

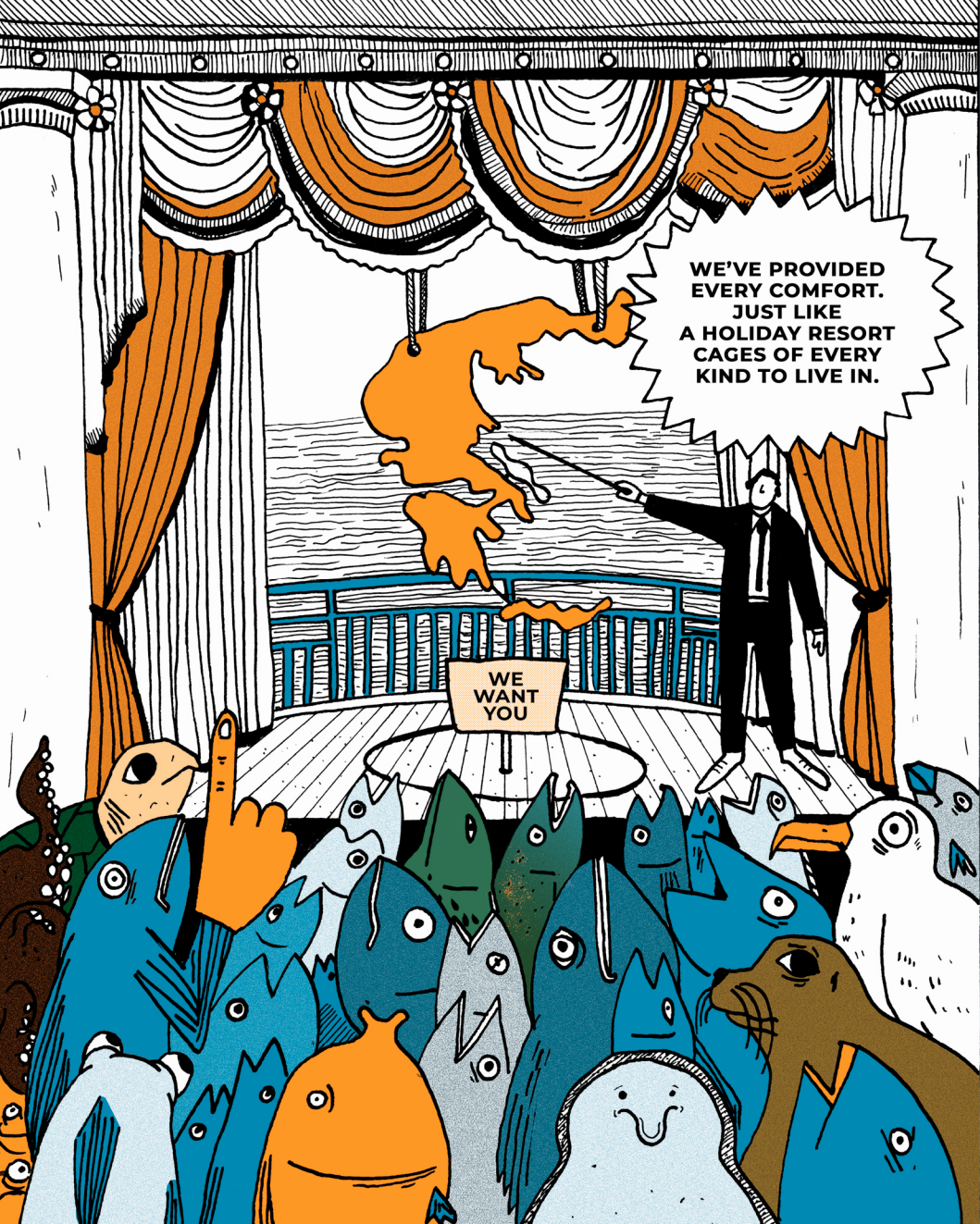
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Understanding
ghost farms



OPERATION GHOST FARMS

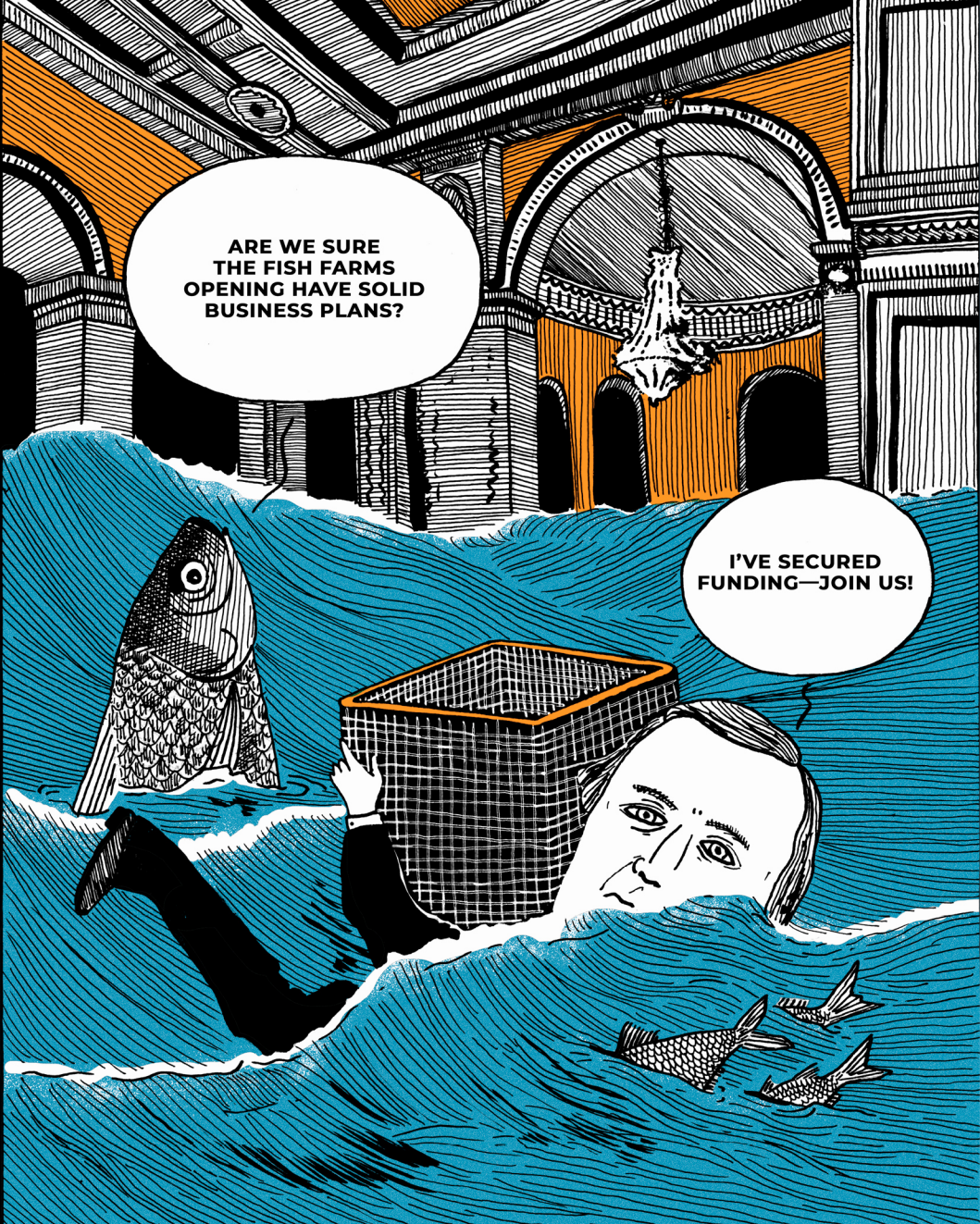
**Greece has one
of the longest coastline
in the Mediterranean
with over 13,000 kilometres,
islands included.
Its fishing industry
is a cornerstone
of the economy, driven
by aquaculture.**



WE'VE PROVIDED
EVERY COMFORT.
JUST LIKE
A HOLIDAY RESORT
CAGES OF EVERY
KIND TO LIVE IN.

WE
WANT
YOU

**Between climate
change, pollution,
and EU regulations,
the aquaculture industry
is searching for answers
and future strategies.
Meanwhile, poor planning
and weak business models
are threatening aquaculture
sites and the local communities
and environments around them.**



ARE WE SURE
THE FISH FARMS
OPENING HAVE SOLID
BUSINESS PLANS?

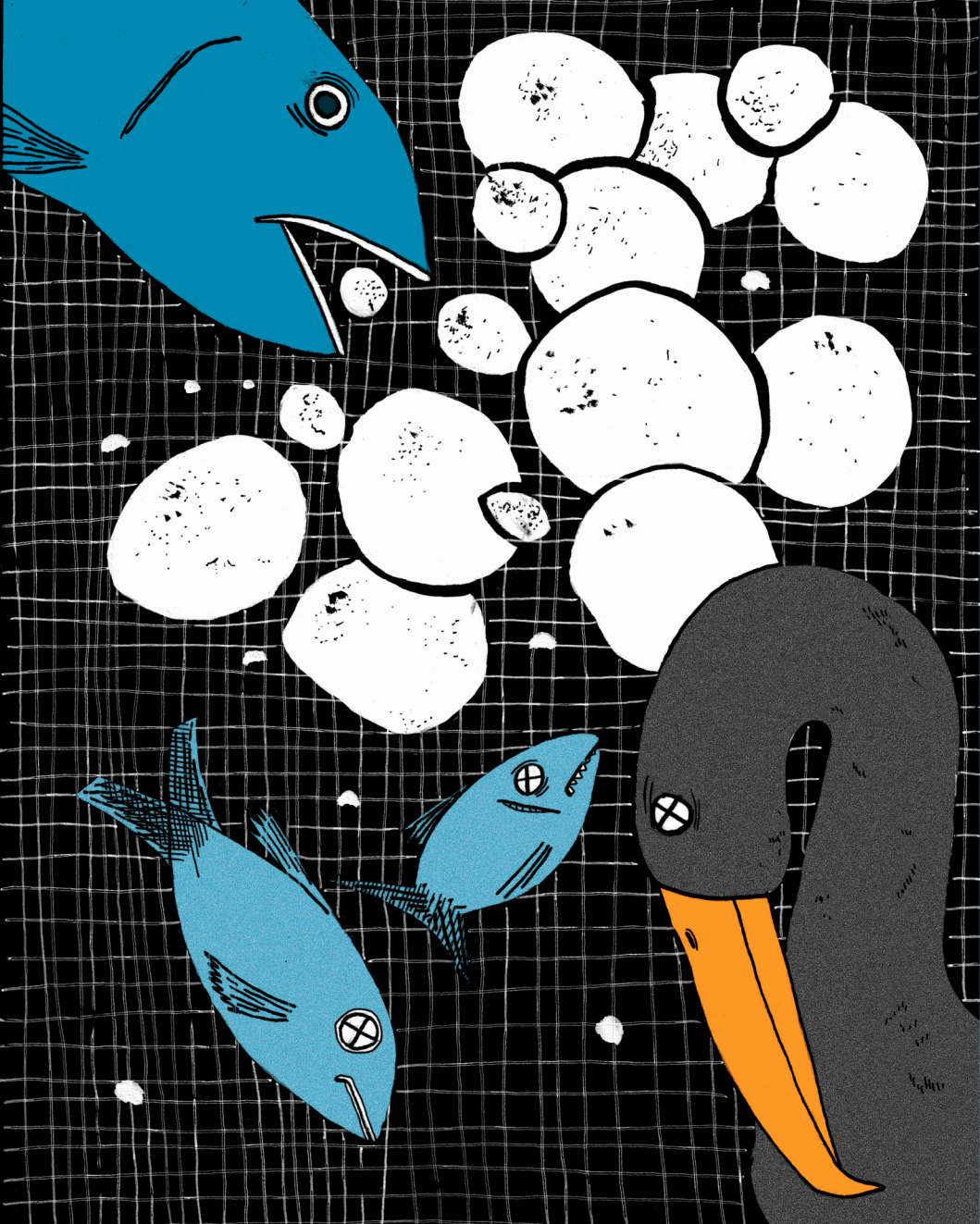
I'VE SECURED
FUNDING—JOIN US!

**As some fish farms fail
and are abandoned, responsibility
falls on local communities,
institutions, and non-profits like
the Healthy Seas Foundation
to report the damage and,
at times, clean it up.**

THIS IS
A MESS!



**Abandoned structures,
mostly made of plastic,
release materials
into the water,
carried by the currents.
Fragments, micro
and nanoplastics,
and toxic substances
are mistaken for food by fish.
Meanwhile, the nets remain
“passively” active,
continuing to fish.**

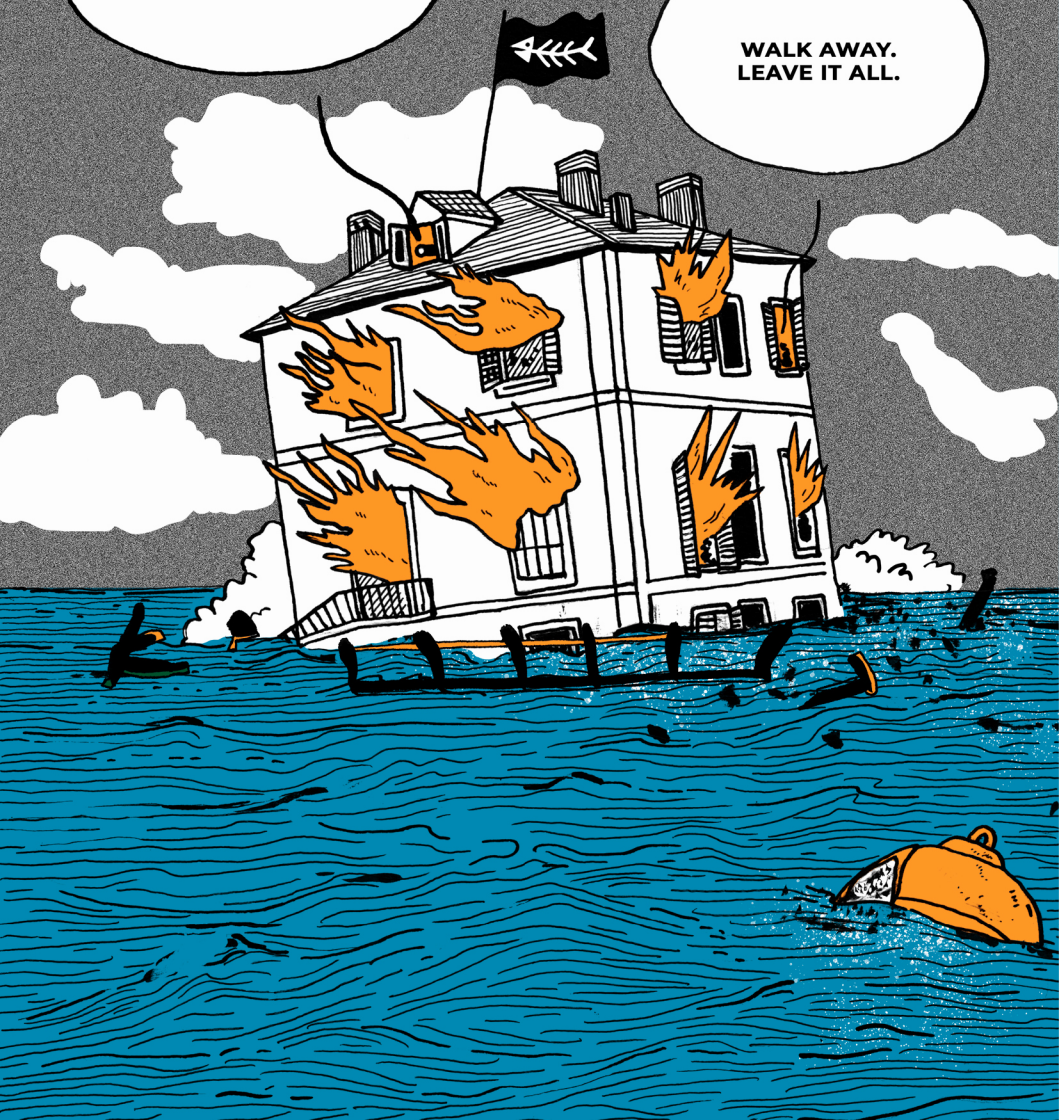


**On the western coast alone,
150 polluted sites linked to
abandoned fish farms
have been identified.**

**Many more
have been reported
on the eastern coast,
still not fully surveyed.
Cases of abandoned sites
have been documented
in Chile and Canada.**

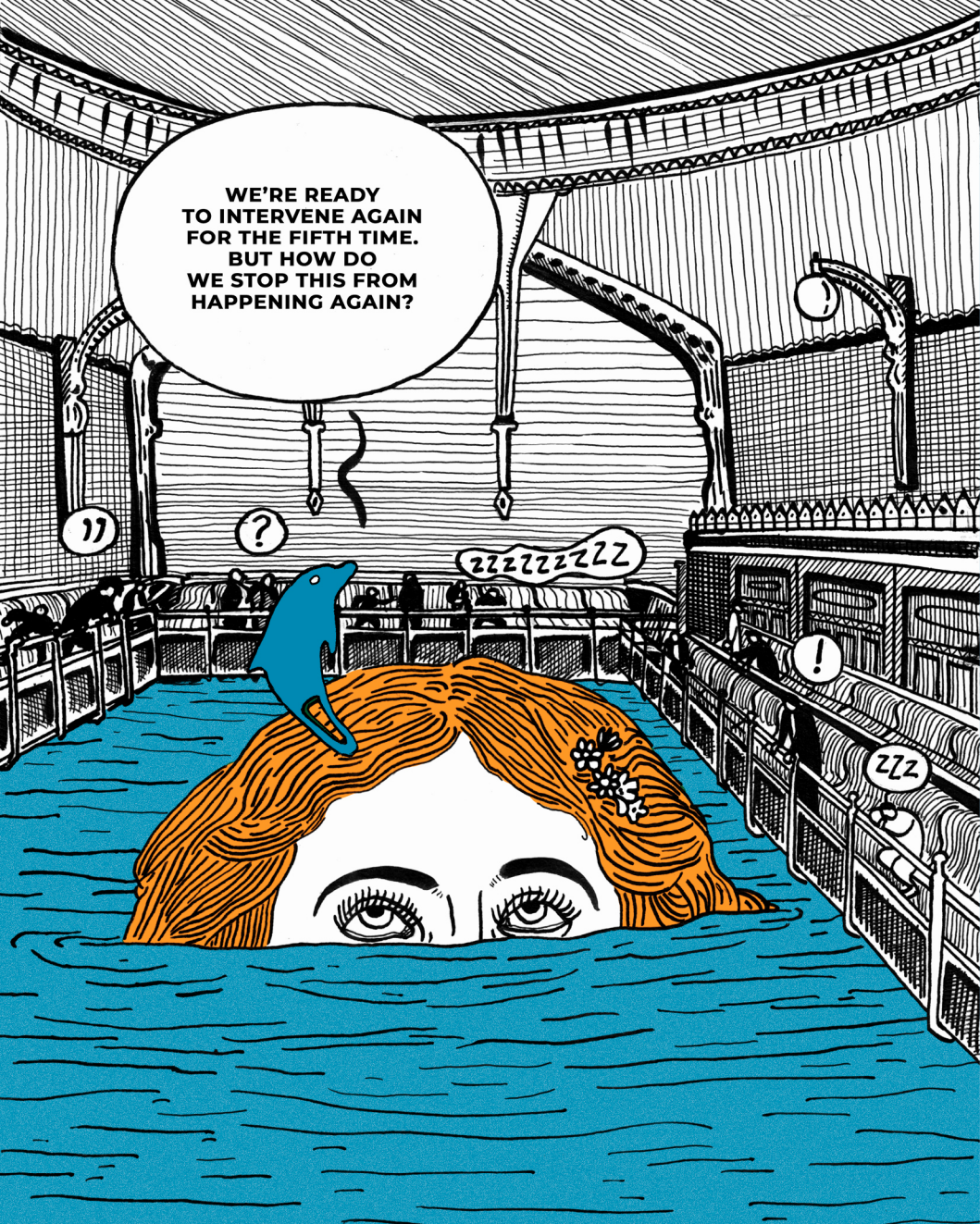
**IT WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE A SUCCESS—NOW
IT'S ALL FALLING APART!**

**WALK AWAY.
LEAVE IT ALL.**



**In October 2025, as part
of the Reclaiming Waters
project launched in 2021,
the Healthy Seas Foundation,
an international non-profit
dedicated to ocean protection,
began its fifth mission
to clean up an abandoned
fish farm.**

WE'RE READY
TO INTERVENE AGAIN
FOR THE FIFTH TIME.
BUT HOW DO
WE STOP THIS FROM
HAPPENING AGAIN?



**Healthy Seas intervened
to clean up an abandoned
fish farm in the Saronic Gulf,
in the Aegean Sea, near
the town of Methana.
Previous clean-ups took place
in Ithaca, Patras, and Menidi
between 2021 and 2025.**



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