


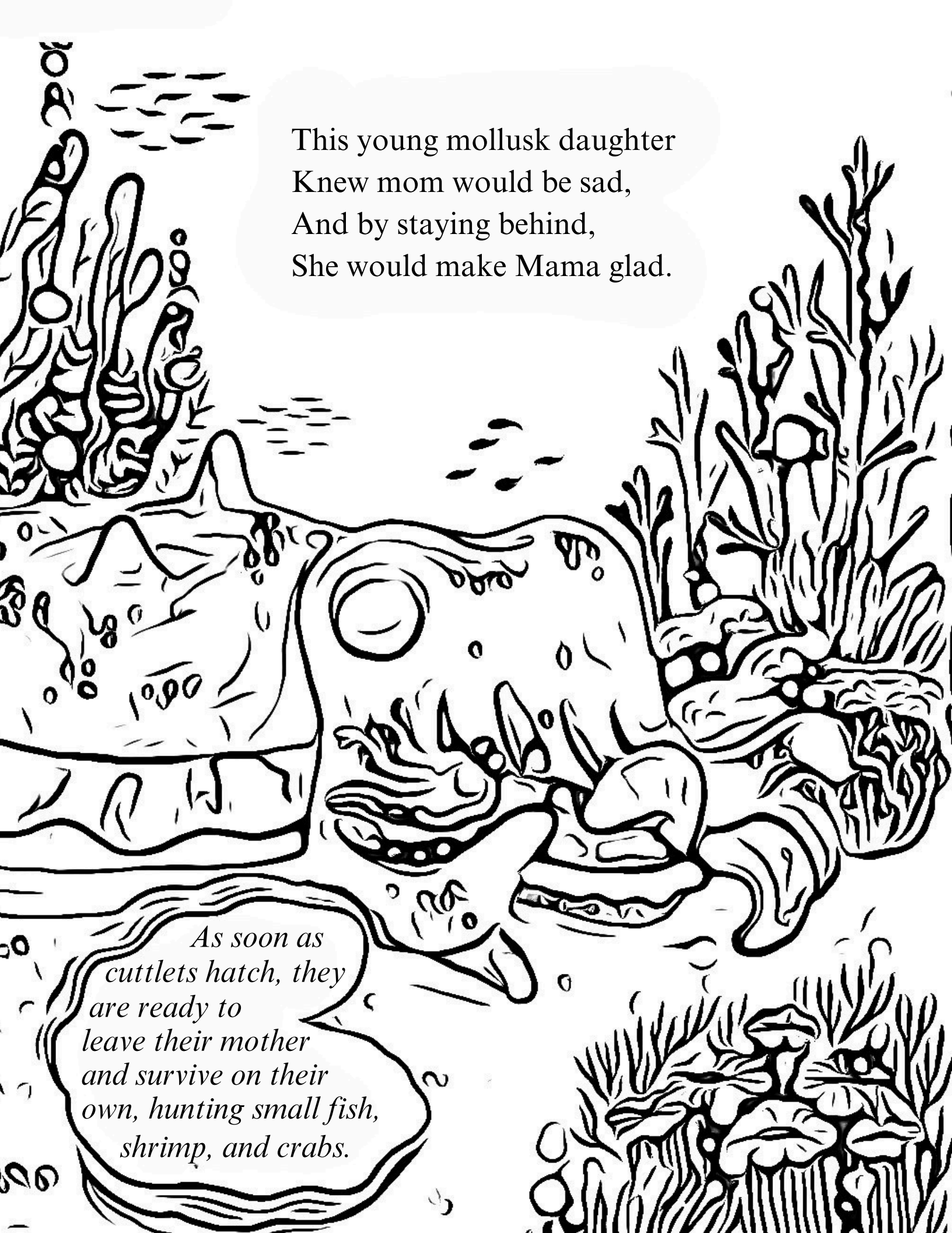
Nestled deep in the coral,
A place hard to find...
Lived a cuttlefish mother
And cuttlet most kind.

*A baby cuttlefish
is
called a cuttlet.*



Right after hatching,
Her siblings took leave,
But a small baby stayed
So her mom would not grieve.

*Cuttlelets hatch
from eggs, which
the mother cuttlefish
places under rocks or
coral to keep them
safe
from
predators, such as
sharks, seals, dolphins,
and large fish.*



This young mollusk daughter
Knew mom would be sad,
And by staying behind,
She would make Mama glad.

*As soon as
cuttlefish hatch, they
are ready to
leave their mother
and survive on their
own, hunting small fish,
shrimp, and crabs.*