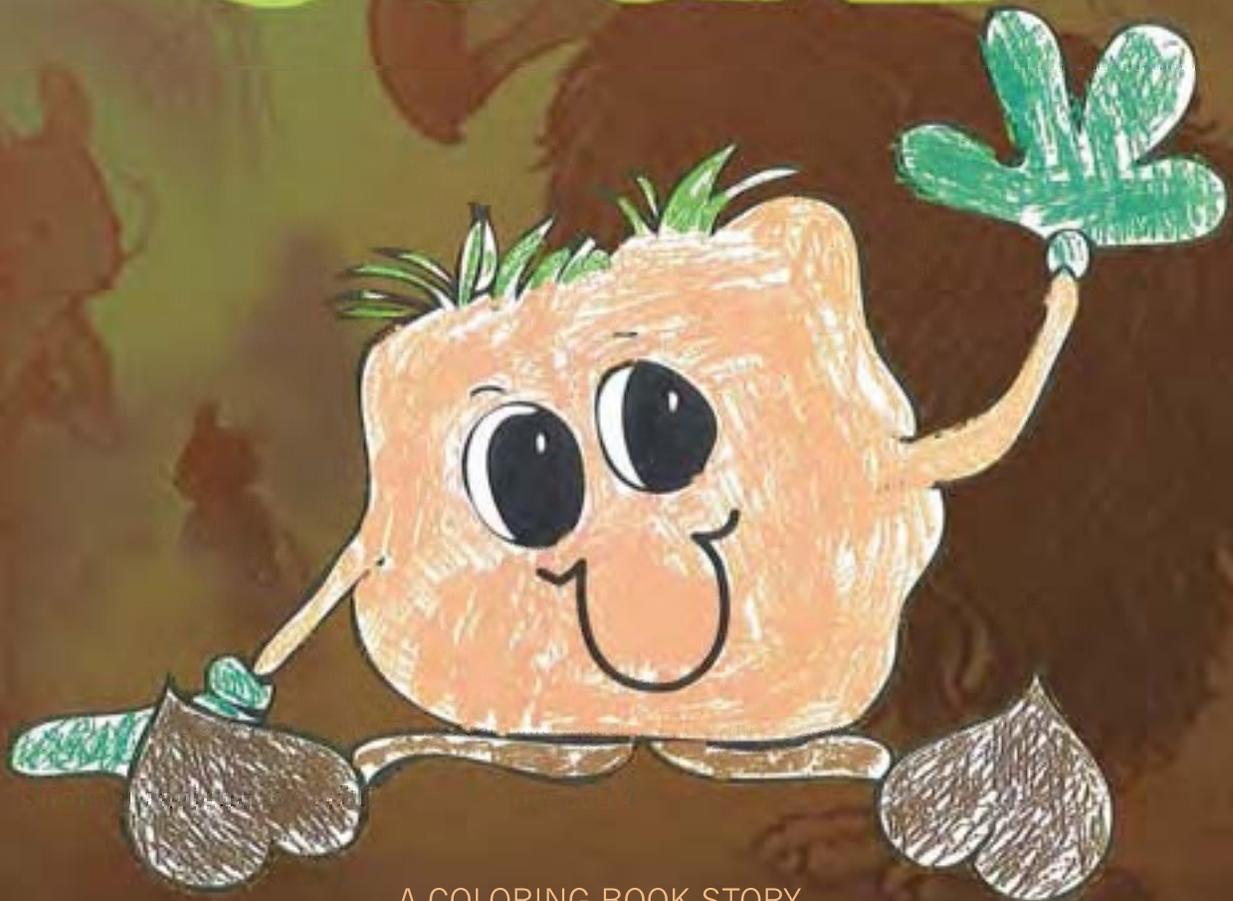




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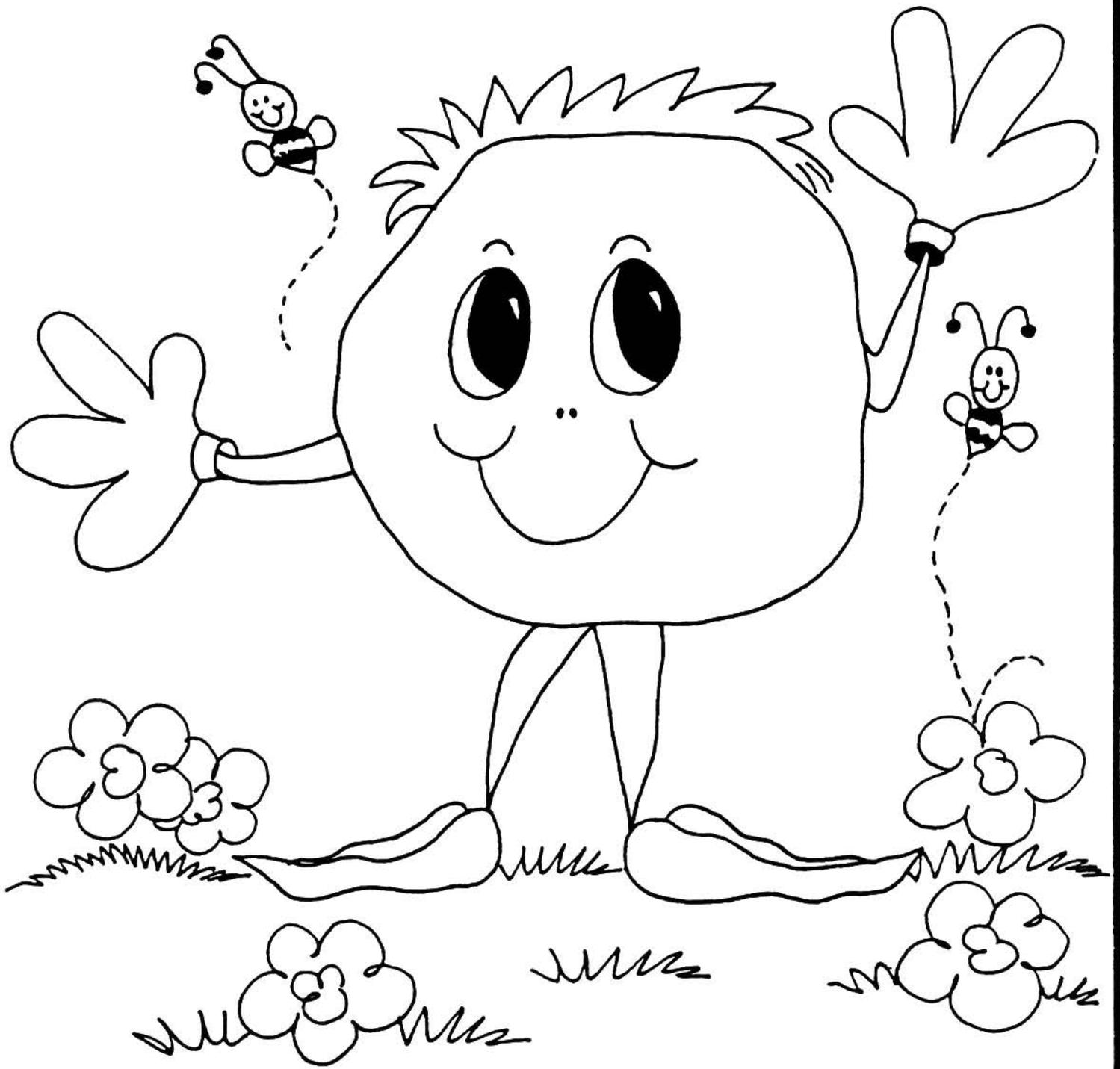
THE ADVENTURES OF

SAMMY SOIL

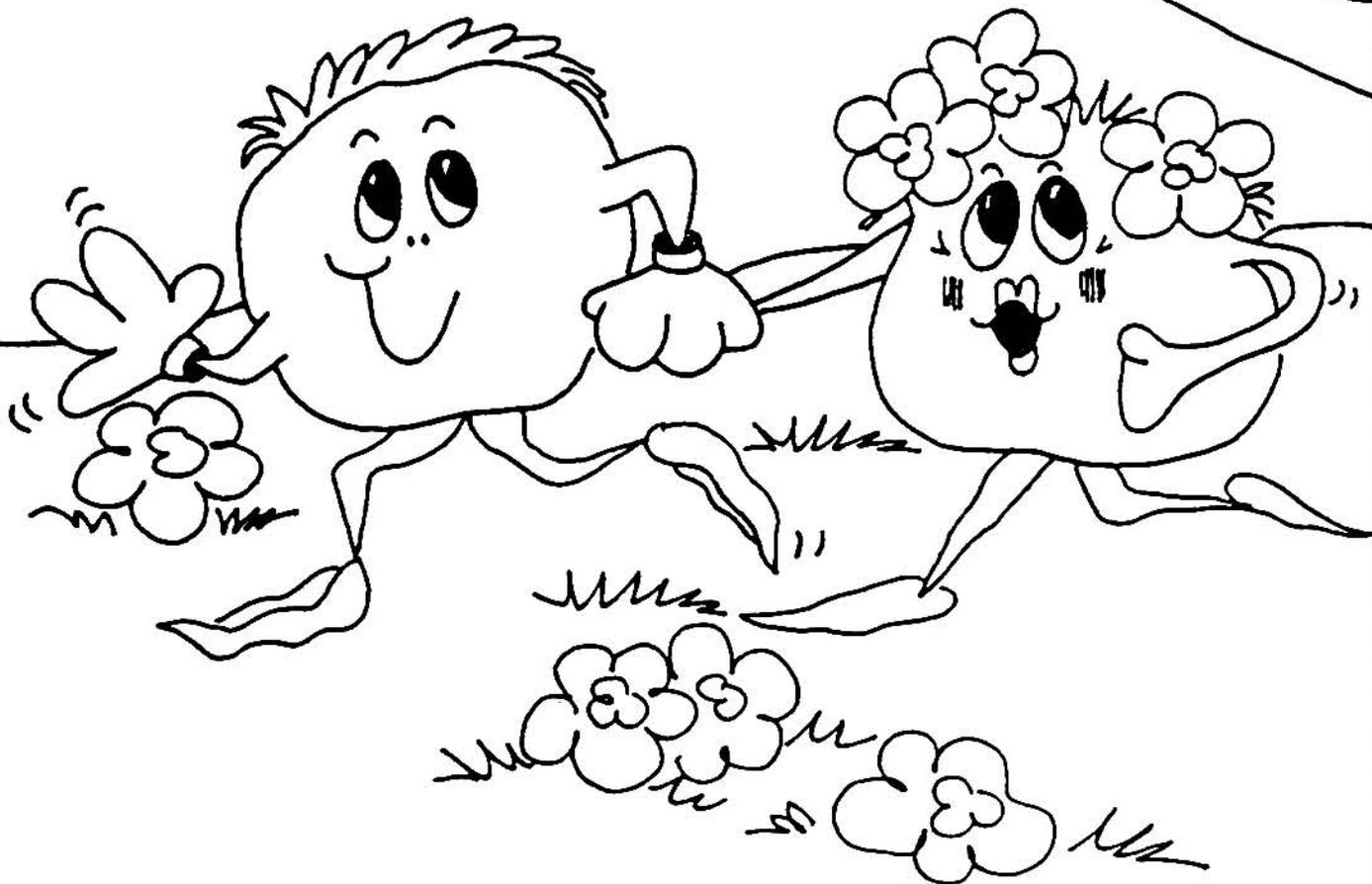
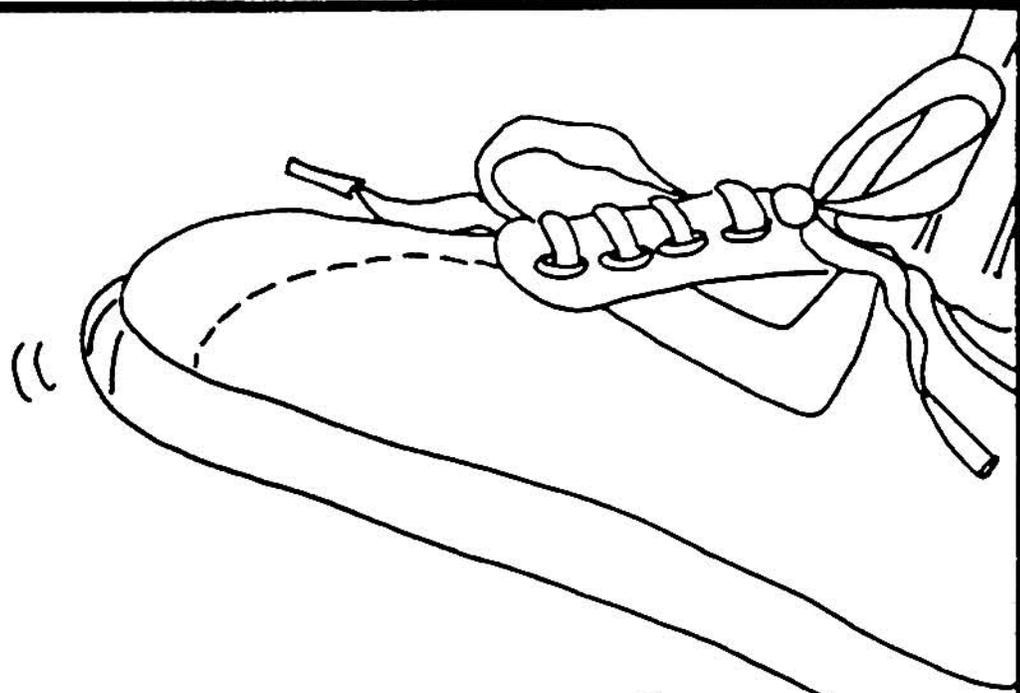


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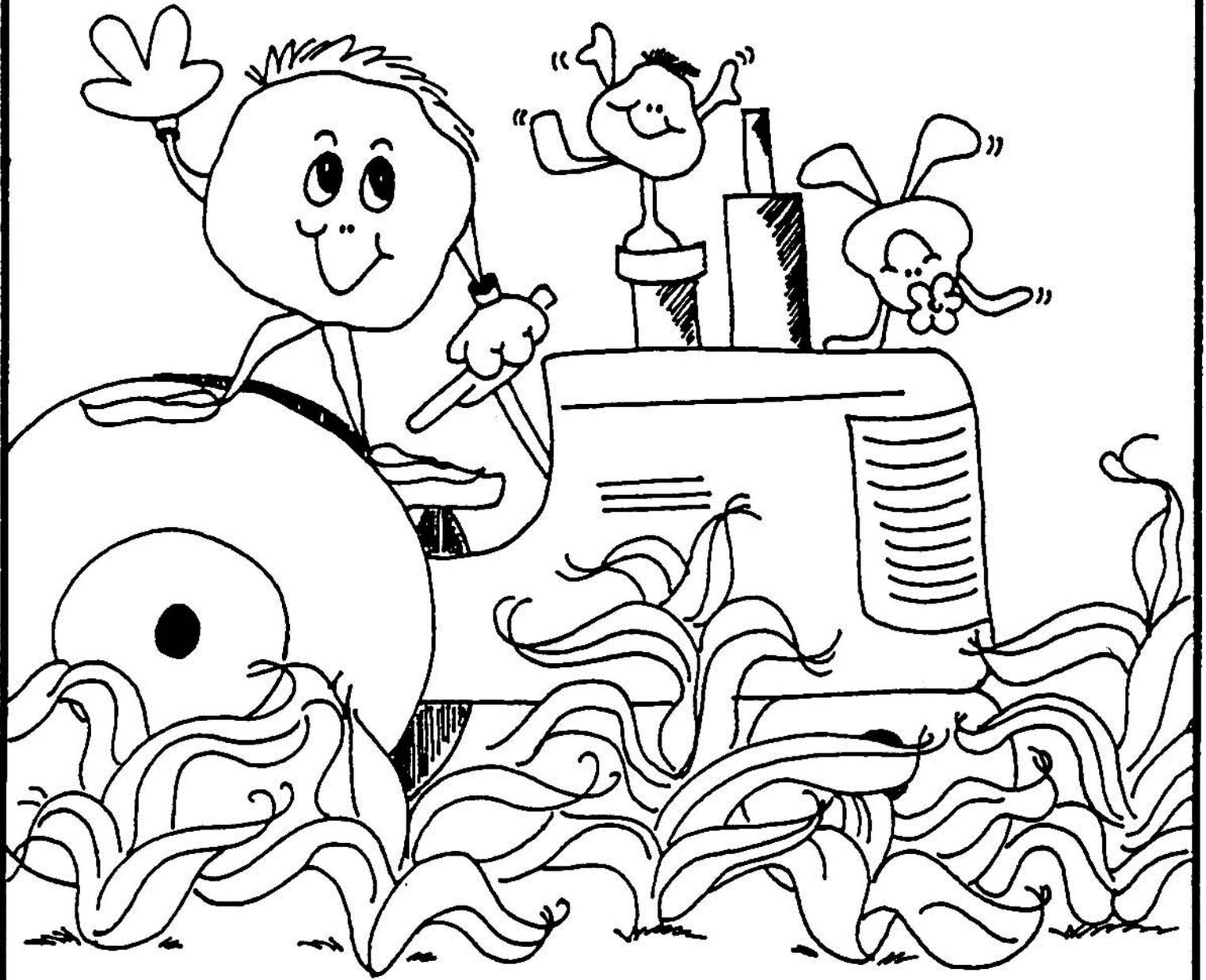
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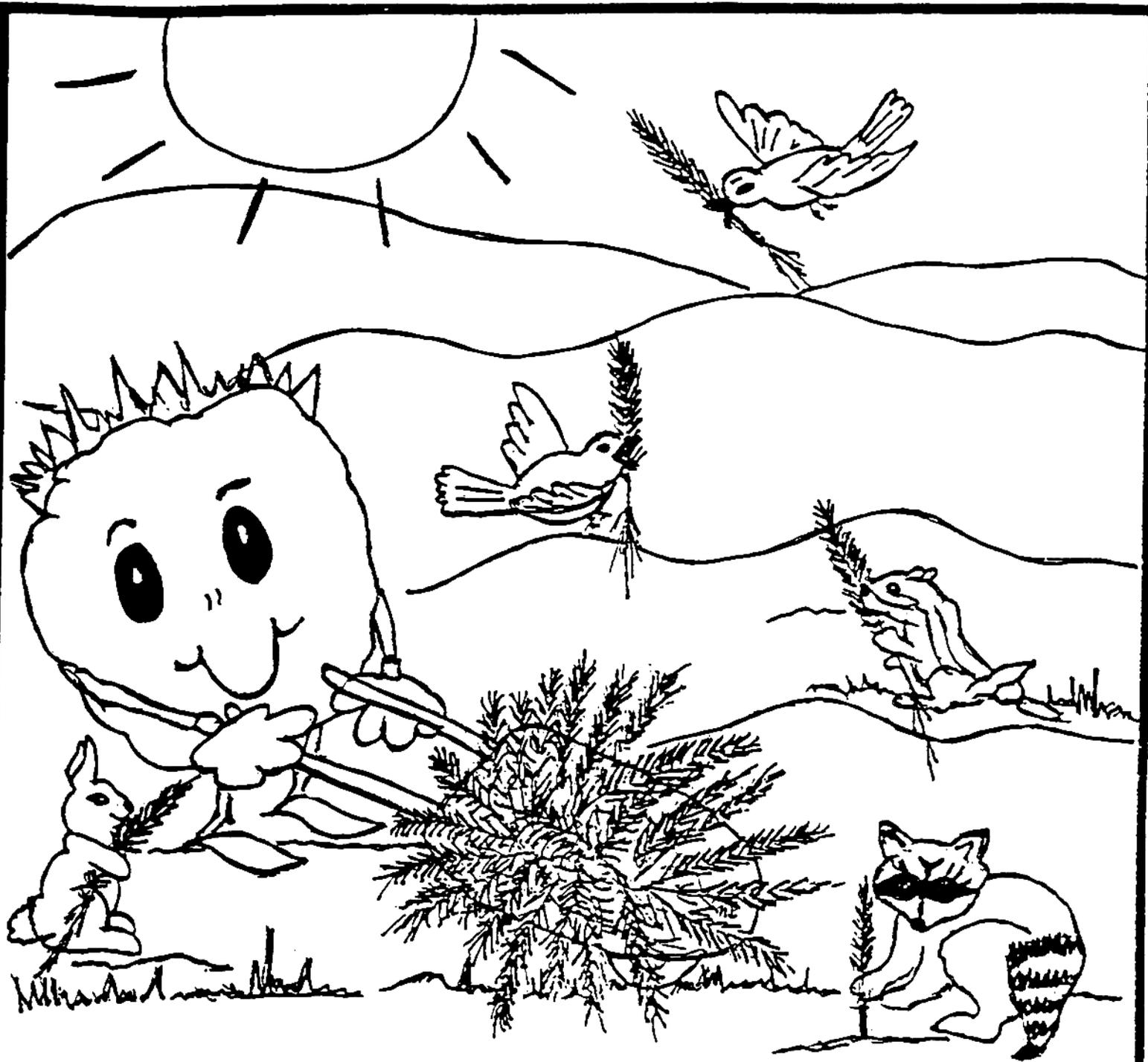
Hi! My name is Sammy Soil. I
am a tiny piece of soil.



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.

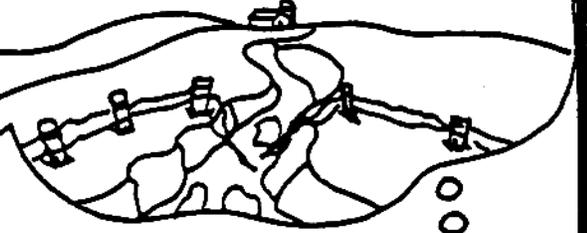


Come along, my wildlife friends,
and help me plant these baby trees,
so you can have homes, food, and
clean air.

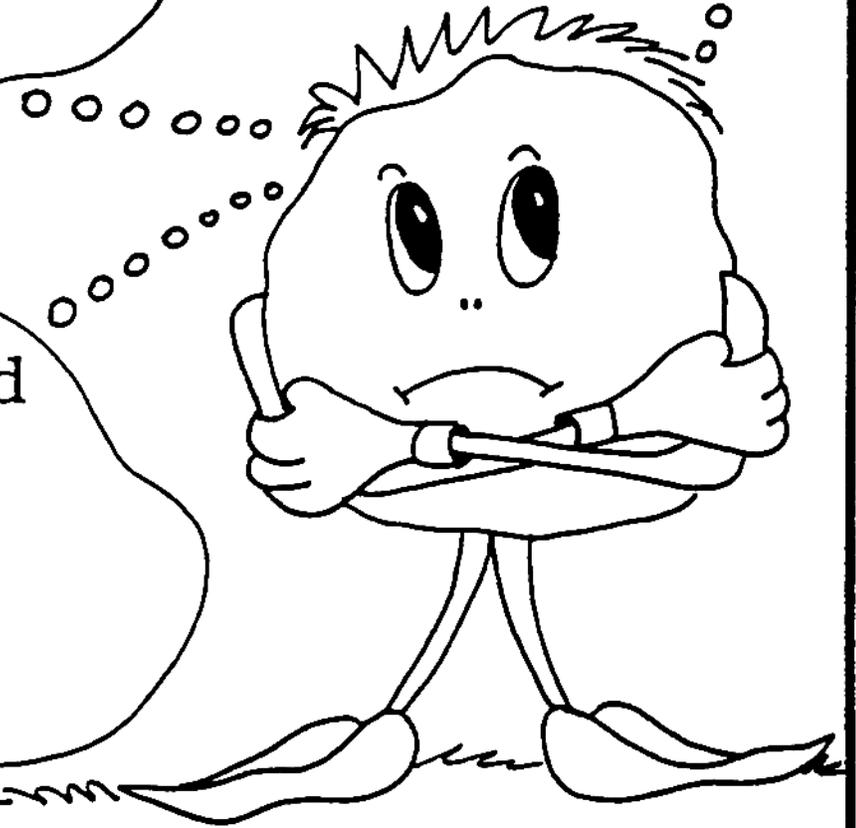
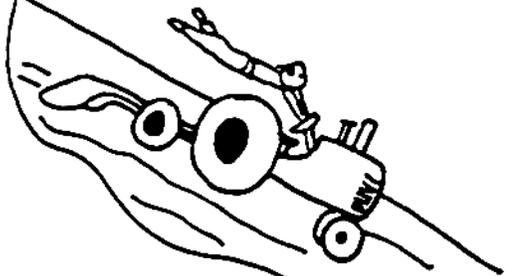
He cuts down trees.



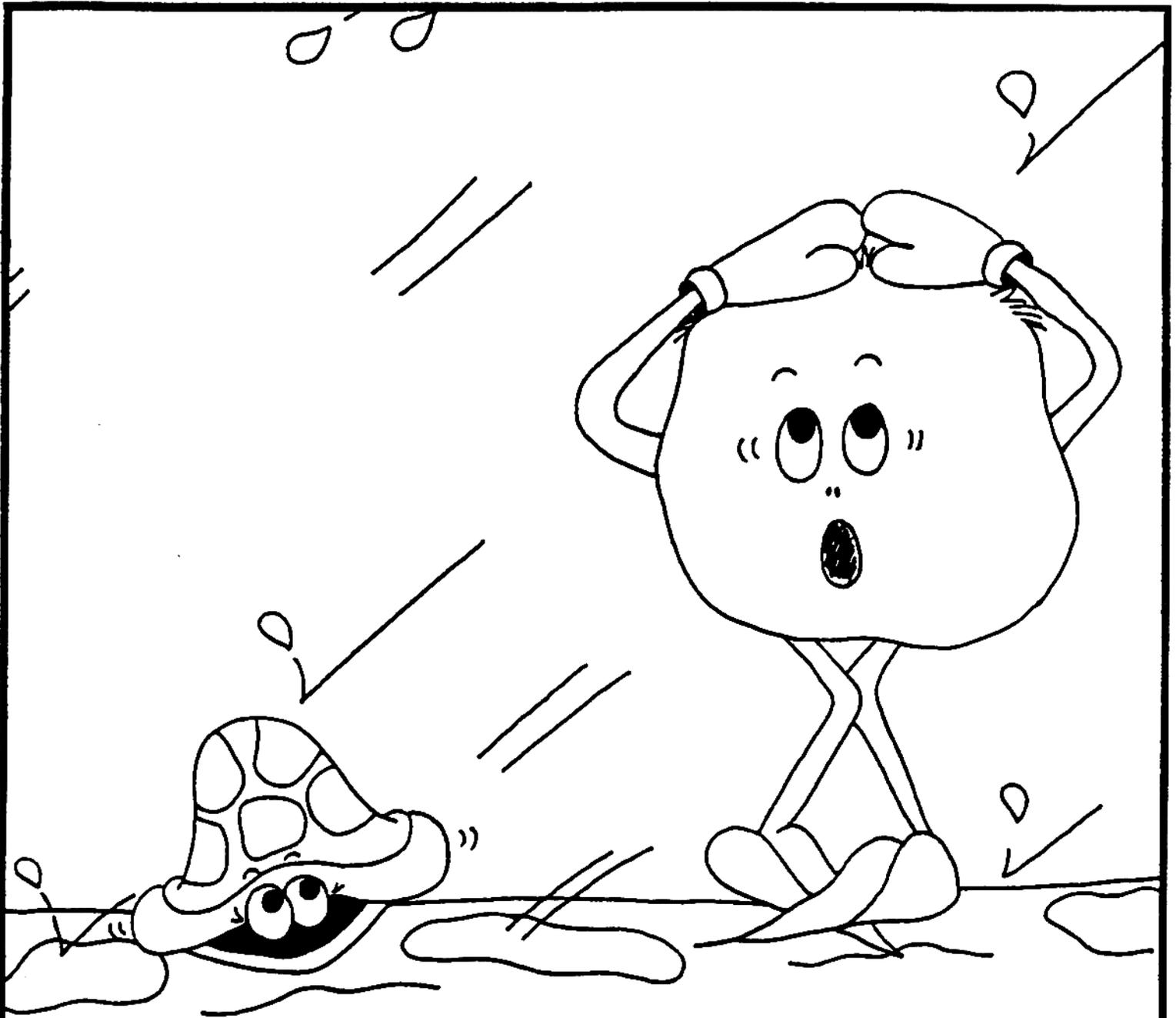
He causes big gullies to begin on his farm.



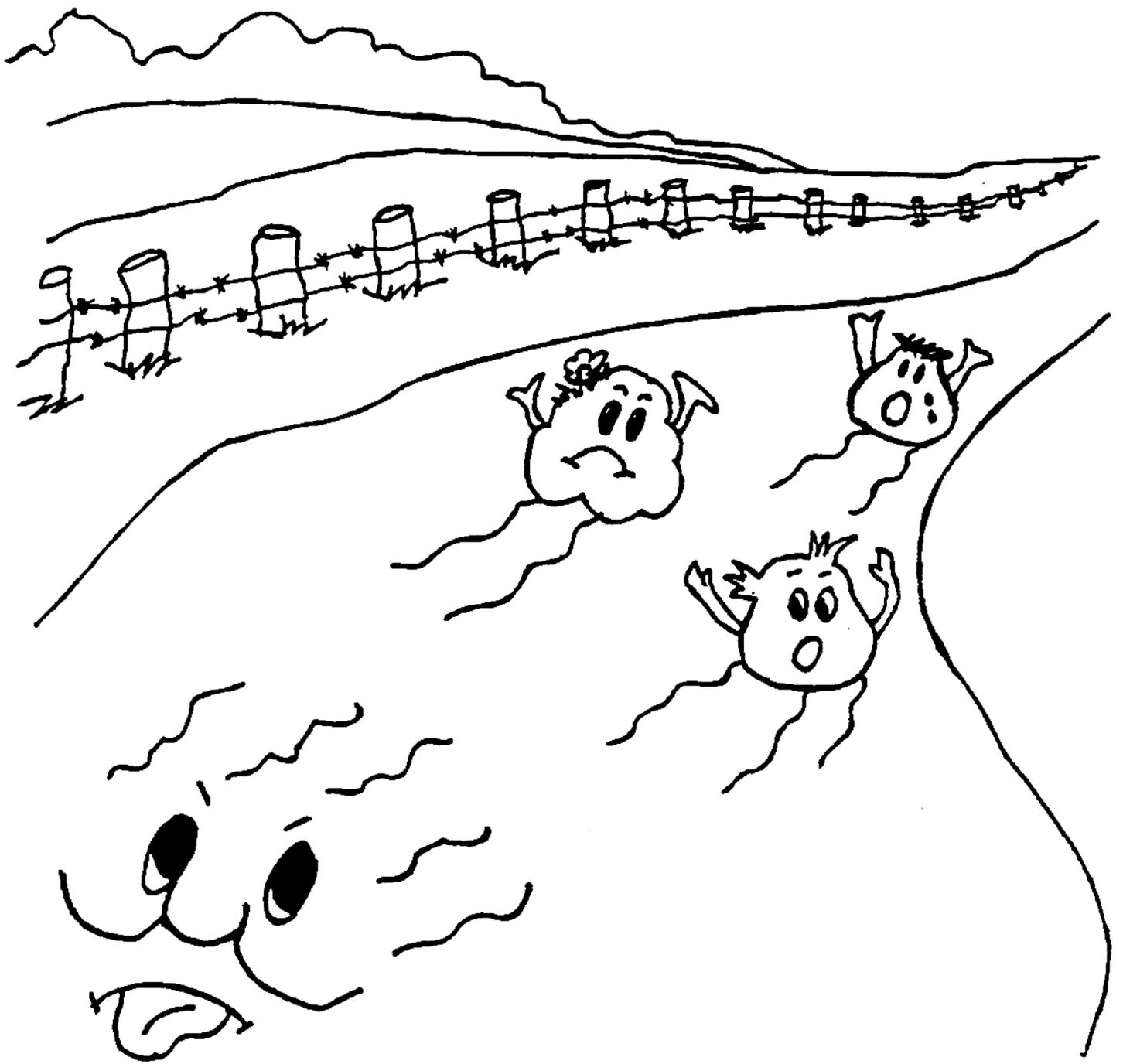
He plows up and down hills.



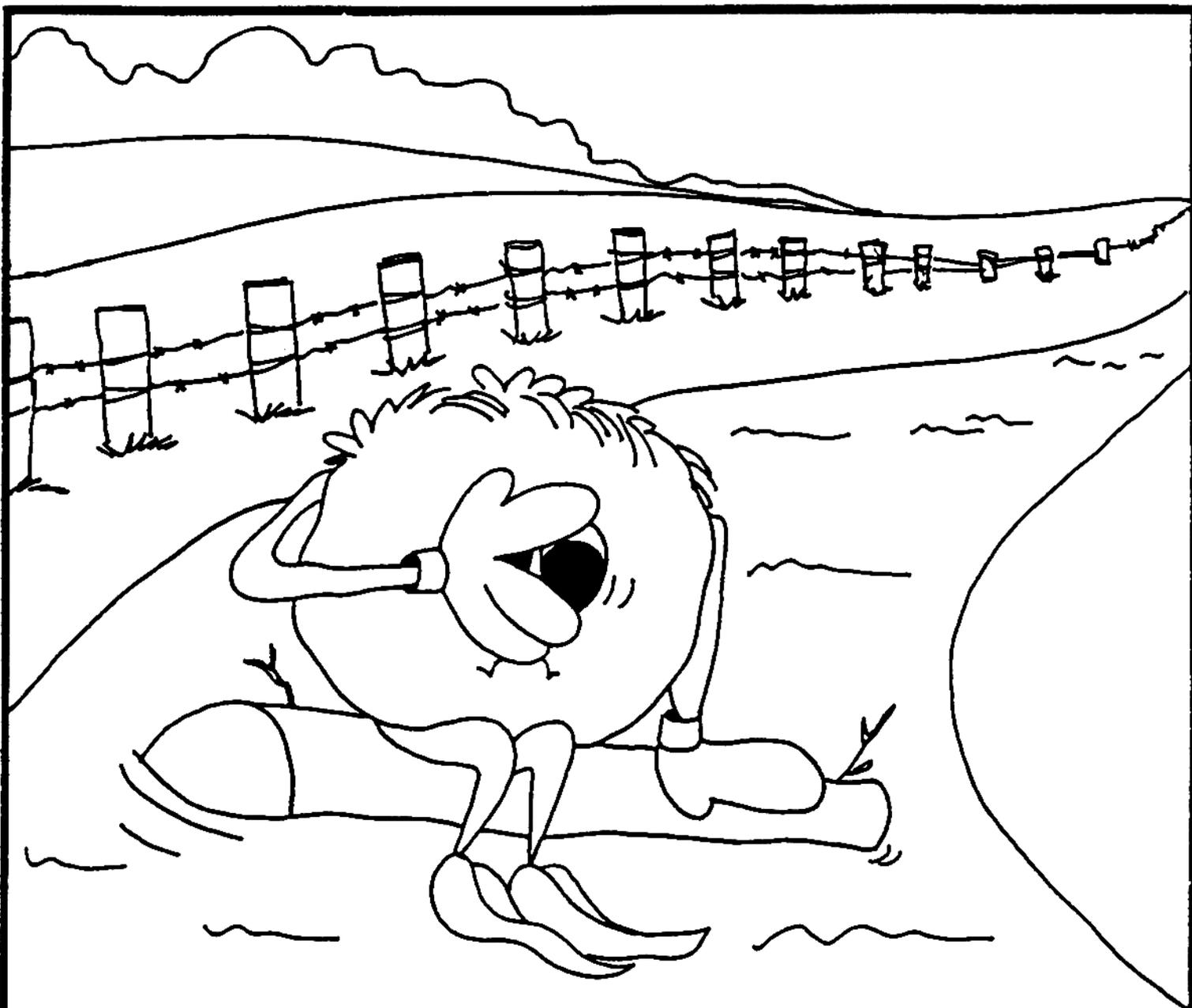
I'm going to visit my uncle who lives on Farmer Smith's farm. Farmer Smith is not a good conservation farmer.



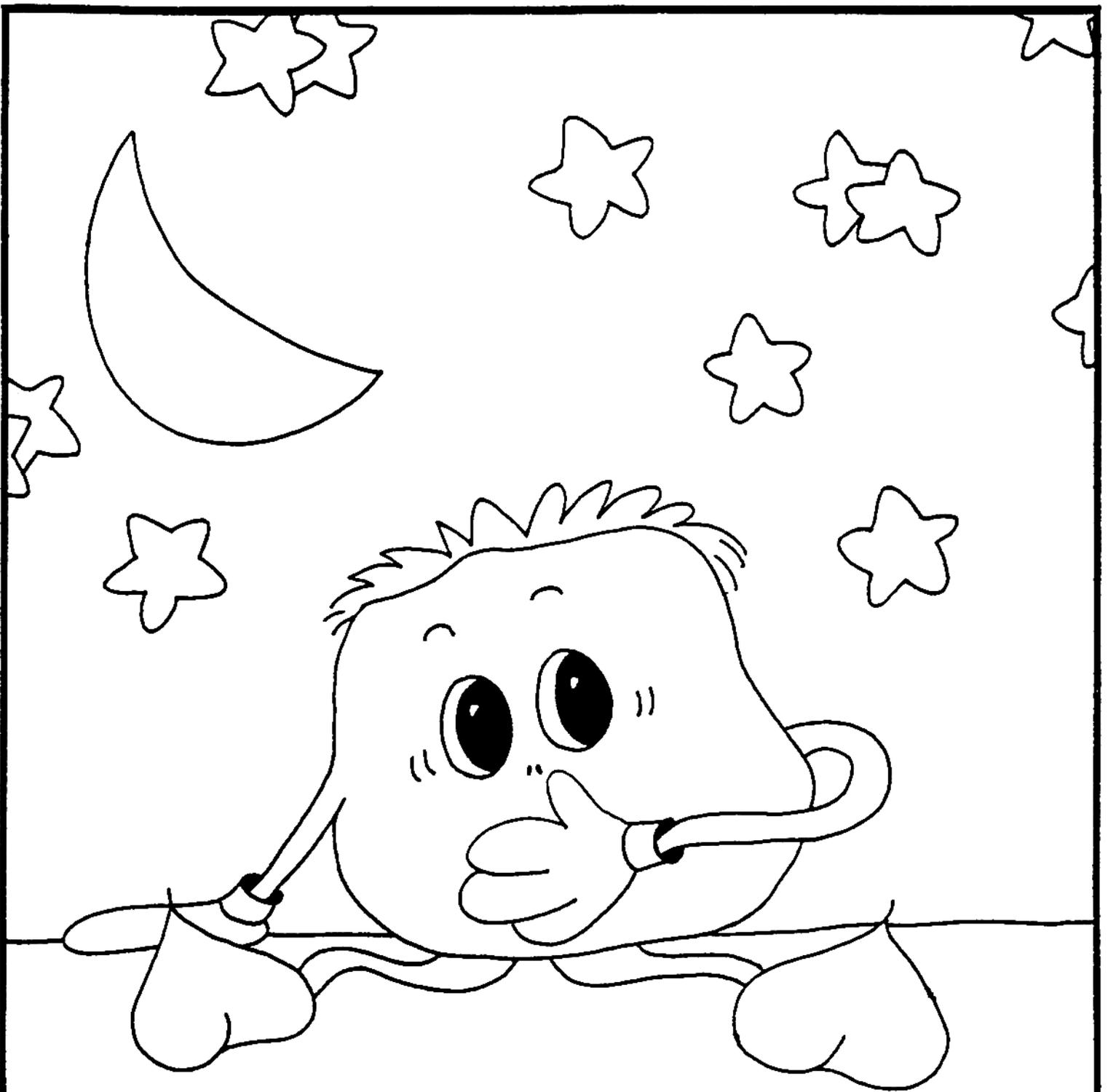
Oh, it's starting to rain. I must run for cover. There is no cover on Farmer Smith's farm. The grass is too short. I cannot hide from the rain.



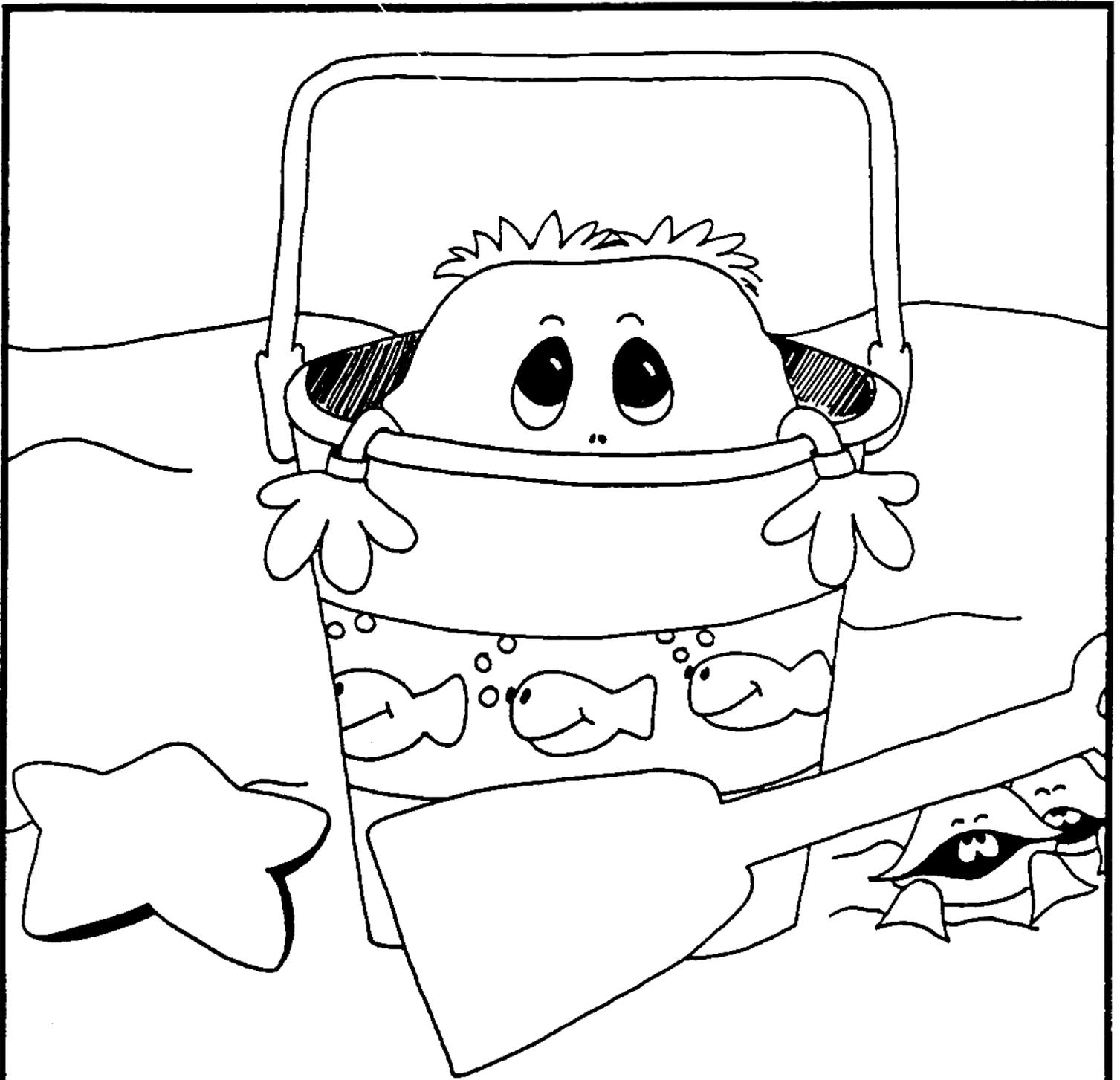
Look! My other soil friends are washing down the river. The river is choking from the sediment they cause.



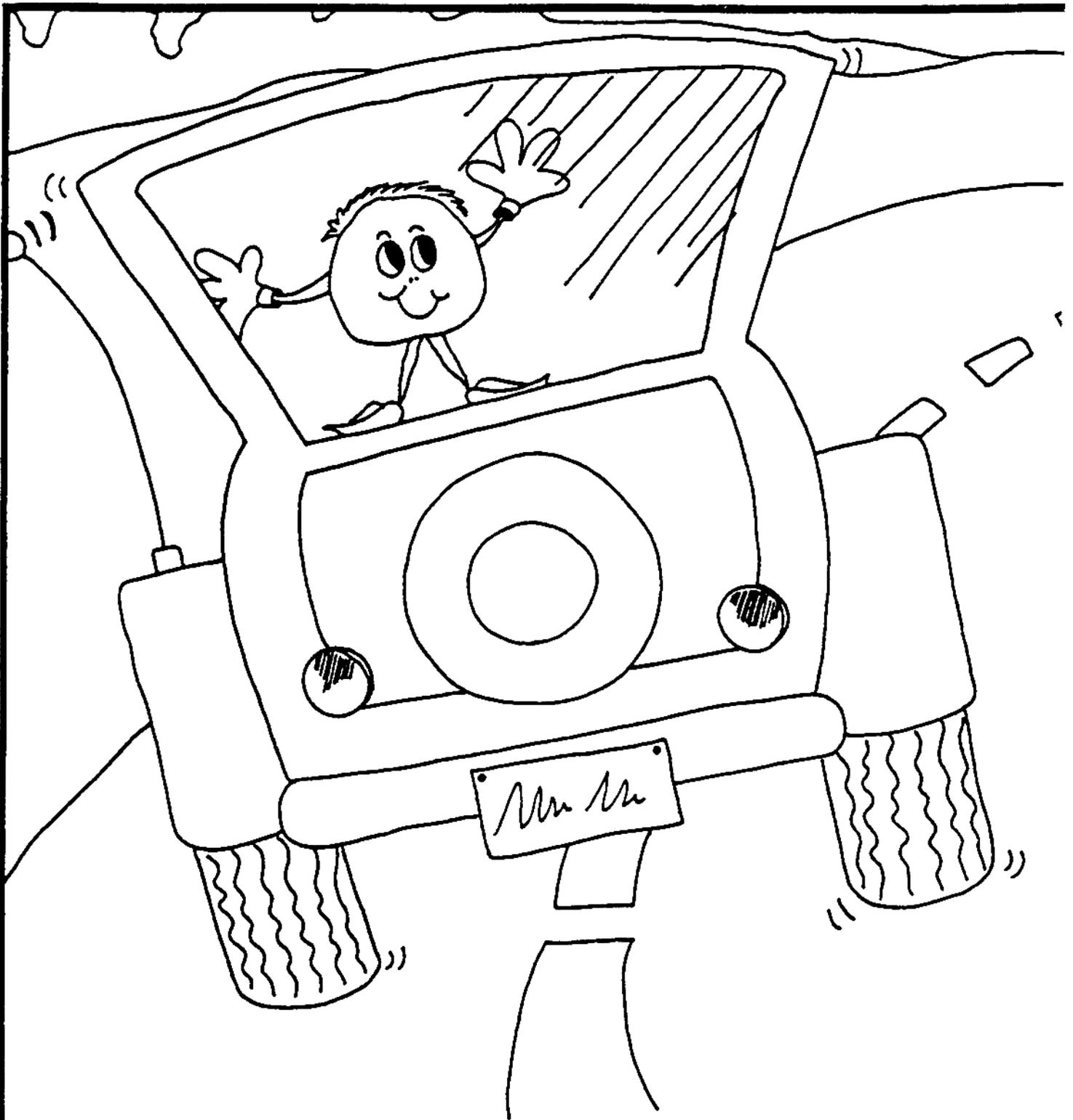
Where am I? I must have been carried away by a big gully on Farmer Smith's farm. This water is running very fast and I am being carried very far away.



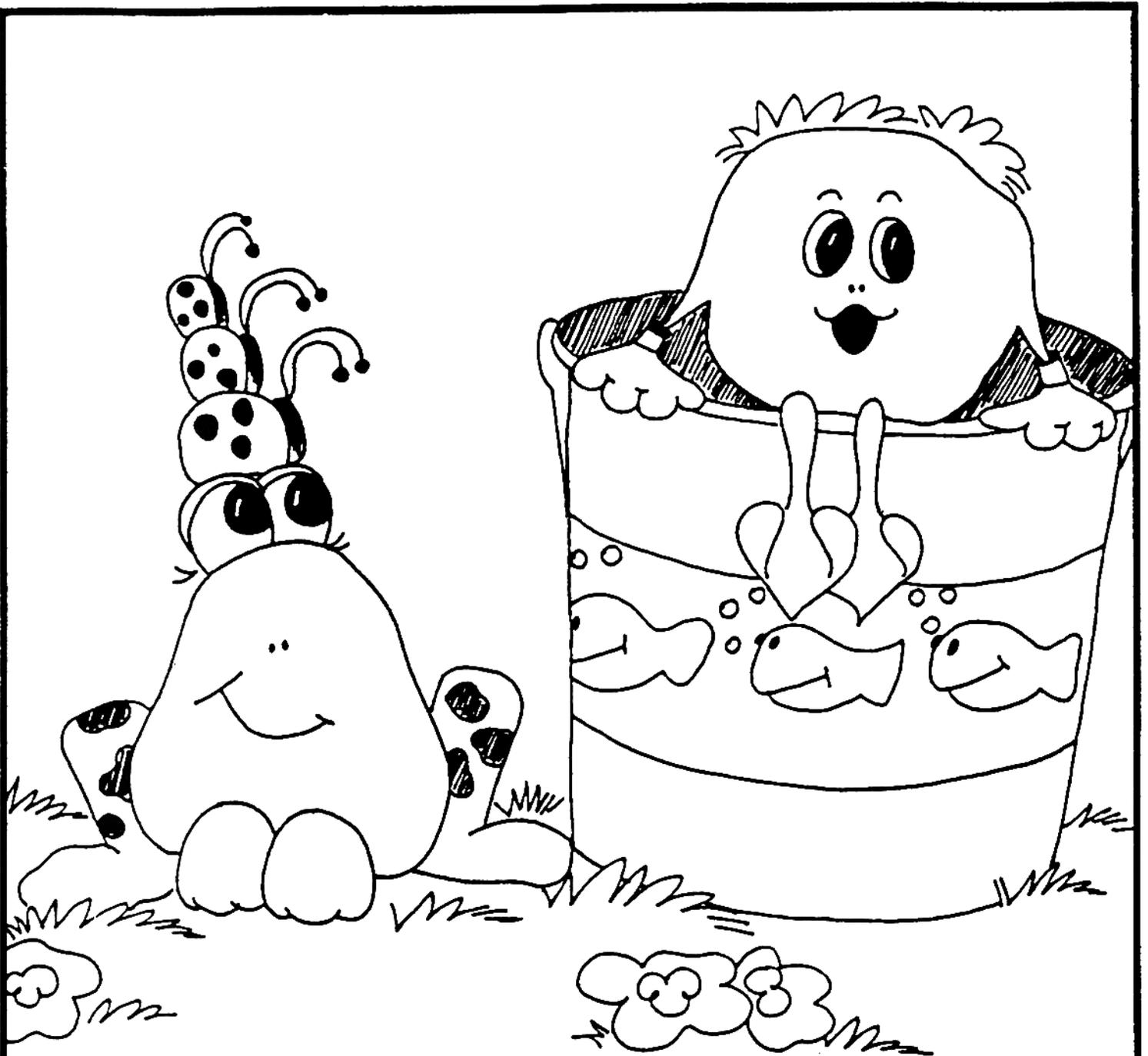
At last the river has stopped. I am afraid. Will I ever get back home?



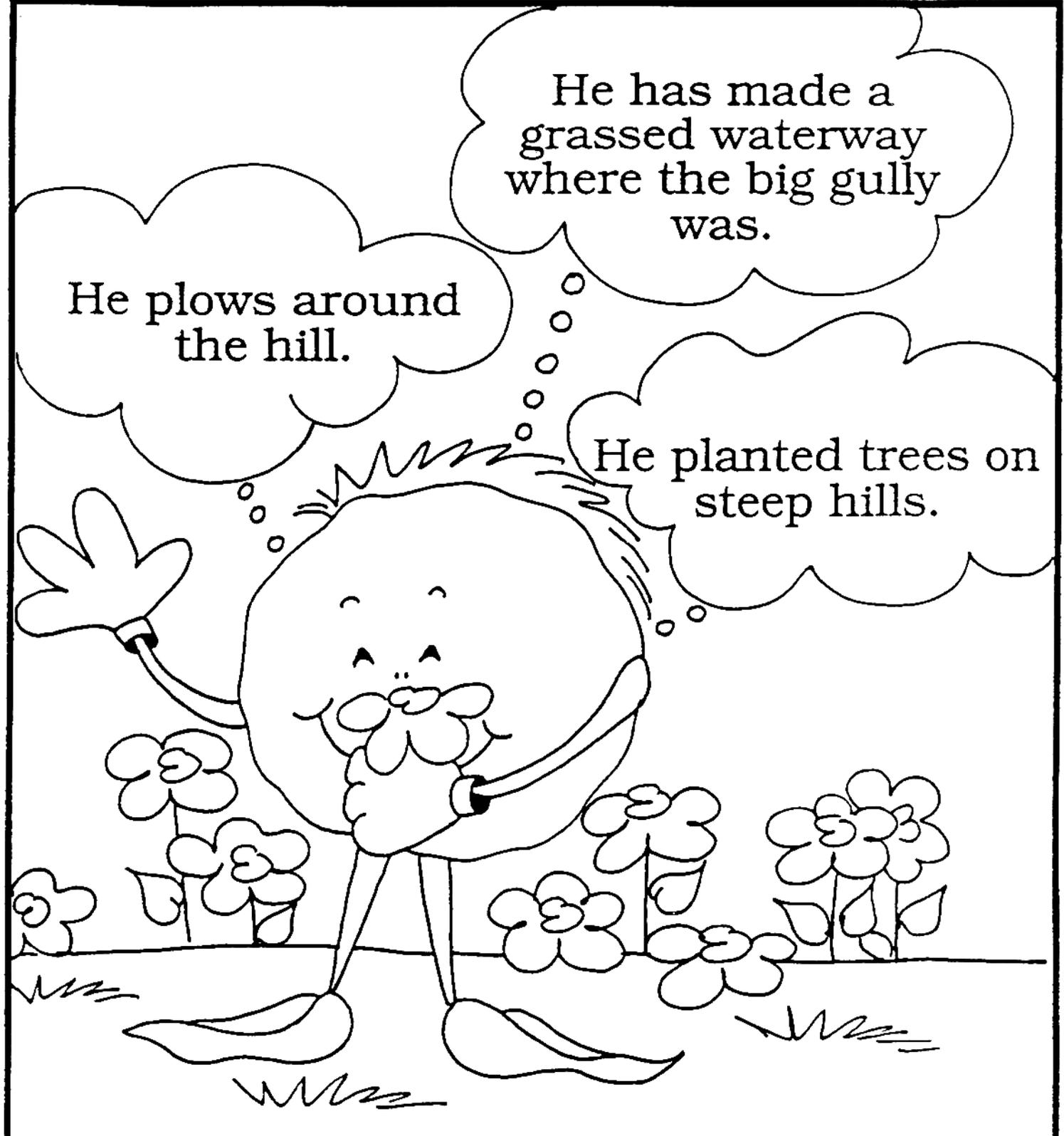
Oh my, I am at the beach. A little boy is putting me into his pail. His name is Johnny. He is taking me to his grandfather's.



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.

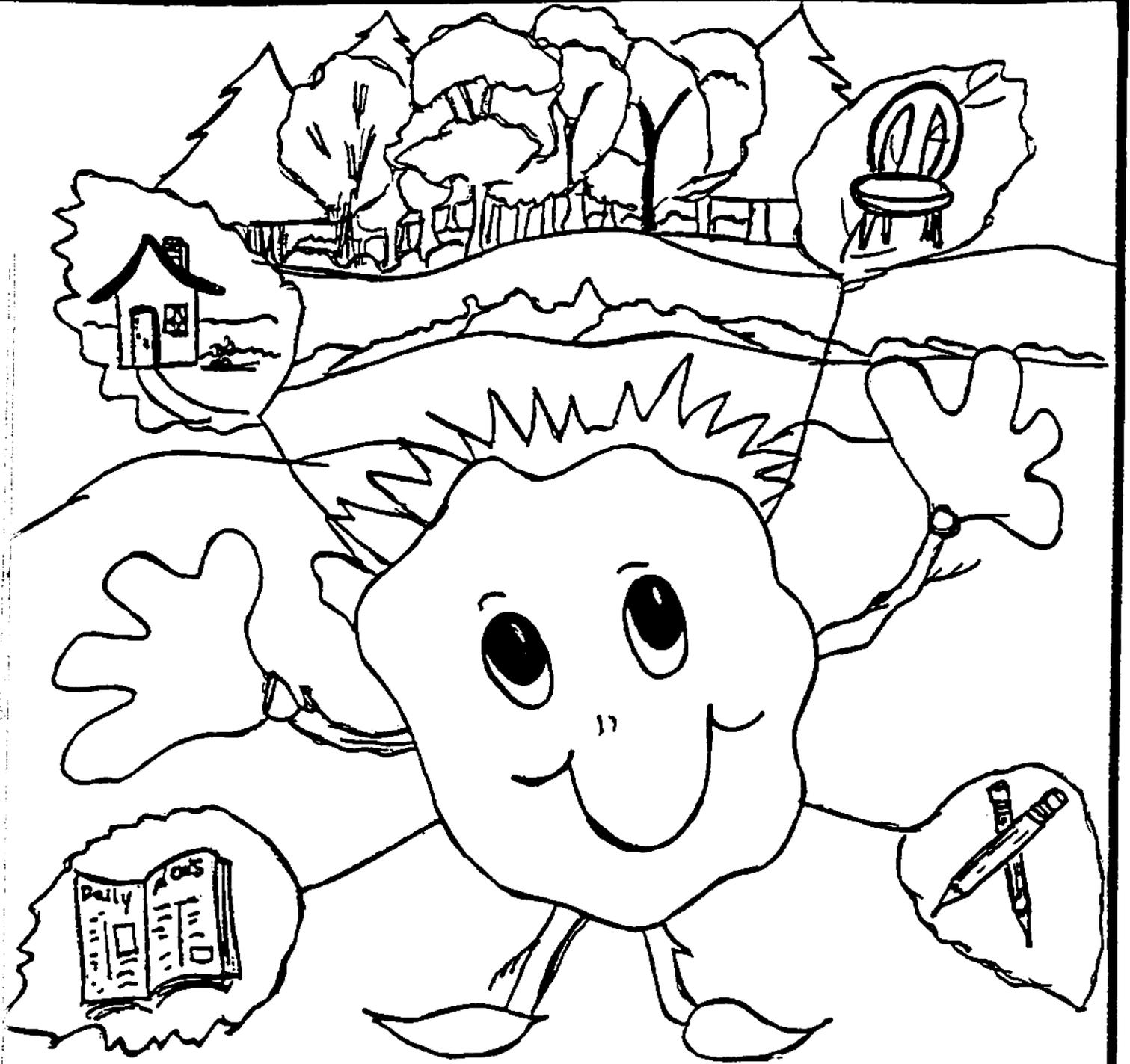


He has made a
grassed waterway
where the big gully
was.

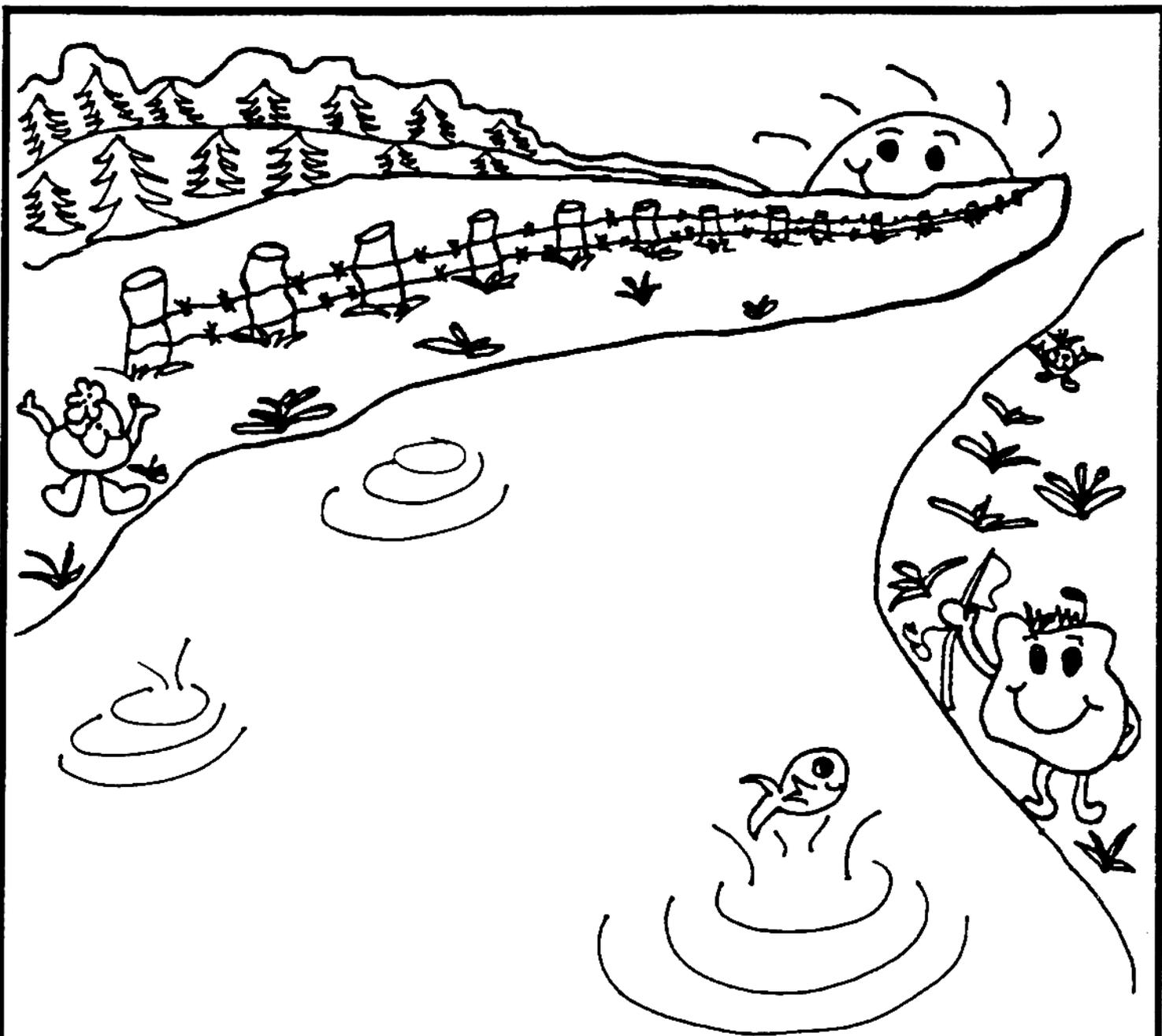
He plows around
the hill.

He planted trees on
steep hills.

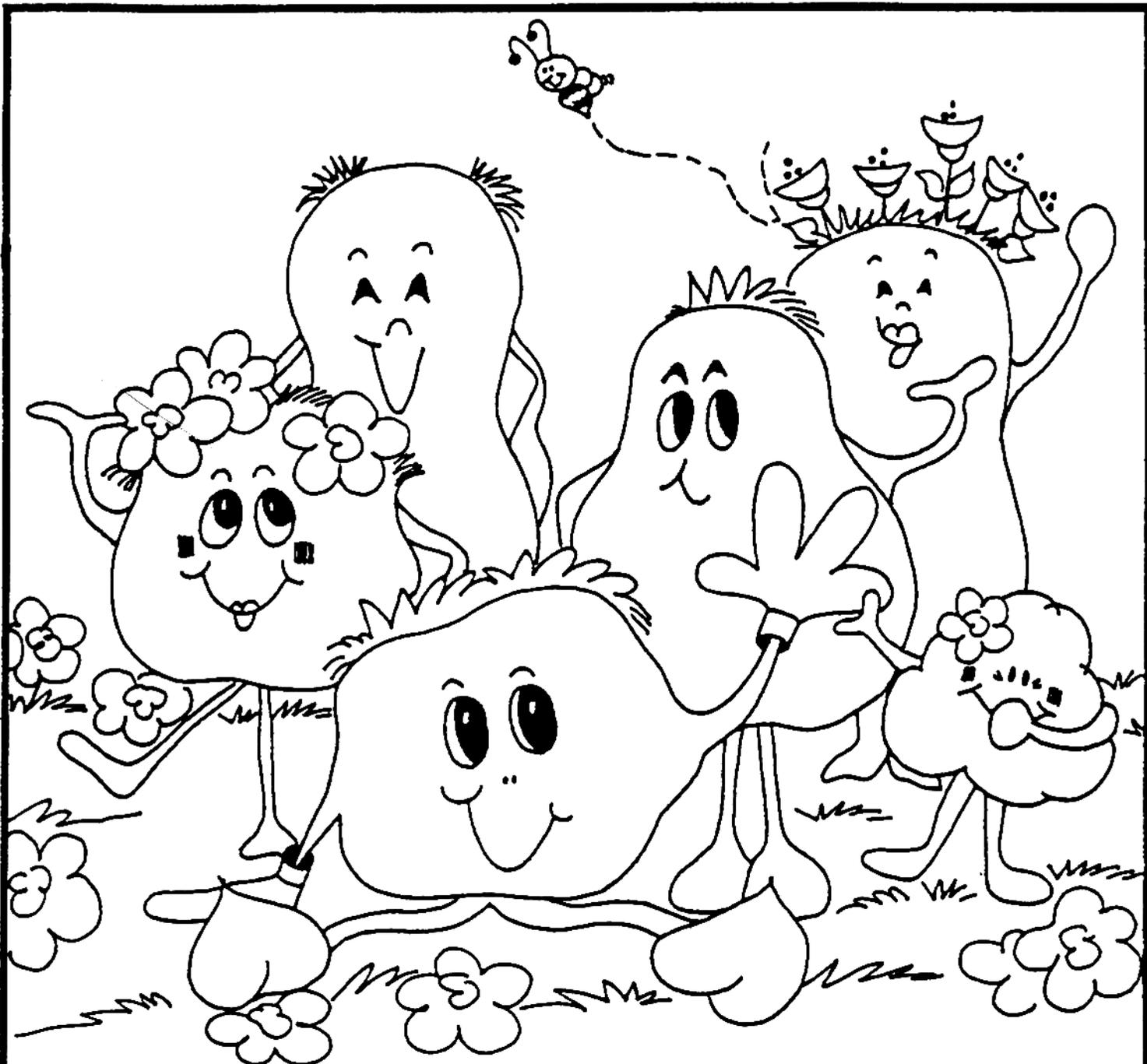
Hooray! I'll never be carried so
far away from home again.



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.

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**Hi! I'm Sammy Soil.
What is your name?**

