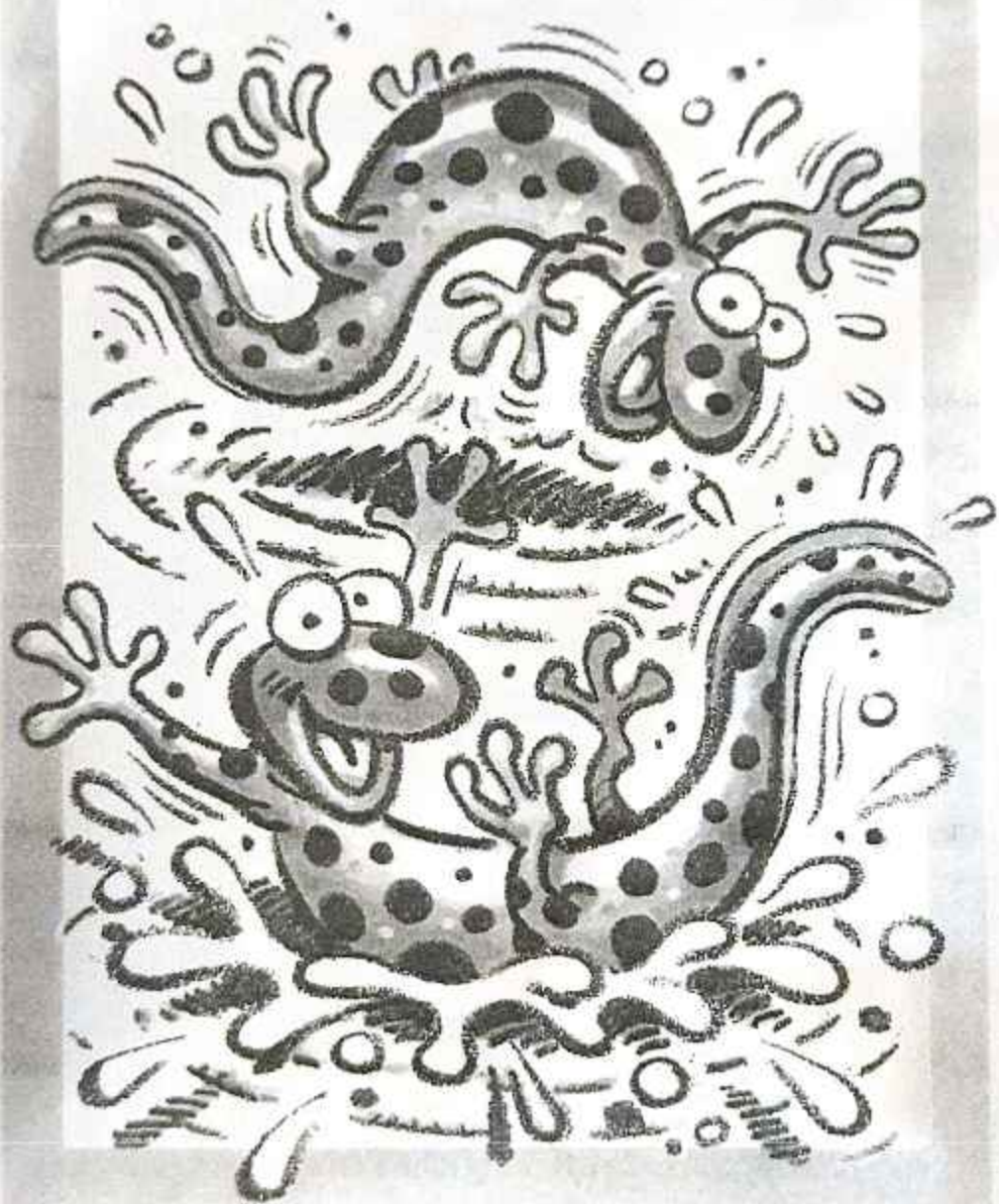


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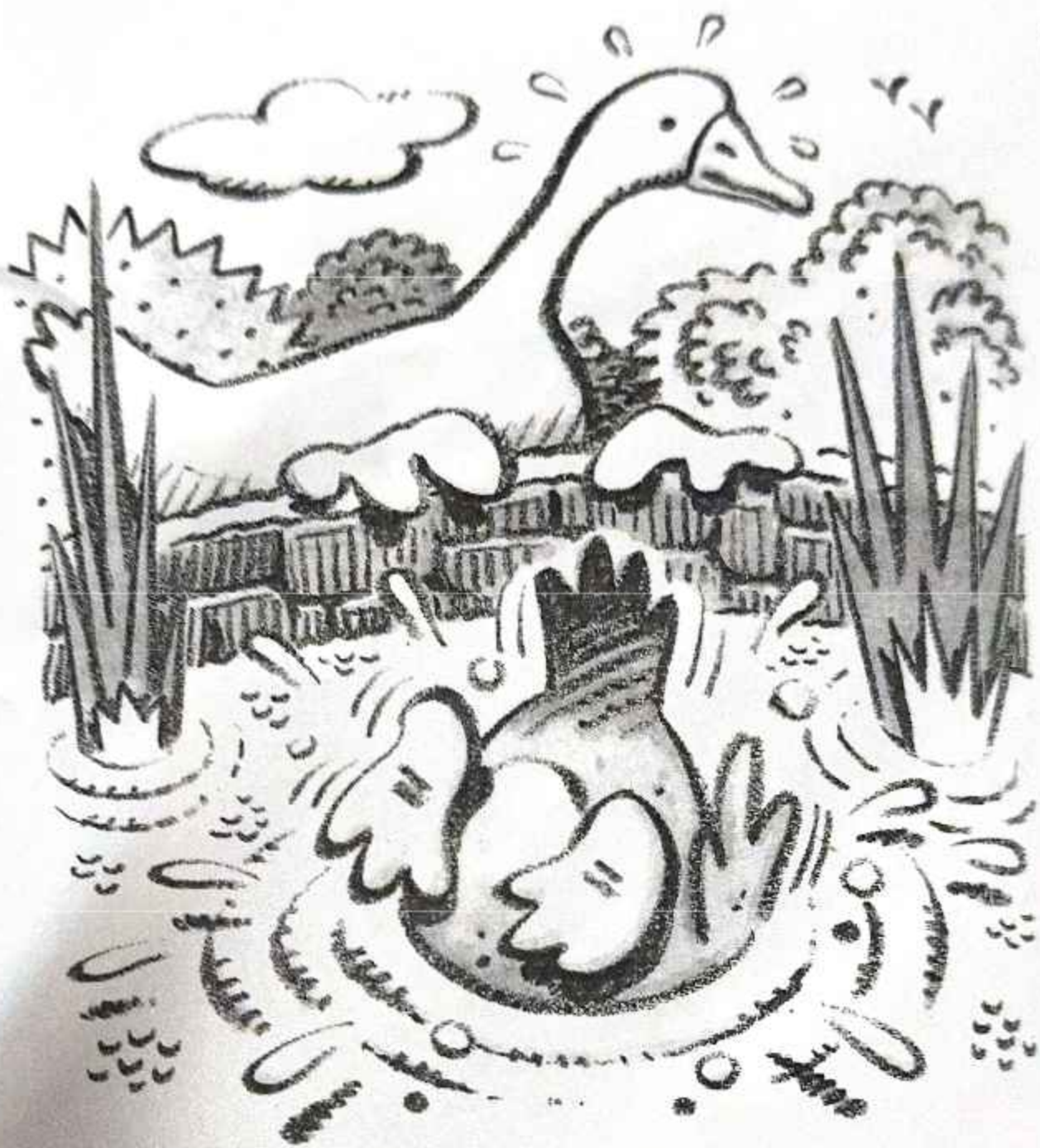
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It was late afternoon at the zoo. Goose was trying to find the new newts. She saw Loon in the pool. Loon was swooping down in the water and scooping up fish.



Goose flew toward Loon.

“Yoo-hoo, Loon!” called Goose.

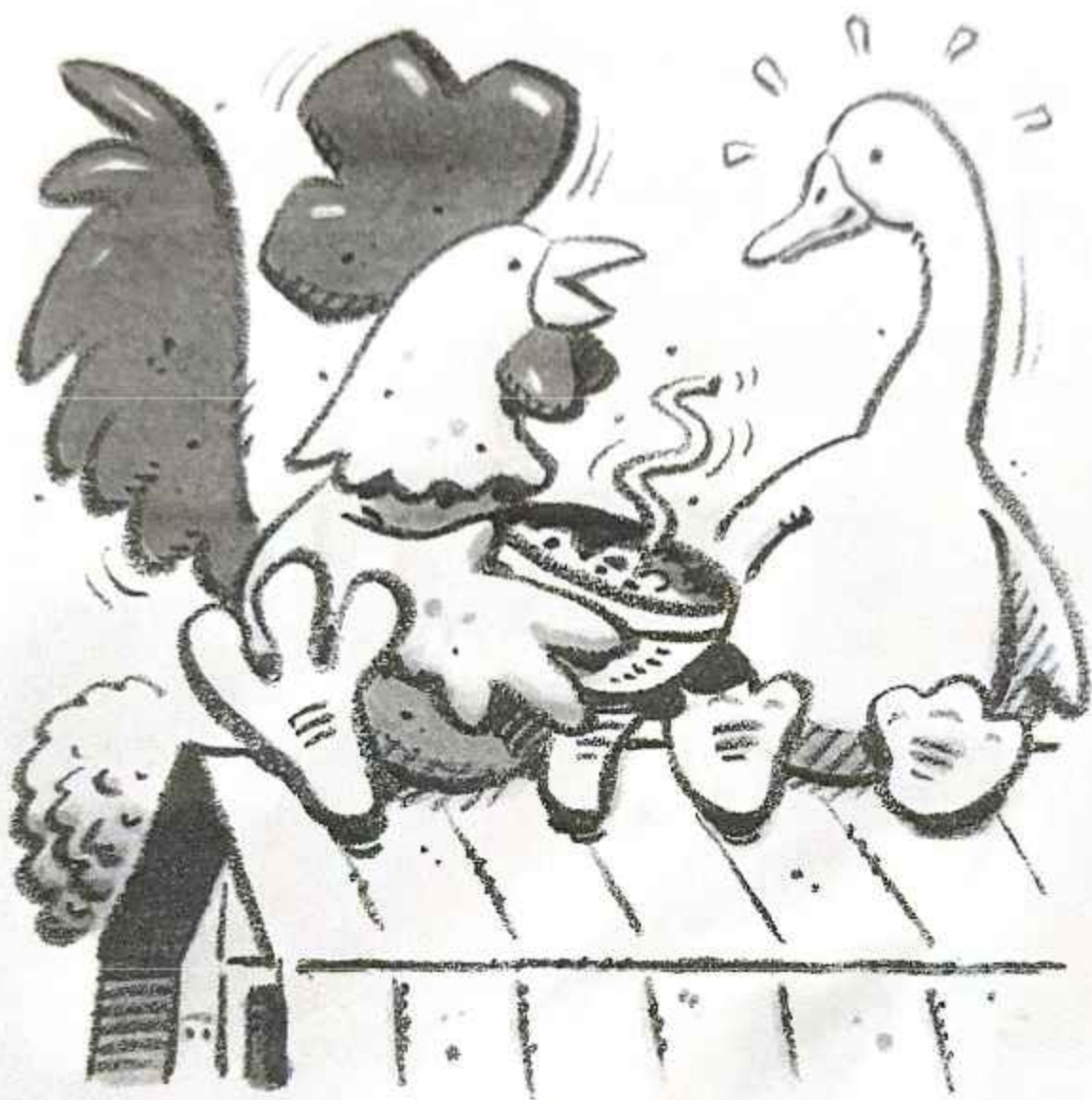
“Have you seen the new newts?”

“No,” said Loon. “Sometimes they’re here in the pool. But I haven’t seen either one all day.”



Next, Goose flew to Rooster on the roof.

“Yoo-hoo, Rooster!” called Goose.
“Have you seen the new newts?”



“No,” said Rooster. “I’ve been on the roof all day. They’ve not come up here.” Then Rooster asked, “Want some noodle soup?”

“No, thank you,” said Goose.

“Cock-a-noodle-noo!” said Rooster.



Goose then flew across the yard toward Raccoon. As always, Raccoon was snooping through the zoo for food.

“Yoo-hoo, Raccoon!” said Goose.
“Have you seen the new newts?”



“I’d like to say yes,” said Raccoon. “But I’ve got to say no. I haven’t seen either one of them.”

Then Raccoon saw an old soup can and began singing, “I’m in the mood for food.”



Goose flew across the zoo.
Poodle was cooling off outside
her room.

“Yoo-hoo, Poodle!” said Goose.
“Have you seen the new newts?”



"You'd better not ask me," said Poodle. "I've been in my room all afternoon getting a shampoo. Do you like my new hairdo?"

"Yes," said Goose. "Now you've got loops that don't droop!"



Goose said to herself, "Where's the best place to go next?" Then she saw Toucan and Cuckoo in a tree. Goose flew toward them.

"Have you seen the new newts?" Goose asked.

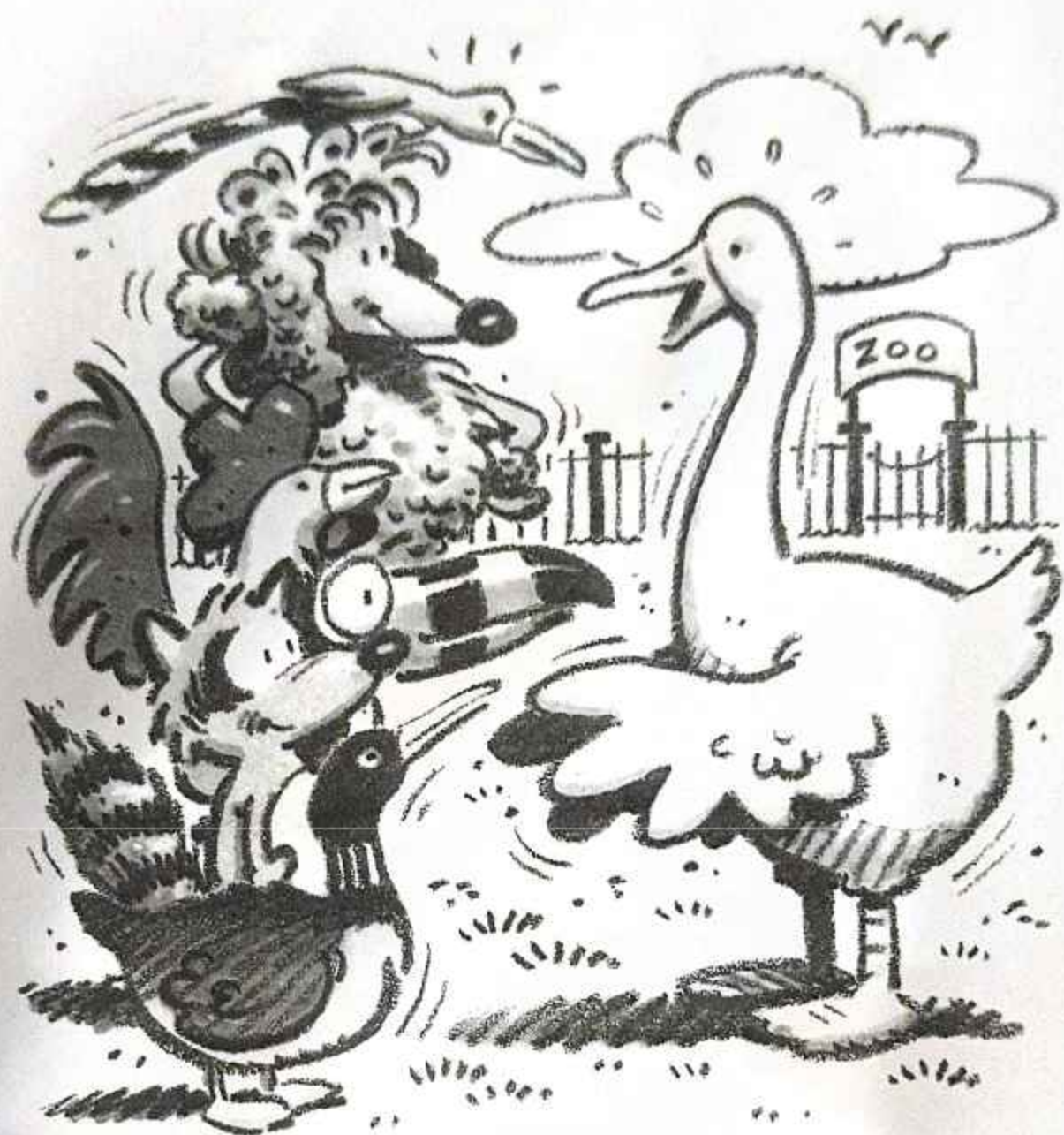


"We've not seen either of them all day," said Toucan.

"Are you sure?" Goose asked.

"We're sure," Cuckoo said. "But we'd be glad to help you find them."

"Great!" said Goose.



Soon, other zoo animals grouped together to help find the new newts. In the group were Goose, Loon, Rooster, Raccoon, Poodle, Toucan, and Cuckoo.



Just then, Kangaroo came by.
“What’s going on?” he asked.

“We’re going to try and find
the new newts,” Goose said.

“I’d like to help too,” said
Kangaroo. “I’ll just put on my
boots first.”



Kangaroo sat down to put on his boots. He knew they'd help him hop across the zoo.

Kangaroo felt something move inside one boot.

"Shoo, shoo!" said Kangaroo.



Just then, one of the newts came up from inside the boot. Then the other newt came up from inside the other boot!

“What are you doing in there?” asked Kangaroo. “You’ve got everyone in the zoo trying to find you!”



“The boots are cool!” said the new newts. “They’re a cool home!”

Goose scooped up the new newts and flew them to the pool.

“If you want to be cool, stay in the pool!” Goose said.

And so they did!

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