

The Witch and the Castle

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The castle stood
in a dark forest
to which the
witch returned.

The witch still
was angry about
the king in the
castle



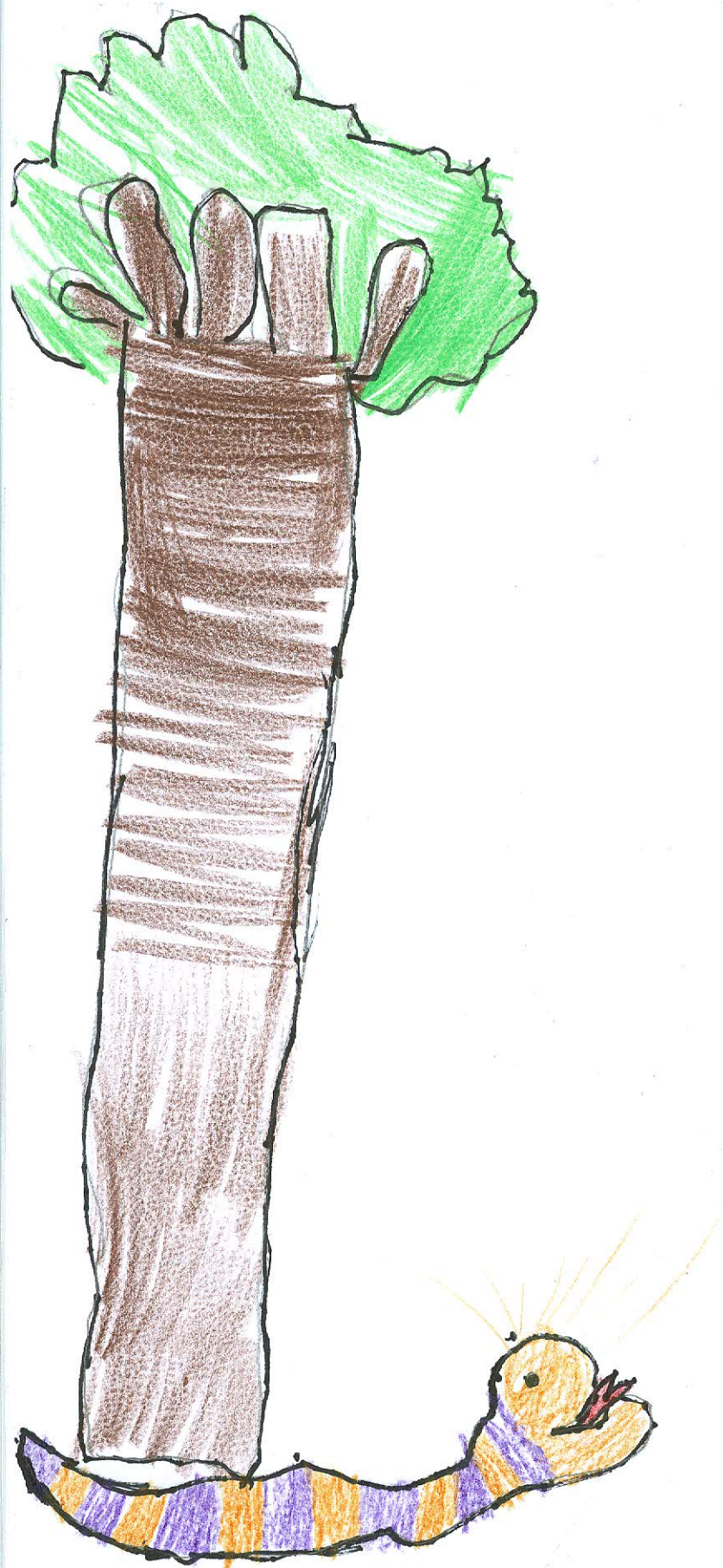
So she prepared
a magic pouch
in her brass
cauldron.

When she stirred
the pouch a snake's
head emerged.



The snake hissed:
"The king has to
take care not to
cross my way."

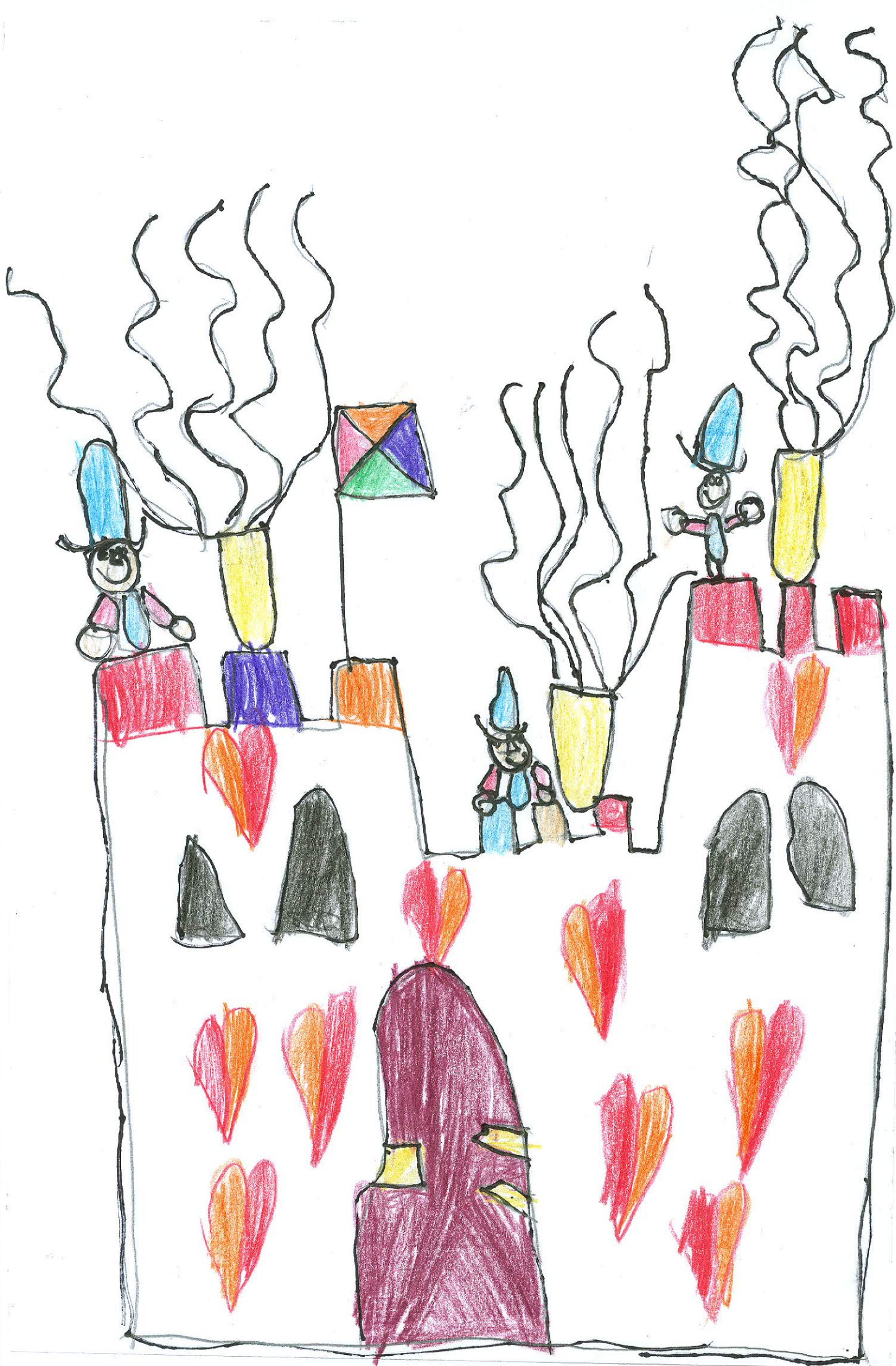
When the witch
heard these words
the snake speak
those words
she smiled and
grinned.



[Slowly the snake
glided out of the
cauldron to words
the King's castle.

[When the snake
emerged from the
woods and saw the
castle, its eyes started
gleaming.

[By chance, the little
prince stared through
the window and
saw the fire flash.



[When he looked clo-
[ser, he recognised the
[snake and he ran off
[to inform the King's
[general.

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[The general instructed
[his soldiers to
[heat up cauldrons
[filled with oil and
[place them on top
[of the castle
[walls.



[When the snake
[creeped up the
[castle walls, the
[soldiers tipped the
[cauldrons over. The
[snake ~~and~~ hissed
[aloud, curled up and
[fell off the wall

[When the hot oil ~~her~~
[hit her.

[Immediately, the
[soldiers ran to lay her
[in chains and tie her
[mouth, so that she could
[do no further harm.



The King sent a messenger to his friend, the old wizard to inform him about the witch's return. The wizard responded at once.

With a wink of his wand he propelled himself to the dark forest. He landed close to the clearing where the witch brewed another pouch



[He moved his wand
[and mumbled some
[mysterious words. A
[flash shot out of the
[witch's cauldron.

[The pooreth trans-
[formed into fibrous
[goo that lifted
[itself out of the
[cauldron to engulf
[the witch like a cocoon
[in a spider's web.



The witch and the
snake were sent to a
lonely little island,
and the wizard lit an
eternal ring of fire all
around it, so that they
could never escape.

The King who had not
seen his friend the wizard
for a long time, organised
a big celebration, and
they laughed together a lot.