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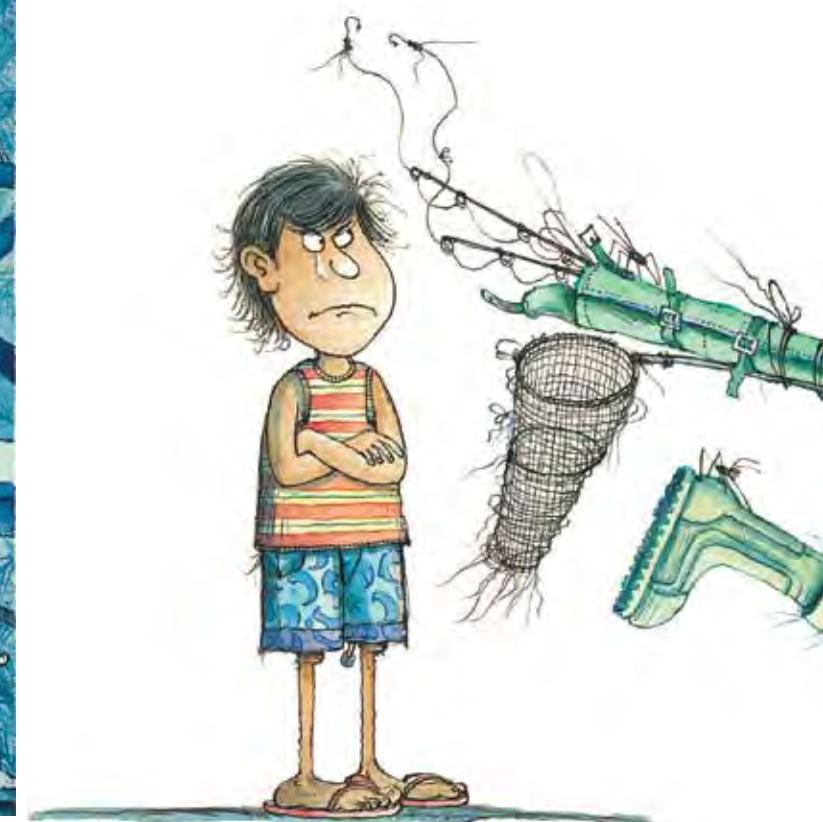


One day Chico's father was going fishing.

'Oh, Daddy, may I come too?' asked Chico. 'Please, Daddy? Please?'

His father shook his head. 'No, son. You're too young. You'll talk too much and scare away the fish. You'll fidget and fuss and get in the way.' But, seeing the tears in Chico's eyes, he patted his head gently. 'Maybe when you're older . . .'

Then he picked up his fishing tackle and set off.





Chico went for a walk. He felt sad. 'I *am* old enough to go fishing!' he thought. 'I would sit quietly. I wouldn't scare the fish! And I wouldn't get in the way!'

He kept on walking, and soon he reached the river. That gave him an idea. 'I *will* go fishing!' he said. 'All by myself. Then they'll see!'

