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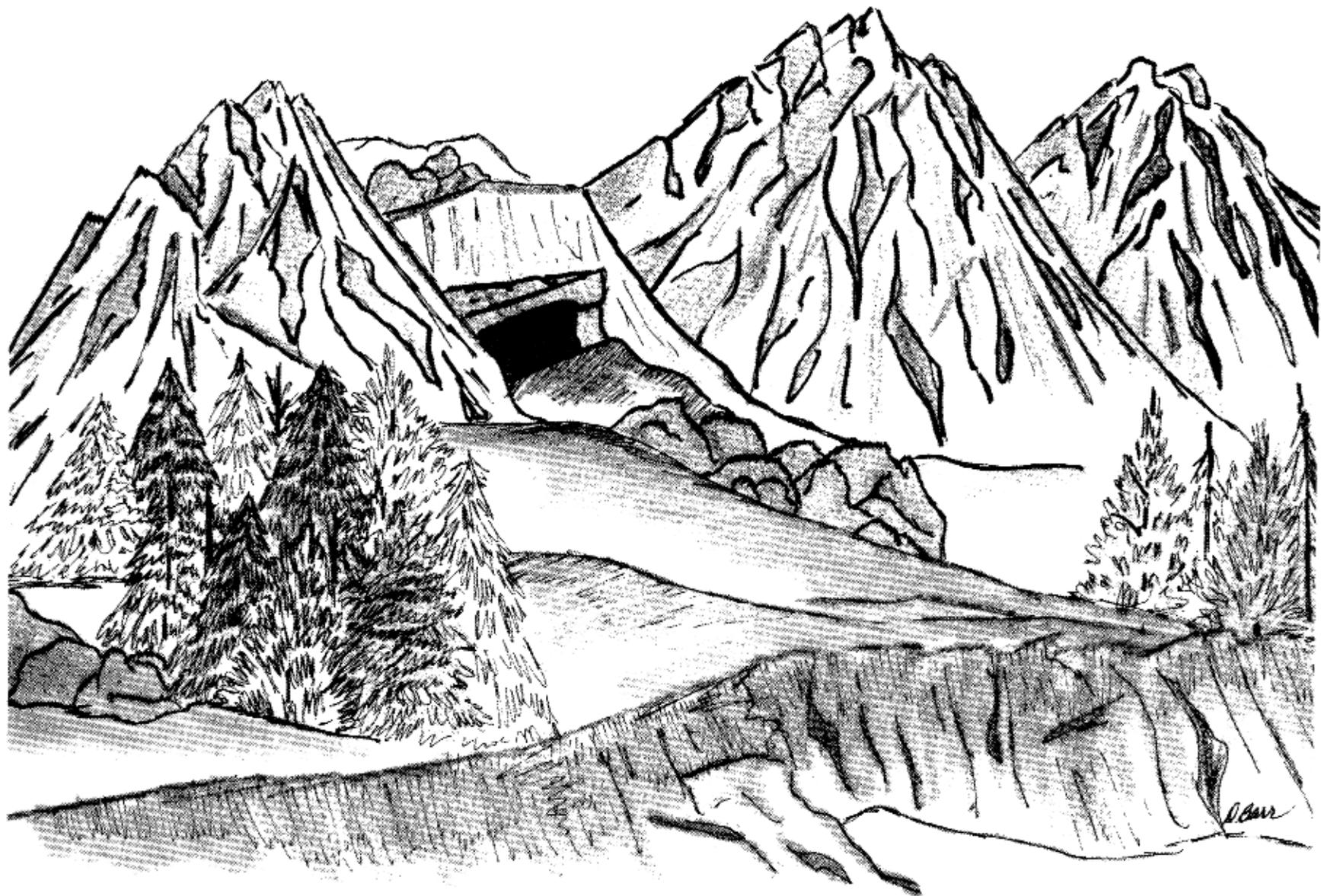
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Long ago the great Thunderbird lived at Thunder Mountain.



In the spring the Thunderbird would be very hungry.
With the first thunderstorm, the Thunderbird would send
the mosquito down into the valley for food.



The mosquito would gather blood to take back up
to the mountain to feed the great Thunderbird.



So each spring and summer,
the mosquito would go among the people
and gather blood for the Thunderbird.



One spring the Thunderbird wanted even more blood.
The Thunderbird asked, "Where do you get my food?"
The mosquito said nothing.
He remembered all the kind people.
He feared for the safety of his friends.



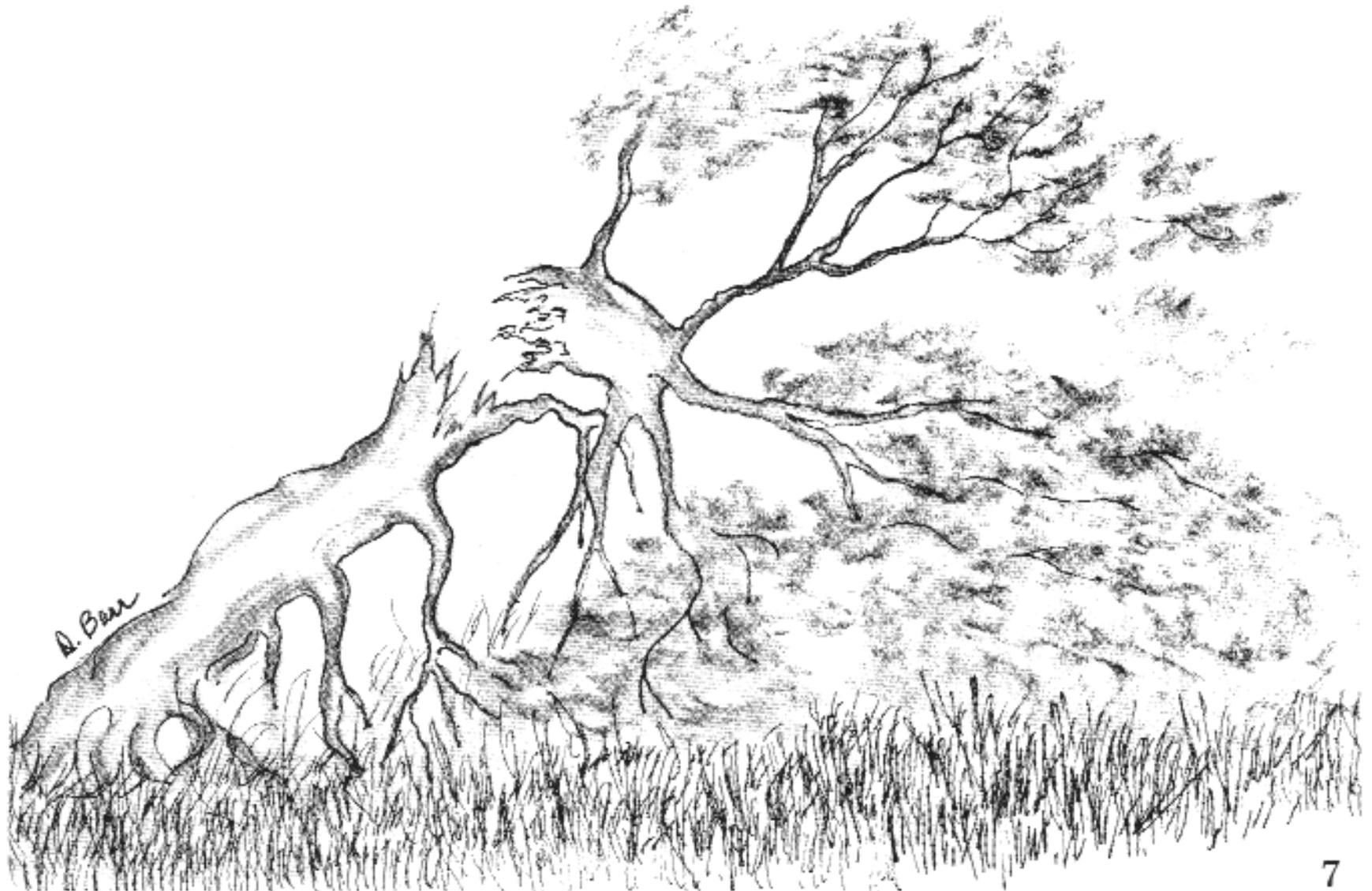
The fierce Thunderbird again asked the mosquito his question. "Where do you get my food?" he said.

The trembling mosquito decided to lie to protect the people.

The mosquito answered, "Oh, great Thunderbird,

I get the blood from the trees below."

The Thunderbird immediately struck down a tree
so that the mosquito could draw
all the tree's blood for him.





From that time to this, mosquitoes have gathered blood
from people.

And the Thunderbird still strikes down trees with lightning.



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