

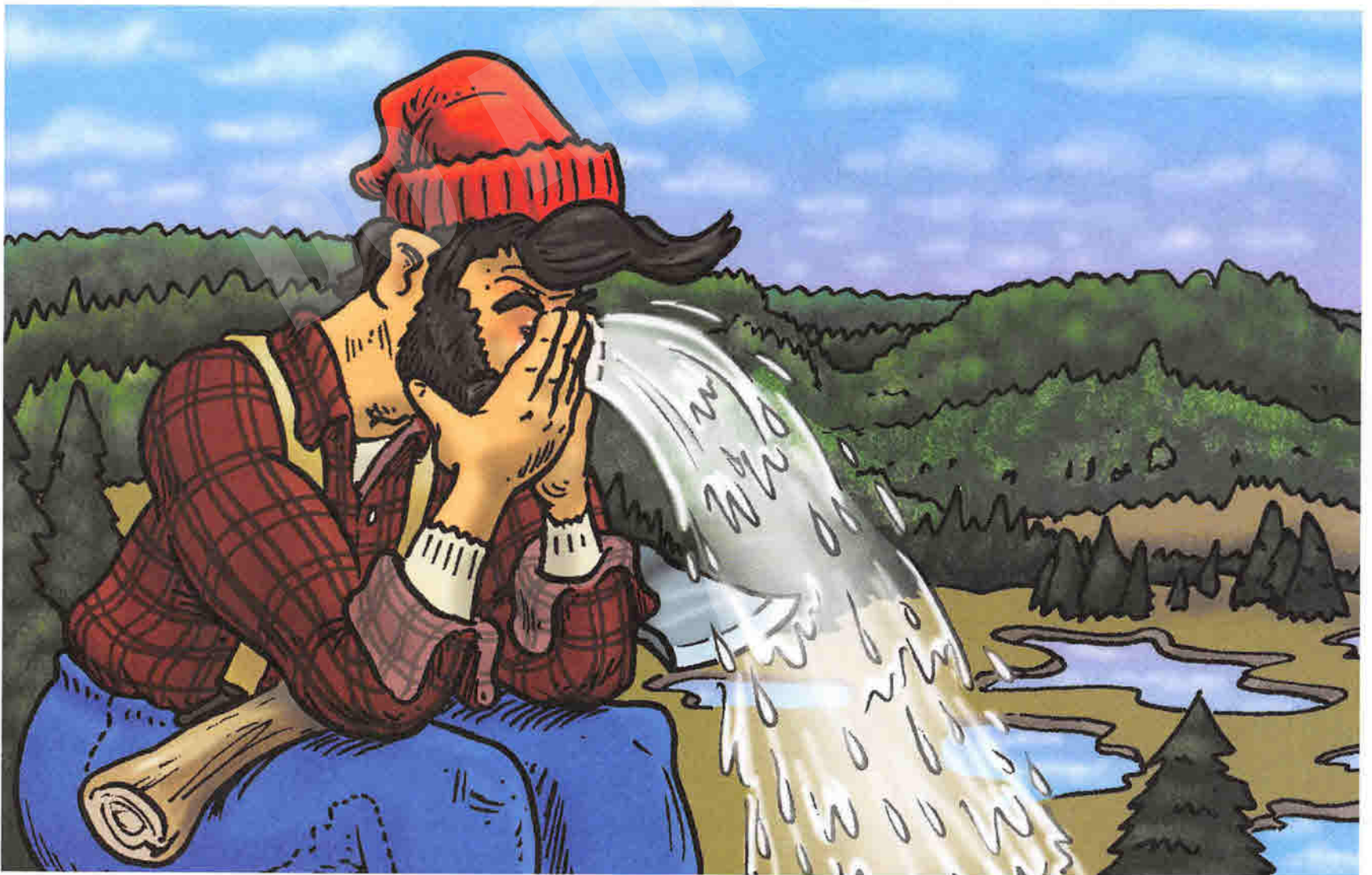
Paul Bunyan: A New Story

Read this tall tale to find out how Paul Bunyan solves a problem.

¹ After the great race, everyone in Minnesota was wondering what to do about all the holes. The giant lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his big blue ox, Babe, had made the holes with their feet. People couldn't plow their fields or walk through the woods any more. Every time they tried, they fell into one of those holes. Paul felt terrible, but Babe felt so badly that he ran

away. Paul climbed the Black Hills to see if he could spot his blue ox. Then, he looked under the Mississippi River, but Babe wasn't there.

² At the end of the day, Paul just sat down and cried. He cried so hard that all of those holes filled up with water. The people in Minnesota got out their boats and fishing poles. They thanked Paul so loudly that Babe heard them and came home to Paul.



1. How did Paul solve the problem with the holes?

2. Why did Babe run away?

3. What made Babe come back?

4. People who tell tall tales stretch the truth. List one idea from the story that can't be true.

5. What is the story's setting? _____

6. Why did the people of Minnesota thank Paul?

7. What causes Paul Bunyan to cry?

8. Who is the main character in the story?

