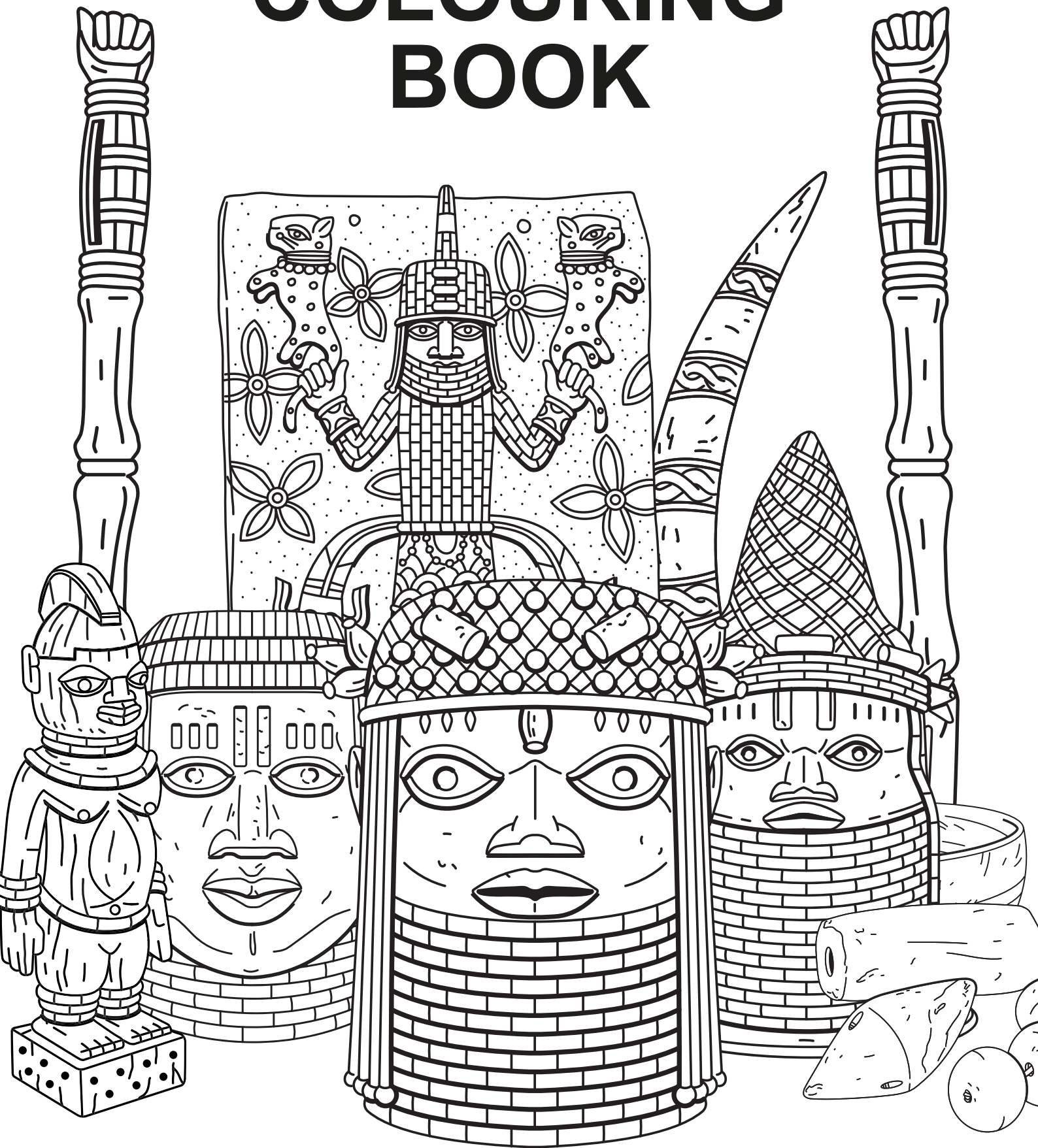


DIGITAL BENIN COLOURING BOOK





Digital Benin brings together photographs and rich documentation material from collections worldwide to provide a long-requested overview of the royal artefacts from the Kingdom of Benin looted in the 19th century. The historic Benin objects are an expression of Benin arts, culture and history, and were traditionally used to depict historical events, to communicate, and to worship and perform rituals. The digital platform introduces new scholarship which connects digital documentation about the translocated objects to oral histories, object research, historical context, a foundational Edo catalogue, provenance names, a map of the Benin Kingdom and the institutions worldwide. Digital Benin connects data from over 5000 objects across 131 institutions in 20 countries.

Digital Benin's scope focuses on objects looted by British forces from the Kingdom of Benin (now Edo State, Nigeria) in February 1897. Together, these events and processes led to the worldwide translocation of the objects shown on this platform. A small set of contextual objects are included in the catalogue to represent the broader context in which the artistic production of Benin guilds is situated: Benin-Portuguese Ivories, produced and circulated outside West Africa before 1897, objects produced in the areas surrounding the Kingdom, and objects produced by named artists after 1930.

With the support of the Ernst von Siemens Kunststiftung, the Museum am Rothenbaum (MARKK) in Hamburg opened an international project office to digitally connect the globally dispersed objects from the Kingdom of Benin from 2020-2022.

The drawings reference object groups that can be accessed on the website's Eyo Oṭọ, a foundational learning space about the historic Benin objects and their Edo designations. Scan the QR code below to listen, view and read about the objects' use, production and function.





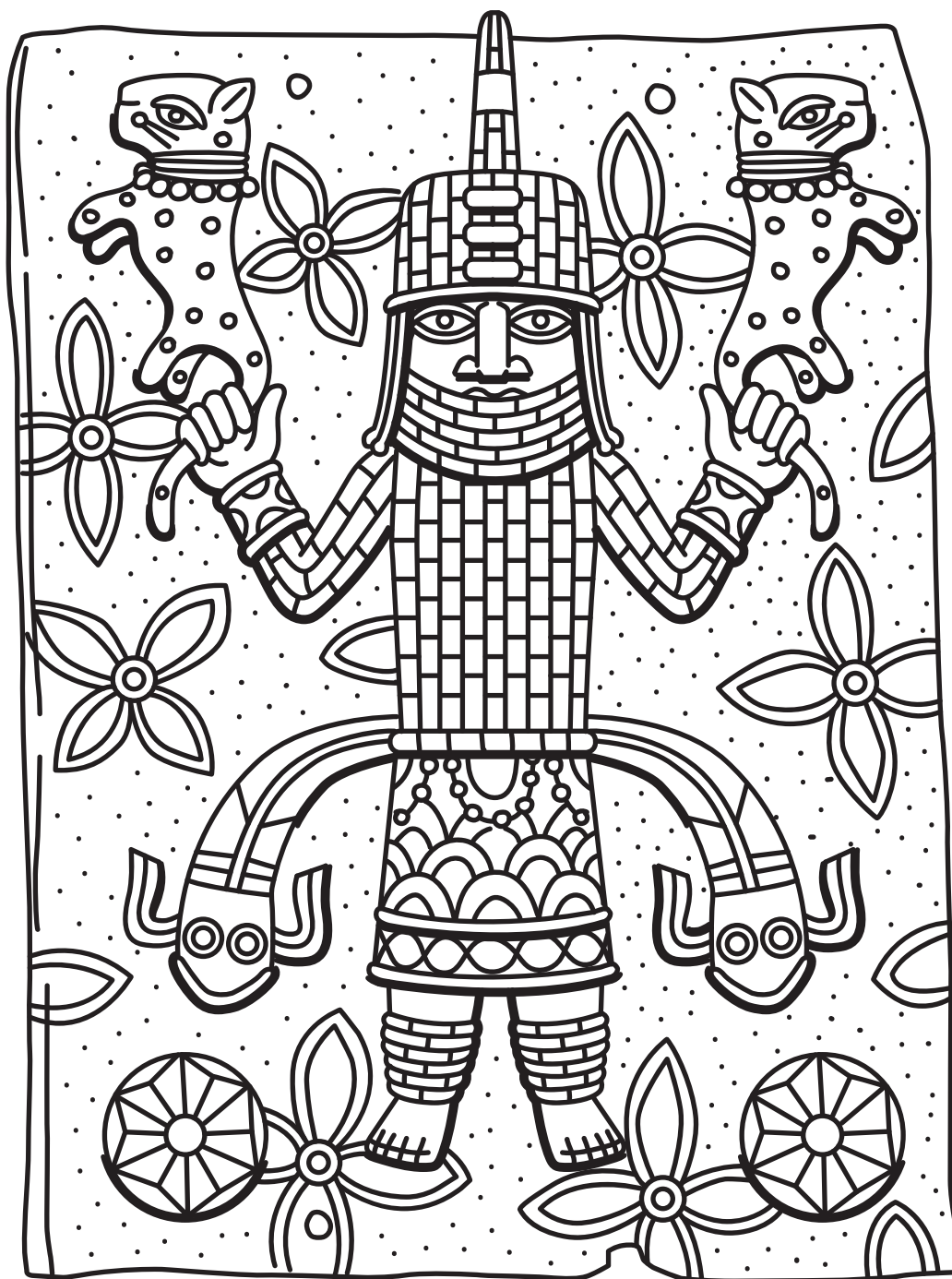
Sensitive Content

The QR codes in the colouring book and on the language cards lead to DigitalBenin.org, a digital platform that collates digital material about historical Benin objects from institutions worldwide and research about historical events. Some of the material on the platform is colonial and references violence and trauma or contains words, terms and phrases that are inaccurate, derogatory and harmful towards African and African diasporic communities. Catalogue transcriptions, book titles, exhibition titles and museum titles may contain harmful terms. We recognise the potential for the material to cause physical and mental distress as well as evoke strong emotions.

The material within the catalogue does not represent Digital Benin's views. Digital Benin maintains a strong anti-colonial, anti-racist position and affirms its support for centring the humanity of historically marginalised and disenfranchised communities.

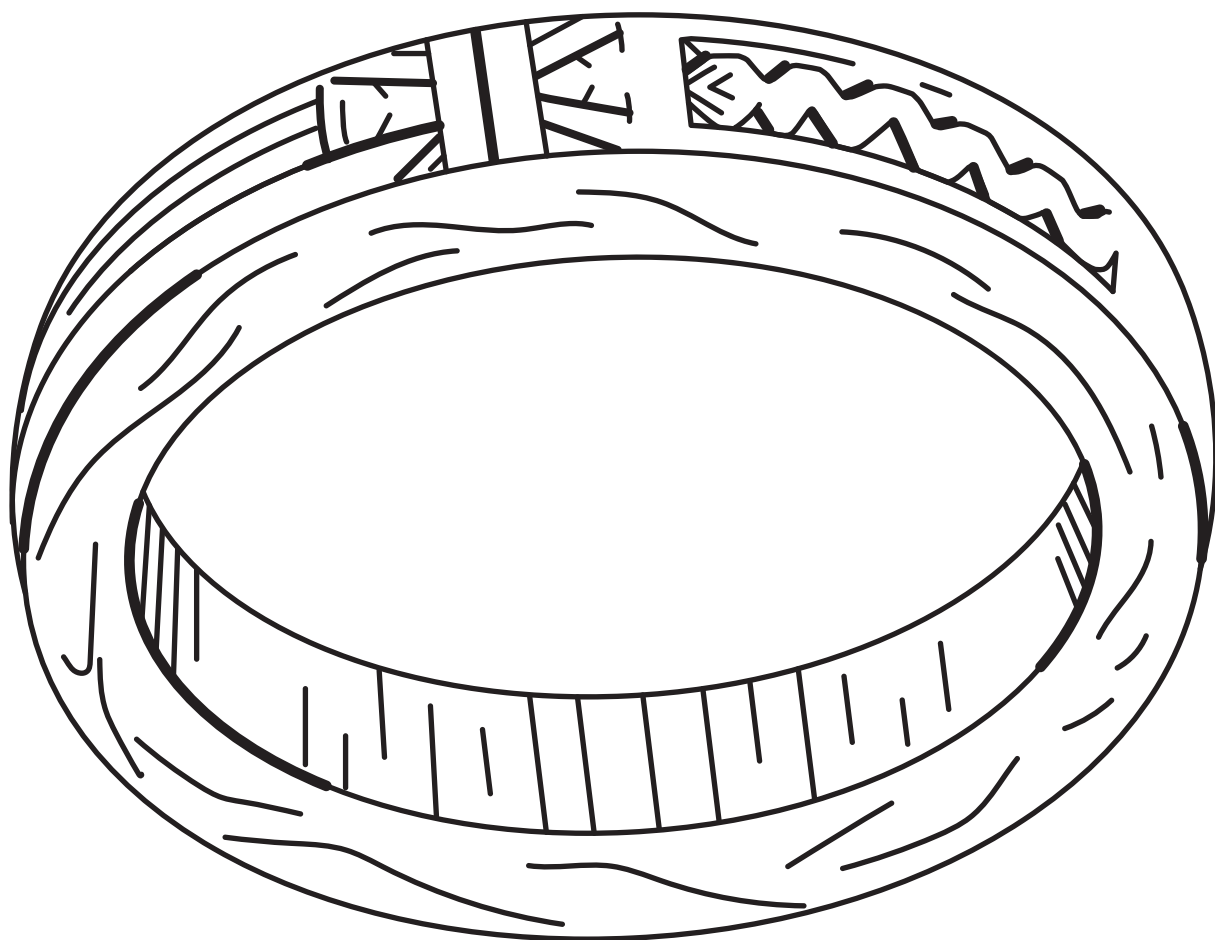
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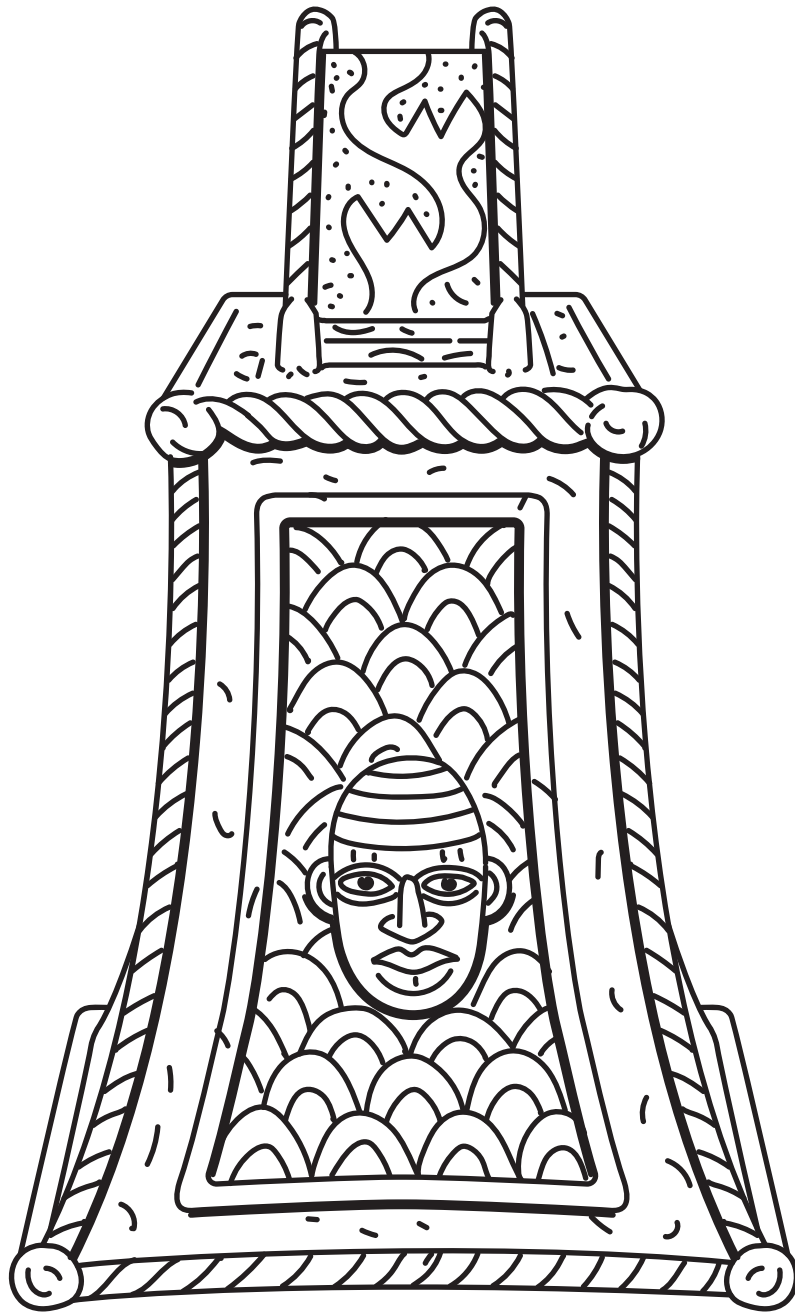
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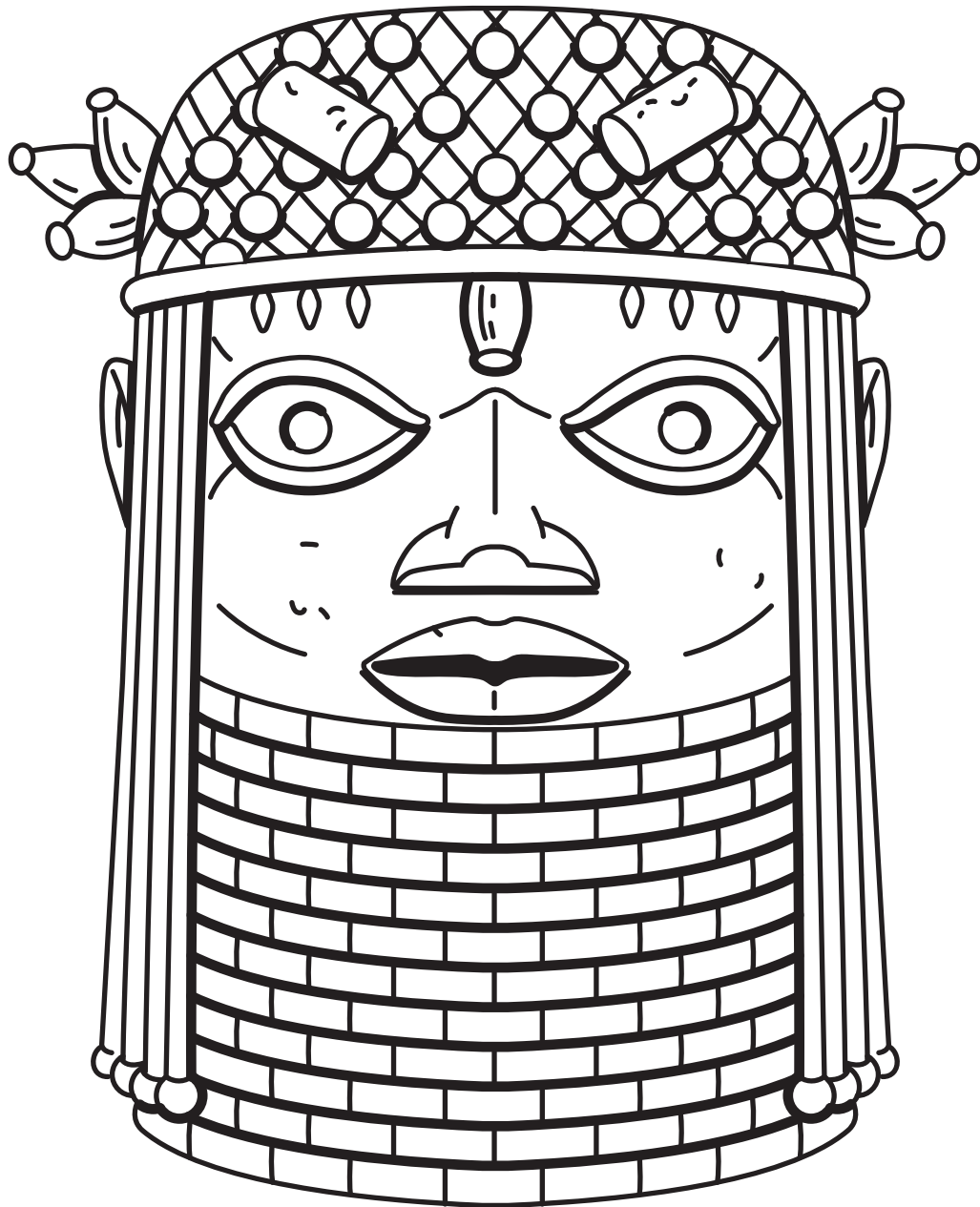
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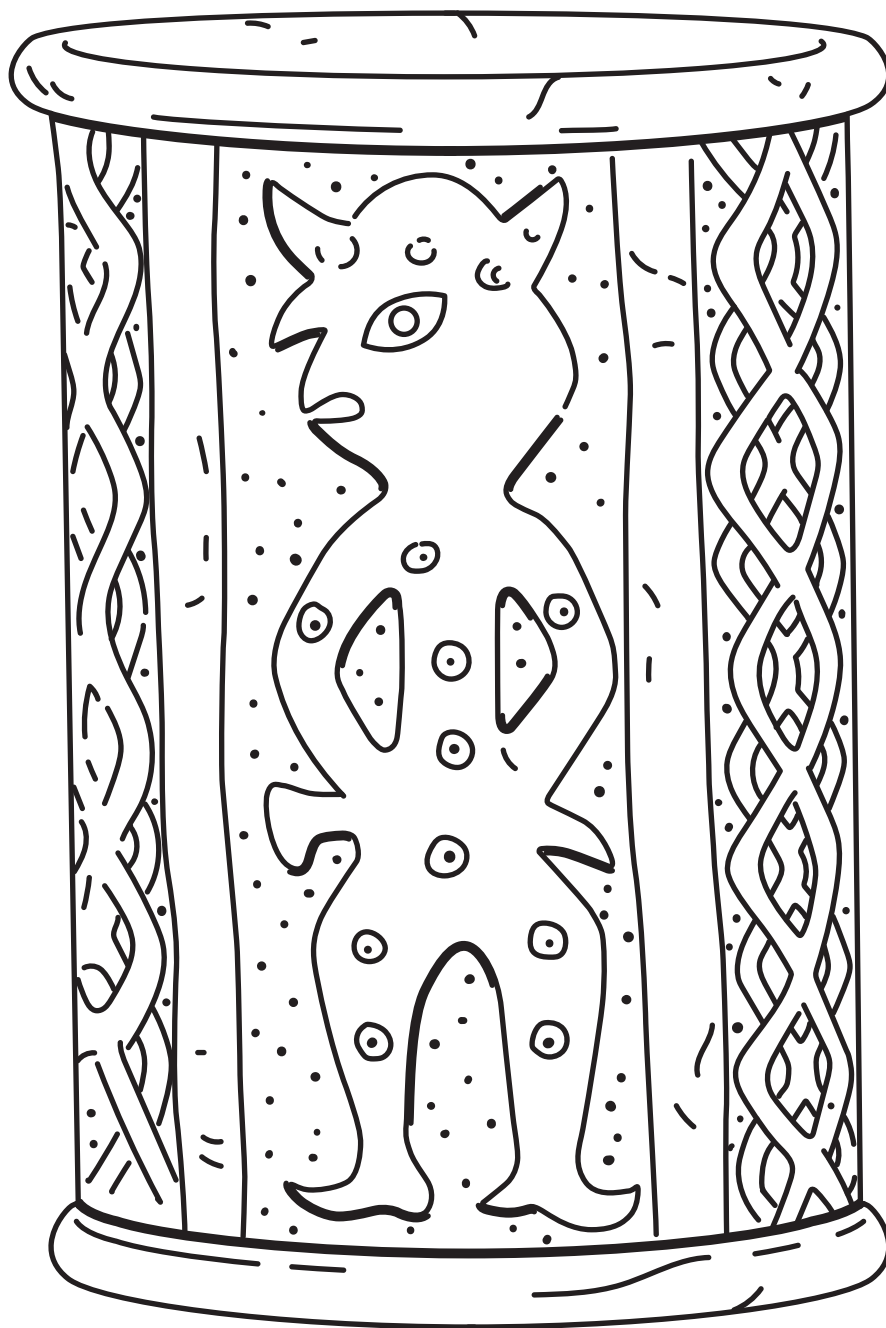


ERORO
Bell



UHUNMWU-ELAO

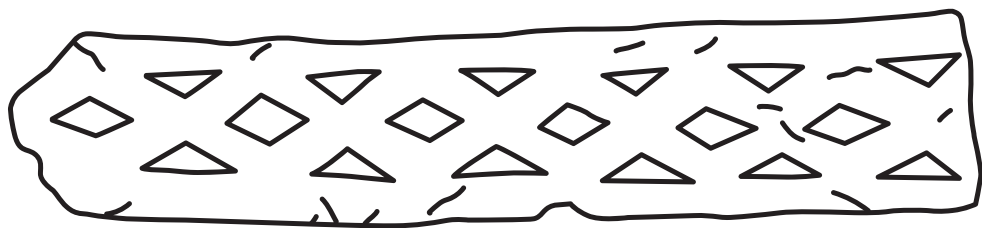
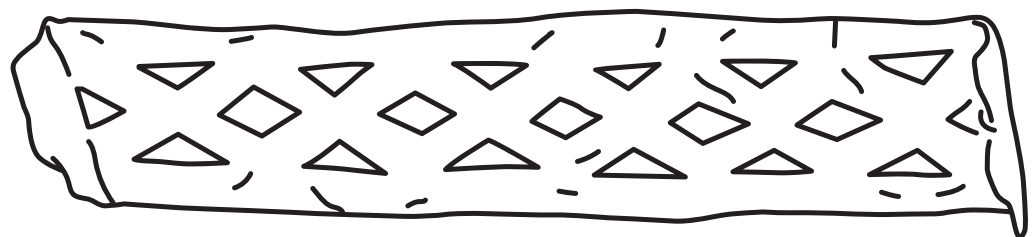
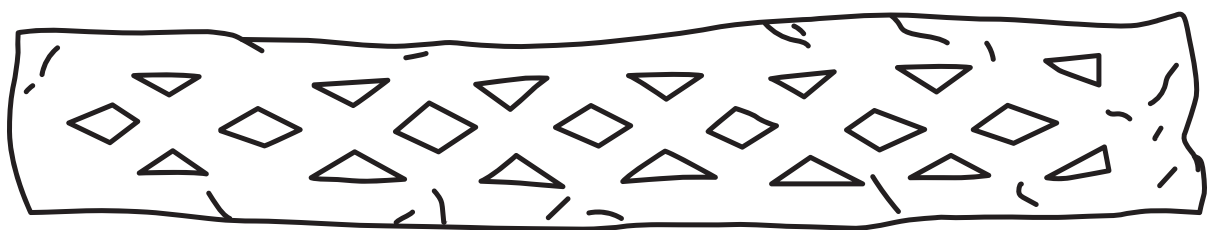
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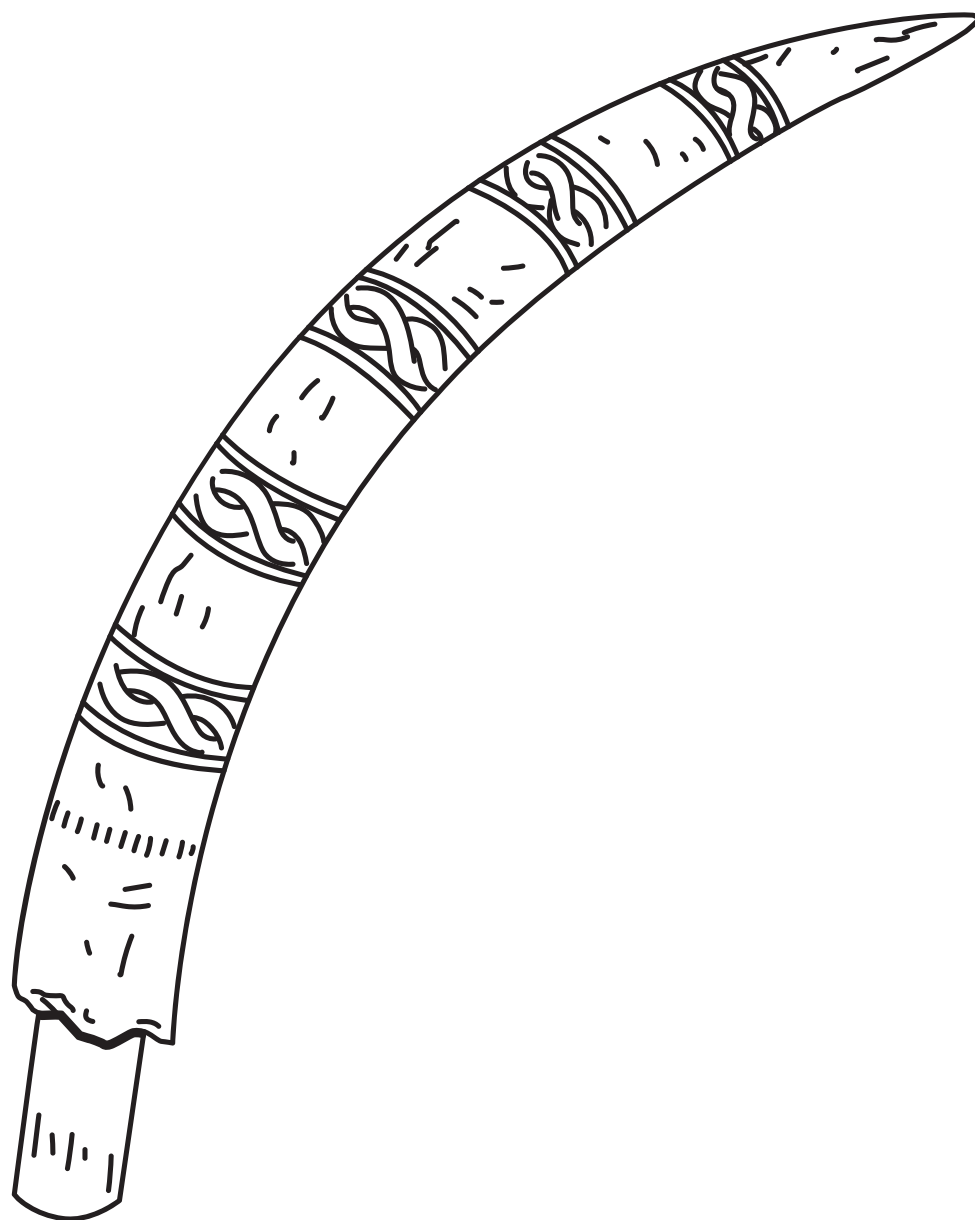


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Armcuff



UHUNMWU-ĒKUĒ
Pendant Mask





AKEN'NI ELAO
Altar Tusk



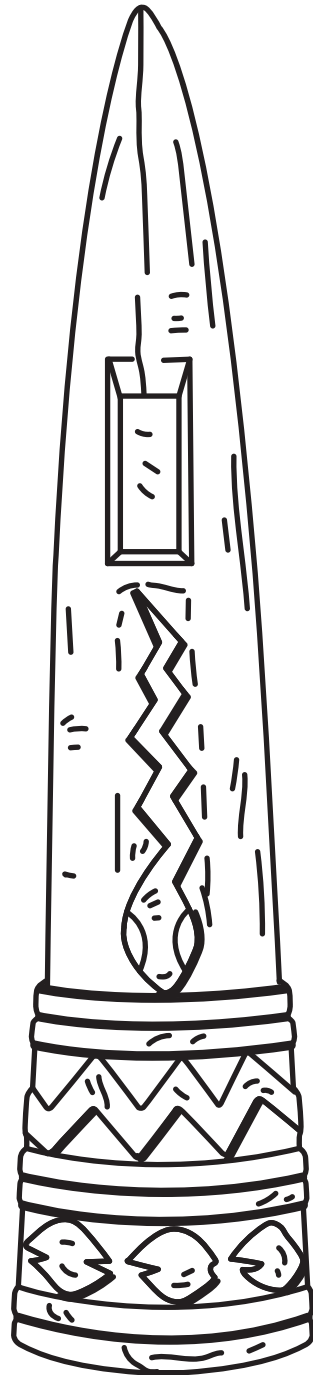
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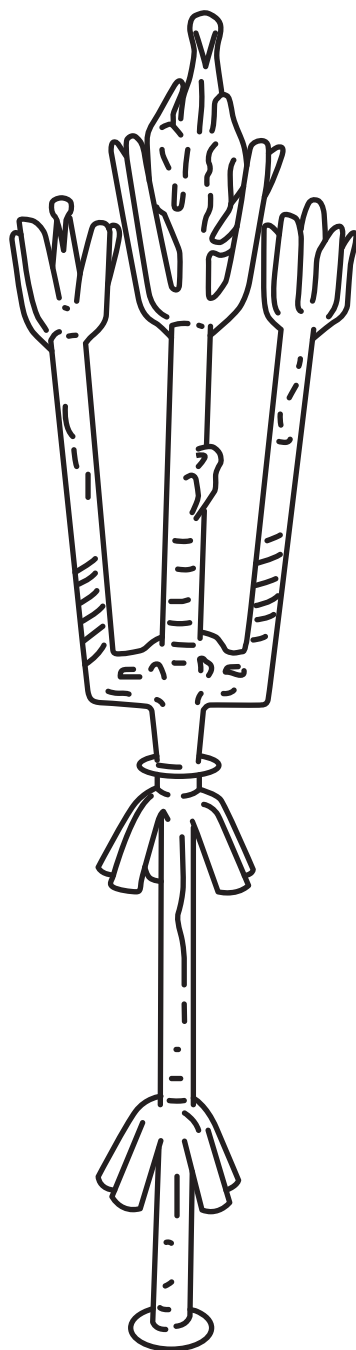
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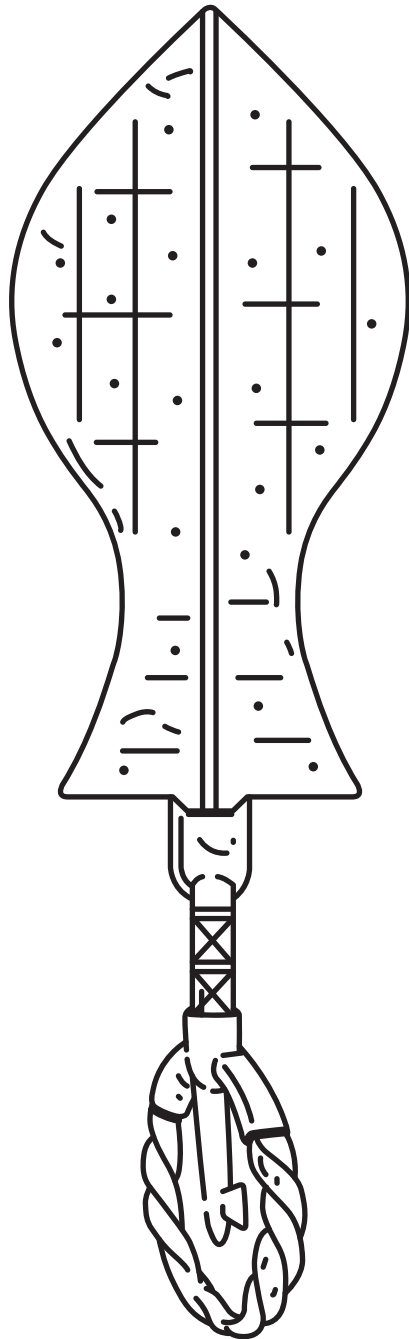
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Ancestral Staff



AKOHĒN/OKO
Horn or Flute



OSOGAN
Osun Staff



EBĒN
Ceremonial Sword

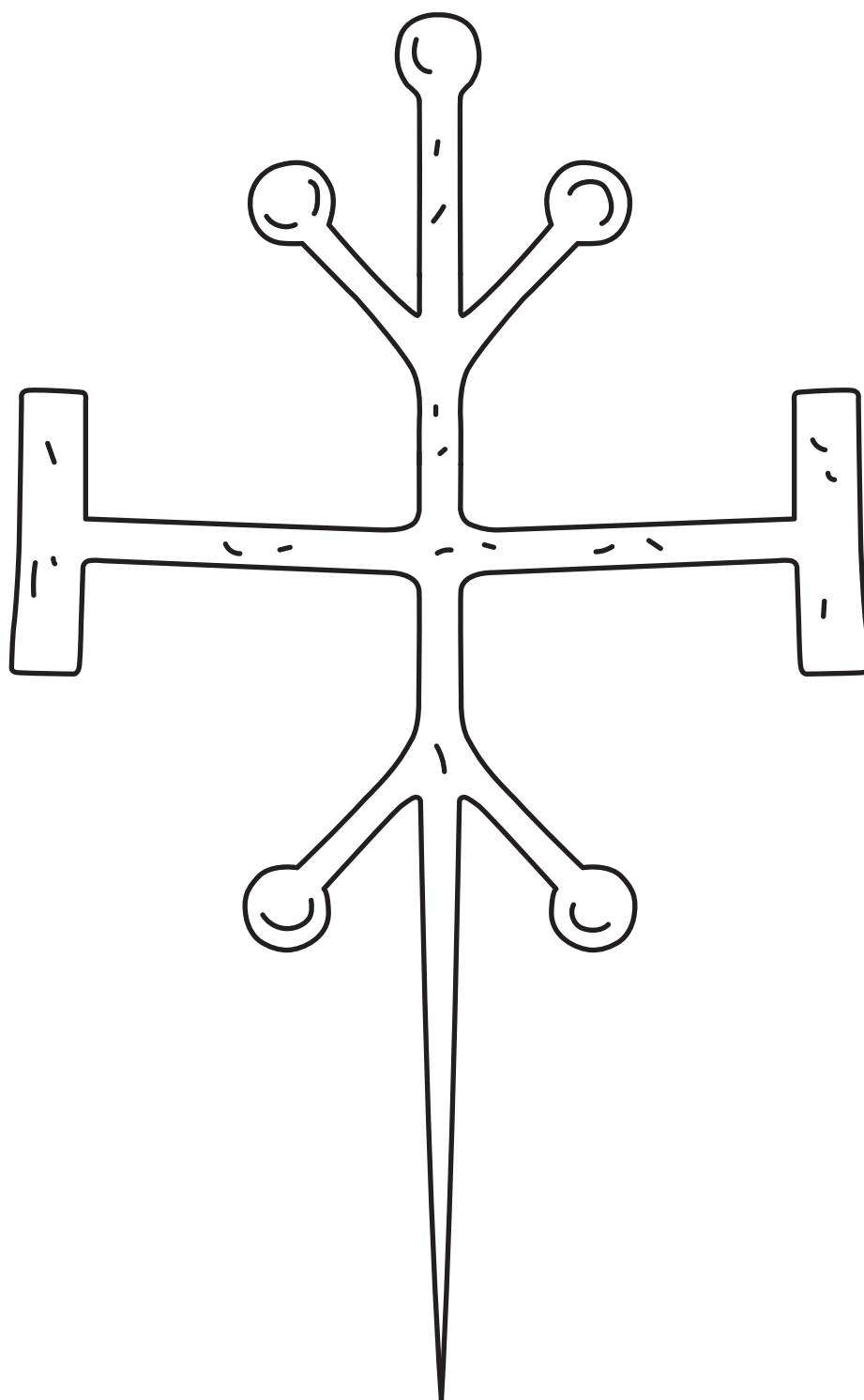


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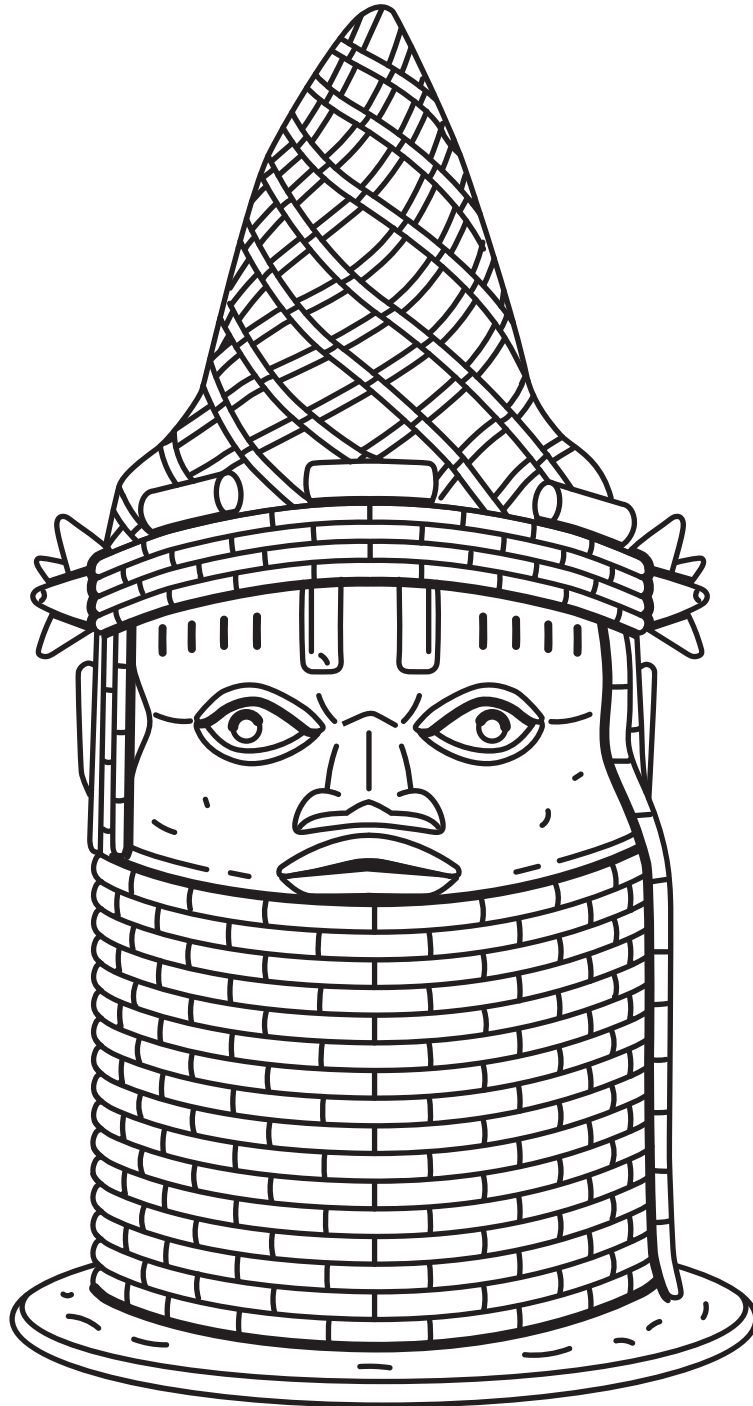
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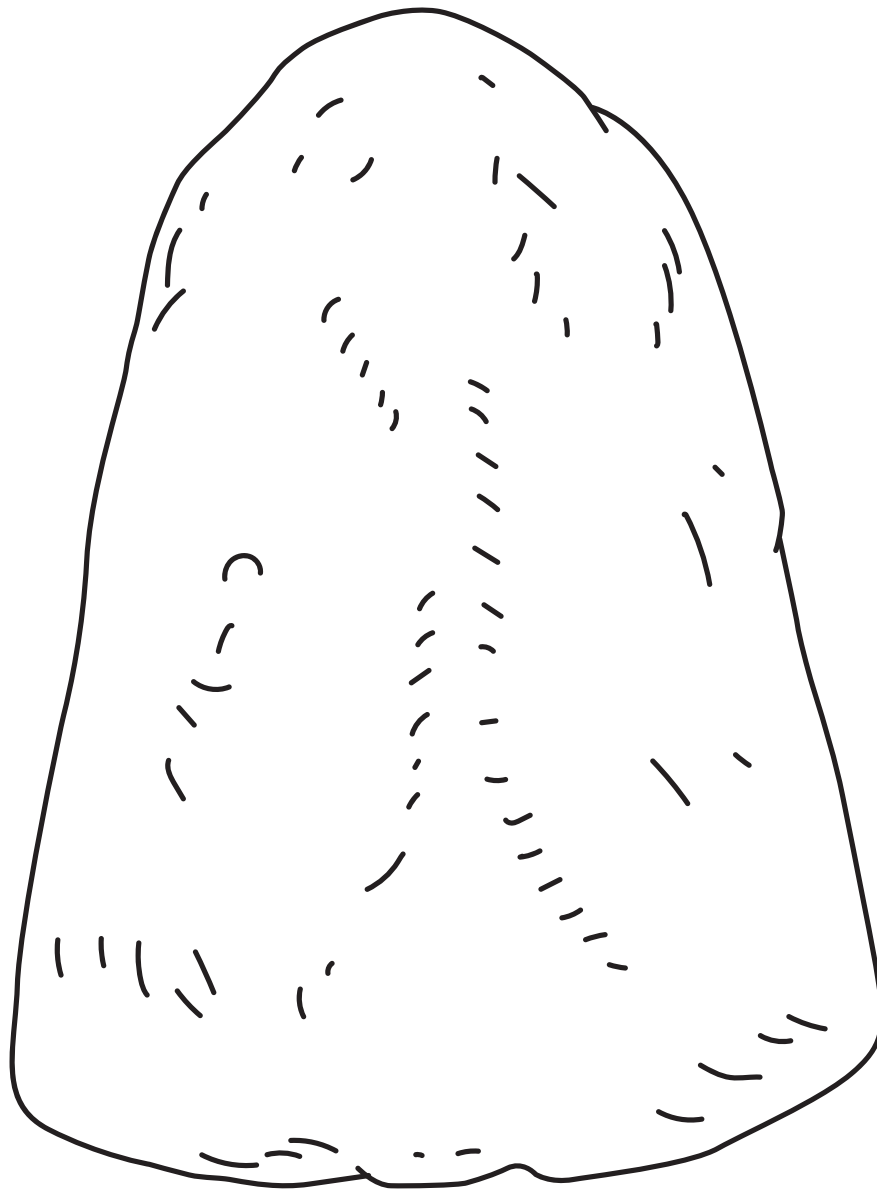
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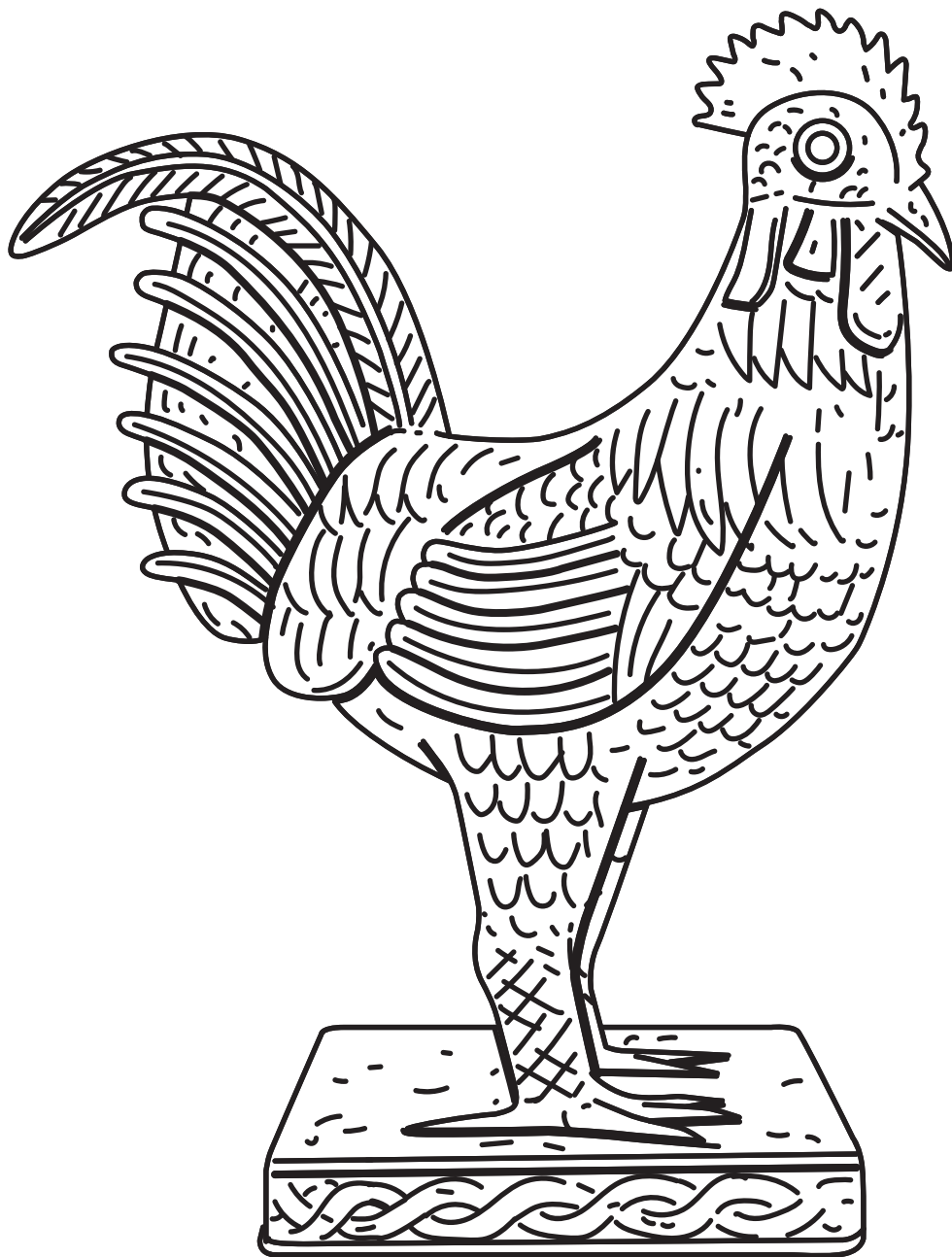
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Hair Ornament



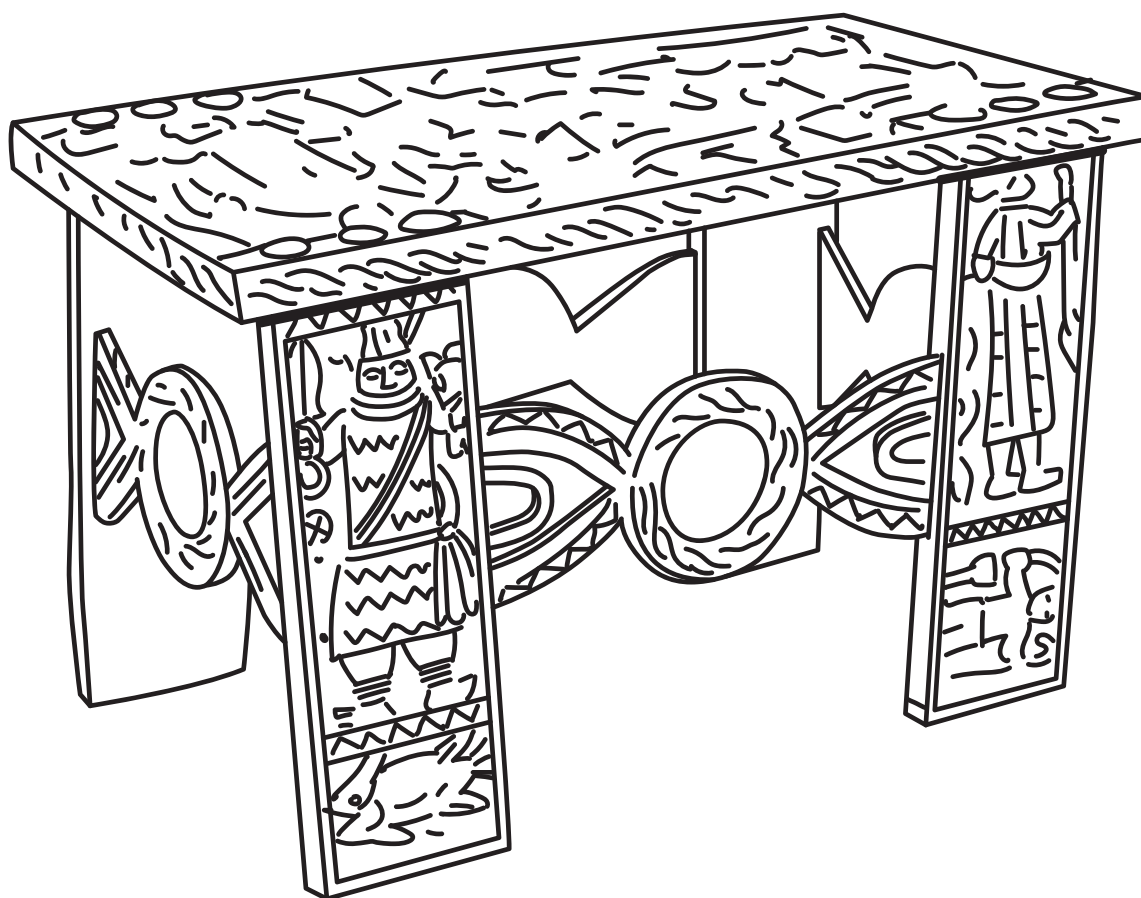
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Commemorative Queen Mother Head



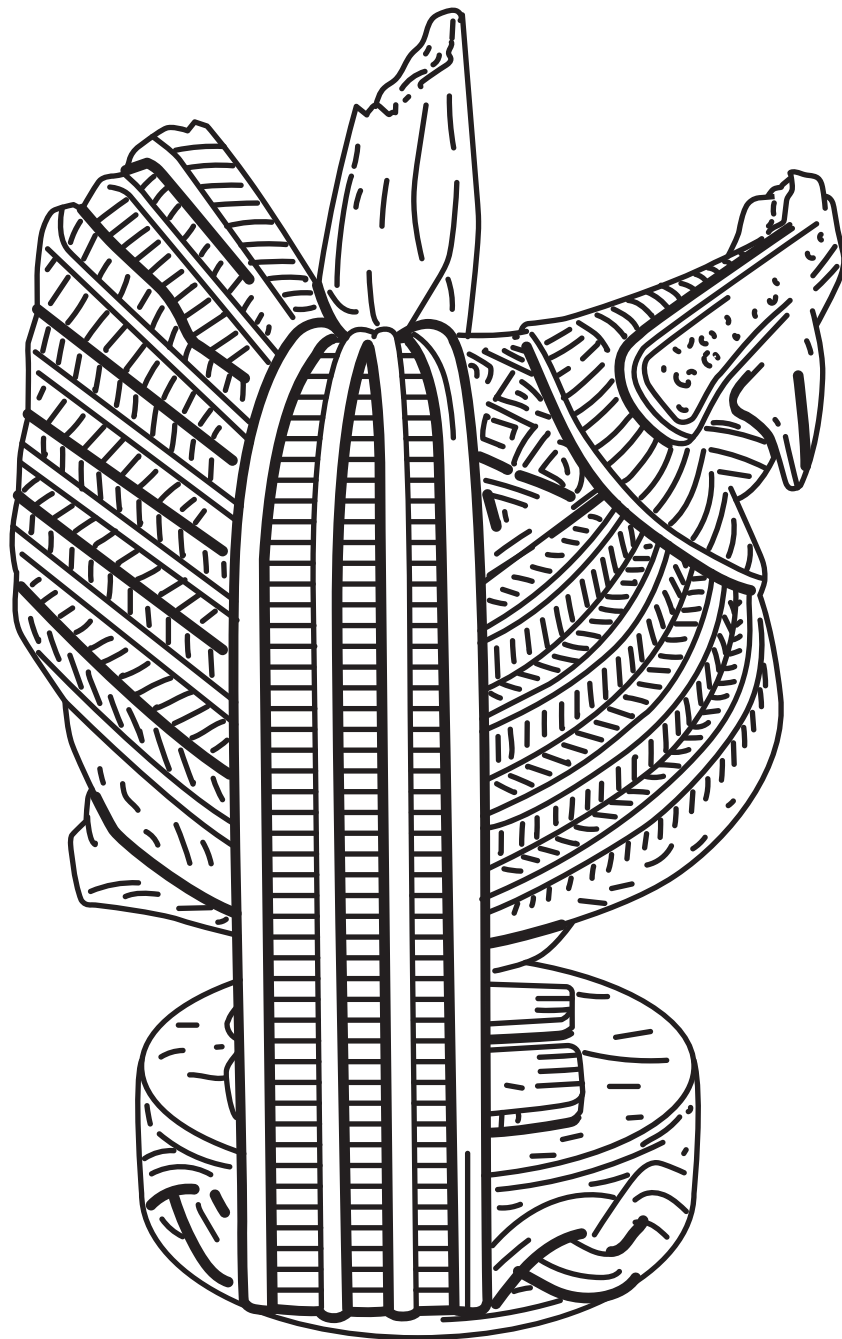
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Celt (Thunderbolt/Thunderaxe)



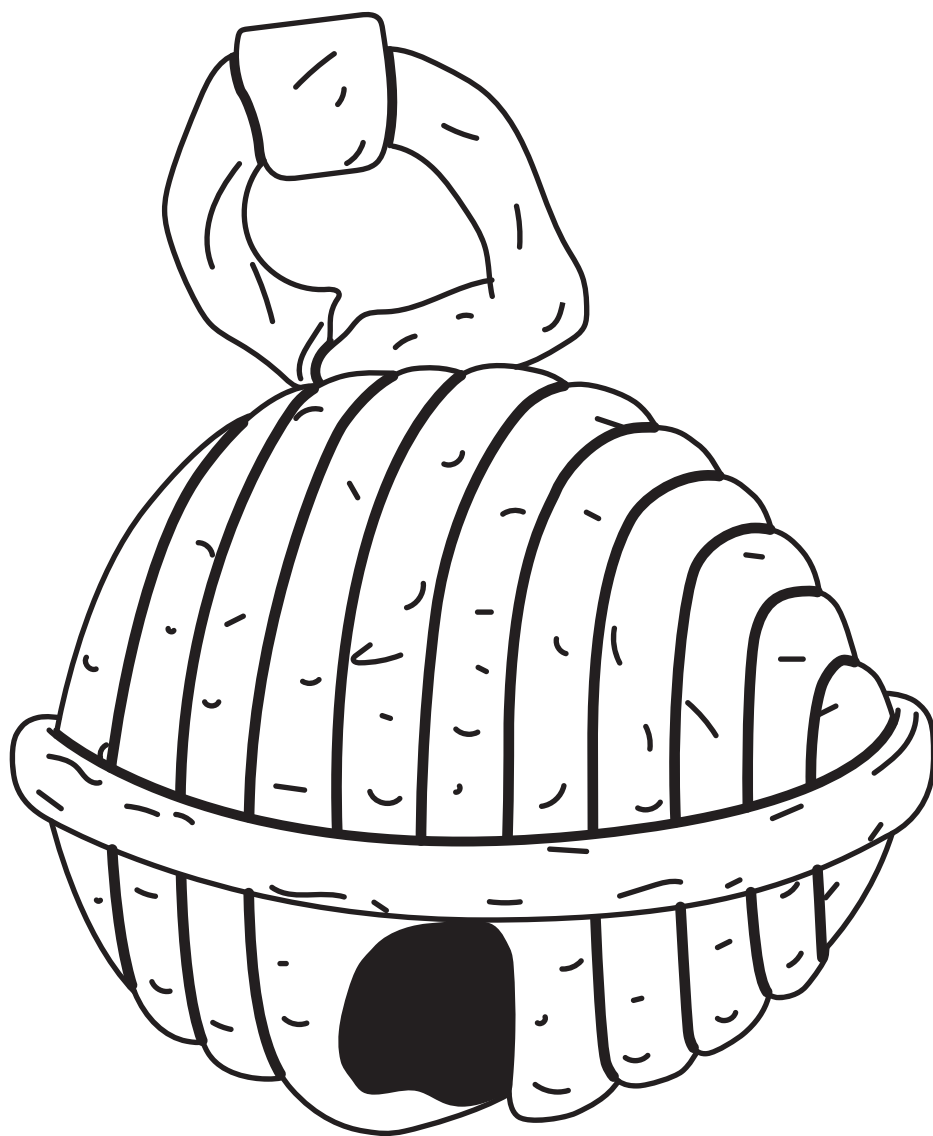
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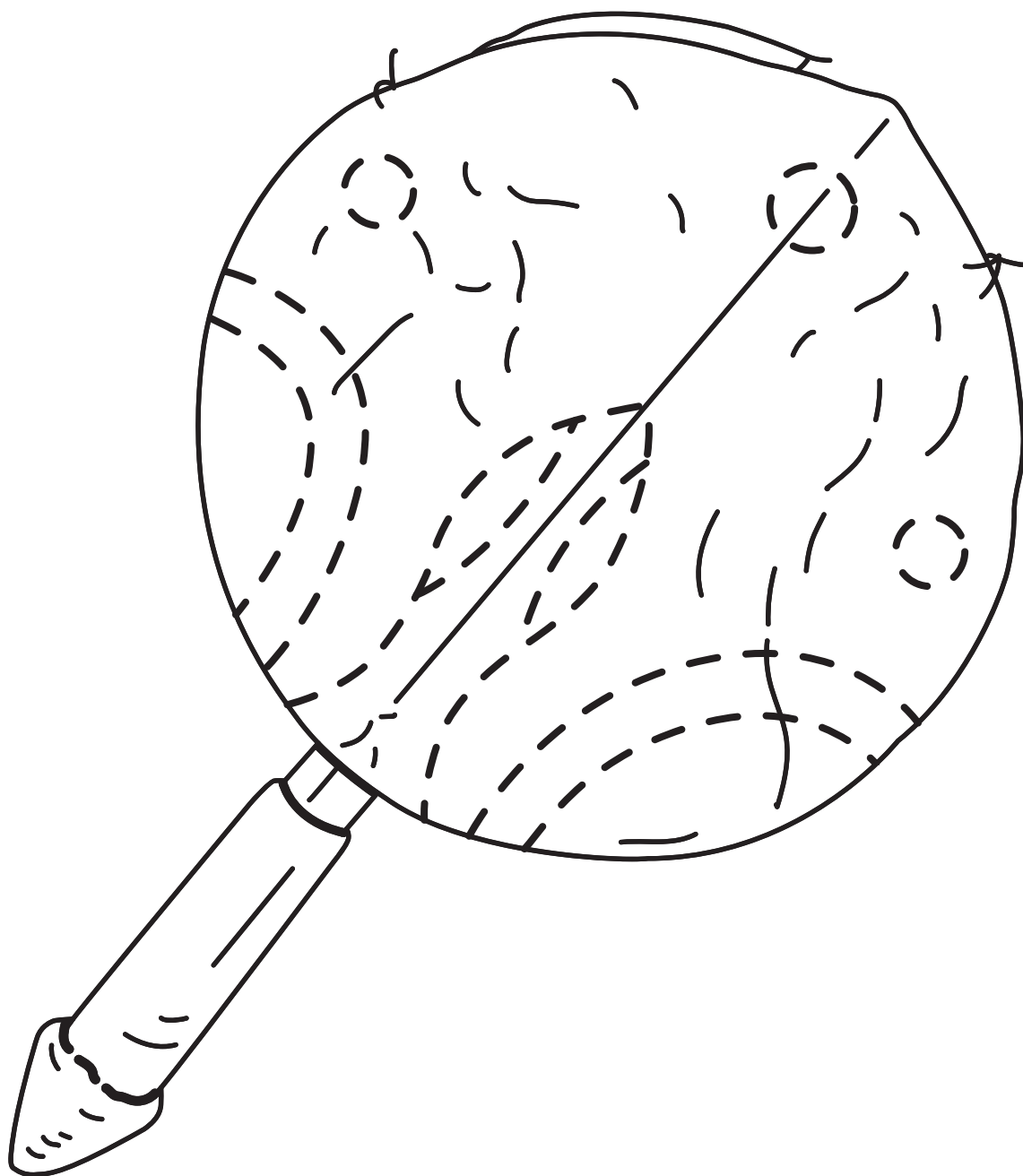
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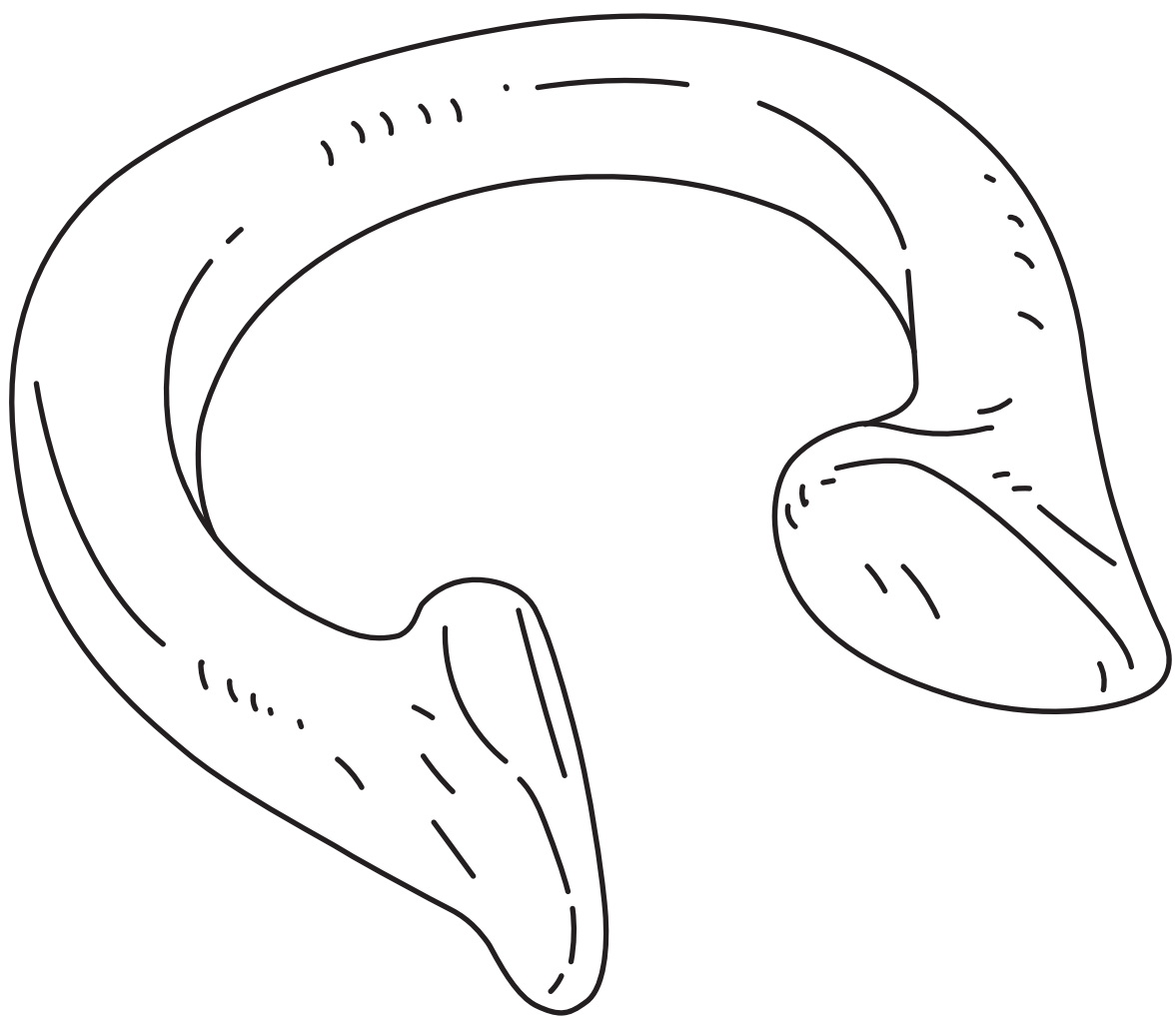


IYEOKHOKHO
Hen Figure



IGHEGHAN
Crotal Bell





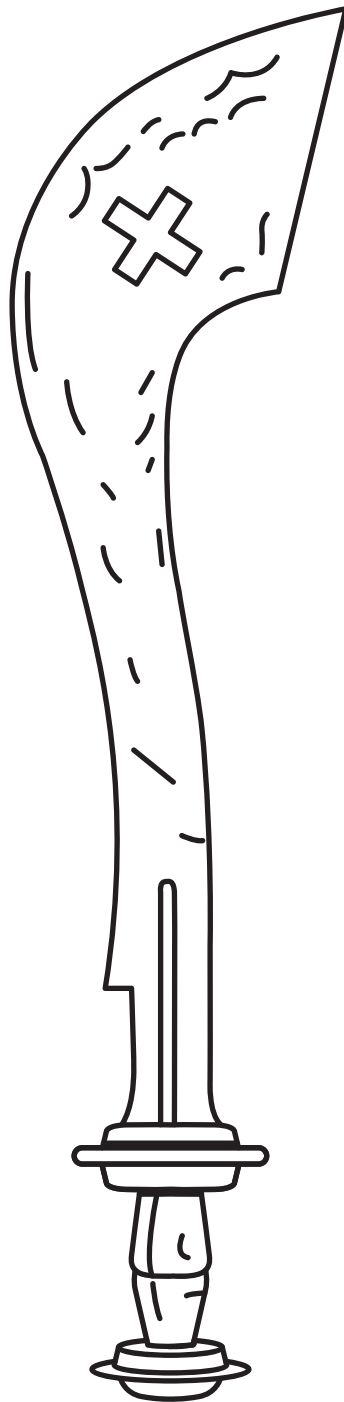


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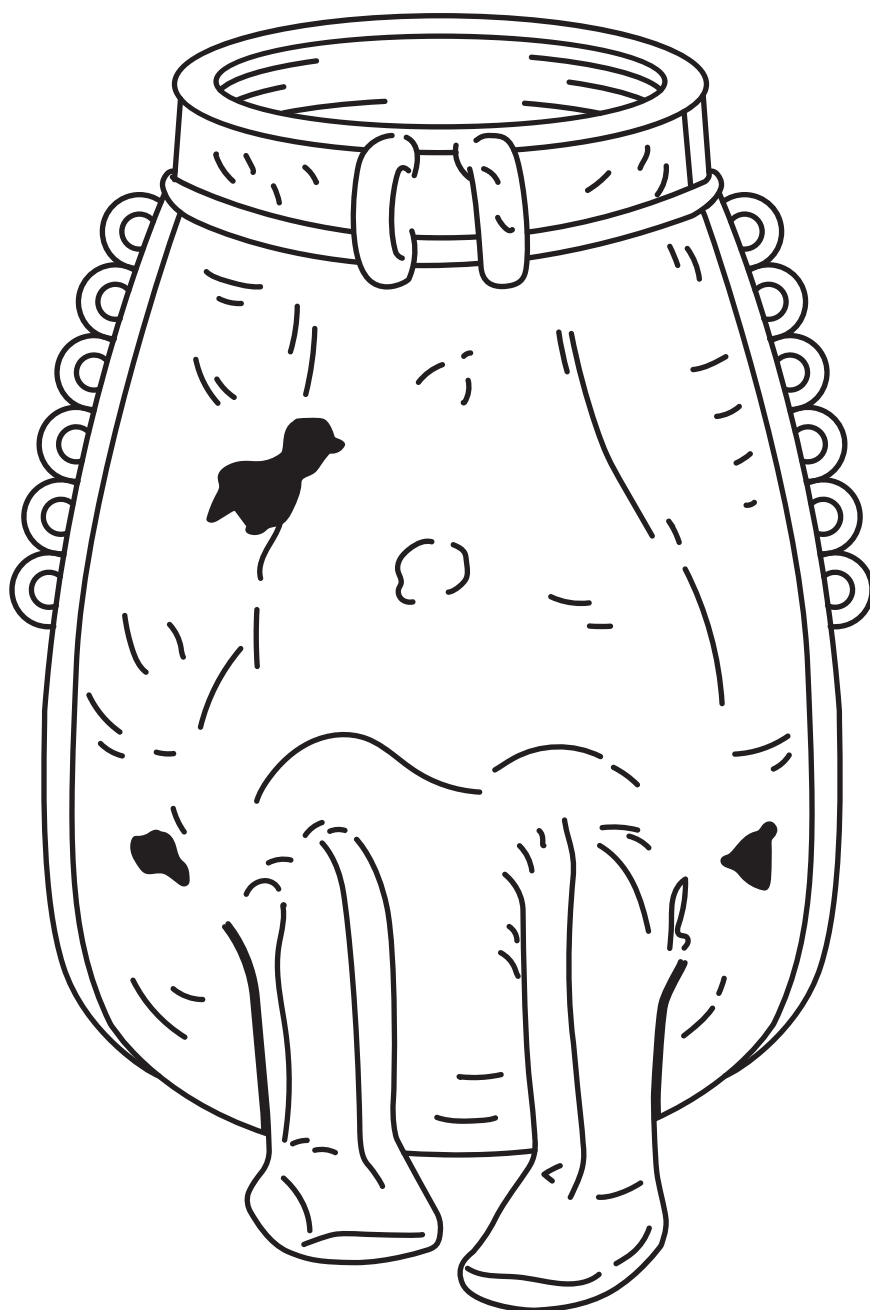
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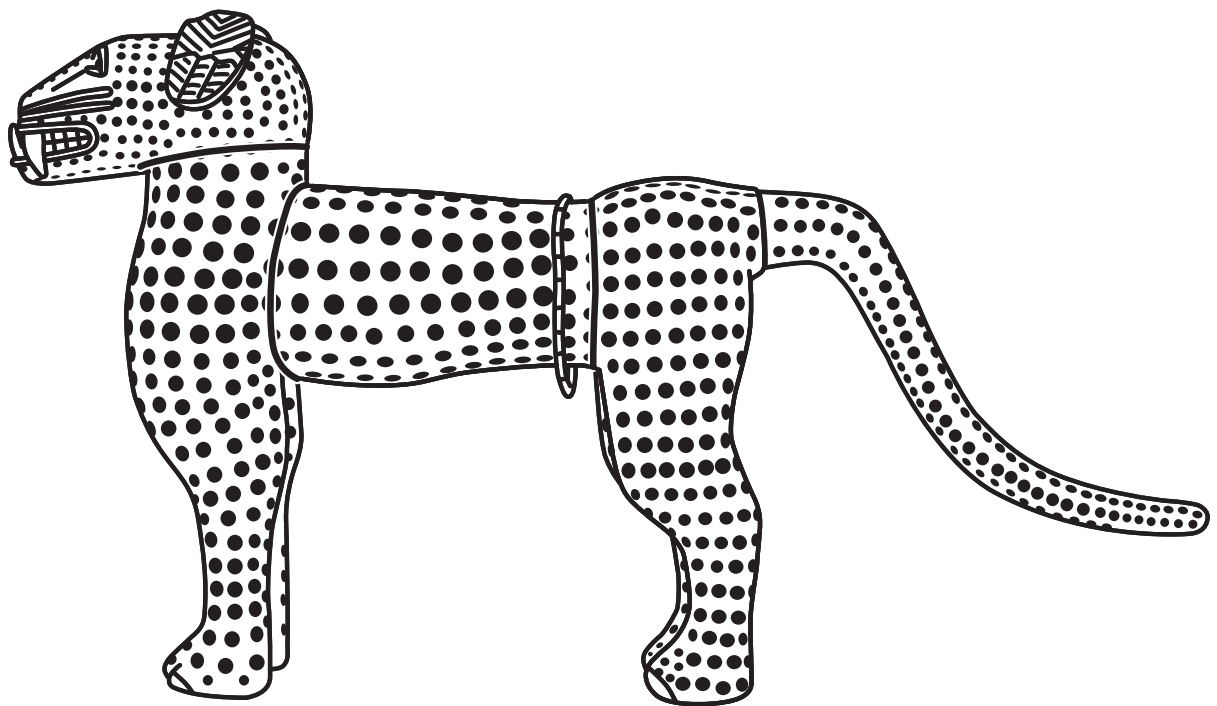


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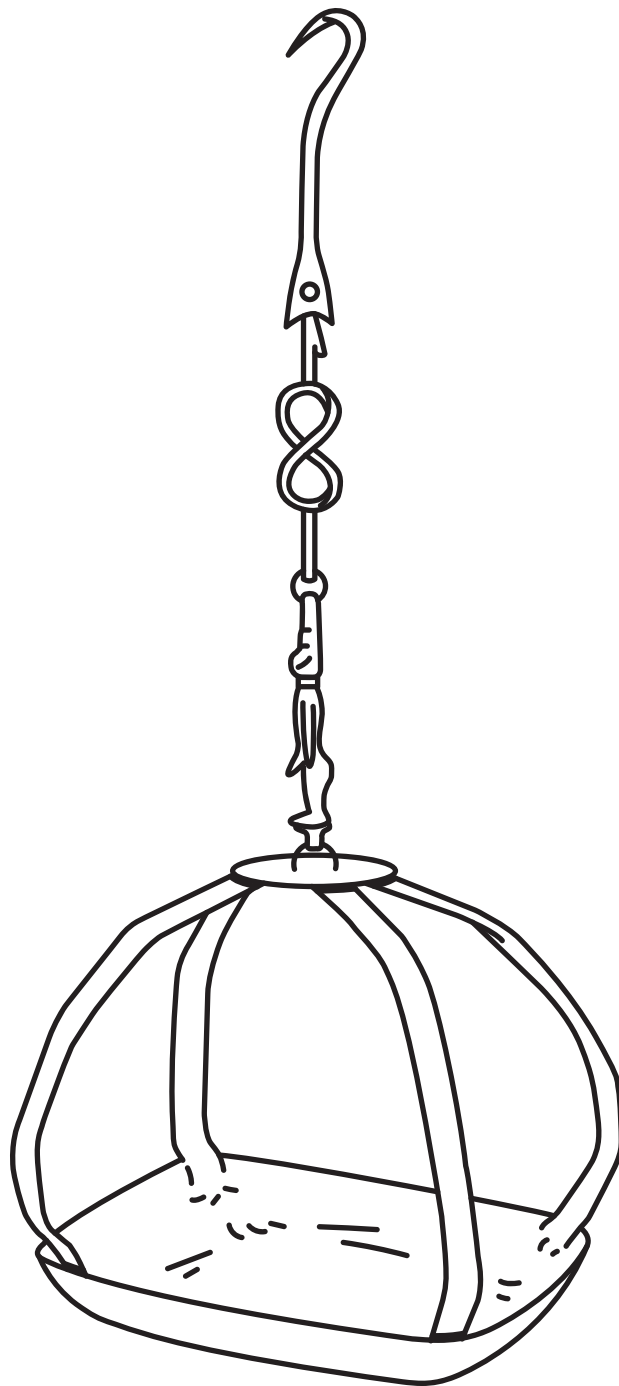


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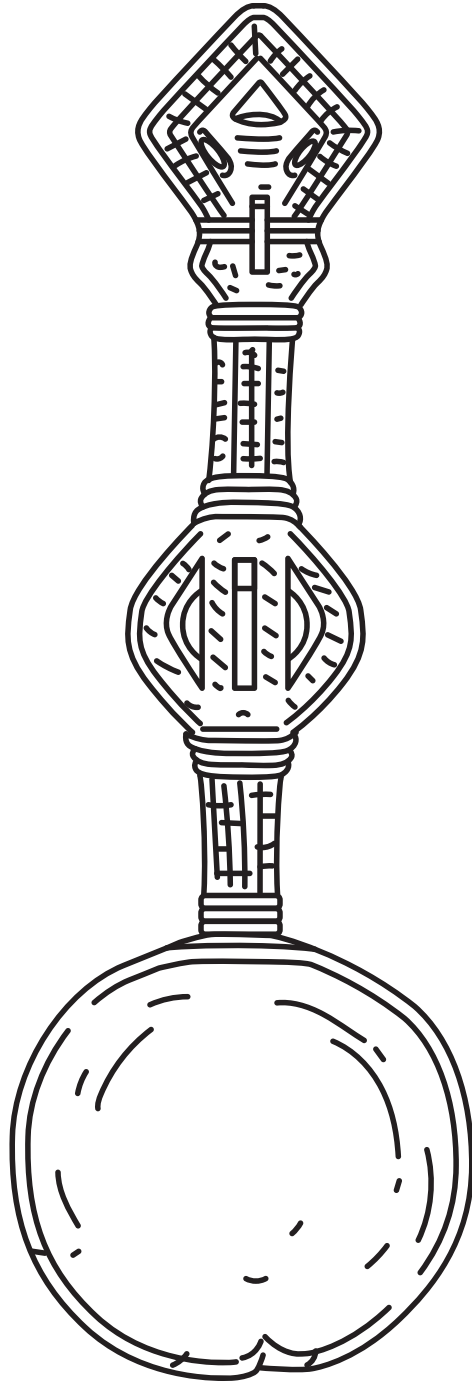




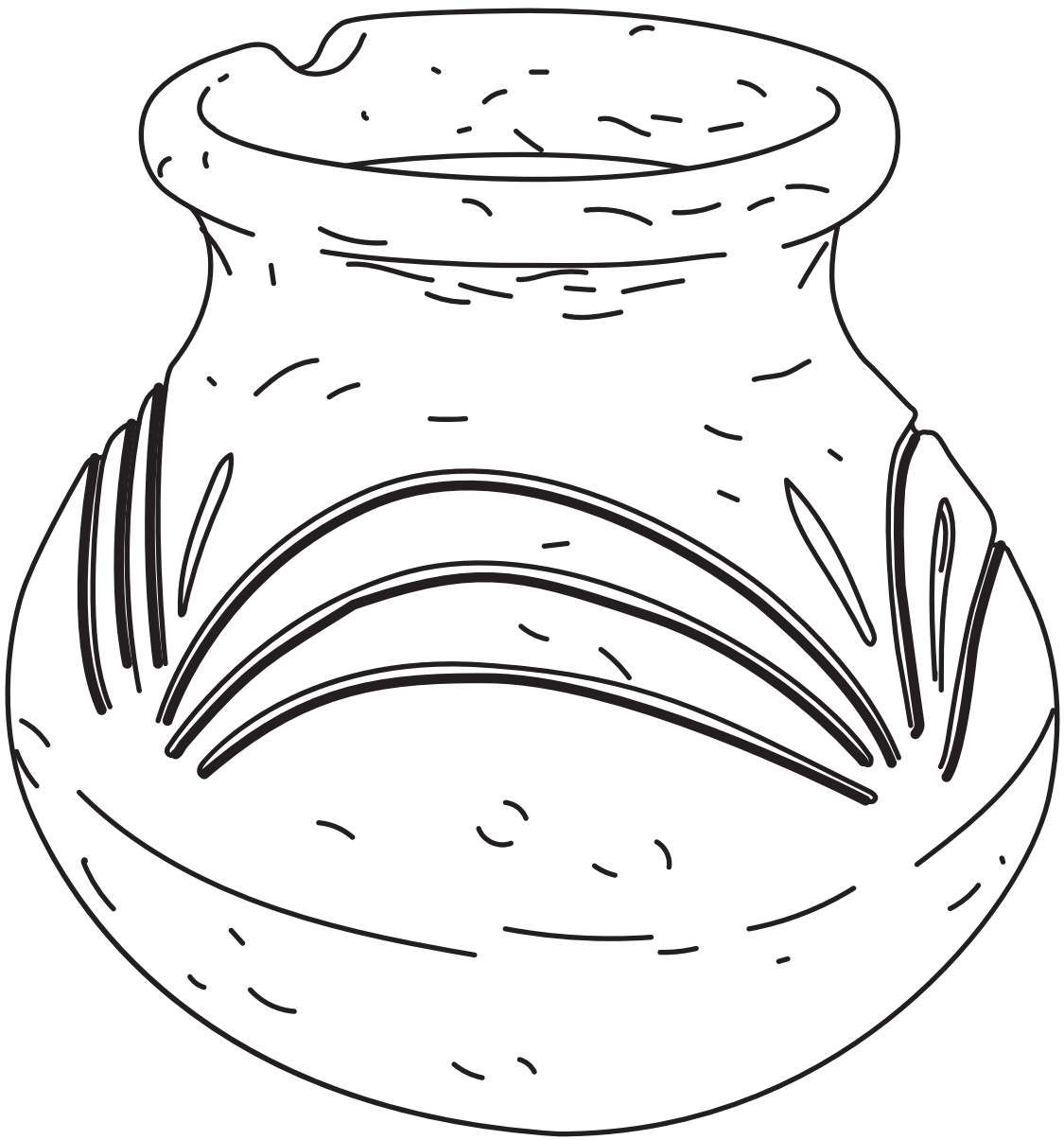
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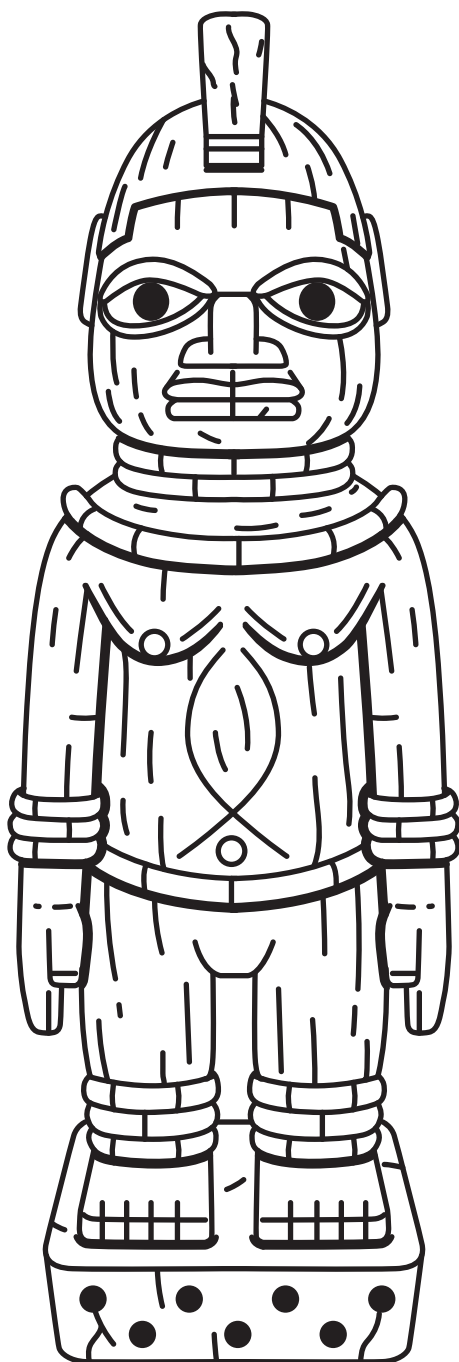
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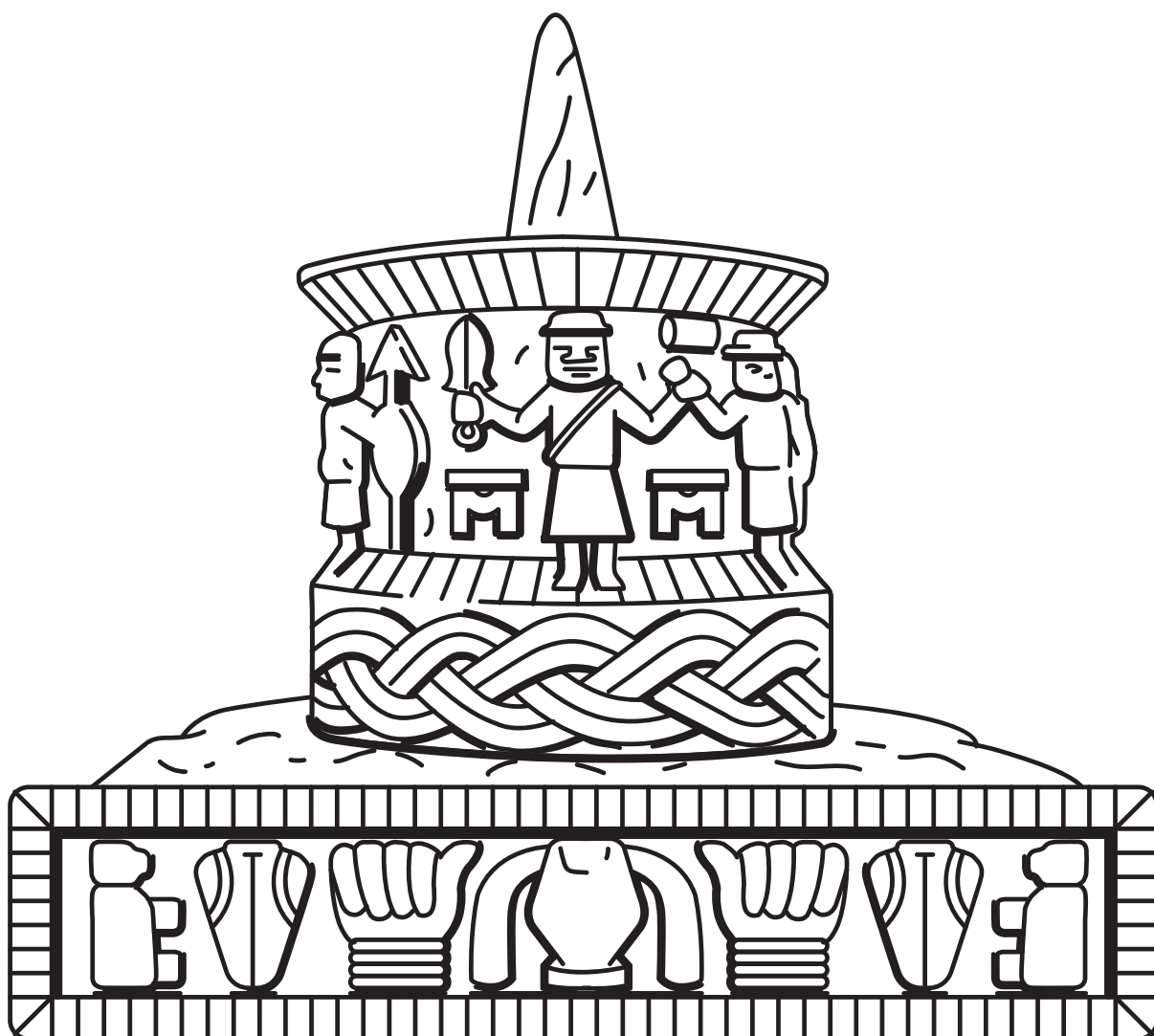
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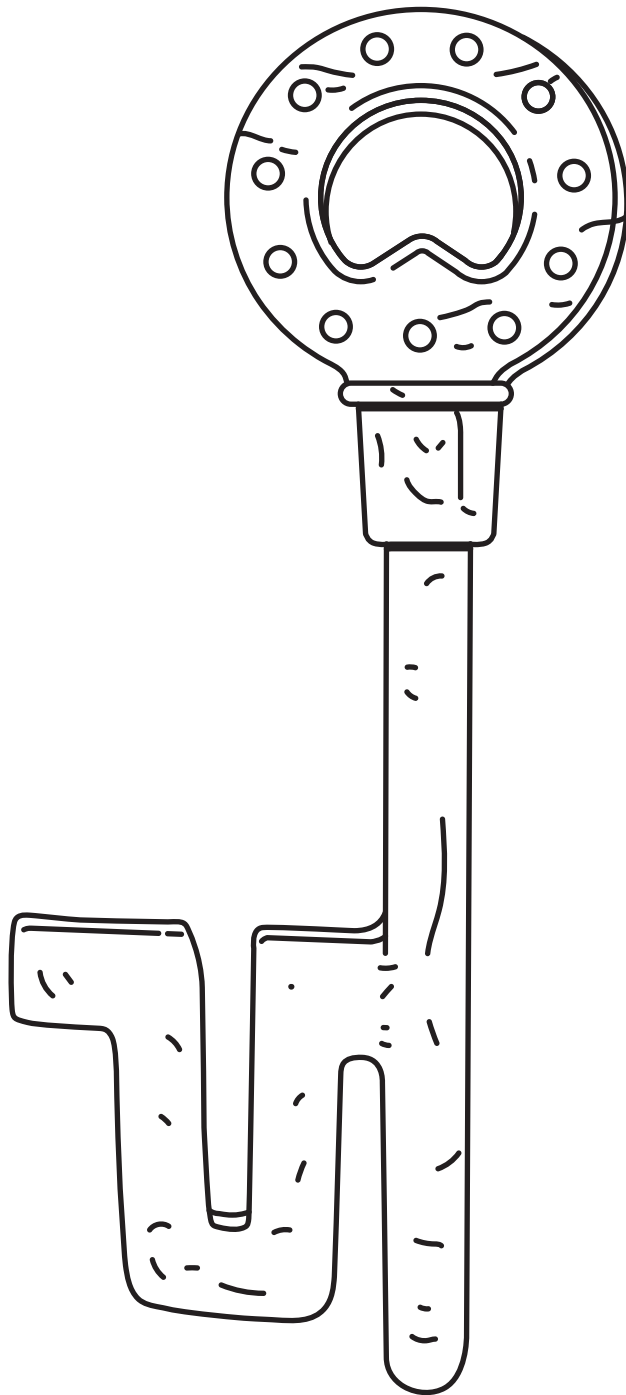
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Pot



OKHUO
Female Figure



IKĚGOBỌ
Altar of the Hand



ISANREN
Key

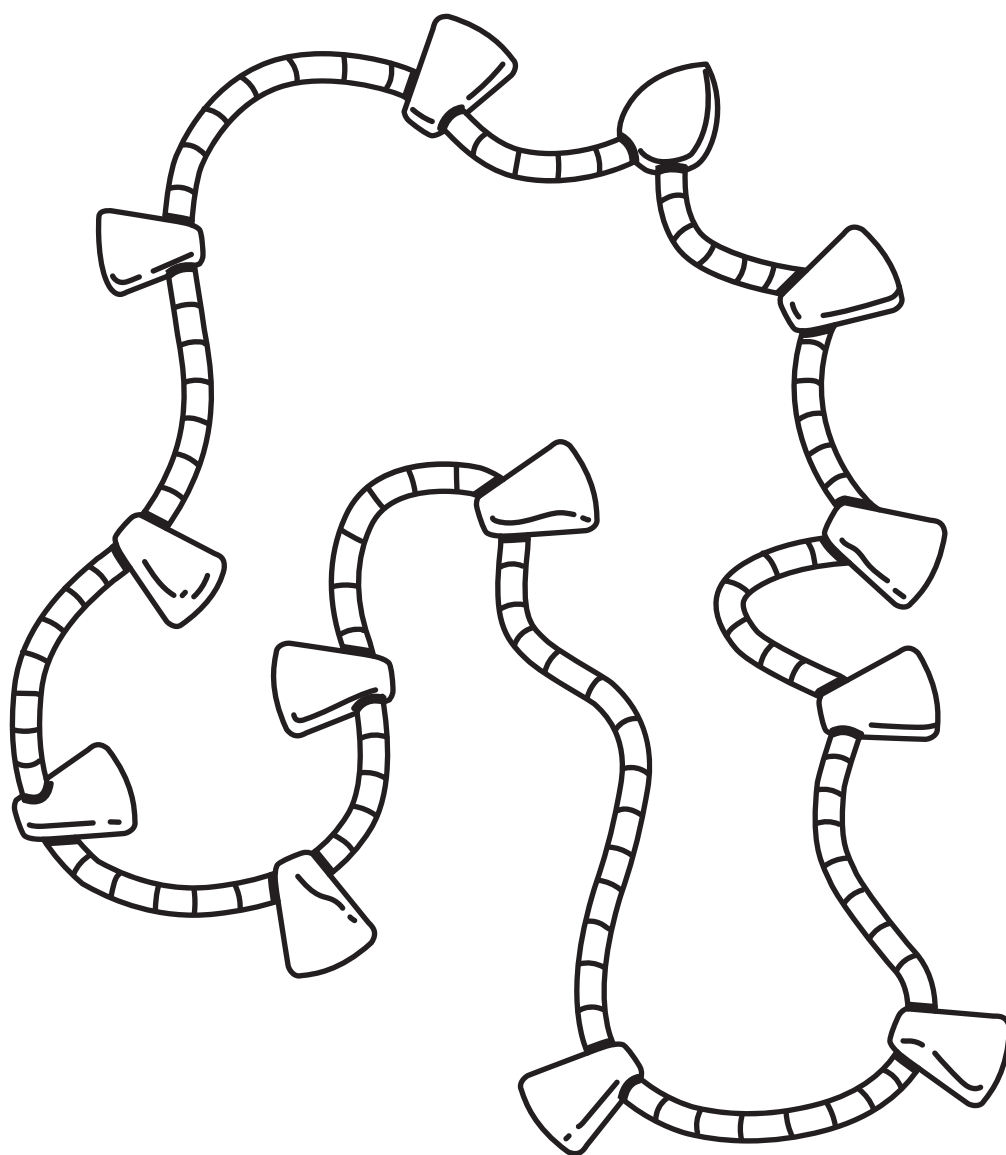


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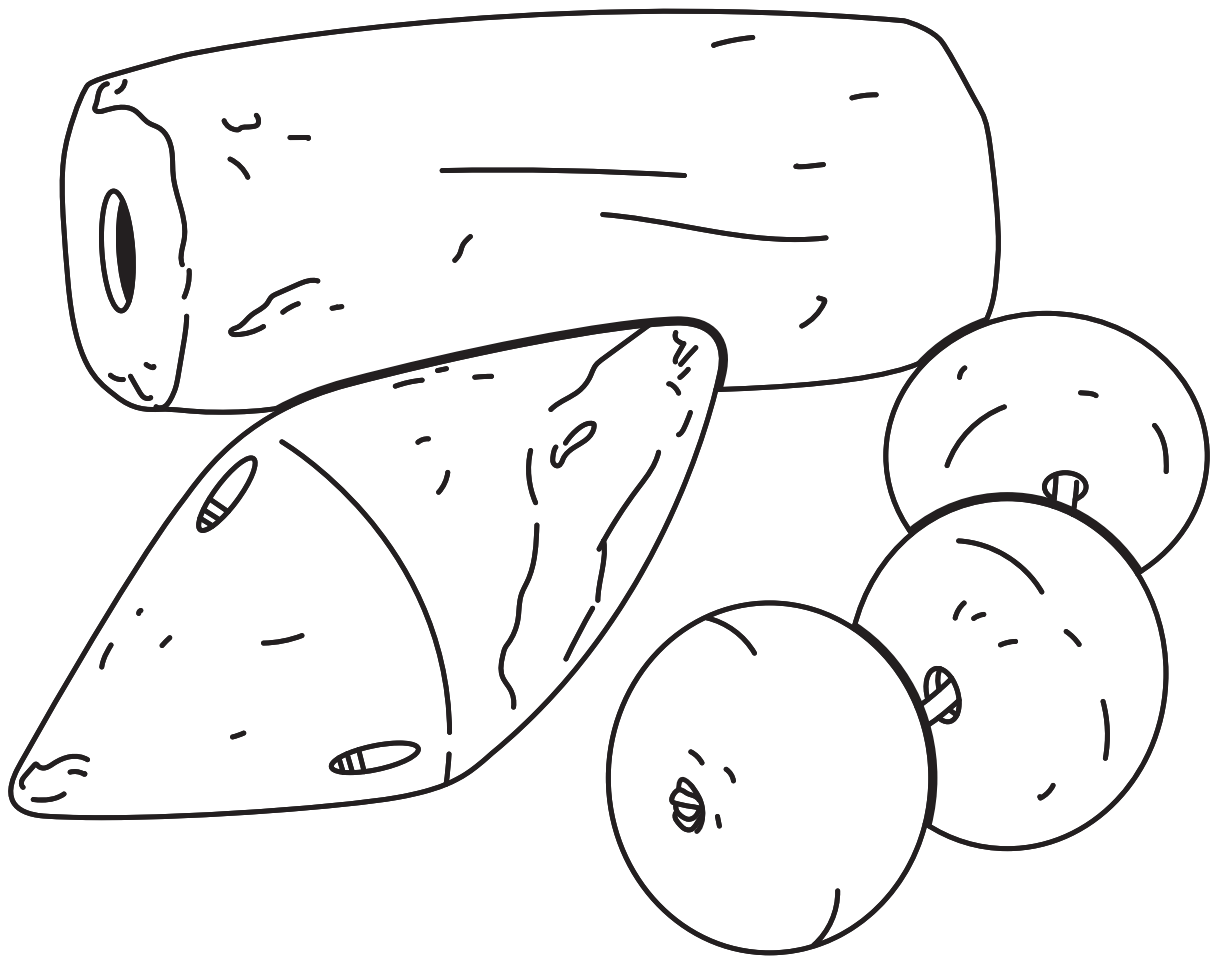


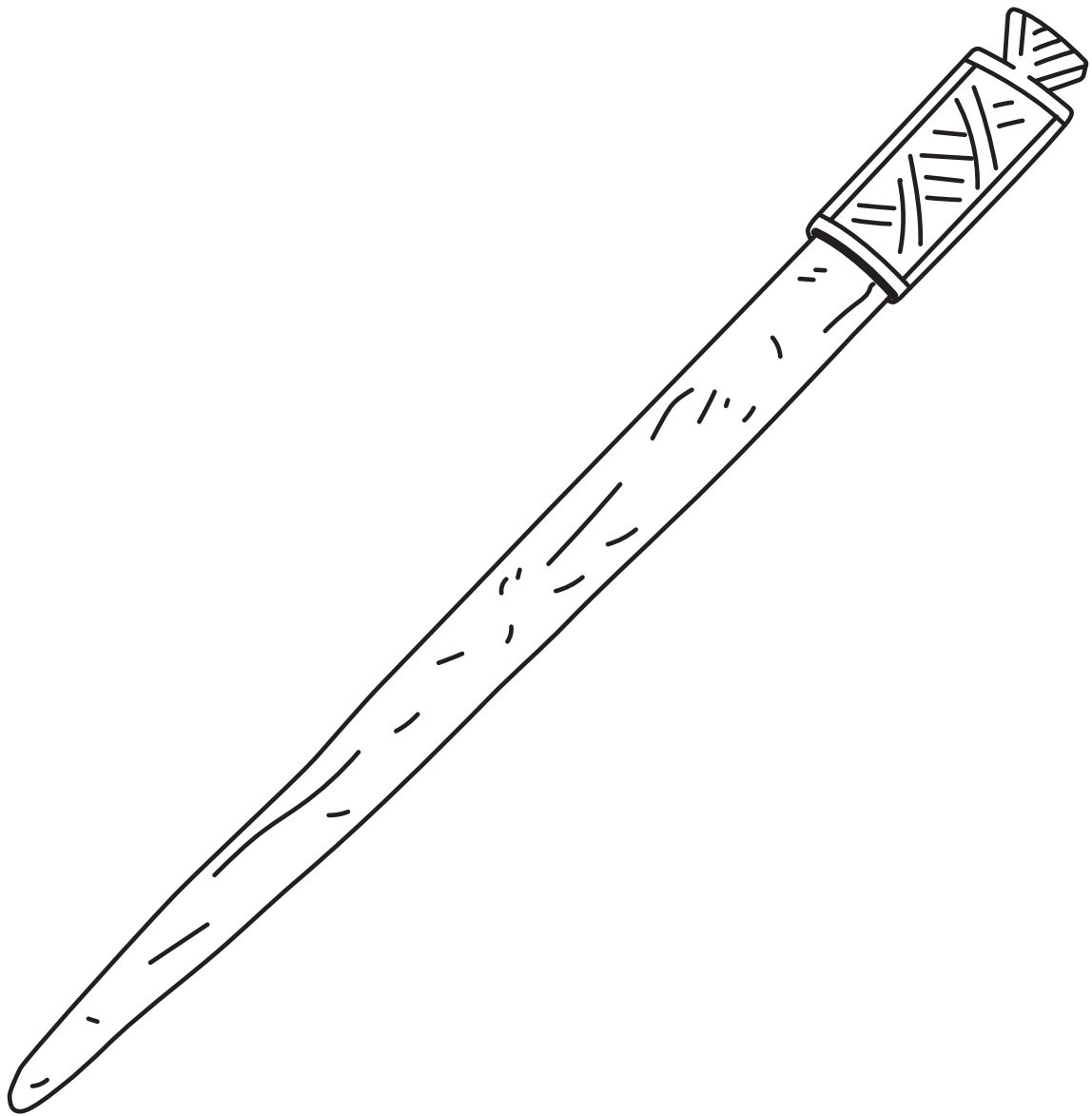
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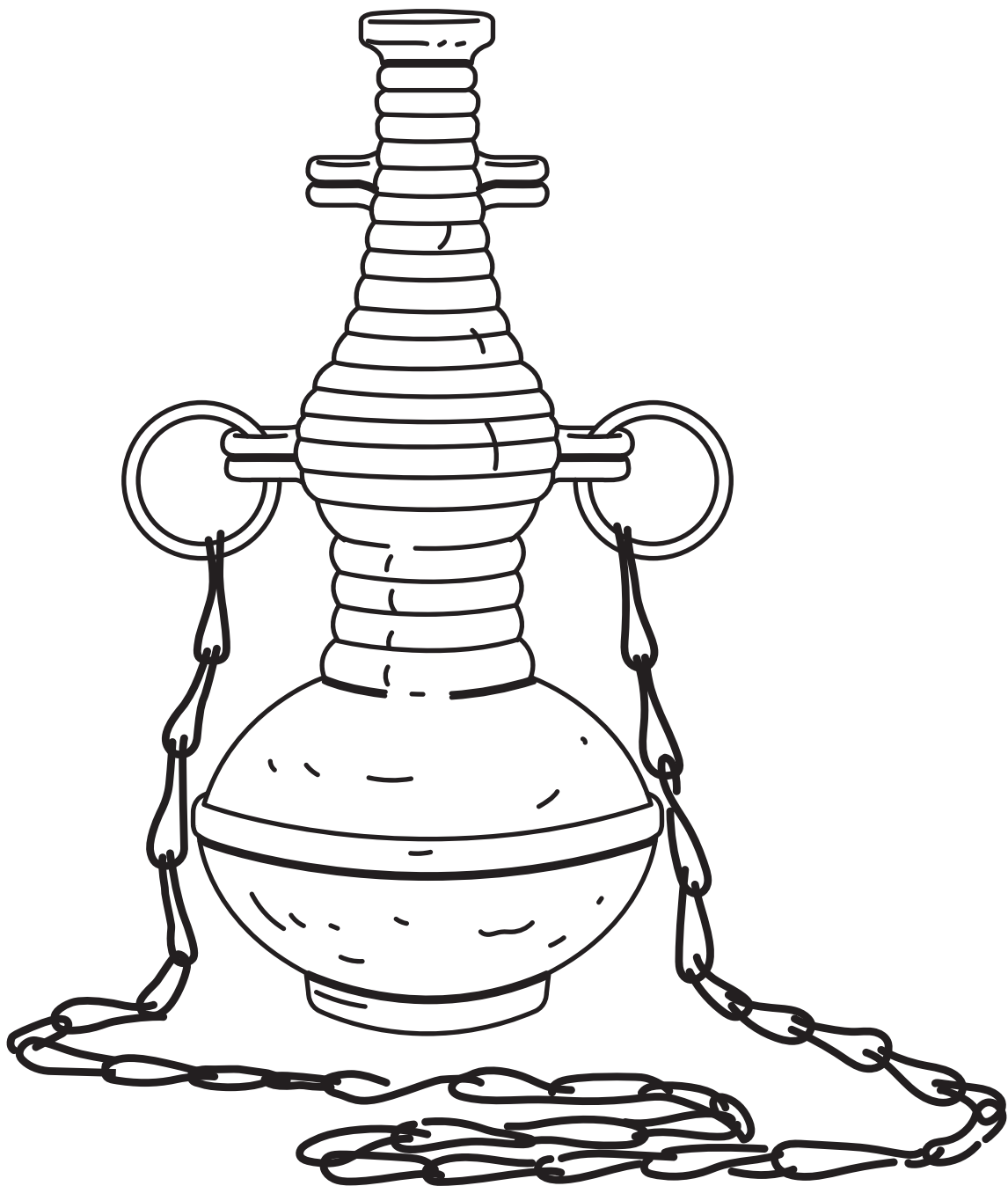


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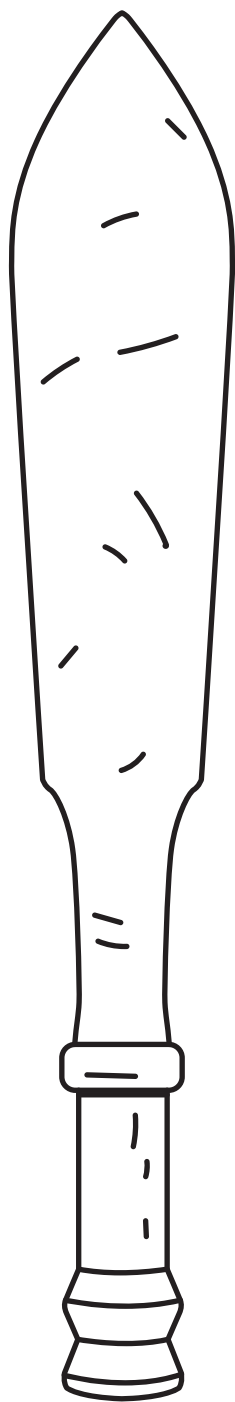




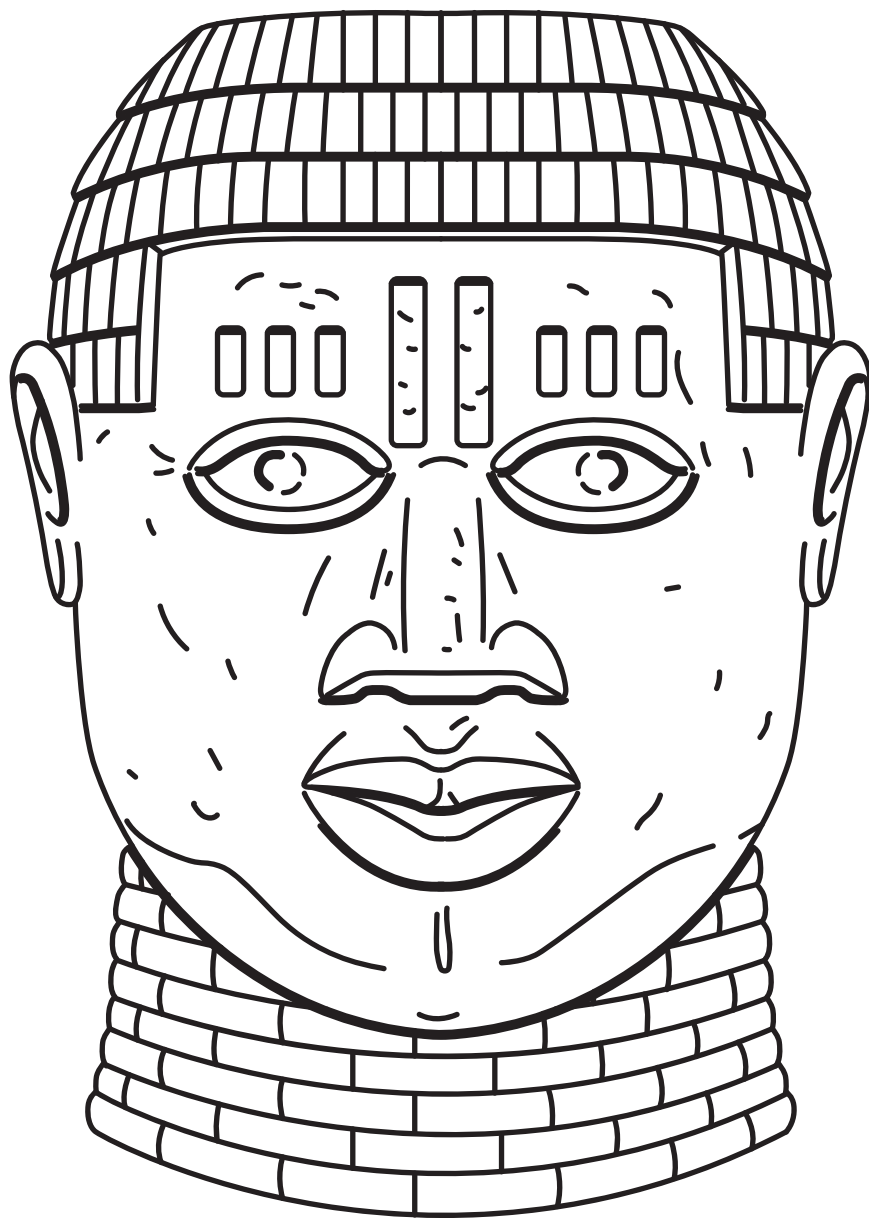
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UKO
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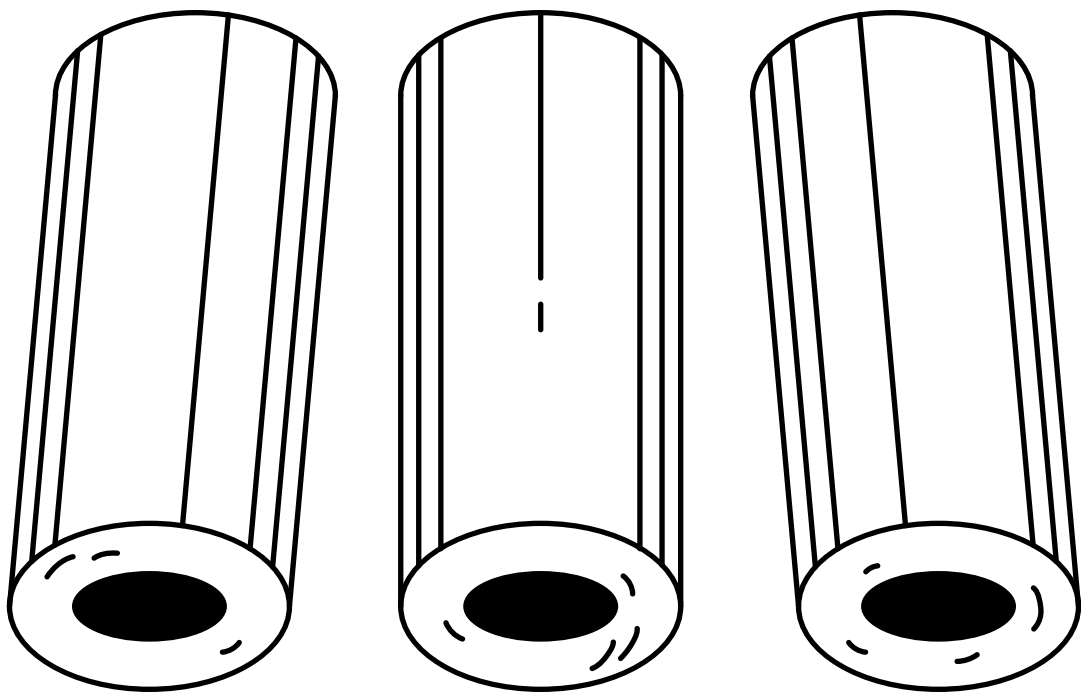


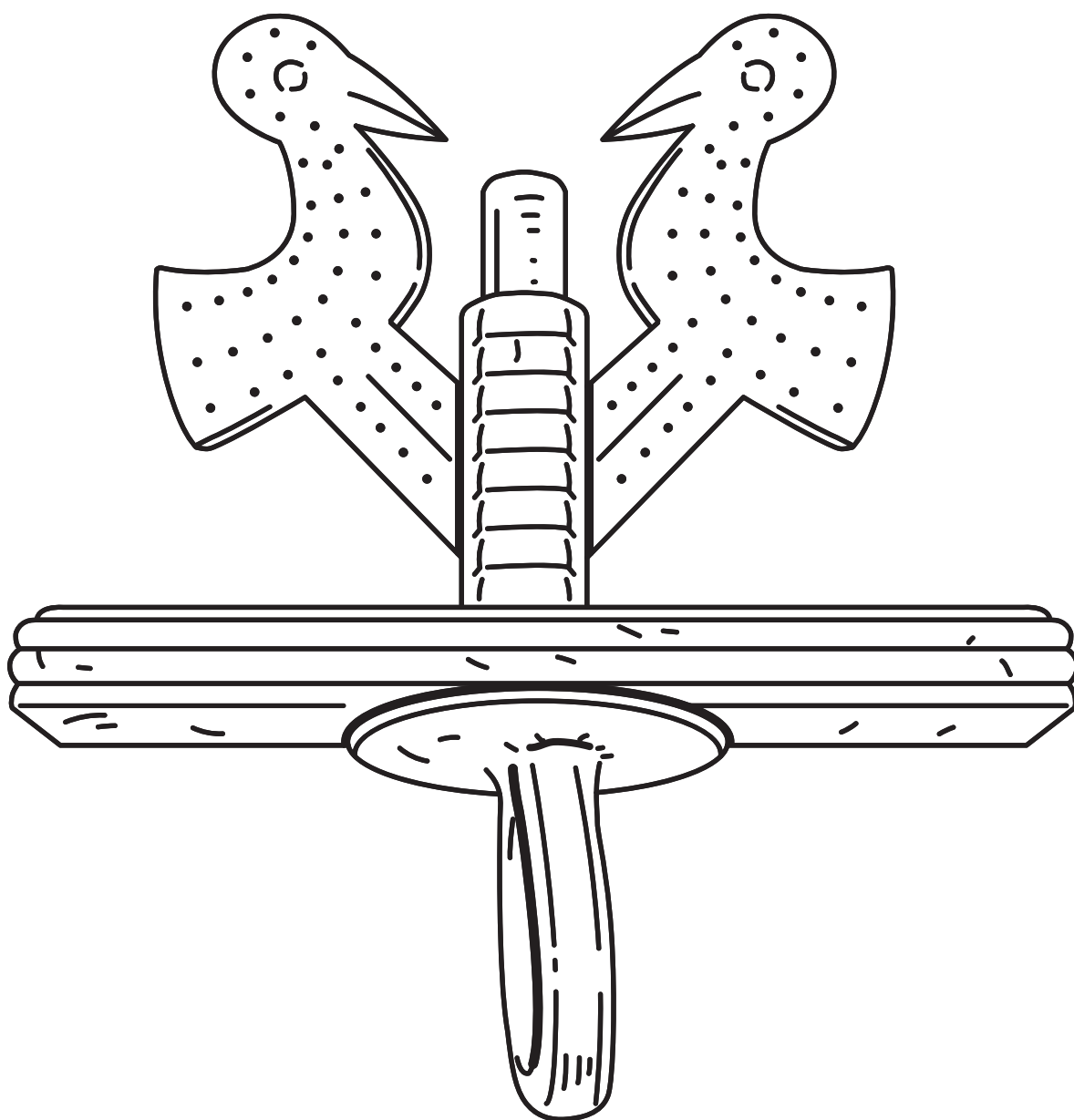
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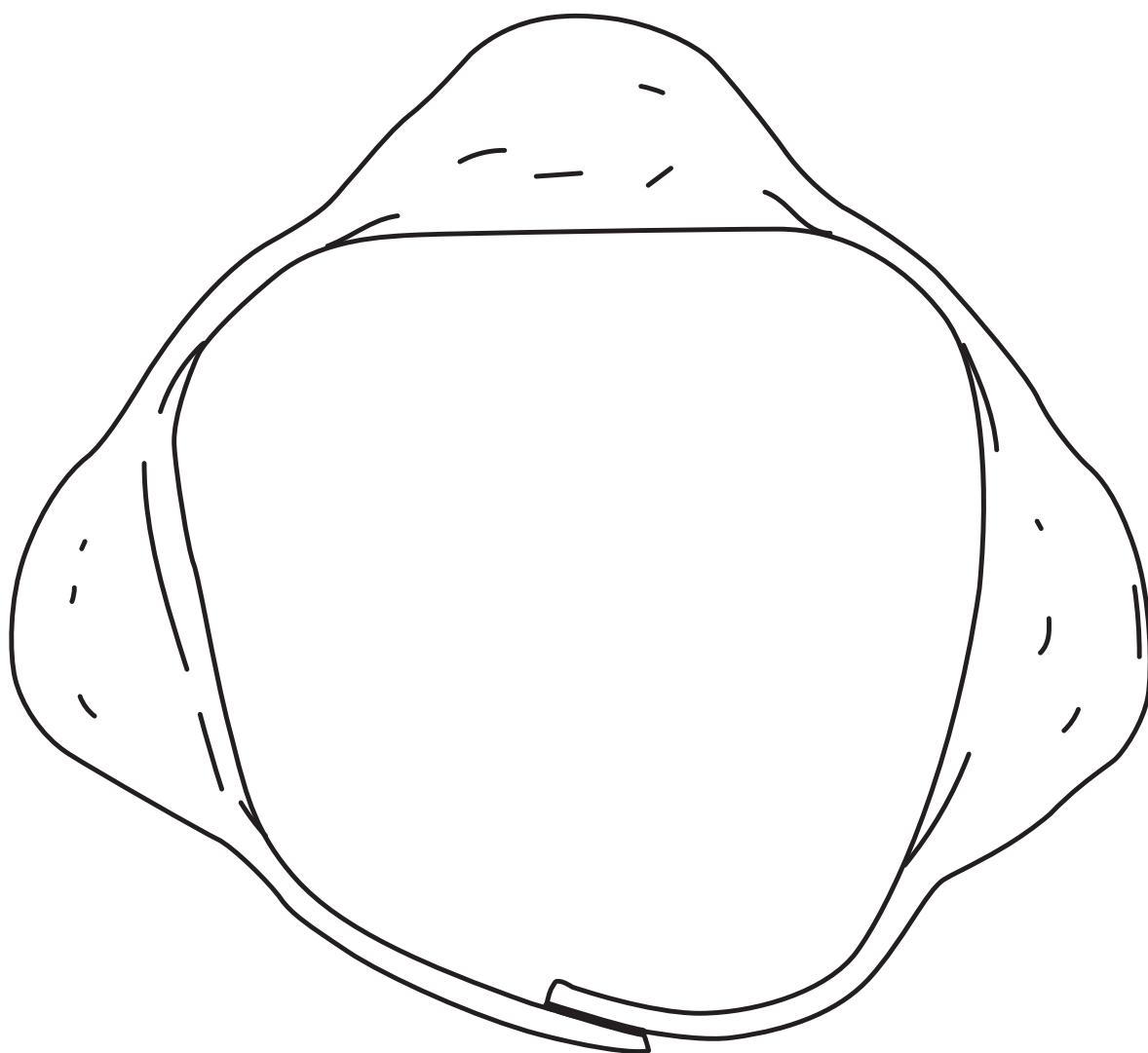




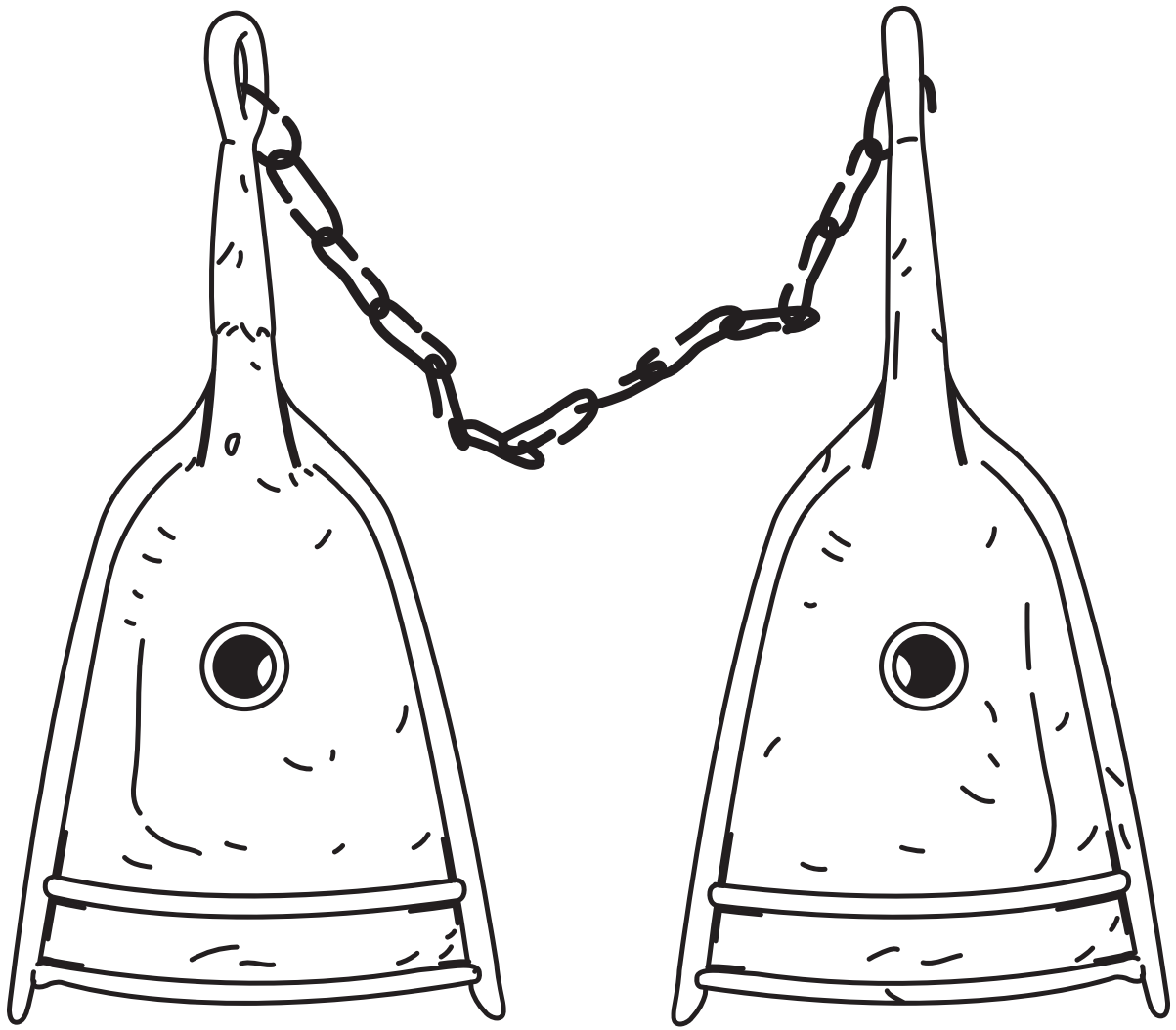
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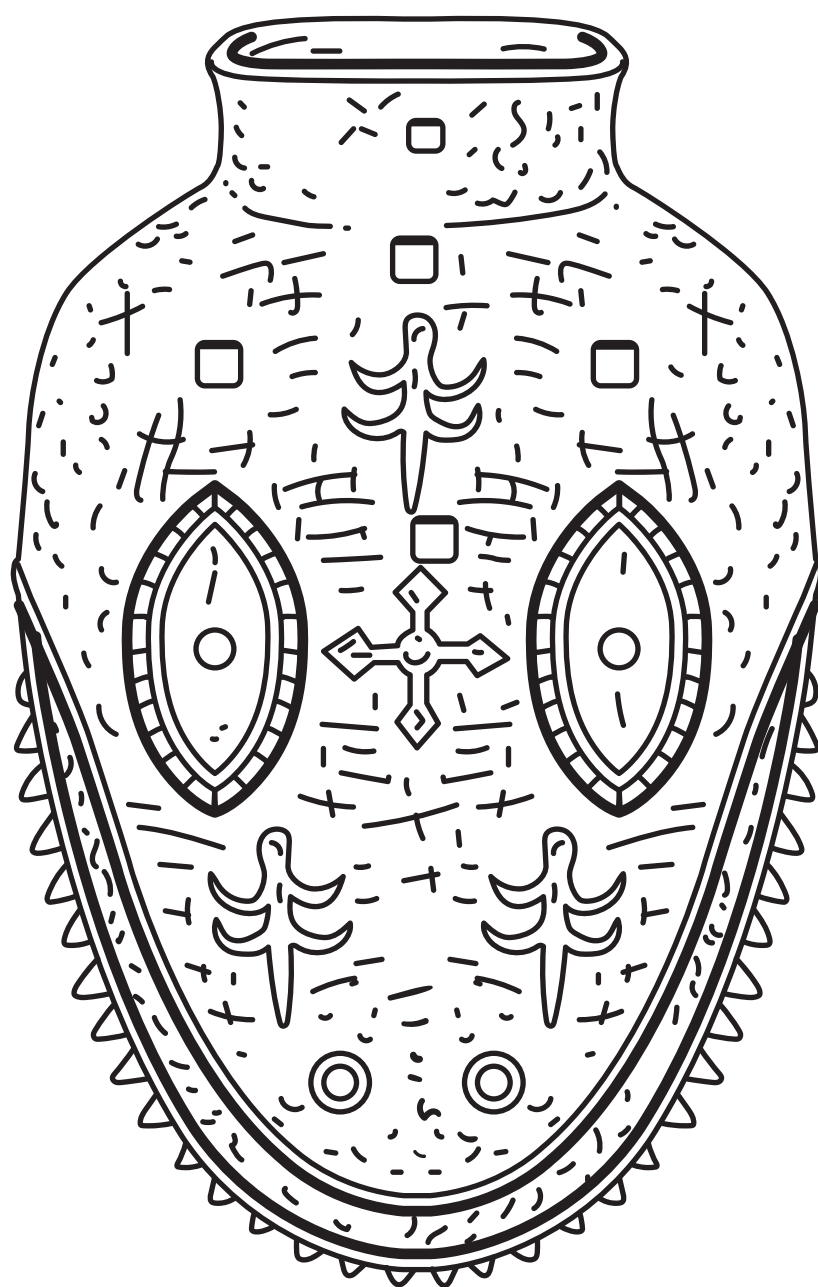




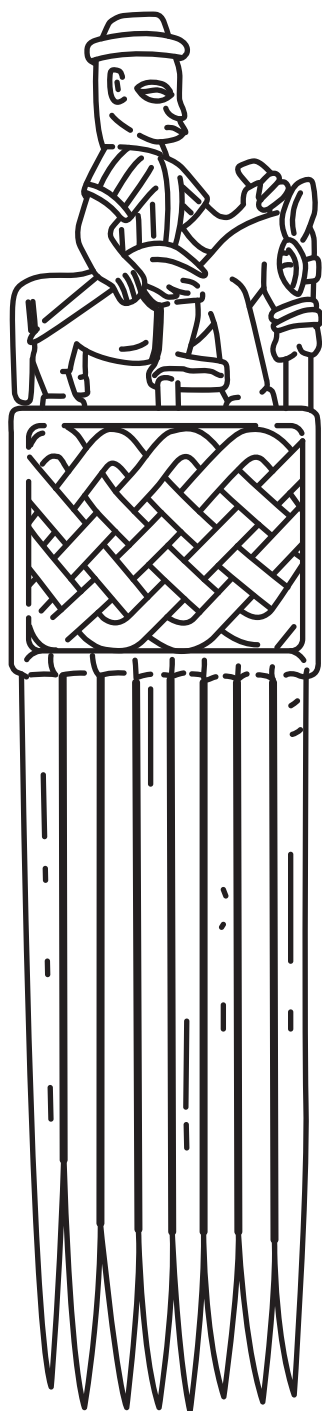
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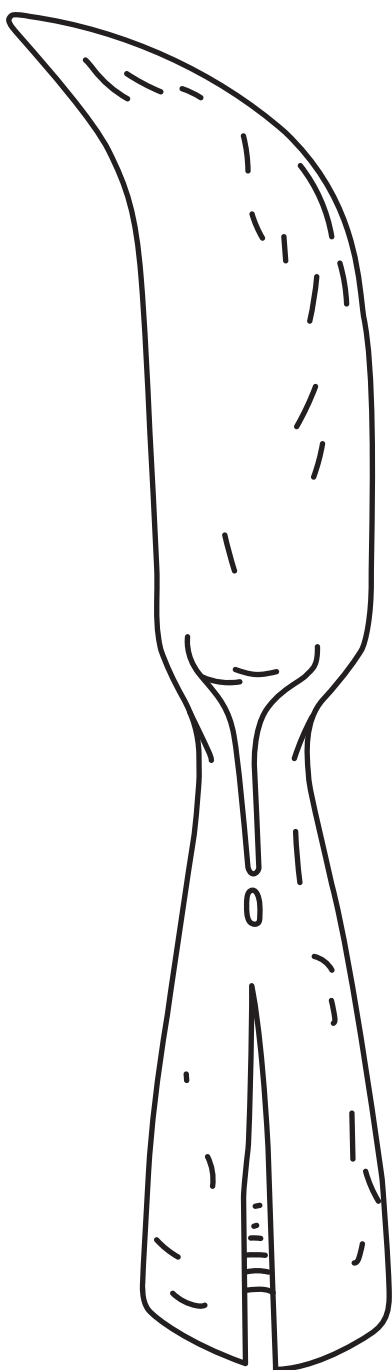
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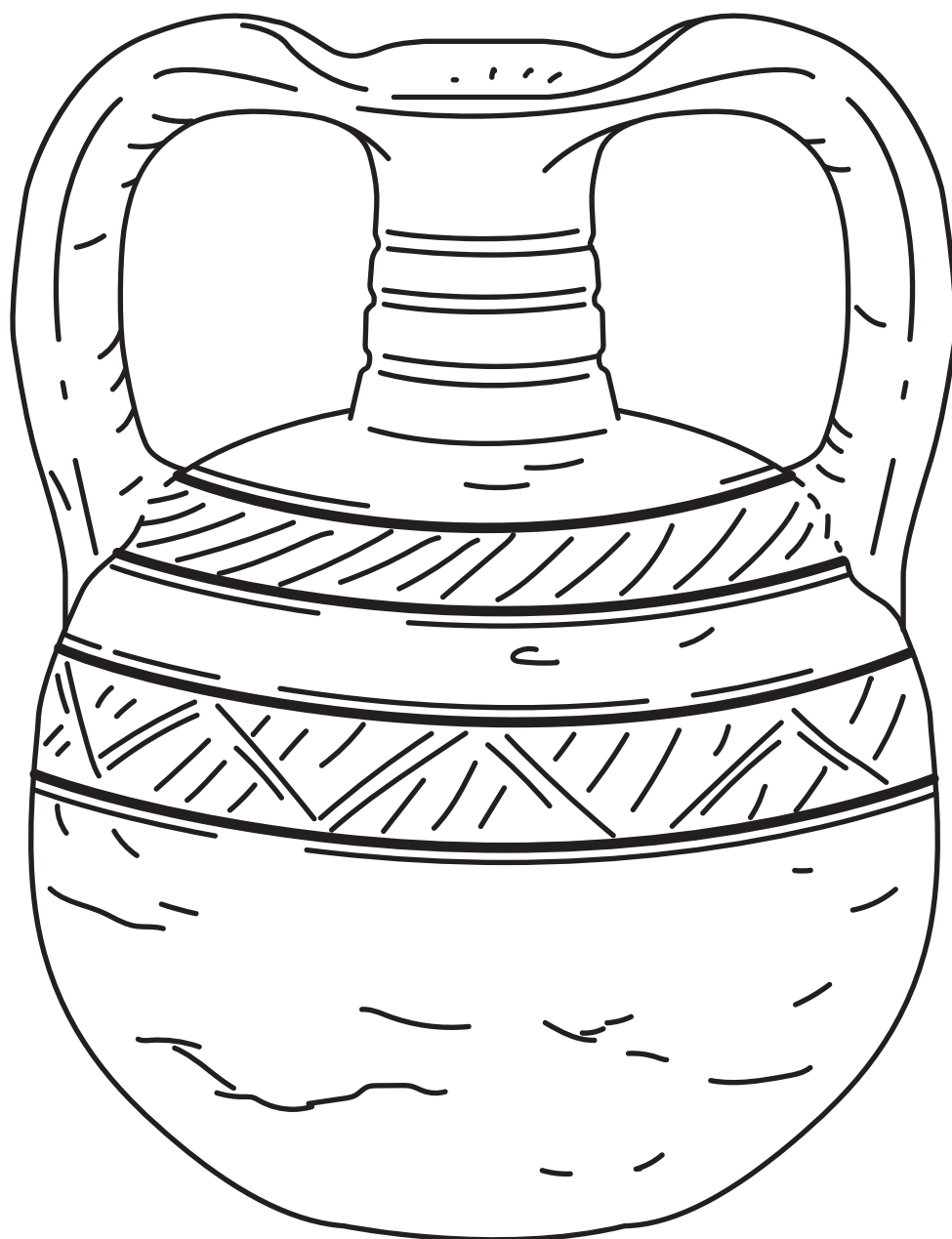


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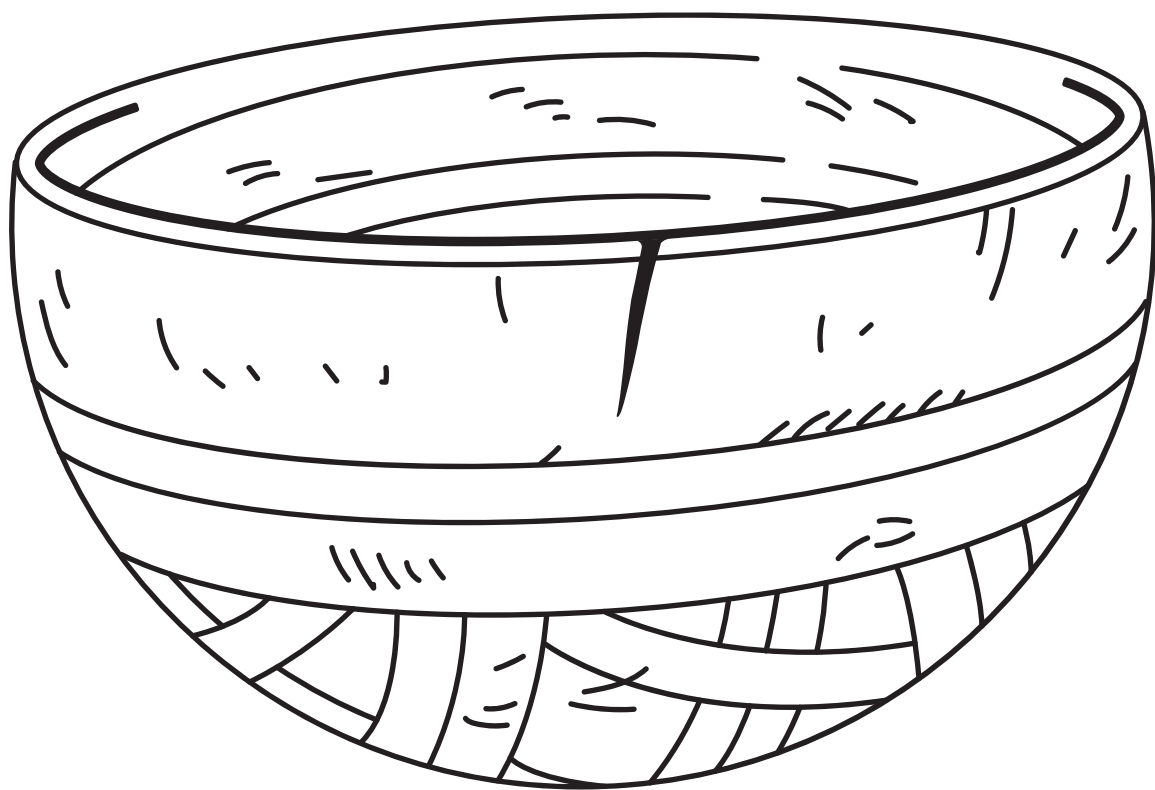


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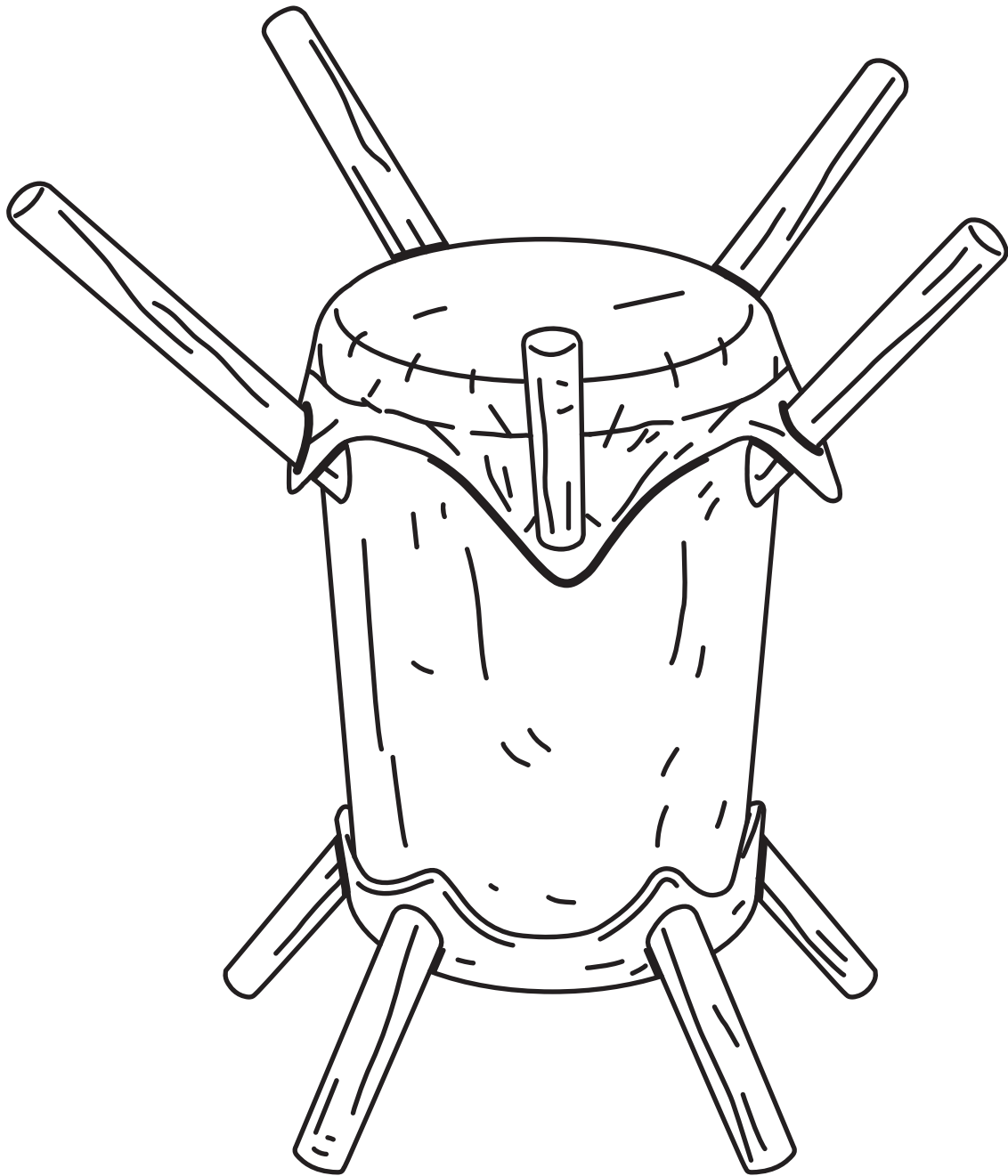




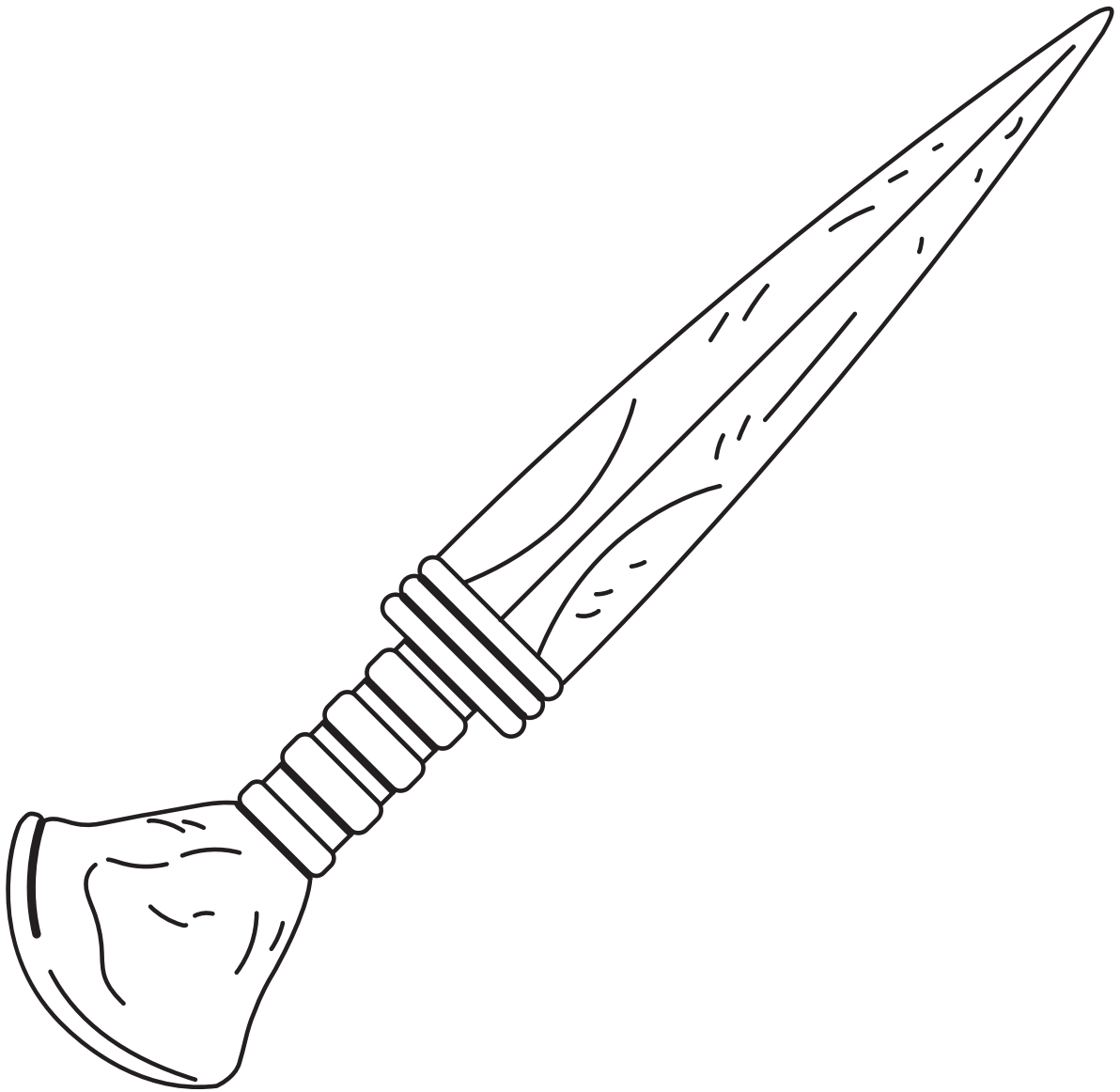
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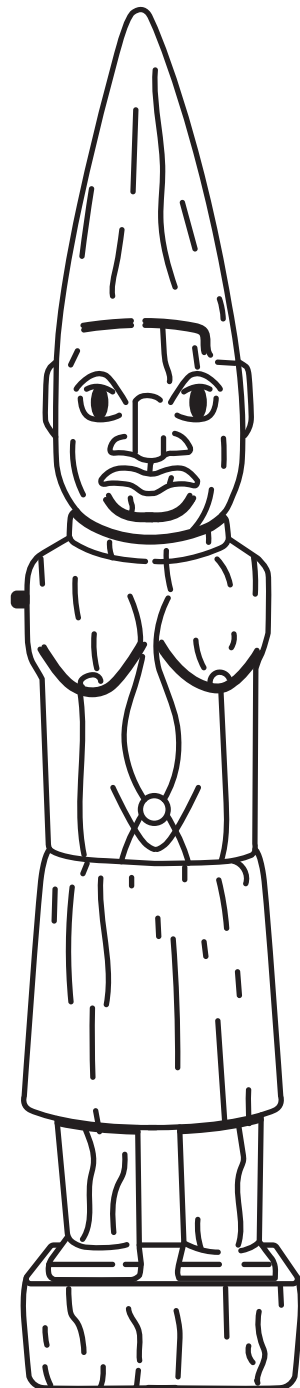
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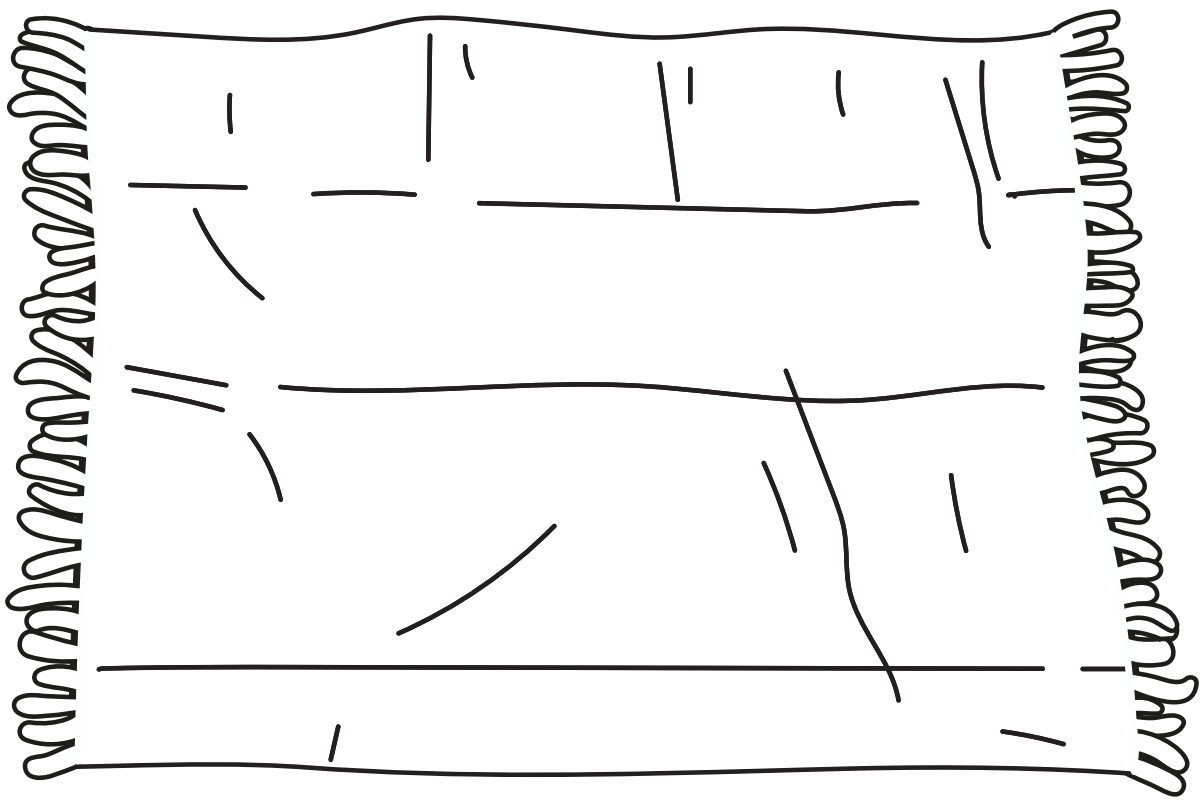
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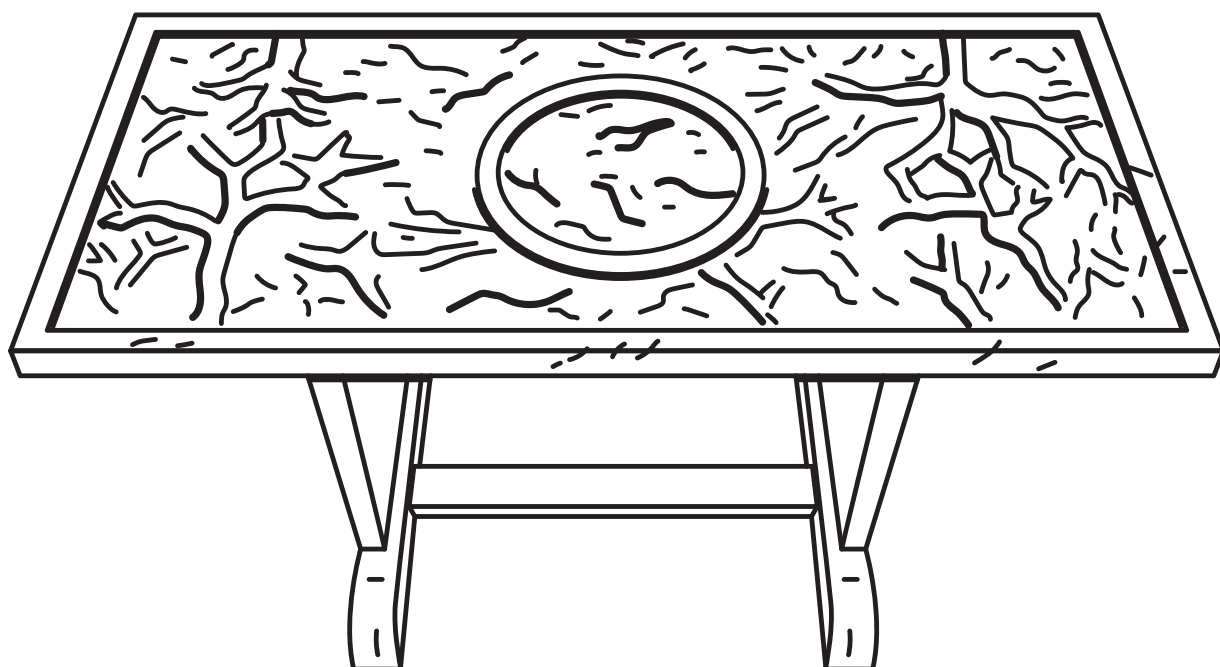


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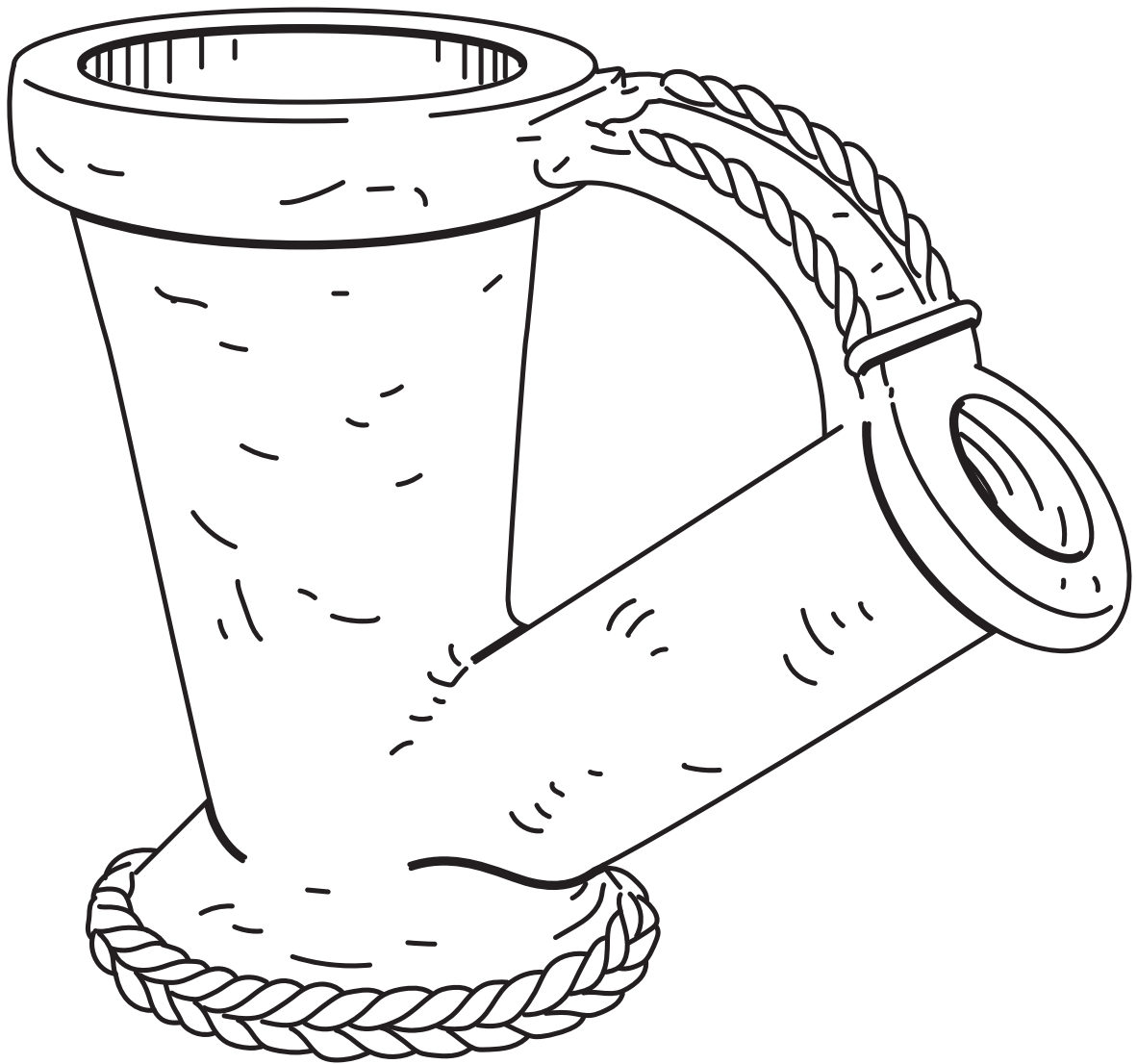


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Queen Mother Figure

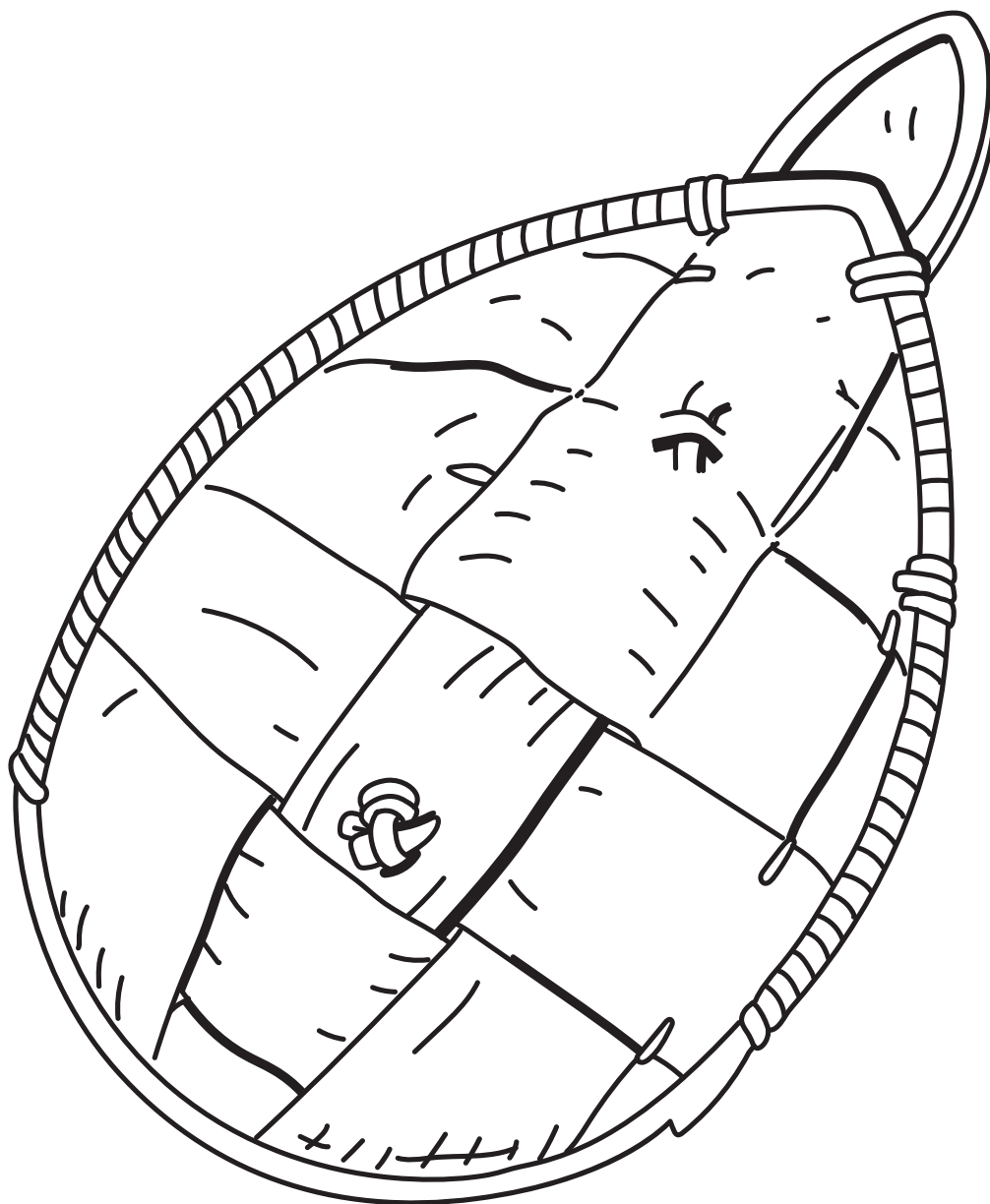




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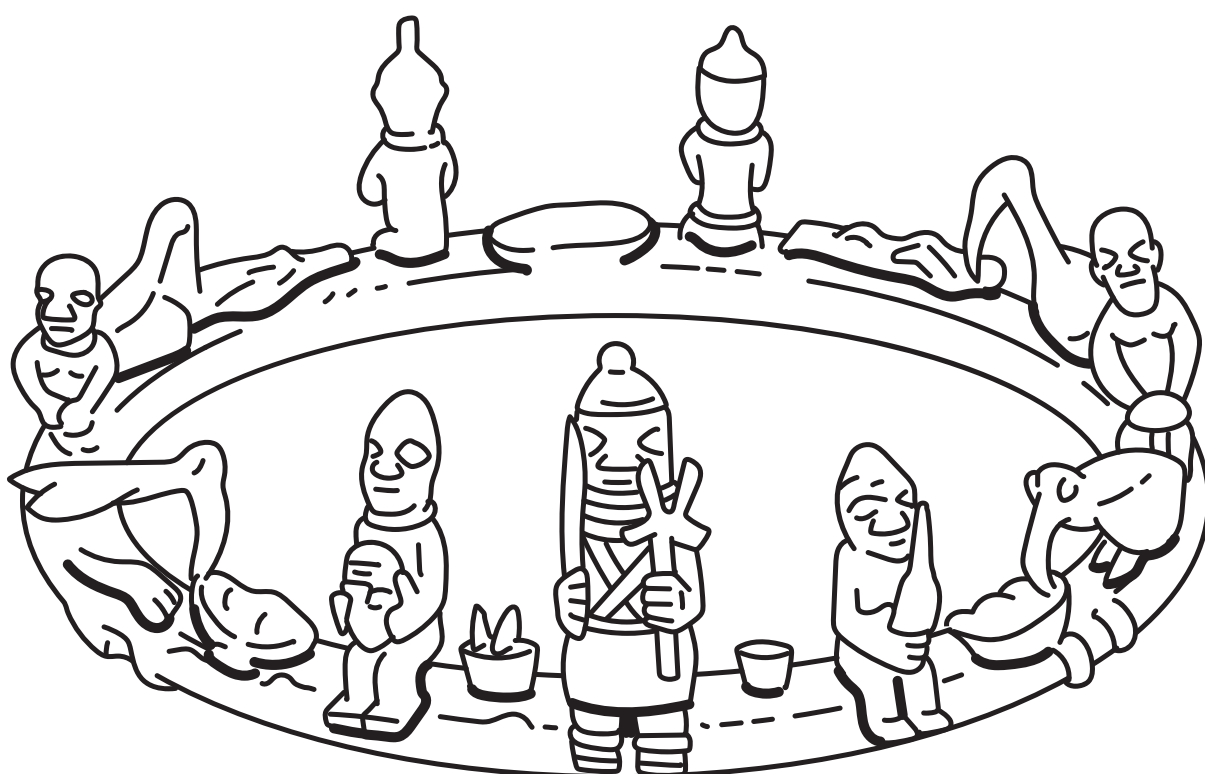


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Smoking Pipe

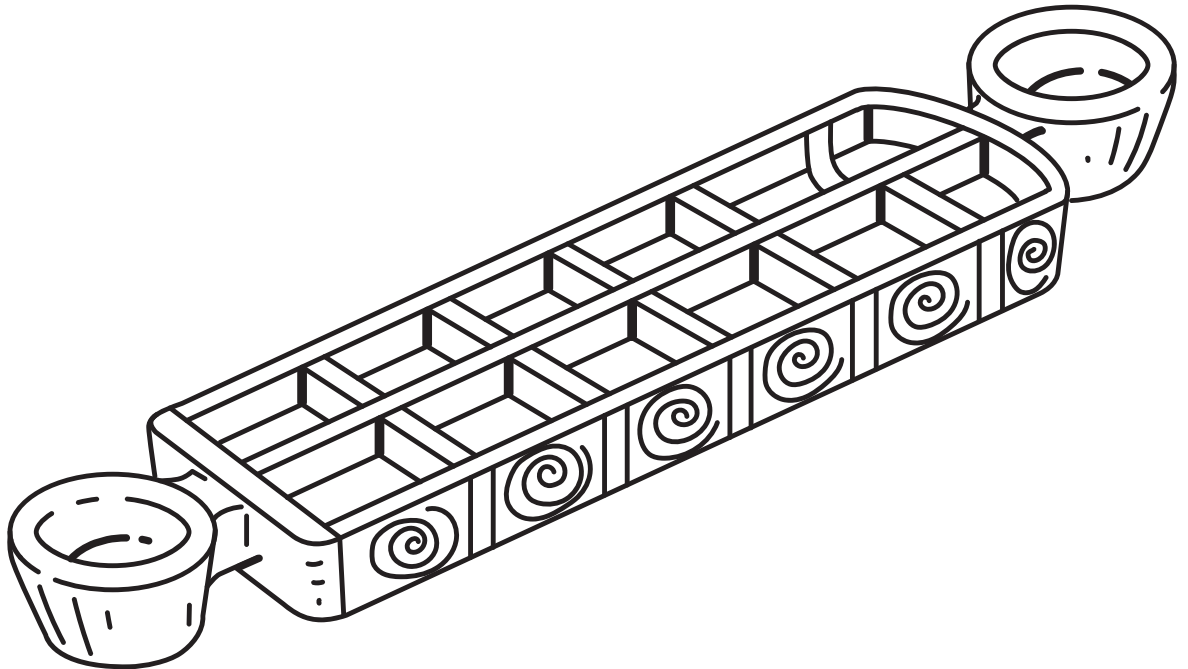


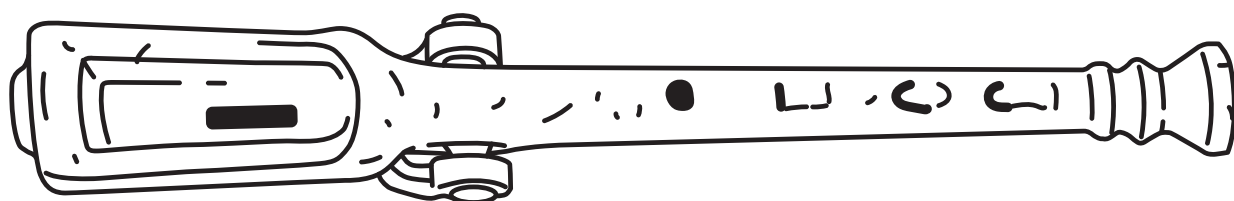


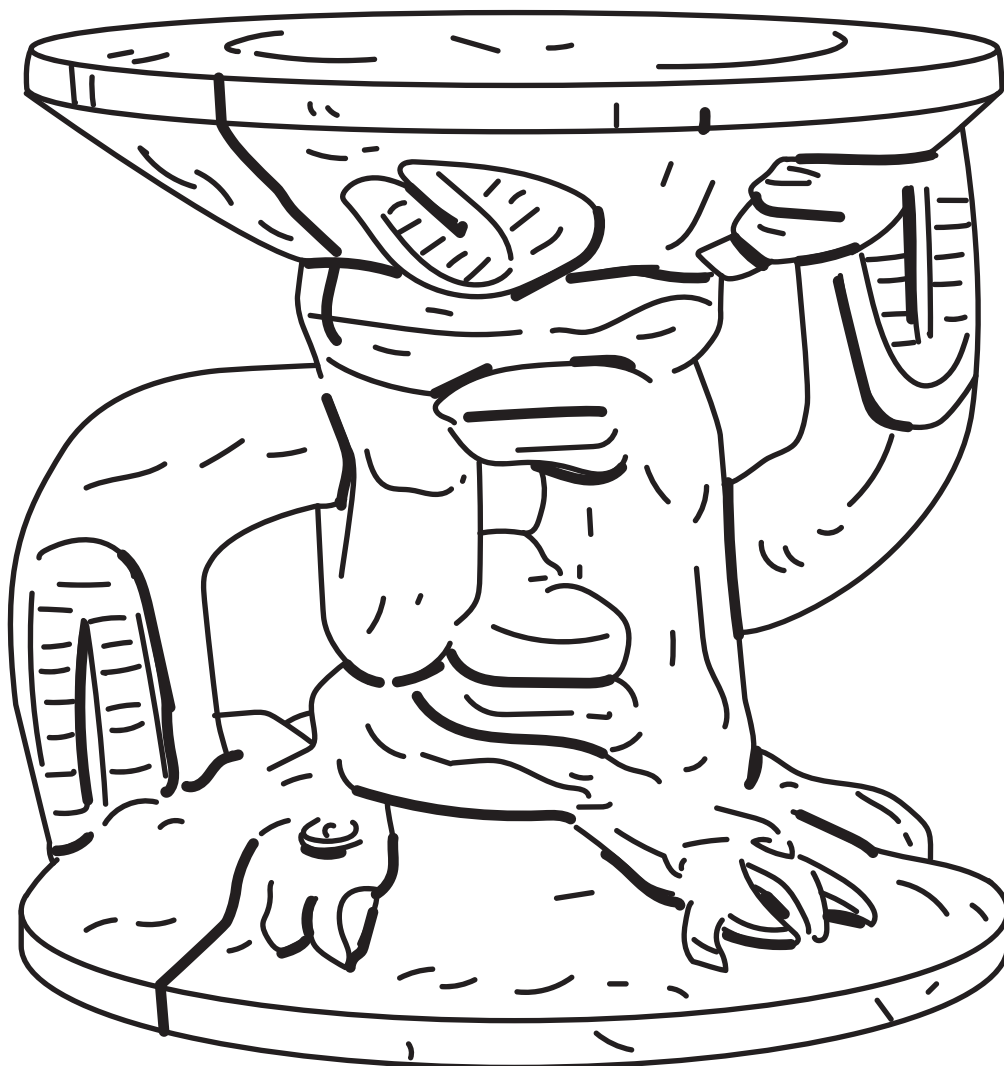
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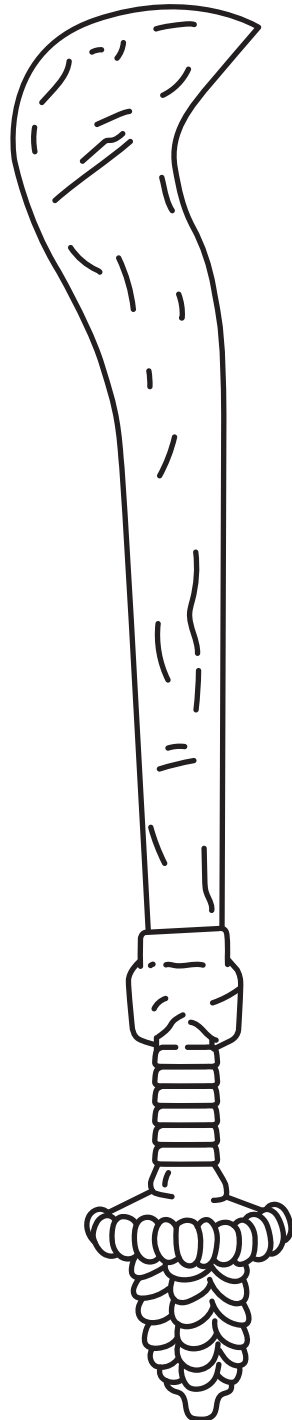


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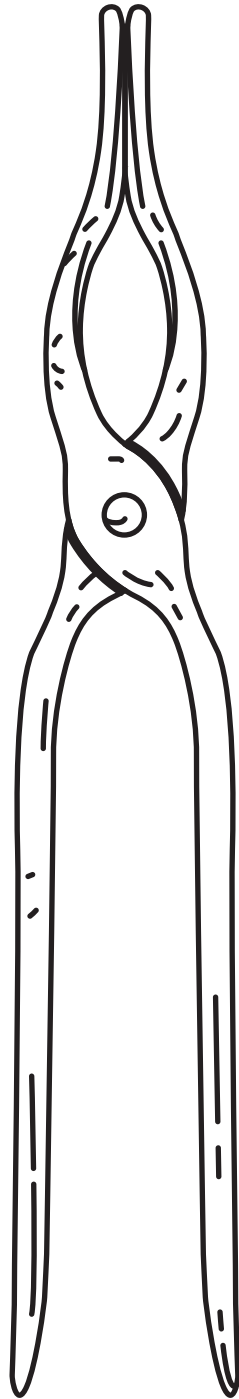




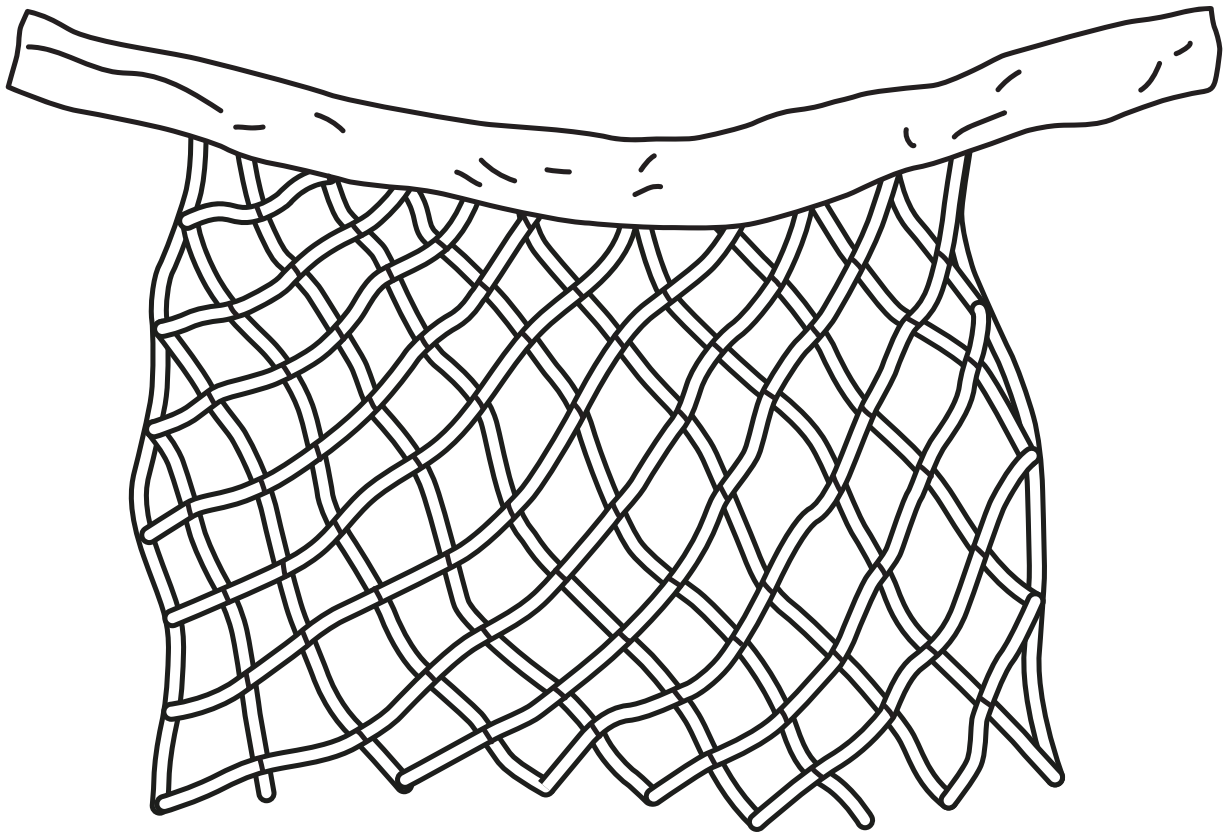
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Executioners or Warfare Sword



IKPOTOKI
Portuguese Figure



ANWA/AKPOKA
Tong



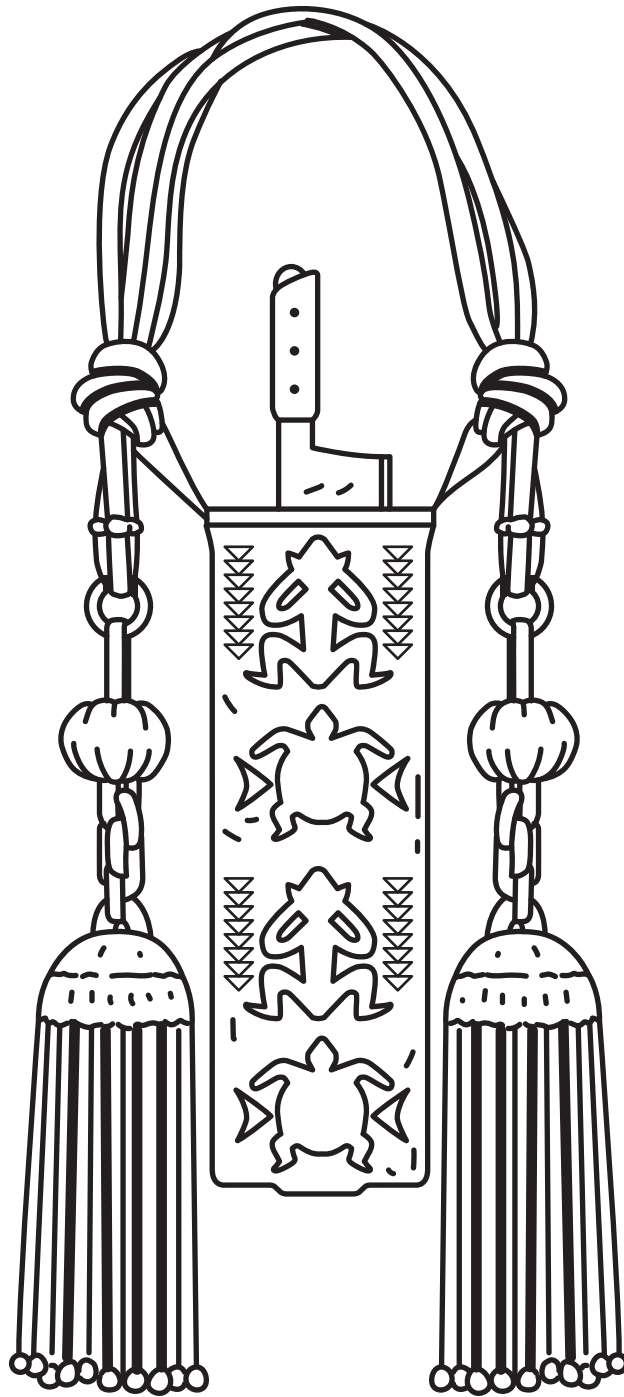
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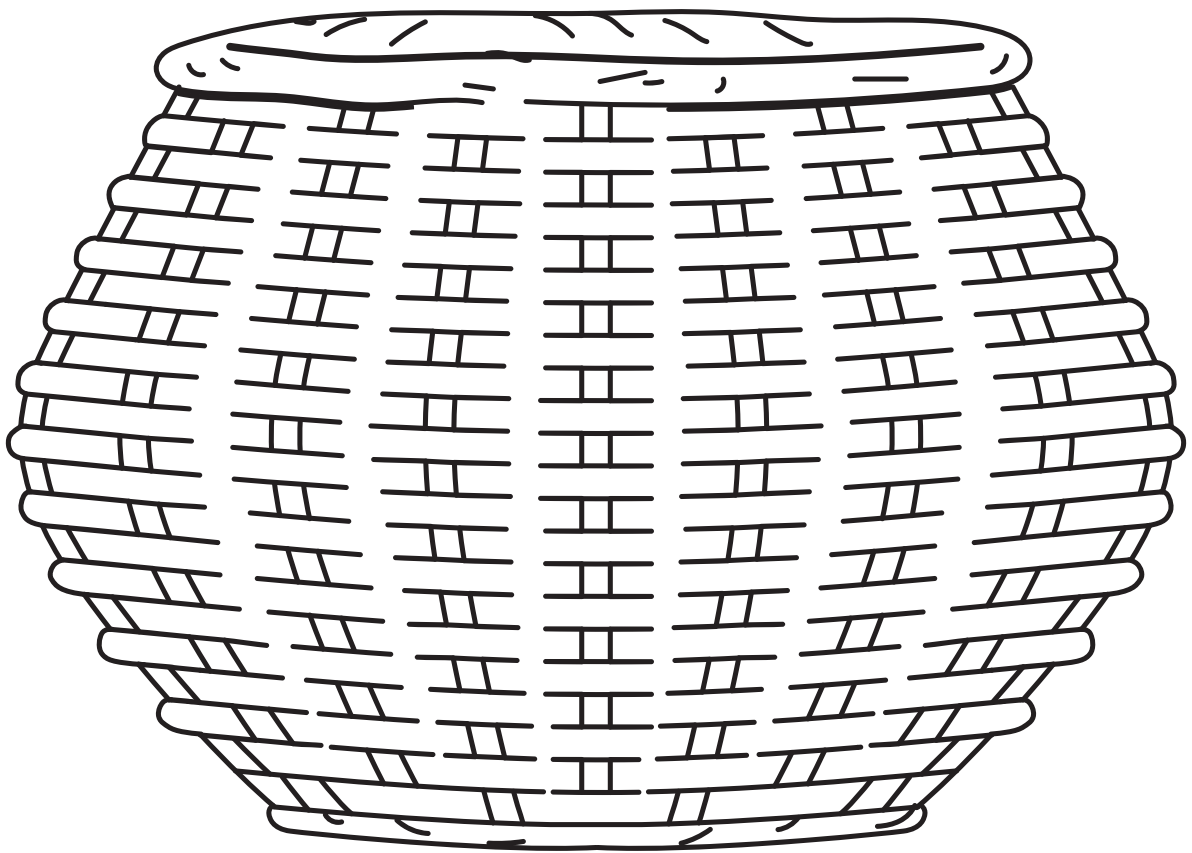
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Attendant Figure



ĒKPO
Bag



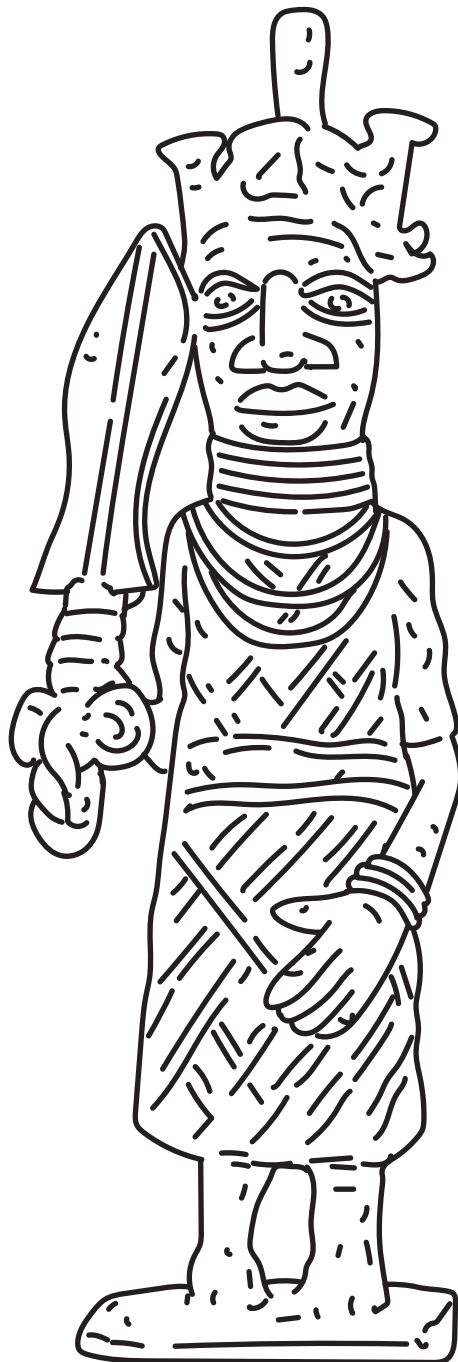
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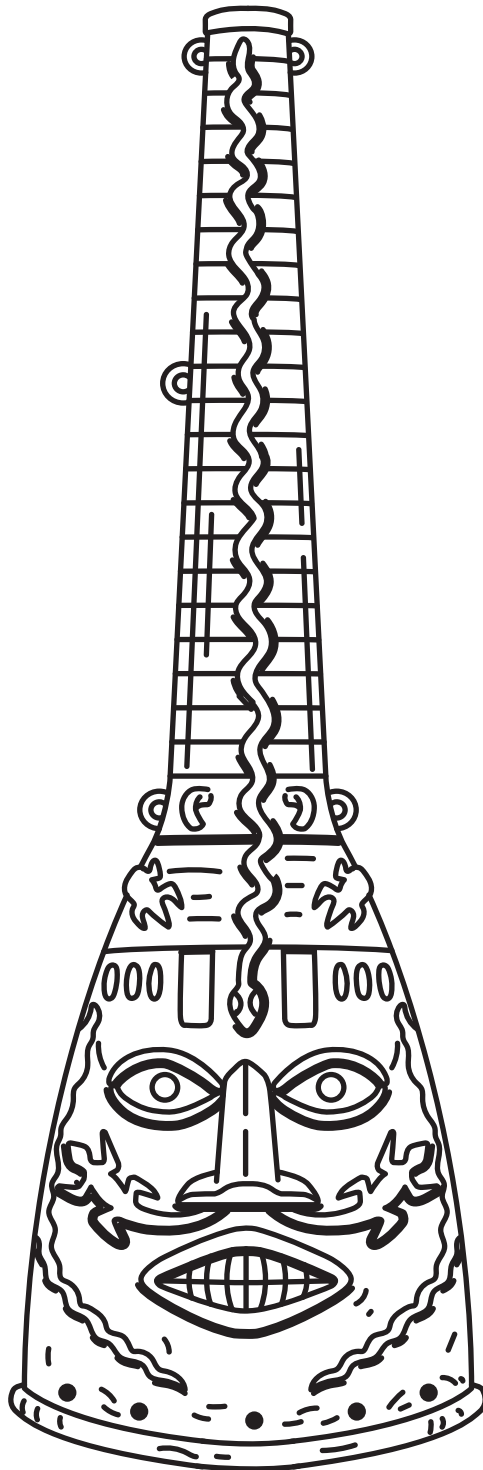
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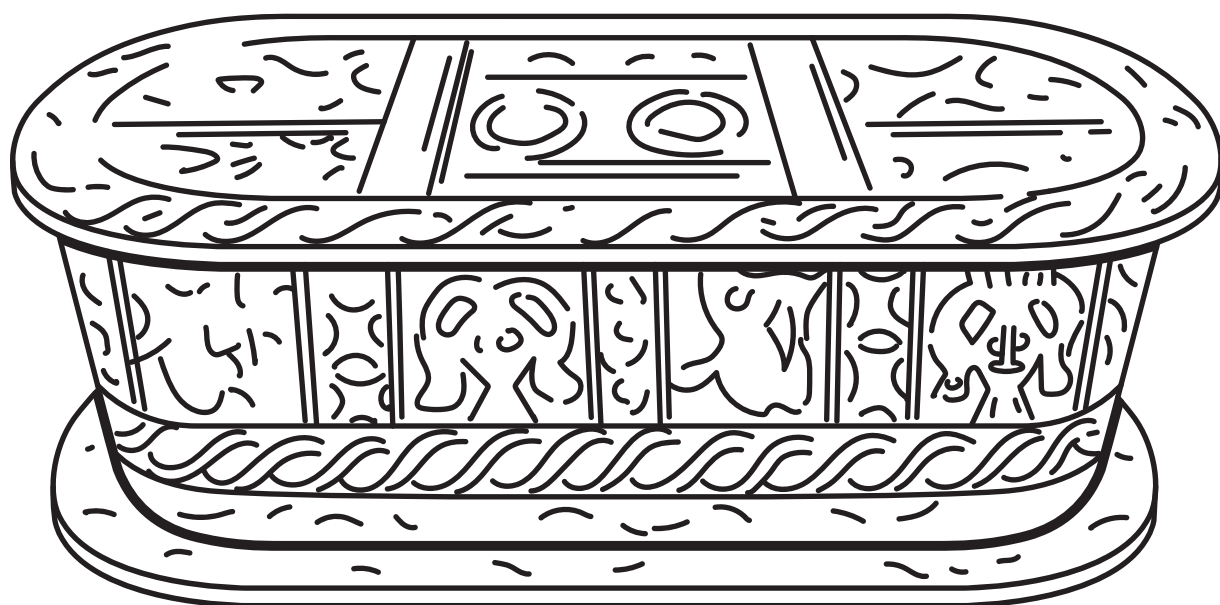
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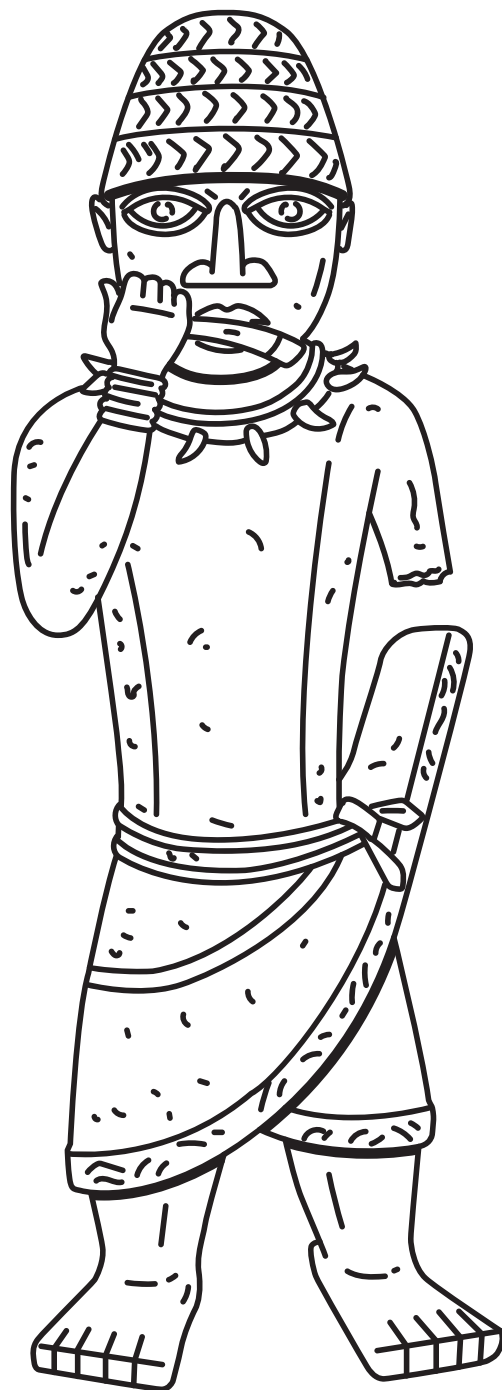
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King Figure



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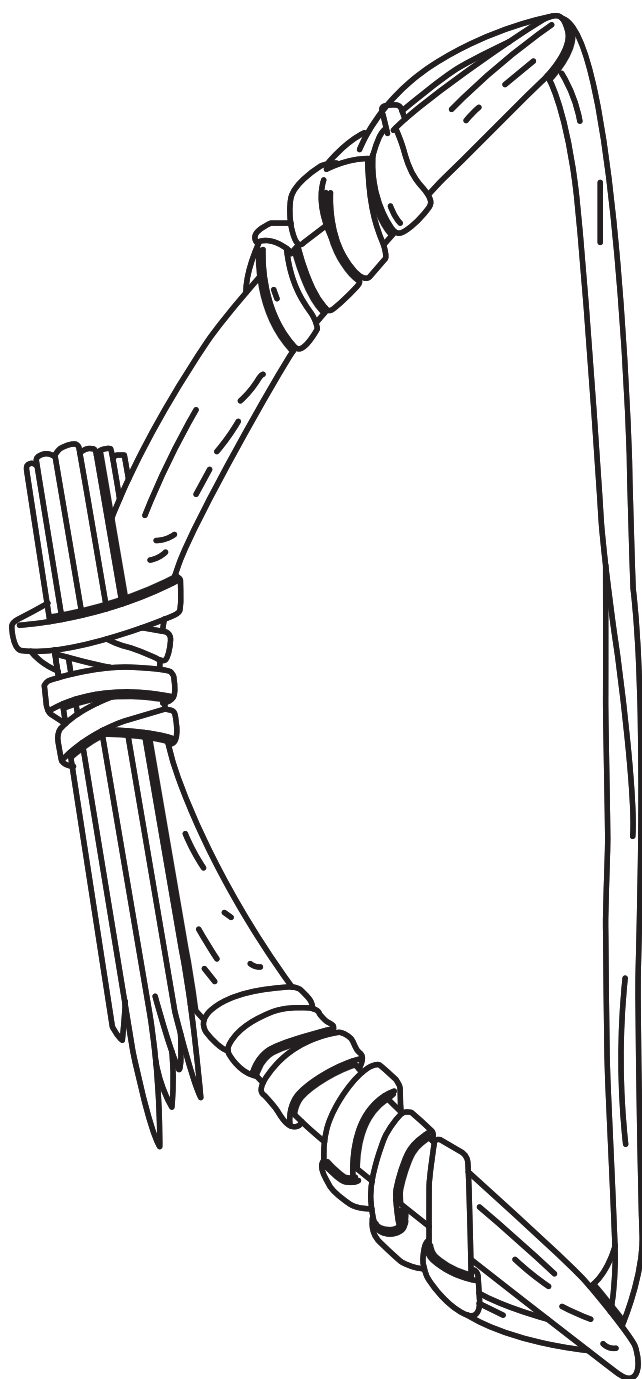


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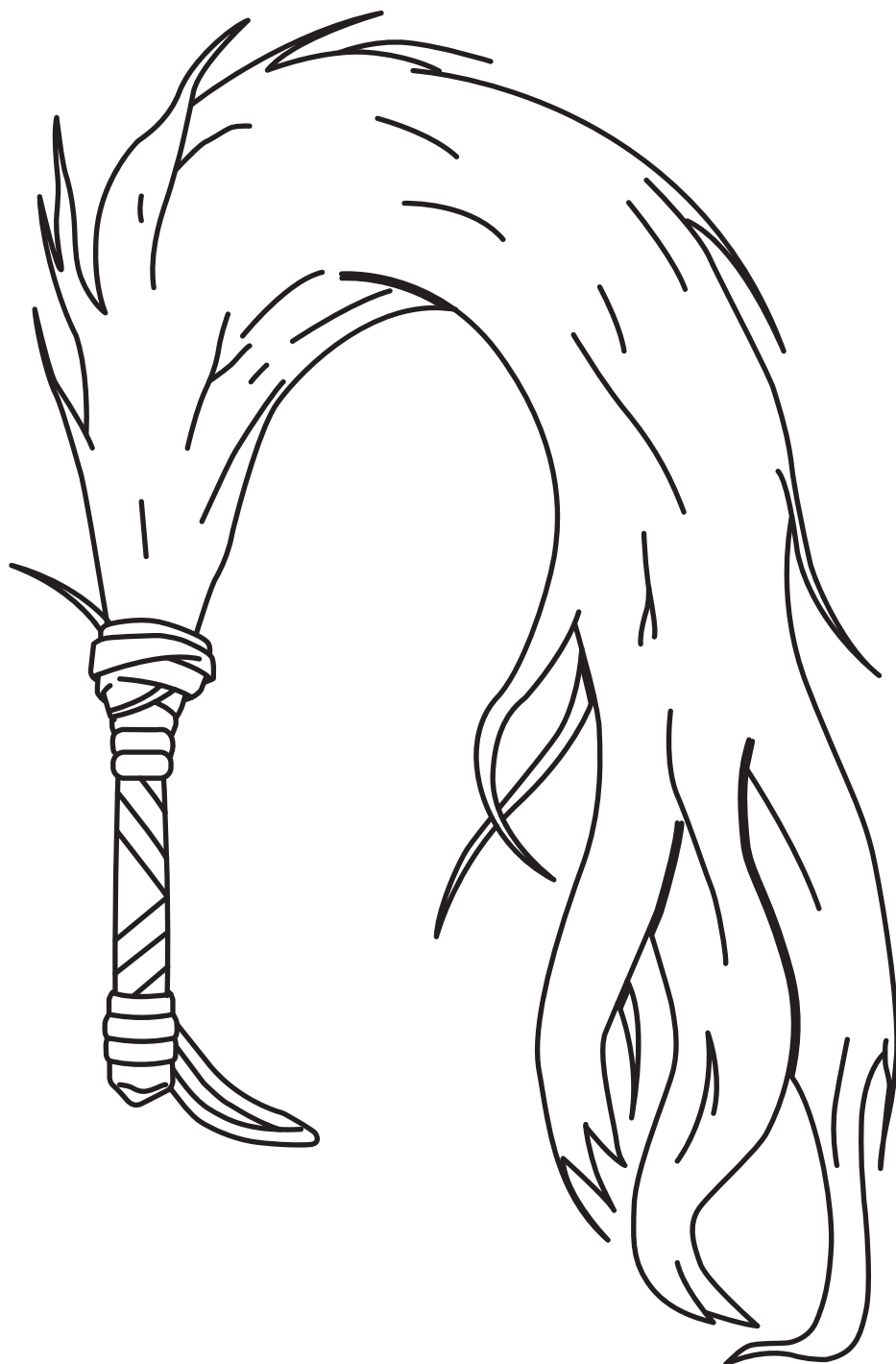


IKPAKOHEN

Hornblower or Fluteplayer Figure



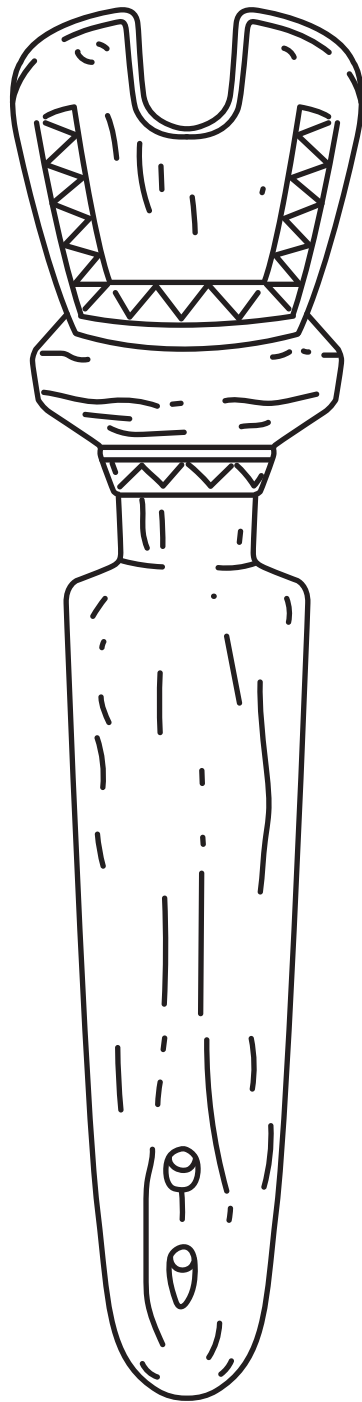
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Bow



UGBUDIAN
Flywhisk



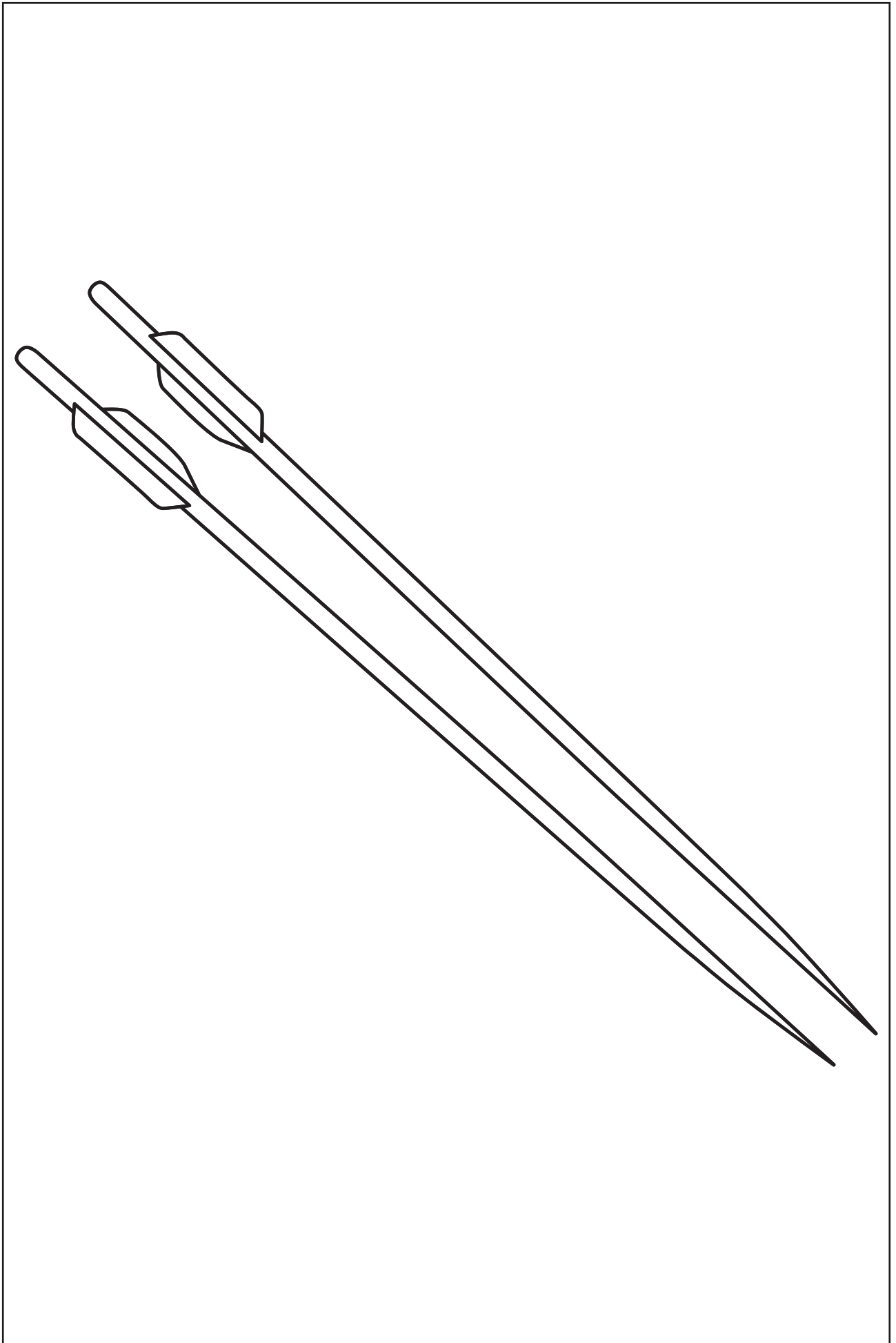
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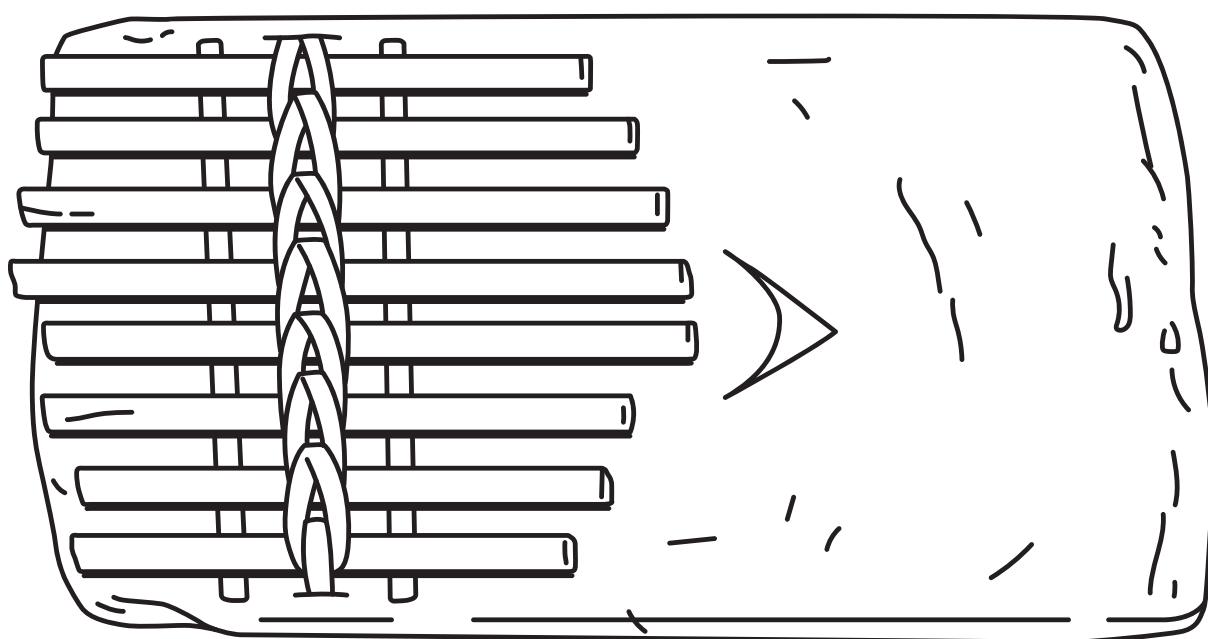
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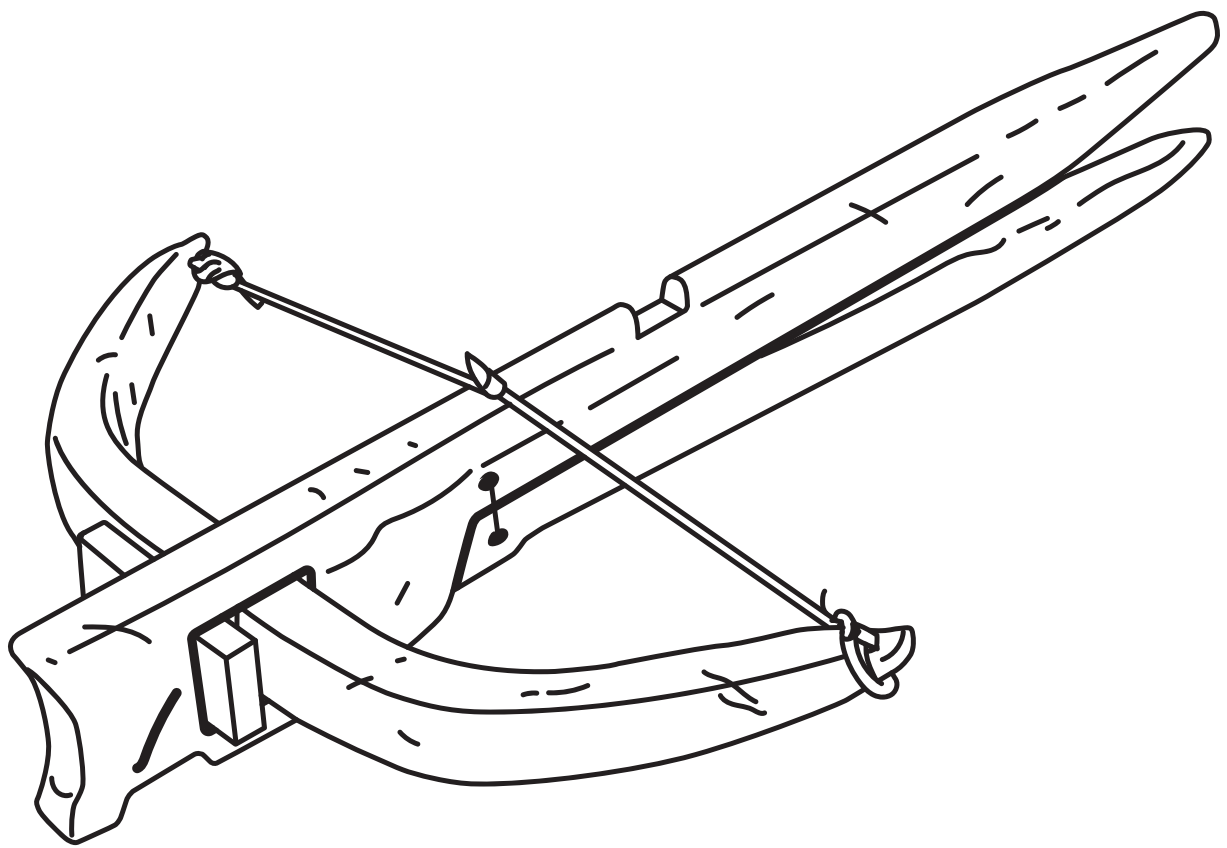
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Plant Specimen



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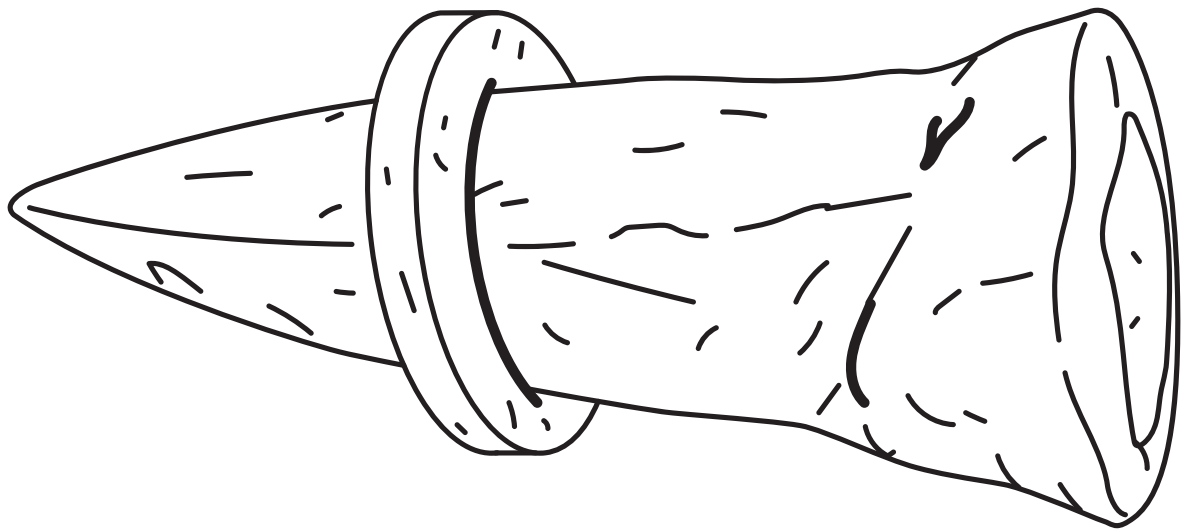
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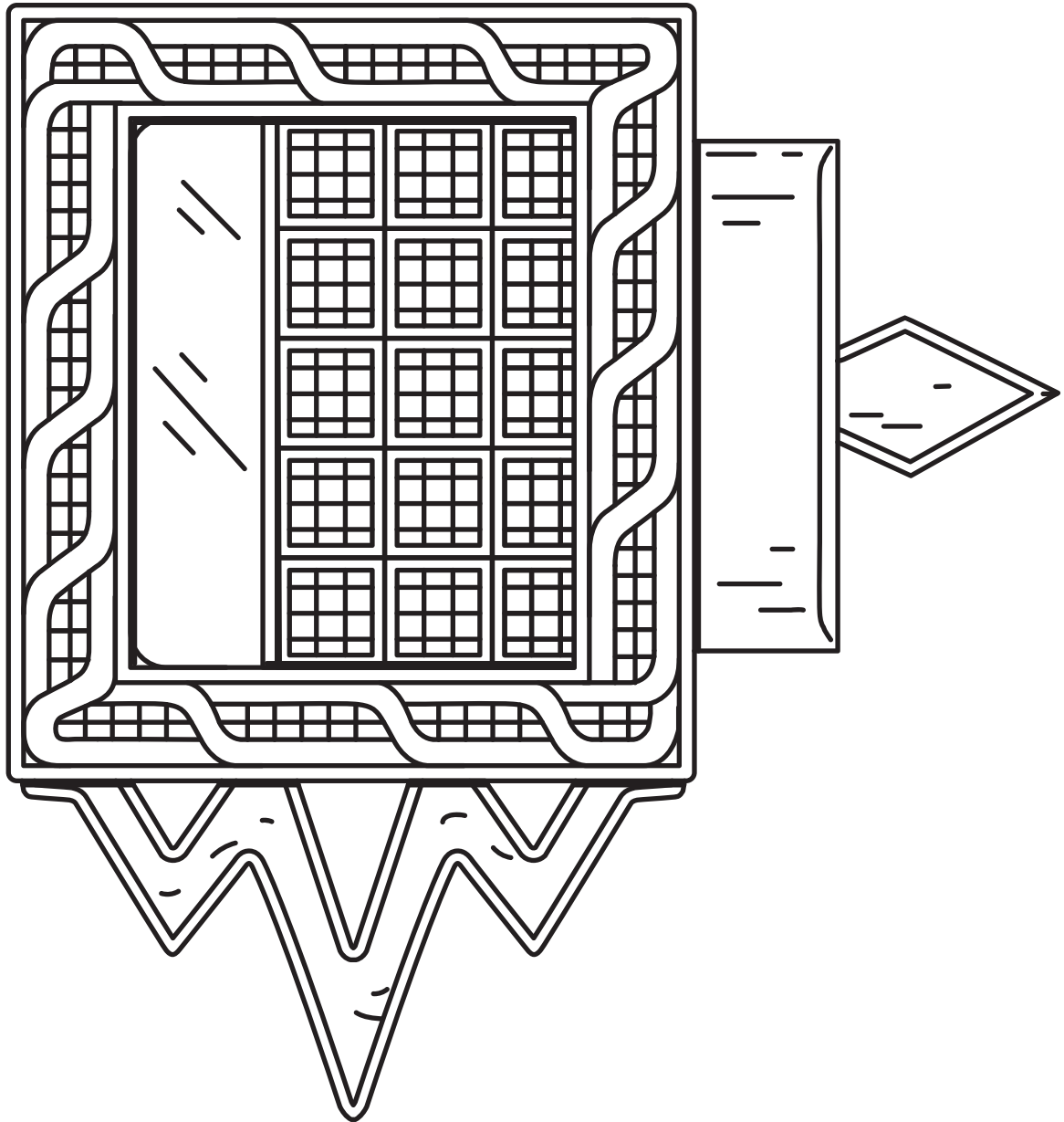
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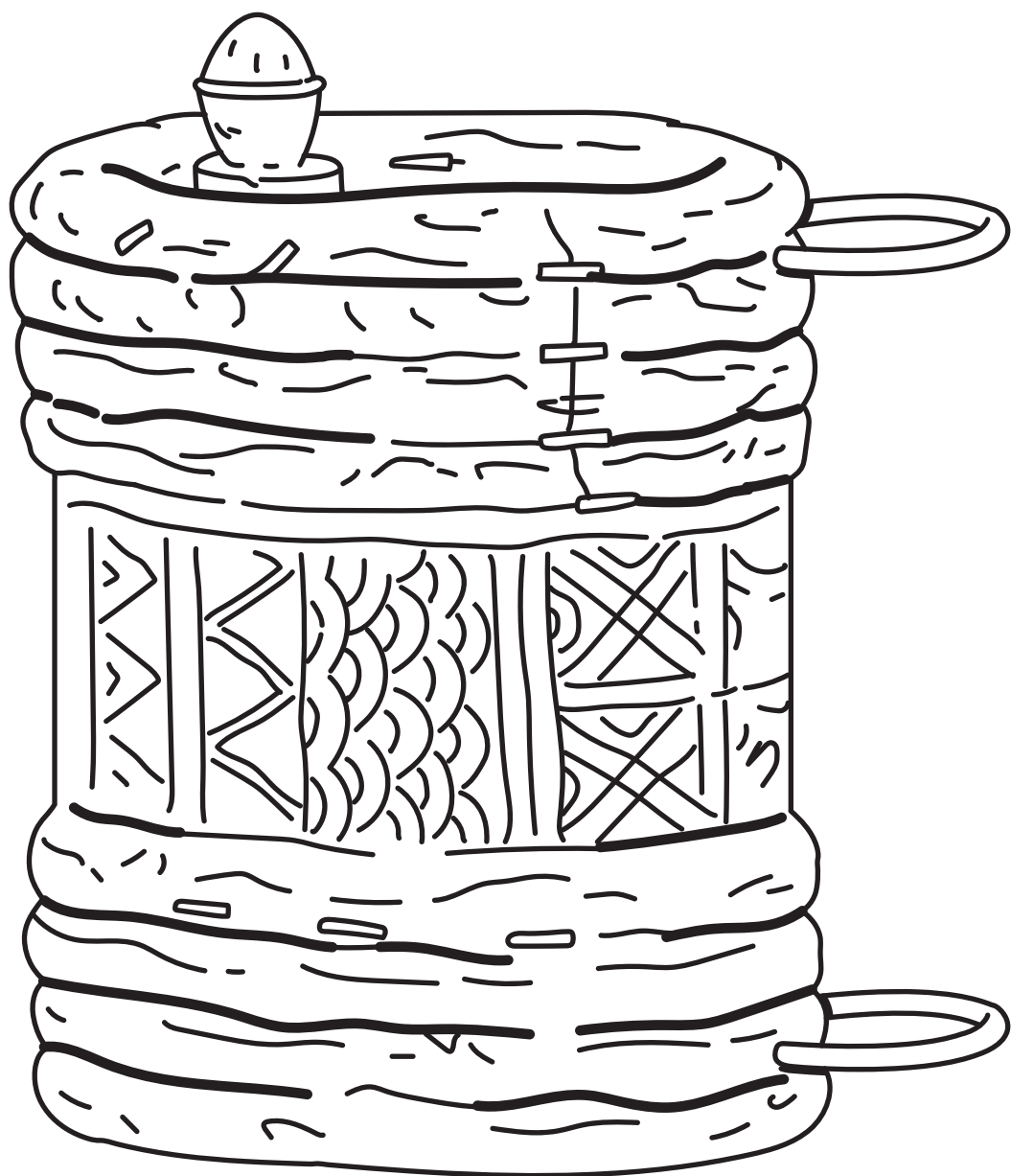
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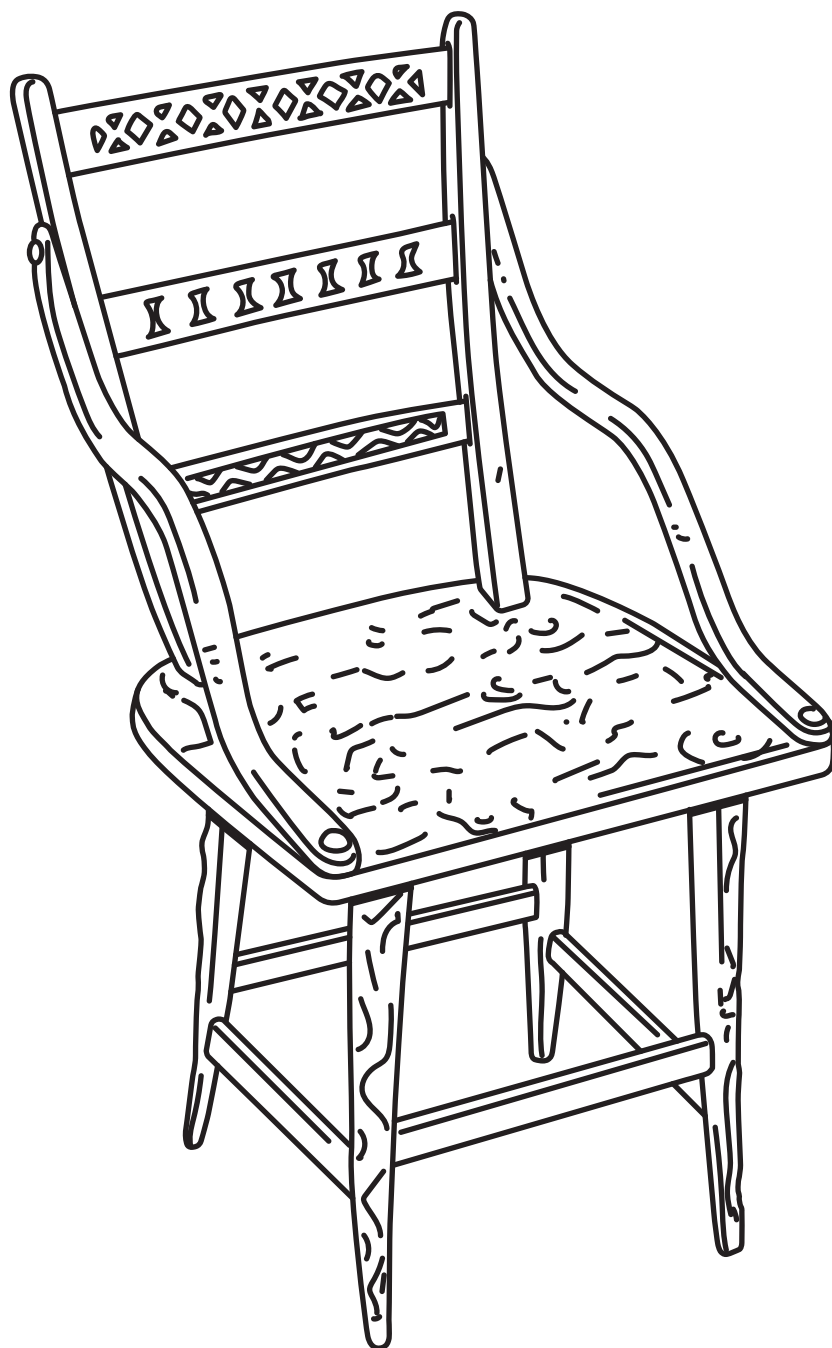
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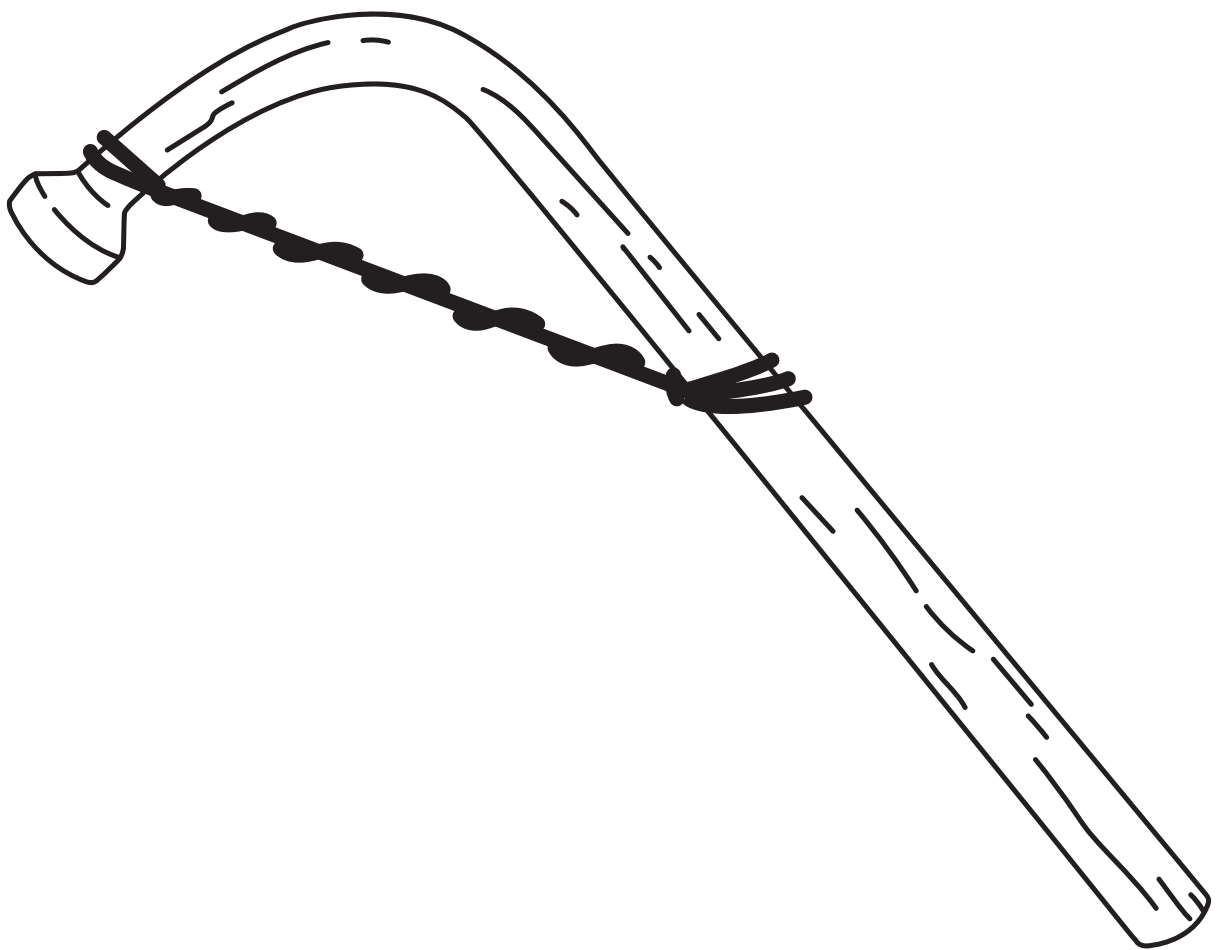
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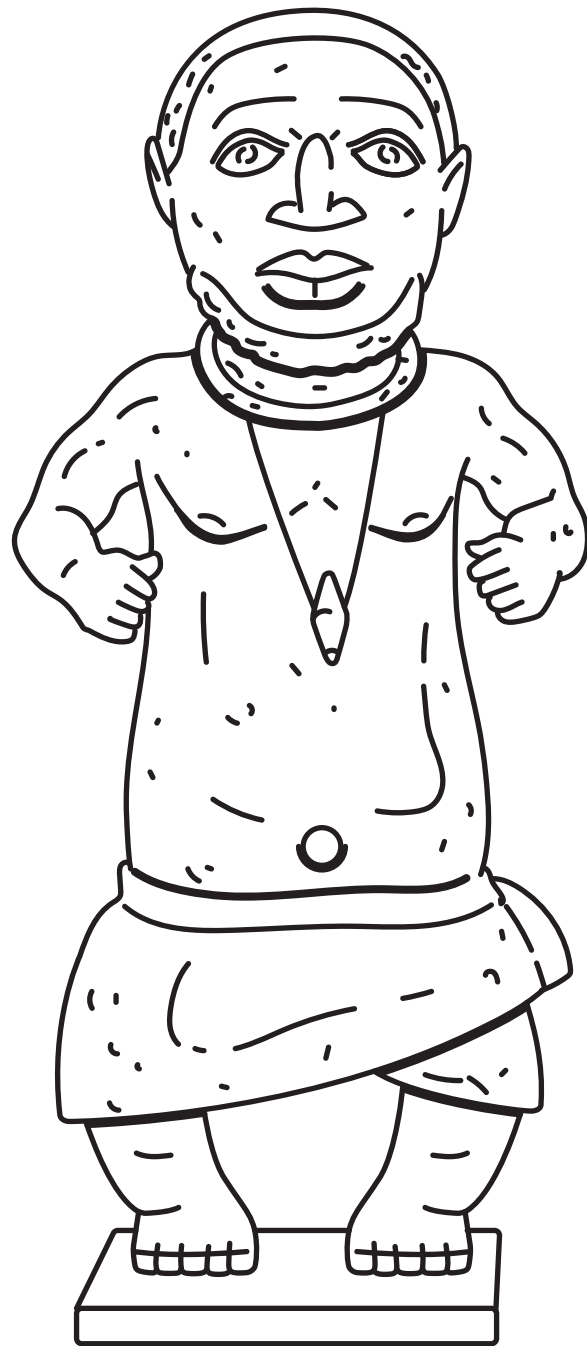
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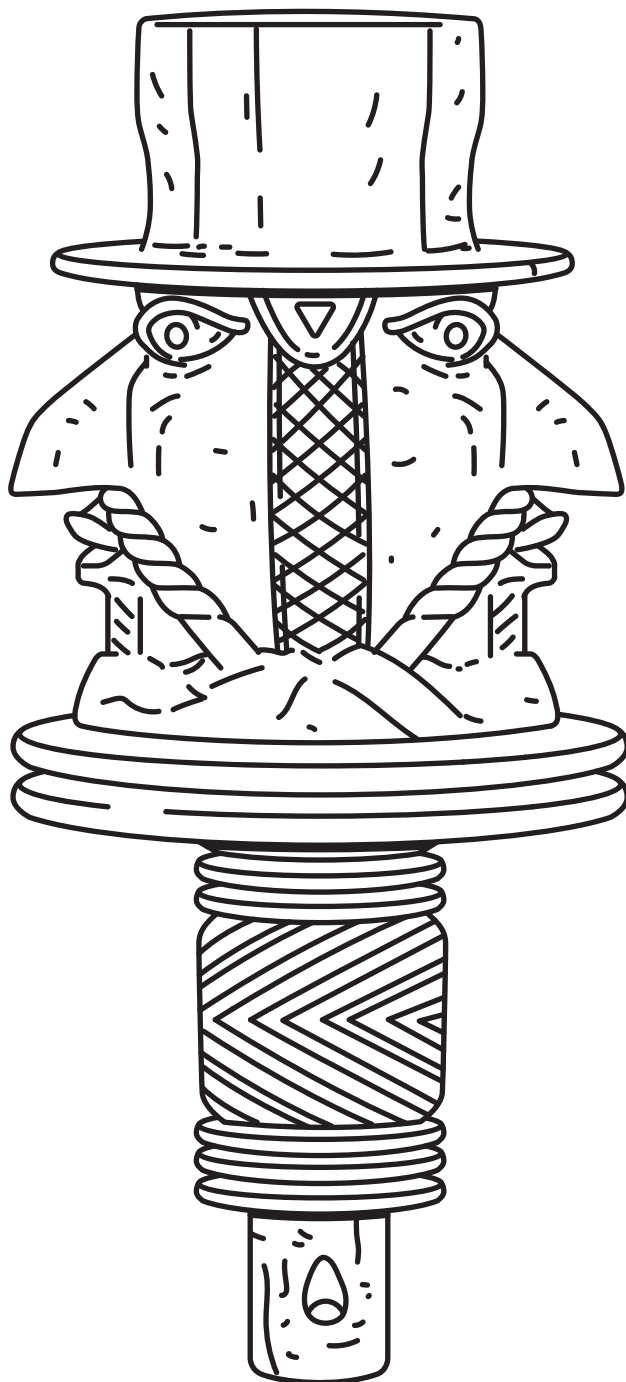
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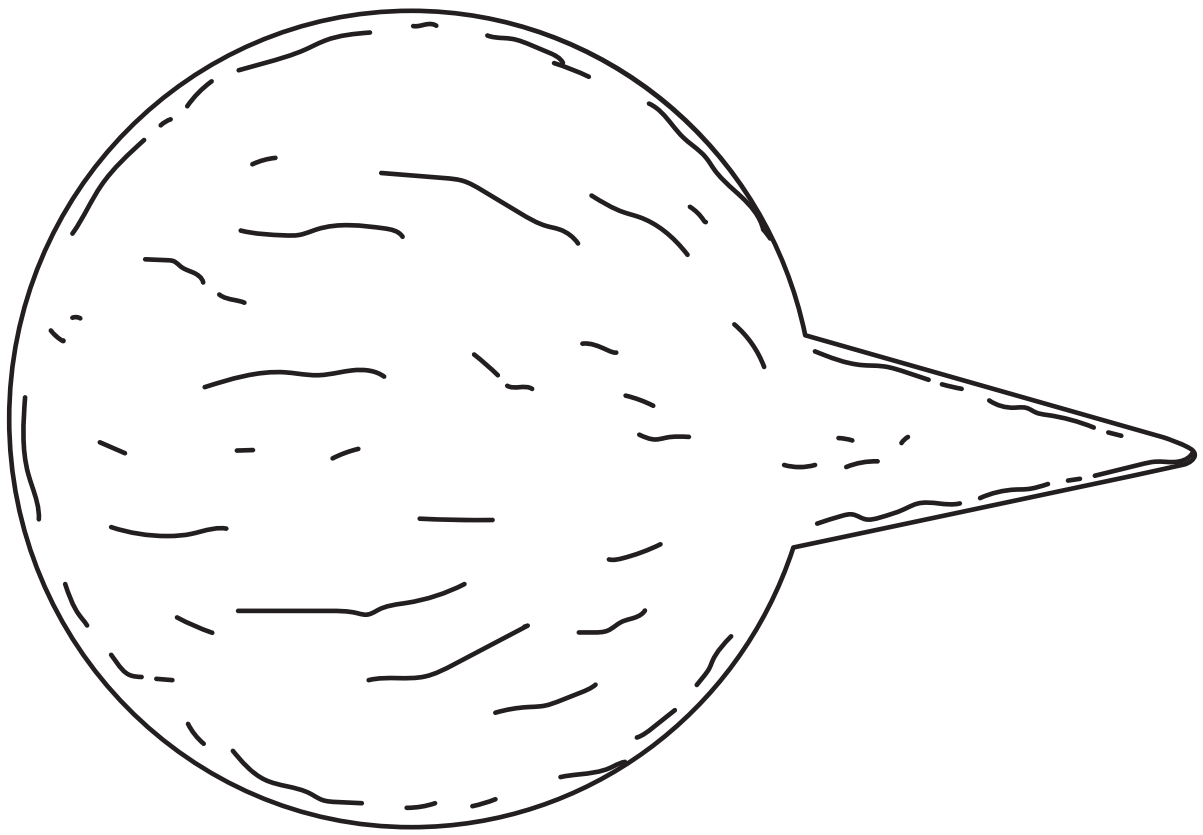
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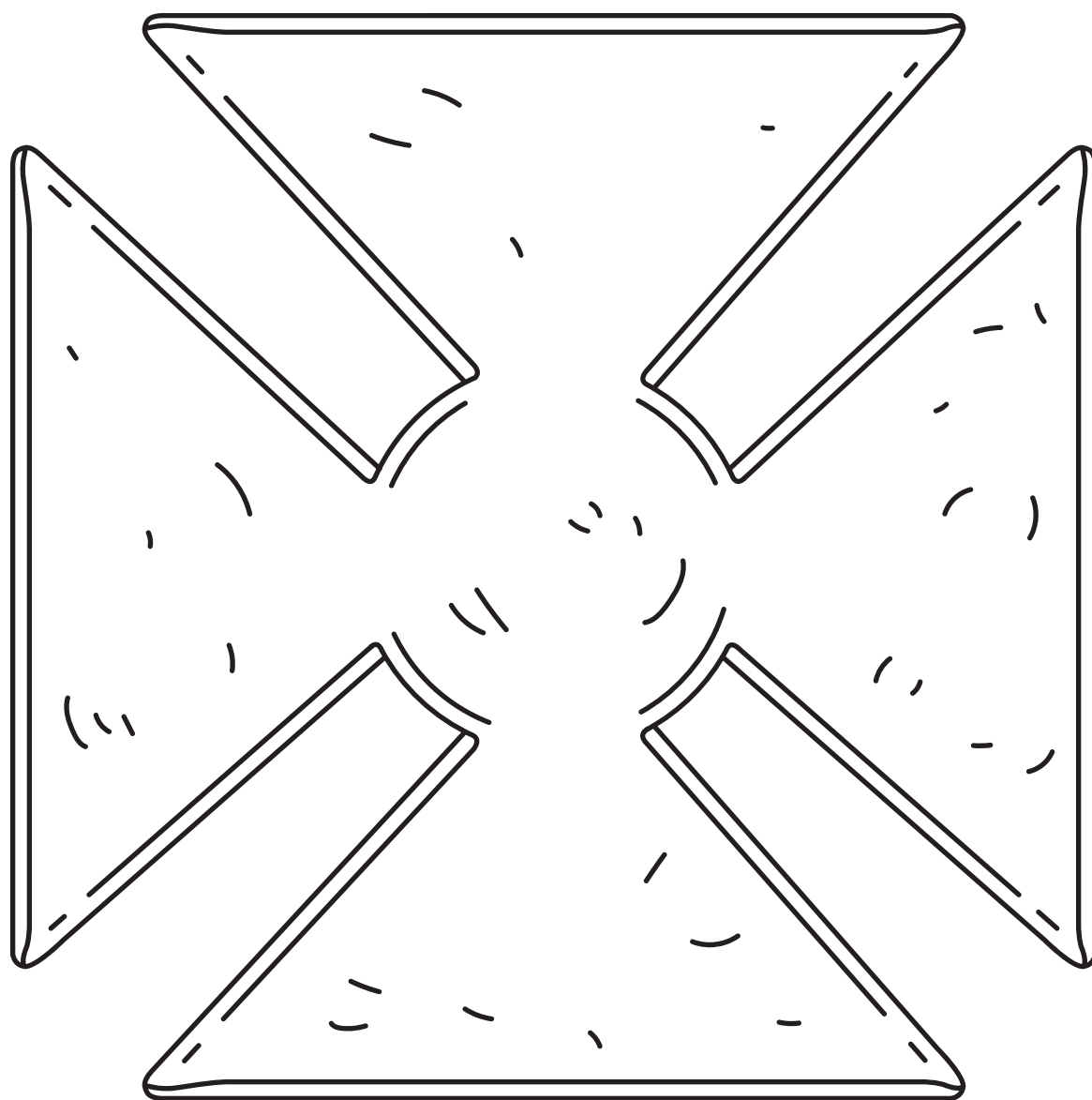
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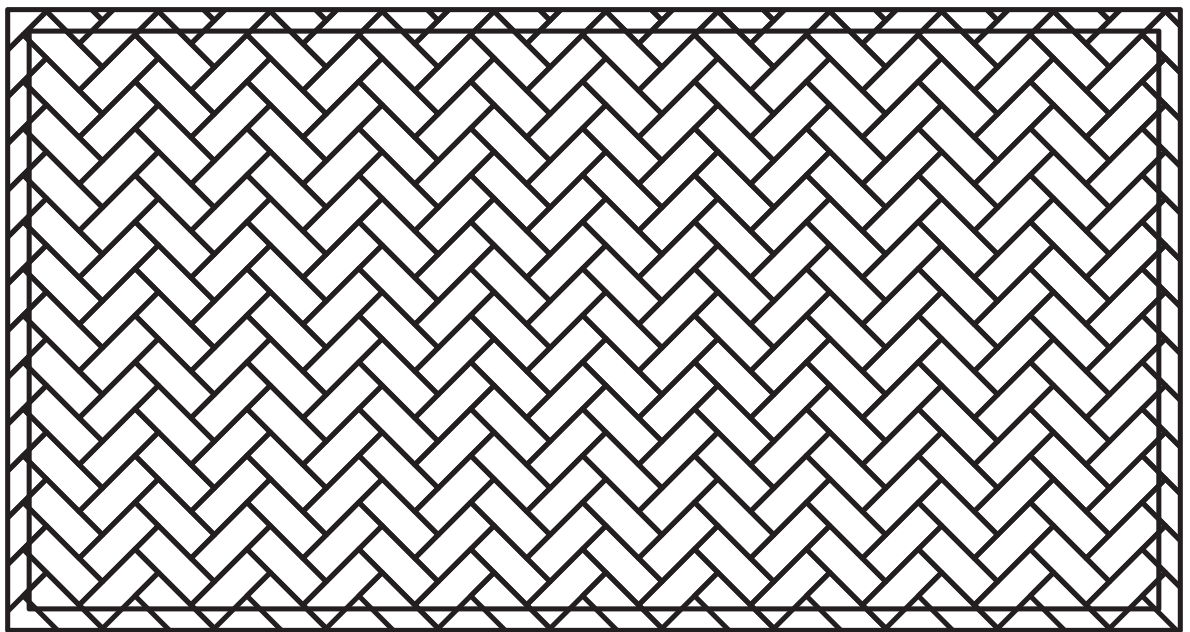
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Stopper



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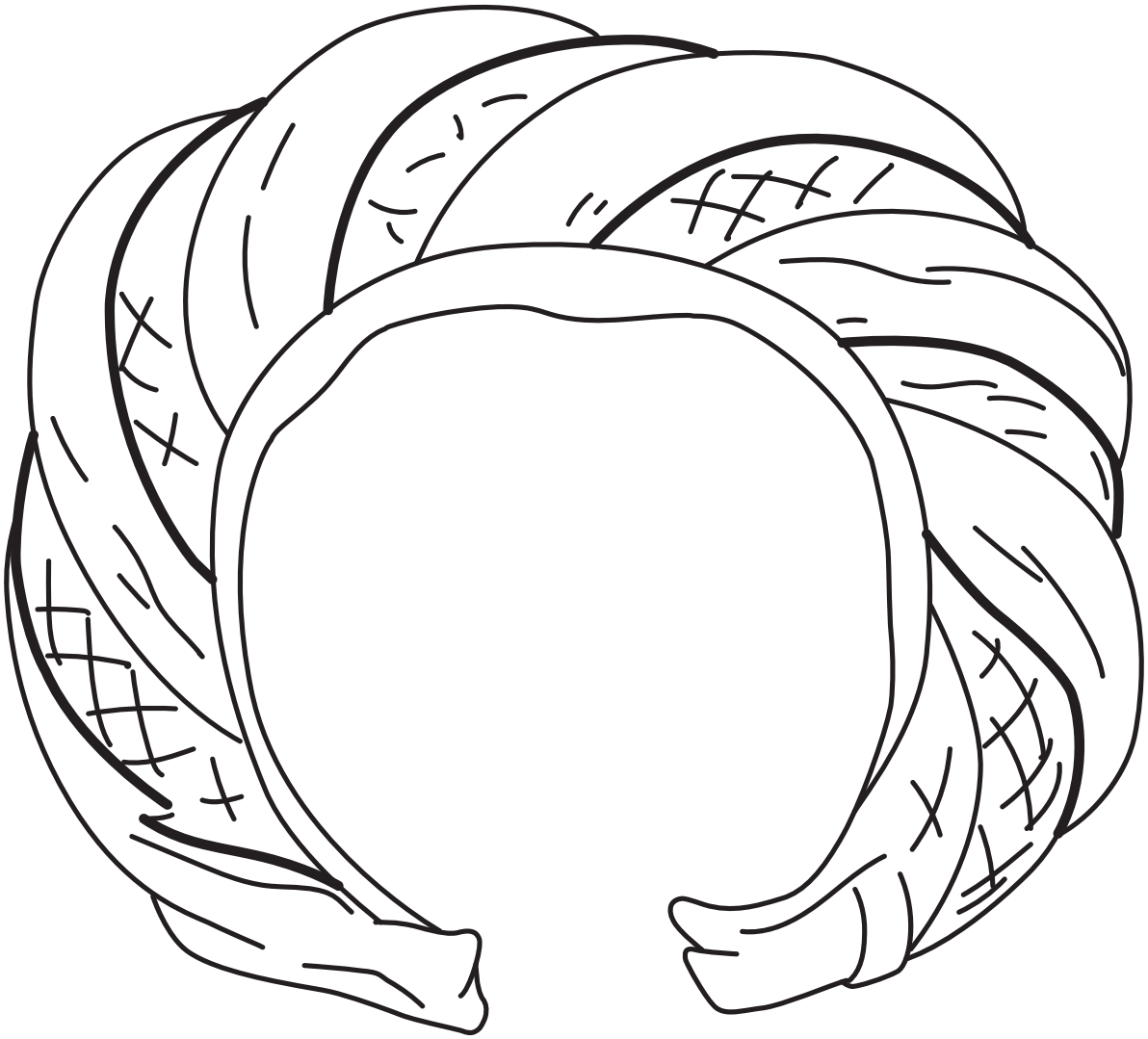


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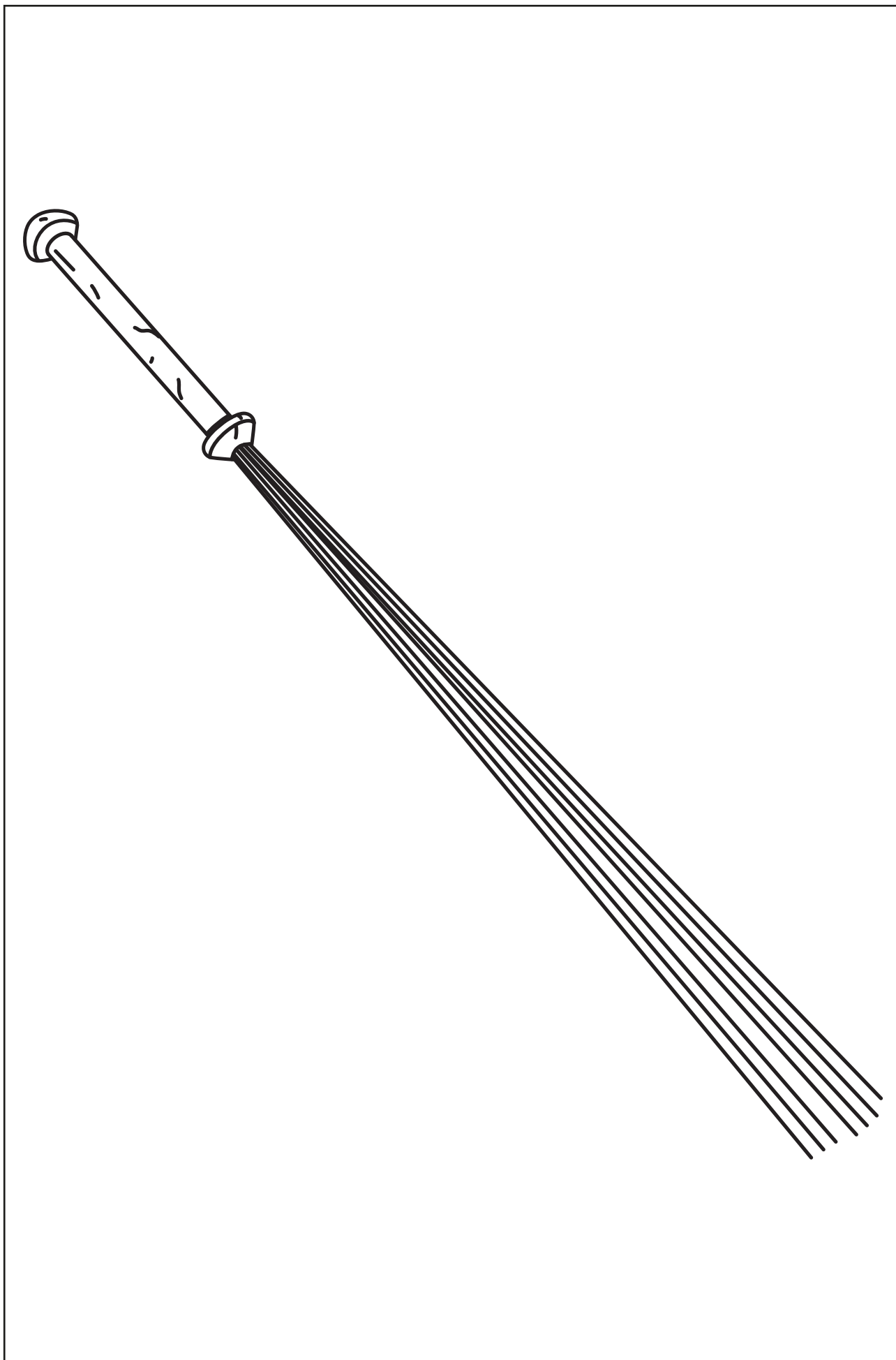


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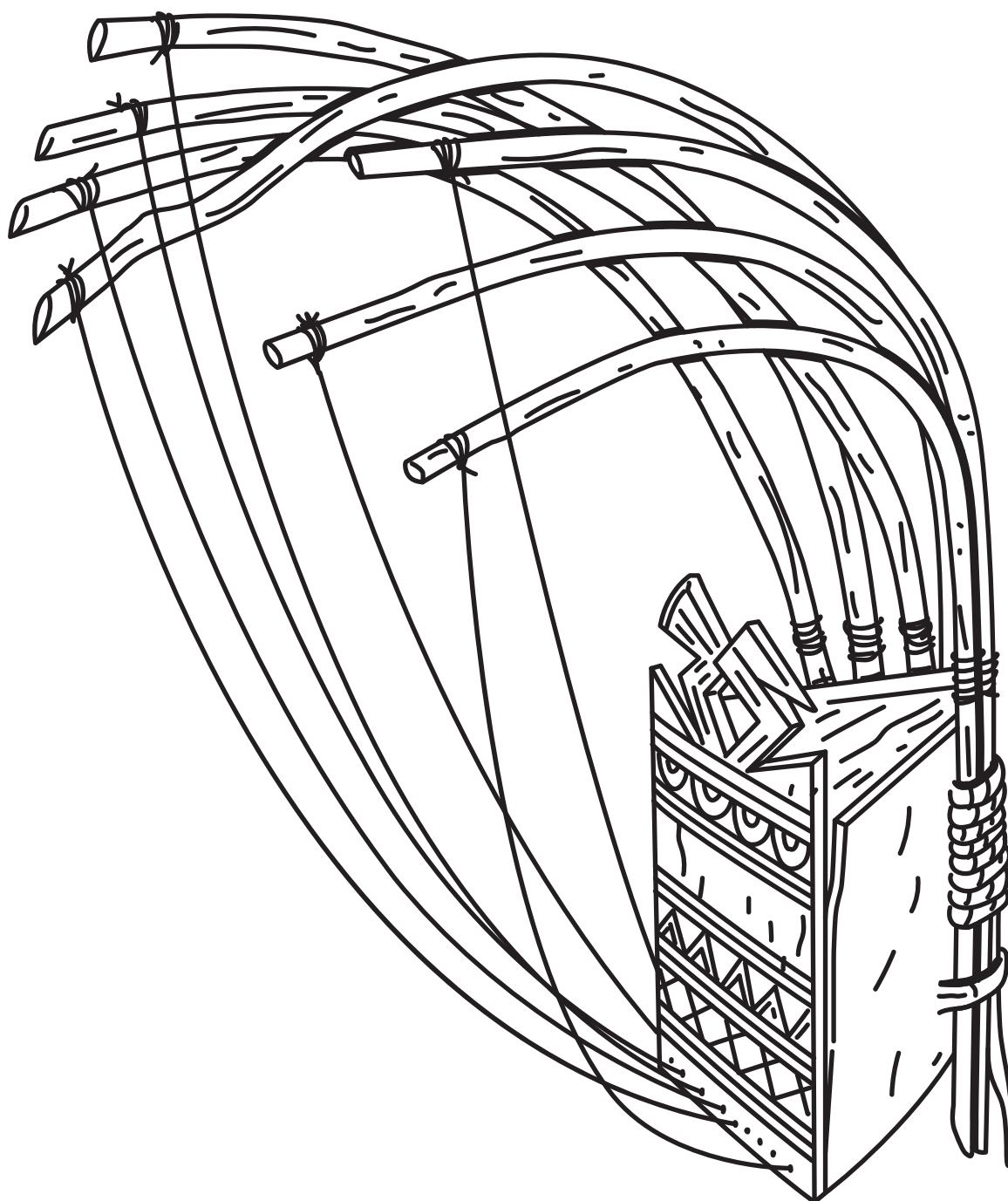




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Anklet



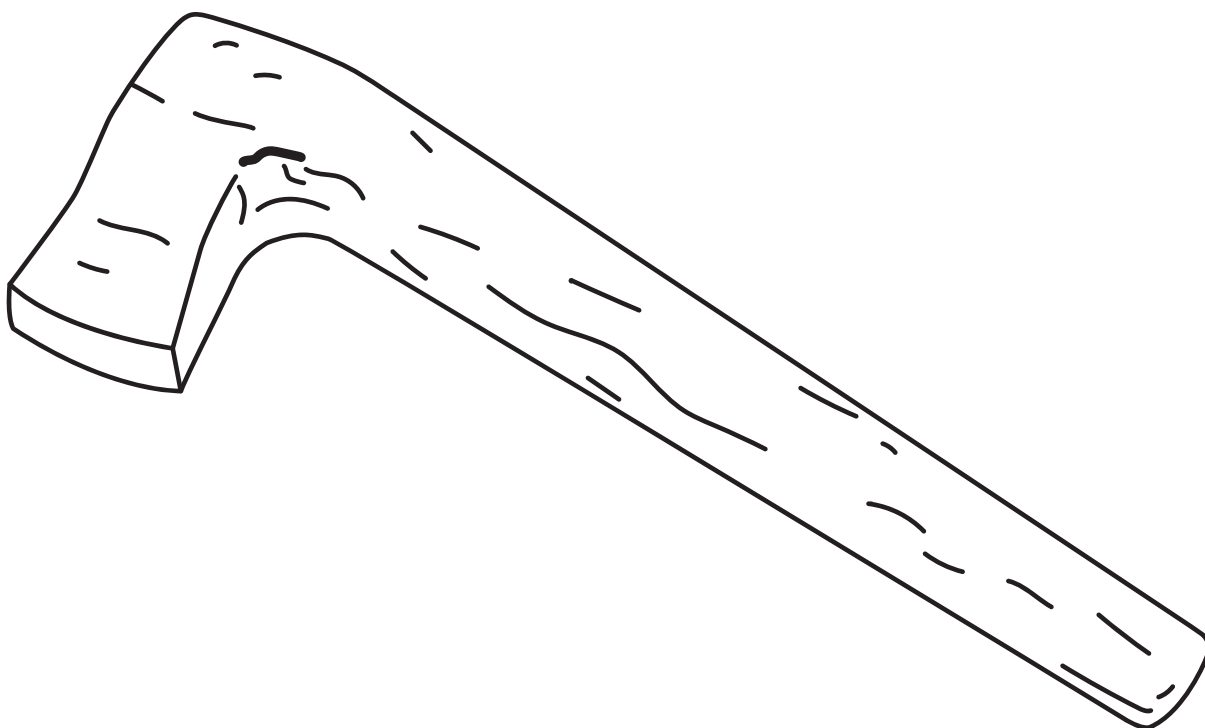
UNWĒNRHIĒN/UNWĒNRHIĒNOTAN
Whip



AKPATA
Bow-lute



EKOROKORO
Padlock



UMOMQ
Hammer

