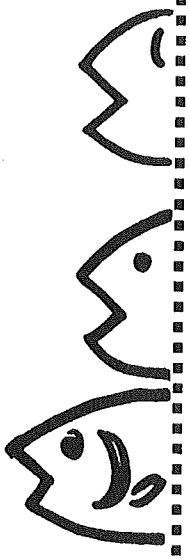
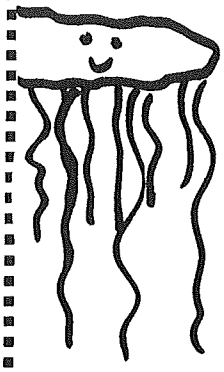
Ready, Set... Go Fishing!

NORTH CAROLINA Wildlife RESOURCES COMMISSION

SPORT FISH RESTORATION

Outdoor Tips





1. **Always fish safely.**
   Cast carefully and watch out for hooks.

2. **Always wear your life jacket by the water or in a boat.**

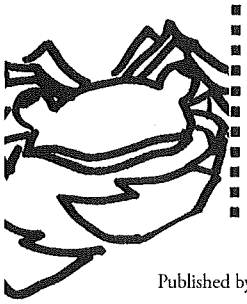
3. **Clean up your fishing area.**
   Put trash in its proper place.
   Recycle what you can.

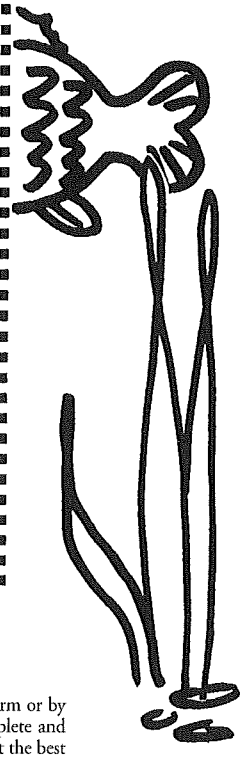
4. **Respect the outdoors.**
   Watch but don't touch wildlife.
   Release fish that are too small or you don't plan to eat.

5. **Obey fish laws for your state.**

6. **Fish with an adult.**

7. **Don't forget bug stuff and sunscreen.**





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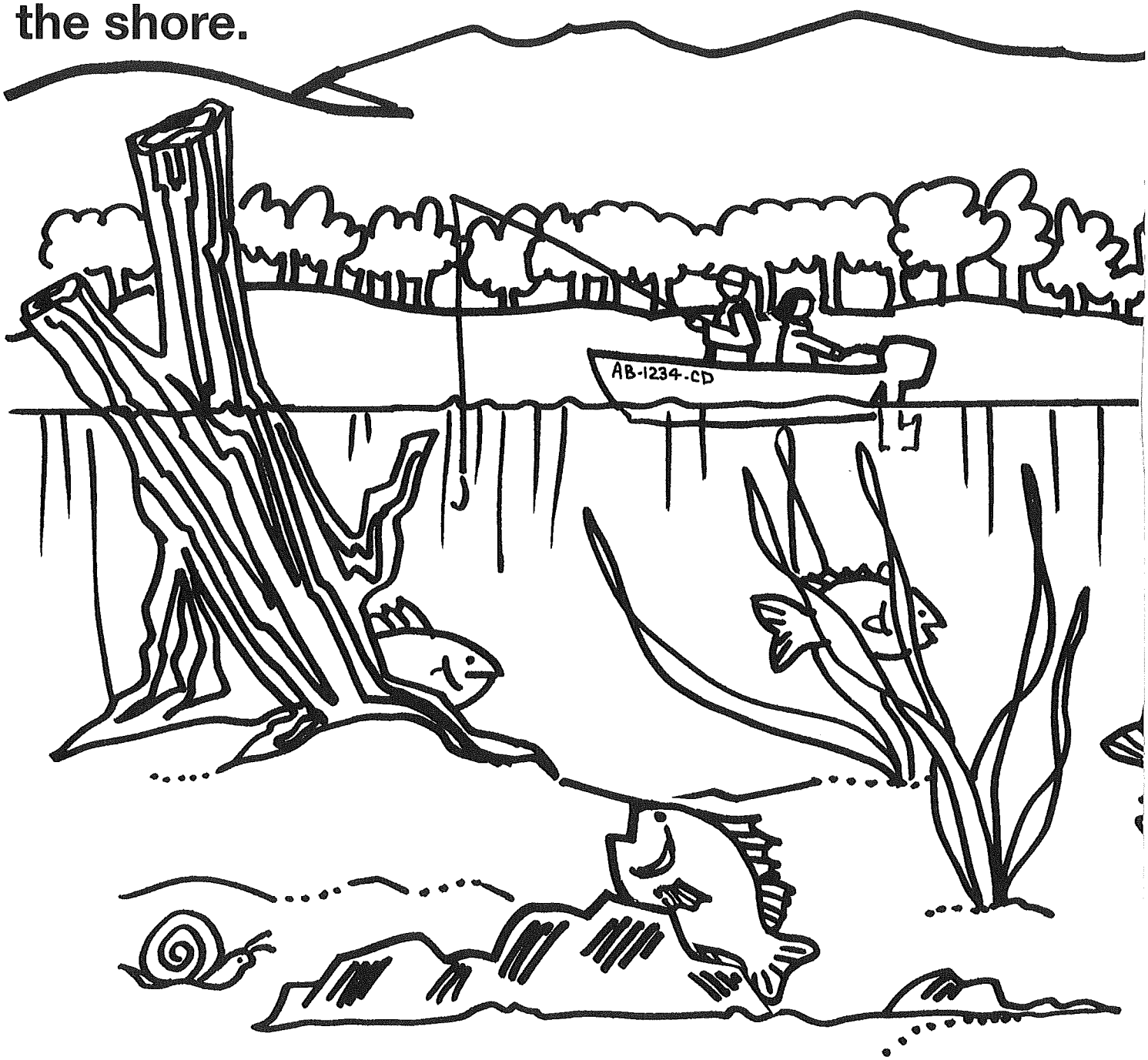
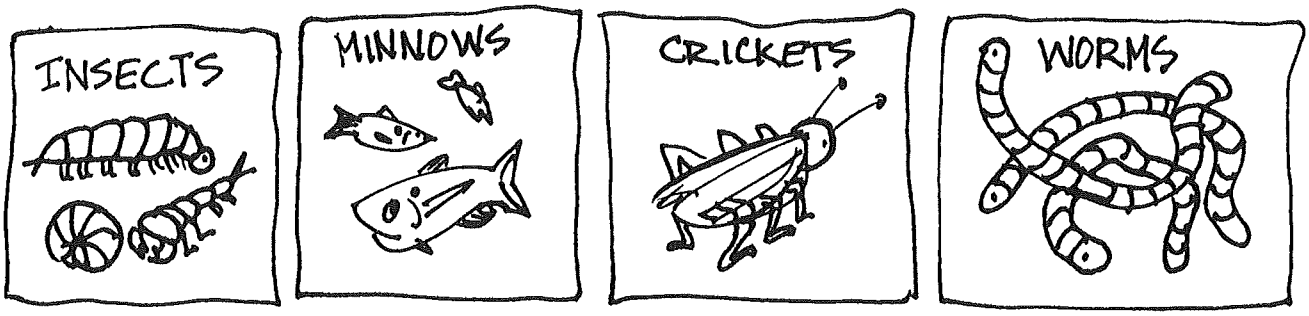
What do I need to fish?

Where fish live . . .

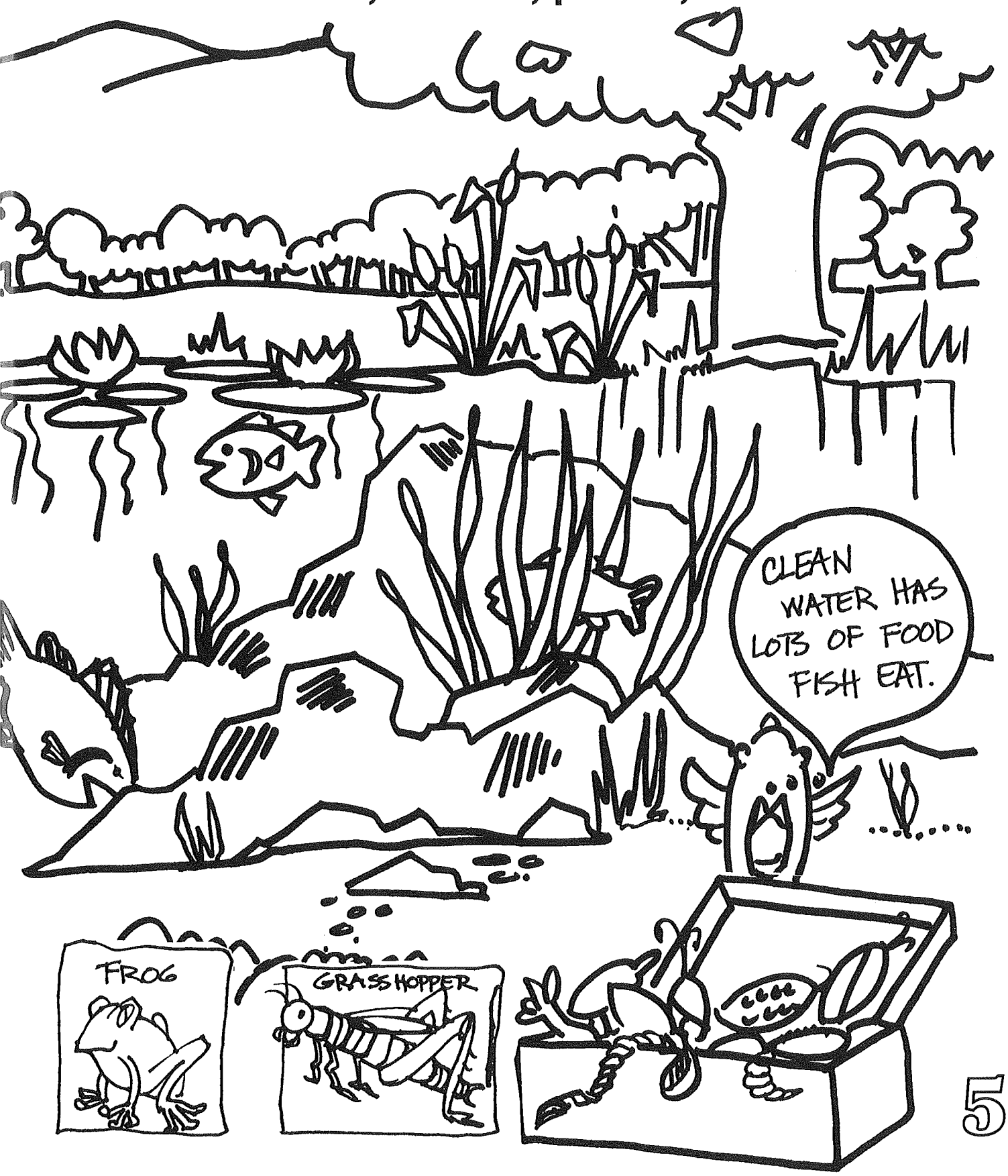
Around aquatic plants and stumps, and near the shore.



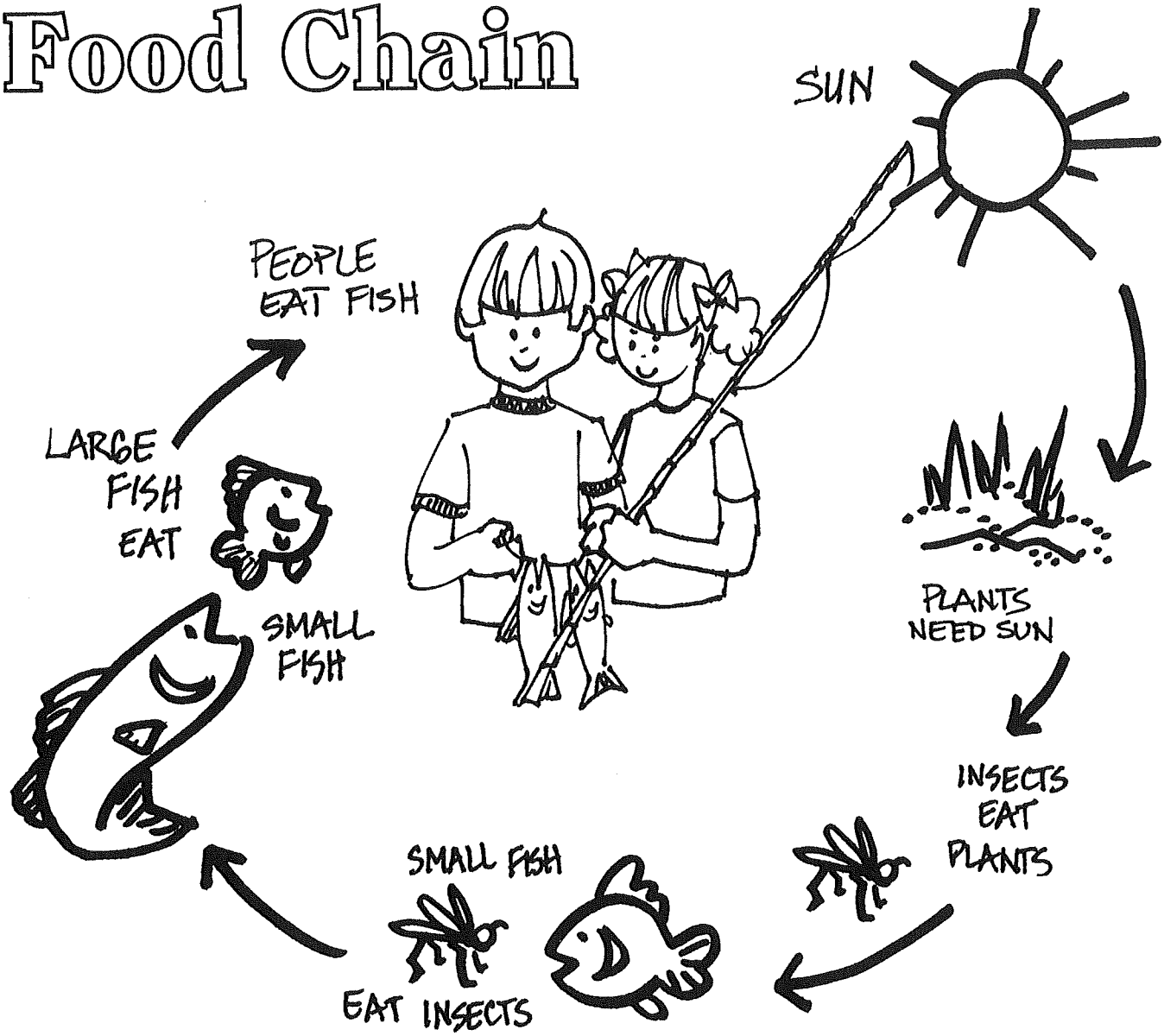


. . . what fish eat

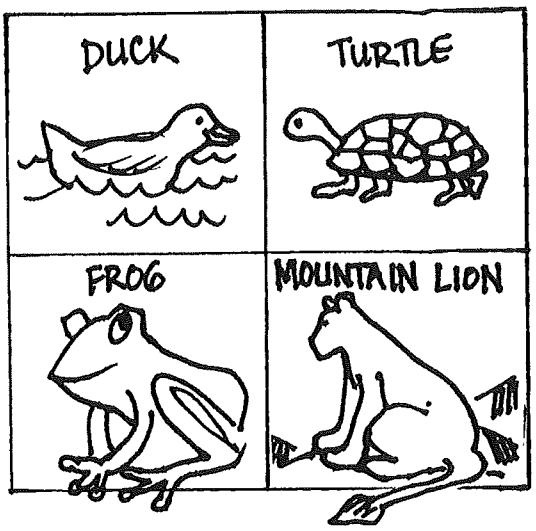
Insects, worms, plants, and other fish.

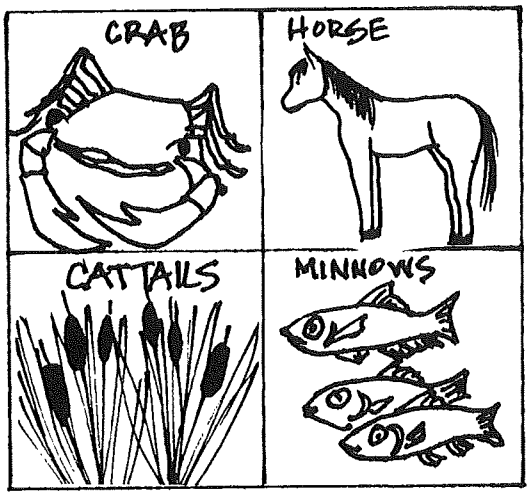


Food Chain



Choose the one that doesn't belong.

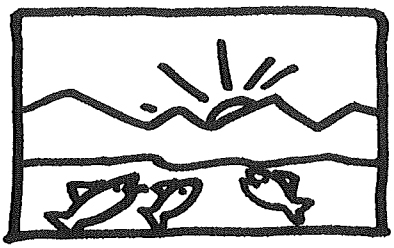




Find the path to the Fishing Pond

Most towns have places to fish.

Fishing Tips

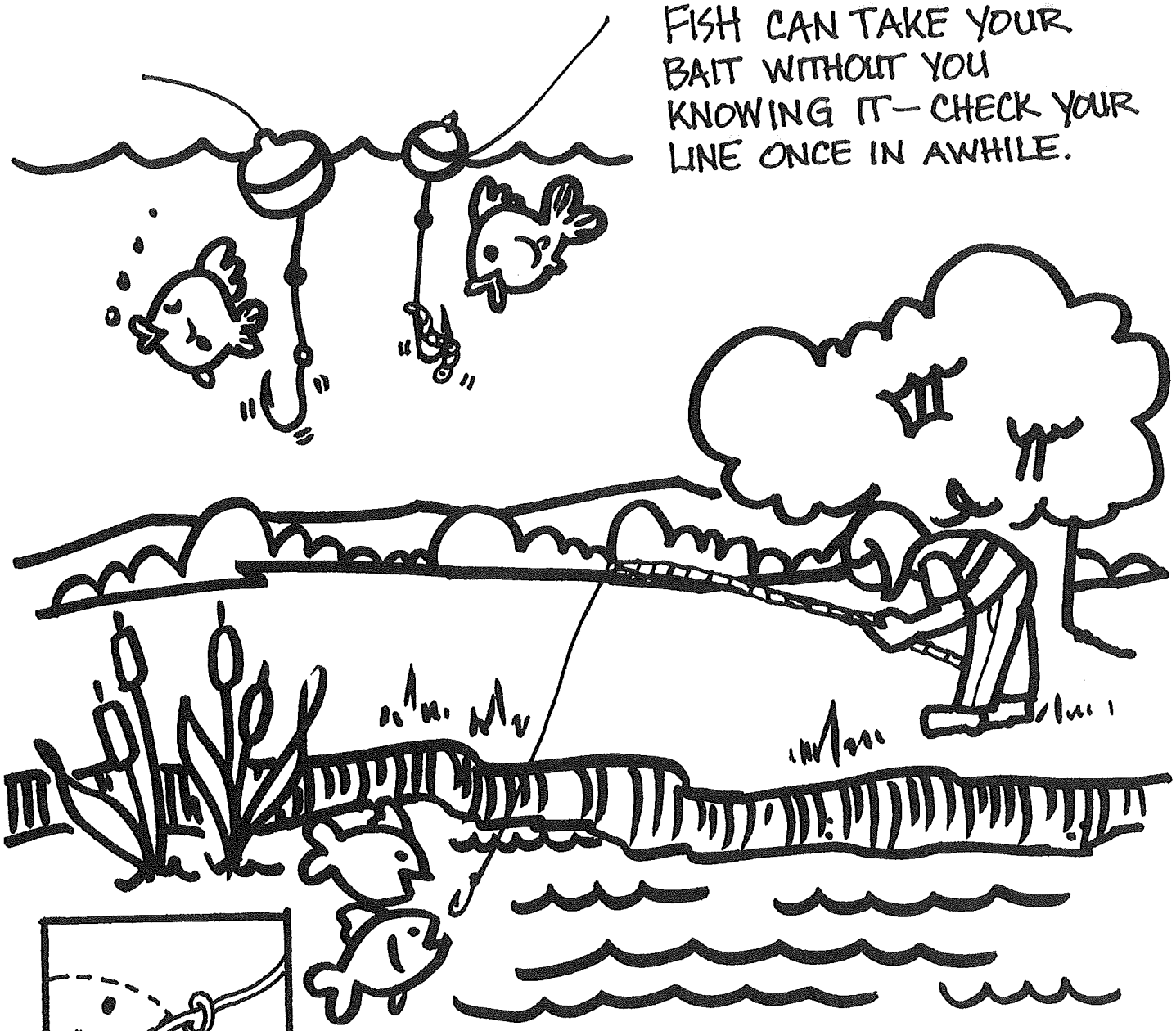


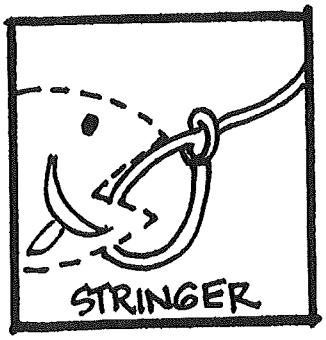
FISH ARE MOST ACTIVE EARLY IN THE EVENING.

FISH LIKE TO HIDE.
FISH HAVE EYES TO SEE FOOD. THEY SEE COLORS.

FISH LIKE COVER FOR PROTECTION.

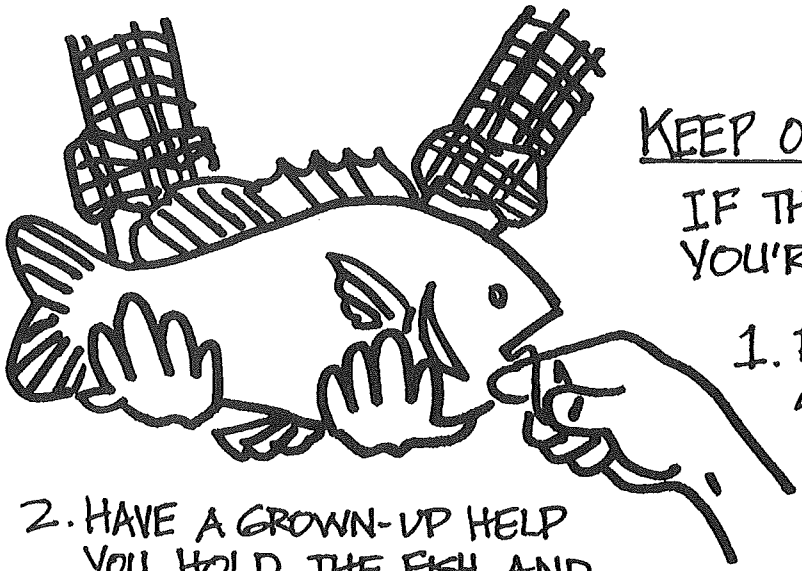
FISH CAN TAKE YOUR BAIT WITHOUT YOU KNOWING IT— CHECK YOUR LINE ONCE IN AWHILE.





WHEN A FISH BITES, PULL THE POLE BACK AND THE HOOK WILL SET. BRING THE FISH UP TO THE BANK - KEEP THE FISH ON A STRINGER IN THE WATER IF YOU WANT TO EAT IT.

Keep or Release



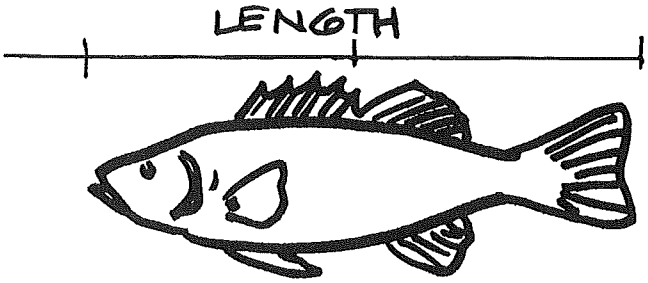
KEEP OR RELEASE

IF THE FISH IS TOO SMALL OR YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT IT

1. RELEASE FISH RIGHT AWAY.

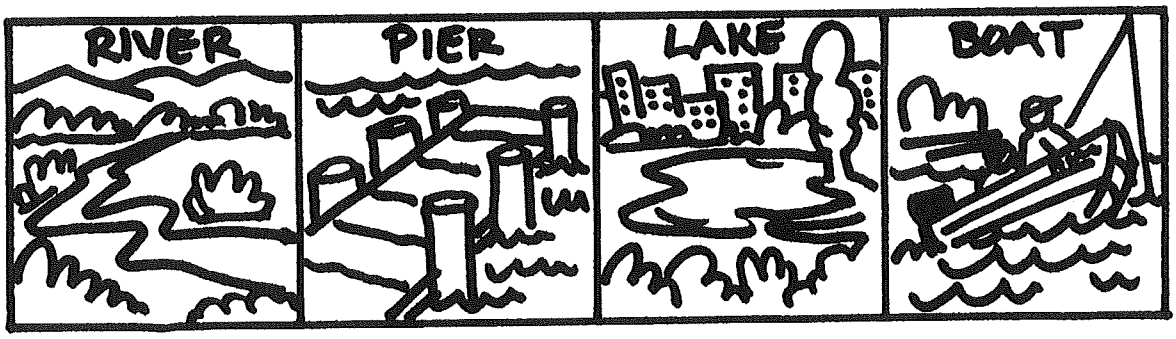
2. HAVE A GROWN-UP HELP YOU HOLD THE FISH AND CAREFULLY REMOVE THE HOOK OR CUT THE LINE.

3. NEVER THROW THEM. BEND DOWN AND GENTLY LET THE FISH GO.

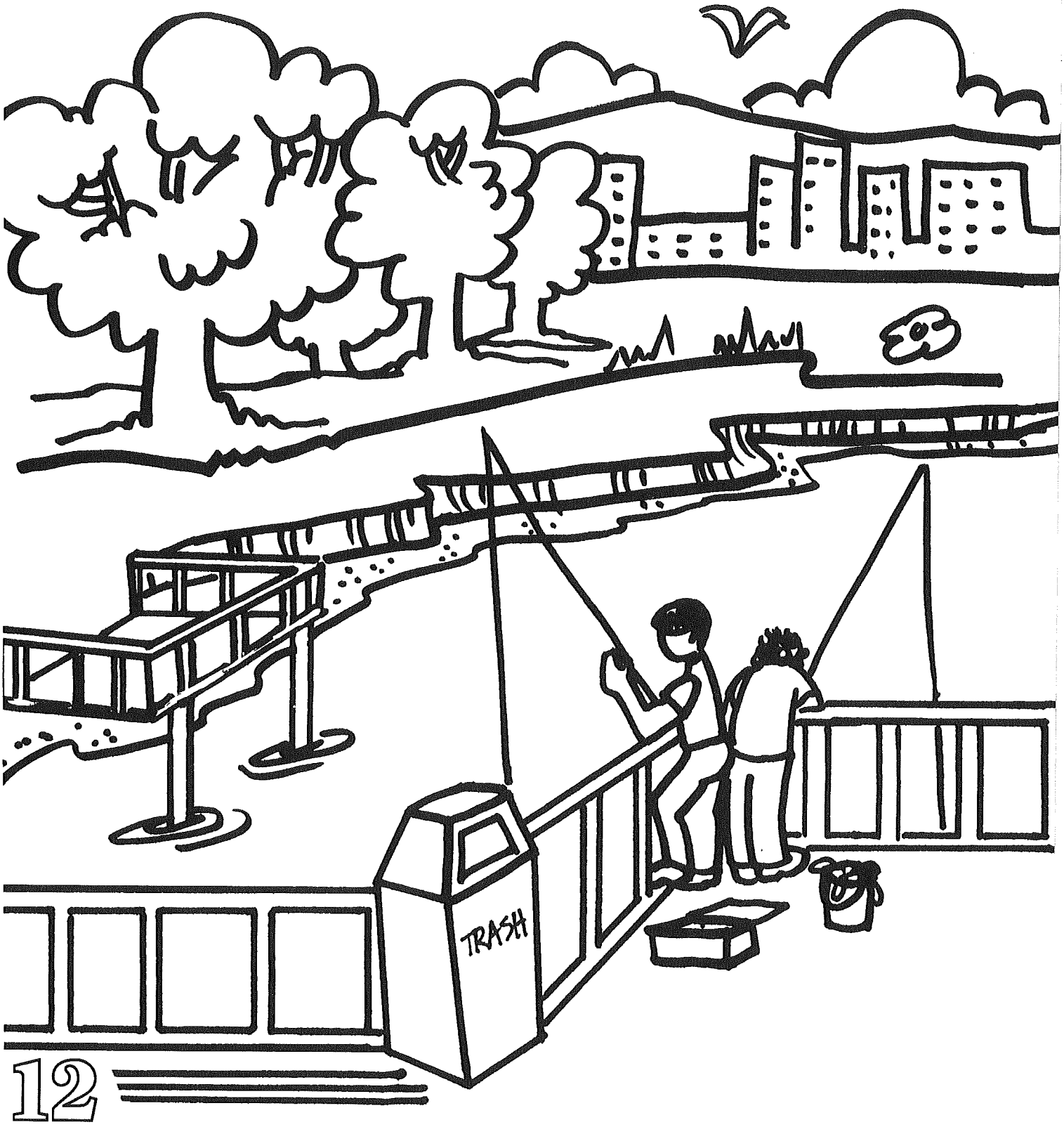


IS THE FISH LARGE ENOUGH TO EAT OR LEGAL TO KEEP?

Draw where you like to fish.



Draw yourself and your plants and animals you



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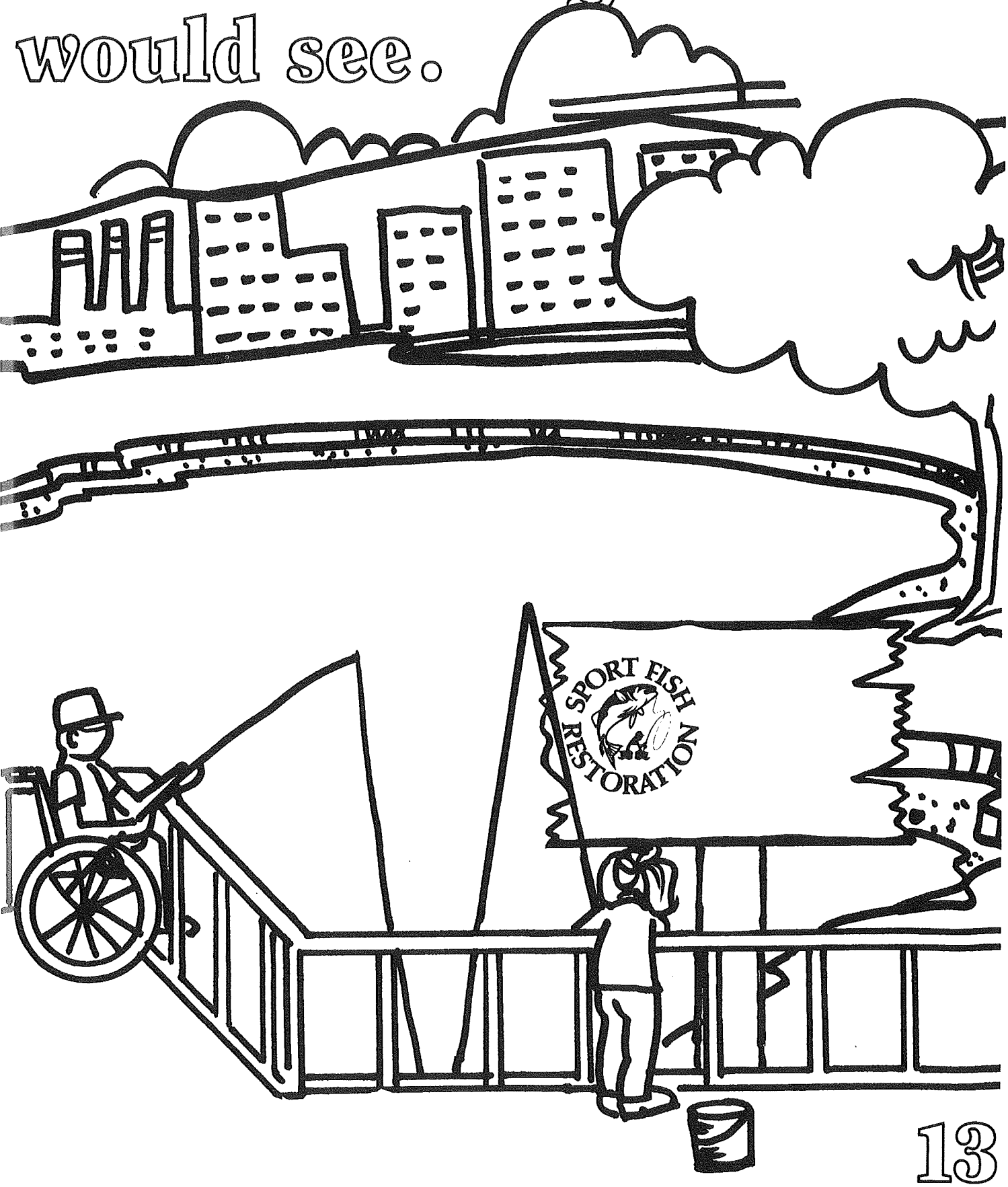
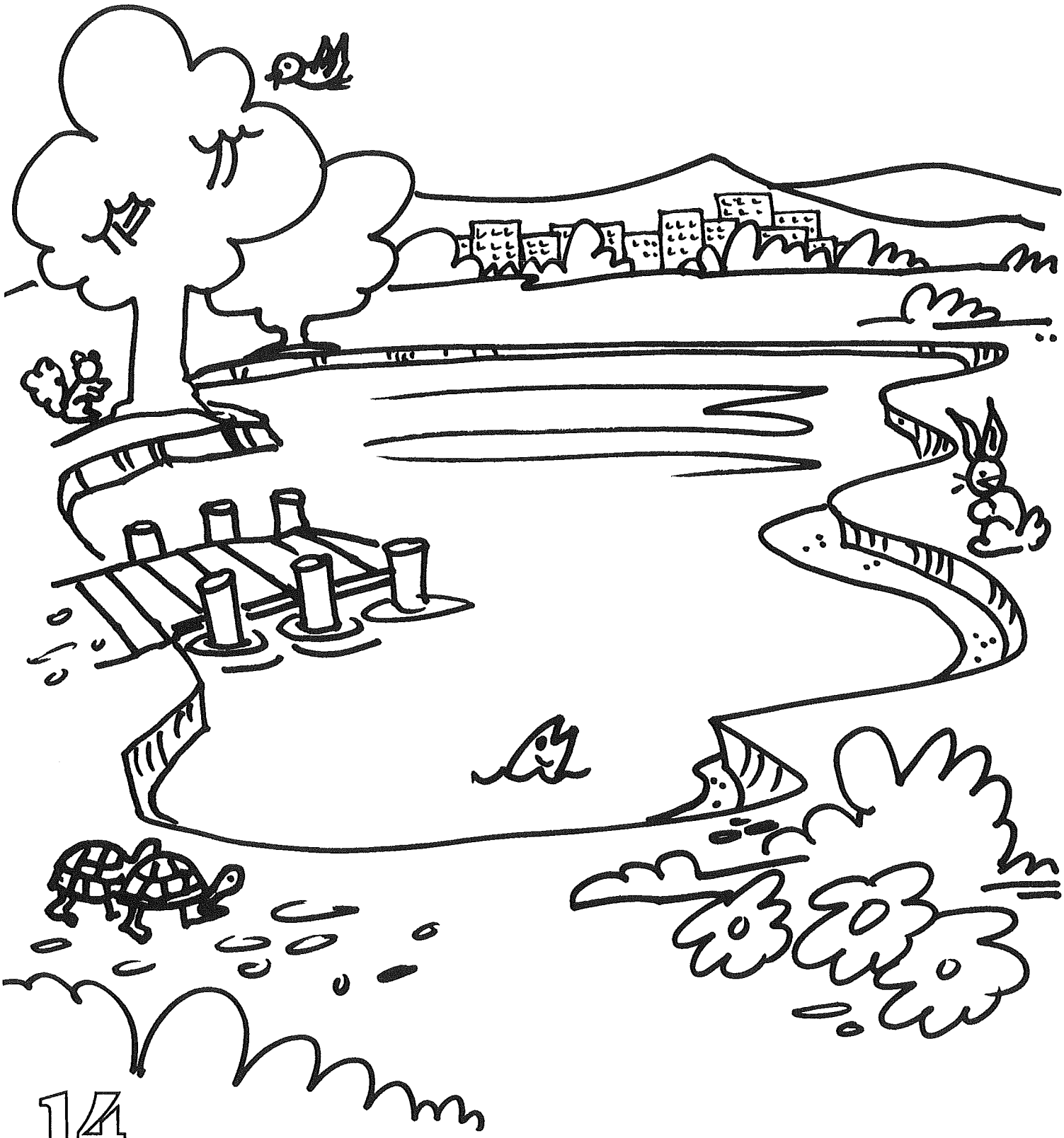
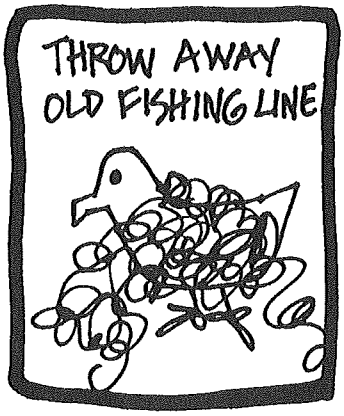
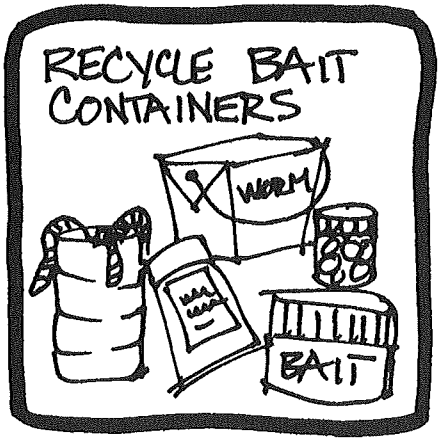


You can help keep the



Which pond would you like to visit?

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