

Lady F

# The Secret Red Herrings Treasure Hunt



By

The Art of Hidden Messages

**TEN MATCHING IMAGES AND VERSES**

*to*

**TEN LOCATIONS**

*to*

**TEN TREASURES**

**HIDDEN COAST TO COAST!**

**Be warned there are:**

**TWO RED HERRING IMAGES**

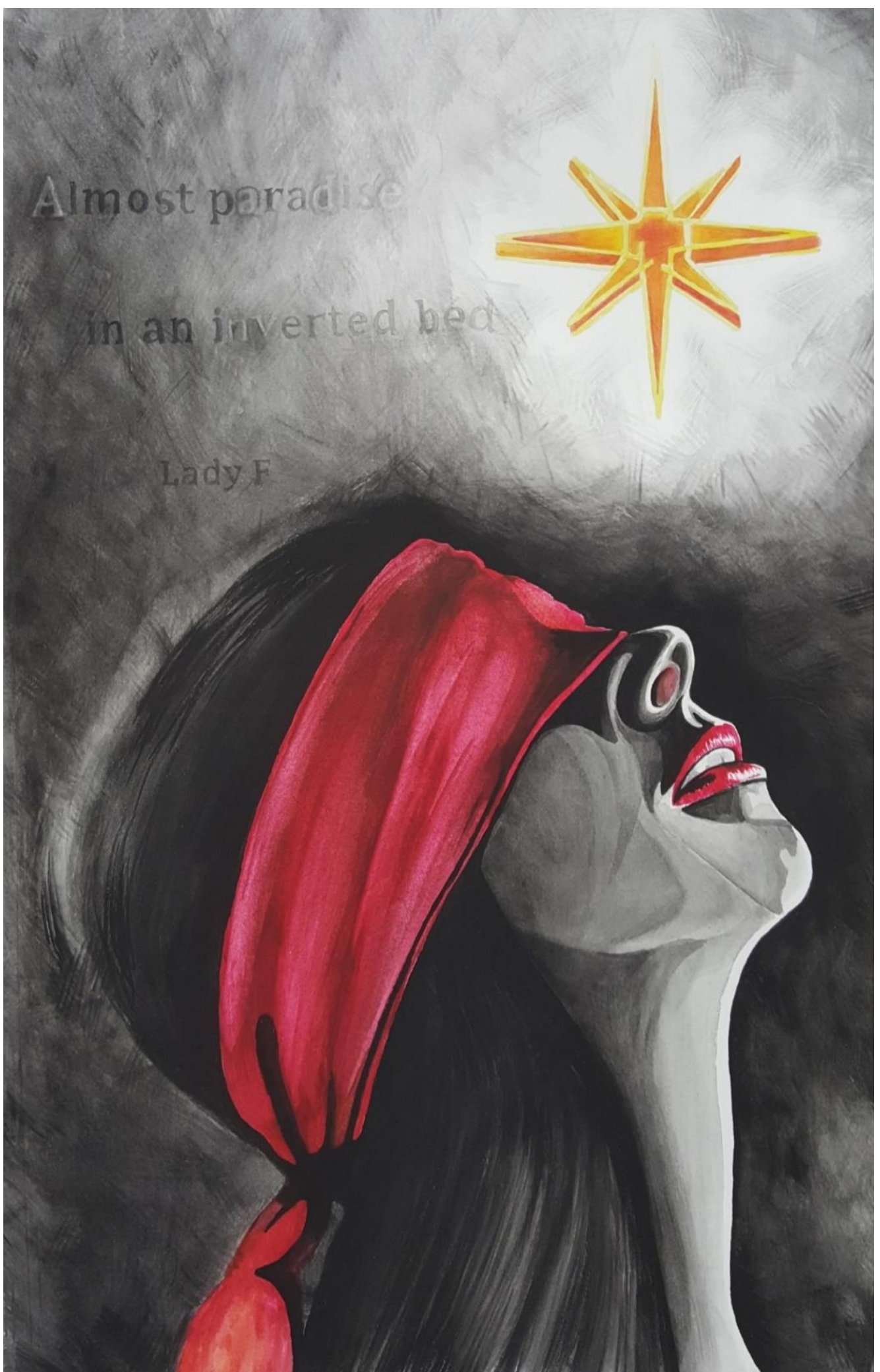
**TWO RED HERRING VERSES**

# The 12 Images

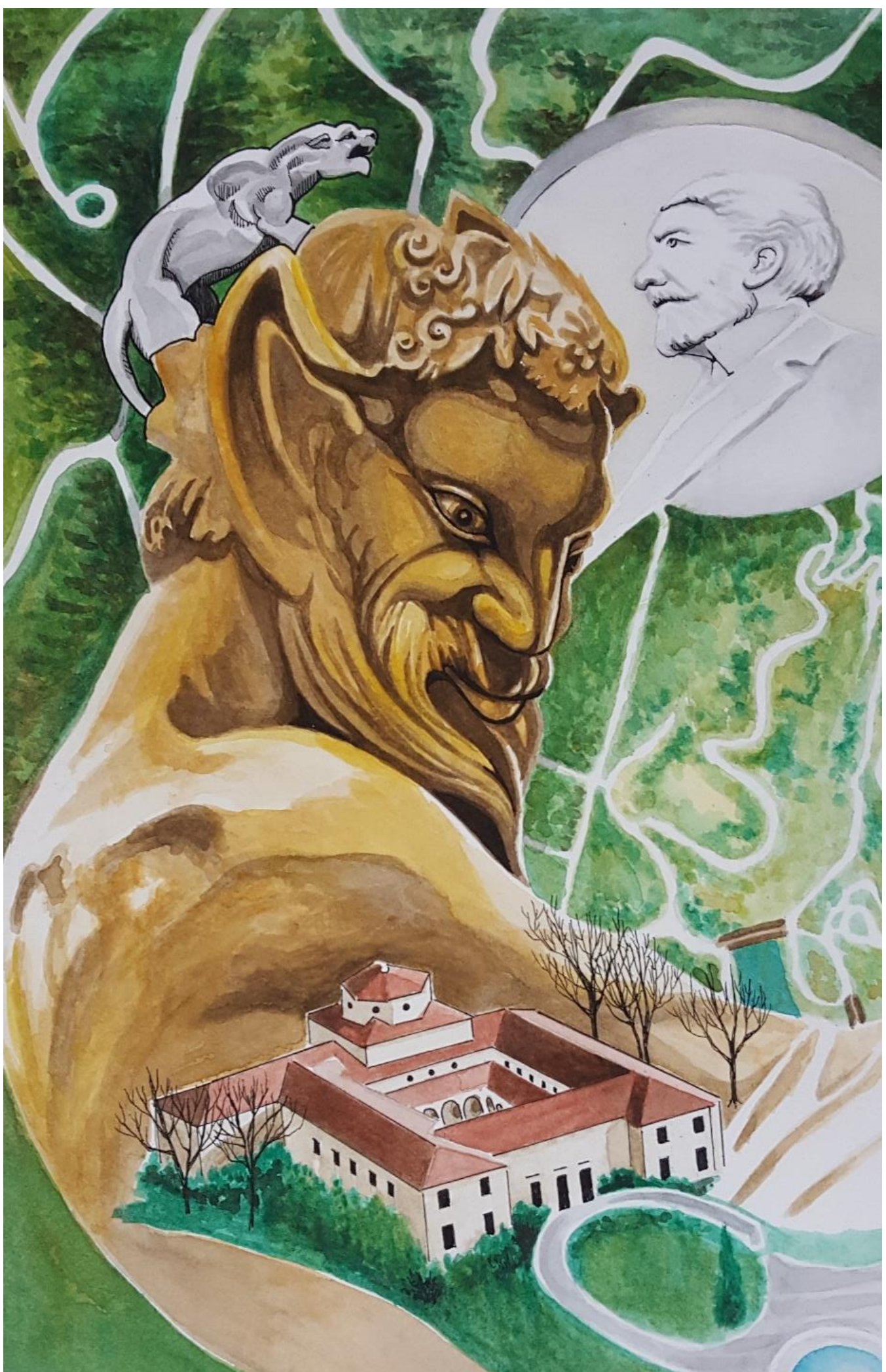
Almost paradise

in an inverted bed

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Арт-студио "Созвездие"











1800s

HOW ARE YOU  
DOING OUT  
THERE?

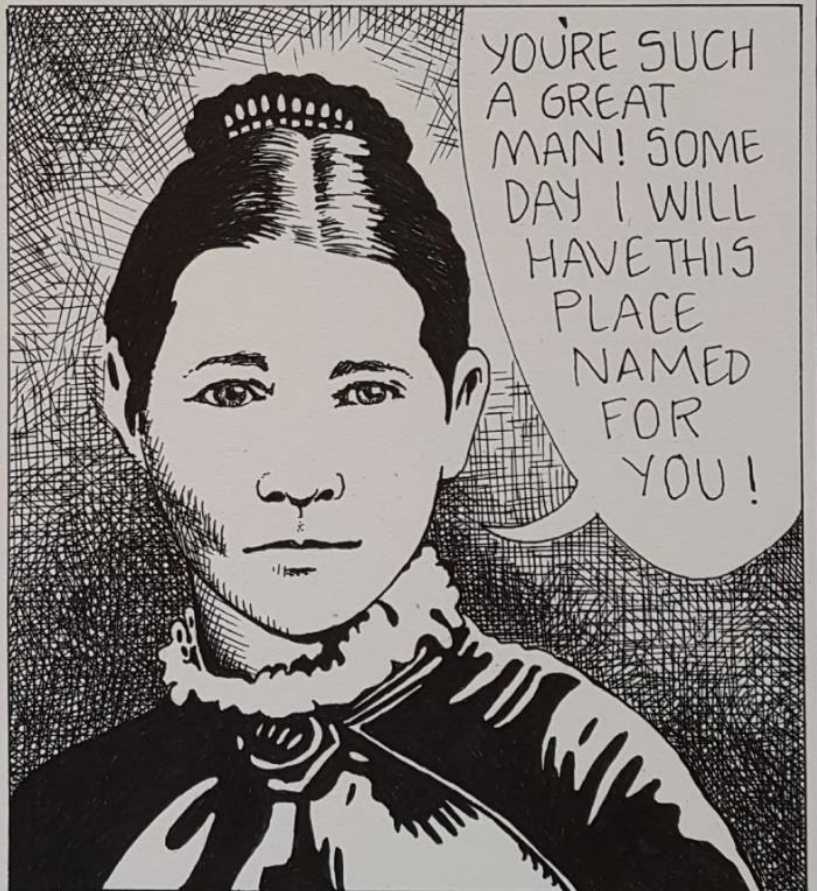


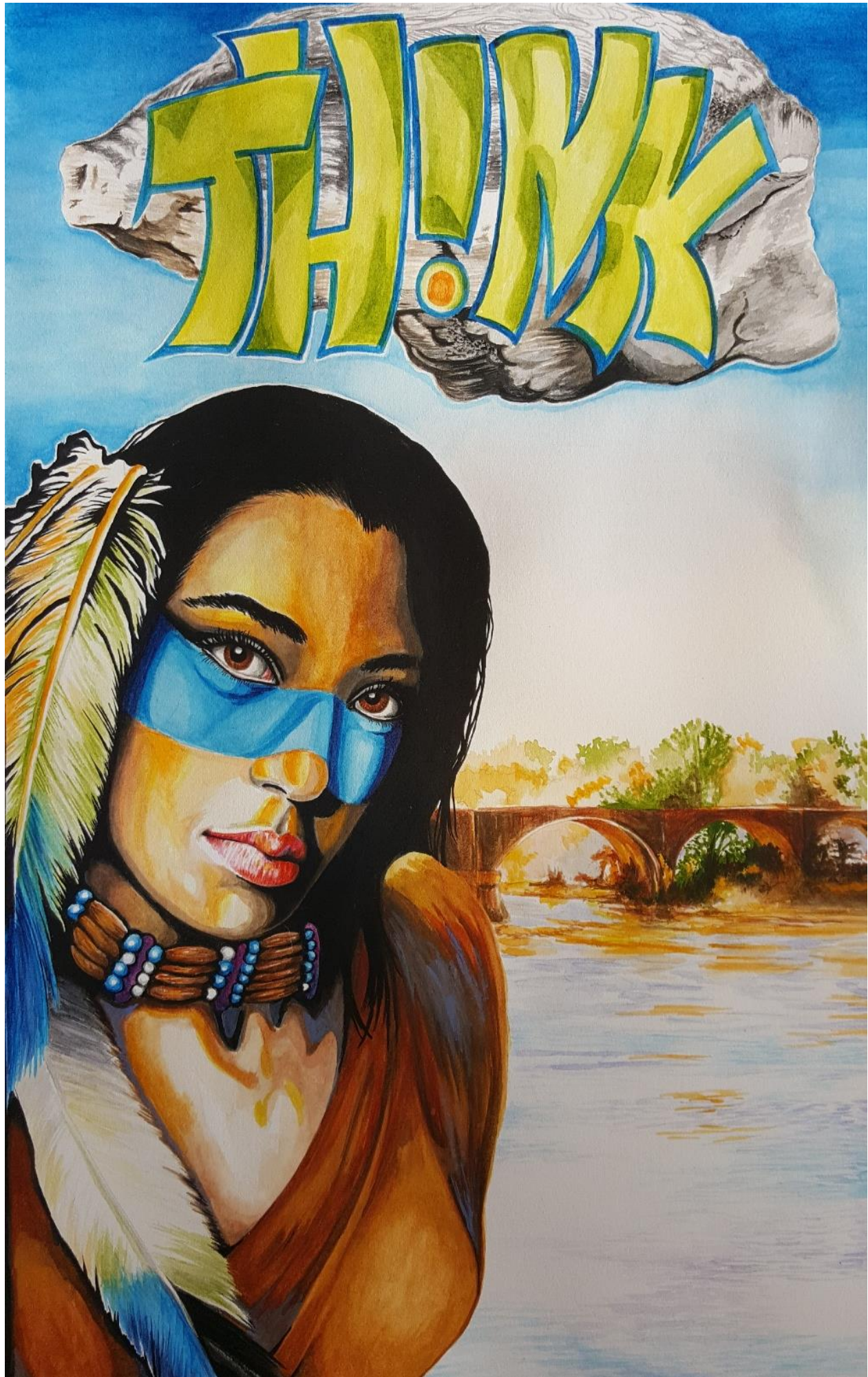
I'M FINE,  
MARY.

JUST  
KEEP  
MAKING  
THOSE  
BULLETS  
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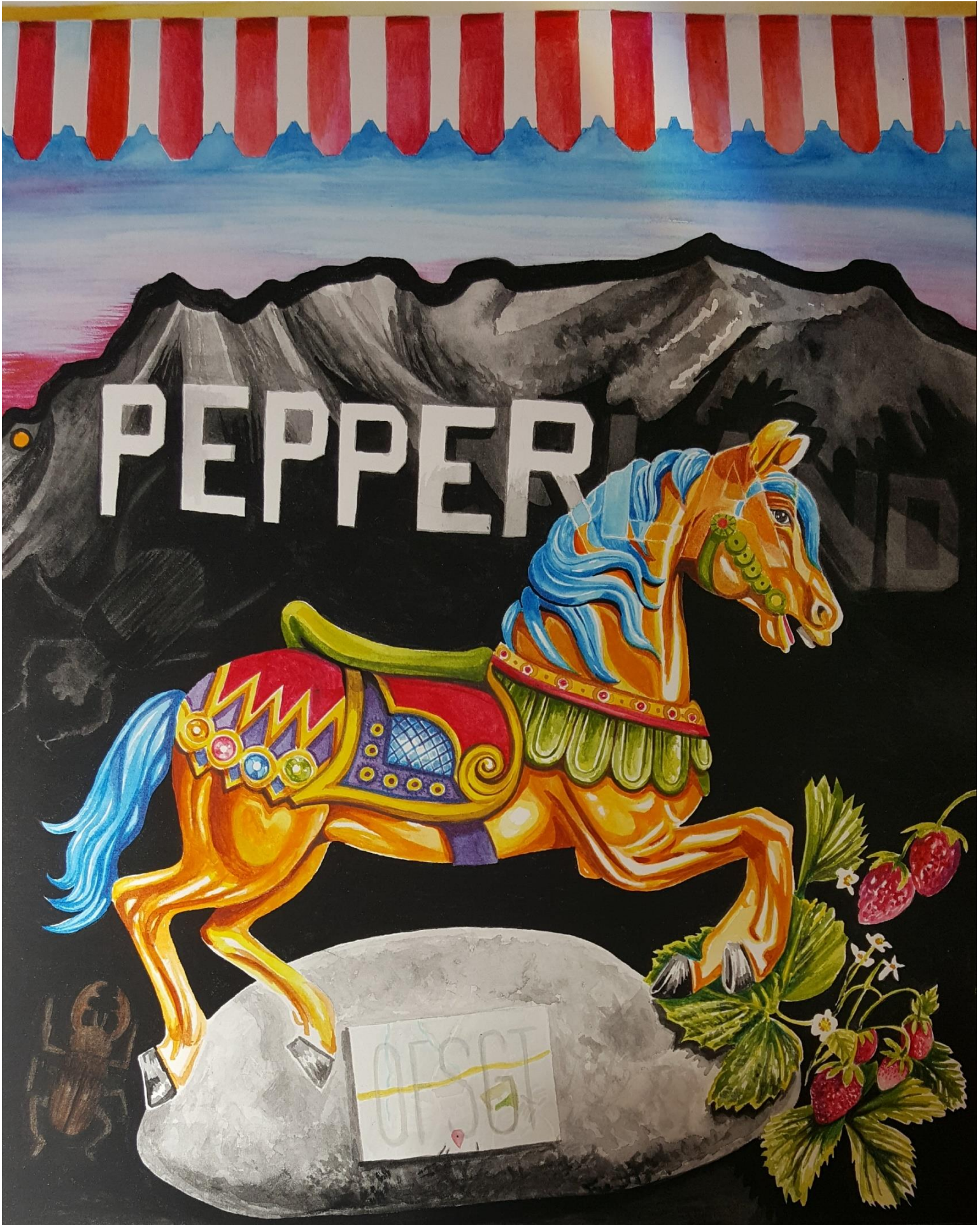


YOU'RE SUCH  
A GREAT  
MAN! SOME  
DAY I WILL  
HAVE THIS  
PLACE  
NAMED  
FOR  
YOU!









PEPPER

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# The 12 Verses



Those who had fal

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Were made a wall

To catch them all

Then a

**Bridge of land**

Was built to expand

**Minds**

**Place**

**Culture**

**Art**

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**s a i g**

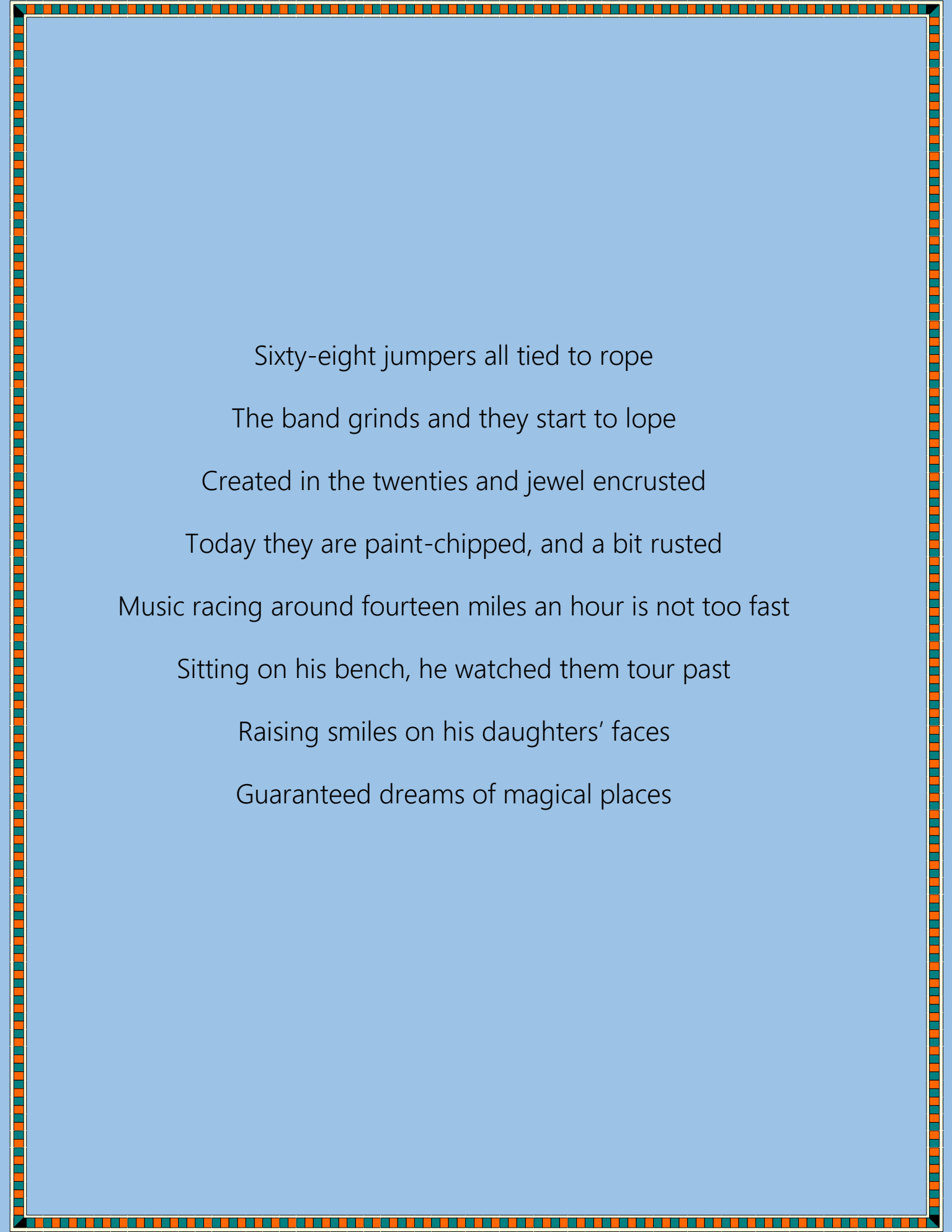
Through the basin is where you start

A gateway

A journey

That will touch your heart

This area was under a spell of slumber  
It was known only by its number  
Part of a sprawling cityscape  
Tangled, trapped and bound in red tape  
The furnace bellows with black smoke  
They swallow our ice cold oven gas coke  
Flames of fire awakening the beast  
Gaze into the sun rising in the east  
On the opposite side in the west is the priest  
Knife in hand, ready for the feast  
Only three blocks north is the haunted church  
It is there where you end your search  
From the bell tower you can see the river  
If you turn back now you're an Indian giver  
Look for treasure where you kneel  
Forgiveness is tough in the city of deals



Sixty-eight jumpers all tied to rope  
The band grinds and they start to lope  
Created in the twenties and jewel encrusted  
Today they are paint-chipped, and a bit rusted  
Music racing around fourteen miles an hour is not too fast  
Sitting on his bench, he watched them tour past  
Raising smiles on his daughters' faces  
Guaranteed dreams of magical places



*Call her Virginia, shall we dare?*

*This beauty, magnificent, elusive and rare.*

*Run down and felled,*

*Her spirit not quelled.*

*Brought back from the dead, then caught on fire.*

*This messenger from the other world cannot expire.*

*Twice, her ghost has been resurrected.*

*Now, behind glass, she stands, protected.*

*Search the triangle for what to claim.*

*If you are near this rare beauty,*

*You might win this game.*

**THIS HOLY METRO FEEDS ITS MOUTH.**

**FROM THERE YOU MUST GO WEST AND SOUTH.**

**THE PEOPLE FROM MIAMI LIVED THERE FIRST.**

**AFTER THE TREES WERE FELLED, THEY DISPERSED.**

**THEIR SACRED PLACE HAD BEEN DESTROYED.**

**AN EARTH-FILLED CROSSING FILLED THE VOID.**

**BACK AND FORTH, WHO IS AT FAULT?**

**STOP.**


**CONSIDER THE PUZZLE.**

**THIS IS WHERE YOU HALT.**


Here is a city named for an **elevation**

It is the largest in the nation

Meriwether traveled many miles to see

And for you, this city is the 

A Painter and a Gardner lived across the street

And if **y**ou had a chance to meet 


They would tell **y**ou shocking things

The sounds at night, the clangs and clings

They sat, **t**wo among nine

And hanging out in the yard **w**ere eighty-five

Paranormal does not begin to describe

The feeling you get a  ghostly vibe

But let's leave this popular street for now

To the proxy, I will show you how

This city has a place with a vue

*That* is a very **im**portant **cl**ue

These **g**eometry **i**nstructions you must attend

Or find yourself at a **dead end**

Look for the wooden trapezoid

On the top of a cylinder there is a void

Non-parallel sides, there are two

The middle of nigh is what to do

On the northern edge of downtown

There lies an isolated hill

Where people go to chill

Basalt is there to climb

And the O is there big time

To the summit you can hike

Look out from the top if you like

The proxy item is hidden near something from the depression

You should know what it is without asking questions

It was built by the CC Corps

Find it, and the win you will score

First you will need to take nine steps to a wall

The retaining wall is not tall at all

Aligned in the opposite direction with a planet of five

In the wall is the proxy, below something petrified

The waterfall you seek on this 50-mile tributary

Is 13 miles from this state's prairie

You can fly fish here in this popular stream

That flows through a park that looks like a dream

It has water that is white

And a gorge steep in height


These scenic acres

Were created by glaciers

Watch your way and don't take a spill

In this small town with a -ville





Read this poem and follow the clues  
To a man who was born with a beautiful view

Although his first house was not in this state  
He is famous for homes 100 x eight

He was out of town yesterday  
And called a legend for his plays

That one special skill brought him fame  
But many things carried his name

An opera, movies, and a stamp  
All of these proved he was a champ

If you want to win this race  
You have to be first to name his place

Born in a year with eleven  
And died in a year that ended with seven

Between East and West you will find  
That is where he is aligned

But don't forget South on the end  
He is the last in his group of friends

So study the hints in the art  
They are there to play a part

They will help you find the rest  
And bring an end to this test


Behold  
This place  
One hundred years old  
with hills  
and thrills

Bright blue skies  
Butterflies of mammoth size

Giant flowers  
You can stand under  
Eyes of wonder

Here  
Where buffalo can drive  
Things come alive

It's 20,000 years ago  
Take a walk  
Find the circle and look outside  
For two o'clock  
And some rocks  
At the base of a tree

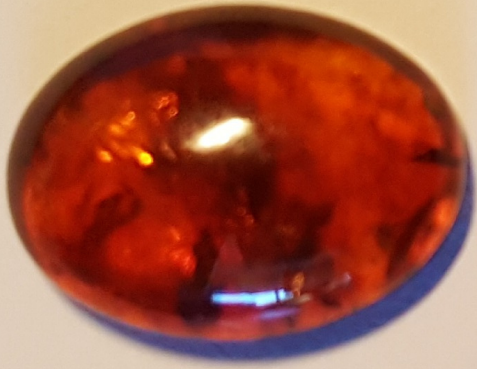


Near the banks, on shore  
Come explore  
A tended row  
With long oars  
Tar endowed  
No leaks allowed  
Discoveries by men  
Awe trodden

The shadow child knows of this place,  
A mystery of time and three dimensions of space.  
First a group lost their river guide,  
They searched they did. They tried and tried.  
A little boy tending his pigs,  
He went missing when mom stopped the rig.  
A teen disappeared on her break from college.  
A reward was offered, but no one had knowledge.  
Then there was the guy that vanished into thin air,  
After he took his seat and paid his fare!  
One woman fell into the water and went to change her clothes.  
Where she went to, no one knows.  
Do you dare to search this scary place?  
You might vanish without a trace.  
The trail can be very long at times, but keep up your pace.  
It will not be you that gets erased.  
Hike a bit to reach your goal.  
But watch your step and keep away from trolls.

**The  
12  
Gemstones**

**3.5 Carat Amber**



**6 Carat Green Amethyst**



**2.85 Carat SunStone**



**13 Carat Ametrine**



**22 Carat Rutiated Quartz**



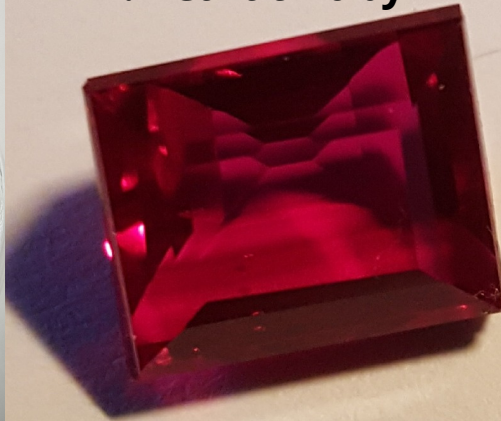
**12.9 Carat MoonStone**



**7.5 Carat Turquoise**



**7.1 Carat Ruby**



**10.55 Carat Purple Amethyst**



**3 Carat Citrine**



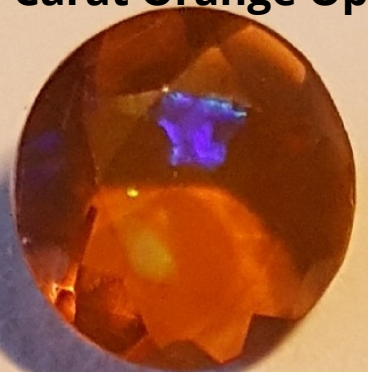
**Blue Sapphire** 1 Carat

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- ◆ Get this stone set in 10K gold for \$19<sup>95</sup>
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**0.25 Carat Orange Opal**



# Treasure Hunt Rules

This hunt is somewhat similar to "The Secret". There are a number of illustrations, and a number of poems. Together, one illustration and one poem can be used together to give clues to one location in the Continental United States. Once a searcher believes that they have solved the clues for the correct location, they must travel to that location to find a proxy item.

The proxy item is a painted stone. It will be painted with something recognizable to the theme of that location, and will have some identifiable code written on it as well. If you are following the clues correctly, you will know exactly where the item is, down to a small, searchable area, approximately 1 foot by 1 foot. The proxy item must be retrieved to win.

In addition, there are red herrings. These do not go together. They do not lead to any location. They are intentional distractions. They have been added to give an additional twist to the puzzle and the treasure hunt.

When the proxy item is found, the winner must take a photo of it, and immediately send it to [TheArtofHiddenMessages@gmail.com](mailto:TheArtofHiddenMessages@gmail.com) with the heading, "Proxy Item Found". Failure to report a found proxy stone within the first 48 hours can disqualify you from winning. There can be only one winner, the person who has the proxy item in their possession. If you are working as a team, it is up to the players to determine how to divide the prize. The prize will be sent to the person who sends in the photo of the proxy item with their address. If by some chance, a searcher goes to a location that they believe is correct, and cannot find the proxy stone, they can take their photo at the exact spot they think the proxy stone should be, and send it to [TheArtofHiddenMessages@gmail.com](mailto:TheArtofHiddenMessages@gmail.com). If the hunt setter has not had any reports of the proxy stone being found, and the location is correct, then that searcher will win by default.

There is no need to go into cemeteries, graveyards, church yards, or in any dangerous areas. Some areas require hiking and are not handicapped accessible. A few of the proxy items are buried, but in these instances, they are not buried any deeper than 2 inches, and are lightly covered. It should be evident by the clues which are buried and which are not. We have tried to take every precaution to keep the parks and public places neat and clean and presentable and have not caused any damage.

There is enough information in the poem and illustration to solve for the location, but you will need to do some research. The use of a computer and the internet is highly recommended. Updates will be posted on the Mysterious Writings website. You may discuss the hunt publicly on the Mysterious Writings forum.

The prize, like with "The Secret", for each hunt, is a gem. Also included will be the original painting used for this hunt. These are not prints. Most of the art is watercolors. One is a pen and ink, and another is a watercolor with pen and ink added for detail. Their measurements, and the gem assigned as a prize for each, is listed on the Mysterious Writings website.

The prize items will be mailed to the winner, and tracking will be provided. If you figure out the location, but have no intention of retrieving the proxy item, please don't spoil the fun for those who are still playing. Don't post the answer. The location will not be confirmed for you prior to you making the trip to the site, so don't ask. Travel is at your own risk and expense. If you travel to a site and do not find the proxy stone, you will not be reimbursed for travel expenses or refunded for the price of the hunt.

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Thanks for playing, have fun, and good luck!