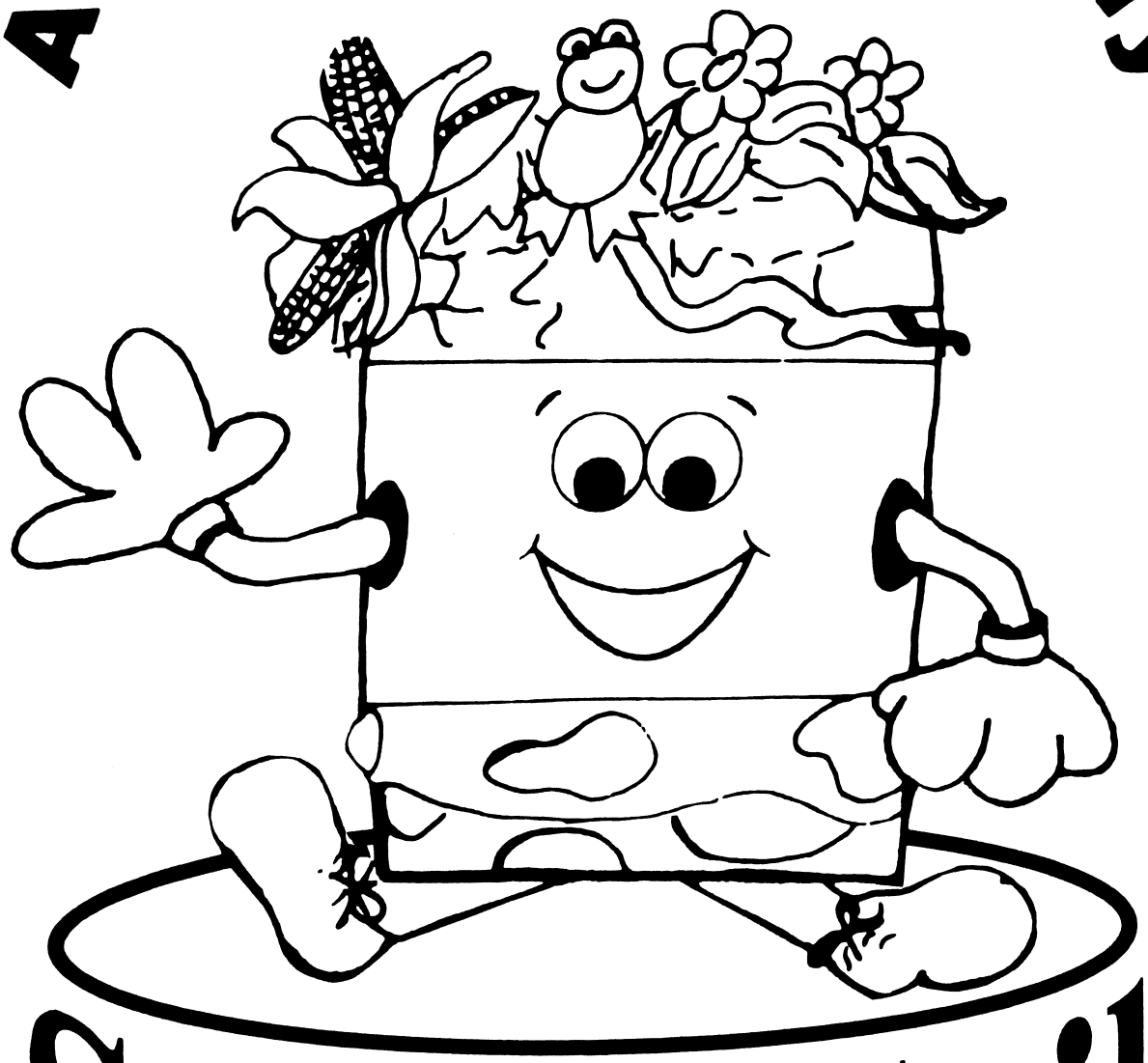
A Coloring Book Story



Sam E. Soil

GRADES K – 3

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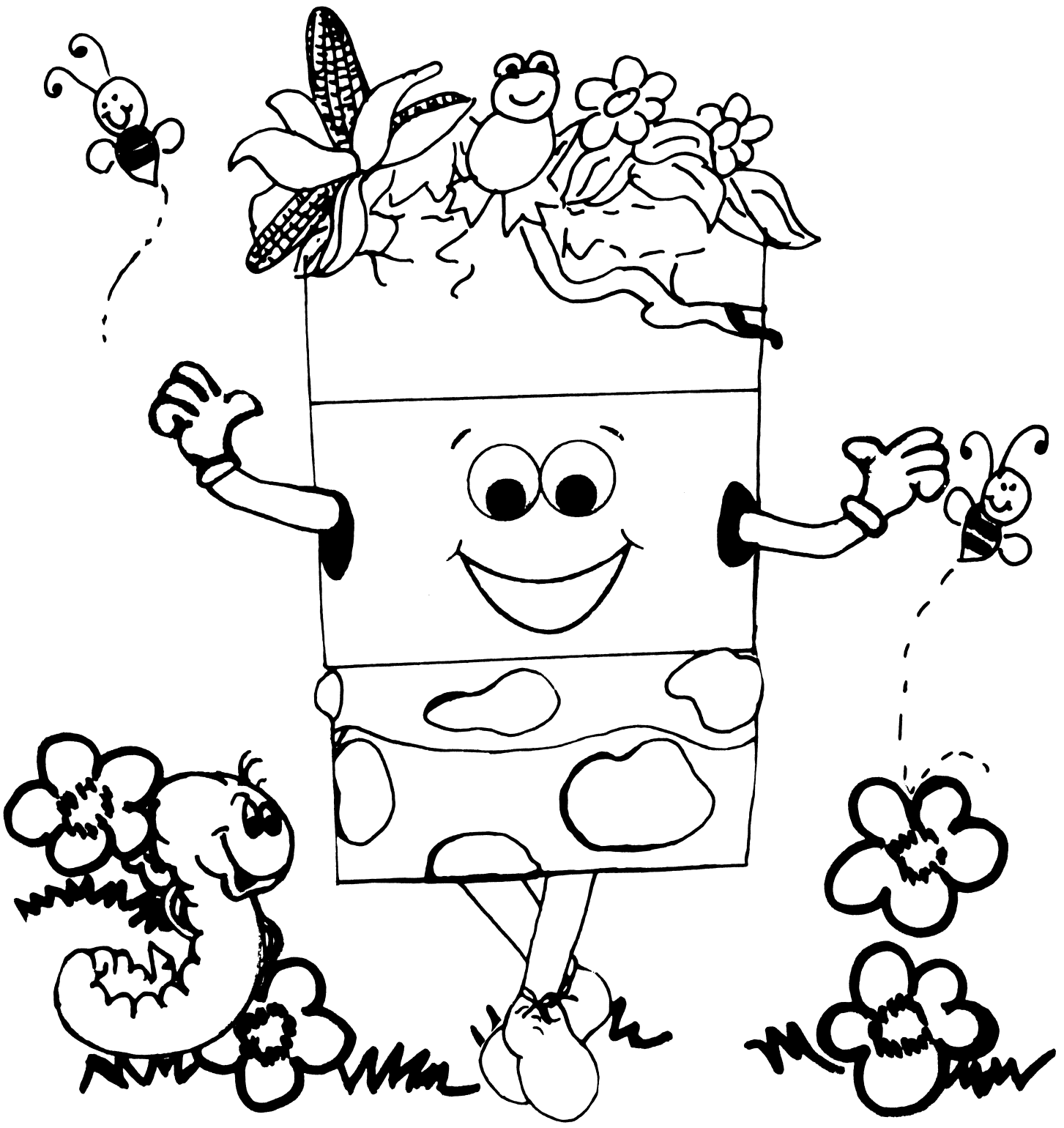
This coloring book story was written to teach the importance of conserving our natural resources – our soil and water.

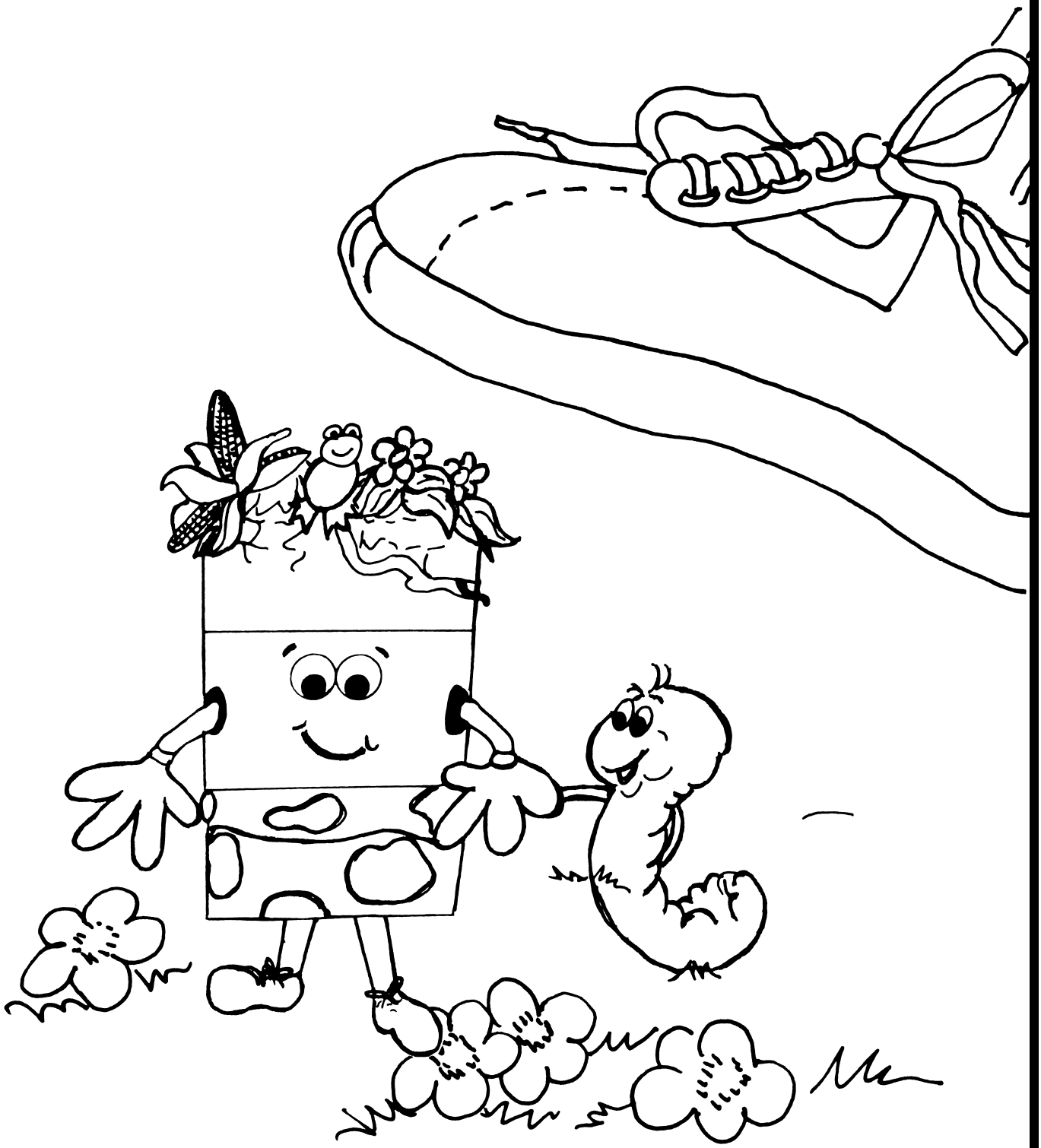
By teaching children the value of our natural resources at an early age, it will give them the ability to protect and use these resources wisely. We know what they learn will be passed on to future generations.

Working together we can learn ways we can protect and preserve our God-given natural resources.

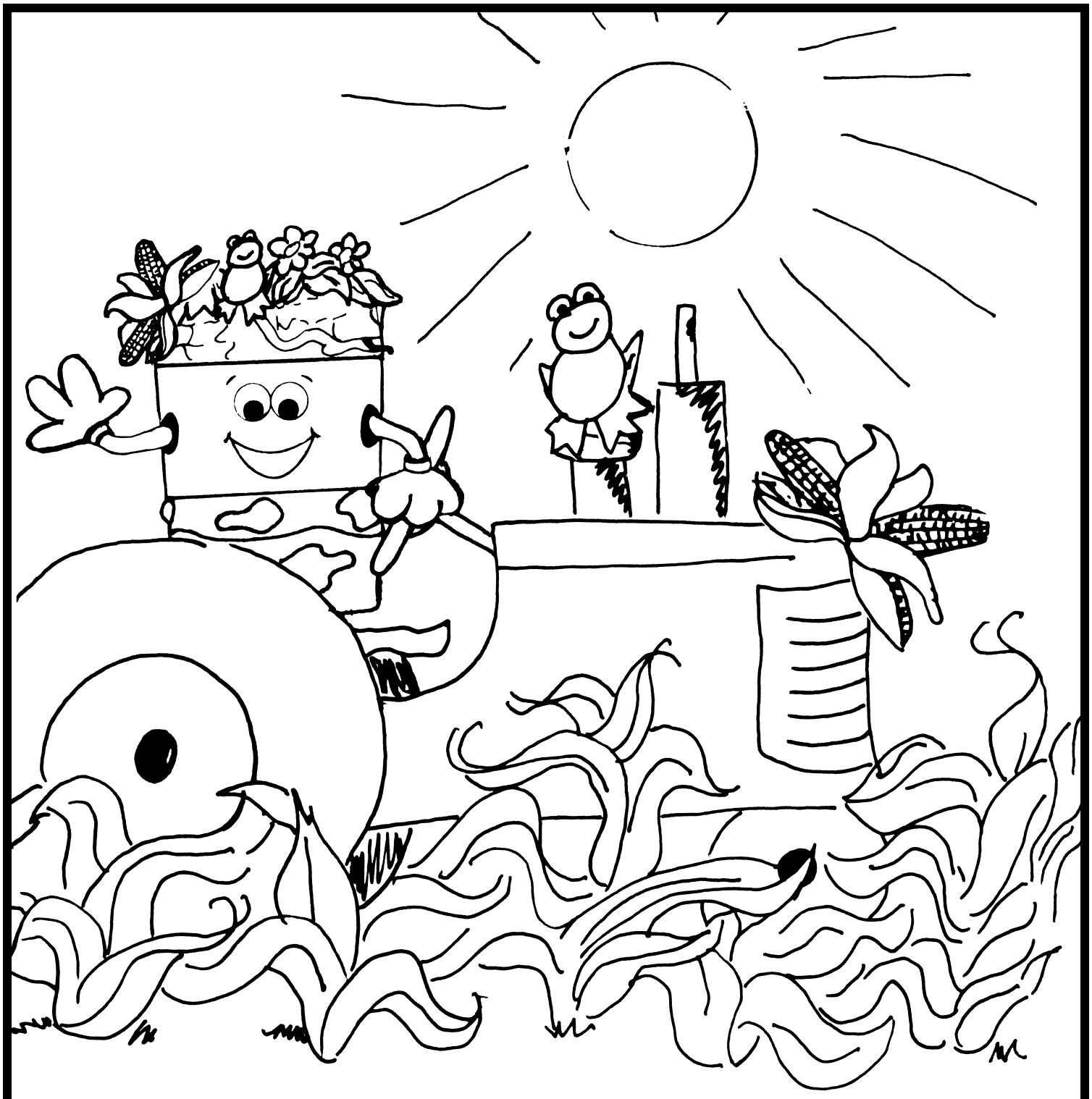
We sincerely hope you will enjoy this book!



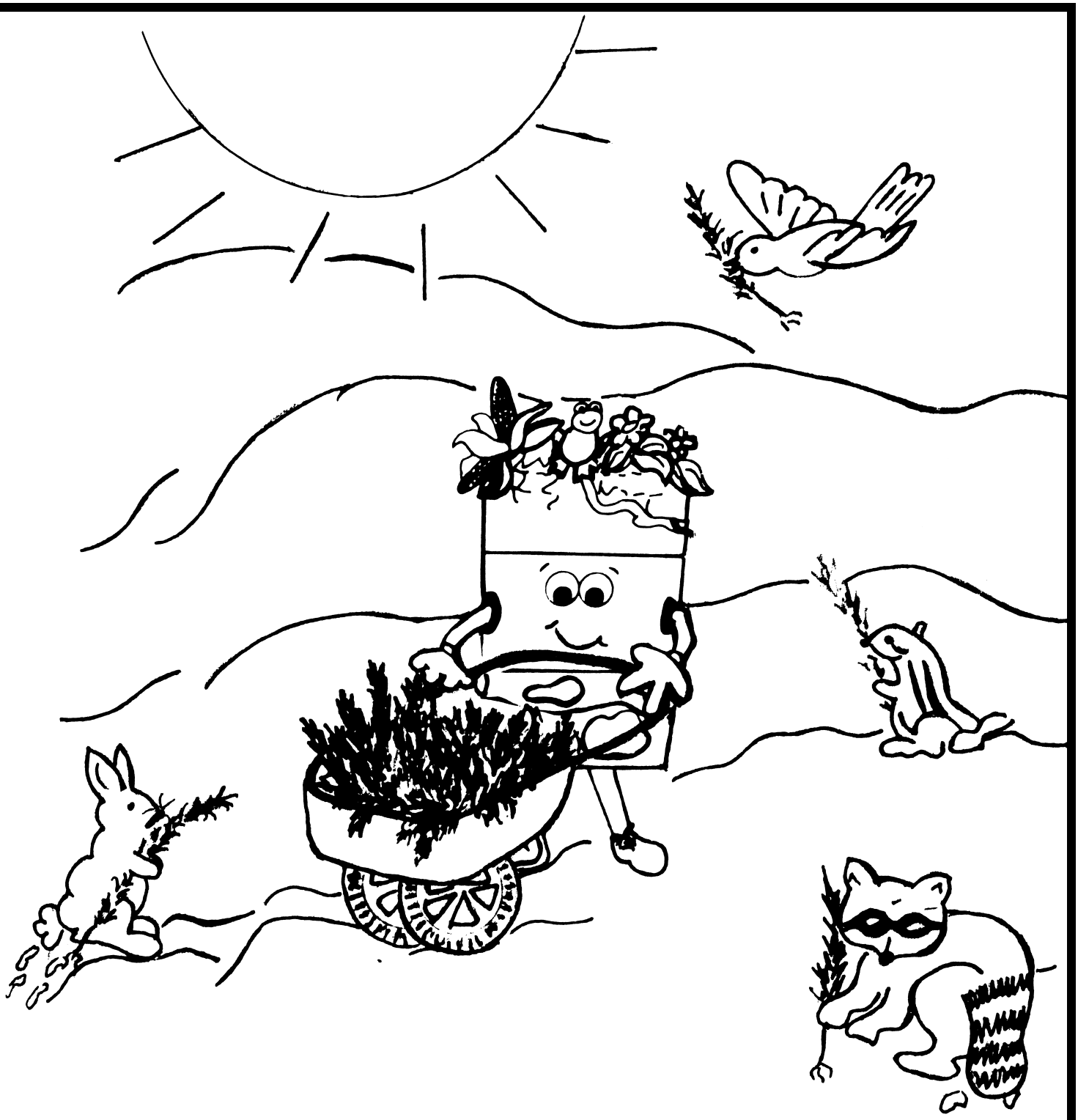
Hi! My name is Sam E. Soil.
I am a tiny piece of soil.



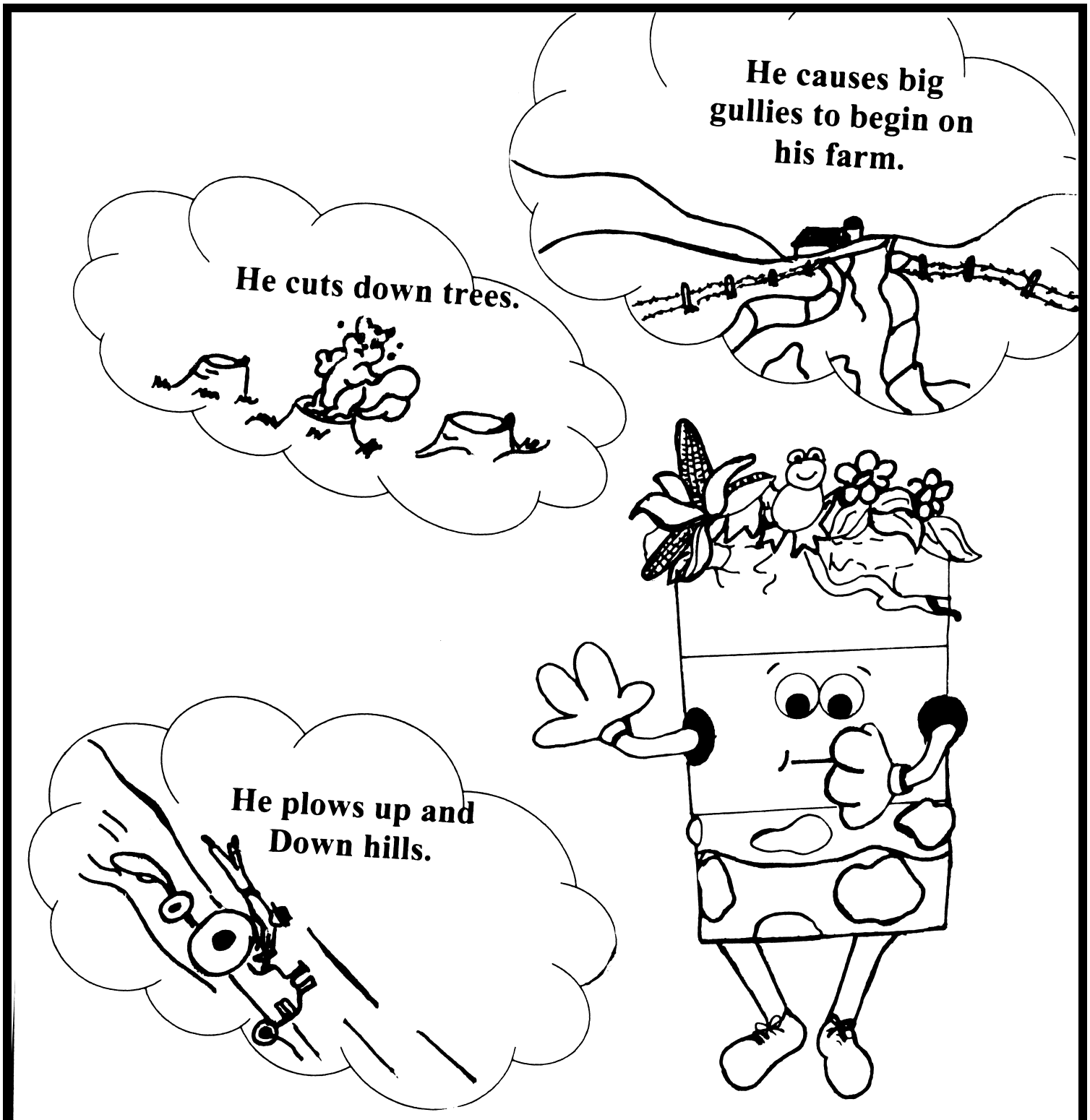
There are billions of others like me in all shapes and sizes. You step on us everyday.



I live on Farmer Brown's farm. Farmer Brown is a good farmer. I am happy to live on a conservation farm.

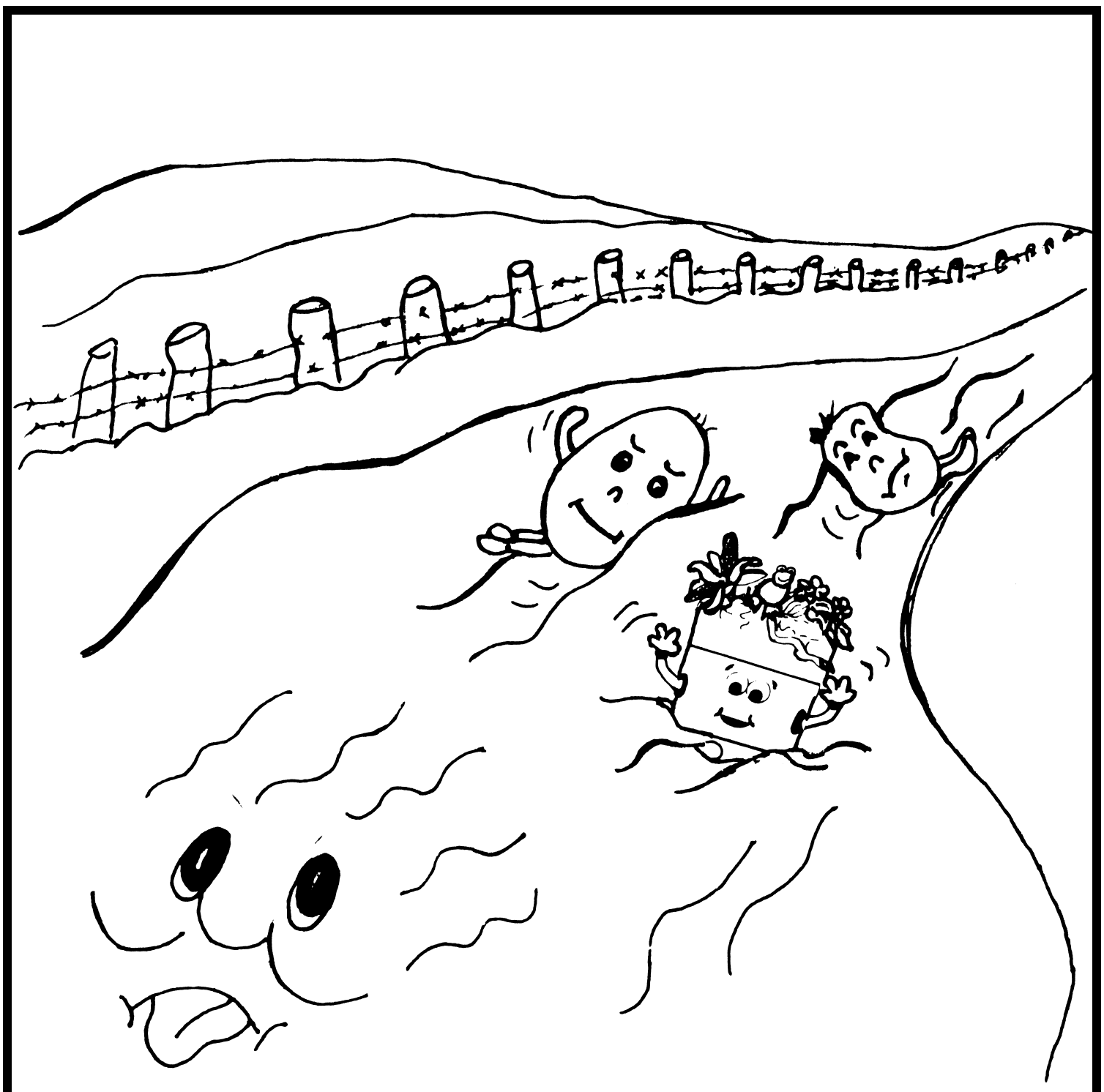


Come along, my wildlife friends, and help me plant these baby trees, so you can have homes, food and clean air.

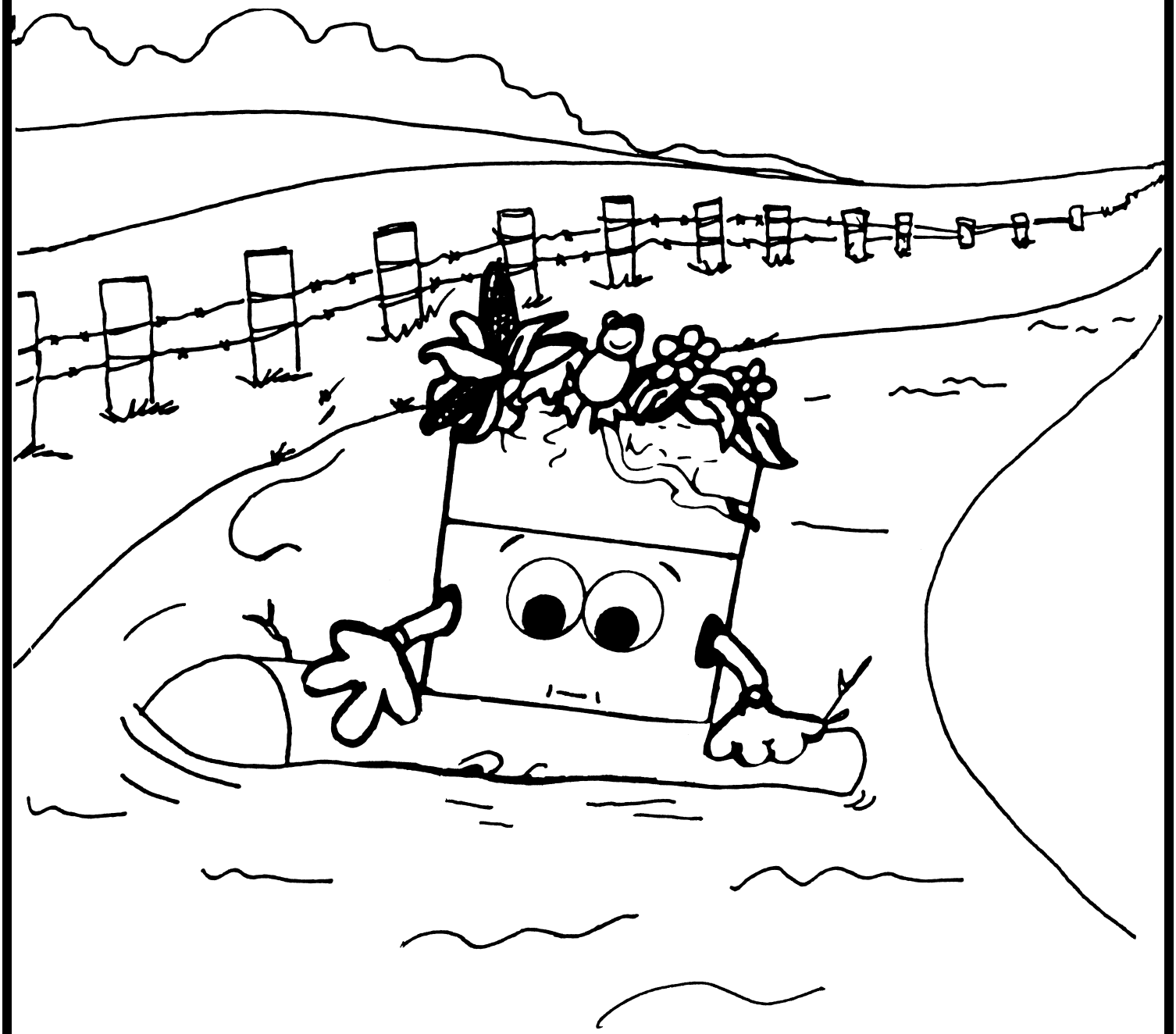


I'm going to visit my uncle who lives on Farmer Smith's farm. Farmer Smith is not a good conservation farmer.

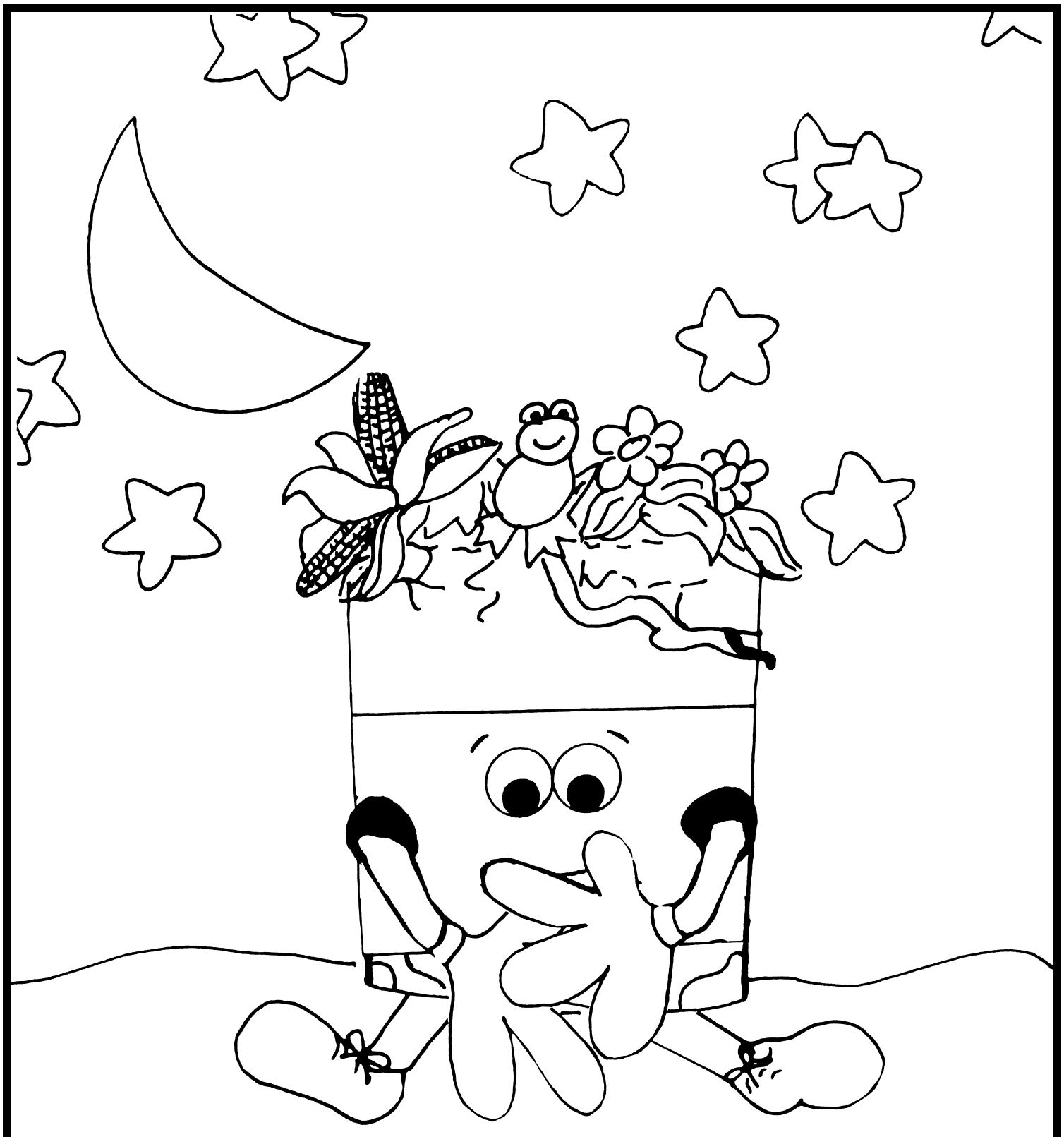
Oh, it's starting to rain. I must run for cover. There is no cover on Farmer Smith's farm. The grass is too short. I cannot hide from the rain.



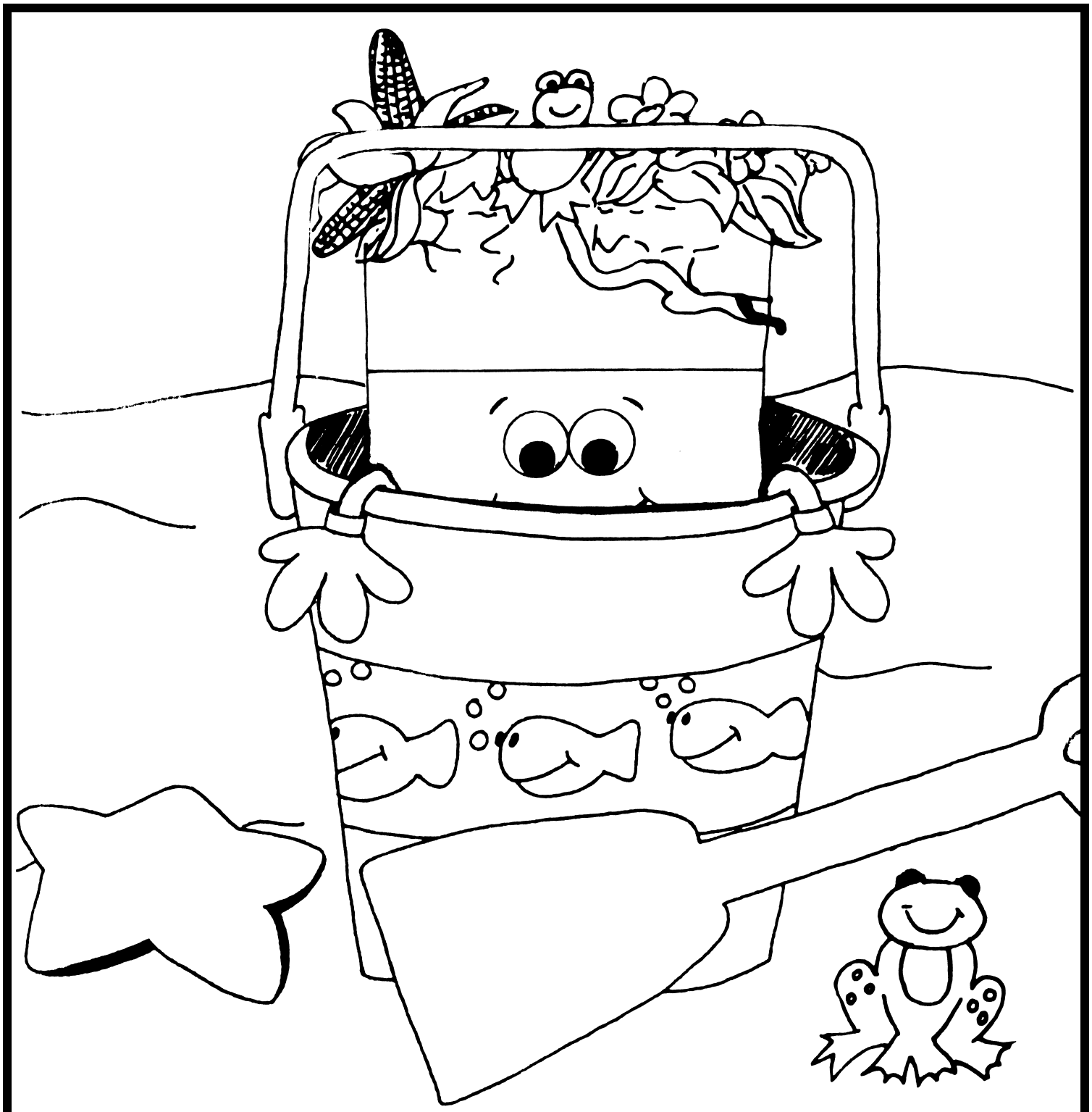
Look! My other soil friends are washing down the river. The river is choking from the sediment they cause.



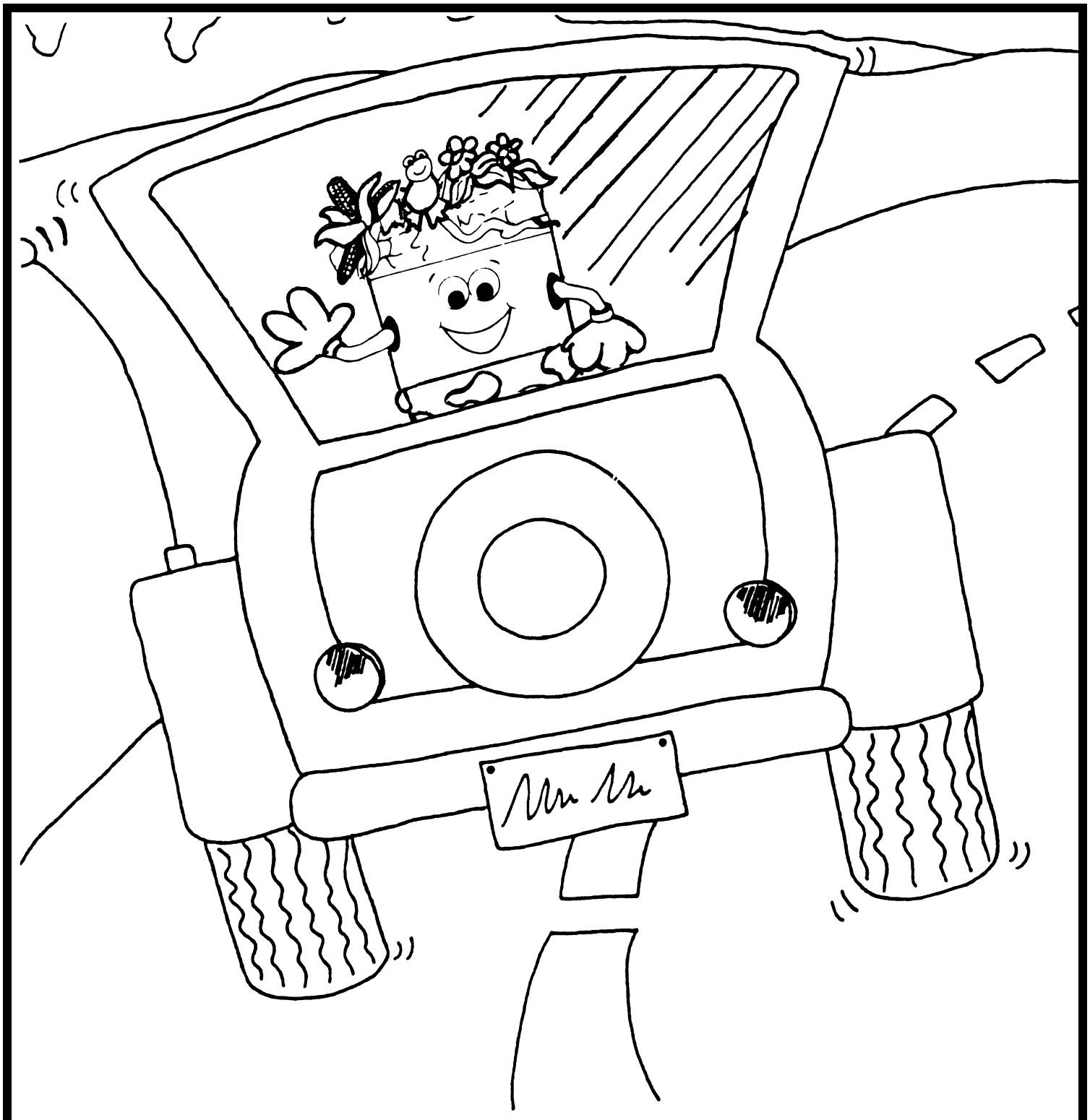
Where am I? I must have been carried away by a big gully on Farmer Smith's farm. This water is running very fast and I am being carried very far away.



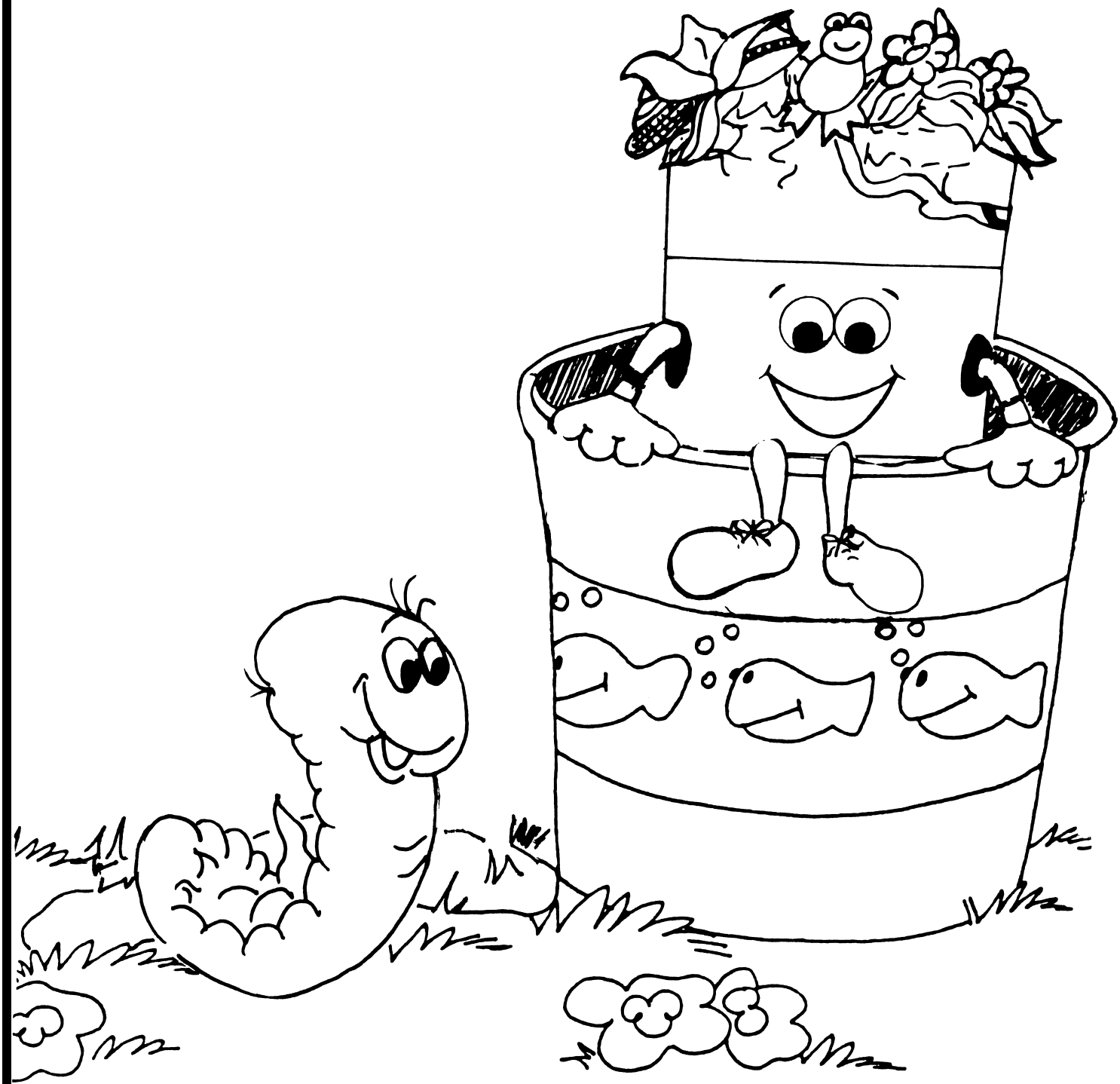
At last the river has stopped. I am afraid. Will I ever get back home?



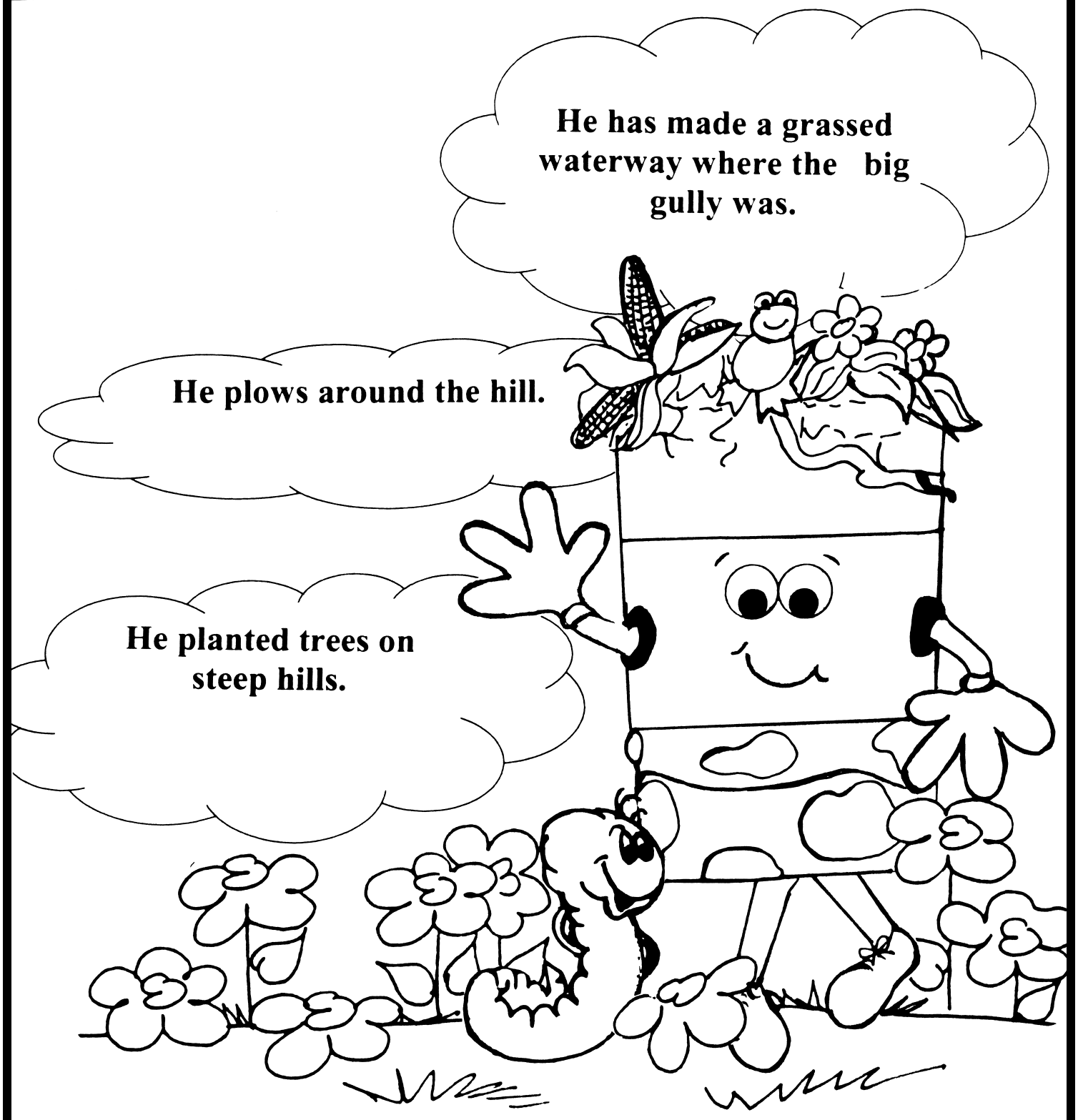
Oh my, I am at the beach. A little boy is putting me into his pail. His name is Johnny. He is taking me to his grandfather's.



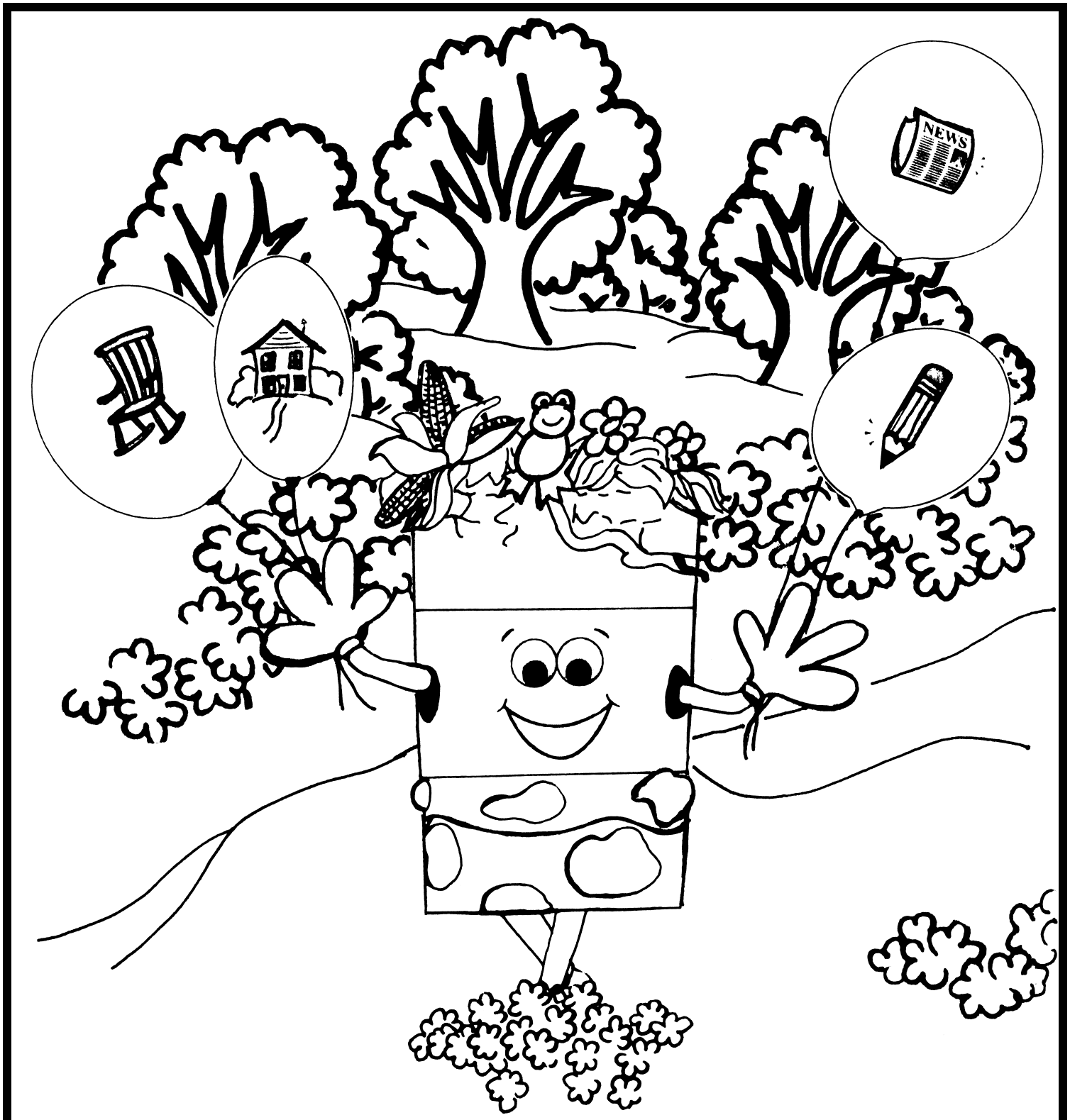
We have traveled a long way. I wonder where Johnny's grandfather lives?



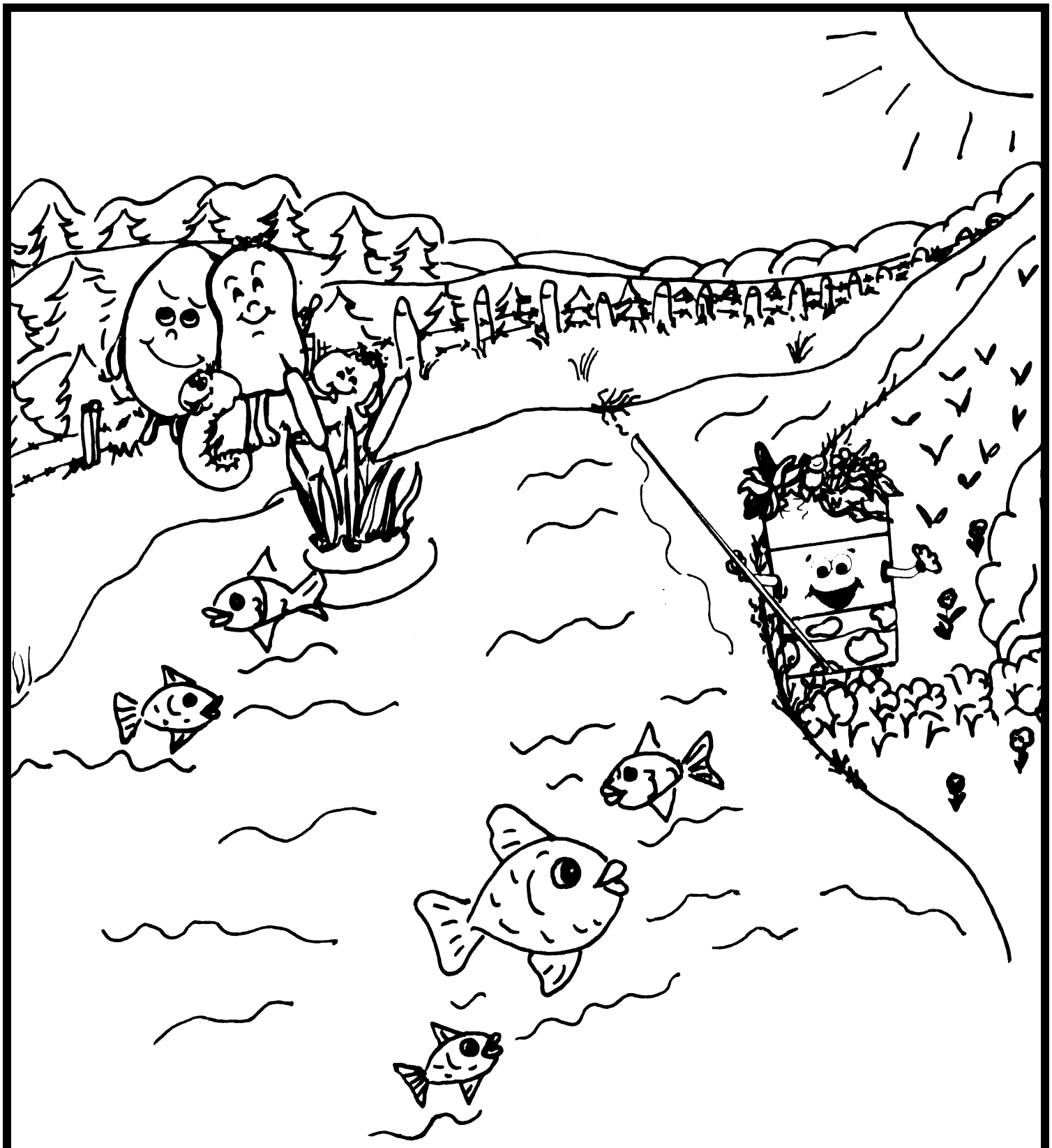
We're here! Johnny's grandfather is Farmer Brown. I'm so happy! Look! Farmer Smith has changed his farm. He has become a conservation farmer.



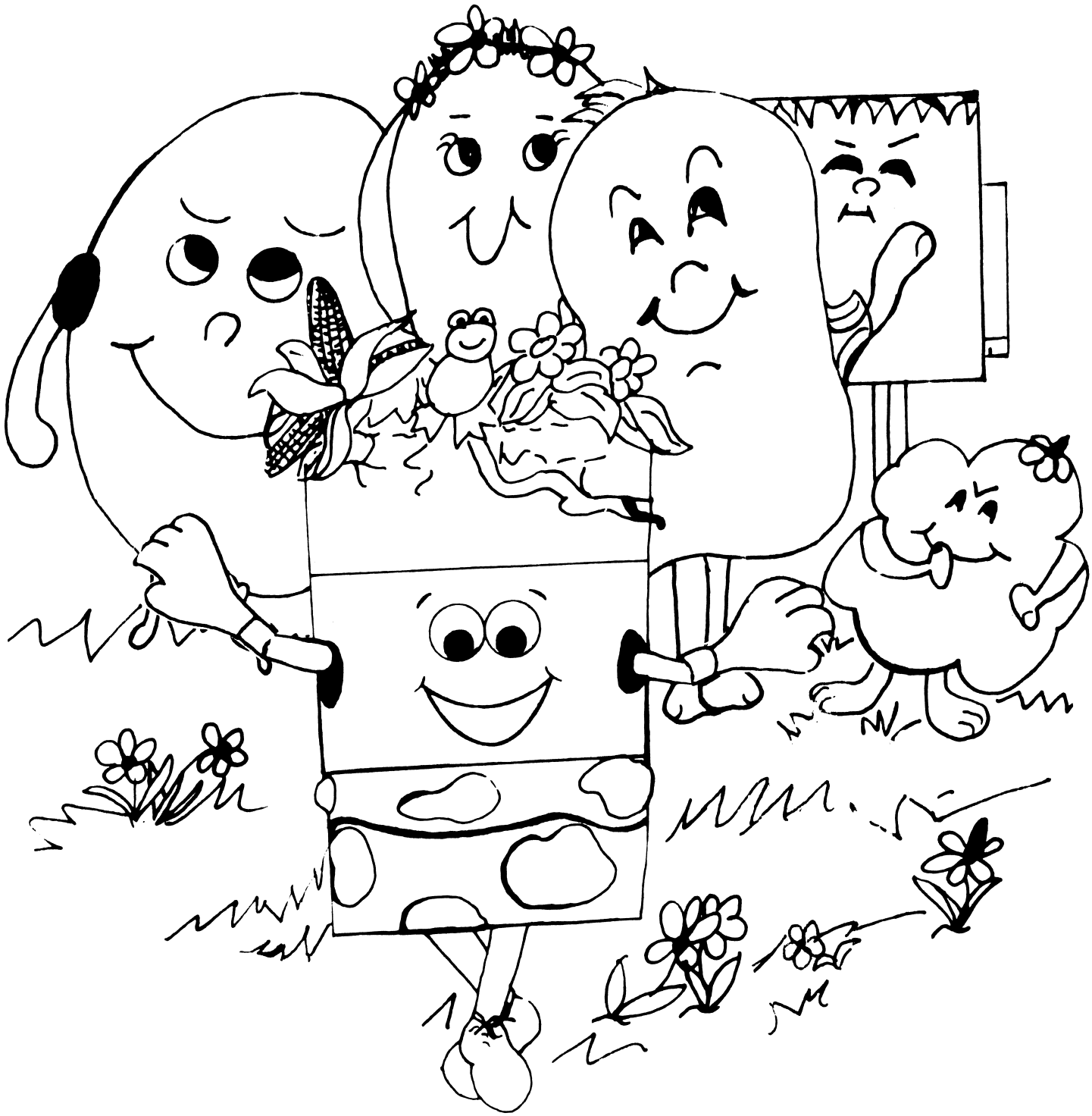
Hooray! I'll never be carried so far away from home again.



Look! The trees we planted are all grown up. There are lots of things we can make from trees.



The trees help keep my soil friends from clogging the river. Look how clear it is!



Now all my friends and I can do what we are supposed to do. We can help to grow trees and plants. Best of all, we can help grow food that makes you grow.

EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES

www.deq.state.ms.us – MS Department of Environmental Quality

www.mdwfp.com – MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks

www.mfc.state.ms.us – MS Forestry Commission

www.mswcc.state.ms.us – MS Soil and Water Conservation Commission

http://msucares.com – MS State University Extension Service

www.cleanairprogress.org – Classroom resources for kids and teachers, including air quality progress by state, have kids take the "Clean Air Challenge" & see how their actions affect air quality.

www.epa.gov/kids - Environmental Kids Club – A site for younger kids with areas of exploration of air, water quality, art, science.

www.discoverschool.com - Provides digital resources for teachers, students, and parents; lesson plans and curricula; clip art, etc.

www. earth 911.org – "Just for Kids" link has all level student activities and lessons; teacher resources on many environmental education topics.

www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/education/index.html – USDA-NRCS Education information website; features S.K. Worm teaches about soils.

www.kids.niehs.nih.gov/link/htm - National Institute of Environmental Health site has many links on all subjects related to health, environmental issues, science, etc.

www.nutritionexplorations.org/educators/classroom-link.asp - fact sheet on new USDA Food Pyramid, nutrition information, local recycling coordinators and community activists with the tools that will help promote the recycling program.

www.sciencenewsforkids.org/ - games, puzzles, teacher resources

www.realtrees4kids.org – The story and science of real tree farming; includes lessons for Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 and Teachers section.

www.arborday.org/kids – Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, this website includes activities for young children, older children, and youth, plus resources for educators to teach the value of trees.

www.fws.gov/endangered/kids - US Fish and Wildlife Service on endangered species

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