

# The White Death

By Isla and Andrew





Isaac and Ivy lived on their father's farm on the Duke of Hampton's Estate.

Their father, Gareth, was the gamekeeper and often went hunting with the Duke.

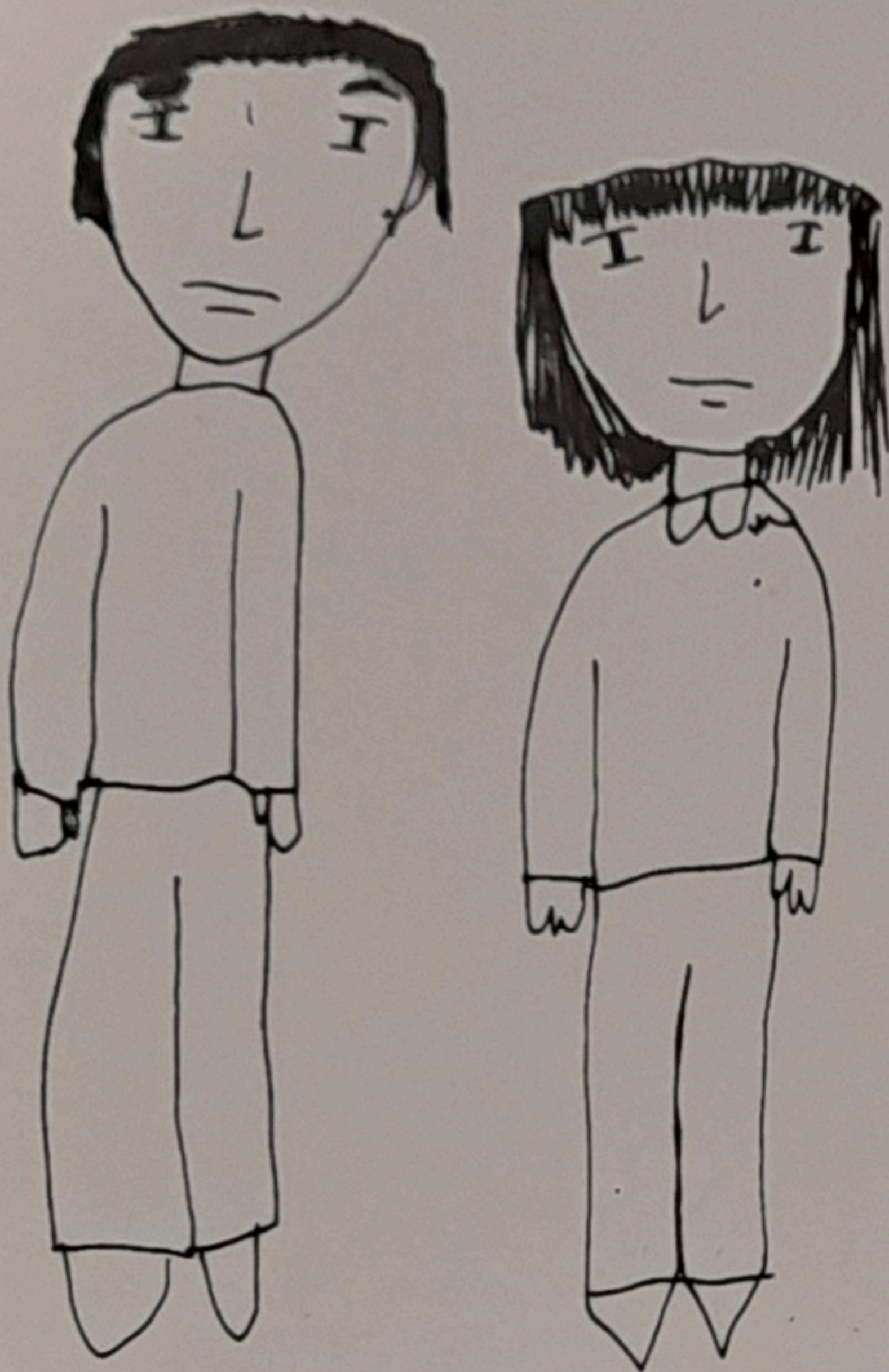
On this particular day Ivy and Isaac were allowed to join them. The twins didn't particularly like the thought of shooting a deer but they came along anyway. They got to ride the Duke's horse that day.

As the Duke was about to shoot another deer Isaac noticed it was white and said:

"Excuse me, Sir ...shooting a white stag is bad luck".

He said this in a whisper, so as not to startle the stag.





Isaac and Ivy



"SHUT UP BOY!", shouted the Duke.  
The stag ran off.

"WHY DID YOU SCARE OFF THE  
STAG?" shouted the Duke in an  
angry tone.

He ordered the children's father to  
shoot after the stag and so Gareth  
reluctantly aimed at the stag as it  
ran and injured it.

"Why... why....it's just bad luck,  
Sir", stuttered Isaac knowing  
nothing he could say would make  
the Duke feel any different.

The Duke then kicked the horse  
but only Ivy and Isaac noticed.  
The horse whimpered

"Oh no, said the Duke, I think my  
horse can't take your weight. Have  
you been feeding him too much,  
Gareth?"



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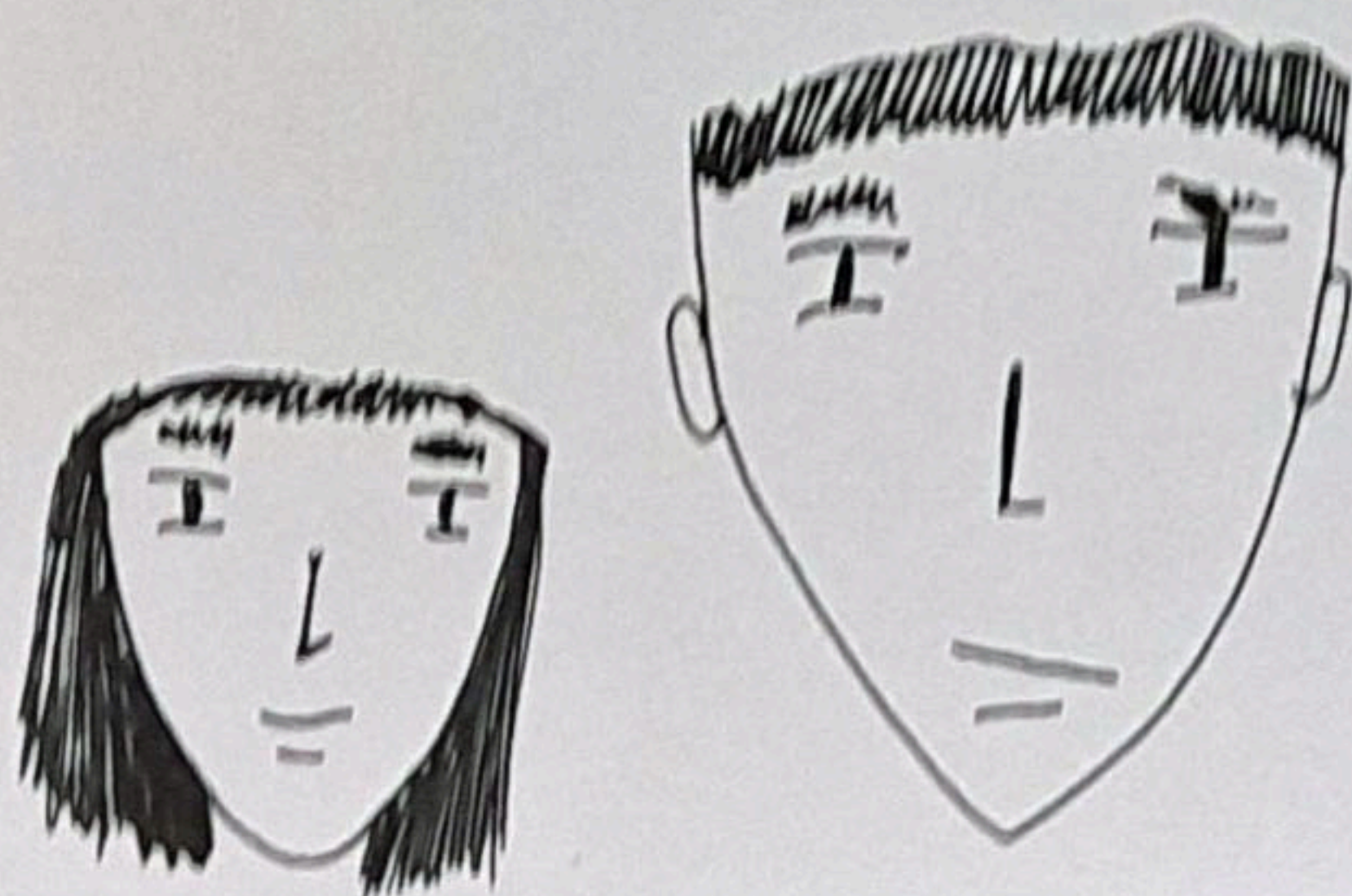


"No, I, I ...." stuttered Gareth.

"I DON'T CARE ", ranted the Duke,  
"THEY CAN WALK HOME LIKE THE  
PESTS THEY ARE".

The children dismounted and  
started to trudge along.

Off the Duke rode taking his horse  
and their father with him and left  
the children behind to find their  
own way back.





After a while the children reached a clearing where they saw a corked bottle on a stone.

The bottle read "Do not open".

They opened it anyway. A wasp escaped and said "thank you, you have freed me!"

Ivy and Isaac screamed and off they ran. They picked a path they had never travelled on before.

As they ran they saw the white stag again and stopped.

The white stag stared at them , then began to run again.

The children followed it, thinking it might lead them to a stream that they could follow home.







It did lead them to a stream but what they weren't expecting was that the stag pushed them in.

Isaac just made it out of the stream and ran home. As he was running he looked behind him to see his sister's eyes just looking out from above the water.

She was so pale looking and seemed unable to move away from the stream or to leave the stag.

She began to splutter and look betrayed – maybe she had been.





Isaac ran and ran as fast as he could.  
When he arrived home his father  
asked:

"Isaac, where is your sister?"

"She's gone, Father, she's gone".....





Ivy was a symbol  
of determination  
and perseverance.



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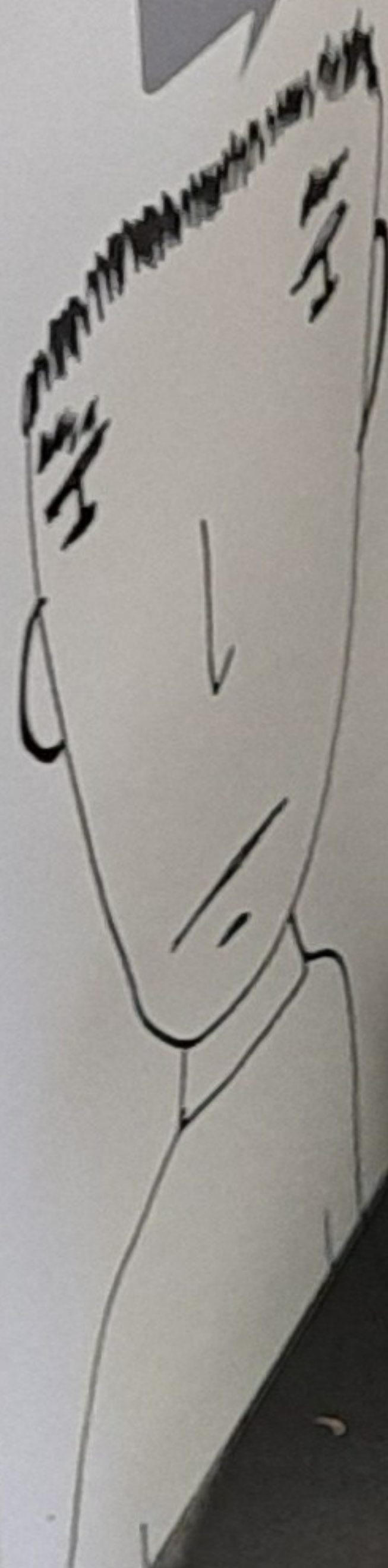


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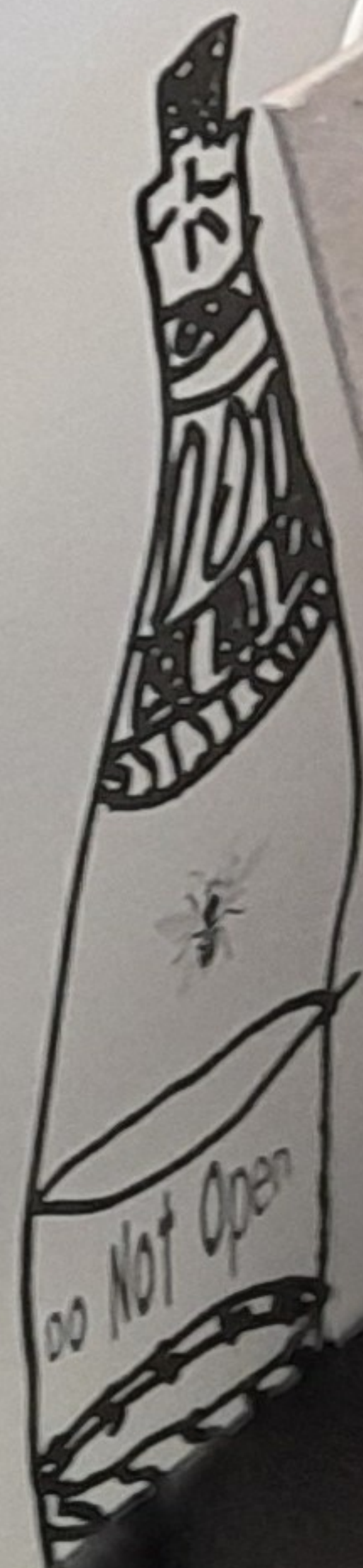
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Children followed it, thinking it was a game. A golden footprints were said to have magical properties.



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