

The Great

Outdoors

fun book



US Army Corps
of Engineers

*You Can
Make a Difference!*

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

Thank you for taking time to review this booklet about our great outdoors. We hope it will provide you and your children with yet another opportunity to talk about taking care of the environment.

The Corps of Engineers is the steward for nearly twelve million acres of land and water and is actively involved in conserving natural resources, protecting habitat for endangered species, sustaining diverse resources for many uses and ensuring good water quality of our Nation's lakes and rivers.

Rangers and other members of the Corps family are excited about sharing information with you and your children. Have fun while learning about the environment!



HI YOU GUYS! GOOD MORNING!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR
THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

GREAT OUTDOORS?

YOU KNOW... NATURE, TREES,
HILLS, ANIMALS AND ALL
THAT STUFF.

HEY, I KNOW A PLACE TO GO
THAT MY FOLKS TOLD ME
ABOUT... LAKE _____
THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF FUN
THINGS TO DO AND MY DAD
SAYS THEY CAN ALWAYS USE
HELP FROM PEOPLE LIKE US.

HELP WITH WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THERE'S
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S GO!

TO GO ON ANY OUTDOOR TRIP YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE PREPARED WITH THINGS YOU MIGHT NEED. SEE IF YOU CAN CIRCLE EIGHT OF THEM.



ANSWERS:

SUN BLOCK, CANTEN, BUG SPRAY, FIRST AID KIT, STURDY SHOES, WHISTLE, BINOCULARS, COMPASS



IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

WILL WE REALLY SEE ANY ANIMALS?

WELL YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT WILL HAPPEN OUTDOORS.





THIS SIGN MEANS
THIS WAY TO
THE RANGER'S
OFFICE.

ALL THESE SIGNS HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING.
MATCH THE SIGNS TO THEIR MEANINGS.



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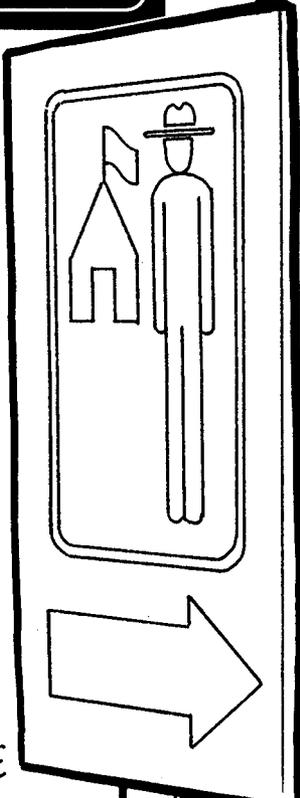


4.



5.

- NO FIRES
- HIKING TRAIL
- HANDICAPPED
- NO SWIMMING
- LITTER RECEPTACLE



OFFICE

WELCOME TO LAKE _____. WE'RE VERY GLAD TO HAVE YOU AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...

WELL ACTUALLY, WE HEARD YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS AND WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU.

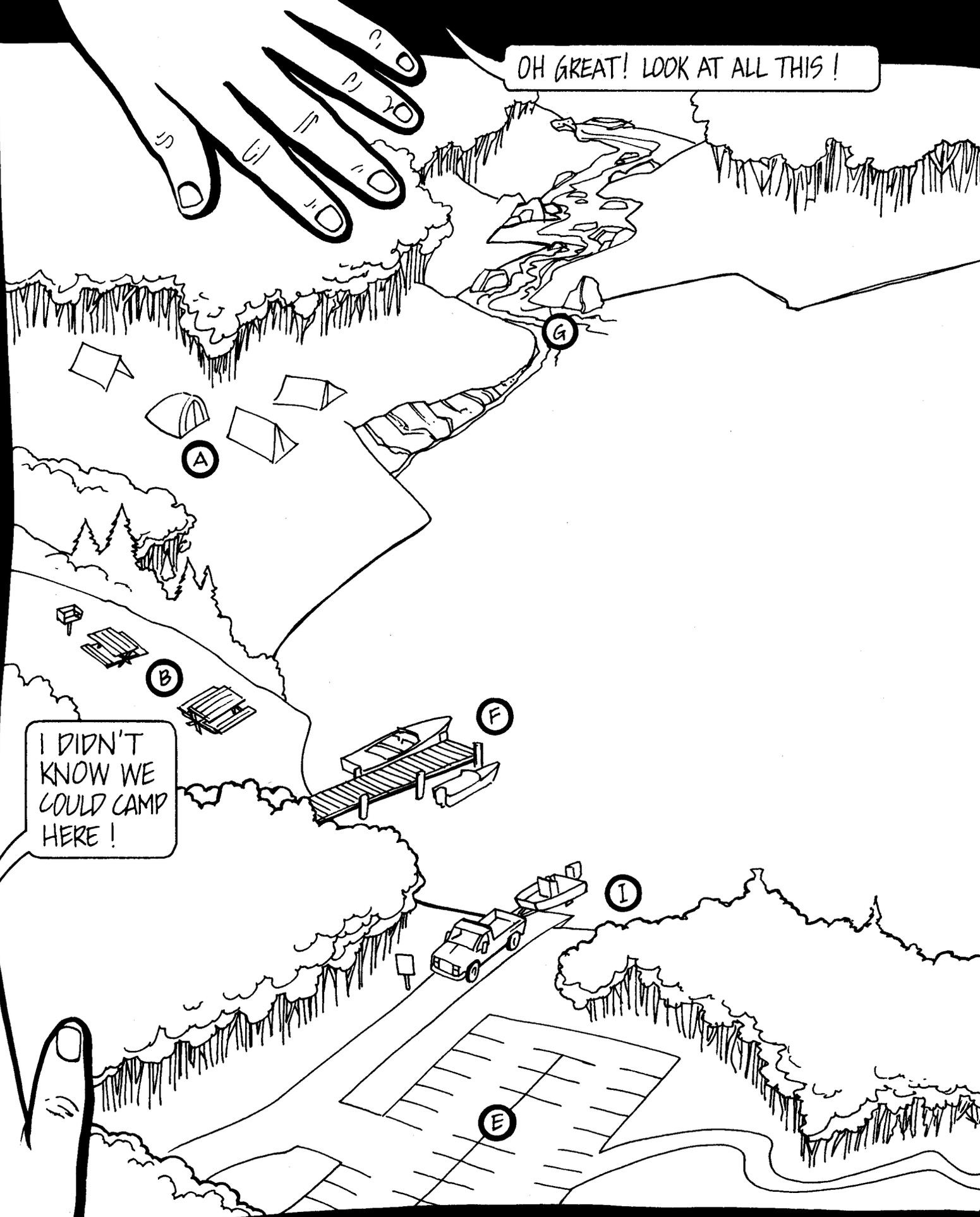
WHAT ABOUT FUN?

MAP

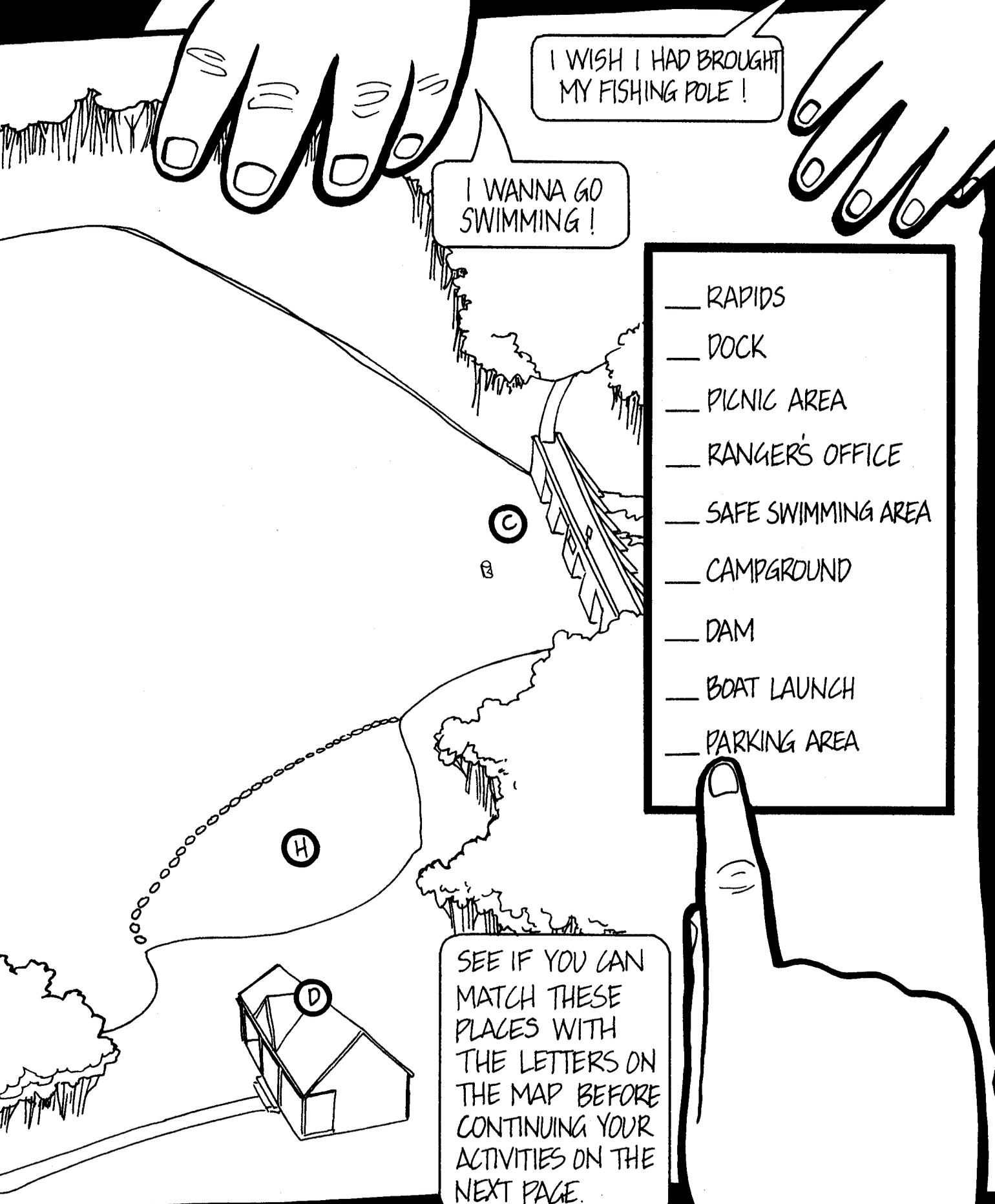
OH, SOME HELP WOULD BE GREAT. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FUN. HAVE A LOOK AT THIS.



OH GREAT! LOOK AT ALL THIS!



I DIDN'T KNOW WE COULD CAMP HERE!



I WISH I HAD BROUGHT MY FISHING POLE!

I WANNA GO SWIMMING!

- ___ RAPIDS
- ___ DOCK
- ___ PICNIC AREA
- ___ RANGER'S OFFICE
- ___ SAFE SWIMMING AREA
- ___ CAMPGROUND
- ___ DAM
- ___ BOAT LAUNCH
- ___ PARKING AREA

SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH THESE PLACES WITH THE LETTERS ON THE MAP BEFORE CONTINUING YOUR ACTIVITIES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

ANSWERS:

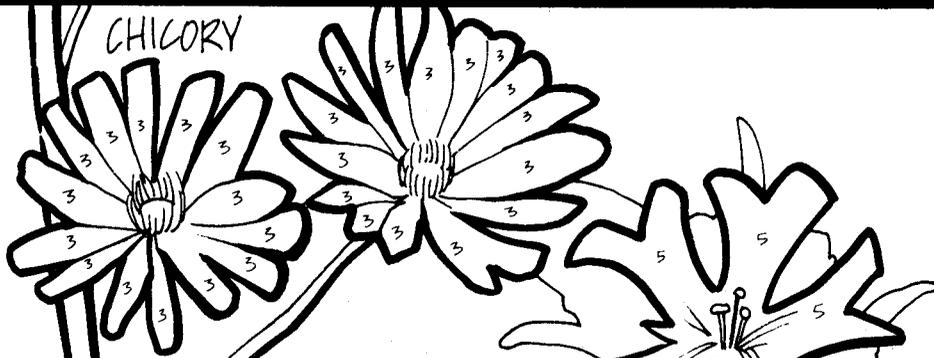
A. CAMPGROUND, B. PICNIC AREA, C. DAM, D. RANGER'S OFFICE, E. PARKING AREA, F. DOCK, G. RAPIDS, H. SAFE SWIMMING AREA, I. BOAT LAUNCH

LOOK AROUND, IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF WONDERFUL THINGS TO SEE, FROM FAR AWAY...

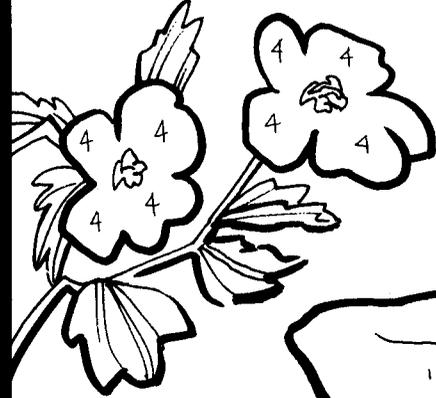


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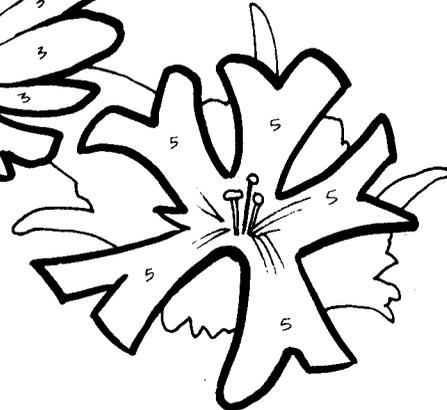
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BUTTERCUP



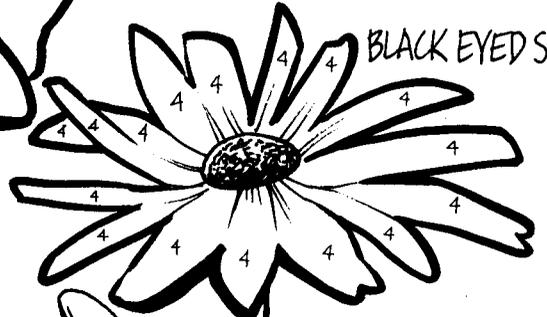
MALTESE CROSS



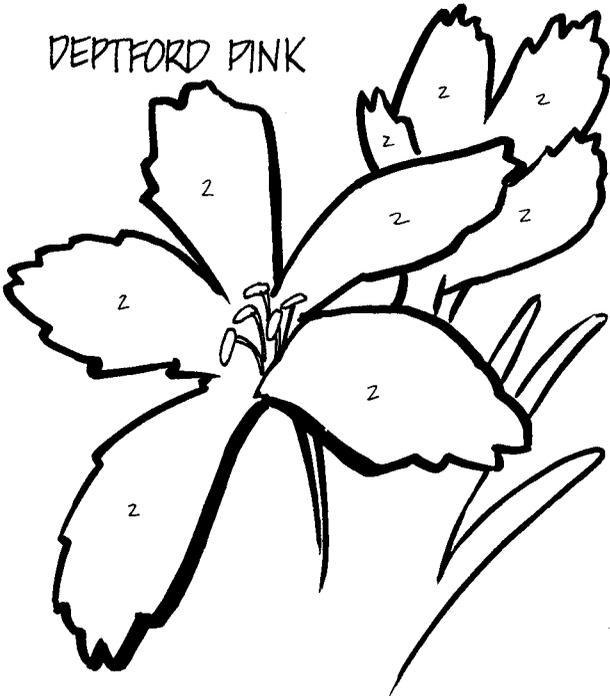
DAY LILY



BLACK EYED SUSAN



DEPTFORD PINK



PERIWINKLE



① ORANGE

② PINK

③ PURPLE

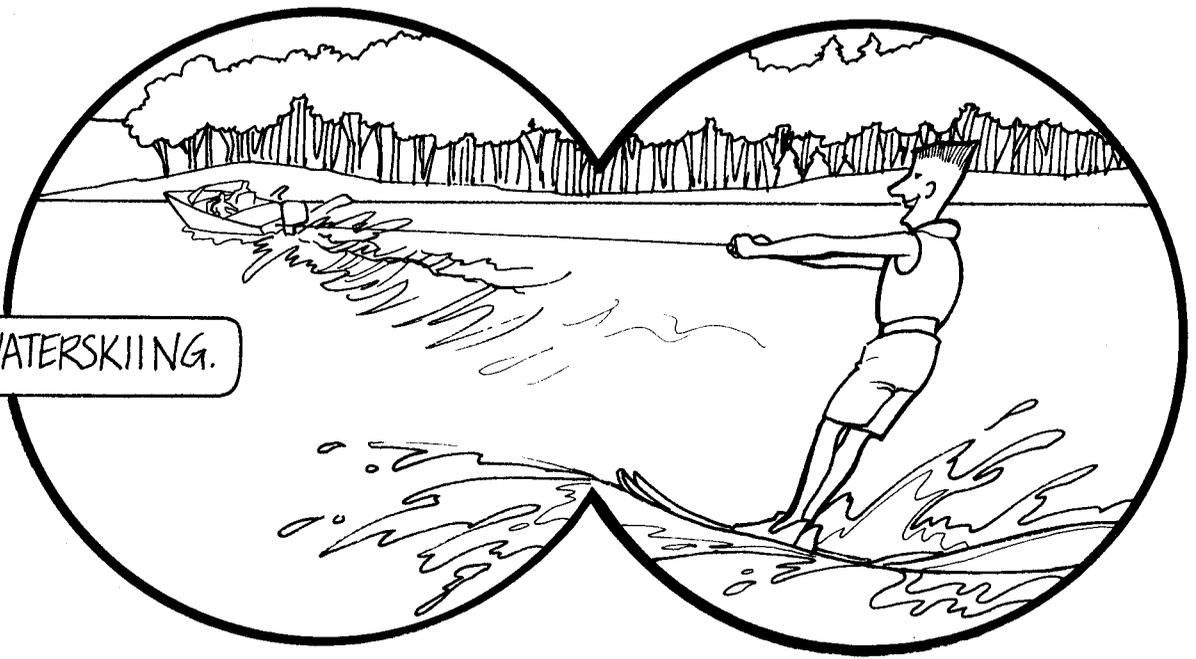
④ YELLOW

⑤ RED

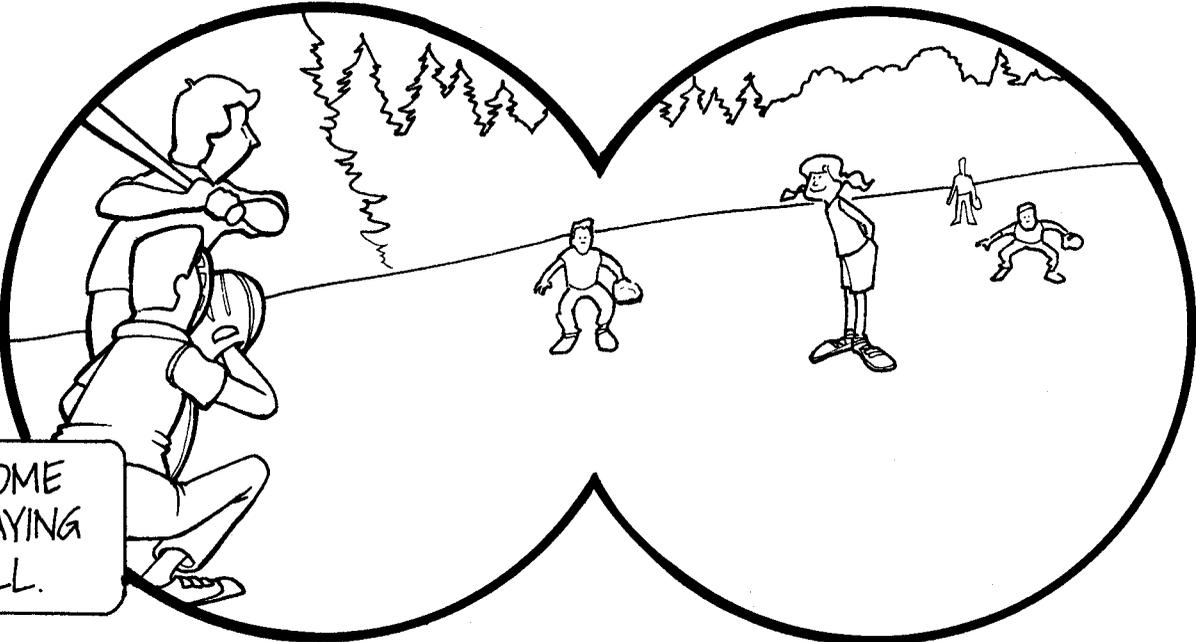
THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SPOTS. FROM UP HERE YOU CAN SEE ALL KINDS OF FUN THINGS TO DO.



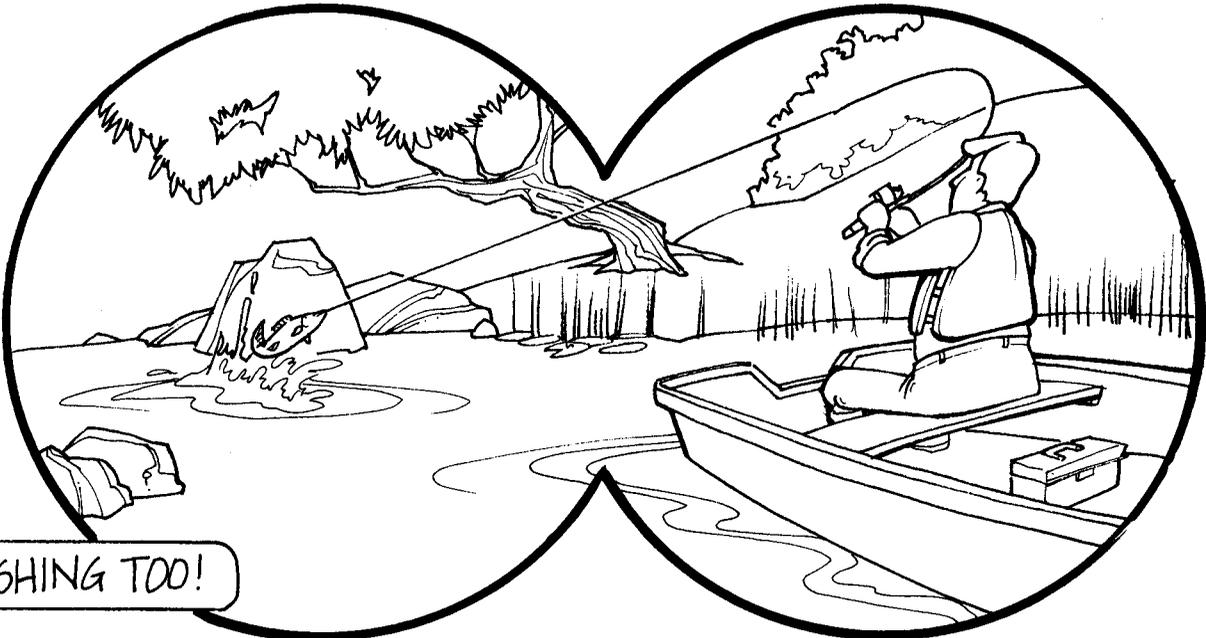
LIKE WATERSKIING.



I SEE SOME
KIDS PLAYING
BASEBALL.



AND FISHING TOO!



LOOK OVER THERE. I SEE SOME DEER!

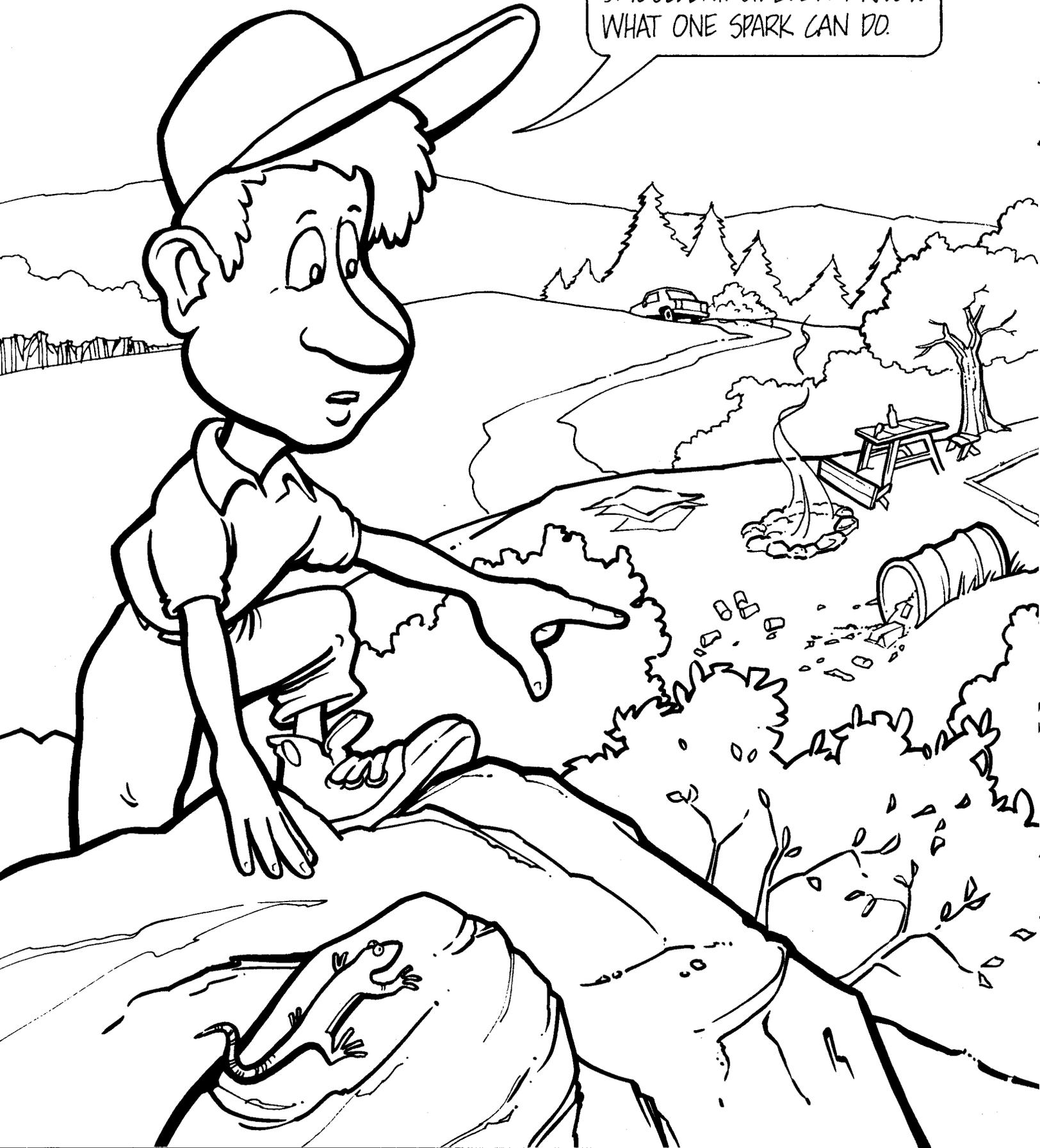
YES, THAT'S ONE OF THE AREAS
THAT WE SET ASIDE TO
WATCH WILDLIFE.

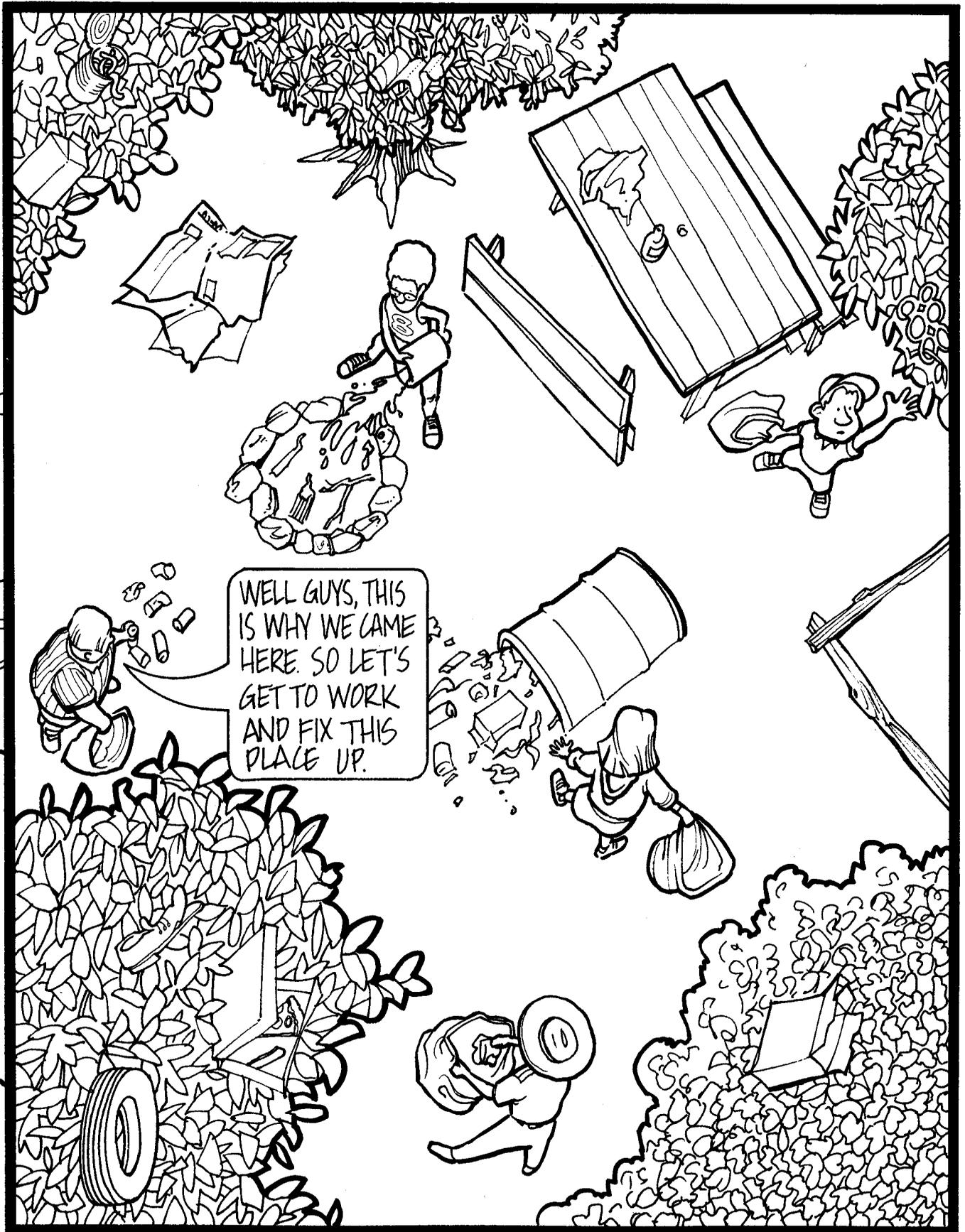


THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE
HIKING. I BET THAT'S
GOOD EXERCISE.



OH OH! LOOK WHAT I SEE. THAT CAMPSITE IS A MESS AND THEY LEFT THEIR FIRE STILL SMOULDERING. EVEN I KNOW WHAT ONE SPARK CAN DO.





YOU CAN HELP THE KIDS CLEAN UP. FIND AND CIRCLE A TIRE, A MILK CARTON, A SIX PACK RING, A CAN OF WORMS, AN OLD SHOE, A PIZZA BOX, AN APPLE CORE, AN EMPTY ROLL OF TOILET PAPER AND A CEREAL BOX.

NOW THAT'S THE KIND OF DESTRUCTION THAT'S HARDEST TO FIX. IT TAKES YEARS TO GROW A NEW TREE BIG ENOUGH TO SHADE THIS CAMPSITE AGAIN.

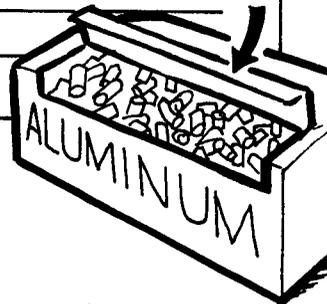
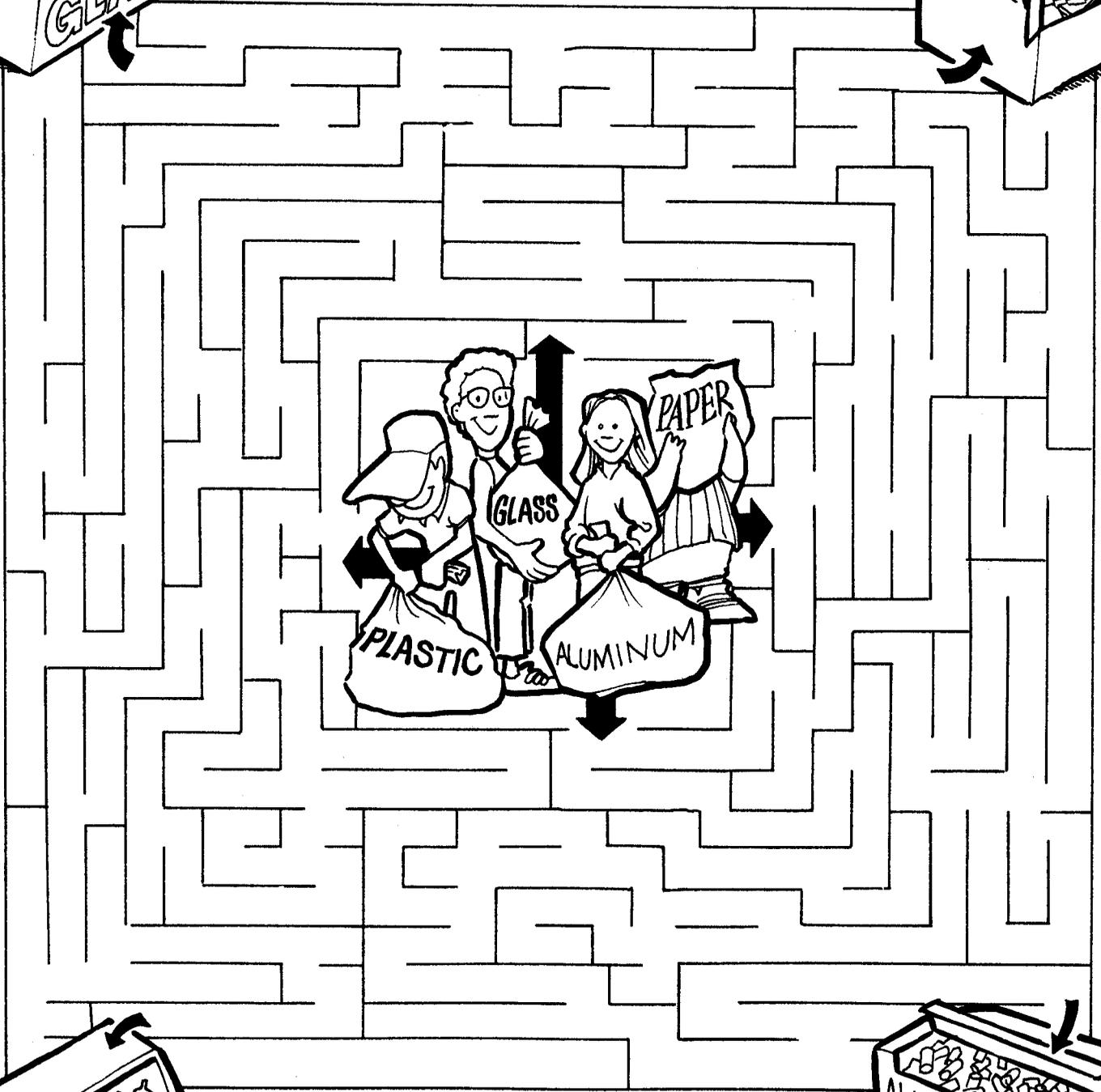
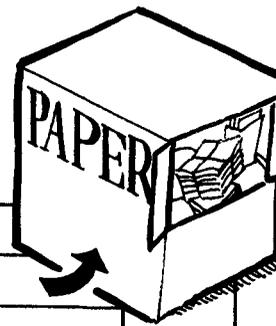


WE CAN'T FIX A CUT TREE,
BUT WE CAN PLANT SOME
NEW SEEDLINGS THAT
MAY SOMEDAY TAKE
THE PLACE OF THE TREE.



RUINING THINGS FOR OTHERS IS
GOING TO GET YOU GUYS INTO A
LOT OF TROUBLE!



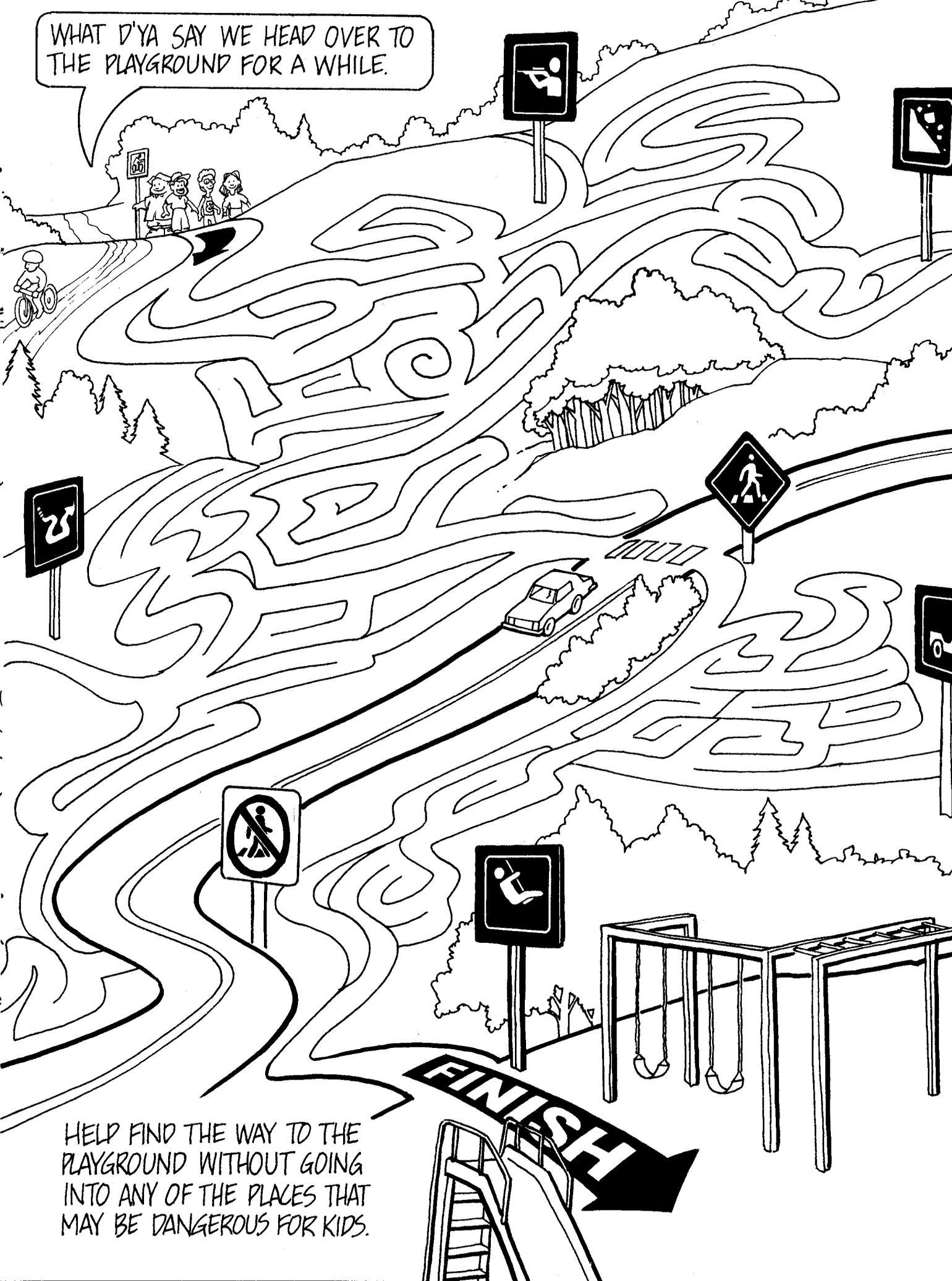


RECYCLING IS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TRY AND GET THE KIDS TO THEIR PROPER RECYCLING BINS.

WHOA GUYS! SEE THAT SIGN? THESE SPECIAL USE AREAS LET EVERYONE HAVE FUN DOING WHAT THEY LIKE BEST WITHOUT INTERRUPTING EVERYBODY ELSE.



WHAT D'YA SAY WE HEAD OVER TO
THE PLAYGROUND FOR A WHILE.



HELP FIND THE WAY TO THE
PLAYGROUND WITHOUT GOING
INTO ANY OF THE PLACES THAT
MAY BE DANGEROUS FOR KIDS.





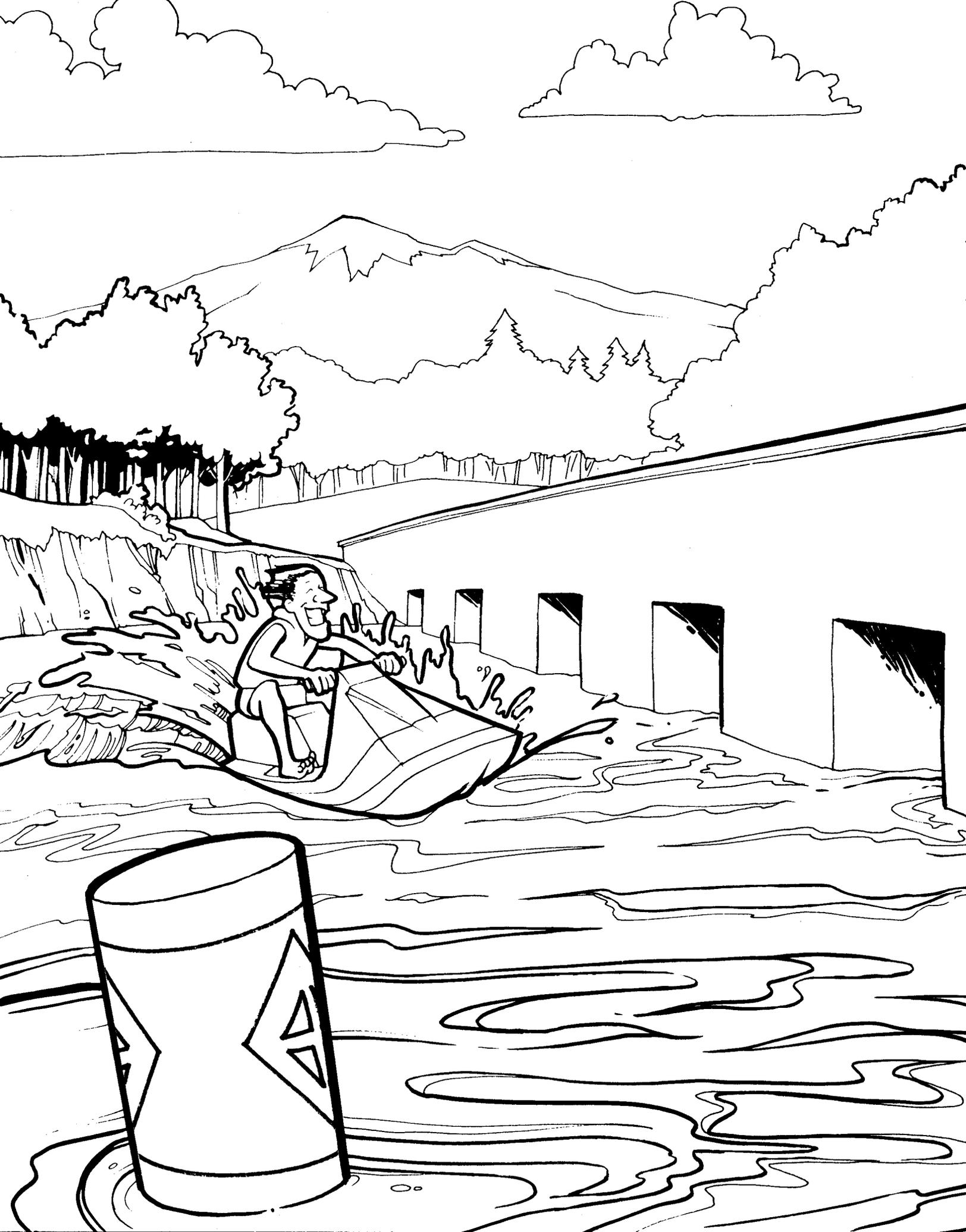


LOOK AT THAT! I CAN'T
EVEN COUNT HOW MANY
HARMFUL THINGS THEY'RE
DOING.



I THINK IT'S TIME WE GET INVOLVED AND LET THE RANGER KNOW ABOUT THIS.

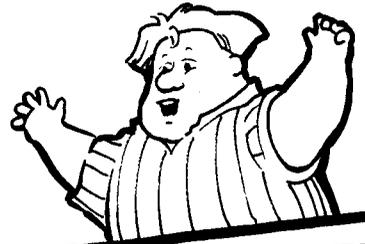
SEE IF YOU CAN CIRCLE 13 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS



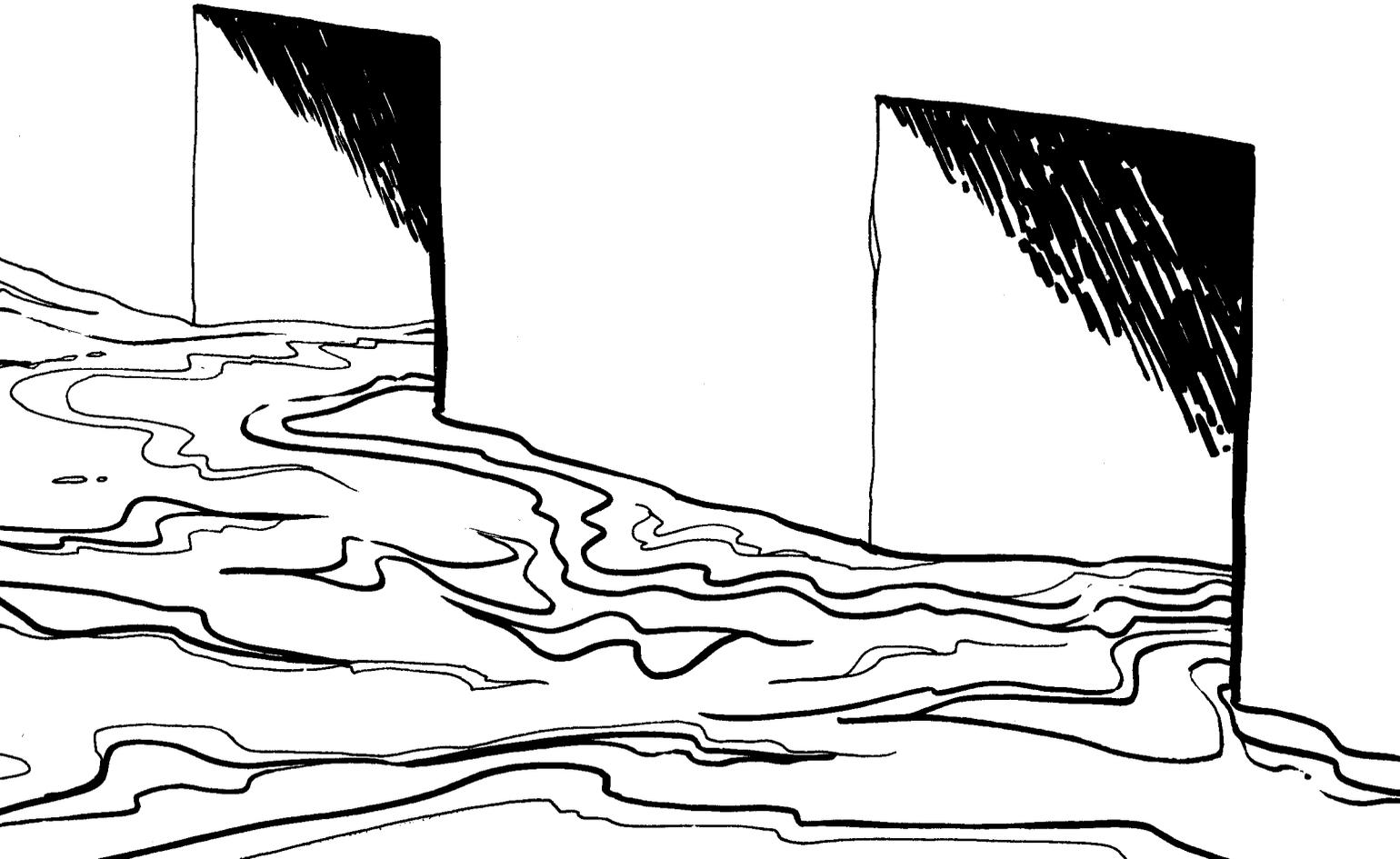
HEY MISTER, GET OUT
OF THERE! DAMS ARE
DANGEROUS!

THAT BUOY, MEANS
KEEP OUT!

OH NO! HE
CAN'T HEAR US!

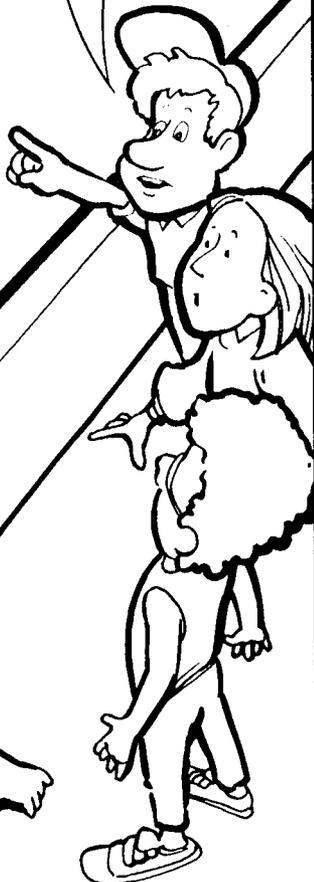


Restricted
Keep Back
100 Ft





Danger
Turbulent
Water



DISCOVER WHAT TURBULENT WATER MEANS BY USING THE CODE. FILL IN THE EMPTY BOXES WITH THE MATCHING LETTERS BELOW.

TURBULENT WATER IS...

6	1	19	20	23	9	12	4				
23	1	20	5	18	23	8	9	3	8		
13	15	22	5	19	9	14	1				
4	1	14	7	5	18	15	21	10	25		29

CODE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

EXAMPLE:

23	1	20	5	18	4	1	6	5	20	10
W	A	T	E	R	S	A	F	E	T	Y



MAYBE BLOWING THIS WHISTLE WILL BRING HELP AND WE CAN GET TO HIM BEFORE SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS!



HE'S GOT IT!

ALLRIGHT!

WE DID IT!

YOU KIDS HAVE BEEN QUITE A HELP
AROUND HERE. YOU'VE REALLY MADE A
DIFFERENCE. I HAVE TO SAY I'M PROUD
TO KNOW YOU ALL. I MEAN IT. IT'S
NOT EVERYDAY I GET TO MEET
FOUR REAL HEROES.



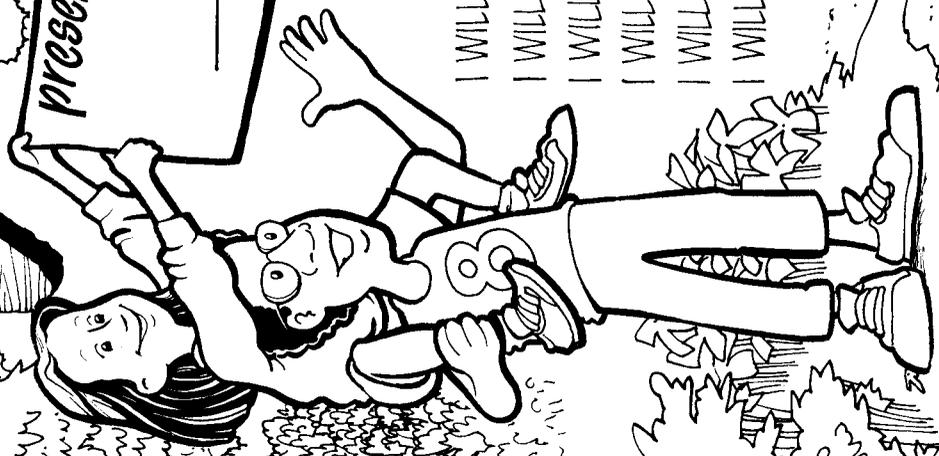
DRAW SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED FROM OUR STORY. REMEMBER, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN KEEPING OUR OUTDOORS GREAT.



OUTDOORS HERO

Certificate of Achievement

presented to:



OUTDOORS HERO CODE

- I WILL ALWAYS BE PREPARED WHEN I GO INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS.
- I WILL HAVE FUN PLAYING BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER MY SAFETY RULES.
- I WILL CARE FOR AND CONSERVE THE WILDLIFE, TREES AND PLANTS.
- I WILL PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION AND VANDALISM.
- I WILL VOLUNTEER TO HELP TAKE CARE OF MY BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS.
- I WILL BE CONSERVATION MINDED IN MY USE OF WATER AND ENERGY.



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KIDS...IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HAVING FUN OR HELPING TAKE CARE OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS...OR OTHER THINGS ABOUT WATER SAFETY, PLEASE VISIT A US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LAKE NEAR YOU.



YOUR SAFETY • OUR CONCERN



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