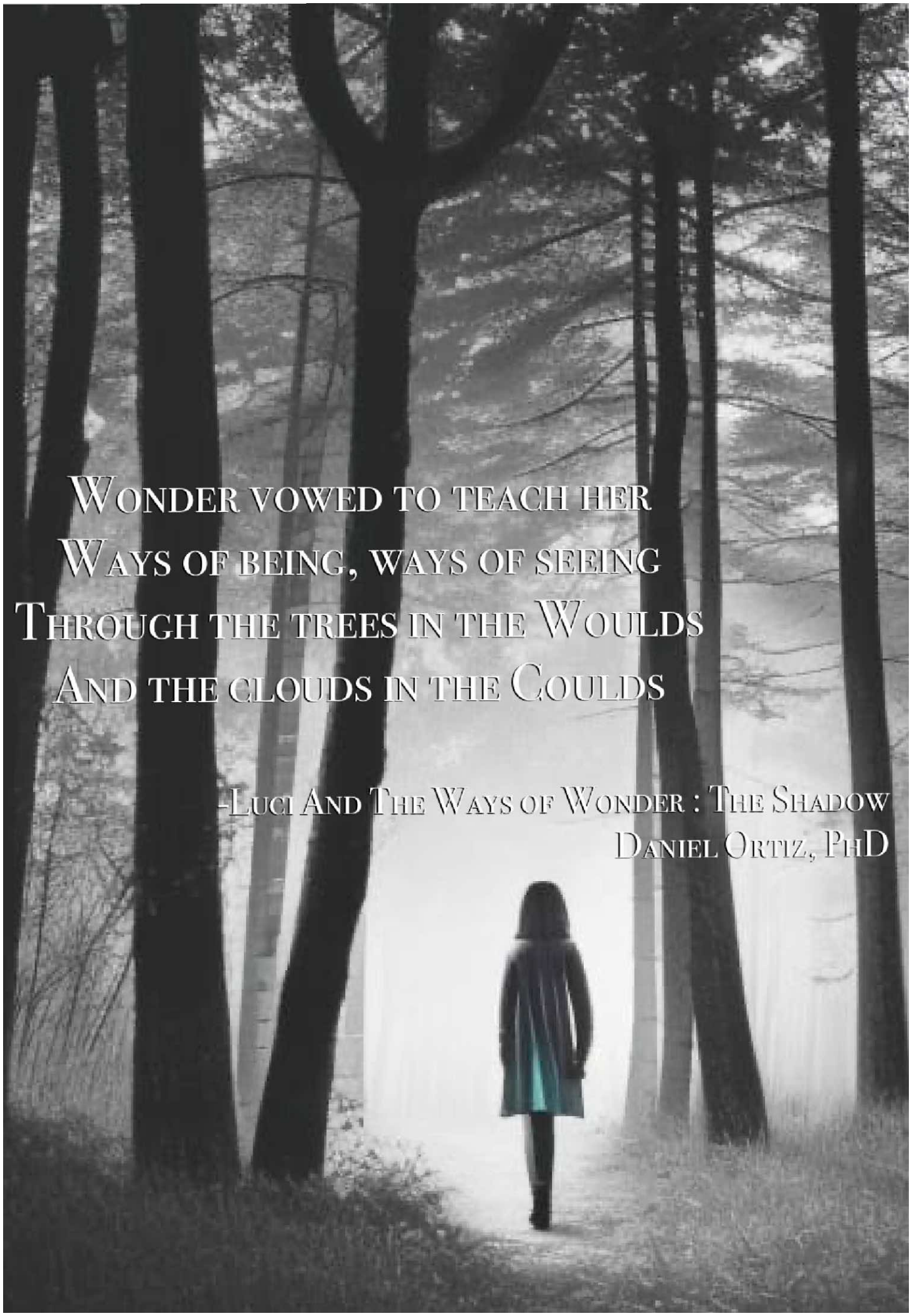


SINCE LUCI COULD REMEMBER
SHE HAD KNOWN A CREATURE VERY SMALL
THAT LIVED NOT IN THE ABOVE BUT IN THE UNDER
AND WHOSE SOUNDLESS, SILENCED NAME WAS WONDER

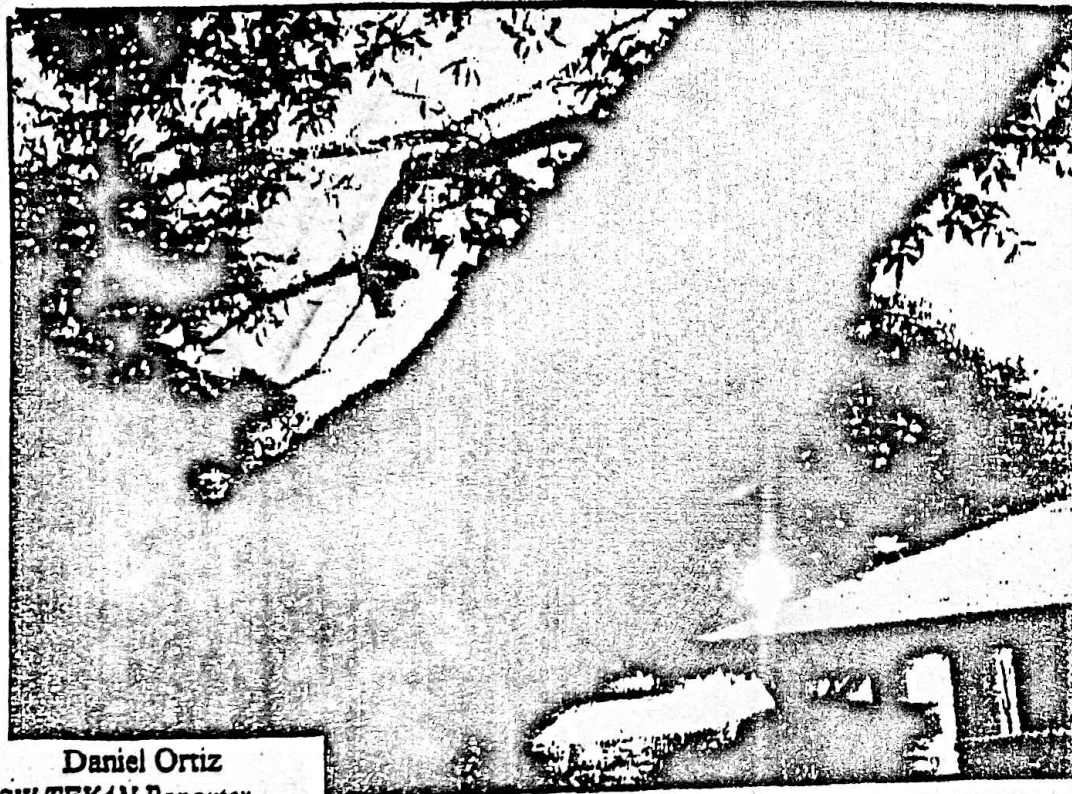
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A black and white photograph of a person walking away on a path through a forest of tall, thin trees. The person is wearing a dark coat and is walking away from the camera. The trees are tall and thin, with some showing signs of being bare. The ground is covered in grass and some low-lying plants. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

WONDER VOWED TO TEACH HER
WAYS OF BEING, WAYS OF SEEING
THROUGH THE TREES IN THE WOULDs
AND THE CLOUDS IN THE COULDs

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A few successful tails?



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We see them quite often, so often in fact, they go unnoticed. They appear occasionally with leaves or fruits in their hands and zip with incredible agility from tree to tree. I speak, of course, of the unrealized pupil, the secret overachiever, the SWTJC squirrel.

It was brought to my attention one lazy afternoon just after I had agreed to

cover squirrels as my journalism topic. In my mailbox, there appeared an envelope marked T.A.I.L.S. (True Animal Intelligence Level Surveyors.) Within that envelope, I found a picture of a squirrel wearing a graduation cap and tassel.

This picture has since, mysteriously disappeared, but it did raise my curiosity.

Simply a Tassel-eared

squirrel? I think not! As I investigated further, I found that quite a few interesting rumors have been going about this school for some time now. Most people I interviewed requested that their names be withheld for fear of them being labeled, well, nutty.

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It is quite possible to believe that animals can develop as a species, especially if you believe in Darwin's theory of evolution that states man evolved from an ape. That being the case, the basic story of human origin is that of a disproportionate, incredibly hairy, tree dweller whose vocabulary consisted of only two syllables, becoming what man is now. Because of this, I would not completely rule out the intellectual development of the squirrel.

Two custodians who deal with the squirrels on a daily basis, and also wanted their names to be withheld from this article to protect their anonymity, said that the squirrel who originally inspired the character, Rocky, from "The Rocky & Bullwinkle Show," whose name also happens to be Rocky, is originally from SWTJC.

"How he got to Hollywood, I do not know," stated the custodian.

Surely with such an intense learning environment that exist at SWTJC, one can only be sure that the squirrel was extremely well prepared.

Another *tail* of a junior college squirrel success story is that of Andy, who appeared in the movie *Funny Farm*.

Andy plays the part of an inanimate, stuffed squirrel, who is the subject of a children's book and later the object of jealousy, causing marital strife for the main characters.

Circulating squirrel folklore even says that Andy did his own stunts. In a scene, where the stuffed "Andy" is hurled into the bed of a moving truck, Andy opted for no stunt double.

With that in mind, I asked Dr. Marie McClusky a drama teacher here at the junior college, if she agreed

that it took a great deal of discipline to stay totally motionless while being catapulted into a moving vehicle.

Dr. McClusky simply stated, "In my humble opinion, that is exactly correct."

One may deduce this kind of tireless dedication can only be the result of growing up in an intensely studious and hard working atmosphere.

Whether you believe the information I have gathered here is true or not, one thing would not at all be surprising this coming graduation.

Don't be shocked to see a rather small, bucked-toothed, furry recipient of a college degree this year, judging by our Uvalde squirrels here, it may yet happen.