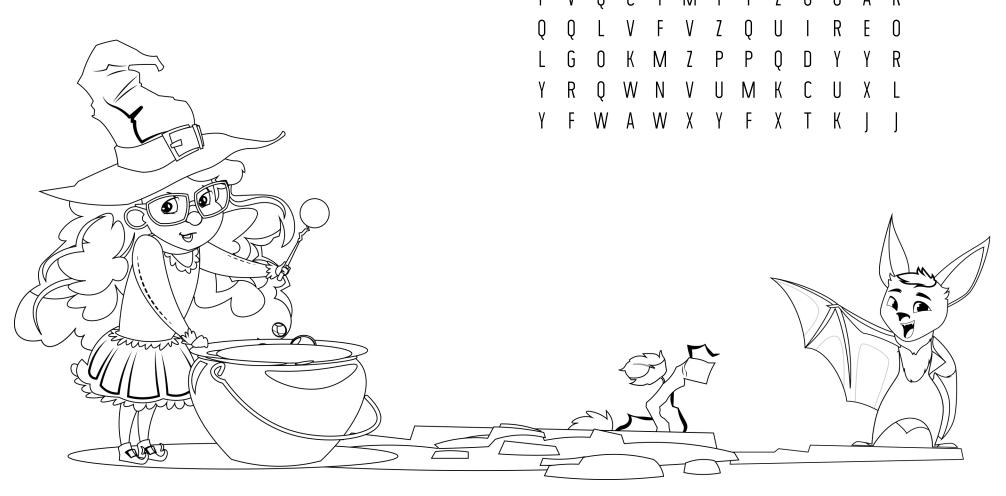
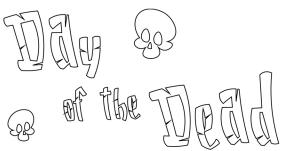
WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

THE PHYLLOSTOMIDAE FAMILY (NEW WORLD LEAF-NOSED BATS)
EXHIBITS INCREDIBLE DIVERSITY - FROM MORPHOLOGY TO
BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGY. THE VARIANCE OF DIETARY SPECIALIZATIONS,
ARE ESPECIALLY EXTRAORDINARY AMONG MAMMALS, AND TYPICALLY
COMPOSE FIVE DISTINCTIVE CATEGORIES. CAN YOU NAME, AND FIND,
ALL FIVE SPECIALIZATIONS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE?

HINT: "ONE OF THE MOST SPECIALIZED DIETS AMONG MAMMALS" CHARACTERIZES SUBFAMILY DESMODONTINAE - "THE TRUE VAMPIRE BATS."



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ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 2, FAMILIES OF LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATE 'DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS,' OR 'DAY OF THE DEAD' - A HOLIDAY "ABOUT JOY AND COLOR AND FLAVOR AND CELEBRATION." THROUGH FESTIVITIES AND OFRENDAS' OFFERINGS (ALTARS CONTAINING THE DEPARTEDS' FAVORITE FOODS AND BEVERAGES), "DEATH AND THE DEAD [ARE] HONORED AND CELEBRATED, RATHER THAN MOURNED."

CELEBRATORY SPIRITS, INCLUDING TEQUILA, TRADITIONALLY ACCOMPANY 'DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS' GATHERINGS, AND "YOU CAN'T HAVE TEQUILA WITHOUT BATS." LEPTONYCTERIS (LONG-NOSED BATS) ARE INSTRUMENTAL TO AGAVE'S "BEAUTIFUL, APPEALING SPIRITS" BY POLLINATING AGAVE TEQUILANA AND MANY OTHER COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT AGAVE SPECIES FROM WHICH TEQUILA, MEZCAL, AND PULQUE ARE OBTAINED." IN FACT, "THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN BATS AND AGAVES ... IS SO STRONG THAT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ONE WOULD THREATEN THE SURVIVAL OF THE OTHER."

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ONLY ONE OF THESE
SIX SHADOWS IS THE
SHADOW OF A SUPERHERD!
(PSST: I'M THE
SUPERHERD!)

