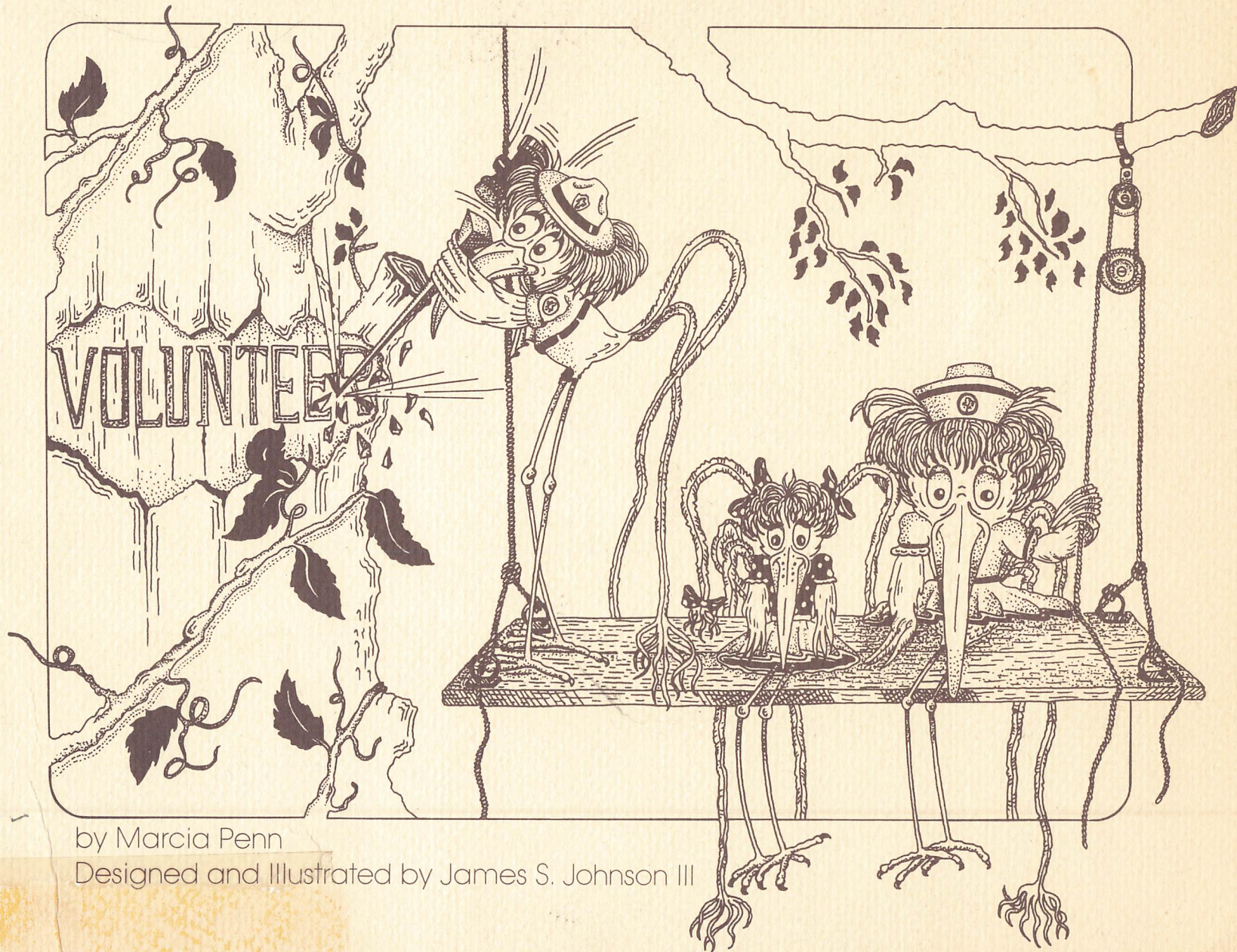


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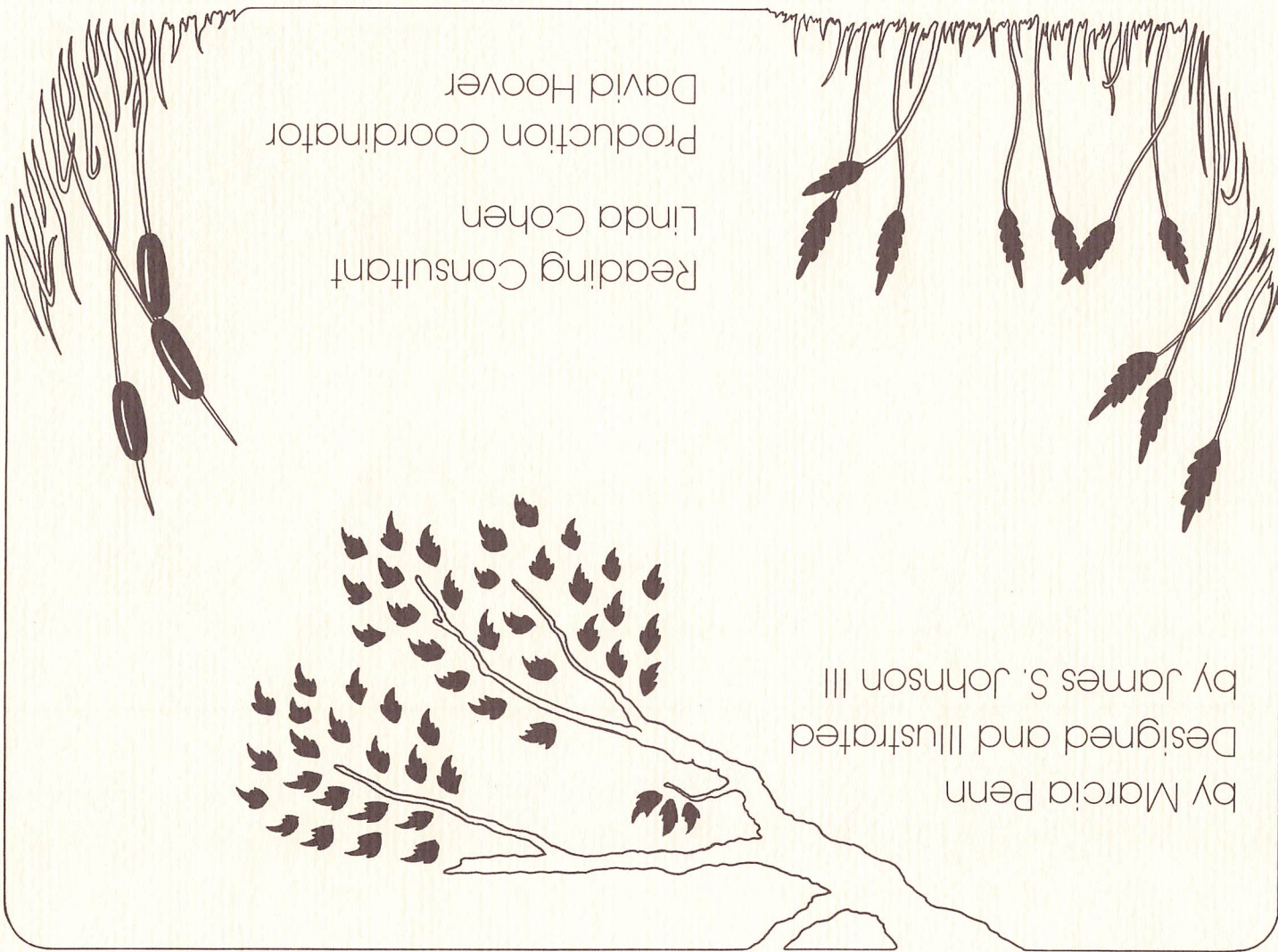


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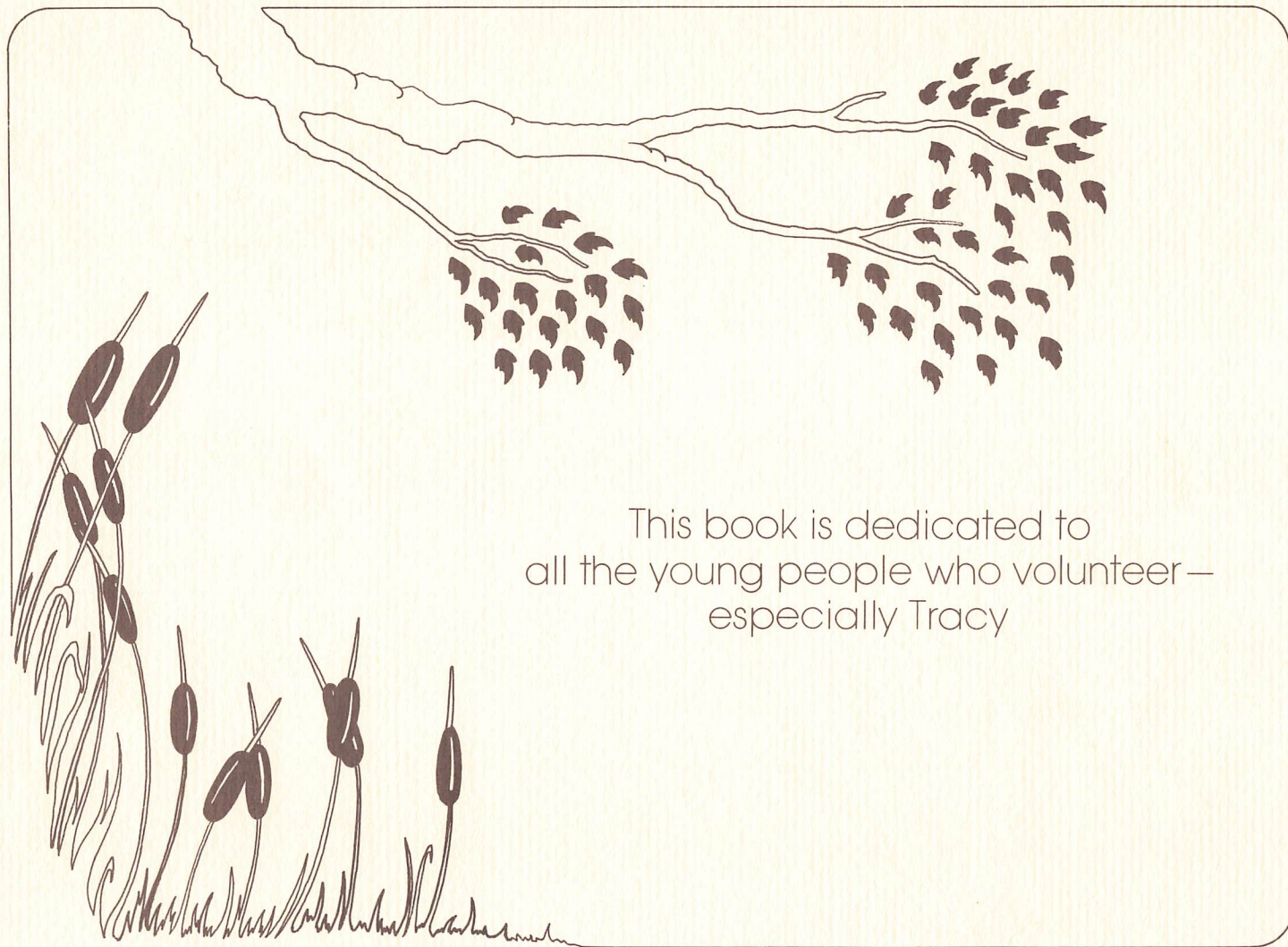


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This book is dedicated to  
all the young people who volunteer—  
especially Tracy



A Note to Parents:

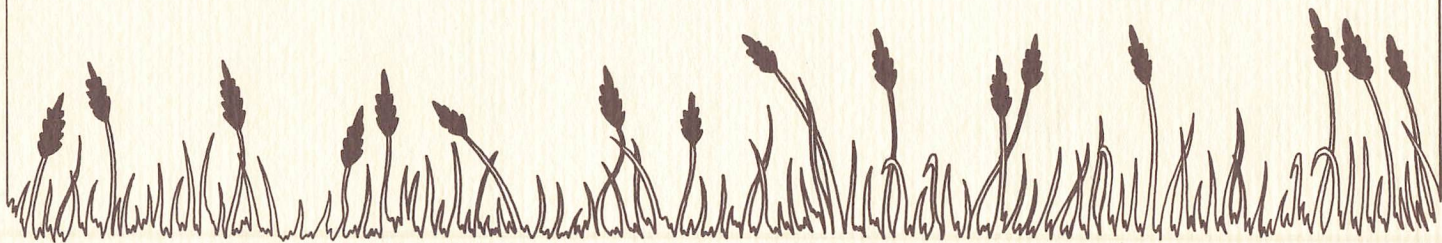
So many of us who are involved with volunteer work have tried to explain to our children why we are going out to that evening meeting or why we are spending so much time at the hospital, community center, or even, the jail. When we say to our young children, "I am a volunteer," what do their young minds envision?

In trying to find a children's book on volunteerism, I was struck with the fact that there was none. Not one book registered with the Library of Congress under "Volunteer—Juvenile!"

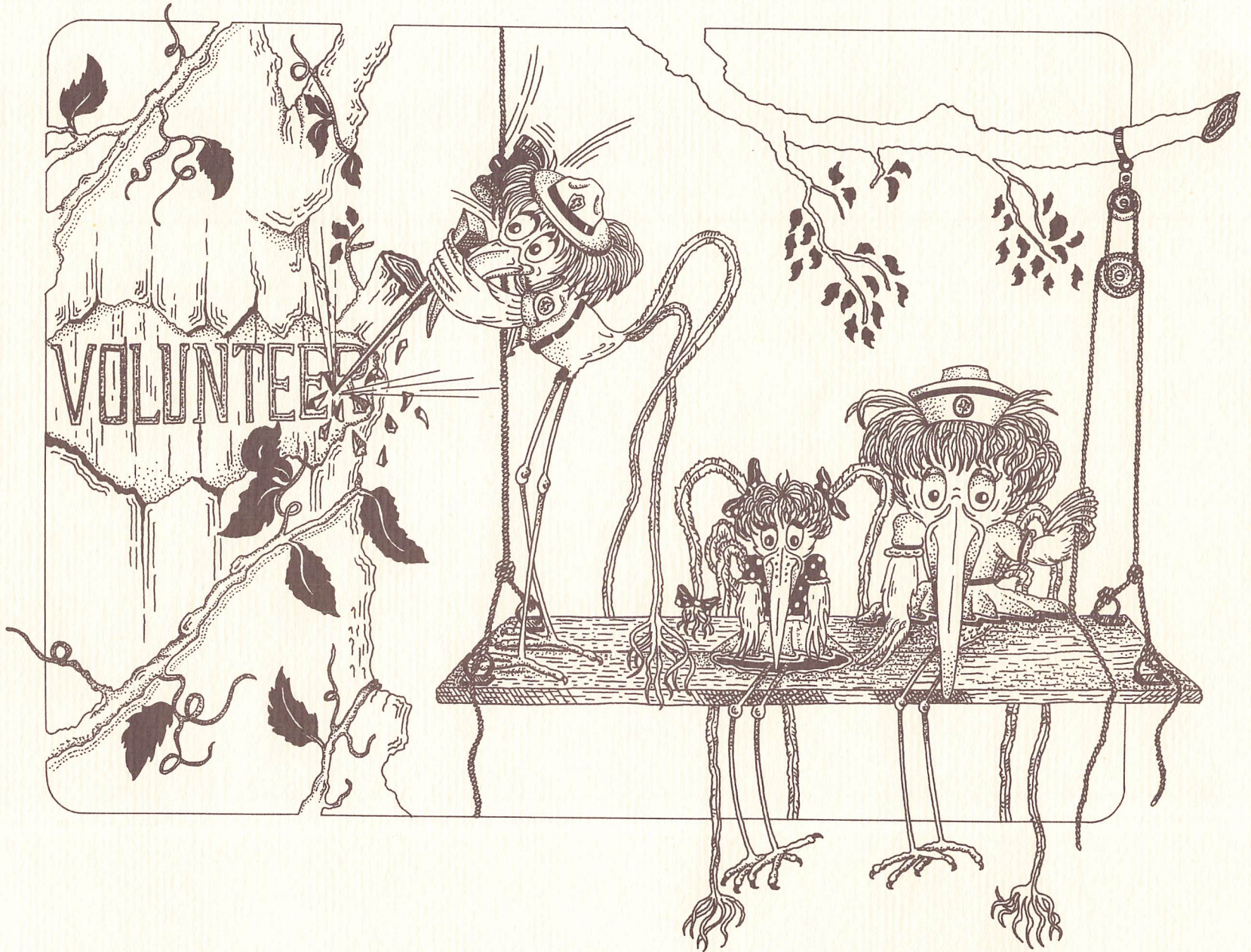
This book is an attempt, in a limited way, to explain to young children what volunteering is about. Often they are actually volunteering too, and so it is my hope that through this book they will have a better understanding about the nature of volunteer work.

The future of volunteerism is with our children. Perhaps this book can help them start out in that direction.

Marcia Penn

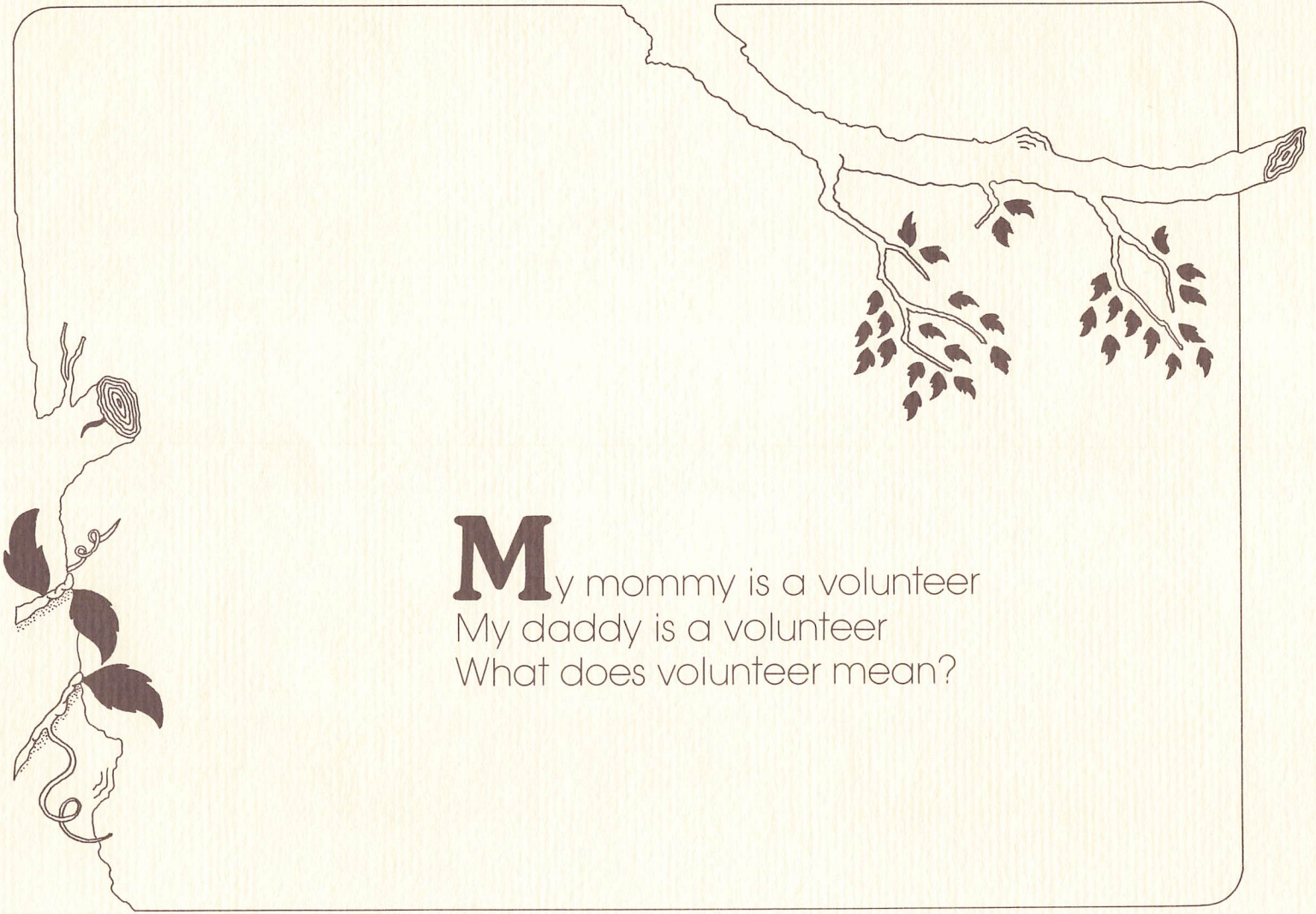






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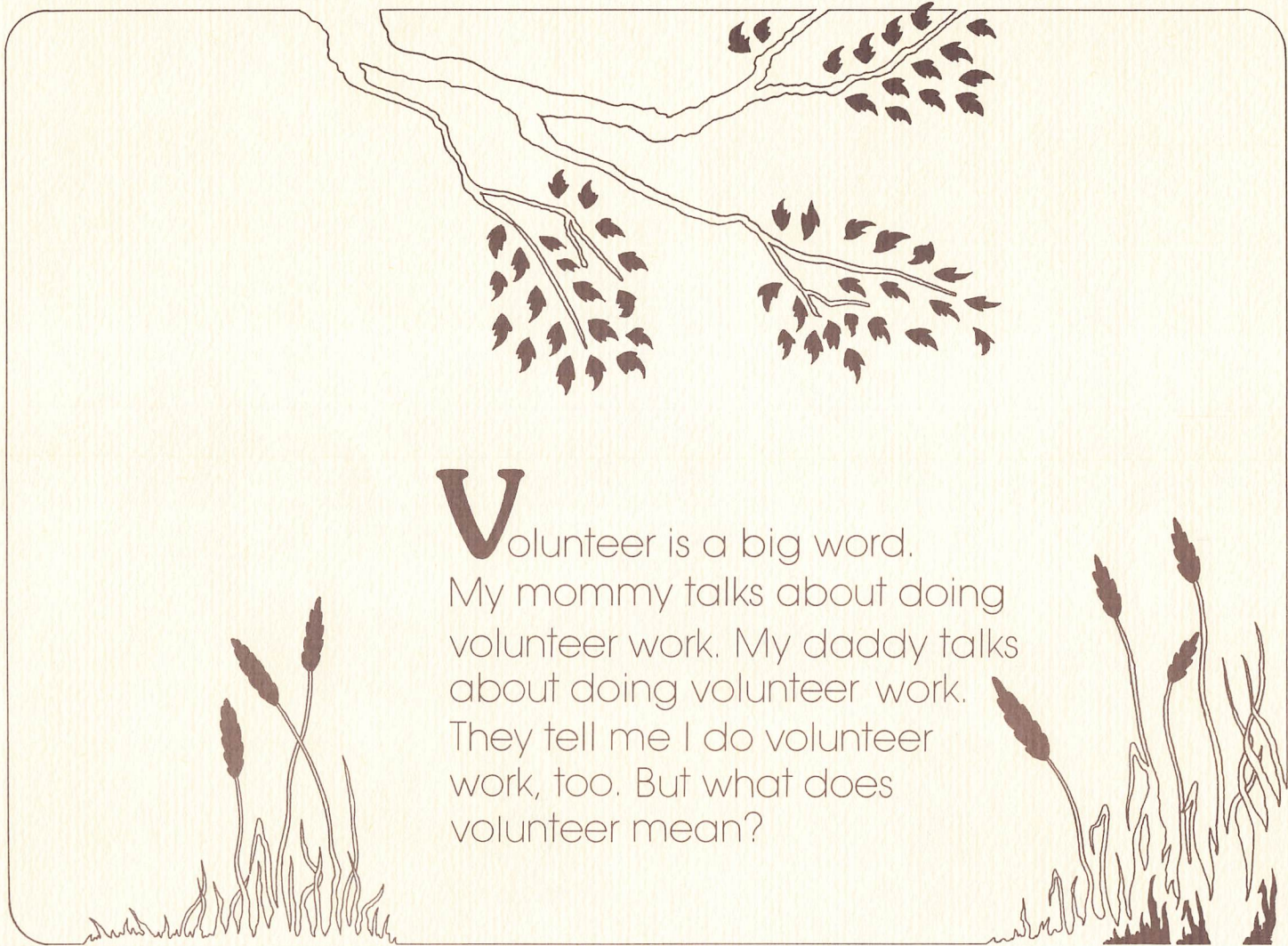


**M**y mommy is a volunteer  
My daddy is a volunteer  
What does volunteer mean?



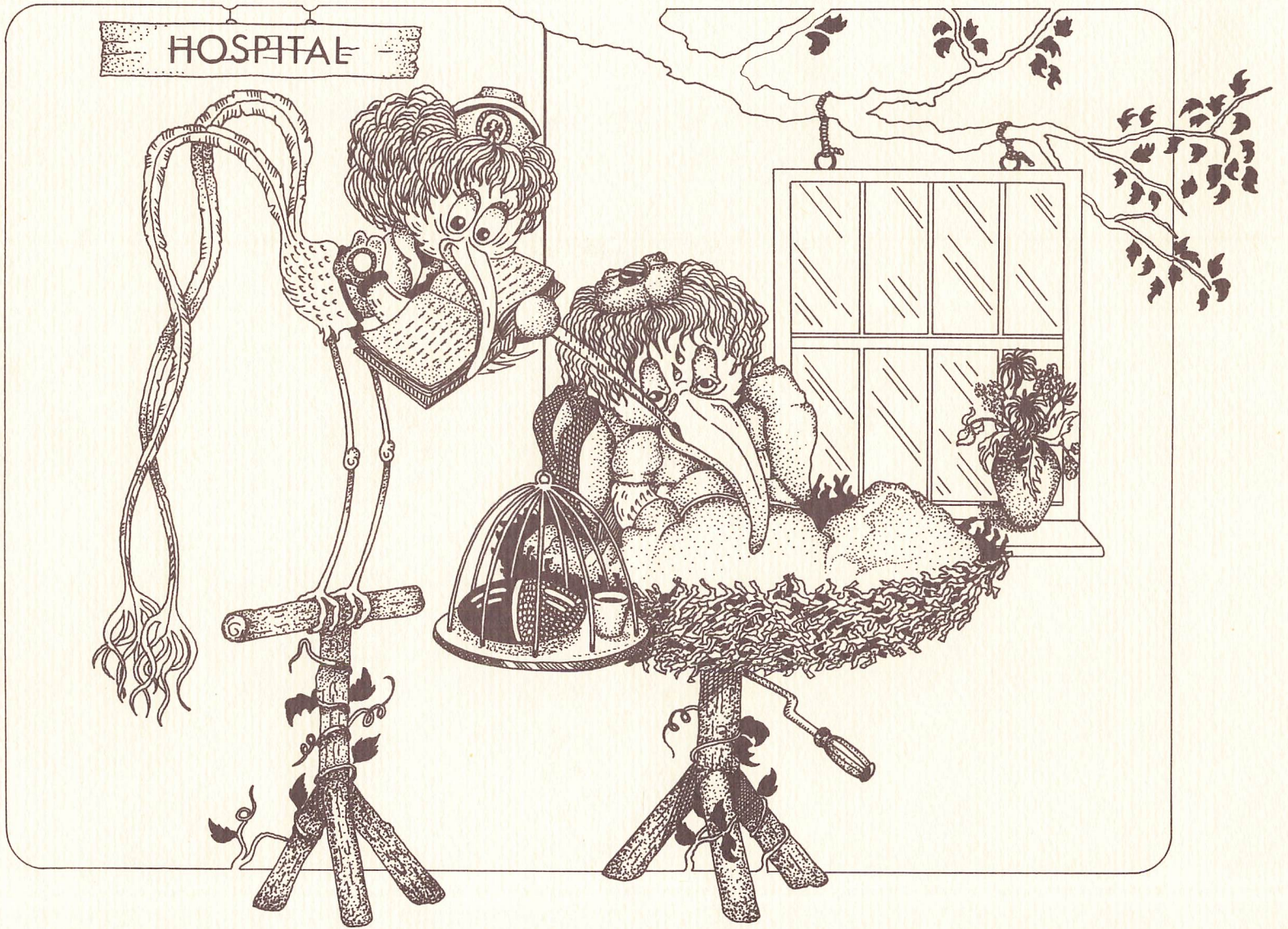






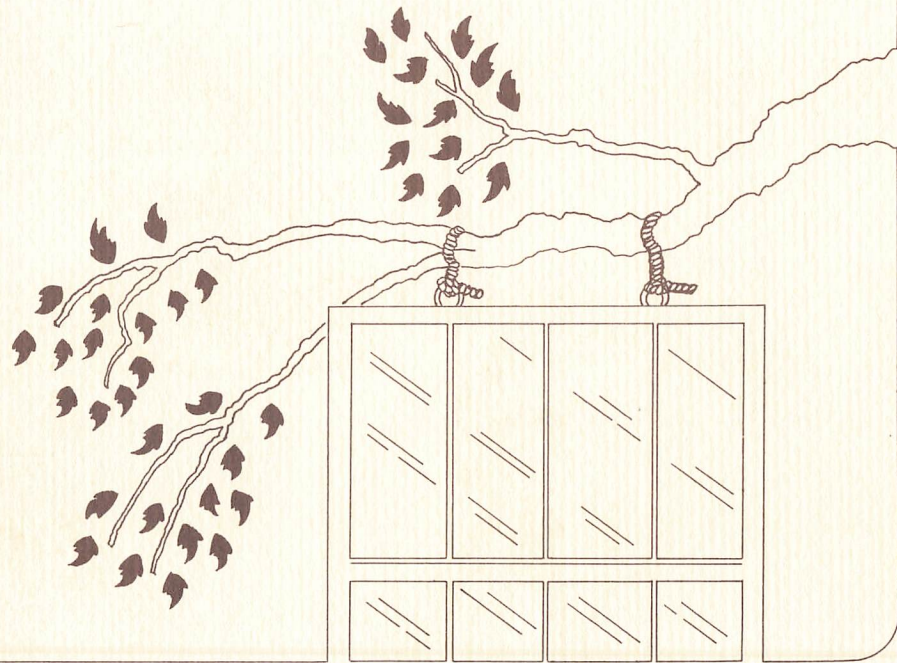
**V**olunteer is a big word.  
My mommy talks about doing  
volunteer work. My daddy talks  
about doing volunteer work.  
They tell me I do volunteer  
work, too. But what does  
volunteer mean?



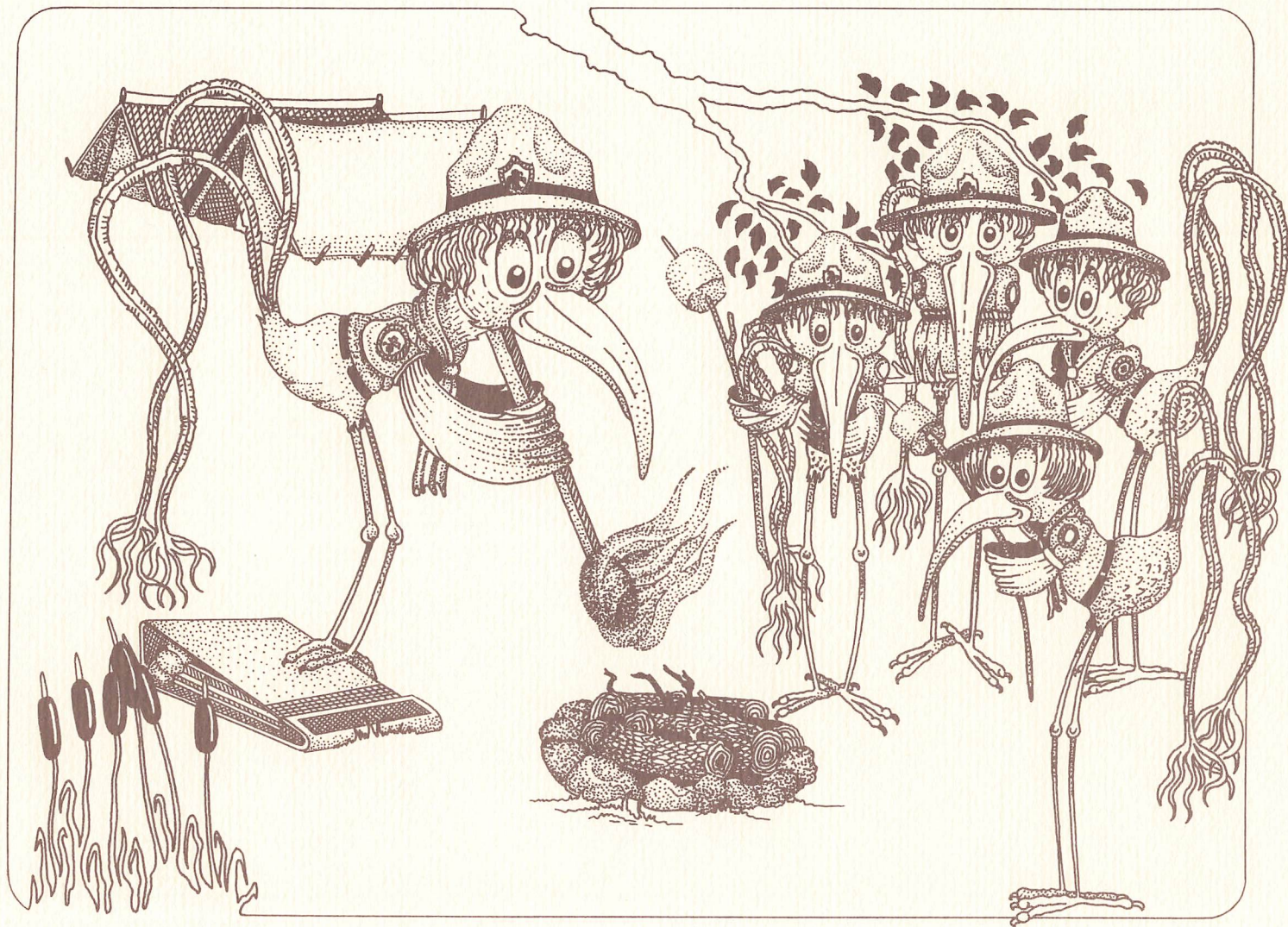




**M**y mommy goes to help people in a hospital.  
She reads to sick people. She writes letters for sick  
people. She calls this volunteer work.





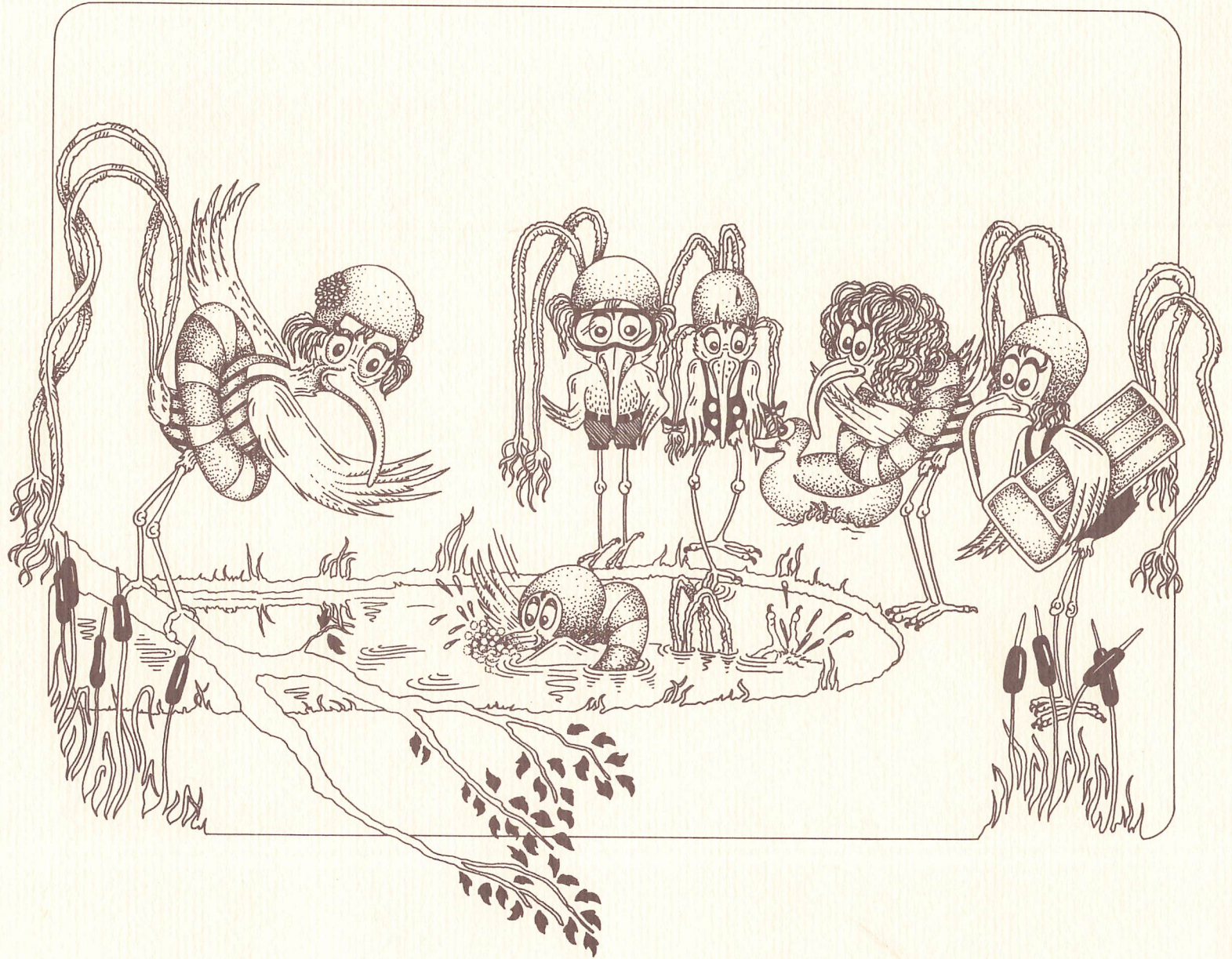




**M**y daddy is a leader for  
my big brother's Boy Scout troop.  
He teaches the boys how to make  
fires. He teaches them how to live  
in a tent. He says he is volunteering.

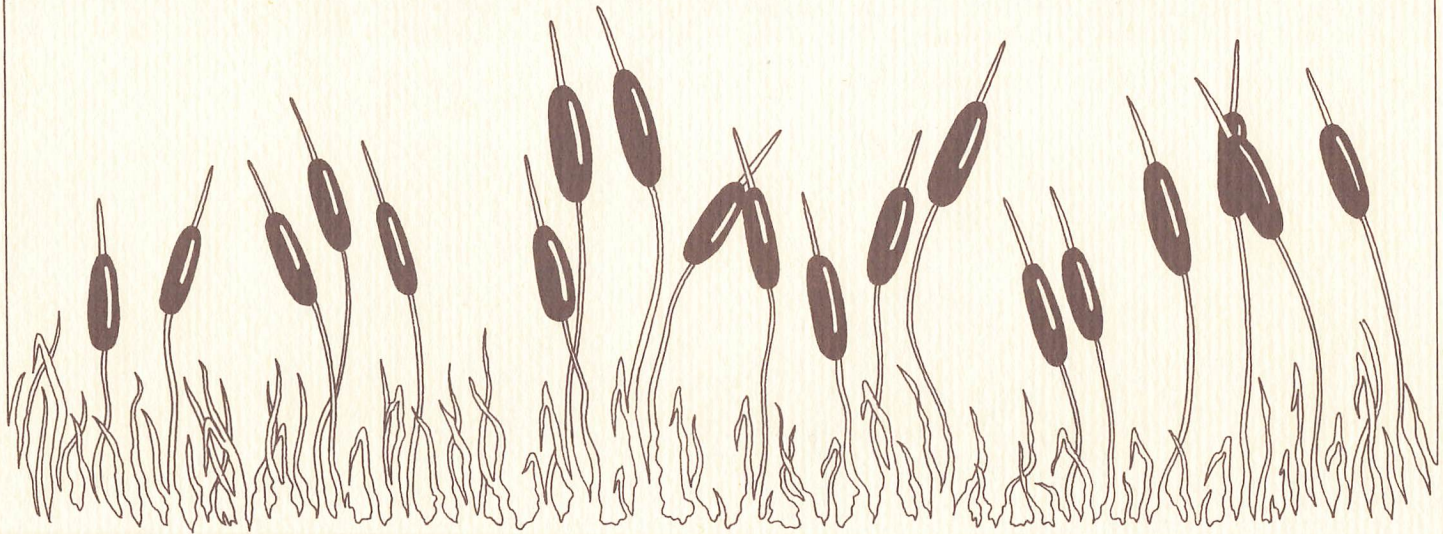




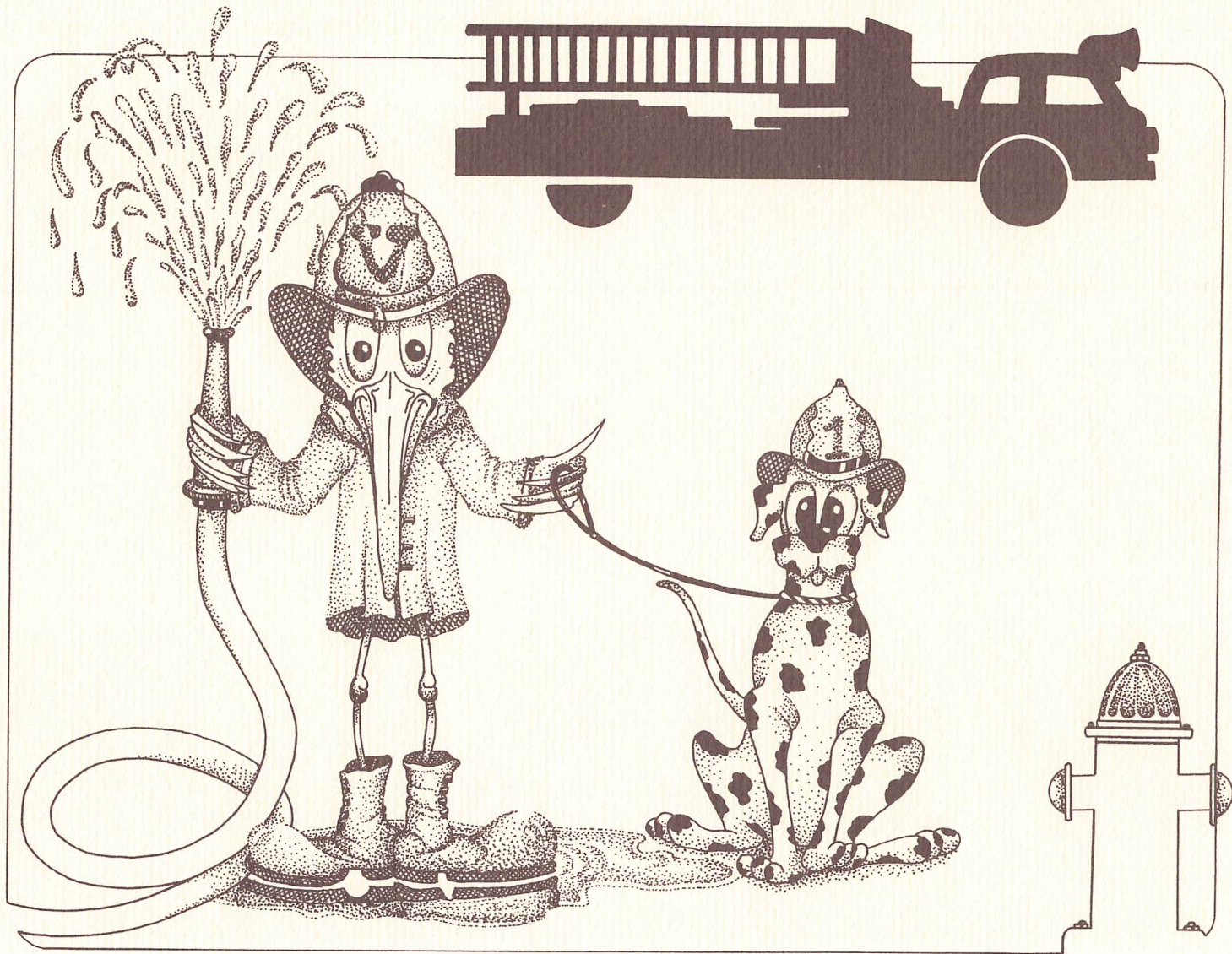




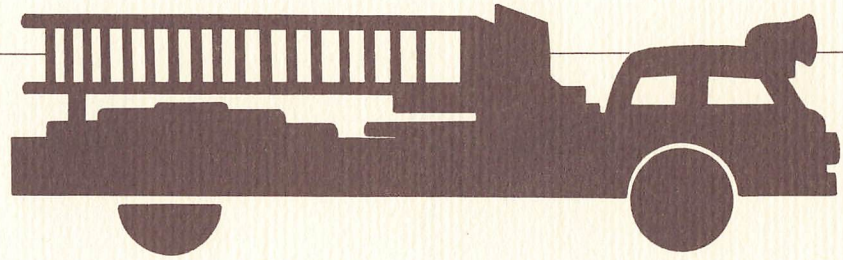
**O**n Saturday mornings, my mommy goes to the YMCA to teach children how to swim. I know how to swim. But I watch my mommy. She tells the children how to put their heads in the water. She shows them how to move their arms and legs. She tells me she is volunteering. I help show the children how to swim. I volunteer, too.



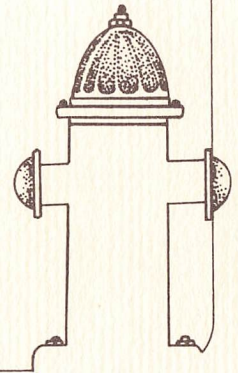




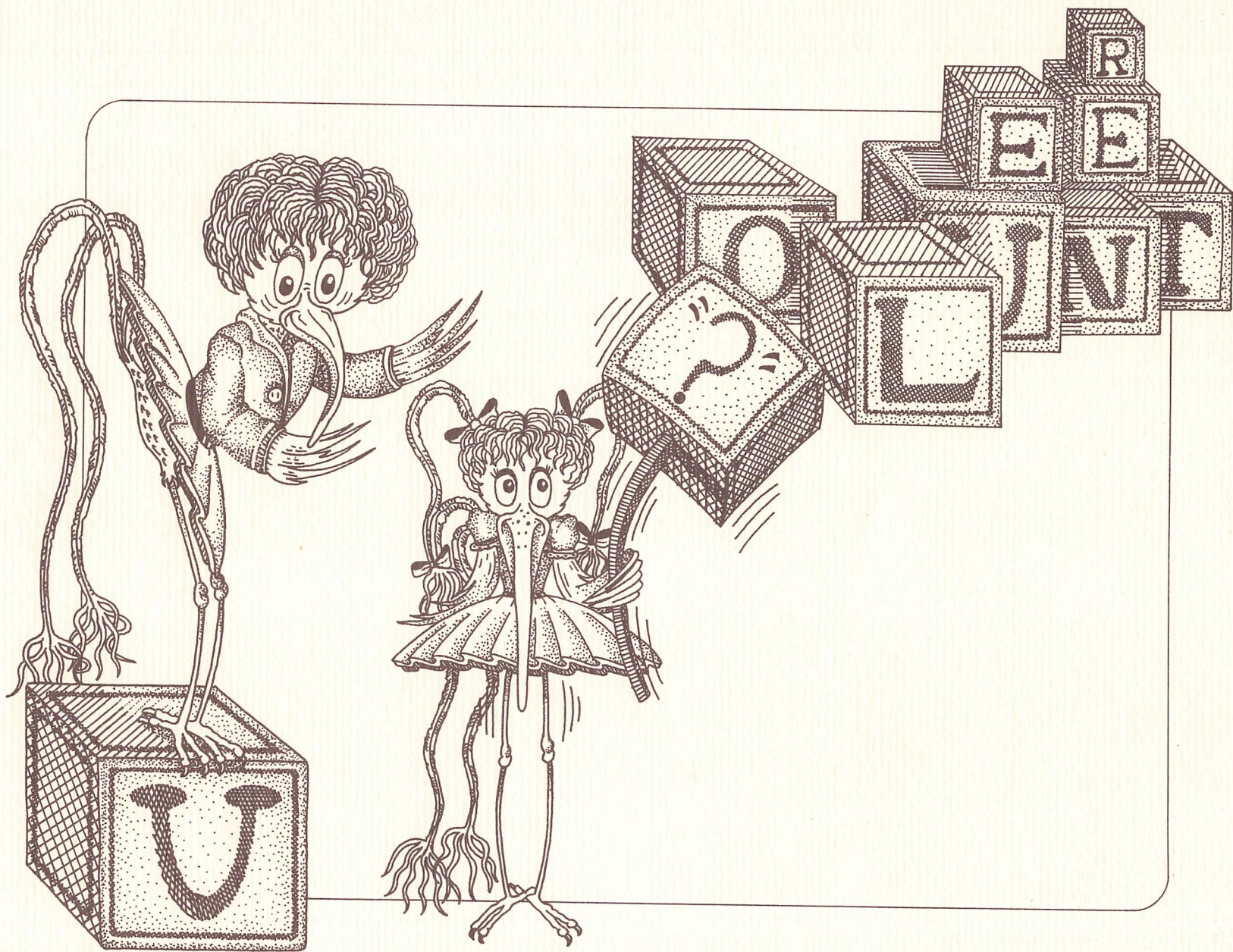




**D**addy is a fireman.  
He tells me he is not a fireman all  
the time. He says he is a volunteer.

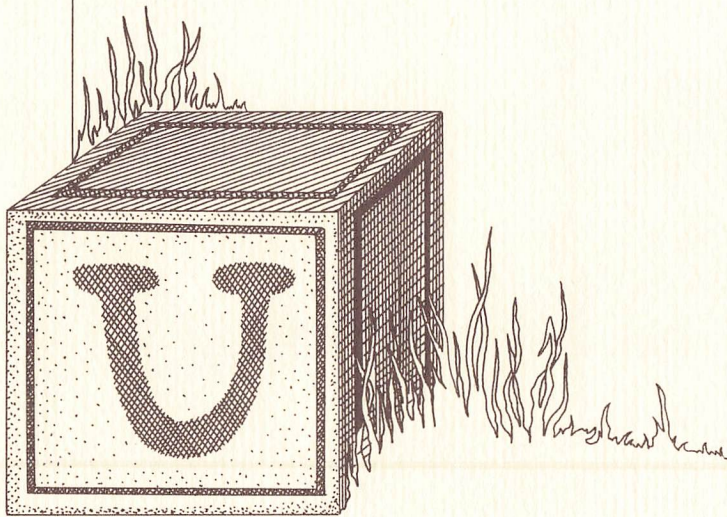




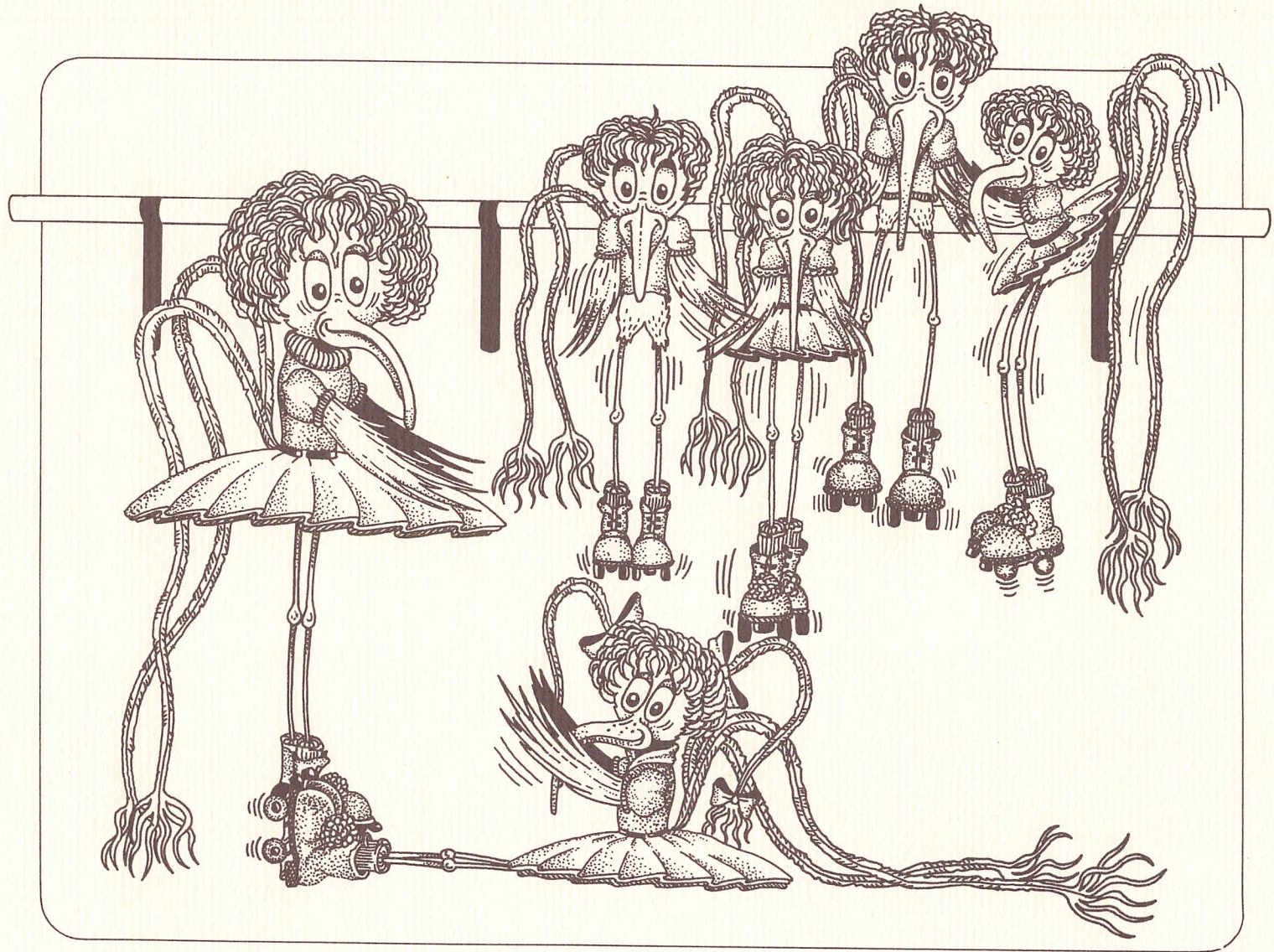




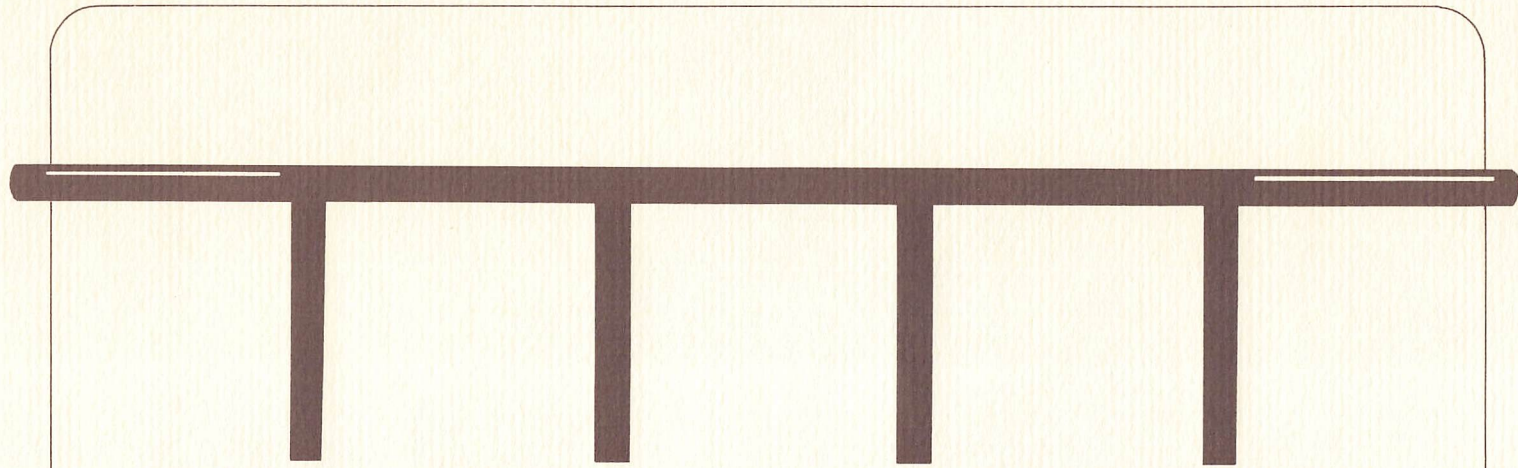
**W**hat is a volunteer?  
I asked mommy what  
volunteer means. She  
smiled at me.



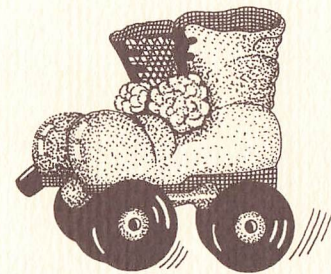




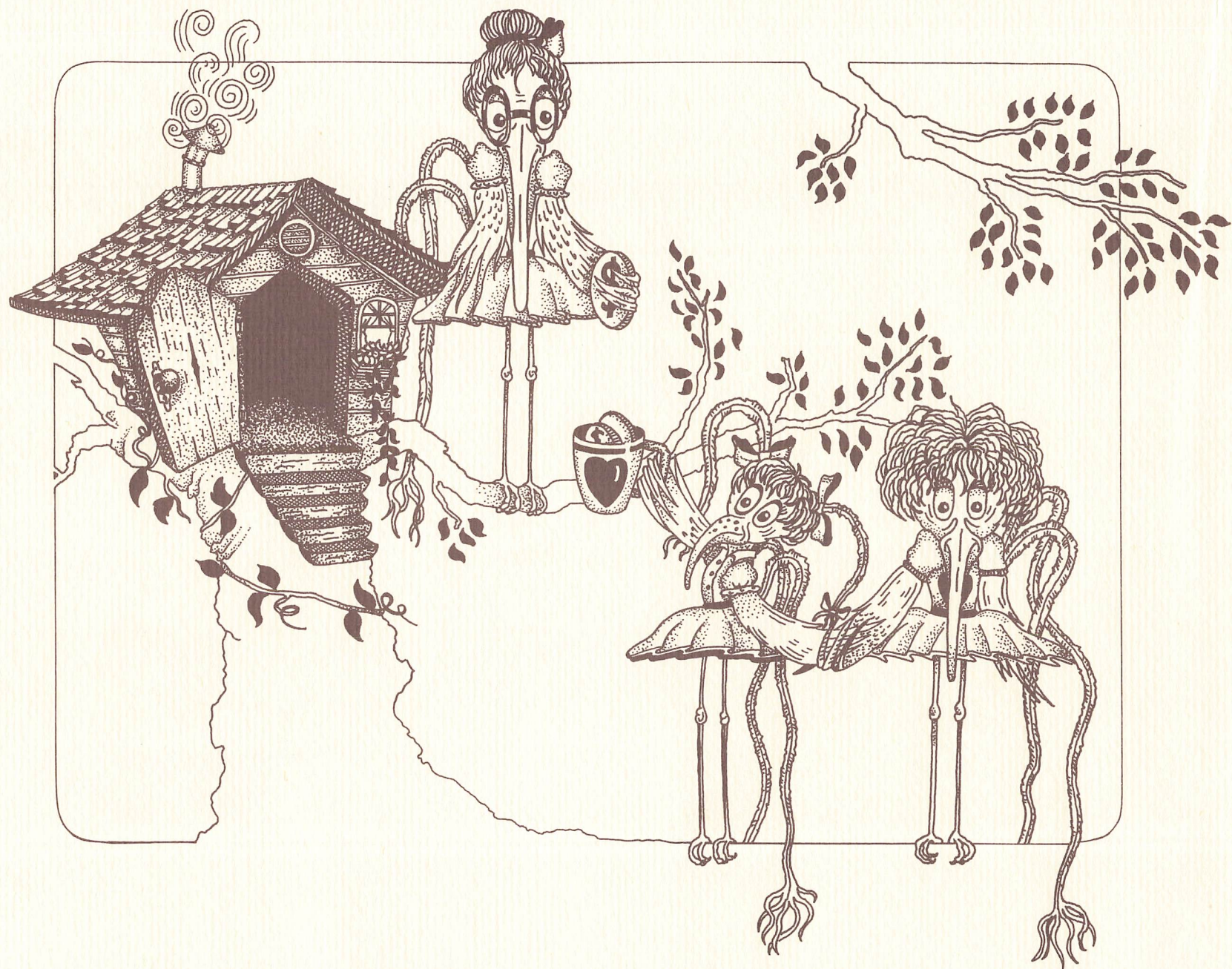




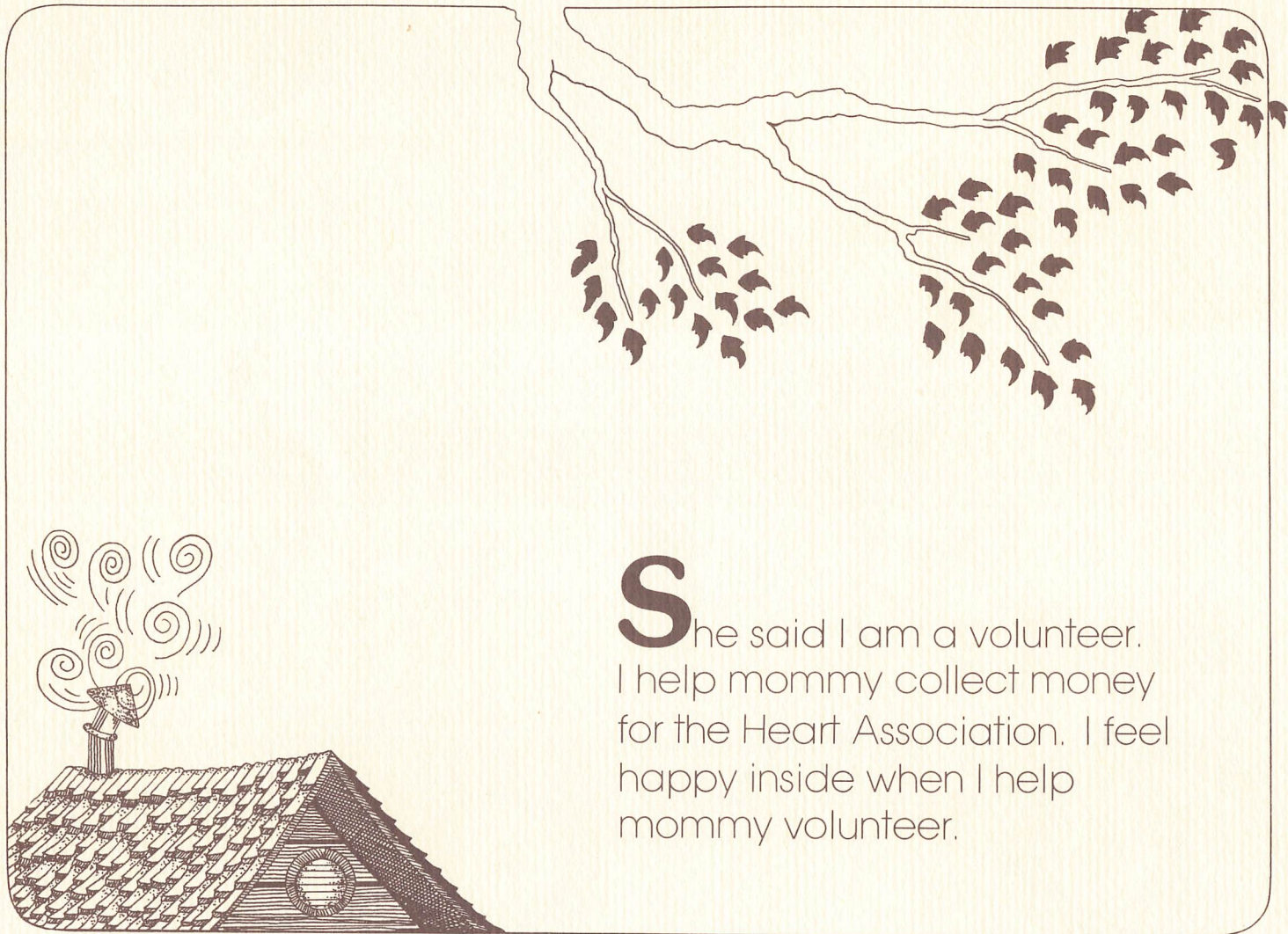
**S**he said a volunteer is somebody who helps somebody else. She said it is fun to be a volunteer. It makes you feel good inside and teaches you lots of things, too.





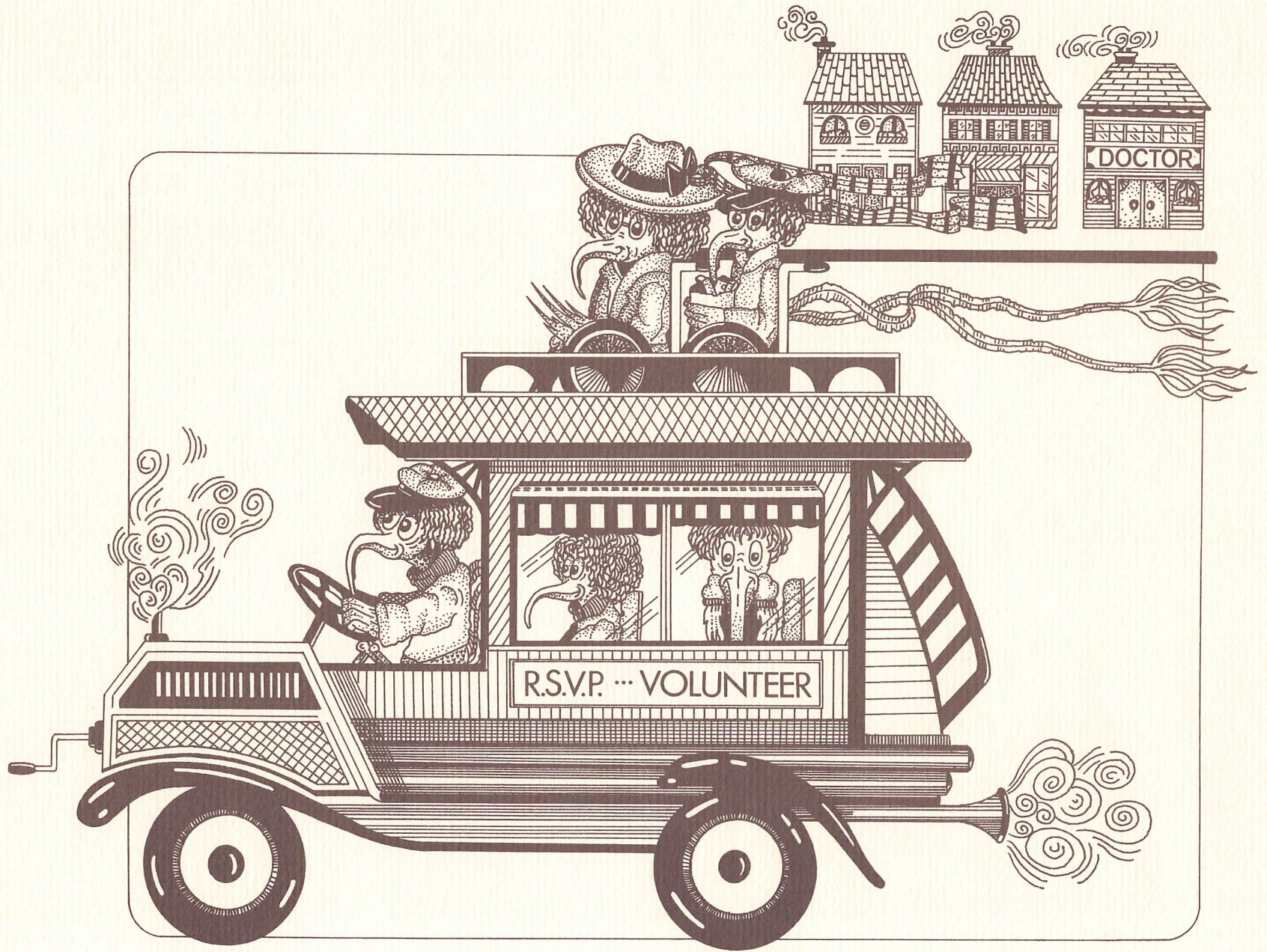




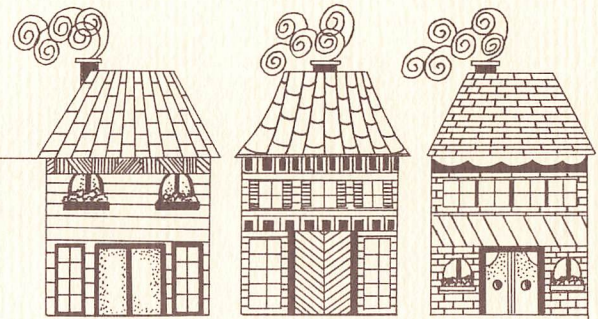
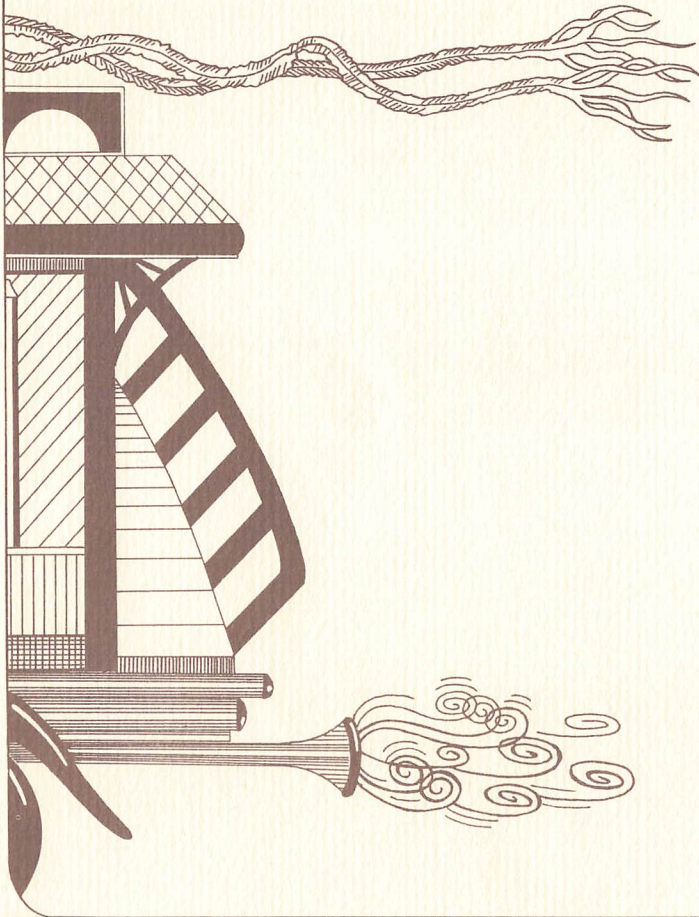


**S**he said I am a volunteer.  
I help mommy collect money  
for the Heart Association. I feel  
happy inside when I help  
mommy volunteer.



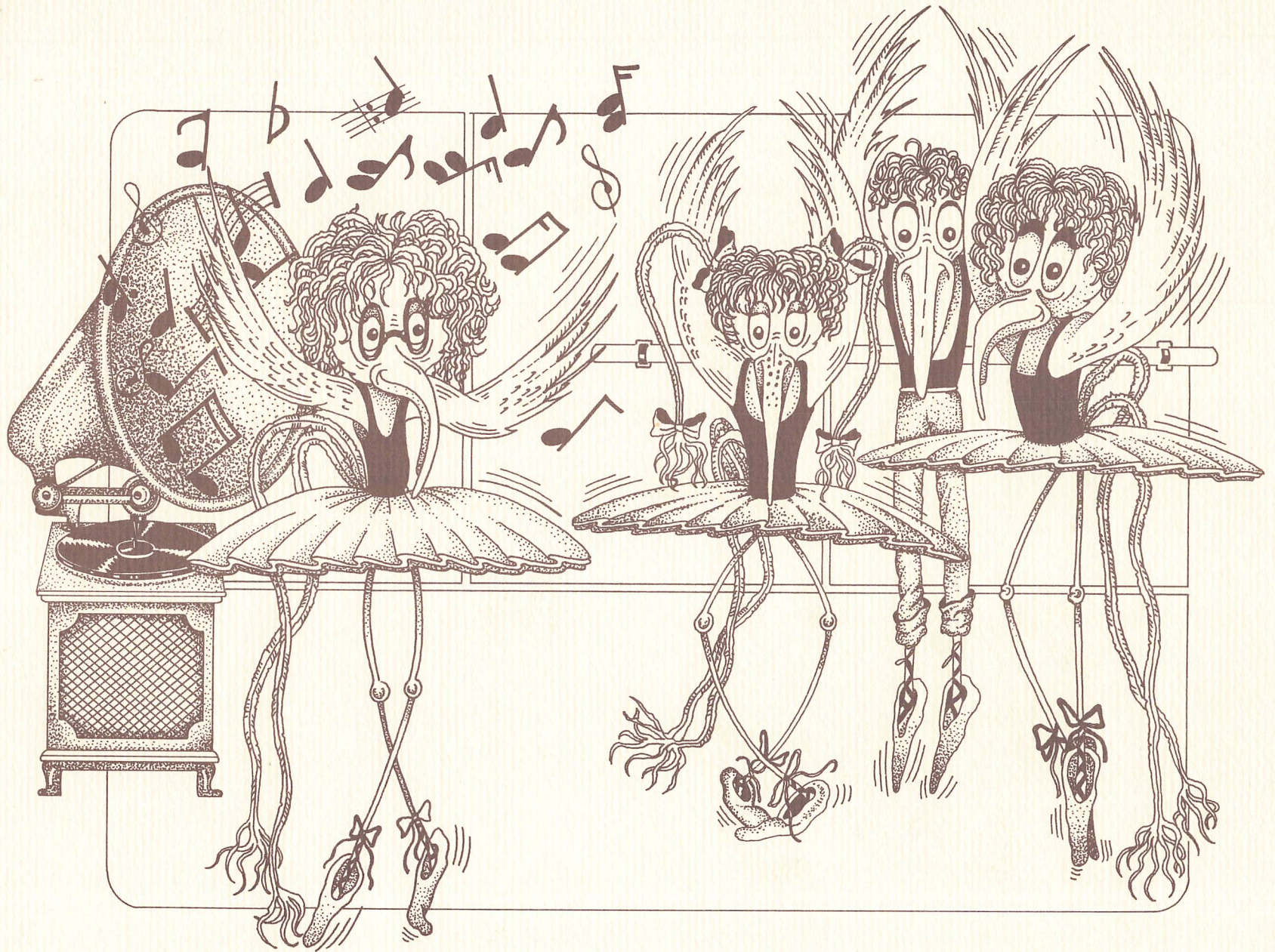






**I** asked grandpa if he is a volunteer. He doesn't go to work anymore. He helps people. He drives people to the doctor's office. He drives them to the supermarket. He smiles a lot. Grandpa says it makes him feel good to help people. He is a volunteer, too.









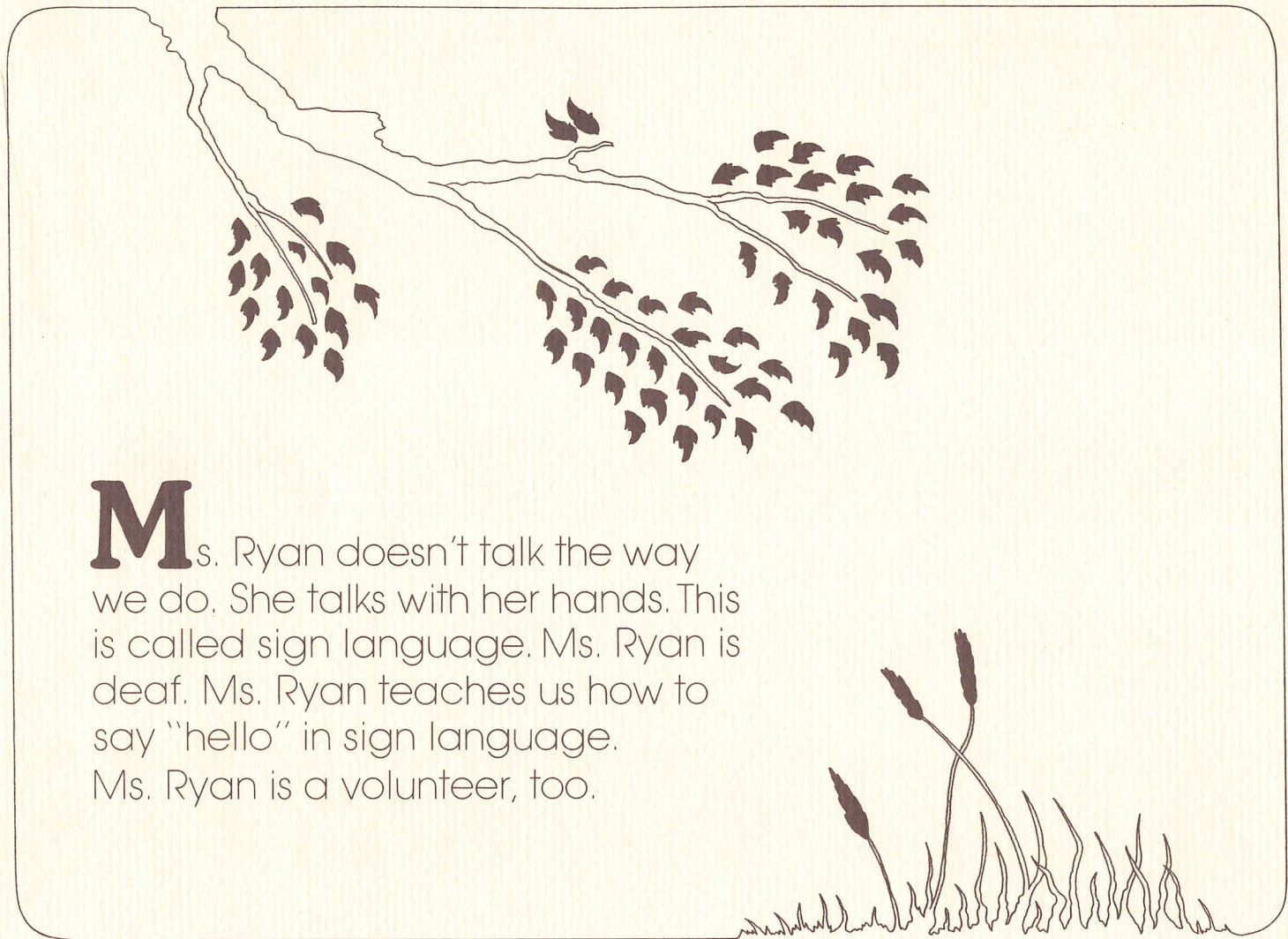
**M**s. Ryan is our neighbor.  
She comes to our school  
every Friday and volunteers  
to teach us how to dance.



HELLO

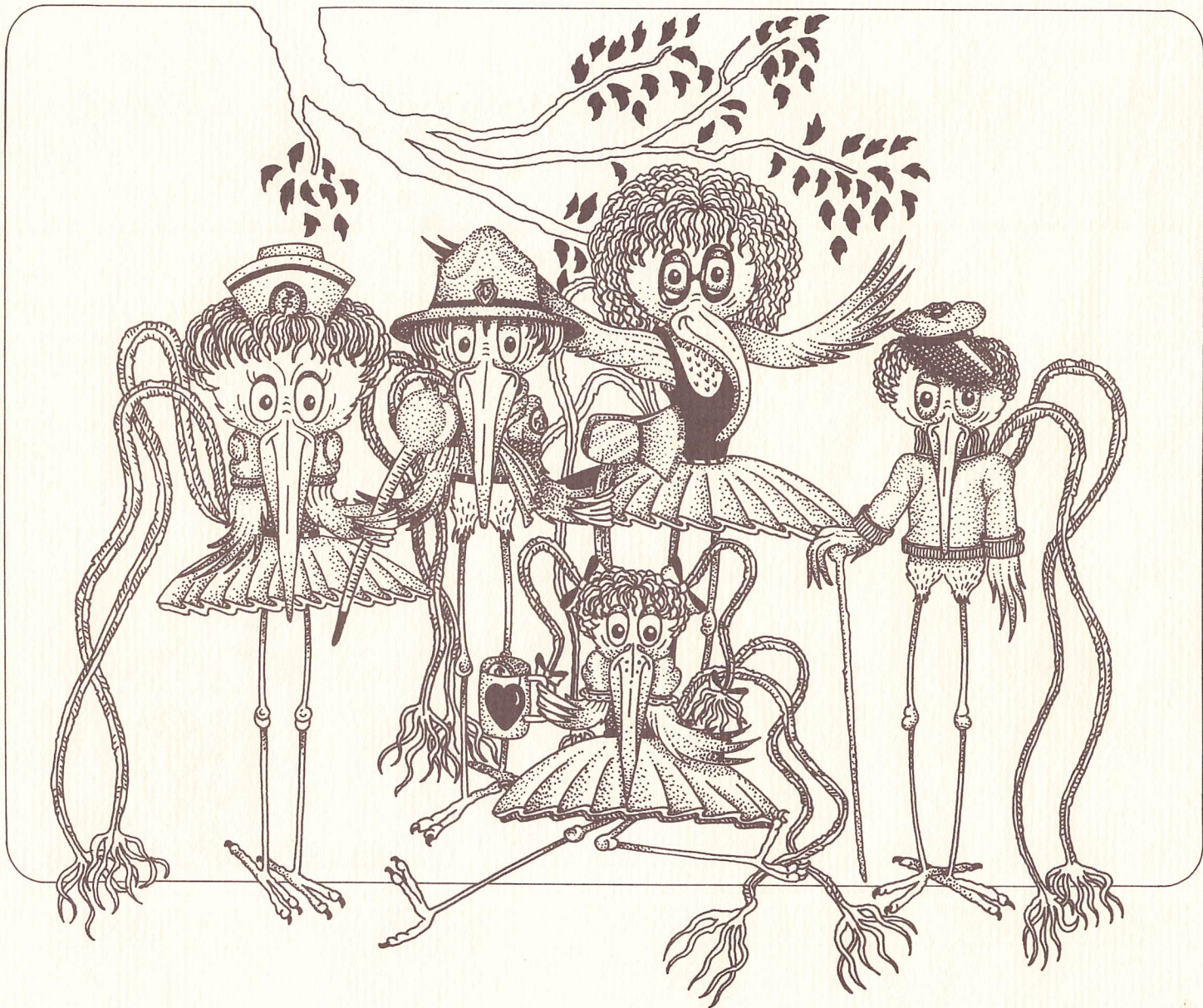




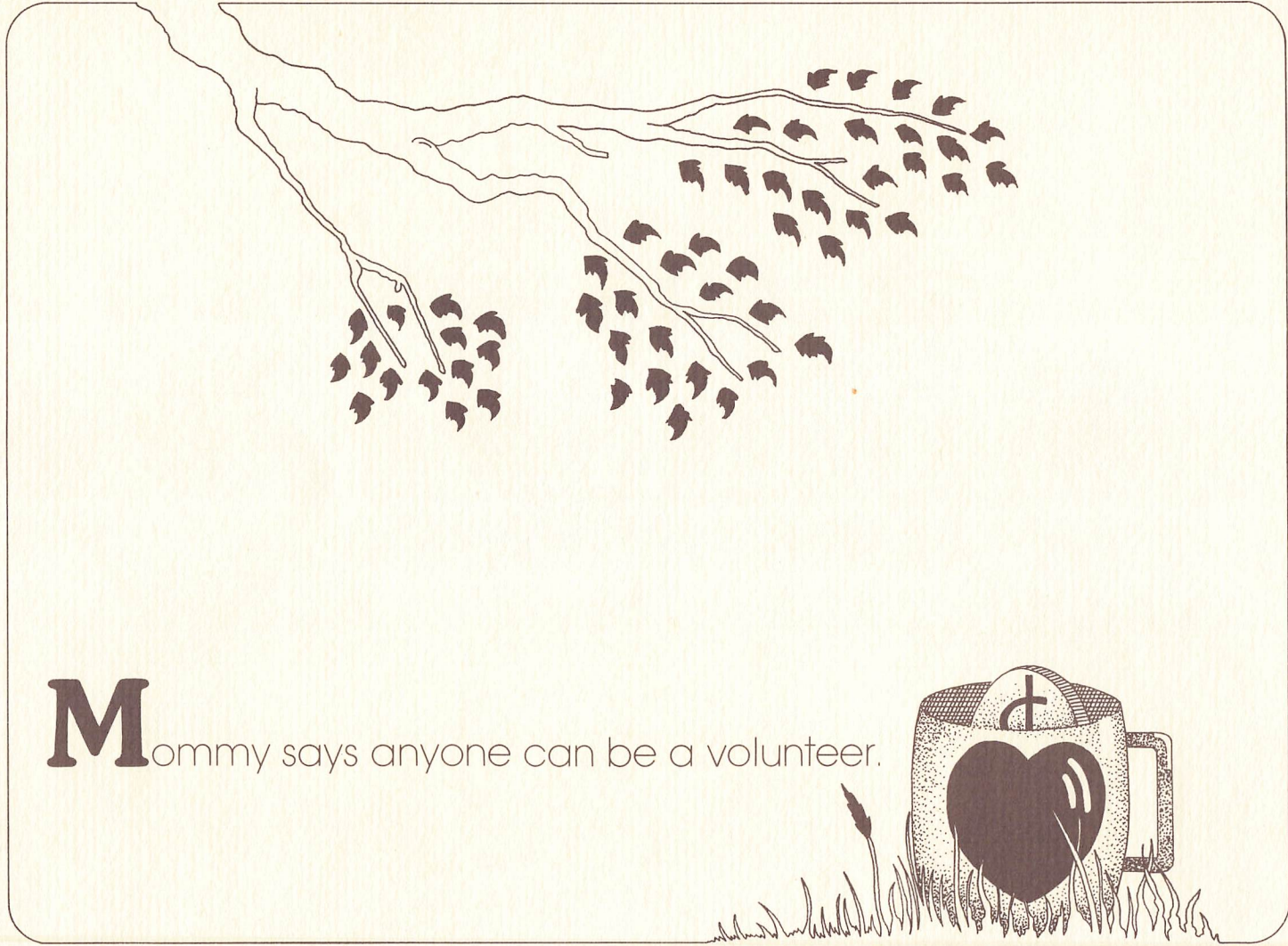


**M**s. Ryan doesn't talk the way we do. She talks with her hands. This is called sign language. Ms. Ryan is deaf. Ms. Ryan teaches us how to say "hello" in sign language. Ms. Ryan is a volunteer, too.







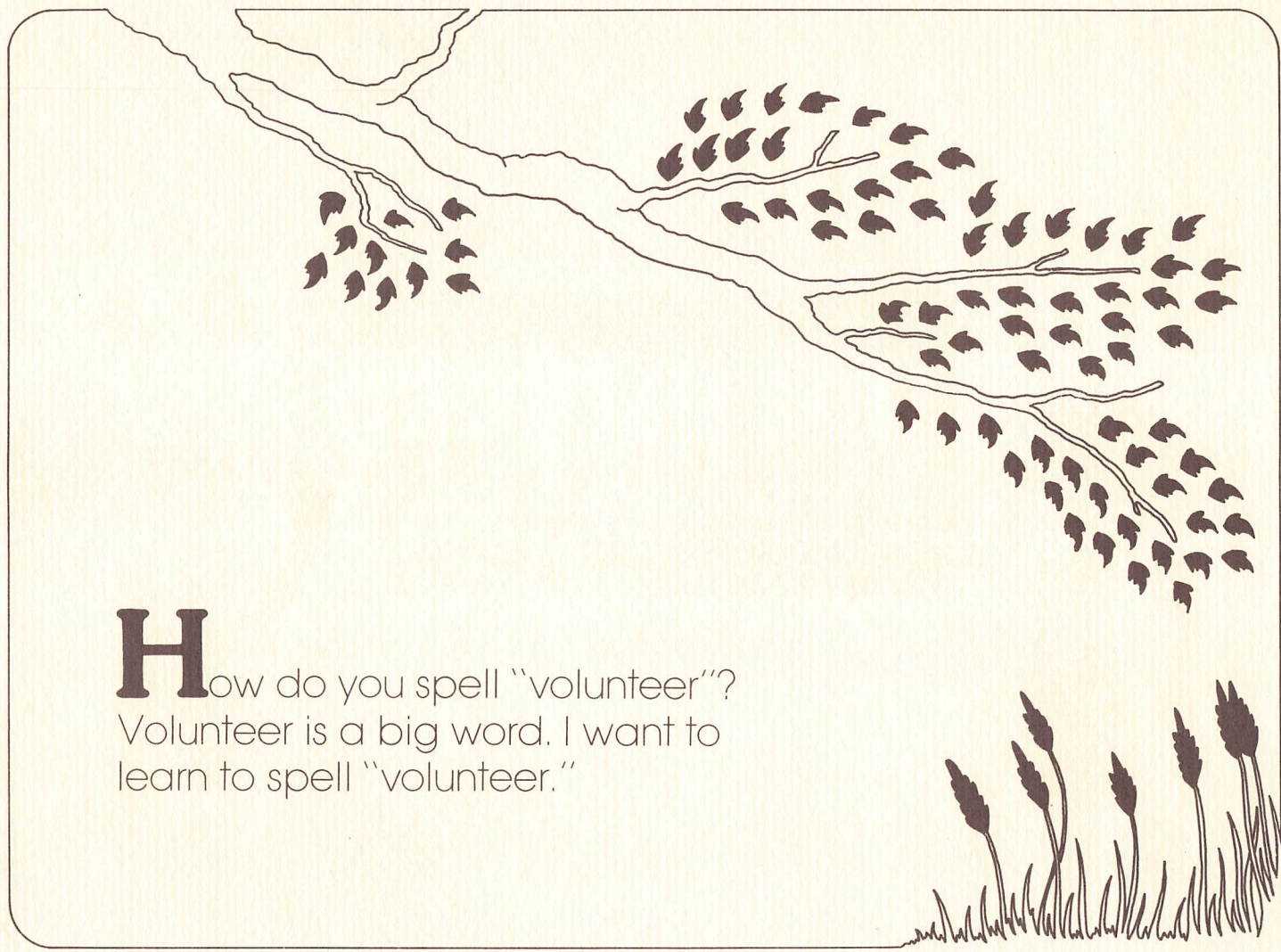


**M**ommy says anyone can be a volunteer.



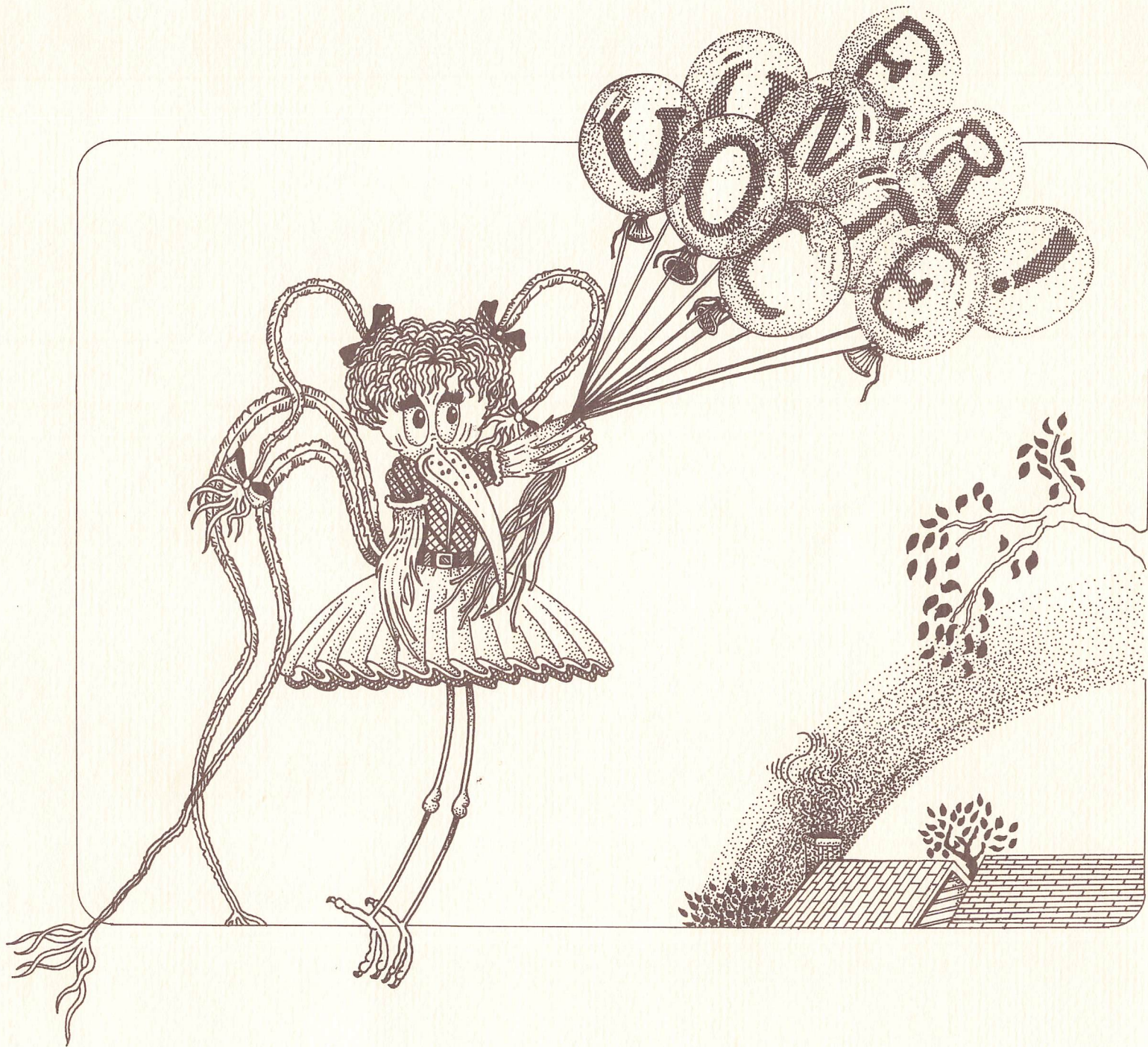






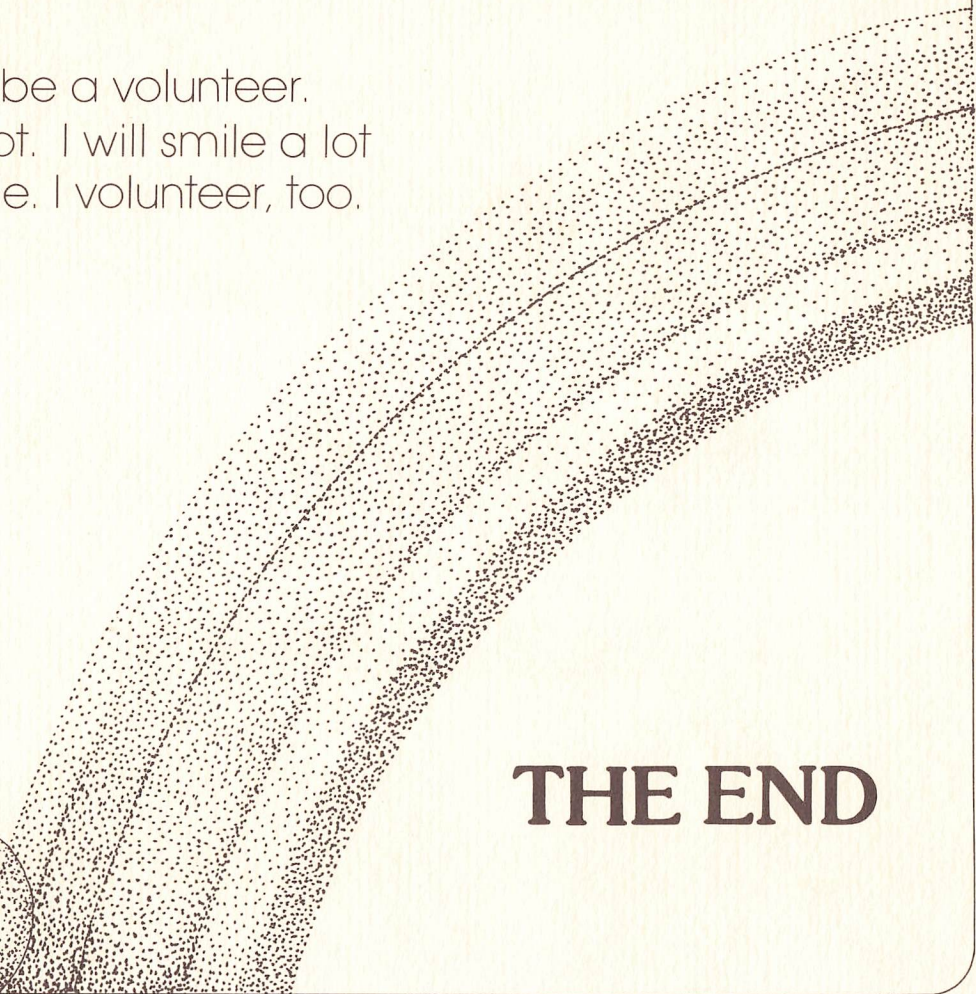
**H**ow do you spell "volunteer"?  
Volunteer is a big word. I want to  
learn to spell "volunteer."







**I**want to always be a volunteer.  
I want to smile a lot. I will smile a lot  
when I help people. I volunteer, too.



**THE END**



