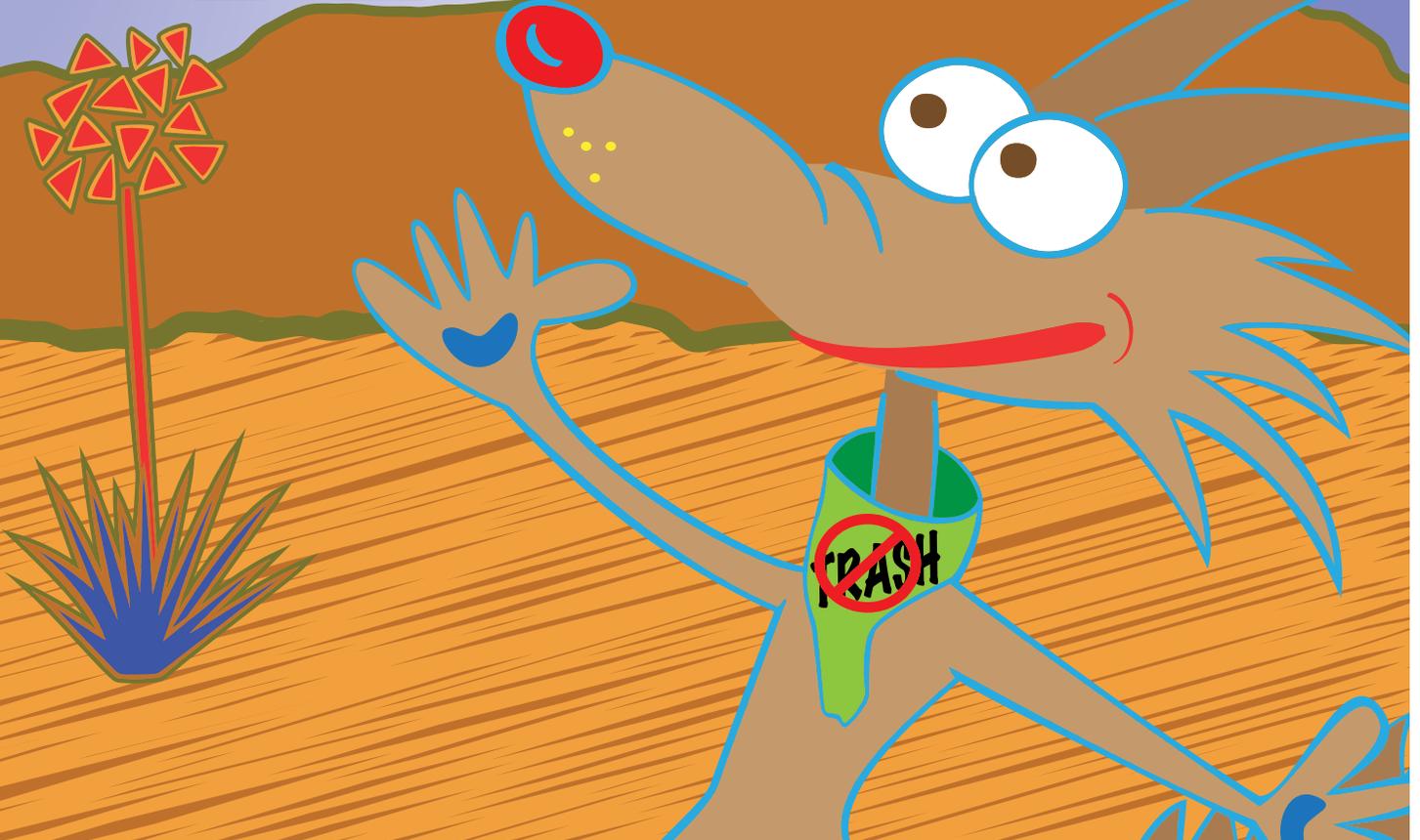


Carlos the Coyote

# DESERT ADVENTURE



A STORY ABOUT  
**ILLEGAL DUMPING**

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Illegal Dumping Partnership

Illegal dumping, also known as “midnight dumping,” is the term used to describe disposing of waste in unauthorized areas. It is an environmental crime and a person can be charged with a misdemeanor to a felony.

**C**arlos says **STOP**

littering and illegal dumping by  
putting trash in its place.



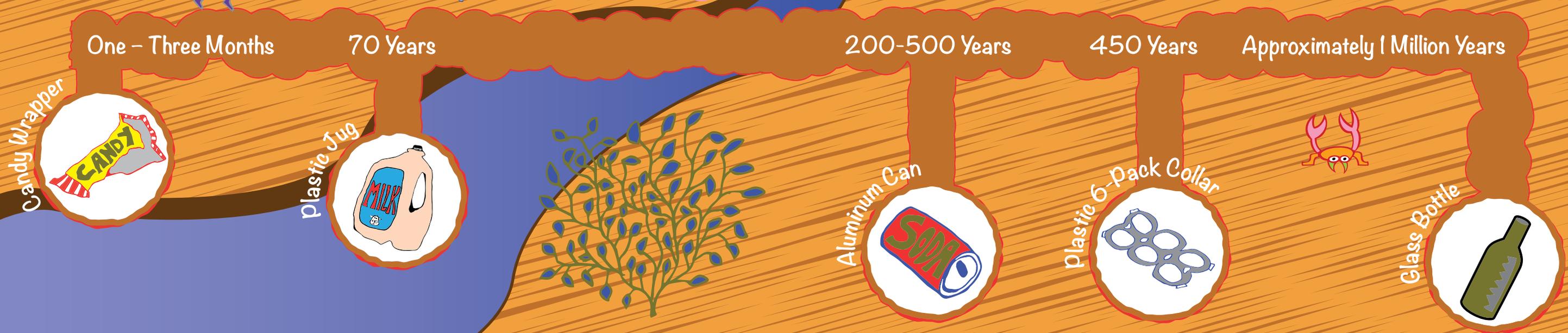
**D**id you know?

Cleanup of illegal dumpsites costs all of us thousands of dollars a year and many hours of labor.

Illegally dumped waste can pollute the water and disrupt wildlife habitats.

**B**urning garbage and illegal dumping can cause health and safety issues for you and everyone around you.

Look below to see how long it takes for trash to decompose.



**C**arlos is a coyote who lives in the desert and is concerned for himself and his friends. Can you guess why he is worried?

Just look at all the trash Carlos and his friends – Sara Snake, Johnny Jackrabbit, and Lizzy Lizard – have to live in.

**J**ohnny says, any trash or tires holding water increases mosquito eggs.

By cleaning trash you will kill more mosquitoes than trying to SWAT them.



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Remember not just mosquitoes are hiding in the trash or tires.

I bet you can guess what else is in the desert!

Yup, you got it —

Centipedes, spiders, mice, snakes and much more!

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ry to find what else might be hiding in the trash left in the desert.

Bed Bugs

Glass

Knives

Rats

Mice

Hazardous Waste

Mosquitoes

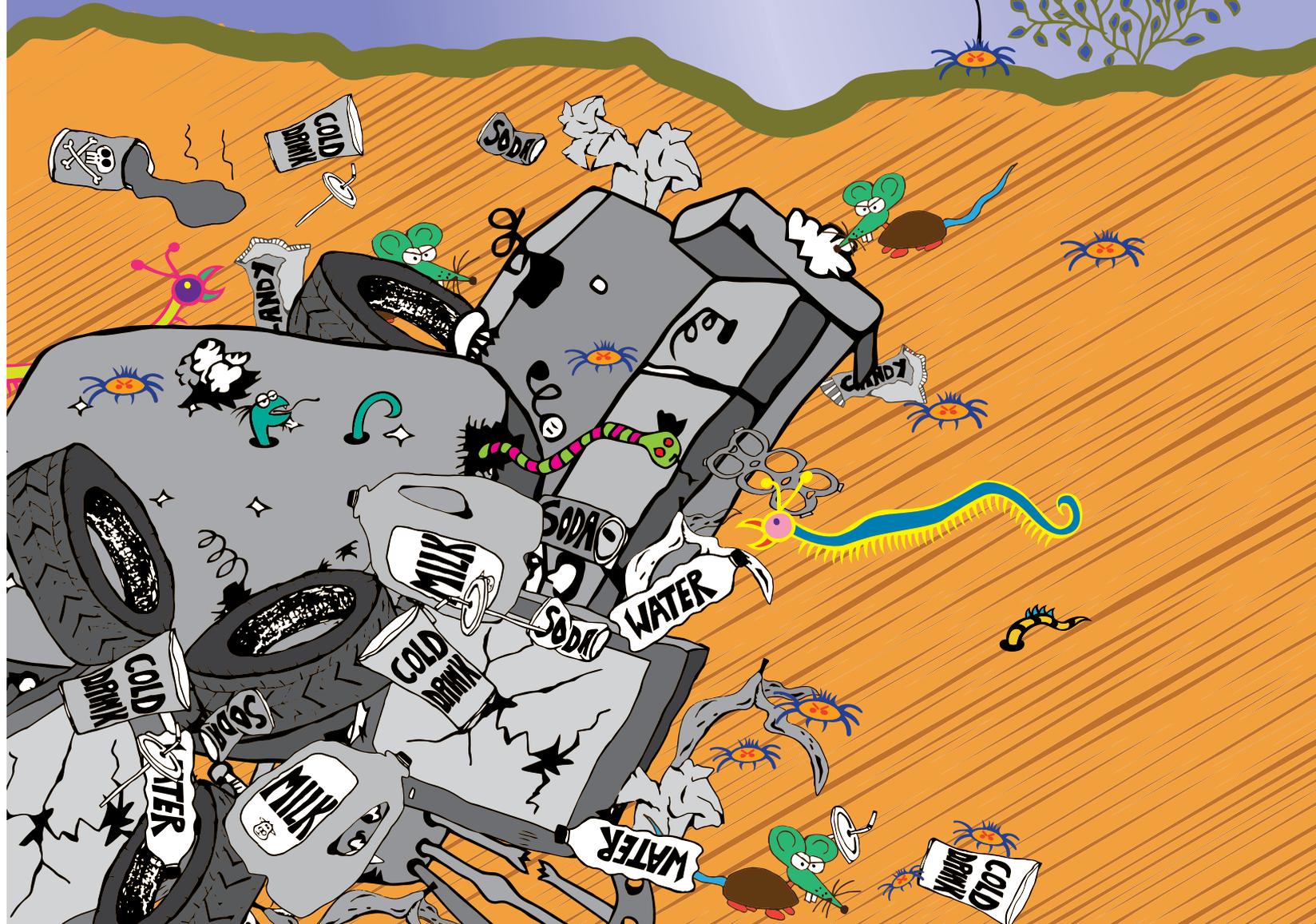
Snakes

Centipedes

Insects

Needles

Spiders



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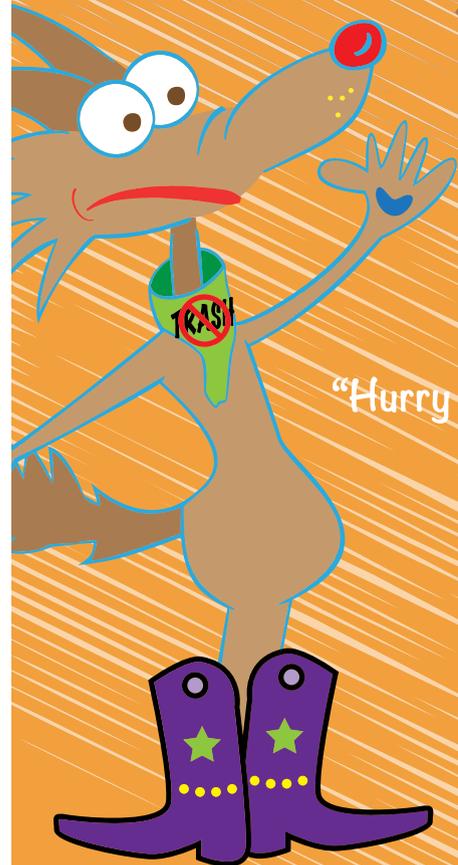
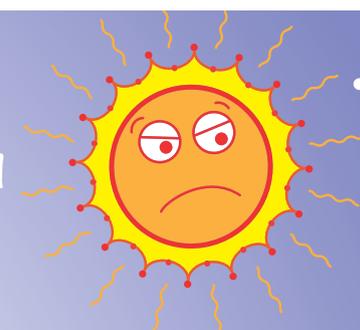
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The friends are watching someone illegally dump trash.

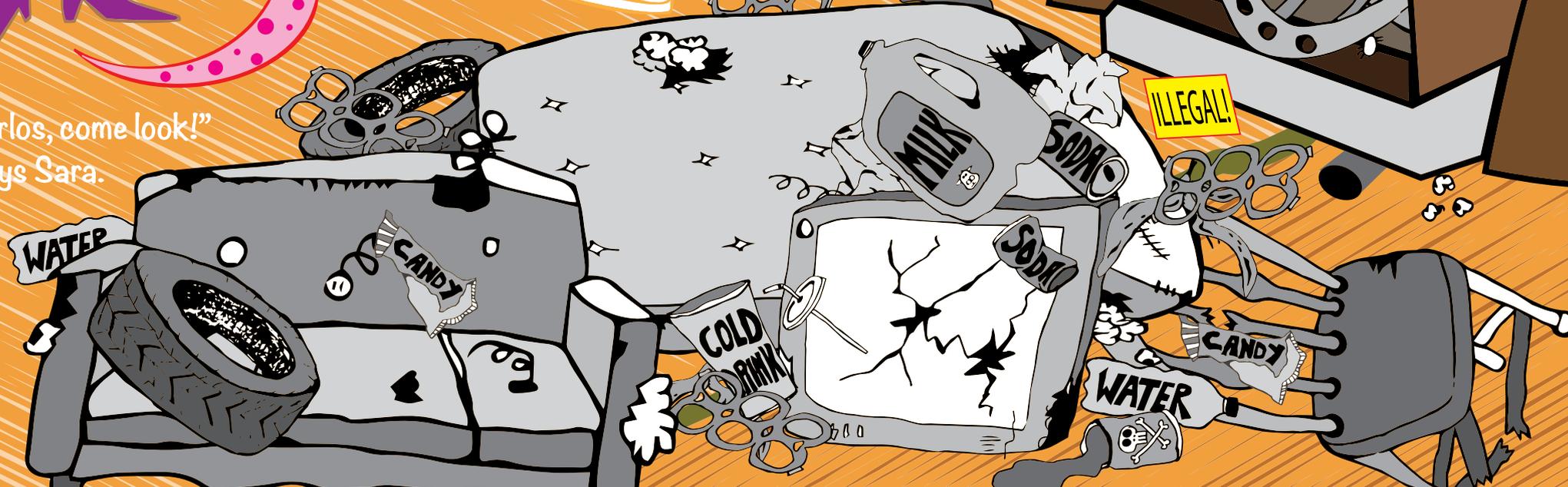
"We need to do something!" says Lizzy.

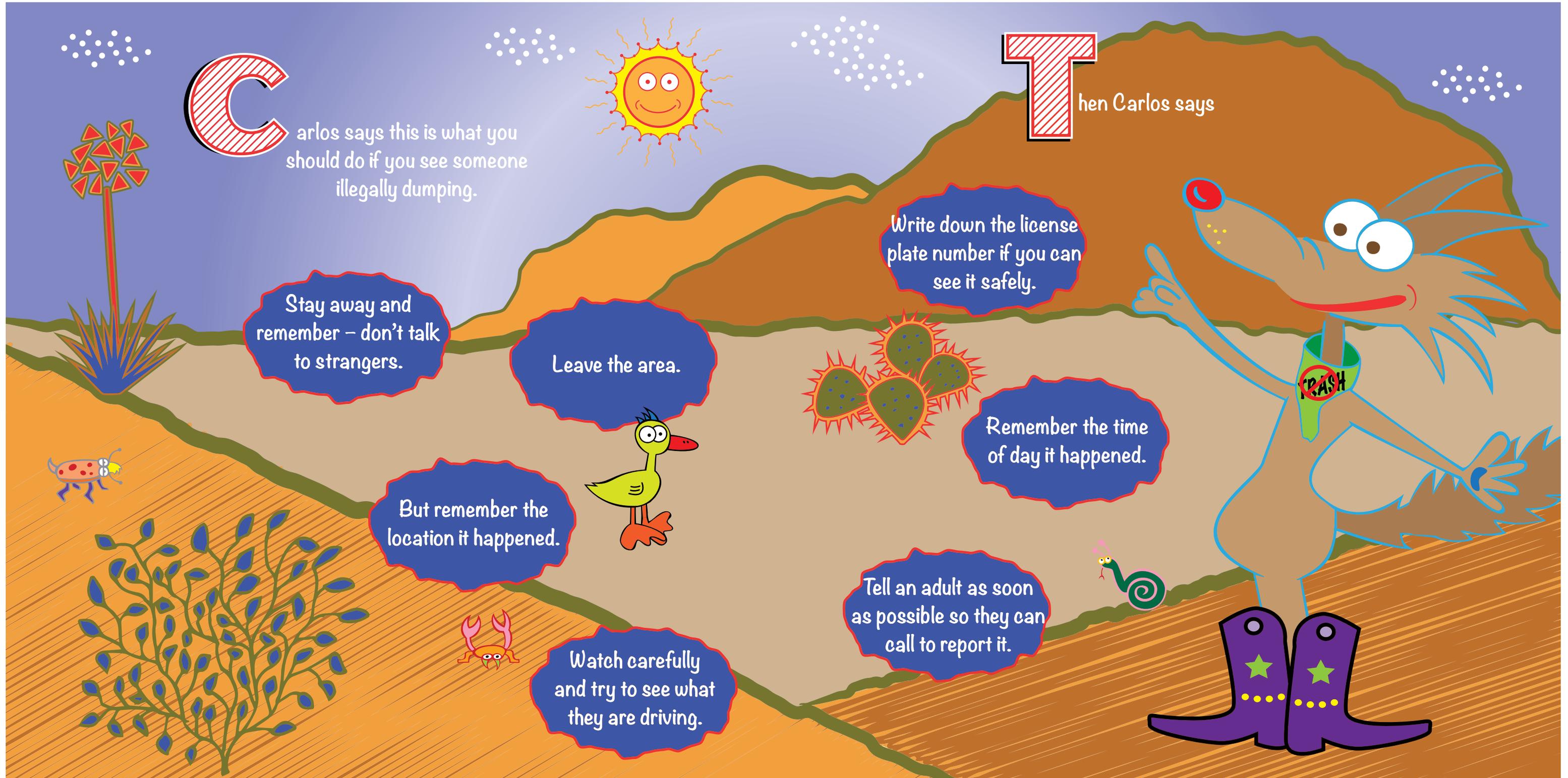
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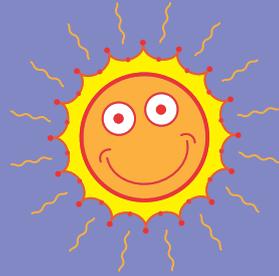
wonder what we should do!" asks Johnny.



"Hurry Carlos, come look!" says Sara.







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re you ready to take the pledge?

**Join Carlos the Coyote!**

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Your Name

**I PLEDGE TO DO MY PART TO PUT  
TRASH IN ITS PLACE AND REPORT  
ILLEGAL DUMPERS AND TRASH SITES**

Call  
**1-505-314-0310**

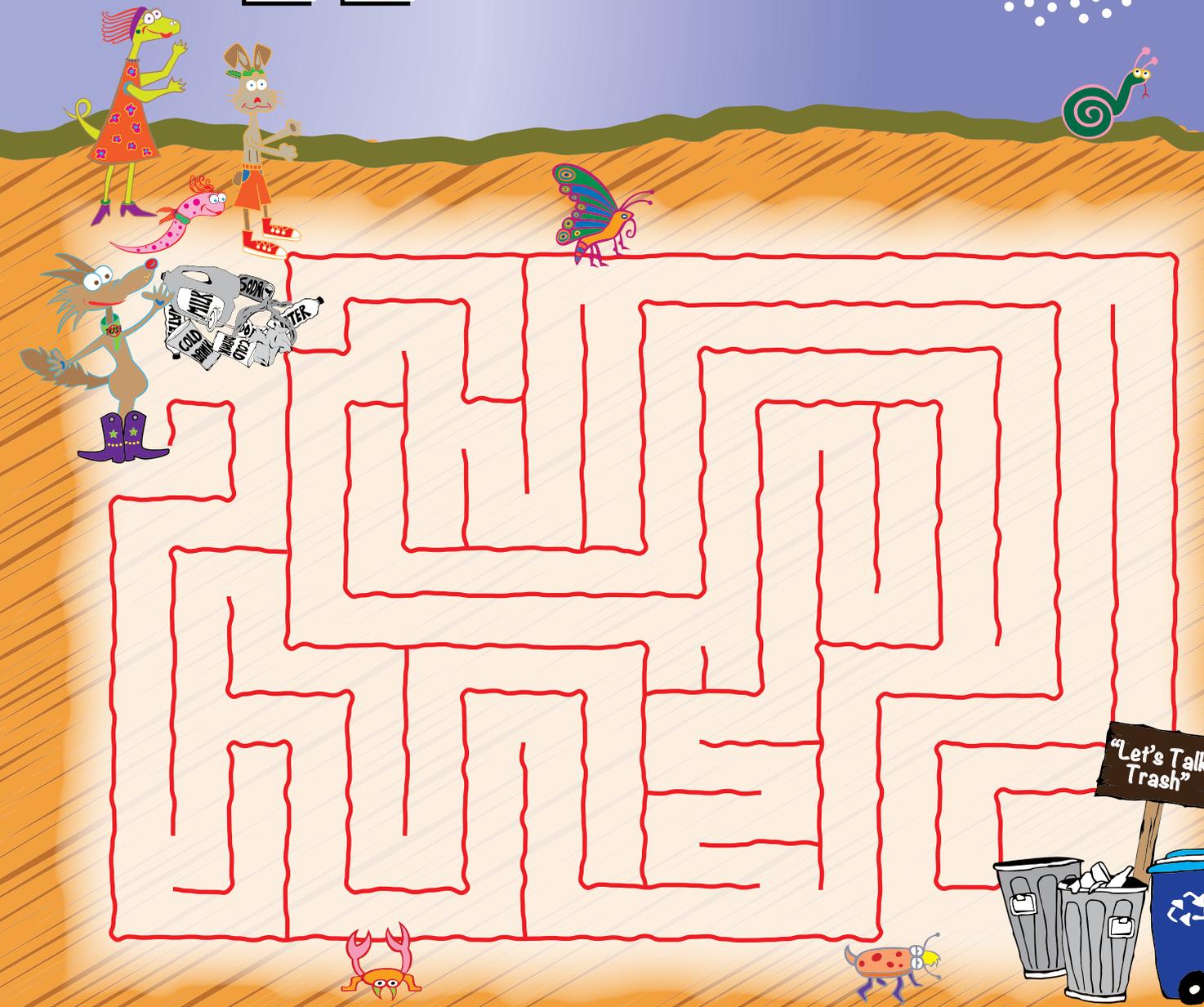


Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) is a multi-agency task force established to help combat illegal dumping throughout Bernalillo County.



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elp Carlos and his friends take their  
trash to the Transfer Station trash site.





ome on a desert adventure with Carlos and friends. Learn about illegal dumping, play games and take the pledge.

Sara Snake



Carlos Coyote



Johnny Jackrabbit



Lizzie Lizard



**505-314-0310**

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