

# DON'T TRASH OUR HOME!



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and litter from the Trio!

# Why are storm drains important?

Municipal storm drains flow directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes, meaning litter and other pollutants on the street end up in our waterways too. Storm drain art makes people think twice before disposing of anything down a storm drain.



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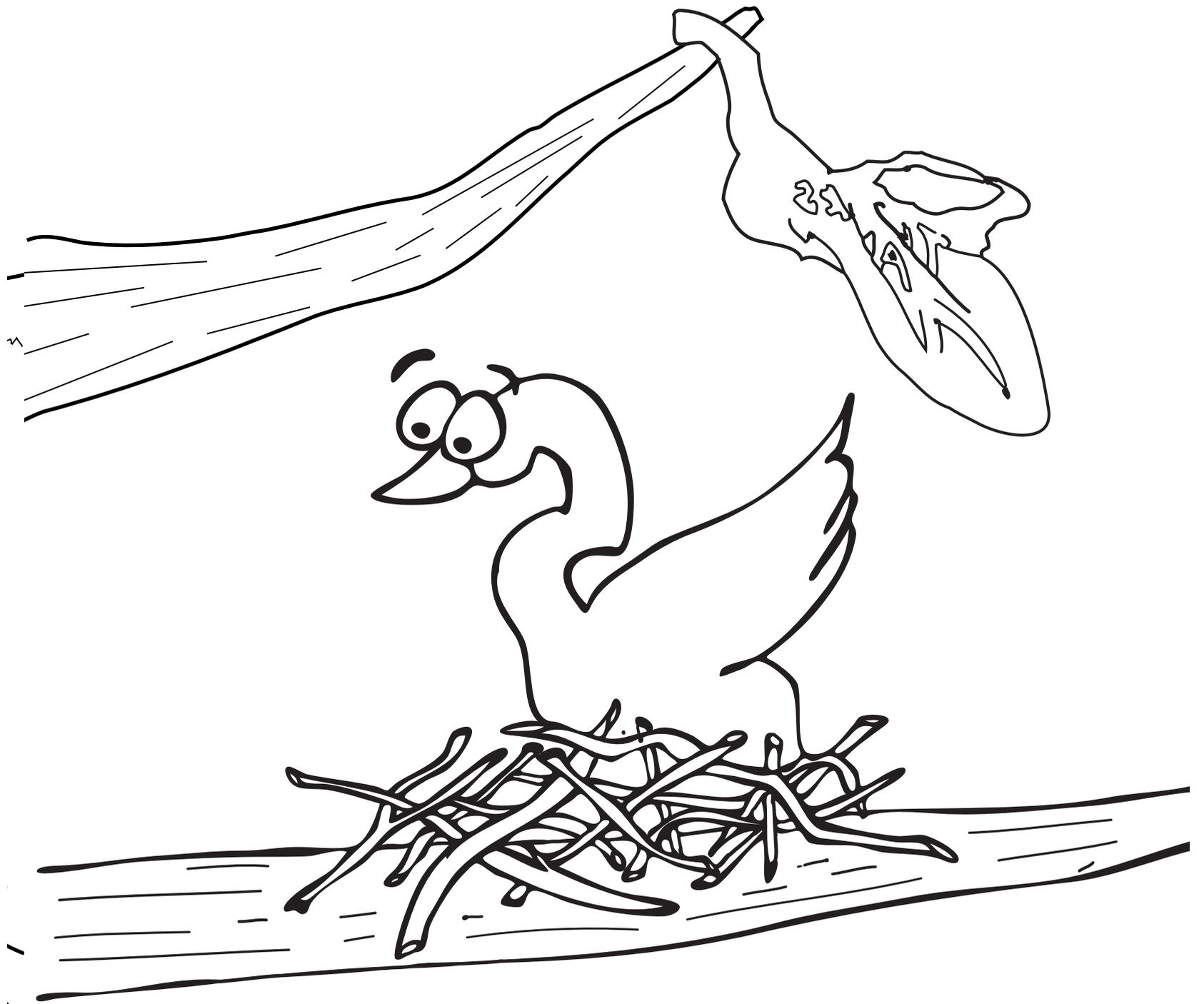
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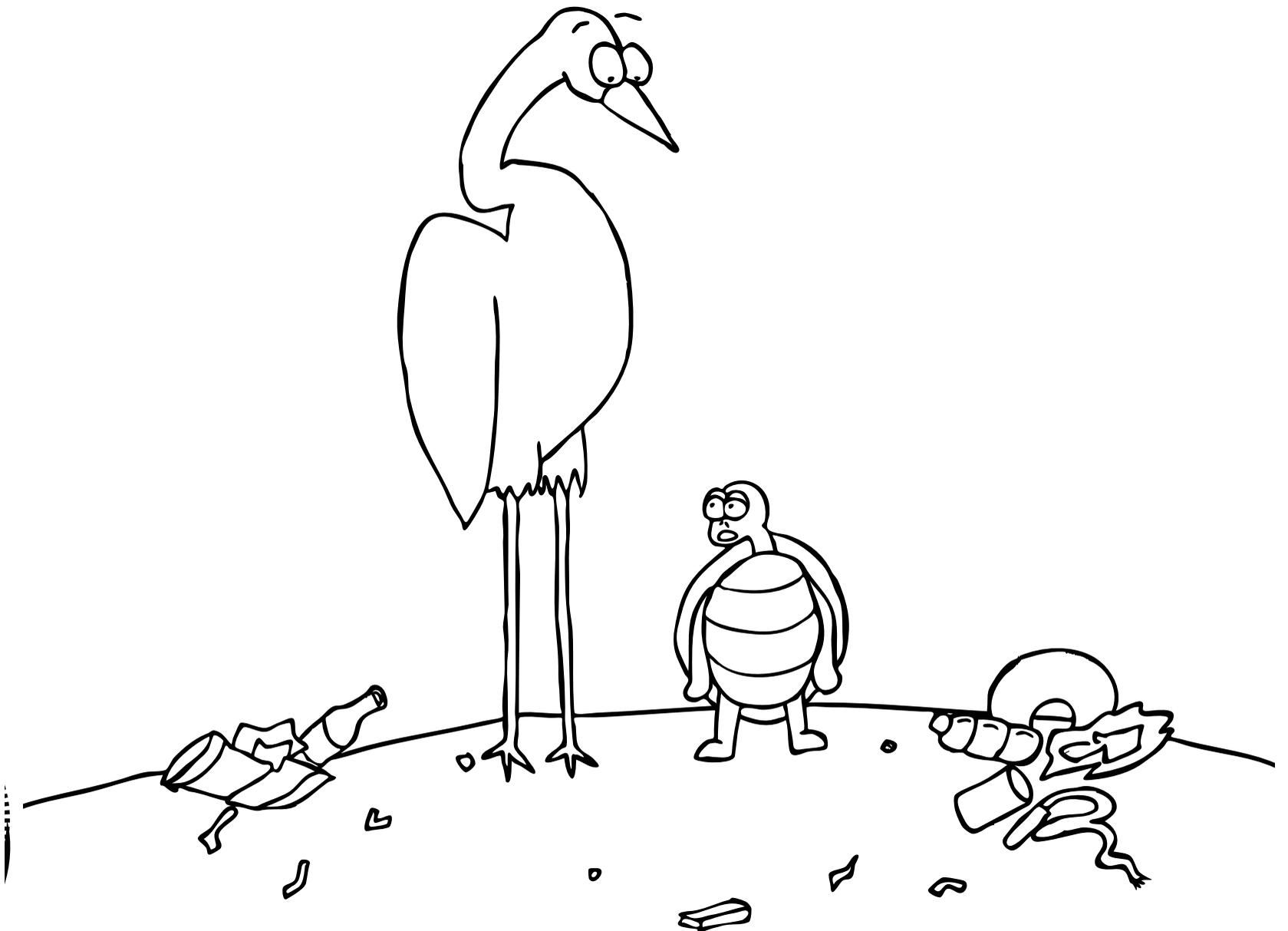




**One morning, Elly the Egret  
awoke to a startling sight!**



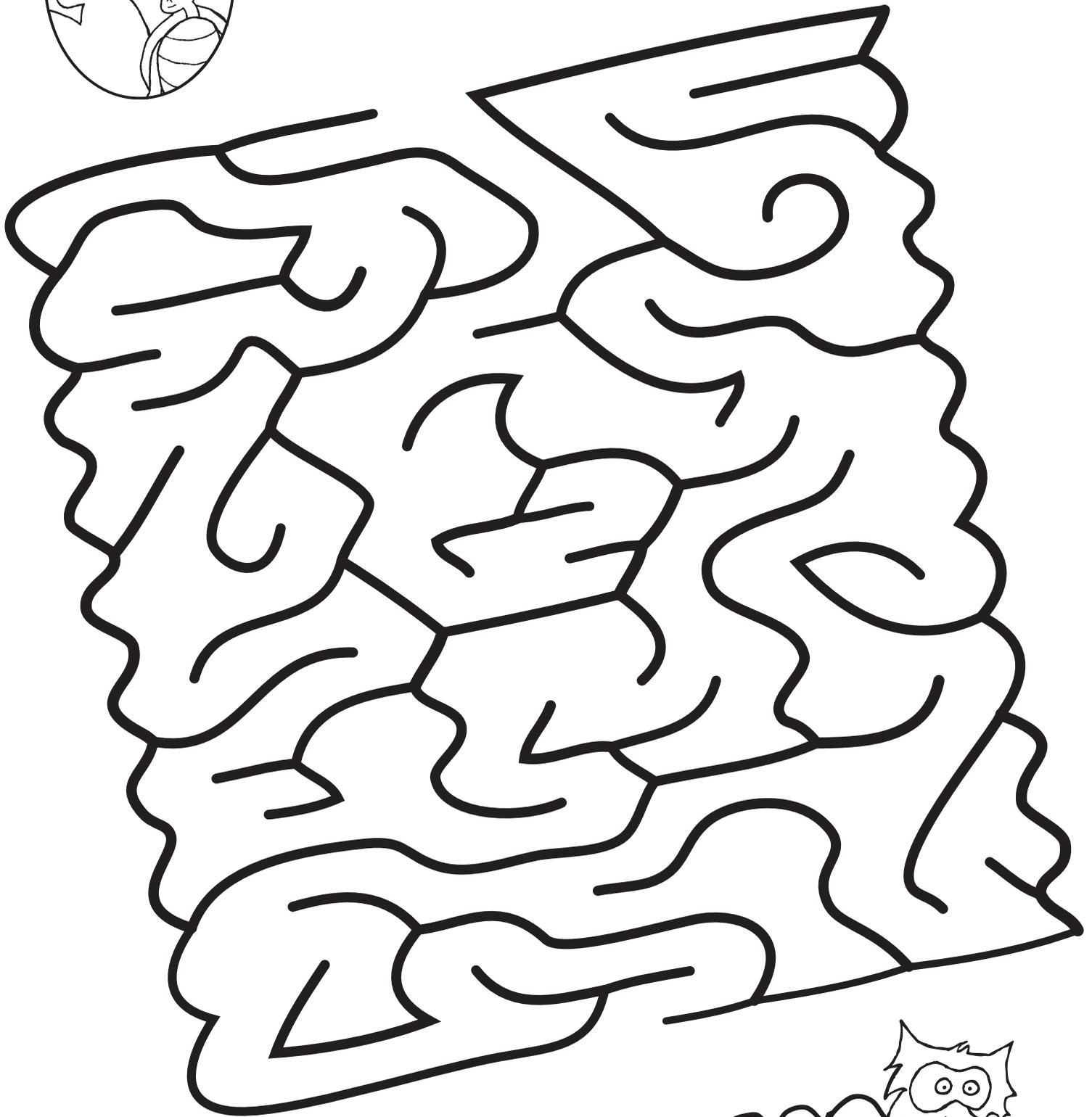
**“Toni!” Elly exclaimed. “Did you do this!?”**



**“Of course not,” said Toni the Turtle.  
“Let’s ask Robbie the Raccoon. He loves trash.”**



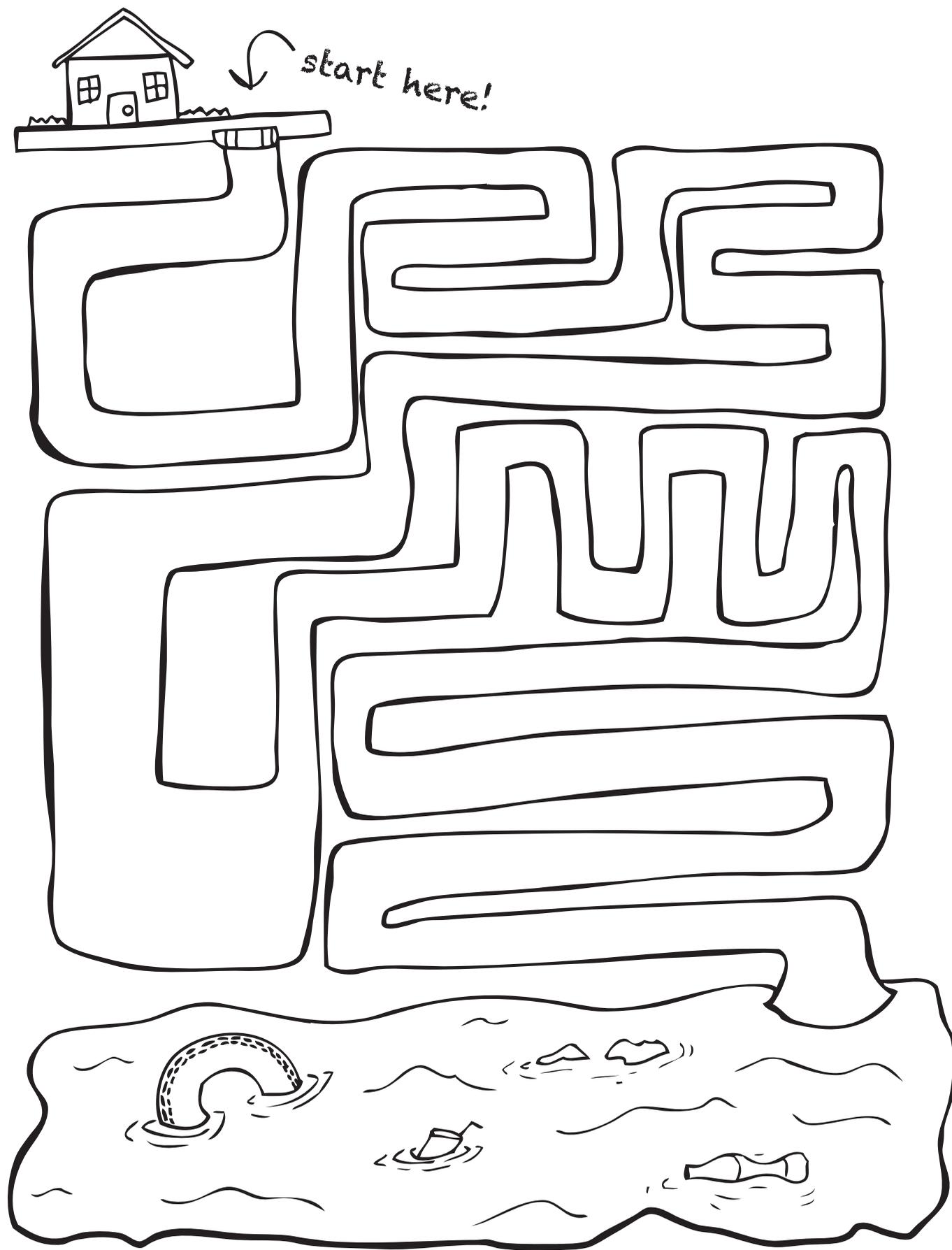
**Help Elly and Toni find  
Robbie!**





**Elly and Toni found Robbie hanging out in his favorite tree. “I do love trash,” Robbie said, “but I didn’t make this mess. It’s the Humans! Their litter is getting into the storm drains and trashing our home!”**

Follow the trash through the storm drain  
to the Trio's home!



Find the types of trash  
in the word search below.

g y i p b o t t l e  
p y w r a p p e r n  
b q q b o x q u h l  
p p c p q h o c a n  
l a p e y k k x m p  
a p v y u l s l b r  
s e o i g i t d w q  
t r y x w n r q y t  
i q i v t r a s h d  
c c m b r e w d q f



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bottle  
wrapper  
can  
trash

straw  
box  
paper  
plastic





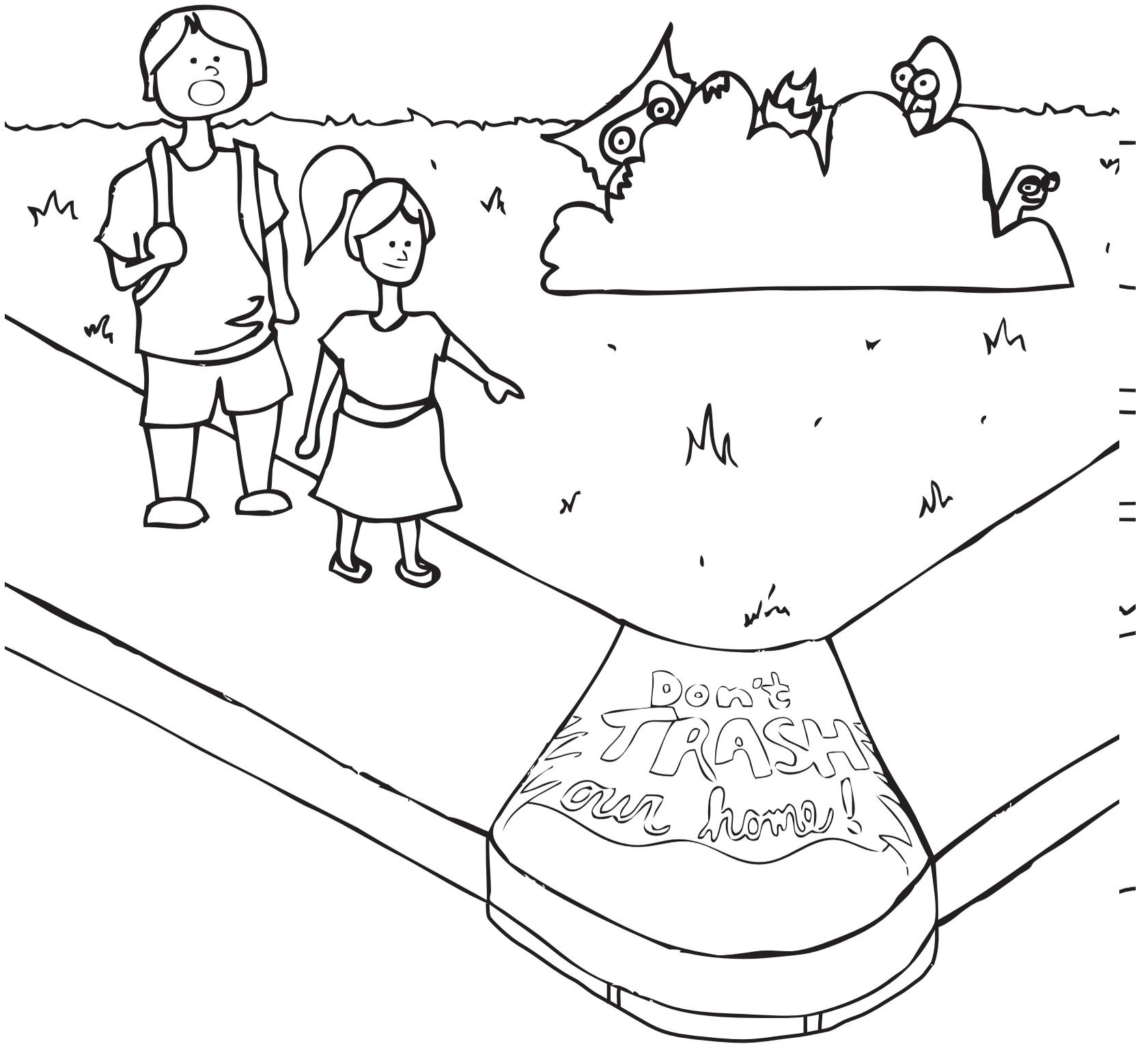
**“Trashing our home is NOT okay!” said Robbie.  
“Let’s make sure the Humans get the message!”**

Connect the dots!

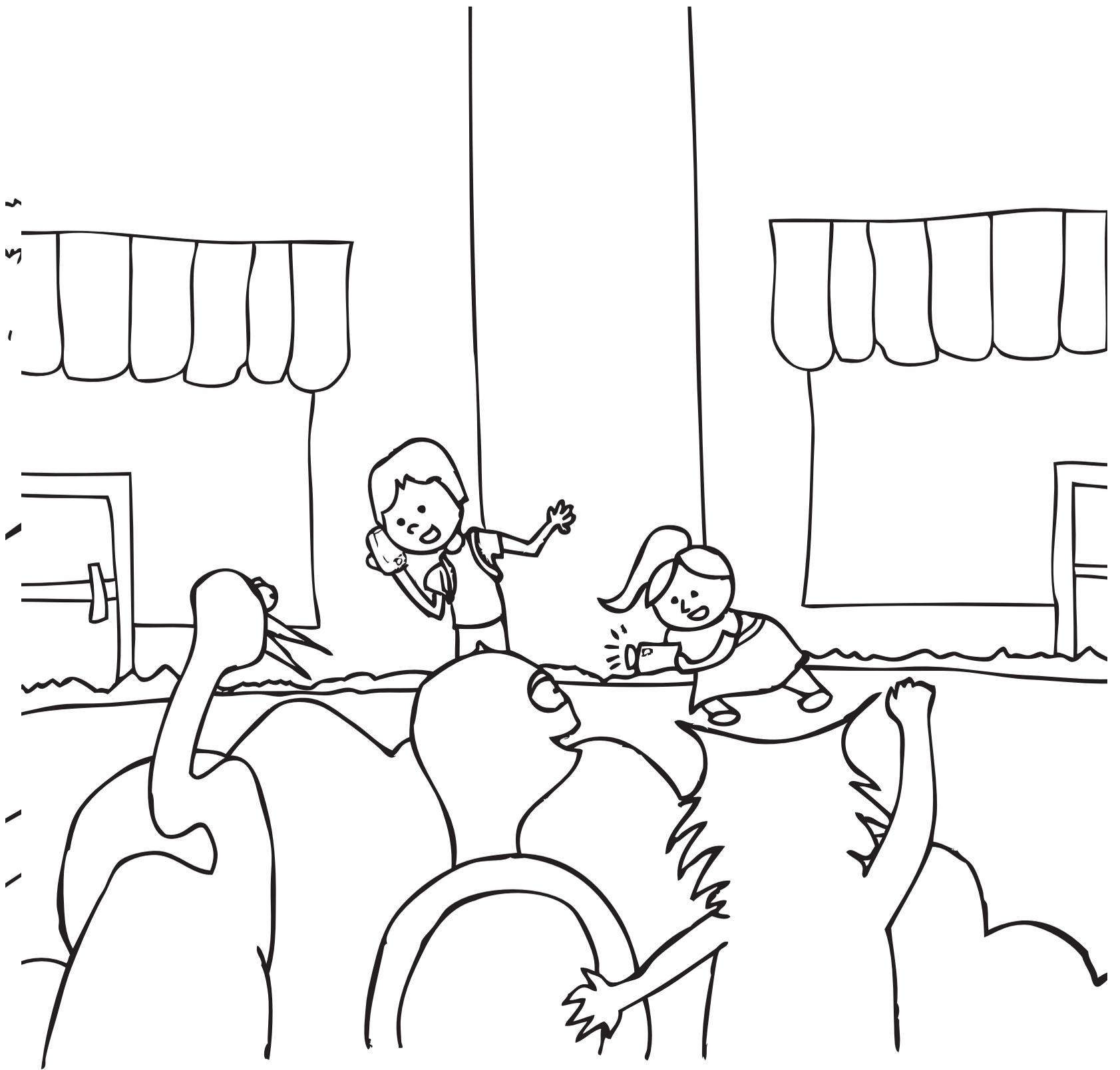


Help the Trio design the storm drain to make sure that the Humans get the message!



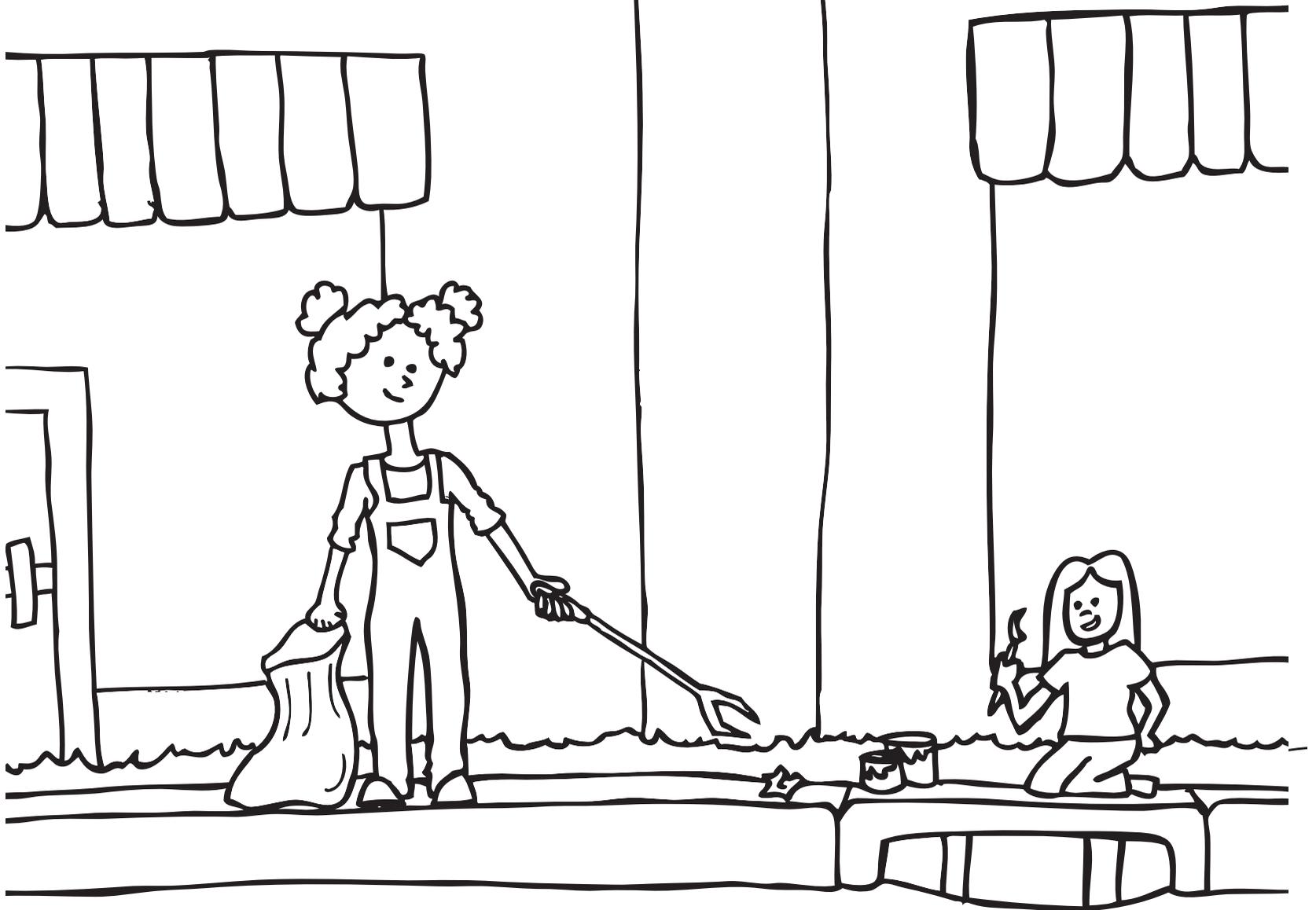


**“I think it’s working!” Elly said.**



**The Trio was excited to see the Humans taking pictures and sharing the storm drain art with their friends.**

# One Month Later



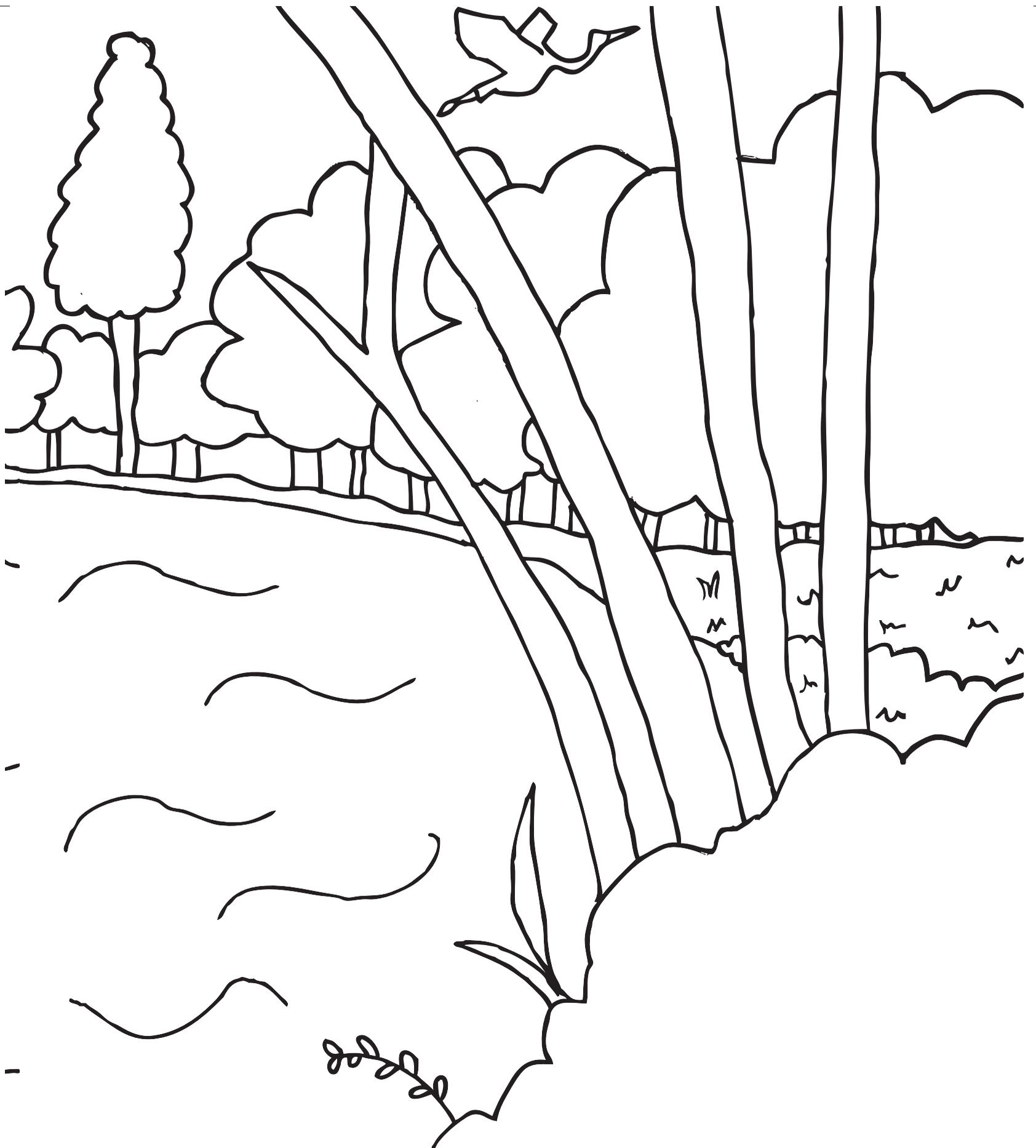
**The Humans learned from their mistakes. They are now picking up litter and spreading the word to make sure the Trio's home stays clean!**



**You can make a difference! Keep litter  
out of the storm drains and out of  
our environment! It's up to us!**



**Can you help me find my friends**

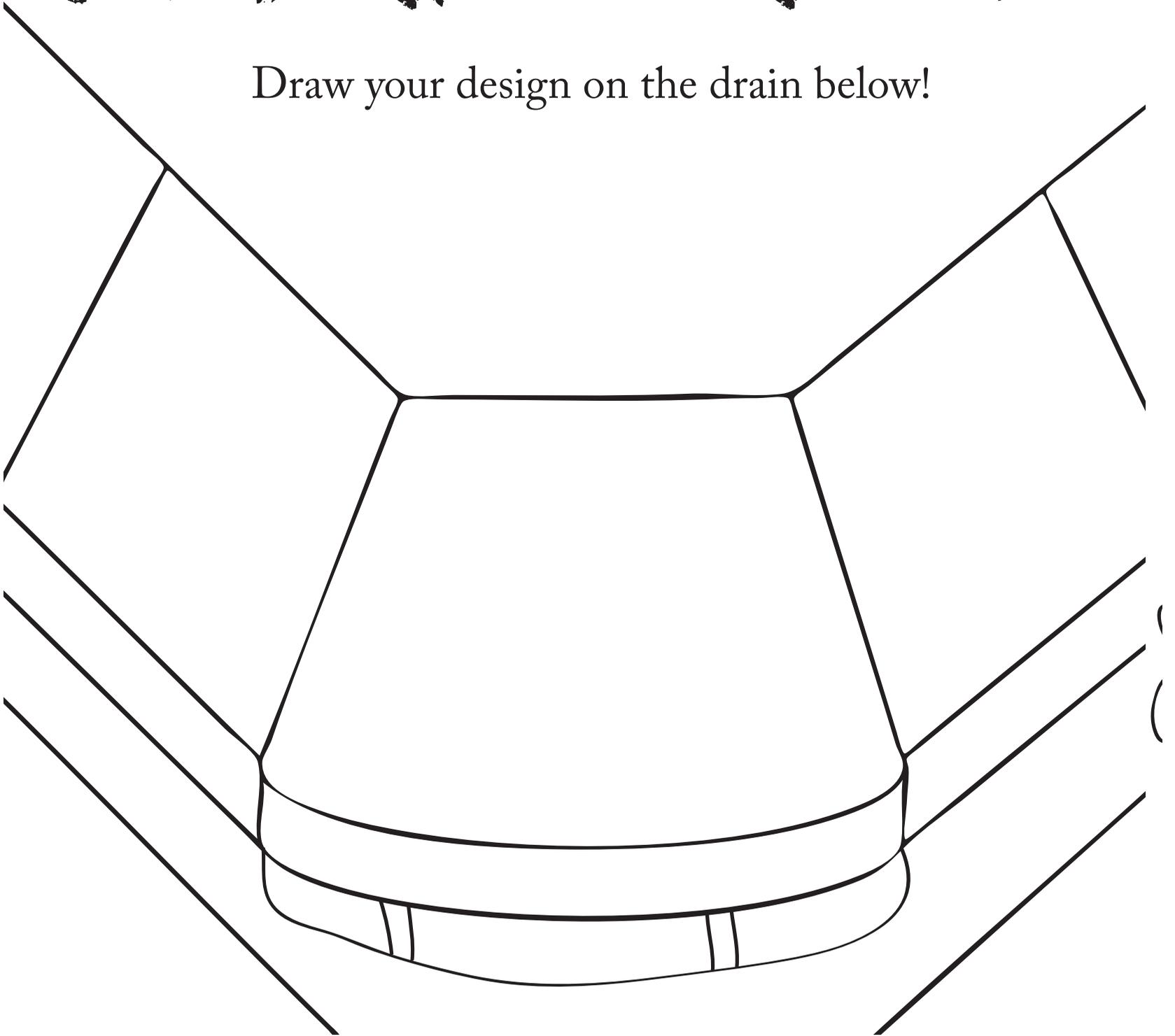


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**in our trash-free home?**

# DESIGN your own STORM DRAIN!

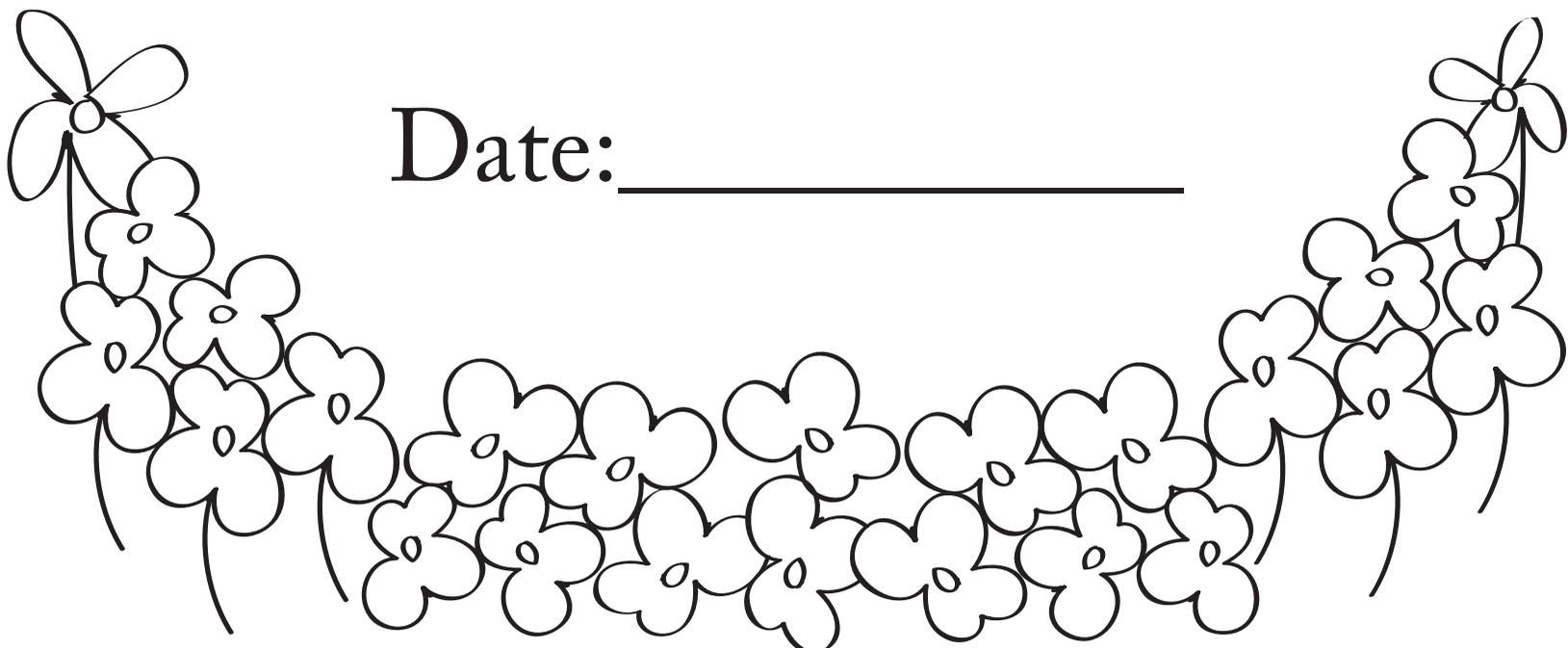
Draw your design on the drain below!



Take the pledge!

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge  
to keep our storm drains  
clean! I promise not to  
throw trash anywhere  
except for the garbage  
can so our creeks, streams,  
and rivers can stay clean  
and green!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

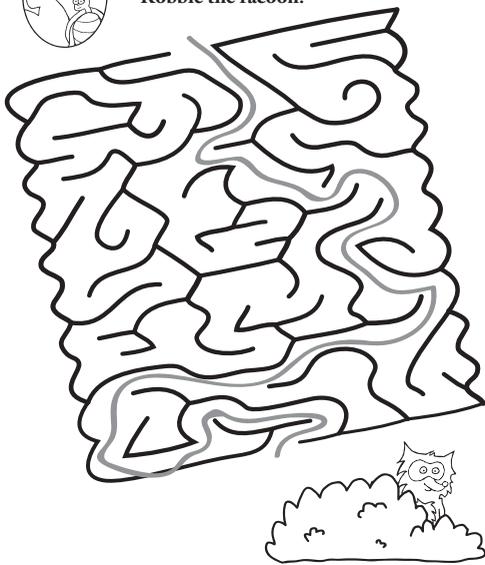




# Answers



Help Elly and Toni find Robbie the racoon!

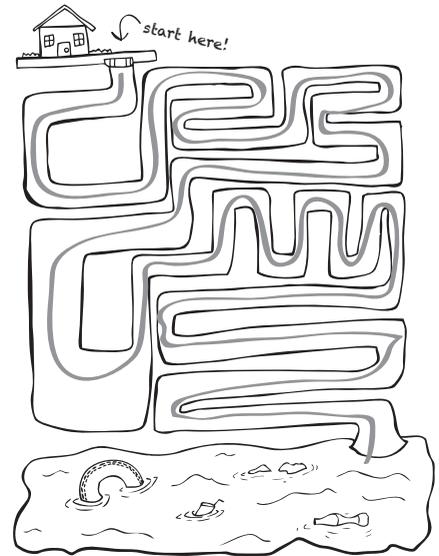


Can you find all the types of trash that are being littered in the word search below?

g	y	i	p	b	o	t	t	l	e
p	y	w	r	a	p	p	e	r	n
b	q	q	b	x	q	u	h	l	
p	p	c	p	q	h	o	e	a	n
l	a	p	e	y	k	k	x	m	p
a	p	v	y	u	l	s	l	b	r
s	e	o	i	g	i	t	d	w	q
t	r	y	x	w	n	t	q	y	t
q	i	v	t	r	a	s	h	d	
c	c	m	b	r	e	w	d	q	f

- bottle
- wrapper
- can
- trash
- straw
- box
- paper
- plastic

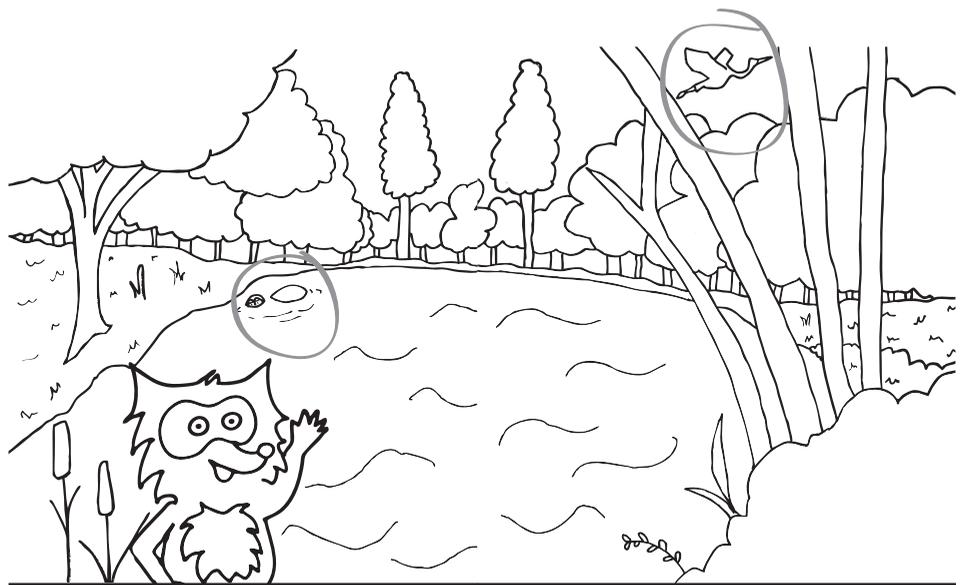
Follow the trash through the storm drain!  
Draw a line from the beginning of the drain to the end!



Connect the dots!



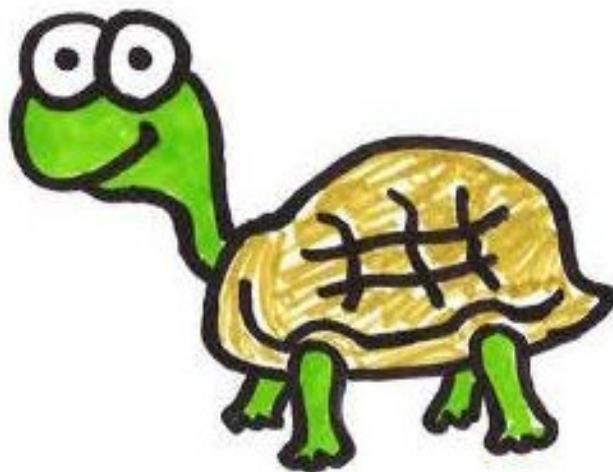
Help the Trio paint the drain by connecting the dots to reveal the design!



Can you help me find my friends?

Look closely!

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**MASCOT, STORMWATER ED SAYS .....  
"NOTHING IN THE DRAIN BUT THE RAIN!"**