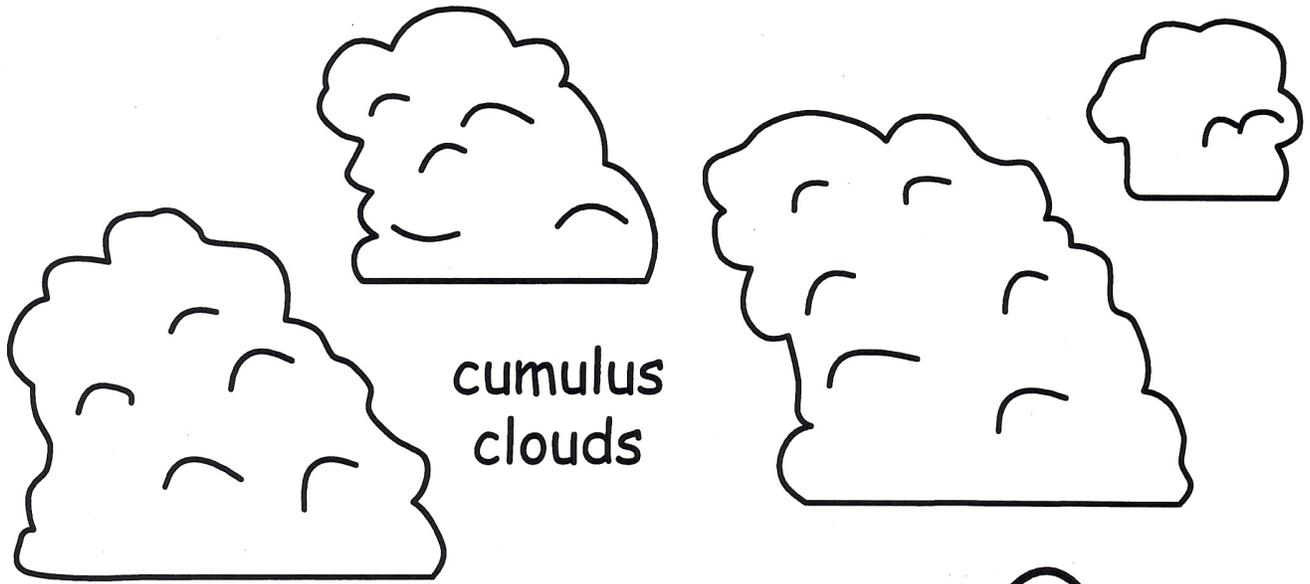
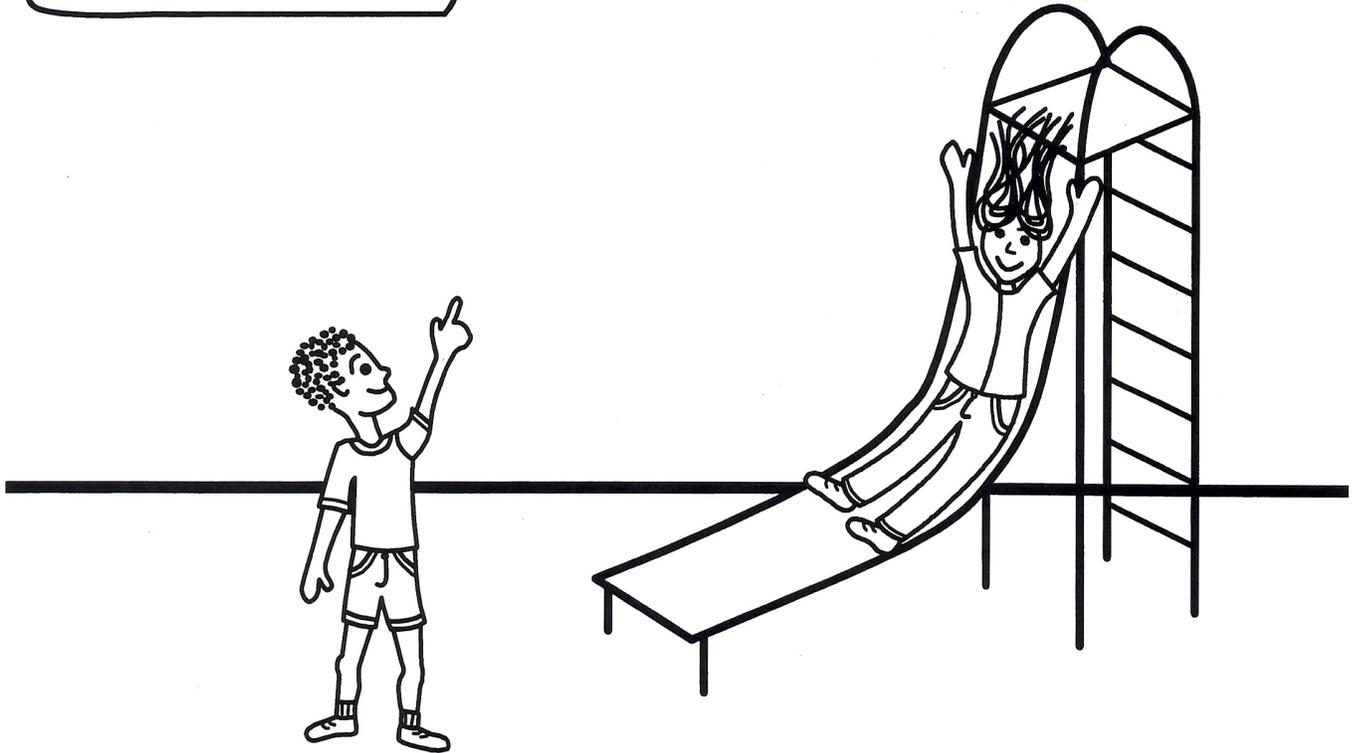


# Billy, Maria, and the Thunderstorm





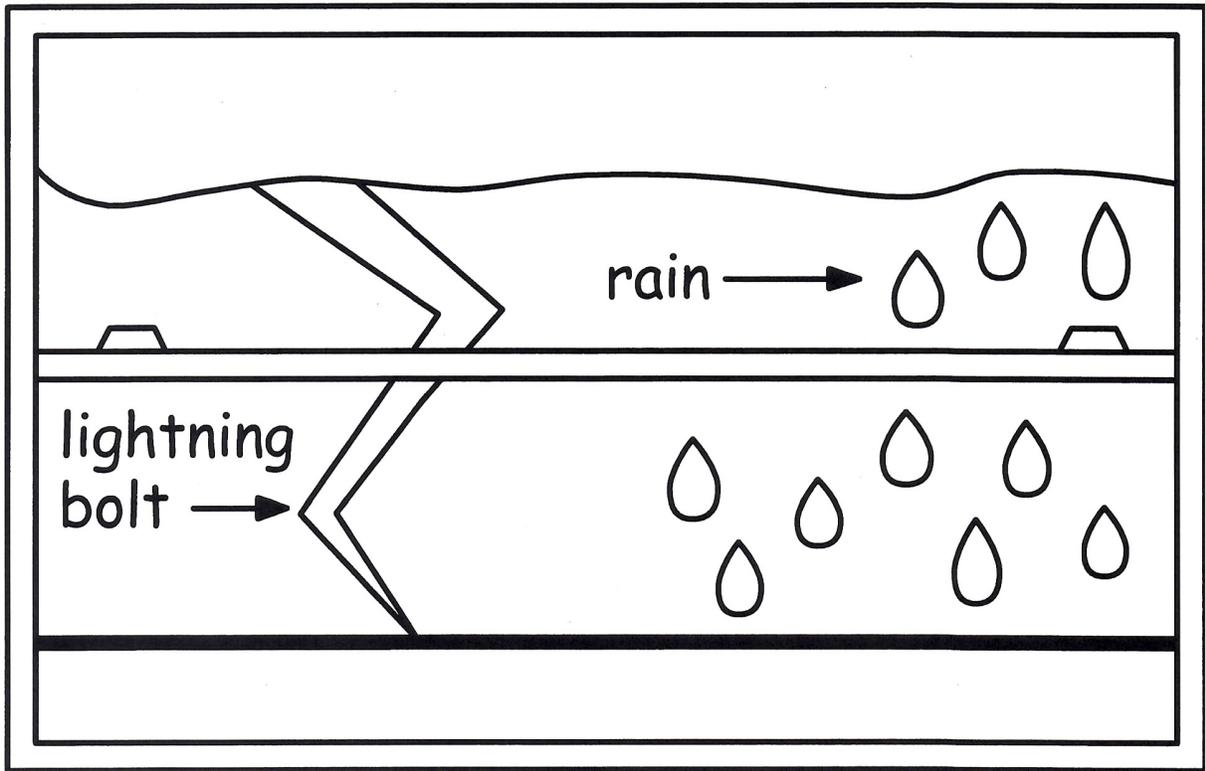
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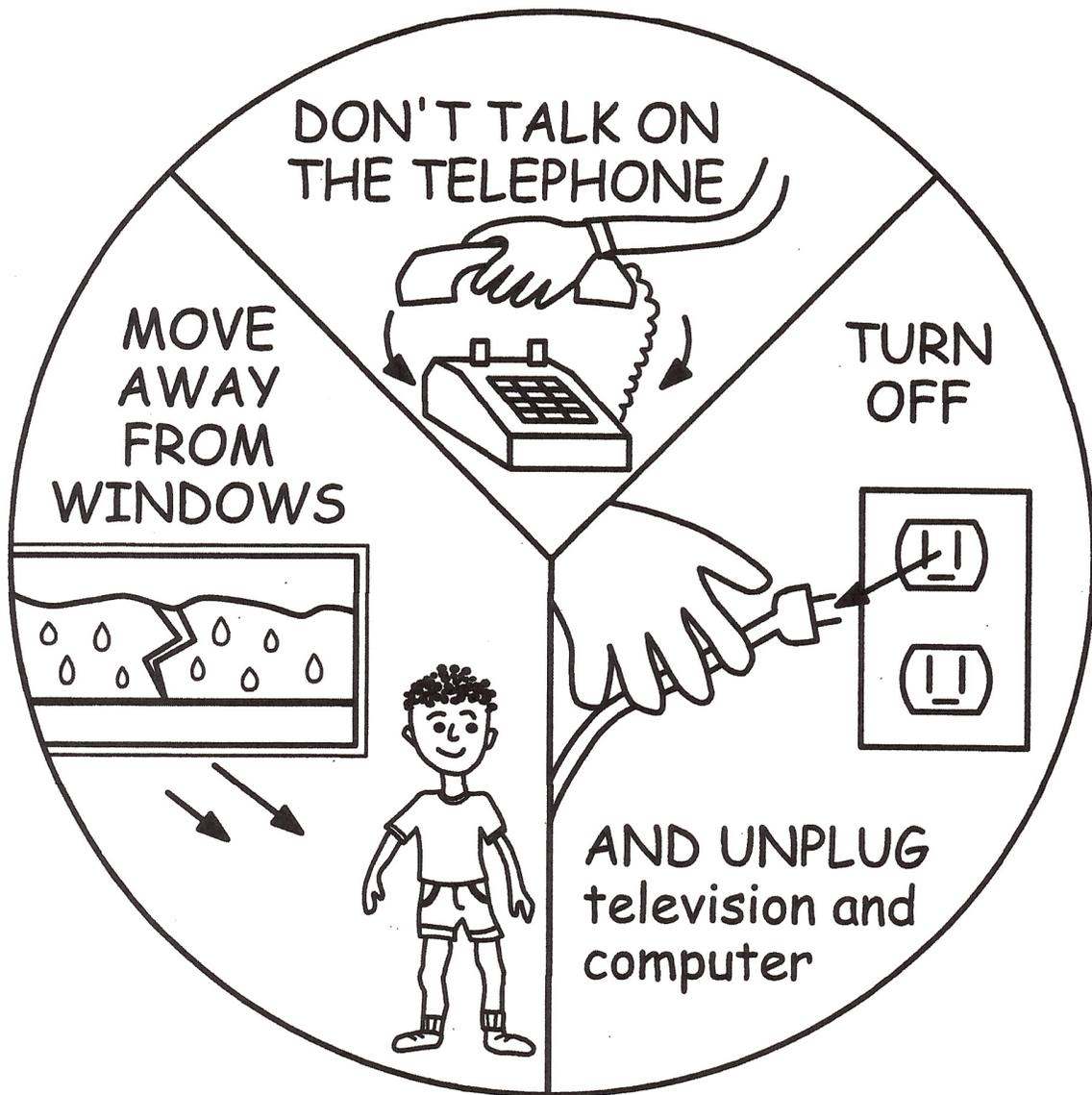
Billy and Maria were playing outside one afternoon when they noticed big, fluffy, cumulus clouds forming.



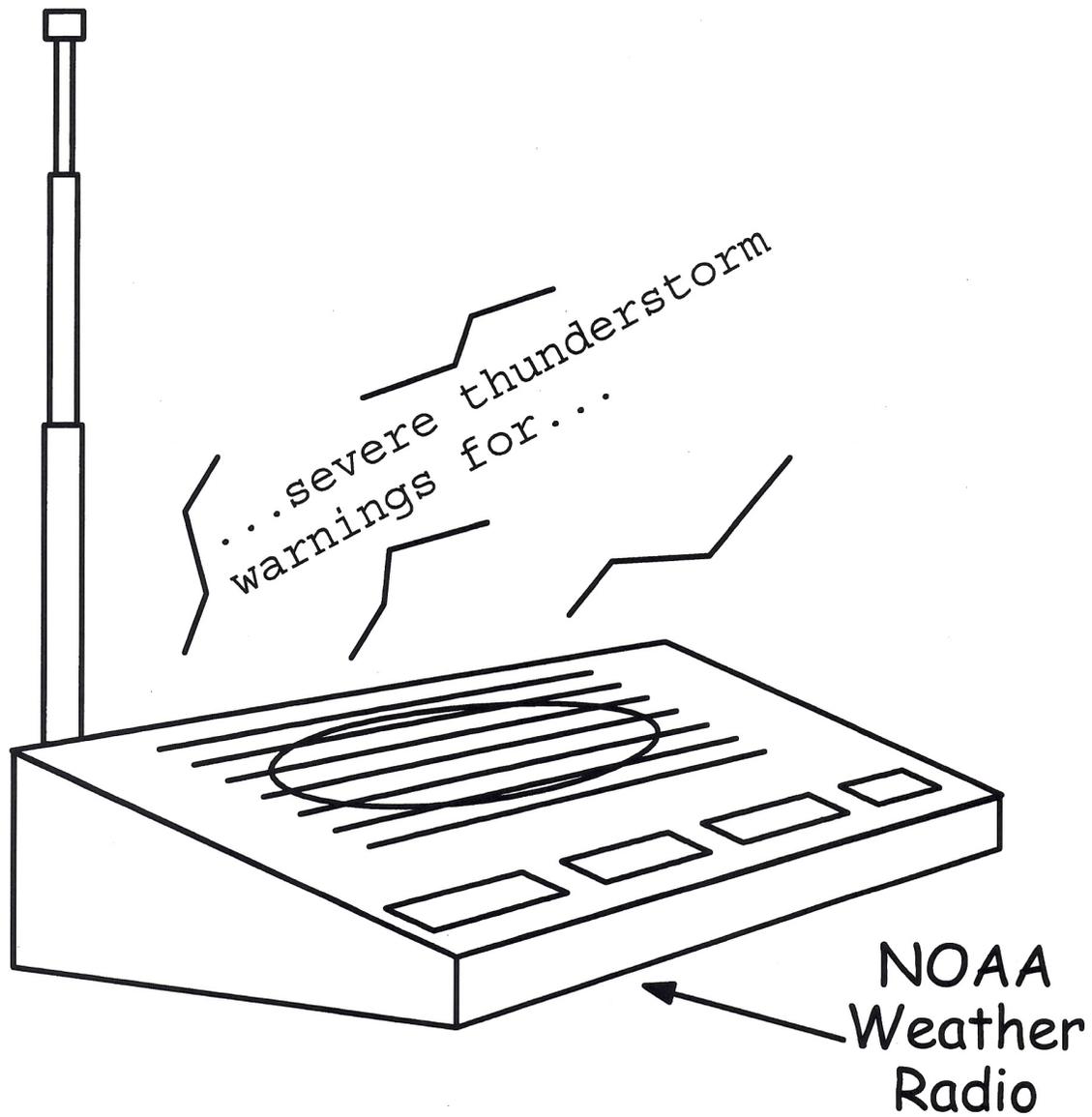
Before long there was a large storm within view. Maria and Billy decided to go inside since the wind was beginning to get very strong.



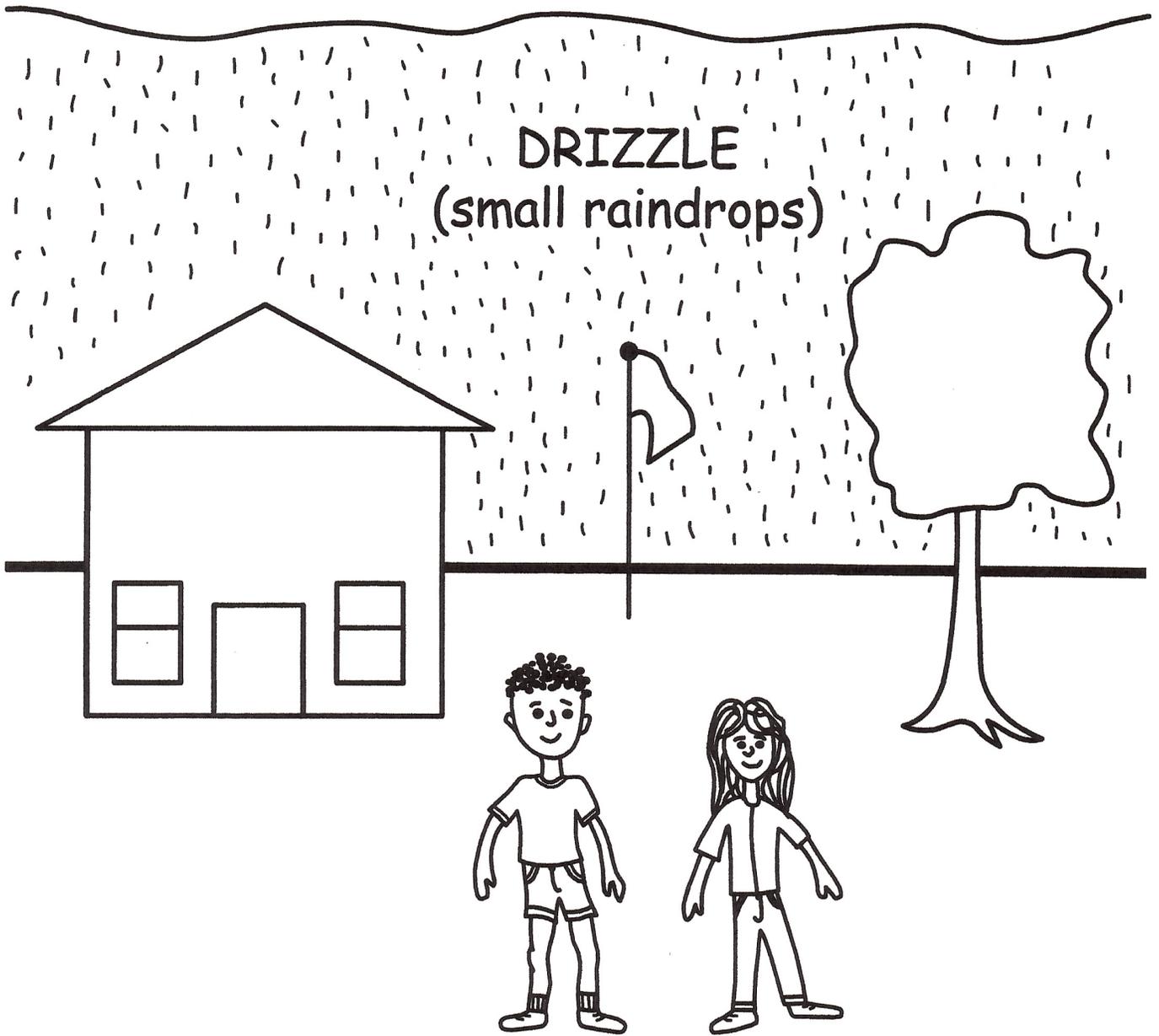
Billy was looking out the window when, suddenly, a lightning bolt flashed. It then began to rain hard. It was pouring and thunder was rumbling everywhere.



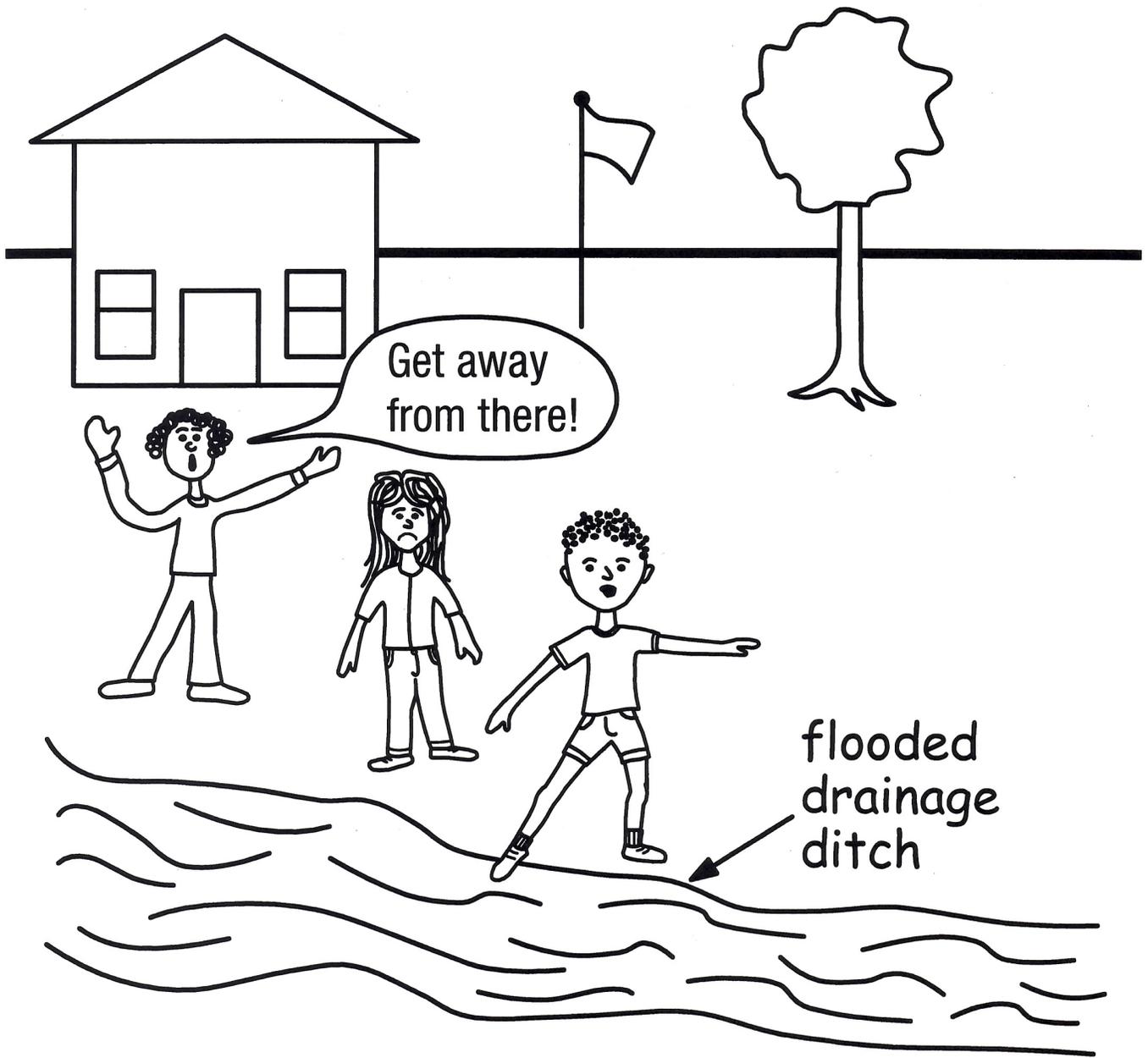
Maria's mother quickly got off the phone, Billy moved away from the window, and Maria unplugged the television and computer. These things were all done in order to keep safe from the lightning.



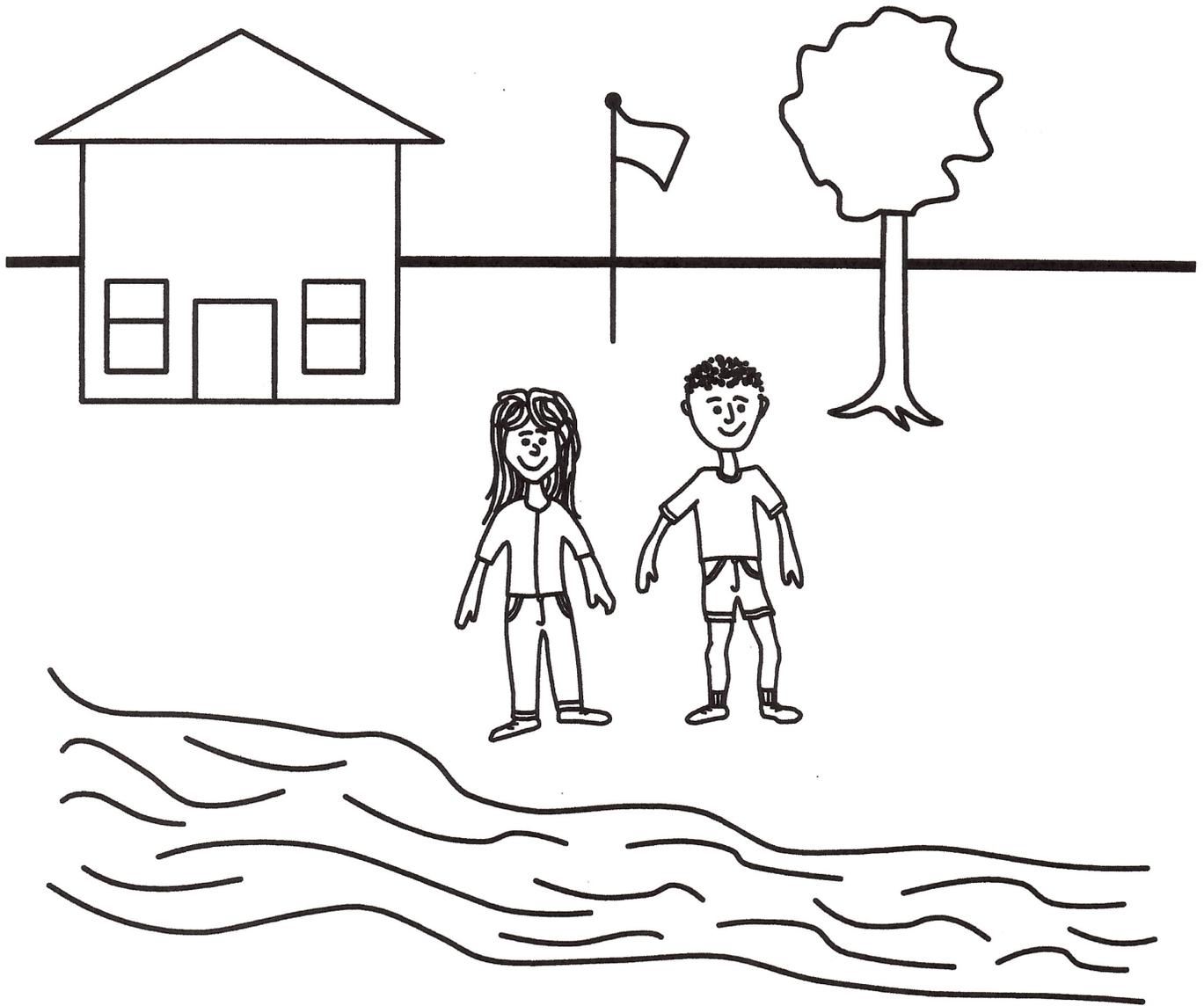
Billy and Maria felt scared because of all the thunder, so they listened to their NOAA Weather Radio to learn where the storm was and when it would be over.



Soon, the lightning and thunder stopped. It was just drizzling, so Maria and Billy went outside to look around.



Billy went over to the drainage ditch to see where all the rainwater was going. Before he got too close, Maria's mother rushed out and told him "Get away from there!".



Billy was lucky for this warning. The ditch was flooded with water. He could have fallen into the water and drowned if he had gotten closer! Maria and Billy were glad they had learned how to stay safe during a thunderstorm.

1. Go inside
2. Stay away from windows
3. Don't talk on the telephone
4. Unplug televisions and computers
5. Listen to the Weather Radio
6. Stay away from running water and flooded areas when outdoors

**Billy + Maria**

Here are some of the safety rules that Billy and Maria learned.



# READY KIDS

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## FAMILY SUPPLY LIST

### Emergency Supplies

Water, food, and clean air are important things to have if an emergency happens. Each family or individual's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also be customized to include important family documents.



### Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

### Clothing and Bedding:

If you live in a cold weather climate, you must think about warmth. It is possible that the power will be out and you will not have heat. Rethink your clothing and bedding supplies to account for growing children and other family changes. One complete change of warm clothing and shoes per person, including:

- A jacket or coat
- Long pants
- A long sleeve shirt
- Sturdy shoes
- A hat and gloves
- A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person



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## FAMILY SUPPLY LIST (CONTINUED)

**Below are some other items for your family to consider adding to its supply kit. Some of these items, especially those marked with a \* can be dangerous, so please have an adult collect these supplies.**

- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or a print out of the information on [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container \*
- Signal flare\*
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items including feminine supplies
- Disinfectant \*
- Household chlorine bleach \* - You can use bleach as a disinfectant (diluted nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to treat water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Medicine dropper
- Important Family Documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.