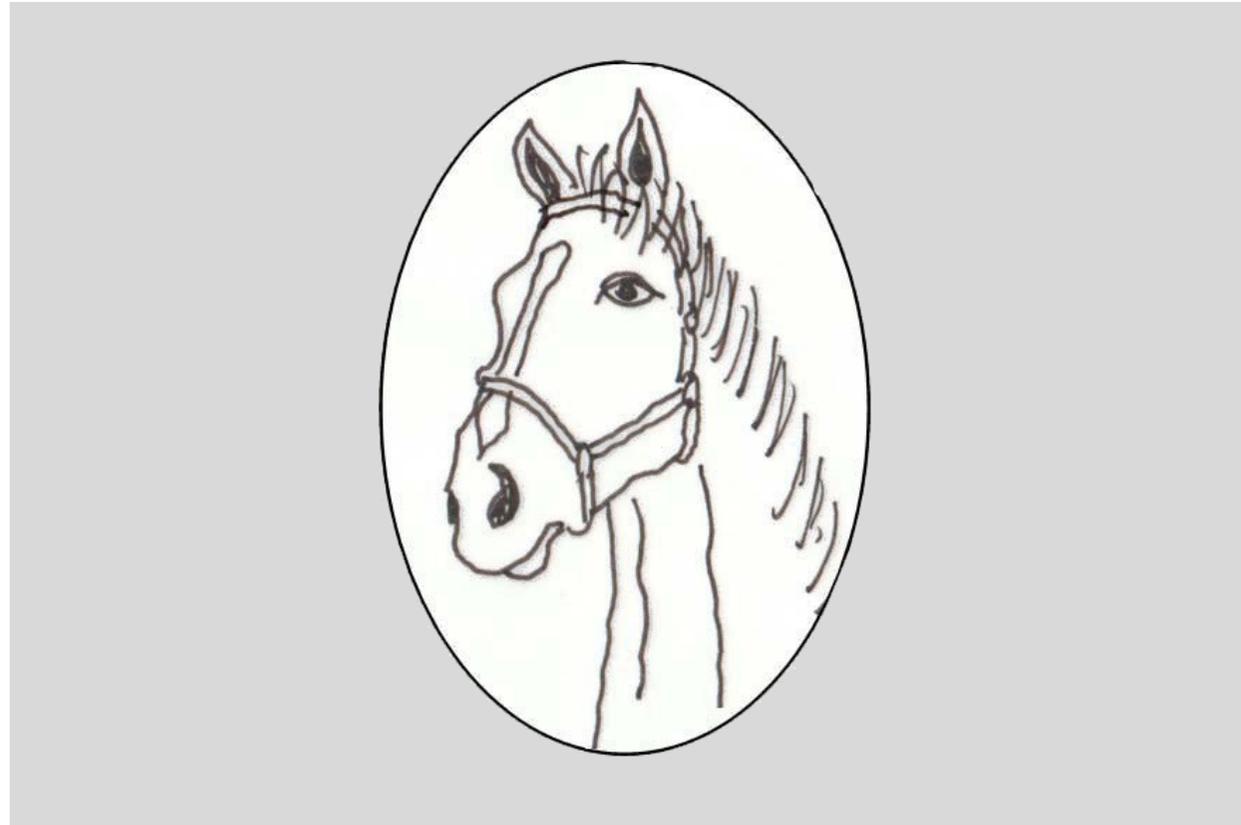


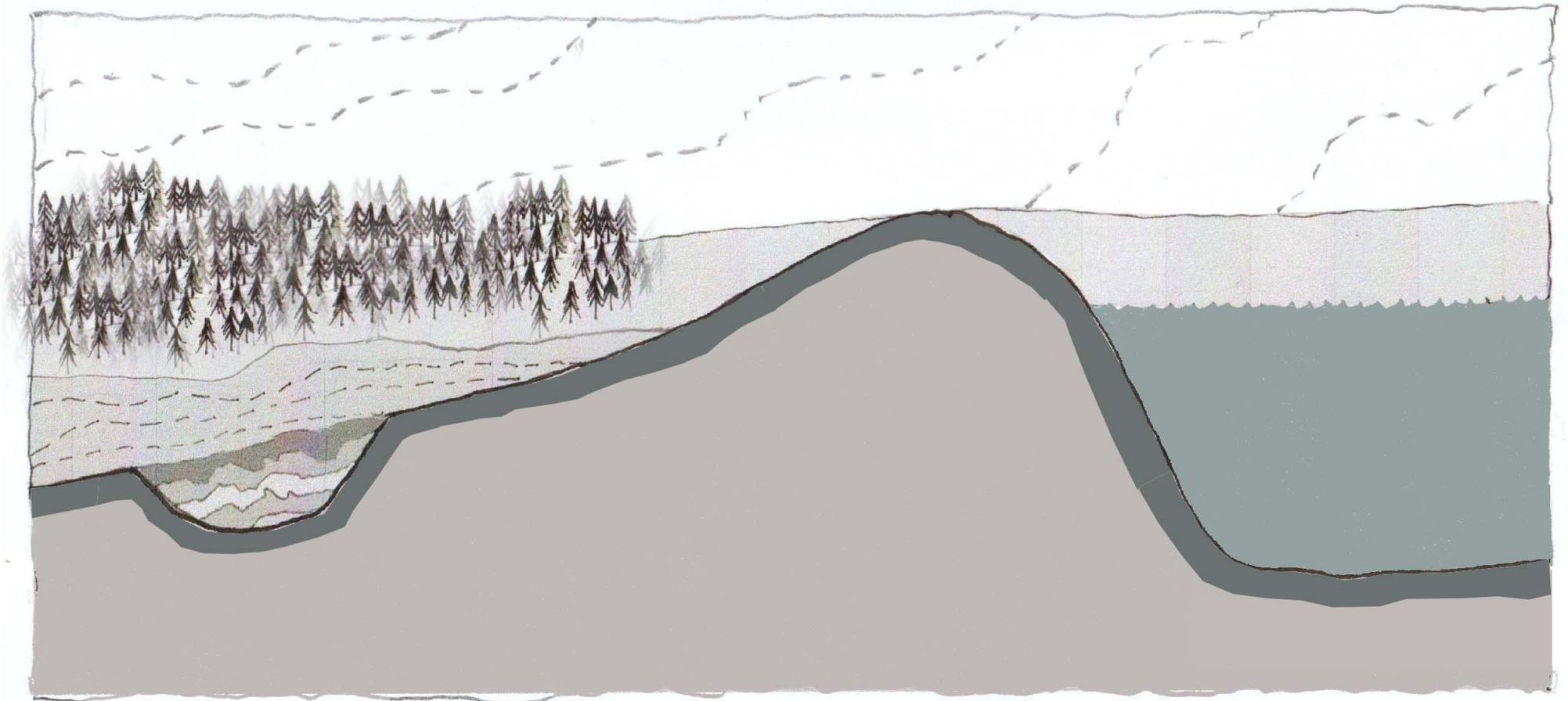
SALLY

THE MARE WHO SAVED THE VALLEY



This is a story of Sally, the mare and her rider Lynn. They had an accident in 1969, two miles from Maerdy Mine, on the Llest Wen Reservoir Dam .

LLUEST WEN RESERVOIR RHONDDA FACH



Sink Hole Section

The Embankment Section

Reservoir Section

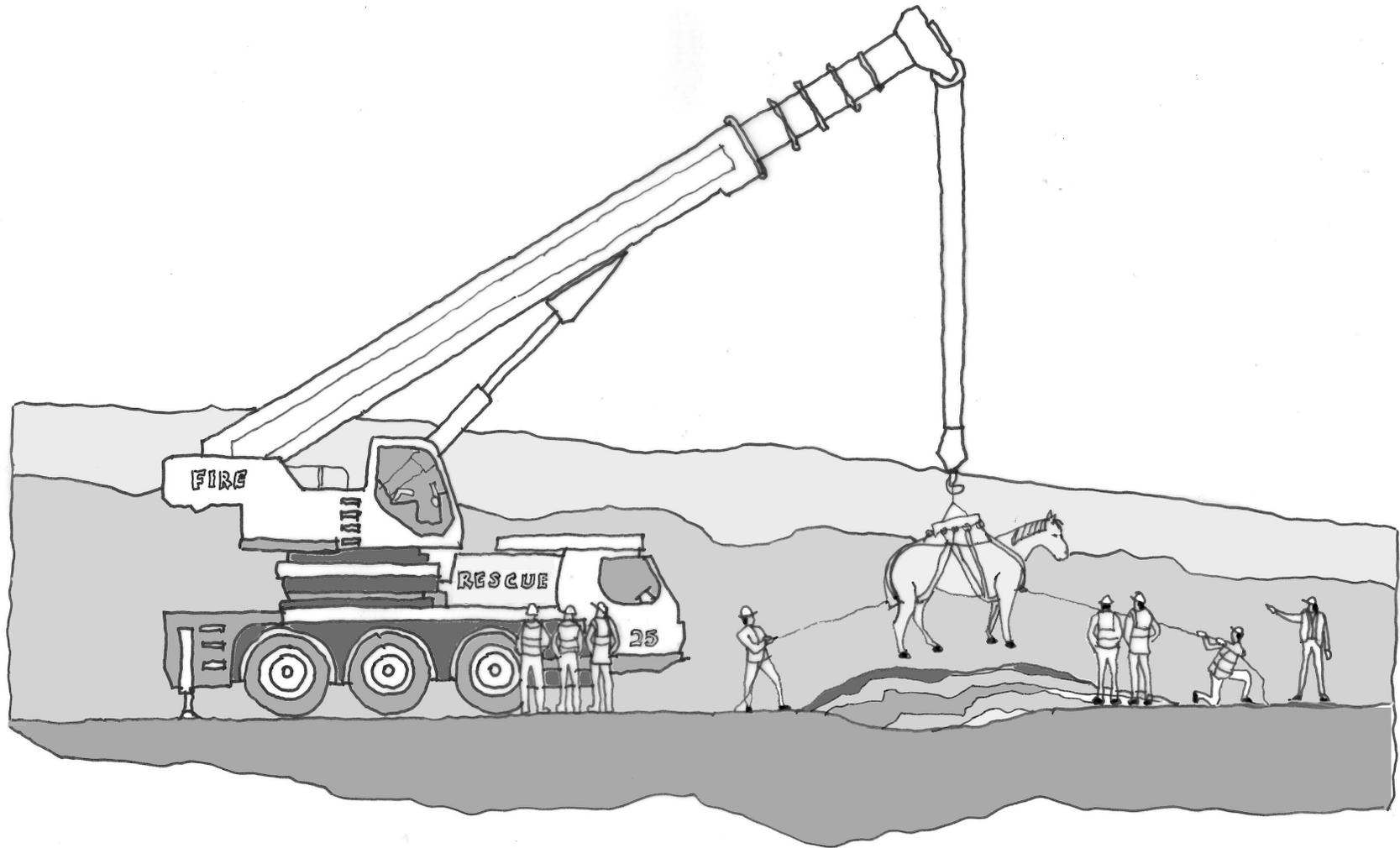
The Reservoir dam embankment developed a sink hole, which if unrepaired, was threatening to collapse the dam. Lynn and mare Sally were out casually riding when they both slipped into the hole.

1969 - LLUEST WEN DAM SINK HOLE TRAPS LYNN AND SALLY



Lynn and Sally slipped and were trapped in the dam sink hole. Lynn climbed out and ran to Maerdy Mine, two miles away, to alert the Fire Brigade rescue team.

THE FIRE BRIGADE CAME TO LLUEST WEN



The Fire Brigade rushed to the accident site with equipment, including an animal harness and lifting gear to rescue Sally.

THE ENGINEERS ORGANISED REPAIRS TO THE LLUEST DAM



The Engineers organised emergency repairs to the sink hole in January 1970.

A SONG TRIBUTE TO SALLY



Soon after the event, local musician Hawys James, from Ferndale, wrote a song called
"Sally, Sally, the horse that saved the valley"

A performance of the song by Hendrefadog School Pupils
won them first prize at the 1970 Urdd Eisteddfod.

LLUEST AND THE DAM



The Danger of the Lluést Wen incident led to the 1975 Reservoirs Act, The Dam was renovated with 600 cubic meters of concrete walling and spillways. The Act established stringent inspection schedules, with qualified civil engineers assessing structural integrity and enforcing remedial measures.