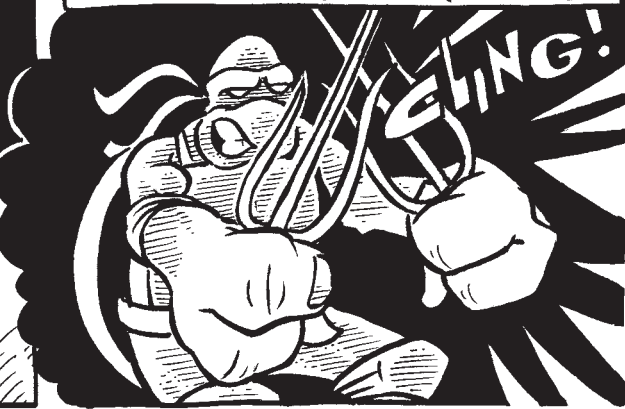


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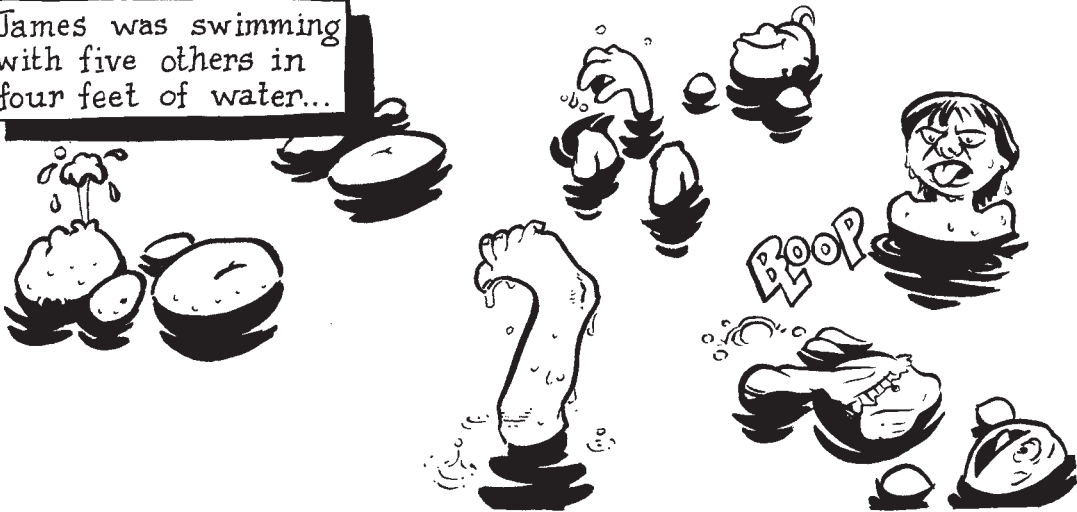
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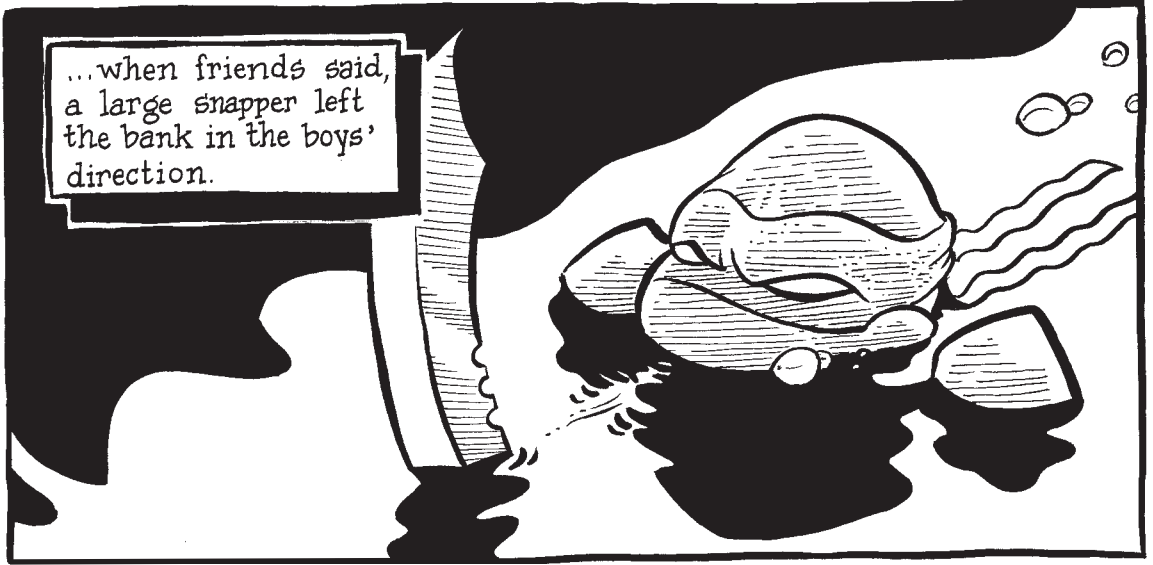
Medina, OH--A nine year old Medina Township boy was attacked by a large snapping turtle in the deep turn of Turnkey Creek yesterday.



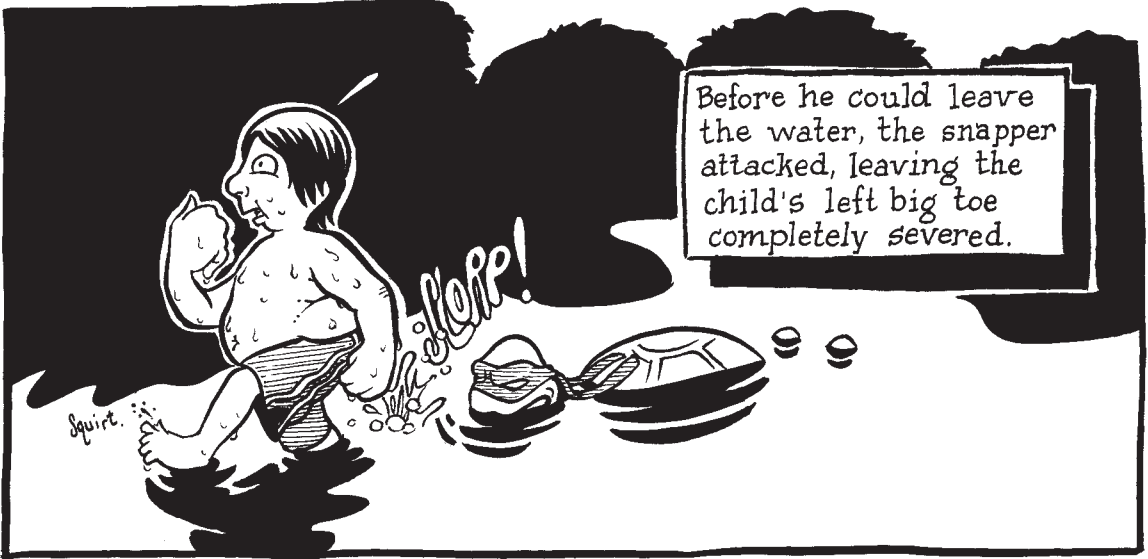
James was swimming with five others in four feet of water...



...when friends said,  
a large snapper left  
the bank in the boys'  
direction.



Before he could leave  
the water, the snapper  
attacked, leaving the  
child's left big toe  
completely severed.



Witnesses stated  
that the struggle  
lasted at least  
five minutes.

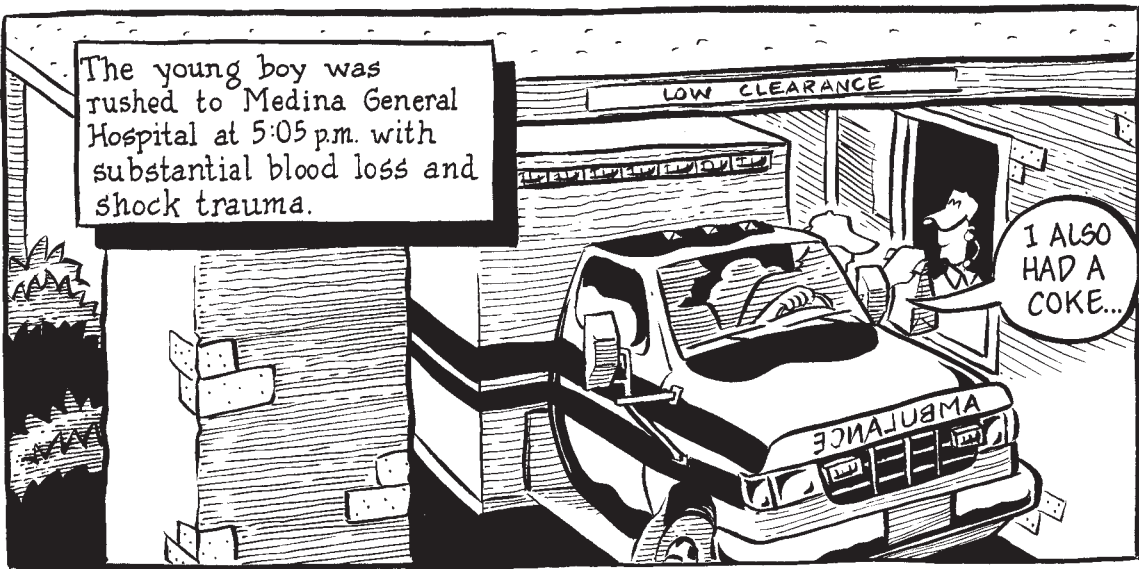


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ARE THREE-  
TO-ONE FOR  
THE TURTLE.

The young boy was rushed to Medina General Hospital at 5:05 p.m. with substantial blood loss and shock trauma.

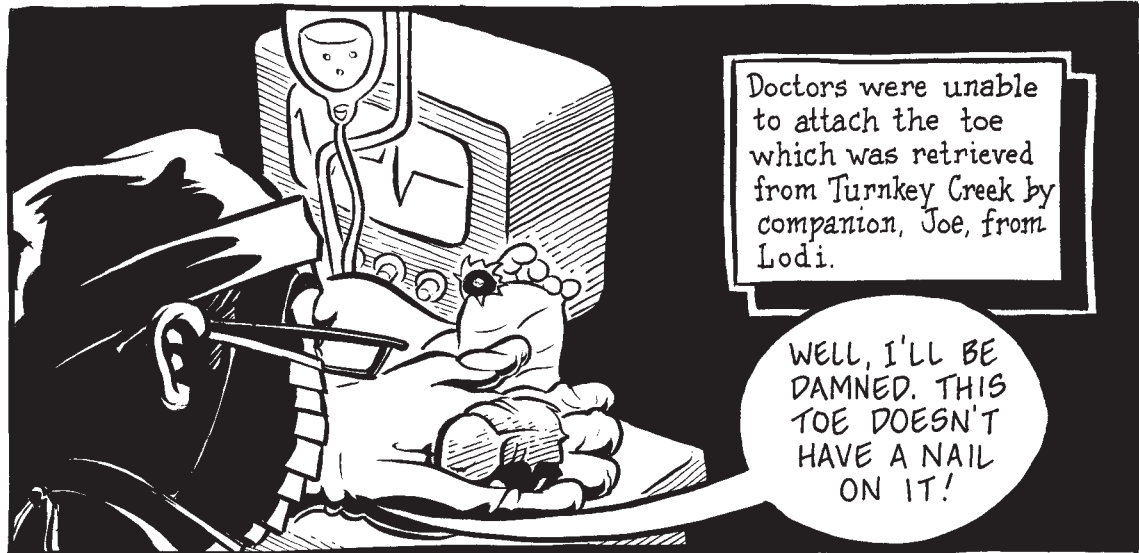
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I ALSO HAD A COKE...



Doctors were unable to attach the toe which was retrieved from Turnkey Creek by companion, Joe, from Lodi.

WELL, I'LL BE DAMNED. THIS TOE DOESN'T HAVE A NAIL ON IT!



"I heard him yell about the same time I saw the snapper's shell swimming toward him," said Joe, age 10.

JAMES...

OH, FLI---

...TURTLE.



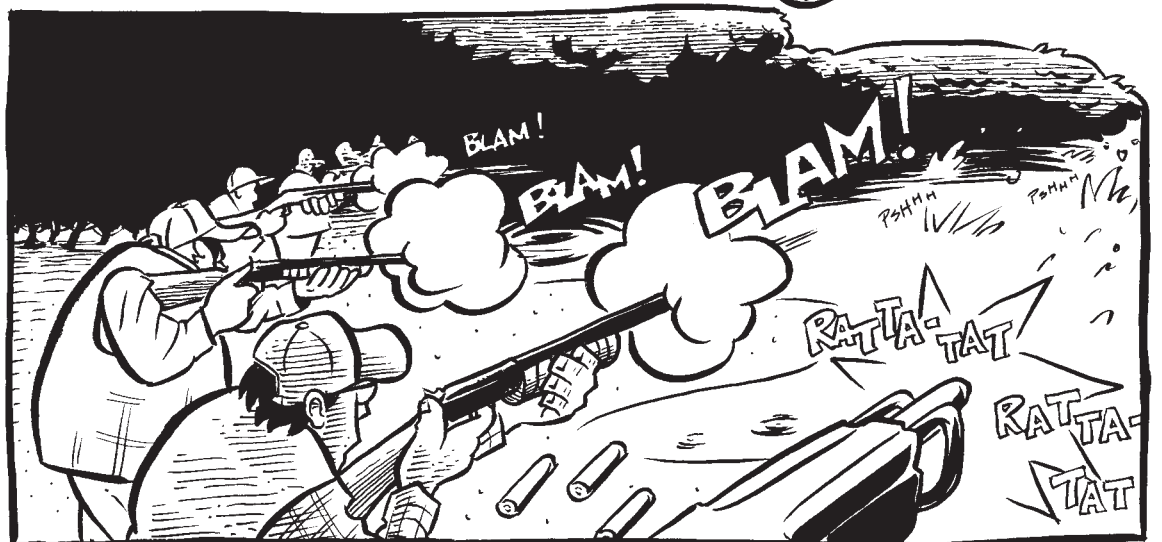
"There weren't nothin' we all could do for him at that point," he added.



Medina County Sheriff's deputies were first to arrive on scene.



Sheriff Department officials have warned families and their children numerous times this summer about the turtle problem at Turnkey Creek.



Turnkey Road residents are having a turtle soup cook off this Saturday August 14th to help pay medical expenses for the occurrence.



Donations are also being accepted by Mrs. Rall at Old Crow Bank.

