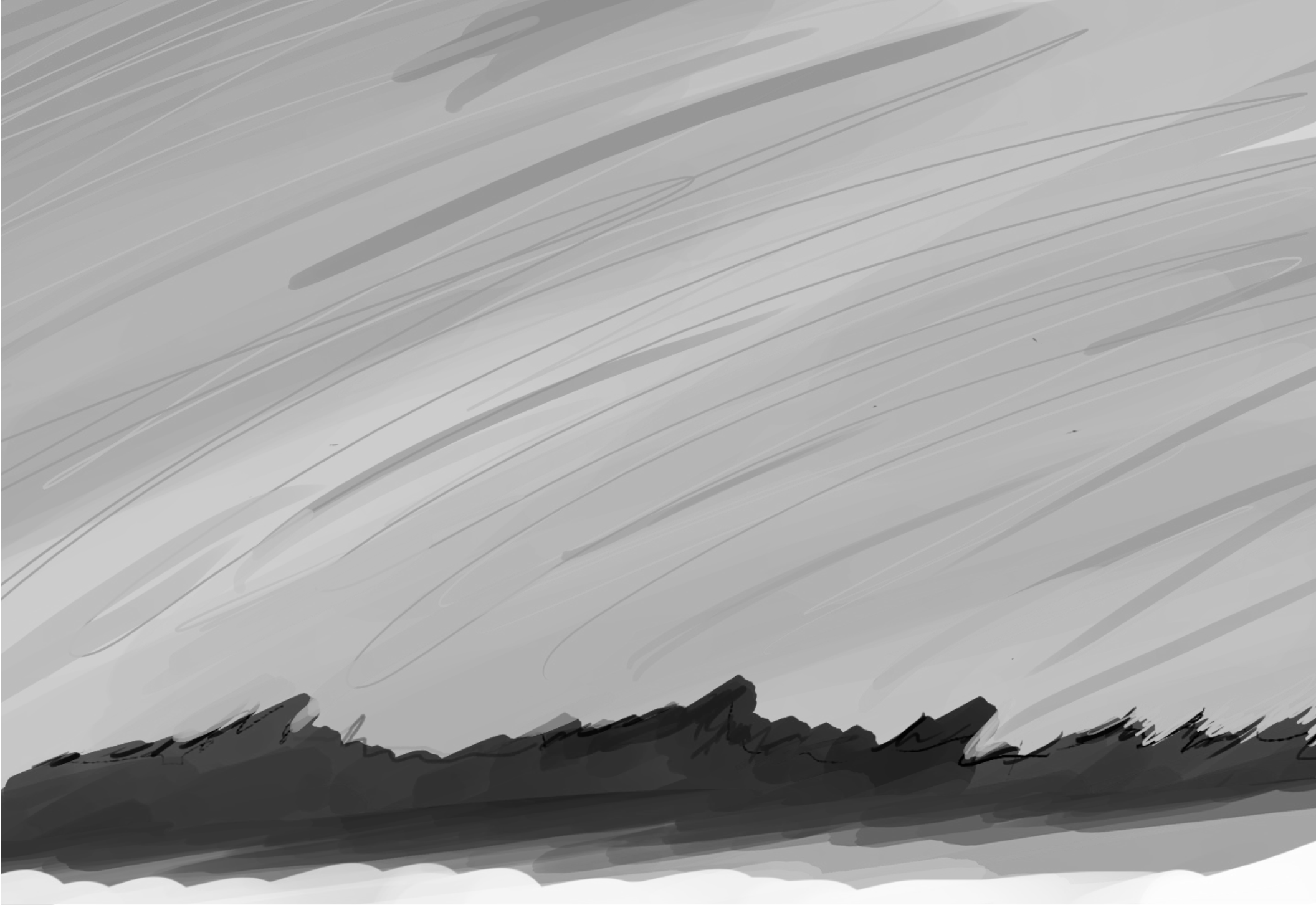


The
Little
gray
star

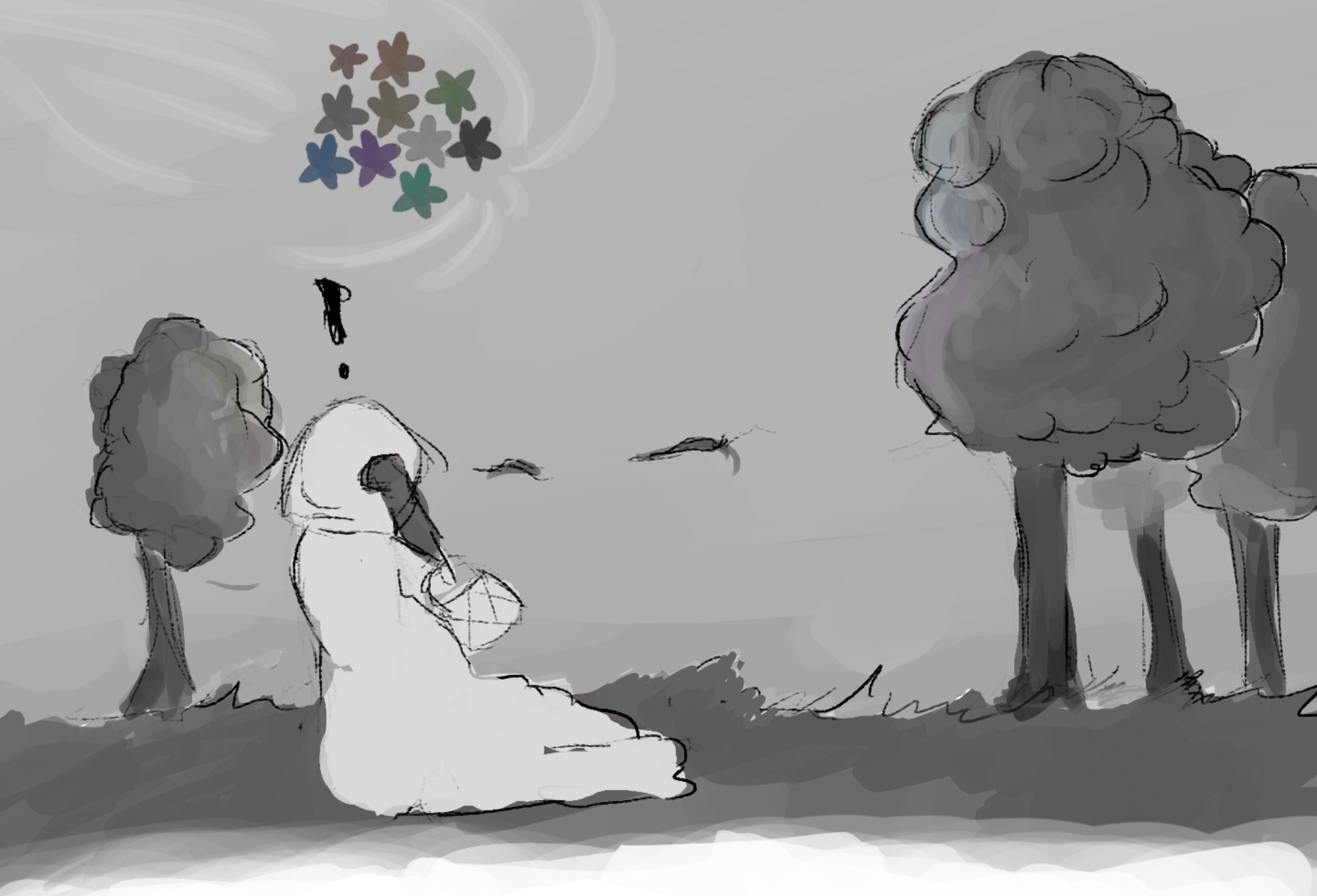
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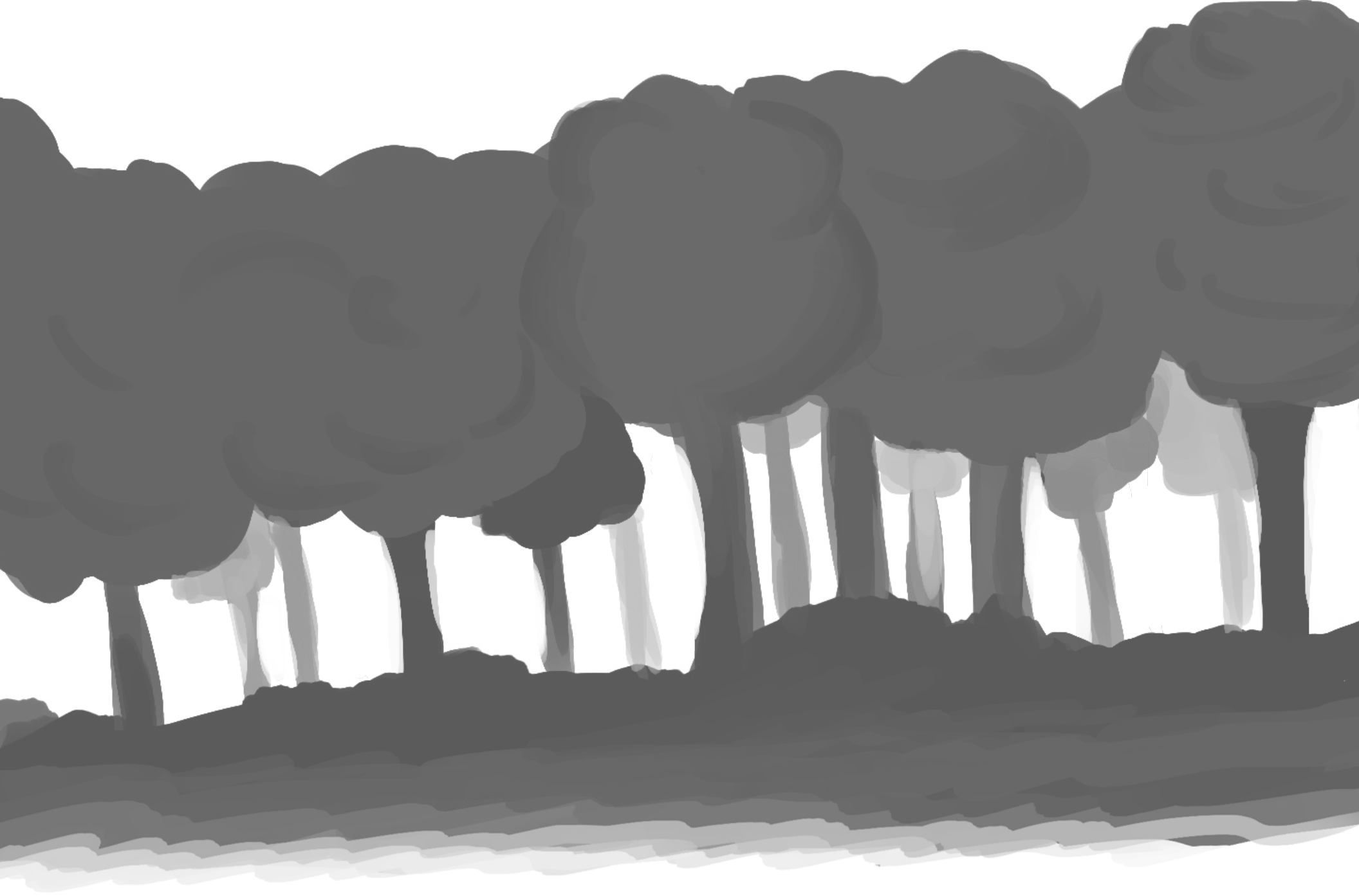
Taylor lives in a gray world.



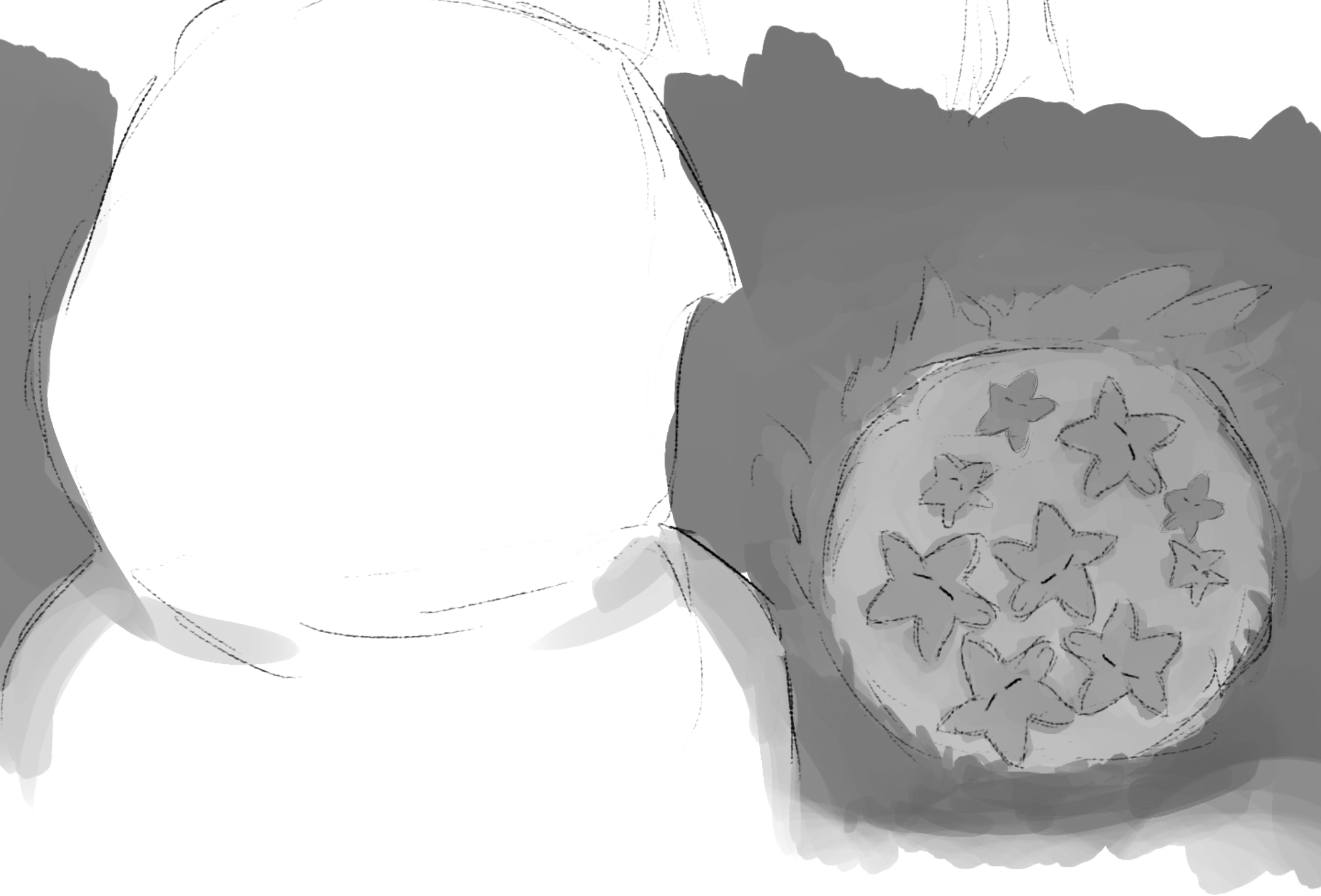
One day, Taylor is wandering through the forest when...



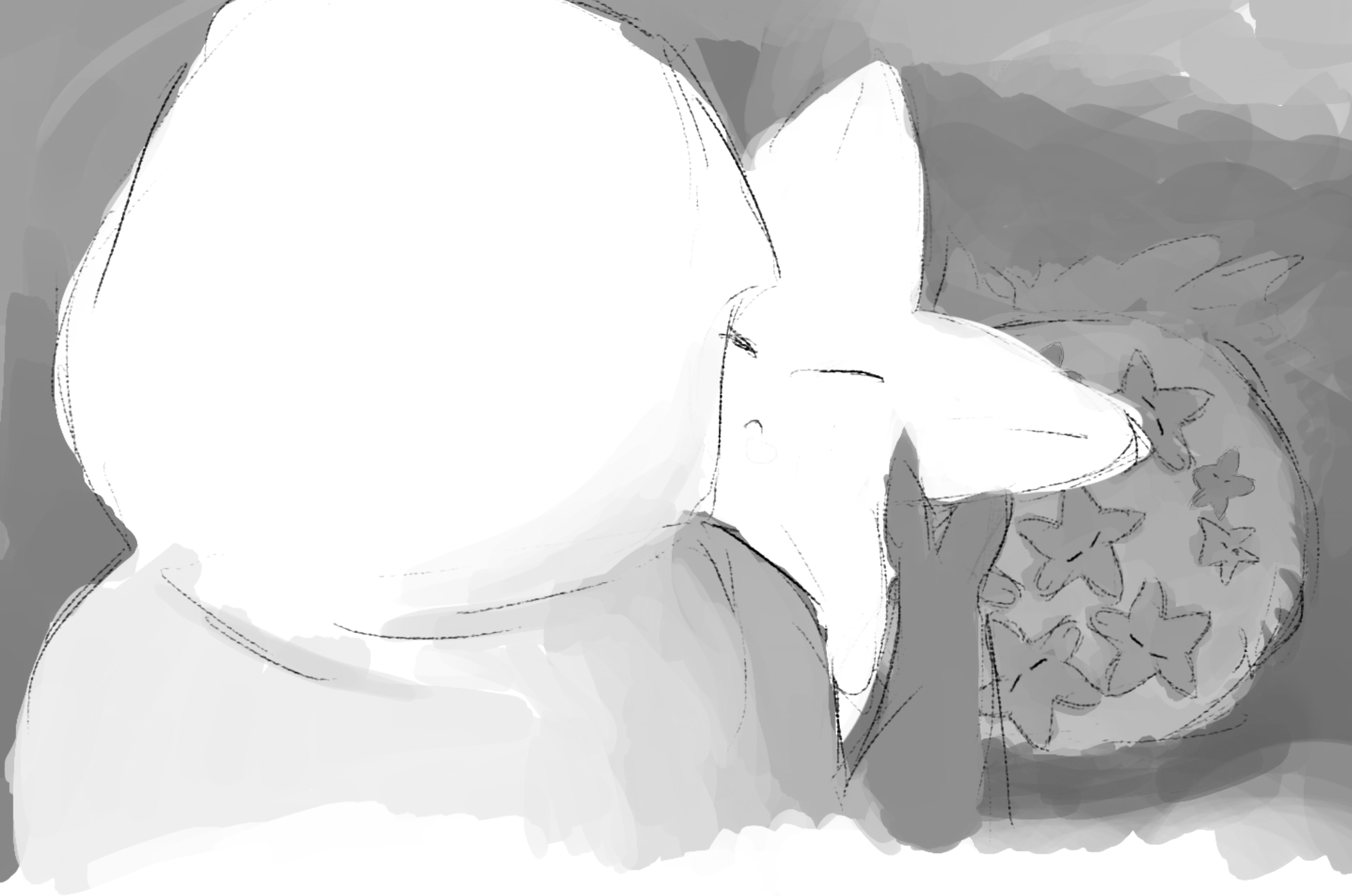
suddenly shooting stars fly overhead!



Taylor quickly runs to the scene...



and finds nine stars have crashed into a crater.



Taylor decides to take the stars home and...





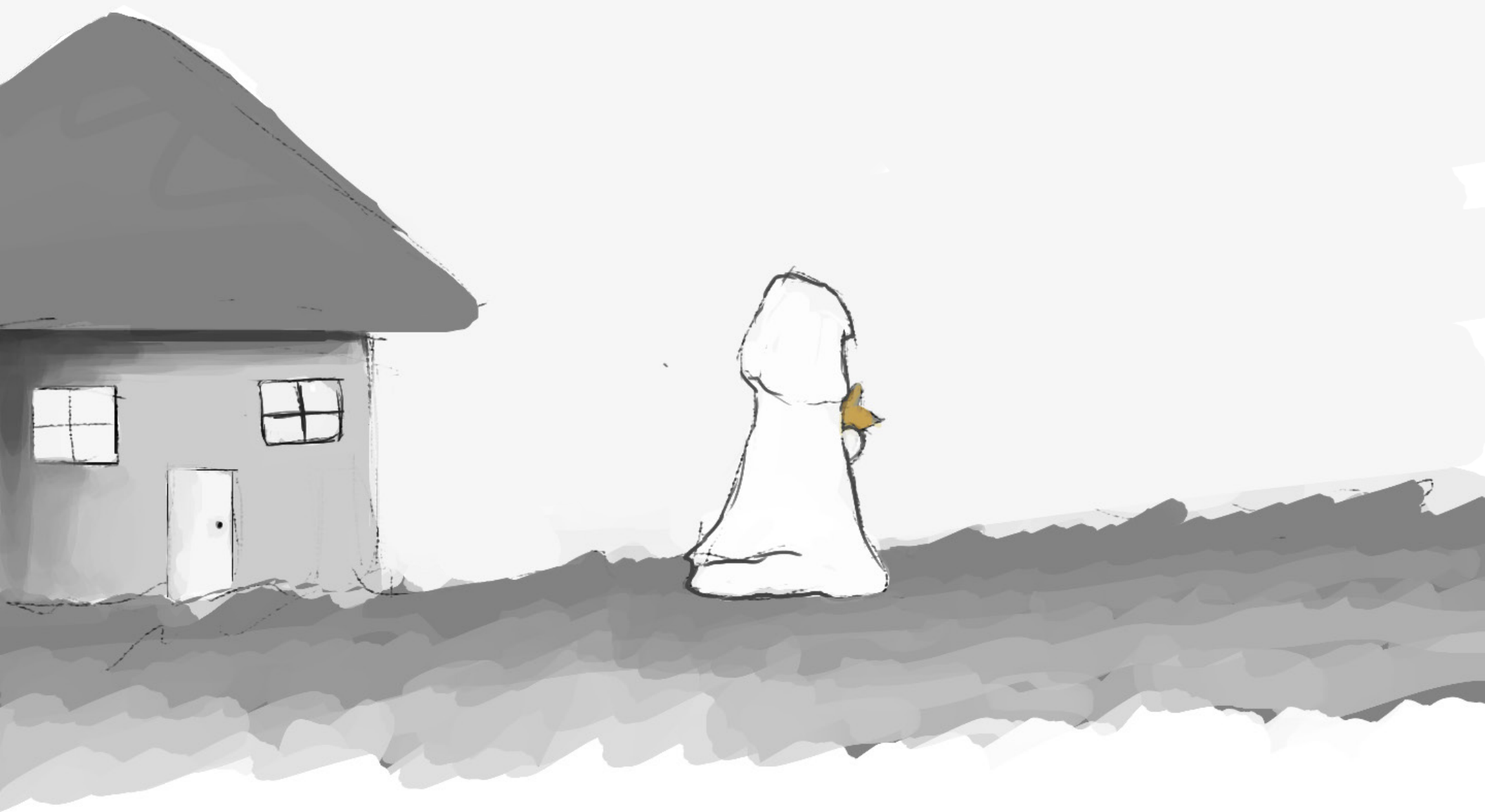
begins to nurse them back to health.



Taylor plays with them and...



takes care of them,



and takes them on walks.



Taylor begins to notice one star turning orange!



The orange star jumps into the sky and becomes the sun!



The next day, another star begins to turn black,



and just like orange star, flies into the gray sky,
and becomes the night.



A third star, sad to lose its' best friends, turns white and...



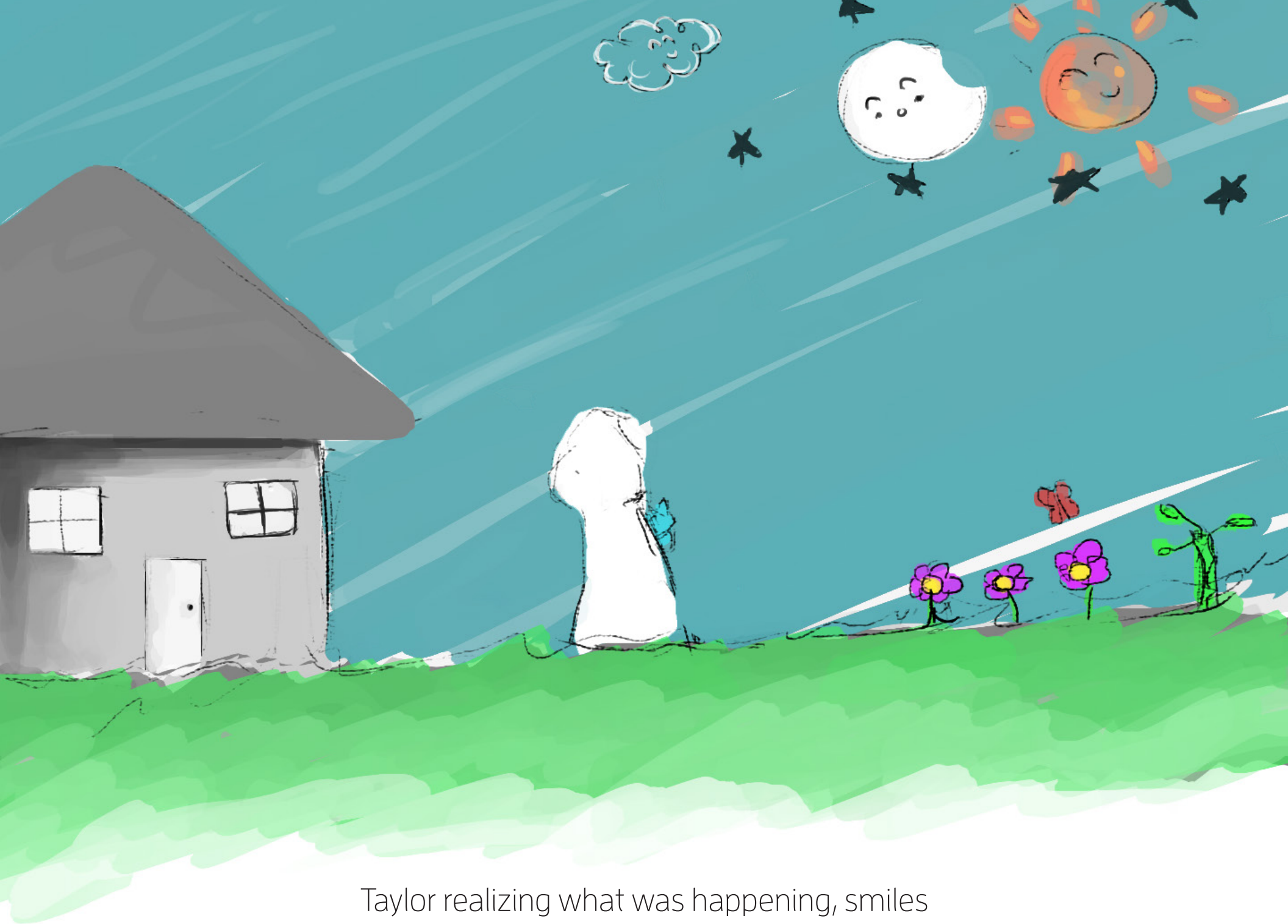
follows after orange and black star, becoming the moon.



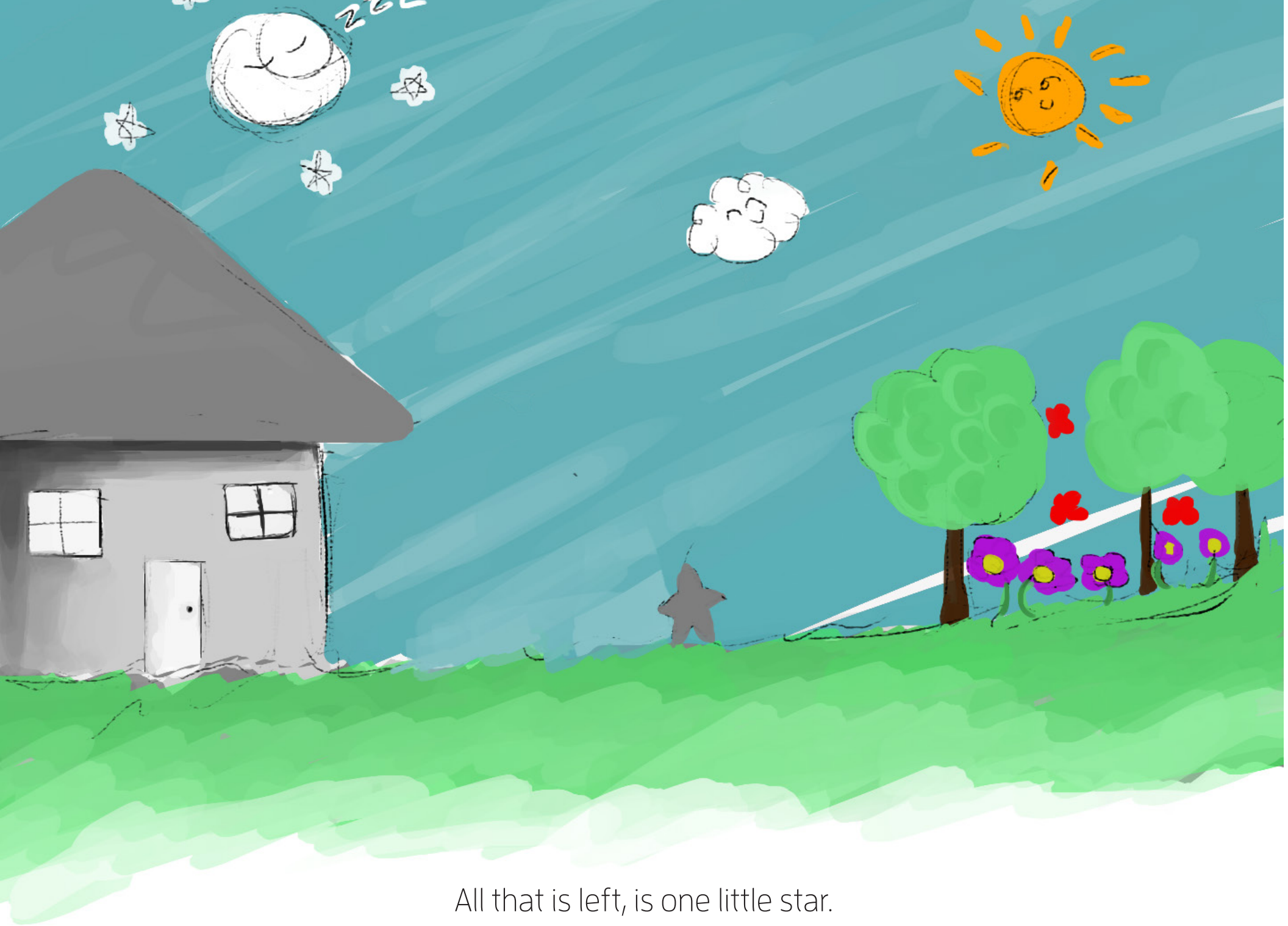
Eventually green star, yellow star, purple star and red star
enter the forest,



and become the grass, the trees, the flowers and the butterflies.



Taylor realizing what was happening, smiles
as blue star becomes the sky.



All that is left, is one little star.



One little star that has nothing left to fill.



Although Taylor tries, the sorrow gray star feels is overwhelming.



Little gray star begins to feel sad and lonely without any other star to play with.

However, Taylor can see little gray star changing...
And remembers all the days they spent together.



With orange star...



And black star, and white star, and all the other stars...



And realizes that all the stars brought color into the world.



