

# INKTOBER 2024

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Every year, in October, a self-rewarding drawing challenge is presented to artists. It is called Inktober. A word prompt is provided for every day of the month. This year I added to the challenge by reading only the prompt of that day ON that day.

I was mostly successful sticking to my guideline.  
Here are the results. Enjoy.

1. **BACKPACK.** HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW KIDS ARE WEARING BACKPACKS LOWER AND LOWER EVERY YEAR?

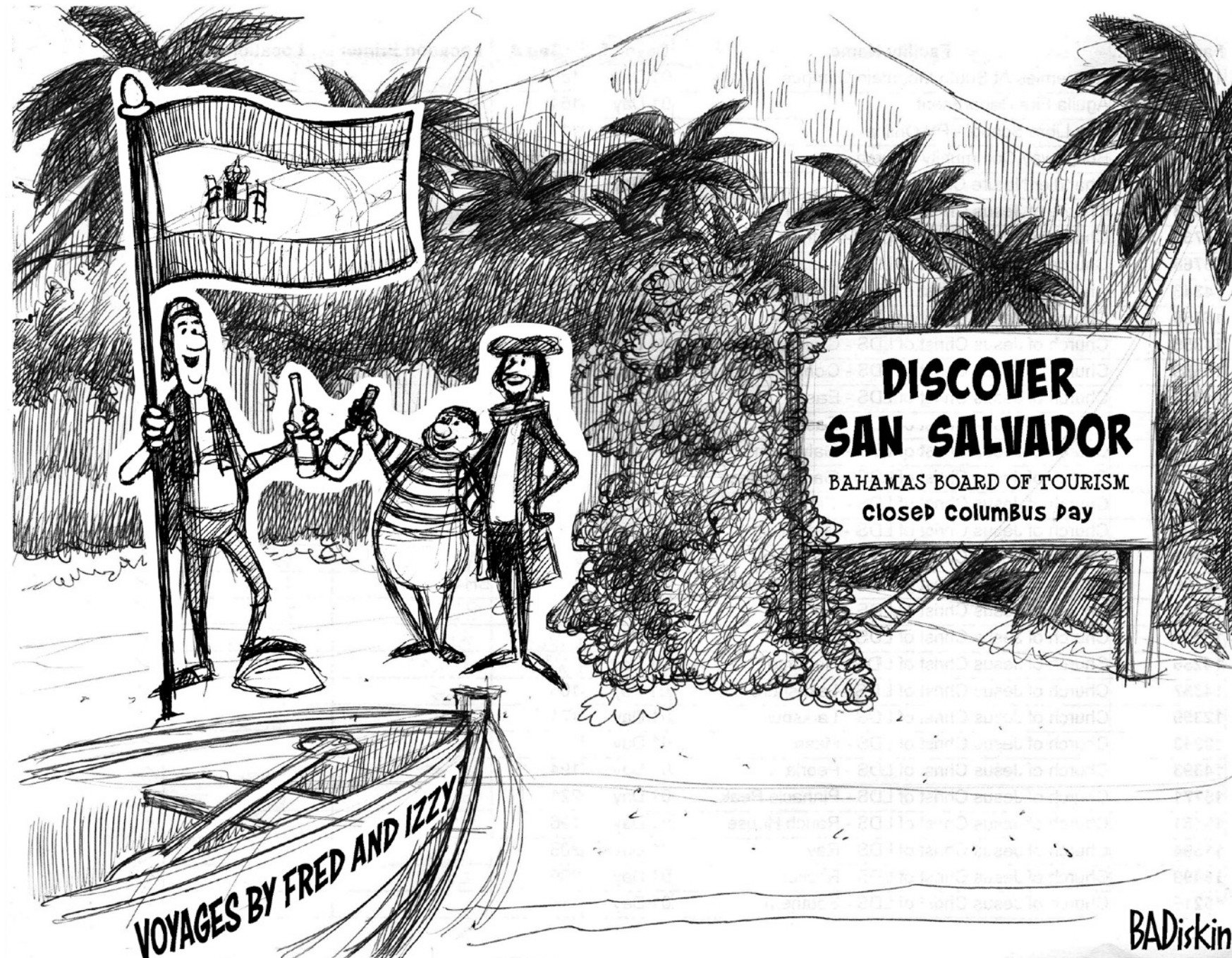
## The Evolution of Backpacks



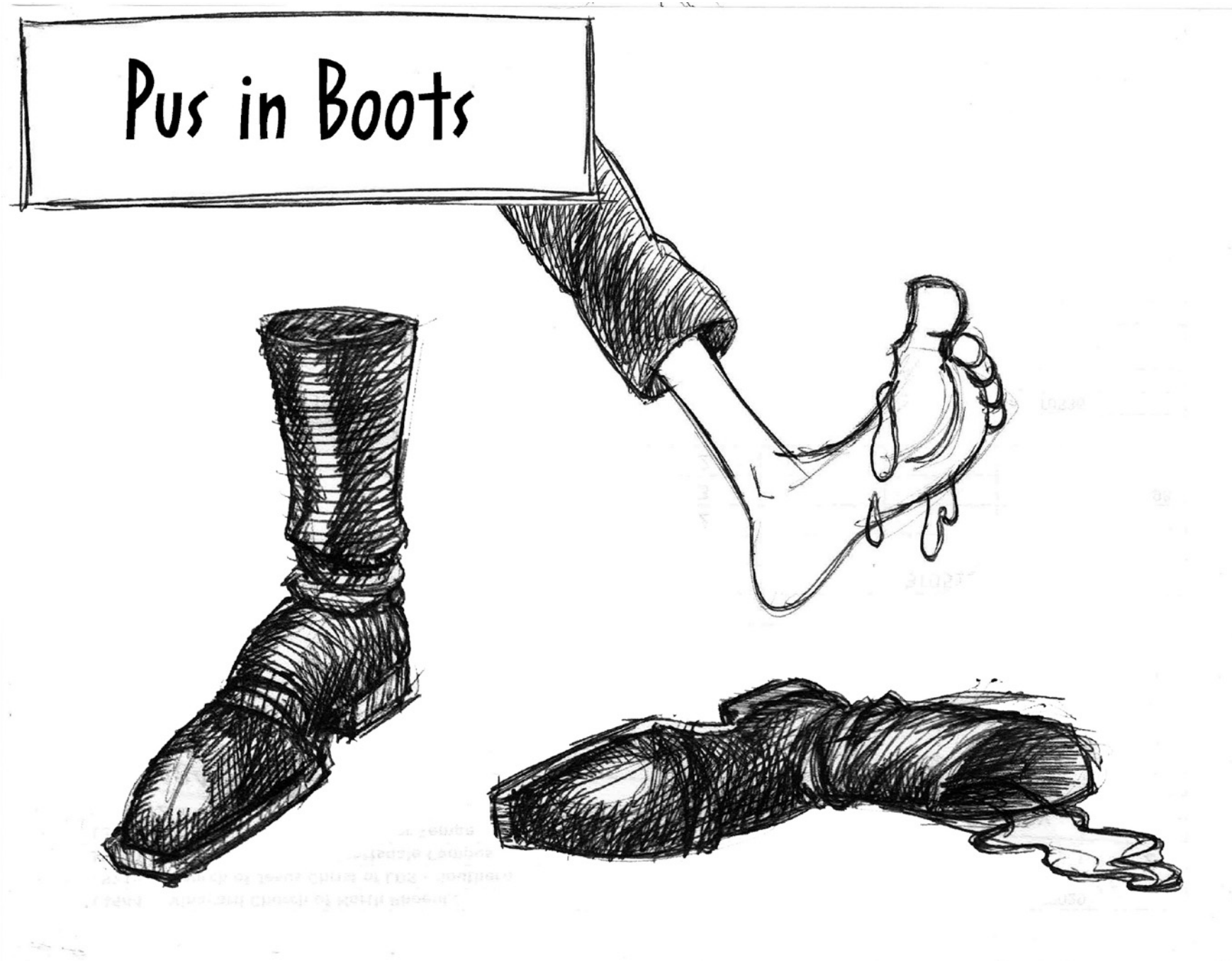
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2. **DISCOVER.** COLUMBUS DID DISCOVER THE BAHAMA ISLAND OF SAN SALVADOR AS HE WROTE ON THE POSTCARDS HE SENT BACK TO SPAIN. WRITING, HE WISHED FERDINAND AND ISABEL WERE THERE WITH HIM ENJOYING THE SUN, SURF AND SURLY CREW. PROVE IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY. (JOKE)



3. **BOOTS.** FRANKLY, I THINK PUSS IN BOOTS IS MORE DISGUSTING.



4. **EXOTIC.** I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 'X' FROM THE X-FILES. VARIETY MAGAZINE PRINTED A PICTURE OF HIM AT A CAFE IN PARIS.



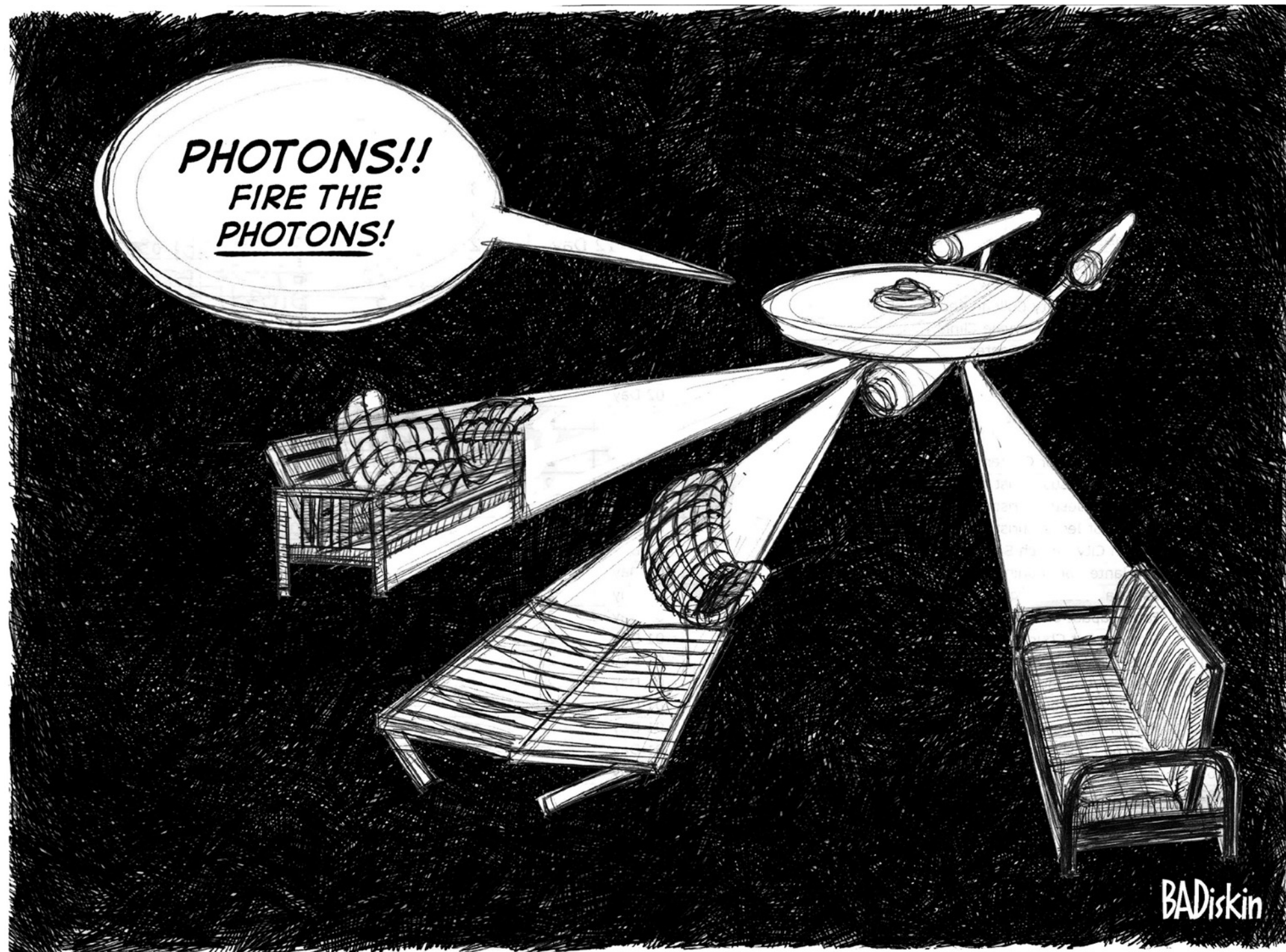
5. **BINOCULARS**. HE'S A PROGRESSIVE PIRATE, OKAY! LET'S SEE HOW FUNNY YOU ARE WITH THIS PROMPT AND A HALF HOUR LUNCH BREAK. :O )



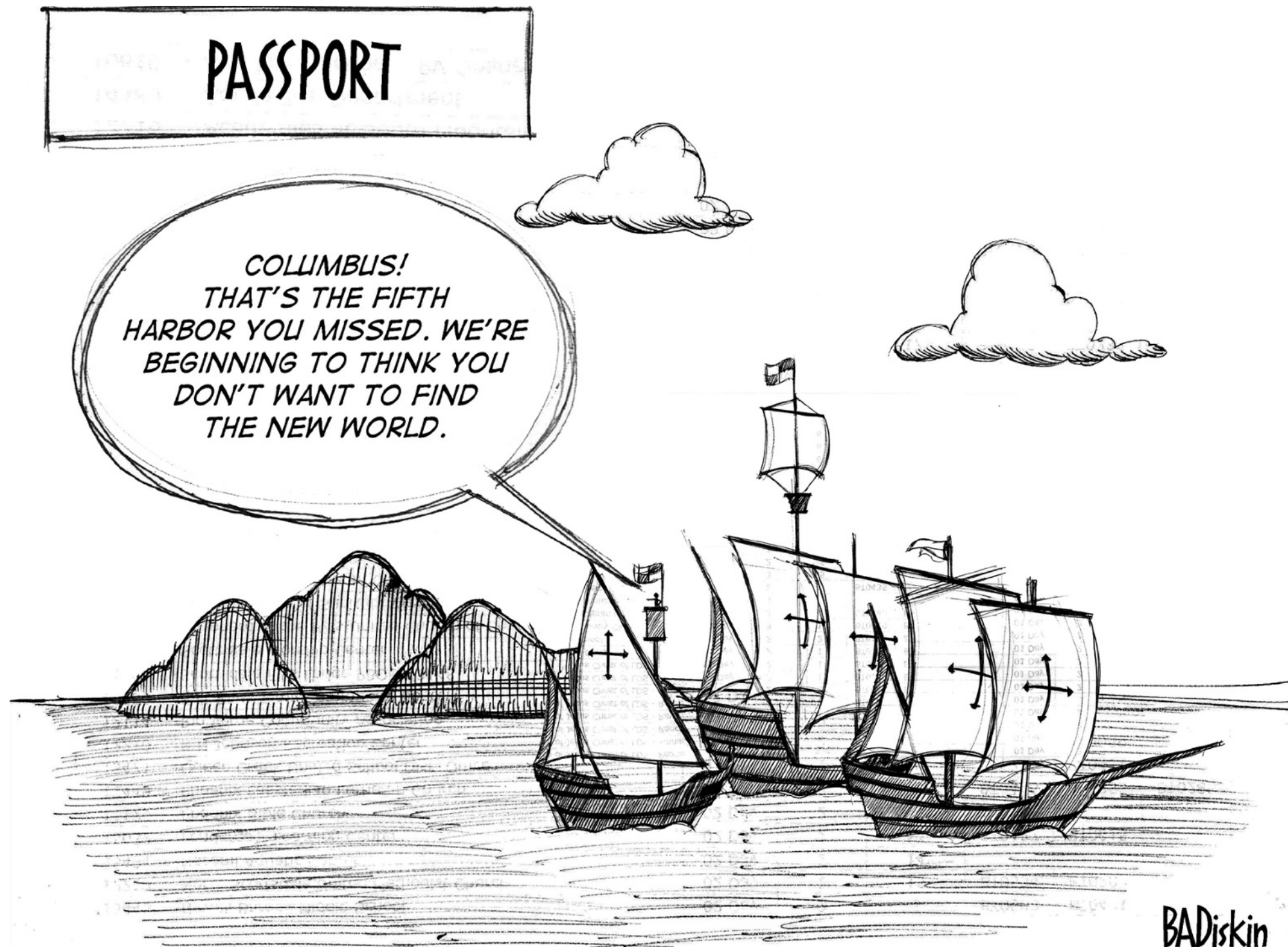
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6. *TREK*. "I'M A DOCTOR, DAMN IT! FIRE YOUR OWN WEAPONS, JIM."



7. **PASSPORT**. NOT SO FAR FROM TRUE. COLUMBUS ACTUALLY DID PASS ON A FEW ISLANDS. HIS CREW WAS ON THE VERGE OF MUTINY WHEN SOMEONE ON LA PINTA SAW LAND. LIKE A REAL BOSS, COLUMBUS, ON LA NINA, TOOK CREDIT FOR IT. SEE! CARTOONS CAN BE EDUCATIONAL.



8. **HIKE**. THEY REALLY NEED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC WITH THESE PROMPTS. :O ) YES, THIS ONE TOOK MORE THAN MY LUNCH BREAK TO DRAW.

## Types of 'Hikes'



Nature



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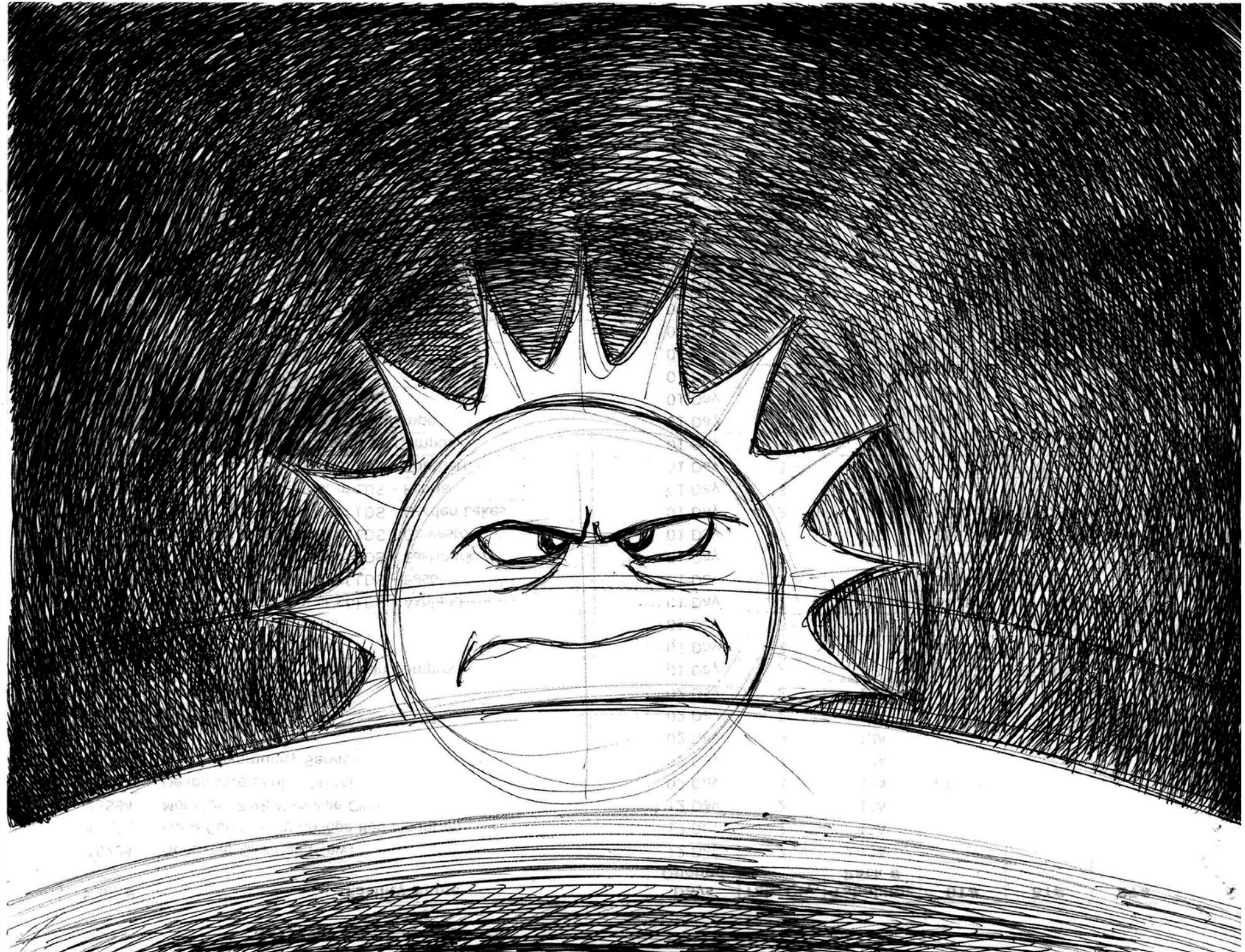


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9. **SUN.** HERE COMES THE SUN. AND IT IS NOT A MORNING STAR. CAN WE GET A CRATER-SIZED COFFEE TO GO? QUICK!

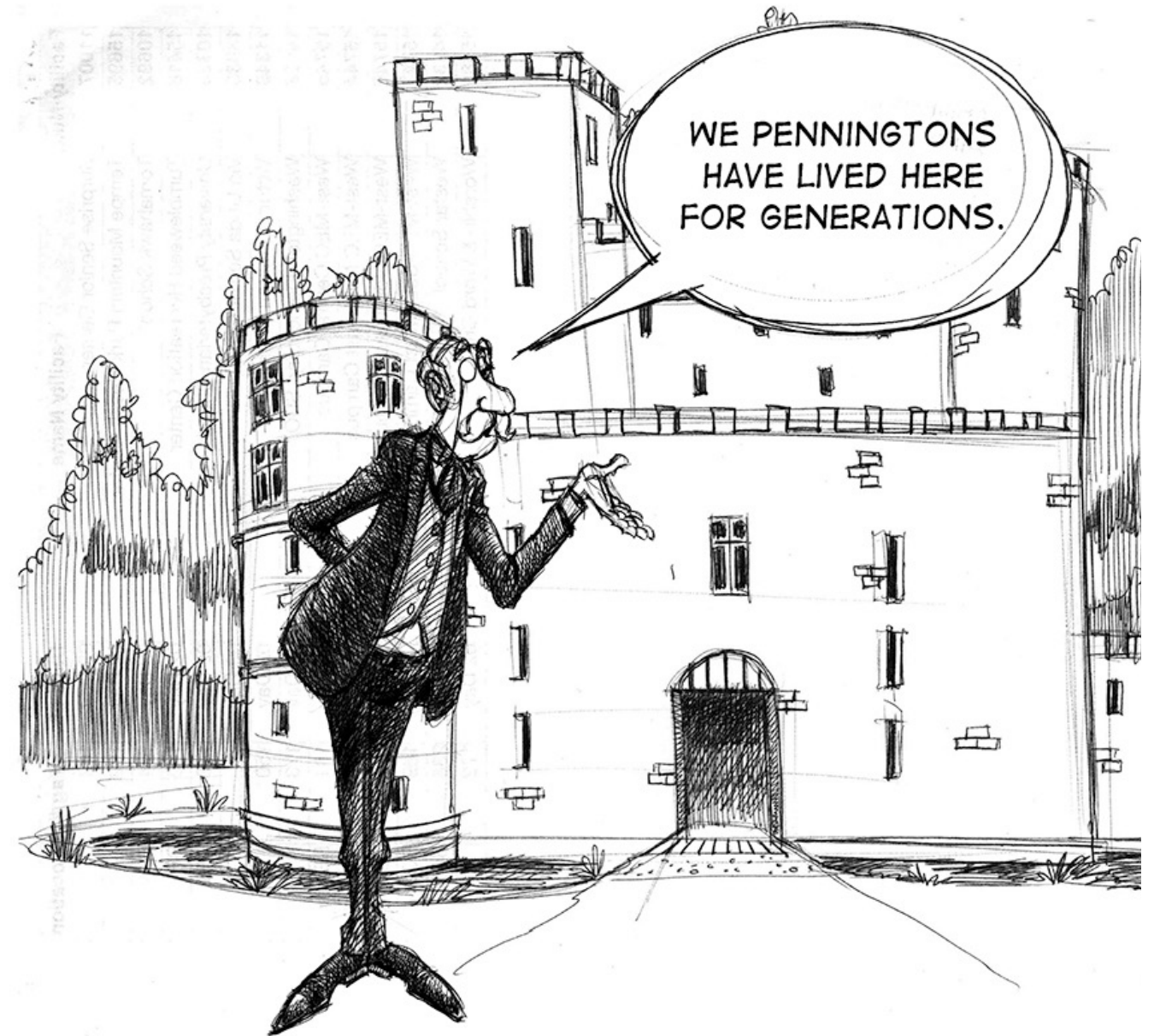




10. **NOMADIC**. I'M JUST GUESSING AT THE ANTONYM OF 'NOMADIC'.

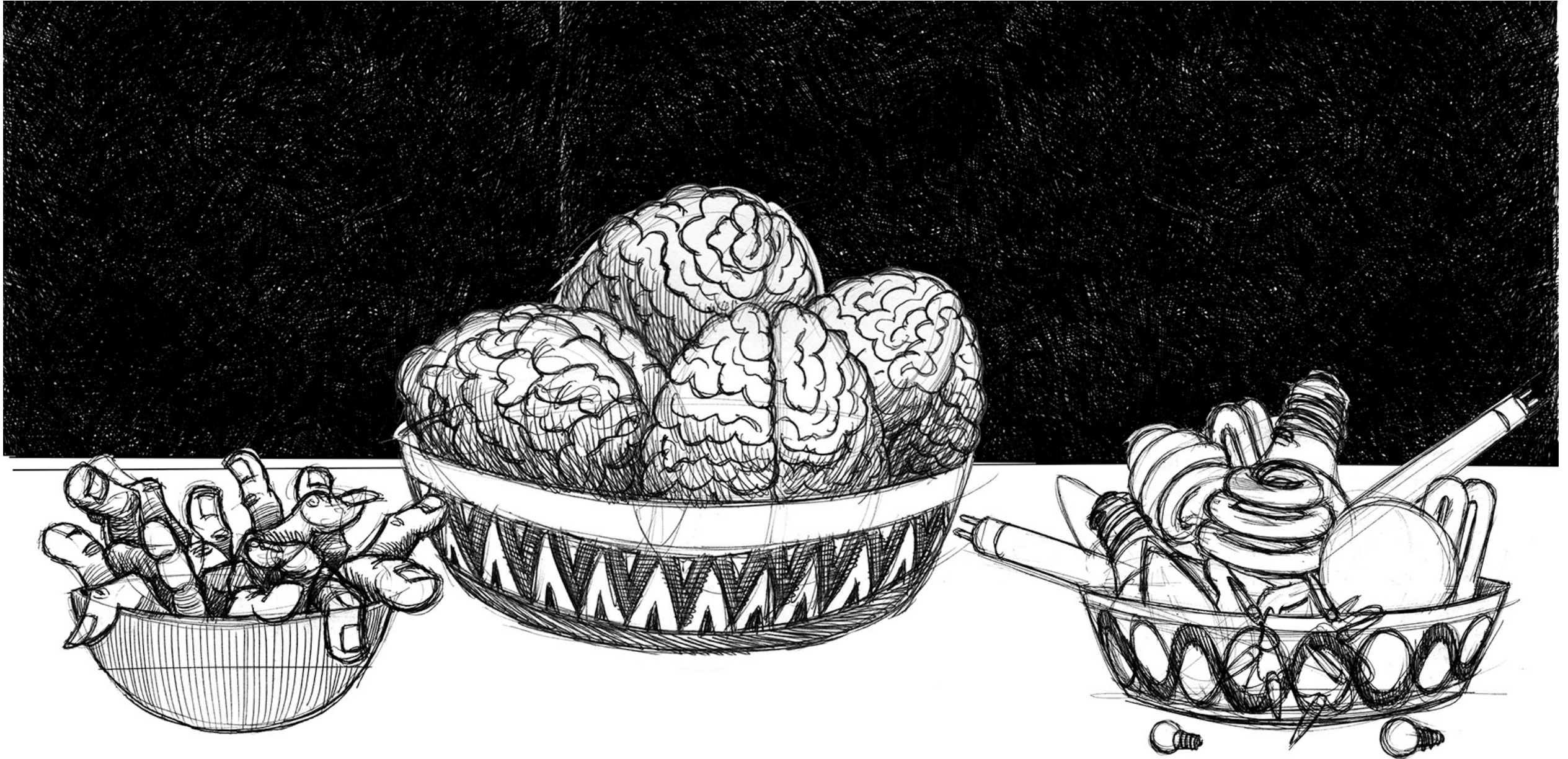


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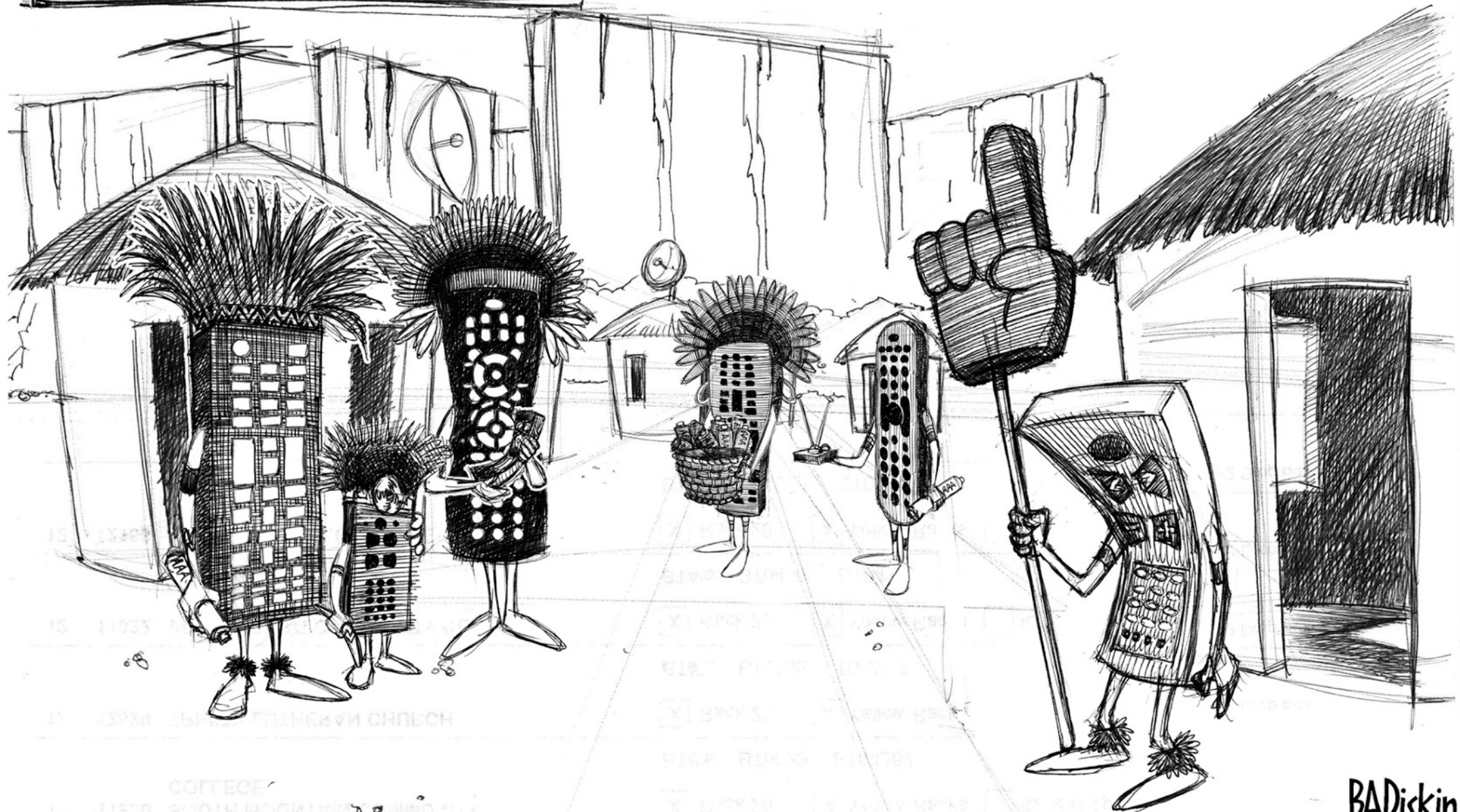
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11. **SNACKS.** AT MY HALLOWEEN PARTY I'LL BE SERVING A VARIETY OF SNACKS — FINGER FOOD, BRAIN FOOD AND, FOR THOSE WATCHING THEIR WEIGHT, SOMETHING 'LIGHT'.



## 12. REMOTE.

In the vast TV wasteland  
there is a remote village...



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13. **HORIZON.** THE TALBOT HORIZON IS A COMPACT HATCHBACK DESIGNED BY CHRYSLER EUROPE AND PRODUCED FROM 1978 TO 1987...WHAT HORIZON WERE YOU THINKING?



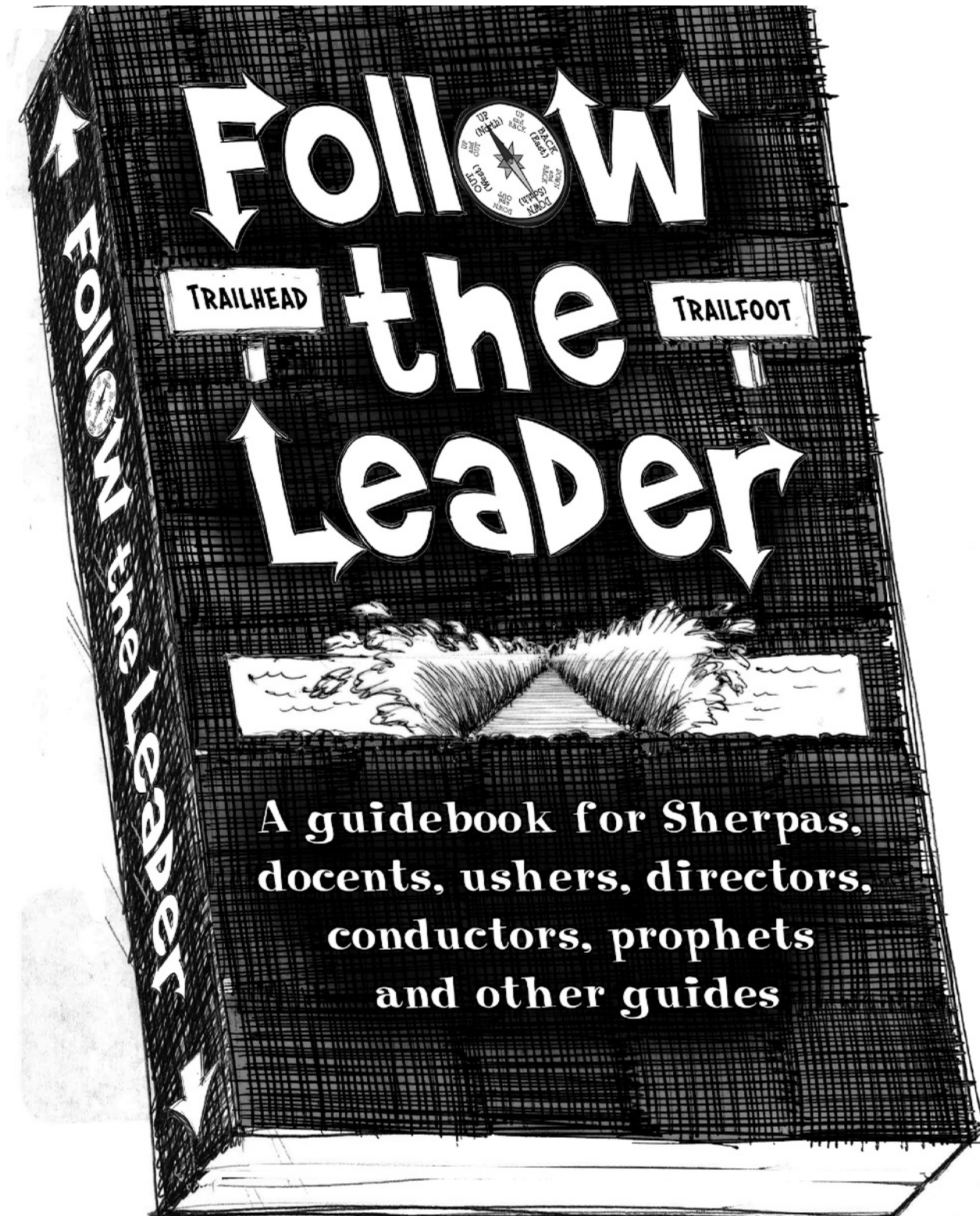
14. *ROAM.*

When in roam, wander.

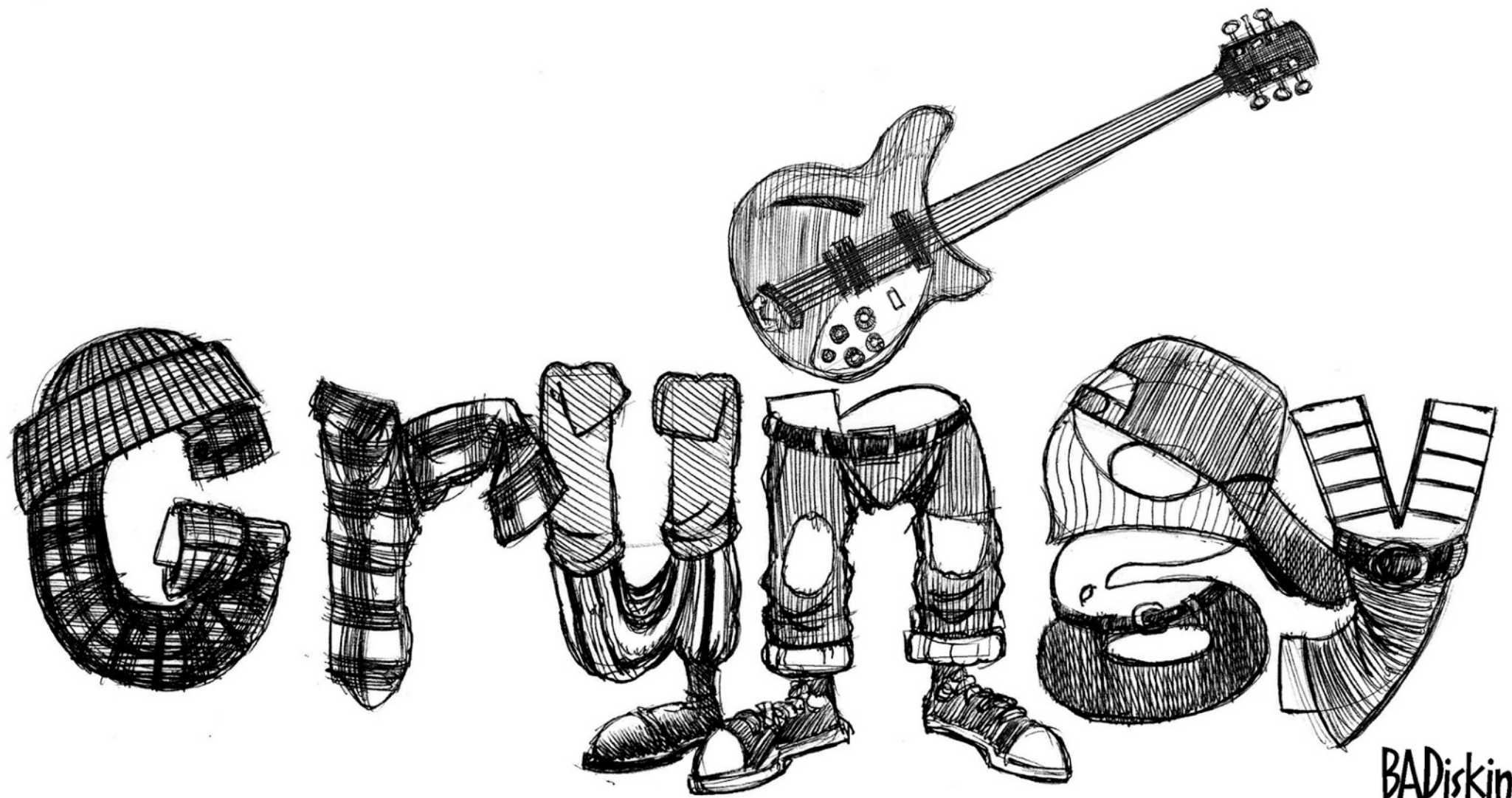


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15. *GUIDEBOOK*. DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER. UNLESS IT'S JUDGING YOU.



16. *GRUNGY*. CLOTHES OR MUSIC?



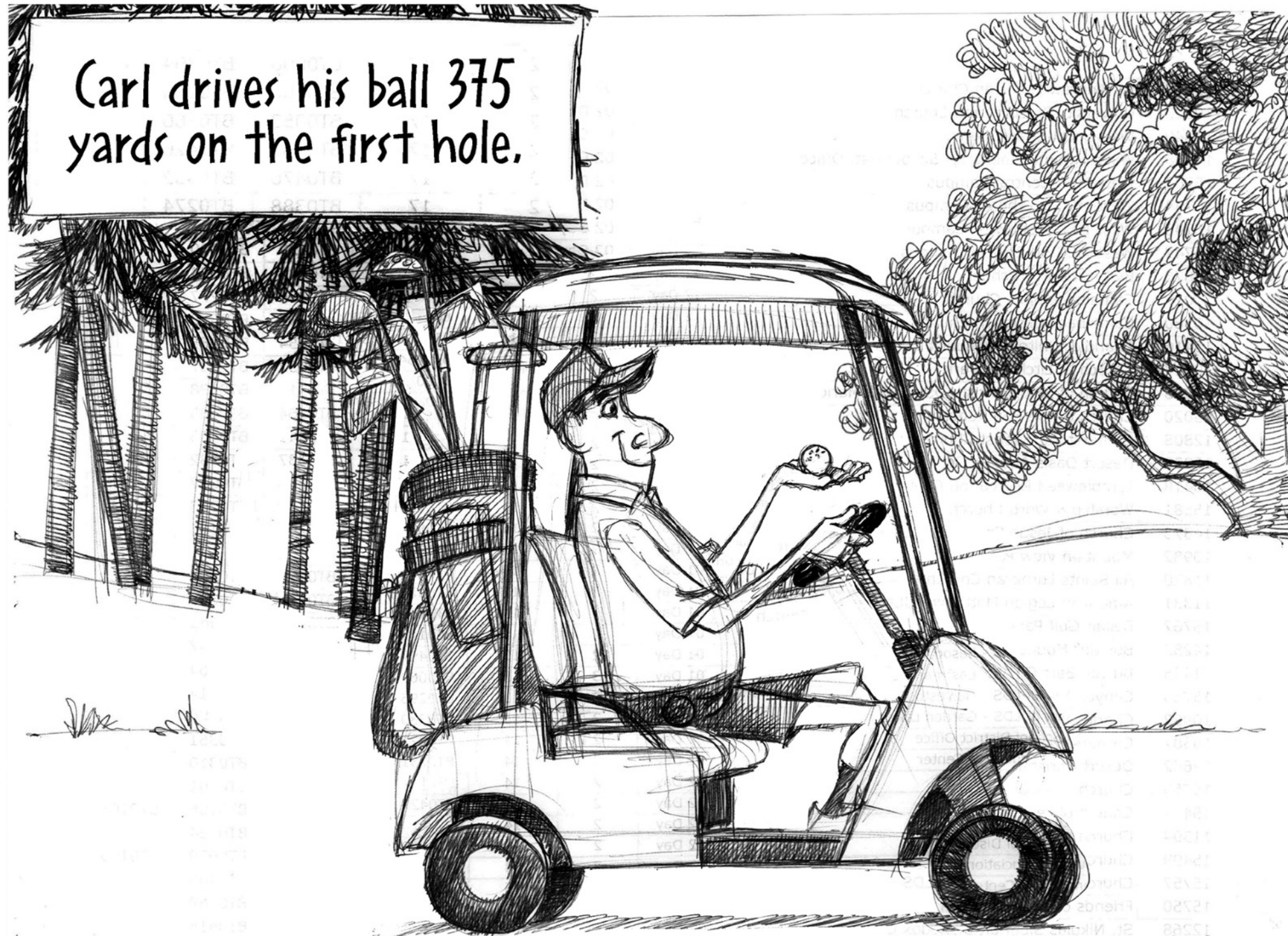


17. *JOURNAL*. DEAR NAY-SAYERS, LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!.....



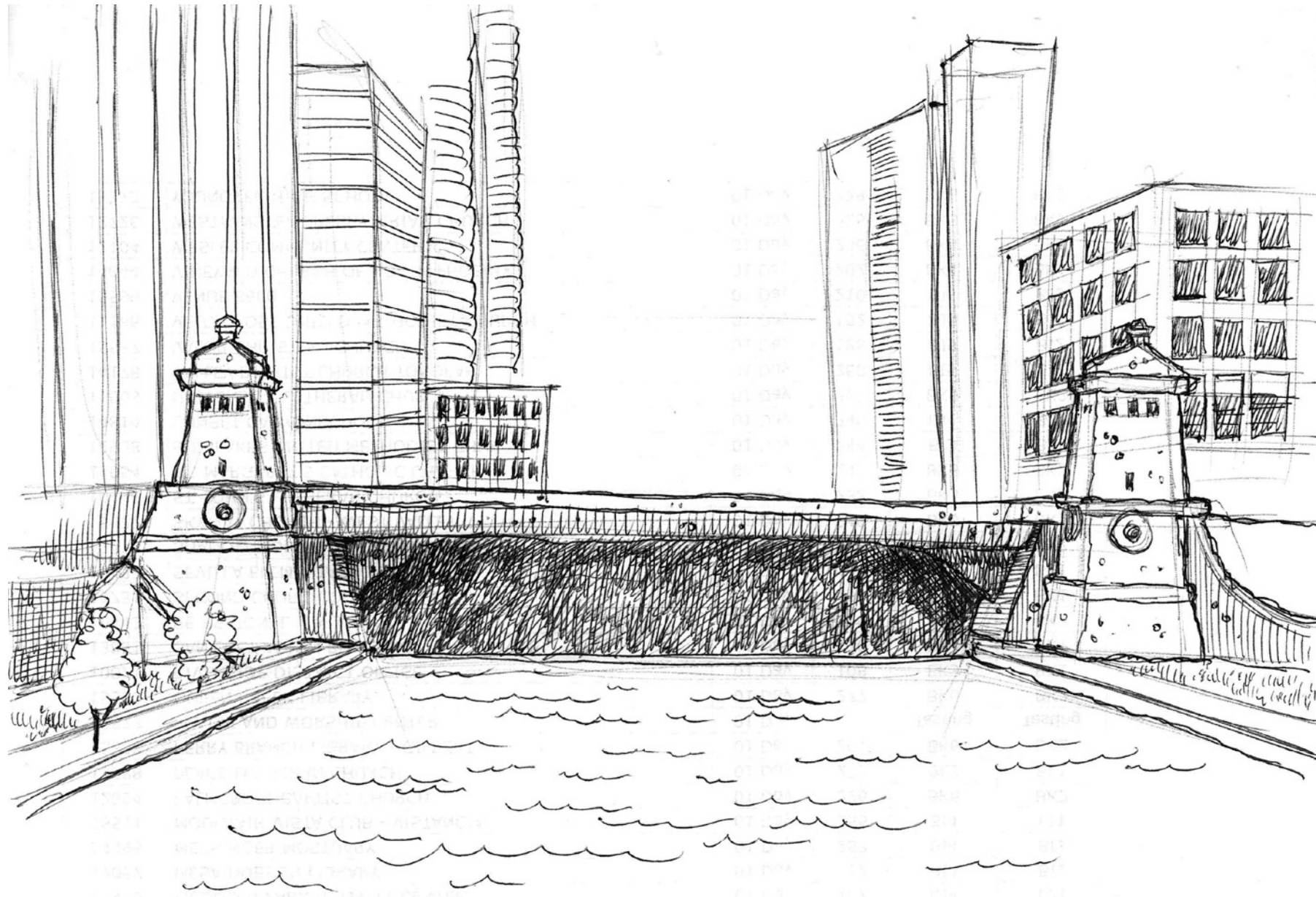


18. *DRIVE.*



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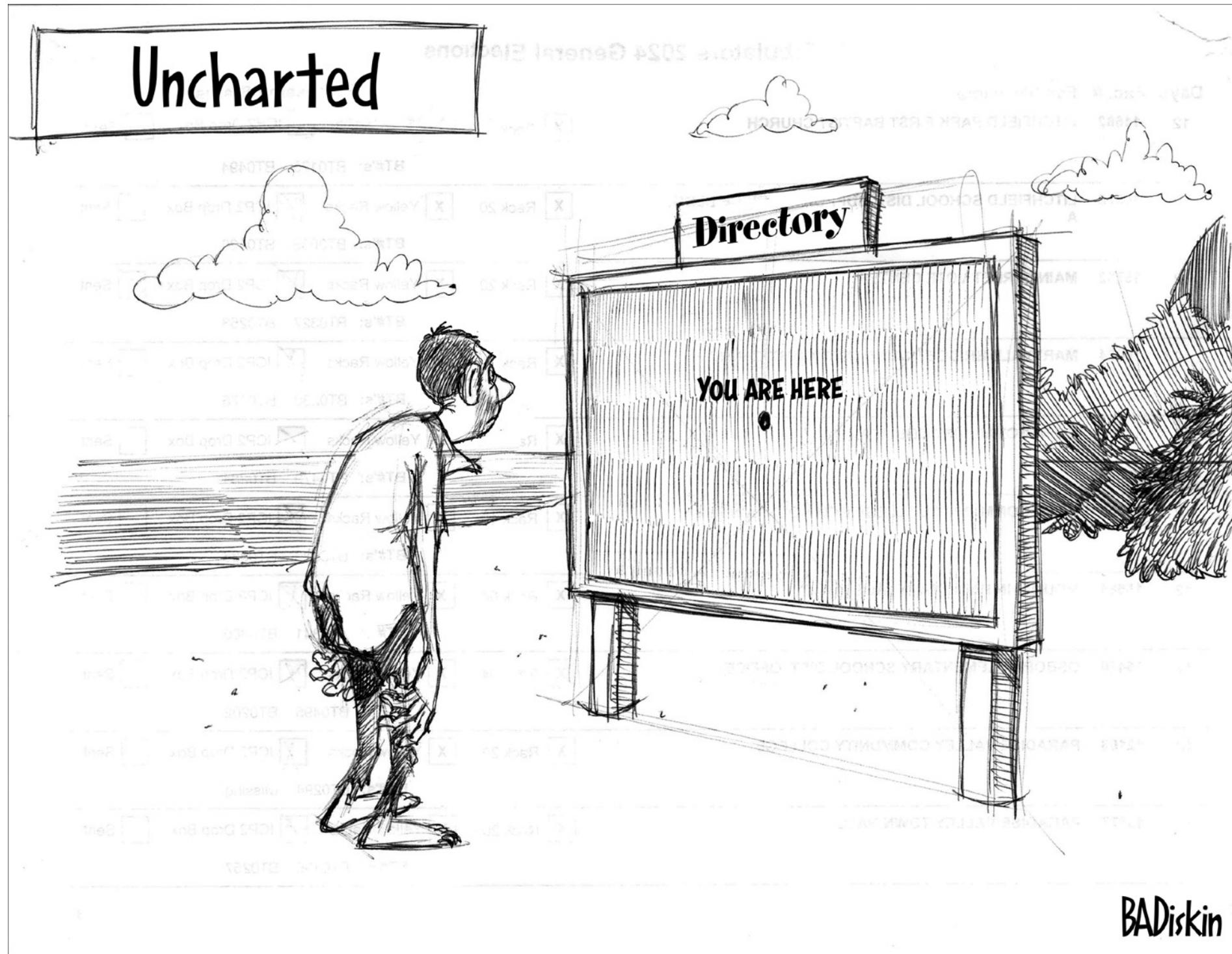
19. **RIDGE.** FIRST, I DREW A BLANK. THEN, I DREW A PLANK. NEXT, I DREW A BRIDGE. GET IT? DRAW?...BRIDGE?...DRAWBRIDGE. YEAH, I'VE GOT NOTHING FOR THIS ONE. THIS IS THE MICHIGAN AVENUE BRIDGE IN CHICAGO AS A (MOUNTAIN) RIDGE. IT HAPPENS TO BE A FIXED TRUNNION BASCULE BRIDGE. A BASCULE BRIDGE IS A DRAWBRIDGE HINGED WITH A COUNTERWEIGHT THAT CONTINUOUSLY BALANCES THE LEAF (OR LONG ARM THAT CROSSES THE RIVER). SO, I SHOULD AT LEAST GET A FEW POINTS FOR THIS BIT OF TRIVIA.



Michigan Avenue Bridge as a (mountain) ridge.

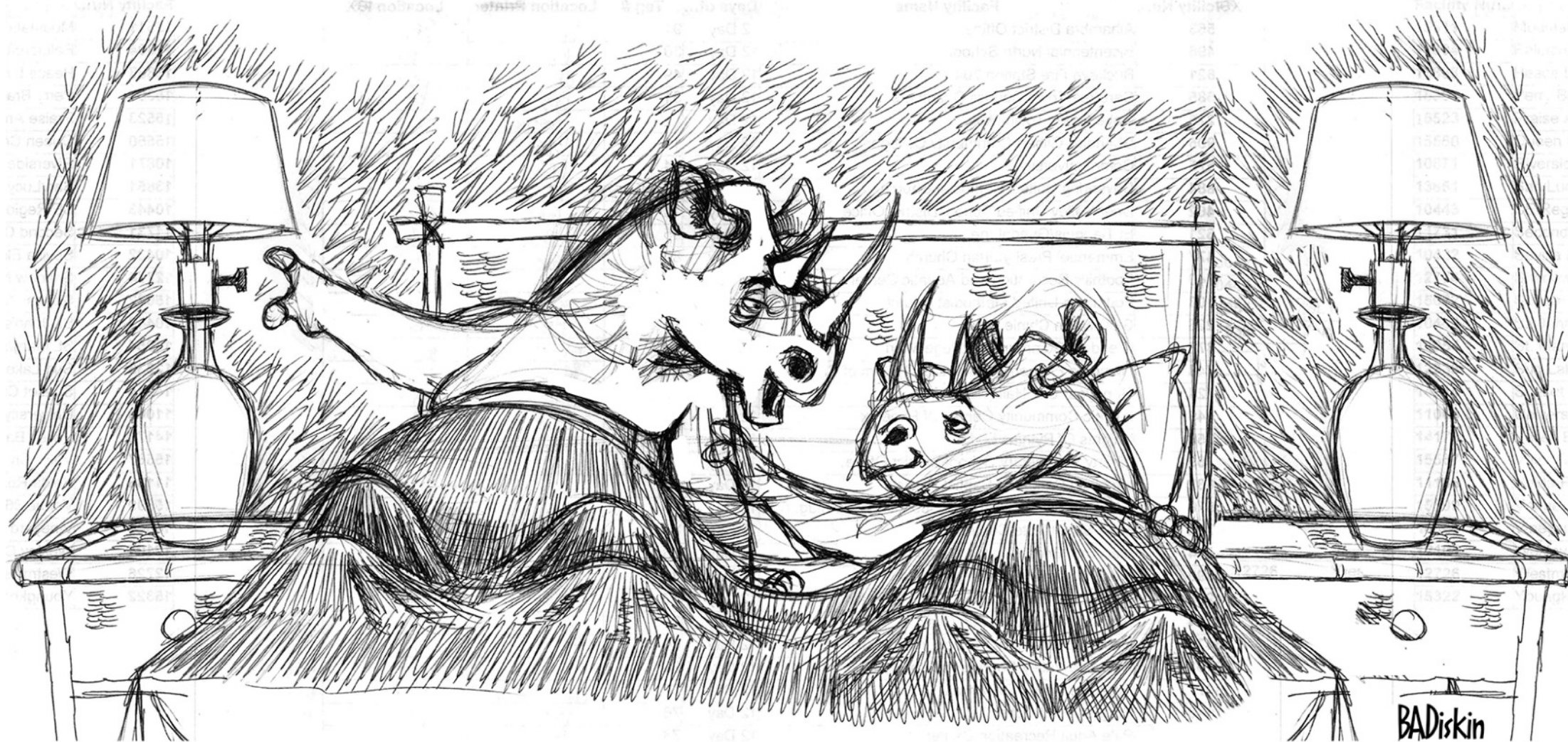
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20. **UNCHARTED.** THE BENEFIT OF UNCHARTED TERRITORY IS NOT BEING OBLIGED TO ASK FOR DIRECTIONS. BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY TO GIVE.



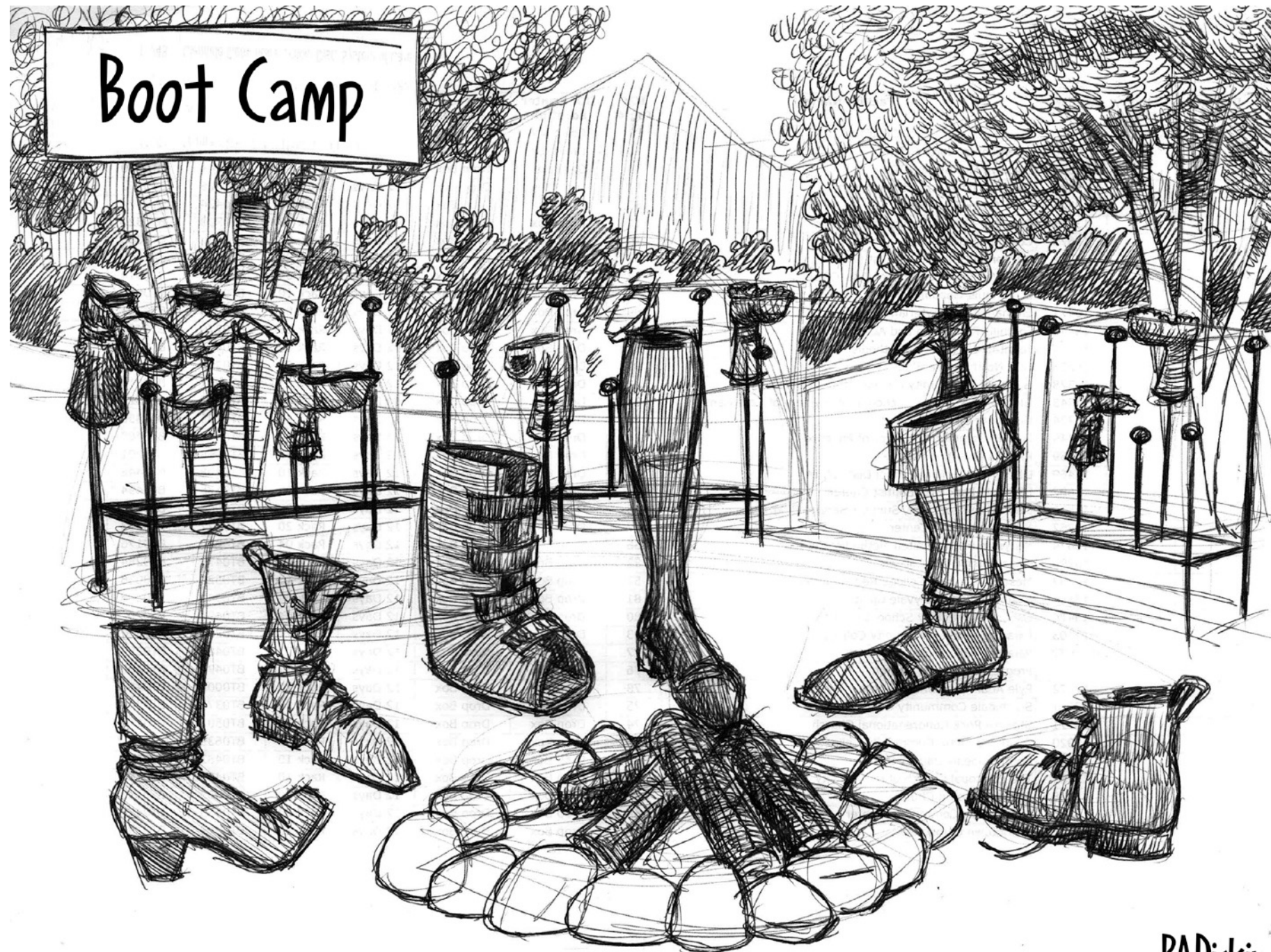


21. **RHINOCEROS.** I DON'T THINK THIS NEEDS COMMENTARY.



*“Why, yes. I am horny.”*

21. **RHINOCEROS**. I DON'T THINK THIS NEEDS 22. **CAMP**. THIS IS BOOT CAMP. WHERE FOOTWEAR IS TRAINED TO COMBAT PUDDLES, SNOW DRIFTS AND DOG POOP. HERE THEY WAIT BY THE FIRE PIT FOR A PAIR OF FIVEFINGERS WITH OPPOSABLE DIGITS TO STRIKE A MATCH AND START A FIRE. LATER THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR BOOT-RACKS AND KICK UP THEIR HEEL UNTIL THE ESPADRILLE SERGEANT MAKES THEM HOP TO ATTENTION FOR INSPECTION..



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23. *RUST*. NOT ON MY BUCKET LIST.

## Rust Bucket



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24. **EXPEDITION.** DEFINED IN THE DICTIONARY AS: 2) EFFICIENT PROMPTNESS OR SPEED IN DOING SOMETHING. I'M NOT TAKING SIDES. I'M JUST SAYING WITHIN 2 MONTHS THE DEMOCRATS HAVE A NEW CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING NECK AND NECK WITH THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE. THEIR NEW CAMPAIGN WAS DONE WITH MUCH EXPEDITION.



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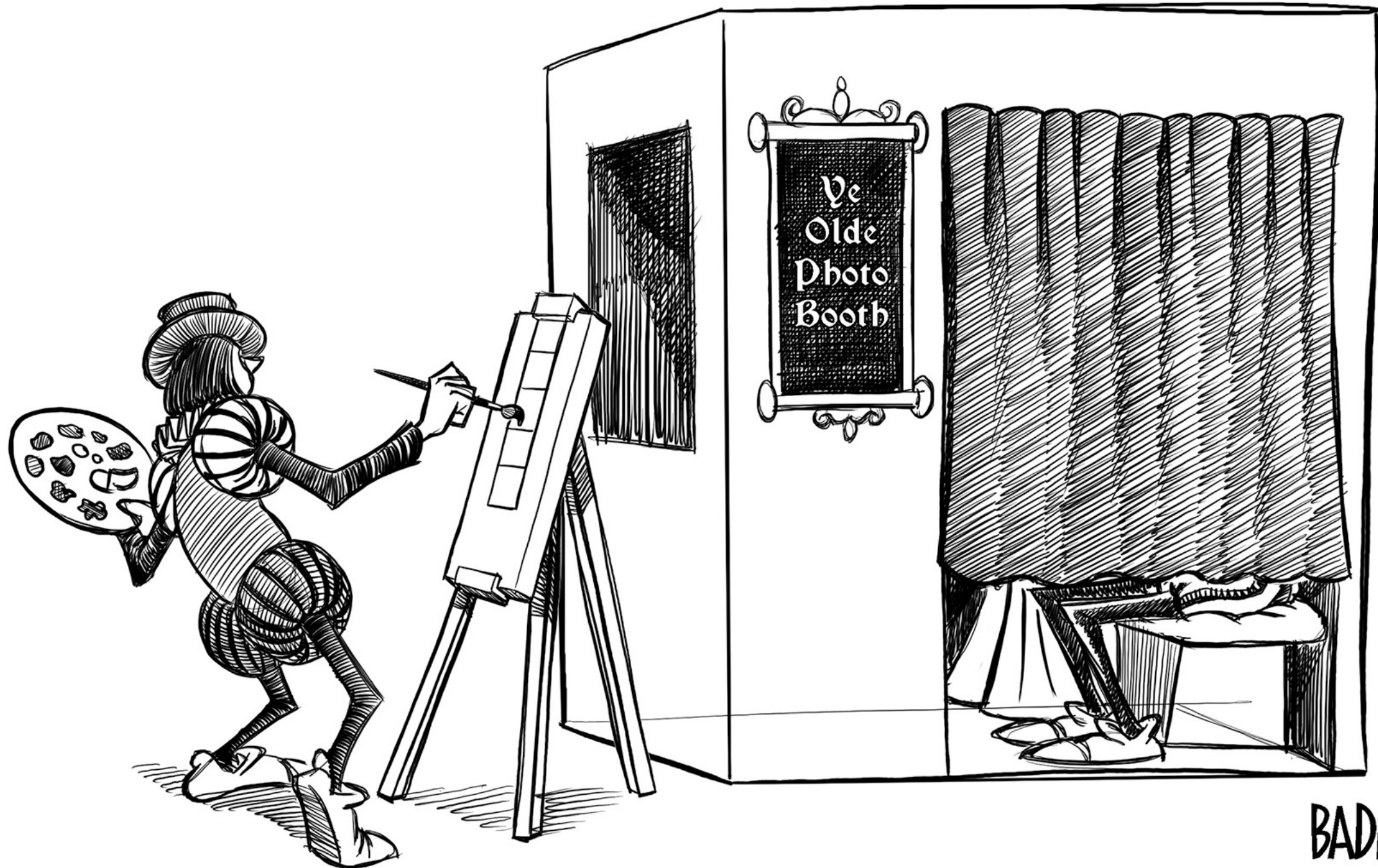
25. **SCARECROW.** I HAVEN'T TAKEN SIDES....YET. I STILL HAVE SOME RESEARCH TO DO. I'M AN INDEPENDENT. REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS REFER TO US AS 'BIPOLARS'. AT FACE VALUE, THIS GUY MUST BE VERY SCARY IF FORMER CABINET MEMBERS AND TOP REPUBLICANS ARE ENDORSING HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT.



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26. *CAMERA*. IT WAS THE CLOSEST THING TO A CAMERA IN MEDIEVAL TIMES.



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27. **ROAD.** CAUTION! READ THE READ THE ROAD SIGNS. THEY'RE NOT THERE FOR DECORATION.



28. *JUMBO*. MEET JUMBO, THE PIANO PLAYING PACHYDERM!



29. **NAVIGATOR.** AFTER SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL TRIES I FINALLY HIT UPON THIS IDEA LATE LAST NIGHT. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE THE REALLY MESSY RENDERING BUT NOT FOR USING A PUN. OH, COME ON NOW. IF YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME FOR THE PAST MONTH YOU KNOW I WON'T HESITATE TO USE A PUN.

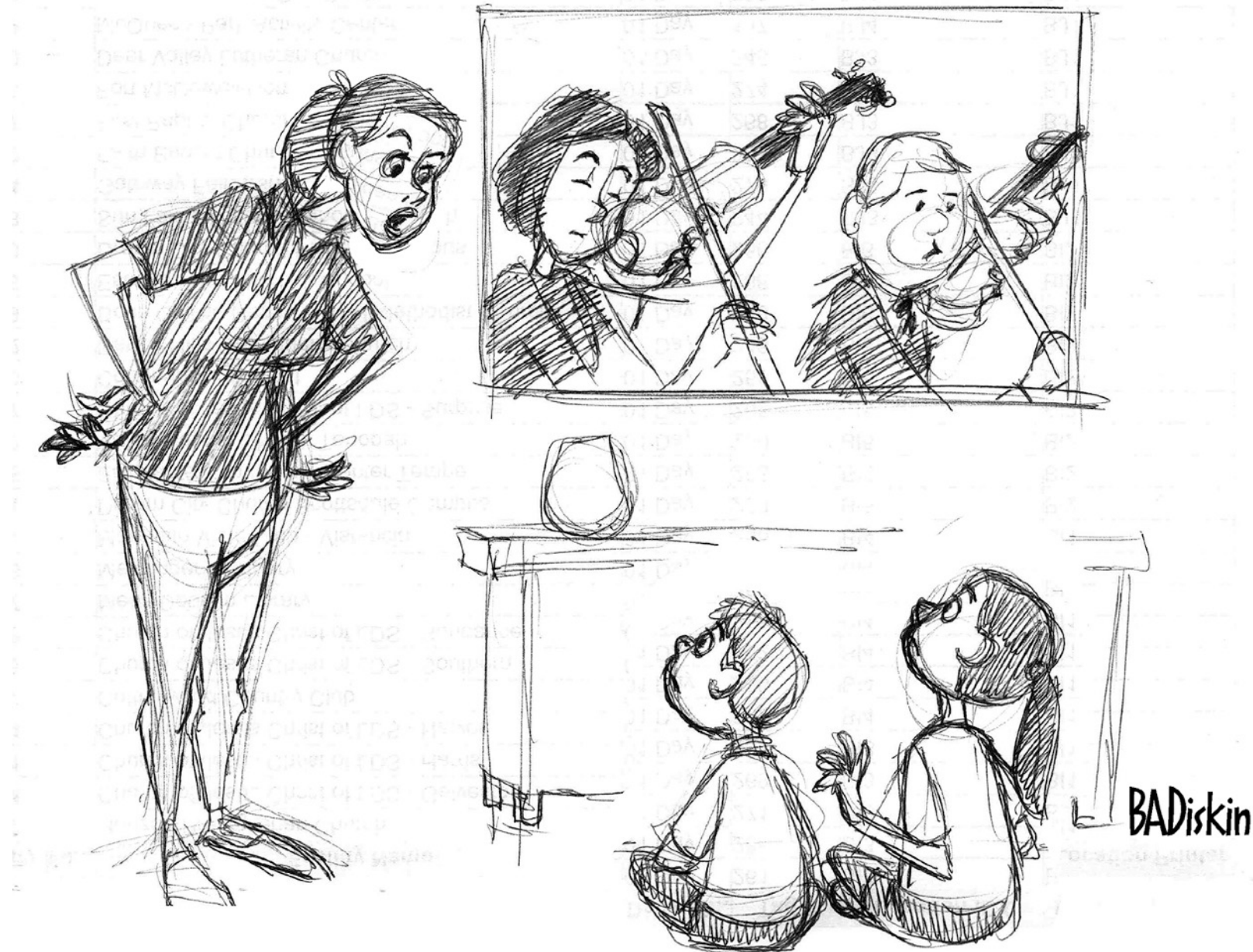


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*"I'm more of a water navigator."*

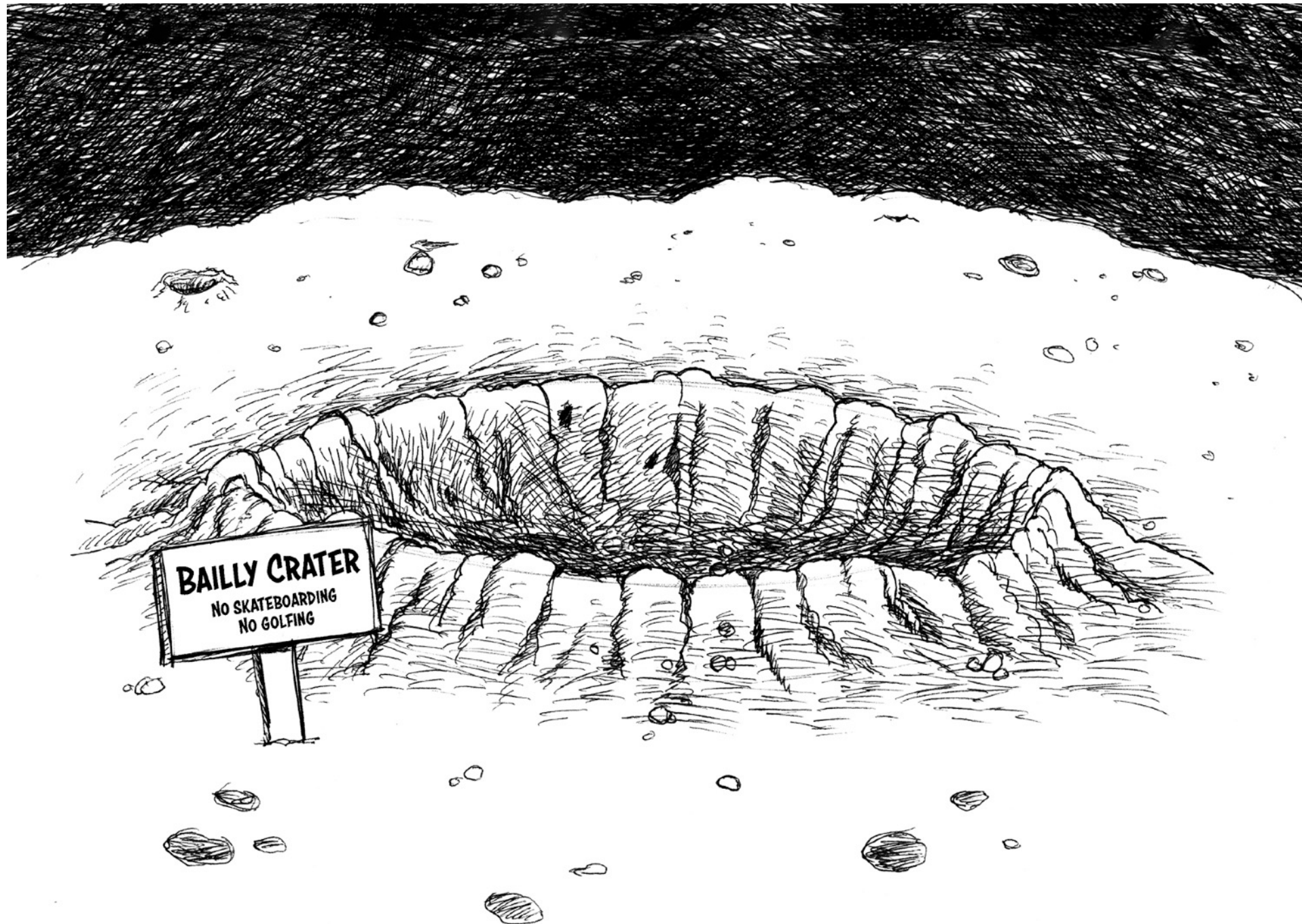


30. *VIOLIN*. THIS ONE, AS YOU CAN SEE, WAS DONE ON MY LUNCH BREAK. IF IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. KEEP READING THE CAPTION REPEATEDLY.



*“What did your parents say about watching violins on televison?”*

31. *LANDMARK*. THINK LITERAL. TWO WORDS.



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