

## Welcome to your neighborhood river!

Today we call it the Taunton River. When the first Europeans arrived here they called it the Great River. Long before that, the Wampanoag Indians , who were the first people to settle where we live today, called it the Kuttetequat.

You might live right by the river or perhaps you only see bits and pieces of it when riding in a car on the highway over the Braga Bridge or the Veteran's Memorial Bridge, between Fall River and Somerset, the Berkley Bridge, between Berkley and Dighton or the Weir Bridge in Taunton. You also might have spent time along the river while visiting Battleship Cove, Heritage Park or Bicentennial Park in Fall River; Village Waterfront Park in Somerset; Dighton Rock Park in Berkley or Weir Park in Taunton. Perhaps you've been lucky enough to have gone boating or fishing in the river.

The Taunton River has a very interesting human and natural history. Home to many different kinds of fish and other animals, it was also one of the first rivers explored by the Pilgrims and early settlers who came to live and work along its shores.

The Taunton River needs to be understood and appreciated so that we can take care of it and keep its waters from getting polluted. We must work hard to keep the river clean, so that we can continue to enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, and other fun activities on the water. We also want to protect the Taunton River so that the fish and other creatures that live there will always have a home. To that end, in 2009, the Taunton River was declared a National Wild and Scenic River by the U.S. Congress.

We hope you enjoy this Taunton River Heritage Coloring and Activity Book!

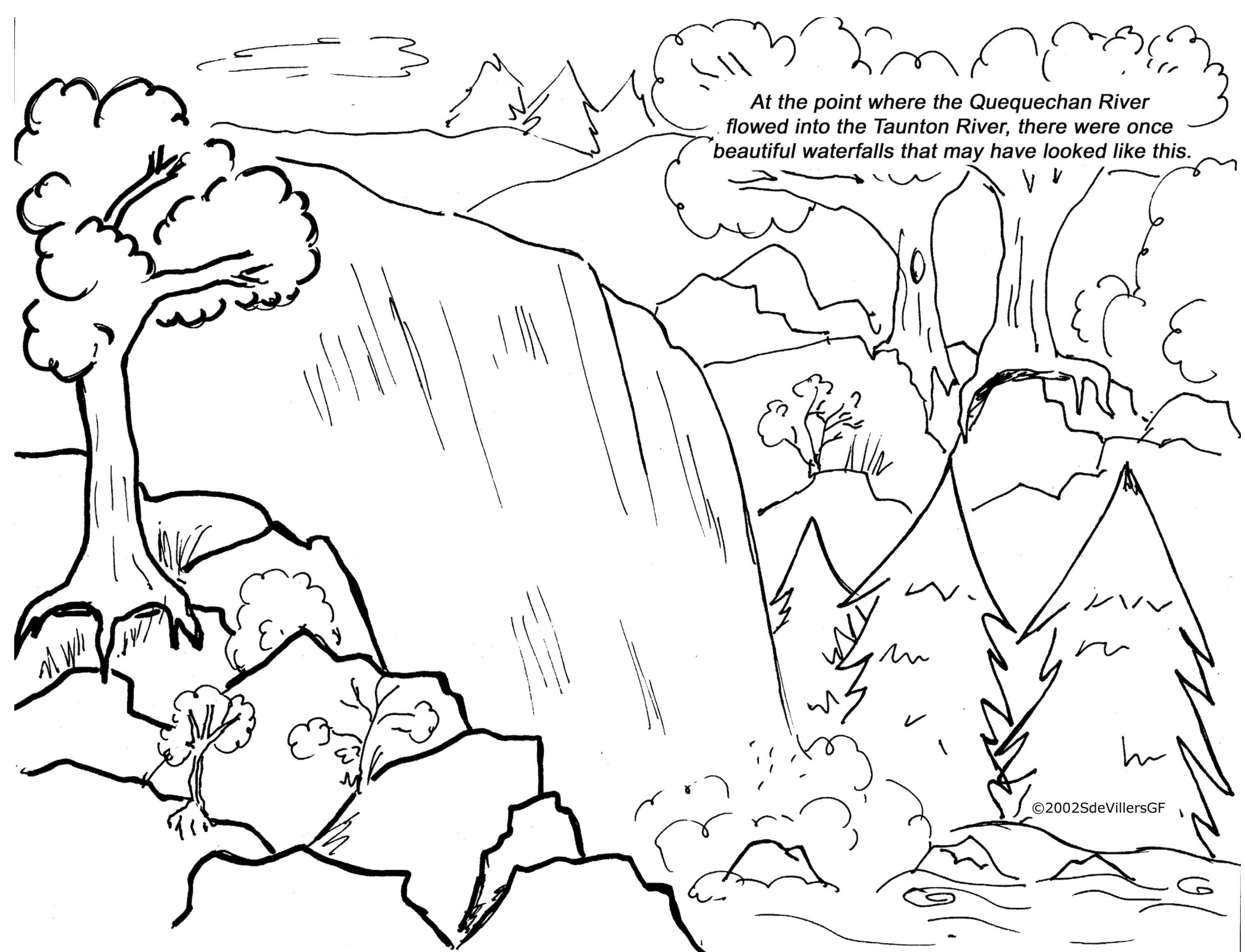
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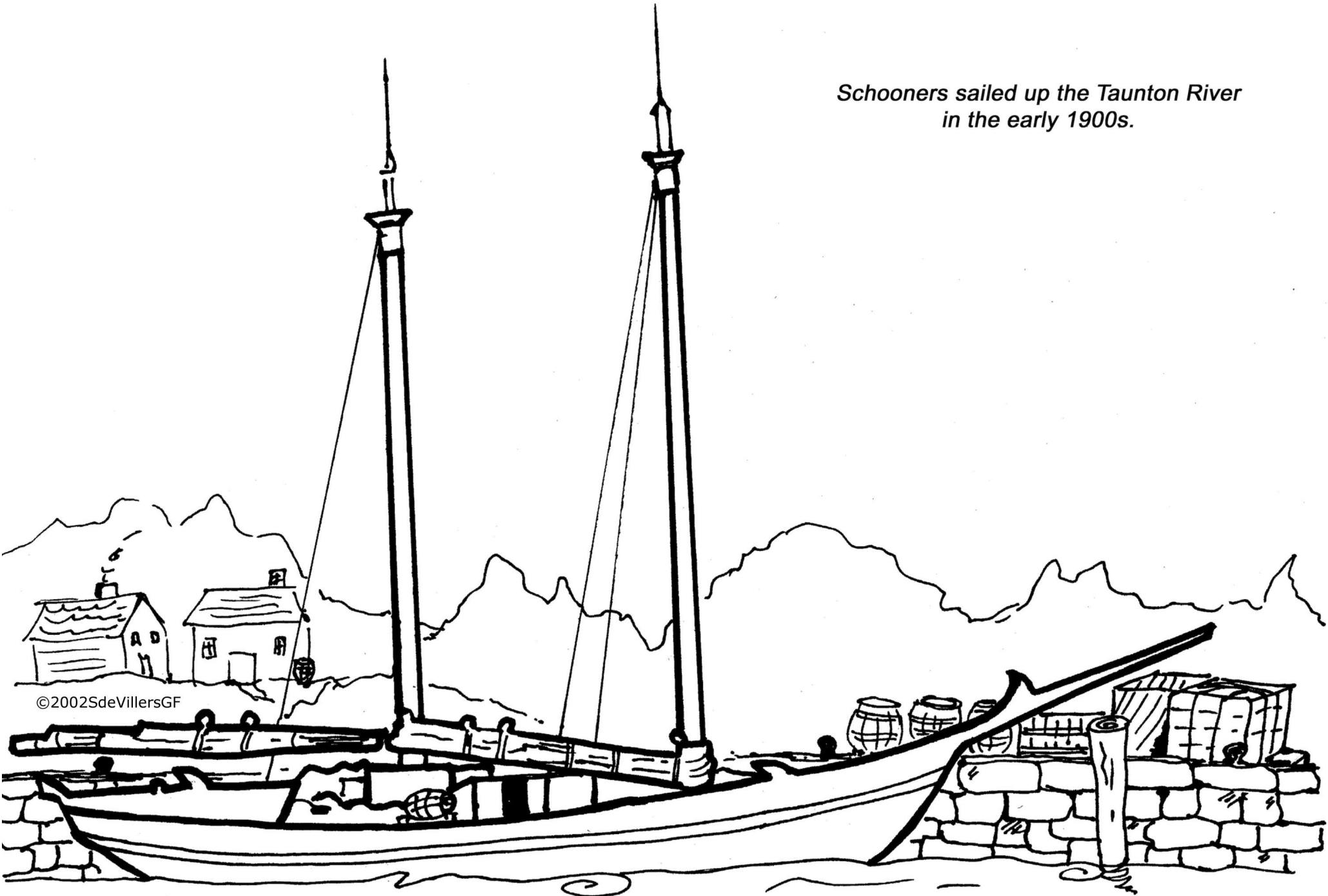
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*The Borden Flats Lighthouse still stands at the mouth of the Taunton River.*

*At the point where the Quequechan River  
flowed into the Taunton River, there were once  
beautiful waterfalls that may have looked like this.*



*Schooners sailed up the Taunton River  
in the early 1900s.*



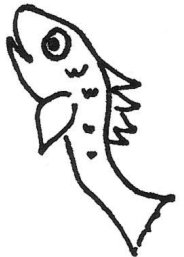
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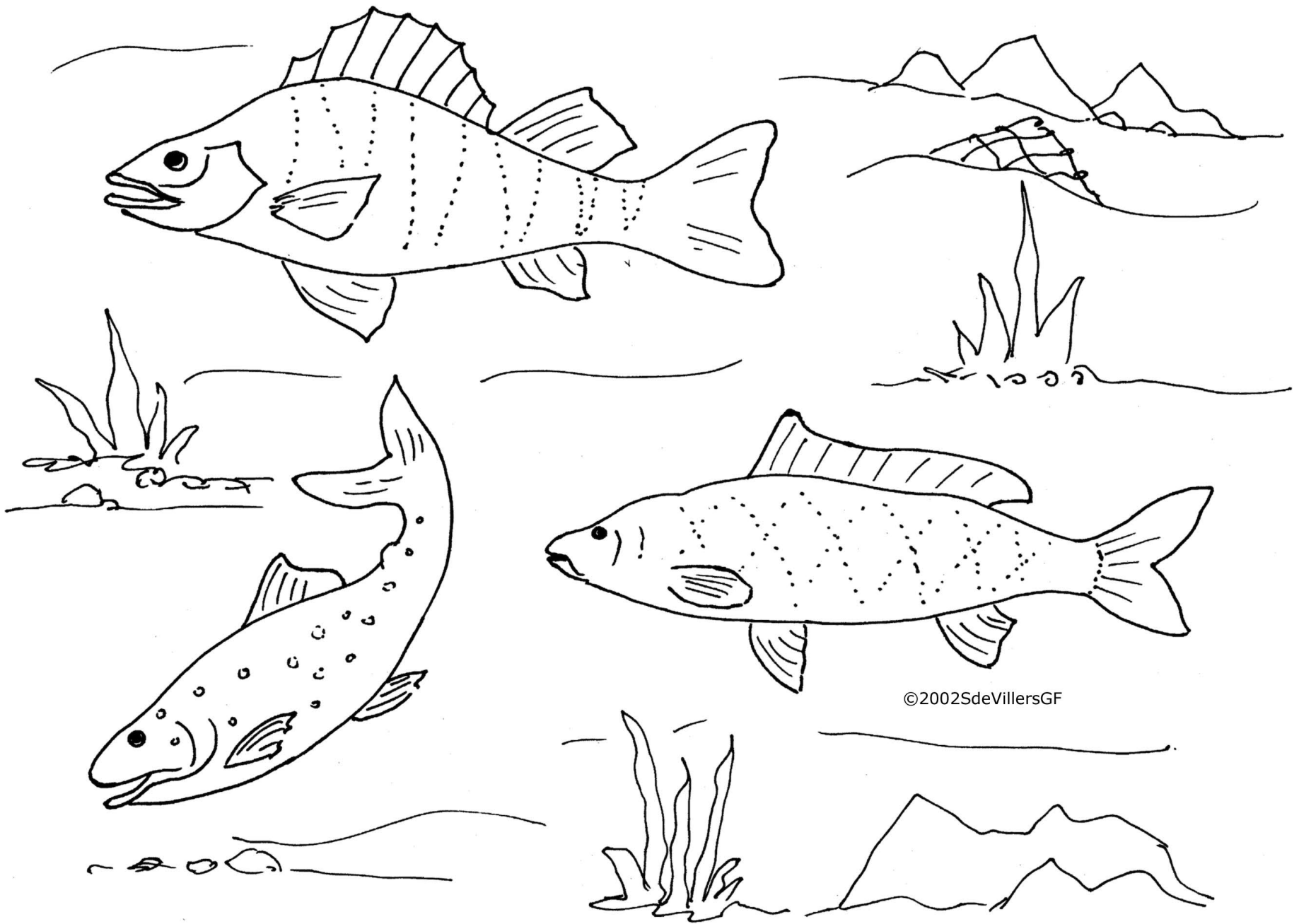
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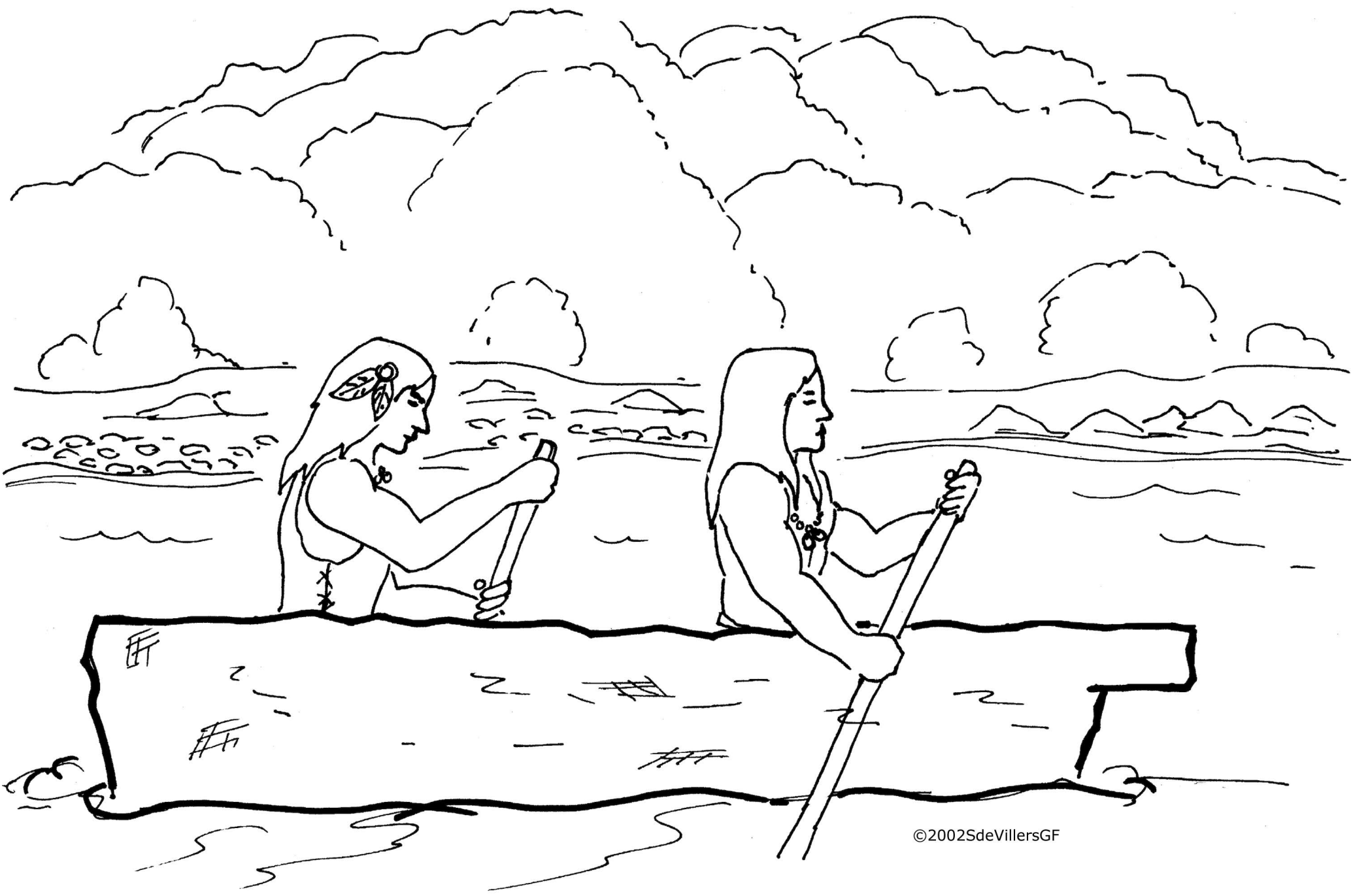


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Beaver	Falcon	Mussels	Shells
Bluefish	Fiddler Crab	Owl	Snail
Brook Trout	Frog	Oysters	Snake
Bumble Bee	Goose	Painted Turtle	Snapping Turtle
Butterfly	Harbor Seals	Periwinkle	Squid
Catfish	Heron	Pipefish	Striped Bass
Clams	Horseshoe Crab	Red Tail Hawk	Sunfish
Cod	Jellyfish	Salamander	Taunton River
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Dragonfly	Lobster	Seagull	Wood Duck
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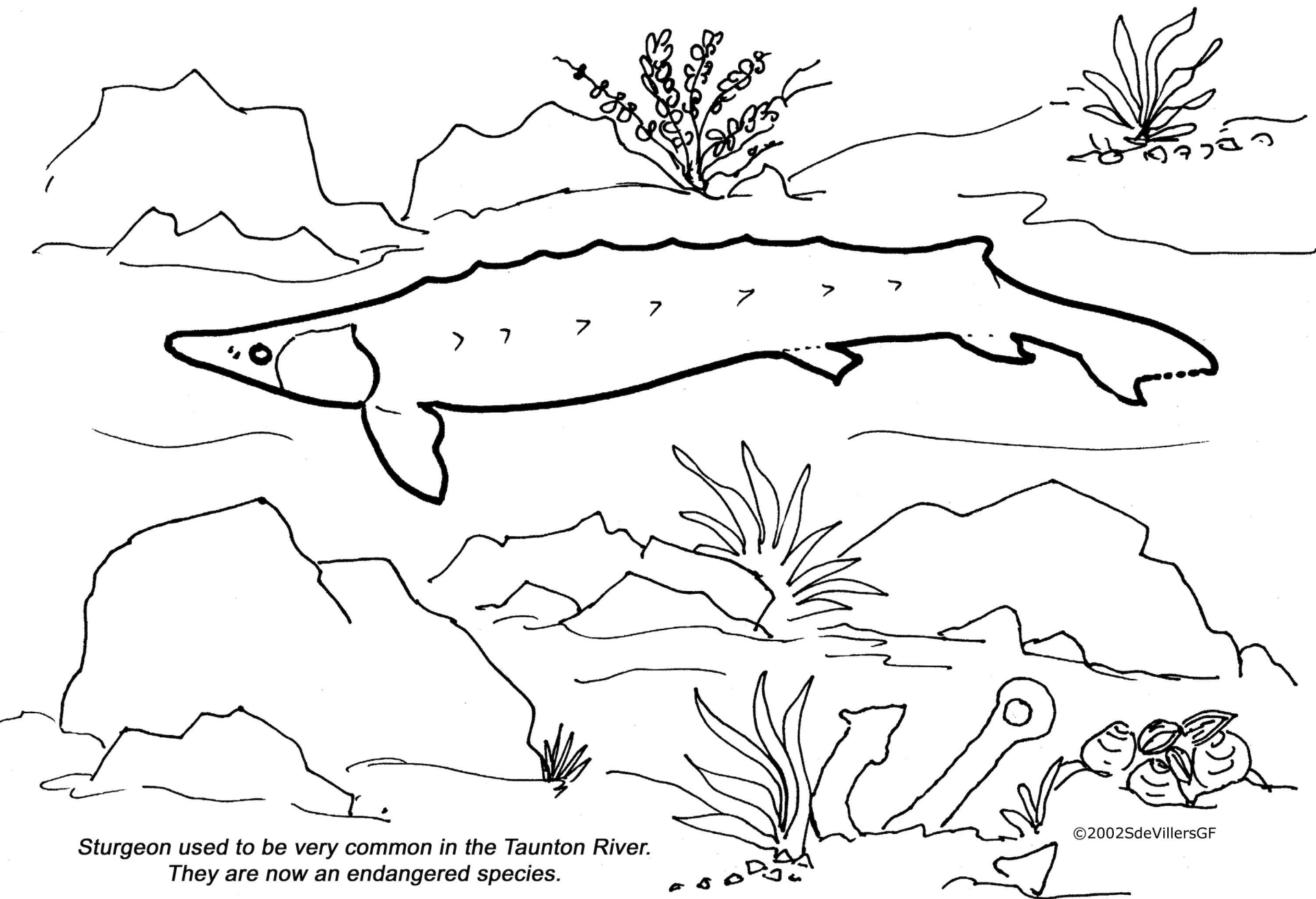
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*Underwater Upper River: yellow perch, brook trout and carp swim in the fresh water of the upper river.*



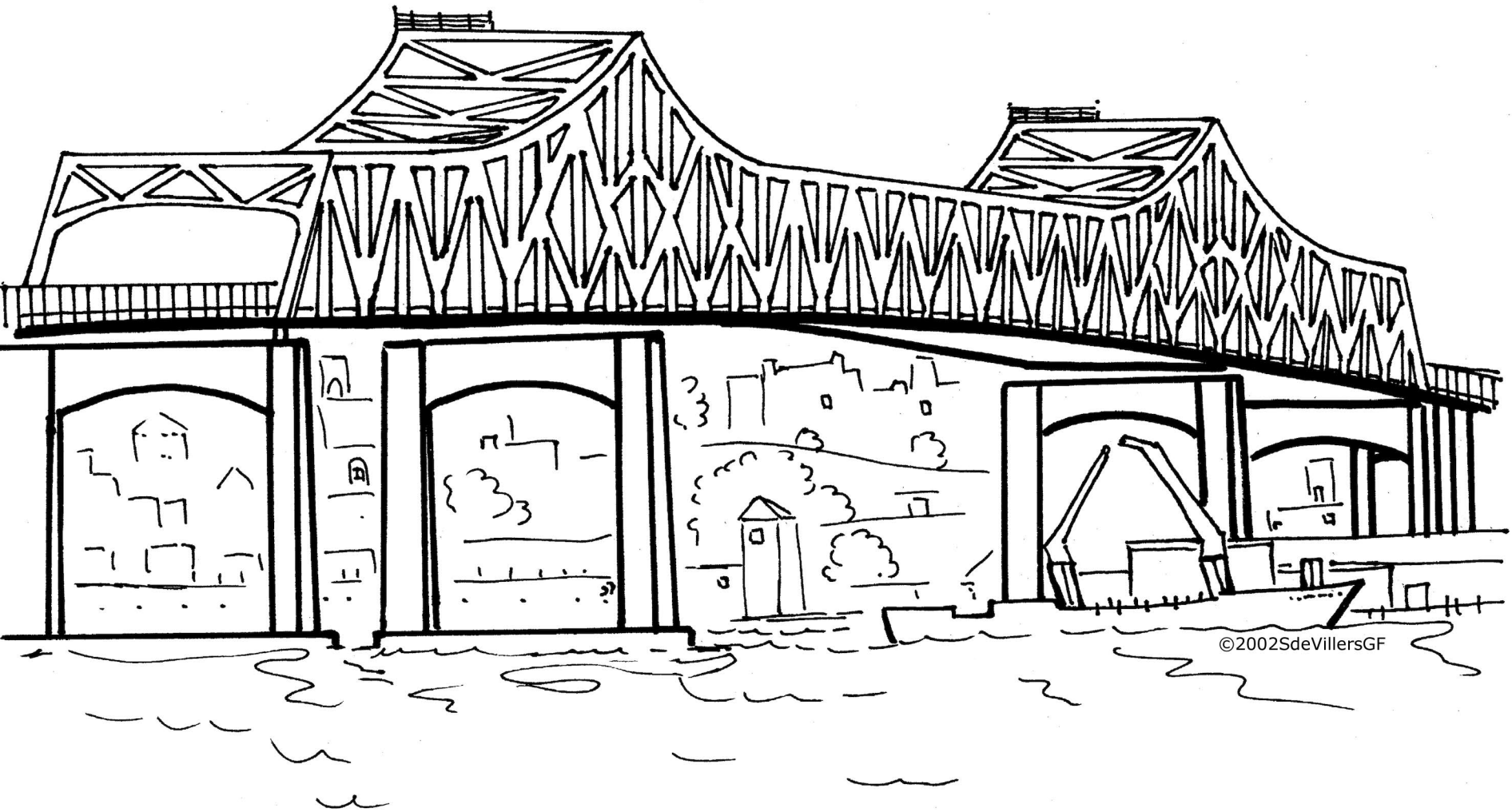
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*Two Wampanoag Indians are paddling their dugout canoe past Mount Hope.*

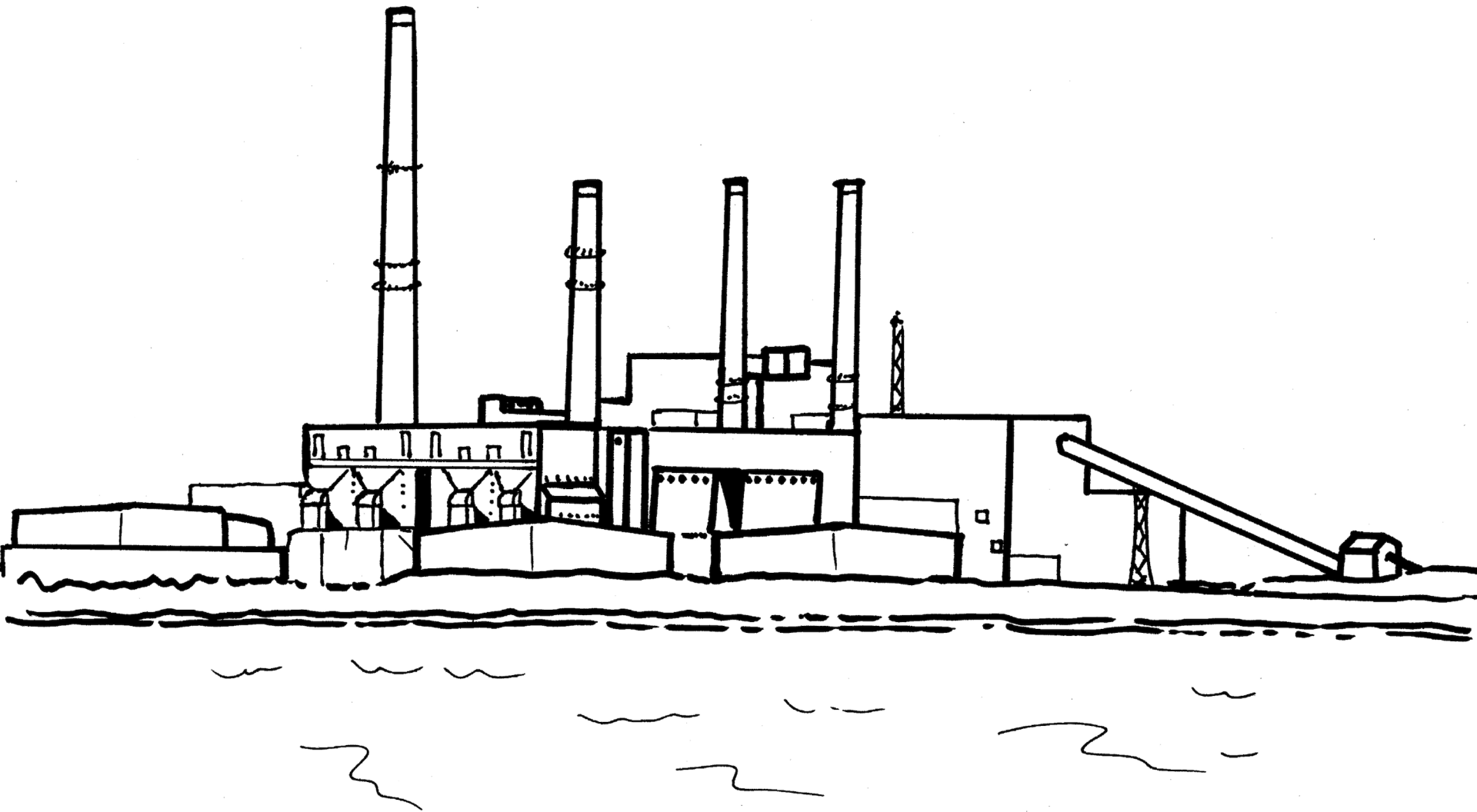


*Sturgeon used to be very common in the Taunton River.  
They are now an endangered species.*





*The Braga Bridge carries traffic over the mouth of the Taunton River.*



*Brayton Point Power Plant supplies electricity to New England.  
The Plant uses water from the river to cool the turbines.*



# Secret Message



Use the code and figure out the message.

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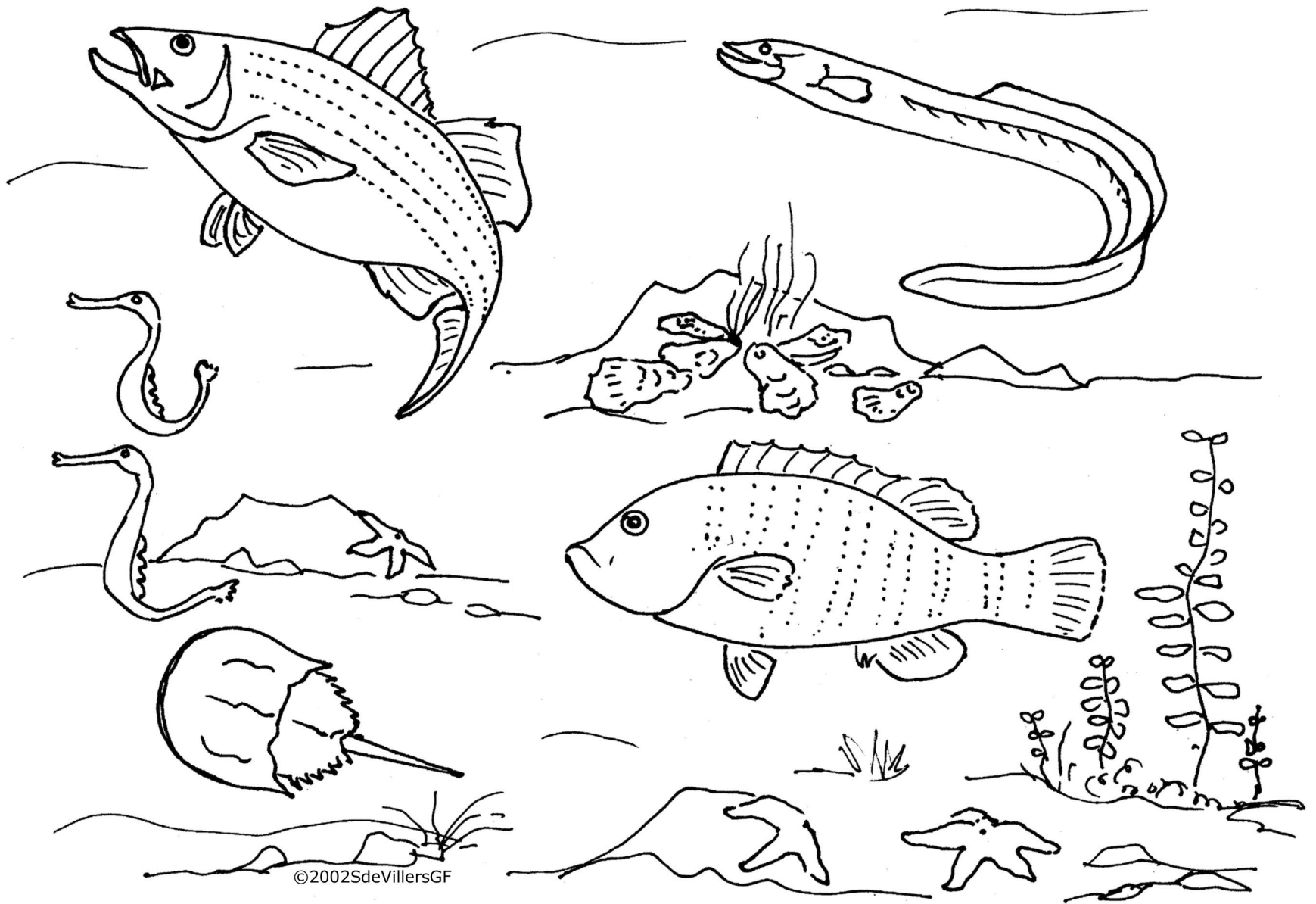
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*A view of Fall River and its mills across the Taunton River from Somerset.  
Can you draw some fish swimming in the river?*

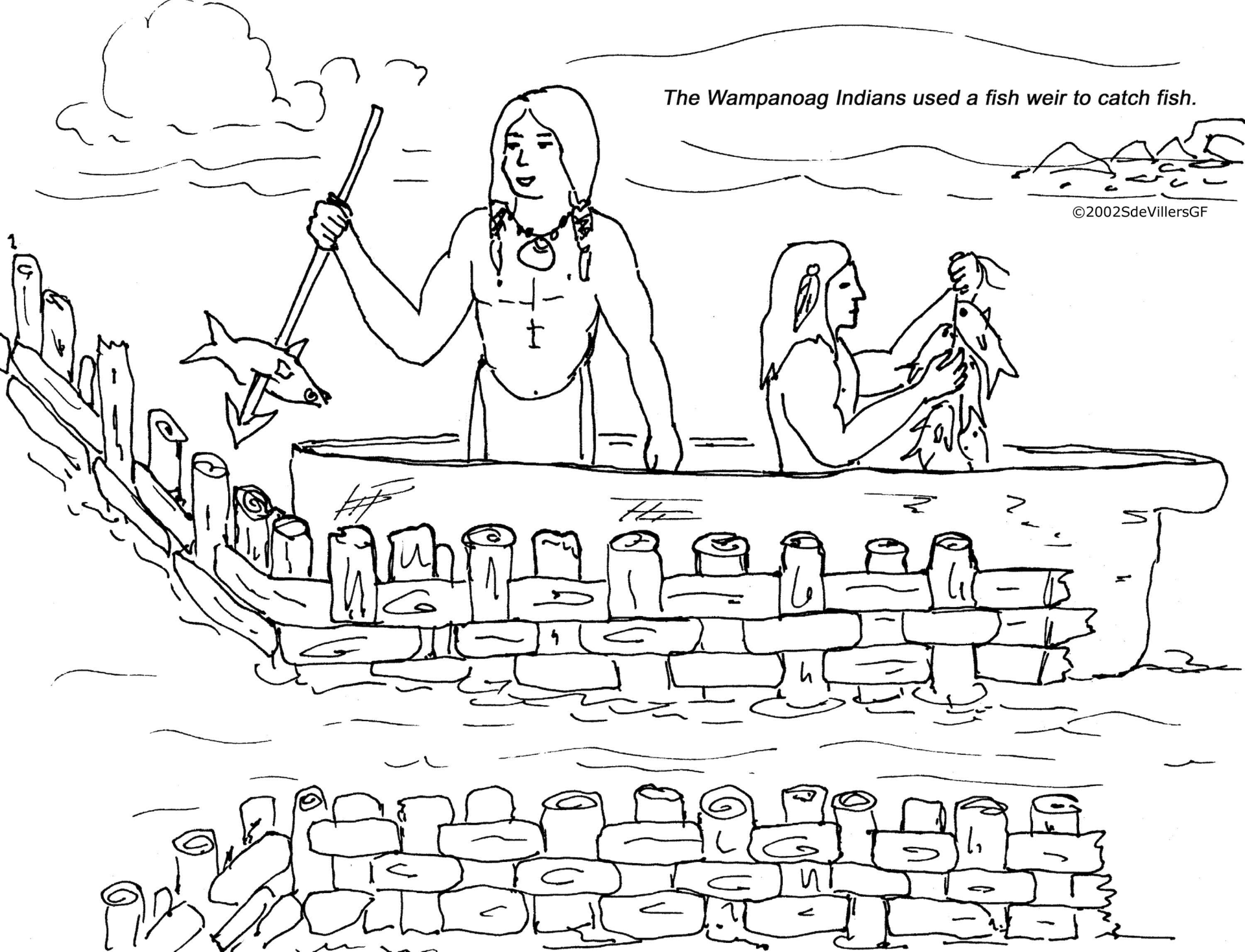


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***Underwater Lower River: striped bass, oysters, eel, pipefish, tautog, horseshoe crab, starfish.  
When river water gets close to the sea, the salt water mixes with the fresh water to support  
marine life.***

The Wampanoag Indians used a fish weir to catch fish.

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# FOLLOW THE COURSE OF THE TAUNTON RIVER

The first 31 words in the word list take you from the source of the Taunton River in Hockomock Basin all the way to Mount Hope Bay. If you see a word written like this (bridge), leave it out. Some of the other words are famous Indian names in our area. Read the word list. The words are in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally and backward. Circle the word you find and cross it off the list. It's easier to find the big words first. Have fun!

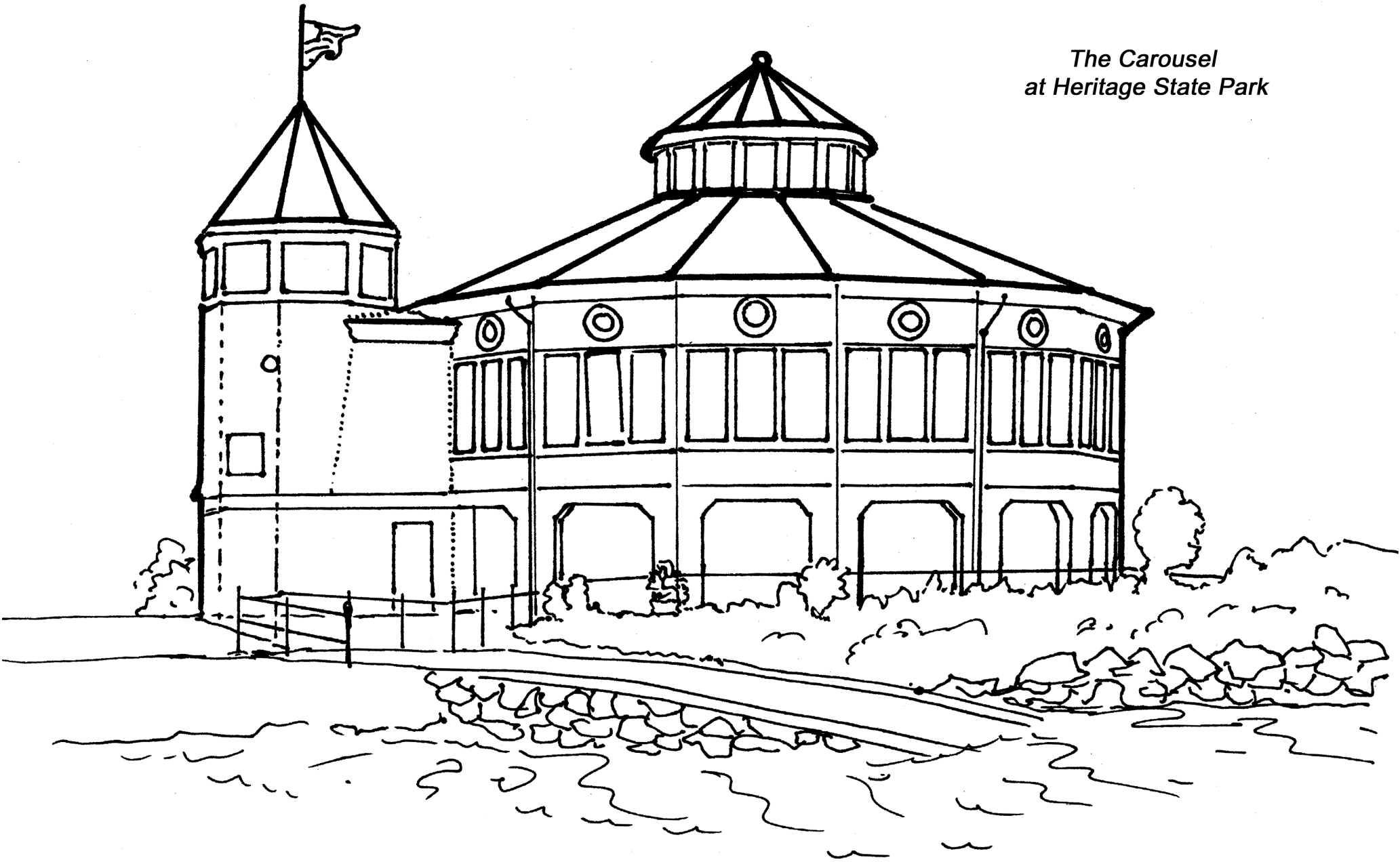
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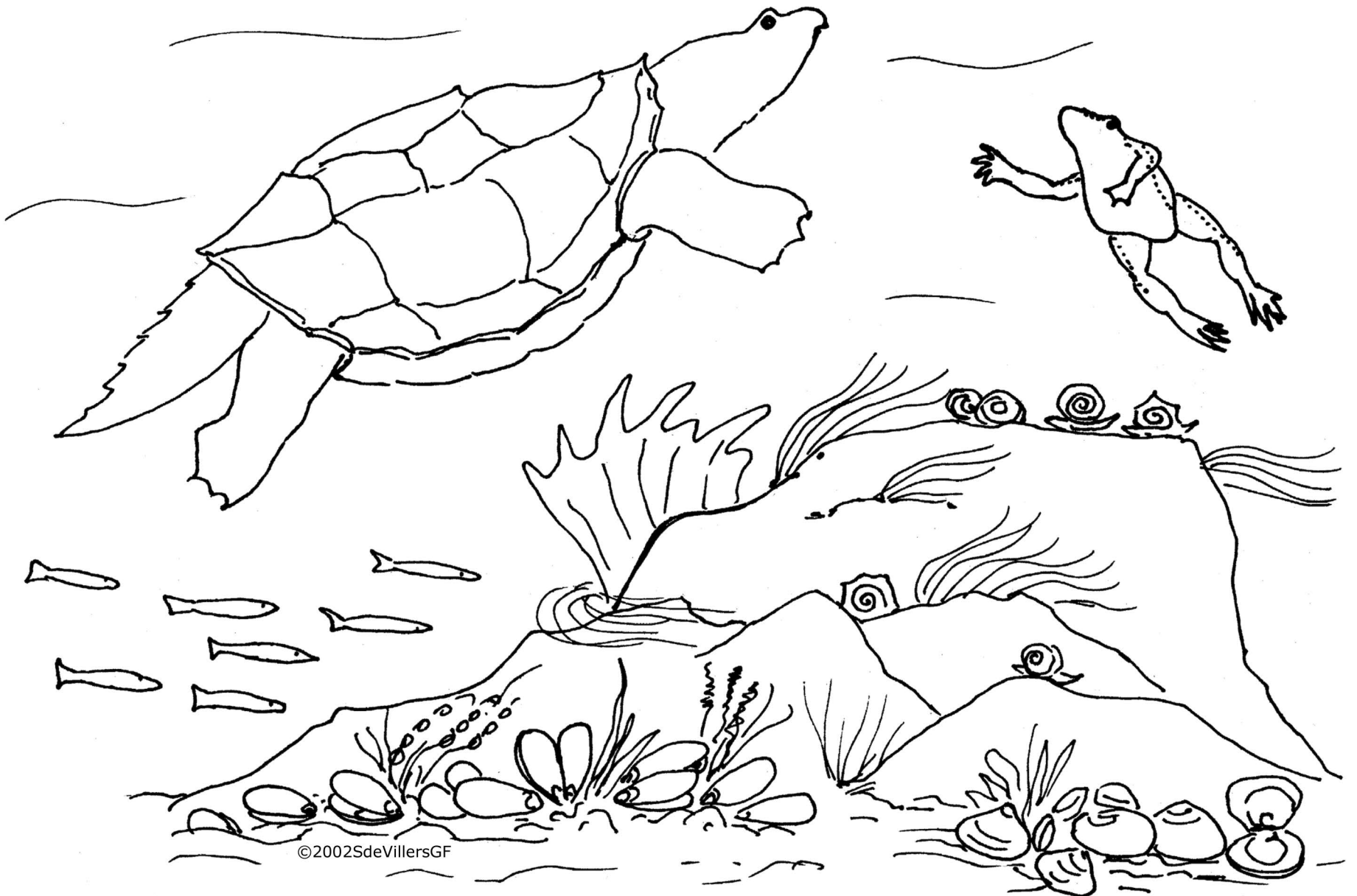


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*The Carousel  
at Heritage State Park*



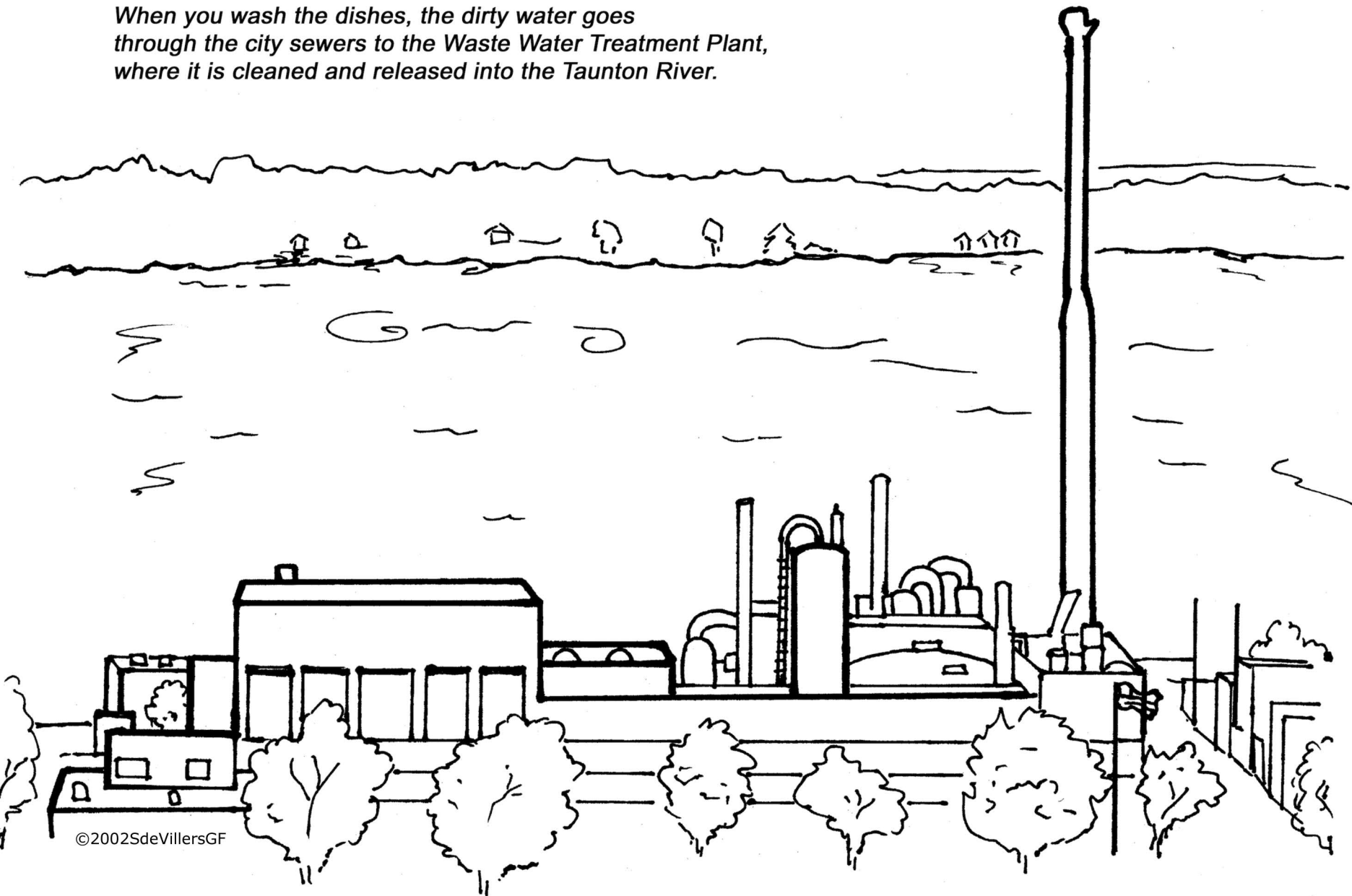




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*Underwater Upper River: snapping turtle, frog, minnows, snails, fresh water clams.*

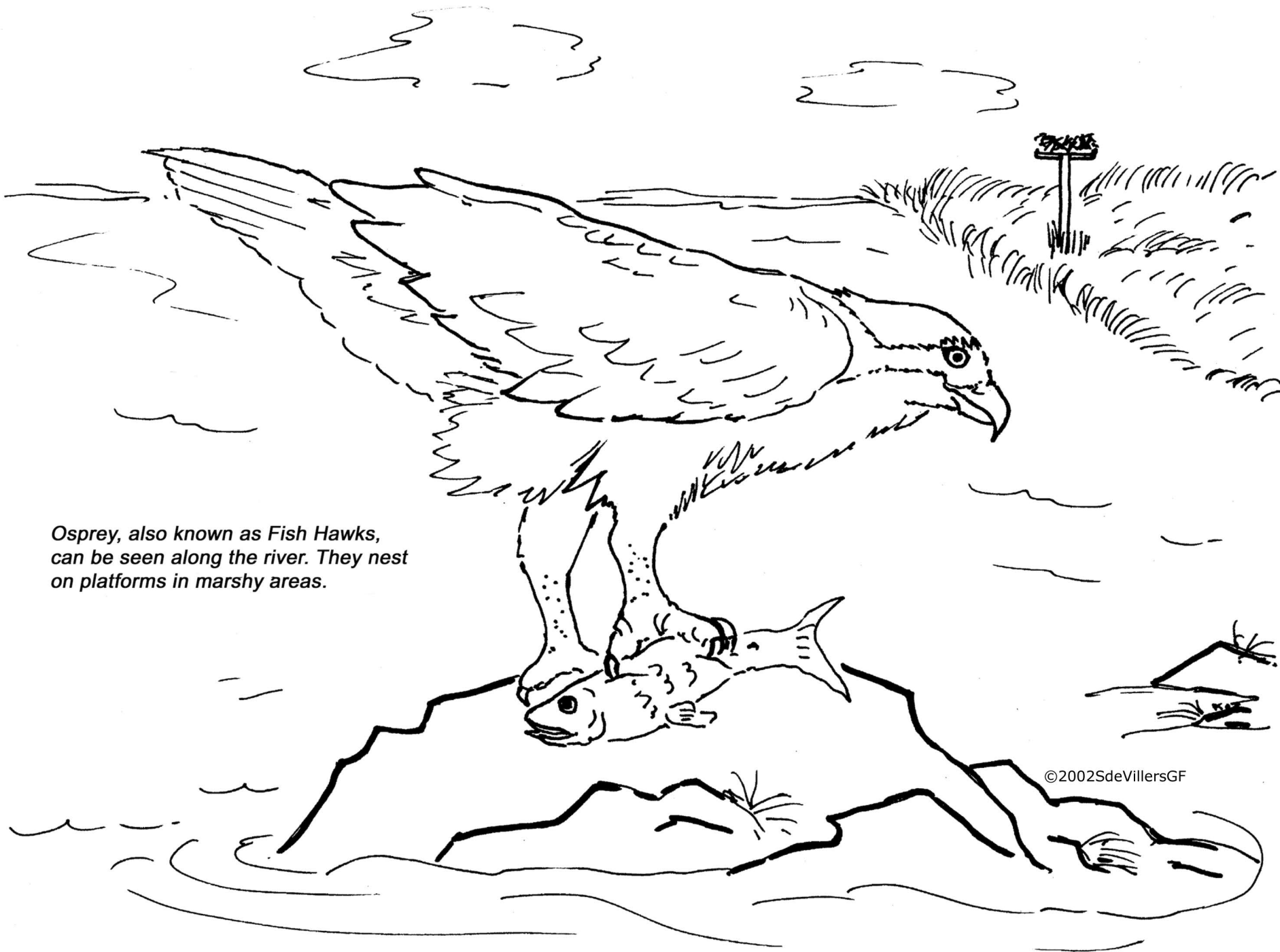
*When you wash the dishes, the dirty water goes through the city sewers to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, where it is cleaned and released into the Taunton River.*



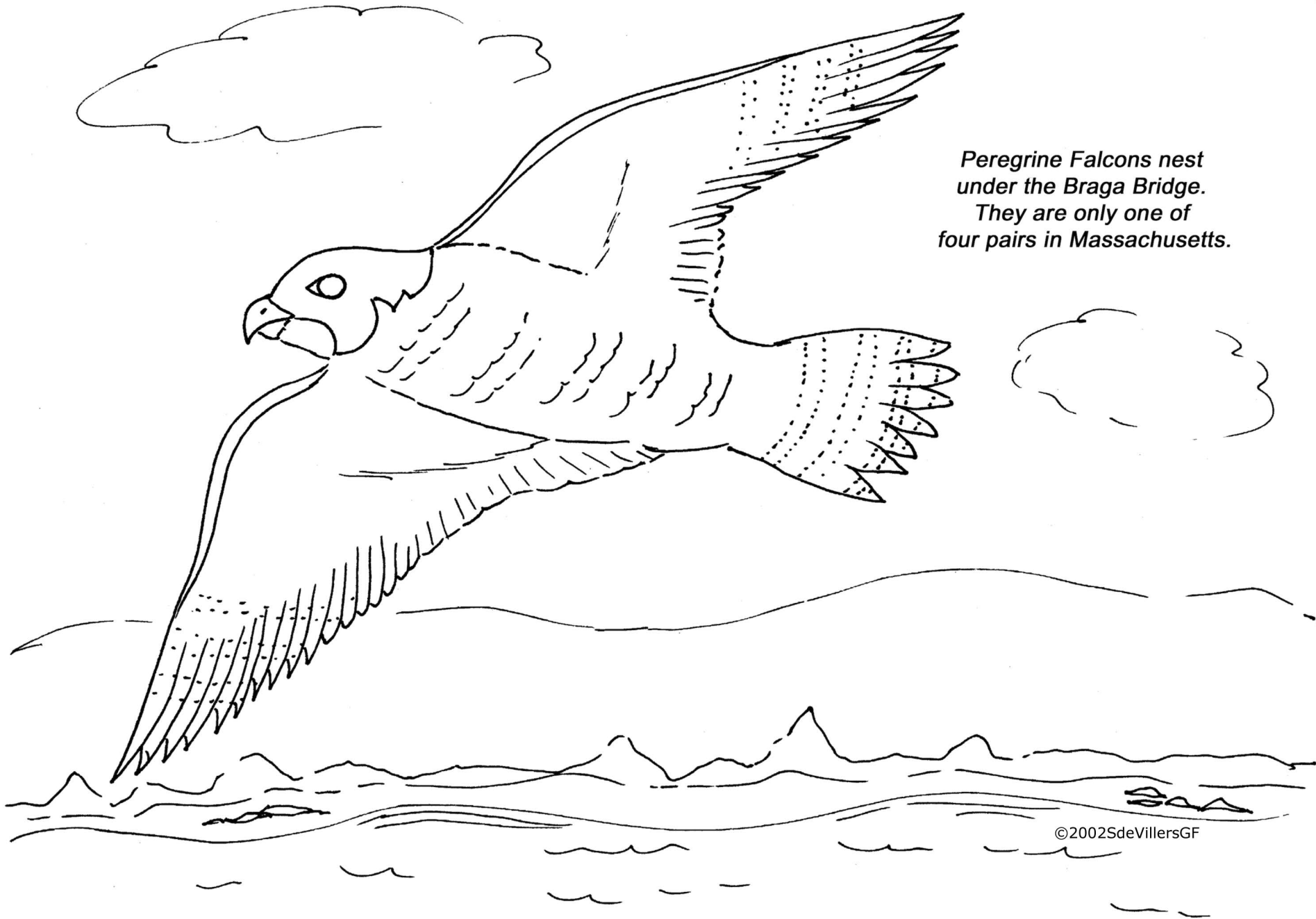


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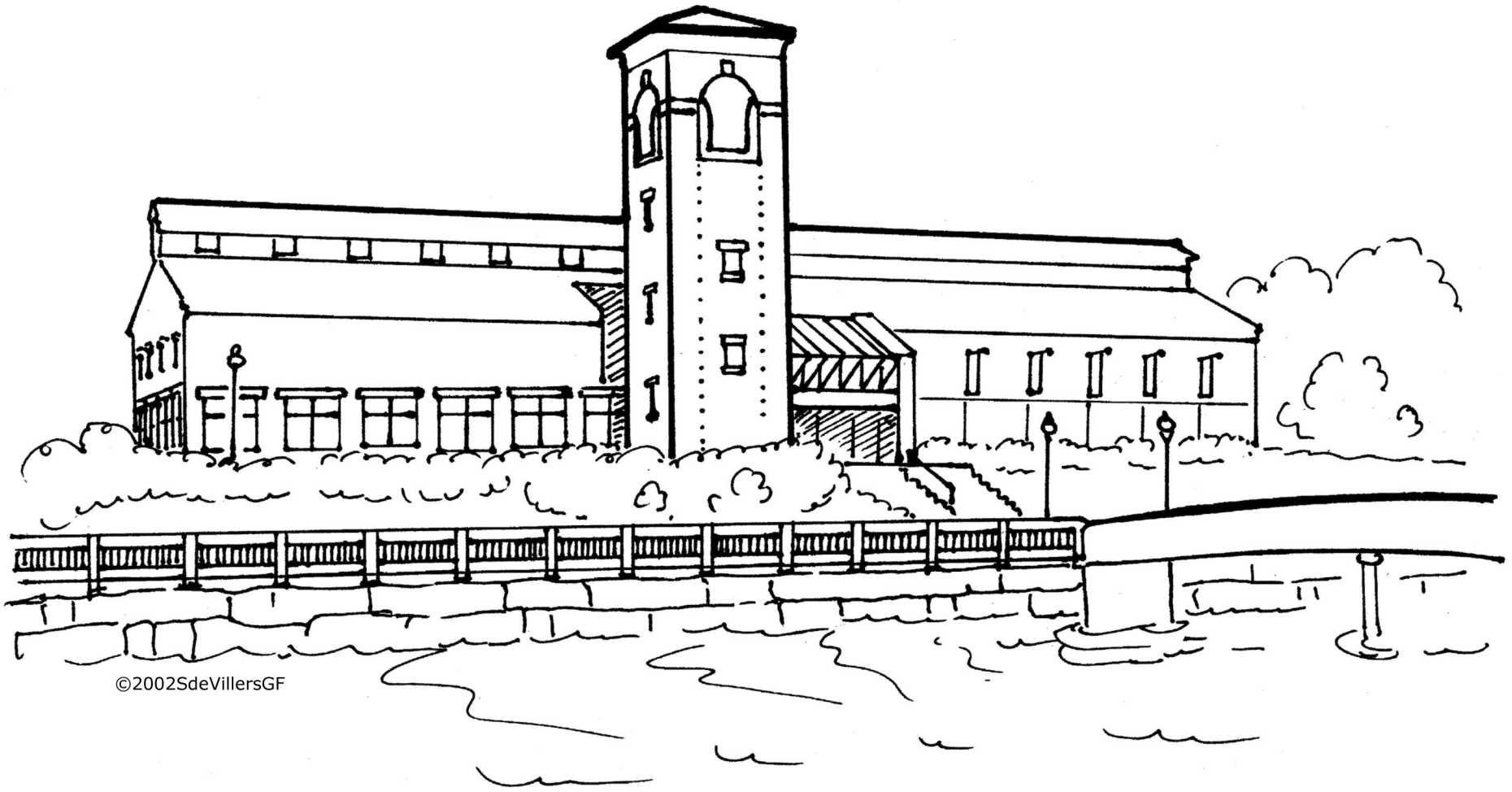
*In the late 1800s and early 1900s,  
people made their living  
catching herring in the  
Taunton River.*



*Osprey, also known as Fish Hawks, can be seen along the river. They nest on platforms in marshy areas.*



*Peregrine Falcons nest  
under the Braga Bridge.  
They are only one of  
four pairs in Massachusetts.*

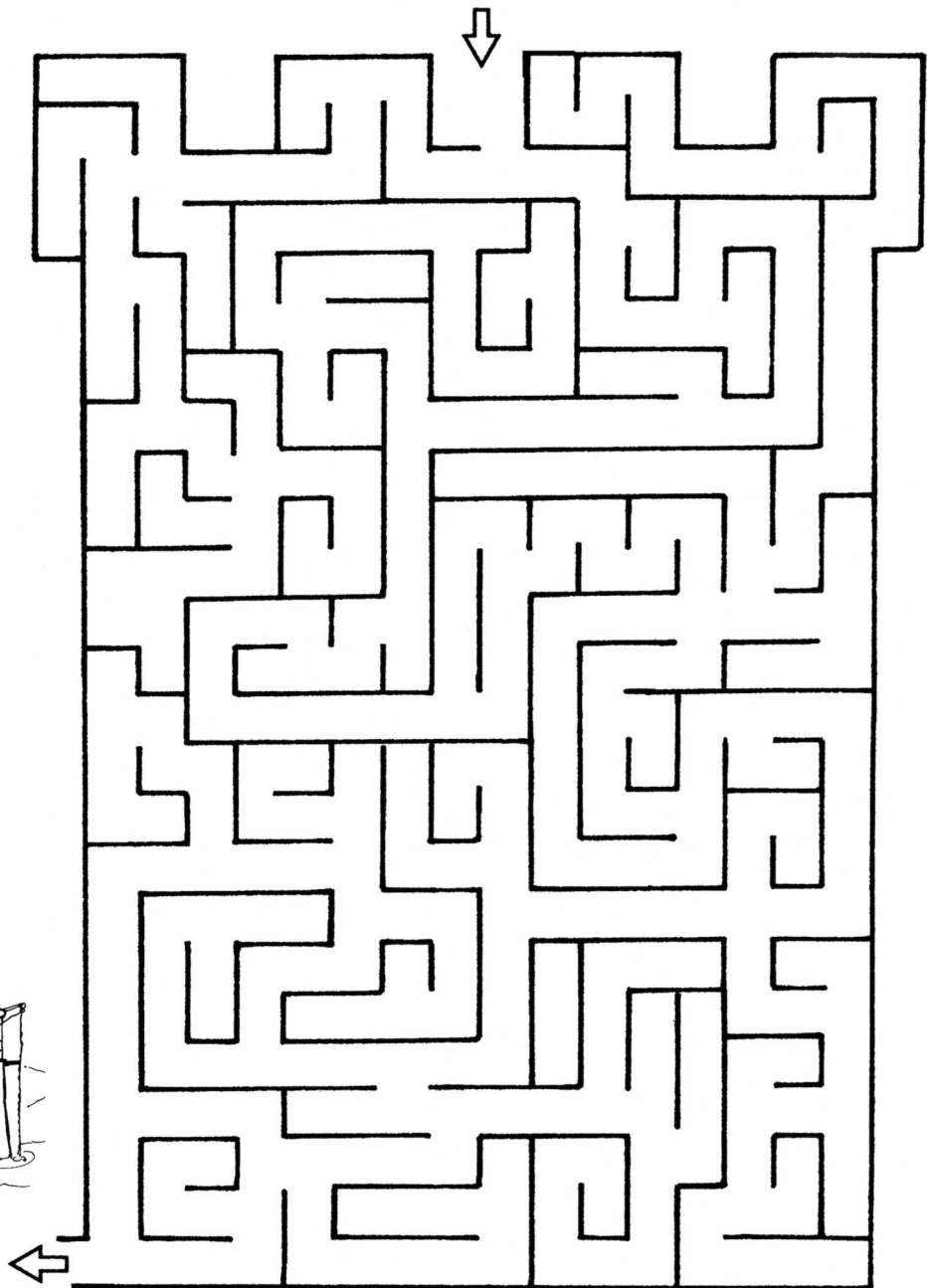
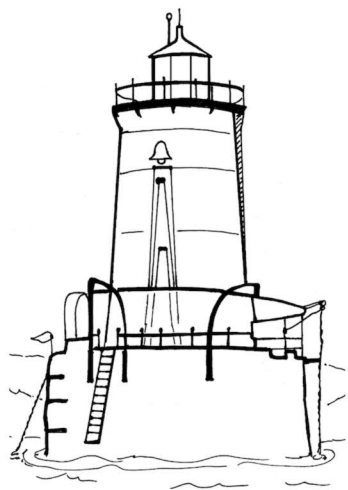


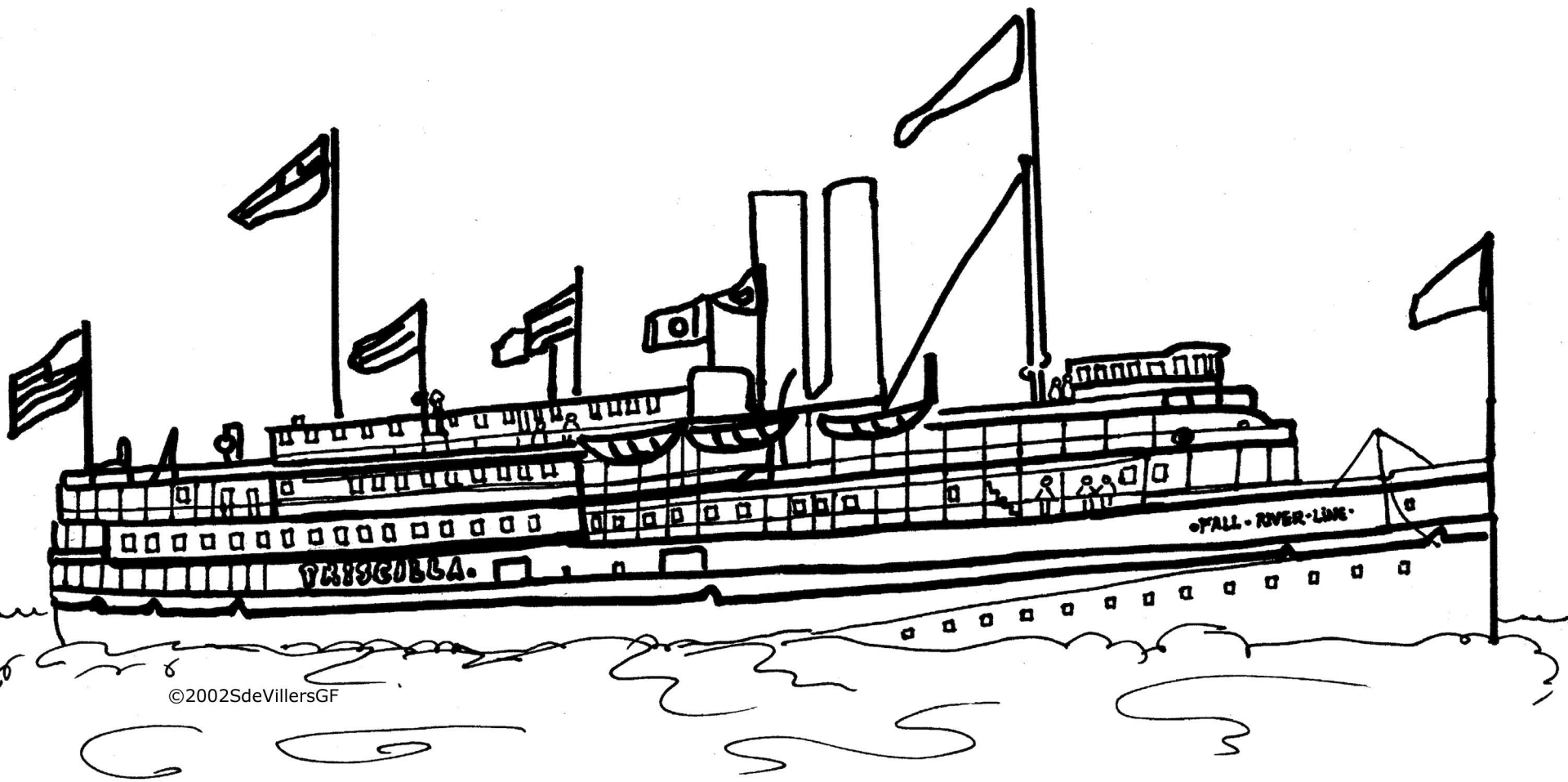
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*The main building at Heritage Park on the banks of the Taunton River.*

# *Find your way to the Borden Flats Lighthouse!*

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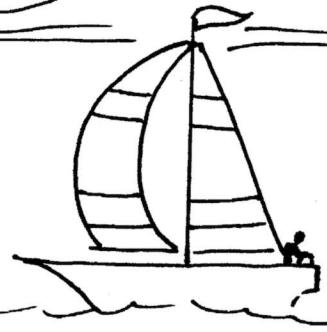


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*The steamship "Priscilla" of the Fall River Line was launched in 1893.*



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Can you draw more sailboats  
in the Taunton River?