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Once upon a time in a valley with mountains all around a man named
Ling lived all alone.

Pamarrnga rurrajartirla lay nganpay ling ngunangani . Jintanga.

Ling had thousands of pounds of gold that he hid under his bed.

Lingju manya martanani wulyu warnt pamarrwarnti kaninyparrangu
nyantukuranga ngurranga.



Many hunters wanted his gold but they didn't know where the gold was.

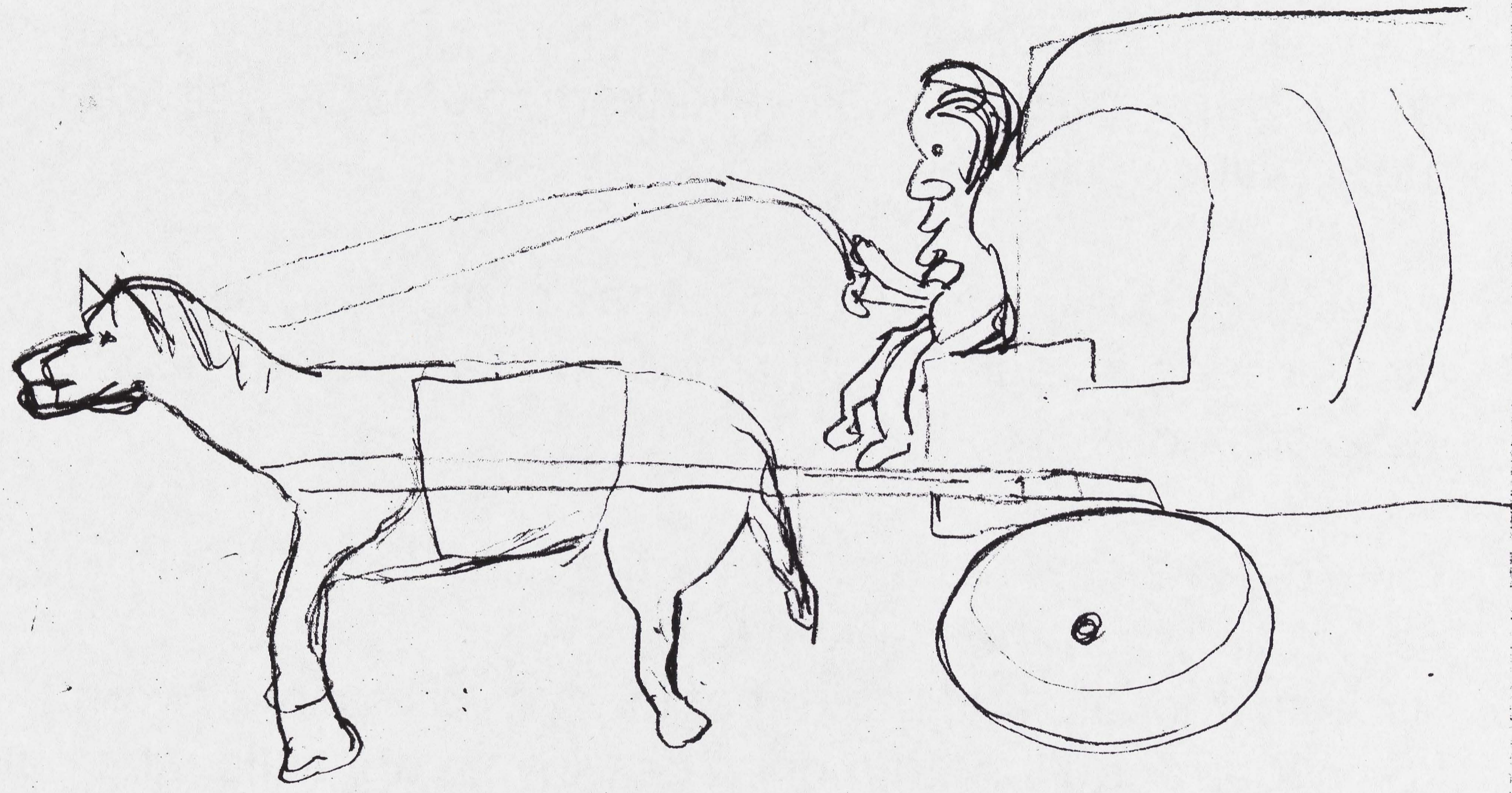
Pajangu piyirntu palunyanta wajil pungani wulyu pamarrwarnti ngajirta palunyanta parlipungantarla.

So the hunters were coming to find Ling and make him tell them where the gold was.

Pajangu piyirntu palurla muupungani Lingku japirryungapurru wanjurla pamarr yutukani

The hunters gathered together with horses and wagons.

Piyirnwarnti palu warryani yawartajarti ngurtijarti.



They shot their guns in the air and rode off into the valley.

Turl luwarni palu kankal yalkirikarti wurnarla palu laparn yawartajarti
rurra palu wajilpinya.

When they got to Ling's house they shot him in his sleep.

Pirriyanijangka palu lingkuranga mayaru. Luwarni palu manyan
yukarnujangka.

They moved the bed and found the gold. Ling pretended to be dead and
he got up when the hunters had left.

Rirripkujirni palu kutkutpirri parlipanya palu pamarrwarnti
kaninyparrangu Lingtu manya kajiyinya, yapyanijangka palu piyirnwarnti,
turta pinyarla wartangurni.

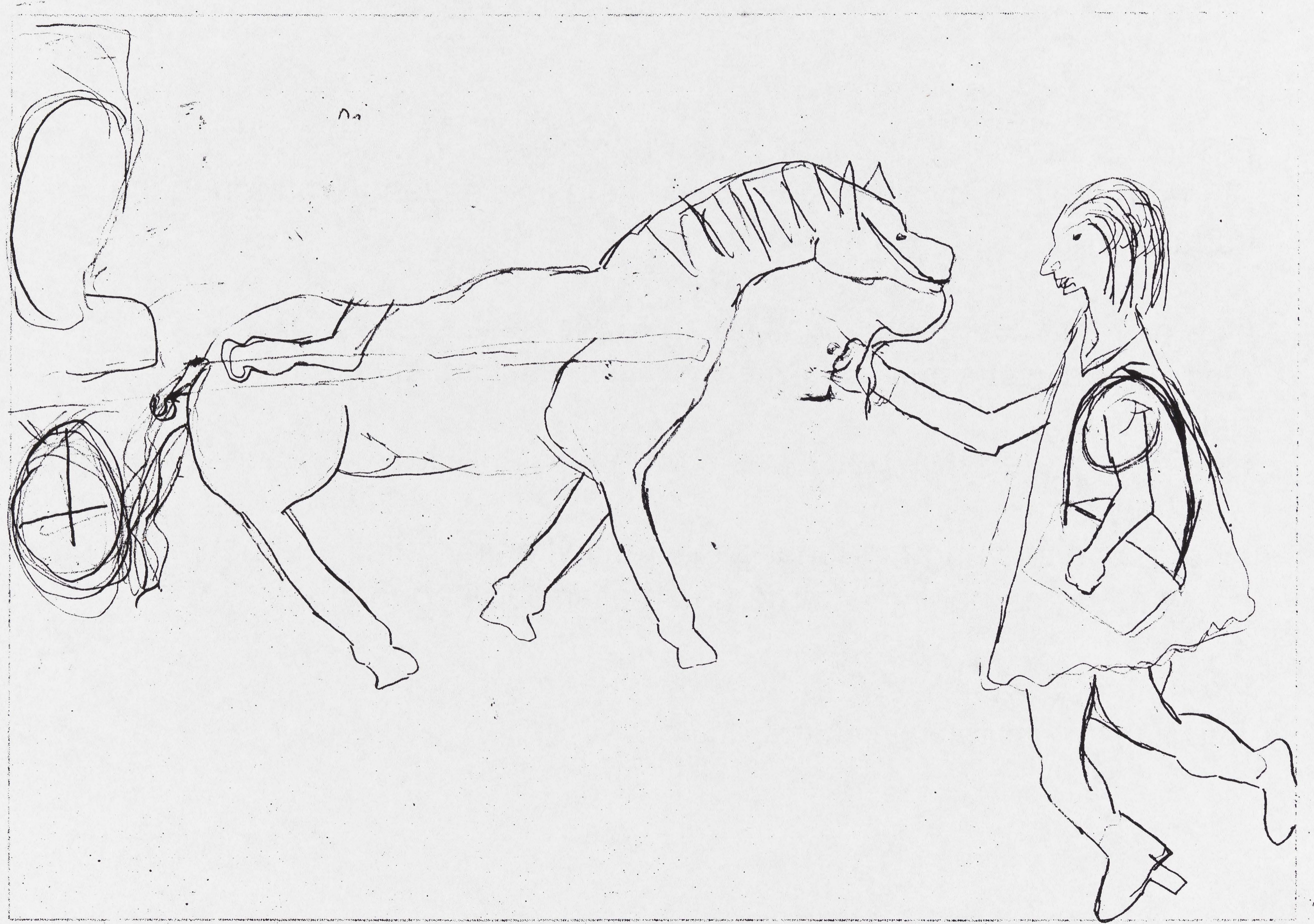


He was shot in the shoulder close to his heart.
Luwarni palu kilpirlinga marnparni turlpunga

Ling crawled to his wagon and told his horse Skippy to run for help.
Ling yaniny murtayikarra nyantukurakarti ngurtikarti marni parl
nyantukurawu yawartawu kipiyyiku yanta warntanya piyirnwarnti mirnu
ngajukarti mayarukarti.

Ling's blood was slowly dripping from the wagon. He was fixed up by
an old lady who found the wagon.

Lingkura nungu jilk marnani ngurtingurn. Parnanyju wulyukujirni
parlipinyajangka nyanarti ngurti.



Five days later Ling was looking for revenge.

Murrkurnjaa kurriny puranguwarnirla Ling ju manyangu muupungani kurlujawurlu

One day this young man was going to the desert ready for war.

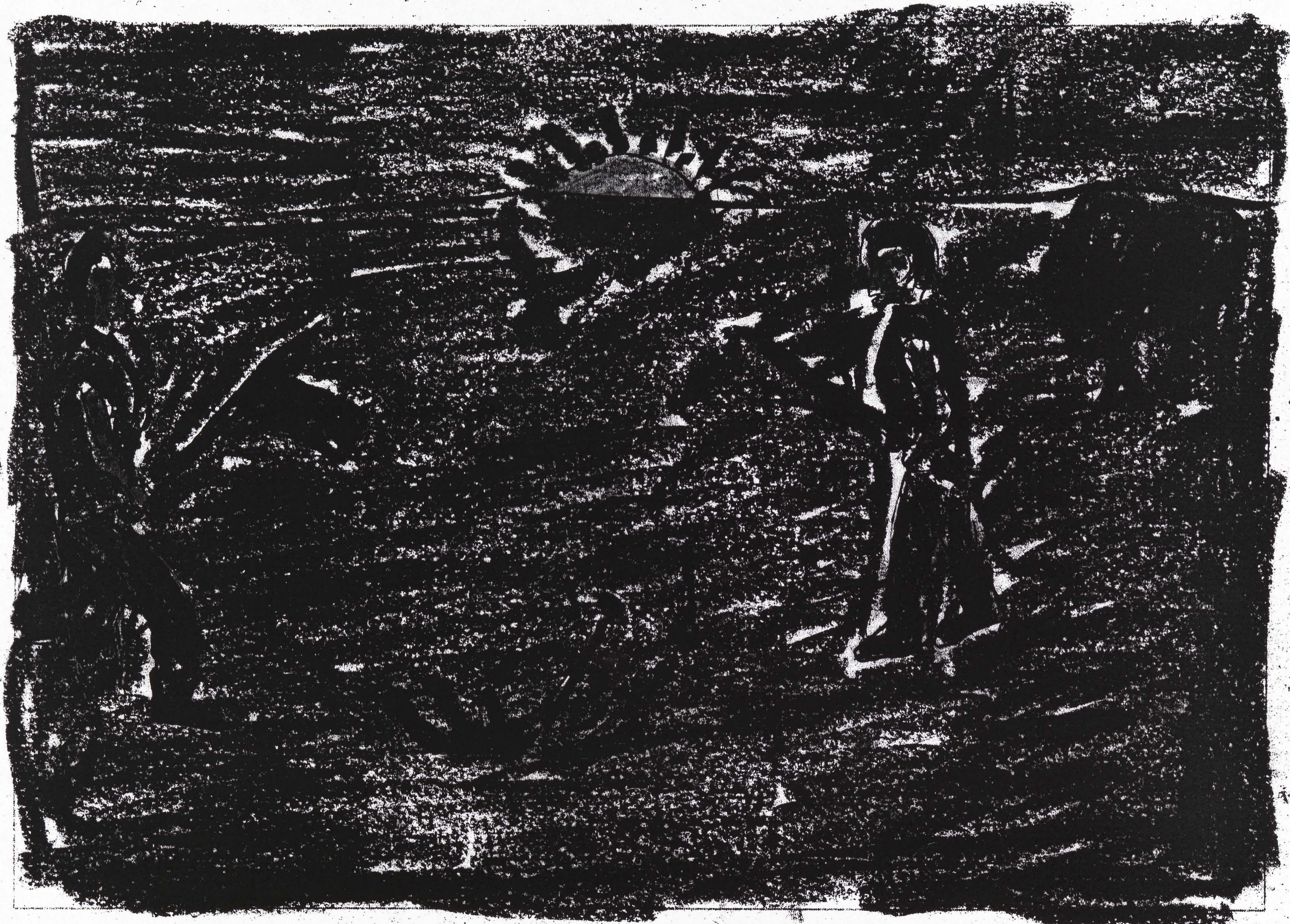
Layinga purangurla minyarti nganpayi yaniny jiljikarti kulipurru

Ling was scared. His body was shaking, his shoulder hurt and his body was very weak.

Ling pa rayinnyangu ngunangani kaninykaniny pilpil marnani, kilpirli pa wurlurl marnani jaa karrkin pa maljarrparni ngunangani.

In one hand was his sword.

Junganupurru marntarnani kurrapanga.



Ling waved his sword and said “I’m here for my gold”.

Ling ju manya mampatpinya manya jumparranni jawurlu marnin manyangu,
“Wanyjarra paji ngajurawarnti pamarrwarnti”.

Ling and the man began to fight. Ling stabbed the man in the body.

Ling jaa layi nganpayi pilanyan kulipungani. Lingjju lani muntanga.

The rest of the hunters surrounded him.

Pajangu nganpayiwarntirlu palunyanta wamarn karrinya.

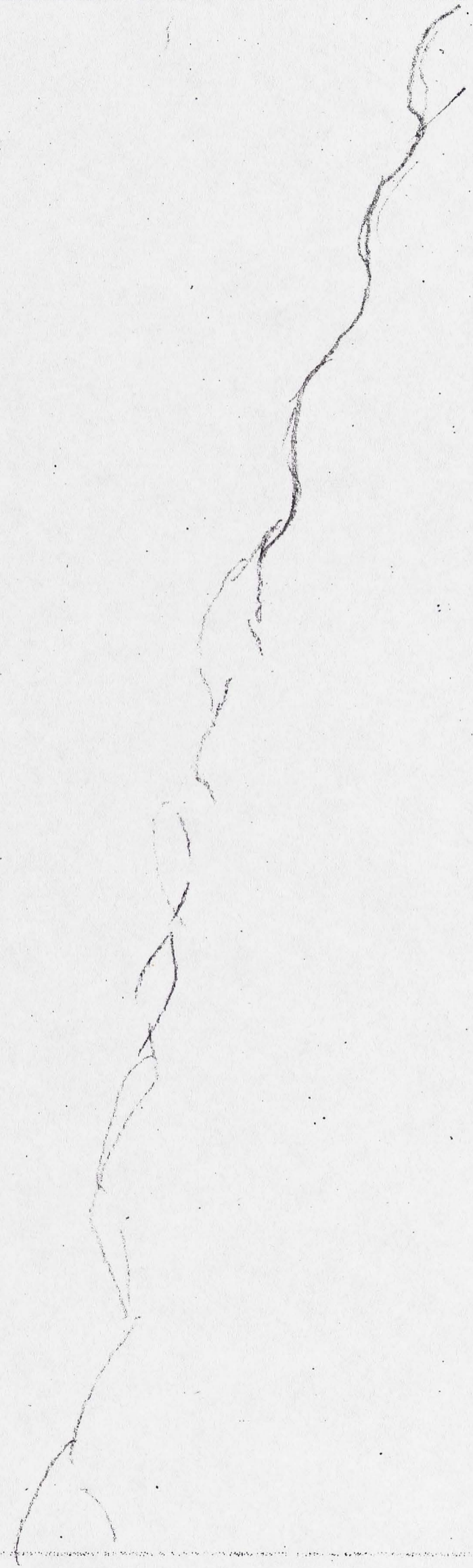
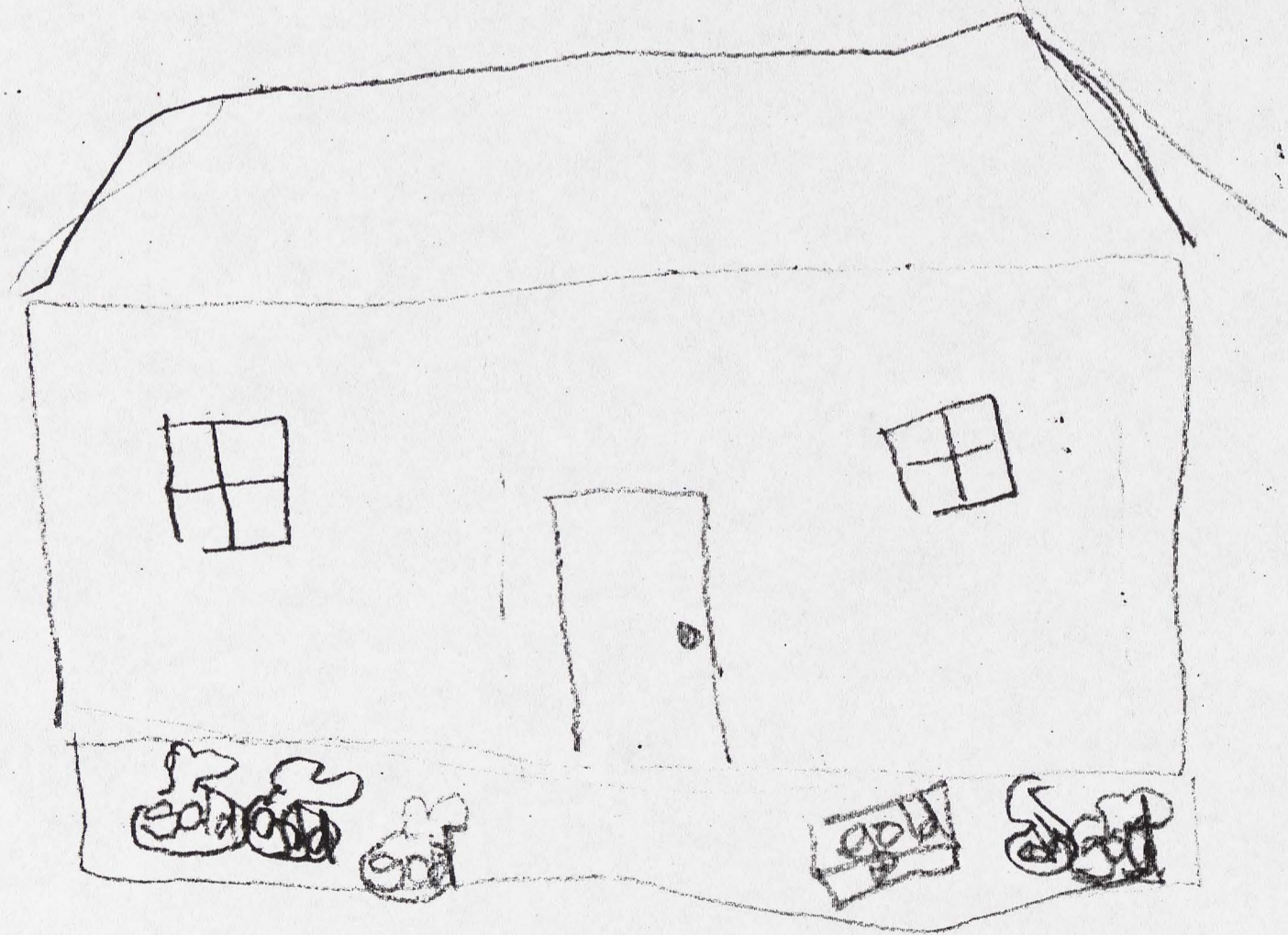


Ling killed all the men including the boss.

Lingju manya pujurn pirla pinya maja lukarrarni.

Ling took his treasure from the back of the wagon and went back to his home.

Lingju warntarni parlanyan pamarrwarntarni tikirr kanya nyantukurakarti.
ngurrakarti.



**Walmajarri Pronunciation Guide
(underlined in bold)**

a as in but
l as in bit
J as in join
K as in koala
L as in lime
M as in money
N as in nothing
P as in sip
R as in ripe
T as in sit
U as in put
W as in wait
Y as in yesterday
Aa as in path
li as in beet
Ly as in million
Ng as in sing
Ny as in onion
Rl (no equivalent)
Rn (no equivalent)
Rr (no equivalent)
Rt (no equivalent)
Uu as in boot

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