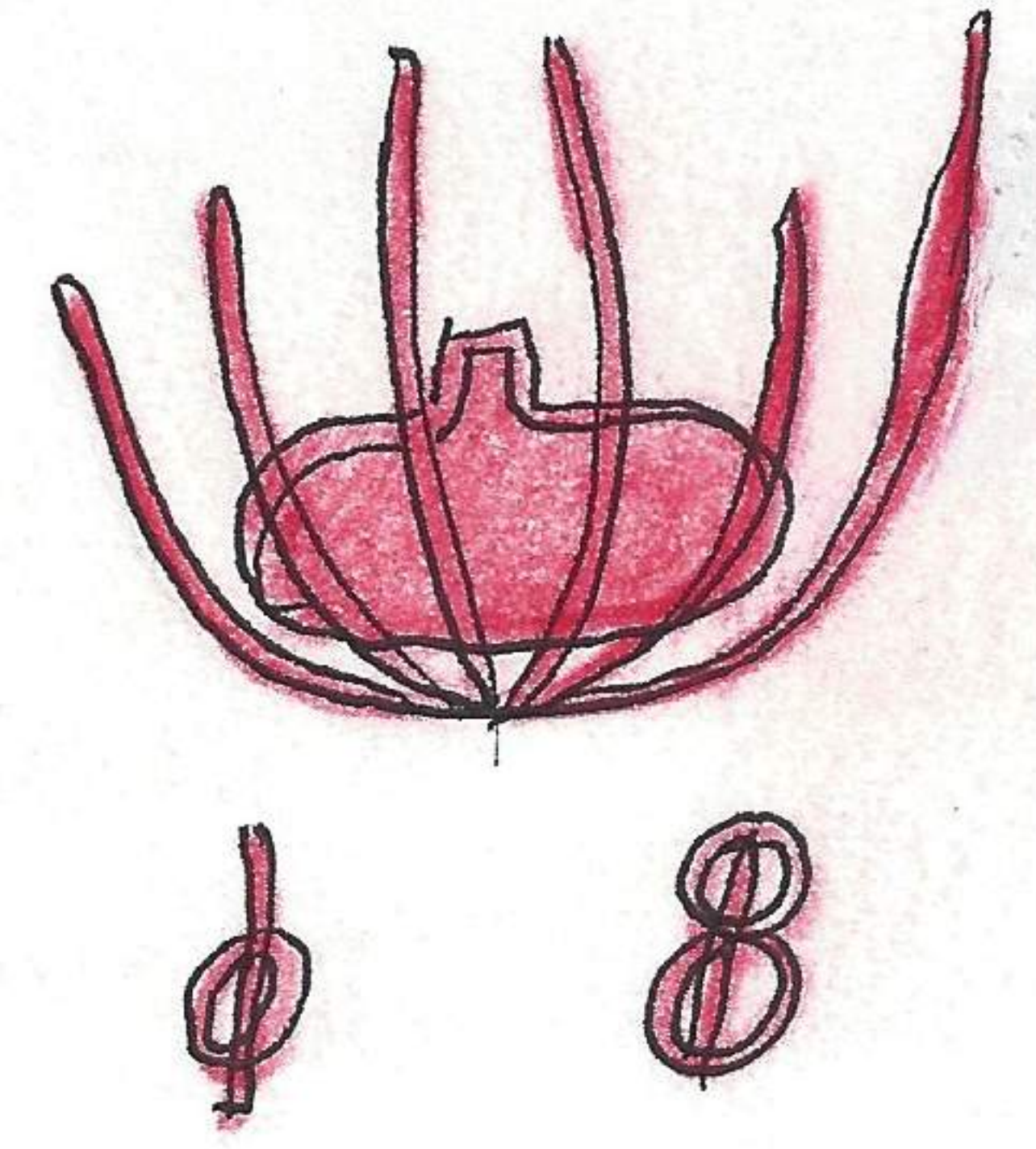
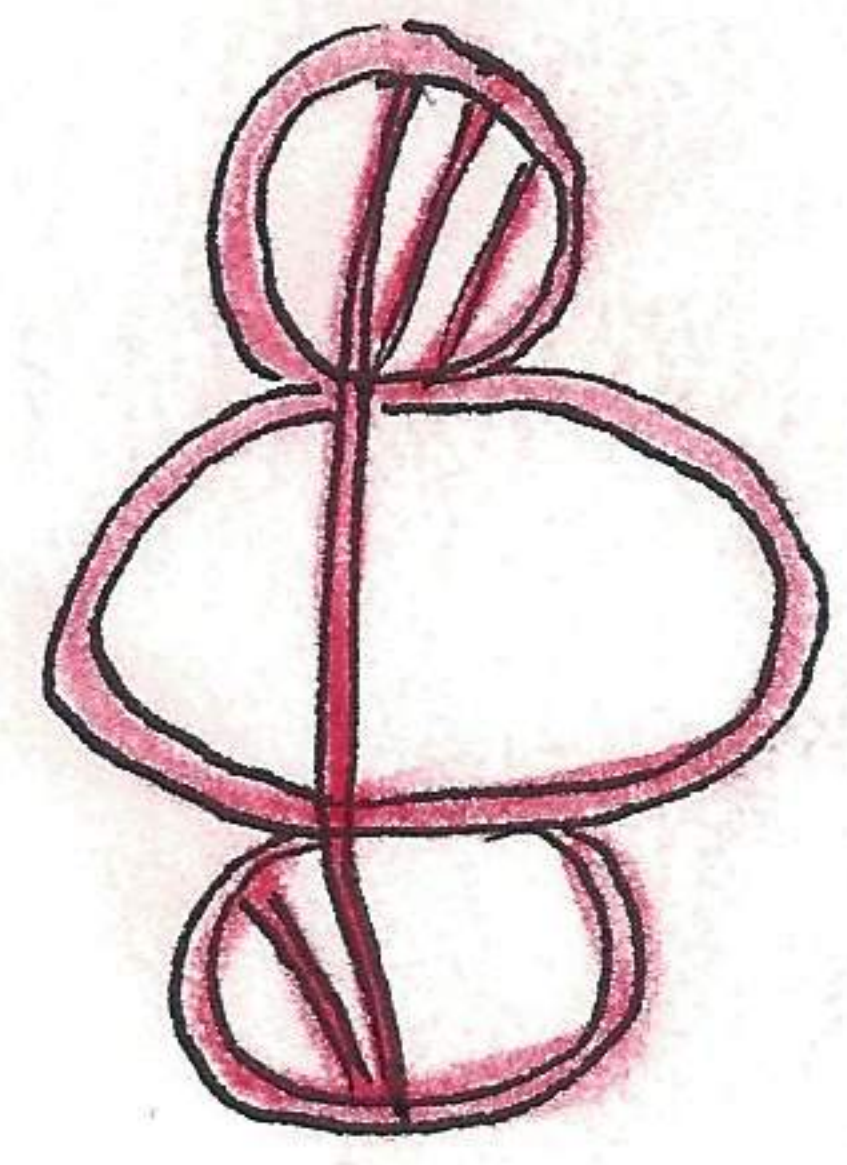
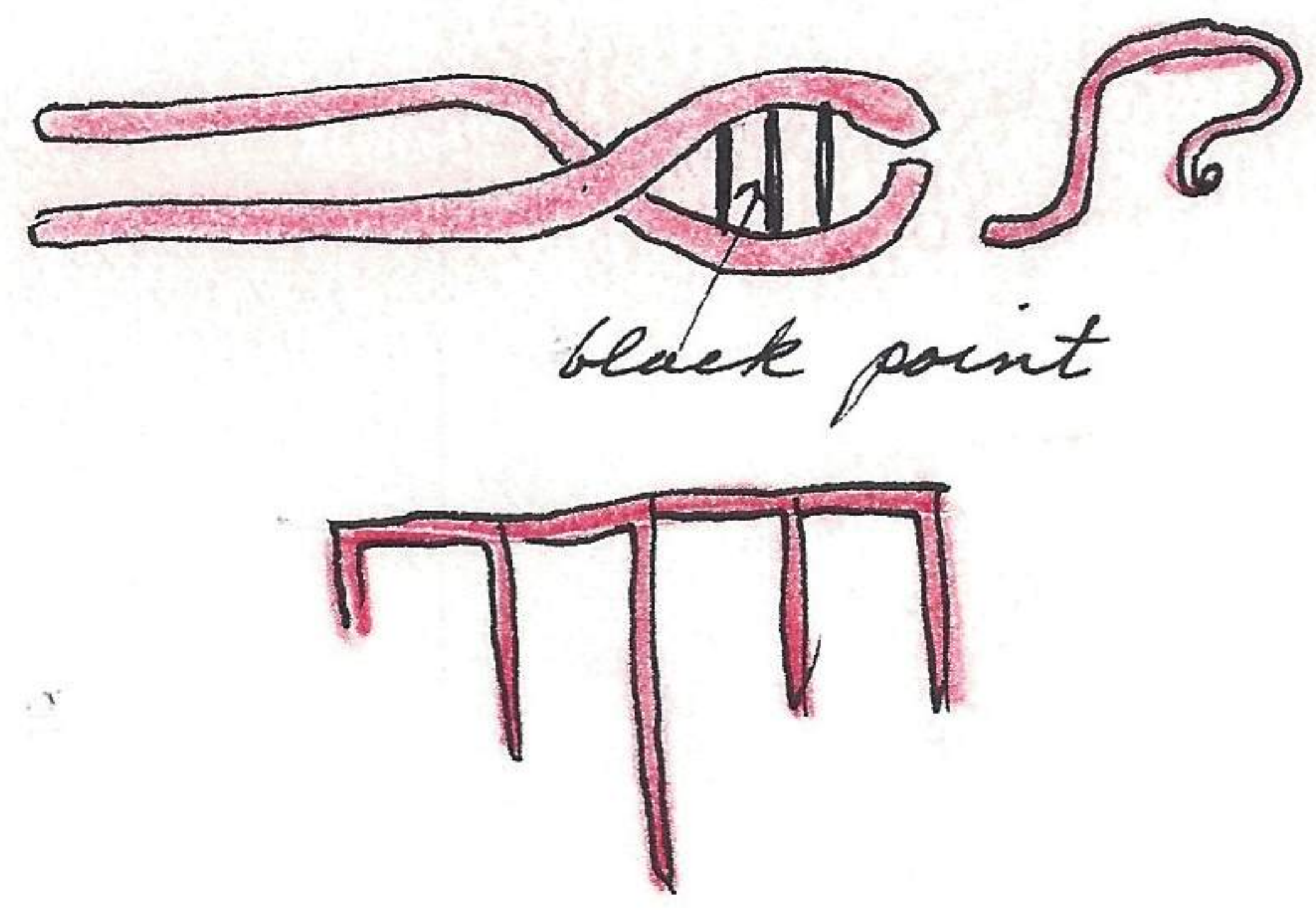
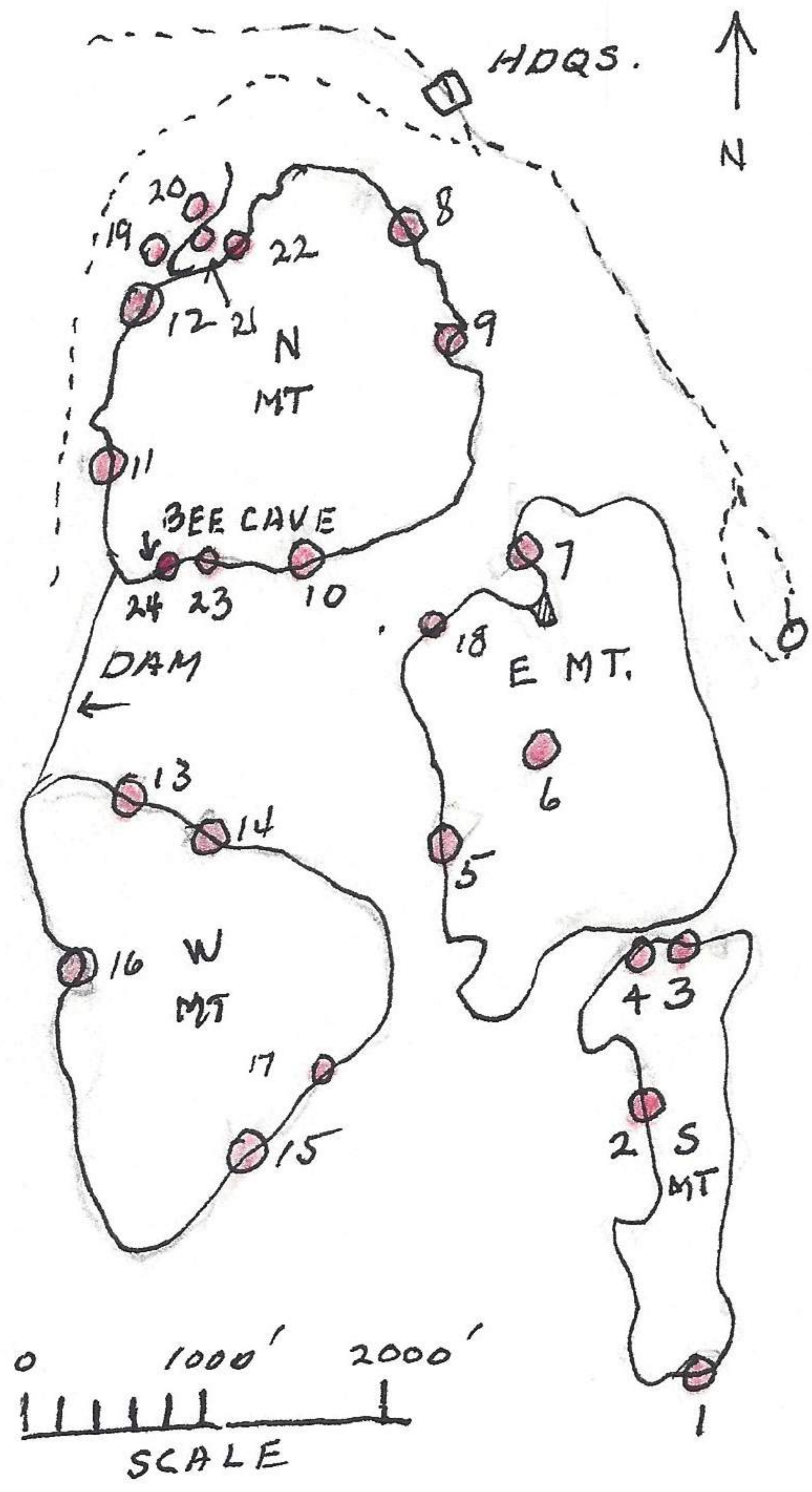


Cove 2 (S half W side S mountain)
all above smooth rock



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CAVES WITH PETROGLYPHS

These mountains are tops of laccoliths of syenite porphyry that had intruded into Cretaceous rocks. Potassium/argon dating is 34 million ago. The older sediments have eroded away from the porphyry. These mts are 300 feet above the desert floor. The best pet holes, some 24 x 10 to smaller ones are best represented on S side of N mt at upper rim. "Hueco" is the Spanish for these hollows. Rain is captured in these holes. Observed several holes of 8-10" diameter of natural order. Ocho, juniper, hackberry & other unique vegetation are on these mts.

This evening from top North mountain observed 2 groups of turkey vultures 58 and 69 at 20 minute interval fly and sail W from over top of East mt W thru pass (dam) to valley beyond. They dropped in altitude from above E mt to 200 feet above pass. Over E mt they were in an aggregate where one vulture was within 20-30' of each other. Wind from NW. Some storm and lightning.