


The Adventures of Nea and Mayziah



A non-profit Coloring  Activity Booklet filled with a bit of lore, magic, and whimsy!



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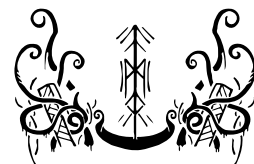
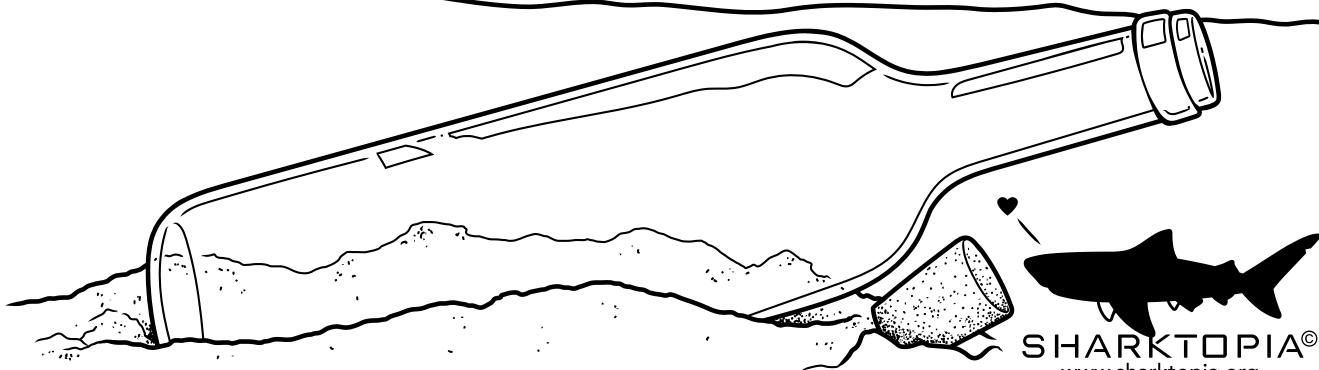


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Greetings sea friend from beyond the tide,

Be you near oceans, lakes, or by the rivers side.
We send you love and warmth from the depths down below,
As well as plenty of goodies we eagerly await to show.
We hope you enjoy our tales as they are wild and fun,
Bringing you whimsy and magic before the day is done.
The power of belief is mighty like a seahorse,
And the Belief in yourself will land you on the right course.
To teach you these lessons, there be none better than us,
In discovering this letter you've already gained our trust.
But who, you may wonder, who from the sea calls and yells,
And you are right dear reader so allow us to introduce ourselves.
Up first we have Alayziah, the mermaid with the special tail,
She's known for her lovely voice, so listen hard when you next set sail.
Her small octopus friend named Squig is always at her side,
He can grow massive or shrink small, so that he always has a place to hide.
Up next, well there's Zee, and he's got an exciting adventure indeed,
He's known all around the oceans for riding his wild water steed.
He protects and cares for them and loves to do it, it's true,
Maybe the next time you come visit us he'll teach you to ride too.

Now you know us well and you know about the magic that's in the deep,
You know of Zee's untamed soul, and Alayziah's songs to hear in your sleep.
So let's now tell you what to do with all of what you're soon to find,
For in these pages we have many gifts that are sure to expand your mind.
In these pages you'll find us, and all kinds of things we like,
To color and cut out to use, to decorate, day or night.
Carefully trim out and pose us, together or apart is fine,
Color us and our items as you wish, enjoy this, take your time.
Let your imagination run free, and your hope expand beyond with glee,
Let your belief become strong again, in the merfolk of the sea.

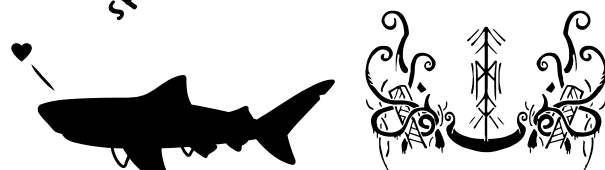


MERMAID
ALAYZIAH HERE
and I'm so excited to meet you!

As a mermaid I spend most of my time swimming around in local lakes and rivers. The creatures might be a little different from those in the ocean but they are just as special. Nature is a huge part of my inspiration especially in the songs I sing as a human. I believe deep in my heart that we must protect this beautiful planet we call home, and I hope that you'll agree.

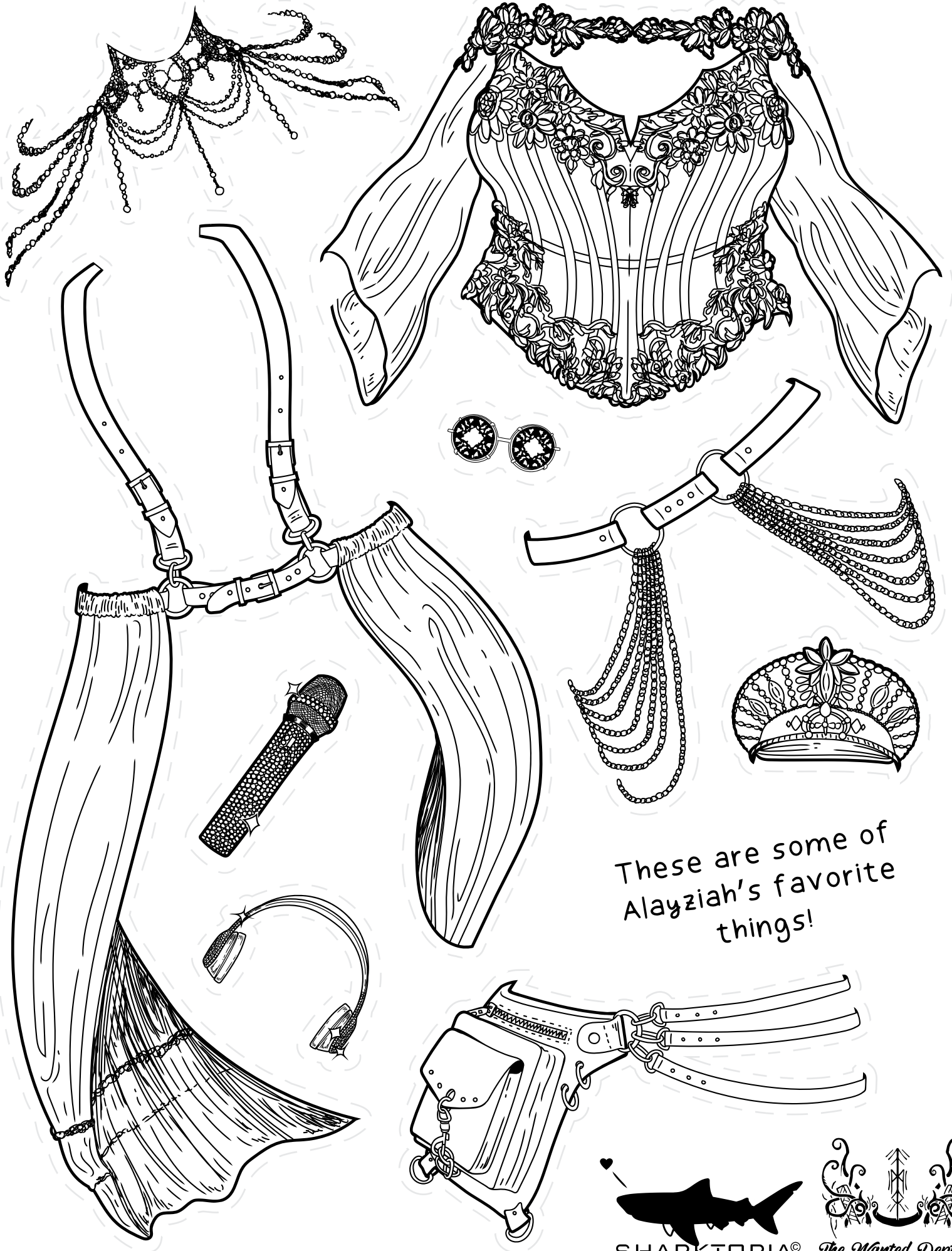
There is so much about the water that I love, and being a mermaid is just part of the fun. My favorite part about being a mermaid is being able to express who I am, skeleton tail, colorful hair and all. It's super important to me that you remember to express yourself no matter who is watching. Being your most authentic self is really powerful, and I couldn't ask for anything more than someone brave enough to share this journey with me.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL AND OK TO BE DIFFERENT. EMBRACING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EACH ONE OF US IS WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL. AFTER ALL, I THINK YOU'RE PRETTY UNIQUE AND MERFOLK NEVER LIE.



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These are some of Alayziah's favorite things!

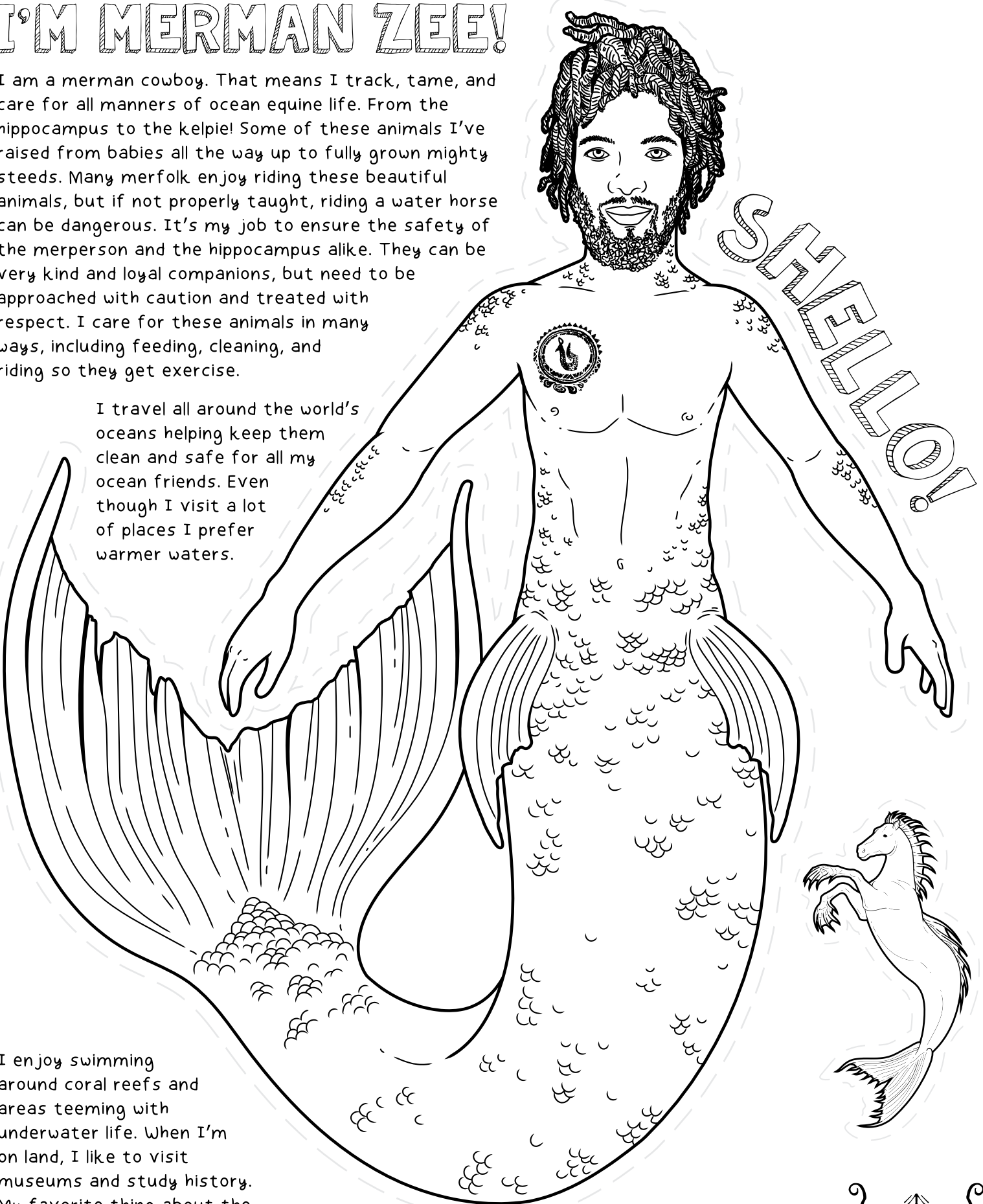
I'M MERMAN ZEE!

I am a merman cowboy. That means I track, tame, and care for all manners of ocean equine life. From the hippocampus to the kelpie! Some of these animals I've raised from babies all the way up to fully grown mighty steeds. Many merfolk enjoy riding these beautiful animals, but if not properly taught, riding a water horse can be dangerous. It's my job to ensure the safety of the merperson and the hippocampus alike. They can be very kind and loyal companions, but need to be approached with caution and treated with respect. I care for these animals in many ways, including feeding, cleaning, and riding so they get exercise.

I travel all around the world's oceans helping keep them clean and safe for all my ocean friends. Even though I visit a lot of places I prefer warmer waters.

I enjoy swimming around coral reefs and areas teeming with underwater life. When I'm on land, I like to visit museums and study history. My favorite thing about the ocean is how vast and open it is, making the possibilities of magic and wonder endless.

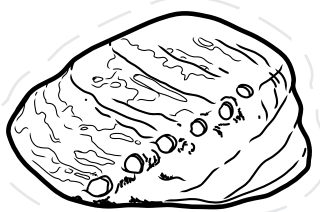
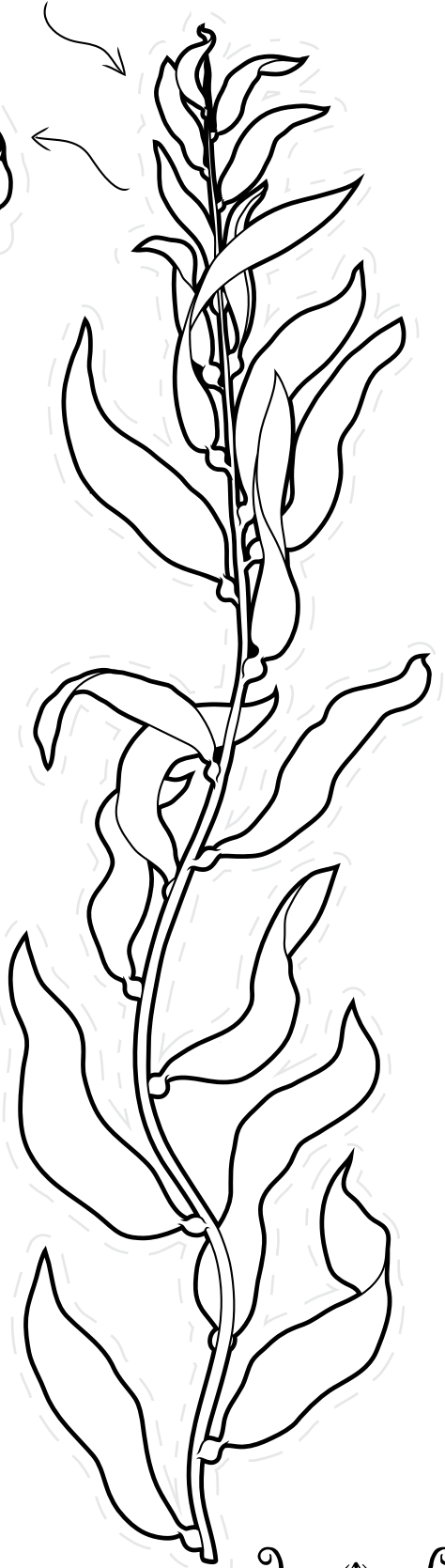
SHELLLO!



Zee harvests the blades and stipes from the kelp stocks to craft his ropes for wrangling Hippocampi. This natural resource provides a safe and sturdy material that's perfect for hanging on during intense rides.

Zee's necklace exists outside of this booklet as well! The original necklace was custom-made and hand-crafted by Jurassic Merman Productions www.jurassicmerman.com

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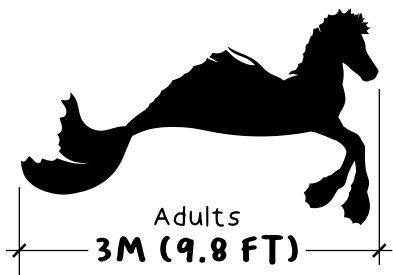
HIPPOCAMPUS ALTANTIKOS

Found in the Atlantic Ocean

Classified into two distinct breeds;
the northern and southern variant

They travel in large herds of
25-35 individuals

Diet: Sea grass,
fish, and
crustaceans



Hippocampus are agile swimmers.
Their dorsal fin assists with rapid
turns and quick movements
in the water.

They reach sexual maturity at
around **3-4** years though breeding
appears to be very selective

Females tend
to rear their
foals between the
Epipelagic and
Mesopelagic ocean
zones

Large fluke used to propel the animal forward
at tremendous speeds. Can reach **60-65** mph!

Close relation in appearance to land horses

Males are very
territorial and
will make
broad and
powerful
displays to
ward off
predators

Can be skittish and defensive around humans. These animals
are not to be approached out in the wild due to risk of injury.



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Here are a few 'background items'
for your masterpiece! You can always
create your own as well!

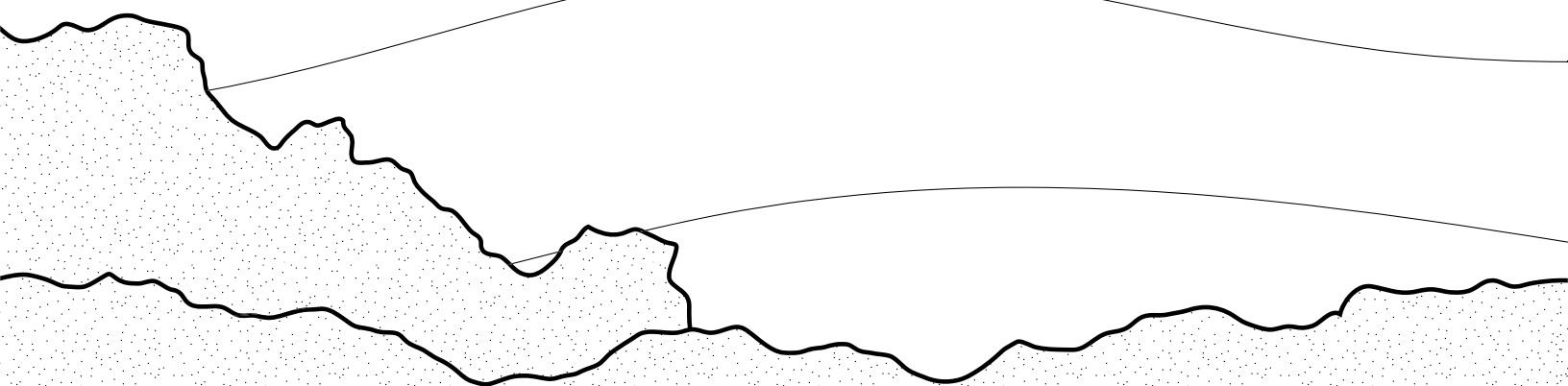
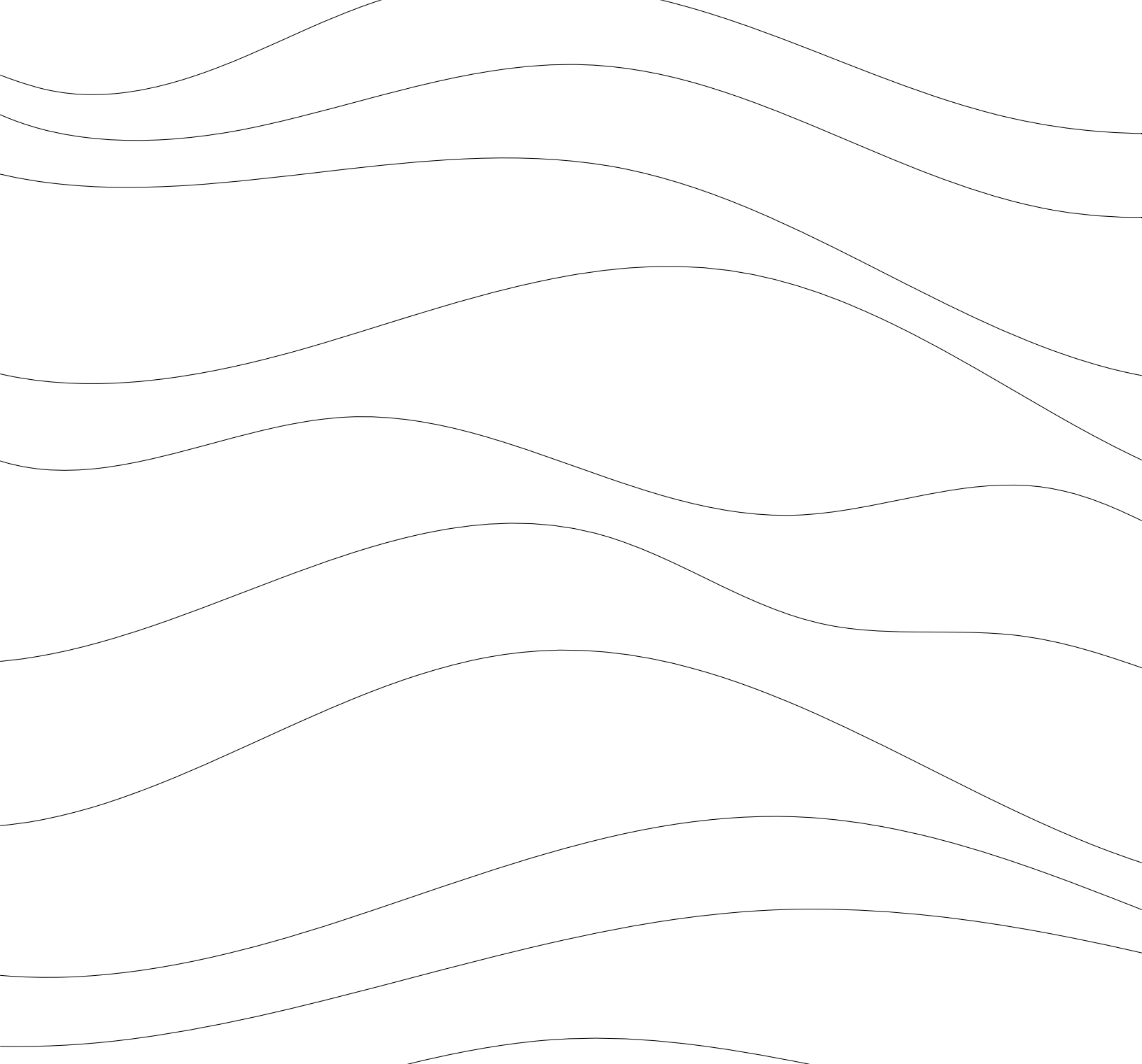


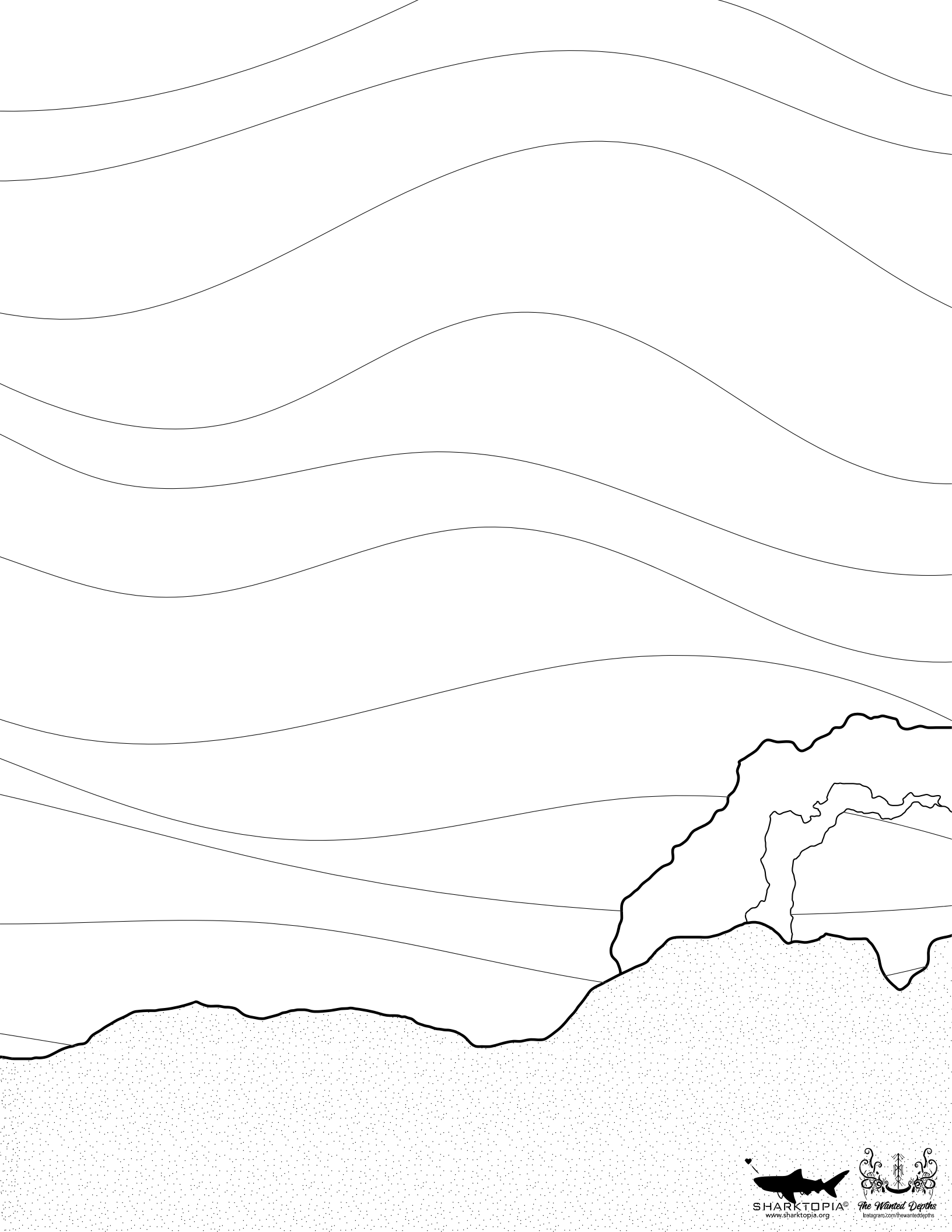


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A NOTE FROM SHARKTOPIA:

HI EVERYONE! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR DOWNLOADING AND ENJOYING THIS COLORING AND ACTIVITY BOOKLET. THIS STARTED WITH A SIMPLE IDEA. I ASKED ZEE AND ALAYZIAH IF THEY'D BE INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH ME. I THOUGHT THAT HAVING THEIR MER-SELVES AS CUT-OUTS WOULD BE REALLY FUN. THIS NON-PROFIT ENDEAVOR STARTED OUT AS A ROUGH SKETCH ON A FEW PAGES. WITH THEIR IDEAS THE PROJECT HAS BECOME SO MUCH MORE! THE STORIES, LORE, ITEMS, AND INFO WITHIN THESE PAGES HAVE ALL COME DIRECTLY FROM THESE TWO WONDERFUL SOULS. IT WAS AN HONOR TO CREATE EACH SQUIGGLE, DOT, AND DETAIL CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET.

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