

THE
CAPYBARA GUARDIANS

THE
VALLEY
OF THE
VANISHED

An adventure series by **MARC FINKS**

FUN FUN FUN
ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHAPTERS 1 - 2

VOCABULARY

Frayed

Torn at the edges, with threads hanging loose

Mangrove

A tree that lives in salty water with twisty roots

Hesitate

To pause or show uncertainty

Decipher

To understand something that is difficult or mysterious

Awe

Feeling deep wonder and respect

Valley of the Vanished

N V A L L E Y A H T
X C A P Y B A R A A
C A R L O S G F G W
S I T F R A Y E D E
R R J L C A M I L A
H E S I T A T E T B
N K K R U B X B V P
L H D E C I P H E R
V M A N G R O V E O
A V A N I S H E D M

Capybara

Vanished

Camila

Mangrove

Hesitate

Frayed

Awe

Valley

Carlos

Decipher

COMPREHENSION

Chapter 1 - "The Ancient Map"

1. What did Camila find near the mangrove tree?
 - a) A Seashell
 - b) A piece of paper
 - c) An ancient map
2. Carlos was immediately excited about the map. (True / False)
3. Would you follow a map that you found? Why or why not?

Chapter 2 - "The Whispering Woods"

1. Why do you think Carlos hesitated to enter the Whispering Woods?
2. What was the first animal they saw in the Whispering Woods?
 - a) A rabbit
 - b) A heron
 - c) A butterfly
3. Based on the story, where do you think the siblings will go next based on the map?

ACTIVITY

Can you draw the map that Carlos and Camila found?



WRITING

Fill out this story map for the first 2 chapters.

Story Map

Setting

Characters

Beginning

Middle

End

CHAPTERS 3-4 VOCABULARY

Stumble

To trip or lose your balance while walking

Wobble

To move unsteadily from side to side

Leap

To jump forcefully with both legs

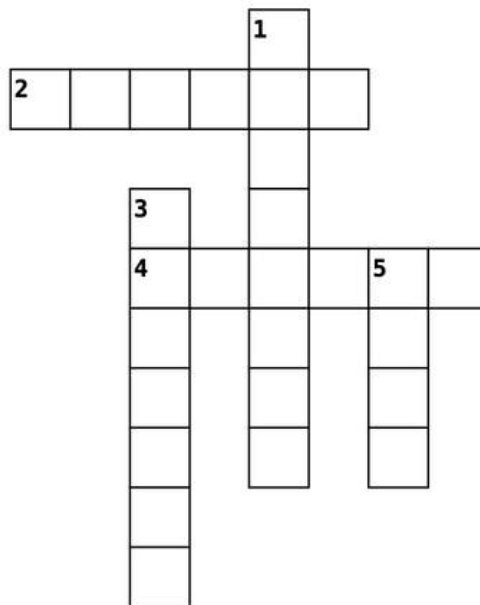
Clearing

An open space in a forest with few trees

Thrill

A feeling of excitement and pleasure

Valley of the Vanished - Chapter 3 and 4



Across

2. The stone began to _____ when she stepped on it.
4. She felt a _____ when she solved the puzzle.

Down

1. We should camp in a _____.
3. The capybaras trip and _____ on a rock.
5. It's so far. We have to _____ to the next one.

COMPREHENSION

Chapter 3 - "The Bridge of Courage"

1. How did Camila and Carlos overcome the challenge of crossing the stream?

- a) By swimming across
- b) By building a bridge
- c) By finding a hidden boat

2. Camila and Carlos argued during their first night camping in the Whispering Woods. (True / False)

3. What do you think the constellation Camila pointed out looked like?

Chapter 4 - "The River Riddle"

1. Why was the River Riddle considered dangerous for capybaras?

2. What are 3 symbols that were on the stones in the river?

3. What kind of challenges do you think Carlos and Camila might face next?

ACTIVITY

Draw your own symbol for the Whispering Woods and explain its meaning.



WRITING

Imagine you are Camila or Carlos. Write a diary entry about your exciting day crossing the River Riddle.

Handwriting practice area with ten sets of lines. Each set consists of a solid red top line, a dashed blue middle line, and a solid blue bottom line.

CHAPTERS 5-6 VOCABULARY

Wraith

A mysterious, shadowy creature from stories

Harmony

When everything is peaceful and in agreement

Shimmer

To shine with a soft, flickering light

Legend

A story from the past that people believe is true

Mysterious

Something strange or difficult to understand

Draw a line to connect each word to its synonym.

(A synonym is word that has the same meaning)

1. Wraith

A. Strange

2. Harmony

B. Shine

3. Shimmer

C. Ghost

4. Legend

D. Peace

5. Mysterious

E. Story

COMPREHENSION

Chapter 5- "The Story-Teller"

1. What was the main reason Camila and Carlos were able to reach the top of the mountain?

- a) They used a special map that showed the best path.
- b) They helped each other overcome obstacles and stay safe.
- c) They had magical powers that made them strong and agile.

2. What happened to Carlos while climbing?

3. Why do you think the Valley of the Vanished was called that?

Chapter 6 - "Legends of the Past"

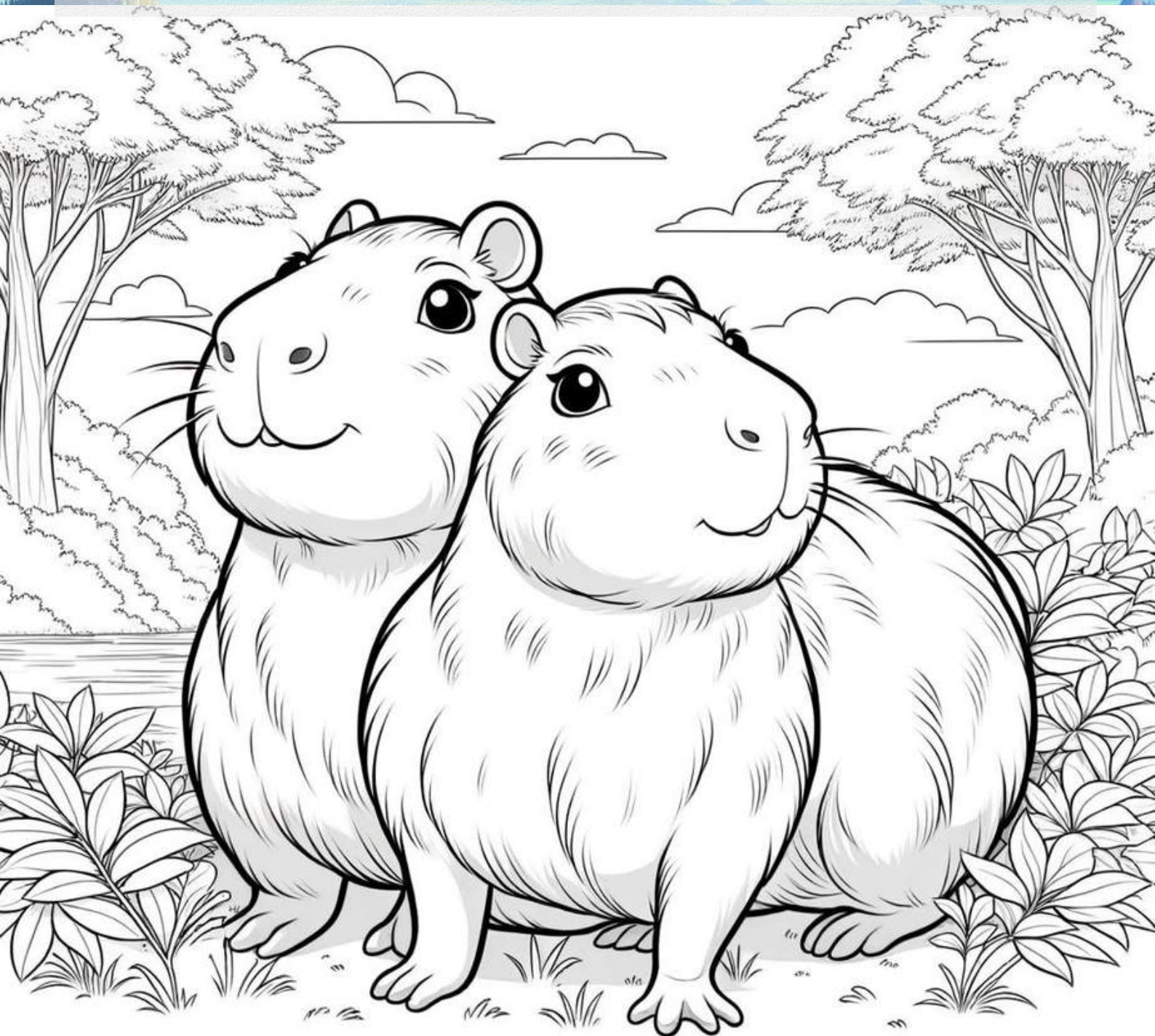
1. (True/False) The Crystal of Harmony was destroyed in the battle with the Whispering Wraith..

2. What happened to the Capybara Guardians?

3. Do you think Camila and Carlos will be able to find the Crystal of Harmony? Why or why not?

ACTIVITY

**Coloring Book - Can you color
Carlos's and Camila's parents?
They're waiting in the
wetlands.**



WRITING

Imagine you find a hidden message from the Guardians. What does it say and how does it help Camila and Carlos?

The writing area consists of ten sets of primary-ruled lines. Each set includes a solid blue top line, a dashed blue middle line, and a solid red bottom line. The background of the page is a vibrant, stylized landscape featuring a blue sky with white clouds, a green valley with a winding river, and various types of trees and rocks.

CHAPTERS 7-8

VOCABULARY

Gloomy

Dark and depressing, like a rainy day with dark clouds

Twisted

Bent or shaped in an irregular way, like an old tree branch

Hidden passage

A secret tunnel or pathway that is not easily seen

Echo

A sound that bounces back to you, like in a cave.

Hopeful

A feeling that things will get better and happier.

Draw your best image for 4 of the words

COMPREHENSION

Chapter 7 - "Valley of the Vanished"

1. Camila discovered the secret passage by:

- a) Looking at the map closely.
- b) Touching the rock wall.
- c) Following animal tracks.
- d) Using a special tool.

2. (True/False) The black tree symbolizes hope and new beginnings for the valley. .

3. What did the map show at the fork in the path, and how was it different from the actual paths?

Chapter 8 - "The Crystal's Secret"

1. What does Camila suggest they do to help the Crystal of Harmony?

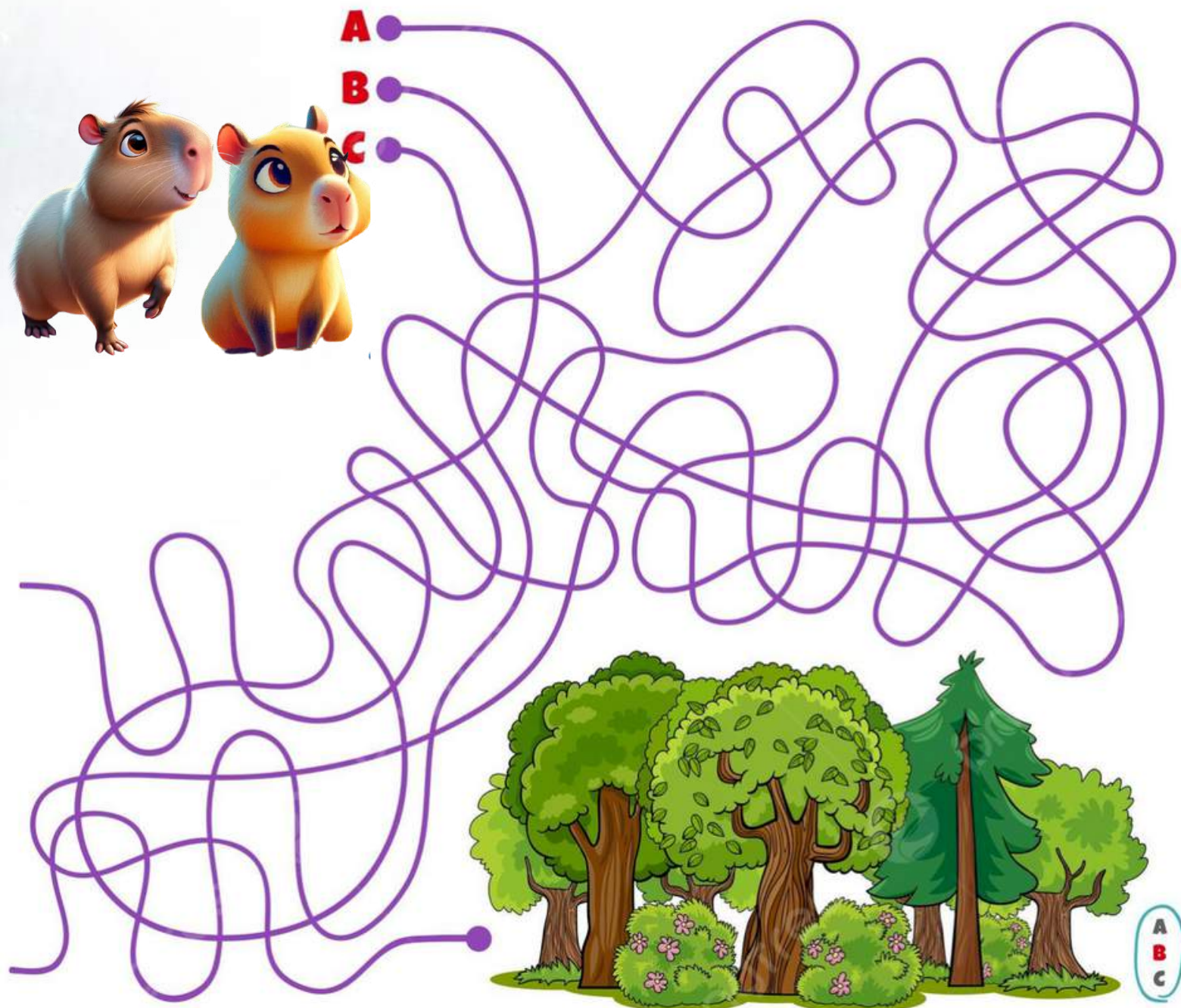
2. What might the crystal's flickering light in response to their efforts signify?

3. The Crystal of Harmony was:

- a) Tiny and hidden.
- b) Large and glowing.
- c) Dark and lifeless.
- d) Broken into pieces.

ACTIVITY

Can you help Carlos and Carlita find their way back to the living forest?



WRITING

How would you describe the black woods to someone? Can you explain it below?

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CHAPTERS 9-10

VOCABULARY

Flicker

To shine weakly and unsteadily, like a candle in the wind.

Triumphant

Feeling great joy and success after facing a challenge

Curiosity

A feeling that you want to explore and learn more

Flutter

To move with light, quick beats, like a butterfly's wings

Transform

To change, like how the trees changed from dark to light

Can you figure out which word goes in each sentence?

1. The butterfly's wings _____ as it flies.
2. Carlos and Camila felt so _____ when they saved the forest.
3. A caterpillar will _____ into a butterfly someday.
4. Camila looked at the new animal with _____.
5. We gasped when we saw the crystal _____ with light.

COMPREHENSION

Chapter 9 - "Awakening the Heart of the Valley"

1. Why do Carlos and Camila think the crystal needs to hear the valley?

- a) They saw the valley in a crystal ball.
- b) The tortoise mentioned the valley's songs.
- c) They want to share the music with the animals.
- d) They think the crystal is lonely.

2. (True/False) The golden bird sings a sad song that makes the valley cry.

3. Where do the frogs come from when they join the song?

Chapter 10 - "Guardians of the Wetlands"

1. What do the younger children say after hearing about Carlos and Camila's adventure?

2. How do Carlos and Camila start taking care of their wetlands?

3. How do you think the story wants us to feel about the responsibility of taking care of our environment?

ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of Camila and Carlos sharing their adventure with their friends and family.



WRITING

We can all try and help make the world a better place. What is something you could do to help it a little? Write down a couple of ideas below

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