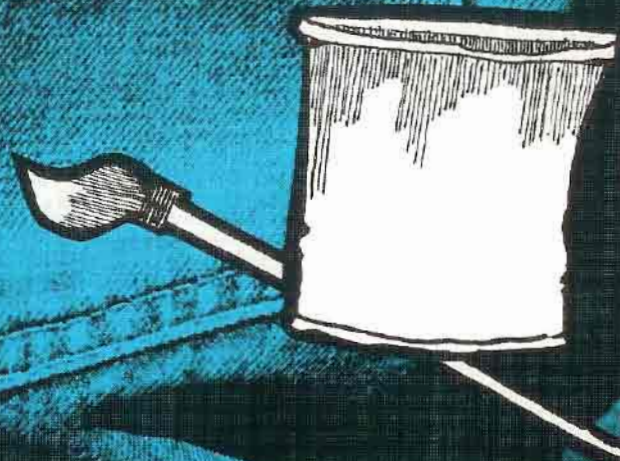


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"GEORGE" and OTHER
PARABLES

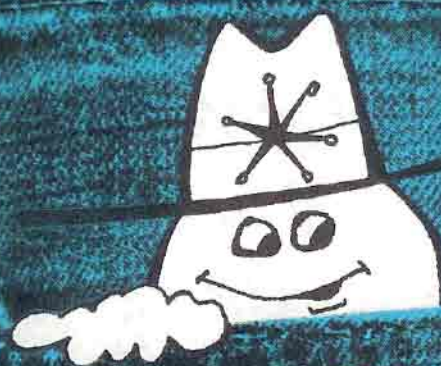
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TO EVERYONE
I AM IN LOVE AT!

george
kathryn
MONA and CONRAD
he and she
SAM and MARY
jason
jack and carol
MARY-Alice

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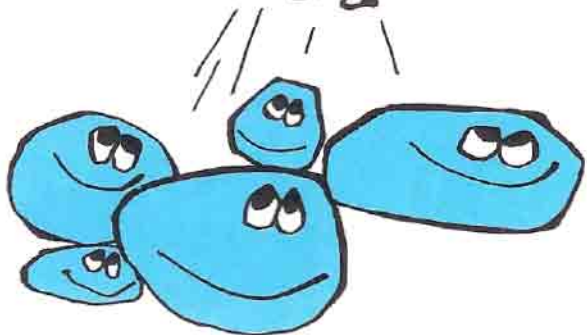


"GEORGE"



George
lived in a very small town
he was
the deputy sheriff,
a good
and gentle man.

he was loved,
and the people called him
"George."



When
the town's sheriff retired,
George
was elated.

He knew
he would be promoted
and
after all these years
he - George,
would be the
sheriff!

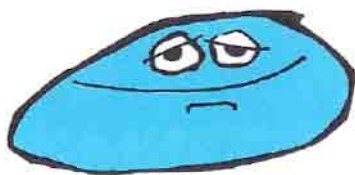
the sheriff, by god!

George
took his oath of office
standing
proudly
before the town.

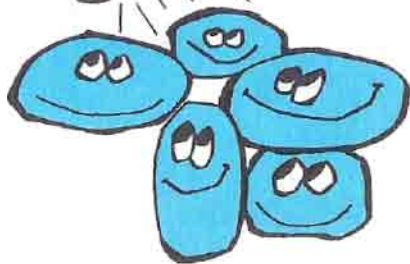
in fancy words...

he promised
to "serve and protect."

the people cheered,
and he was loved.



but
the people called him
"George"



and he was upset...

it's "sheriff",

he thought,

not just "george"!

that day

George sent away

for the finest

Sheriff's uniform
in the territory.

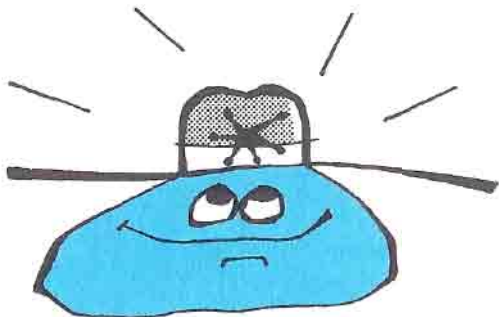
When it came

he put it on and

looked

(and felt)

glorious!



but
the people still called him
"George"

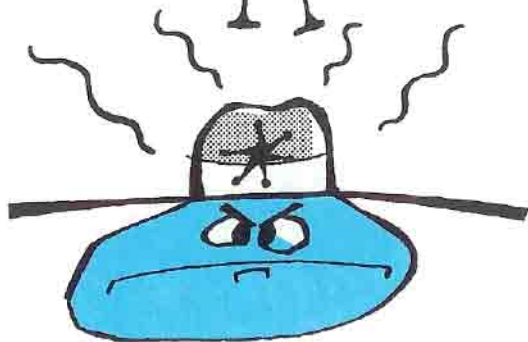
and he was furious!

"it's sheriff - blast it!"

"sheriff,

sheriff,

Sheriff!"



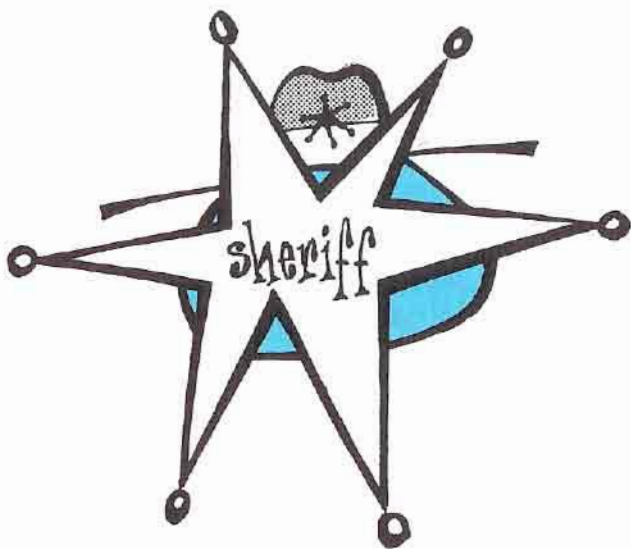
that very day,

George
went to the big city
and got himself
a new badge...

A
very

big badge!

in fact,
the new badge
was so big
that
George
was barely visible
behind it.



and
finally,
the people called him
"sheriff"!

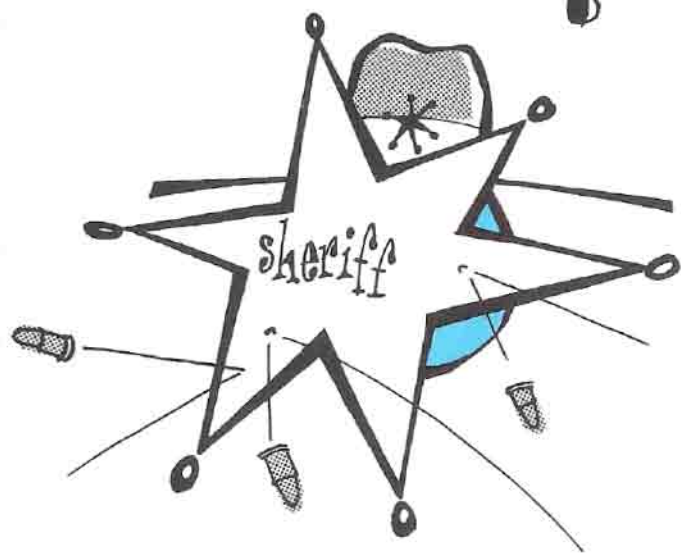
the people
didn't see much of the sheriff
after
that.

the new badge was
heavy and clumsy
and made it difficult
for george
to move...
(let alone serve
and
protect)

one Friday
George got a request
from the state police
to help capture
an escaped prisoner.

after searching
for about an hour
George
spotted
the prisoner...

the man was armed -
he turned
and shot
at George



but
the bullets
bounced off
the big badge!

George laughed —
he knew he was safe
from anything
out there.

"In the Sheriff, by George!"

he
drew
his pistol
and fired
at
the
prisoner.

but
the bullet
ricocheted
back
off the inside of the
big badge
and
killed
him.

and the people buried george!

