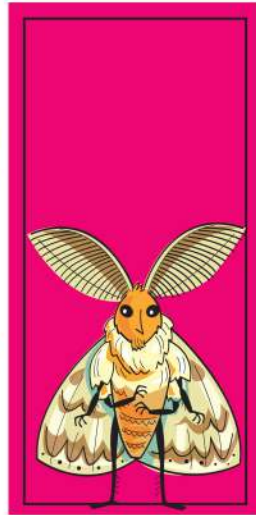


# STOPPING THE SPREAD WITH FRED

Before heading back to school in late August, Frankie pays a visit to his Uncle Fred in Cleveland to help him with a big landscaping job on the other side of Ohio, in Columbus.



Planting trees, hanging out with family and hard work? Check! Frankie is all in on this venture!



Frankie checks the equipment list and helps load the rakes, shovels, and other landscaping equipment onto the flatbed. They drive down the long, narrow, tree-lined road out to the highway for the big job.

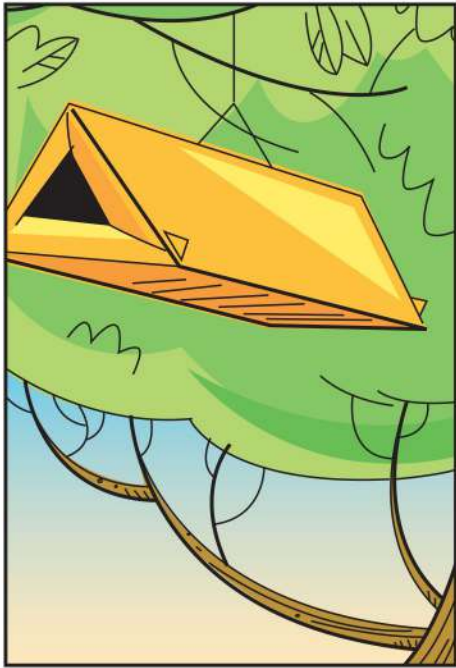


As Frankie and Fred leave Fred's Landscaping, Frankie notices a triangular box hanging in a tree. "Hey Uncle Fred, I think I just saw some debris in a tree on your property!" "No, Frankie, that is a pheromone trap for the gypsy moth. I just found out that there is a gypsy moth infestation in the area where I live. I gave the Department of Agriculture permission to place the trap to keep track of progress." "Oh, OK just a pheromone trap you say..."



# STOP THE FLATBED!

Frankie tells Uncle Fred that Columbus is a gypsy moth free zone, and that they should check all the landscaping equipment to see if there are any moth egg clusters.



After a careful check, Fred finds an egg cluster on the side wheel of the wheel hoe. Frankie and Fred work to get rid of the cluster and dispose of it properly.



Later that day, Frankie and Fred join the Plant Heroes team to confidently plant new trees in Columbus Park, while knowing the threat of spreading gypsy moth is no longer present!

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