

THE ADVENTURES OF SAFETY SQUIRREL

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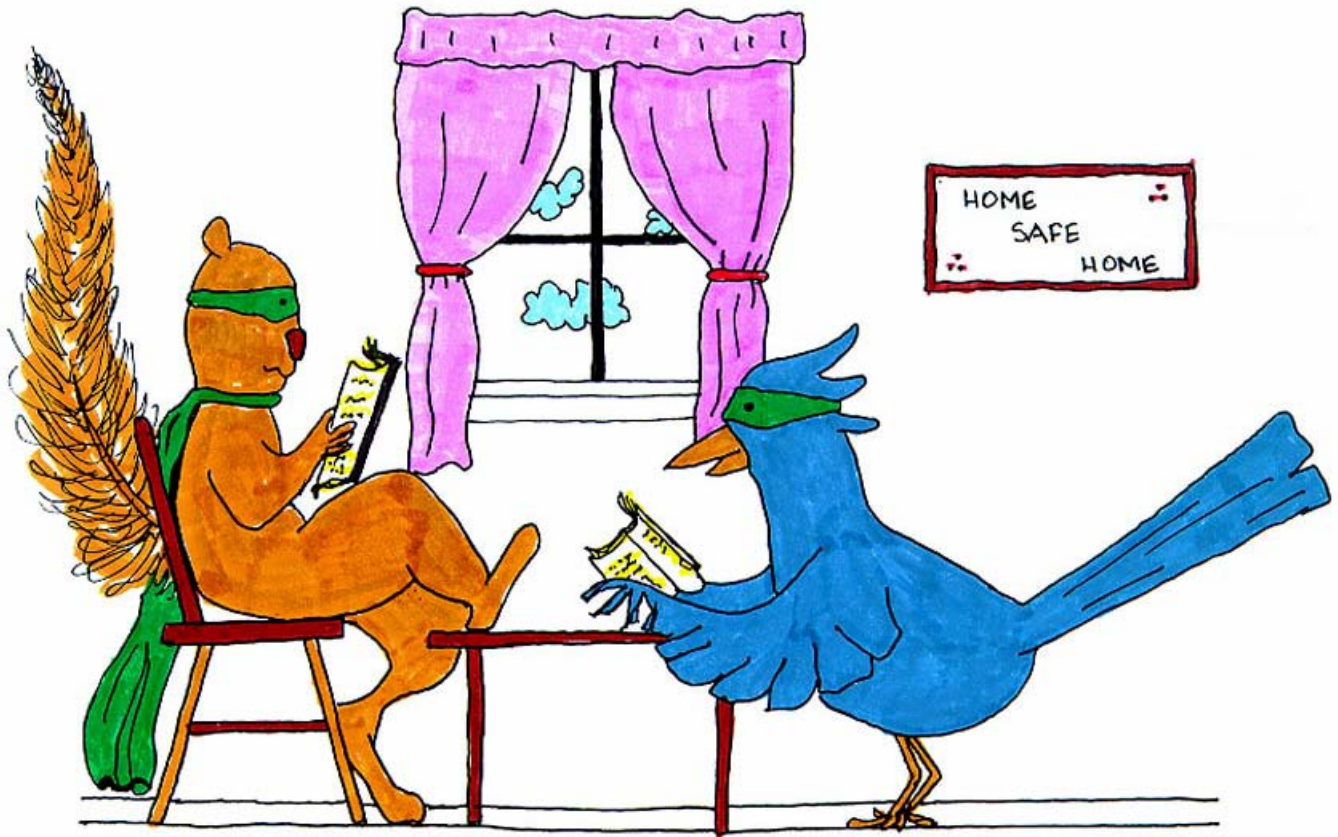
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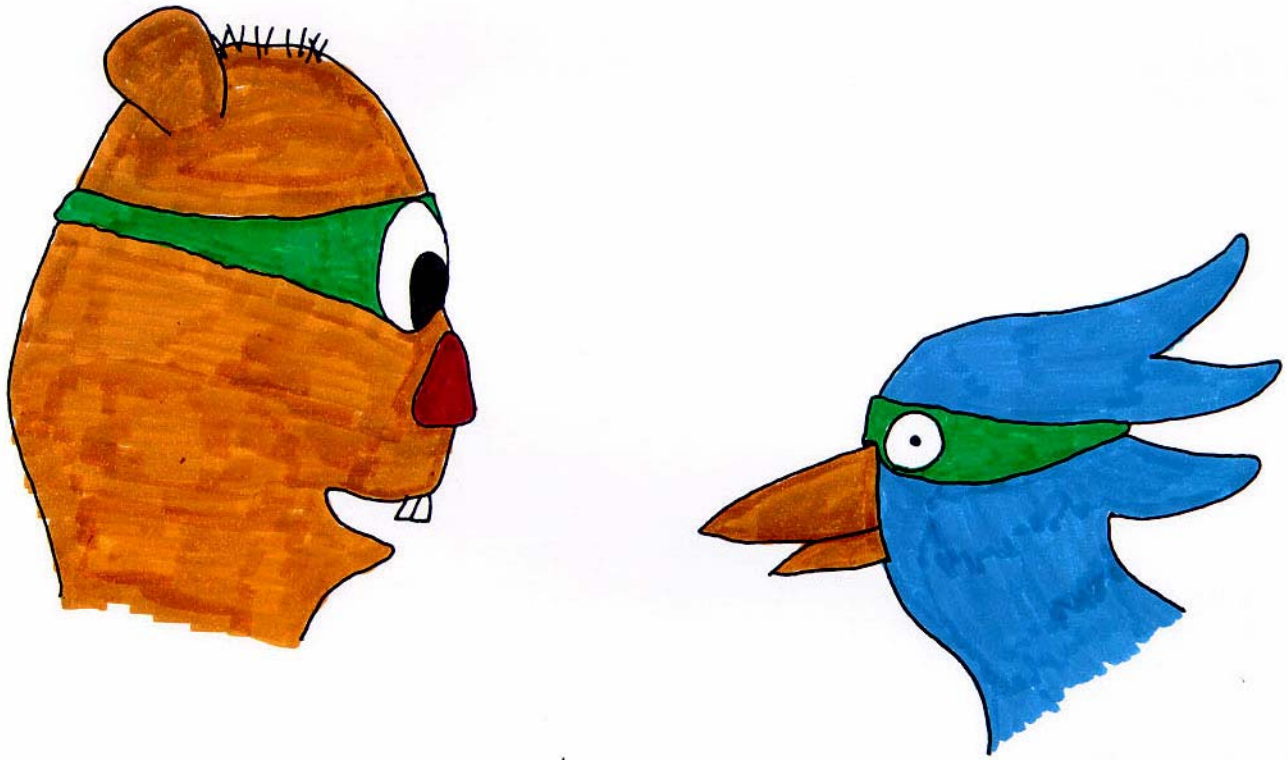
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It was early in the morning, on a pleasant sunny day, in the evergreen woods. Safety Squirrel was in the secret treehouse reading a new book to his good friend, Blue Jay. Sometimes, on Saturday mornings, the two friends would take turns reading adventure books to each other.



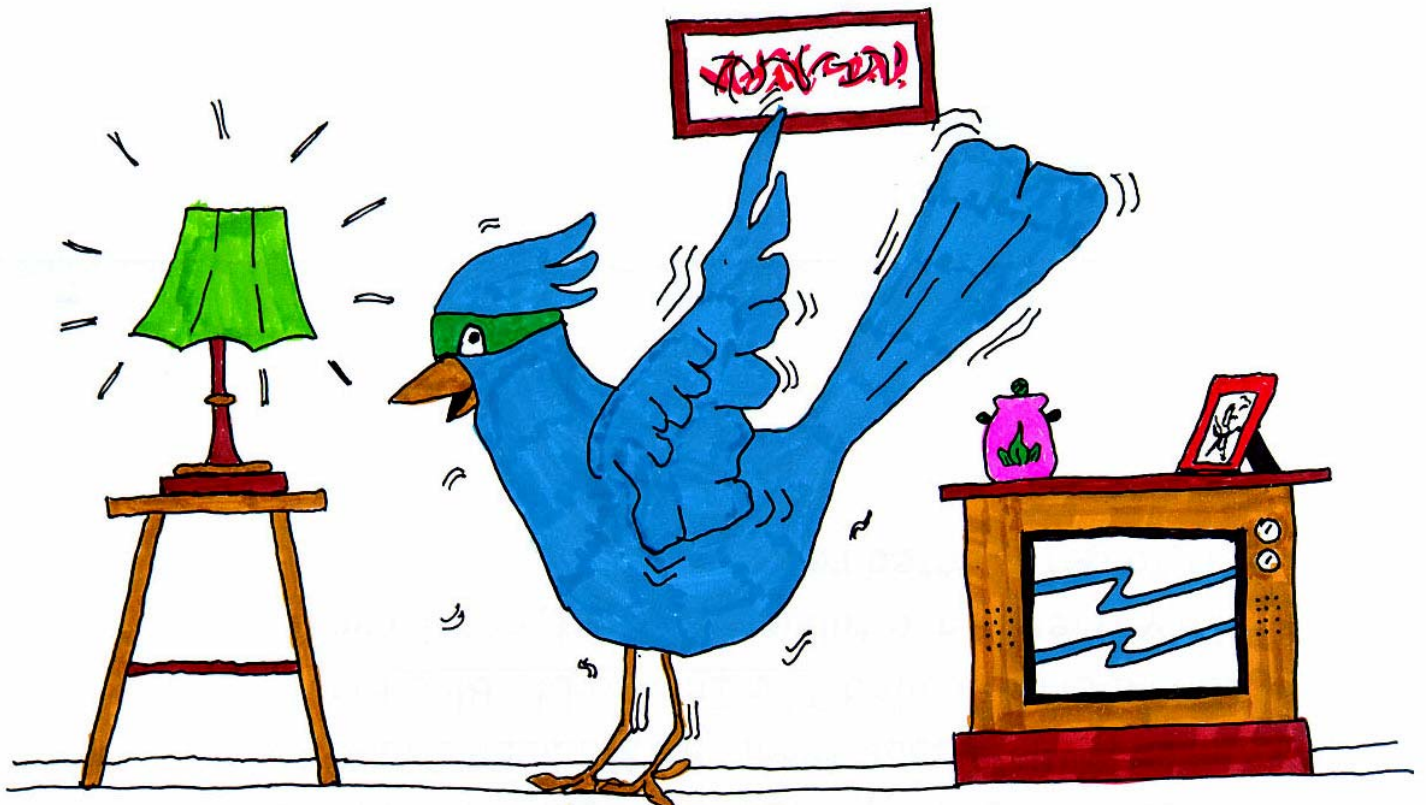
"Blue Jay," said Safety Squirrel, "I am going down to the brook for a splash or two, and then I'm going to fly around a little while to fluff out my squirrel tail. I won't be long. Will you be here when I get back ? "

"I'll be here Safety Squirrel," said Blue Jay. "I just got a new book, from the Madison County Public Library, called The Incredible Blue Bird. All my friends are talking about it, and I can't wait to get started reading."

“Whoa ! ”

“What was that ?” chirped Blue Jay.

“The lights just flickered on and off ! ”





"No signs of lightning or bad weather," said Safety Squirrel, "not even a lot of wind."

"So what is going on?" asked Blue Jay.

"Calm down, Blue !" said Safety Squirrel. "Something has gotten into the electric lines and is causing the lights to blink, but everything in here is going to be fine."

"You see, Blue Jay, Huntsville Utilities puts things on the electric lines to make sure our homes do not get too much electricity at one time, and they work hard to make sure we stay safe. We are not in danger when the lights blink. Something has gotten into the power lines, that's all. It could be anything from a tree limb to lightning, and all we get is a blink."



"What do you think is in the electric lines, Safety Squirrel?" asked Blue Jay.

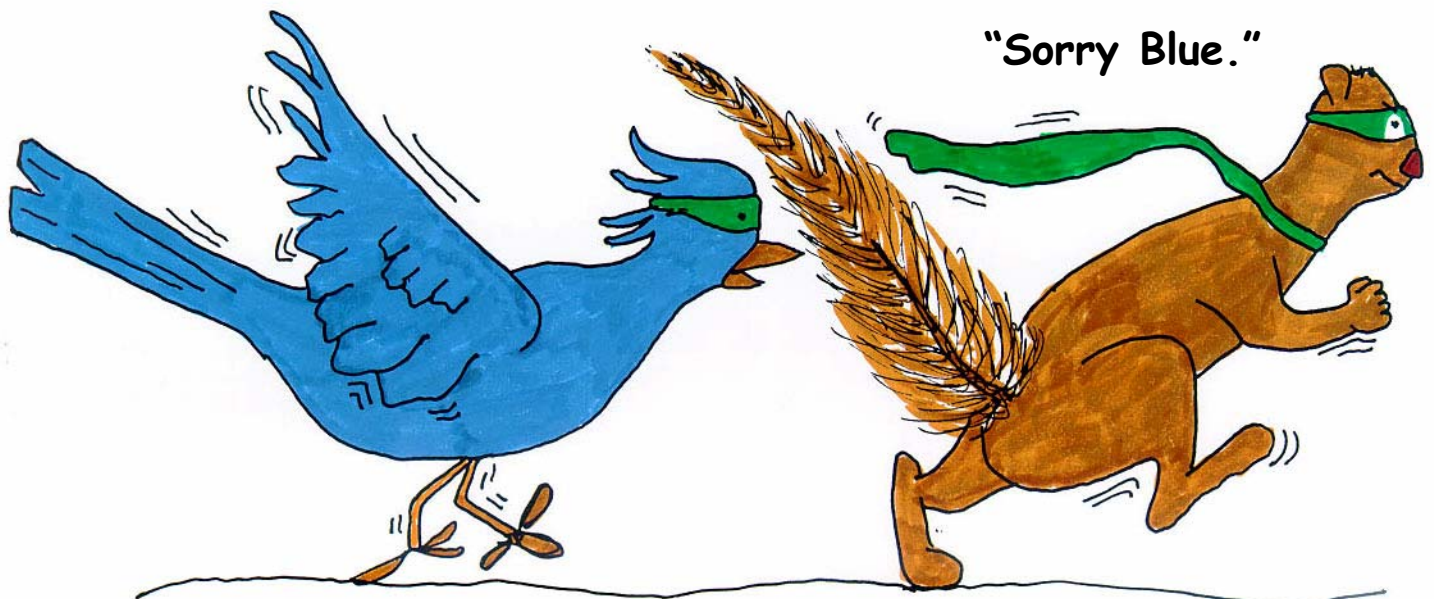
"It could be anything, Blue Jay, a car bumping into a pole, a tree falling, or even a balloon."

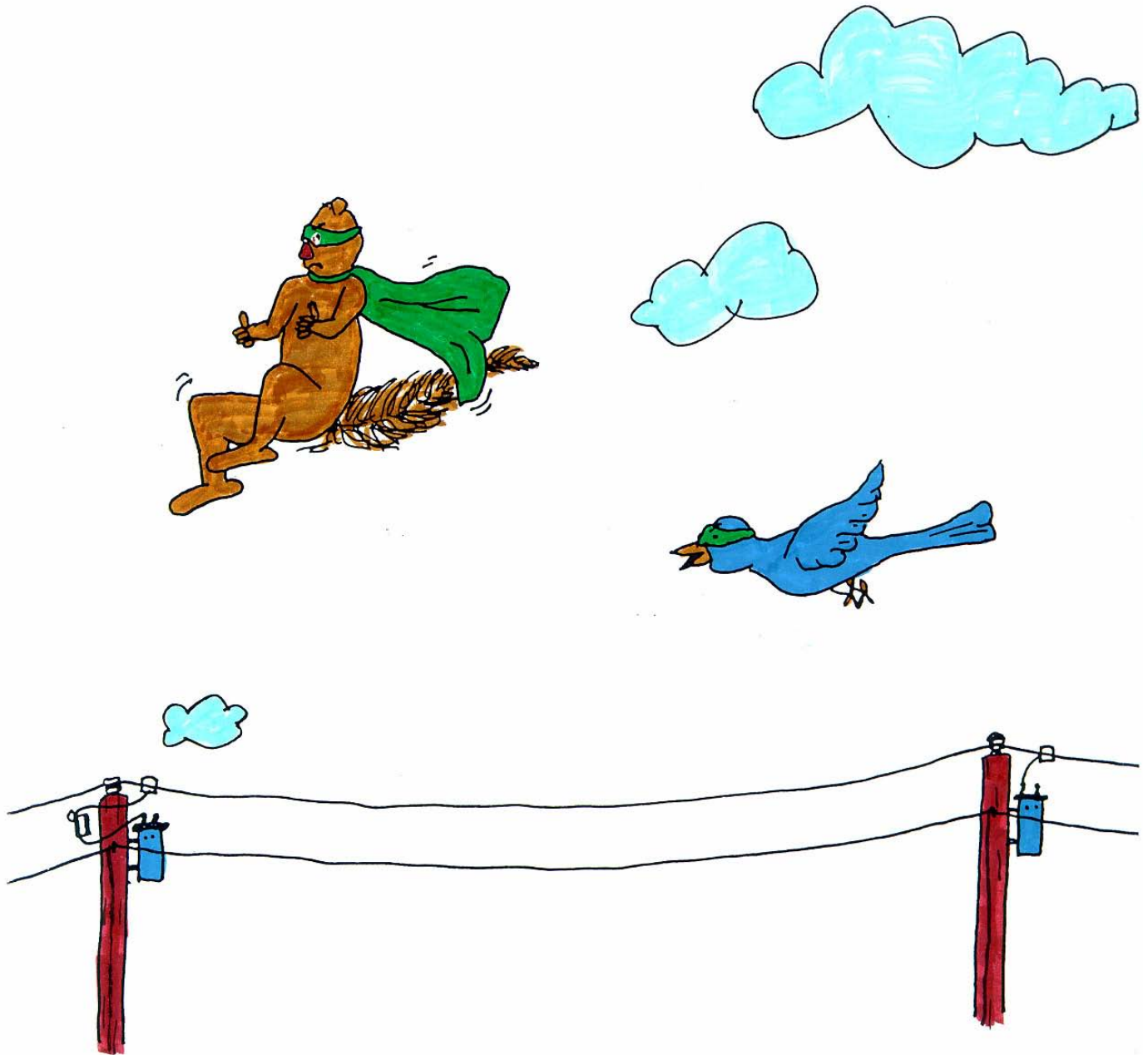
"So why," asked Blue Jay, "do you seem so worried?"

"I'm worried because it could also be a bird or a squirrel in the electric lines. That would put them in great danger, and they may need our help."

"Let's fly, Blue Jay !!!"

"I'm right behind you, Safety Squirrel," said Blue Jay. "Just please try to be a little more careful with that tail of yours."



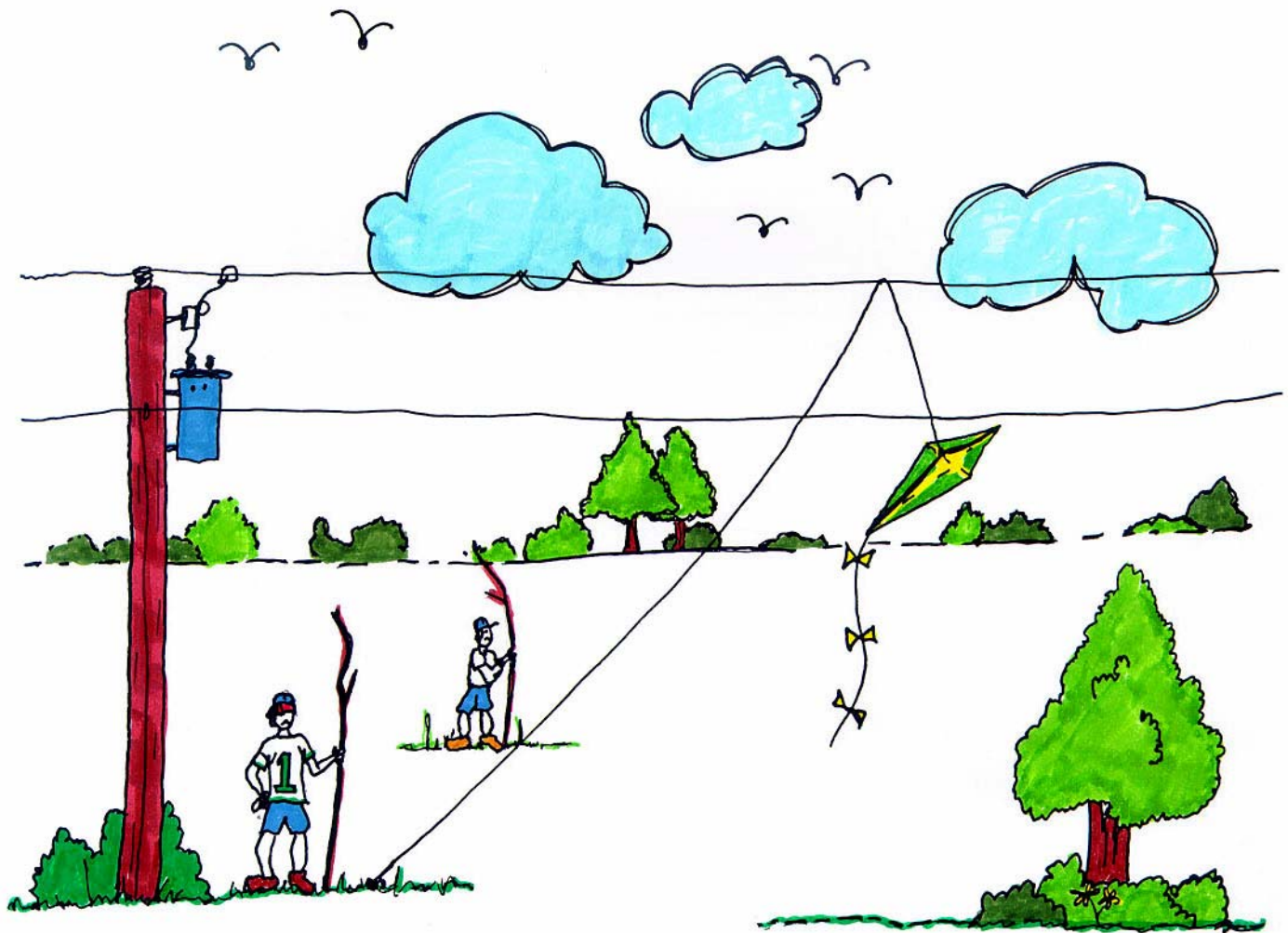


Safety Squirrel and his friend, Blue Jay, flew up high and looked down on the power lines from a safe distance.

"See anything unusual down there ?" asked Blue Jay.

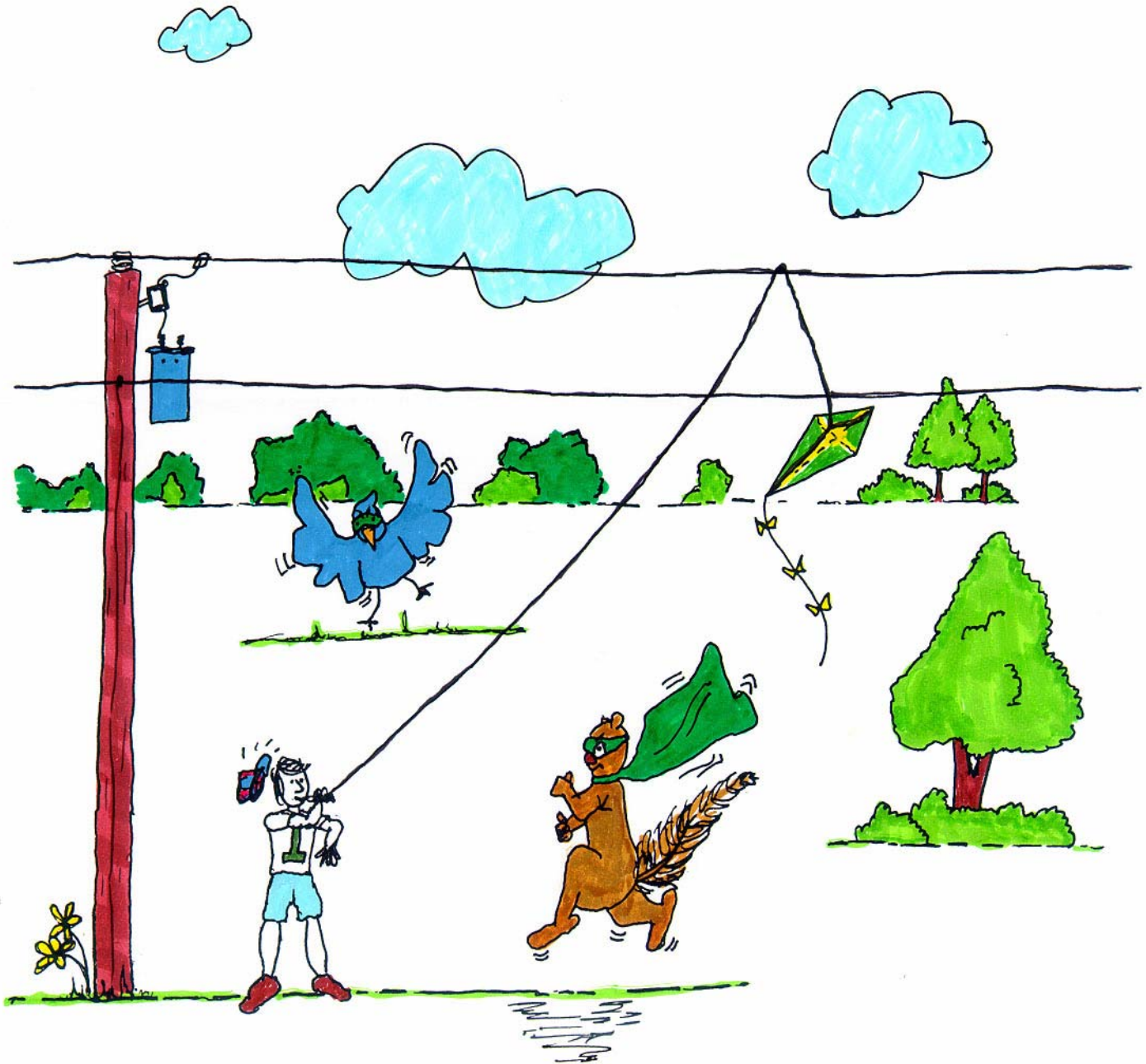
"Not yet, Blue."

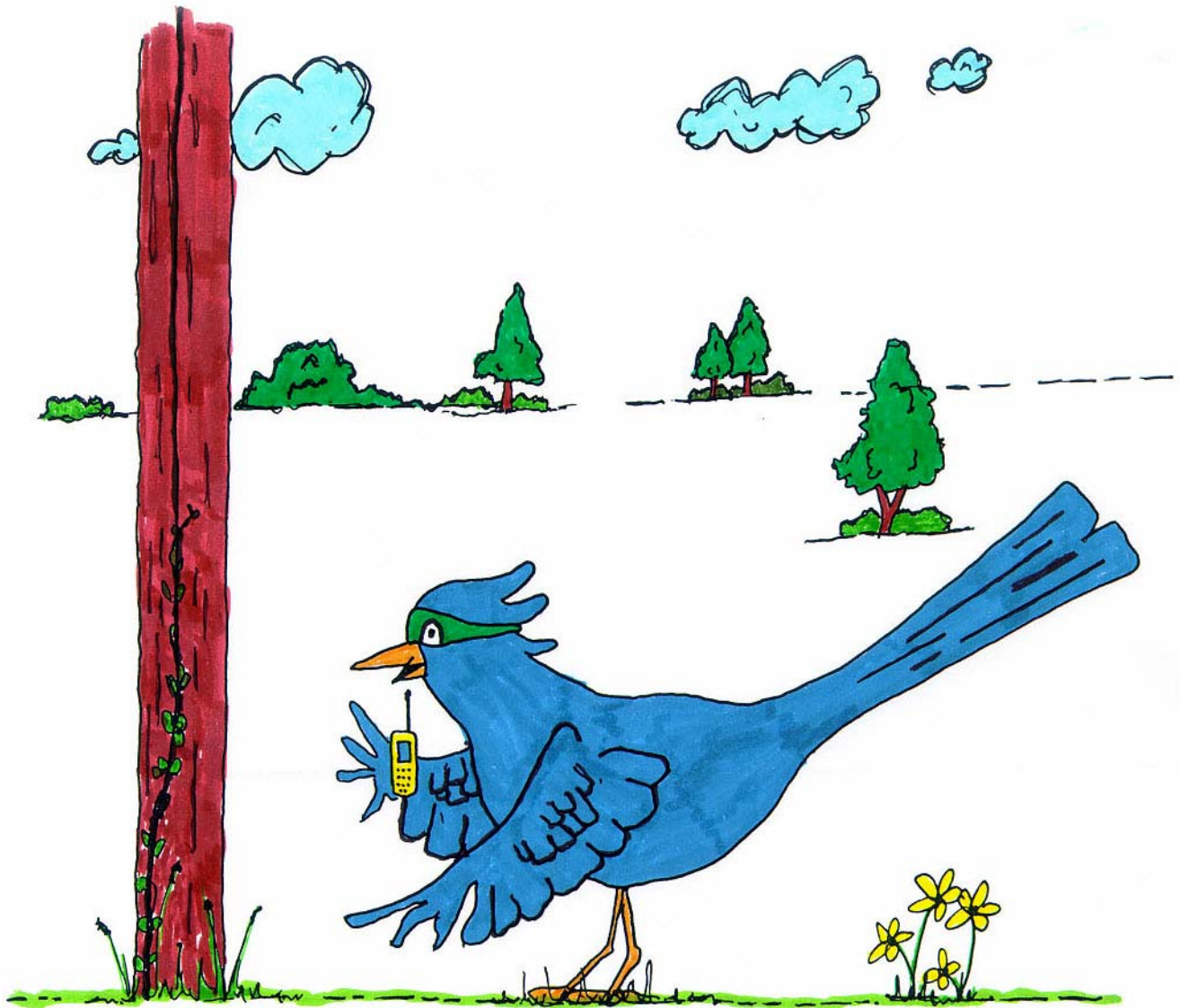
"Oh no !" chirped Blue Jay. "Look down there !
Some kids have gotten a kite caught in the power
lines, and they are trying to get it out with a long
tree limb !"



"STOP !" screamed Safety Squirrel.
"You are in great danger !"

"Everyone, move away from that kite — **NOW !**"





"Blue Jay, use your cell phone to call Huntsville Utilities! Don't let anyone near the kite string until they get here."

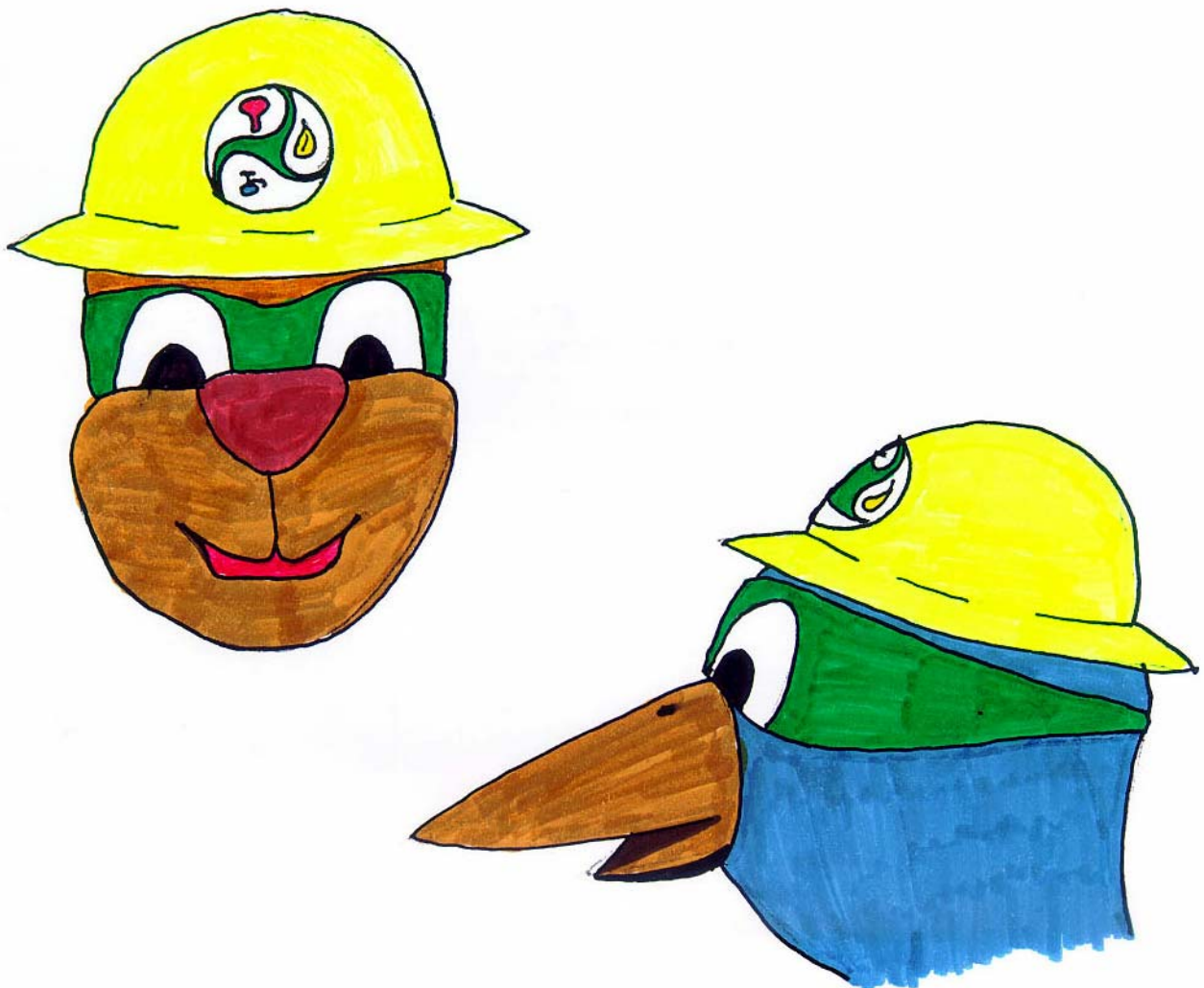
"I don't mean to scare you kids," said Safety Squirrel, "but you were in great danger. The electricity in those lines wants to get to the ground, and you, your kite, and the kite string make a good path to get there. A path on which electricity can travel is called a circuit."

"You mean if you and Blue Jay hadn't stopped us before we touched the kite with the limb, we would have become a circuit and we might have been "⚡⚡★⚡★"⚡!"

"That's right," said Safety Squirrel. "You might have been ⚡★⚡★!"



"Blue Jay and I have seen what happens when squirrels and birds get into electric lines. That is the main reason we decided to become Safety Heroes."

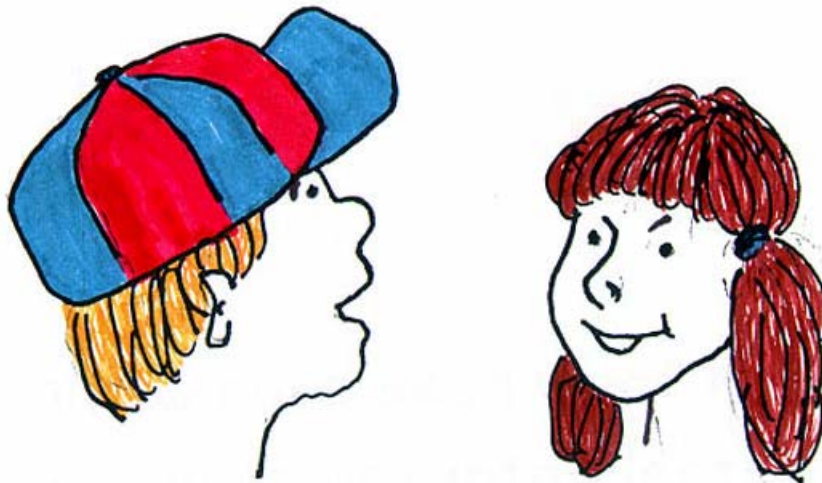


"Y E A, Safety Squirrel ! -- Y E A, Blue Jay !"
"You're my Safety Heroes !" yelled one of the kids.

"Safety means **stopping accidents before they happen,**" said Safety Squirrel. "That's the Safety Heroes' Motto. You need to read and learn about things that are dangerous so you can warn others before it's too late."

"We can do that !" yelled the kids.

"Then you can be safety heroes too, and you can join the Safety Heroes Club."



To join the “Safety Heroes Club”

Complete the Safety Hero test to become a Safety Hero.

Safety Heroes will receive:

- 1) A Safety Heroes License
- 2) A Certificate of Safety Heroism

Complete the test and mail to Huntsville
Utilities at

Huntsville Utilities
Attn: MB3 Educational Services
P.O. 2048
Huntsville, Alabama 35804



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SAFETY HEROES' MOTTO: “Safety Means Stopping Accidents
Before They Happen”



SAFETY HERO TEST



1. Please write the Safety Heroes' Motto on the lines below:

CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

2. What should you do if your kite gets caught in an electric line ?

- A) Find a long tree limb to knock it out with
- B) Climb the utility pole and shake it out of the electric lines
- C) Tell people to stay away from it and call Huntsville Utilities

3. Touching an electric line could ? (Choose the best answer)

- A) Give you a headache
- B) Bruise your hand
- C) Take your breath away
- D) Kill you

4. A path on which electricity can travel is called a ?

- A) Circuit
- B) Road
- C) Tunnel
- D) Bridge

5. Blinking lights can be caused by all of the following EXCEPT ? (Circle one)

- A) Tree limbs
- B) Birds & Squirrels
- C) Car wrecks
- D) Kites
- E) Noise
- F) Lightening

6. What is the main reason Safety Squirrel became a safety hero ?

- A) He is a school teacher
- B) Safety Heroes get paid big money
- C) He has seen what happens when Squirrels and Birds get into electric lines
- D) His Mom & Dad always wanted him to be a Safety Hero

7. The electricity in power lines wants to get to the ?

- A) Trees
- B) Ground
- C) Sky

Safety Squirrel is a part of Huntsville Utilities' educational programs agenda in which information and presentations are provided to students of all age groups and civic groups. We also offer an array of energy programs that help customers build energy efficiency into new homes and lower energy costs in existing homes.

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