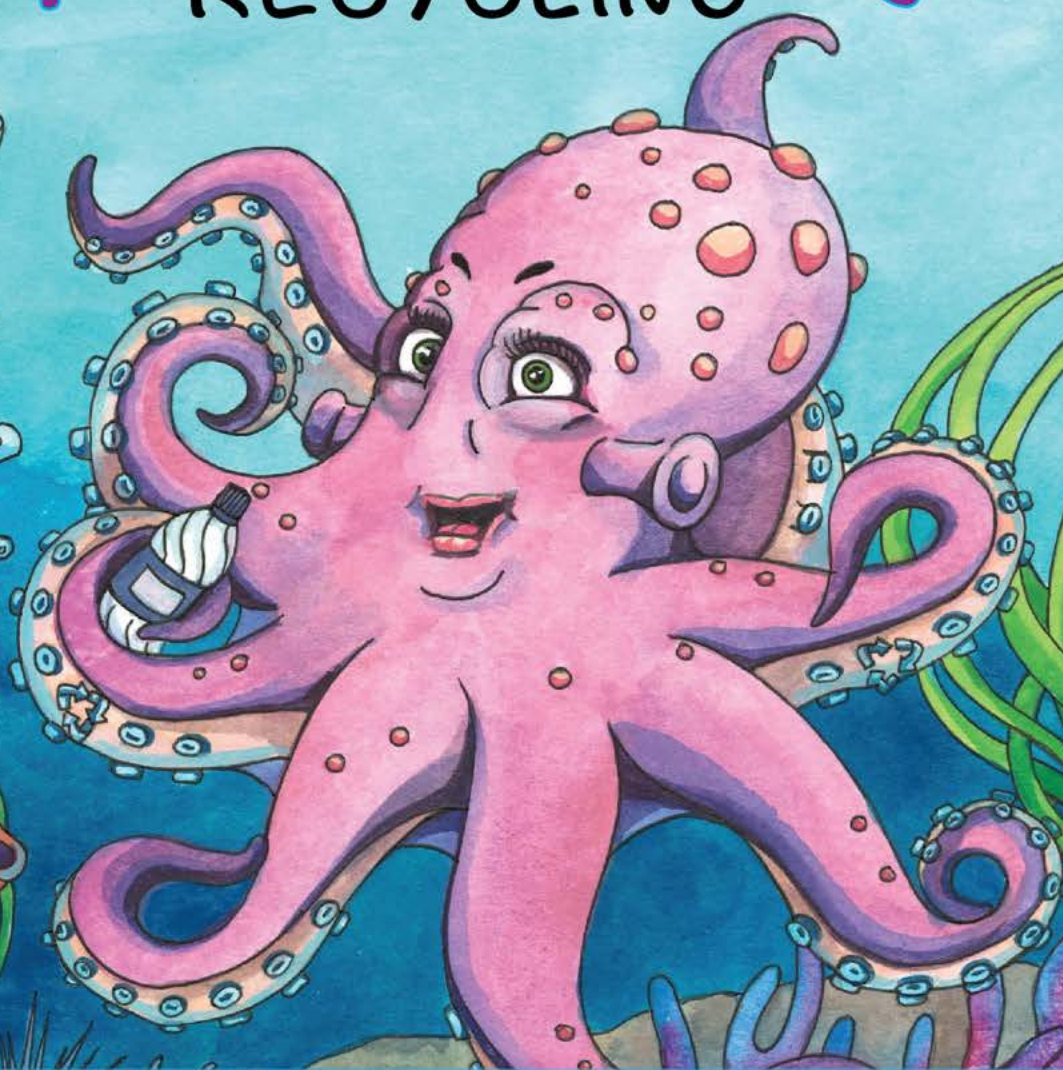
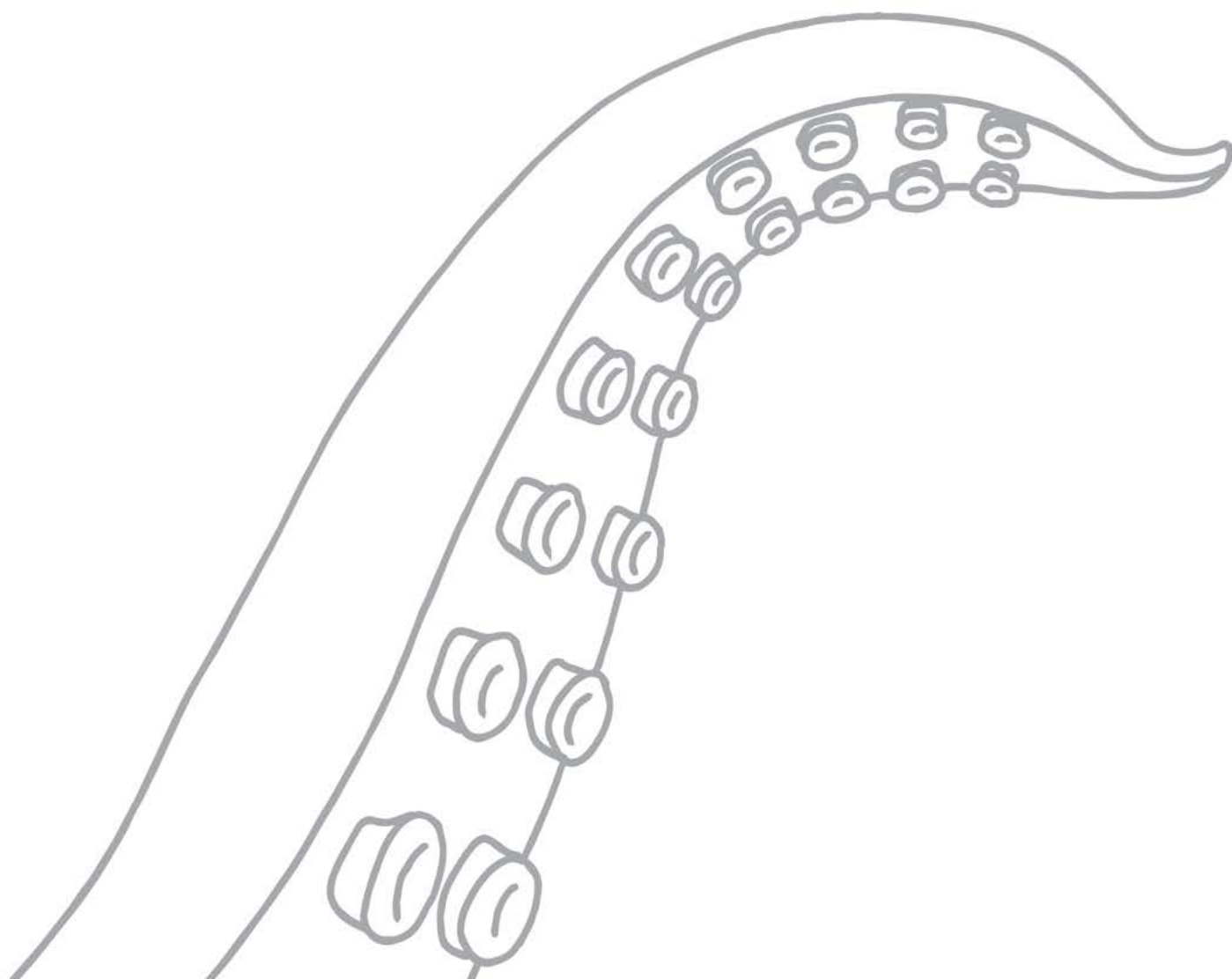


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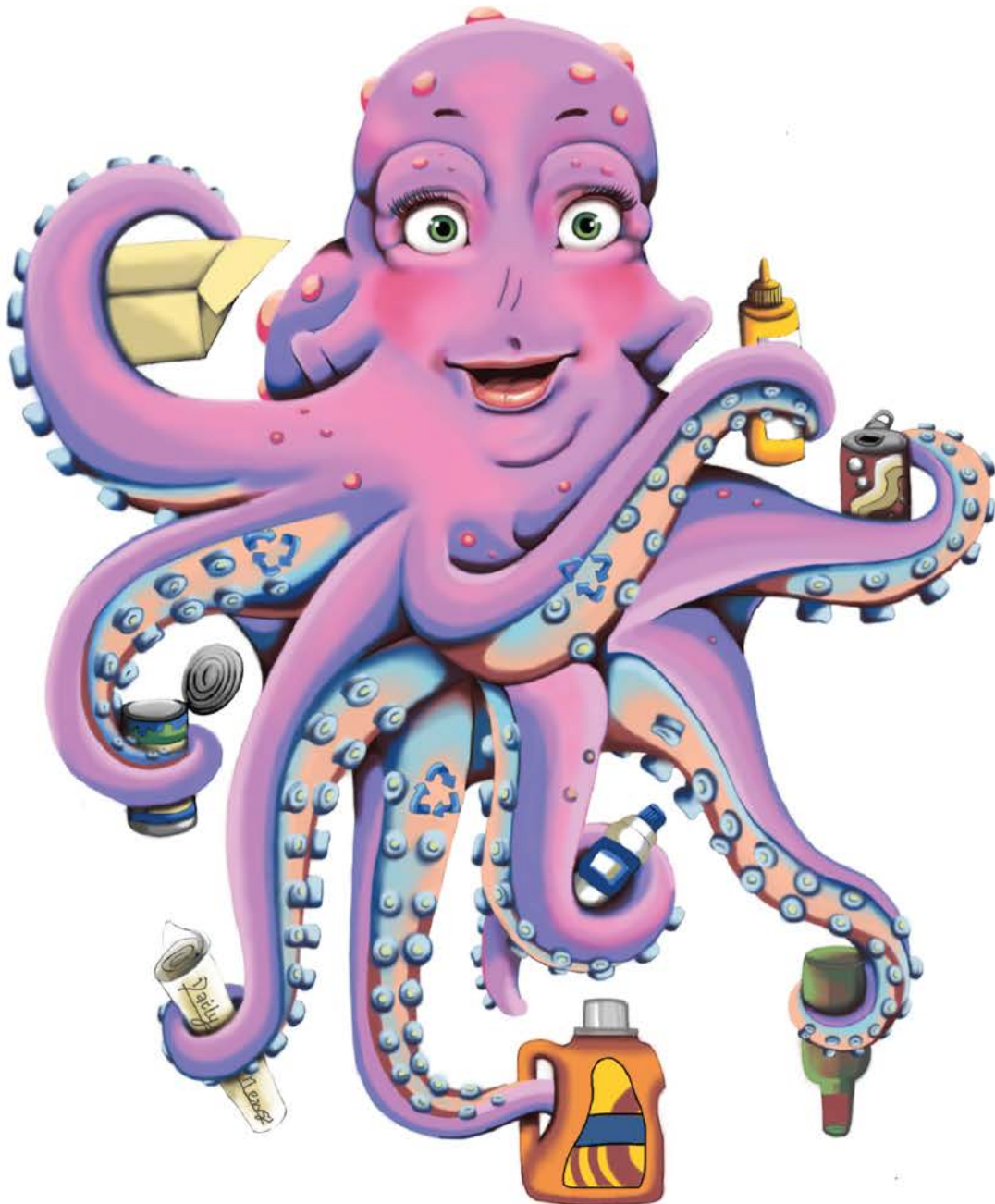


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# Culver City's Recycling Octopus



**Hi!**


**I'm Olive, and I love to**

**Recycle Right.**

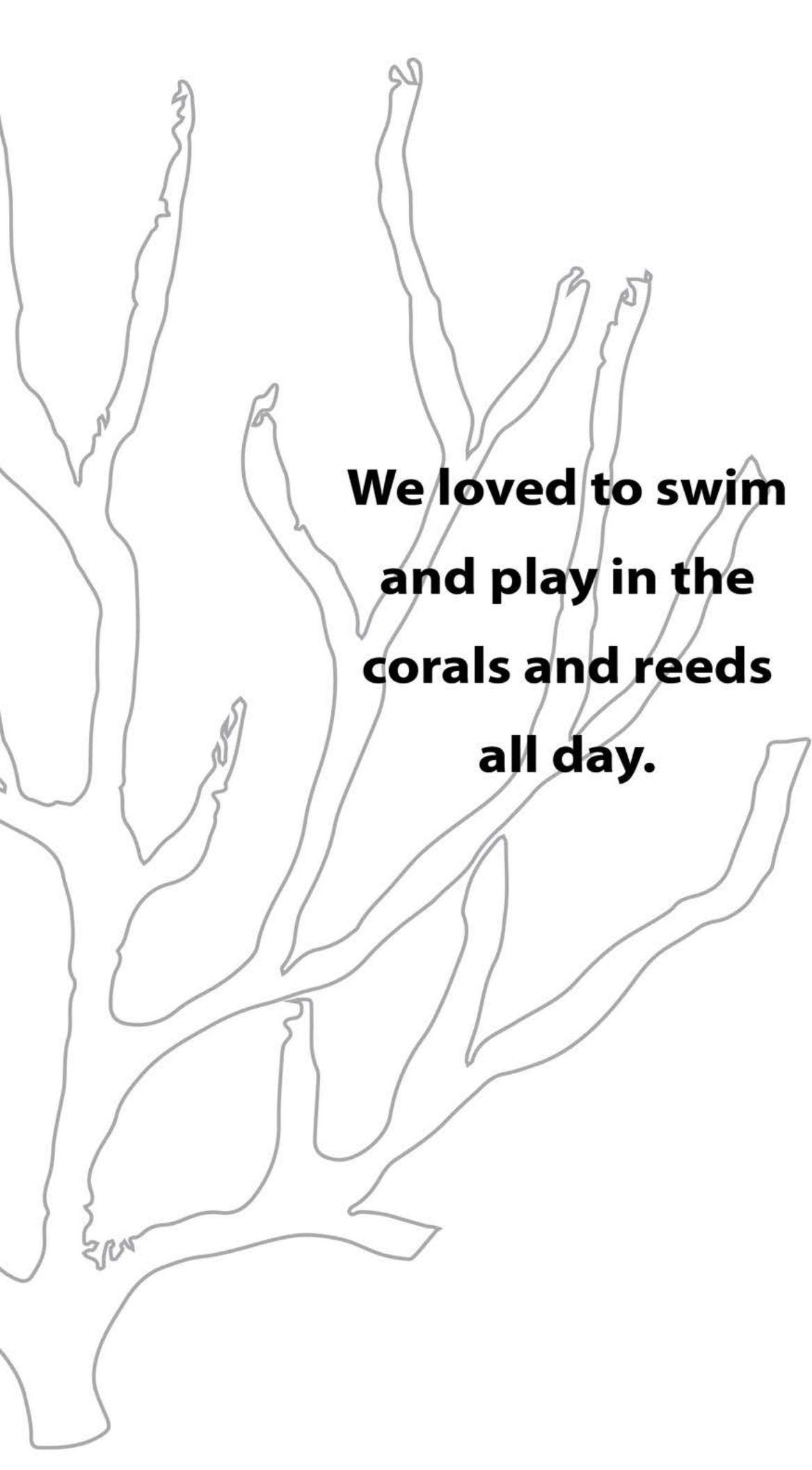
**Follow me on my journey:**

**Learning how to Recycle Right,**

**Just like me.**



**When I was very young,  
I lived with my family  
and friends  
in a beautiful reef  
on the ocean floor.**



**We loved to swim  
and play in the  
corals and reeds  
all day.**

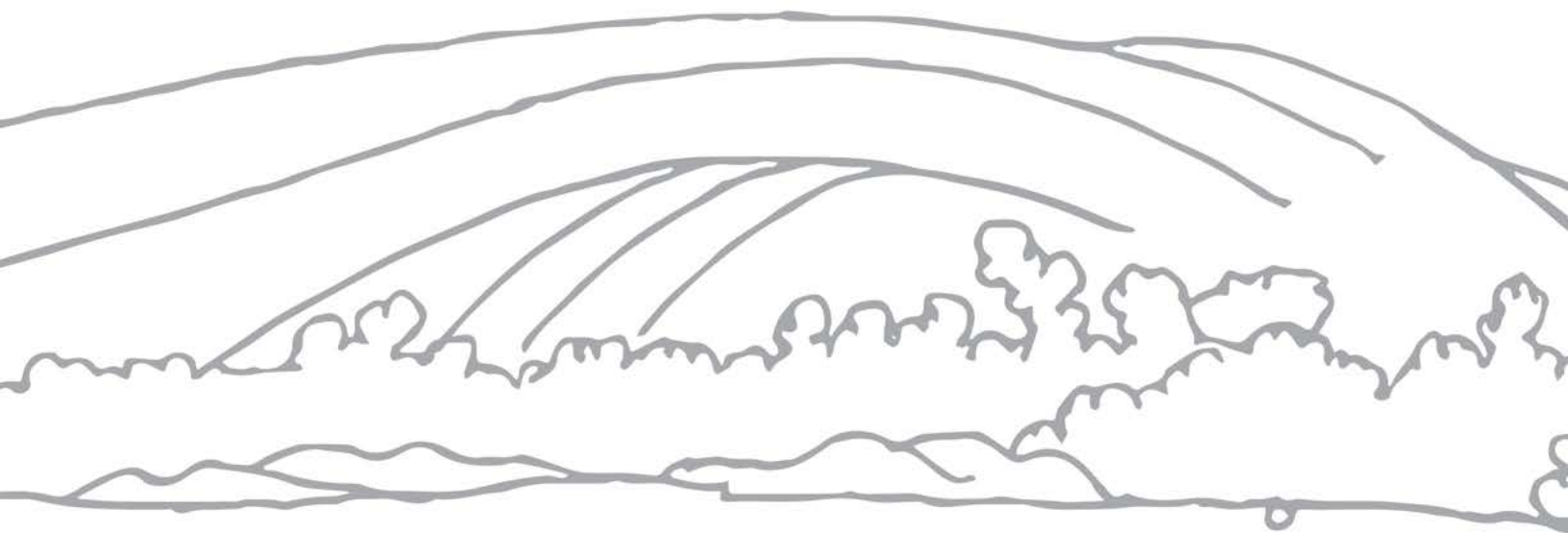






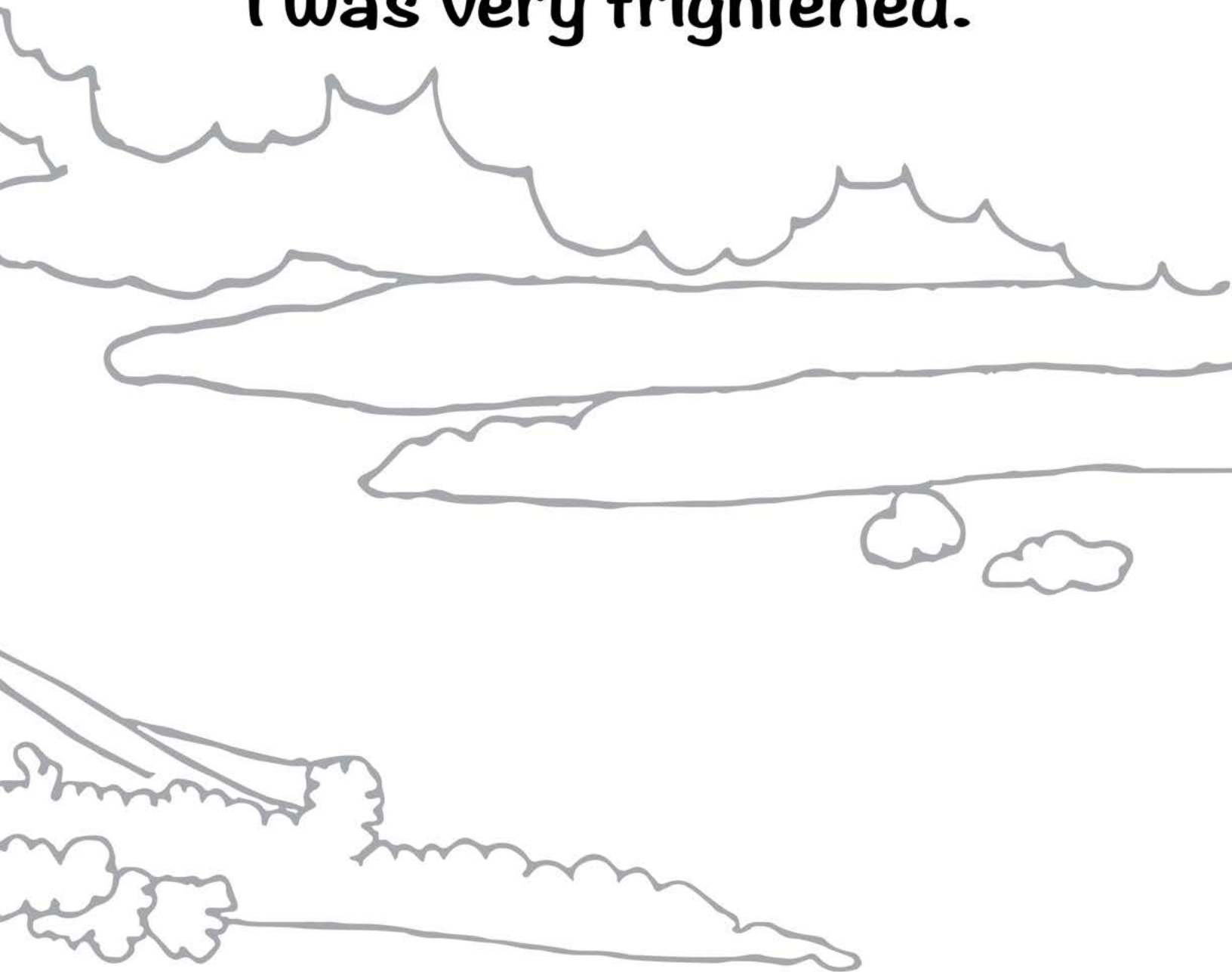


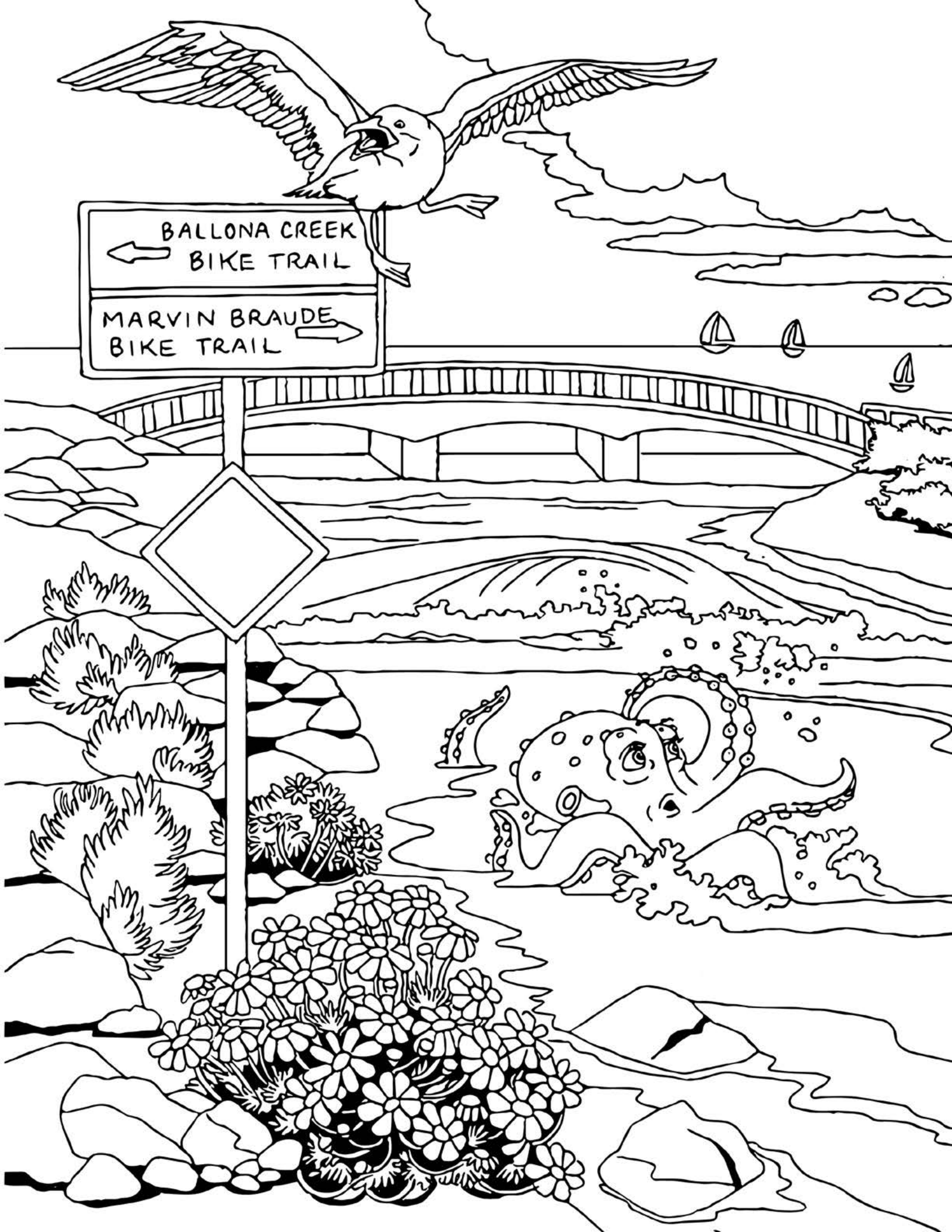
**One day, a rain storm made the  
ocean waves very large.  
So large that I was pulled away  
from my friends, my family  
and my home.**



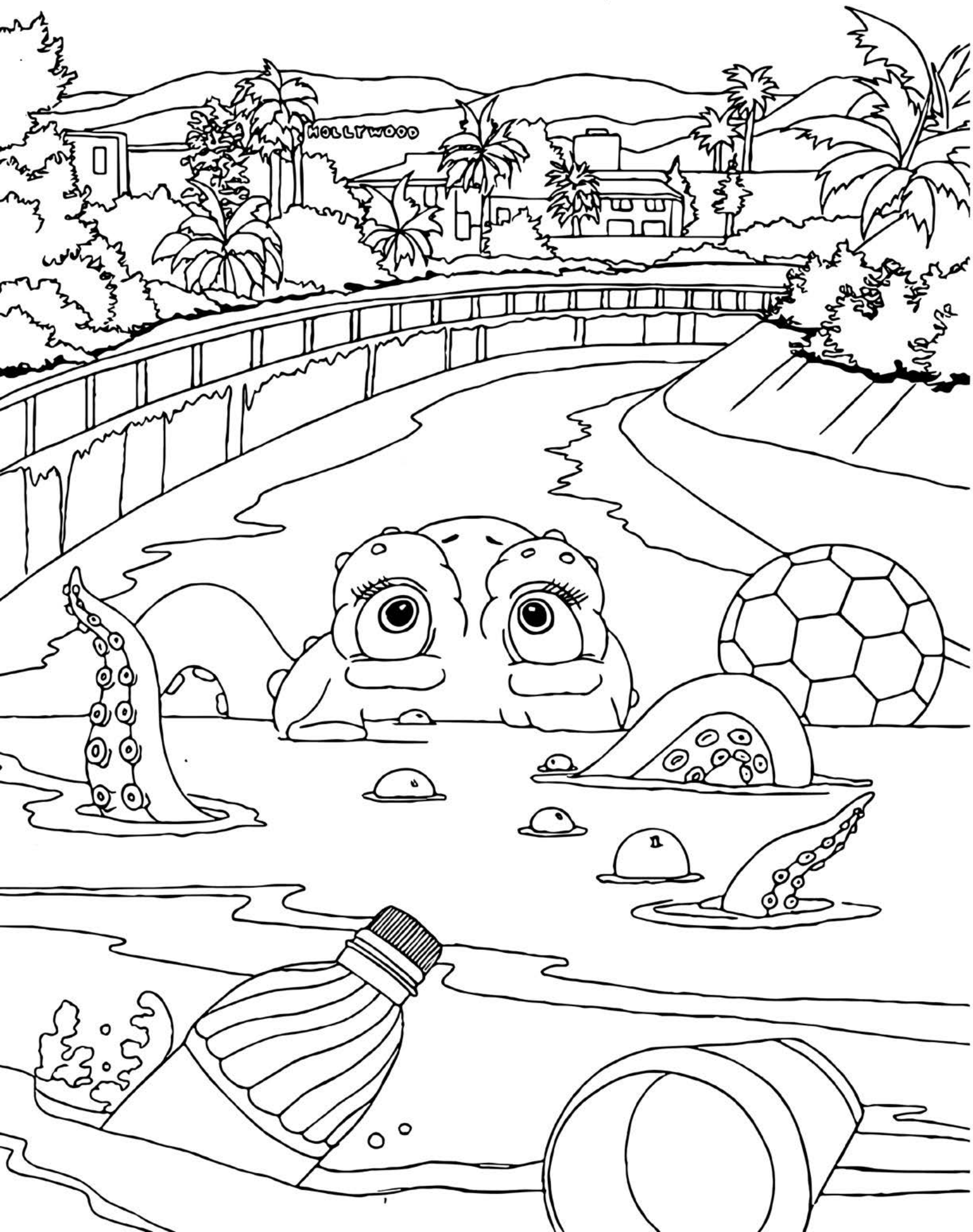
**The waves pushed me up a creek  
to a place I did not know.**

**I was very frightened.**









**When the rain finally stopped,  
I saw a big rainbow.**

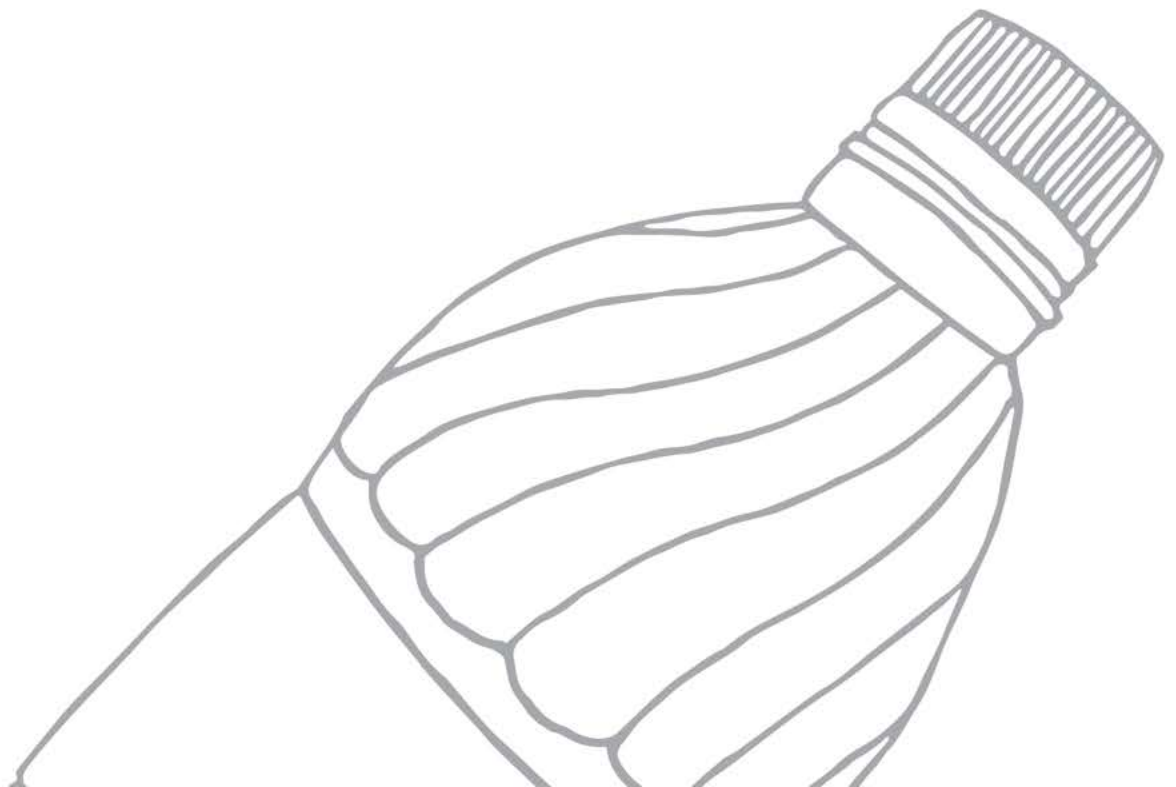
**And, I met new friends:  
Rockie the Raccoon  
and her children.**

**They were picking up plastic  
bottles, soda cans and Styrofoam.**

**I wondered what they were  
doing?**

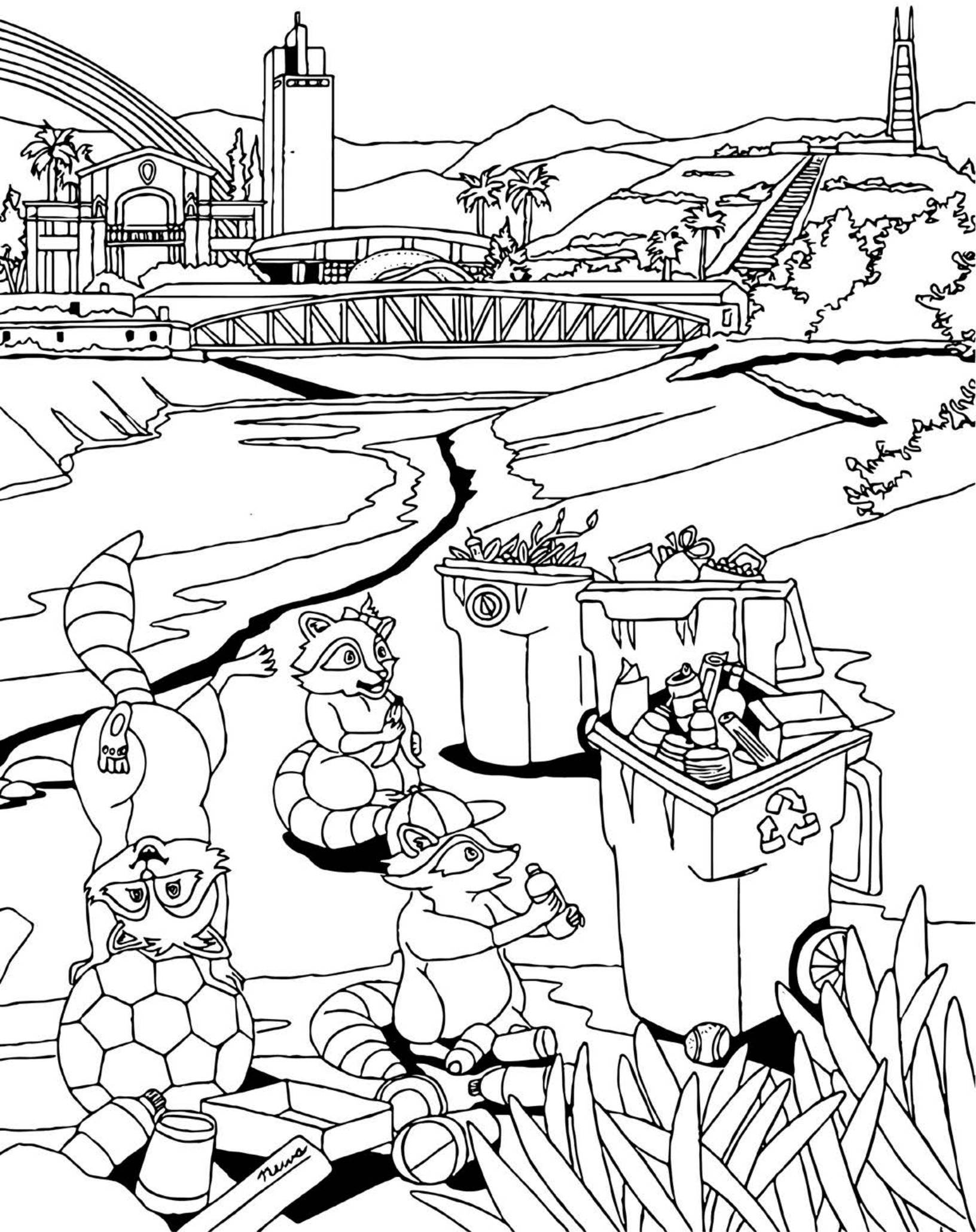
**Rockie told me they were  
cleaning up Ballona Creek.**

**This is where they live in  
Culver City, California.**









**Rockie and her family showed me  
that plastic bottles, soda cans,  
cardboard and dry paper should  
all go in the **BLUE** Recycle Can.**





**But, trash like Styrofoam, straws,  
potato chip bags must go into the  
BLACK Trash Can because they  
cannot be recycled.**



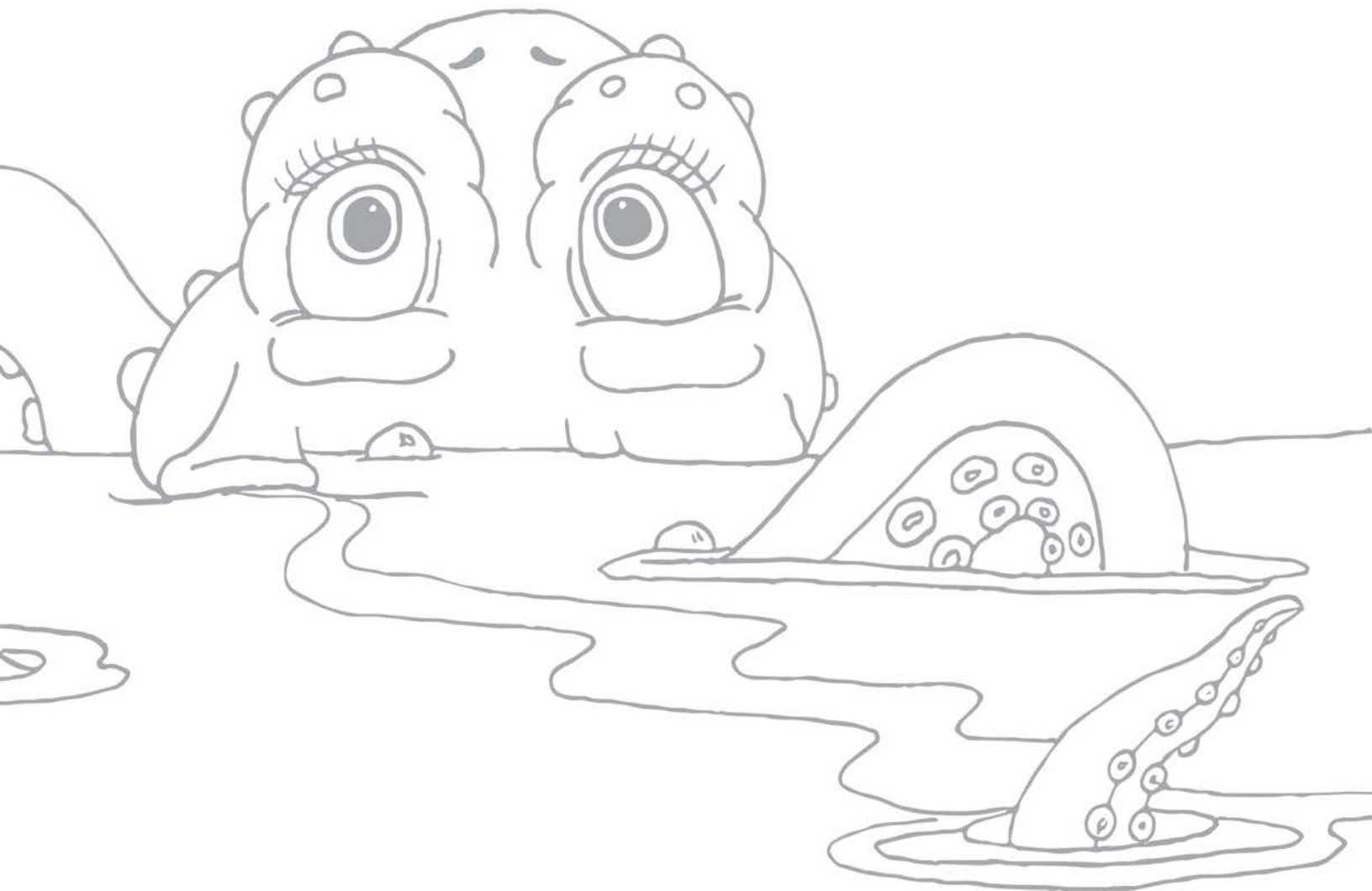
**I liked cleaning up Ballona Creek  
with my new friends, but I missed  
my family.**

**As I was sorting the recyclables,  
the water in the creek started to  
rise higher and higher.**



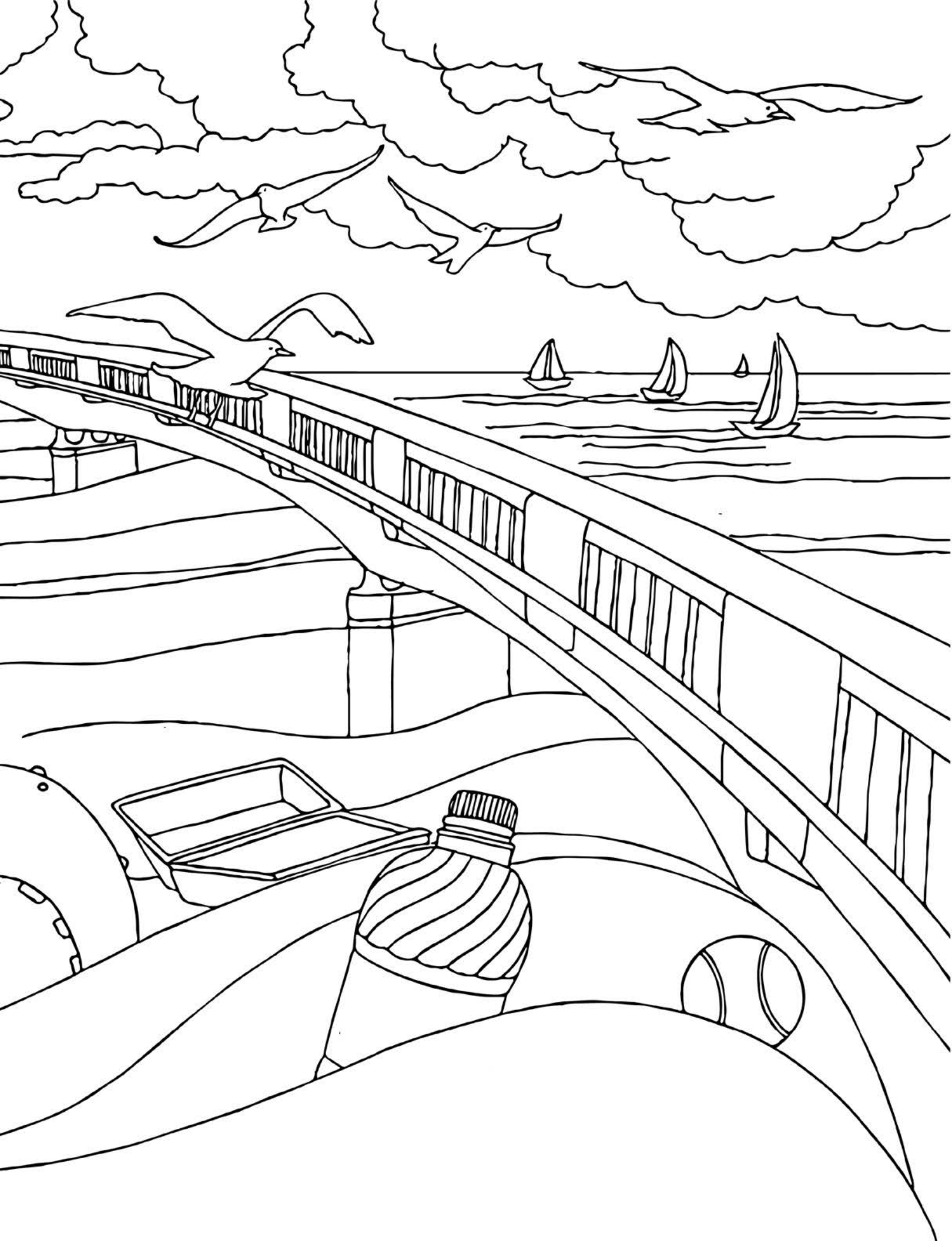
**The water began to flow  
faster and faster.**

**The water tossed me around and around  
as I kept swimming  
and swimming.**



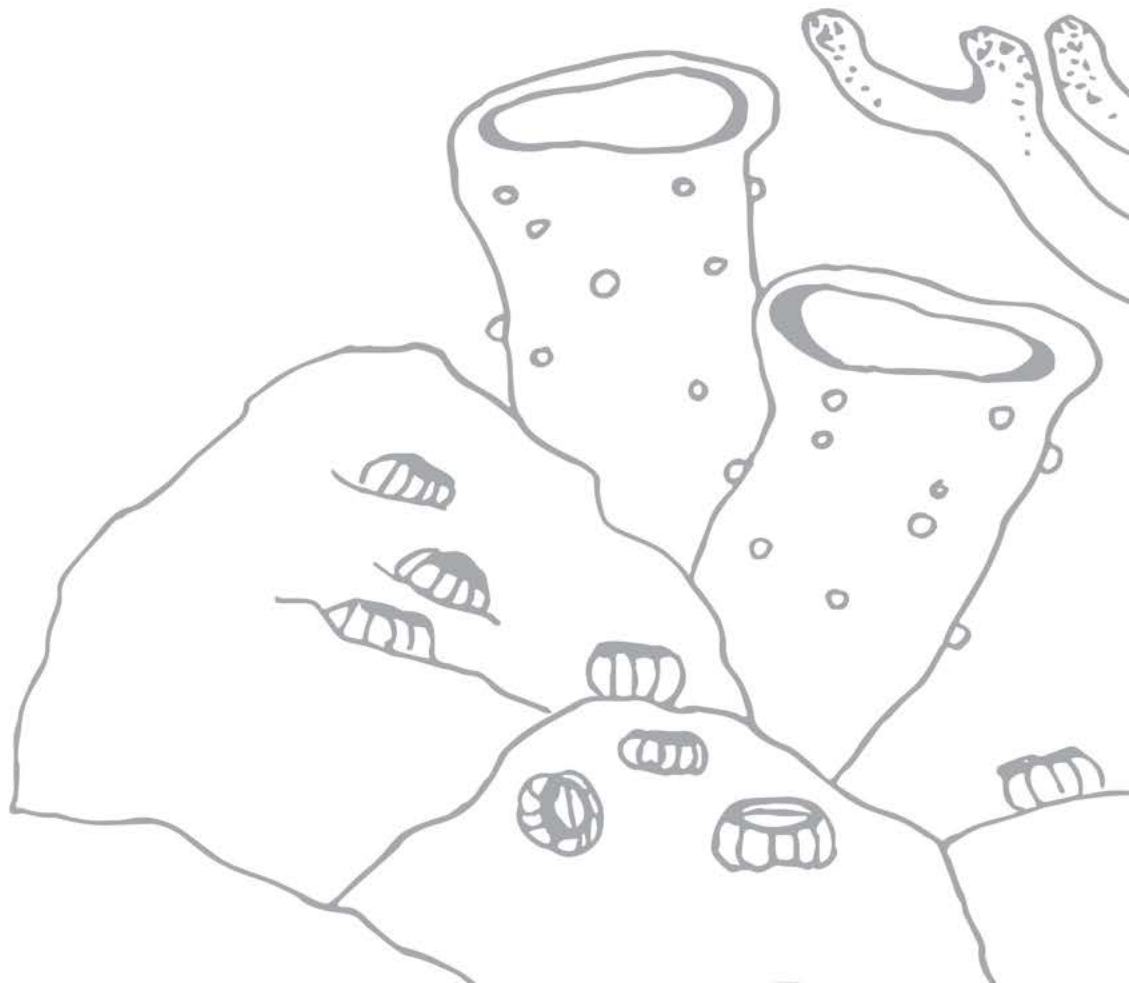






**When it was all over, I found  
myself back at home with my  
family and friends.**

**I told them about the raccoon  
family.**



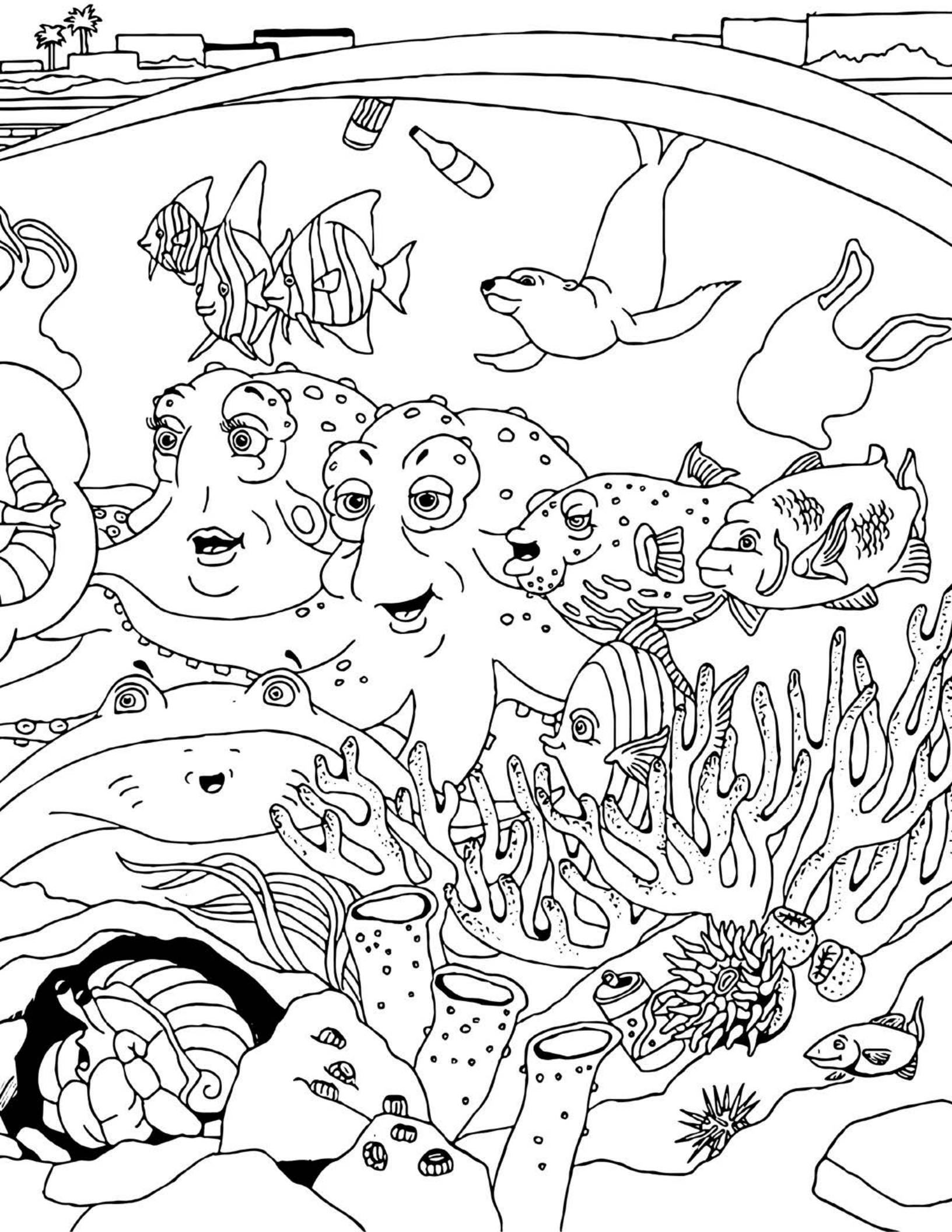


**I explained that I helped  
to clean up Ballona Creek in Culver City.**

**My family and friends wanted to  
learn how to clean up the reef  
where we lived.**









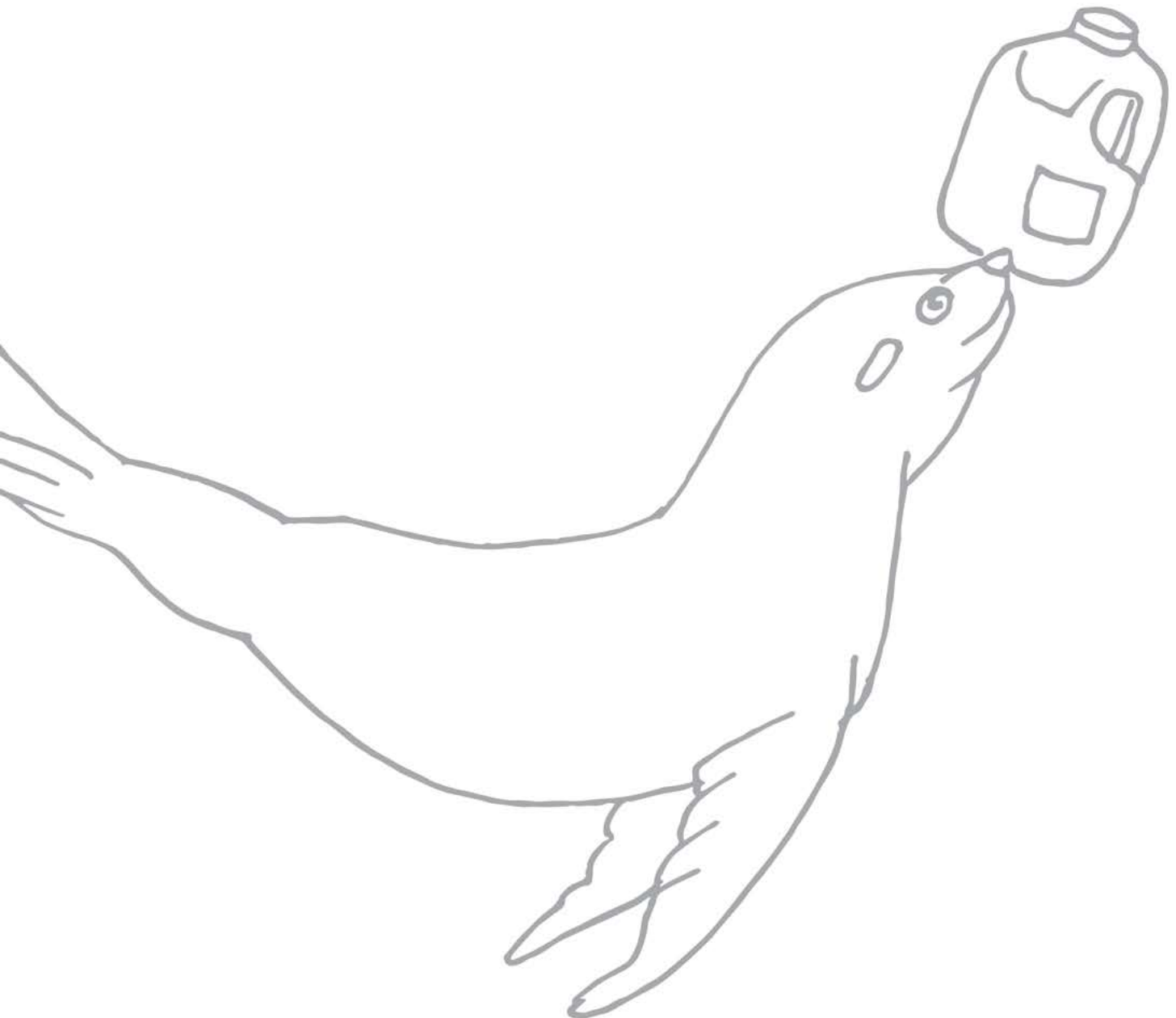
**I showed them how to recycle the  
materials we found on the ocean  
floor.**

**Everyone worked very hard to  
clean up our reef.**



**We were very happy to learn  
how to *Recycle Right!***

**We will do this every day.**









**For more information on  
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[www.culvercity.org/recycle](http://www.culvercity.org/recycle)**









**THIS BOOK WAS CREATED by the Public Works and Environmental Programs and Operations Division to raise awareness about recycling. It is important to RECYCLE RIGHT.**

**Recycling Right reduces garbage that is sent to a landfill. When items go to a landfill, they can take hundreds of years to break down.**

**Whereas, if recyclable items such as paper, plastic or aluminum are recycled, they can be made into a new product, hence saving natural resources and landfill space. Just remember to recycle right because contamination (i.e. items that are not recyclable such as Styrofoam or food) can ruin clean recyclable materials.**

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