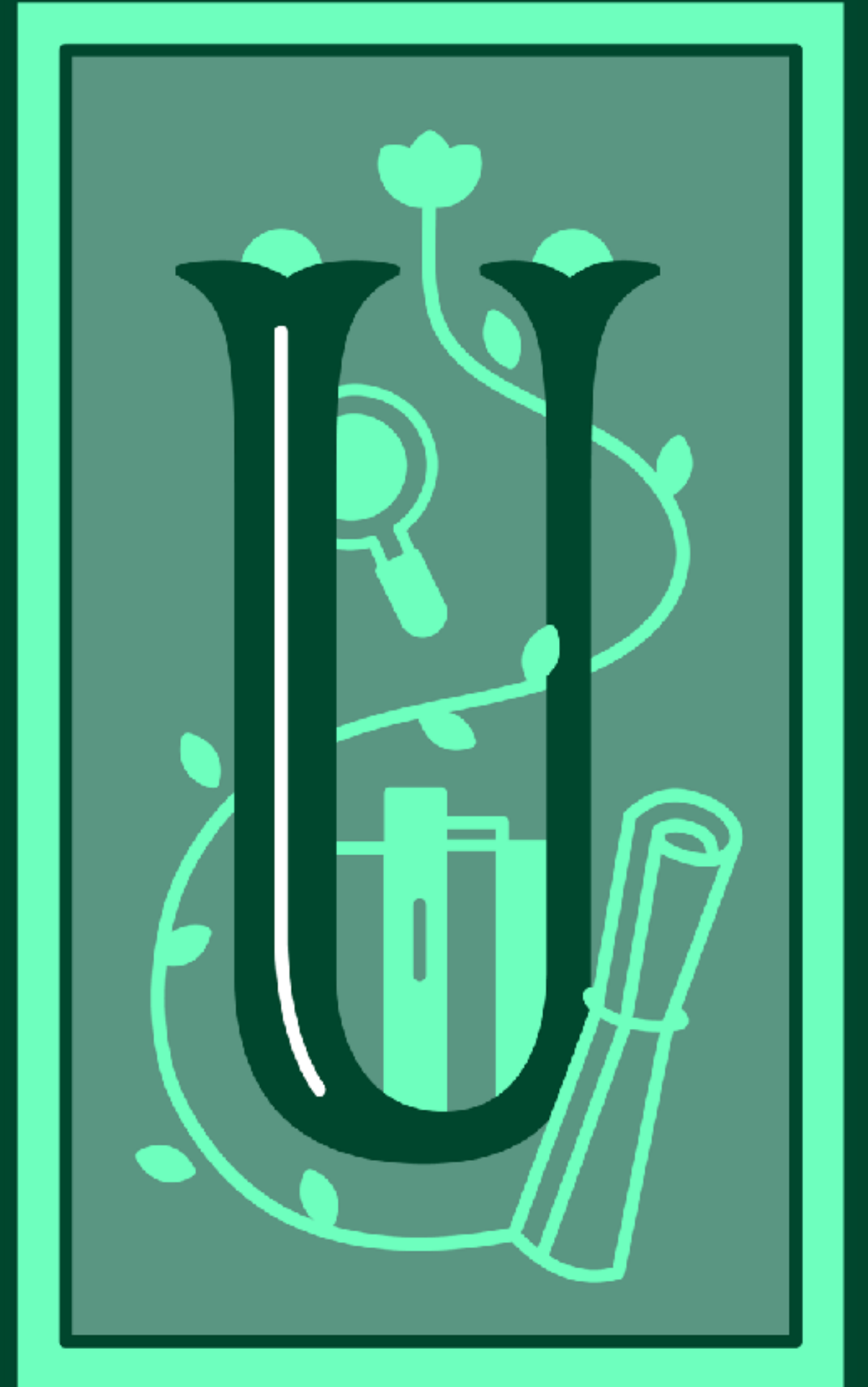
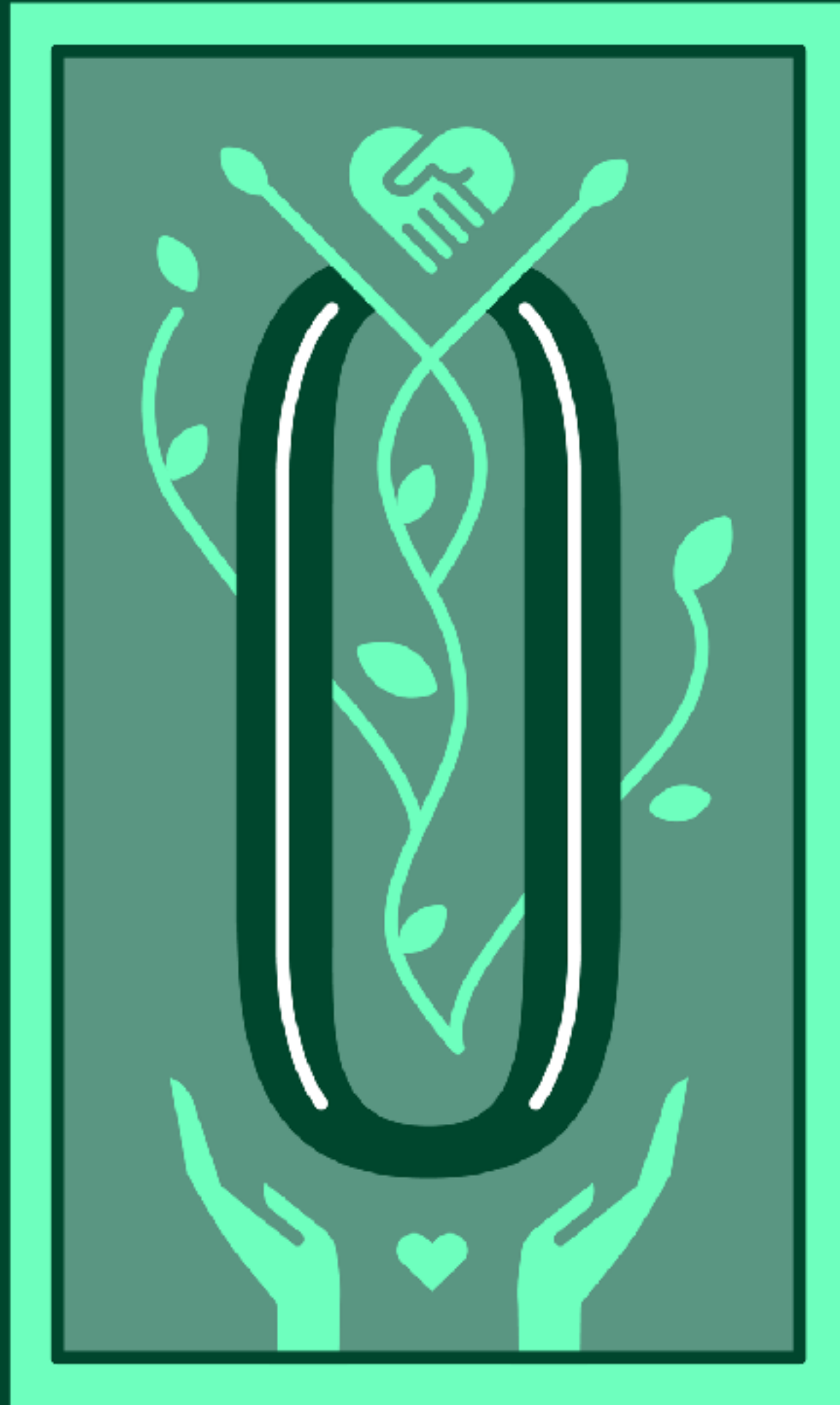
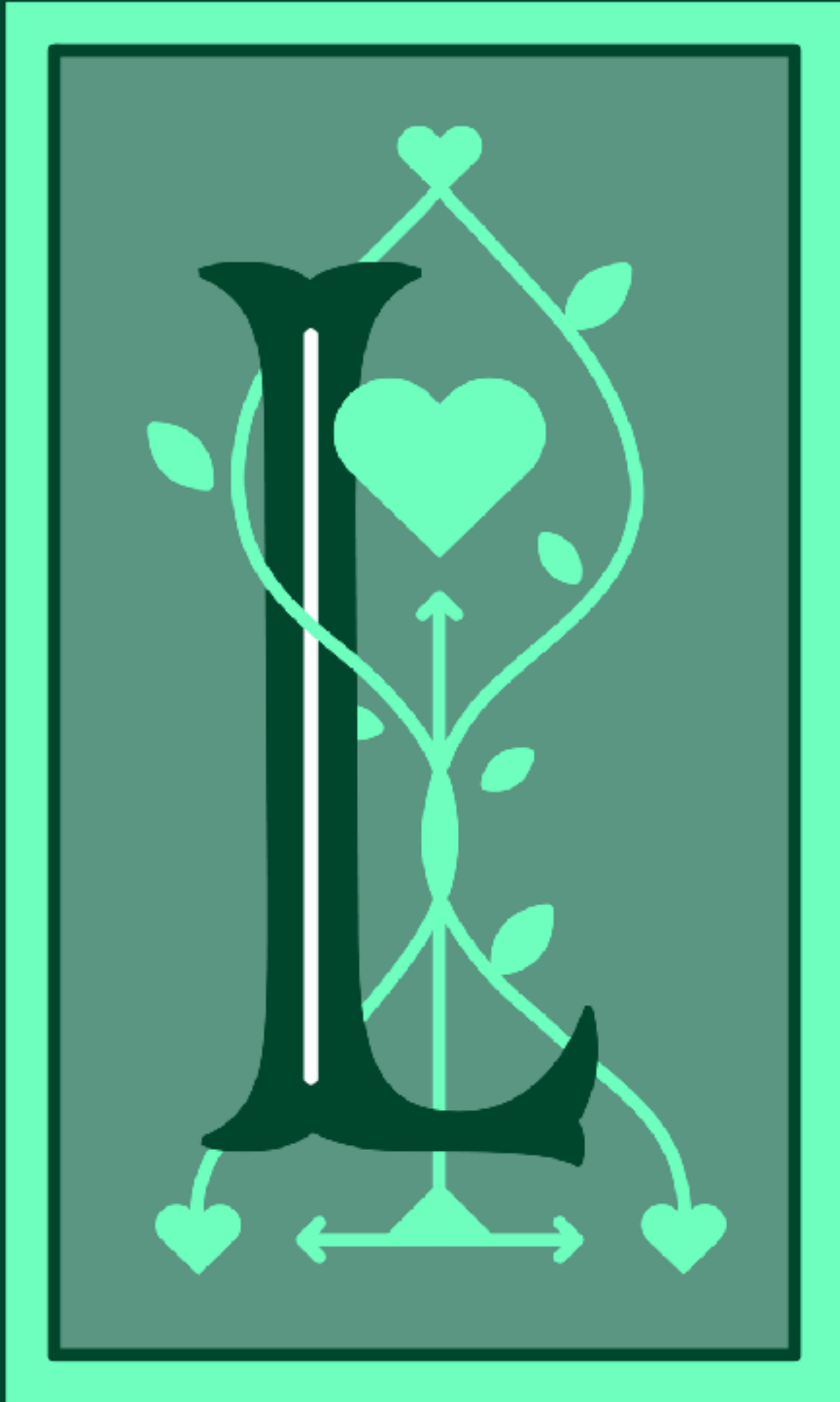
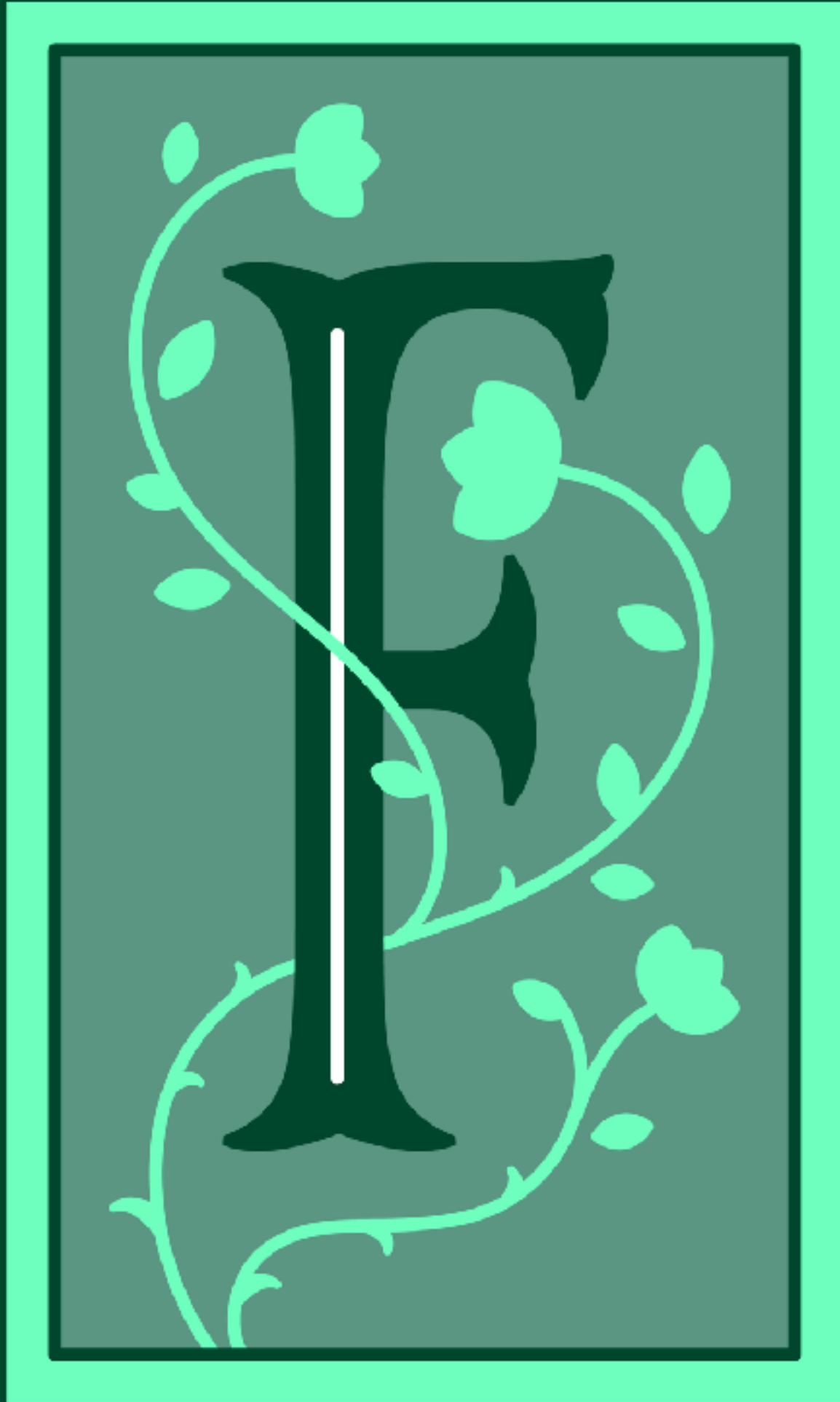


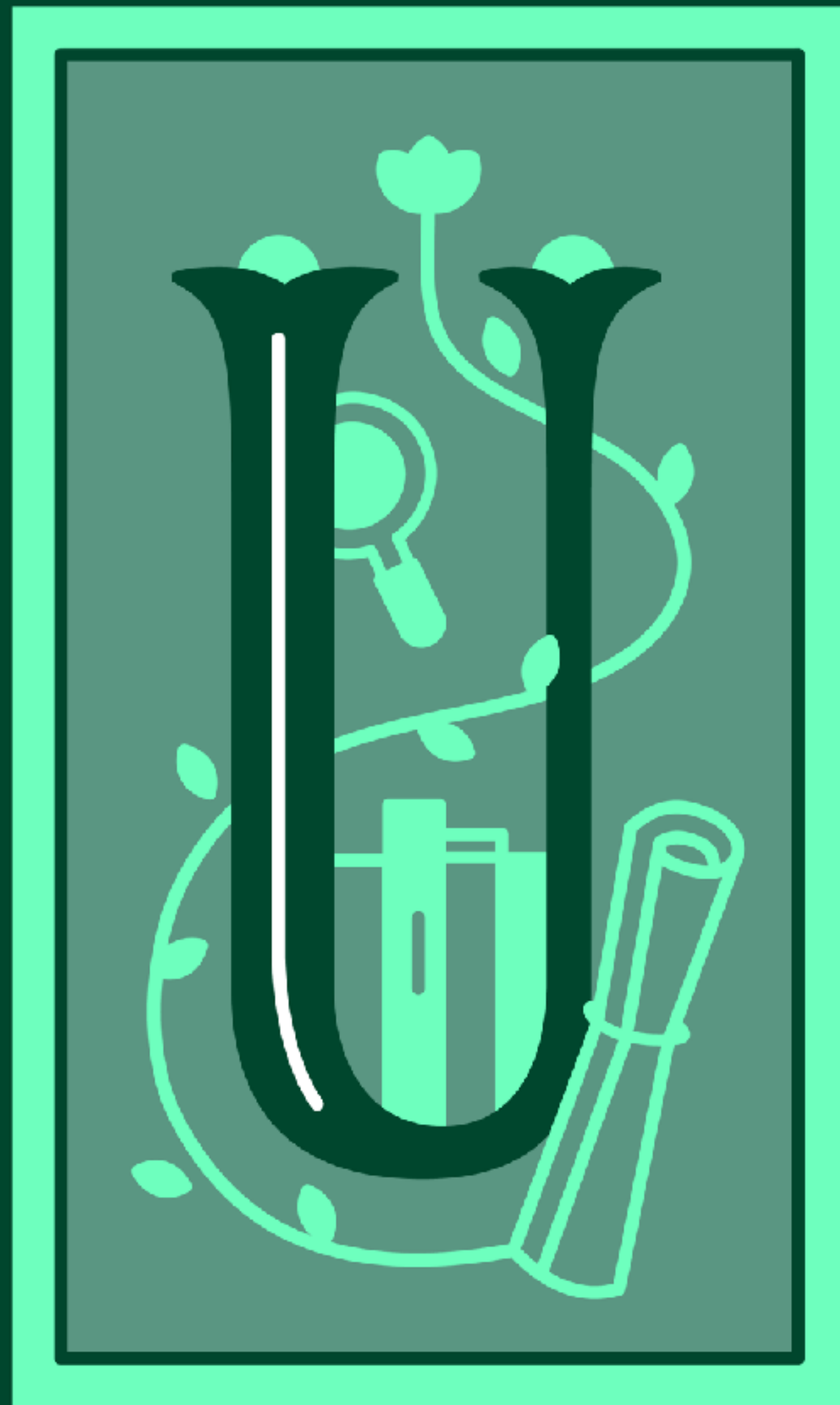
# Understanding & Wisdom

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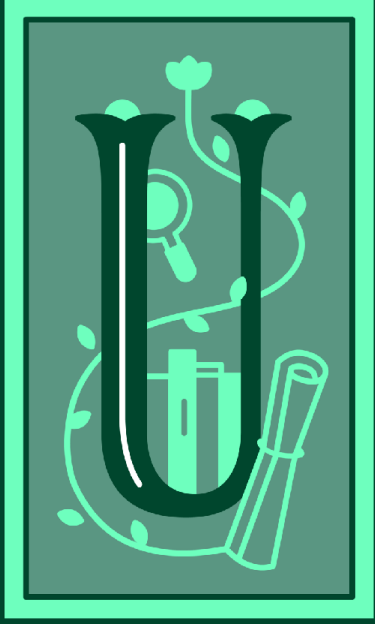
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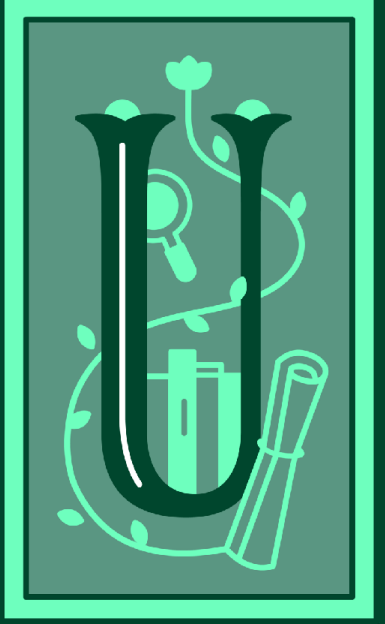


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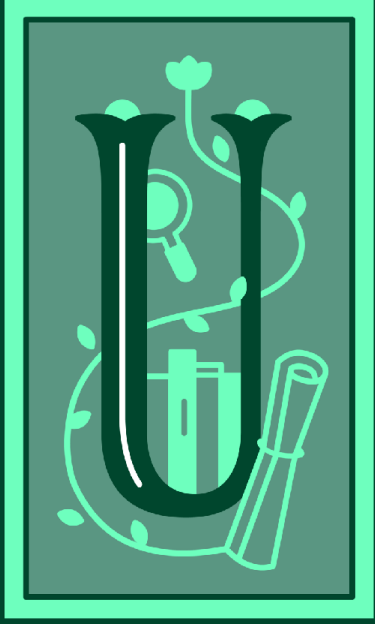


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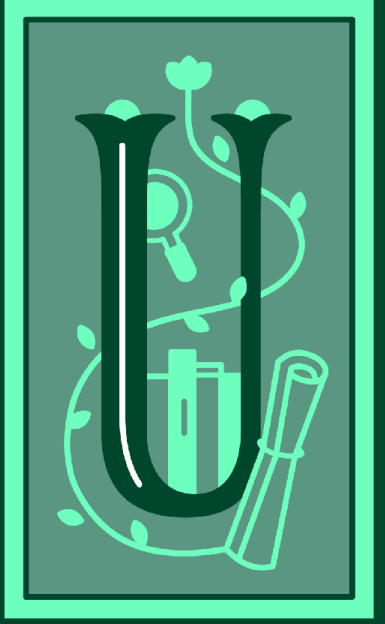
**Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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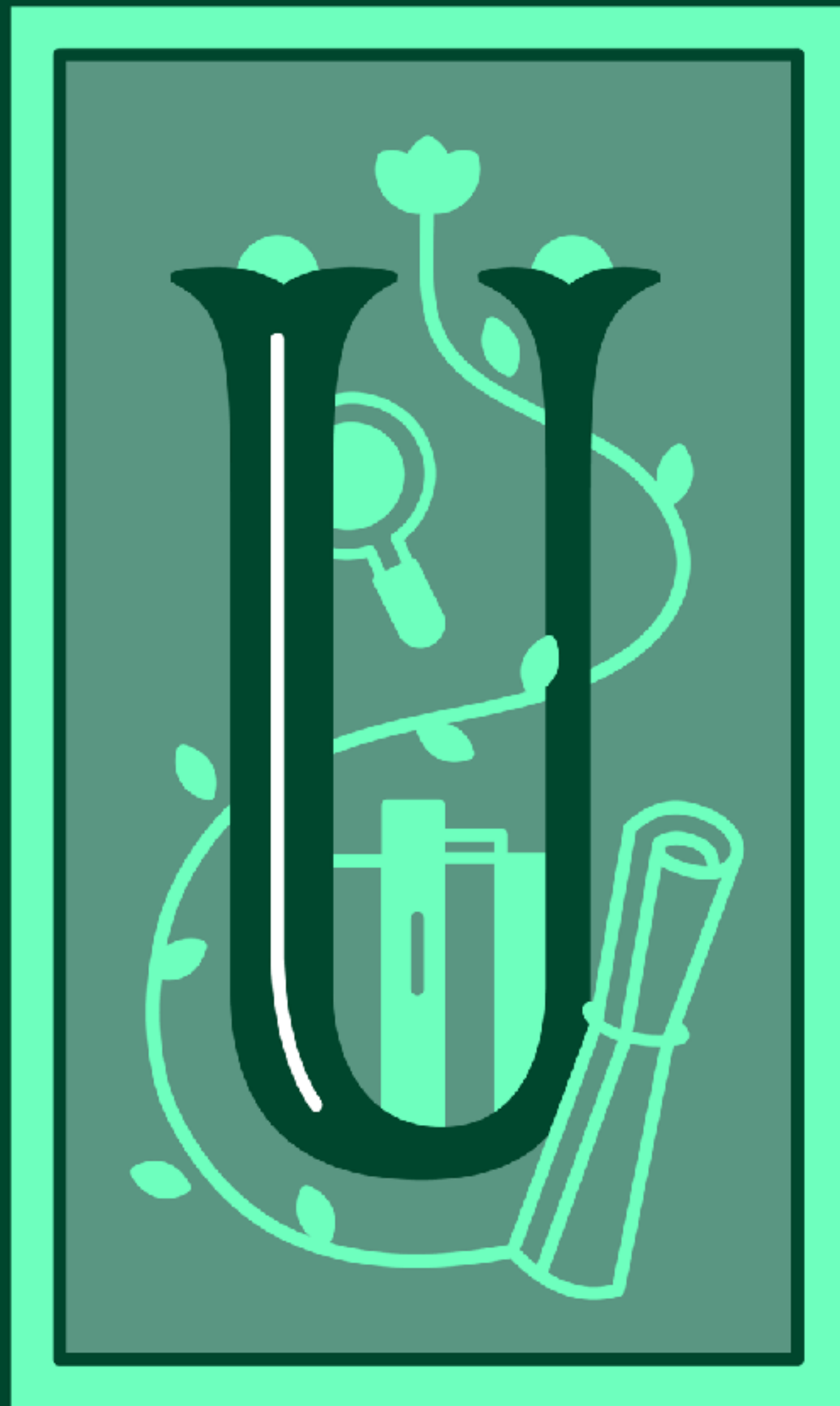
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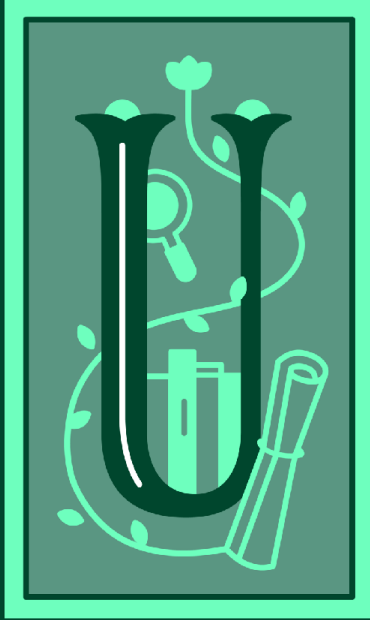
**James 3:13-18 (ESV)**

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



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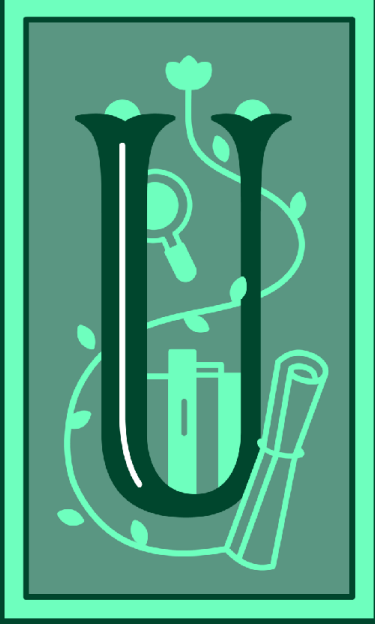
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### **Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

What is wisdom? It's a capacity of mind that combines the fear of the Lord with the skill of living in God's created but fallen world in a way that yields justice, peace, and flourishing.

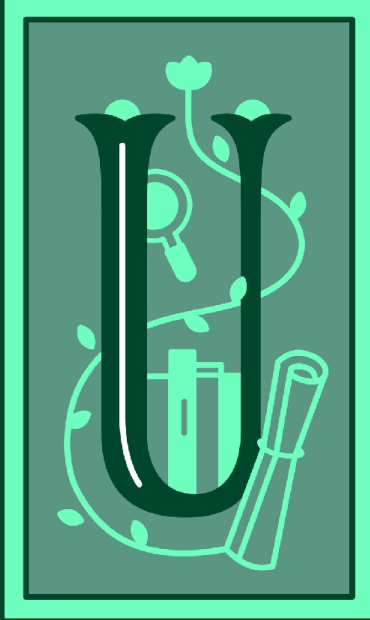
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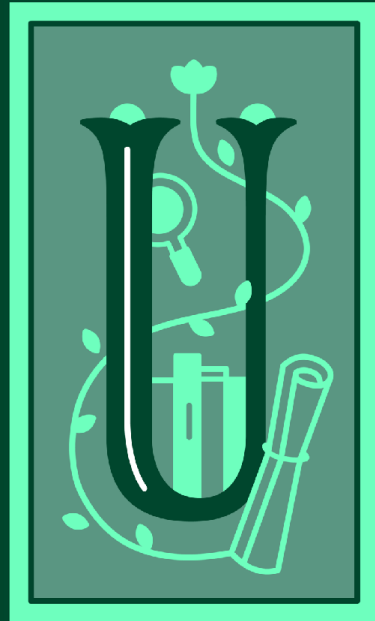
A righteous man knows the rights of the poor;  
a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.



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**Proverbs 15:25 (ESV)**

The Lord tears down the house of the proud  
but maintains the widow's boundaries.

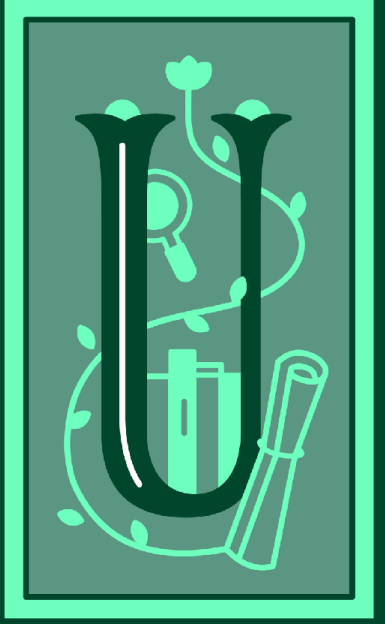


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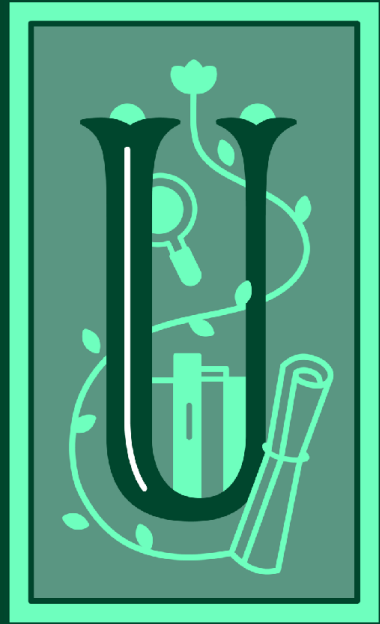
Do not move an ancient landmark  
or enter the fields of the fatherless,  
for their Redeemer is strong;  
he will plead their cause against you.





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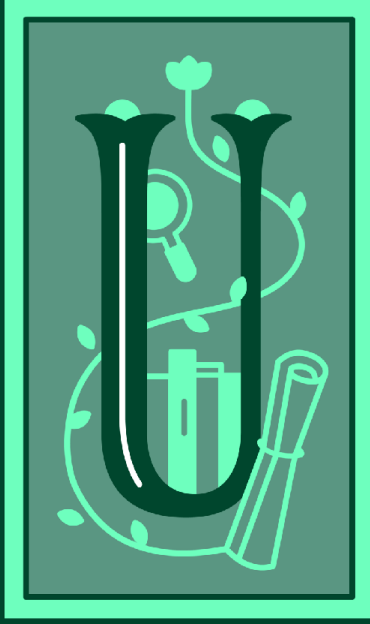


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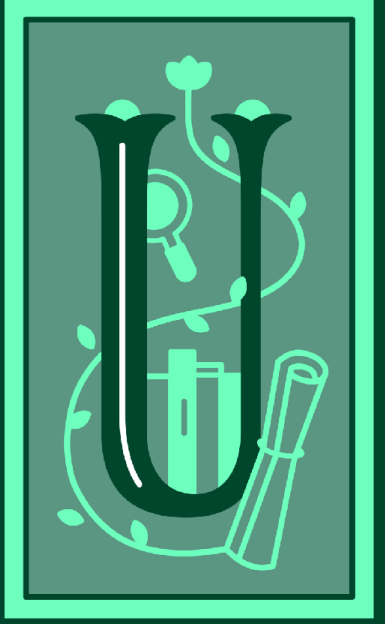
**Proverbs 1:5 (ESV)**

Let the wise hear and increase in learning,  
and the one who understands obtain guidance,



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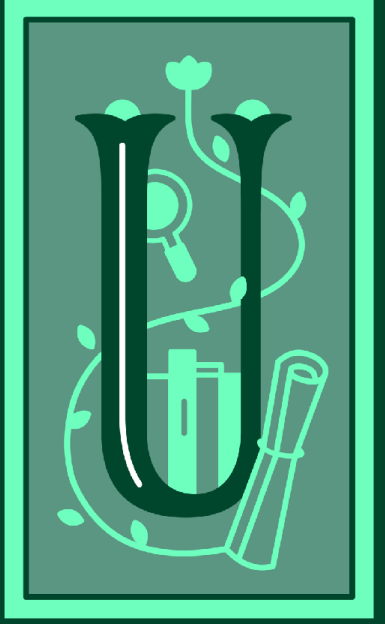
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**Proverbs 8:15-17 (ESV)**

15 By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;

16 by me princes rule,  
and nobles, all who govern justly.

17 I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.



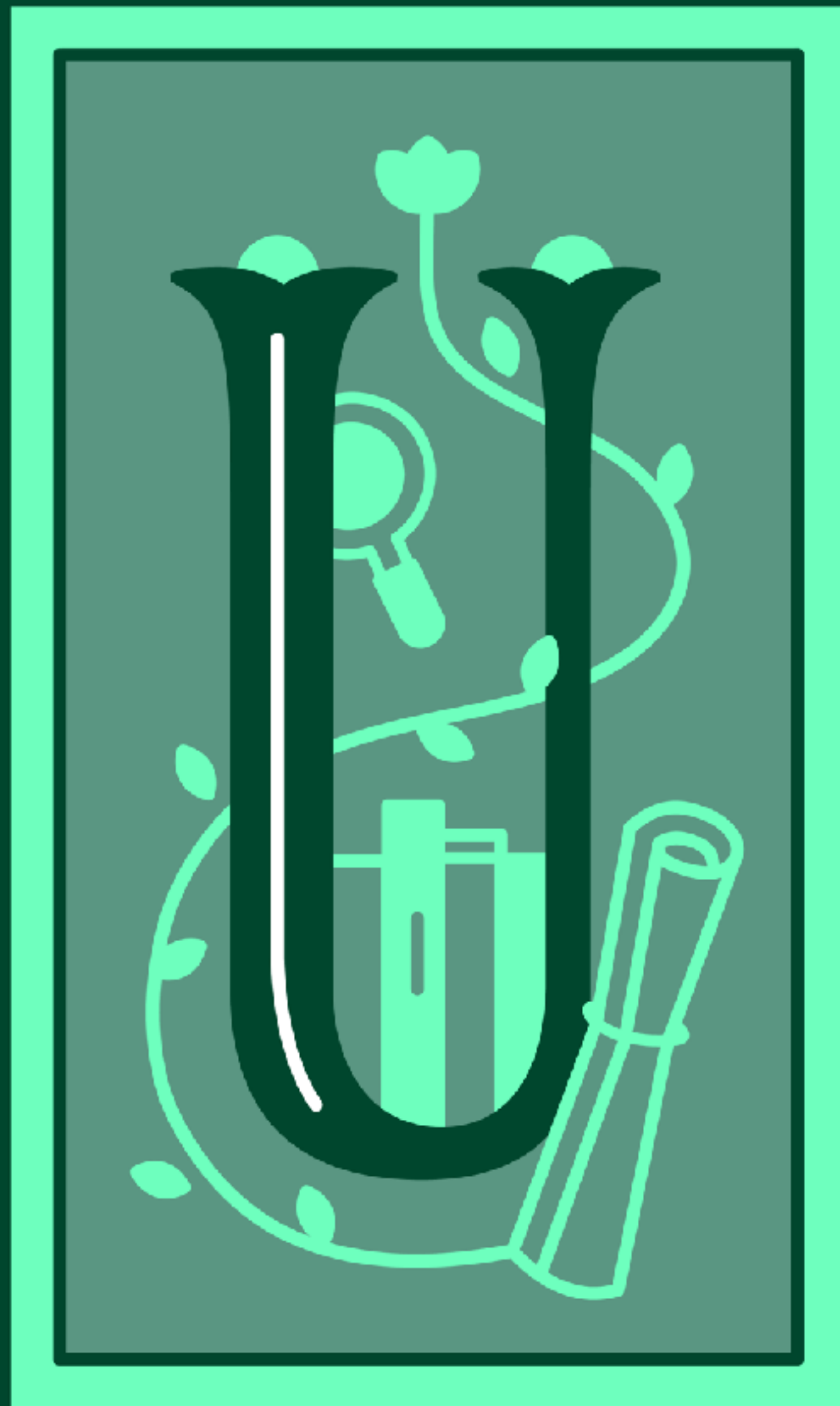
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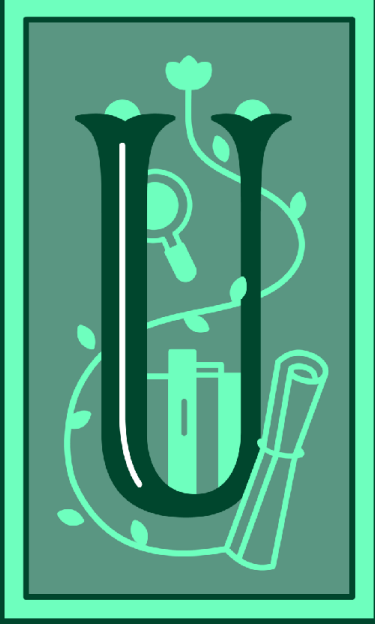
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### **1 Kings 3:28 (ESV)**

And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to do justice.



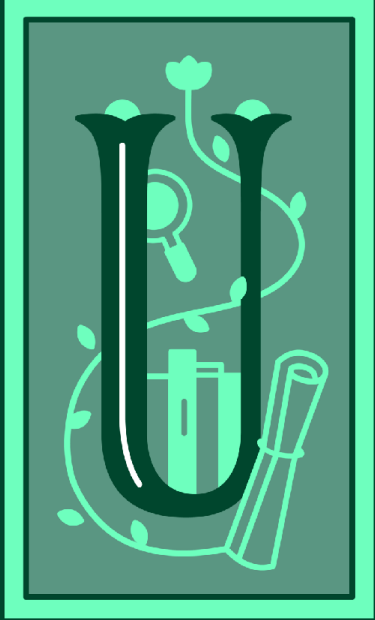
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### **I Corinthians 1:30 (ESV)**

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,



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## **James 1:5 (ESV)**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.



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