

# What is more forest worth to me?

## Water

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# Reforestation Primer

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# Why forests matter to you

- Forests matter to you because forests are essential to everything that is essential for successful farming:
  - Water
  - Soil
  - The crops you can grow

# Forests provide and manage water

- ***Without*** forests we suffer



***Floods***



***Erosion***

- ***Without*** forests we don't have

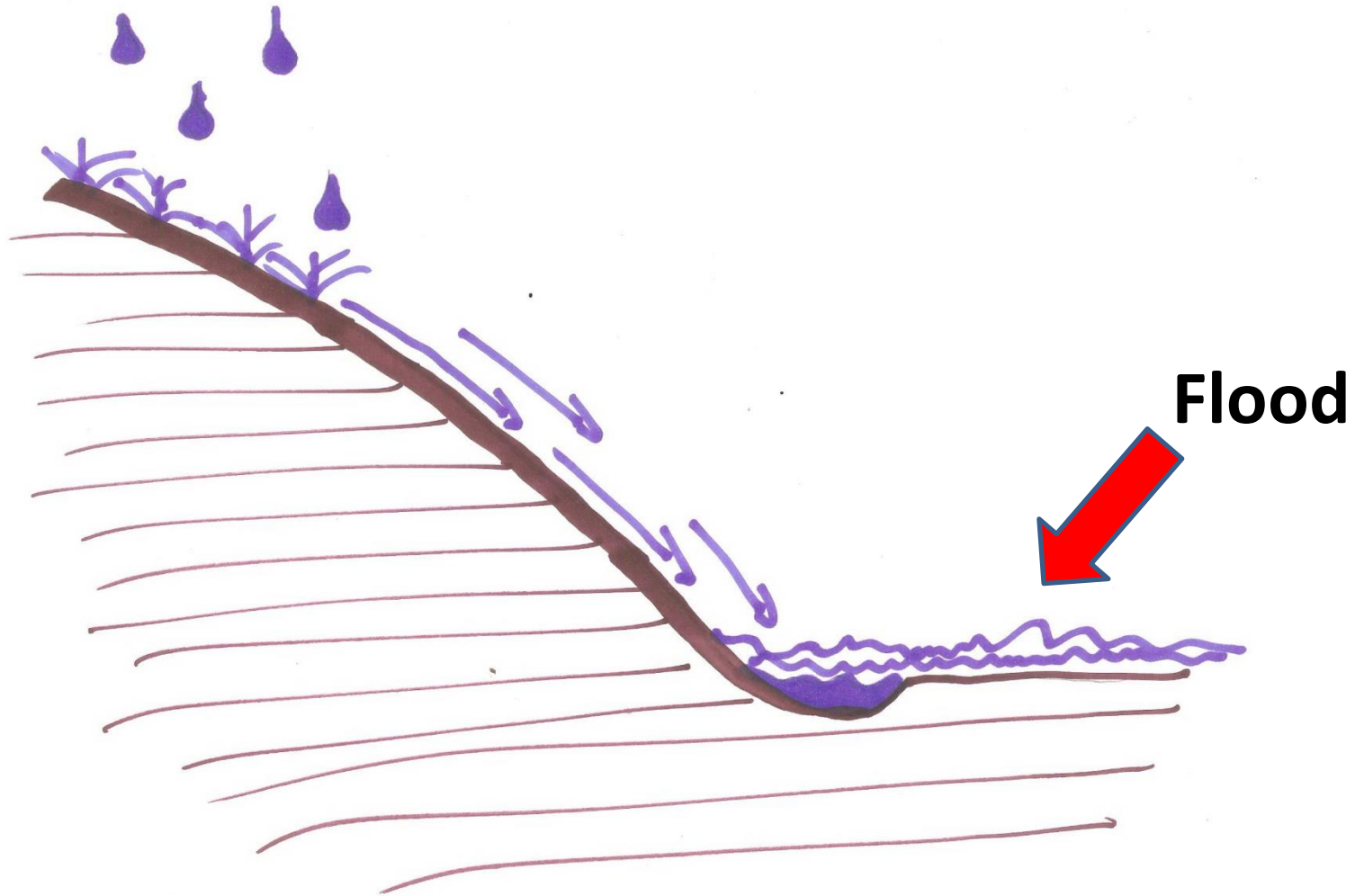


***Water for crops***



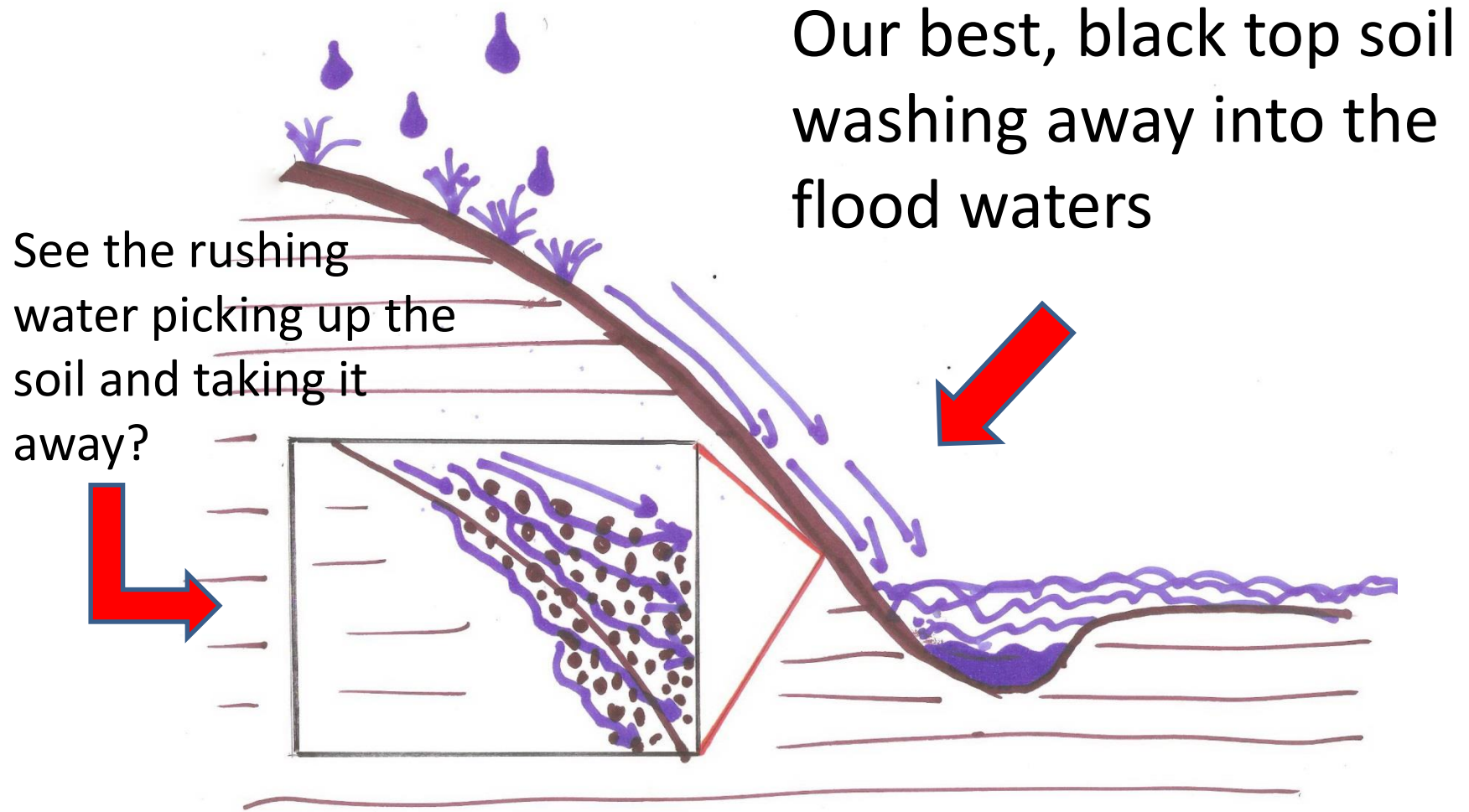
***Rain***

# Without forests we have floods





# Without forests our top soil erodes

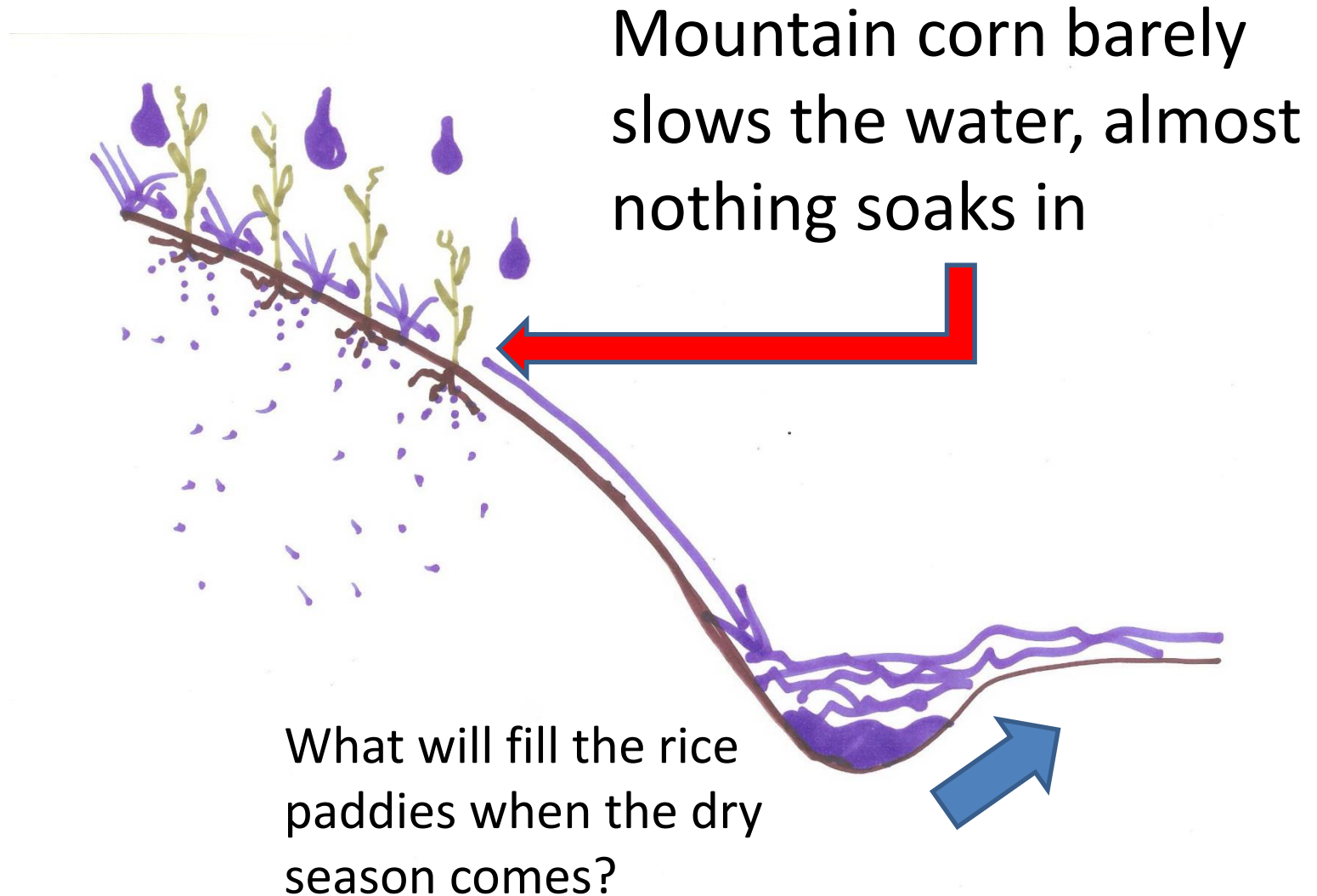


**Without forests you end up with this!**





# Without forests no water soaks in

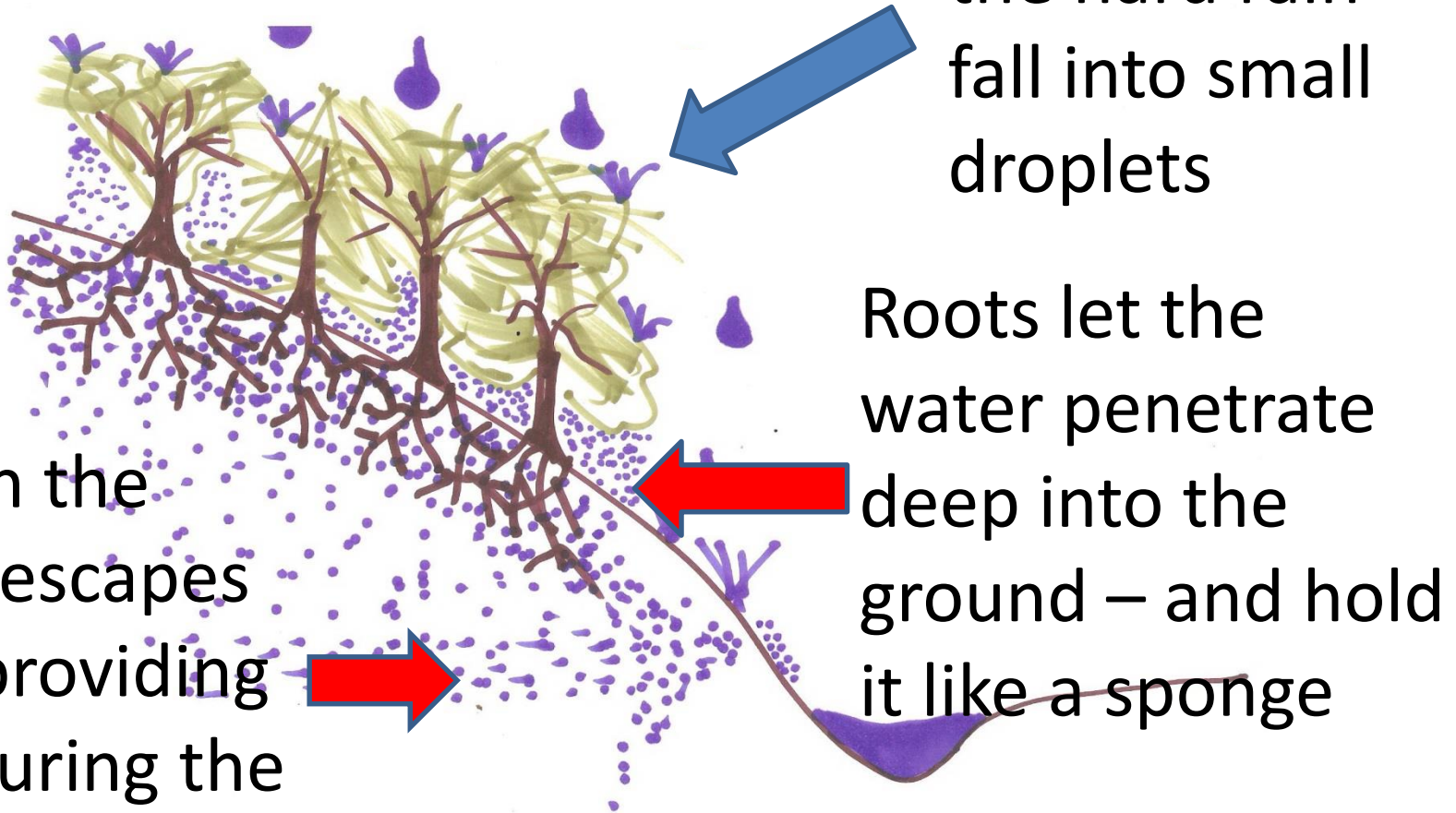


# So what does a forest do?

Leaves break the hard rain fall into small droplets

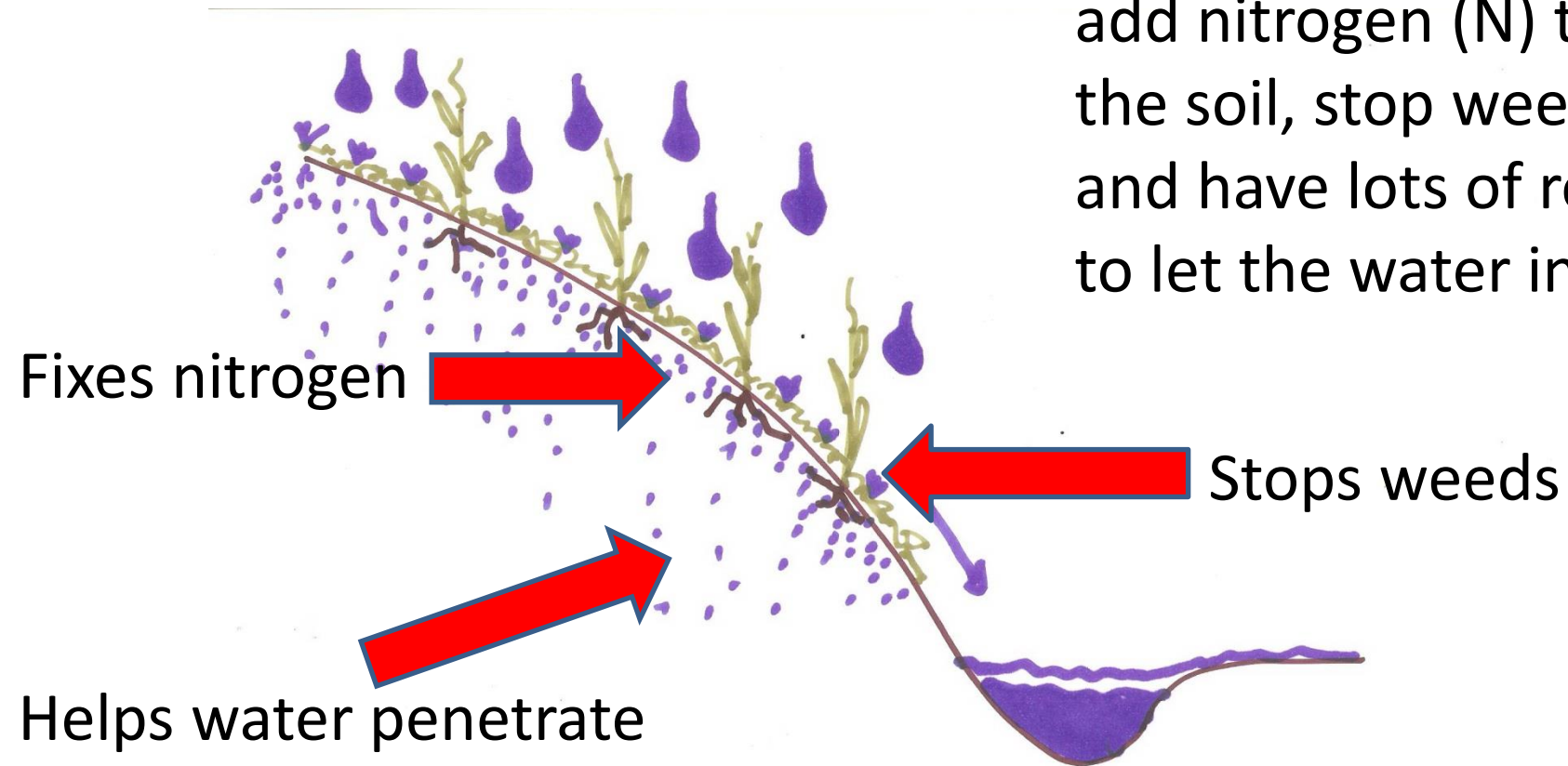
Roots let the water penetrate deep into the ground – and hold it like a sponge

Water in the ground escapes slowly providing water during the dry season



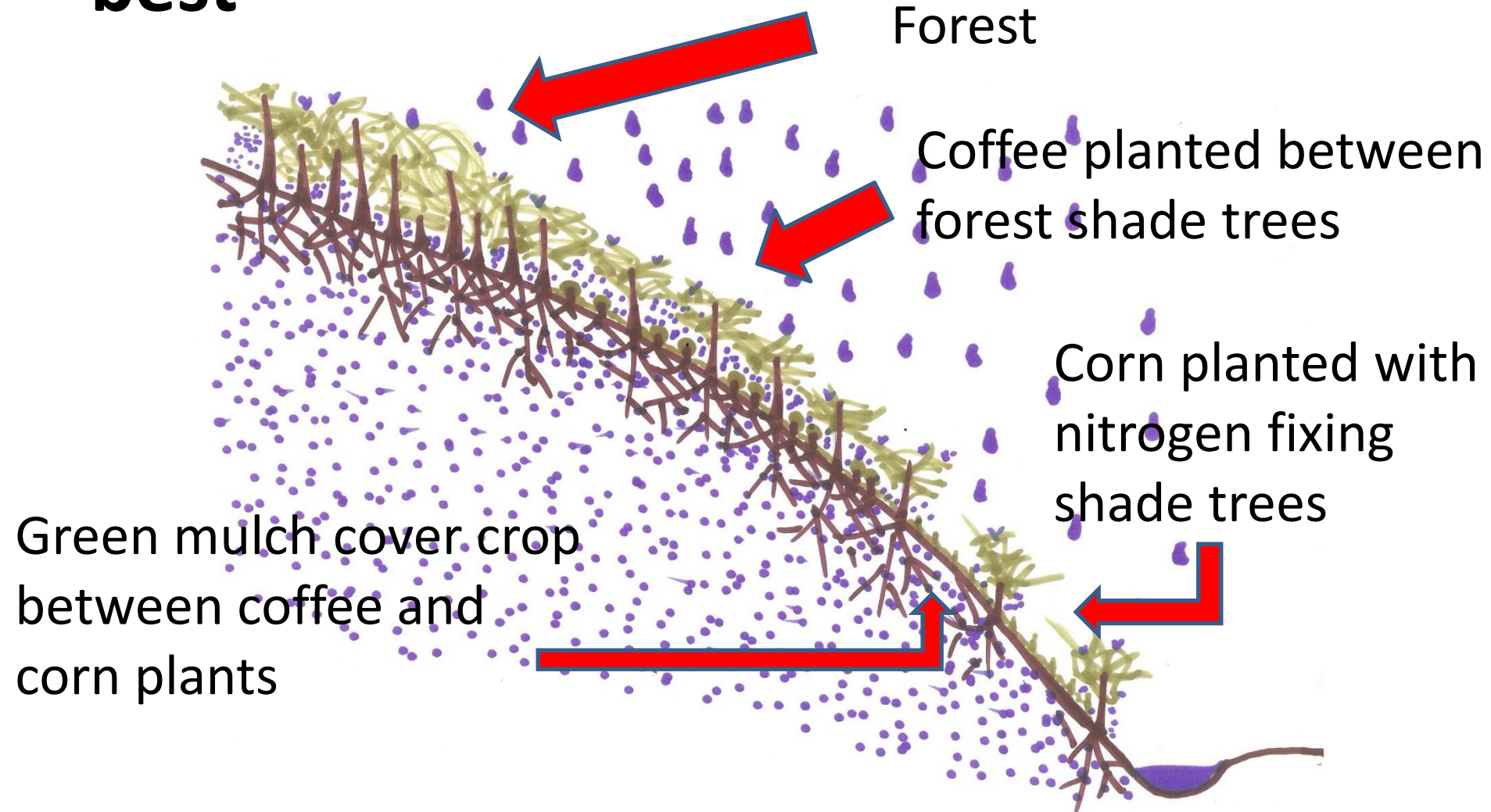
# Green mulch will help – and will suppress weeds, too!

Green mulch cover crops like Brazil nut add nitrogen (N) to the soil, stop weeds and have lots of roots to let the water in.





# But planting forest above your farm is best





**What do you think would help here?**





# What else can forests do?

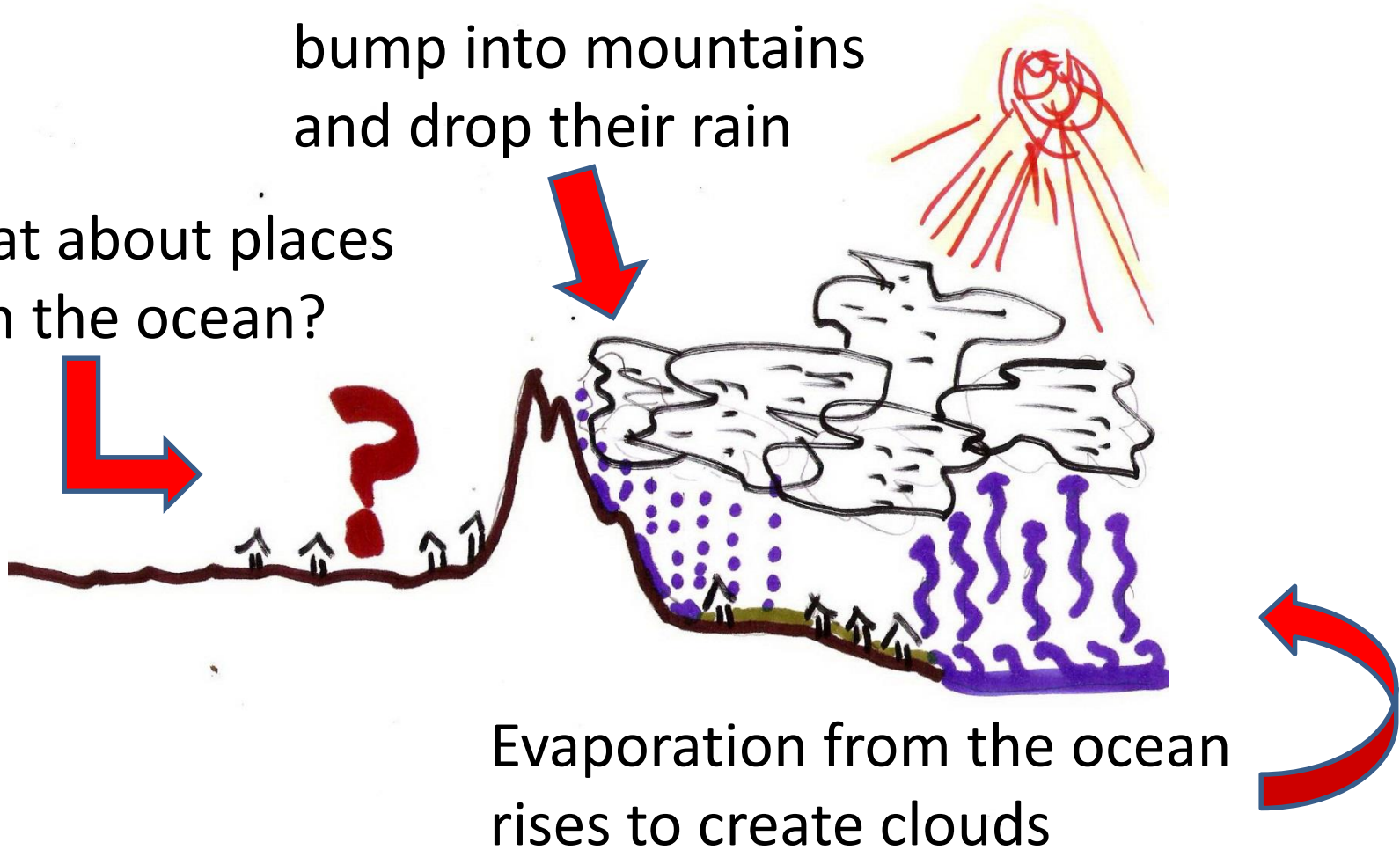




# Where does our rain come from?

Clouds full of moisture  
bump into mountains  
and drop their rain

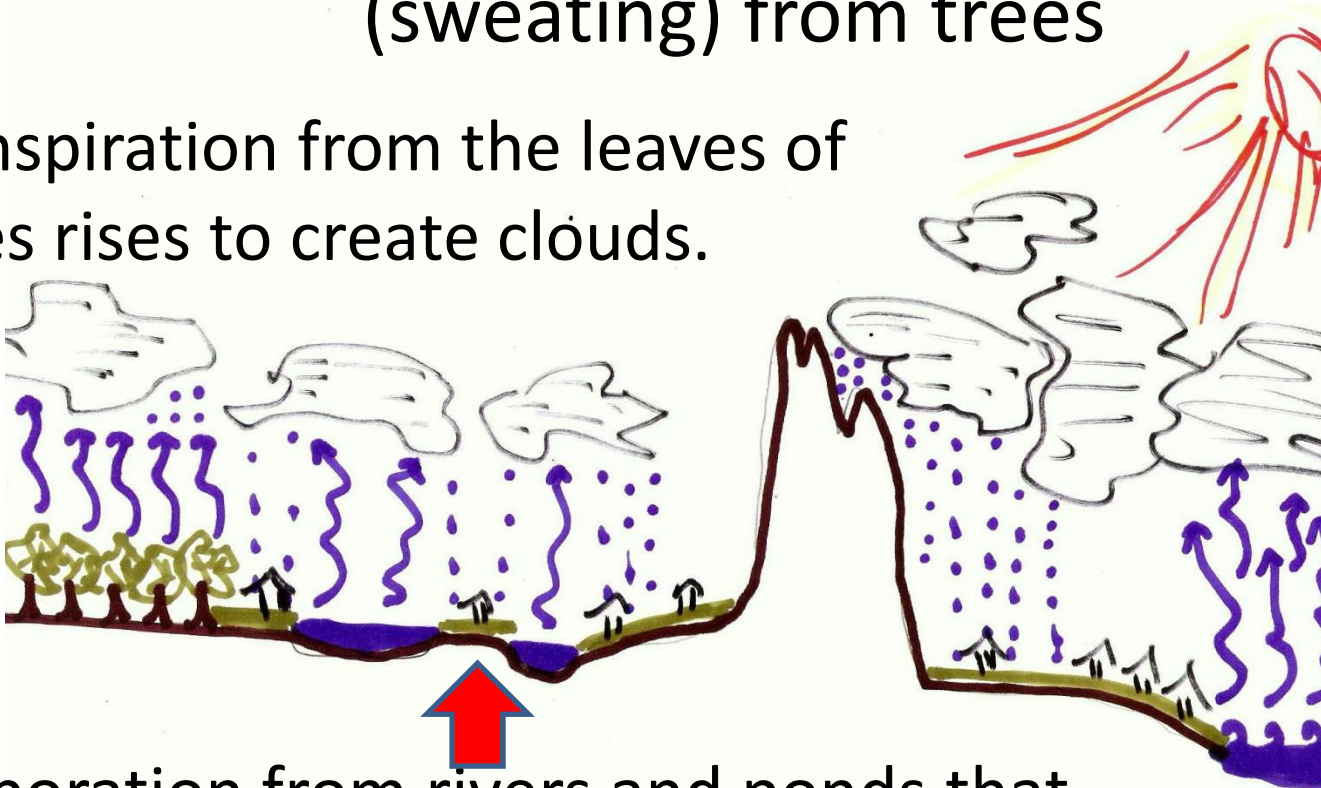
But what about places  
far from the ocean?



# That's right. No forests, no rain.

10% of the humidity (water) in the air comes from “transpiration” (sweating) from trees

Transpiration from the leaves of trees rises to create clouds.



Evaporation from rivers and ponds that forests keep full rises to create clouds.

# Thank you for your attention

**Next time we will look at:  
How forests can improve the  
soil your crops grow in.**





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