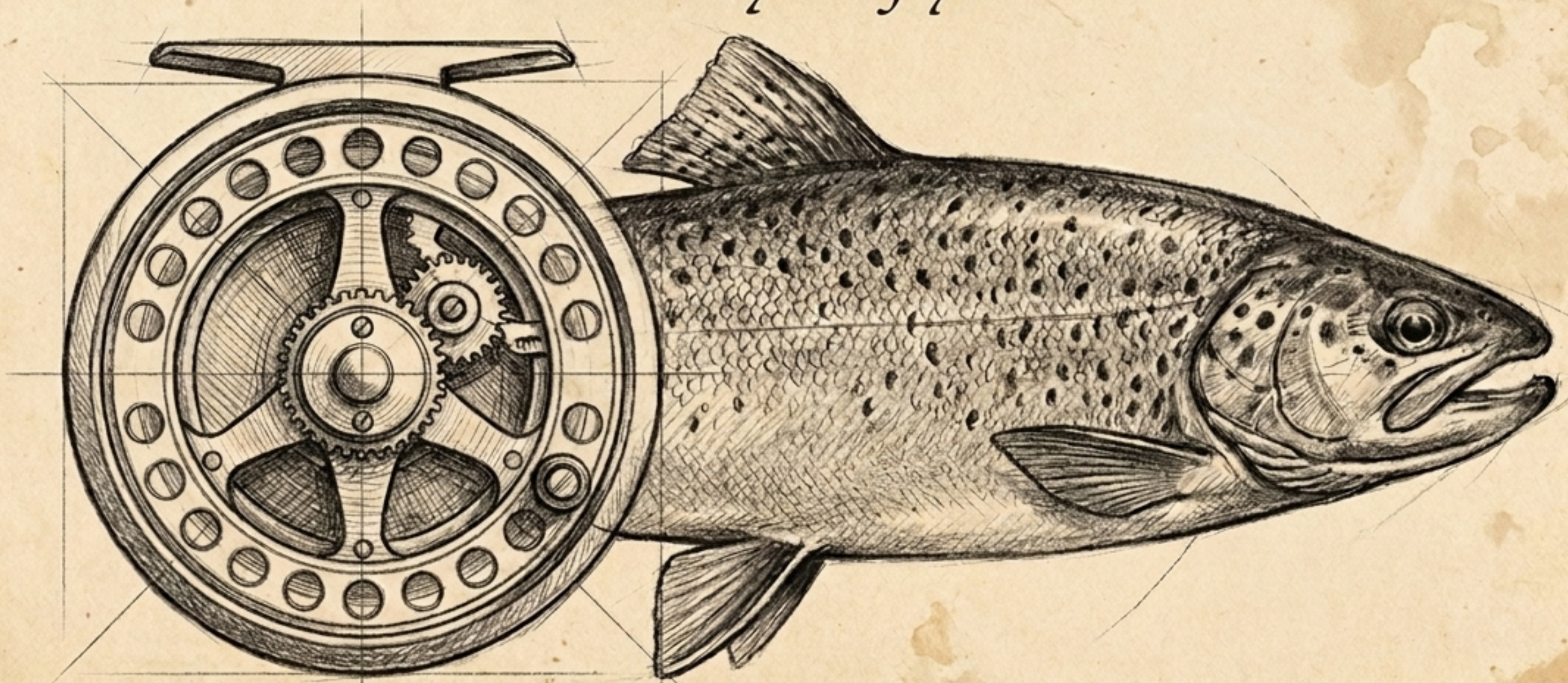


Fly Fishing Reel Guide.

Selection, Environments, Prey and Maintenance.

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The Philosophy of the Reel

Let's debunk a myth: the reel is not always and only a line container.

In the hunt for large predators, the mechanics activate: it becomes the main weapon to tame rabid and lethal escapes. Force like they do, force of dominance, and courage to make sacrifice.

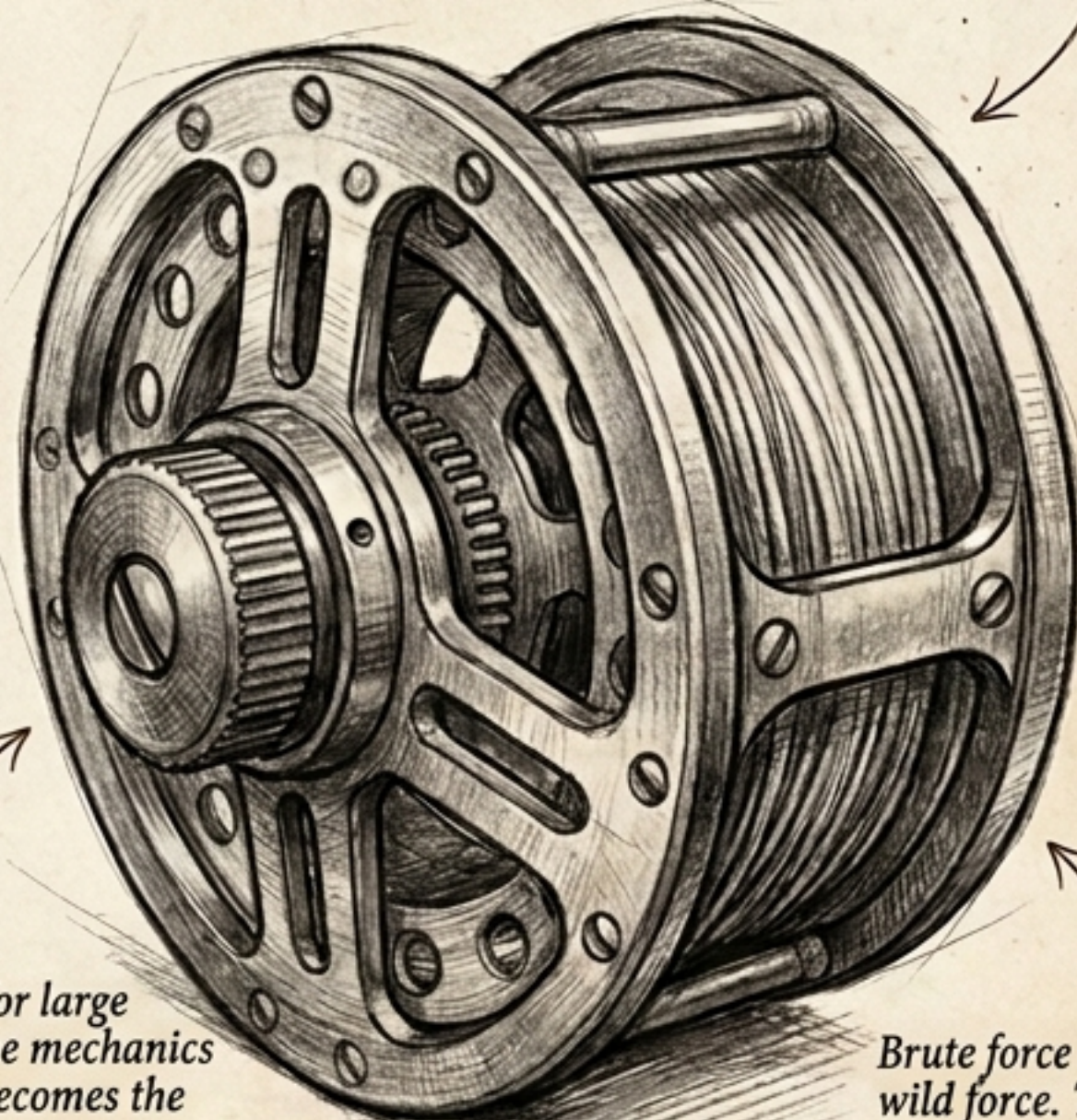
MINIMALISM: PROTECTION AND CONTROL

In fast waters for smaller prey, you retrieve by hand and the tool serves to protect the line.



A container, a support point. The hand is the real brake.

HEAVY MECHANICS: WEAPON OF DOMINANCE



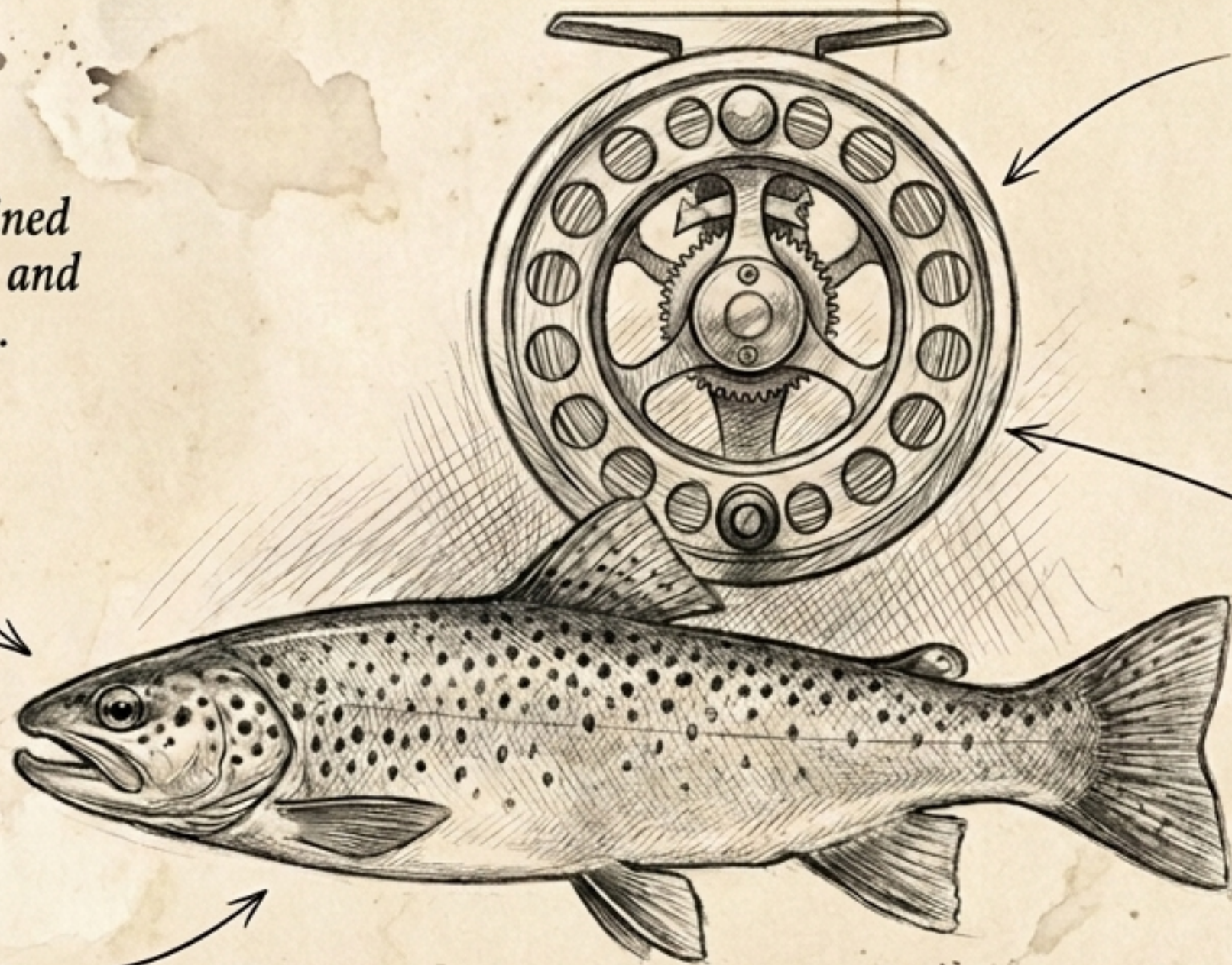
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Brute force against wild force. The reel fights, not the hand.

1. The Mountain Stream: Absolute Lightness

Environment: Confined spaces, fast currents and dense vegetation.

Prey: Alpine Trout, wild Brown Trout, Brook Trout.



The Machine: Ultra-light reel, classic or semi-automatic model (for instant retrieval of flying line).

Mechanics: No complex drag necessary; a click & pawl is sufficient to prevent accidental spooling. Hand retrieval.

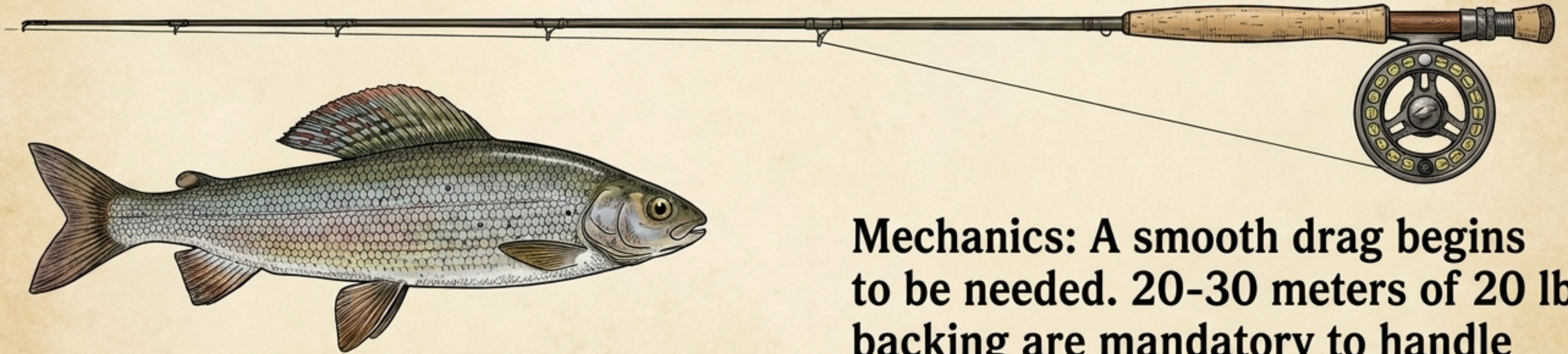
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2. The River: The Beginning of Fluidity

Environment: Flats, fast riffles, and spring runs with steady current.

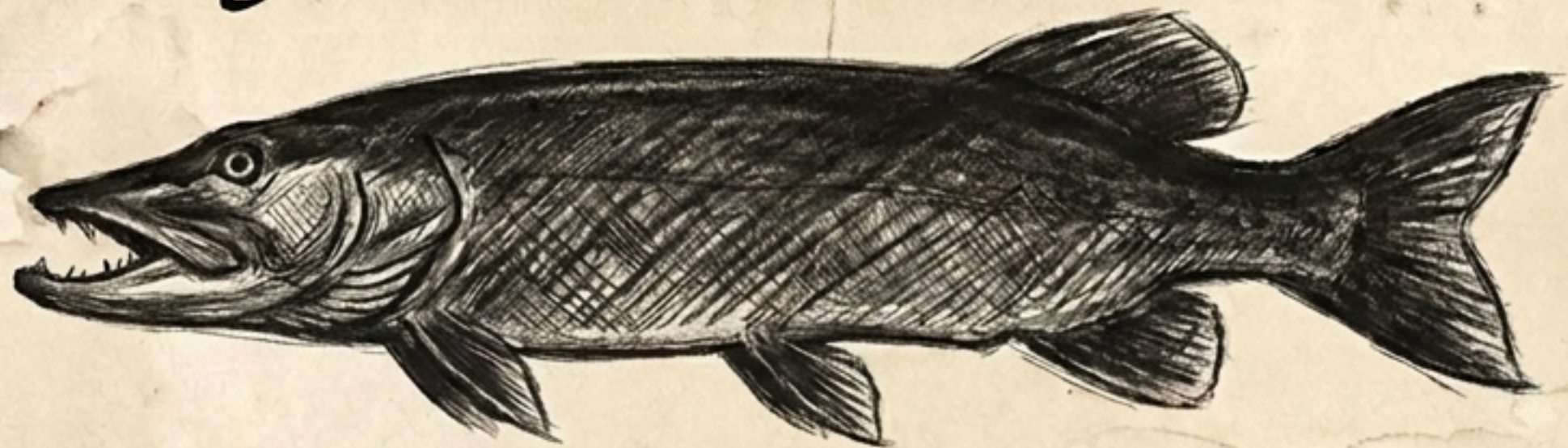
The Machine: Mid-Arbor Reel (medium spool to reduce line memory).



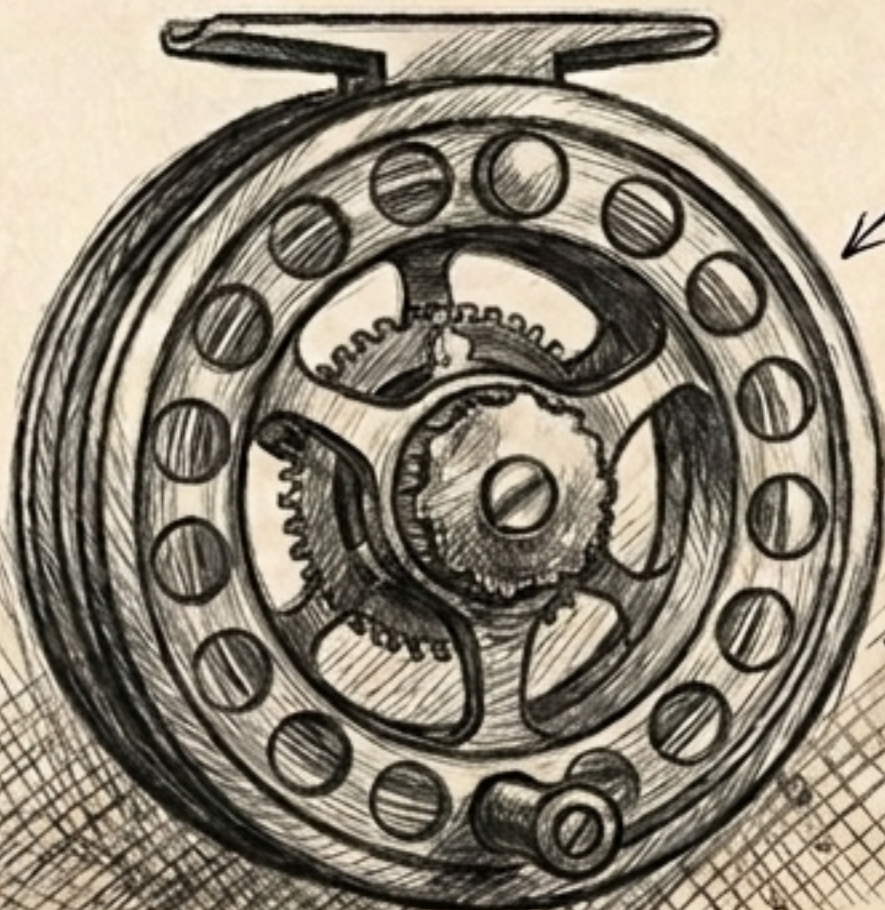
Prey: Grayling, Brown Trout, Chub.

Mechanics: A smooth drag begins to be needed. 20-30 meters of 20 lb backing are mandatory to handle runs in the constant current.

3. The Big River: Power and Control



Environment: Large volumes, deep pools, powerful waters.



The Machine: Large Arbor reel, necessarily machined from solid aluminum to withstand impacts on rocks.

Mechanics: Powerful and micrometric disc drag to brake violent runs. Minimum capacity of >100 meters of backing (30 lb).

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Prey:
Marble Trout, Pike.

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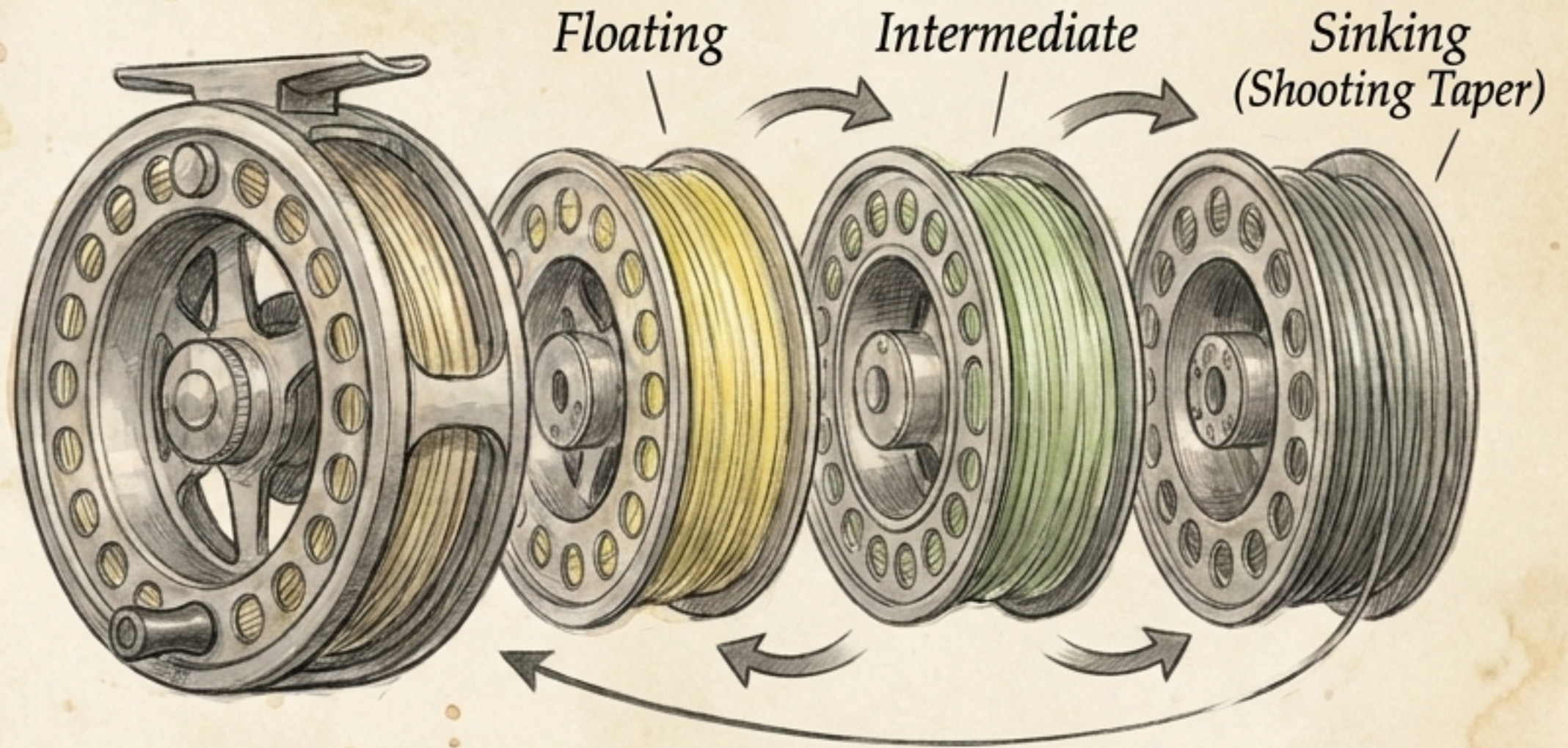
4. The Lake (Stillwater): Versatility and Geometry

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Environment: Large bodies of still water, alpine lakes or lowland basins.

The Machine: Reels with interchangeable spools.



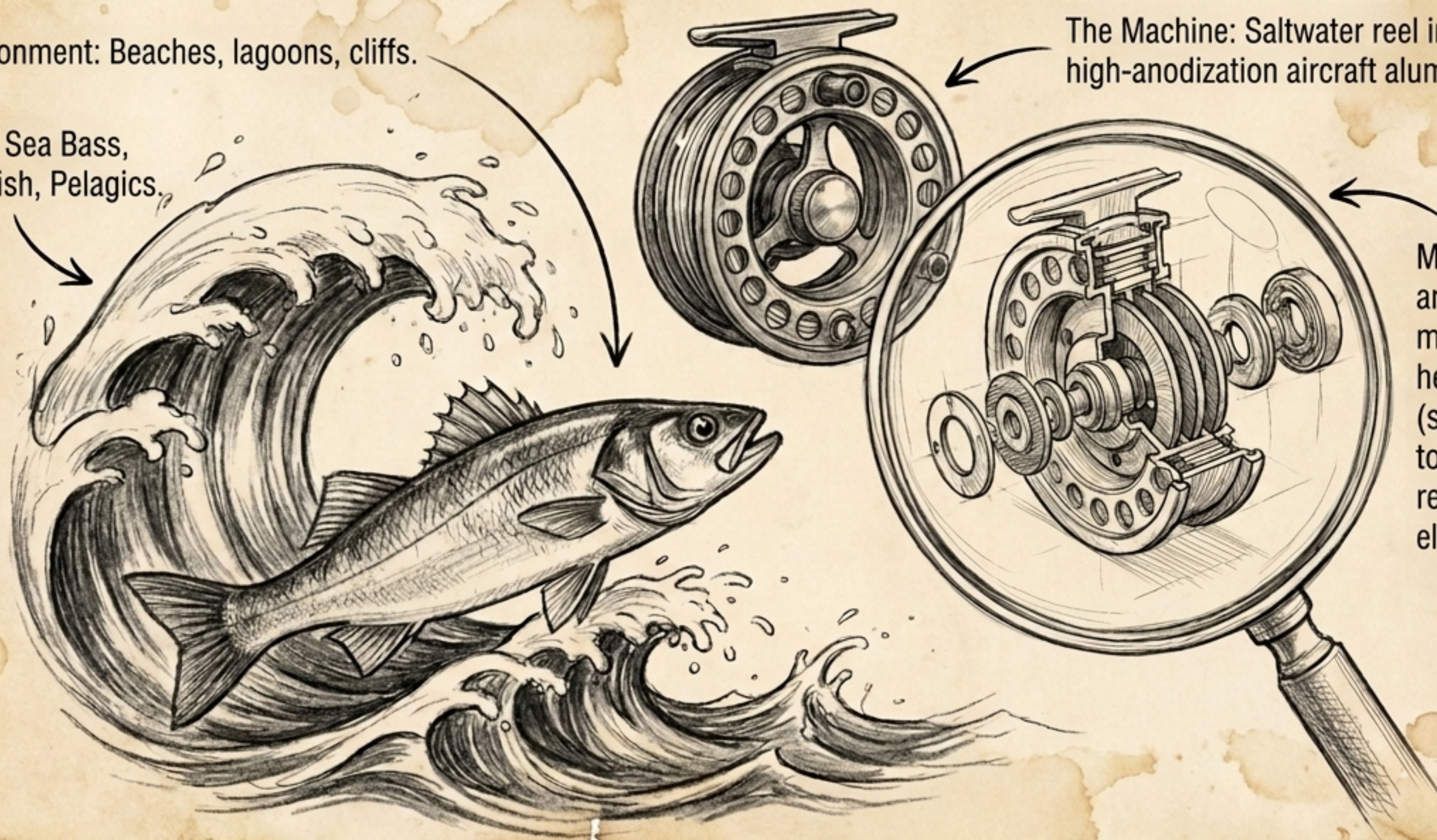
Mechanics: Lake fishing requires constant strategy changes. The cassettes allow quickly alternating floating, intermediate, and sinking (Shooting Taper) lines with a single frame.

Prey: Rainbow Trout, Perch, Black Bass, Pike.

5. The Sea (Saltwater): The Armor Against Salt

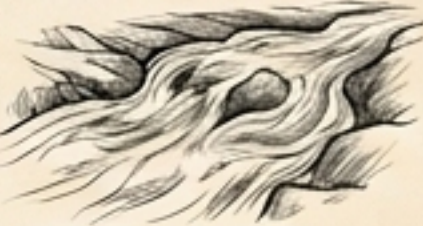
Environment: Beaches, lagoons, cliffs.

Prey: Sea Bass,
Bluefish, Pelagics.



Mechanics: Salt spray and sand destroy metal. A completely hermetic disc drag (sealed drag) is vital to guarantee total resistance to the elements.

The Water Code: Synthesis Matrix

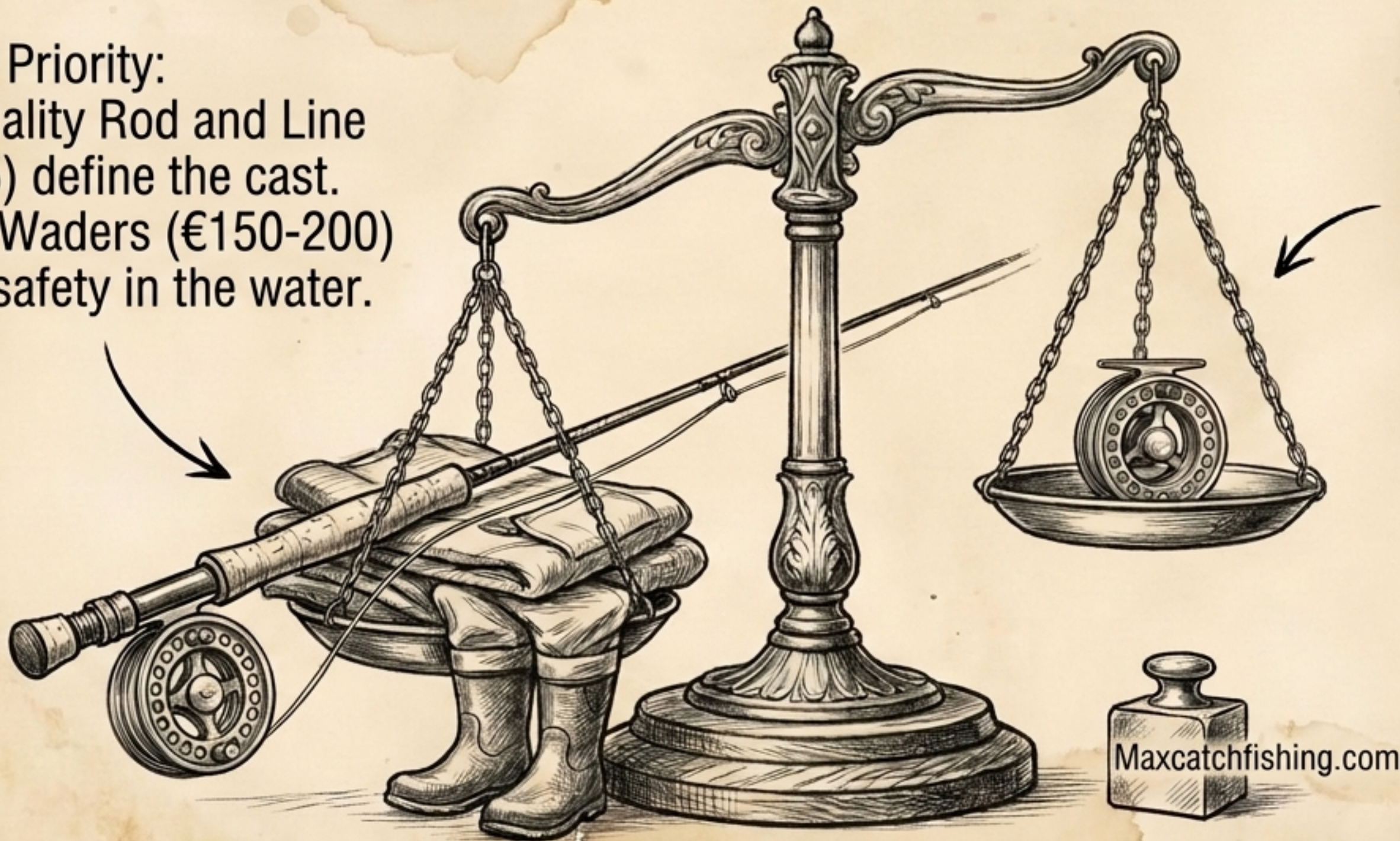
Environment	Prey	Reel Type	Minimum Backing
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Fiume 	Grayling/Brown Trout	Aluminum Mid-Arbor	20-30m (20 lb)
Grande Fiume 	Marble Trout/Pike	Large-Arbor Machined from Solid	>100m (30 lb)
Lago 	Bass/Rainbow Trout	Cassette Reel	60-70m (20 lb)
Mare 	Sea Bass/Bluefish	Saltwater Anodized (Sealed Drag)	>150m (30 lb)

The Golden Rule of Investment

In inland waters, the reel does not cast the fly. It is essential to balance the budget wisely:

Highest Priority:
High-quality Rod and Line
(€40-45) define the cast.
Robust Waders (€150-200)
ensure safety in the water.

Moderate Priority:
The Reel.
Useless to spend
exorbitant
amounts (>€200)
at the beginning,
diverting funds
from rod and
waders.



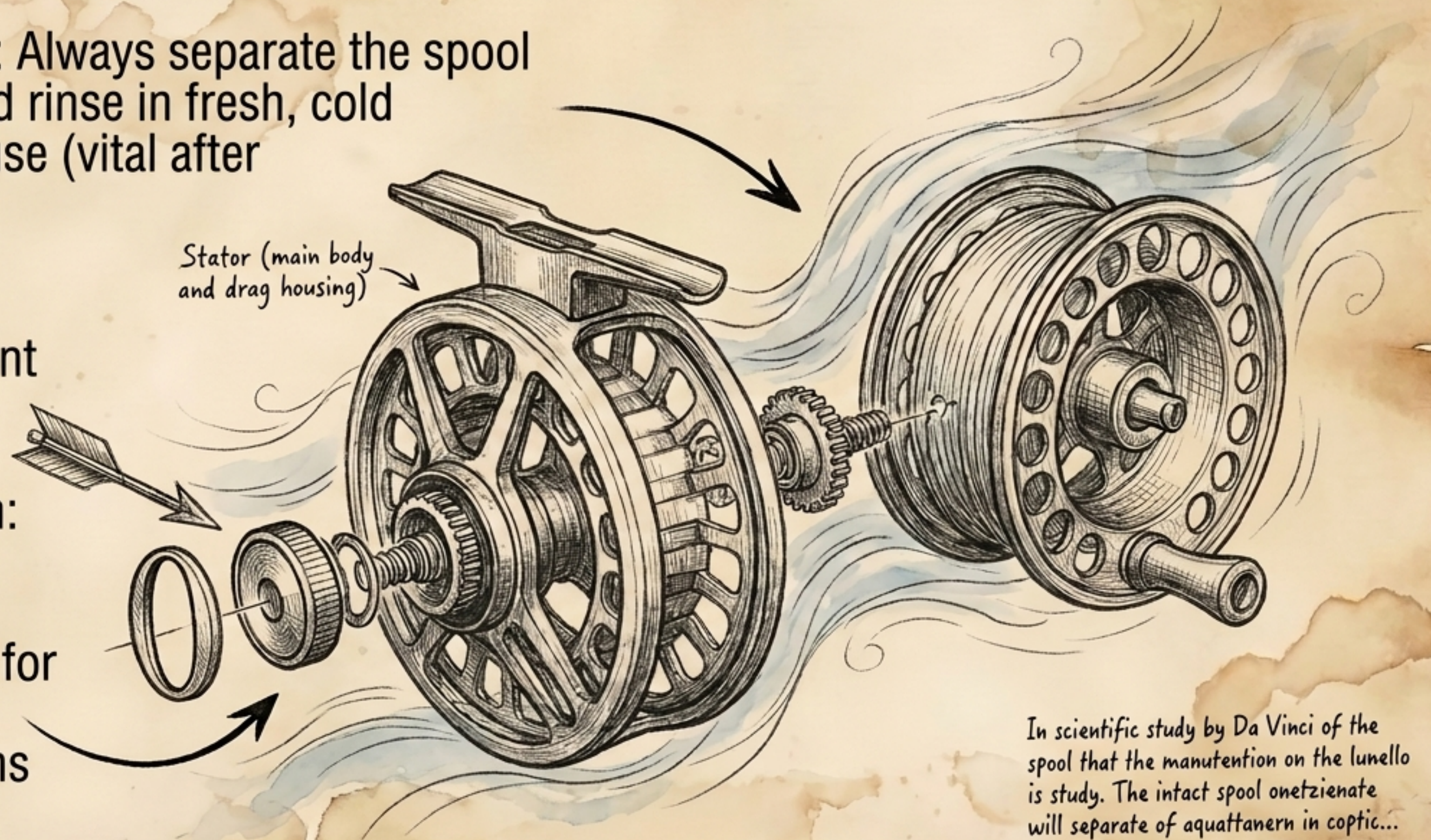
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The Care of the Machine: Basic Maintenance

Absolute Washing: Always separate the spool from the stator and rinse in fresh, cold water after every use (vital after use in sea).

Absolute Washing in the sea to prevent seizing).

Release of Tension: At rest, always loosen the drag to zero. Tightening it for long periods irreversibly deforms the braking discs.



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The Alchemy of Lubricants



Silicone Grease:
The internal protector.
Water-repellent, repels dust
and prevents abrasive
buildup on the main gears.



Reel Oil:
The fluid of speed.
Applied to the central
rotation axle and handle
knob to ensure smoothness.



Sewing Machine Oil:
The perfect alternative.
A single drop on the central
axle represents an excellent
domestic solution for light
mechanics.

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*“Good fly fishermen are recognized not by the fish they catch,
but by the example and respect they show along the river.”*

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