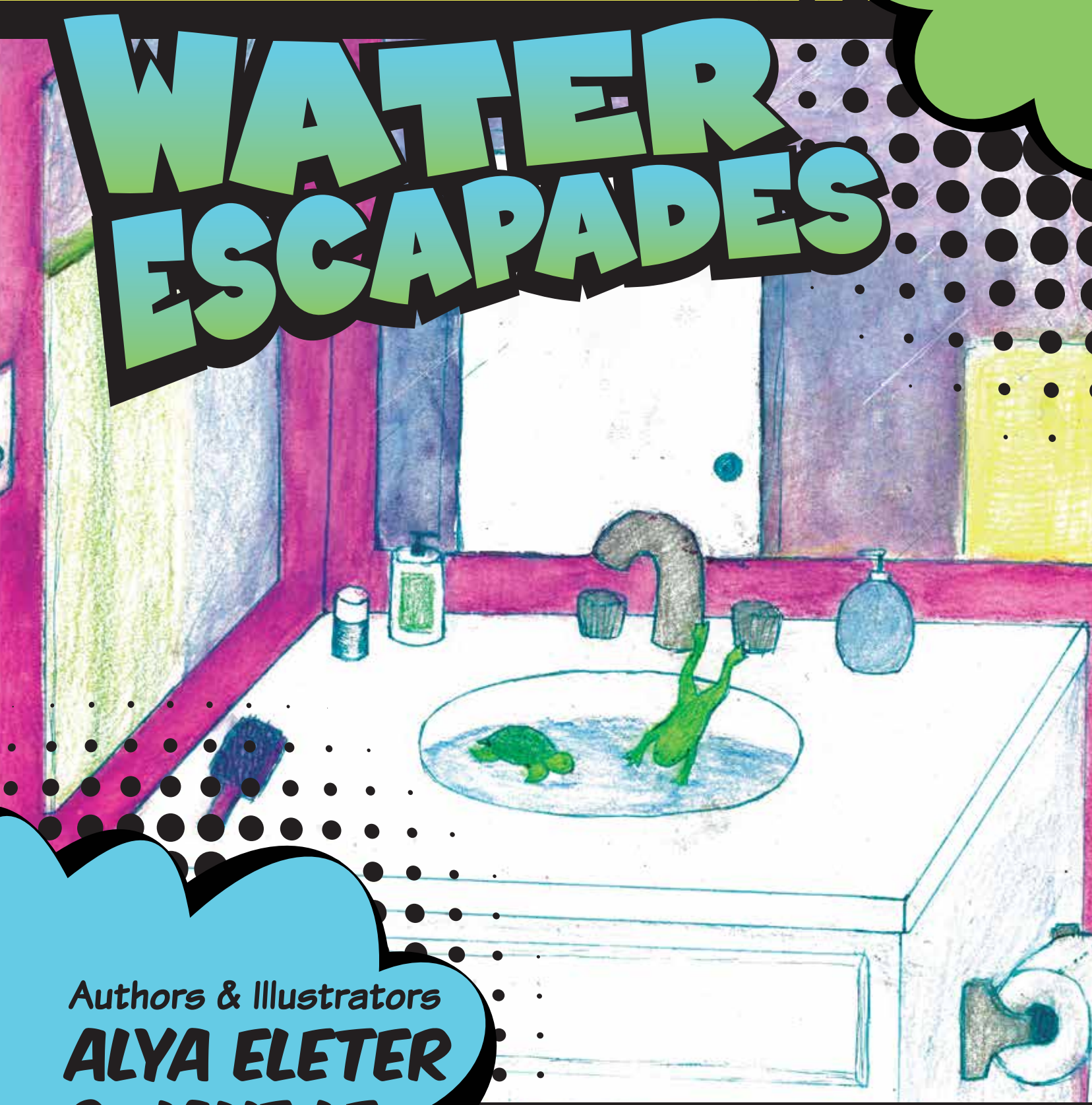


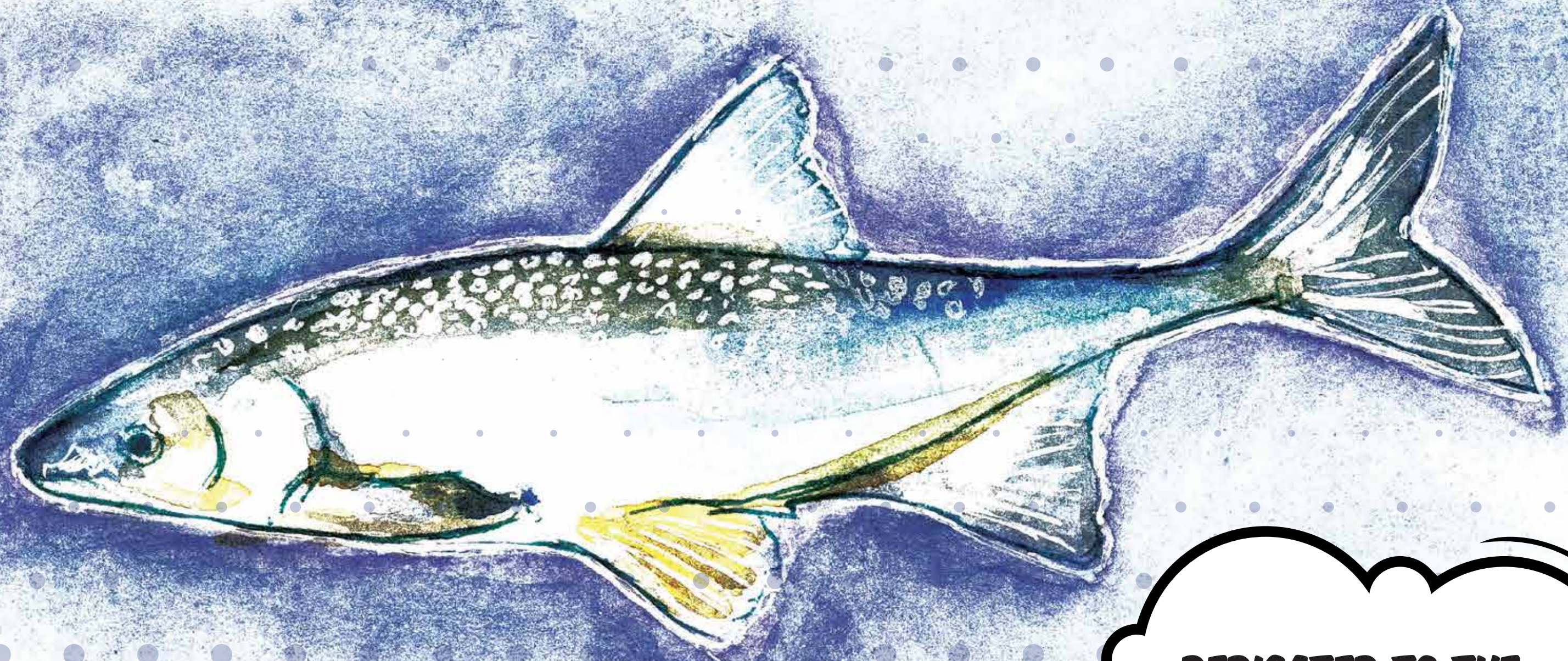
FROG AND TURTLE:

WATER ESCAPADES



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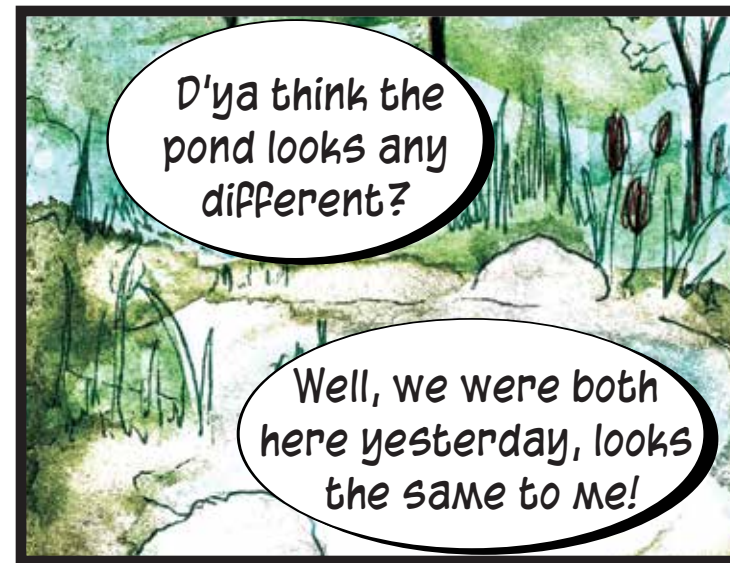
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ONE FINE SPRING AFTERNOON...

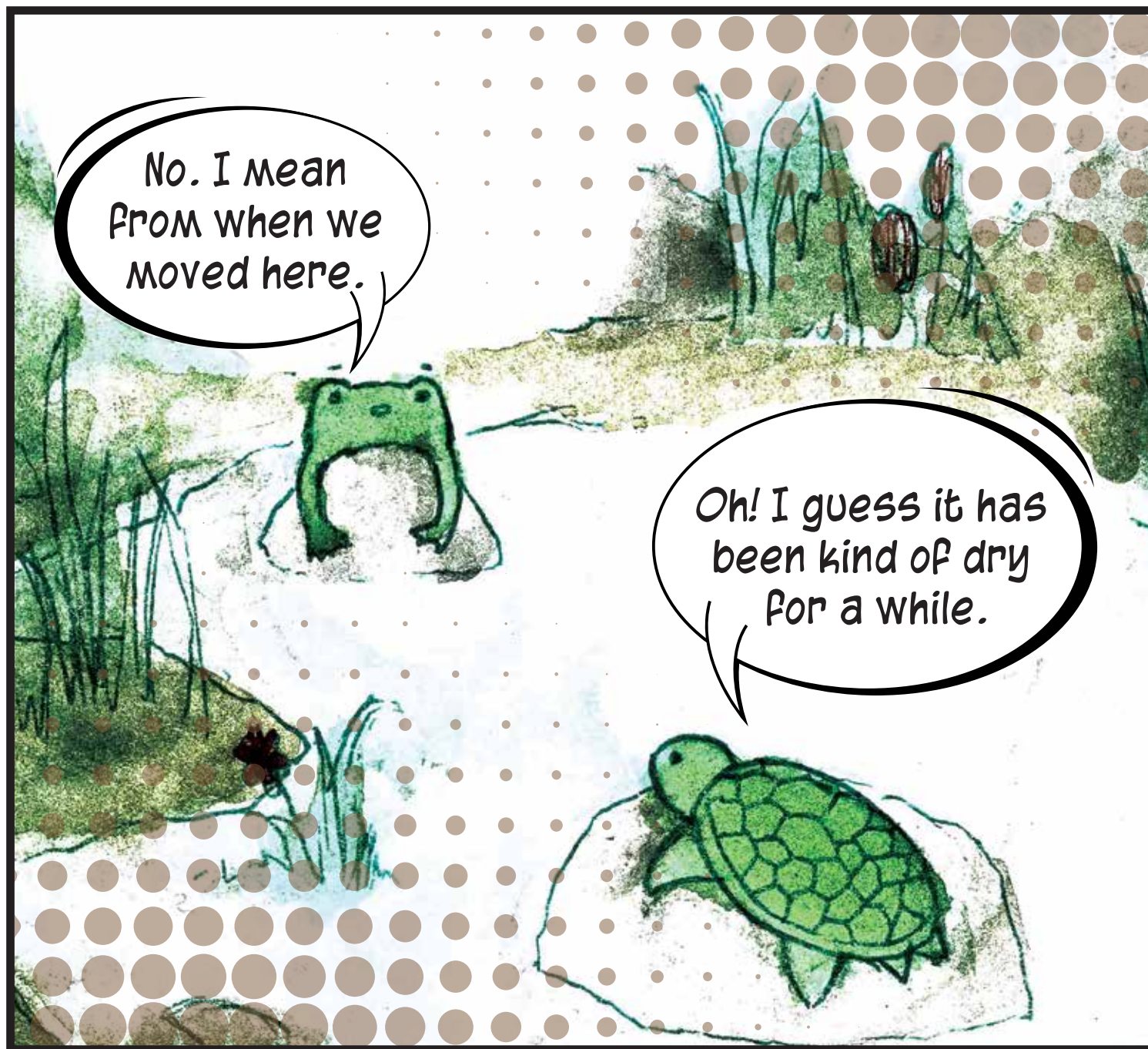
Hey Turtle!

What's up?



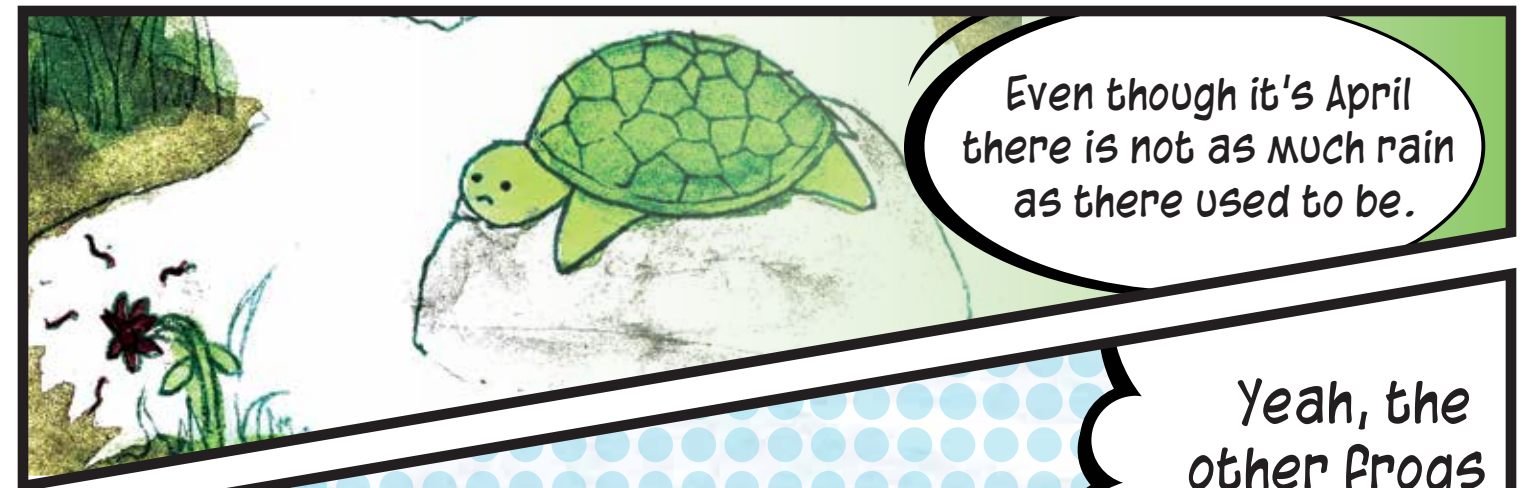
D'ya think the pond looks any different?

Well, we were both here yesterday, looks the same to me!

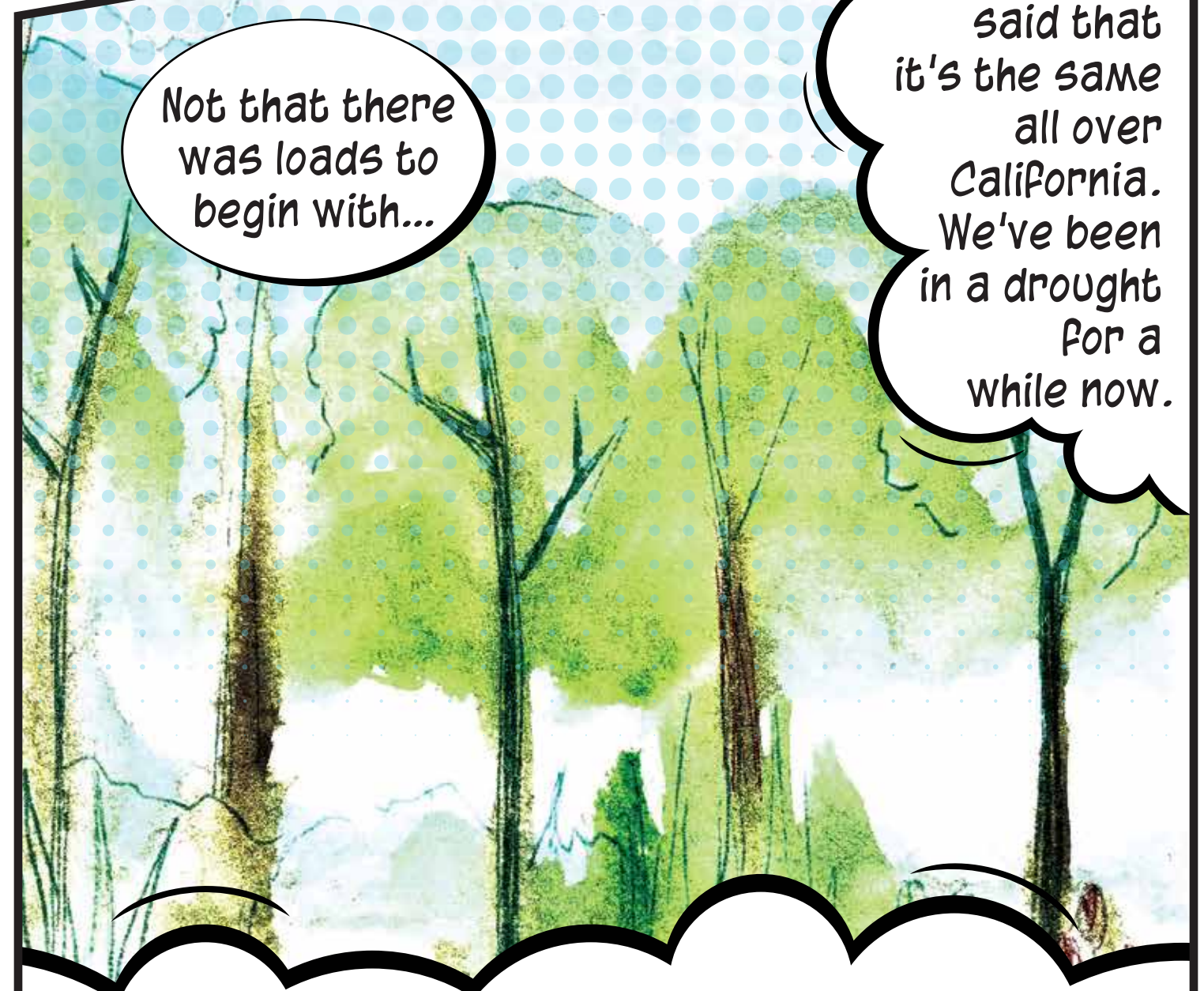


No. I mean from when we moved here.

Oh! I guess it has been kind of dry for a while.



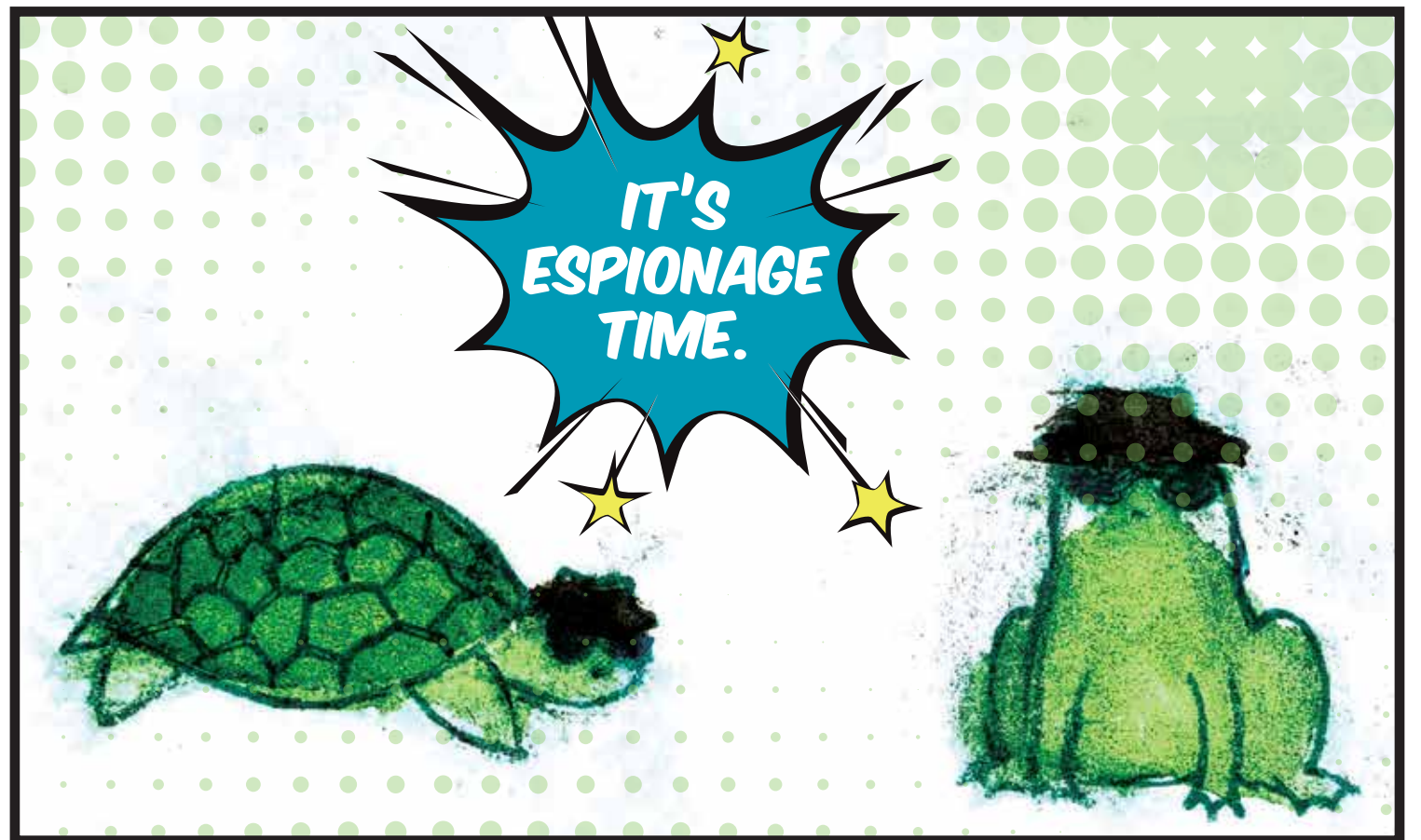
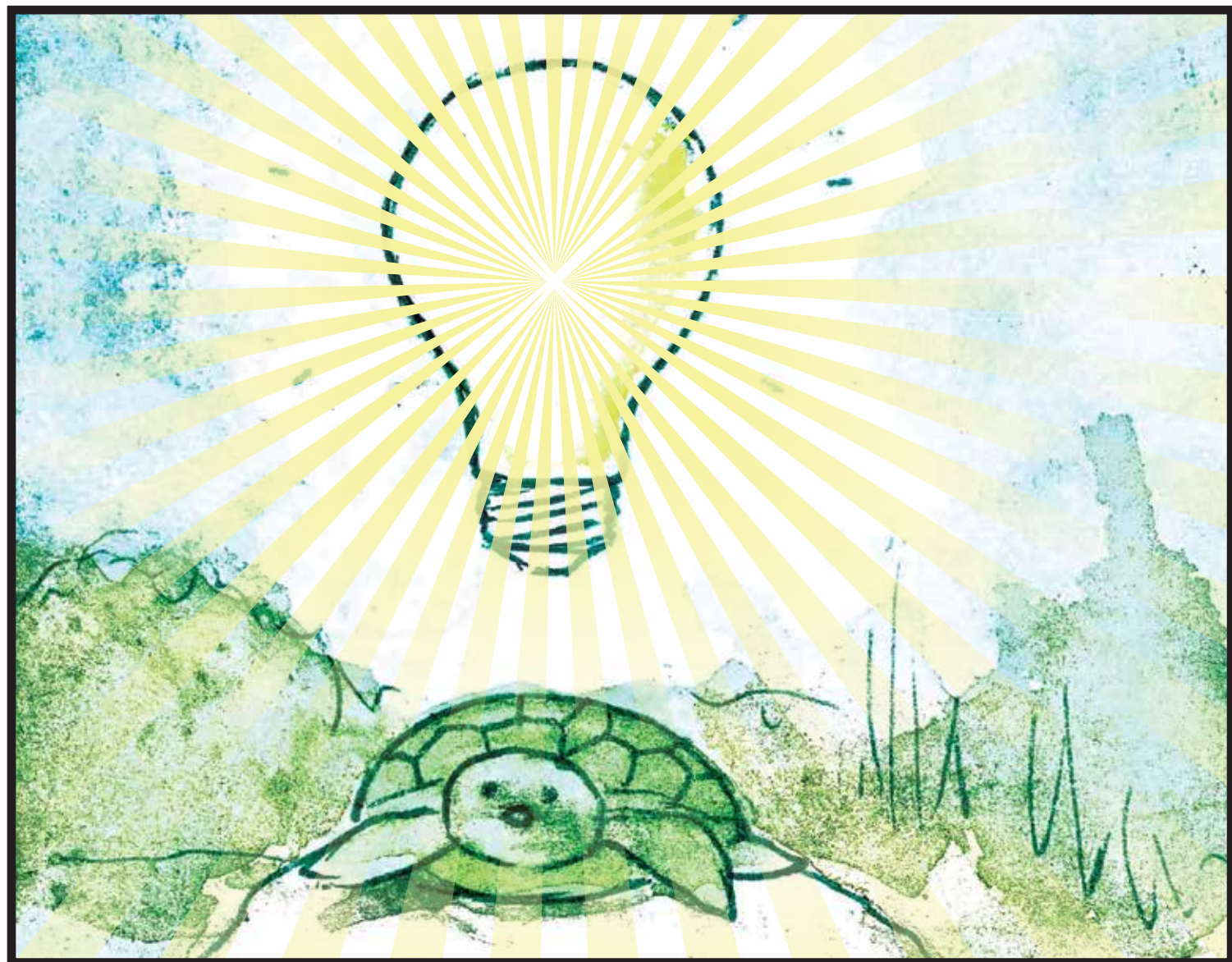
Even though it's April there is not as much rain as there used to be.



Not that there was loads to begin with...

Yeah, the other Frogs said that it's the same all over California. We've been in a drought for a while now.

DID YOU KNOW? THIS YEAR HAS HAD THE LEAST AMOUNT OF RAINFALL EVER RECORDED IN CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY.



AND THUS, THE ADVENTURE BEGINS...



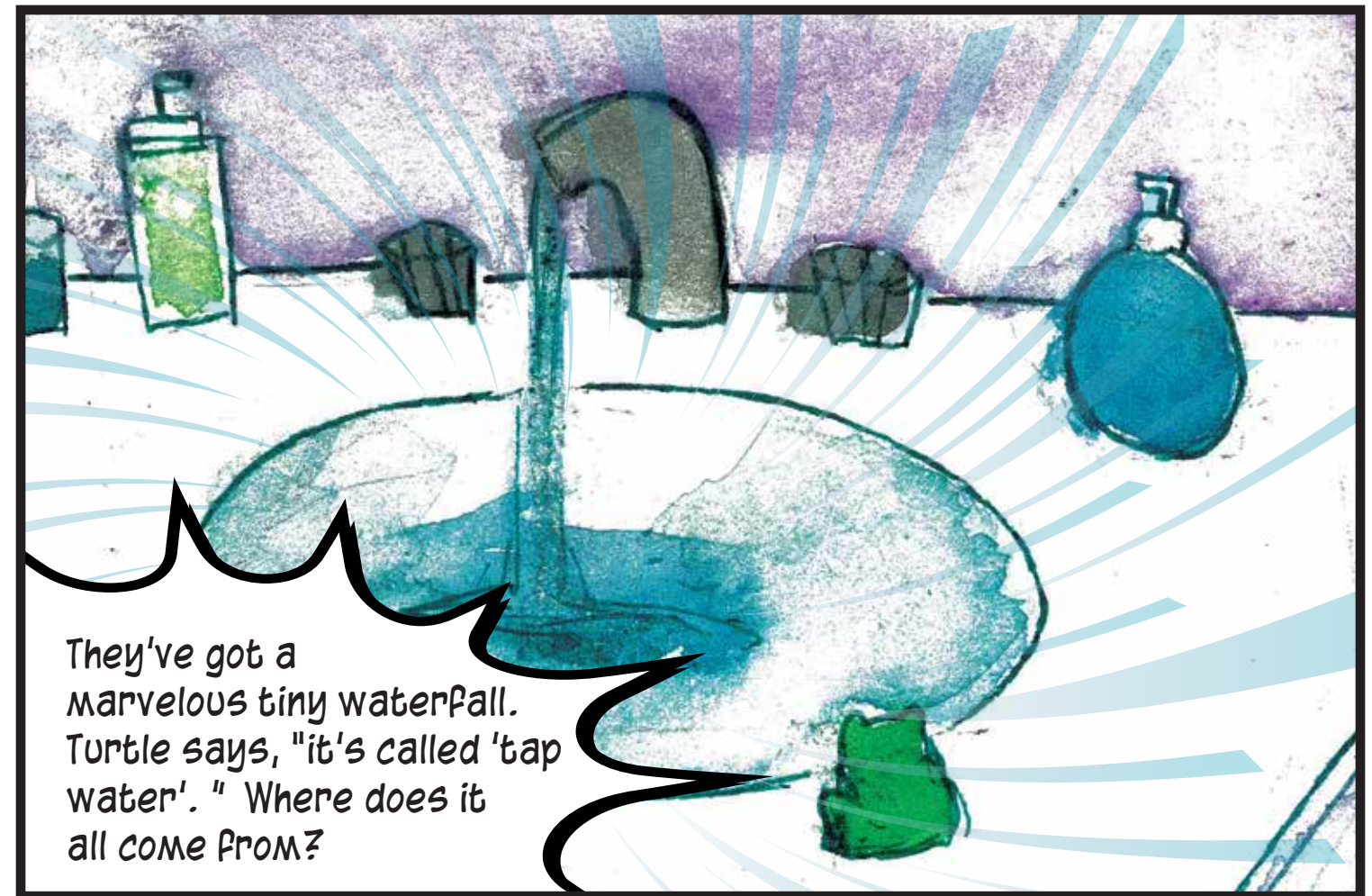
I'm on the phone with the water provider, honey!

They speak to this "water provider" about their water.

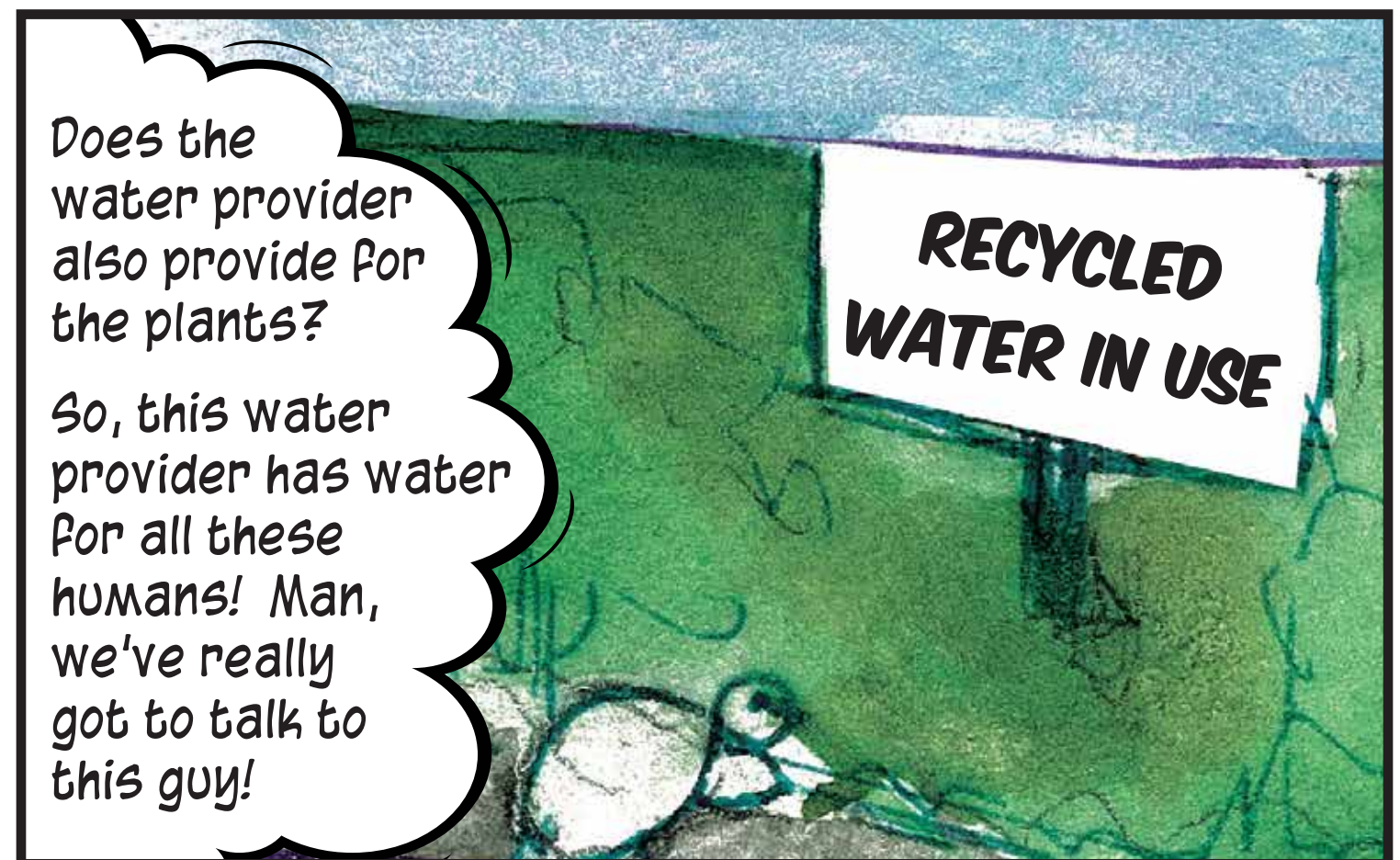


Yeah, we need to get the water turned on. I'll call the water provider about that.

This "water provider" seems to give water to all the humans' houses.



They've got a marvelous tiny waterfall. Turtle says, "it's called 'tap water'." Where does it all come from?



Does the water provider also provide for the plants?
So, this water provider has water for all these humans! Man, we've really got to talk to this guy!



It seems like this water provider is our best bet.

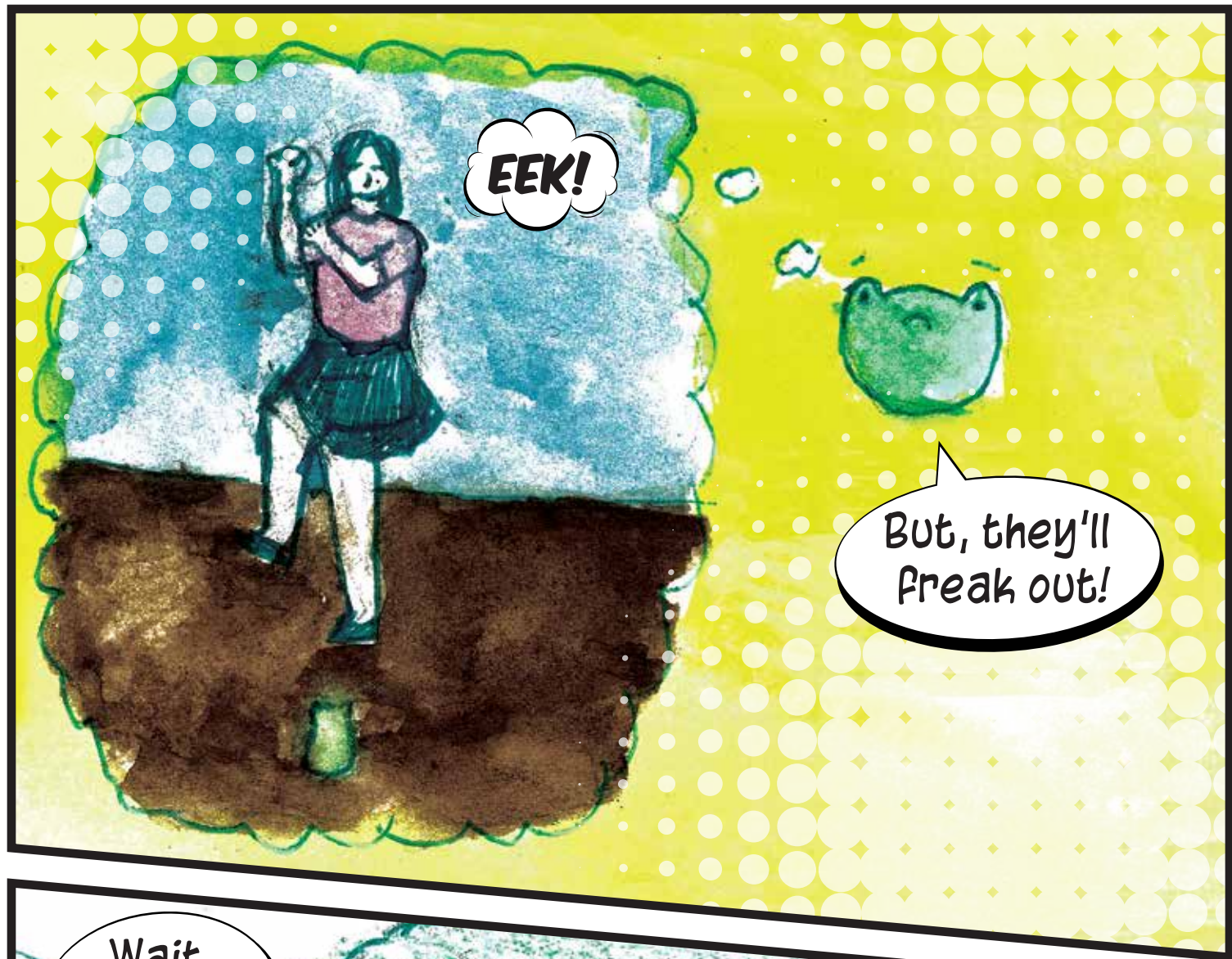


But, we still don't know how they get all this water, or who they are.

Not to mention where they keep it.

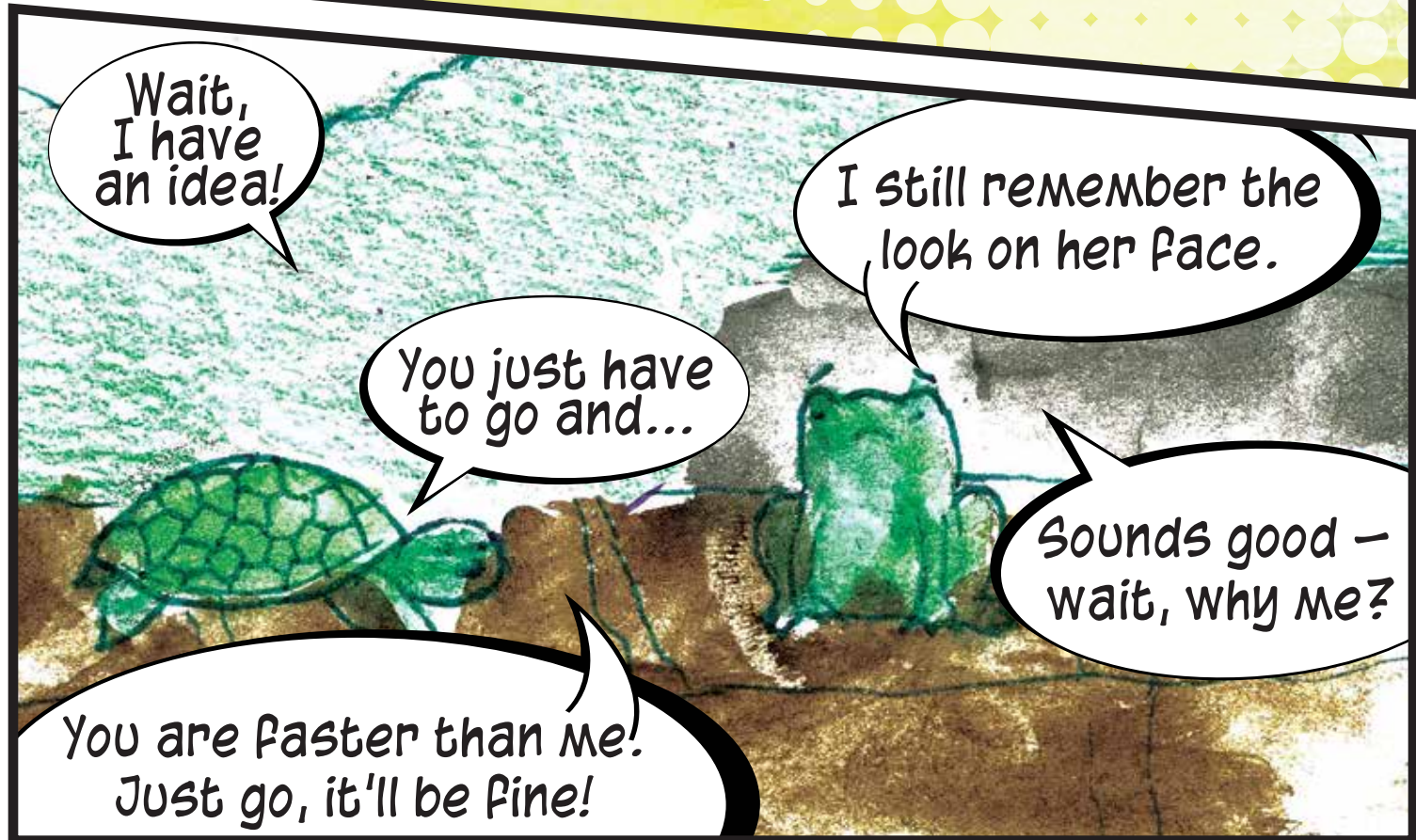


Well, now that we're in town, we should ask a human about that.



EEK!

But, they'll freak out!



Wait, I have an idea!

You just have to go and...

I still remember the look on her face.

Sounds good - wait, why me?

You are faster than me! Just go, it'll be fine!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

Excuse me, who is the president of water?

You know, he who owns all the water!

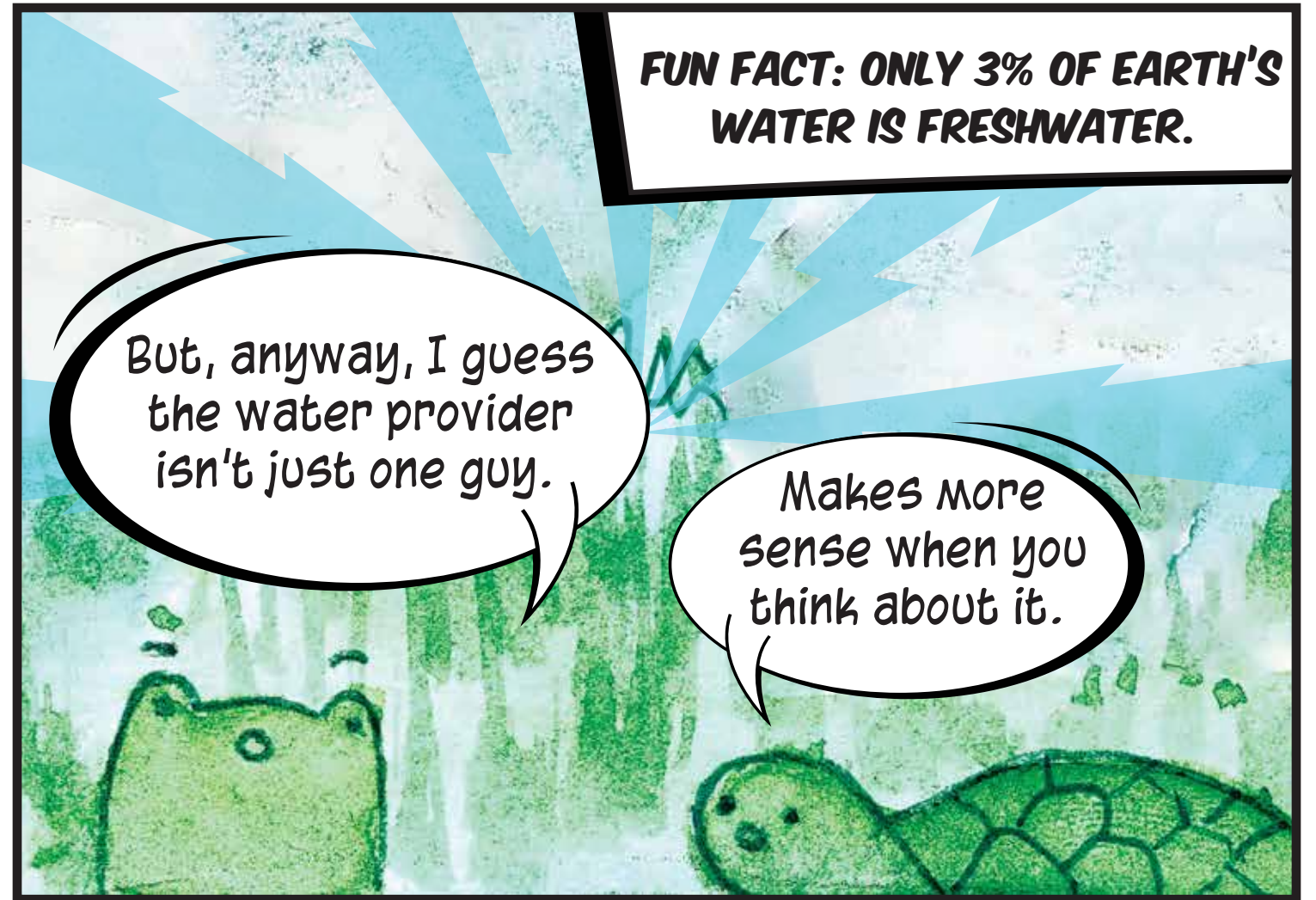
Uh, what?



Water isn't owned by just one person. I think you're looking for Rancho Water, our local water agency.

Ah yes, I definitely know what that is! Much obliged.

You're welcome.



FUN FACT: ONLY 3% OF EARTH'S WATER IS FRESHWATER.

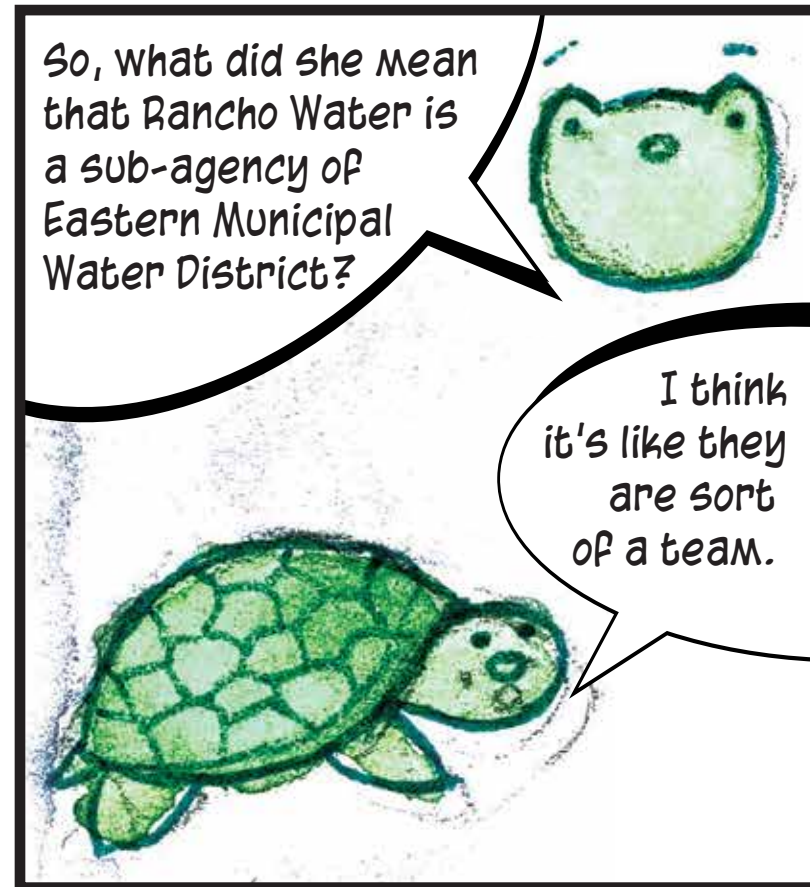
But, anyway, I guess the water provider isn't just one guy.

Makes more sense when you think about it.



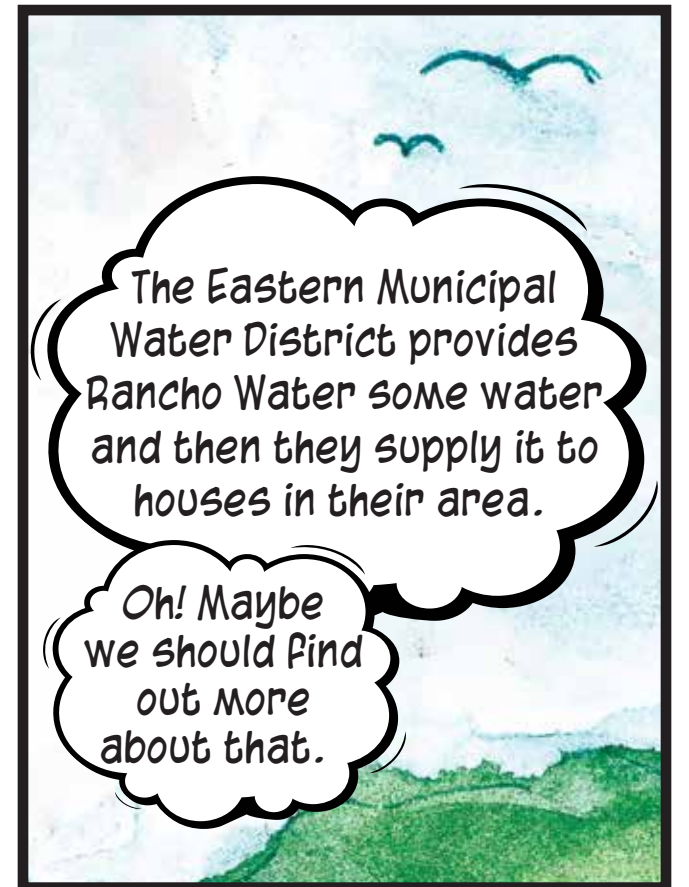
Frog, no one talks like that!

Hey, it worked!



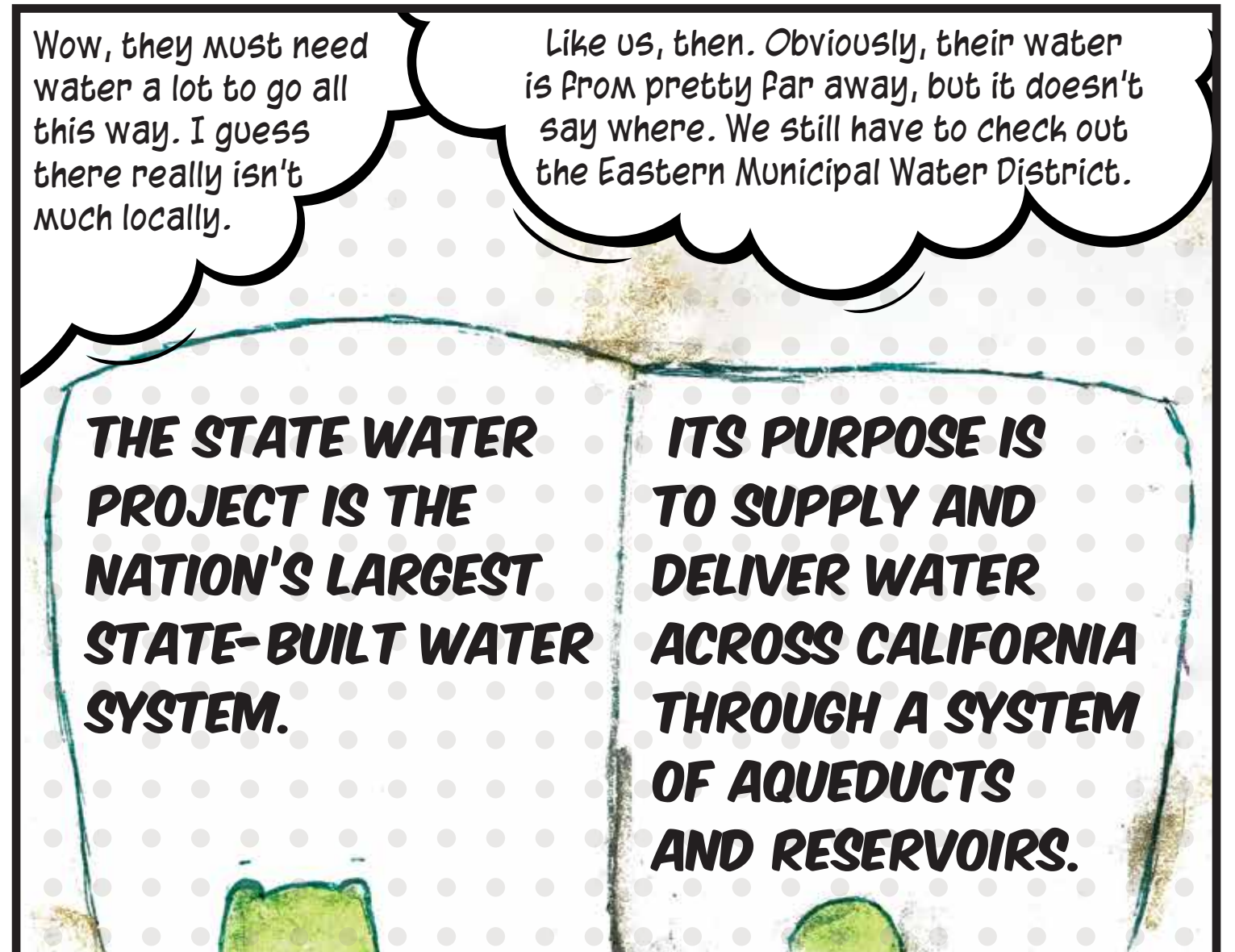
So, what did she mean that Rancho Water is a sub-agency of Eastern Municipal Water District?

I think it's like they are sort of a team.



The Eastern Municipal Water District provides Rancho Water some water and then they supply it to houses in their area.

Oh! Maybe we should find out more about that.





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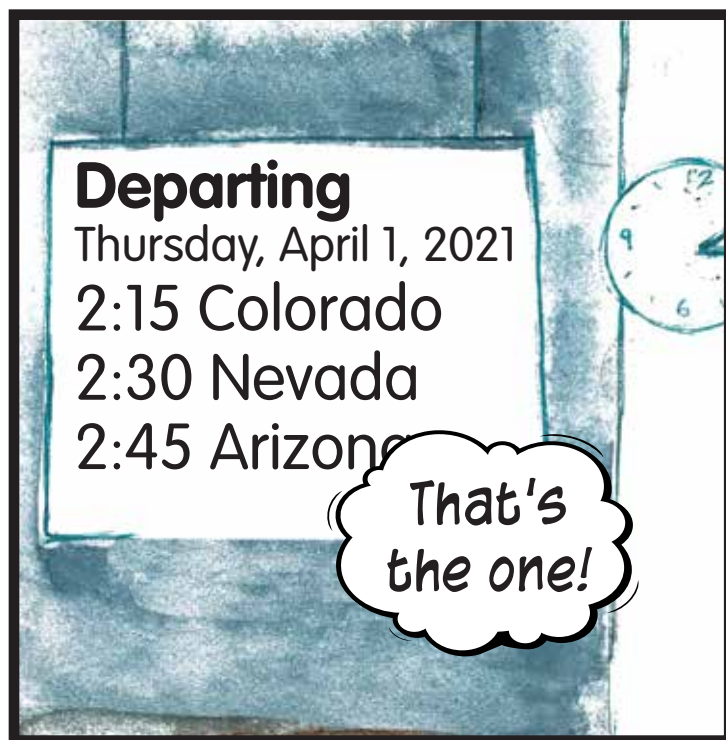
Ooh, a river?





So we can get to the Colorado River from here?

Yeah!



Departing
Thursday, April 1, 2021
2:15 Colorado
2:30 Nevada
2:45 Arizona

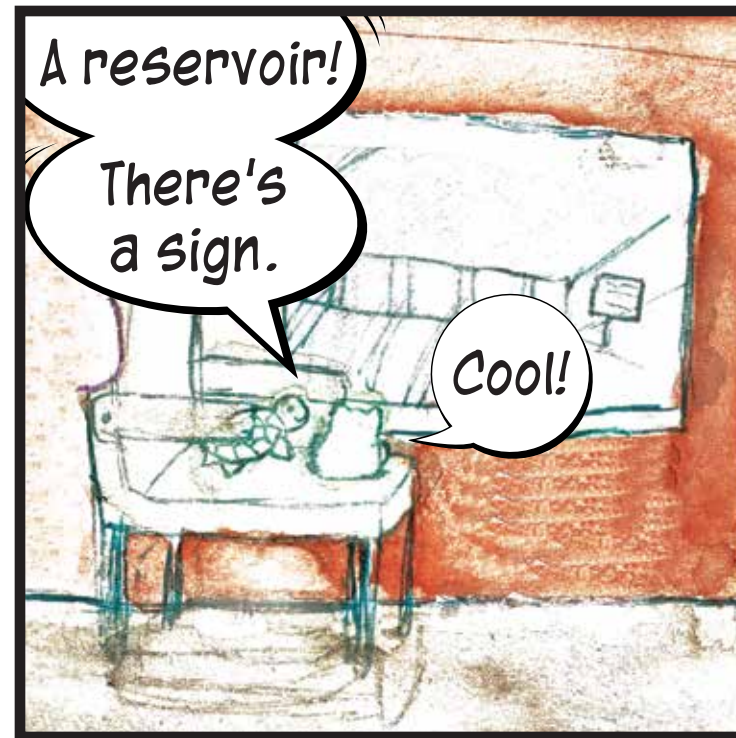
That's the one!



That's us, let's board!

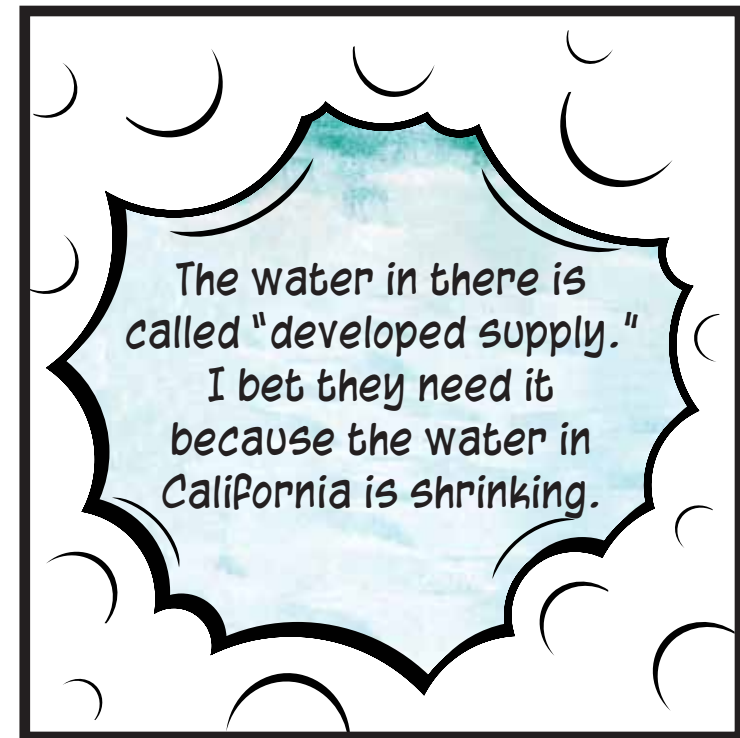
Wow!

Nice view!

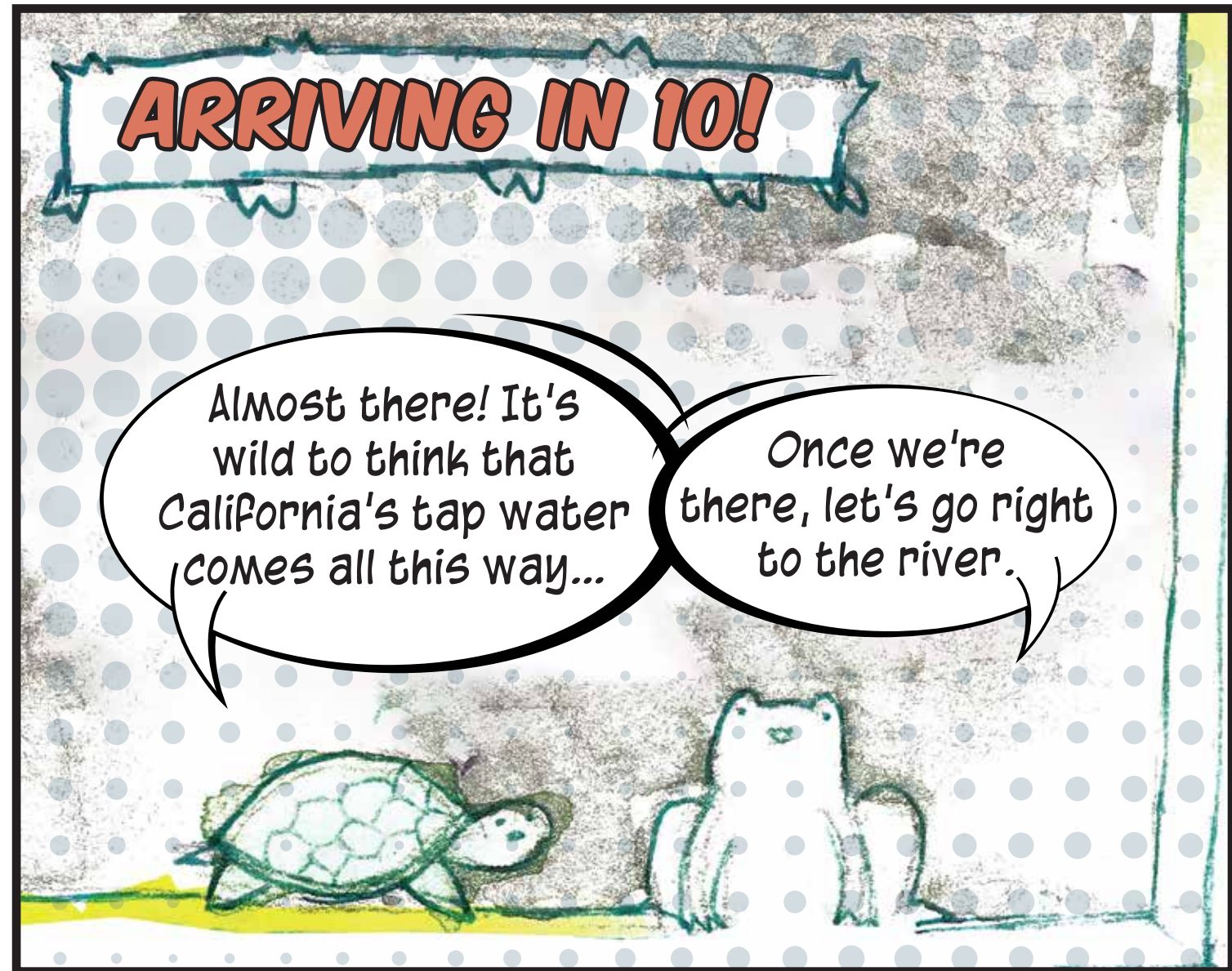


A reservoir!
There's a sign.

Cool!



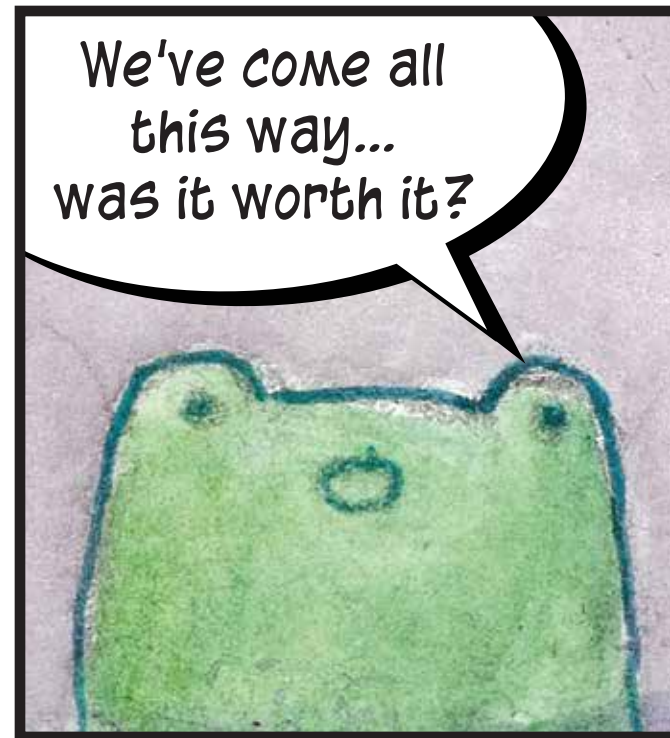
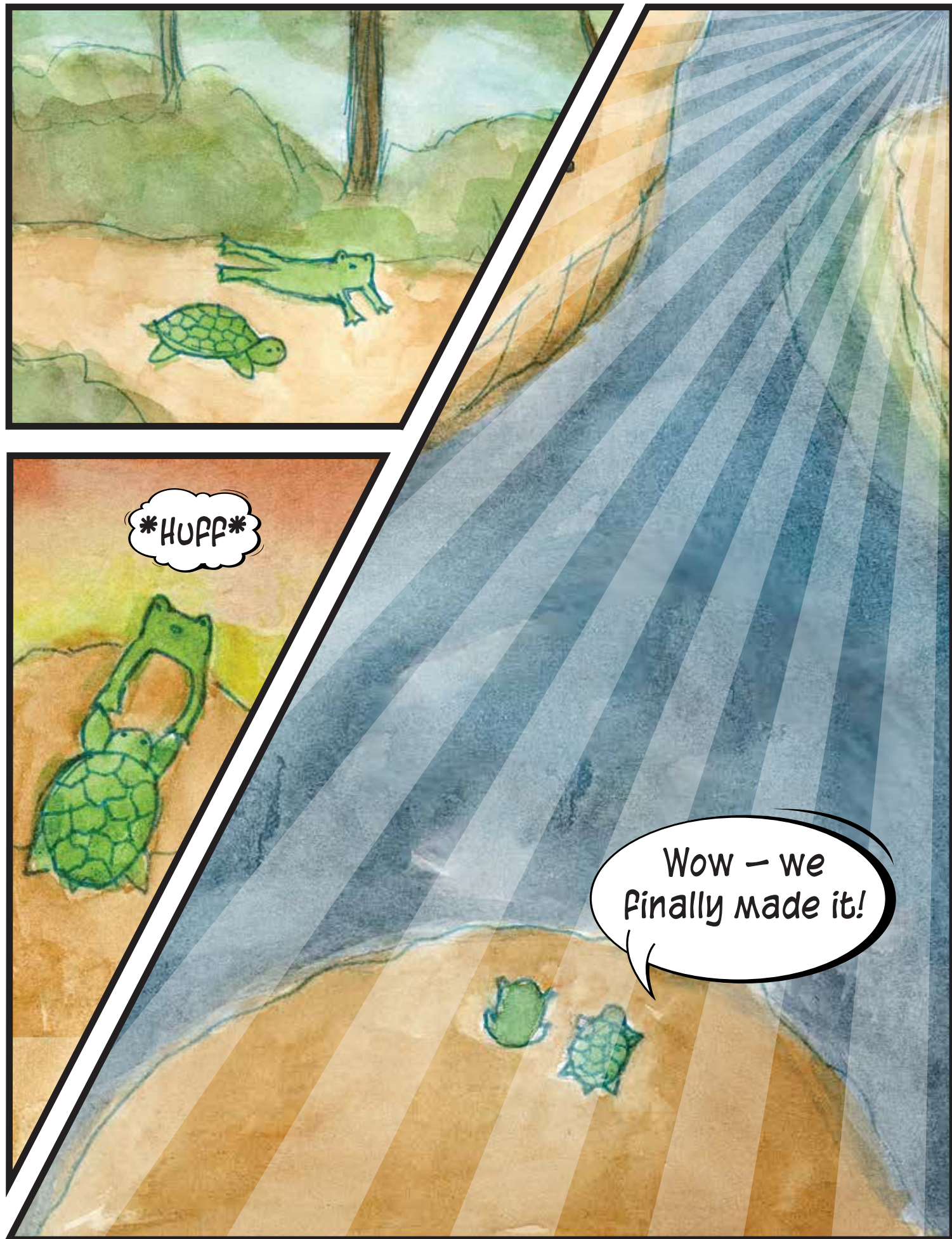
The water in there is called "developed supply." I bet they need it because the water in California is shrinking.



ARRIVING IN 10!

Almost there! It's wild to think that California's tap water comes all this way...

Once we're there, let's go right to the river.

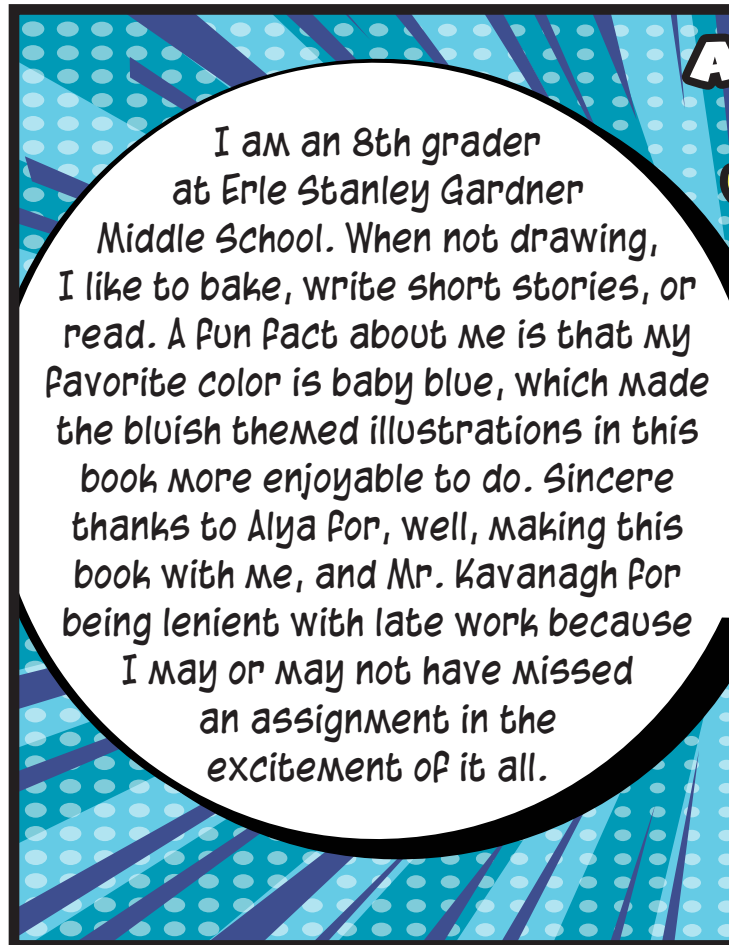


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-  Turning off the water when brushing your teeth.
-  Use leftover water from washing your veggies or cooking pasta to water your plants.
-  Check regularly for leaks in your pipes.
-  Only run the laundry and dishwasher with a full load.
-  Take shorter showers.
-  Weed your lawn and garden regularly. Weeds compete with other plants for nutrients, light and water.
-  Don't water on windy days. After all, sidewalks and driveways don't need water.
-  Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.



VOCABULARY WORDS

AQUEDUCT: An artificial channel for carrying water to another place.

DROUGHT: A long period of time during which there is very little or no rain.

RESERVOIR: A lake used as a source of water supply.

STATE WATER PROJECT: The nation's largest state-built water and power development and conveyance system.

SUPPLY: The amount of something that is available to be used.

WASTE: An action or use that results in the unnecessary loss of something valuable.

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