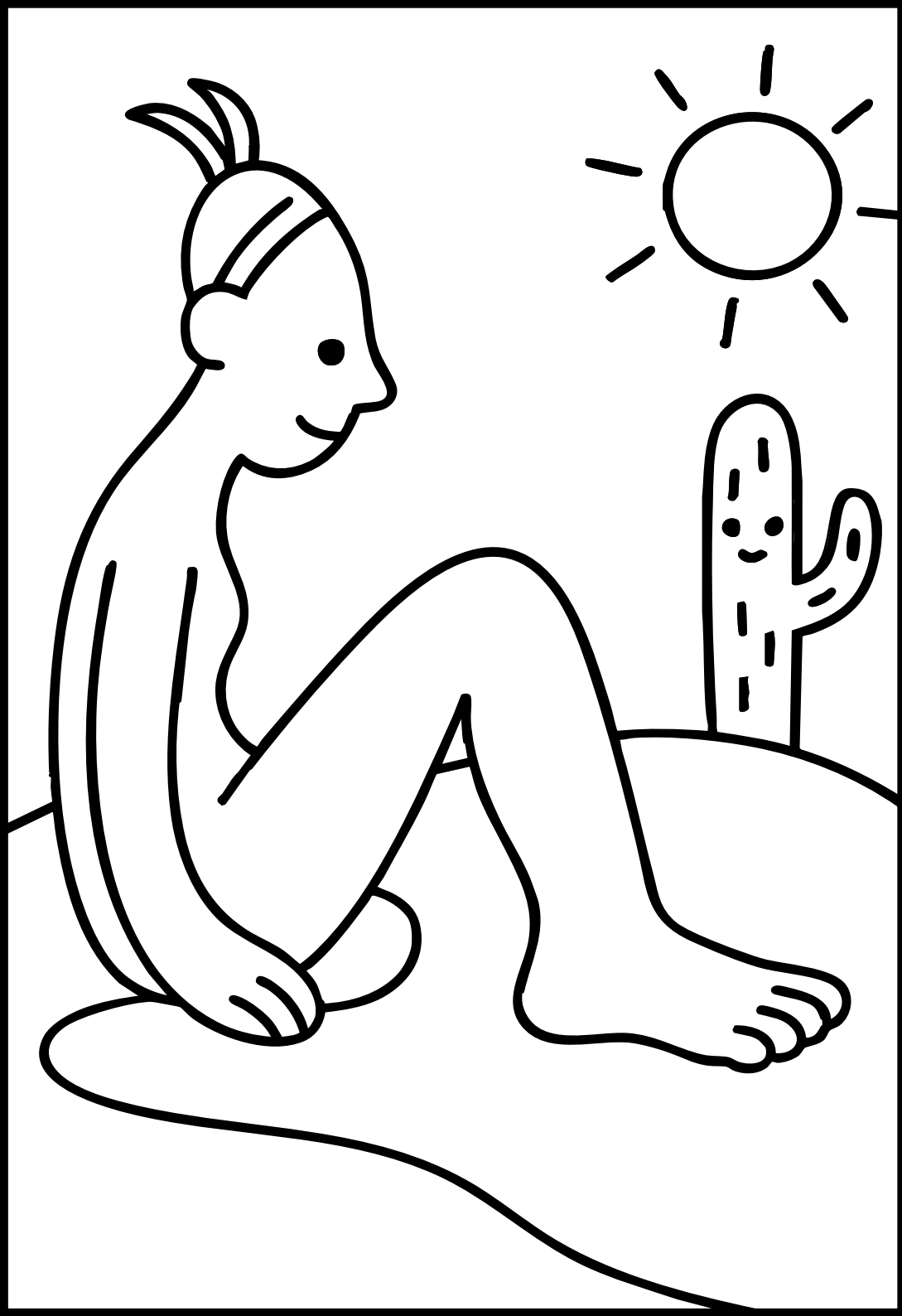


The Little Modernists





Do you know the painting Ibaporú?

Let me tell you then: An artist named Tarsila do Amaral, who loved painting a very colorful Brazil, created this painting. In this artwork, there's a huge cactus and a suuuper bright sun!!! She used oil paints, which are really strong. A carnival of colors to make us feel really happy! There's green, blue, pink, and even orange! It looks like a comic book drawing. If one day your parents take you to São Paulo, come visit me at my house!? I live at MASP, which is a big museum with some pillars that look like legs wearing red pants!



Can you guess where these girls are going?

The artist Di Cavalcanti drew five very well-dressed girls. They are called

The Women of Guaratinguetá. Di, as his friends liked to call him, loved painting the people of Brazil. Notice how they're all standing still, side by

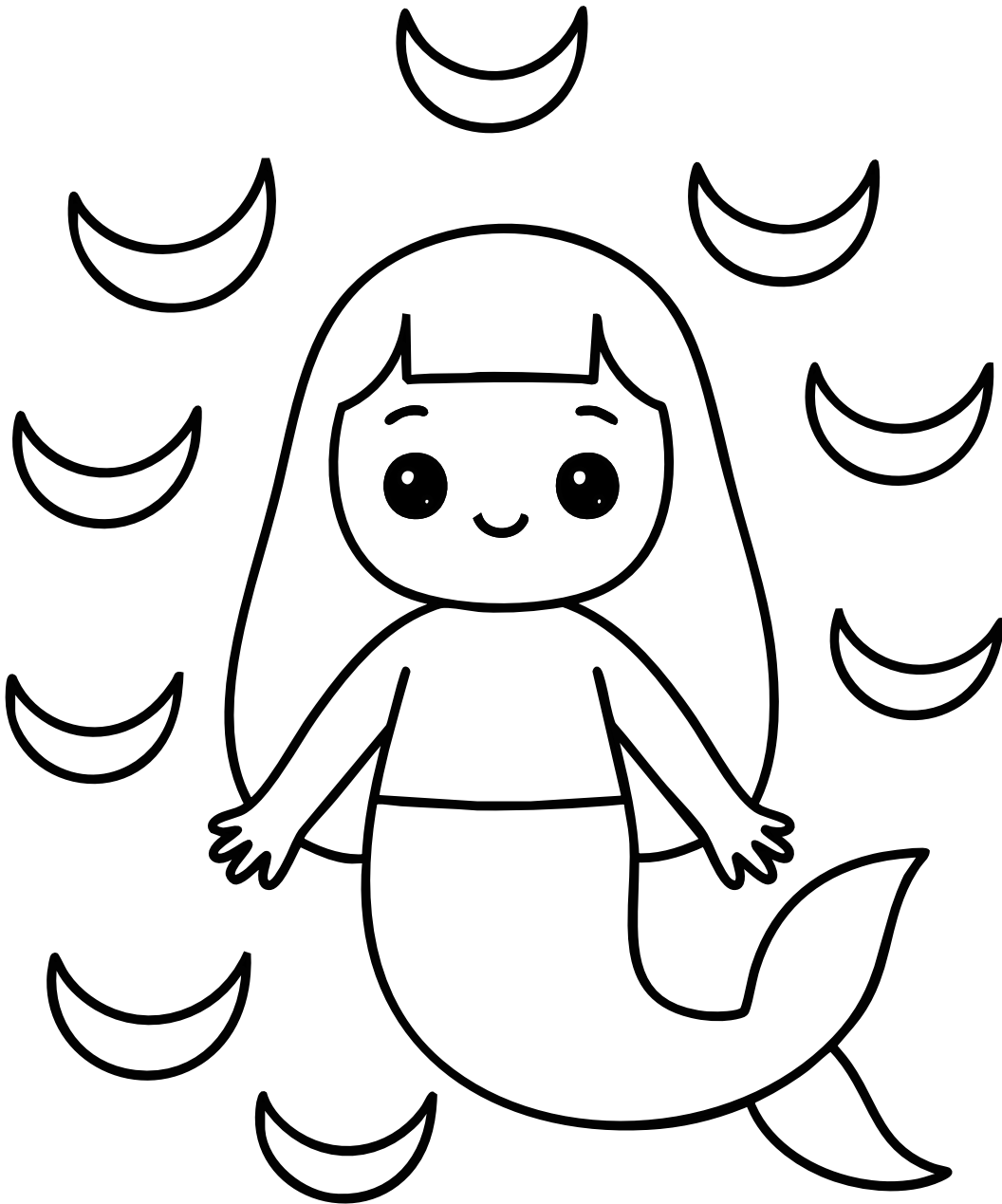
side, as if they were waiting for someone?

Look at their dresses! They're so beautiful! Do you think they're going

to a party? A walk in the square? Or are they just posing for a fancy

portrait? The painting doesn't tell us everything... but we can imagine!

Where do you think they're going?



Have you ever seen a mermaid? The artist Alfredo Volpi not only saw one,

he painted a very different and mysterious mermaid. She has big eyes, a

body that looks like a drawing, and there she is, all quiet and happy...

Volpi loved painting with simple shapes and strong colors. He also really

liked little flags! But this time, he chose a mermaid that was all his own.

And you know what's really cool? He didn't draw like a photo—he drew

with his imagination! And guess where this painting lives? At the

Museum of Modern Art in Rio de Janeiro! A place full of artworks for

everyone to see.

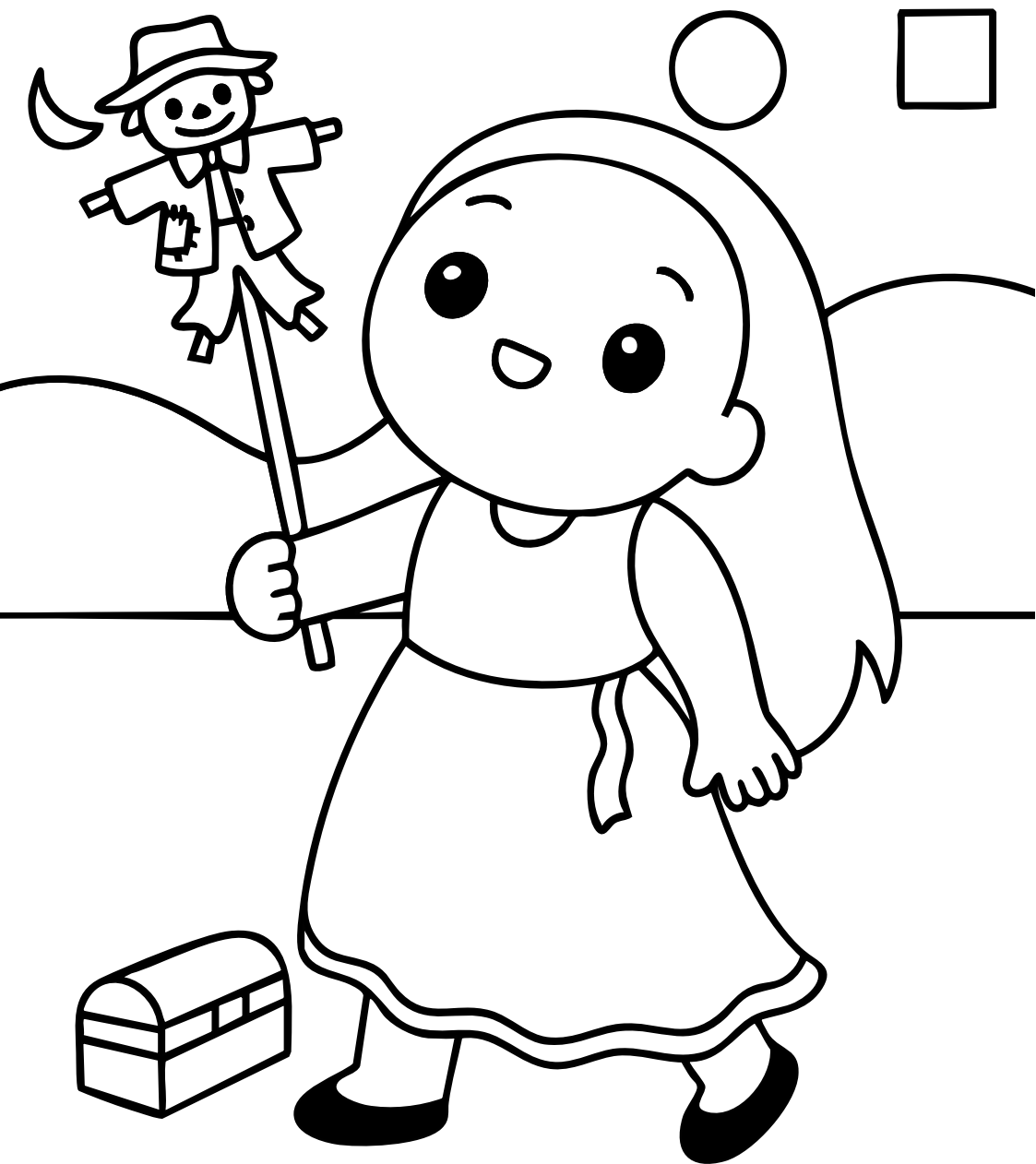
Now tell me: Where do you think the mermaid is? Is she at the

bottom of the sea or in an enchanted place?



Once upon a time, there was an artist named Anita Malfatti who loved painting things she saw and also things she felt in her heart. She painted this lake in Italy called Lago Maggiore, which has blue water, mountains in the background, a little house, and a small boat in the middle. Anita was one of the first artists in Brazil to make very different paintings, full of emotion!

Have you ever seen a lake like this? Do you think there's someone in the little boat? If you were there, what would you take on that trip? Oh, and do you know where this painting lives? At the Pinacoteca of São Paulo! It's a museum where many beautiful works of art live, all well kept for everyone to visit.



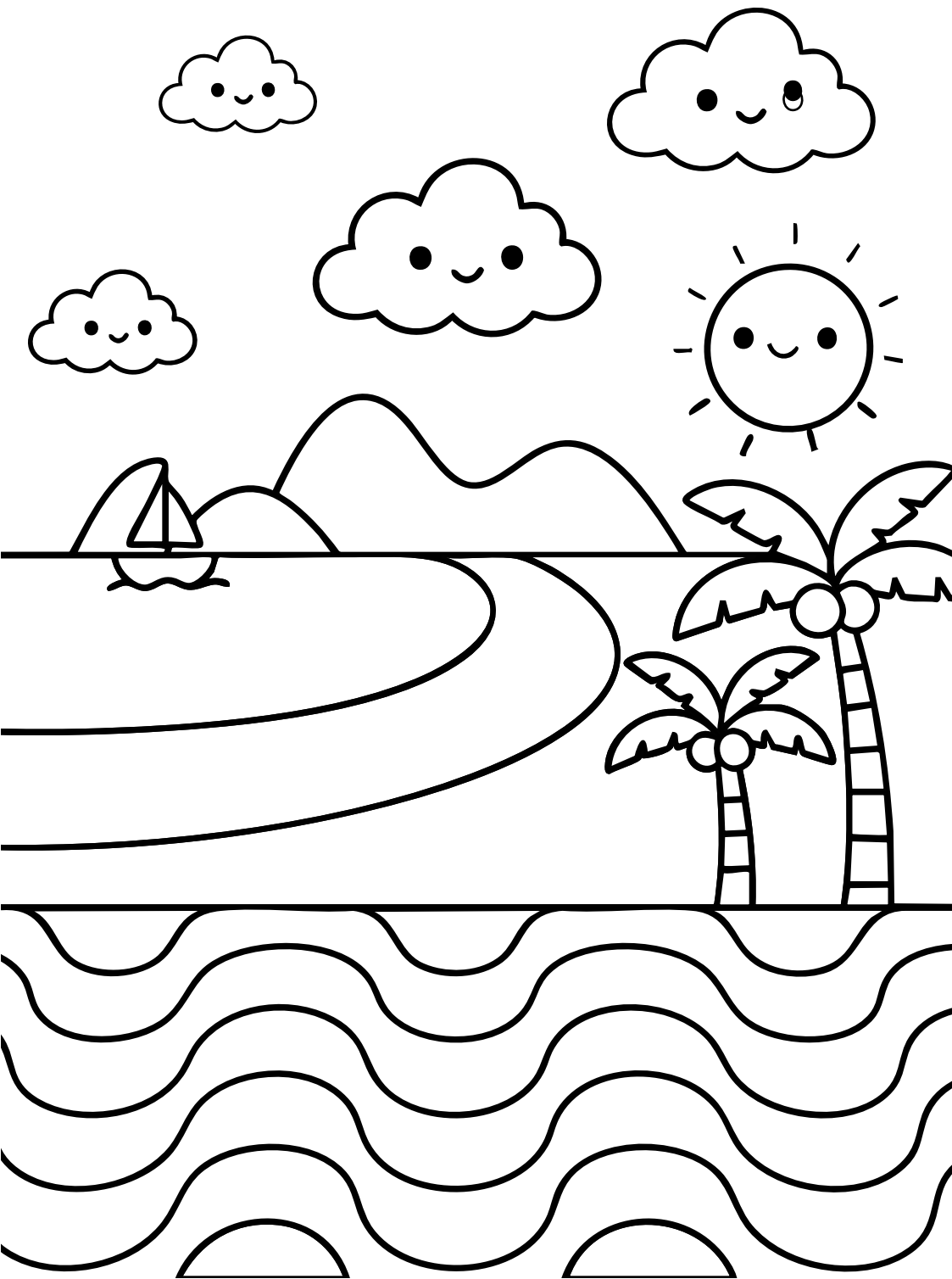
Hi, little one! Have you ever seen a scarecrow? That doll that stands in the middle of the field scaring birds away? But this one isn't scary at all!

The artist Candido Portinari painted this picture of a girl dancing with a scarecrow in her hand. Can you guess the name of the painting?

Portinari loved painting the people of Brazil: children, workers, celebrations, and also nature. He was born in a small town and always remembered the things he saw when he was very little. That's why his

paintings are so full of affection!

Oh, and do you know where this painting lives? At the São Paulo Museum of Art (MASP)! It's a place full of amazing paintings!



Did you know that art doesn't have to be only in museums?

There's art we can see on the street, while walking with our family!

You know that sidewalk with black and white waves at Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro? It was designed by an artist named Burle Marx!

He was a landscape designer—someone who creates beautiful gardens,

sidewalks, and squares! Burle Marx loved plants, unique shapes, and

cheerful colors. He created art on the ground, in gardens, on leaves...

everywhere! And you know what's really cool? The house where he

lived became a museum! It's in Guaratiba, in Rio de Janeiro, and it has a

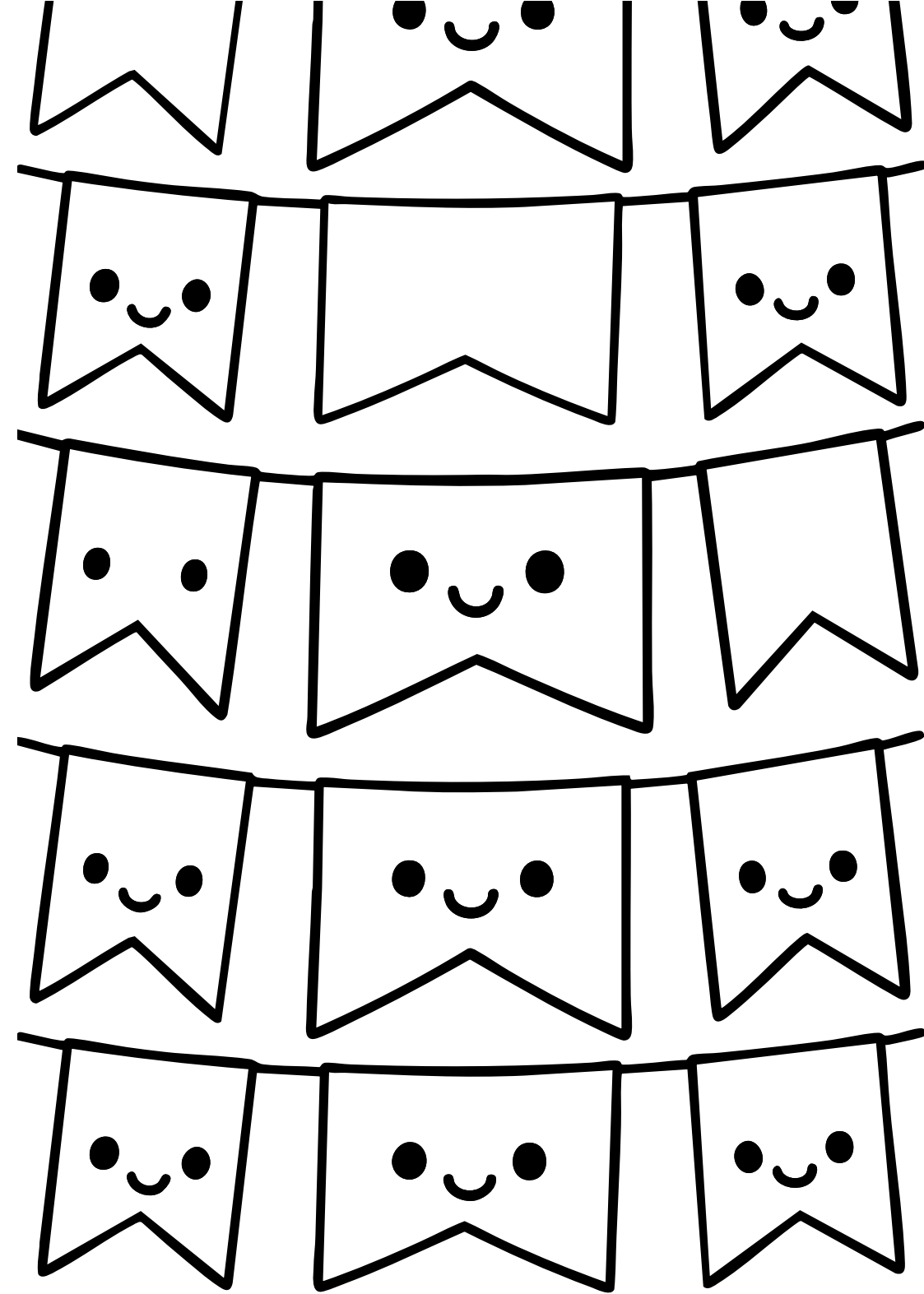
huge garden full of plants that he chose himself! Would you like to visit

that magical place one day?



Have you ever flown a kite? What did your kite look like—was it round, square, or did it have a long tail? The artist Djanira da Silva painted a joyful picture called Boys with Kites! In her painting, several boys are playing together on the beach, flying colorful kites. The kites fly high with their little tails in the wind — it even looks like they're dancing up in the sky!

Djanira liked to show in her paintings the simple and beautiful things of everyday life: like playing, talking, working, and dancing. Flying kites was such fun to her that it became art!



The artist Alfredo Volpi loved a party! He painted super colorful little flags that look just like decorations from traditional Brazilian June festivals! His paintings are full of flying flags, hanging on strings, dancing in the wind as if they were saying: "Hooray for joy!"

But you know what's even cooler? His little flags aren't just decorations. They became real art! Volpi painted using simple shapes and lots of beautiful colors, and he used a technique called tempera, mixing paint with glue—like magic!

And do you know where those little flags live? In several museums around Brazil, like the Pinacoteca of São Paulo — all ready to be visited up close!



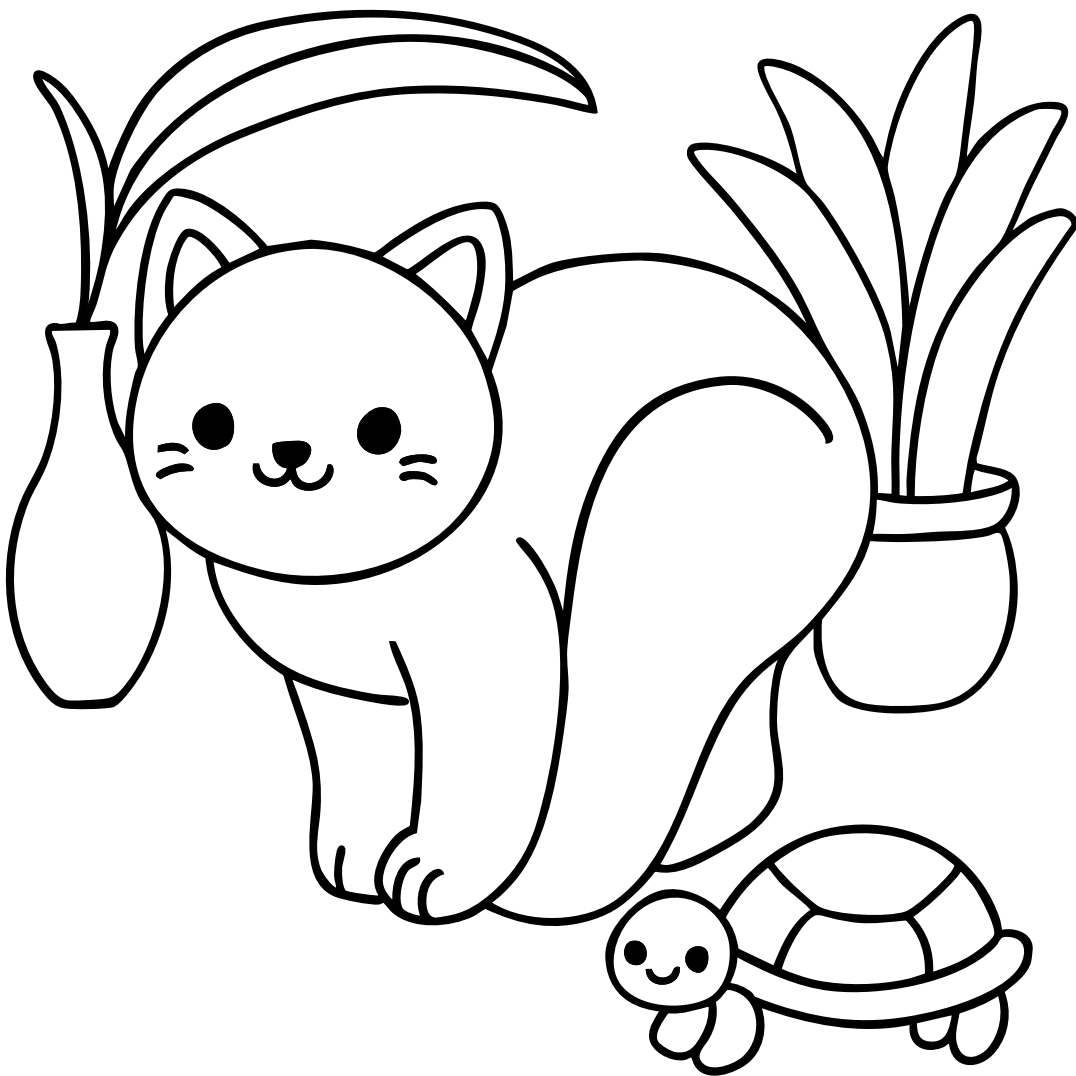
Hi, little one! Do you like fruit?

The artist Anita Malfatti painted a picture called "Tropical" that's full of
tasty and colorful fruits! There are bananas, pineapples, mangoes..

It almost looks like a summer picnic table or a street market!
The fruits are really big, full of color, looking like they're about to pop
out of the painting for us to take a bite!

Do you know where this painting lives today? At the Museum of
Contemporary Art of the University of São Paulo (MAC USP).

It's kept safe there, just waiting for your visit



Have you ever seen a cat and a turtle together?

The painter Vicente do Rego Monteiro created a painting where there's a big, elegant cat with its tail standing up... And next to it, a tiny turtle walking very slowly. It looks like they're friends, each in their own way!

Vicente loved painting using different shapes, as if the animals were made of modeling clay or puzzle pieces. He mixed art with imagination and created really magical scenes! Now I ask you: do you think the cat and the turtle are playing, or are they just posing for a photo together?

To see this really cool painting, you have to ask your parents to take you to the São Paulo Museum of Art (MASP). I live there with many

other beautiful artworks!



Hiiii! My name is Miriam and just like you, I love to color. Let me tell you a secret: you're an artist too! That's right—from the moment we're born until we grow up, we imagine things and make them happen. Just like the artists in this little book. Some people make things happen by painting, and we call them painters. Others make things happen by building, and we call them engineers. And then there are those who never stop inventing—we call them scientists.

And do you know what these scientists discovered? That art helps us feel calmer and smarter. And when we draw or color, our little heads throw a big party full of ideas!

What did you think of the book? I'd love to know!