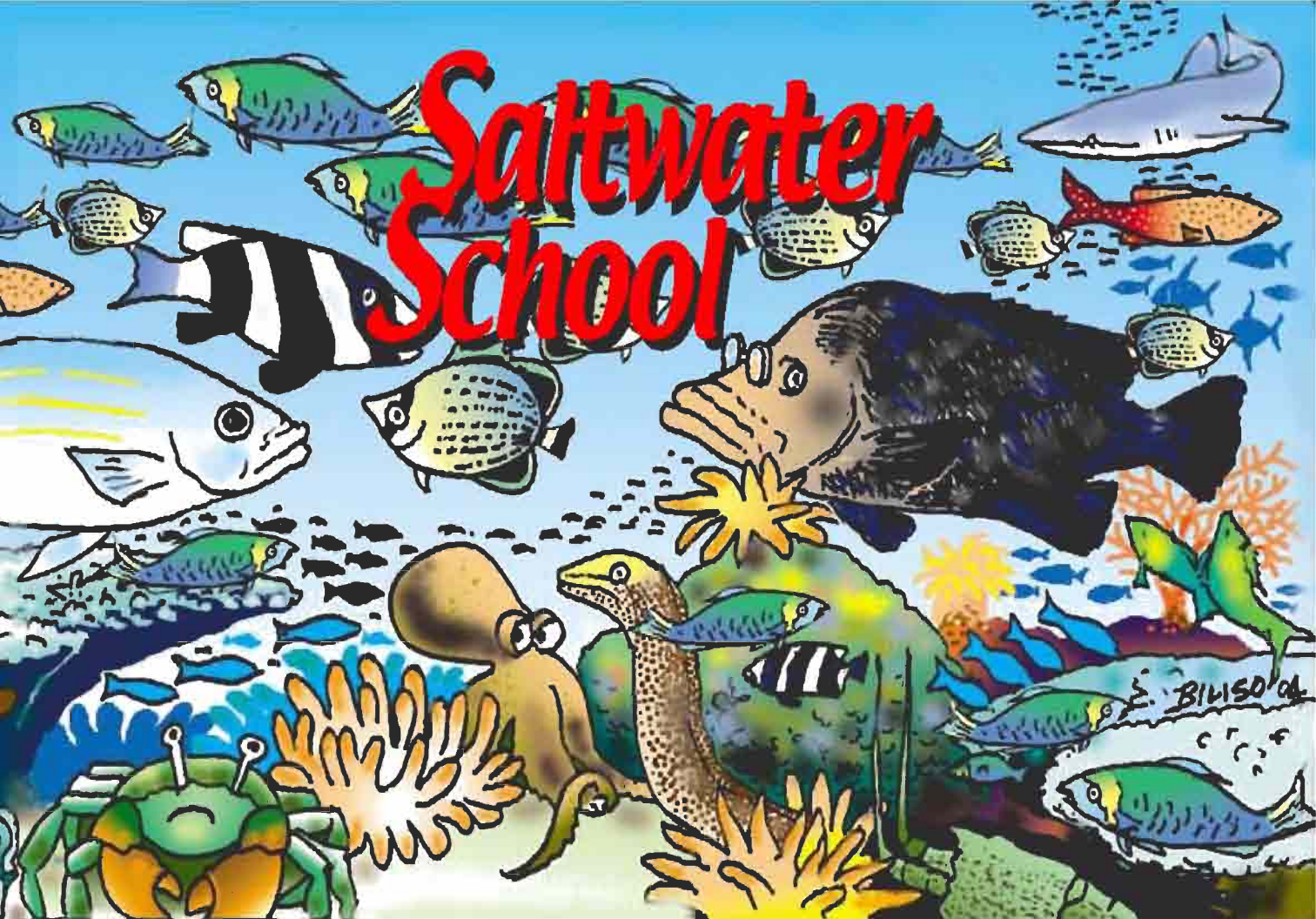


Saltwater School



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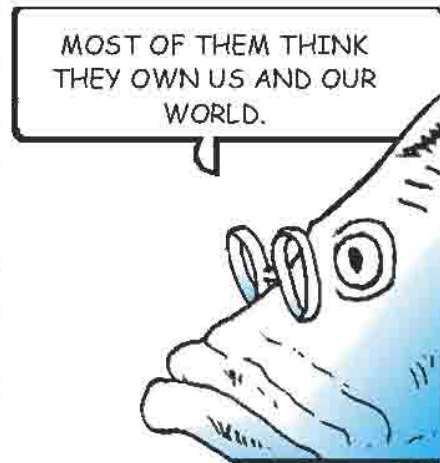
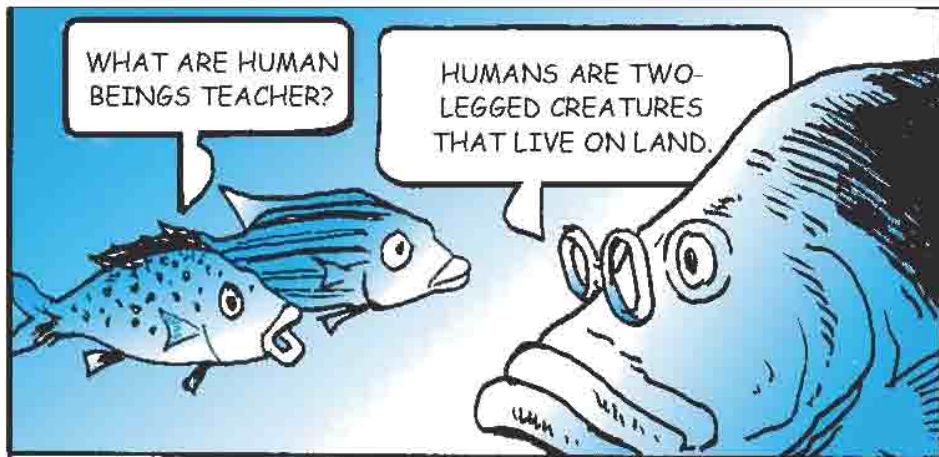
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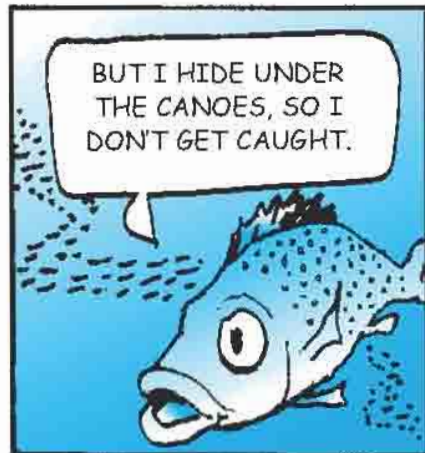




GOOD MORNING ALL,
TODAY'S AWARENESS LESSON IS ON
DESTRUCTIVE FISHING PRACTICES BY
HUMAN BEINGS.

**DESTRUCTIVE
FISHING**

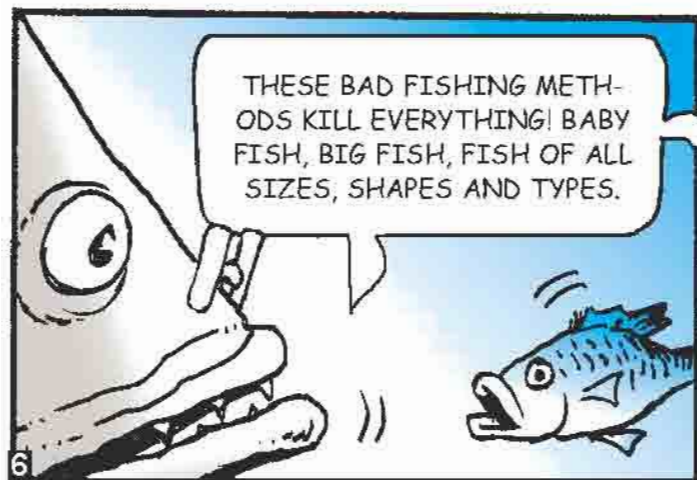




SO THAT THEY CAN CATCH
LOTS OF US AT THE SAME
TIME.

DESTRUCTIVE FISHING

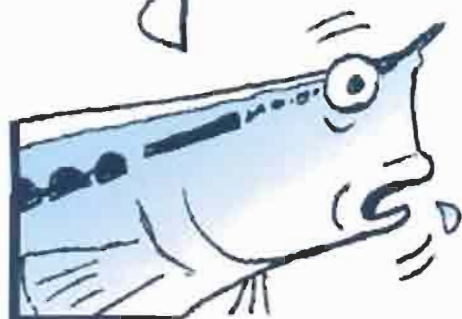
EVEN BABY
FISH LIKE ME?



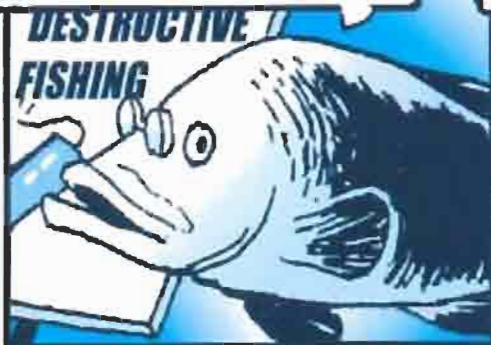
THESE BAD FISHING METH-
ODS KILL EVERYTHING! BABY
FISH, BIG FISH, FISH OF ALL
SIZES, SHAPES AND TYPES.

EVEN FISH THAT THE HUMANS
DON'T LIKE TO EAT - THE HUMANS
DON'T CARE, AS LONG AS THEY GET
WHAT THEY WANT!

SO HOW DO
THESE METHODS
WORK?



A DYNAMITE IS AN EXPLOSIVE,
WHEN IT IS LIT: IT GOES OFF...



WITH A BIG
BANG AND BLOWS...



"UP EVERYTHING."



"THE HUMANS
THROW DYNAMITE
INTO OUR BEAUTIFUL
CORAL HOMES,
WHENEVER THEY
WANT TO."



"THEY BLOW
UP OUR
HOMES
AND OUR
FAMILIES."



"OUR ENVIRONMENT
AND OUR FEEDING
GROUNDS ..."



"AND THE PLACES WHERE
LITTLE FISH ARE
BORN."



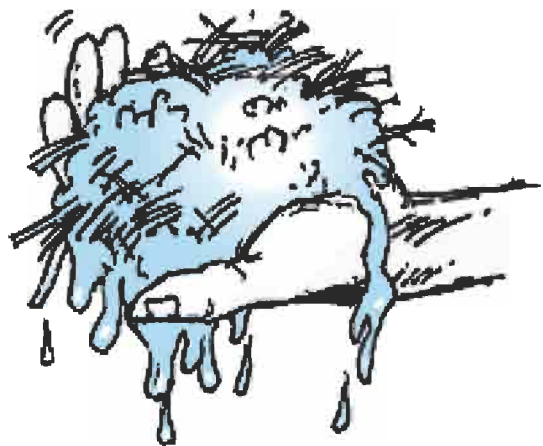
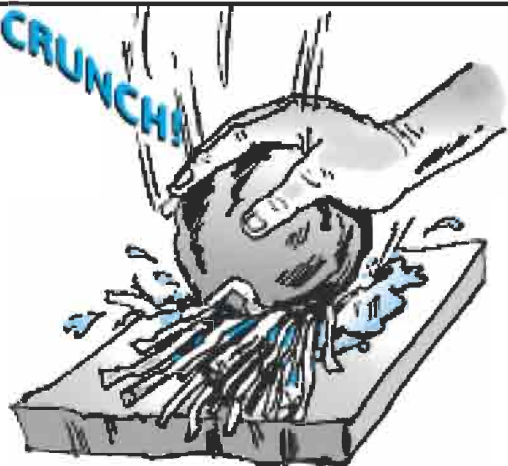
IN POISON ROOT FISHING, THE
ROOTS OF ...



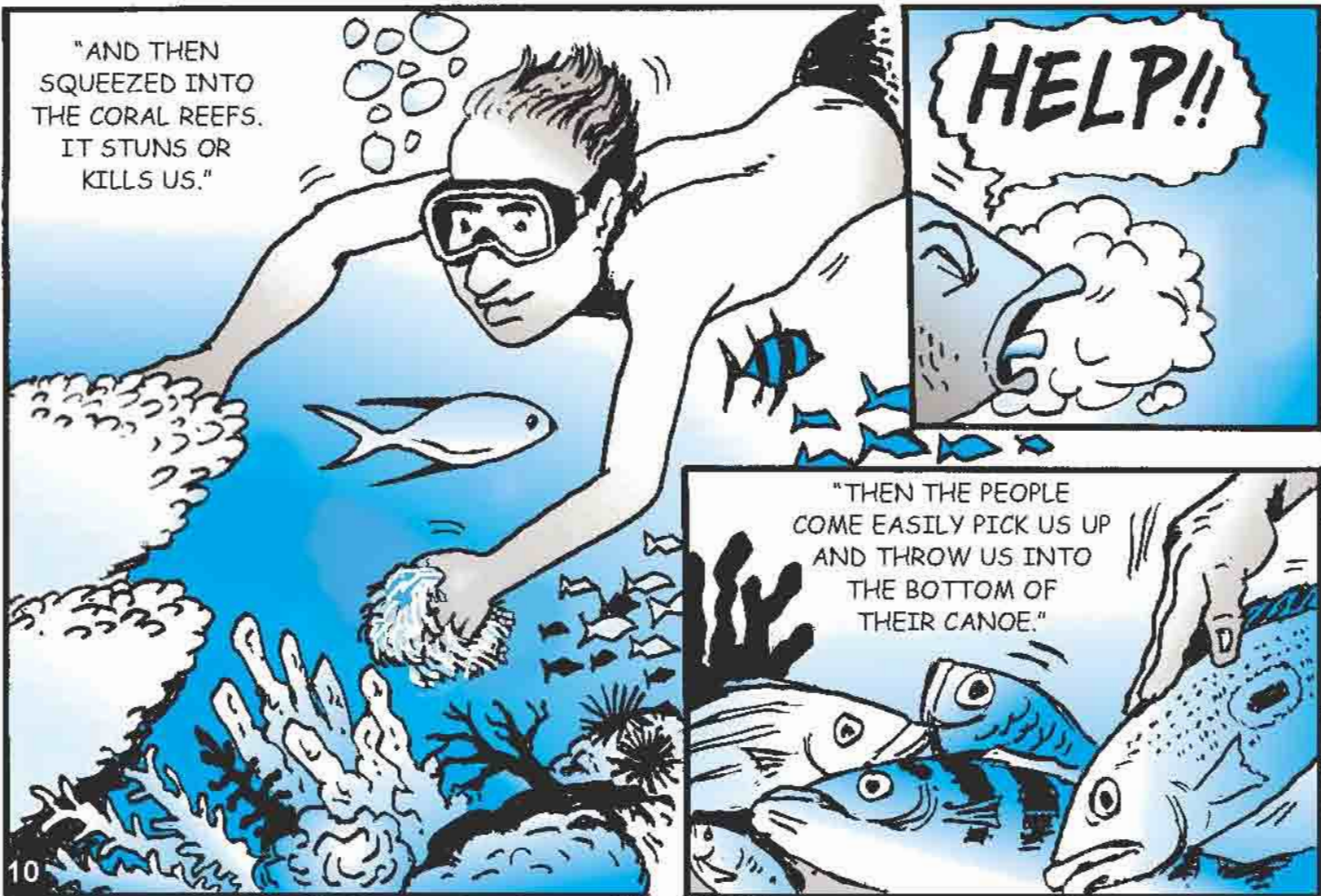
CERTAIN PLANTS ARE
POUNDED WITH A ROCK
OR A PIECE OF WOOD.



CRUNCH!



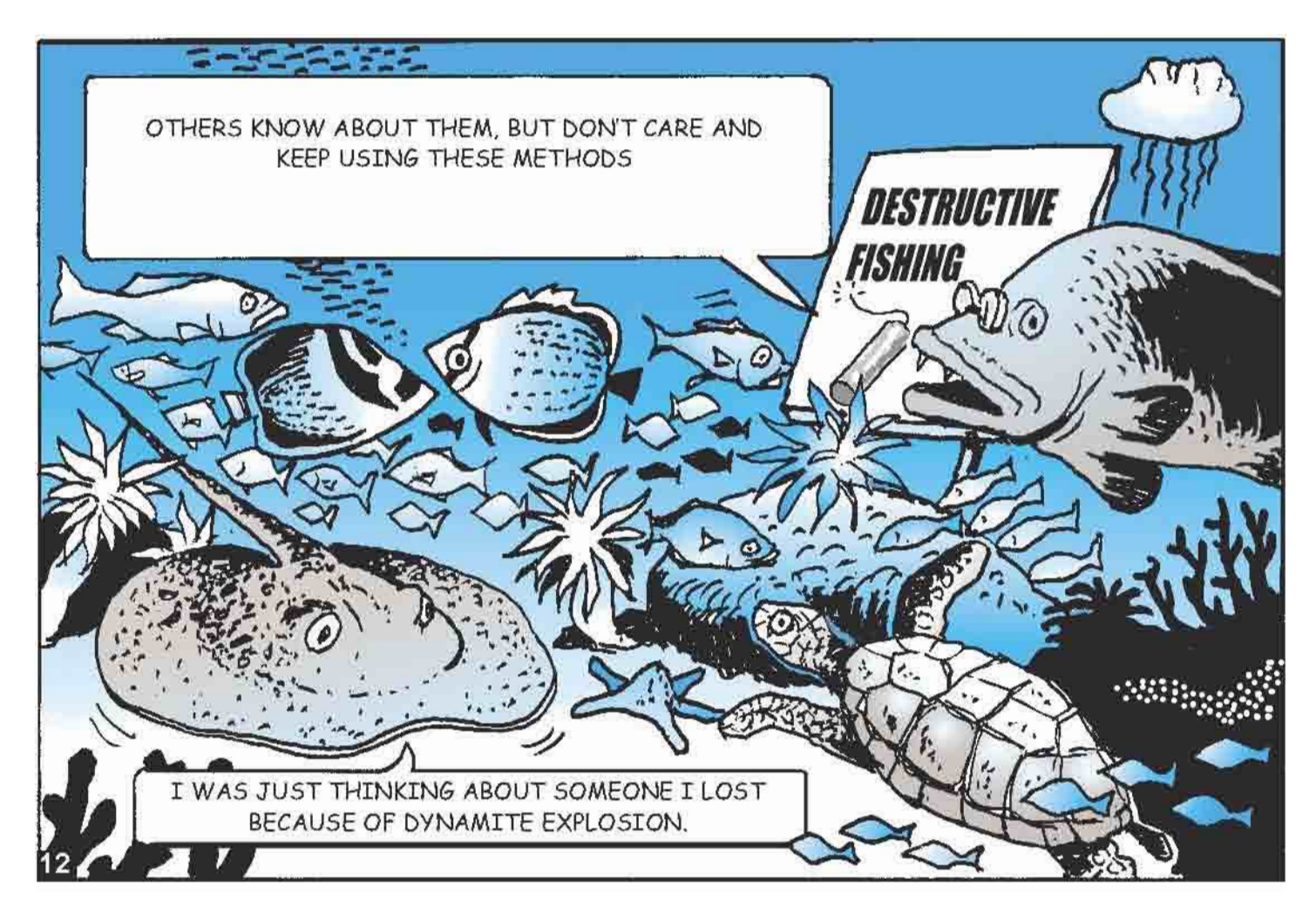
"AND THEN
SQUEEZED INTO
THE CORAL REEFS.
IT STUNS OR
KILLS US."



HELP!!

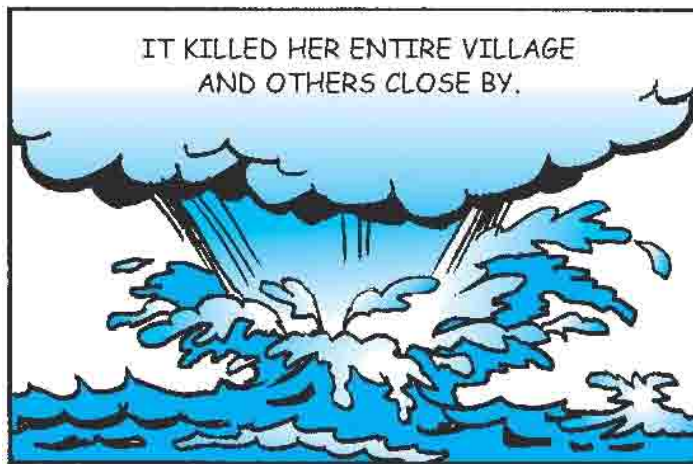
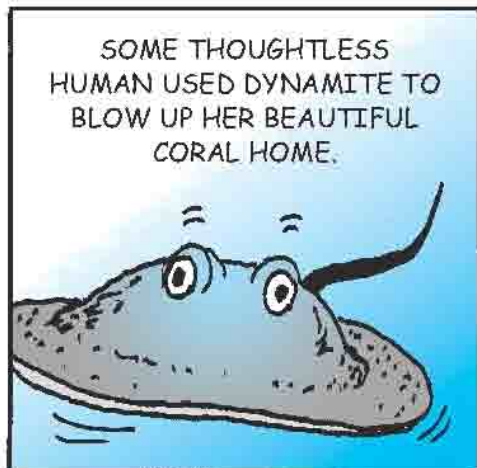
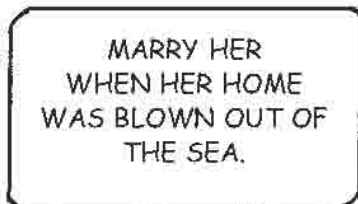
"THEN THE PEOPLE
COME EASILY PICK US UP
AND THROW US INTO
THE BOTTOM OF
THEIR CANOE."



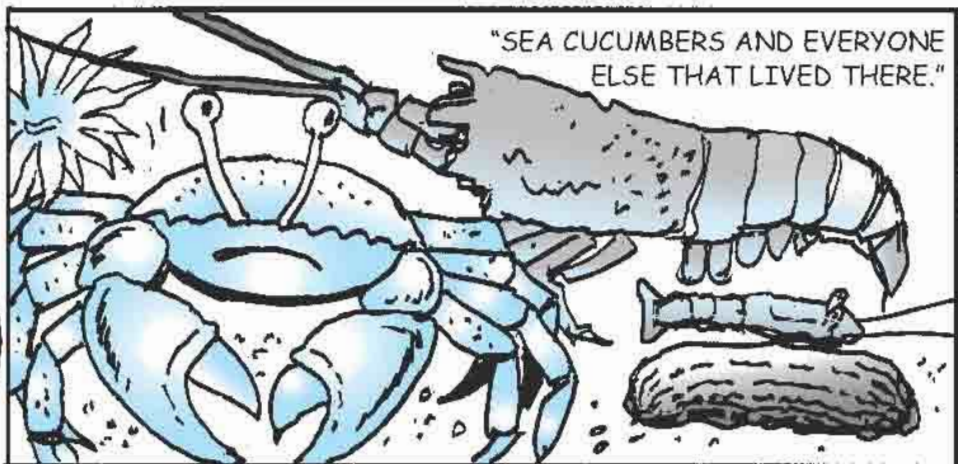


OTHERS KNOW ABOUT THEM, BUT DON'T CARE AND
KEEP USING THESE METHODS

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMEONE I LOST
BECAUSE OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.



IT ALSO KILLED ALL HER
PLAYMATES, THE CRABS,
THE LOBSTERS, SHRIMPS...

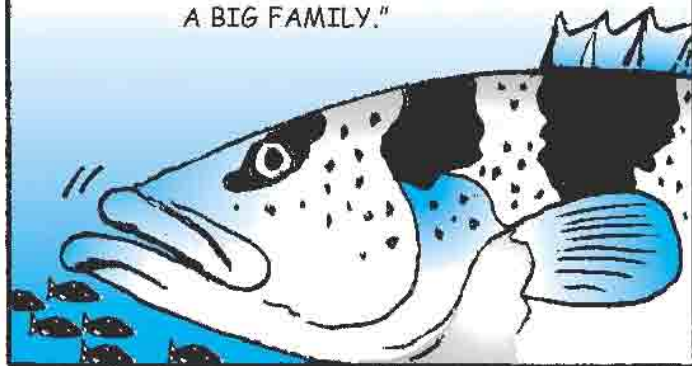


"SEA CUCUMBERS AND EVERYONE
ELSE THAT LIVED THERE."

"EVEN HER COUSIN SISTERS
WHO WERE NEARBY LAYING
THEIR EGGS."



"WORST OF ALL, THEY
HAD PLANNED ON RAISING
A BIG FAMILY."



"NOW THEY CAN'T DO THAT. THE
SAME THING COULD HAPPEN TO US
RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK."



"I WORRY THAT I MAY
NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO
RAISE A BIG FAMILY
OF FISH SOBI SOBI!"



YESTERDAY I WENT
LOOKING FOR GAIGAI.
HER HOME LOOKED VERY
DIFFERENT. THE CORALS
WERE DEAD...



"SO WERE THE FISH AND CRABS AND THE
PLAYGROUND WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED!"



"AND I COULDN'T
FIND GAIGAI
...SIGH... I HOPE
SHE IS ALRIGHT."

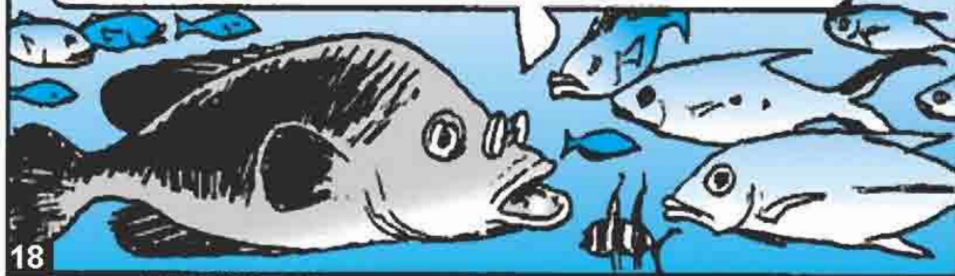


IT LOOKS LIKE
HER HOME WAS
DYNAMITED.





THE HUMANS SHOULD NOT KILL ALL OF US JUST SO THEY CAN GET THE FISH THEY WANT AND THROW AWAY THE REST. IF THEY DO...



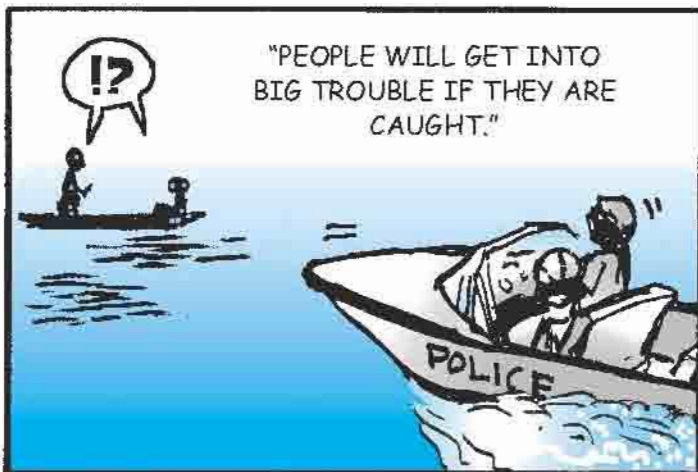
"WHAT WILL THEIR BABIES EAT WHEN THEY GROW UP?"



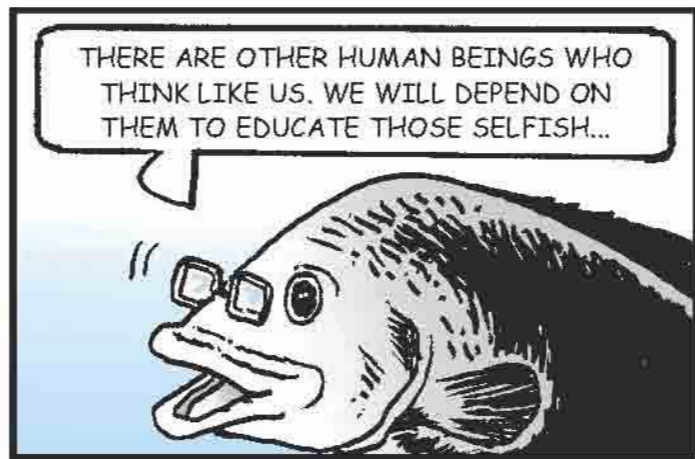
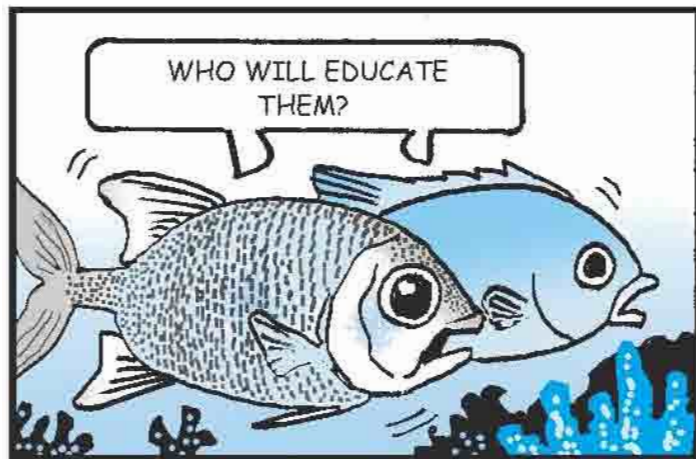
"DYNAMITE FISHING AND POISON
ROOT FISHING ARE ILLEGAL."



"PEOPLE WILL GET INTO
BIG TROUBLE IF THEY ARE
CAUGHT."



"THEY WILL BE FINED
OR JAILED."



SOB! SOB! SOB! I WANNA GO AWAY
FROM HERE, AWAY FROM THOSE
HUMANS!



"I DON'T WANT TO GET BLOWN SKY
HIGH, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY
FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS."



IF THEY DESTROYS US
AND OUR HOMES, THERE
ANYMORE FISH FOR...

THEIR CHILDREN OR
GRANDCHILDREN.



" PLUS DYNAMITE CAN BE
VERY HARMFUL TO PEOPLE
TOO."





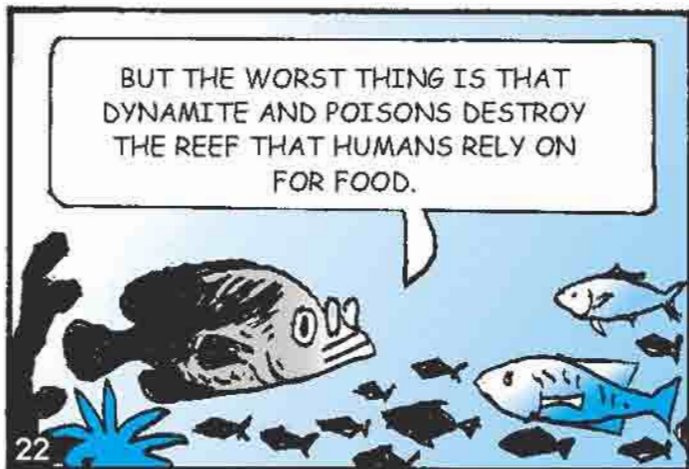
HOW CAN
IT HARM THE
PEOPLE?



"IT CAN
BLOW THEIR
HANDS OFF..."



IT CAN BLIND
THEM OR WORSE IT COULD
KILL THEM.



BUT THE WORST THING IS THAT
DYNAMITE AND POISONS DESTROY
THE REEF THAT HUMANS RELY ON
FOR FOOD.



"THAT'S IT FOR NOW - WE CANNOT DO
ANYTHING EXCEPT HOPE THAT THE
HUMANS REALISE IN TIME, HOW THEY ARE
DESTROYING US AND THE ENVIRONMENT."

Dynamite fishing is bad because:

1. It kills baby fish as well as bigger fish that have not yet made babies
2. It also kills or harms other sea animals like sea turtles, dugongs, sea cucumbers and lobsters
3. It destroys the coral homes where fish, lobsters and other sea animals live
4. It can kill or injure humans who use it
5. It is against the law,

What to do when you see someone using dynamite:

1. Talk to the person and explain that dynamite fishing is destructive
2. Report the person to the village Fishing Management Committee, or to the village elders
3. Tell other people in the village that this person is destroying their fishing grounds
4. Organize a village meeting to discuss what should be done about people using dynamite.

