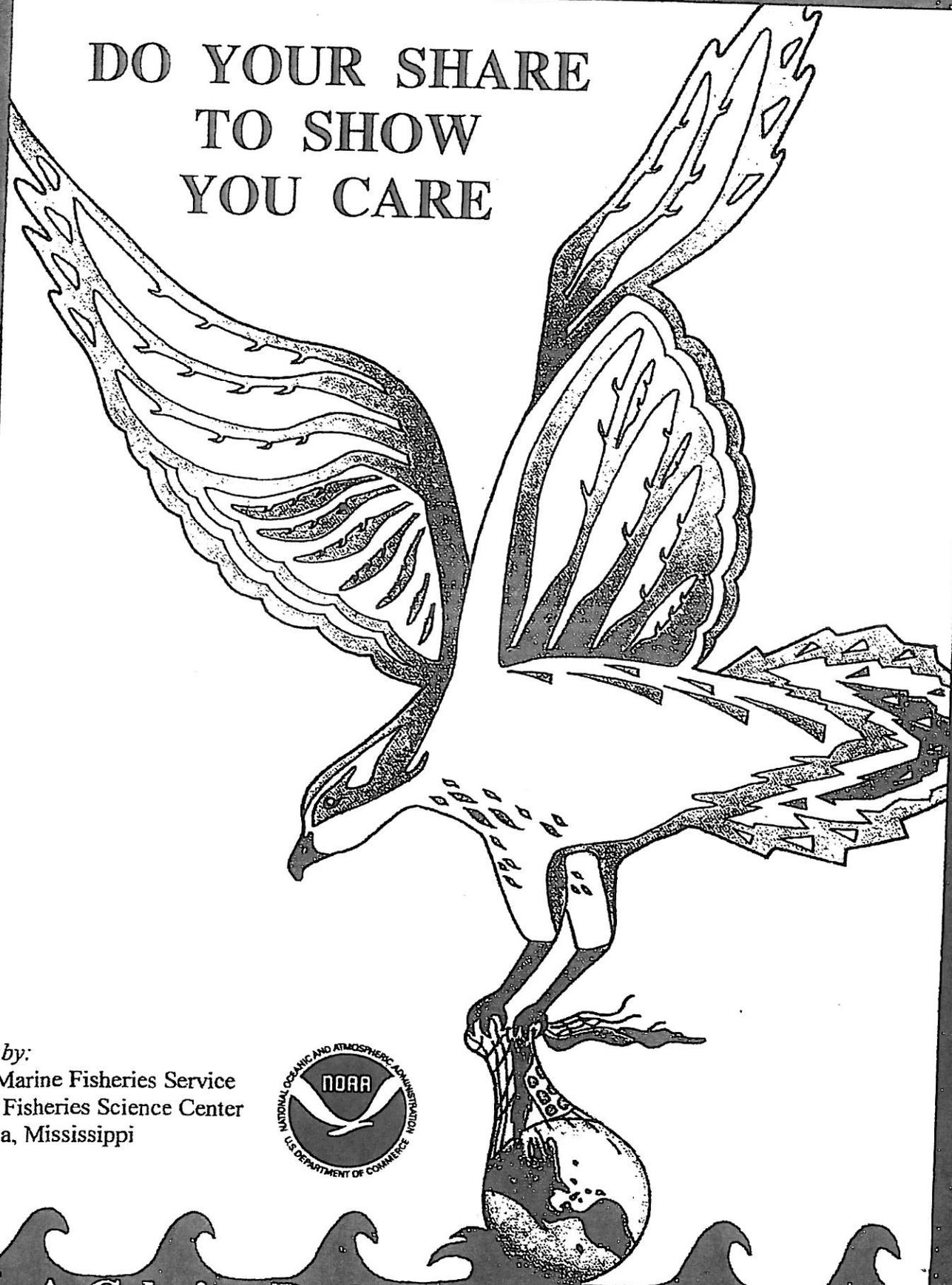


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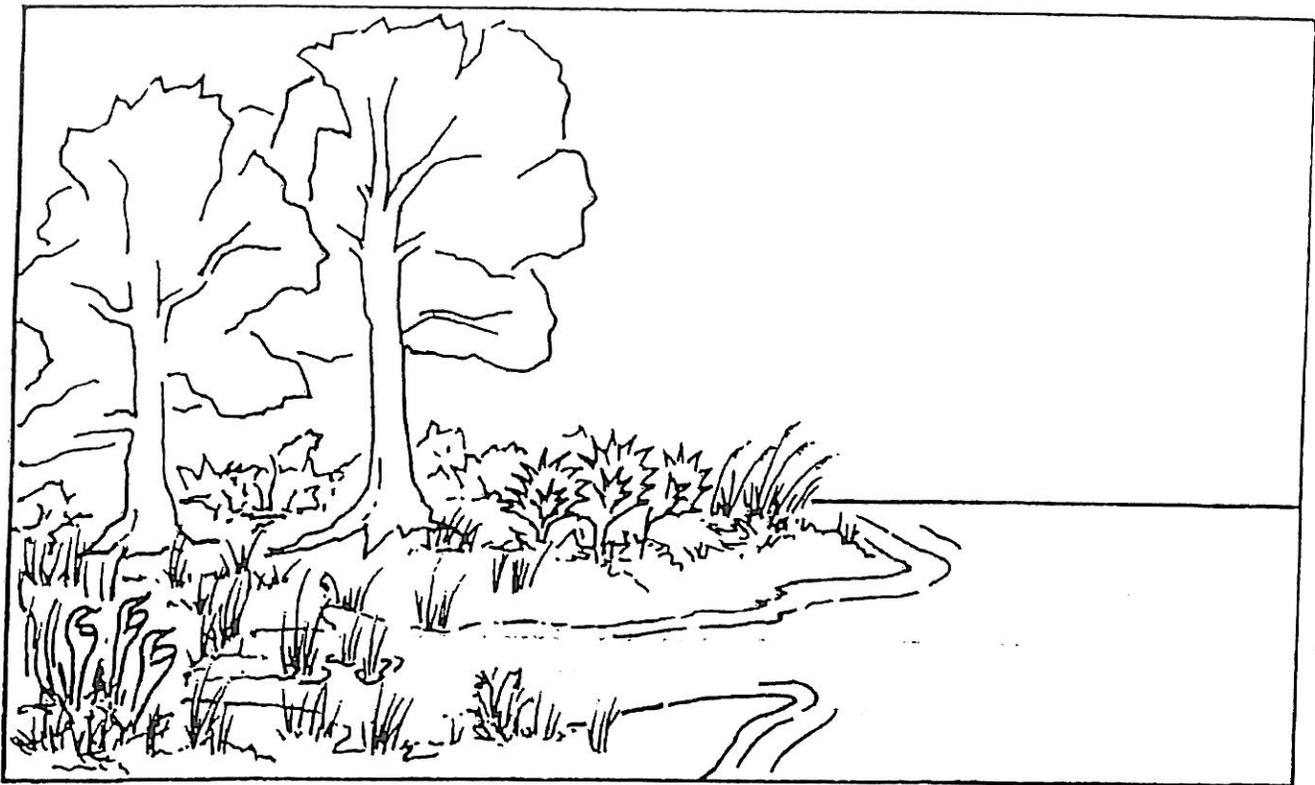


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A Message From Your Water Friends

Wetland, coastal and marine habitats are very special places. Plants, insects, birds, fish and mammals make their homes in these habitats. It is important to us that no one harms or changes them.

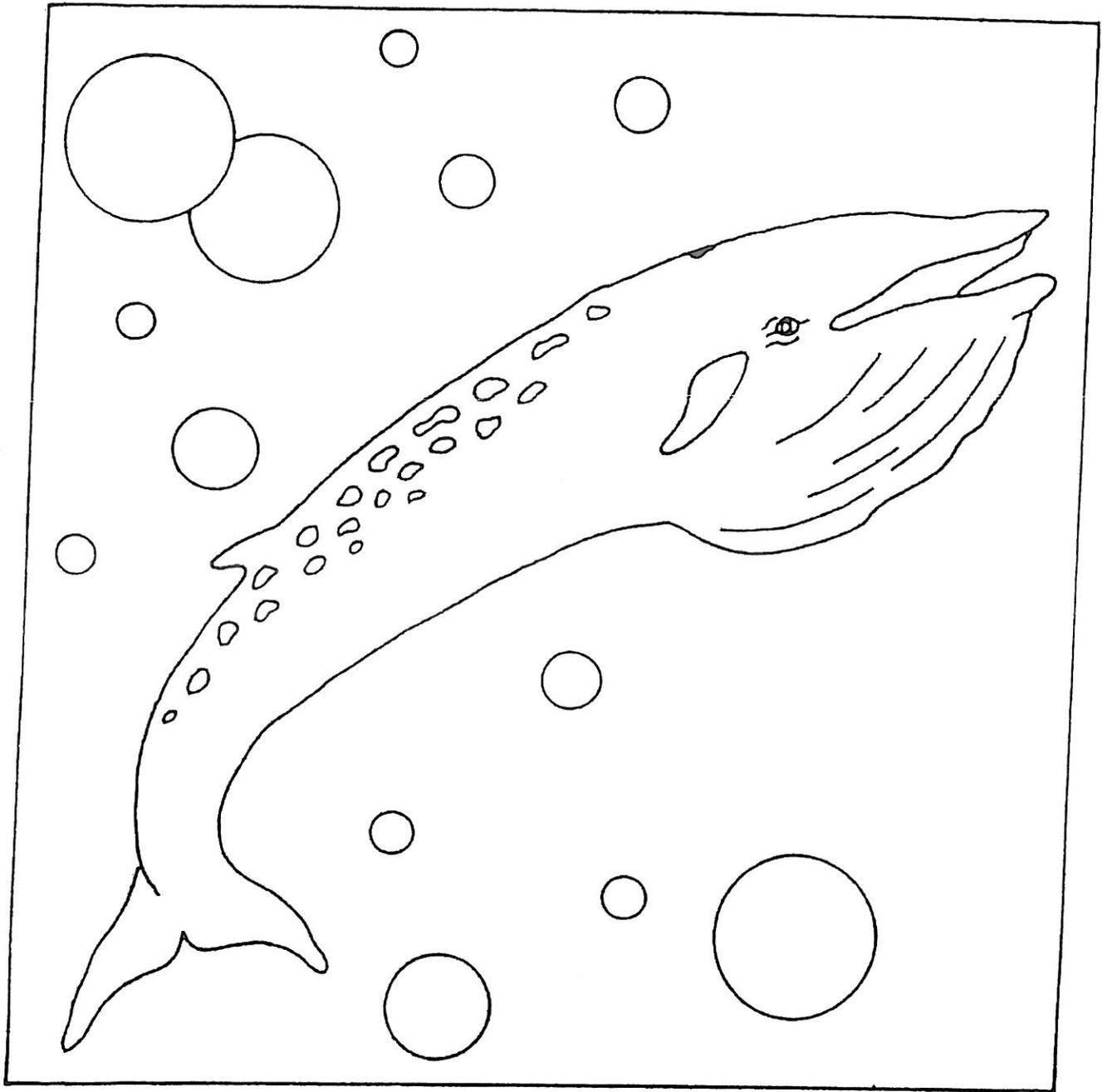
Please help us keep our homes beautiful, clean and safe!



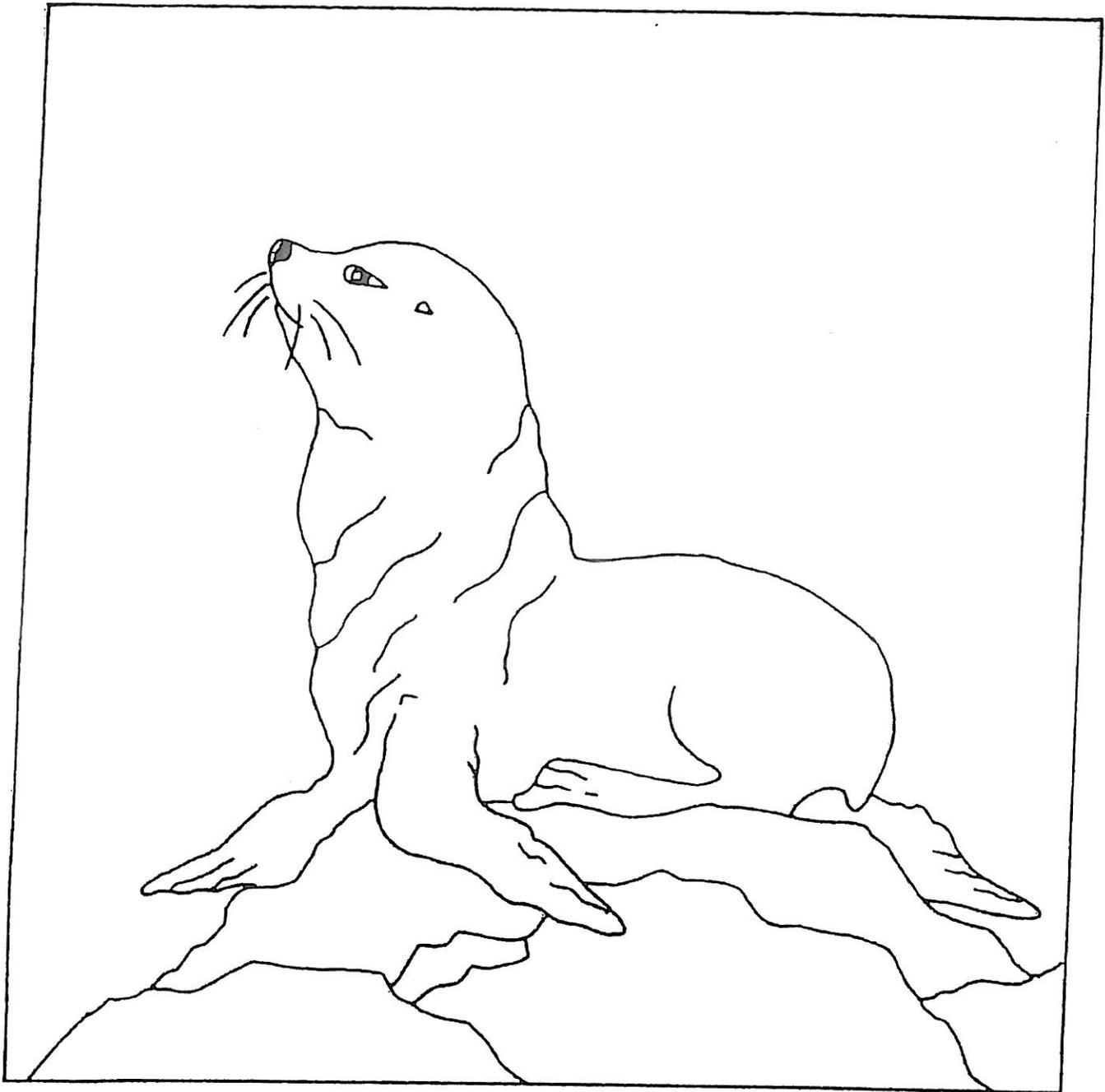
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COASTAL HABITAT

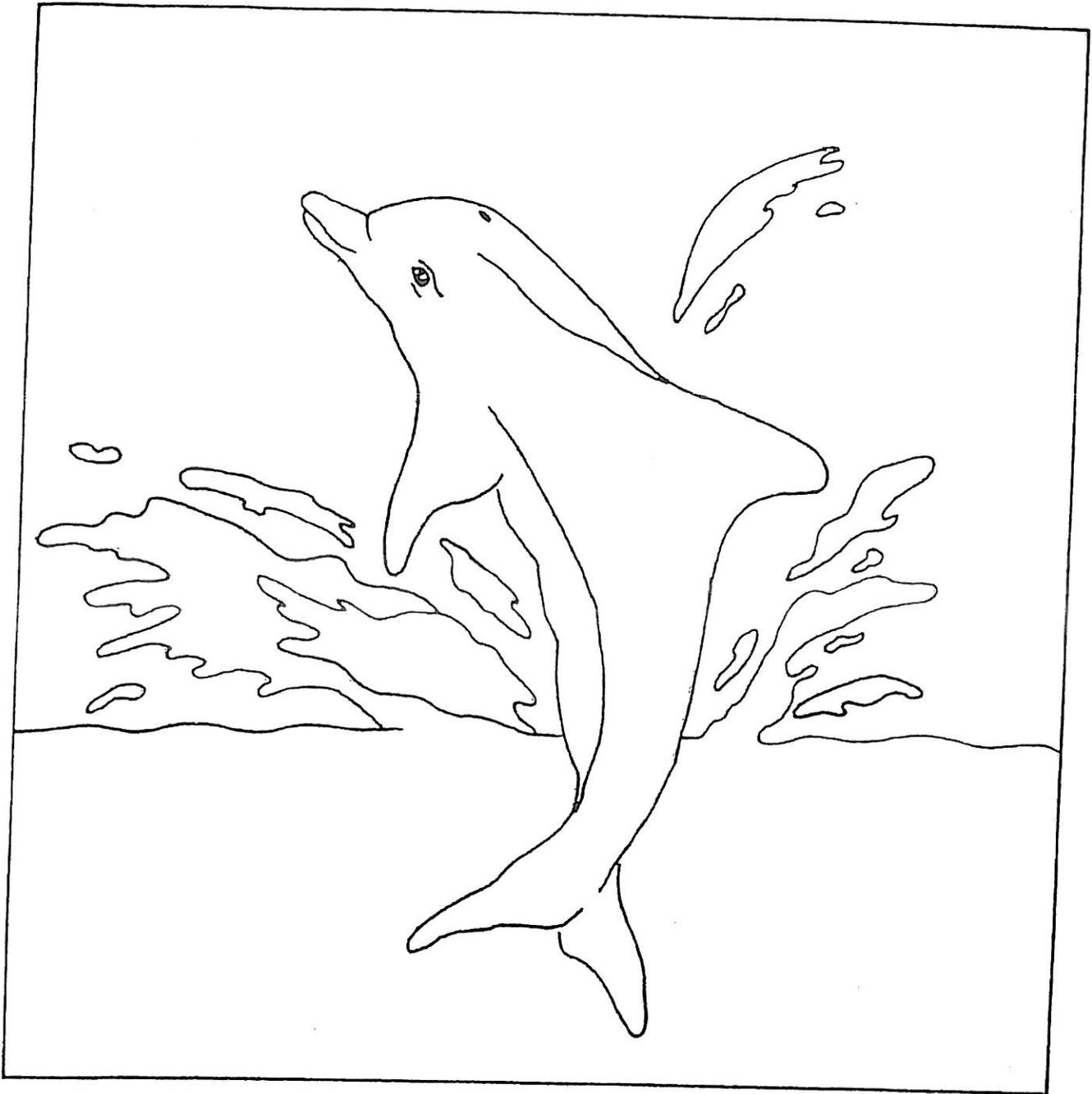
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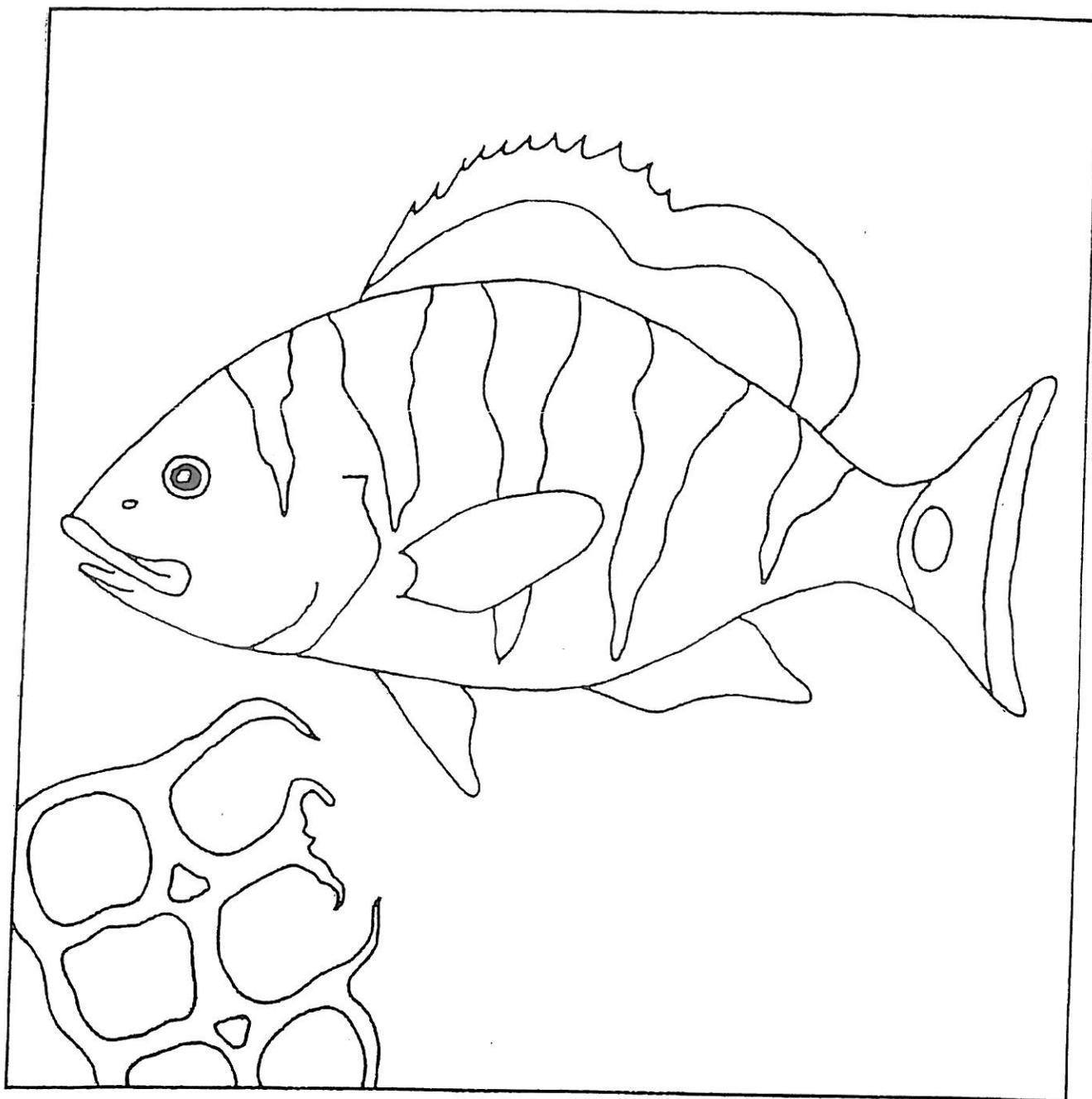
I am Bobby the Blue Whale, the largest animal to ever live on earth. In order to grow big and strong, I eat several tons of food a day. To collect the food I need, I swim with my large mouth wide open. Sometimes trash may become mixed with my food and that can make me sick. Trash does not taste very good - yuck!



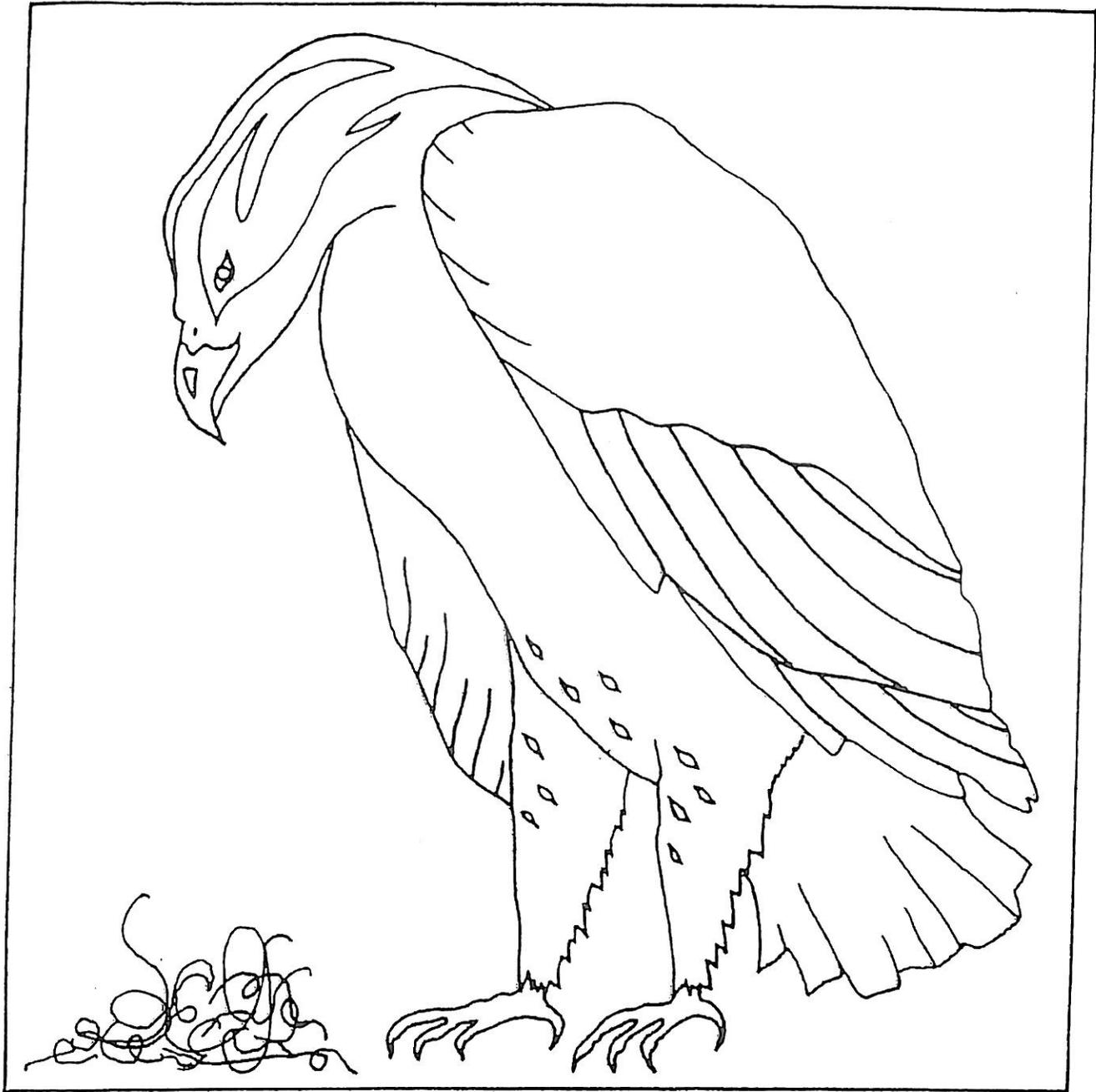
You can call me Sally the Seal. I like to visit harbors and boat docks. Sometimes when I pop my head out of the water to take a breath of air, oil covers my beautiful fur. It makes me smell terrible. Be careful and don't pollute!



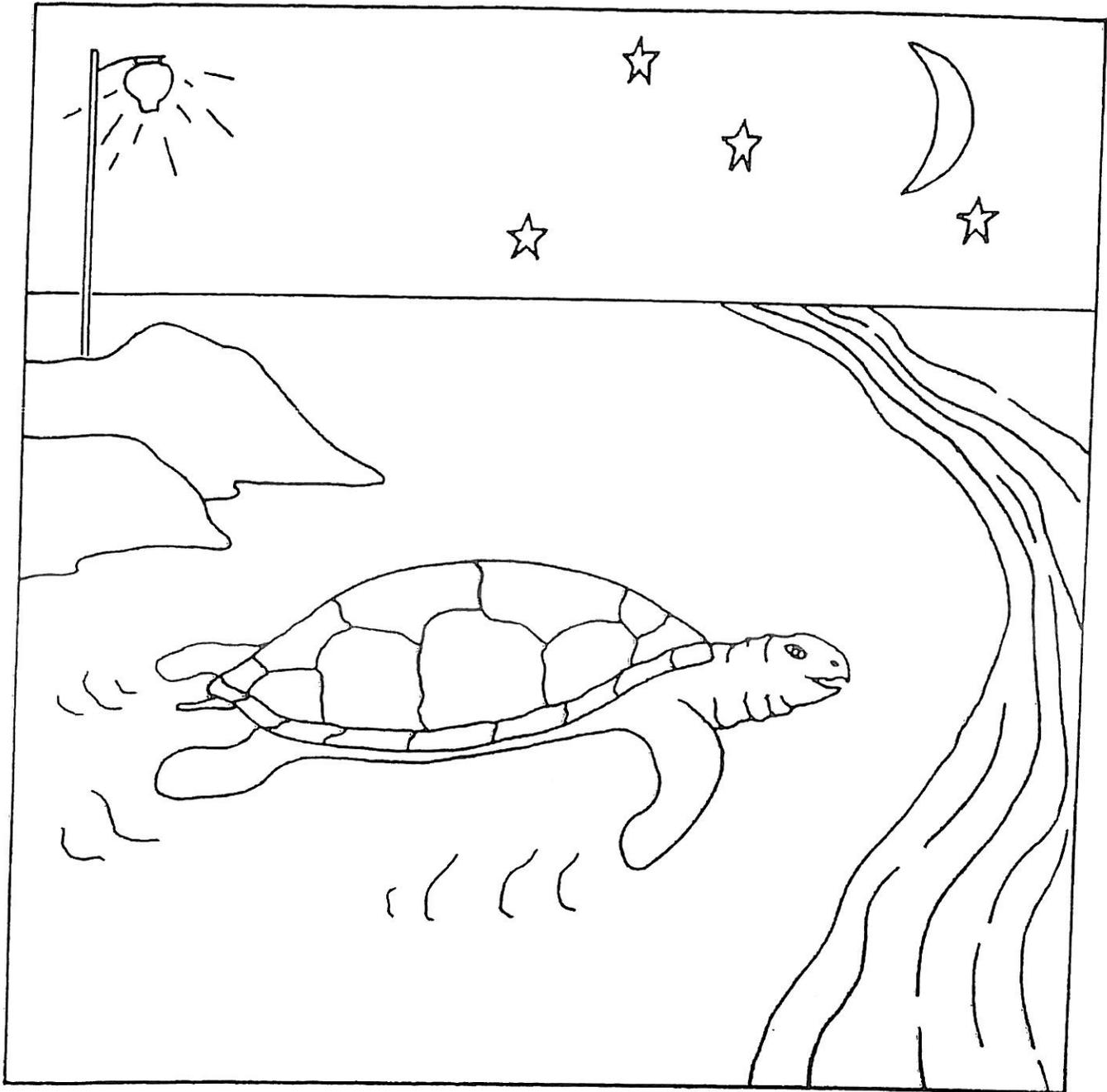
Everyone calls me Dolly the Dolphin. I swim and play all the time. Sometimes people throw their torn nets into the water. This is not good because I can become tangled in the nets and may not be able to swim to the surface to breathe. Torn nets should be taken to the shore and thrown away. Please keep my home safe!



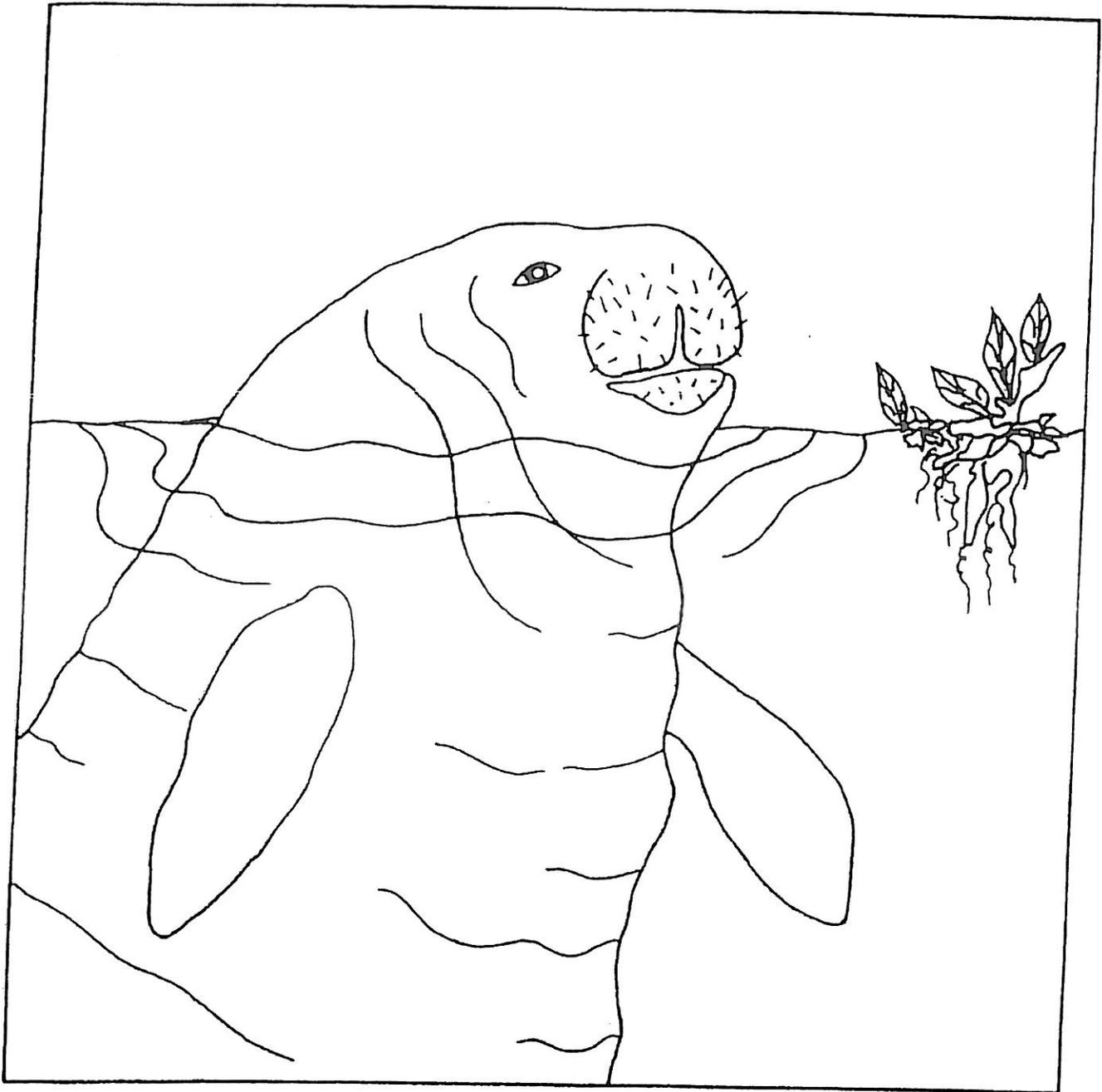
They call me Freddie the Fish. Swimming is the name of my game. I cannot see plastic that has been thrown into the water. This can be very dangerous for me because I may become tangled in it. If that happens my body will not be able to grow. Please do not throw plastic in the water.



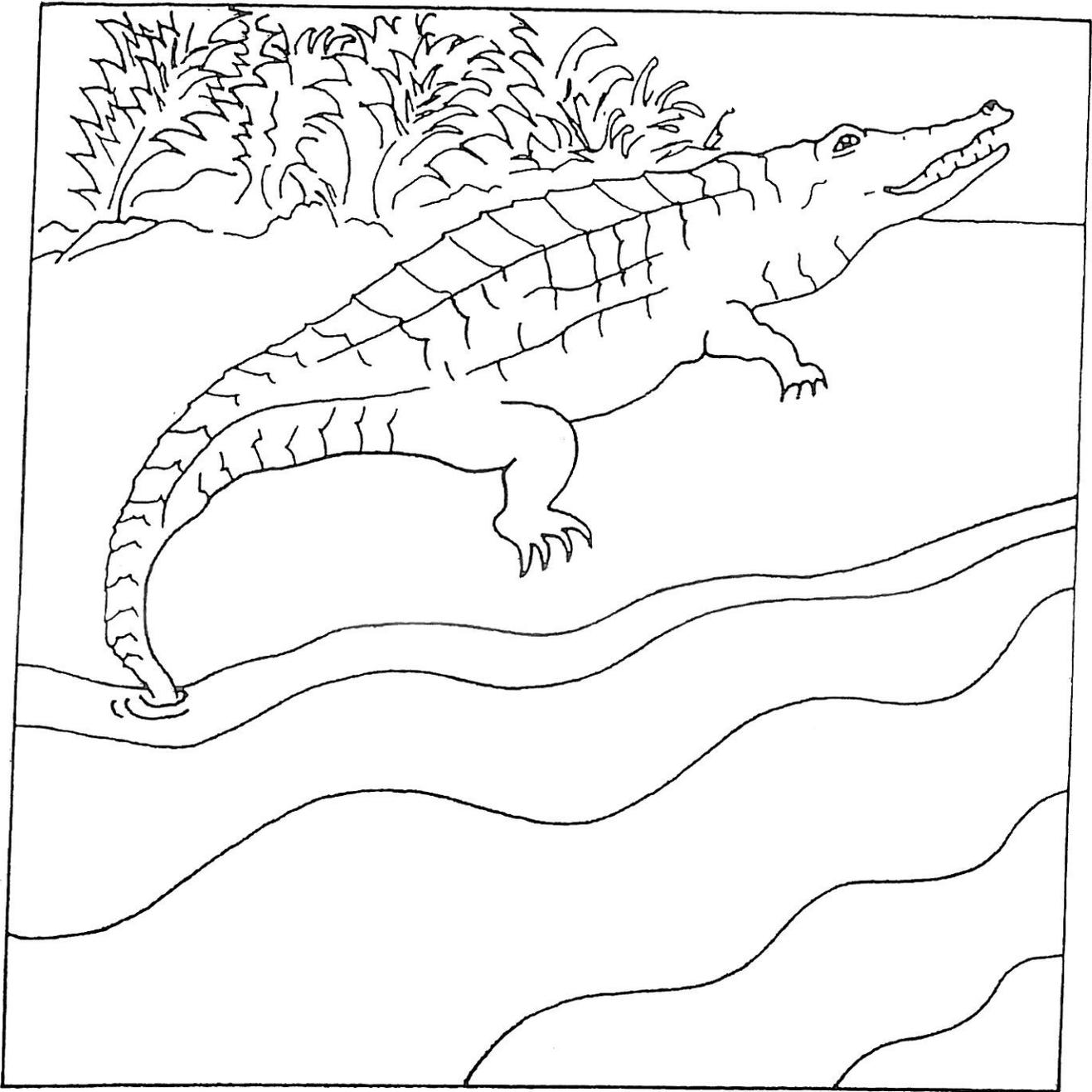
Hi, my name is Ollie the Osprey. I soar high above the water and beaches. Sometimes when I walk on the beaches and search for food, I become tangled in fishing line that someone has left behind. Freeing myself from the tangled line is a tough job, because I do not have hands to help me. Everyone should remember to take all of their fishing line home with them.



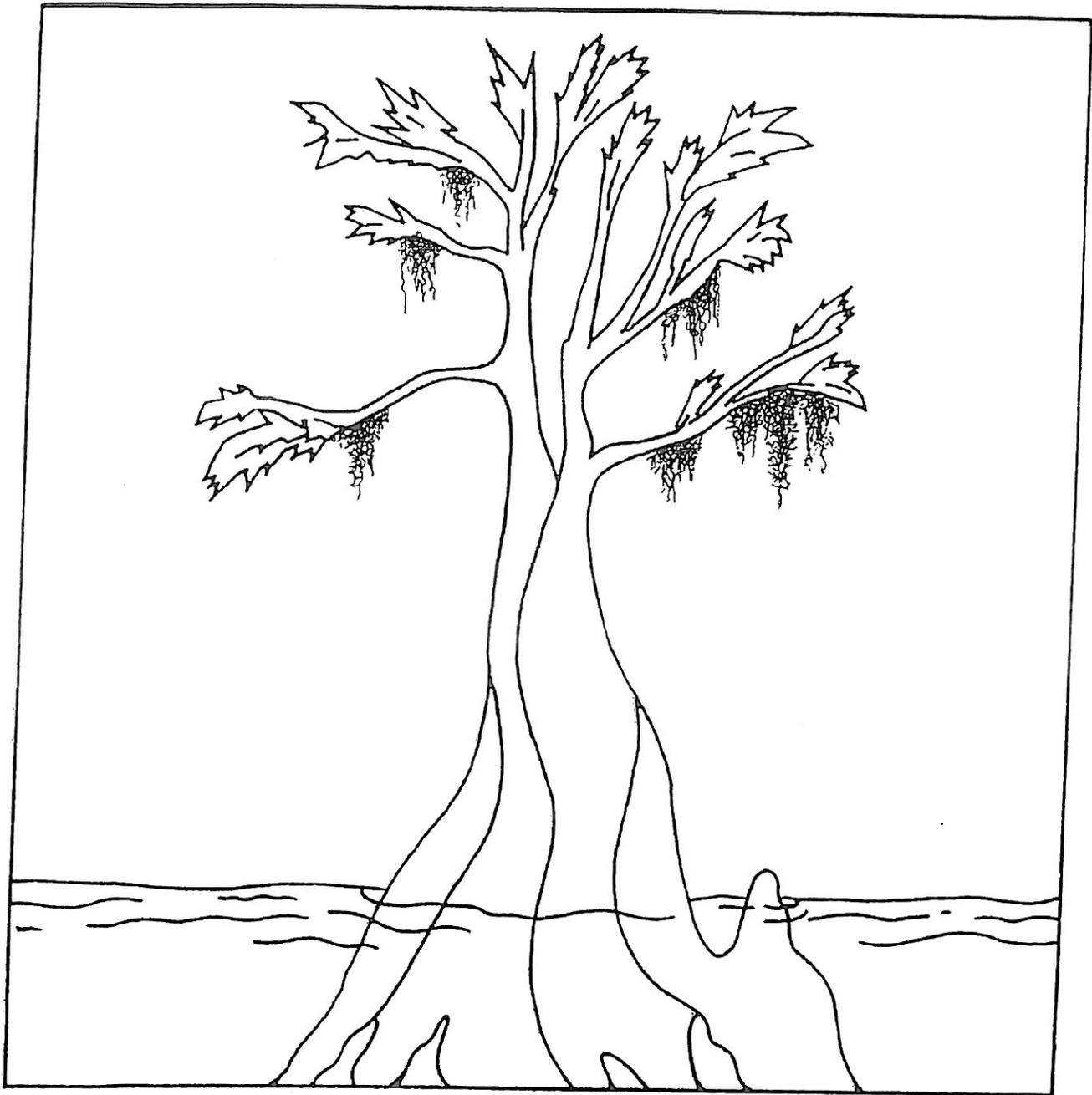
I am Trixie the Turtle. I swim in the ocean and lay my eggs on the beach. After my babies hatch from their shells, they look for moonlight to show them the way to the water. Sometimes when there are bright lights on the shore, my babies become confused and crawl towards them. Please help my babies find their way to the water by keeping lights along beaches turned off or turned low.



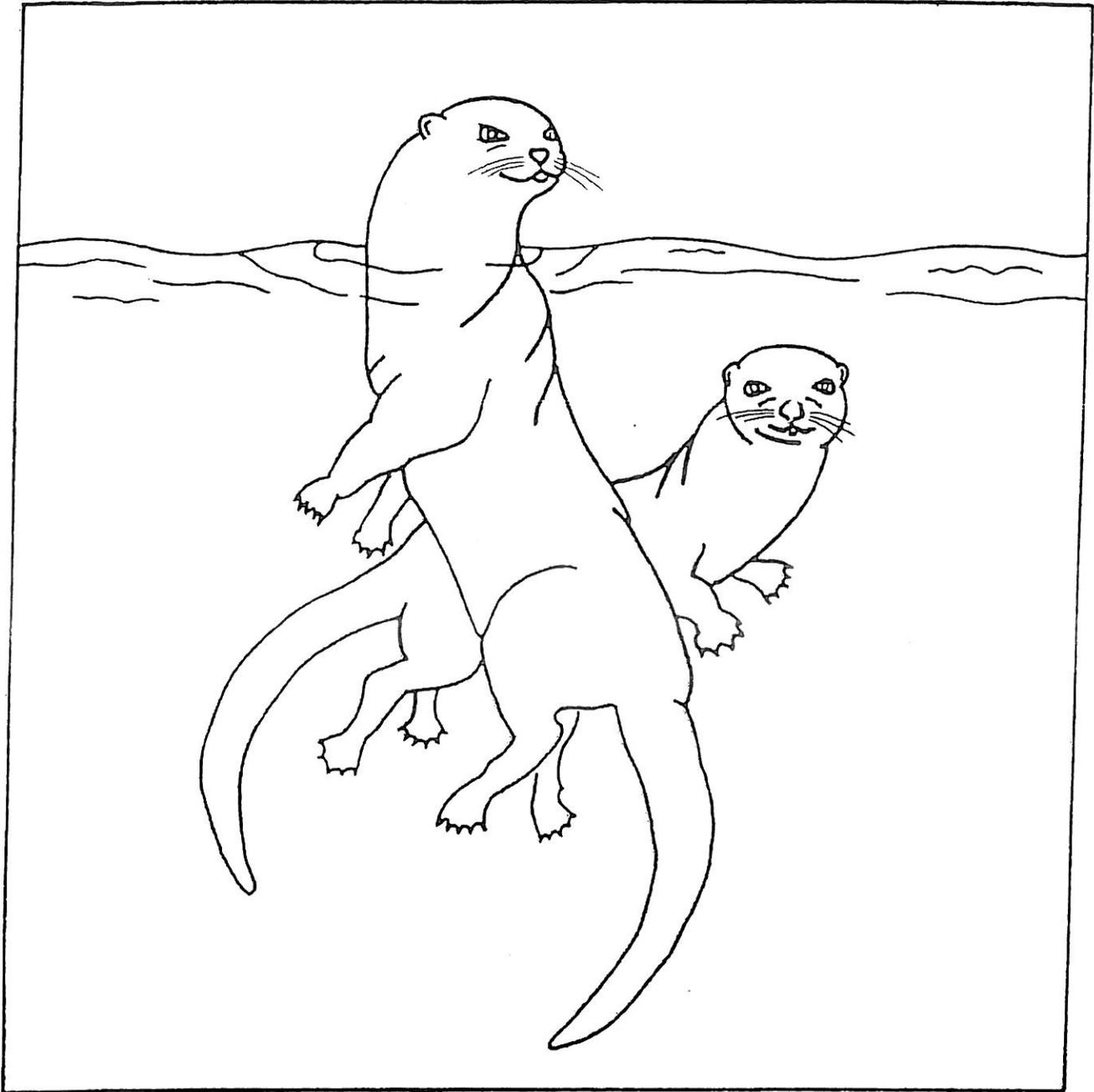
My friends call me Mary the Manatee. I am a very slow swimmer. I like to stay near the surface of the water where there are green plants to eat. It is hard for me to move out of the path of fast motorboats. Please be careful and do not run into me. That can really hurt - ouch!



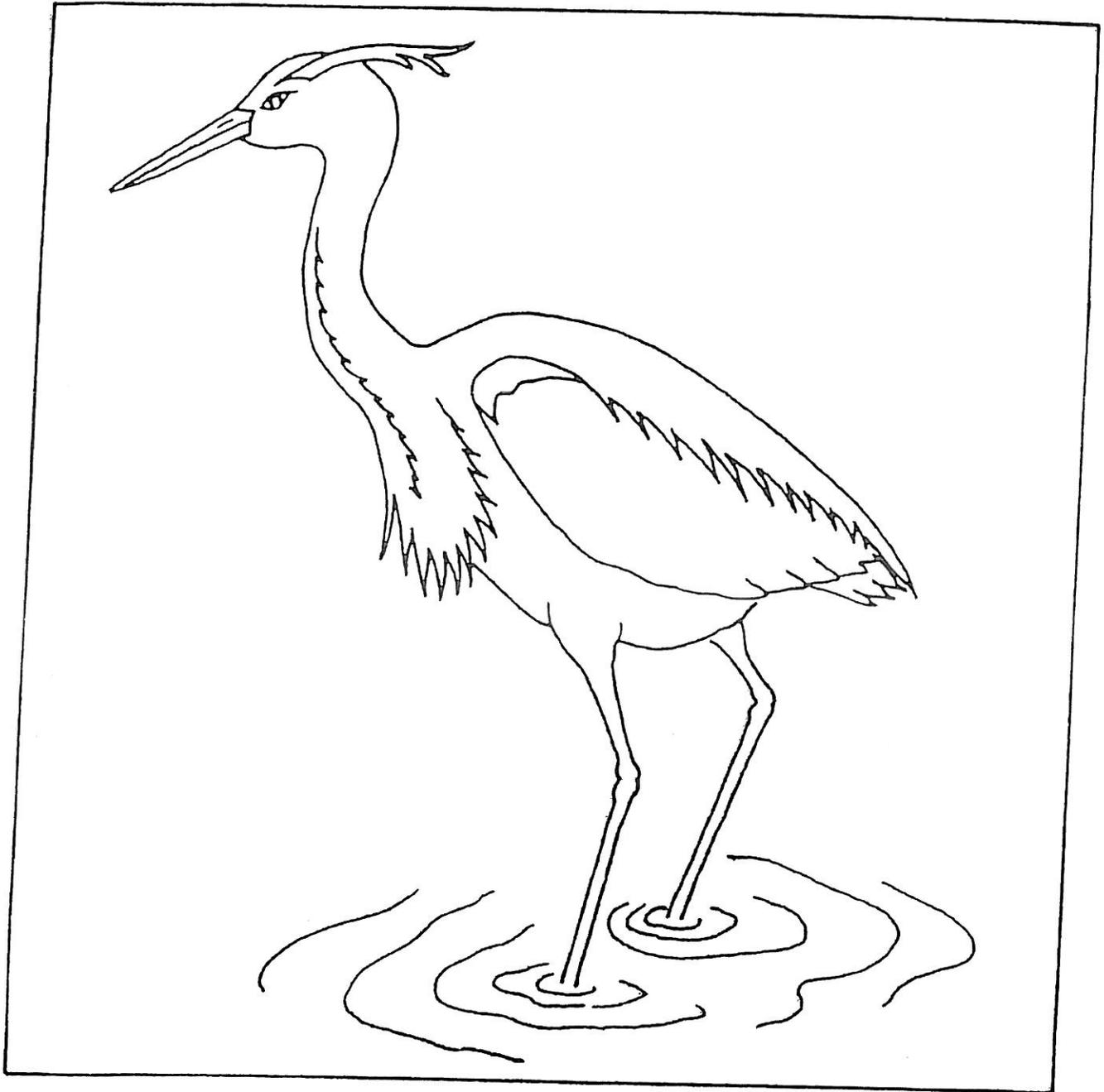
Everyone calls me Allie the Alligator. I swim in the bayous and lie on the sand when the sun is shining. It is hard to find room on the sand when people have left their trash behind. It looks awful and smells very bad. Please stash your trash when you are on the water and throw it away when you get home. Remember, keep our bayous clean!



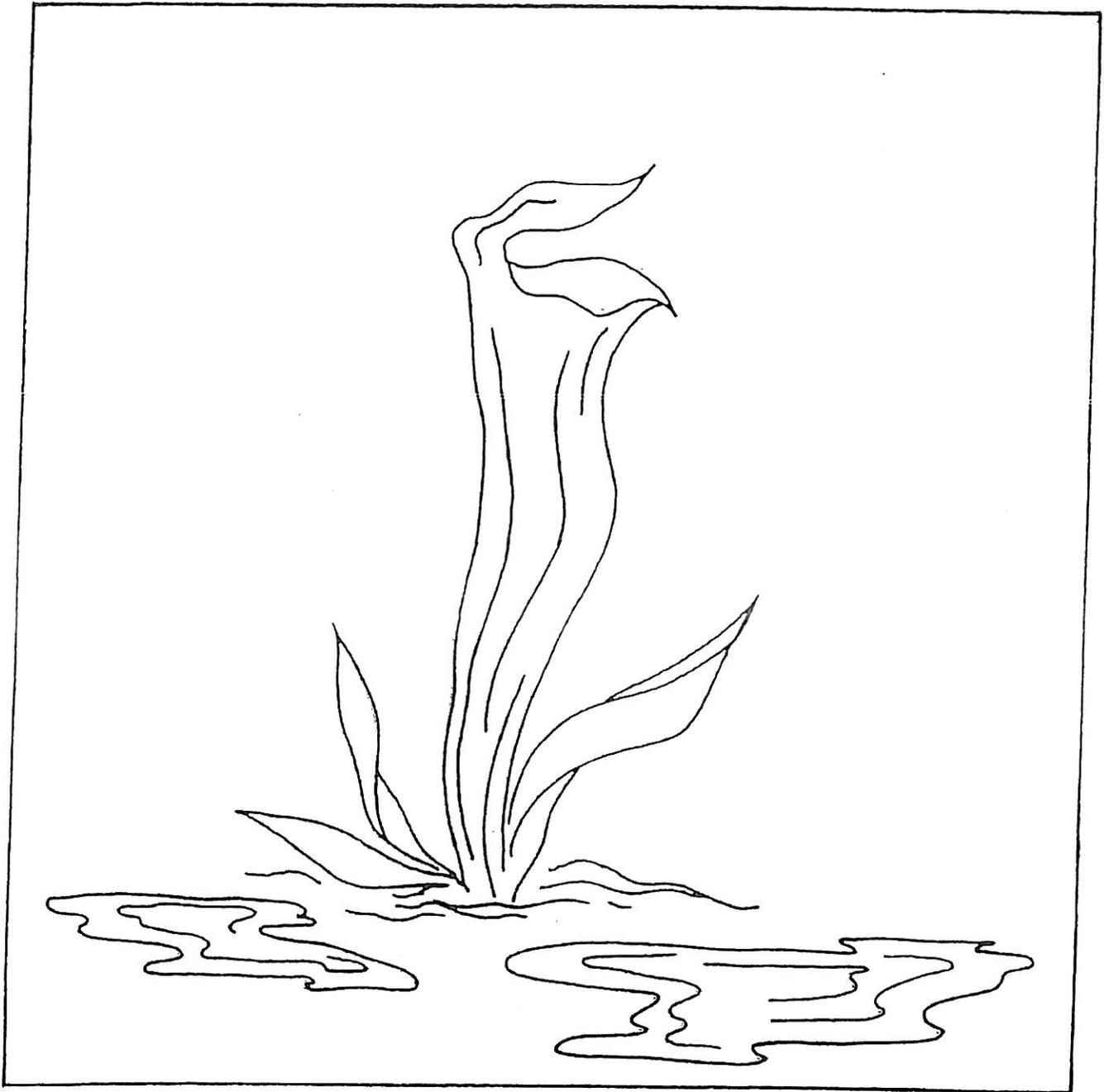
Chris the Cypress Tree is my name. Birds make their nests on my branches and water animals like to hide around my roots. If no one cuts me down, I will live for a thousand years. Wow, that's a long time!



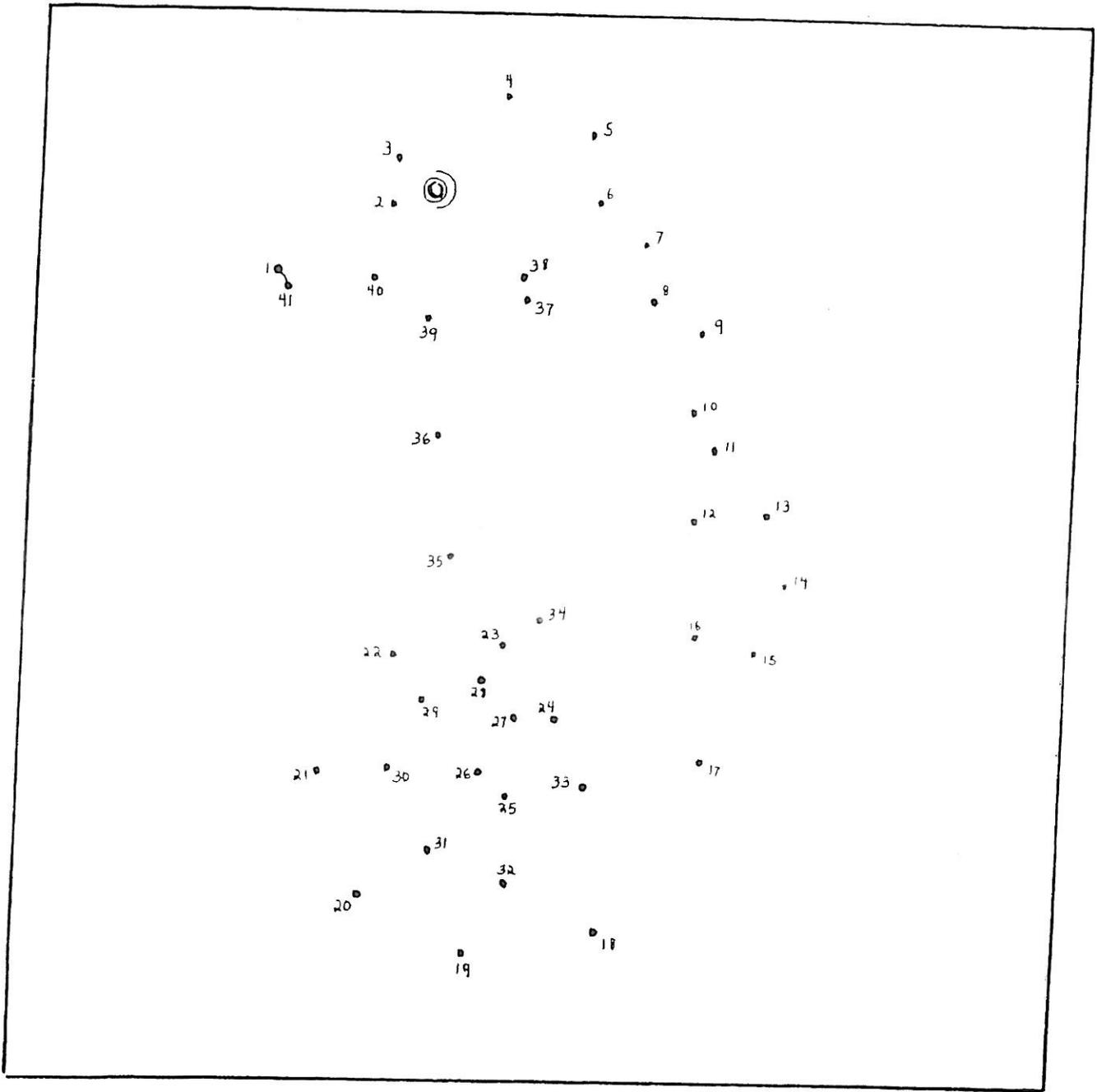
We are Potter and Cotter the otters. We live in places that have plenty of water. Please do not let anyone drain the water from our homes and fill them with dirt! Oh no, if that happens, where will we play?



I am Gregory the Great Blue Heron. I like to wade in shallow water and look for good things to eat. Sometimes people dredge through the shallow waters and I cannot find food that helps me to grow. Please do not dig through my feeding grounds.



My name is Penny the Pitcher Plant. I live in special wetland habitats. Pitcher plants are some of your best friends because we love to eat bugs. Please do not pick us so we can keep catching bugs. They are yummy!



What am I?

Connect the dots from 1 to 41 to find out.

CAN YOU FIND THESE WORDS?

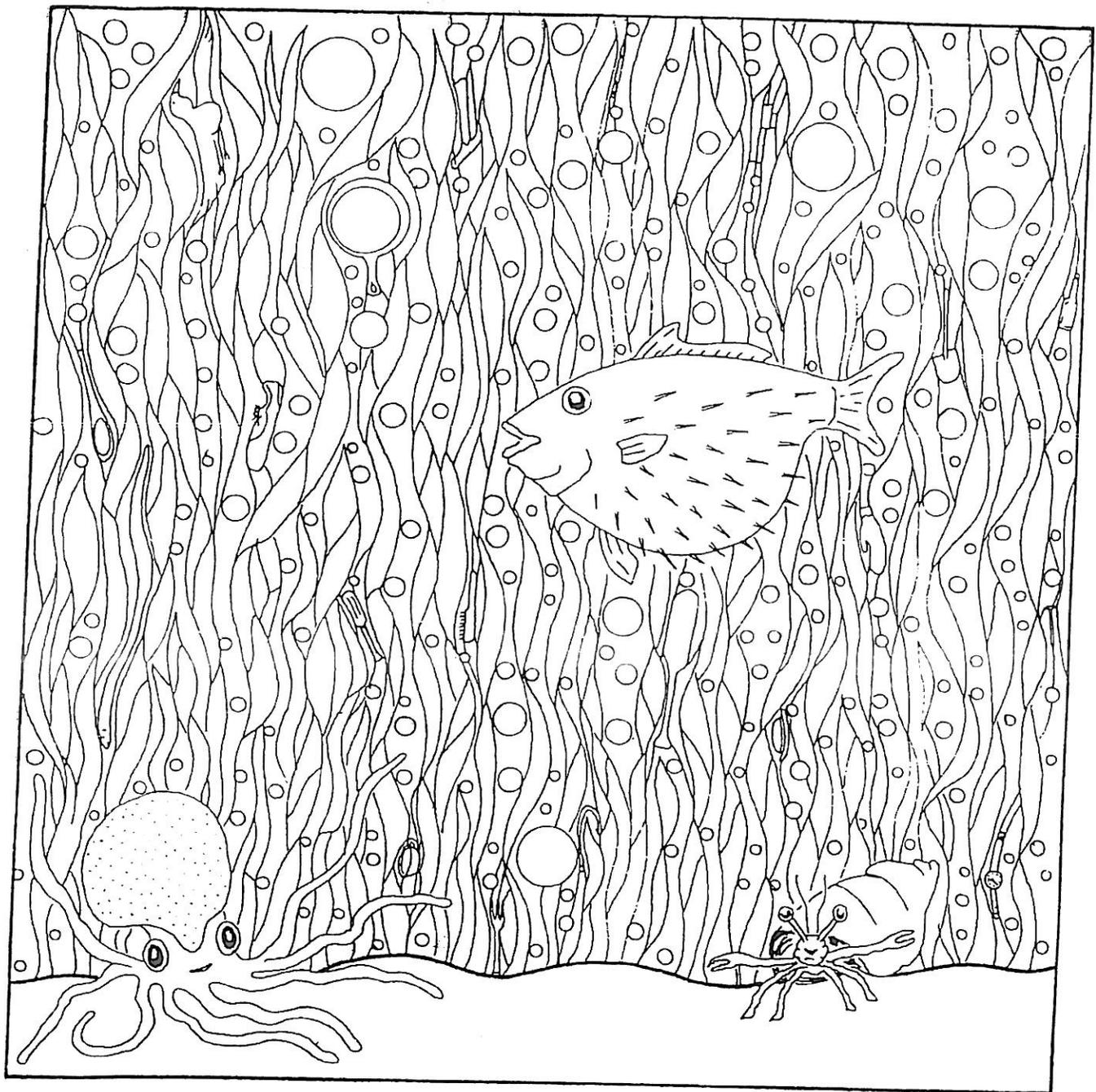
Wildlife	Water	Boater
Recycle	Litter Law	Play
Reuse	Trees	Aluminum
Renew	Stash Your Trash	Leave
Volunteers	Conserve	Paper
Beach	Fishing Line	Foot
Cleanup	People	Birds
Save	Marine Debris	Yes
Island	Mississippi	Dolphins
Ocean	Entanglement	Teach
Plastics	Swim	Gulf
Turtles		

Directions:

Circle each letter of the word. The words may be spelled in any direction. The remaining letters will spell a phrase which asks you to help prevent marine debris.

F	A	S	D	O	P	A	P	E	R	E	T	A	O	B
L	L	N	I	(S)	L	A	N	D	E	Y	S	Y	E	S
U	U	I	O	N	(A)	E	C	O	C	B	E	W	W	U
G	M	H	P	R	S	(V)	S	L	Y	I	L	A	E	M
V	I	P	E	P	T	R	(E)	E	C	R	T	R	N	A
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S	T	A	S	H	Y	O	U	R	T	R	A	S	H	S





Hidden Pictures

Can you find the following objects in the picture?

watch
shovel
mitten
screwdriver
eel

cup
fork
paddle
spoon
hat

hammer
fishing hook
bottle
frying pan
shoe

hairbrush
pencil
bird
nail
boat

