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Colouring Book



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Coral reefs are very important to humans, providing us with jobs, food and protection from big waves and storms.

Many marine animals, including the fish we eat, also rely on coral reefs for food, shelter, and as a place to raise their young.

Coral reefs are delicate, and grow very slowly. Humans are damaging some coral reefs faster than they can grow back, and around the world reefs are in danger.



This is a story about two coral reef animals, Sammy Sweetlips and Tina Turtle. Their peaceful lives are shattered one day by fishermen who throw a bomb into the water, killing their friends and destroying the reef around them. As Sammy and Tina search for a safer place to live they encounter other dangers. Eventually they find their way to a safe reef where they can settle peacefully and raise their children.

This colouring book has been produced in collaboration with the International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN) as part of the education and awareness component of the Semporna Islands Darwin Project (SIDP), run by the Marine Conservation Society and Sabah Parks. The primary aim of SIDP is to protect coral reef biodiversity and establish a programme for sustainable use of reef and other marine resources within the Tun Sakaran Marine Park in Sabah, Malaysia.

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What can you do to help protect coral reefs and other animals like Sammy and Tina?



Share this book with your family and friends and explain to them that if people keep using explosives, nets and poisons on the reef then there will be no reefs and no fish left in a few years time.



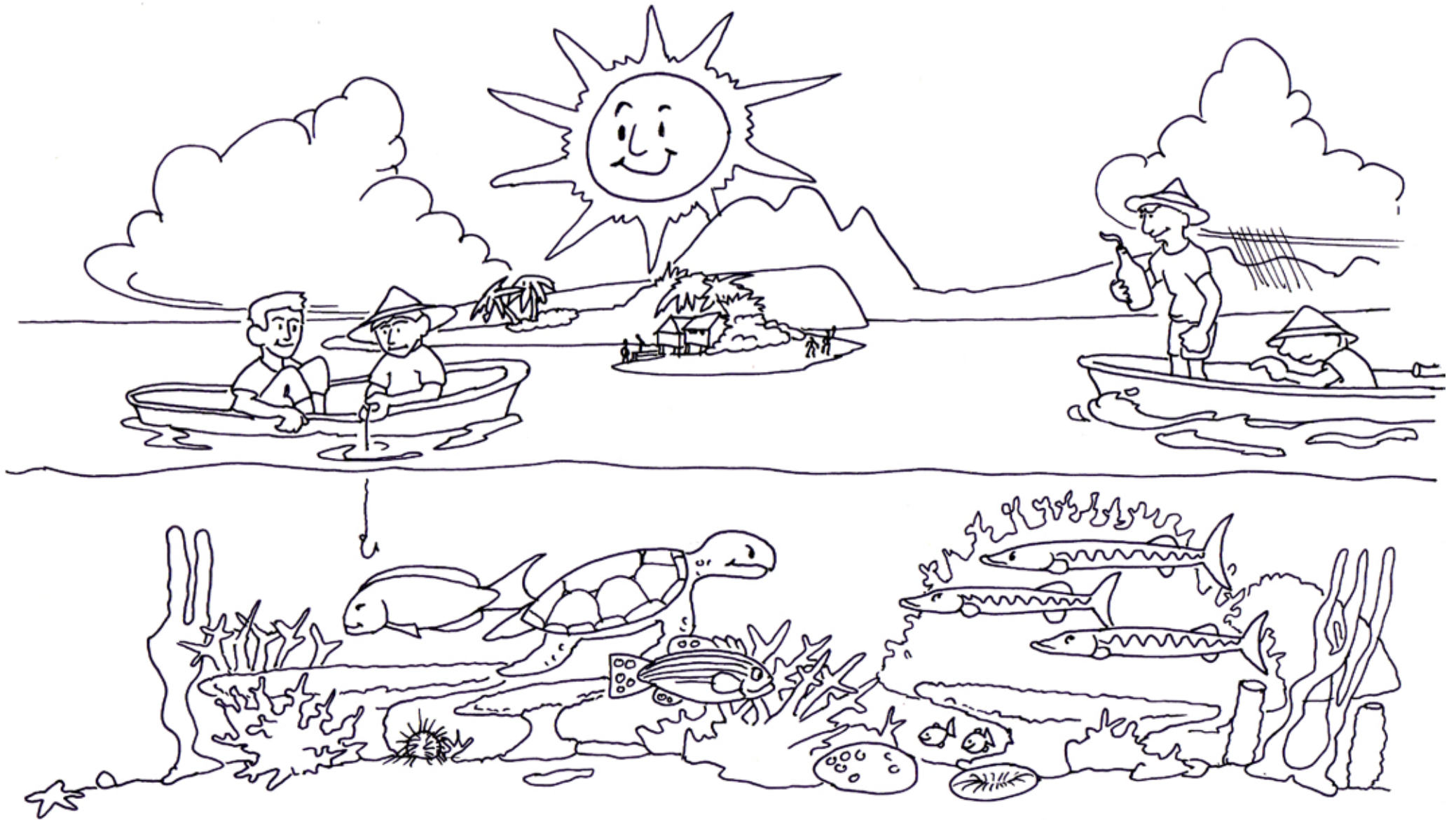
Enjoy, support and be proud of your local Marine Park. It has been set up to make life better, not just for the reef inhabitants themselves, but for local people whose jobs depend on healthy reefs.



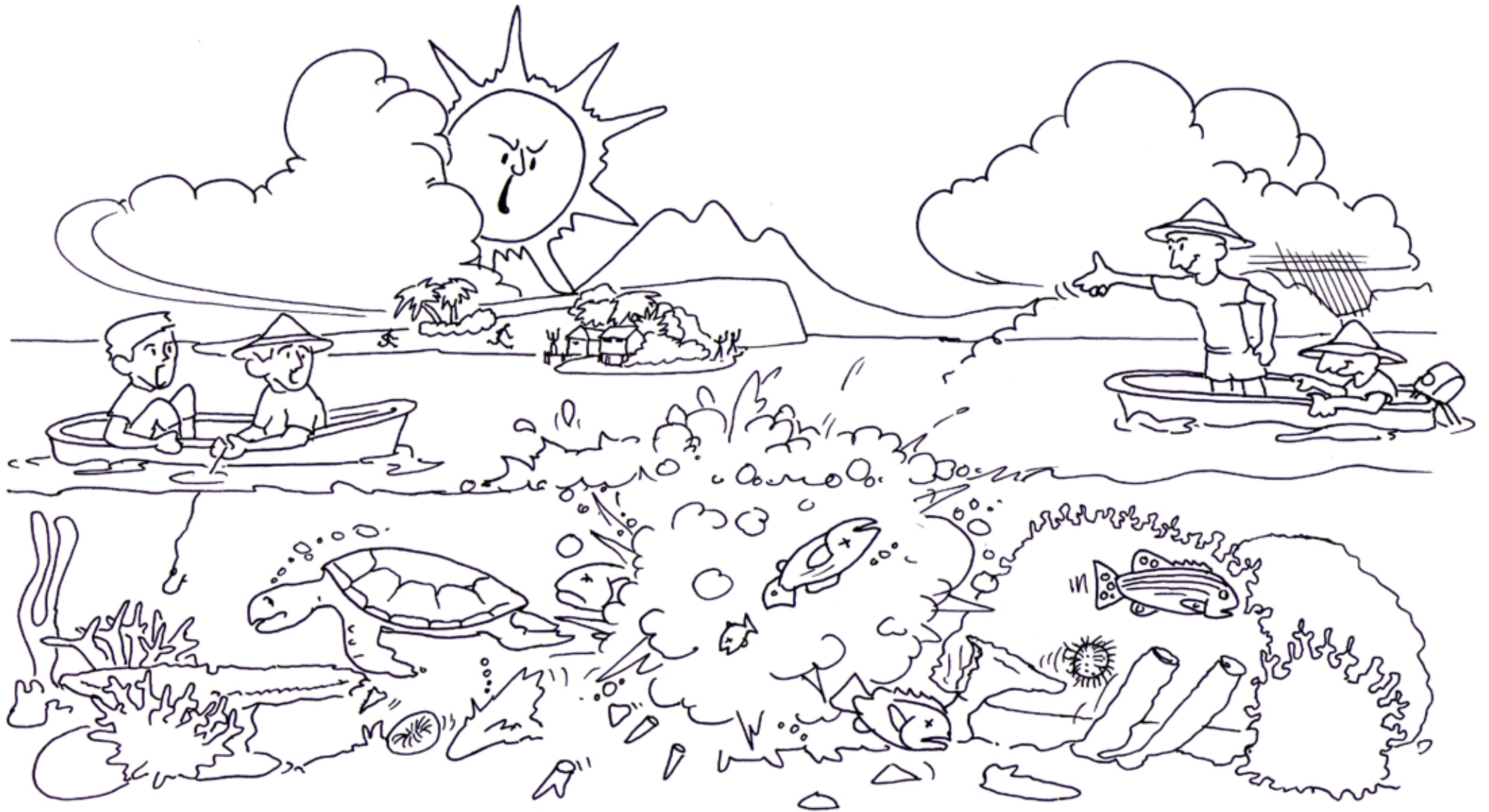
Help to keep the sea and reefs clean by not dropping plastic bags or other litter into the water or onto the beach.



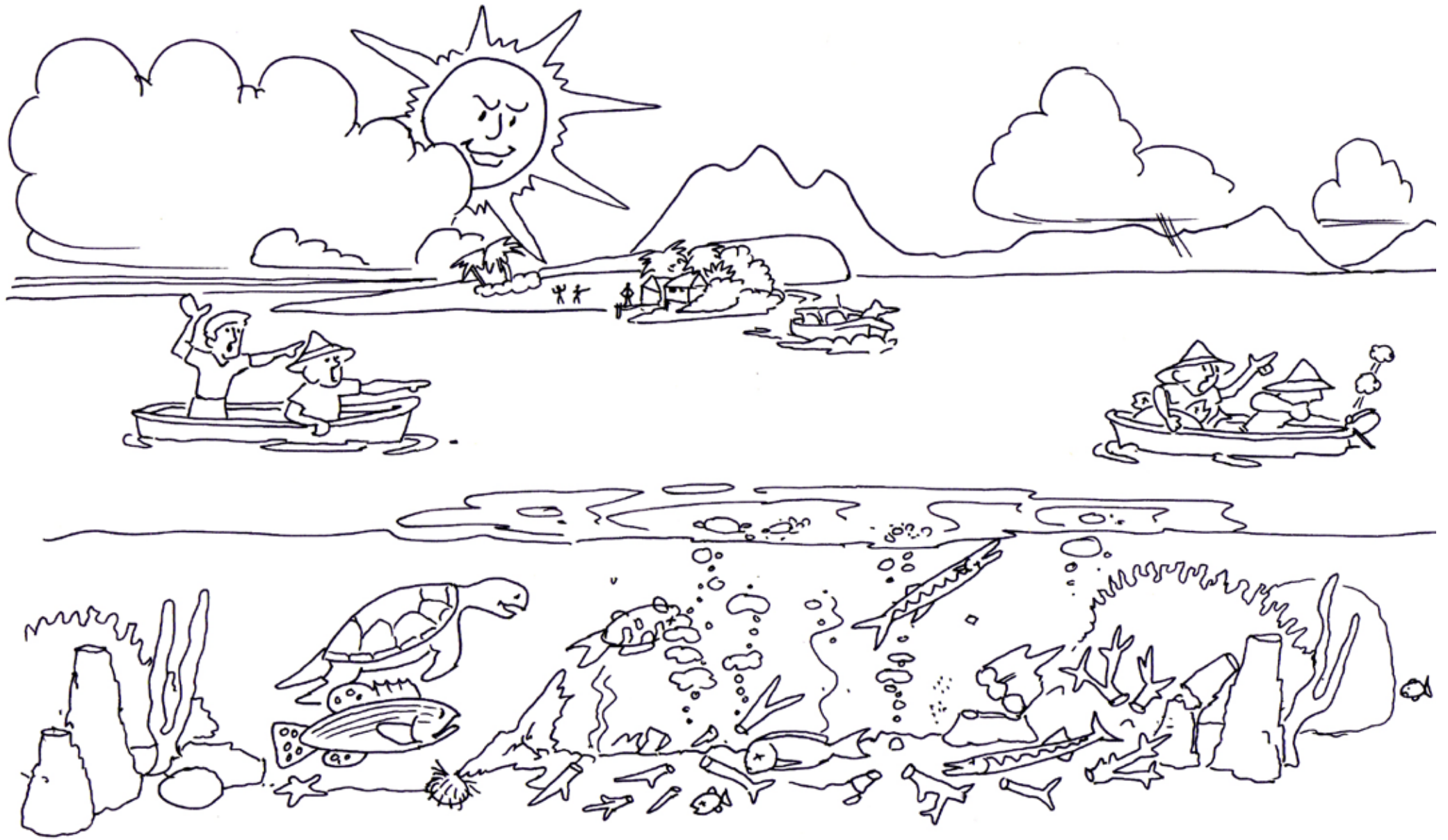
Treat the reef very carefully. Corals take years to grow but are easily broken if we tread on them, drop anchors or crash into them with our boats.



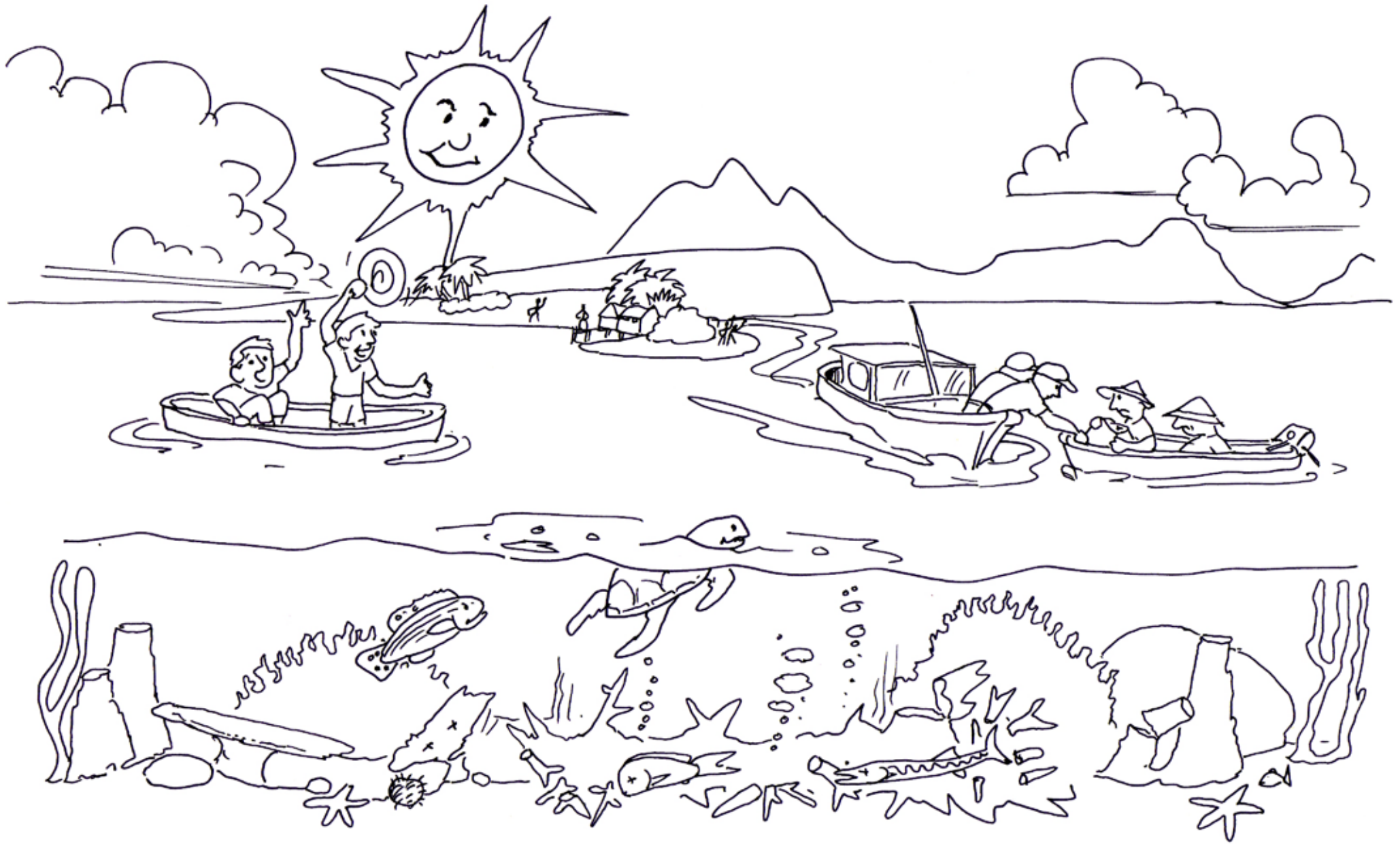
Sammy Sweetlips and Tina Turtle live with their friends on the reef. But can you spot the danger they are in?



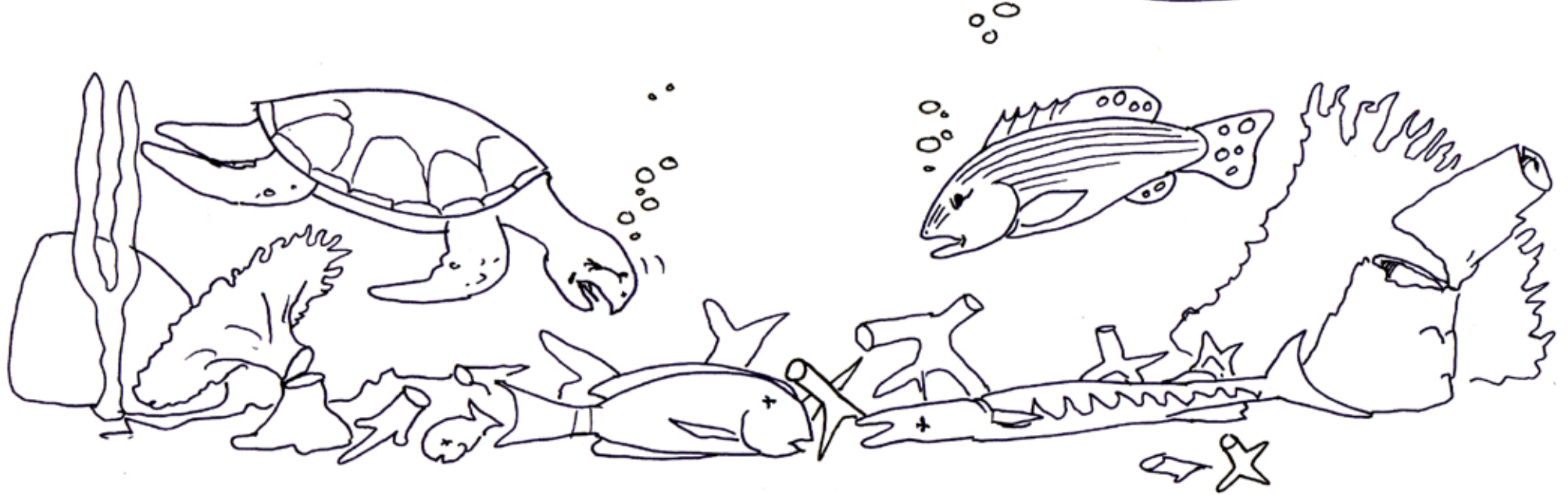
Without warning, fish bombers strike! Sammy and Tina only just escape with their lives.



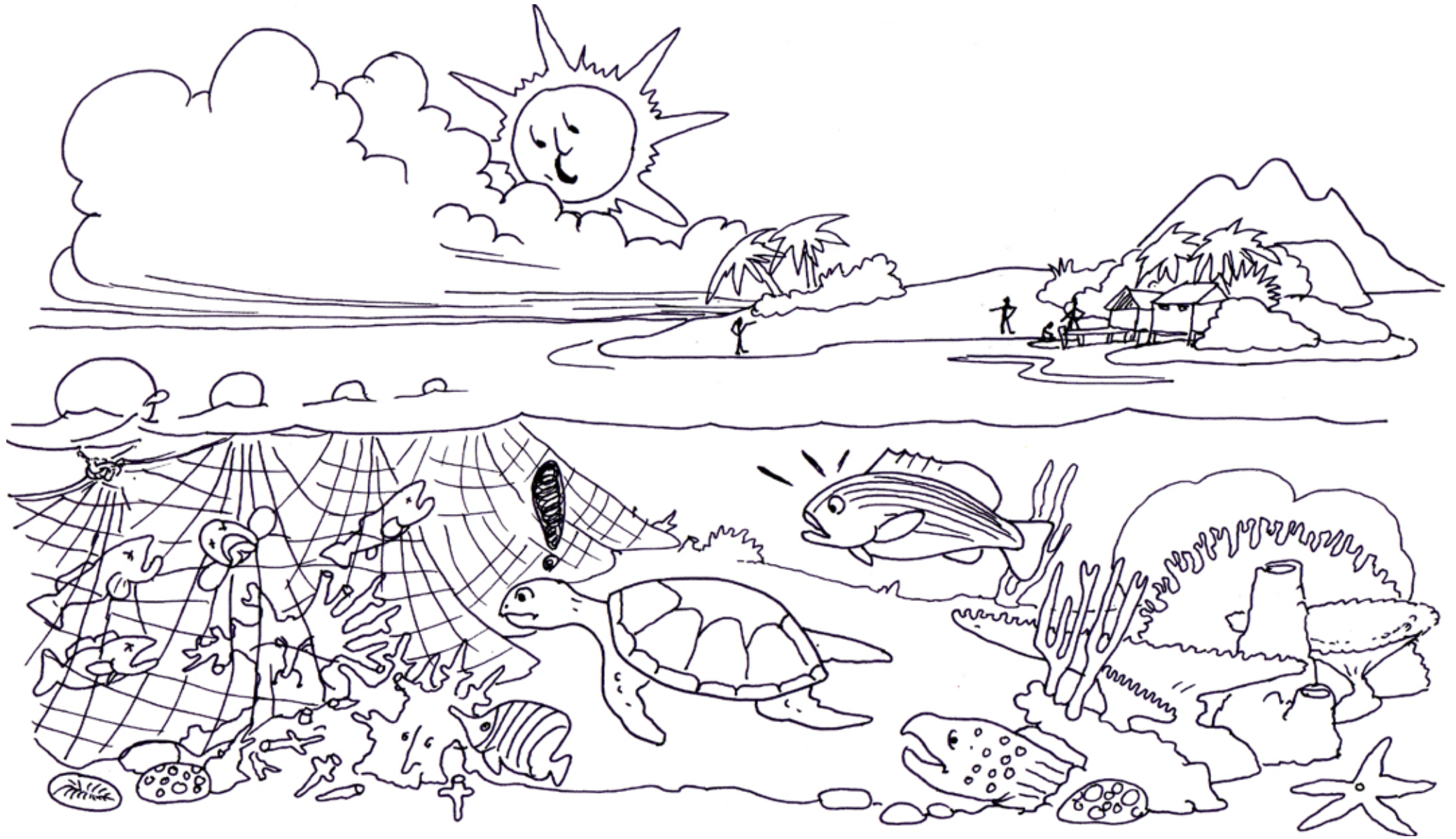
Luckily some local fishermen call out the Patrol Boat. The chase is on!



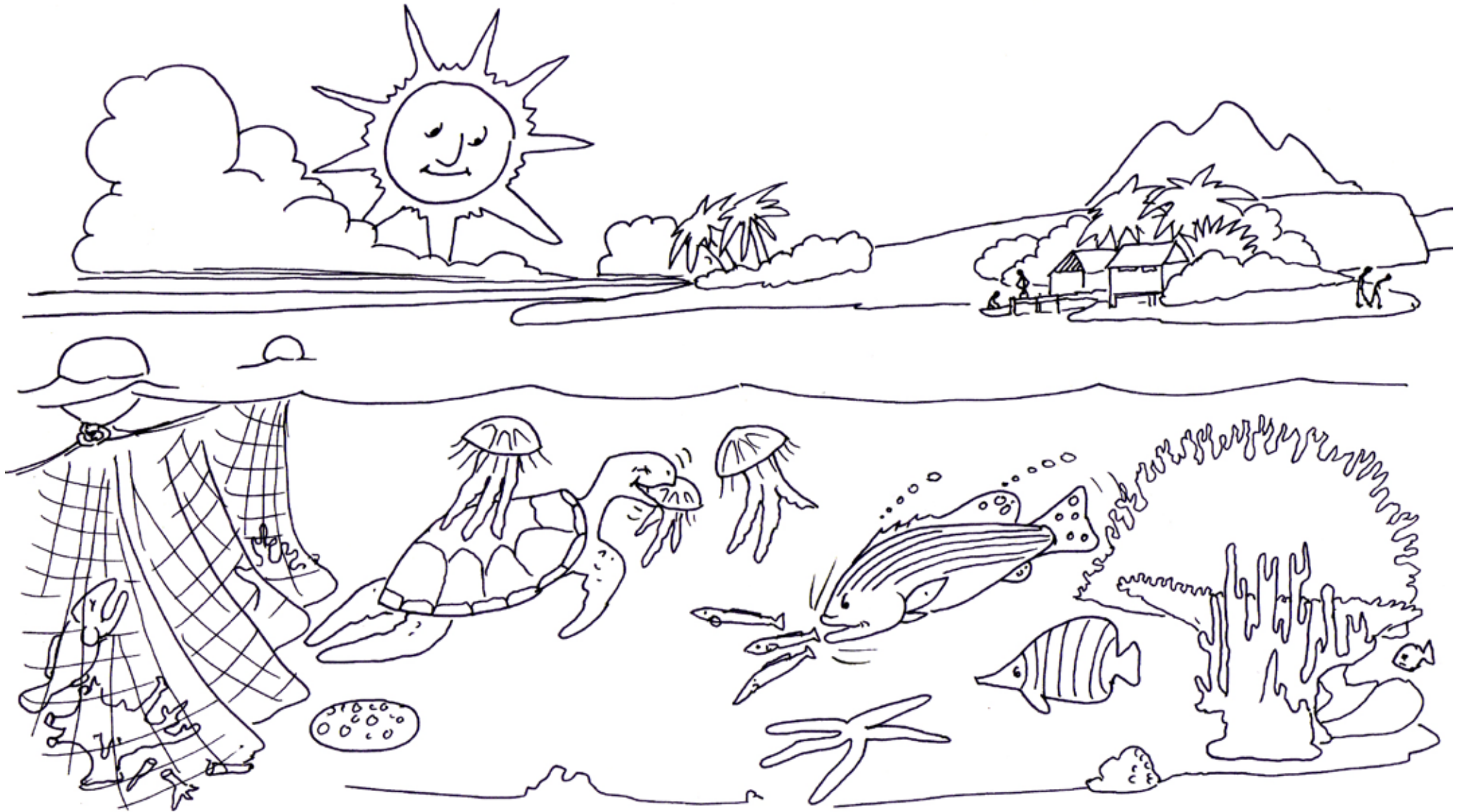
Hooray, the fish bombers are arrested! They will be sent away and fined, but this doesn't make up for the mess they have left behind.



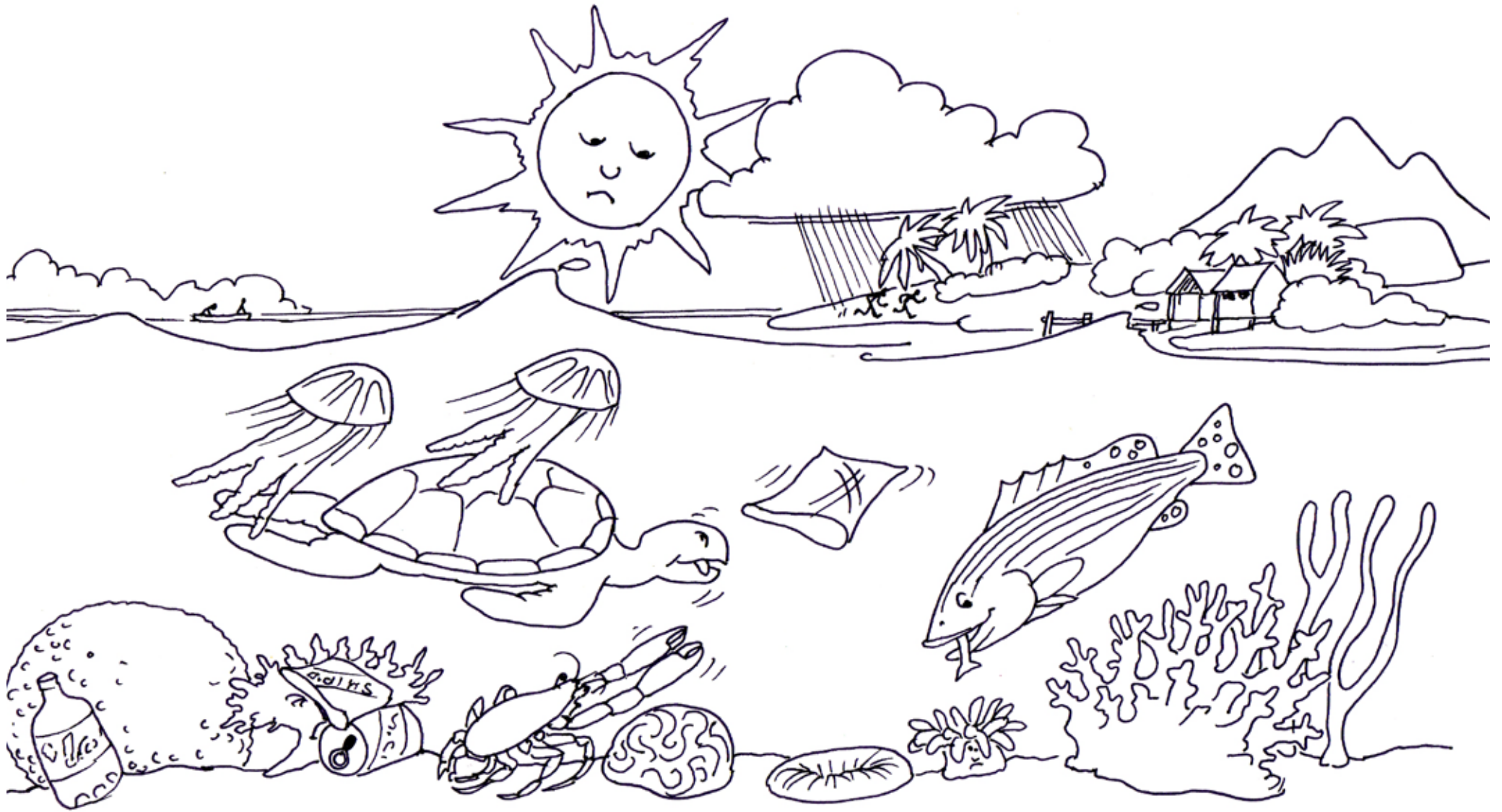
Sammy and Tina can't stay here any more. Their home is all smashed up and their friends killed.



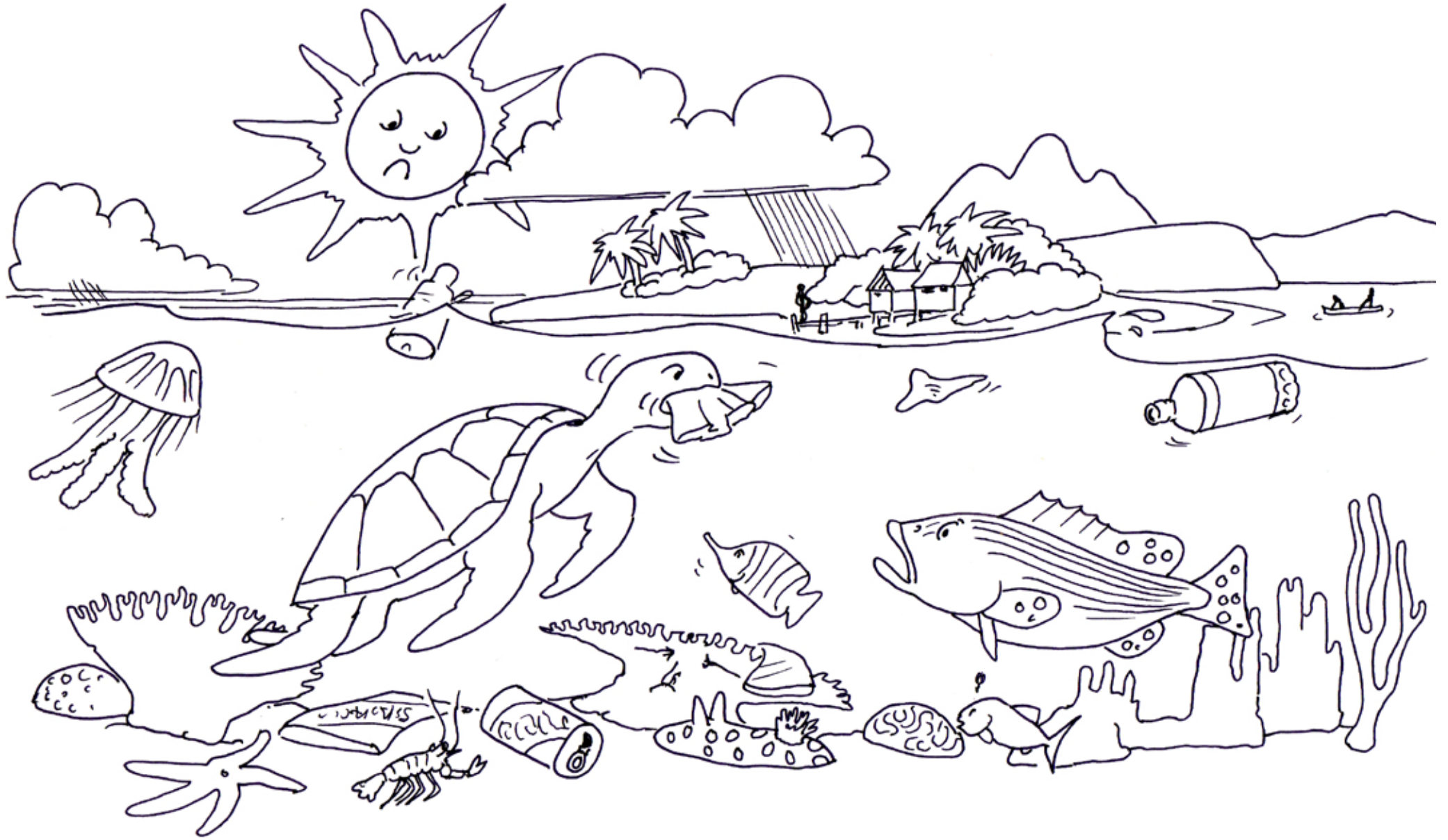
They go off to look for a better place to live, but come face-to-face with a big net. Everything is being caught so they must take another route.



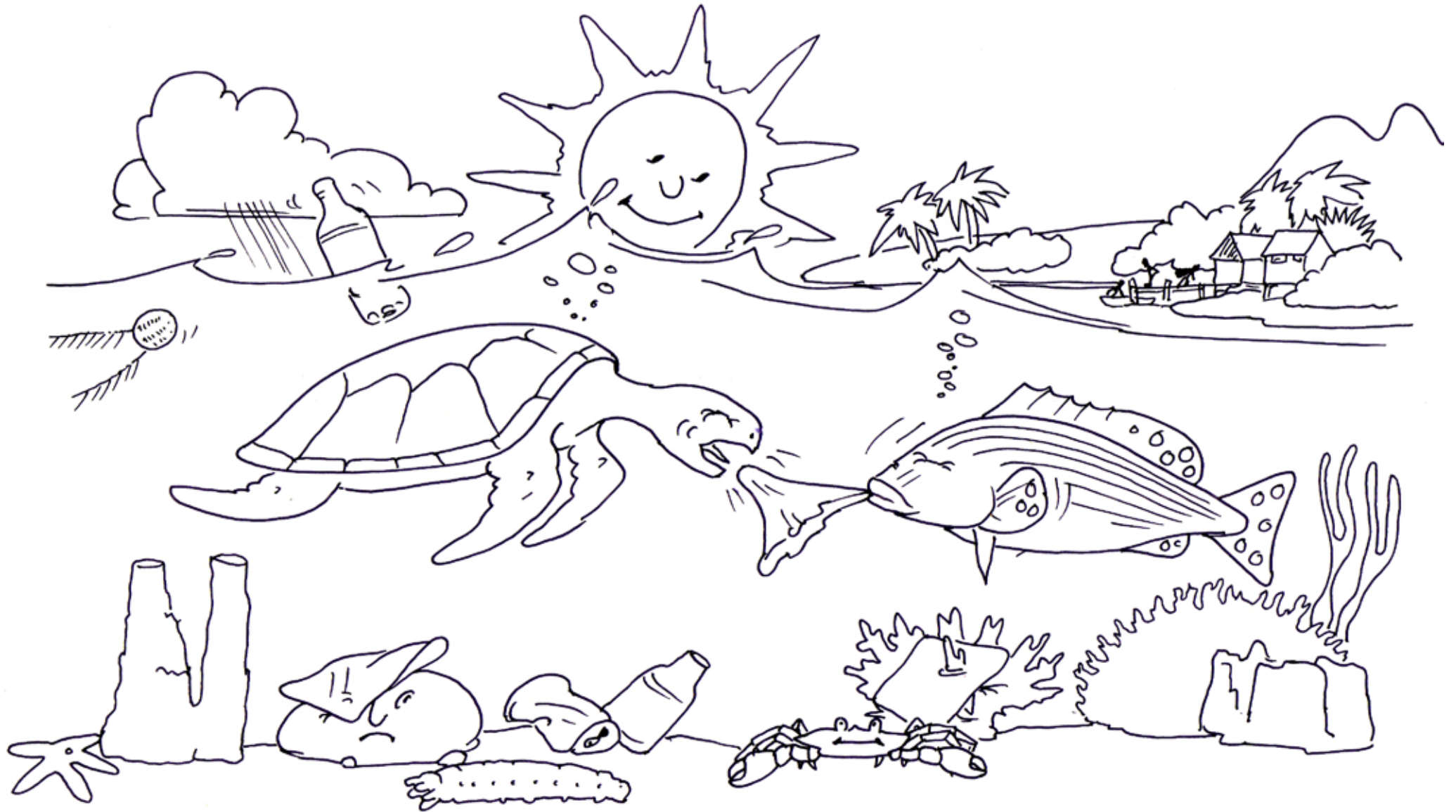
They keep clear of the net and at last find some food. They are hungry after all that swimming and the jellyfish and fish snacks go down well!



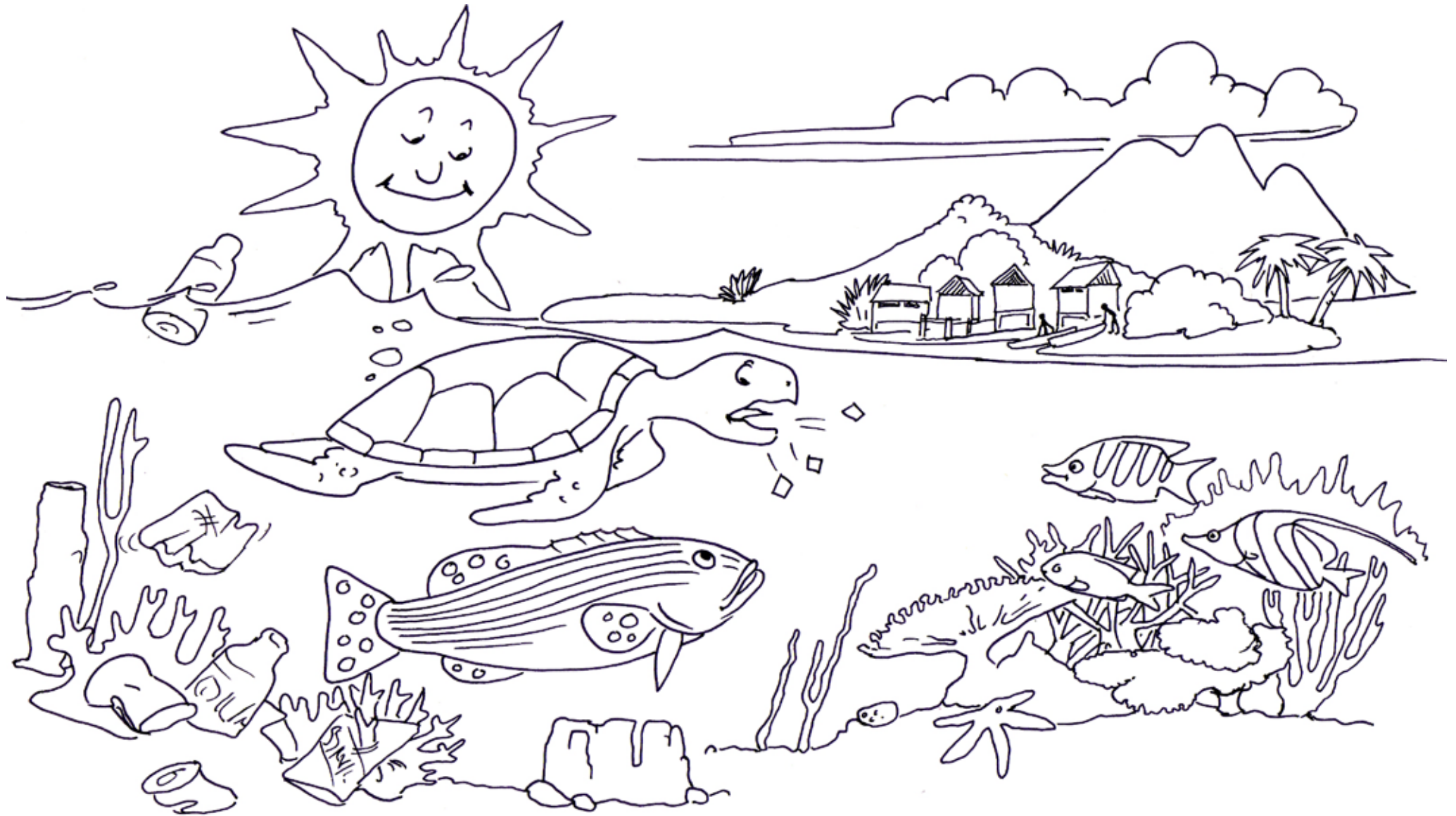
As Sammy swallows his fishy dinner, Tina spots another tasty treat. But is it really what she thinks it is?



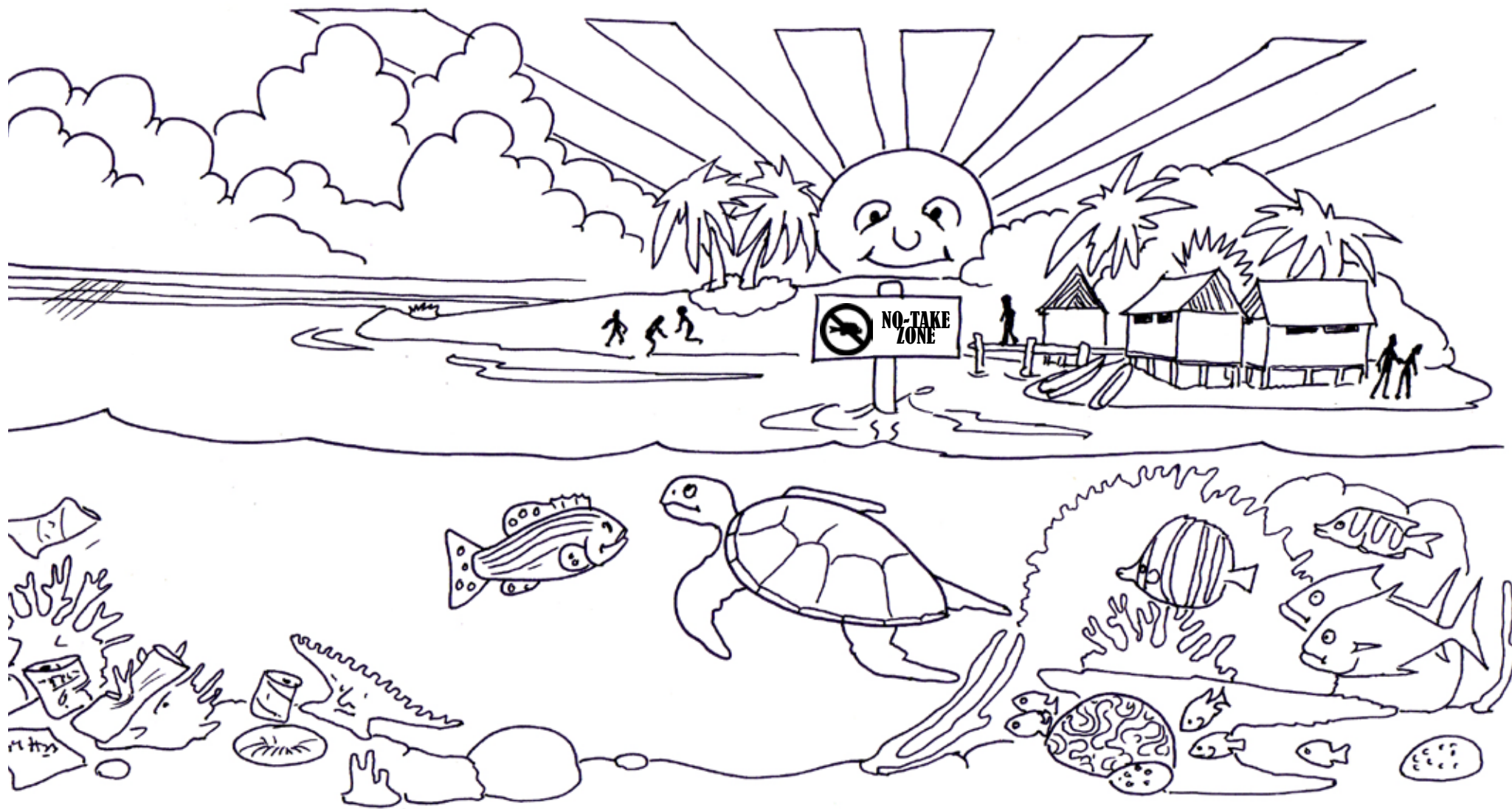
A deadly plastic bag is about to get stuck in Tina's throat! Can Sammy save her?



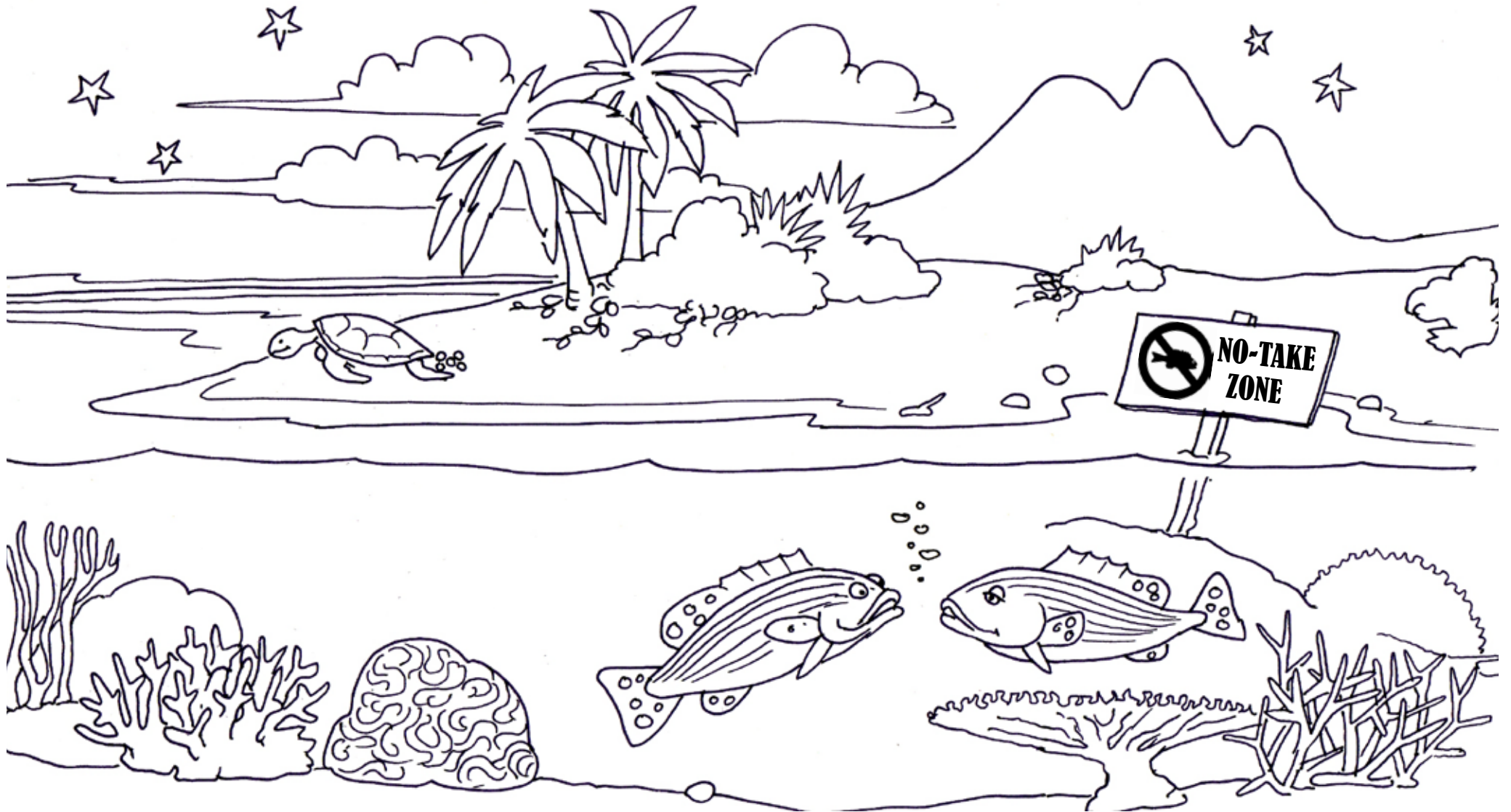
Just in time, Sammy does it! He pulls the bag from Tina's mouth!



That was close! Thank goodness for friends! Sammy and Tina agree its time to find a safer home.



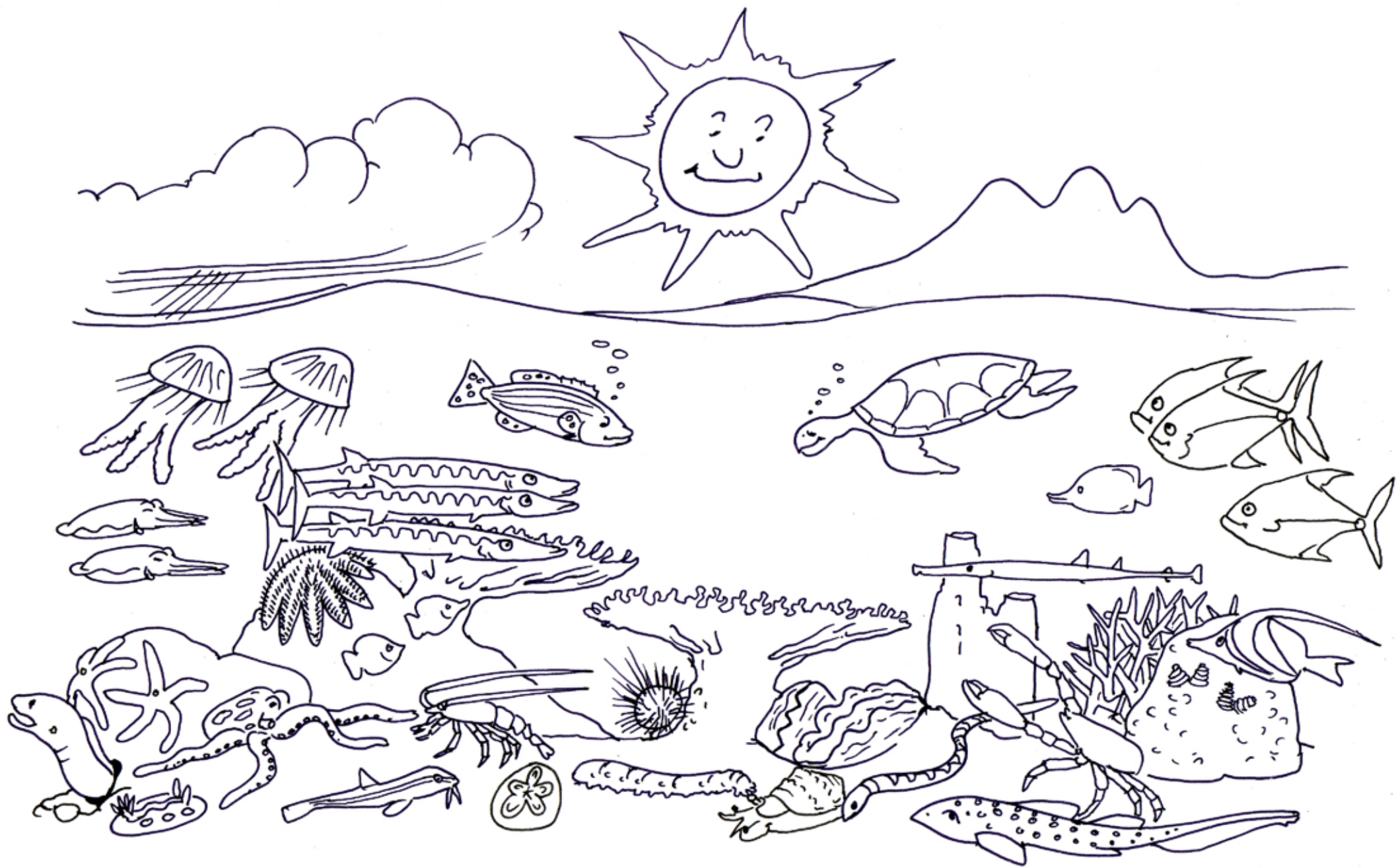
Leaving the rubbish behind they head for a place where they will be out of danger - a protected 'no-fishing' reef in the Marine Park.



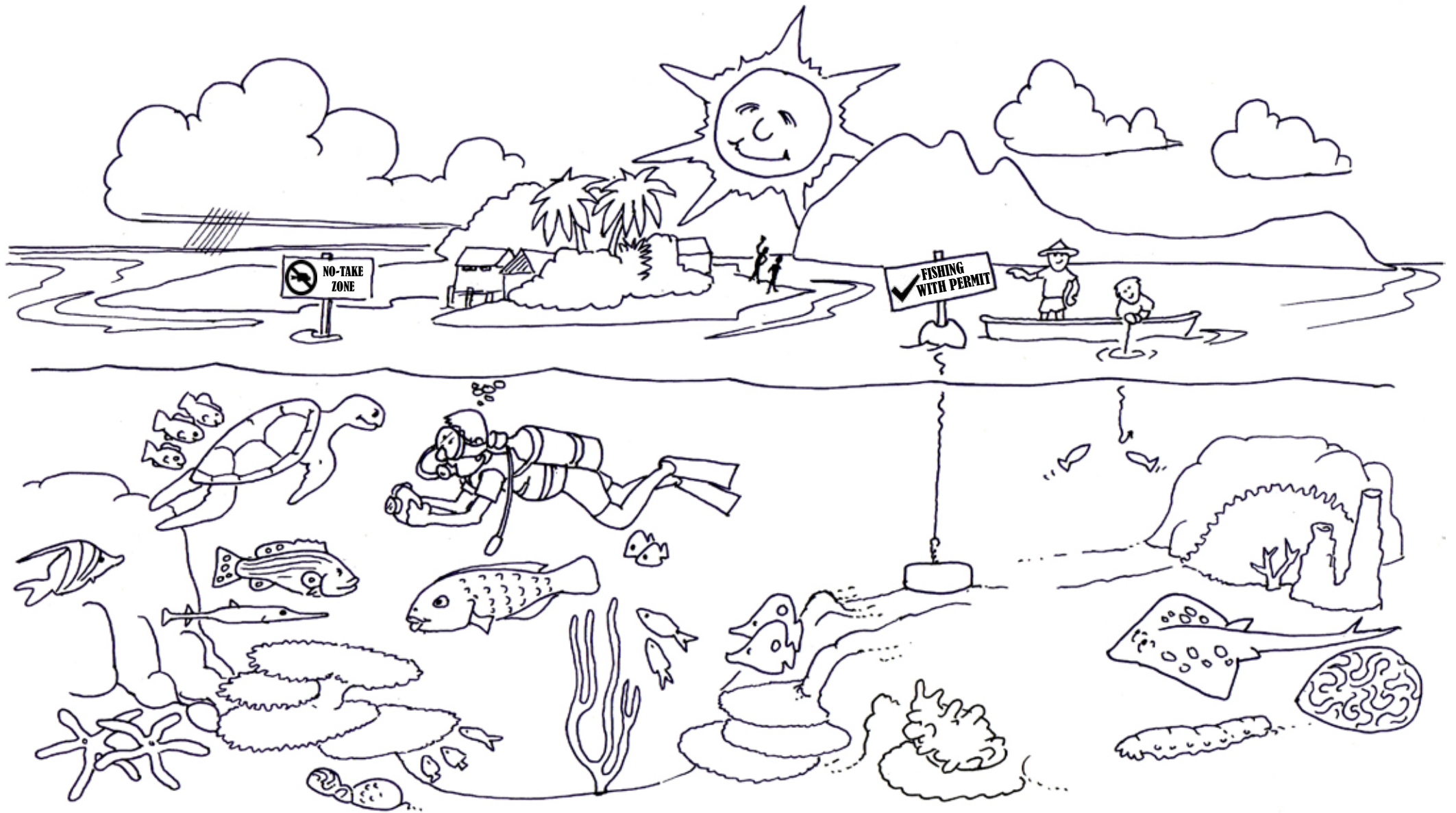
What luck! There's a lovely lady sweetlips waiting for Sammy and a safe sandy beach where Tina can lay her eggs!



This is a great place to bring up a family! If we all help to protect the reef there will be more fish and that's good for everyone.



There are lots of other coral reef animals here too. How many can you spot?



Divers love to come to this place! Soon there are so many fish in the protected area that some of them move out - and that makes the fishermen happy too!