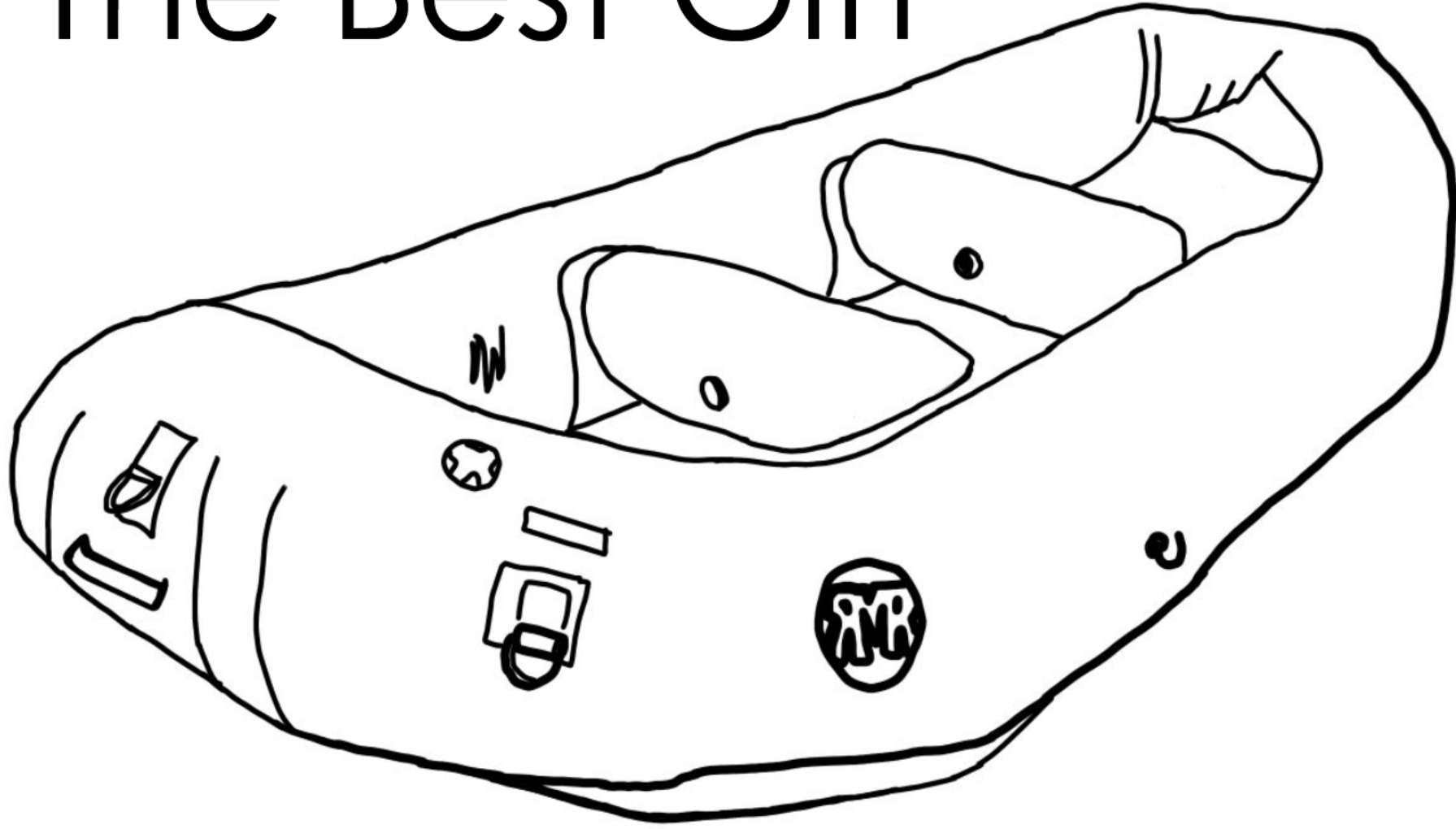


# The Best Gift

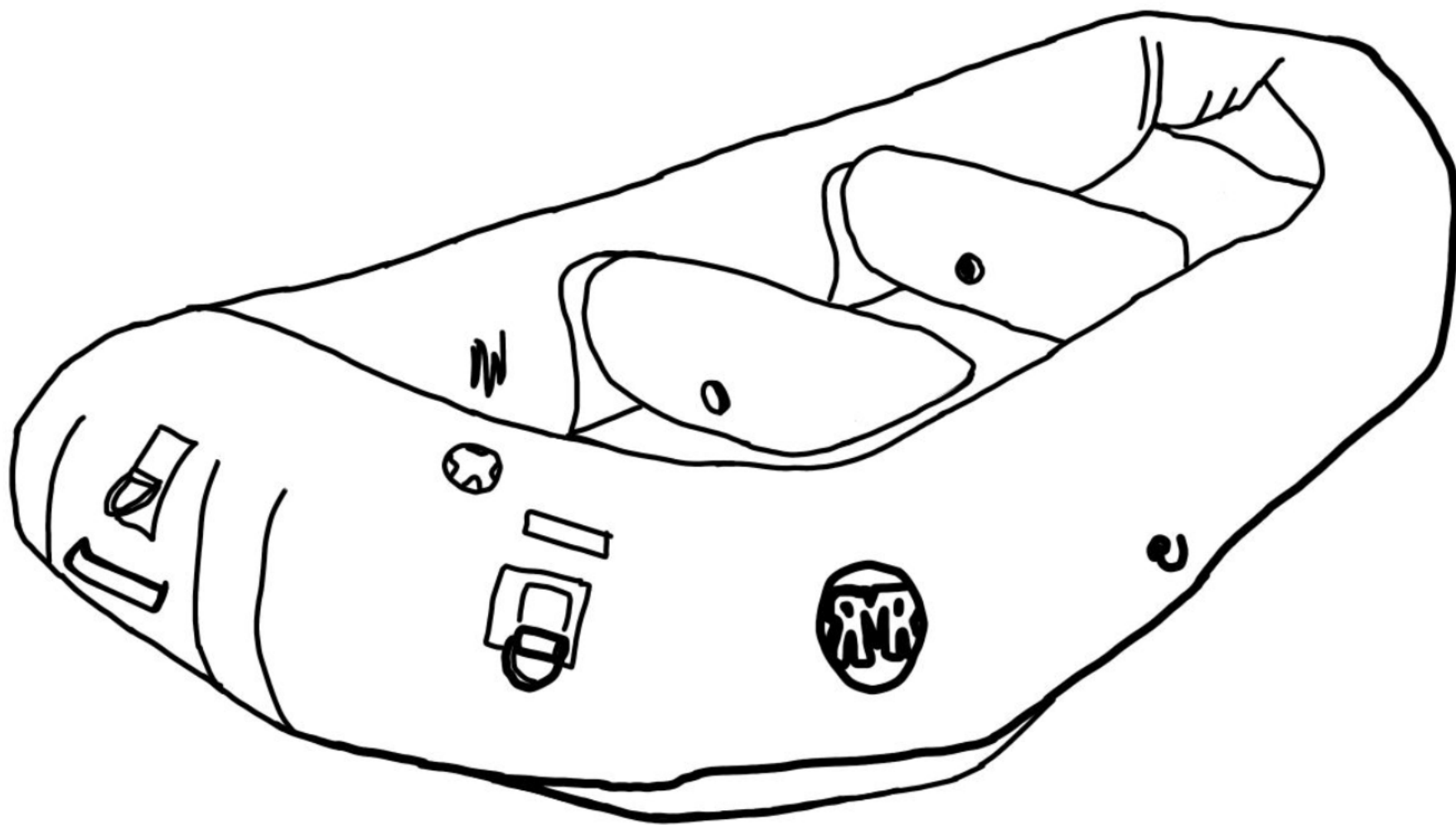


By Teresa Taylor

I have a red raft.

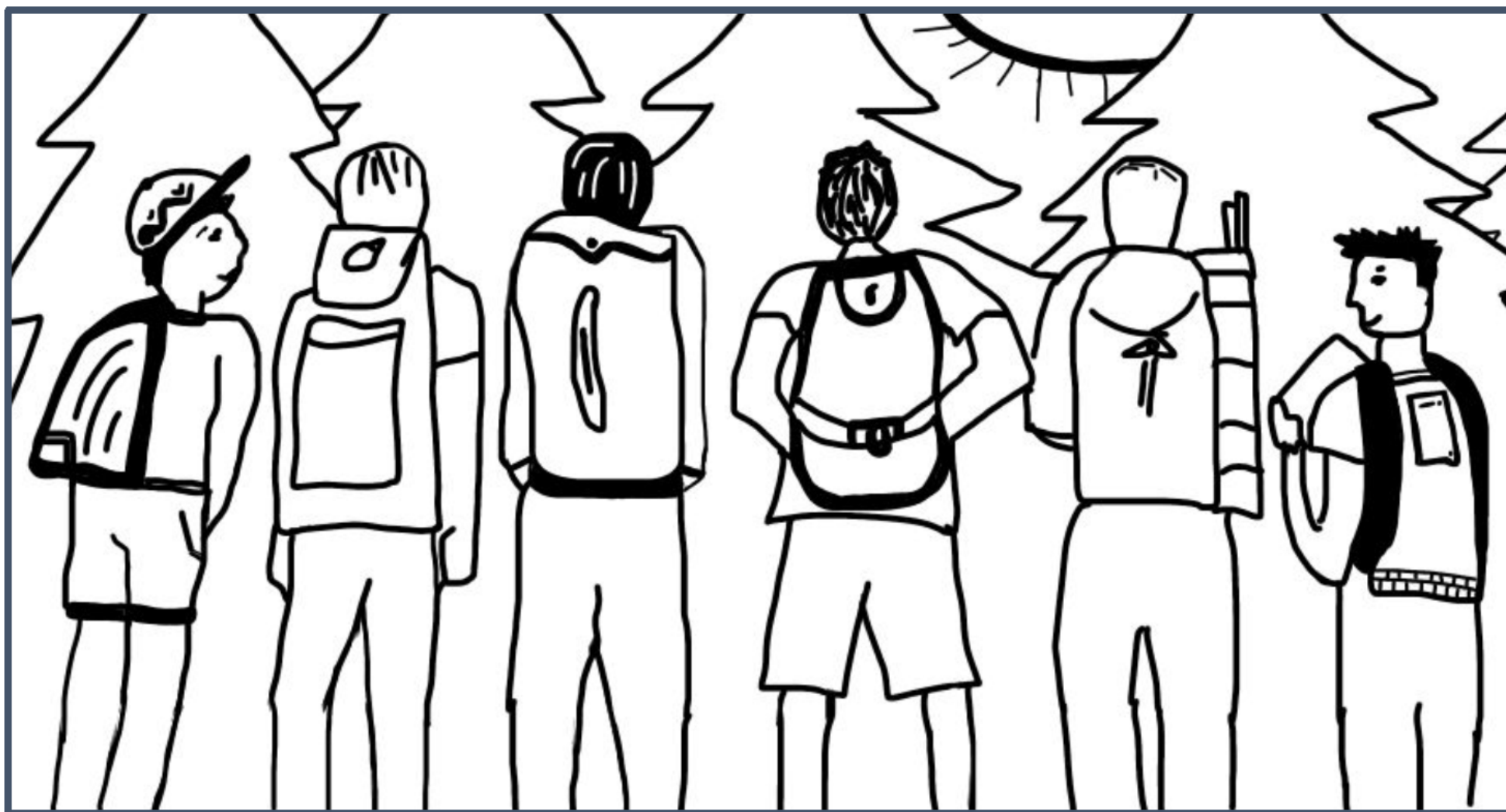
The raft was a gift from my dad.

The raft will fit six of my pals.



All six of my pals want to  
camp this fall.

We will test the raft on the  
trip.



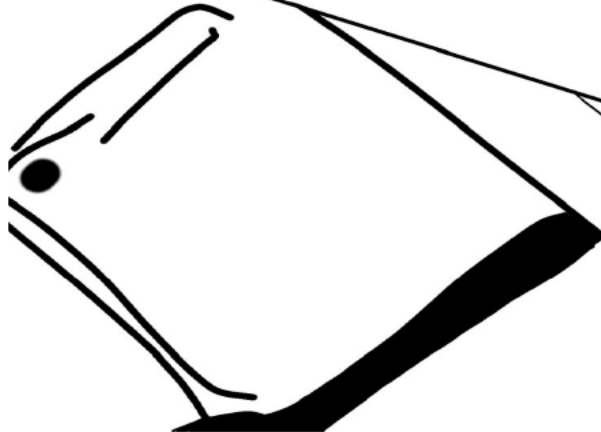
When it is fall, I dust off my red raft.

I get my list and pack up the rest of my things.

Fall

Pack Up:

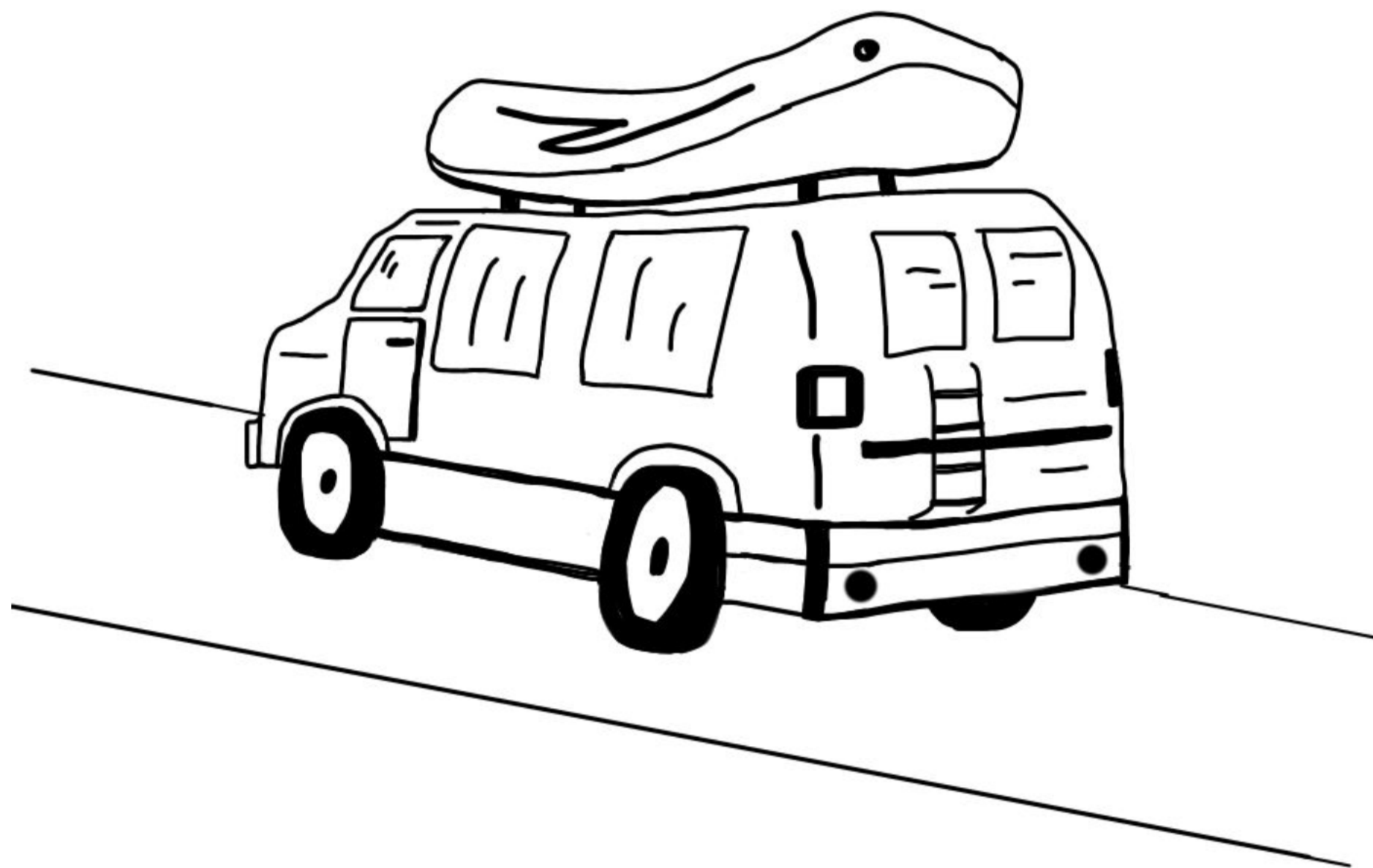
- tent
- rag
- socks
- watch
- chip bag



I pack a tent, a bag of  
chips, and a soft dish rag.

My dad will help us get the  
raft and tents to the dock.



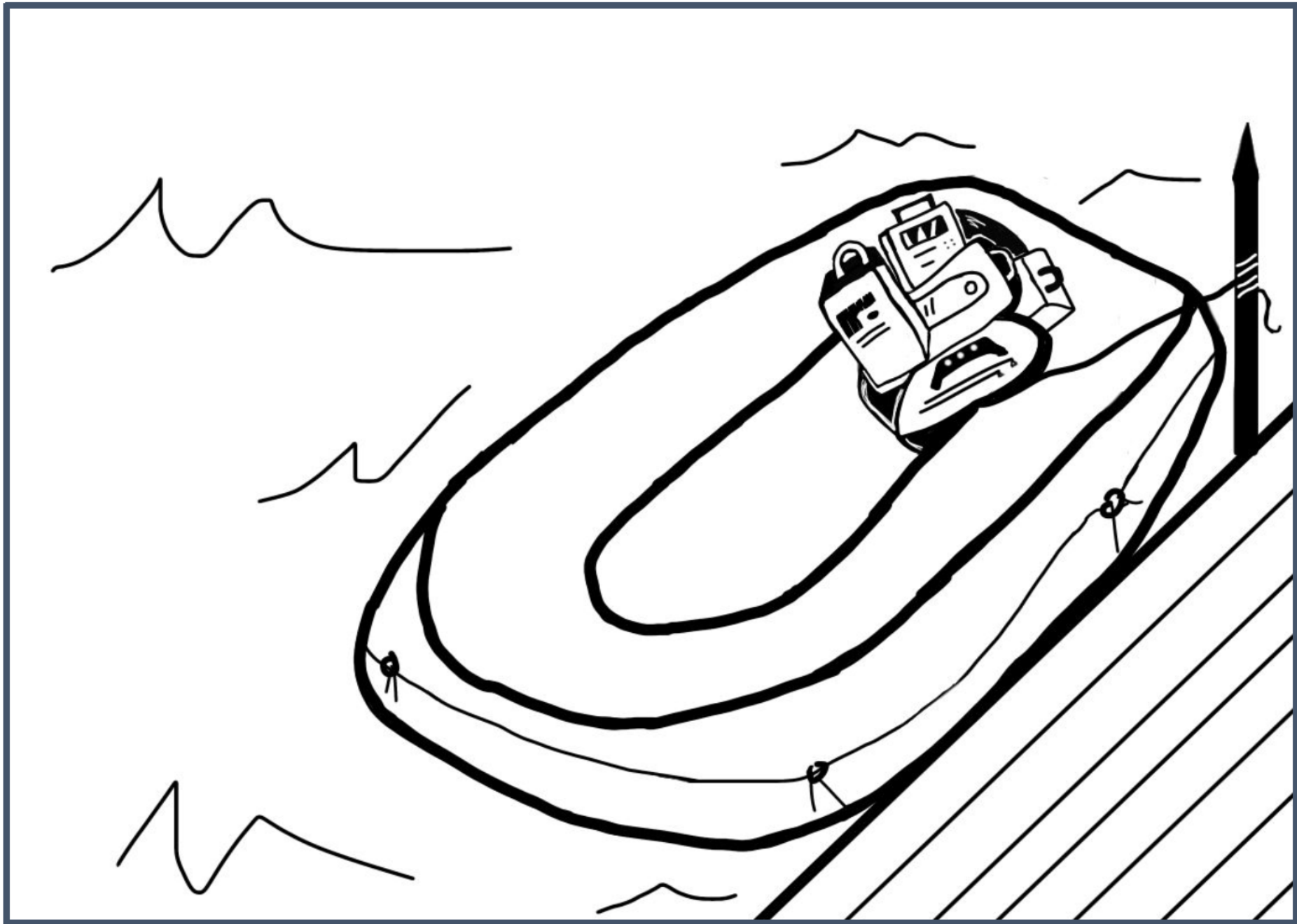


When we get to the ramp, I put a long rope on the raft. Then we lift the packs and put them in the back of the raft.



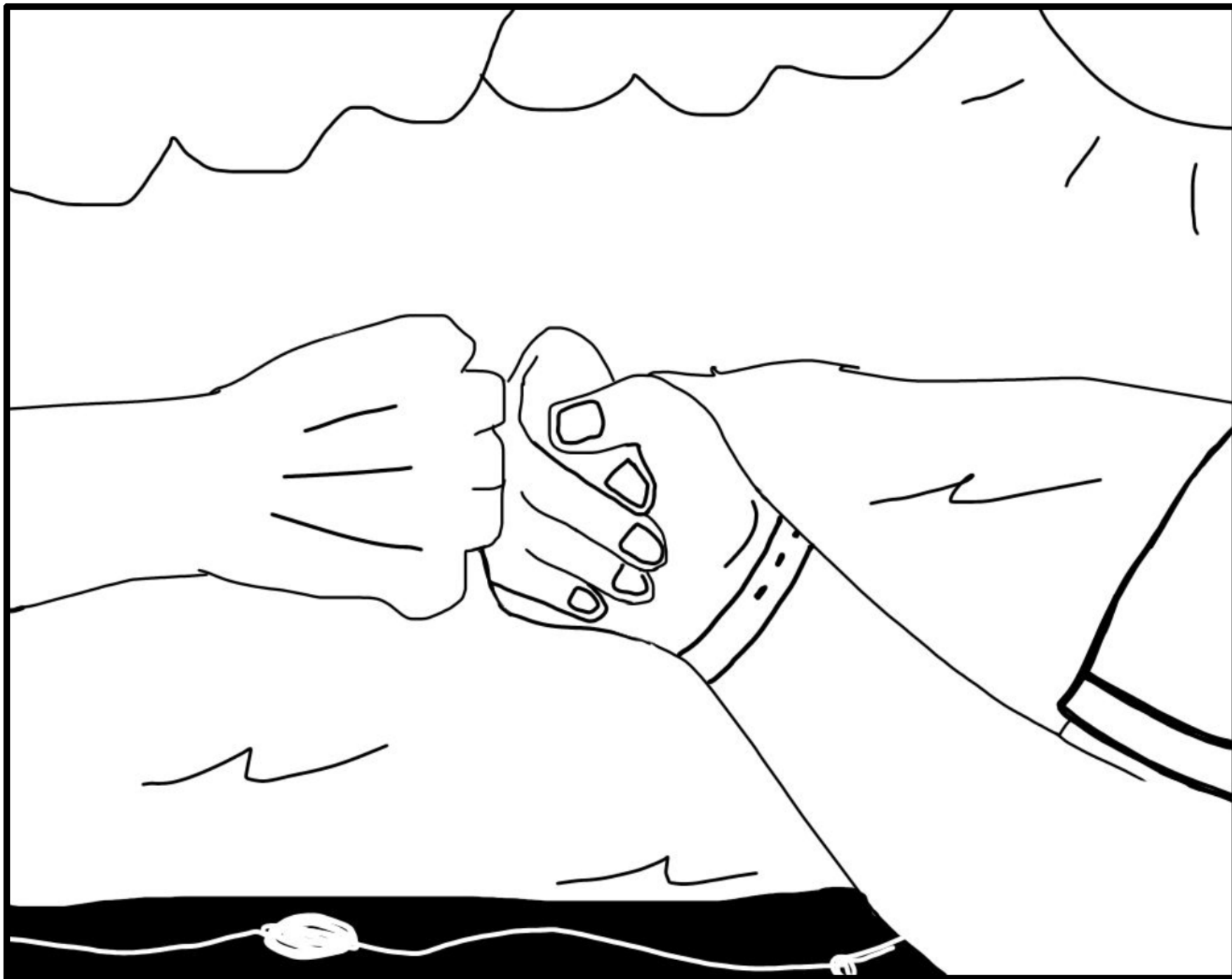
I pant as I bend to get in  
the back of the raft.

Dad hands me the last tent.  
I do my best to get all the  
packs and tents to fit.



I lift my fist up and my dad  
grins.

I give Kemp and West a fist  
bump. We push the raft off  
the dock.

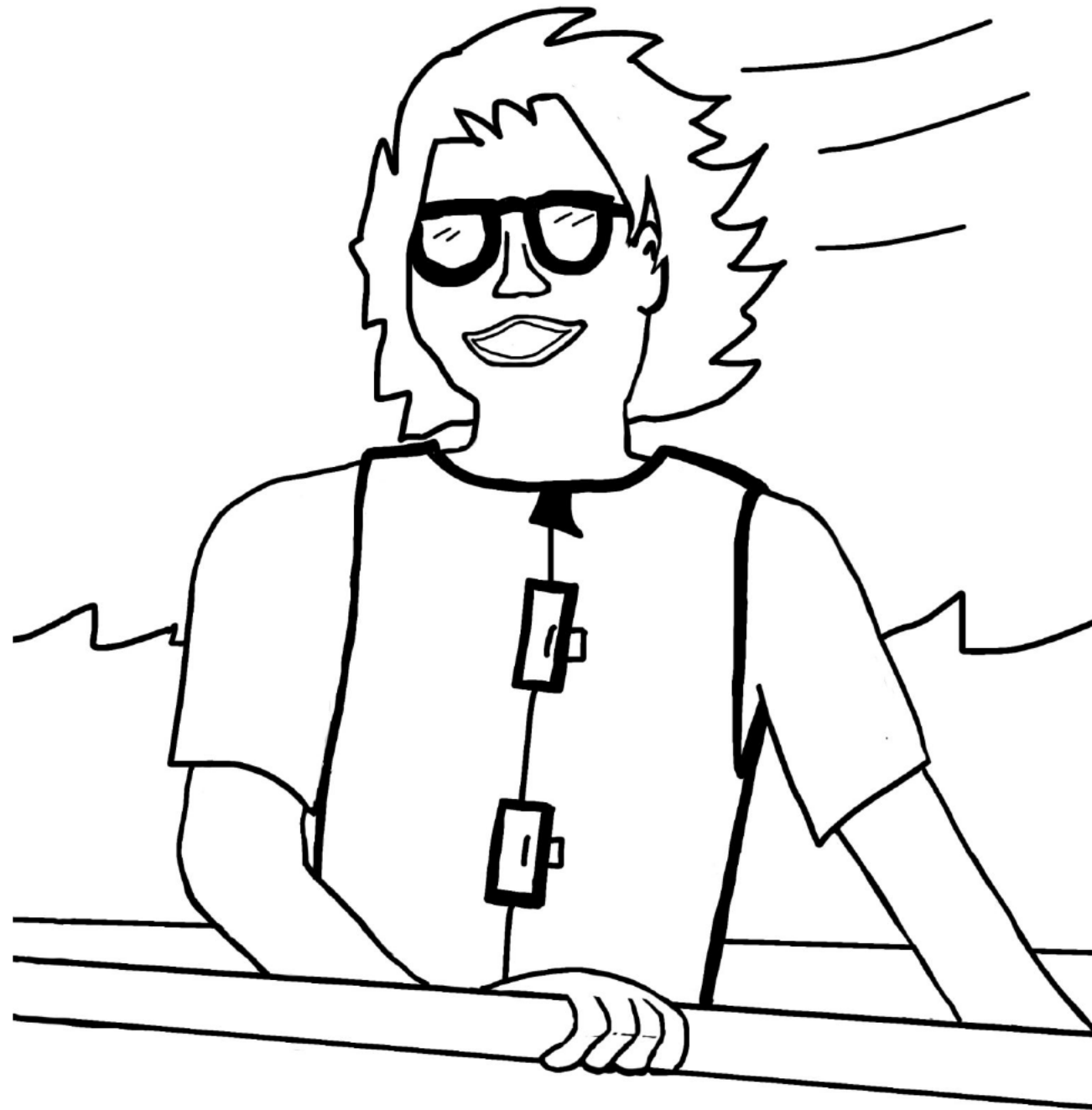


Wind whips past us!

I felt glad to be on the raft  
with all my pals.

It was the best gift!





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