

# Invasive Invaders



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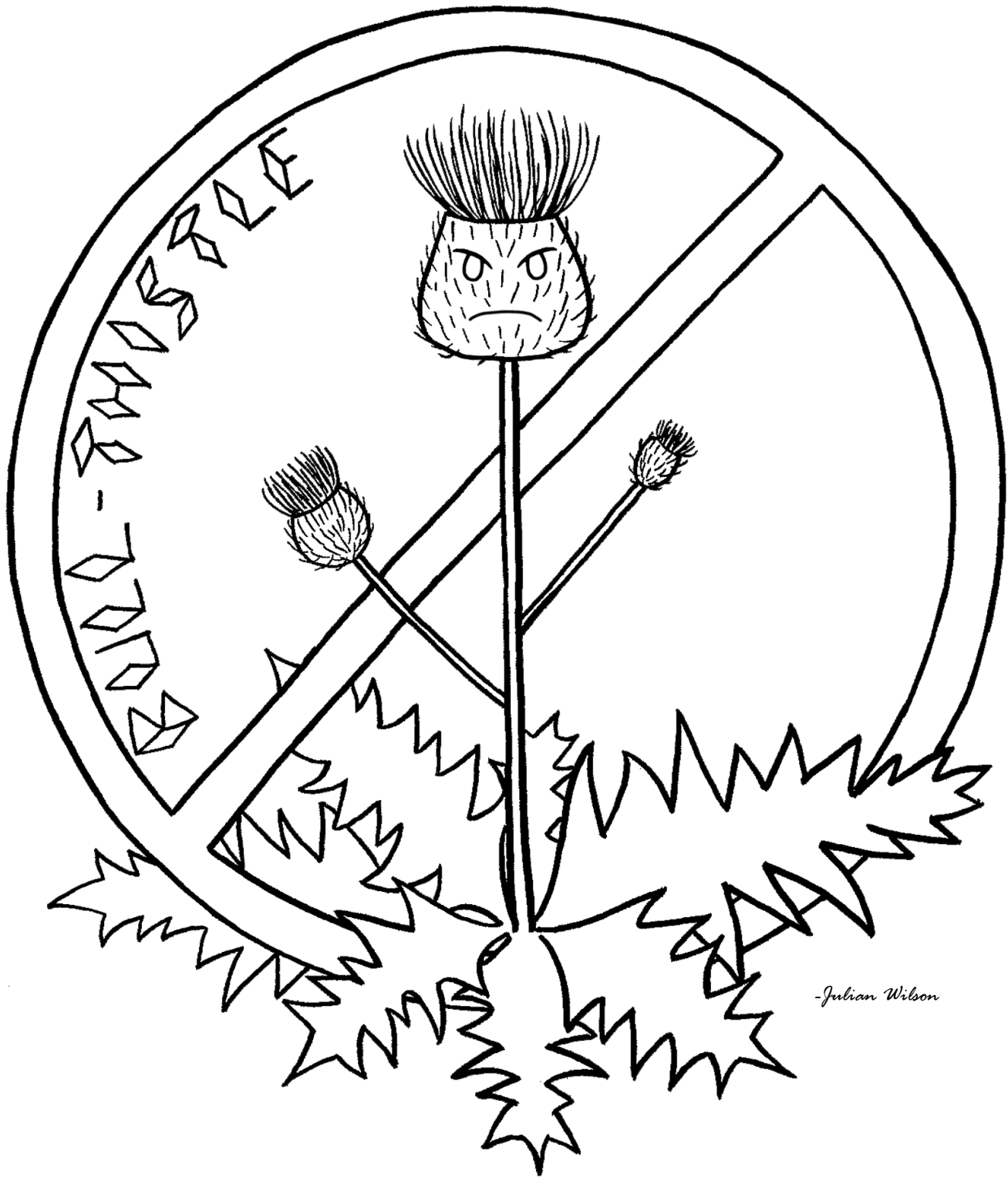
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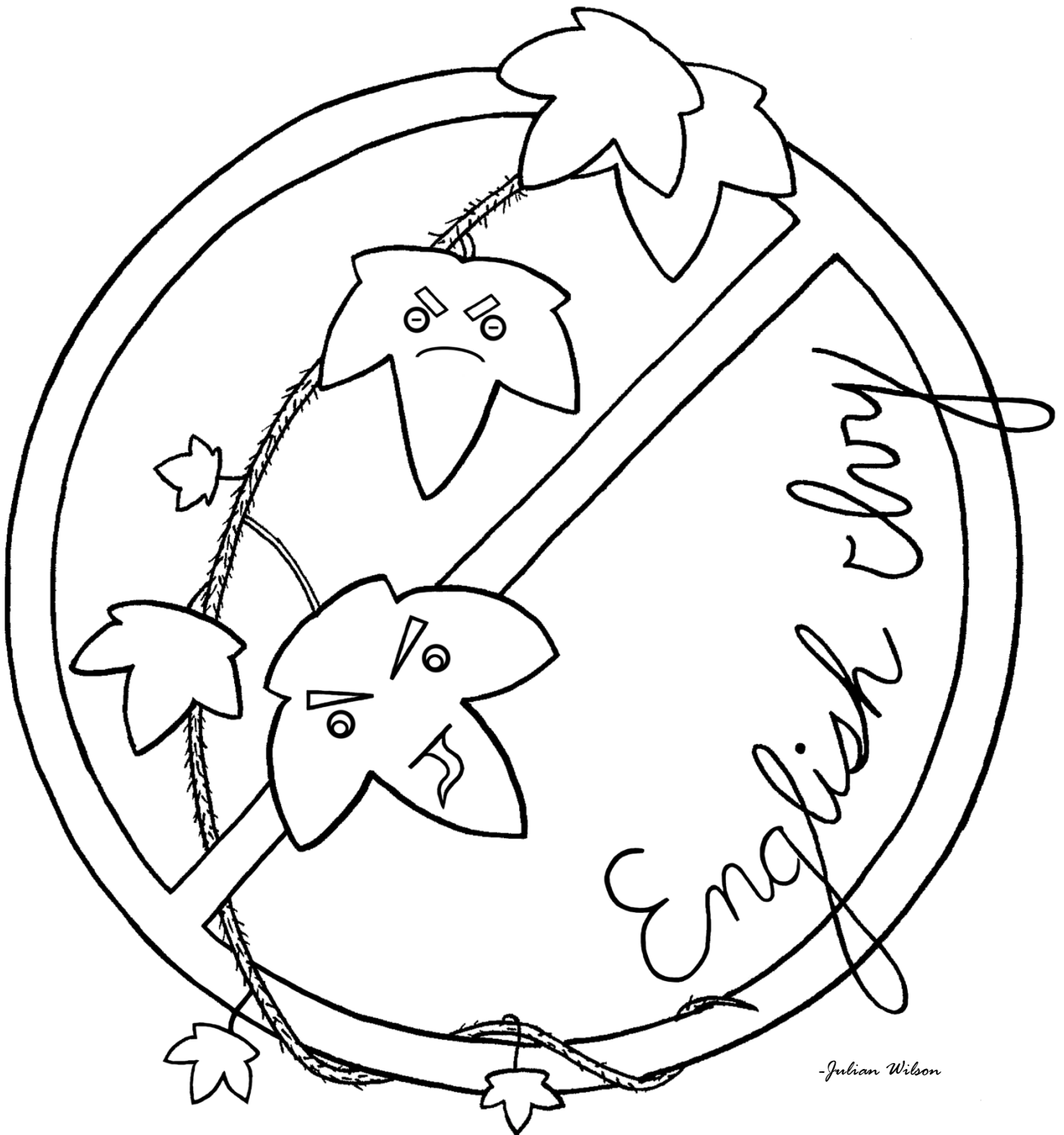
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# **Saving the City of Oaks**

Raleigh is known as the “City of Oaks.” Can you draw an oak tree below?

English ivy can take down a mature oak tree. Help us save the oak trees  
that make Raleigh the “City of Oaks.”

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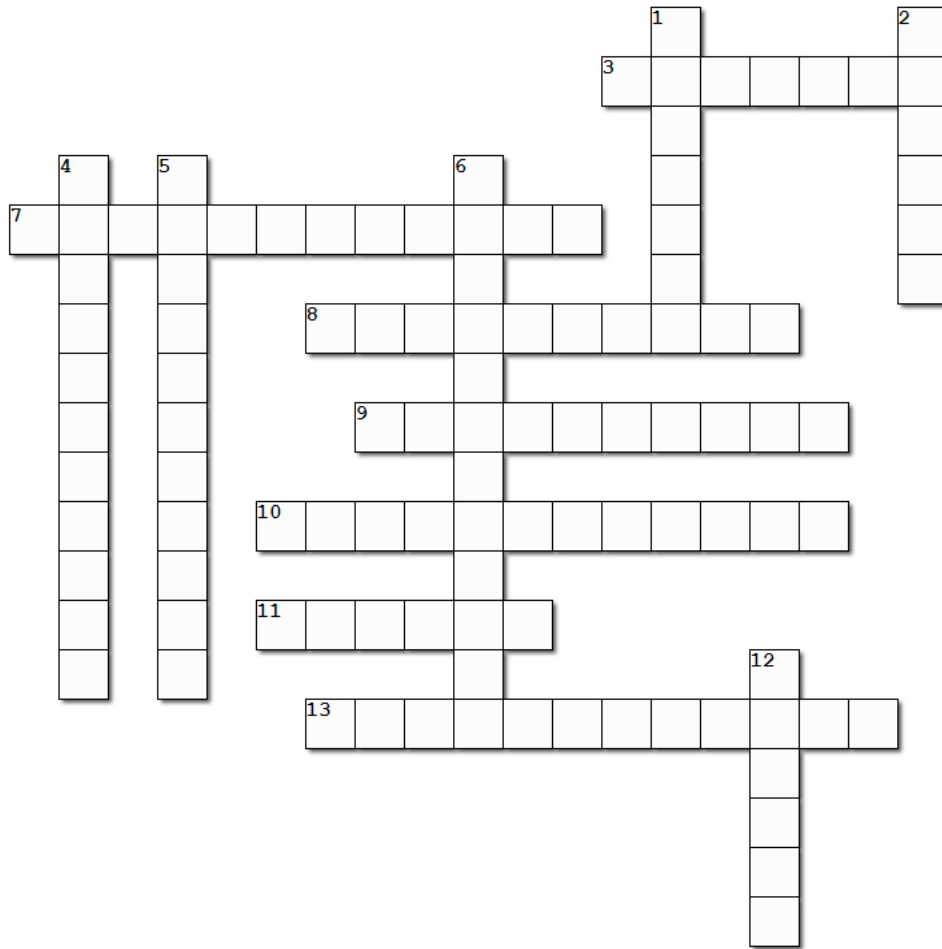
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