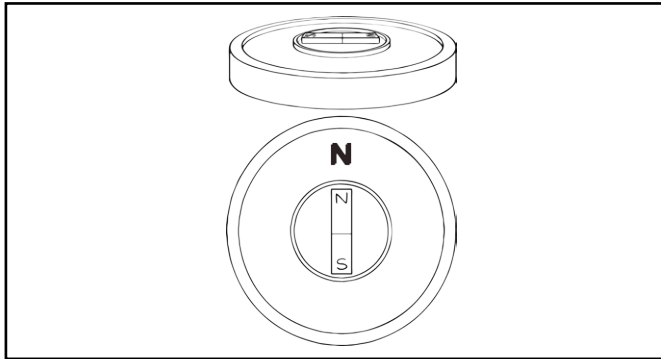
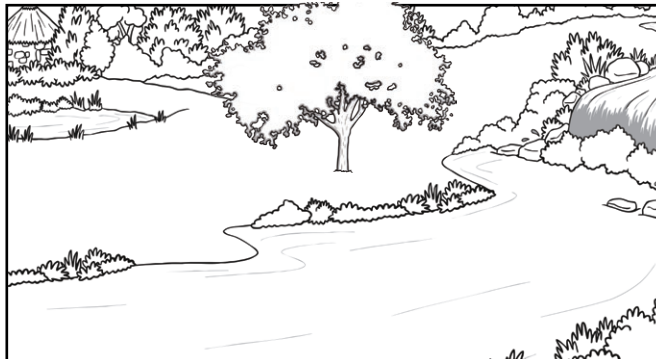


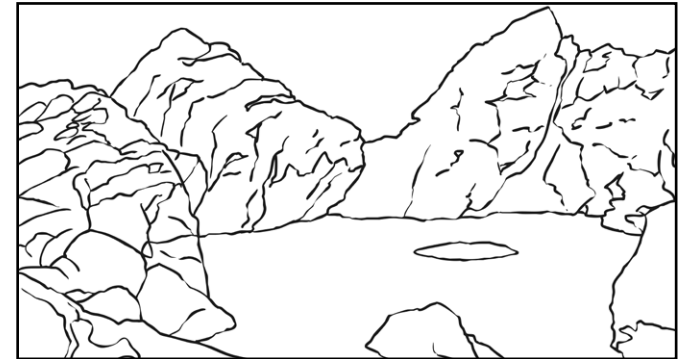
# The Mermaid in the River



In the north, was a town. Perth was the town.



In Perth, was a river. The river was long and led to a rock pool.



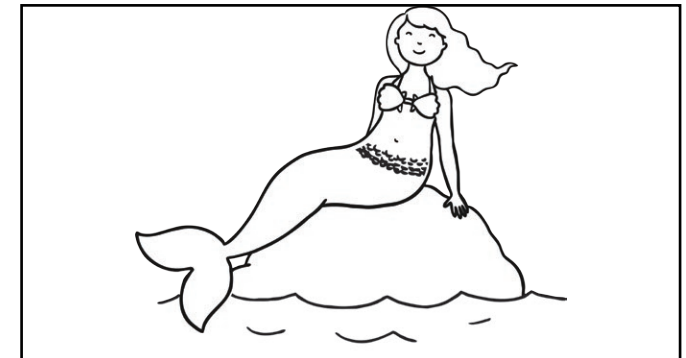
One day, in the winter, a man ran from the rock pool.



He had seen a monster. A monster with long hair and a tail. Her tail had greener fins than he had ever seen! Bernard did not go back to the rock pool.



After a number of weeks, Bernard's sister, Fern, went to see the monster.



She went past the corner of the rock pool. A mermaid was next to a rock. She had a ring on her finger. She put herself on the rock. It was not a monster. It was a mermaid.