

The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 1**. Sergeant, the trusty Junkyard watchdog, learns that the Warden is facing a big challenge this Christmas. And he's inspired to help.

Sergeant does his rounds four times a day. Using the Advent Calendar as a map, can you draw what you think he might see during his day?

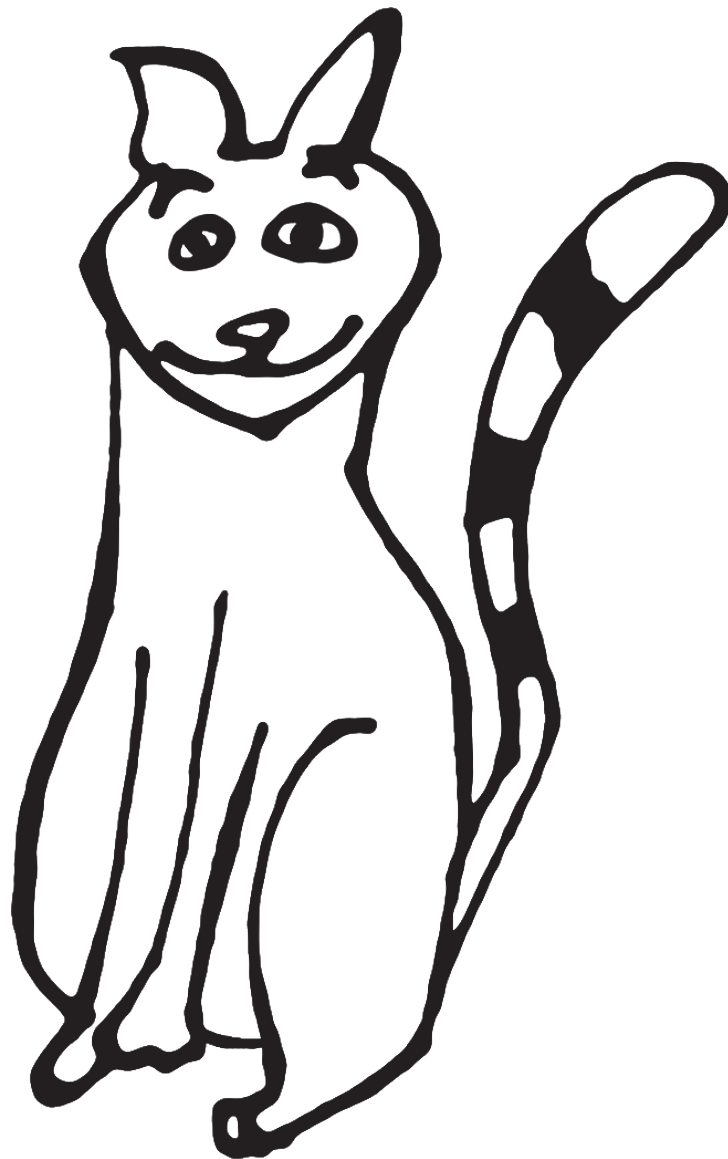


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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 2.**

Mitzie Niegel, the mysterious mouse who lives on the Far Side of the Junkyard, tells a tale about the Warden from her unique perspective. It seems that the tiny mouse knows the Warden and his family much better than any of the Junkyard animals could have imagined!

What do you think Mitzie Niegel's home under the Excavator looks like? Does she have a bed? A cabinet of cheese? A homemade running wheel?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 3**. After hearing Mitzie's story, Ben has an idea about how to save the Junkyard — and the solution is right under their noses. There is something hanging in Mr. Flinch's House of Chairs that is actually very valuable!

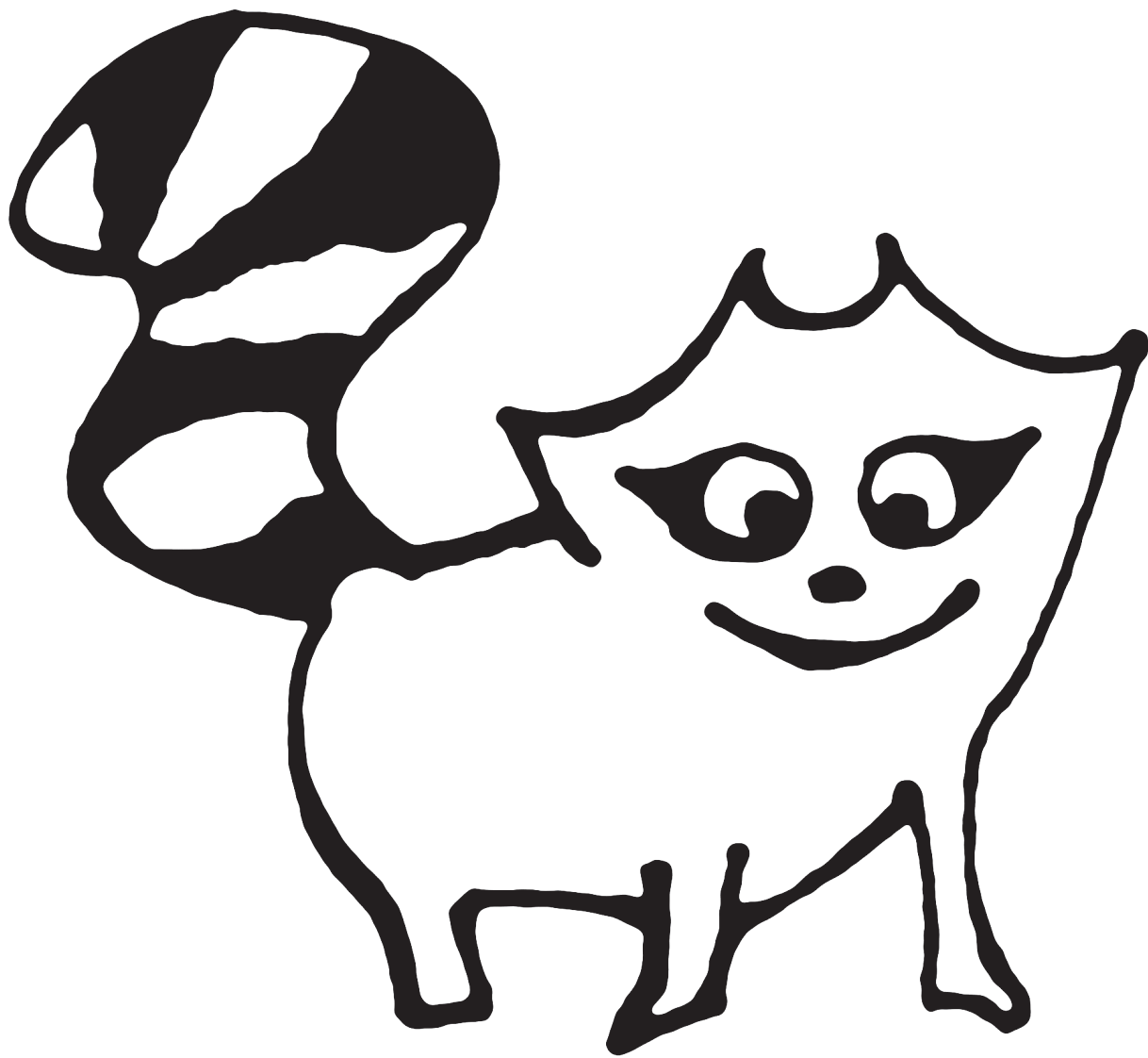
Ben loves bells. What do you think his collection of bells looks like? Are they all shapes and sizes?



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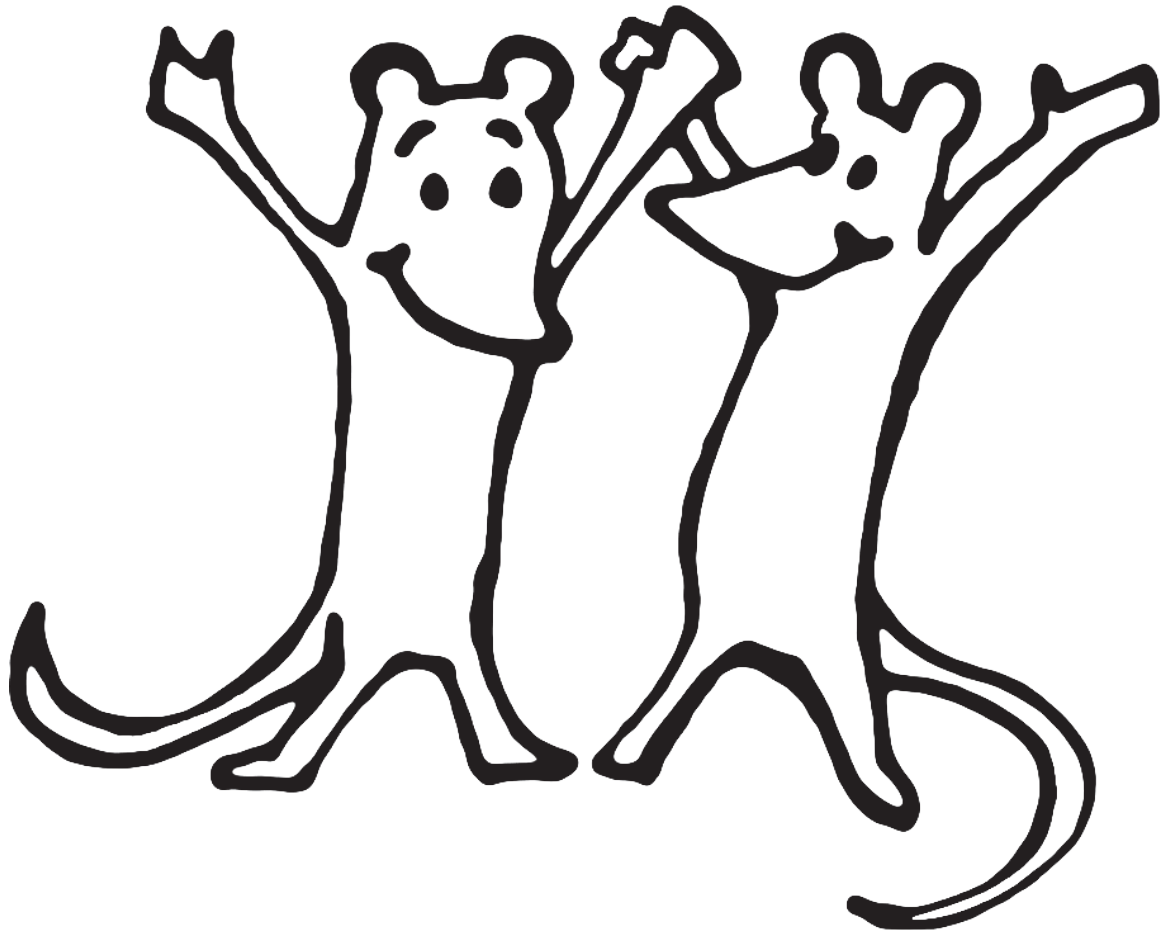
Ben's plan for finding treasure is particularly inspiring and exciting for the young mice — Peanut, Dreamy, Bono, Melvin and Starlight. But when another mouse, Newberry, wants to join, Peanut hesitates. He knows that "all belong" in the Junkyard, but he also knows that Newberry will slow them down. Luckily, Georgia Bean, the kindly rat, tells a story that will help Peanut see things from a different perspective.

Georgia Bean loves to bake for the mice. What do you think one of her birthday cakes looks like? And pies? What are the ingredients?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 5**. When the five young mice encounter the French-Canadian raccoon family, they learn from Roger Rowland, the father, that what people truly value is money. "Coins," he suggests to them. "Find coins and give them to the Warden." The mice like this suggestion — and they are particularly interested in the place he suggests they look.

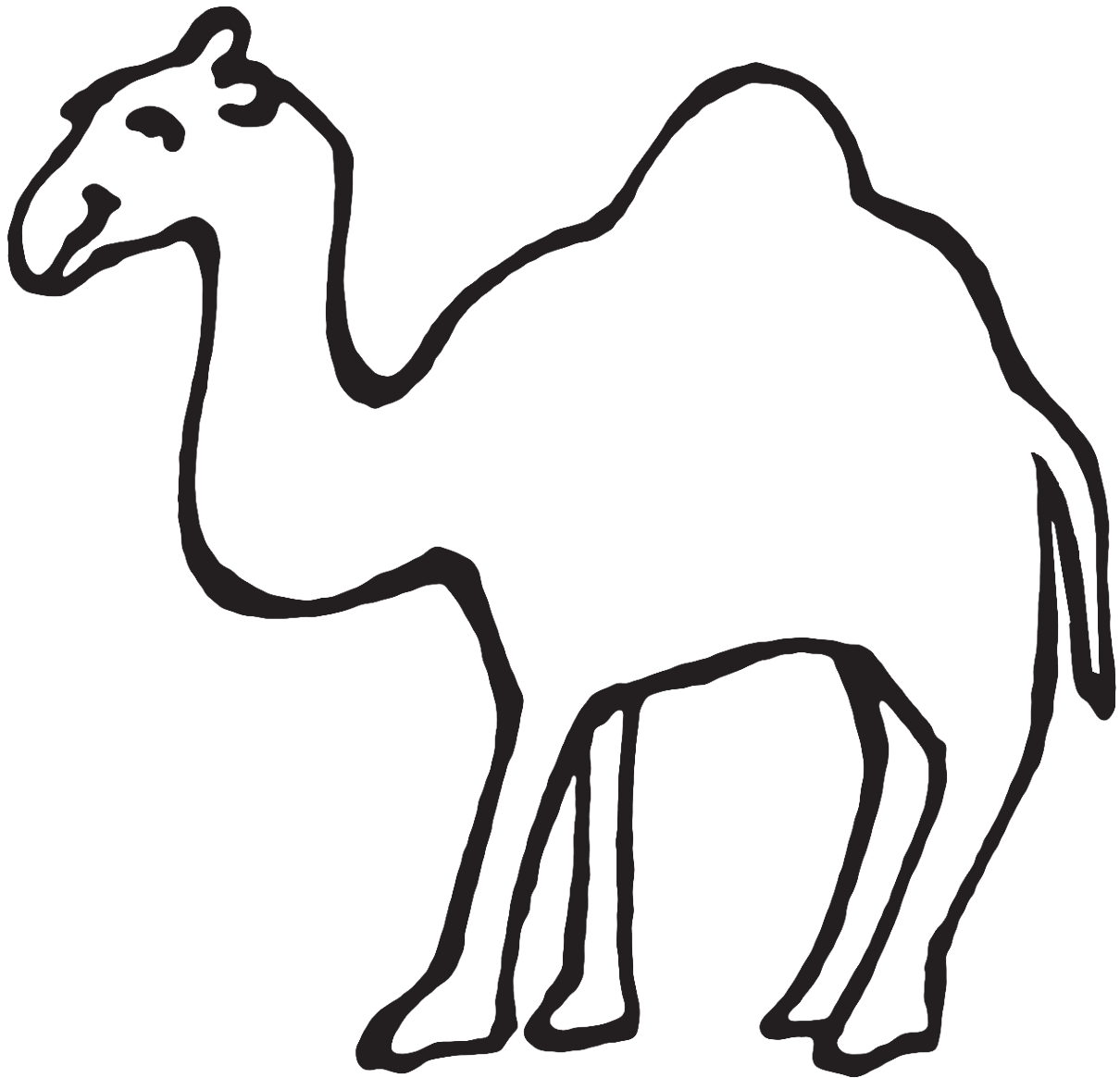
The Rowland kits love to collect lace and jewels and sweets. What are some things you like to collect?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 6**. The five young mice offer their idea to Sergeant, but are disappointed by his response. Peanut then proposes that they show the other mice how resourceful they can be — and trek to the fairgrounds... on their own!

The mice often talk about the star formation. Pick some of the friends and family you would like in your own star formation and then draw pictures of each of them around the mice.



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 7.**

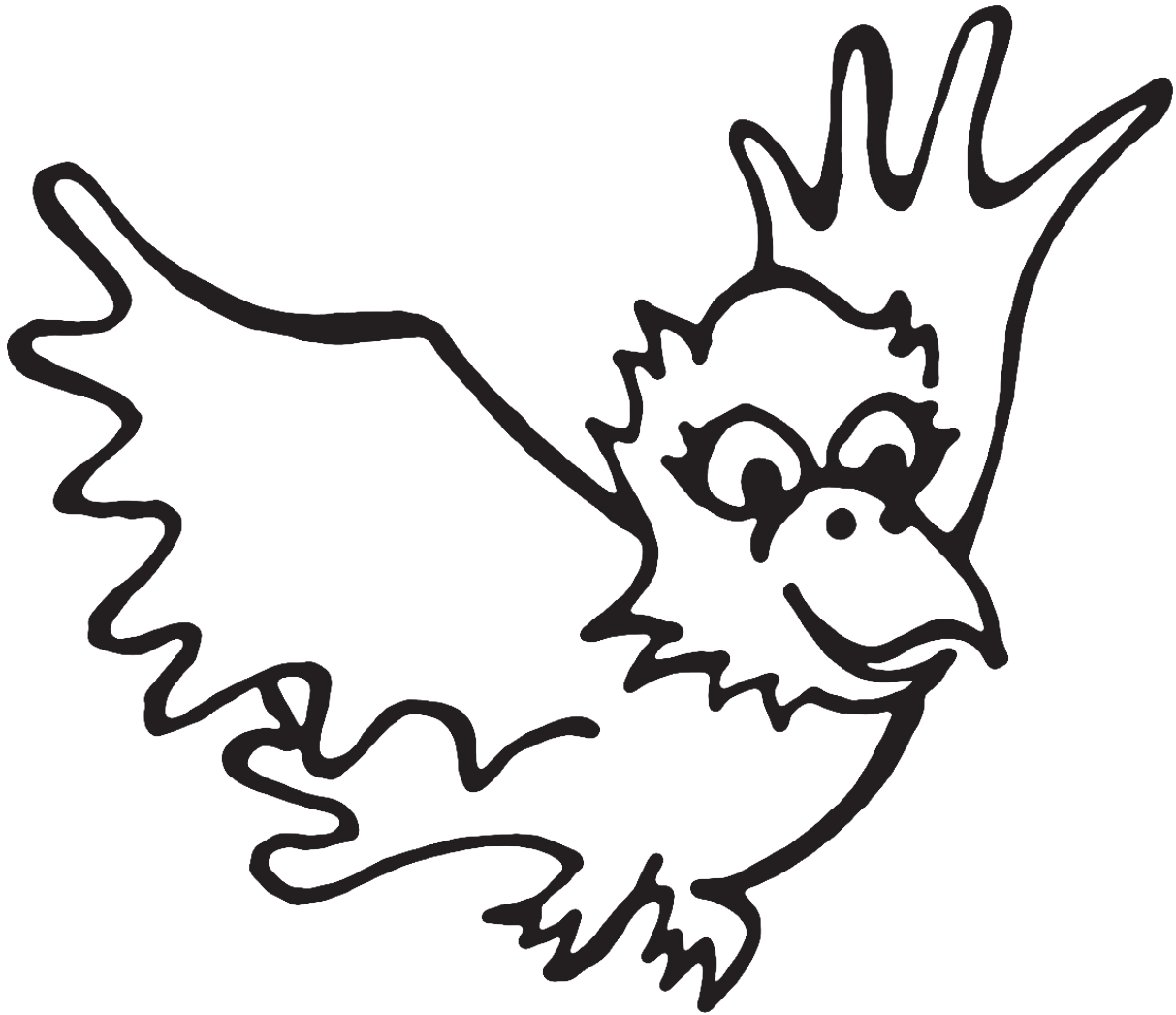
Angus the Camel arrives one morning ready take the mice to the fairgrounds. But when they arrive, they are not feeling as very brave and adventurous as they did when they left. No, now they feel very small and alone... and they begin to notice that the sky is thickening with snow clouds.

Angus takes the mice on a trek around the Junkyard, across the road, into the forest, through the meadow, and then finally to the fairground. Can you show a map of their trip?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 8**. When Spiro learns that the young mice went out on their own, he doesn't want to wait for a plan to be formed — he wants to help them NOW. So he puts on goggles, straps a flashlight to his head, and protects his paws with plastic cups, Super Skunk is coming to the rescue!

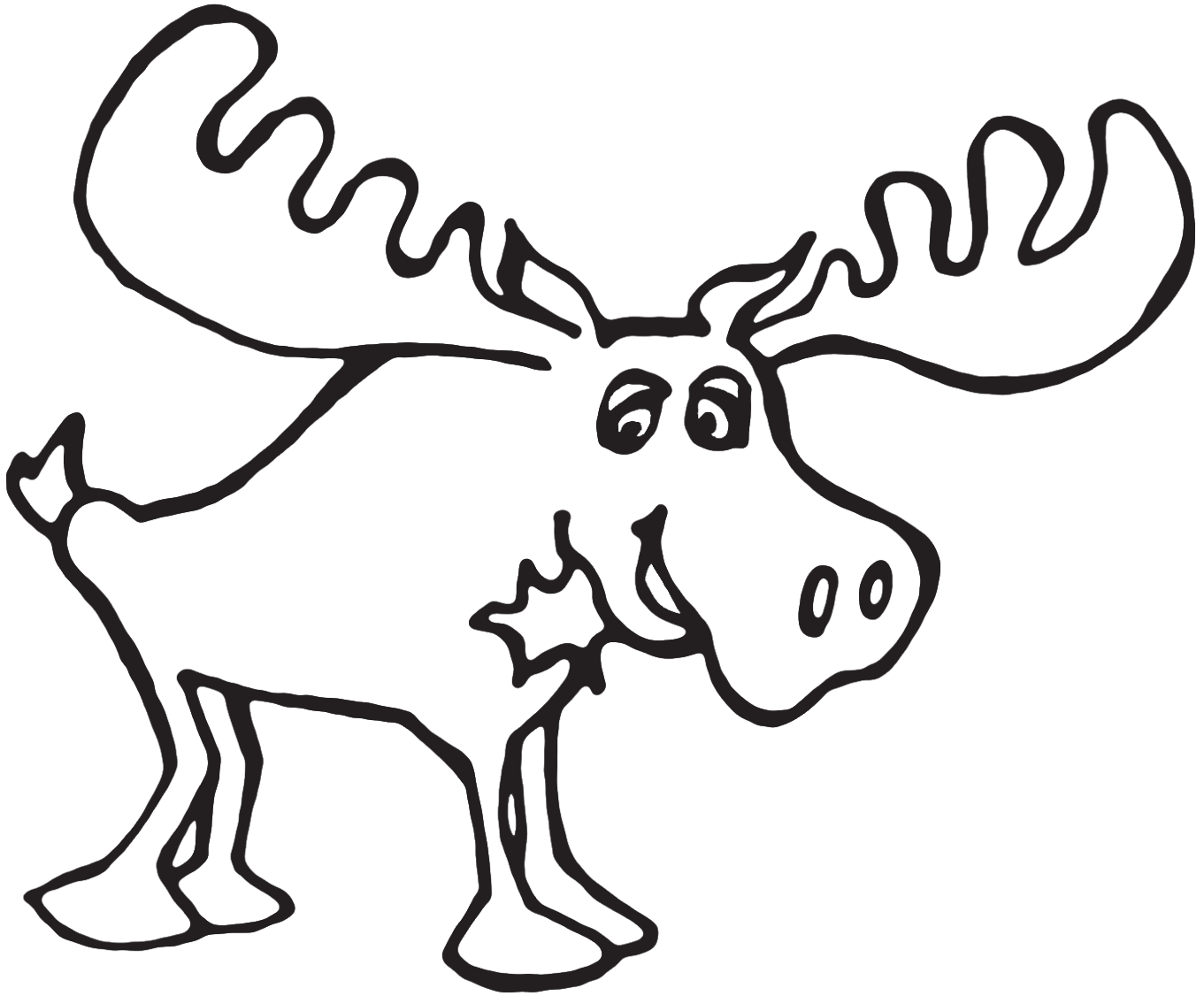
Spiro is one of everyone's favorite characters. What qualities do you like about Spiro? I wonder what Spiro would look like dressed as Santa? Or as a reindeer? Or as an elf?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 9**. Right when the Junkyard animals are all worried for the young mice and Spiro, Harriet Hawk arrives with good news: she has seen the mice and Angus and Spiro. All are safe! This reassures everyone except Zippy who is determined to help his friend. And, surprising everyone, he actually zips to the rescue.

This story has a drawing of Harriet, but not Zippy. What do you think Zippy looks like?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 10**. Late at night by the Beaver Pond, Fredland the Moose wakes from a powerful dream — a dream that shows him his Junkyard friends need his help! So off he goes, through the snow and wind, until he hears two familiar voices in the distance.

The trip from the Beaver Pond to the Junkyard is long and windy. There are many things the animals encounter, from Blueberry Hill to the Gopher's Garden to the Trail through the Woods. Can you draw the path as you think it might look?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 11.** Though the other mice have full bellies and are sleeping comfortably in the shed, Starlight is awake and wondering what to do. Then she sees a bright star shining overhead and realizes it is a sign — the star formation! The snow has stopped and it's time for the mice to go home!

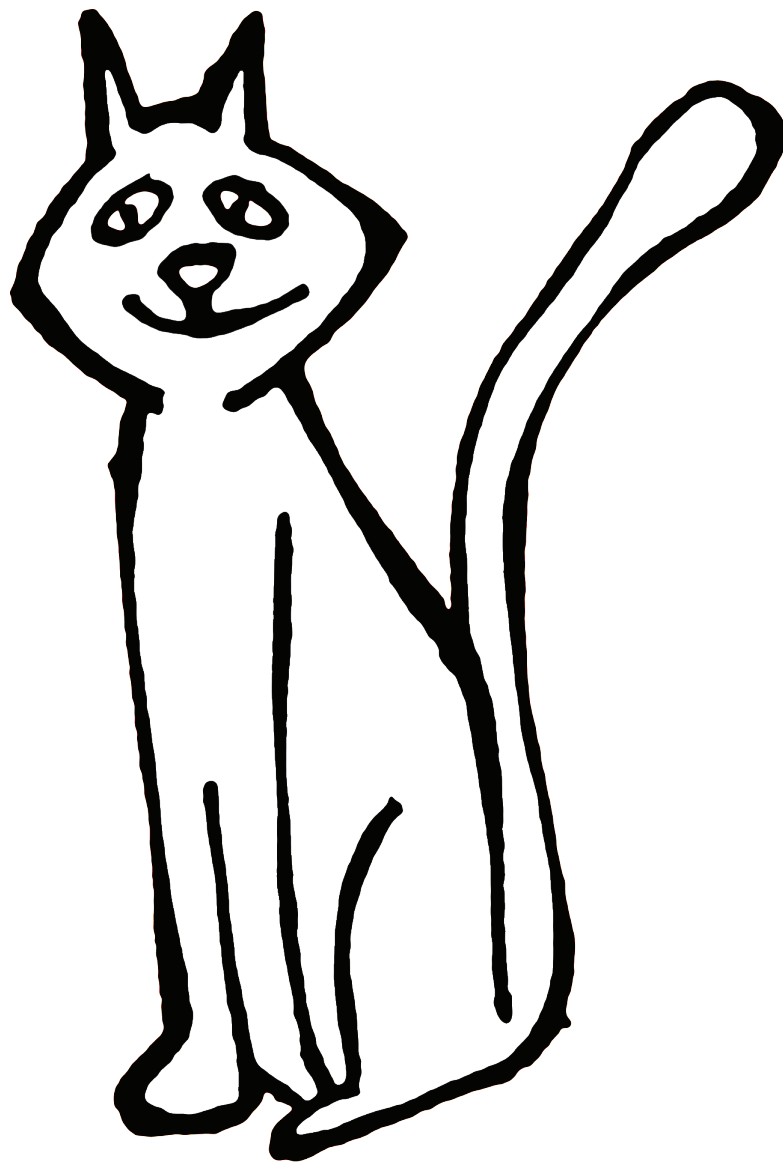
We all love the mice — and there are so many of them! What would you look like as a mouse? What would your family look like? Your friends?



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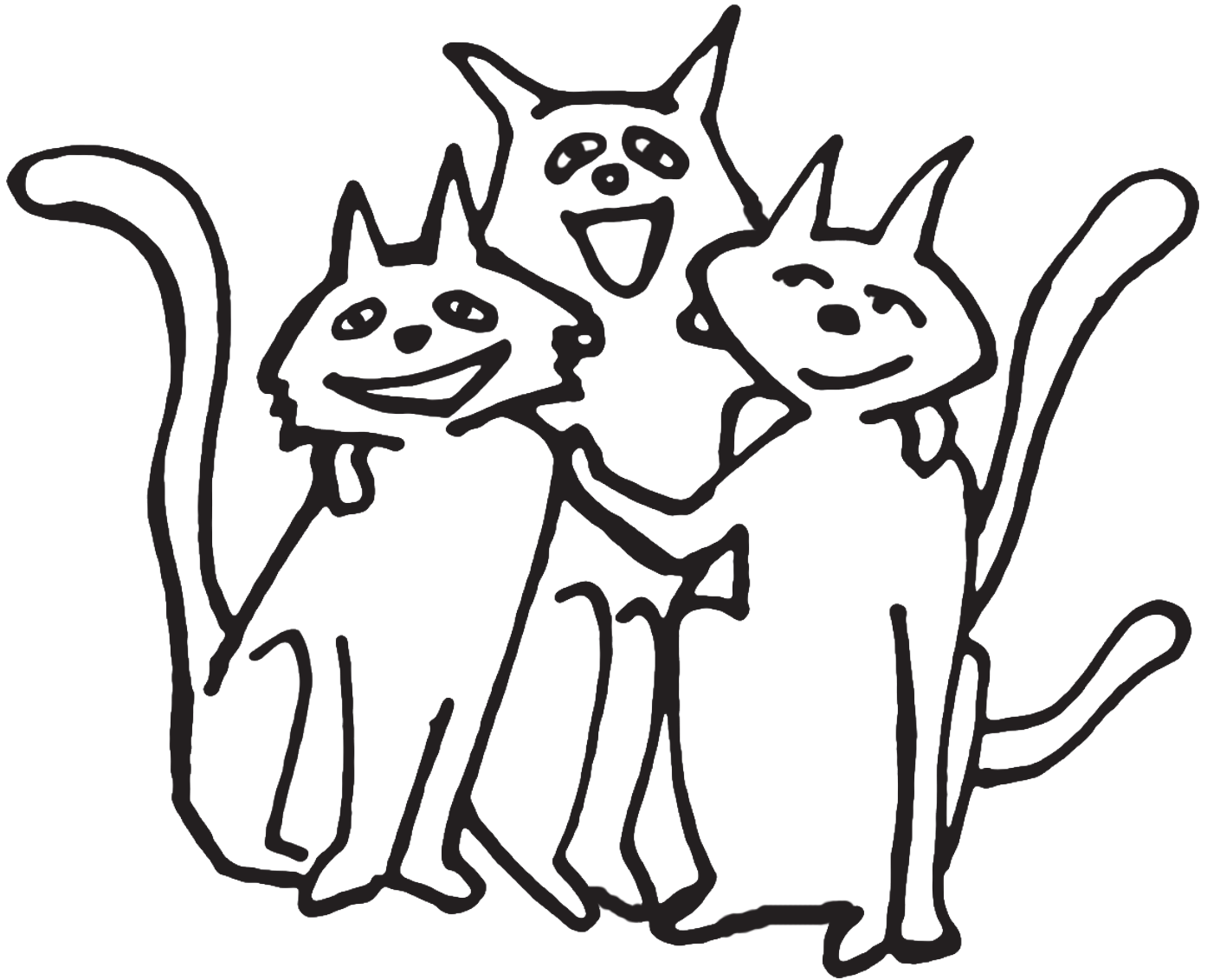
The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 12**. Somehow, several valuable coins keep showing up in the flower pots outside Mr. Flinch's House of Chairs. When Ben stays up to discover who is putting them there, he is delighted to see an old friend — who has gotten older!

When Hootie the owl was lost and lonely, the Junkyard animals all helped him find his way home. What are some ways your friends and family take care of you? Can you draw a picture that shows one of the ways?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 13**. It seems Mitzie Niegel has told a number of animals in town about the Junkyard's challenge. When Ben's old friend Cowboy comes to help out, he learns that the Junkyard is important to many more animals than he had thought!

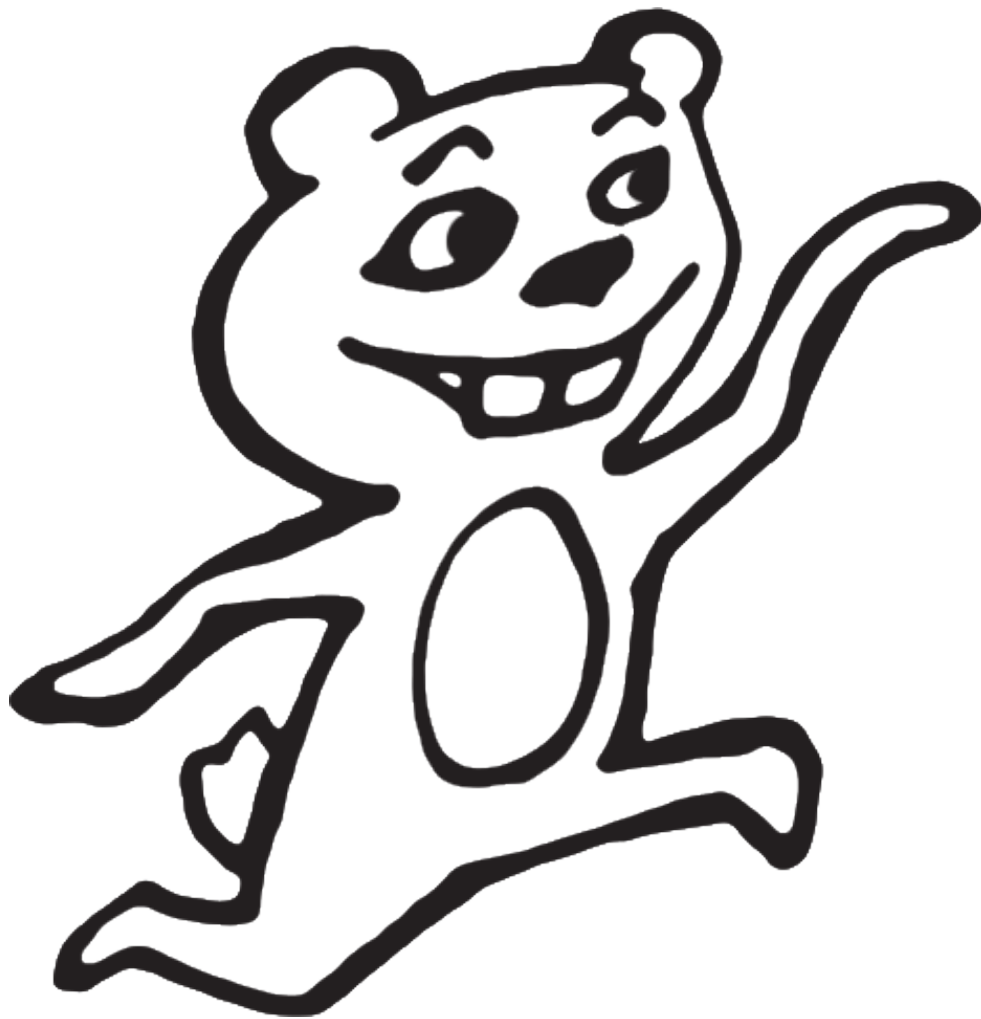
Cowboy tells Ben that he thought the Junkyard was going to be replaced by an amusement park. What if the Junkyard wanted to make their own amusement park? What would they use to build a ferris wheel or a roller coaster? You can use this page to draw what you think it would look like.



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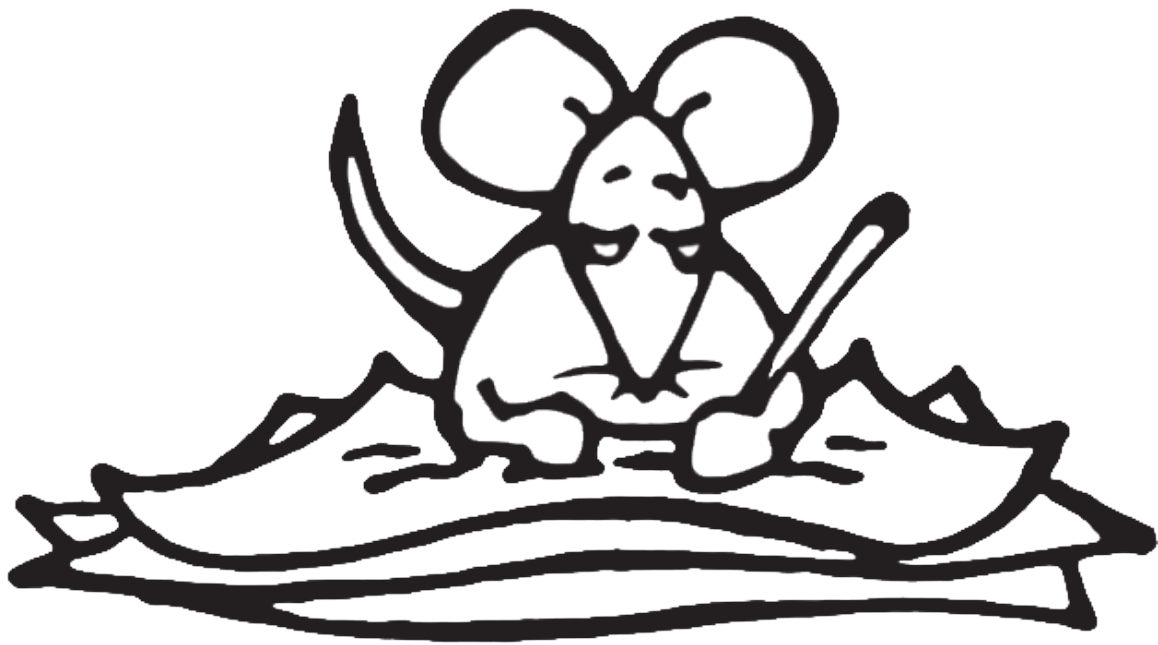
The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 14**. The neighborhood cats are thrilled to help Ben find some Christmas presents for the Warden's children. The only thing is — fun for cats is different from fun for children.

The neighborhood cats have a great time looking for presents for the Warden's children. If you were going to make a present for a friend or family member that was completely made of junk, what would it be. What would it look like?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 15**. Sally comes up with a plan to spy on the Warden's children and discover what they would like for Christmas. But the best laid plans always have challenges — and Sally needs to change her plan very quickly so that she can accomplish her task without being discovered!

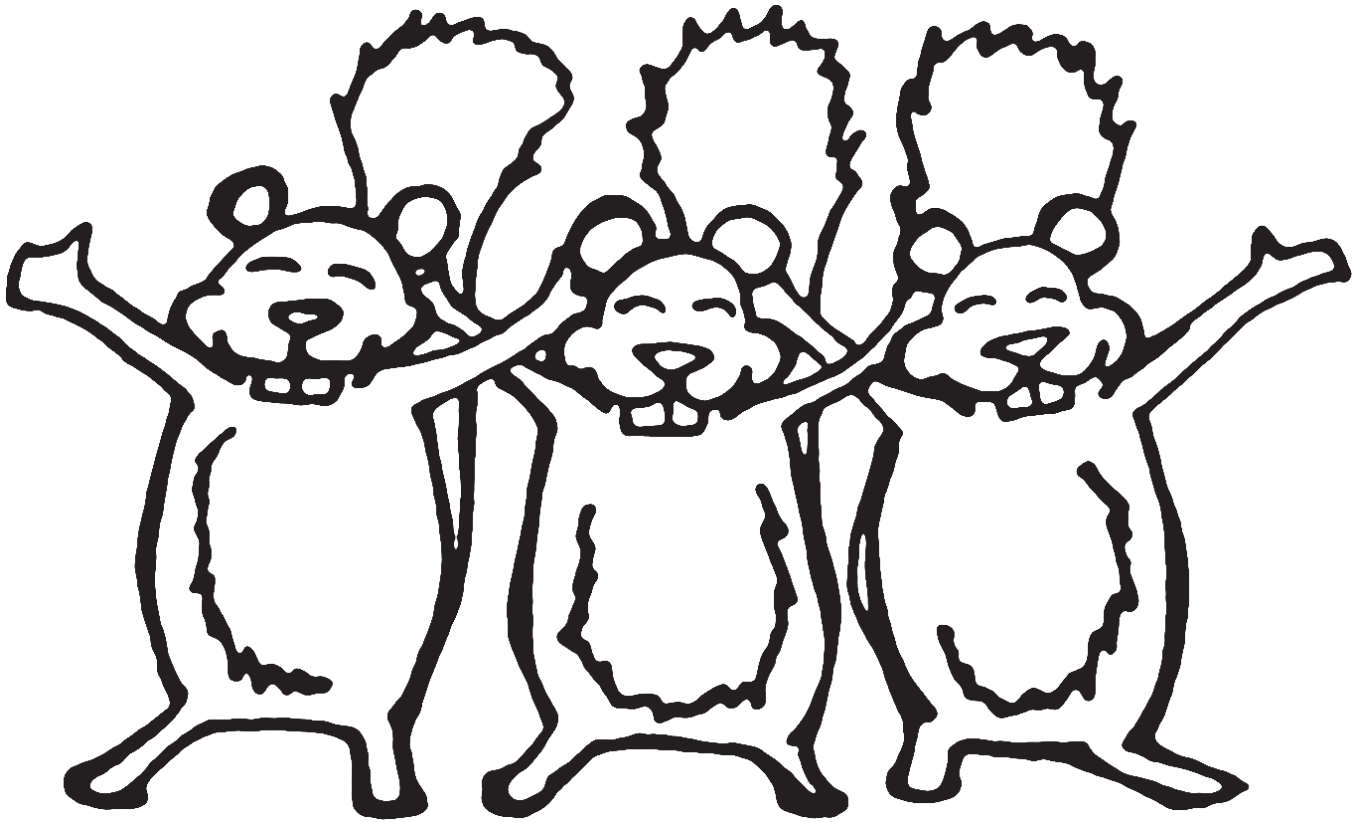
Sally loves to exercise — especially on her obstacle course in the Treasures. Can you draw what you think her obstacle course might look like?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 16.** When Sally announces that the children would like a full train set as well as a game table called “Foolsball,” the little mouse Newberry steps forward with a plan for how to build them both.

With Newberry’s advice, the Junkyard animals all build a model train set for the Warden’s son. If you were going to build a model train set, what would yours look like? What buildings would it have? Where would the track go?



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The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 17.**

The second big storm comes to the Junkyard and this time, it brings with it some unexpected guests: The Squirrel Circus! This thrills the Junkyard animals — that is, everyone except the steadfast watchdog who worries that the loud and enthusiastic squirrels will bring too much attention.

The squirrel circus members can jump, twirl, flip, dance, and sing. Can you draw some of the circus members doing tricks? What would it look like if ALL the Junkyard animals were in the circus?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 18.**

The following morning, Sergeant tells Lil Mamma that she might return to the old maple tree because there was "something waiting for her." What could it be, wonders the busy rabbit. *Snow? A badger? A broken limb?* But what she discovers surprises and delights her.

Lil Mamma has many grandkits and seven of them are Pendleton's children. Their names are Trippy, Bippy, Lippy, Dippy, Skippy, Nippy, and Little Pip. Can you draw them all and show how they are all different?



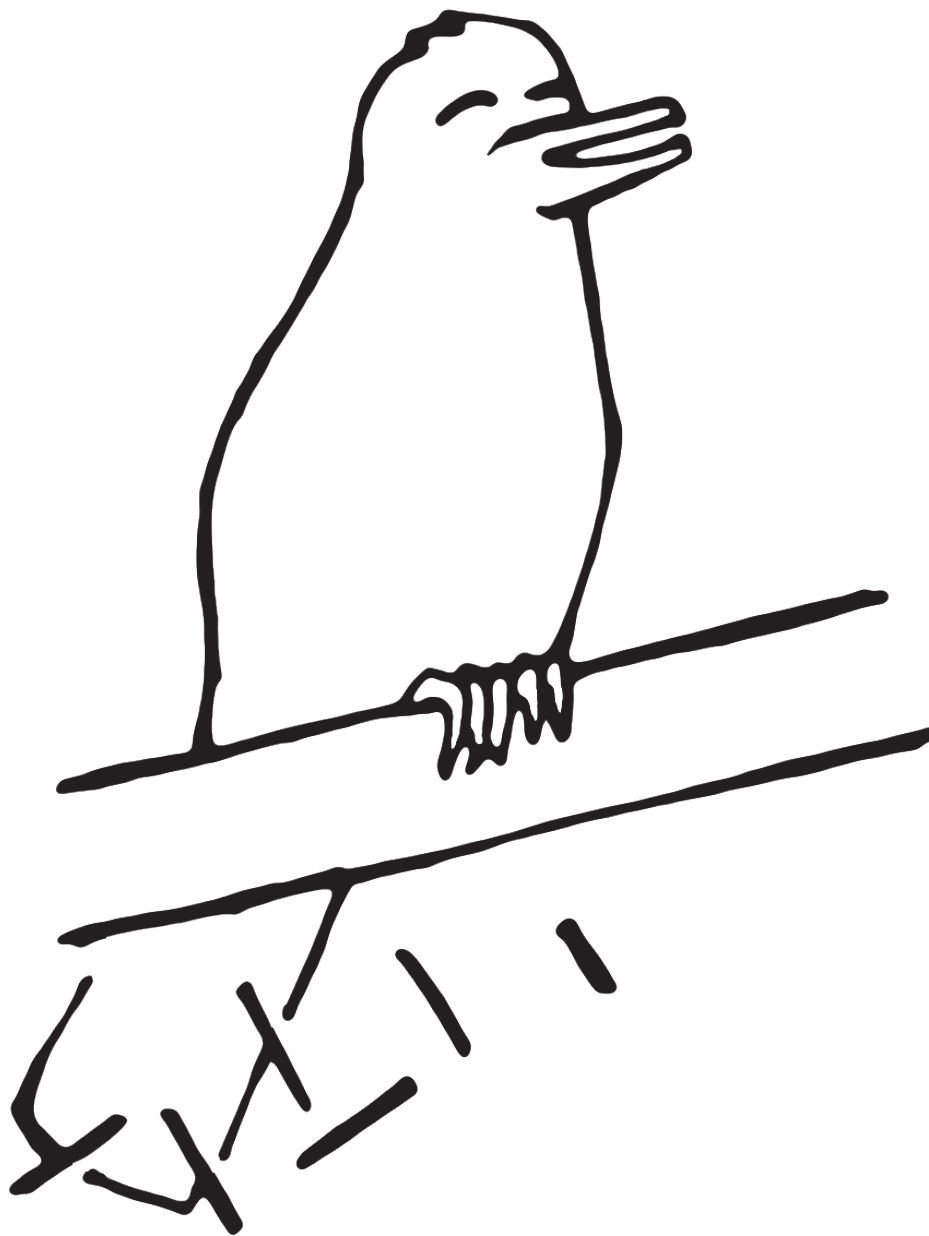
The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 19**. It is a cold night in the Junkyard and all the animals gather in the House of Chairs for some warm tea and a story from Mr. Flinch. He tells them a story that he heard when he was a little joey — one that his mother told him every Christmas — and it shows the value of dedication and service to those who need it.

In Mr. Flinch's story, we learn that the possums' action transforms the King by giving him the gift of Dedication to those in need. Who can you help in your community? Family? Friends? Neighbors? What would it look like if you drew yourself and your community as animals?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 20**. Merryweather Mole lives underneath the Junkyard, and she finds all the noise and activity above to be very annoying. When she has finally had enough, she seeks revenge and takes something very precious that belongs to the Junkyard animals. But it isn't long before she starts to feel bad about her actions.

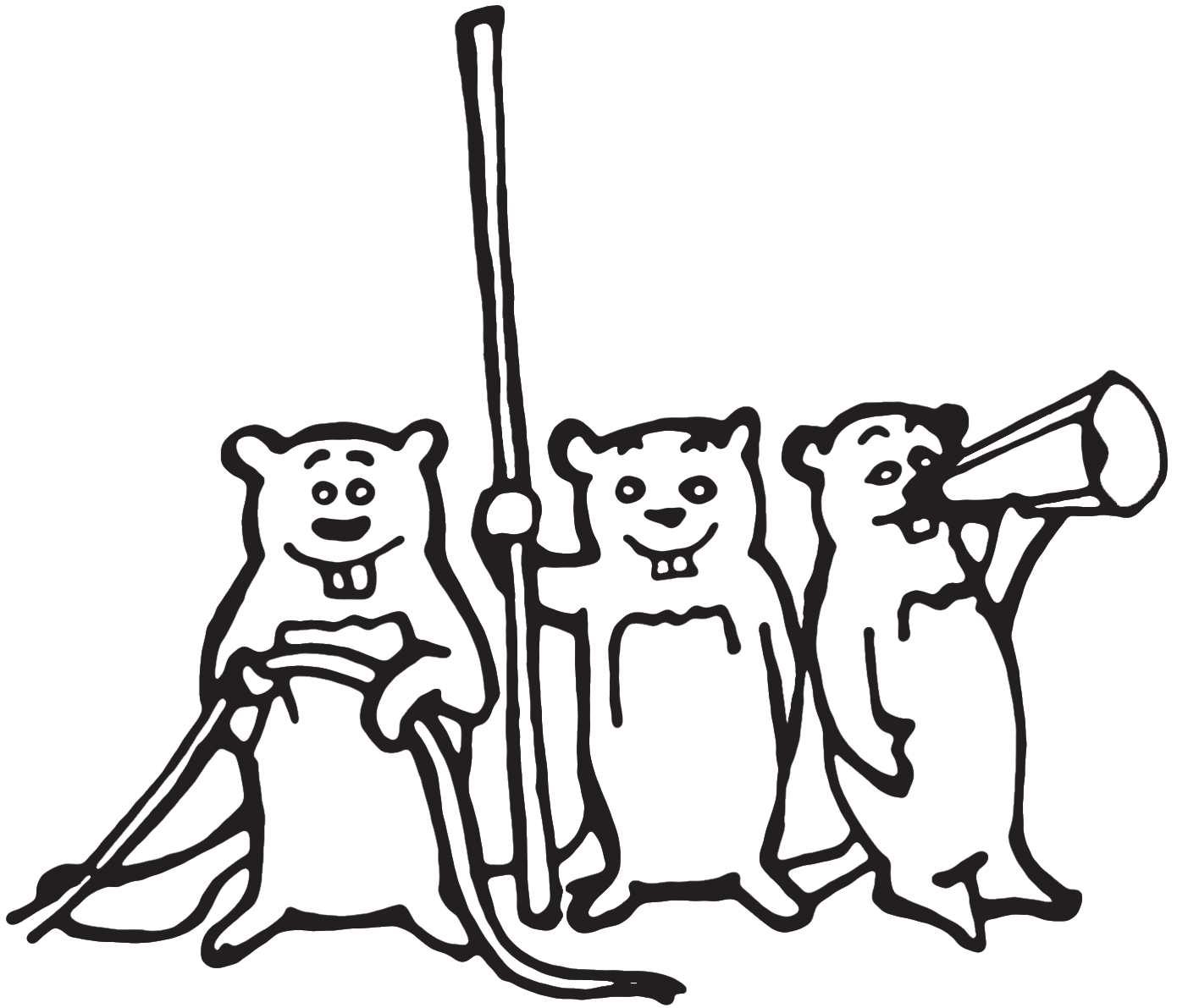
The holiday season can be a time of excitement and joy — but it can also be a time of disappointment and frustration. Is there anything that has disappointed or frustrated you or others around you? Draw a picture of what happened or how you feel next to this frustrated mole.



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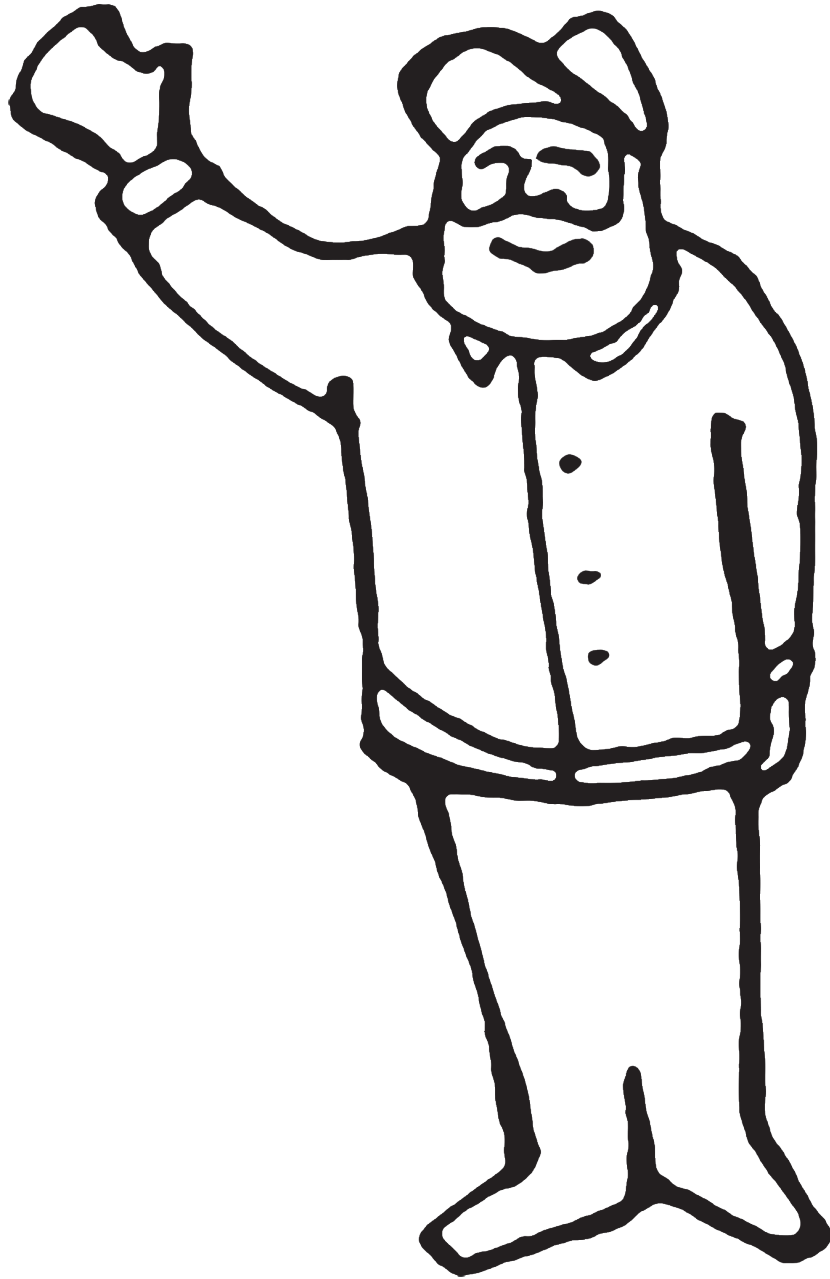
It is a cold morning when the Junkyard animals realize that all the coins, cards, and gifts they had found and created were missing! Melody the Crow arrives just in time to sing a song that helps them all feel sad, disappointed, and angry at what has happened. And it turns out they aren't the only ones who can hear her song!

Melody sings a song especially for the Junkyard animals that helps them feel their feelings together. What are some of your favorite Christmas songs? Can you draw a picture of one of them?



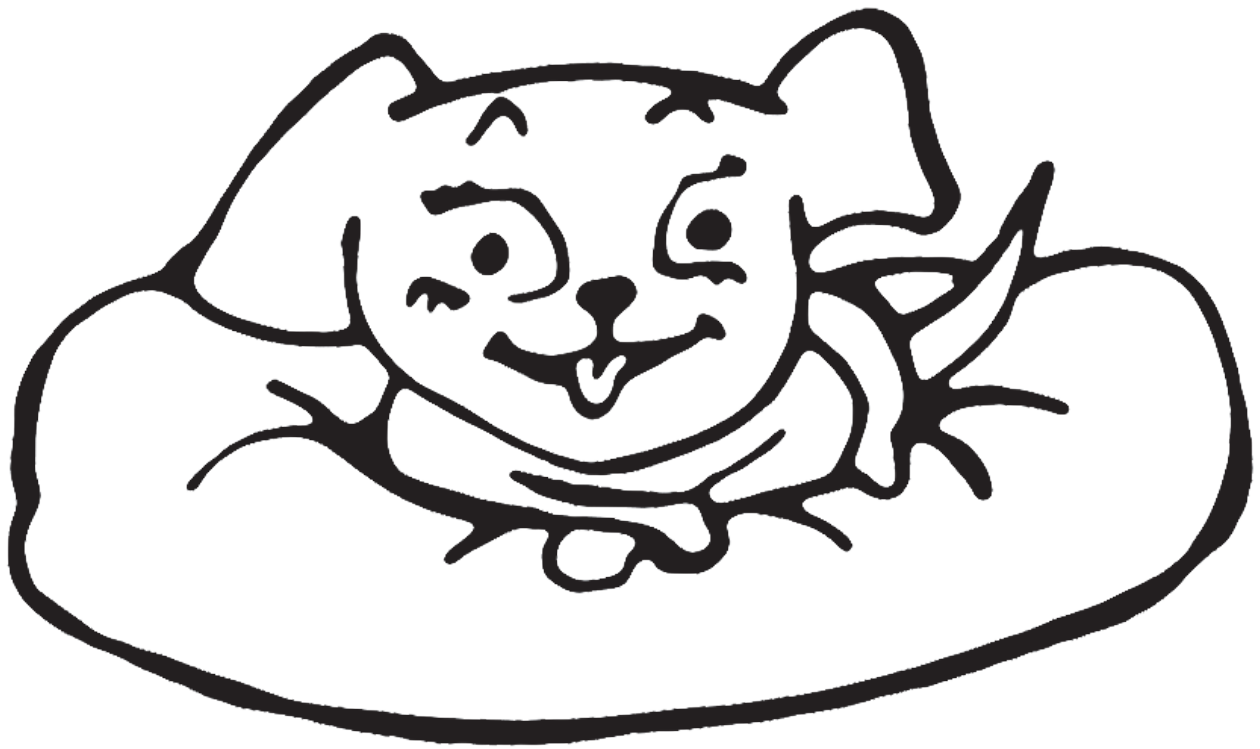
The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 22**. Merryweather Mole wants to return the things she took and become a part of the Junkyard community — but she can't! The ground is too frozen. The Junkyard animals all try to break through, but it is too hard. Finally some superheroes arrive and together they are able to save the day.

The holiday season is filled with heroes and superheroes. Who are some of the people in your life that are like superheroes? Can you draw a picture of them next to these brave and busy beavers?



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 23**. The Junkyard animals are ready for the Warden to discover their hard work. They have everything ready, and on the morning of Christmas Eve, they are excited for the Warden to enjoy his gifts. But right off the bat, things do not go to plan. Luckily one of the Junkyard workers steps in at just the right time.

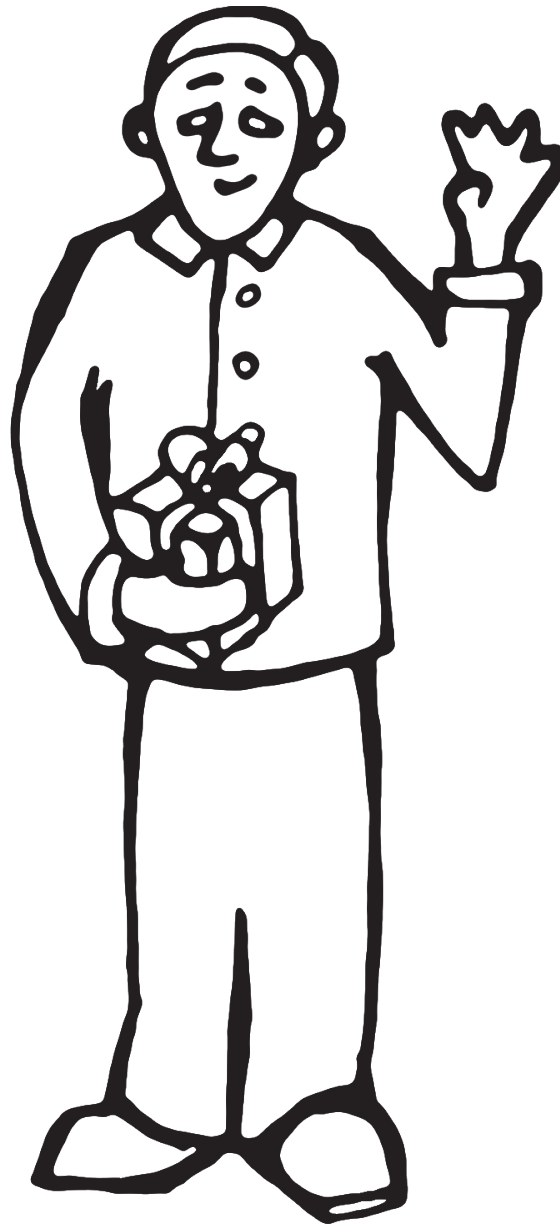
There is something familiar about Mike — what could it be? Do you know anyone who looks like Mike or behaves like Mike? Draw a picture of that person next to Mike and see how they compare.



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 24.**

While the Warden is away attending to some sudden business, Mike tells Winnie the Puppy a story about himself and the Warden and then about the Junkyard animals. Winnie is surprised and curious at first, but then simply delights in the story and its warming message.

Mike can understand animals. Have you ever thought you could understand an animal in your life? Was it a dog or cat or bird or mouse? Draw this animal and then write what you think that animal was saying. Maybe it was a Christmas message!



The **Junkyard Tales Audio Advent Calendar Day 25.** The Warden is so important to the animals that when he finally returns to the Junkyard, they all want to jump out of hiding and wish him a Merry Christmas — but they can't. They aren't supposed to show themselves — it is a rule. But Christmas magic brings a solution that leaves all the animals marveling and feeling deeply grateful.

The Warden is going to have a very different Christmas than he first thought. I wonder what Christmas morning looked like in his house when the children discovered their gifts. What does Christmas morning look like in your house?