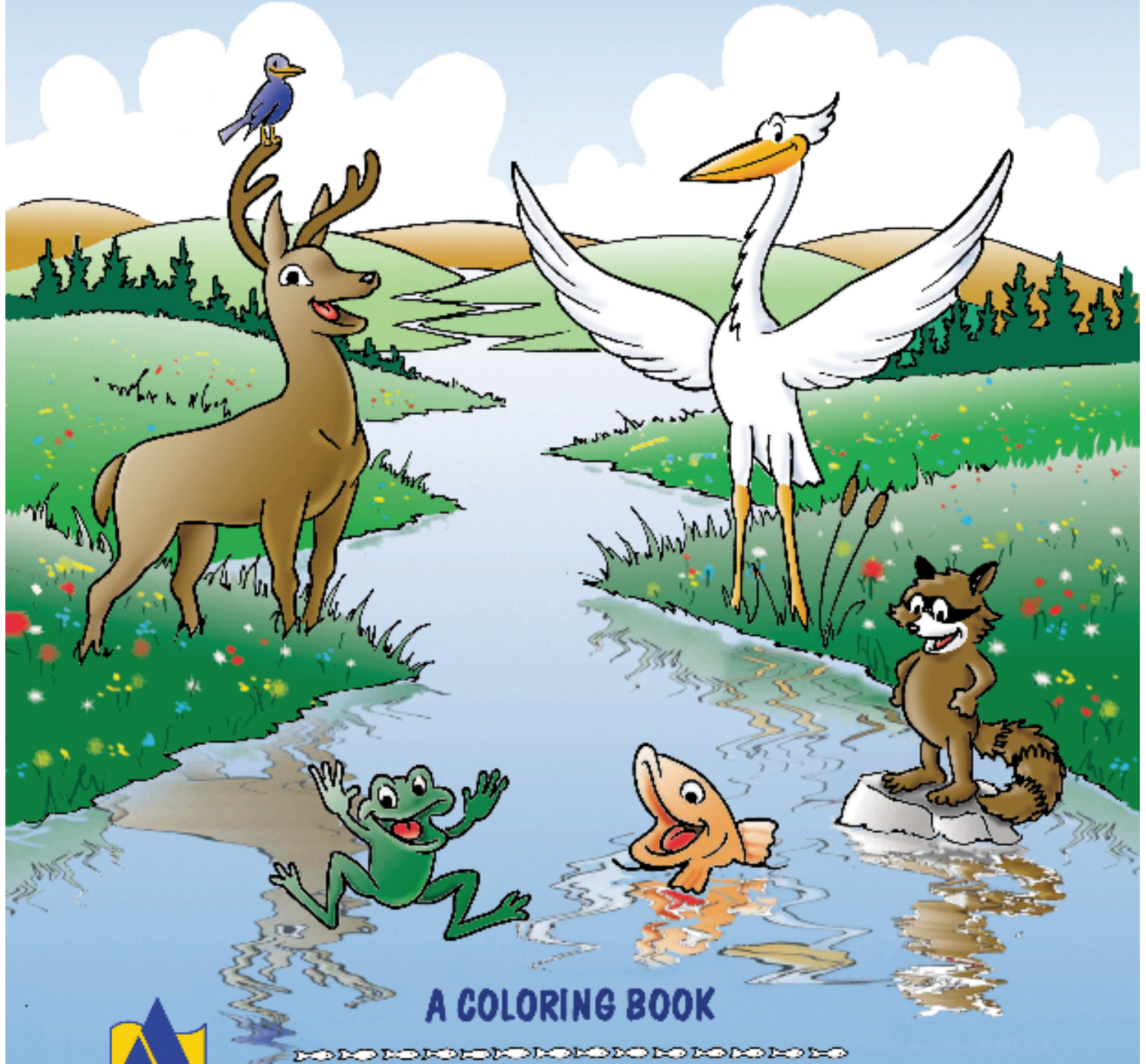


PROTECT OUR WATER AND WILDLIFE



A COLORING BOOK



RECYCLE
USED OIL

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**CLEAN WATERS
CERTIFICATES**

This certifies that

(put your name here)

**will help keep Marin's creeks and Bay clean
for the animals that live there.**

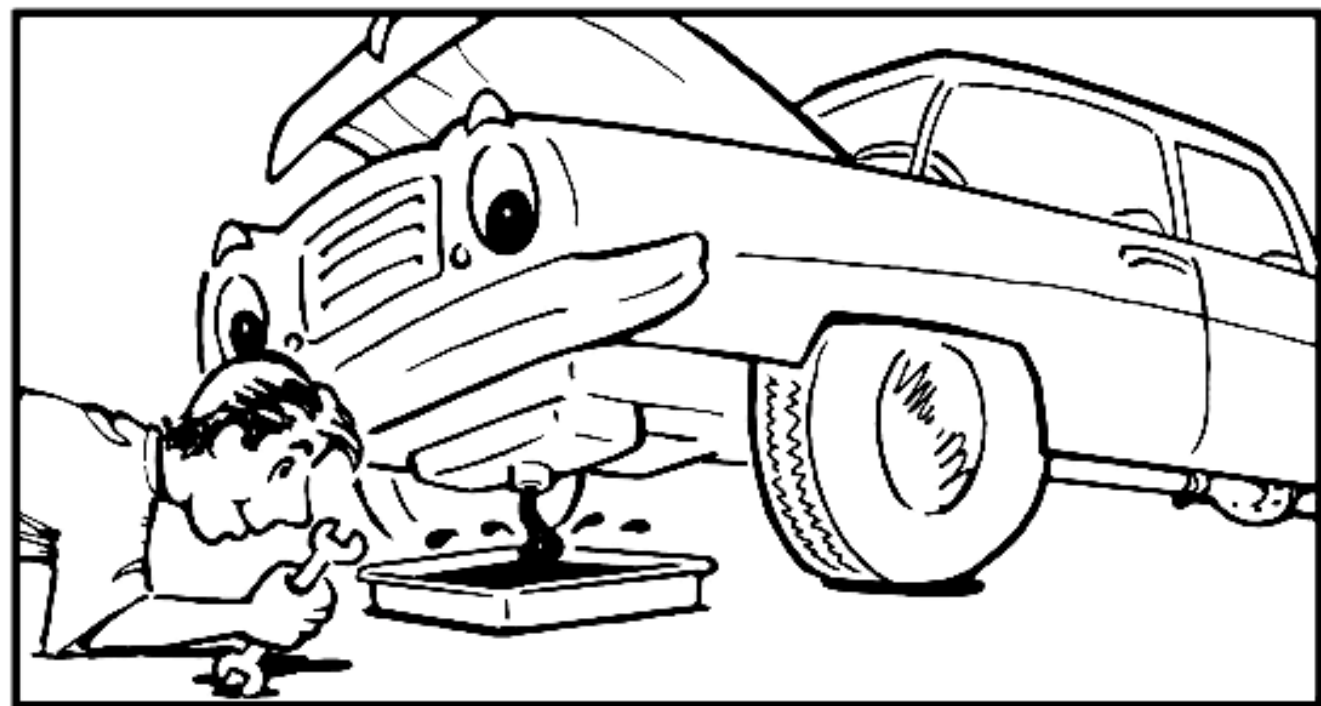
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WHAT IS MOTOR OIL?



Motor oil is put in an engine to make all the parts slippery -- so they can move easily while the engine is running. Like gas, motor oil helps the car go!



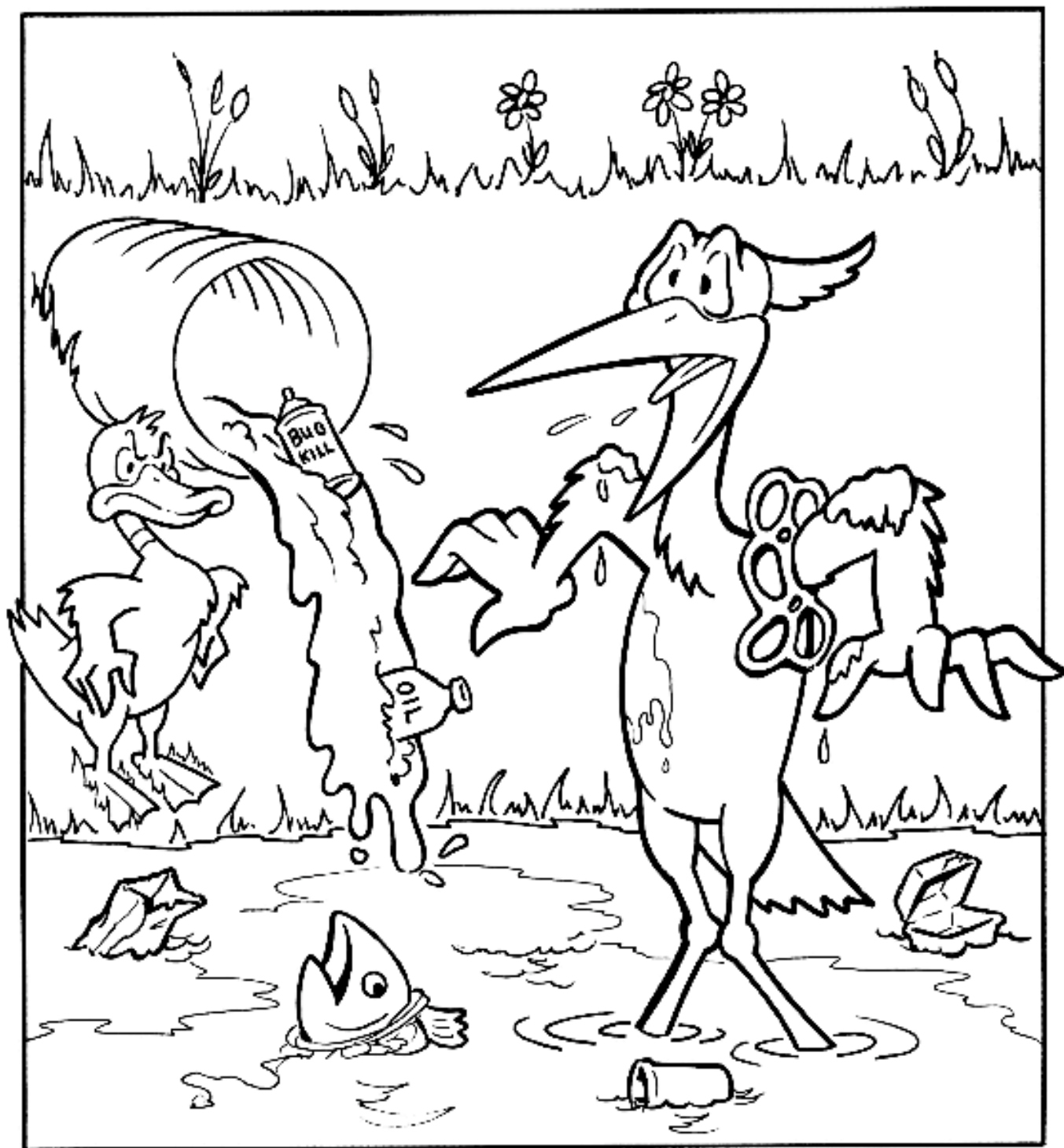
After a few months of being inside the engine, motor oil can get awfully dirty. When that happens, the dirty oil is taken out and clean oil is put in.



WOW! Look at the difference between clean motor oil and dirty motor oil. The dirty motor oil is so dark you can't even see through it. Remember, dirty motor oil can be taken to a place where it can be recycled!

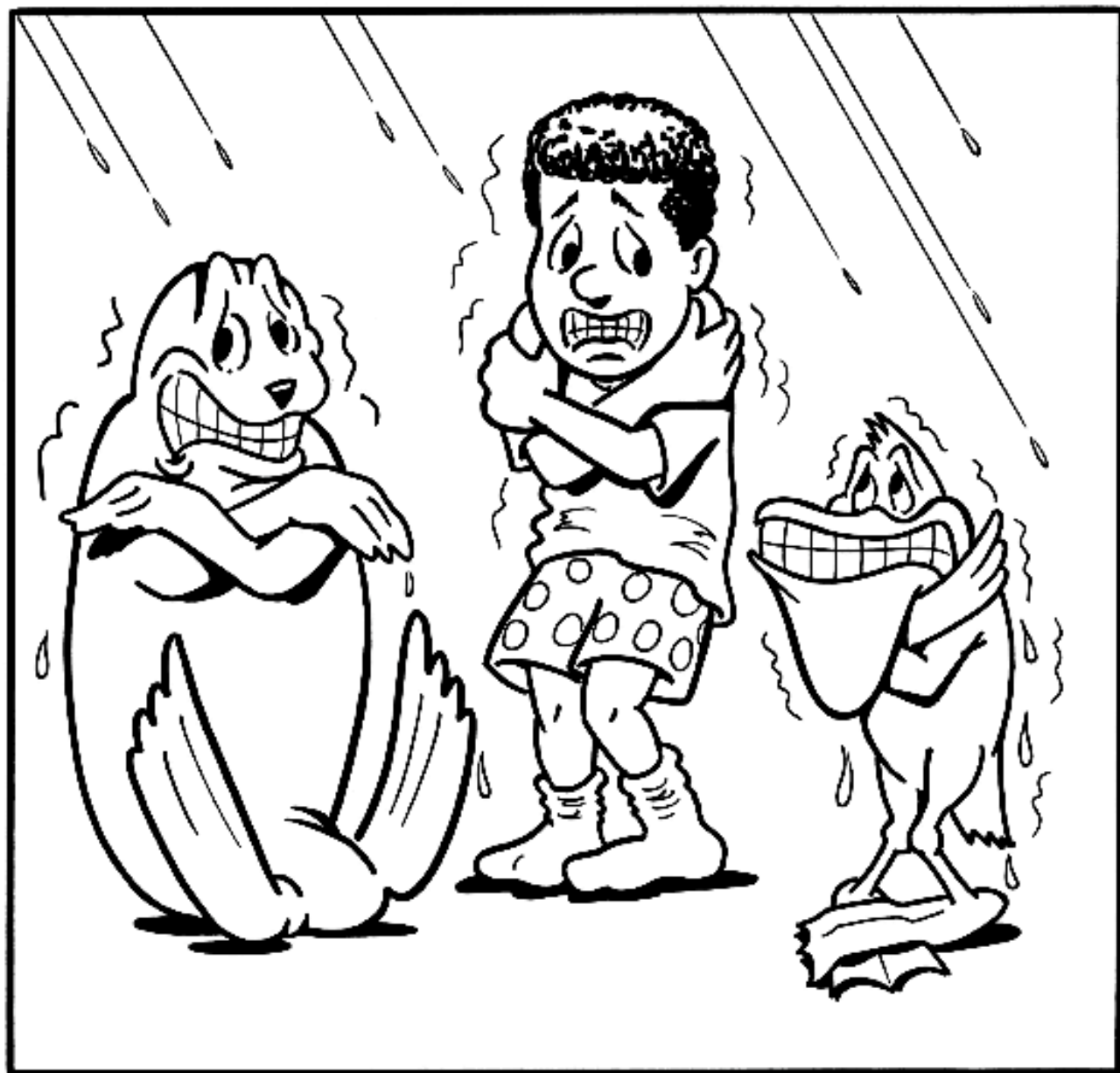


How would you like it if this happened in **your** home?



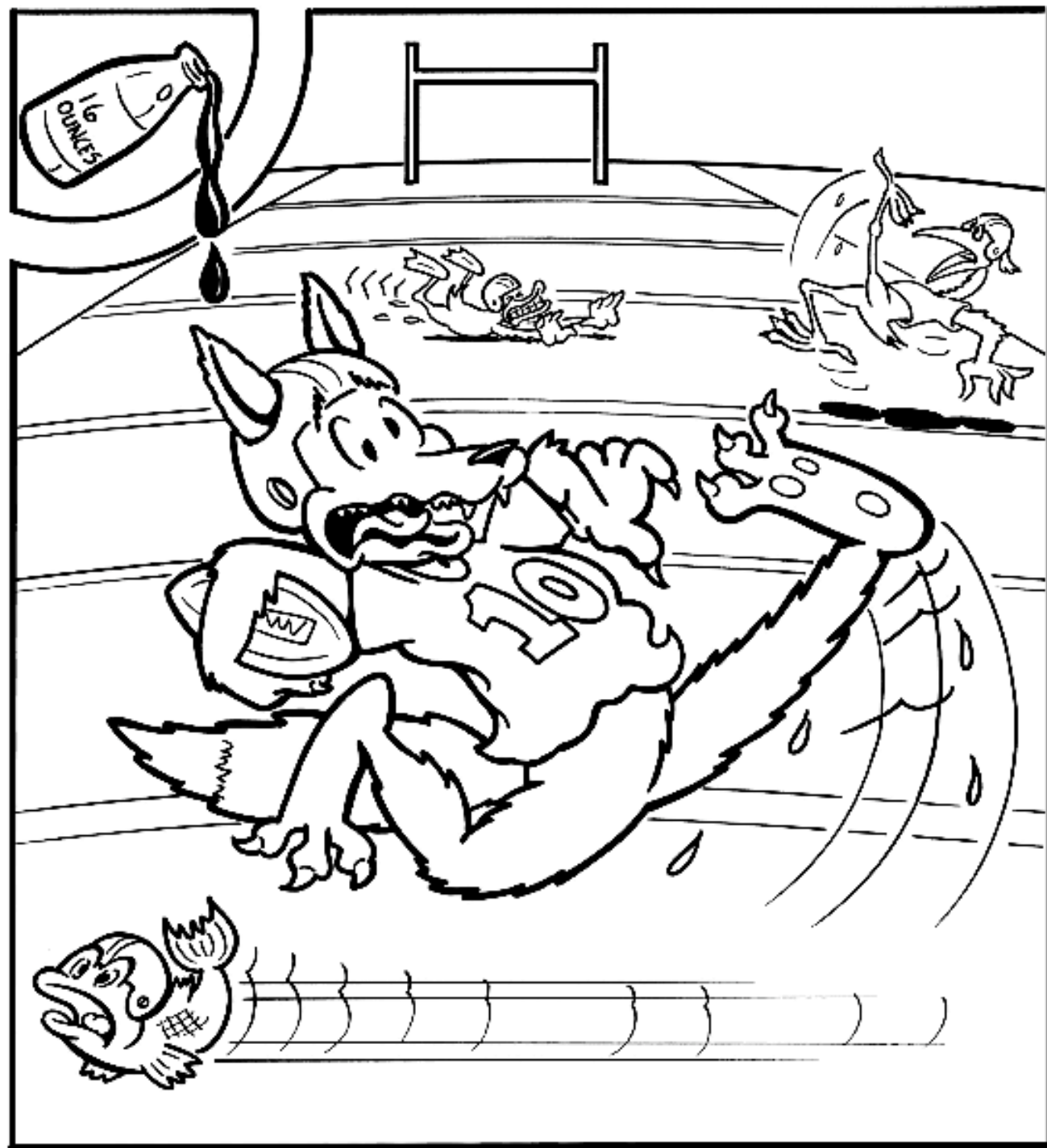
That's what happens to animals in **their** home when we let wastes go down a storm drain. Dirty motor oil pollutes the water! Litter, bug killers and soap pollute the water, too!

Fur and feathers keep animals warm and dry -- just like a raincoat keeps **you** warm and dry in wet weather.



When their fur or feathers are covered with dirty motor oil, animals can get very cold and sick--just like **you** if you were out in the cold without warm clothes.

It doesn't take a lot of oil to do a lot of harm.



Just a small amount of motor oil (the same as one 16 ounce beverage) will cover an area of water the size of a football field!

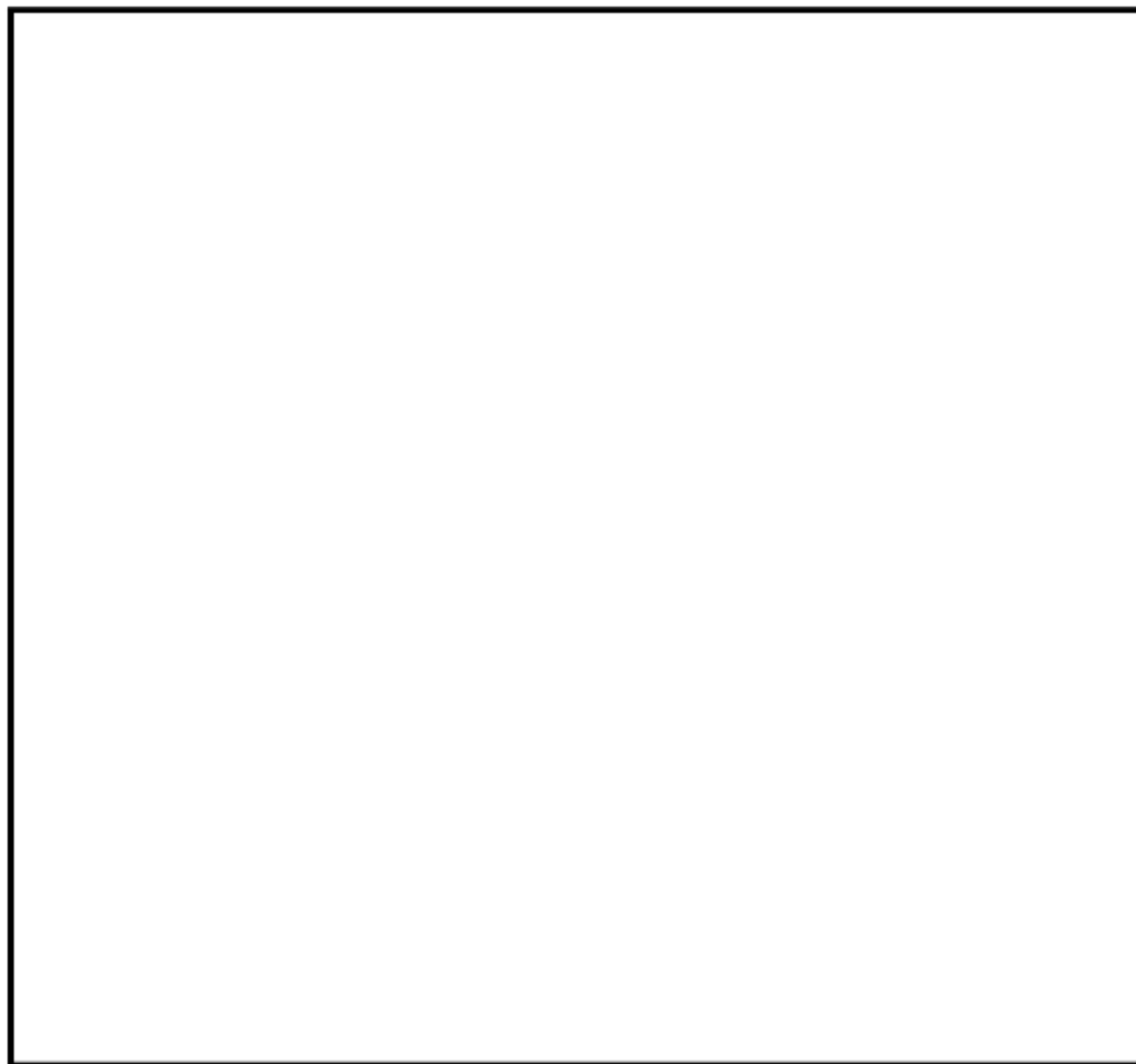


Help protect our water and wildlife! Make sure dirty motor oil and filters are brought to a collection center where they can be recycled--and won't hurt animals. Have an adult call 1-800-CLEAN-UP for a center near them!

MAKE A PROMISE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Draw a picture of an animal found in or around a creek in Marin.

Make a promise to do something that will help protect this animal from pollution. Write your promise below.



I promise to protect the _____ (type of animal you drew) by _____



OTHER ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT WILDLIFE IN MARIN

Trash--like 6-pack rings from sodas--can cause injury and death to fish, cormorants and other birds as they become entangled and cannot free themselves. **Action:** Before tossing out 6-pack rings, cut them up.

Balloons and plastic bags can be swept hundreds of miles out to sea by currents. Deflated balloons and bags are mistaken for food by some animals (e.g. sea turtles and dolphins) who end up starving because the plastic interferes with their digestive system after eating it. **Action:** Don't release balloons into the environment and do toss your plastic lunch bags in the trash (or save and re-use them).

Fishing line can be dangerous to seals, sea lions, birds and fish. Once entangled in it, they are unable to free themselves and can become exhausted and drown. The thin line can also cut into their skin and cause infections. **Action:** When you go fishing and break a line (or when flying a kite as well), ask an adult to retrieve it. Don't go into the water yourself unless an adult is with you and gives permission.

Walking in the creek can stir up a lot of dirt and this can clog the gills of fish, making it difficult for them to breathe. **Action:** If you want to view the fish, watch them from a bridge or the creek bank. If you take your dog for a walk, keep it on a leash and out of the creek.

All storm drains lead to local creeks and ultimately the Bay and ocean where wildlife live. **Action:** Help keep their homes clean by putting litter in a trash can where it can't enter storm drains.



NO DUMPING
FLOWS TO BAY