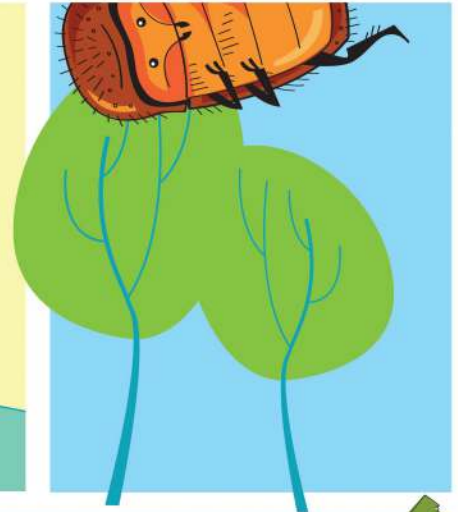




TO CATCH A THOUSAND CANKERS



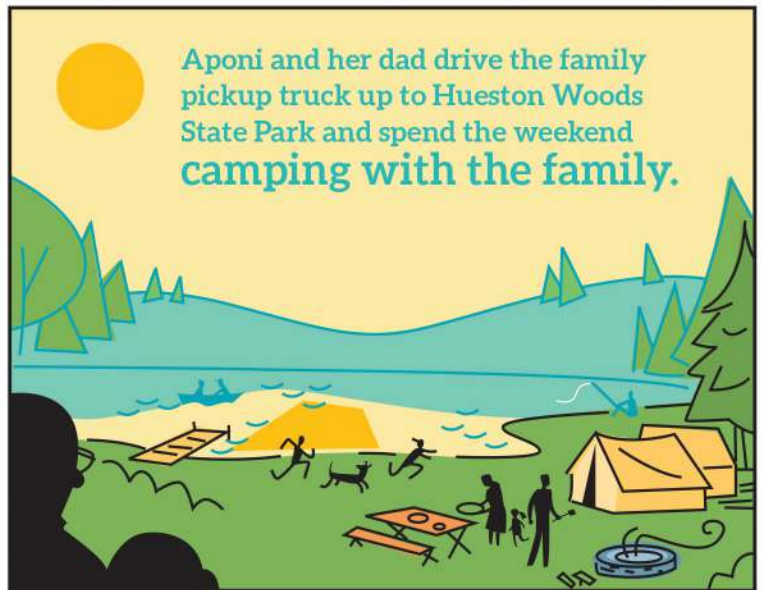
Aponi is spending the summer helping her dad, Ben, remodel their kitchen.



He has spent weeks searching the internet for rough-sawn walnut and has finally found a supplier in Ohio for the last item on their project list—a new kitchen table and chairs!



Ben realizes that the seller is located near Aponi's cousins in Hamilton, Ohio, and suggests that they make it into an end-of-summer ROAD TRIP!



On their way home, they stop in the nearby town of Oxford to visit the man that was selling the walnut lumber.



LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!

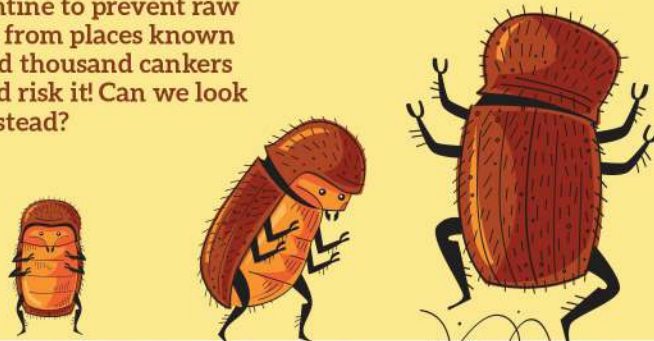


Ben inspects the wood and everything looks good... the bark is still on the edges but the lumber looks straight and the price is right!



WAIT DAD!

"Illinois has an exterior quarantine to prevent raw walnut from being brought in from places known to have walnut twig beetle and thousand cankers disease. I don't think we should risk it! Can we look at some other type of wood instead?"



"Good catch, Aponi. I forgot about the fact that you folks were coming from out of state! Why don't I show you some of the redoak timber I just milled?"



Aponi and Ben load up and head home. They spend the last few weeks of her vacation together in Ben's woodshop and before school starts have finished the kitchen table and chairs. The grain looks beautiful and they can rest easy knowing that they didn't accidentally introduce a new forest pest!

