

I am Justin

I am Jenna

We are brother and sister. We go to school. Do you?

Do you want to read about something strange?

We will tell you about it.

Color Milt's Alphabet



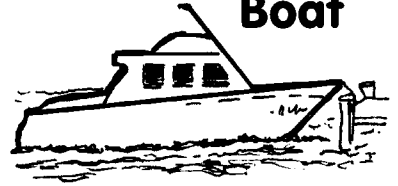
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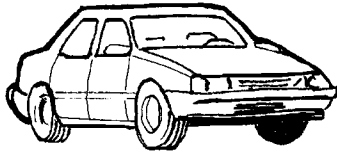
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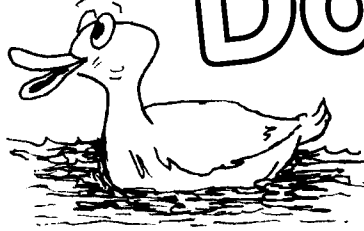
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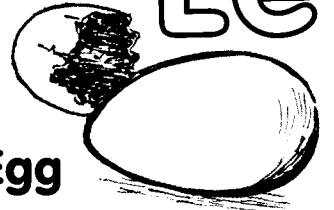
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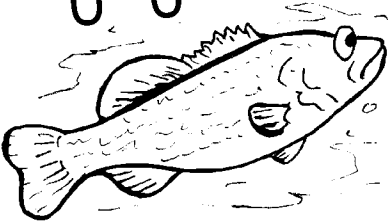
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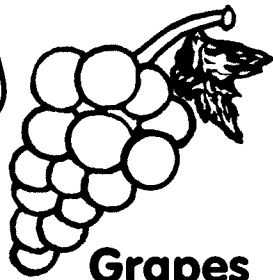
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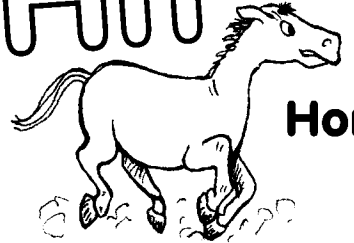
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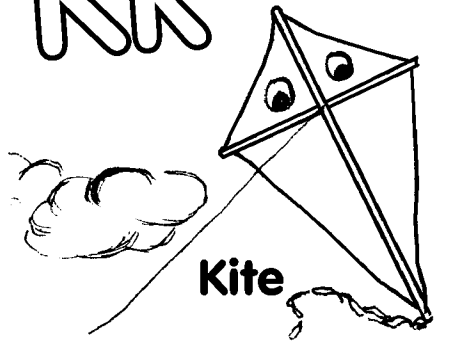
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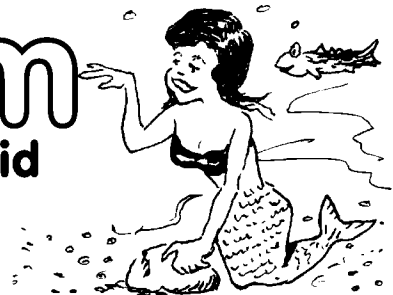
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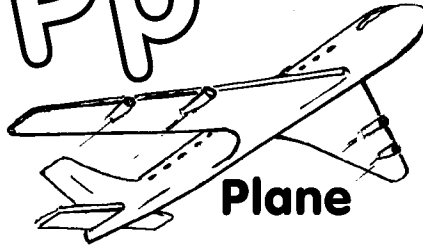


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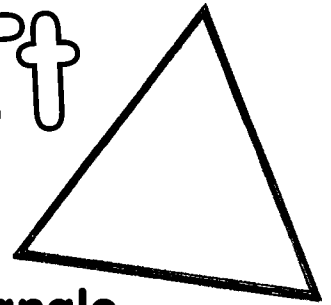
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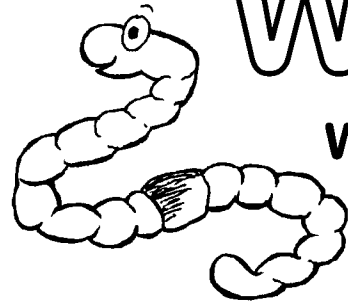
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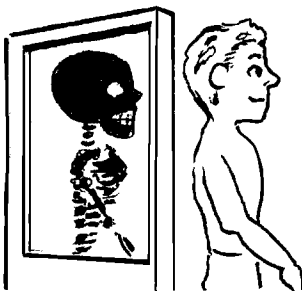
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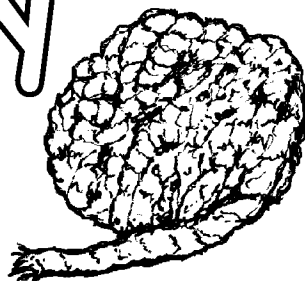
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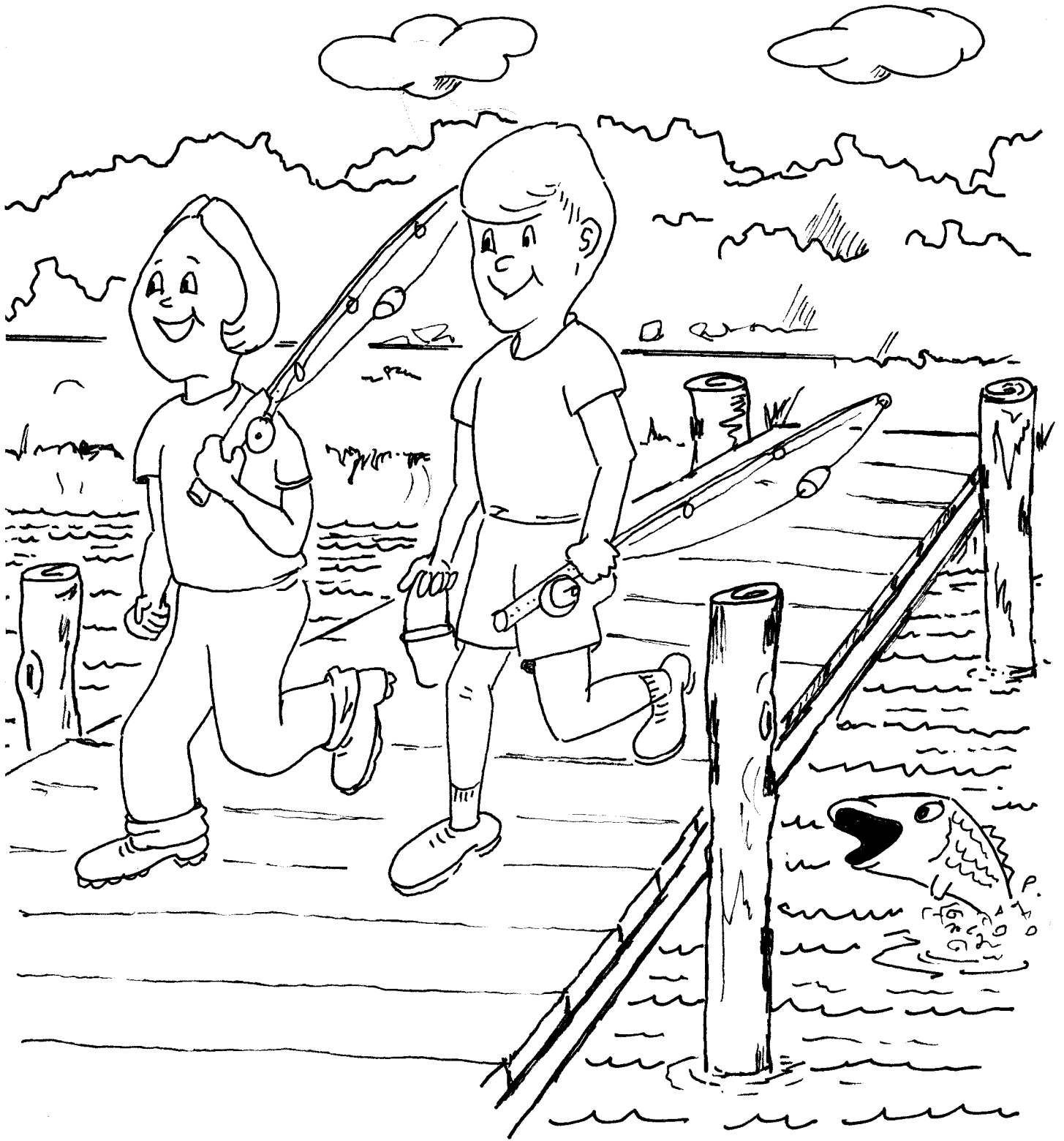
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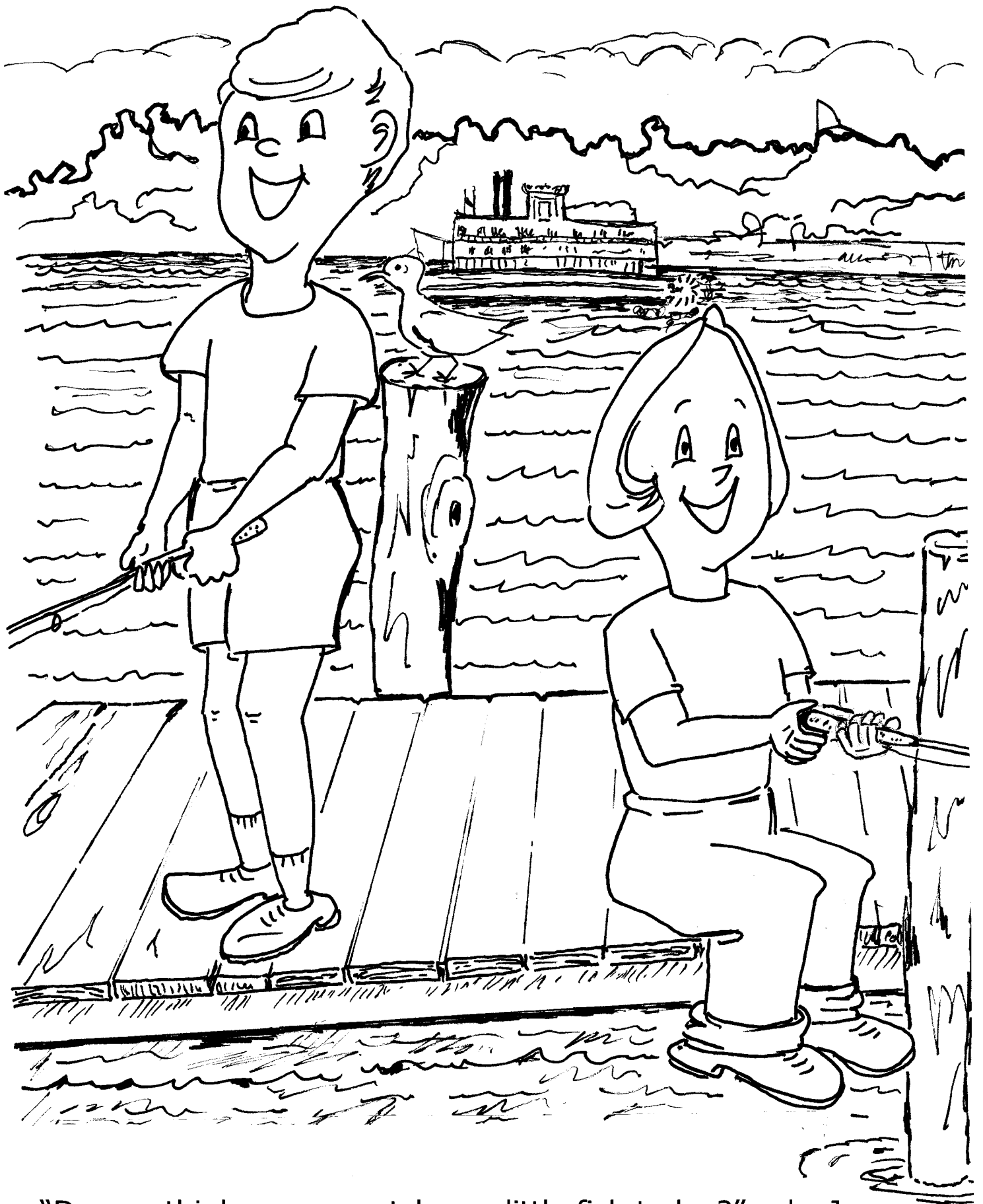


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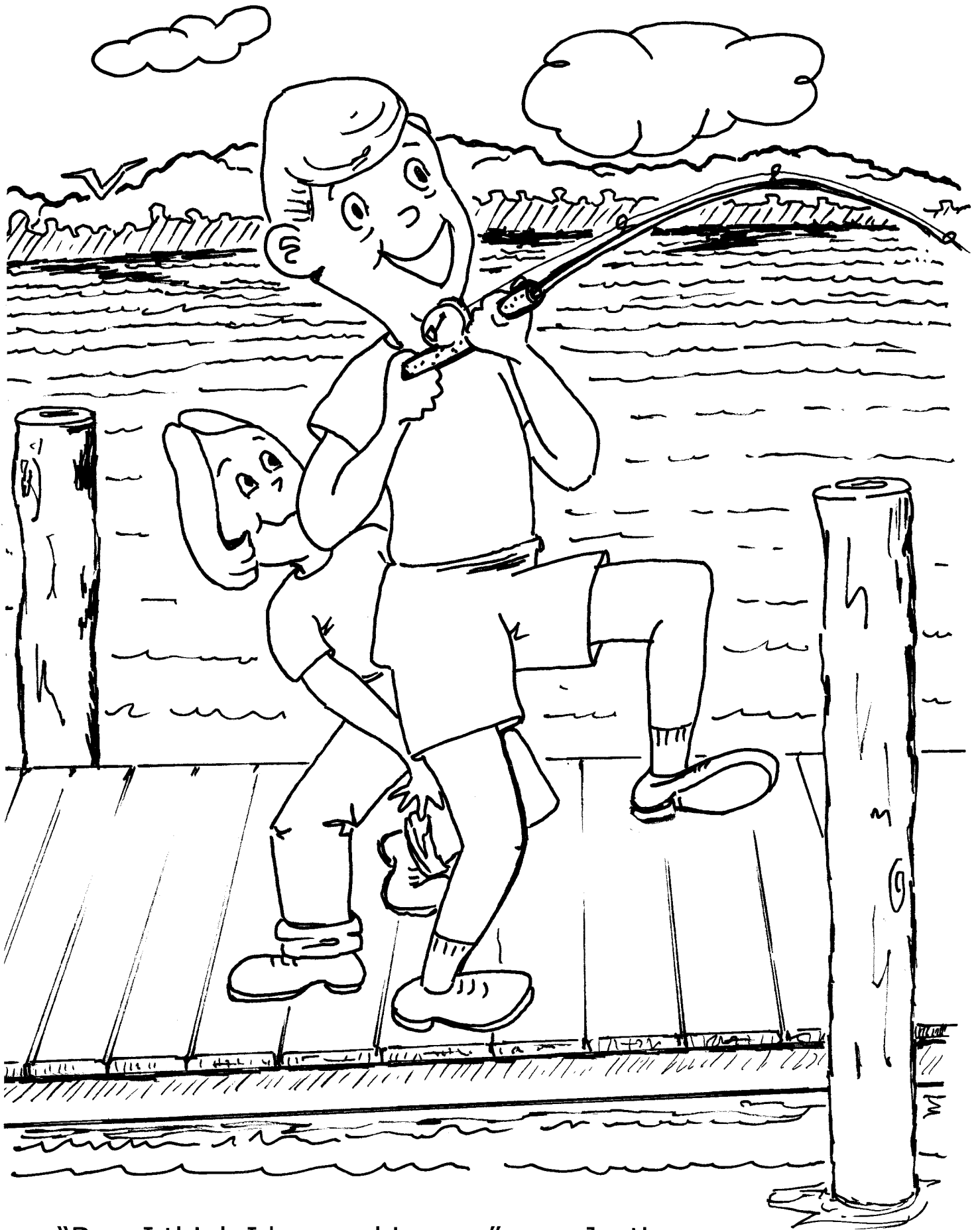


Justin and Jenna set off together for a day of fishing.



"Do you think we can catch any little fish today?" asks Jenna.

"I am going to catch a BIG fish!" answers Justin.

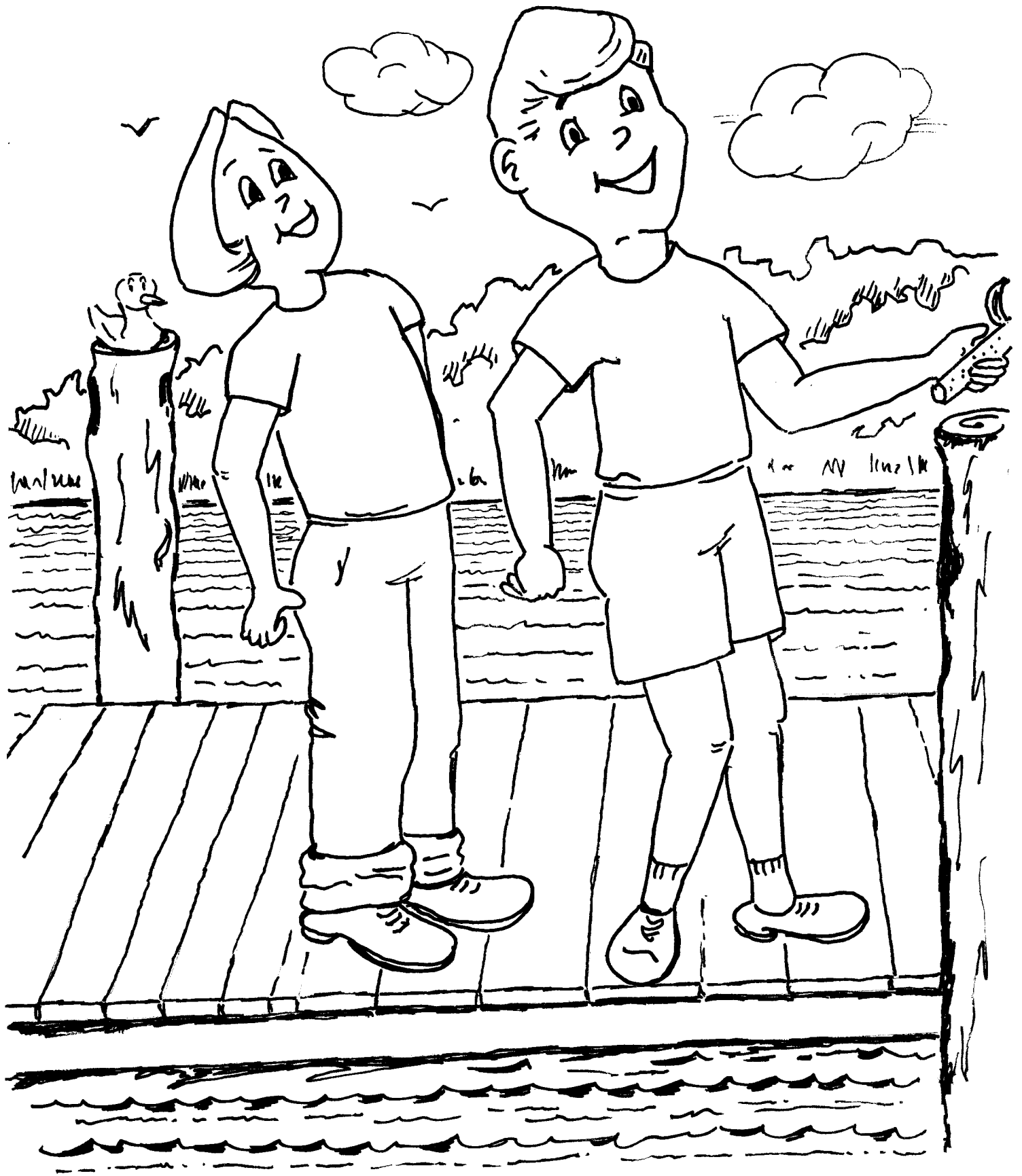


"Boy, I think I have a big one," says Justin.

"Do you think it is really a fish?" asks Jenna.



"You can't keep me," the big fish says,
"because I'm a TALKING MUSKY and Milt is my name."



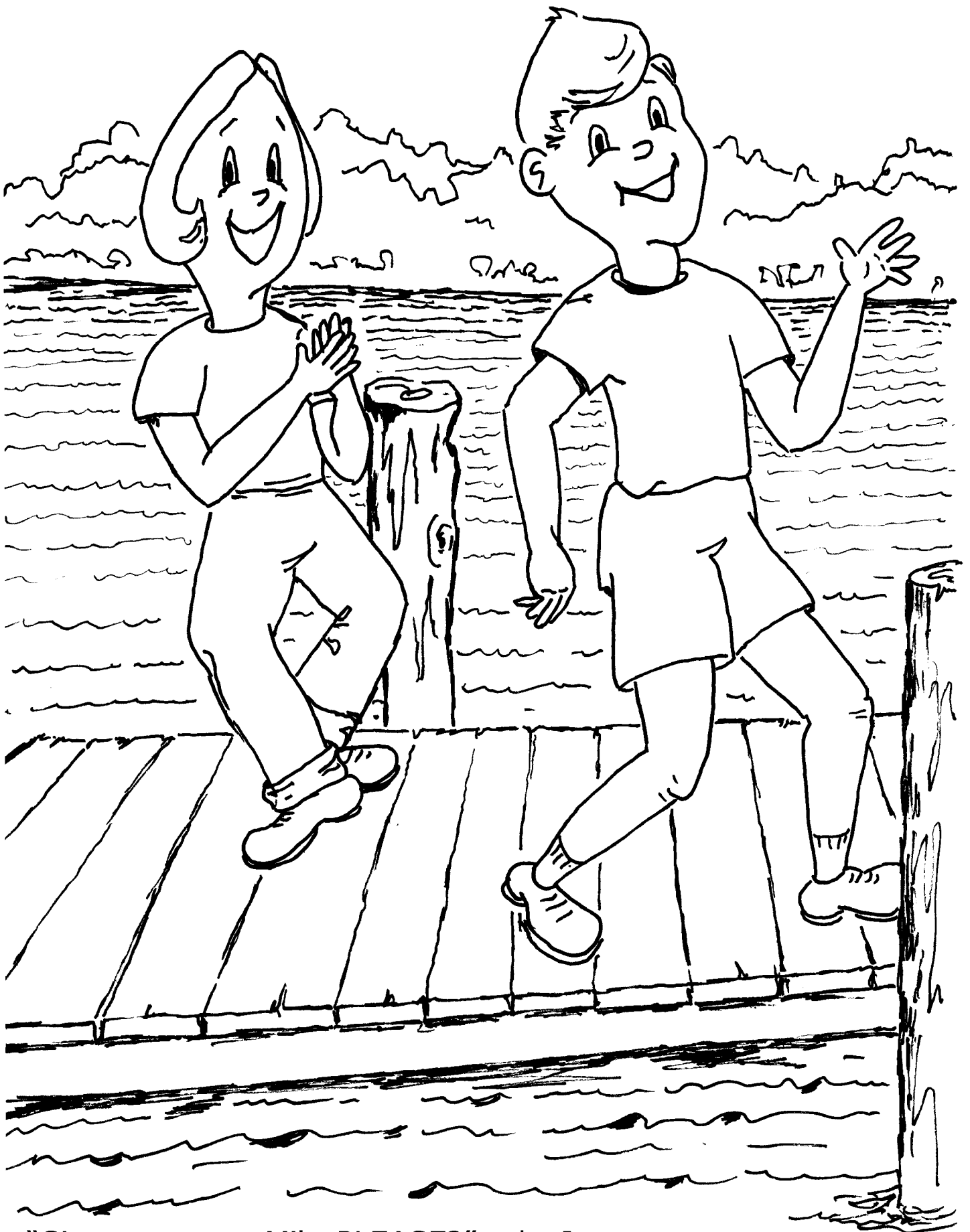
"A talking musky," says Jenna, "who will believe it?"

"I know I do, and I will let you go," says Justin.



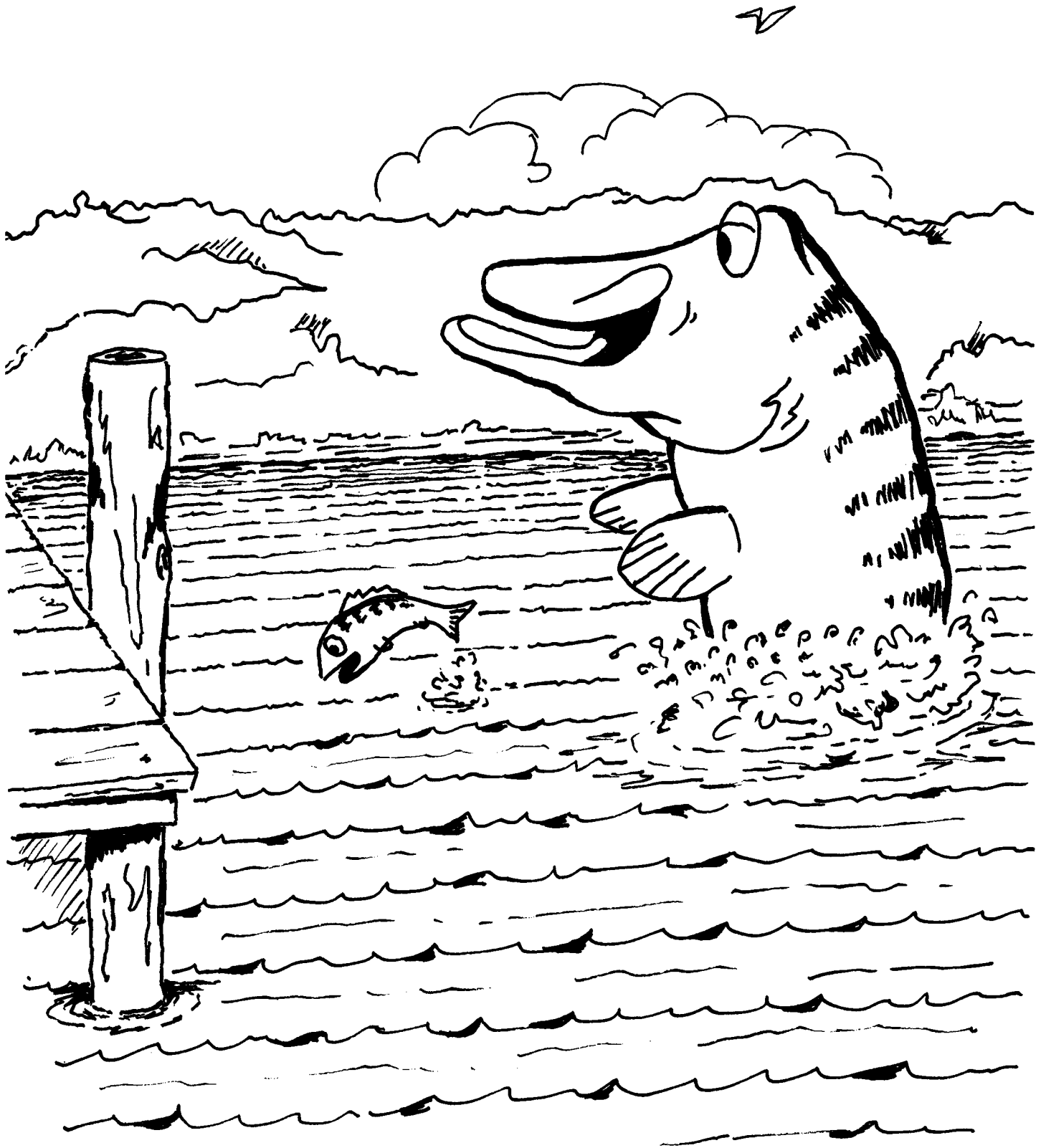
"How did you learn to talk?" asks Jenna.

"I can talk and sing because I learned to read when I was a young musky," answers Milt.



"Sing us a song Milt, PLEASE?" asks Jenna.

"How about five?" Justin adds.



"I will sing one I made up one night
that I often sing to myself," Milt says.

Sing Along with Milt!

I'm Milt the talking Musky. I am... I am.

I eat peanut butter. Peanut butter and jam.

I'm Milt the talking Musky. I am... I am.

You'll see me reading, writing, talking
and singing because I can.



Chorus:

I'm Milt the talking Musky, stranger to the land. If you want to sing along to help with school, I'd like to lend a hand.

I'm Milt the talking Musky, yellow, brown and green. I'm a fish of my word. Follow along and see just what I mean.

I'm Milt the talking Musky from water, warm and cold.

I've had a Father, Mother, Sister, and a Brother since I was one year old.

Some people think that I'm not real, something just made up for you.

If you're lucky you'll see me when you're at the lake, I'm never in a zoo.

Chorus:



Sing Along with Milt!

Together tomorrow, today and forever. Around both day and night.
Look, listen, learn to love, the words we use to read and write.
Always try to do your best. If you try you can be great.
These small rules you all should know by the time that you are turning eight.

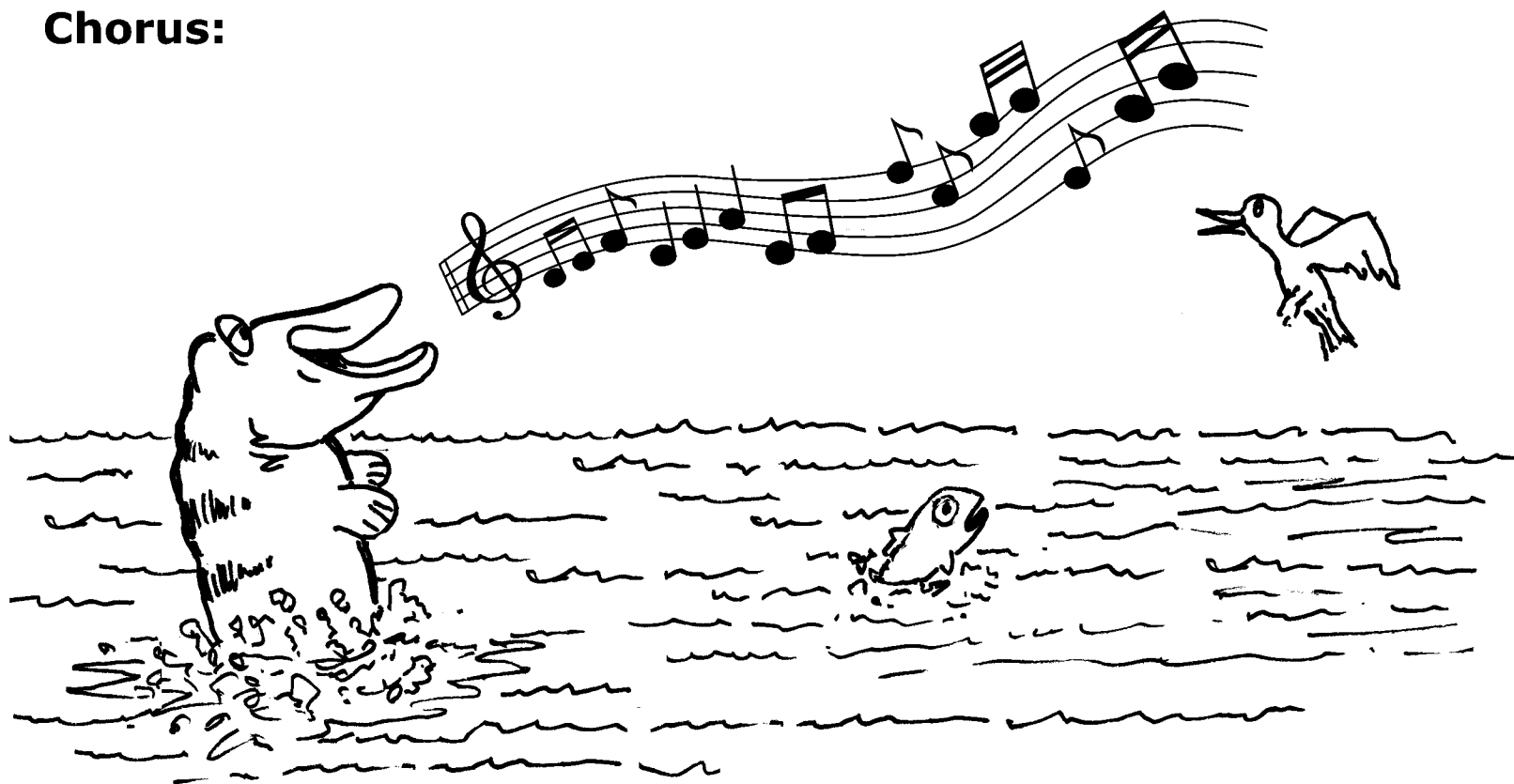
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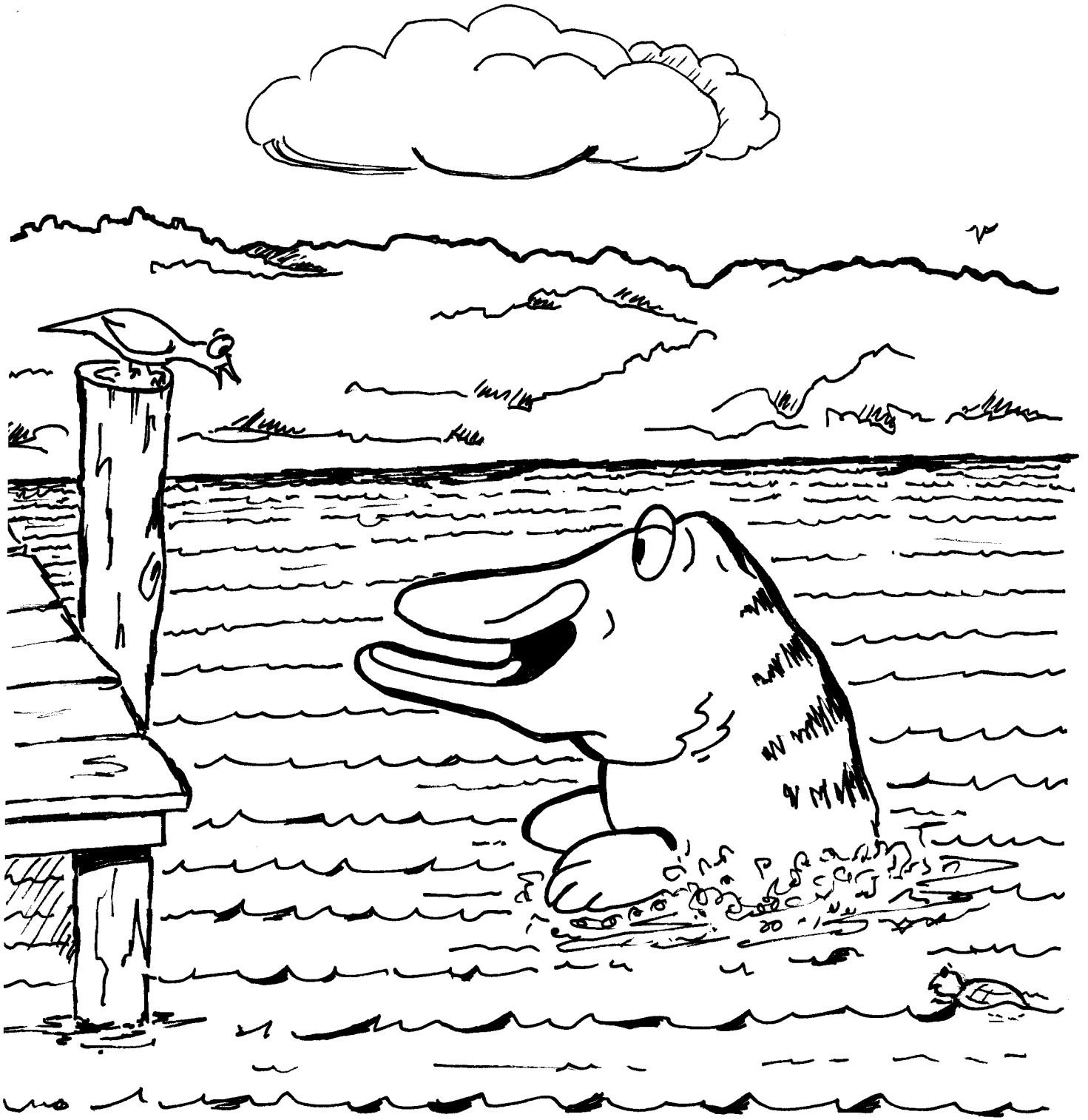
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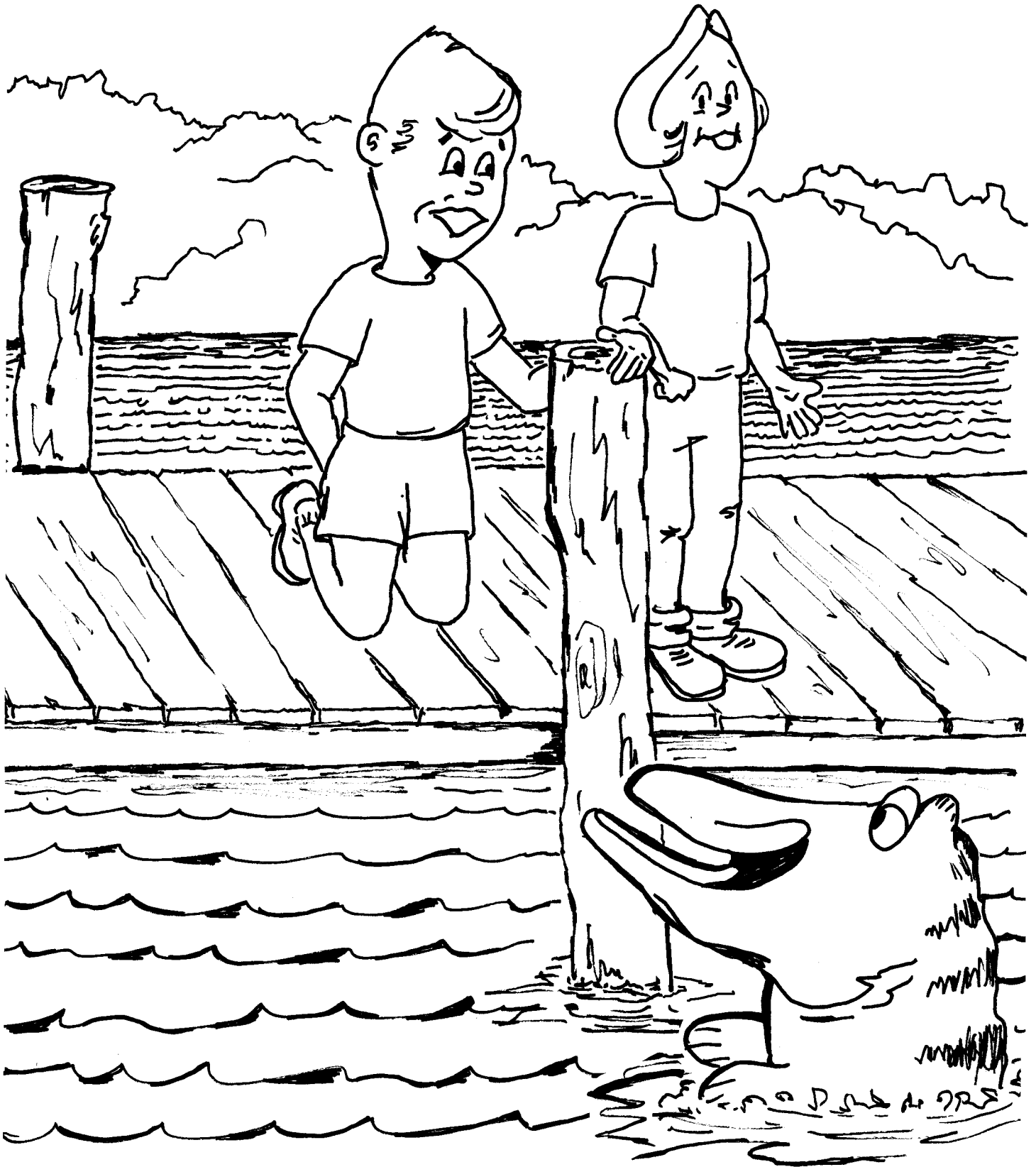
Do your homework after school. Read a book with Mom or Dad.
You know the difference between wrong and right.
It's fun to sing at home or in worship when you can.
Say your prayers, hug your family each and every night.

Chorus:





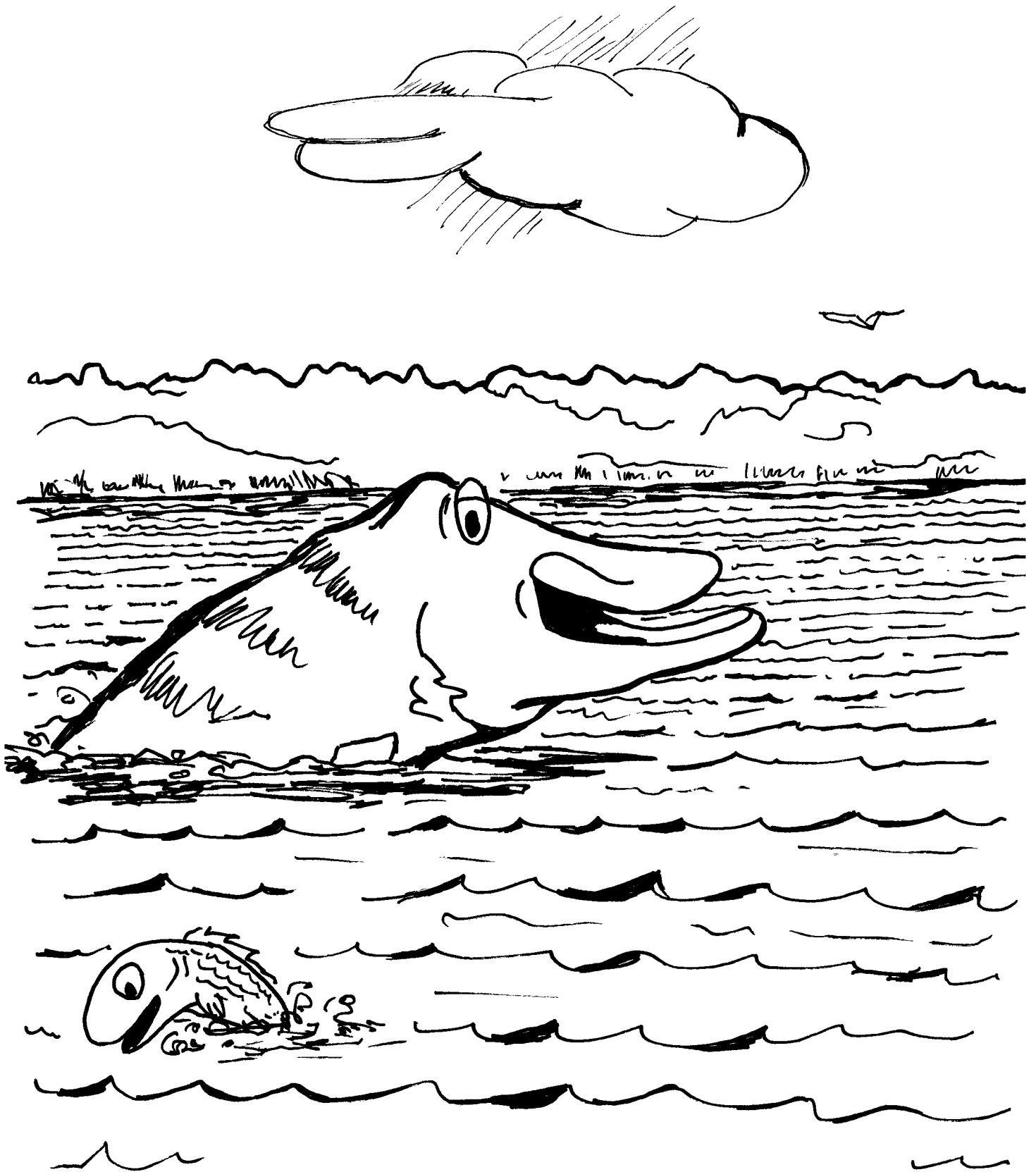
"I must really be going now.
I think I heard my Mother call," Milt says.



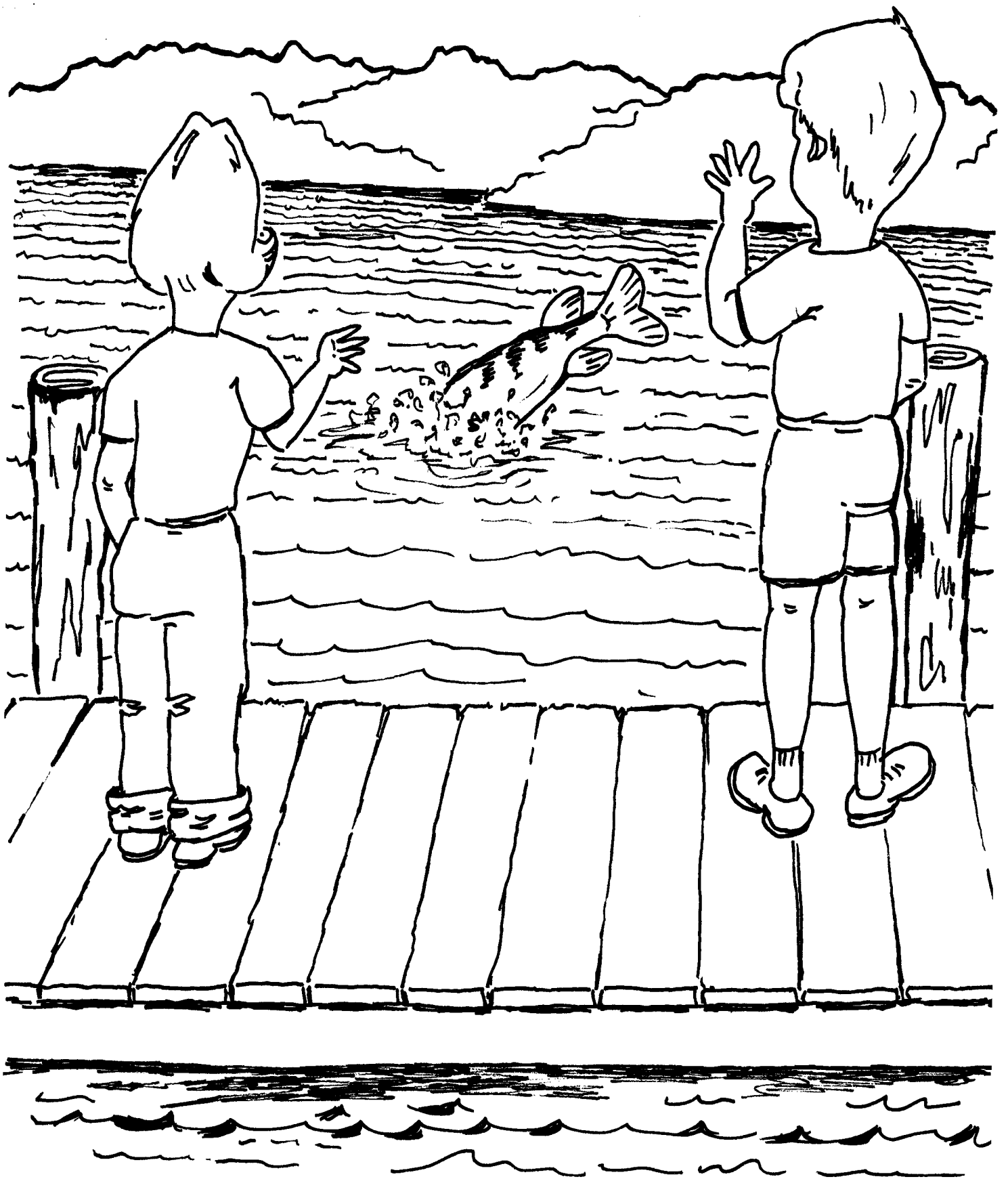
"That was a pretty song Milt," Justin says.

"I like your song very much," adds Jenna.

"Will we see you again?" asks Justin.



"Just look for me early tomorrow, and I may tell you some stories," answers Milt.

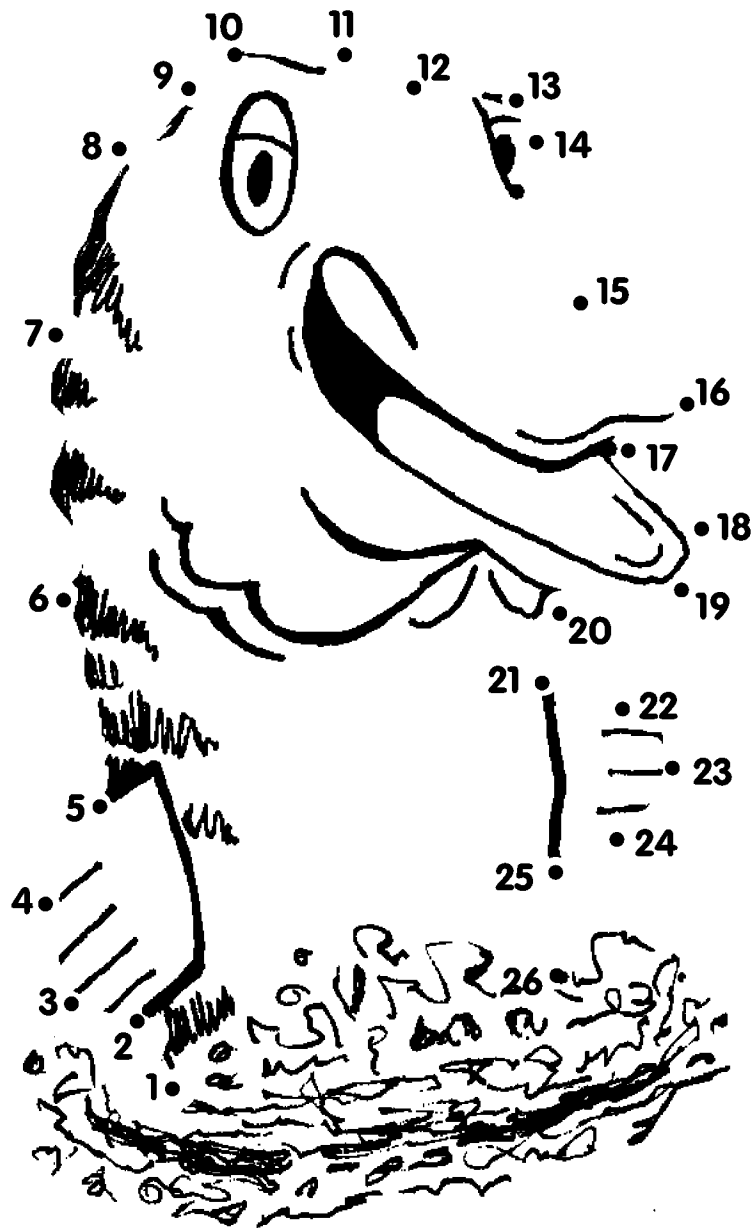


"Goodbye Milt, you are my new best friend.
You have been nice and we love you," Jenna says.

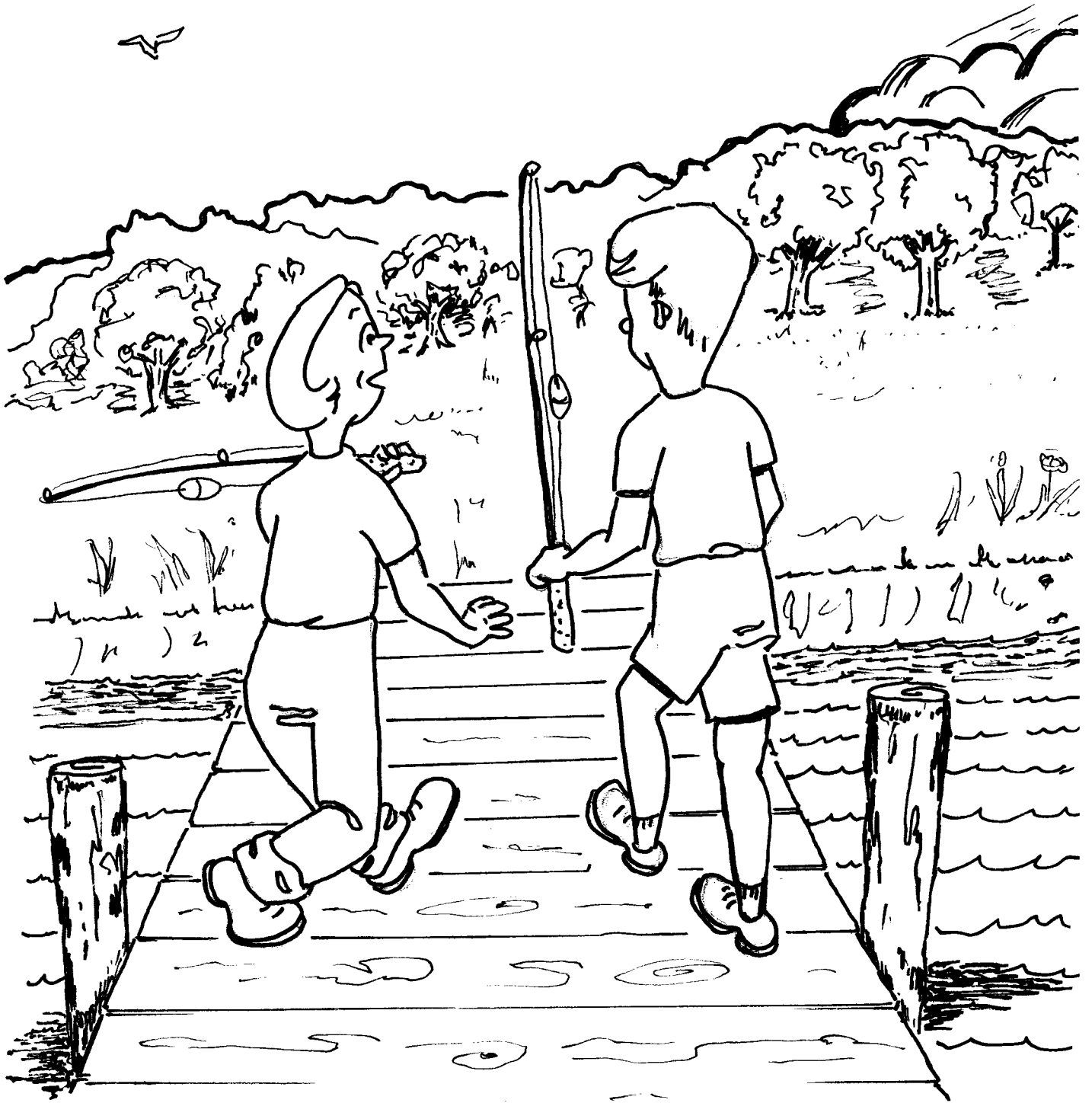


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I'm Milt the talking Musky
I am.

MILT THE TALKING MUSKY

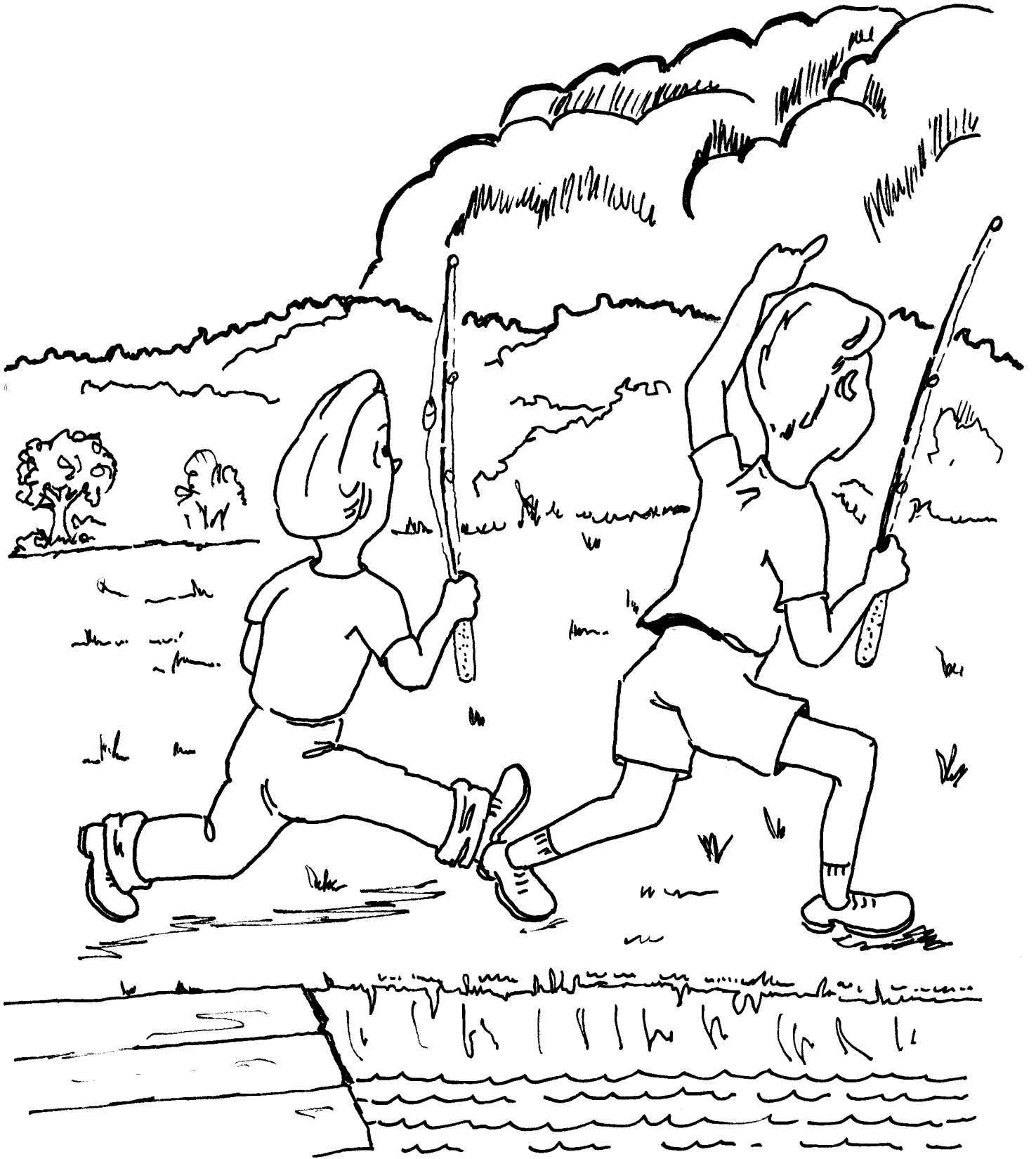


**Connect the dots to draw Milt.
Then color him brown and green.**



"Should we tell Mother and Father about Milt? They said we should not talk to strangers," says Jenna.

"Maybe this once, if we could show them, they would understand; but how can we do that? We will never make them believe us," Justin says.



"It is going to rain. The sky is dark.
We better run fast before we get wet!" says Justin.

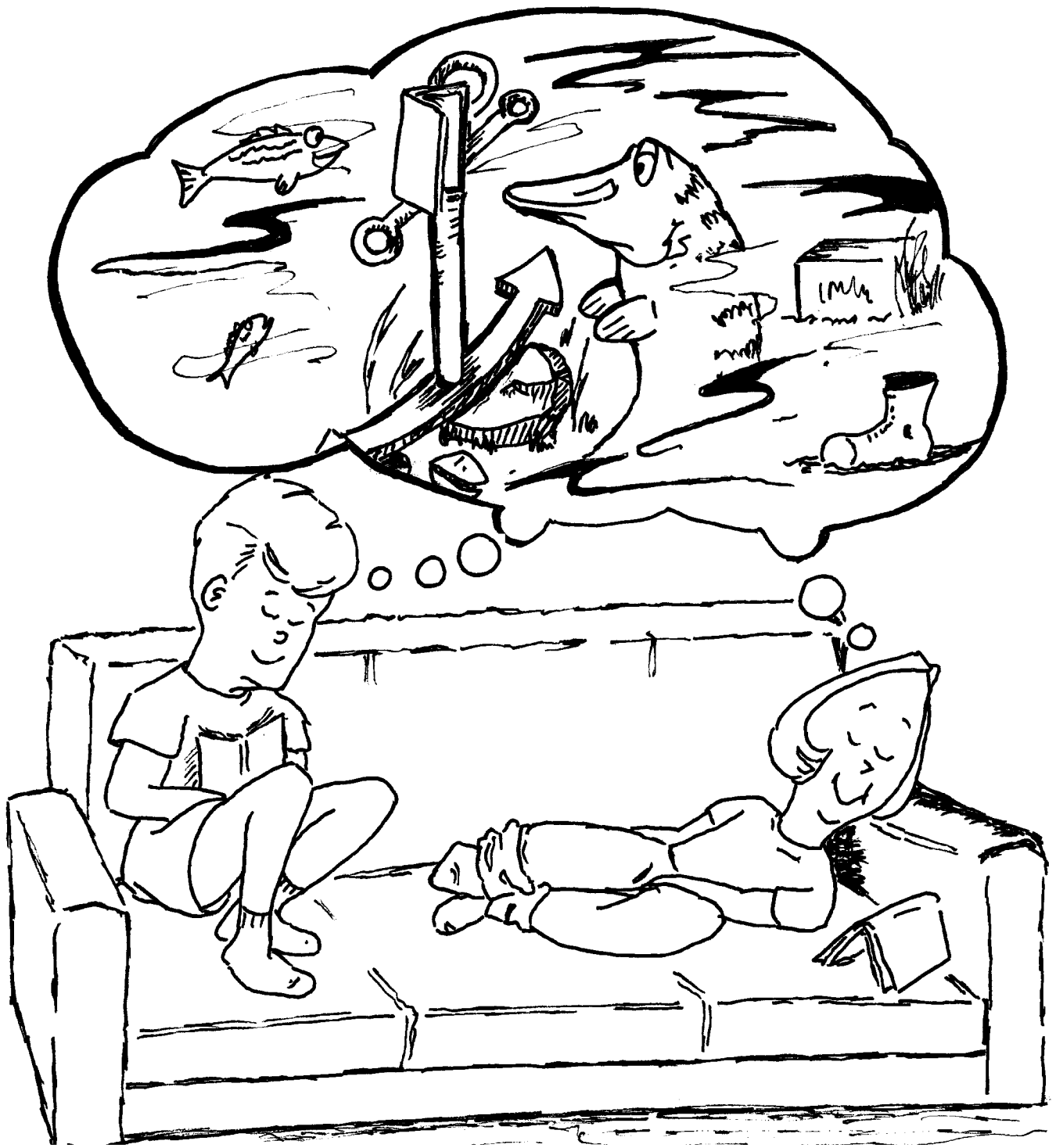


"What is going on here? Are they both reading?" Father asks.

"I don't know. They ran to the house after fishing. They ate and then they brought out their books.

I thought it was strange. I heard them singing, too.

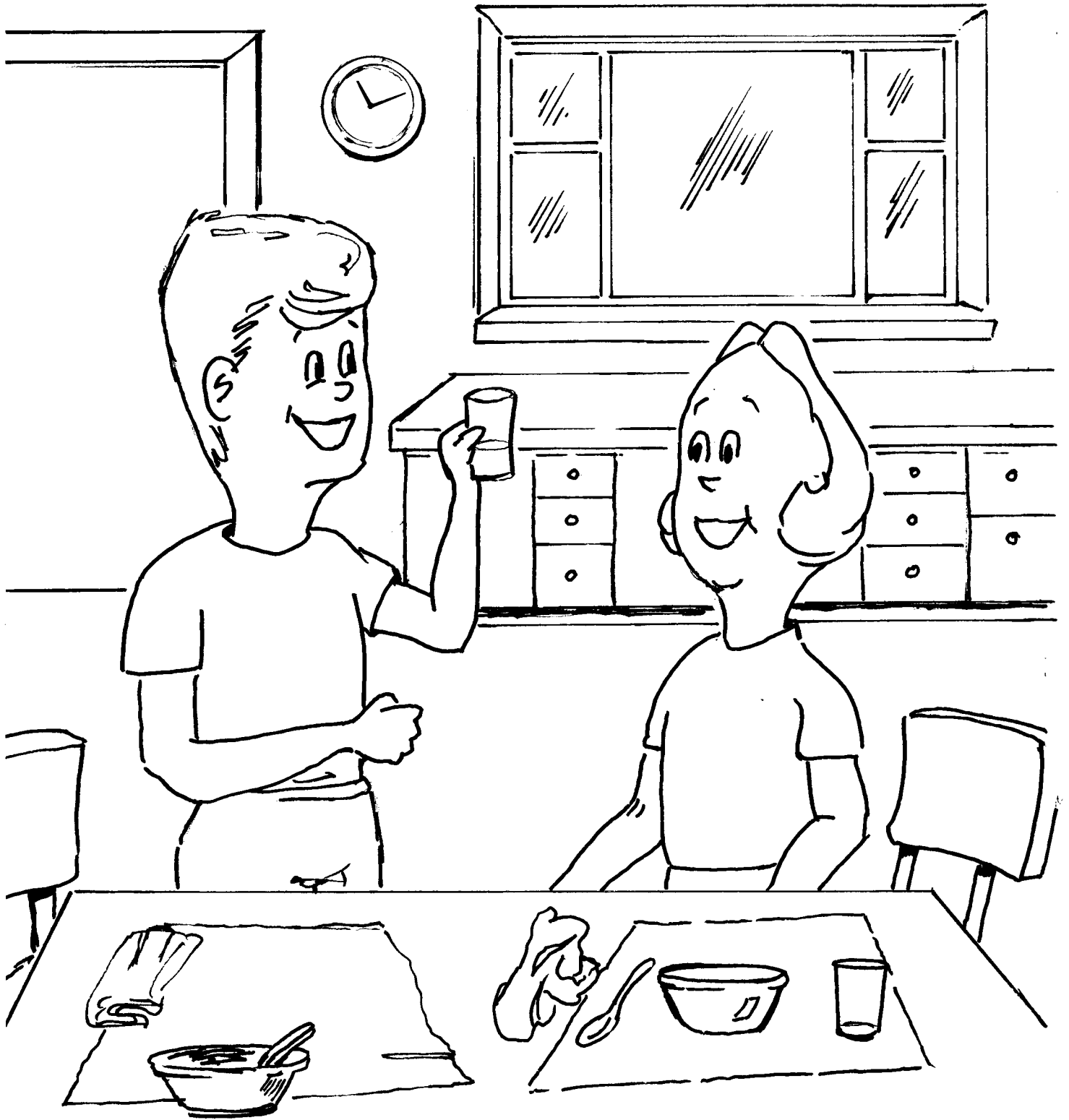
We really should spend more time reading with them," says Mother.



"Look, the two of them went to sleep. They must have had an exciting day," says Mother.

"They look like they are having a dream. I sure wish I could see what they see right now. Shall we wake them up or try to carry them to their beds?" asks Father.

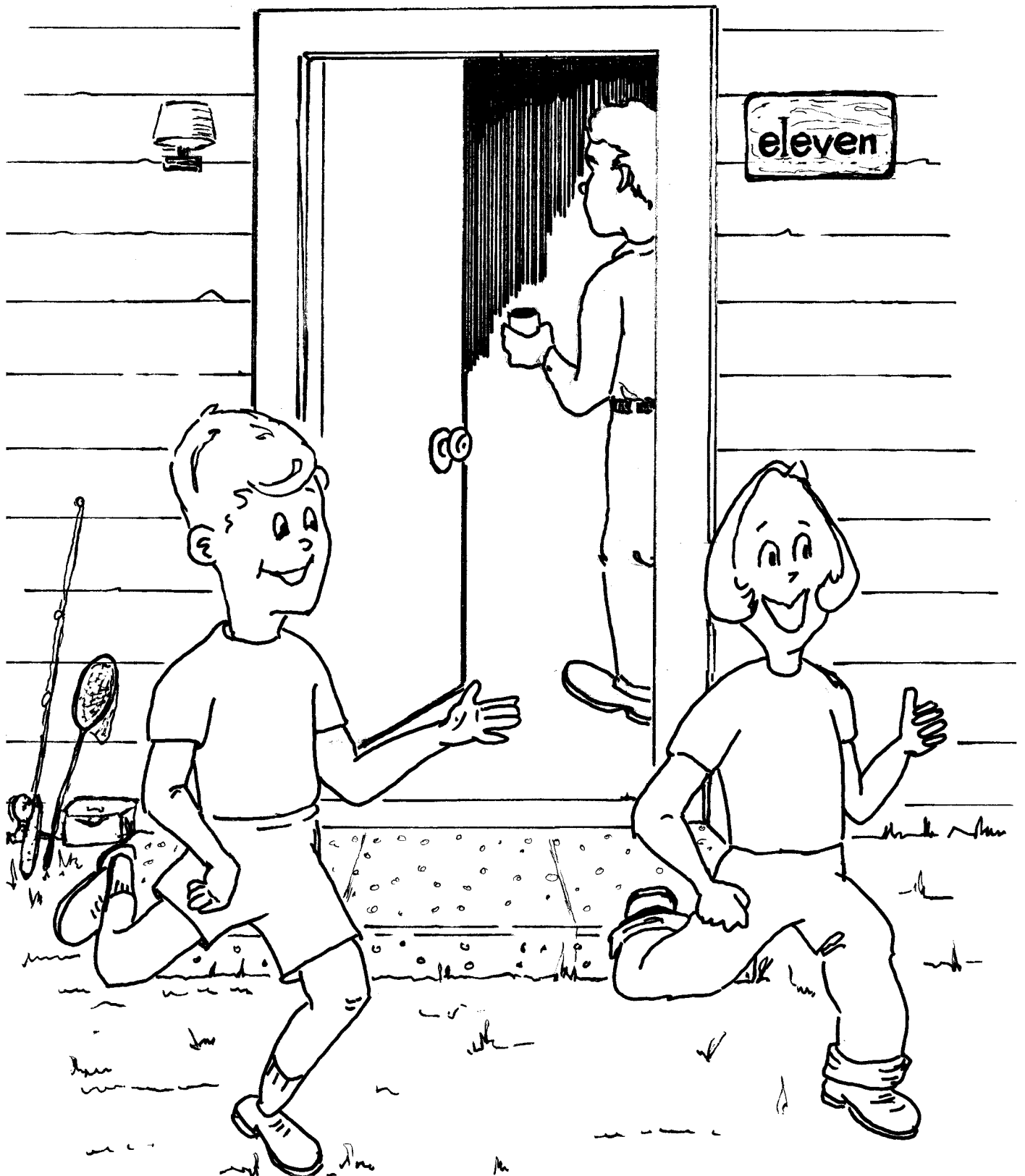
"Just pick them up and put them in bed. It won't hurt them to be in bed early," says Mother.



"We are done with our breakfast," the children say.

"Did you have enough to eat, and did you drink your juice?" asks Mother.

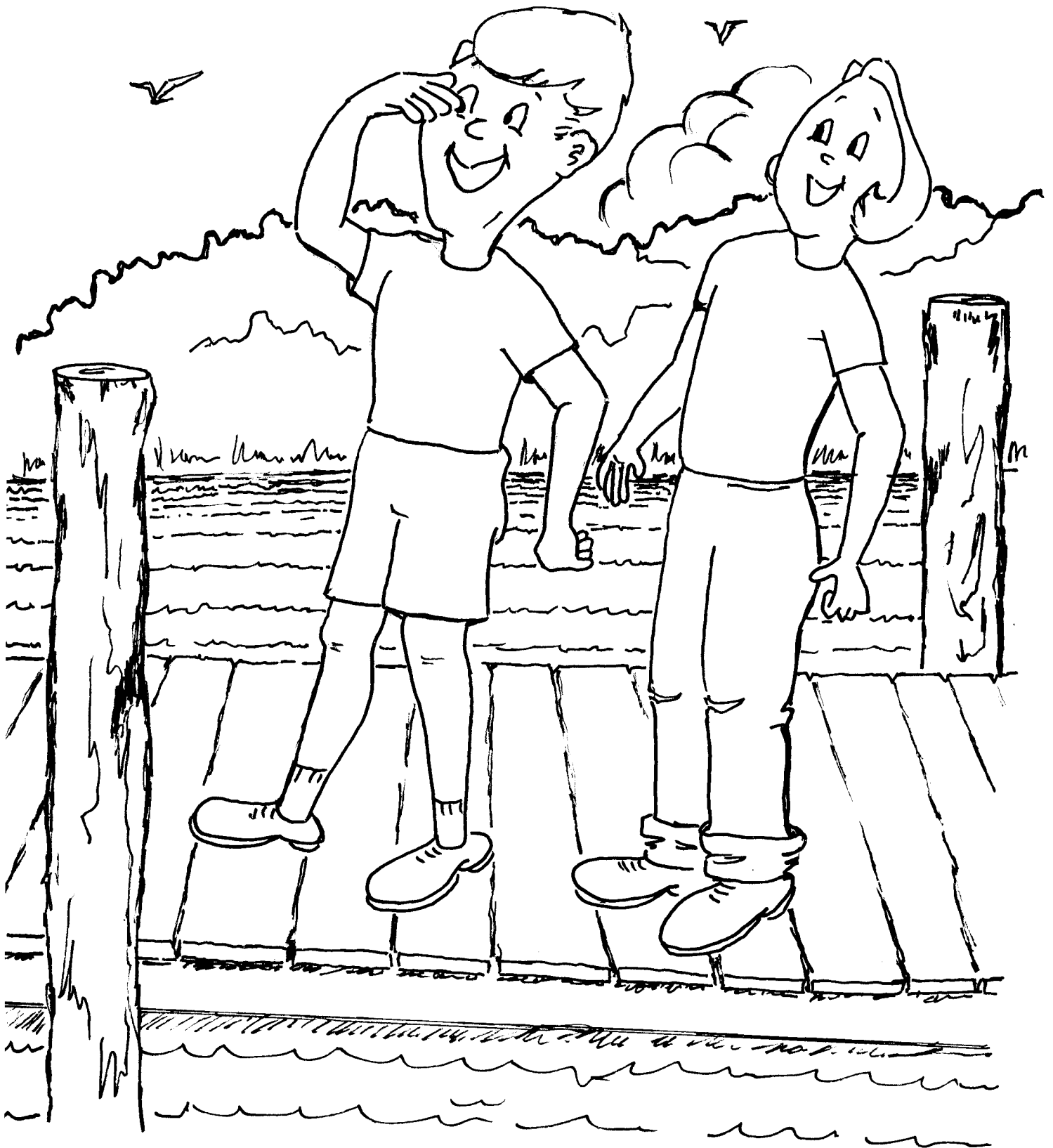
"Yes, we are full," the children say.



"We have to find Milt again," says Justin.

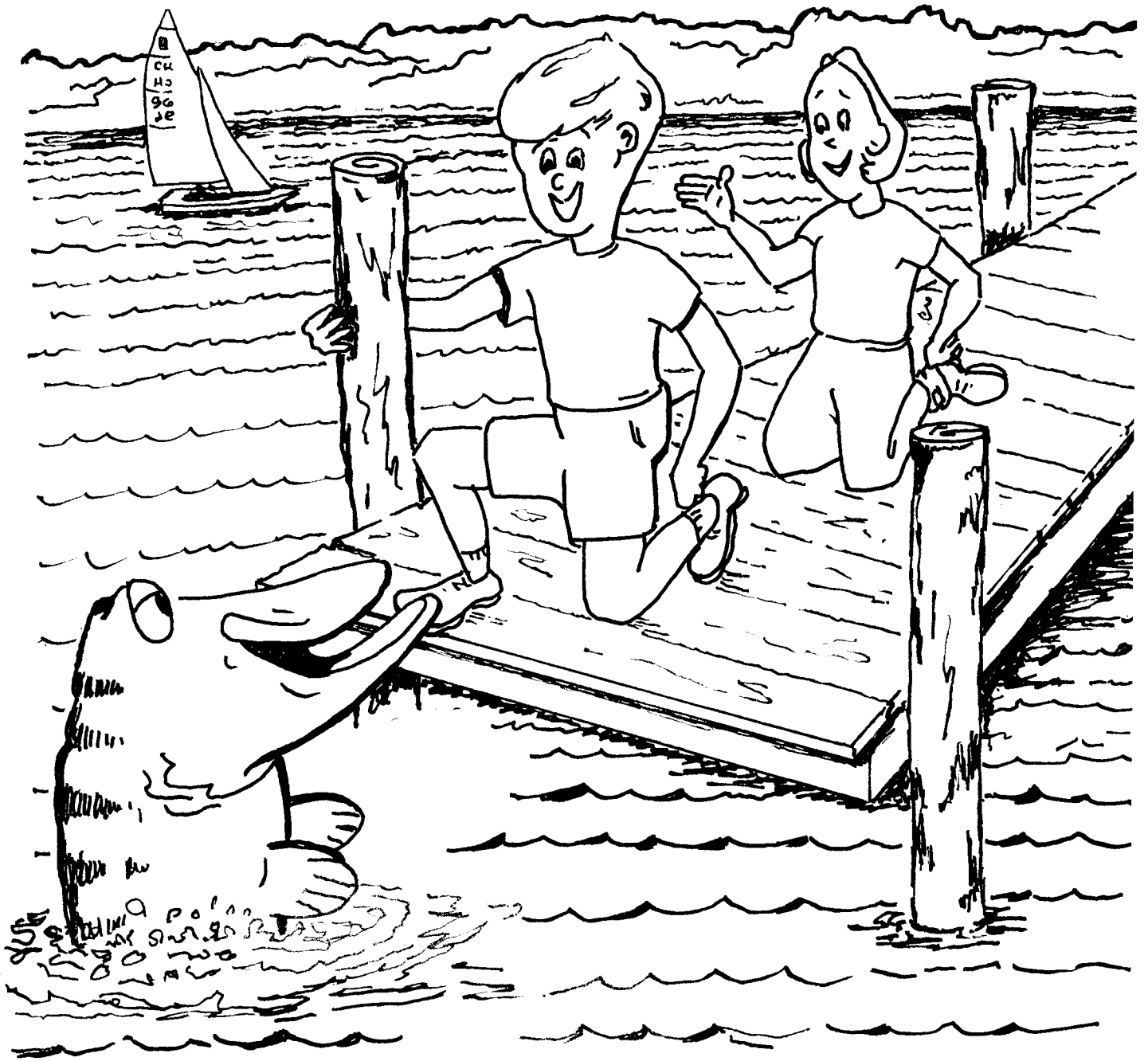
"Milt, who is Milt?" asks Father.

"I am not sure," says Mother. "This is the first I have heard of him."



"Do you see him?" asks Jenna.

"I think I see him over there. It won't be long now. He should be here soon," Justin says.



"We are happy you came back," says Justin.

"What country are you from, Milt?" asks Jenna.

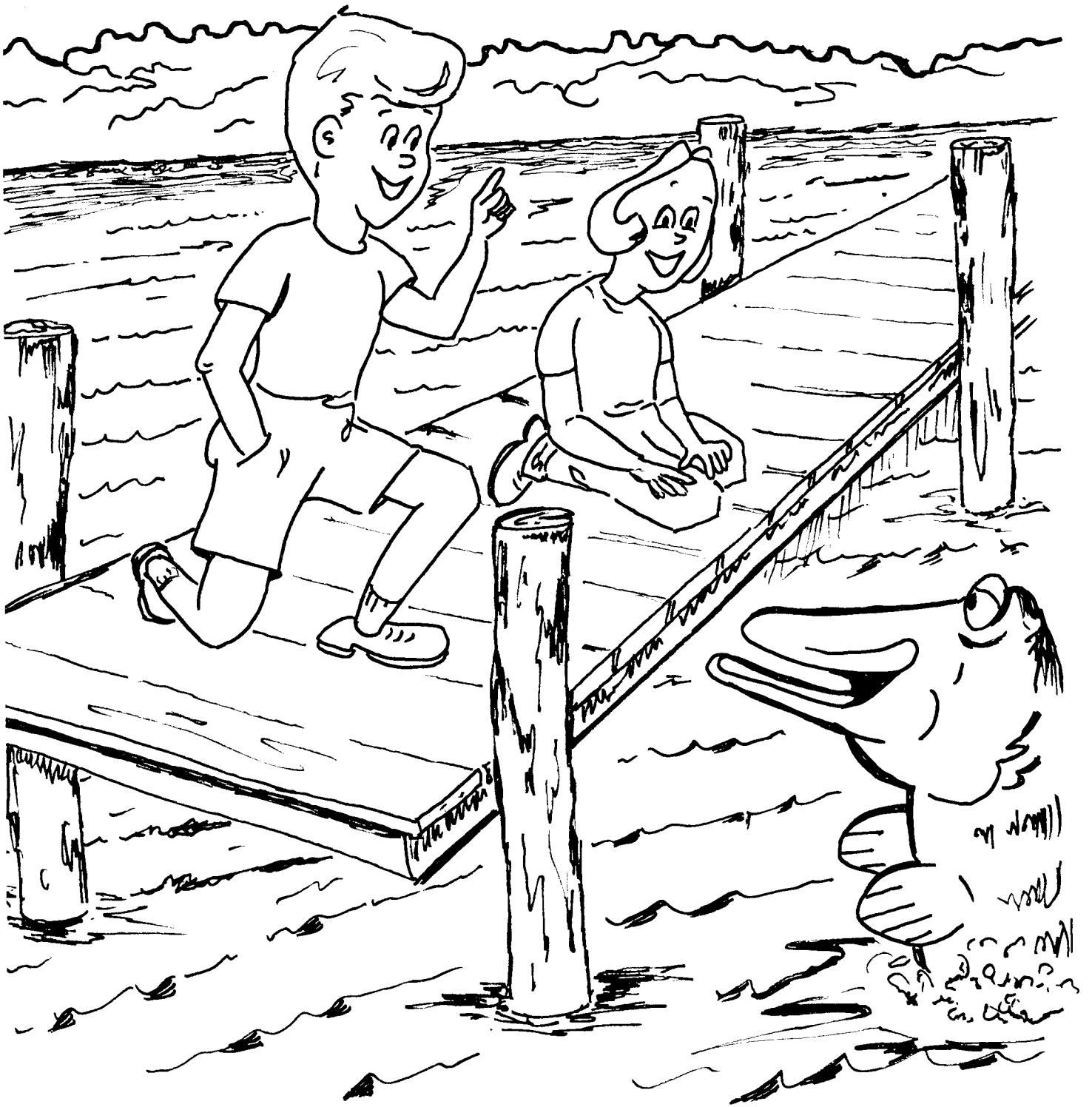
"I am from America, just like you," says Milt.

"Can you laugh?" asks Justin.

"Yes, when I read or hear something funny. However there are many things that I cannot do. I cannot fly," says Milt.

"What are other things you cannot do?" asks Jenna.

"I cannot ride a bike or walk," says Milt.



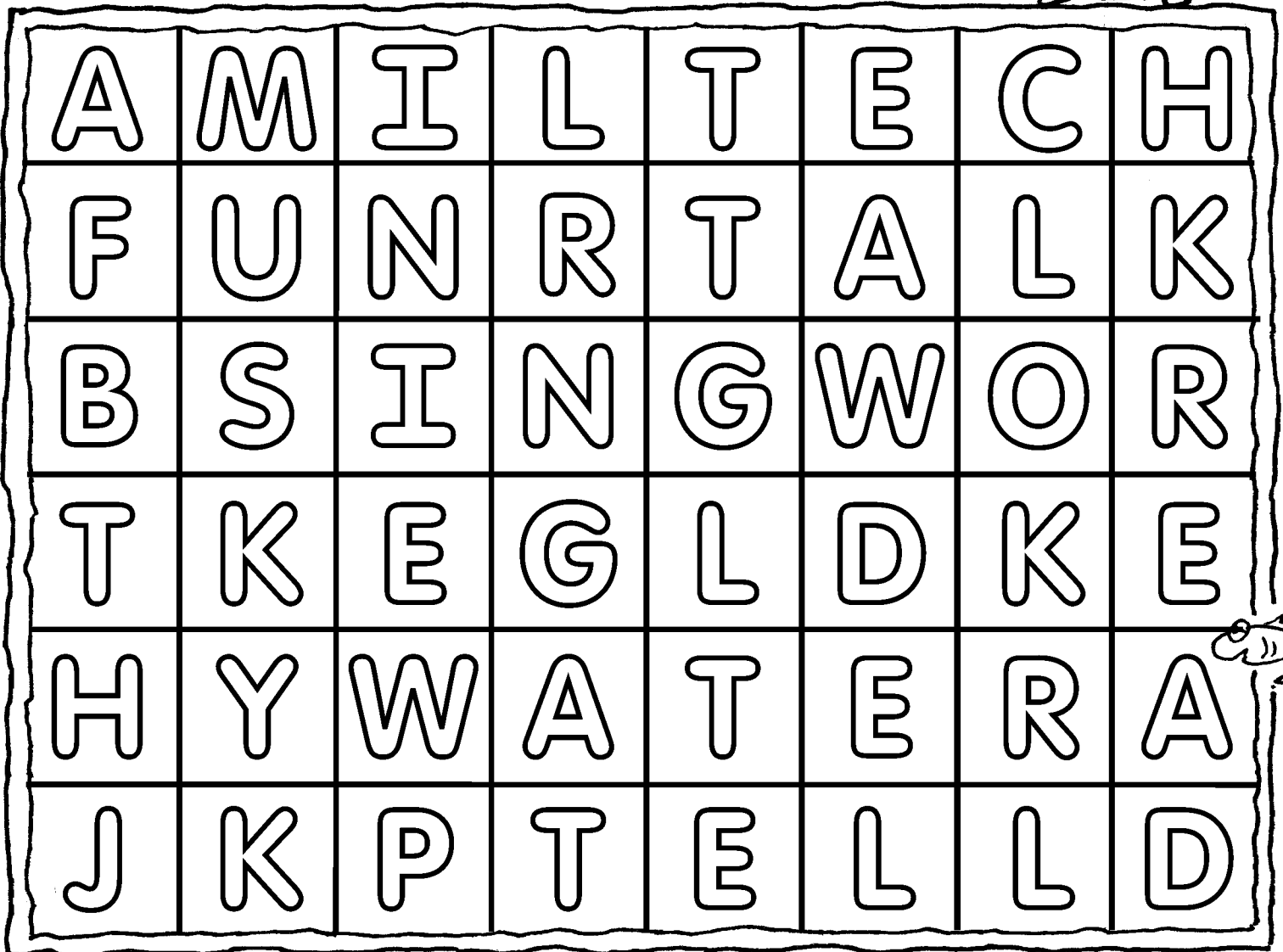
"Have you ever been around the world?" asks Justin.

"No," answers Milt. "I live here, down under the water, in this lake. I am never far away."

"What is it like to live in the water?" asks Jenna.

"It may be cold or it may be warm, but when I move about, it is just right," answers Milt.

Milt's Word Search



My name is **MILT**.

I am a **MUSKY**.

I can **SING**.

I can **TALK**.

I **READ** a lot.

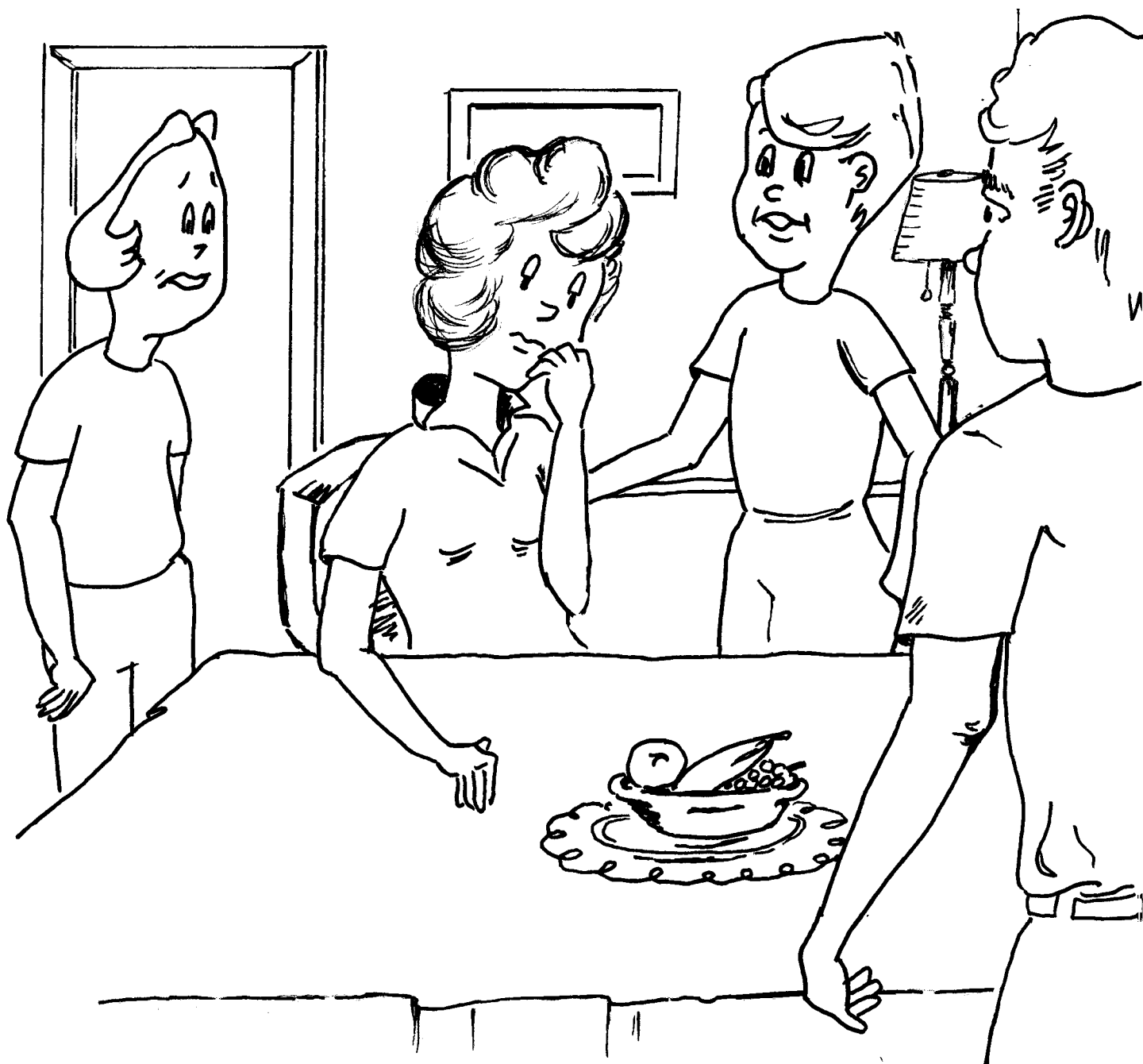
I live in the **WATER**.

I like to have **FUN**.

I always like to **TELL** stories.

Can you find the words in my puzzle?





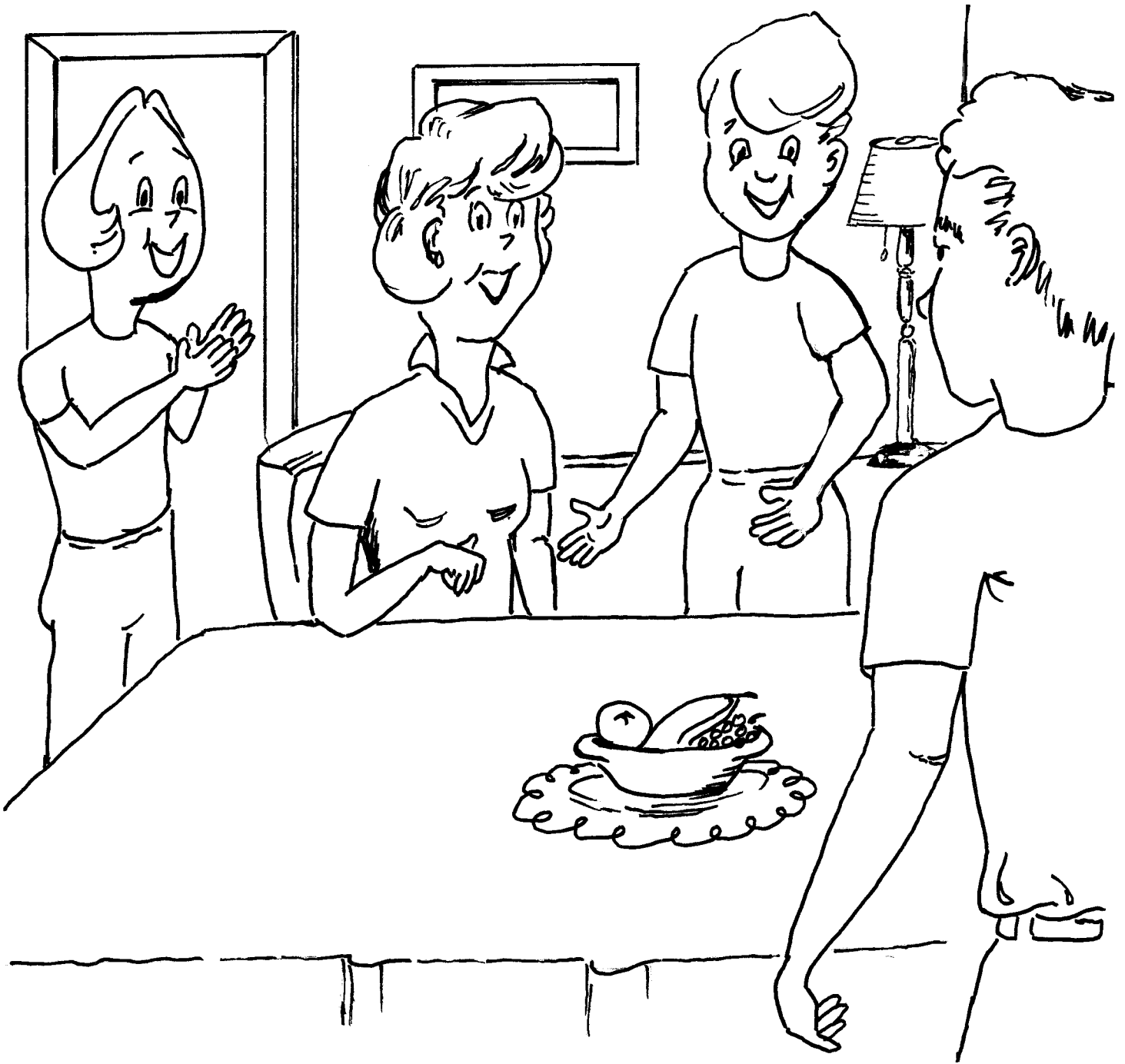
"Why are you sad, Mother?" asks Justin.

"Because I lost my bracelet. It fell into the water while walking by the lake. It was one that your father gave to me eight years ago."

"I will buy you another one," says Father.

"No other bracelet can take its place," says Mother,

"It was very special."



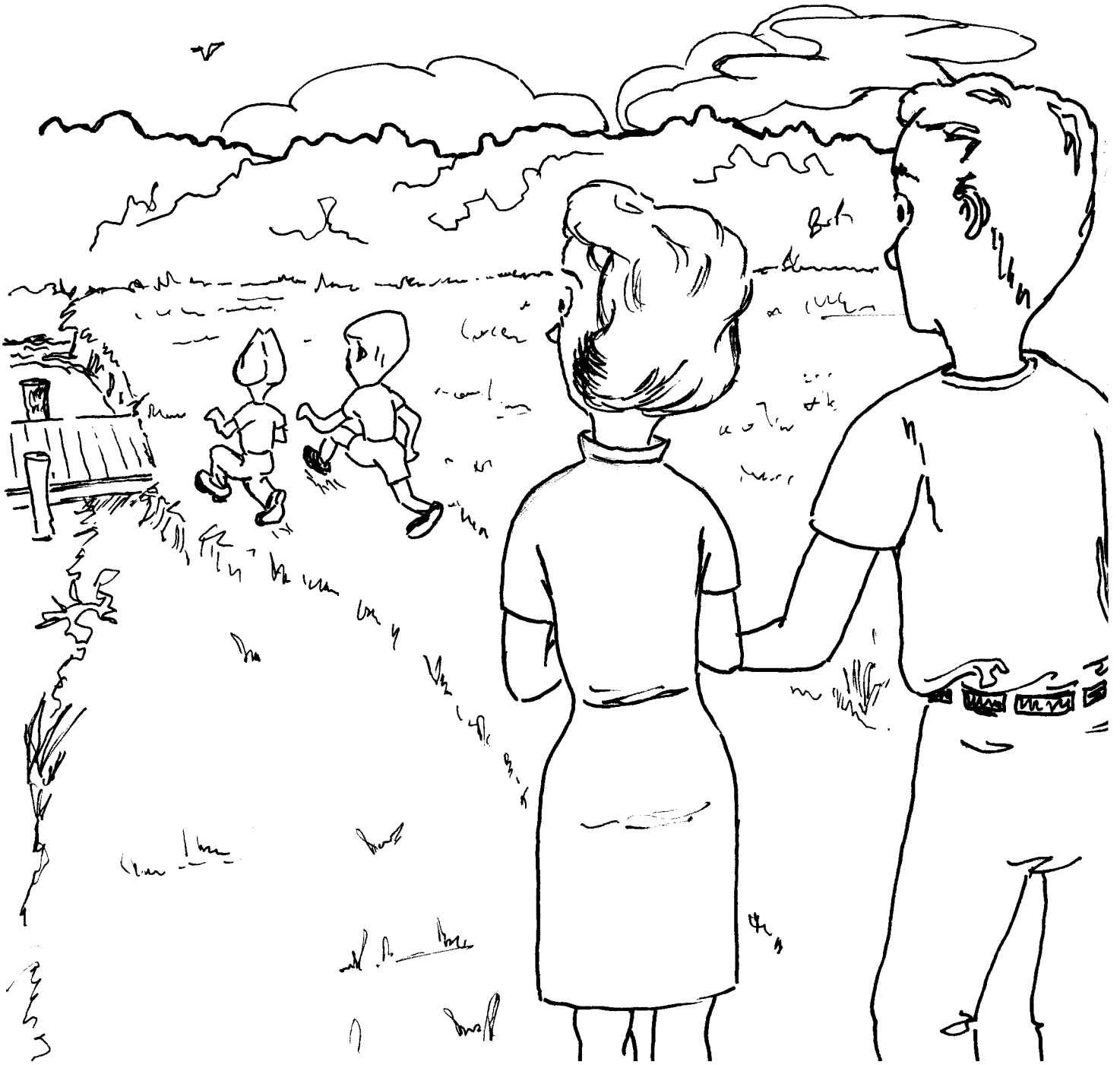
"Milt can find it for you!" says Jenna.

"Who is this Milt?" asks Father, "and how could he find it?"

"Well, uh...he is a talking musky," says Jenna.

"I caught him when we were fishing, but when I saw that he could talk and sing, I let him go," says Justin.

"We will go ask him if he can find your bracelet, Mother," says Jenna. "He will bring it to us."



"So, Milt is a talking musky?" says Father.

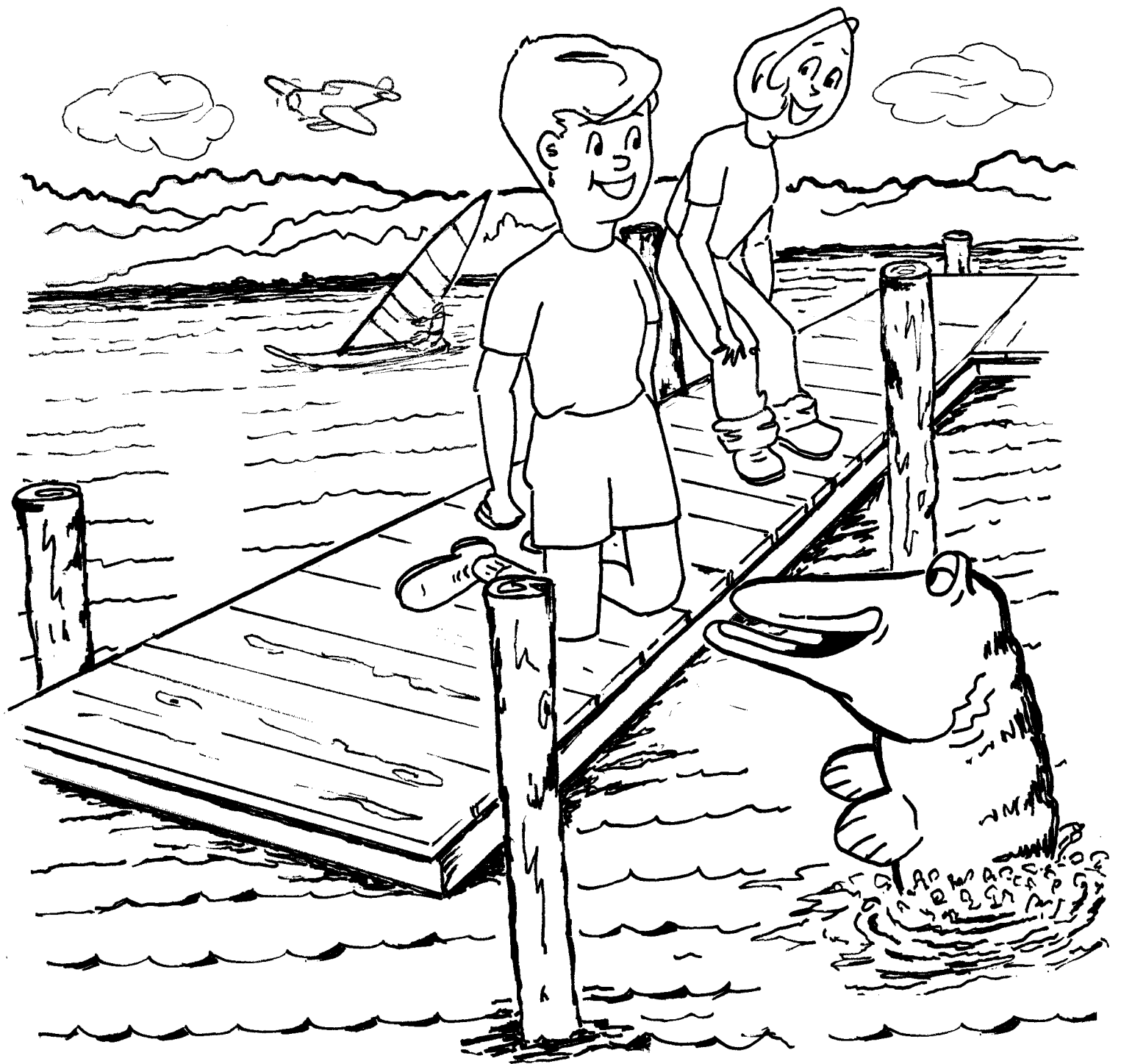
"Should we make them stop believing in him?" asks Mother.

"It is just a made-up friend," says Father.

"Does it hurt the children, to have a made-up friend?" asks Mother.

"I had a made-up friend when I was small.

They will grow out of it," says Father.

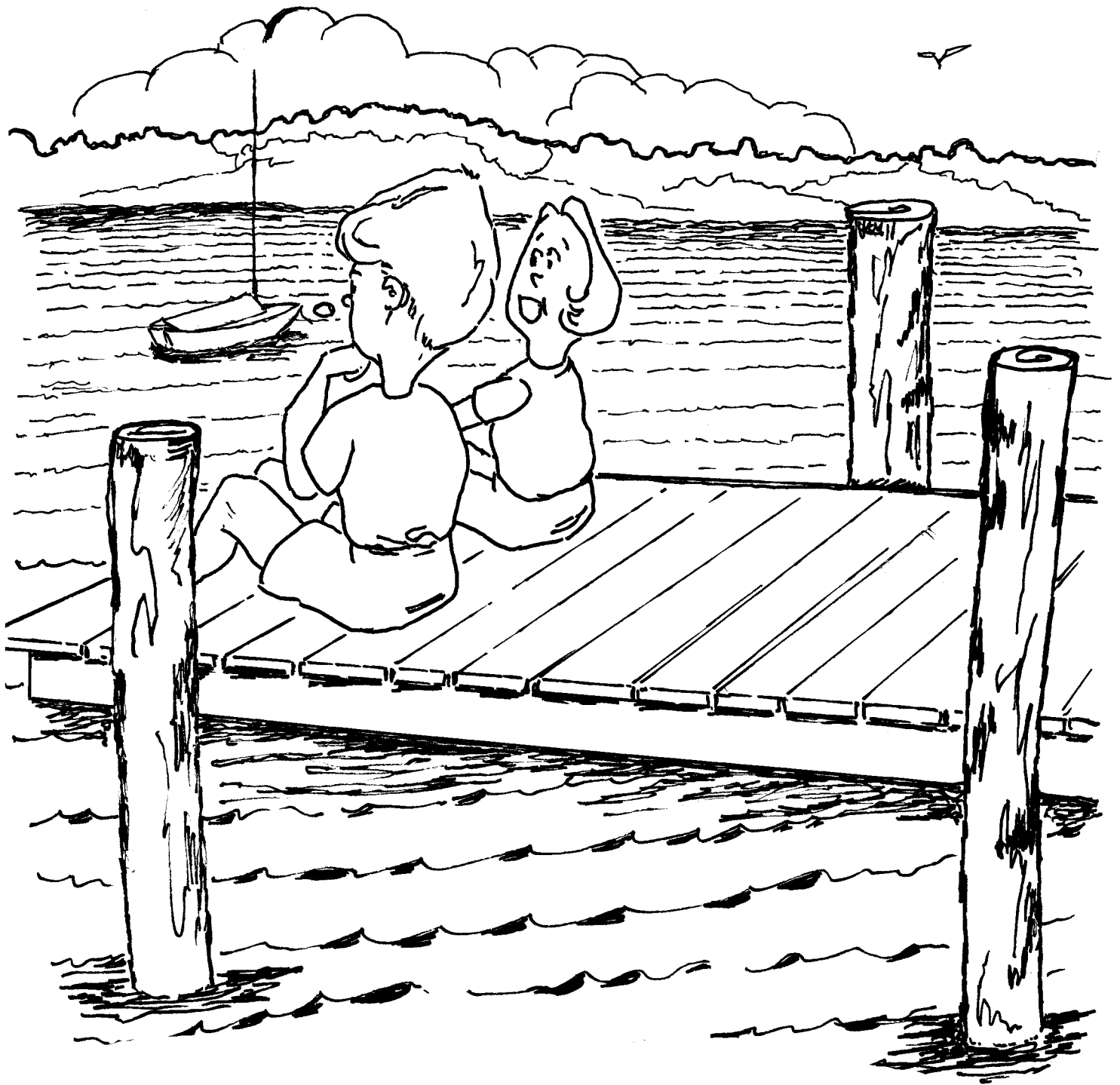


"Milt, could you find Mother's bracelet?" asks Justin. "She lost it in the water."

"I don't know, but I can try," says Milt. "People put so many things in the lake, it's not very clean down there. I wish they would learn to make the Earth better place. There are many animals and fish that use the water. We need clean water."

"Could you please look?" asks Jenna.

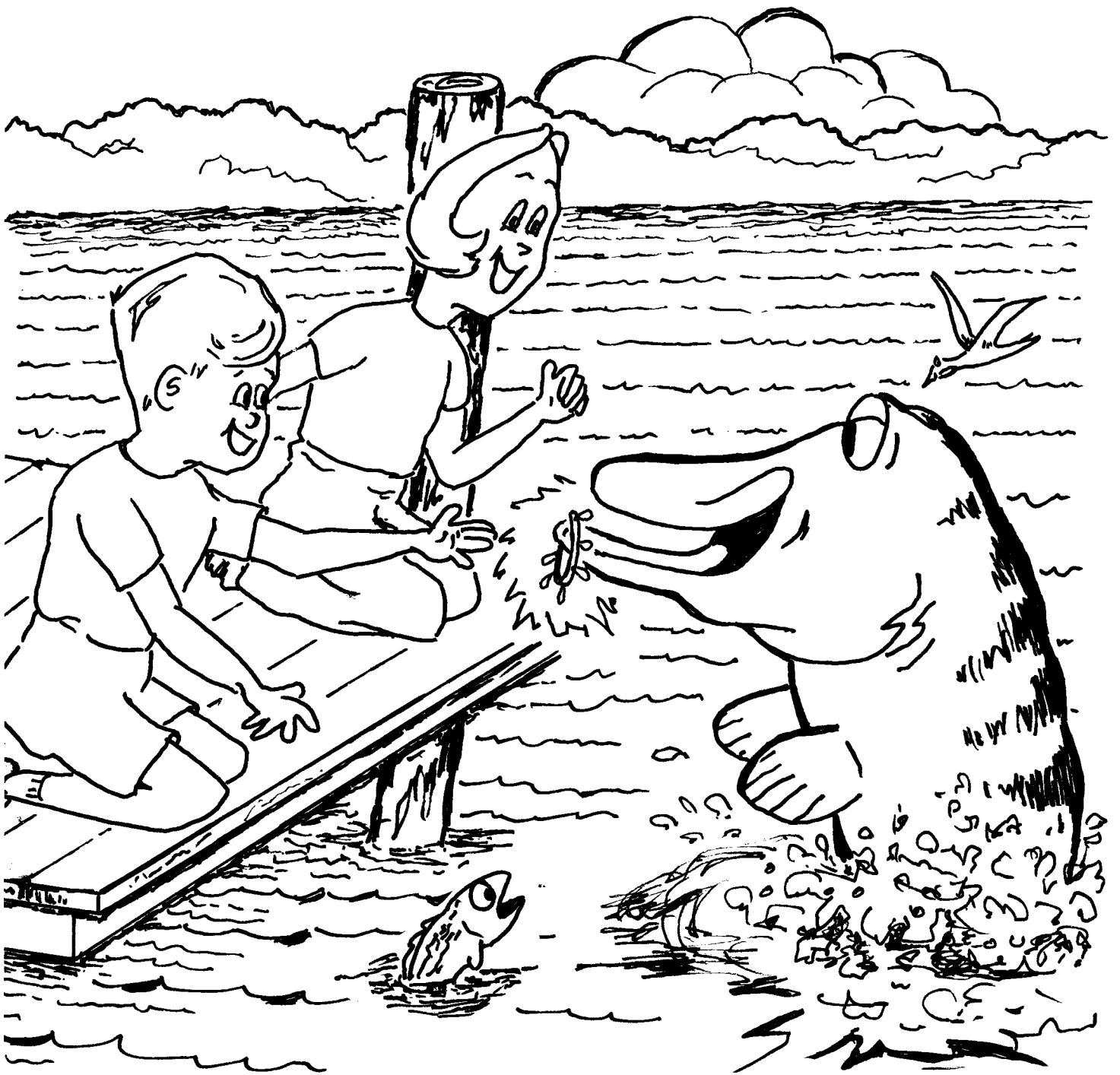
"I will start here and work out into the lake." says Milt.



"Do you think he will find Mother's bracelet? It is so small and the lake is so big," Jenna says.

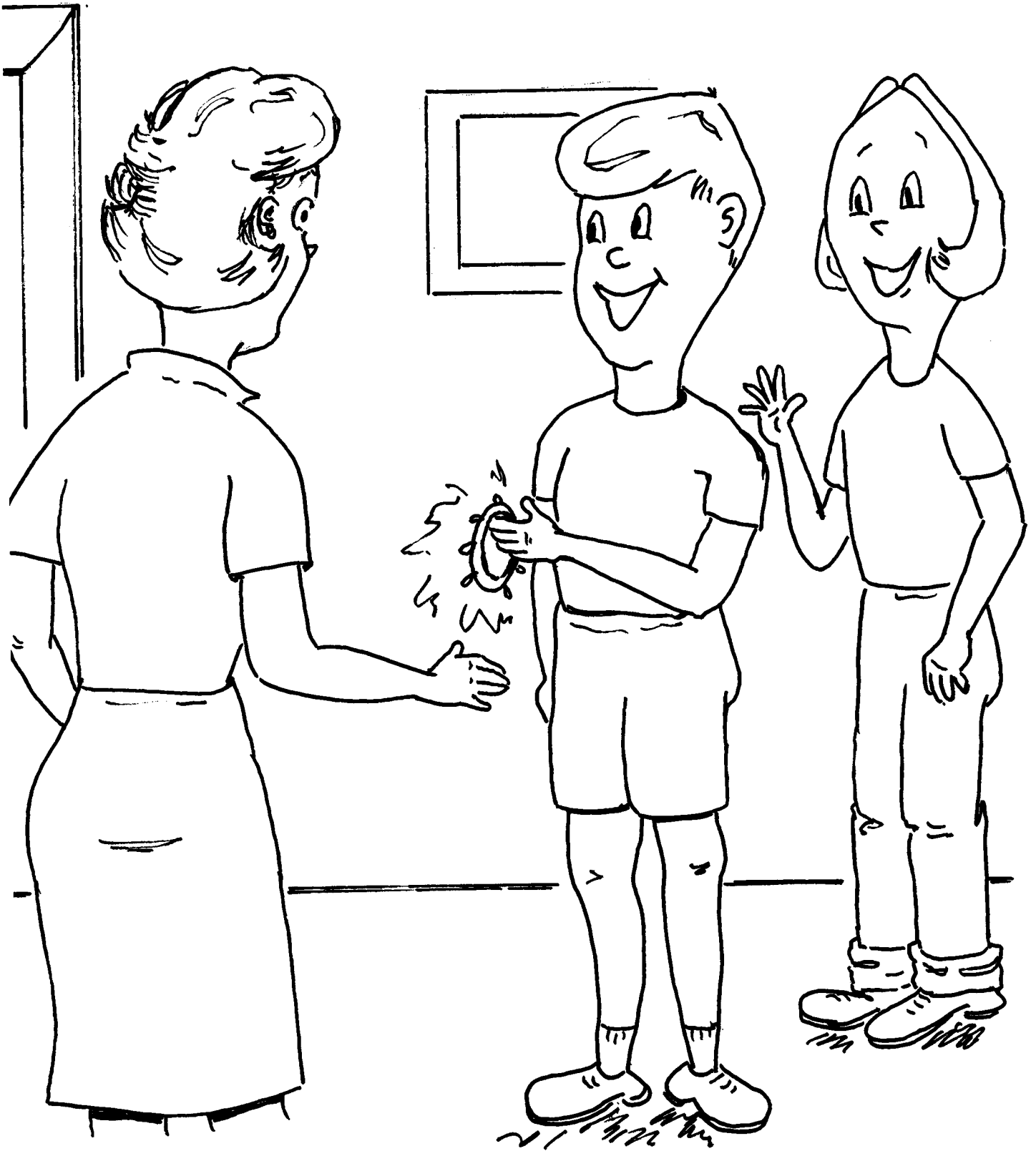
"All we can do is sit here for now," says Justin.

"Milt is right about the Earth. Our teacher told us the same thing in school. We all have to live on the Earth, so we should keep it clean," says Jenna.



"Well, I did it!" says Milt. "I found the bracelet. It was hot today, but I had good light to see, and I could look through all the things down there. I went a long way, but I did not stop looking. I had to pull it away from another fish. He wanted to use it to jump through. Hold on to it and don't let it fall back into the water," adds Milt.

"Oh, thank you, Milt! Mother will love you as we do," say the children.

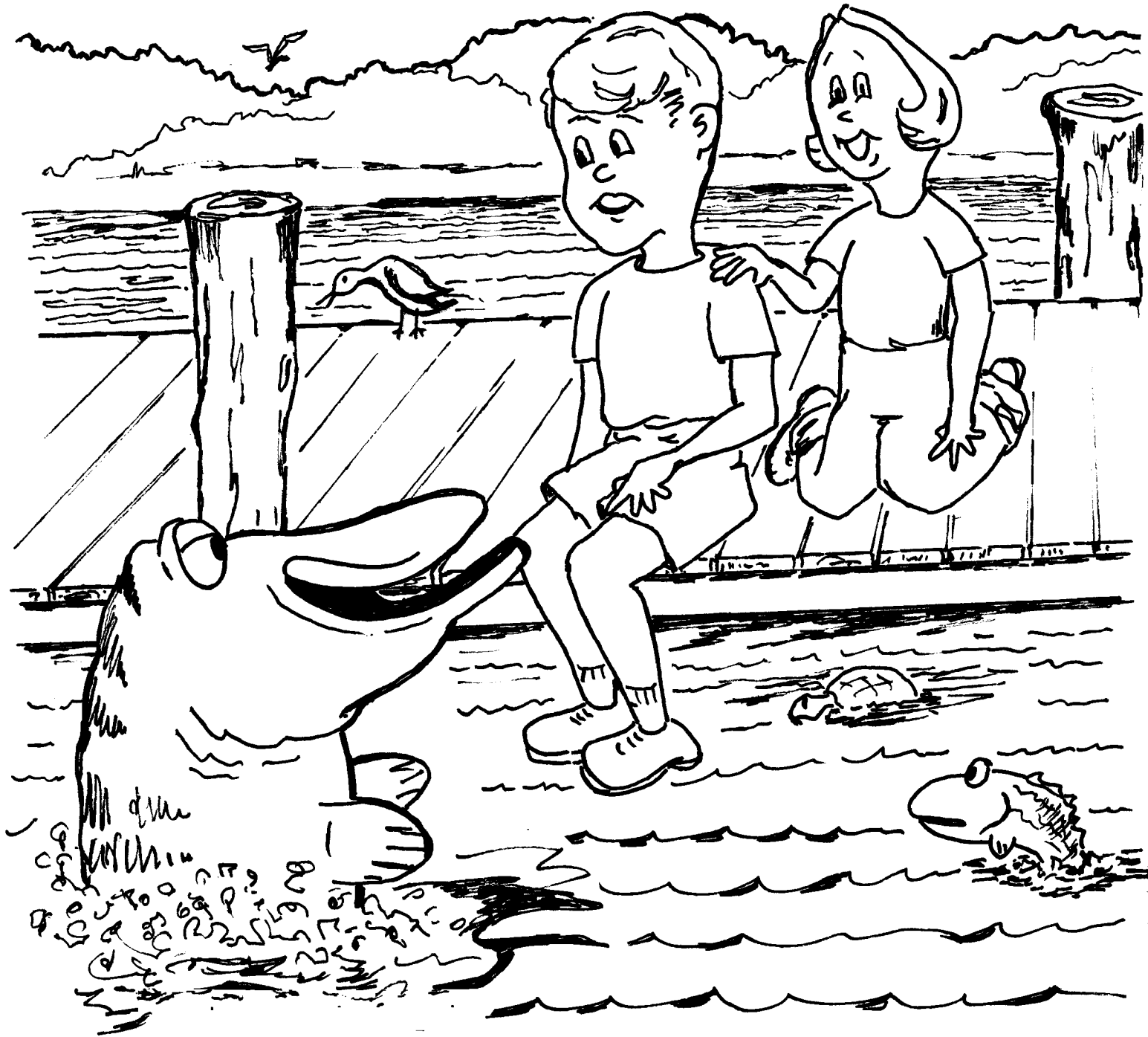


"Mother, Mother! Milt found your bracelet. Here it is," says Justin.
"He did well, don't you think?" asks Jenna.



"I don't know how they did it, but I'm beginning to believe in Milt too. Give him a big hug for me, and tell him thank you for me," says Mother.

"I think it would be better if we let the children hold on to their made-up friend if it makes them feel good," says Father.



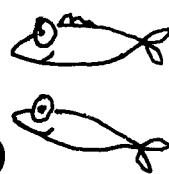
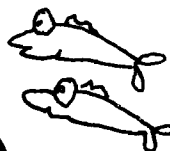
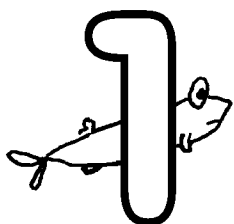
"Mother was so happy to get her bracelet back, she does not want us to ever forget you," says Jenna.

"We will have to return to school soon, but we don't want to stop seeing you," says Justin.

"It will be good for you to go to school again. Just keep reading, writing, and singing my song," says Milt, "We will be seeing each other again. I will keep my eyes open for you when you come back from school."

"WE ALL LOVE YOU, MILT!" the children shout.

Add with Milt!



Know your numbers.
Count the fish.
Now you know
Milt's big wish,
that you do well in school!



How many fish
are with Milt? Count
them and see. _____

Milt is a fish too,
so add him to the
number you counted. _____

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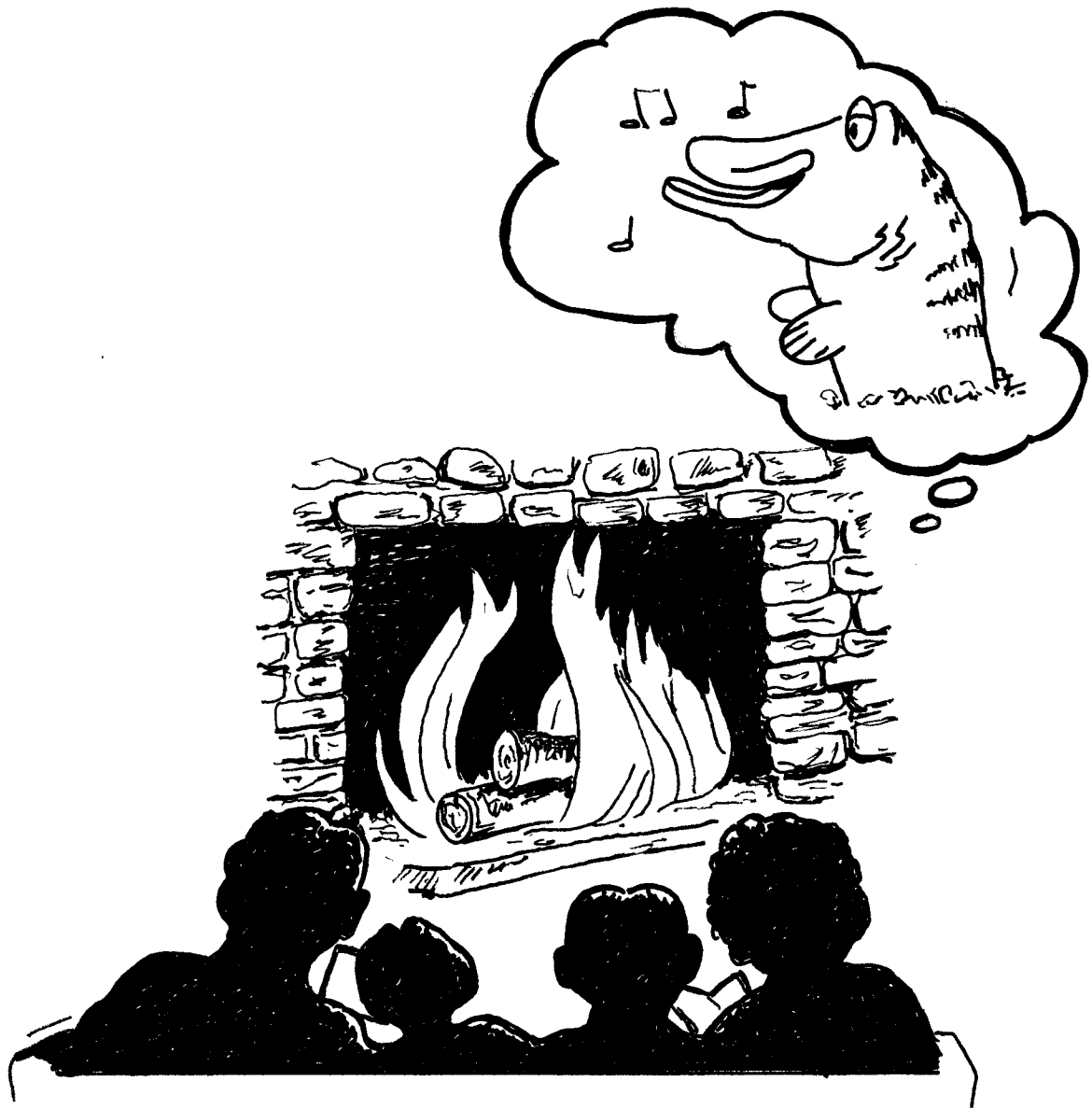
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Father and Mother read and sing with Justin and Jenna.

**Can You Sing Milt's Song?
It Is Fun To Sing And It Is Fun
To Read When You Learn How.**

My name is: _____