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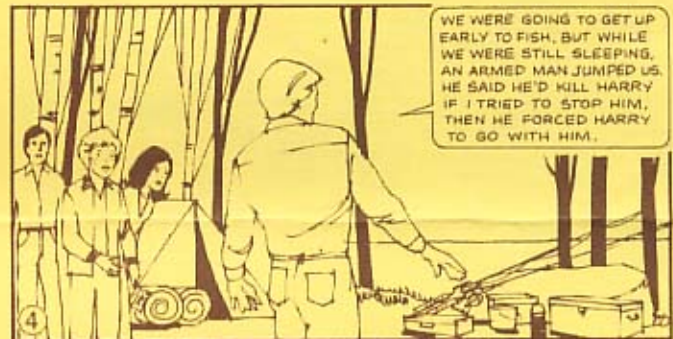
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HIDDEN BOB-WHITES

From the conversation below, guess which two Bob-Whites are playing their favorite board word game. Then follow the directions at the end.

- "I drew an r. You can't beat r, can you?"
 "Beat r? Ixnay, peabrained one. You go first."
 "Let me see. . . . I've got it! I'll make *north: n-o-r-t-h.*"
 "Elementary, dear sibling. And I'll make *onyx: o-n-y-y-x.*"
 "*Onyx* is spelled with one y. Try again."
 "Hmm. . . . Maybe I can add to your word. I'll change it to *Northumbria*, now that I think of it."
 "That's cheating! You can't use capitalized words."
 "All right, then. I'll make *raj: r-a-j.*"
 "*Raj*? I'm sure that's not a word!"
 "Look it up in the dictionary, then, O thickheaded one."
 "Okay, twin brother. Let's see. . . . *Palomar*—that's where the big telescope is, isn't it? Here it is! *Raj*: From Asian Indian, and it means 'reign.'"
 "See? I was right, as usual. Your turn."
 "I can't stand any more of your dictionary words. I quit!"

You were right if you guessed that the players are Trixie and her almost-twin brother, Mart. But did you notice that the names of all seven Bob-Whites are hiding among the words above? See if you can find them.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

JIM'S WEATHER WATCH

Sleepyside-on-the-Hudson is in a region that averages between 10 and 50 tornadoes in a 12-year period. Jim discovered this when he did a report on tornadoes for his meteorology (weather science) class. Here are some of the things he learned.

Tornadoes usually travel at speeds of 10-25 mph, but some travel much faster. The worst tornado in U.S. history roared through Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana on March 18, 1928, traveling at 60 mph and killing 689 people.

Tornadoes usually form along a cold front, where cold and warm air collide. Dark, dense *mammato cumulus* clouds form. Air begins to rotate at the bottom of the clouds, forming a high, narrow funnel. The funnel extends downward to the ground, stirring up huge dust clouds and causing tremendous damage. Carried along by winds, the funnel weaves over the ground, cutting a swath of destruction. The whirling winds of the funnel, which can exceed 300 mph, and the powerful up-draft inside the funnel can uproot trees, overturn railroad cars, and even carry cars and houses hundreds of feet.

If you don't have a storm cellar, the next best place to be during a tornado is in a basement: Crouch under a sturdy object against the wall that's closest to the direction from which the tornado is coming. If there's time, open windows to help equalize air pressure. If you're outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression.

GO FLY A KITE!

Trixie has to Bobby-sit more often this summer, so the two of them came up with a great way to have fun together: flying kites! Trixie got so interested that she decided to do some research, and now she has several interesting facts and tips for you.

Did you know that kites are extremely old? The Malaysians flew kites as a part of their religious observances three thousand years ago! In China, one special kite-flying day was September 9, the Festival of Ascending on High. Thousands of kites were flown all over the land in the belief that they carried away bad luck.

Can you imagine a kite pulling a carriage? In 1825, George Pocock actually hitched a team of kites to his carriage, and it achieved the thunderous speed of twenty-five miles per hour!

Kites come in many shapes and forms. Some of the most beautiful are homemade. If you catch the fever and decide to make your own kite, you can find many patterns in books on kite flying at your local library.

To make your kite, you'll need wood; paper, cloth, or plastic; scissors; glue; thread; cord to fly it with; and poster paints, if you choose to make it extra-spectacular.

The best types of wood to use are the soft, flexible, inexpensive varieties. (Your local lumberyard might let you take scrap wood from their piles of leftover waste.) Bamboo is excellent. Use an old cane fishing pole, or if you want to avoid cutting, you could take apart an old bamboo sunshade.

Thread should be of strong cotton. Use it to bind together the strips of wood in the shape you want after gluing them. Tip: To hold pieces together while you glue, use pinch-type clothespins.

If you choose to make your kite out of paper, you have a lot of choices—everything from paper bags or newspapers to a good heavy grade of rice paper. If you use cloth, cotton or a cotton blend are good choices. You can also use old sheets. Before cutting your material, it's a good idea to make a pattern out of paper first.

As you assemble your kite, be sure to follow carefully the directions from whatever kite pattern you choose. Glue and bind the wood frame securely so that your kite is sturdy. Be especially careful to attach your flying line at exactly the place your pattern directions tell you to, or you might have trouble keeping your kite in the air.

Now your kite is ready to fly. But will it? This depends partly on the speed of the wind. Kite flying is best if the wind speed is from 4 to 18 miles per hour. To find out how fast the wind is blowing, listen to your local radio or television station's weather report. If you become a real kite enthusiast, you can buy a Dwyer wind meter for a few dollars.

To launch your kite, the middle of a large, empty field or parking lot is best. Be especially careful to avoid all power lines. Stand with the wind at your back and toss the kite into the air. When the wind catches it, let out your line a little at a time, not leaving any slack.

If your kite dives and darts around, give frequent little twitches on the line. If the wind is light, you may need a friend to help you launch your kite by tossing it into the air when a good gust of wind comes along.

Whenever you'd like your kite to climb higher, let out more line for a second or two, then pull firmly on the line and release it again. But don't let the kite climb so high that it lies back parallel to the ground. It may take a sudden dive, causing you to lose control and wreck your kite.

All the Bob-Whites have been infected with Trixie's enthusiasm for kites, and they've even held their own kite-flying contest. You can, too. Here are some judging categories you might use:

1. **Homemade kites:** Give special awards for the oddest kite, the best decorated, the one with the best workmanship, the highest flier.
2. **Purchased kites:** Give awards for the kite that flies highest, the kite that stays up longest while flying at the sharpest angle, the kite that stays up longest at any angle or altitude.
3. **Kitemanship:** Give awards for maneuvering, fast climbing (greatest altitude reached in five minutes, etc.).
4. **Kite duels:** Between matched pairs, see who can knock the other out of the air by direct contact—if you don't mind destroying your kite!

Think up your own categories. Use a point system, and give extra points for non-running launches and controlled landings.

Go fly a kite!

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BOB-WHITES INTERNATIONAL

Trixie fans are everywhere—not only in the United States, but in foreign lands as well. English-language editions of the Trixie Belden mysteries can be found in many countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England, Ireland, and South Africa. In addition, Trixie Belden books have been translated into six foreign languages: German, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Norwegian, and Swedish.

How do you say “Trixie” in German? “Trixie!” But German readers know Honey as Brigitte, Jim as Uli, Brian as Klaus, Mart as Martin, and Di as Dinah. Dan is still called Dan in German, though.

In Dutch, “Trixie” is simply shortened to “Trix,” and all the other Bob-Whites are called by their American names.

Portuguese readers know and love Trixie as Patricia and Honey as Nora, but Jim, Brian, Mart, Diana, and Dan are still Jim, Brian, Mart, Diana, and Dan.

In Spanish, only Trixie’s name is different: She’s known as Marta! In Norwegian, all the Bob-Whites’ English-language names are retained.

And finally, in Swedish, there’s a mixture of the familiar and the foreign. Trixie is known as Trix, but Honey is called Grynet! Jim is still called Jim, but Brian is called Bert. Mart and Di’s full names are used: Martin and Diana.

So if you should ever have the good fortune to visit a foreign land, you’re sure to find some friends who share your enthusiasm for America’s best-loved girl detective—Trixie (Patricia, Marta) Belden!

HIDDEN BOB-WHITES ANSWERS

Only the sentences containing the name of one of the Bob-Whites are given below.

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“. . . Raj: From Asian Indian, and it means ‘reign.’”

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You can make your own hidden-word game. Use the names of friends or family members, or other kinds of names. Try to think of phrases that have the names hidden in them, and then make up a story using these phrases. Have fun puzzling your friends!

THE KIDNAPPED CAMPER ANSWER

The man said that when Harry was kidnapped, they were both asleep. He also said that he’d done nothing before he ran for help. Yet both sleeping bags were rolled up! (See panels 4 and 6.) When confronted with the evidence, the man confessed that he himself had kidnapped Harry in an effort to get money for his gambling debts. Harry was rescued a short time later.