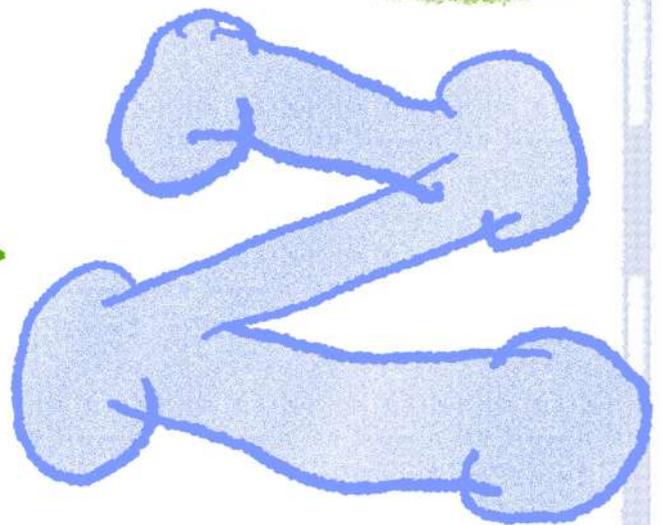


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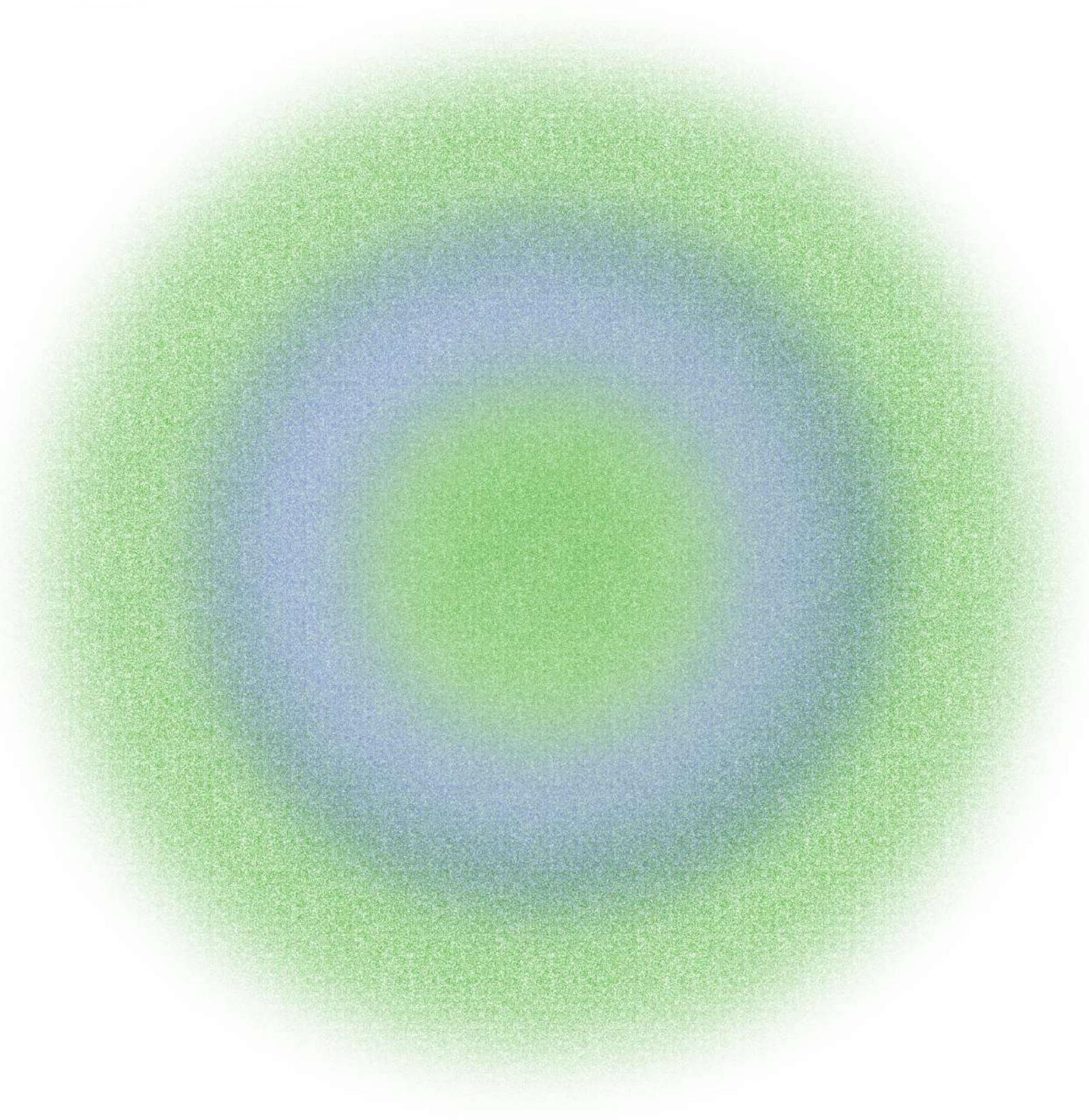
of Peatlands

Lots of people seriously love peatlands. Have you ever wondered why?

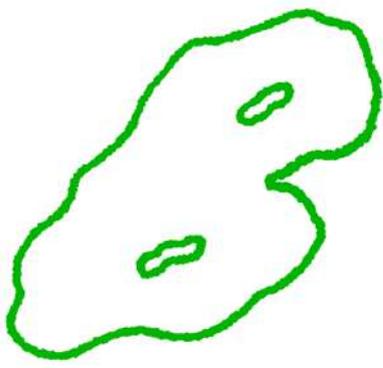
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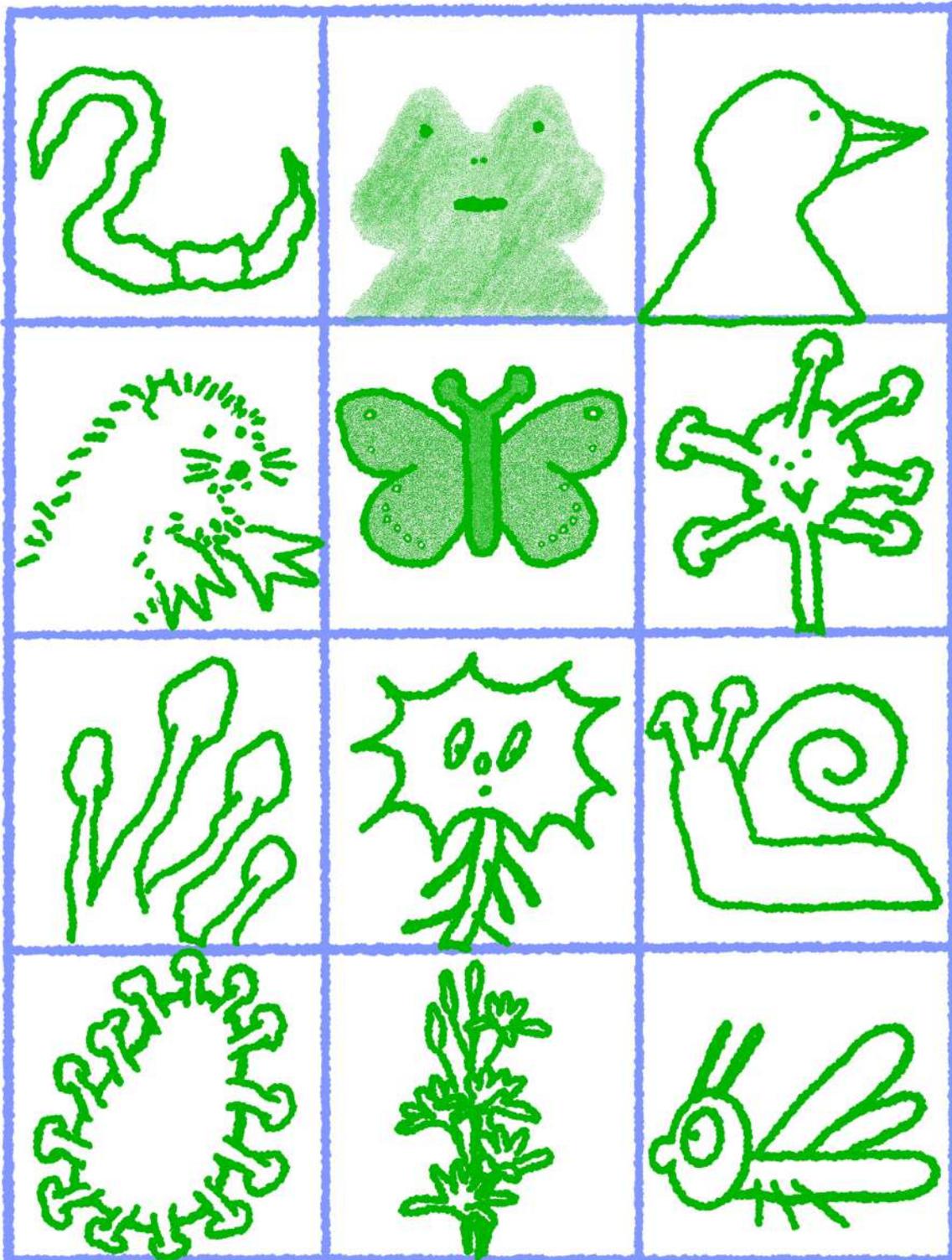
amorphous



It's land, it's water, it's  
flowing, it's funky.



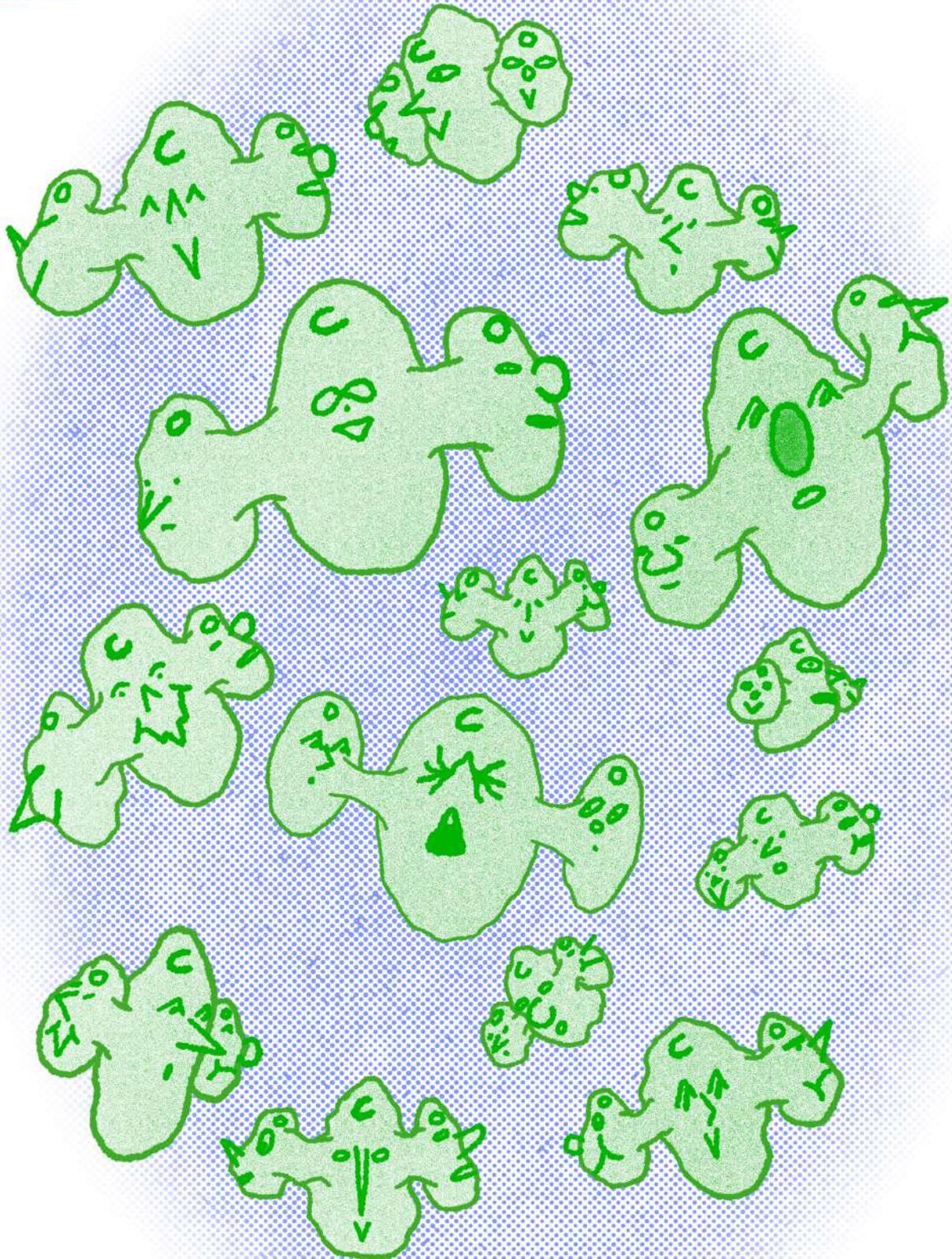
biodiversity



The coolest creatures live in peatlands - except for those who live in the deep sea, maybe. Think of the carnivorous sundew, bog turtles, bog spiders, muskrats, swamp orchids...

C

carbon

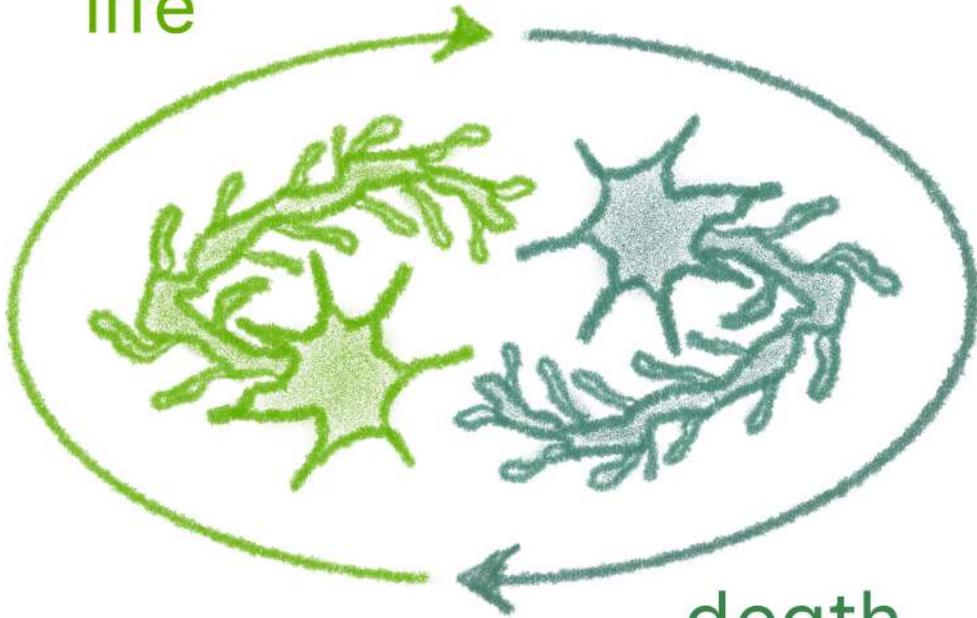


Peatlands have so  
much carbon in them,  
they love it, we love it.

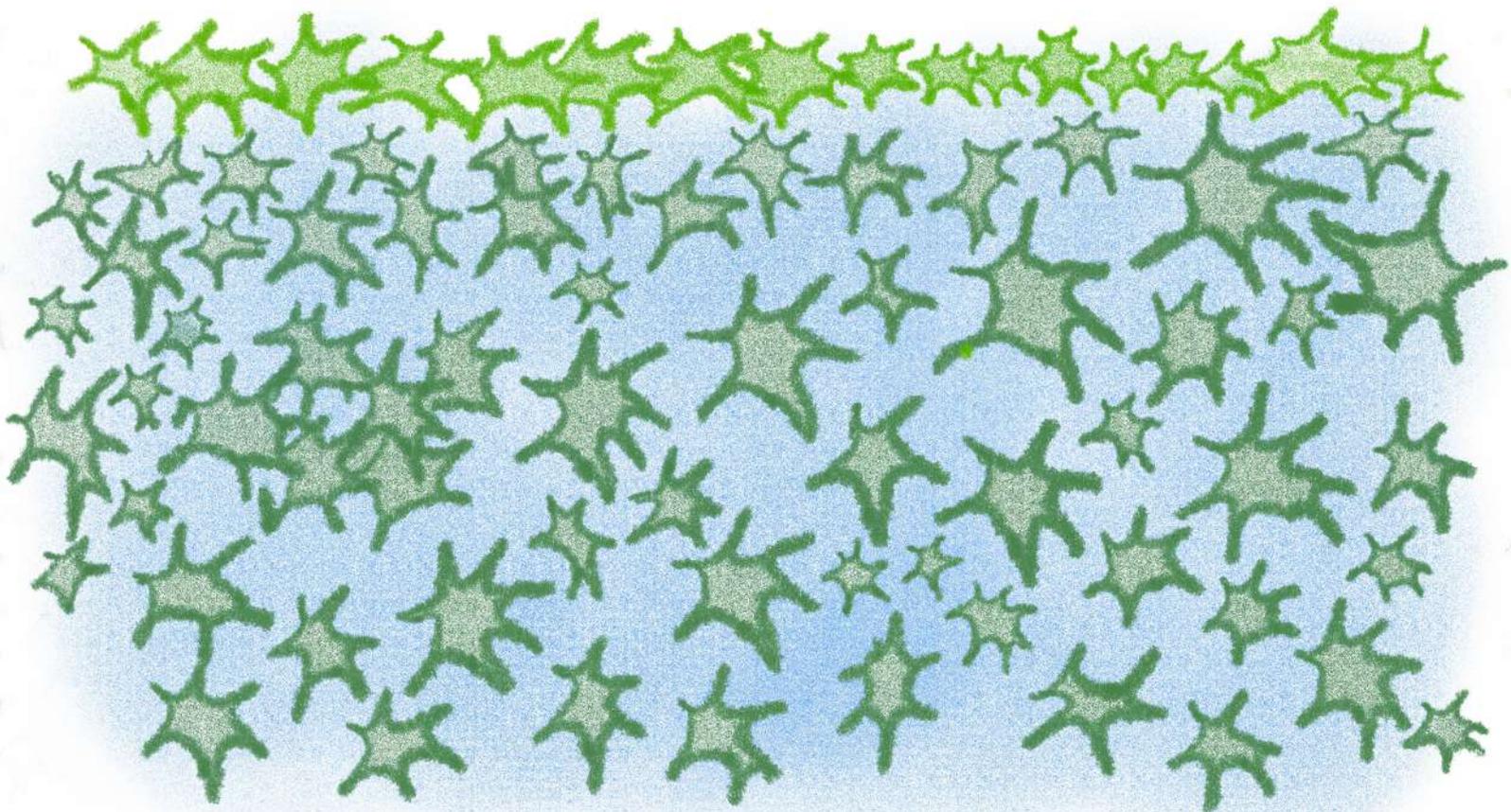
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death

life

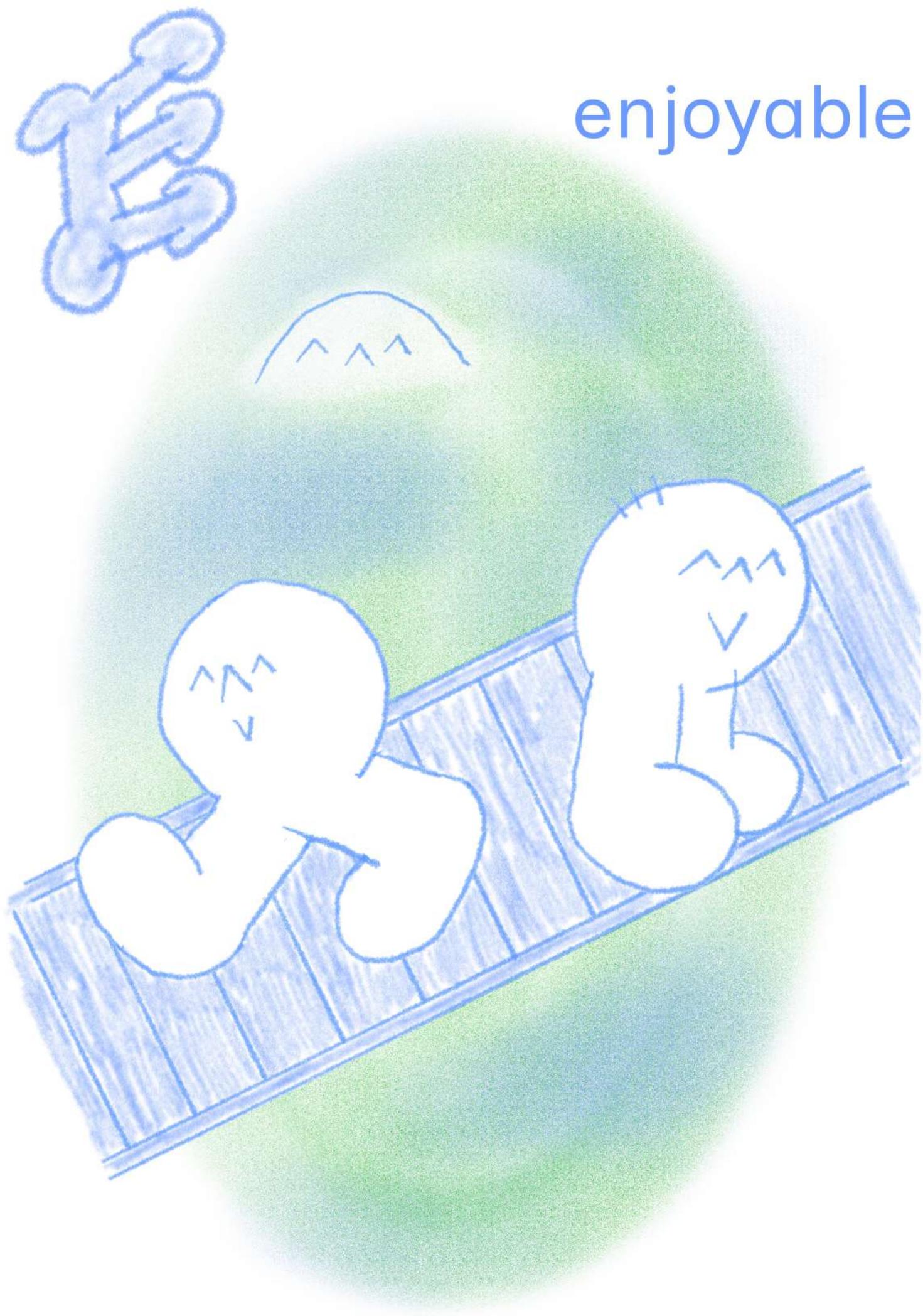


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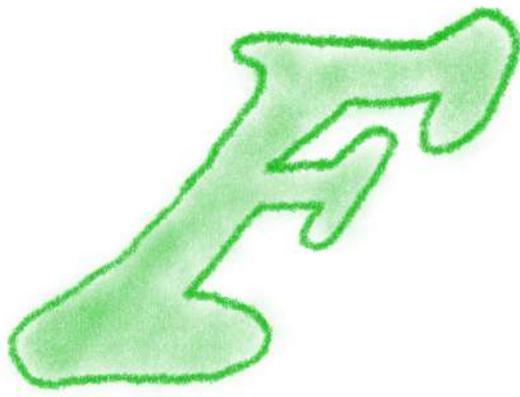


Layers and layers of  
partially decayed plant  
matter make up peatlands,  
holding the past and  
offering narratives to help  
us navigate disrupted times.

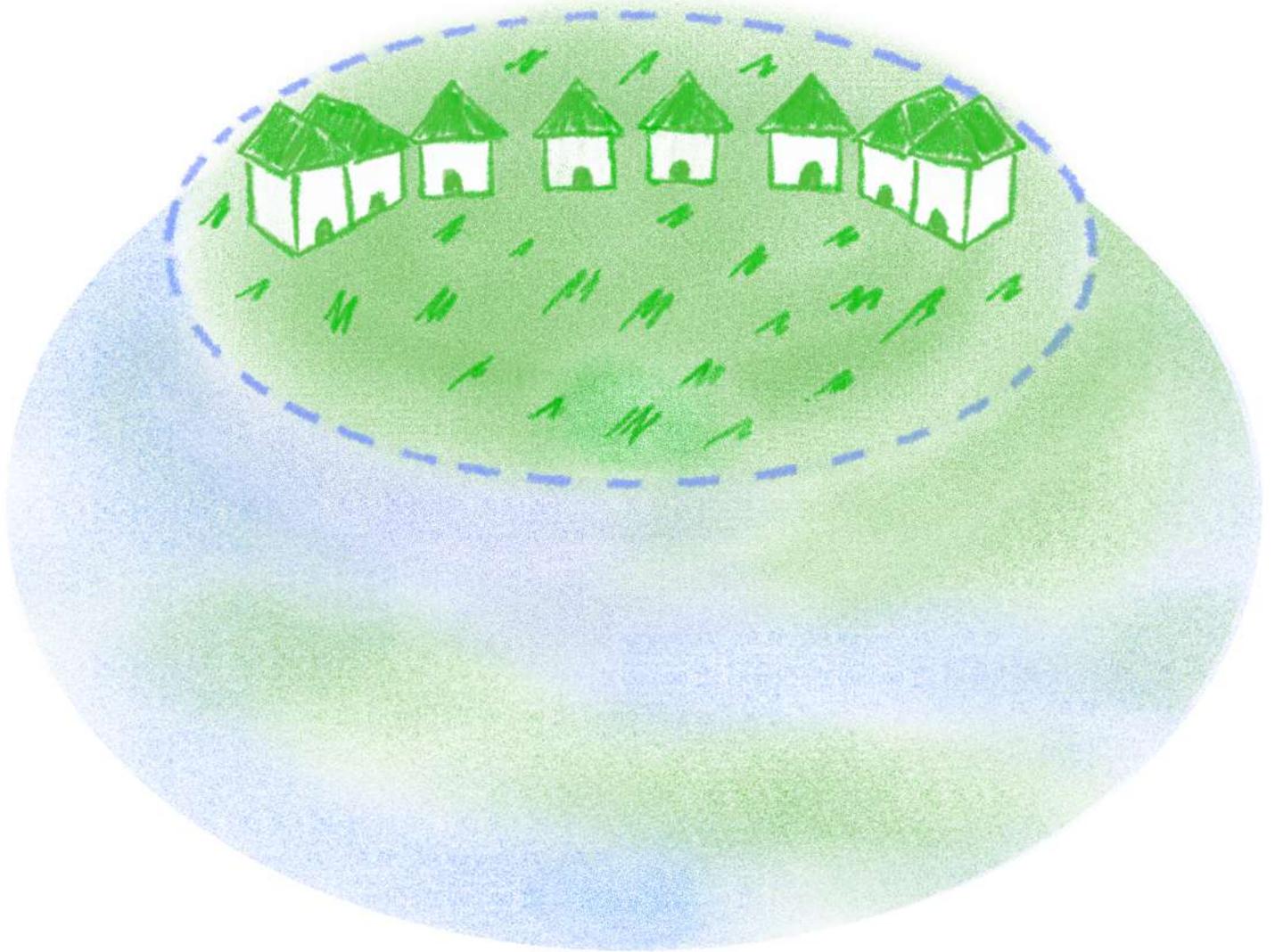
enjoyable



Look at it, listen to it,  
squidge your toes in  
it, it's all good.



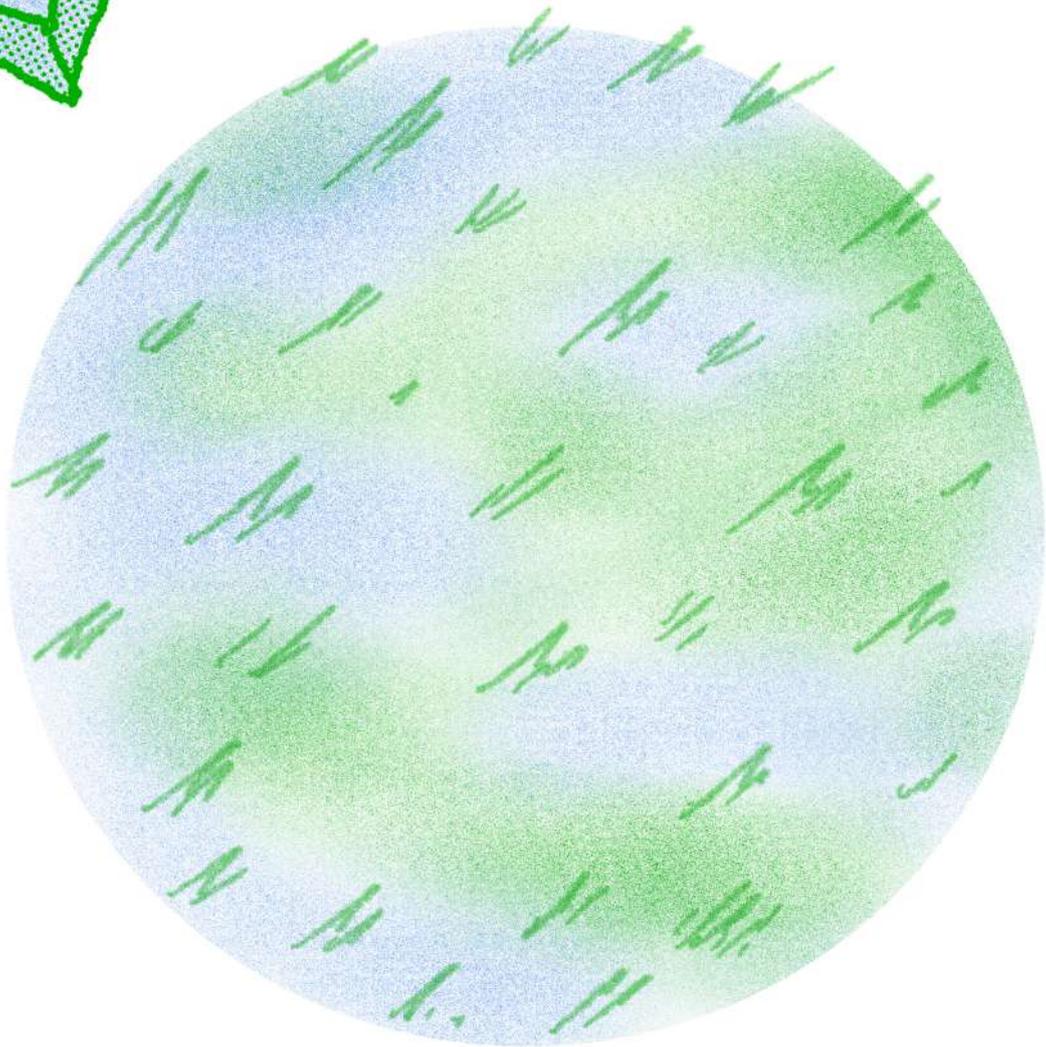
# flood protection



Peatlands are crucial  
for water regulation  
and flood prevention!



global

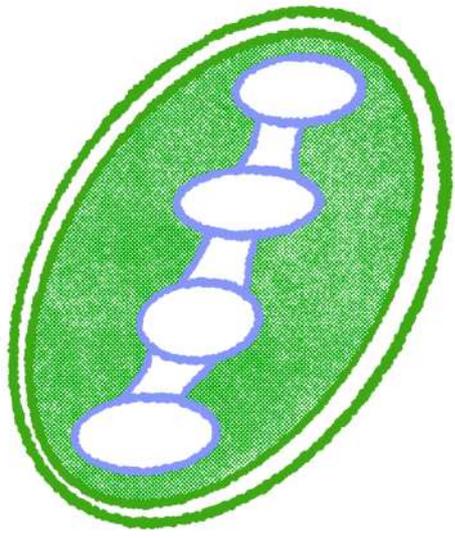


They're found all  
over the world!

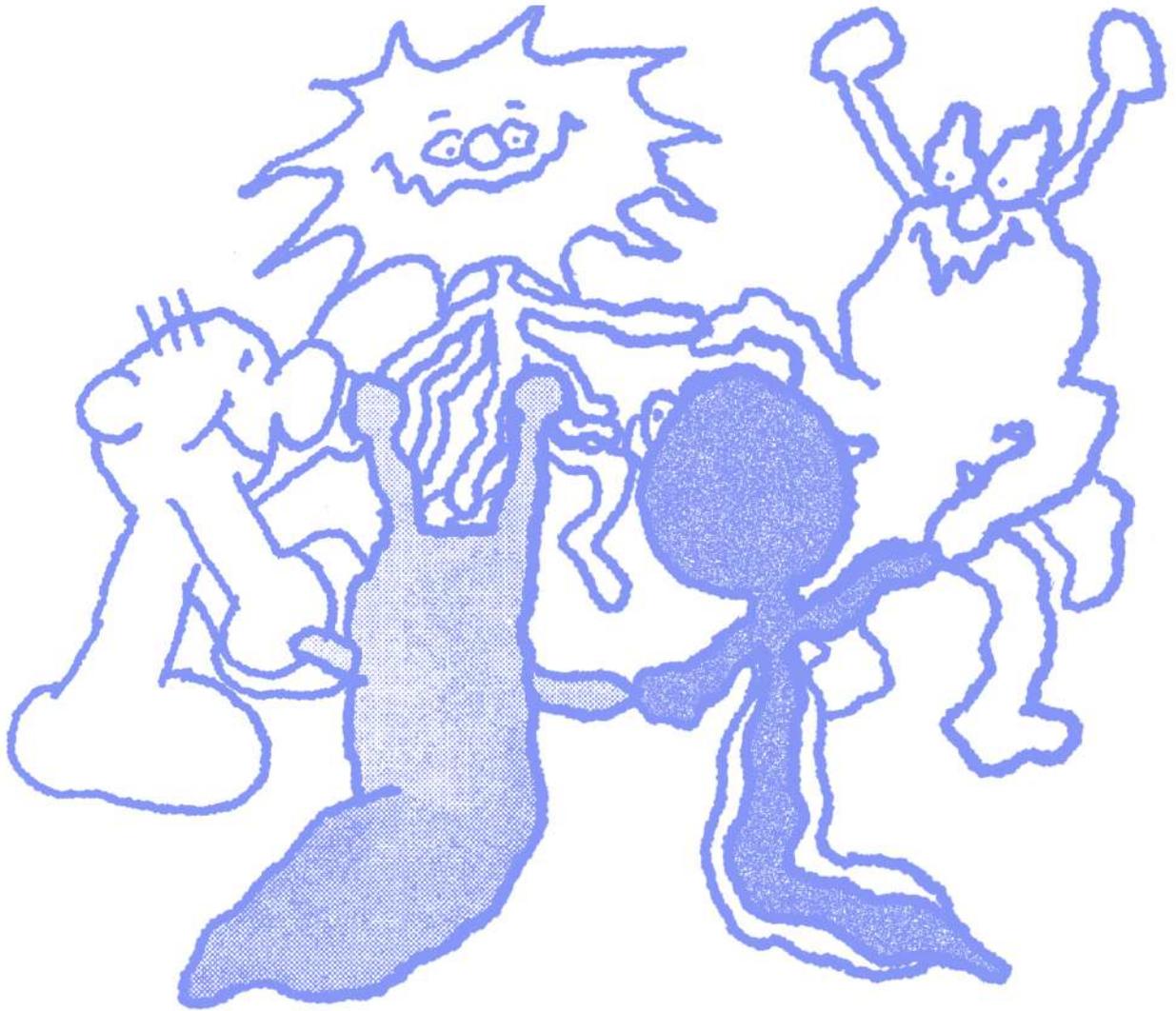
heritage



People and peatlands have had a long relationship, and their heritage role is undeniable.



inter-species

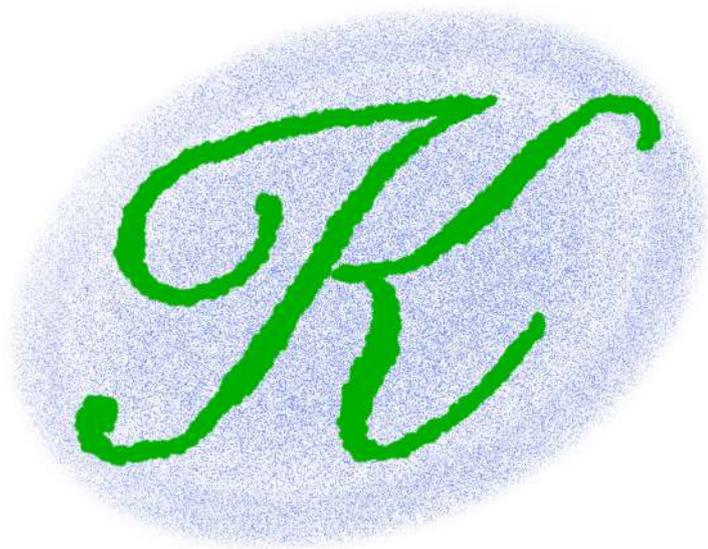


We all love it when  
species mingle

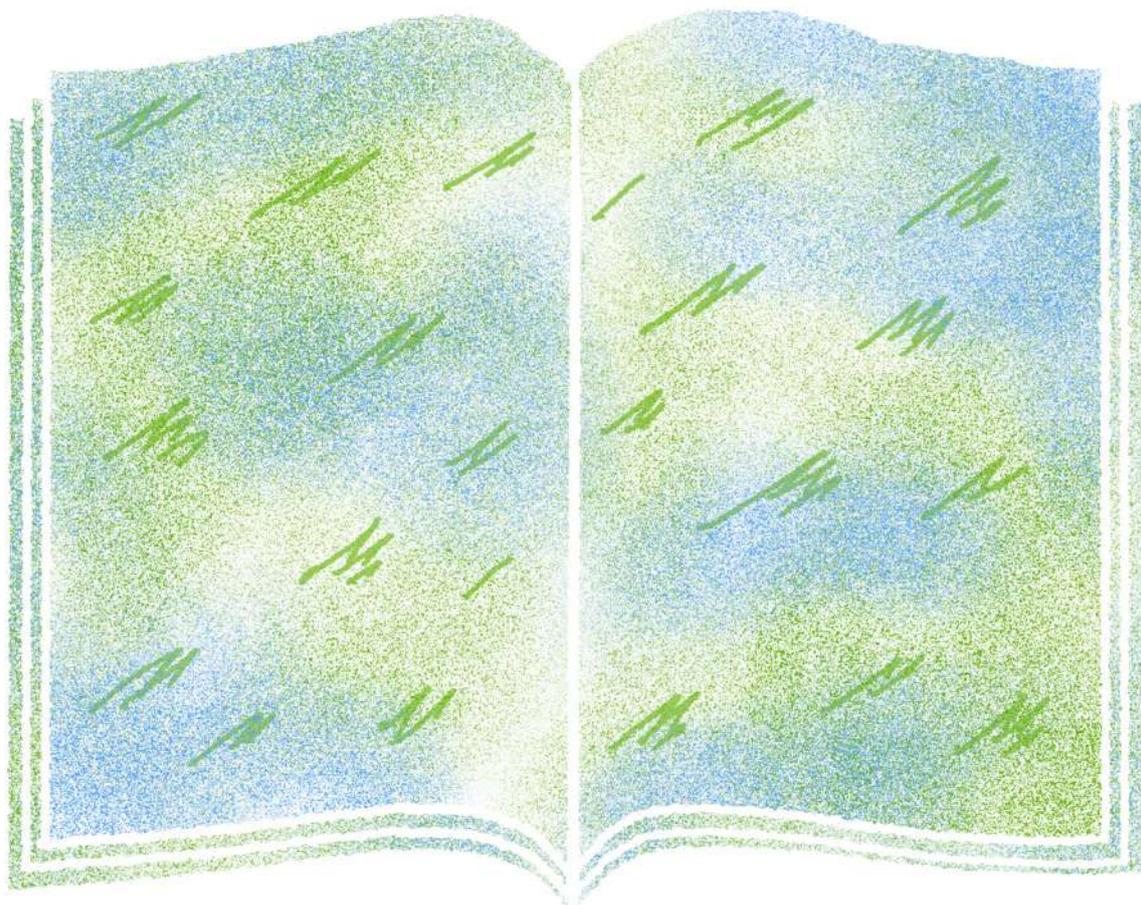
juicy



**Seriously juicy**



knowledge



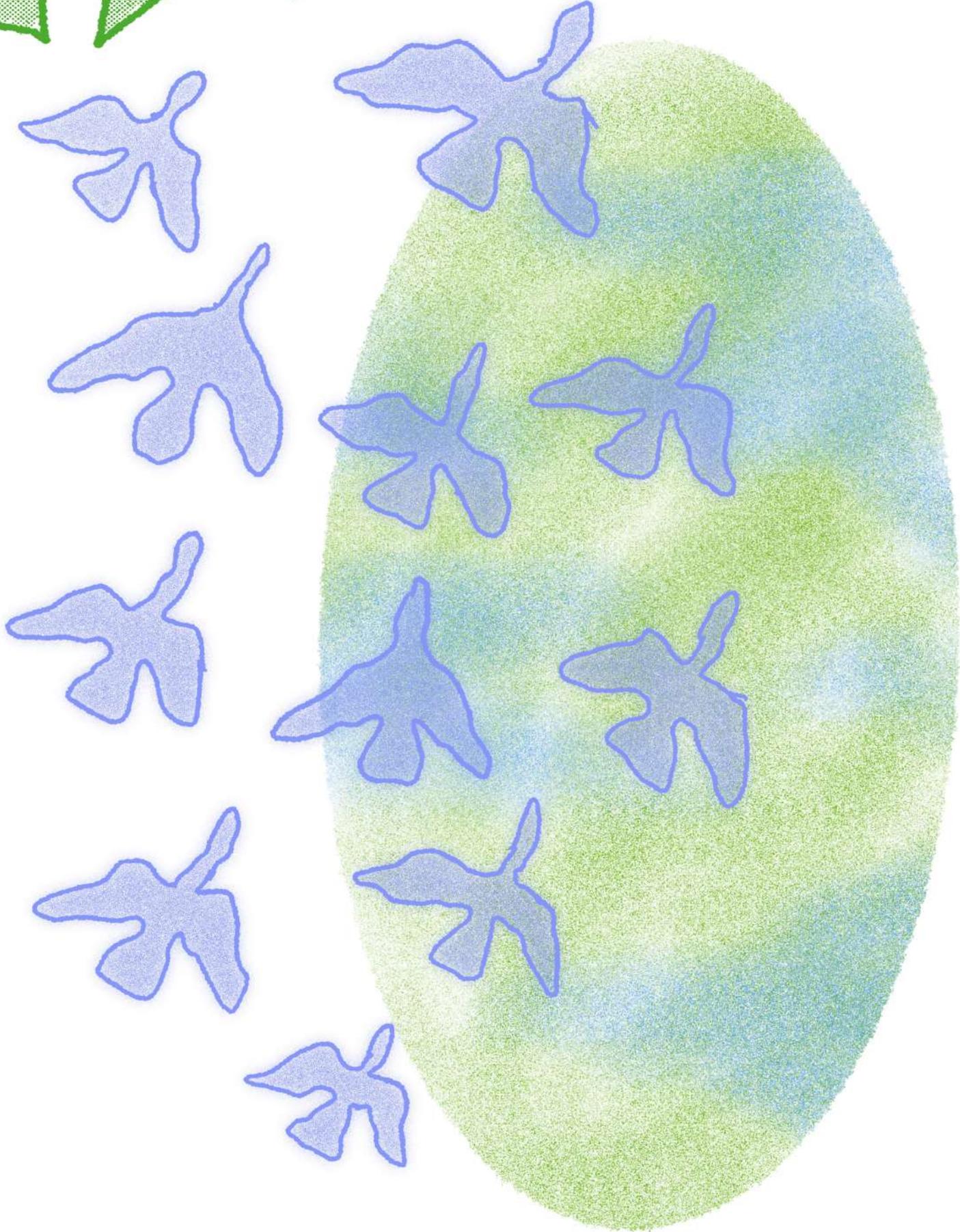
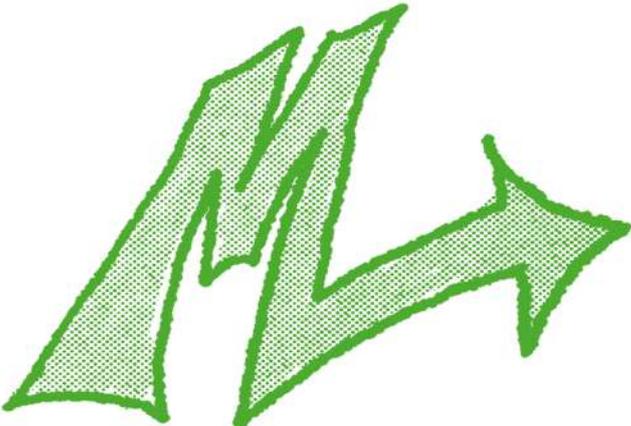
Peatlands are full of  
knowledge, of past  
climates, water flows,  
bird chatterings, and  
maybe even the future

# livelihoods



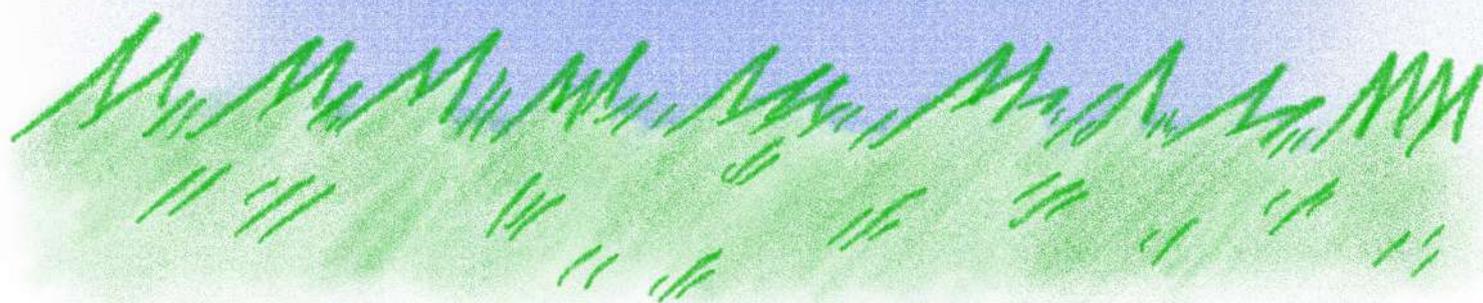
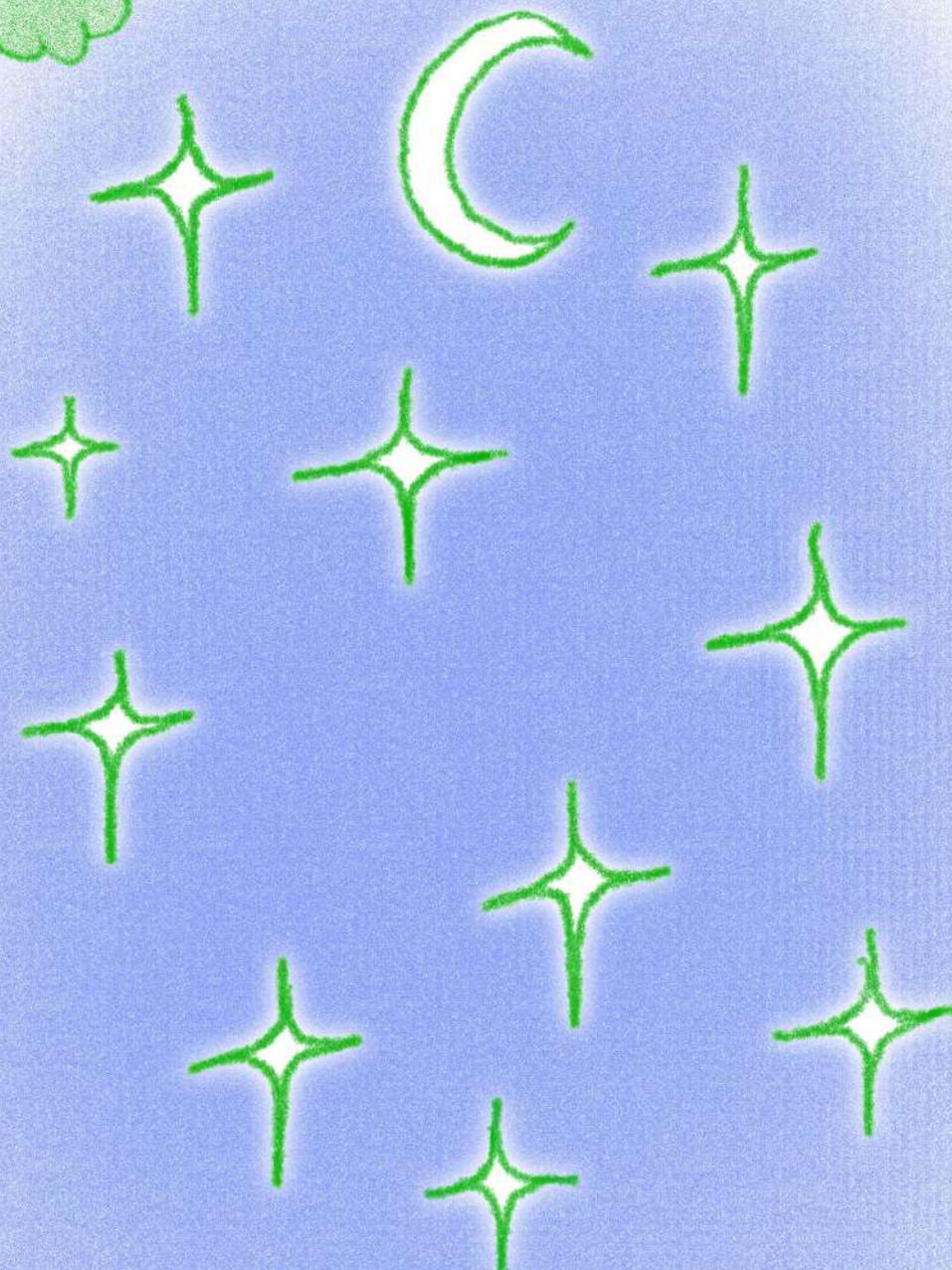
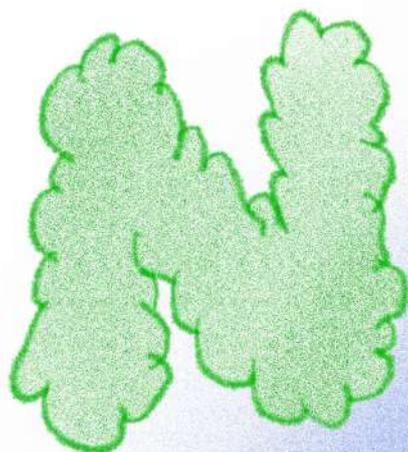
Peatlands support  
livelihoods for beings  
all over the world

# Migration



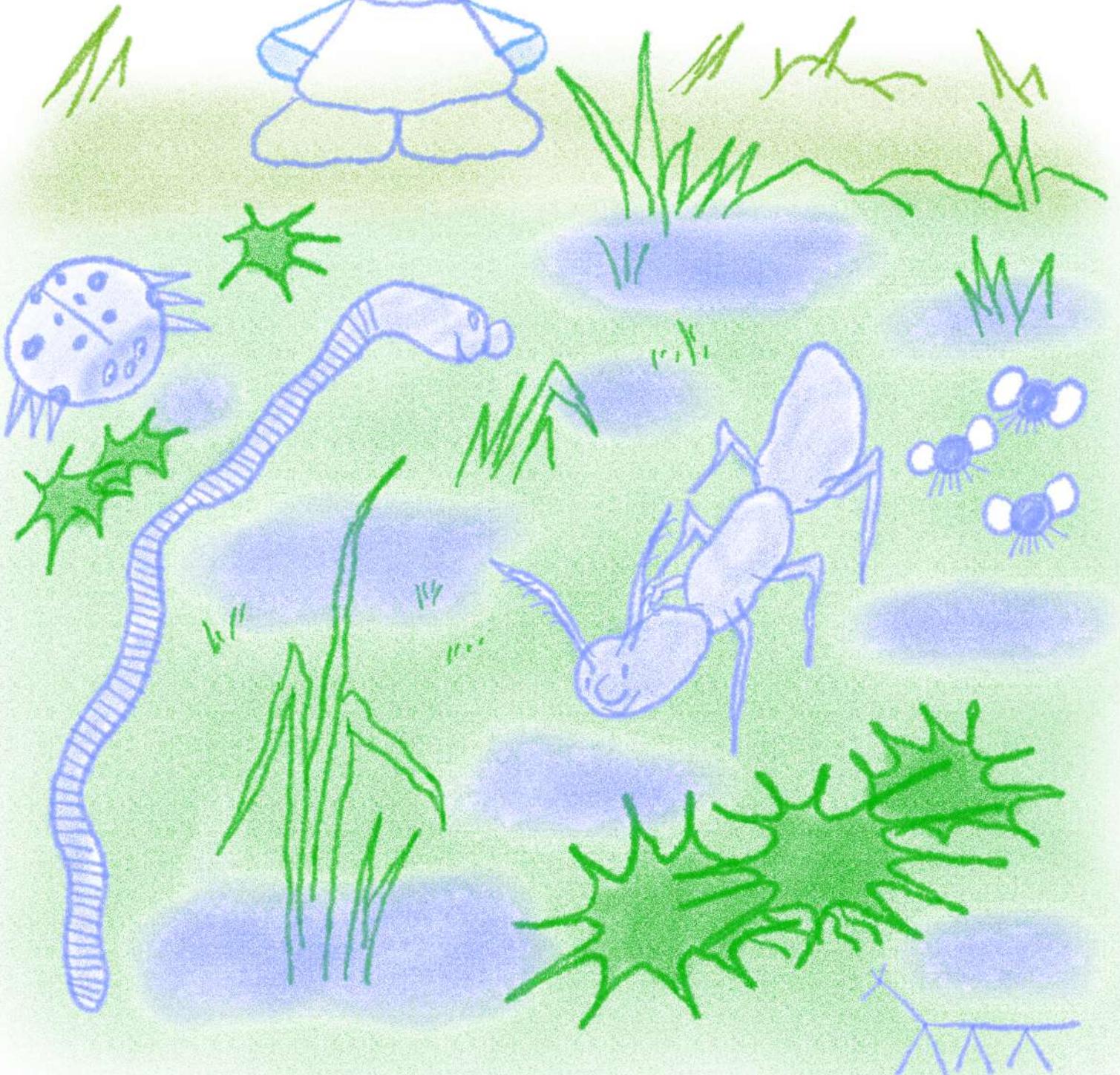
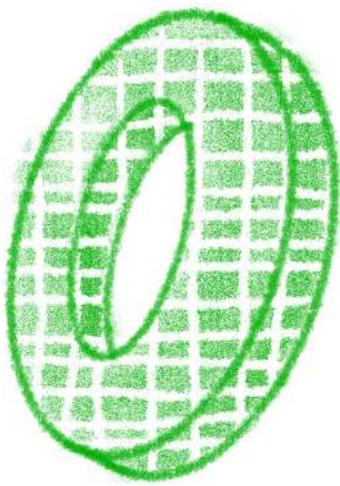
Be it birds, water, or  
people, peatlands are  
there for it

Night time



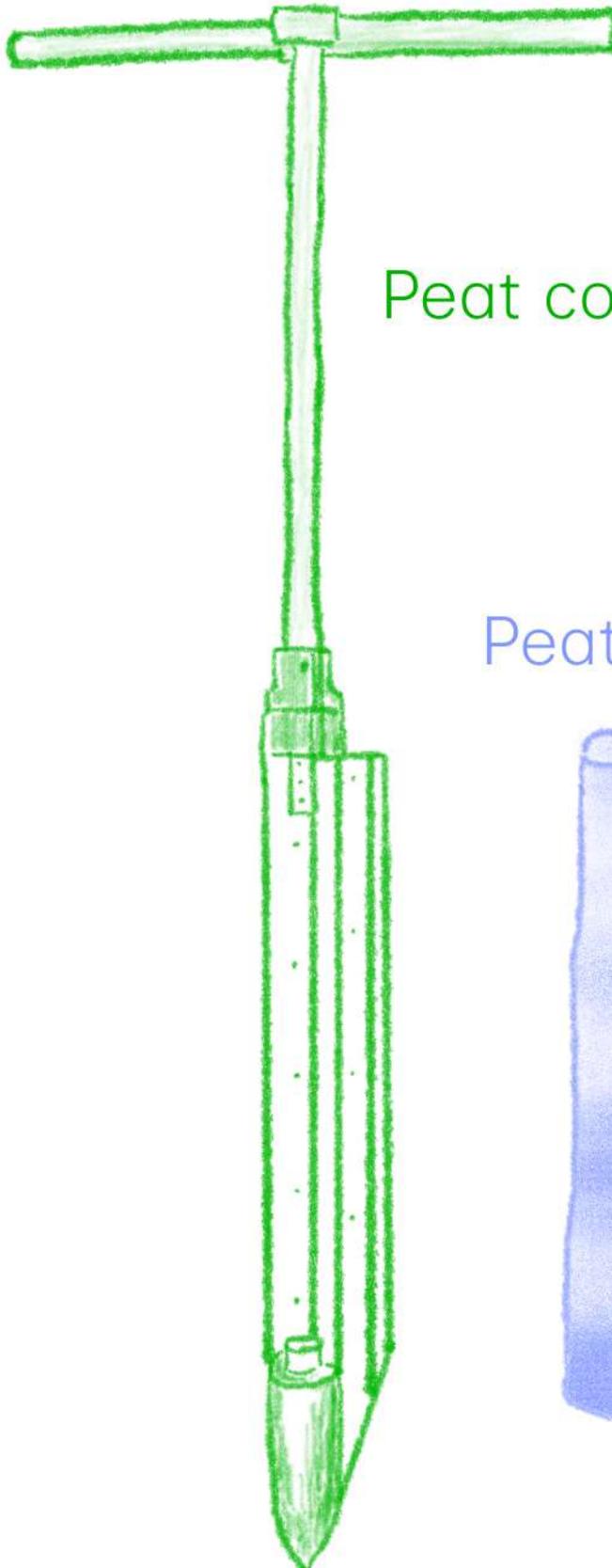
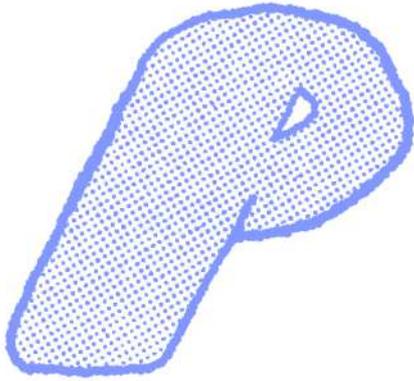


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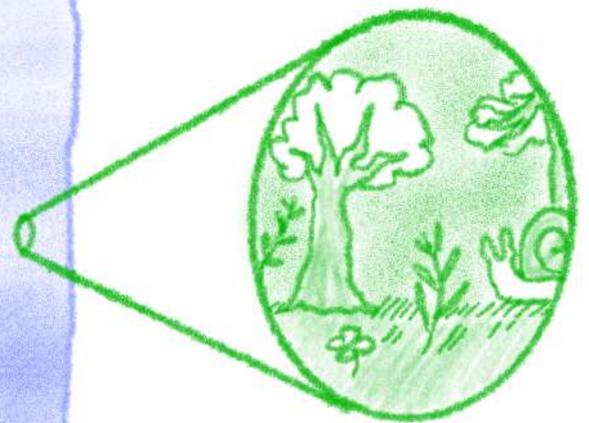
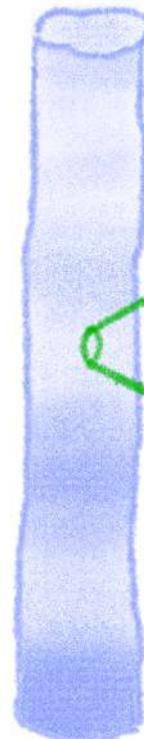
Peatlands have long served  
as refuges for peoples,  
critters, and all those who  
dwell in dampness.

# paleoecology



Peat corer

Peat core

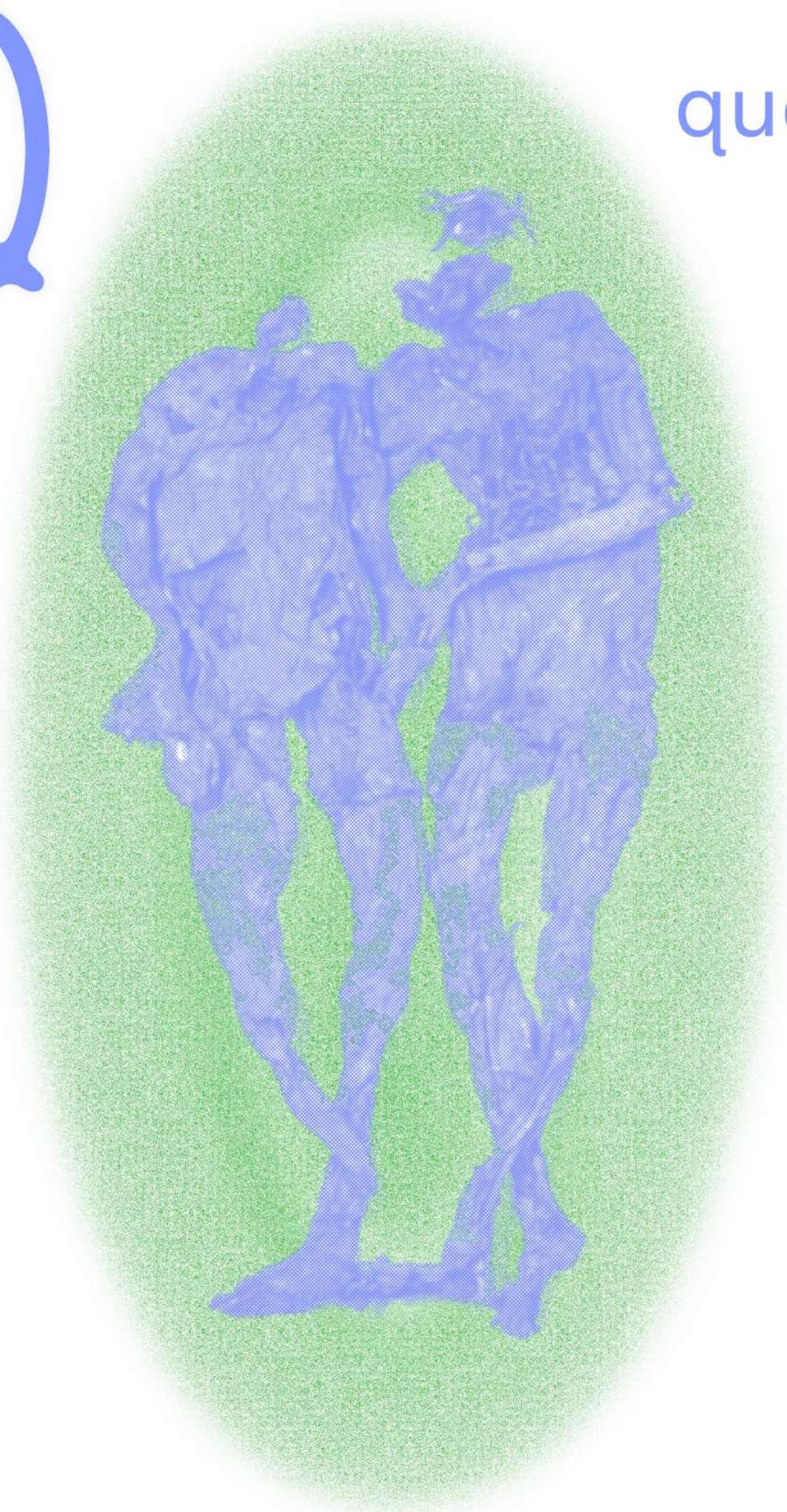


5000  
years ago

This is the study of  
interactions between  
organisms and environments  
thousands of years into the  
past - and peatlands have a  
lot to tell us!

Q

queer

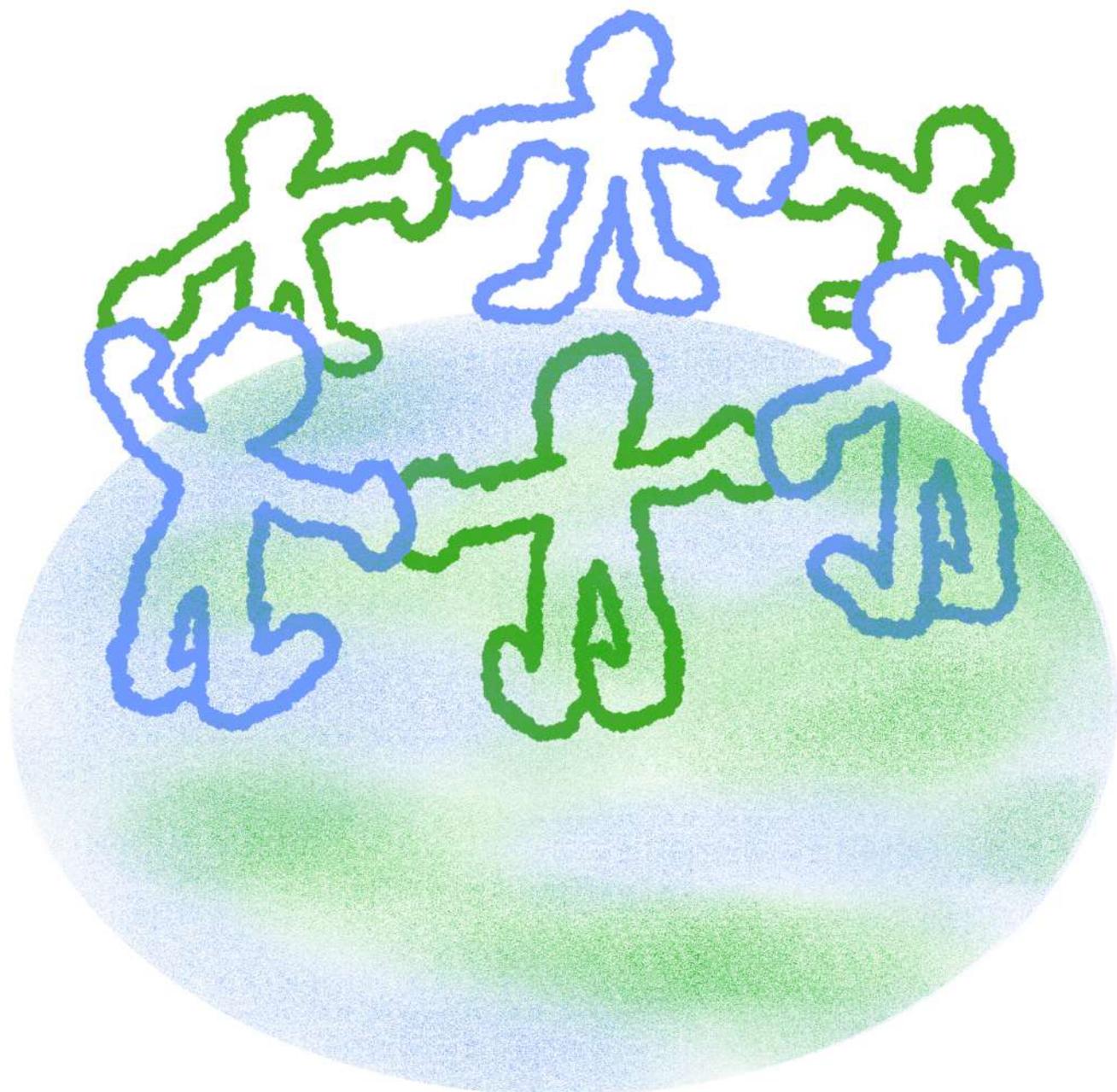


Peatlands are inherently non-binary. We can learn a lot from them.

Bog bodies (centuries-old bodies found preserved in the peat) have often been linked to queerness, for example this gay male couple who were found in a bog.

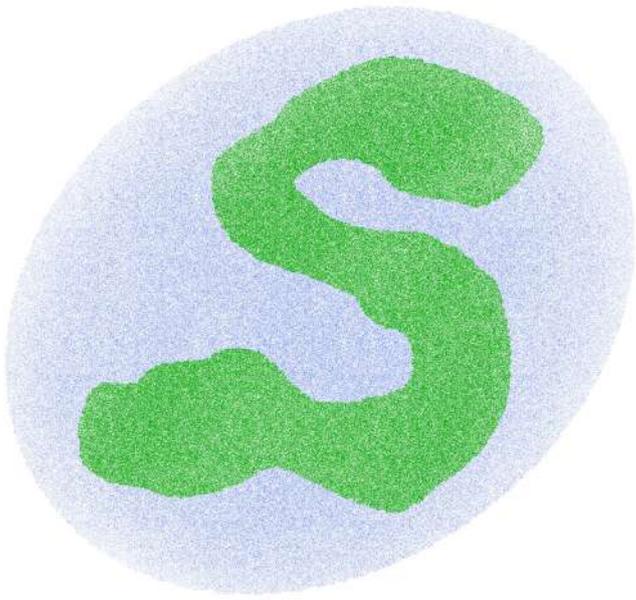
R

resistance



Resilient to decay, to  
destruction, to forgetting,  
quietly holding ground  
against time, extraction,  
and erasure

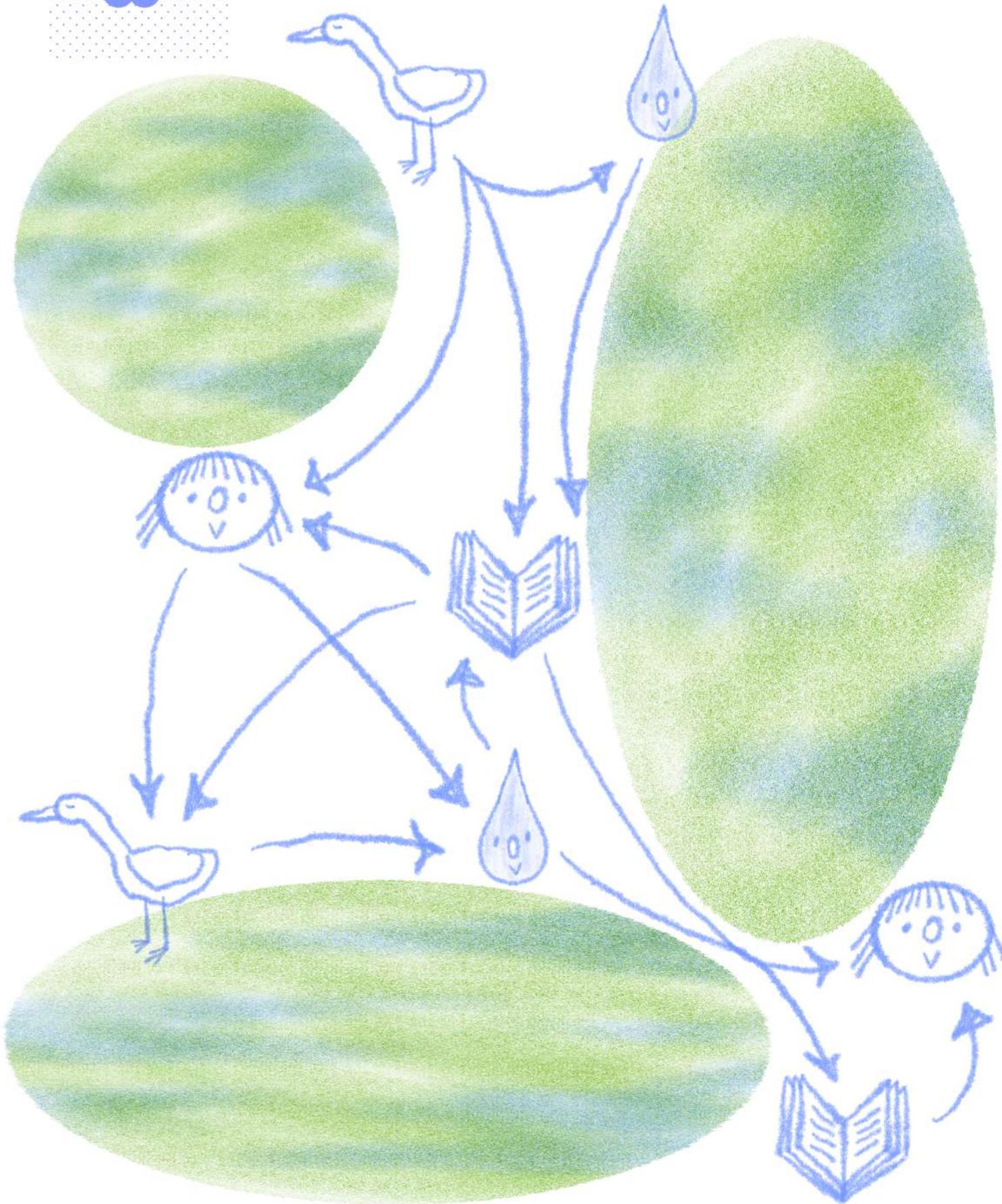
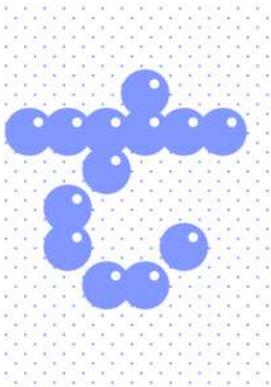
scent



bog

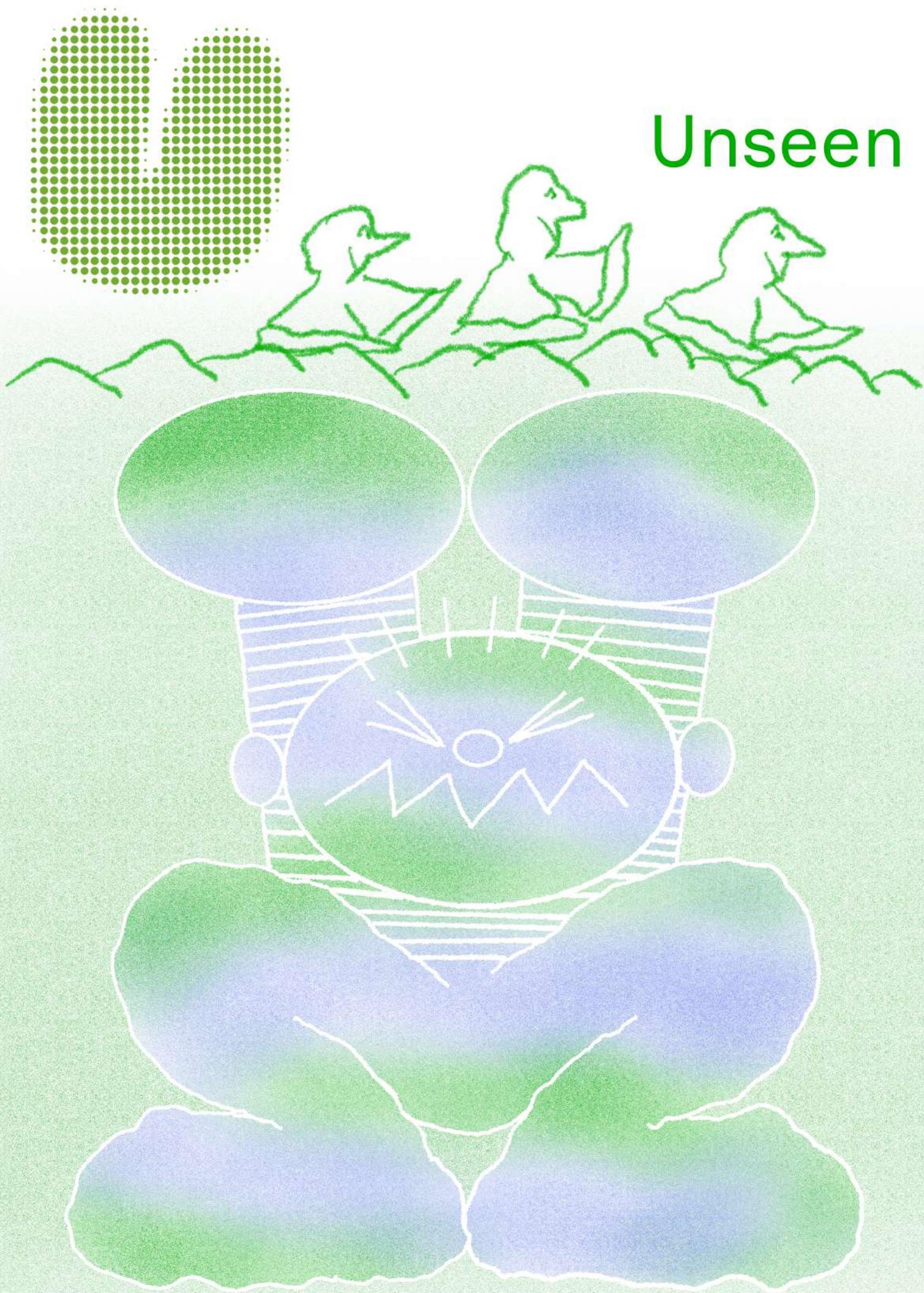
Bogs smell ripe,  
some of us dig it

translocal



We're all connected through  
water, air, birds, and ideas!

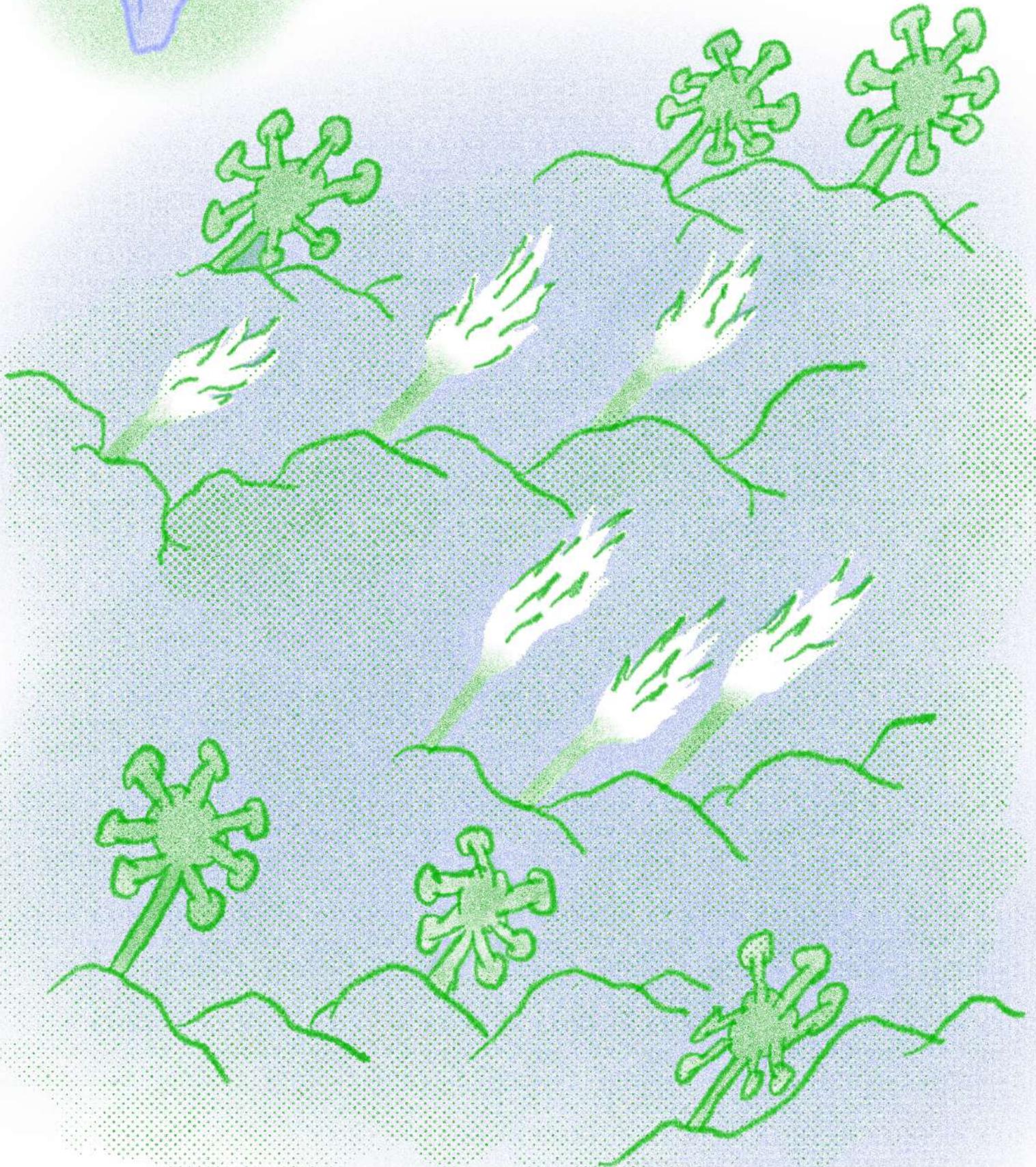
# Unseen



Peatlands are often overlooked, yet they quietly sustain life while rarely making the headlines

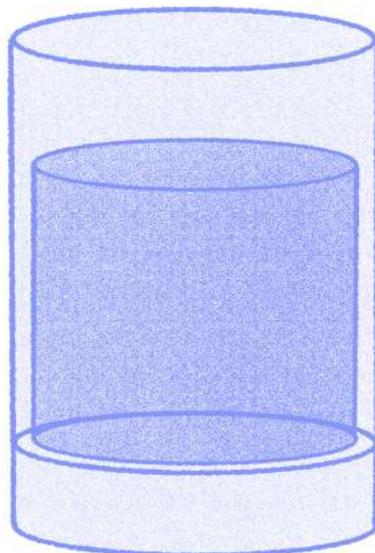
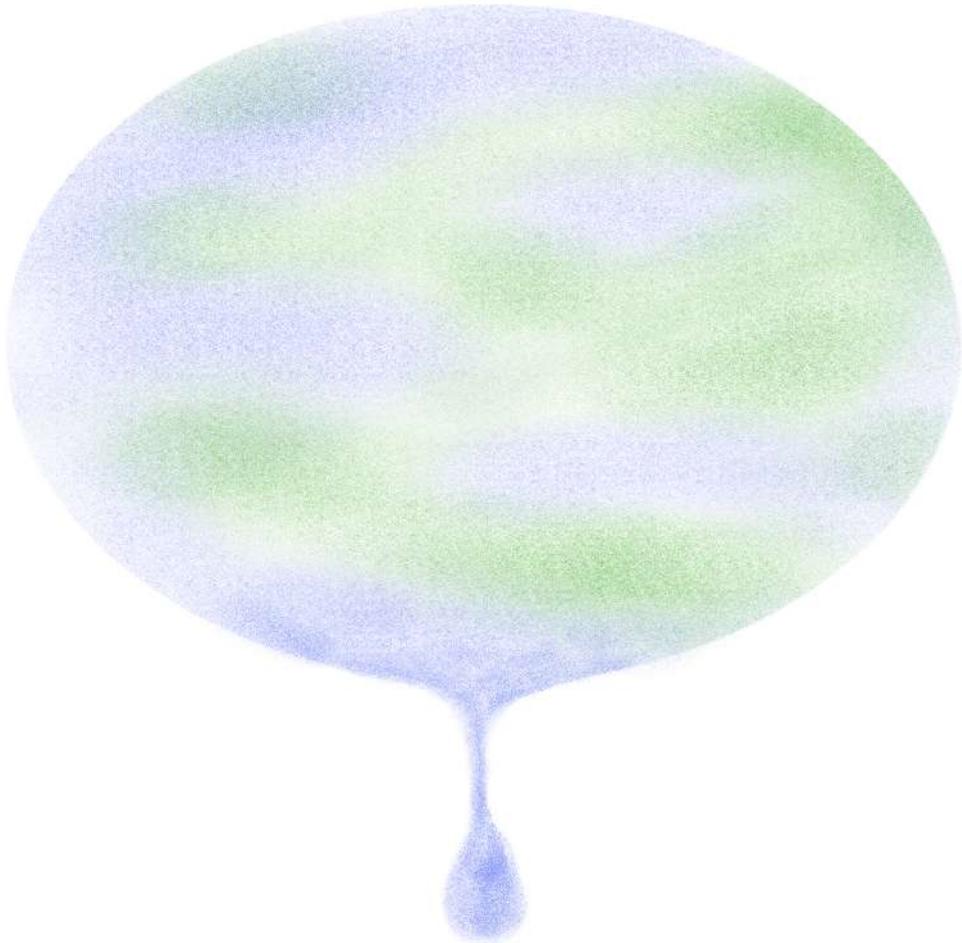
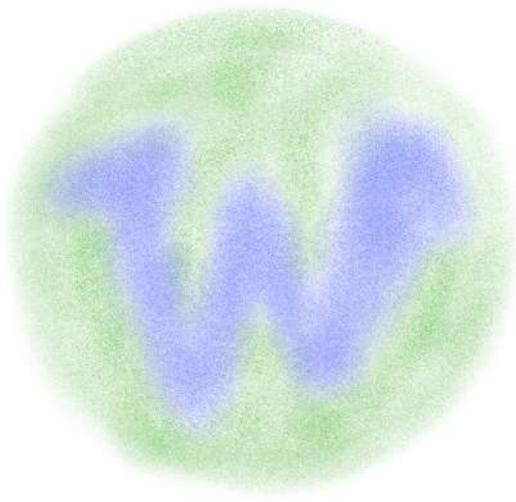
V

Vibrant

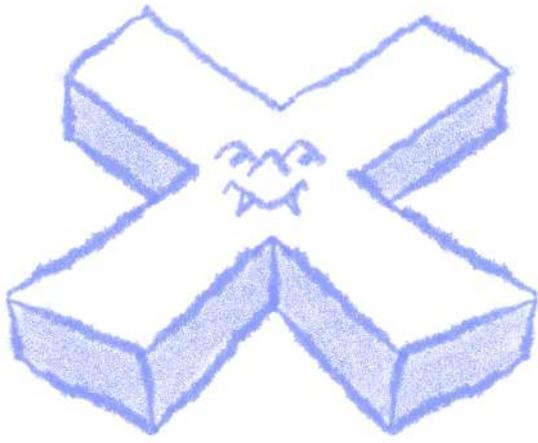


That bright green moss,  
those bobbing white  
cotton grasses, the  
bright sticky sundew...

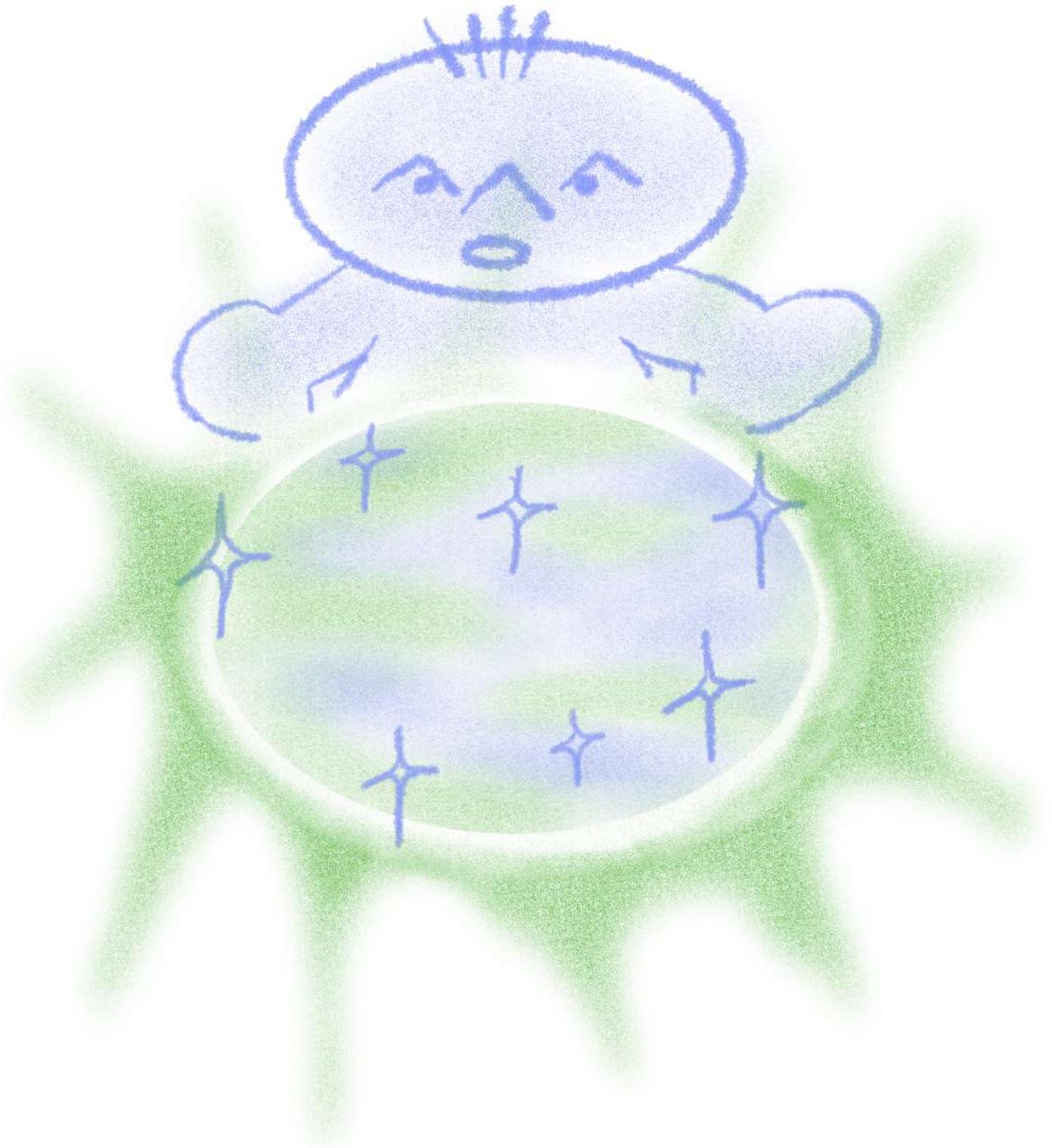
water



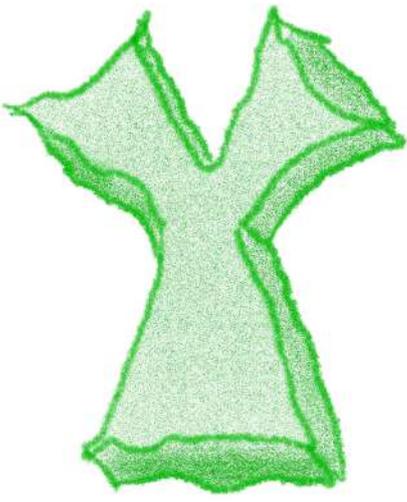
Peatlands are vital for filtering our drinking water: In Ireland and the UK, 85% of drinking water is supplied by peatlands



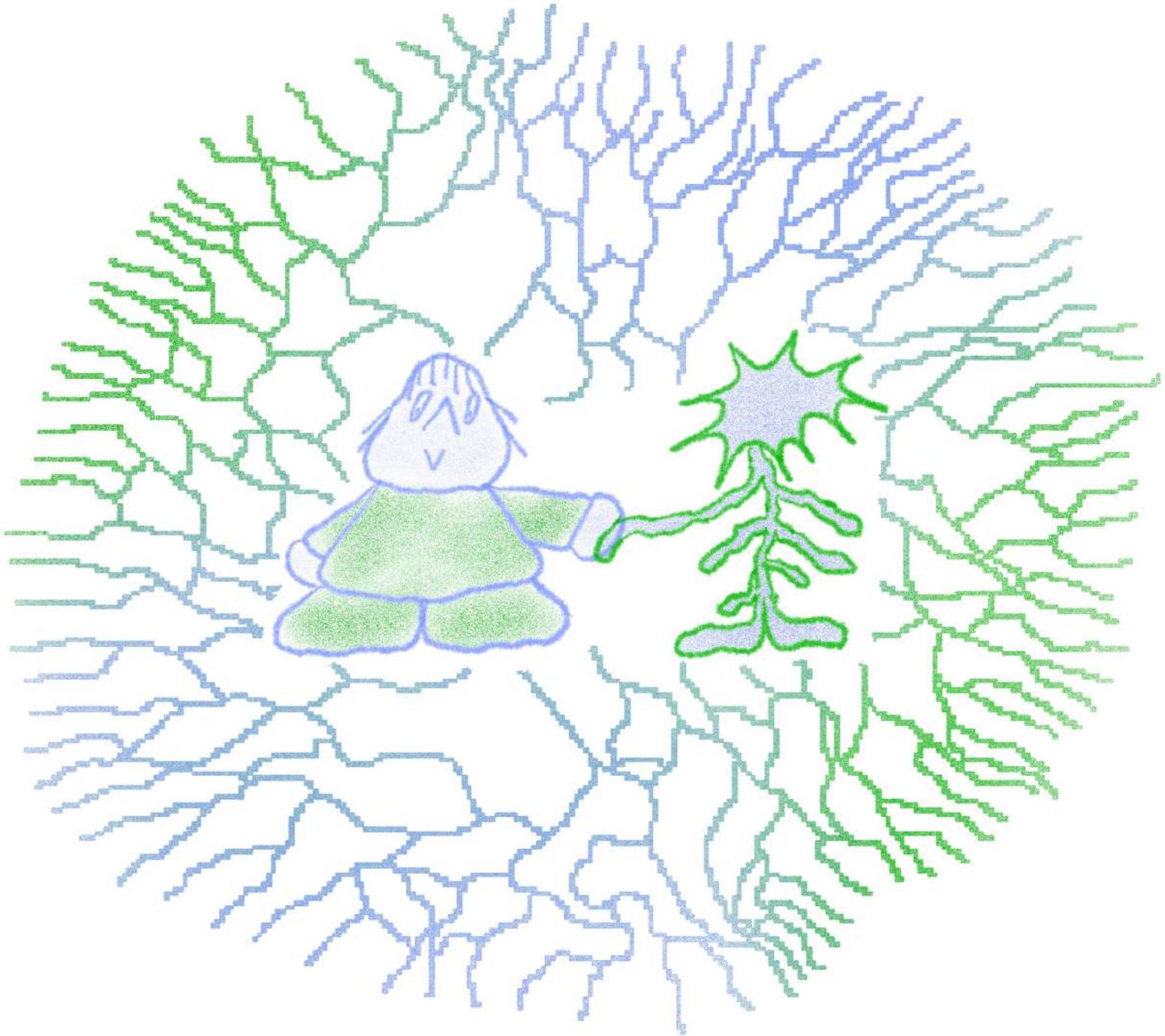
x-factor



There's just something  
inherently great about them.  
Just look and see for yourself!

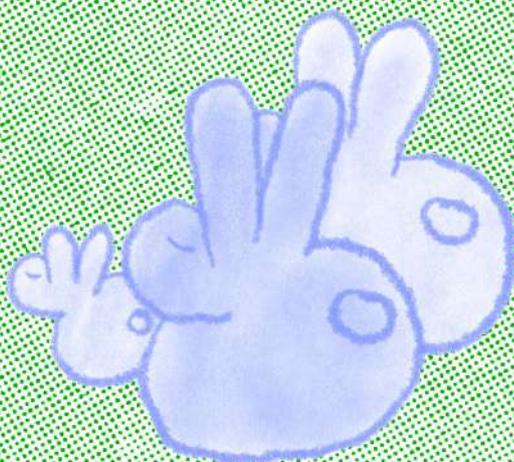
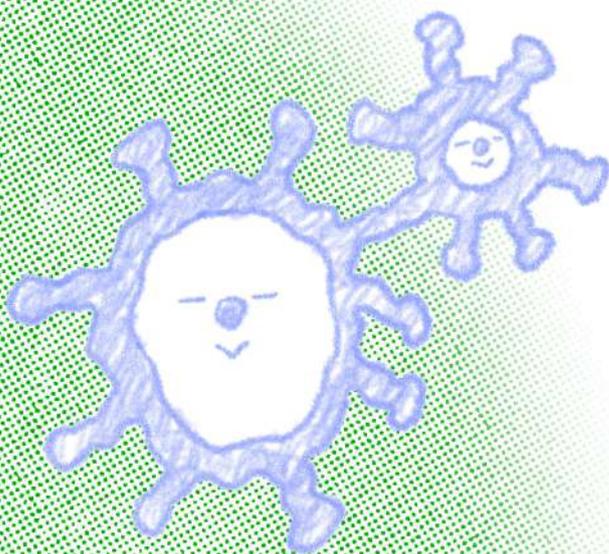
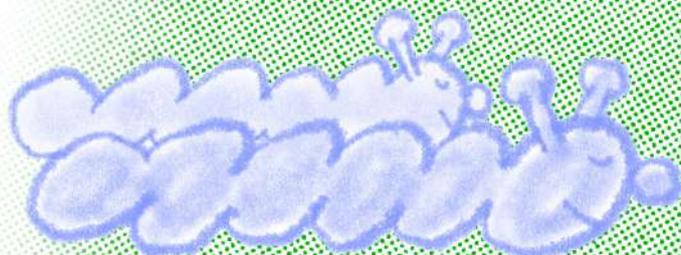
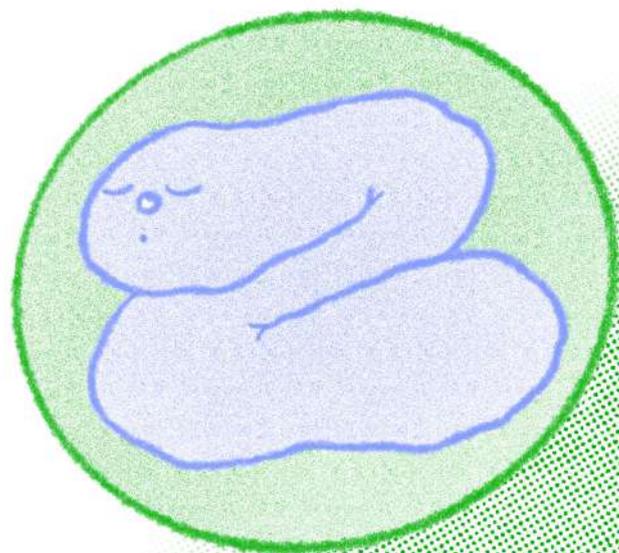


youth



Old peat for young  
people for old peat  
for young people

Zzz



A snoozze on the bog?