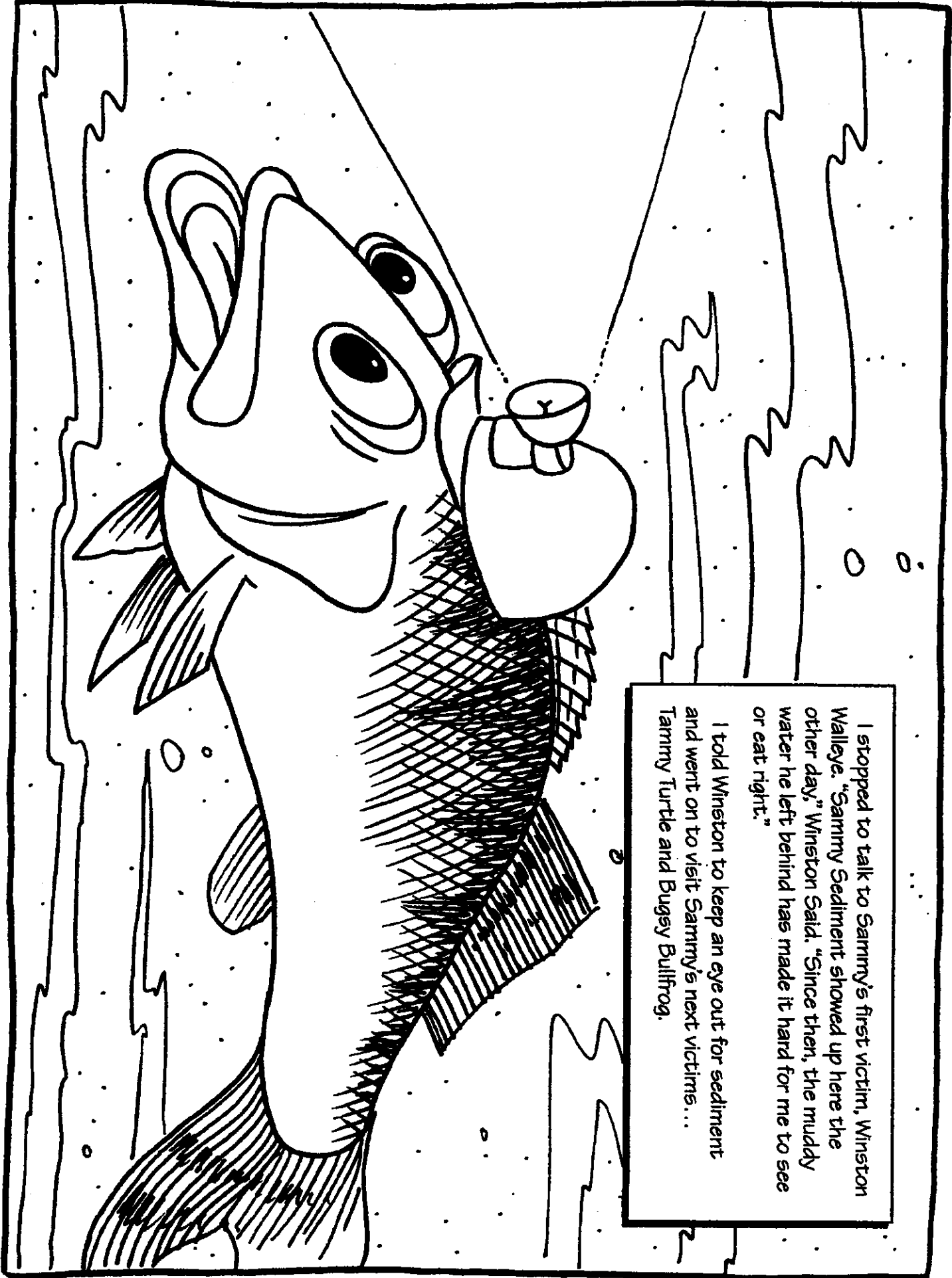


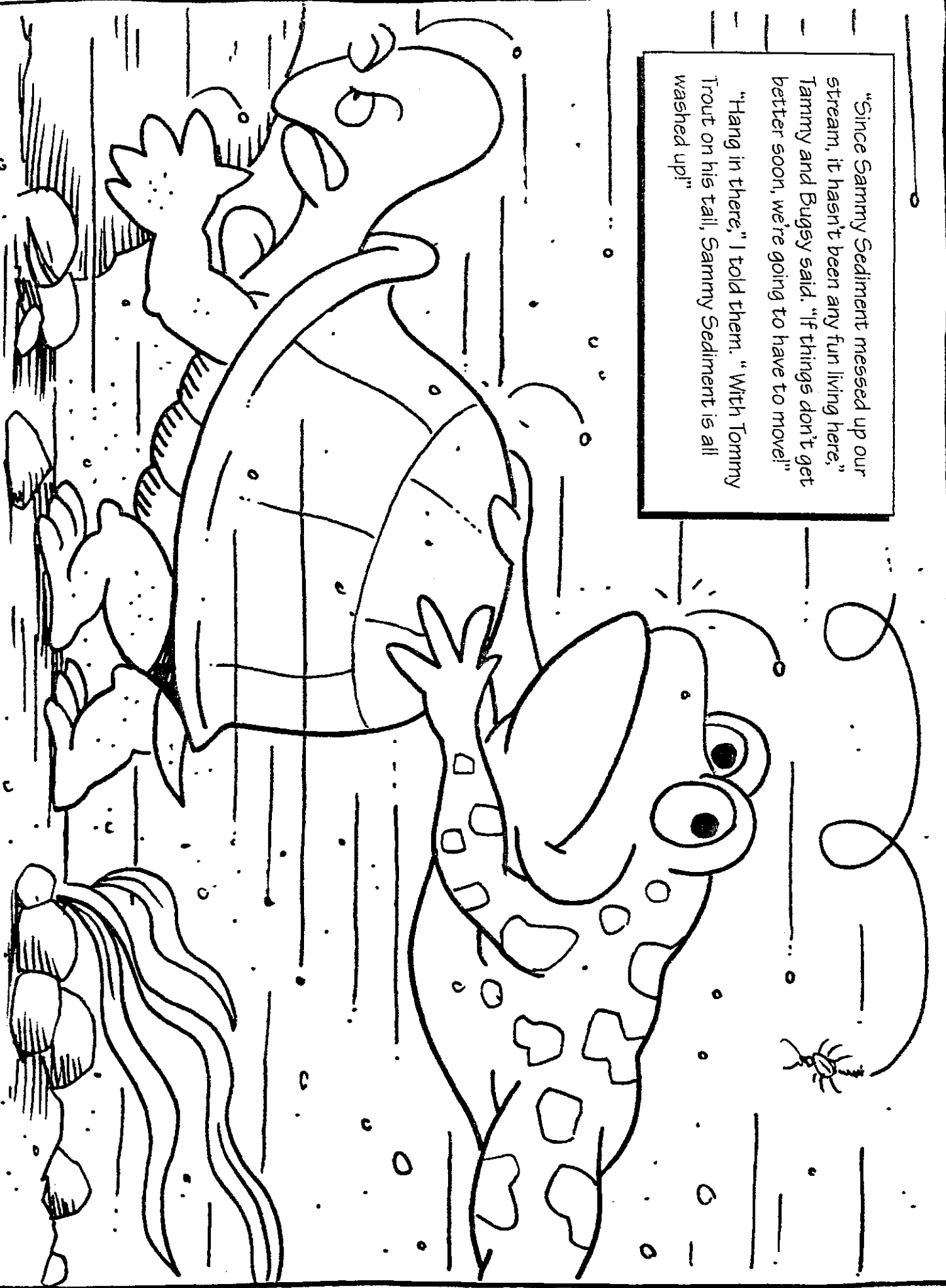
Hil My name is Trout...Tommy Trout. I'm a detective...a fish detective. Bustin' polluters is my gamel I'm on the trail of sinister Sammy Sediment. It seems that Sammy's been up to his old tricks again... filling lakes and streams with muddy, polluted water. My job is to find Sammy and put a stop to his dirty tricks.



I stopped to talk to Sammy's first victim, Winston Walleye. "Sammy Sediment showed up here the other day," Winston said. "Since then, the muddy water he left behind has made it hard for me to see or eat right."
I told Winston to keep an eye out for sediment and went on to visit Sammy's next victims...
Tammy Turtle and Buggy Bullfrog.

"Since Sammy Sediment messed up our stream, it hasn't been any fun living here," Tammy and Buggy said. "If things don't get better soon, we're going to have to move!"

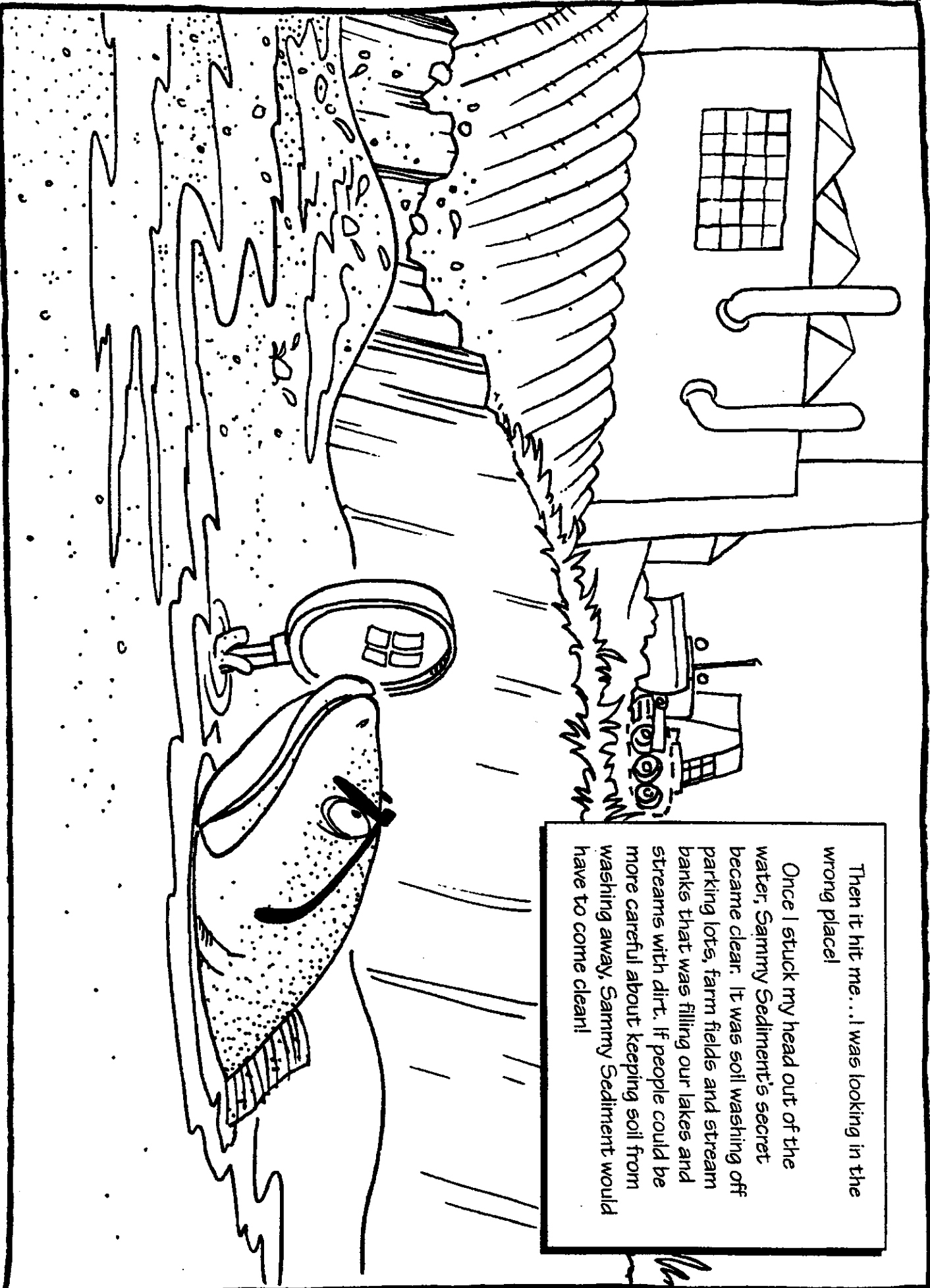
"Hang in there," I told them. "With Tommy Trout on his tail, Sammy Sediment is all washed up!"



My next stop was with Dafne Duck. Dafne said that Sammy Sediment had really ruined her pond. "Its all filled in with icky mud and poison stuff," said Dafne.

"Don't worry Dafne," I said " I'm getting close to the bottom of this case."





Then it hit me... I was looking in the wrong place!

Once I stuck my head out of the water, Sammy Sediment's secret became clear. It was soil washing off parking lots, farm fields and stream banks that was filling our lakes and streams with dirt. If people could be more careful about keeping soil from washing away, Sammy Sediment would have to come clean!

When it rains, water from plowed fields, rooftops and parking lots flows into nearby streams and lakes. Special care should be taken to make sure that the water stays clean and clear.

By taking a few extra steps, everyone can help put an end to Sammy Sediment. But most of all, our streams and lakes can be nicer places for all my animal friends and me!

