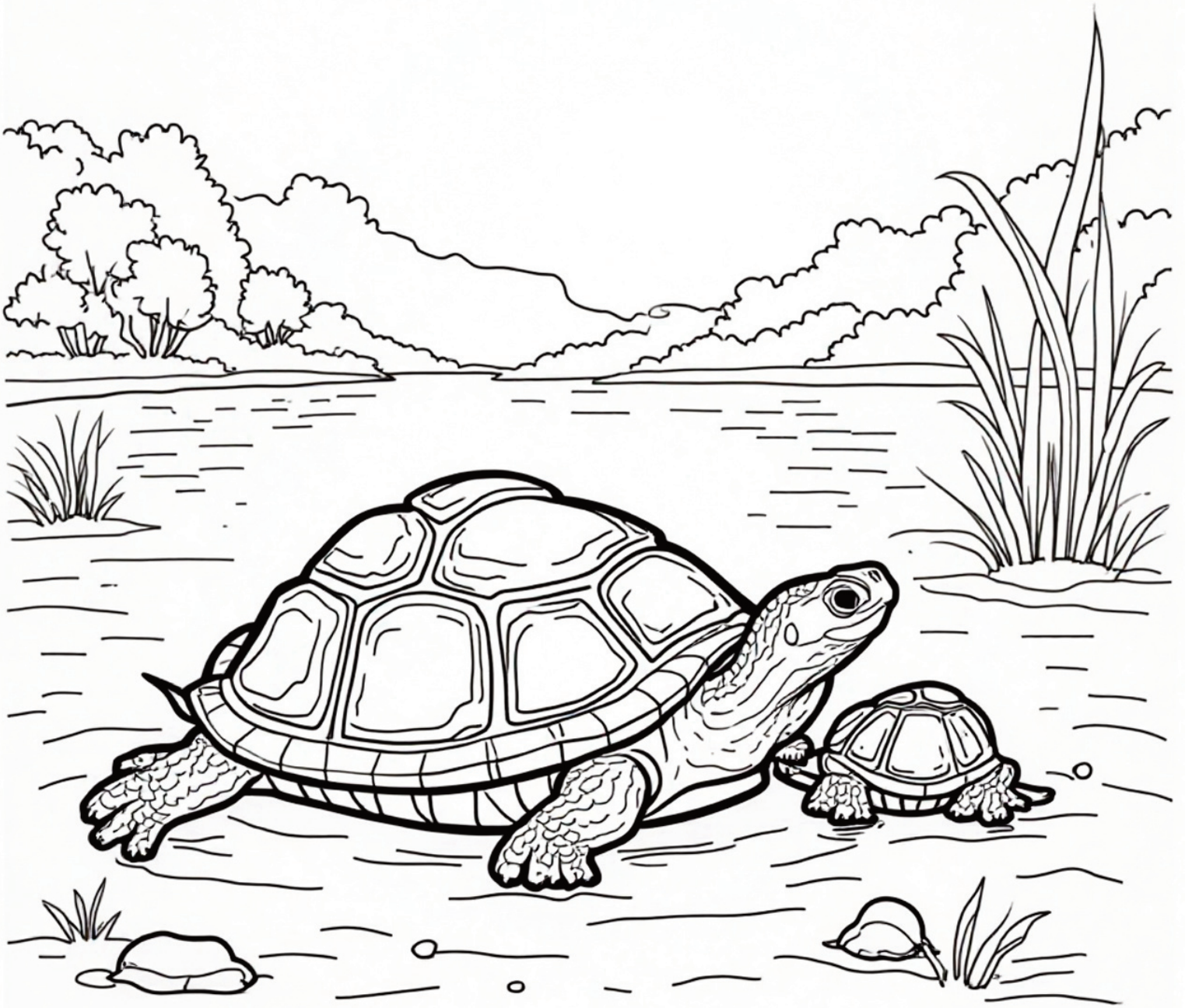
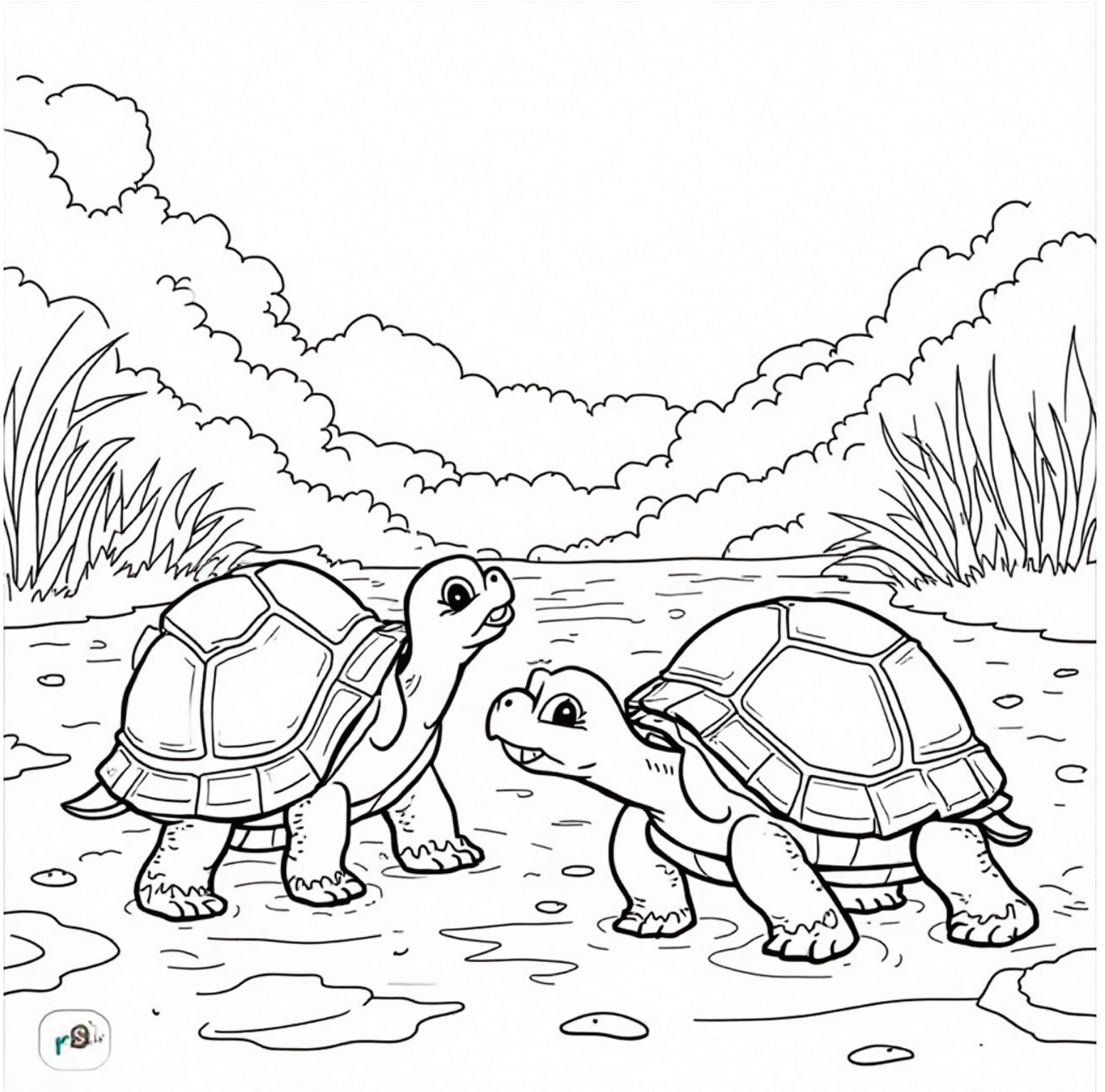




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Did You Know?

Ten fun facts about turtles

1. A turtle's shell isn't a separate house they carry around; it is a permanent part of their anatomy. The shell is made of over 50 bones fused together,
2. Turtle fossils date back over 220 million years, meaning they roamed the earth even before the dinosaurs.
3. The sex of turtle hatchlings is determined by the temperature of the nest. Cooler temperatures produce mostly males, while warmer temperatures produce females.
4. Sea turtles drink saltwater, which would normally be toxic. They have special glands behind their eyes that filter out excess salt, causing them to "cry" salty tears when they are on land.
5. Instead of teeth, turtles have sharp, beaked mouths made of keratin (the same material as human fingernails) to help them grasp and bite their food.
6. While turtles primarily use lungs to breathe, some species of freshwater turtles can perform "cloacal respiration." They absorb oxygen from the water through specialized surfaces, allowing them to stay completely submerged for months at a time.
7. Female sea turtles are incredible navigators. When it's time to lay their own eggs, they travel thousands of miles to return to the exact same beach where they were born.
8. Turtles inhabit every single continent on the planet, with the sole exception of Antarctica.
9. The leatherback is the largest of all sea turtles and can grow up to 7 feet long and weigh over 2,000 pounds. Unlike other turtles, they don't have a hard, bony shell; instead, they have a thick, rubbery, and flexible skin covering their body.
10. Certain species, like the giant Galapagos tortoise, can live well over 100 years. Some snapping turtles can comfortably live for over 70 years.

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