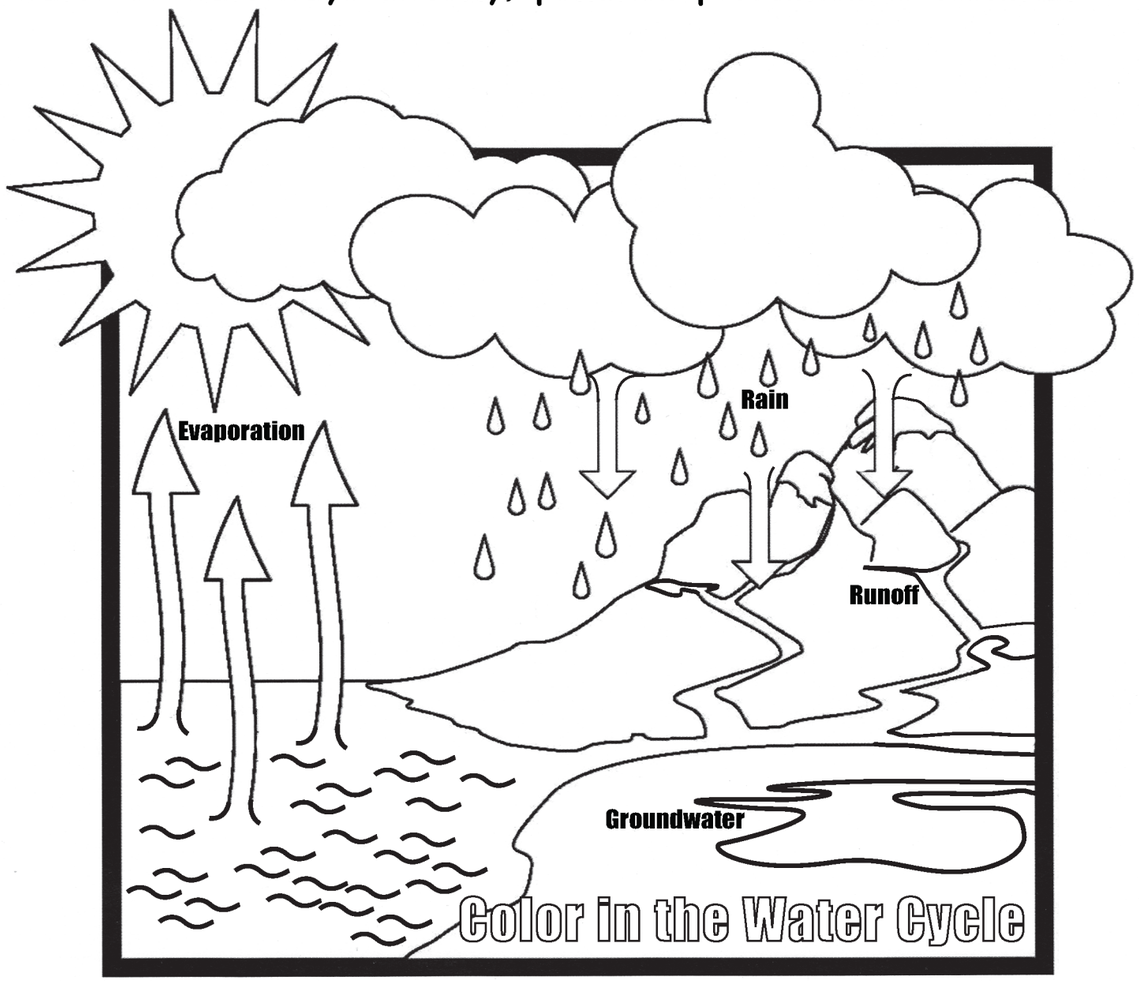
What is Stormwater?

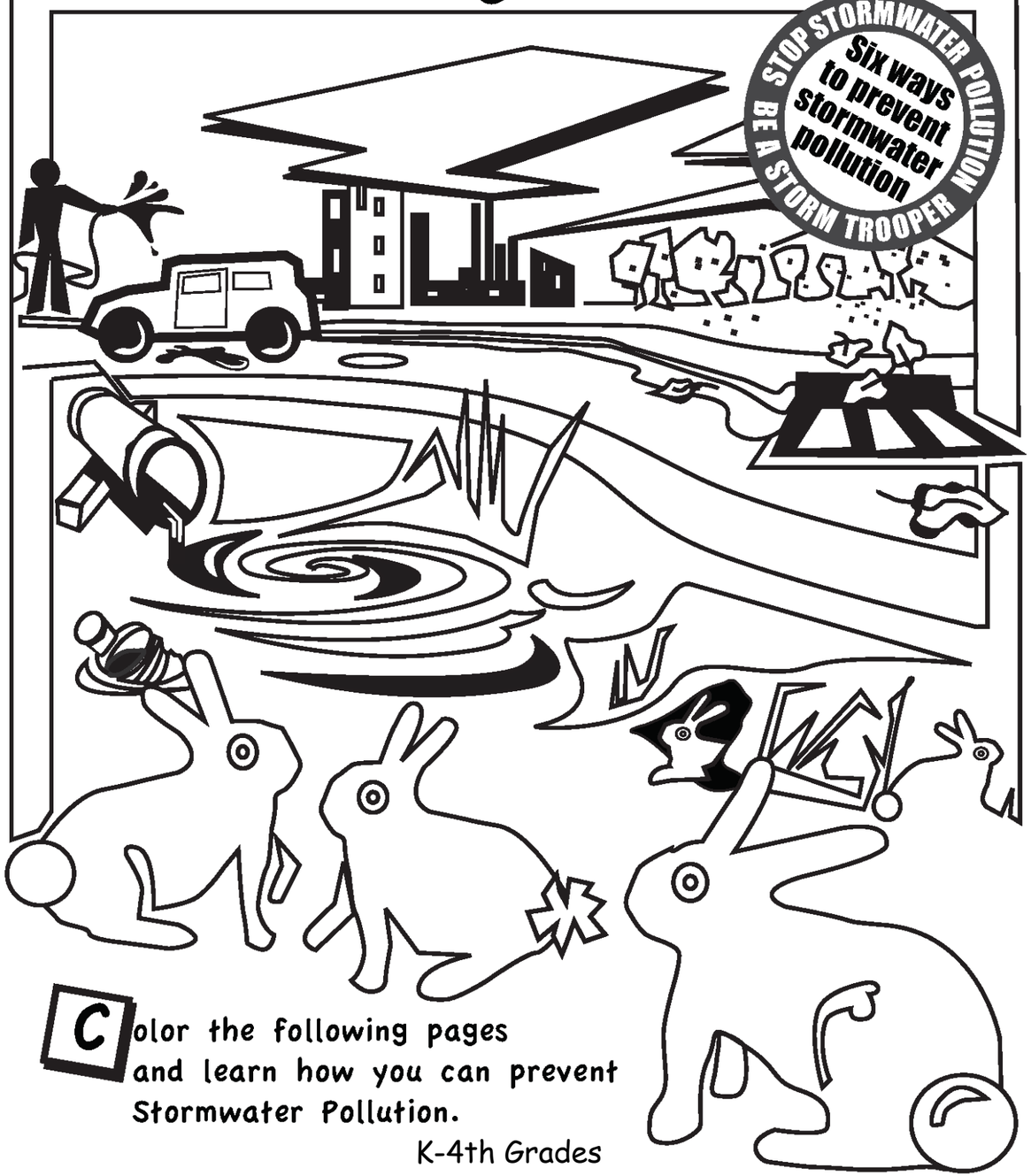
Never dispose of motor oil or paint, into a storm drain, ditch or street. Apply lawn and garden chemicals when there is no chance of rain or runoff.

"Stormwater" means rain water runoff, snowmelt, and other drainage that travels through a conveyance system, which eventually unloads onto the ground or into a local body of water, such as a lake, stream, or river. Since stormwater re-enters ground water or waterways directly, pollution prevention is essential.



Color in the Water Cycle

Stormwater Pollution In Your Neighborhood



Color the following pages and learn how you can prevent Stormwater Pollution.

K-4th Grades

"Only rain in the drain"

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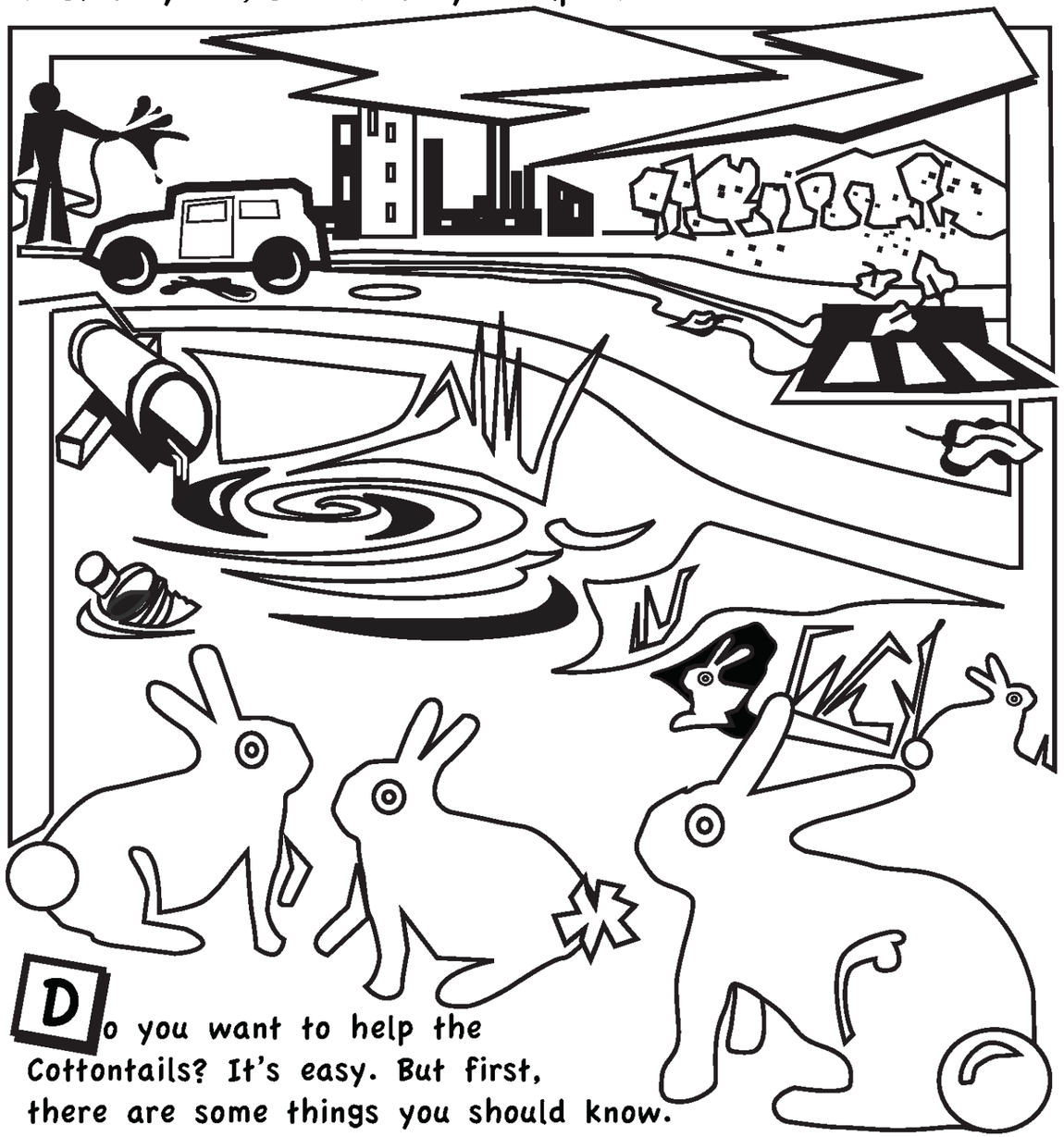
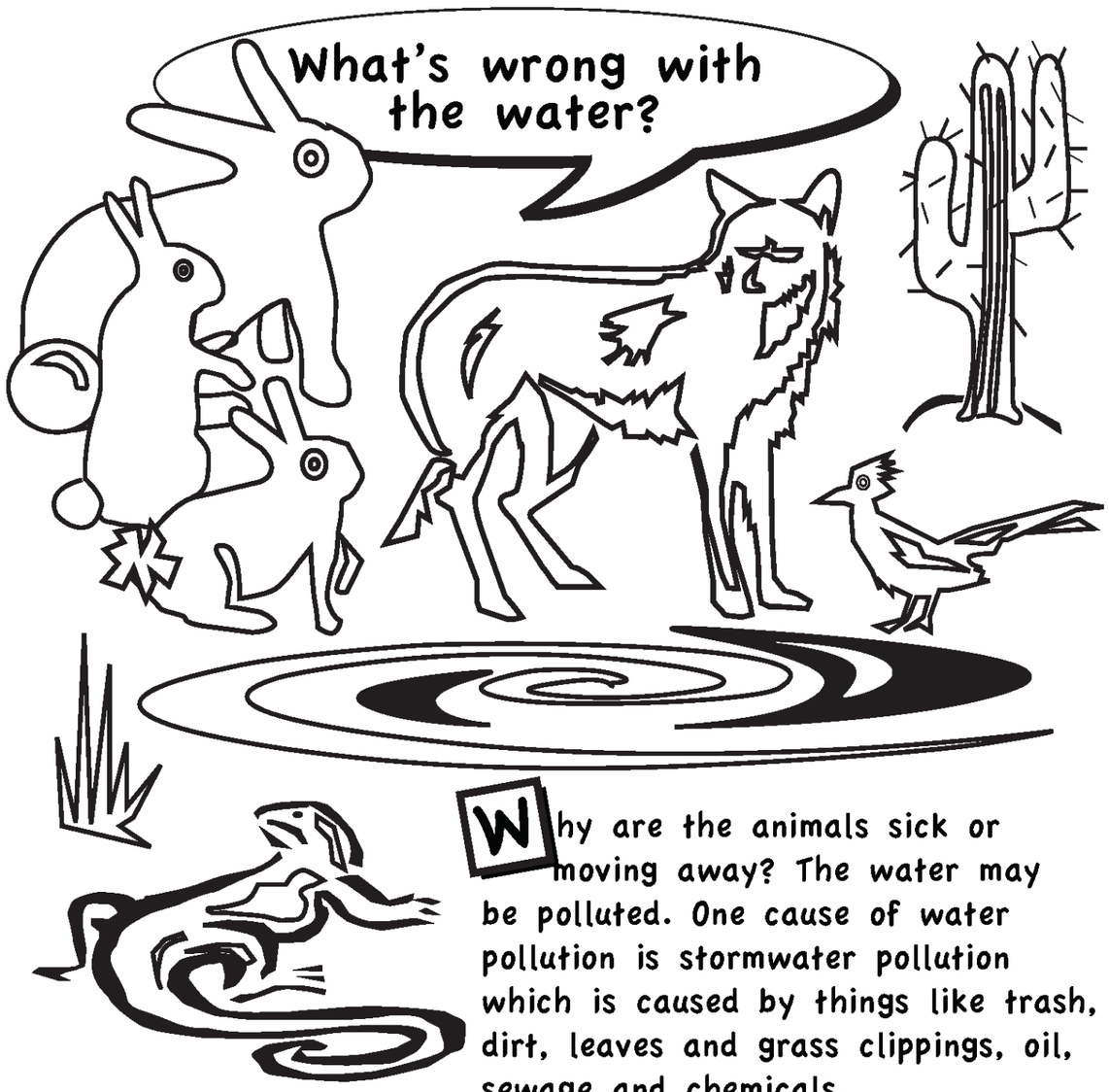
How does the water get polluted, Mom? asked Alex.

People throw their trash in the streets. They wash paint, oil and chemicals into the storm drains. They leave leaky cars on the streets and they wash their dirty cars in the driveway. I guess the people don't know that the things they do can hurt us. If they did, I know they'd help us.



Do you want to help the Cottontails? It's easy. But first, there are some things you should know.



Why are the animals sick or moving away? The water may be polluted. One cause of water pollution is stormwater pollution which is caused by things like trash, dirt, leaves and grass clippings, oil, sewage and chemicals.

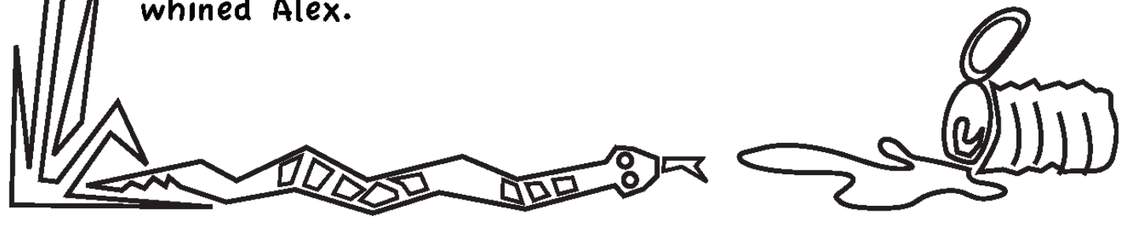
Stormwater Pollution happens because water becomes contaminated with stuff like trash, dirt, oil, sewage and chemicals.

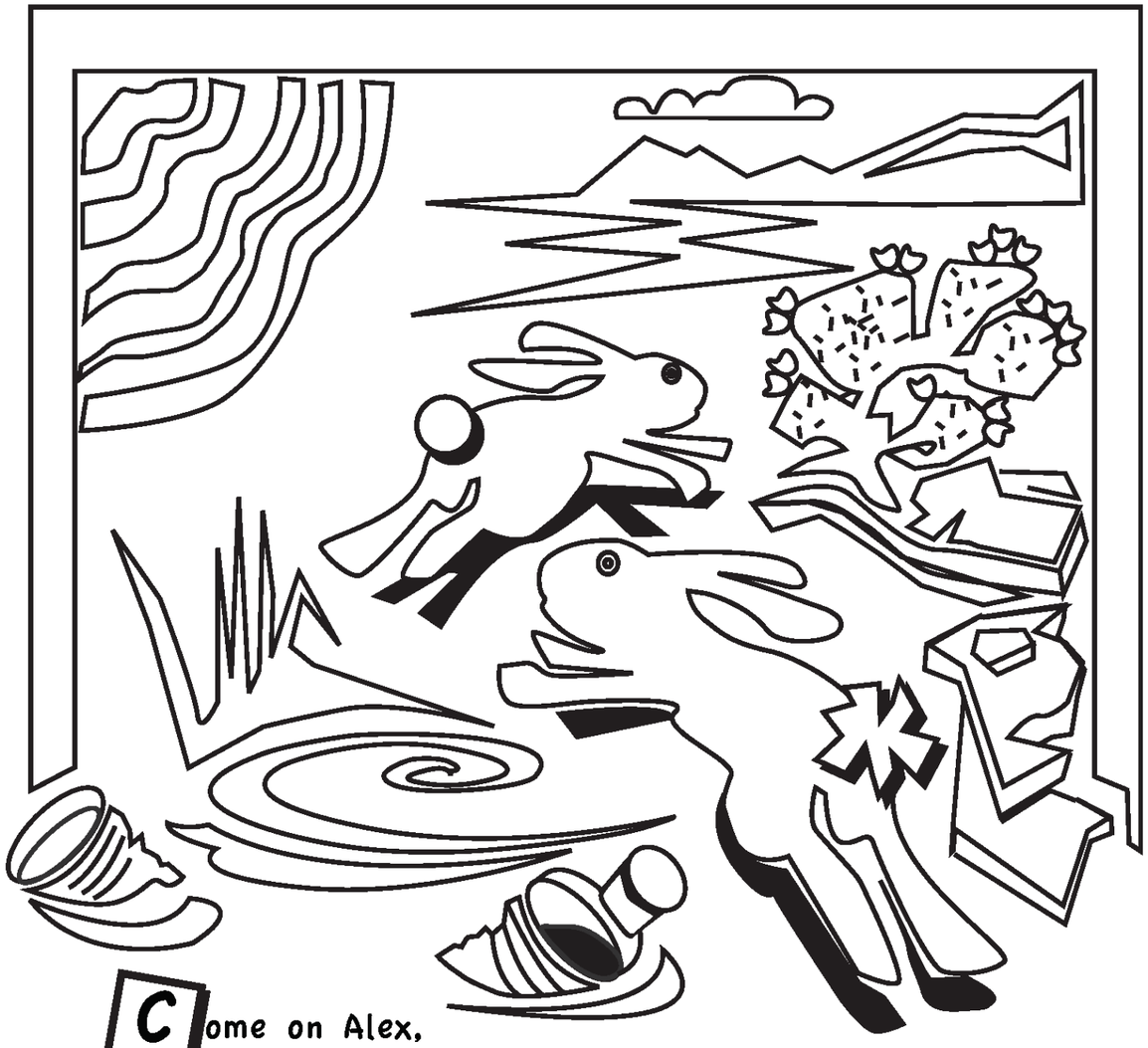
Hey Alex! Don't drink that water! Mom told you that it's not safe. It's polluted.

But I'm so thirsty.

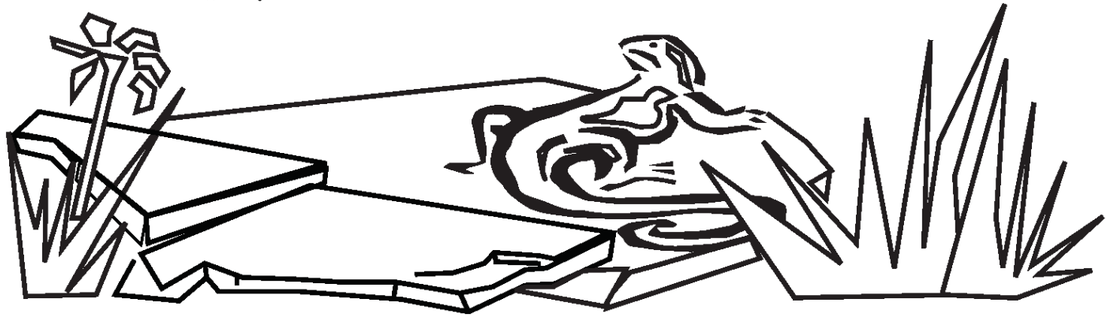
There's not much water here in the desert, whined Alex.

I know Alex, but if you drink that, you'll get sick, explained Carly. If I don't drink it, I'll die of thirst, whined Alex.





Come on Alex, let's get back to the burrow, coaxed Carly. Mom will be waiting for us. I sure hope she has something to drink, gasped Alex.



Back at the burrow, Mom was with the younger bunnies, Dusty, and Cota.

Mom looked worried.

What's wrong, Mom? asked Carly. The pond is polluted now too, Mom whispered. Oh no, said Alex, who overheard her whisper. What will we do? We have to move again, to find clean water, said Mom.