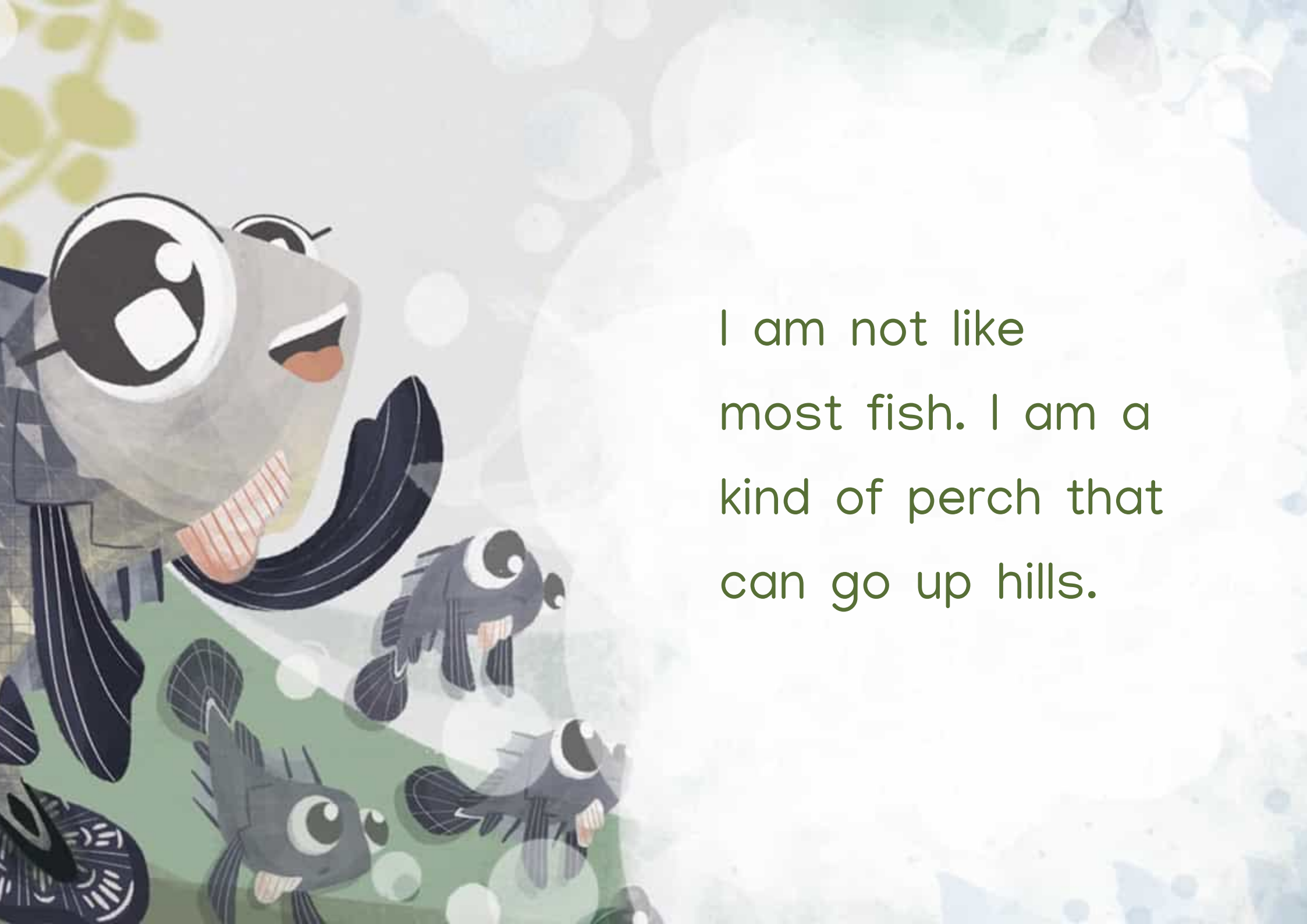




mud

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I am not like
most fish. I am a
kind of perch that
can go up hills.

I like to eat bugs
and bug eggs. It
helps out the
farmers as well.





I also eat small
fish and other
animals in the
water.

Oh no!

Do not eat that
worm!

You will be the
snack!






As I eat all of
these things, I
grow and grow.

I grow sharp spines
on my back to keep
me safe.



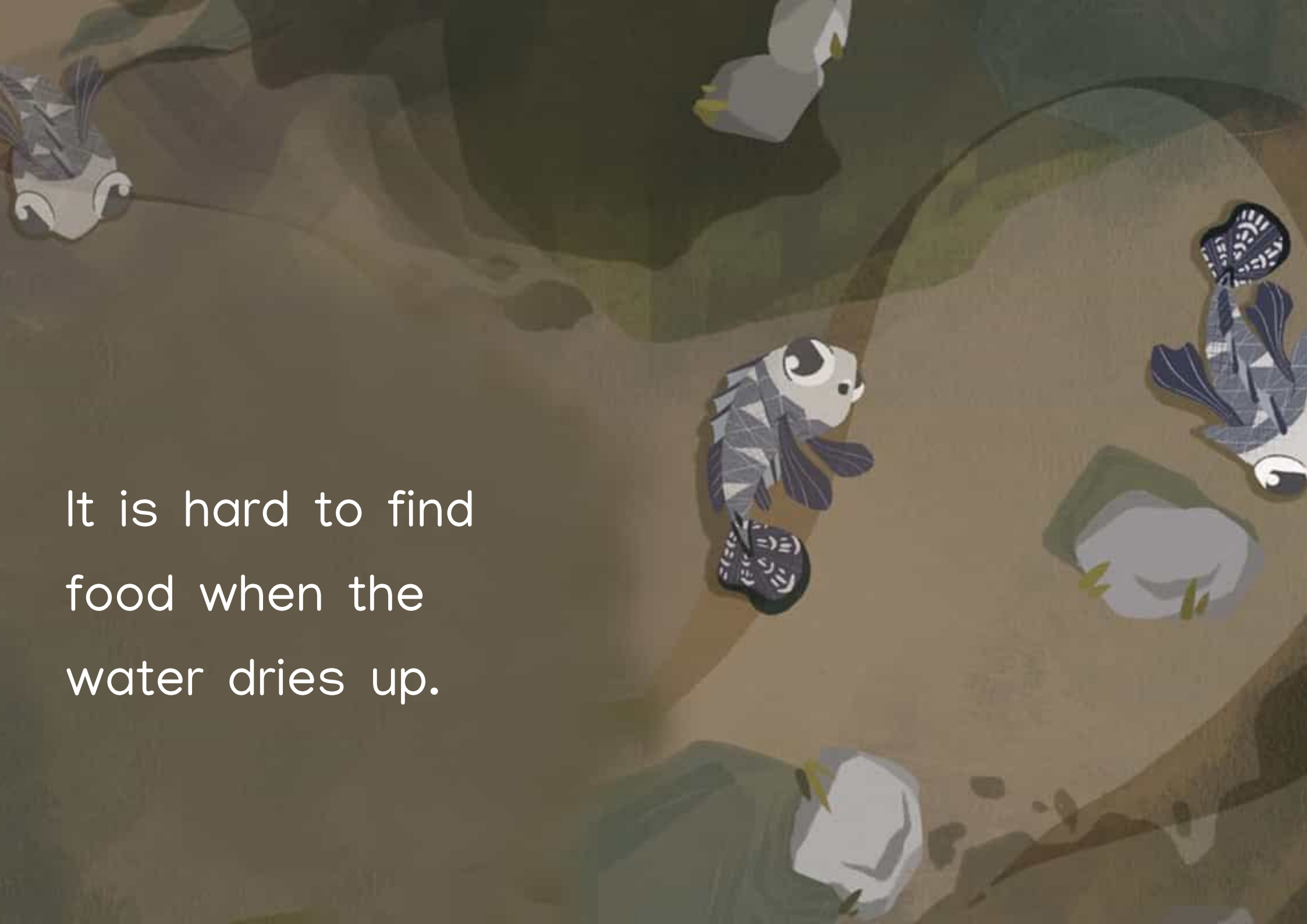
An illustration of a dark bird with a white face and orange beak flying over a cave entrance. Three children are sitting on the ground in front of the cave, looking up at the bird. The scene is set in a grassy area with a large tree trunk on the right.

Birds fly by with their
sharp beaks. We go up
to spots that are hard
to get to.



In parts of the year, there is not much rain. Our lakes, ponds and swamps dry up.

It is hard to find
food when the
water dries up.



We do not freak
out. We use our
strong fins to walk
on the land!



We have found the spot!

The mud is soft here.



We dig down in the mud
so that we can rest until
the rain comes.

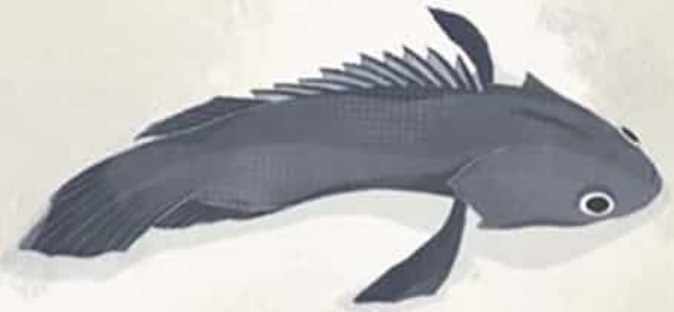


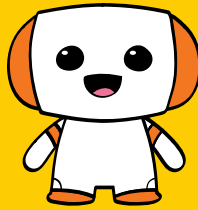


Here comes the rain!

It is time to walk
around and eat.

We are a cool
kind of perch
that can
breathe out of
water.





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