

Help Mister Turkel Change His Shape

A Talk-Along Coloring Story Book



Children Participate by Providing Rhyming Answers
and coloring the pages

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**To All My Great-Grand Nieces,
and Great-Grand Nephews:**

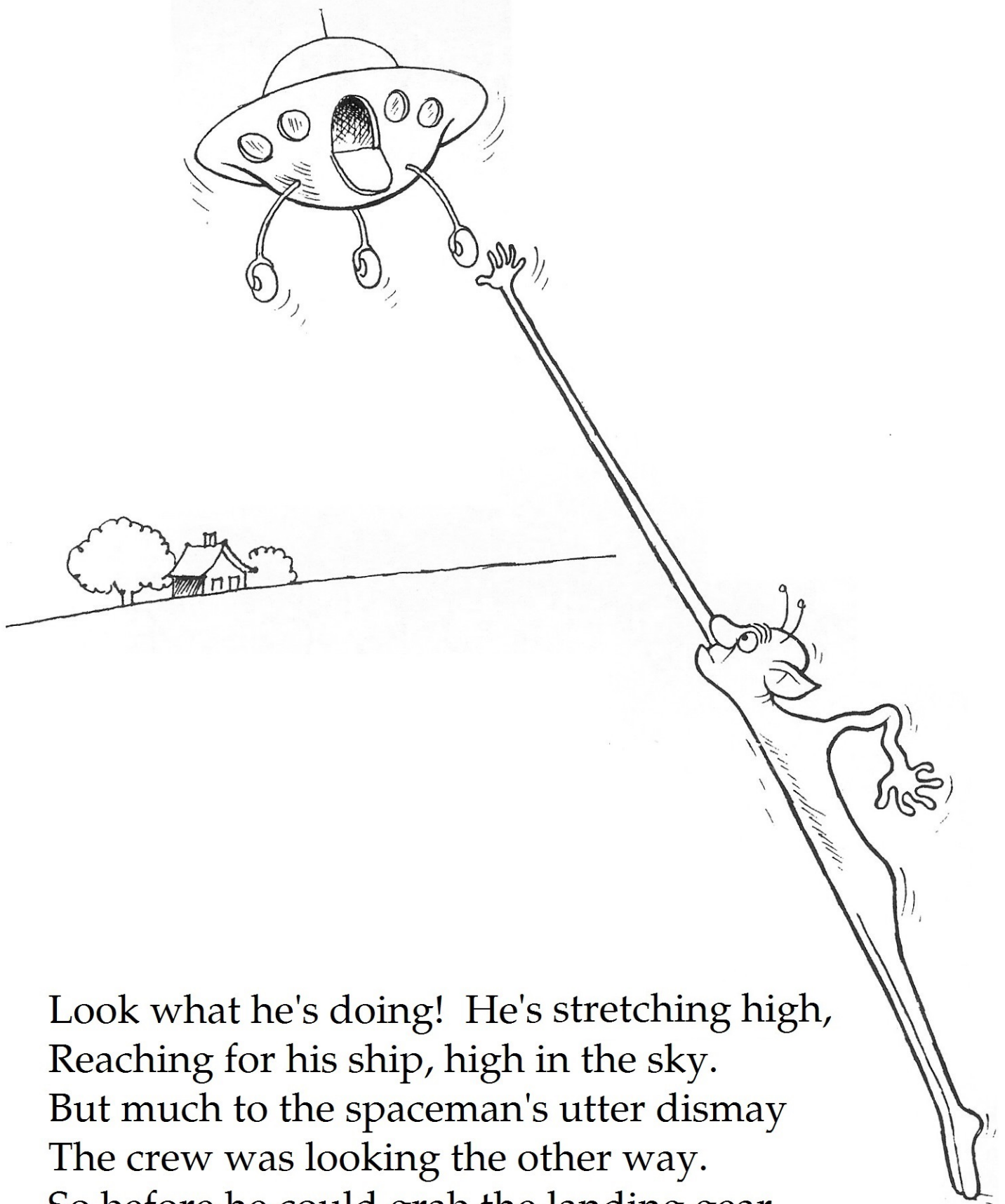
**Audrey, Ava, Caroline, Claire, Elliott,
Elyas, Griffin, Hank, Huck, Jackson, Natalie,
Nathan, Noah, Olivia Rose, Oren, Random,
Riley, Sebastian, Sophia, and Wyatt.**

I want you to know before we start,
Our story has a speaking part.
When you see the dots
 try guessing the word.
That is the time for you to be heard.



One day a ship from outer space
Came down to earth at a rapid pace!
And then it slowed,
And suddely stopped,
A man fell out,
and down he dropped!

When he hit the ground, he bounced like a ball,
And popped on his feet,
NOT HURT AT ALL!



Look what he's doing! He's stretching high,
Reaching for his ship, high in the sky.
But much to the spaceman's utter dismay
The crew was looking the other way.
So before he could grab the landing gear,
The ship flew off and left him here!



Well!

He's the first we've seen from a brand new race.

He's a *rubber* man, from outer space!

Of course I'm sure he has a name,

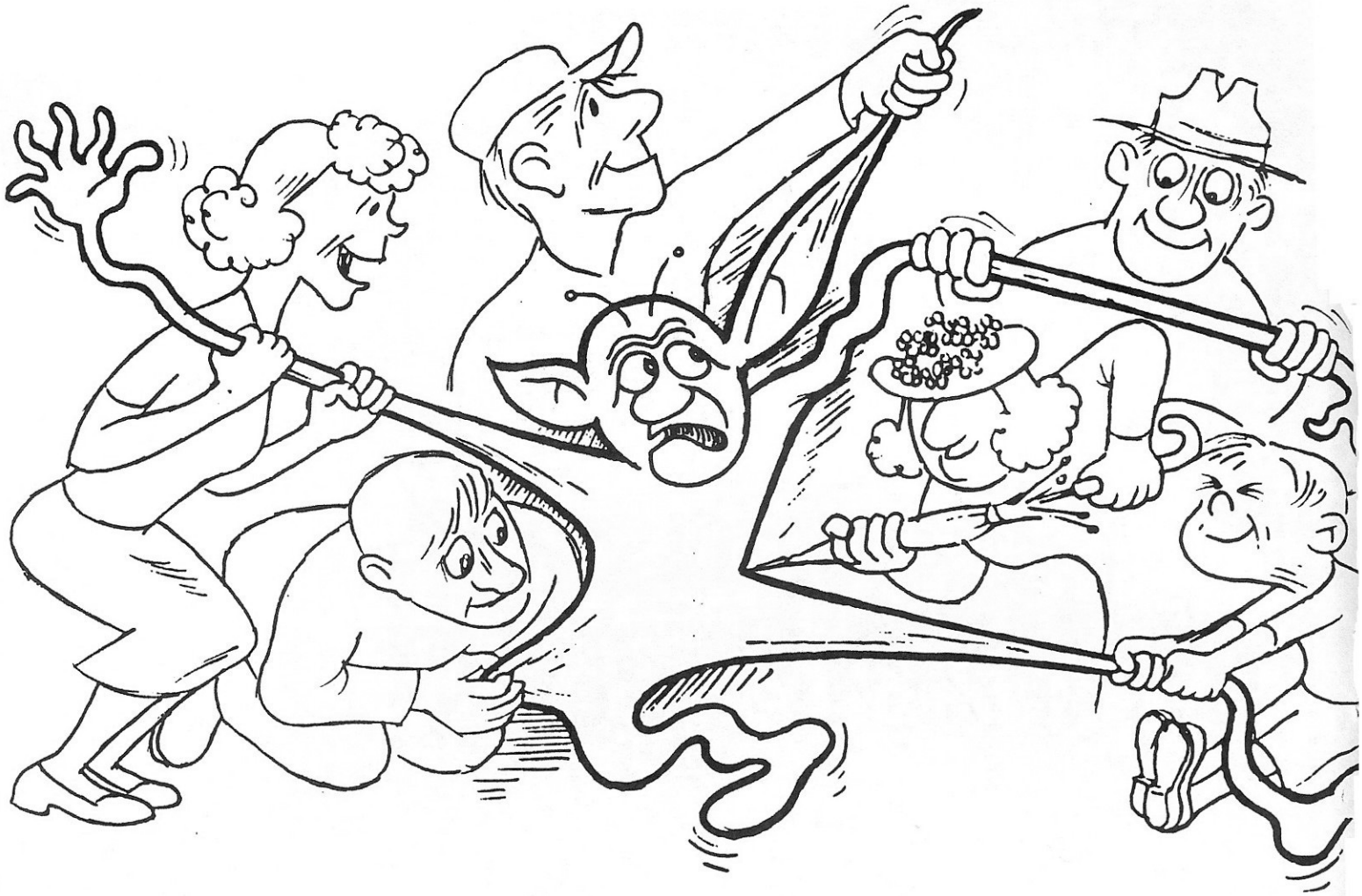
But let's give him one, just the same.

How about TURKEL; is that okay?

Now, let's all behave at our very best.

We mustn't forget --

this man is our guest!

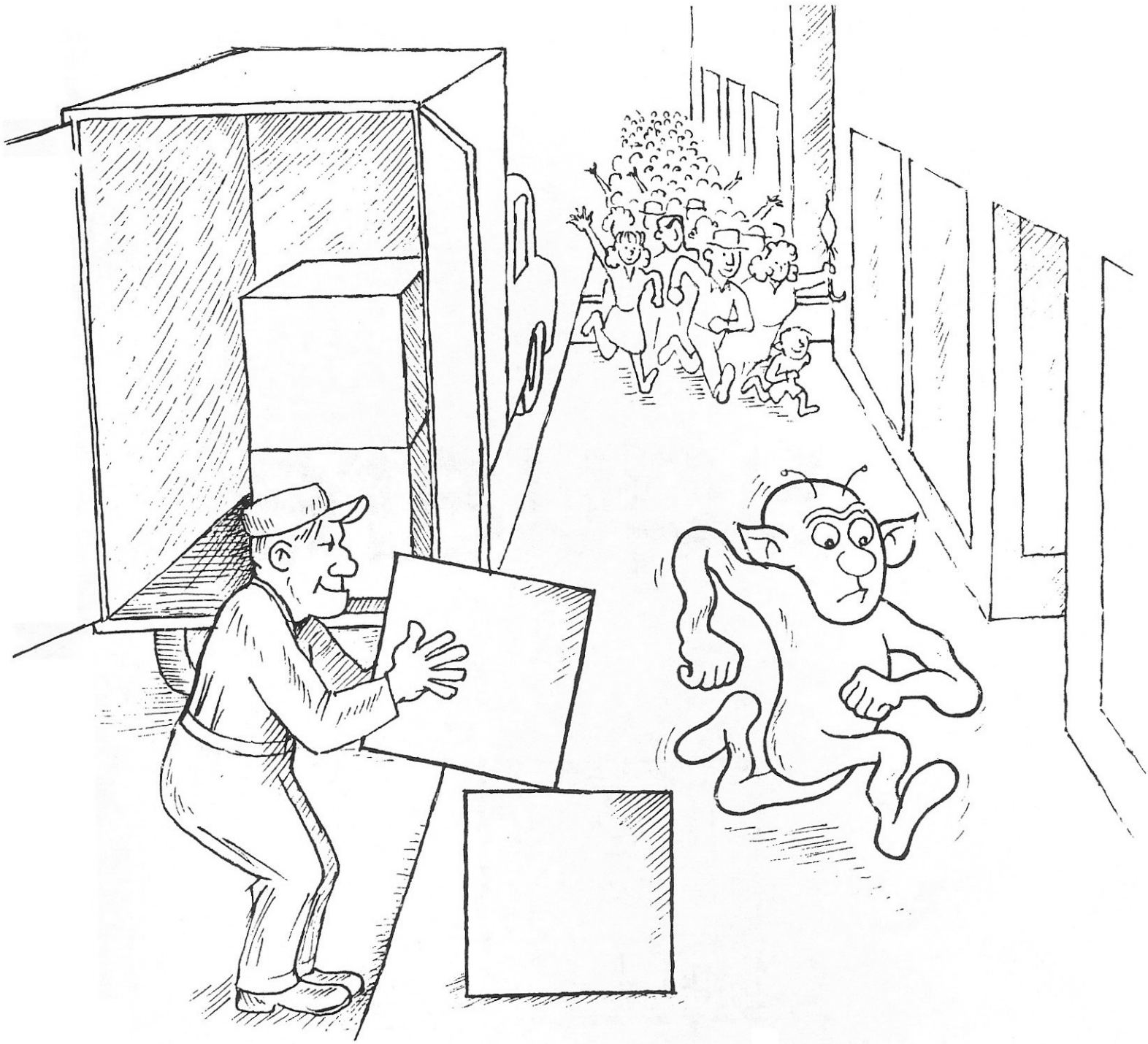


But look!

The people's manners are really quite crude.
I hate to say it, but they're downright RUDE!
They're stretching poor Turkel all out of shape.
He needs *your* help. He needs to escape!

So!

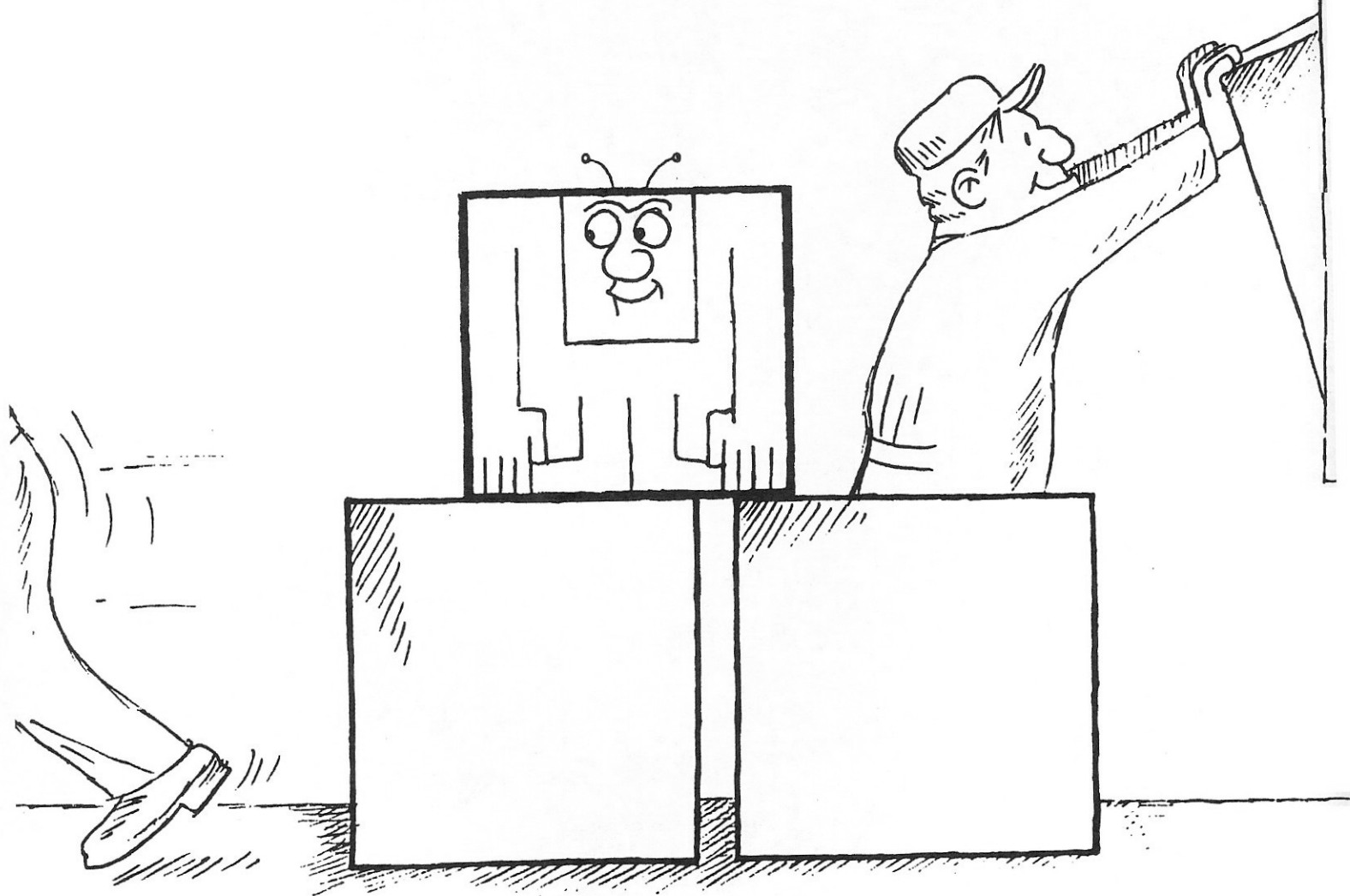
You must talk to him and be his guide.
You must change his shape and help him hide.

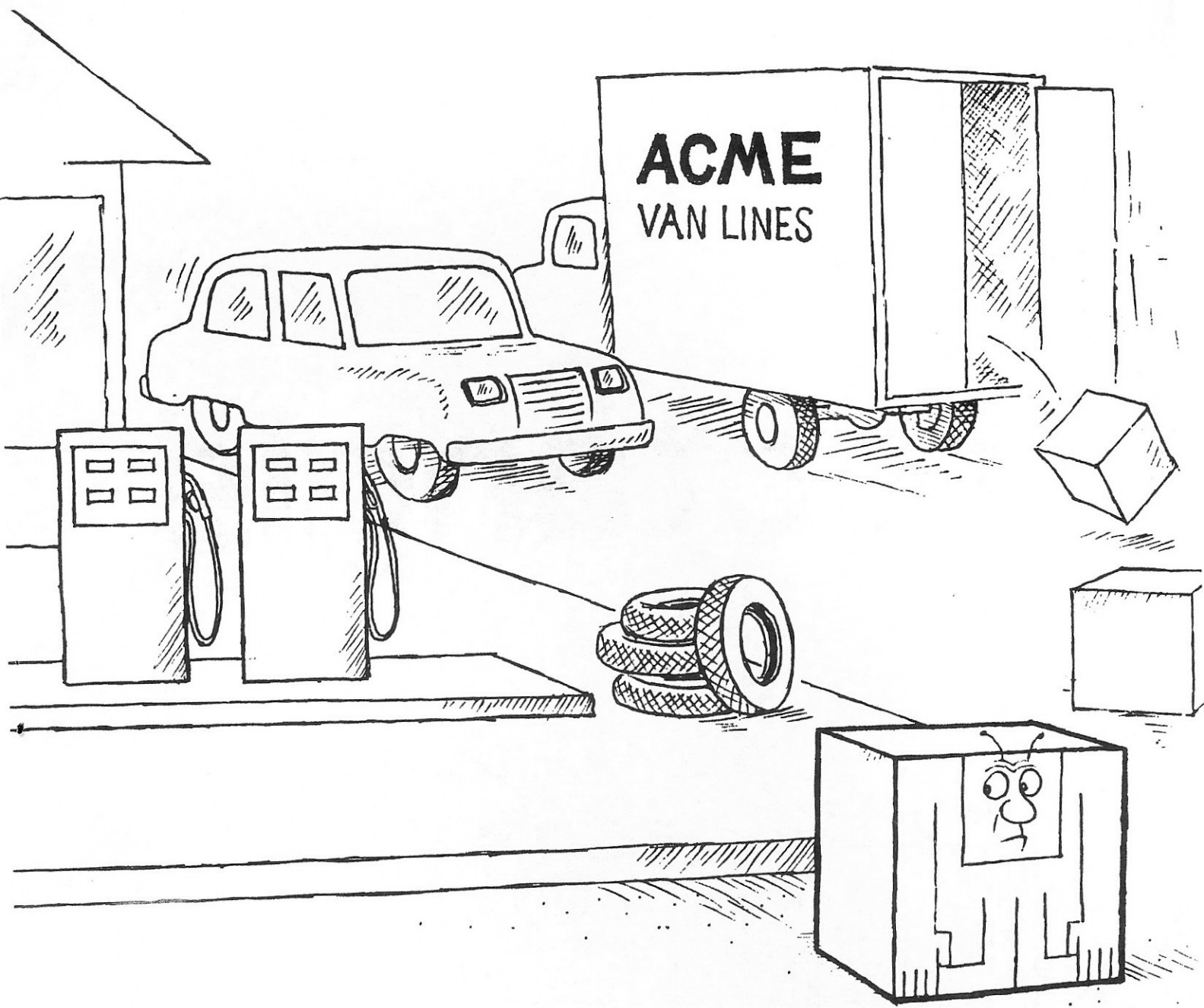


Look! Mister Turkel has broken free!
But the crowd won't treat him courteously.
They chase him along the city blocks;
So hide him NOW -- *make him look like a box!*

There is really not a moment to spare.
Tell him to change to the shape of a

square

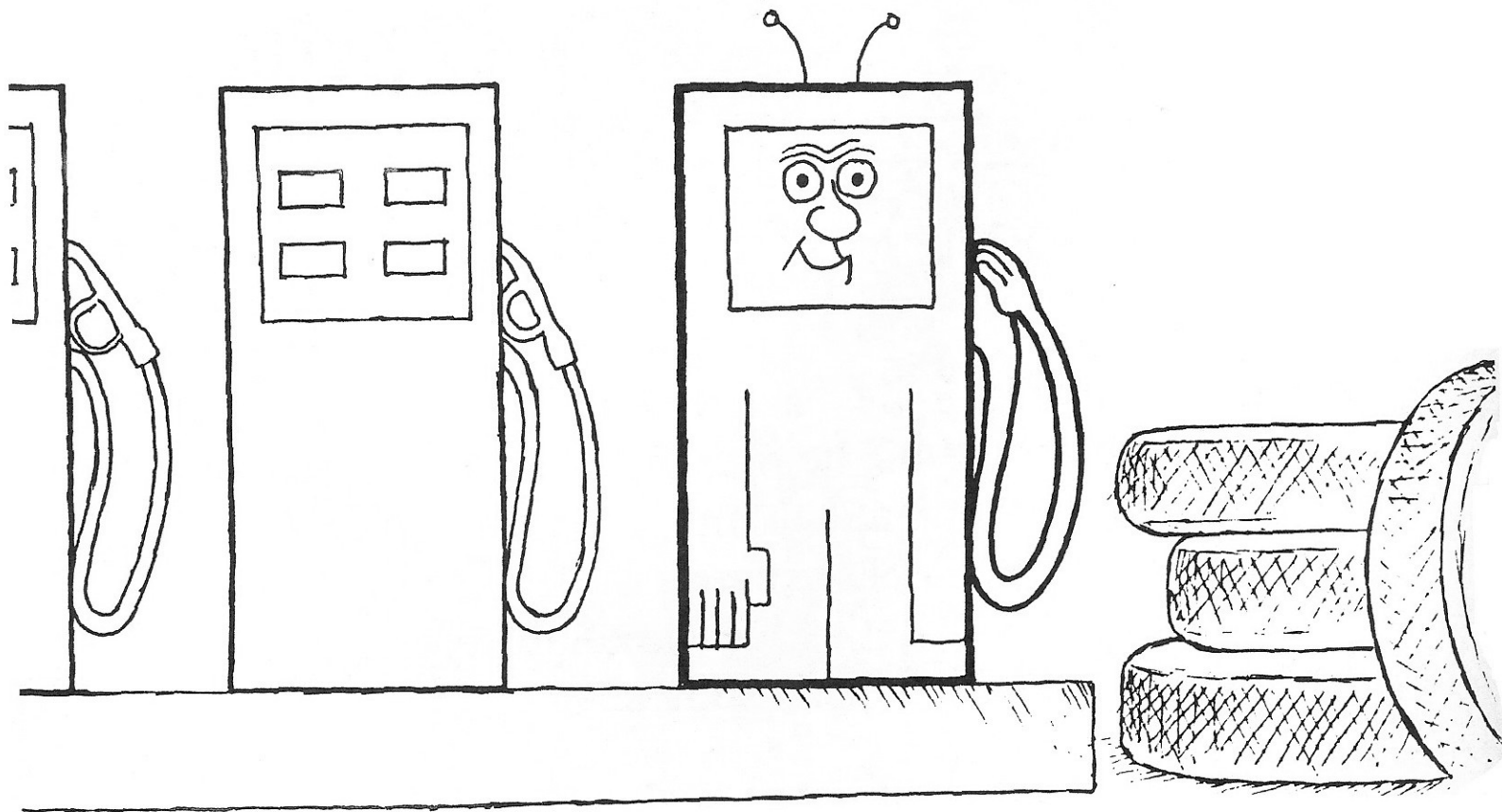


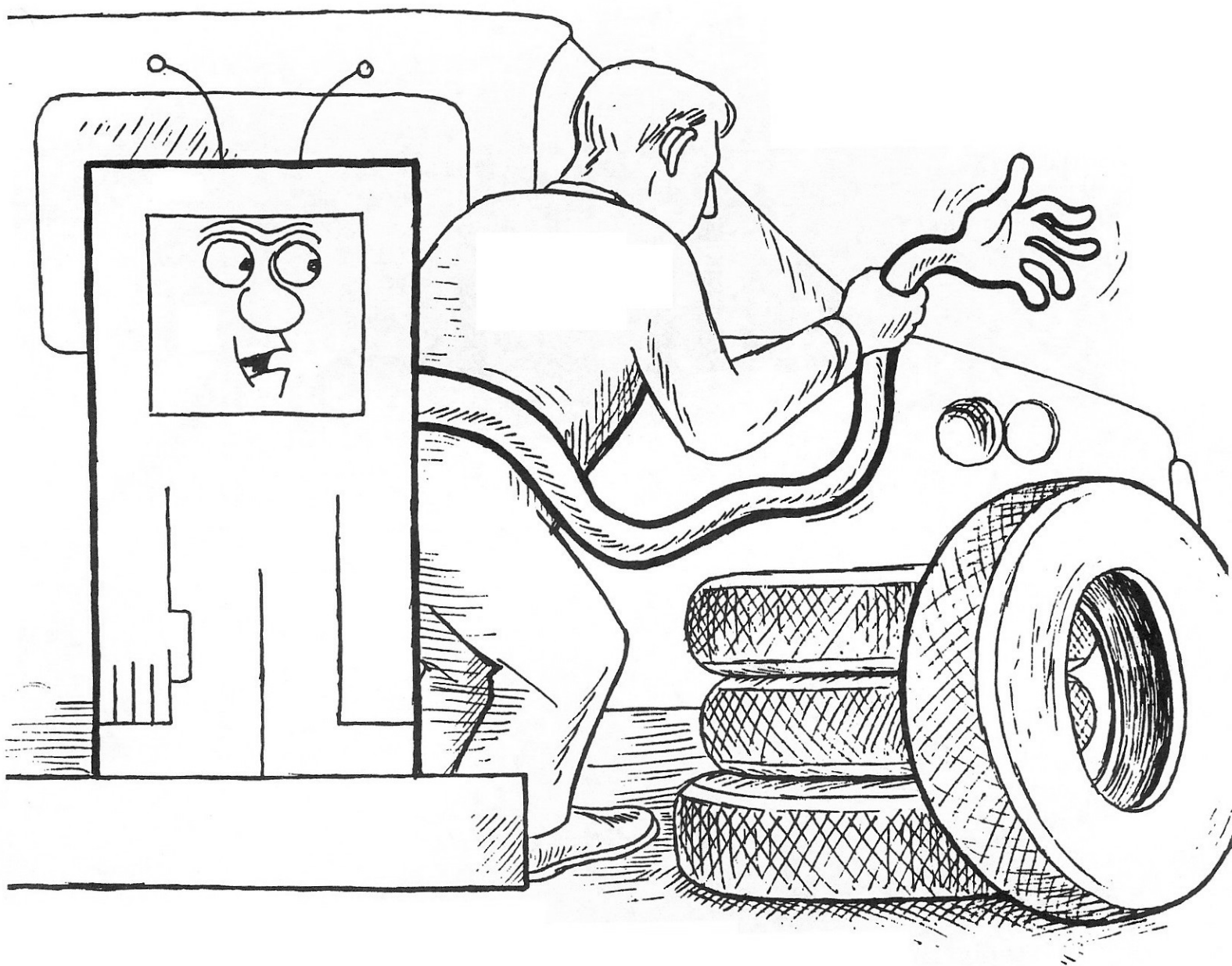


Away Turkel goes in the back of a truck,
But just when he's safe, he runs out of luck.
The truck hits a bump and dumps its load
Right in the middle of a busy road.
See the gas pumps? Let's hide Turkel there.
Now all you do is stretch his square.

The oncoming cars will flatten and mangle;
So tell Mister Turkel to be a

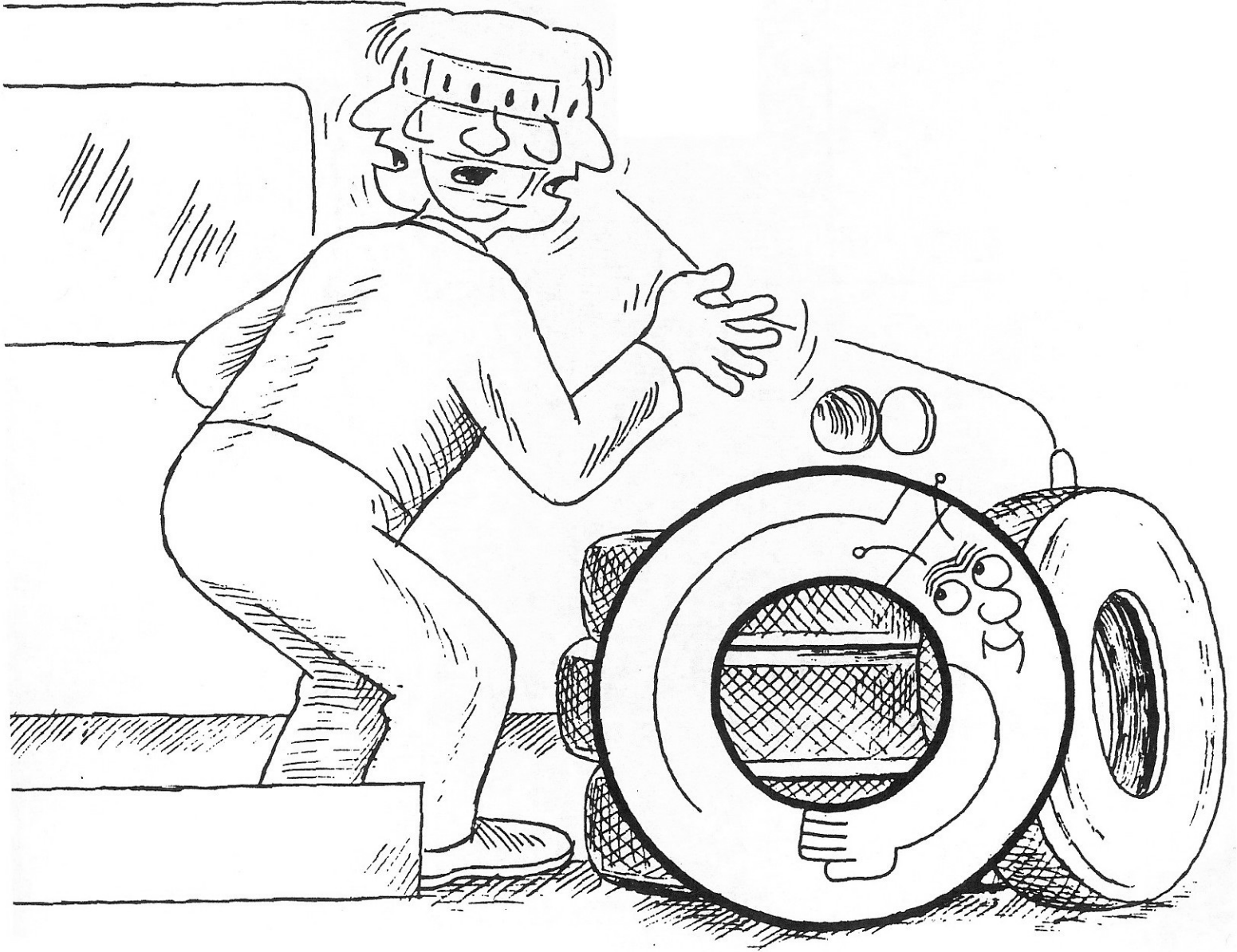
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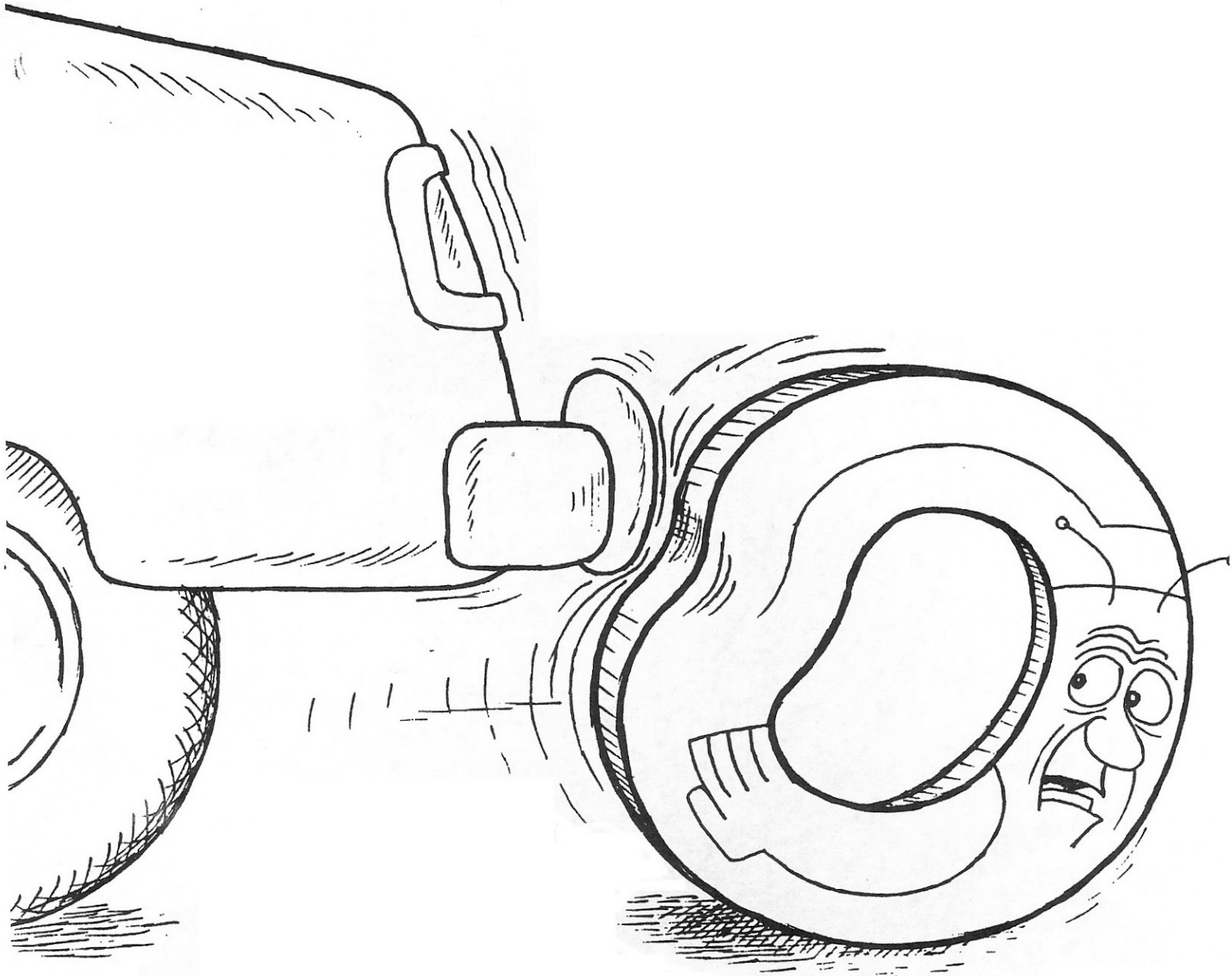




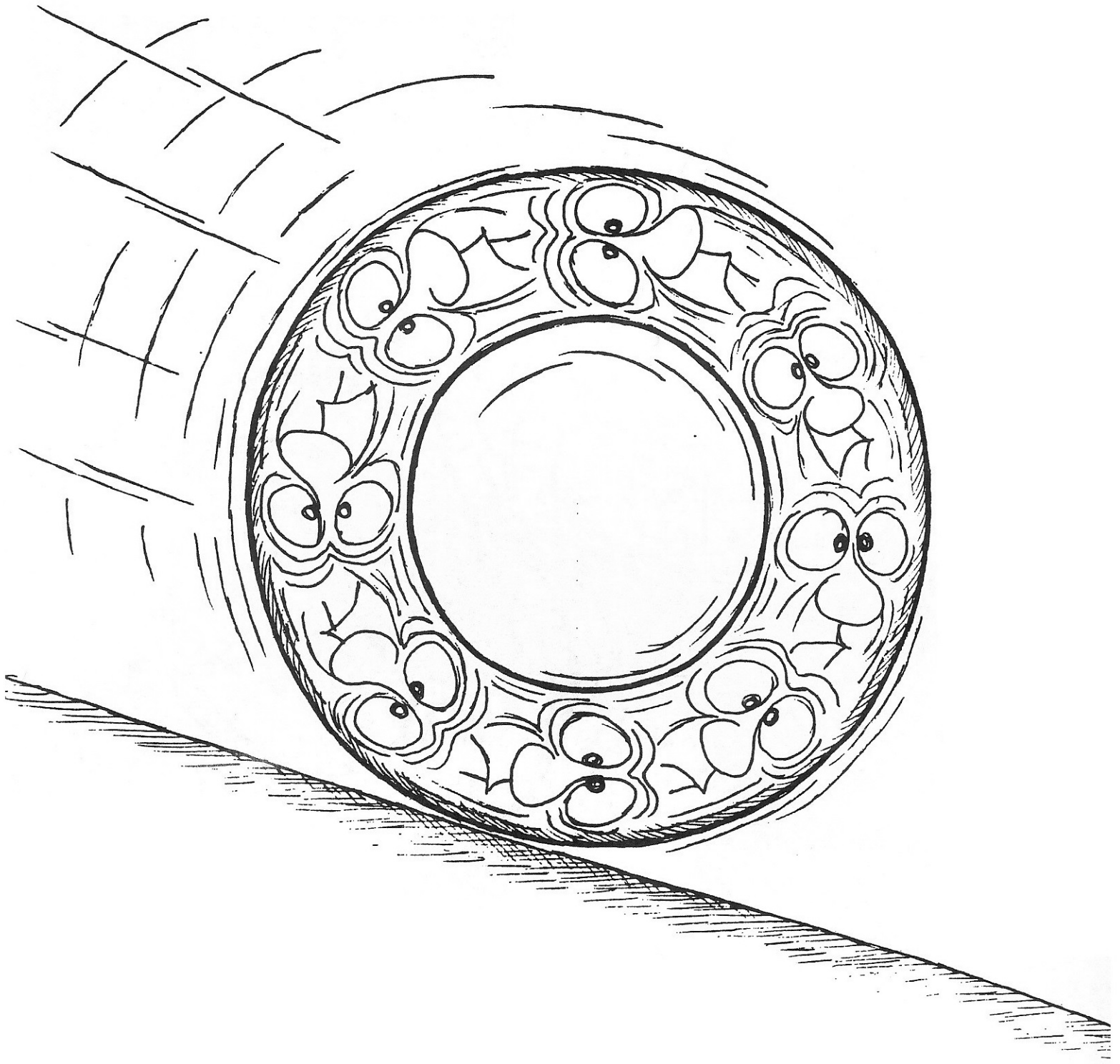
And now we add THIS to Turkel's woes;
A customer thinks his arm is a hose!
Well,
Looks at those tires. Let's tell Mister Turkel
To change his shape and become a

circle

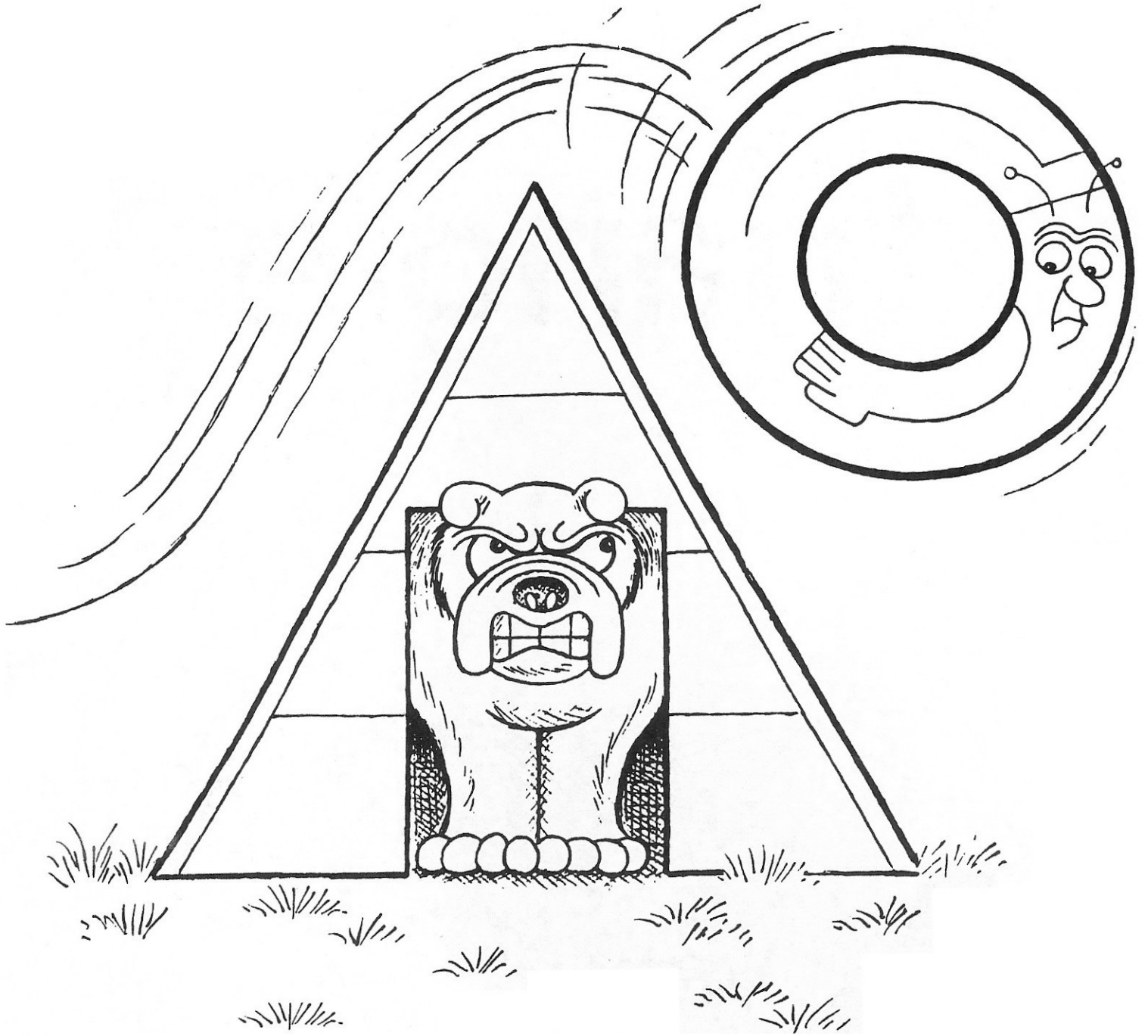




A driver was slightly out of control.
He bumped Mister Turkel
and made him roll!

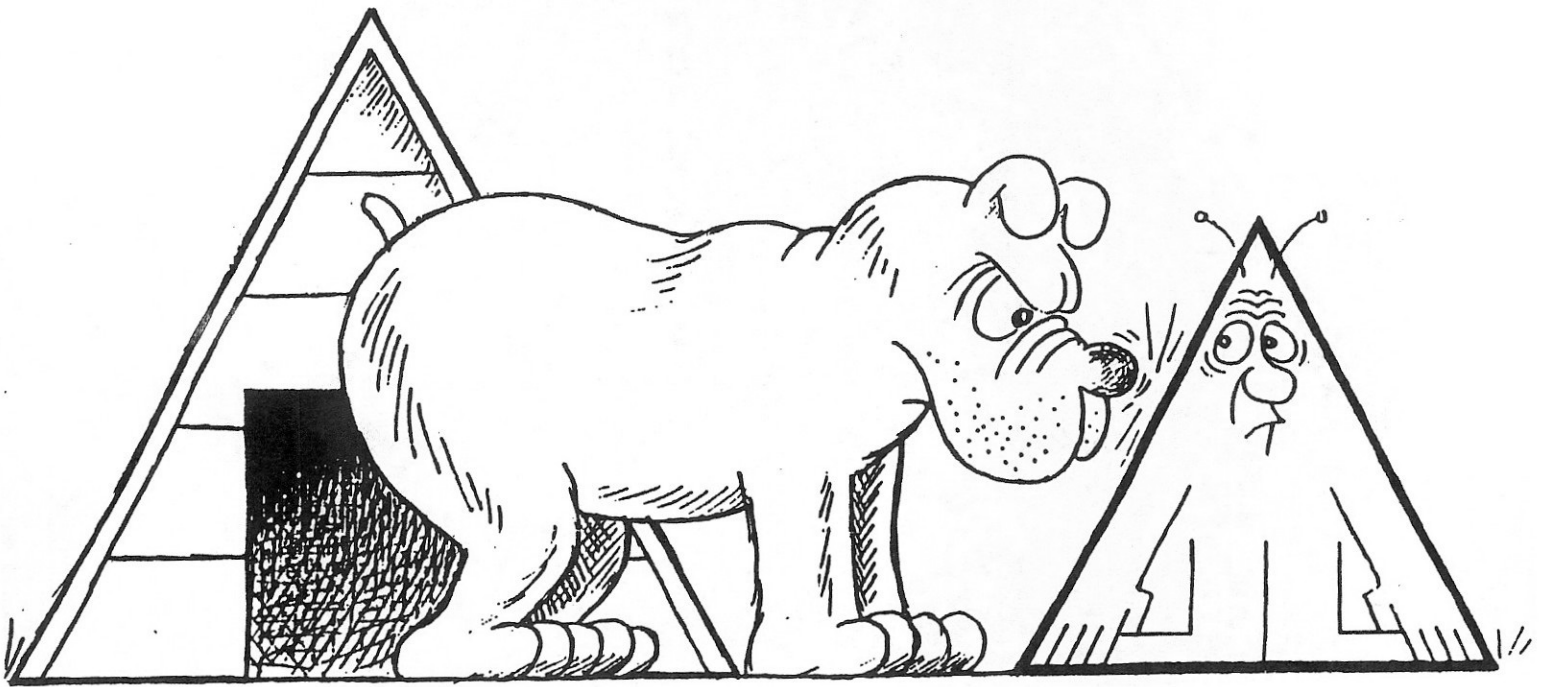


Poor Mister Turkel is getting dizzy!
He's not very pleased with THAT shape, is he?

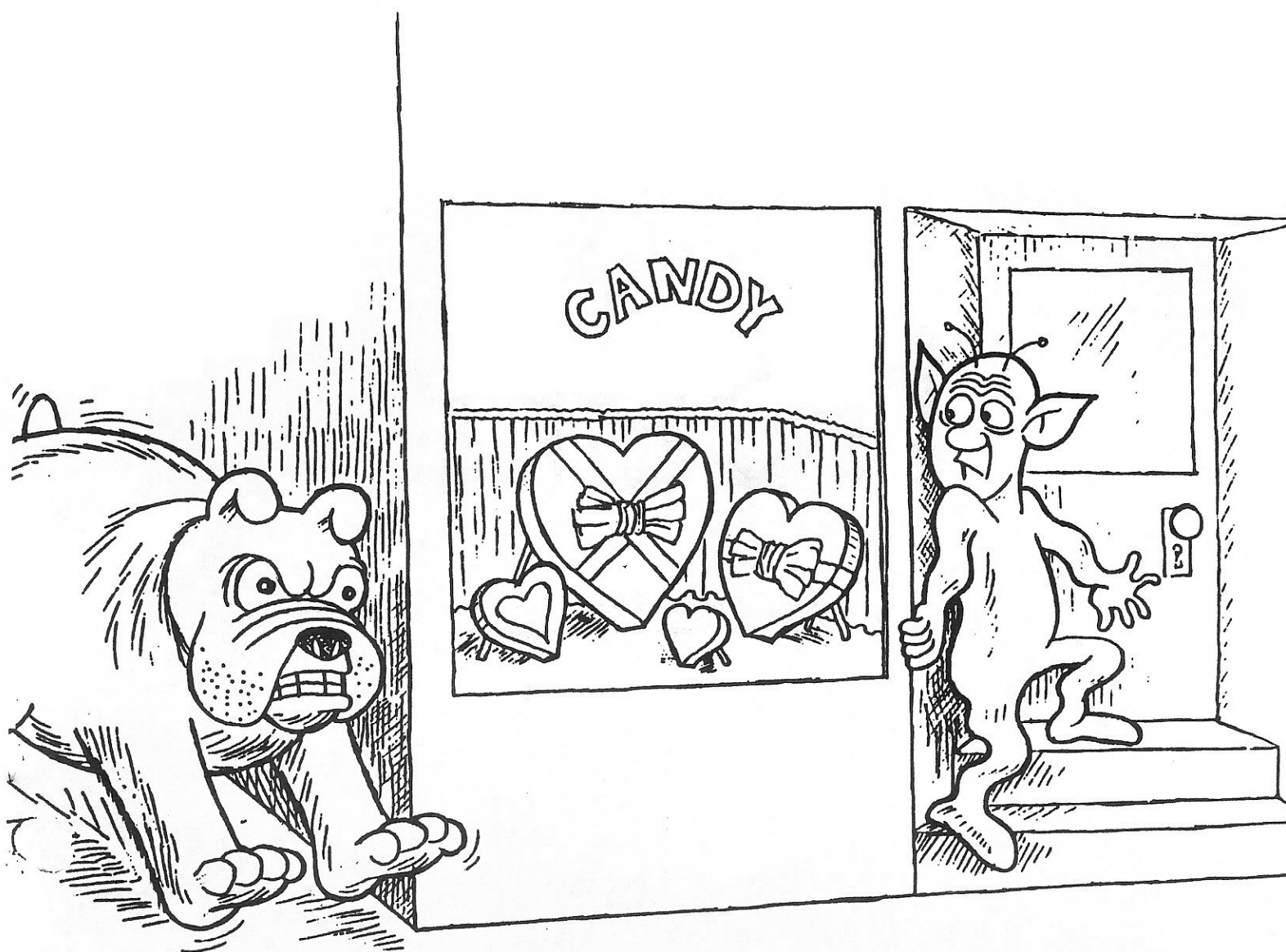


He slows down at last and enters a yard
Where a mean old dog is standing guard.
It's a dog with whom he mustn't tangle!
See the dog house? Make Turkel a

triangle



You can fool a dog's eyes, *but not his nose!*
The dog takes a sniff

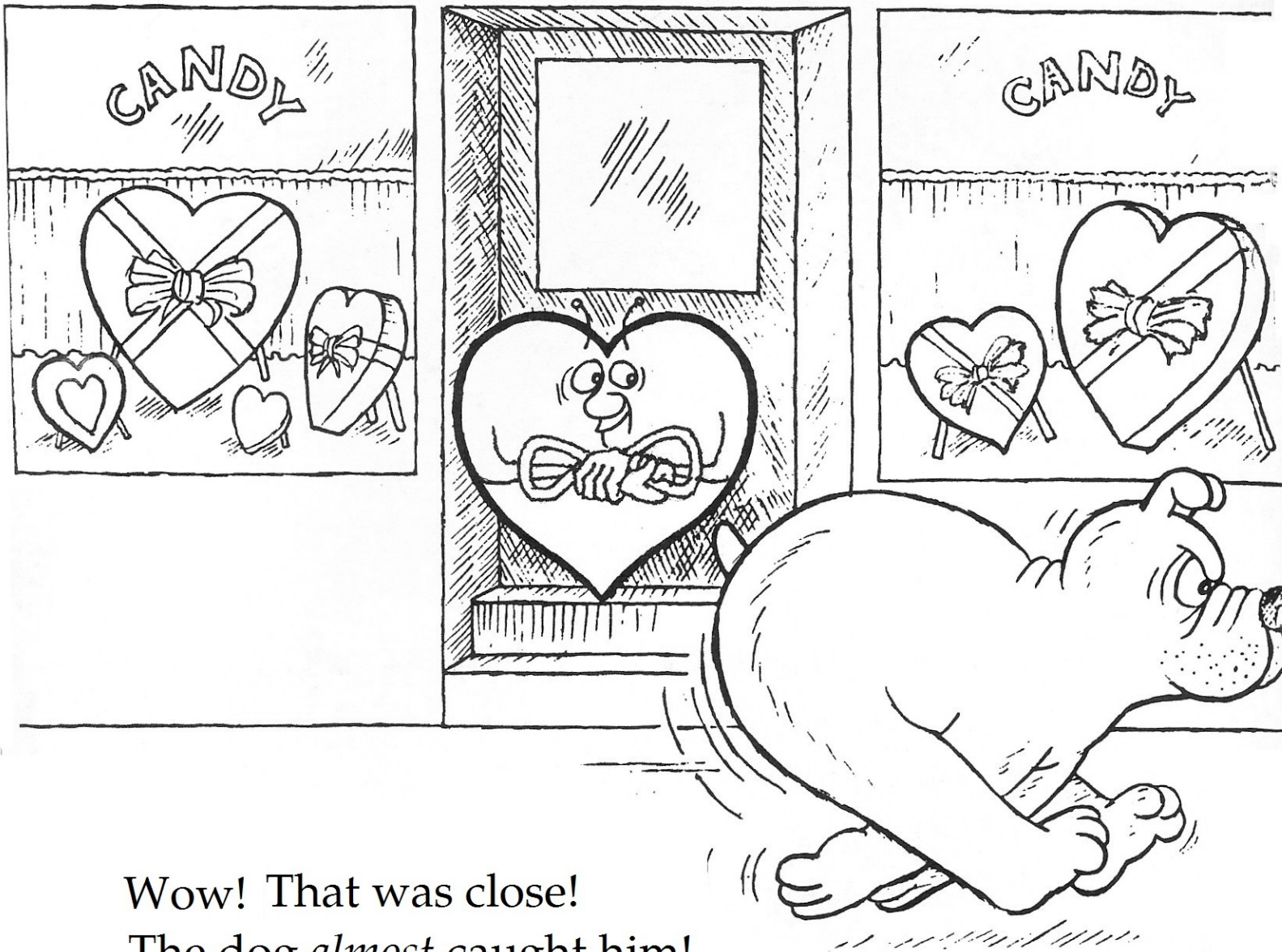


.... so off Turkel goes!

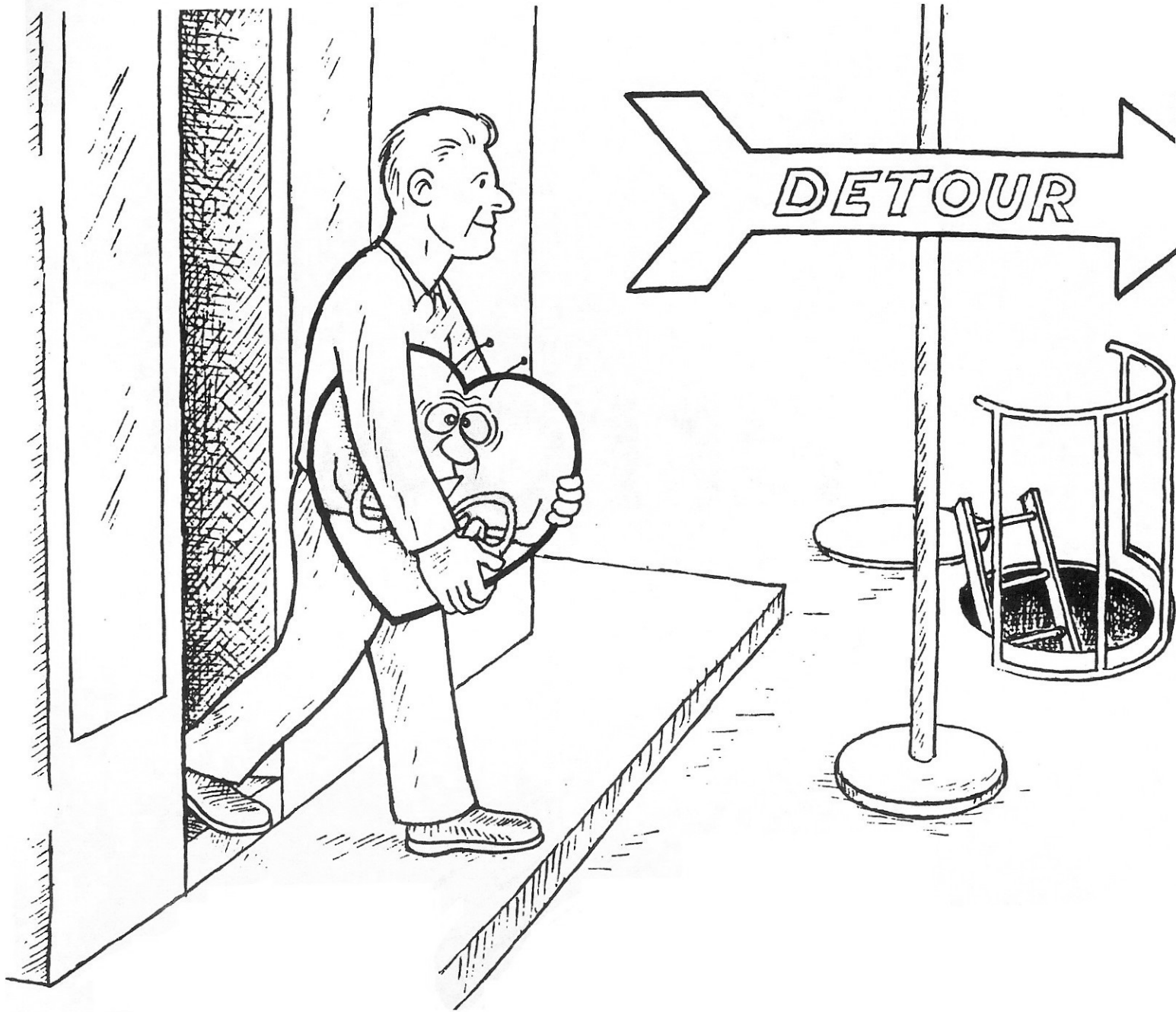
Now Turkel stops at a candy store,
And tries to hide in front of the door.
Let's make him look like the window display --
Like a candy box for Valentine's Day!

That big growing dog won't tell them apart;
So tell Mister Turkel to change to a

heart



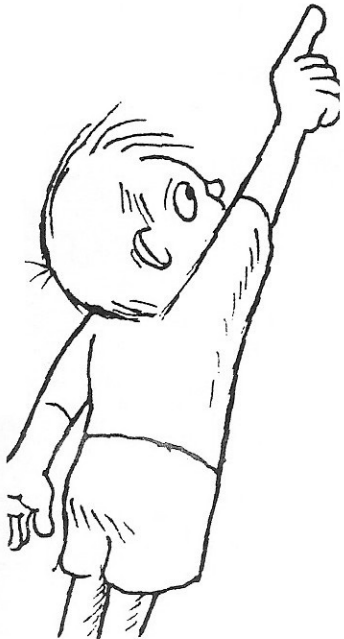
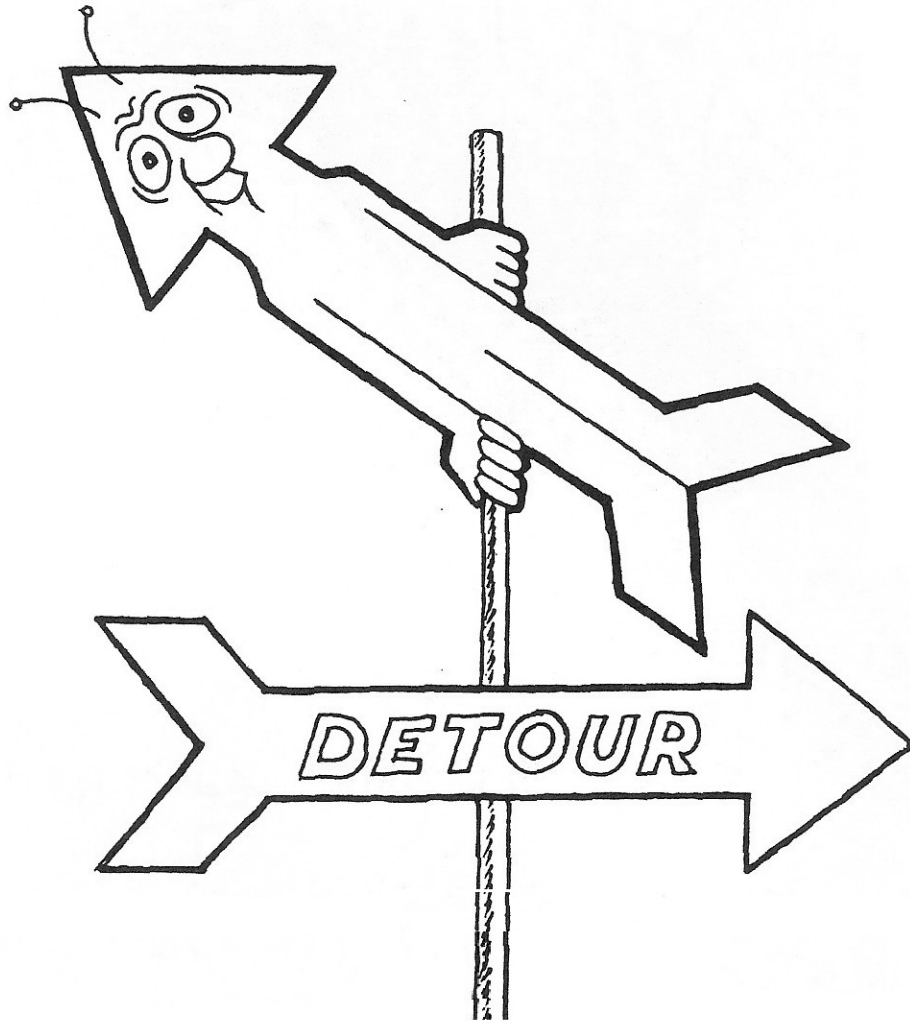
Wow! That was close!
The dog *almost* caught him!



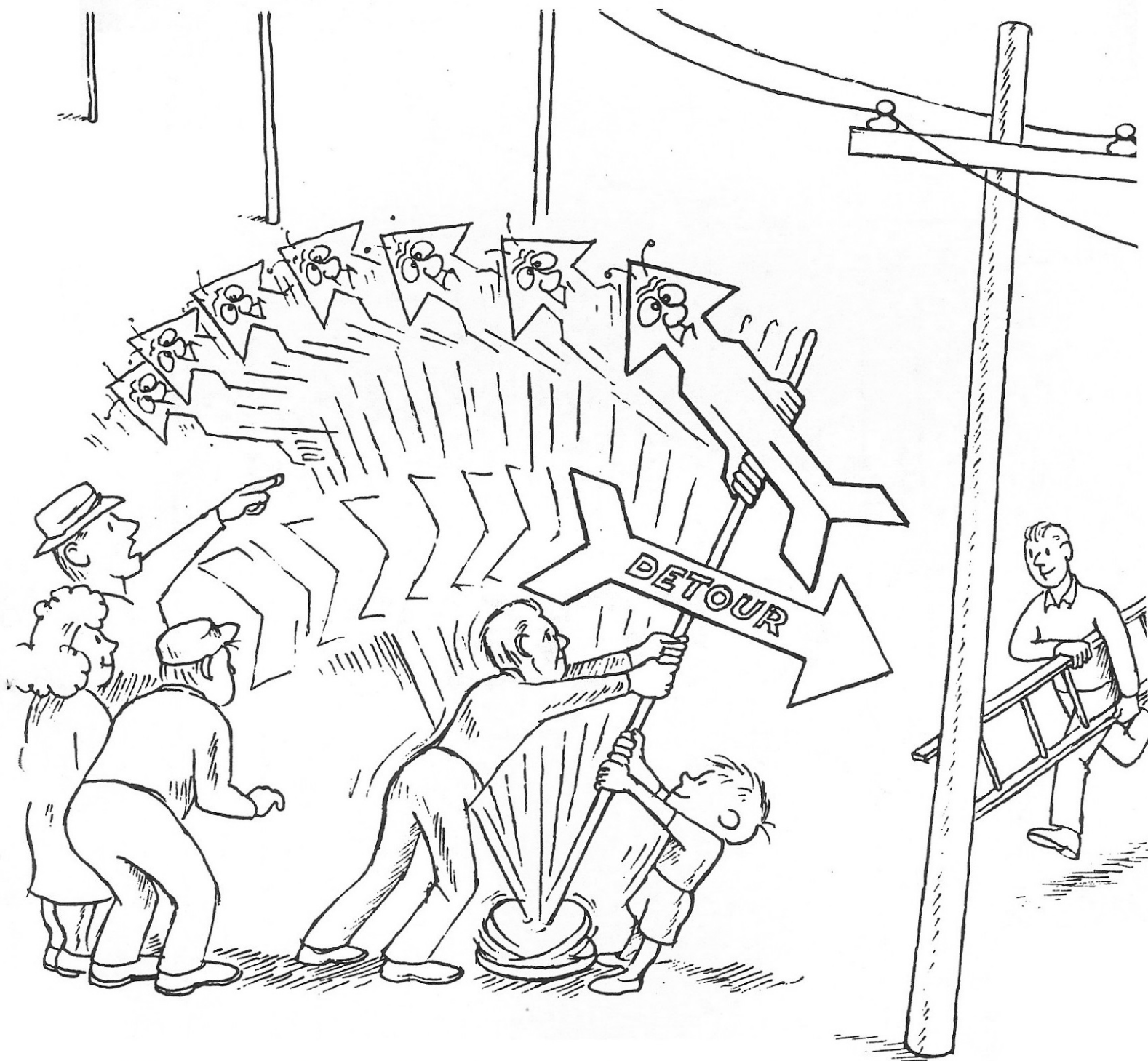
Then a man came by and promptly bought him!
But, I'm really afraid the man will see red
When he finds he's bought a spaceman instead.

Do you see the sign that's long and narrow?
Tell Mister Turkel to change to an

arrow



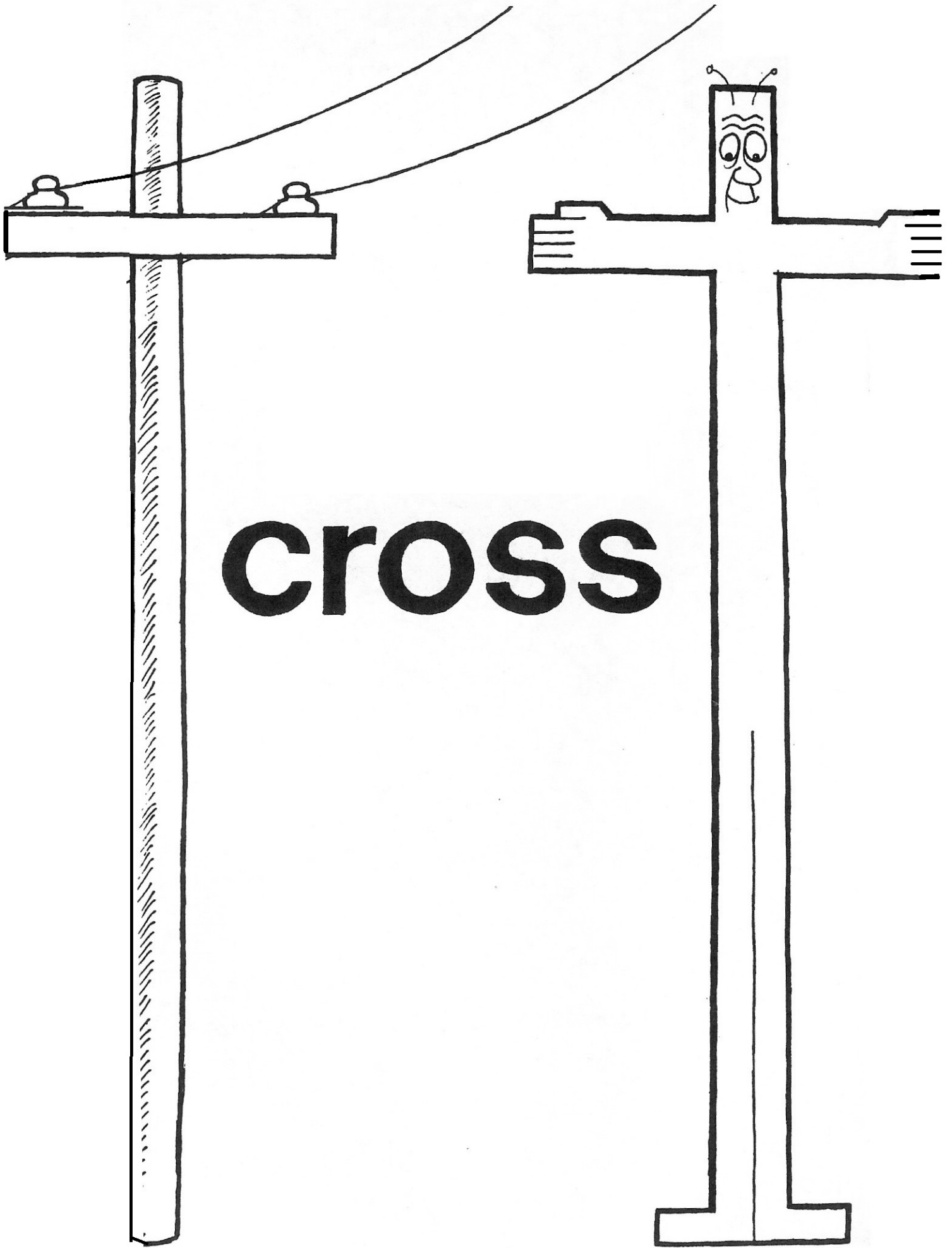
I'm afraid I have just one objection.
Turler is pointed in the wrong direction!



The people are back as *rude* as ever!
So we need a shape that's very clever.
I think I've got it --

Something quite droll --
A tall and skinny telephone pole!

Now don't forget that you are the boss.
Tell Mister Turkel to change to a

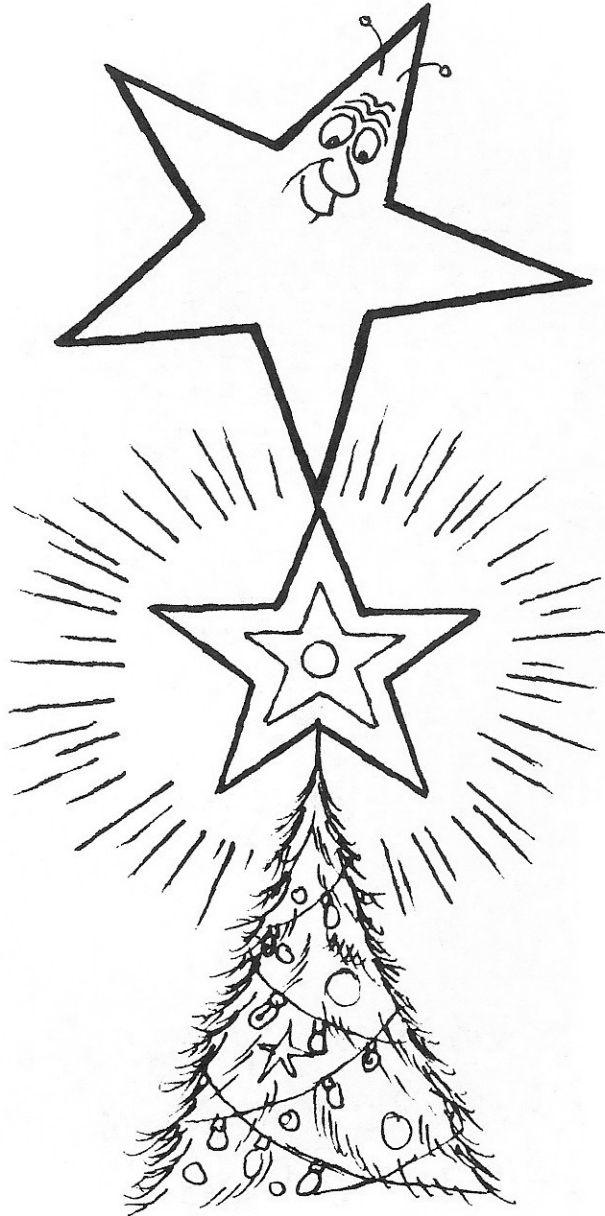




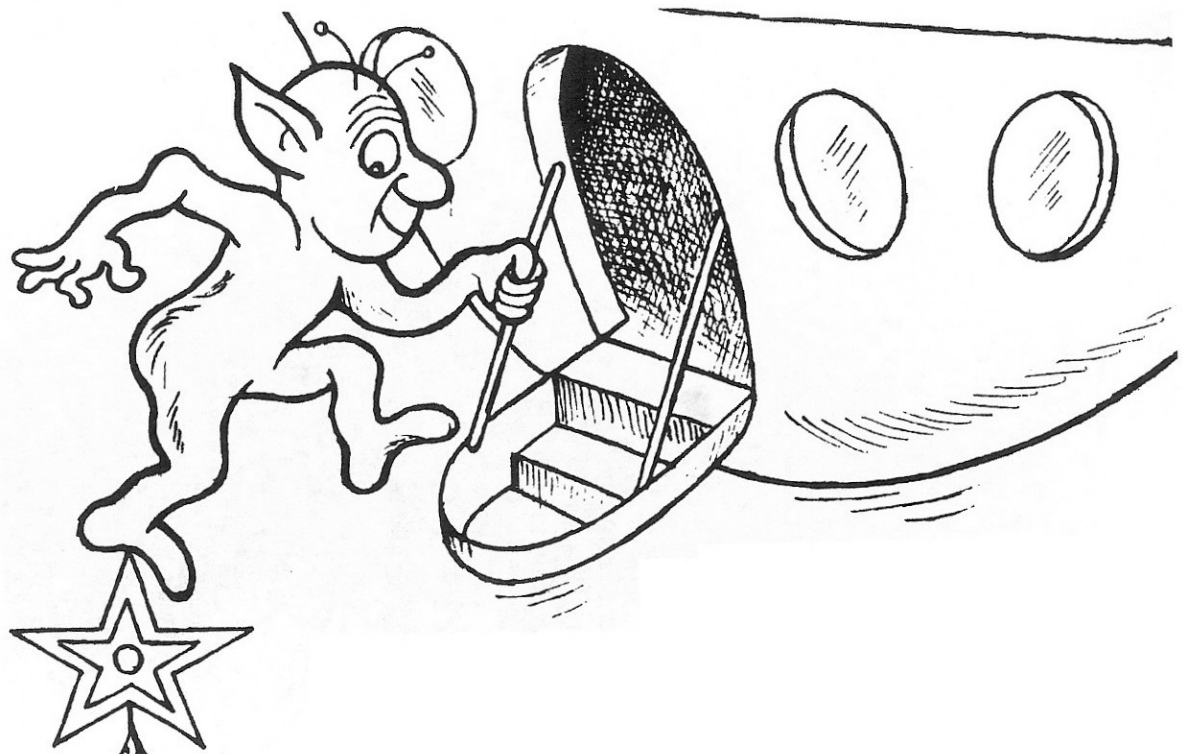
The spaceship is back -- flying in a circle!
Looking EVERYWHERE for Mister Turkel.
Let's make Mister Turkel easy to see.
Put him on top of the Christmas tree!

He can reach the branches -- they're not very far;
So tell him to change to the shape of a

star

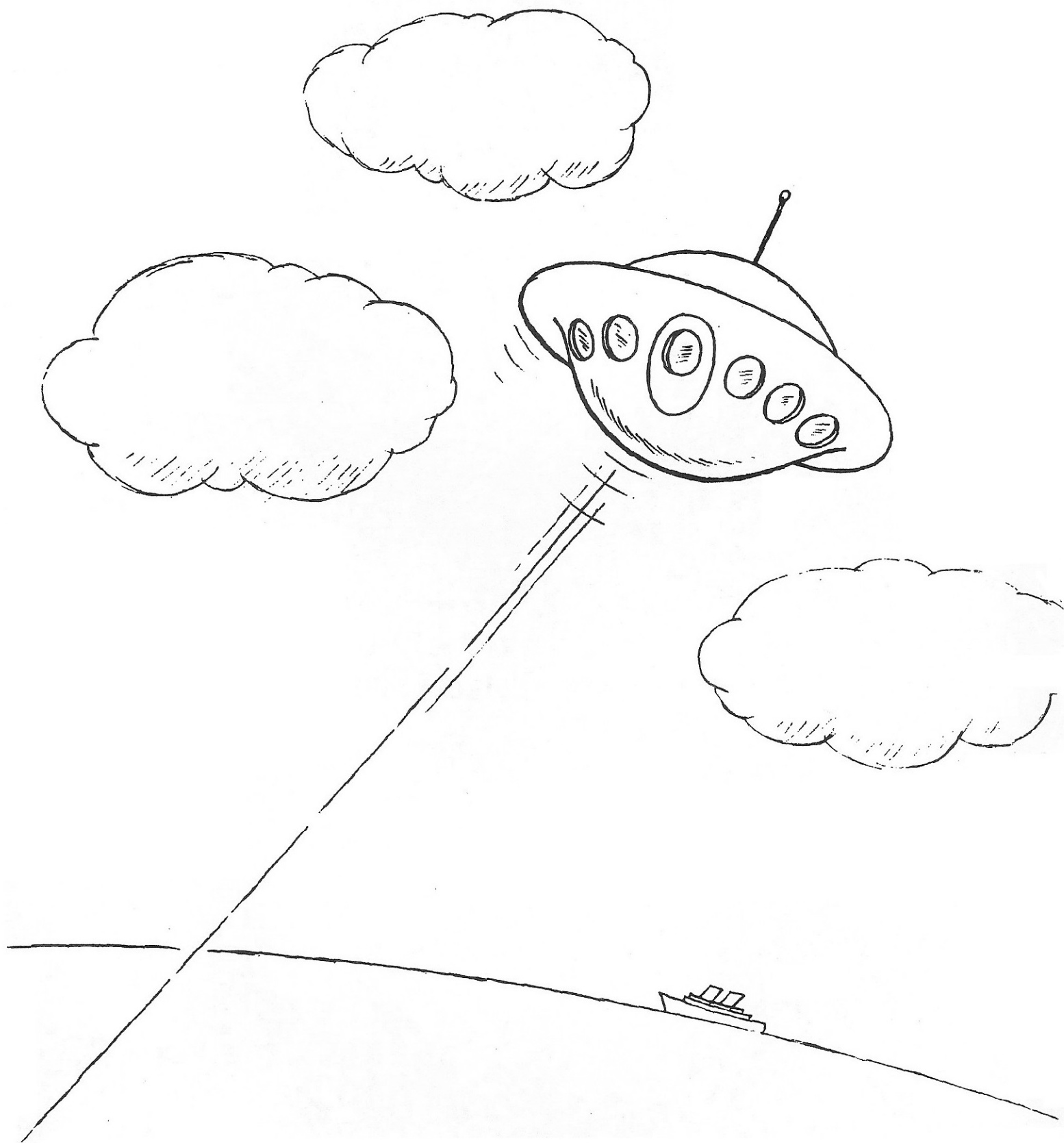


Were the people fooled? Not one little bit.
When they plugged in the lights,
only ONE star lit!



But before they could act,
And chop down the tree,
Turkel grabbed his spaceship
And flew away -- FREE!





Come back, Mister Turkel, on another flight --
When people have learned to be more polite!

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Author/illustrator Dick Punnett grew up in Penfield, New York, and graduated from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. For over 35 years he has delighted children of preschool to 7 years of age with books that have made learning fun. His series, TALK-ALONG, was published in 1982 and was the first interactive books introduced into the schools. They were best sellers because they taught basic concepts in a very original and clever way, and all in rhyme. He wrote another series called DOUBLE-RHYME, and over the years he has added to both series and also written single story books. Of the 15 books he has authored, seven of them are also illustrated by him. Because he spent a number of years as a writer-cartoonist for a Hollywood animation studio, his illustrations have a special appeal for children. They are perky, funny and expressive.