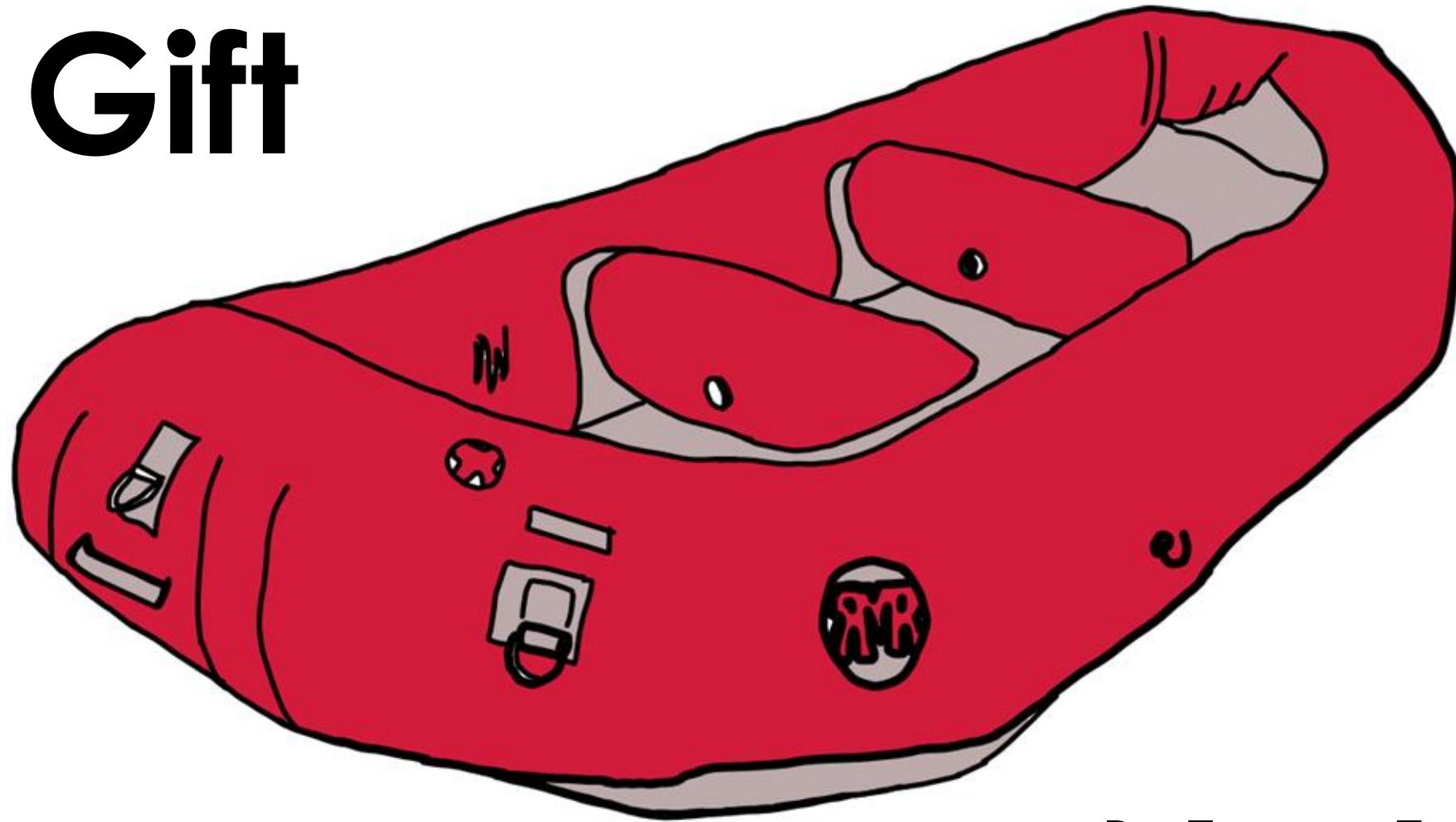


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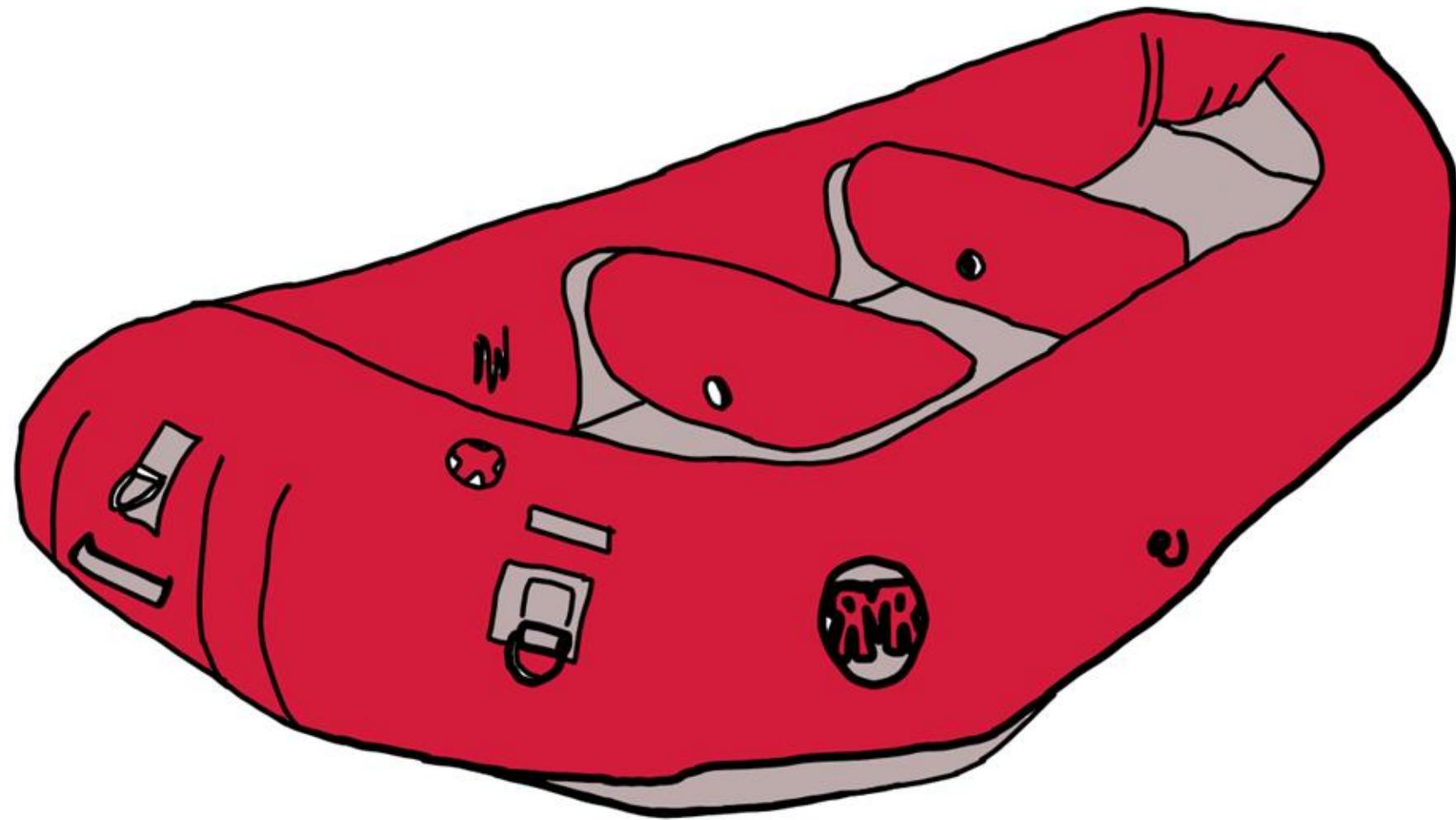


By Teresa Taylor

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.



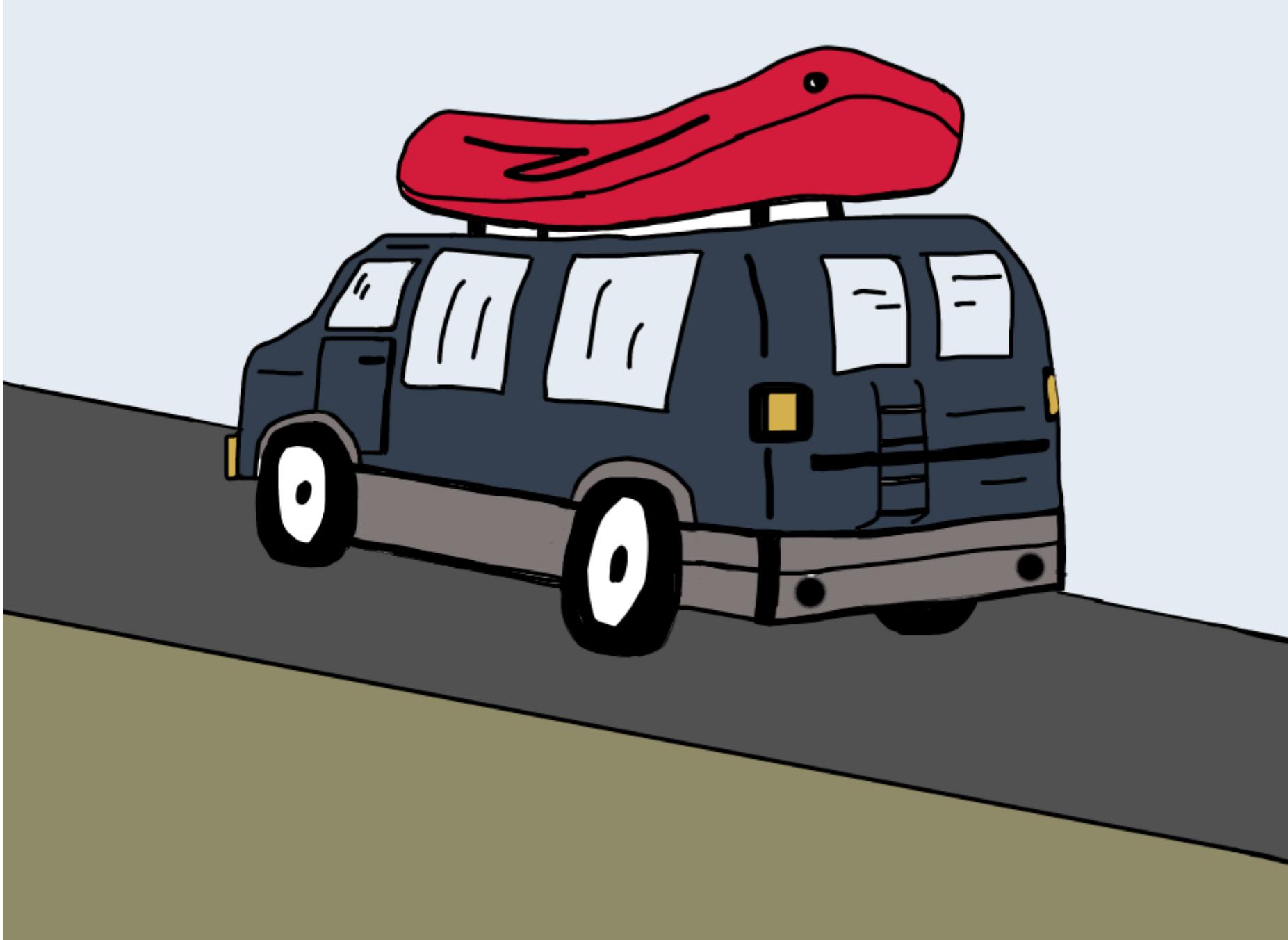
When it is fall, I dust off my
red raft.

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



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.



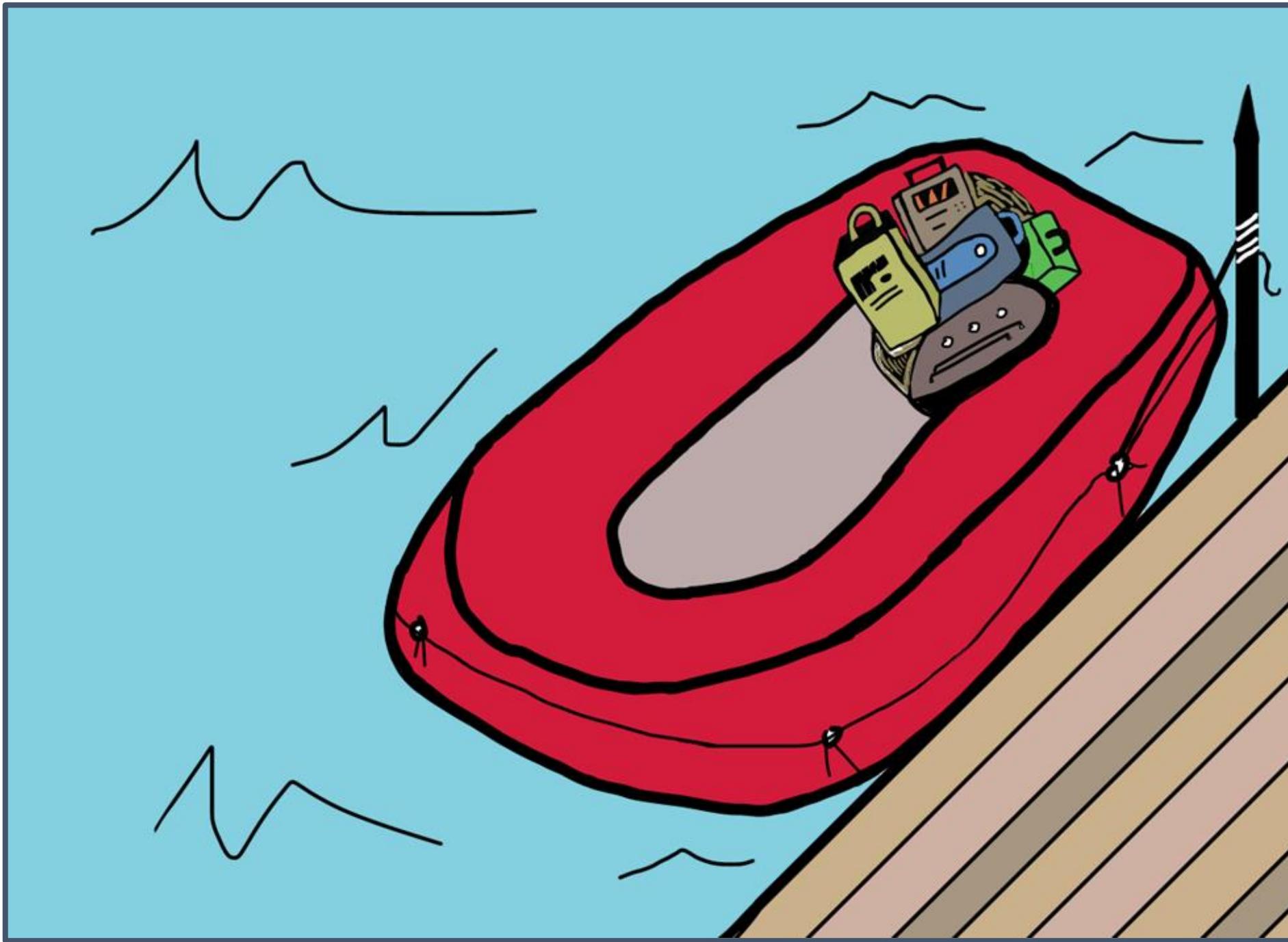
When we get to the ramp, I put a long rope on the raft.

Then we lift the packs and put them in the back of the raft.



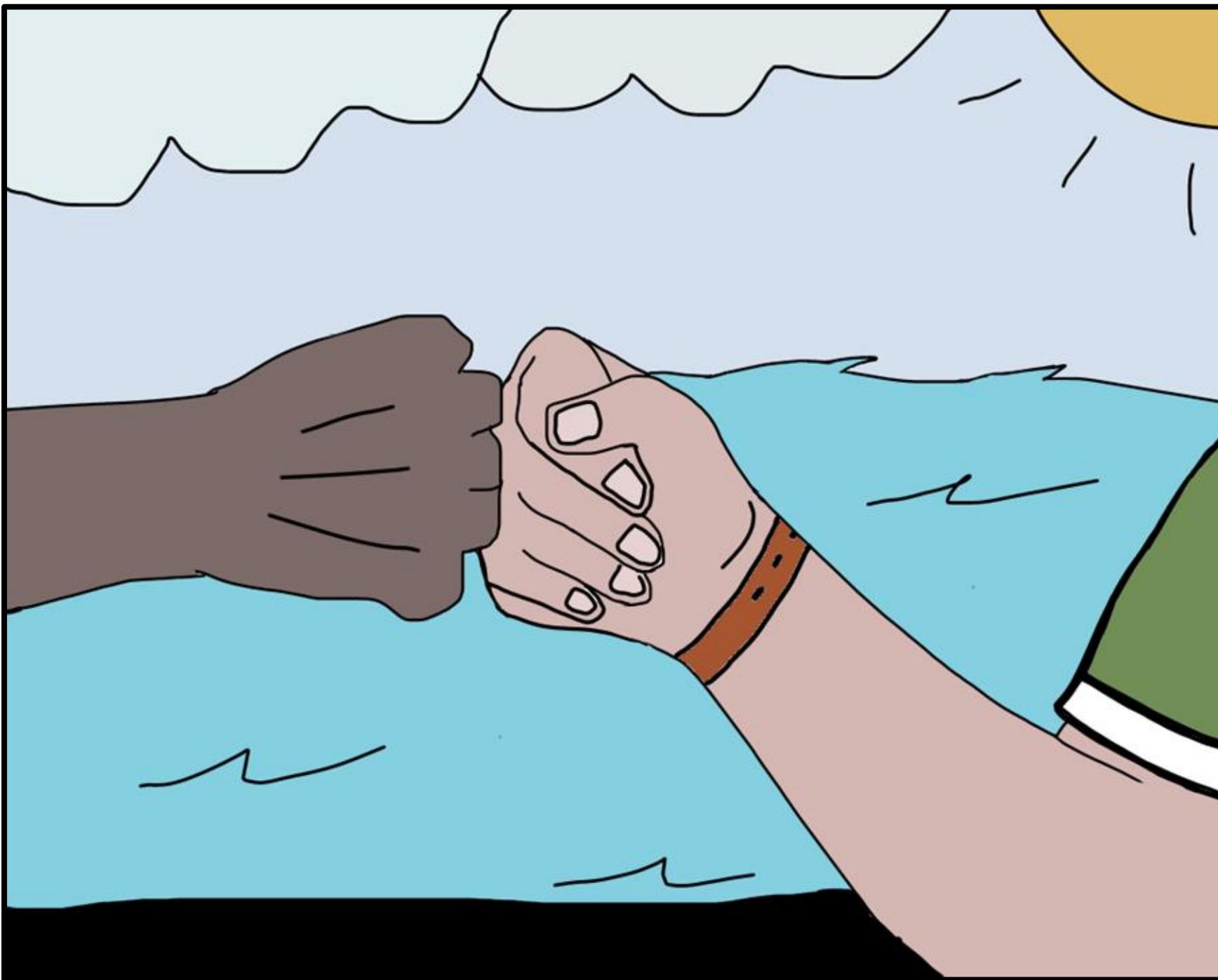
I pant as I bend to get in the back of the raft.

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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