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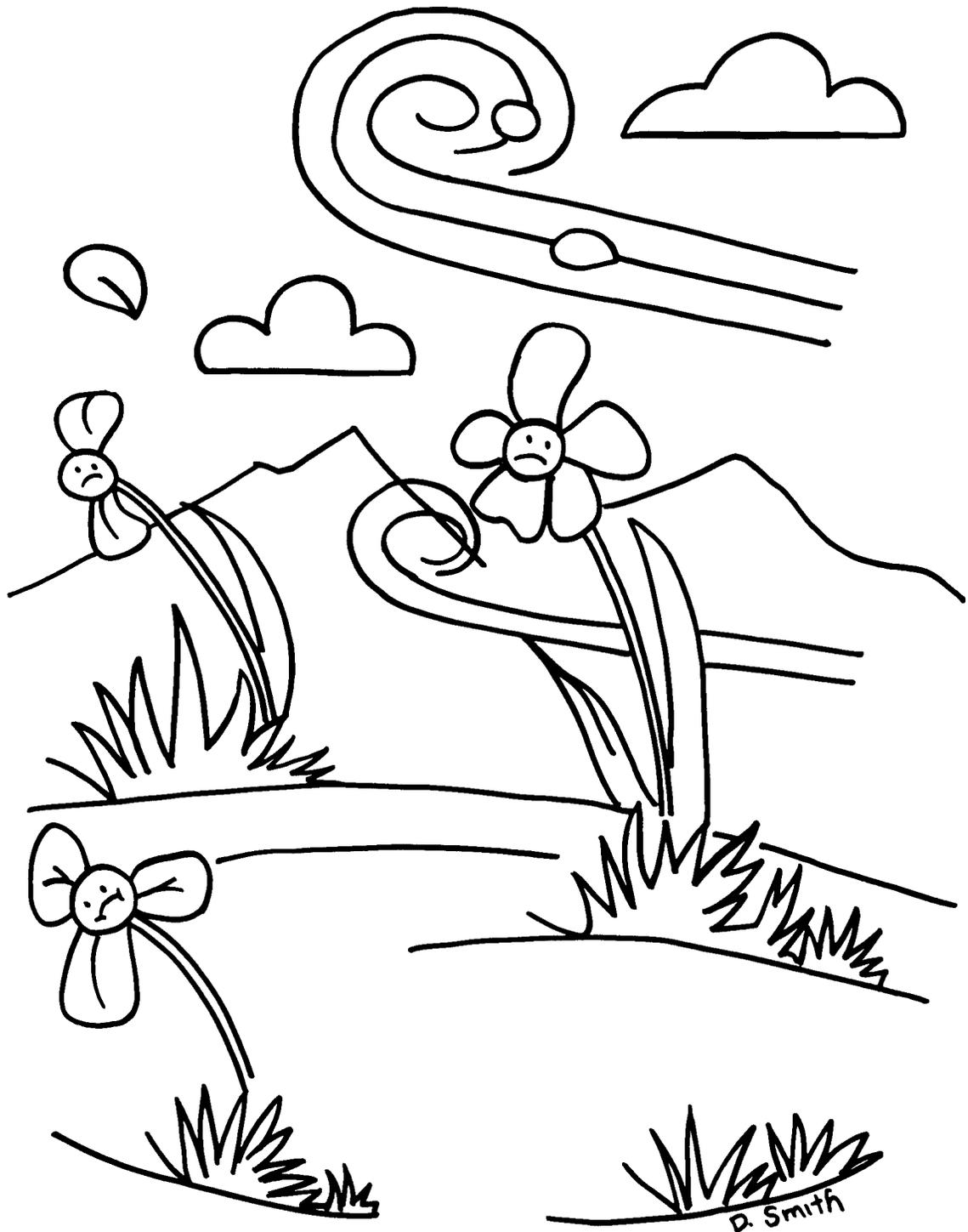
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Once a long, long time ago, there was a little girl
who played among the many different flowers.



She talked to the flowers
and moved them from place to place.

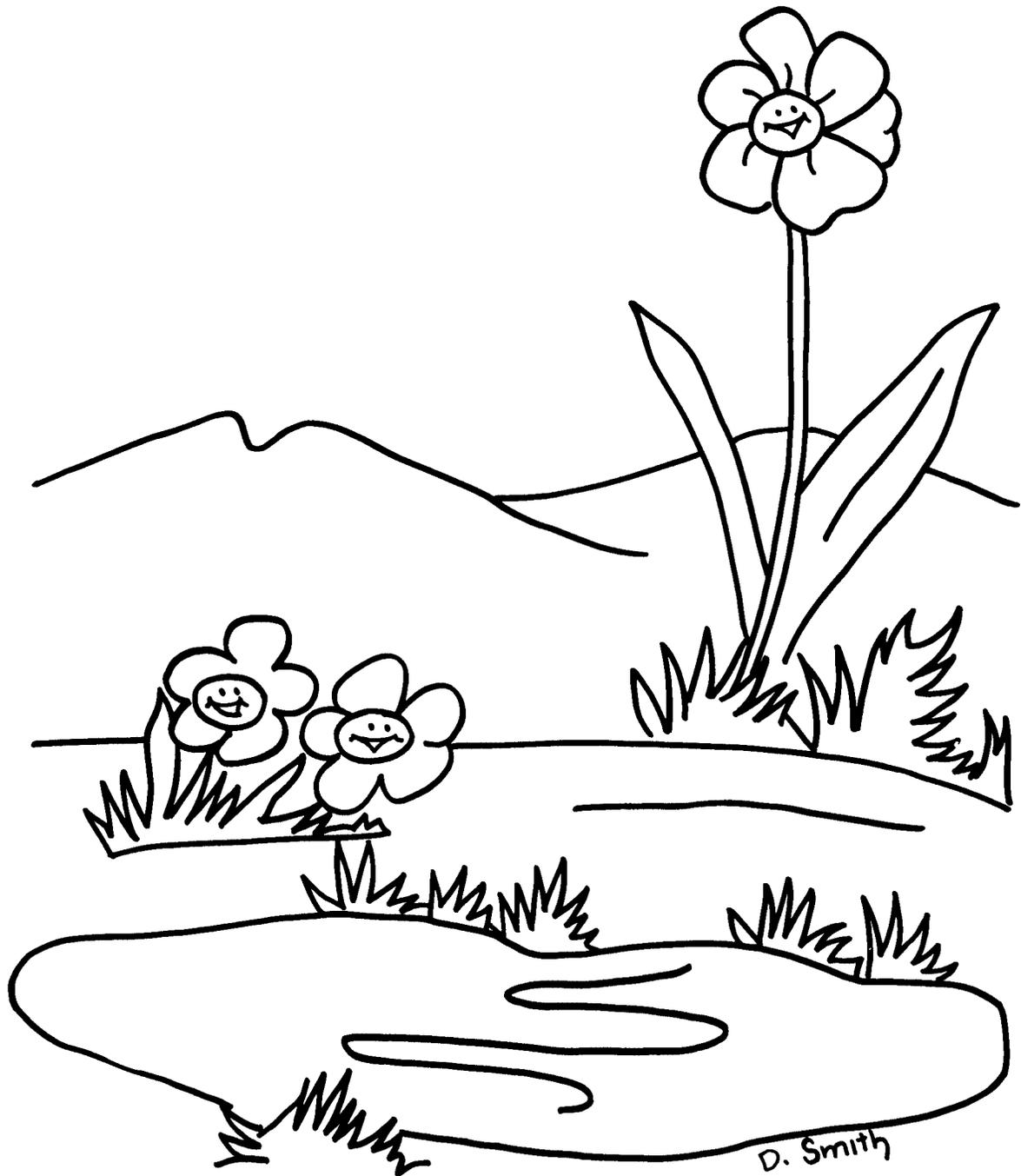


When the cold winds and snow came,
the flowers withered and fell down
and blew away.

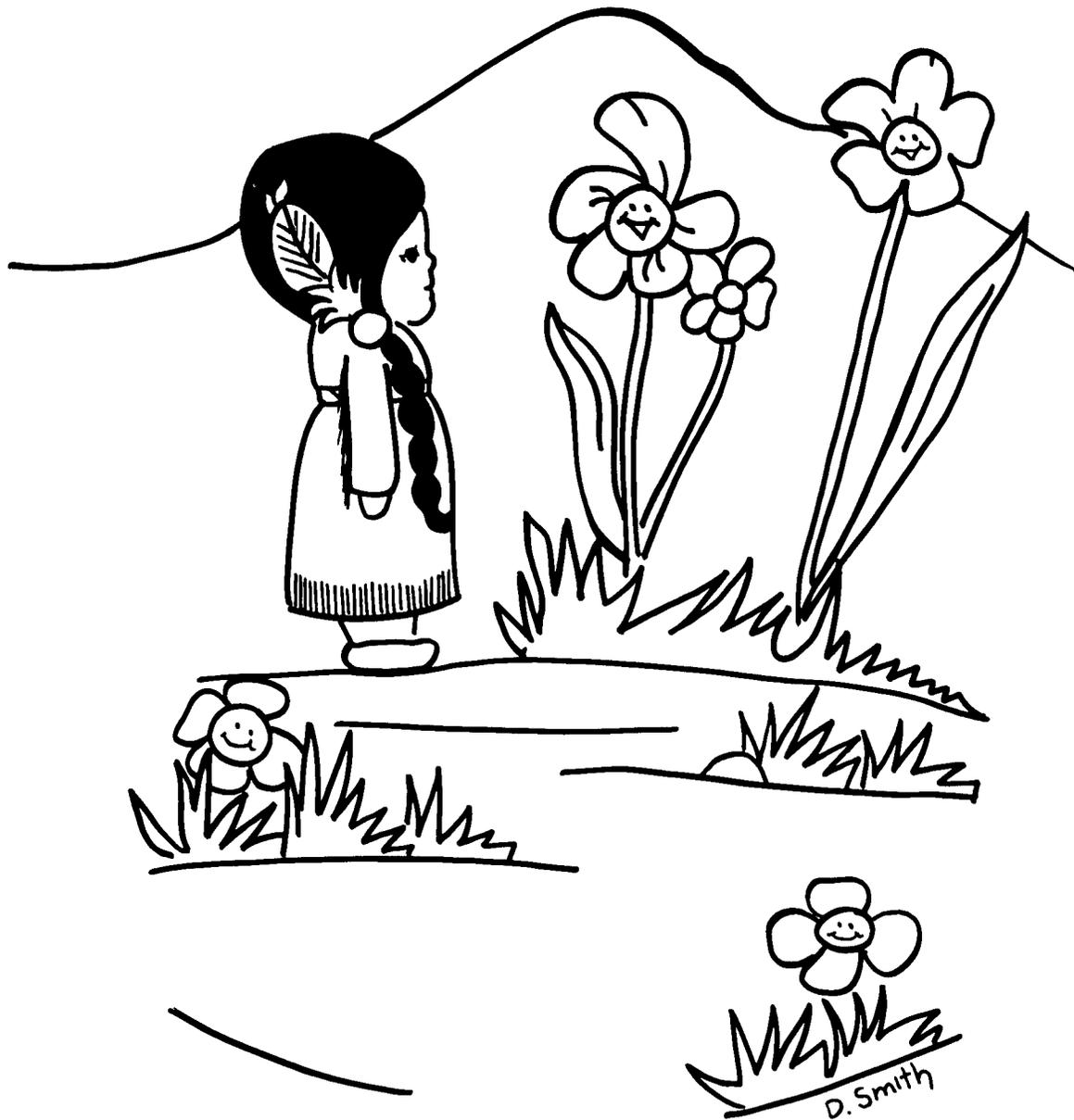
Then the warmth of spring came again.



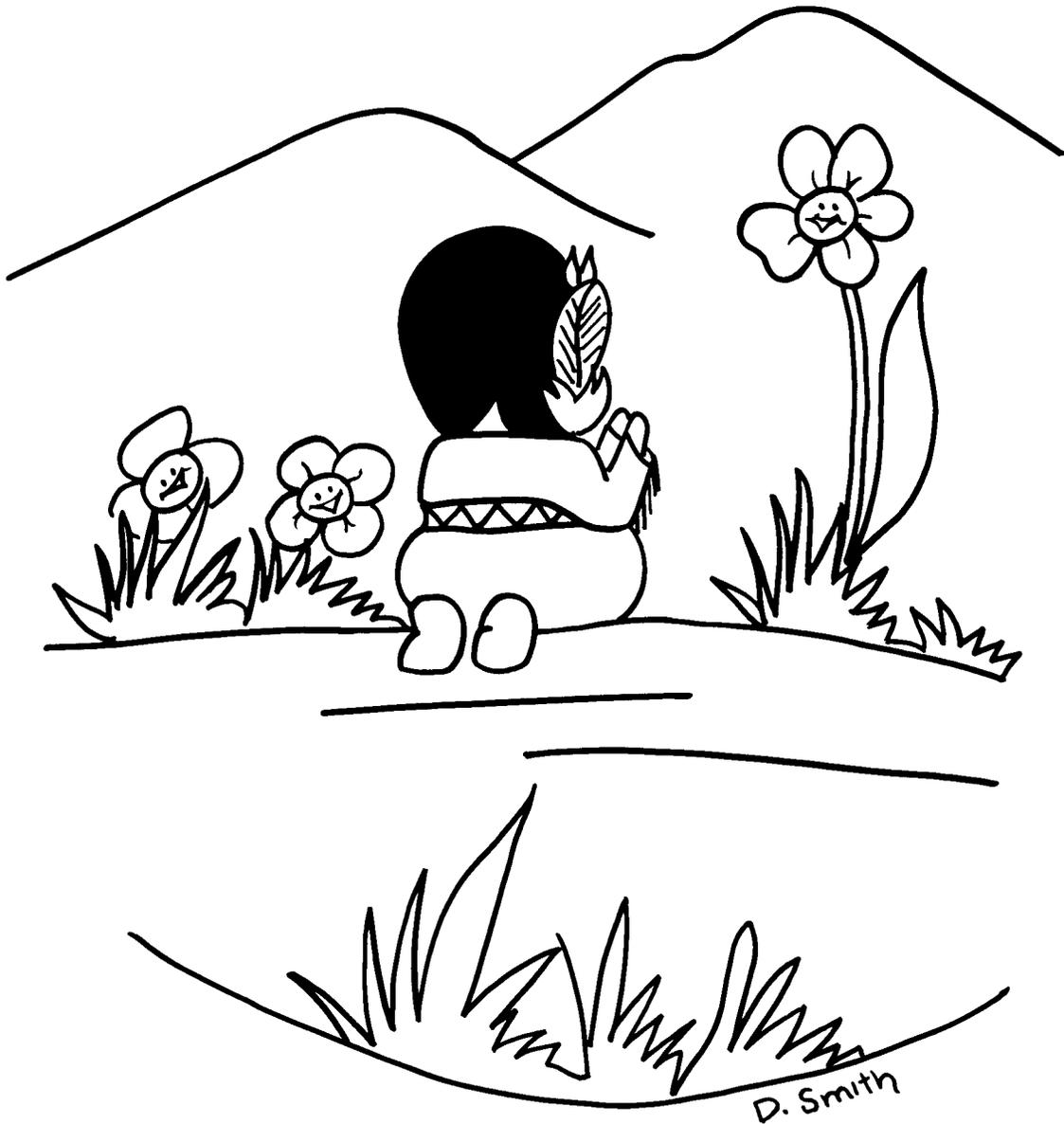
The little girl would go out and care for the flowers until they bloomed.



One day the flowers said to the little girl,
“Everyone has a happy hunting ground to go to
when they die.
Except us.
We just dry up and blow away.”



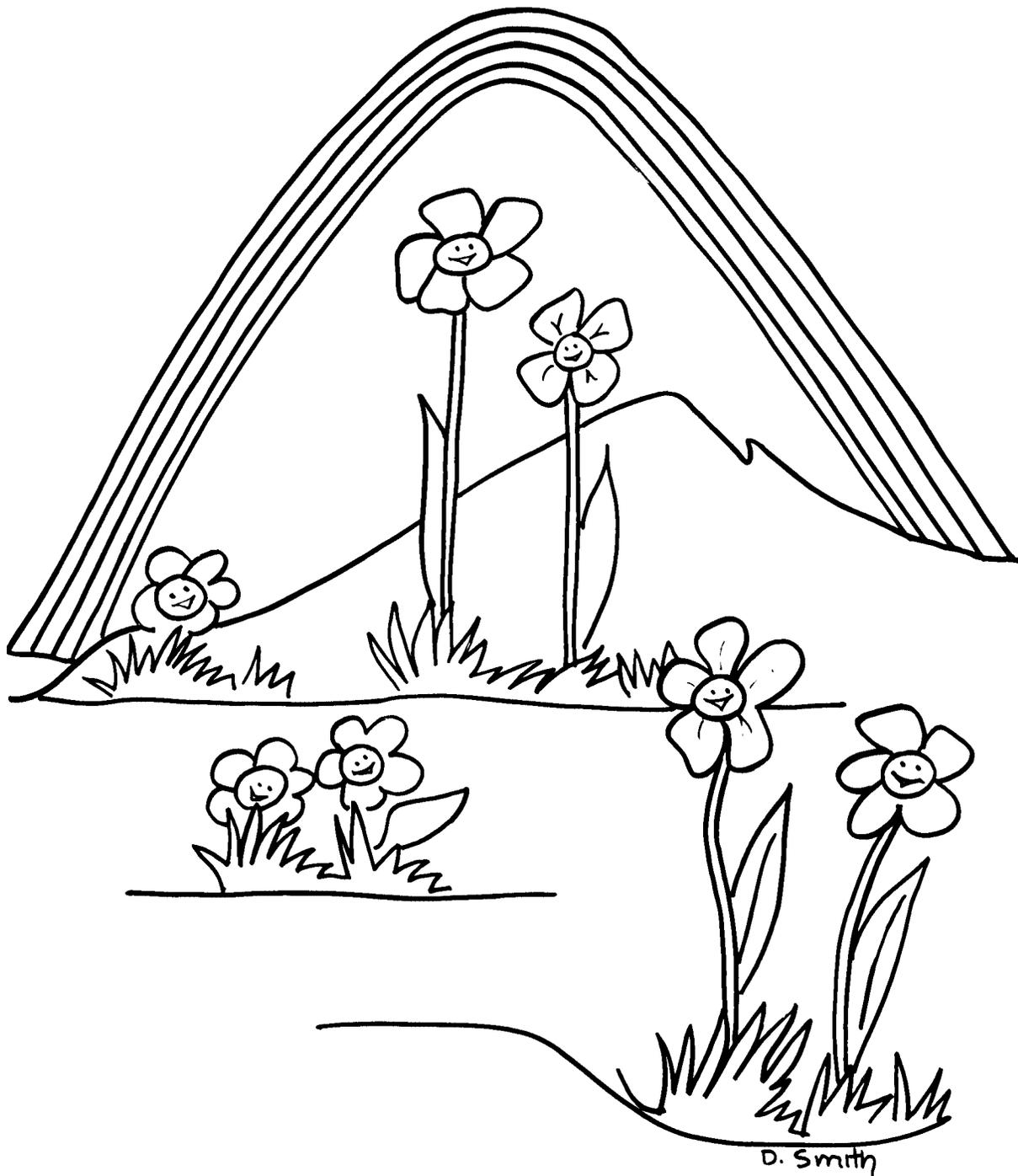
The flowers asked, "Why don't you ask the Great Spirit if he will find us a happy hunting ground to go to?"



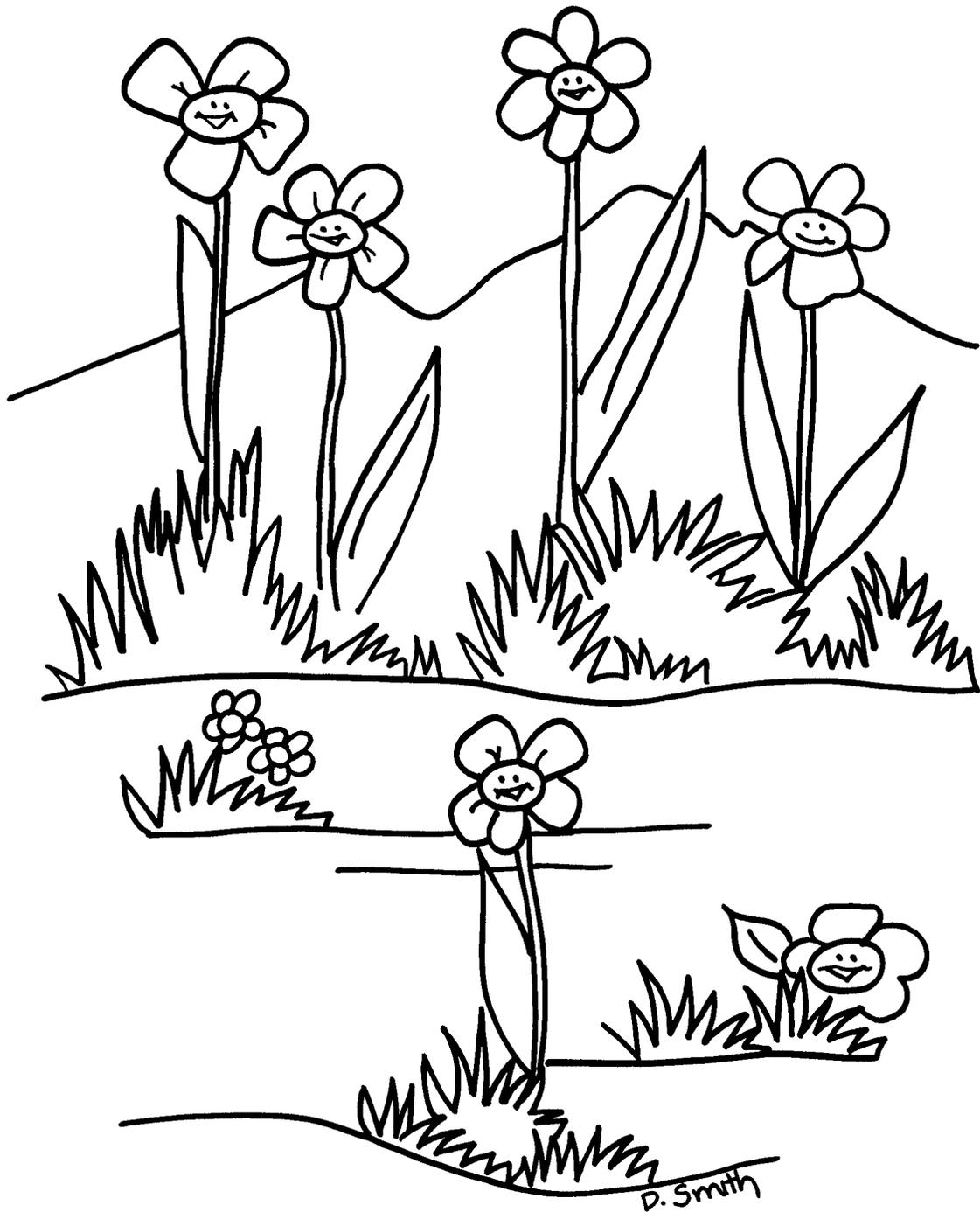
So for many days,
the little girl prayed to the Great Spirit
for a happy hunting ground for the flowers.



Then one day the Great Spirit told the little girl,
“I have found a happy hunting ground
for the flowers to go to after summer is gone.”



“After every rain there will be a colorful rainbow
that everyone can see.
This will be the heaven for the flowers.”



The flowers came back to bloom every year.
The flowers were happy now that they had
their own happy hunting ground to go to.
So they called the little girl, "Rainbow."

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