

# DANGER ON OTTER ISLAND

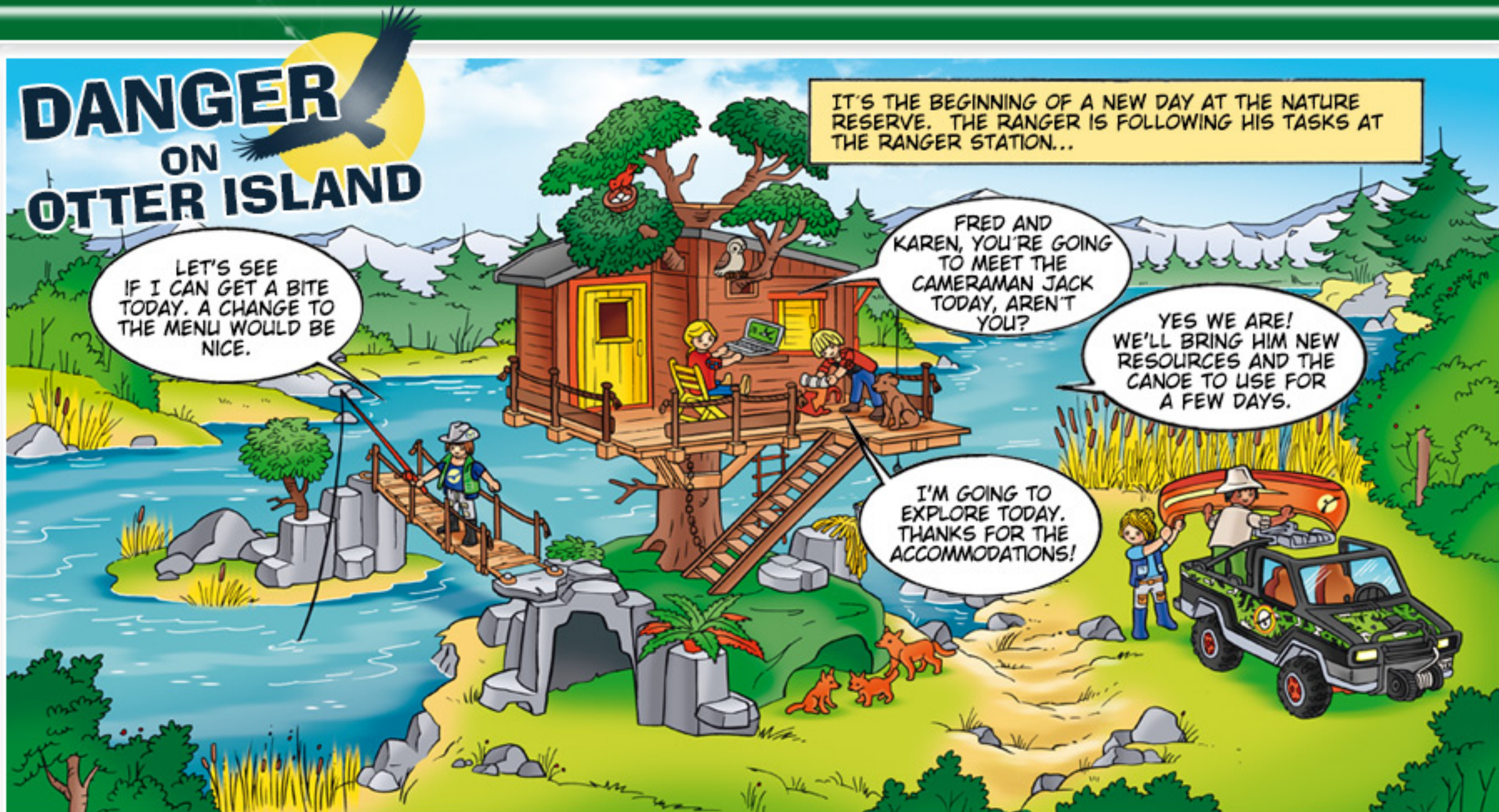
LET'S SEE  
IF I CAN GET A BITE  
TODAY. A CHANGE TO  
THE MENU WOULD BE  
NICE.

IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY AT THE NATURE  
RESERVE. THE RANGER IS FOLLOWING HIS TASKS AT  
THE RANGER STATION...

FRED AND  
KAREN, YOU'RE GOING  
TO MEET THE  
CAMERAMAN JACK  
TODAY, AREN'T  
YOU?

YES WE ARE!  
WE'LL BRING HIM NEW  
RESOURCES AND THE  
CANOE TO USE FOR  
A FEW DAYS.

I'M GOING TO  
EXPLORE TODAY.  
THANKS FOR THE  
ACCOMMODATIONS!





WE ARE DRIVING NORTH TODAY. IF YOU'D LIKE, WE CAN TAKE YOU THERE IN THE TRUCK.

I WANT TO HIKE TO THE BEAVER COLONY AT THE DARK WATER POND.

OK, ENJOY!

HEY- WHO IS THAT?

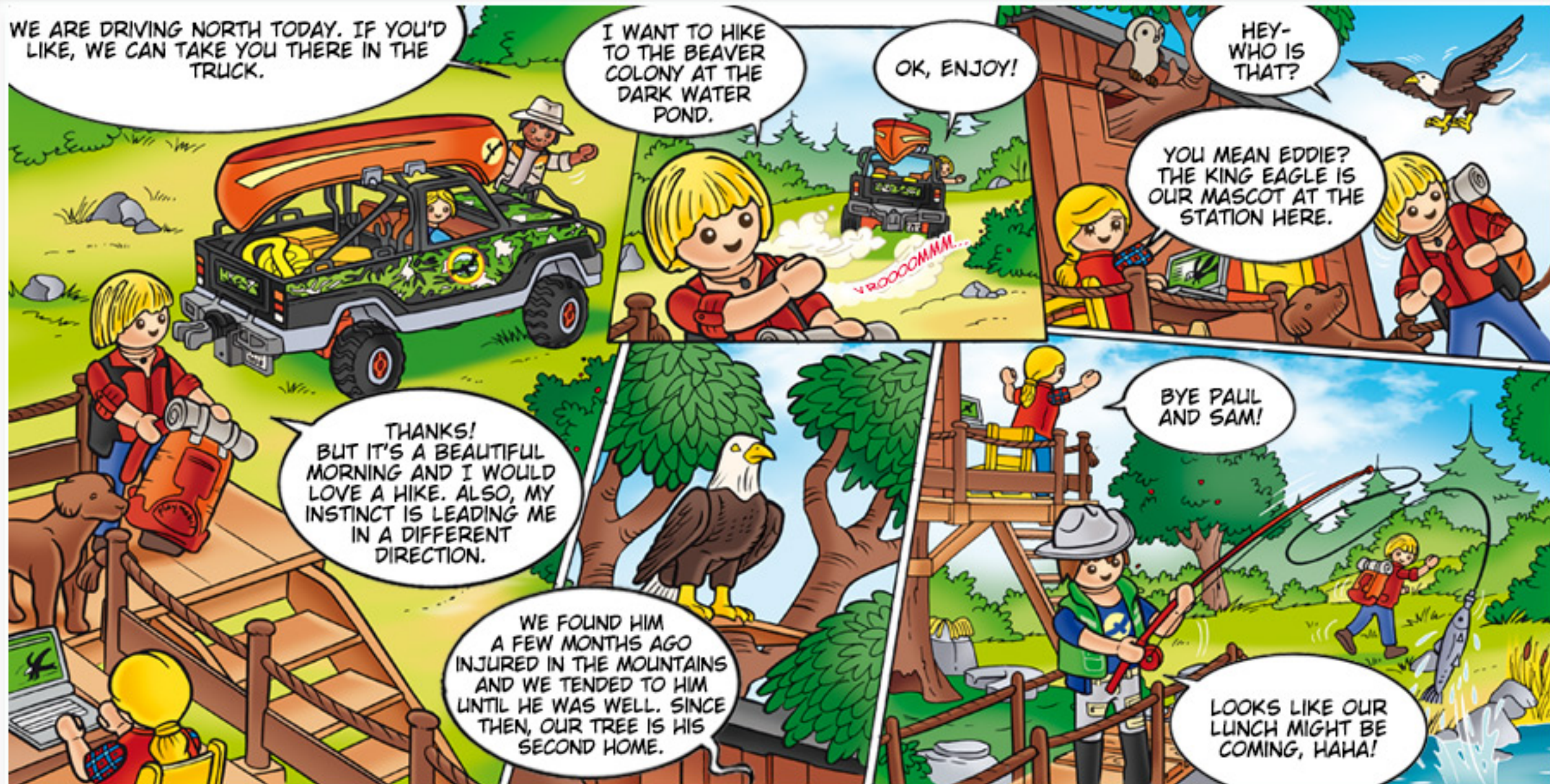
YOU MEAN EDDIE? THE KING EAGLE IS OUR MASCOT AT THE STATION HERE.

THANKS! BUT IT'S A BEAUTIFUL MORNING AND I WOULD LOVE A HIKE. ALSO, MY INSTINCT IS LEADING ME IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

WE FOUND HIM A FEW MONTHS AGO INJURED IN THE MOUNTAINS AND WE TENDED TO HIM UNTIL HE WAS WELL. SINCE THEN, OUR TREE IS HIS SECOND HOME.

BYE PAUL AND SAM!

LOOKS LIKE OUR LUNCH MIGHT BE COMING, HAHA!



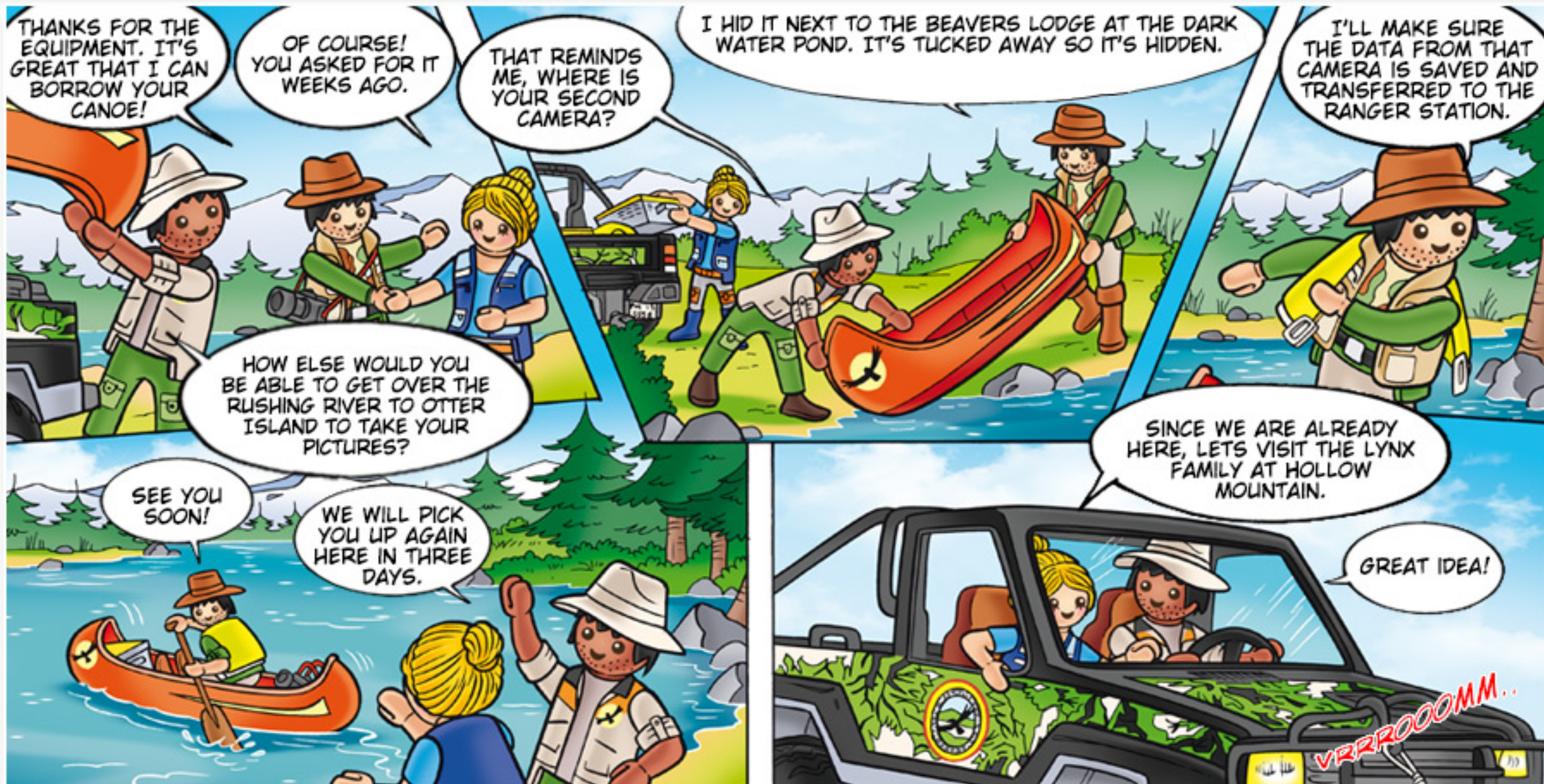




MEANWHILE, KAREN AND FRED HAVE REACHED THE ARRANGED MEETING POINT.







THANKS FOR THE EQUIPMENT. IT'S GREAT THAT I CAN BORROW YOUR CANOE!

OF COURSE! YOU ASKED FOR IT WEEKS AGO.

THAT REMINDS ME, WHERE IS YOUR SECOND CAMERA?

I HID IT NEXT TO THE BEAVERS LODGE AT THE DARK WATER POND. IT'S TUCKED AWAY SO IT'S HIDDEN.

I'LL MAKE SURE THE DATA FROM THAT CAMERA IS SAVED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE RANGER STATION.

HOW ELSE WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO GET OVER THE RUSHING RIVER TO OTTER ISLAND TO TAKE YOUR PICTURES?

SEE YOU SOON!

WE WILL PICK YOU UP AGAIN HERE IN THREE DAYS.

SINCE WE ARE ALREADY HERE, LETS VISIT THE LYNX FAMILY AT HOLLOW MOUNTAIN.

GREAT IDEA!

VRRROOOMM...



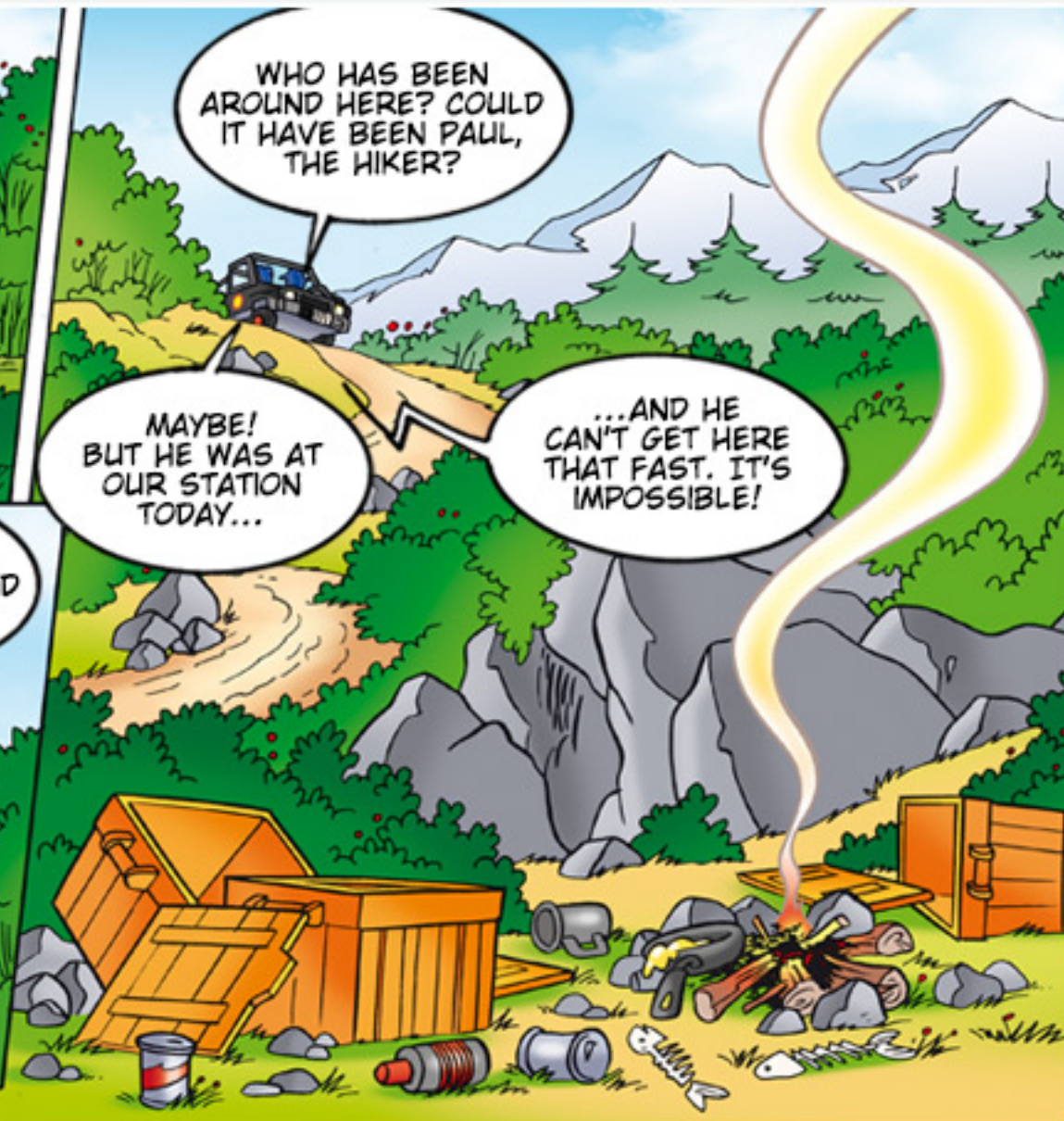
LOOKS LIKE THE LYNX FAMILY  
IS ON THE RUN!



WHO HAS BEEN  
AROUND HERE? COULD  
IT HAVE BEEN PAUL,  
THE HIKER?

MAYBE!  
BUT HE WAS AT  
OUR STATION  
TODAY...

...AND HE  
CAN'T GET HERE  
THAT FAST. IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE!



WHAT  
FOR...?!

THEY  
SEEM LIKE  
THEY'RE TRYING  
TO ESCAPE!

STRANGE, WHAT  
COULD HAVE  
SCARED THEM?

WE ARE  
ABOUT TO FIND  
IT OUT!





KAREN IS RIGHT. PAUL IS SOMEWHERE ELSE.



SKREEE  
EEAGHH

WOOF?!?

WE ARE  
ALMOST THERE,  
SAM...



SKREEE  
EEAGHH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
JOIN US? COME ON!  
WE ARE GOING TO  
VISIT THE BEAVERS.



THE RANGER  
TOLD US ABOUT  
THEM. IT CAN'T BE  
FAR FROM  
HERE.

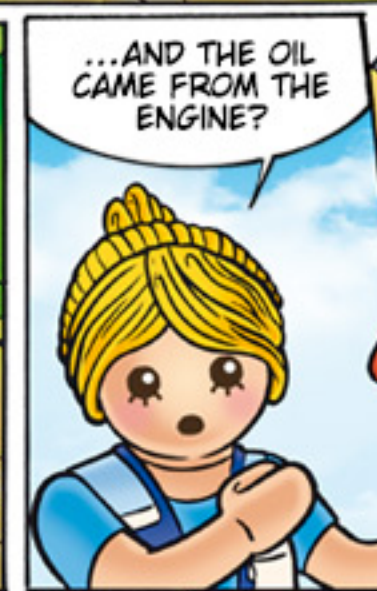
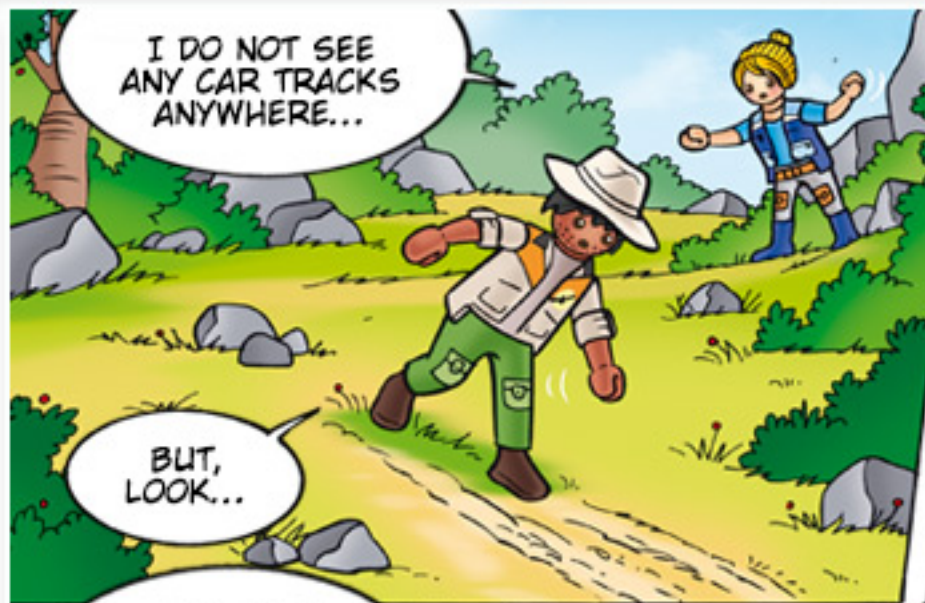
AFTER THE RANGERS HAVE EXTINGUISHED  
AND COVERED THE STILL GLOWING FIREPLACE,  
THEY SEARCH FOR THE UNINVITED GUESTS  
IN THE RESERVE.



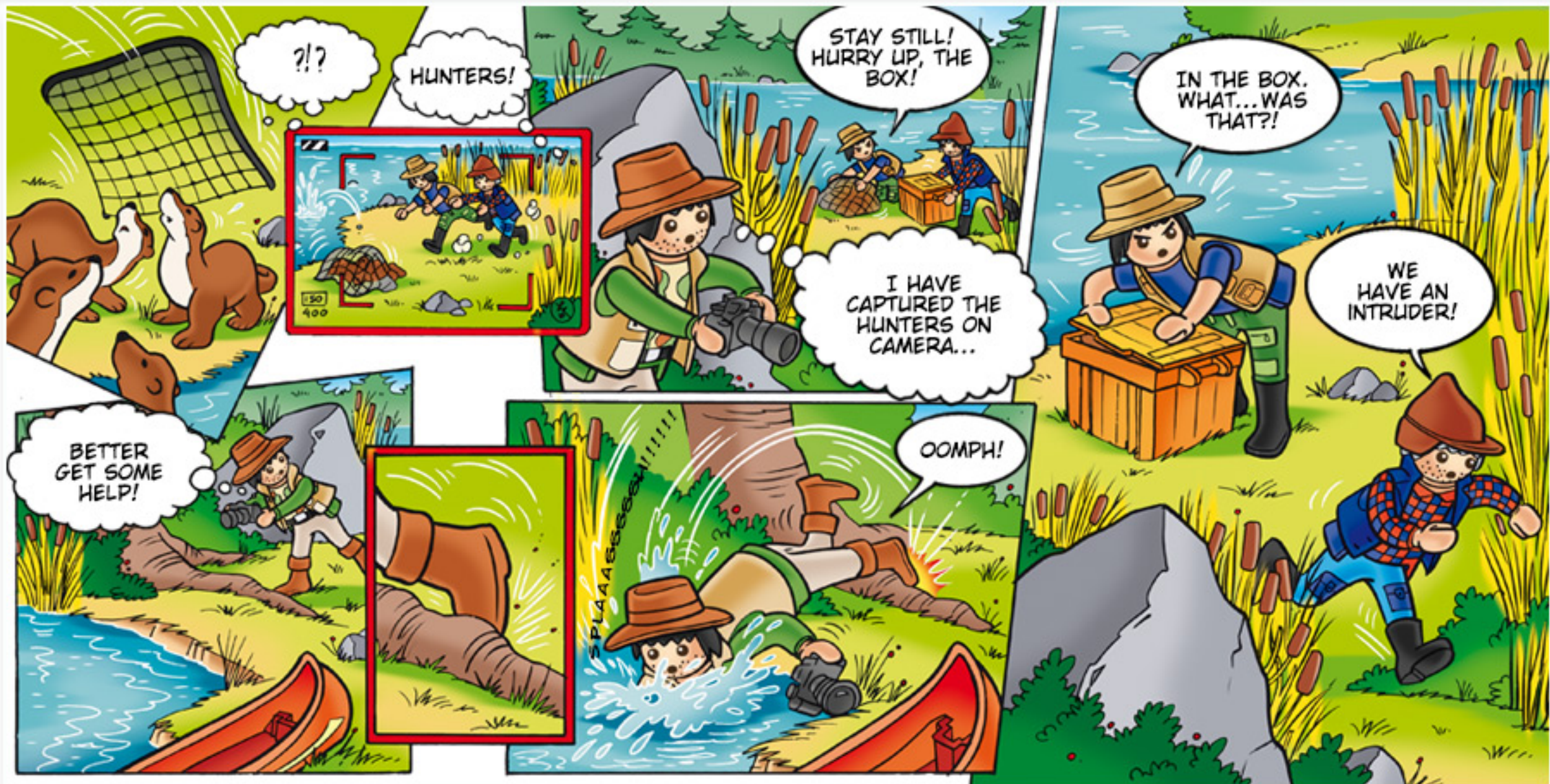
BUT NO  
ONE HAS APPLIED  
TO STAY AT THE  
RESERVE.

YOU ARE RIGHT.  
I REALLY DON'T LIKE  
THIS! WE NEED TO GET  
TO THE BOTTOM  
OF THIS!

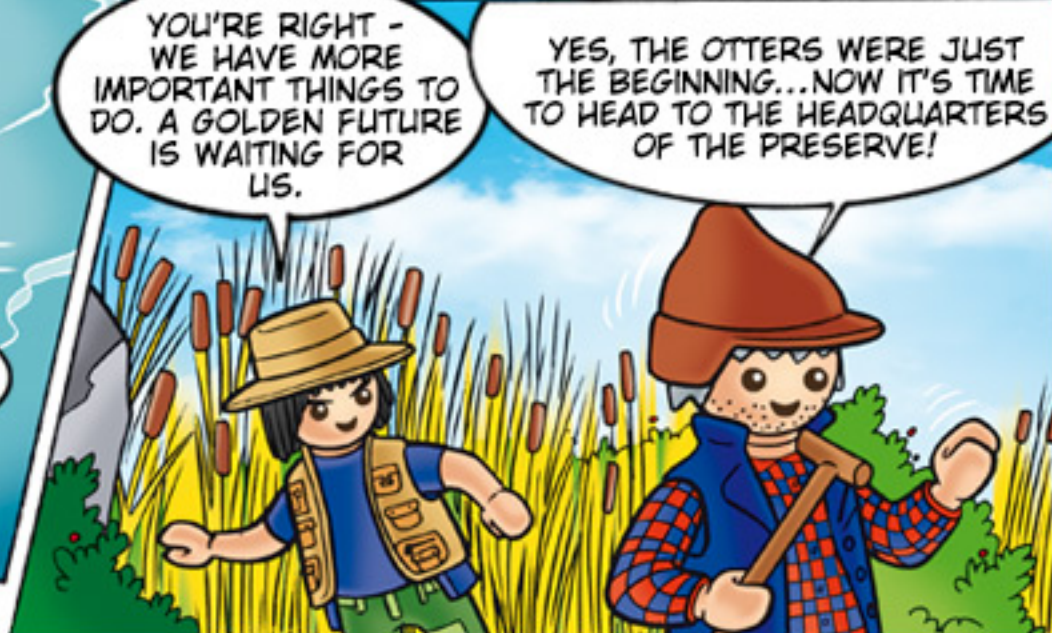




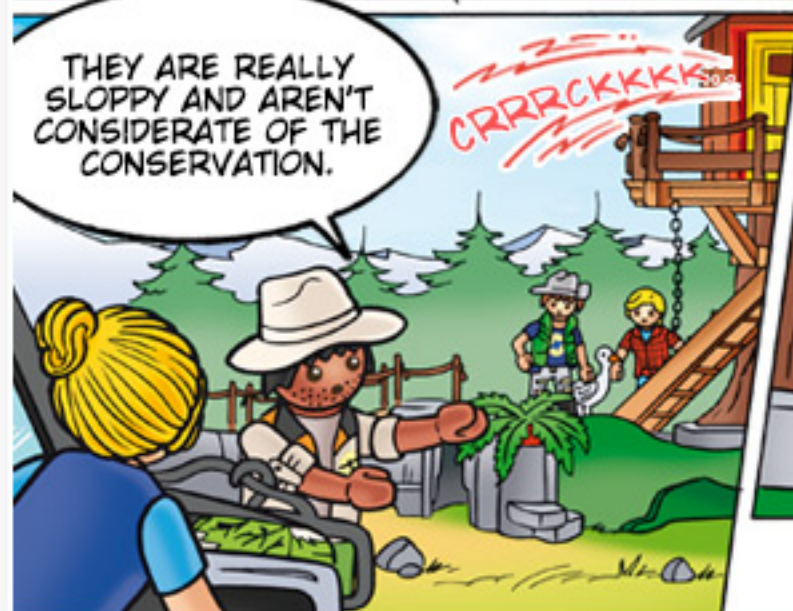




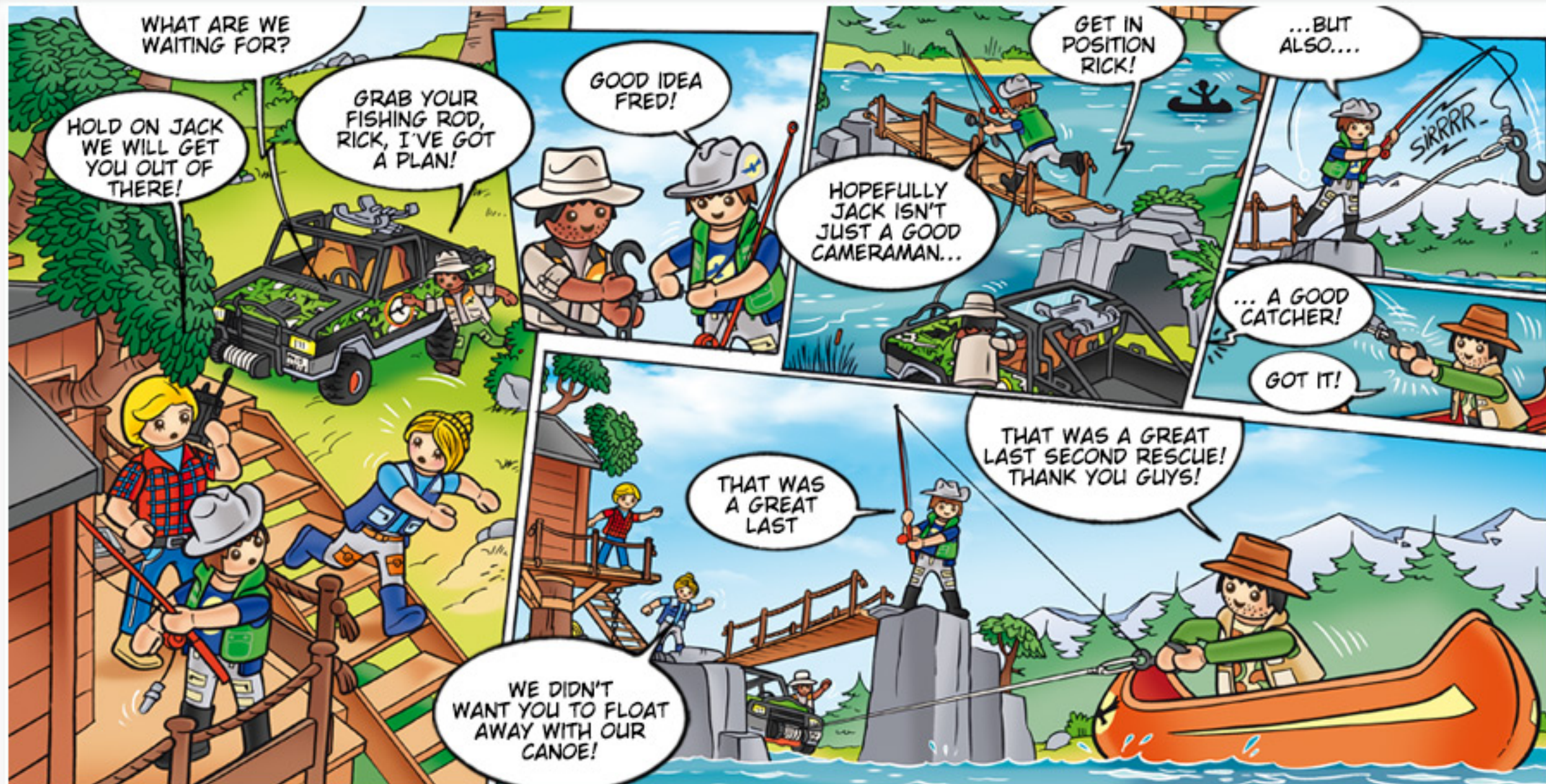




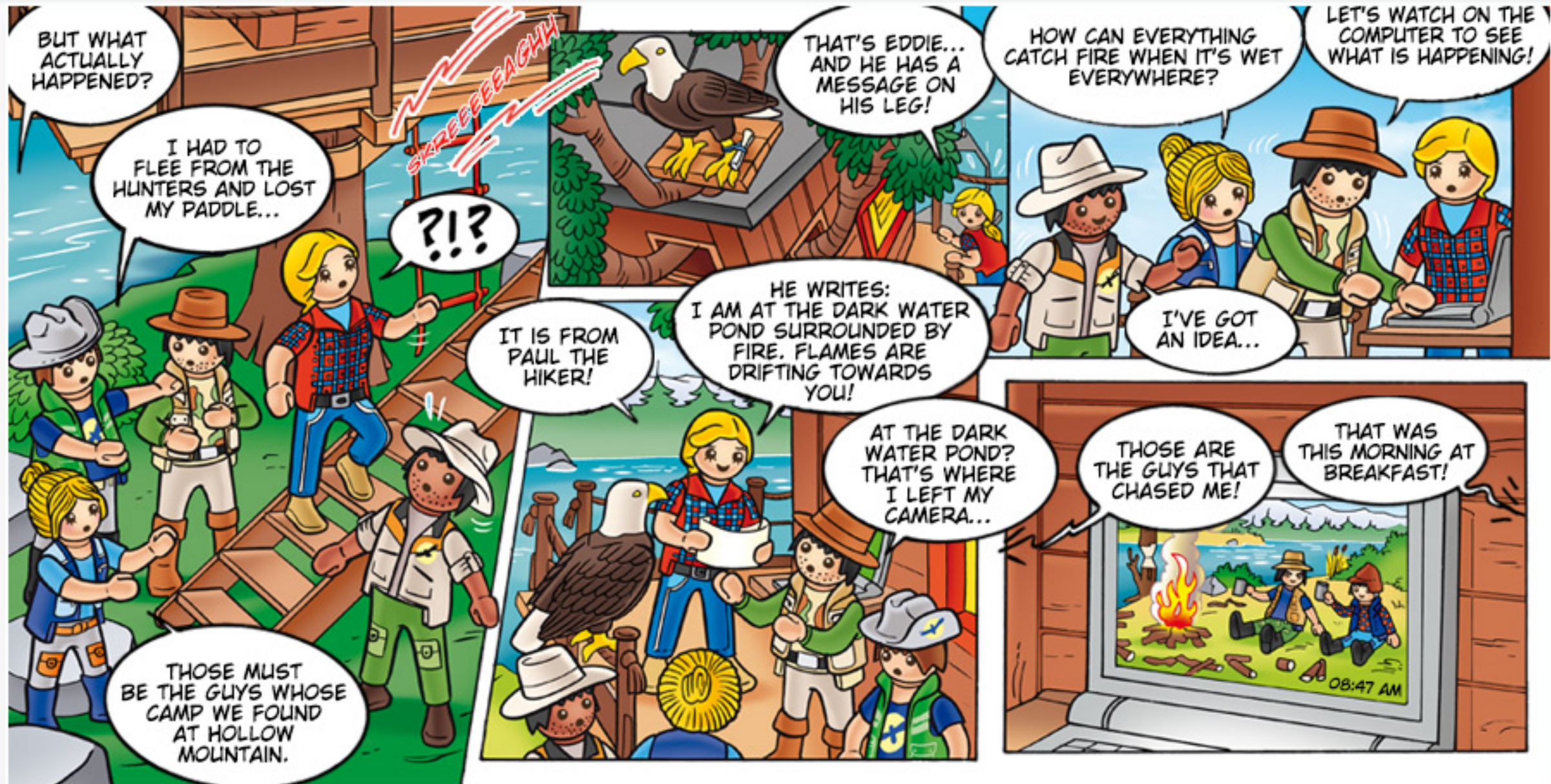














NOW THEY ARE GONE, BUT THE FIRE IS STILL BURNING-EXACTLY LIKE THE CAMP AT HOLLOW MOUNTAIN. SO FOOLISH.

FIRE

10:50 AM

THE FIRE HAS SET THE FERNS ON FIRE...

10:50 AM

...AND HAS SURPRISED THE HIKER. HE JUMPED INTO THE WATER!

12:10 PM

AND THEN HE WROTE THIS LETTER,

12:10 PM

IT'S TRUE:  
THERE ARE ALREADY  
FLAMES AT THE HIGH  
MOUNTAINS!

I HAVE ALERTED THE REFIIGHTERS. THE REFIIGHTING PLANE IS ON ITS WAY.

THE WIND IS FANNING THE FLAMES!

AND SO...

PM-F-R3  
TO RANGER.  
I PUT OUT THE  
FIRE...



HOORAY!

PM-F-R3  
TO RANGER.  
PUT OUT THE  
FIRE...





MEANWHILE, AT THE  
RANGER STATION...

THE WATER  
IN THE DITCH  
PREVENTED THE  
FLAMES FROM  
TAKING OVER!

I HOPE  
THAT'S NOT  
NECESSARY!

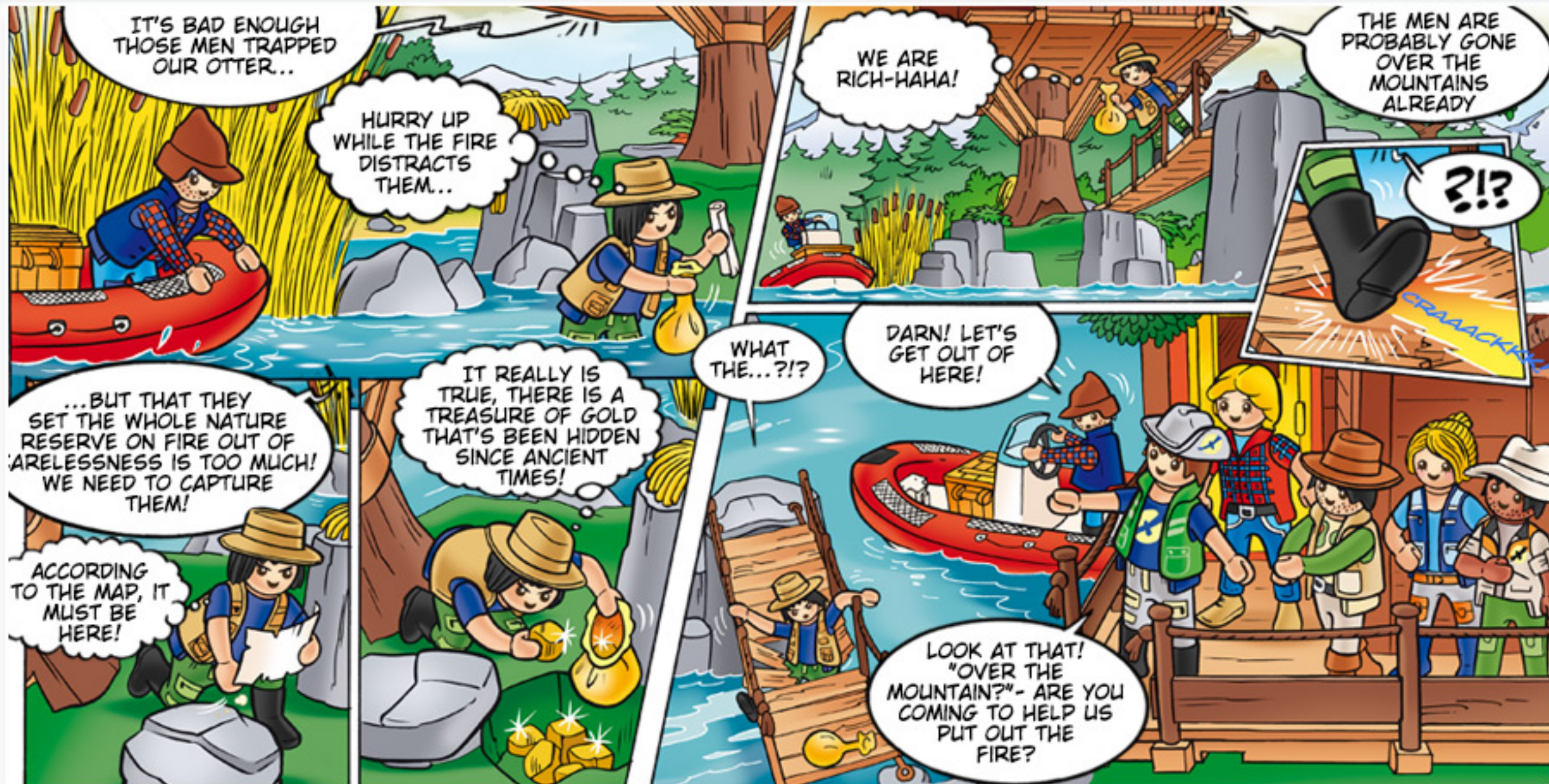
THE FIREFIGHTING  
OPERATION SEEMS  
TO HAVE ALREADY  
STOPPED THE  
FIRE.

IF I CATCH  
THESE CARELESS  
HUNTERS  
...GRRR!

THEY ARE MUCH CLOSER  
THAN FRED THINKS!







IT'S BAD ENOUGH  
THOSE MEN TRAPPED  
OUR OTTER...

HURRY UP  
WHILE THE FIRE  
DISTRACTS  
THEM...

WE ARE  
RICH-HAHA!

THE MEN ARE  
PROBABLY GONE  
OVER THE  
MOUNTAINS  
ALREADY

?!?

...BUT THAT THEY  
SET THE WHOLE NATURE  
RESERVE ON FIRE OUT OF  
CARELESSNESS IS TOO MUCH!  
WE NEED TO CAPTURE  
THEM!

ACCORDING  
TO THE MAP, IT  
MUST BE  
HERE!

IT REALLY IS  
TRUE, THERE IS A  
TREASURE OF GOLD  
THAT'S BEEN HIDDEN  
SINCE ANCIENT  
TIMES!

WHAT  
THE...?!?

DARN! LET'S  
GET OUT OF  
HERE!

LOOK AT THAT!  
"OVER THE  
MOUNTAIN?" - ARE YOU  
COMING TO HELP US  
PUT OUT THE  
FIRE?



WITH CHEESE, YOU  
CATCH MICE AND  
WITH A SWING  
BRIDGE, HUNTERS,  
HAHA!

WHAT COULD  
BE IN THIS  
POUCH?

HEY,  
THE OTHER  
ONE IS  
ESCAPING!

OH MY!  
THEY'VE GIVEN  
US THEIR  
TREASURE OF  
GOLD, HAHA!

WITH THAT  
WE CAN BUY  
MEDICINE AND FOOD  
FOR OUR WILD  
ANIMALS.

AND IT CAN HELP TO  
REFOREST THE BURNED  
AREA.

WE ALWAYS  
NEED IMPROVEMENTS  
HERE!

NOW SMILE  
EVERYONE!

HMMPPP...

HAHAHA!

HE DOESN'T GET AWAY.  
JUST IN TIME THE  
FIREFIGHTING PLANE HAS  
FINISHED ITS MISSION AND  
COMES TO THE AID OF THE  
PRESERVERS.

END