

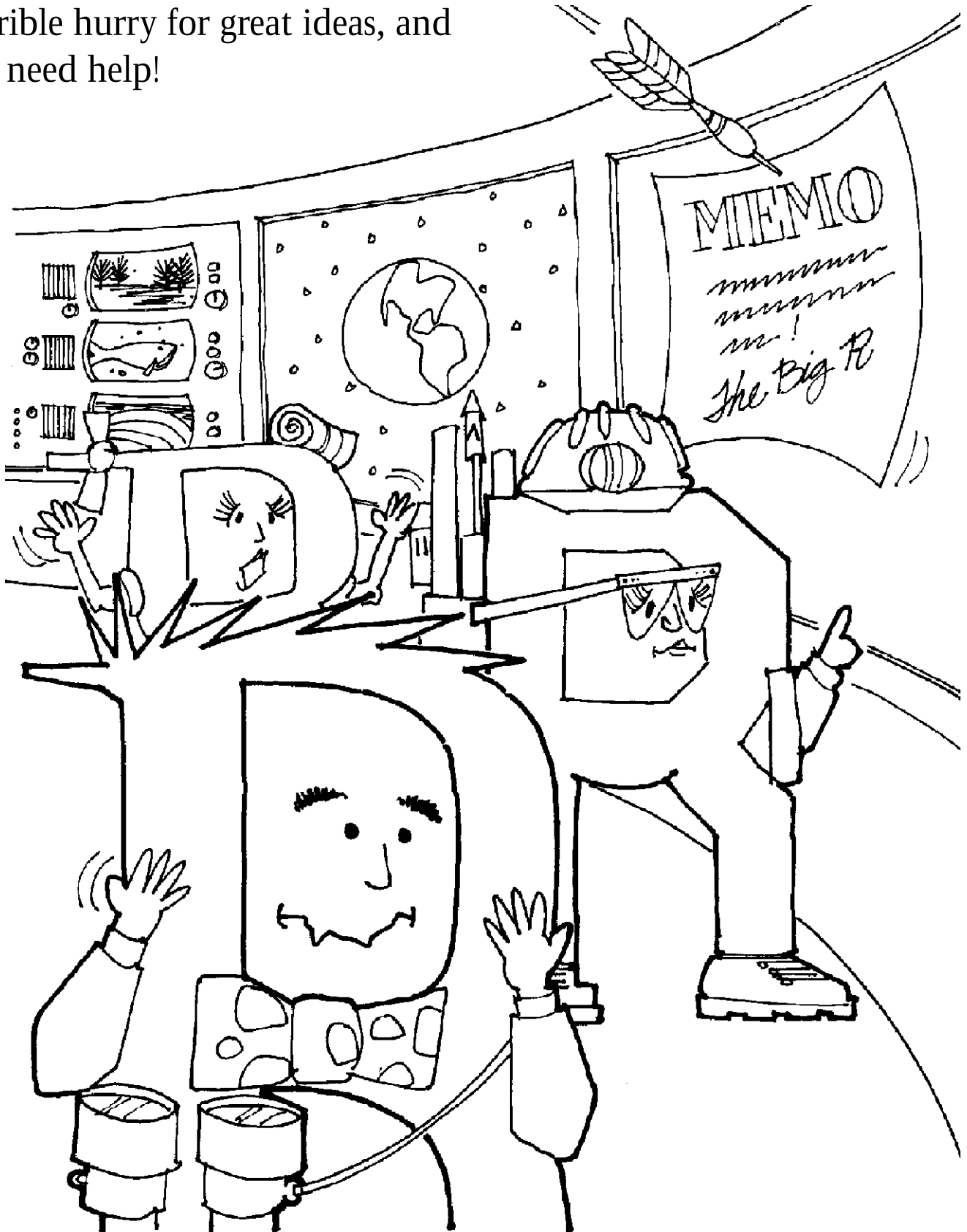
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Rrready, Set, Reuse!



Big Trouble from the Big R

Hi! We're the Three R's. We have to report back to our boss, the Big R. She wants to know from us how people could be reducing, reusing and recycling more, fifty years from now. She's in a terrible hurry for great ideas, and we need help!

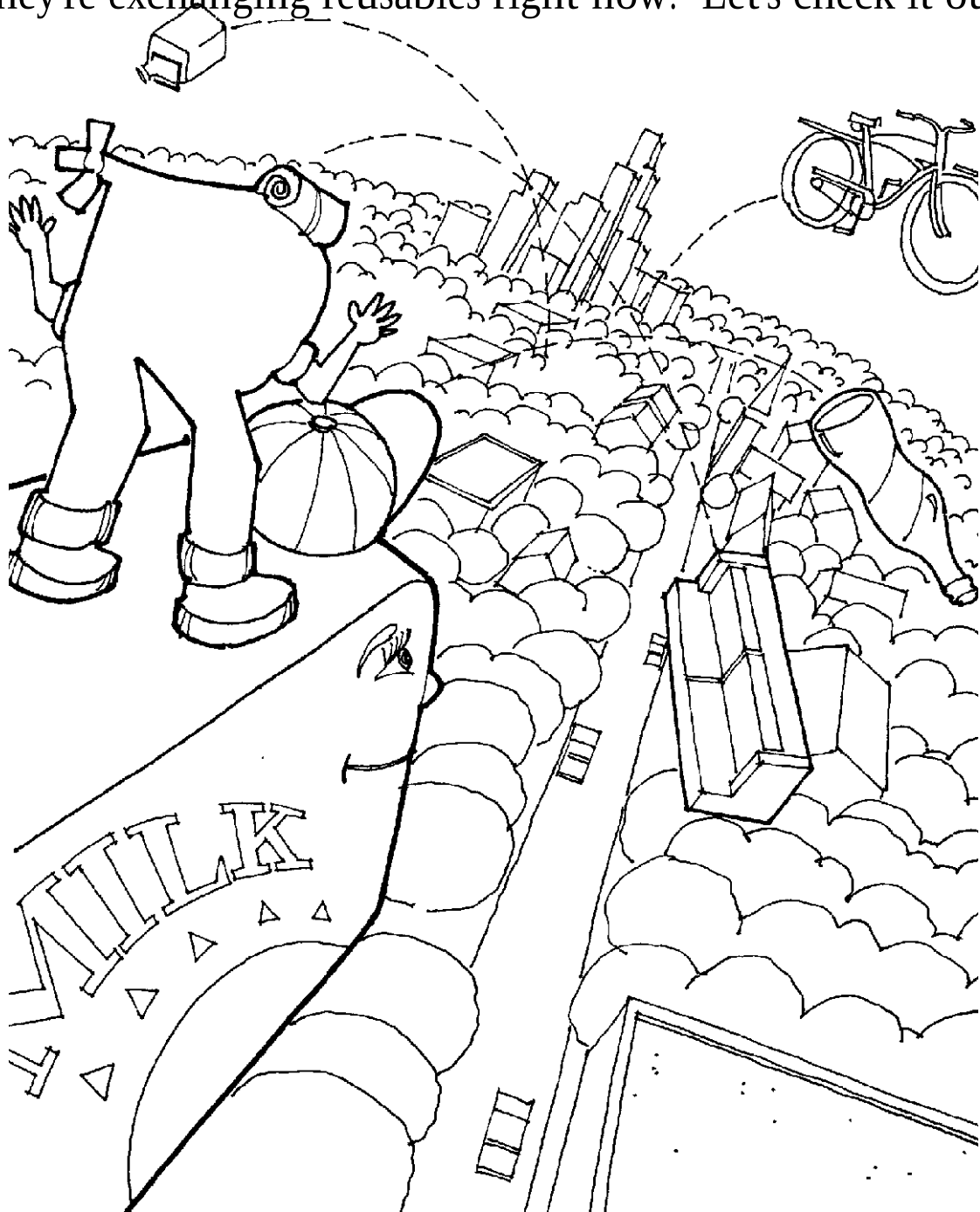


Up in the Air

I'm the Reuse R, and this is my book. And let me introduce Ricky, the Refillable Rocket!

Let's make sure we agree on what reuse really is. A reusable thing might need sterilizing, a wash or a repair, but then it's right back to work.

Reuse is all around your town or city, like mine down there. Look - they're exchanging reusables right now! Let's check it out.

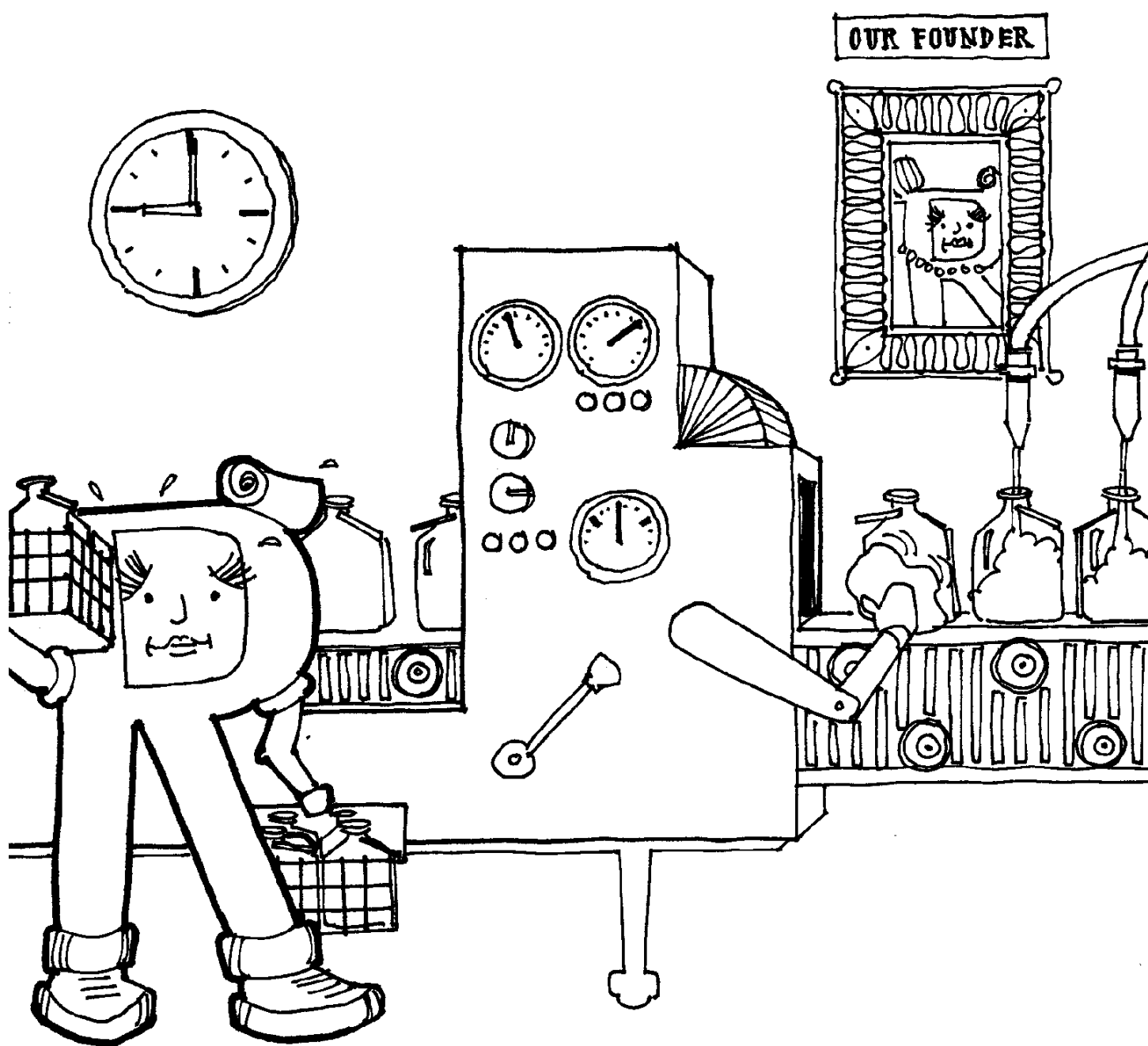


Here Today, There Tomorrow

These jugs will be cleaned, refilled and back on the dairy shelf tomorrow.

Besides, saving money and energy, reuse can mean new jobs around my town. Cleaning and repairing things for everybody, taking bottles back for refilling - all that takes a lot of work!

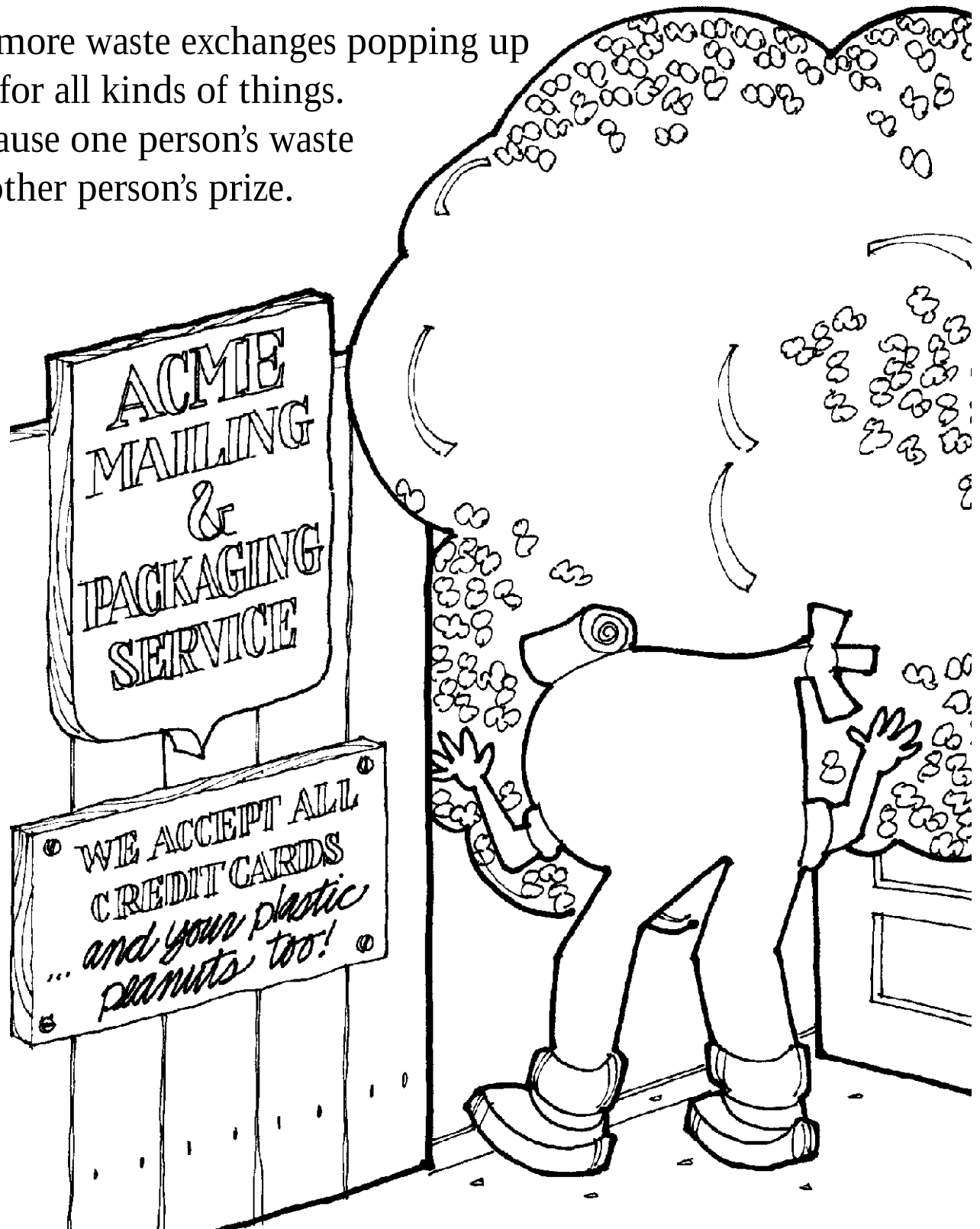
Whew! I could sure use a refillable bottle of soda pop right now!



Foam from Home

After the holidays, I always end up with boxes and boxes of plastic foam packaging peanuts. I keep what I need, and drop off the rest at stores like this that can sell them to someone else. It's called a waste exchange.

There are more waste exchanges popping up every day, for all kinds of things. That's because one person's waste can be another person's prize.

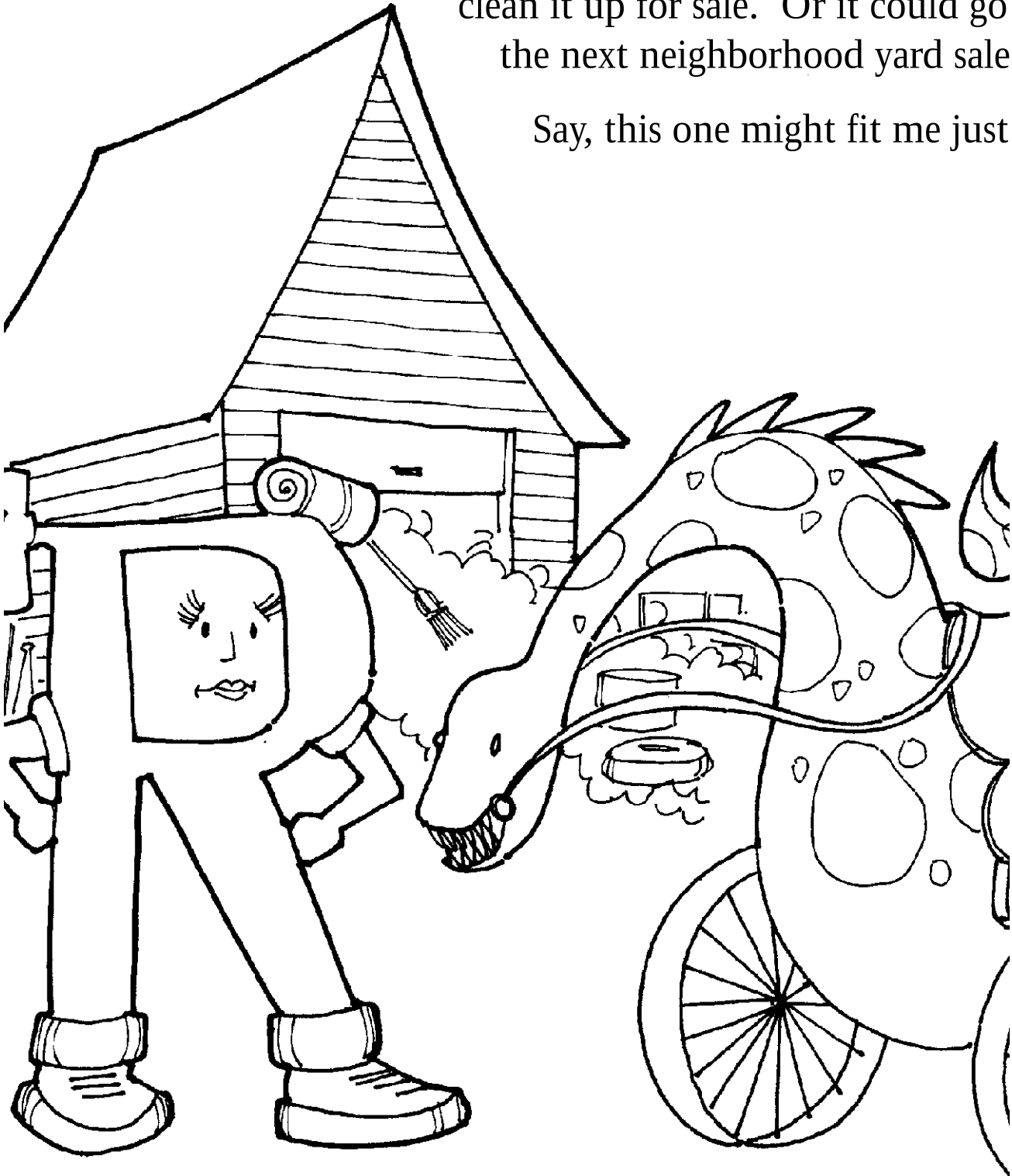


Don't Recycle that Cycle

Looks like this family is about to get rid of the Dino-Cycle. It might look old and ready for recycling back into steel. But sometimes, somebody somewhere could use it - somehow!

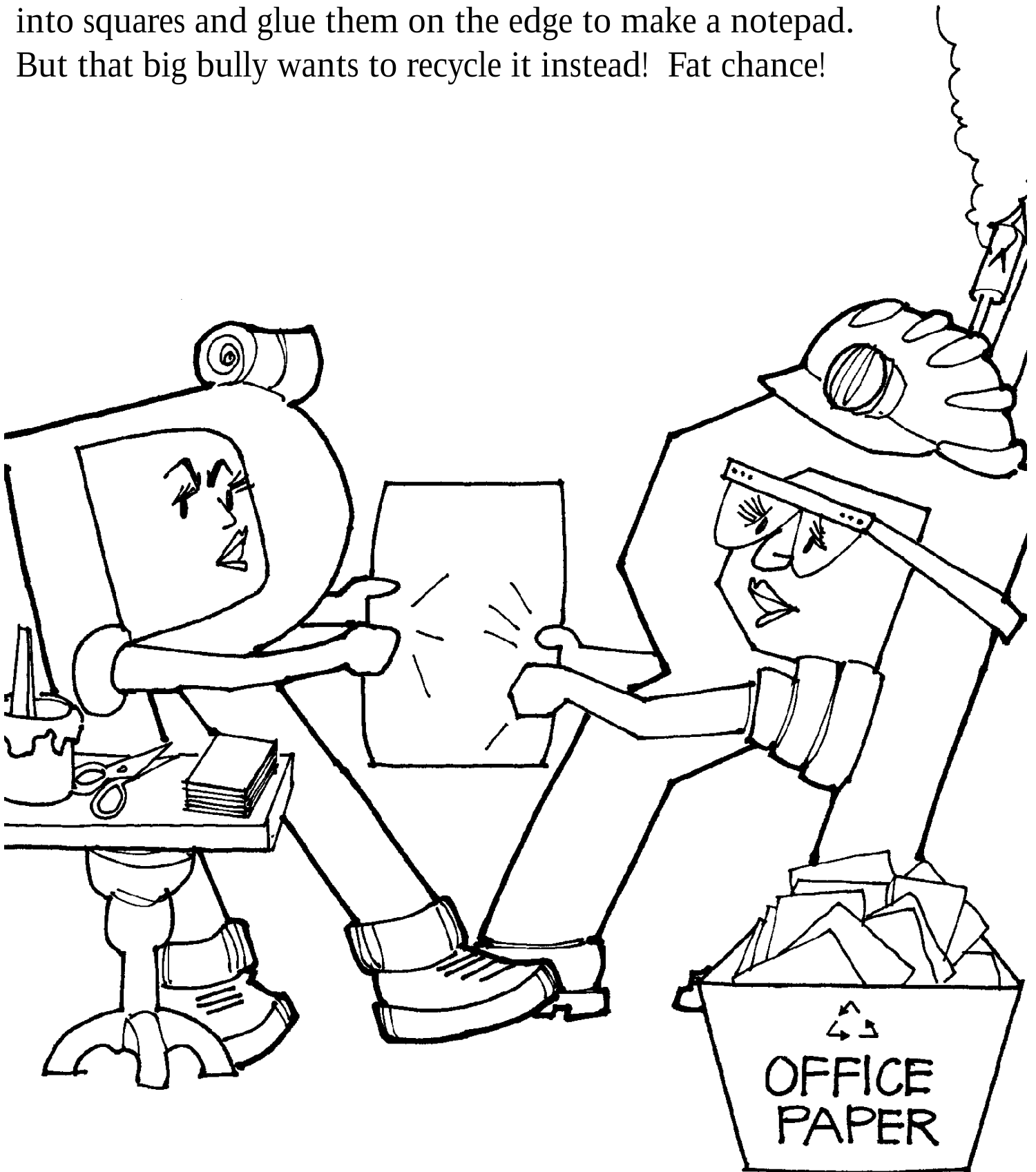
The only way to find out is to ask! We could call up a veterans' organization, Goodwill or the Salvation Army, to see if they want to clean it up for sale. Or it could go out in the next neighborhood yard sale.

Say, this one might fit me just fine!



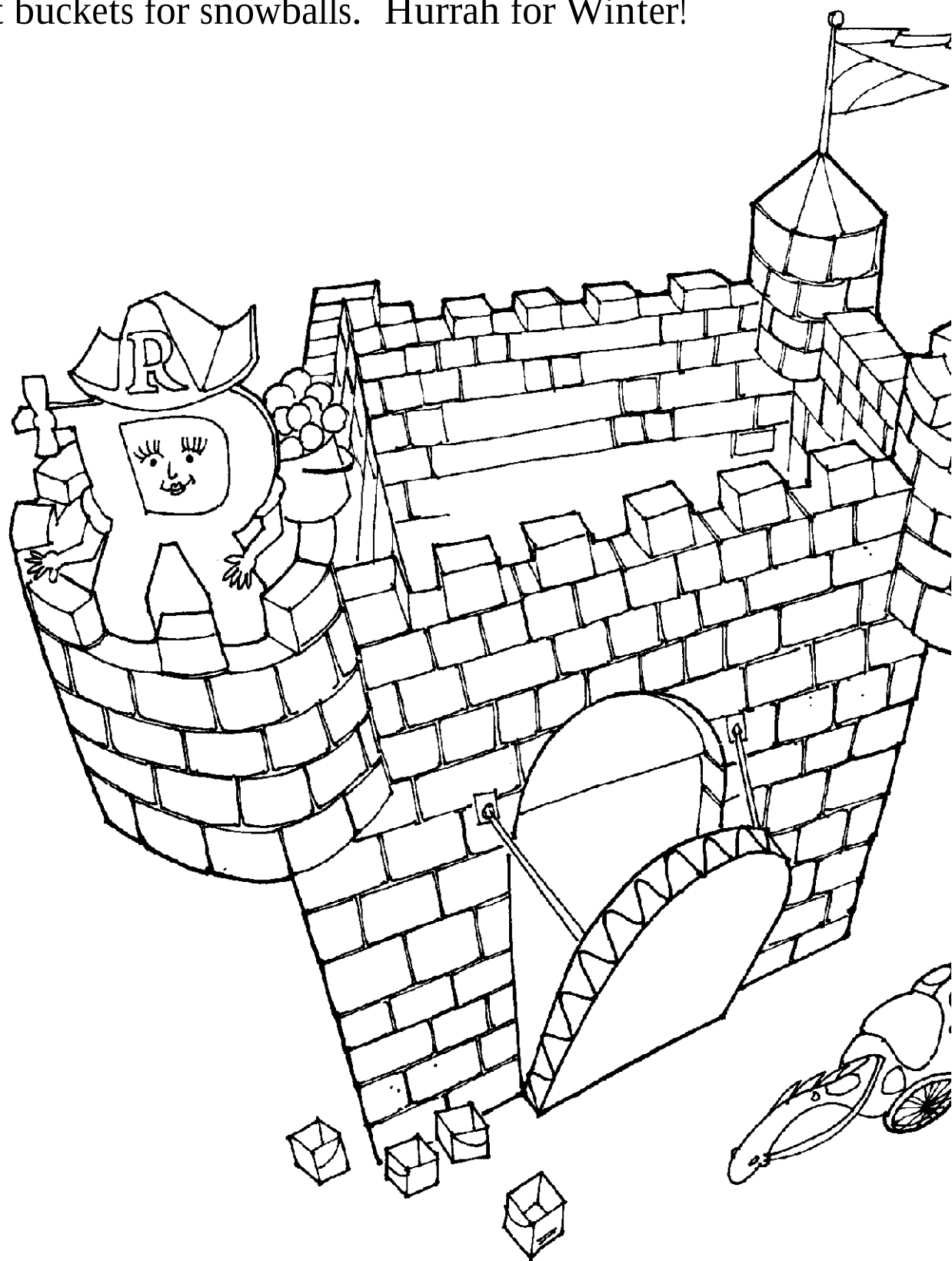
We're Having an R-gument

Sometimes we R's fight over who gets what. We just found a sheet of paper, printed on only one side. I want to cut it up into squares and glue them on the edge to make a notepad. But that big bully wants to recycle it instead! Fat chance!



The Great Defender

Some packages have more reuses than my cat has lives. I washed out dozens of milk cartons, cut them in half and used the bottom halves as molds to make all these neat ice blocks. And ice cream pails make great buckets for snowballs. Hurrah for Winter!



Deep Thought

So that's how we reuse already. Now the Big R wants the best possible ideas on how we can reuse even more fifty years from now. Here's a few I thought of.

How about packages you can build a treehouse out of? Or conveyor belts in the street that take reusables back to be washed? Or old homes that we could fix up and reuse as houseboats?

