

Surfside Presents

The Adventures of
surfy
The Surfside
Sea Turtle

What Surfside Does to Help Protect the Turtles

As a scenic oceanfront community and popular destination (for both humans and loggerhead sea turtles during nesting season from May through October), the Town of Surfside is passionate about protecting the ocean and marine life.

One of the initiatives in place here that help protect our loggerhead sea turtles is the ban of plastic straws. Plastic straws make up a large portion of sea and beach litter and can easily be mistaken for food by a hungry sea turtle.

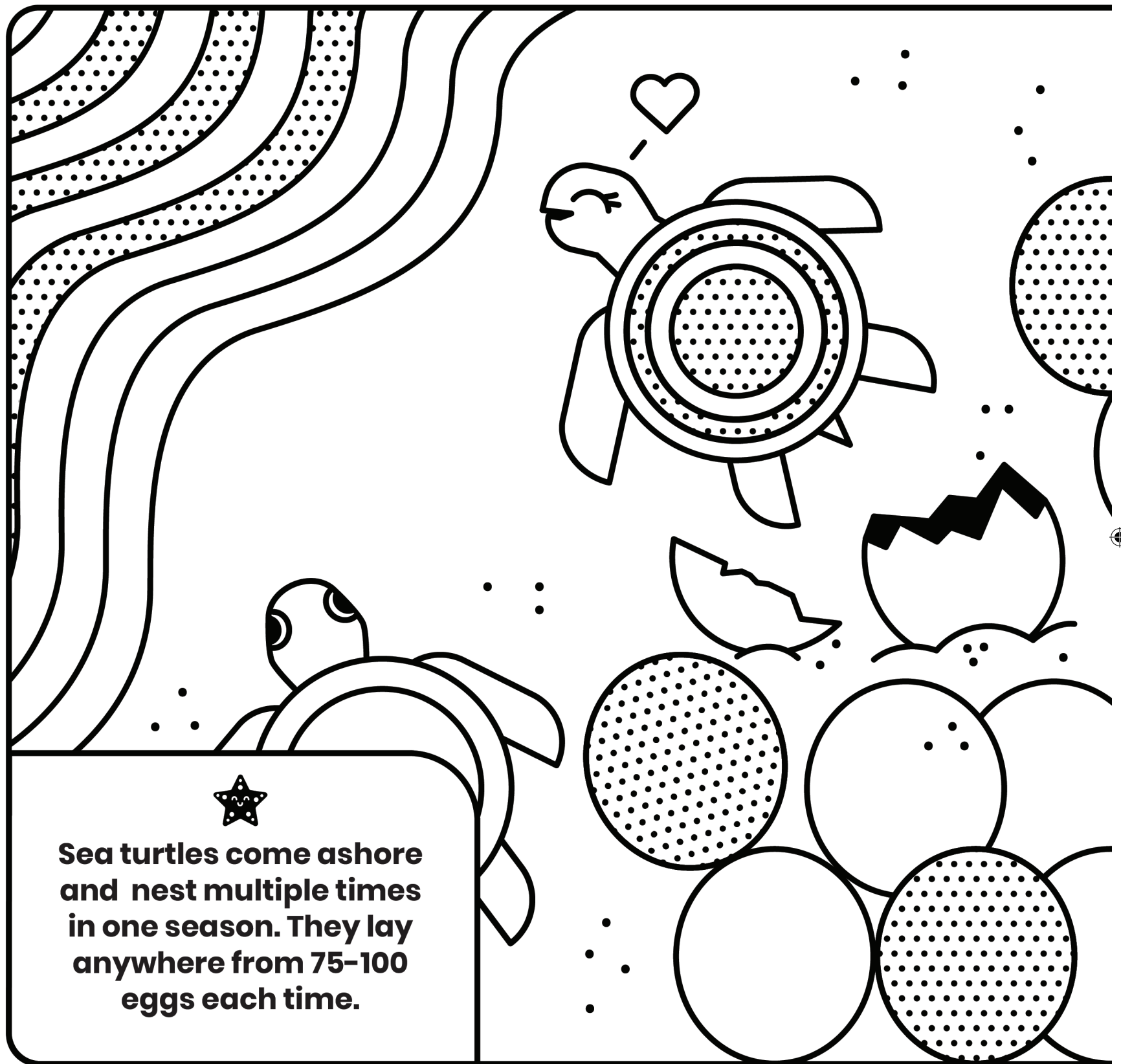
Follow Surfy and her adventures from being a hatchling, navigating the perils of the ocean, along with some fun facts about these important and majestic animals.



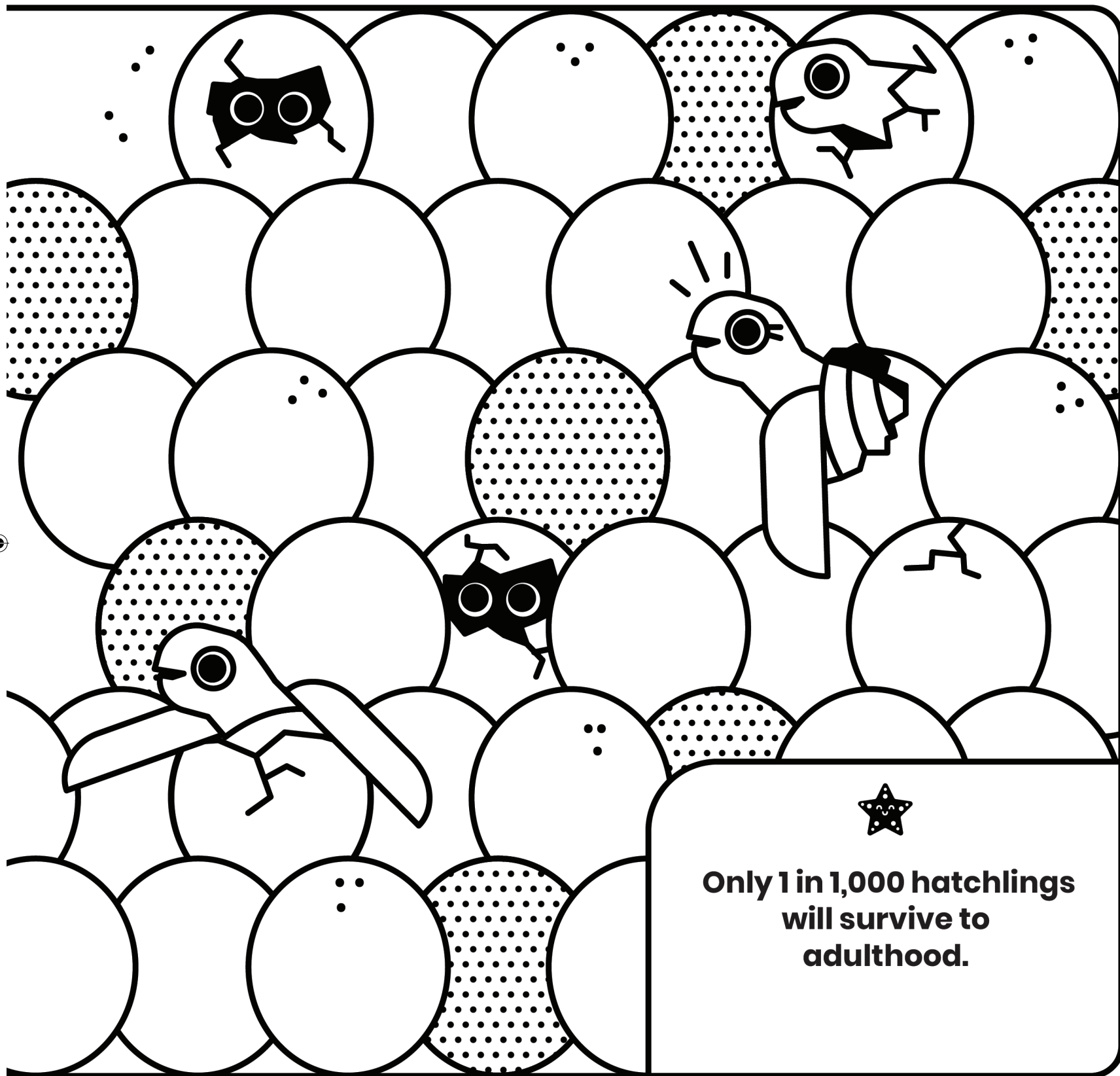
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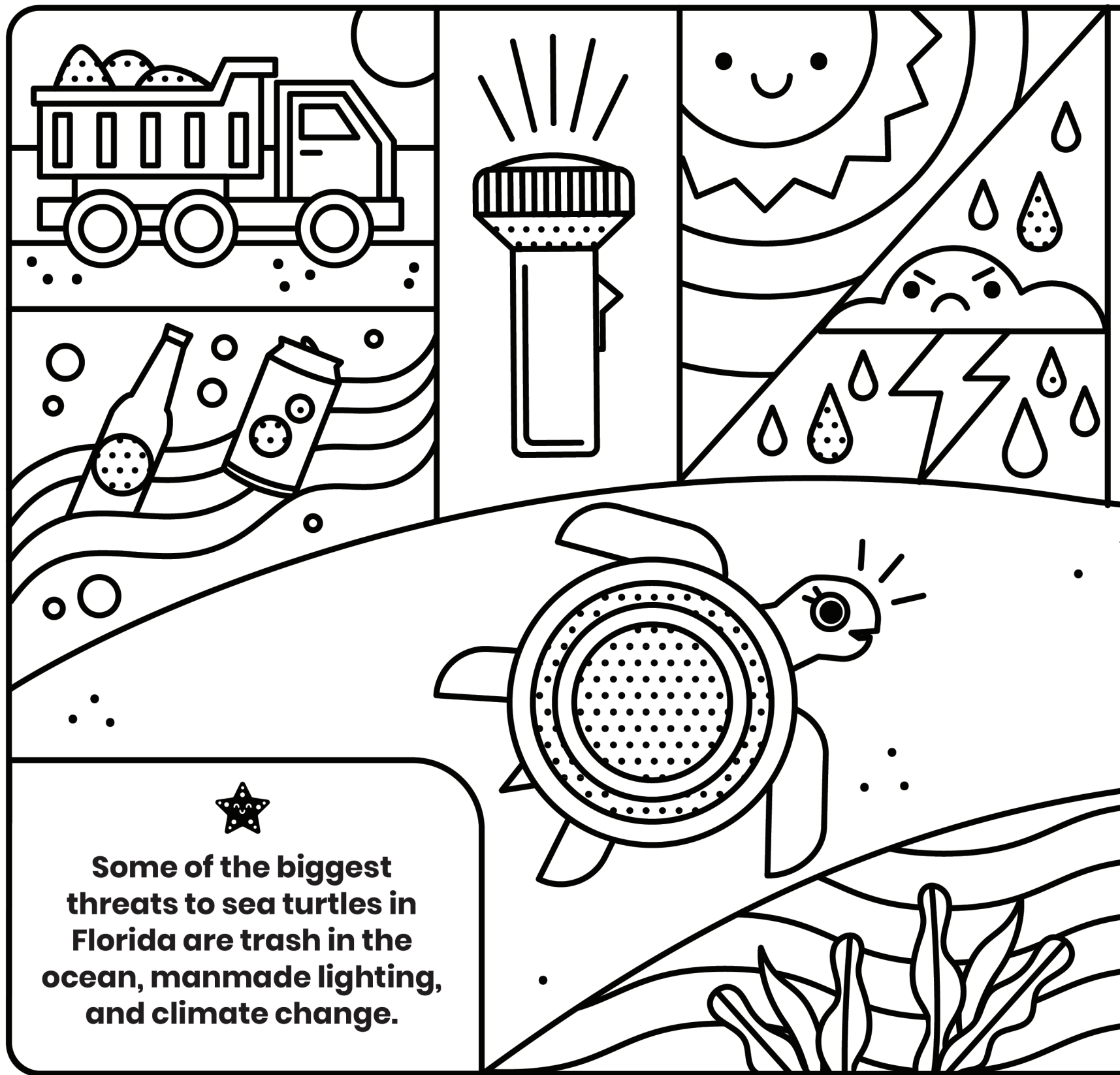
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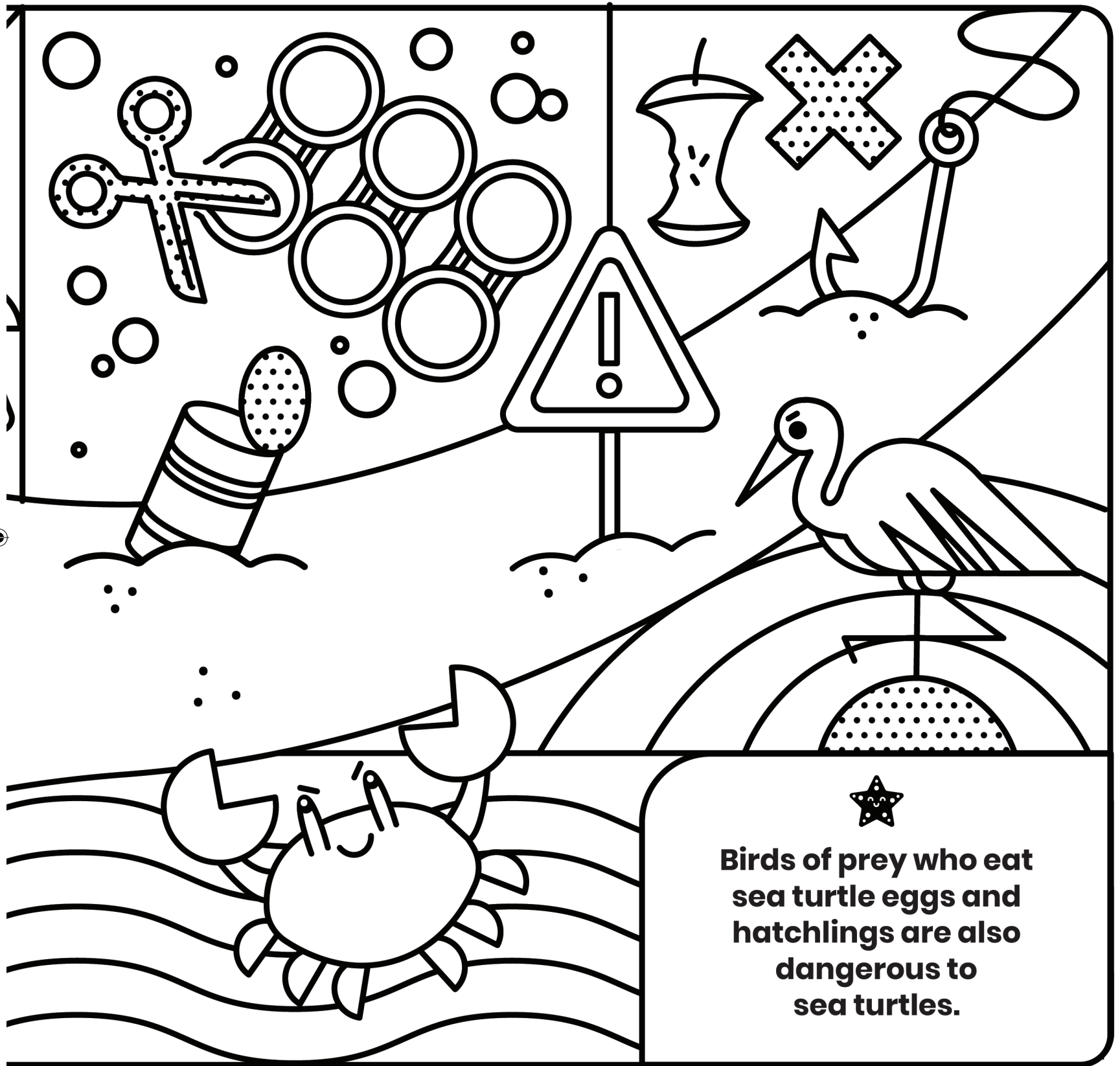



Sea turtles come ashore and nest multiple times in one season. They lay anywhere from 75-100 eggs each time.





**Some of the biggest
threats to sea turtles in
Florida are trash in the
ocean, manmade lighting,
and climate change.**




**Birds of prey who eat
sea turtle eggs and
hatchlings are also
dangerous to
sea turtles.**

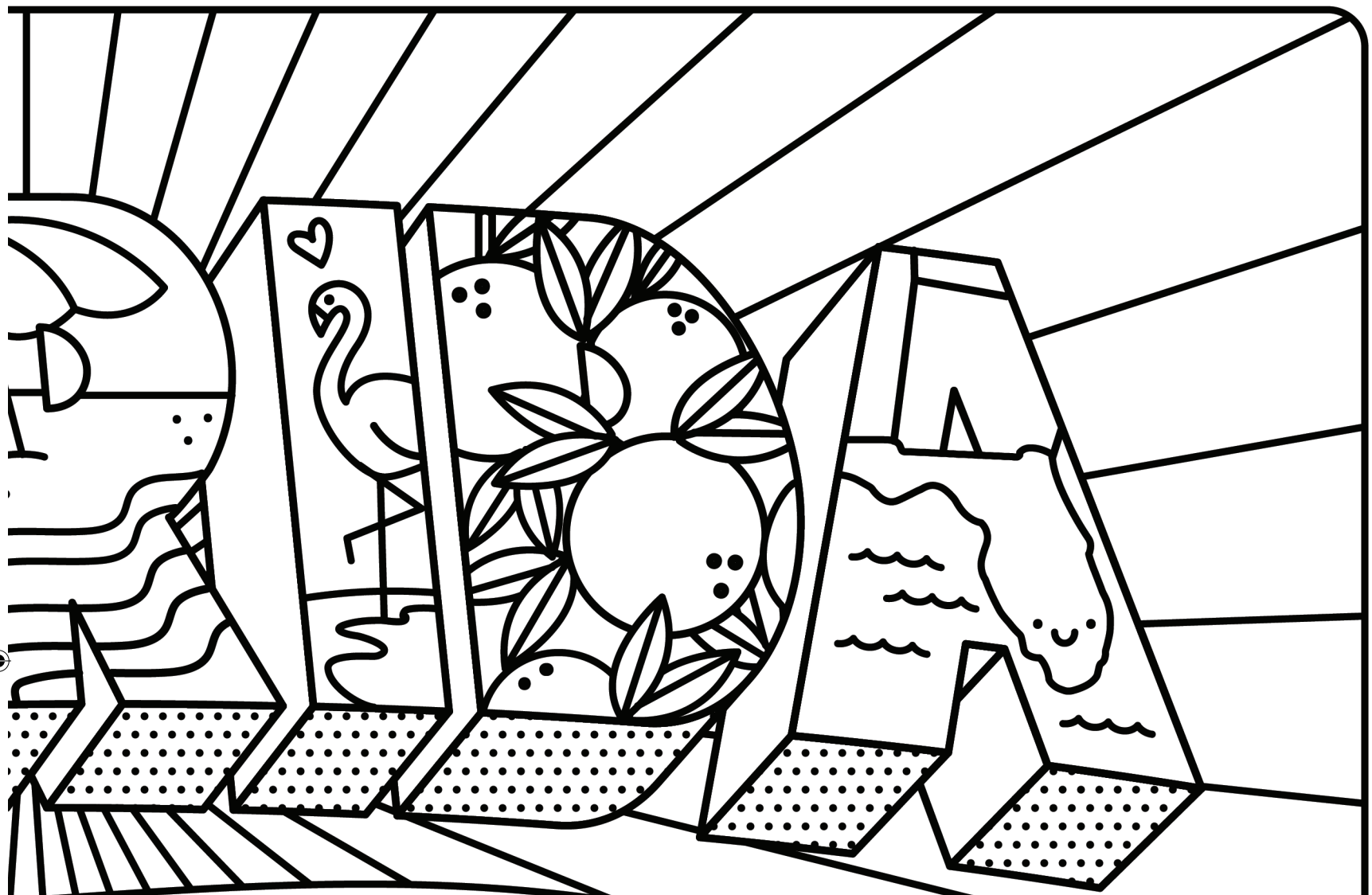


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The Sunshine State



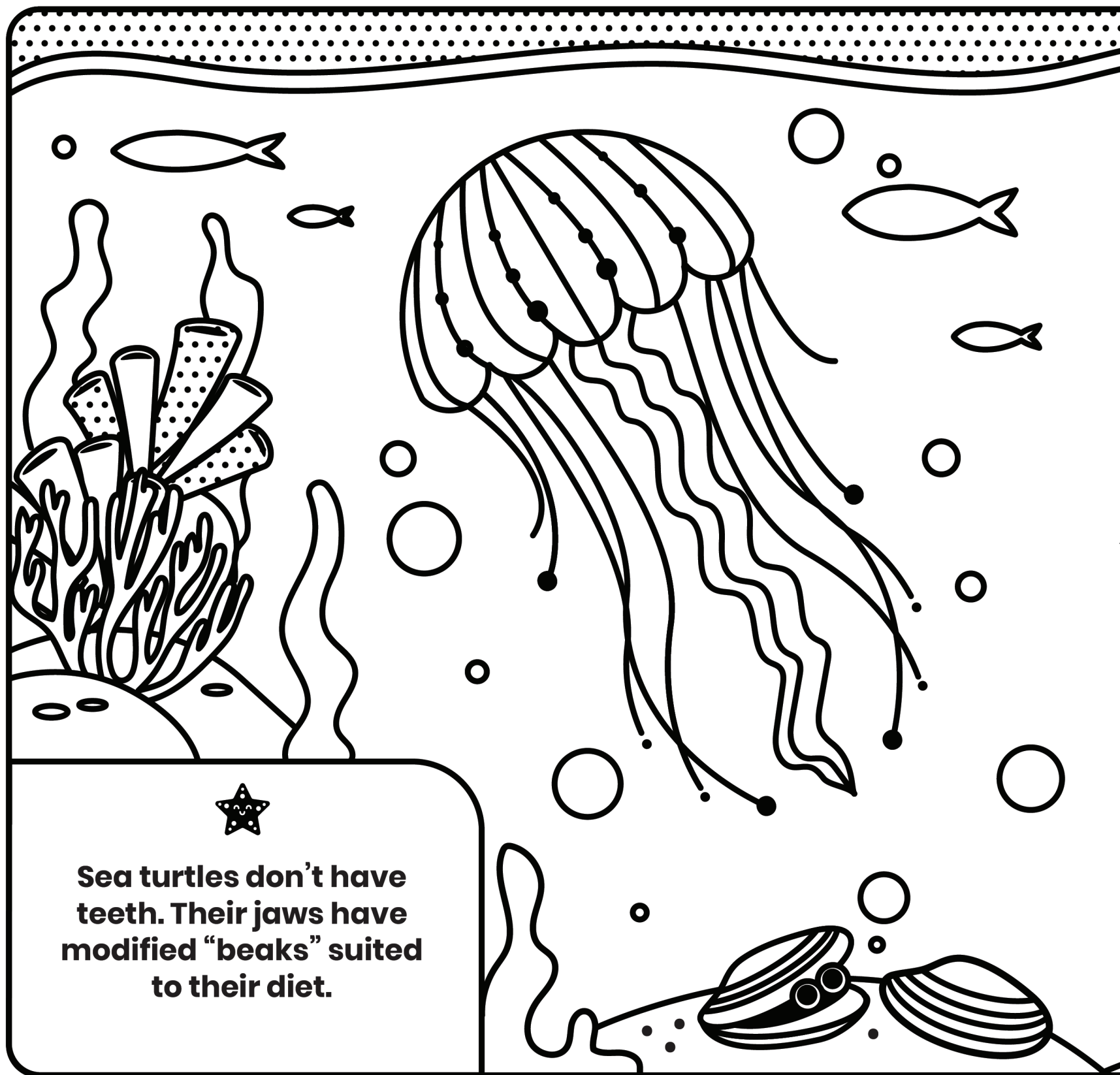
**Over 90% of sea turtle
nesting in the US takes
place in Florida.**



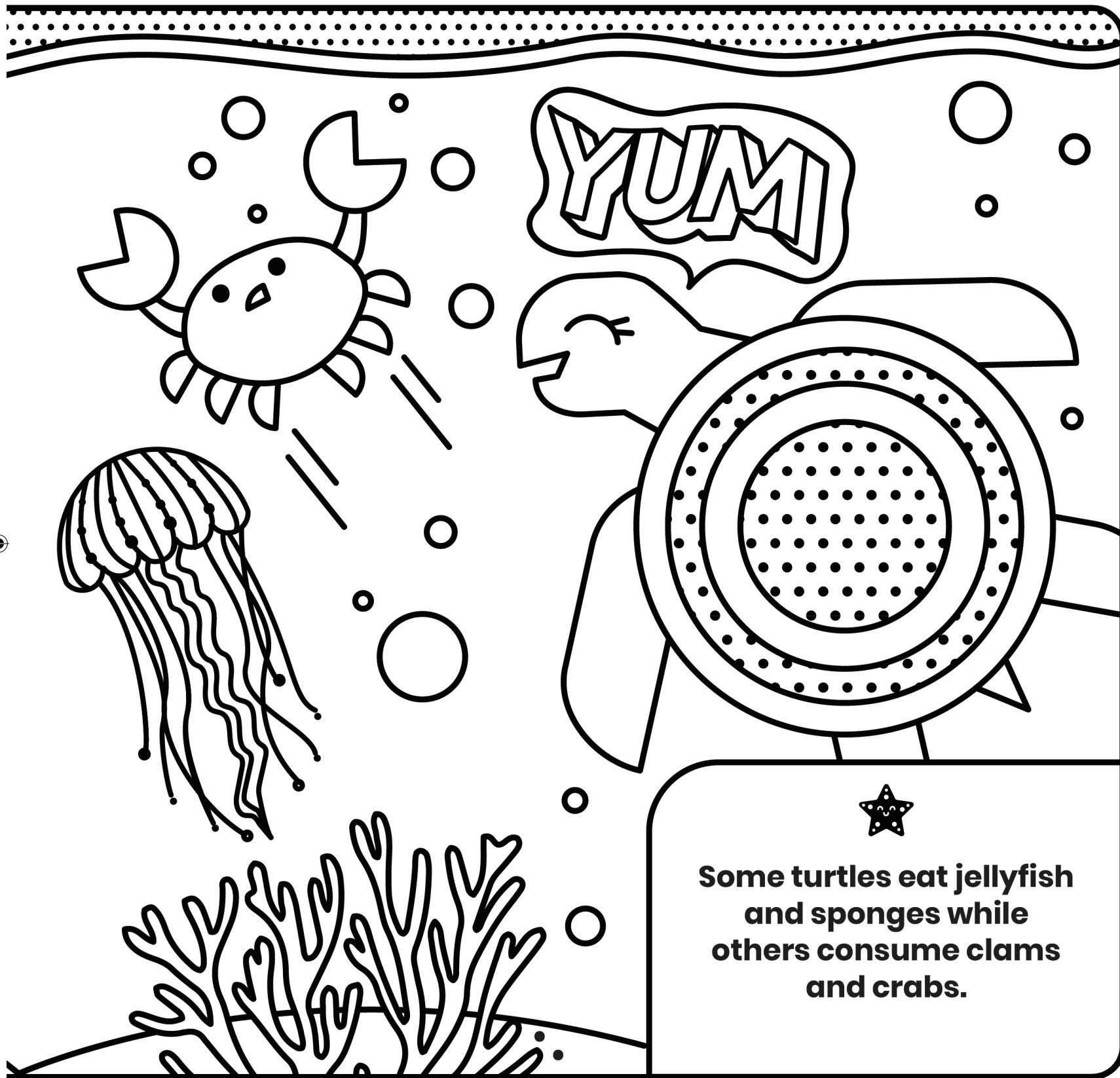
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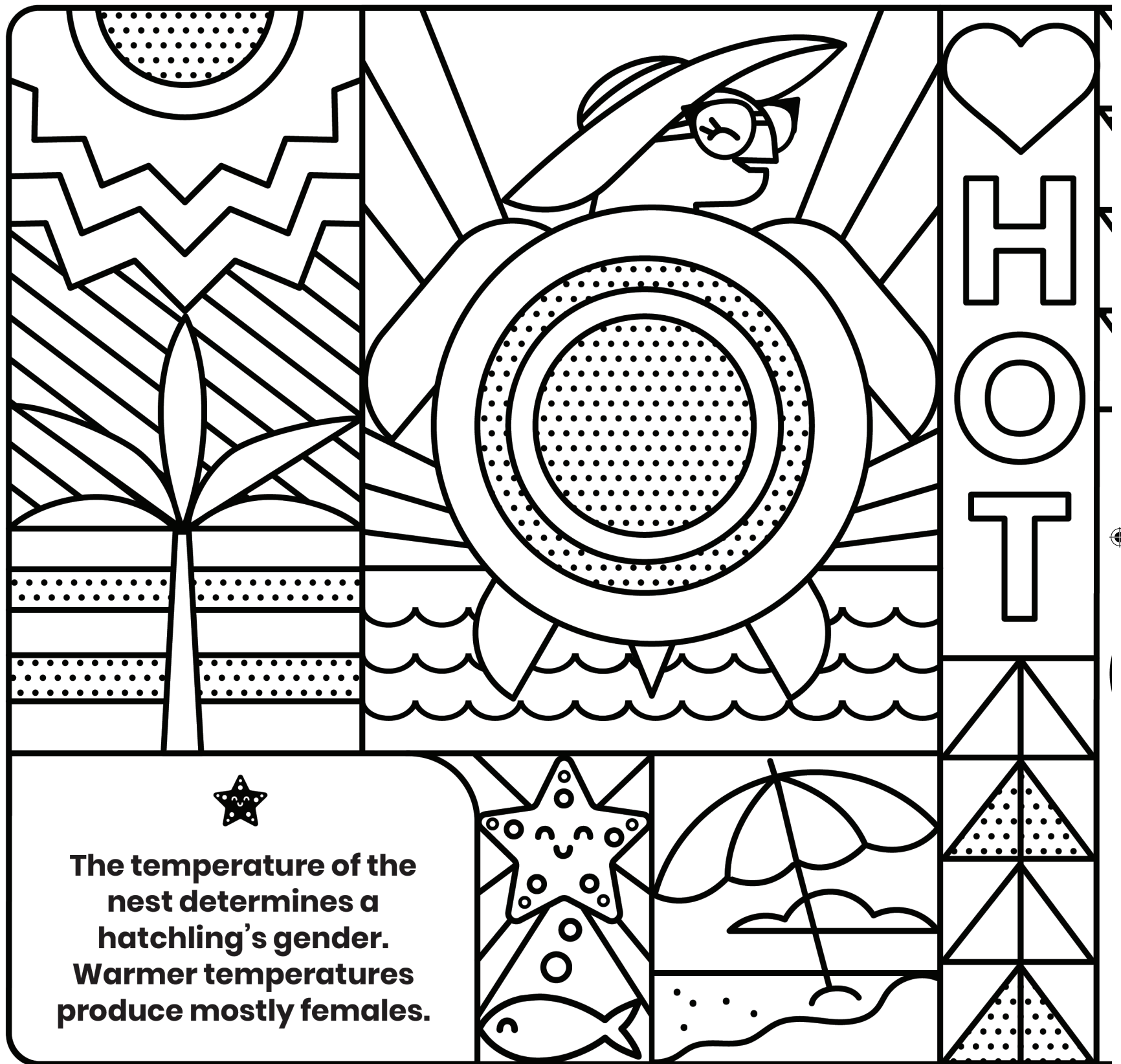
**Sea turtles live in or
migrate through every
ocean except for the
Arctic Ocean.**



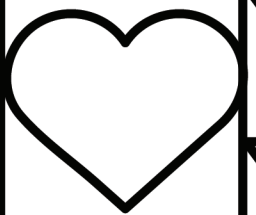
**Sea turtles don't have
teeth. Their jaws have
modified "beaks" suited
to their diet.**



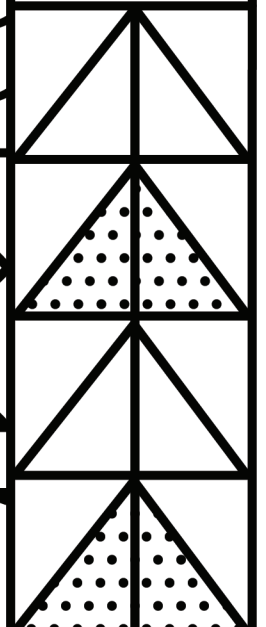
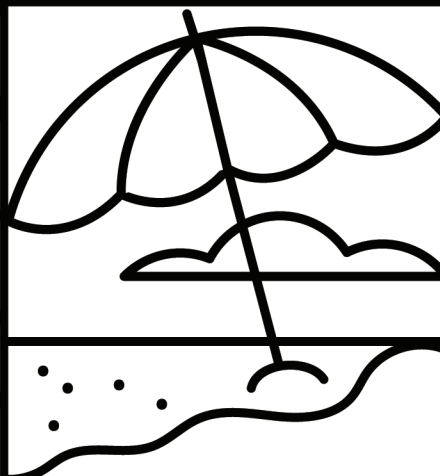
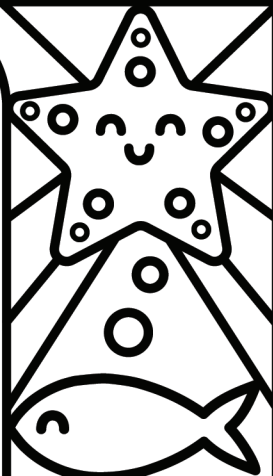
**Some turtles eat jellyfish
and sponges while
others consume clams
and crabs.**

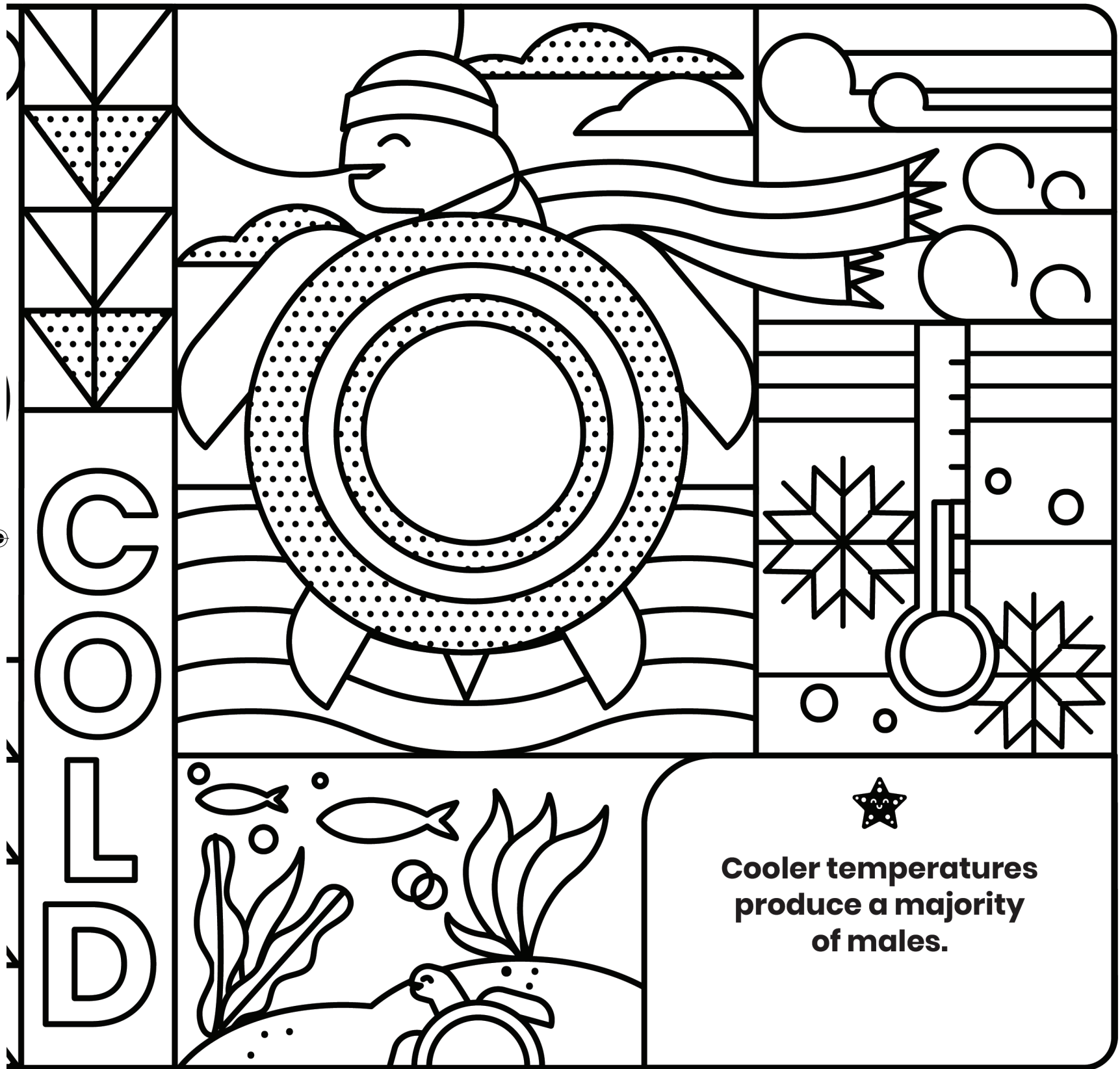


The temperature of the
nest determines a
hatchling's gender.
Warmer temperatures
produce mostly females.

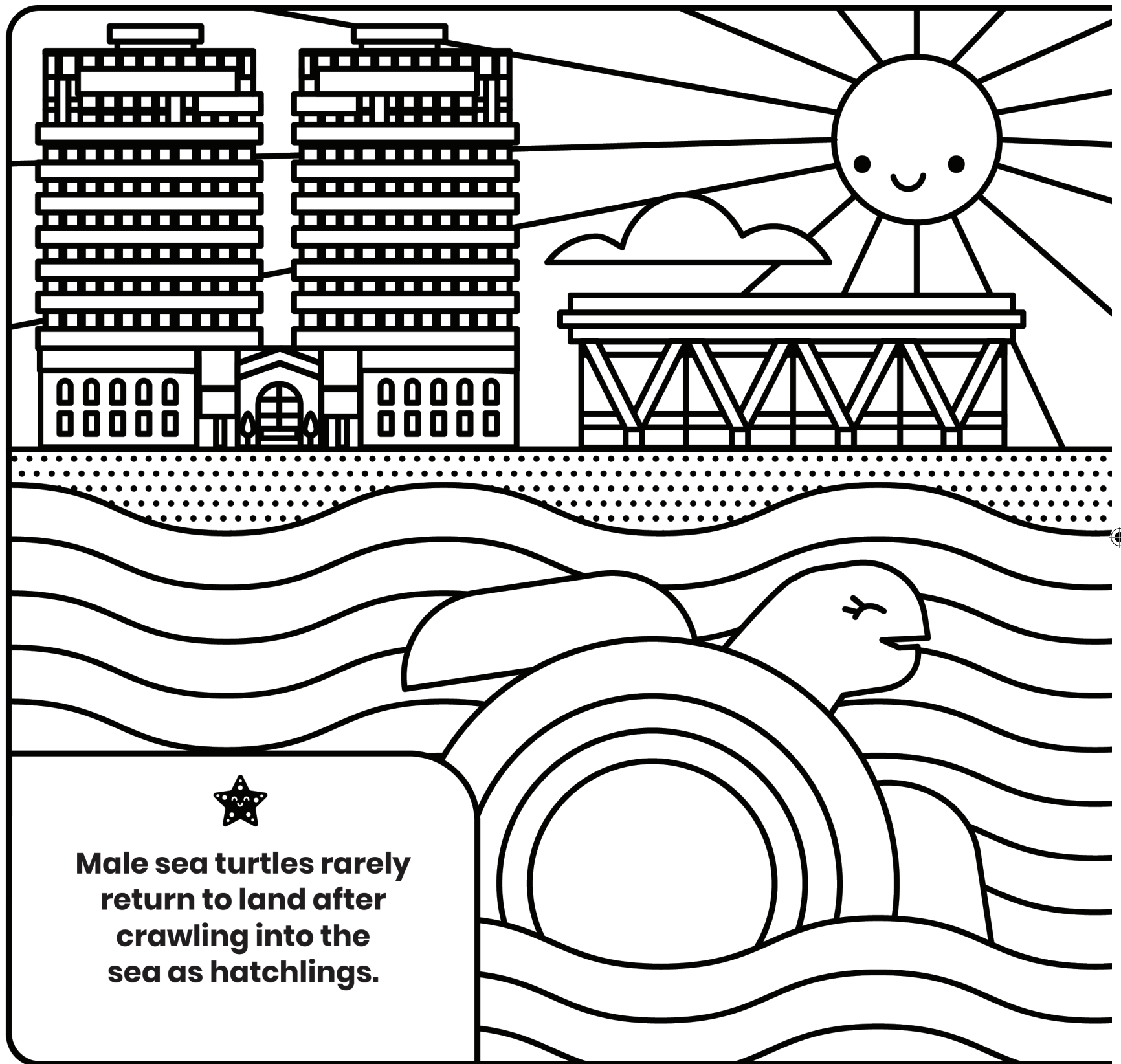


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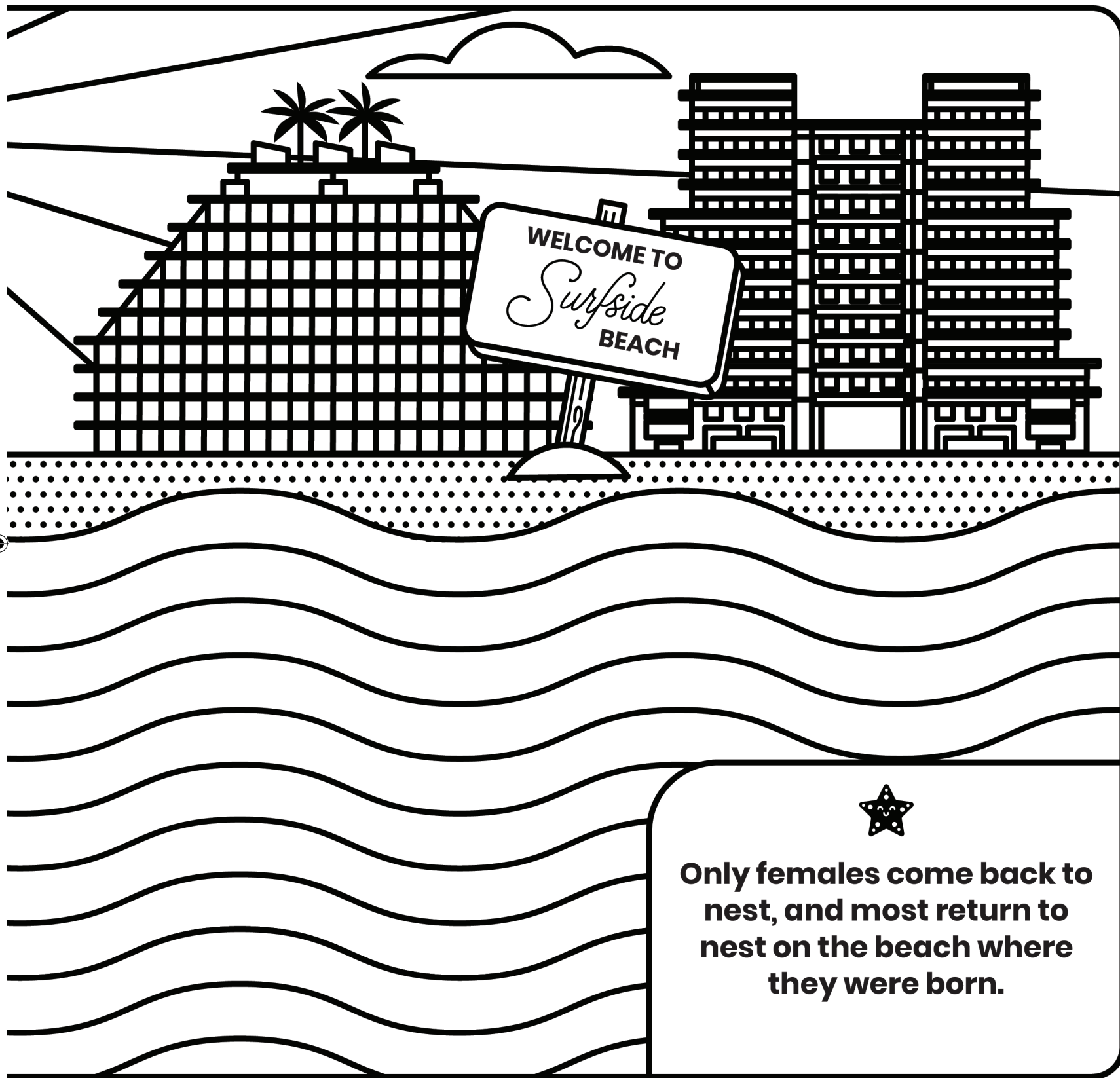




**Cooler temperatures
produce a majority
of males.**



**Male sea turtles rarely
return to land after
crawling into the
sea as hatchlings.**



Only females come back to nest, and most return to nest on the beach where they were born.

A special thanks to the Sea Turtle Conservancy
for providing the facts contained in this book.
To learn more about sea turtles visit www.conserveturtles.org.

Protect our Sea Turtles!

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