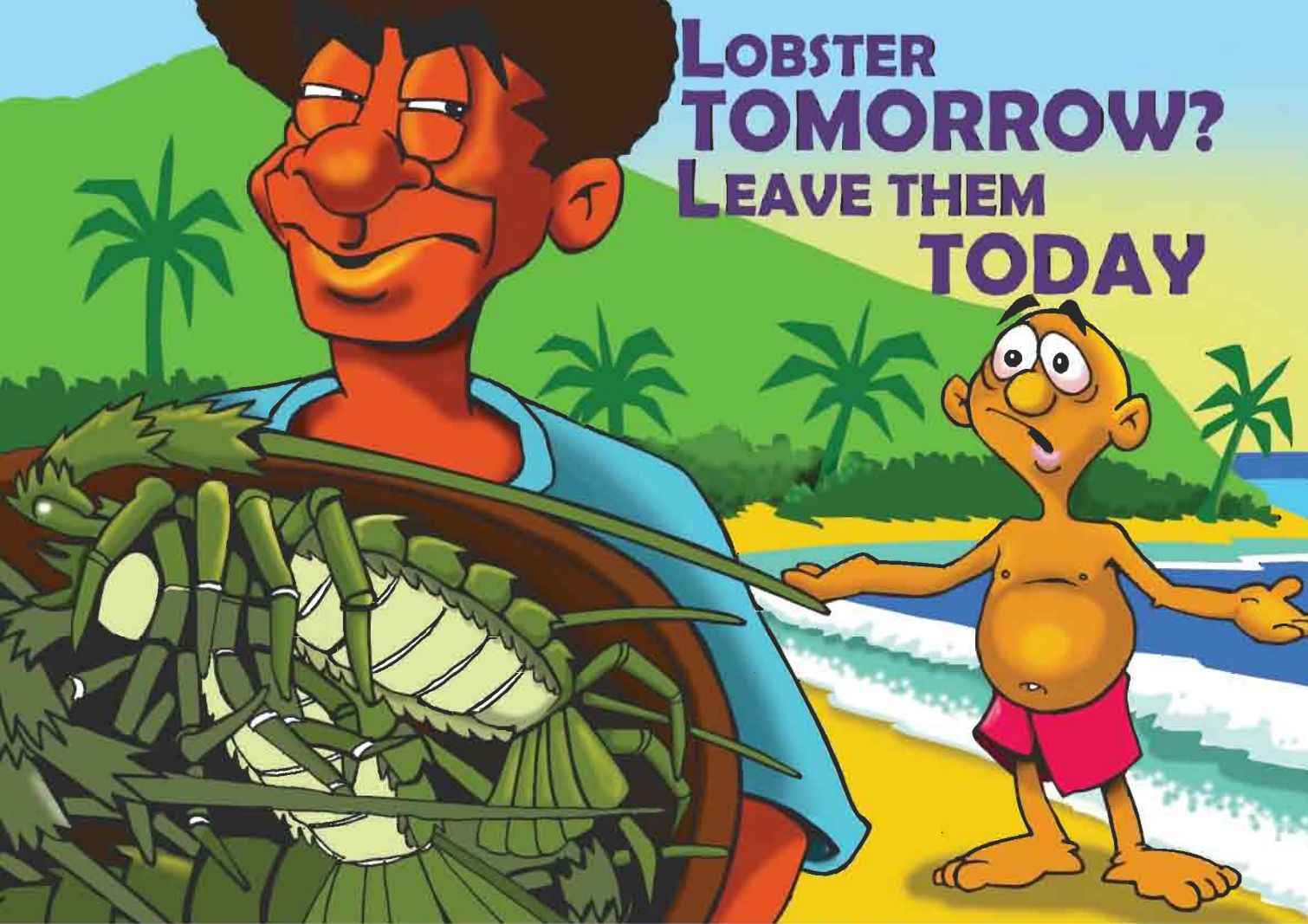


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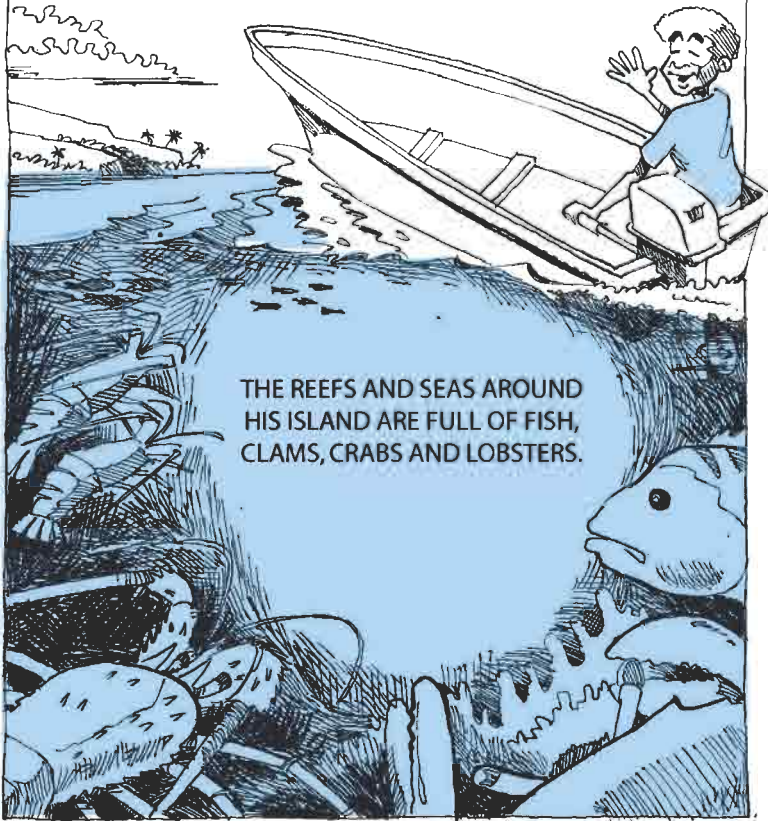
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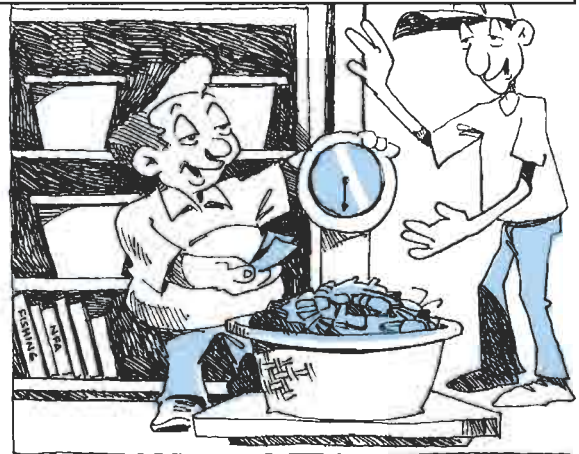
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PETER COMES FROM A SMALL ISLAND
HOURS AWAY FROM TOWN BY BOAT.

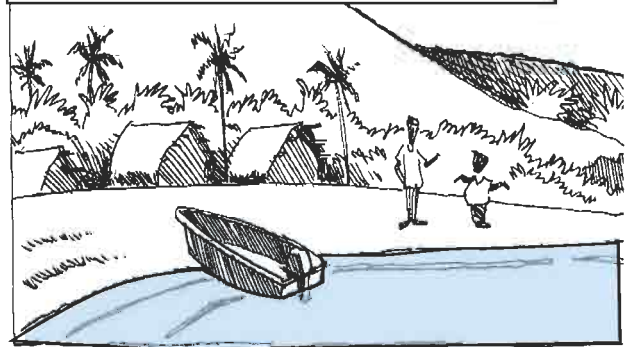


THE REEFS AND SEAS AROUND
HIS ISLAND ARE FULL OF FISH,
CLAMS, CRABS AND LOBSTERS.

JOSEPH, A BUSINESSMAN IN TOWN WHO BUYS AND
EXPORTS LOBSTERS.....



GOES TO PETER'S VILLAGE TO SPEAK WITH HIM
ABOUT A POSSIBLE DEAL





HEY,
MY FRIEND.
GOOD MORNING

GOOD MORNING
TO YOU PETER.



SO WHAT DID YOU
WANT TO TALK WITH
ME ABOUT?

PEOPLE SAY THERE ARE
MANY, MANY LOBSTERS AND OTHER
SHELLFISH ON YOUR REEFS.



THAT'S RIGHT!
THE REEFS ARE
PACKED FULL OF
THEM.



REALLY?
WHY IS THAT?

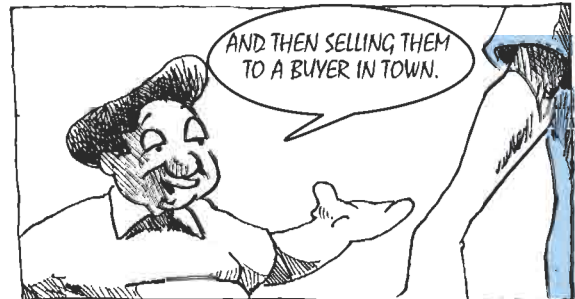
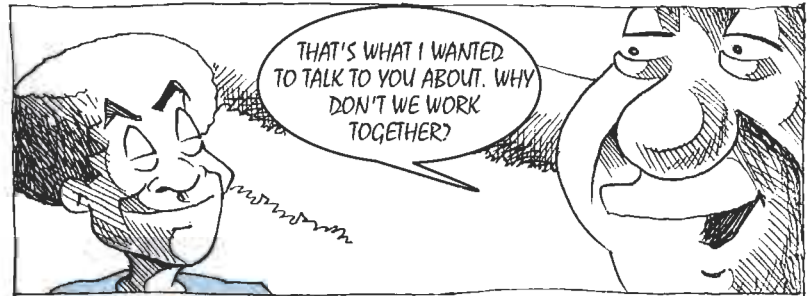
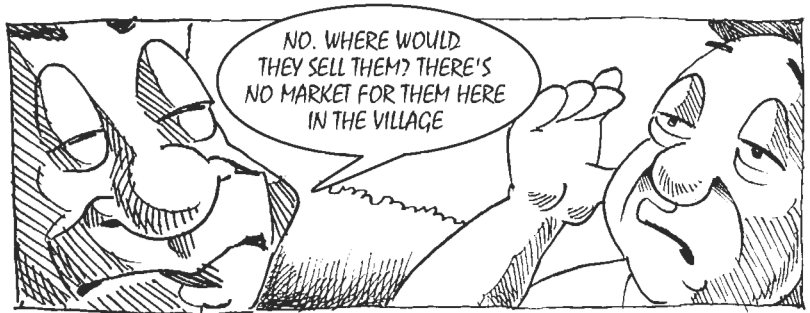


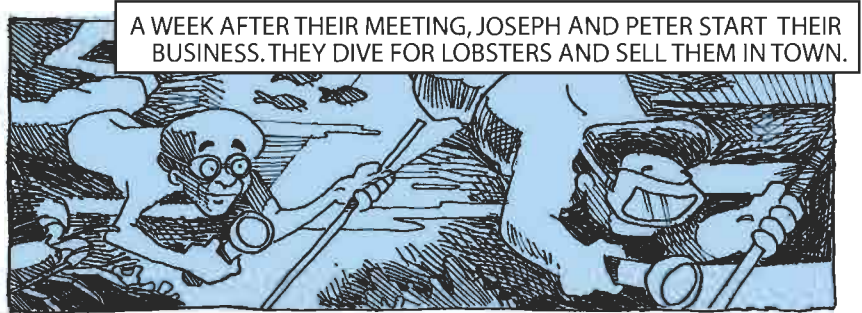
A LOT OF PEOPLE
HERE ARE SEVENTH DAY
ADVENTISTS AND THEIR
CHURCH FORBIDS THEM FROM
EATING CERTAIN KINDS
OF SEAFOOD LIKE DRAWNS
AND LOBSTERS...

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE NOT
INTERESTED IN CATCHING
THEM....

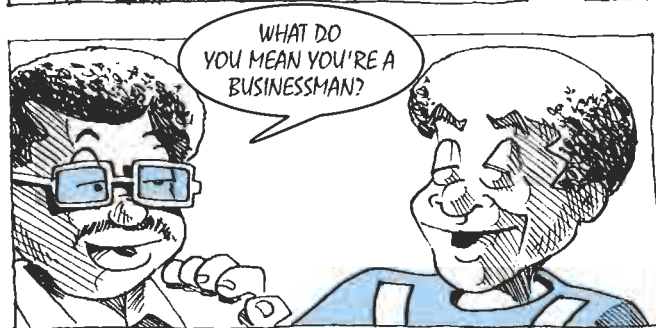
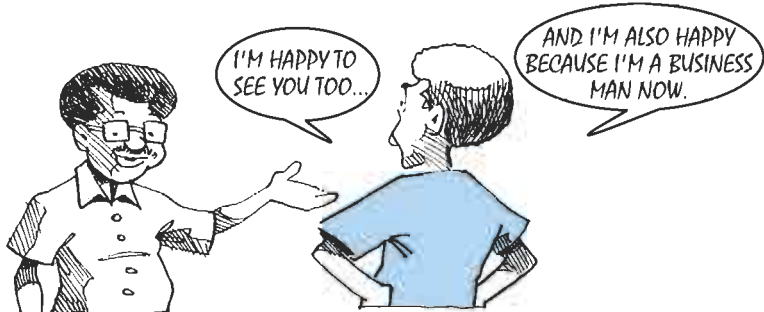


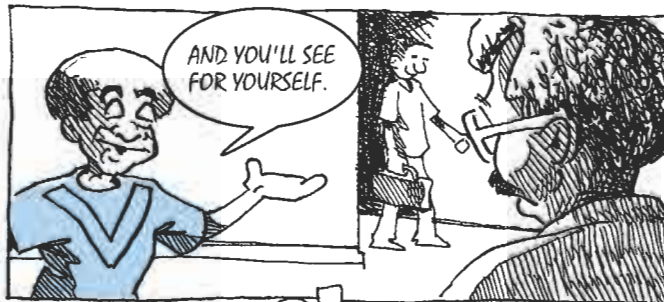
I GO DIVING AT
NIGHT AND SEE PLENTY





AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME, PETER'S COUSIN JOSI, A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN TOWN, GOES TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS IN THE VILLAGE AND PETER GOES AND PICKS HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT.

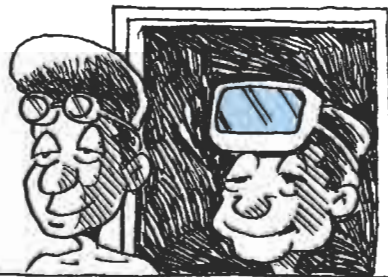




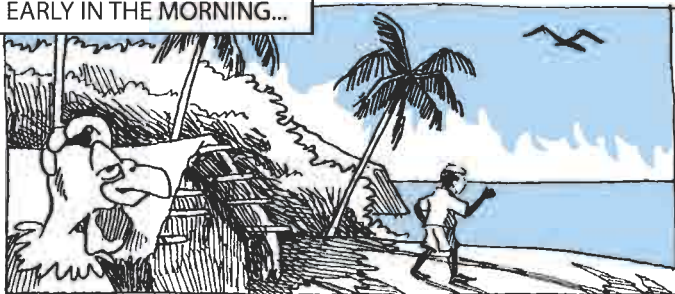
THEY COLLECT JOSI'S GEAR AND HEAD HOME IN THE BOAT.



DURING THE NIGHT, THE DIVERS CAME TO PETER'S HOUSE AND ASKED FOR TORCHES AND BATTERIES.



EARLY IN THE MORNING...



JOSI WALKS TO THE BEACH AND SEES SEVERAL BASKETS FULL OF LOBSTERS.



SOME OF THEM ARE FEMALES WITH EGGS AND SOME ARE TOO SMALL TO BE CAUGHT.



JOSI CONFRONTS PETER...

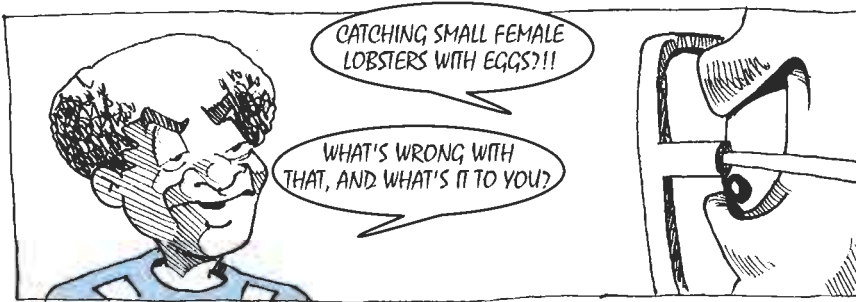


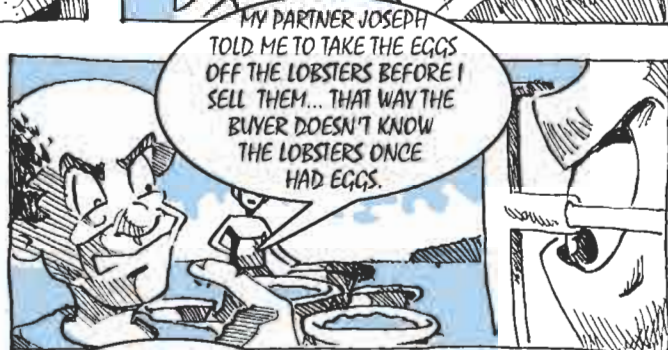
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING

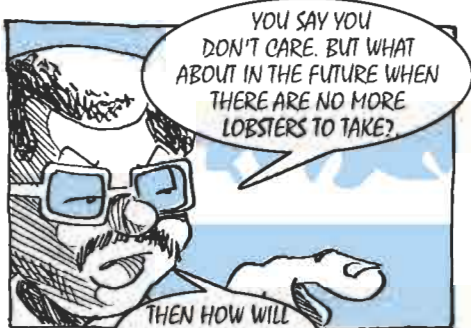


CATCHING SMALL FEMALE LOBSTERS WITH EGGS?!!

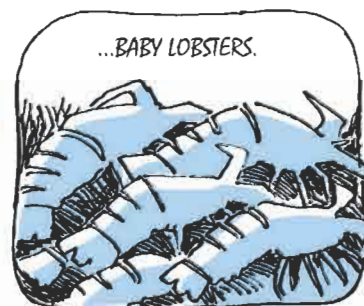
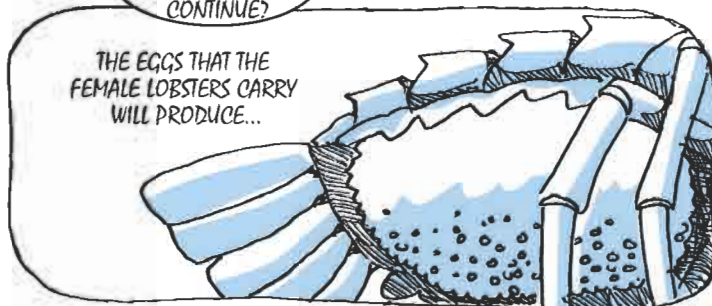
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT, AND WHAT'S IT TO YOU?





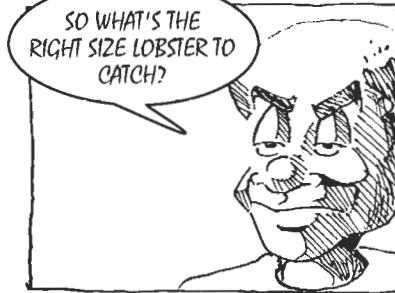
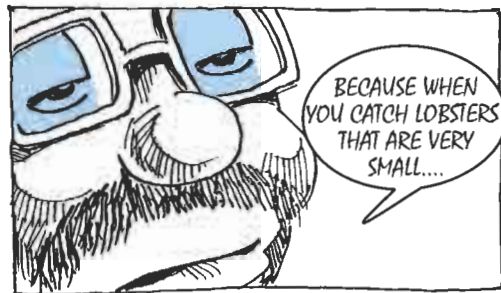
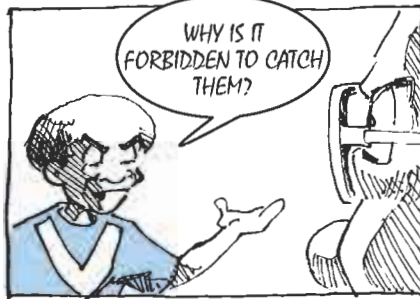
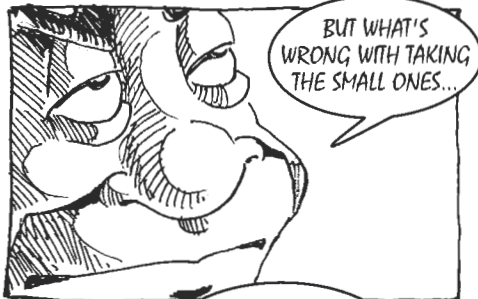


THEN HOW WILL YOUR BUSINESS CONTINUE?

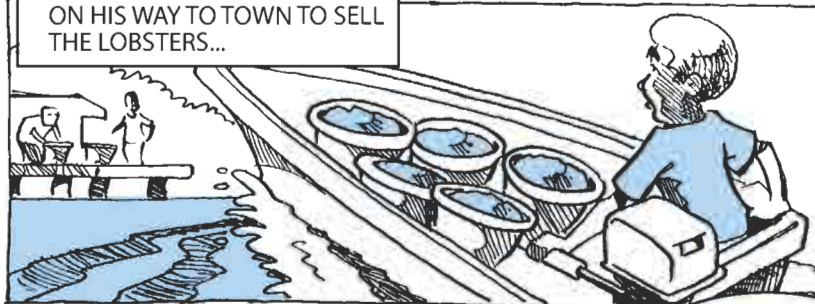


SO, IF YOU DESTROY THE EGGS OR KILL THE FEMALES WITH EGGS...





ON HIS WAY TO TOWN TO SELL
THE LOBSTERS...

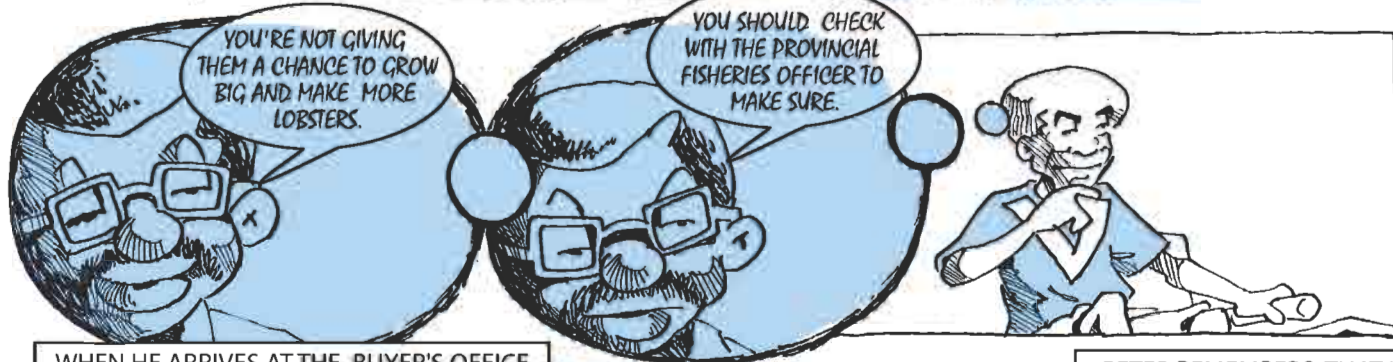


PETER THOUGHT
LONG AND HARD
ABOUT WHAT HIS
COUSIN HAD SAID.



YOU'RE NOT GIVING
THEM A CHANCE TO GROW
BIG AND MAKE MORE
LOBSTERS.

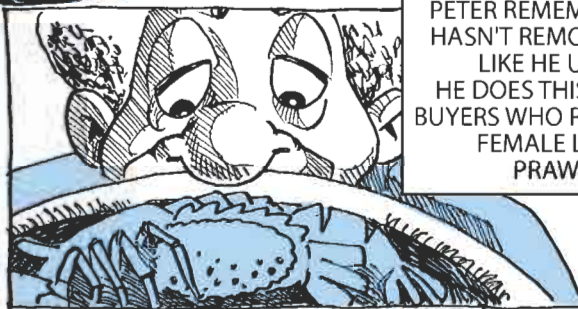
YOU SHOULD CHECK
WITH THE PROVINCIAL
FISHERIES OFFICER TO
MAKE SURE.

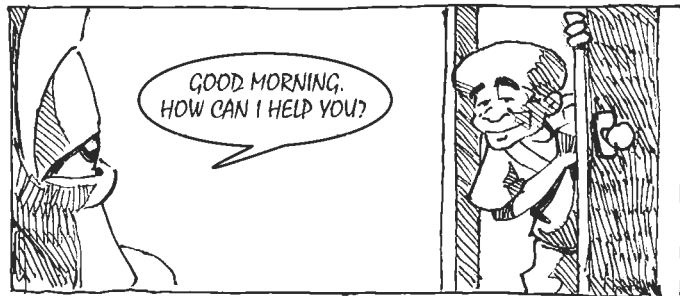
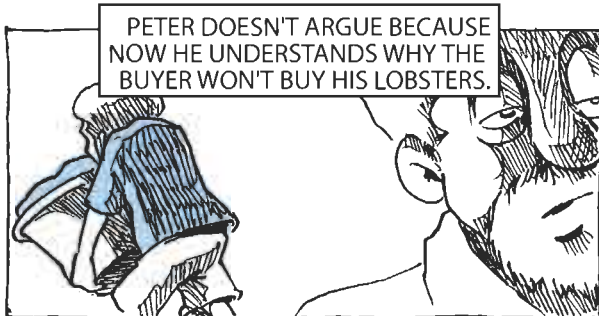
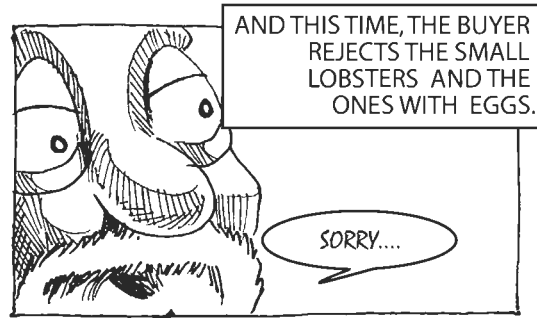
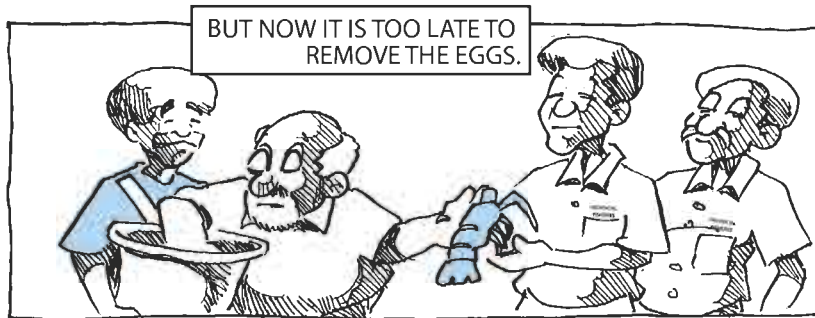


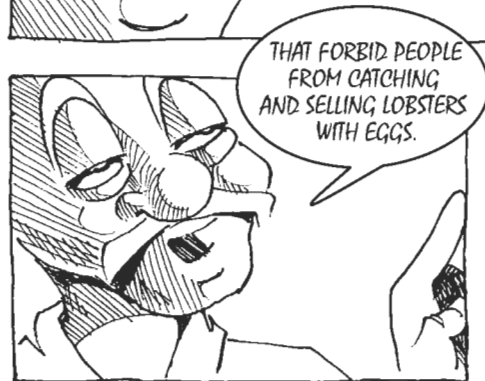
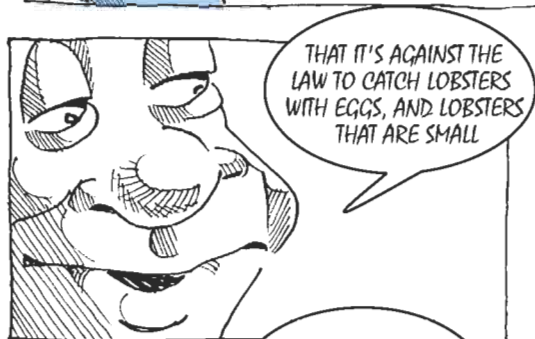
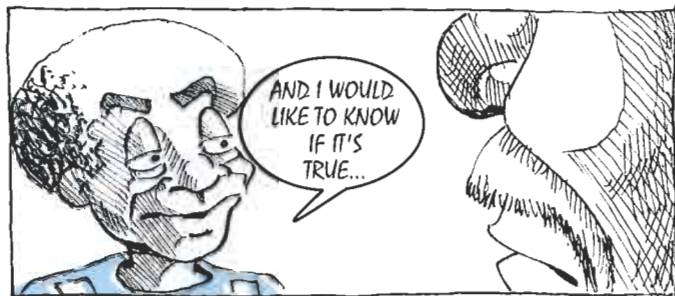
WHEN HE ARRIVES AT THE BUYER'S OFFICE,
THE FISHERIES OFFICERS ARE ALSO THERE.

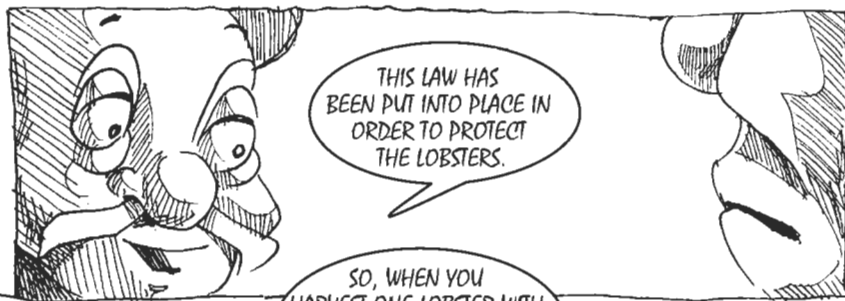
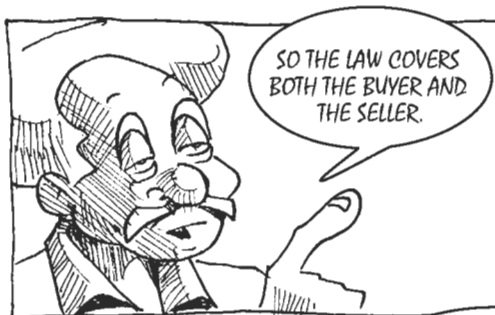


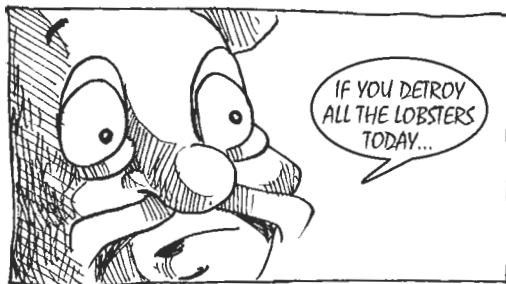
PETER REMEMBERS THAT HE
HASN'T REMOVED THE EGGS
LIKE HE USUALLY DOES.
HE DOES THIS TO FOOL THE
BUYERS WHO REFUSE TO BUY
FEMALE LOBSTERS AND
PRAWNS WITH EGGS.

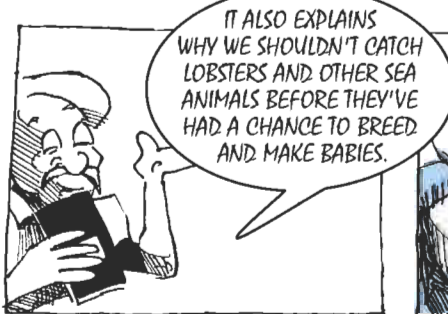
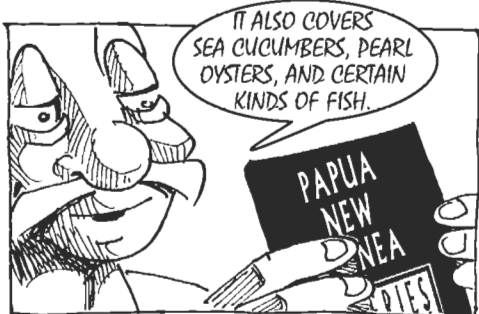
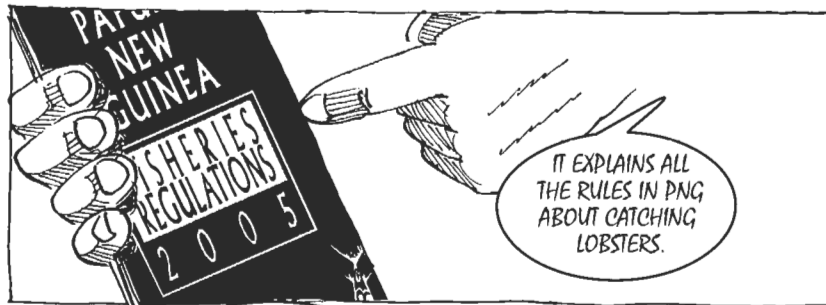












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- school teachers and school children,
- provincial fisheries officers,
- non-governmental organizations,
- fishermen's associations, and
- anyone else interested in managing coastal marine resources.
- fisheries training institutions.

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