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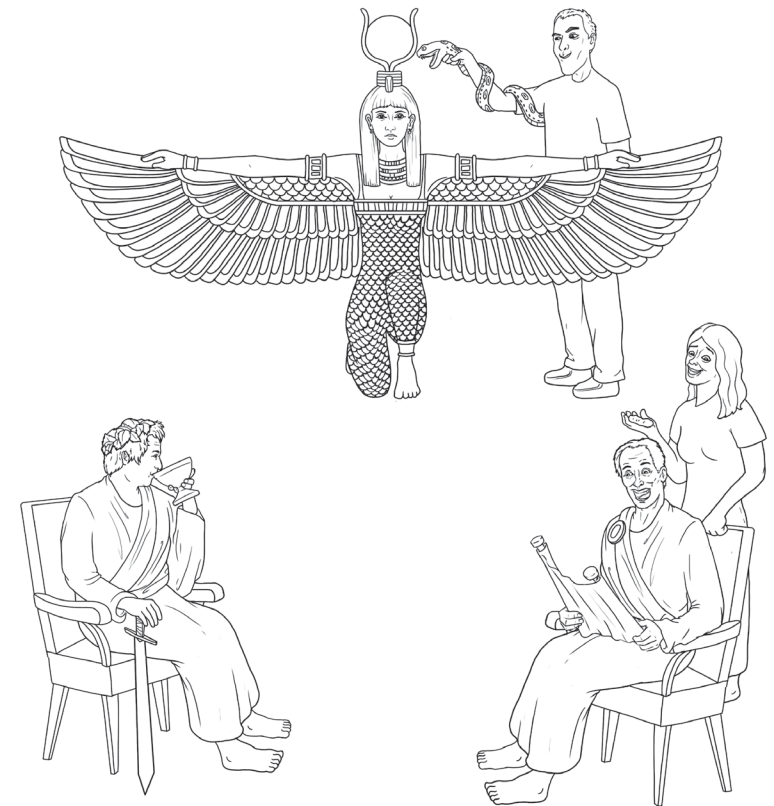
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Life goes better with a little weirdness. It is hoped that the Weird people portrayed here, in illustration and story, both open and expand the mind in wonder and awe. For the sake of the occasional flamboyant side of weirdness, visit us at: www.getyourweird.com.



Our Roman Senate cohort desires you to sample these pages of Weird Places. Drink with us from the cup of Weirdness and drift to your own hidden garden.

The Senate Cohort (Cleo, Markus, Julius, Ms. Weird, Mr. Weird (aka Richard Hertz).

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The Weird World of England's Gnome Reserve

Do you want to spend a weird and fantastic day in sunny North Devon, England? How about visiting over 2,000 garden gnomes? Let us tell you more!

What Is England's Gnome Reserve?

When people worldwide think of a day out, they often picture the beach, an amusement park, or a nice nature hike. But not in England, where visitors can trek to the Gnome Reserve and Wildflower Garden at Merry Harriers Garden Centre. You heard us right!

The attraction is part of a beautiful garden center with a restaurant, shops and of course over 2,000 gnomes. It is an idyllic place for naturalists and gardeners, where you can discover beautiful plants flower and all thing gardening—and garden gnomes!

So, what do you do with many pint-sized mythical creatures? You can see them going about their lives—playing chess, chilling with a book, and even getting married. Some people develop *gnomophobia* due to the mischievous nature of these mythical creatures, but this place makes you realize there is no need to fear them. While enjoying the garden centre be sure to look out for a gnome sitting on a toadstool.

Gnomes make any grounds more magical and if you visit with kids, they will love spending hours trying to decide which gnome is a favorite among beautiful garden flowers.

History of the Gnome Reserve

Ann Atkin, a mythical creature enthusiast, founded the original site in 1979. She was a former art student and wanted to do something weird. Thus, she created a refuge for every English garden gnome to wander free.

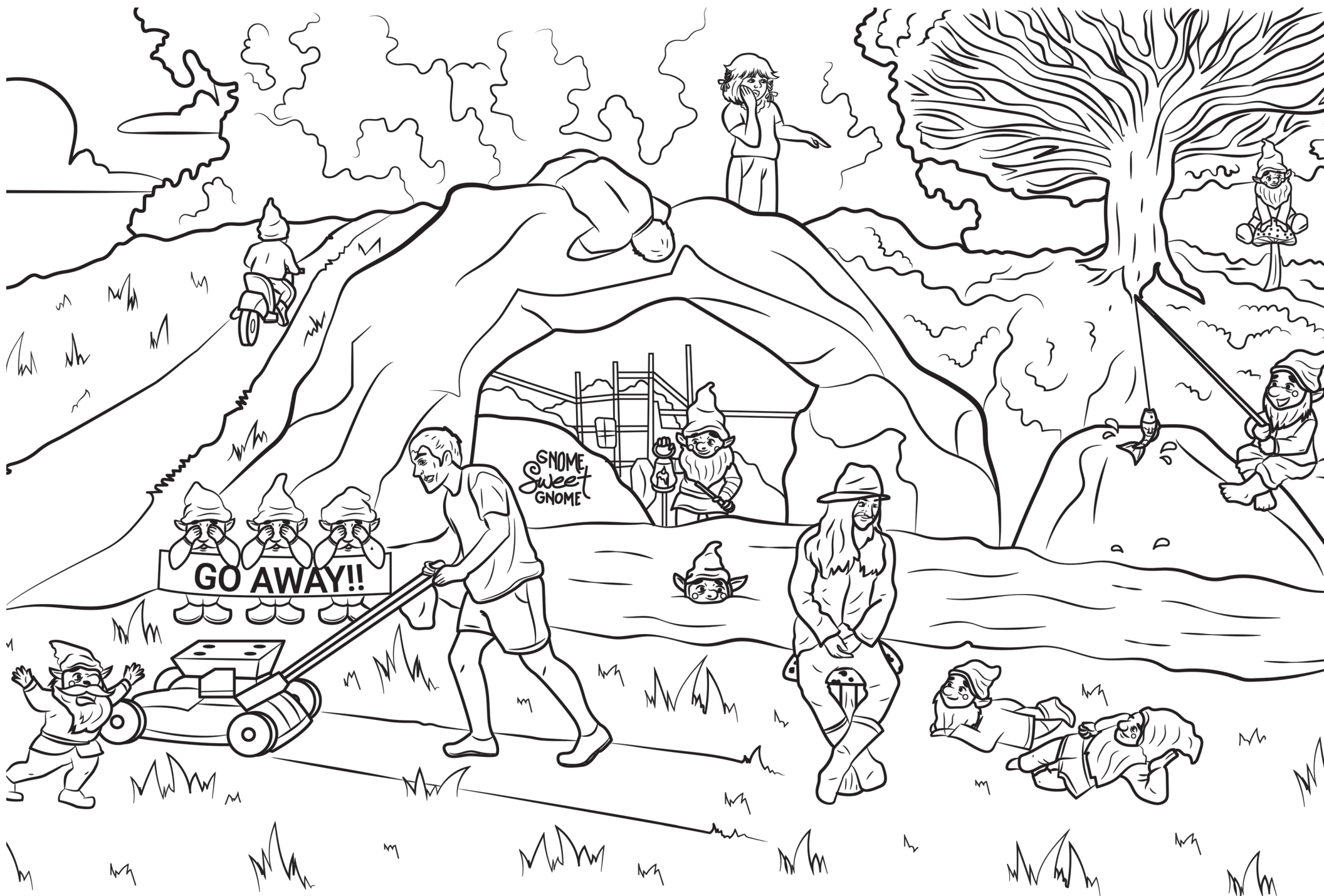
This whimsical Reserve won several awards over the years. It is also a Guinness World Record Holder for the largest group of garden gnomes on the planet. It appeared on TV over seventy times. They might be the most famous gnomes worldwide! After twenty years of gnoming, the founders have retired but the gnomes live on at a place with even more to do.

Plan a Trip!

If you want travel advice about this magical world, we suggest you take a trip between March 21st and October 31st. There is no fee and during that time the Gnome Reserve is open seven days a week.

Ensure you plan your day before leaving—the journey takes you along small, winding county lanes to your destination in Biddeford, North Devon. The explorer in you will love the adventure!

You can arrange enjoy delicious food with local delicacies. Remember to wear a red t-shirt with a green hat that gnomes favor, pack your fishing rod, and have your mobile phone camera ready. You'll fit right in with the mini creatures. Do not bring your lawn mower!



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?

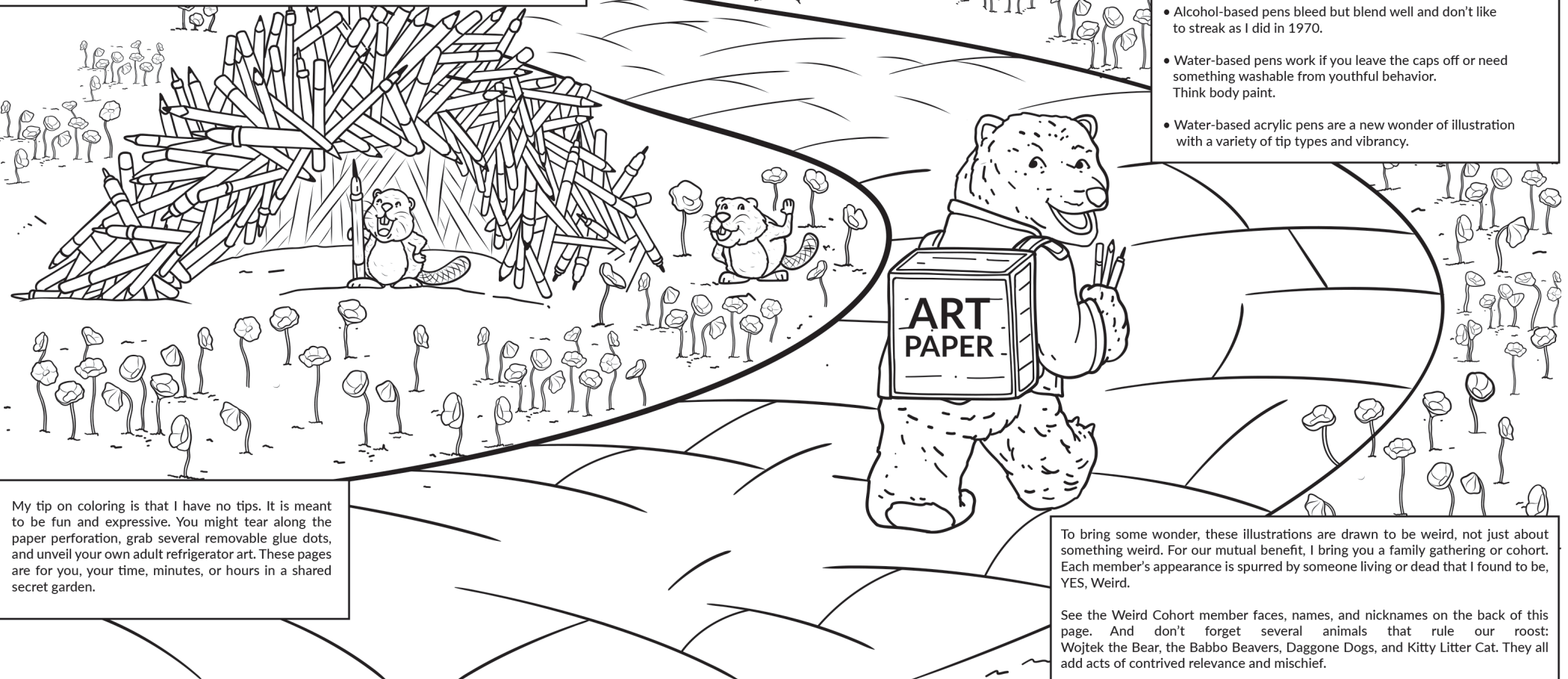
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The *Wonder of Weird* combines coloring entertainment and a bit of education about weird topics, what we call Edutainment.

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.

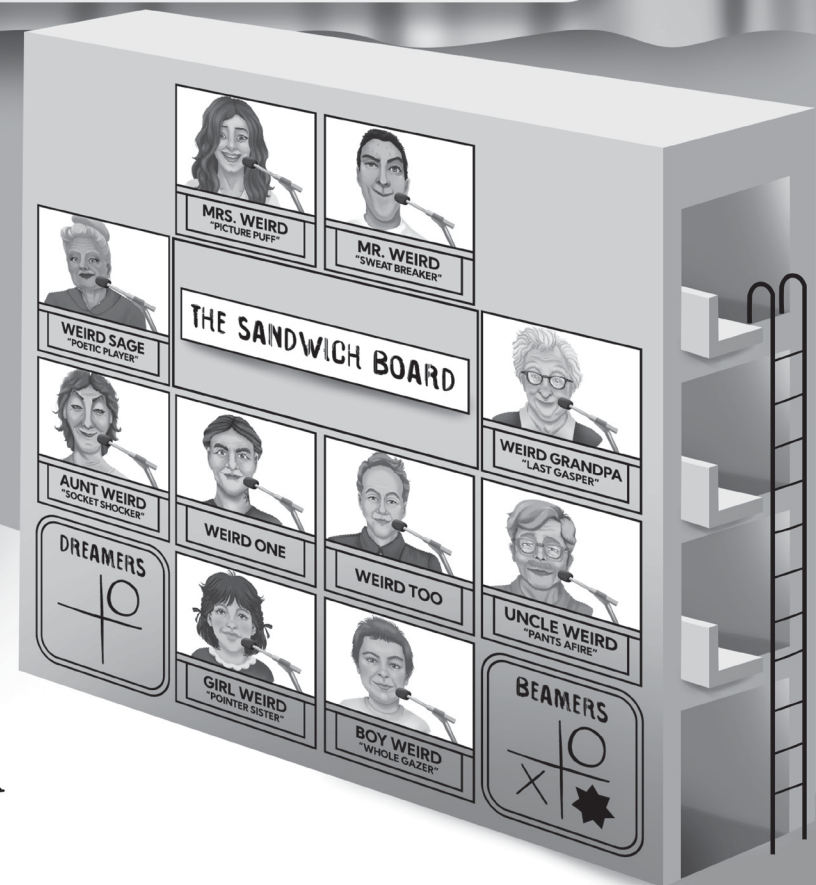
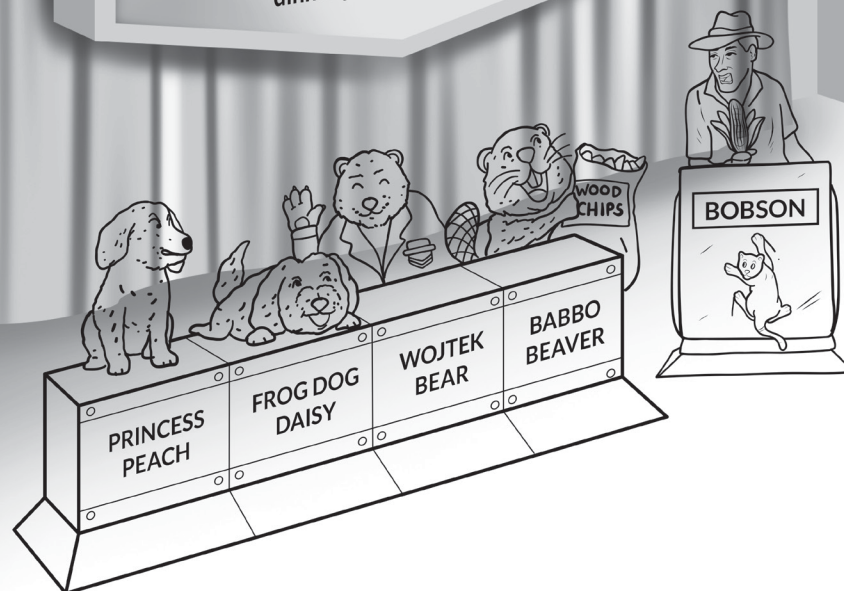
A weird world requires time for play. Here at play, we introduce our Weird family, a cohort of characters that stretches reality in all directions and finds themselves in many of this book's illustrations.

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.

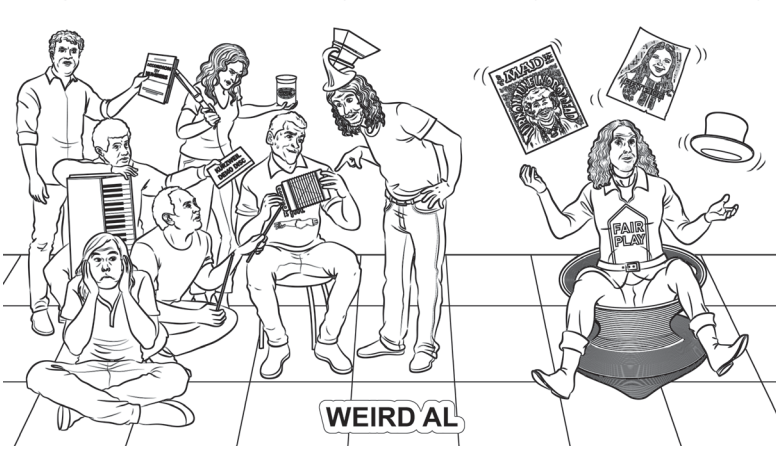
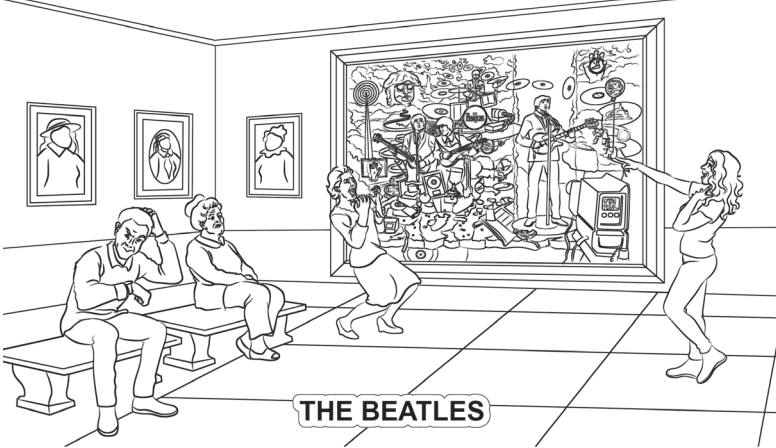
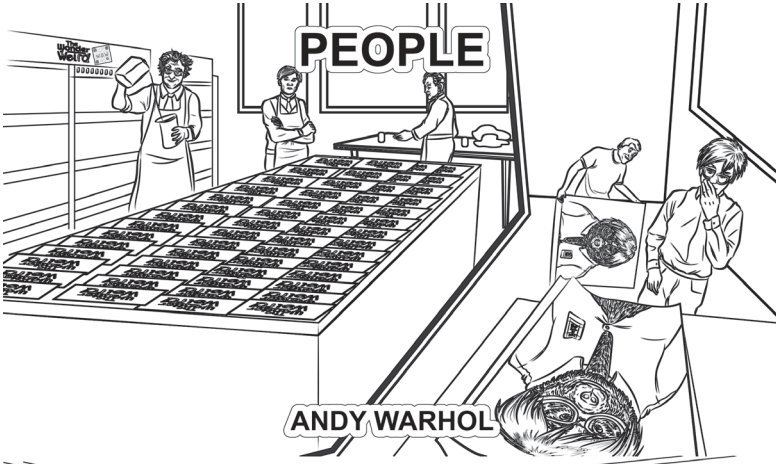
The panel of intelligent animals judge nothing, and are called upon to look pretty, eat morsels, and kibble, and drink various libations. Given they are unpaid and do not understand guild membership our show host Bobson needs plenty of corn to herd them and lead game players through a modified game of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

WEIRD MATTERS

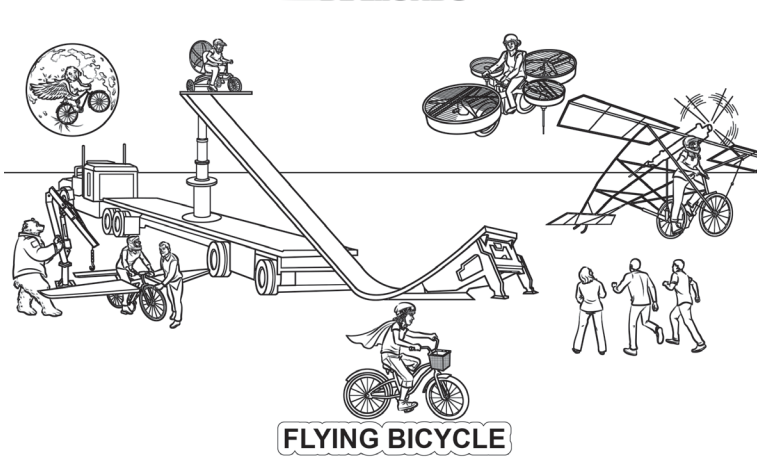
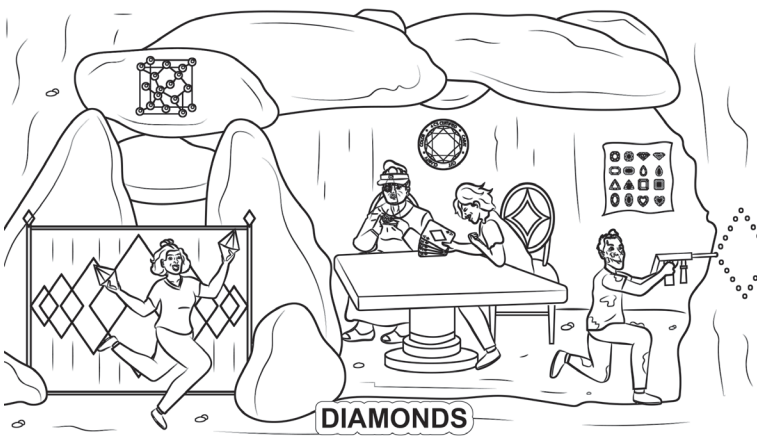
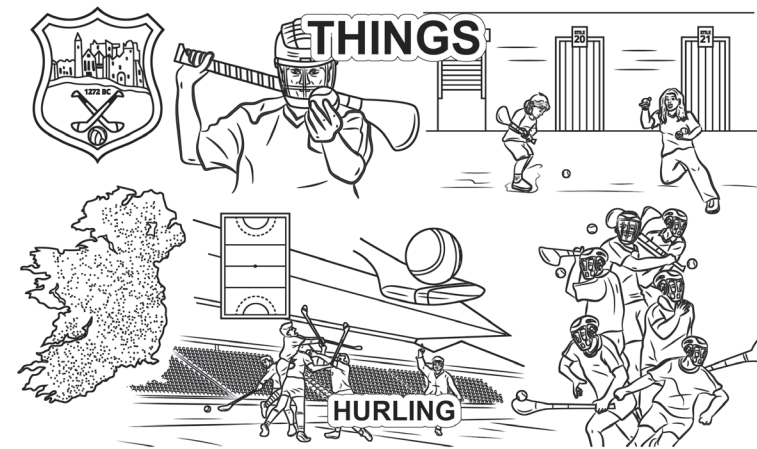
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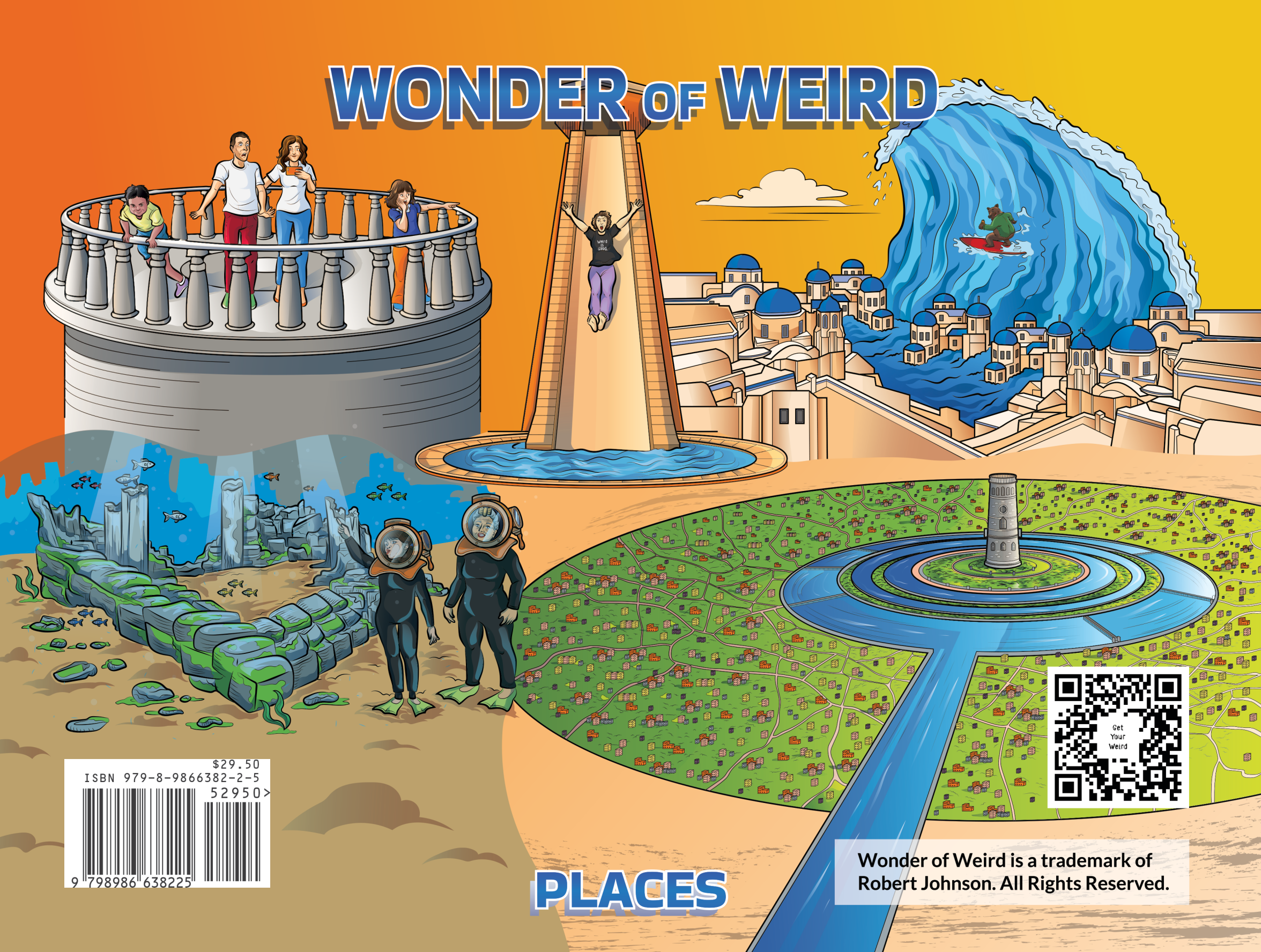
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