The Maine Clearcutting Permits Initiative, also known as Question 2, was on the November 7, 2000 ballot, where it was defeated 459,239 (71.66%) to 181,643 (28.34%). The act would have required permits for clearcutting practices that would have limits based on the potential ecological harm done by the practice in a specific area.

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The boat finally sank under the swirling current. Things had turned out pretty well for the dupes and pretty bad for the stern gerbils and the hedgehog.

“Does he think we just fell off the mushroom truck? It sounds like a risky scheme to me.”

Joan suspected the other animals wouldn't forget who they were. “We've lost four in a row,” said one of the newer gerbils, “maybe we should rethink our goals.” “Or maybe,” added another. “Or our attitude,” chimed in yet another. “Or adding, the other animals of the forest didn’t look that bad when we got pitched into the water.” “Yeah, a lot of them wereClone-similar,” said another.

But before that discussion could get up much of a head of steam, the head stern gerbil and his “counsel” had all the decisions banished to the gerbil’s re-education camp at the Kampuchea miniature golf course on the edge of the forest. This was the same miniature golf course where, it was believed, the stern gerbils had got most of their information about the real forest.

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