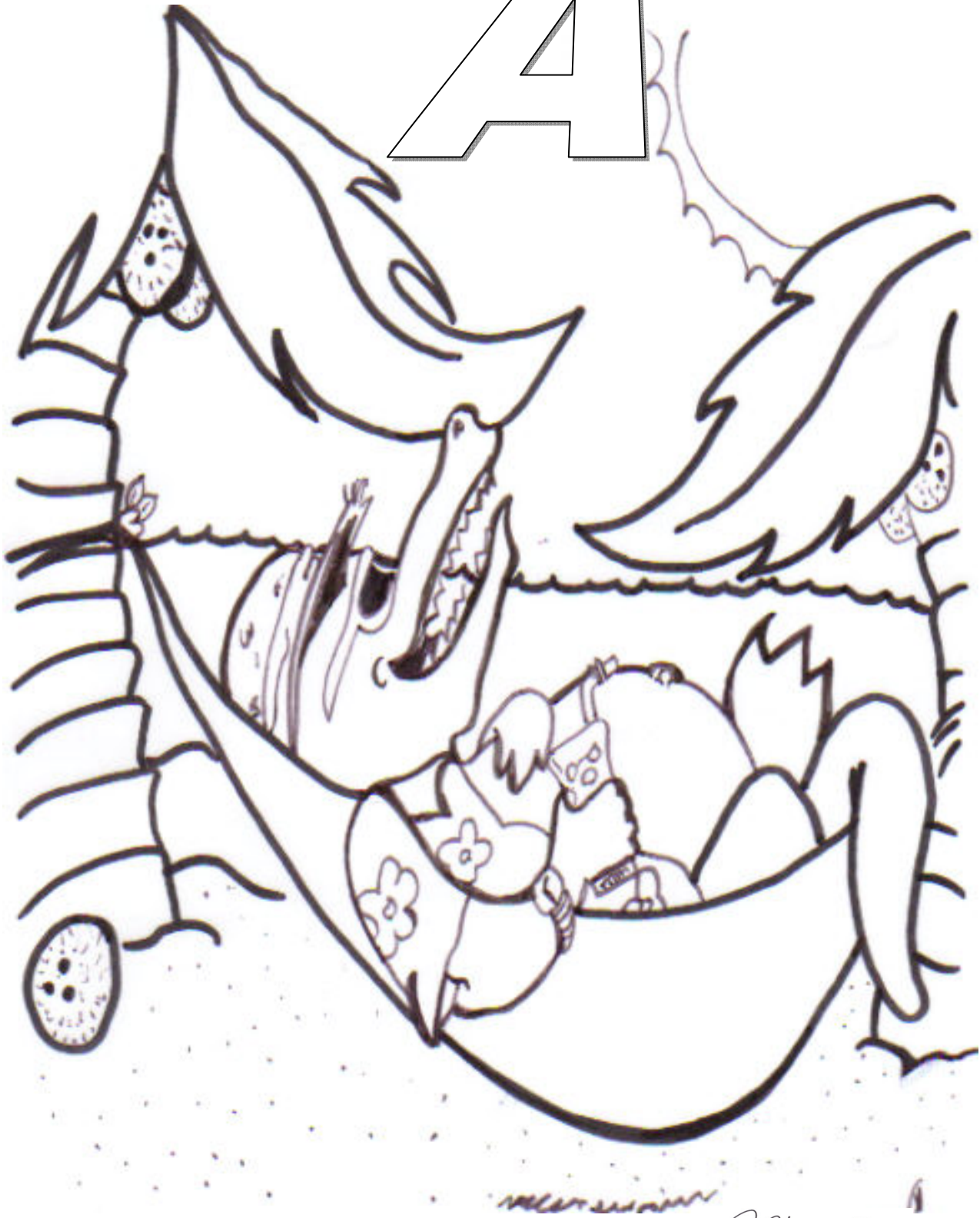


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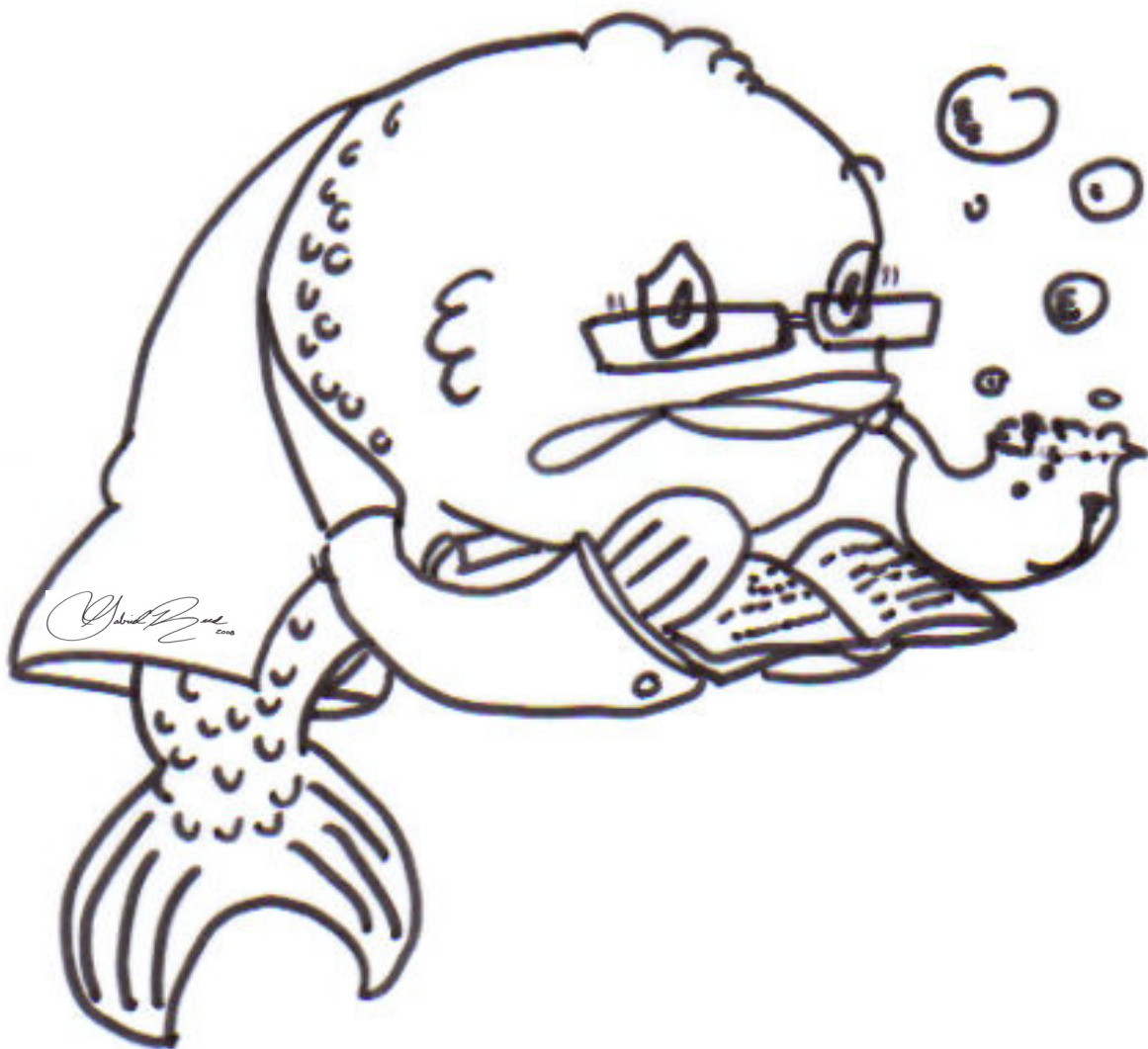
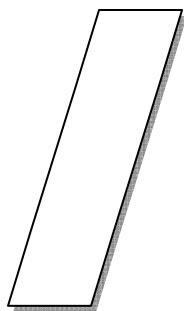
The alligator has mighty jaws
and rows of sparkling teeth!

His hide is tough and knobby,
more than anyone you'll meet!

Old Ally likes to lie around
out in the sun all day.

But when he's in the water,
you'd better stay away!

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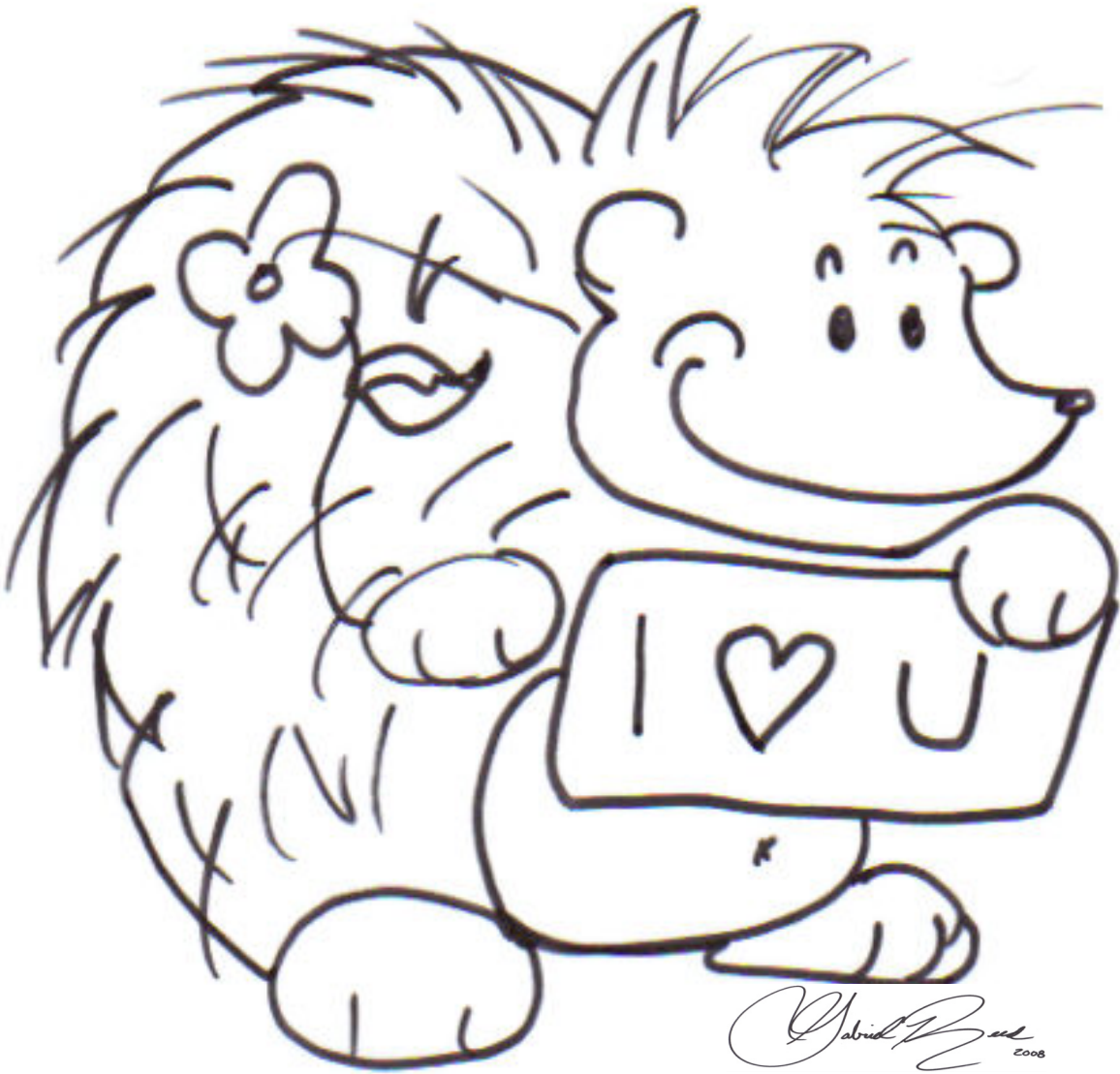
ICHTHYOLOGY

Ichthyology is the study
of the fishes -
a survey to find out
all their wishes!

Well, the fishes said, "We're okay,
don't worry over us!"

But could we be something
other than "ick"
or would that be too much fuss?"

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PORCUPINE

The porcupine is prickly,
with points all stickin' out.

The porcupine's not cuddly -
of that there is no doubt!

But someone really loves him,
and that's Mrs. Porcupine.

Why, she even sent him flowers
with a note that said, "Be Mine!"

FROGGY WENT DOWN TO HOUSTON

Froggy went a courting!
He did and that's a fact!
He went out looking for love
and he never did come back.

Nobody knew where old Froggy went.
No one here had seen him since.
Until one day on a trip to the South,
I saw the lost Froggy, at a nightclub down in Houston
they call the Hungry Mouth!



You won't believe just what I saw!
The story I'll tell is top of them all.
You won't believe me, I promise you won't.
Around here we all thought that Froggy had croaked!

But he was up on a stage,
and he was singing a song.
Old Froggy wasn't croaking,
he was singing quite strong!

He was doing a number (from Sinatra, I think),
and all of the ladies would blush and would blink -
they were "oohing" and "aaahing" and they all hummed along!
I tell you old Froggy can sure sing a song!

When he finished his number, I stepped right on up -
shocked Froggy so badly, he spilled half his cup!
But he invited me backstage to talk for a while,
and as I sat listening, I just had to smile.

Froggy said, "Back home no one would listen -
they just thought me a fat toad who belonged in the kitchen!
But I knew I had talent, and I knew I could sing.
I just had to find a way to let my voice ring."

"That last night I was down at the Copa.
I was courting young Betty Mouse,
when in stumbled some drunk guy;
he was rude, and he stunk like a louse.

Well, he starts in trying to cut my time,
making fun of my body, cracking on my wide lines.
He said some really mean things, and to my surprise,
sweet Betty was laughing!
It brought a tear to my eye.

That was the night that I left town.
There was really no reason to stay.
I knew I'd always be 'Fat Froggy'
if I didn't get away.

So I rambled and I wandered
all around this great big land.
And I discovered that I'm an all right guy,
and a mighty handy hand.

Turns out my skills as a chef
are 'A' and number one!
No one beats my fly soufflé,
or my beetles on a bun!

My Crawfish Alamonté
is the talk of Houston town.
And when I serve my Bug Surprise,
they gather all around!

I'm so successful I own my restaurant,
and I own this nightclub, too.
And now they come to listen to me sing!
They just love the things I do!"

"Sometimes you have to leave your home to find one,"
that's what old Froggy said,
and I'm a thinking he's a wise old toad,
and far from being dead,

he's the talk of Houston town,
with ladies by the score!
He won't be coming home, boys.
Froggy don't live here any more!