SAVIORS OF LAKE MICHIGAN

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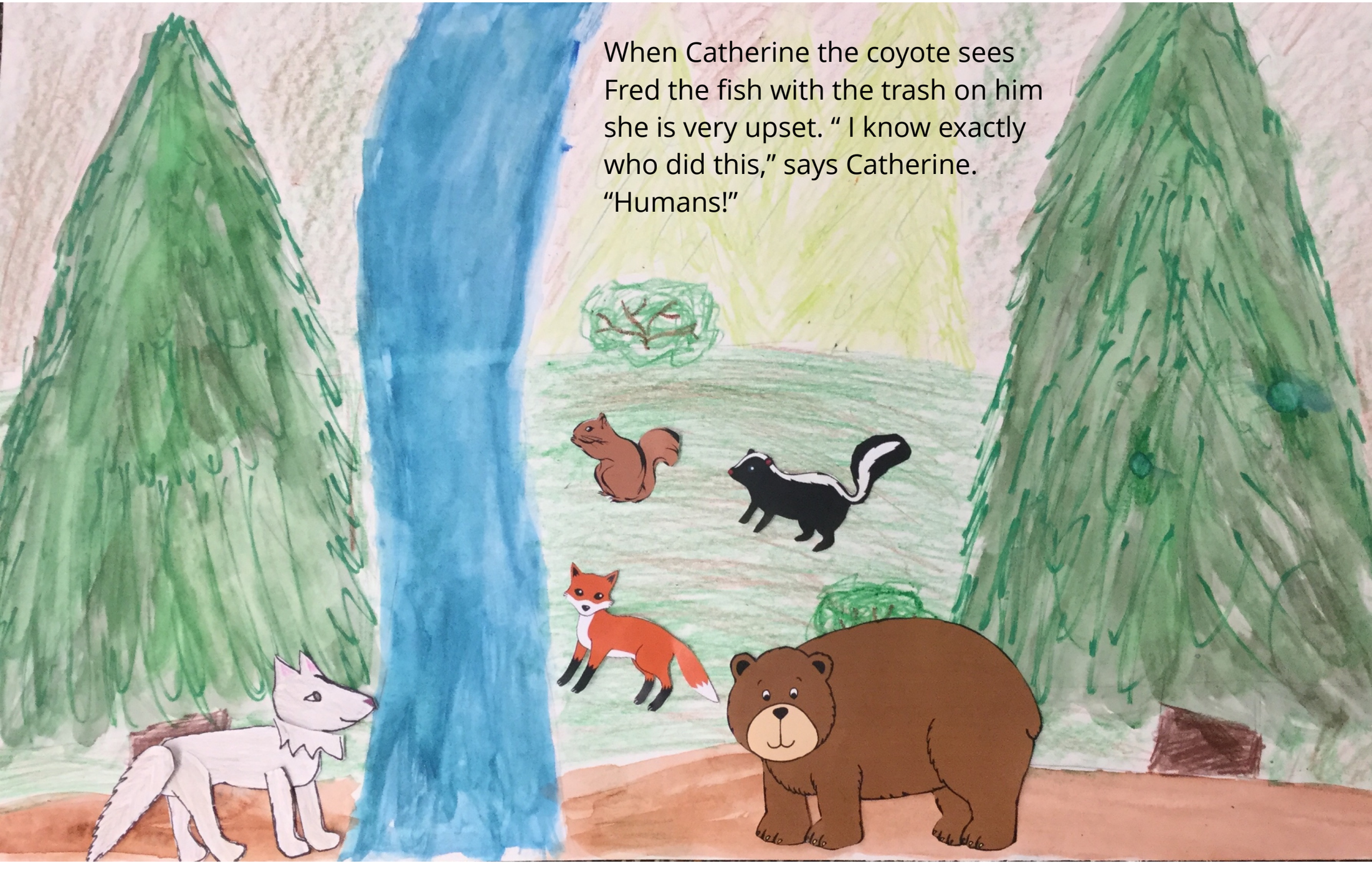
Benny the bird and Catherine the coyote are best friends and live in the forest near a Lake Michigan shore. “Hey Catherine,” says Benny, let's go to the beach and explore!” Unfortunately, humans throw trash and dump their soda pop bottles in the Great Lake off their boats.

Benny and Catherine are on the beach, and they see a fish in the water surrounded in plastic. “I will go help him out,” says Benny.

The fish struggles until he gets picked up by Benny and Benny brings him to the shallow water by the shore. Benny says “What’s your name?” “My name is Fred, Fred the fish. What’s your name?” “My name is Benny, Benny the bird” says Benny.

The people on the shore see Fred in harm. These humans laugh and point their fingers at Fred who is still wiggling out of the plastic with the help of his new friend Benny.


When Catherine the coyote sees Fred the fish with the trash on him she is very upset. “ I know exactly who did this,” says Catherine. “Humans!”

Catherine and her forest friends gather up and she tells them what happened. “There is a fish named Fred that lives in Lake Michigan. His home is very polluted and getting worse and worse every day because some humans are careless with their trash. We are going to change that.” Cathrine says to her friends. After Catherine the coyote tells this to her friends, they all come up with an idea. The animals decide to gather all of the plastic and trash they can find and bring it to the beach where they will leave it on the humans’ beach towels and picnic areas.

When the humans see the trash they feel so bad. They realize how the animals must feel. The humans pickup all the trash they can find and throw it away. Fred the fish finally gets the trash off of himself with help from Benny the bird. “Thank you so much,” Fred says as he swims back to the deep water.

Now it's your turn, educate your family and friends to make a difference in our world. To help out you could:
Pack litter-free picnics,
Pack up the trash you see in nature,
Reduce your plastic use, try to reuse reusable items,
Respect the environment by not littering,
Choose reusable beverage containers,
Recycle paper and plastic at your school or office,
and help out Benny, Fred, and Catherine by remembering clean up after yourself at the beach.

Thank You