



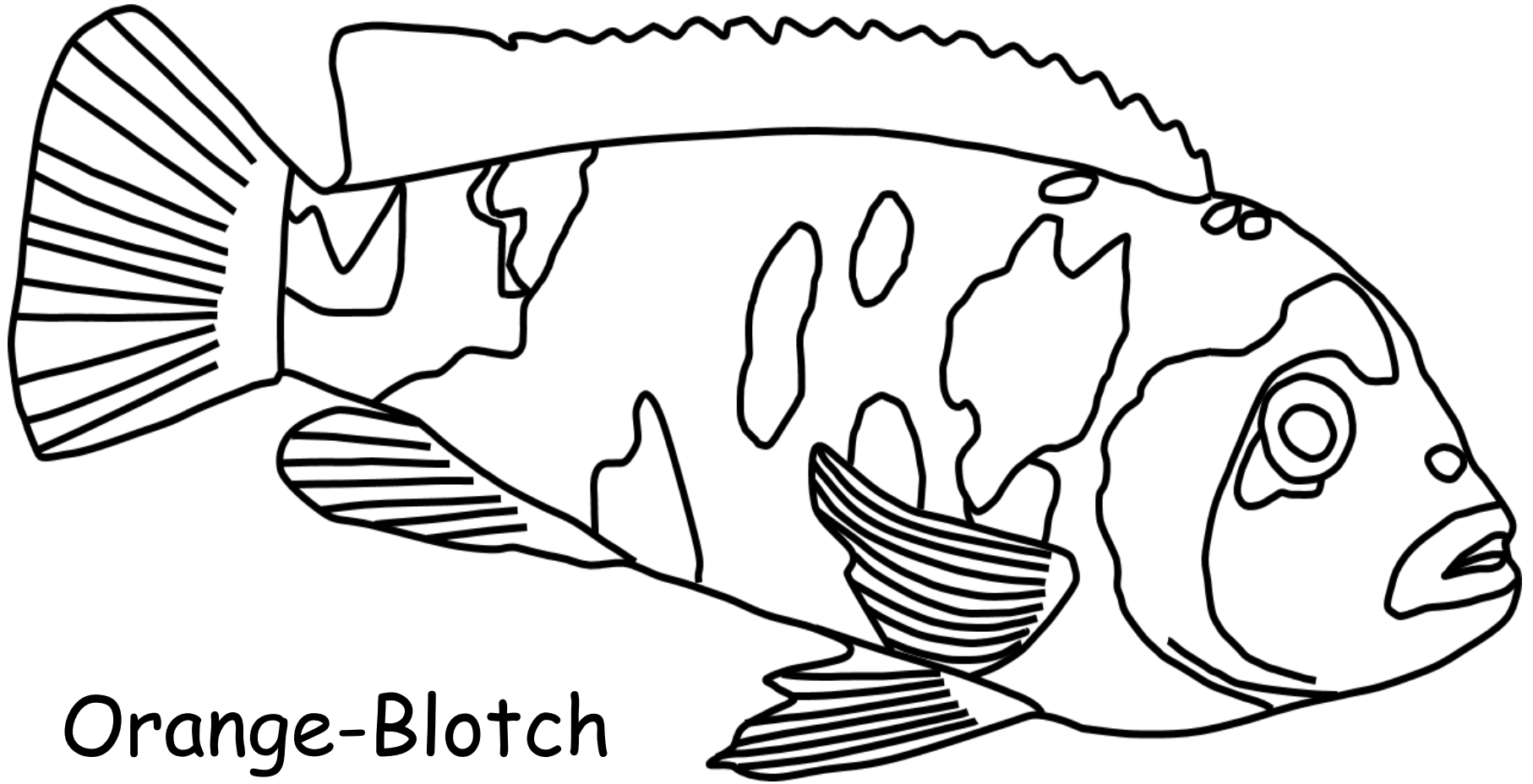
African Cichlid Coloring Book



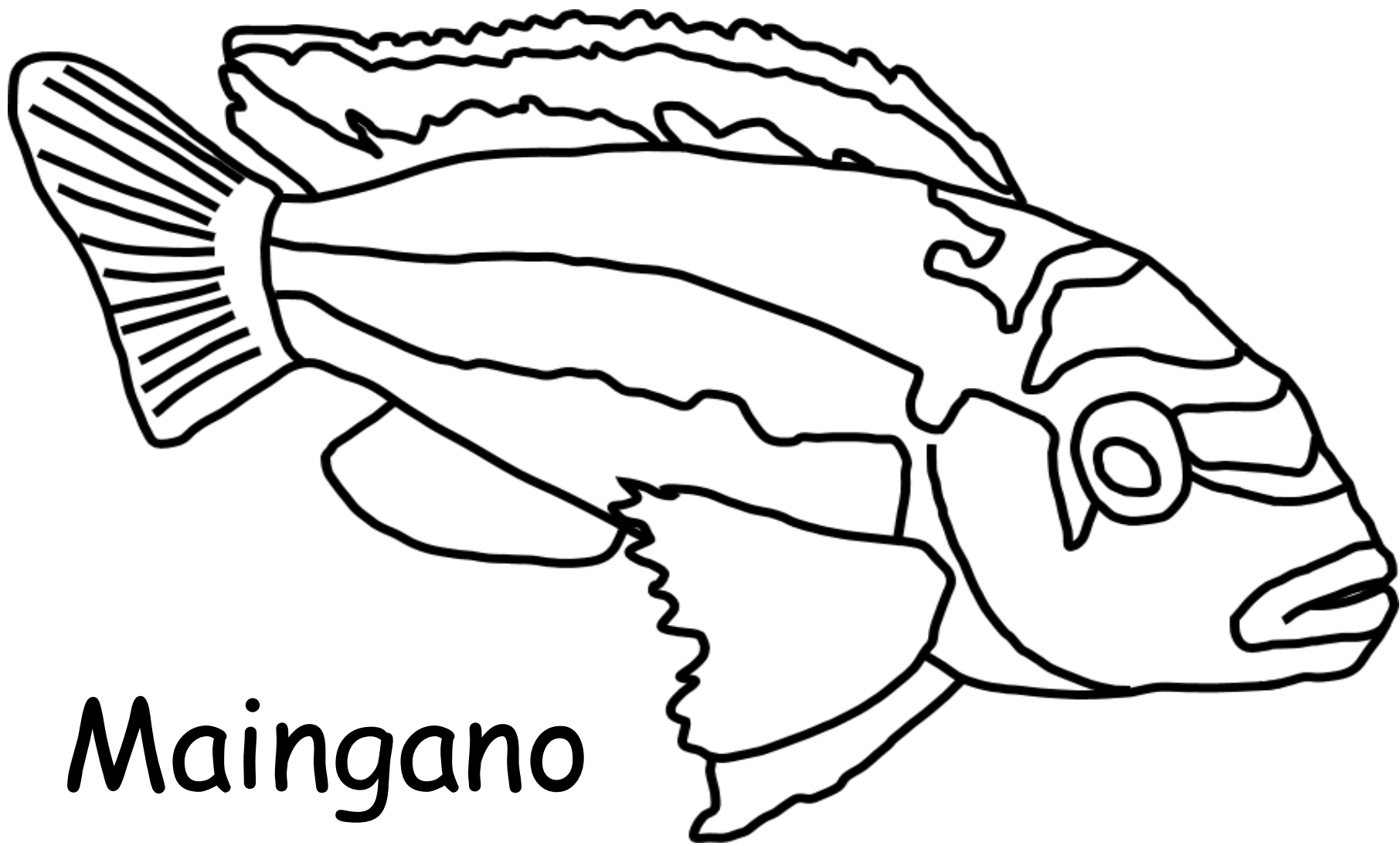
The African Great Lakes

- Like Michigan, Africa has its own Great Lakes. The largest of these lakes are Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika, and Lake Malawi.
- The African Great Lakes are home to many different species of aquatic life including many colorful cichlids.
- Lake Malawi is home to more species of fish than any other lake, including at least 700 species of cichlids.
- Cichlids living in Lake Tanganyika typically hang around the shoreline spending their time in shallow waters.
- Many of these cichlids have become popular among aquarium owners due to their bright colors.

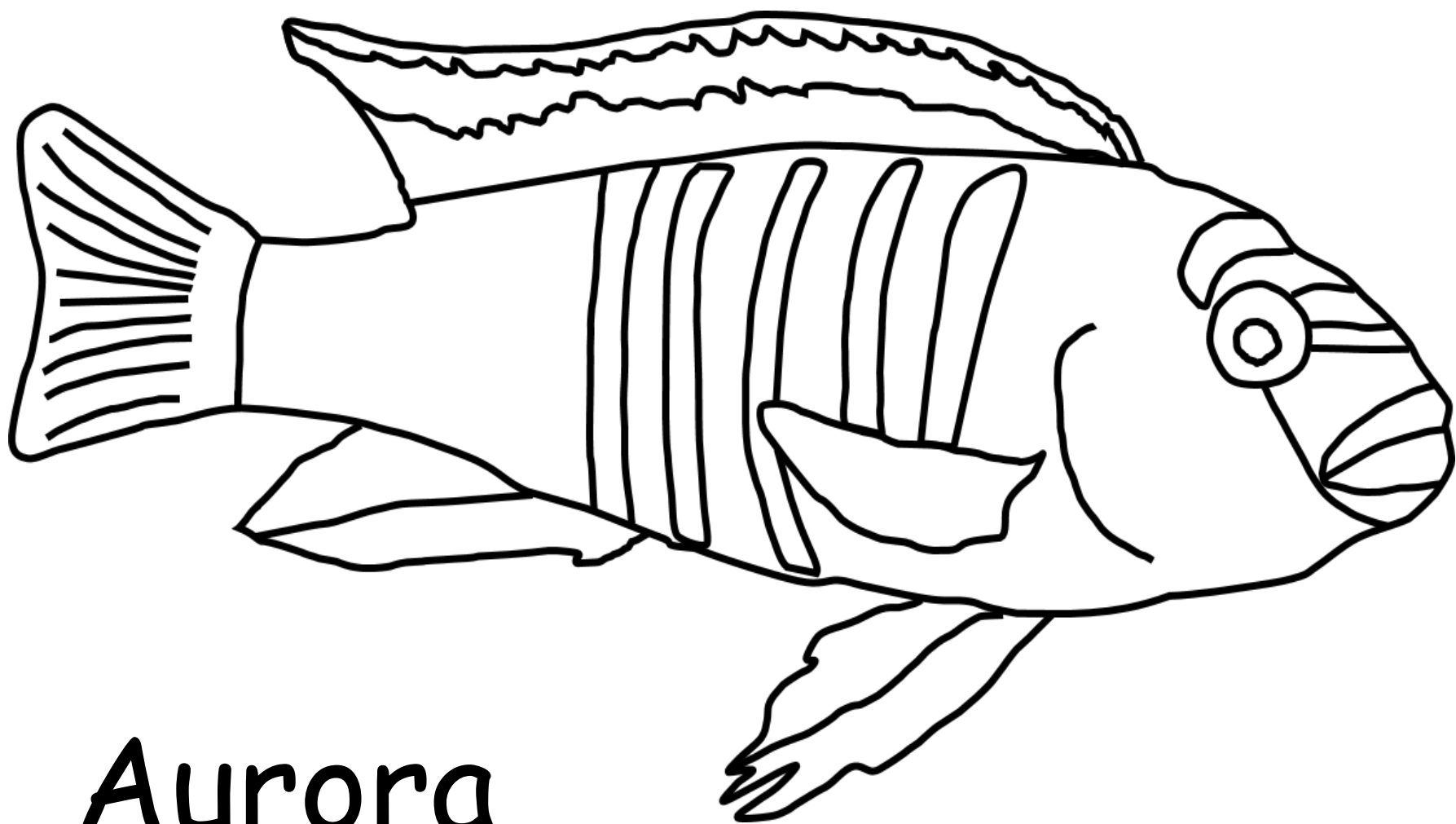




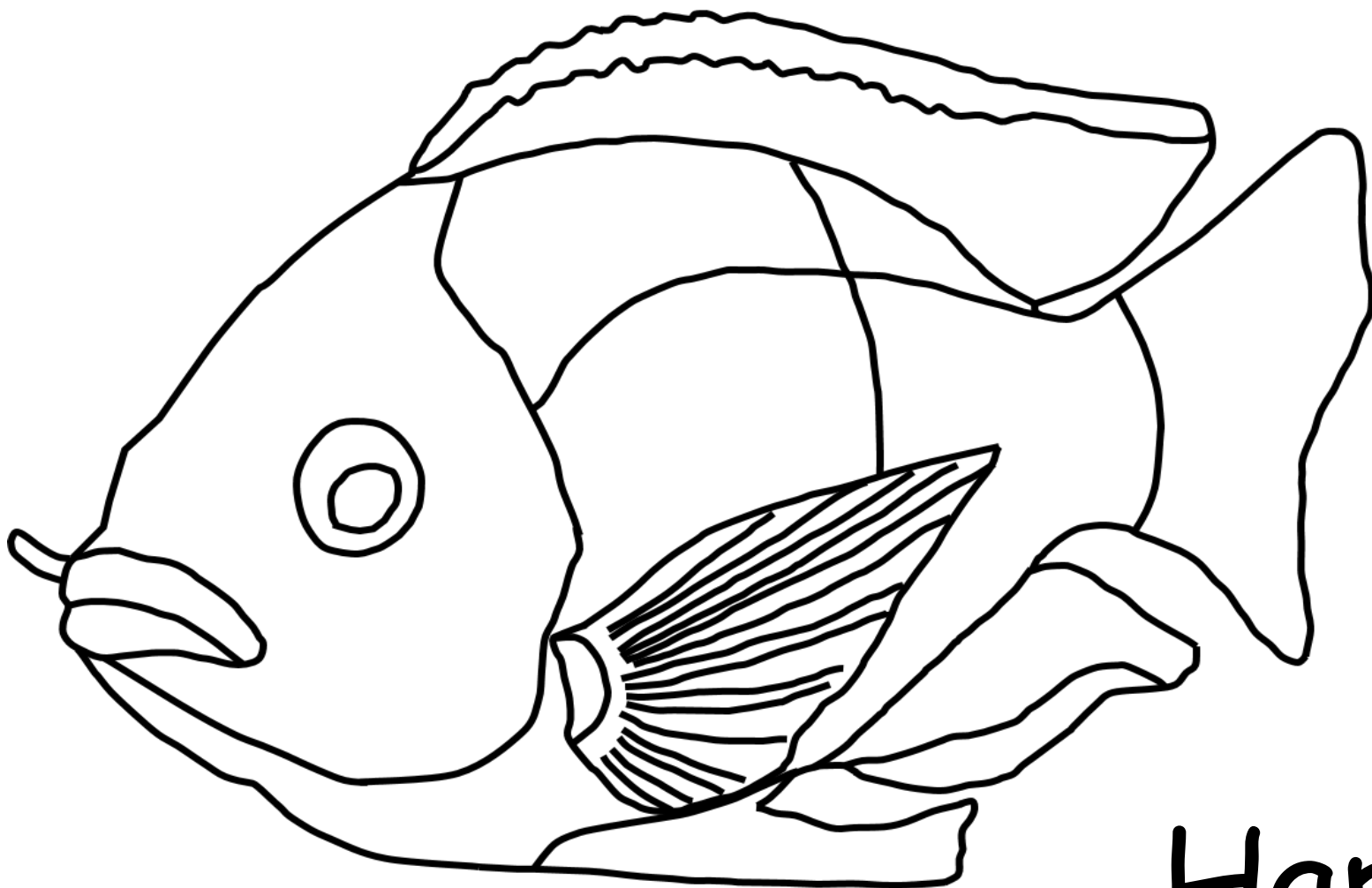
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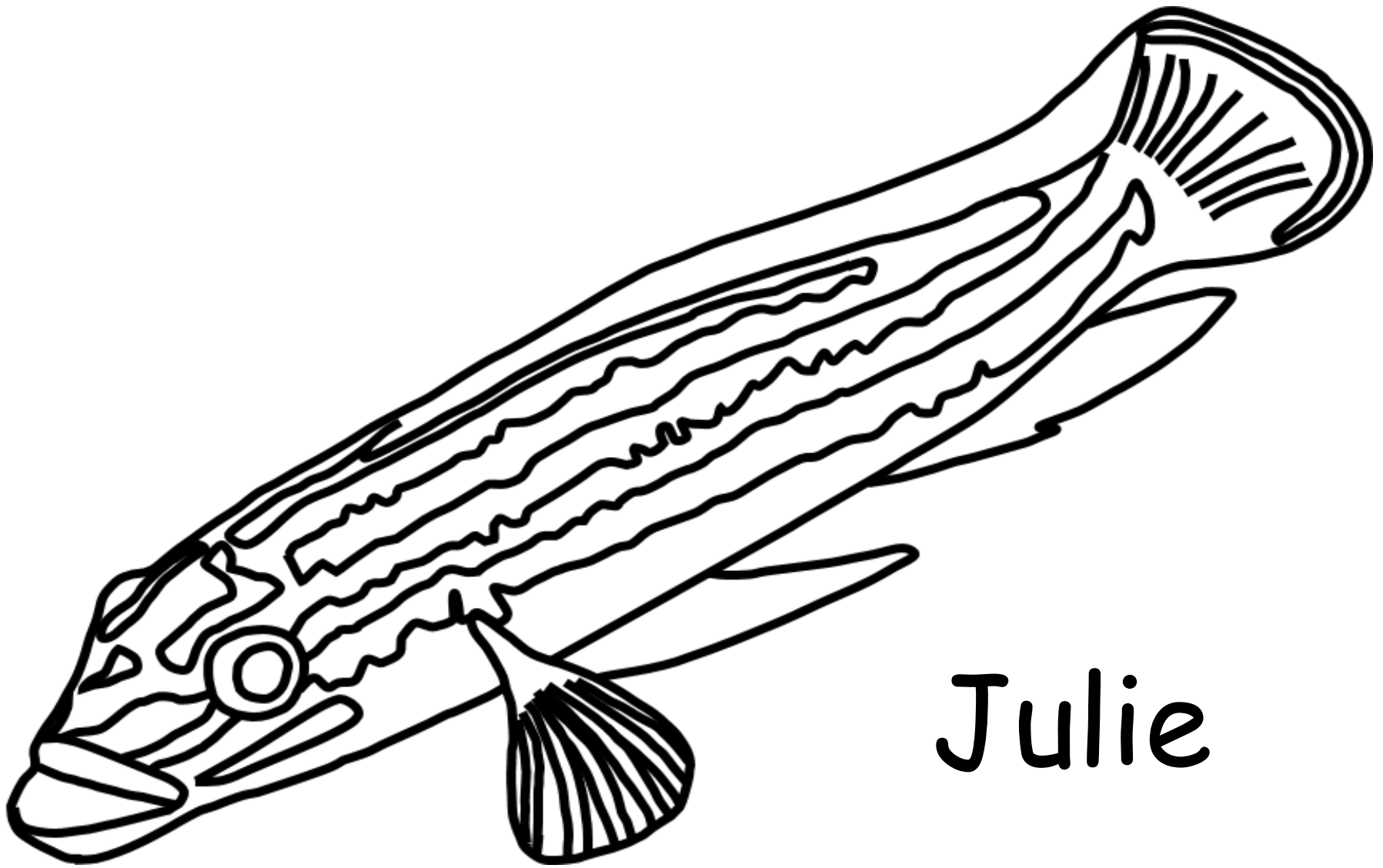
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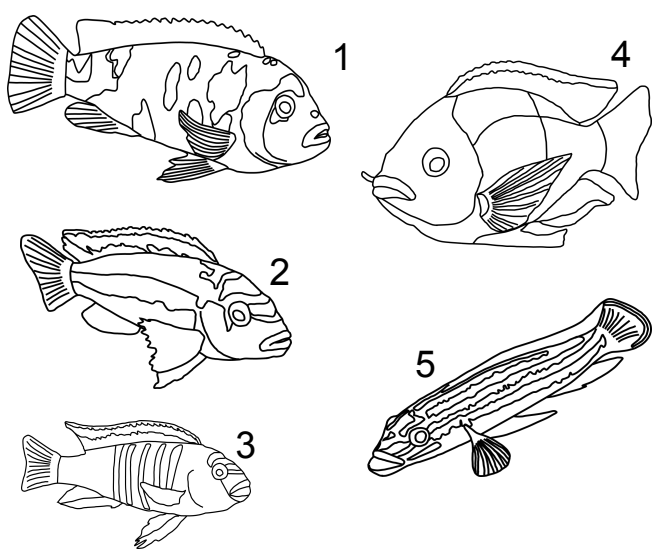
Aurora



Hap



Julie



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Orange Blotch Zebra Mbuna

Metriacclima estherae

Native habitat: Lake Malawi

Diet: Omnivore; Feeds on small animals and plants that stick to aquatic surfaces, like algae and zooplankton.

While this zebra cichlid is of the orange-blotch variety, other zebra cichlids can be lots of different colors. Zebra cichlid moms hide eggs in their mouths until they're ready for the outside world. This behaviour is called mouthbrooding.

Maingano

Pseudotropheus cyaneorhabdos

Native habitat: Lake Malawi

Diet: Omnivore; the maingano isn't picky. It'll even eat food frozen.

Unlike its fellow mbunas, the maingano isn't as territorial and aggressive. Don't let that fool you though, they can still get rough with other fish!

Aurora Mbuna

Maylandia aurora

Native habitat: Lake Malawi

Diet: Omnivore; these little fish love veggies but they'll eat anything!

These little fellas hang out in rocky waters and like to dig. They're so energetic and strong that they might even uproot a few plants when digging.

Hap fish

Copadichromis borleyi

Native habitat: The warmer, boulder-rich waters in Lake Malawi.

Diet: They're able to stick out their mouths and suck up little zooplankton to feed on.

Male hap fish have bigger ventral fins than female haps. They also sometimes have egg-shaped spots while female haps are silver-to-brown and have three black spots across the side of their bodies.

Convict Julie "Kipili"

Julidochromis regani

Native habitat: Lake Tanganyika

Diet: Omnivore; likes to munch on foods full of protein like baby brine shrimp.

The convict julie likes to hang out in rocky areas with lots of caves for them to use as shelter. That's some hideout!