

*THINK*

*COMPOSTING*

DE - COM - PO - SI - TION.  
WHEN YOU COMPOSE SOMETHING YOU  
PUT IT TOGETHER -- WHEN YOU  
DECOMPOSE IT, YOU TAKE IT APART.





GOOD EARTH

HAPPY NOW?

Q & A

Q: I have a question about the subject of waste. Can you help me with it?  
A: Sure, I can be of help.

Q & A  
AND TWO  
AND TWO

Q & A  
AND TWO  
AND TWO

ACROSS  
2. Paul  
on. A  
3. What  
has  
a. Can  
to

CLAY

PONY CO.

NOON

12:15



DID SOMEBODY SAY  
ROTTEN TOMATO?

I CHEW  
ON ORGANIC  
RESIDUE.



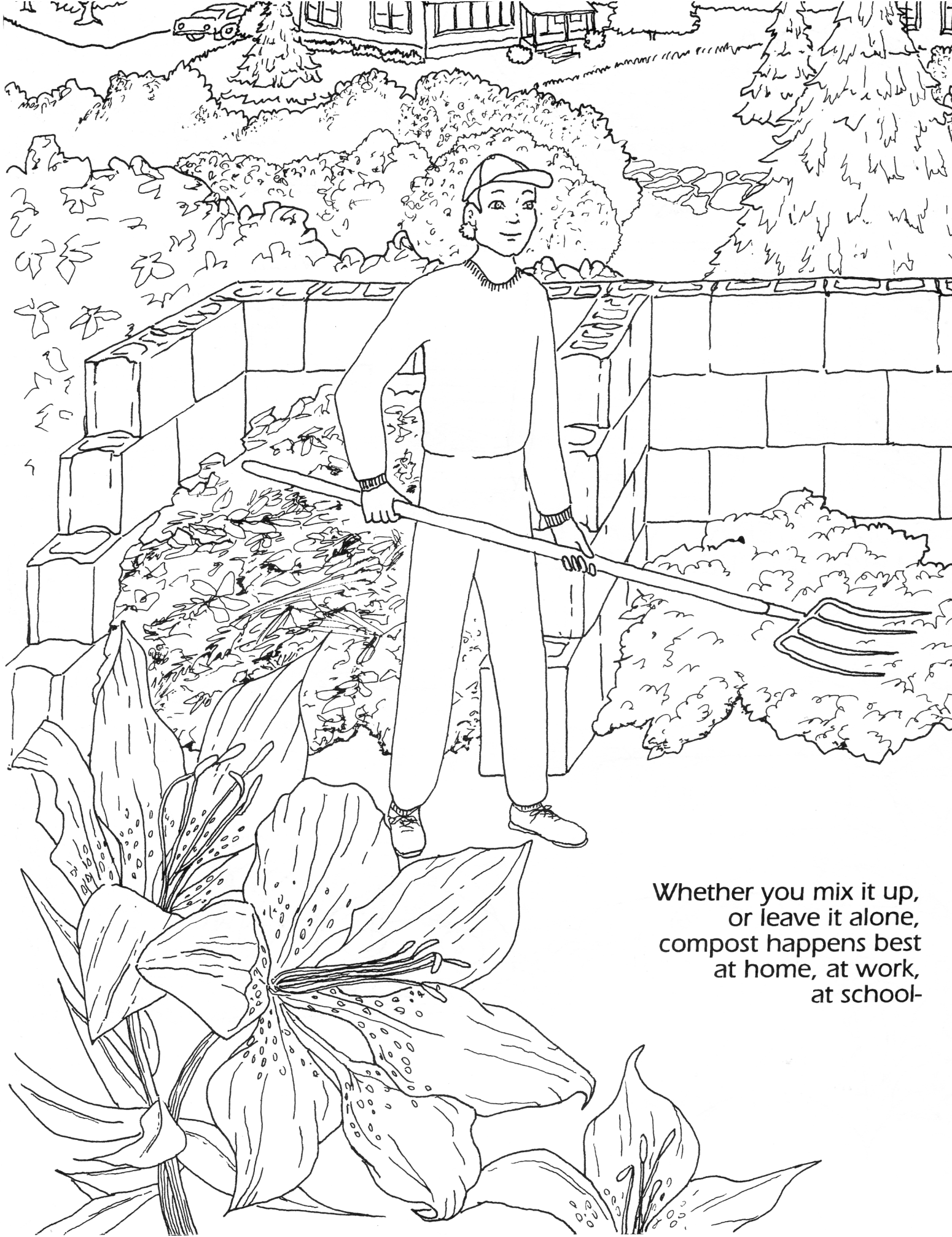


MEET MY  
FRIENDS,  
THE  
DECOMPOSERS!

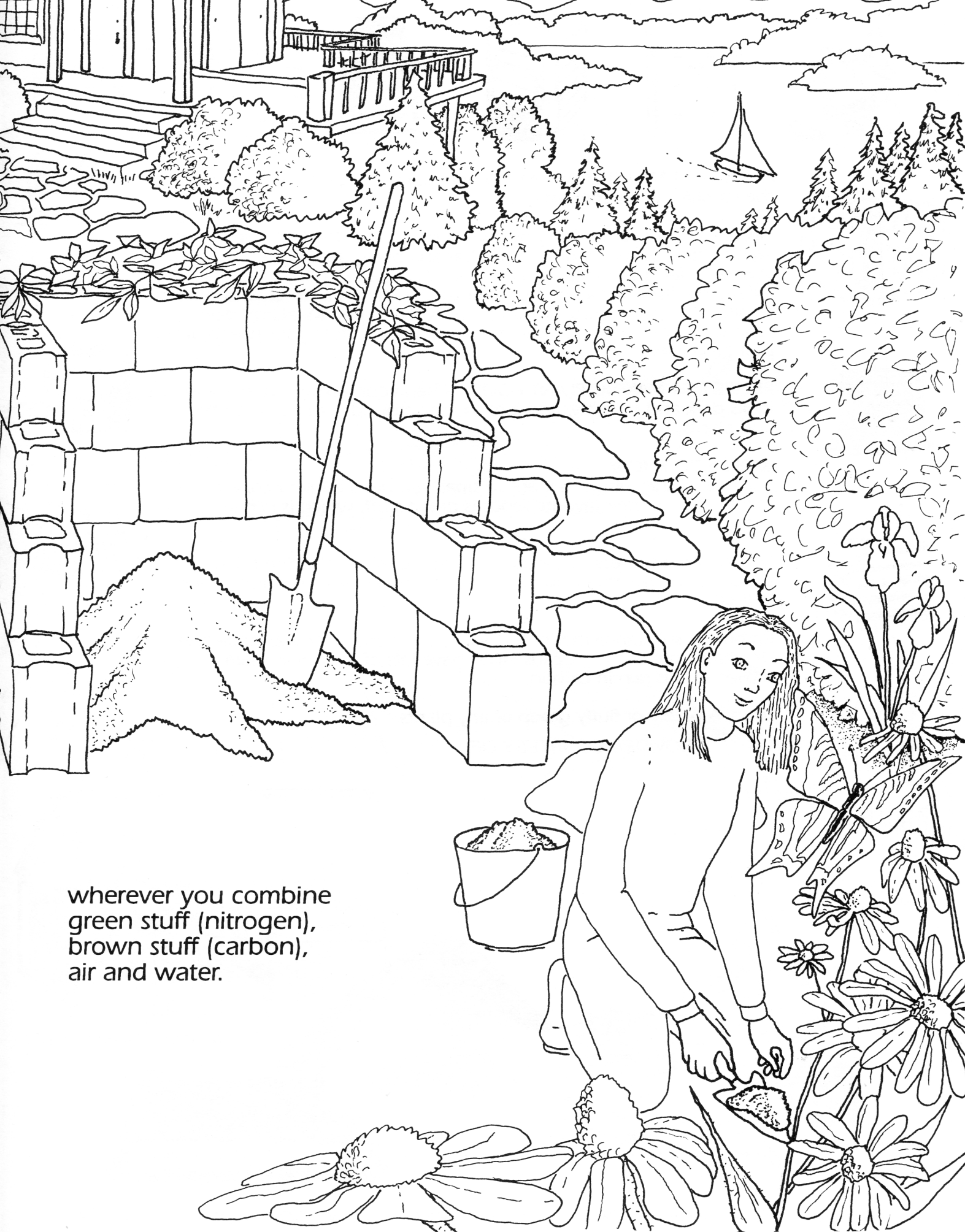
I'M  
GOOD BACTERIA-  
I'M EVERYWHERE.

MMMMM  
WHAT'S FOR  
DESSERT?

I ♥ MOLD!

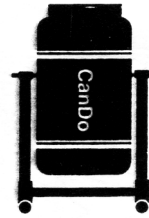
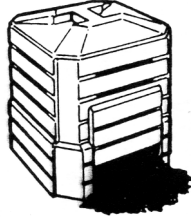
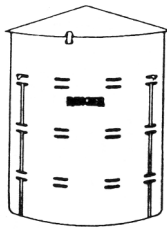


Whether you mix it up,  
or leave it alone,  
compost happens best  
at home, at work,  
at school-

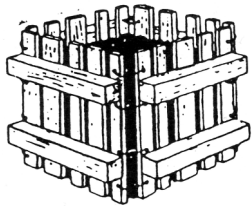


wherever you combine  
green stuff (nitrogen),  
brown stuff (carbon),  
air and water.



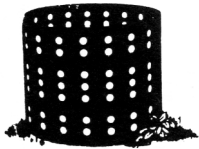
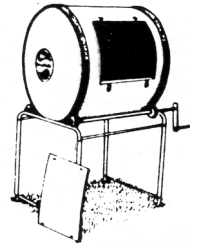


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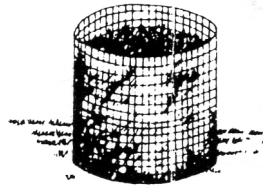


**ANOTHER LANDFILL?** More than one-fourth of the discards headed for the landfill can be composted.

**PROJECT** Start composting by mixing things like dried or green leaves, wood chips, straw, lettuce leaves, banana peels, apple cores, used paper towels, toilet paper rolls, and other kinds of paper that you can't recycle where you live. Put all of these things together in a compost container or pile. Adding pet droppings can spread disease. Meat and dairy products attract animals. Bury your new additions in your pile to avoid pest problems.



**RECIPE FOR MAKING PLANT FOOD** When your mixture shrinks and looks dark and crumbly, add it to the soil around your trees, bushes and plants.



#### WORDS TO KNOW

**Bacteria-** Living things that are so small you need a microscope to see them. One of their favorite foods is green stuff, which is rich in nitrogen.



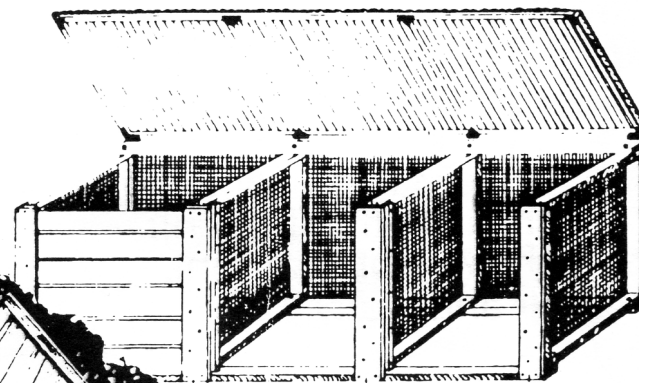
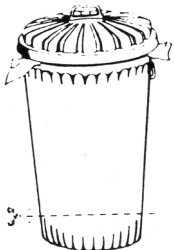
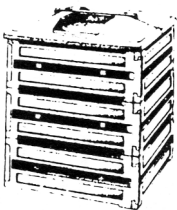
**Nitrogen-** A colorless, tasteless substance found in all living things. Green or colorful things like fresh lettuce leaves have lots of nitrogen in them.

**Carbon-** A substance that occurs in anything that is or was once alive. Dry leaves are brown because they have lots of carbon in them. Brown stuff is rich in carbon.



**Mold-** A wooly or fluffy group of tiny plants.

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