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*Dedicated to Dr. Gregory Fey,
who loves Medieval Studies as much as I do.*



The Nine Worthies were famous through the chanson de geste, (heroic tales), which were passed down through the ages as men of valor for everyone to emulate. Who hasn't heard of Julius Caesar, Joshua, Charlemagne, King Arthur or the first crusader king, Godfrey de Bouillon.

The Three Pagans

Hector





Alexander

Julius Caesar



The Three Jews



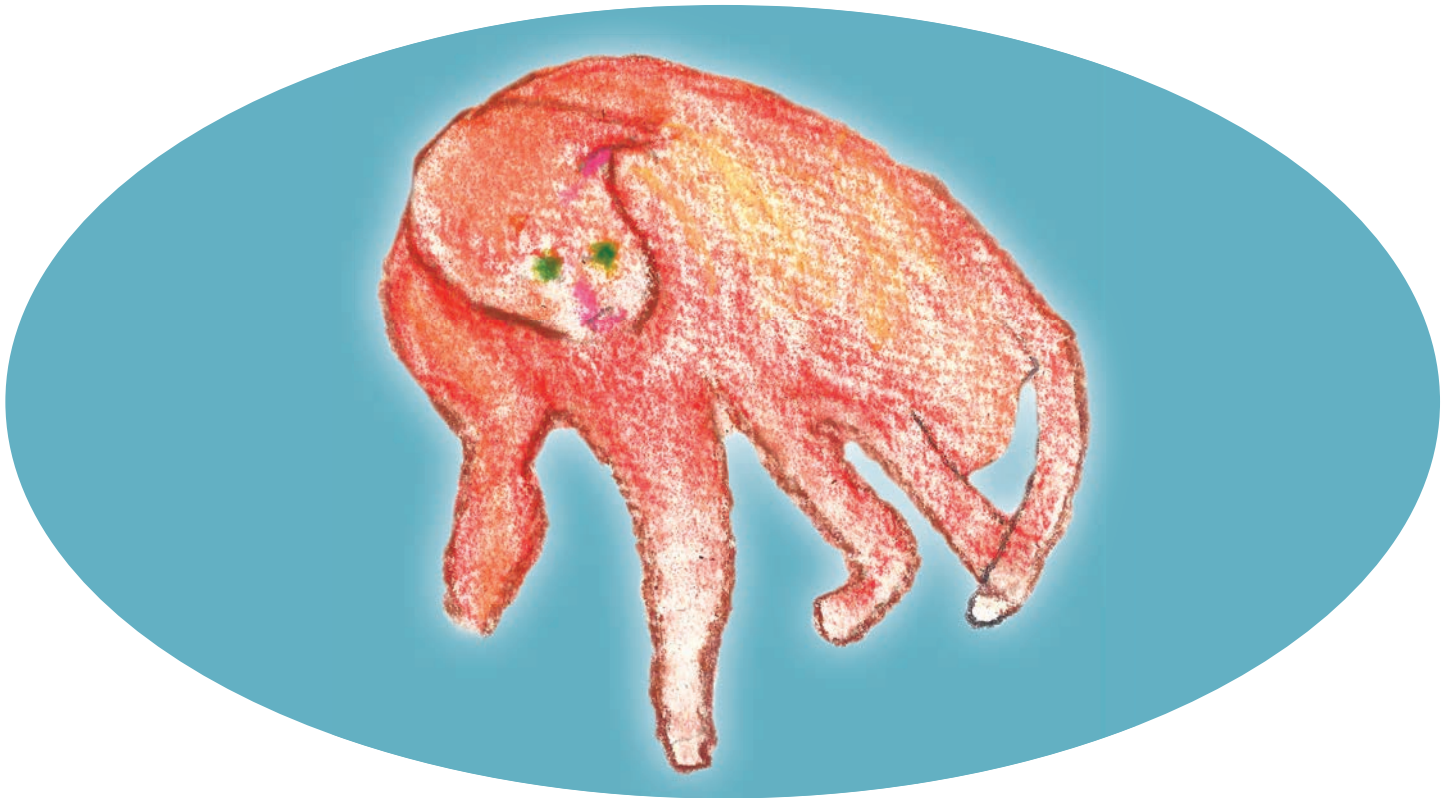
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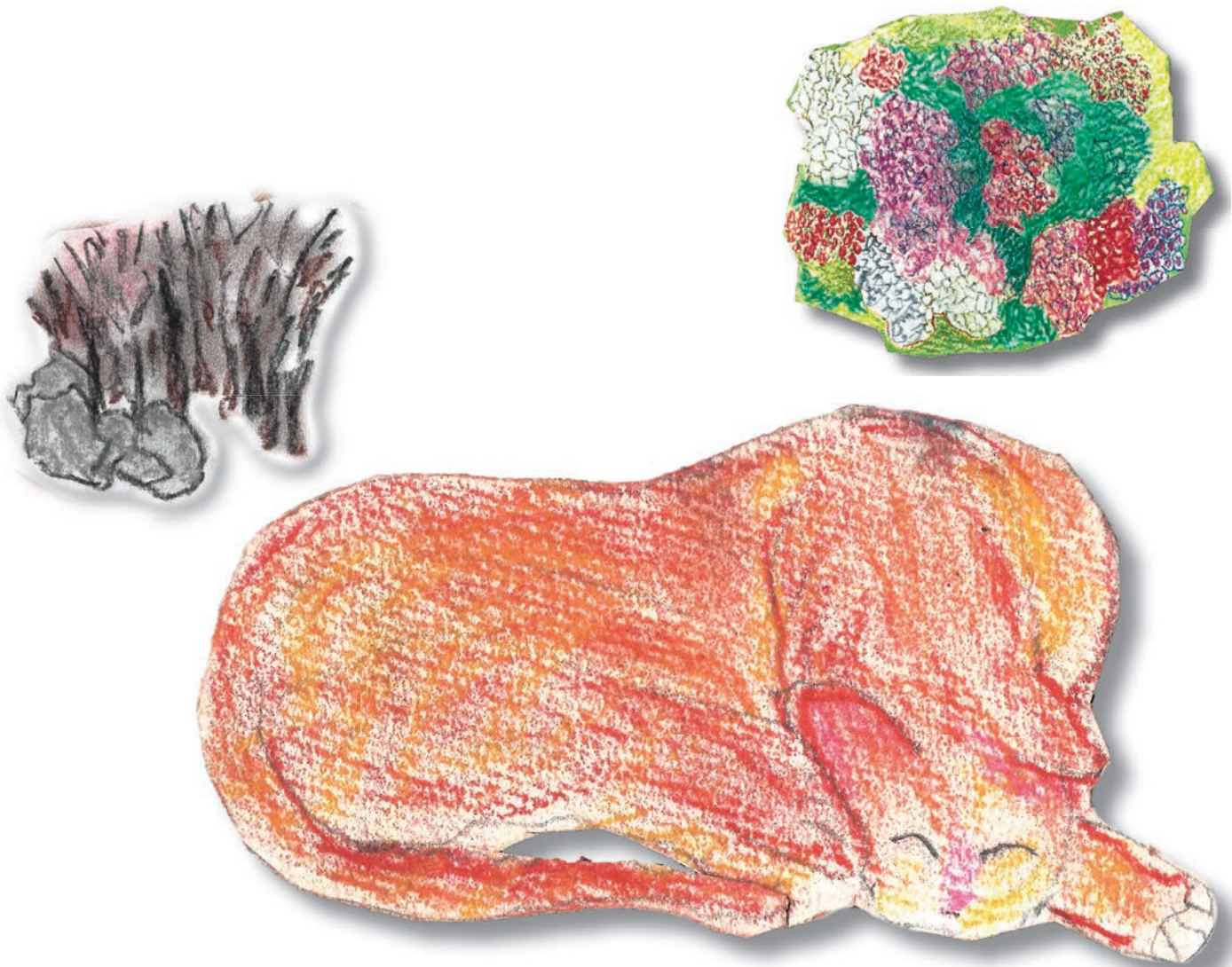
David



**Judas
Maccabeus**



He was a big cat, with the greenest eyes, the biggest paws, and the most beautiful ginger Mackerel Tabby fur; and a tail that always wagged. (This becomes a very important feature, as you will soon see).



**He lived in a castle on a hill (all castles are on hills),
which was quite lovely in the Spring,
and quite dreary in the Wintertime.**

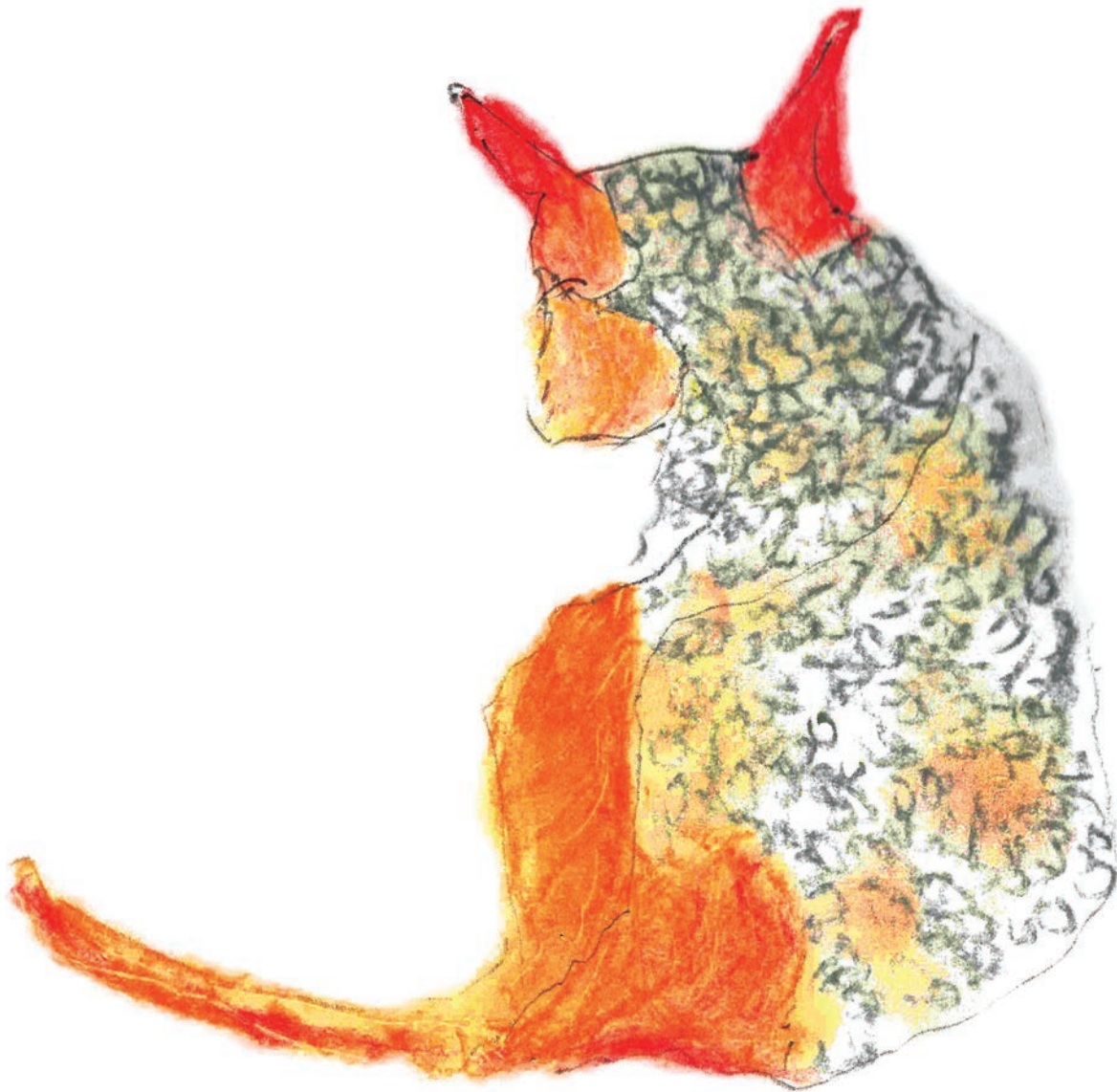


Over in the next town, once again on a hill, was yet another castle. “He Who Shall Remain Nameless”, an evil black cat, lived there. He would bite and scratch anyone or anything that approached. For even though his mother was a loving one, and those who raised him were nice, he really was a very bad cat.



**Tommie licked his wounds as Gwendolyn,
his fair lady, proudly looked on.**





He was so popular and chivalrous that he became a 10th Worthy.



And his very own mille-fleurs (thousand flowers) tapestry was woven and displayed in a very private home.



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