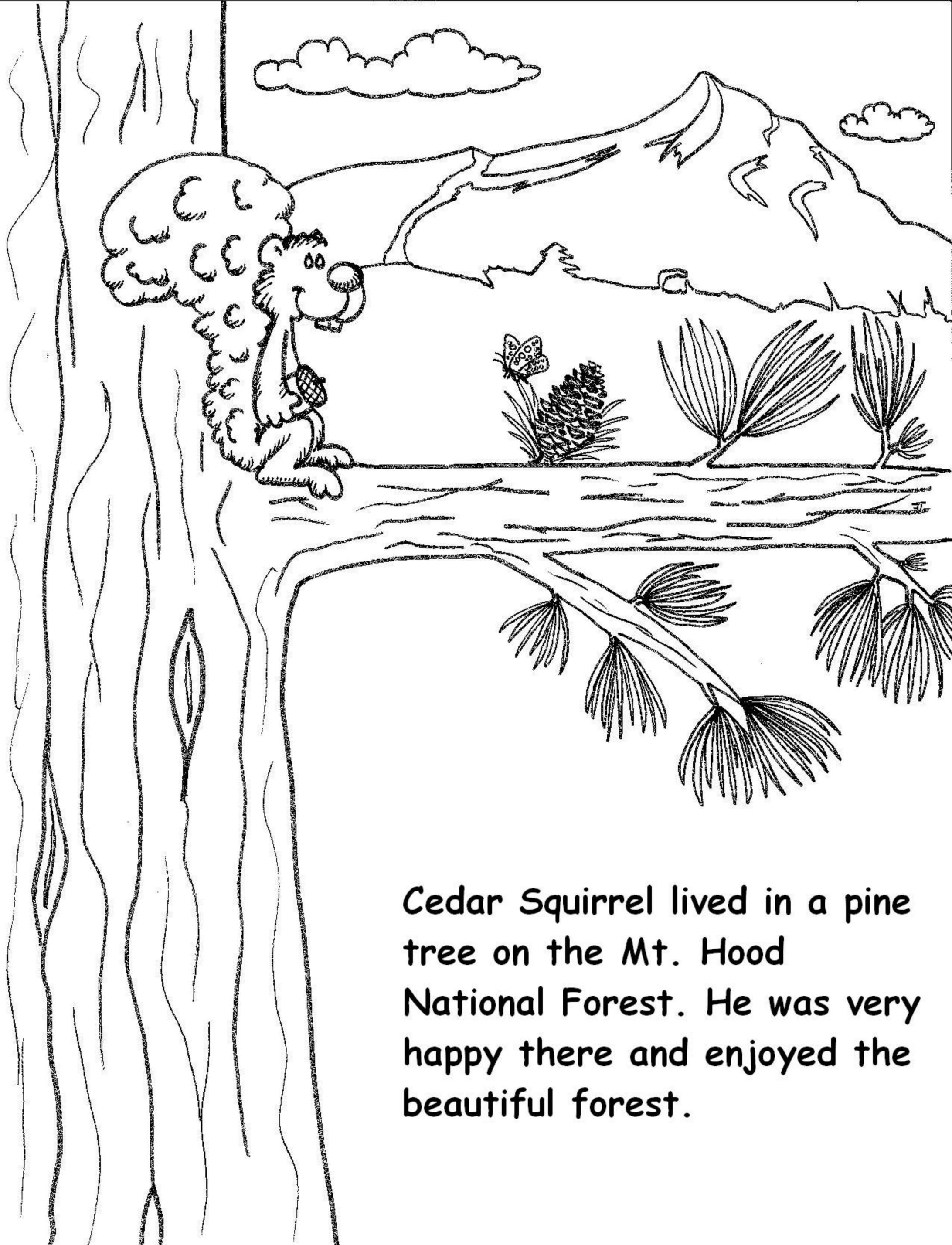


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Cedar Squirrel

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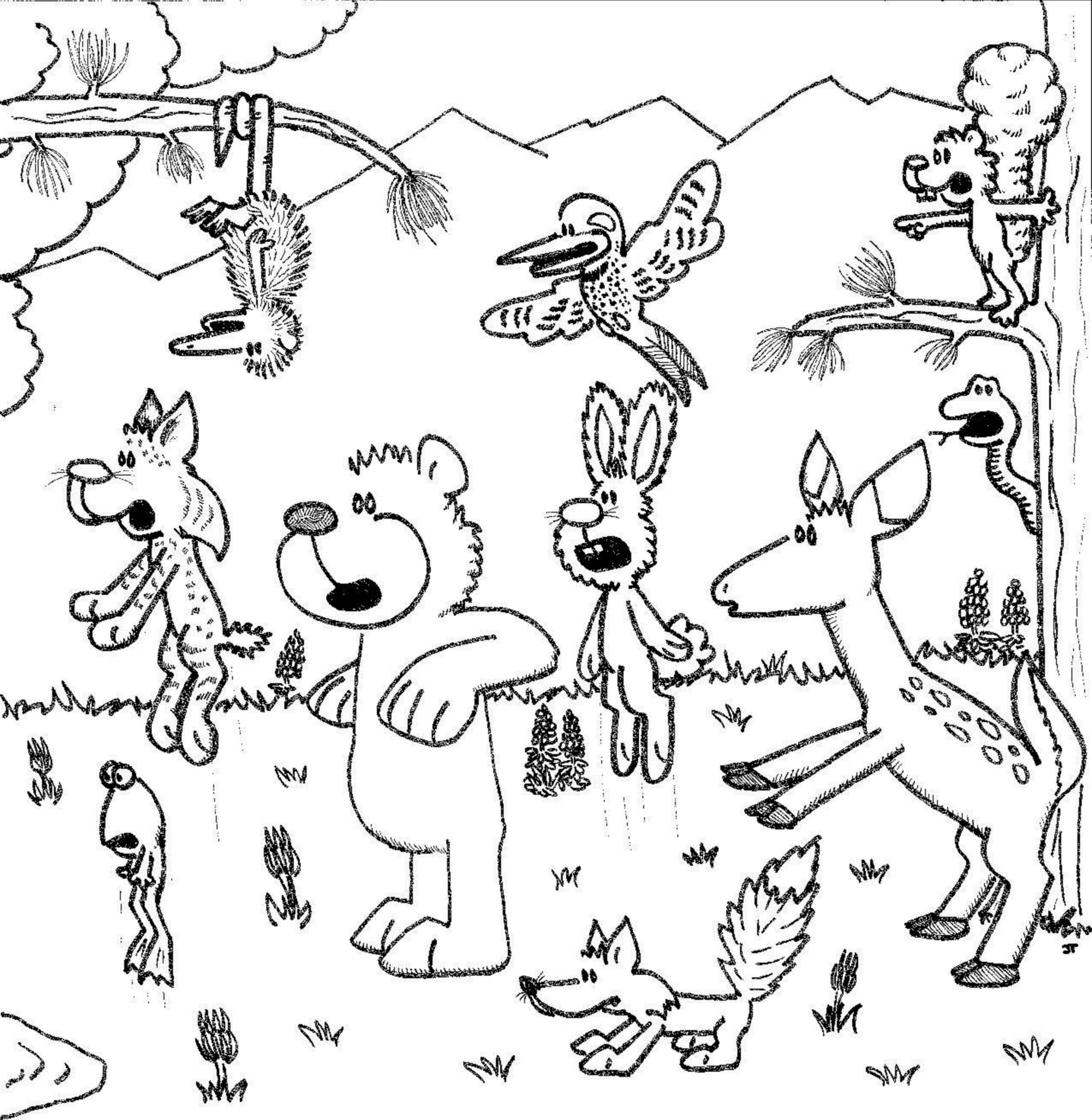




Cedar Squirrel lived in a pine tree on the Mt. Hood National Forest. He was very happy there and enjoyed the beautiful forest.



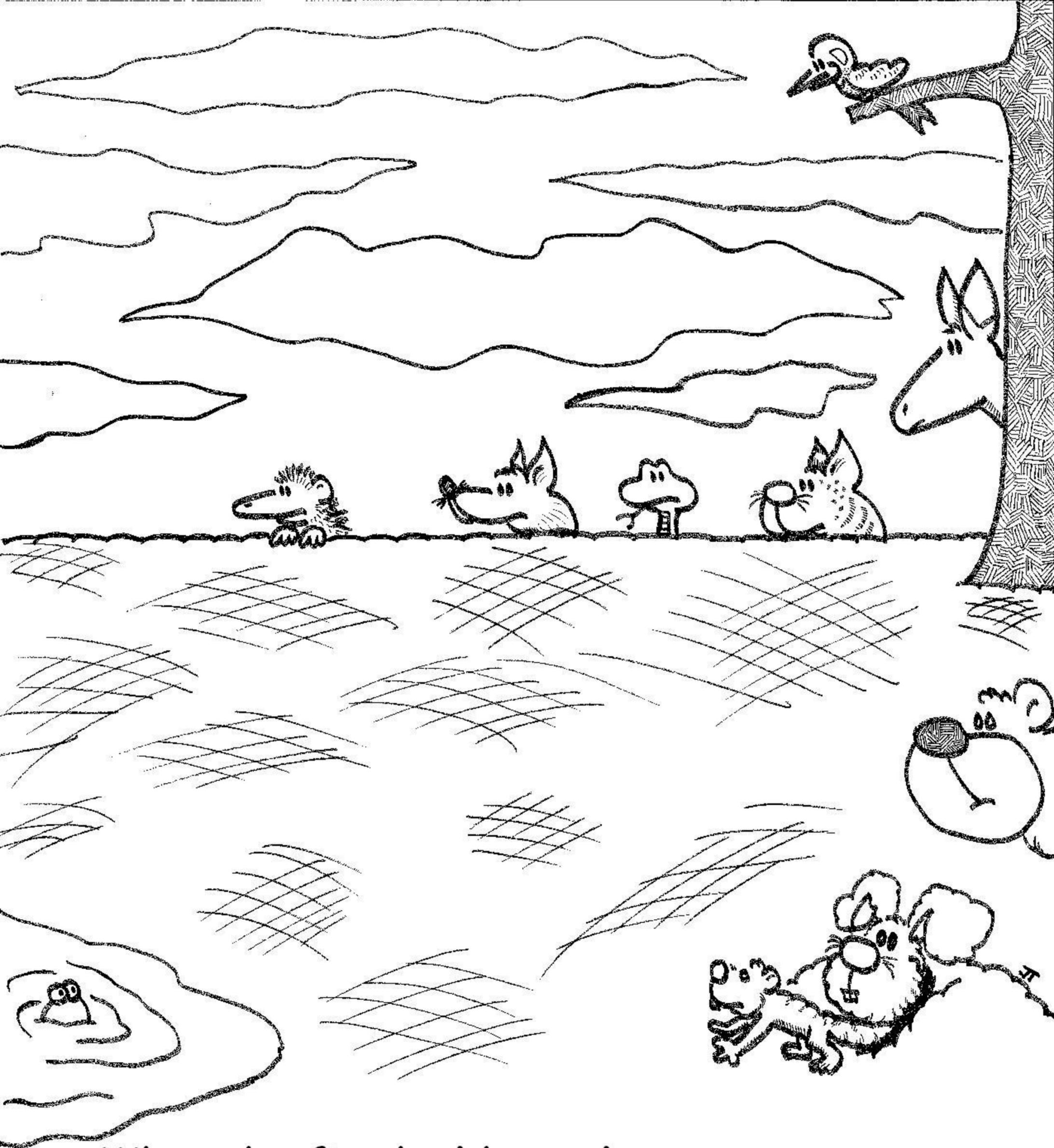
Cedar liked to spend time talking with his friends. They all enjoyed the beautiful forest. It was a quiet and peaceful place.



One day Cedar and his friends were surprised to hear a strange noise. They smelled smoke! A wild fire was coming towards them!! Oh no!!



Cedar's friends ran away. Froggy jumped in the lake. Woodpecker flew away. Cedar and Rabbit hid in Rabbit's deep den underground.



When the fire had burned out, Cedar and his friends carefully looked around. Their home looked very different now.



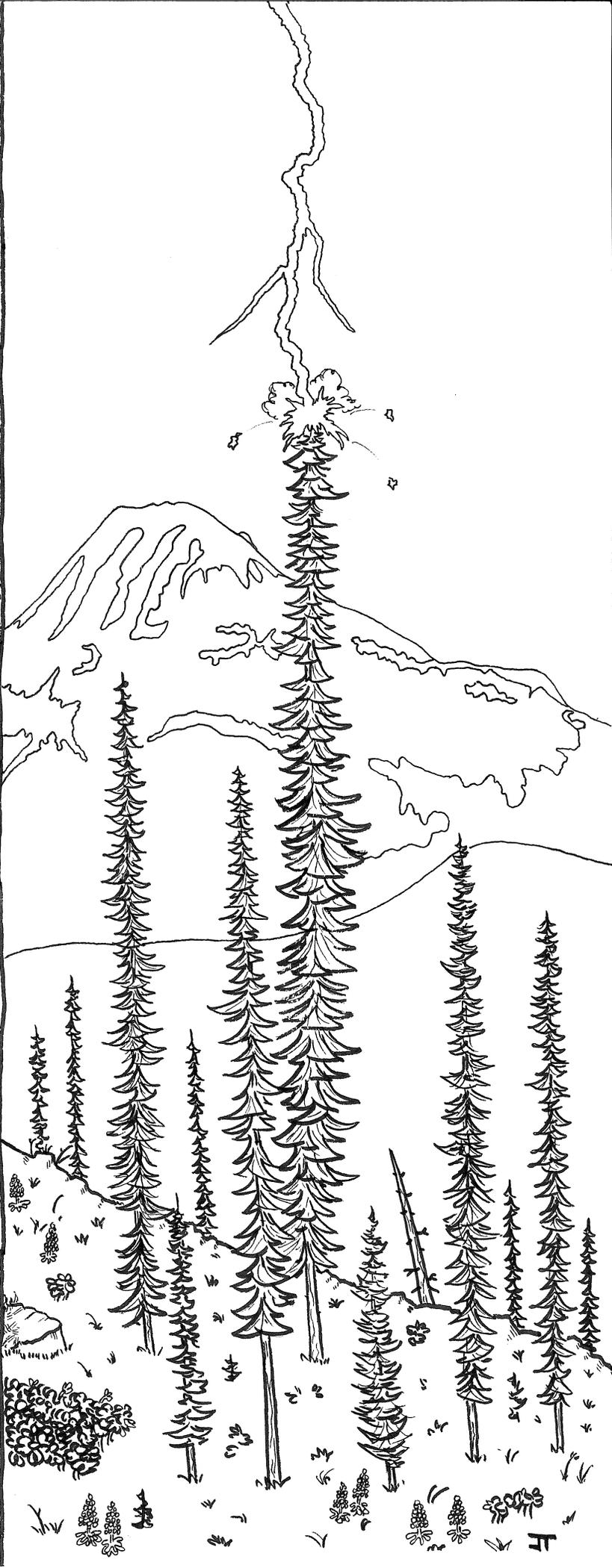
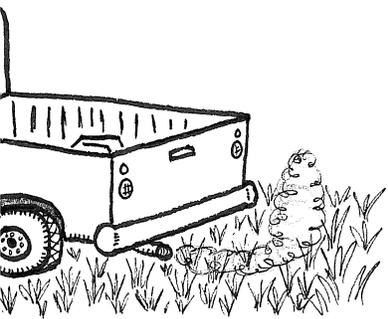
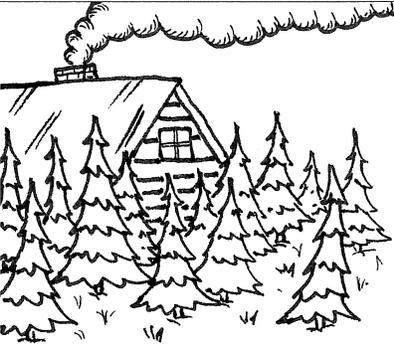
Snake and Bear were coughing from the ashes. Froggy said the water in the lake tasted awful with the ashes in it. Possum had a small burn on his tail. Deer noticed that all the grass was gone. Woodpecker could hardly fly through all the smoke. Cedar's tree was burned and had pieces falling off.



After some time had passed, Cedar found that his tree wasn't dead! It had new needles growing! Snake found a new shrub! Bear scratched his back on the burned side of the tree. Fox and Bobcat played with a little dust whirlwind that made the ashes fly around. Deer noticed new grass growing. Froggy and Rabbit helped cool Possum's burned tail in the cool water. The air was clear enough for Woodpecker to fly through easily. A colony of ants moved into a burned log.



The friends noticed other things after the fire. They saw new mushrooms growing. They found a pine cone that had opened and scattered seeds around. They watched ants building a home in the old burned log. They found a new pine tree growing near the log and even more sprouts of grass coming up from the ashy earth.



What did we learn?

Trees burn, but new trees grow after a fire.



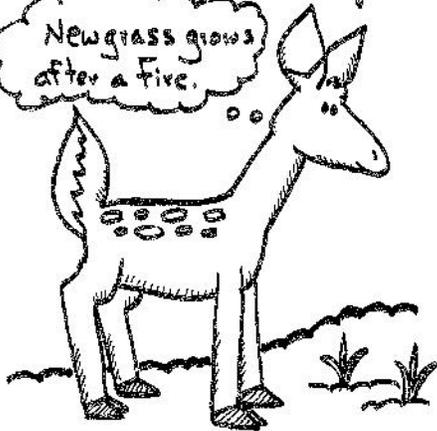
THE ashes become part of the soil.



New shrubs and bushes grow after a fire.



New grass grows after a fire.



Insects find homes in dead logs after a fire.



Not all trees die in a fire.



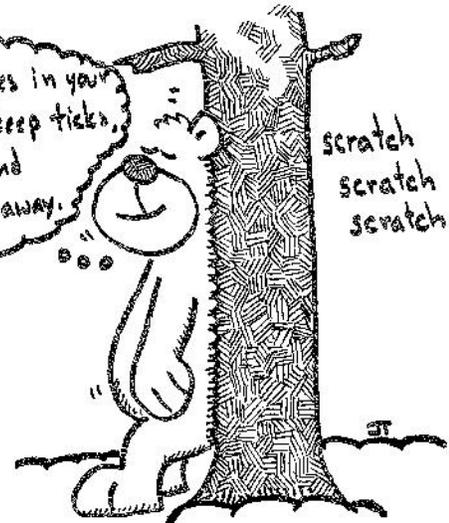
Mushrooms grow after a fire.



Most animals escape or hide from fire.



Ashes in your fur keep ticks, lice and fleas away.



IF they're not too bad, most injuries will heal in time..



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