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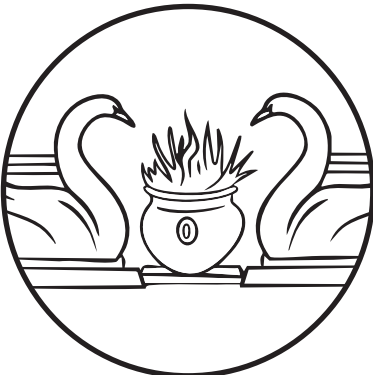
CITY SWAN GUIDE



HAVE YOU SEEN LAKELAND'S SWANS?

Hi there! I'm **MORTY** and I'm your guide to Lakeland's swans!

Lakelanders are pretty big fans of us swans. You can find tributes to my friends and family all over town. Do you recognize any of these?



DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR SWANS ARE ROYALTY?

My great-great-great grandparents were part of Queen Elizabeth II's royal flock.

Back in the 1950s, all the swans in Lakeland had disappeared. But then, a former Lakelander living in England had a bold idea: why not write to the Queen herself, the official "Seigneur of the Swans," and ask for help?

And she did! The Queen sent a beautiful pair of royal swans all the way from England to Florida. They arrived in 1957 and made Lake Morton their new home.

Those two swans started a whole new flock and if you visit the Lake Morton today, you'll see their many great-great-great-grand-swanbabies.

LOOKS LIKE MY SCRAPBOOK GOT SCRAMBLED!

Help me organize my collection to put the events in order.

Number each image 1-5.



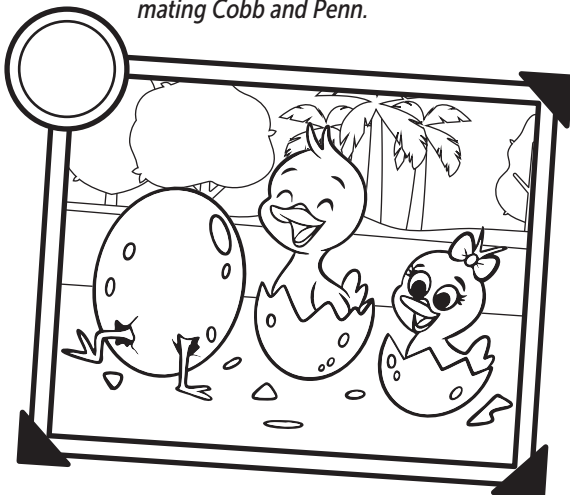
The Queen chooses the perfect mating Cobb and Penn.



The Pickhart family writes a letter to the Queen of England.



Lady and Sir arrive on Lake Morton.



A new generation of swans is born in Lakeland.



Lady and Sir board a plane to Lakeland.

WHAT DO SWANS EAT?

UNSCRAMBLE these words to see what is safe to feed a swan.
Afterwards, use the boxed letters to **UNLOCK** the secret message.

- ① **RCON** _ _ _ _
- ② **TAOS** _ _ _
- ③ **SPAE** _ _ _ _
- ④ **EDSES** _ _ _ _
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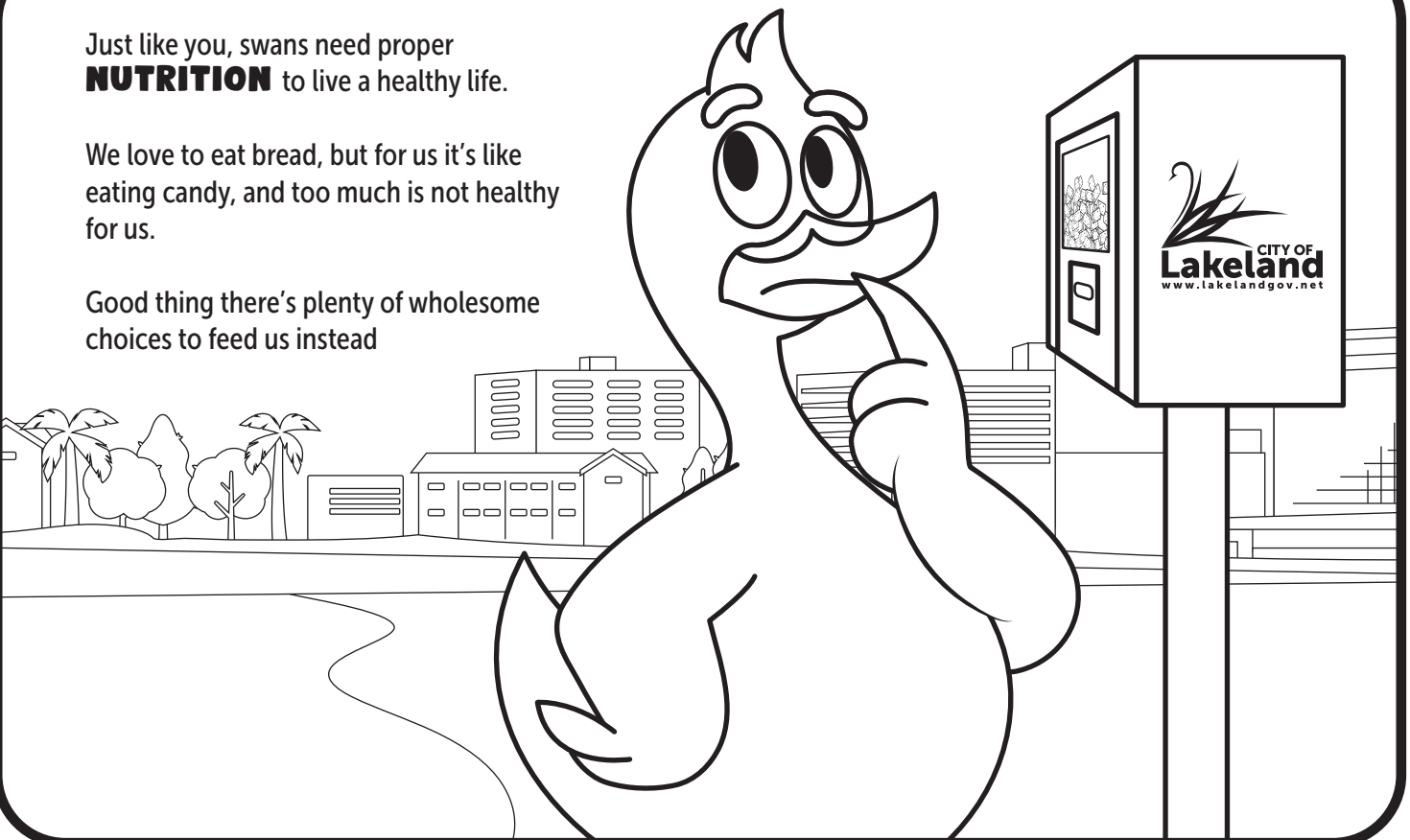
**WHAT IS THE NUMBER 1
THREAT TO SWANS
IN FLORIDA?**

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Just like you, swans need proper
NUTRITION to live a healthy life.

We love to eat bread, but for us it's like
eating candy, and too much is not healthy
for us.

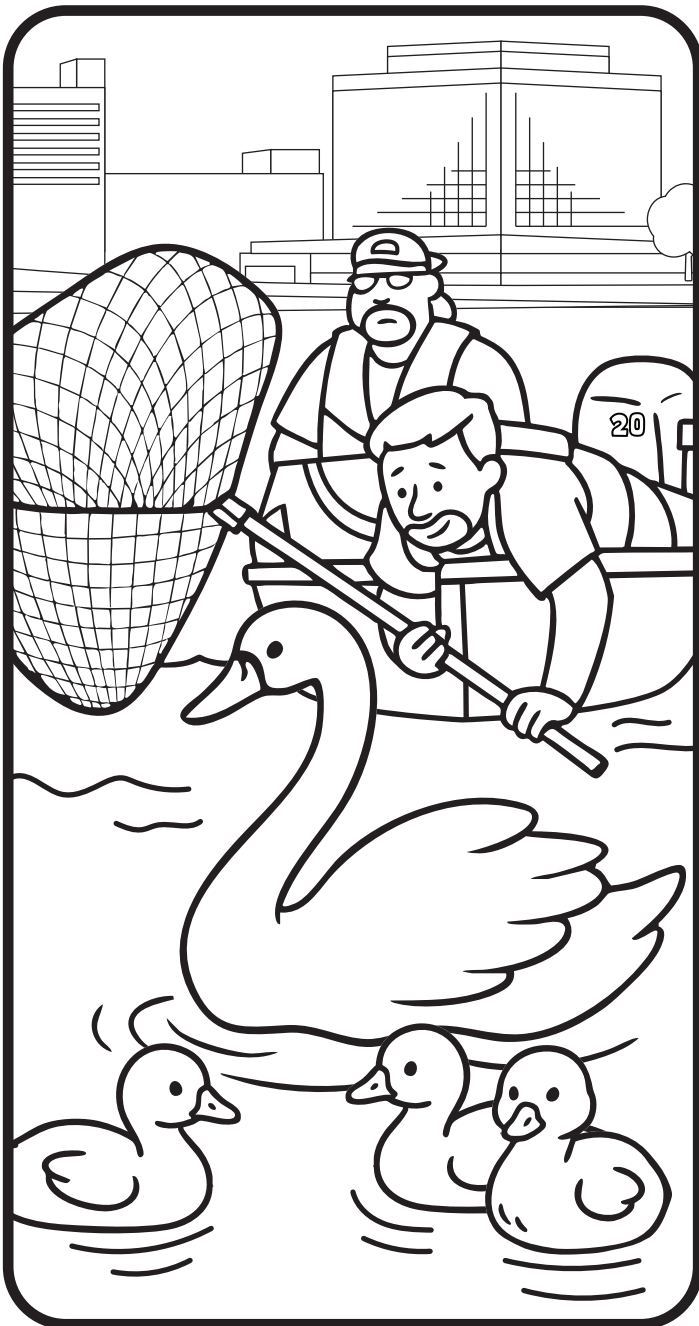
Good thing there's plenty of wholesome
choices to feed us instead



WHAT IS THE THE SWAN ROUNDUP?

Every October, the City of Lakeland catches the swans at Lake Morton for a special event called the **SWAN ROUND-UP**. The swans are placed in pens for a short time so vets can give them check-ups, protect baby swans, and help keep the whole flock healthy.

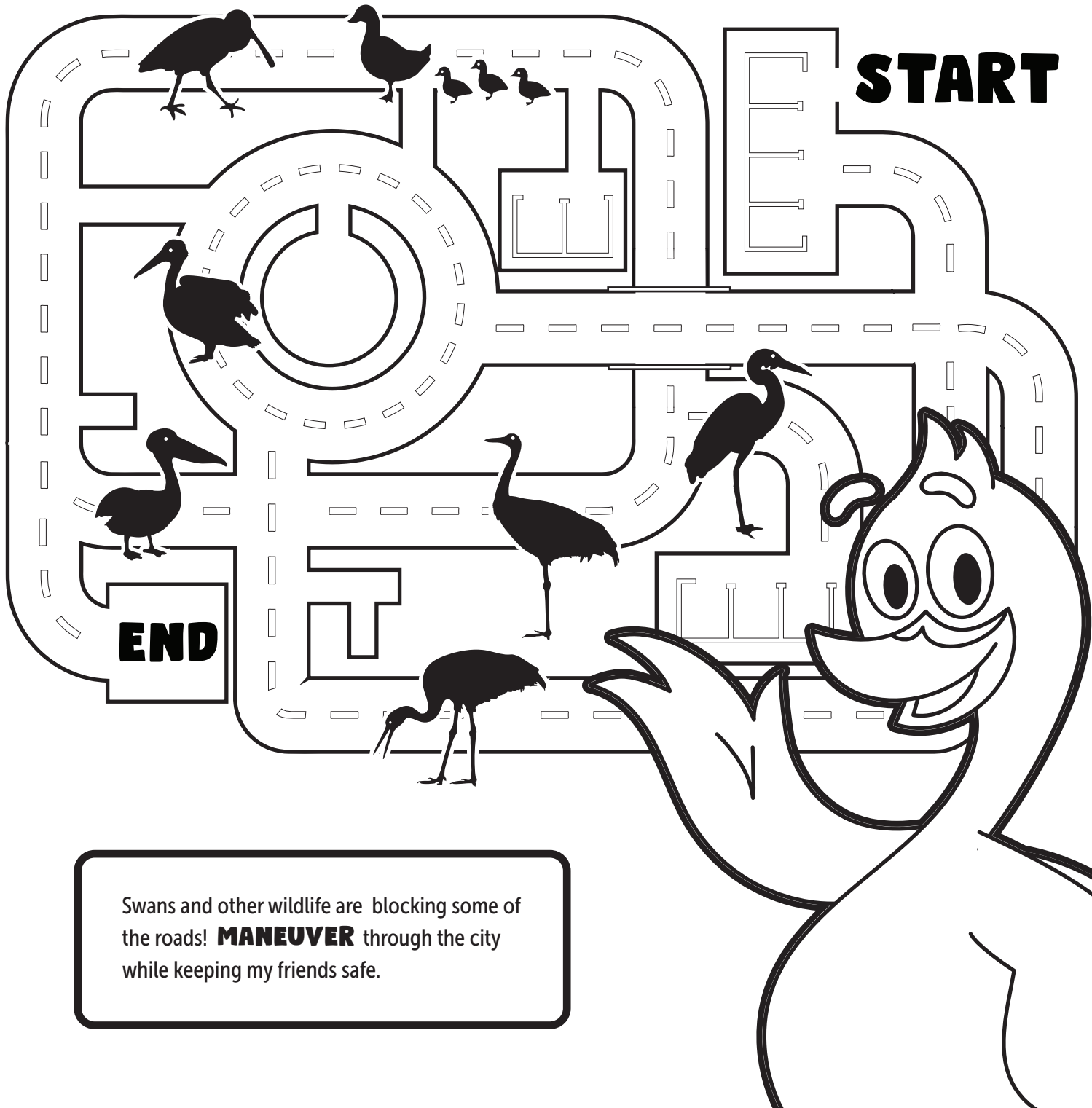
CAN YOU SPOT all 6 differences between the two pictures below?
Circle them, then color in the scene!



HOW DO WE KEEP SWANS SAFE

Being Lakeland's mascot is no joke, that's why the City works so hard to keep me and my family safe!

Our home, Lake Morton, is surrounded completely by a road. We don't mind the cars, but it is important to drive carefully in case we decide to cross the street.

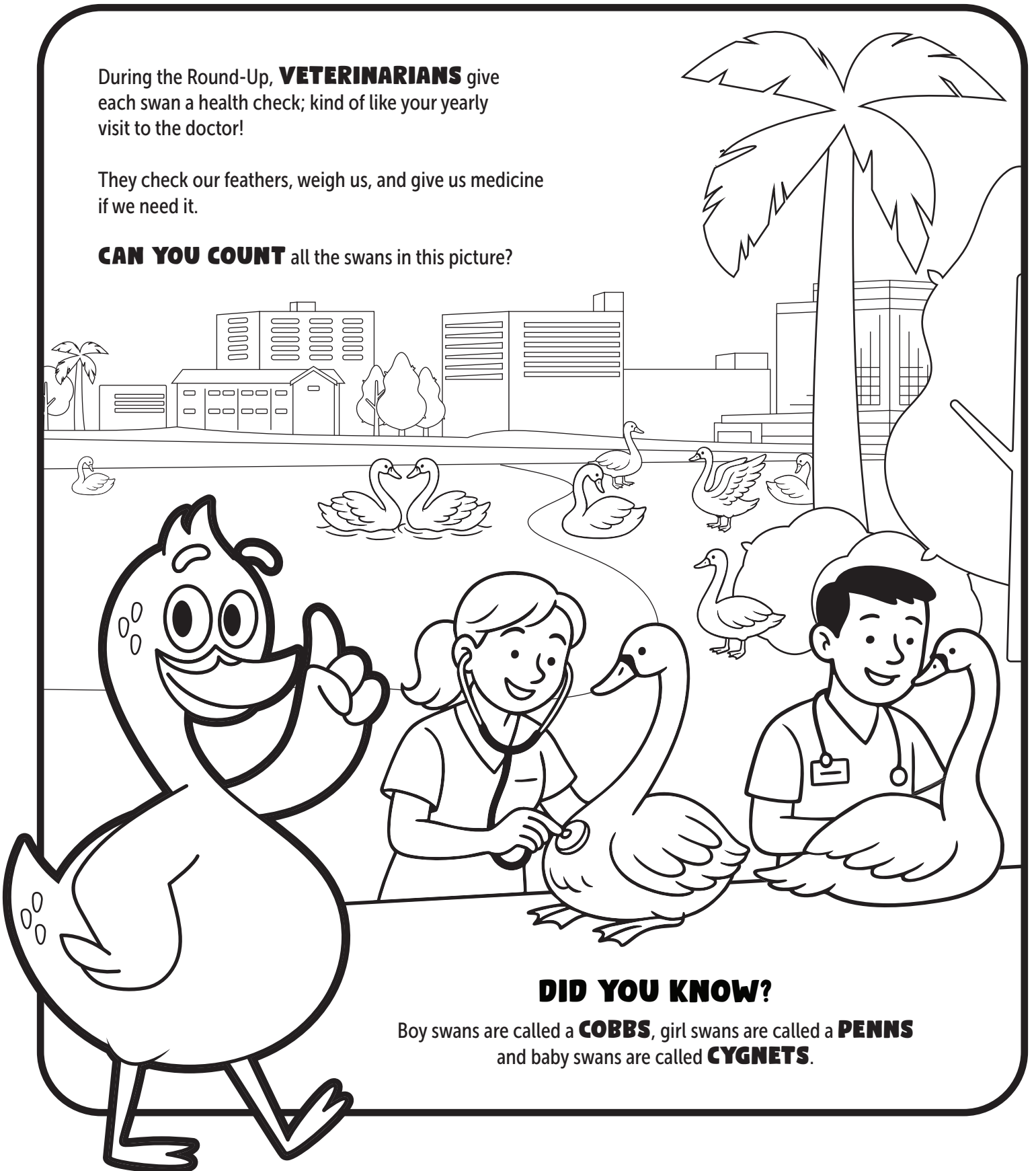


HOW DO SWANS STAY HEALTHY?

During the Round-Up, **VETERINARIANS** give each swan a health check; kind of like your yearly visit to the doctor!

They check our feathers, weigh us, and give us medicine if we need it.

CAN YOU COUNT all the swans in this picture?



DID YOU KNOW?

Boy swans are called a **COBBS**, girl swans are called a **PENNS** and baby swans are called **CYGNETS**.

COME SAY HELLO!

Here are some quick **DO'S** and **DON'TS** to help you be a great swan watcher:

SWAN-SPOTTING TIPS:

- Check around the edges of Lake Morton
- Look for nests in spring (but don't get too close!)
- Swans love early mornings and calm days
- Bring binoculars or zoom in with your phone

DO'S:

- Feed the swans (remember: No bread!)
- Use quiet voices
- Take pictures, not feathers
- Look for cygnets in spring

DON'TS:

- Get too close
- Chase or touch the swans
- Throw things in the lake



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