

Ms. Carol Martin
Environmental Planning Division
Department of Park & Planning
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

February 10, 2003

Re: OBGC Community Park
Request to revise Approved Forest Conservation Plan
S-2385

Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for last year's permit approval and the recent finding that the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association (OBGC, Inc) has left the site in a satisfactory condition and in accordance with the terms of the one-year permit.

On behalf of OBGC, I again would like to request approval of a minor revision to the Approved Forest Conservation Plan ("FCP") for the OBGC Community Park on Olney Laytonsville Road, Route 108 in Olney. With this approval, OBGC would like to extend the permit to cover the next 5 years, as long as we continue to work within the permit guidelines. The request to extend the period of time will finally enable the Club to assure greater financial stability and utilize the event in our discussions with financial institutions, when attempting to gain financing to finish building the park. The FCP was approved on May 12, 2000.

As you know, OBGC Community Park is operated as a non-profit facility for the benefit of the children and youths of the Greater Olney Community. We do not receive any ongoing support from any public agency and we take the responsibility of raising the money needed to operate the park into our own hands. OBGC has taken great care to assure that the category I easement area is appropriately protected as part of its trusteeship over the park and we believe we have proved our commitment to protecting the environment in a number of ways.

OBGC has developed this annual event for the entertainment of the children in the area and to serve as a critical annual fundraising event and its assurance over a long period of time is needed. The event, which will utilize last year's approved trail plan, will again be called "The Field of Screams". It will consist of a variety of stations within and outside the forest and the clean up will be handled much in the same way.

As was the case last year, the "stations" will be installed in or around October and be removed by late November. The stations will again be constructed in a manner that

minimizes disruption to the surface of the area although certain stations may need to be anchored to permanent footings that will remain in place.

In order to safely use the existing trails, certain modifications are required, just like last year. We again would like to seek approval for two small bridge crossings in the same locations discussed last year. We will handle the construction of these small walking bridges with the same care and attention that we did everything last year and the rest of the localized environment. Both selected crossing points were chosen with care because existing conditions allow for a platform bridge to put in place without any impact on the stream or its banks. Two at-grade platform bridges on secured telephone pole or similar supports are requested. A detail sketch of the bridge design can be provided, however, they are the same as last years, which we assume you have on file.

Accordingly, we request that the proposed minor revision to the approved FCP be approved. We will be glad to provide any additional information or documents required and would welcome your input at the time.

Very truly yours,

Olney Boys and Girls Community
Sports Association, Inc. (OBGC)

By: _____
Daniel Dionisio, Chairman

Cc: Elisabeth Deal, Director of Business Operations, OBGC
P. J. Burnsky, Field of Screams, Chairman

Martin, Carol

From: Martin, Carol
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 3:02 PM
To: 'kdumas@DK-lawfirm.com'
Subject: Olney B&G Club

Re: "Field of Screams" Event

The following conditions apply to this proposed use:

1. This is to be a ONE TIME ONLY EVENT. The event to be run during October 2002 on a trial basis with field review by MNCPPC staff during the month of November. The results of the field review will be considered should the applicant, Olney B&G Club, propose this or a similar event in the future.
2. One temporary bridge crossing of stream in wetland will be permitted along proposed "Screams" trail.
3. All "props" should be located out of the Environmental Buffer.
4. The trail layout as shown on a copy of the "Overall Forest Conservation Plan", S-2385, approval dated May 12, 2000, received by MNCPPC August 30, 2002, is approved. This "Screams" trail exhibit includes 13 stations for "props" plus a start point and end point, and one bridge stream crossing.

If you need signed copy of this e-mail, a copy of the "Screams" trail exhibit, or other information, please contact me at 301-495-4541.

/s/ Carol Martin, Senior Environmental Planner

Carol Martin

August 2, 2002

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Dear Ms. Martin:

We represent the Olney Boys and Girls Club, Inc. ("OBGC"). On behalf of OBGC we hereby request approval of a minor revision to the Approved Forest Conservation Plan ("FCP") for the OBGC Community Park on Olney Laytonsville Road, Route 108 in Olney. The FCP was approved on May 12, 2000.

OBGC Community Park is operated as a non-profit facility for the benefit of the children and youths of the Greater Olney Community. OBGC has taken care to assure that the Category I Easement Area is appropriately protected as part of its trusteeship over the park.

The approved FCP depicts a natural surface trail through the stream valley and the area included in the Category I Easement. That trail currently exists in the approximate location depicted on the approved FCP. OBGC has developed an annual event to be held during the month of October for the entertainment of the children in the area and to serve as an annual fundraising event. The event, called "The Field of Screams Haunted Trail," will consist of a variety of stations within and outside the forest. Each station will depict a particular Halloween image. Enclosed please find sketches of each proposed "station."

The "stations" will be installed at the beginning of October of each year and removed on or about the first of November. The stations are constructed in a manner that minimizes disruption to the surface of the area although certain stations will be anchored to permanent footings that will remain in place. All stations will be located where shown on the enclosed copy of the approved FCP.

In order to safely use the existing trail certain modifications are required. As we discussed during the recent site visit, OBGC seeks approval for two bridge crossings in the locations shown. Both selected crossing points were chosen because existing conditions allow for a platform bridge to put in place without any impact on the stream or its banks. Two at-grade platform bridges on secured telephone pole or similar supports are requested. A detail sketch of the bridge design is also enclosed. Both bridge crossings are needed to allow the use of the path and to prevent

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walkers from attempting to cross the stream by walking through it both during the annual event and at other times that the path may be used by persons desiring to walk in the woods. We believe that the two crossings will in fact protect the stream and its banks by providing a safe and appropriate way to follow the path and cross the stream.

Accordingly, we request that the proposed minor revision to the approved FCP be approved. We will be glad to provide any additional information or documents required and would welcome your input at the time the stations are installed and the bridges constructed.

As I'm sure you understand, in order for this project to be ready October 1, we need to begin work at the earliest possible date. We appreciate you visiting the site with us and helping us with this project.

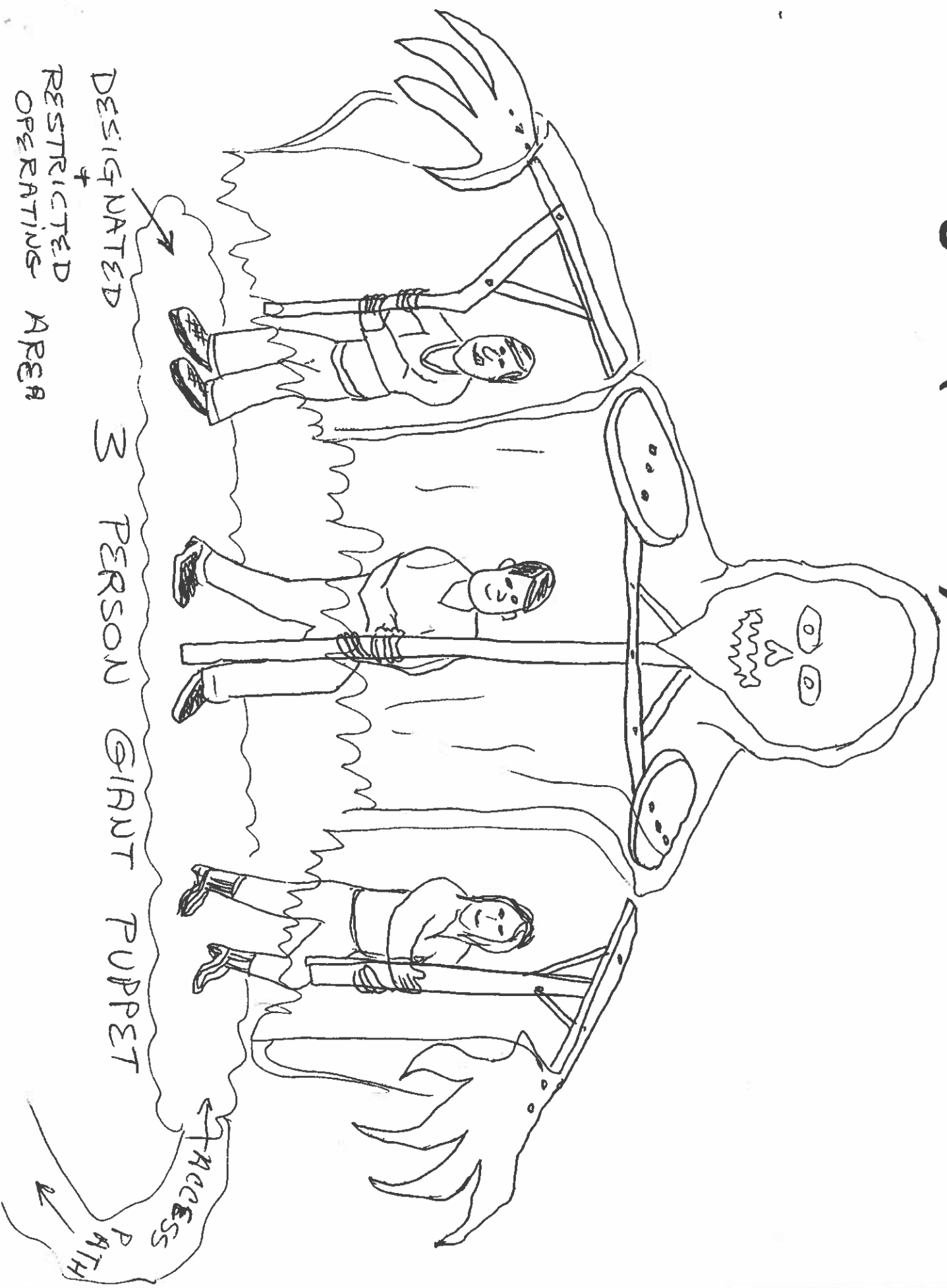
Very truly yours,

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By: 
Stephen J. Orens

cc: Elisabeth Deal, Director of Business Operations, OBGC

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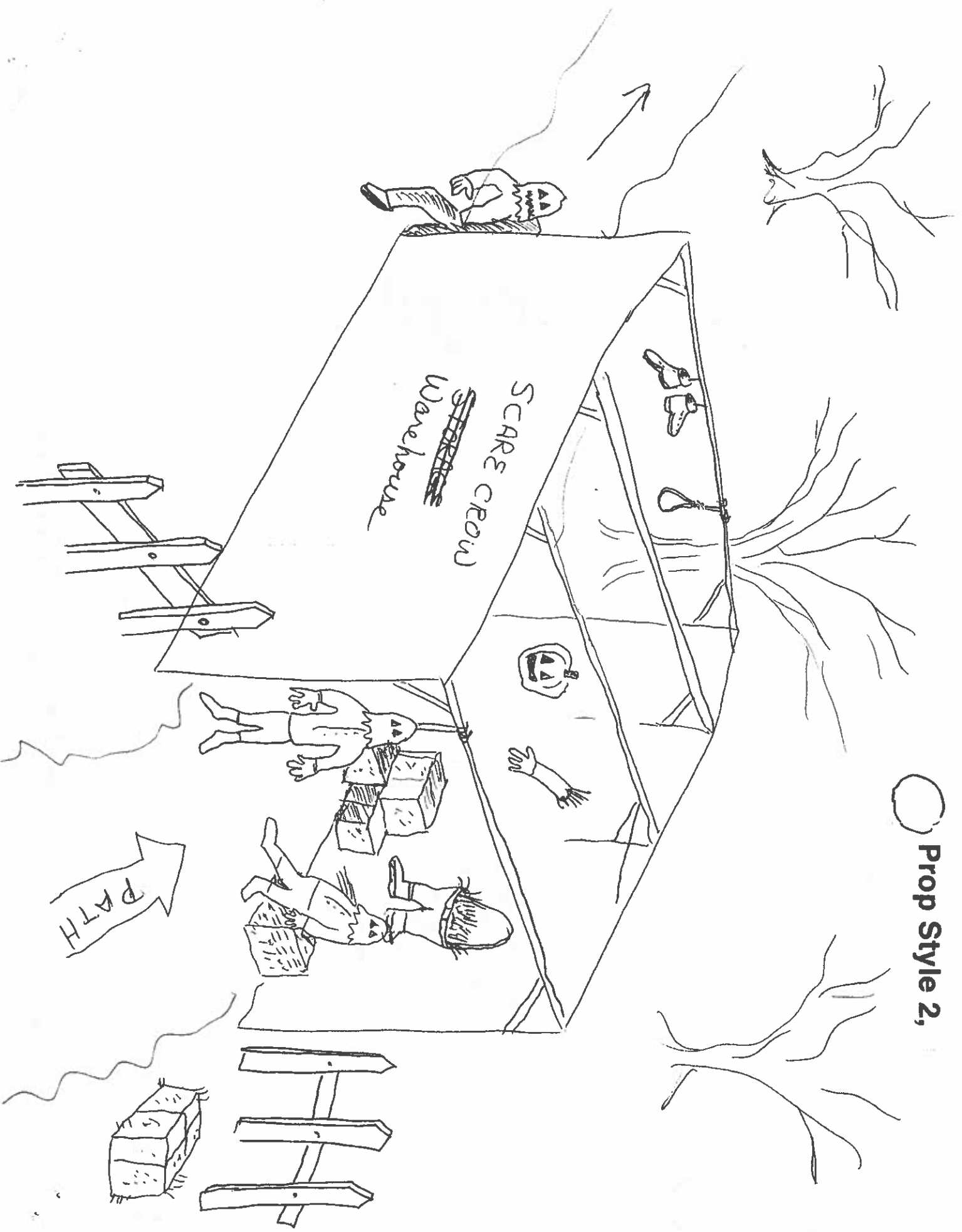


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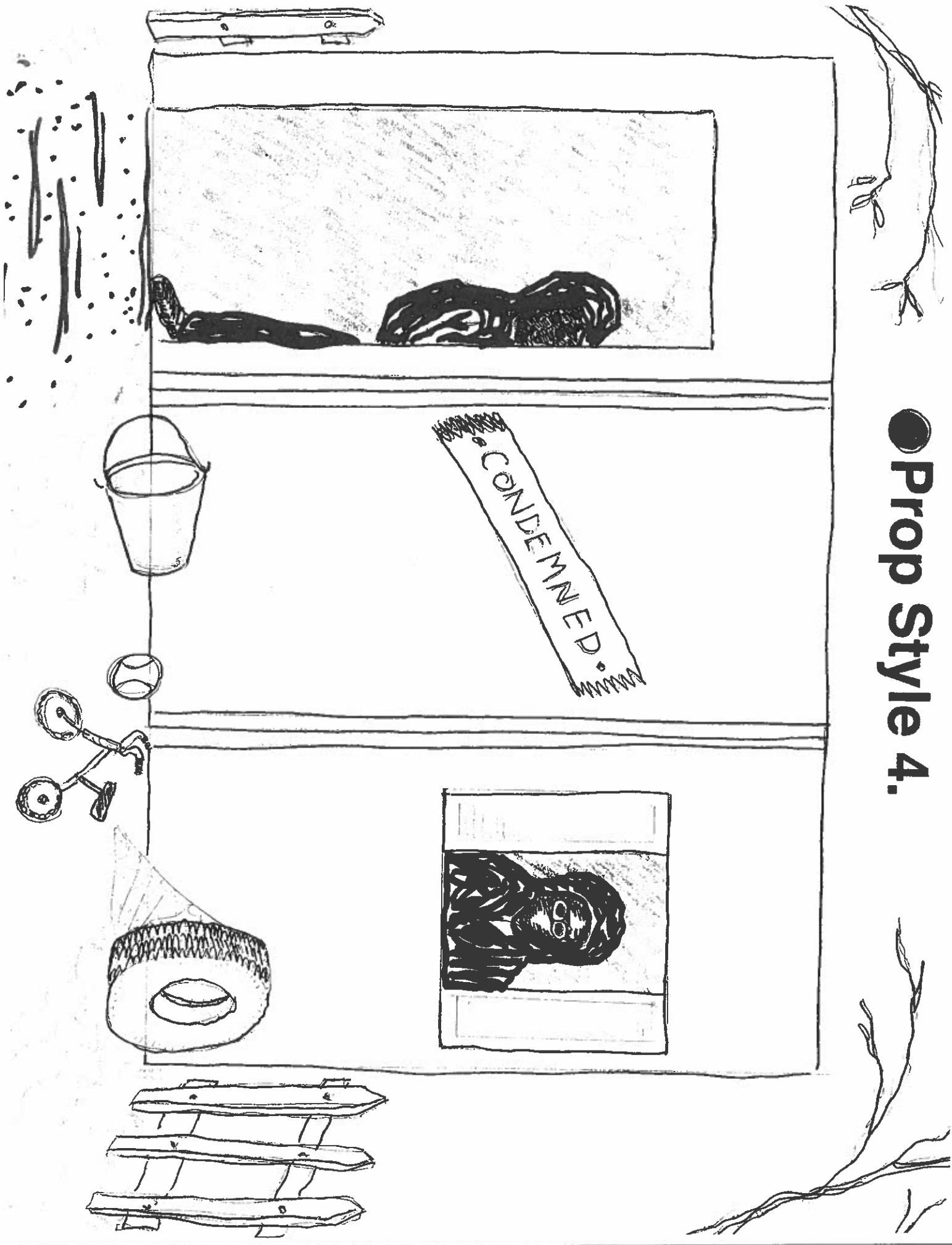
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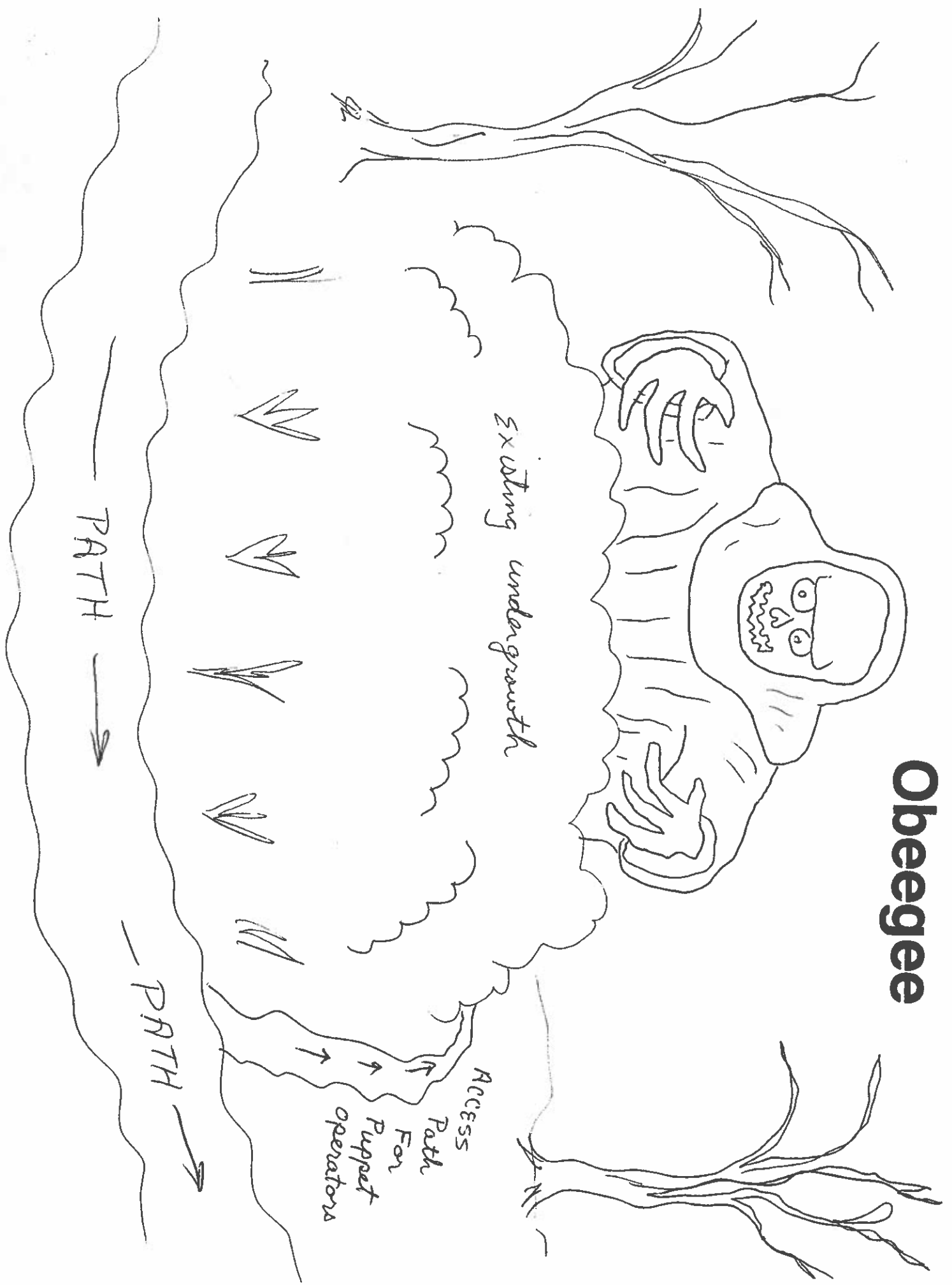
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