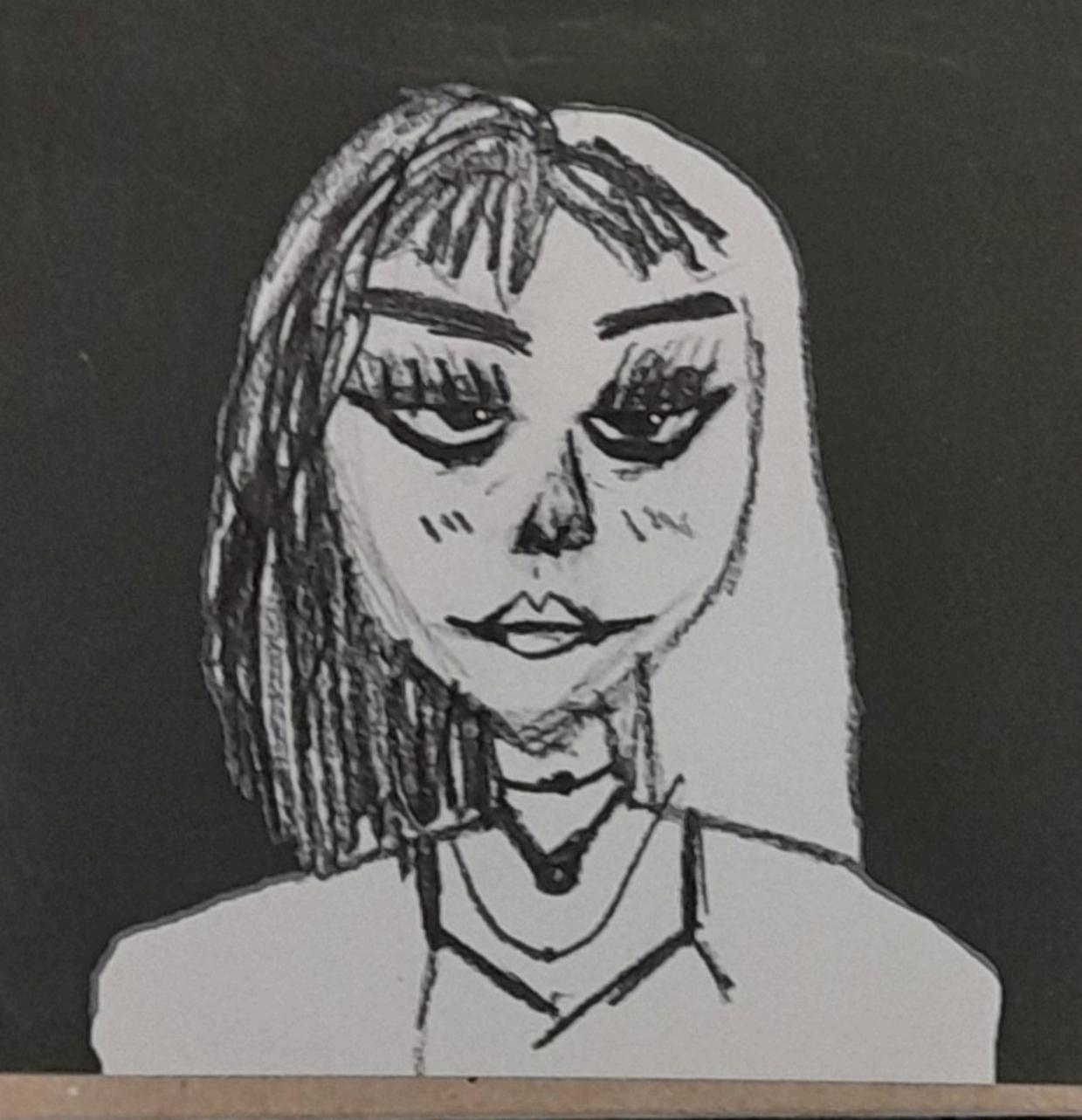
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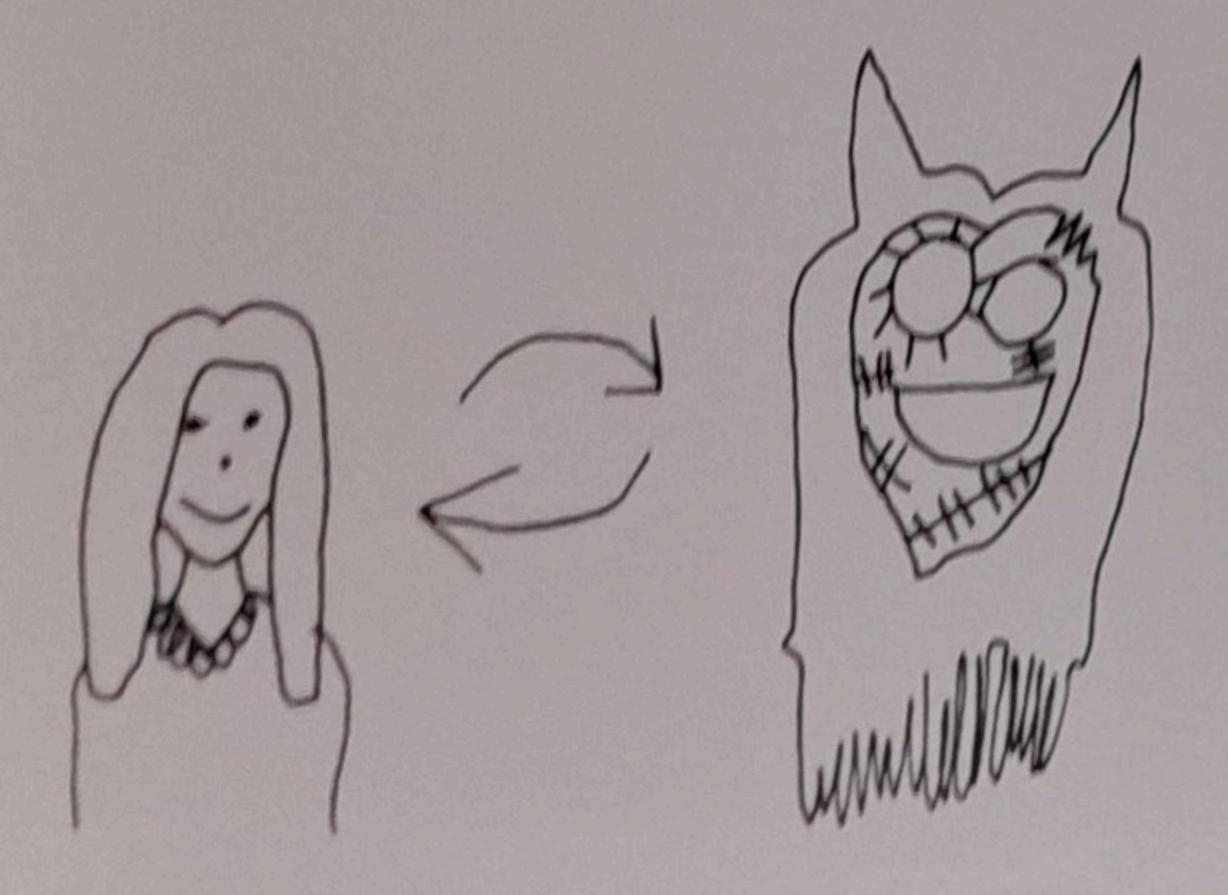


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T'was a cold misty morning and Isabella slipped on her mask as her dog was outside finding breakfast.

She opened the door and called him inside.



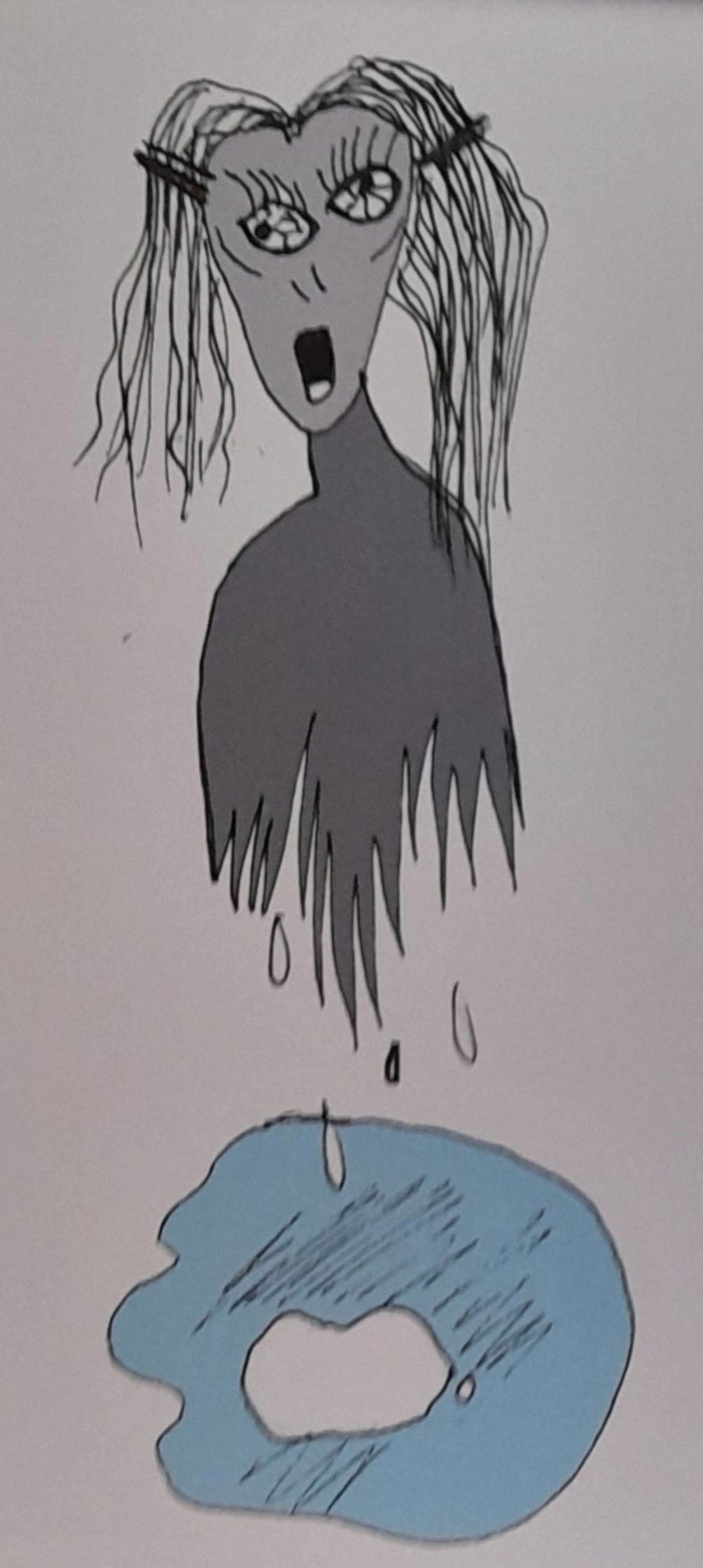
The dog never returned. She went to search for it. She ran for hundreds of metres looking everywhere. She stopped because of how tired she had become. There was a noise far away in the distance and it was getting closer. There were footsteps in the distance. The noise of the snow crunching was amplified by the loud echo the woods produced.

She didn't know where she was anymore. She'd been walking for hours. She felt there was someone watching her. It spooked her and she ran. The adrenalin was killing her. Slowly, but surely her heartbeat slowed, she became dizzy. Her sight began to fade. She fainted. The footsteps were getting closer.

It was here. Bye, bye!

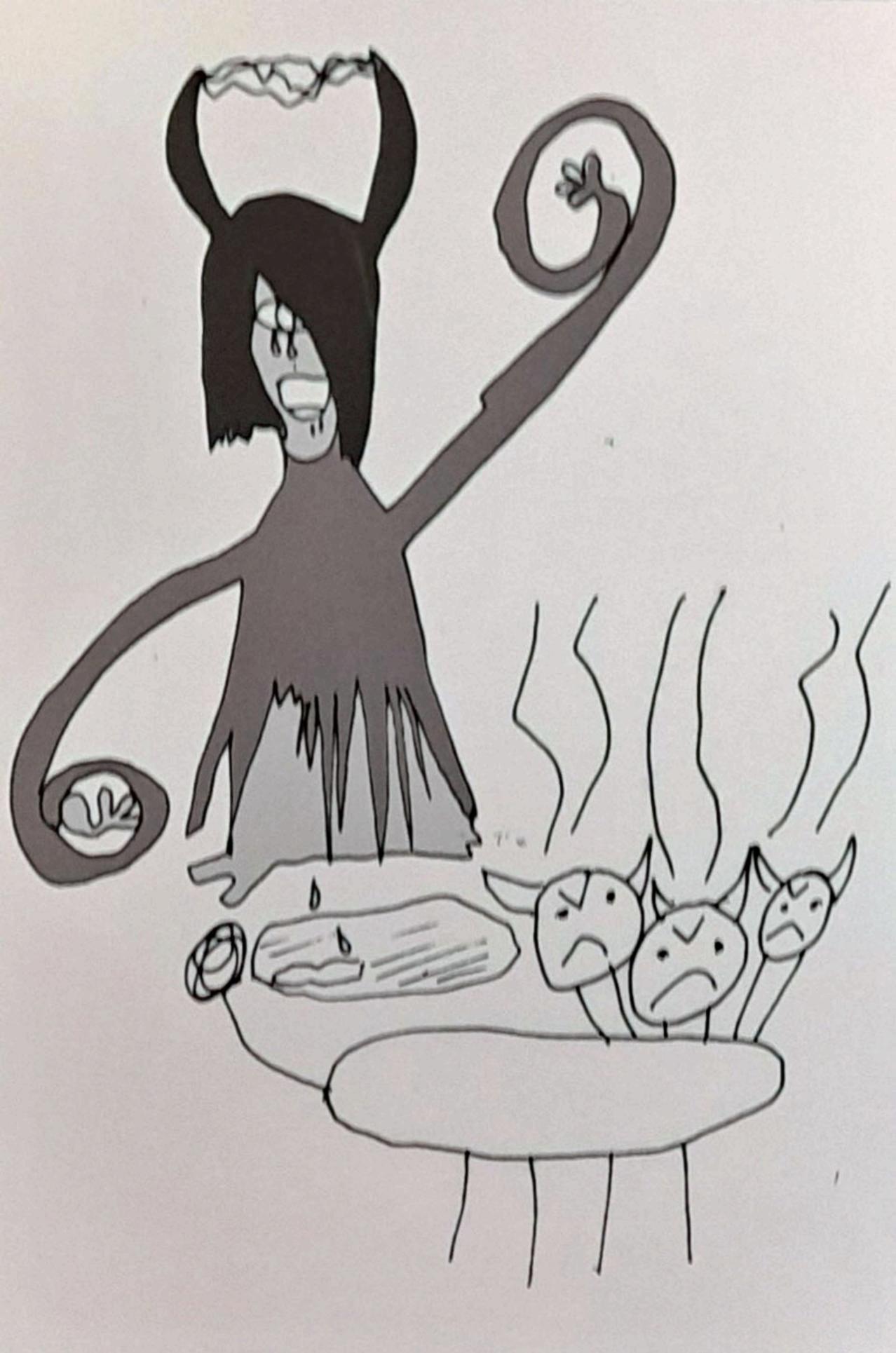
She woke up a while later in a pond. A strange feeling overcame her, and the realisation hit her. It was... tons of leaches on her poor body. She screamed for help, but no one responded.

This was fortunate, perhaps even deserving that this happened.



You see hundreds of years ago in the depths of the forest she – Isabella – had become one of the most powerful, overconfident human beings in the Kingdom.

She had randomly been summoned in an unknown way. She set rules and orders in place which put all of the brownies into slavery in the forest. Their population rapidly decreased as she took on their power.



Her breath, her sight, her life. Her throat was closing up, she was leaving.



This event was set up by the brownies, they were currently watching nervously from the heather where they were hiding and it was swaying slowly in the wind.

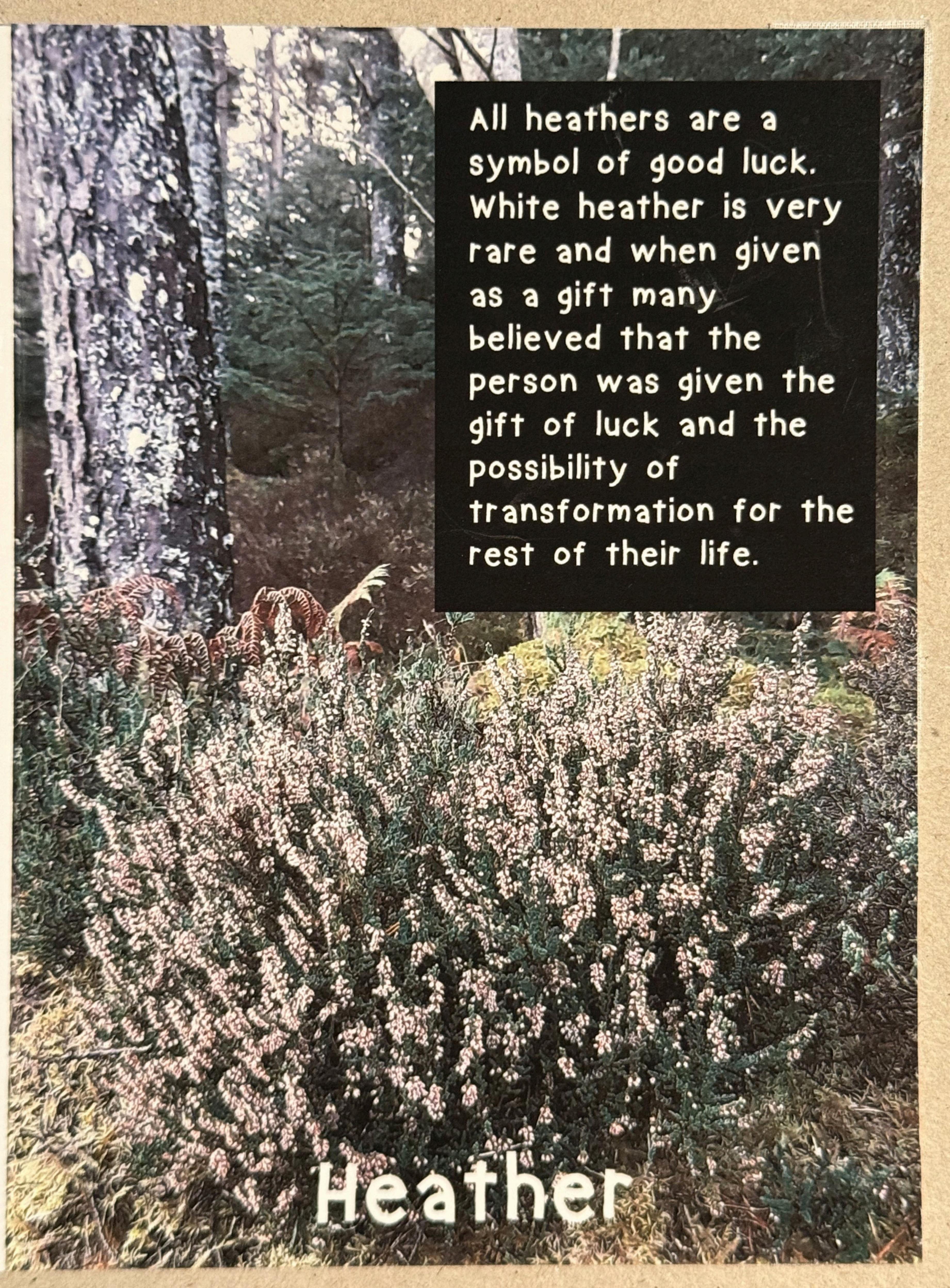
The last of what was
left of the wicked
Isabella slowly sank into
the water. The screaming
suddenly turned muffled,
then stopped.
She was dead.



Her reign of terror was over.

"The forest will answer the way you call to it"

Old Finnish proverb



Years ago traditional folk tales were an important part of entertainment and could sometimes be quite gruesome or scary, but they could also be used as a warning to young children to keep them from wondering too far away or to encourage respect for nature.

A Brownie is a Scottish folklore spirit that comes out at night to do various jobs and chores

They are mischievious and easily offended - they could also be quite troublesome if not treated properly









