

# Create Your Own Make-Believe Forest!

with artist **Sidney Mullis**



In story books, the forest is often a dark and magical place. It lures characters in with its promise of adventure and rumor of danger. It is a landscape for playing, greeting never-before-seen animals, learning hard lessons, and much more. Using the included coloring pages, your imagination, and supplies at home, create your own make-believe forest!

## **step one: gather your supplies**

8.5 x 11" white printer paper, color pencils or markers, a black marker, tape, chopsticks or straws to tape paper to, and scissors

## **step two: color**

Grab your color pencils or markers and color form 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the following pages (pg 3, 4, & 5).

## **step three: cut**

Using scissors, cut out forms 1, 2, 3, and 4 along the bold black lines.

## **step four: fold**

With your hands, fold each cut-out form vertically (or hot dog style) in one or two or three places so they stand up! There are suggested fold lines, but fold where you wish!

## **step five: arrange**

With all four landscape forms standing up, arrange your forest. Consider where they overlap. Think about how between each piece of paper is a path for adventuring!

## **step six: draw**

Using your imagination, create three things that exist in your forest! Use your black marker to:

- A.** Draw one creature that lives in your forest.
- B.** Draw one tool that you can use in your forest.
- C.** Draw one toy that you would like to bring along.

## **step seven: color + cut**

Using color pencils or markers, color your toy, tool, and creature. Using scissors, cut each one out.

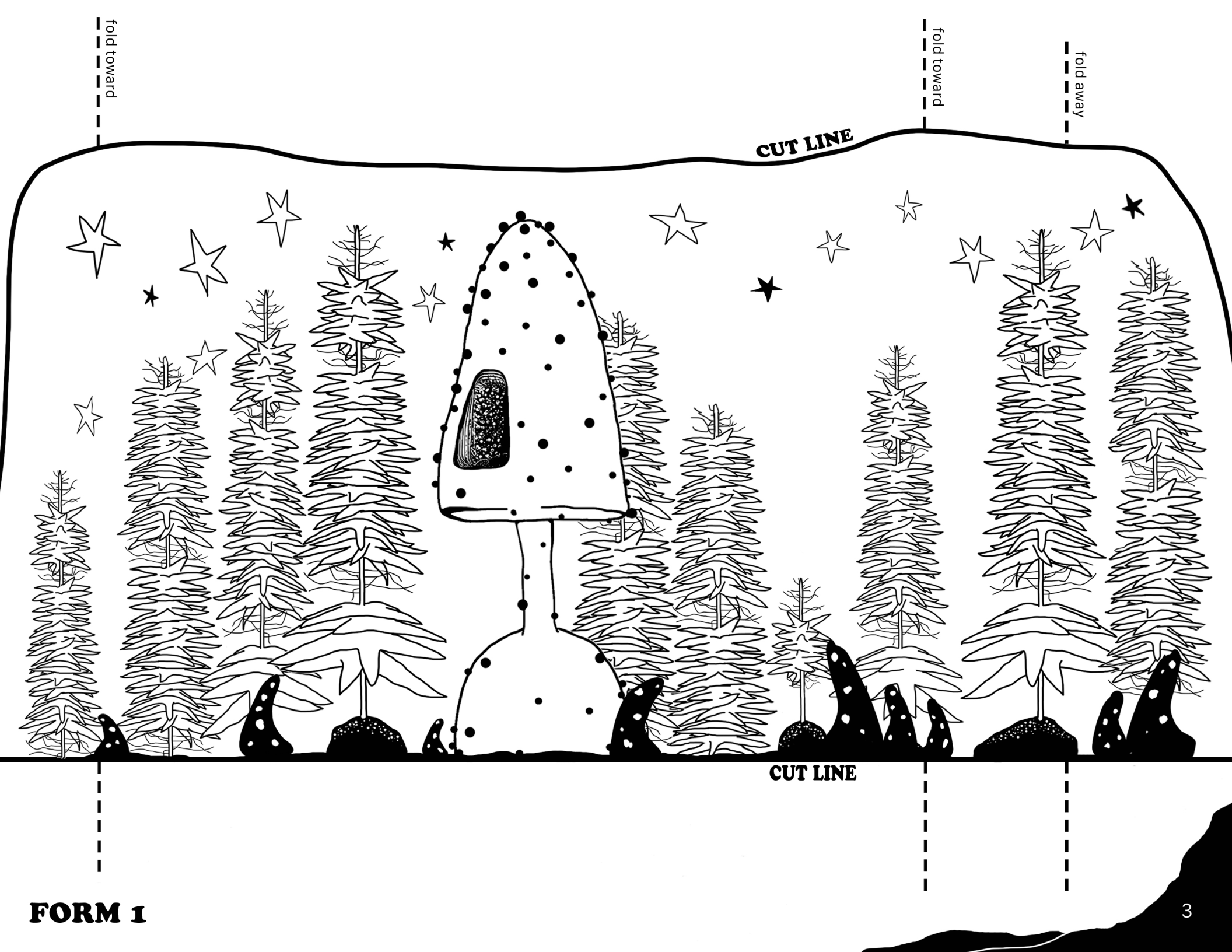
## **step eight: tape**

Grab three chopsticks or straws or anything that is similar. Using tape, tape the end of one chopstick or straw to the back of your cut-out toy. Repeat this step for your tool and creature.

## **step nine: adventure**

With your toy, tool, and creature in hand, have fun adventuring through your make-believe forest! Artist Sidney Mullis would love to see what you made! Tag her via Instagram: @sidney\_mullis @pghkids Send her an email: sidmullis@gmail.com





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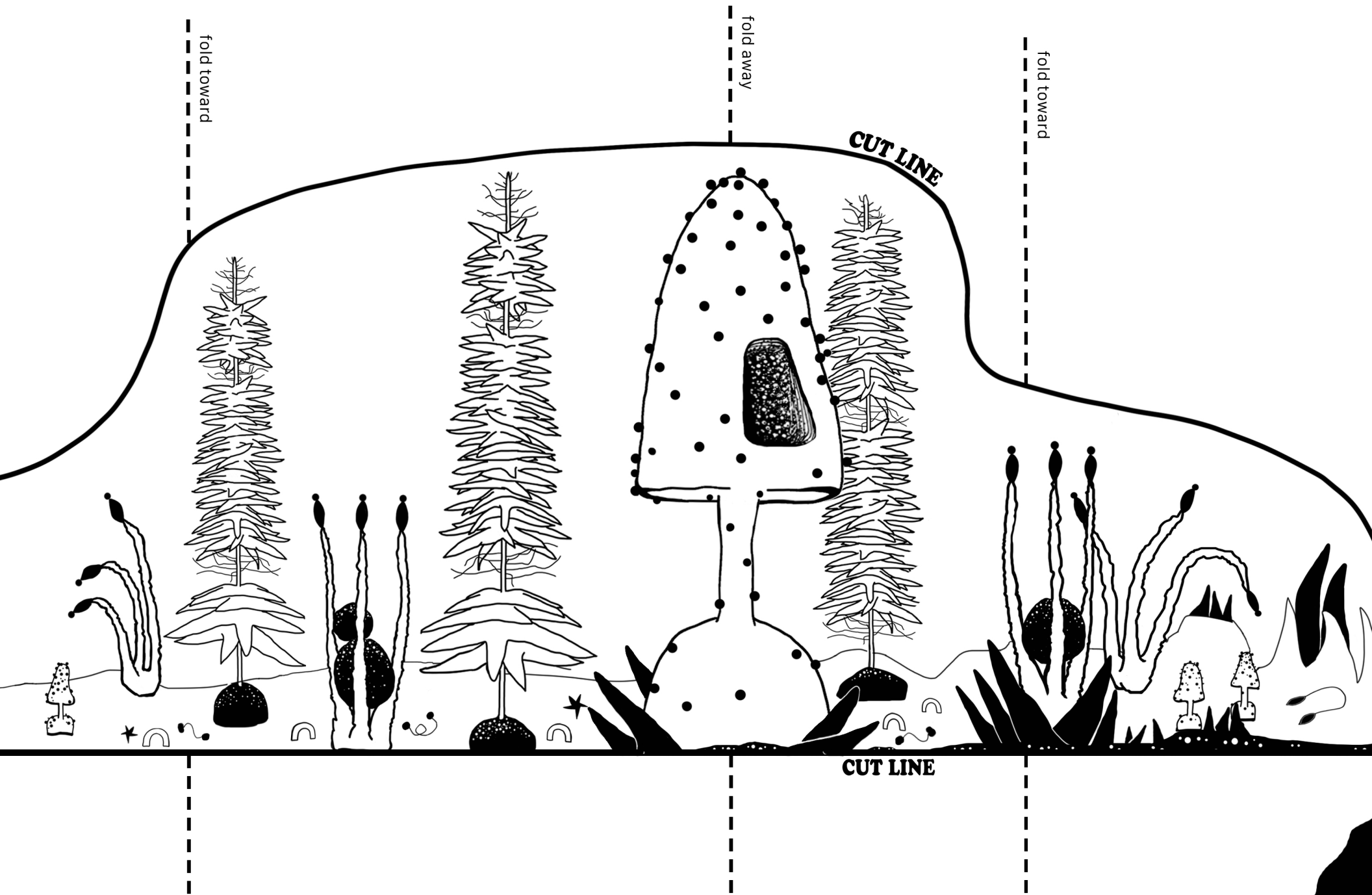
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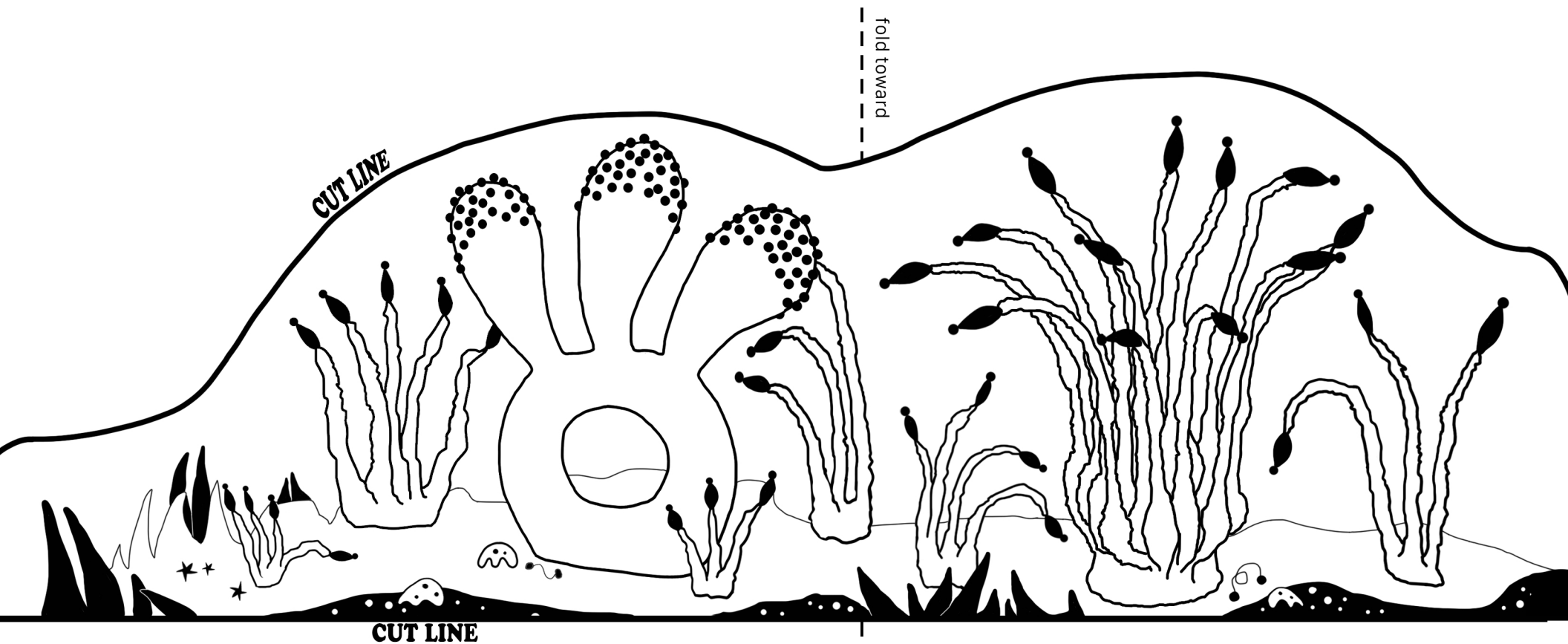
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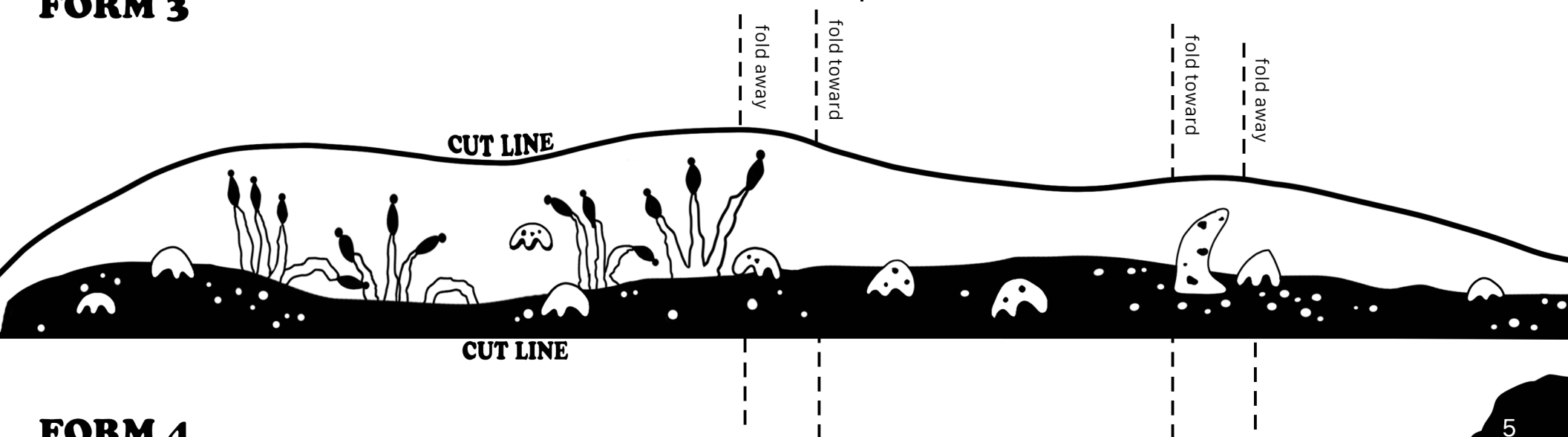




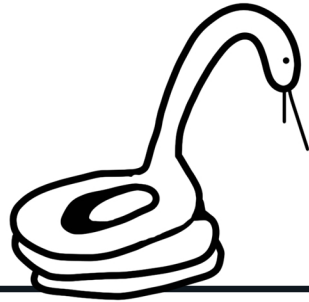




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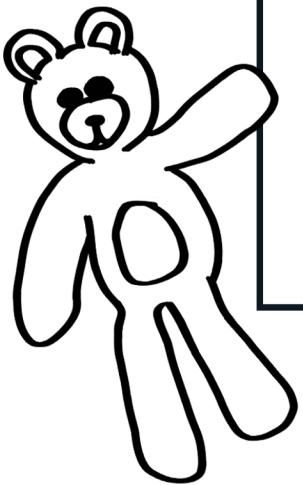
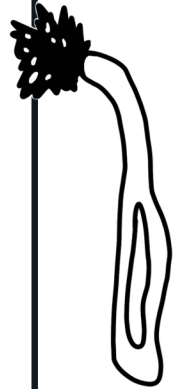
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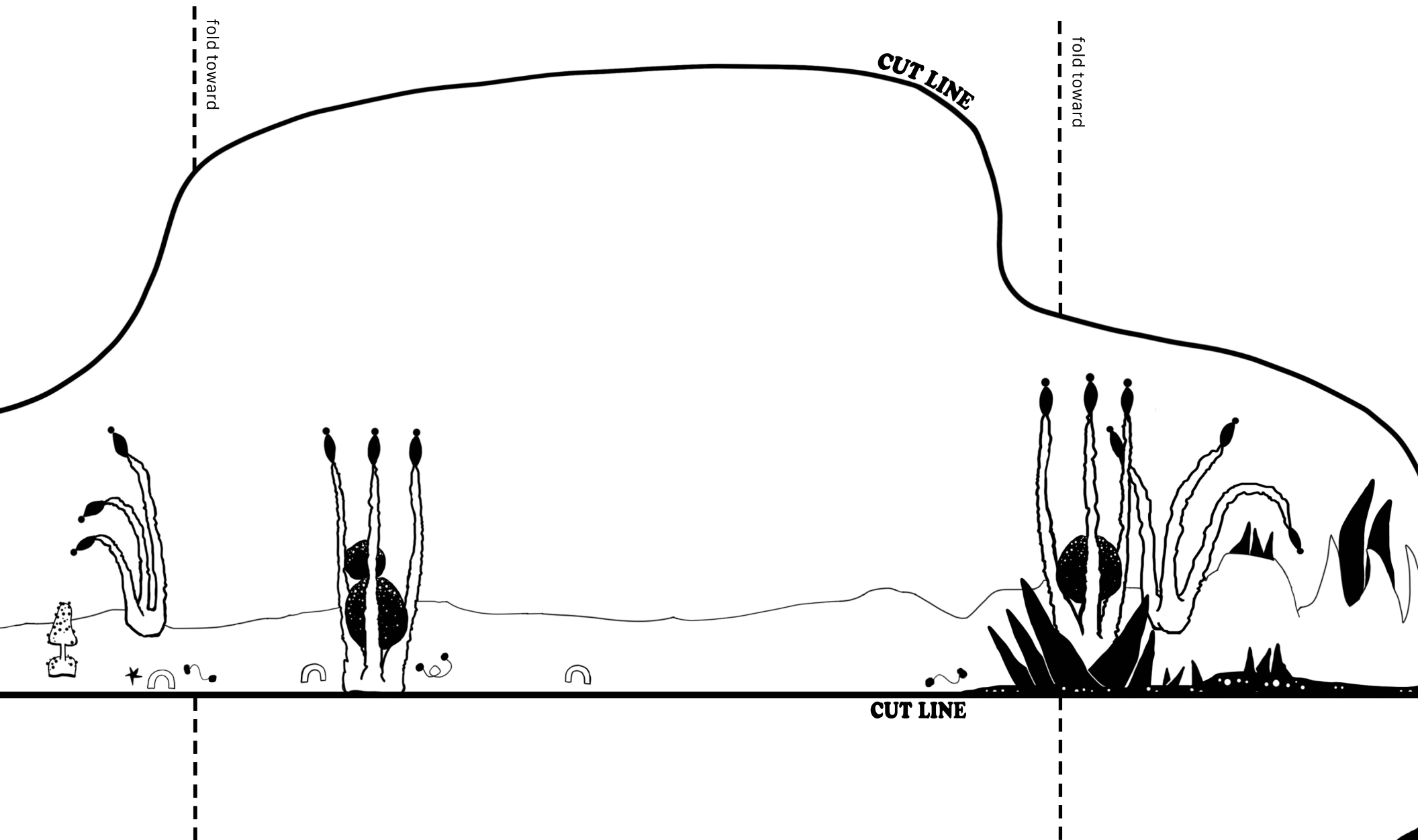


*Draw a toy here.  
Color + cut it out!*

*Draw a creature here.  
Color + cut it out!*

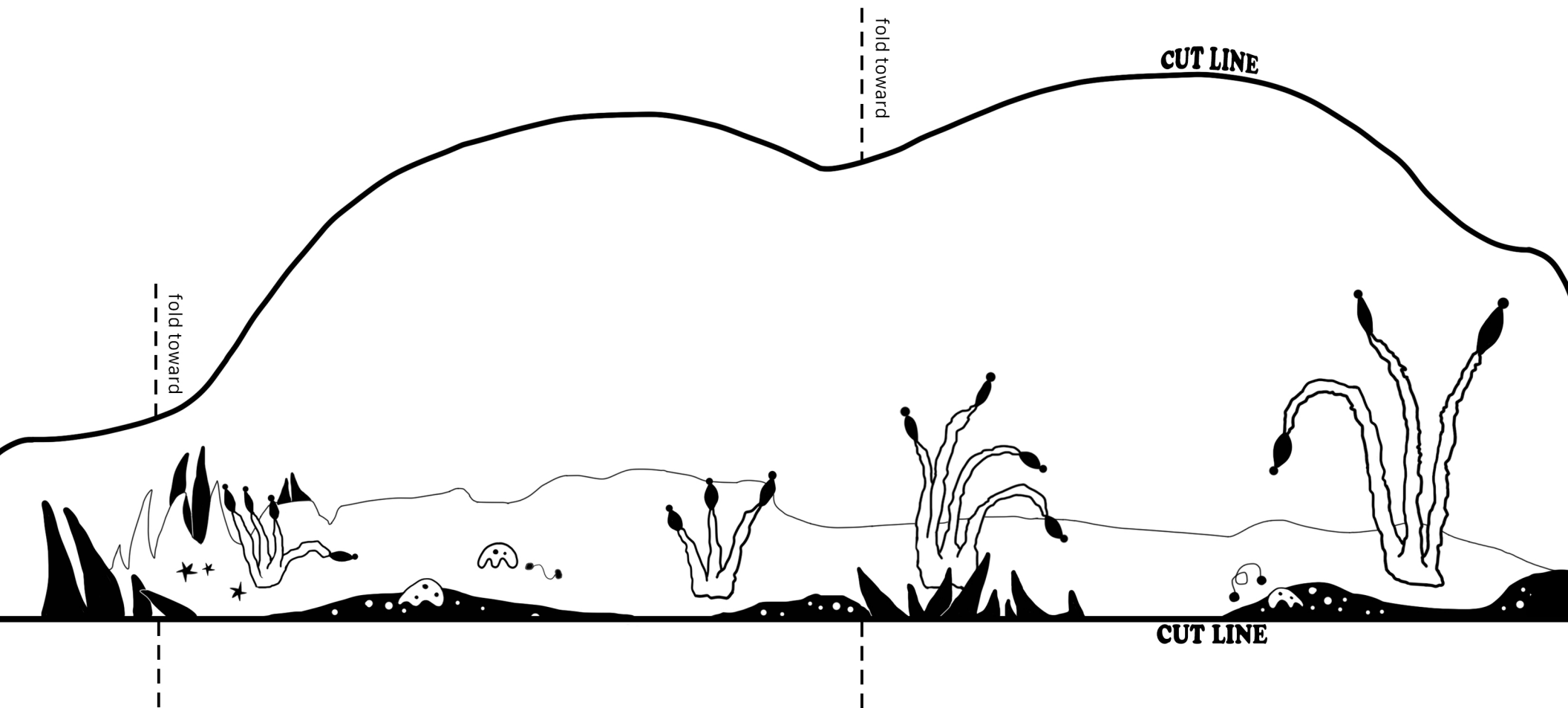
*Draw a tool here.  
Color + cut it out!*





**BONUS PAGE! Using your imagination, draw in the rest of your forest!  
Color & cut it out. Add this form to your others!**





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