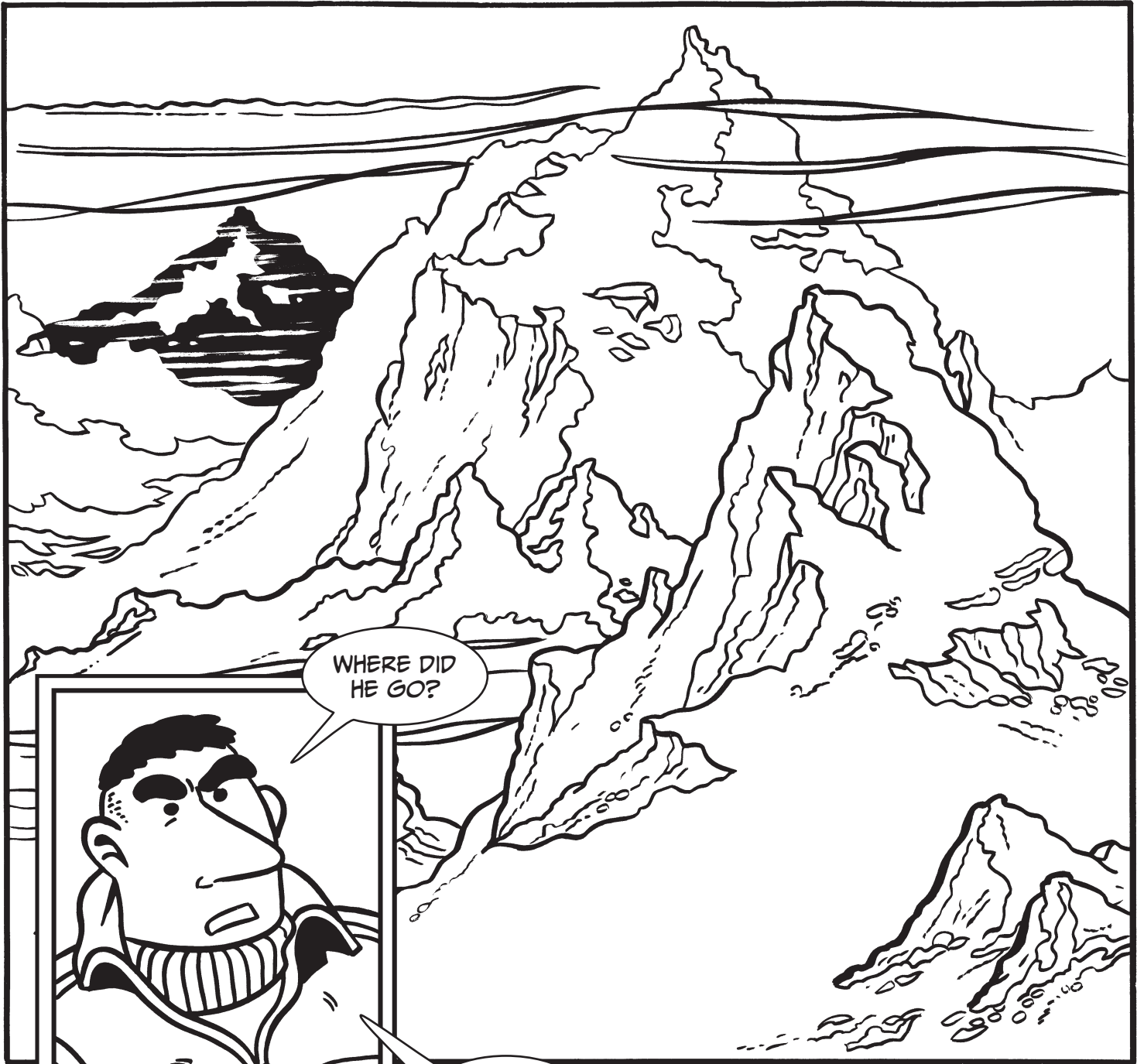


Mountain Rescue



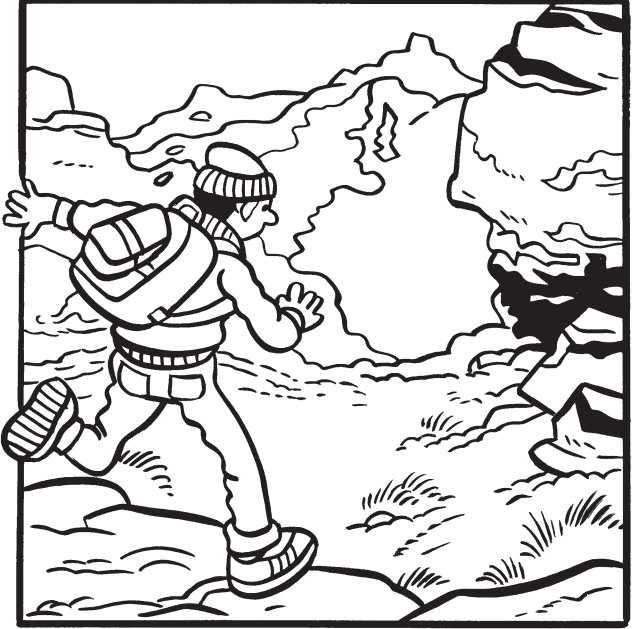
"GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND POWER,
AND HE MAKES MY WAY PERFECT"
(2 SAMUEL 22:33 NKJV).

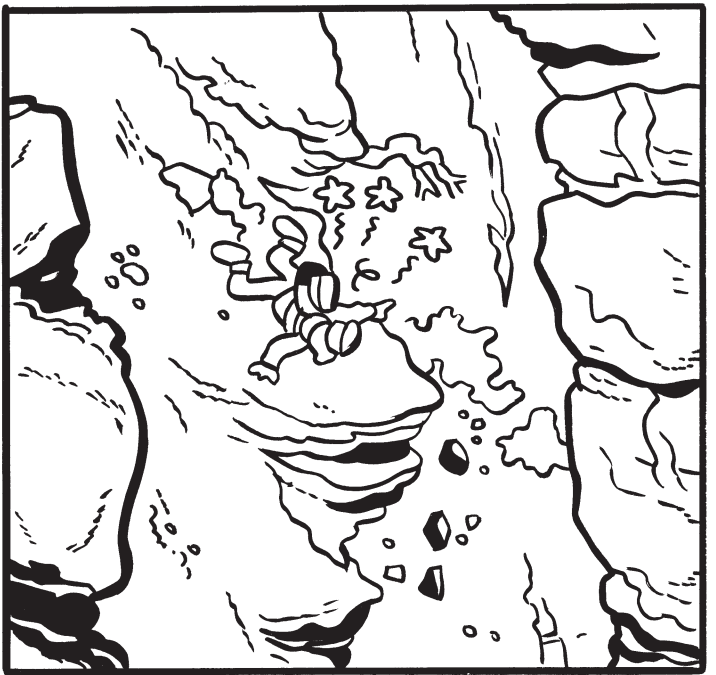
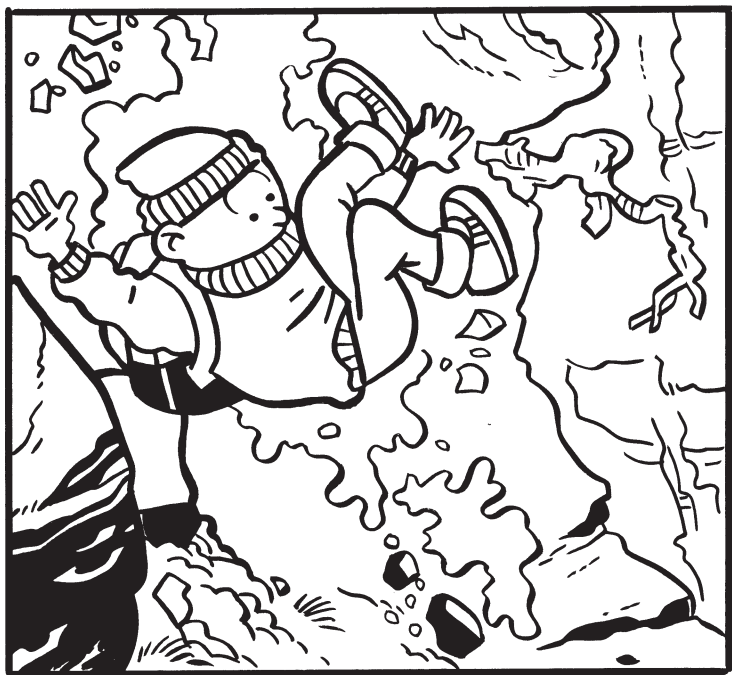
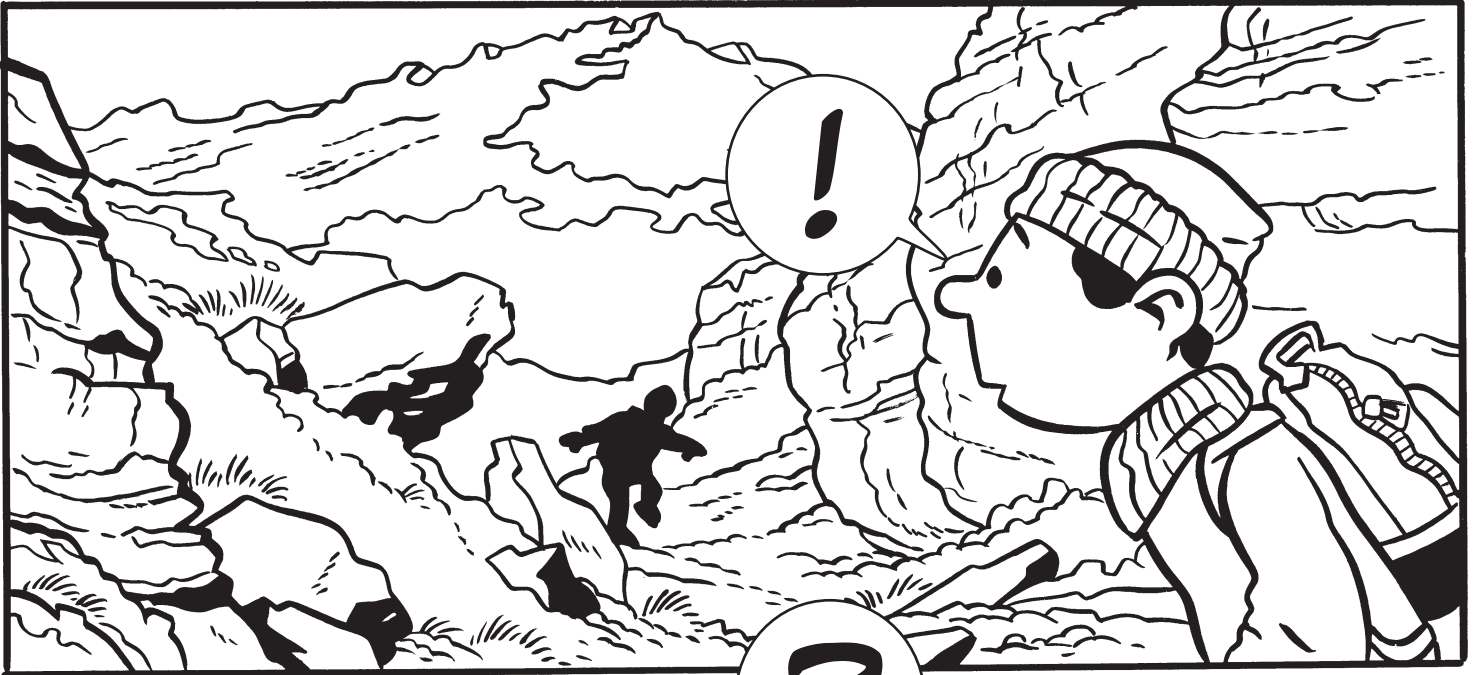


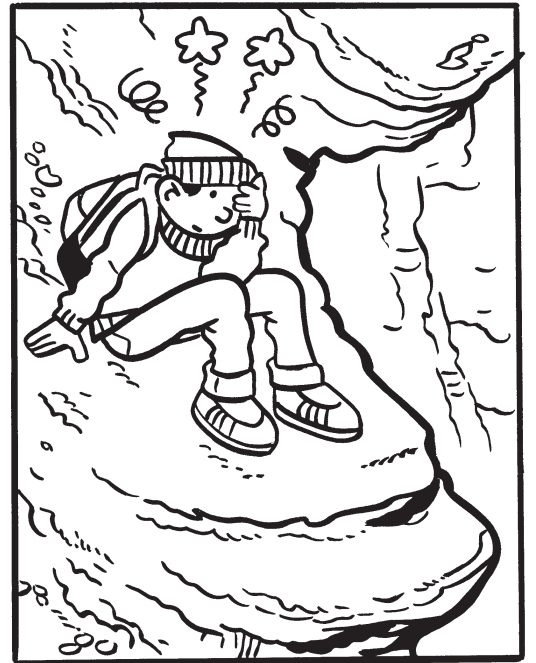
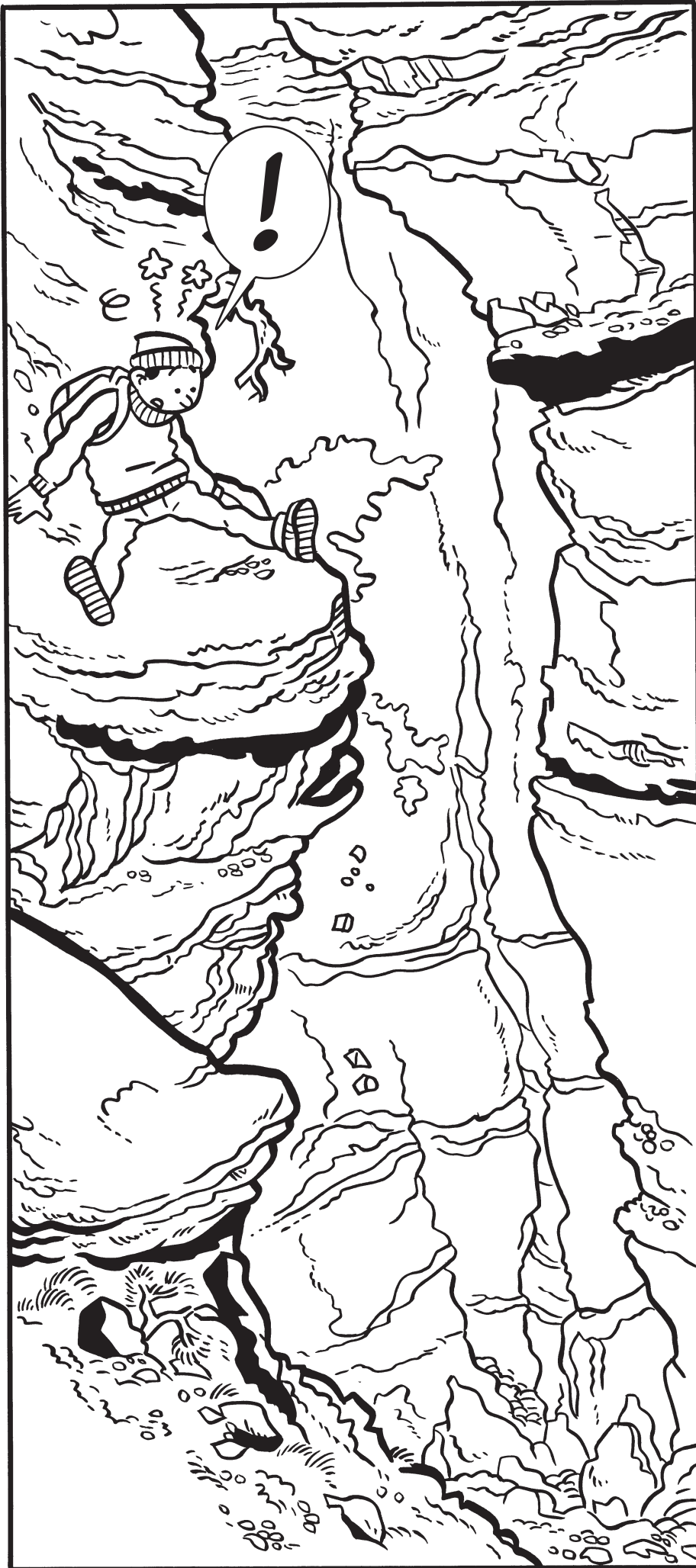
WHERE DID HE GO?



THERE!
I FOUND HIM!







IMAGINE THAT YOU'RE ON A MOUNTAIN RUNNING AWAY FROM A THIEF WHO WANTS YOUR MOUNTAIN GEAR. WHILE RUNNING, YOU FALL INTO A SMALL CREVICE THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE RESCUED FROM.

YOU ARE ALL ALONE AND CAN'T GET OUT WITHOUT HELP.

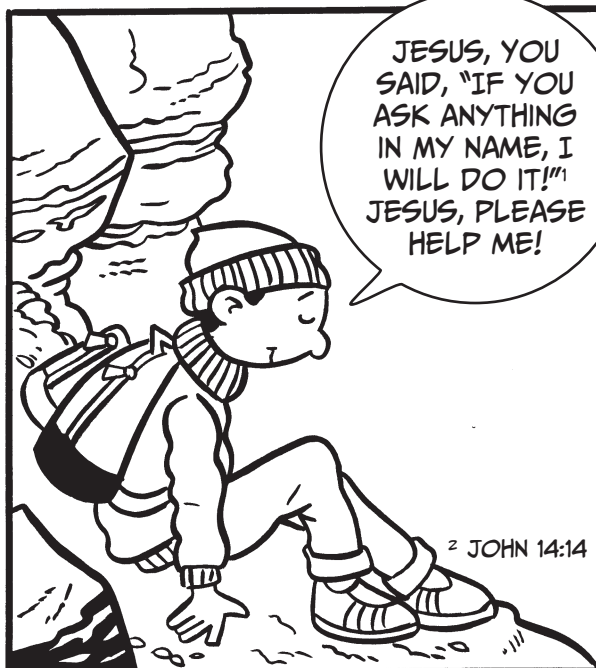


I'M LOST!
NOBODY WILL
FIND ME HERE.
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?



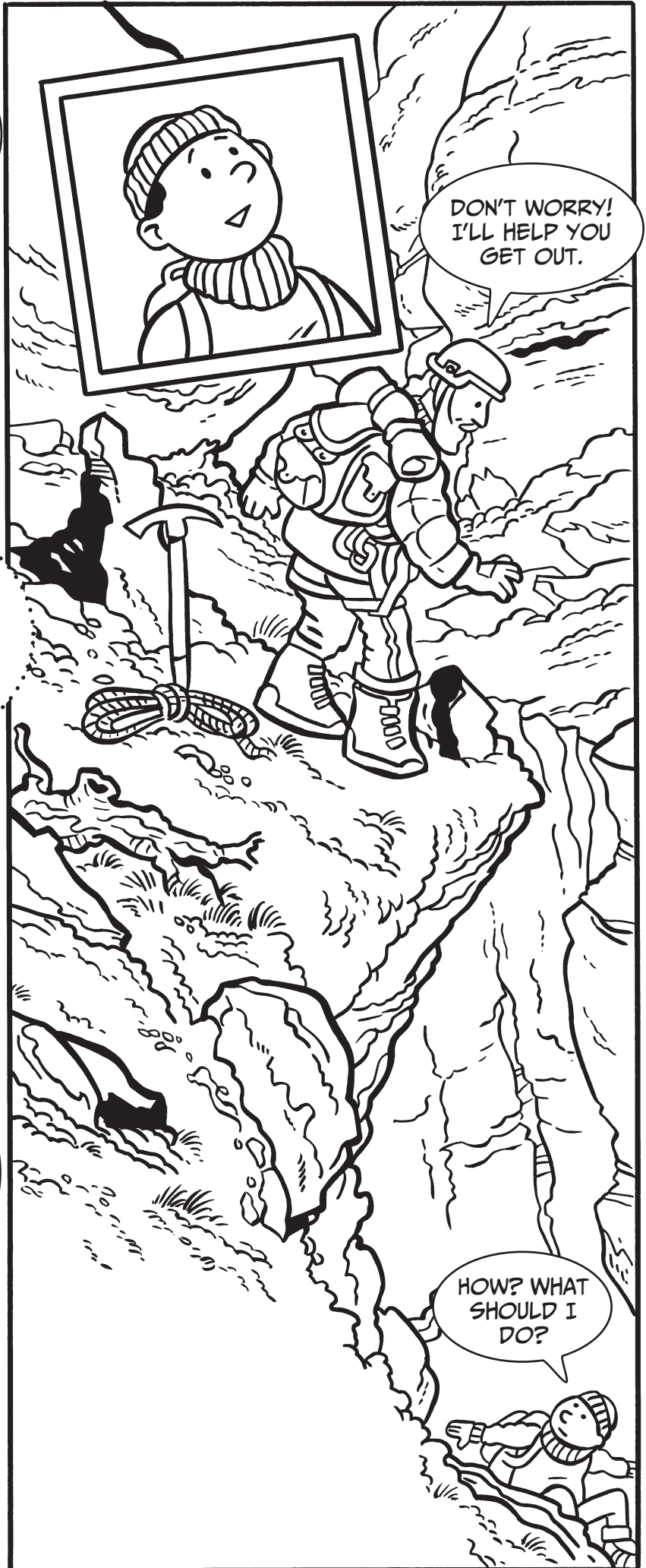
"SEEK THE
LORD AND HIS
STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS
PRESENCE
CONTINUALLY!"

¹ 1 CHRONICLES 16:11 ESV



JESUS, YOU
SAID, "IF YOU
ASK ANYTHING
IN MY NAME, I
WILL DO IT!"¹
JESUS, PLEASE
HELP ME!

² JOHN 14:14



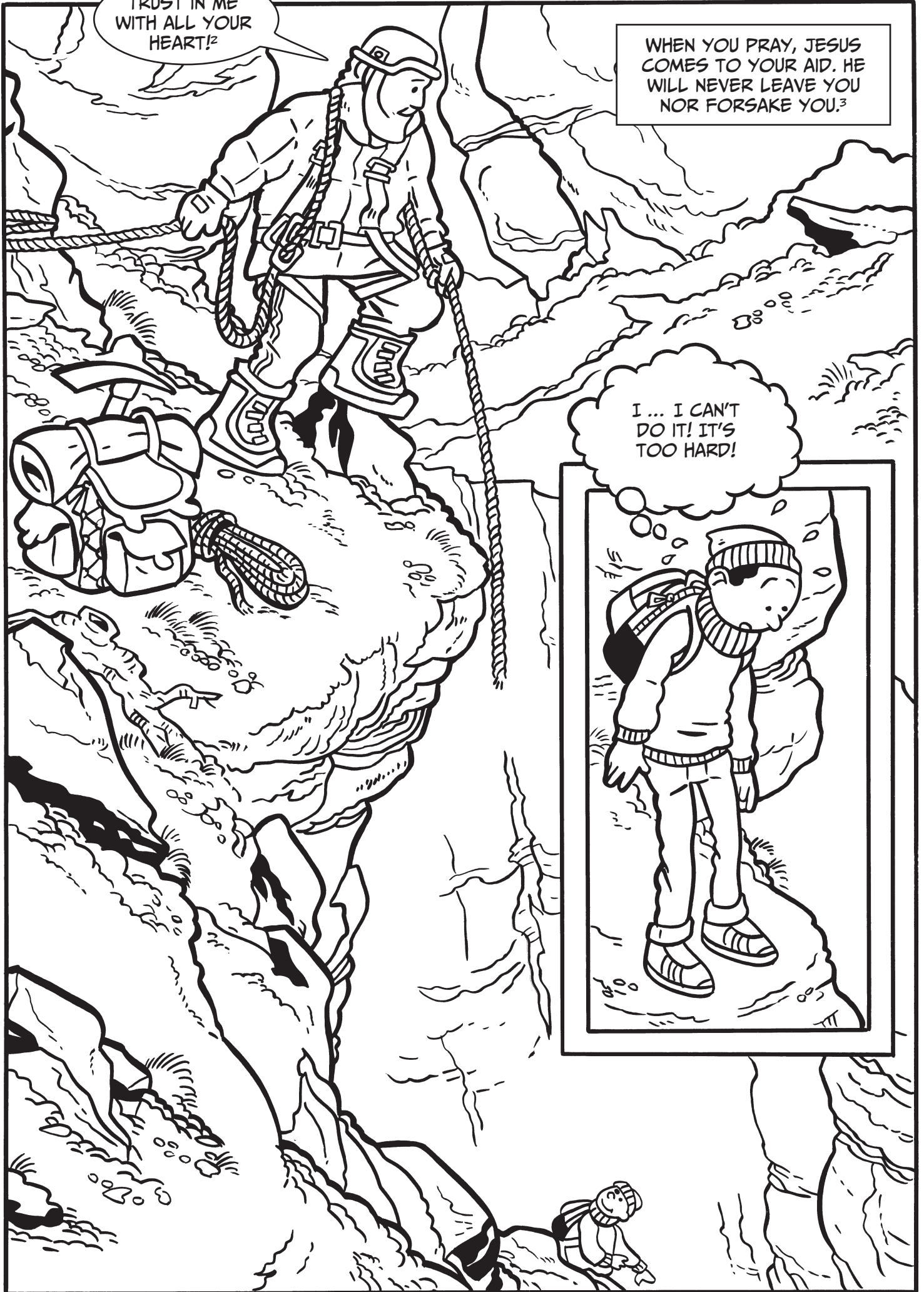
DON'T WORRY!
I'LL HELP YOU
GET OUT.

HOW? WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?

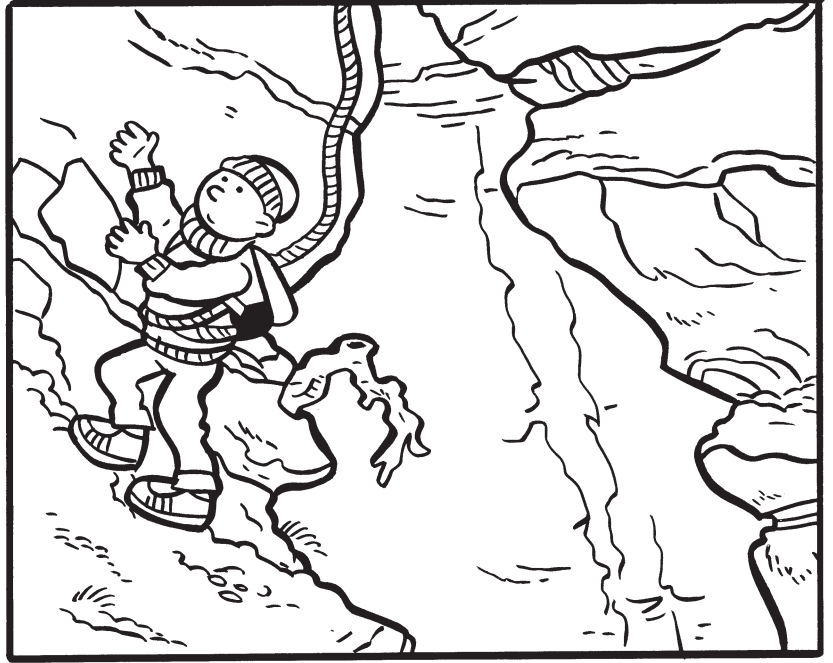
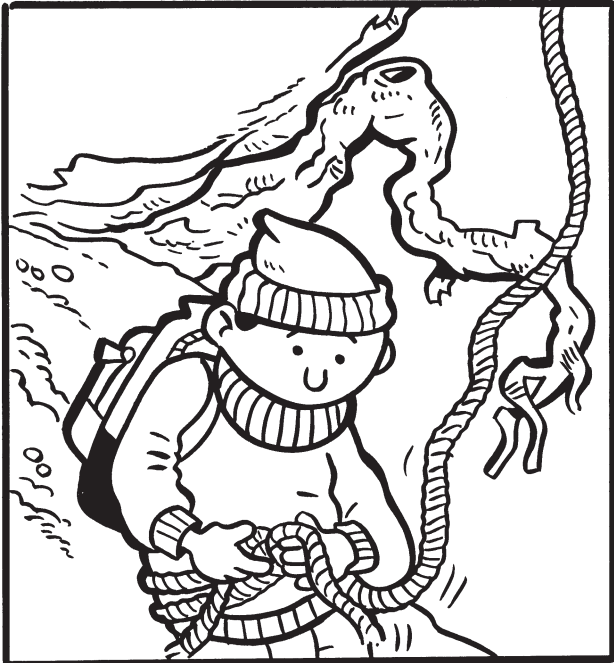
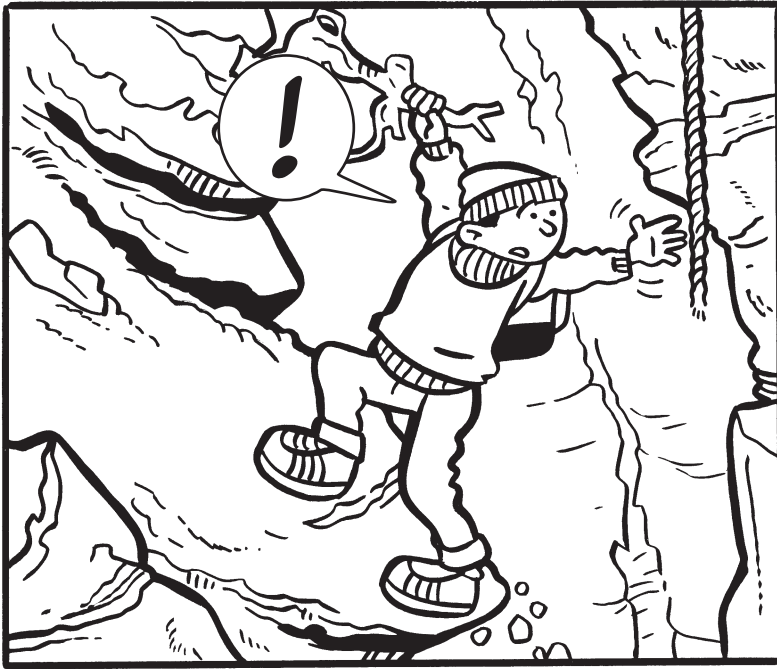
TRUST IN ME
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART!²

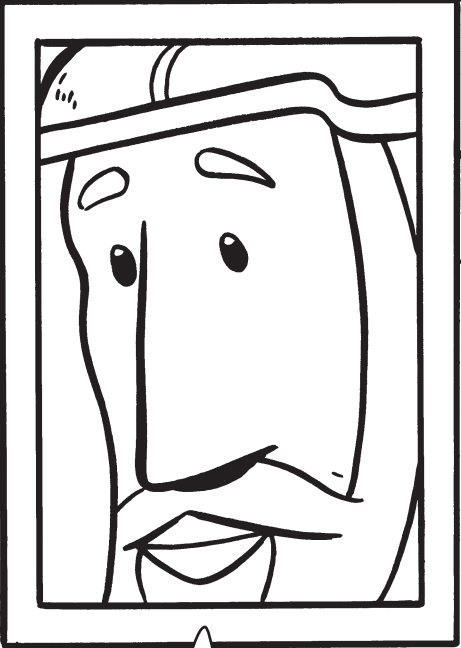
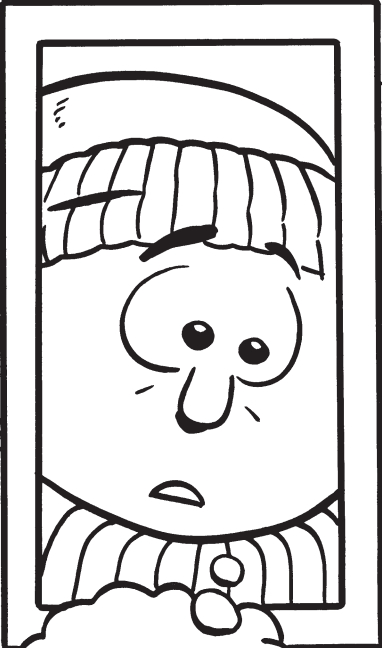
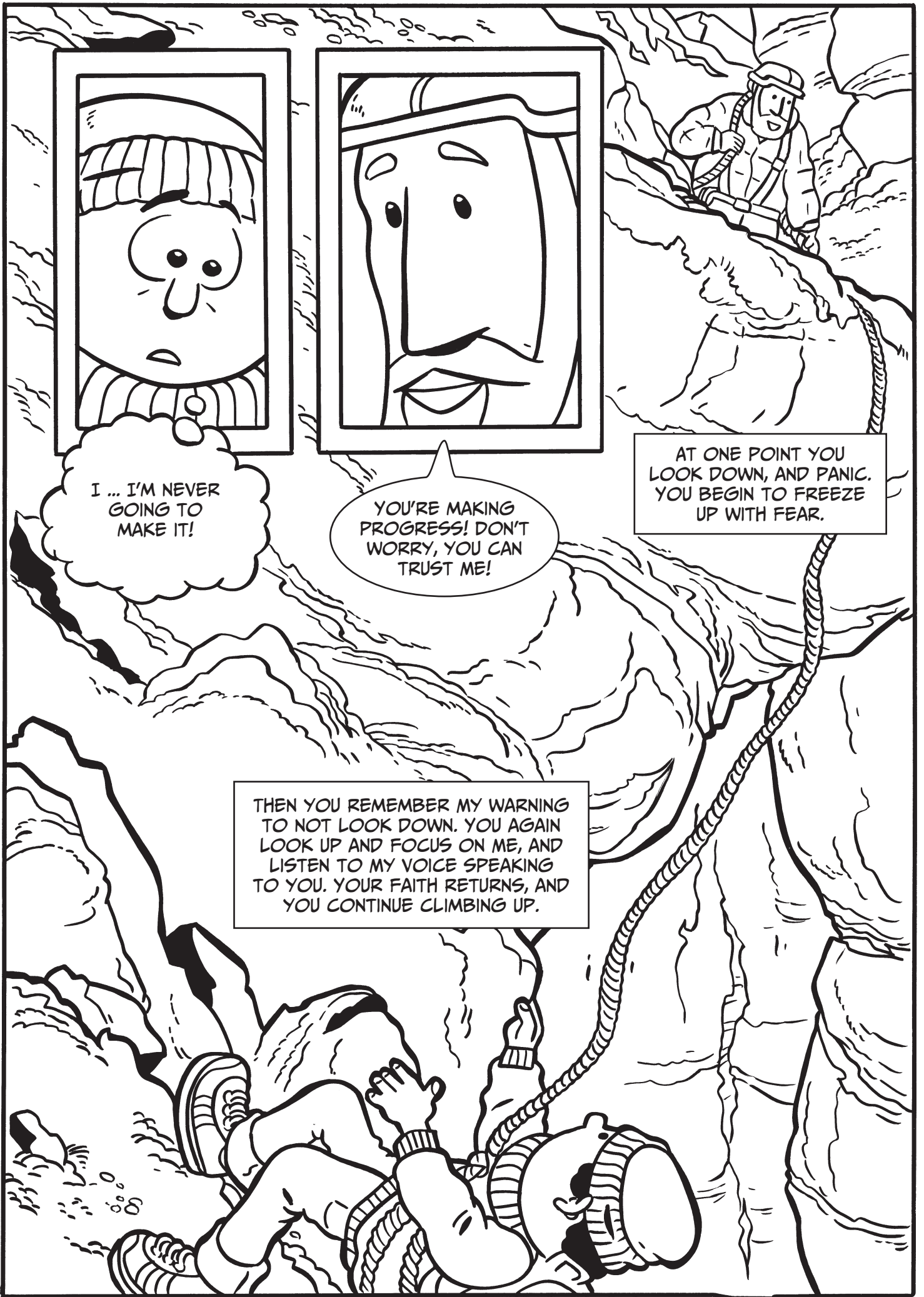
WHEN YOU PRAY, JESUS
COMES TO YOUR AID. HE
WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU
NOR FORSAKE YOU.³

I ... I CAN'T
DO IT! IT'S
TOO HARD!



³ PROVERBS 3:5-6, PARAPHRASED
⁴ DEUTERONOMY 31:6, PARAPHRASED



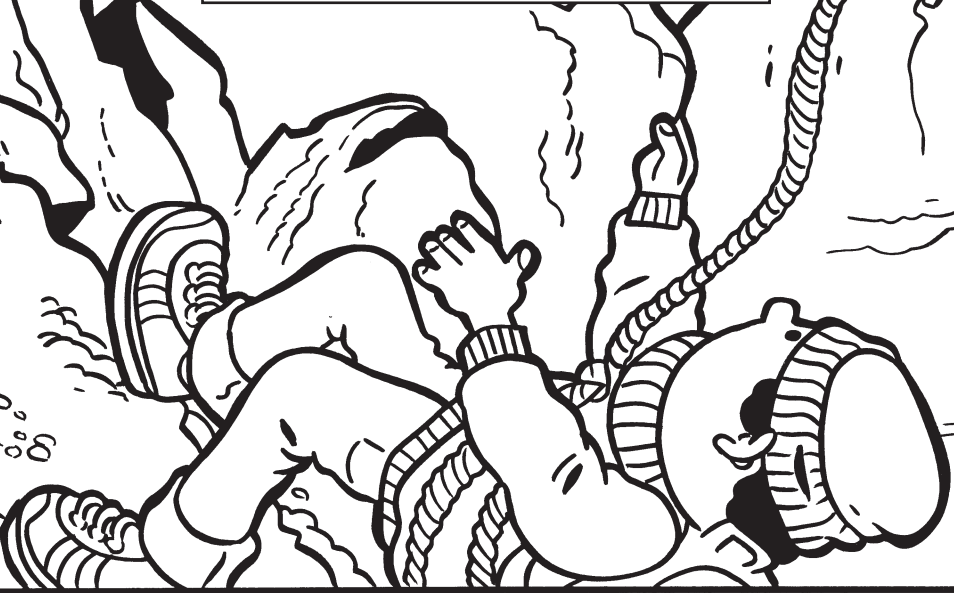


I ... I'M NEVER GOING TO MAKE IT!

YOU'RE MAKING PROGRESS! DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN TRUST ME!

AT ONE POINT YOU LOOK DOWN, AND PANIC. YOU BEGIN TO FREEZE UP WITH FEAR.

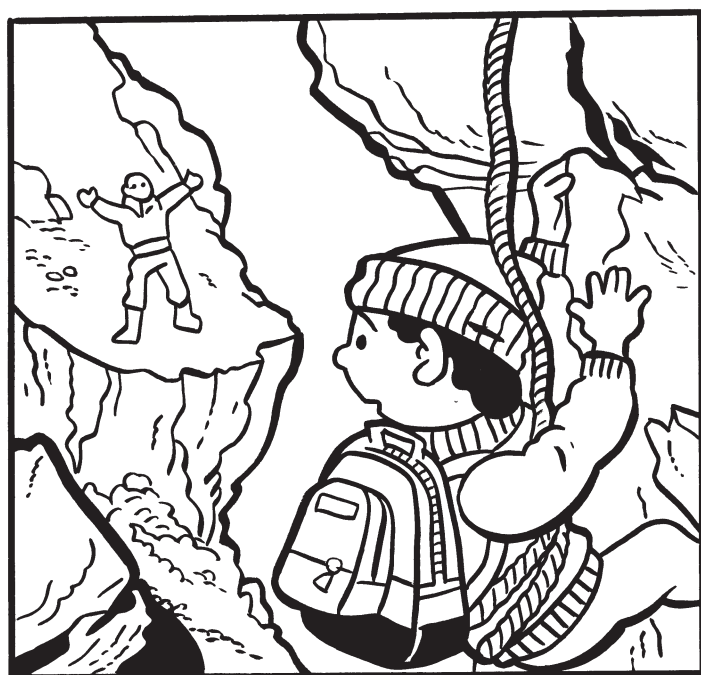
THEN YOU REMEMBER MY WARNING TO NOT LOOK DOWN. YOU AGAIN LOOK UP AND FOCUS ON ME, AND LISTEN TO MY VOICE SPEAKING TO YOU. YOUR FAITH RETURNS, AND YOU CONTINUE CLIMBING UP.





THE THIEF SEES YOU ESCAPING AND TRIES TO GET YOU TO BE FEARFUL BY TELLING YOU HOW DANGEROUS IT IS.

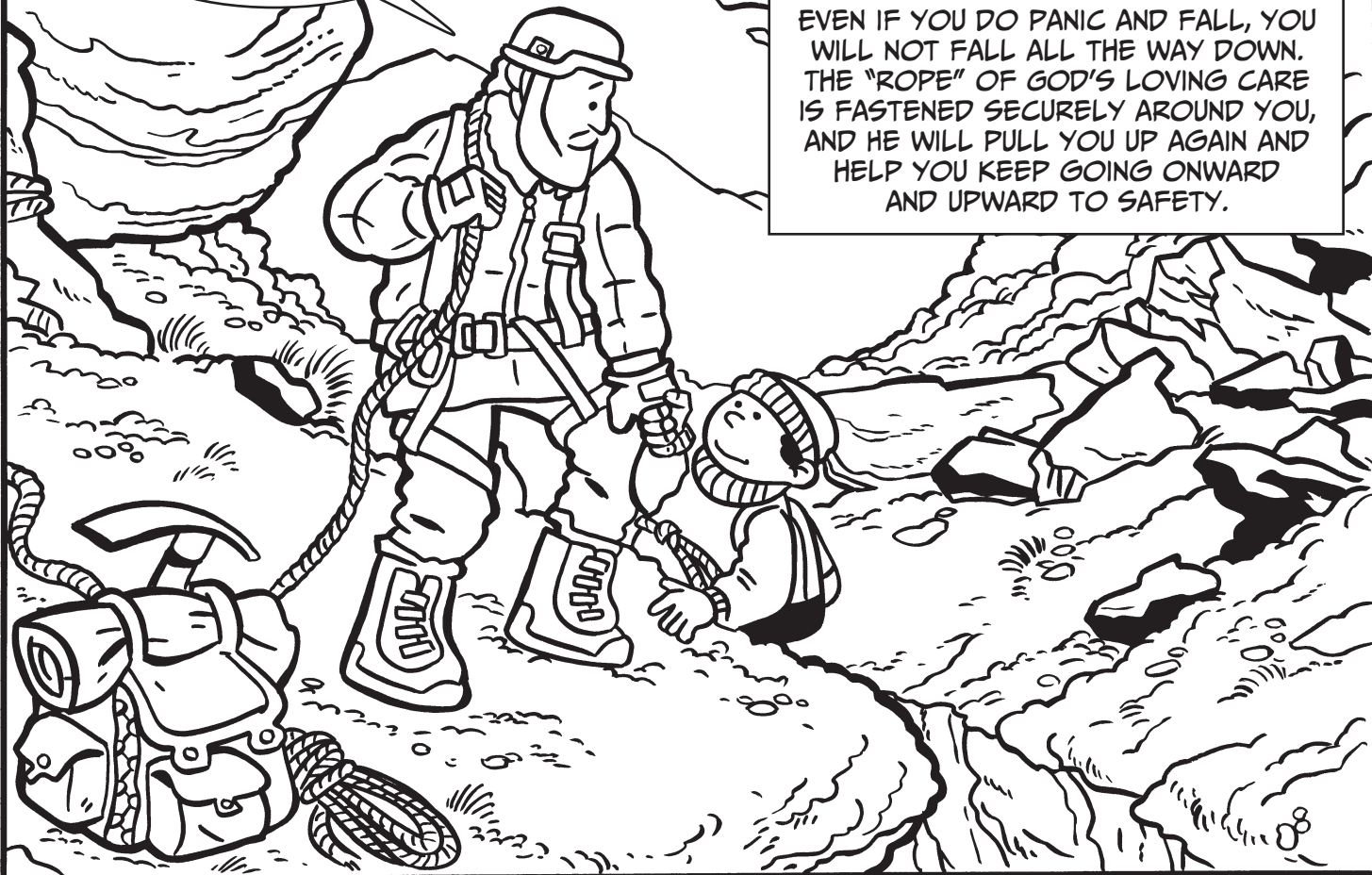
HE TRIES TO GET YOU TO LOOK DOWN AGAIN, KNOWING THAT YOU WILL PANIC AND NOT DEPEND ON YOUR SAVIOR.

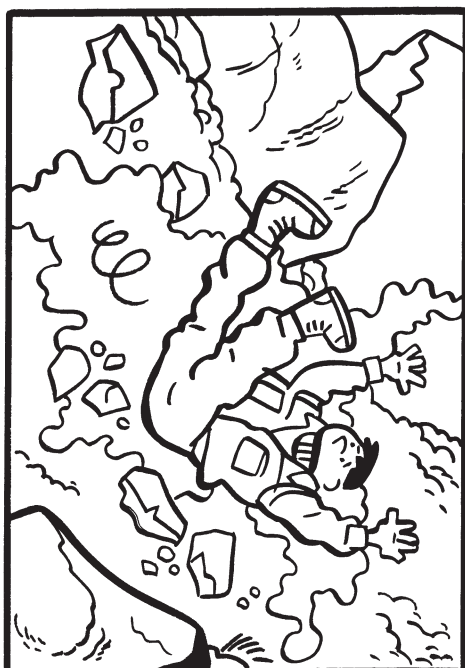
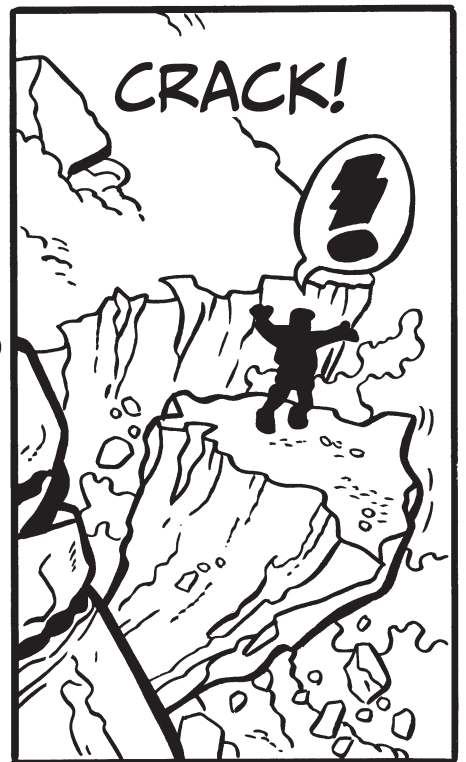
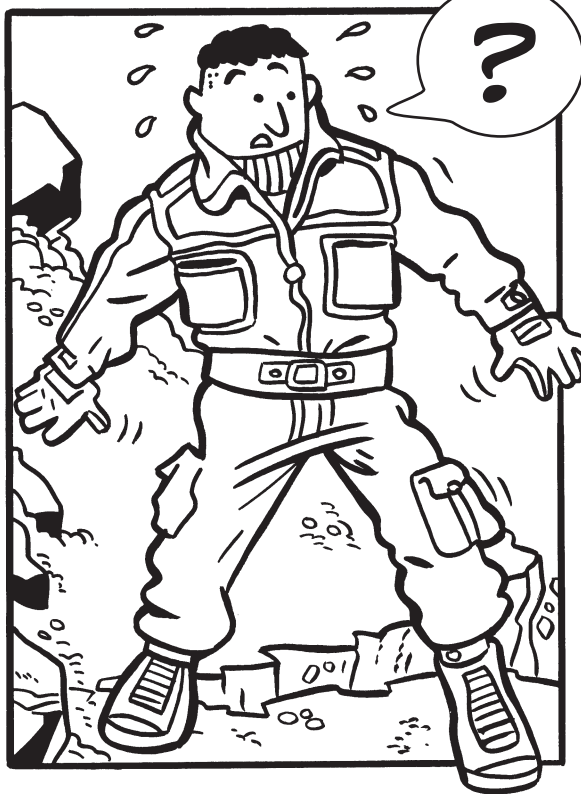


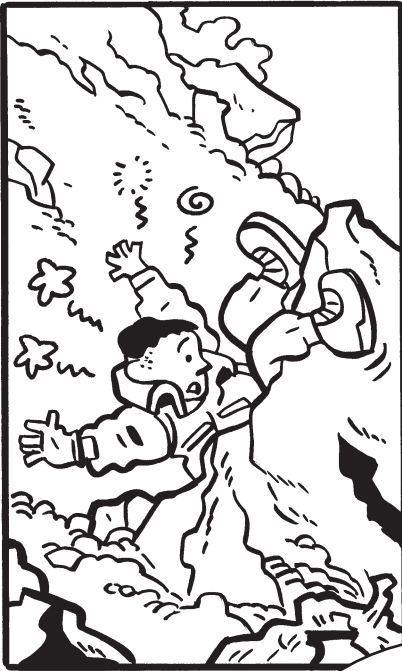


THERE! GIVE ME YOUR HAND.

EVEN IF YOU DO PANIC AND FALL, YOU WILL NOT FALL ALL THE WAY DOWN. THE "ROPE" OF GOD'S LOVING CARE IS FASTENED SECURELY AROUND YOU, AND HE WILL PULL YOU UP AGAIN AND HELP YOU KEEP GOING ONWARD AND UPWARD TO SAFETY.

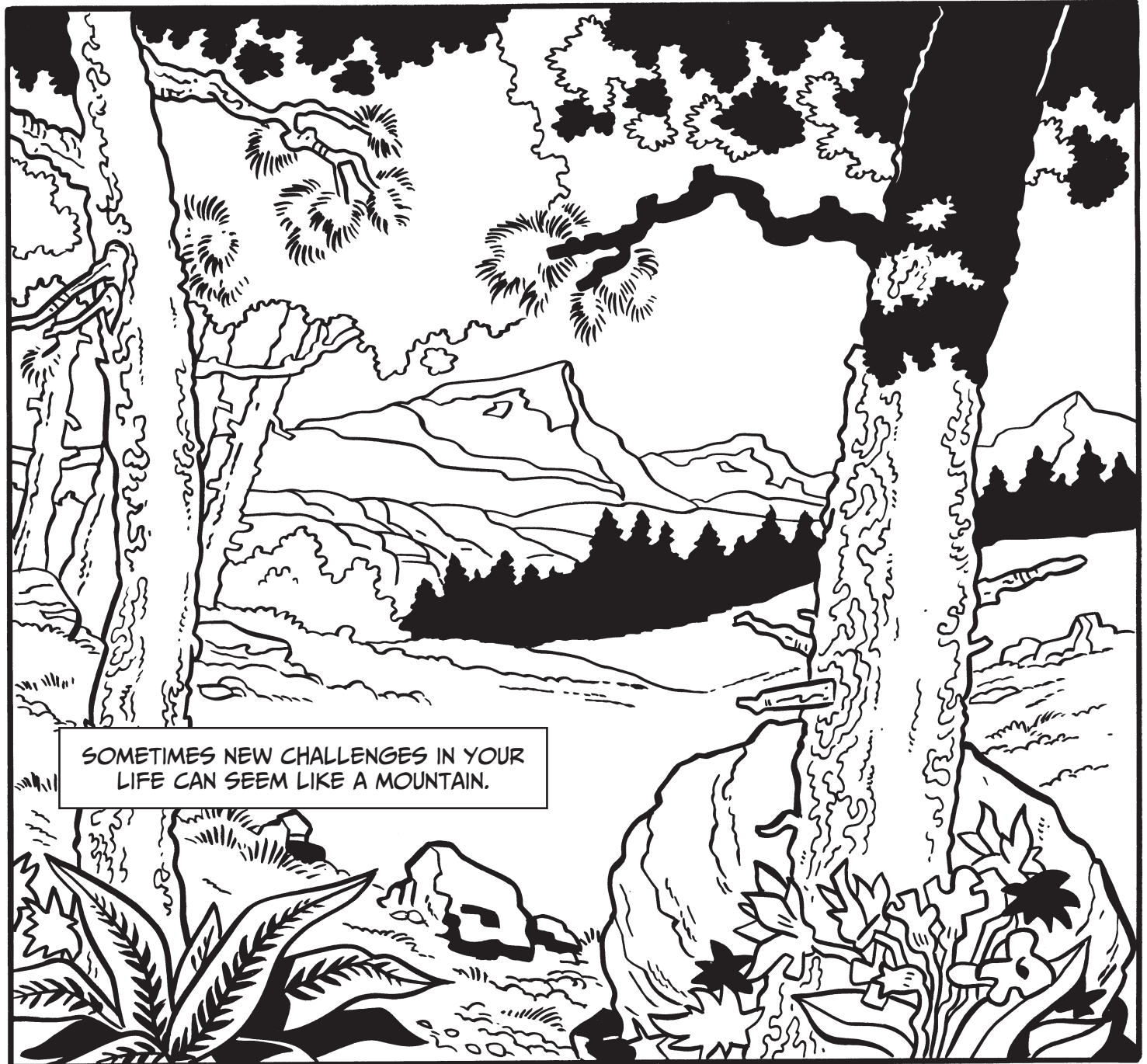
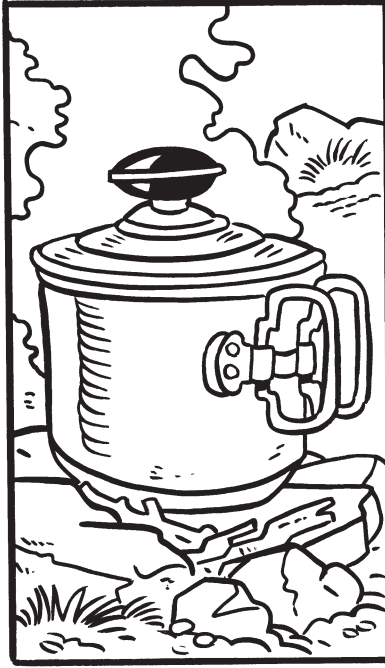






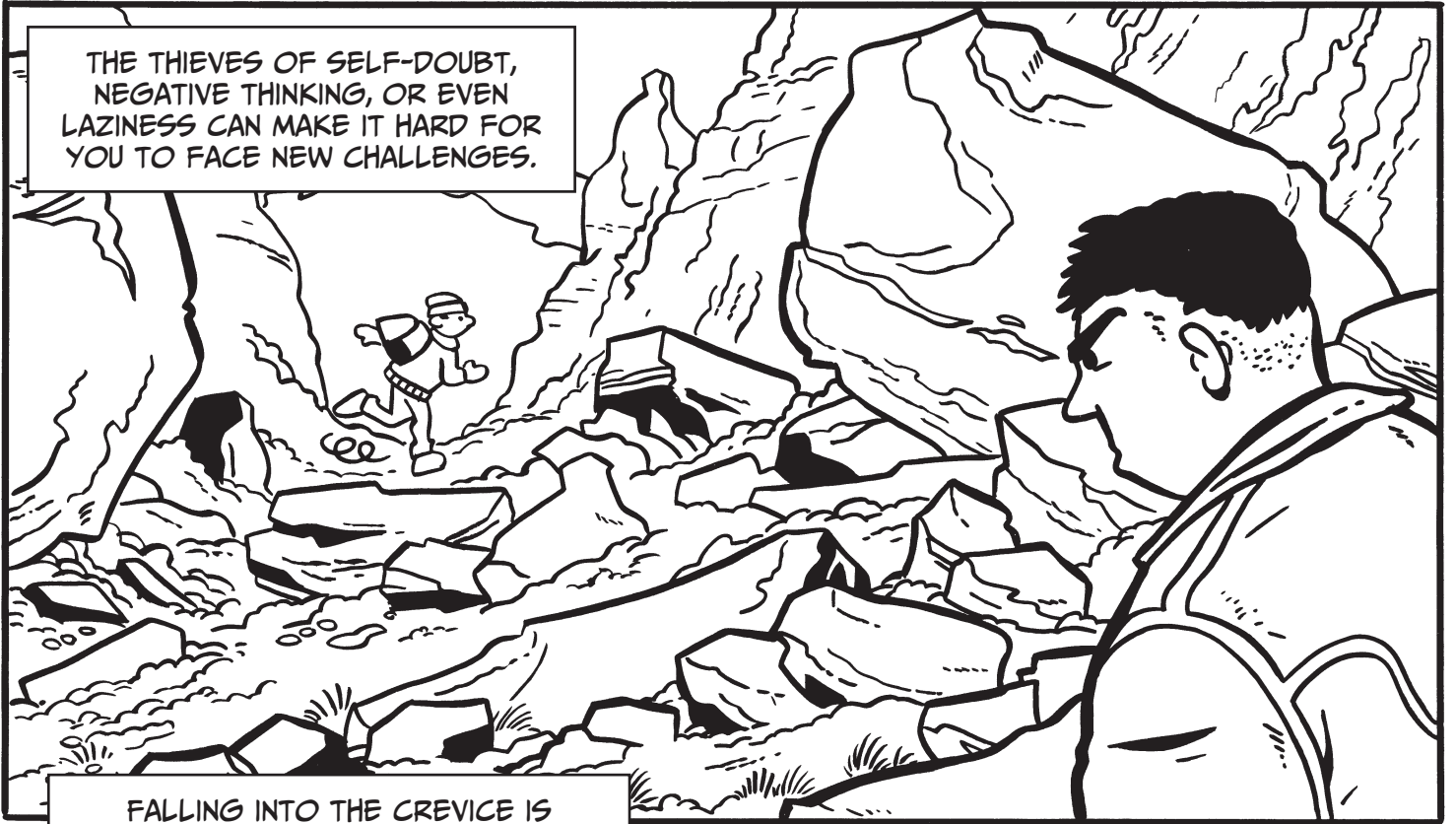
CONTINUE
TO FOLLOW
MY
INSTRUCTION CLOSELY.
AND YOU WILL SOON
FIND YOURSELF
IN SAFETY.





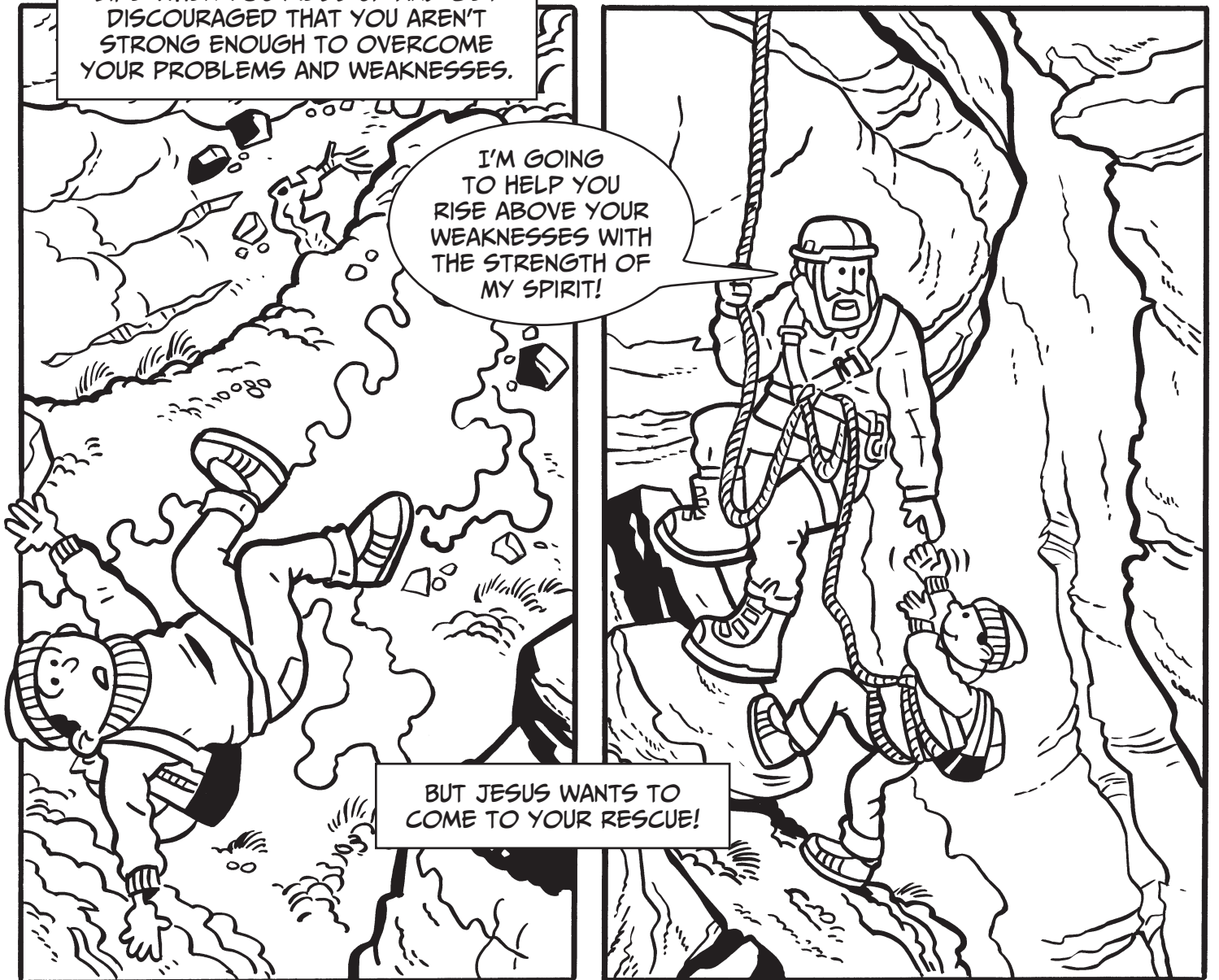
SOMETIMES NEW CHALLENGES IN YOUR LIFE CAN SEEM LIKE A MOUNTAIN.

THE THIEVES OF SELF-DOUBT,
NEGATIVE THINKING, OR EVEN
LAZINESS CAN MAKE IT HARD FOR
YOU TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES.

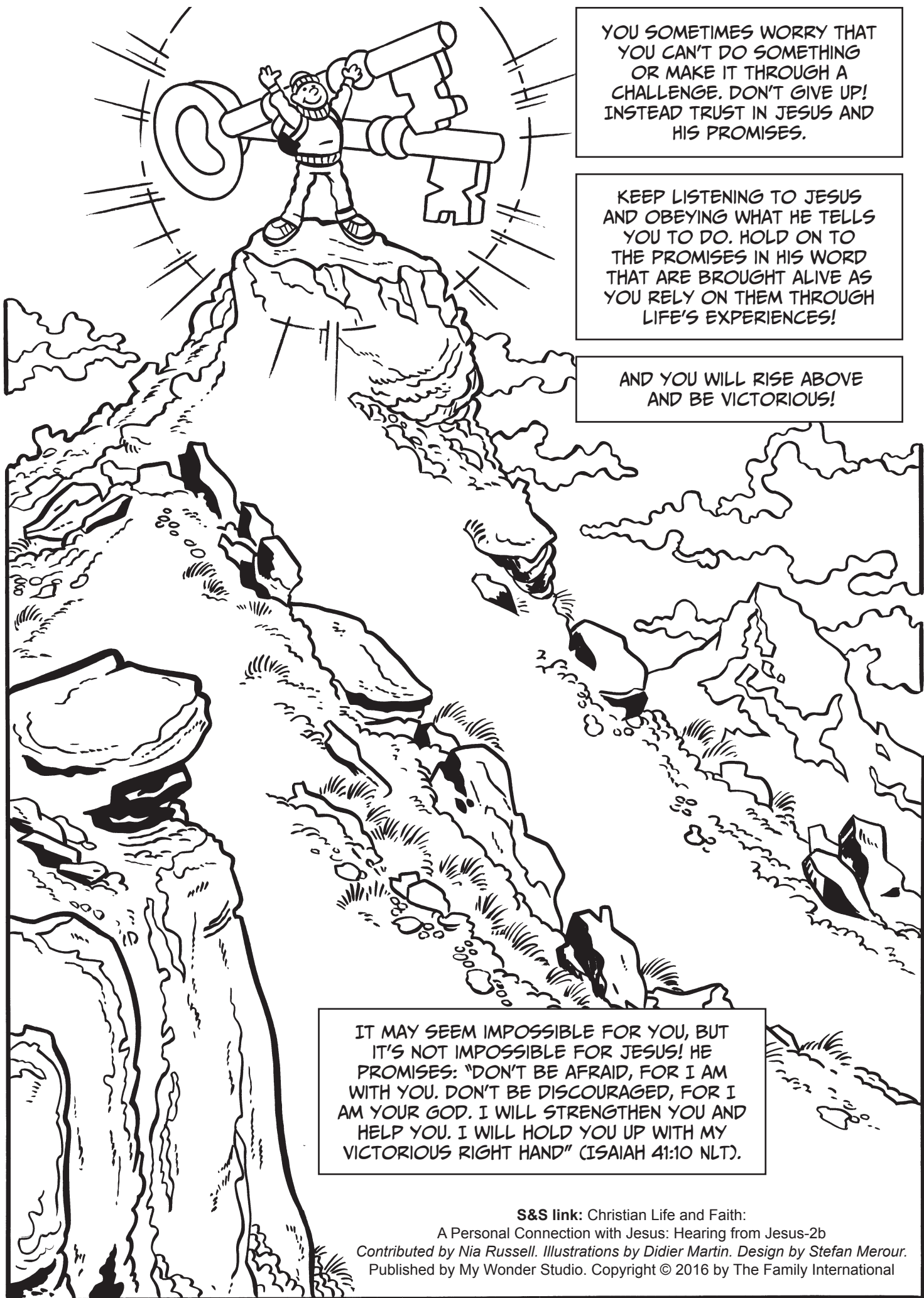


FALLING INTO THE CREVICE IS
LIKE WHEN YOU MESS UP AND GET
DISCOURAGED THAT YOU AREN'T
STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME
YOUR PROBLEMS AND WEAKNESSES.

I'M GOING
TO HELP YOU
RISE ABOVE YOUR
WEAKNESSES WITH
THE STRENGTH OF
MY SPIRIT!



BUT JESUS WANTS TO
COME TO YOUR RESCUE!



YOU SOMETIMES WORRY THAT YOU CAN'T DO SOMETHING OR MAKE IT THROUGH A CHALLENGE. DON'T GIVE UP! INSTEAD TRUST IN JESUS AND HIS PROMISES.

KEEP LISTENING TO JESUS AND OBEYING WHAT HE TELLS YOU TO DO. HOLD ON TO THE PROMISES IN HIS WORD THAT ARE BROUGHT ALIVE AS YOU RELY ON THEM THROUGH LIFE'S EXPERIENCES!

AND YOU WILL RISE ABOVE AND BE VICTORIOUS!

IT MAY SEEM IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU, BUT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JESUS! HE PROMISES: "DON'T BE AFRAID, FOR I AM WITH YOU. DON'T BE DISCOURAGED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU. I WILL HOLD YOU UP WITH MY VICTORIOUS RIGHT HAND" (ISAIAH 41:10 NLT).

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