

THE LITTLE ART HISTORIES





Hi, little one! I'm the "Mona Lisa," a very famous painting! I was created

a loooong time ago by an artist named Leonardo da Vinci.

My smile is a mystery—some people think I'm happy, others think I'm

hiding a secret...What do you think?

I live in a huge museum called the Louvre, where many people come to visit

me every day. I've traveled, been hidden, and even stolen, but I always found

my way back. Maybe one day, who knows—you can come

see me up close!



Hi, I'm "The Starry Night," a very special painting made by Vincent van Gogh!

Look how my sky shines full of dancing stars!

My painter created me with brushstrokes that look like blowing wind and

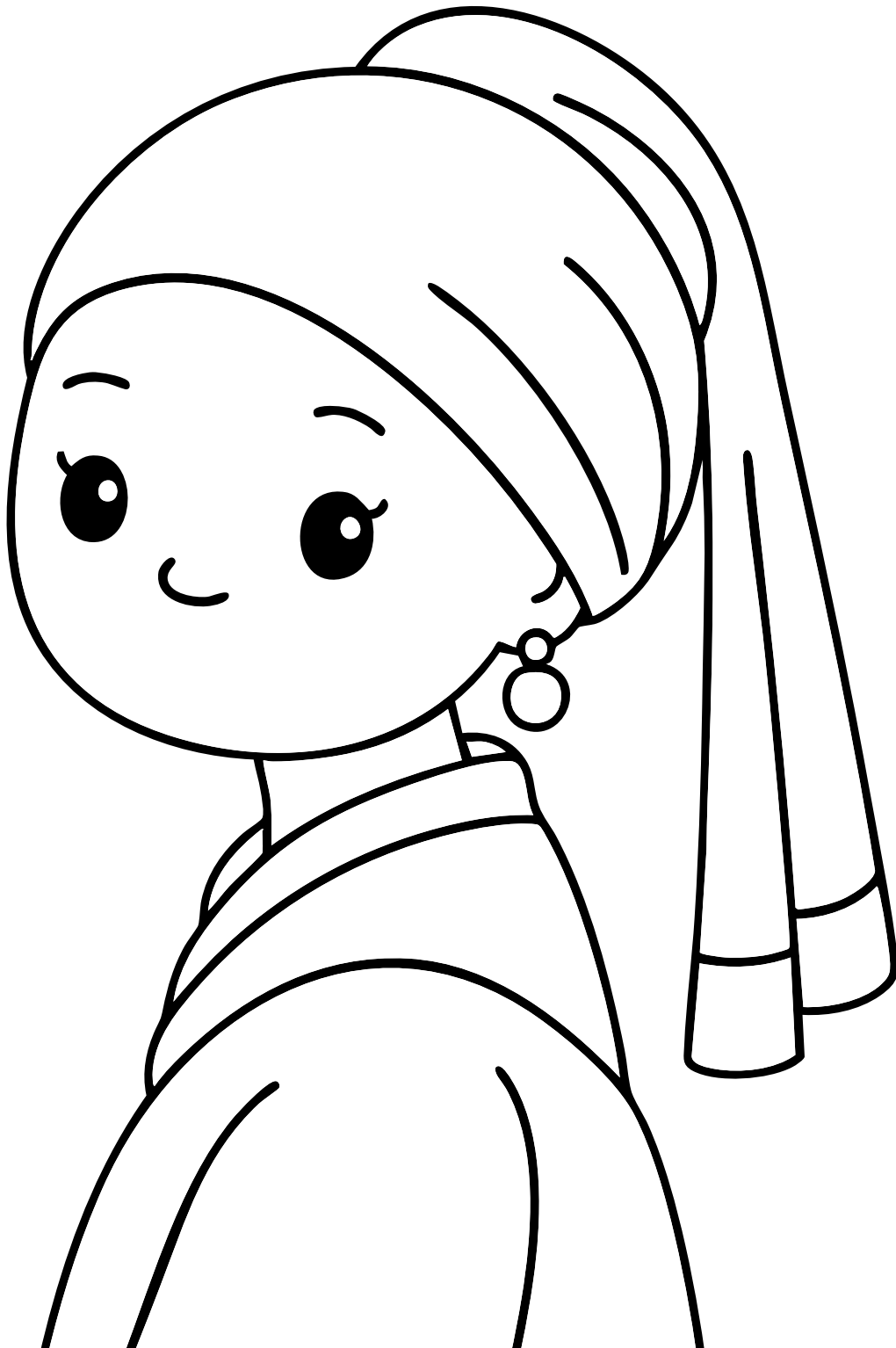
twinkling light. He loved to look at the night sky and imagine a

magical world!

Now, I live in a museum called MoMA, where many people come to see me.

When you come visit me, don't forget to bring your own

painting, okay!?



Once upon a time, there was a very beautiful girl who wore a shiny earring
made of pearl! She was standing still, looking sideways, as if someone had
just called her name.

Her eyes are calm and curious, and she wears a blue and yellow scarf on
her head.No one knows her name, but she became famous because an
artist named Vermeer painted her little face with great care.

Now, everyone all around the world knows... the girl with the
pearl earring!



There was once a painter named Monet who loved flowers, plants, and nature.

He lived in a house with a magical garden, full of colors!

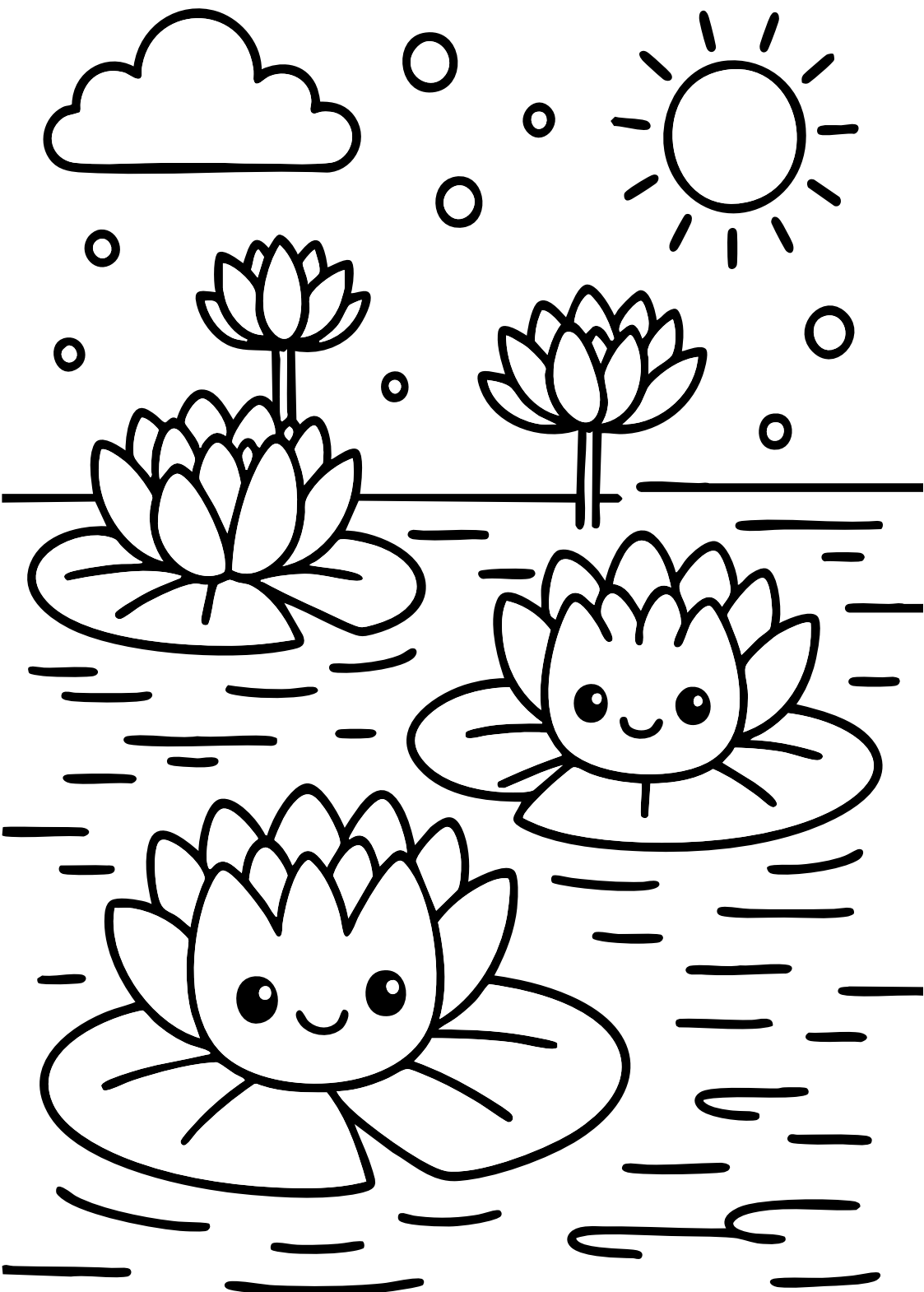
There was a little green bridge, many flowers called water lilies (that look like little stars on the water!), and a very calm pond. Monet painted that garden

with great love, because it was his favorite place!

He used to say that his garden was like a little piece of a dream... and he

wanted to share that dream with the whole world using his paints

brushes.



Do you remember Monet's garden? Well, in his garden there were many small ponds with colorful flowers floating on the water—where he loved to stroll.

Monet loved this garden so much that he spent a lot of time painting his water lilies—the name of those little floating stars. He liked to paint his lilies at different times of the day. Sometimes the sun was shining and the flowers looked golden, other times they seemed even more magical when the light was low, almost like nighttime. He used big brushes and lots of color to show how beautiful and peaceful they were.



This painting is called "The Scream"—I think you can tell, right?

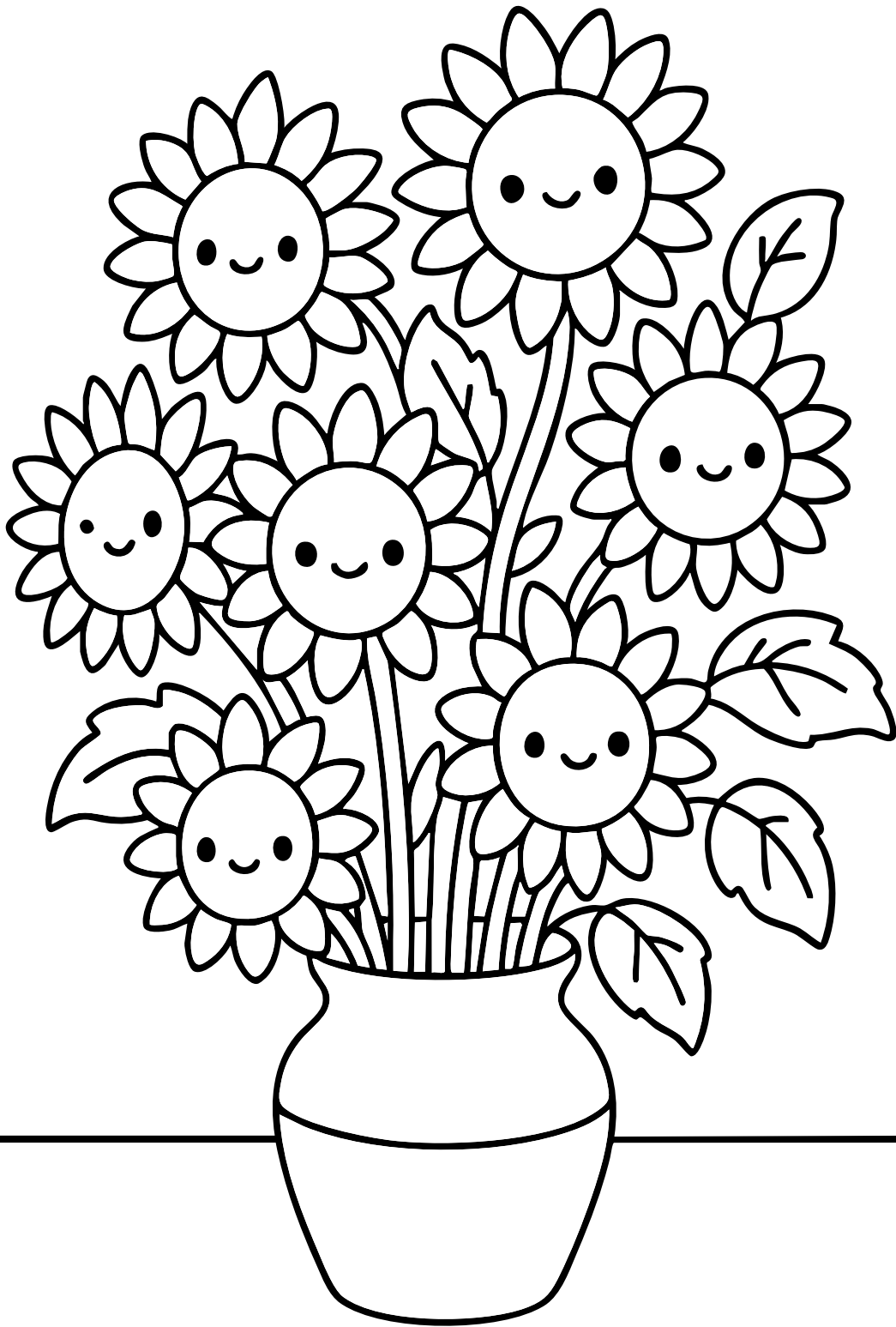
It was painted by Edvard Munch. In it, there's a person screaming very loudly, as if they were scared! Their mouth is wide open and their face looks worried. The sky is all colorful too, as if it's dancing with the waves, joining in the scream!

The person is standing in the middle of a bridge, looking at the water and the sky, and it feels like the whole world is screaming along with them! Do you think they're dizzy? Do you think they're afraid? What do you think made them feel that way?



Did you know that there is a very famous painting called
"A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" made by an artist
named Georges Seurat? It shows several people walking in a park, near
a river, enjoying their Sunday. There are ladies in dresses, little dogs, and
even small boats!

The artist painted using little dots, as if it were magic! When we look from
afar, all the little dots disappear! This painting lives in a museum that is
very far from here, over in the United States!



Once upon a time, there was a painter named Van Gogh. He loved painting beautiful things, and one of his favorite things—guess what: sunflowers! Van Gogh was different: he used bold brushstrokes, with lots of paint and a lot of emotion. He painted as if he were dancing with the brush!

In this painting, there is a vase full of big, smiling sunflowers (they almost look like they're saying "hi!"). Van Gogh painted with a lot of yellow, because it was the color that made him happy! Do you know where this painting lives? In a museum called the Van Gogh Museum, in the Netherlands, where there are many other paintings made by him!



"Las Meninas" is a very famous painting made by an artist named Diego Velázquez. In it, there's a little princess named Margarita, her helpers, a cute little dog... and even the painter himself! Can you find the painter in the painting? He's right there, painting too! How cool is that?

Velázquez painted everything very carefully. Some parts are full of light, and others are really dark. He wanted to make the painting look like an old photograph! This painting lives at the Prado Museum, in Spain, in a place called Madrid.



Do you know the name of this painting? It's called "The Kiss" and it was made by the artist Gustav Klimt, who loved painting beautiful, shiny, and loving things! In the painting, there's a couple hugging and sharing a sweet little kiss. But the coolest part is that it looks like they're covered in magical gold!

Do you know why? Because Klimt used a special technique: he glued tiny pieces of real gold onto the painting! That's called gold leaf. Then he mixed it with paint and created designs with colorful shapes—like dots, little squares, and spirals, which look like tiny curled-up snakes.

It's like love became sparkling art, because Klimt was like a painting magician — and "The Kiss" is one of his most famous masterpieces!



Hiiii! My name is Miriam and just like you, I love coloring

Let me tell you a secret—super smart scientists discovered something amazing: Art helps us feel calmer and smarter! When we draw or color, our little brains throw a party of ideas! It's like they're saying: "Wow! That's

so cool! I want to learn more!"

Drawing helps us pay attention, imagine new things, and even feel happy.

How magical is that? Now tell me... did you like the book? What was your

favorite drawing?

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to write there what you enjoyed the most about this book!

I'd love to hear from you!