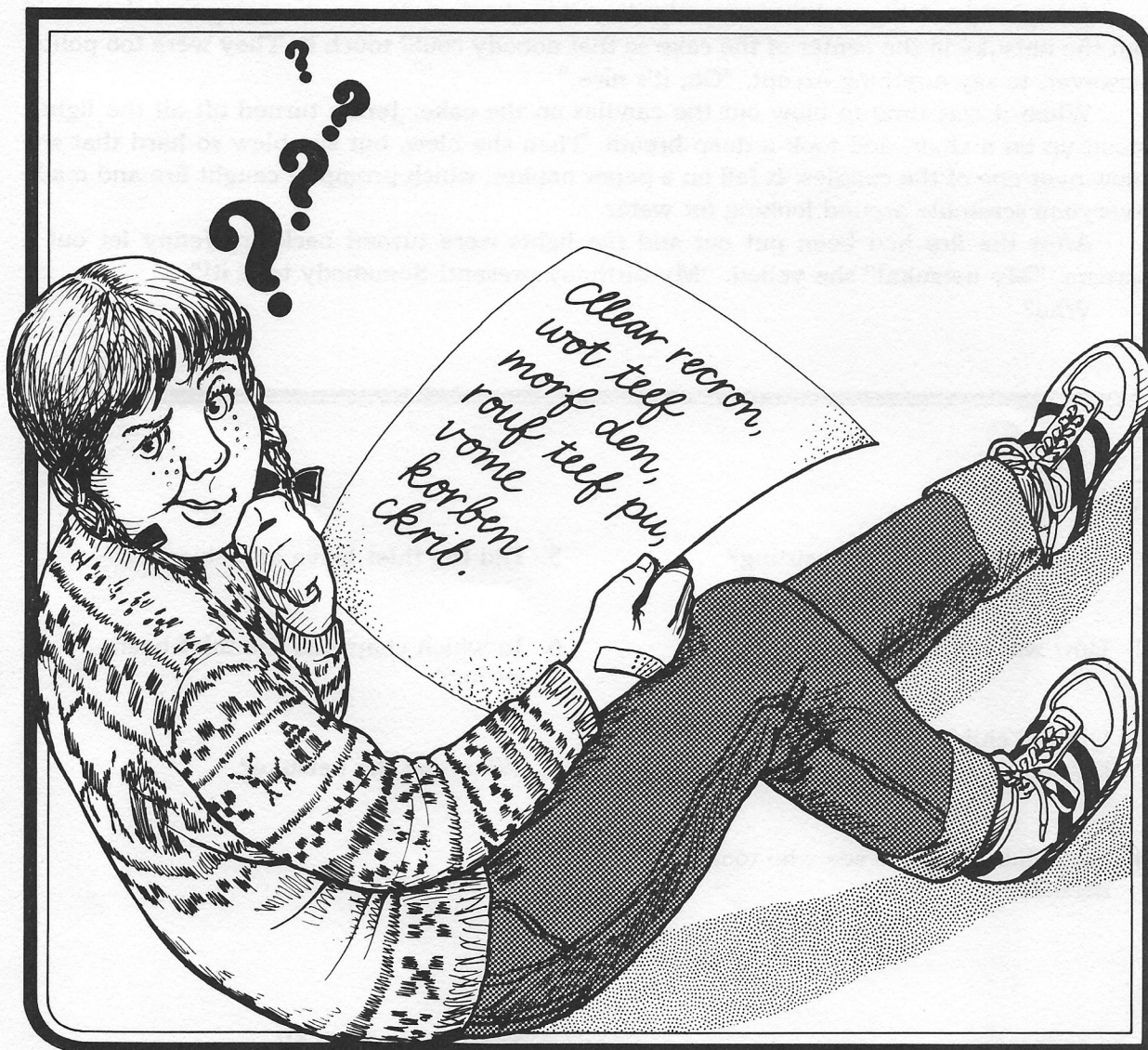


BURIED GOLD



The Wallamilletti family (they got that name long ago, when Wally Walla married Milly Milletti and she loved her name too much to give it up) used to talk about old man Angus Wallamilletti who died in 1918. He collected gold coins, but nobody ever found them. The family thought that he'd buried them, although nobody knew just where.

Young Wendy Wallamilletti liked to read and liked to find out things. In fact, she had read almost every book in the house except a big, heavy one with the title, *Report of State Botanist, State of New York, 1895*.

One rainy day when that was the only book left to read, Wendy opened it. It was hard reading, but when she turned the first few pages, a piece of paper fell out and Wendy became suspicious. She remembered that Angus Wallamilletti was supposed to have told his grandson, Androcles, where the gold coins were, but Androcles had been killed by a lion many years ago and therefore had never found the gold. Nor had anyone else.

Wendy studied the paper, which is reproduced here. If you were Wendy, could you find the gold?

Questions

1. Do you think that the paper contained instructions in code for how or where to find the gold? Yes____ No____
2. Can you rearrange the groups of letters so that they make words?
Yes____ No____ (Suppose a friend of yours left a secret message for you that said NOPEH EM. Wouldn't you manage to rearrange the letters so that they read PHONE ME?)
3. What is the deciphered message?
4. Where would you expect to find the gold?

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