

RANGER RICK RACCOON, SCARLETT FOX, AND BOOMER BADGER ARE LOOKING FOR JENNY JACKRABBIT. JENNY HAS ASKED THEM TO MEET HER ON THE HIGH PLAINS OF TEXAS TO SEE "SOMETHING SPECIAL." BUT THIS PLACE DOESN'T LOOK SPECIAL AT ALL!

Are we there yet, Rick?

Who knows? The map says we should be, but this doesn't look right.

All I can see are endless rows of—who knows what?

What's that sound?

Look!

It's a plane, and it's coming right at us. Run!

We'll never outrun it, Rick!

Then dive for cover!

A FEW MINUTES LATER . . .

This water doesn't smell much better than that poison.

That's because it ISN'T much better.

Eeeeww! This smells GROSS. What IS it?

COUGH, COUGH!

I think we just got zapped with bug poison. We'd better get it off—and fast!

It's so peaceful here. And that water is sparkling clean!

Yeah! Last one in is a Texas horned toad!

Huh?

Jenny?

Yep, that's me. Glad you all could make it—but sorry we had to meet HERE!

What IS this place, anyway?

You're in cotton country, folks, and this is a giant field of cotton plants.

JENNY EXPLAINS THAT IN A FEW MONTHS THESE PLANTS WILL BE COVERED WITH CLUMPS OF WHITE, FLUFFY COTTON. FARMERS WILL THEN PICK THE COTTON AND SELL IT TO BE MADE INTO COTTON CLOTH, COTTON BALLS, AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS.

But what's up with that awful bug spray?

Most farmers use chemicals to kill insects and weeds. And they use other chemicals to make their plants grow faster and bigger.

But that must be bad news for all kinds of OTHER living things.

It is, and I'll tell you more. But first we need to get you guys cleaned up. Follow me.

Wow—look at all the wild plants and creatures!

Welcome to Green Acres, my friends—a very special kind of cotton farm!

AFTER A NICE LONG SWIM . . .

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JENNY EXPLAINS THAT ORGANIC FARMS DO NOT USE HARMFUL CHEMICALS. THAT WAY, THE SOIL, WATER, WILDLIFE, AND WORKERS CAN STAY HEALTHIER. ORGANIC FARMS ALSO MAY HAVE LOTS OF PLACES WHERE WILD CREATURES CAN FIND GOOD FOOD, SHELTER, AND PLACES TO RAISE THEIR YOUNG.



### MORE FACTS

- Cotton is just one of many different kinds of crops grown on organic farms. You and your family can check your favorite supermarket for organic fruit, vegetables, milk, and many other foods. If your market doesn't carry organic products, tell the store manager that you'd like it to.
- You and your family can buy many organic products online. For clothing made from organic cotton, for example, you could visit [sosfromtexas.com](http://sosfromtexas.com) and [recycleatee.com](http://recycleatee.com).

