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Since 1987, Mr. High Moon and JEE have published a series of six “garbage cartoon” books — “Cartoon GOMIC” parts 1 through 6. The total number of these cartoons has by now reached around 600. Some of them are used in the activities of various environmental organizations. Recently, I have received many requests for color versions of these cartoons, for use in pamphlets, panels, slides etc. So, I have decided to publish a color cartoon book, “GOMIC BEST COLLECTION,” which includes 60 cartoons selected as the ten best works from each of the six “GOMICS.”

GOMIC BEST COLLECTION also includes a CD-ROM, providing convenient digital data of the same cartoons. Please enjoy High Moon's cartoons and make free use of them for environmental education!

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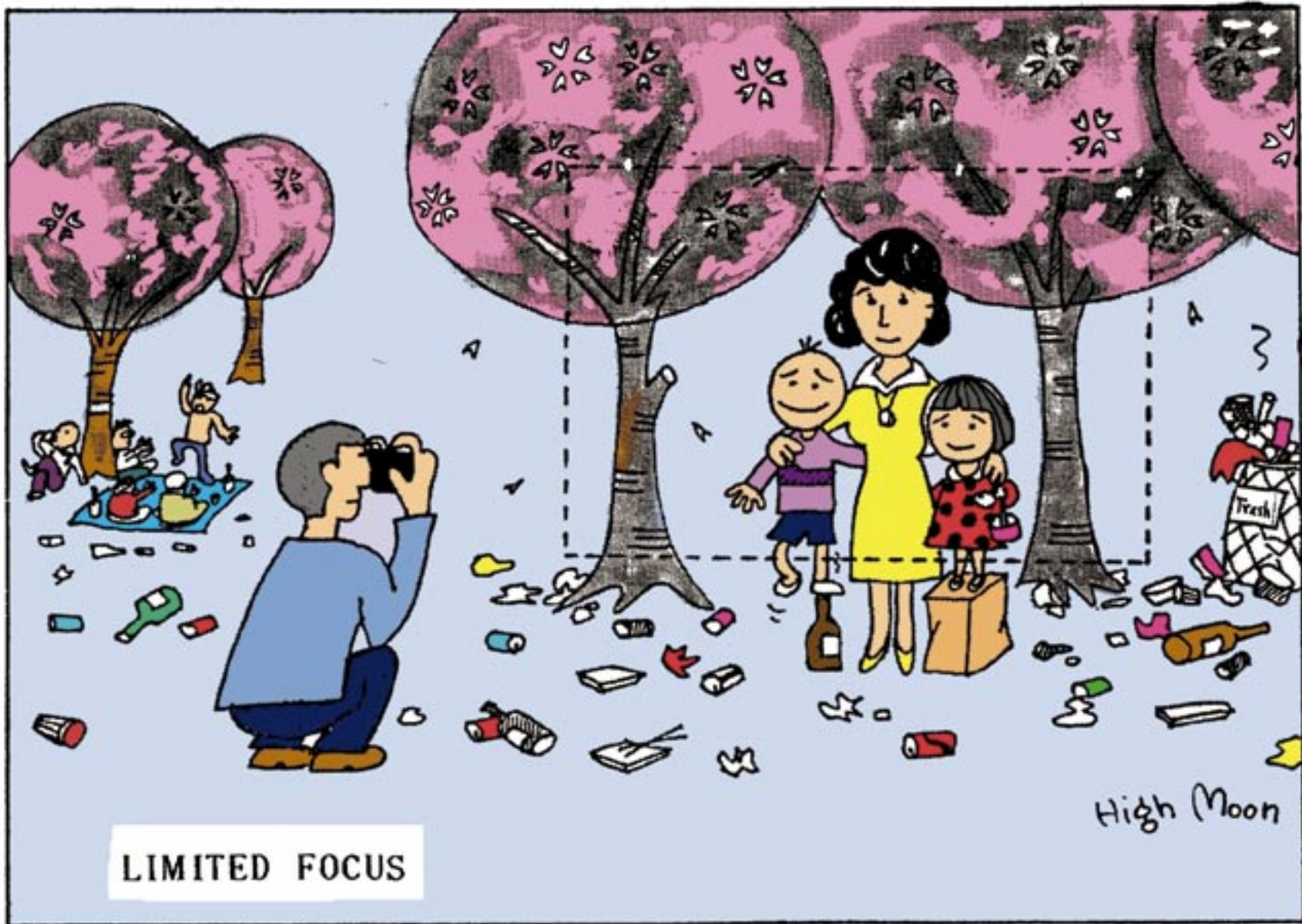


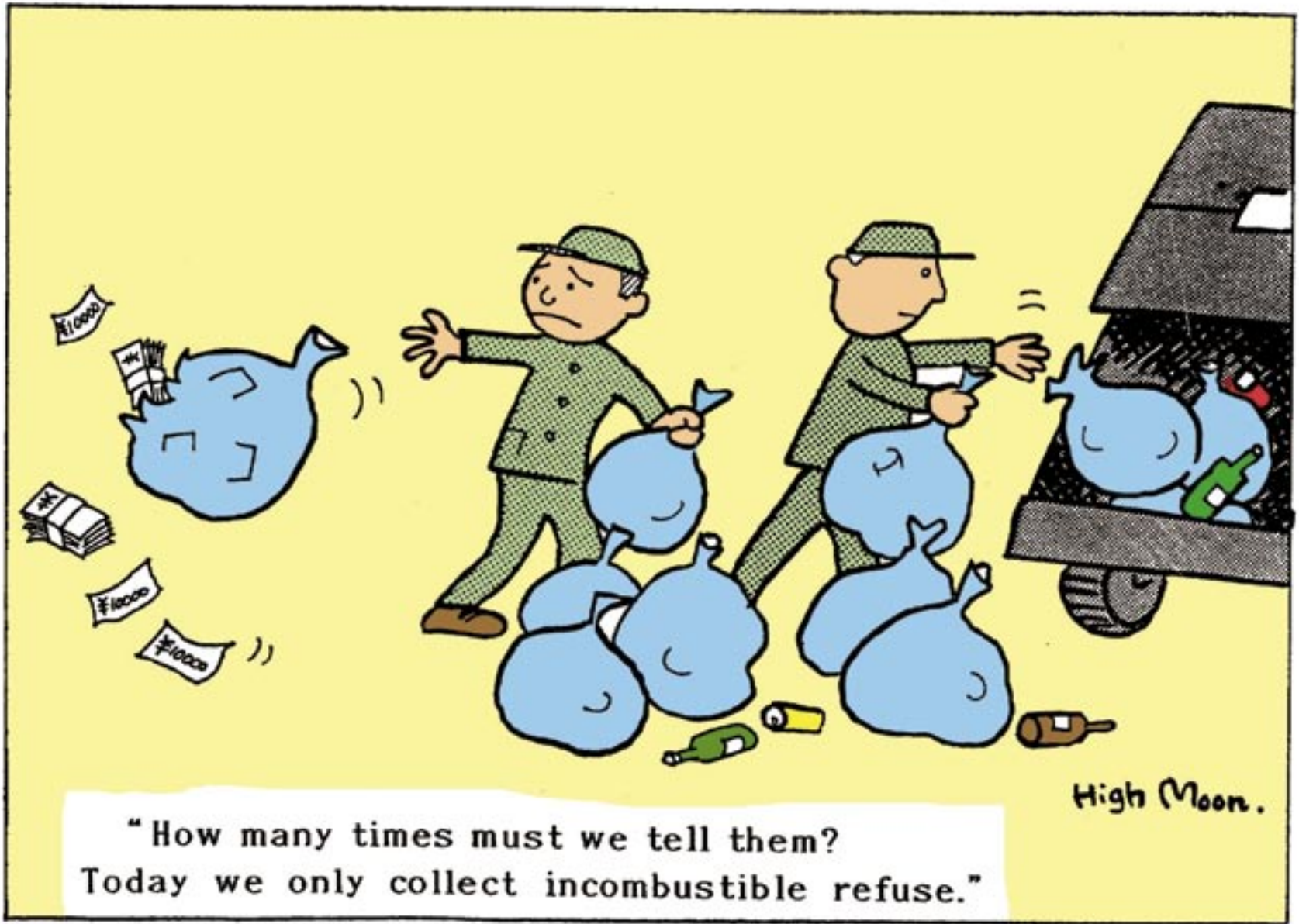
"I finally decided to throw out the dresser, the sink and the cupboards."

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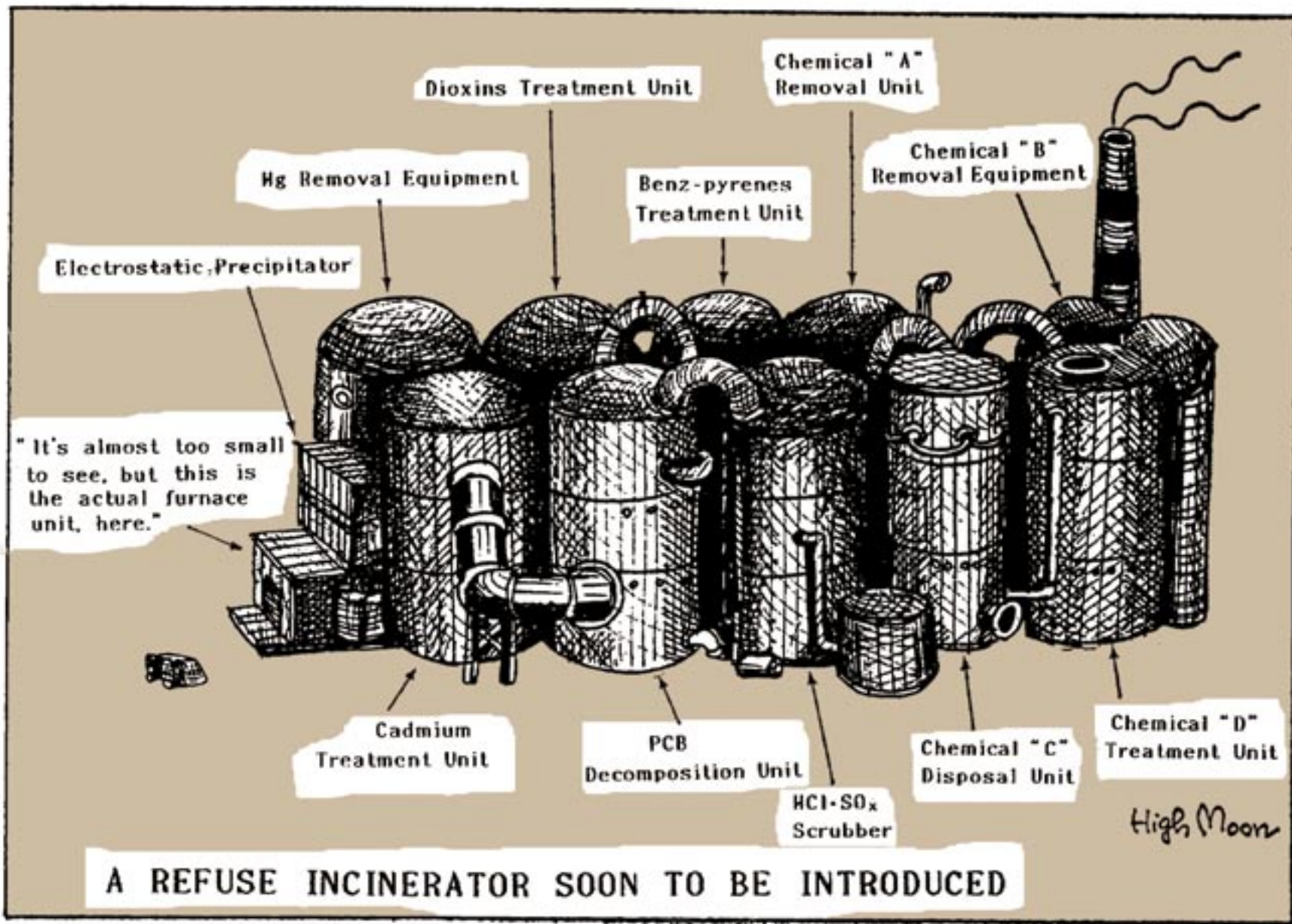
"Great! Wonderful recycling spirit!"

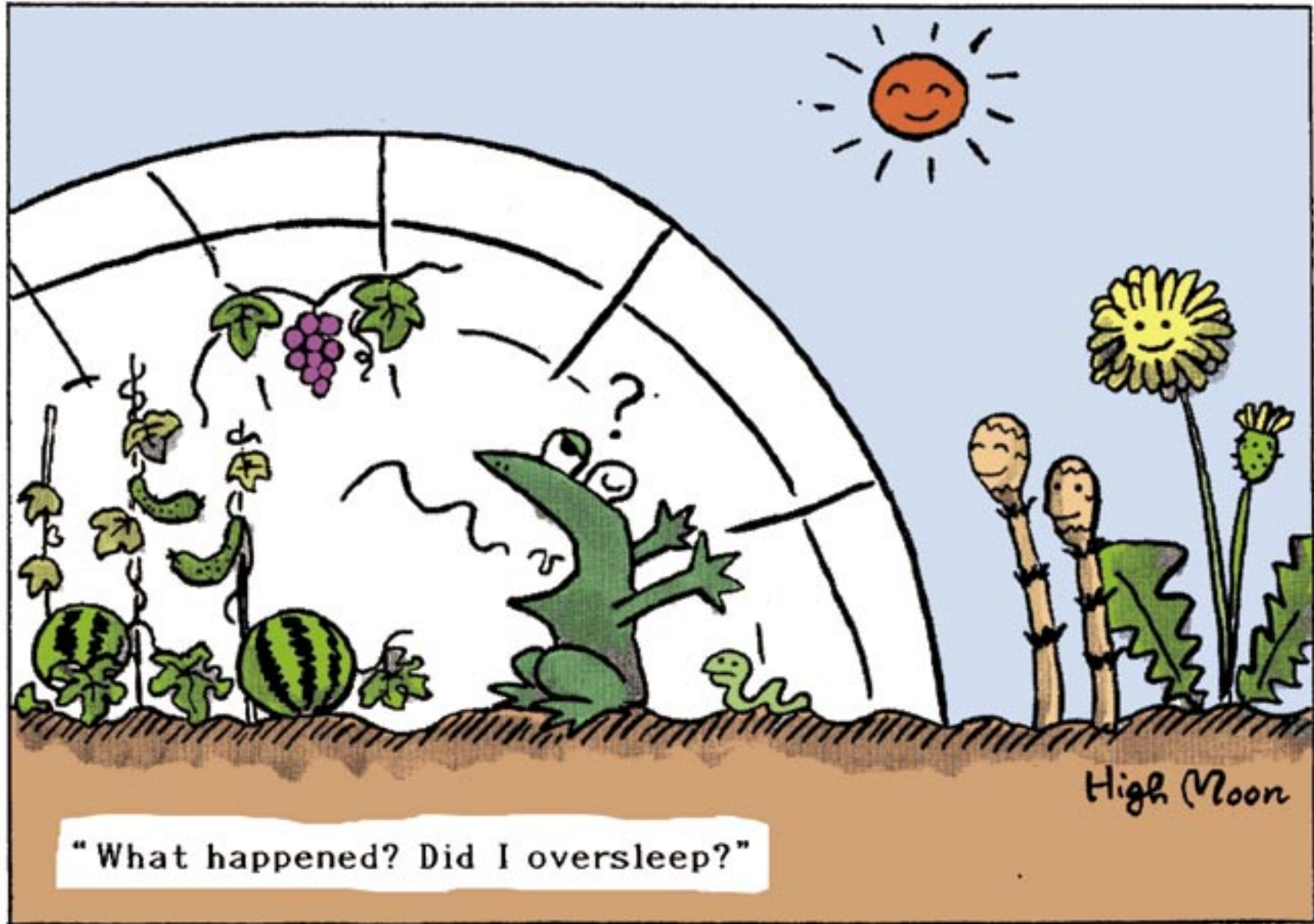




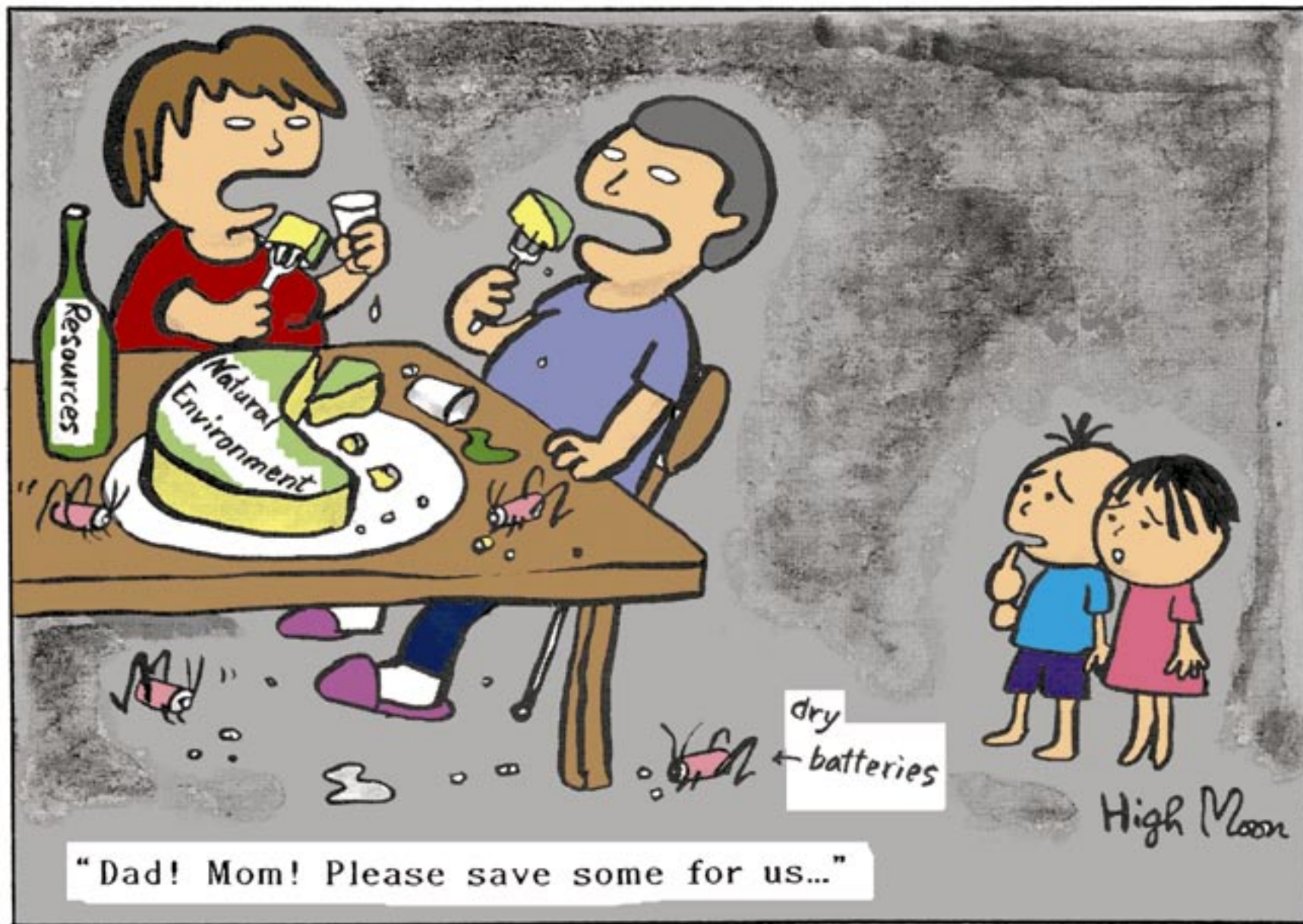
“How many times must we tell them?
Today we only collect incombustible refuse.”

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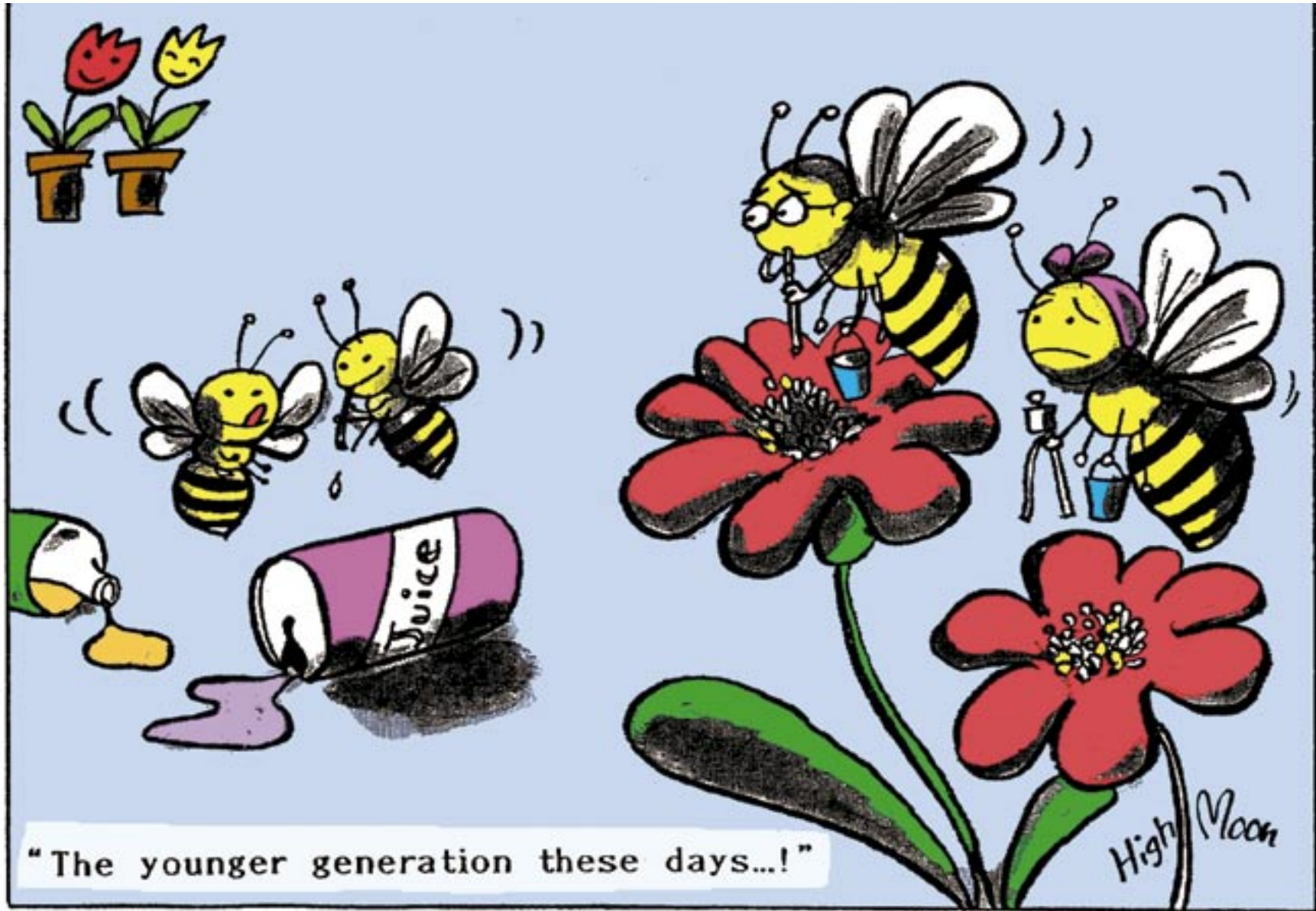
Note: Are we going to lose touch with even the seasons?



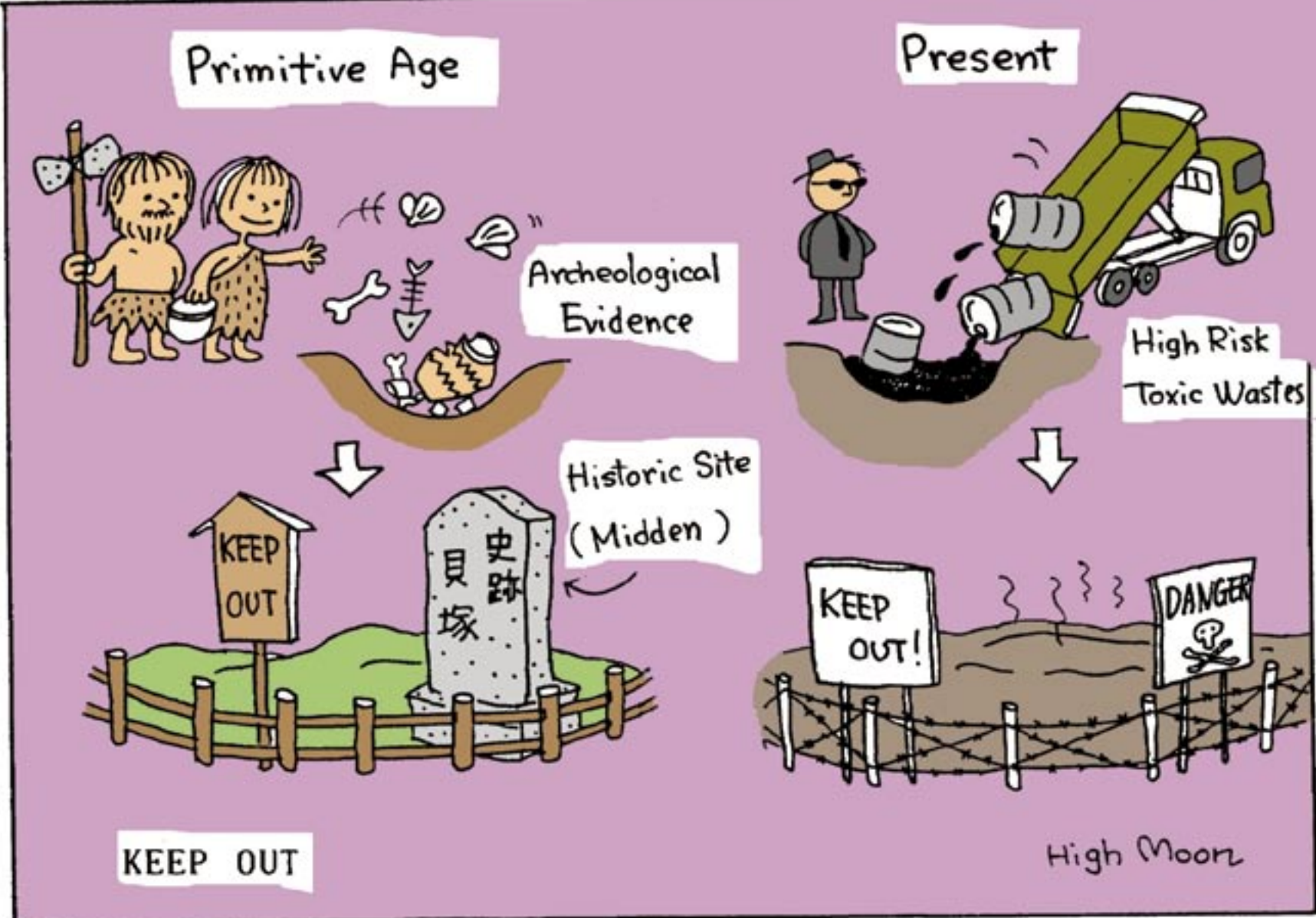
"Dad! Mom! Please save some for us..."



This is the kind of waste disposal we'd like to see!



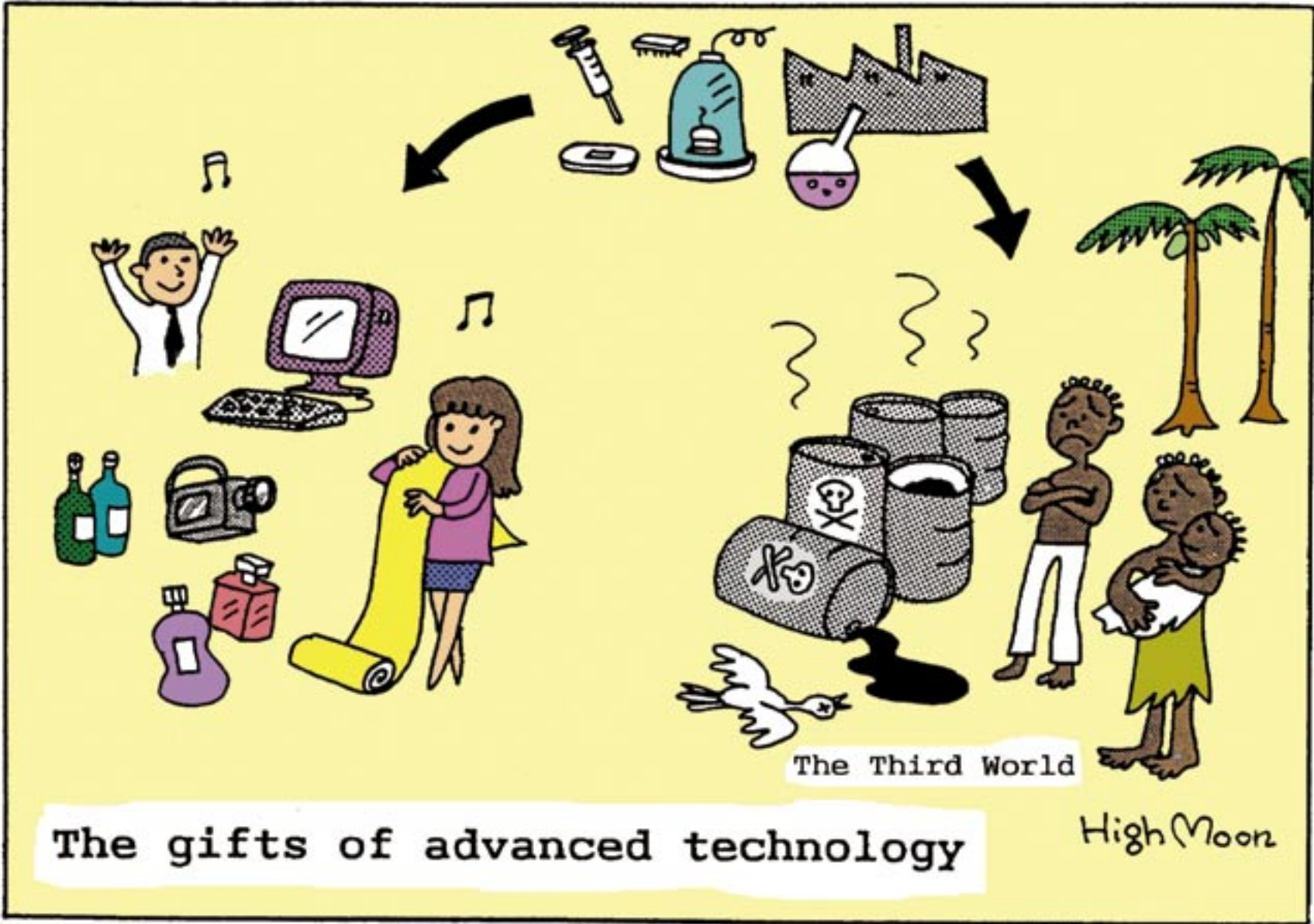
Note: We often find a number of bees gathering on discarded beverage cans. I wonder if the ecosystem is changing, little by little.





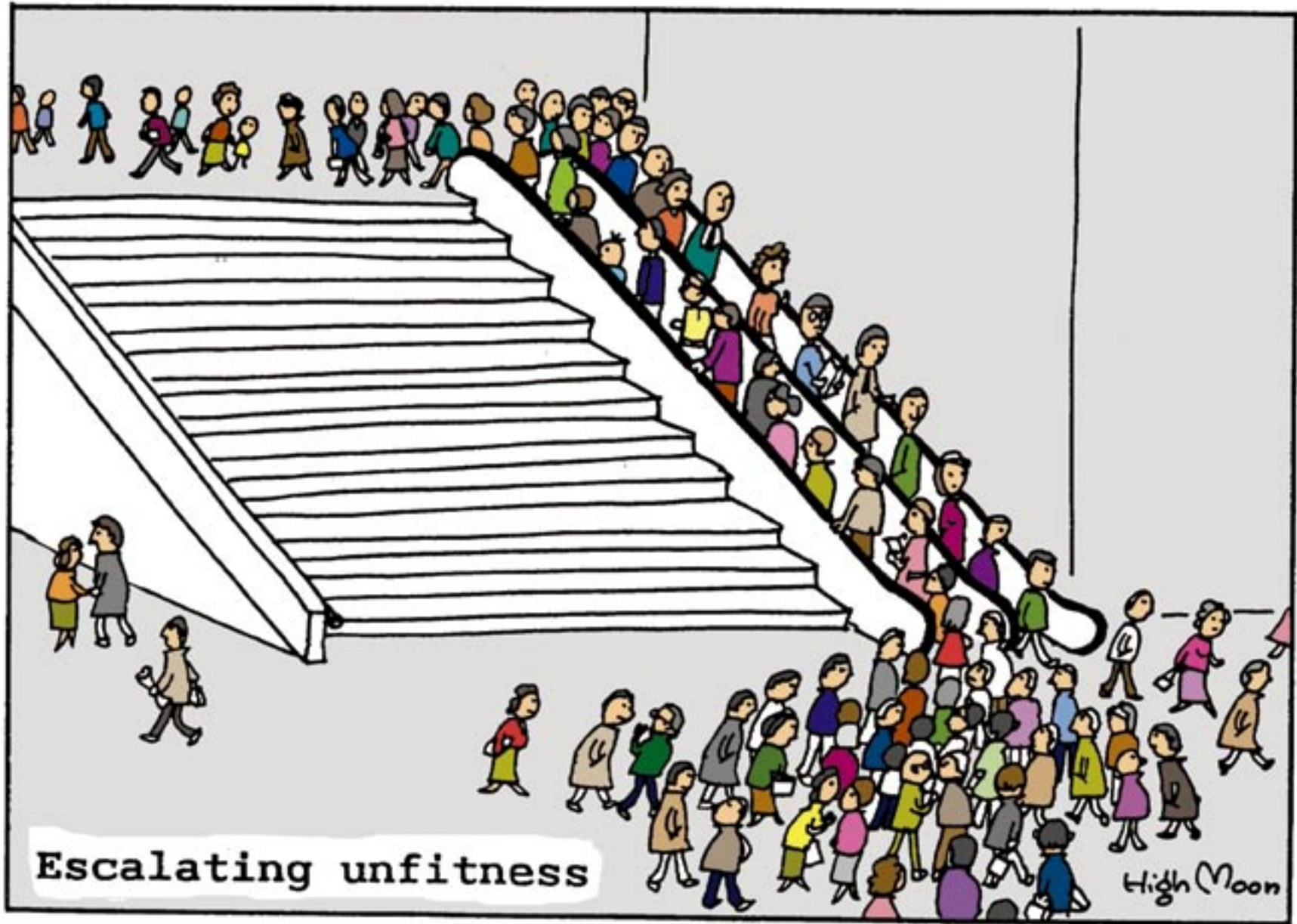
"Hey look, boss! They're so far ahead of us that even their trays are disposable"

Note: Fast-food shops have made a real impact on young people's



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Radioactive waste

20th century people

21st century people

A great legacy

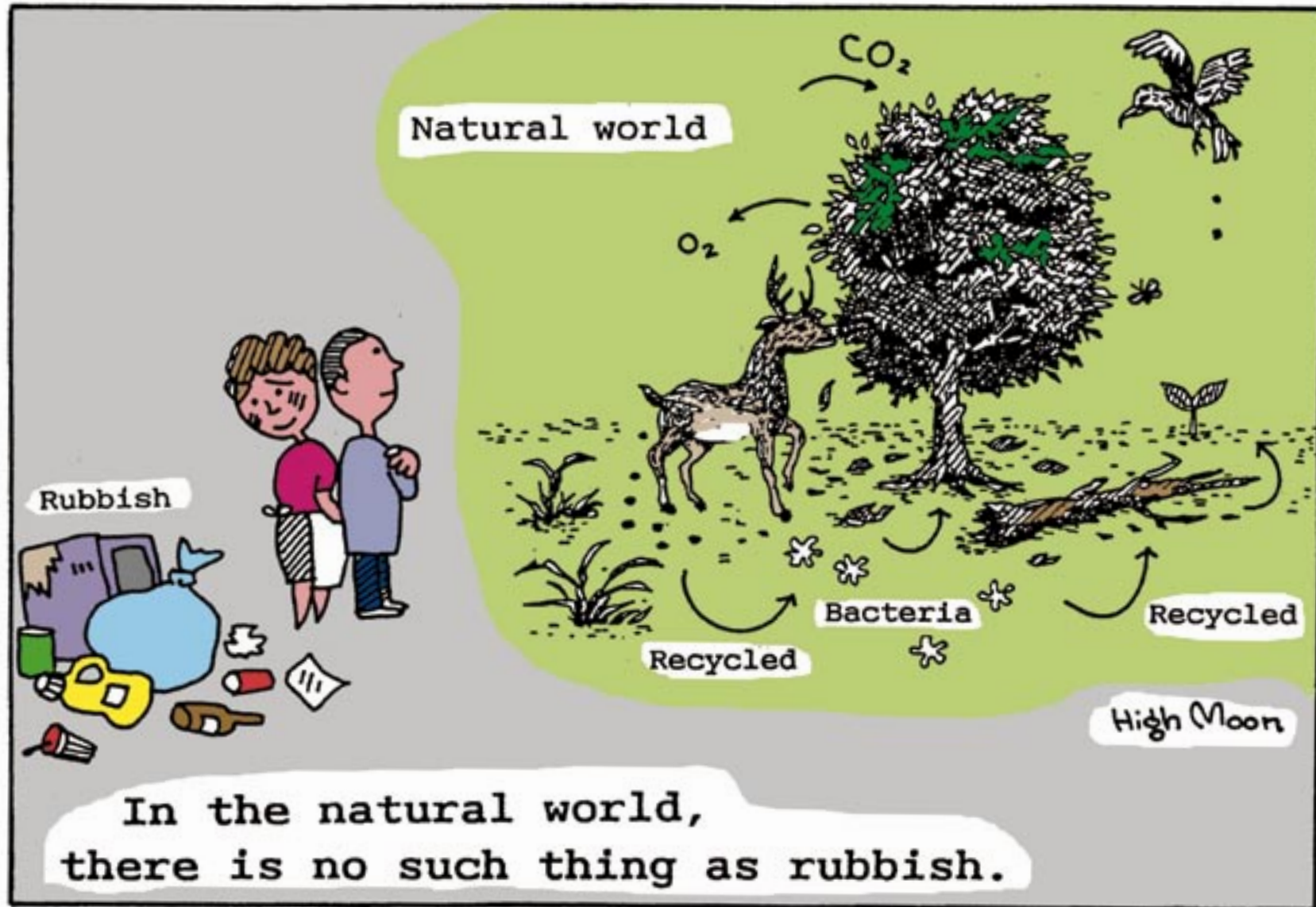
"We have decided to leave the disposal of all this entirely up to you"

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Note: No, not a new musical. In fact, these employees are warming up before collecting today's garbage.

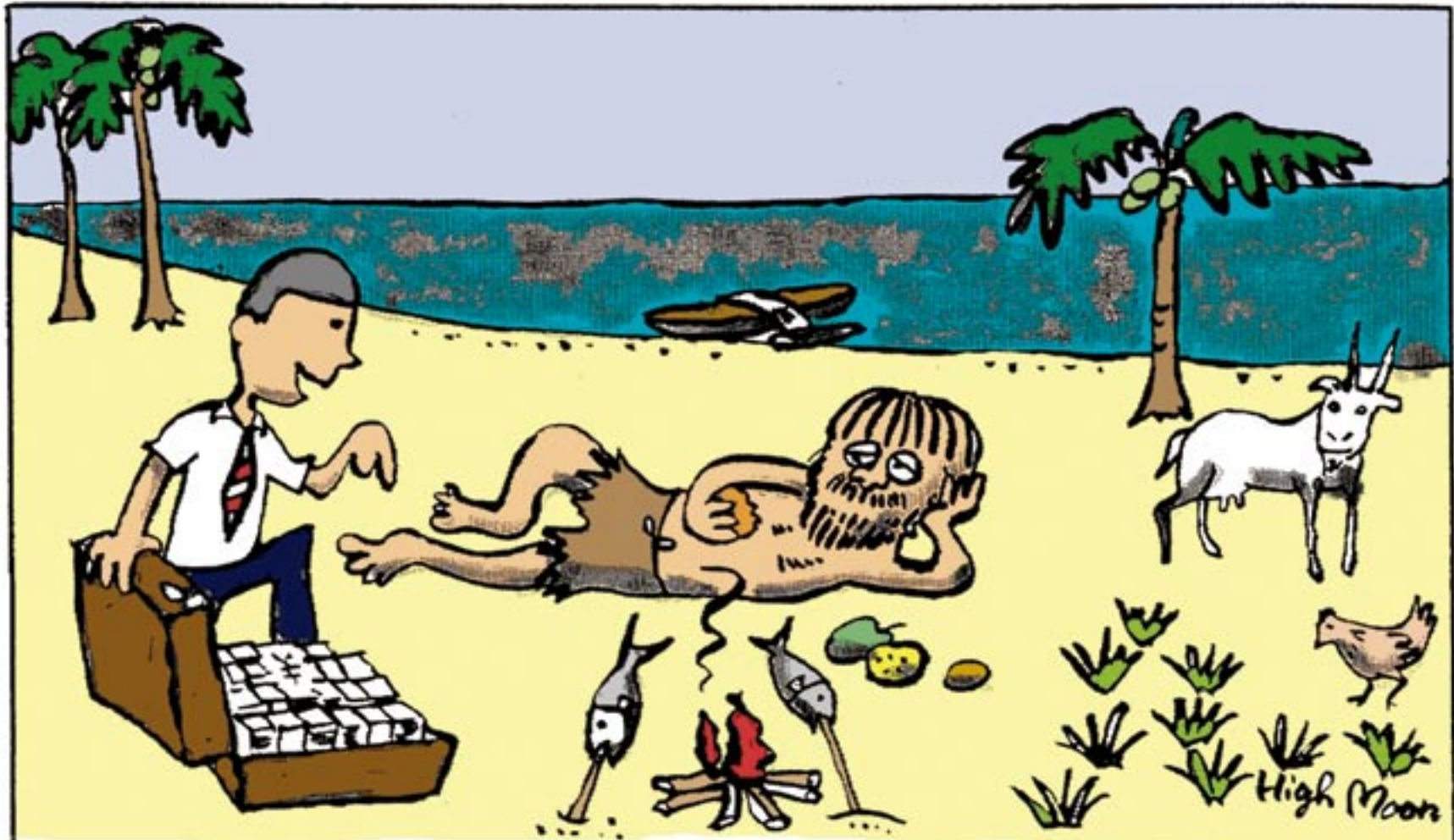
Garbage collectors often suffer from work-related health problems, particularly back pain.



Note: The artificial concept "rubbish" was created by human beings.



Note: Careless control of wastes may result in unexpected biohazards!



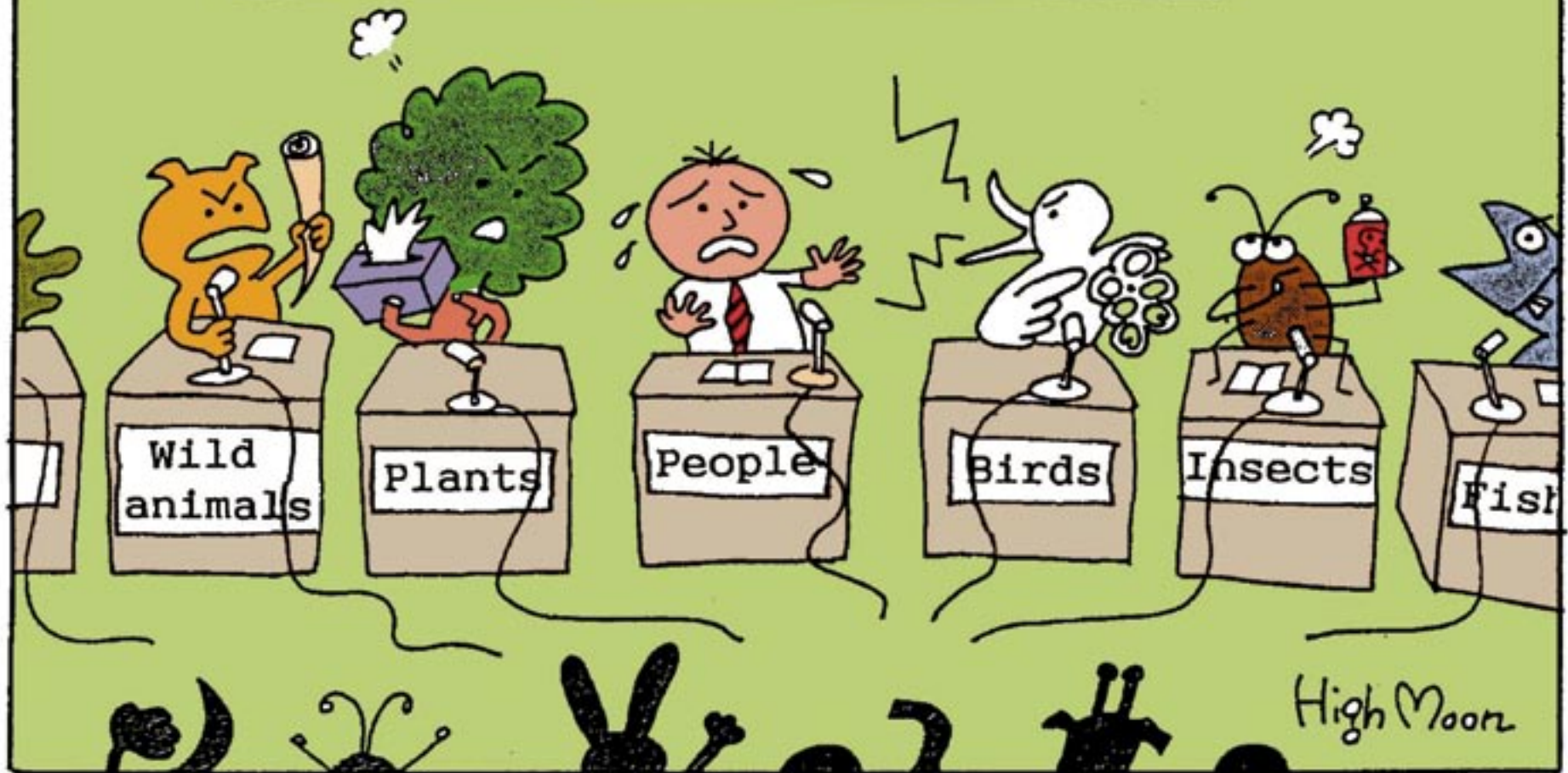
"If you sell me this land, you'll be able to take it easy for the rest of your life, without ever having to work again."



DON'T TRASH THE FOREST

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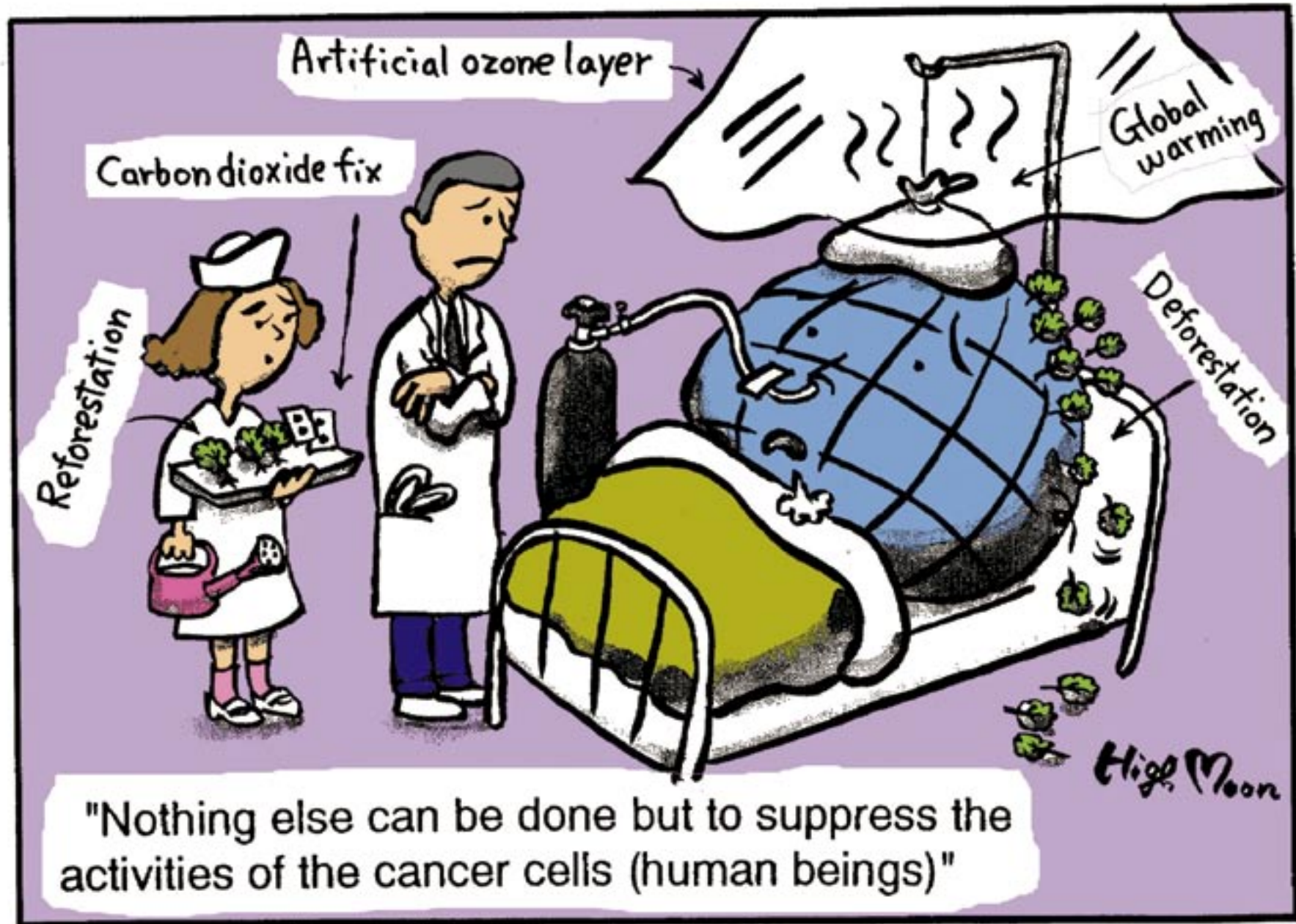
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Whose Earth Is It?

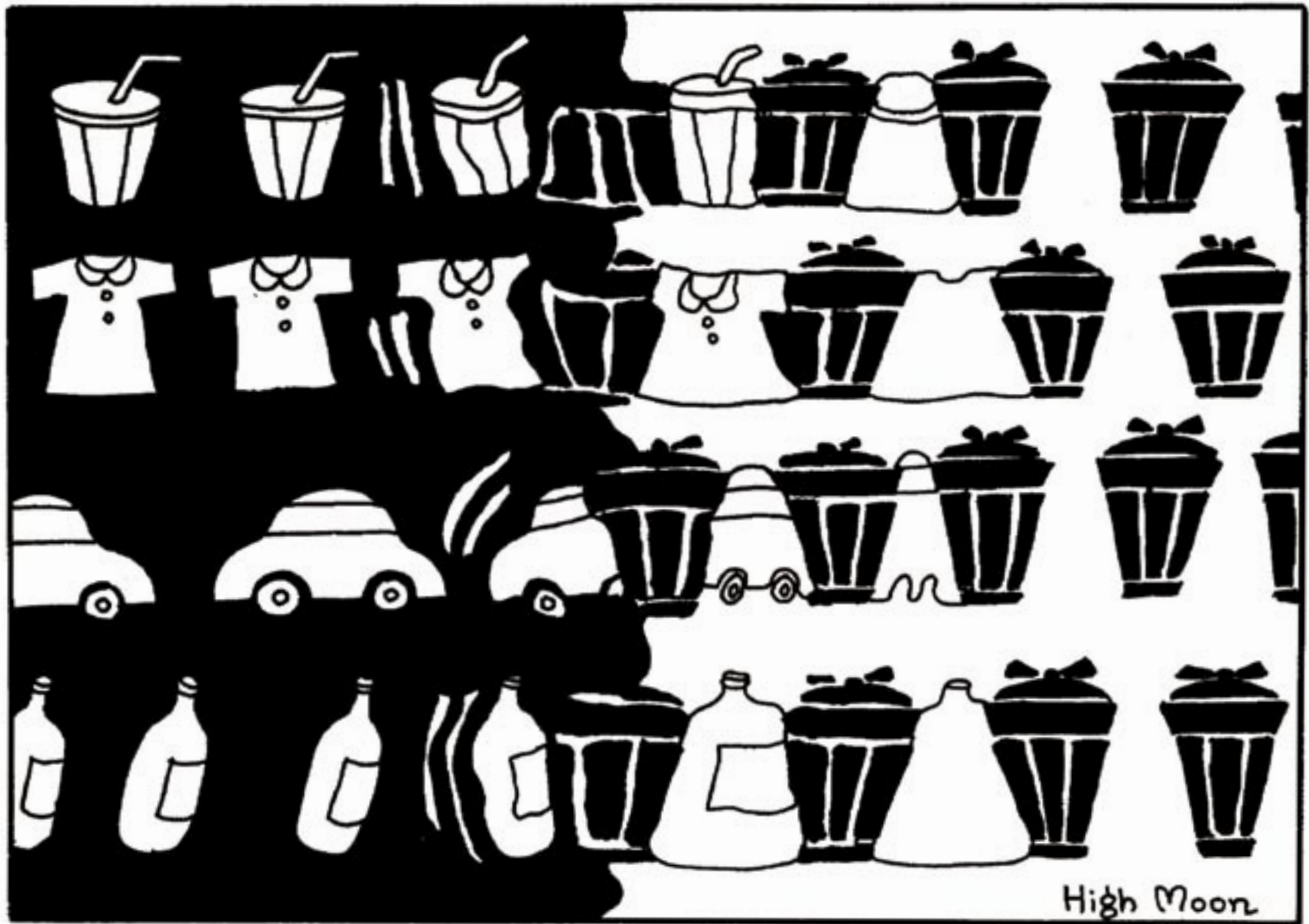




Note: A new definition: "Human beings are animals which generate garbage"





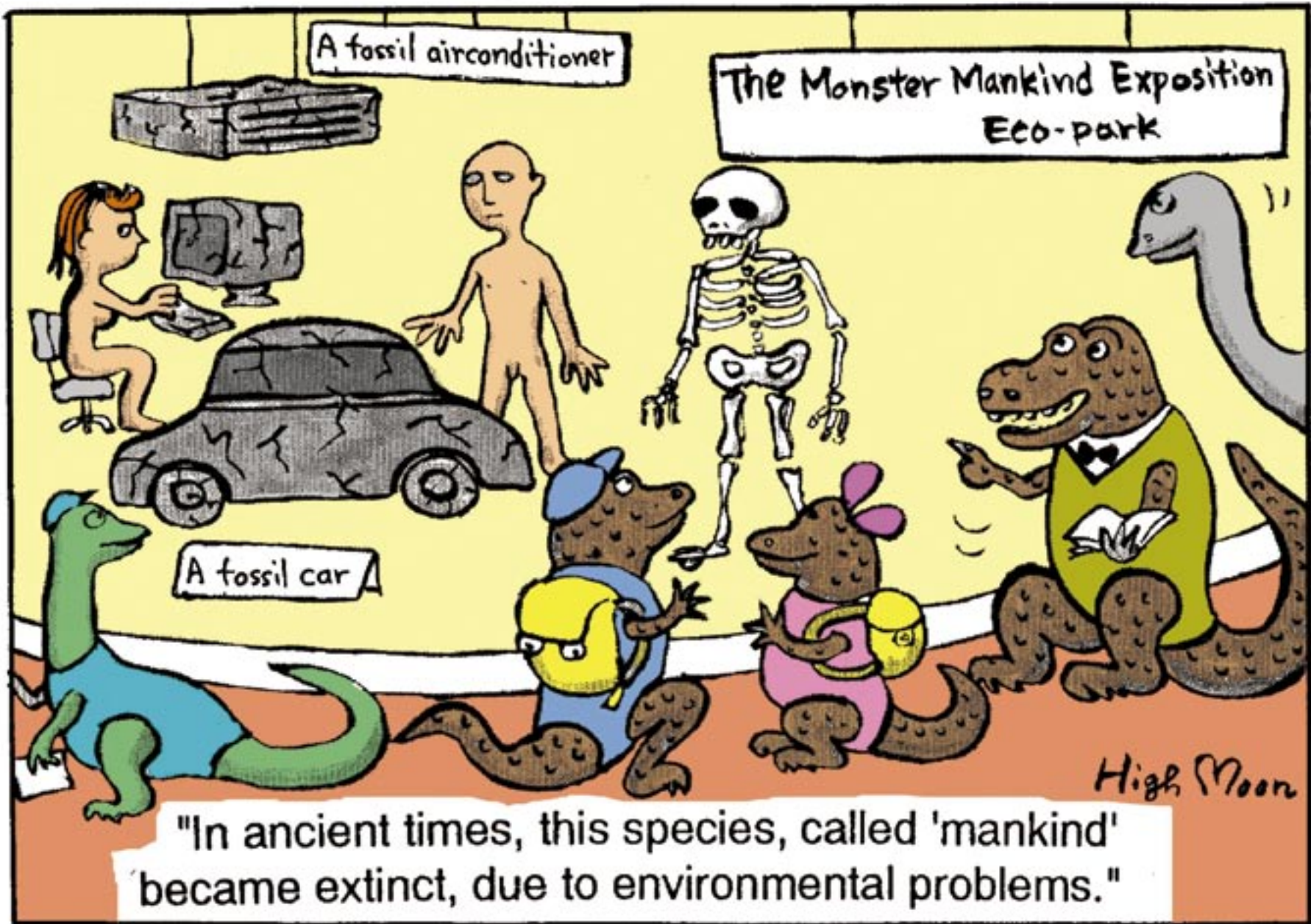


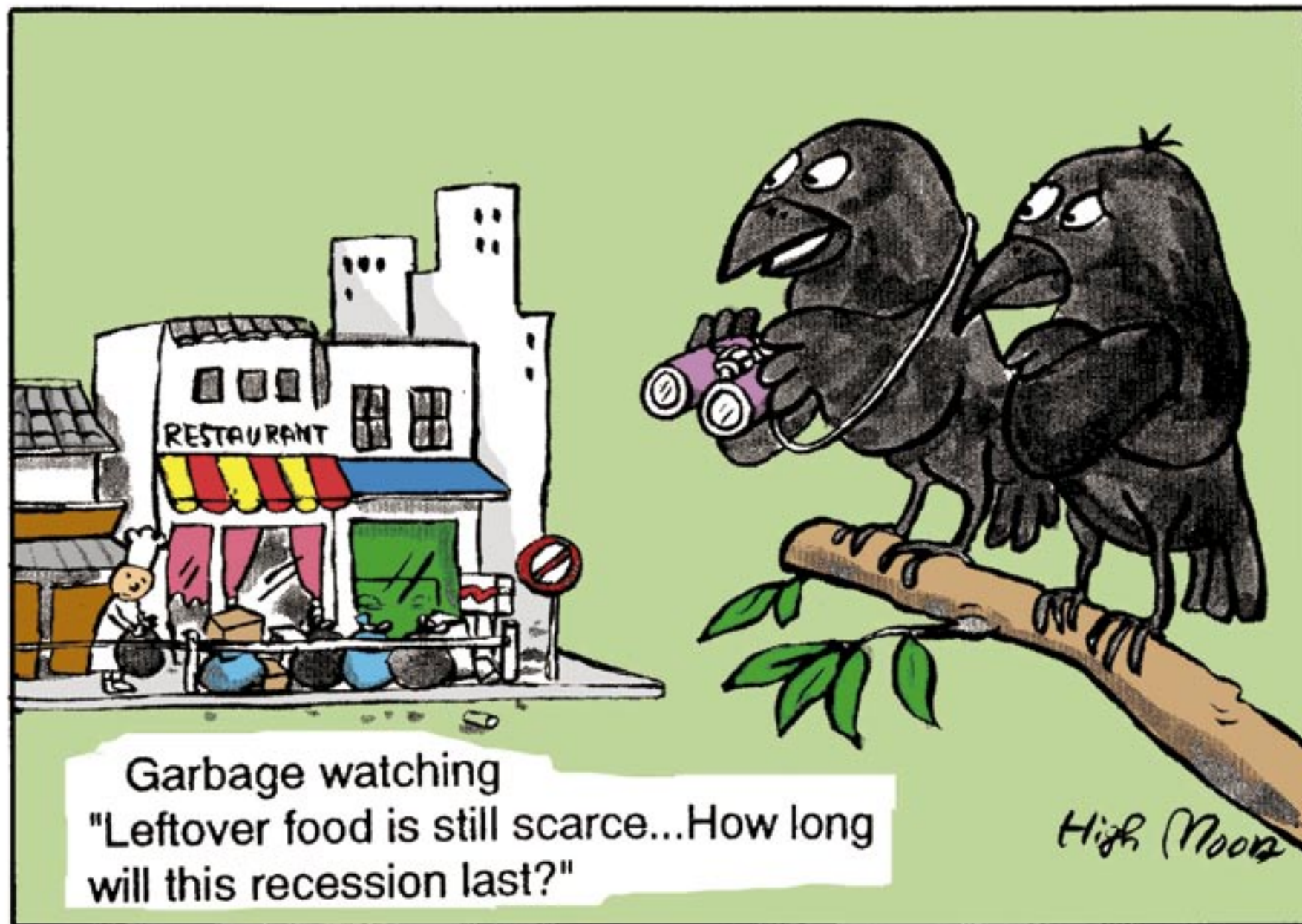
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Note: Modern metamorphosis - Escher - style.



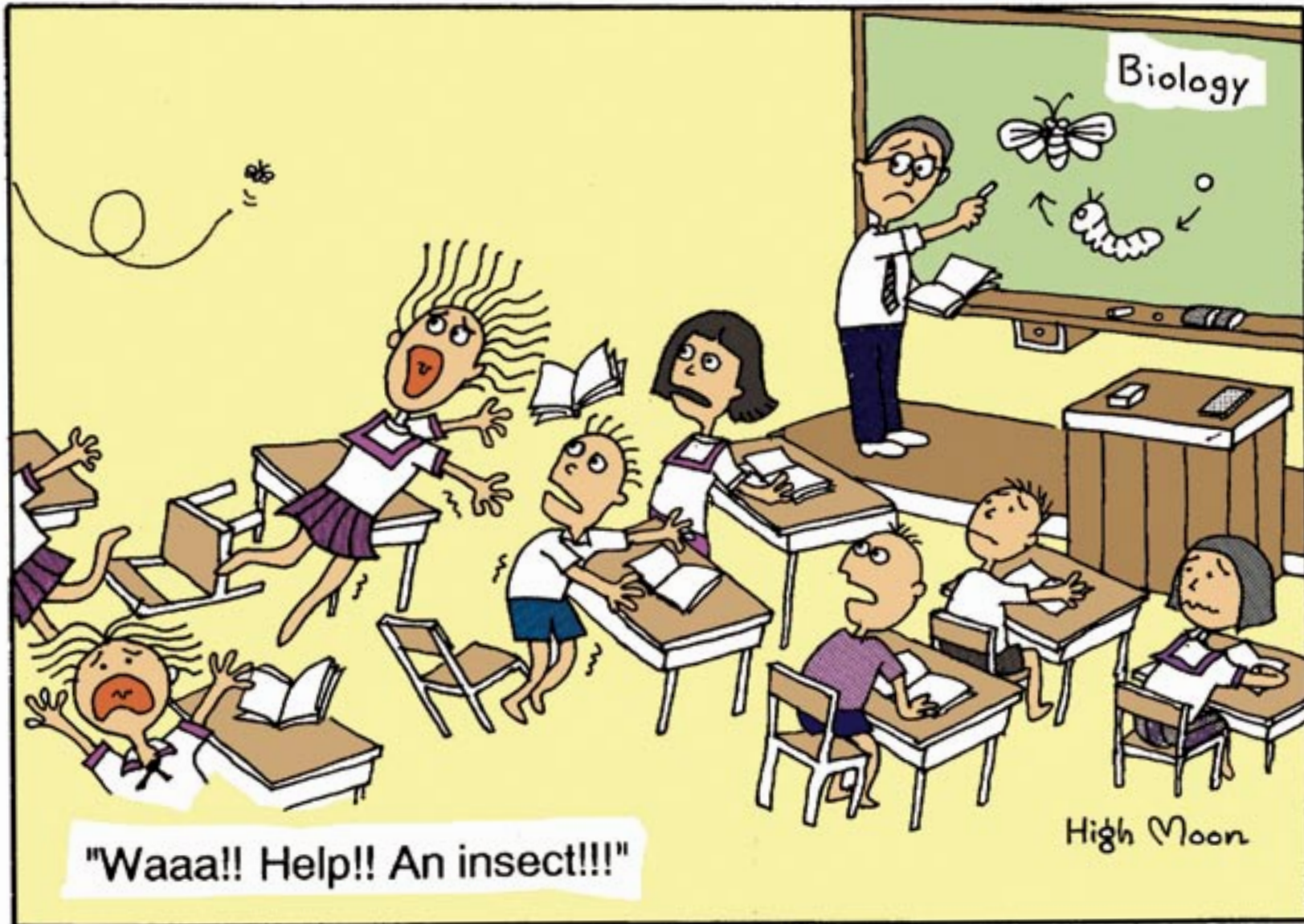






Garbage watching
"Leftover food is still scarce...How long
will this recession last?"

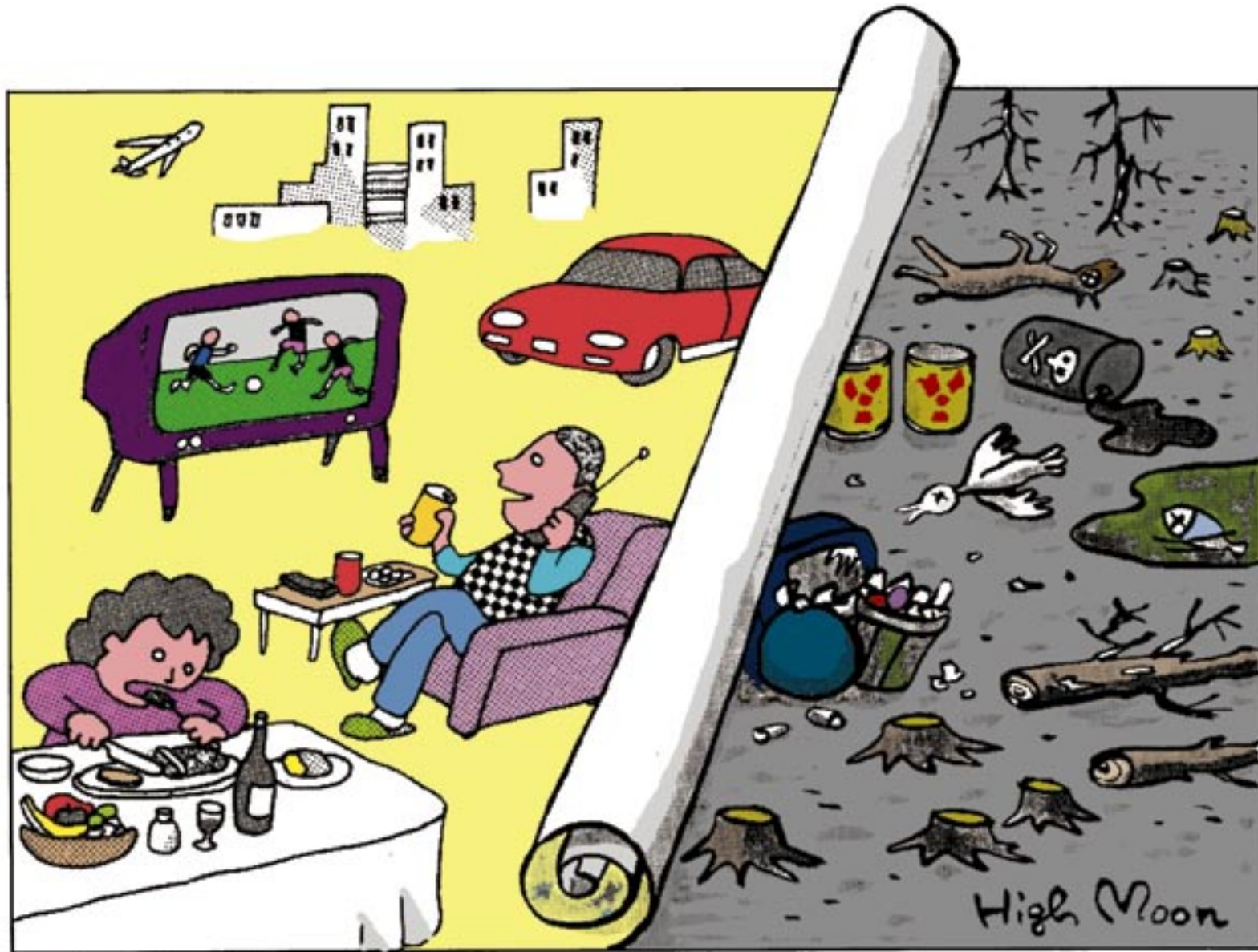
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Note: Can we really teach these children the importance of eco-systems ?

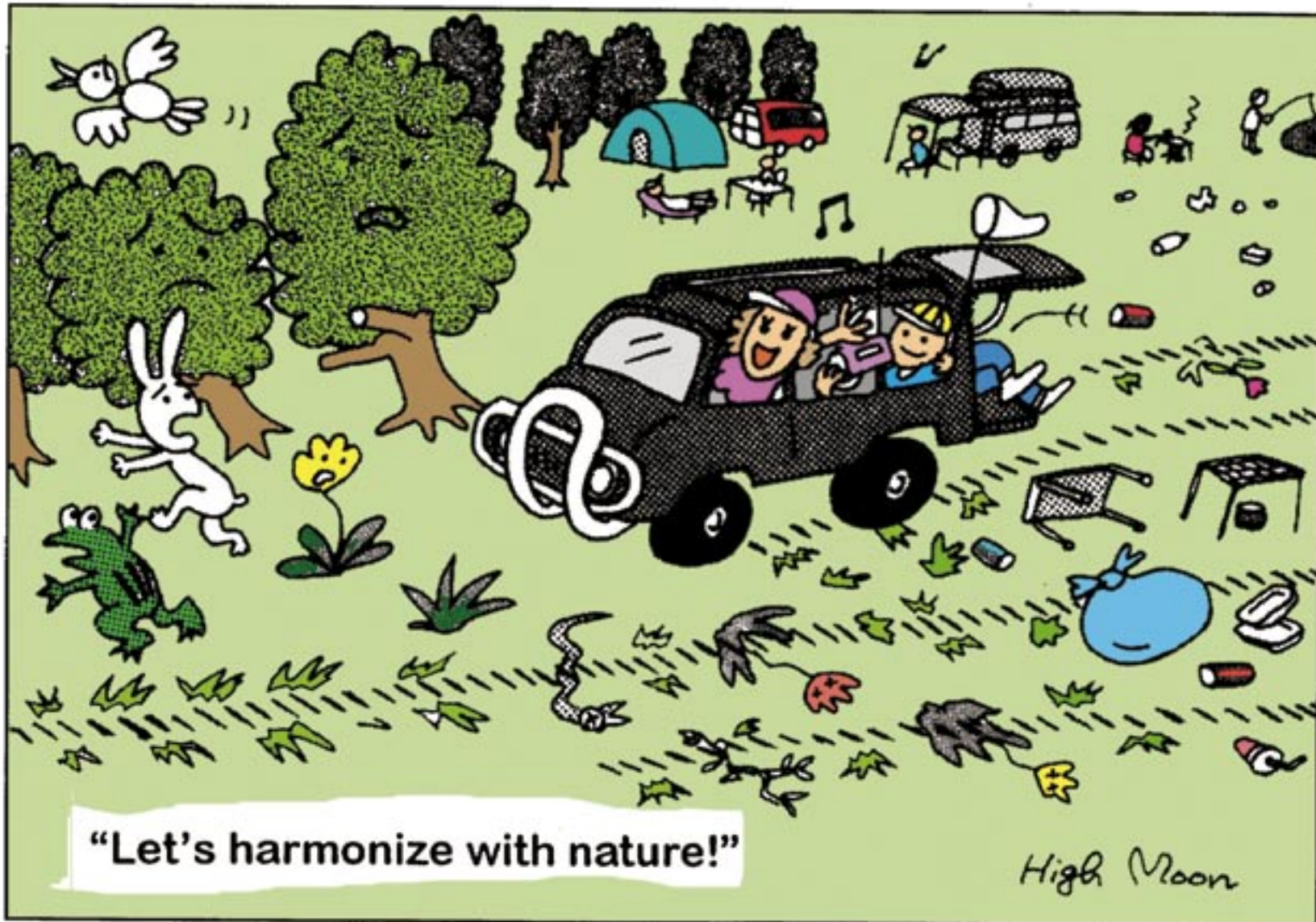


Note: "Advanced" countries must first reconsider the size of their own share.

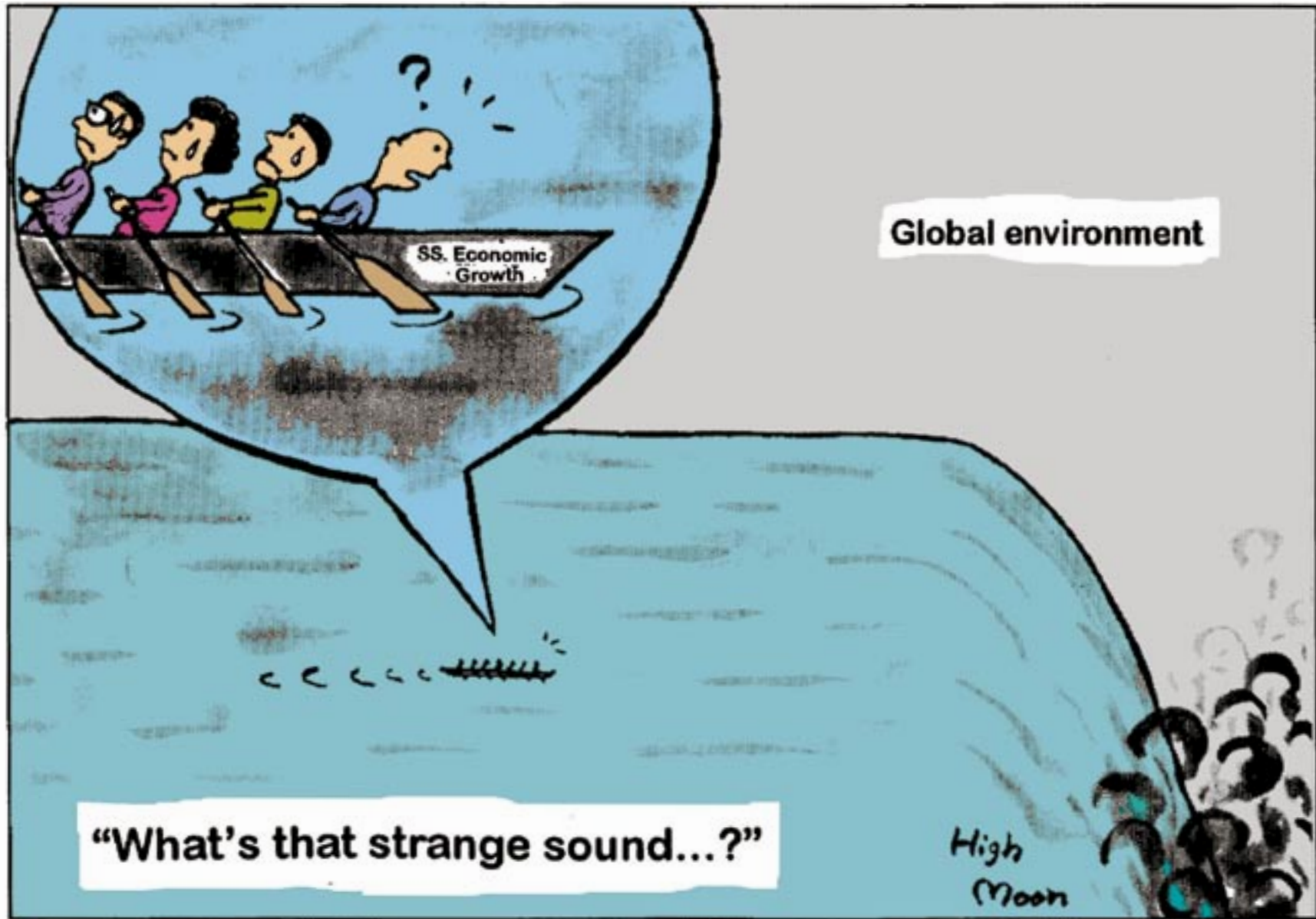


Note: Behind the scenes, what's actually happening?

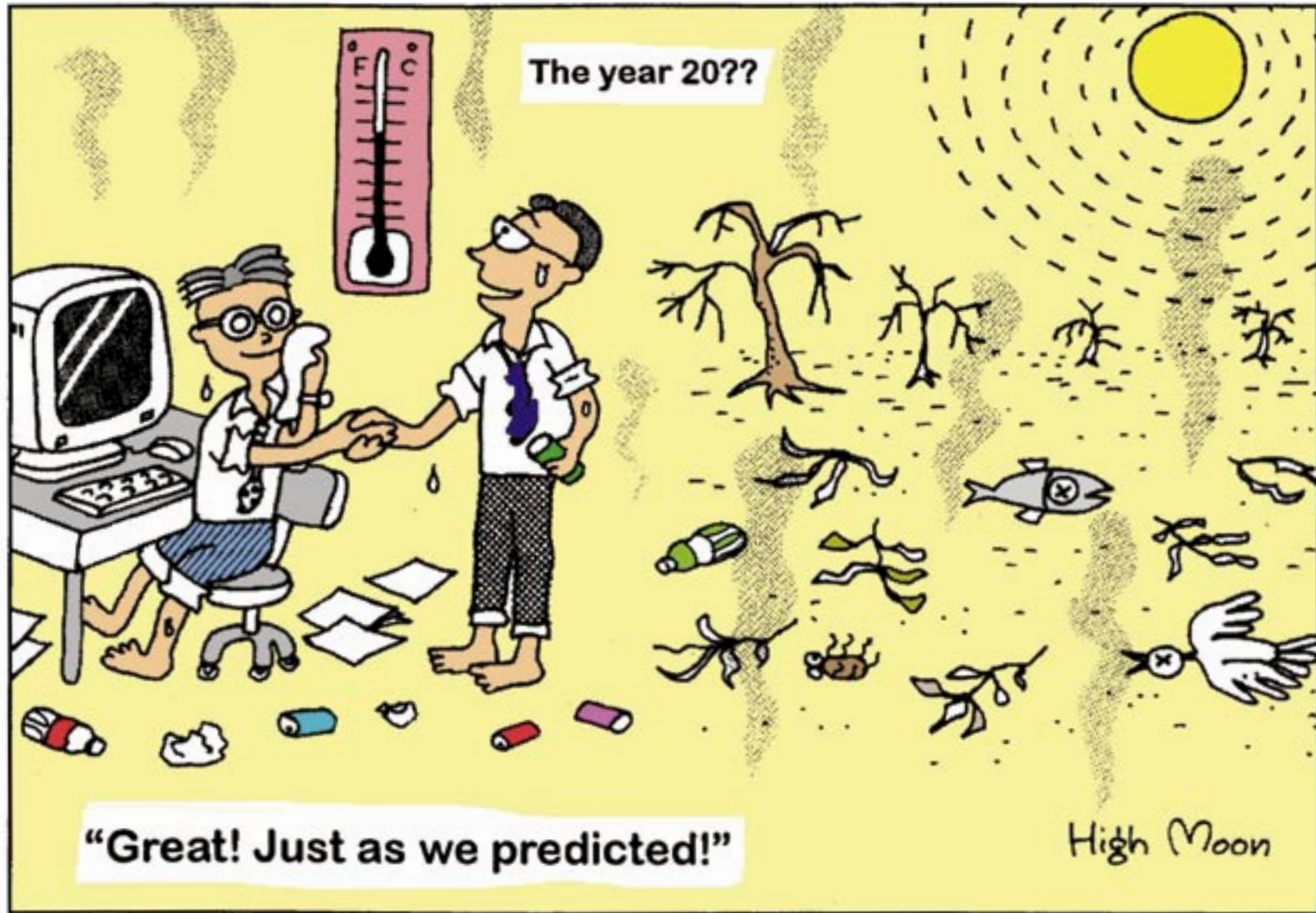




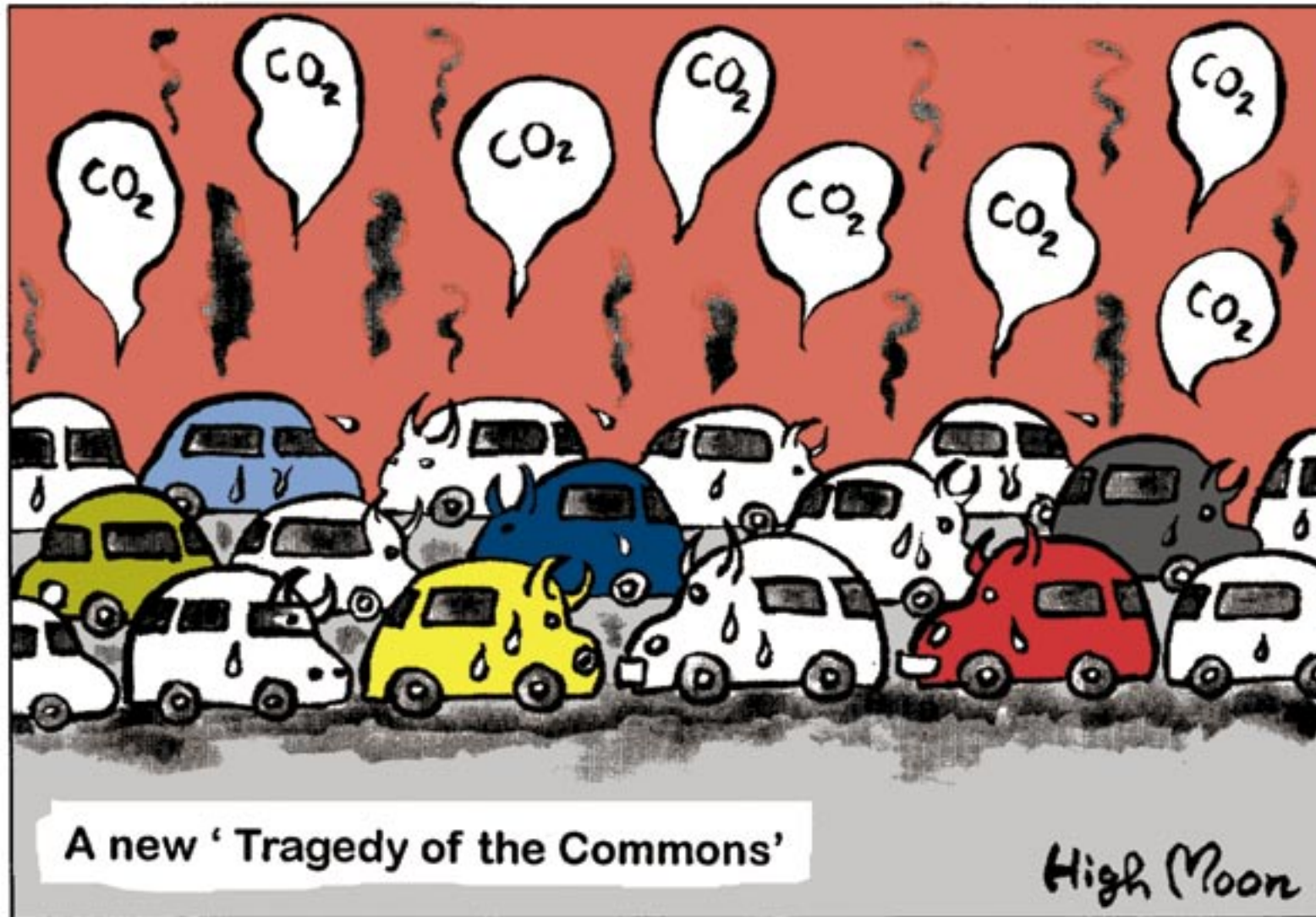
Note: An outdoor leisure boom involving recreational vehicles leads to environmental stress.



Note: At this stage, is it possible to change direction?



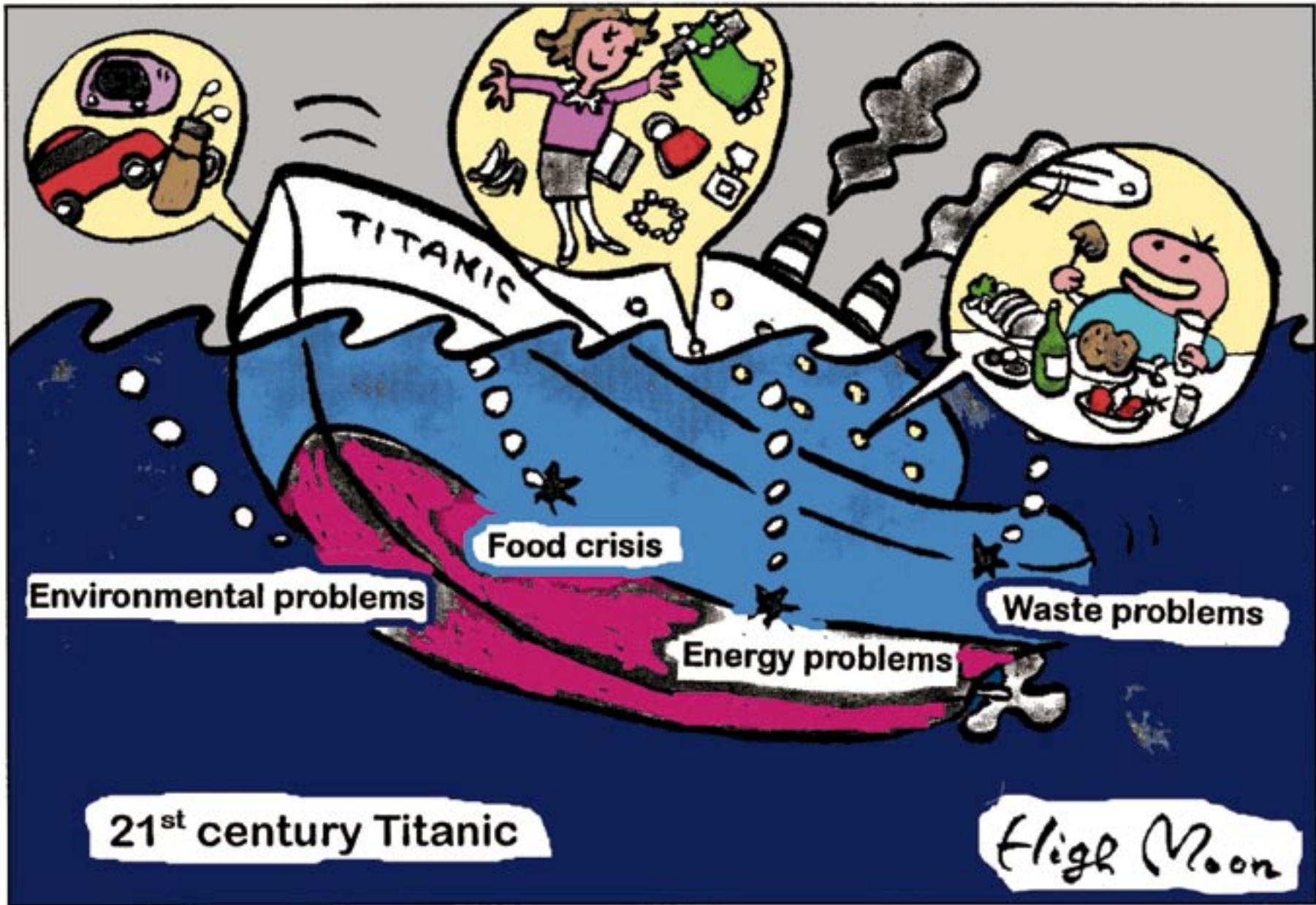
Note: In the case of global warming, countermeasures and implementation are more important than prediction.



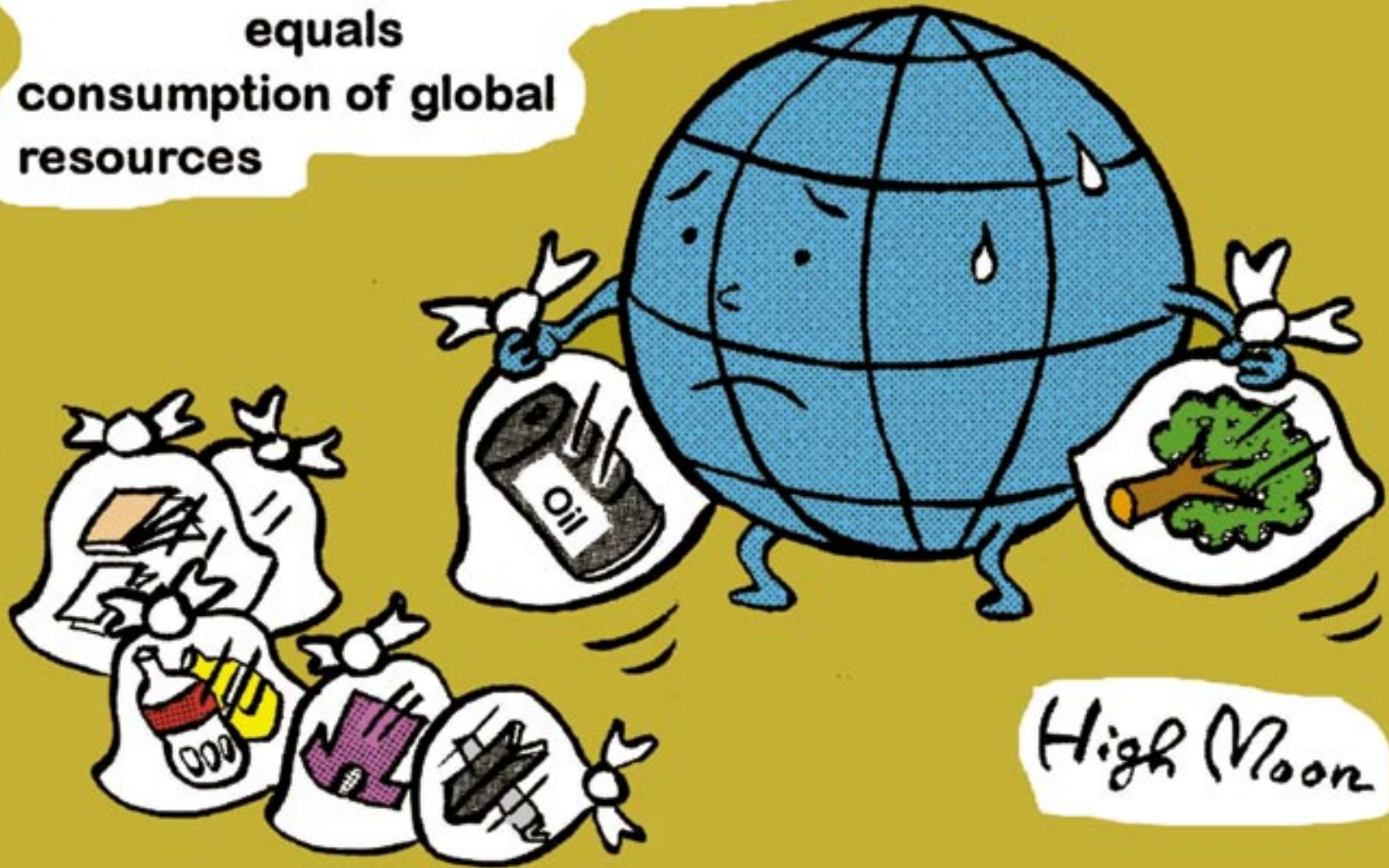
Note: In 1968, Garrett Hardin published "The Tragedy of the Commons", an influential book focused on the enclosure of community-use land in the 1800's. Community property can now be seen as the global environment including the air we breathe.

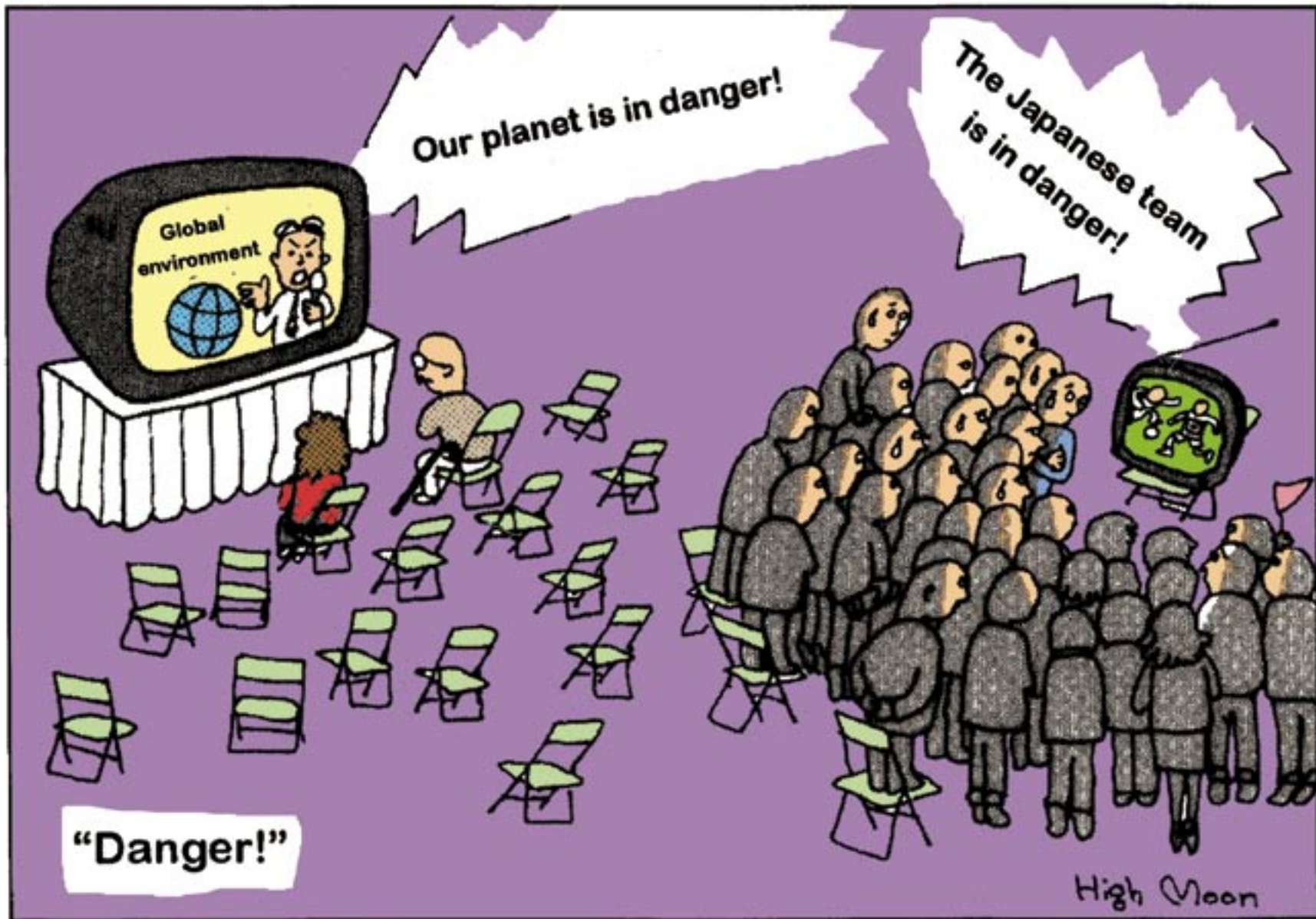


Note: Even if each one is 'environment-friendly', mass production results in massive environmental impacts.

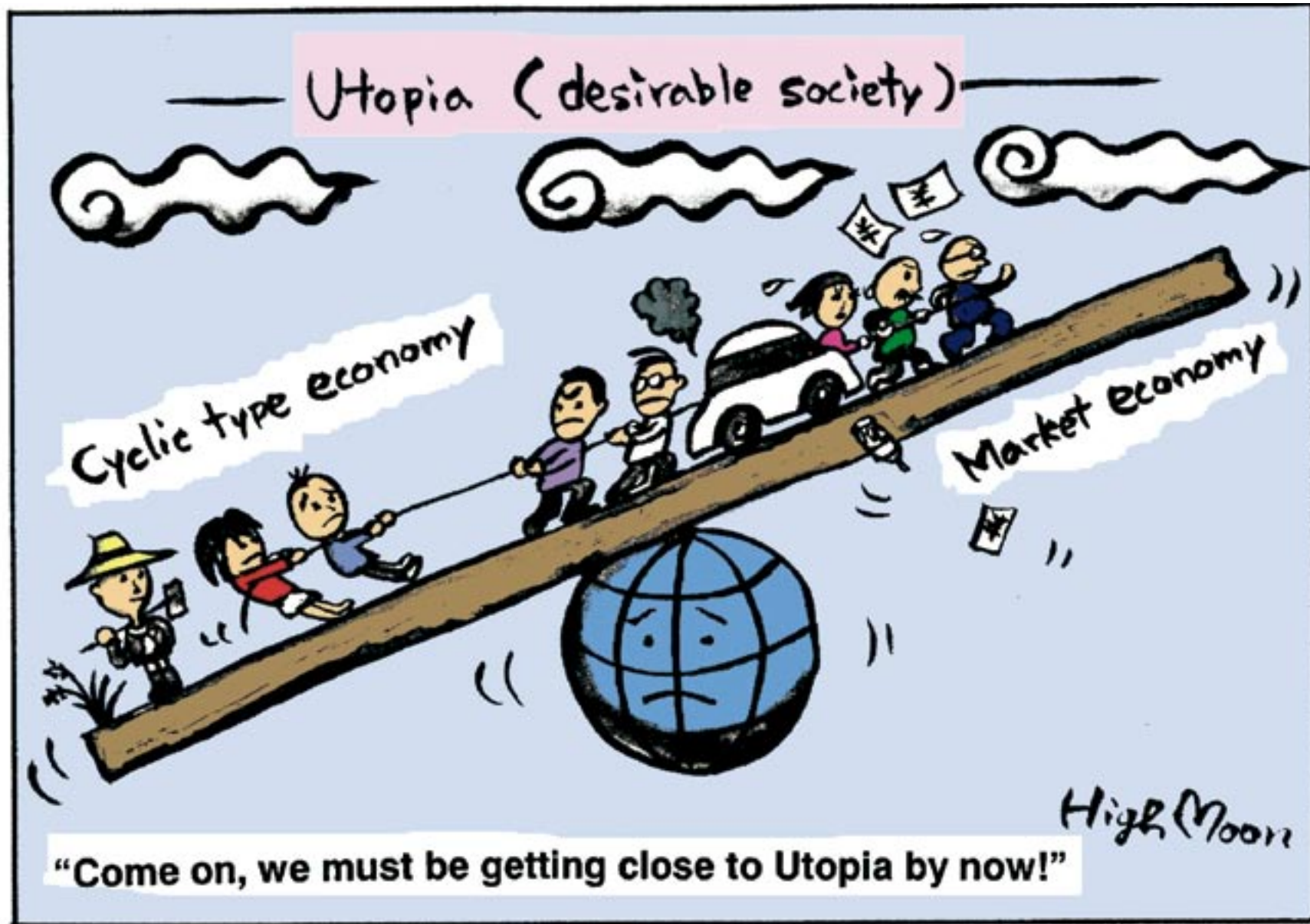


The amount of garbage produced
equals
consumption of global
resources

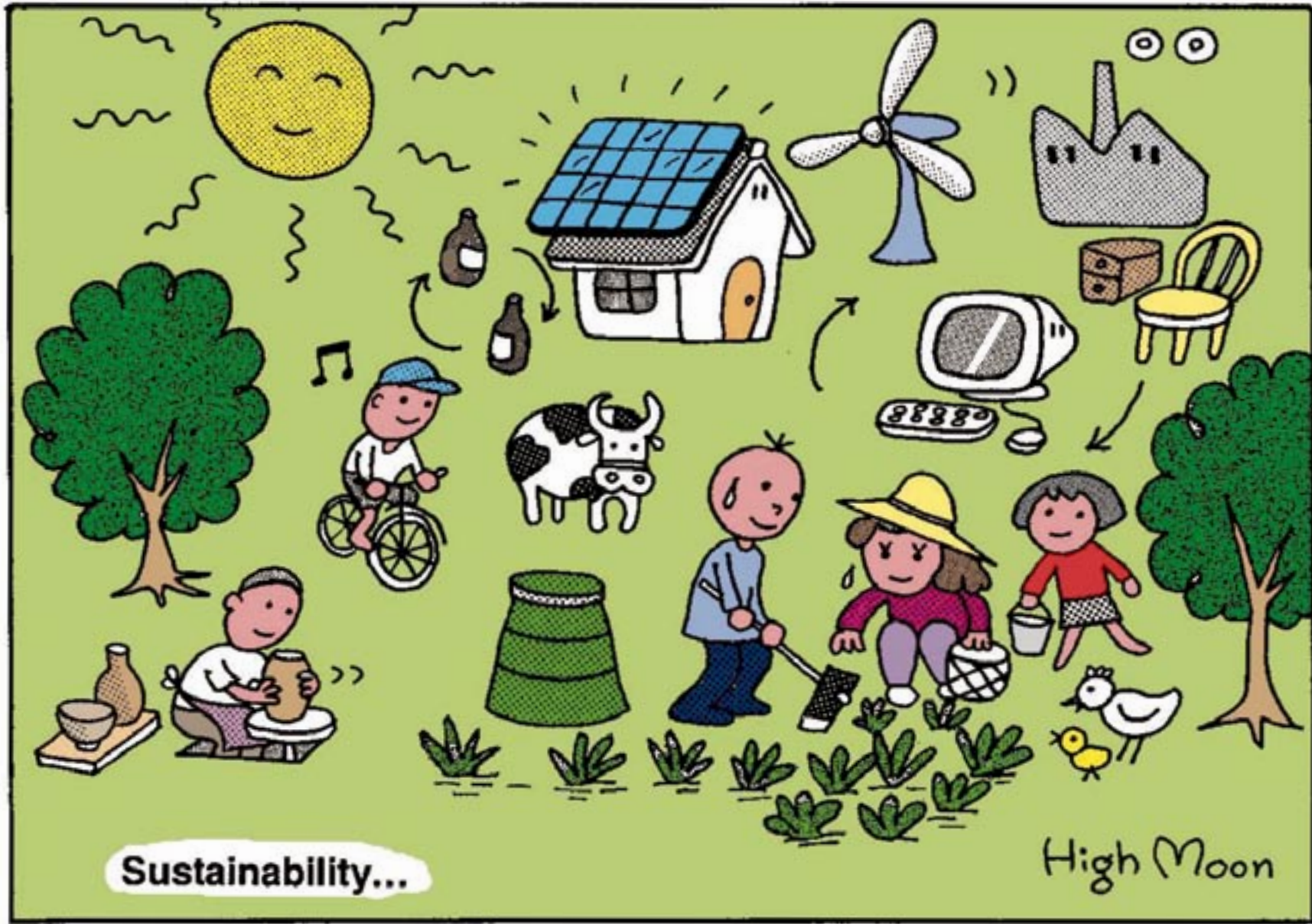




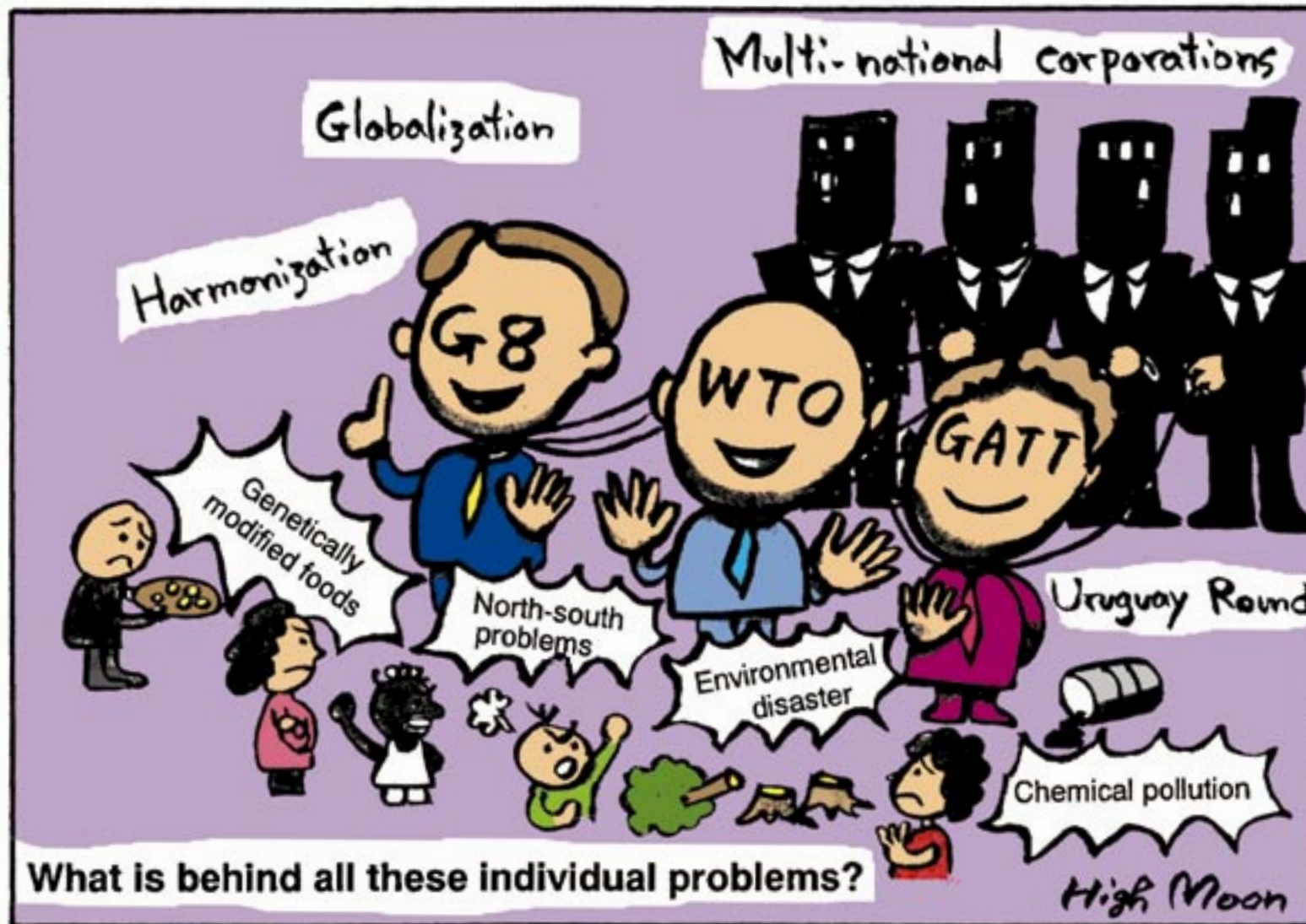
Note: In fact, this difference in concern is dangerous.



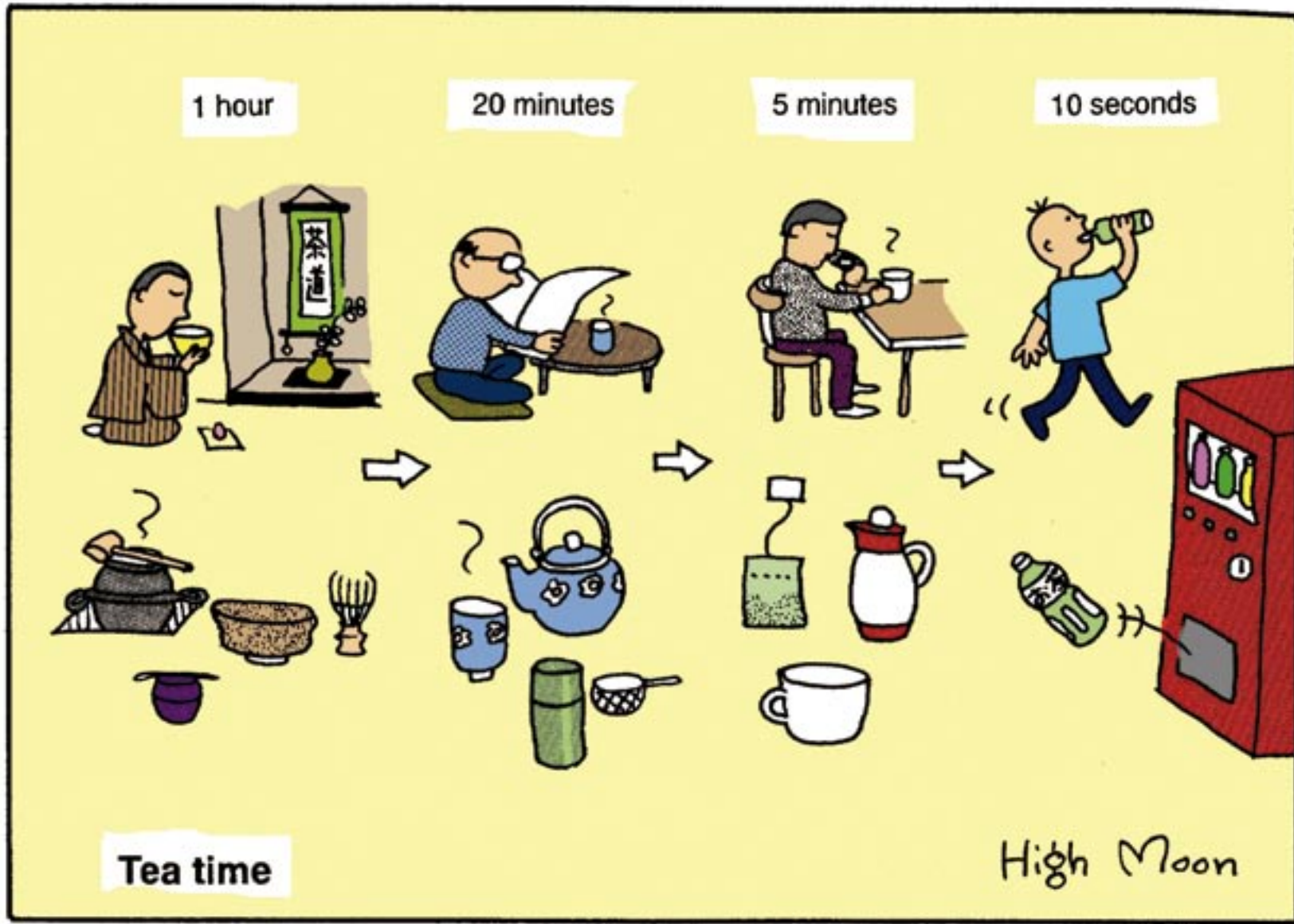
Note: Soon, their positions will be reversed.



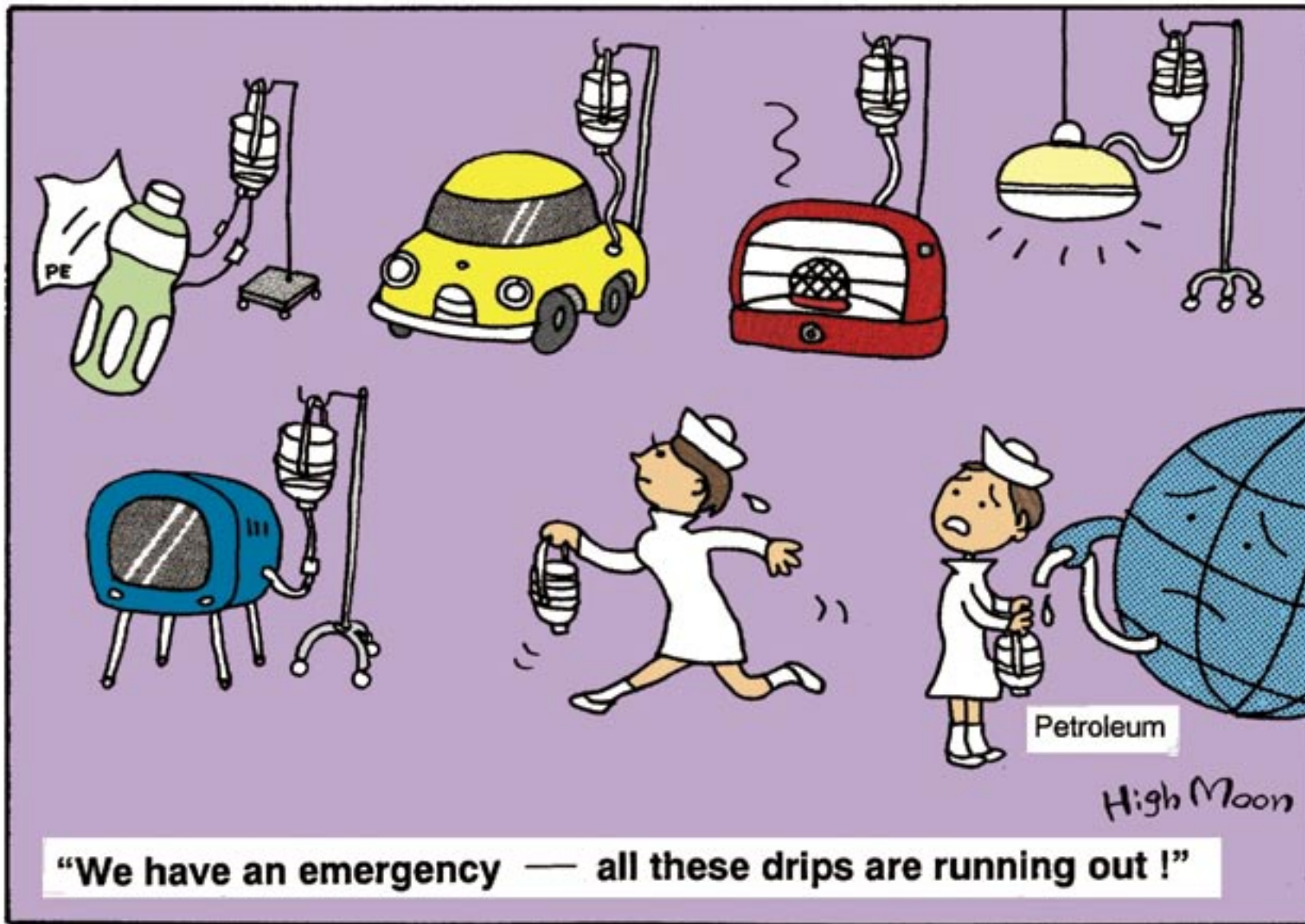
Note: Working together for a harmonious existence.



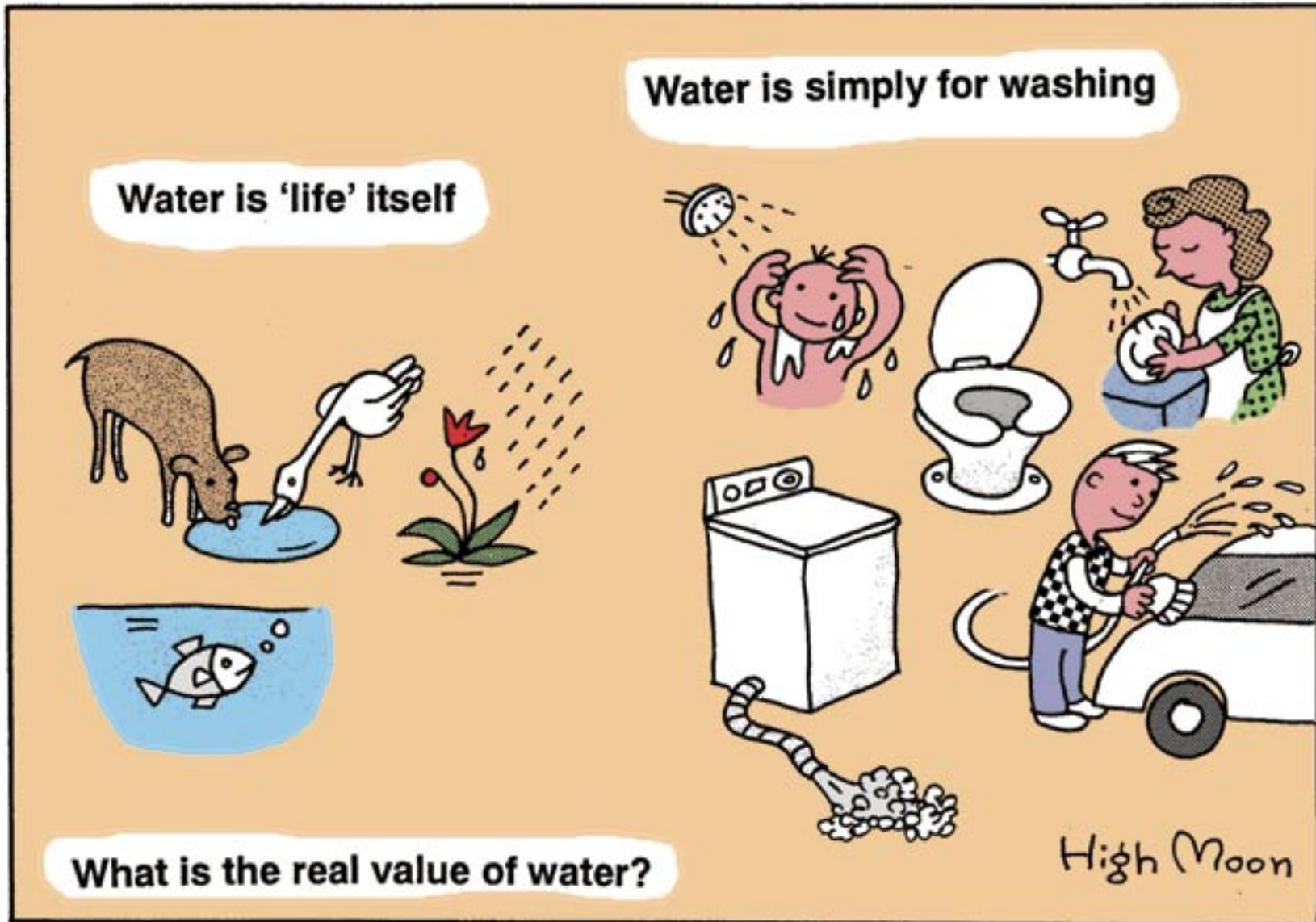
Note: In order to confront this system, we need multi-national citizen's movements



Note: Recently, sales of green tea in small PET bottles have skyrocketed.



Note: How long will petroleum supplies keep up with demand?



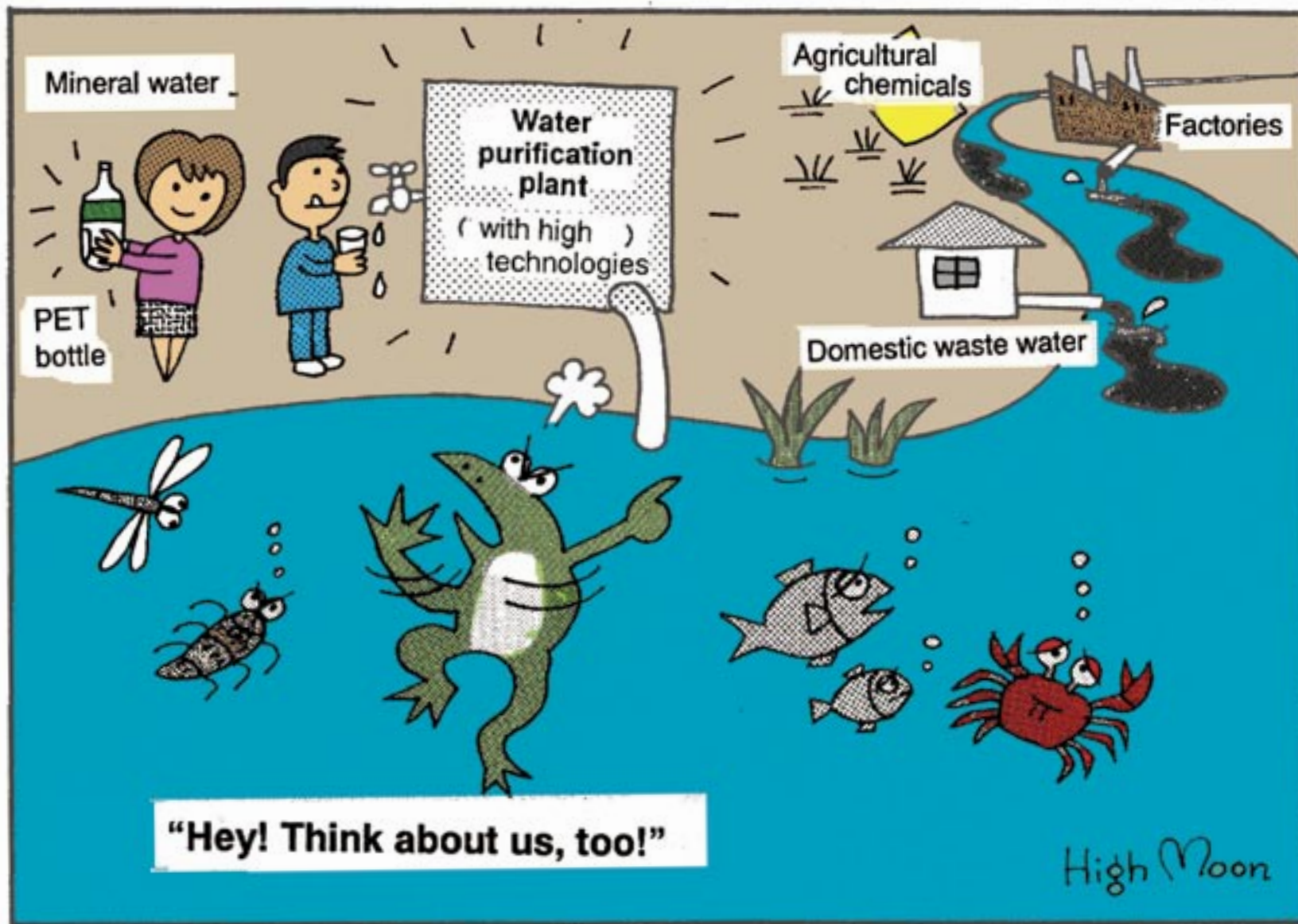
Note: Nowadays, each person in Japan uses 350 L of tap water daily. This figure is about double that of 35 years ago.



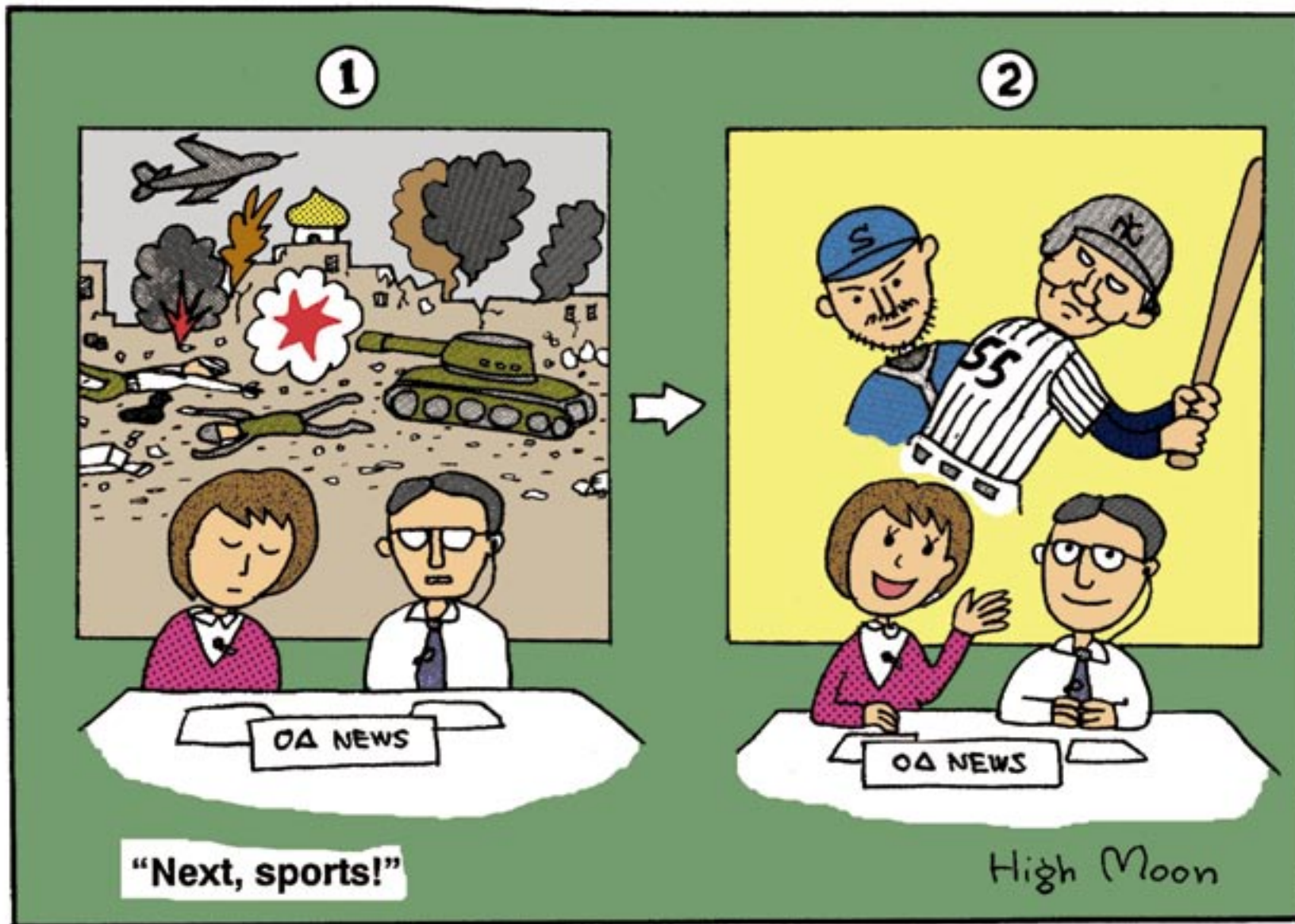
Note: In the near future, China will face serious waste problems too.



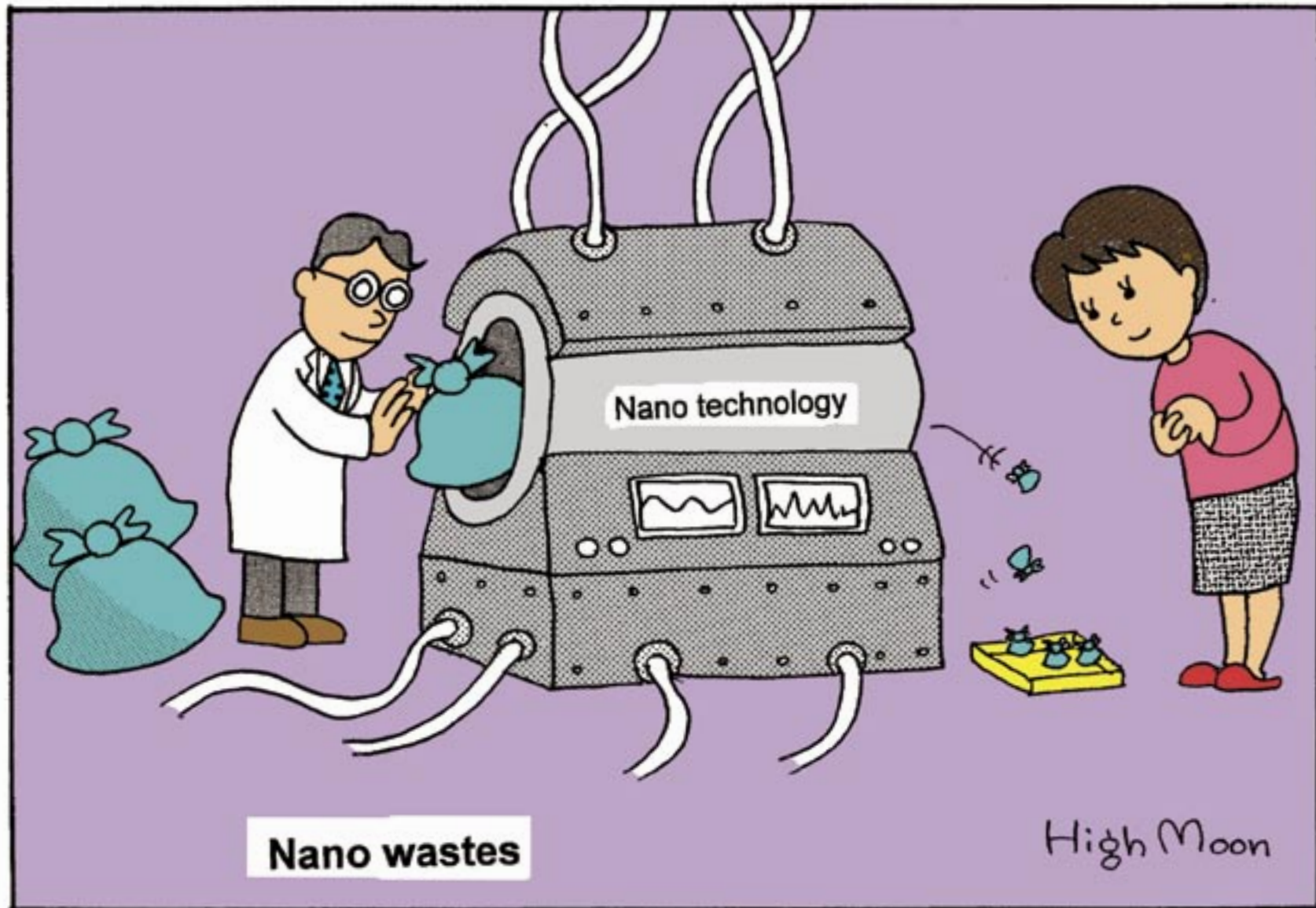
Note: What is the REAL problem concerning packaging?



Note: Prevention of ecosystems is a vital consideration in water issues.



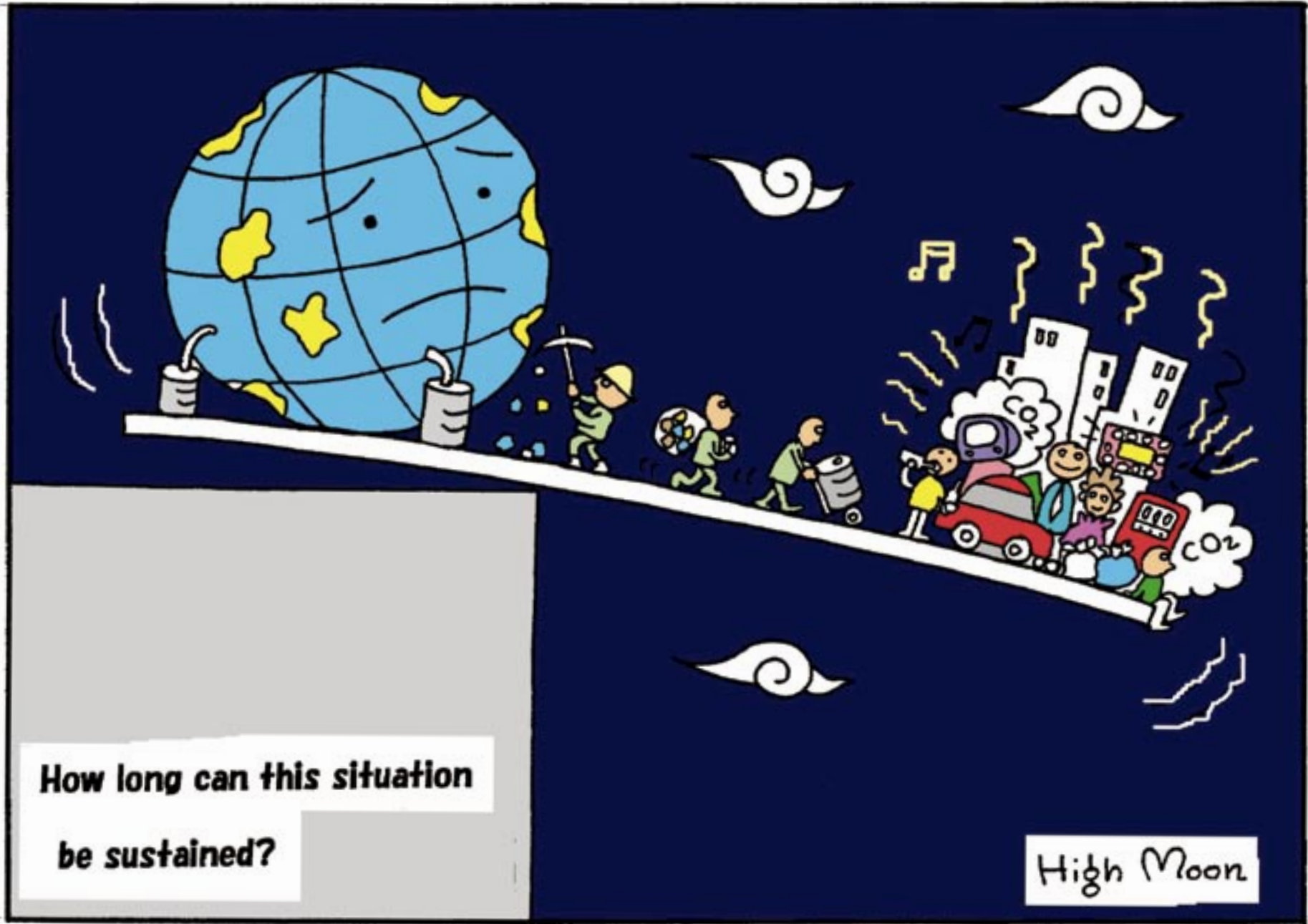
Note: What is this gap?



Note: If the size of many products could be reduced through nano-technology, it would be possible to minimize wastes.

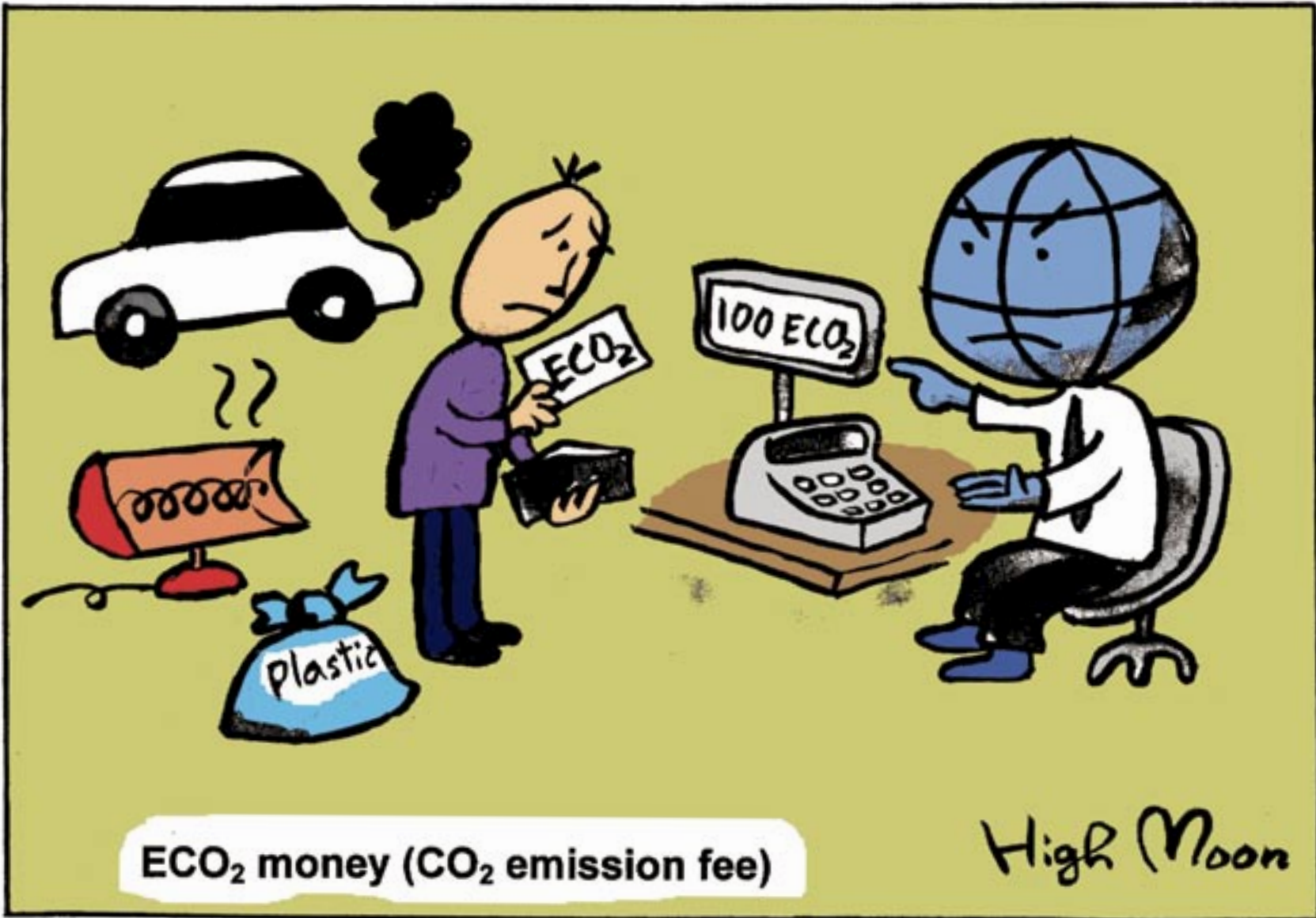


Note: Mankind alone can not control our ecosystem.

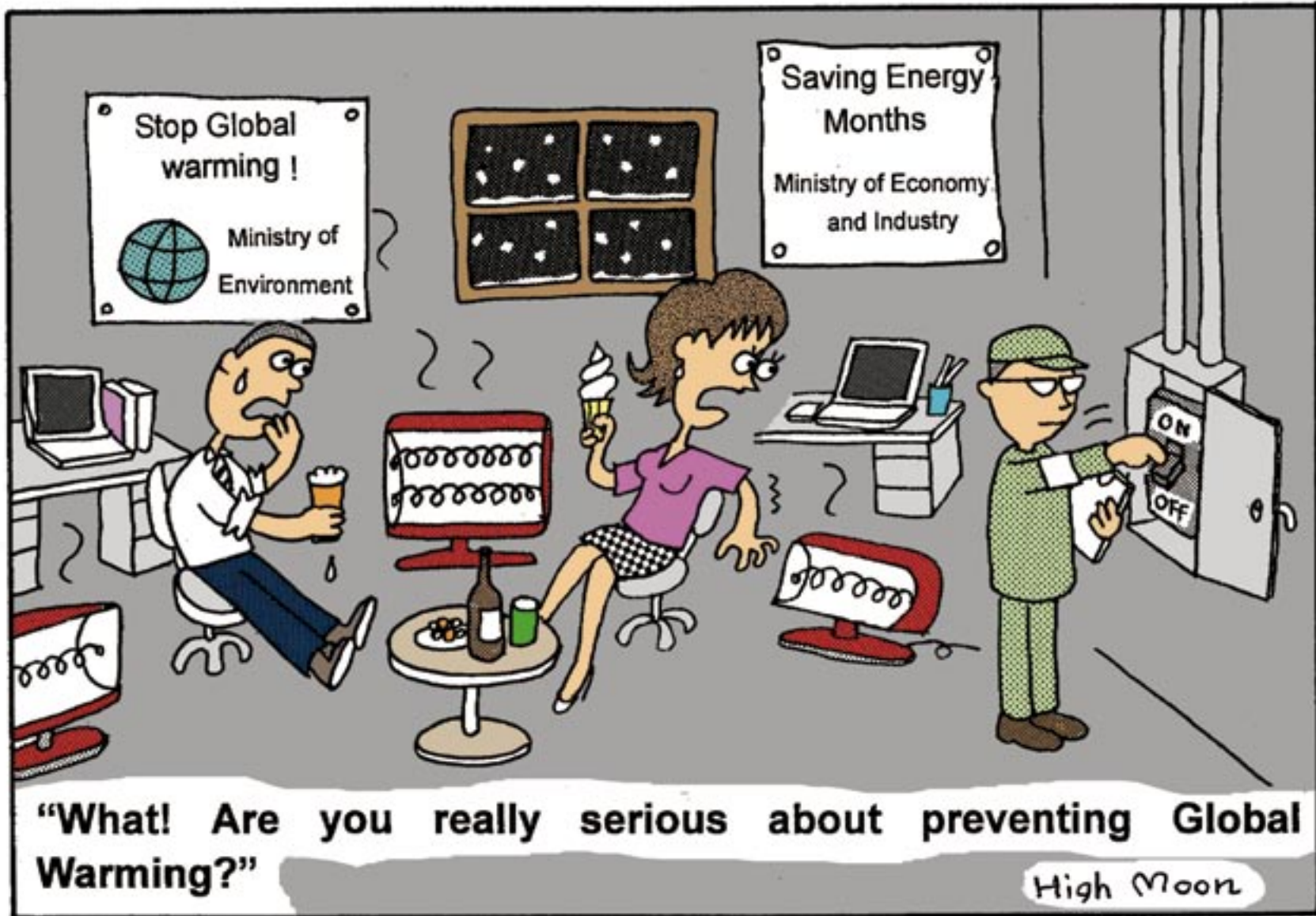


**How long can this situation
be sustained?**

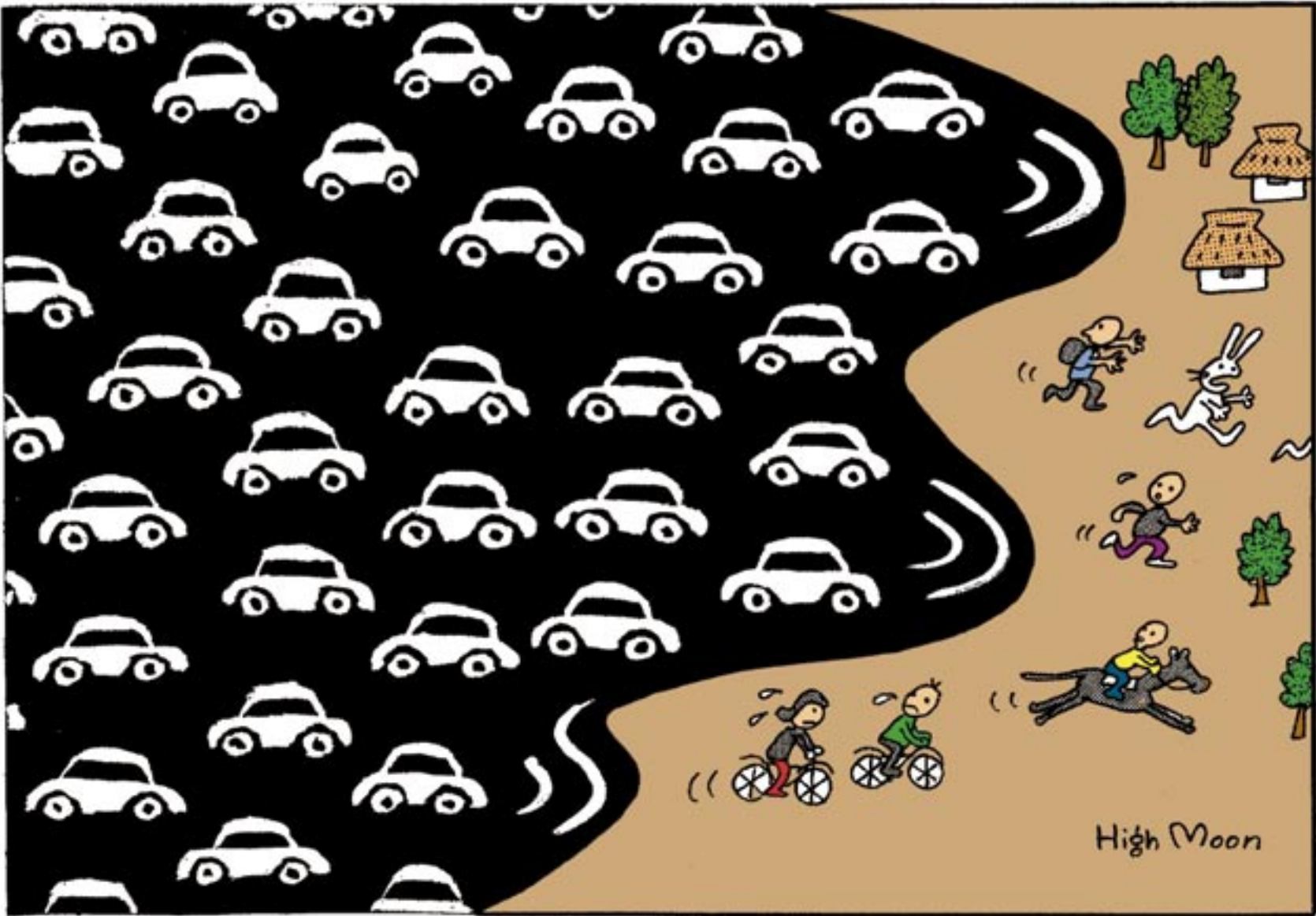
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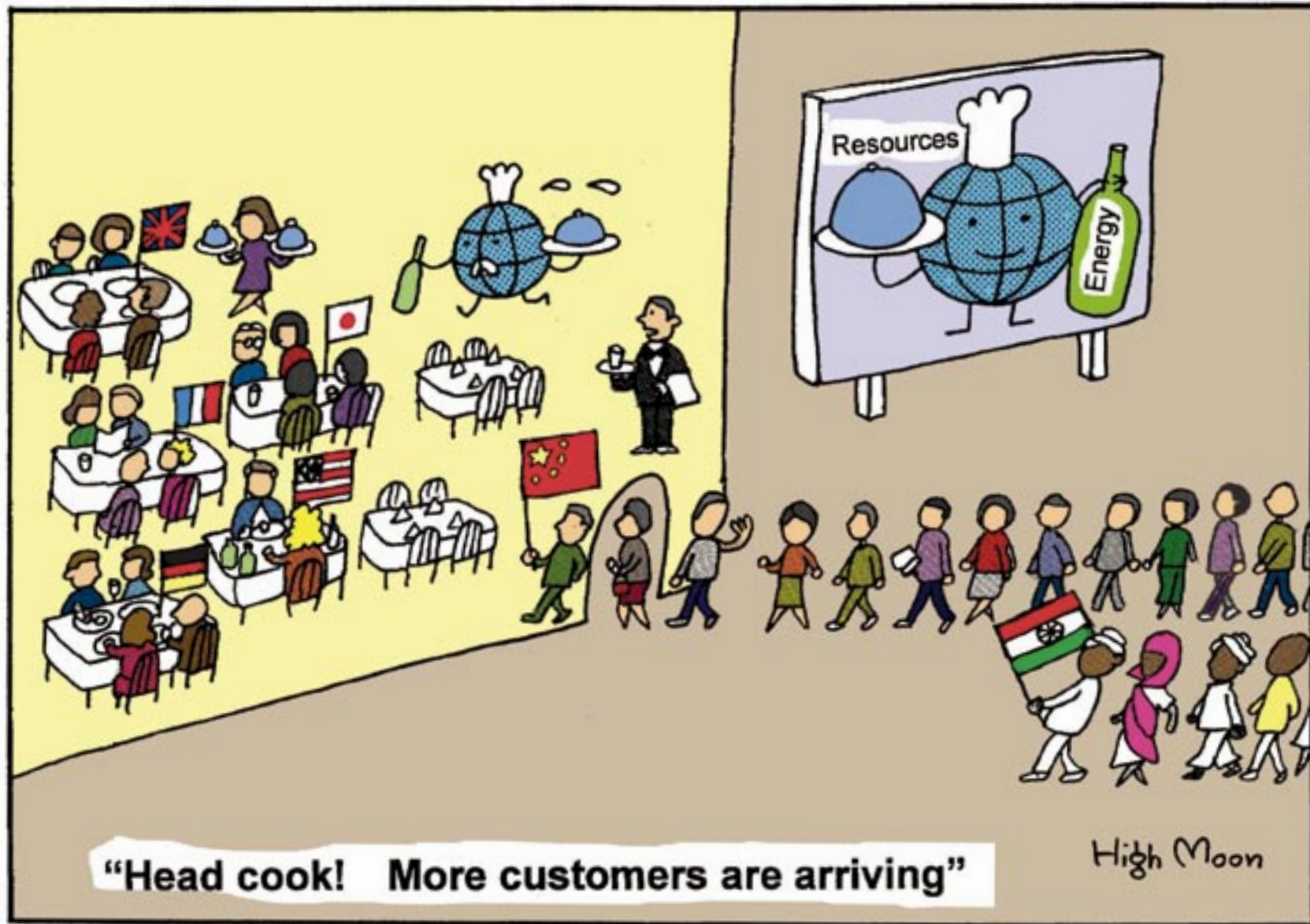
Note: If the Kyoto protocol is ratified, countermeasures against CO₂ emission will be closer to realization.



Note: In the near future, the Kyoto protocol will be enforced.



Note: Car society rolled over the land like a tsunami.



Note: The number of customers is much greater than before.



Note: The problem of leftover food should be discussed in food education.



Environment and safety must be preserved by every body

Note: If only one person breaks the rules, environment and safety can not be maintained.



Note: This is a time when even food is being turned into fuel.

How to Use this Booklet

Featured are 60 cartoons by JEE's good friend High Moon, selected from his six collections of *Cartoon GOMIC* published to date. We hope that you enjoy them, and that they provide some insights into current environmental issues and concerns.

The bonus CD contains those 60 High Moon cartoons. We hope that you will show them to other people, to spread the word about these issues. You are welcome to use this CD for educational purposes, or public awareness-raising. If you do, please let JEE know about it, by fax or e-mail.

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