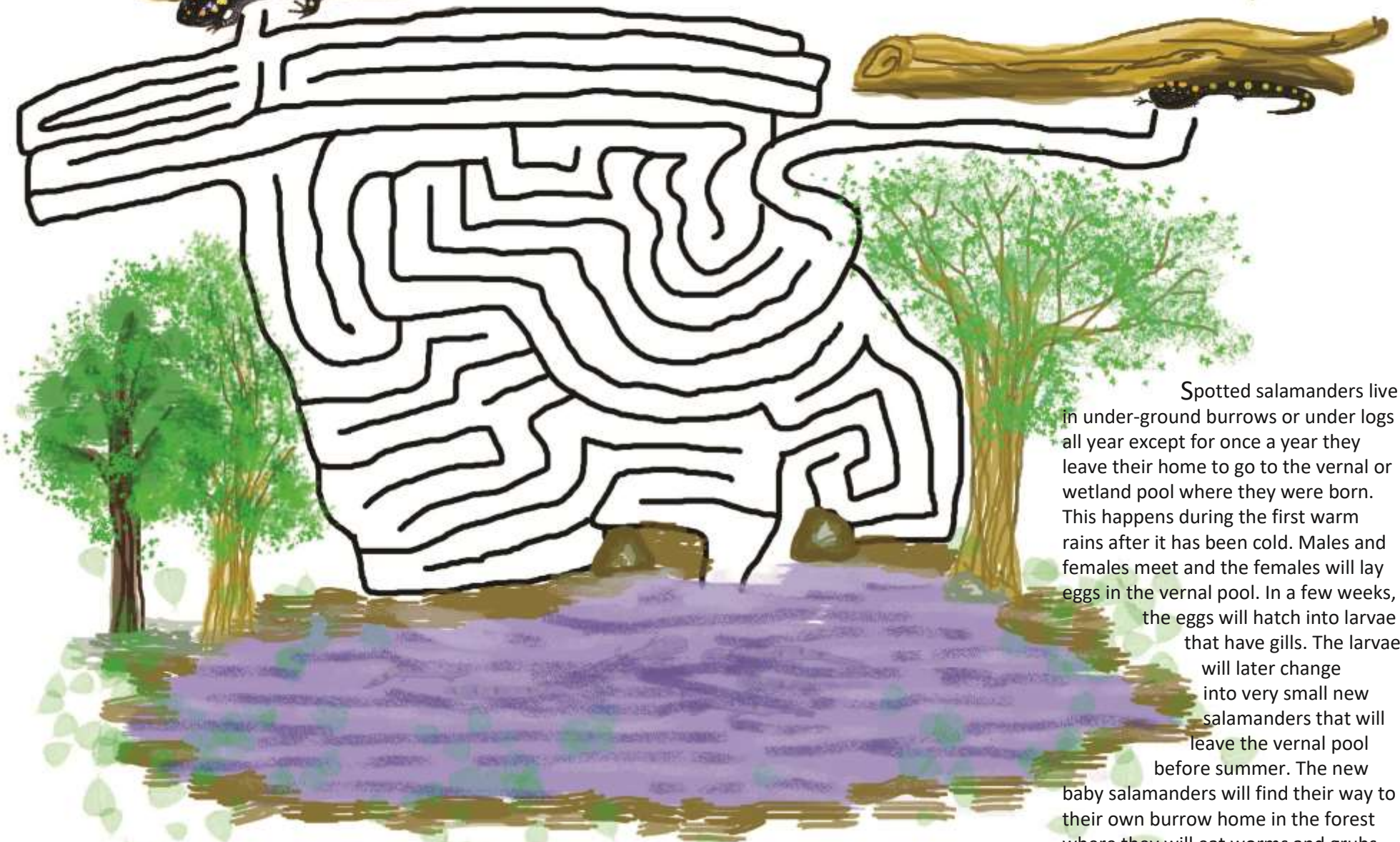


Help Mandy and Sal get to the vernal pool.

Sal



Mandy



Spotted salamanders live in under-ground burrows or under logs all year except for once a year they leave their home to go to the vernal or wetland pool where they were born. This happens during the first warm rains after it has been cold. Males and females meet and the females will lay eggs in the vernal pool. In a few weeks, the eggs will hatch into larvae that have gills. The larvae will later change into very small new salamanders that will leave the vernal pool before summer. The new baby salamanders will find their way to their own burrow home in the forest where they will eat worms and grubs to grow big. They might live 30 years!