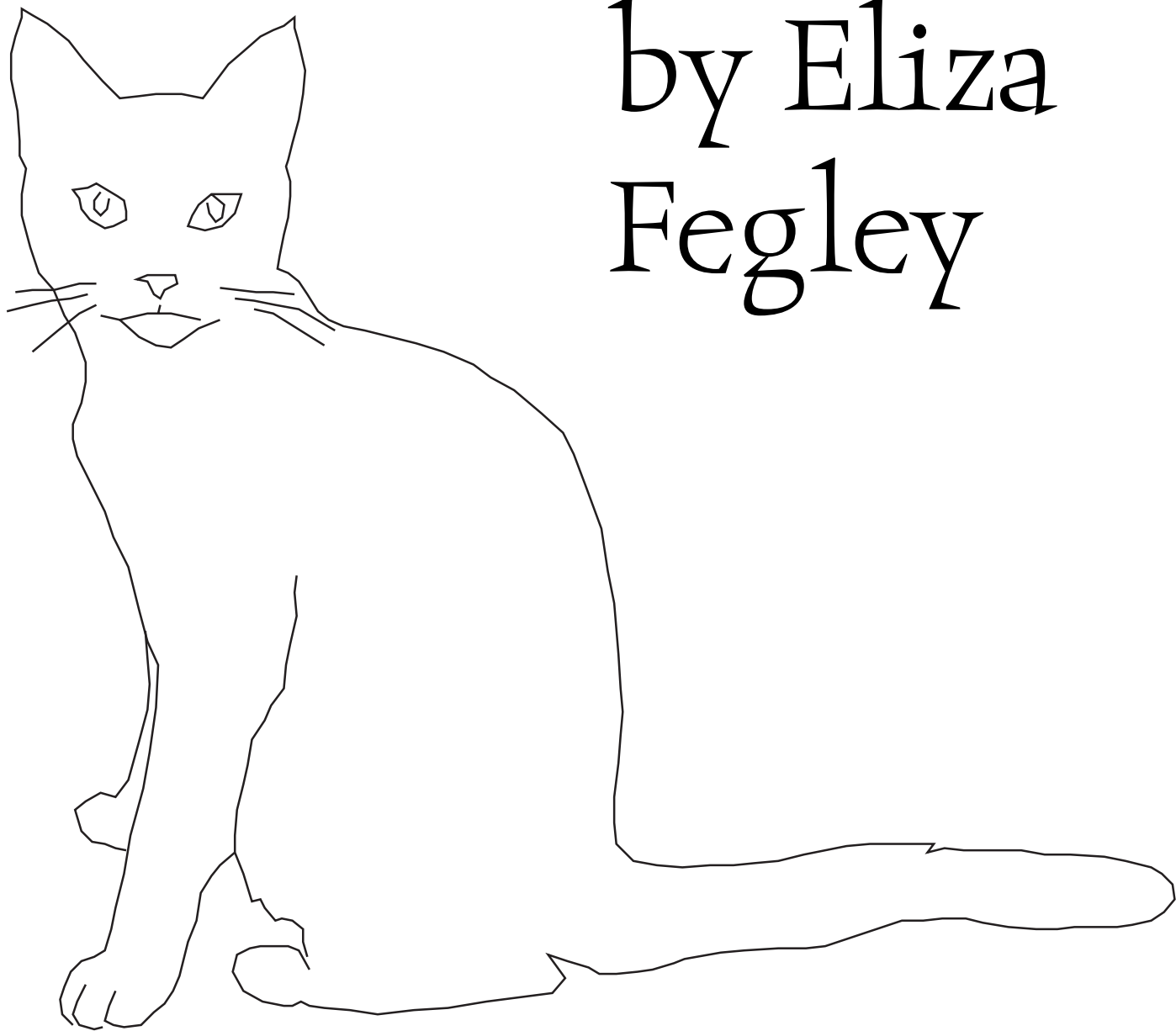


# All About Familiars

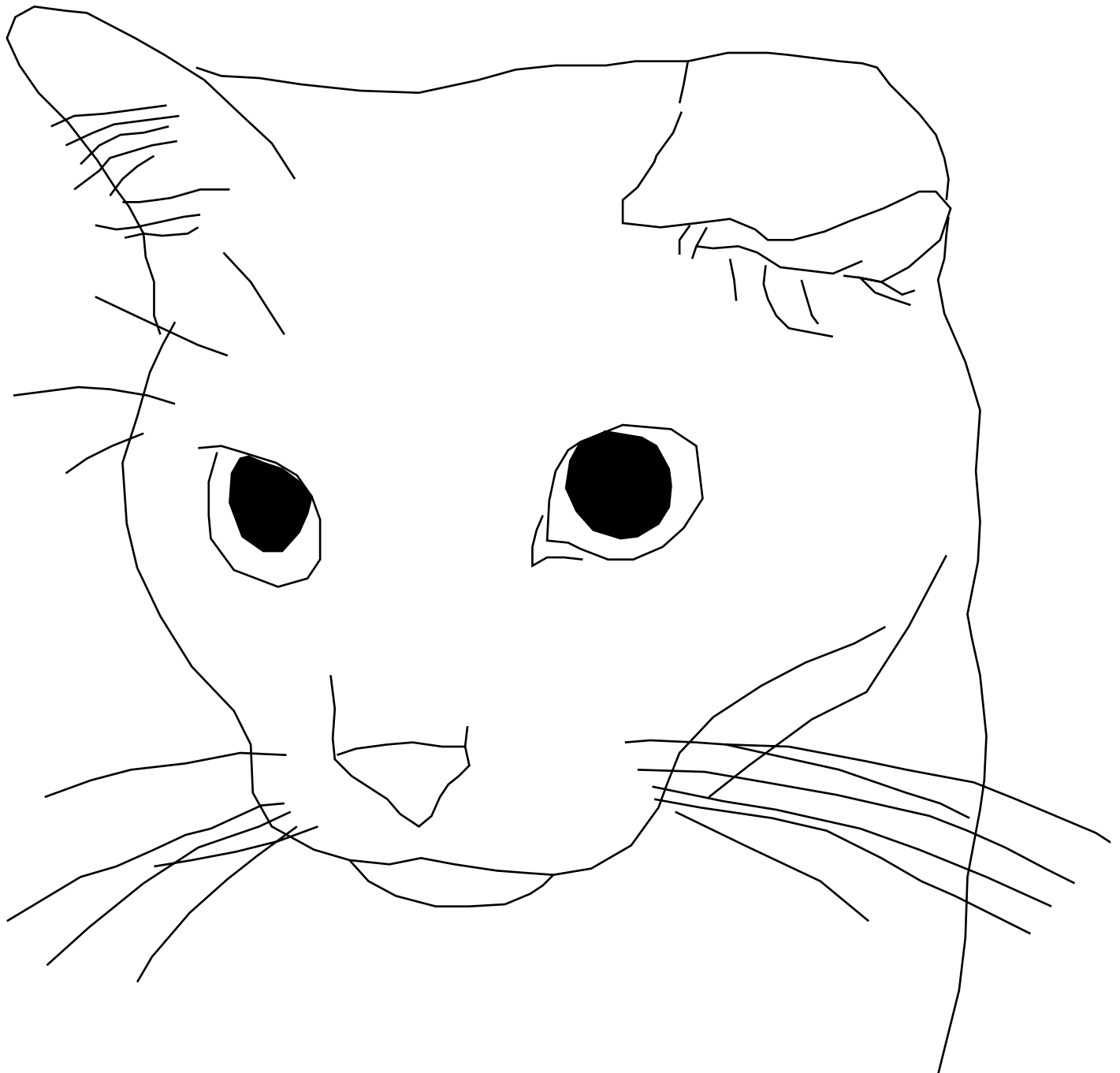
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What is a familiar?

A familiar is an animal, often a pet, that we love.

Some animals have a special "something" about them that brings us close to them. This "something" inside the animal is a helping spirit.



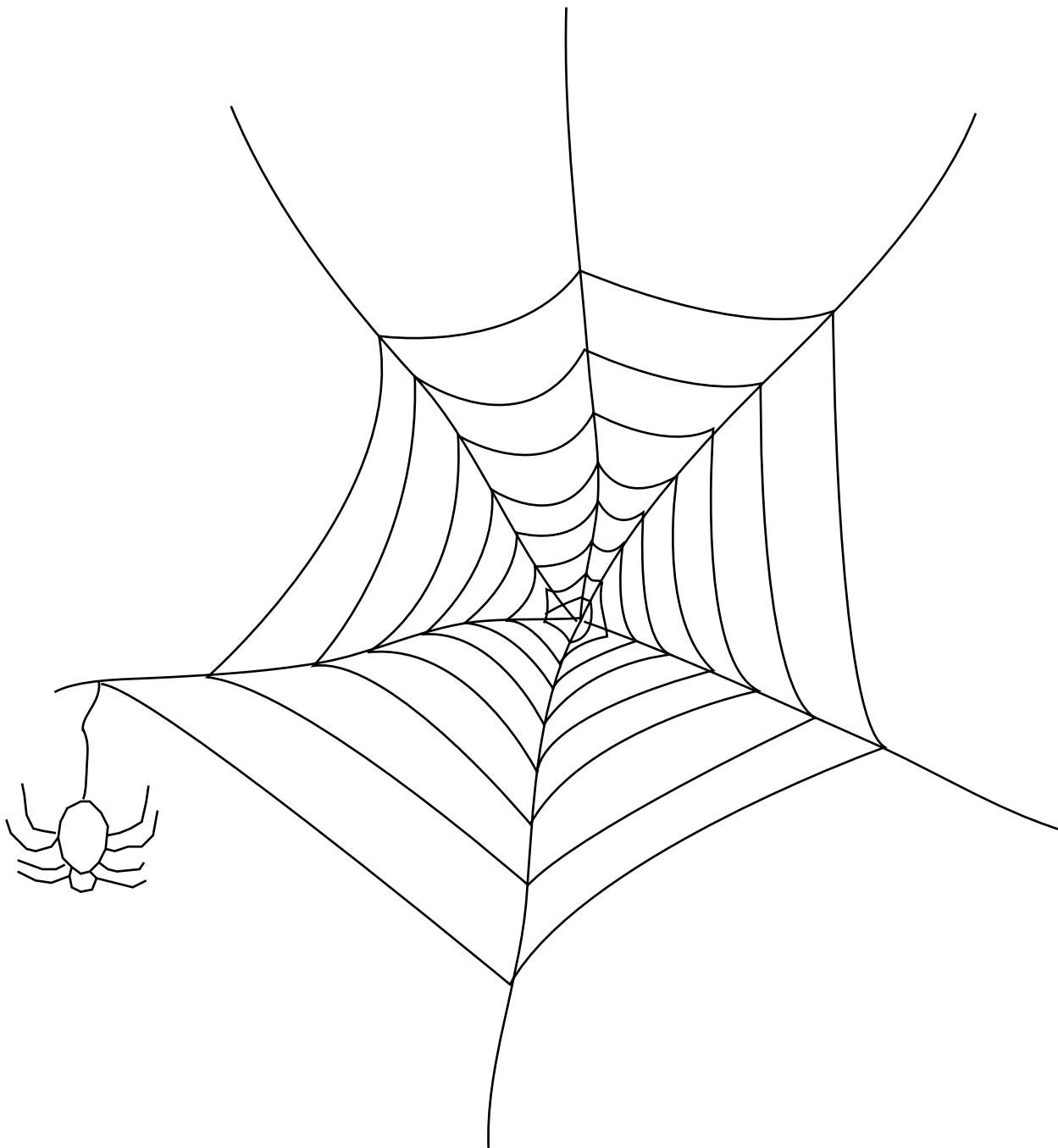
What do familiars do?

Familiars help us. They come into our lives or show their true selves when we need them. When their work is done, they oftentimes leave us and go on to help another person who needs them.



What can be a familiar?

Familiars can take on many different forms. They can be a cat, dog, ferret, turtle, mouse, rabbit, bird, or even a spider!

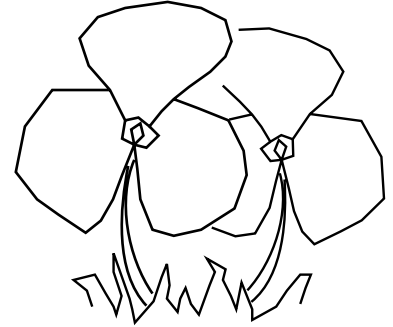


## The Healing Circle

Kate got out of bed and went downstairs to the kitchen. Her mom was sitting at the kitchen table. She looked worried.

"What's wrong?" Kate asked.

"Patrick's sick. He's running a fever."



Patrick was Kate's little brother and even though they would sometimes argue, she still loved him.

"Is there anything I can do to help out?" Kate asked her mom.

"Would you bring Sneaker downstairs and give him his breakfast? I saw him in Patrick's room."

Kate went back upstairs. She found Sneaker lying on the bed next to Patrick.

"Woof!" Sneaker said his hello to Kate and then looked back at Patrick as though he was worried about him, too.

Kate walked over to Patrick's bed and felt his head. He was burning hot and fast asleep.

Kate took Sneaker downstairs and fed him his breakfast in the kitchen. While he was eating, Kate nibbled on some breakfast cereal while looking out the window. It was summer and there was a round patch of violets growing in the backyard.

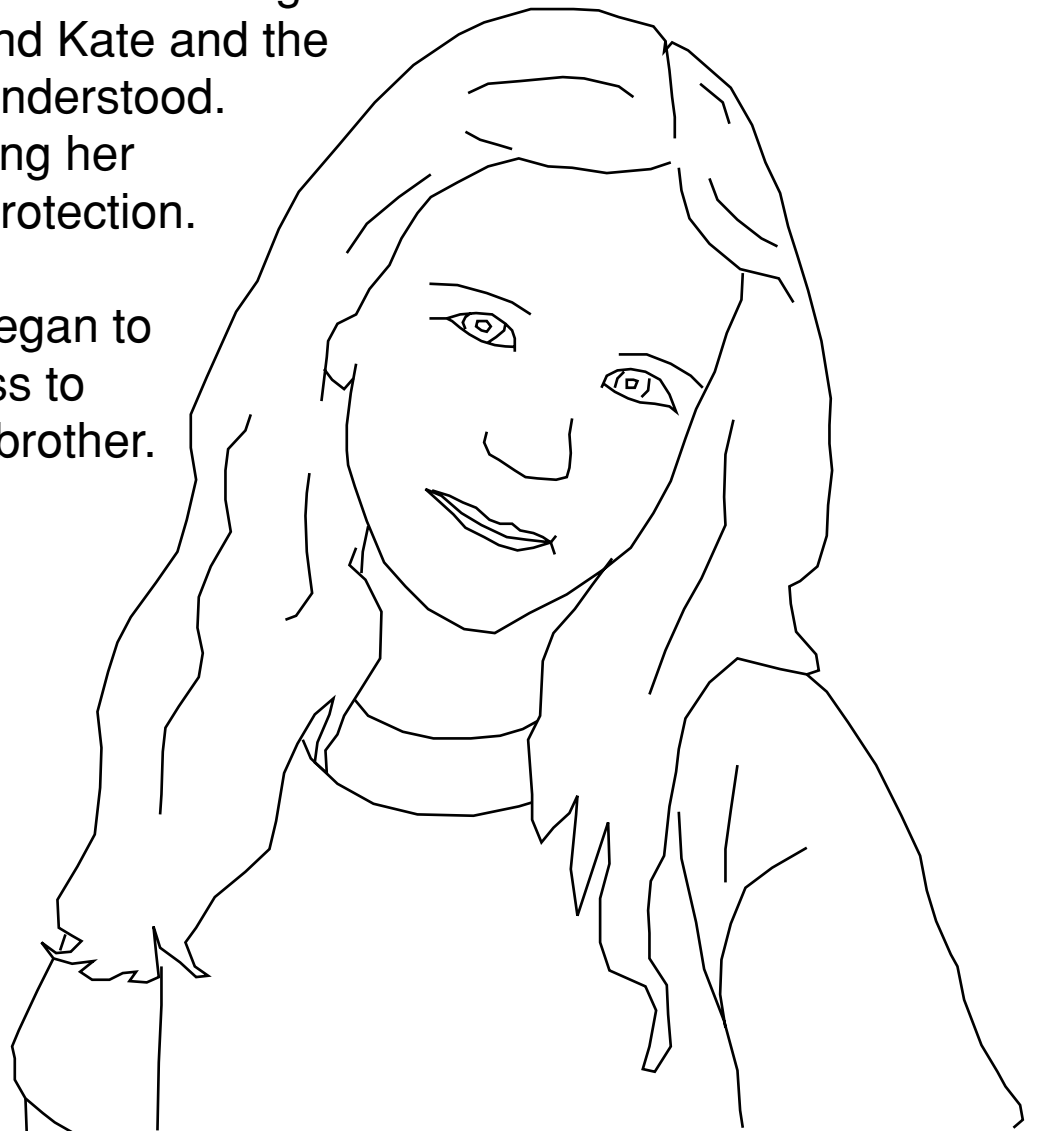
"I know what I will do," thought Kate.

Kate went outside and Sneaker followed her. Together they went to the patch of violets.

Kate stood in the center of all the violets and closed her eyes. A minute went by. "It's not working," she thought. "I am so worried about Patrick that I can't picture a circle of protection around me."

Kate sighed and was about to go back to the house when suddenly, "WOOF!" Sneaker began to run circles around Kate and the violet patch. She understood. Sneaker was helping her create a circle of protection.

Kate smiled and began to call on the Goddess to help heal her sick brother.



# Familiars

## Word Search

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V K K O S W N G W K L C D H Y  
L C L F K S N A K E Q A C C X  
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TOAD

CAT

GOLDFISH

FERRET

DOG

FROG

HAMSTER

GUINEA PIG

WEASIL

SNAKE

SPIDER

## The Big Black Crow

Grandma had a house in the woods. Jonathan loved going to visit her every weekend. He would help her in the garden, fill her bird feeders with bird seed, and play in the yard.

One day while he was playing in the yard, a big black crow landed on a tree branch and cried out, "Caw, caw, caw!" Jonathan was frightened and ran back inside the house to Grandma.

"Grandma! Grandma! There's a mean black bird yelling at me!"

Grandma looked outside her window and saw the crow sitting on the tree branch and looking back at her. She smiled.

"Jonathan, why don't you take some cracked corn and sunflowers out to feed the crow?"

But Jonathan was too scared to go back outside. So, Grandma went outside, taking the bird food, and she fed the crow.



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A week went by and Jonathan was visiting Grandma again. While he was playing in her yard a rabbit ran past him. Jonathan dropped his toy car and began to run after the rabbit. He ran straight into the woods.

Jonathan stopped running. Where was the rabbit?  
Jonathan looked everywhere for it and went deeper  
and deeper into the woods.

The ancient trees were so big that they blocked the  
light from the sun and it started to get dark. Jonathan  
was scared.

"Grandma!" he yelled.

"Grandma!" Jonathan started to  
cry. He was lost.

"Caw, caw, caw!"



Jonathan saw the black crow sitting on a tree branch,  
looking down at him. He was still scared of the black crow  
but he was even more scared of being lost in the woods.  
He asked the crow, "Can you help me find my way back  
to Grandma's house?"

"Caw!" cried the crow and she began to fly from tree  
branch to tree branch.

Jonathan followed her and soon he could see the sun  
overhead.

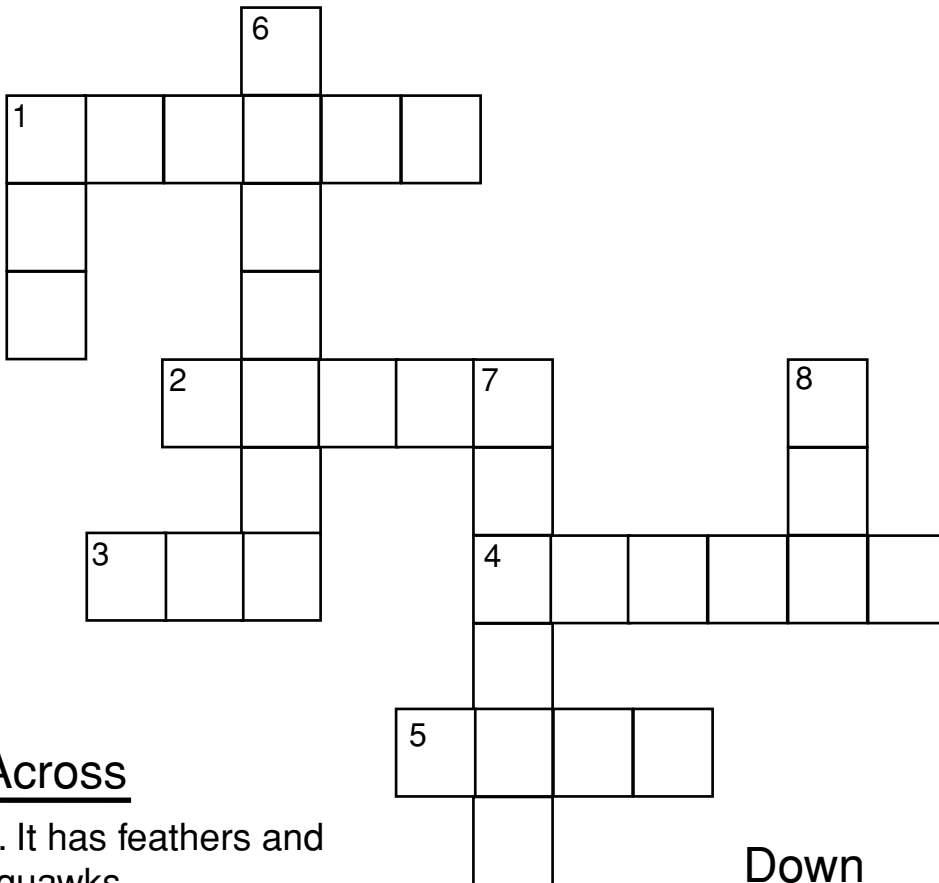
"Grandma! Grandma!" Jonathan cried out.

And there was Grandma, standing in the clearing with a  
bowl of cracked corn and sunflower seeds for the crow.

# Crossword Puzzle

Use the words inside the box to answer the questions.

bat	turtle	bear
skunk	parrot	cricket
pig	owl	kitten



## Across

1. It has feathers and squawks.
2. Hold your nose! This one has a stripe down the middle.
3. It flies in the dark.
4. It carries its home on its back.
5. It hibernates in winter.

## Down

1. Oink!
6. It is small. You hear it at night.
7. It meows.
8. Whoooooo?