



Use this guide to plan a pop culture party for your youngest geeks, featuring fun crafts and games that emphasize STEAM concepts! Combine snack time and playtime with a cookie decorating party (check out our Warren the 13th cookie designs on the assets page) or by making your own lightsabers from pretzels, melted white chocolate, and food dye. These ideas are scalable to fit any size group or budget. Play around and make them your own!

ACTIVITY IDEAS BASED ON POPULAR QUIRK TITLES

For Young Readers (Ages 4–7)

The X-Files: Earth Children are Weird illustrated by Kim Smith

In *The X-Files: Earth Children Are Weird*, best pals Dana (Scully) and Fox (Mulder) have pitched a tent in the backyard for an overnight sleepover. But the night is full of strange sounds, lights, and shadows. Surely there's a rational scientific explanation for everything . . . or is there? With beautiful illustrations of pint-sized Dana and Fox, this humorous and not-scary-at-all story will introduce the cult TV show to an entire new generation of fans.

[Click here for coloring pages!](#)

Kid Artists and Kid Authors by David Stabler and Doogie Horner

Every great artist and writer started out as a kid. Forget the awards, the sold-out museum exhibitions, and the best sellers. When the world's most celebrated creators were growing up, they had regular-kid problems just like you.

Make Your Own Comics

Ages: 5 & Up • **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Cost: Free!

Use our blank comic book [pages \(click here\)](#) to create your own stories with words and pictures, just like Dr. Seuss and Stan Lee!

For Middle Readers (Ages 8–12)

Warren the 13th series by Tania del Rio and Will Staehle

Meet Warren the 13th. He's the lone bellhop, valet, groundskeeper, and errand boy of his family's ancient hotel. Readers can follow his adventures in *Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye* and *Warren the 13th and the Whispering Woods*, both full of puzzles, secret codes, outrageous inventions, and hundreds of intricate illustrations.

[Click here for a printable Warren the 13th activity booklet!](#)

Nick and Tesla series by "Science Bob" Pflugfelder and Steve Hockensmith

Nick and Tesla are bright 11-year-old siblings with a knack for science, electronics, and getting into trouble. When their parents mysteriously vanish, they're sent to live with their Uncle Newt, a brilliant inventor who engineers top-secret gadgets for a classified government agency. It's not long before Nick and Tesla are embarking on adventures of their own—engineering all kinds of outrageous MacGyverish contraptions to save their skins!

[Click here for instructions to make your own
Electromagnet & Picker Upper just like Nick and Tesla!](#)

For Young Adults/Make It Together! (Ages 13 & Up)

Geek Parenting by Stephen H. Segal and Valya Dudycz Lupescu

It takes a starship to raise a child. Or a time machine. Or a tribe of elves. Fortunately, *Geek Parenting* offers all that and more, with thoughtful mini-essays that reveal profound child-rearing advice (and mistakes) from the most beloved tales of geek culture.

Design Your Own Family Crest

Ages: For the whole family • **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Cost: Free!

What's your family fandom? Using our template ([click here](#)) work together to design your geeky family crest and show it off to world.

The League of Regrettable Superheroes by Jon Morris

For every superhero hitting the big time with a blockbuster movie, there are countless failures, also-rans, and D-listers. *The League of Regrettable Superheroes* affectionately presents one hundred of the strangest superheroes ever to see print—from Atoman to Zippo—complete with backstories, vintage art, and colorful commentary.

Design Your Own Superhero

Ages: 10 & Up (or make it together!) • **Difficulty:** Easy

Estimated Cost: Free!

Use our [superhero name generator](#) to figure out your heroic moniker. Then get to work designing your hero! Be sure to include their powers, costume, secret identity, and, of course, the name of their nemesis using our [supervillain name generator](#). [Click here to see the superhero design sheet.](#)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of peculiar photographs. It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience.

Make Your Own Vintage Photos

Ages: 13 & Up • **Difficulty:** Hard

Estimated Cost: \$20+

Give your printed photos the *Miss Peregrine* treatment using every day household items. [For full instructions, click here.](#)

OTHER BOOKS TO INCLUDE IN AND INSPIRE YOUR MINI-GEEK BOOK POP CELEBRATION

Lovecraft Middle School series by Charles Gilman

(Ages 9–12, \$13.99)

Welcome to the strange world of Lovecraft Middle School. It's a brand-new state-of-the-art facility—so why do so many creepy things keep happening? Why is the science teacher acting so strange? And where are all the rats coming from? As Robert explores with his new friends Glenn and Karina, he discovers that the school may be a portal to another world.

Home Alone illustrated by Kim Smith

(ISBN 978-1-59474-858-5, Ages 4–8, \$18.95)

Eight-year-old Kevin McCallister wished his family would disappear. He never thought his wish would come true! The classic movie you know and love is now an illustrated storybook for the whole family—complete with bumbling burglars, brilliant booby traps, and a little boy named Kevin who's forced to fend for himself. Can he keep the crooks from entering his house? And will his family return in time for Christmas?

Who's on First? by Bud Abbott and Lou Costello

(ISBN 978-1-59474-590-4, Ages 6–9, \$16.95)

Who's on First? is one of the great comedy bits of all time—popular not just with fans of Abbott and Costello, but also with baseball and comedy fans of all ages. The perfectly crafted language and timing of the dialogue lend themselves beautifully to translation as a picture book—one that's appropriate for kids and adults alike.

Let's Find Momo! by Andrew Knapp

(ISBN 978-1-59474-958-2, Ages 2–4, \$9.99)

Momo's Instagram followers are already looking for him online and in his two smash hit trade paperbacks. Now the super-cute border collie's youngest fans can search for Momo in this sturdy board book featuring eleven all-new bright and colorful photo spreads. Find Momo hiding on a farm, in a bookstore, at a construction site, and in several other fun locations. And photographer Andrew Knapp has hidden other things in the photos, too, creating a *Where's Waldo?* meets *I Spy* meets William Wegman experience that kids and parents can enjoy together.

WAYS TO MAKE YOUR BOOK POP EVENT UNIQUE

- Host a superhero story time. When your book is stolen by a masked supervillain, have the brave heroes in attendance win it back with a game of superhero Simon Says.
- Write your own trivia questions and let everyone have a chance to show off their superhero knowledge.
- Decorate a sky-blue plastic tablecloth with a cut-out cityscape, put it on the ground, then have your mini geeks lie down to take their own "flying" photographs.
- Encourage family cosplay.
- Partner with local businesses to offer snacks or swag.

Share your event with us!

Tag us on Twitter or Instagram @quirkbooks or use the #BookPop hashtag.

MINI GEEK ASSETS AND LINKS

Check out [*Quirk Books Entertains Your Kids*](#) for tons of great ideas for snacks and activities!

Additional ideas from the Quirk Books blog:

- [Save the Day in a DIY Cape](#)
Parents and kids can work together to create their own superhero capes. What's your family's super symbol?
- [An Avant-Gourd Tote](#)
Design and stamp your own tote bag using produce, perfect for library or bookstore trips! (Make sure a grown-up is present to help with cutting.)
- [Death Star Piñata](#)
Now you can destroy the Death Star, just like a Rebel pilot—except this one is full of candy!

Be sure to check our [blog](#) and [Pinterest](#) page often for new geeky DIY ideas!

PRINTABLE ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

[X-Files Coloring Pages](#)

[Make Your Own Comics](#)

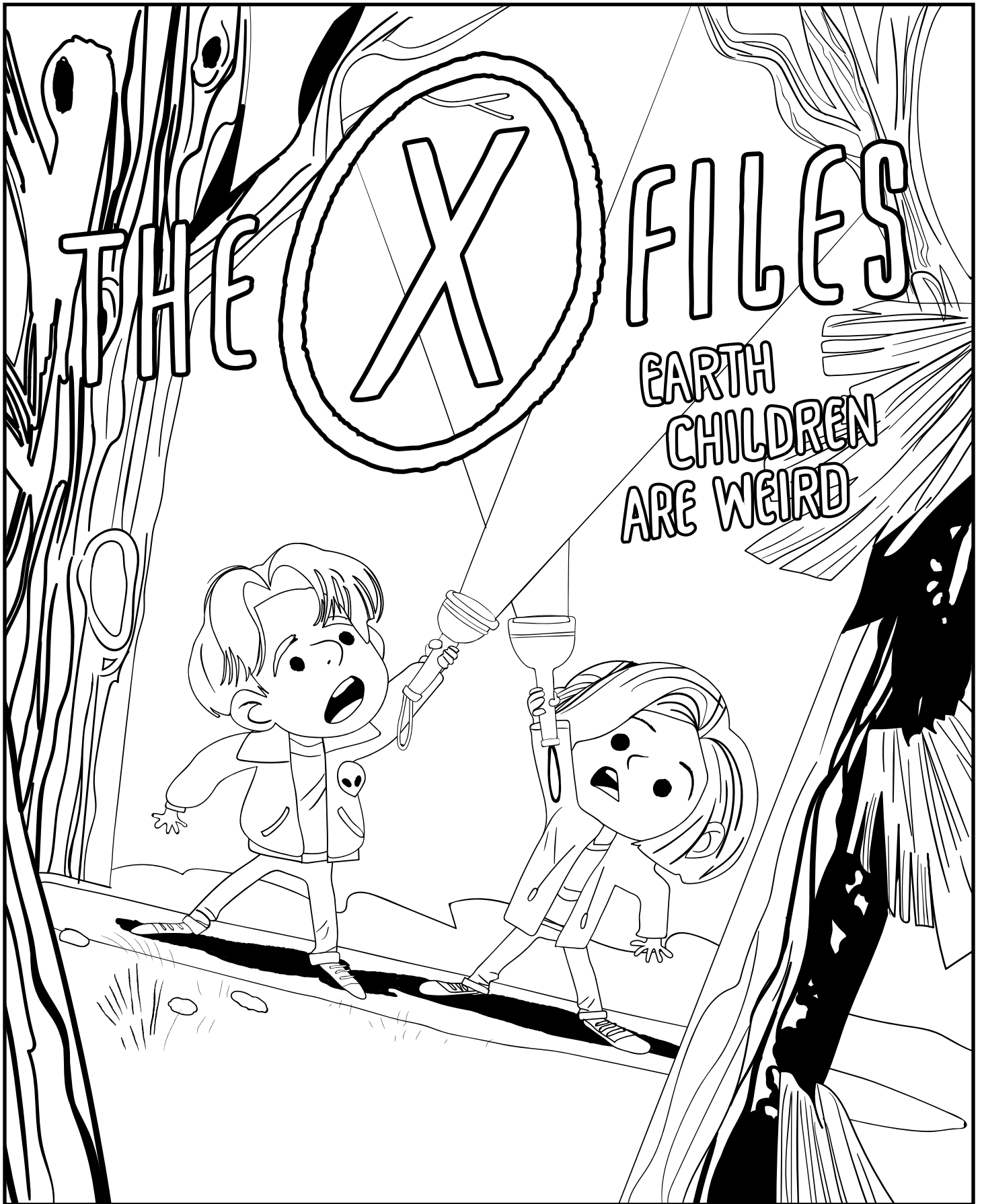
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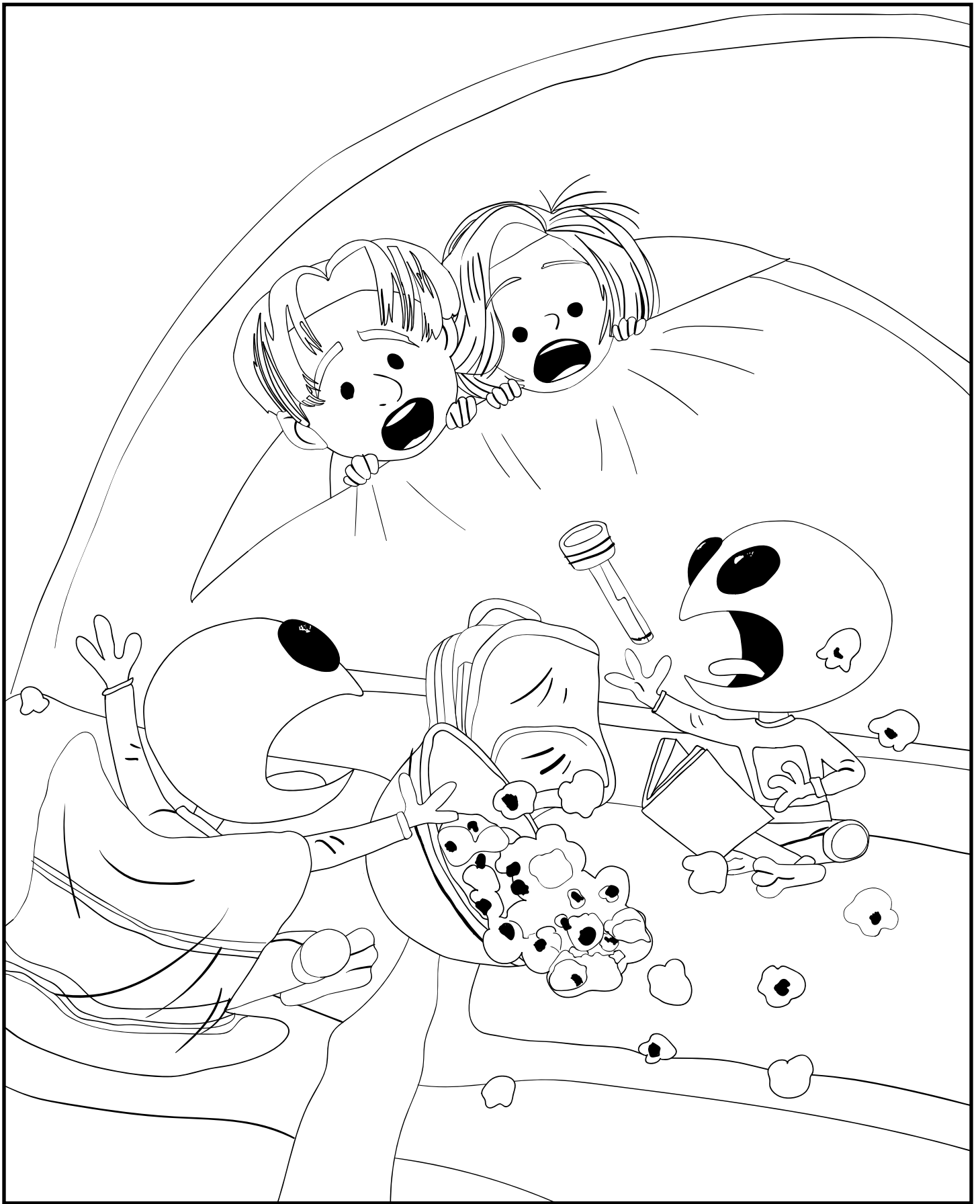
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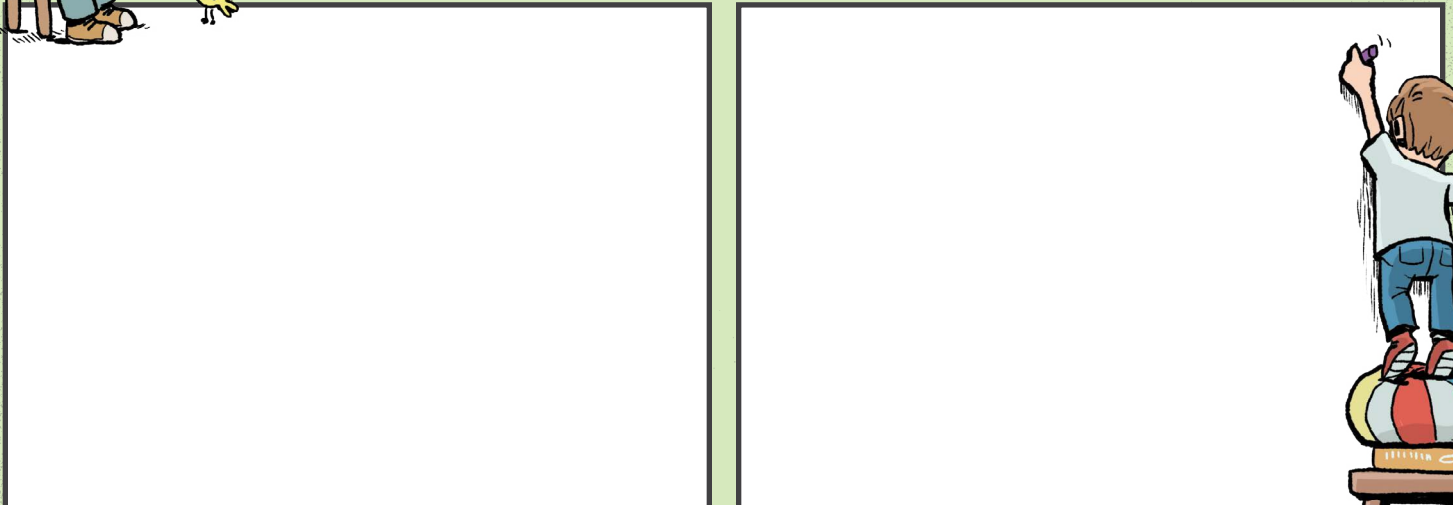
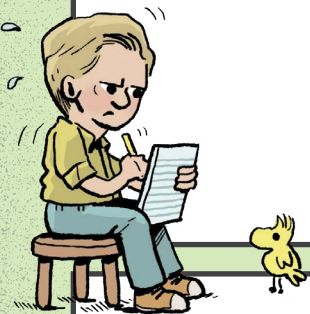
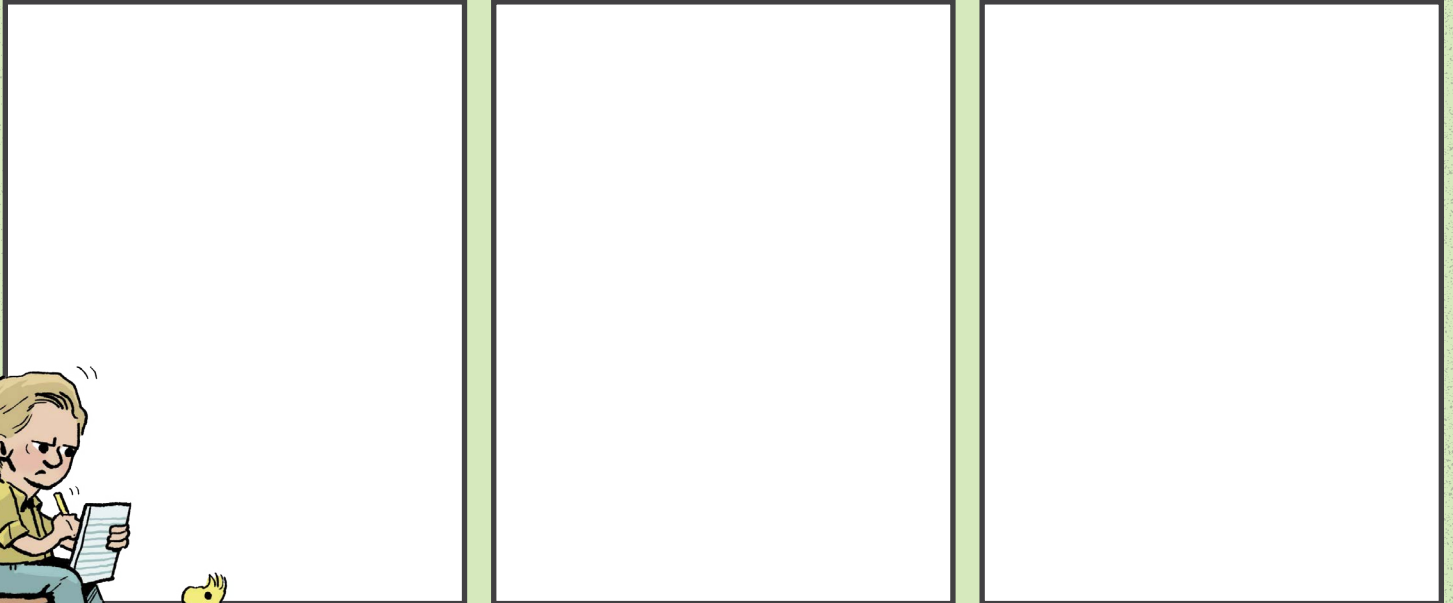
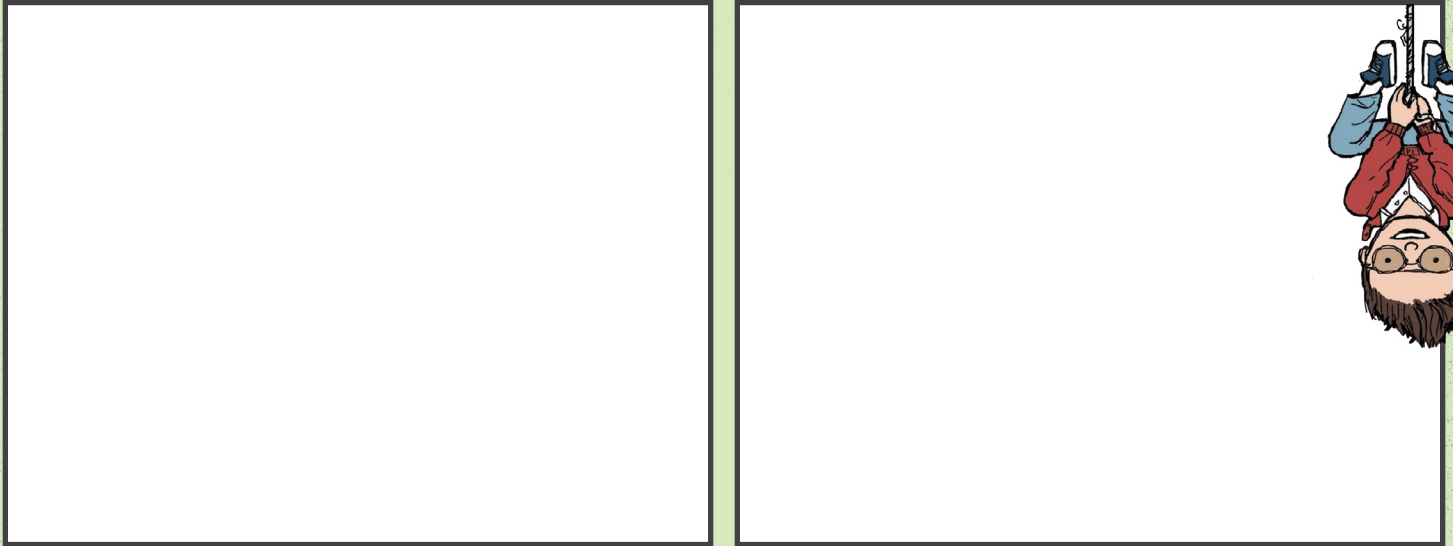
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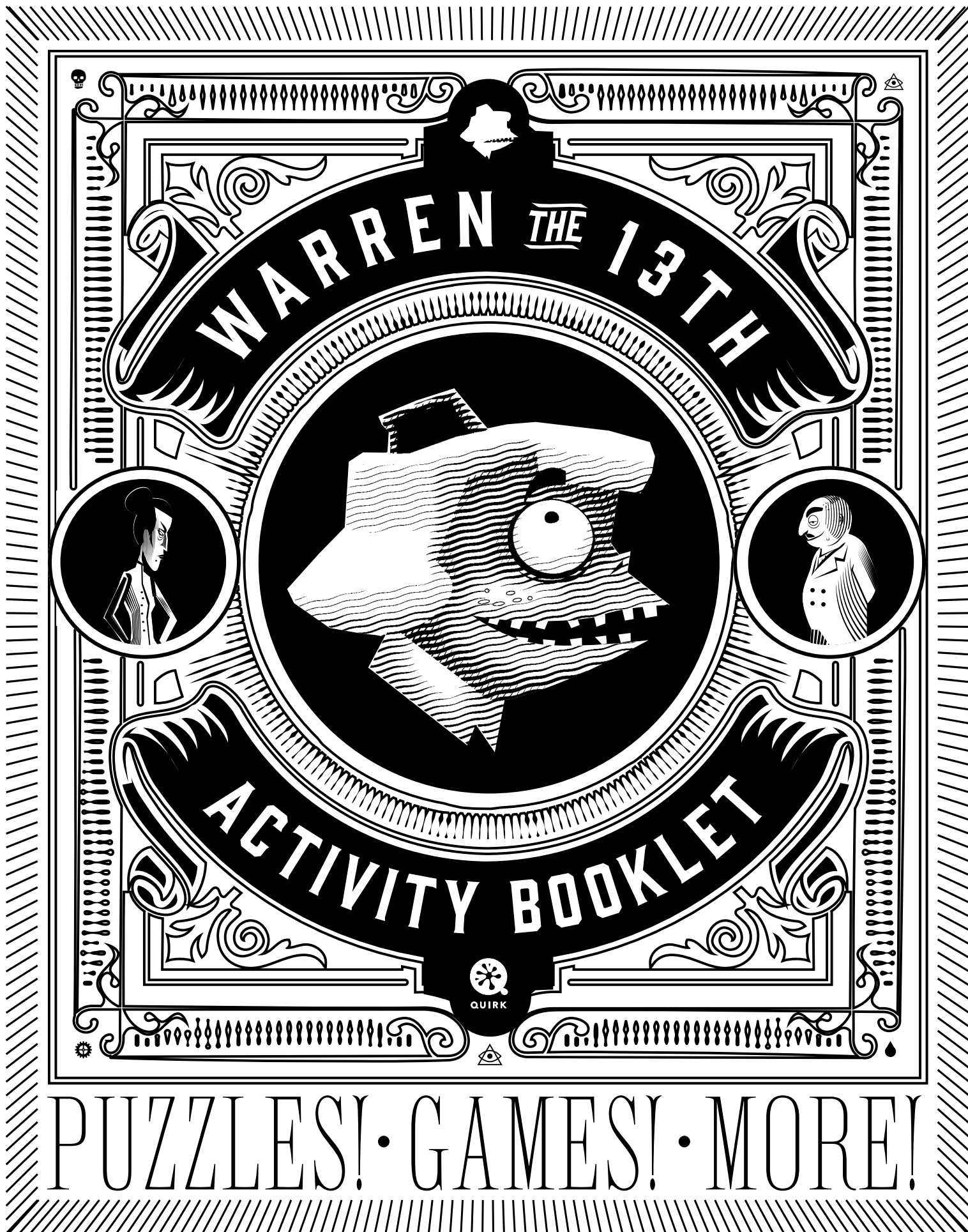
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For more information about these books, visit kidlegends.com.



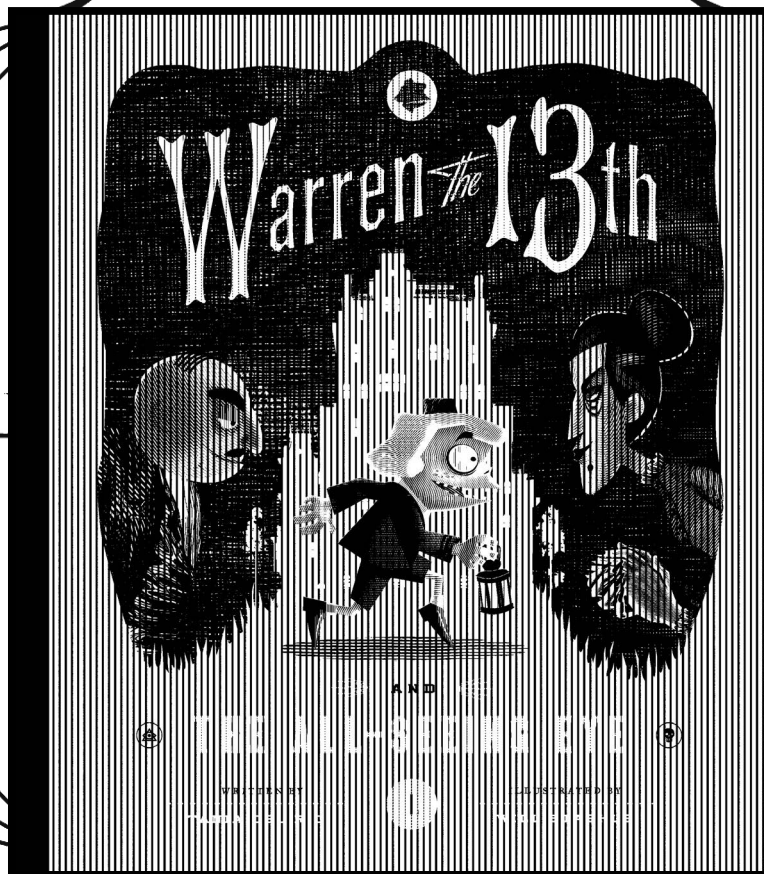


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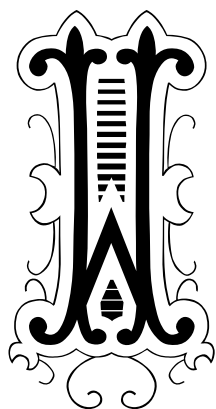
INSPIRED BY THE ILLUSTRATED NOVEL:

WARREN THE 13TH

AND THE ALL-SEEING EYE

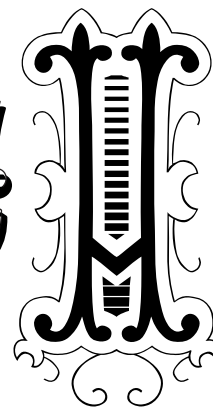


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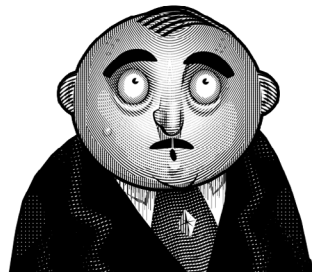


THE WARREN HOTEL'S

WORD SEARCH



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FIND:

~~WARREN~~, 13, EYE, HOTEL, MYSTERY, DANGER, PERFUME, PALEFACE, SKETCHY, QUIRK



MR. Friggs's RIDDLES

Mr. Friggs has collected many riddles over his long life, and he's collected some of his favorites below. Good luck!

I. *The more you have of it,
the less you see. What is it?*

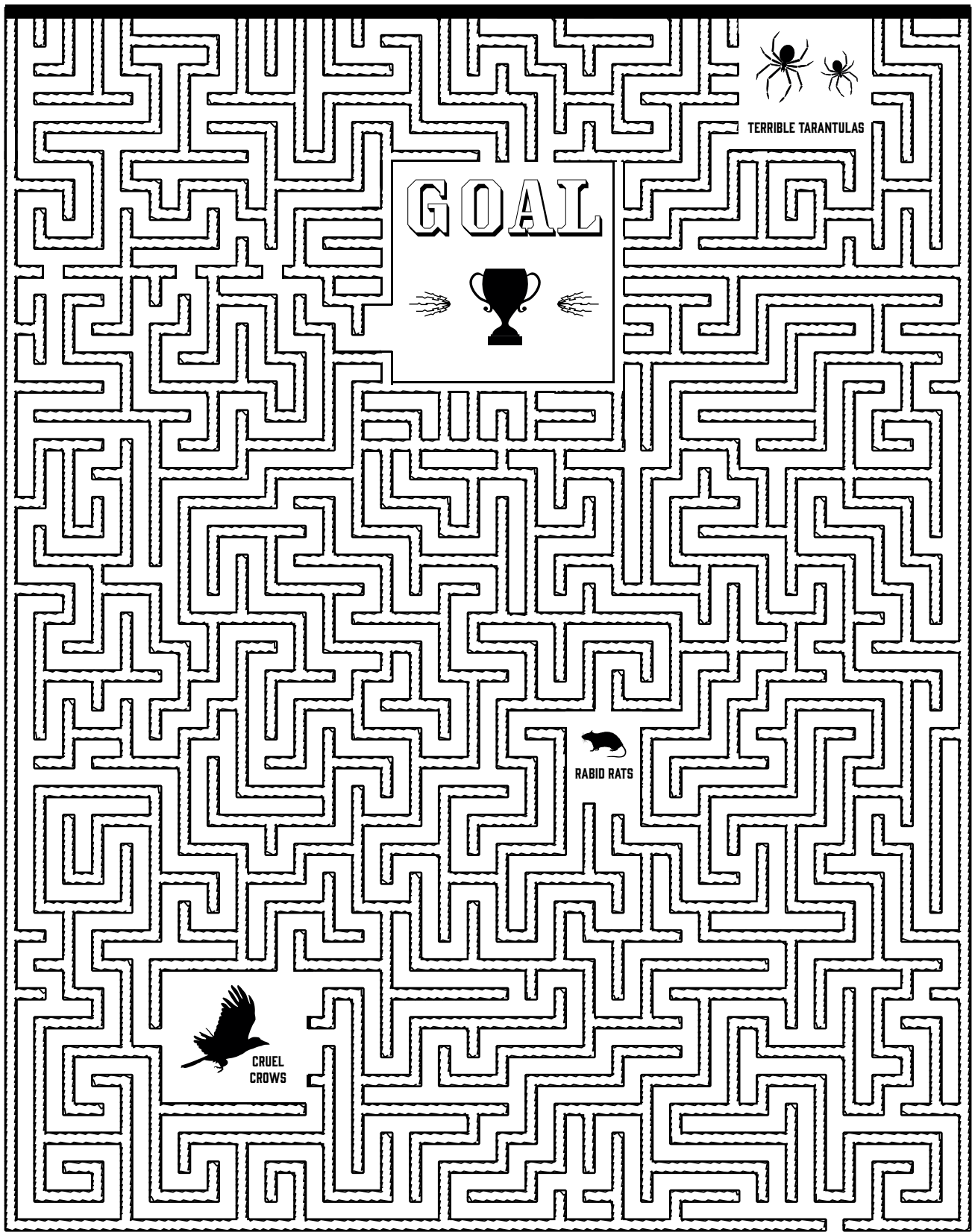
ANSWER:

II. *What has a neck and no head,
two arms but no hands?*

ANSWER:

III. *What building has
the most stories?*

ANSWER:



HEDGE MAZE

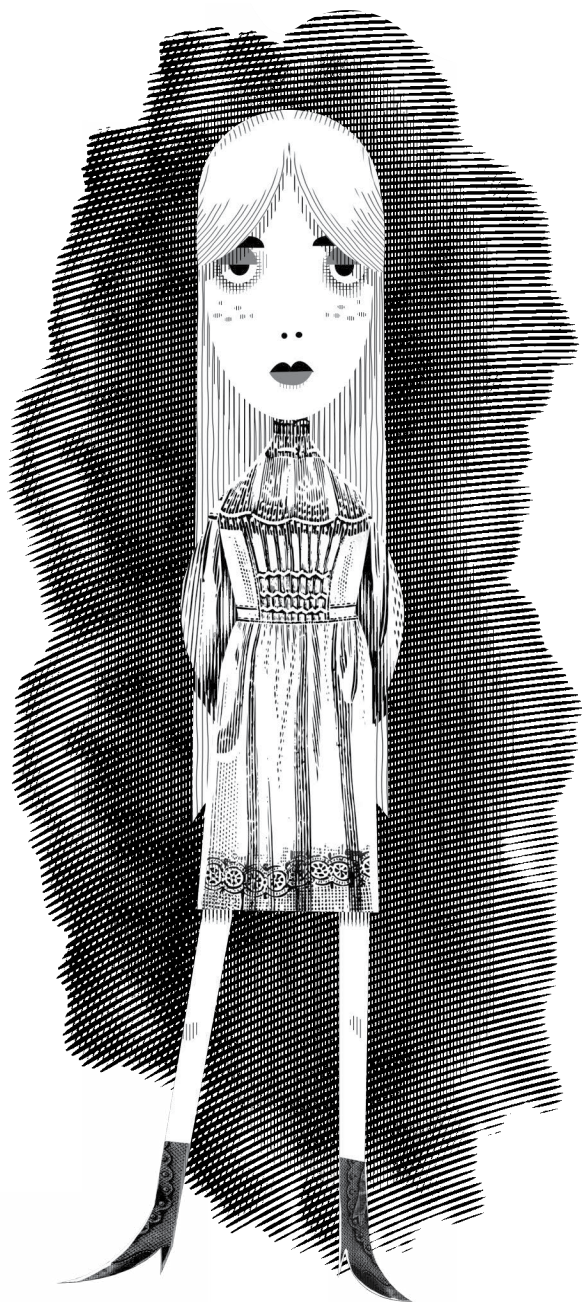
Help Warren find his way to
the center of the hedge maze,
and avoid hazards! Good luck!



START

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the phrase below to reveal a secret about Petula's mysterious mother!



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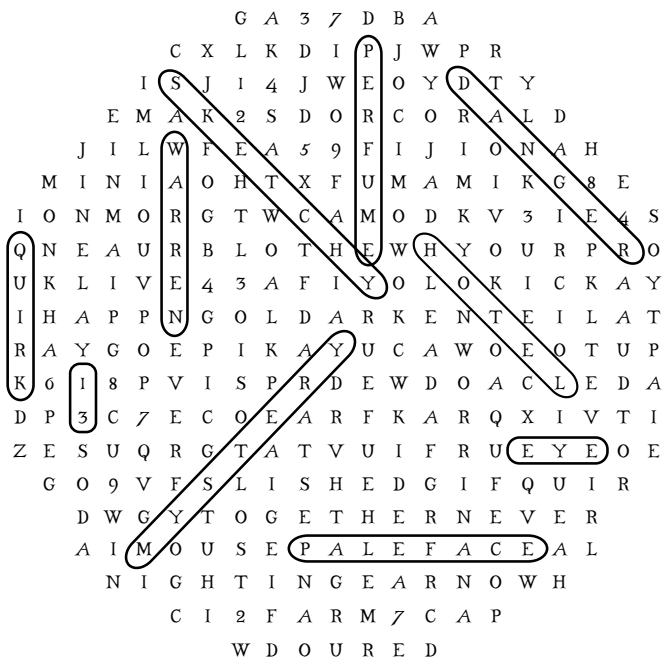
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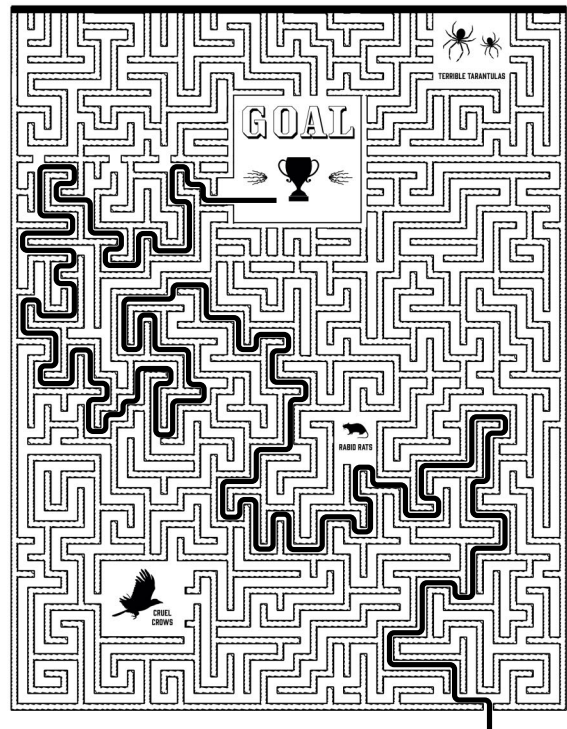
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SHHH! ANSWERS!

WORD SEARCH



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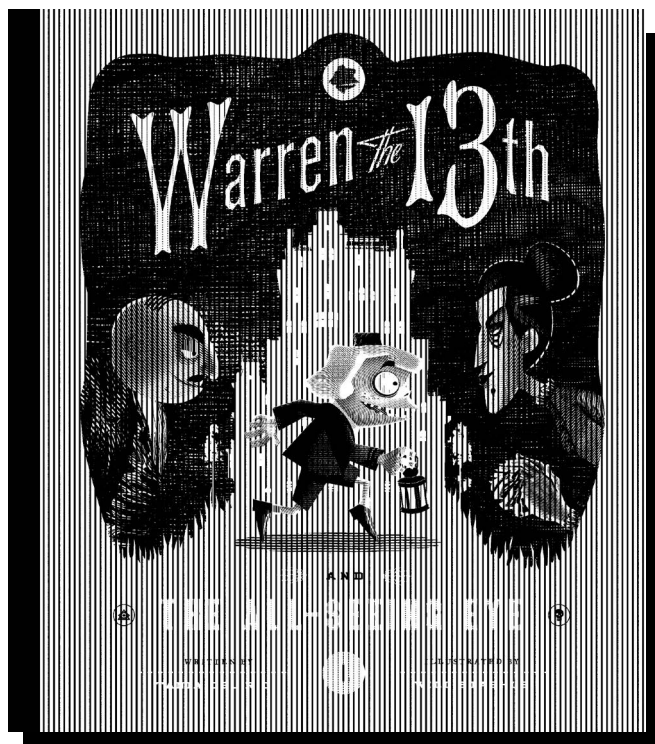
MR. FRIGGS'S RIDDLES

1. *DARKNESS*
2. *A SHIRT, SWEATER or JACKET*
3. *A LIBRARY*

WORD SCRAMBLE

BEWARE!
MAGIC
RUNS
IN
THE
FAMILY
BLOODLINE

Meet WARREN *the* 13TH,



a cursed 12-year-old Victorian bellhop who's terribly unlucky . . . yet perpetually optimistic, hard-working, and curious. Orphan Warren's pride and joy is his family's hotel, but he's been miserable ever since his evil Aunt Annaconda took over the management. Annaconda believes a mysterious treasure known as the All-Seeing Eye is hidden somewhere on the grounds, and she'll do anything to find it. If Warren wants to preserve his family's legacy, he'll need to find the treasure first—if the hotel's many strange and wacky guests don't beat him to it! This middle-grade adventure features gorgeous two-color illustrations on every page and a lavish two-column Victorian design that will pull young readers into a spooky and delightful mystery.

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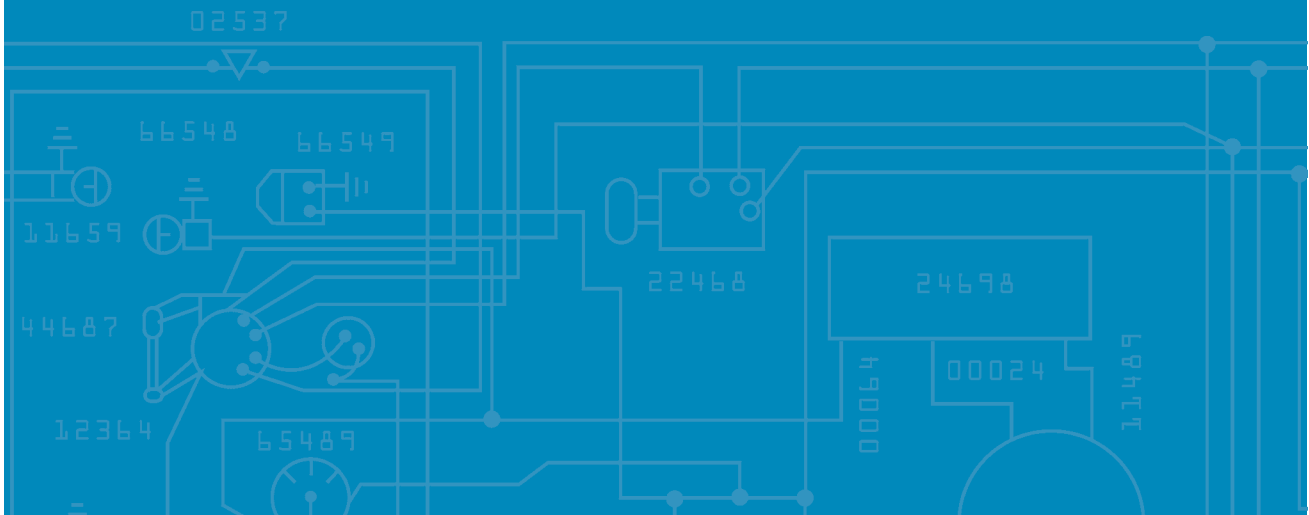


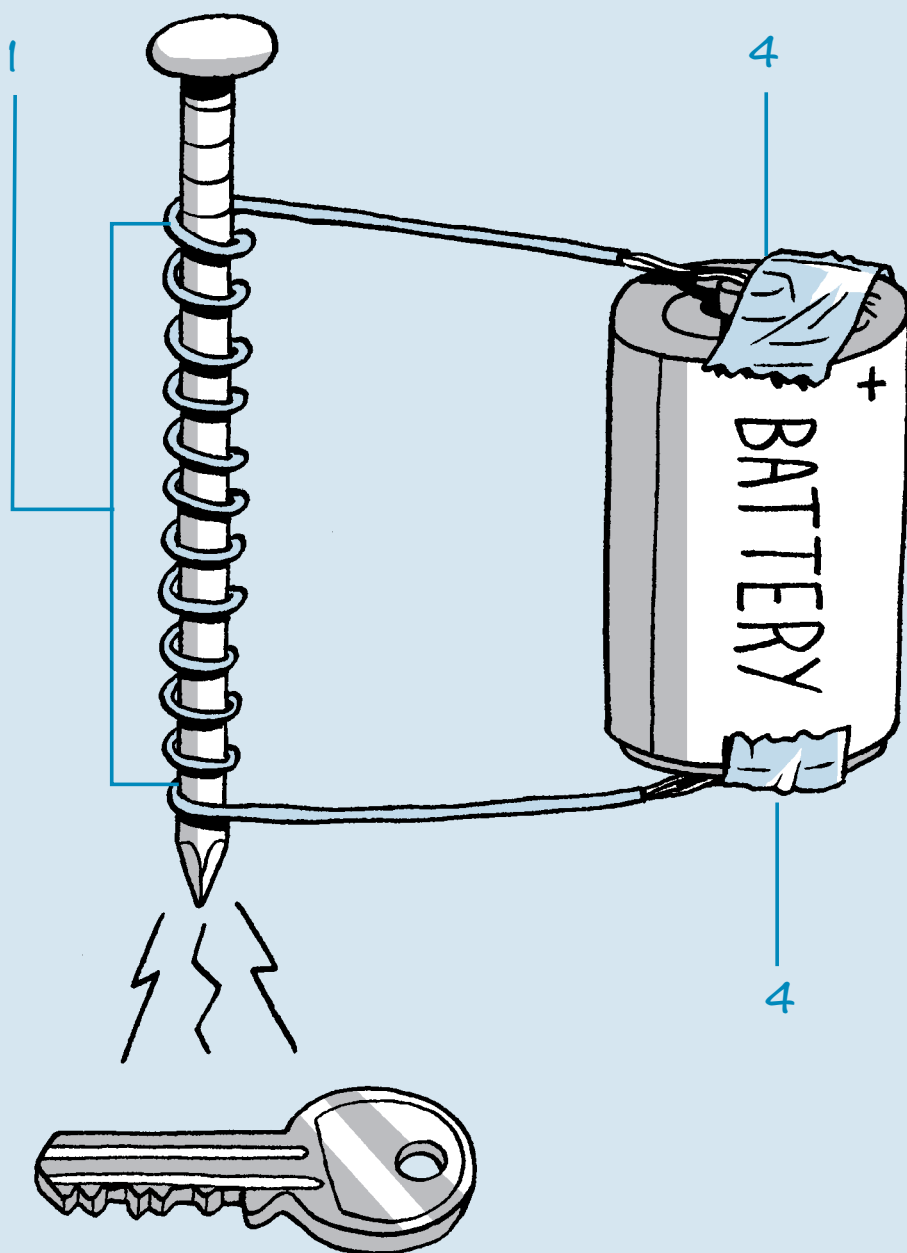
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TESLA AND NICK'S DO-IT-YOURSELF ELECTROMAGNET AND PICKER-UPPER

THE STUFF:

- 1 D-size battery
- 1 strand of 24-gauge plastic-coated wire
- 1 3- to 4-inch (7.5 to 10-cm) iron or steel nail
- Tape
- Wire strippers or scissors





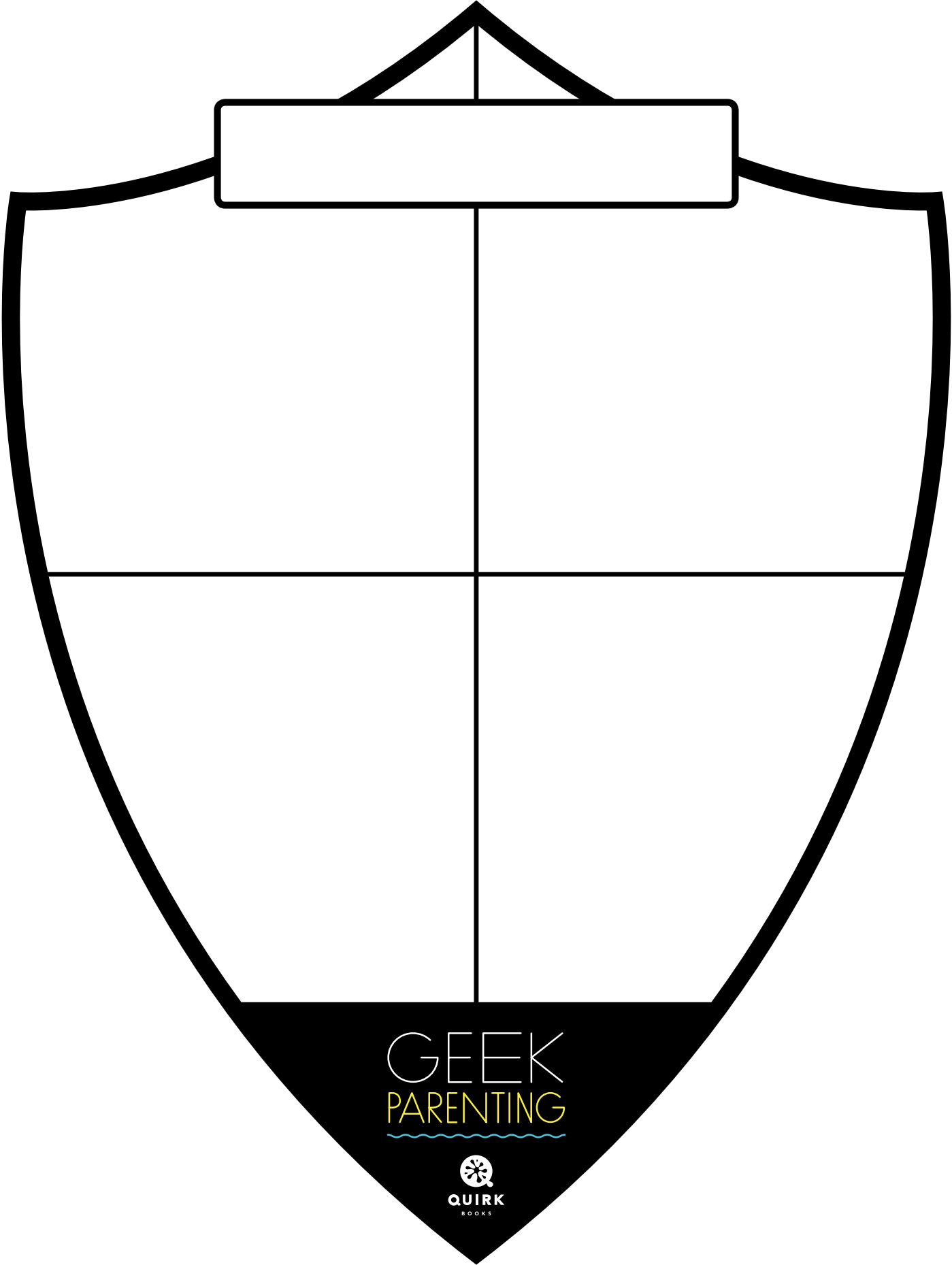
THE SETUP

1. Wrap the wire around the nail, leaving about 8 inches (20.5 cm) loose at one end. Try not to let the ends of the wire overlap.
2. If necessary, cut the wire so that about 8 inches (20.5 cm) is loose at the other end, too.
3. Using the wire strippers or scissors, remove $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.25 cm) of the plastic coating from both ends of the wire. Ask an adult if you have trouble with this step.
4. Tape one exposed end of the wire to the top of the battery and the other to the bottom.

THE FINAL STEPS

1. Once the battery's connected, the flow of electricity through the wires creates an invisible magnetic field. The nail is now a magnet, and you should be able to pick up small metal objects with it, such as paper clips or nuts and bolts. The more times you wrap the wire around the nail, the larger the magnetic field and thus the stronger the magnetic force.
2. Don't forget to disconnect the wires when you're done. The wires and nail will get very hot over extended use, so *never* leave the electromagnet assembled!

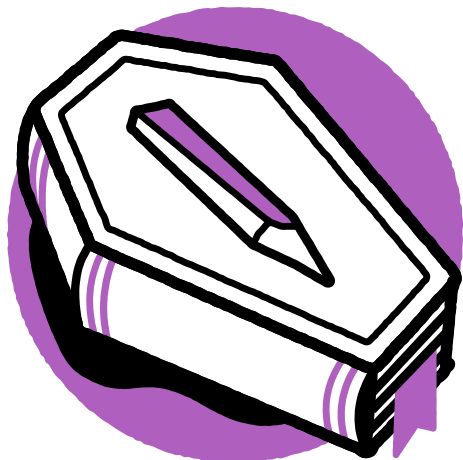
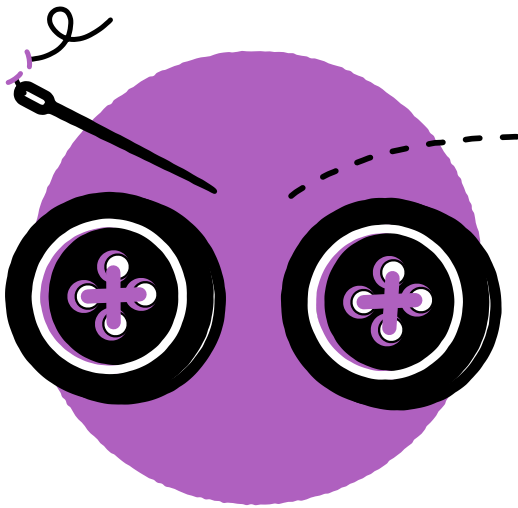
DESIGN YOUR OWN FAMILY CREST



GEEK
PARENTING









DESIGN YOUR OWN SUPERHERO!

DESIGN YOUR OWN REGRETTABLE or not-so-regrettable superhero in the space below! Don't forget to write down their powers and secret identity!

SUPERHERO NAME: _____

SECRET IDENTITY: _____

HOMETOWN: _____

SUPERPOWERS: _____

WEAKNESSES: _____

ARCH-NEMESIS: _____



MAKE YOUR OWN "VINTAGE" PHOTOS

You'll need:

- Non-glossy paper (the thicker the stock, the better)
- Protective spray paper varnish
- Cold coffee or tea
- Cotton balls

Method:

1. Print your photograph out on printer paper. Print a few copies to allow for mistakes.
2. Spray the paper with 1 or 2 coats of varnish, allowing it to dry between each coat. Be sure to spray in a well-ventilated area and protect your mouth and nose!
3. Crumple or fold the paper in your hands until lines appear (careful not to rip it!)
4. Techniques for "aging" your paper:
 - Fill a spray bottle with cold coffee or tea, and spray the paper until you see color start to appear.
 - Soak a cotton ball in coffee or tea and dab lightly over the paper.
5. Lay the paper out flat, weigh down the corners, and let air dry.

Tips:

- Color will show up best in creases and folds.
- Ink will run during this process, so only write on your photos after they're dry.
- Not interested in using the varnish? Follow all the other instructions on a blank piece of paper to create vintage notepaper that you can write on!