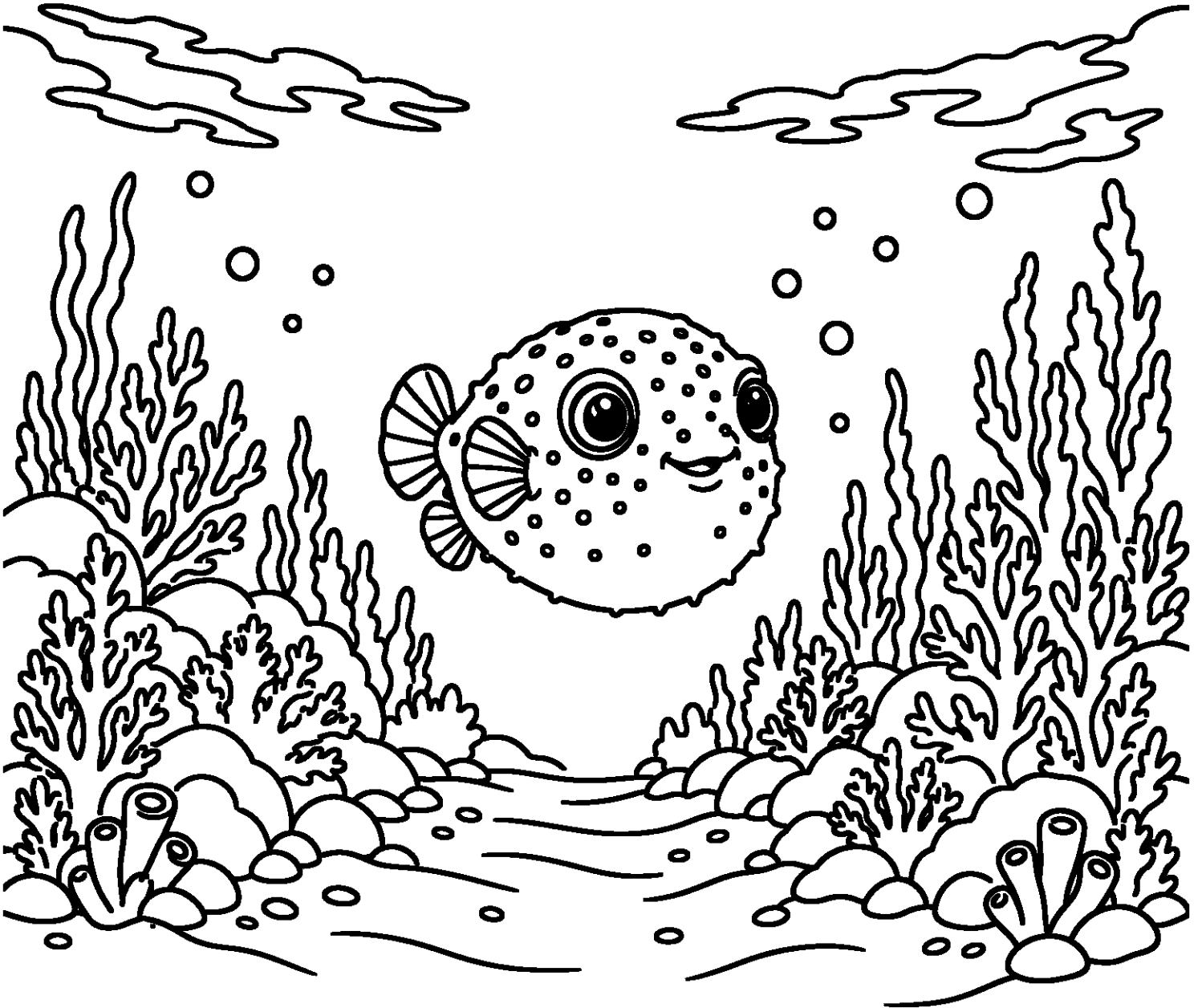
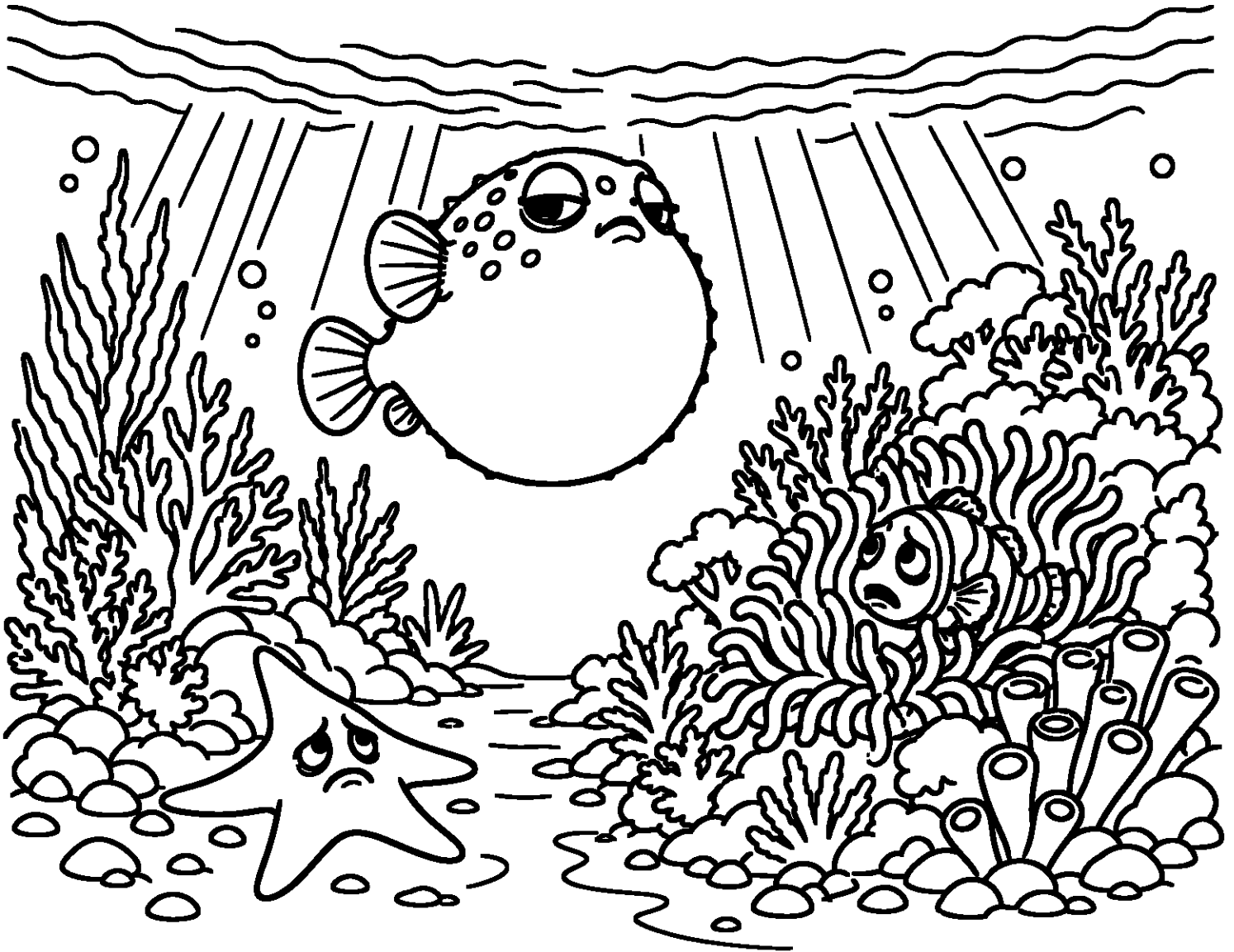


Haughtiness

The Show-Off Pufferfish

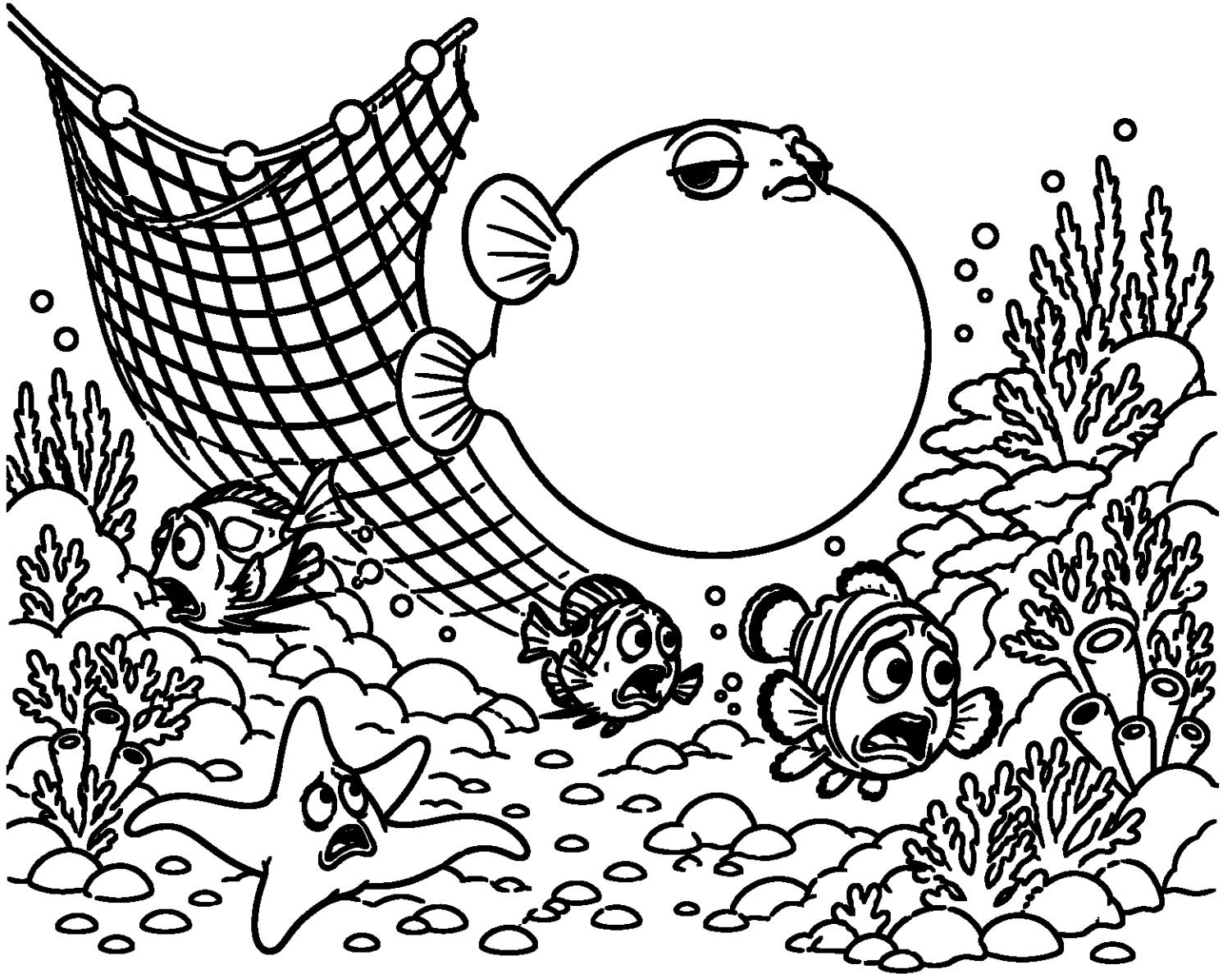


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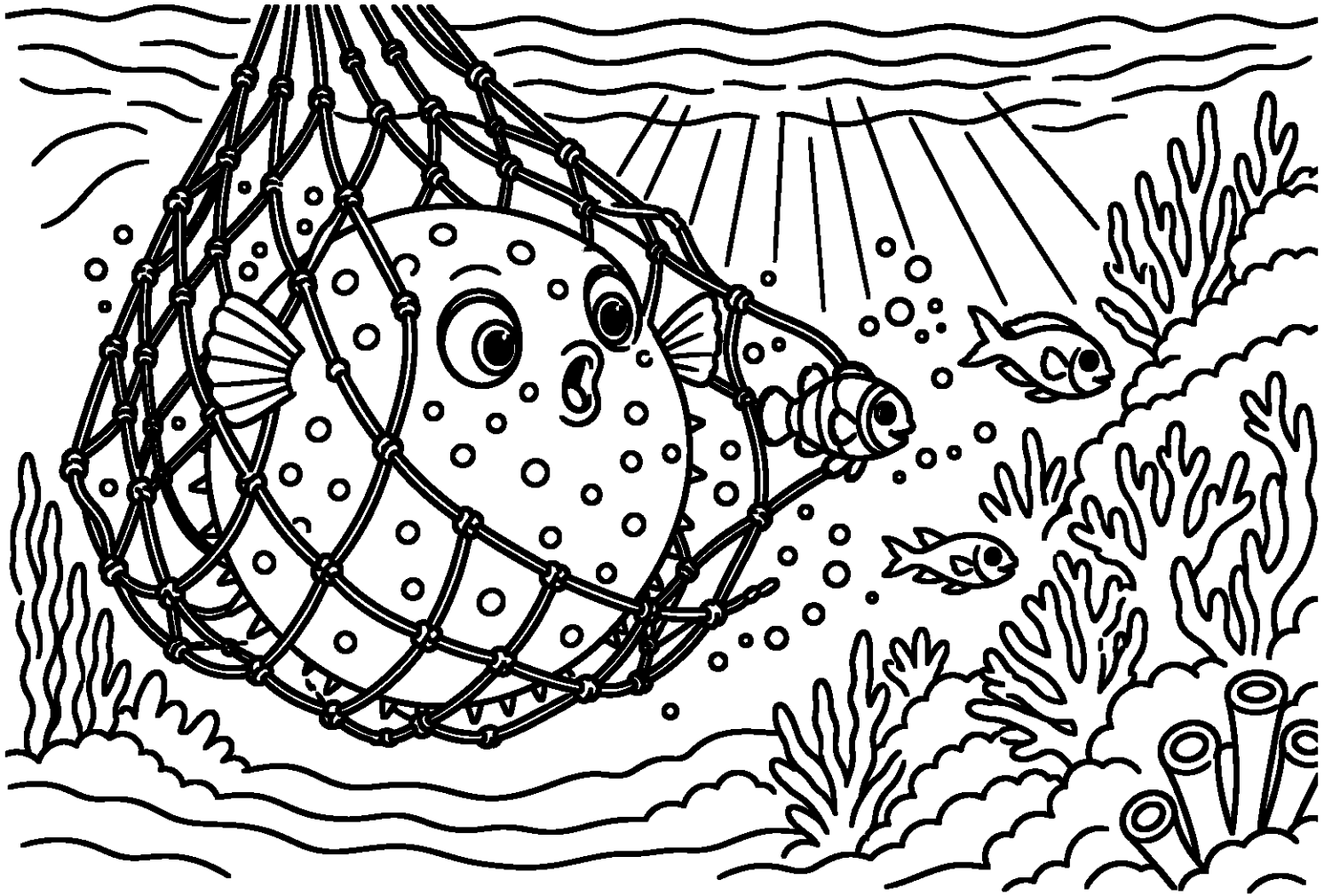
A pufferfish with haughty air
would swell with pride beyond compare.
"You guppies, minnows — move aside!
Behold my grand and glorious pride!"

The Show-Off Pufferfish



He'd puff himself to twice his size,
and look at all with scornful eyes.
"I'm biggest, brightest, best by far —
you're little fish, that's all you are!"

The Show-Off Pufferfish



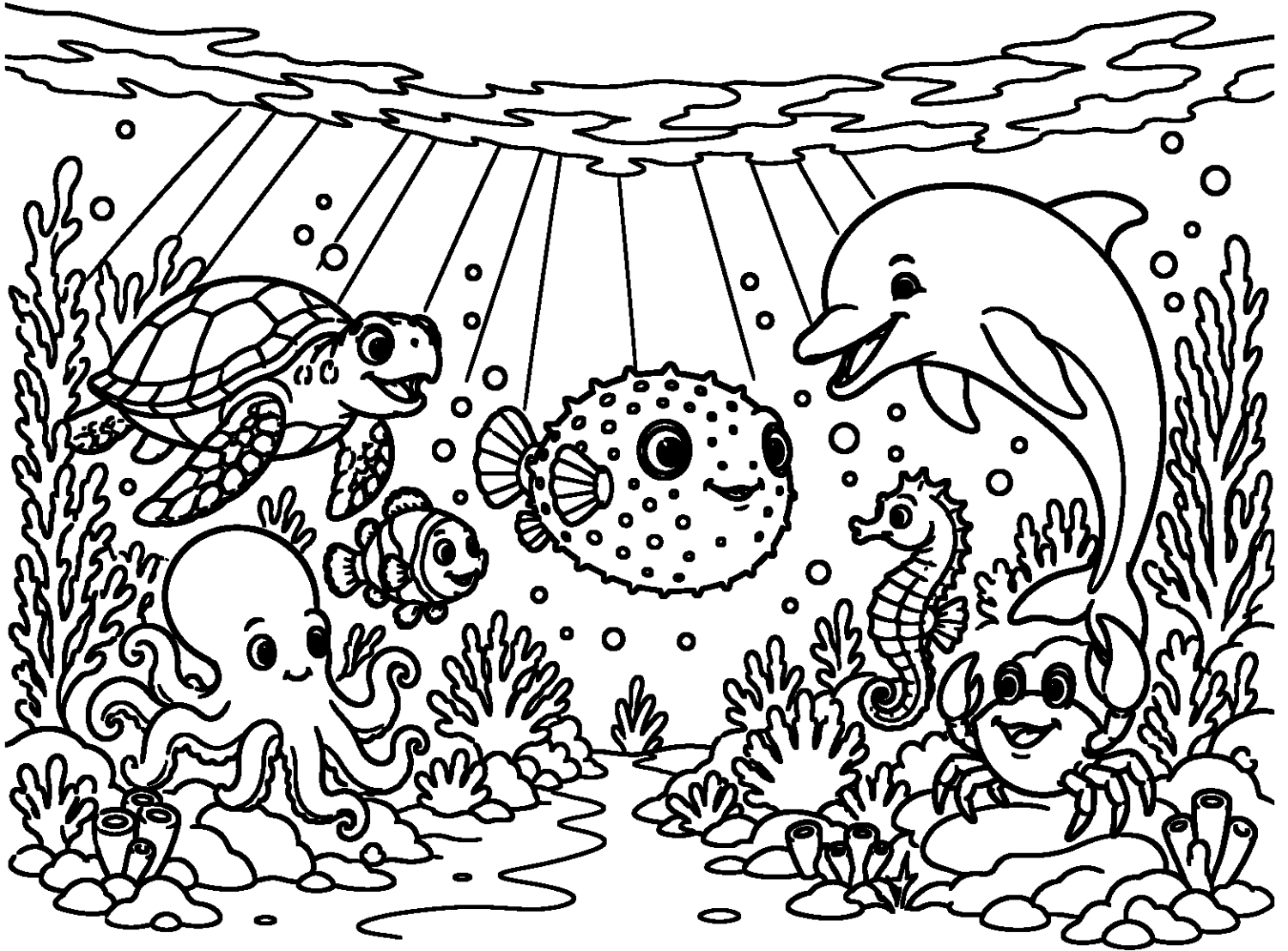
So puffed with pride, he failed to see
the net approaching from the sea.
While humbler fish darted away,
his swollen form made easy prey.

The Show-Off Pufferfish



Released by chance back to the blue,
his haughtiness had left him too.
And so he saw that pride's high state
will often lead to humbled fate.

The Show-Off Pufferfish



Moral

Puff up too big to show your pride,
and soon you'll find nowhere to hide.