

We are sharing the 2015 coloring book this Christmas 2022.

It did not reach very many people in 2015 & they most likely received unstapled copies. (bert had a terrible back injury that didn't allow her to finish it — If you did receive it, we hope you enjoy revisiting it).

But, the 2015 message seems perfect for 2022:

- We again have a sixteen and a half foot tree.
In 2015 PAL was the elf that helped us put the tree up & finish decorating it when bert hurt her back and her Christmas activities stopped.
We called our tall skinny tree a “tall Charlie Brown tree”
— PAL loved Charlie Brown trees... and trains... and fireworks... and wolves... but most of all his kids! —
- We have a “tall Charlie Brown tree” again this year!
- And, our connections are what matters, even if only thru zoom.

As we reflect on 2022 — so many wonderful things: weddings, baby announcements, special birthdays ... But this year is also challenging in so many ways.

The pandemic is still with us... As we start to get together again, some of us are still hesitant to meet in groups.

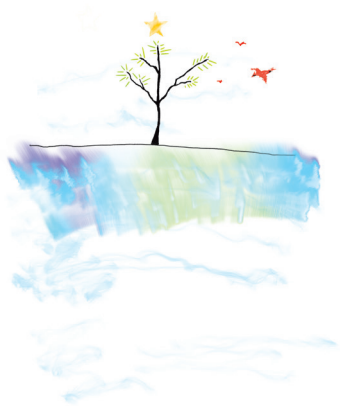
And... With tears in my eyes, sadly, we will never see some people again. We have lost so many people this year including one of “the little kids”. Like a child remains a parent's baby all of their life no matter how old; similarly some childhood references follow an adult all their life. In my family one of those references is “the little kids”. We are hoping this coloring book celebrates the youngest of us, and “the little kid” in all of us. The magic, the spirit, the hope, the dreams, the adventure, the pure joy that embodies “the little kid”.

We miss PAL, one of “the little kids” but we know, as MOM would say: “he is here in spirit”.



Merry Christmas





It's not about the size of the tree!

Now, this may sound strange coming from the people who have a sixteen and a half foot tree again this year (another reason re-issuing this book seemed perfect). The concept for this coloring book was born long ago with Charlie Brown and, more recently, upon hearing the sad story of a Christmas tree in danger of losing all its needles before Christmas Eve; perhaps, even before it was fully decorated.

It's not about the presents or turkey or holiday songs (not even Walter ~ well, maybe Walter*!). It's not about the decorations or lights...

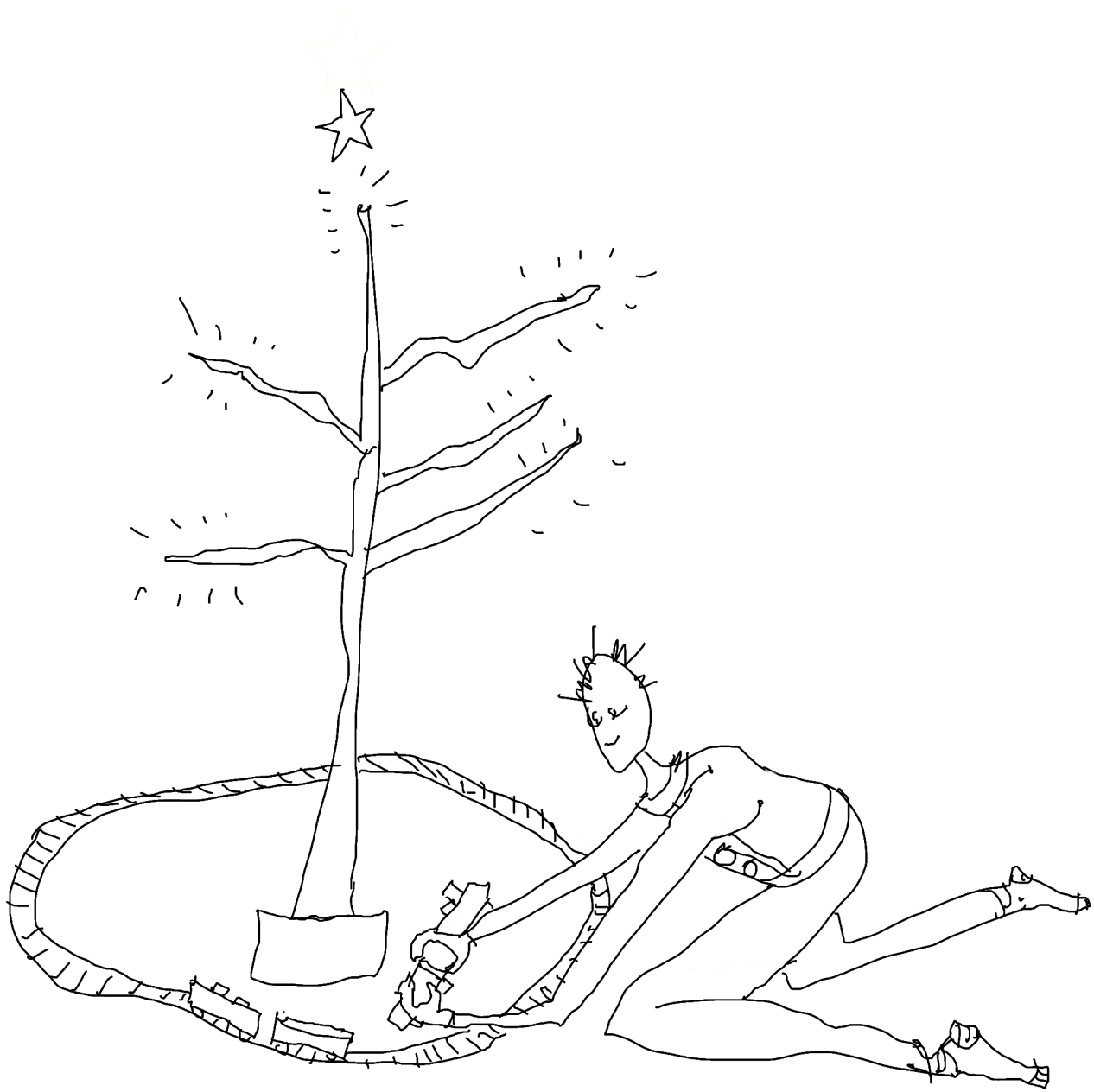
It is about family and friends, memories and new memories, crying and laughing, loving and connecting. It is about enjoying and appreciating, giving and receiving.

As always, I encourage you to draw and color and write about your own ideas and your own artistic visions.

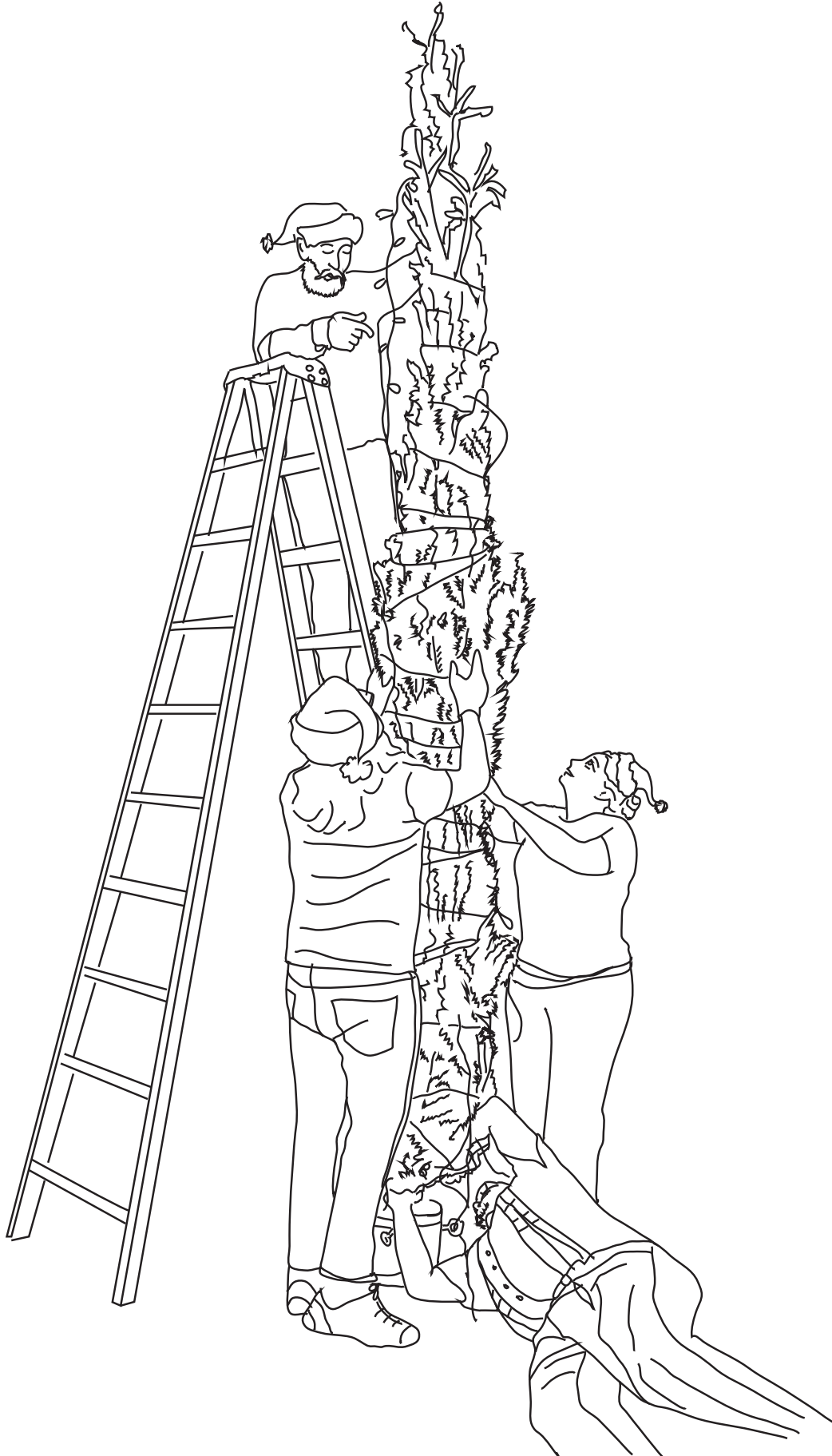
*Walter Brennan Christmas songs – a Leveille & Dahlstrom family favorite collection!

It's about playing and fantasy...





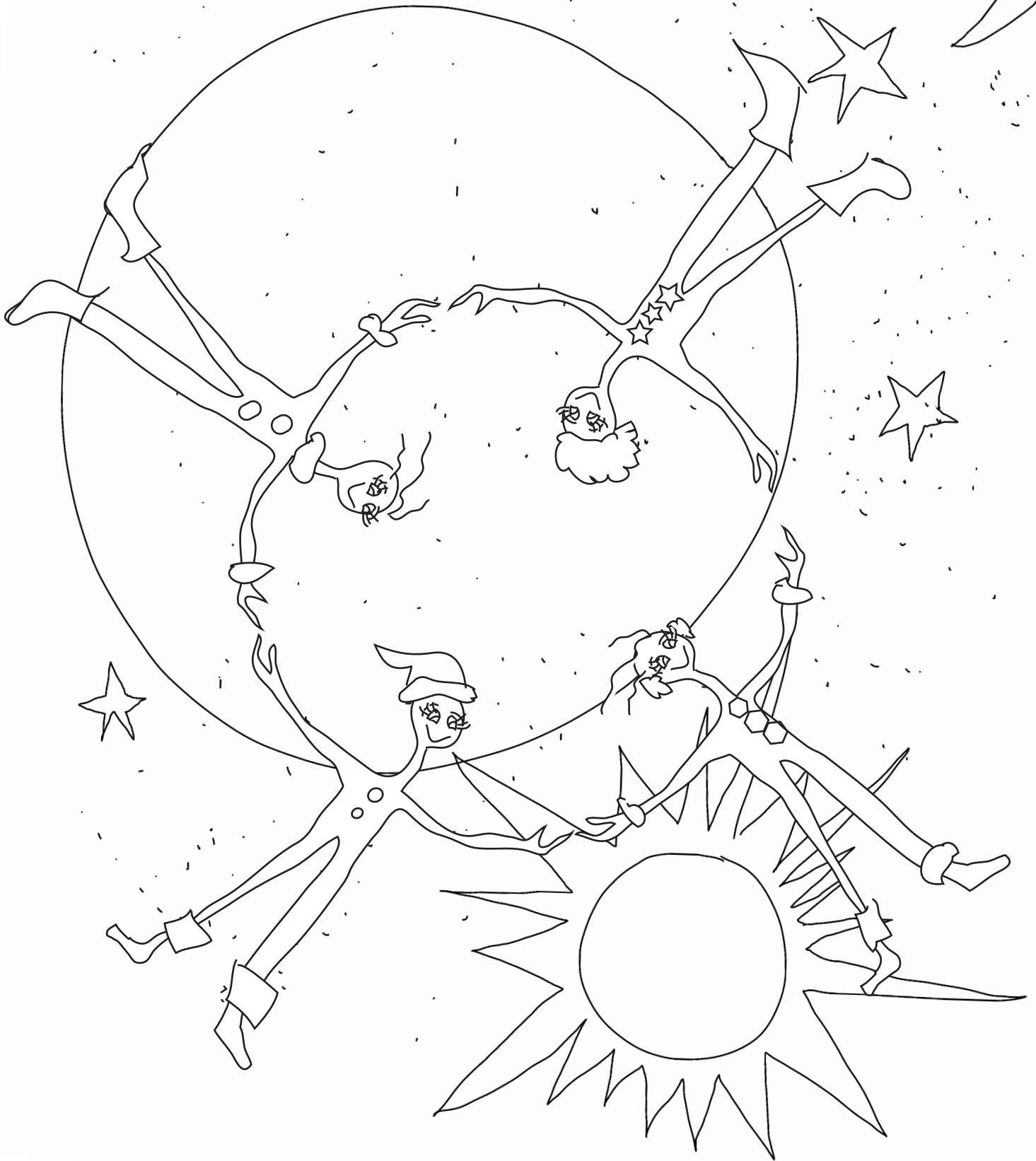
It's about elf teamwork...



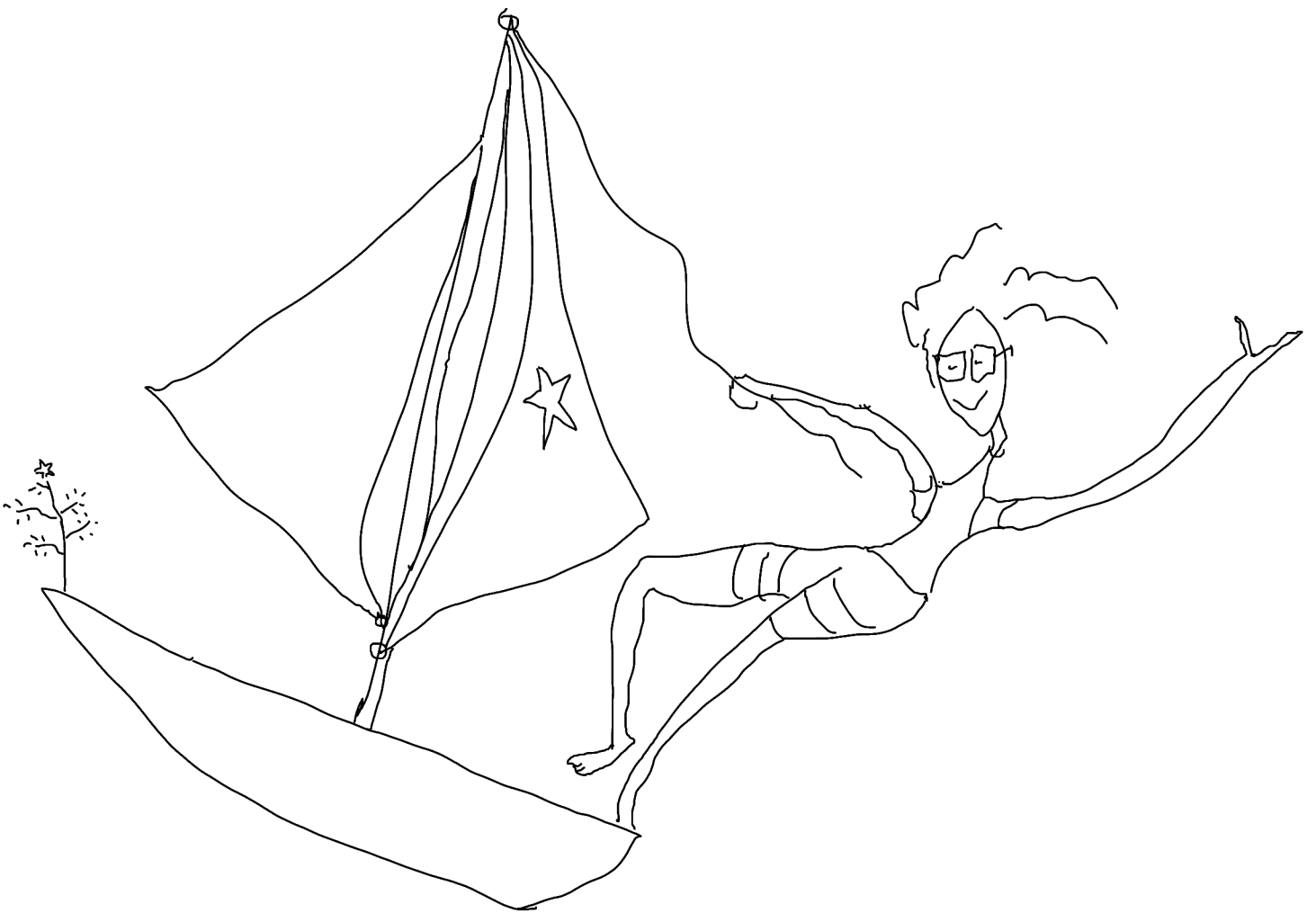
It's about our expectations, and our hopes, and our dreams

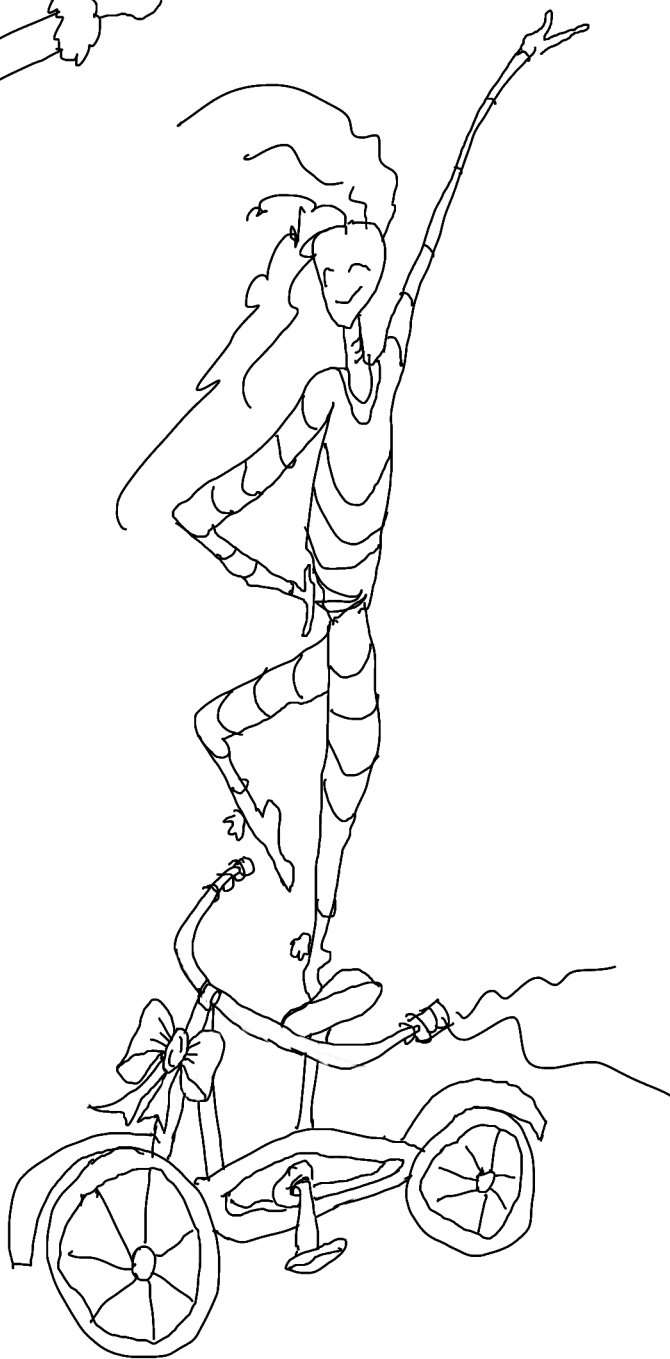
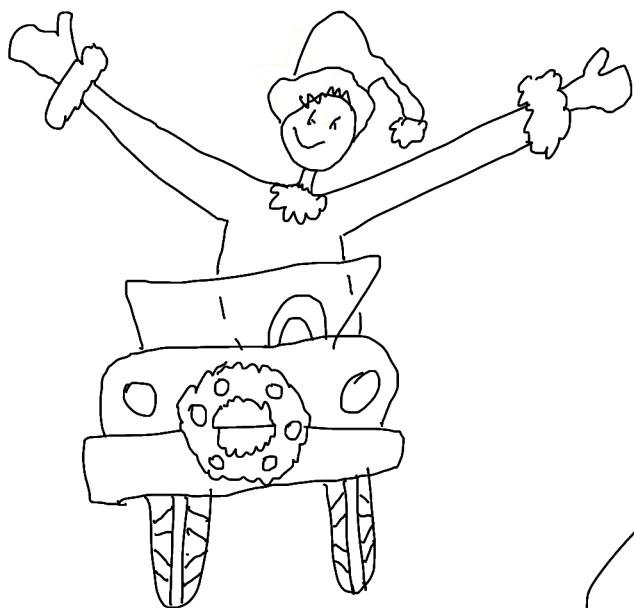


– for ourselves, for our families, for our friends,
and for our neighbors next door and around the world...

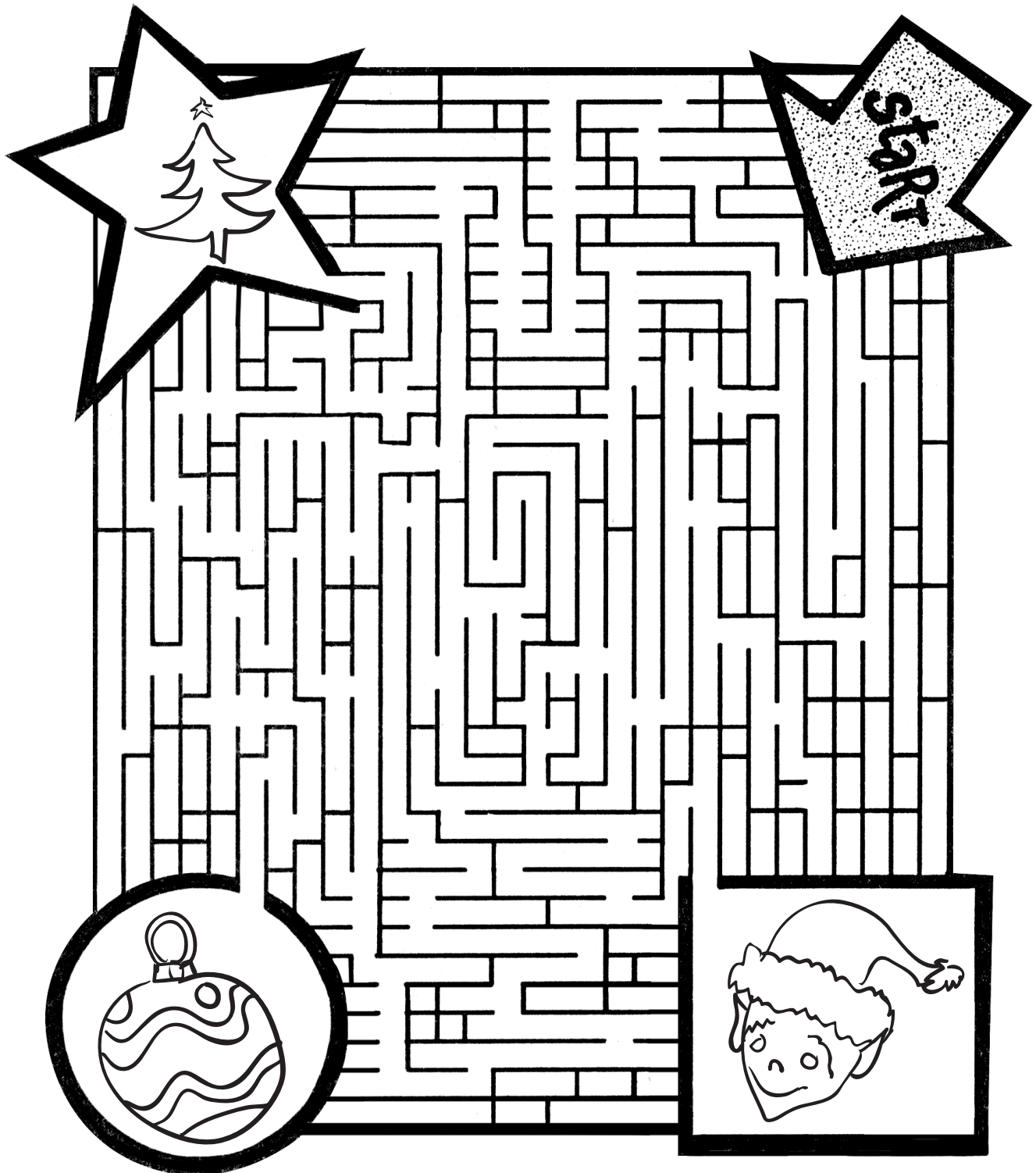


It's about how we travel, where we travel,
and who we travel with...





It's about the journey and the path we take...



this is a maze created for the three leveille family businesses in 1989 – memories...



To everyone that receives one of these coloring books – have a wonderful holiday!

For us, this would be a wish for the merriest of Christmases. I began creating these coloring books for our nieces and nephews as our Christmas gift to them, when we ceased buying individual gifts. They have become a standard Christmas Eve past-time for our kids and many adults too.

So whatever your holiday, whatever your season, hoping this coloring book can add joy, reflection, and serve as a notebook of memories past, memories making, and memories future!

— bert leveille, Roger K. Dahlstrom



2022 — in memory of PAL
(one of the little kids) :

bert leveille