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Letters to the Editor:

Alice in Fantasyland

"We can't recycle those," said the Red Queen, observing mulch bags in the blue box. "You're such a dreamer."

"But ma'am," said Alice, "they have the R symbol. Why are we stuck in 2010, and whatever happened to those enviro-jobs we were planning on?"

"Our leaders have not yet understood the planet as an eco-system, a living, breathing entity, choking and gagging on our mis-use; Chief Seattle was right -everything we do affects everything else- and the earth has many ways of flinging us off. Anyway, building the latest fire-box burnt up all the money.

"We're still slogging along, heads in the sand, living in the past," said Alice. "Why don't grown-ups love the earth the way kids do?"

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