

The Dragon is surprised and delighted by the Griffin's letter, and decides to write a response. "The Griffin said such nice things about me," the Dragon croons, "but I am so very out of practice with saying nice things about anyone. You have to help me!" So, you and the skull end up helping the Dragon author a friendly poem to the Griffin, and the Dragon sends you out of the tower to deliver it.

You end up, rather confusingly, in a jungle. "Where are we?" The skull asks, looking around at all of the vegetation that towers around you.

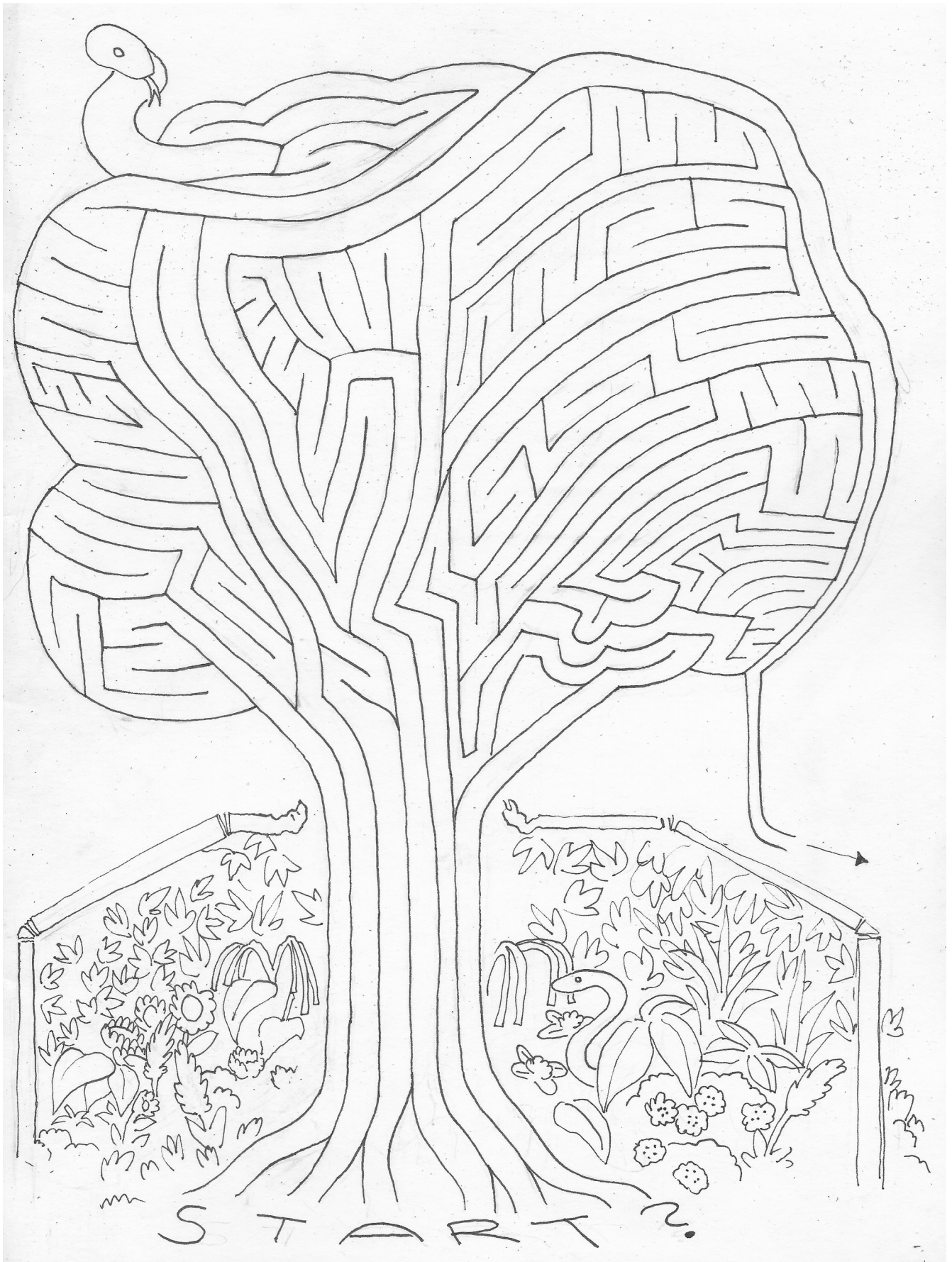
"You're in the Greenhouse," A voice responds. Looking around, you find that the person talking is, in fact, a flower. "I'm Peony," the flower introduces itself, "I take it you're trying to find the way out?" You nod agreement, and Peony gestures upwards.

Looking up past all of the leaves, vines, and flowers, you see the greenhouse ceiling, all glass held together by a thin metal frame. The plants, which have completely covered the walls, have even broken through the glass in more than one place. The biggest opening, however, is where a giant tree has grown up through the greenhouse ceiling, breaking out into the sky above.

"Climbing that tree is the easiest way out of here," Peony tells you. "That's how Emilia gets in and out when she's delivering letters. She even has a little rope ladder hanging from one of the branches, to help her get on and off."



You thank Peony for the help, but before you leave, something occurs to you. The dragon had talked about a wizard; could that have something to do with why the castle is cursed? You ask Peony, but the flower only shrugs. "A wizard did once live here, but I can't remember anything about them. It's just so long ago, and I don't exactly have a great memory. I don't think the wizard cast the curse, though. Does that help?" You thank Peony again, and start to climb the tree.



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