

GANNET

We look after the world's largest gannet colony at St Kilda World Heritage Site. Gannets dive into the water at speeds of up to 60mph to catch their fish!

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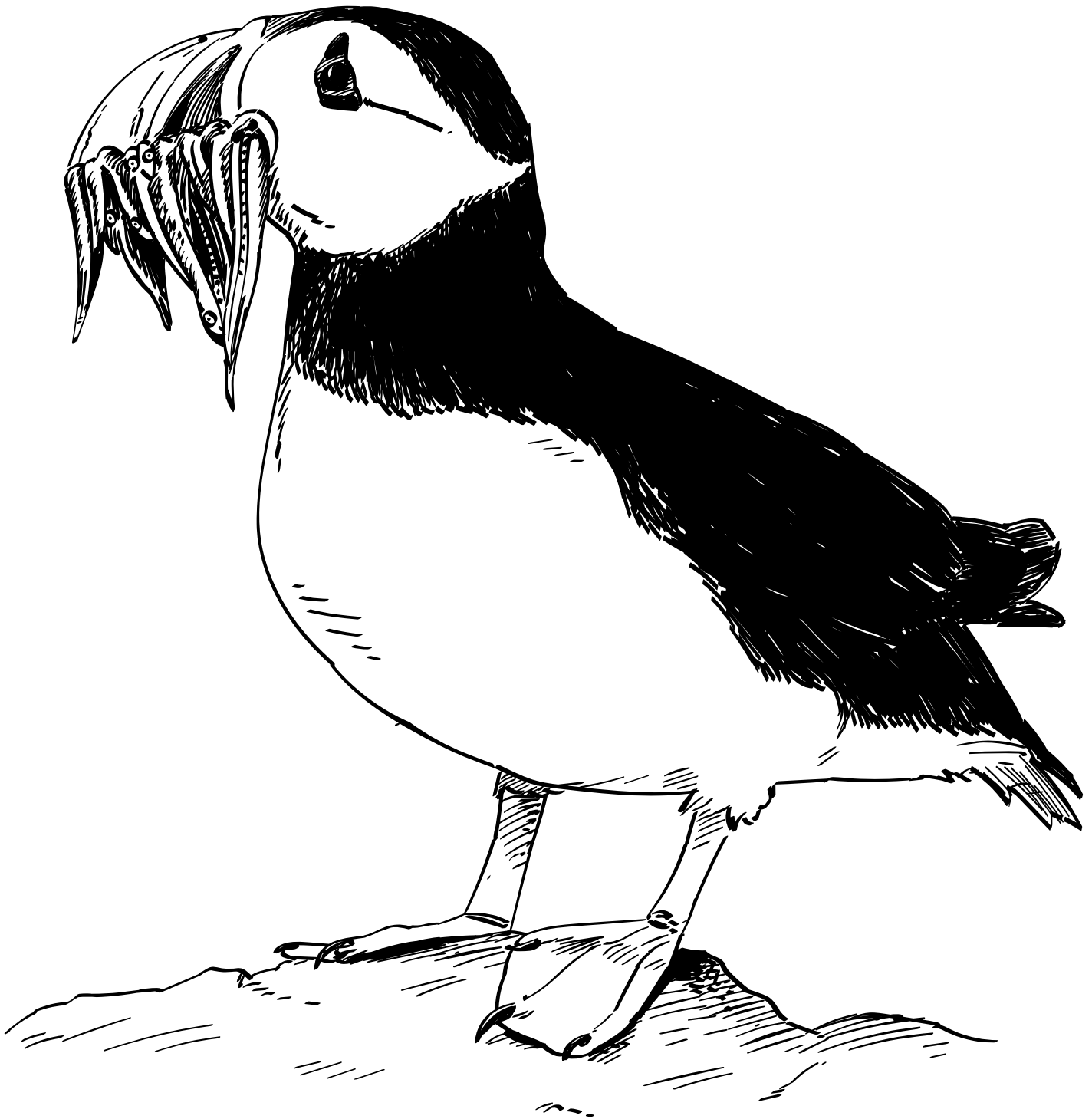
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PUFFIN

Puffins nest in special burrows on the clifftops on Staffa, and sometimes even join visitors for a picnic!

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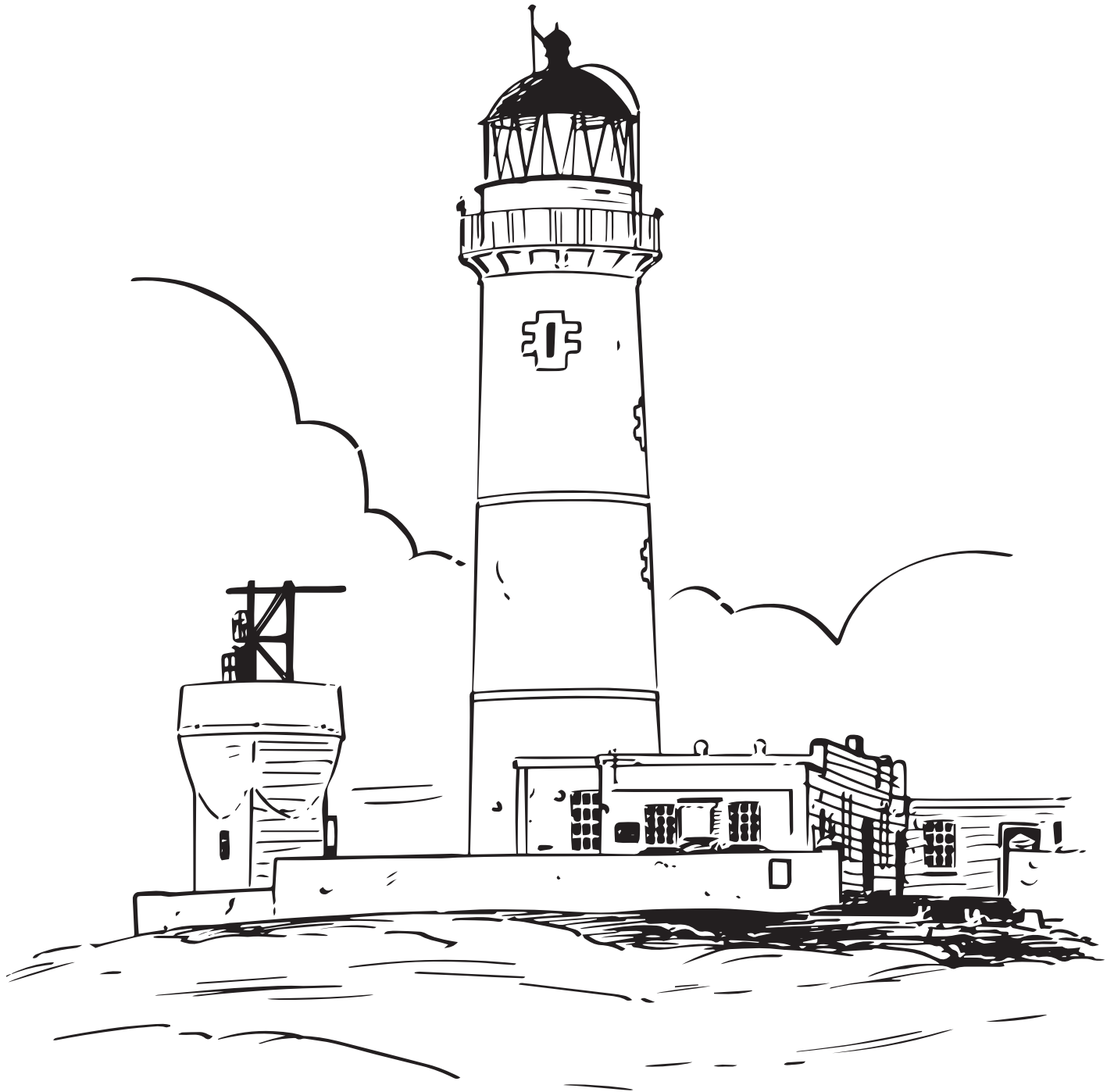
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LIGHTHOUSE

These tall buildings can be seen from several of our coastal places.
Their lights keep ships safe out at sea.

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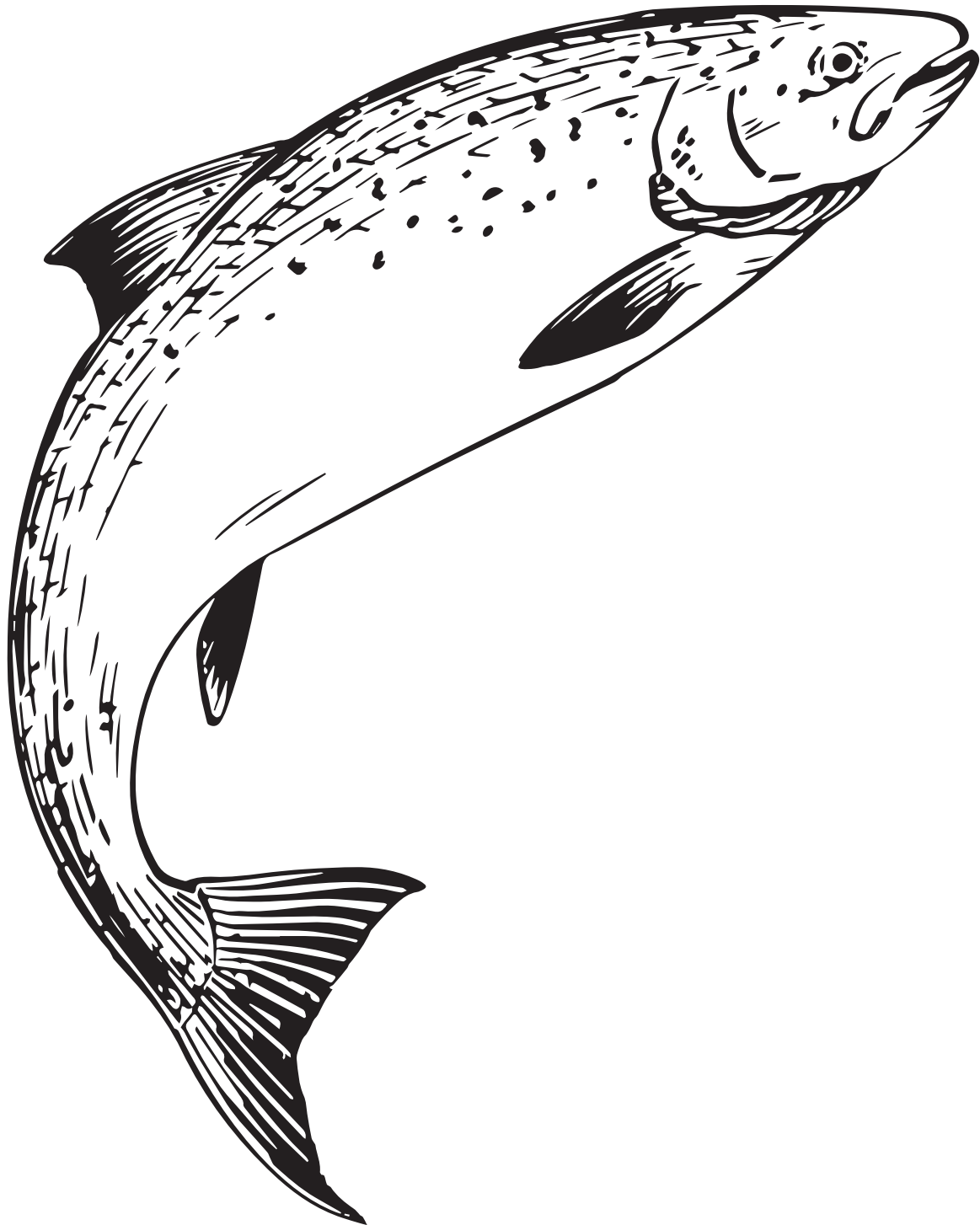
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SALMON

These large fish return each year to the river where they were born. Some leap up waterfalls and over fish ladders, like at Linn of Tummel, to get home.

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HARBOUR SEAL

Harbour seals are expert swimmers and divers. Look out for their round heads and dog-like noses poking out of the water at Inverewe.

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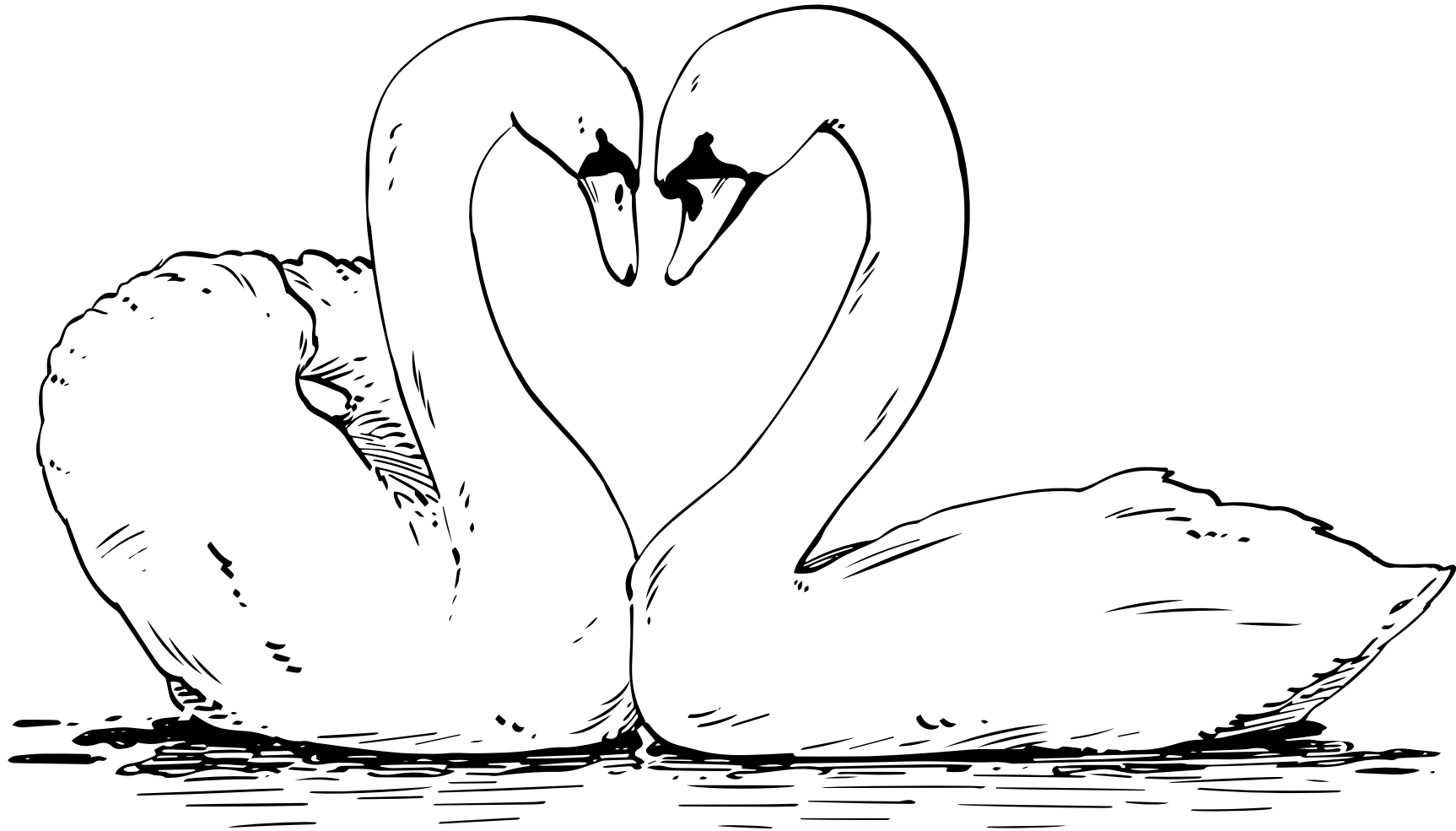
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SWANS

With their long graceful necks and white feathers, swans are easy to spot gliding across many ponds, rivers and lochs in our care.

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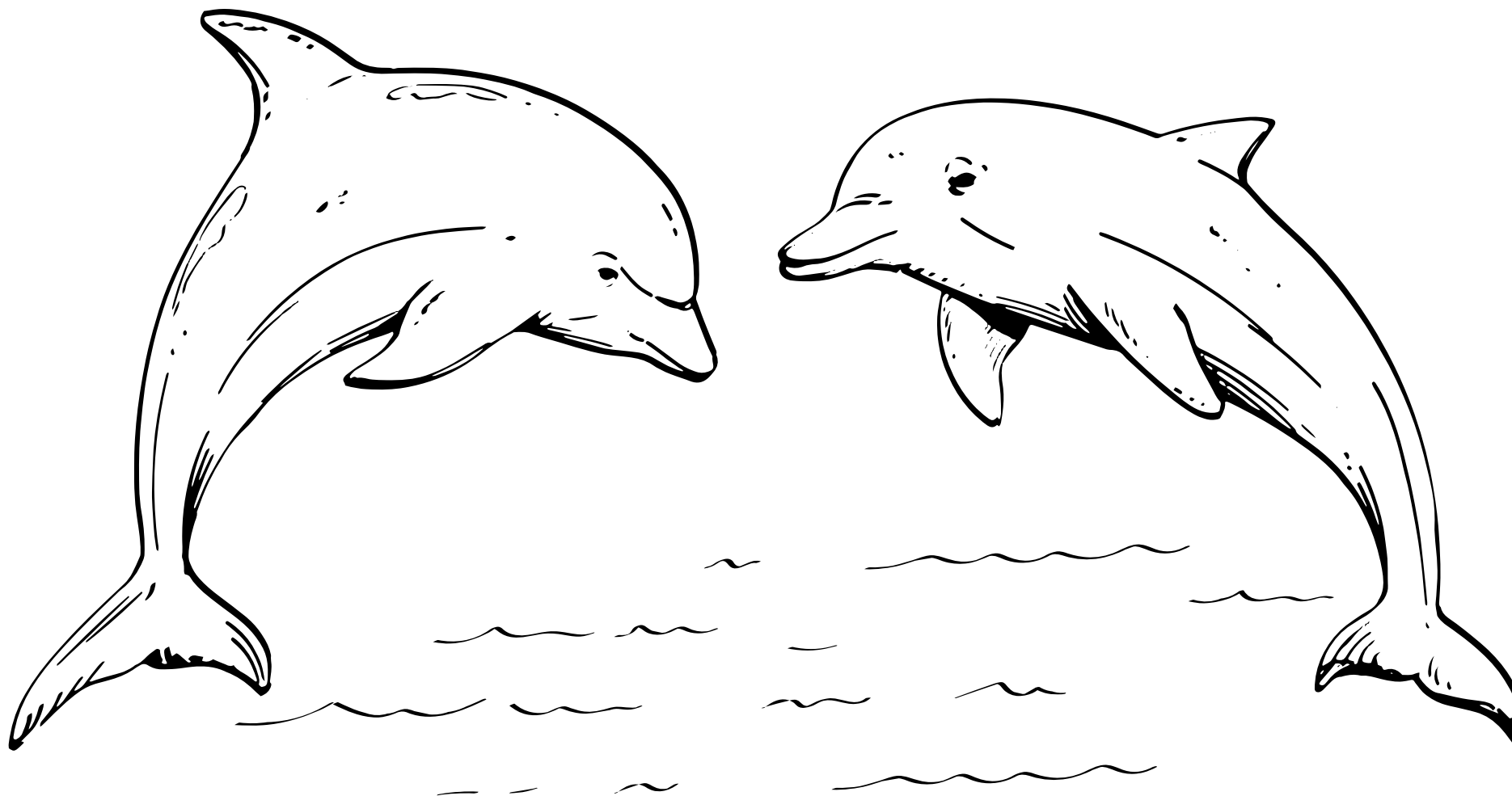
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DOLPHINS

These playful mammals chat to each other using a series of clicks and whistles. We work hard to protect their marine habitats at our coastal places.

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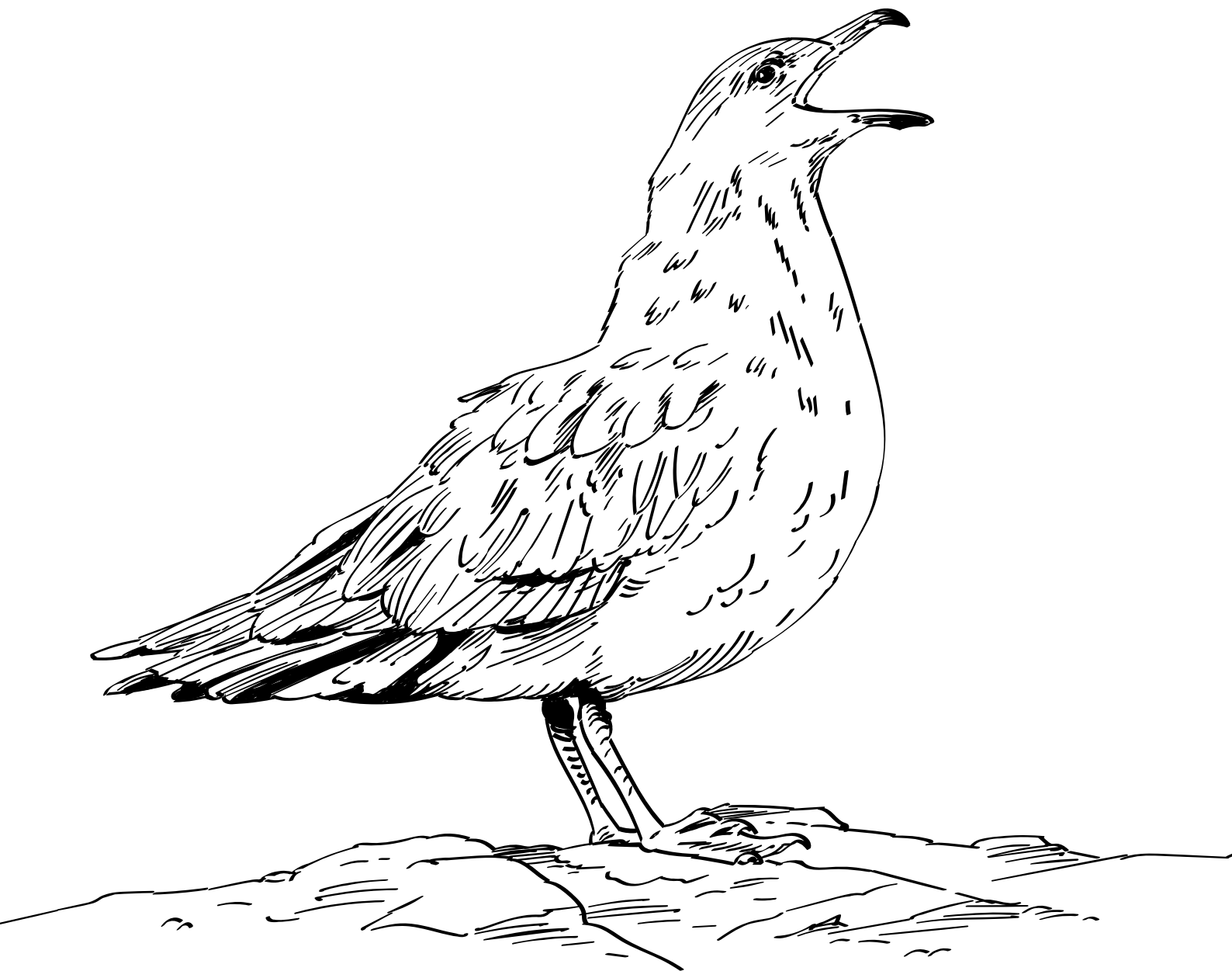
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GREAT SKUA

Also known as a 'bonxie' in Shetland, this bird is a bit of a bully. It steals food from other seabirds like gannets and gulls – and is also prone to dive-bombing anybody who gets close to its nest!

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QUILLEMOT

We look after the spectacular cliffs at St Abb's Head NNR, which is a favourite spot for these seabirds to build their nests in spring. Once their chicks have grown, they spend the rest of the year out at sea.

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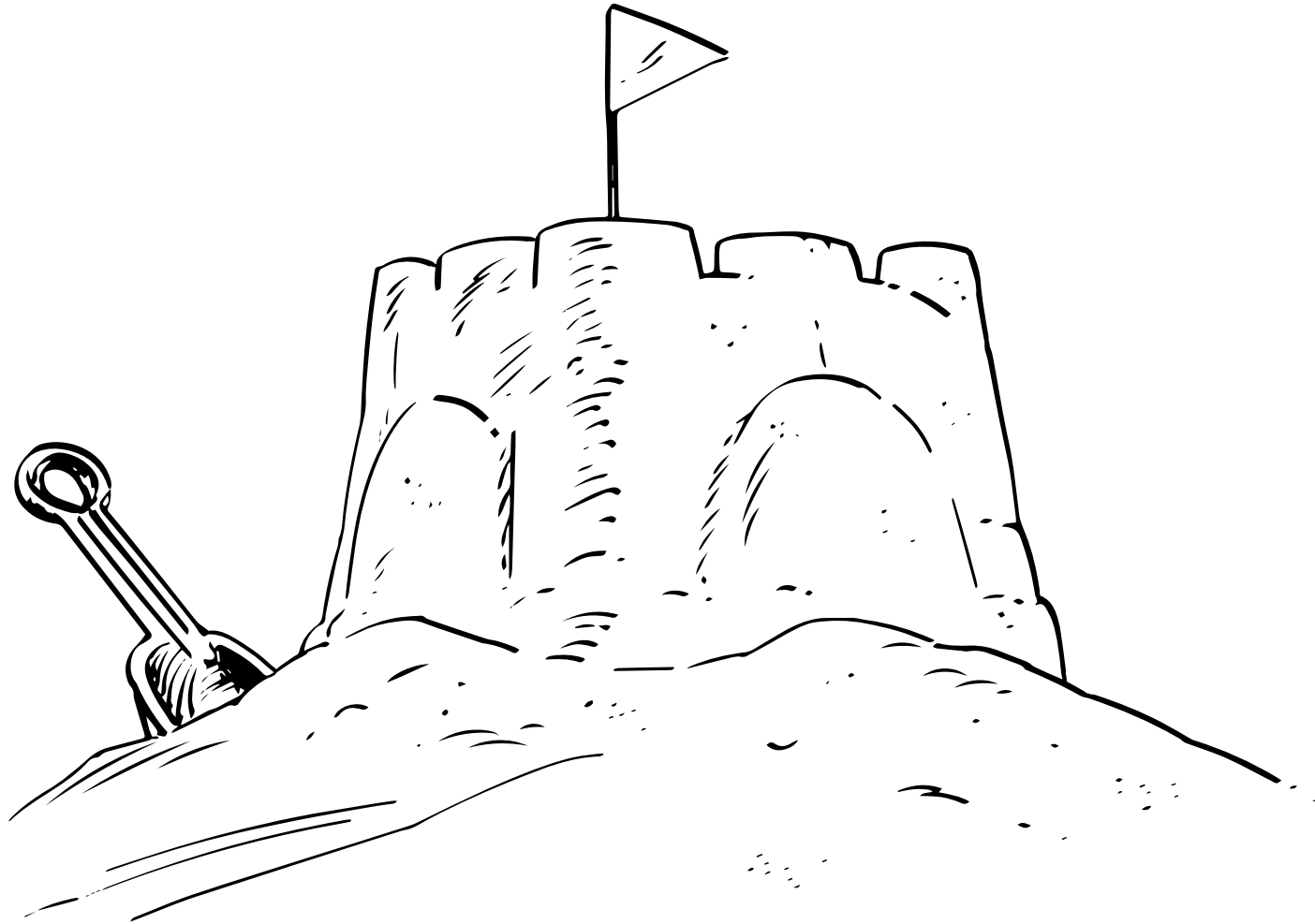
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SANDCASTLE

We have loads of beautiful sandy beaches in our care – the perfect place to build your very own Scottish castle!

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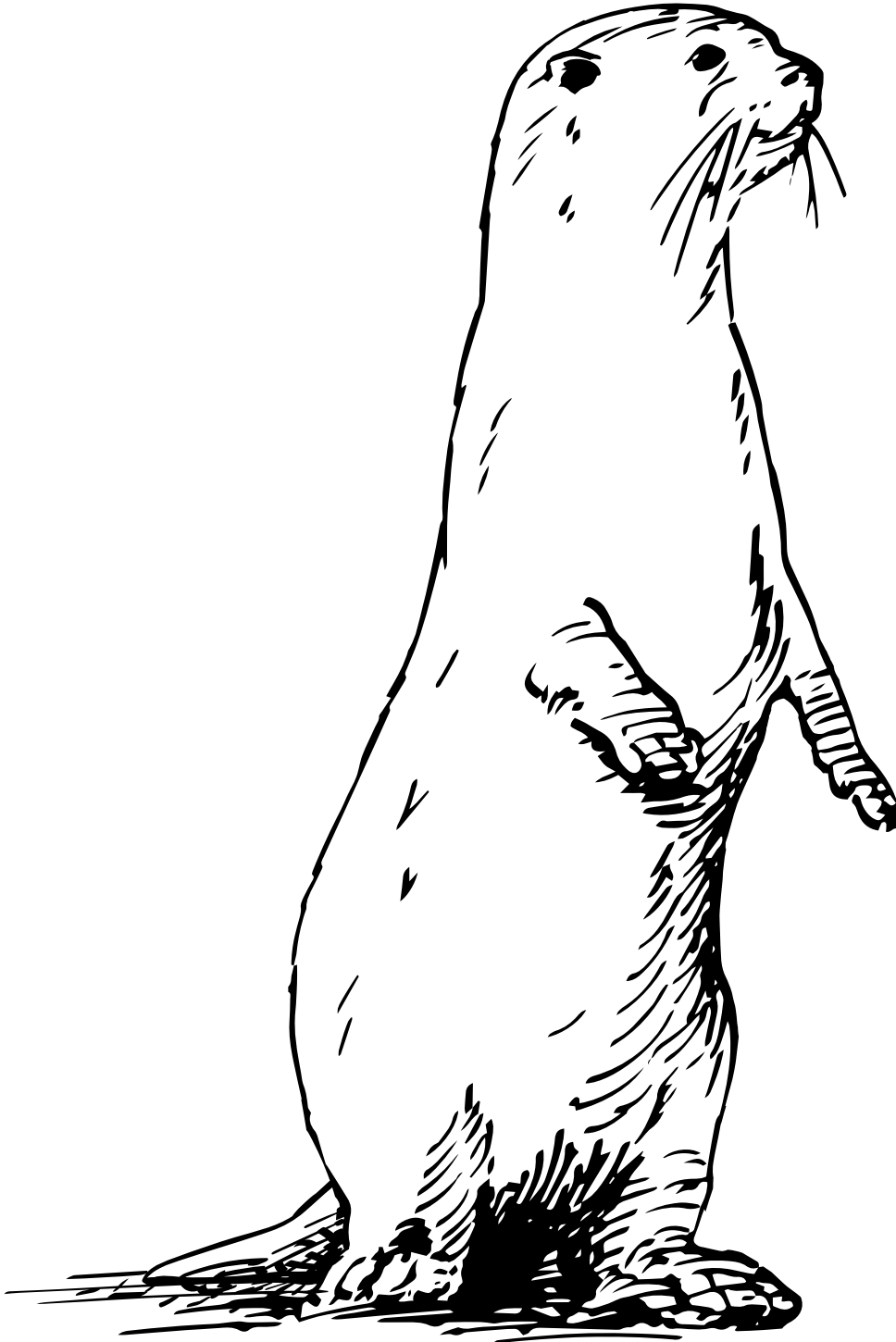
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OTTER

We don't just care for grand castles and beautiful gardens; we also look after gooey riverbank mud slides to help our otters!

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