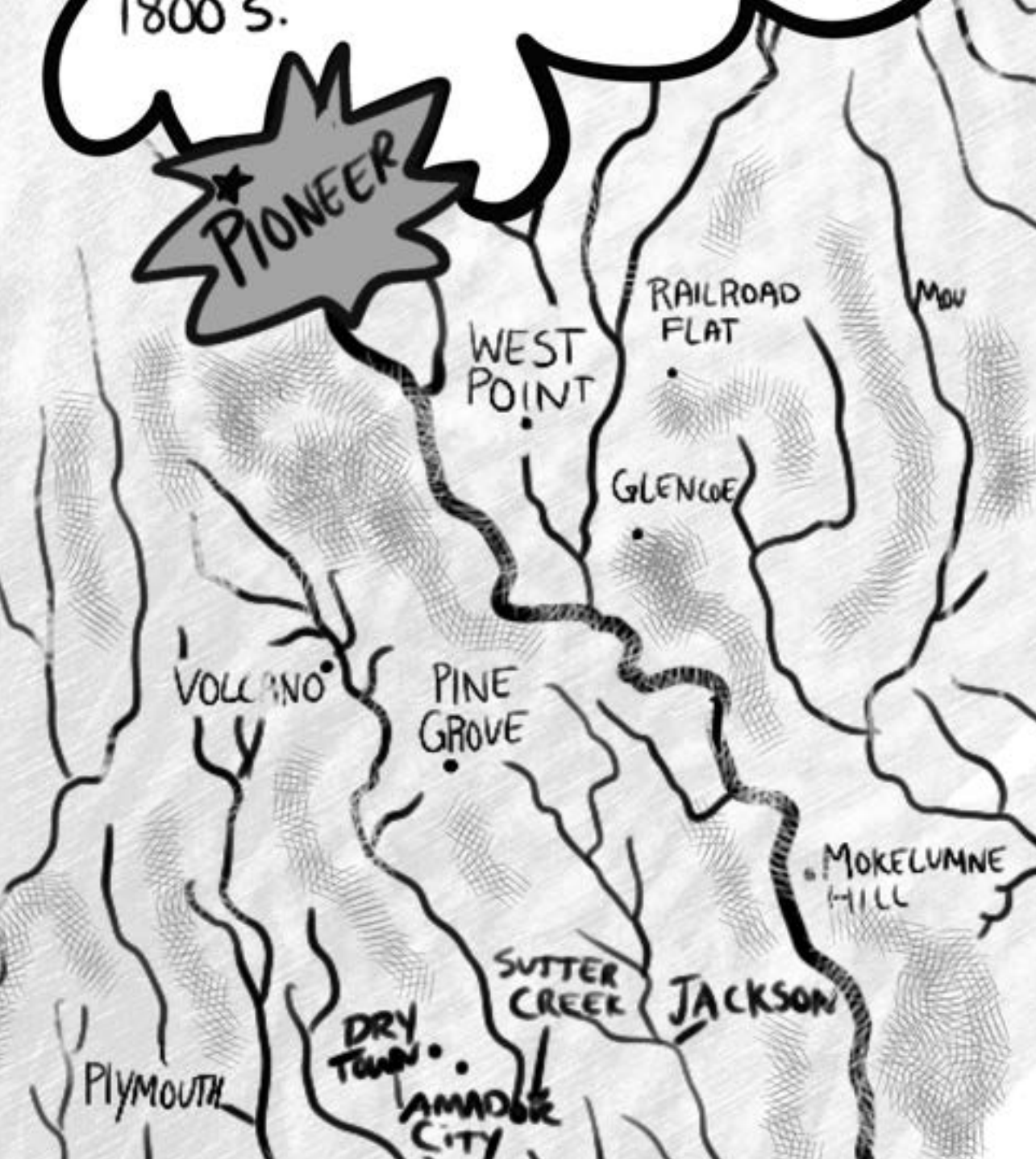


Amador County, California.
Known as the 'Mother Lode,'
this vast stretch of land
once hosted busy Gold Rush towns
and was heavily mined in the
1800's.

★
PIONEER



JAX DuBois

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN:
PIONEER, CA

HOBBIES:

- MAKING MIX TAPES
- SWIMMING
- CAMPING

Dislikes:

- BIG CROWDS
- YARDWORK
- MATH



SUMMER TIMES



so
sick!

ON THE MOKEJUMNE River

The best time
of the year is
when the rivers
are safe to swim.



You can hang
out all day,

and there are tons of
ropeswings you can
jump right in! I spend
all my free time there!



TOO BAD
YOU DON'T HAVE
ANY FREETIME!

Marie Du Bois

A.K.A.

JAX'S MOM!

HOMETOWN:

BERKELY, CA

PROFESSION:

SCIENCE
TEACHER

SECRET TALENT:

HYPNOTIZING
BUTTERFLIES



Sorry kid but we're looking at weeks of Chores.

RED CO
CAMPSITE

THIS winter was so harsh and long that we're a WHOLE month behind.

CLOSED

All this rain has the grass growing high. We can't let all this dry out in the heat.

You better get out of the clouds and back to whackin'!

CAMPSITE 1

This grass is only the first of your to-do's.

What is Defensible SPACE?

"Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home."

-ReadyforWildfire.org

If you live in Amador or Calaveras Counties, then 'Defensible Space' is even more important! Protect our community and our home by putting in the extra effort to keep your land tidy and free of fire hazards!



CLUE #1
DEFENSIBLE
SPACE!



WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO!!

... all the plants that died must be dug up

All GRASS has to be down to 4 INCHES...

All the leaves need to be cleared out...

All debris Needs to be Cleaned up...

JAX'S SHACK

Plus your shack needs to be repainted...

At this rate, we might be closed all summer!

HELLO?? ANYBODY HERE?

Geez mom, relax i'll do it!



NO WAY! I'm a DJ too
but just on the computer.
That sick!

I mean we're still closed
but maybe you can go
down to the river.

Jax! Who are
you talkin' to??

HERE COMES
trouble...



City kids
I see... where
ya'll headed?

This your
first camping
trip?


Ham, suddenly the
vibes are off.

What vibes?
I'm just asking a
question.

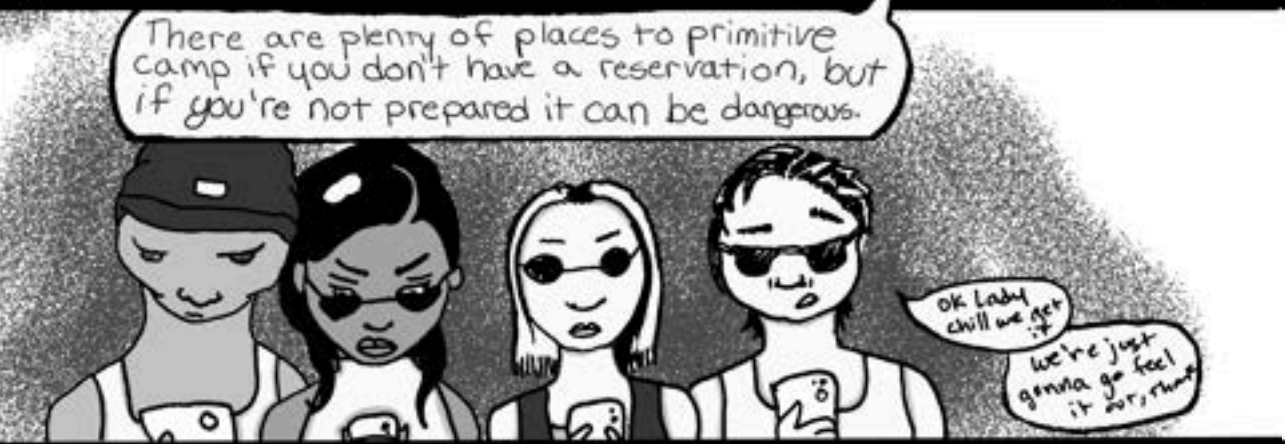
Well it's giving
nosey.

Giving? What?

Man! Stop
embarrassing me!




I was just trying to be helpful.
It can be hard to just find a
good spot.



There are plenty of places to primitive
camp if you don't have a reservation,
but if you're not prepared it can be dangerous.

OK Lady
chill we get it

We're just
gonna go feel
it our, rnt



SEE YOU
Later, Jax!

LATER
FAM!



I hope those kids stay safe out there...

They're not kids mom! Maybe stop talking down to everyone, it ~~SO~~ embarrasses!

Oh, it's not that bad! We're stewards of the land, we have to care for it!

Just let it go, we got a lot to do today.



On
the FARM

BUSTER



AGE:
UNKNOWN

HOMETOWN:
UNKNOWN

LOCAL SPOT:

O.K.
Corral

You got two dead oaks that have to go ASAP.

WE can dry it out for firewood, but they gotta come down before the wind.

You might wanna eat before I give you the price.

I'm barely making ends meet as is! You didn't even mention the pine out front!

I know things have been tough this year. The pine is still alive but I can deal with that widowmaker.



CLUE #2 WIDOWMAKER

N FORESTRY, A WIDOWMAKER IS A DETACHED OR BROKEN LIMB OR TREE TOP.





WELLY KATE



AGE: 14

HOMETOWN:
WEST POINT, CA

LIKES:

- Old Britney Spears
- HER PHONE
- Lumberjack Day!

DISLIKES:

- Horses
- Hiking
- Summer school.



TOO RISKY TO SWIM!

Alpine rivers are extremely cold and fast this year. Even the strongest swimmers become weak in cold water. Learn how long it takes to get hypothermia in the summer.

1 MINUTE- The shock of cold water causes you to gasp, taking in water and inducing panic.

5 MINUTES- You begin to lose mobility in 2-15 minutes, making it difficult to move your arms and legs.

30 MINUTES- You begin to lose consciousness due to cold or head trauma, resulting in drowning.

RIVER SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

For more information visit.

www.recreation.gov

*Information sourced from recreation.gov



**CLUE #3- HYPOTHERMIA
THE CONDITION OF HAVING A DANGEROUSLY LOW BODY
TEMPERATURE.**



Welcome to minifest,
2023! A place to shine!



We have
lights, candy,
vintage cameras,
a great sound
system, two
turntables, and
most importantly,
Kian's USB
full of 'Deep
Cuts'



Deep cuts?!
turntables?

Yeah, ok...



Isn't this all
a bit much? Do you
have trowels to bury
your poop out here?

Sounds like someone
is on student council.
Sorry I don't speak nerd.

OMG, Kelly!
Be cool!...



Jax? Kelly Kate? I have your lunches down here... You don't have to eat the hummus.

C'mon Jax, lets get out of here...

Bye y'all! We'll be back!

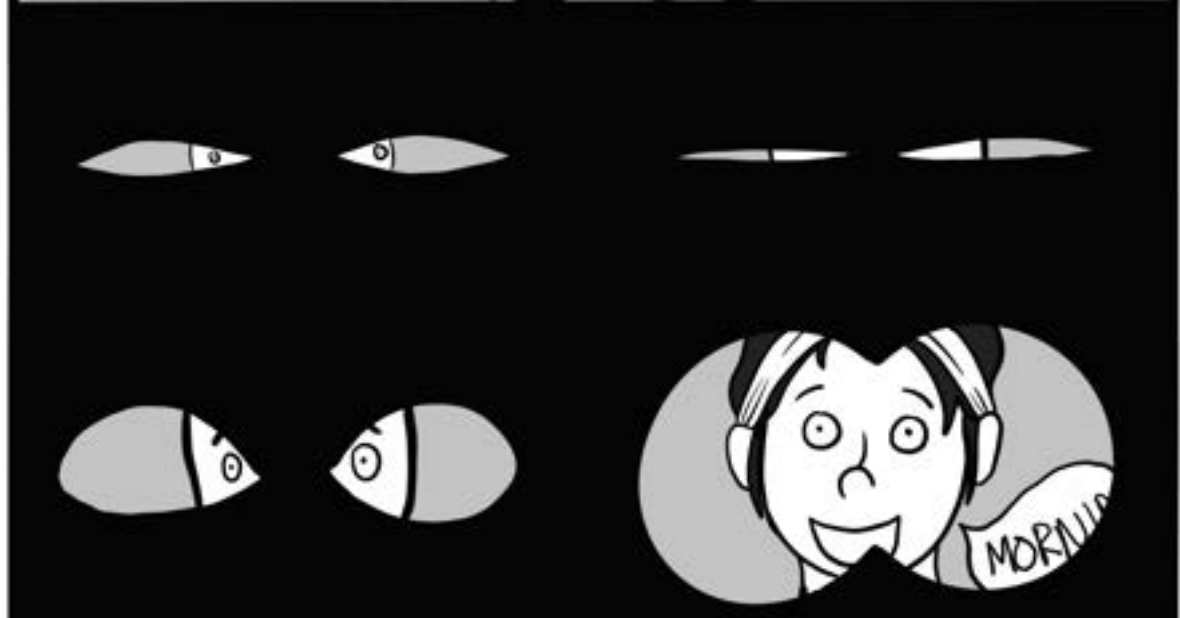


Next time can you not be so basic? I really want to hang with them. They're so cool!

I mean, they weren't that cool-They didn't even have trash bags!

Be careful! Those rocks are wet! I'm gonna have a heart attack!















Can you see anything?

“ ”

No, can you?

Not really, but I think this is the way

“ ”

Ew! I just walked through spiderwebs


Calm down! I can hear their music.

“ ”


Yeah, it's super loud now.








Seriously though,
that's a big fire...




and not well
constructed...




The flames are
way too high. There
is too much tree
growth!

...And you didn't
use a proper fire
pit or make one!



Do you even have water?



Buzzkills!
Both of you!

OR a
shovel?









How to Put Out CAMPFIRE

1. DROWN the campfire
with water!

2. MIX the embers
with dirt.

3. FEEL! *IF its too
Hot to touch-
it's too hot to
leave.

LEARN MORE AT

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CLUE #4-
DROWN, MIX, FEEL!



KEEPING FIRE
SAFE

TO KEEP US
SAFE FROM
FIRE

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Hey Kelly?

Yeah?

Maybe those kids aren't as cool as I thought...

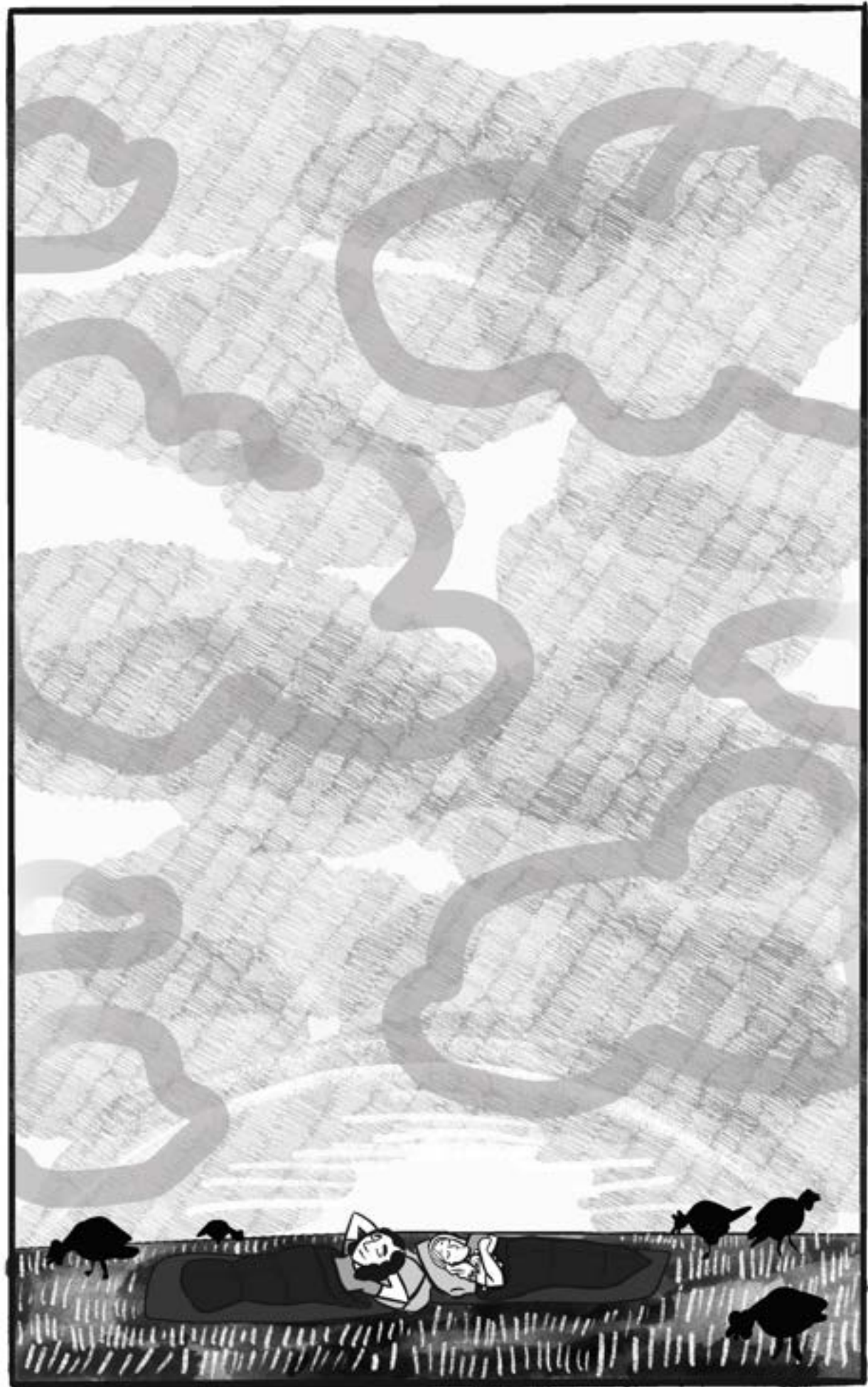
They were pretty cool. Just not that smart, kinda dumb I guess.

I wish people could get it. Why is it so hard to understand?

Well, you don't get city life so maybe it's harder than you think.

Maybe...

Most likely





Hey,
Sleepy Head..



Rise and
Shine.



Kelly left, but
you have
visitors...



Hey Jax, we just
wanted to come say bye
before we head home.



It was really cool
how you stood up
against Chad. He
got a huge ticket
from the Sheriff.

I wanted you
to have this to
say thanks. I saw
you eyeing it. Just
a small reminder
that we really
appreciate you
and your home.

Wow that's
so nice. Thanks!



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Howdy there! My name is Liz Grandsaert and I am the artist behind, 'On the Farm Comics'! I live in Pioneer, California on my two acre farm where I work as an artist and a land steward. You can find me most days in the garden, in the studio drawing, or on the banks of the Mokelumne River when it is safe to swim. I've lived all over the world, including New York, Paris, Berlin, and Los Angeles - but Gold Country is my chosen home. I am so excited to share this comic with all of my wonderful neighbors in Amador and Calaveras, and hope you decide to join our community through 'The Fire Keepers Club,' to stay involved and maybe find yourself featured in as a character in the story.
Thanks for stopping by!



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Local HERO



TEDDY FIORY

★
TEDDY is a
Wildlife Rehabber
living in Upcountry
Amador! She works
with small mammals,
like SQUIRRELS. Thank
You TEDDY for looking
out for our Local
Wildlife!



**CLUE #5- WESTERN GREY
A NATIVE SPECIES OF SQUIRREL!**

DRAW YOUR

**LOCAL
HERO**

LOCAL HEROES ARE ALL AROUND US!!

DRAW YOUR OWN LOCAL HERO IN THE SPACE BELOW!

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AGE: _____

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Did you find all five clues to hidden throughout the comic?
If not, look again! There is all kinds of useful information in the story
to help you prepare for fire season and help others be safe!

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what you've learned, so submit today!

ON THE FARM SUMMER EDITION CLUE QUIZ:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

YOUR NAME: _____

AGE: _____

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