

IT ALL STARTED AS A REGULAR DAY OF SKI TEAM. IT WAS A BLUEBIRD DAY AND IT HAD JUST SNOWED THE NIGHT BEFORE. NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP THAT DAY SO IT WAS JUST ME, MY BROTHER, MY COACH MIKE AND ZACH. WE DECIDED THAT SINCE IT WAS SUCH A NICE DAY OUT WE WOULD DO SOME FREE SKIING.



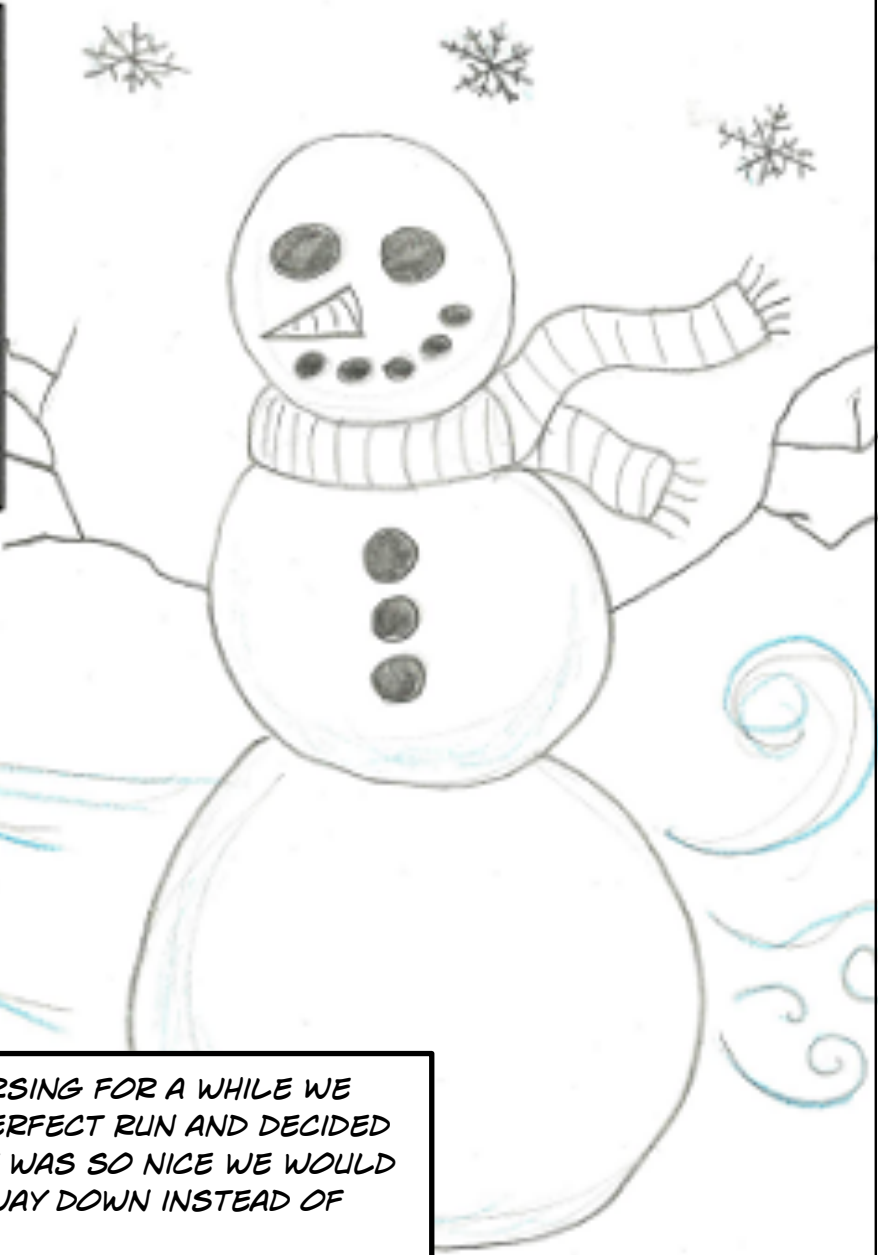
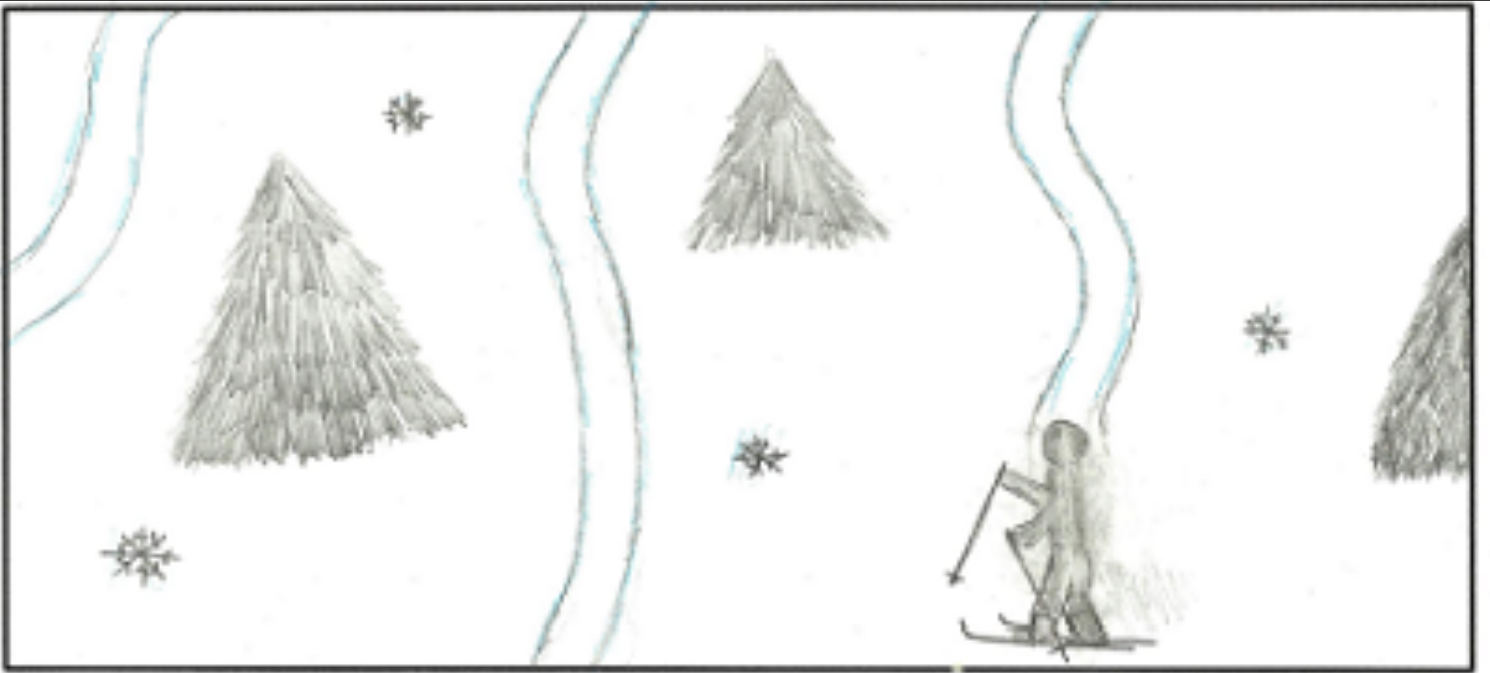
ITS PRETTY SKIIED OUT OVER HERE, LETS SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOME BETTER RUNS



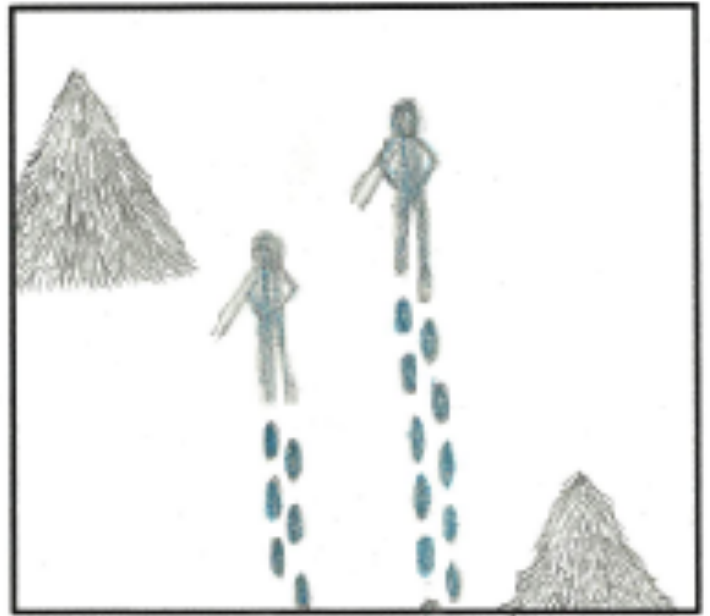
SO WE HEADED OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN TO LOOK FOR SOME OFF TRACK TRAILS...



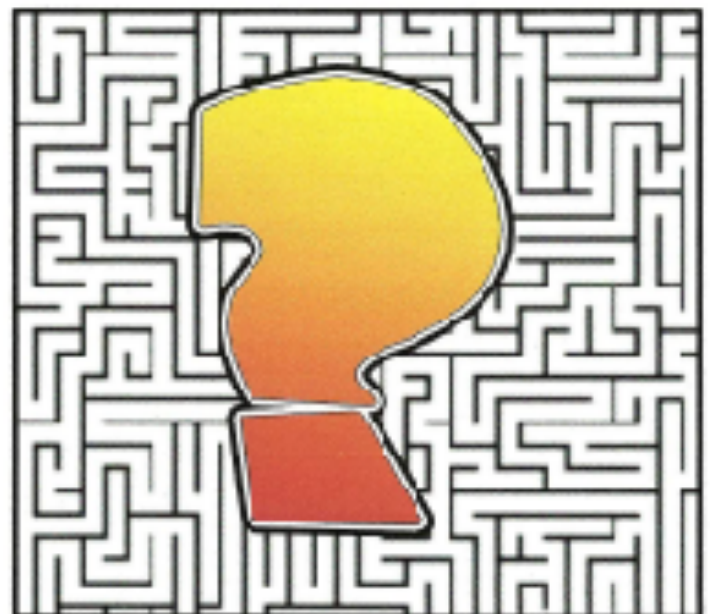
WE DID OUR REGULAR GATE TRAINING IN THE MORNING IN THE RACE ARENA

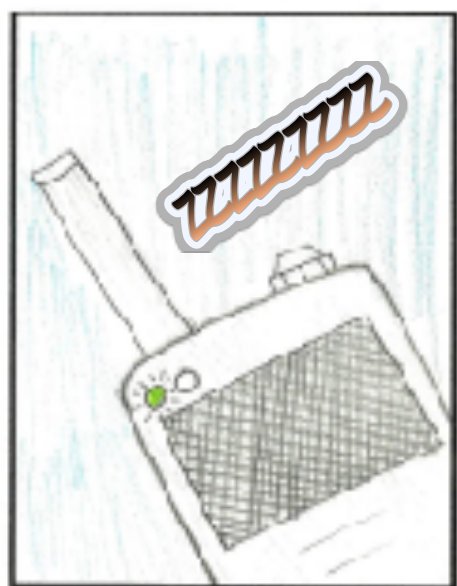
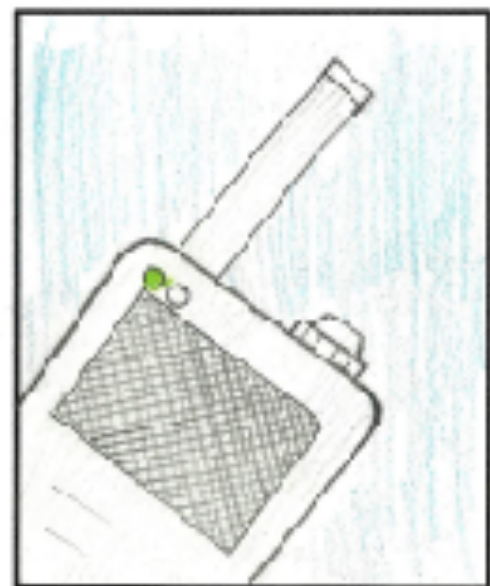


AFTER TRAVERSING FOR A WHILE WE FOUND THE PERFECT RUN AND DECIDED THAT SINCE IT WAS SO NICE WE WOULD GO ALL THE WAY DOWN INSTEAD OF

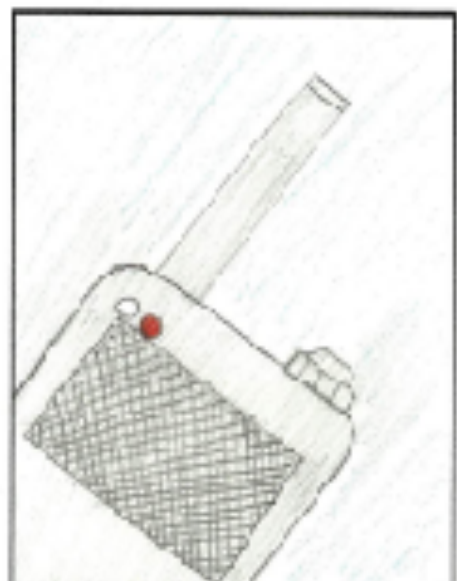


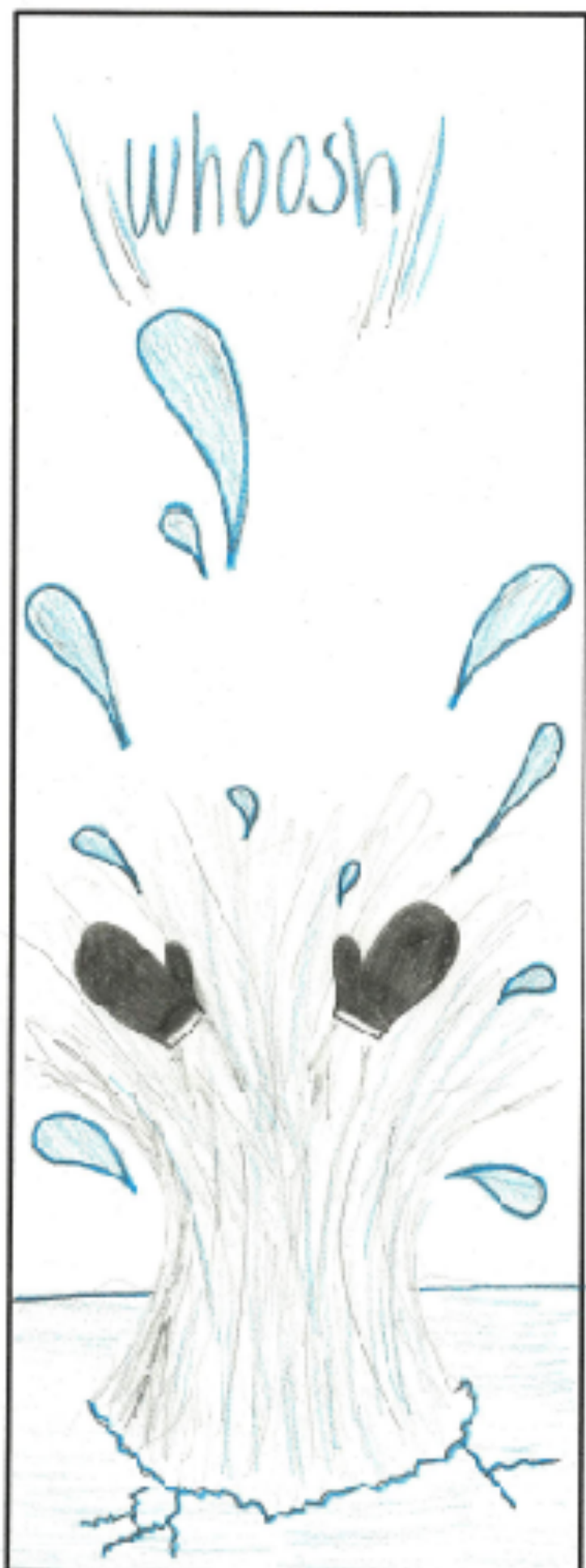
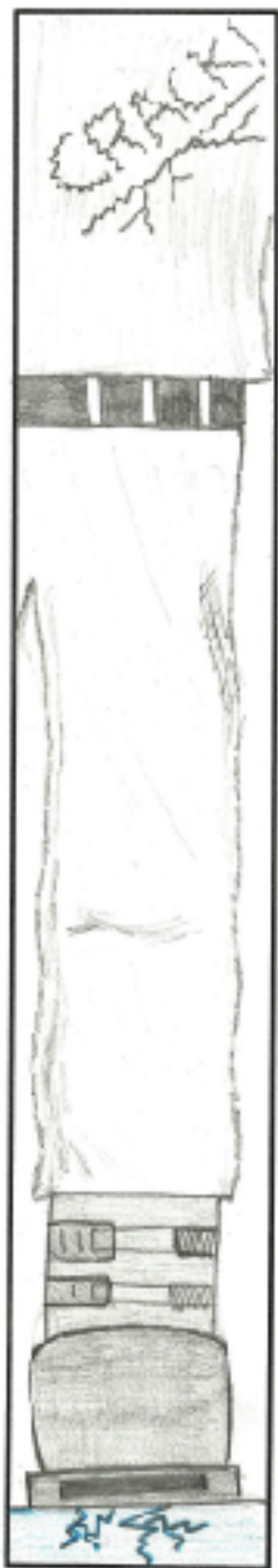
ONCE WE REACHED THE BOTTOM WE REALIZED THAT WE DID NOT KNOW WHERE WE WERE OR HOW TO GET OUT SO WE DECIDED TO CLIMB BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN A LITTLE TO SEE IF WE COULD FIND A WAY OUT. AS WE HIKED ALL I COULD THINK OF IS HOW MUCH I WISHED WE HAD A CHAIRLIFT. WE HIKED AND HIKED UNTIL WE CAME TO A BIG CLEARING WITH NOTHING AROUND US BUT TREES AND WE REALIZED WE COULD NOT FIND OUR WAY OUT. IT FELT LIKE WE WERE STUCK IN A GIANT MAZE.





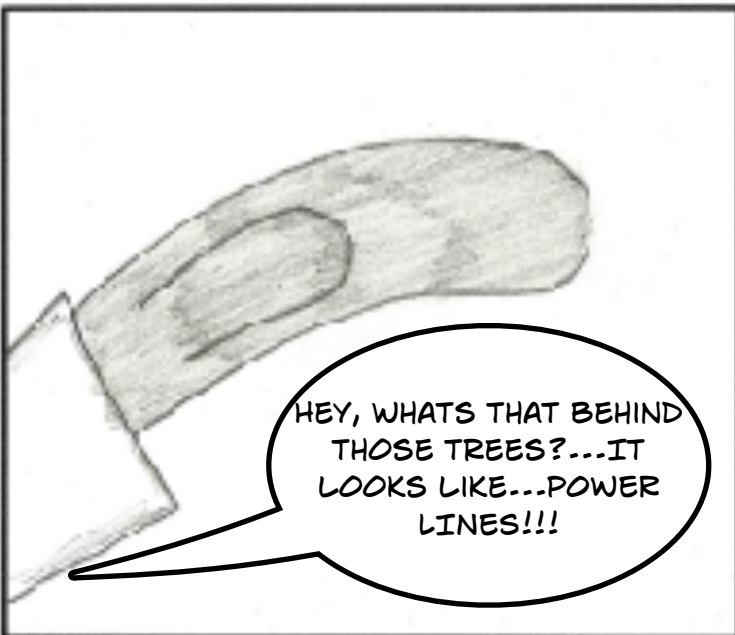
SO WE PICKED UP OUR STUFF AND KEPT WALKING, NOT NOTICING THE FROZEN LAKE IN FRONT OF US...



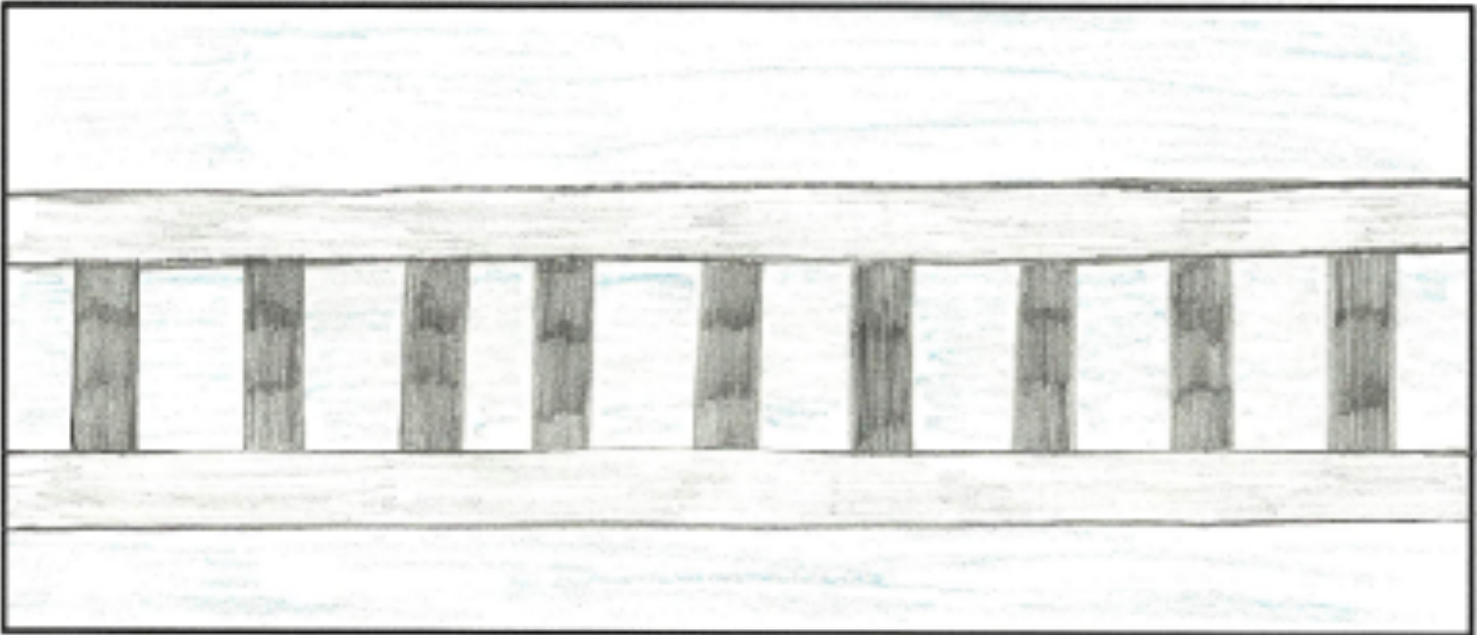
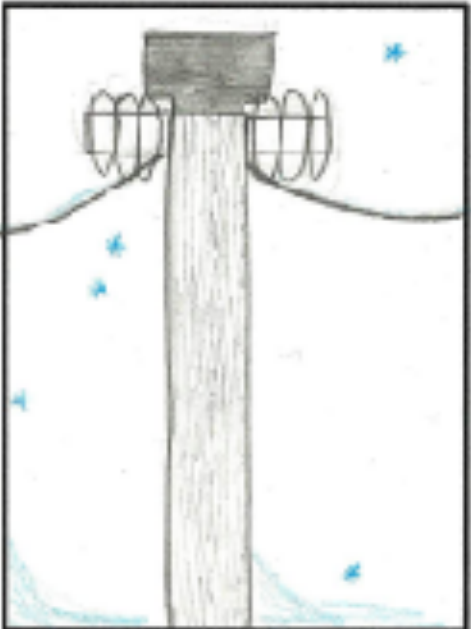
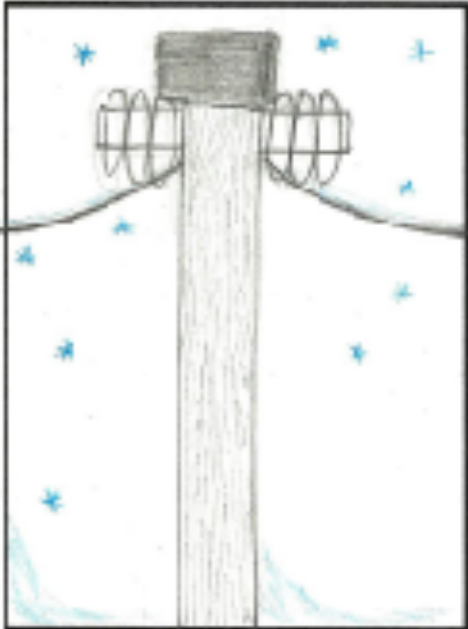
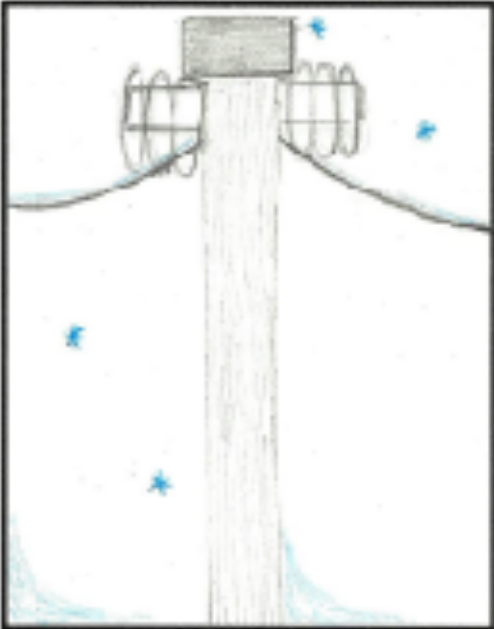
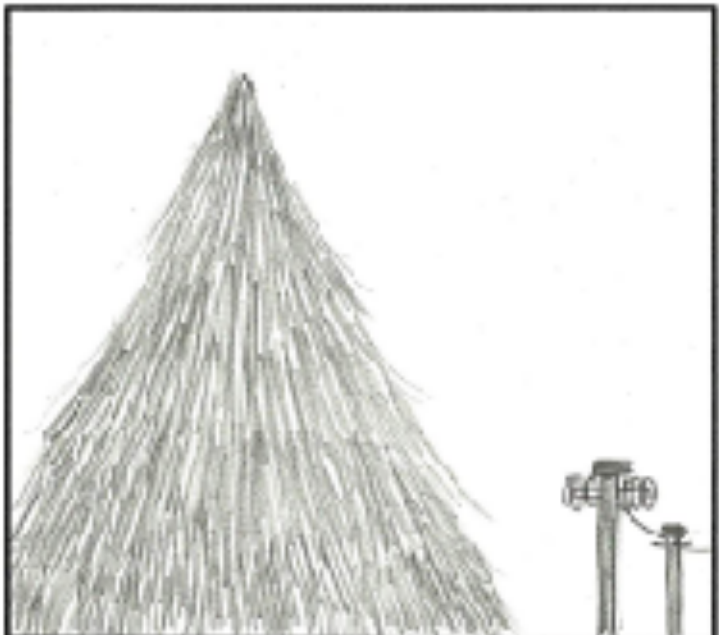




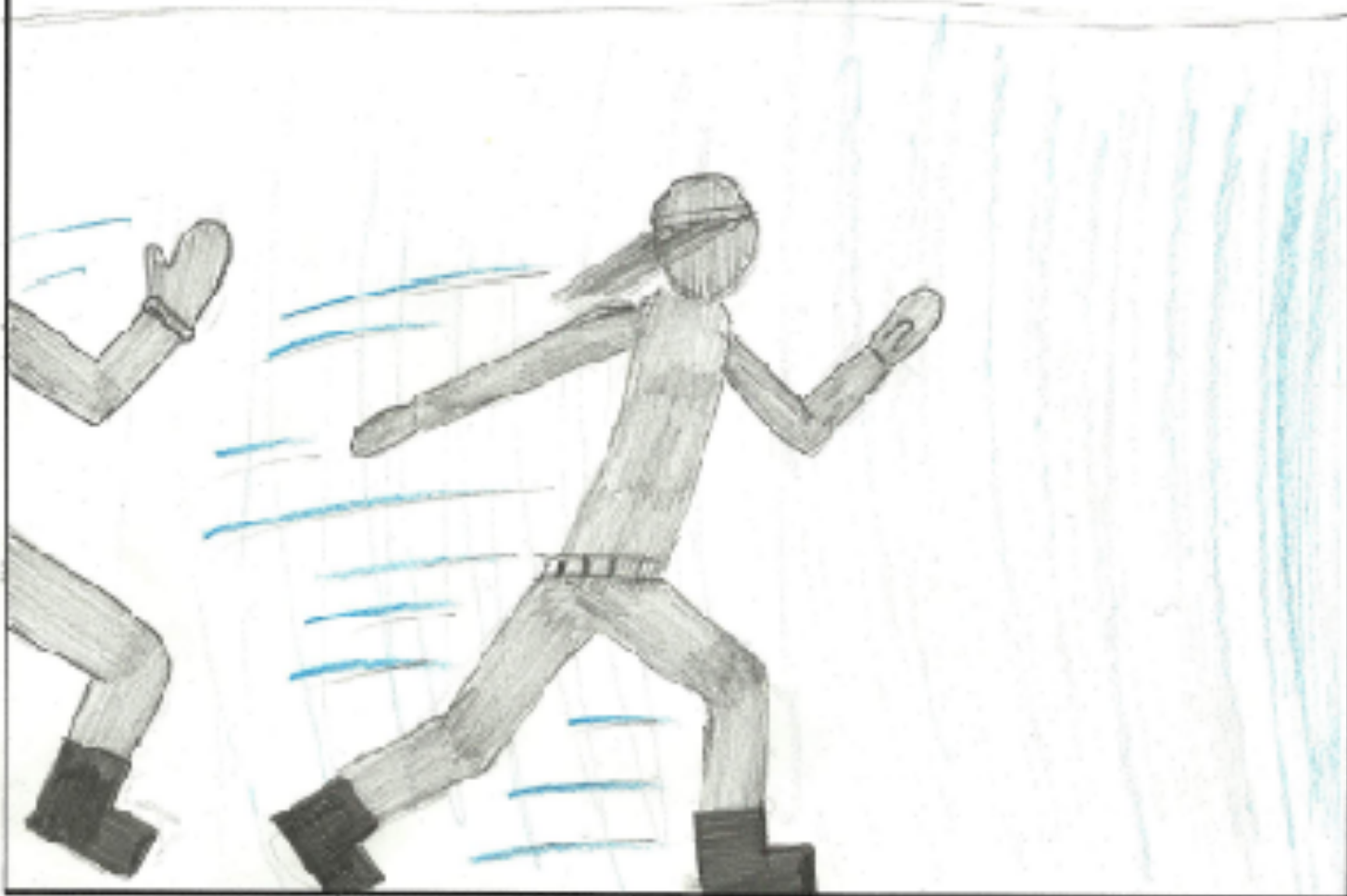
MIKE PULLED ME OUT RIGHT AWAY BUT I WAS STILL SOAKING WET AND FREEZING, ALL I WANTED WAS TO GO HOME AND HAVE SOME HOT CHOCOLATE BY THE FIREPLACE. IT WAS GETTING DARK THOUGH SO WE DECIDED THERE WAS NO TIME TO WAIT AROUND SO I TOOK OF MY JACKET, TIED IT AROUND MY SKIIES AND KEPT WALKING ALONG THE CLEARING, MAKING SURE TO WATCH WHERE I STEPED...



HEY, WHATS THAT BEHIND  
THOSE TREES?...IT  
LOOKS LIKE...POWER  
LINES!!!



WE KNEW THAT THE POWER LINES RAN RIGHT ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND THAT THE TRAIN RUNS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE MAIN LODGE AT THE MOUNTAIN SO, COMPLETELY FORGETTING HOW EXHAUSTED WE WERE, WE STARTED SPRINTING ALONG THE TRACKS UNTIL WE CAME AROUND A BEND IN THE TRACKS. WE BOTH STOPED AND STARTED AT FOR A MINUTE AT WHAT WE SAW.



*WE COULDN'T BELIEVE OUR EYES...IT LOOKED TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...*



*TO BE CONTINUED...*

