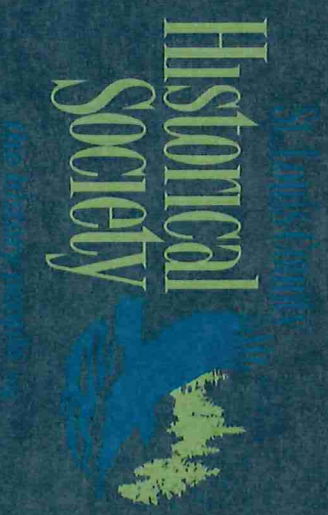


Paw & Order: Animal Detectives ...



Last night, there was a robbery!

Yesterday three friends drove up to Superior National Forest and set up a tent at their designated campsite.

After enjoying dinner around the fire the friends hopped in their tent for the night. When they awoke in the morning, they found that their campsite had been ransacked!

Greetings detectives,

My name is Inspector Dupin and I'm here to assist you as we use our skills of deduction to discover the truth of what happened last night at the crime scene.

Let's go take a look.

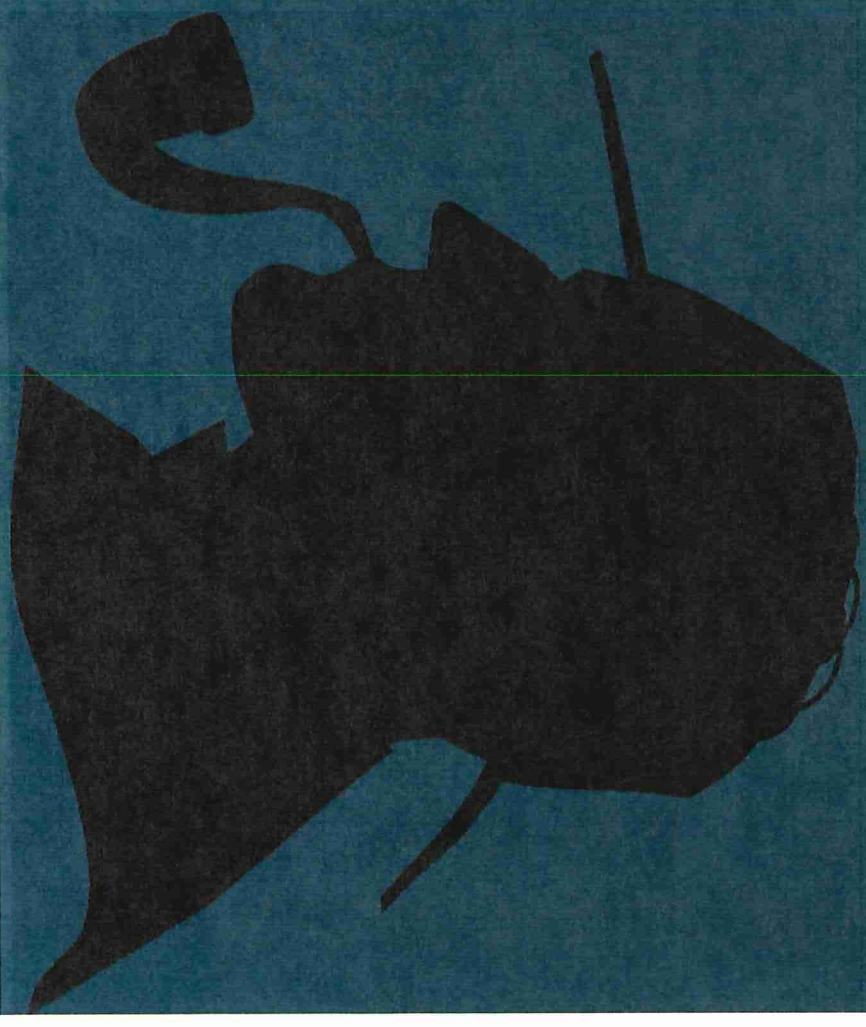




It looks like there are animal tracks all around the tent.

I bet these are the tracks of whatever made this mess!

Let's talk to some witnesses and see if we can find some more clues



Witness #1

“I slept through the night without hearing much. I think in the middle of the night there was this weird animal call. I would describe it as a screech. I’m not sure, but I think it was an owl.”



Witness #2

“I didn’t sleep very well last night, and I heard a lot of weird noises. I heard a lot of chewing sounds, but one noise was a weird chattering sound. It reminded me of the noise my cat makes when it sees a bird.”



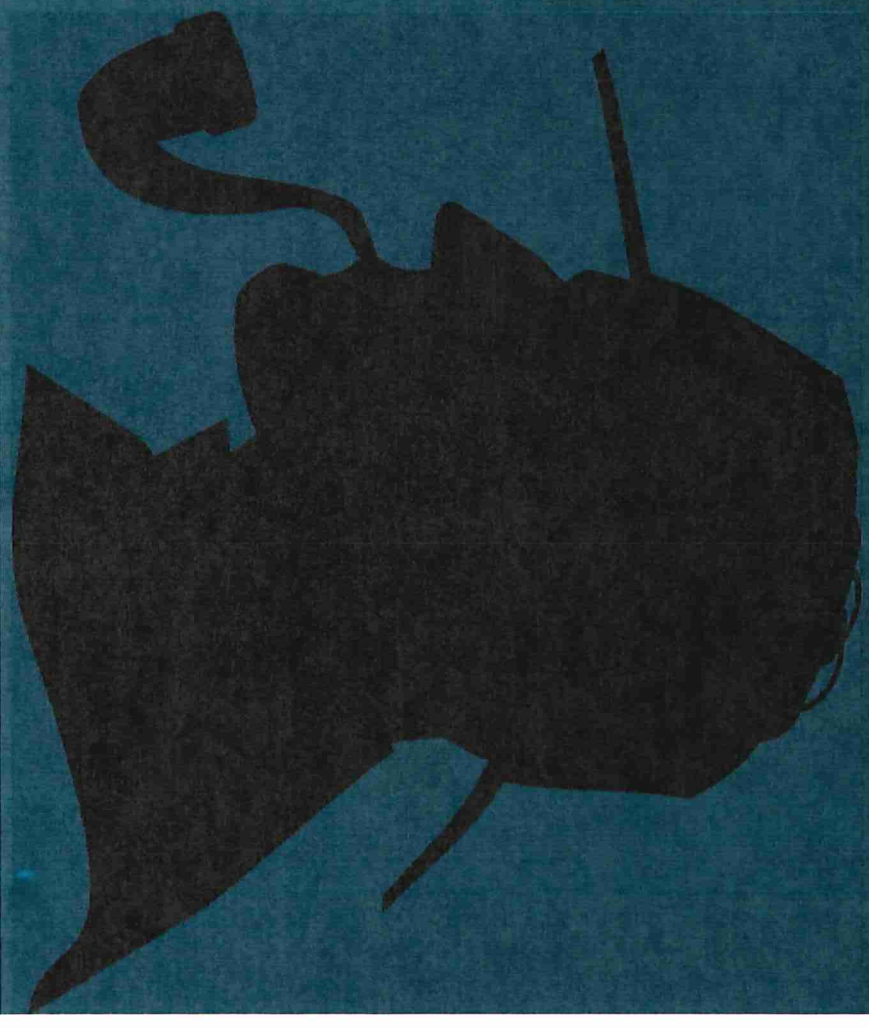
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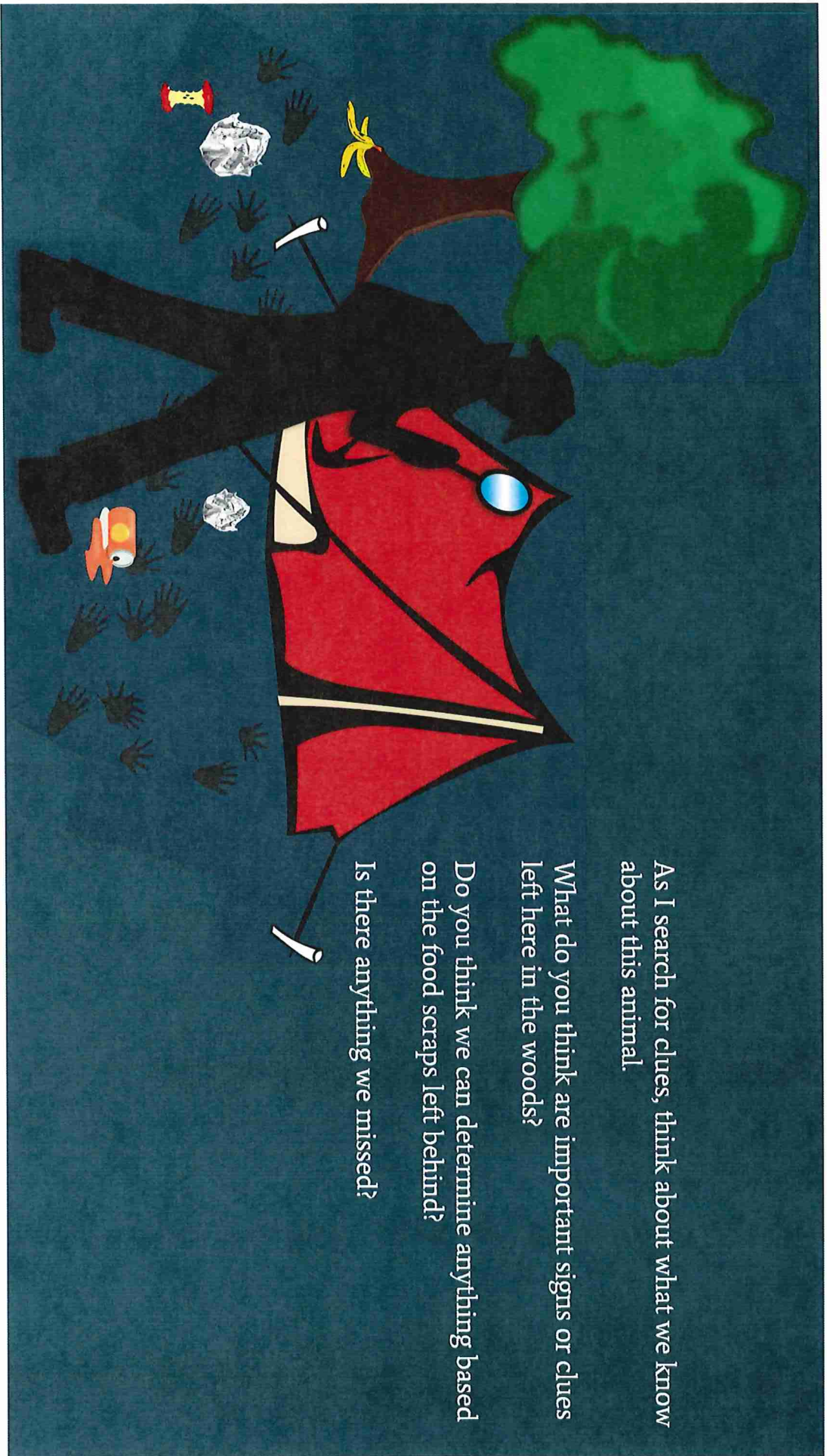
“I’m a really heavy sleeper, I didn’t hear anything last night. But when I woke up, all the tracks really freaked me out. The tracks almost look like human hands.”



Hmmmm

So it seems like we are dealing
with a creature that makes a
wide variety of calls, and
leaves tracks that are a bit
similar to human hands.





As I search for clues, think about what we know about this animal.

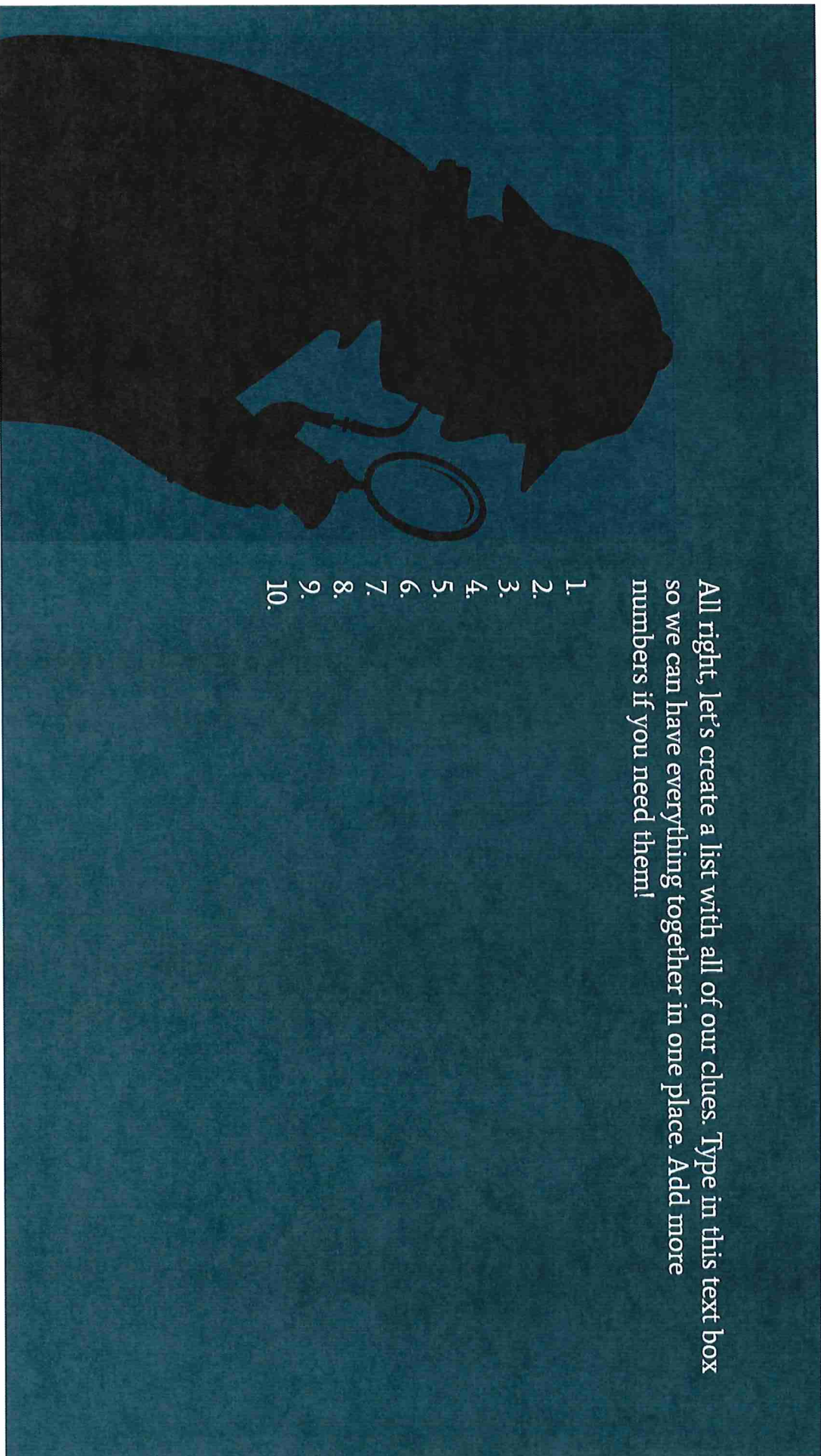
What do you think are important signs or clues left here in the woods?

Do you think we can determine anything based on the food scraps left behind?

Is there anything we missed?

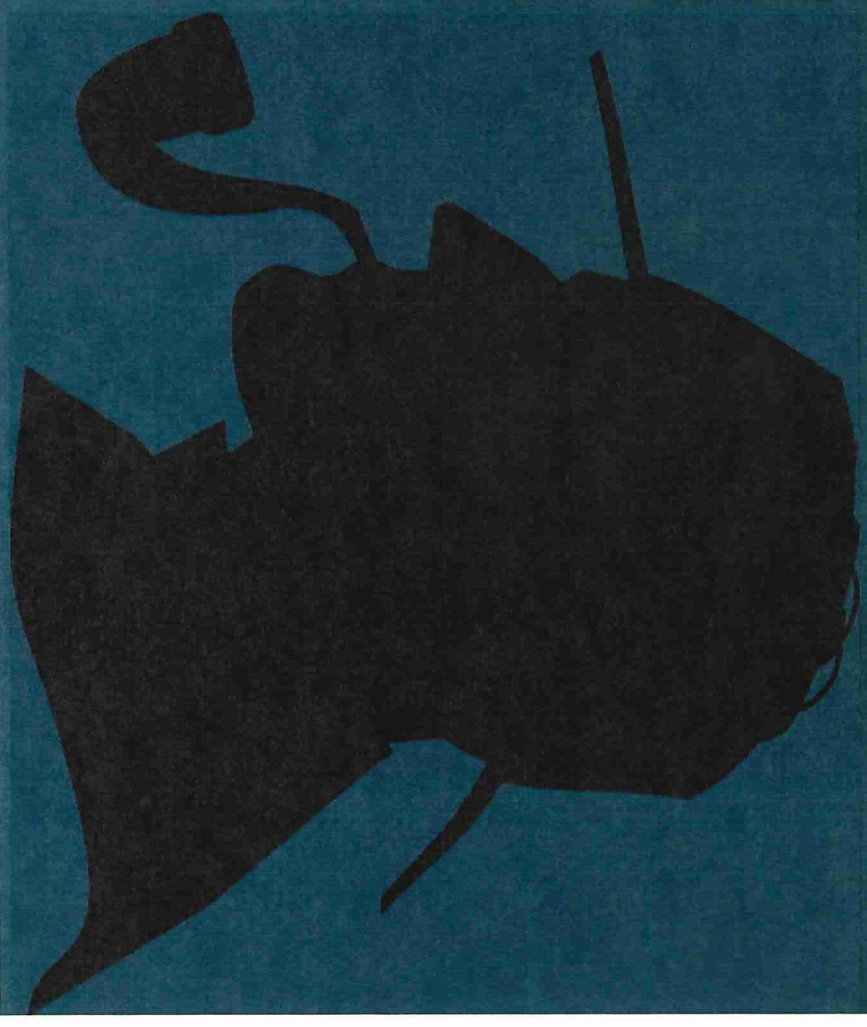
All right, let's create a list with all of our clues. Type in this text box so we can have everything together in one place. Add more numbers if you need them!

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To help us determine what
animal messed up the
campsite, let's take a look at
this animal print guide.

I think it will be a wonderful
resource.





	Gray Squirrel	
	Raccoon	
	Moose	
	Bobcat	
	Striped Skunk	

Minnesota Animal Tracks

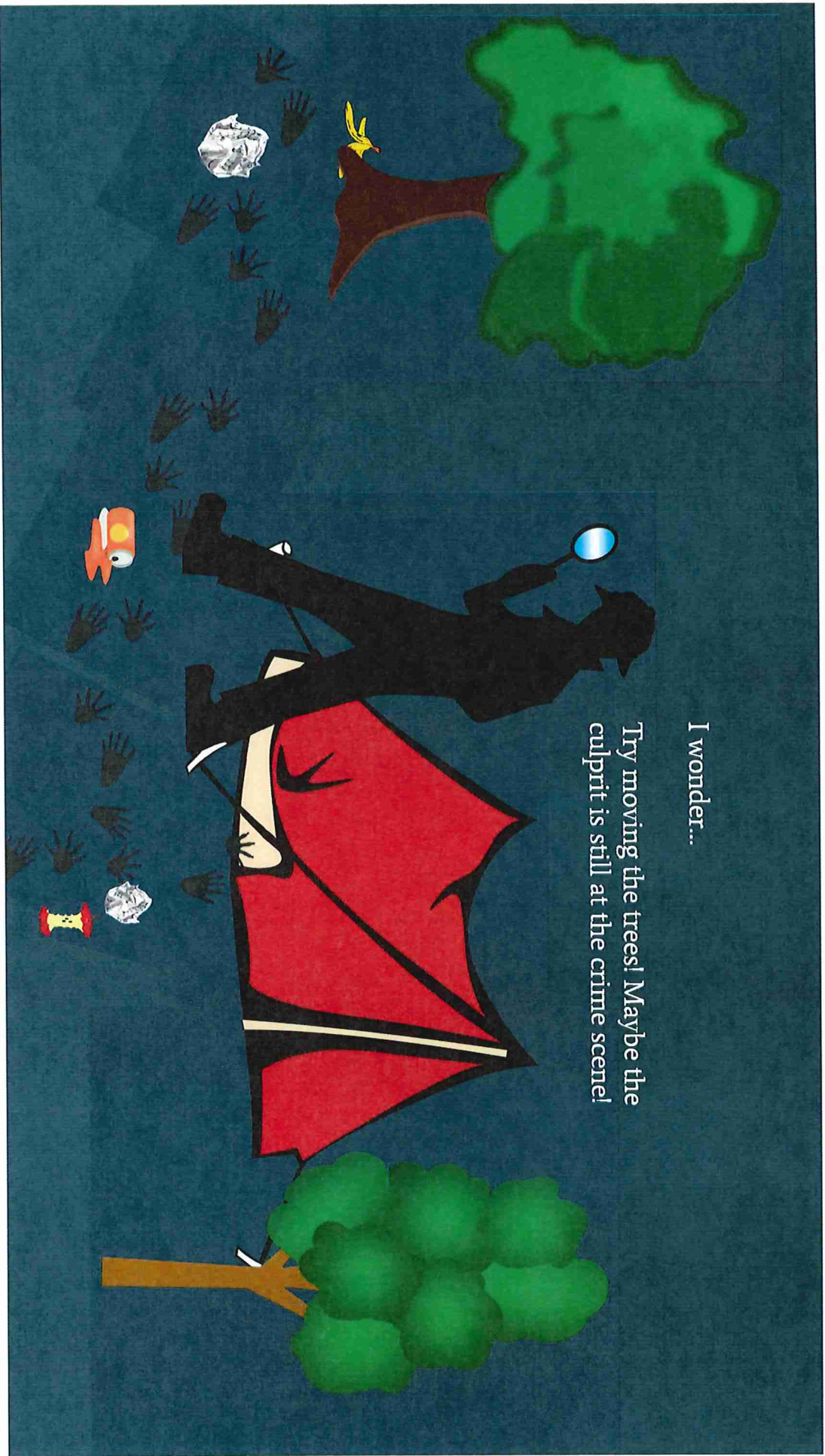
	Gray Wolf	
	Red Fox	
	Black Bear	
	Wild Turkey	
	White-tailed Deer	

Minnesota Animal Tracks



I wonder...

Try moving the trees! Maybe the culprit is still at the crime scene!



Of course! A raccoon! It all makes perfect sense!

These animals are known to make chattering noises, loud almost hoot-like calls, and they're notorious for getting into food and garbage. Next time these friends go out camping, they should remember to keep all food and scented items either in their car, or in a secure animal-proof container.

