

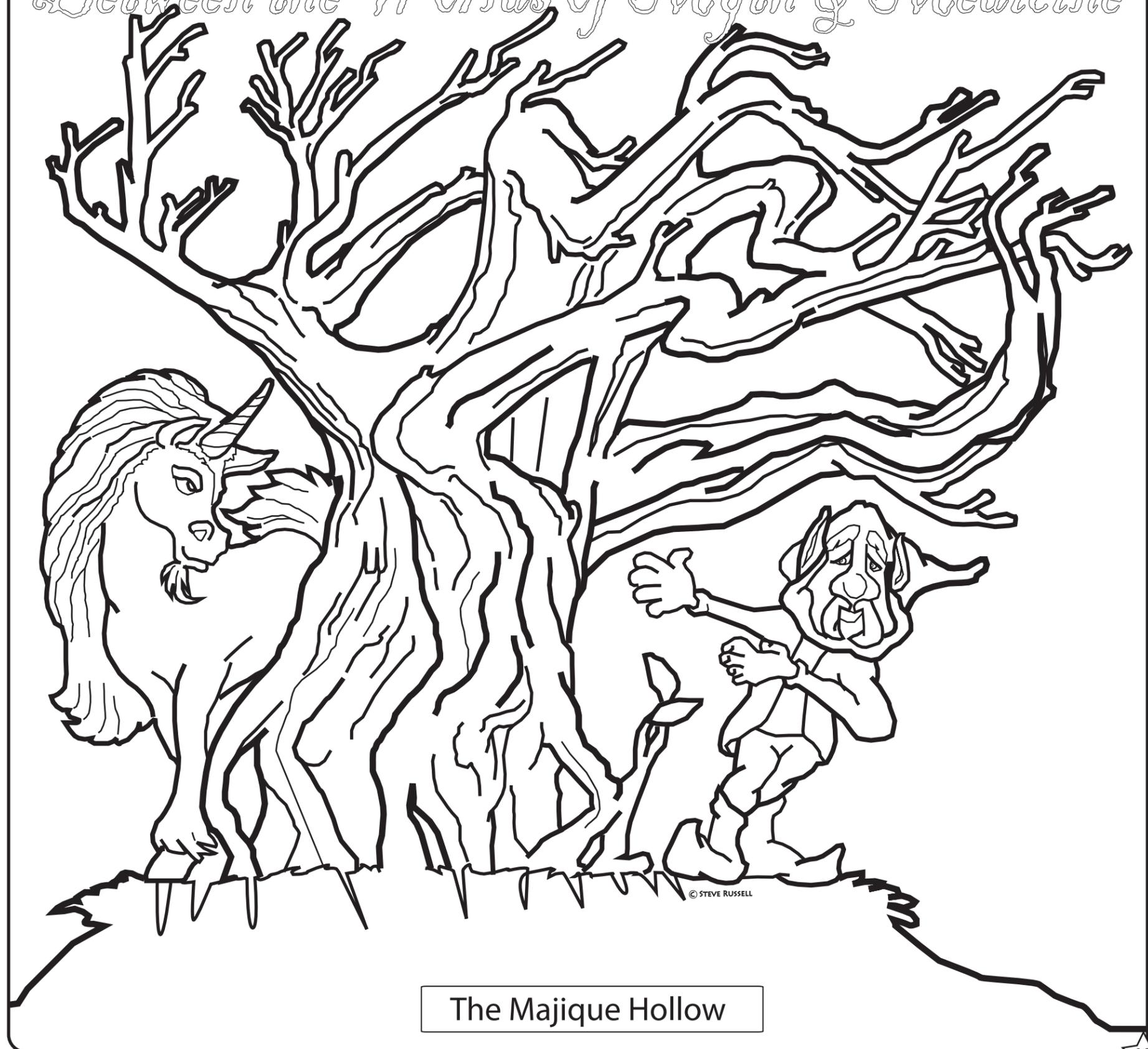
Tree Facts

- The world's tallest tree is a Coast Redwood in California, measuring more than 360 ft or 110 m.
- The world's oldest living tree is thought to be in Sweden. Its root system has been growing for 9,550 years.
- The amount of oxygen produced by an acre of trees per year equals the amount consumed by 18 people annually. One tree produces nearly 260 pounds of oxygen each year.
- Shade trees can make buildings up to 20 degrees cooler in the summer.
- Dendrochronology is the science of calculating a tree's age by its rings.
- The average tree in a metropolitan area survives only about 8 years!
- In one year, an acre of trees can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven up to 8,700 miles.
- The average size tree can provide enough wood to make 170,000 pencils.
- Tree rings provide precise information about environmental events, including volcanic eruptions.
- According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, approximately 30 percent of Earth's land surface is covered by forests.
- It is estimated that there are nearly 100,000 different species of trees. The greatest diversity of tree species is found in tropical forests.

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