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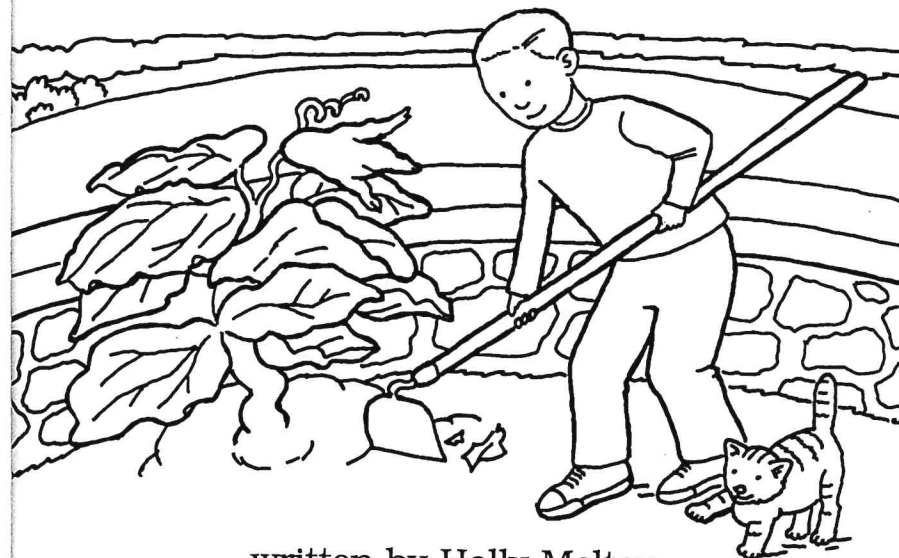
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# Wally, Pumpkin, and the Squash



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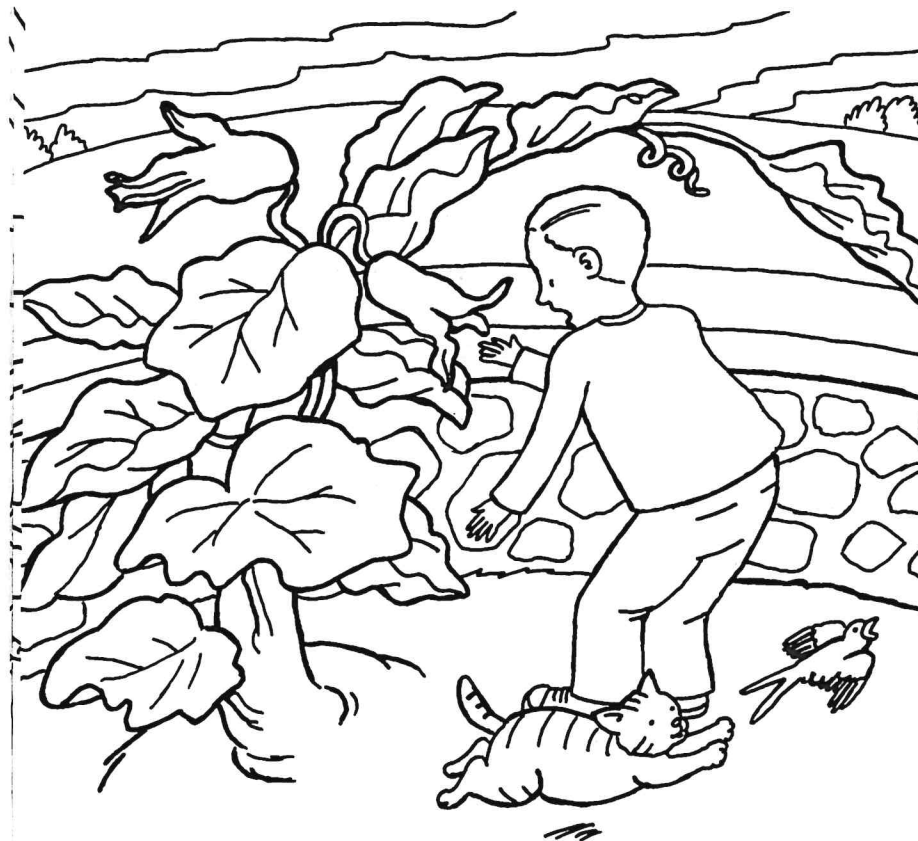
Wally washed the seed with his water bottle. He planted it near a wall.

"I hope the seed grows fast!" he said. "I love to eat squash."

At once, the huge seed started to grow!

"It looks like a squash plant," said Wally. "But it's so BIG. What is going on?"

Pumpkin found a walnut on the ground. She gave it a swat.



Then Pumpkin ran after a swallow. But the bird squawked at her and off it went.

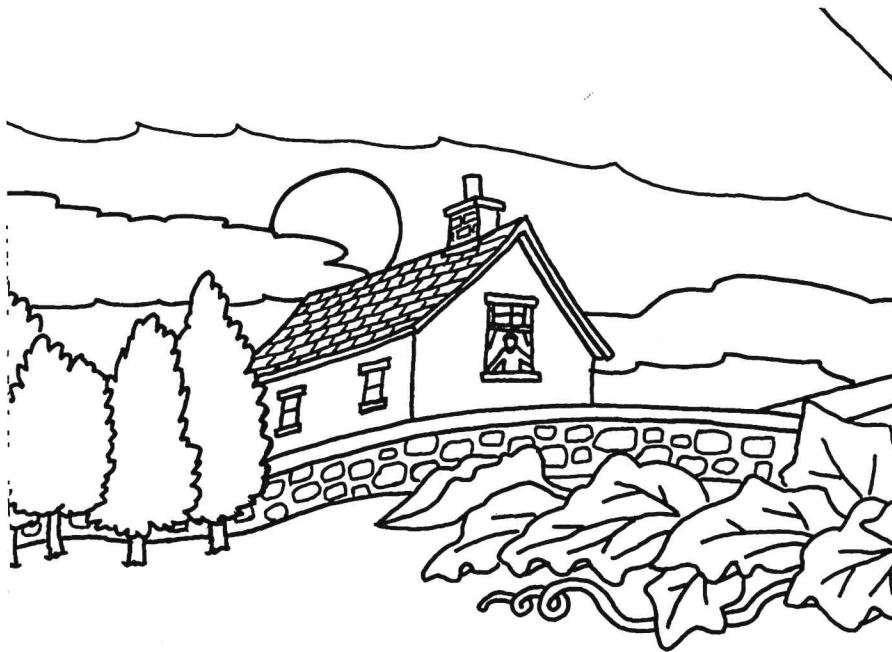


Many people came to watch the squash grow. The army sent out a squad. The garden club sent out a squad too.

"Get a sandwich here!" called Wally. "I have bottles of water and pitchers of punch!"

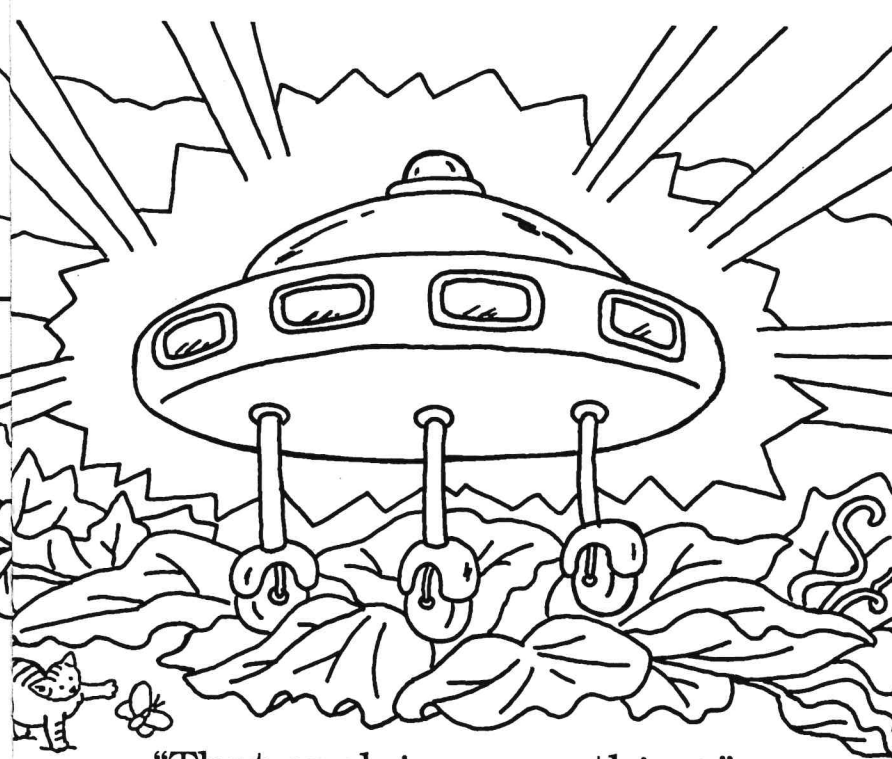
"What a fantastic squash!" said a man. He took out his wallet. "How much do you want for it?"

"This squash is not for sale," answered Wally.



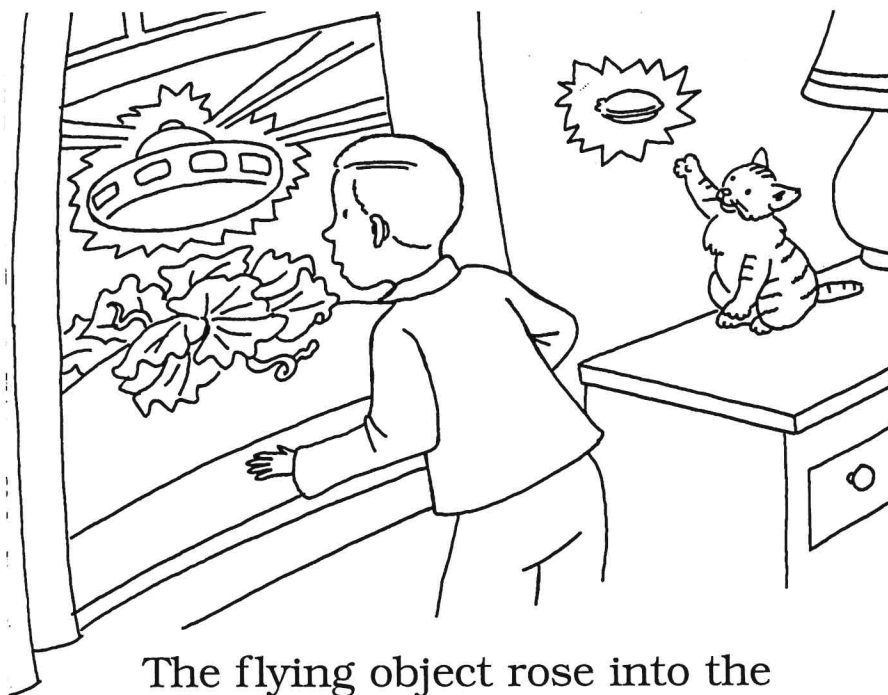
That night, Wally could not sleep. He wandered over to the window and looked out.

The squash had three wheels. It had windows and lights. The squash was not a squash after all!



"That explains everything," said Wally. "I did not plant a squash seed. I planted a flying object seed instead!"

Pumpkin played with a moth.



The flying object rose into the sky. With a whoosh it was gone!

"Wow!" said Wally. "Look at that!"

Pumpkin did not look. She was playing with a seed ...

**The End**

### Understanding the Story

*Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.*

1. Who plants a seed in this story?
2. What does the seed change into?
3. What does Pumpkin find at the end of the story?
4. What do you think might happen next?

Answers: 1. Wally 2. Possible answer: a flying saucer 3. a glowing seed 4. Answers will vary.

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