep relaxation. Cooling trees are such profound places of rest.





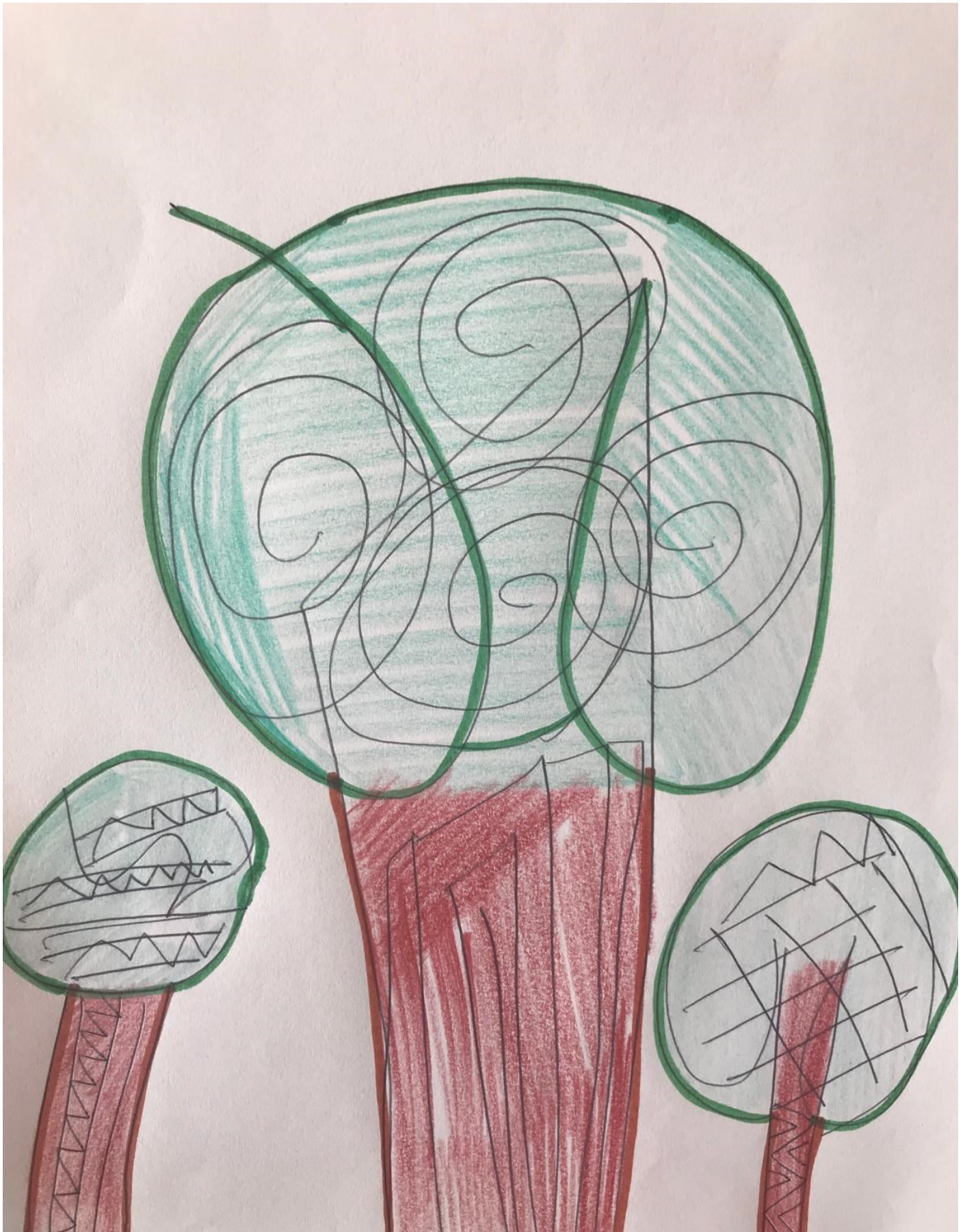
A tree in the forest next to Amrur gave Adarsh a thought, "Where would life on Earth be without trees? Nowhere."





Life nests life within the twigs, branches, leaves, roots and trunks of trees. Adarsh understood this. And he listed the parts of a tree.





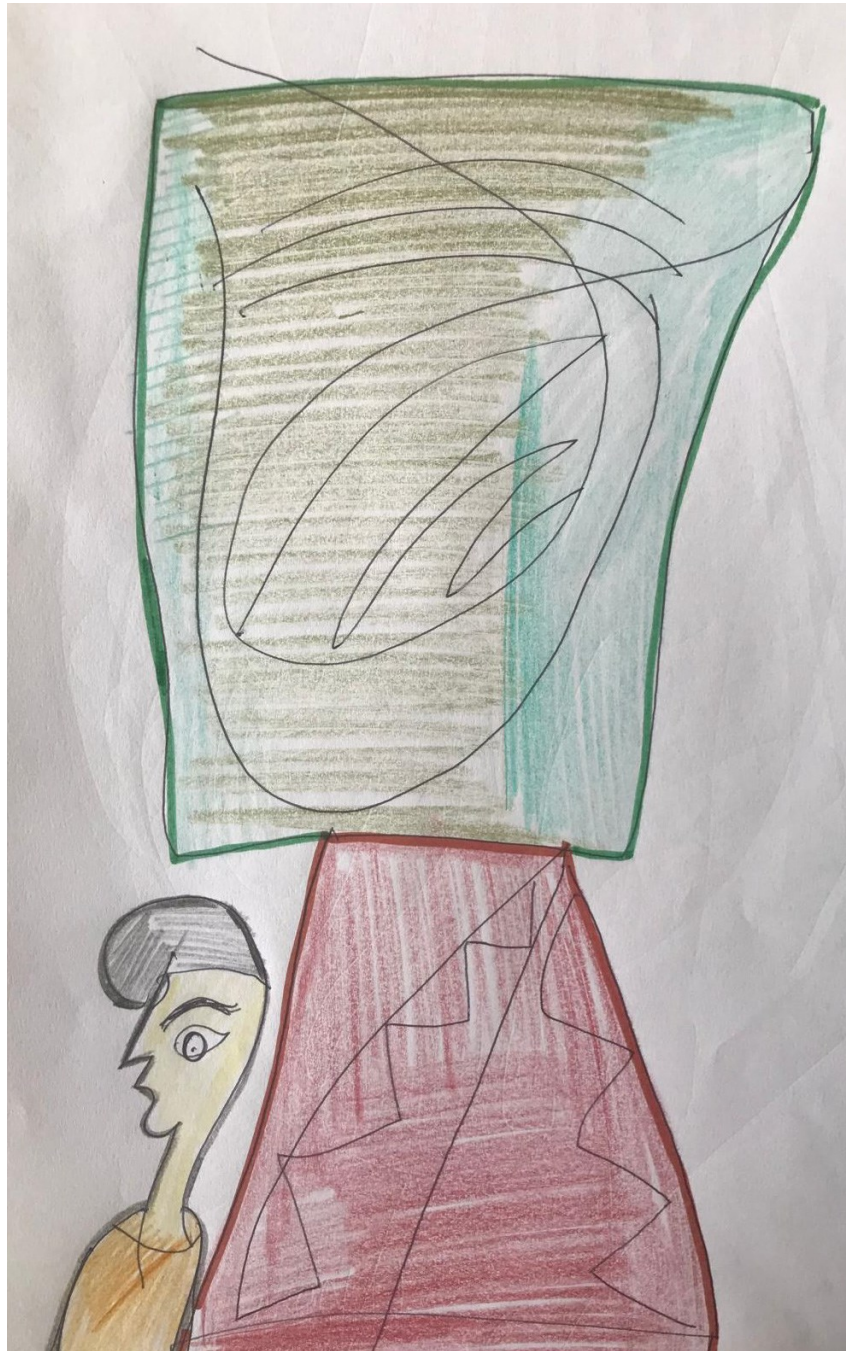
Adarsh could see how Earth ecosystems be they be tropical rainforests, deciduous forests or temperate forests rested on trees.





Trees can be found on mountains, deserts, icy cold frozen regions, hot areas burnt up by the sun, next to swamps and marshes etc,.





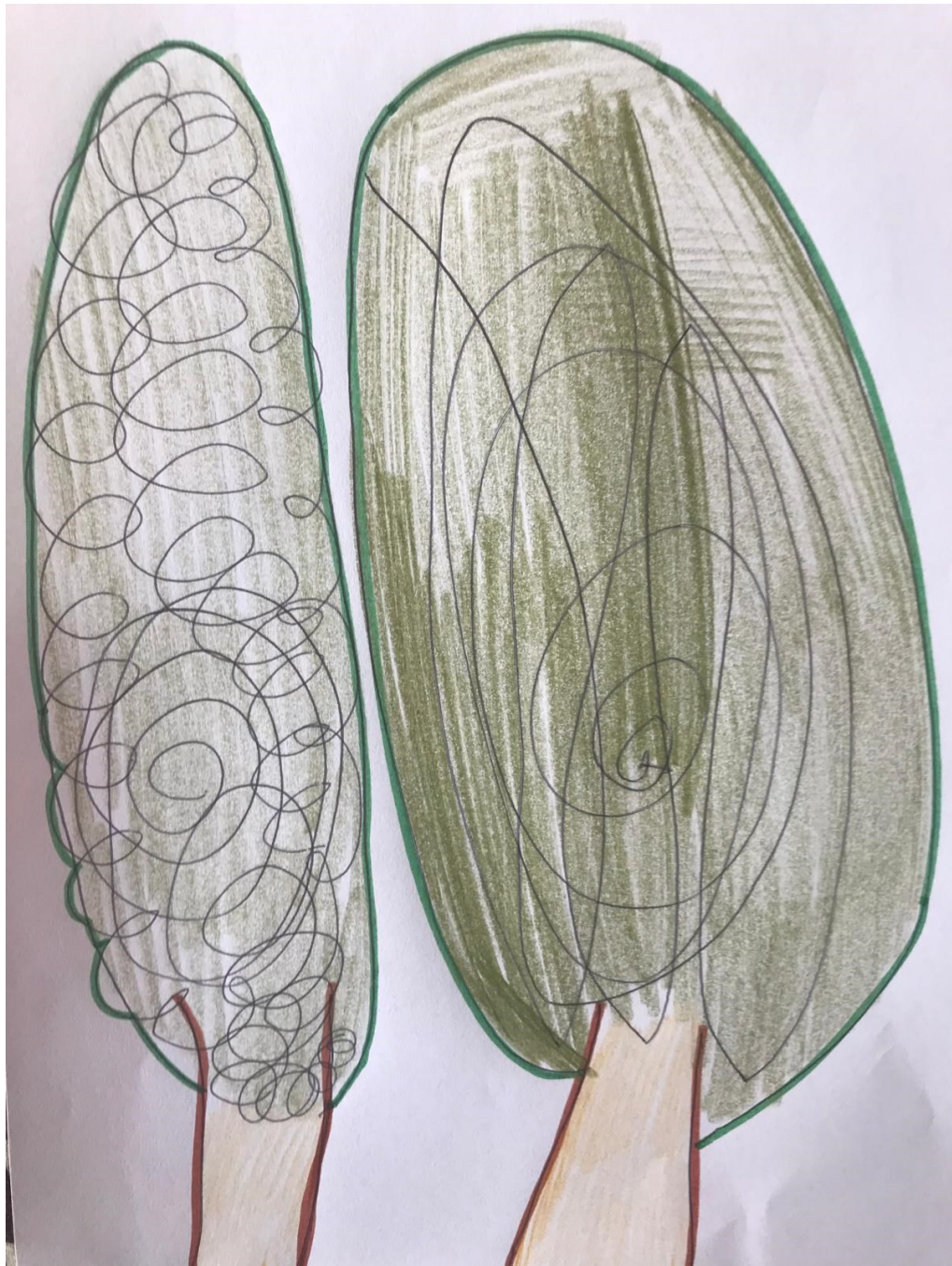
Adarsh was amazed to realise that numerous complex mathematical equations could be derived by studying a single tree.





A banana tree yields Adarsh yummy bananas, yummy yellow fruits to fill the tummy with.





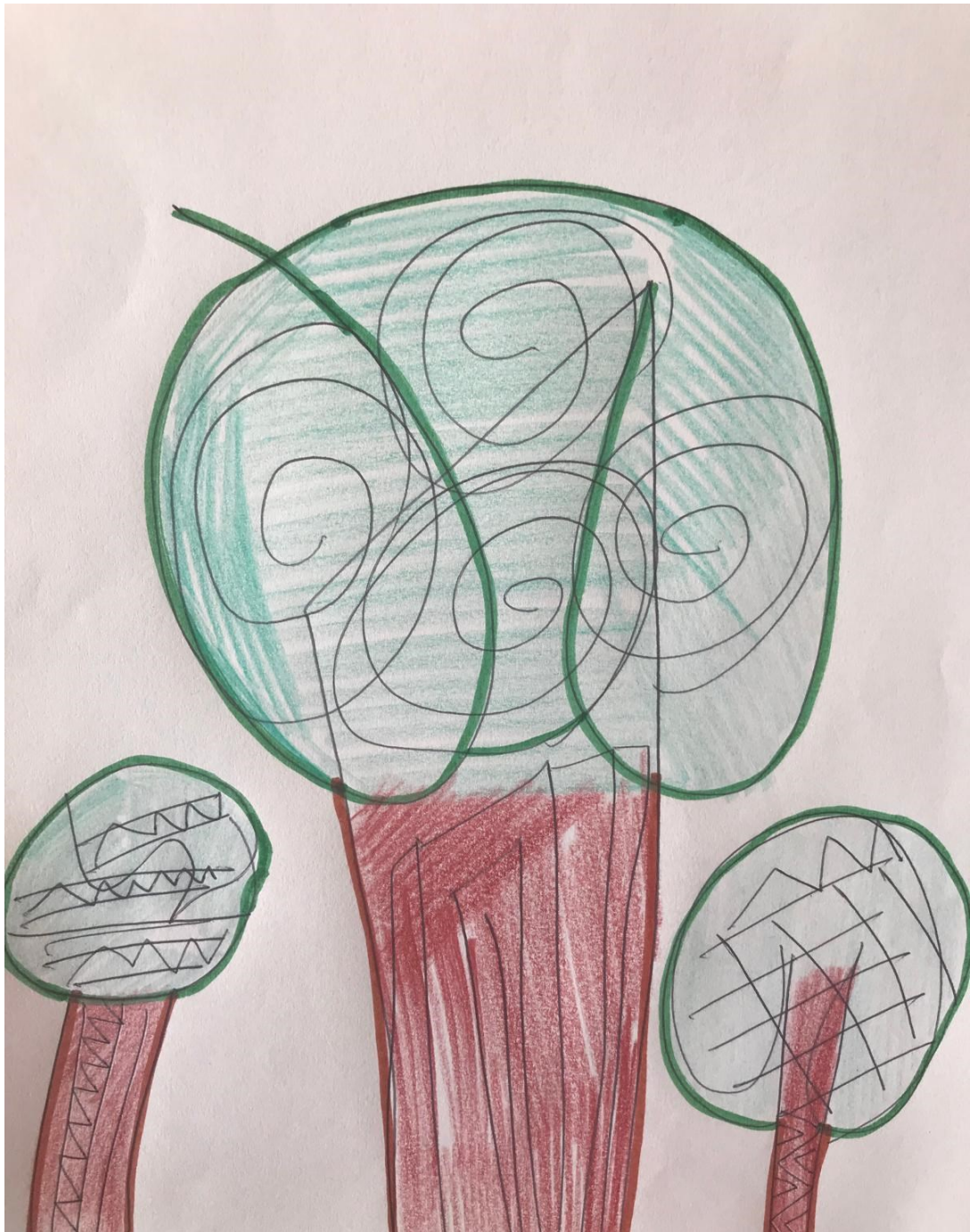
Two trees were swaying in the wind and Adarsh could hear the swishing of the leaves which was a powerful source of natural sound healing for people .





The banana tree made Adrash think about how trees gave the senses a complete gentle treat wherein the mind, emotions and intellect could be balanced.





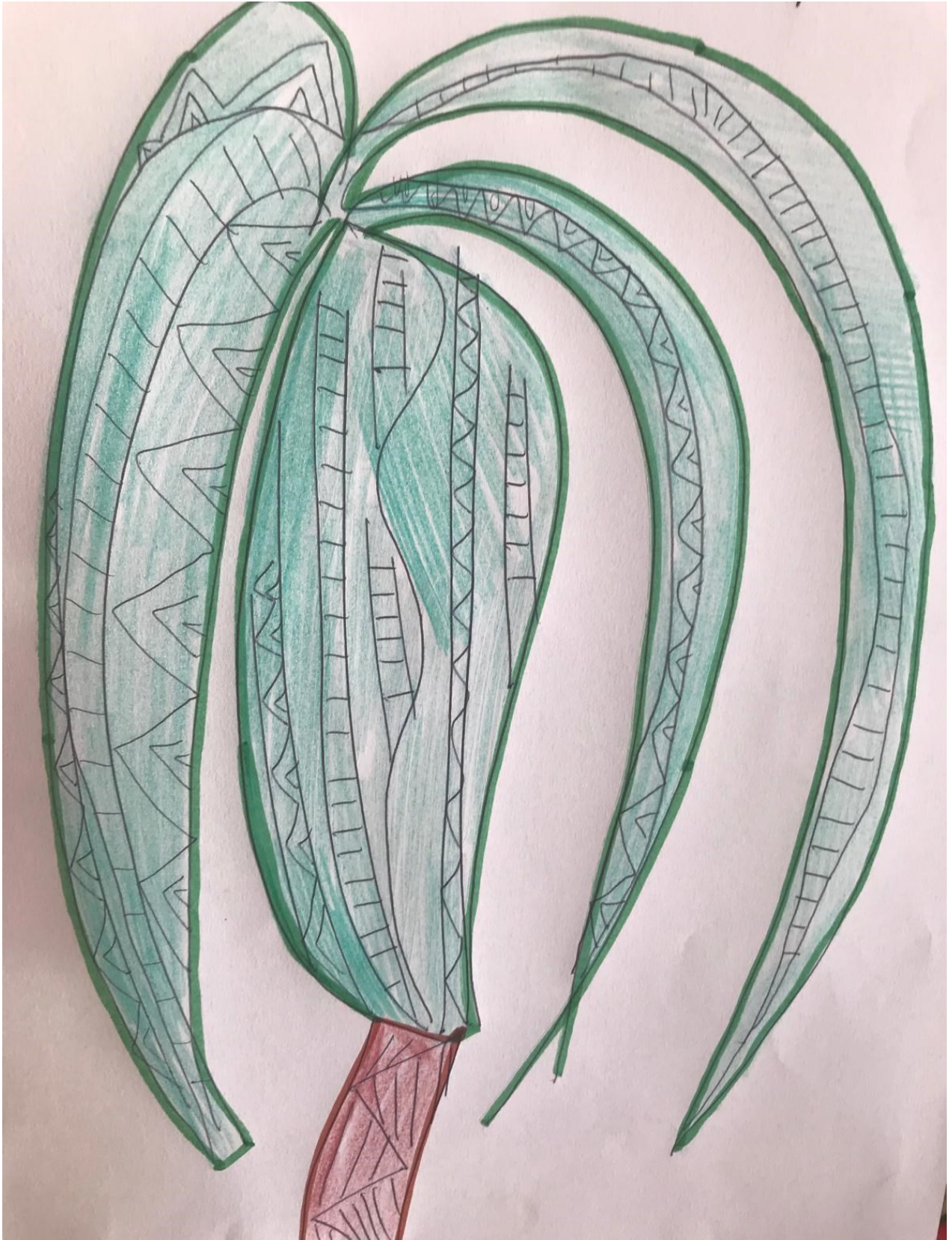
Three trees, Four trees, Five Trees, Six Trees, Seven...





One tree, Two trees, The true tree The truth of trees





A coconut tree by the village, and Adarsh was near his home in Amrur again and his adventure with trees is over for today.





“One Tree Two Trees Three Trees Four Trees. Many trees, many ways to perceive how both ecology and people rely on trees,” Adarsh thought.