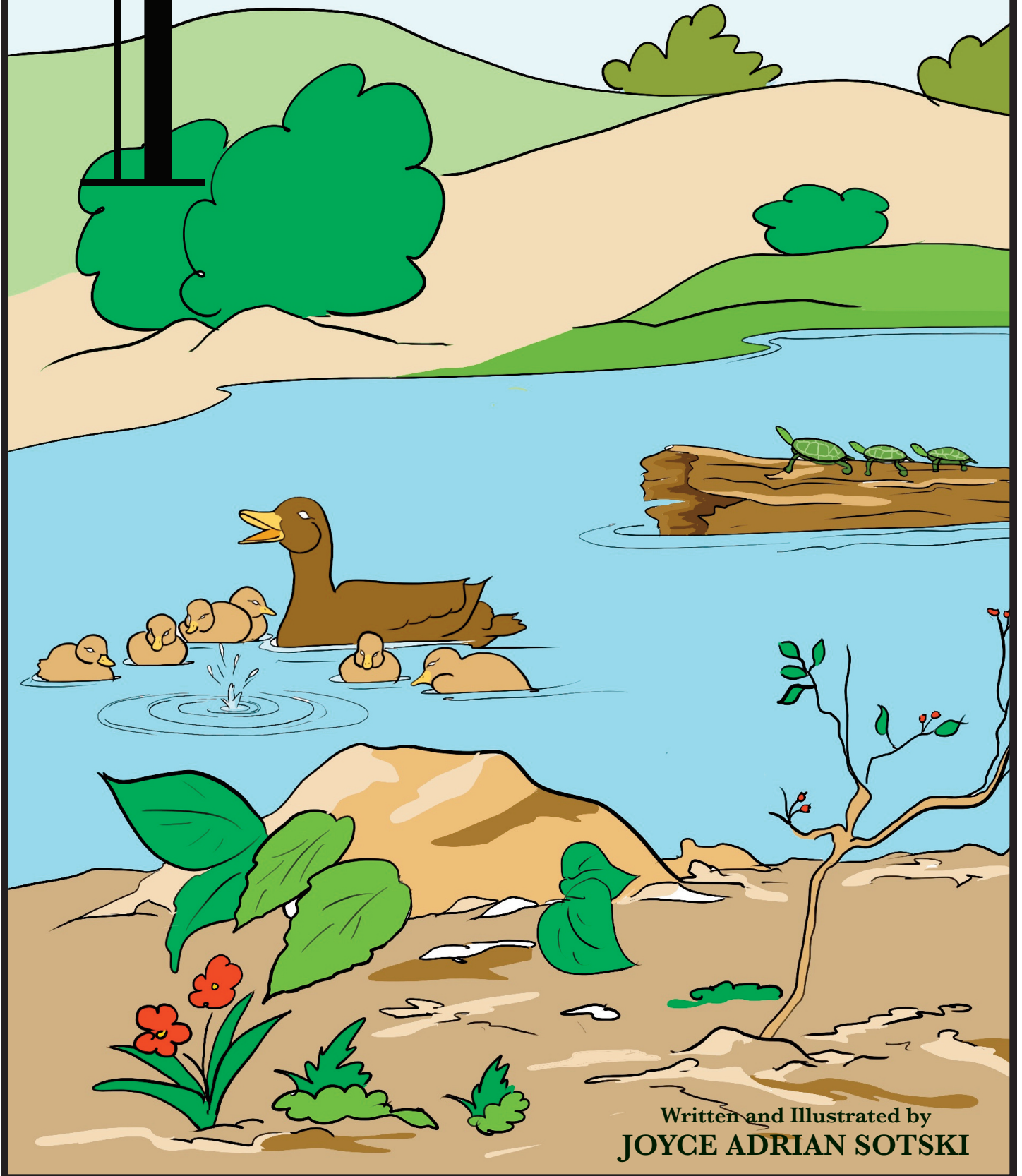


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Mÿria

Way out west, they've got a name
For rain and wind and fire
The rain is Tess, the fire's Joe and
They call the wind Mÿria

— by Alan J. Lerner

*Visiting Turtle Pond was
inspired by our wonderful and
beloved granddaughter, Ivy Luna, and it
is with great pleasure that I dedicate
this book to her on this day of her
fourth birthday, May 4, 2020.*

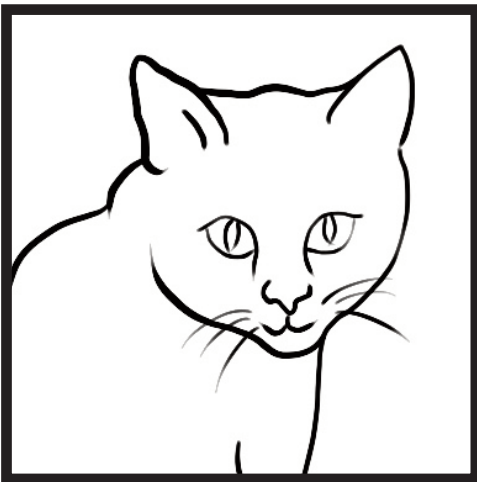
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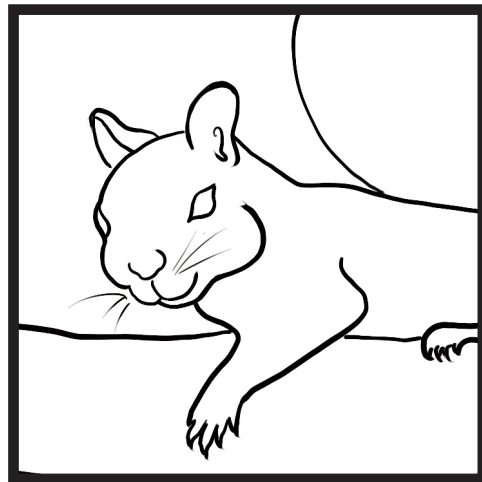
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Mýria: 4 years old



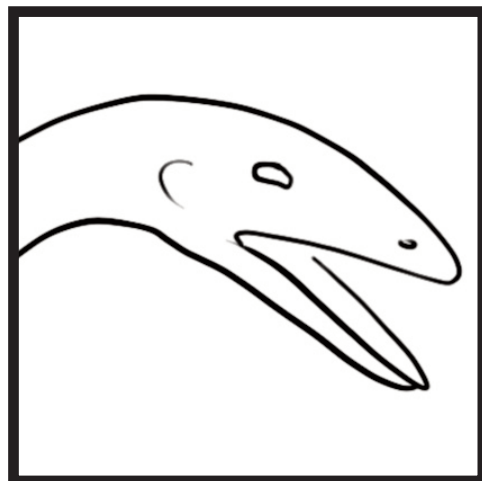
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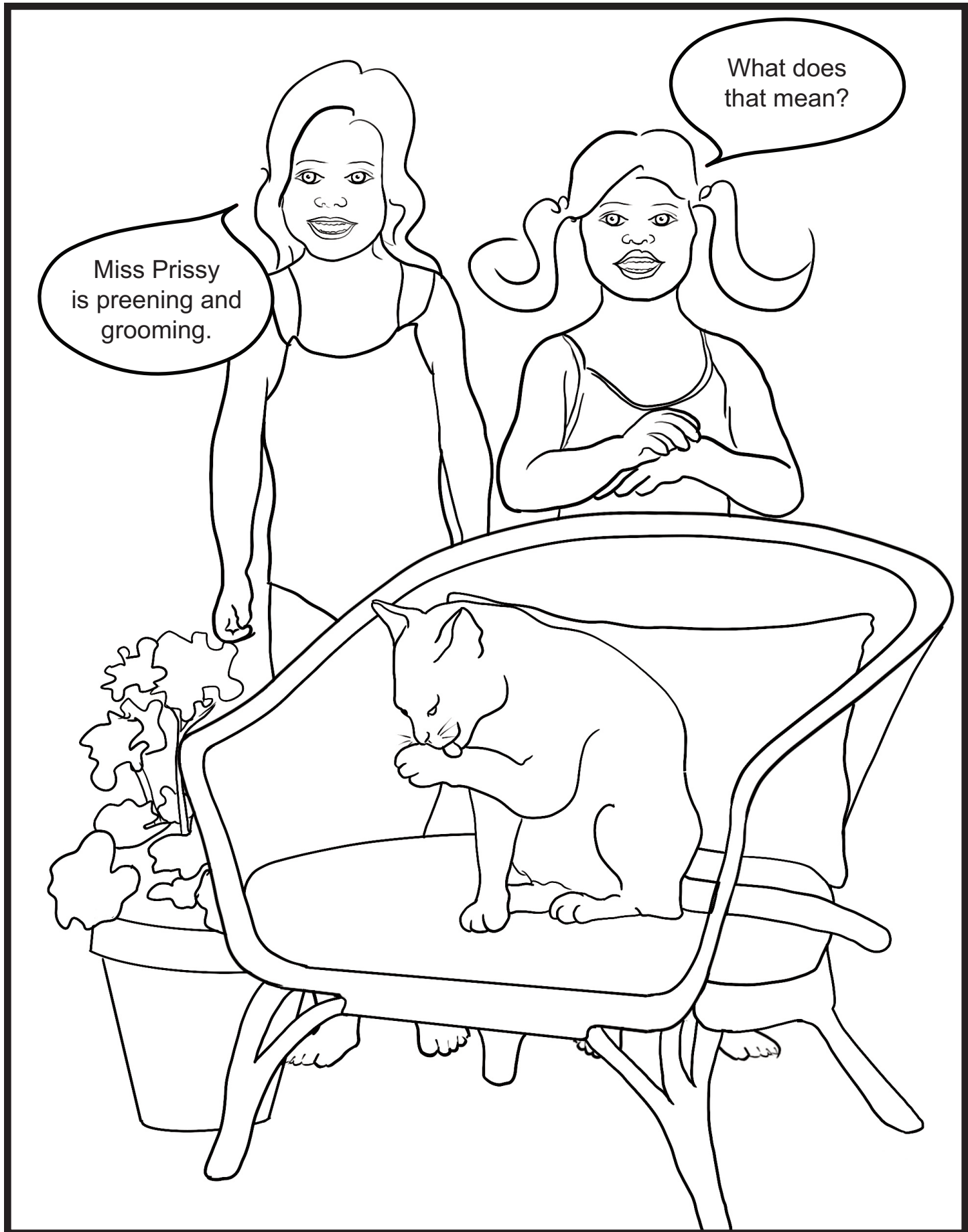
Rascal Jack



Sussel




Big Muddy



Miss Prissy is preening and grooming.

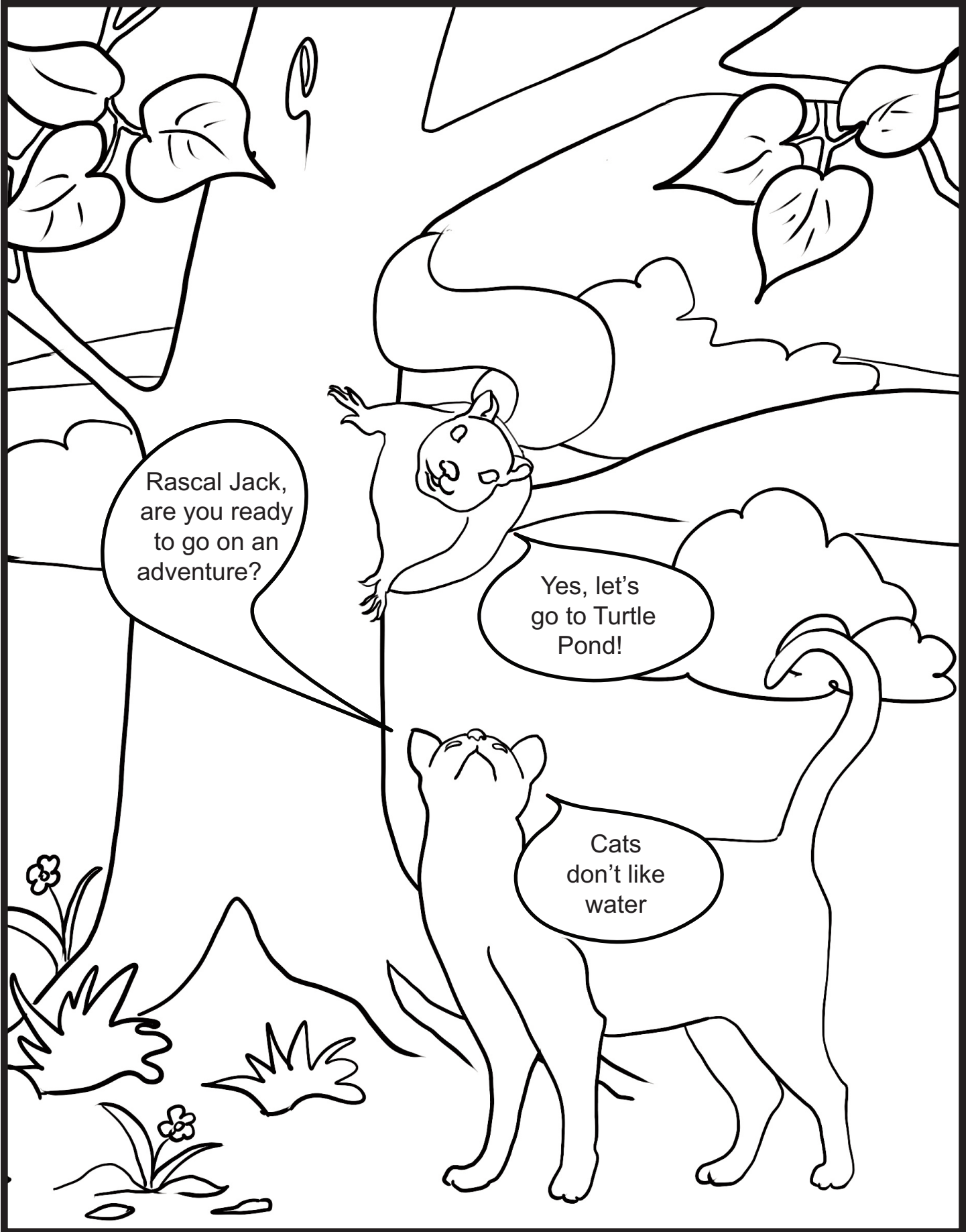
What does that mean?



It means
she's washing
herself.

I would
like to pet
her.

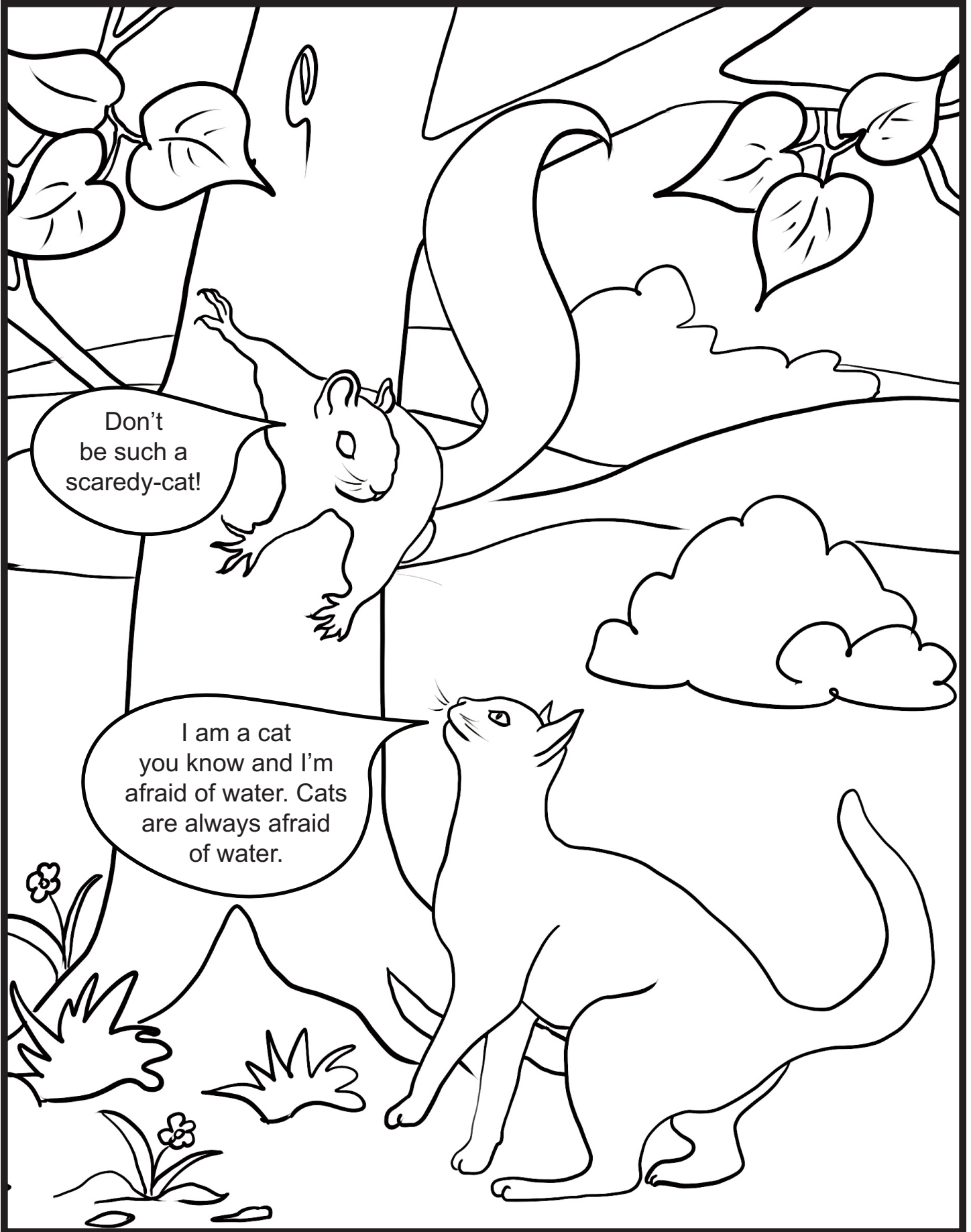
I don't want
to be petted
today.

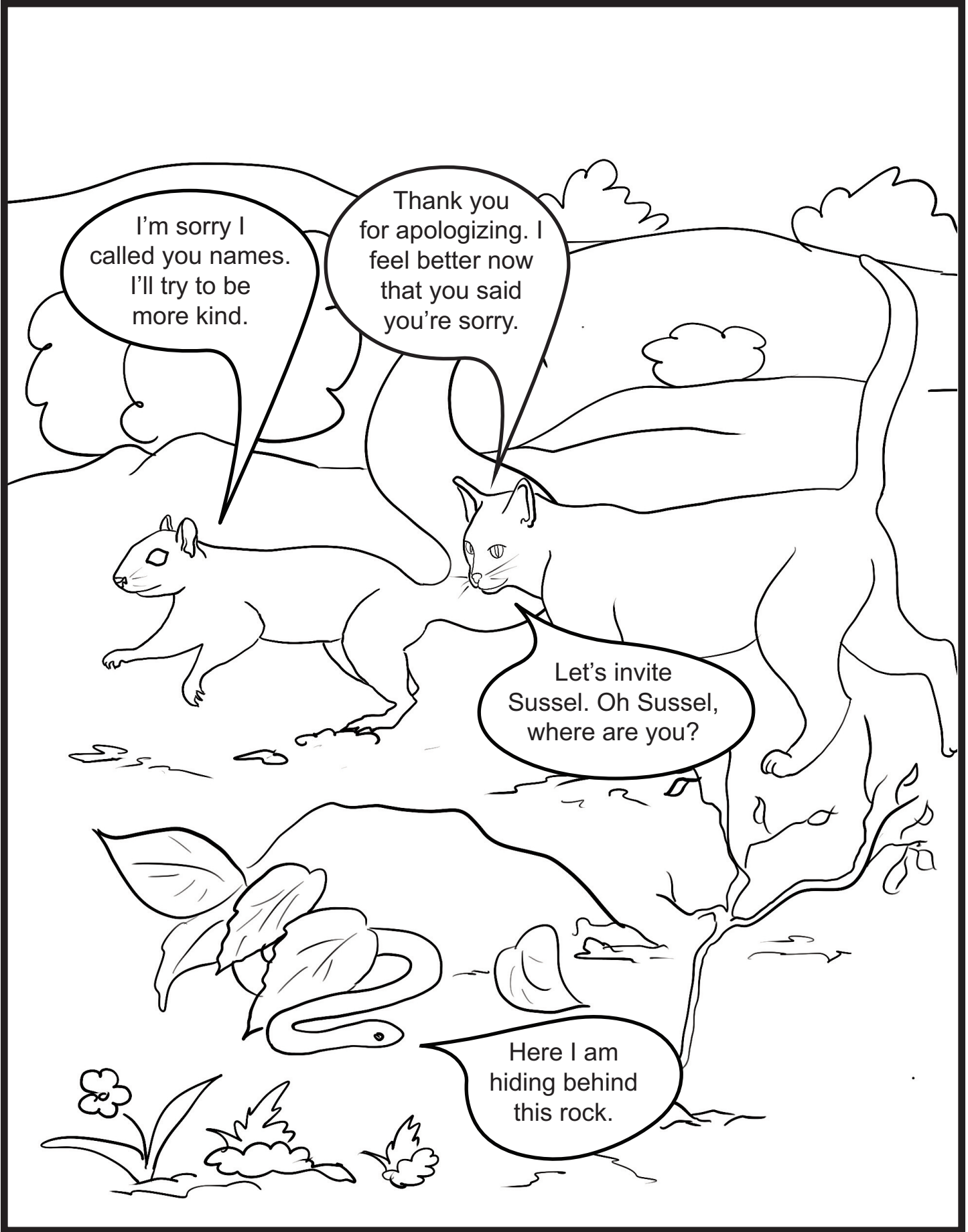


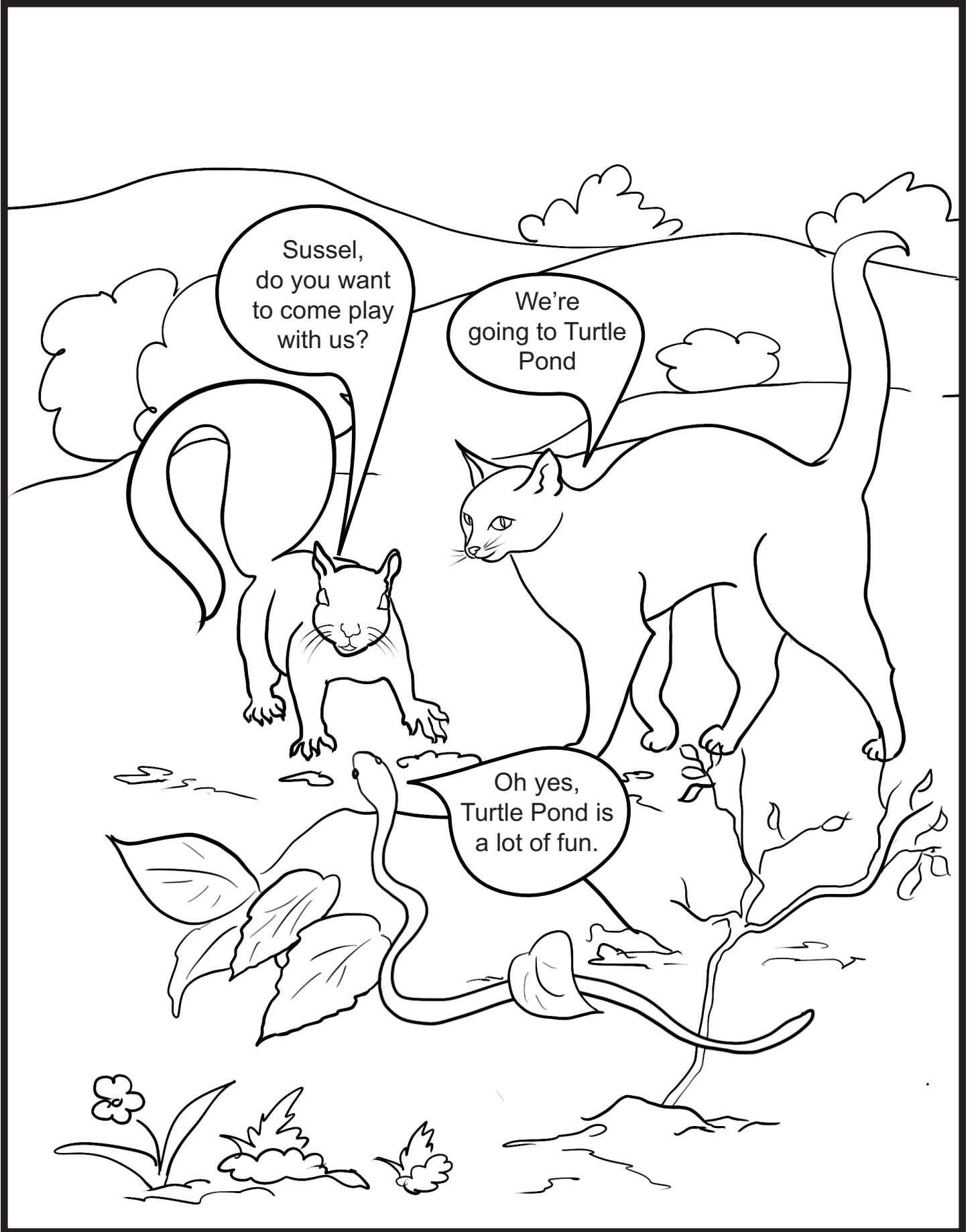
Rascal Jack,
are you ready
to go on an
adventure?

Yes, let's
go to Turtle
Pond!

Cats
don't like
water







Sussel,
do you want
to come play
with us?

We're
going to Turtle
Pond

Oh yes,
Turtle Pond is
a lot of fun.



Hey look at me.
My cheeks are full of
berries. Watch me drop
them into the water.




Ha, ha, ha!
That's a good
trick!

Those ducks
don't know the berries
are making the water
splash.







Look,
there's a log. Let's
pretend it's a boat and
go watch the painted
turtles swim.

Oh no!
What if I fall in?

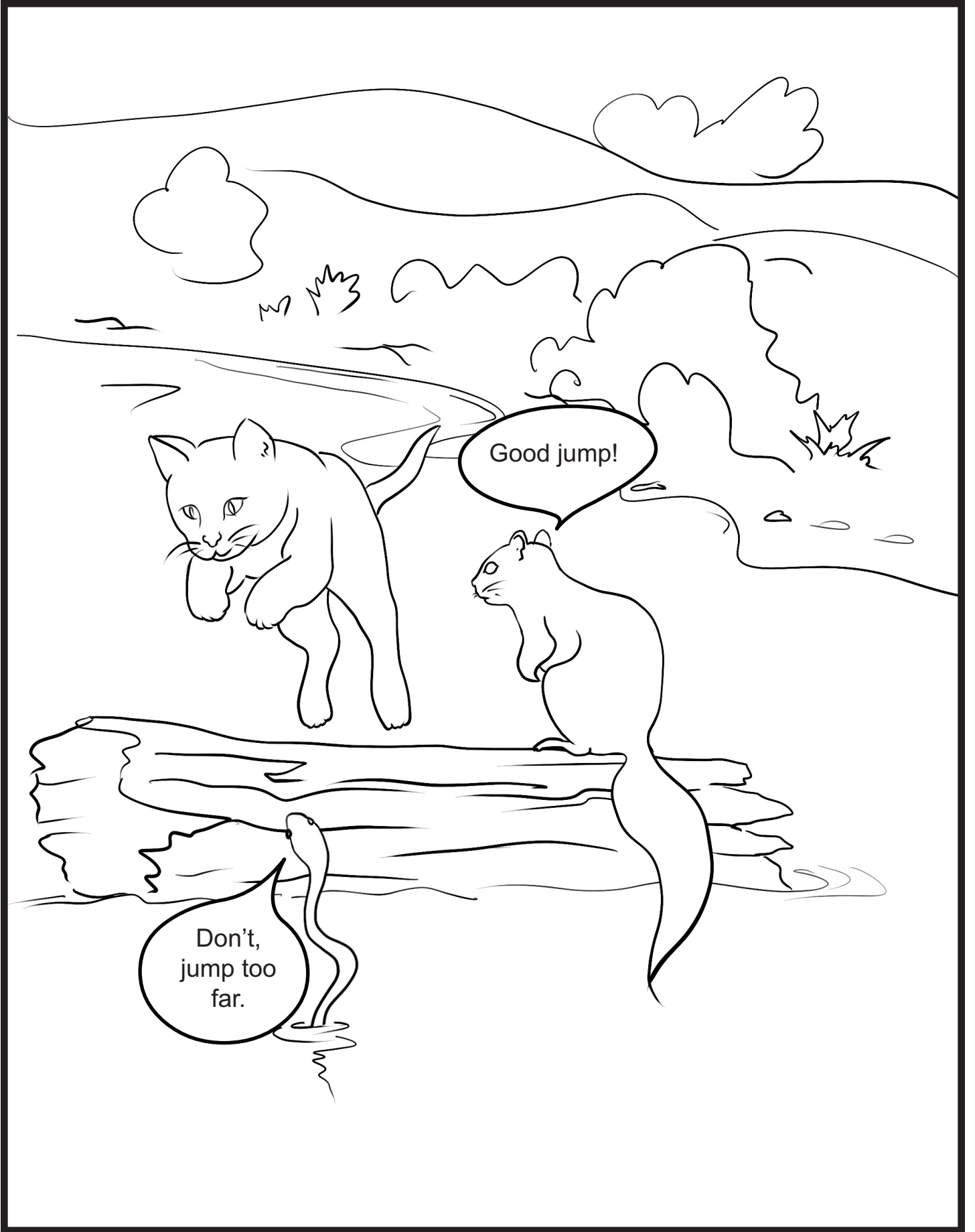
Don't worry,
I'll get you back
out again.



We'll have to take a run at it and make a big jump!

I can't run and jump but I'll swim out and meet you there.



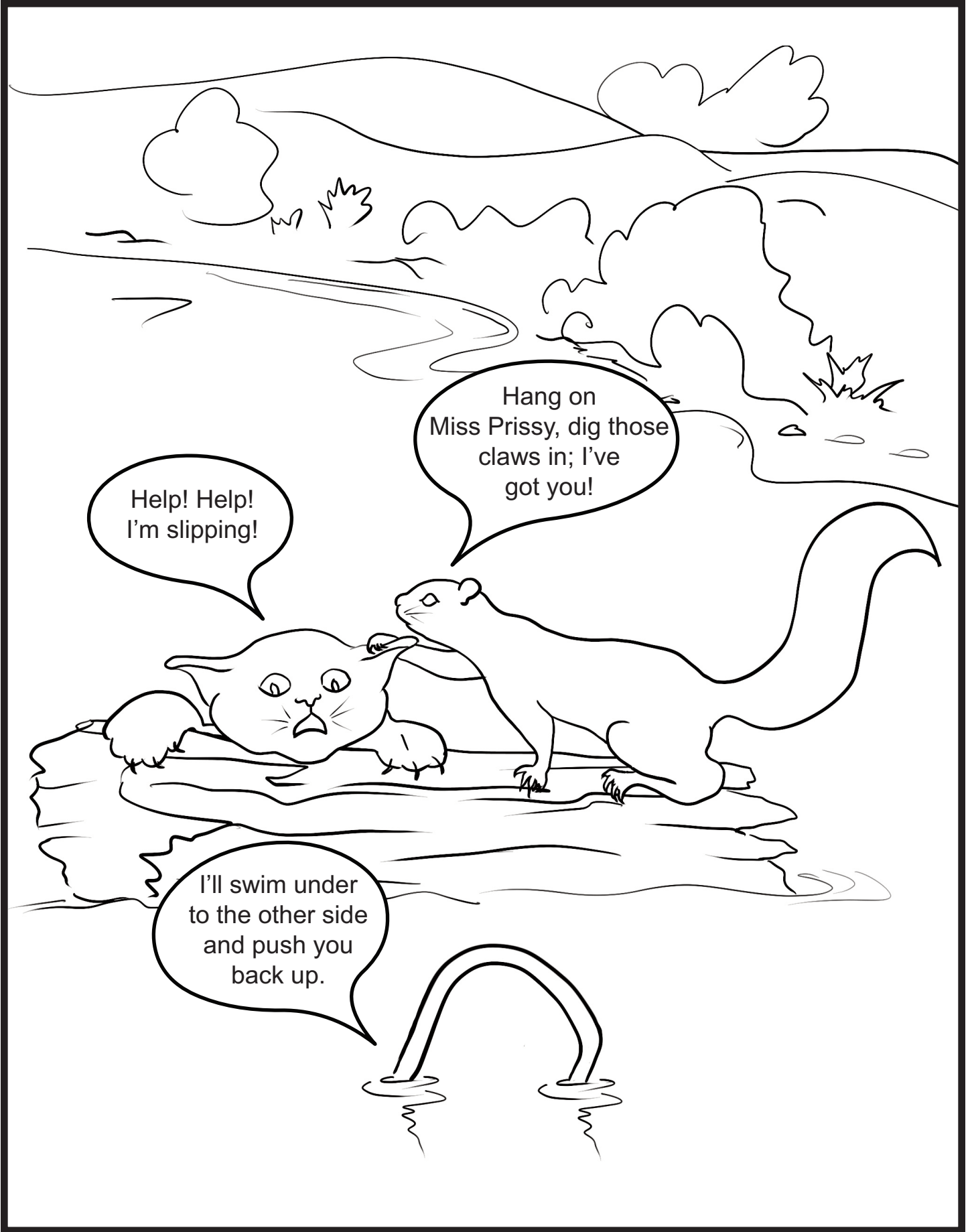


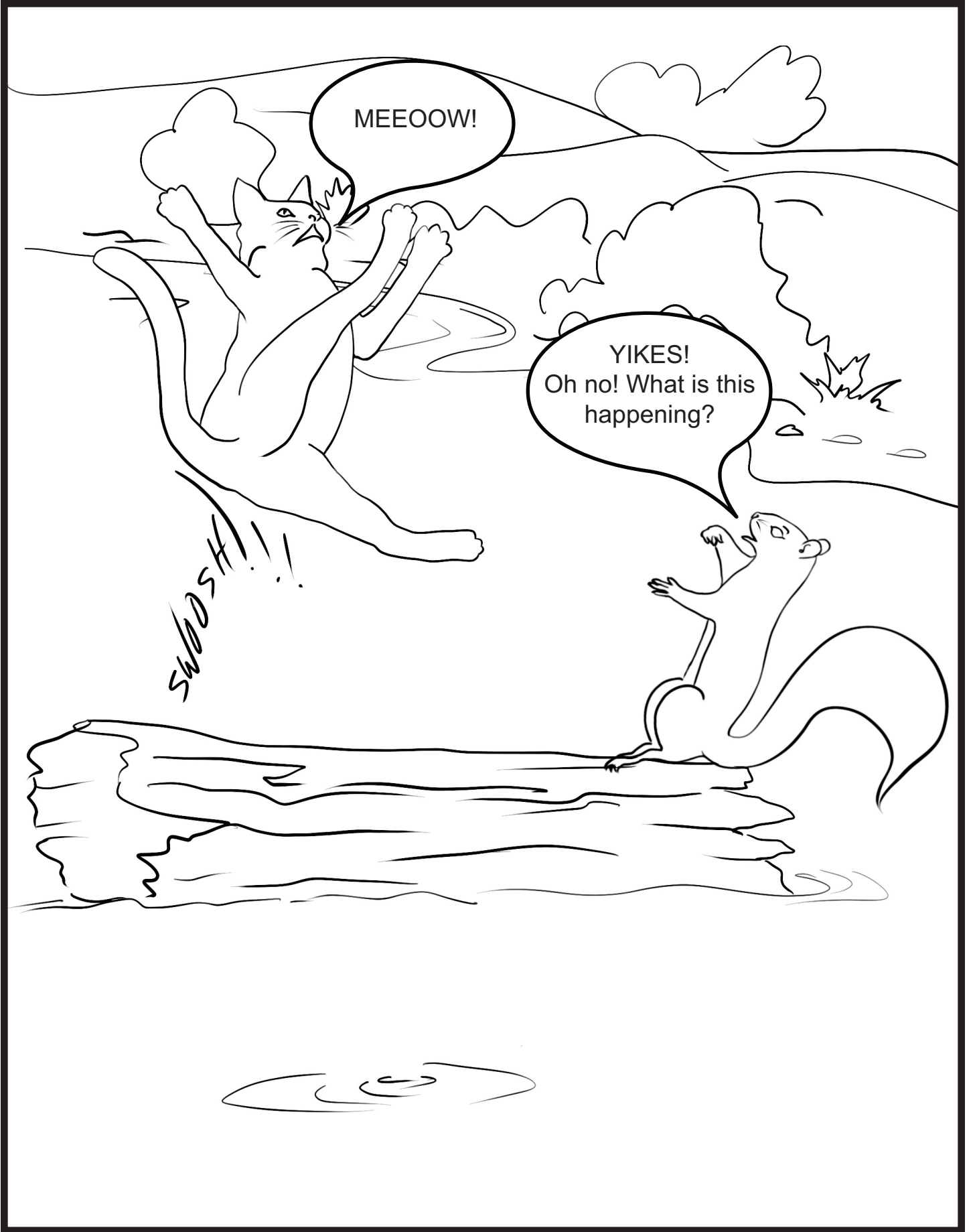


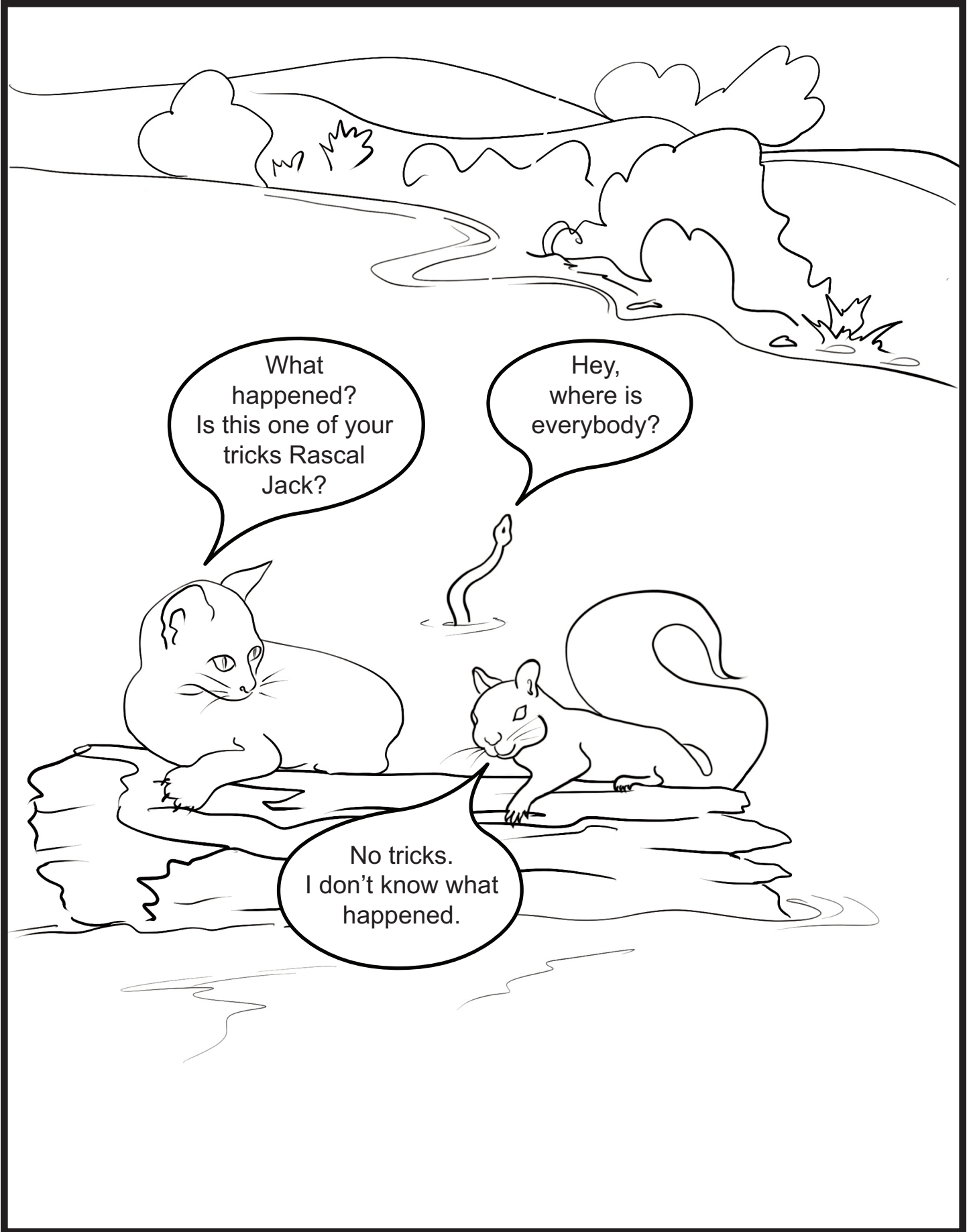
Oh no!
I'm starting
to fall!

Don't worry
Miss Prissy; I've
got you.

Don't worry.
I'll push you
back up.







What happened?
Is this one of your
tricks Rascal
Jack?

Hey,
where is
everybody?

No tricks.
I don't know what
happened.



It was me!
I heard you calling
for help so I blasted
you up!

Who
are you?

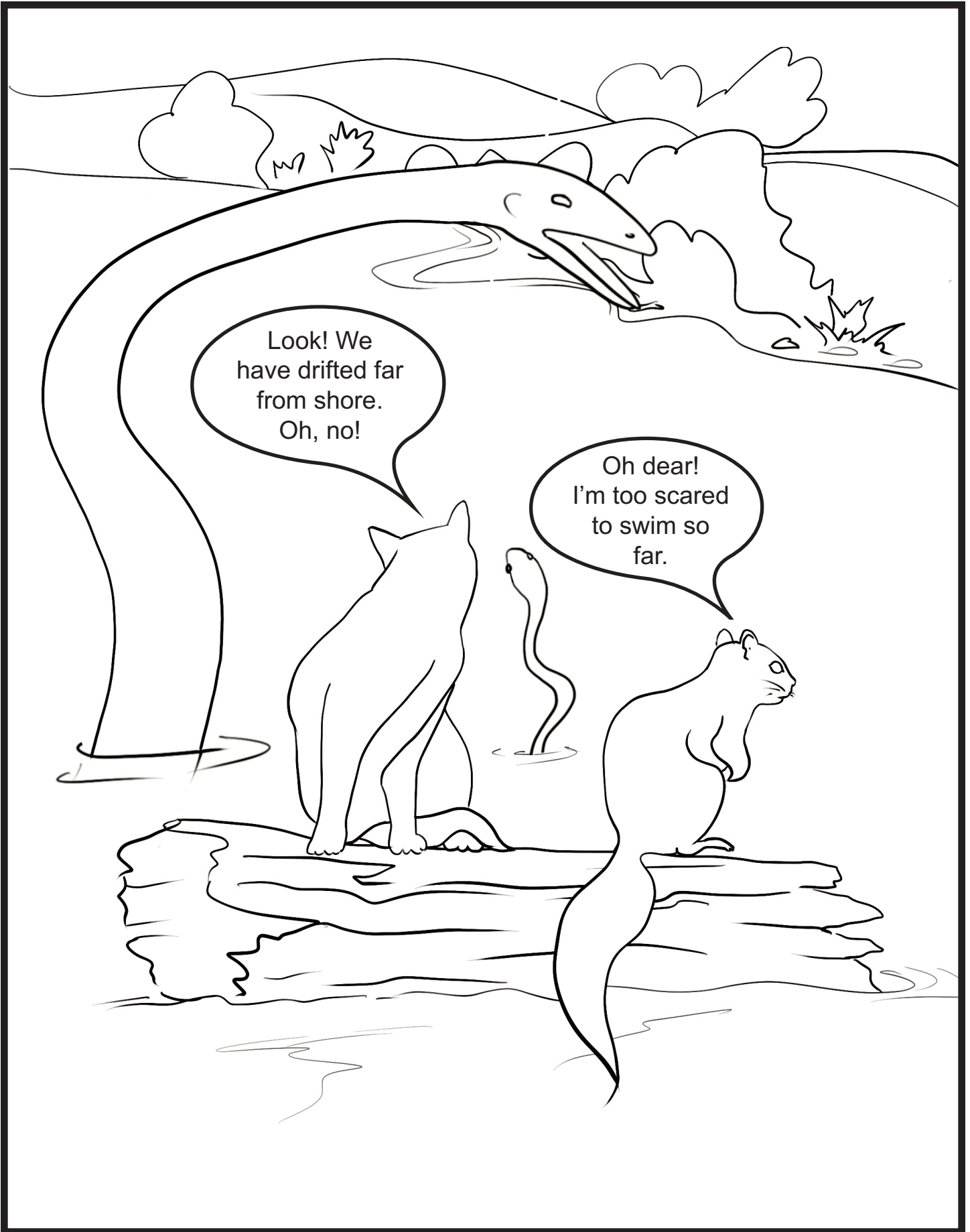
He looks
like a monster.



How do you do. My name is Sussel.

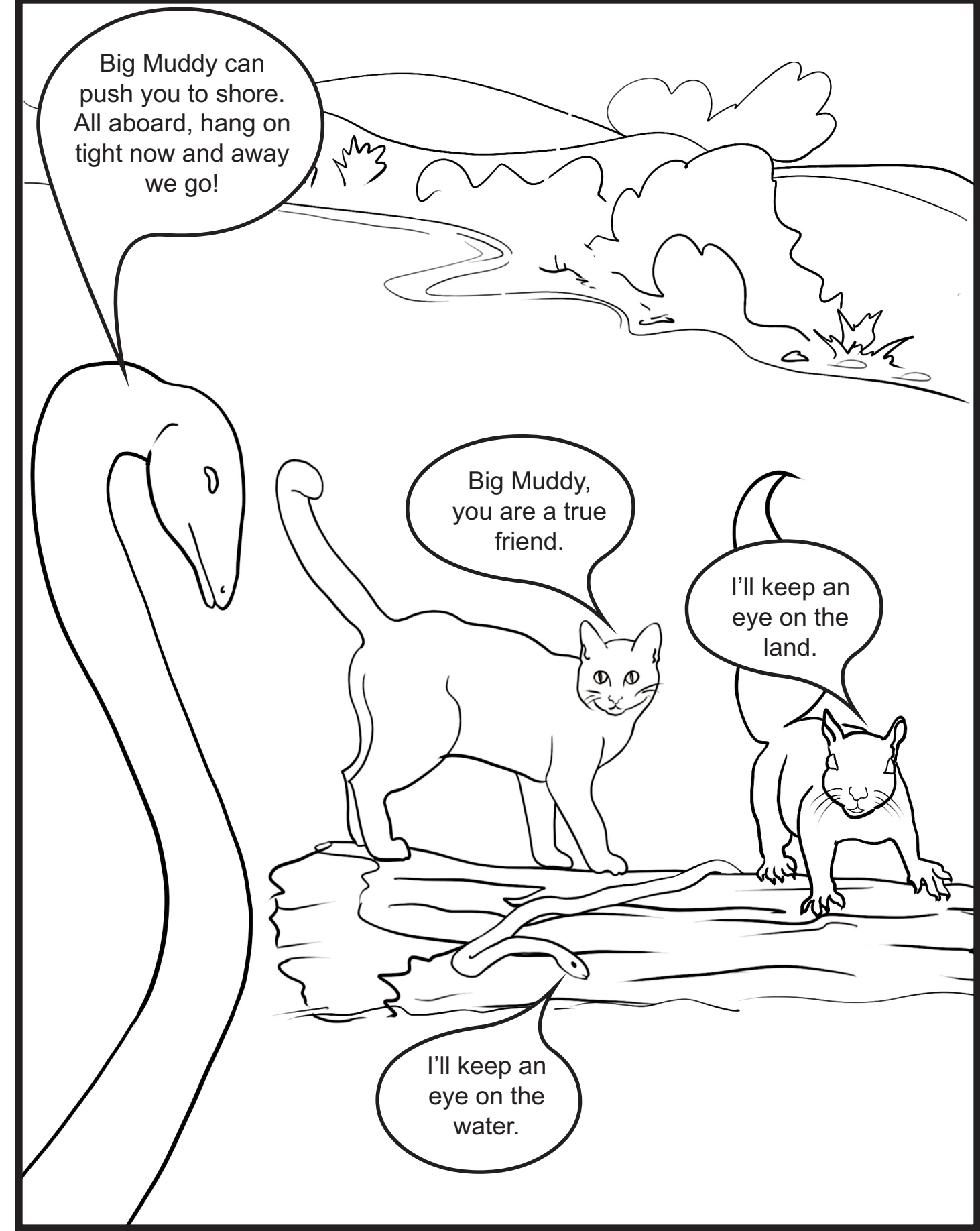
My name is Big Muddy. I'm a water dinosaur and I live in Turtle Pond.

I am Rascal Jack and this is my friend, Miss Prissy.



Look! We
have drifted far
from shore.
Oh, no!

Oh dear!
I'm too scared
to swim so
far.




Big Muddy can
push you to shore.
All aboard, hang on
tight now and away
we go!

Big Muddy,
you are a true
friend.

I'll keep an
eye on the
land.

I'll keep an
eye on the
water.



Good-bye
Big Muddy, you
are my hero. You're
a very special
friend.

You're
special too Miss Prissy.
Please come back
to see me again.

We'll
come back to
to see you
often.

I'll miss you
very much. I'll come
back to swim
with you.

Miss Prissy
came back home.
She wants me to pet
her now.

