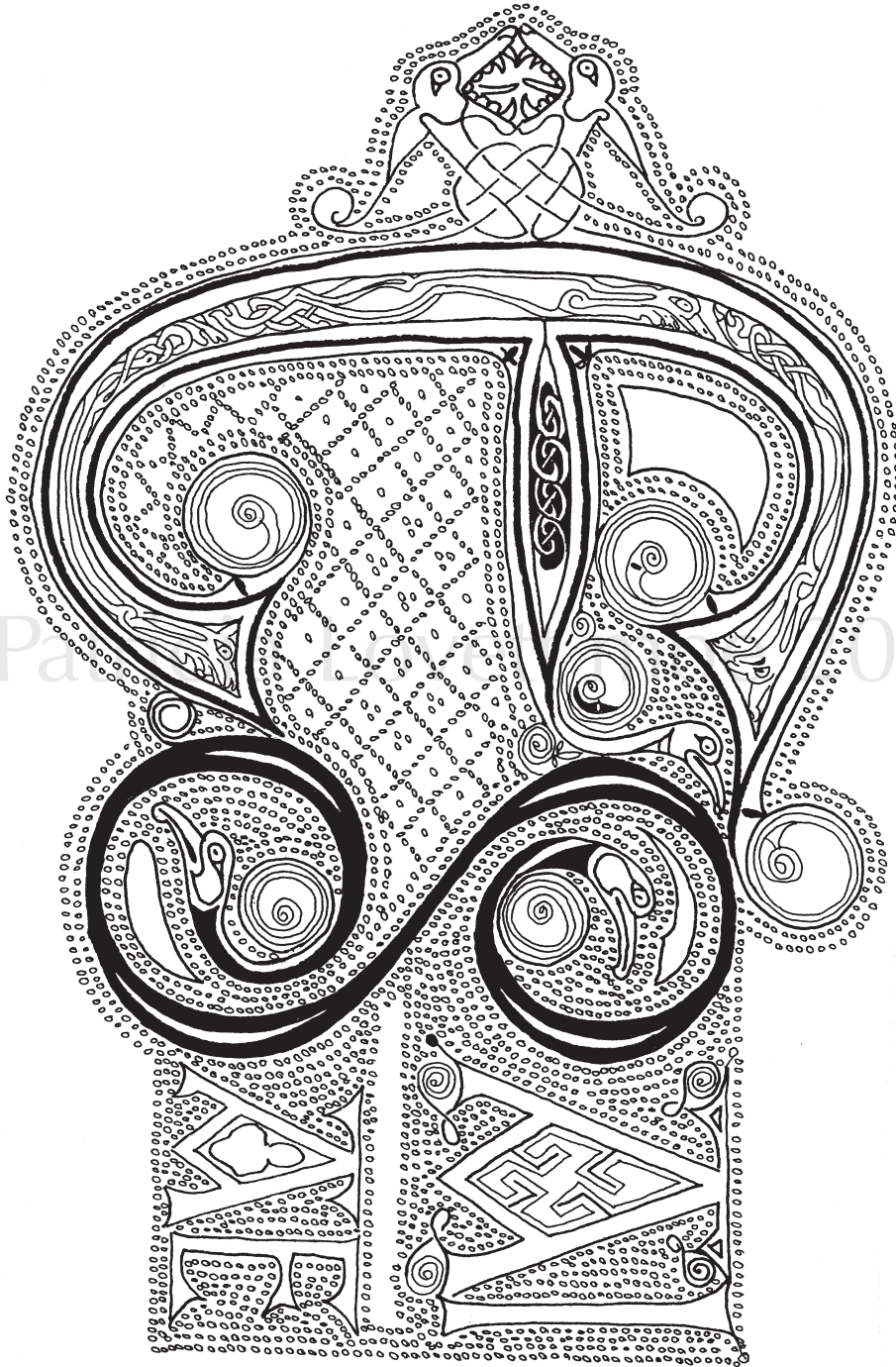


Mediaeval Decorated Letter 6



The letter 'E' from *Esaiæ* (Isaiah) from the Lindisfarne Gospels; the letter itself is not much more than 7cm which shows just how skilled the artist-scribe Eadfrid was. Note the birds, very worried looking dogs, and fearsome wolves in the decorated. Insular manuscripts at this time often used red dots to surround pattern, so each circle here is red; these were made with a quill pressed down to release the ink for each dot.

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