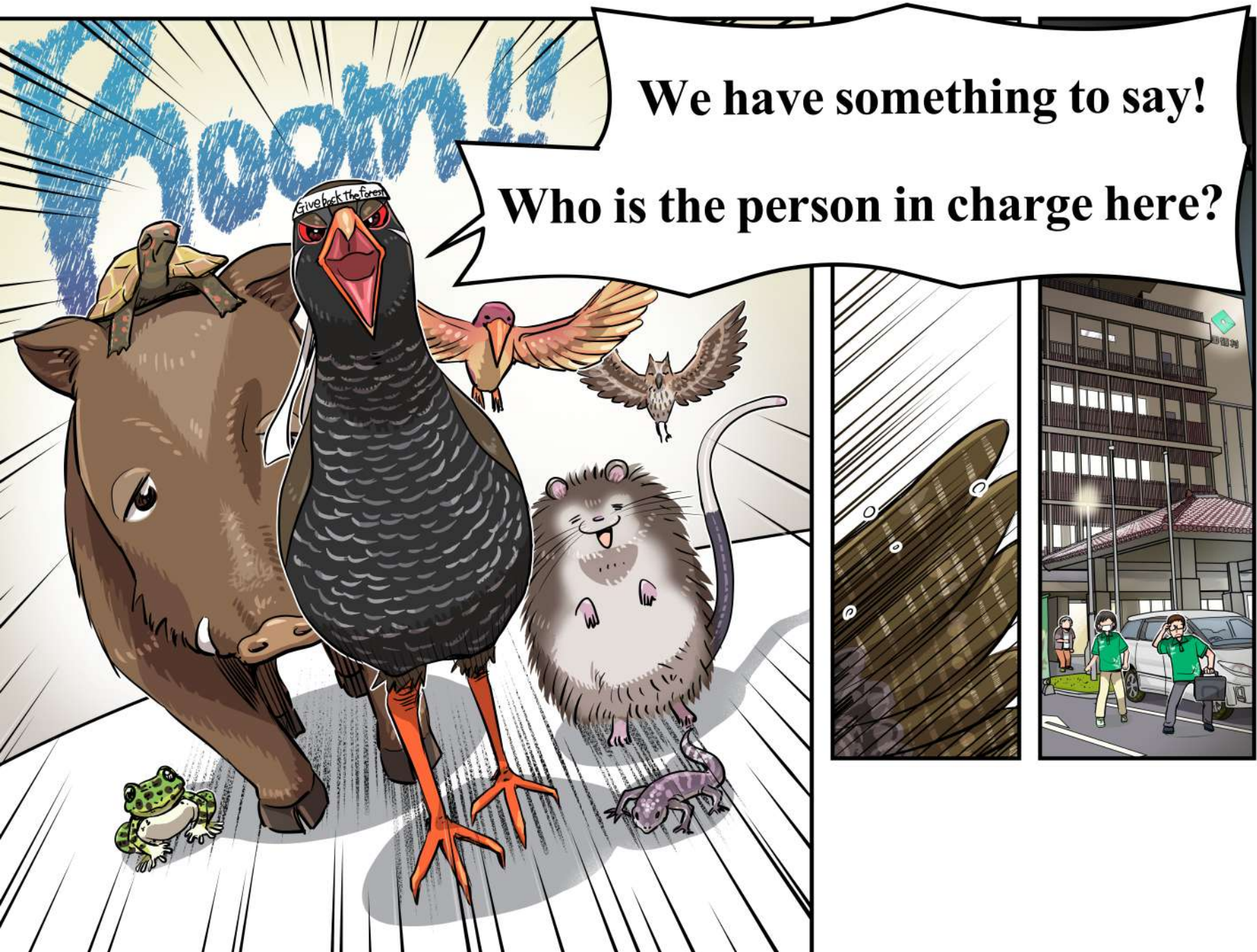


Understanding Light Pollution

Light can be a type of pollution. Learn about the damage it causes to people and living things as well as how you can prevent it.



We have a demand!



We want you to turn off the lights at night!



That's impossible. People need the lights to live their lives.

I've hardly slept! It's too bright at night.





Fireflies use light to find mates.



The nights are so bright though, they can't see the light from fellow fireflies so their numbers are decreasing every year.

After laying their eggs, sea turtles sometimes mistake street lights for moonlight shining on the sea. This leads them further inland where they have been run over by cars.



Similar incidents occur with the newborn baby turtles.



We're very sorry.

We understand this is a problem and are trying to come up with a solution.

Flash!



Light pollution is caused by light leaking into places where it is not needed. At night, this light has a negative impact on the landscape and surrounding environment.



Yes, Okinawa rail!

So...



We will make sure that the lighting on signboards is directed downwards, not upwards, to prevent light from shining away from the sign.



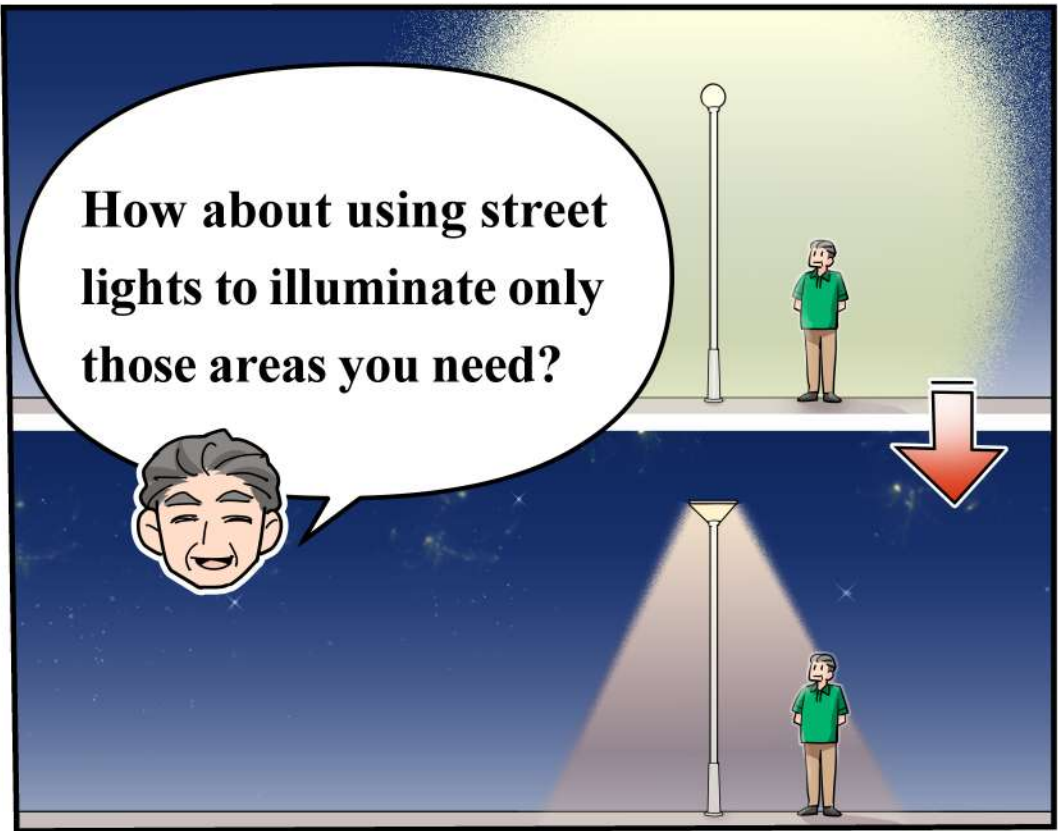
Great! We'll be able to get a good night's sleep.



We'll aim to install motion sensor lights for stairs in apartment buildings.

**When the shops close, lighting on signs and other lights will be switched off.
Vending machine lights will be switched off permanently.**







Your efforts have given us encouragement!

We'll continue to do our best to prevent light pollution so we can all live together.



Please do!

Yes!

In this way, the creatures could return to the forest with peace of mind and many people began to visit Yambaru Forest as a place to view the night sky.





A shooting star!

You can see the Okinawa rail bathing in the Milky Way.

Excuse me, stargazing guide, is what you said earlier true?

Haha. Yes, it is.

By eliminating light pollution, people and other living things will be able to live together more happily than ever before.



I think they are watching us from a distance.