

# OOSANSHOUO

A SCIENTIFIC TREASURE

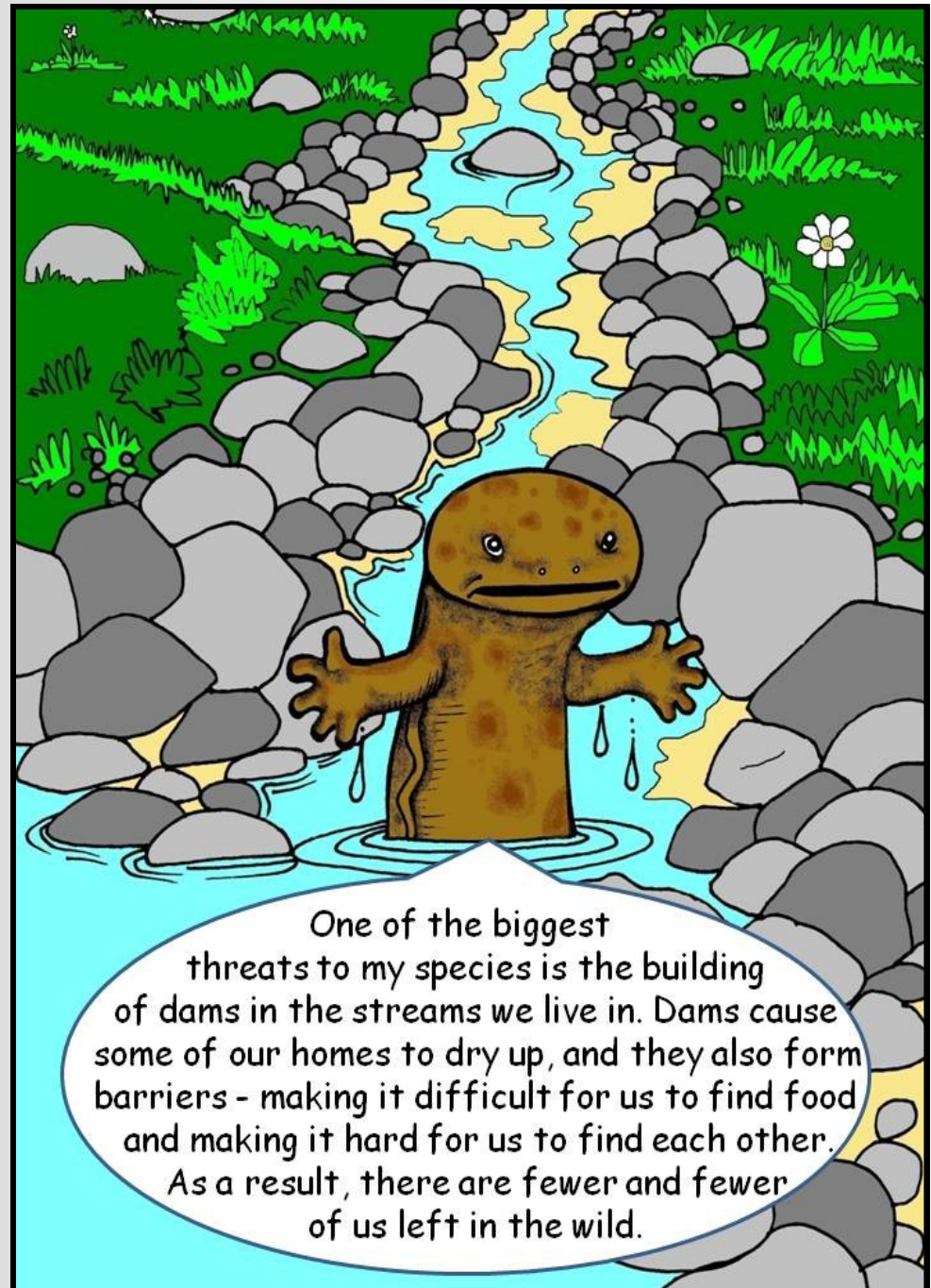


Smithsonian  
National Zoological Park



Konnichi wa.  
That is how we say "Hello"  
in JAPAN. I am a  
Japanese giant salamander.  
In my homeland I am called  
**OOSANSHOUO**

Scientists call me  
**"*Andrias japonicus*."**  
My friends and I  
have travelled  
more than 7,000 miles from  
**JAPAN** to the  
**Smithsonian's National  
Zoological Park**  
in Washington, D.C.  
for a very special purpose!



One of the biggest  
threats to my species is the building  
of dams in the streams we live in. Dams cause  
some of our homes to dry up, and they also form  
barriers - making it difficult for us to find food  
and making it hard for us to find each other.  
As a result, there are fewer and fewer  
of us left in the wild.

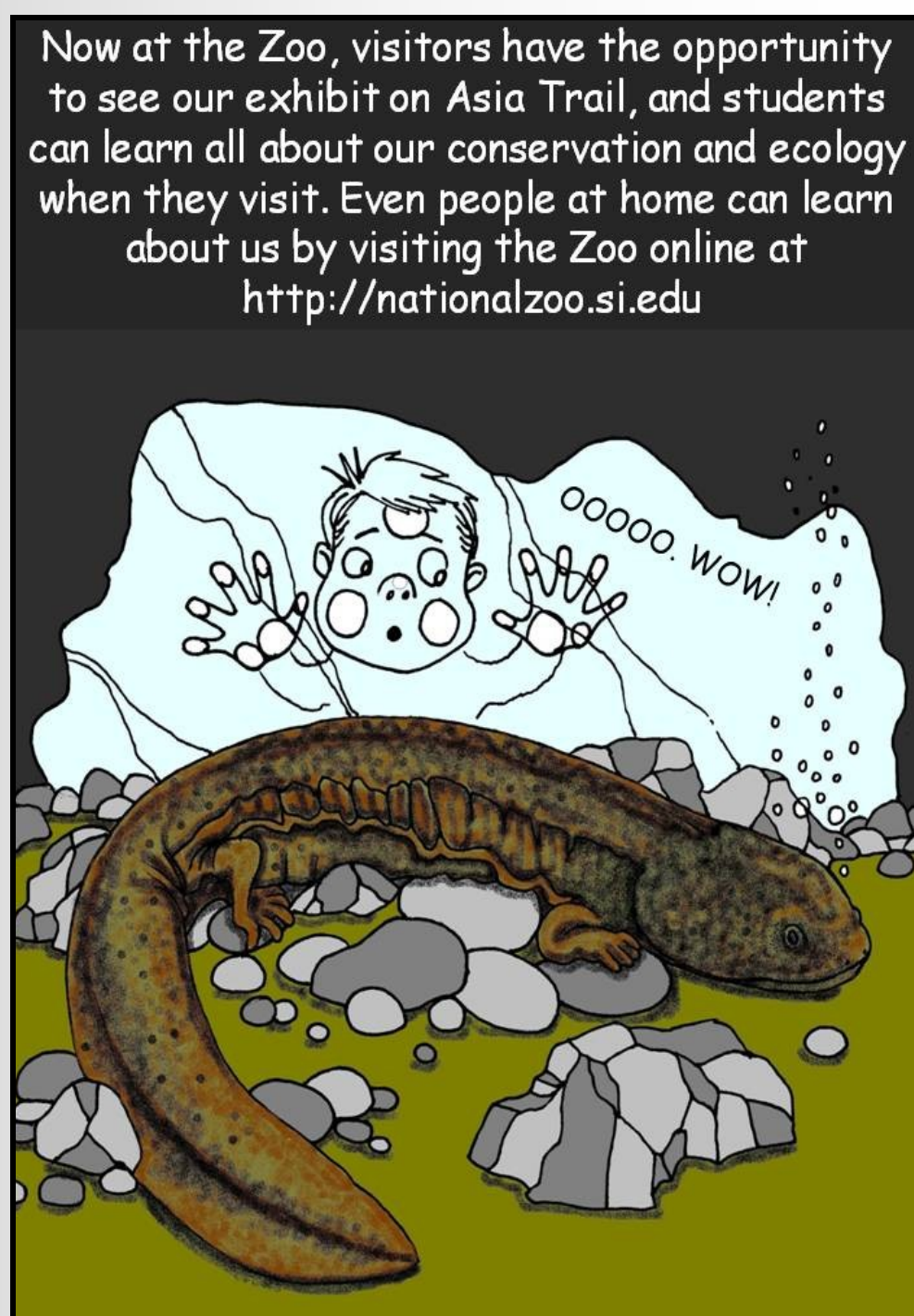


Hey good-looking.  
Swim here often?

Hee Hee Hee

Luckily some people in my country have  
taken notice of the problems facing  
Japanese giant salamanders, and they are  
working to give us new paths around the  
dams. They are also fixing other damage to  
our natural habitat. And the National Zoo  
has established a long-term captive  
breeding program to help Japan make sure  
my species survives.

Now at the Zoo, visitors have the opportunity  
to see our exhibit on Asia Trail, and students  
can learn all about our conservation and ecology  
when they visit. Even people at home can learn  
about us by visiting the Zoo online at  
<http://nationalzoo.si.edu>



OOOOO. WOW!