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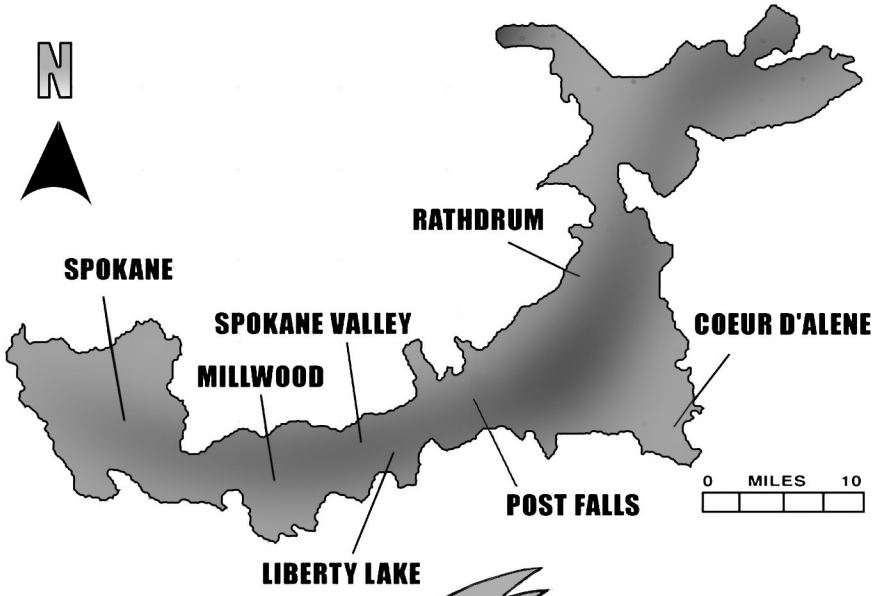
Welcome to Issue One.

Join us in the Adventures of Aqua Duck and the Aquifer Defense Force. Along the way you'll learn how you can help protect, defend, and preserve the extraordinary quality of our drinking water.

The Spokane Valley - Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer covers more than 350 square miles and provides drinking water to more than 500,000 people in this area.



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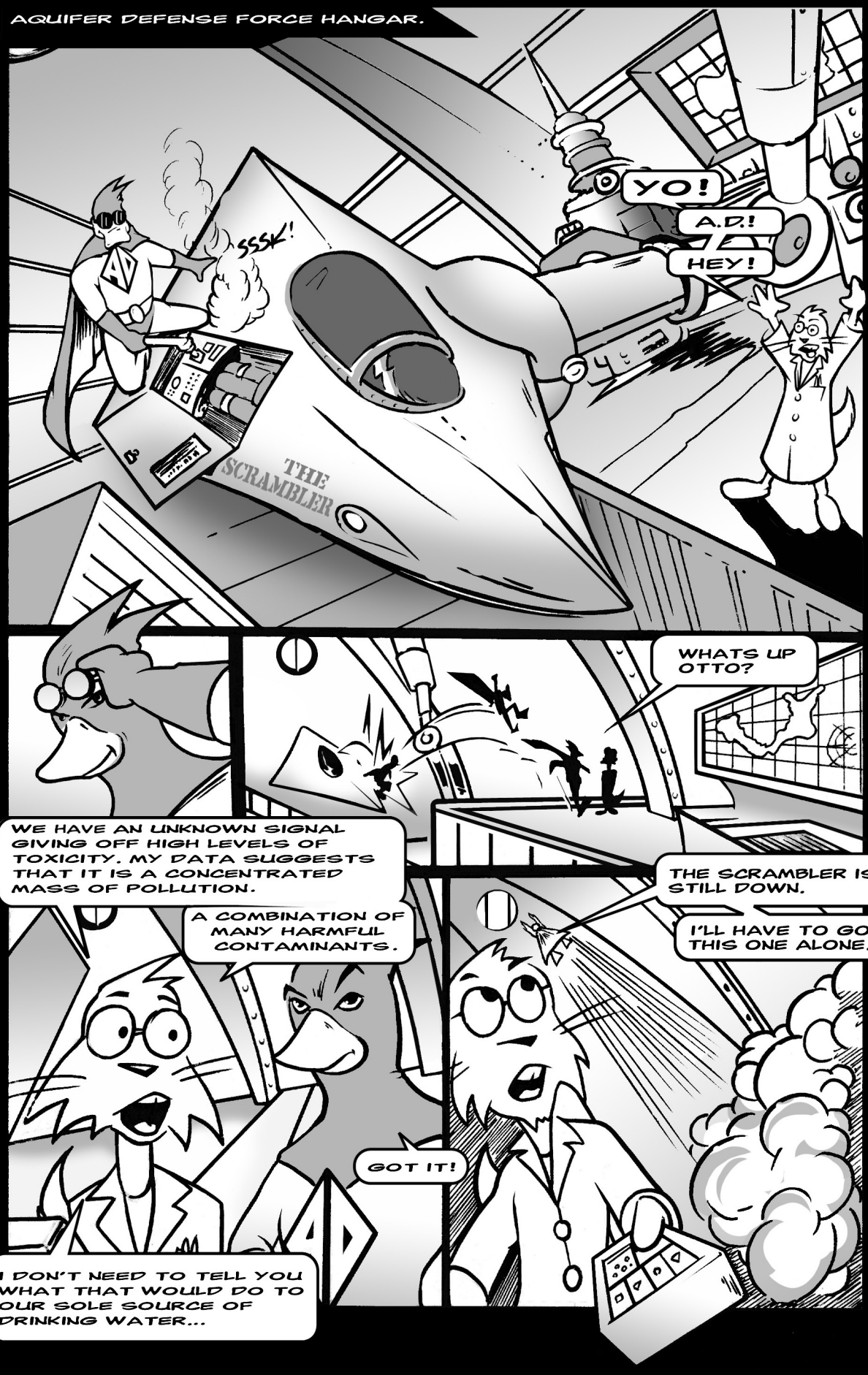
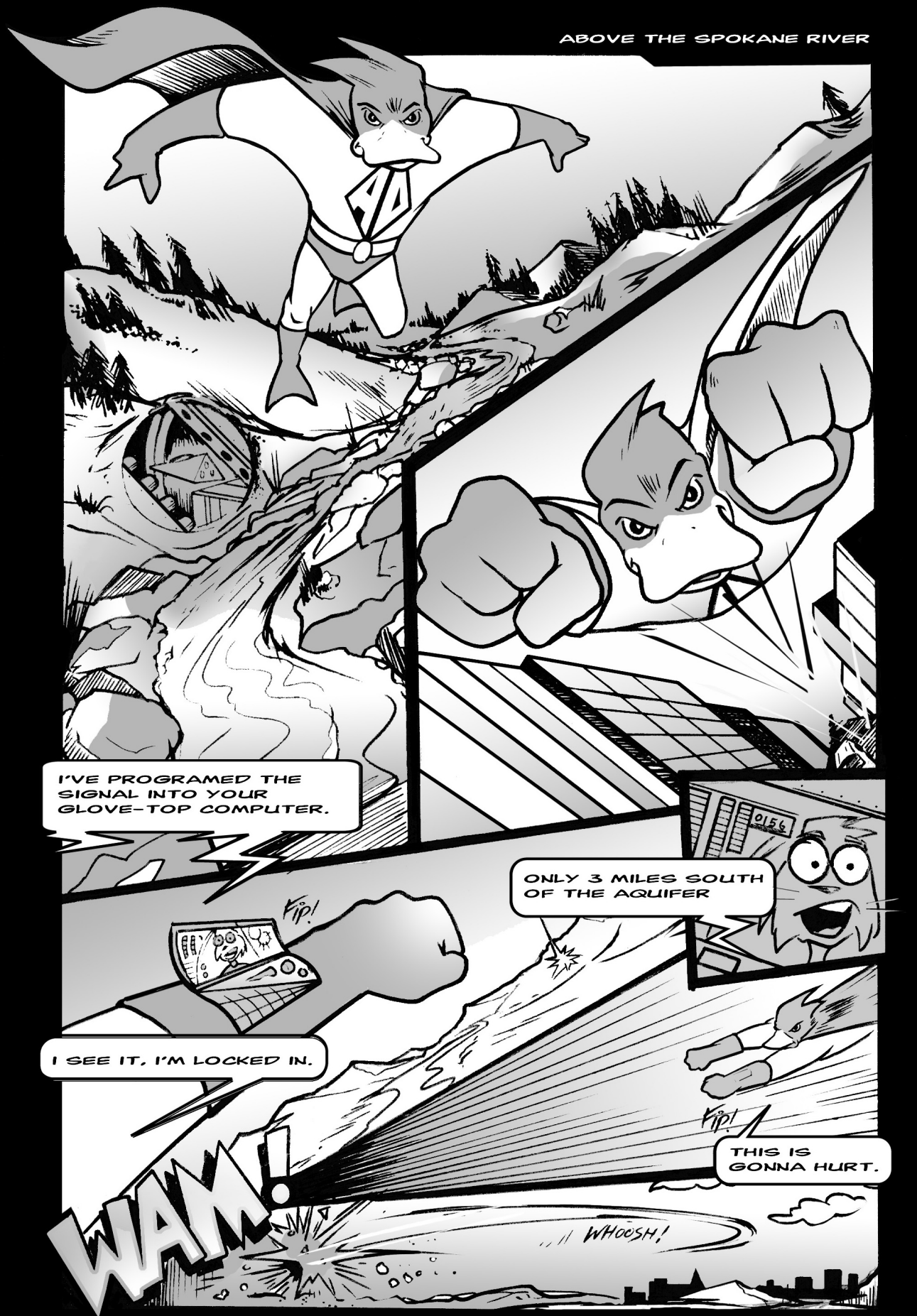
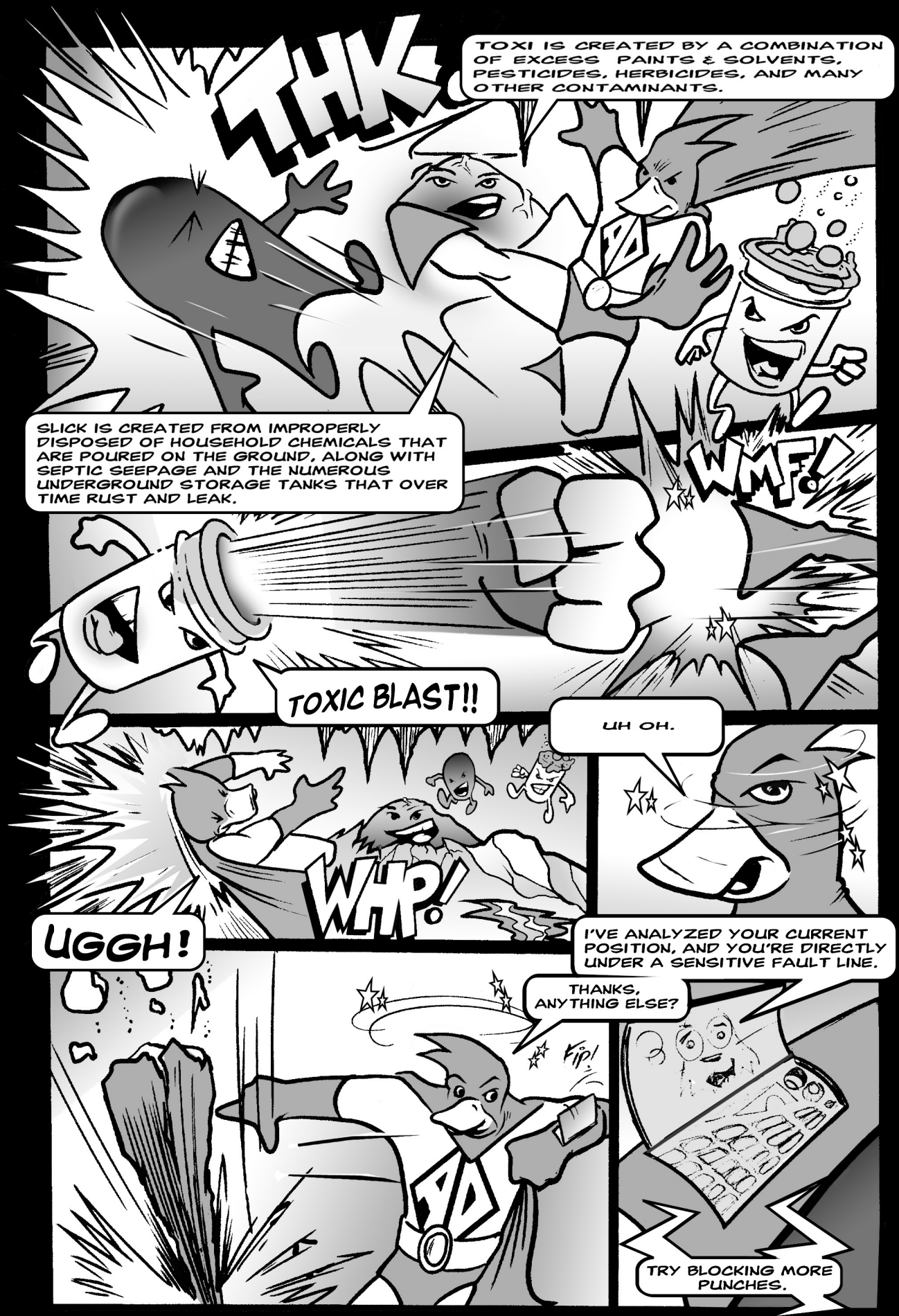

AQUIFER DEFENSE FORCE HANGAR.
SSSK!
THE SCRAMBLER
YO!
A.D.!
HEY!
WHATS UP OTTO?
WE HAVE AN UNKNOWN SIGNAL GIVING OFF HIGH LEVELS OF TOXICITY. MY DATA SUGGESTS THAT IT IS A CONCENTRATED MASS OF POLLUTION.
A COMBINATION OF MANY HARMFUL CONTAMINANTS.
I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO OUR SOLE SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER...
THE SCRAMBLER IS STILL DOWN.
I'LL HAVE TO GO THIS ONE ALONE.
GOT IT!


ABOVE THE SPOKANE RIVER
I'VE PROGRAMED THE SIGNAL INTO YOUR GLOVE-TOP COMPUTER.
ONLY 3 MILES SOUTH OF THE AQUIFER
Kip!
I SEE IT, I'M LOCKED IN.
WAM!
WHOOSH!
Kip!
THIS IS GONNA HURT.

A STEADY SUPPLY OF HAZARDOUS WASTE HAS MUTATED MY SIZE AND STRENGTH.
NOT EVEN YOU CAN STOP ME.
YOU'LL NEVER REACH THE AQUIFER!
OH NO?
MEET TWO OF MY MOST DANGEROUS AGENTS.
TOXI
AND
SLICK


THK
TOXI IS CREATED BY A COMBINATION OF EXCESS PAINTS & SOLVENTS, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, AND MANY OTHER CONTAMINANTS.
SLICK IS CREATED FROM IMPROPERLY DISPOSED OF HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS THAT ARE POURED ON THE GROUND, ALONG WITH SEPTIC SEEPAGE AND THE NUMEROUS UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS THAT OVER TIME RUST AND LEAK.
WMF!
TOXIC BLAST!!
UH OH.
WHP!
UGGH!
I'VE ANALYZED YOUR CURRENT POSITION, AND YOU'RE DIRECTLY UNDER A SENSITIVE FAULT LINE.
THANKS, ANYTHING ELSE?
FIP!
TRY BLOCKING MORE PUNCHES.

AQUA DUCK WINDS UP...
HI YAA!!
BATTER UP!
AND CLOBBERS TOXI AND SLICK,
THEIR IMPACT ROCKS THE CAVERN,
LOOKS LIKE A DOUBLE.
THWACK!
KWM!
RRRRRR!
AGHHHHH!!!
TRIGGERING A MASSIVE UNDERGROUND EARTHQUAKE.

WELL, I KNOW WHEN I'VE WORN OUT MY WELCOME.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME!
MAX POWER!
THE CAVERN COLLAPSES.
WHEEW, THAT WAS CLOSE.
KRSH!
I'LL NEED TO ENLIST THE HELP OF EACH AND EVERY CITIZEN TO STOP THESE CONTAMINANTS FROM THREATENING THE AQUIFER AND OUR DRINKING WATER.
I MUST SPREAD THE WORD.
TO BE CONTINUED....

WORD SEARCH

C	O	N	S	E	R	V	A	T	I	O	N
O	B	M	R	V	S	O	L	V	E	N	T
N	E	A	H	A	Q	U	A	D	U	C	K
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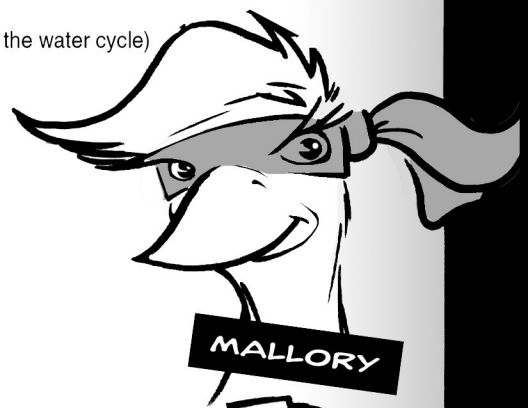
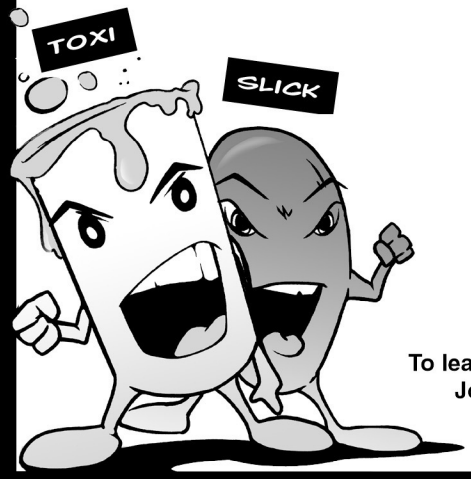
O	T	T	O	N	S	Z	E	T	G	N	C
N	P	E	R	C	O	L	A	T	I	O	N

Conservation — not wasting water (or any other resource)
Evaporation — change from liquid to a gas (part of the water cycle)
Percolation — surface water moving below ground
Condensation — water vapor becoming a liquid or a solid (yup, part of the water cycle)
Hydrogen — component of water
Oxygen — component of water
H2O — water molecule
Drought — lack or absence of water
Solvent — a liquid that can dissolve other substances (water is one)
Aqua Duck — our hero!
Mallory - ADF Communications Officer
Otto - ADF Scientist
Buck - ADF Engineer





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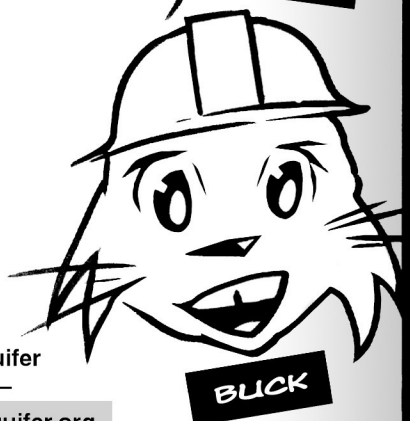

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