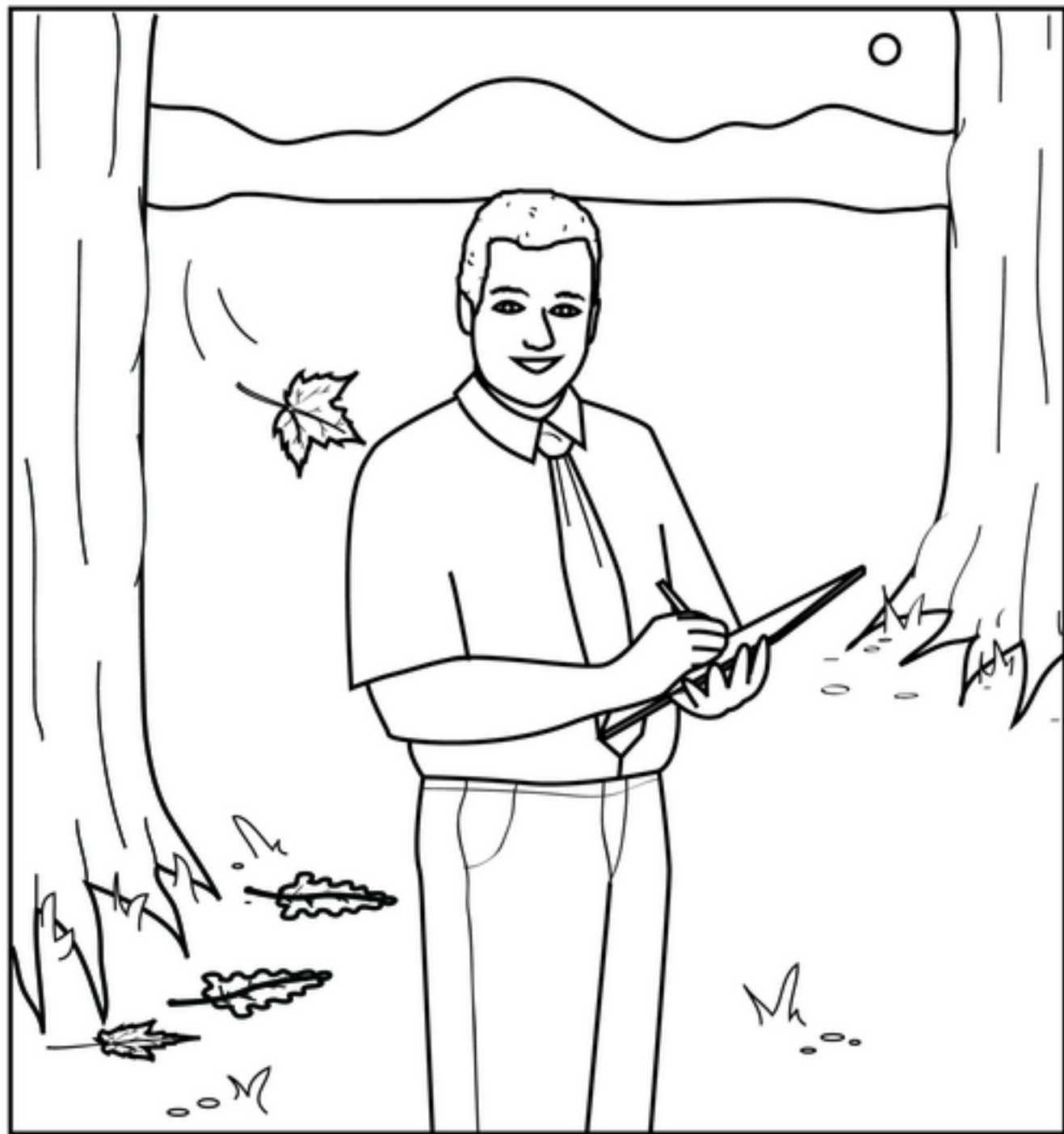
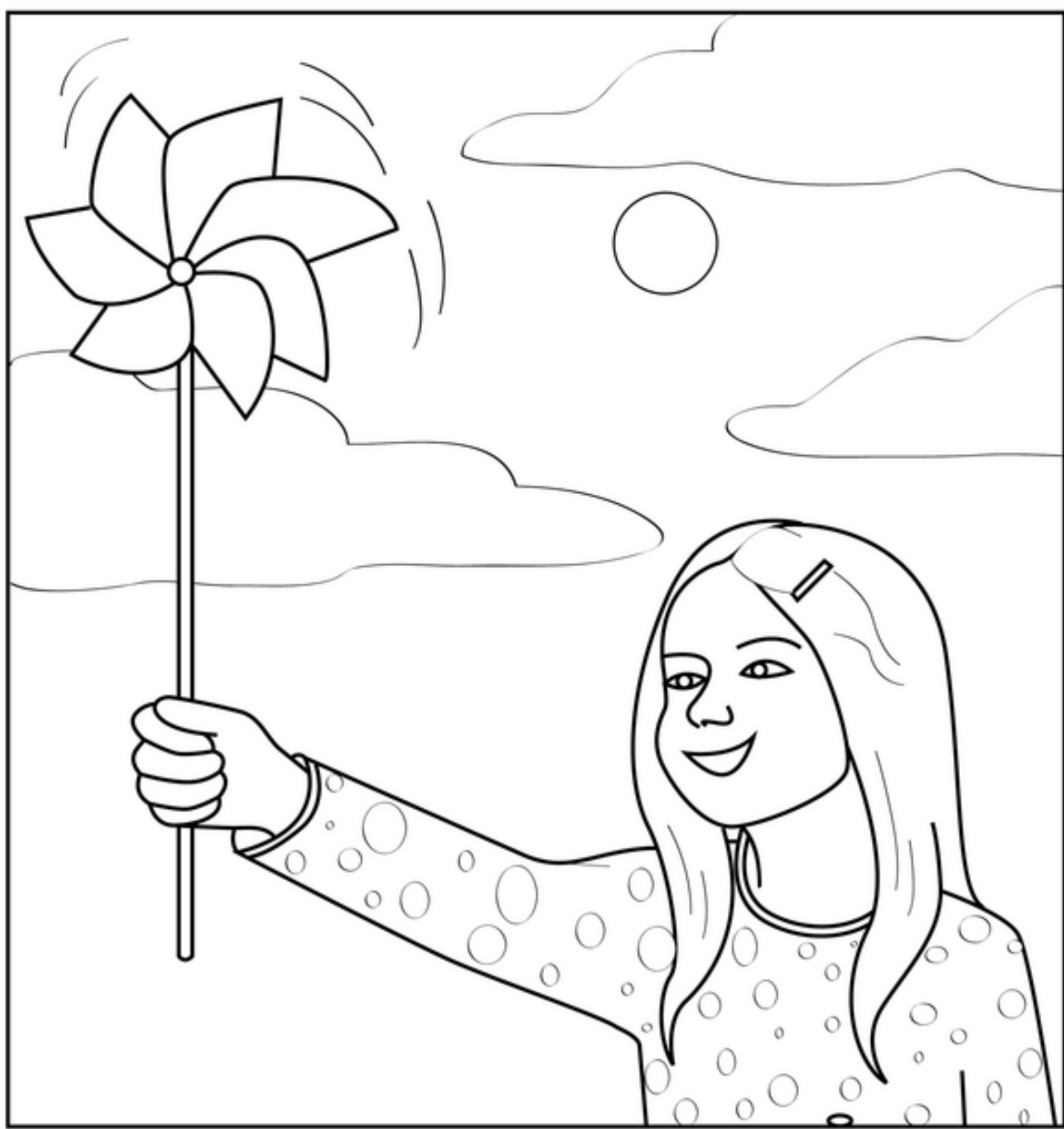


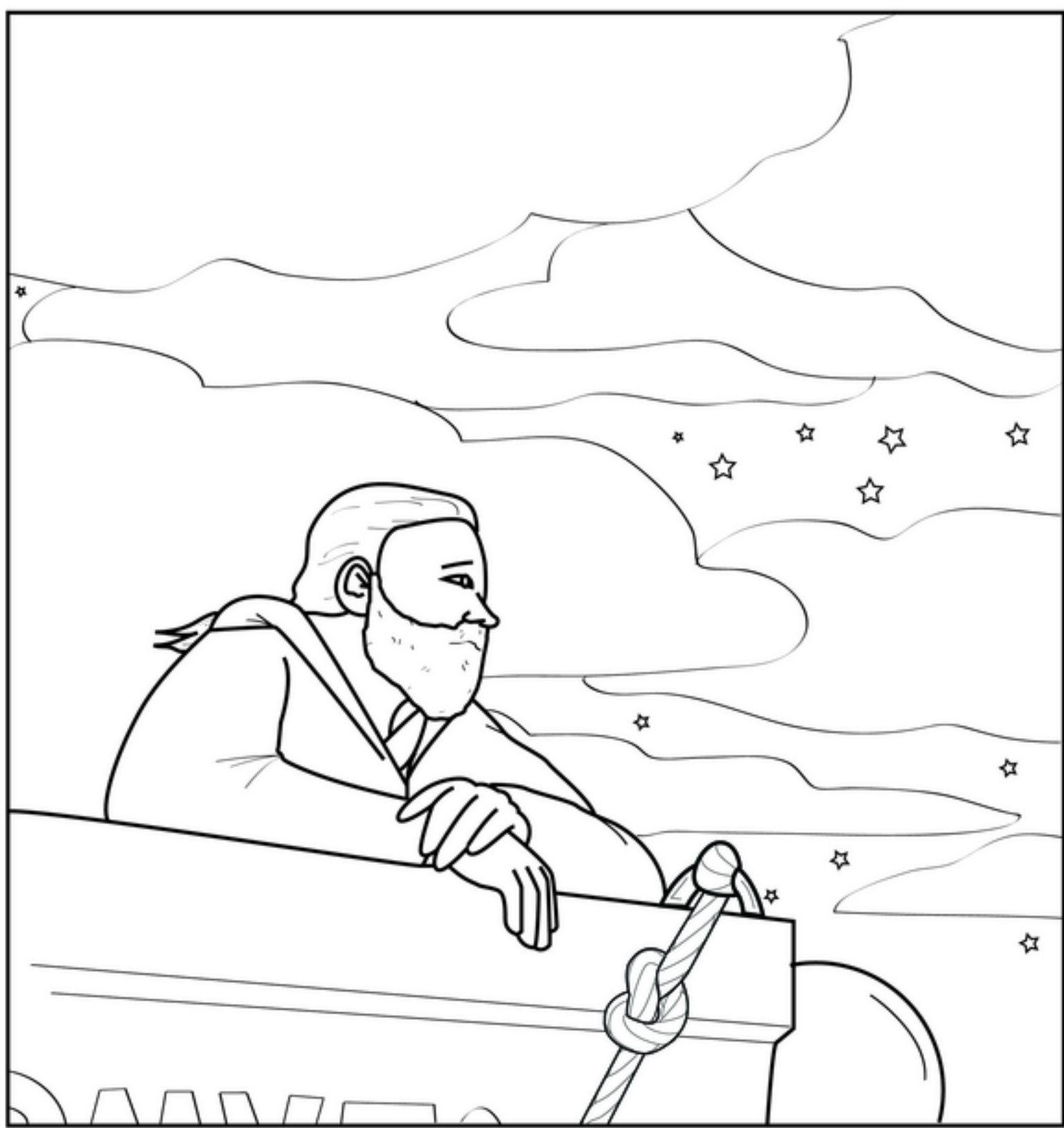
# The Weatherman





What will your weather be today? Will skies be blue,  
or cloudy gray?

Will it be warm or very hot? Will the north wind  
blow hard or not?

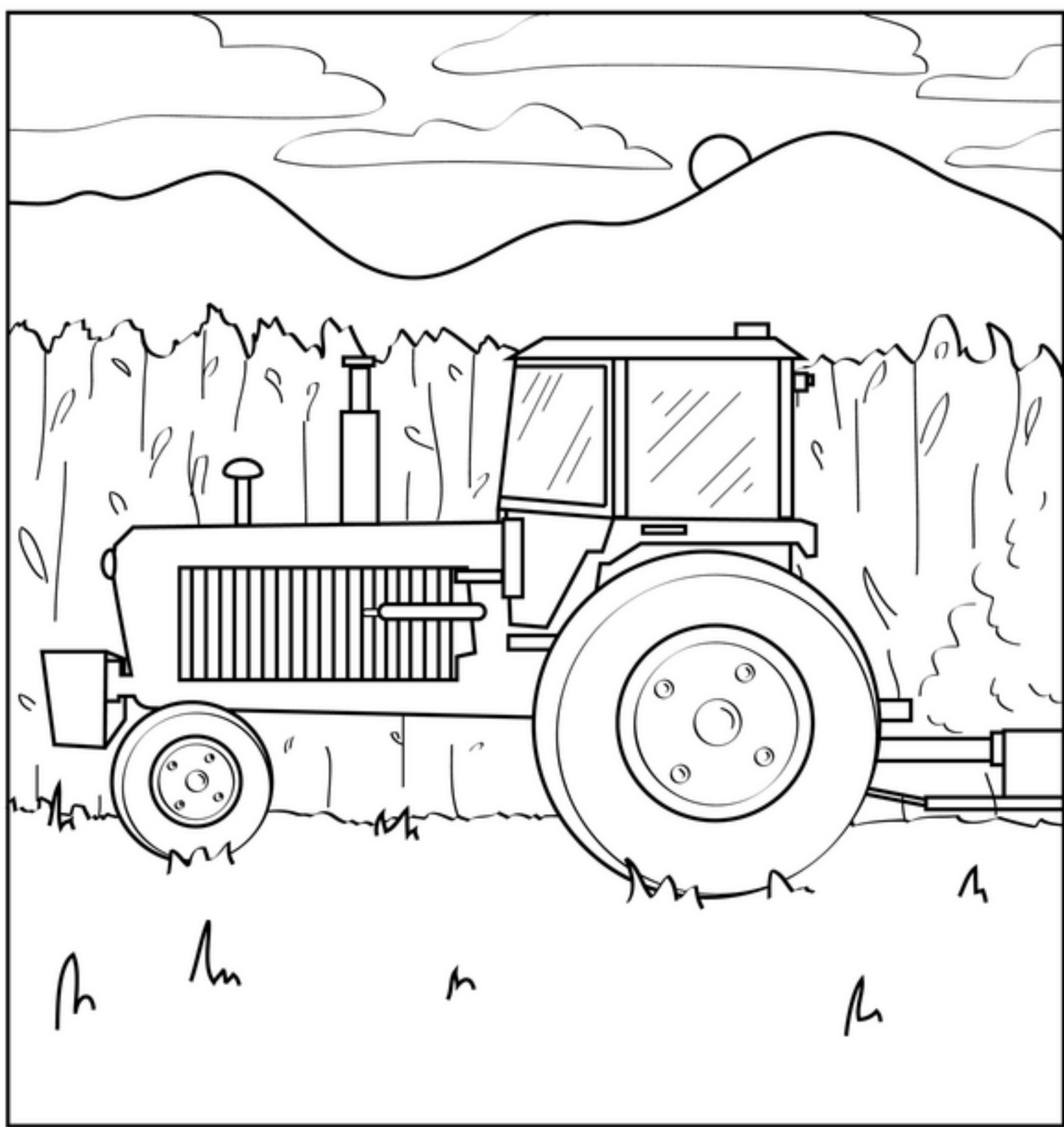


The weather is an important thing. We need to know what it will bring.

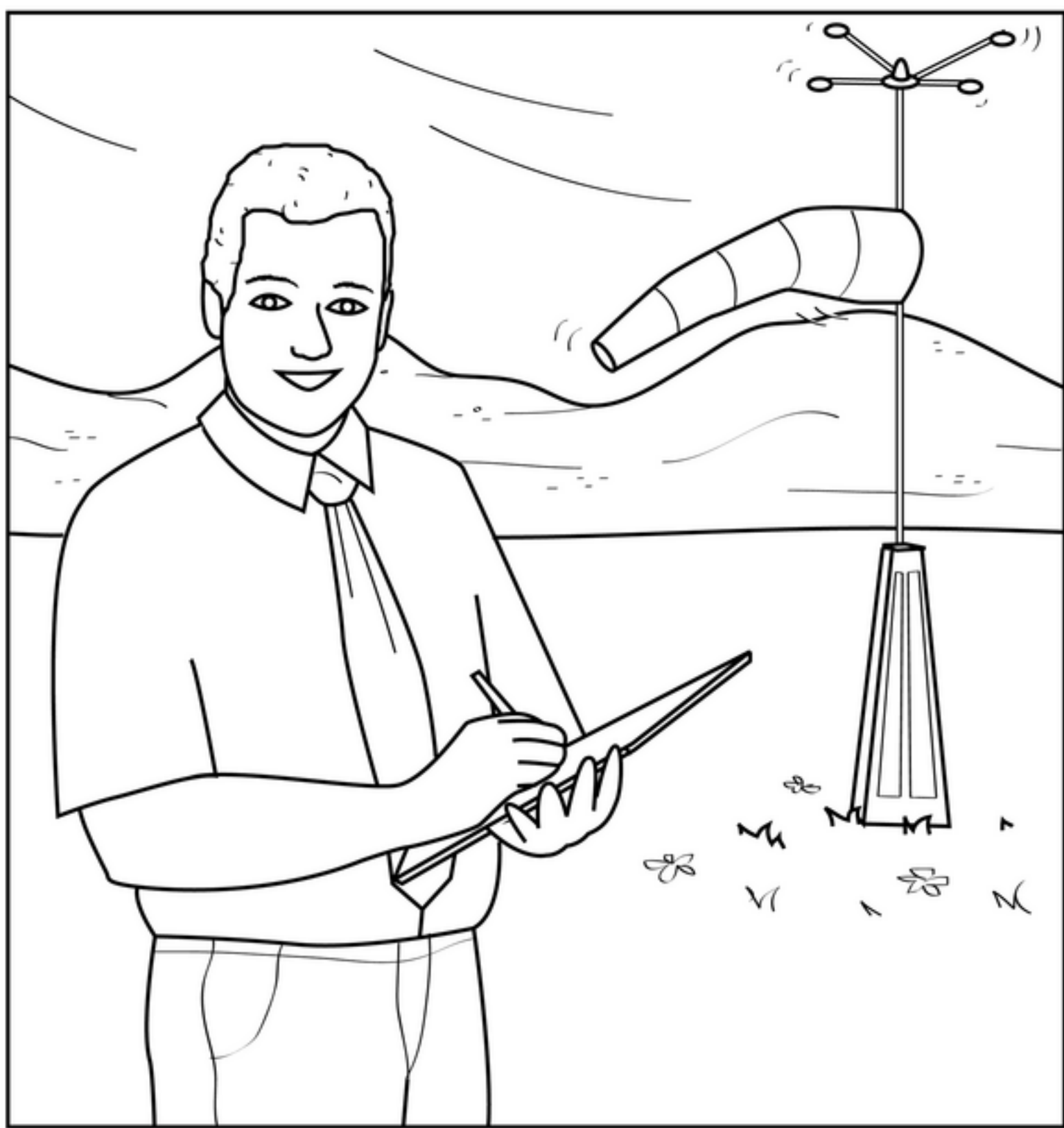
Fishermen must know if it will storm. Farmers must know when it's too warm.



Weather is important, too, when we plan a barbecue. If there are rain clouds in the sky, you'll need to be where it is dry.

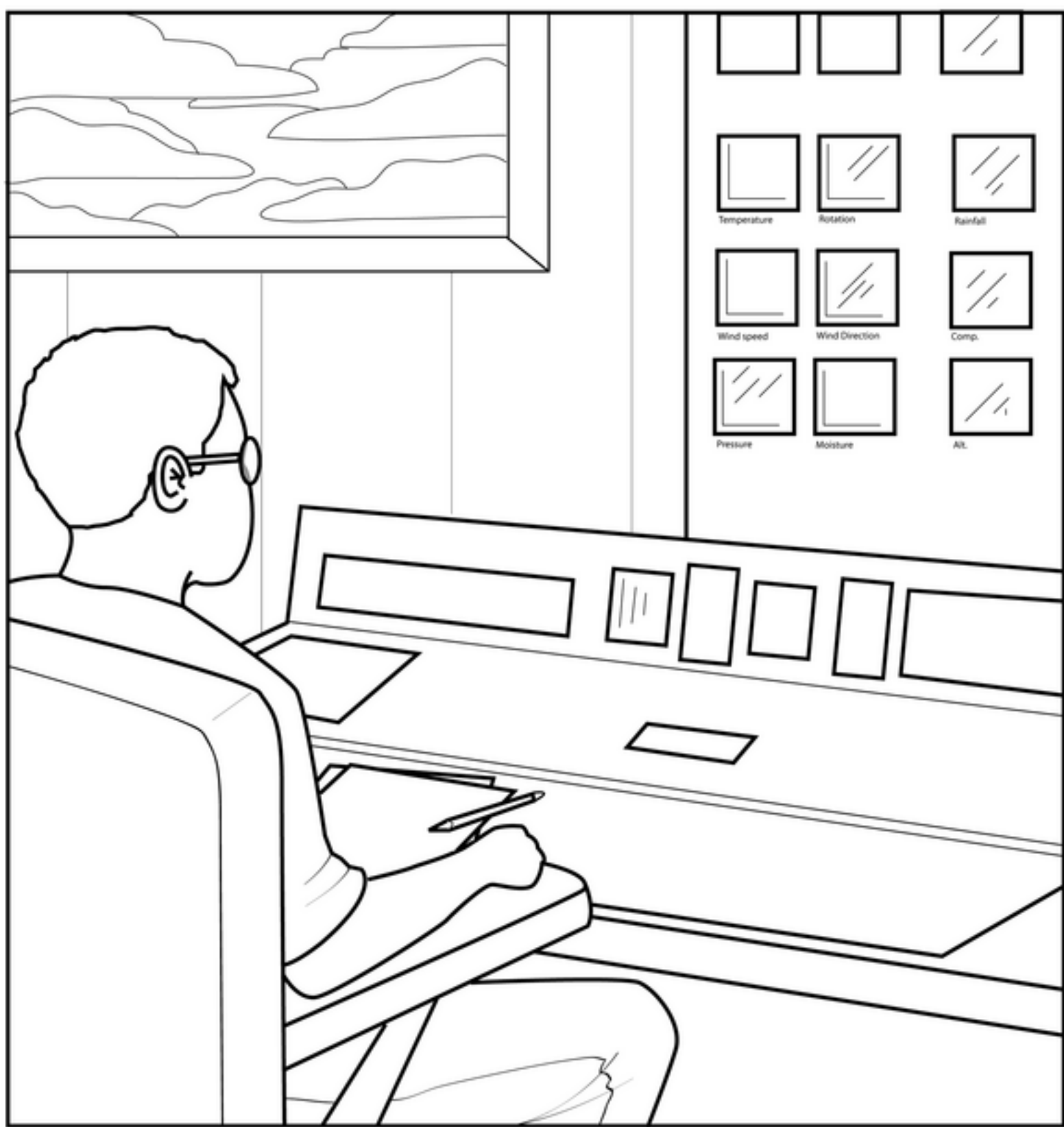


Long ago, if the skies looked black, Grandpa used the  
Farmer's Almanac,  
To plant his corn and use the plow, but things are  
really different now.



Forecasters now use technology to study  
meteorology.

They also use their naked eye to watch conditions in  
the sky.



Weathermen use many tools. They also go to special schools.

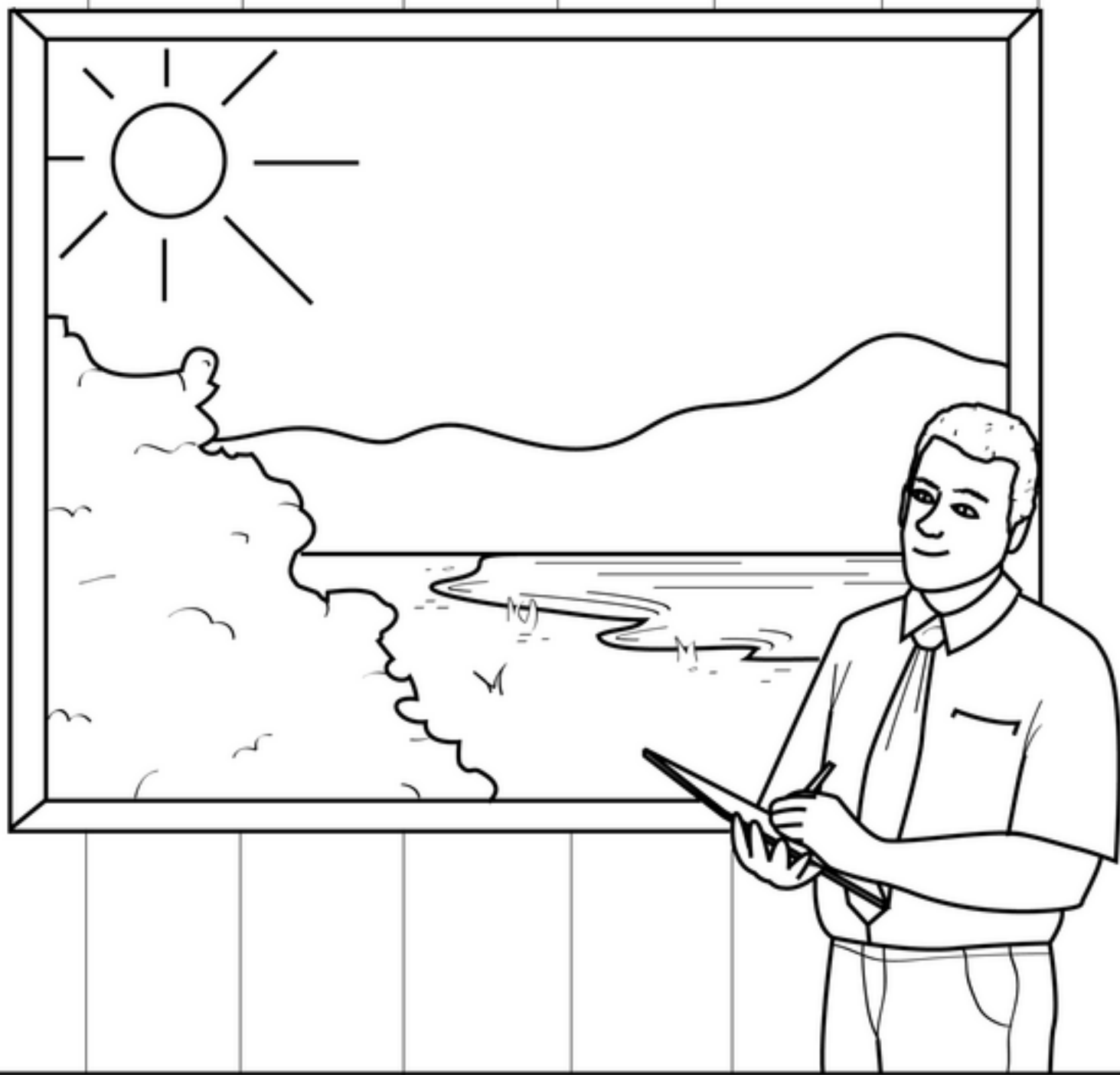
Forecasters look at weather charts. That's sometimes where the forecast starts.



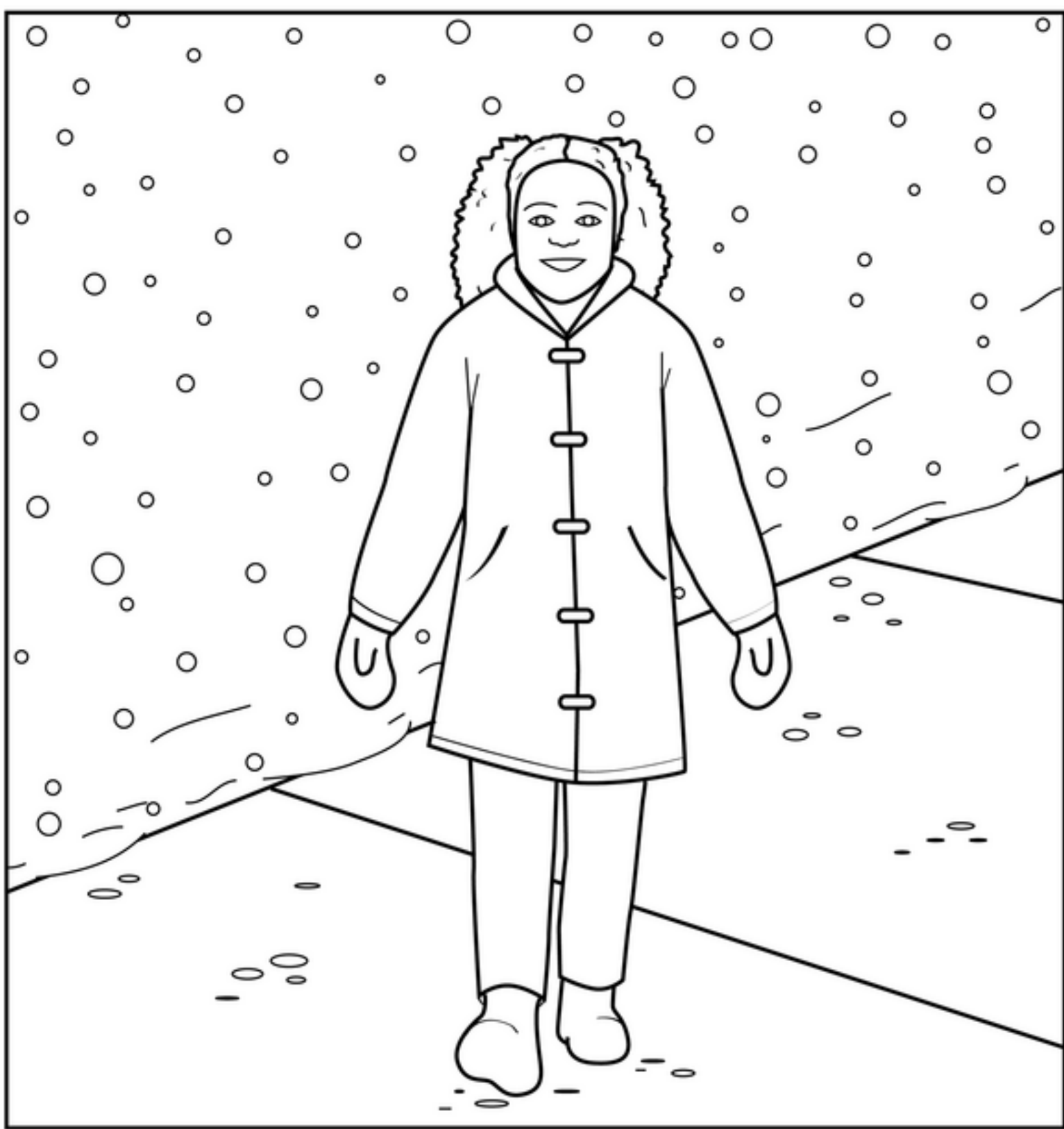
Weathermen use many things to predict what the weather brings.

We need to know for many reasons; the weather changes with the seasons.



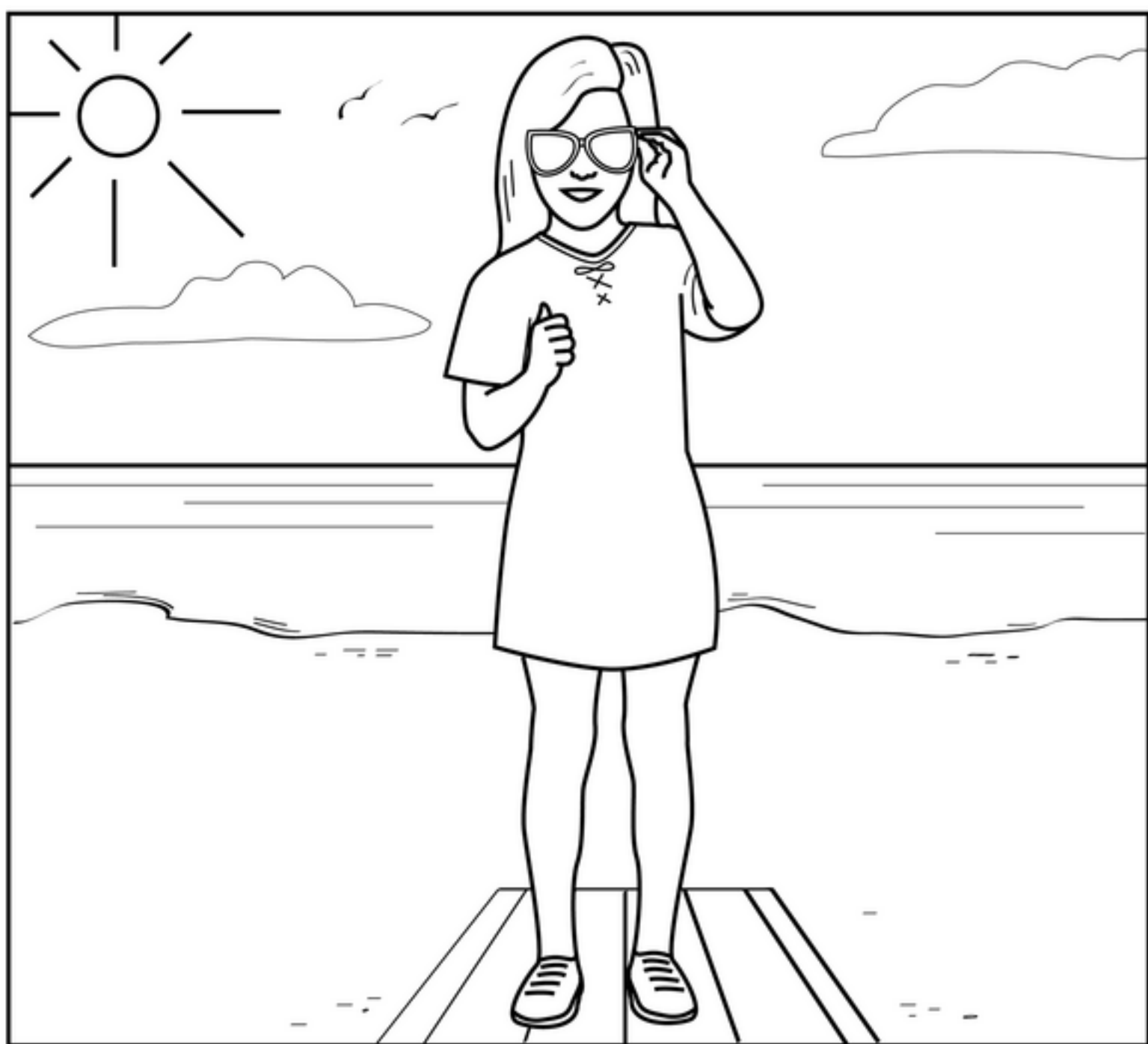


Sometimes predictions can be wrong. Sometimes the  
wind is not as strong,  
But usually the forecaster's right in predicting cloudy  
skies or bright.



What will your weather be today? Will your skies be  
blue or cloudy gray?

Will it be warm or rather cool? Will you need your  
coat at school?



*“Whether the weather be fine, or whether the  
weather be not,  
Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather  
be hot,  
We'll weather the weather whatever the weather,  
whether we like it or not!”*  
— Children's Nursery Rhyme/tongue twister: author unknown—

1. Which of these words is a weather word?

- a. soft
- b. sharp
- c. warm
- d. red

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is a forecast?

- a. a prediction of weather conditions for a period of time
- b. a plaster cast on the forearm
- c. four fishermen
- d. a type of fruit

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which of these activities would probably not be affected by the weather?

- a. tennis
- b. baseball
- c. barbecue
- d. bowling

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What tool was used many years ago in forecasting weather?

- a. the telescope
- b. the calendar
- c. *The Farmer's Almanac*
- d. a map

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which of these senses helps us predict the weather?

- a. eyesight
- b. smell
- c. taste
- d. touch

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which of these is a weather forecasting tool?

- a. a blanket
- b. a weather chart
- c. a flower pot
- d. a groundhog

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_