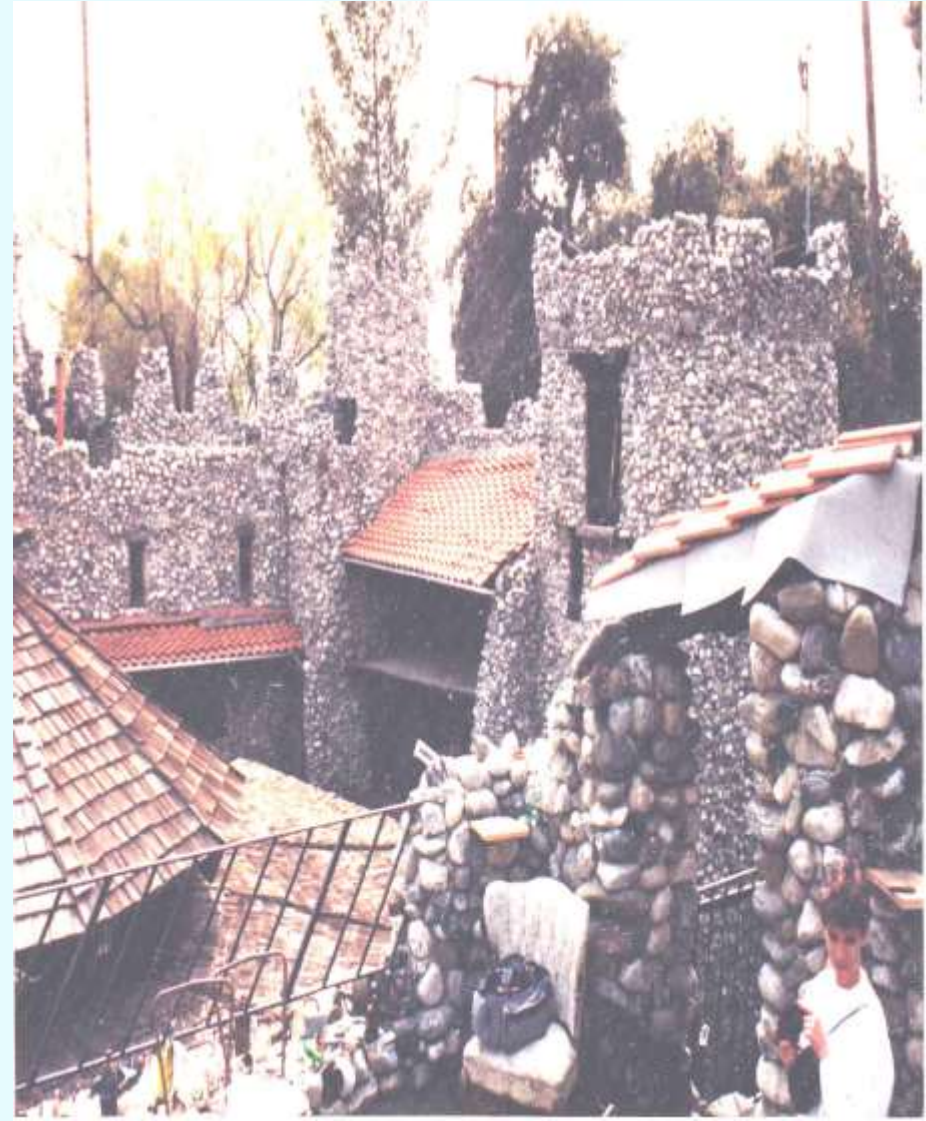


Remember this National Monument started
with... And ended with...



Rubelia's artist colony used art

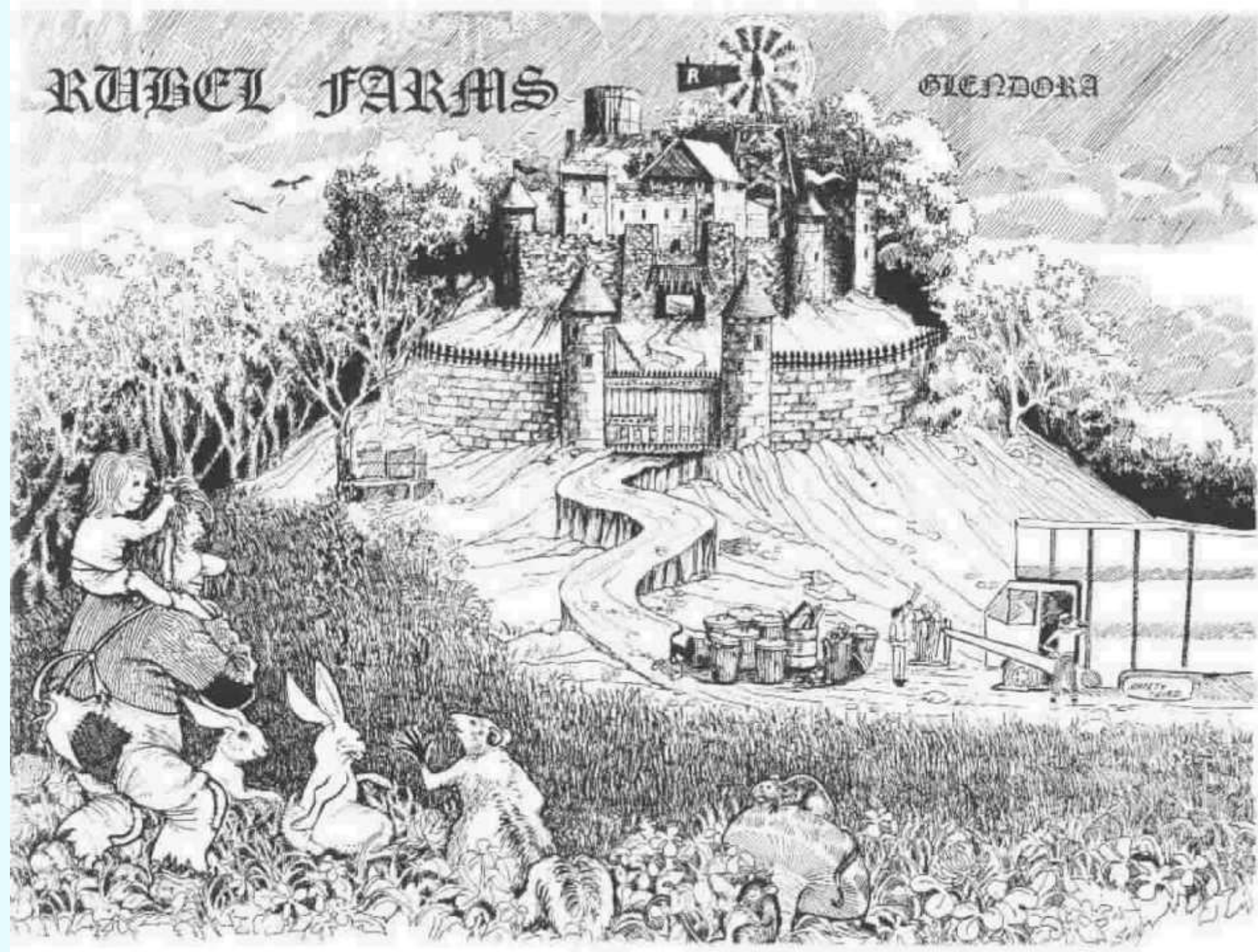
To propagandize and advertise when people wanted to shut the junkyard down in their nice neighborhood...

Is that a useful use of art?

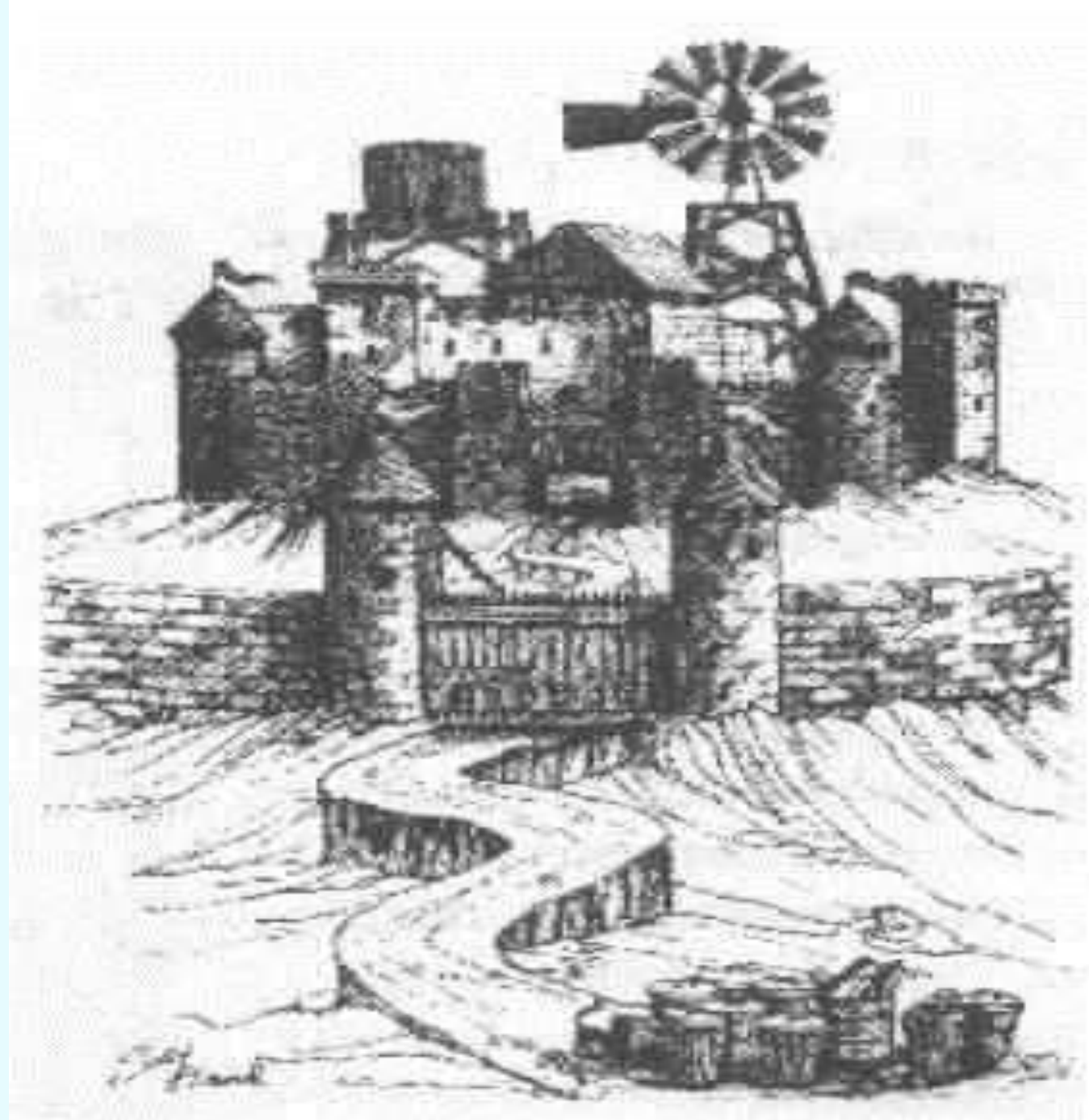
Or part of what art's about?

RUBEL FARMS

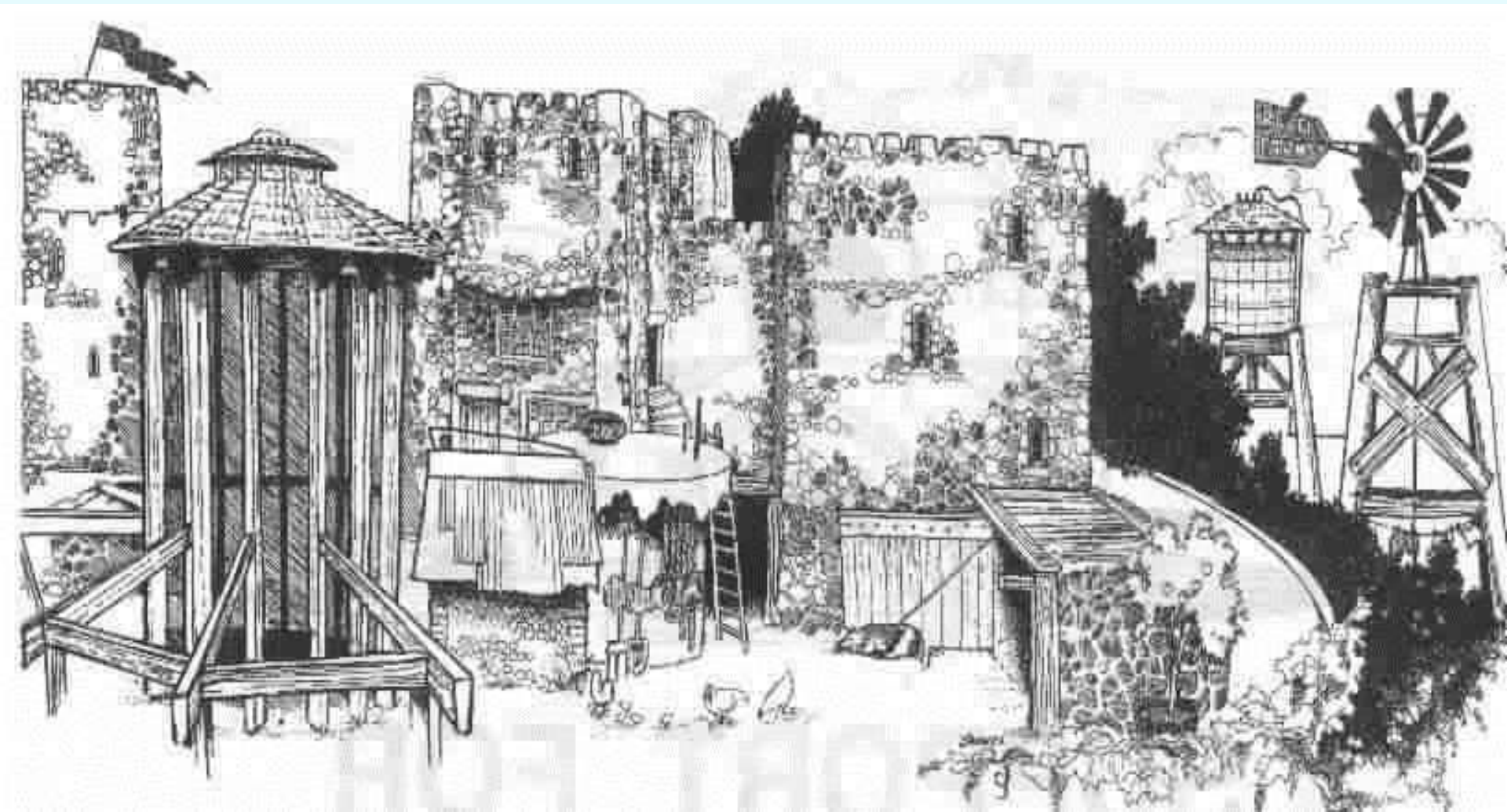
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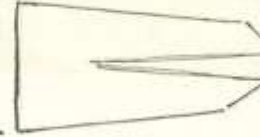
Would
your city
accept this
as a design
plan for
what you
were going
to build
with a
junkyard in
a nice
suburb?



Would your Planning Department accept this tool shop & artists' work area design built with collapsed freeway lumber?

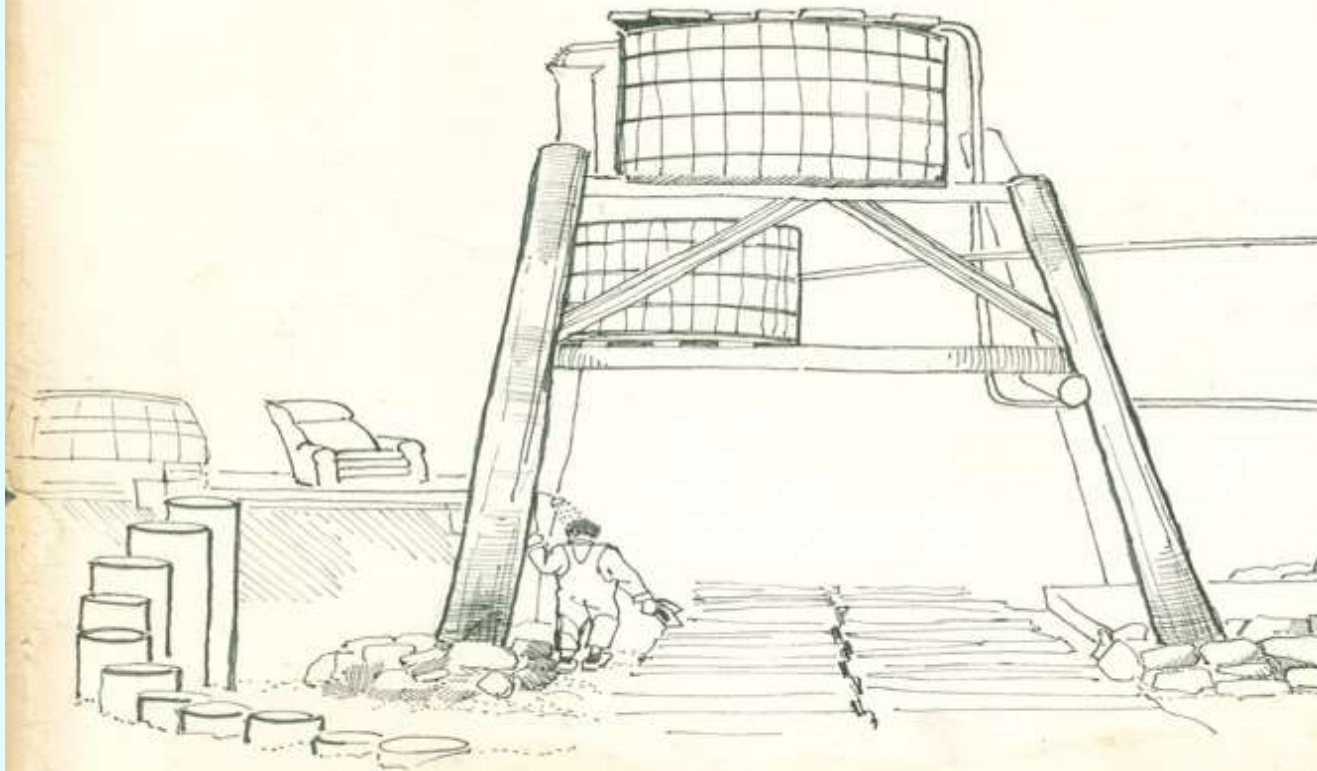


Michael C. Rubel
844 N. Live Oak
Glendora, Calif.
91740



“You can’t
just build a
windmill!”
ranted the
planner.
“Sure I can.
This is farm
land.

Farmers built
them all the
time...” said
MCR.



Plans for the city... ?

How'd MCR and his strange art do it?.. By making friends and influencing people?



- Would you invite city planners, neighbors, and fellow diggers to parties with arty invites like the following?

sorry no entry without card

RUBELIAN VISA

Good for. 9 7 75

To pass. Mr. Christopher Rubel

At. 7 P.M. AM PM



required for admittance into
the sovereign country of

RUBELIA

non-transferable



SOUP BOWLS

TABLEWARE

MISC.



OLD CLOTHES

1000

THE FARM HANDS AT RUBEL FARMS

WISH YOUR PRESENCE AT THE FIRST ANNUAL
PARTY MAY 29
8:00 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.

Dwayne Hunt
969-5696

HIGHWAY 66

← CLAREMONT

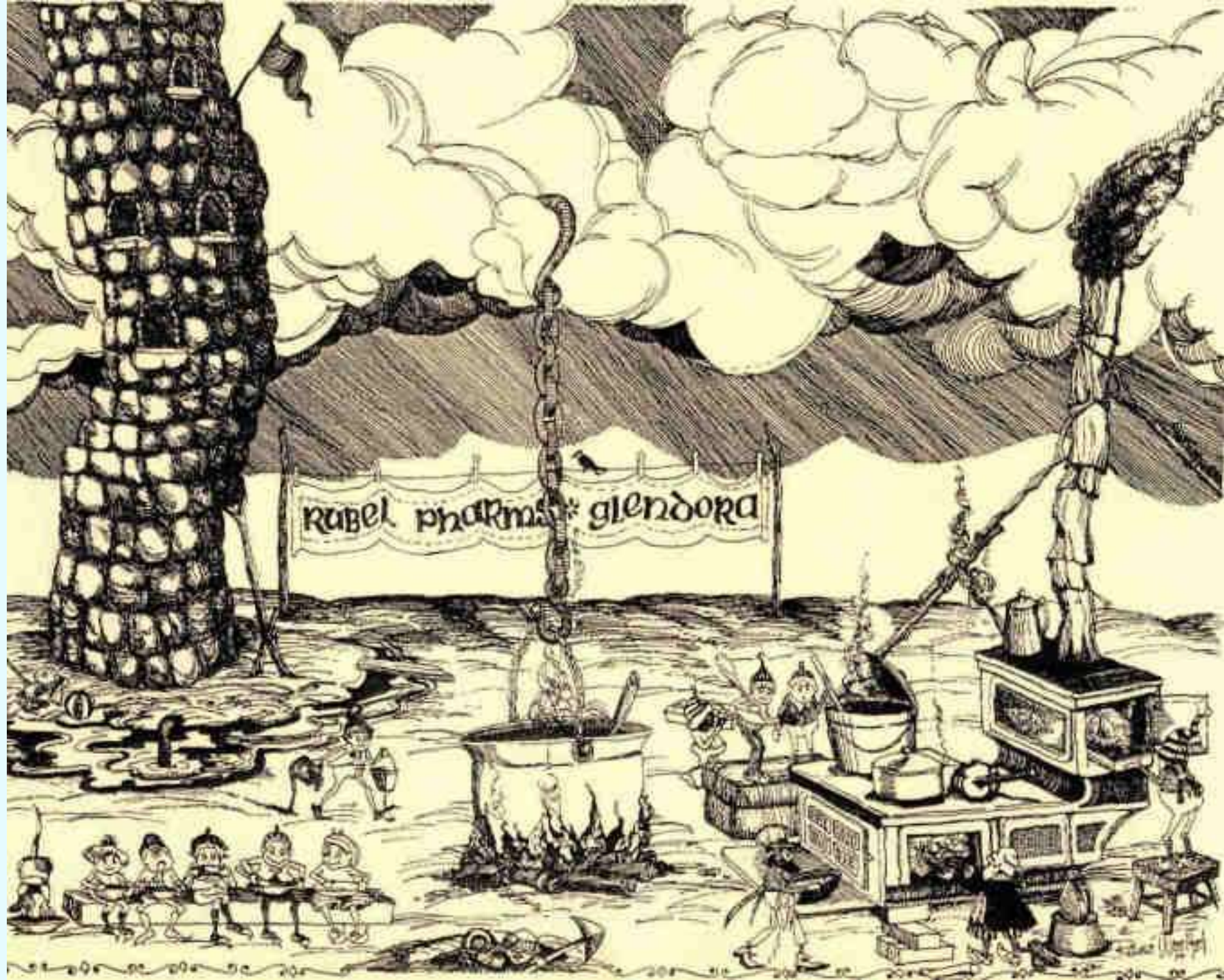
↑ GLENDORA

SIERRA MADRE

LIVE OAK



20522 E PALM GLENDORA





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Glendora

Califoranges

Would you produce scary art just to be *phunny* to most kids and even grown-ups?



Have
Halloweens
with
witches
flying
between
windmills
and towers
and scaring
kids?





Third graders from Cullen Elementary School take the first public tour of the Rybel Farm and Castle in Glendora. The historic property is now being managed by the Glendora Historical Society.



June 3, 2005, Photo by Bernardo Alpis, San Gabriel Valley Tribune Staff Photographer



Bernardo Alpis, San Gabriel Valley Tribune
Staff

MCR always
felt we
were under
siege... and
prepared
for it with
canons,
cutting
walls, radar,
etc...

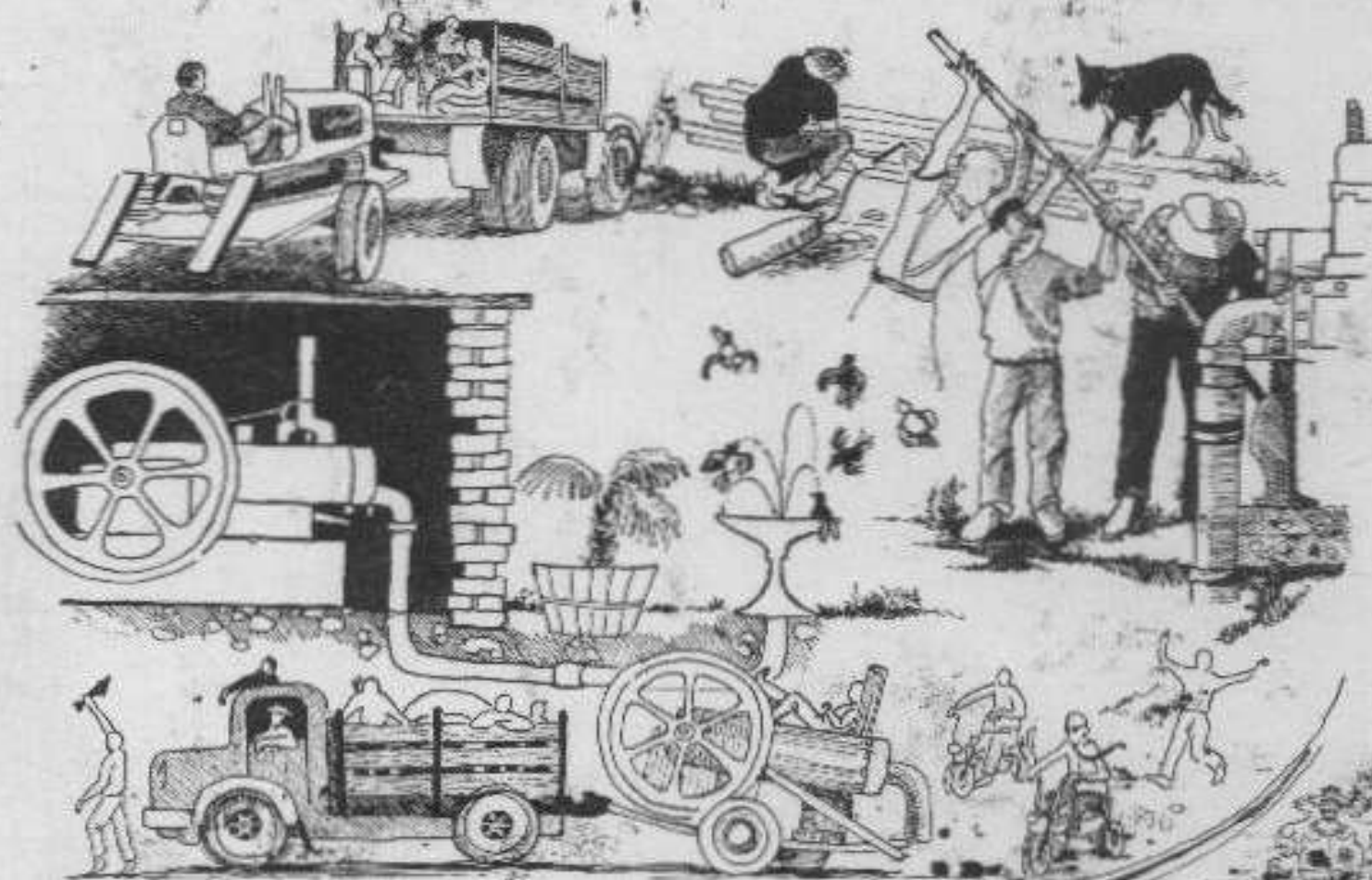


Party invites...

- Would your invites to work parties promise plenty of food at each Quixotic project's completion?
- But demand strange PR requirements (Pre-Recycling), like bring building materials -- **“5 empty bottles per family.”**



pot luck old clothes own dishes 4 pm. June 9th



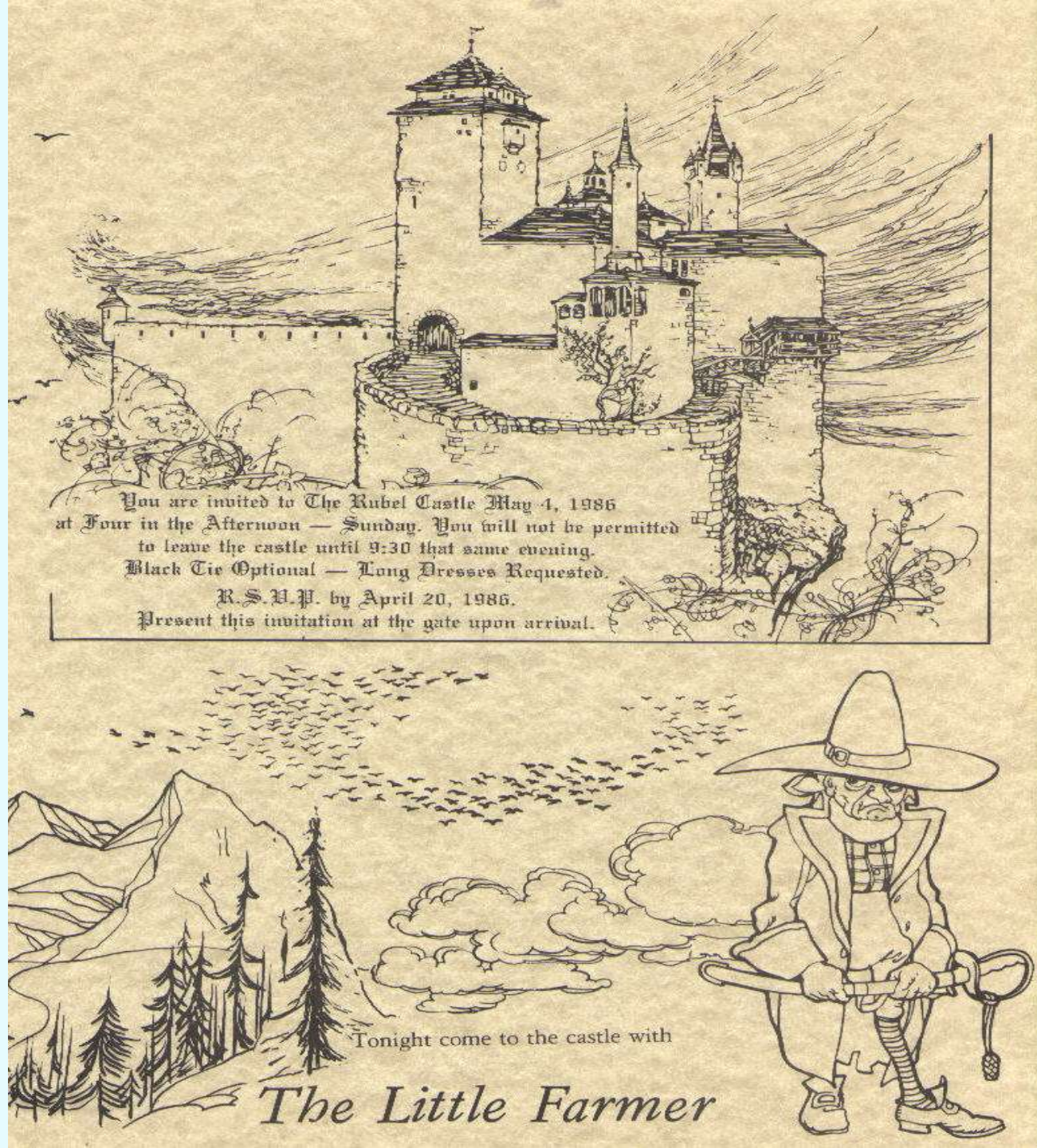
5 empty bottles per family Label Farms

“5 empty bottles per family”



Always filling post project meals from cook whose life was spared by San Blas carnivores on one of his around the world trips.

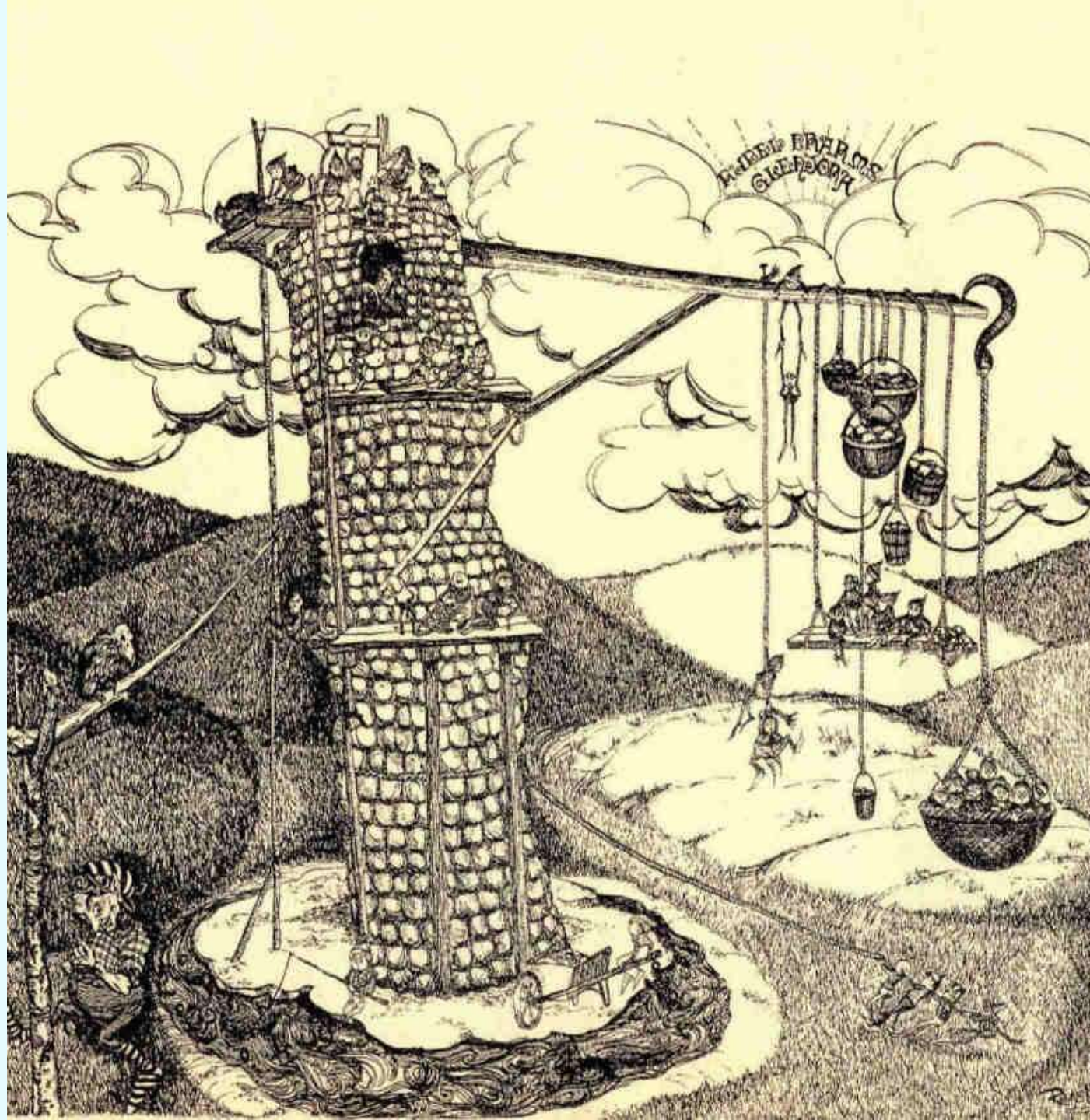
Black tie
optional
for 1986
party for
special
86.



86 showed up...



OSHA loved
our building
techniques.

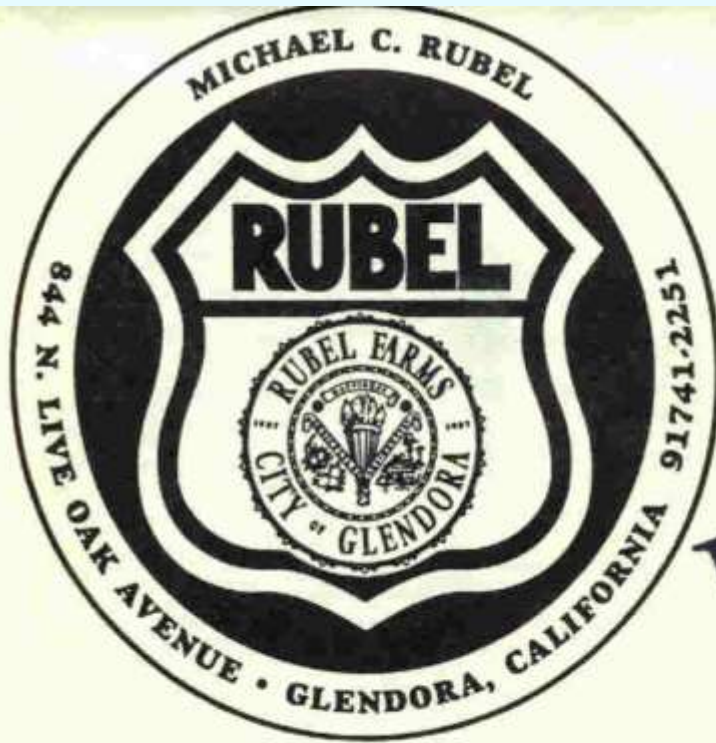


MCR was always thankful for the kindness of helpers.

MUCHAS GRACIAS POR SU BONDAD! M.C.R.



And always sent snail mail at special times like...



Merry Christmas

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

"BE WELL"
"DO GOOD WORK"
"AND KEEP IN TOUCH"

by GARRISON KEILLOR



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My love to Kaia

Often
with
grateful
notes
penned
inside.

ubel Farms Tour

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Glendora, California
91740

14th of March, 1993

Dear Dwayne,

Your Curt Billing's story is magical. It has
a feeling that is truly remarkable!

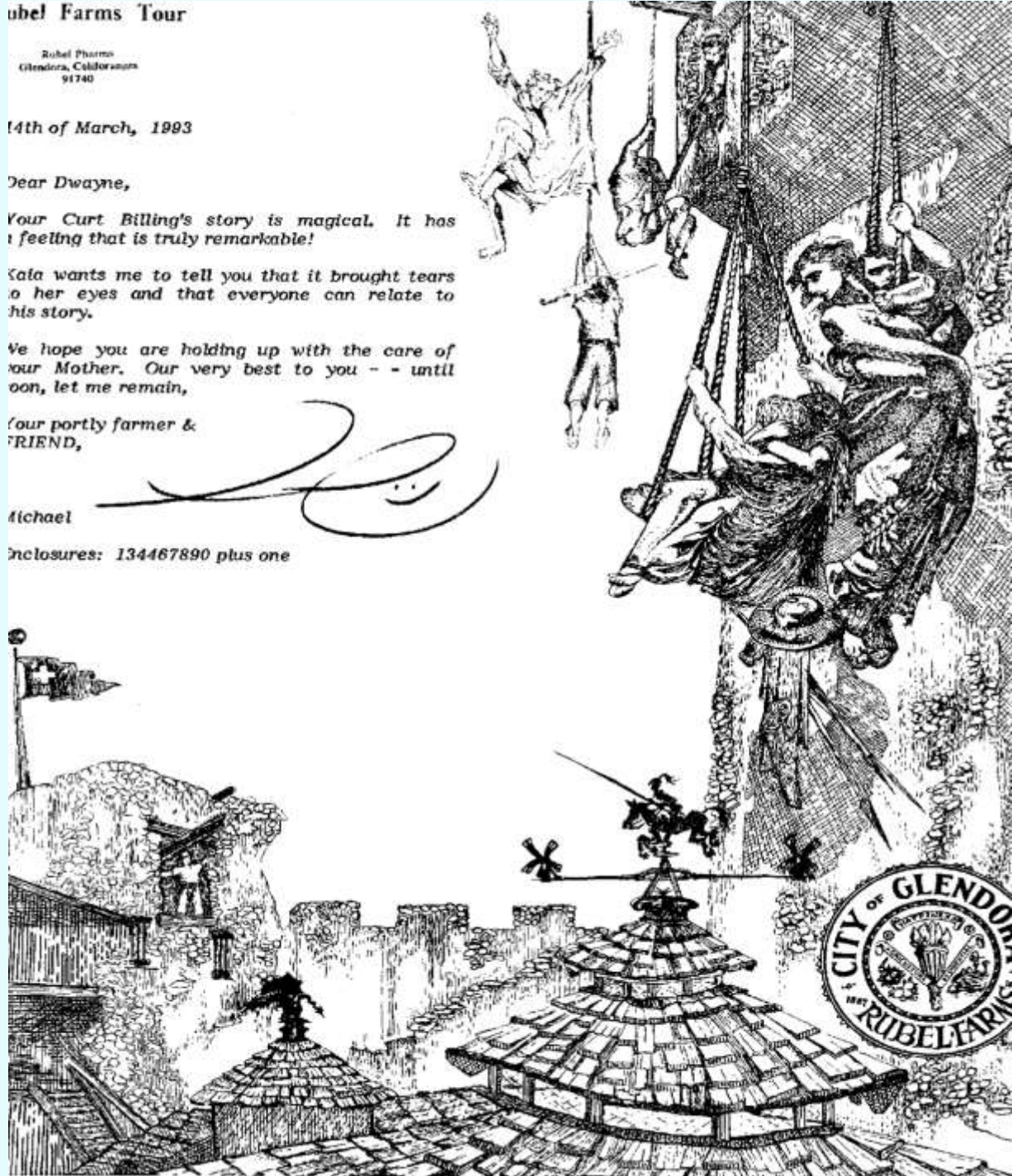
Kala wants me to tell you that it brought tears
to her eyes and that everyone can relate to
his story.

We hope you are holding up with the care of
your Mother. Our very best to you - - until
soon, let me remain,

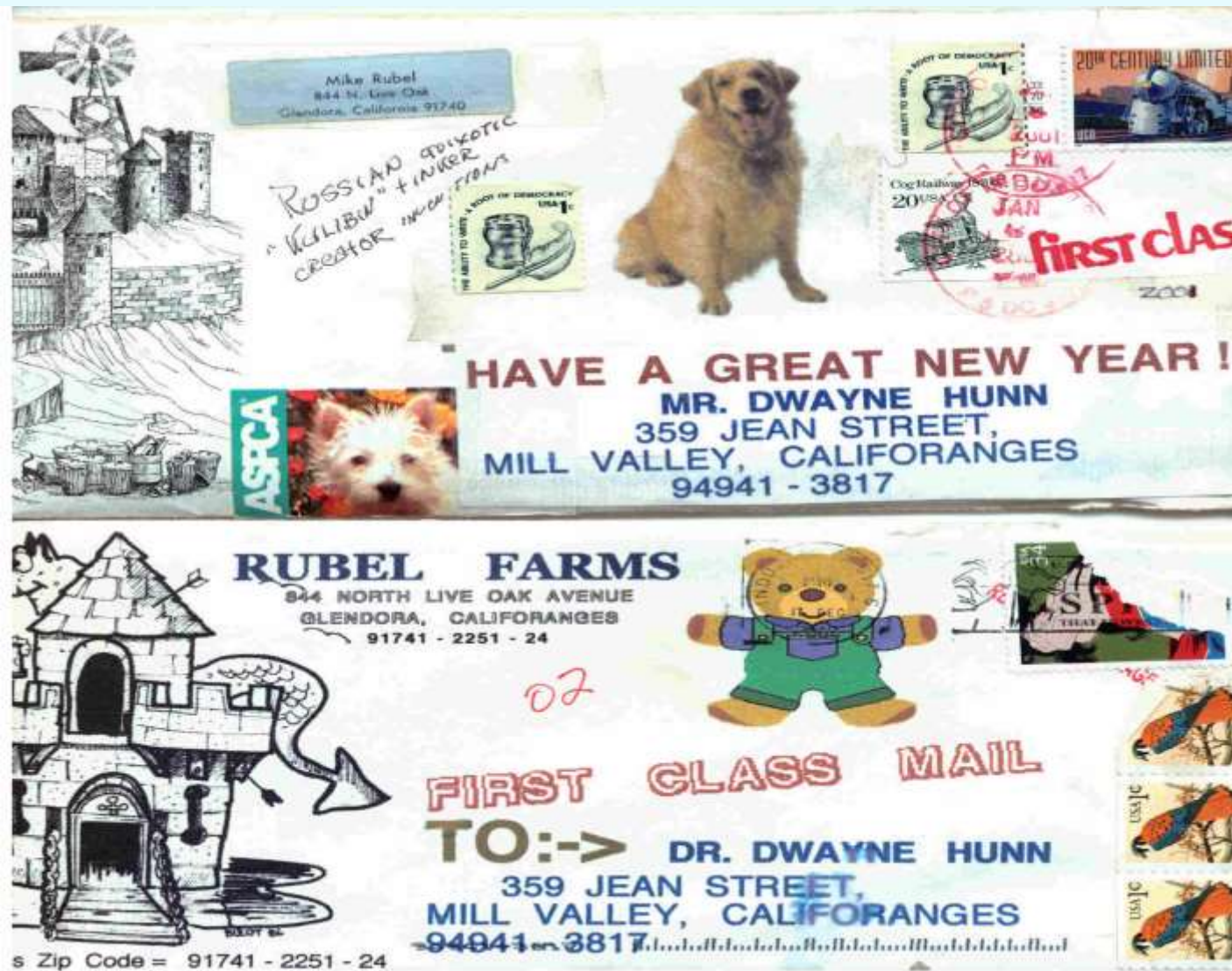
Your portly farmer &
FRIEND,

Michael

Inclosures: 134467890 plus one

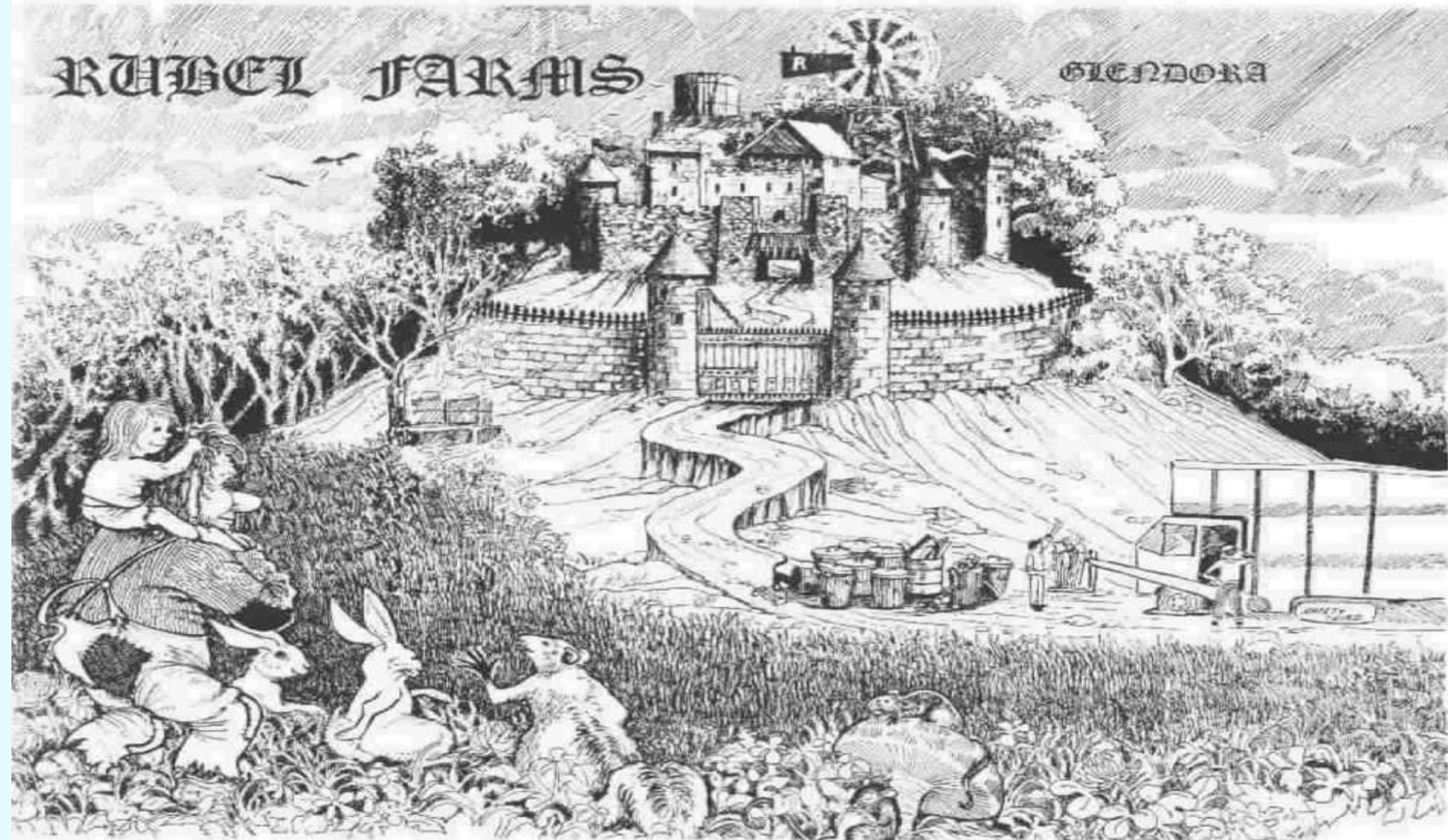


Whose envelopes looked like...



And had
lots of 1
cent
stamps
circling
them.

Did the phunny art & artists MCR
inspired help make this?



A whimsical illustration featuring a large, multi-towered castle with flags, situated on a large, fluffy white cloud. A thick chain extends from the castle's base down to a smaller, mechanical-looking structure on another cloud to the right. In the foreground, a man and a woman are lying on a grassy field. The man is pointing upwards towards the castle. The background is a dark, textured sky with some birds flying. The overall style is that of a classic children's book illustration.

"They're tying Michael's Castle to America's National Registry."

"Will we still be able to play with Rubella in Heaven?"

**"Yes, honey, and we can still turn junk into magic in it
and inspire others to do the same."**

RUBEL

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Dirtied pharmers recycling bottles were not disqualified from becoming artists...



Pharmers to artists...

- And former *Pharm* diggers have taken what MCR & his Castle taught them to make their own artistry... Like classical music from a tunnel digger, Jim Kline.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uV7prNKvSM&feature=em-upload_owner

- Notre bene (do they still say that at St. I.), where Tunneler Jim started...

Noted European classical 11 string guitarist

Started here



Travelled to here



And Glen, MCR's Chief Designer of everything that looked good

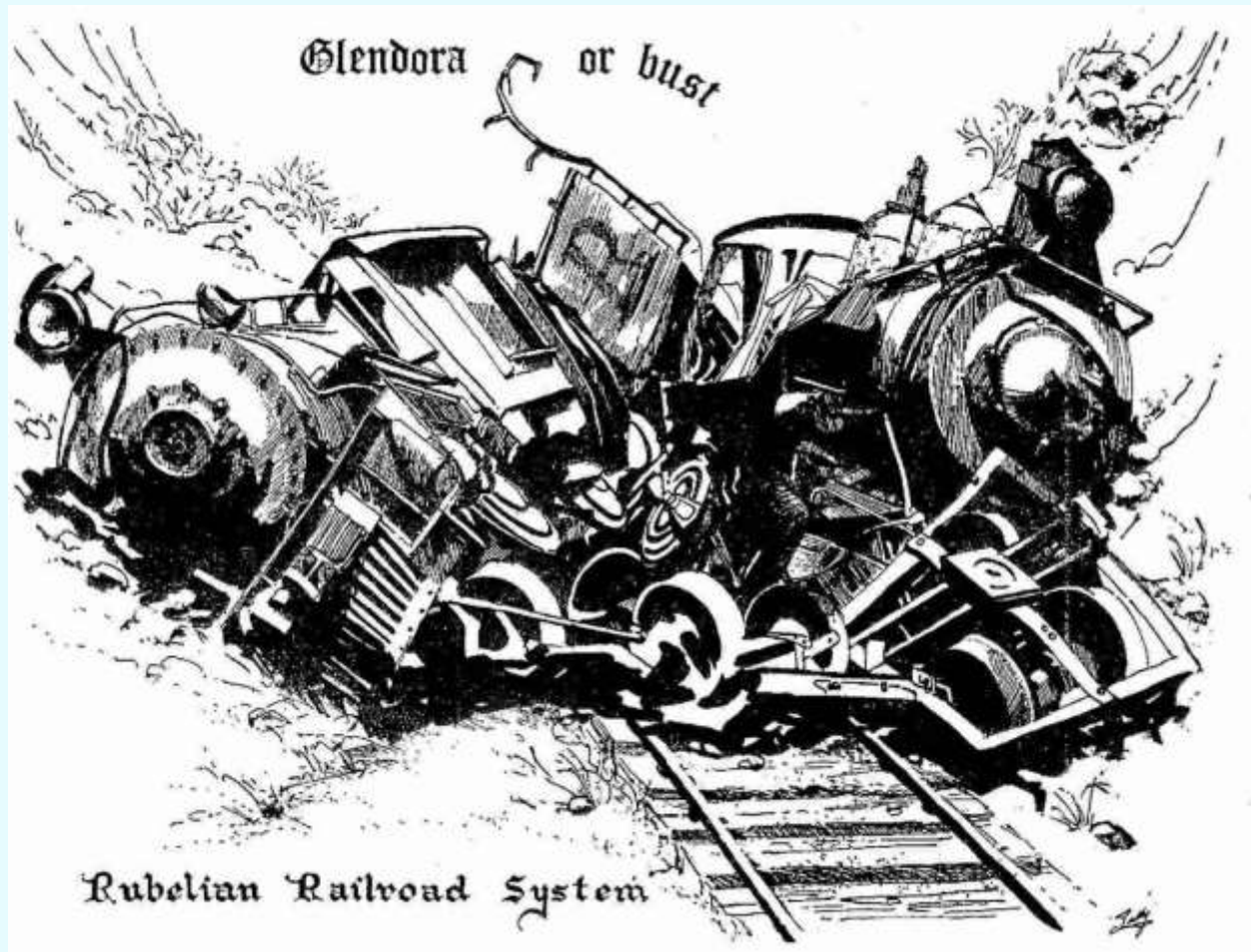
- Who started as a stock boy at a variety store...



If your parents take you to the St. John, Virgin Islands, say hello to Pharmer and artist Glen at his island shopping gem.



Of course there were problems along
the way...



But “Persistence” and Don Quixote
became Rubelian mainstays



And good witches, like *shrieking* Mrs.
Friezner, mostly smiled our way...



So with
work shoes,
persistence,
old timers,
and the
press
behind us...

How
Deeper

"THE SHAIK"
- - - -

A clear

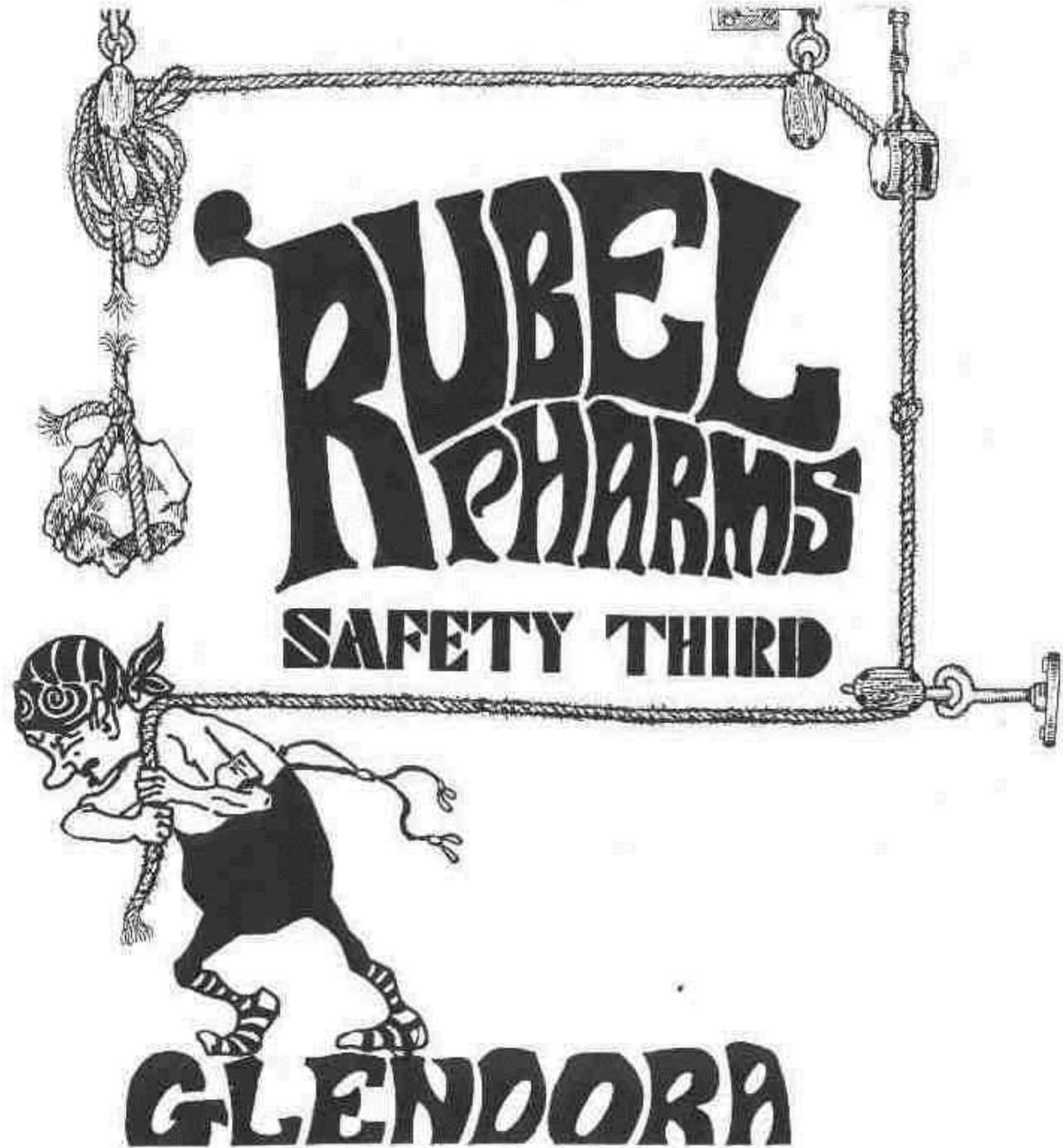
is a Happy


Karl, John, Dwayne and Karen
are burning their candles
at both ends and Summer
has just started, watch it.

M.C.R., Ruler of Rubelia, isn't
burning candles, he is shootin'
stars - - - - - wow -

Babies should never be left
in cars any time. REMEMBER
THIS.

Rubelians
abided by
their ;>)
work rule..



And
followed
Don and
Sancho...
till more
than
windmills
sprouted.

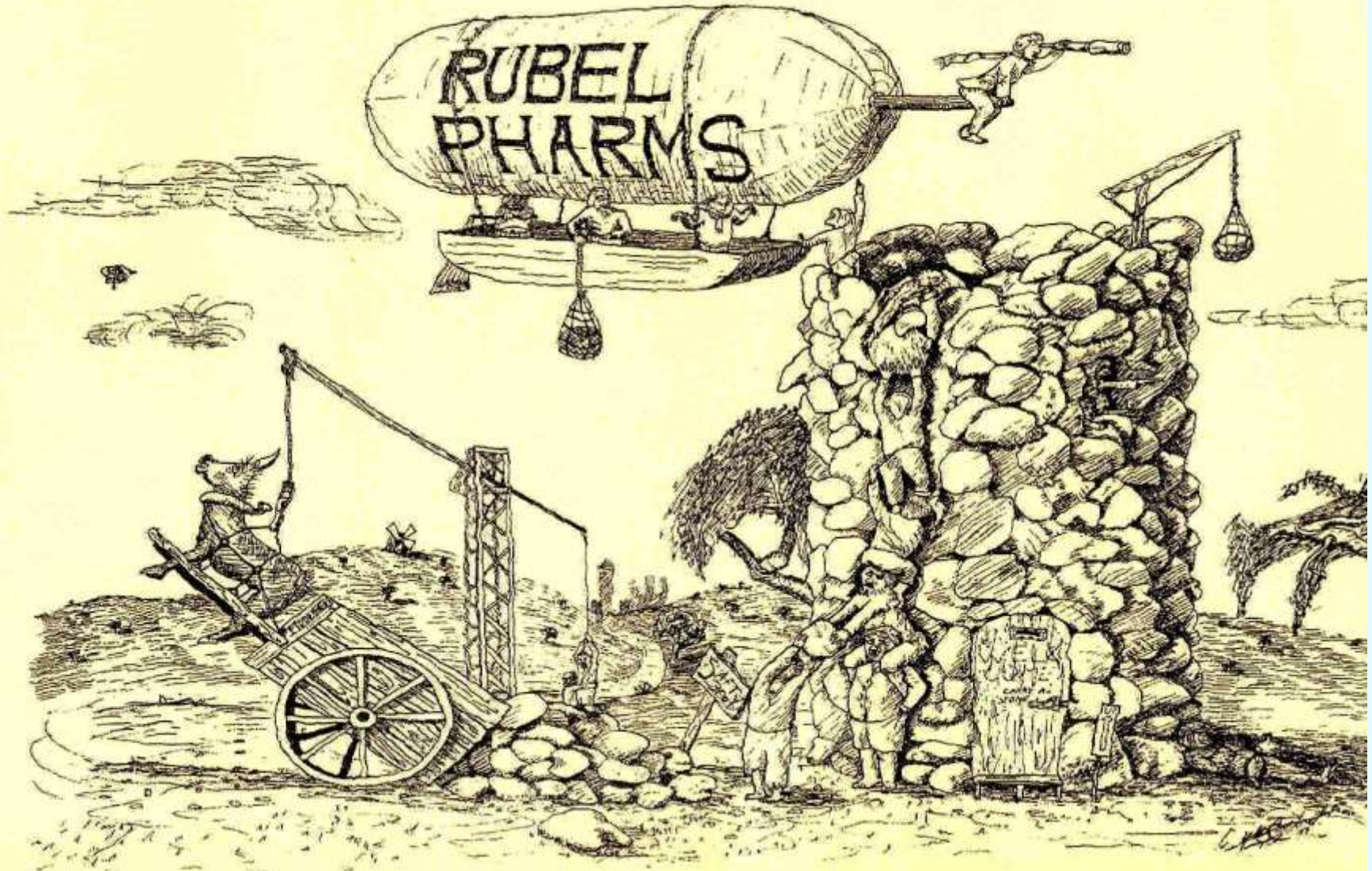
Long live the boyish spirit



of Mykee Rubel



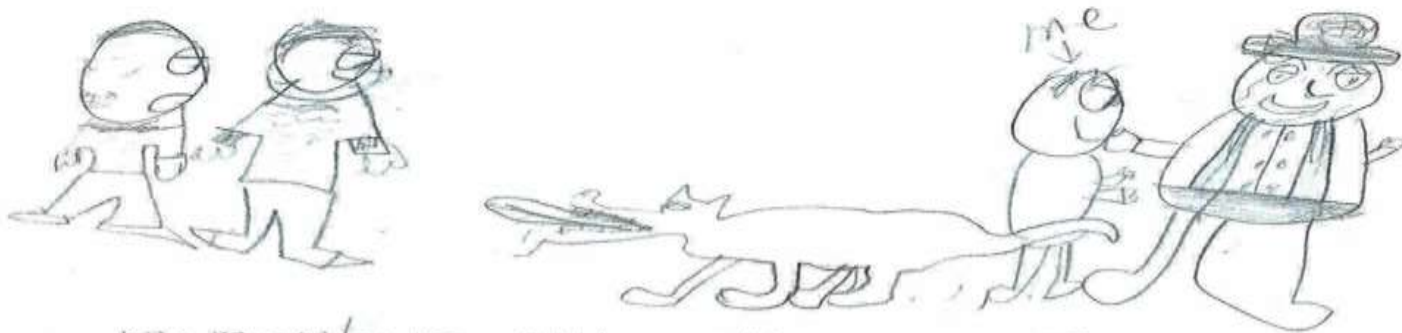
And kept piling 7 ½ stories high...



So maybe few of us were surprised
when children pushed grownups

your castle is the coolest thing in the world!

Thanks for inviting us!



my number - 914-2811

From matt

To make Rubelia a National Monument



"They're tying Michael's Castle to America's National Registry."

"Will we still be able to play with Rubella in Heaven?"

**"Yes, honey, and we can still turn junk into magic in it
and inspire others to do the same."**

RUBEL

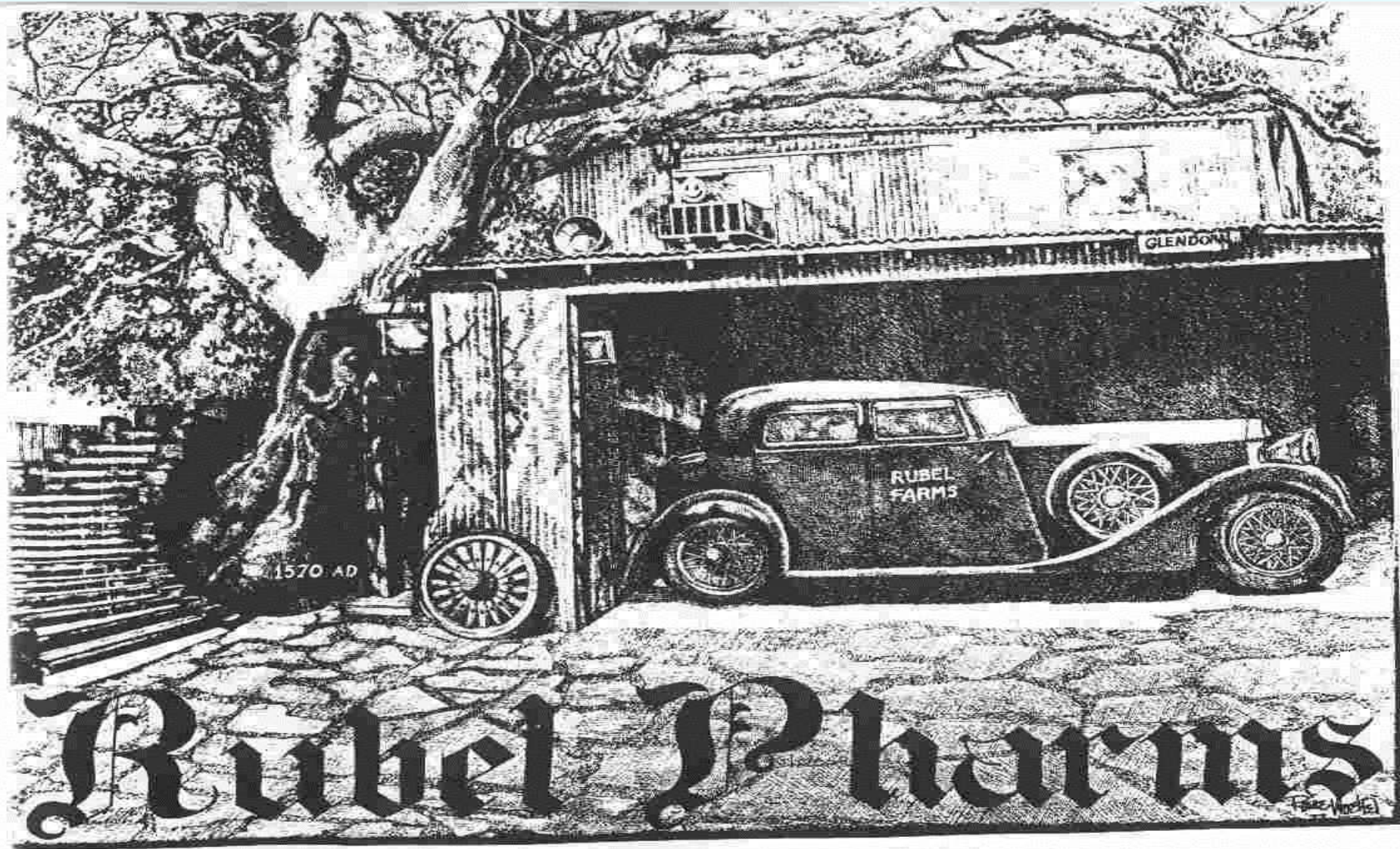
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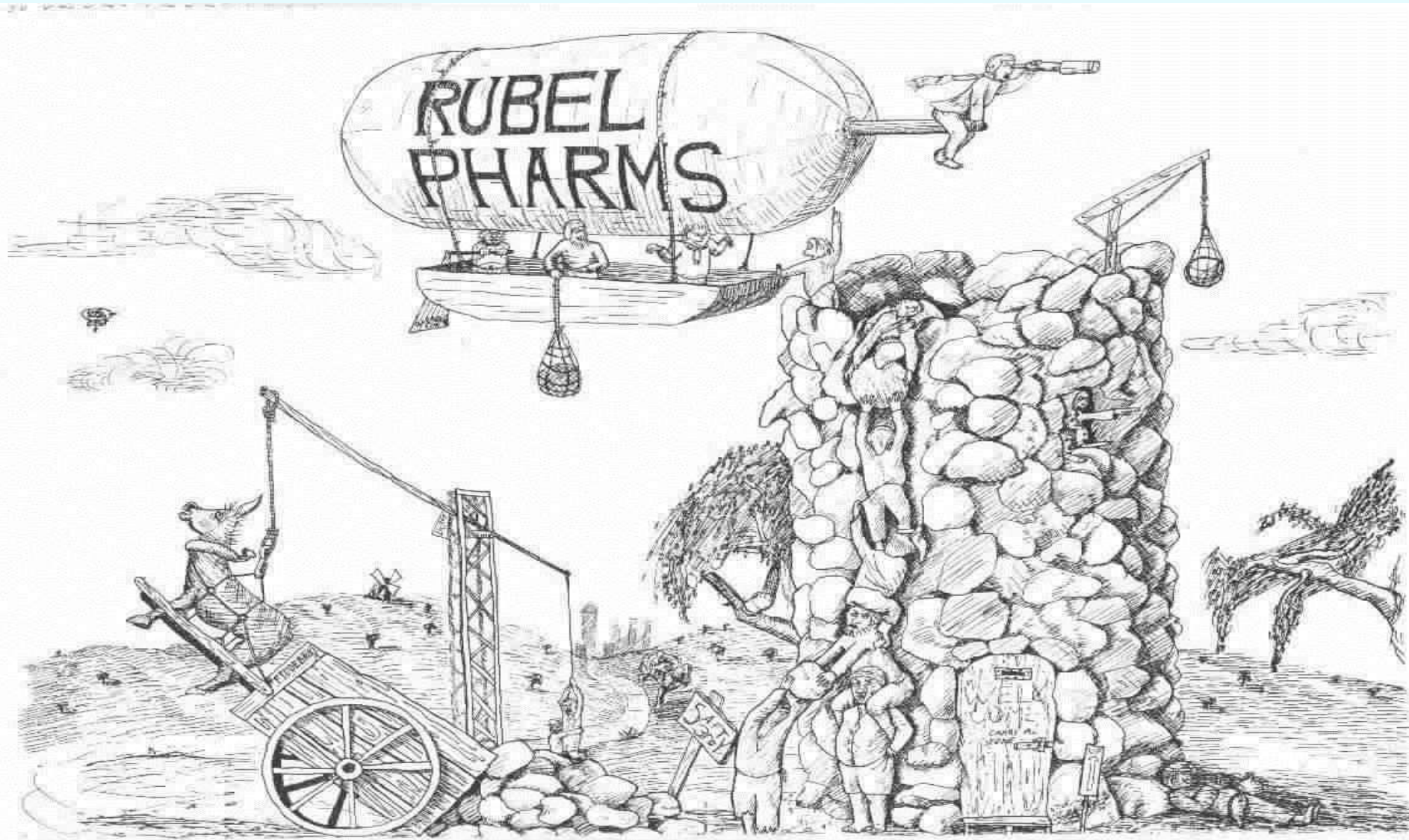
So if you get a chance to work hard
and help build a Castle



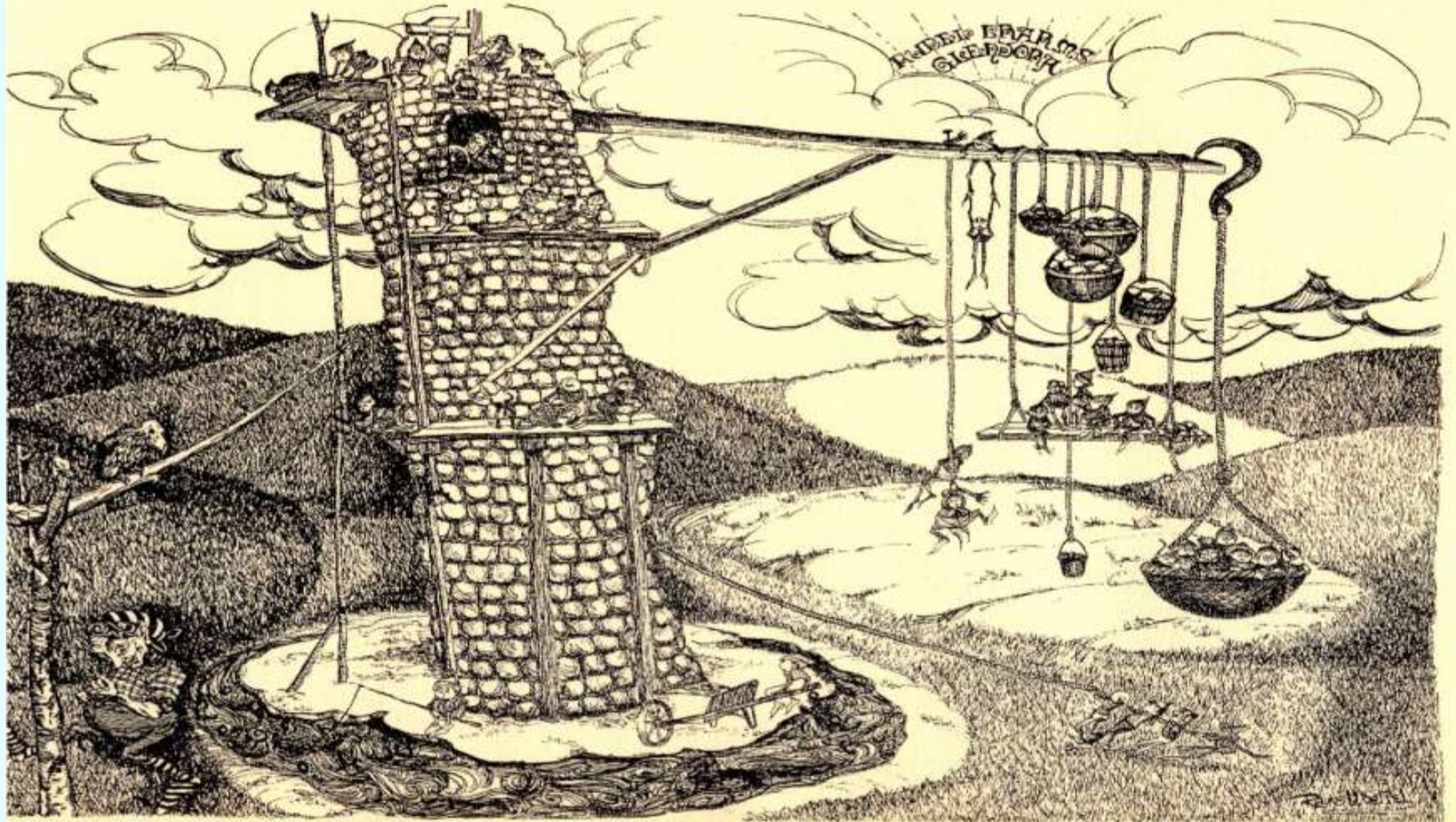
And maybe build and live in your own
treehouse in the process...



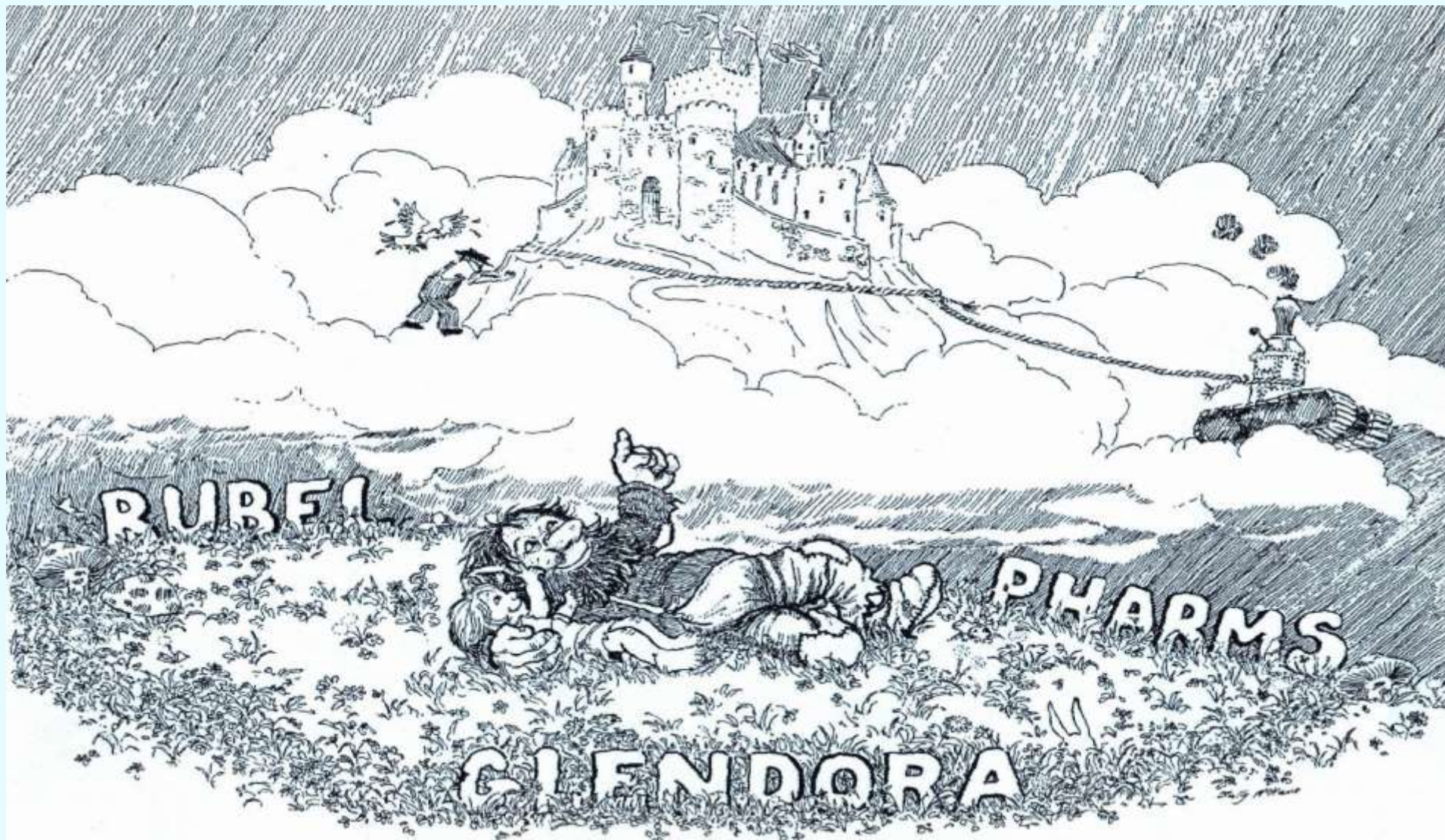
Think twice before you pass it by...



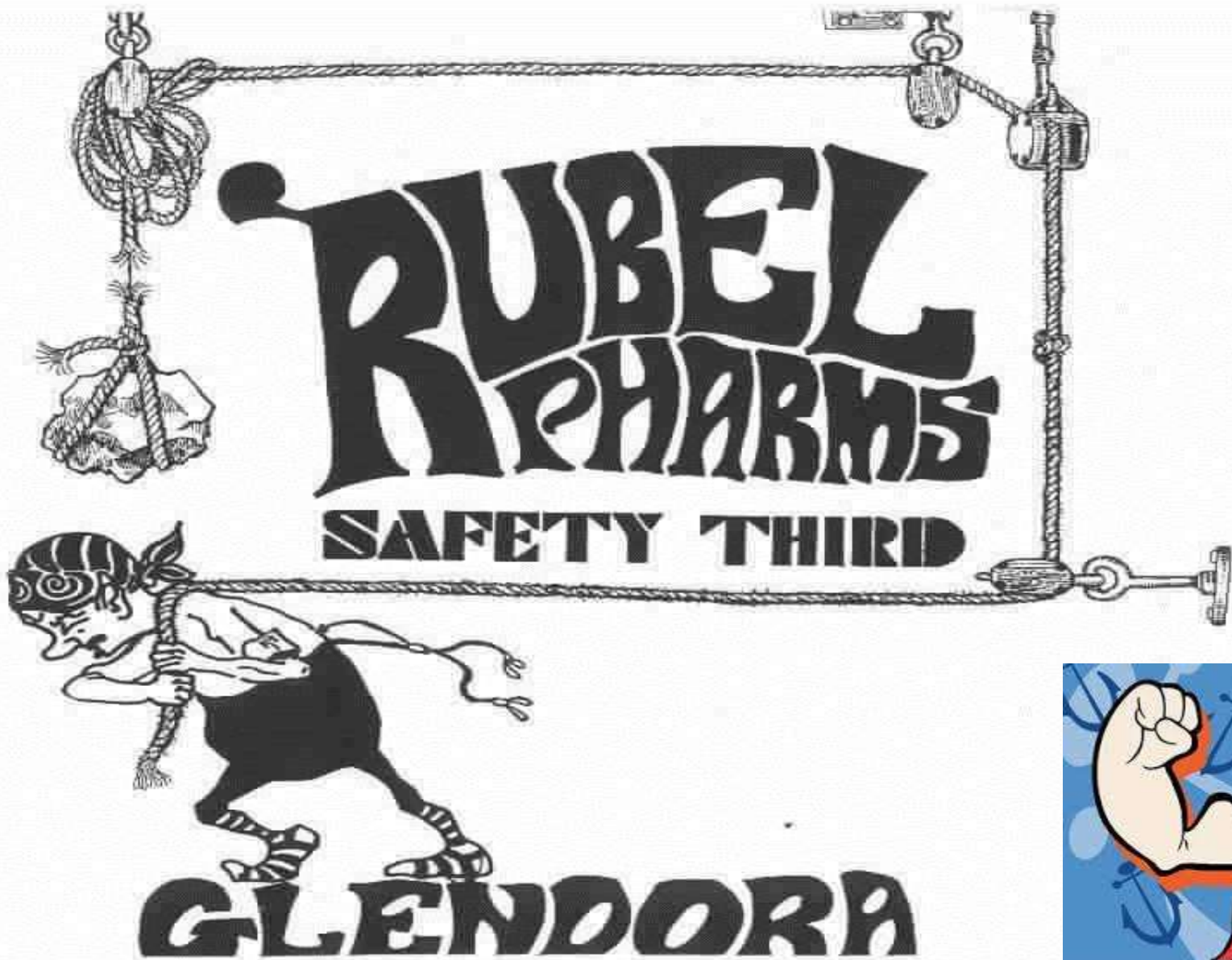
Because with special people even heavy lifting can be *phun*.



So be creative with your art... look for
good people...and aim high.



Because sometimes you can lasso the sky.





And
feel
free to
use
MCR's
copied
words...

"BE WELL"
"DO GOOD WORK"
"AND KEEP IN TOUCH"
by

GARRISON KEILLOR

