

The Misadventures of **PENELOPE** the **PELICAN**



Pelican Harbor
SEABIRD STATION

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This book is dedicated to all the current and future Deputy Pelican Pals.

Mission Statement:

Pelican Harbor Seabird Station is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick, injured or orphaned brown pelicans, seabirds, and other native wildlife; and the preservation and protection of these species through educational and scientific means.

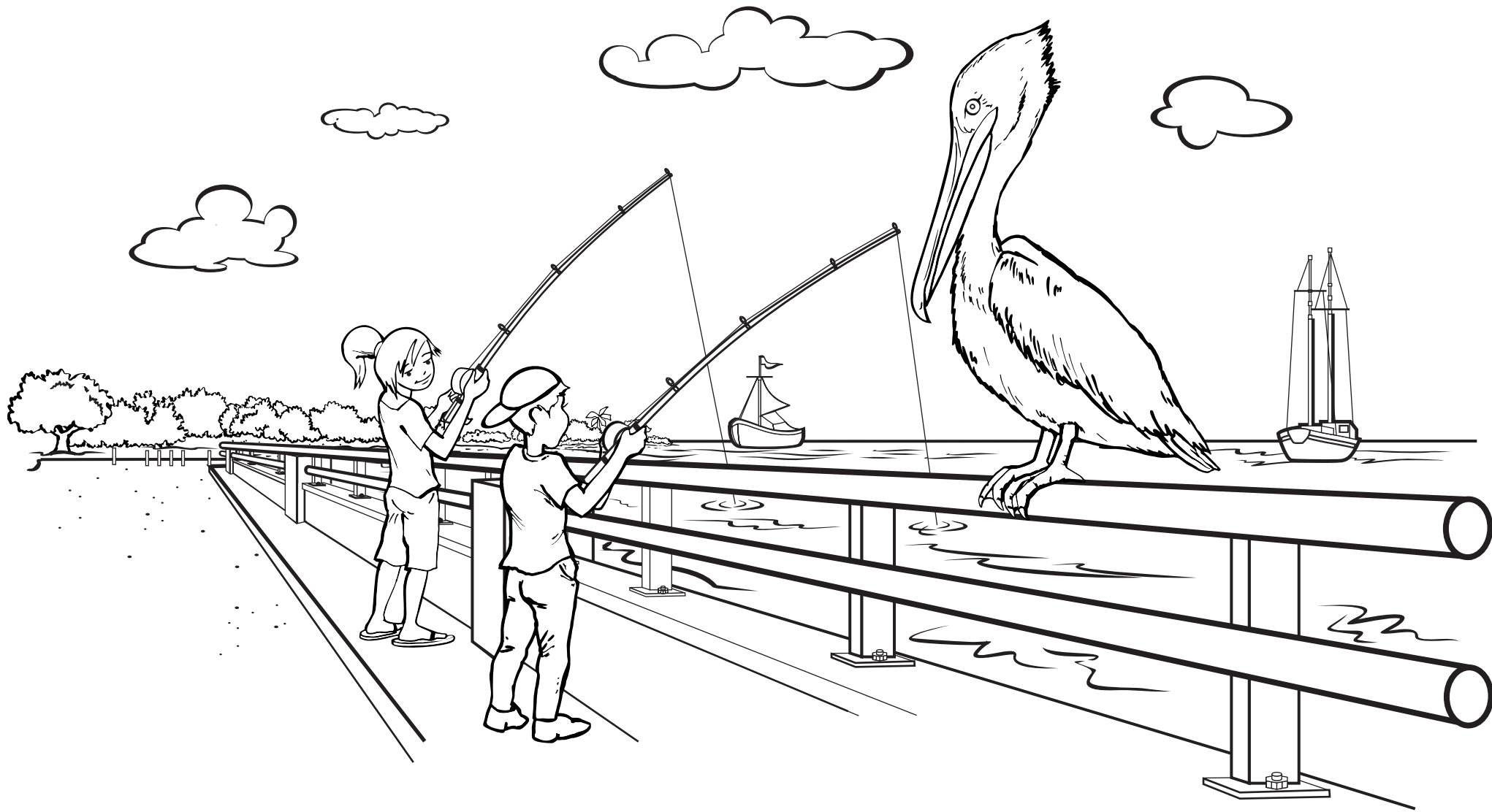
Vision Statement:

As a trusted wildlife rehab center, Pelican Harbor Seabird Station embodies professionalism, compassion, and integrity. Through innovation, education, and outreach, we provide the highest quality of patient care while promoting the importance of conservation in the community.

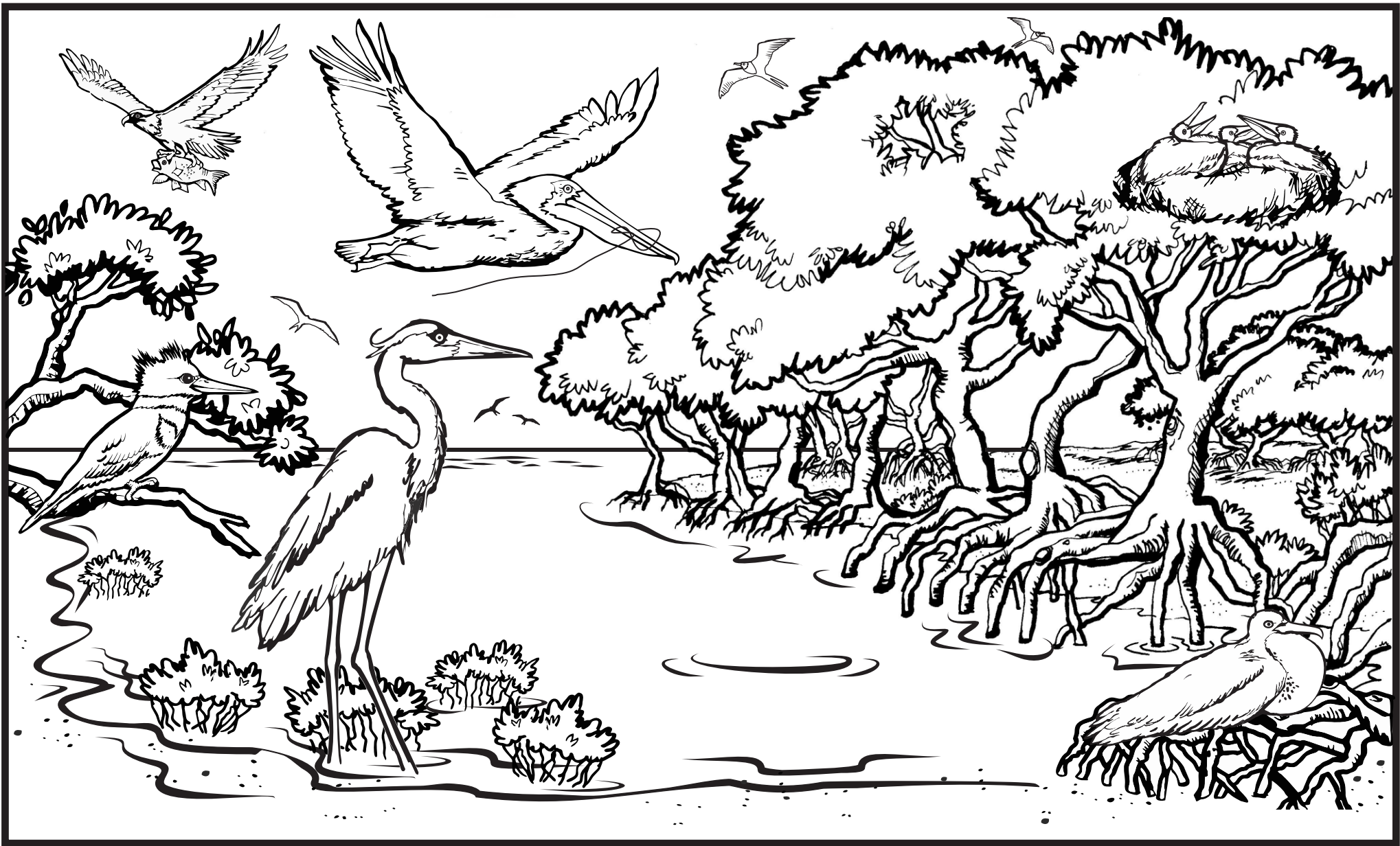




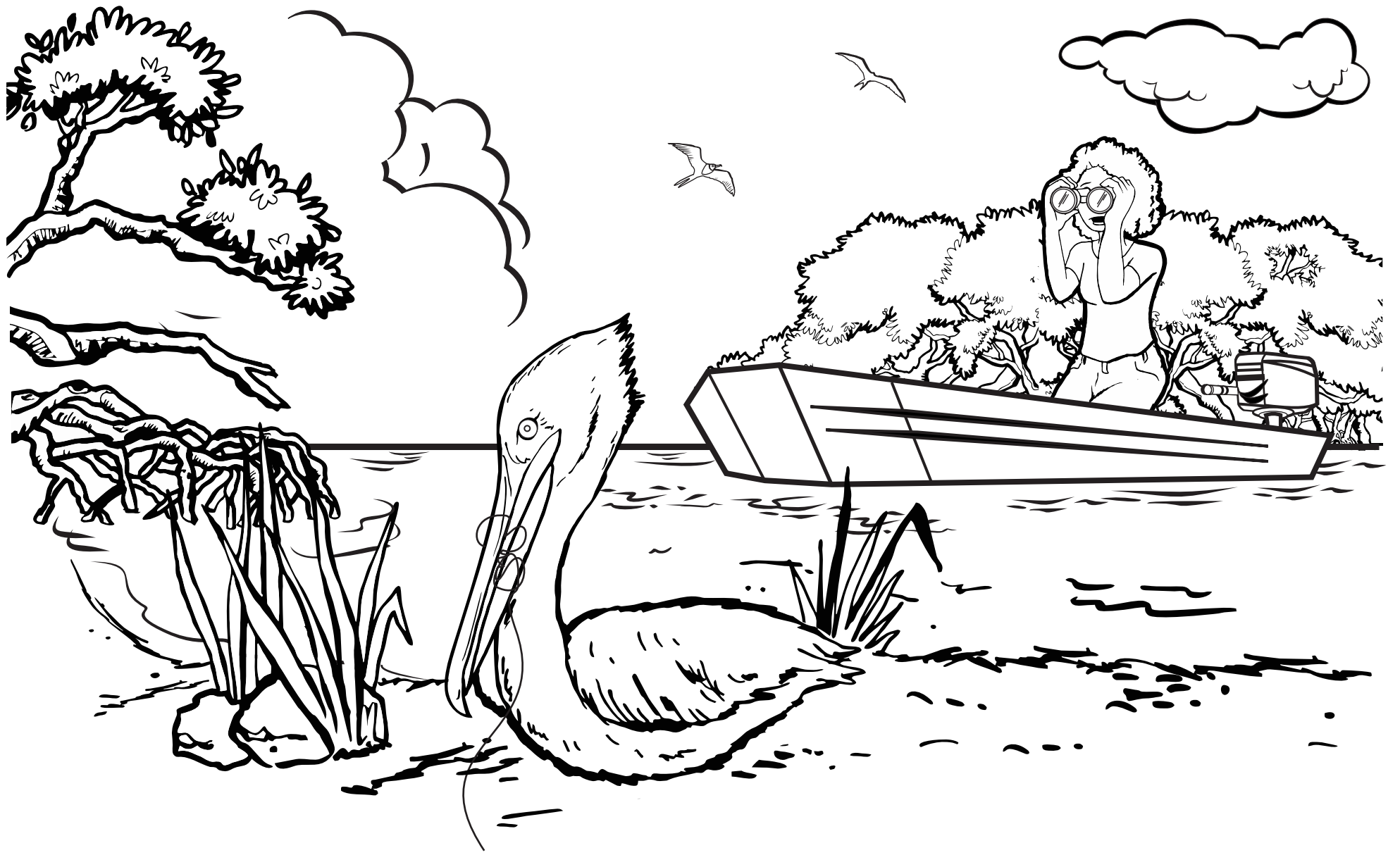
Hi, my name is Penelope. I'm a brown pelican and live in beautiful Miami. I love exploring. There are so many fun places here to see!



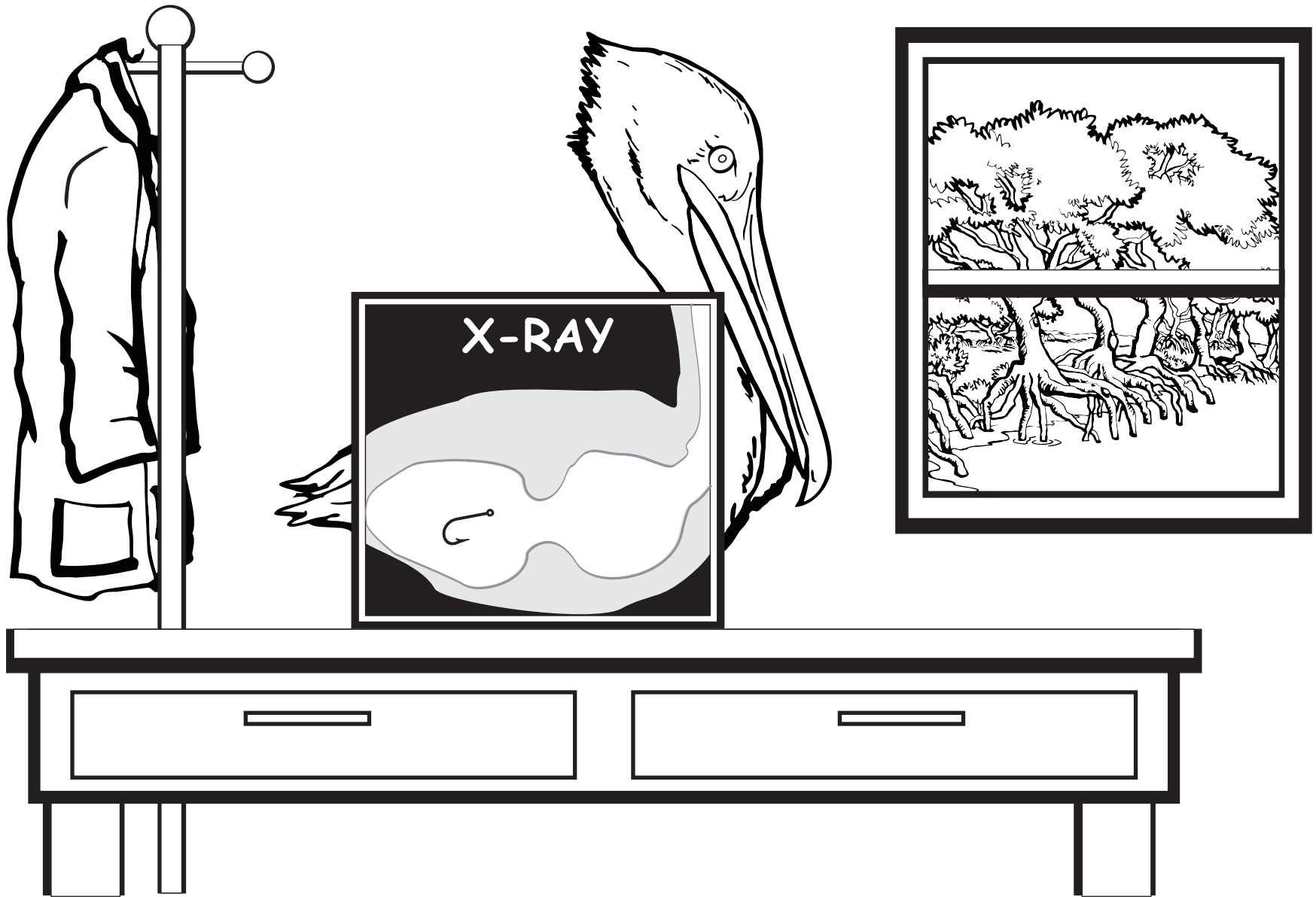
One day I was flying by Key Biscayne and decided to sit on an old bridge. I saw a fisherman reeling in a fish. Since I was hungry, I dove to get it. I quickly gulped the fish down... but suddenly felt something sharp inside me. I was caught! The fisherman cut me loose, but the sharp object was still inside me.



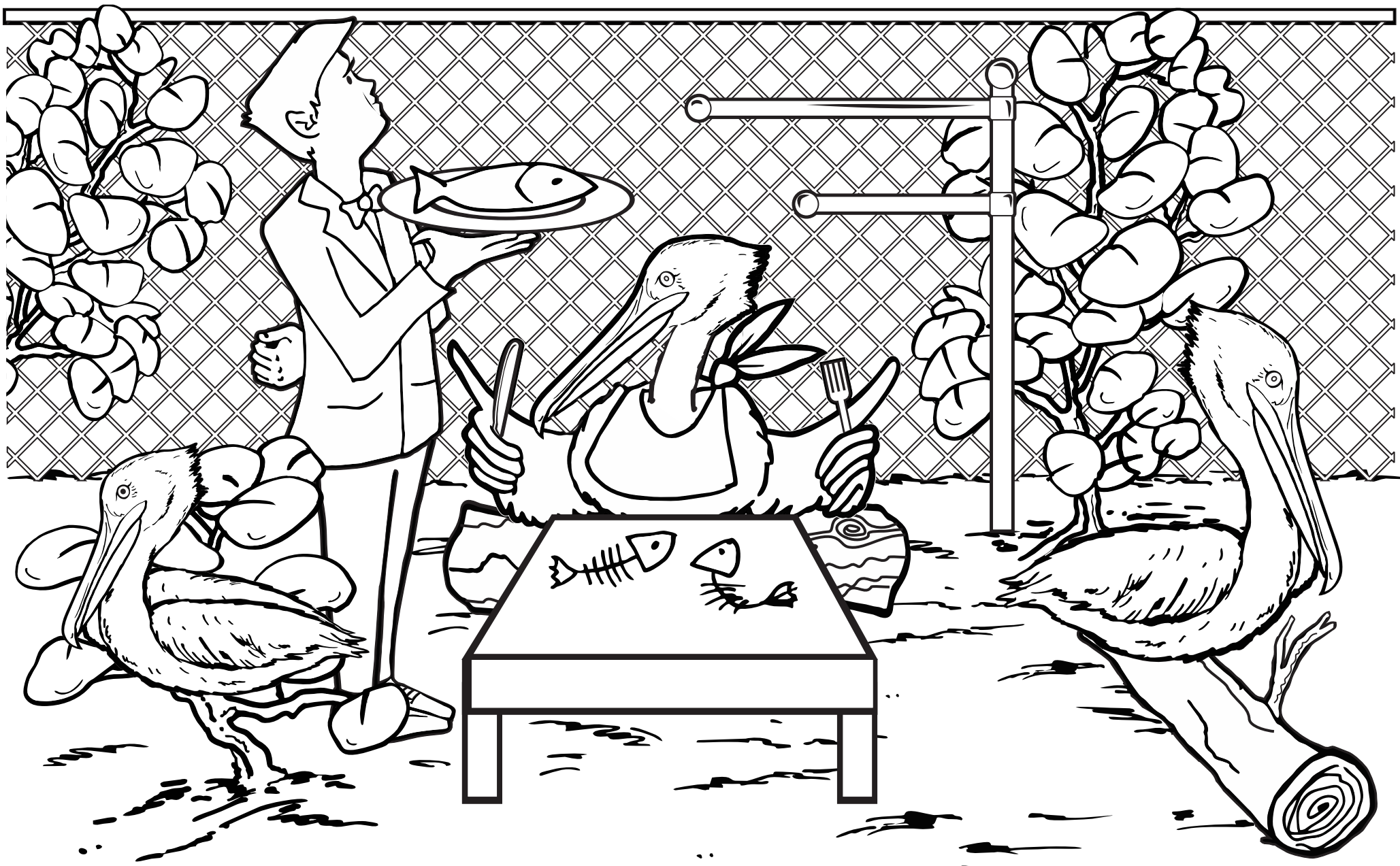
I was scared and wasn't feeling well! My stomach was hurting so bad. I decided to fly home to the Bird Key Rookery in the middle of Biscayne Bay to rest.



The next morning, a nice lady on a boat passed by the island. When she came by in the afternoon, she saw me still sitting there. "I'm worried about you," she said. "I'm going to bring you to Pelican Harbor Seabird Station. They'll know what to do."



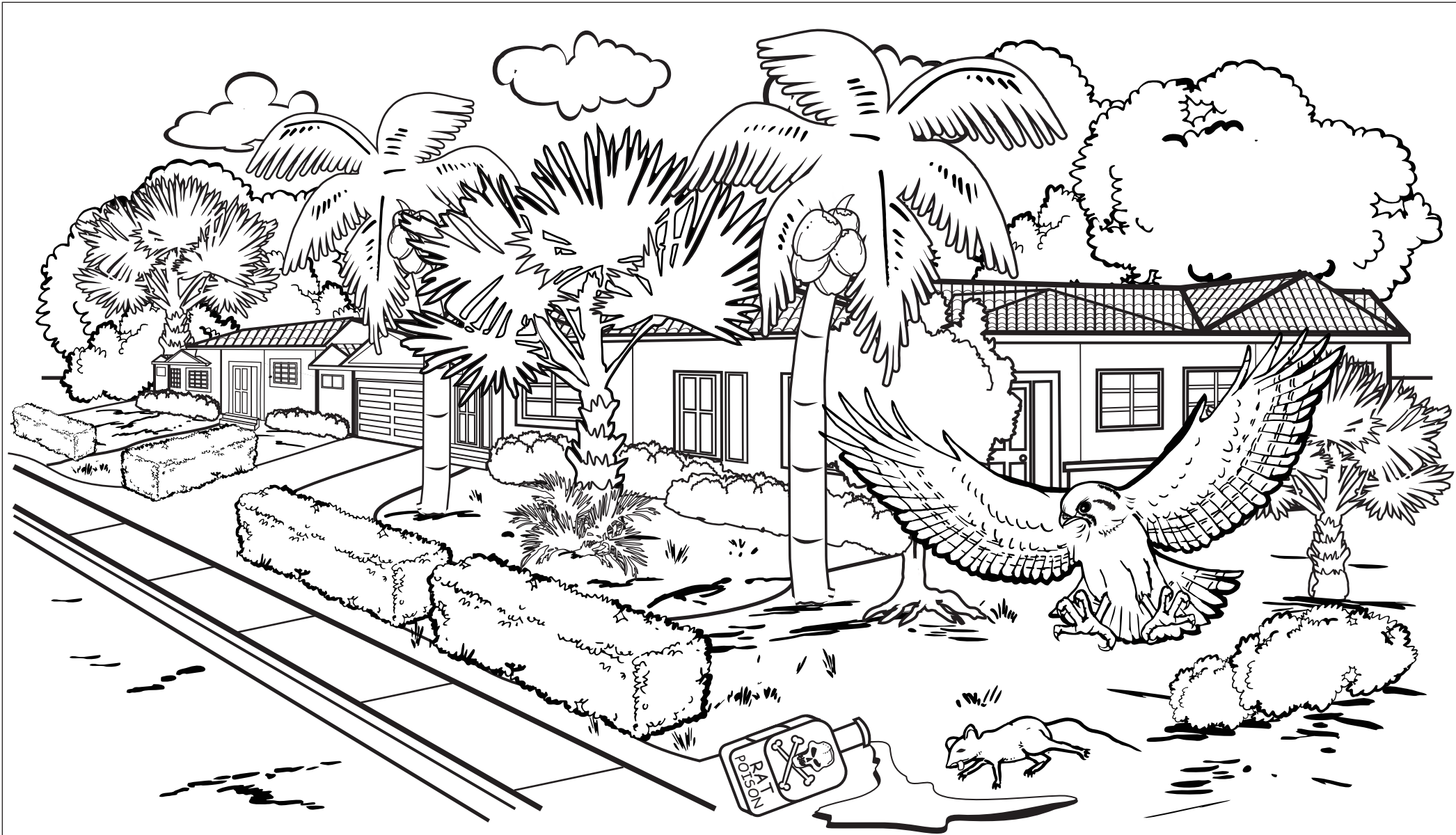
At the station, wildlife rehabilitators took an x-ray and found out I had a fishing hook inside my stomach! They tried to get it out but couldn't. So, they told me they would have to do surgery. I don't remember much after that...



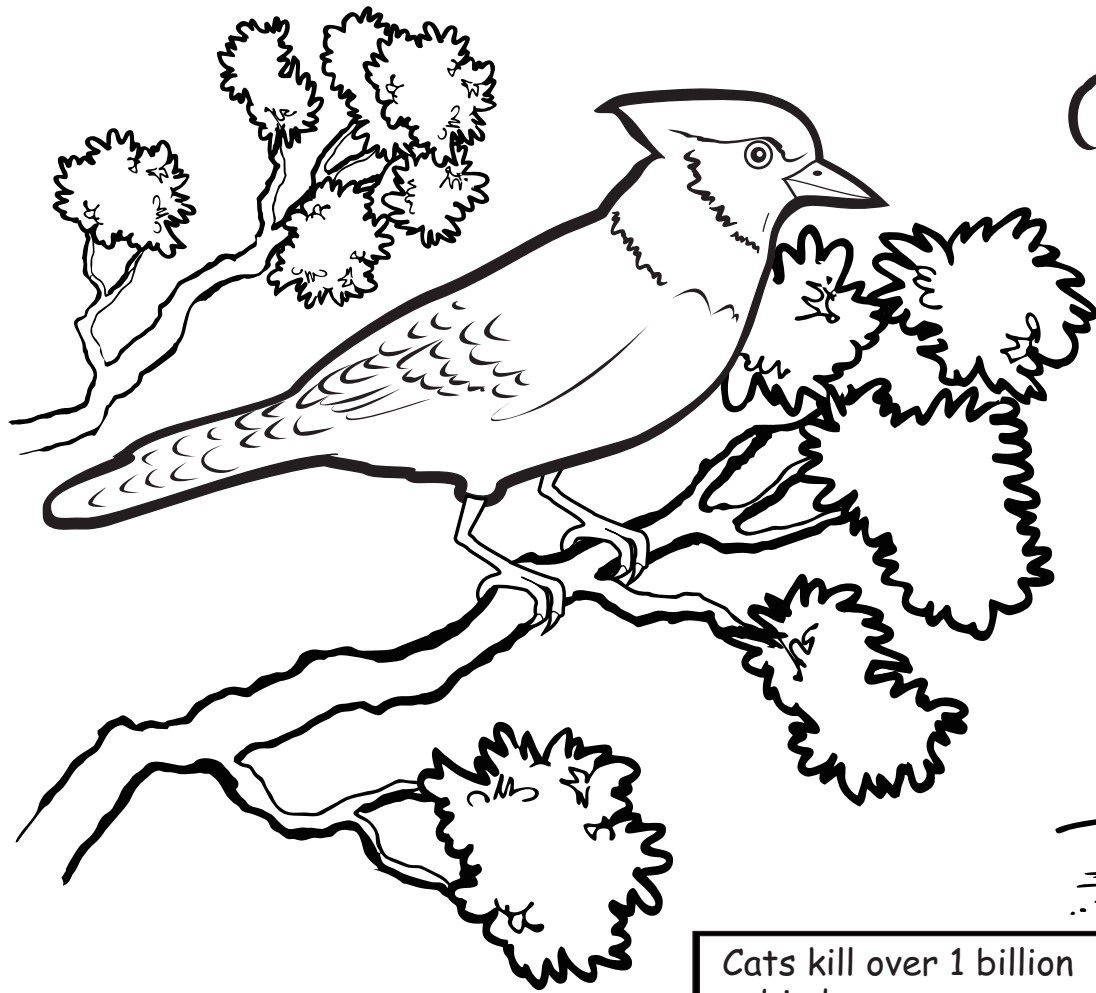
I woke up and slowly started to feel better. Soon I was moved to an outside pen and met some other pelicans who were healing from their injuries as well. We were fed delicious fish twice a day, and I was able to get lots of rest.



While I was there, I met Wanda the Prairie Warbler. She was nice and very talkative. She was flying through Miami on her migration route back home. She said there are a lot more buildings in Miami now! She accidentally flew into one and hurt her head. She's feeling a lot better after being cared for by the rehabilitators at Pelican Harbor Seabird Station.

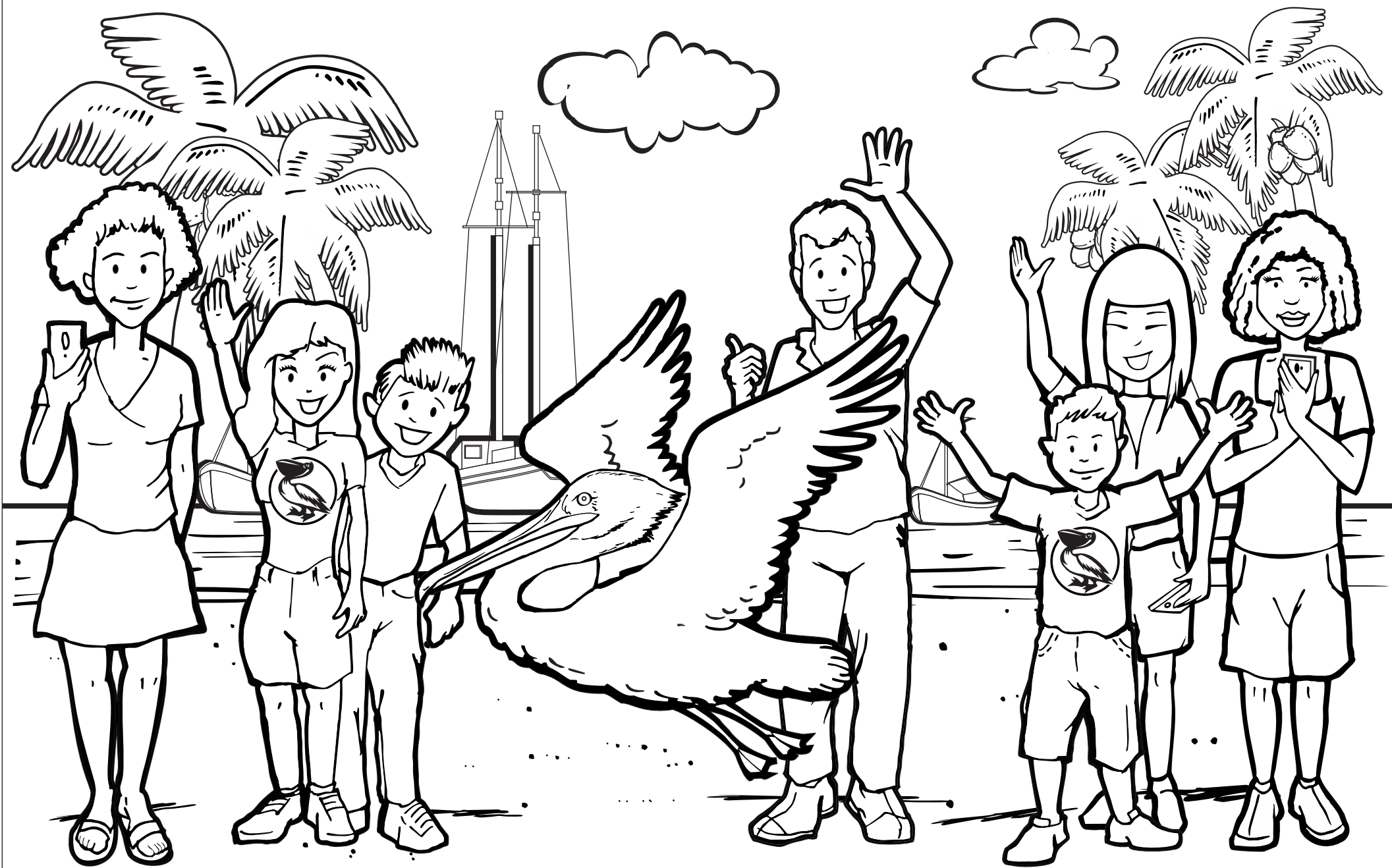


I also met Kenny the American Kestrel. He got sick from eating a mouse that had been poisoned. He didn't know it was poisoned he was just trying to find dinner. Thankfully, someone brought him into the station and he has slowly been recovering.



Cats kill over 1 billion birds every year in the United States!

Finally, I met Bobby the Blue Jay. He was starting to feel better after a cat attacked him! He said it was really scary, and he was grateful the cat's owner brought him to the Seabird Station. There's something in cats' saliva that can make birds sick, so he's been on medicine since he got here. But he was lucky, because sometimes cats can cause really serious injuries, such as broken bones and infection.



After three weeks, I was feeling back to normal, and the wildlife rehabilitators decided it was time for me to go home. Lots of people came to see me fly away.

DEPUTY PELICAN PAL VOCABULARY AND MESSAGE GAME

To read the message below, fill in the blanks with the letter that matches the number in the vocabulary code. The first one has been done for you.

<u>R</u> ookery: 12 6	a communal nesting ground for birds.
<u>W</u> ildlife <u>r</u> ehabilitator: 13 1	a person who treats and cares for injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife so that they can be released back into the wild.
<u>W</u> arbler: 7 4	small perching birds that often eat insects.
<u>N</u> ative <u>w</u> ildlife: 15 2	an animal that normally lives and thrives in a particular ecosystem.
<u>P</u> elican Harbor <u>S</u> eabird 11 10 8 <u>S</u> tation: 5	Miami's oldest native wildlife rehabilitation facility.
<u>M</u> igration: 9 3	seasonal movement of animals from one region to another.
<u>O</u> possum 14	a small to medium-sized marsupial that lives in South Florida and around the U.S.

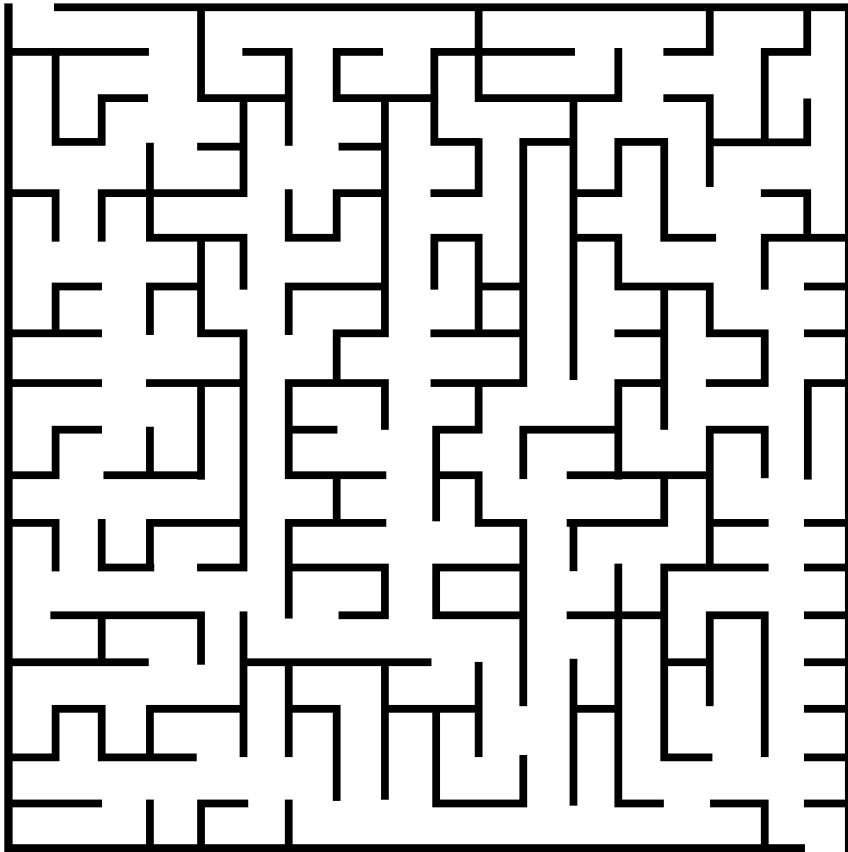
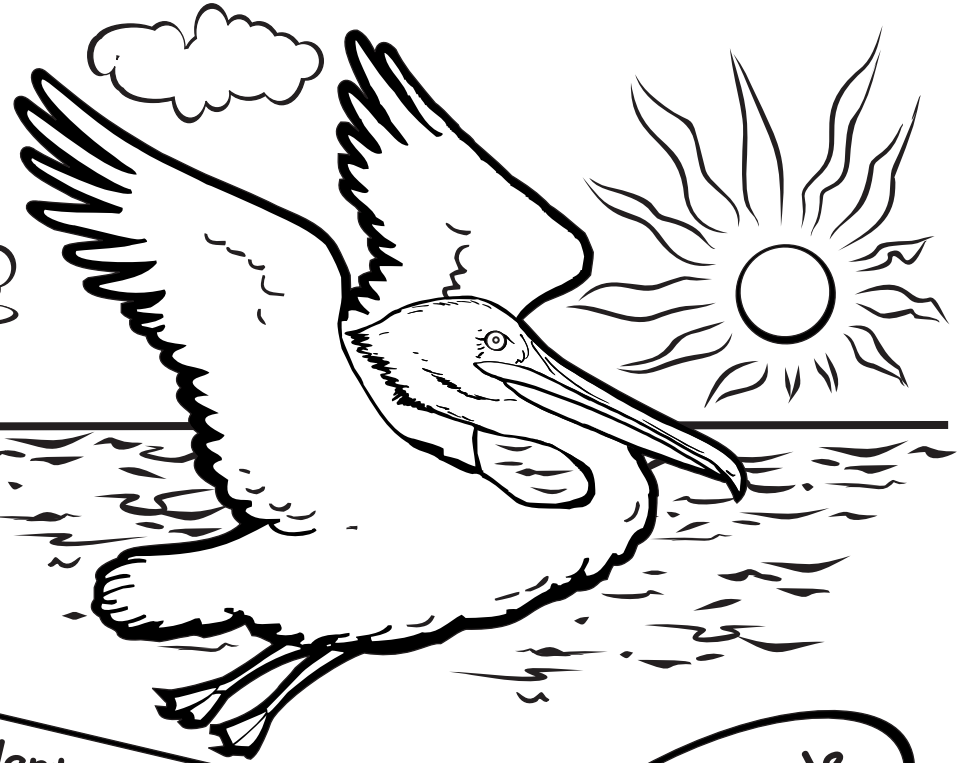
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Help Penelope find her way back to the Bay and learn how you can help protect Penelope and her new friends!

Throw away fishing line and hooks.



Don't release balloons into the air!

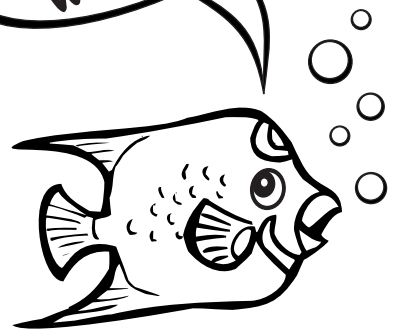


Plant native plants in your yard!



Use a reusable water bottle!

Throw away trash in trash cans!



Deputy Pelican Pal

I pledge to:

- Help protect our canals, rivers, and oceans from pollution by not throwing things in the water such as chemicals or trash.
- Plant native trees.
- Pick up trash on the beach.
- Recycle.
- Share what I know with others.
- Call Pelican Harbor Seabird Station if I find injured native wildlife.



Thanks for protecting
South Florida wildlife!



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