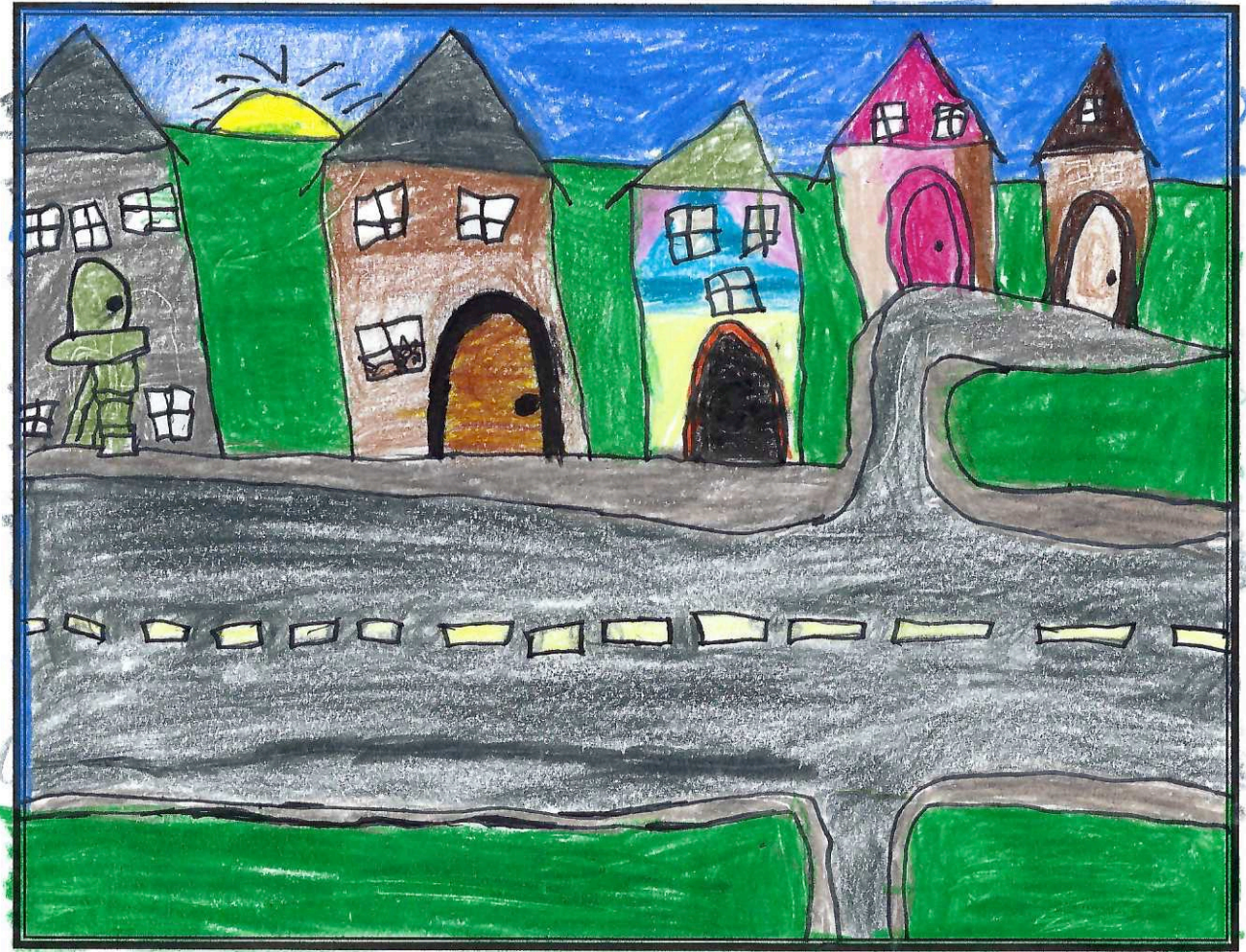


Captain and His Crew Save the Day



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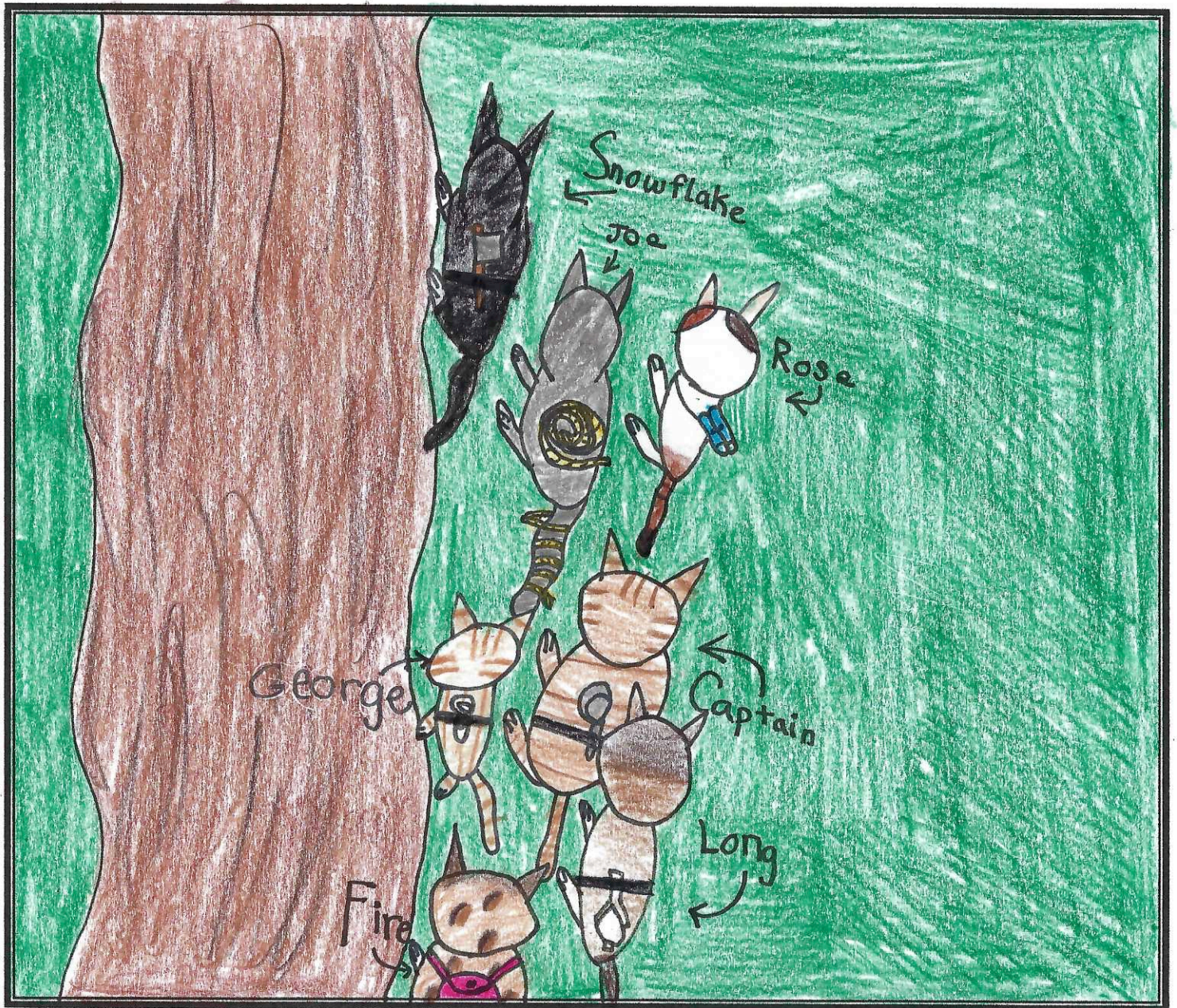
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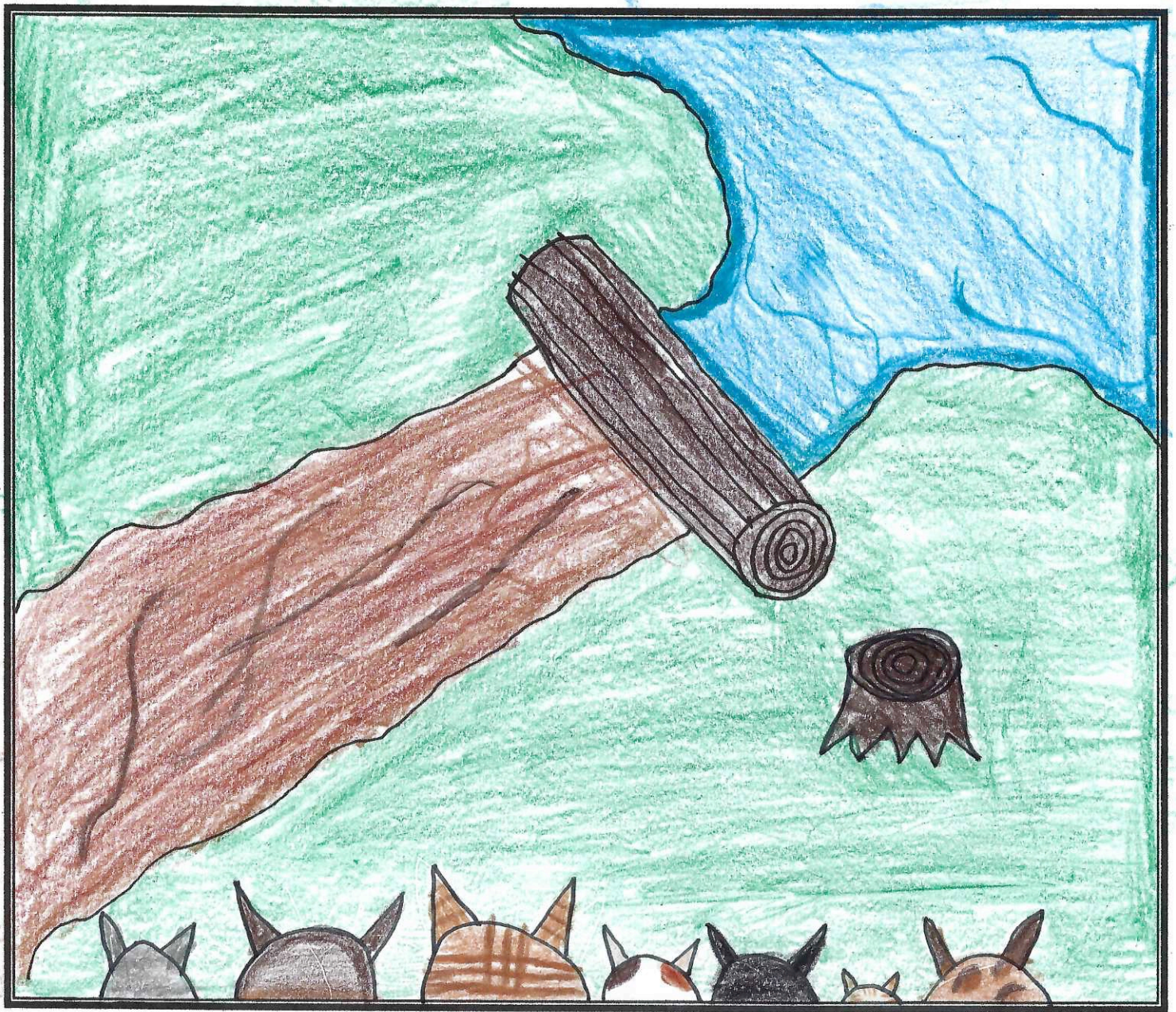
Once upon a time, in a small town, there was a house made of fresh wood. A brown tabby cat named Captain lived there. There was a stream in the forest next to the town. Each morning, the cats all gathered at the stream for water.



One beautiful morning, Captain walked quietly outside. He whistled on his way to the stream. He was the last of his friends to arrive. He saw that everyone was looking at the stream confused. It was dried up! Captain spoke up and said, "Should we go up stream to find out what is going on?" His friends smiled and said that was the best idea yet! They all went back home to pack up.



Captain was the first one back to the stream. He sat down. One minute later, his friend Fire came. Next came his best friend, a gray Chartreux named Joe. Then came Rose and Long, and finally Snowflake and George. George was the littlest one. They all walked up stream.



About twenty minutes later, they heard rushing water. Huffing and puffing could be heard from the back. It was George. Long offered to carry George on his back. Soon, they saw a log sitting in the stream. It was blocking the water from getting to the town's spot in the forest!



They created a plan to get the log out of the stream. Snowflake hopped on the log and used Joe's ropes to tie around it. Then, he used his axe to cut the log. As he jumped back off of the log, Joe and Fire ran backward with the ropes and yanked the pieces to the bank! Everyone cheered as the water rushed back toward their town.



Then Snowflake chopped the wood, Rose divided it into seven piles, and Long tied them into rafts. Everyone grabbed a raft, sat it in the water, and hopped on. Captain led the way as they sailed down the stream toward home.

The End.