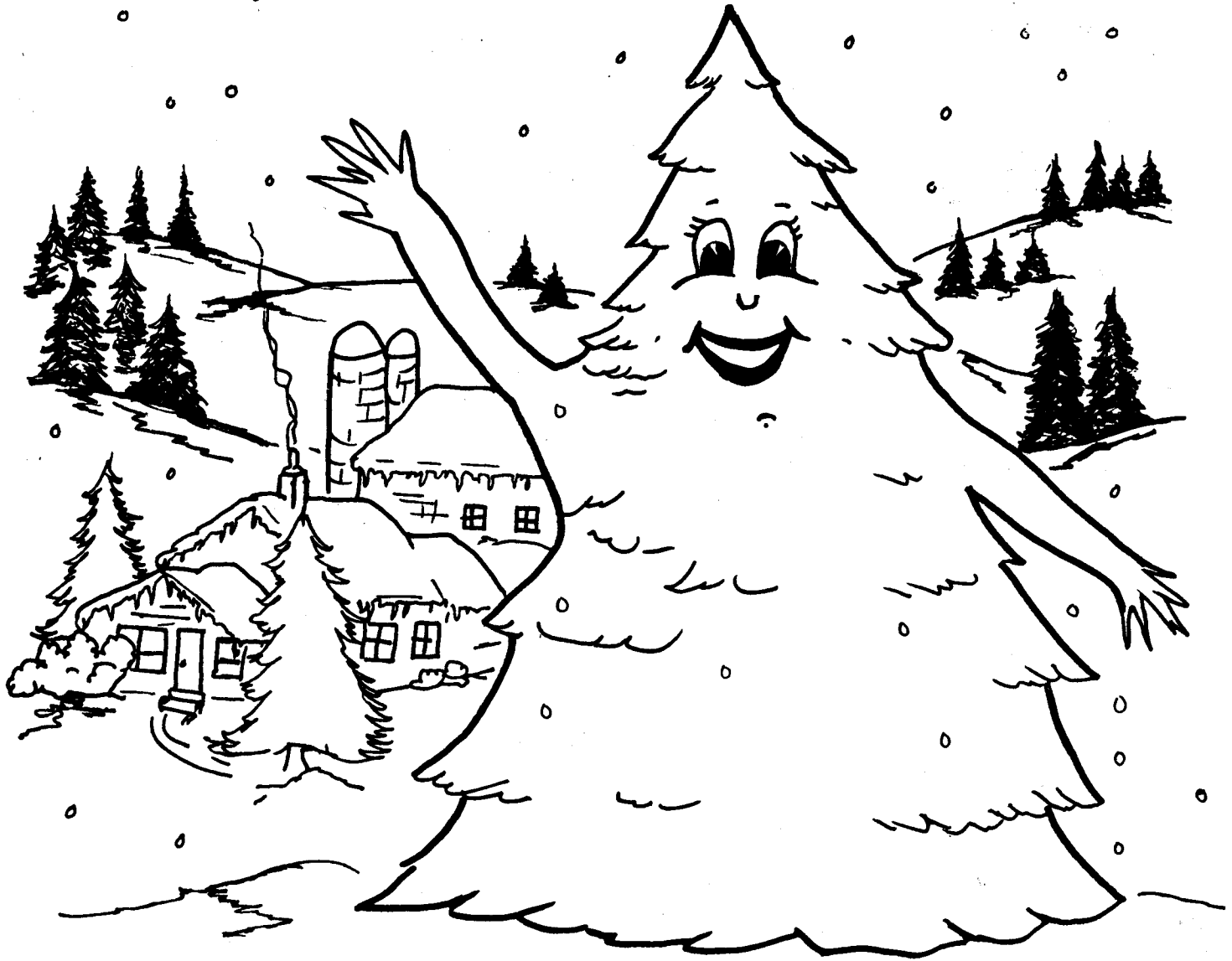


Hi Boys and Girls and everyone!

It's good to see and meet you. Most of
you know me by my family name,
CHRISTMAS TREE. But my **SPECIAL,**
SPECIAL FRIENDS call me **CT.**
Won't you be my **SPECIAL,**
SPECIAL FRIEND?



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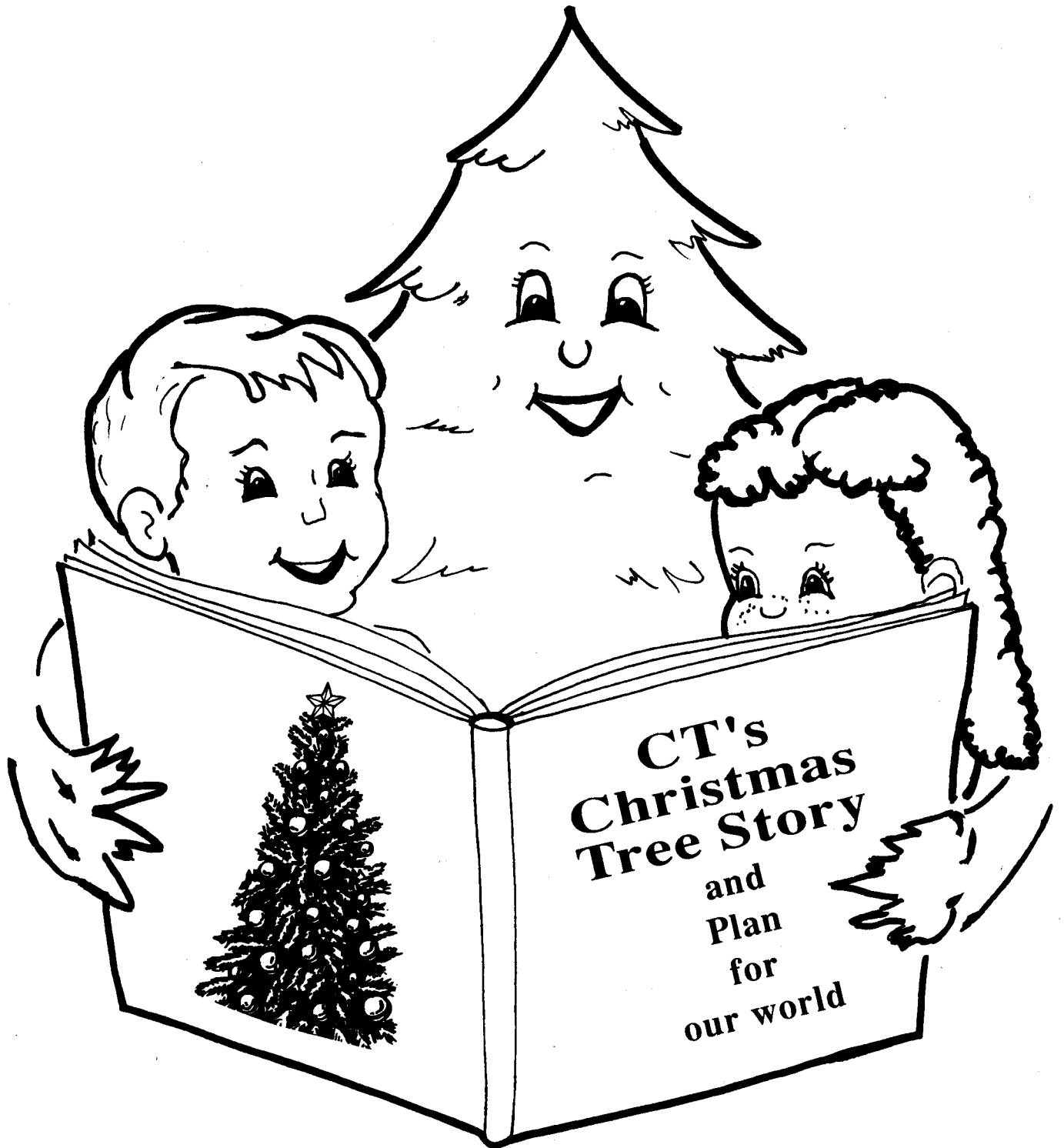
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It's fun having you as my SPECIAL, SPECIAL FRIEND. But you know, SPECIAL, SPECIAL FRIENDS should always know everything about each other. I'll start and tell you about me and my family first, then later you can tell me about yourself. O.K.?



Come with me SPECIAL, SPECIAL FRIENDS on a journey through time and meet my Christmas Tree family who date back almost 500 years according to earliest historical records, to the year 1510. In the Baltic villages of Rega and Reval, Latvia, local merchants wanted to become a part of villagers family Christmas celebrations, so they selected the most beautiful tree from a nearby forest, cut and placed it in the town square and invited all the Villages people to put colorful decorations on the tree. People also brought food and there was dancing, singing, celebration and merriment.



The custom and joy of having a Tree being a part of Christmas spread through Europe. All of Germany made it a part of their tradition and Martin Luther was the first to have a tree as part of the Decorations in a Church during the Christmas season. Soon the people began referring to it as the CHRISTMAS TREE.

