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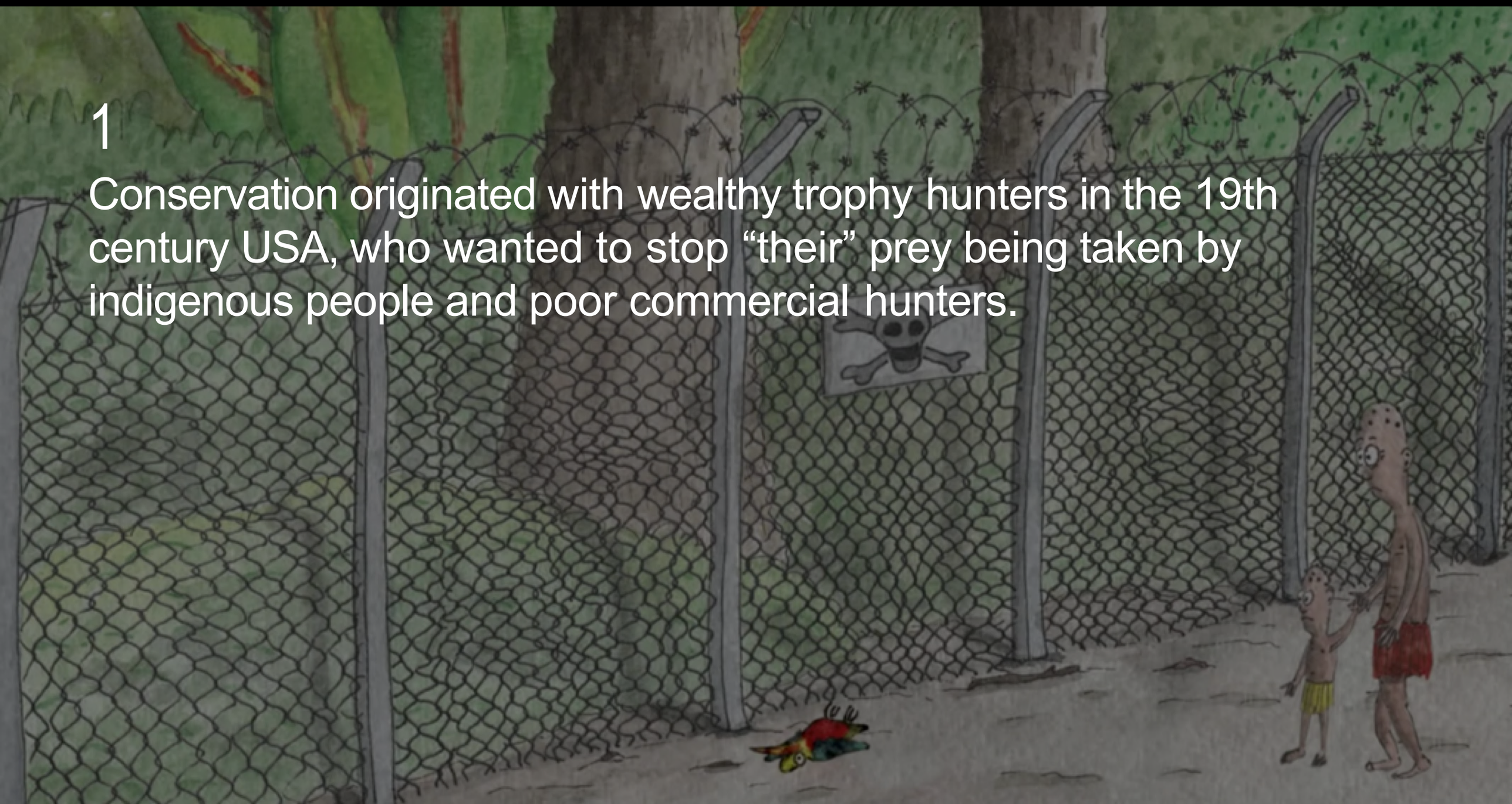

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Conservation originated with wealthy trophy hunters in the 19th century USA, who wanted to stop “their” prey being taken by indigenous people and poor commercial hunters.

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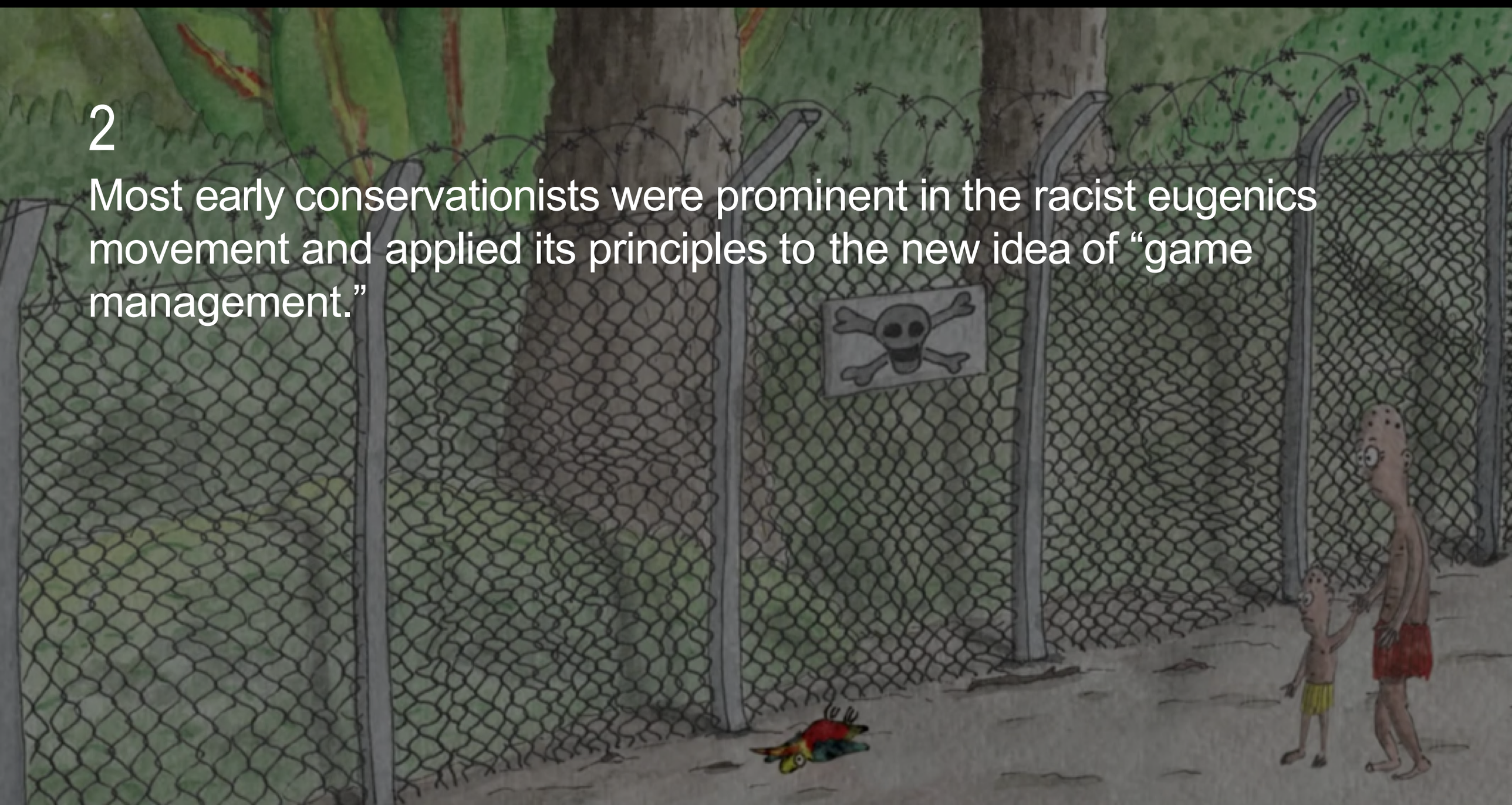

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Most early conservationists were prominent in the racist eugenics movement and applied its principles to the new idea of “game management.”

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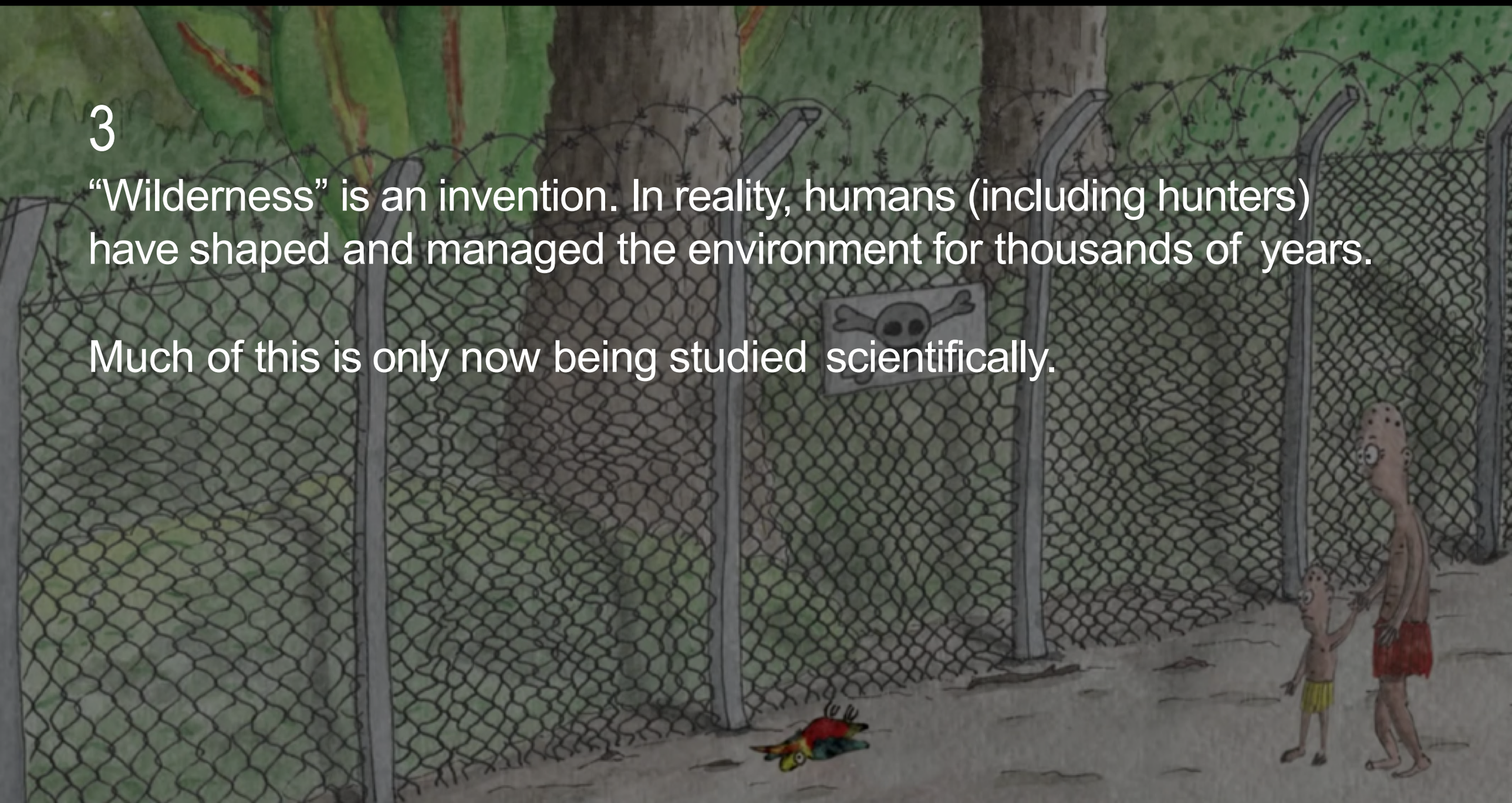

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“Wilderness” is an invention. In reality, humans (including hunters) have shaped and managed the environment for thousands of years.

Much of this is only now being studied scientifically.

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Creating a “Protected Area” is usually land theft.

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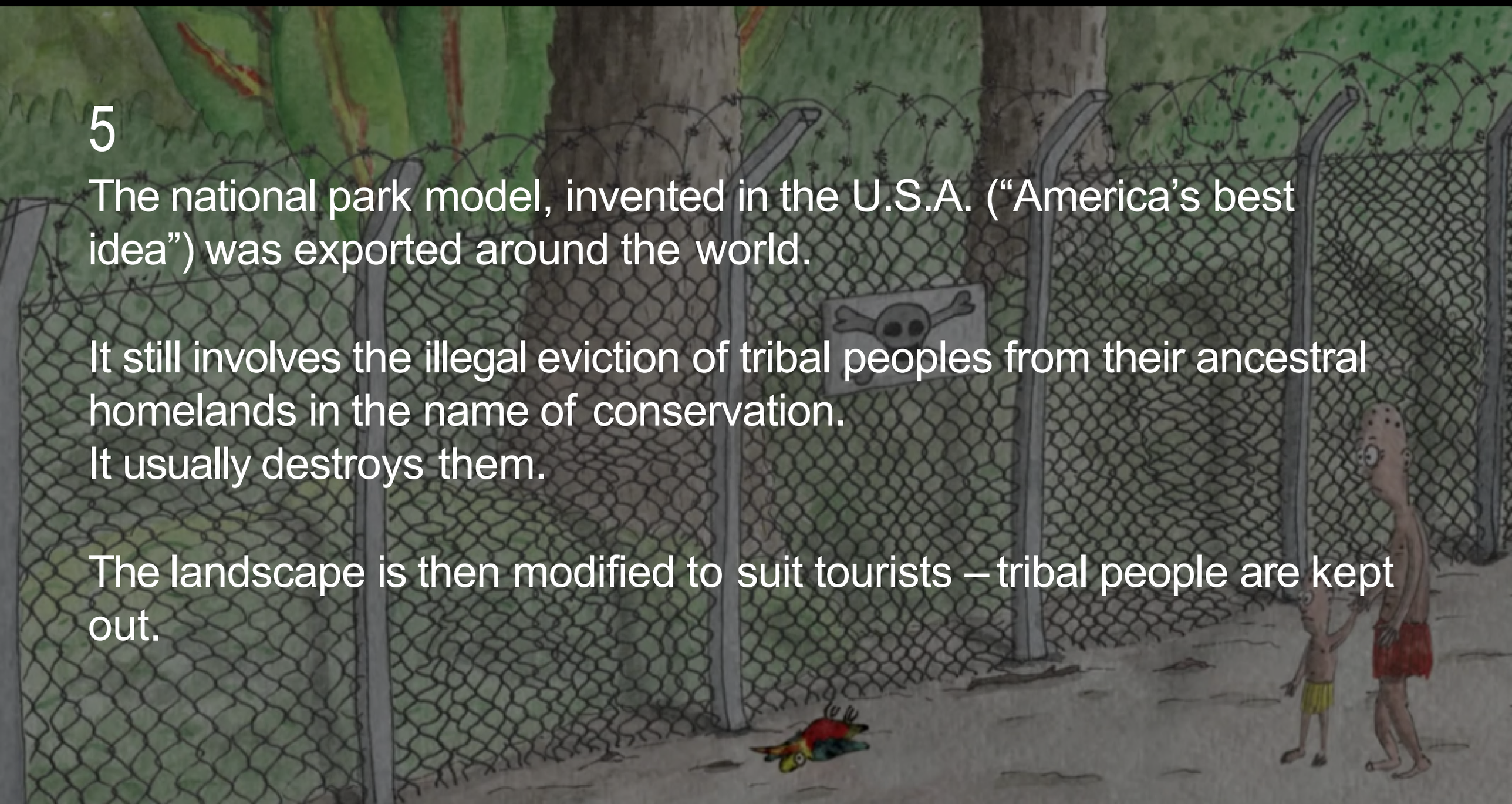

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The national park model, invented in the U.S.A. (“America’s best idea”) was exported around the world.

It still involves the illegal eviction of tribal peoples from their ancestral homelands in the name of conservation.
It usually destroys them.

The landscape is then modified to suit tourists – tribal people are kept out.

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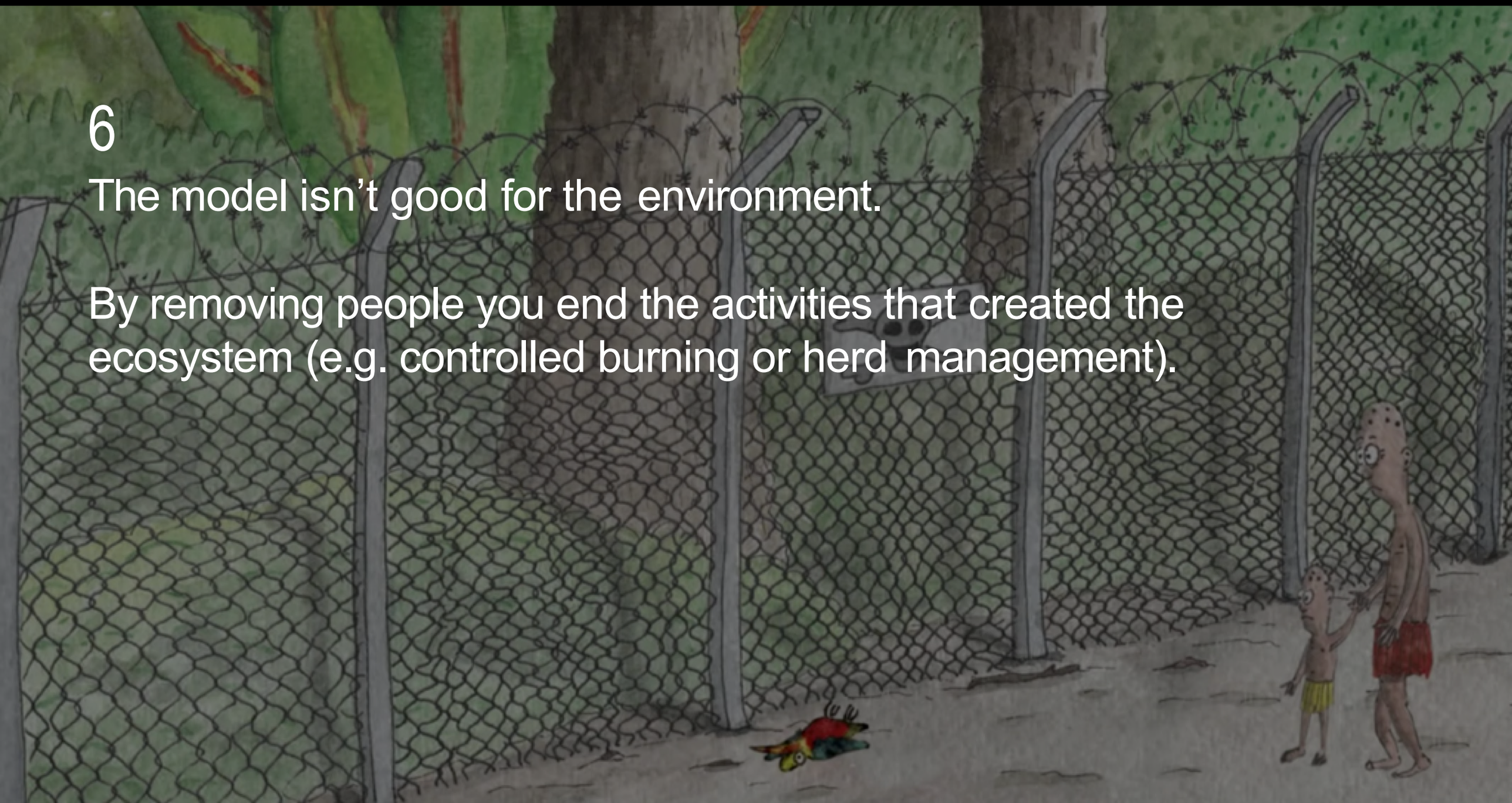

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The model isn’t good for the environment.

By removing people you end the activities that created the ecosystem (e.g. controlled burning or herd management).

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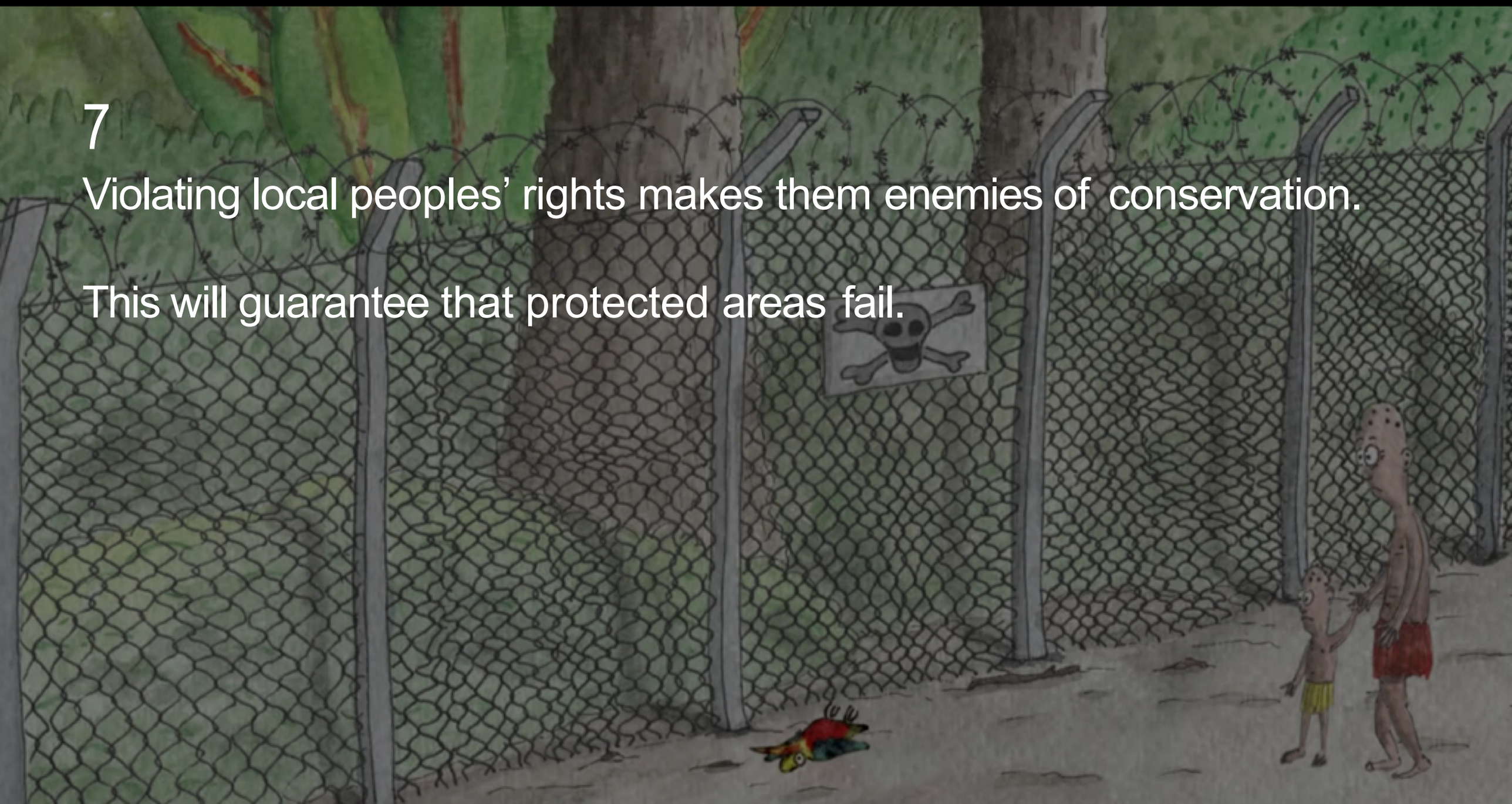

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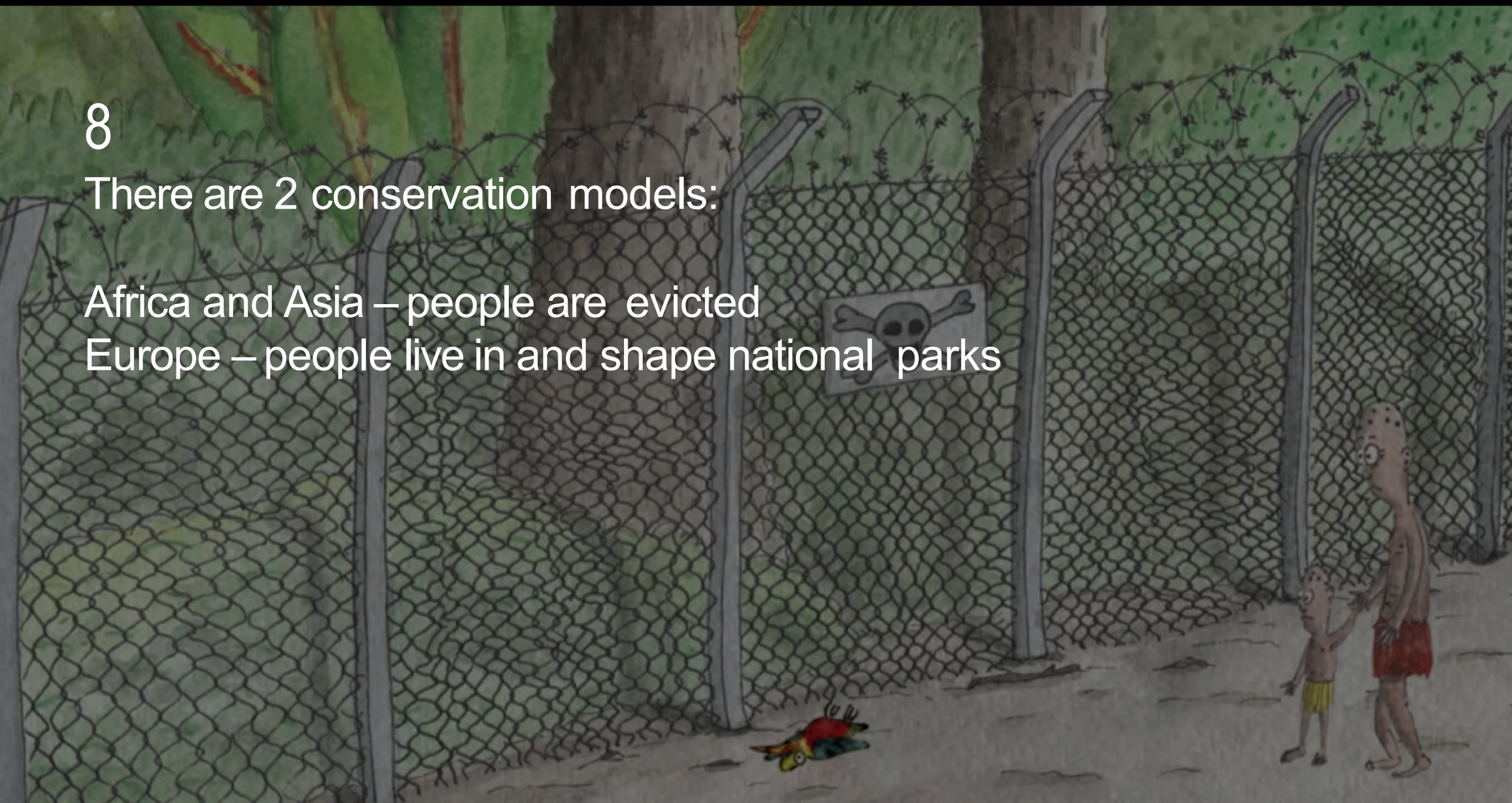

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