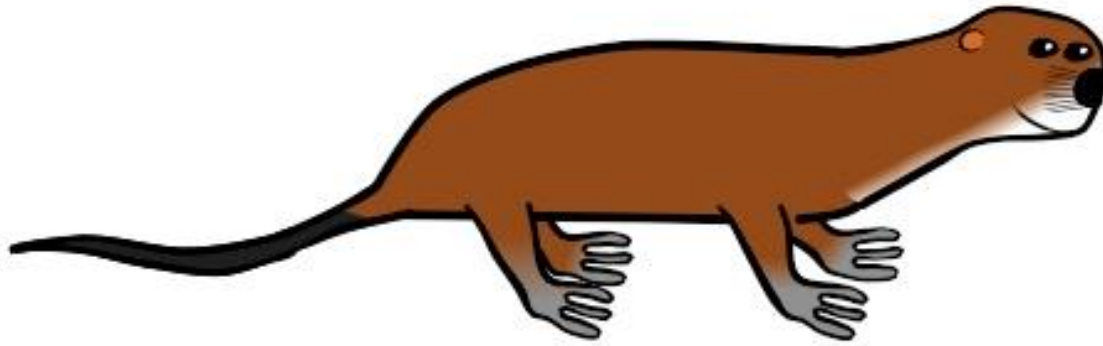


# Oliver the Otter

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Oliver was the biggest attraction at the zoo.

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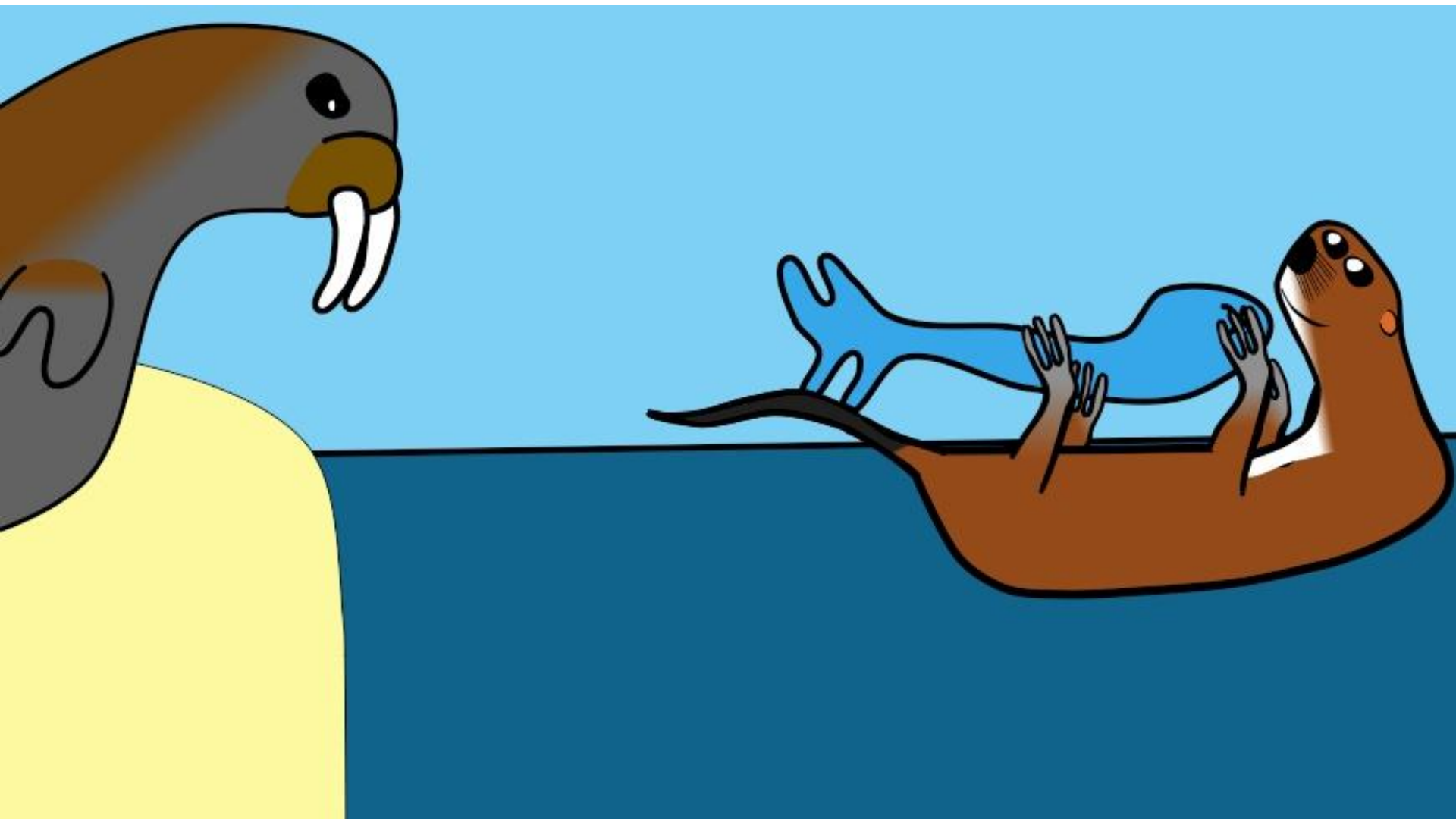
See Oliver the Otter



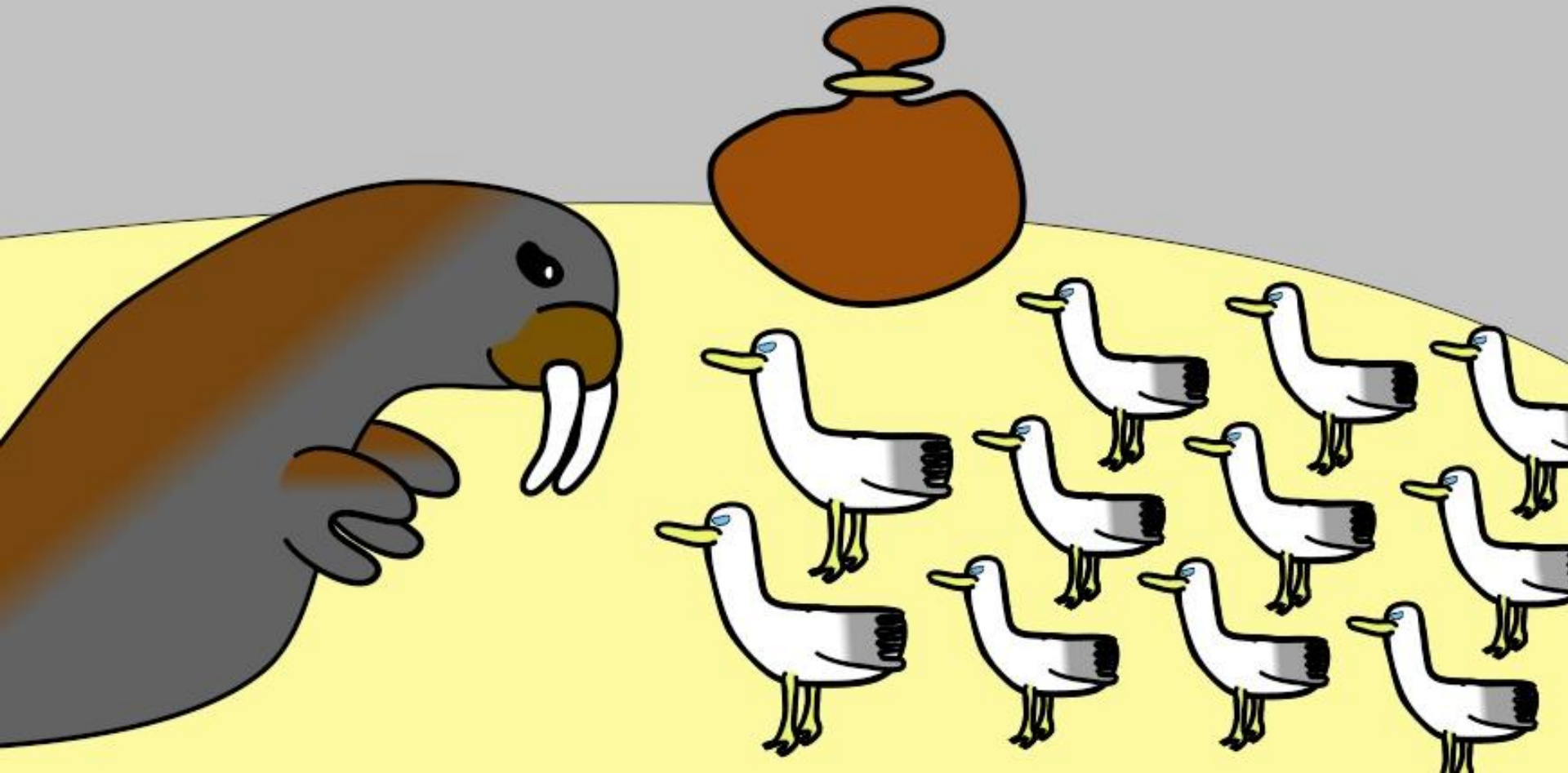
He would roll on his back swimming and the visitors would say “Isn’t that cute”.



As Oliver was the biggest attraction, he would receive the best fish. This made Wilson the Walrus jealous.



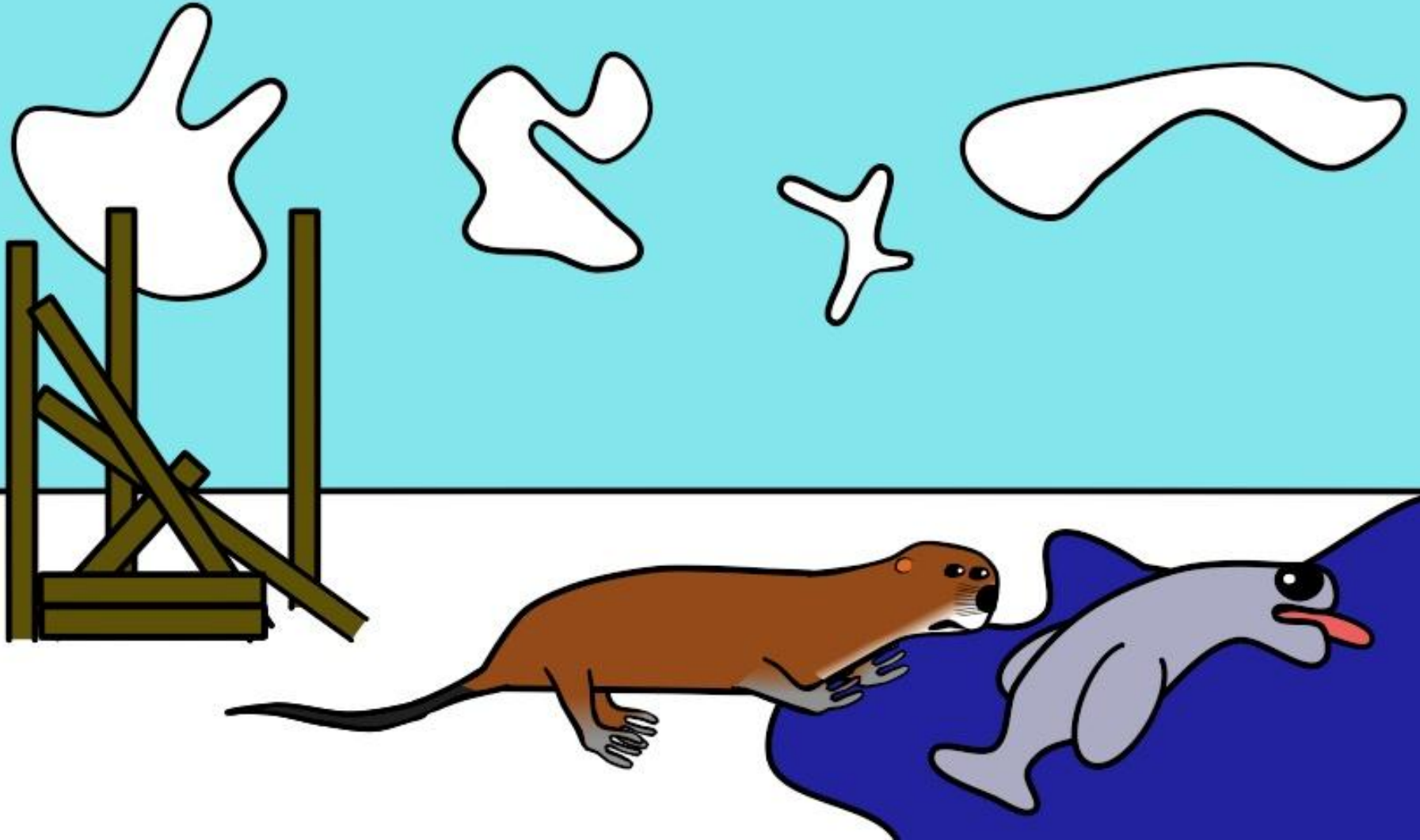
One night Wilson organised a flock of seagulls to kidnap Oliver and fly him into the wild, so that he could receive the best fish in the zoo.



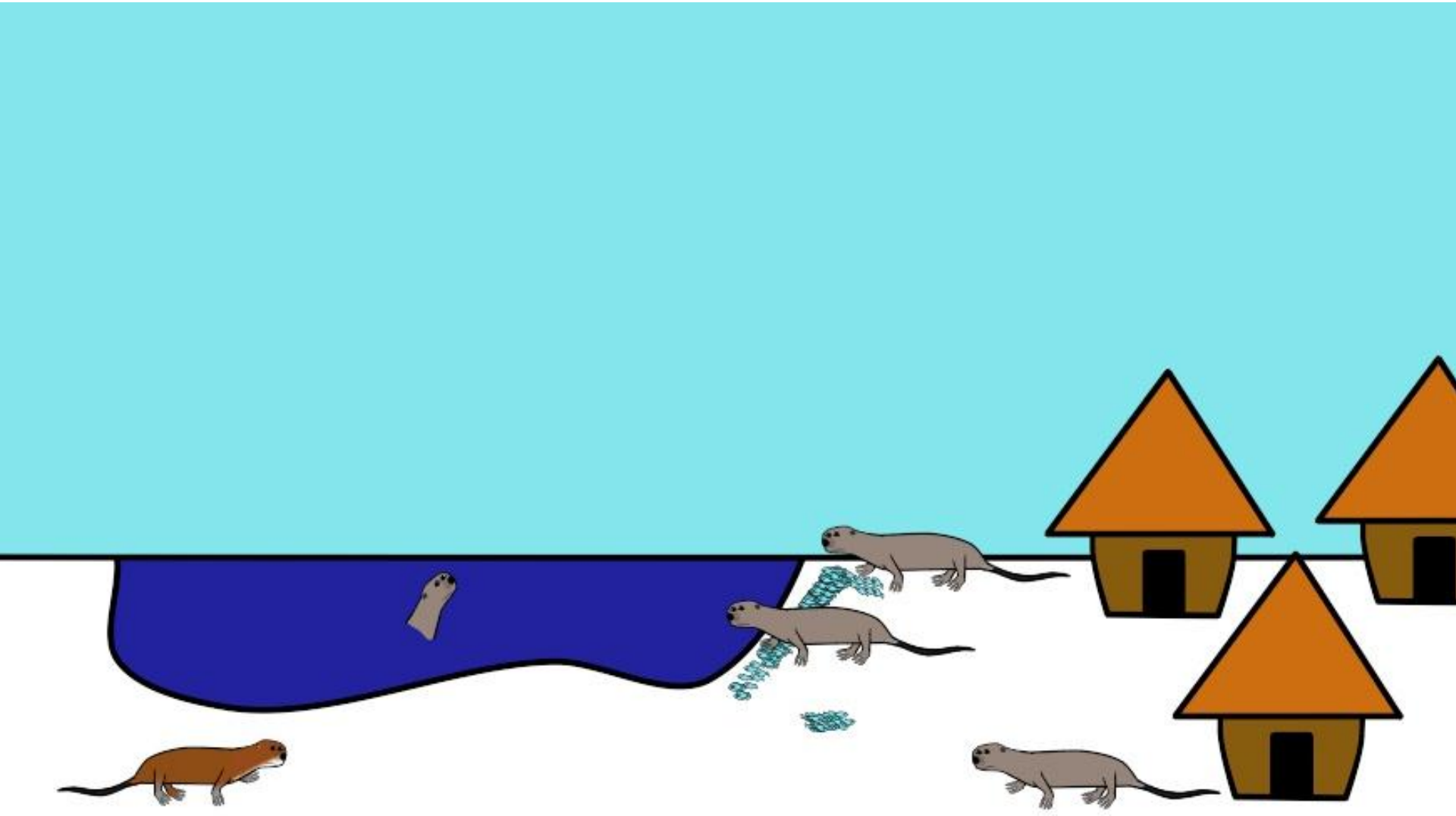
Oliver was asleep when this all occurred. When he woke up he was in a completely different place.



Oliver did not know how to fish or find shelter because it was all given to him at the zoo. Oliver was struggling in his new environment.

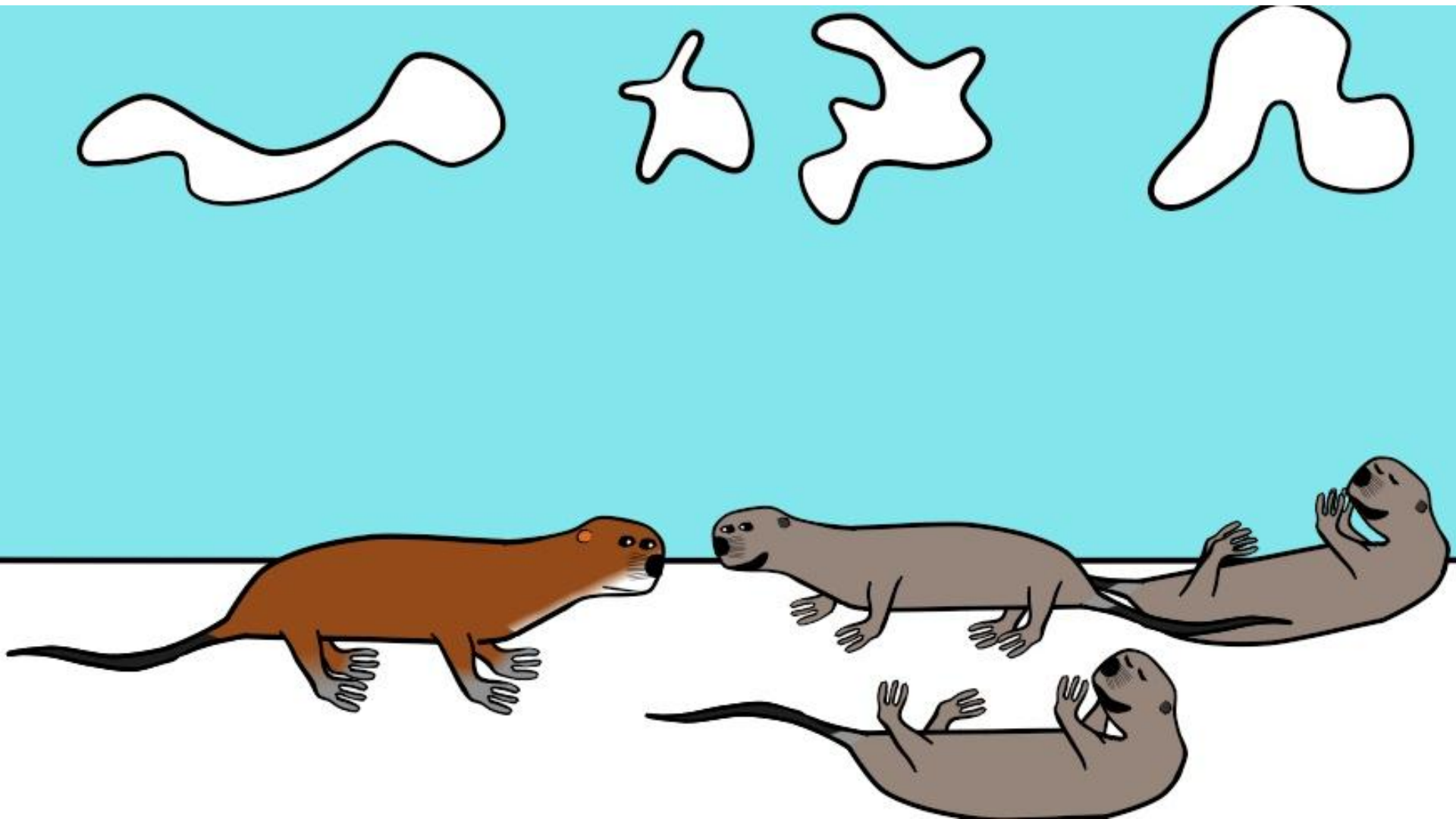


He met a group of Otters who knew how to fish and find shelter.

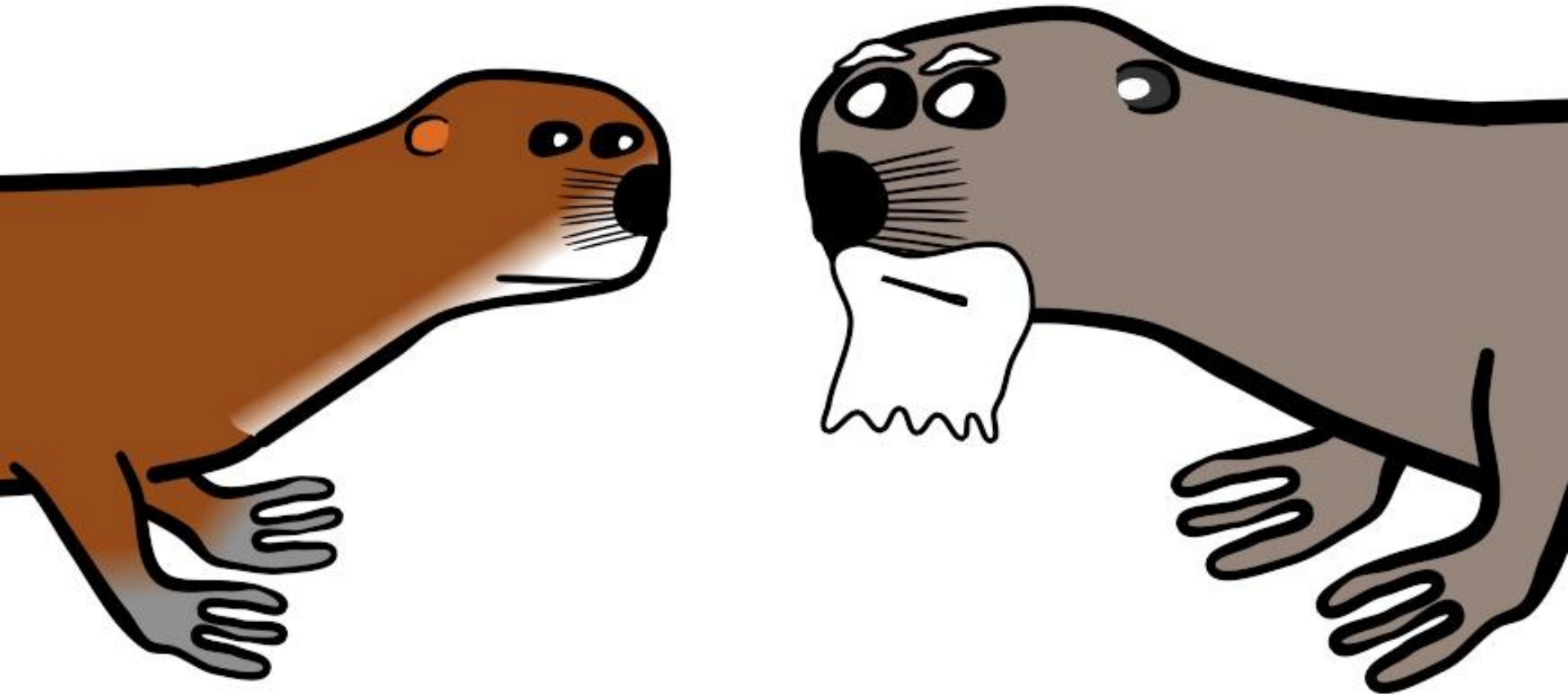




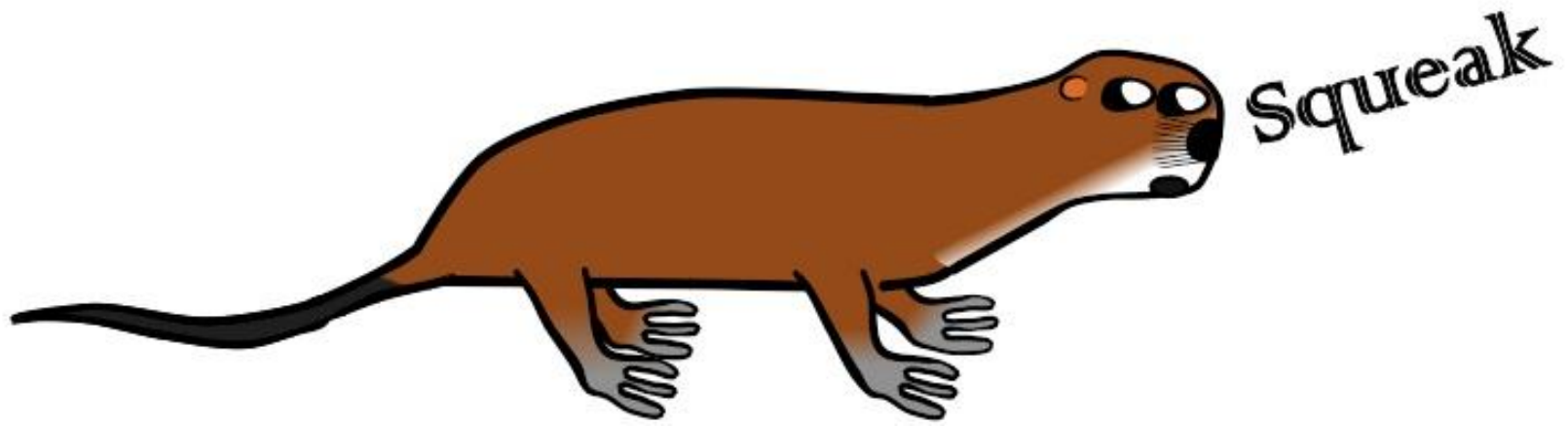
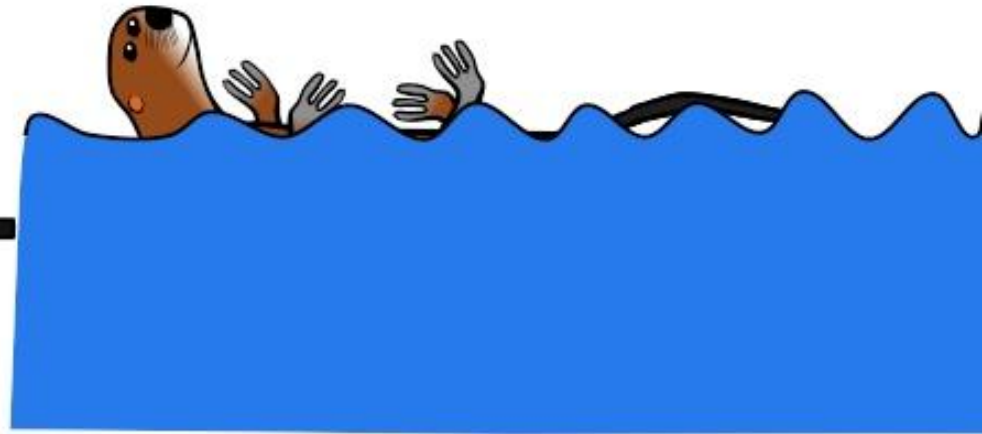
“Can you give me some fish if I swim on my back?” asked Oliver. “Creatures think it’s cute” The other Otters laughed.



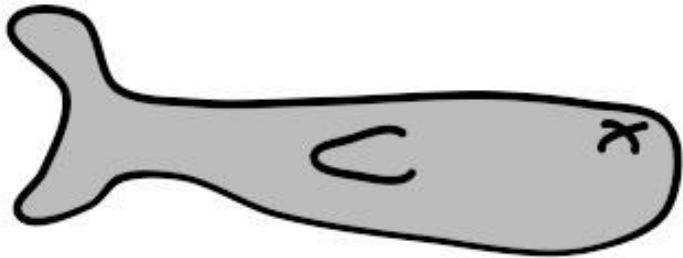
“Outsider Otter. We gather our own fish and find our own shelter. It doesn’t matter if someone is cute or not. What matters is if an Otter can sustain himself”  
said the Chief Otter.



Oliver had found this concept very strange. He had everything given to him if he scratched his tummy, swam on his back, or made cute squeaky noises.



Never did it occur to him, that in the wilderness he had to learn how to get his own food, get his own shelter and watch out for dangerous predators.



Food

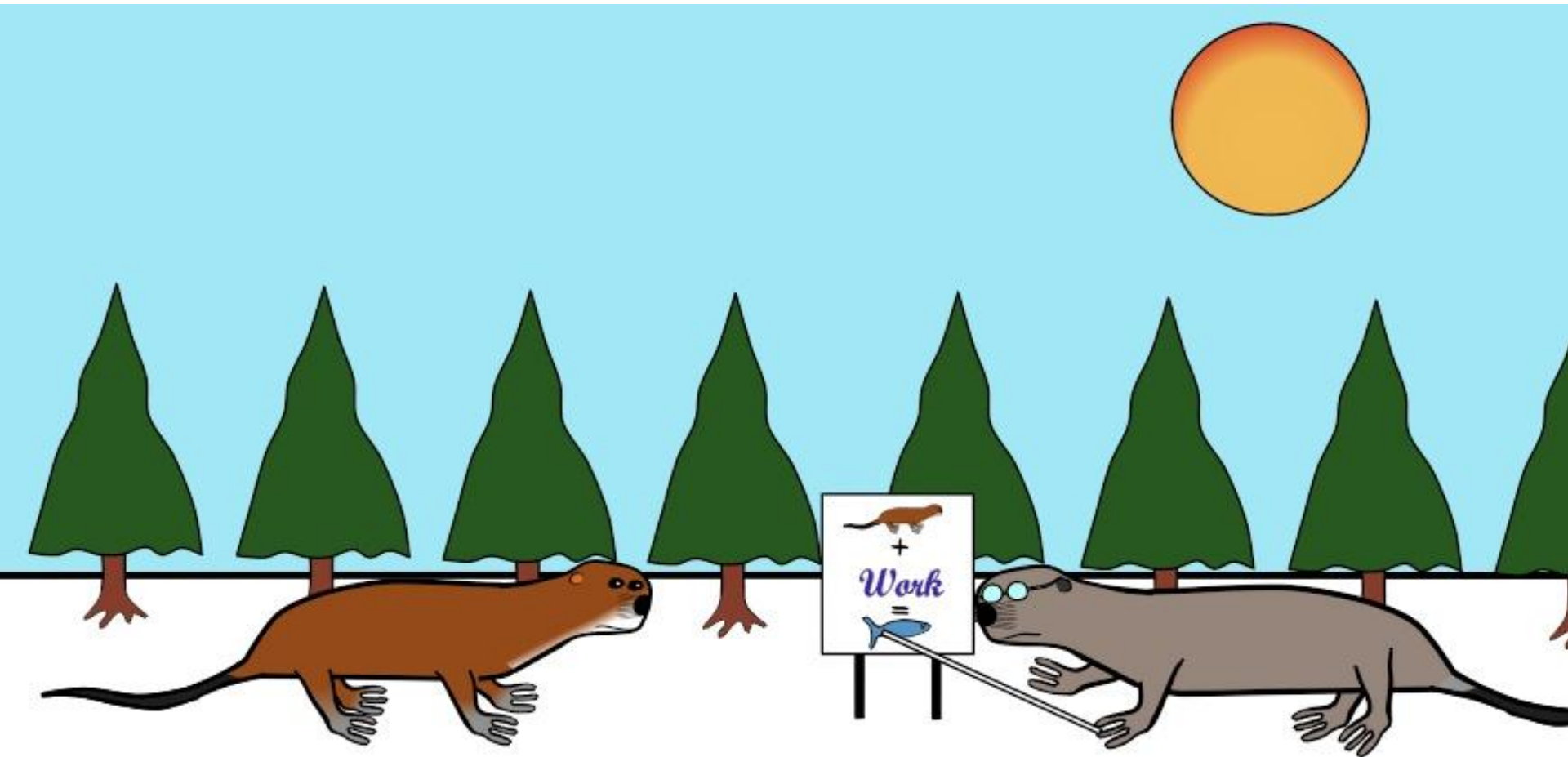


Shelter

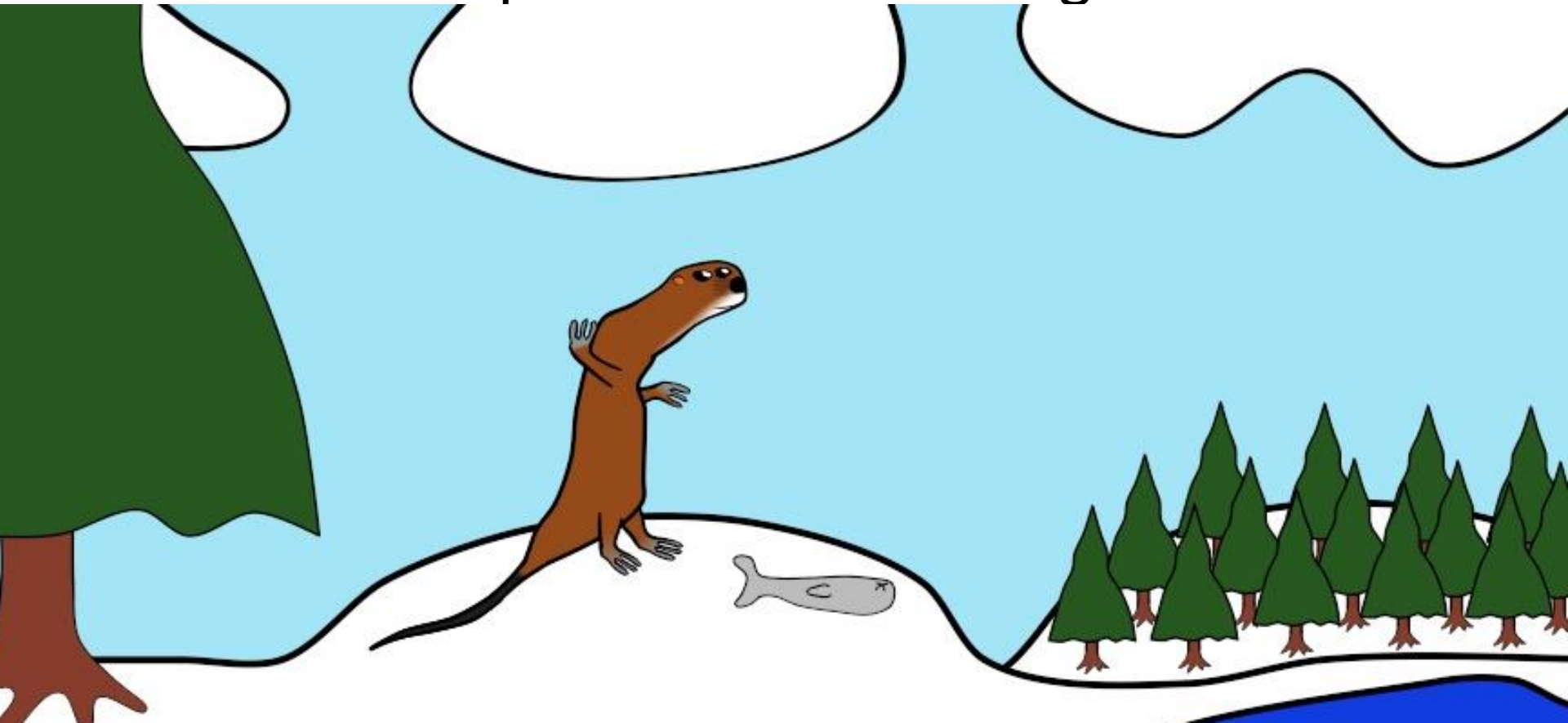


Predator

As the zoo was a world away, Oliver had to adapt. The group of Otters that he found were nice enough to teach him new skills.



While it was a different life compared to being pampered at the zoo, Oliver never felt more free. He didn't have to entertain anyone, he could go to new places and lastly he never had to see the walls and barriers which separate all creatures great and small.



The End

*Oliver's Hut*

