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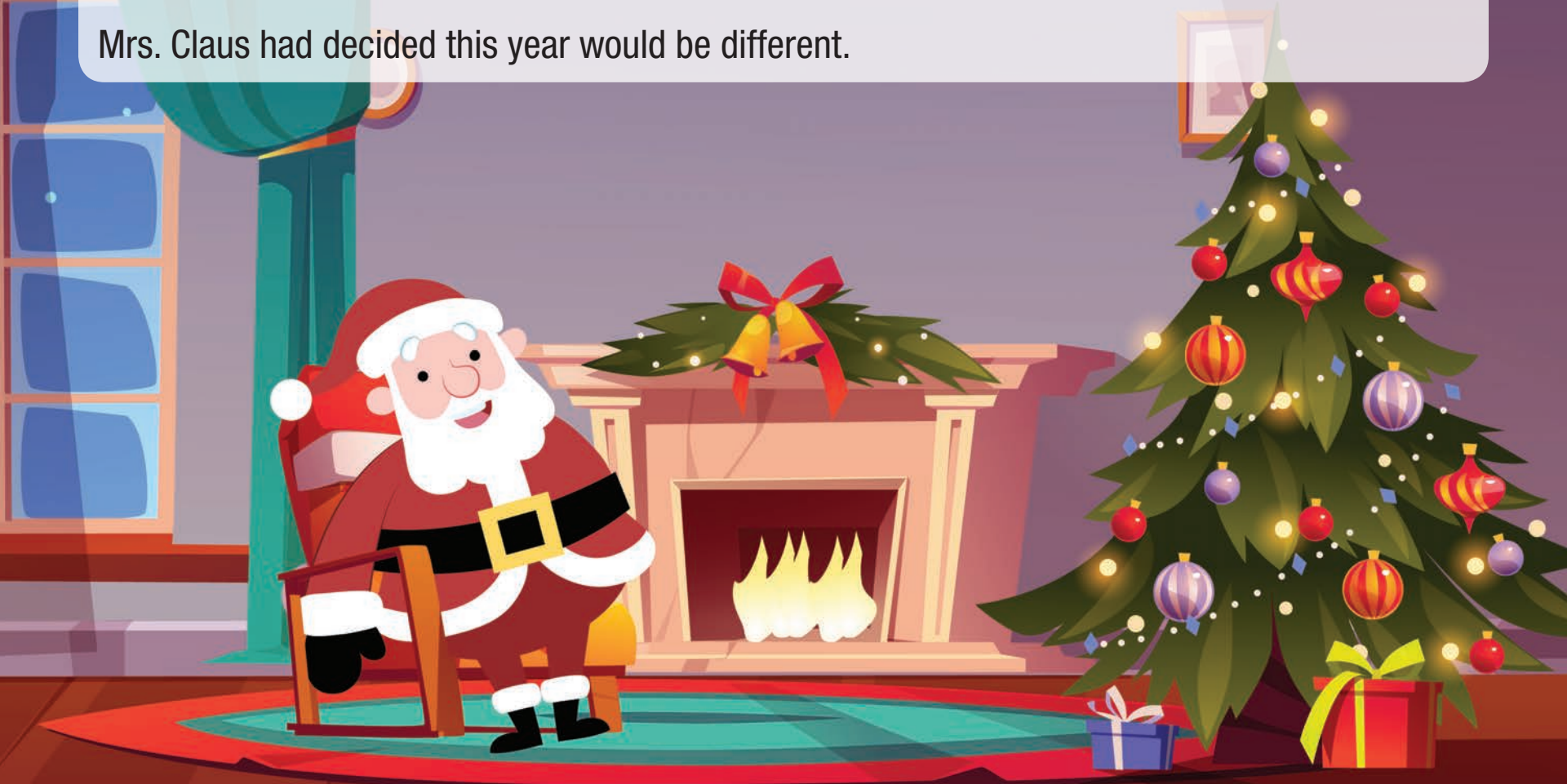


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The auroras danced above the North Pole in a symphony of colors, but Mrs. Claus barely noticed. She was busy. Her boots clicked against the polished wood floors of her cozy kitchen as she whisked up a storm of hot cocoa, her mind racing. She glanced over at Santa, seated by the roaring fireplace, polishing his spectacles. His hearty laughter echoed as he read letters from children around the world.

For centuries, Santa had been the face of Christmas. The man with the sack of toys, the magical sleigh, and the endless list of names had brought joy to countless homes. But rarely did anyone think about the joy he deserved in return.

Mrs. Claus had decided this year would be different.



She tucked a strand of snowy white hair behind her ear and made up her mind. Tomorrow, she would set off to find the perfect gifts for Santa. Gifts that would surprise him, delight him, and remind him how much he was cherished—not just by the world, but by her.

The next morning, Mrs. Claus donned her thickest red cloak and a pair of fur-lined boots. Her sleigh was much smaller than Santa's grand contraption, pulled by two strong reindeer: Holly and Ivy. Unlike Santa's team, they were quiet and unassuming, perfect for a discreet journey.

"Take care, my dear!" Santa waved from the door of their cozy home, oblivious to her true mission.

"I'll be back before you know it!" she called back, her voice full of cheer.

With a flick of the reins, the sleigh glided into the skies, heading south toward **Pampa, Texas**, a town renowned for its festive spirit and unique crafts.



The town of **Pampa, Texas** looked like it had sprung straight out of a snow globe. Red Brick streets crisscrossed beneath strings of twinkling lights, and every shop window was decorated with wreaths, ribbons, and ornaments.

Mrs. Claus landed and accidentally bent the sleigh rails as she landed. With one of her reindeer feeling ill from some bad candy canes, and now her sleigh rail broken, Mrs. Claus knew she had to call her good friend Linda Laycock, of Panhandle Plains Realty. With-in a few minutes, Linda was on the scene, ready to help Mrs. Claus with all her shopping for the day.

Linda suggested calling ahead to the local auto shop to get the sleigh looked at. Then secondly, they would need to call **Gray County Animal Hospital** to see about the sickly reindeer.



After visiting the local auto shop to get the sleigh looked at, and dropping off the reindeer at **Gray County Animal Hospital**, Linda and Mrs. Claus set out on the adventure to find Santa's perfect Christmas gift,





Linda & Mrs. Claus's first stop was **Scooter's Coffee**, a quaint little coffee shop known for its warm tasty coffee and holiday specialty drinks. They drove up to the window and heard a warm voice say "Welcome, traveler!" the store manager, **CJ**, said, his eyes twinkling. "Looking for something to warm you up on this chilly day?" "Indeed," they replied with a smile.



Linda & Mrs. Claus's second stop was **Verona's Italian Bistro**, to pick up Santa's favorite treats. While they were there, they had to try the new holiday specials on the menu for a quick pick-me-up as they continued on their journey.



Linda & Mrs. Claus's next stop was **Cabot Community Credit Union**, to pick up some extra cash for the local shops in **Pampa, TX**. They spread holiday cheer to **Tammy, Priscilla, Norma and Gidaya**.

After that, they headed to **Keyes Pharmacy** to pick up some tape and Santa's allergy pill prescription. Next they decided to make a few stops to say hello to some of their friends in town.

On their journey to spread holiday cheer, Linda & Mrs. Claus stopped by **Pampa Independent School District's office** first to say hello to all their friends. Next, was **Dr. Chambers** where they got a nice holiday teeth cleaning as well as picked up new toothbrushes from Santa. After that, Linda & Mrs. Claus stopped at every store in Downtown Pampa to search for Santa's perfect gift.



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The last stop of their journey, Linda and Mrs. Claus stopped by **Harvester Family Medical Clinic** to see **Abby Ramirez, FNP-C** for their yearly immunizations and a check-up for Mrs. Claus before heading back to the North Pole.

Mrs. Claus and **Linda Laycock of Panhandle Plains Realty** made their journey back to the town of **Pampa, TX** and swung into **Hidden Hills Golf Course** to pick up a gift card for Santa. "Once Christmas is over, he will love to have a nice break," said Mrs. Claus.



By midday, her sleigh was fixed and loaded with treasures, and the reindeer were ready to fly again. As she soared back toward the North Pole, Mrs. Claus felt a deep sense of satisfaction. She said goodbye to **Linda Laycock of Panhandle Plains Realty** and to the town of **Pampa, TX**.



Merry Christmas

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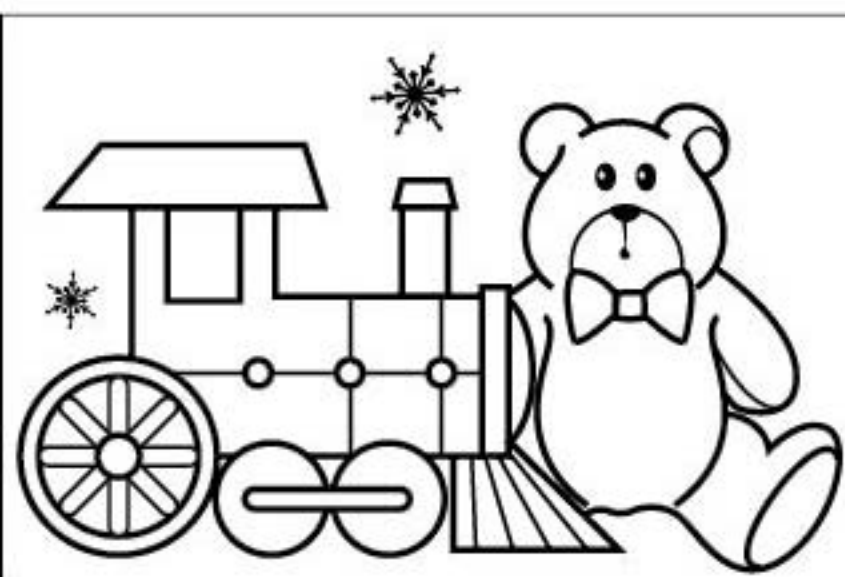


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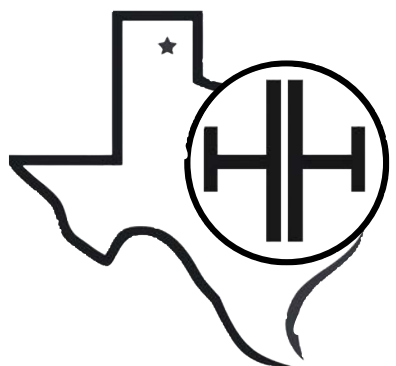
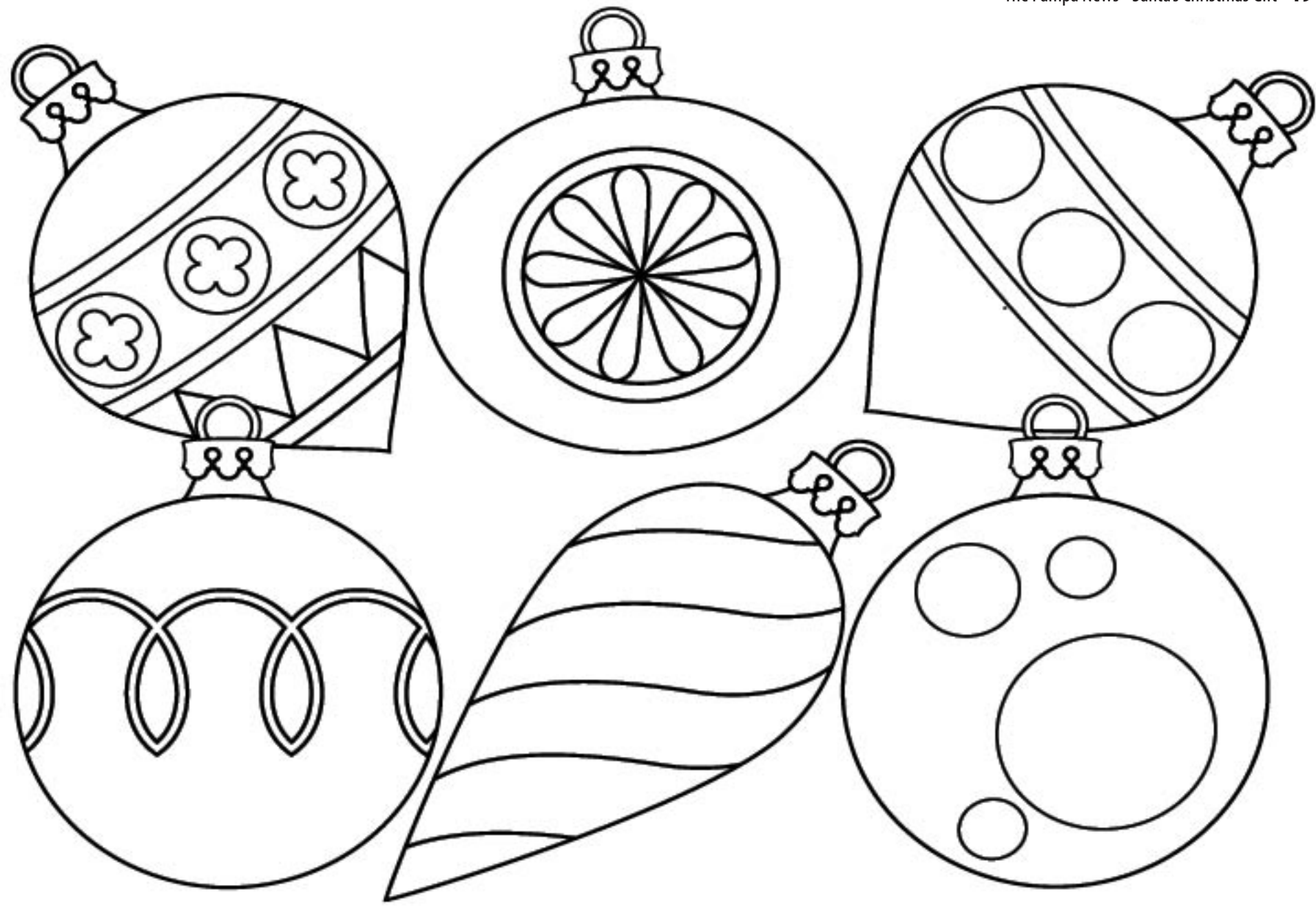
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"My dear," he said, pulling her into a warm embrace, "this is the most wonderful surprise I've ever received." Mrs. Claus smiled, her cheeks glowing like the auroras outside. "Even Santa deserves a little Christmas magic."

And as the snow fell gently outside, the Claus household was filled with love, joy, and the true spirit of the season.





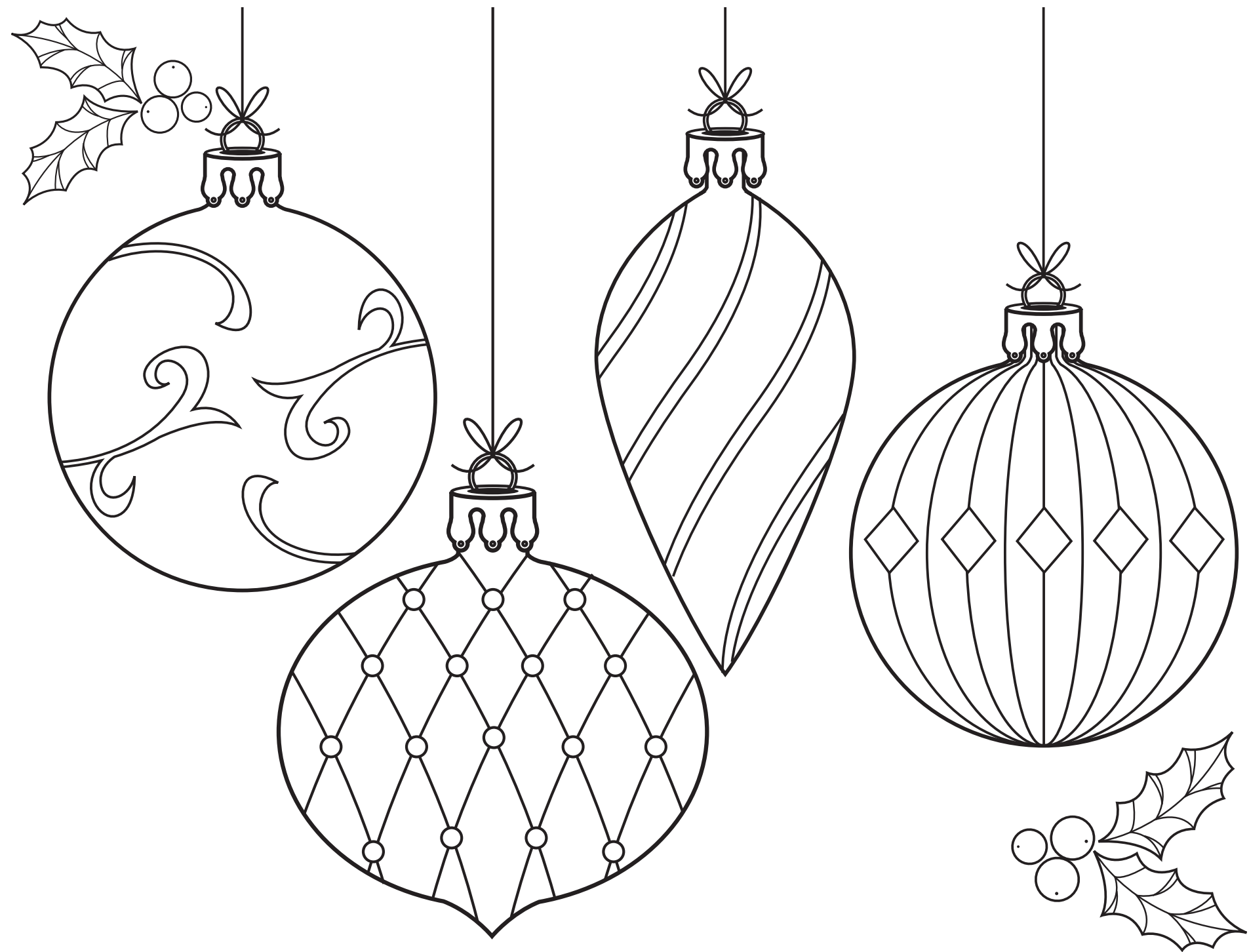
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