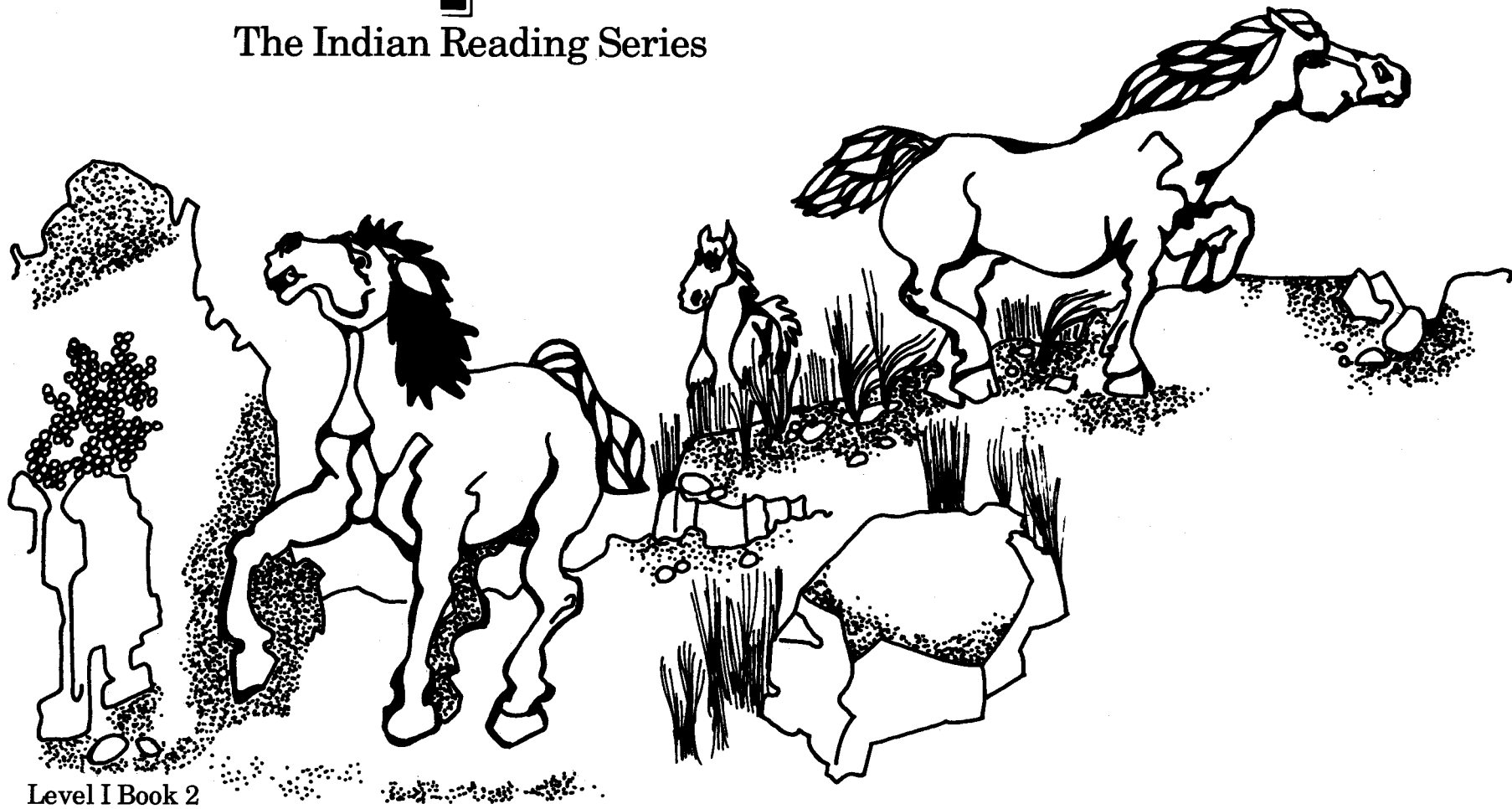


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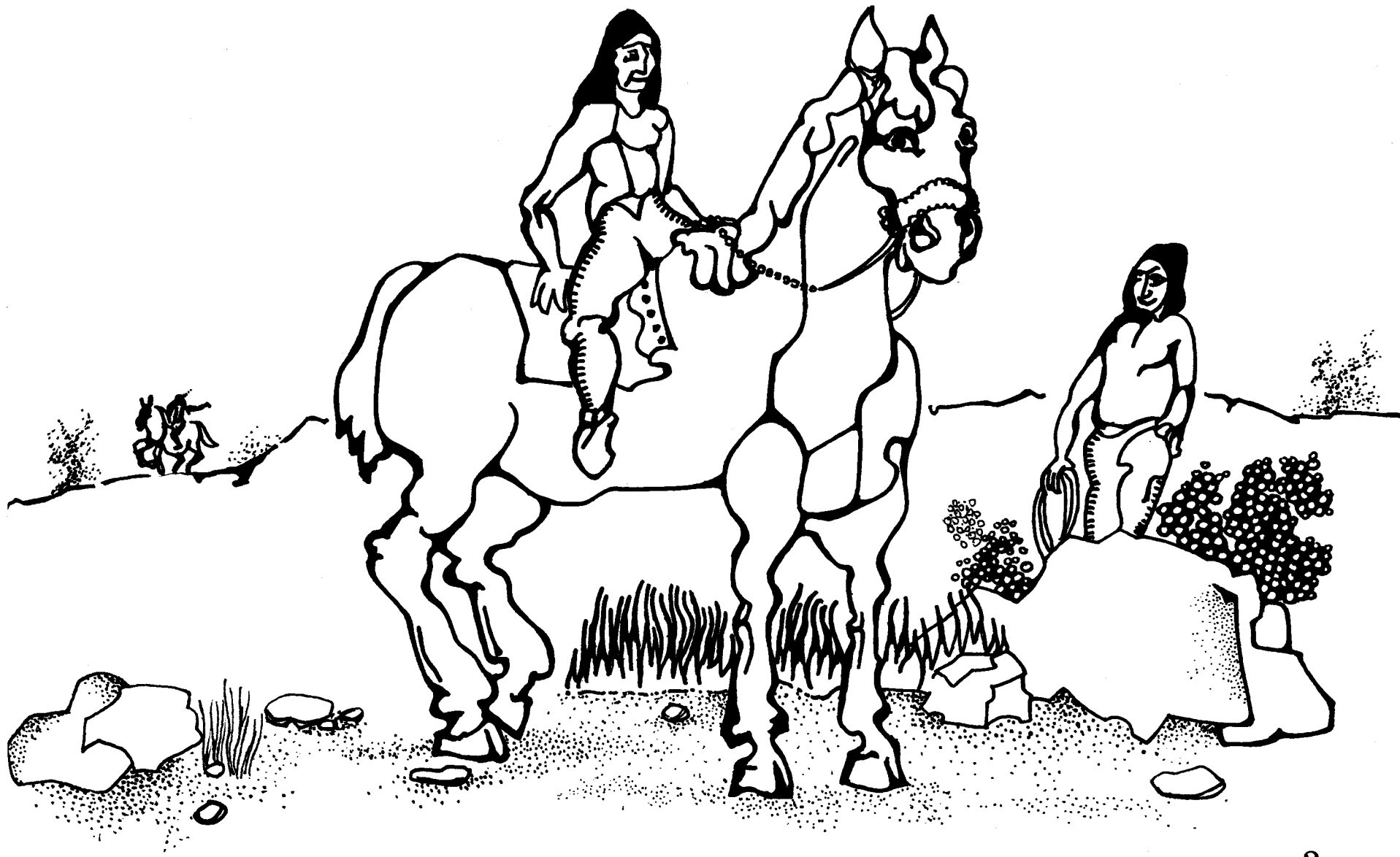
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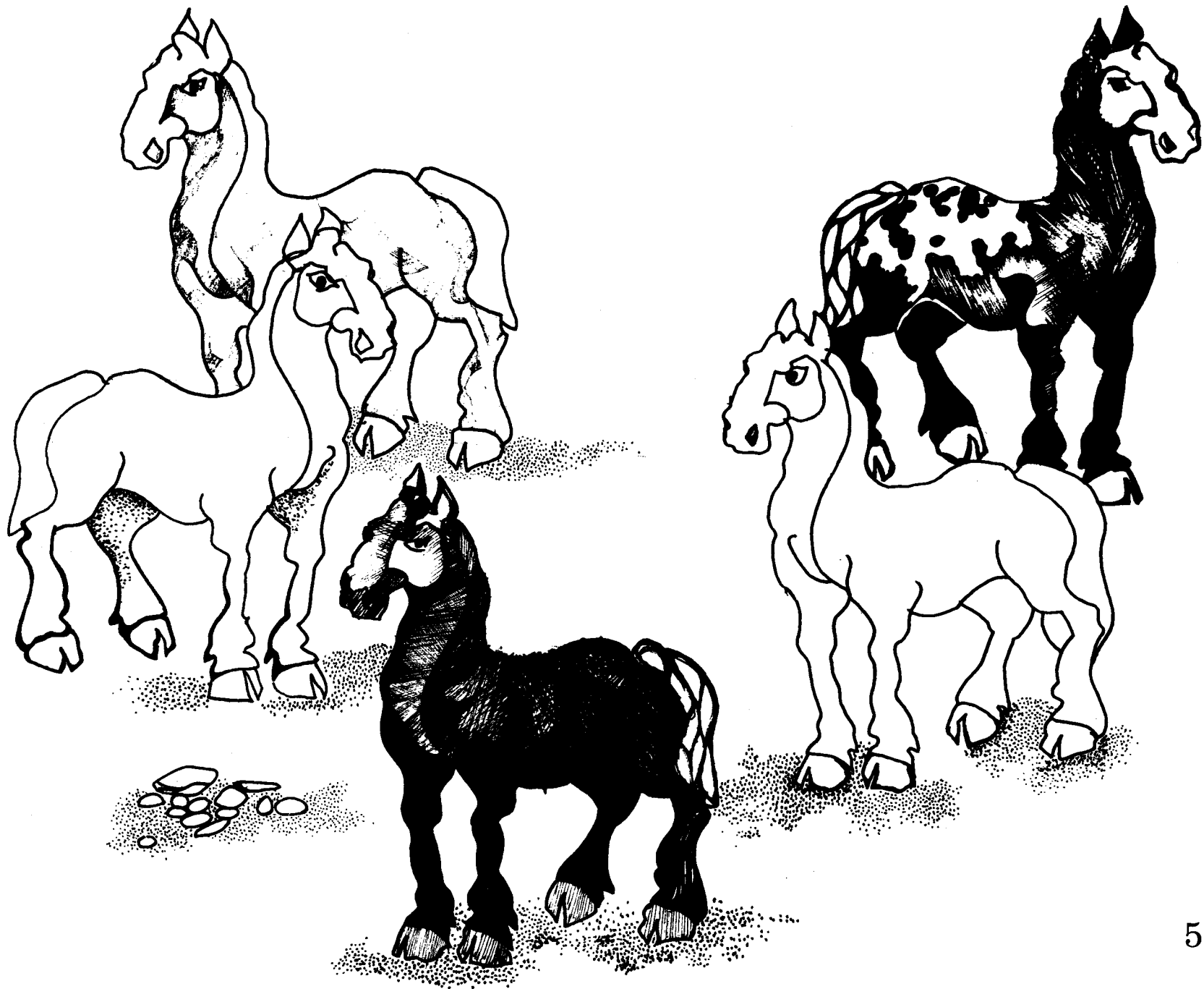
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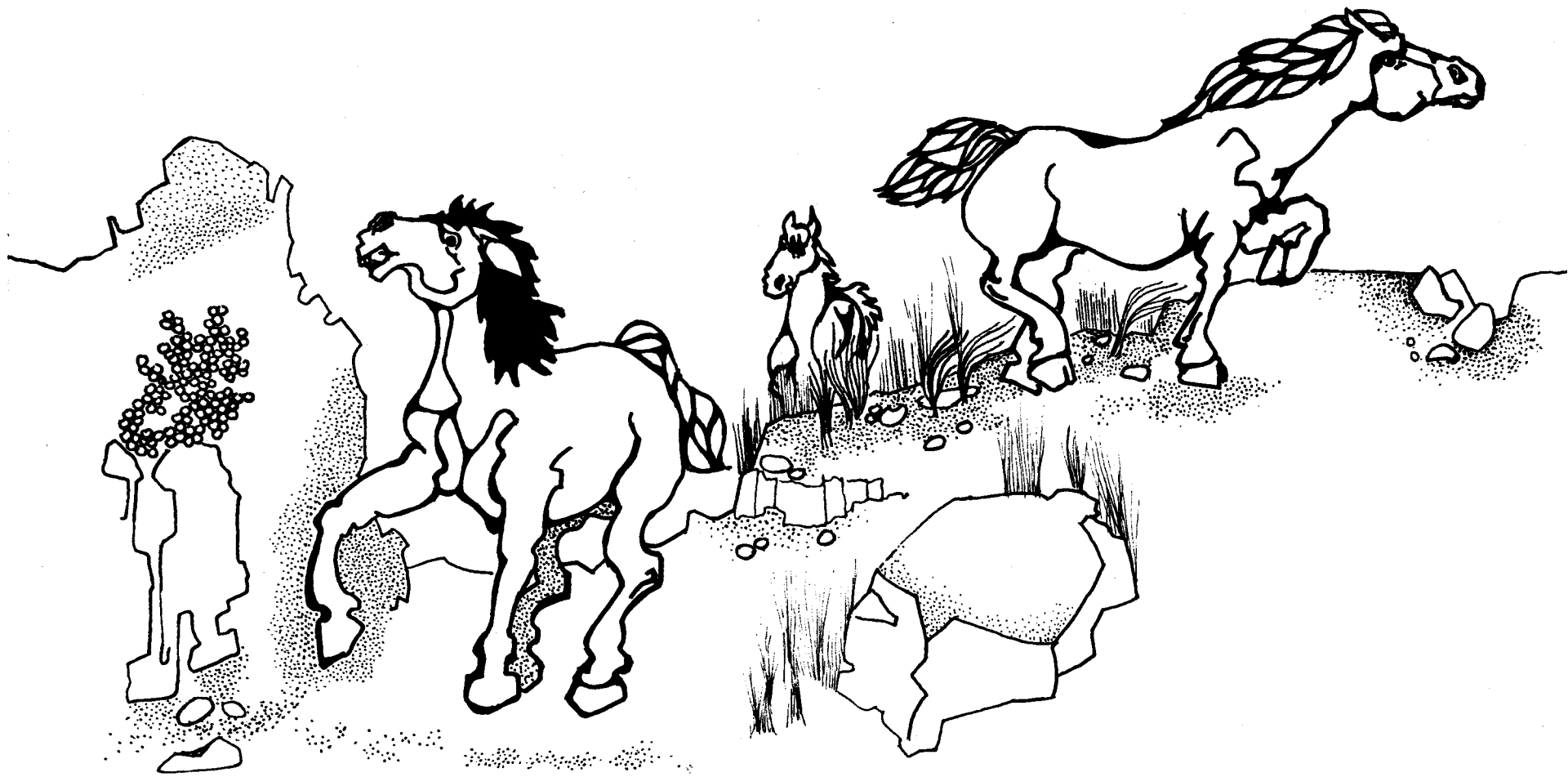
**Horses have been on this land for many, many years.
Long ago there were many, many horses.**



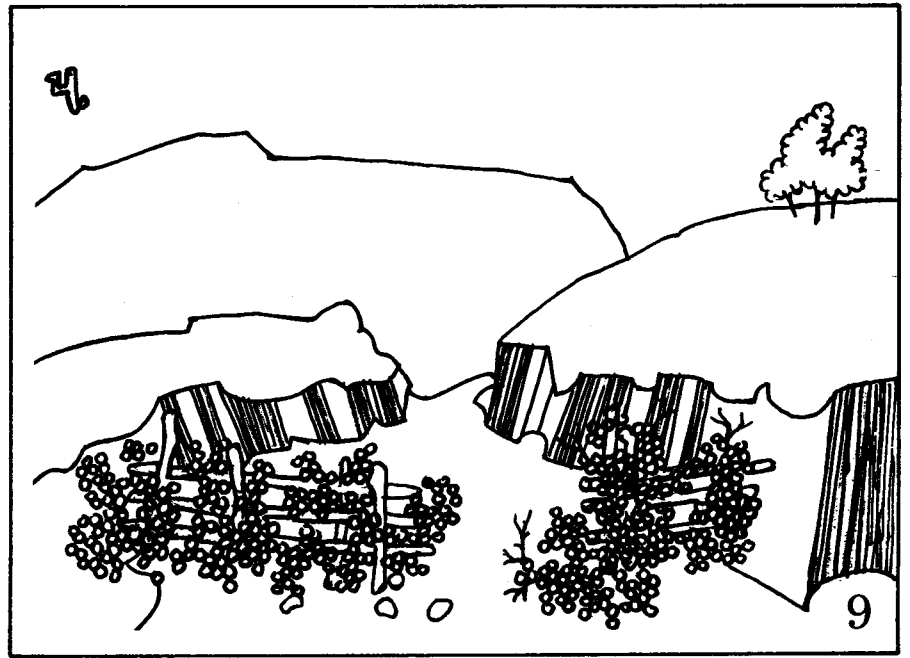
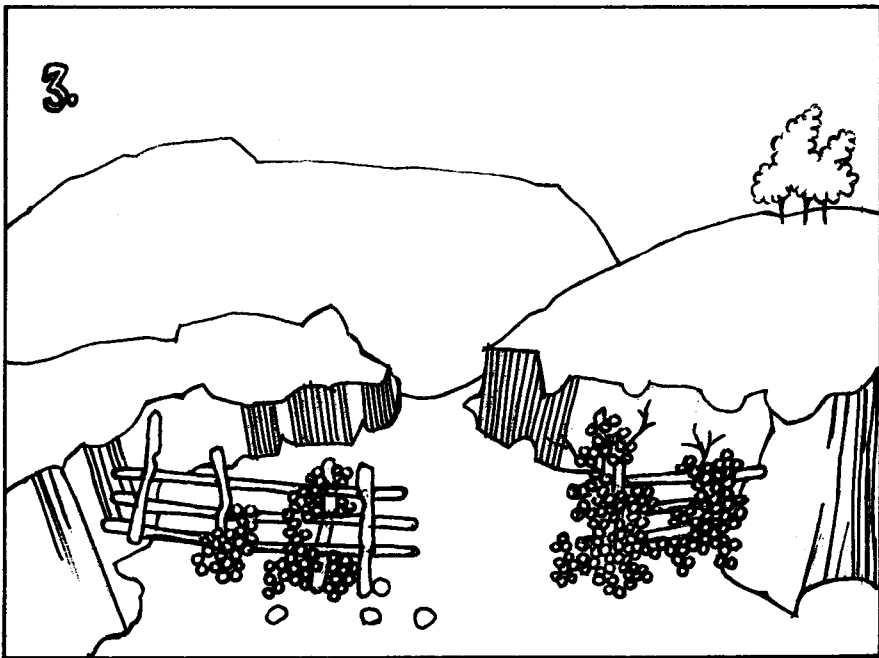
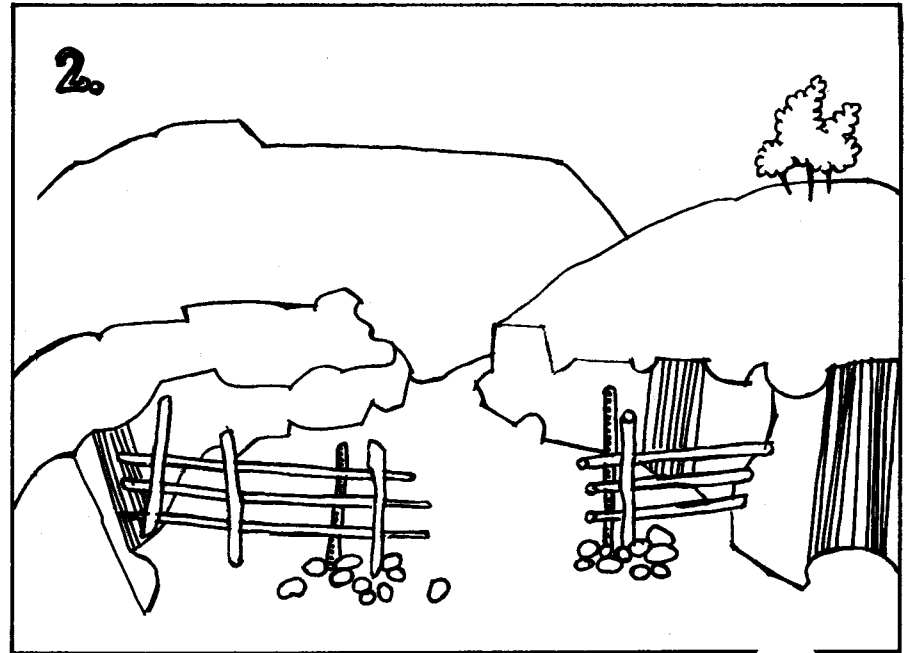
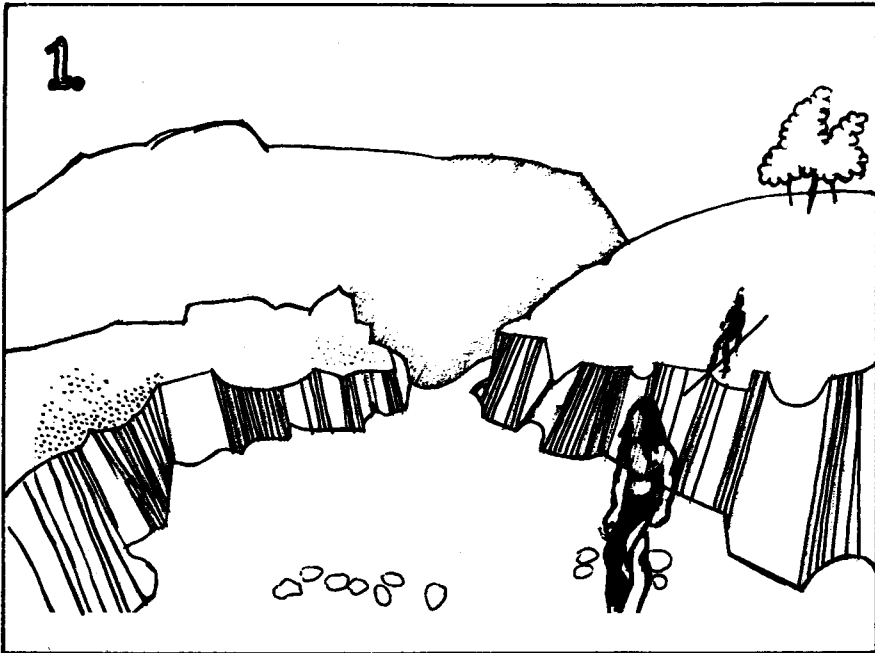
Horses are many different colors.
Some are black, brown, white or gray.
Some are two colors.
Some are spotted.
Can you think of more?



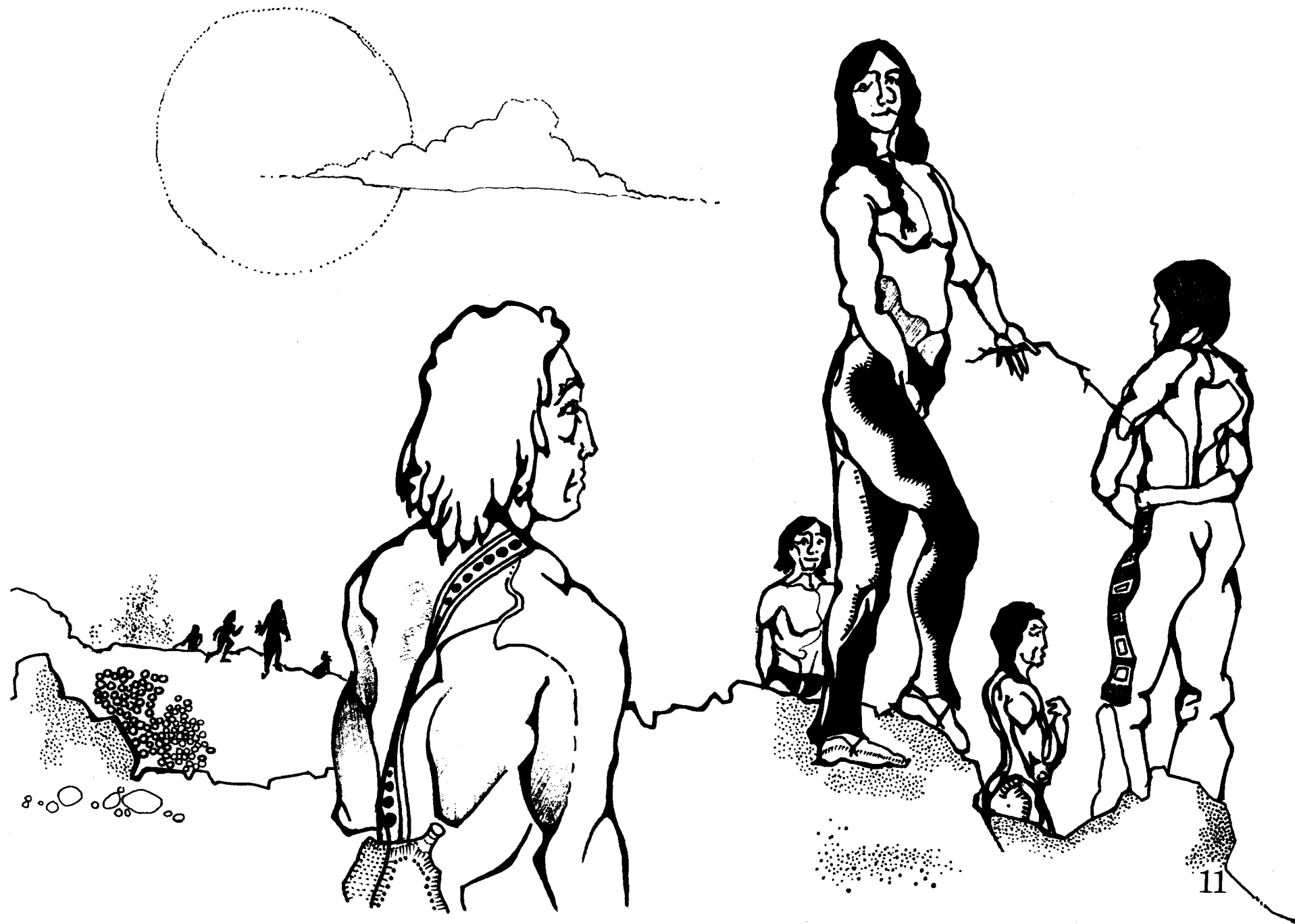
**A long time ago, the fathers and uncles and big brothers
would go out in the spring to catch the wild horses.**



They built new trap corrals out of poles
from juniper, fir or willow trees.
Then dried trees were cut down and put in a row
near the gate of the corral.
These were called wing lines.



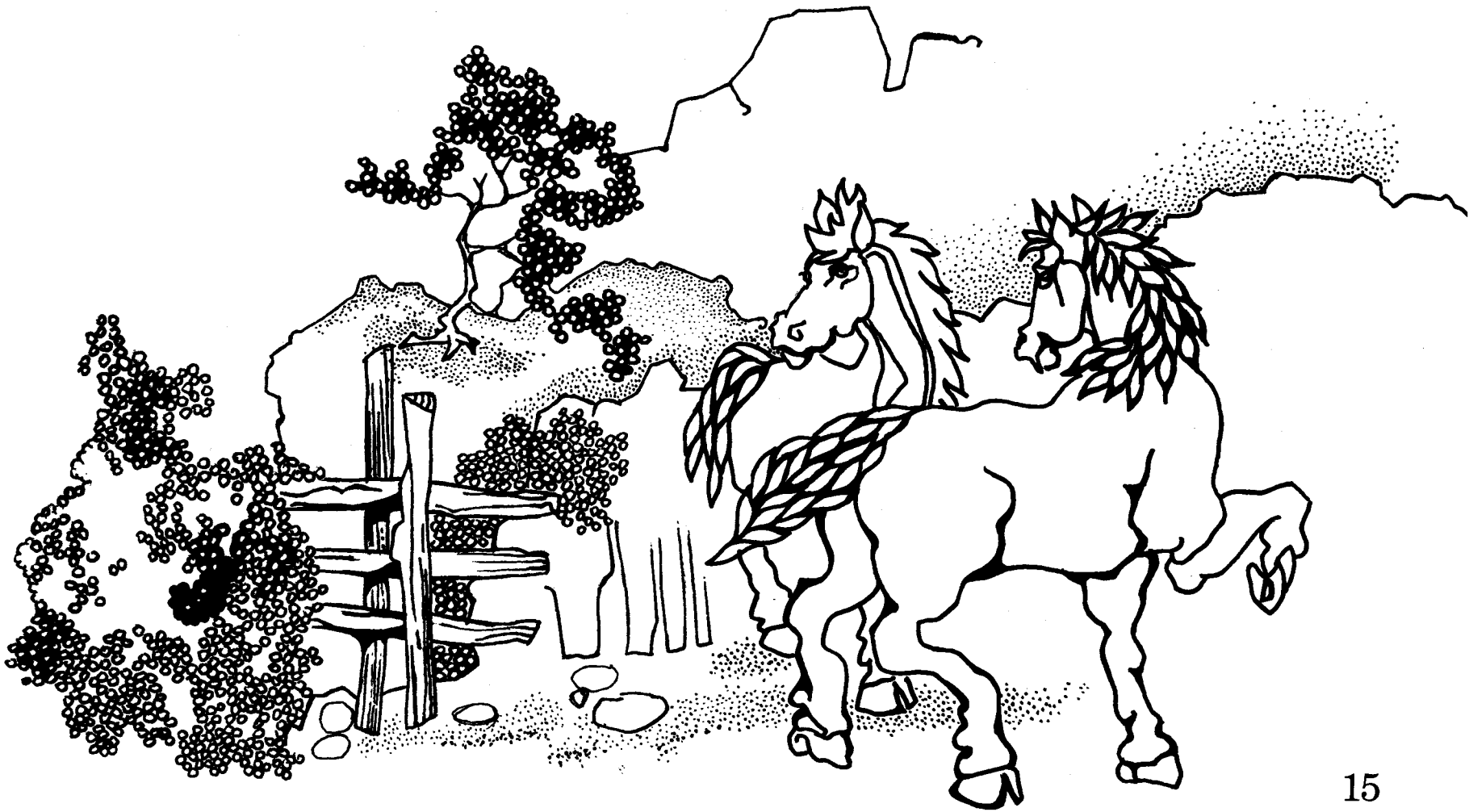
After that was finished, the older men went out
to start the wild herds of horses toward the corral.
The younger men and boys were told to hide
behind the trees and rocks.
These people were called the short stops.



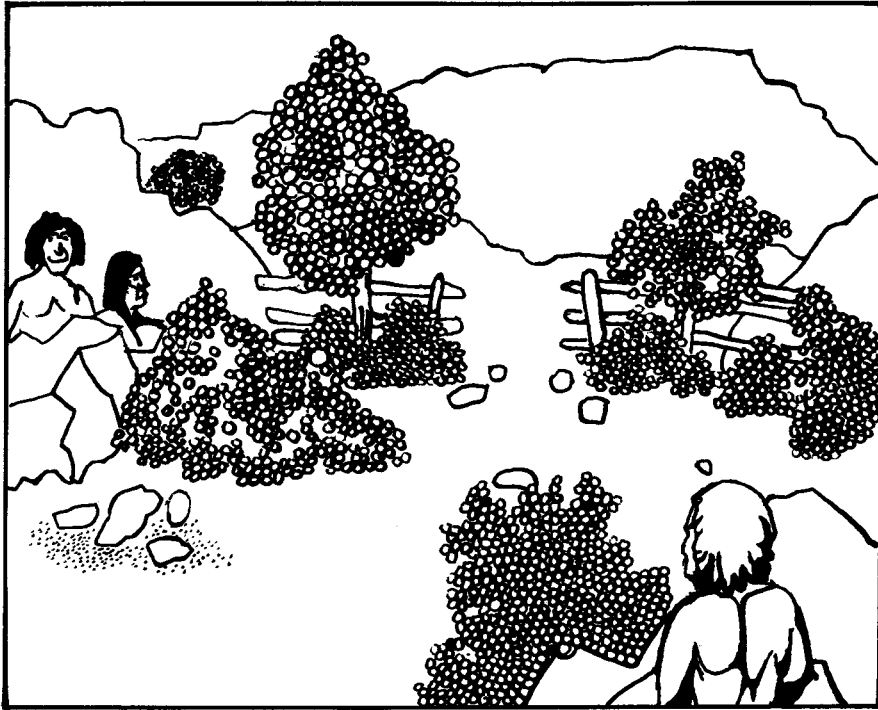
When the wild horses came galloping through,
the short stops came out from their hiding places
to help turn the wild horses toward the trap corral.



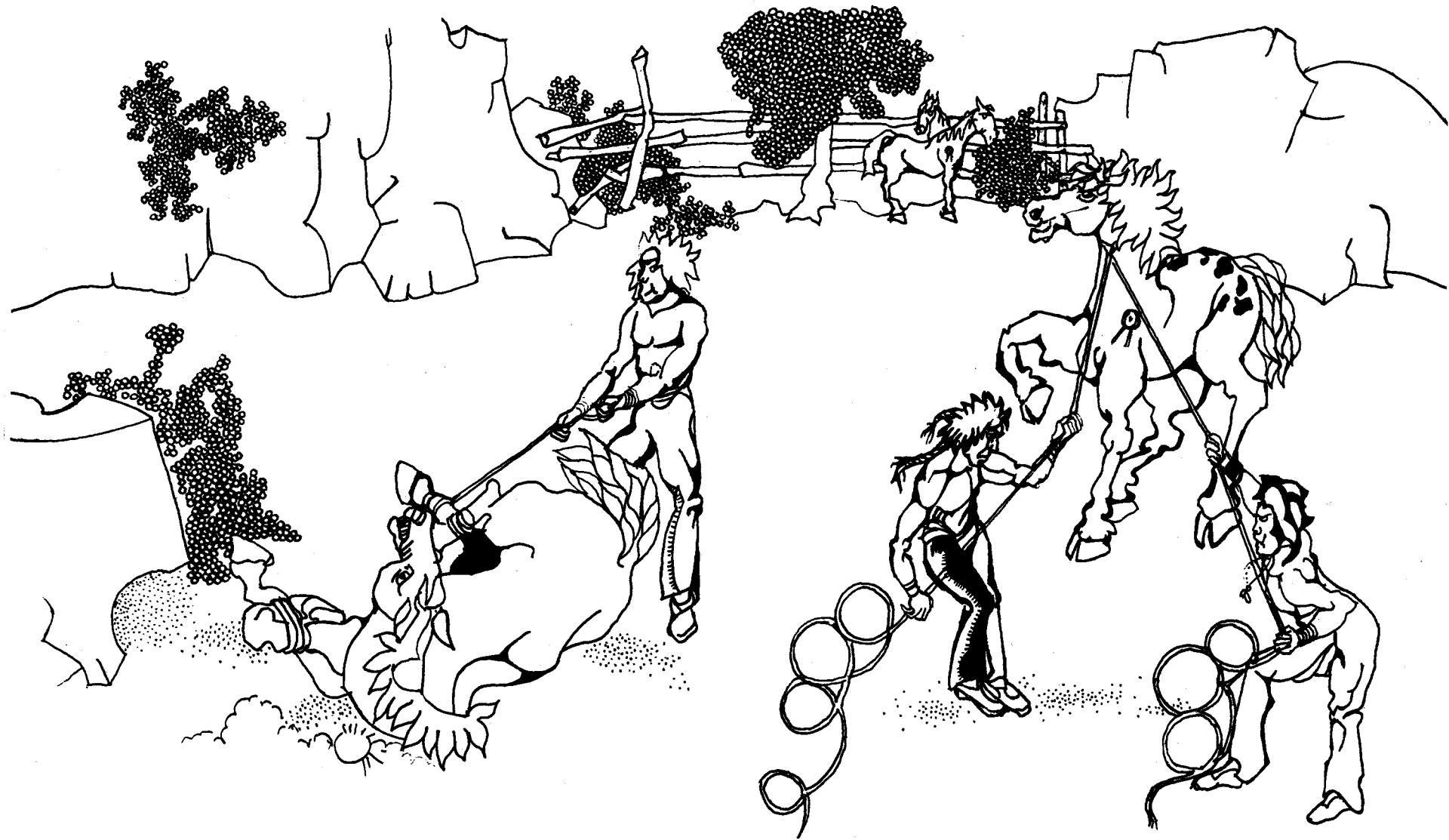
Sometimes the horses got away.
Then the men would go out again after the horses.
This time they would chase the horses to the trap corral
and right in through the gate of the corral.



After the horses had been captured,
they were separated.
The horses that had owners were branded.
Some were tied up to be taken home later.



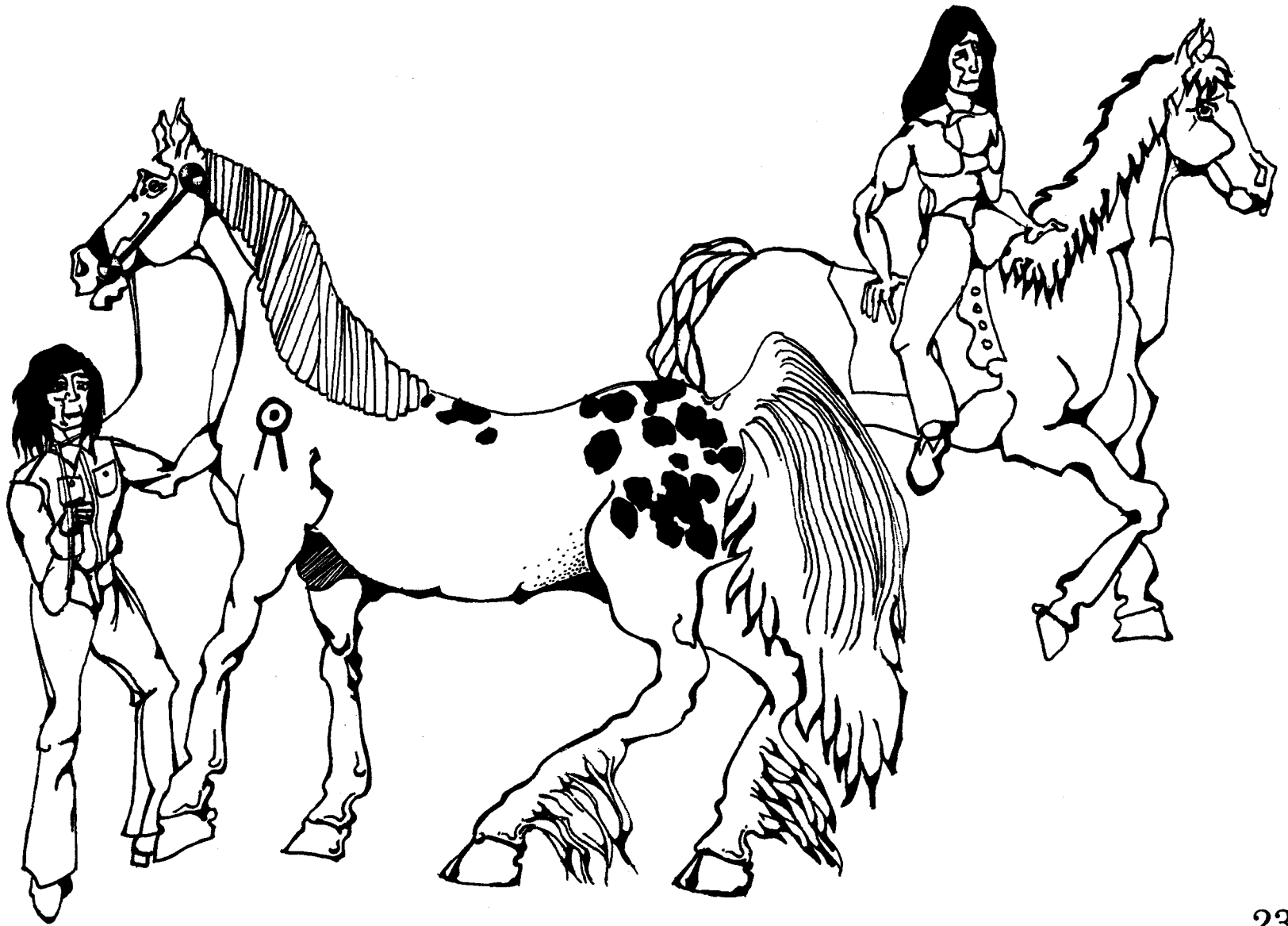
All the young boys who took part
in the wild horse chase
were given a young colt.



**The boys were to take care of the colt, train it
and break it for riding.**



The horses were all kinds and sizes.
There were good ones and mean ones.
That is how wild horses were captured long ago.



Today the chase is just about the same.
The corrals are more modern.
They use wire for the corrals,
 and the wing lines are also wire.
Saddles are used today.
Long ago they did not have saddles or bridles.
And braided hair and rawhide strings
 were used for halters.

There are still many wild horses.
The young colts, when caught,
are still given to the young boys
who give the colts names.



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