

LEARNING WITH LINUS



WHEN YOU TRAVEL

**DECLARE
AGRICULTURAL
ITEMS**

DON'T PACK A PEST



The Travelers Don't Pack a Pest Program

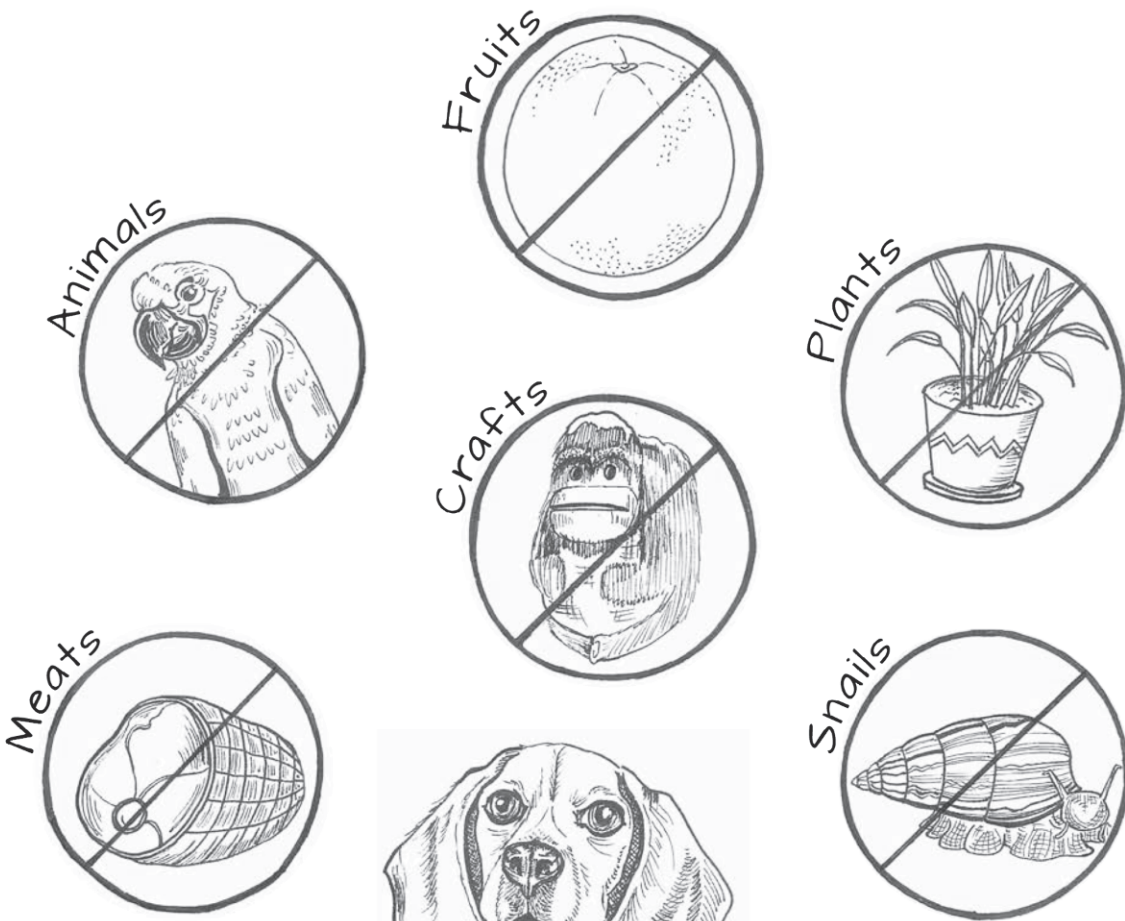
The Don't Pack a Pest program was created to teach travelers to declare agricultural items such as food, plants, animals and crafts. Pests (bugs) and disease can sometimes be inside agricultural items, and if they get released in the environment (yards, agricultural crop lands, natural areas) they can do harm.

Learn from Linus, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture detector dog, what you can do to help stop the spread of invasive pests and disease by following these simple steps:

When You Travel Declare Agricultural Items Don't Pack a Pest

The Don't Pack a Pest program is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Texas Department of Agriculture





Meet Linus who is seen here thinking about some of the items that travelers must declare.



Hey guys, I'm checking the Don't Pack a Pest website to see if we can bring this fruit back with us. No, looks like we'll have to eat it before we leave.

Mom, I hope I get to meet Linus at the airport.



Check to see if we can bring the snacks with us.

Linus says probably, but we still have to declare them to a Customs and Border Protection Officer.



Look Mom, it's Linus on the TV, do you think he's here?

We'll have to wait and see. First let's be sure we have completed the Customs and Border Protection entry process.



Look, it's Linus and he's teaching others about declaring foods, fruits, vegetables, meats, insects (oops bugs), seeds and agriculture items. Looks like they didn't check the Don't Pack a Pest website before packing.

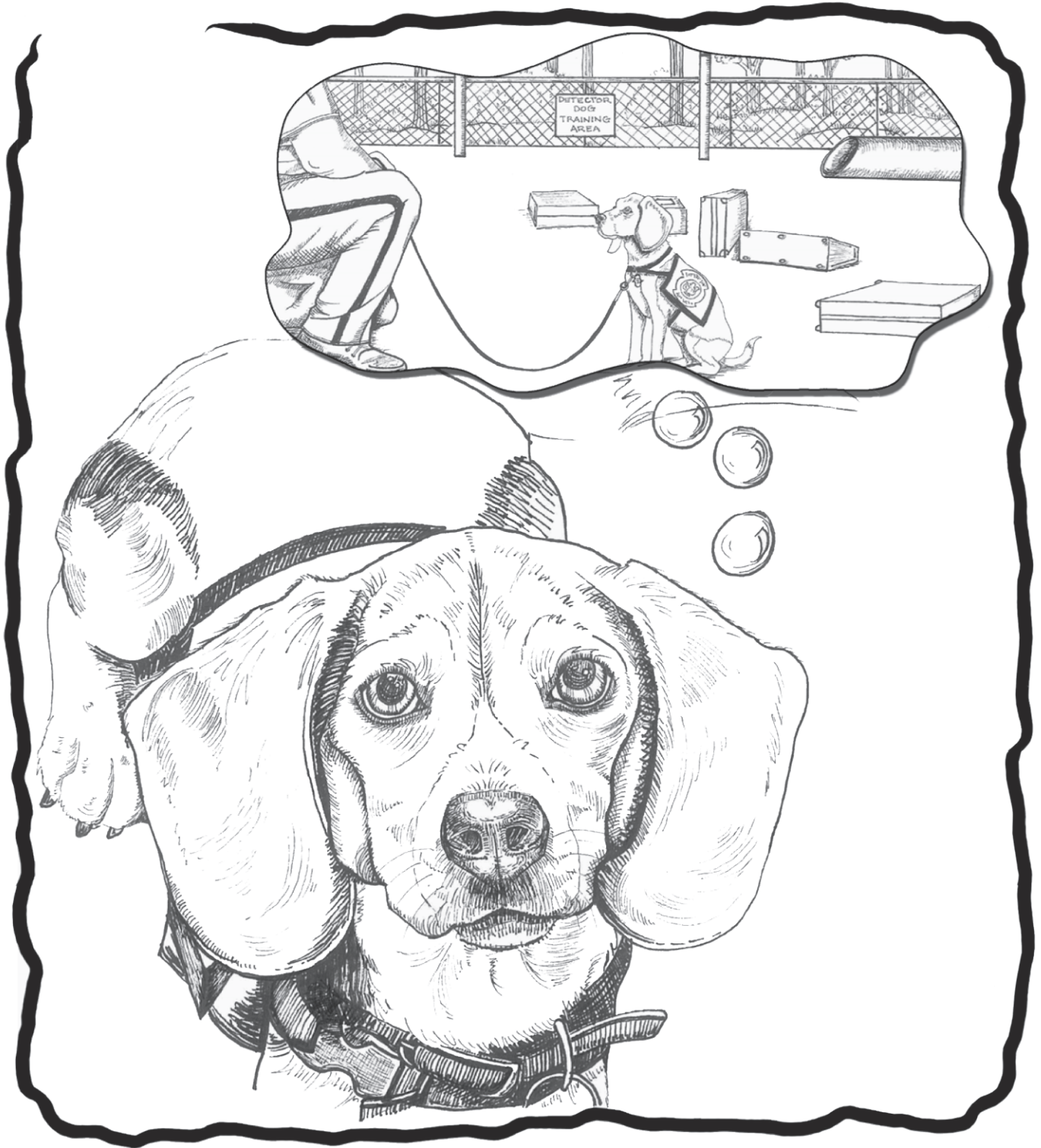
Let's let Linus do his job looking for food and plants while we look for our luggage.



Hi Linus, I'm Jenny and I'm so happy to meet you in person. I think we followed your instructions about declaring our food and agriculture items.

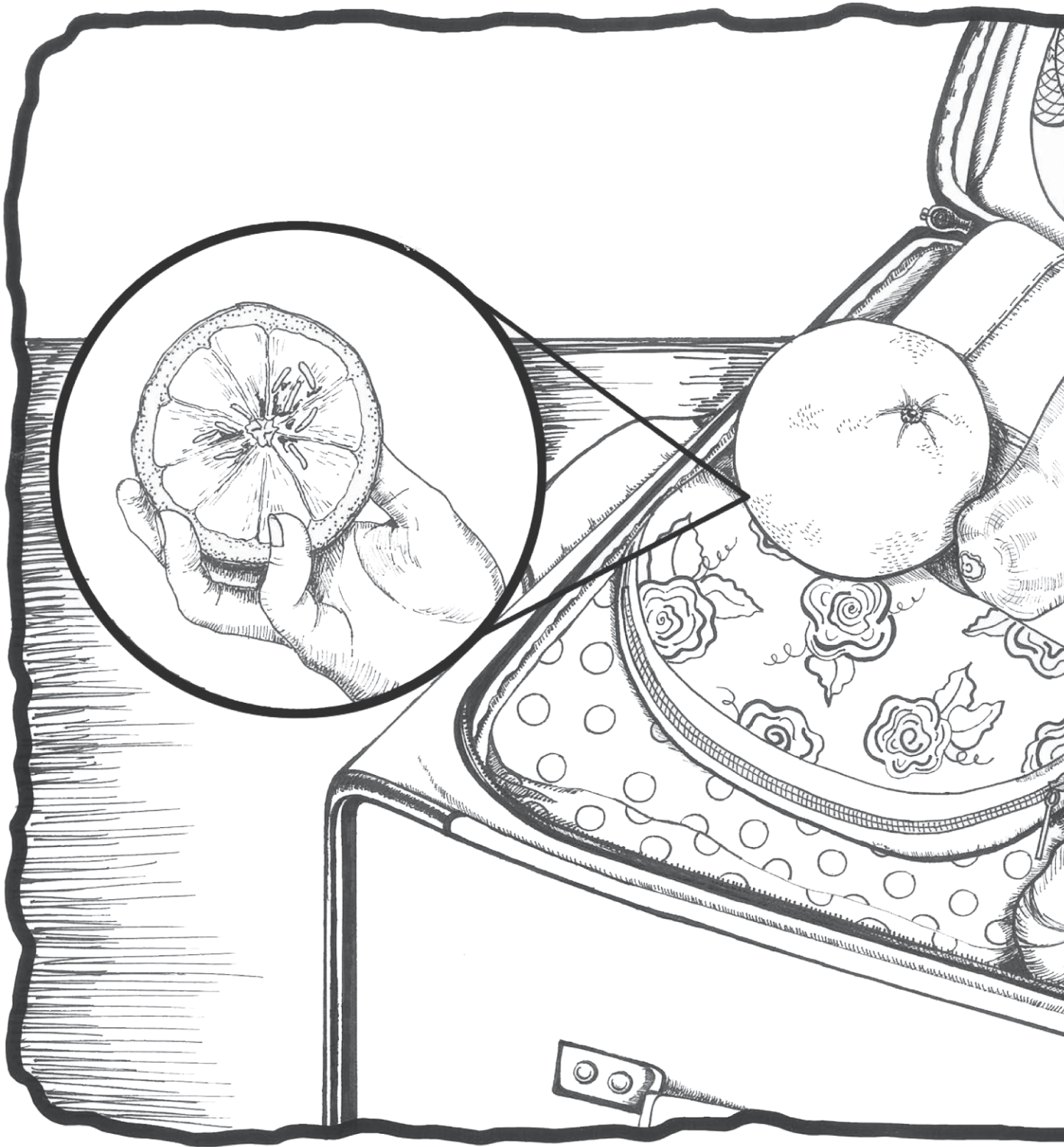
Hi Jenny, I'm happy to meet you too. And, yes you and your family did a great job. Thank you for helping keep harmful pests and disease out of the country.

Linus, how did you learn how to do your job?

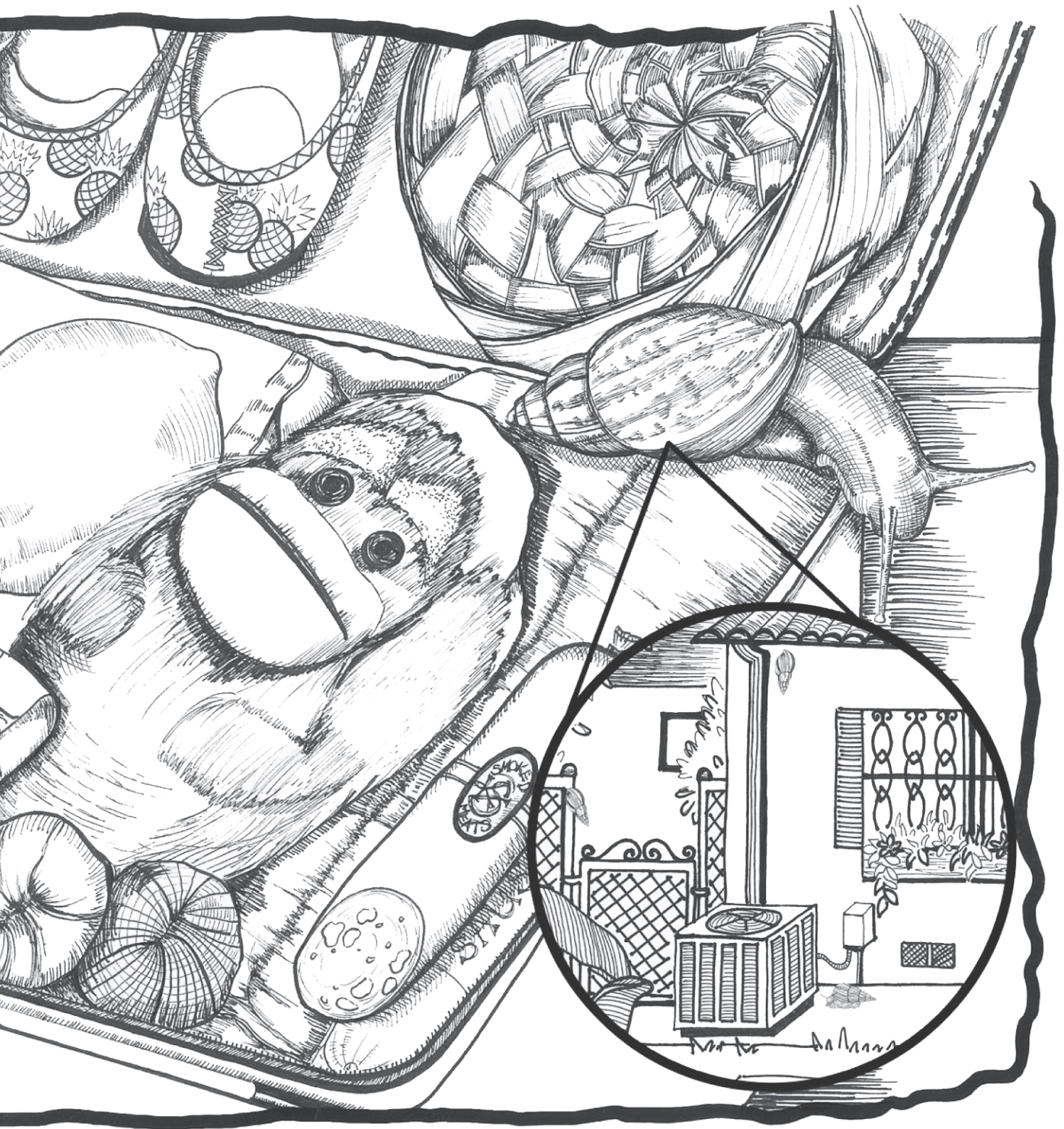


My best friend, a Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialist, and I went through many months of training to learn how to detect fruit, vegetables, meat, wood products, animals and more in passenger baggage.

Your friend seems nice, but ewww, what kind of bugs do you find?



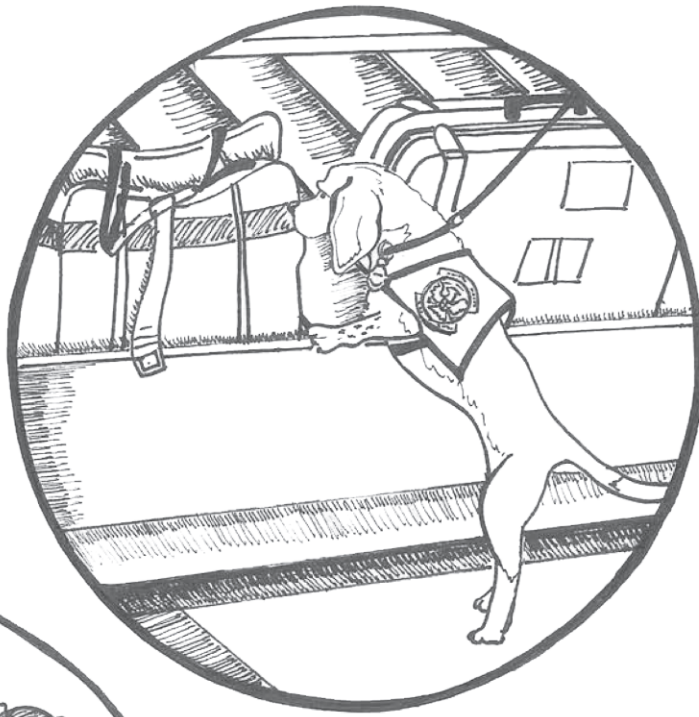
Well, I found a piece of fresh fruit that had tiny fruit fly worms living in it. If we hadn't found that piece of fruit, the worms could have gotten loose and spread to other fruit trees. Nobody wants to eat fruit with worms in them.



Some of my buddies have found other bugs in food and souvenirs packed in passenger baggage. One particularly bad creature found was the giant African land snail - these snails eat plants, stucco off of houses and can have a worm inside them that can make people and animals sick.



Wow, you and your buddies do important work to protect agriculture and the environment.

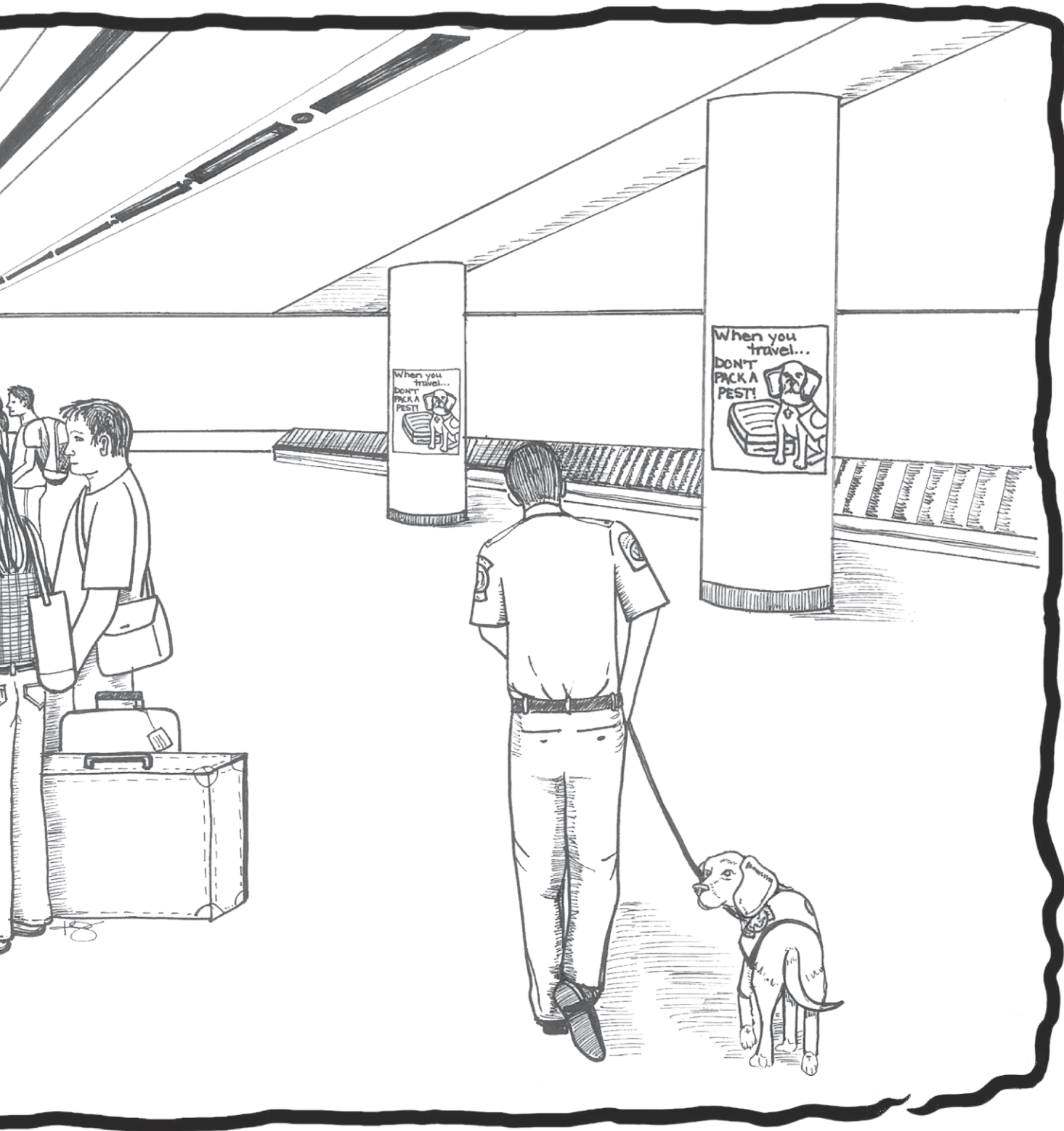


Thank you, Jenny. We work hard at airports, seaports and land border ports across from Mexico and Canada, and even at international mail facilities. We have lots of other canine partners around the world too.



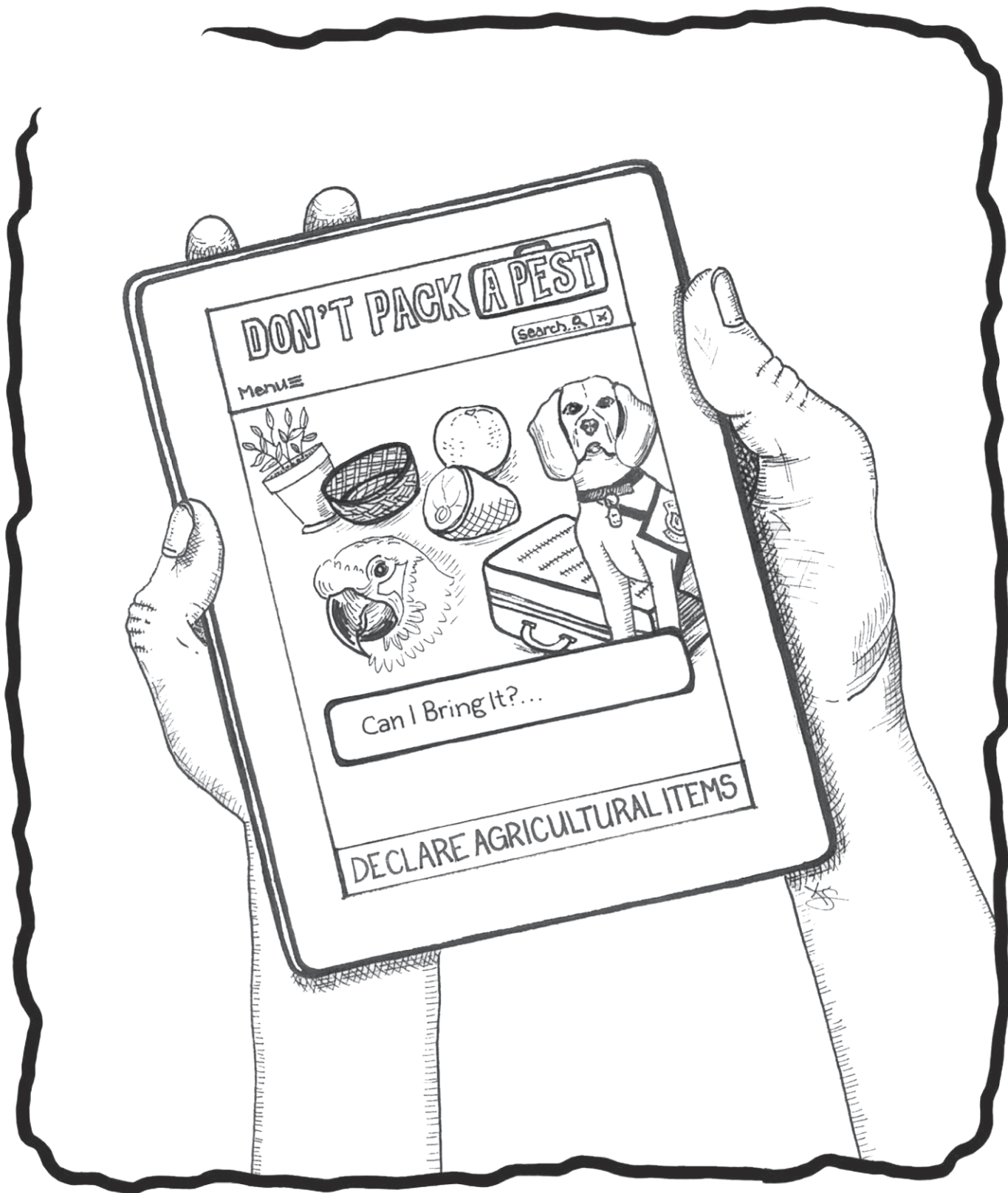
Well Jenny, I have to get back to work. Please tell your friends about the Don't Pack a Pest program, and remember to declare food and agriculture items.

I will. Bye, Linus.



Mom and Dad, Linus is the greatest detective ever!

Yes he is, Jenny. He and all the detector dogs and their handlers want us to declare our food to protect forests, agriculture, and natural resources. They deserve our thanks.



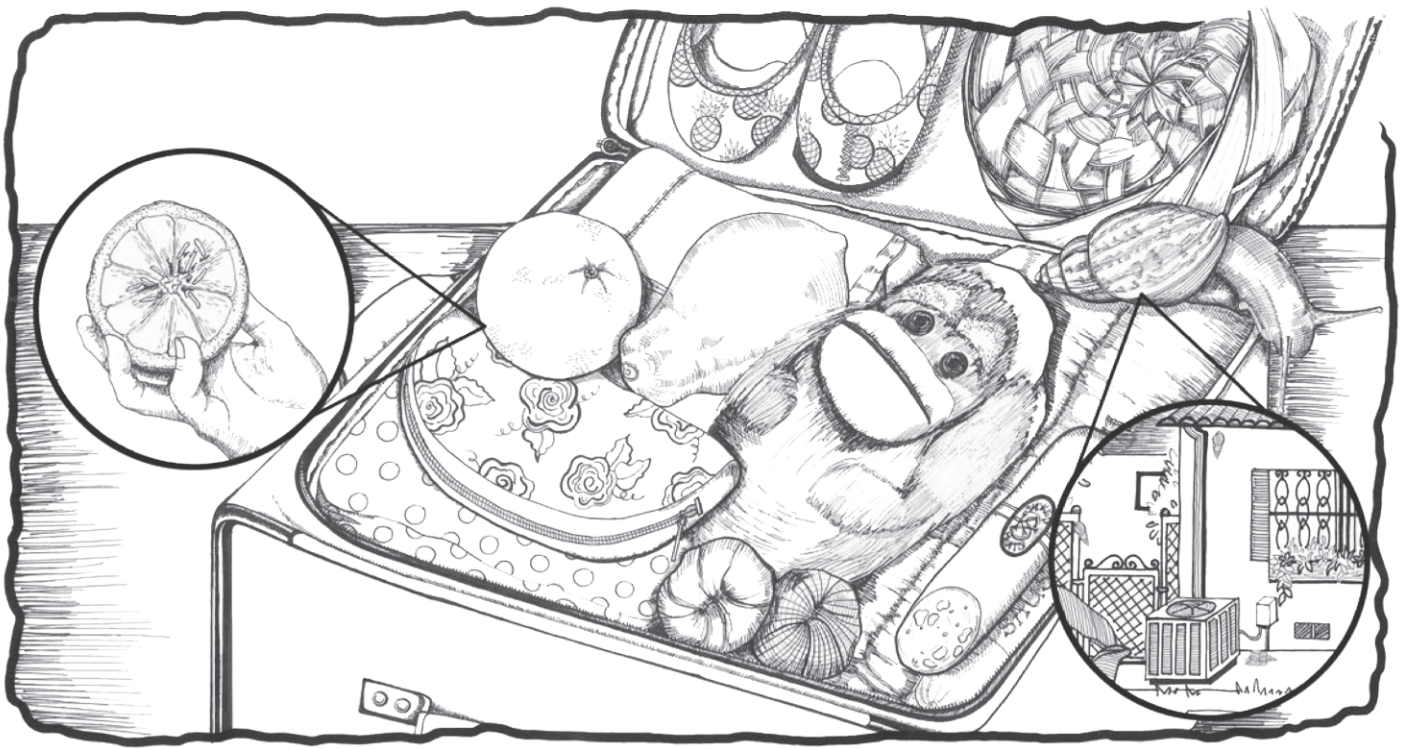
Visit the Don't Pack a Pest website to learn more about traveling with food and agricultural items and what items you should declare at airports, seaports and land border ports.

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Activity Sheet - What to Declare?

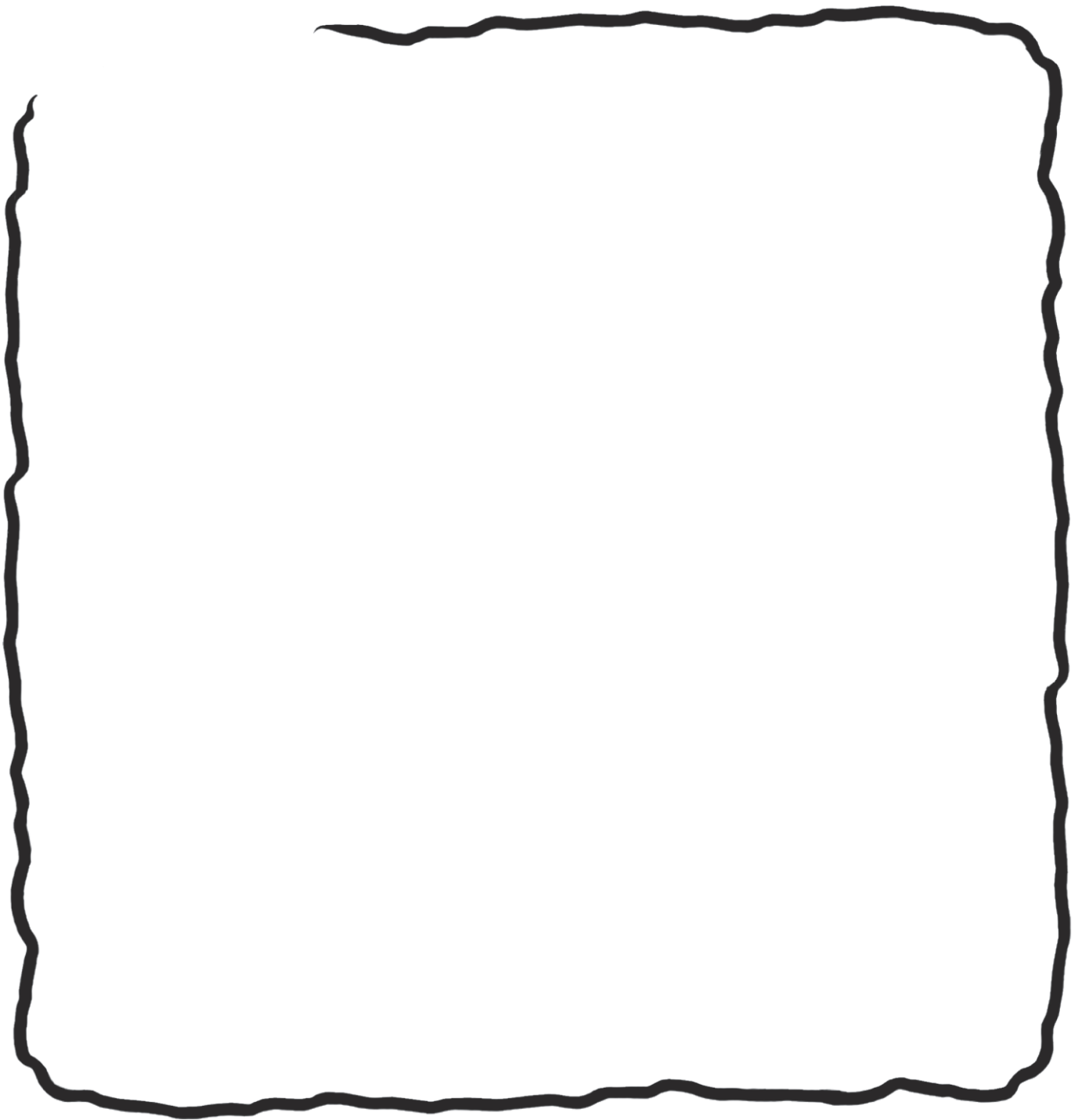
Go to page 8 and 9 and look at the items that are packed in the suitcase.

What agriculture items should you declare when you travel?



Answers: fruit, snail, souvenirs, crafts, meat, snacks

Draw a picture of your favorite vacation spot.



Protect your favorite vacation spot.
Don't Pack a Pest!

Declare It!

A song written in the Patois dialect to promote the Don't Pack a Pest partnership with Jamaica

Verse #1

Mi kno yuh go a farin
Yuh travel regula
Yuh bring back tings fi mama an papa
But listen to mi now sista an bredda
Nuh bring back pest fi hurt wi agriculcha

Chorus

Declare it!
Don't pack a pest don't share it!
Declare it!
Mek di offica inspect it!

Verse #2

Mi know yuh mean well
Yuh nuh mean nuh harm
Yuh bring a likkle fruit fi yuh girl fren charm
But what if in dat fruit yuh bring in a pest
Life cudda mash up all dung a St. Bess!

Chorus

Declare it!
Don't pack a pest, Don't share it!
Declare it!
Mek di offica inspect it!

Verse #3

We a proud Jamaicans- wi nuh bad mind
One love wi seh to all mankind
Suh nex time yuh travel go America
Do di same ting when yuh reach di borda

Chorus

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