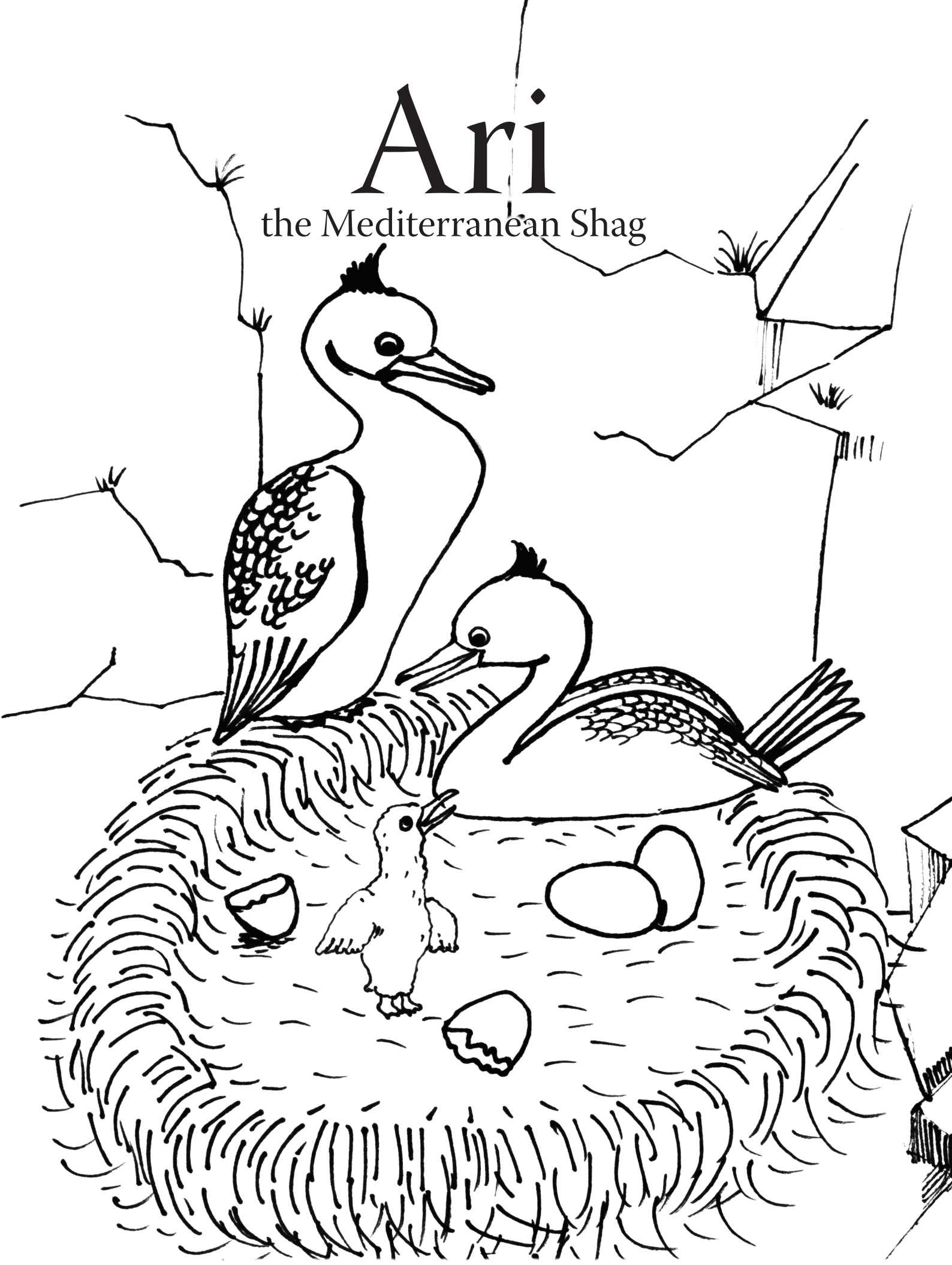
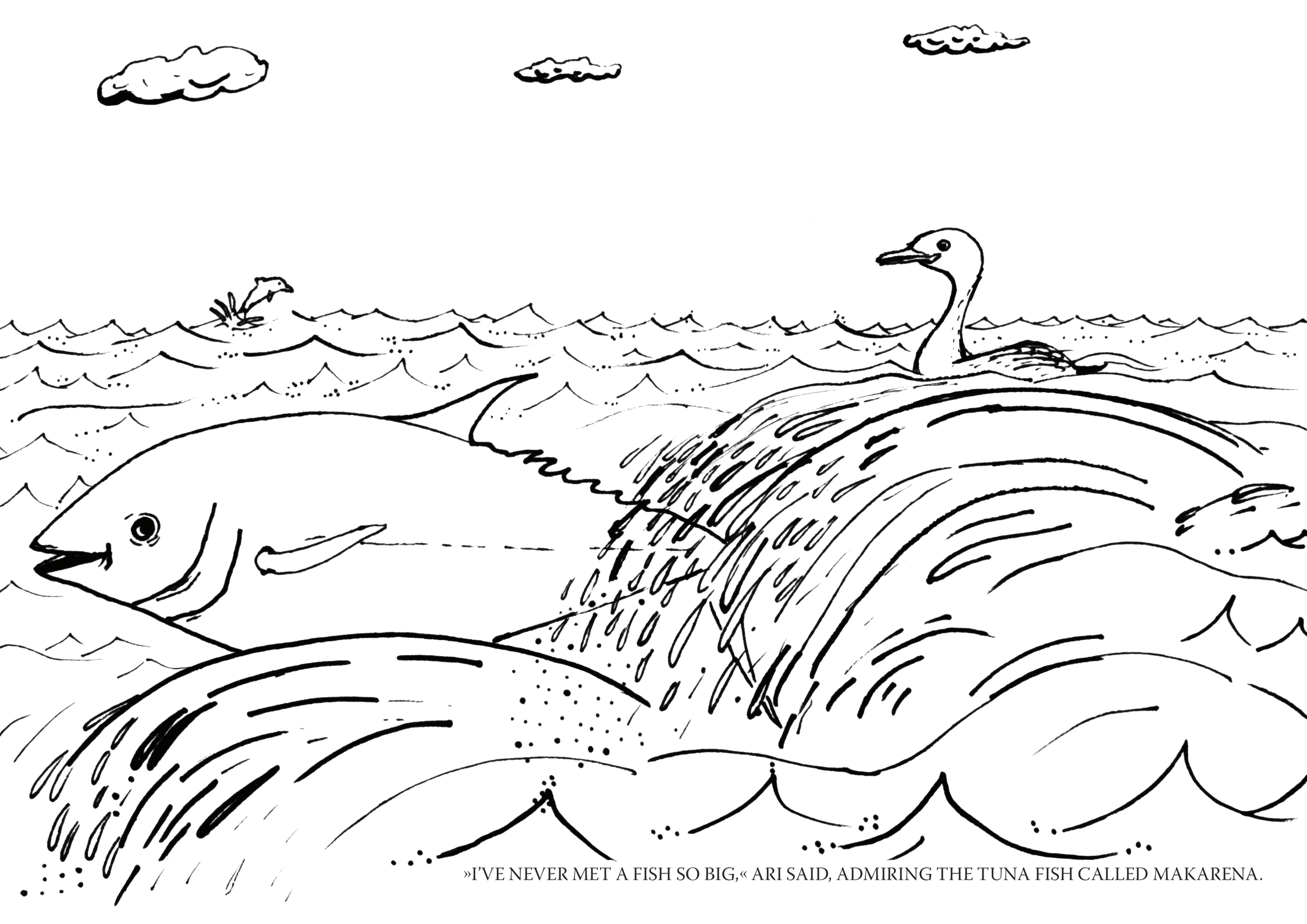
Ari

the Mediterranean Shag



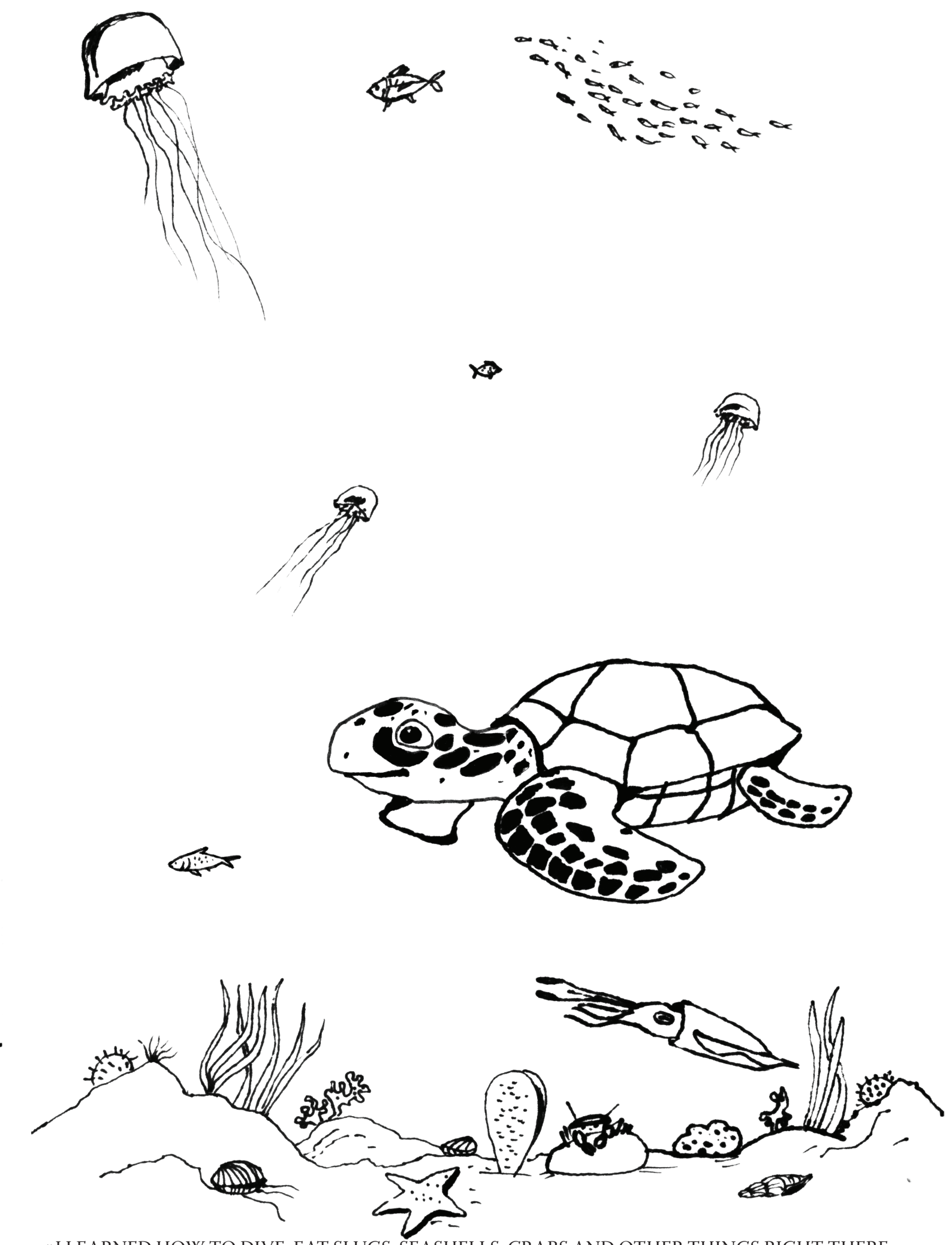
»WE HATCHED AROUND NEW YEAR'S DAY, AND I REMEMBER OUR PARENTS HAD THOSE SILLY CRESTS ON THEIR HEADS BACK THEN,« ARI SAID DREAMINGLY, REMEMBERING HIS EARLY DAYS.

ARI REFUSED TO JOIN IN THE FEAST OF ANTE AND THE OTHER SEAGULLS BECAUSE HE WAS USED TO EATING FRESHLY CAUGHT SEA FISH.

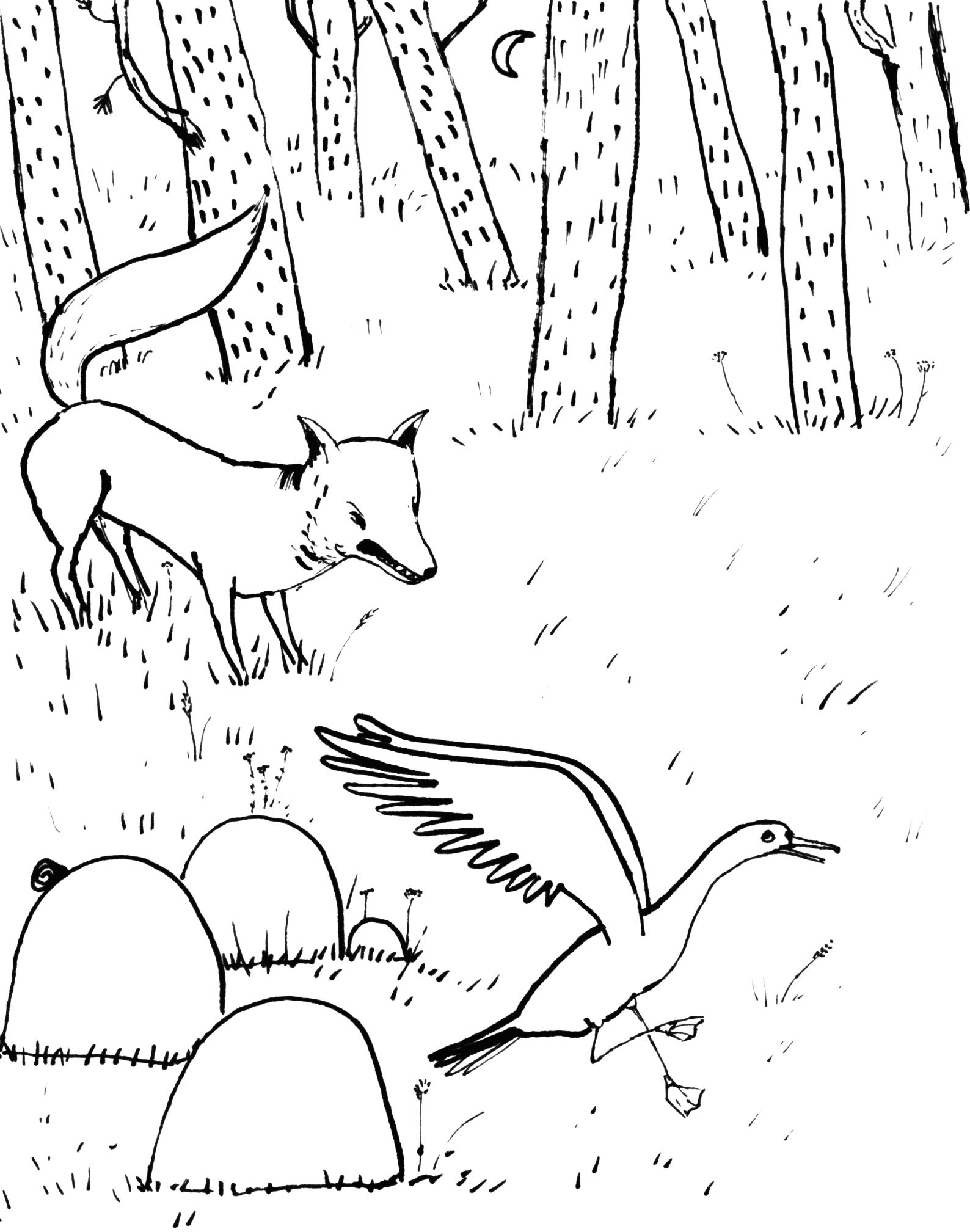


»I'VE NEVER MET A FISH SO BIG,« ARI SAID, ADMIRING THE TUNA FISH CALLED MAKARENA.

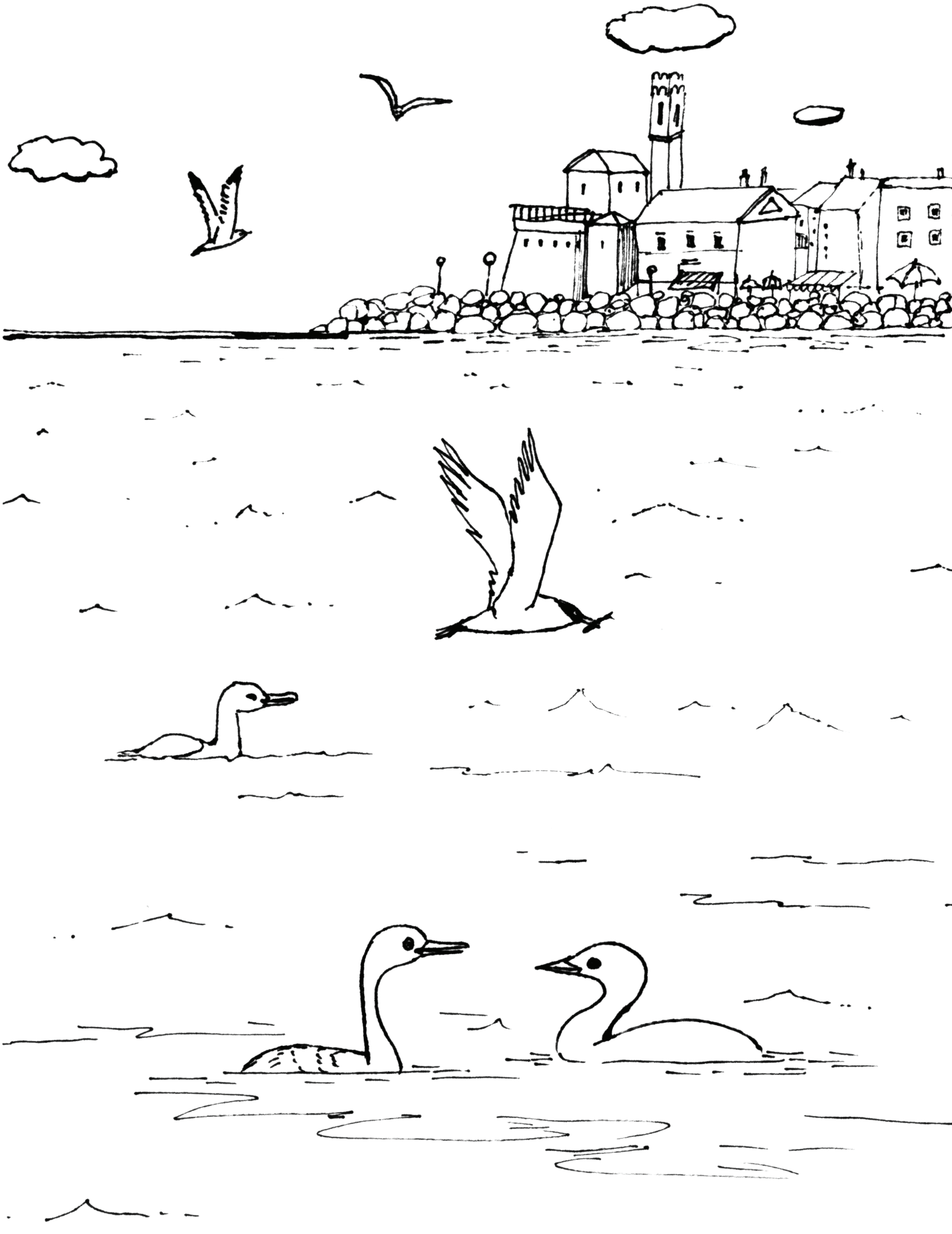
»I'M A MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEAL NAMED ANE. I HAVE NO FRIENDS OR RELATIVES AROUND HERE. MY KIND USED TO HUNT FOR FOOD IN THESE WATERS, BUT AS WE DID SO WE UNINTENTIONALLY RIPPED THE FISHING NETS THAT THE FISHERMEN PLACED HERE. SO THEY STARTED SHOOTING US.«



»I LEARNED HOW TO DIVE, EAT SLUGS, SEASHELLS, CRABS AND OTHER THINGS RIGHT THERE, IN A SHALLOW BAY UP NORTH,« THE YOUNG LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE NAMED ZEHRA EXPLAINED TO ARI.



NEAR THE COAST ARI FOUND A NICE ROCK ON WHICH HE WOULD REST. HE CLOSED HIS EYES, BUT SOON SOMETHING WOKE HIM UP. THERE WERE NOISES COMING FROM THE GRASS NEARBY AND WHEN HE TURNED TO SEE WHAT CAUSED THEM, HE SAW A FOX ...



ARI SPENT THE WINTER IN THE SLOVENIAN SEA, SLEEPING ON THE BUOYS NEAR THE CITY OF STRUNJAN. ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE FRIENDS THEN WAS SVEN, A BLACK-THROATED DIVER.

ARI'S FRIENDS INVITED ARI TO GO FISHING WITH THEM, SO HE JOINED THEM ON THE OPEN SEA AND THEY SPENT THE DAY TOGETHER..

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