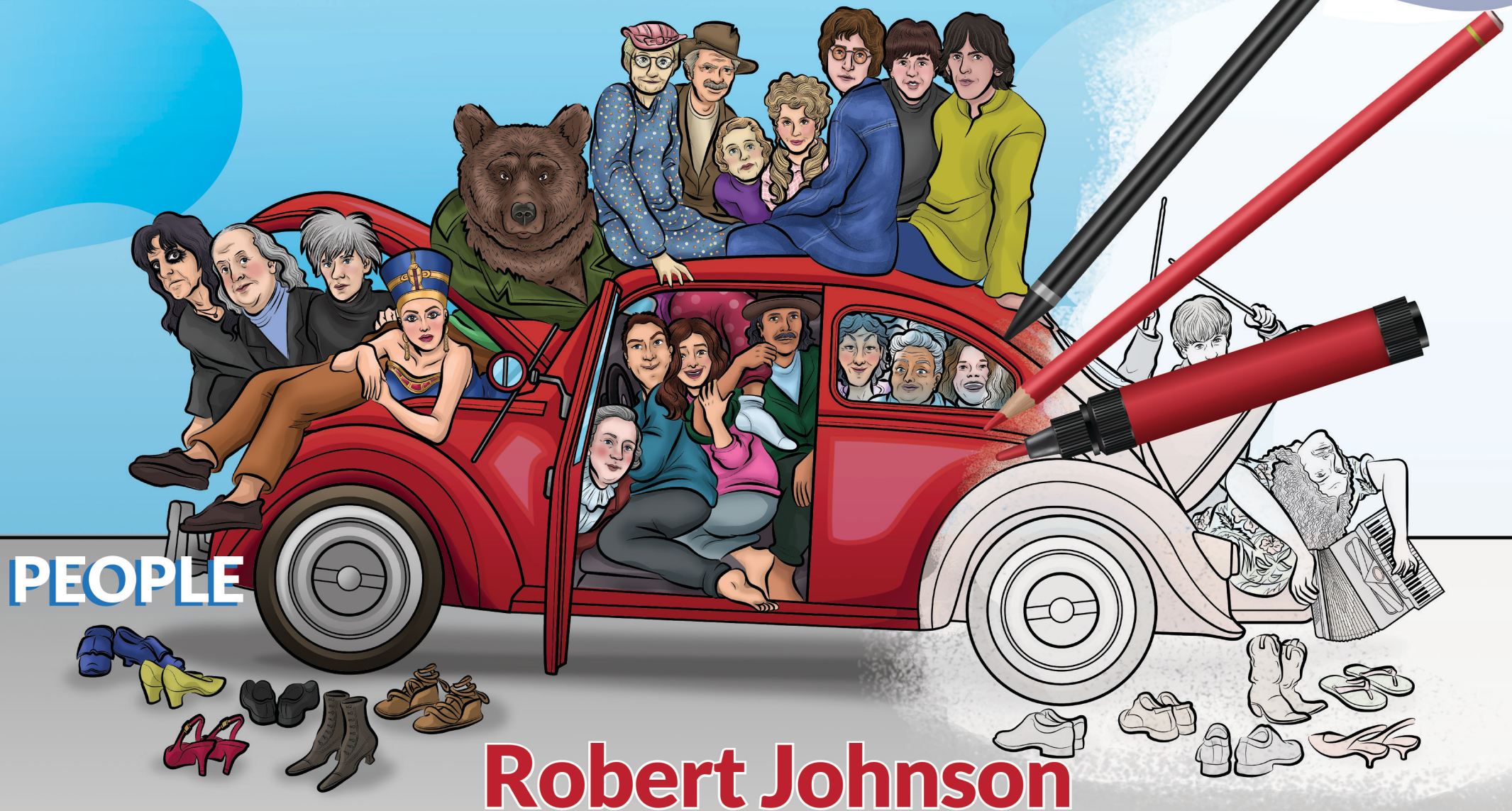


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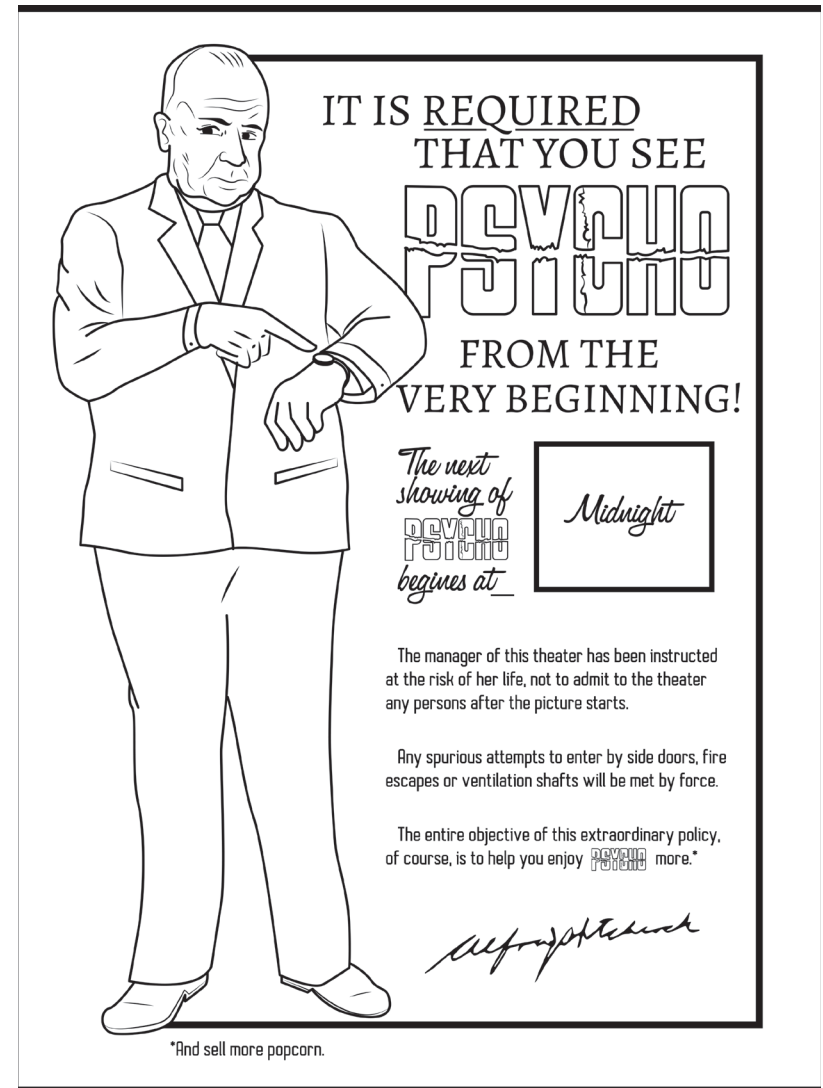
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Life goes better with a little weirdness. It is hoped that the Weird people portrayed here, in illustration and story, both open and expand the mind in wonder and awe. For the sake of the occasional flamboyant side of weirdness, visit us at: www.getyourweird.com.

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Alice in Wonderland – A Madcap Adventure

Whether the 1865 children's book, the 1951 animated film, or the 2010 movie, the mention of Alice in Wonderland brings up some incredibly fond memories. This quirky tale has made its way into the hearts of everyone, with its unique characters and odd situations.

There's no doubt that *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is one of the weirdest and most beautiful stories you will ever encounter. It will have you grasping the edge of your chair with its wit, charm, and unforgettable characters.

What Makes This Story So Unique?

Lewis Carroll wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* in 1865. This fantastic fairytale includes strange things, nonsensical rhymes, and crazy characters that leave its audience in a state of wonder and awe. Alice in Wonderland depicts the world through the eyes of a child trying to survive in the confusing world of adults.

This inspirational tale also touches on common mental illnesses experienced by today's youth and how to overcome them. A real-life girl, Alice Liddell, provided the basis for the main character. At the same time, the other roles use Alice's personality traits or come from other people familiar to Carroll.

Weird and Wonderful Elements

We've gathered some fascinating facts about Lewis Carroll and Alice's adventures.

- If it weren't for children's persistence, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* would never have existed. Carroll told Alice Liddell and her two sisters a tall tale in the summer of 1862 as they sailed up the Thames River.

- At the time, he had no idea that the children's persistence to hear the story would turn it into a children's book that'd be famous worldwide.
- The story reflects the abstraction going on in nineteenth-century mathematics. Carroll was a professional mathematician who found new subject forms in the 1800s. He used those concepts to create this weird fairytale.
- Lewis Carroll is a pen name. Lewis Carroll's real name is Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, which he converted to Latin to create his literary name.
- Many controversies of the day hint at links to Carroll. Researcher Richard Wallace stated that Lewis could've been the famous London killer Jack the Ripper.
- This book gives us the popularity of several phrases. Expressions from this celebrated childhood publication include "we're all mad here," "it's no use going back to yesterday because I was a different person then," "curiouser and curiouser," and "off with their heads."

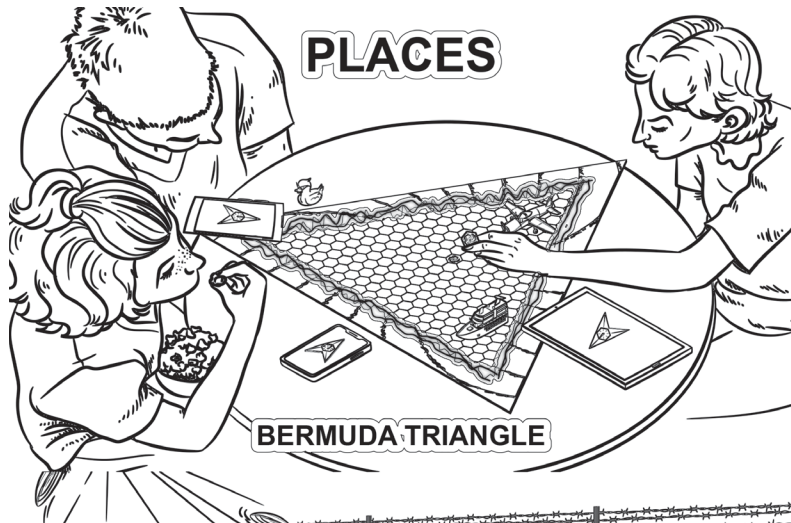
Begin at the Beginning and Go on Till You Come to The End: Then Stop

How weird are you? The weirdness in me can't help but fall in love with the enchanting elements of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. From the Cheshire Cat, whom Kitty Litter Cat envies, to the Mad Queen, all characters created by Lewis Carroll have a way of igniting a childlike sense of hope and wonder in those who experience this fabulous fable.



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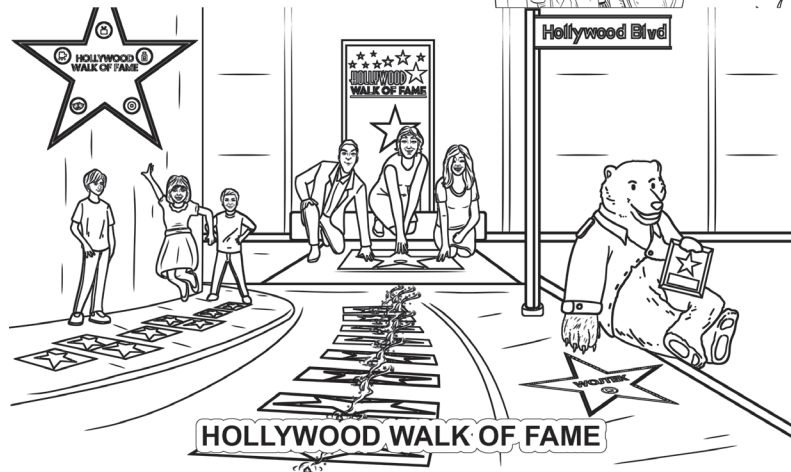
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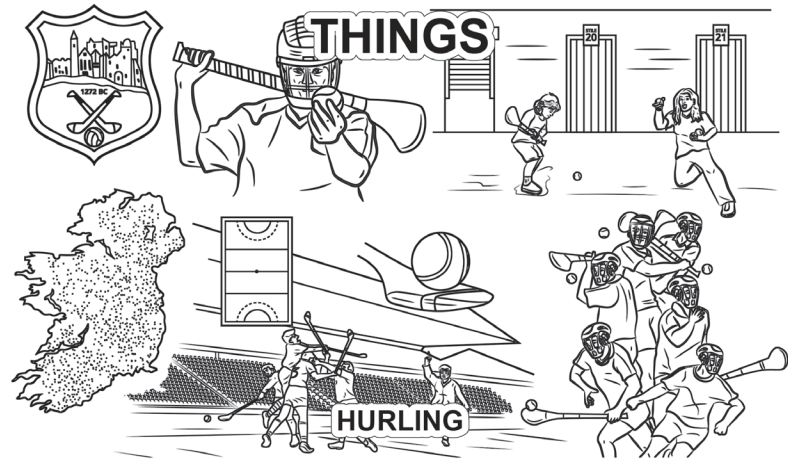
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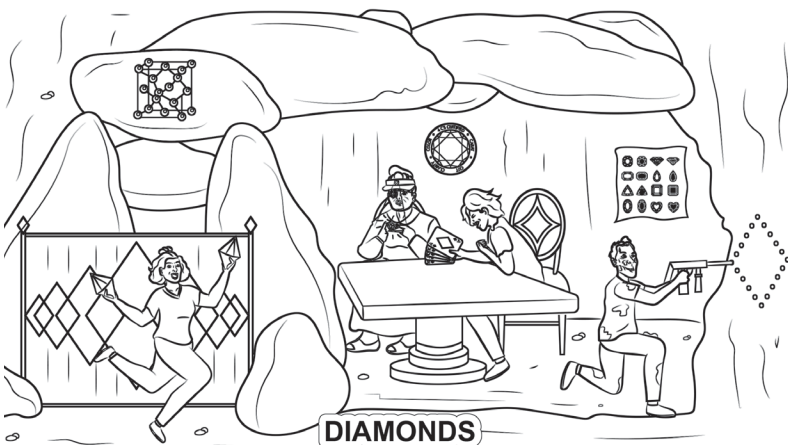
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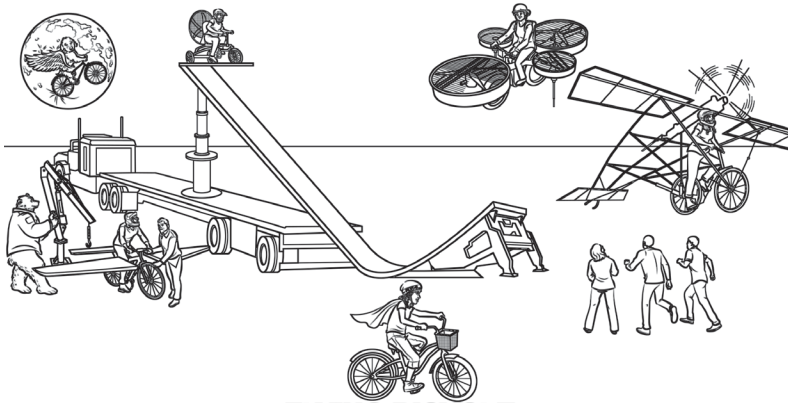
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Moments of Wonder

I like "Quirky." A journey into weirdness is not about bizarre, strange, or odd topics with inside-out eyelids or three-headed iguanas. Weird is different in that it creates moments of wonder about how, what, when, where, and why.

It expands the mind without "shock jock" efforts to rise above the noise. Here, the noise is of your making, the tea kettle boiling, a background of music or TV, or that special someone snoring in the next room.

I have always tried to find something funny in many things. It lightens almost any mood. So please do suggest weird new ideas. All are welcome or update me on the ski conditions in Provo.

I hope you vent, don't fester, stay away from in-the-box boundaries, and flatten any norms... dumpster style. You are not alone; join me and plenty of others who are weird and/or into weird.

What makes you weird?

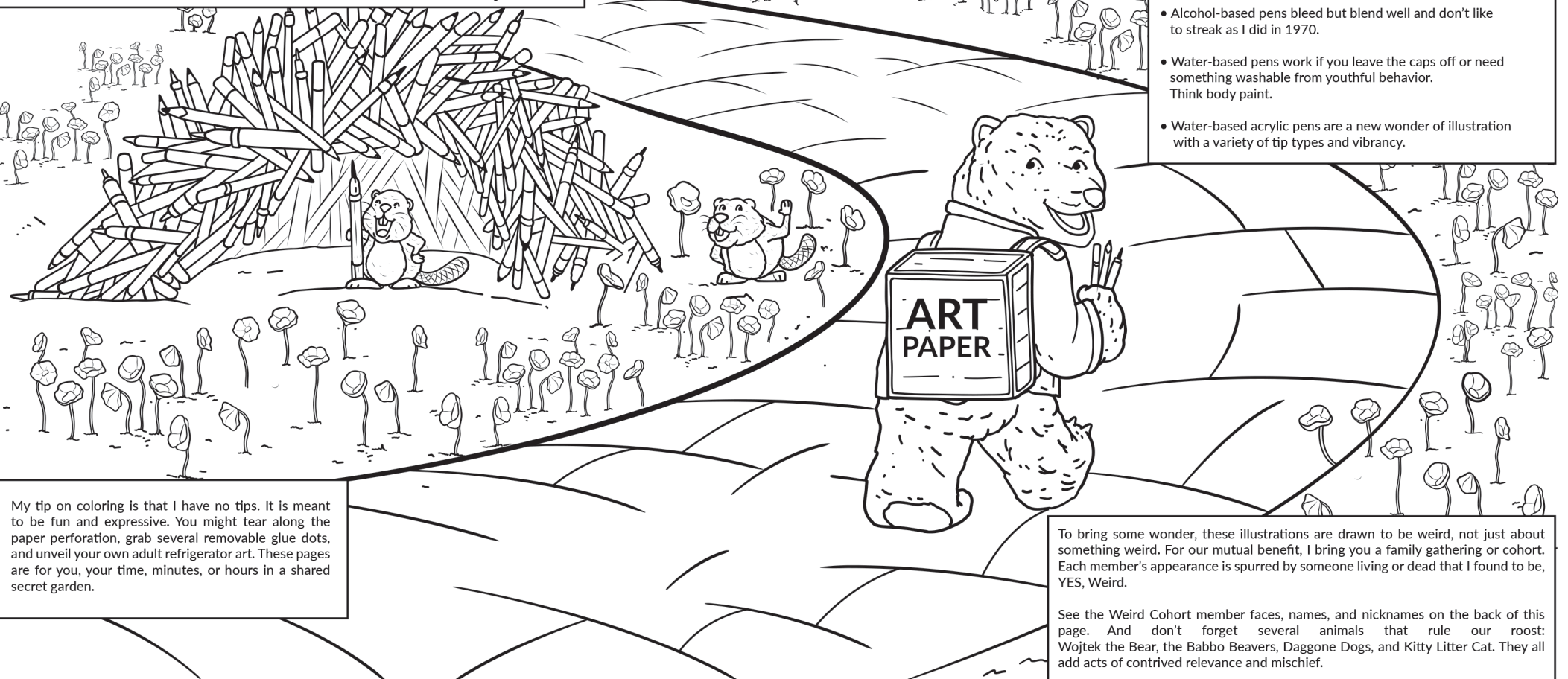
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The *Wonder of Weird* combines coloring entertainment and a bit of education about weird topics, what we call Edutainment.

Forget being outside the "box"; just don't have one as we accentuate work, love, and life with drawings that encourage you to go beyond the lines.

Take care as you choose your drawing tools. Do not use Sharpie™. They will soak right through because they are meant to penetrate. Test for bleed-through in the blot area in the upper right-hand corner of this page. (apologies to the Weird Matters game show set on the reverse side).

- Fine liners are best for small spaces, and in this book, you'll find some of those.
- Colored pencils of all types and colors are fun and don't bleed.
- Alcohol-based pens bleed but blend well and don't like to streak as I did in 1970.
- Water-based pens work if you leave the caps off or need something washable from youthful behavior. Think body paint.
- Water-based acrylic pens are a new wonder of illustration with a variety of tip types and vibrancy.



My tip on coloring is that I have no tips. It is meant to be fun and expressive. You might tear along the paper perforation, grab several removable glue dots, and unveil your own adult refrigerator art. These pages are for you, your time, minutes, or hours in a shared secret garden.

To bring some wonder, these illustrations are drawn to be weird, not just about something weird. For our mutual benefit, I bring you a family gathering or cohort. Each member's appearance is spurred by someone living or dead that I found to be, YES, Weird.

See the Weird Cohort member faces, names, and nicknames on the back of this page. And don't forget several animals that rule our roost: Wojtek the Bear, the Babbo Beavers, Daggone Dogs, and Kitty Litter Cat. They all add acts of contrived relevance and mischief.

A weird world requires time for play. Here at play, we introduce our Weird family, a cohort of characters that stretches reality in all directions and finds themselves in many of this book's illustrations.

The Wonder of Weird Casting staff mixes them to stump the opposing team with false or honest "Sandwich Board" innuendo spoken by two randomly selected cast members who offer both Dreamers and Beamers incredulous recounting of people, places, and things, all done with a straight face. Almost always.

The panel of intelligent animals judge nothing, and are called upon to look pretty, eat morsels, and kibble, and drink various libations. Given they are unpaid and do not understand guild membership our show host Bobson needs plenty of corn to herd them and lead game players through a modified game of telephone tag featuring X's and O's that are far from hugs and kisses.

WEIRD MATTERS

Right or Ruse? Which is True?
Did Francis Edgerton hold
dinner parties for dogs?

