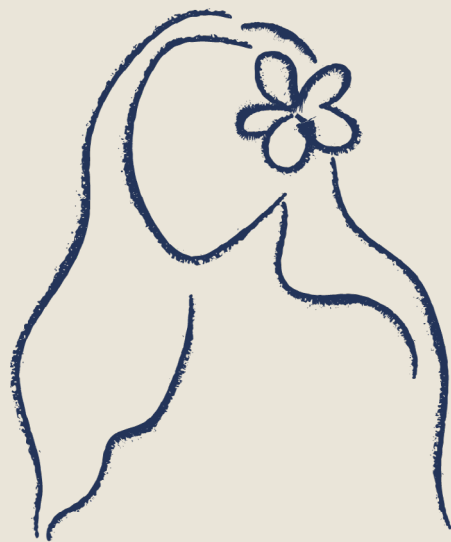


There was a beautiful girl known across Samoa called Sina, from the island of Savai'i. Her beauty reached the old Tui Fiti (King of Fiji).



Using his mana (magic) Tui Fiti transformed into an eel and travelled to the village pool in Savai'i to declare his love to Sina.



When Sina looked into the pool, she saw the eel staring up at her. She cried out in alarm, "You stare at me, with eyes like a demon!" (Samoan: Pupula mai, mata o le alelo!).



Growing weak, he revealed himself and explained that he had turned himself into an eel to see her beauty, as he knew it was his only chance because of his age.



Sina came to see how kind the eel was and made it her pet. Years passed and Tui Fiti grew old, losing his mana.

The legend of Sina and the eel

Sina and the eel tells the tale of how the first coconut tree came to the islands.

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Legend suggests that every time Sina drank from the coconut she kissed the eel.



From the place she buried the eel's head a coconut tree grew.

When removing the husk from a coconut, there are three distinct round marks, which appear like the face of the eel — two eyes and a mouth.

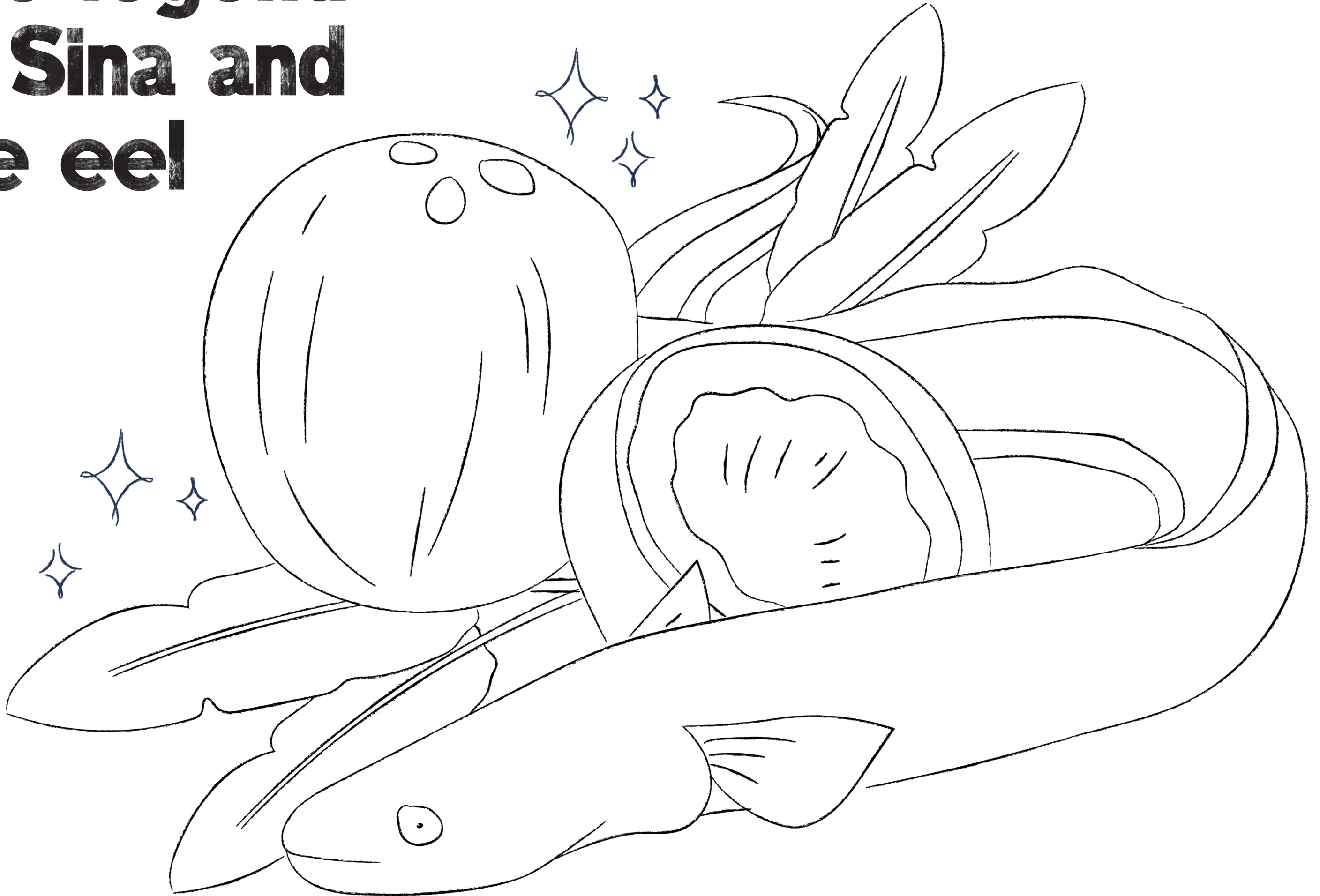
One of the marks is easily pierced for drinking the juice from the coconut.



He then asked Sina to plant the eel's head in the ground which she did.

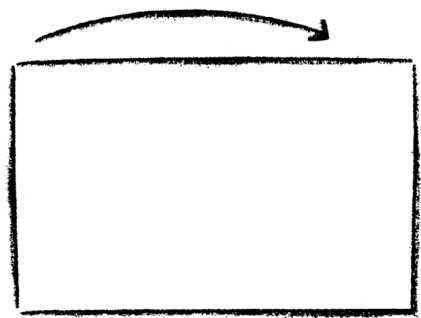
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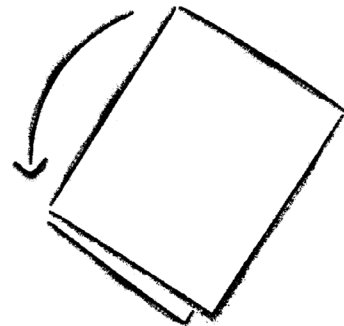
How to make a mini storybook

1.



Fold the paper in half lengthwise (Short edge to short edge).

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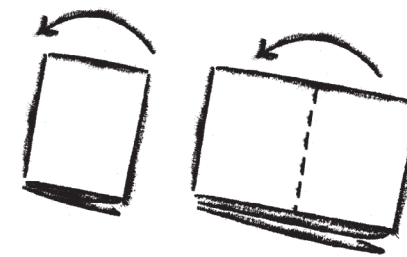
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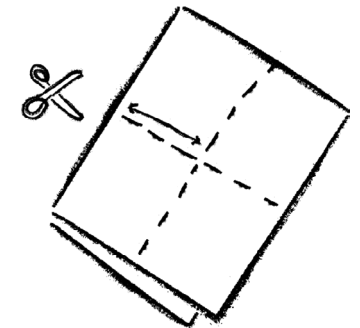
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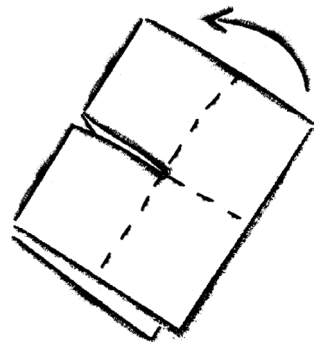
Unfold the paper twice so it only has one fold in it.

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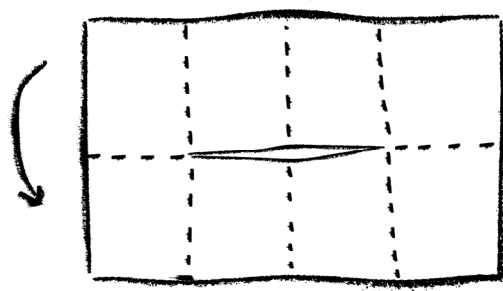
Cut along the crease between the arrows. Make sure you start the cut on the folded edge and finish in the centre where the creases meet!

6.



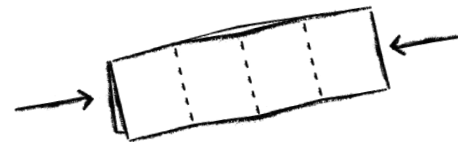
Unfold the paper to reveal the hole you've cut in the centre of the page.

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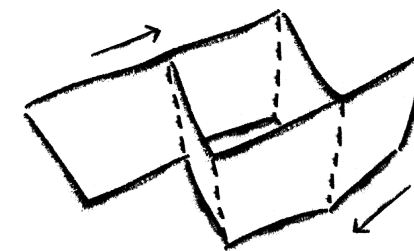
Fold the paper in half but this time long edge to long edge.

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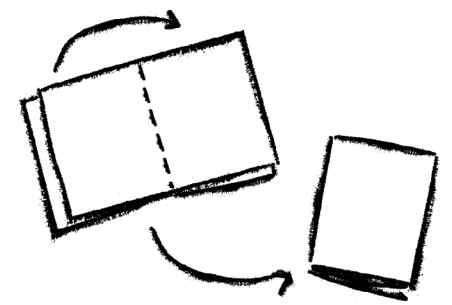
Grab the edges and pinch the sides inwards making a diamond shape with the slit.

9.



Keep pushing the edges in till you flatten the diamond so you have one fold in the middle.

10.



Now fold it in half. All done!