

About this Coloring Book

This book was put together as a fundraising project by the members of the Taylor Lab at the University of Florida, in the department of Entomology and Nematology. We study biodiversity, with a particular focus on the colorful displays that tiny animals like jumping spiders use to communicate with one another. A second mission of ours is to combat arachnophobia by spreading the love of spiders (and other arachnids). Help us by sending your friends to www.coloringwithspiders.org to download a free PDF of this coloring book.

IF you would like to learn more about our research, please visit spiderpalooza.wordpress.com. To contribute spider-themed artwork to our lab for future coloring books and other projects, please send an email to Samm at Sammwehman@gmail.com.



About the Artists

Samm Wehman Epstein is a research technician at the Florida Museum of Natural History and a lab manager in the Taylor Lab in the UF Entomology and Nematology Department. She is also an artist and paints custom pet portraits and animal artwork in her free time. Other hobbies include cooking delicious vegan food, volunteering at her local animal shelter, and hanging out with her rescue dogs.

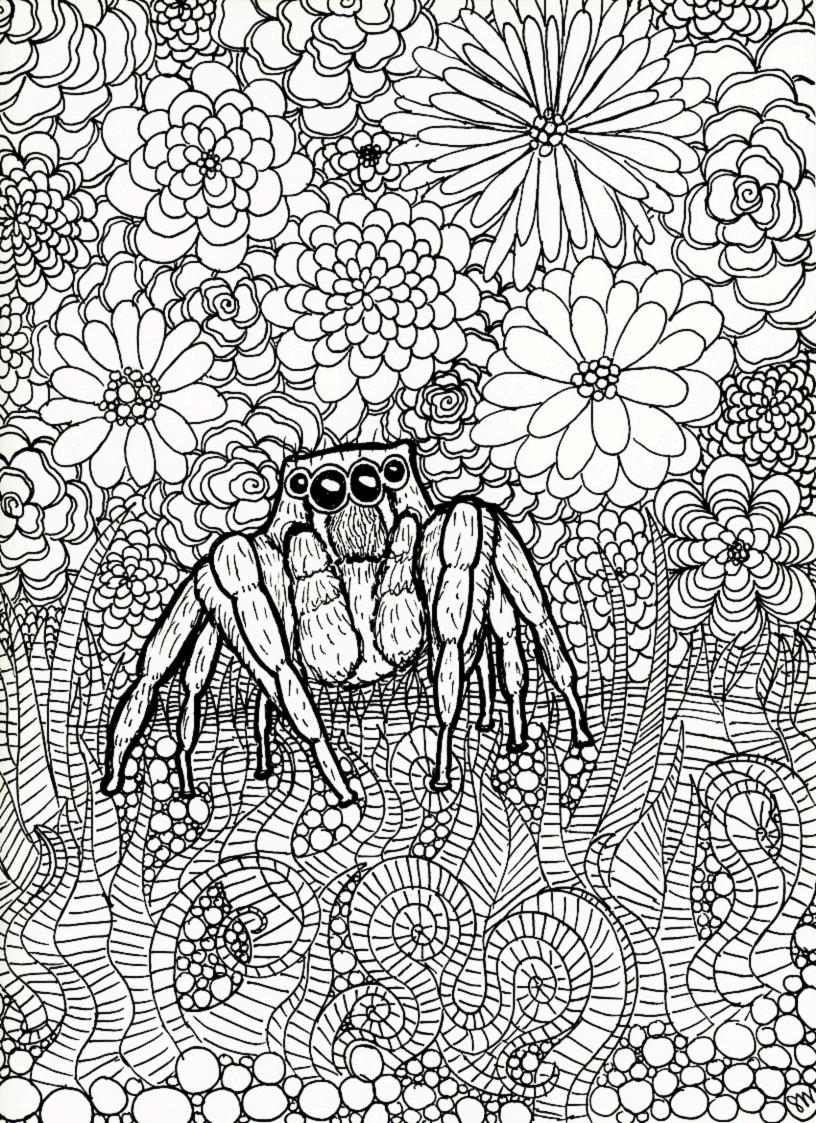
Ellen Humbel is a PhD student in Biology with interests in animal courtship behavior and signal complexity. She enjoys drawing otherworldly creatures, but also illustrates existent flora and fauna, as they are often equally strange and fascinating. She has been working to meld her love of art with biology in order to cultivate interest in science among broader audiences.

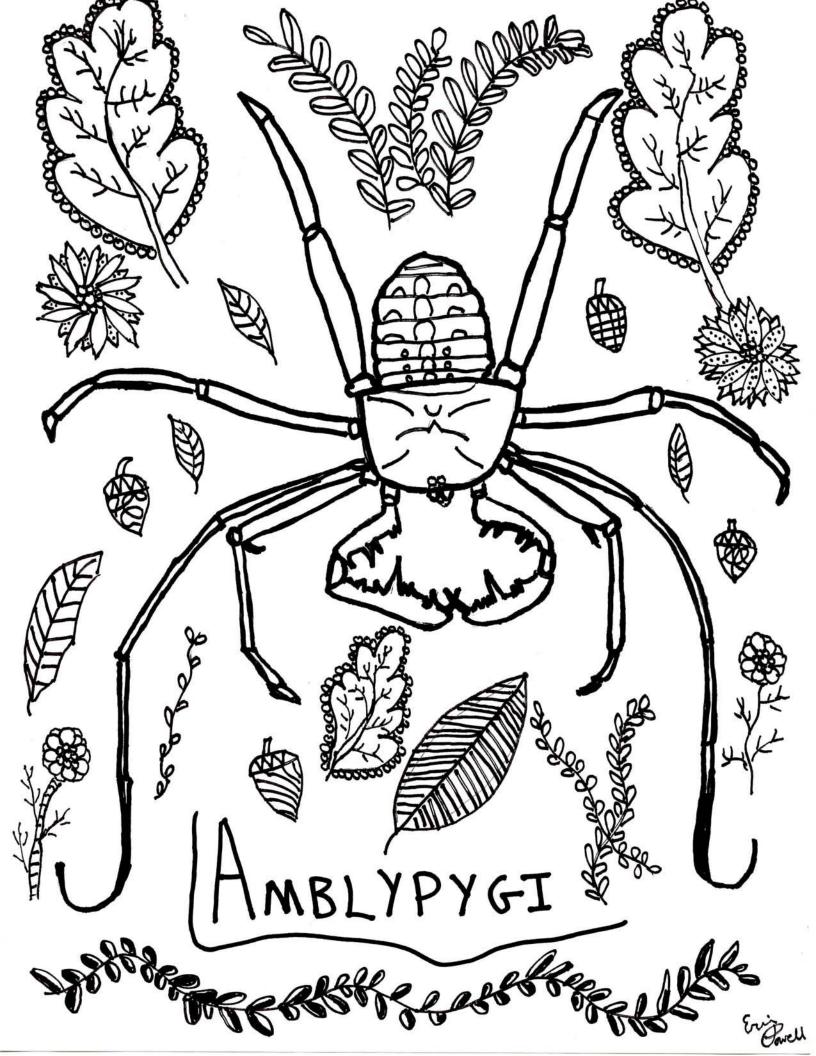
Laurel Lietzenmayer is originally from Lexington, Kentucky and just recently graduated from Transylvania University. Now she has ventured down to Florida to work on her Master's in the Taylor lab and hang out with spiders. She doesn't consider herself much of an artist, but can put together a decent drawing if she puts her mind to it. Outside of the lab she spends most of her time playing with her dog, Winston, and watching the Office.

Erin Powell completed her master's degree in the Taylor Lab at UF where her research focused on the foraging behavior of mud dauber wasps and jumping spiders. She is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Erin's current work looks at sexual selection and weapon evolution in another arachnid group, the harvestmen. Erin enjoys competing on horseback, spending time with her dog, and participating in other outdoor activities.

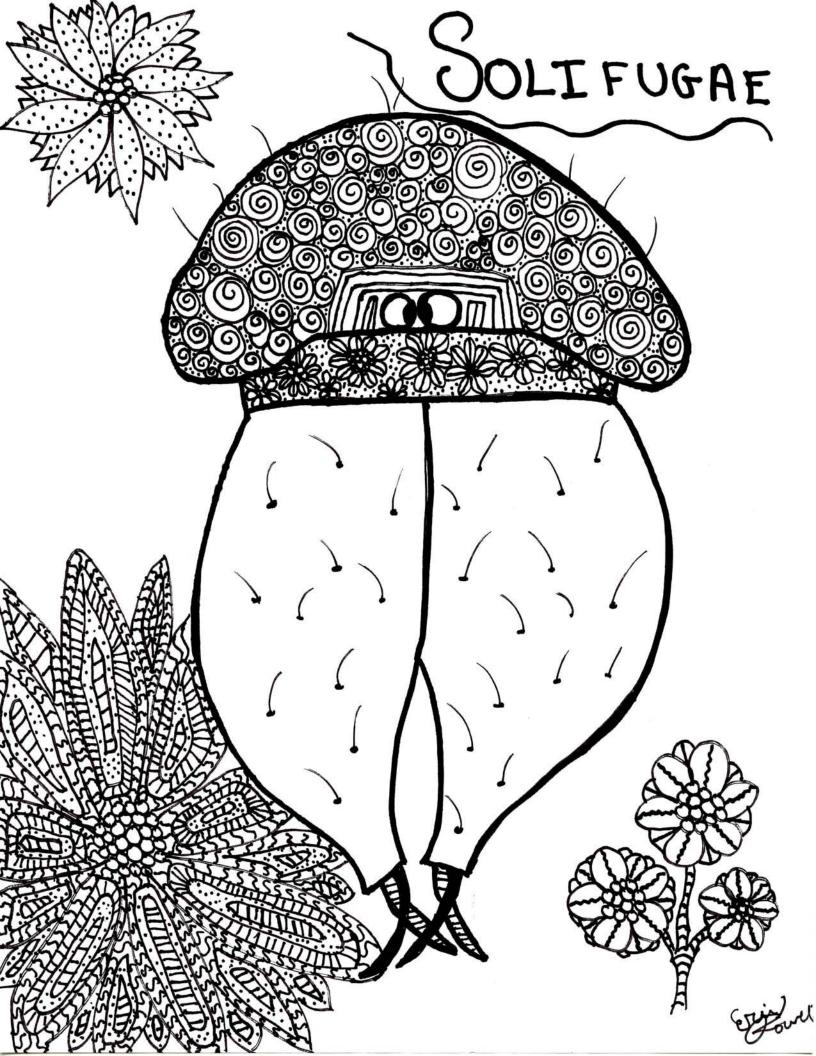
Eve Rowland is a UF freshman Zoology student who enjoys working with spiders as a research project. She is interested in studying animal behavior and curating at a museum, which she is currently pursuing through her work in the Taylor lab, and her work at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

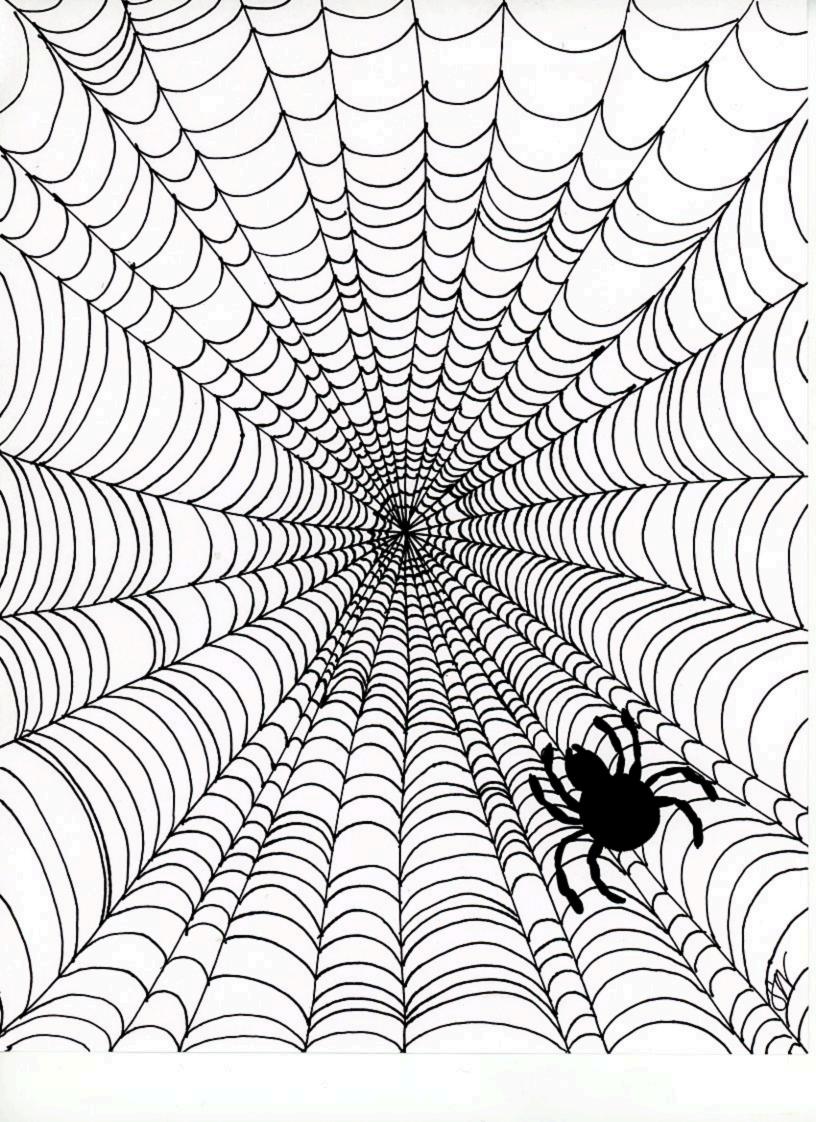
Lisa Taylor is a behavioral ecologist driven by a fascination with biodiversity. She is a faculty member in the Entomology and Nematology Department at the University of Florida. One goal of her work is to understand the extravagant and brilliantly colored displays that animals such as jumping spiders use to attract, impress, and deceive each other (see more here: spiderpalooza.wordpress.com). One of her recent missions is to combat arachnophobia by showing people how fascinating and beautiful spiders can be.

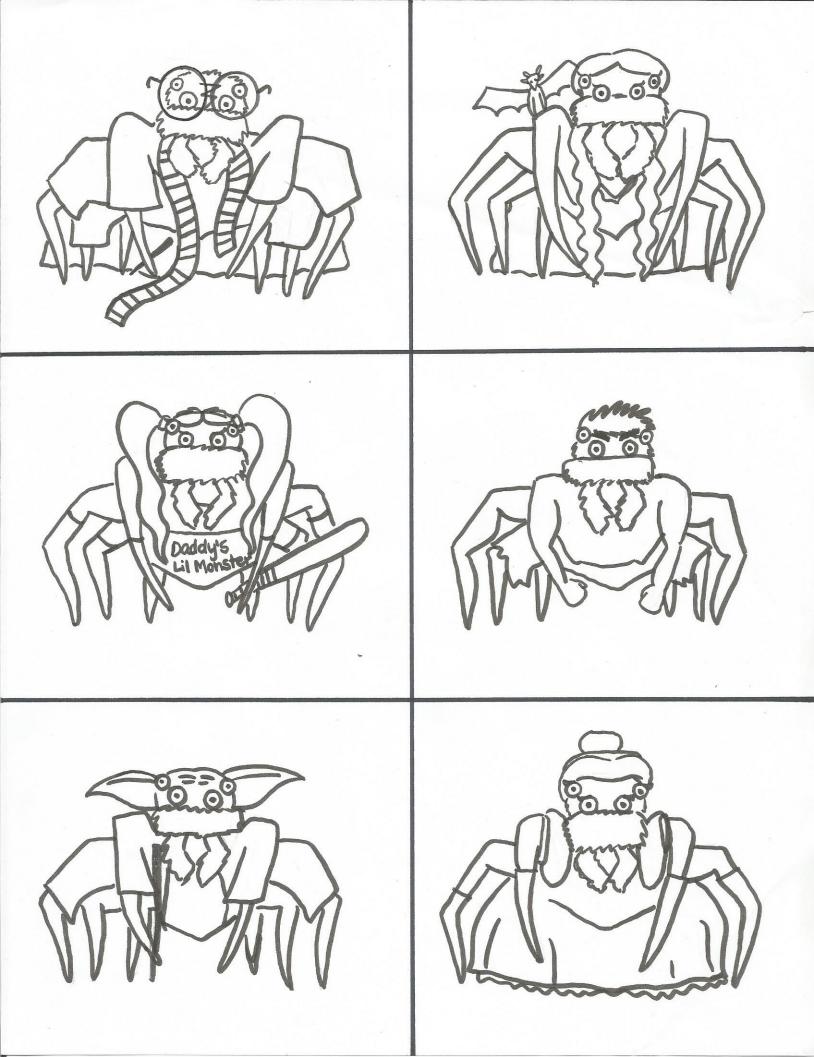


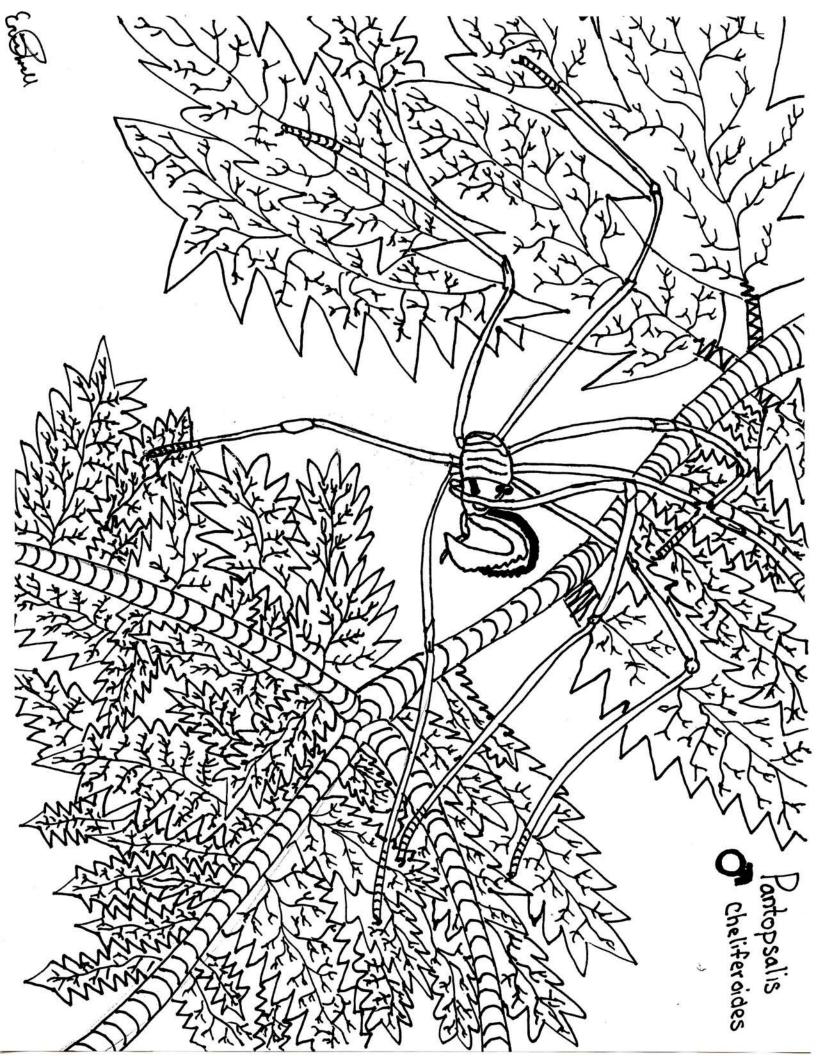


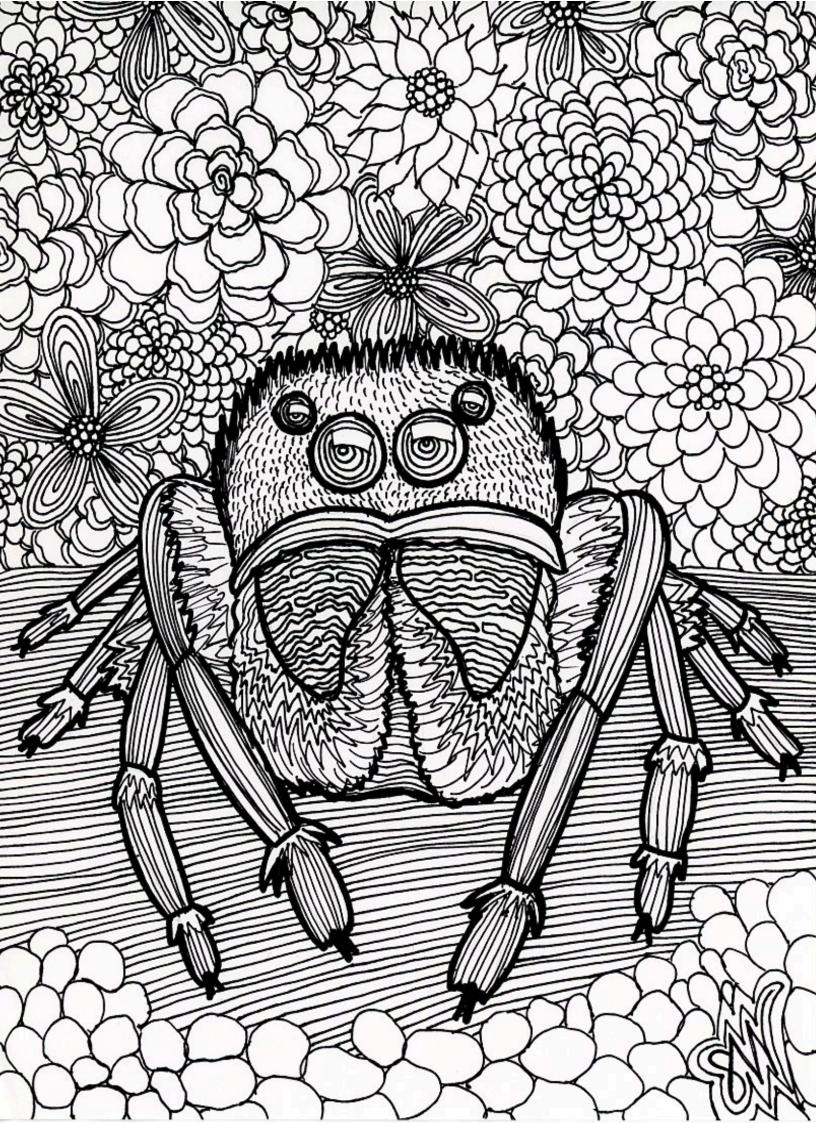


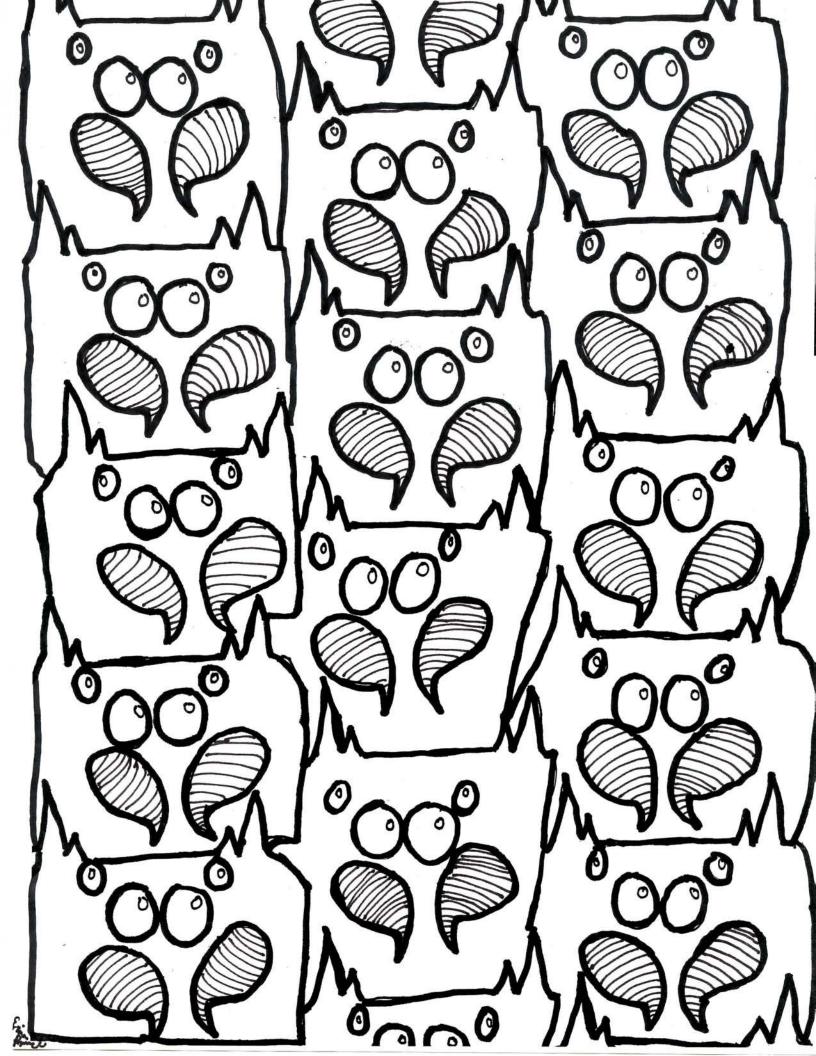


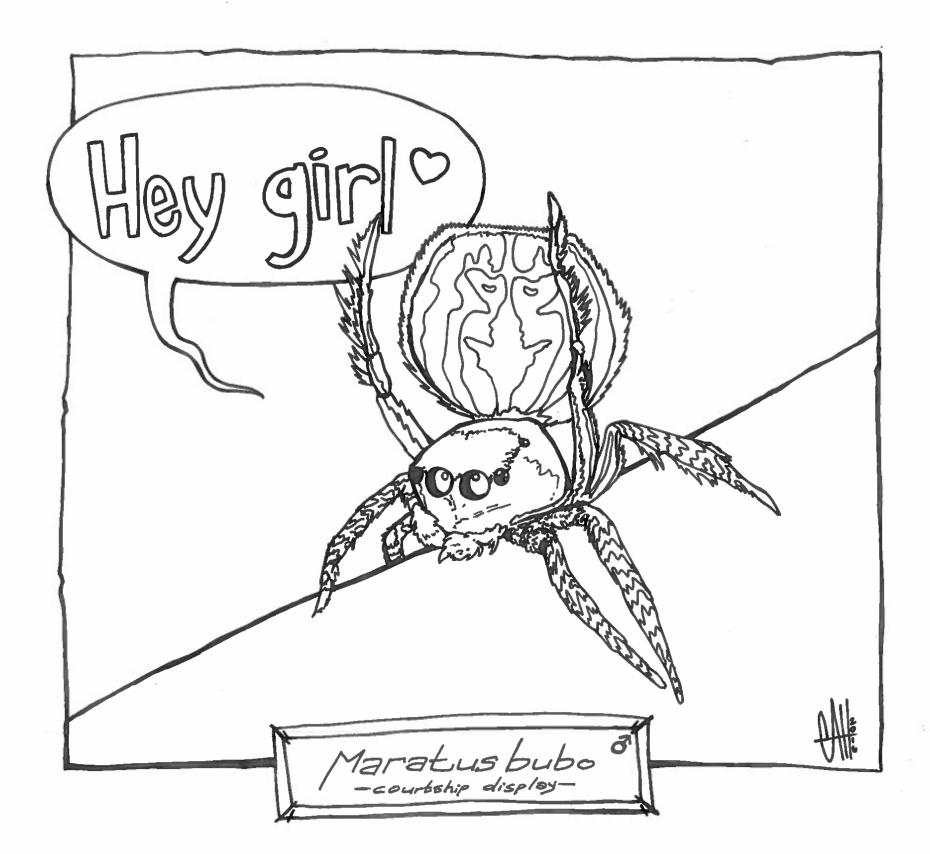


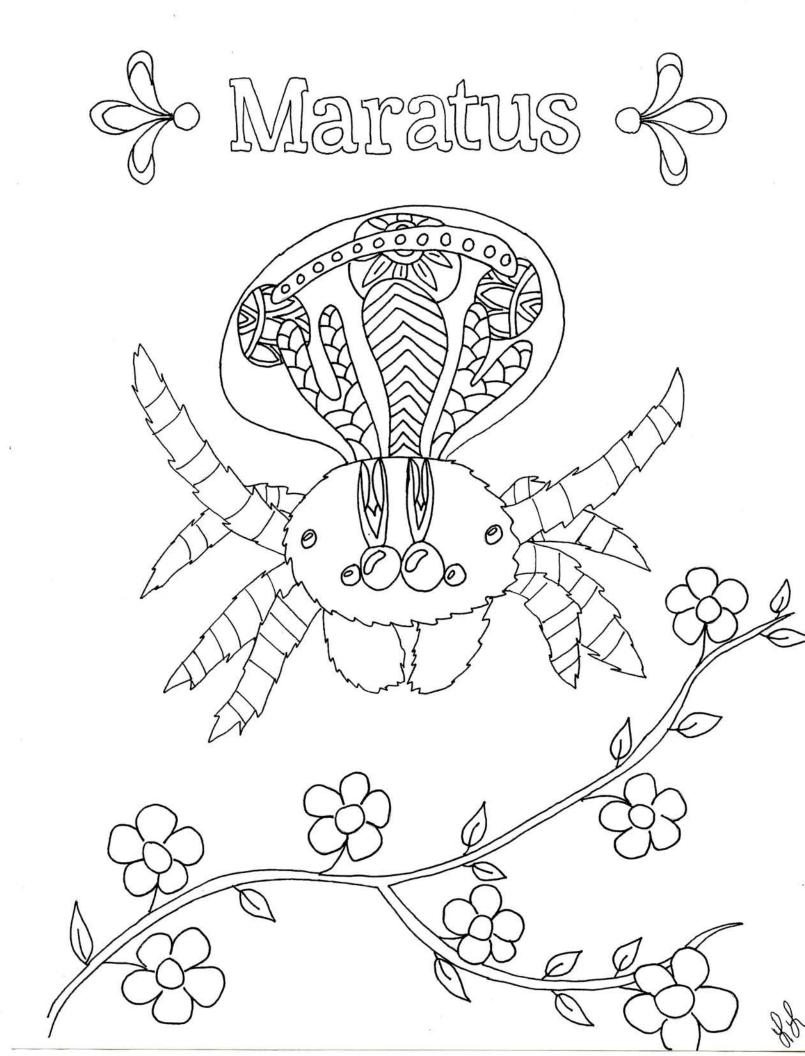


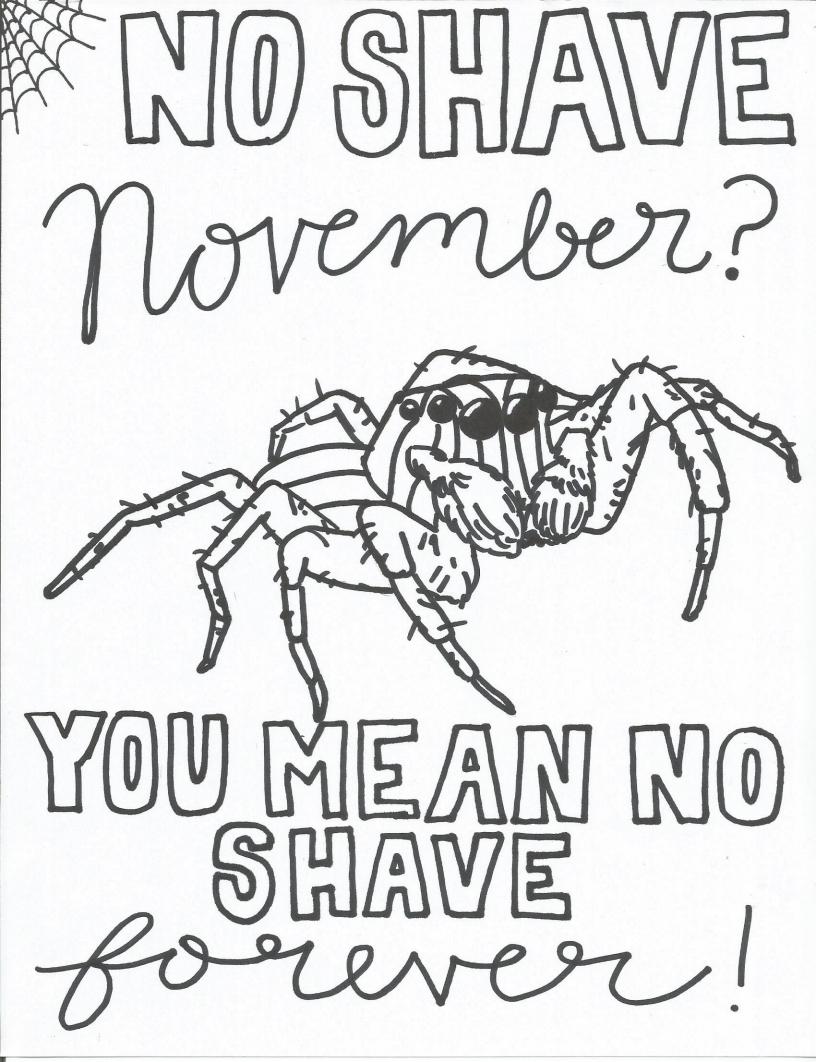


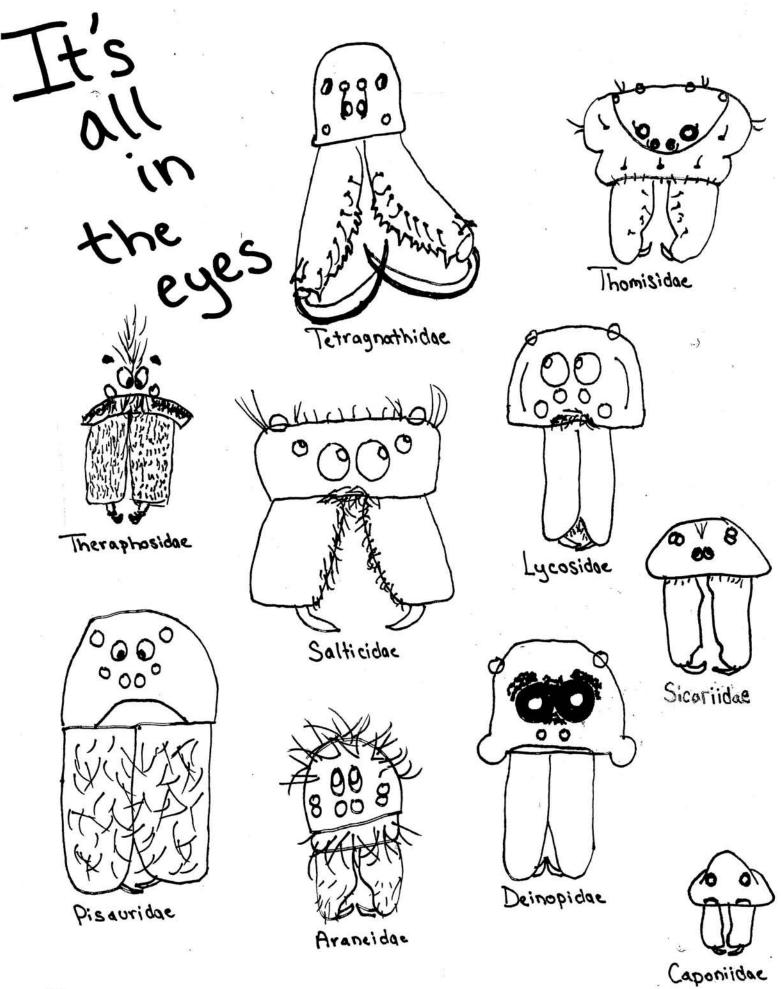












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