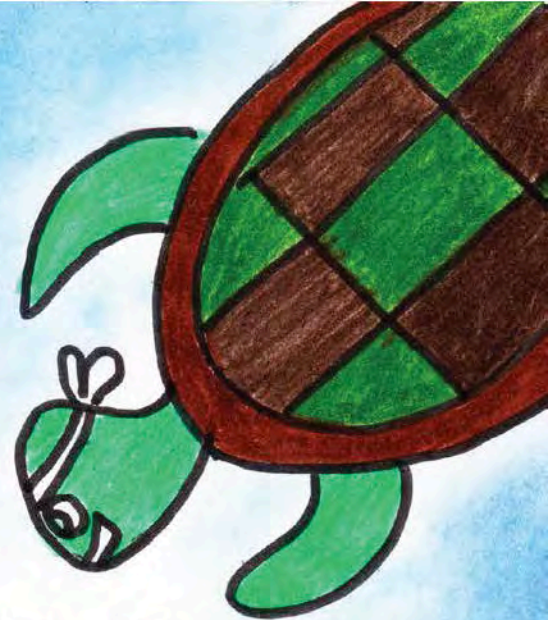
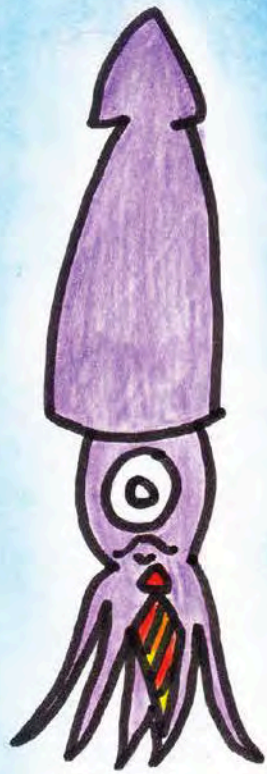
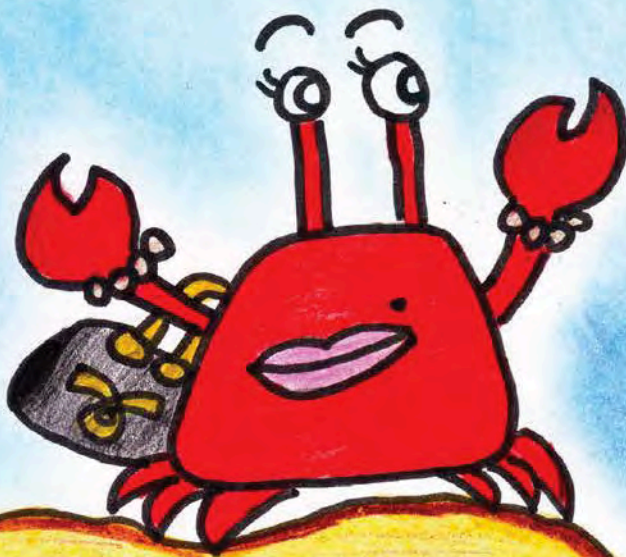




THE TAILS OF MERIDIAN REEF



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Dear Parents/Guardian,

The Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) believes that parental guidance is important in laying the foundation for good character development in a child's early years.

We hope that this complimentary copy of The Tails of Meridian Reef, the winning story of the Write for Kindness 2017 story writing competition, will come in handy in imparting lessons on paying kindness and goodness forward.

Write for Kindness 2017 is a national story-writing competition organised by the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM). It is a platform for students from secondary schools, junior colleges and the centralised institutes to promote kindness to pre-schoolers by creating age-appropriate and culturally relevant children's stories through creative writing and illustrations.

An accompanying parent's/guardian's guide is also at the end, with a few suggested activities that can complement your storytelling time.

We hope that you and your child will have fun with these activities!

With love,

The Singapore Kindness Movement

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Message to Parents/Guardians

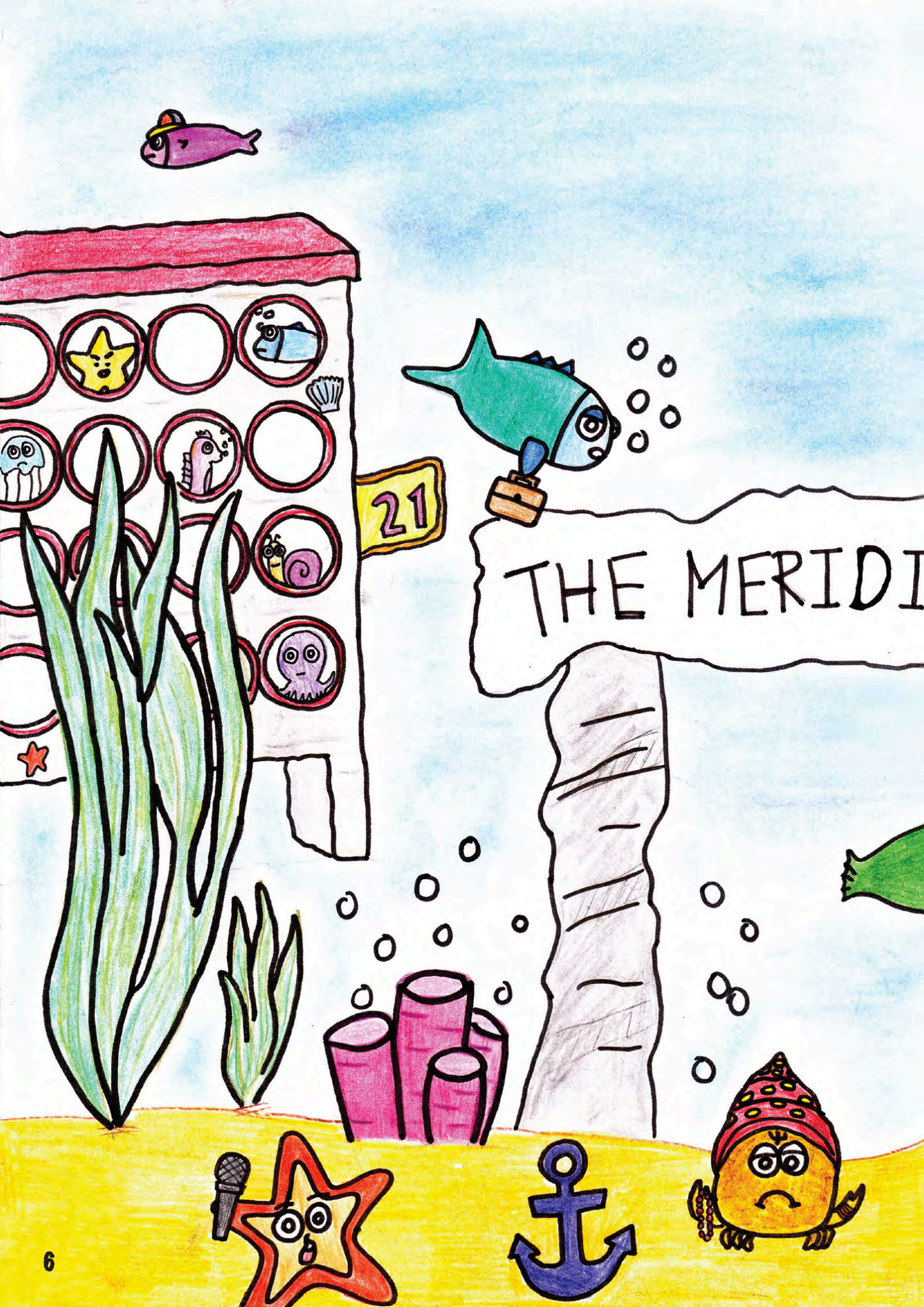
Imagine a Singapore where you and I actively look out for those in need, where we support one another, and build stronger ties in diversity. Imagine a Singapore, where each one of us can make a difference.

This story embodies the spirit of Singapore Cares (SG Cares), a movement that invites all to put values into action through active volunteerism, ground-up efforts and everyday acts of care.

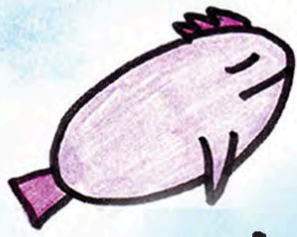
Big changes come from little steps. When we give, we tend to the heart and soul of our nation. By inspiring and supporting one another, we can make things happen. Together, we can show the world that Singapore cares.



To a special place in all our hearts:
Meridian Junior College
and our beloved friends and teachers.



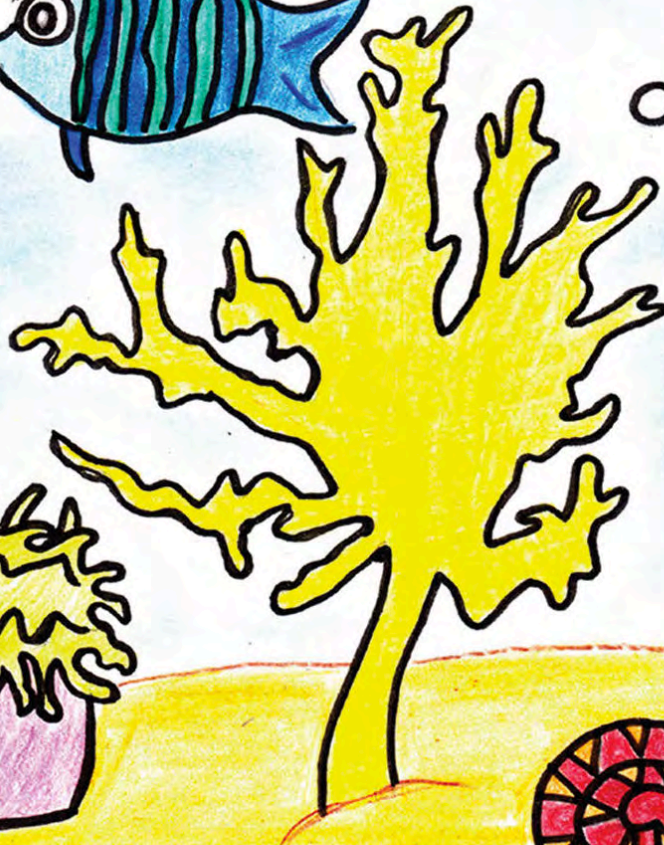
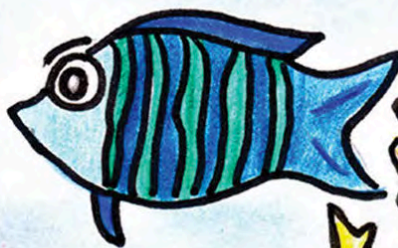
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In the ocean of Meridian Reef
there lives a marine community.



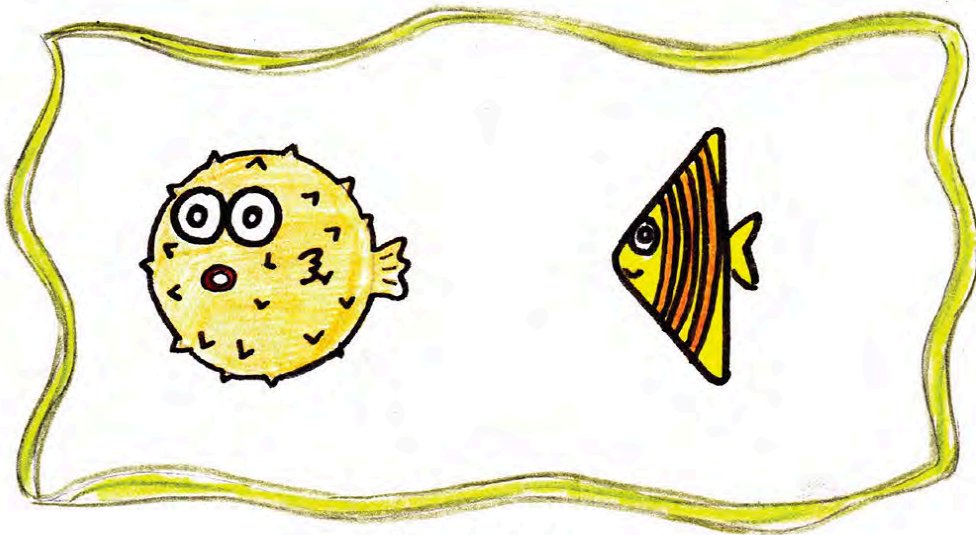
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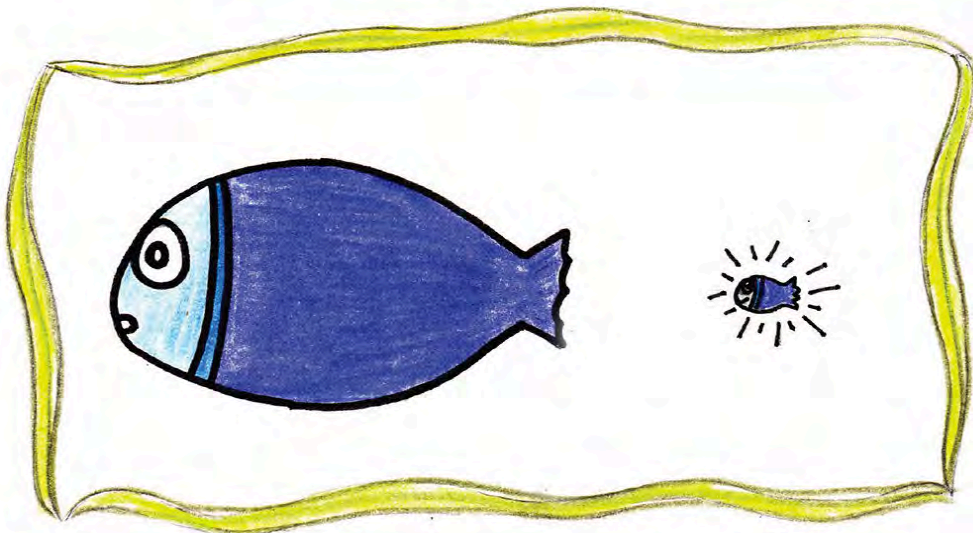
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With different colours,



shapes,

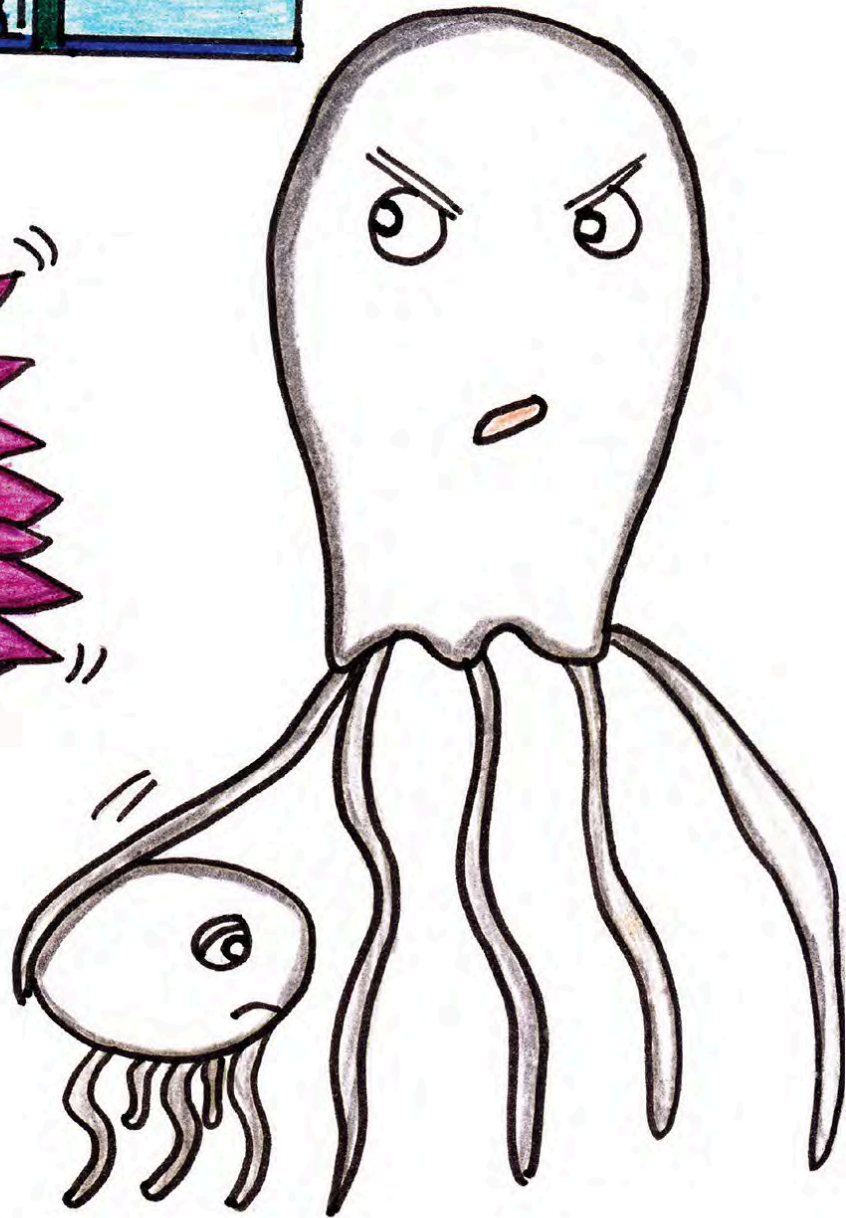


and sizes,

they live in hostility.

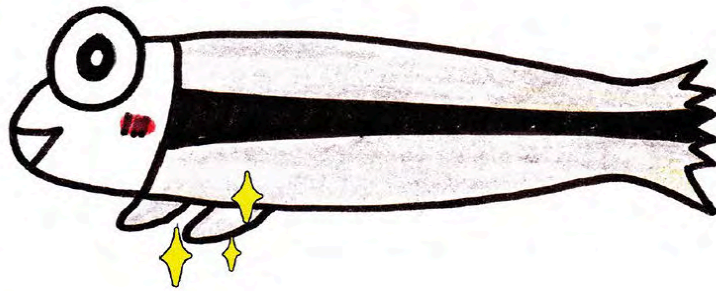
Recently food is getting
stolen and coral reefs broken...





and mistrust
becomes their primary
emotion...

**However, in this reef lives
Ikan Billy**

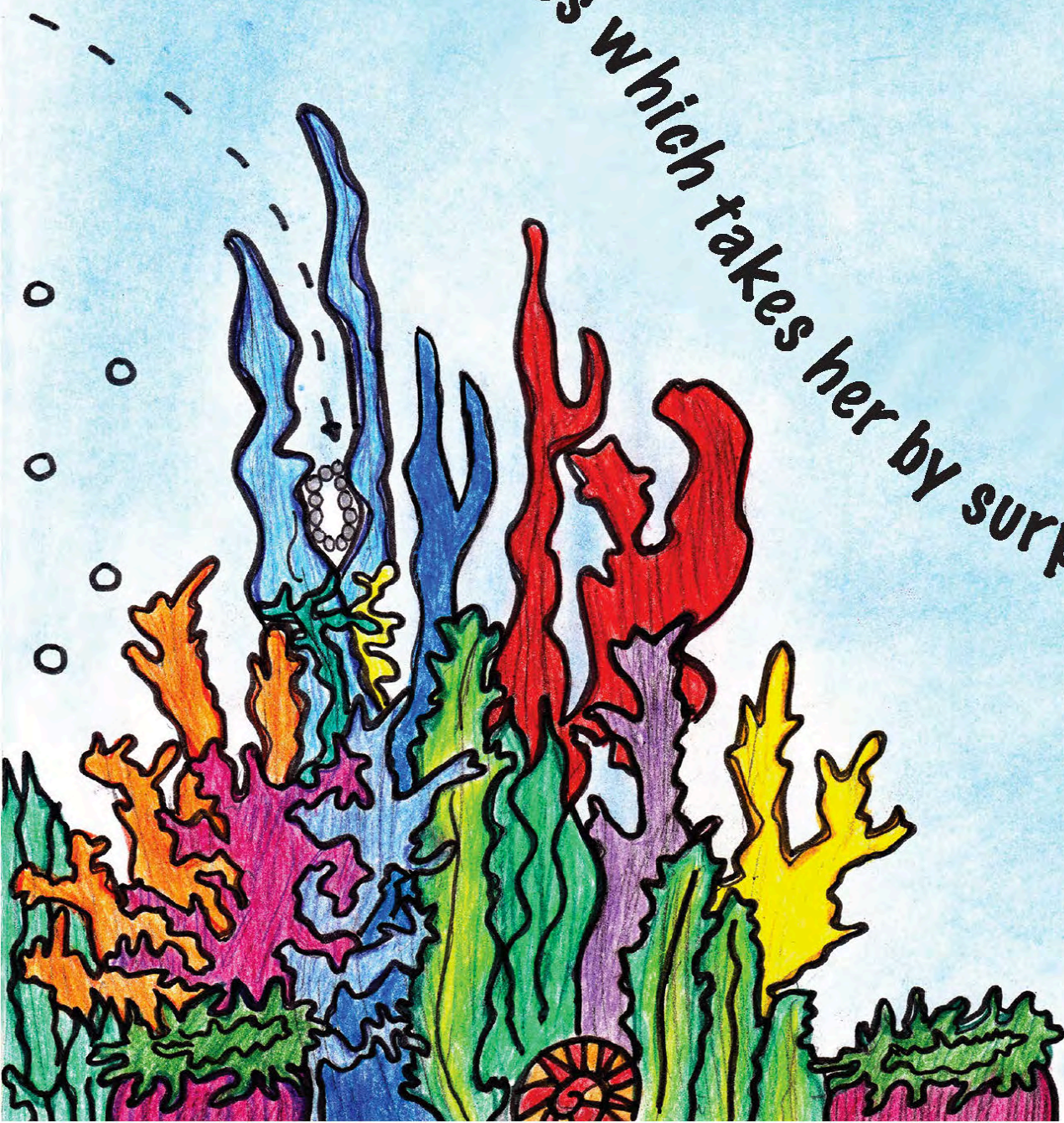


**who never fails to offer a helping
fin even when busy.**

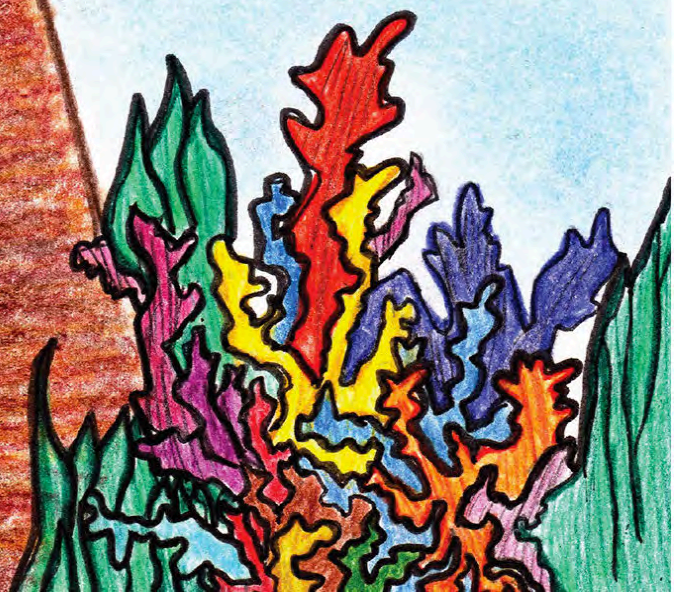
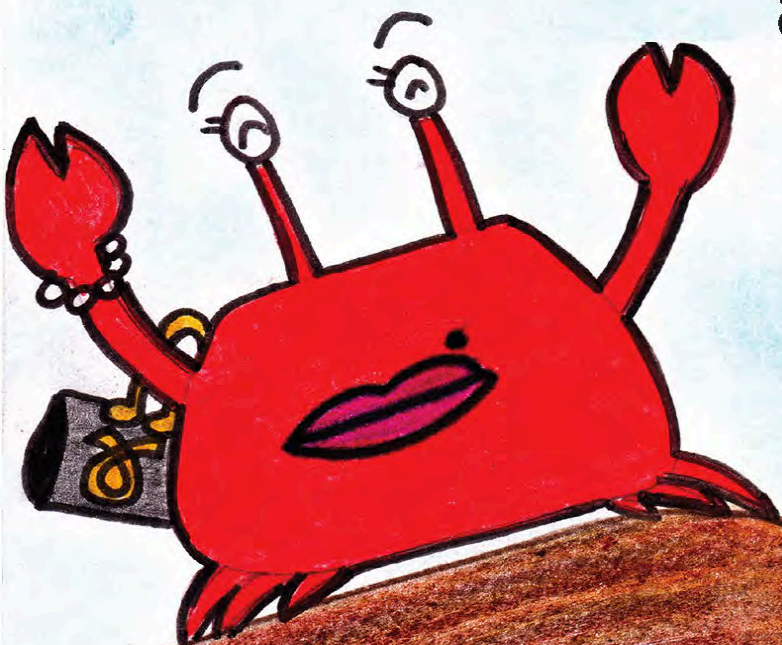
**One day, Billy hears vain Mrs Vanda
sob, 'Oh dear! My expensive pearl
bracelet has fallen into a tiny coral!
Her heart throbs.**



Bravely, he dives which takes her by surprise.

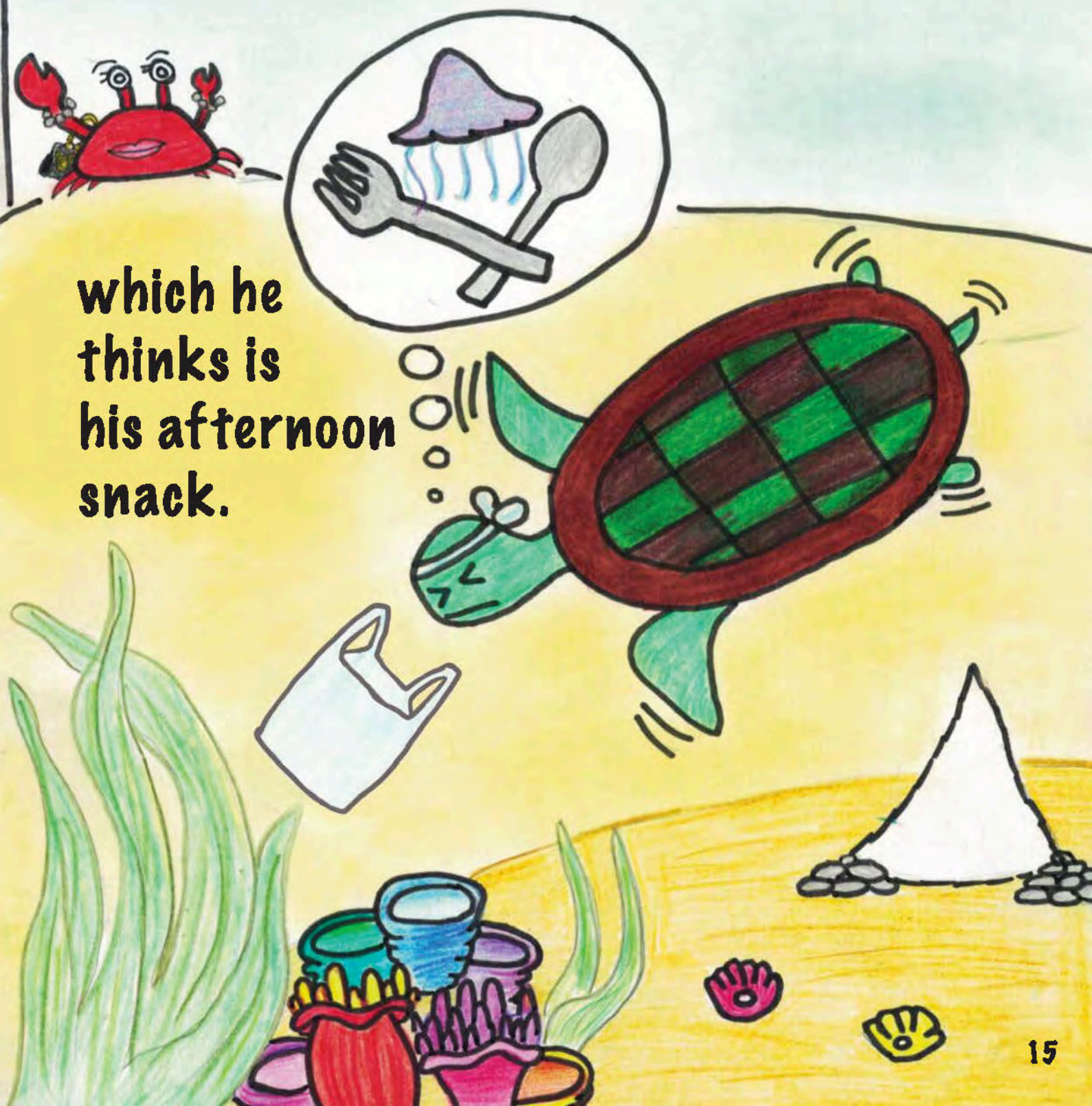


**With the bracelet retrieved,
Mrs Vanda feels grateful
and relieved.**



**Then Mrs Vanda chances upon
Mr Kusu chasing a plastic sack...**

**which he
thinks is
his afternoon
snack.**

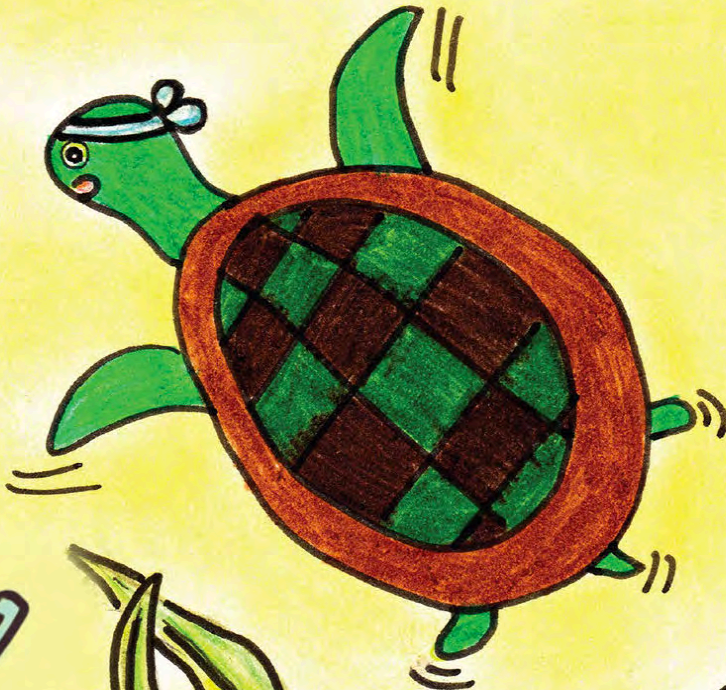
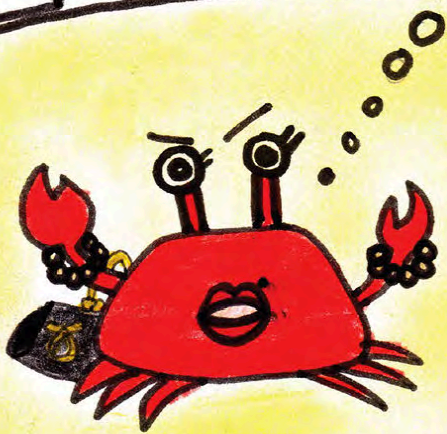


“STOP!!” says Mrs Vanda,
taking Mr Kusu by surprise...
Confusion is shown in his eyes.
He realises he will be in pain
if not for Vanda’s brain.

“THANK YOU!” he
exclaims, with the happiness
that he gains.

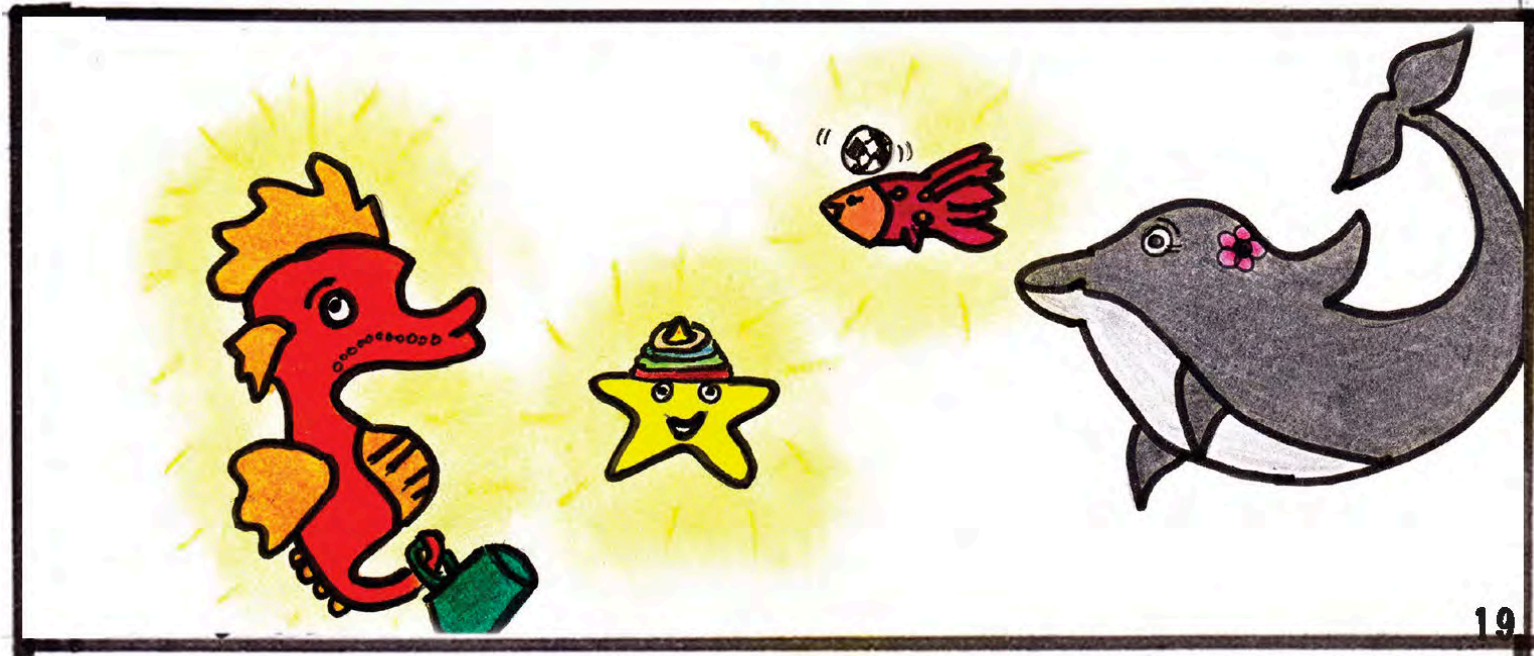
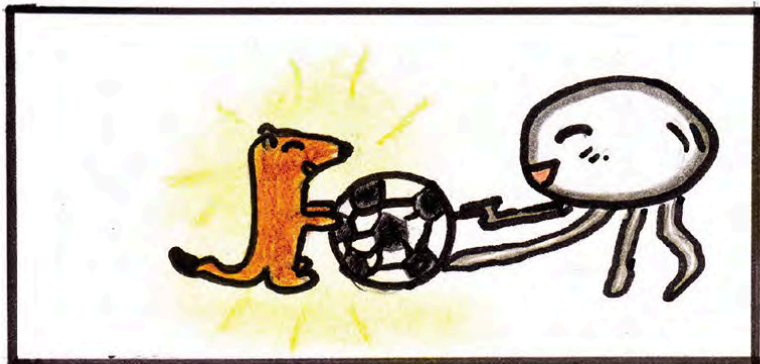
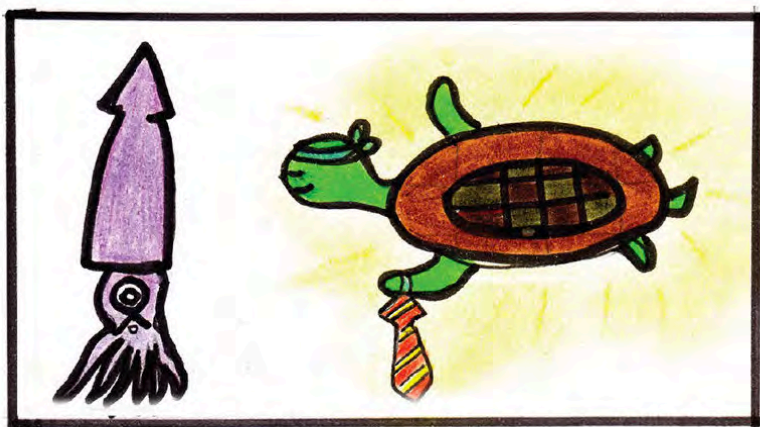


THIS IS NOT A JELLYFISH!!!



**Slowly, the atmosphere in
Meridian Reef
gets brighter
as kindness
spreads wider...**

And the process of paying-it-forward continues...



One day, everyone is
celebrating Billy's birthday.





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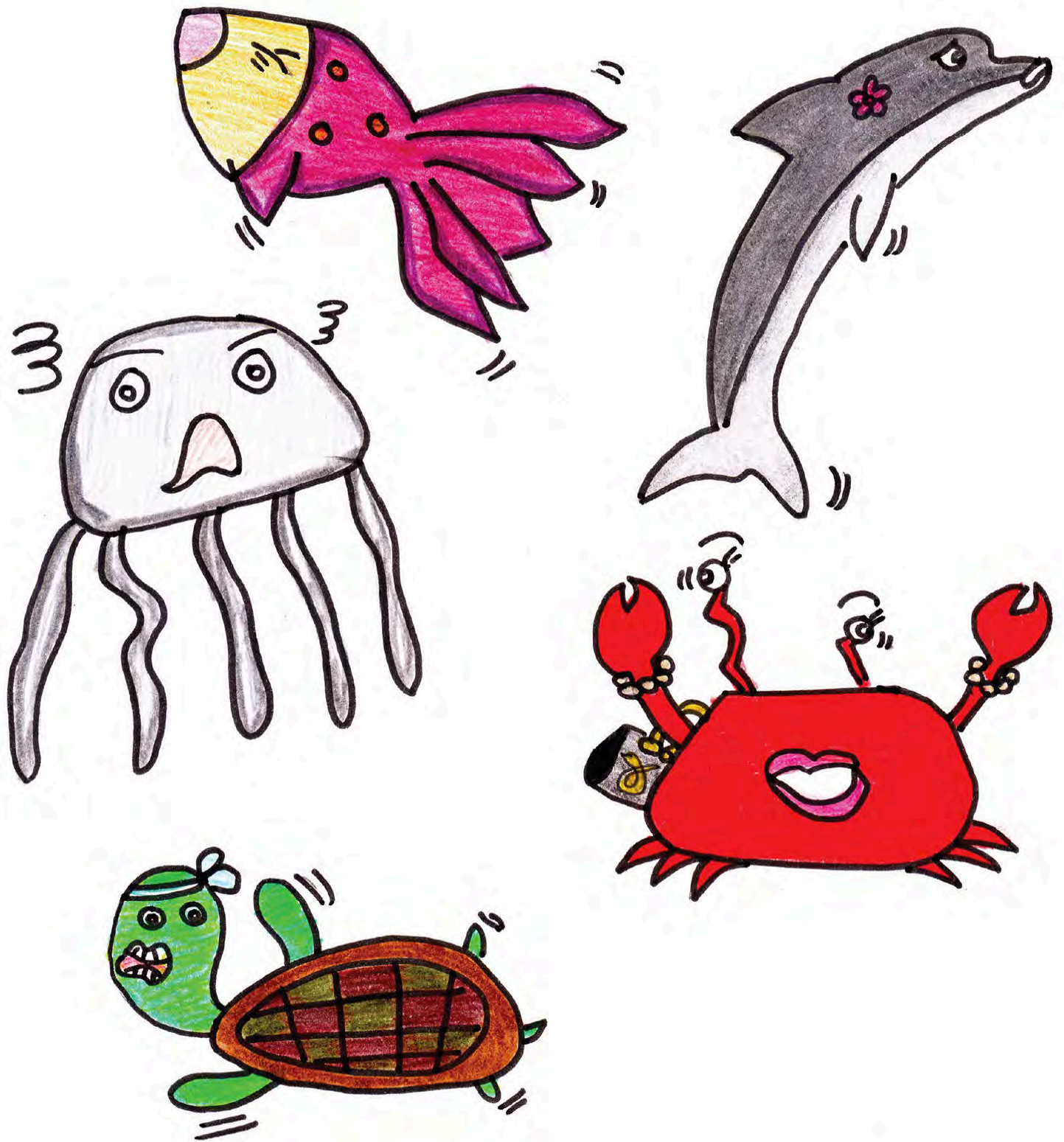


suddenly...

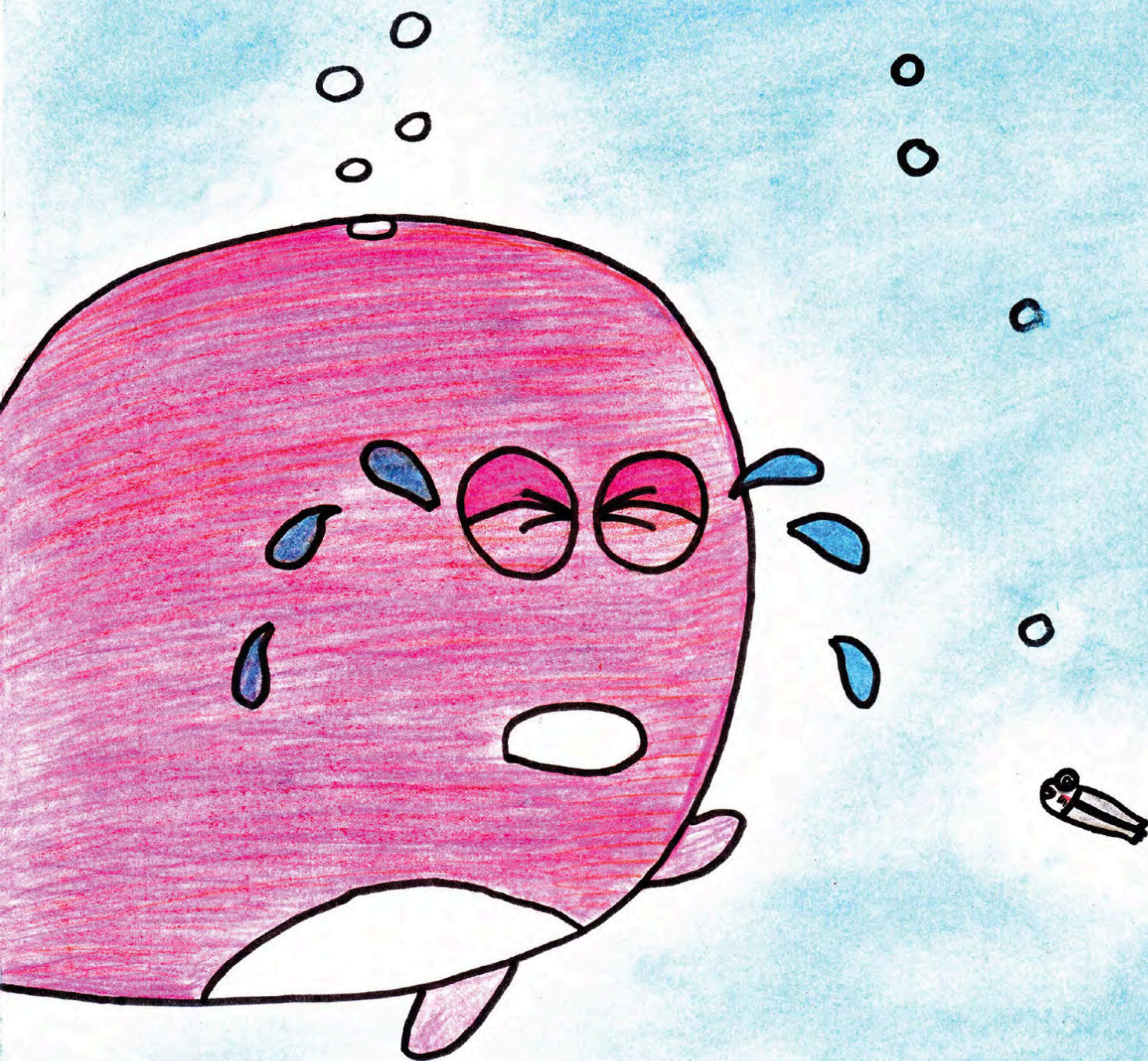


... a hungry baby whale gobbles their
food heartily...



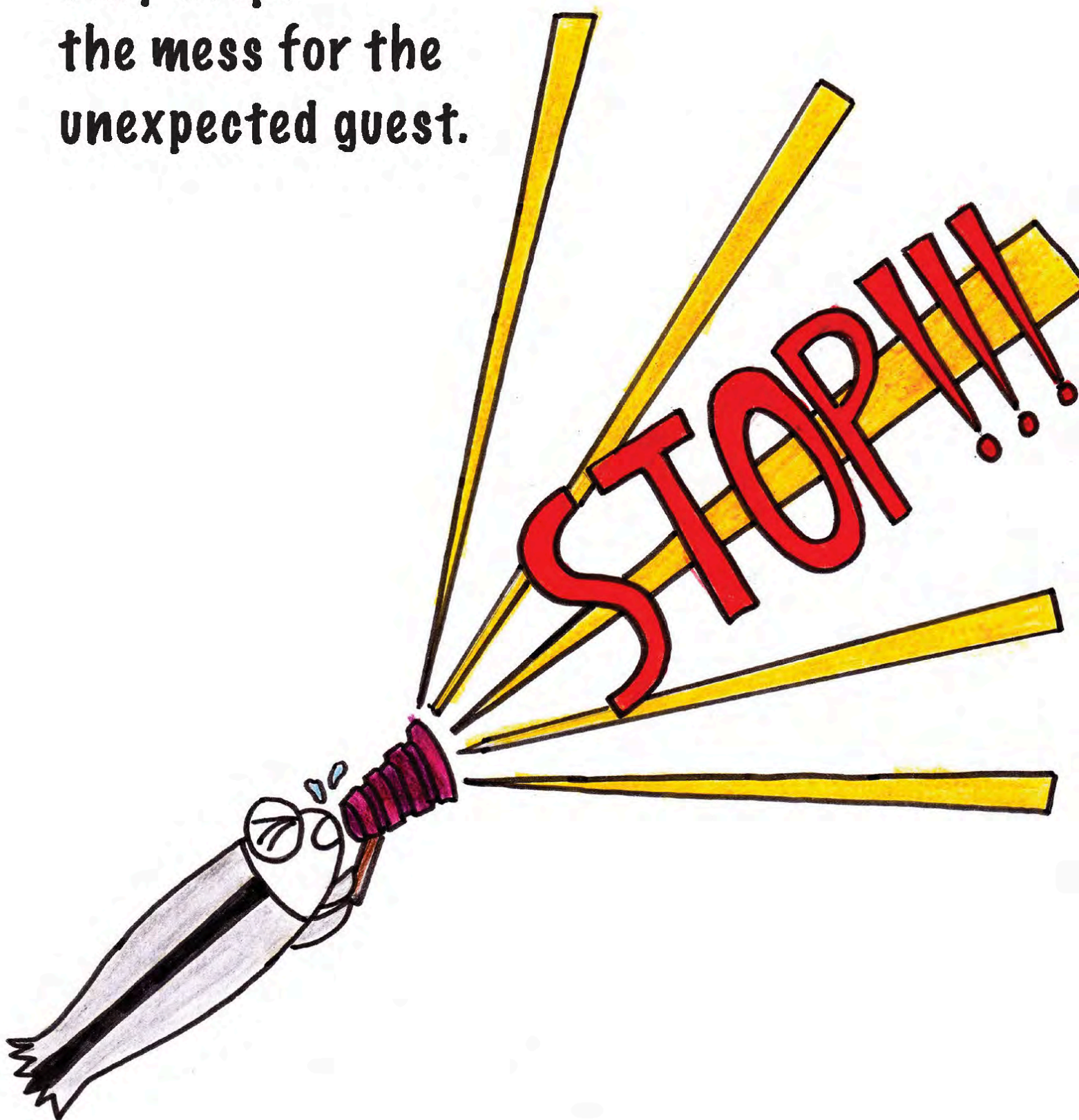


**They scream out of fear,
only to bring the baby whale to tears...**

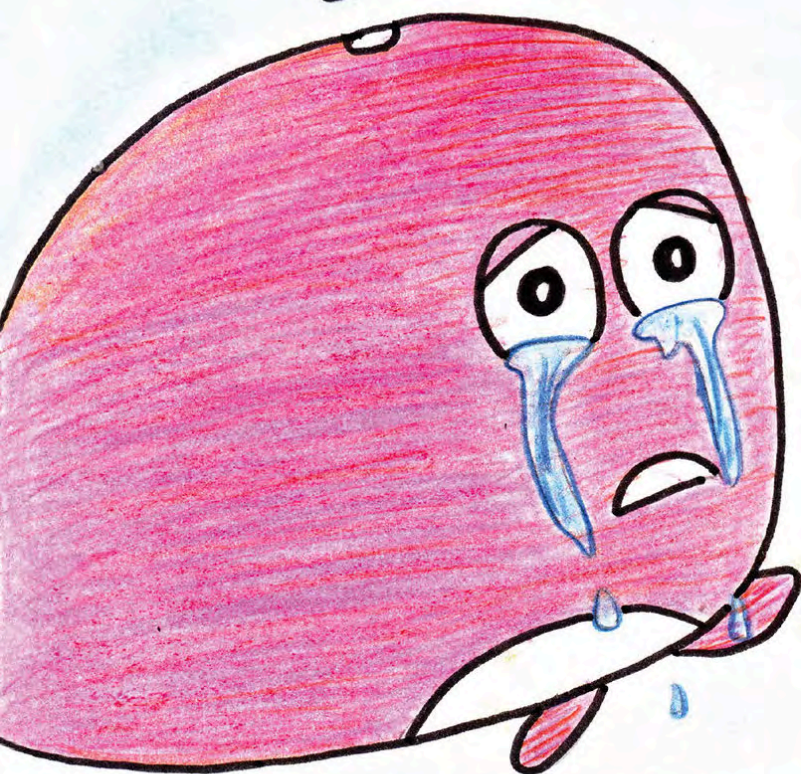
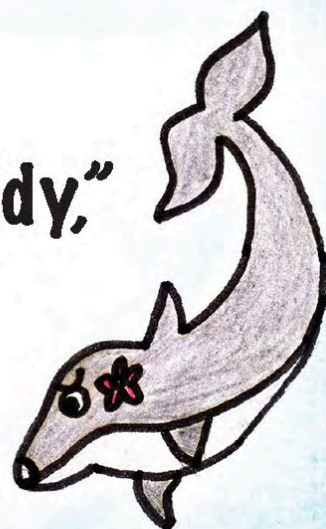


**In the midst of the fright,
Billy realises that something is
not right.**

**Billy stops
the mess for the
unexpected guest.**

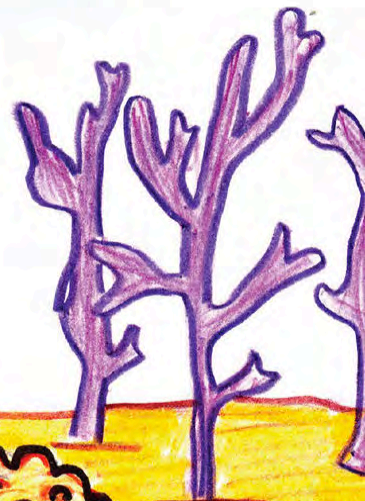
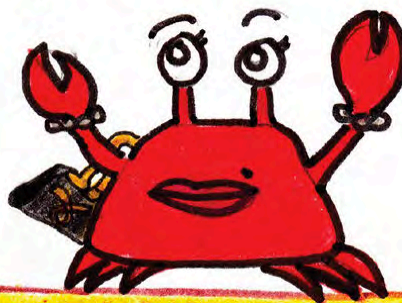
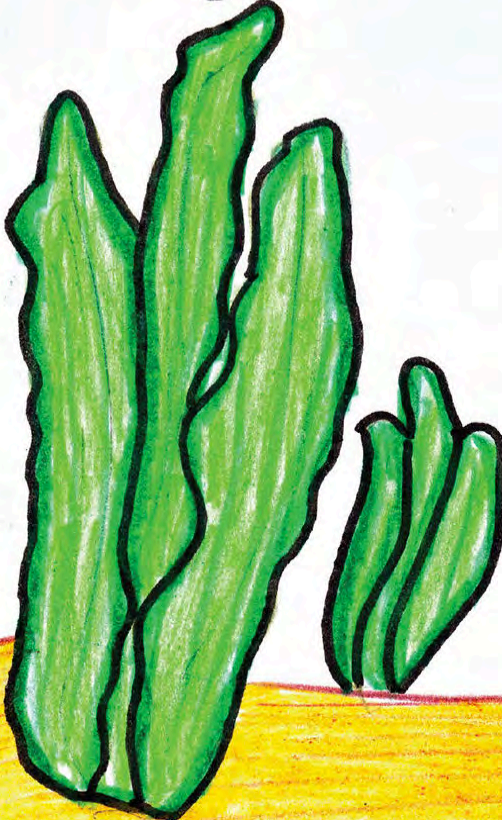
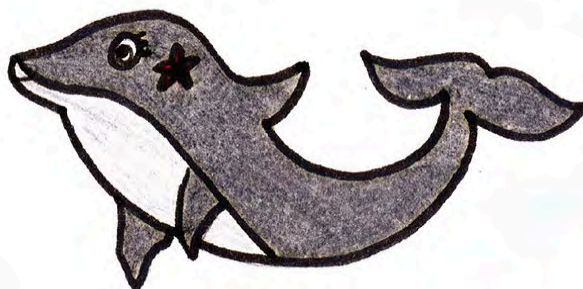
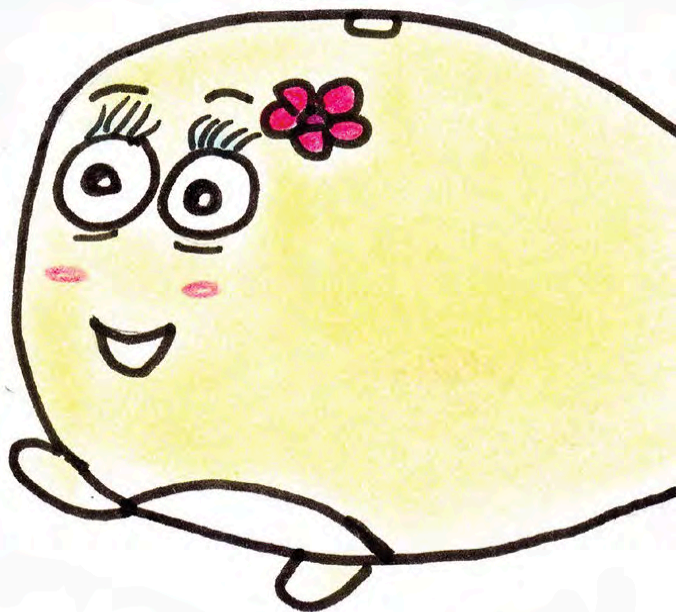
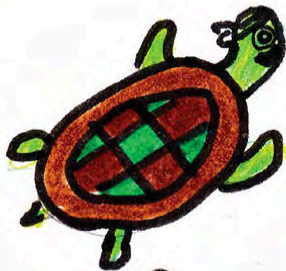
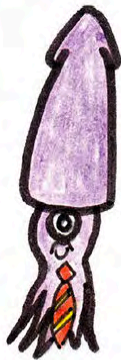
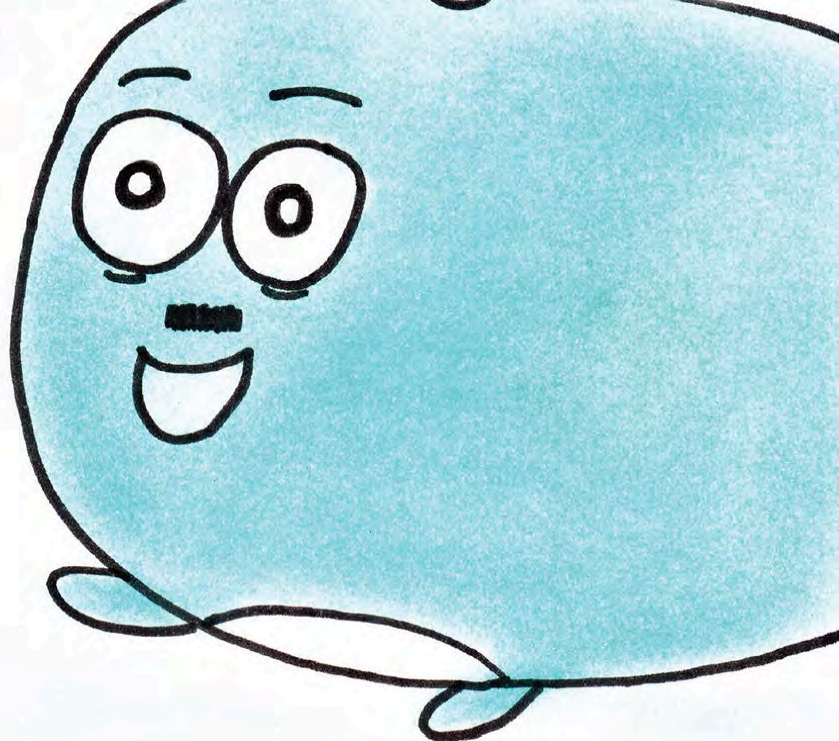
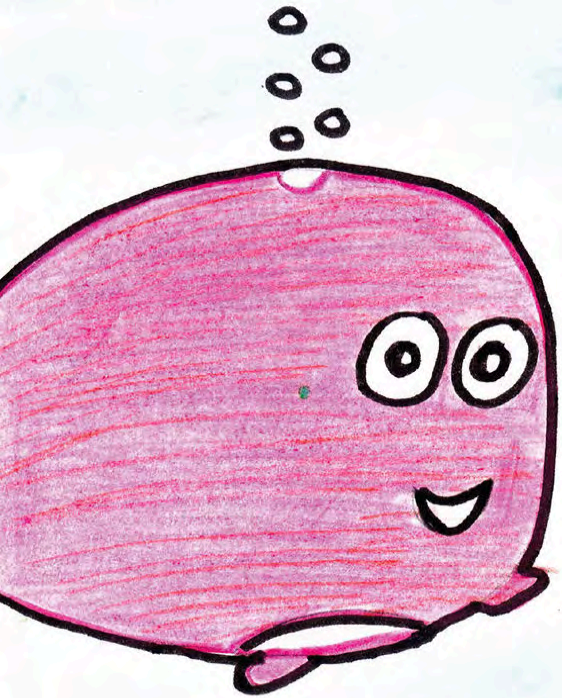


**"I miss my mummy and daddy,"
he said. Everyone pities,
so some decide to babysit
the whale in need,**

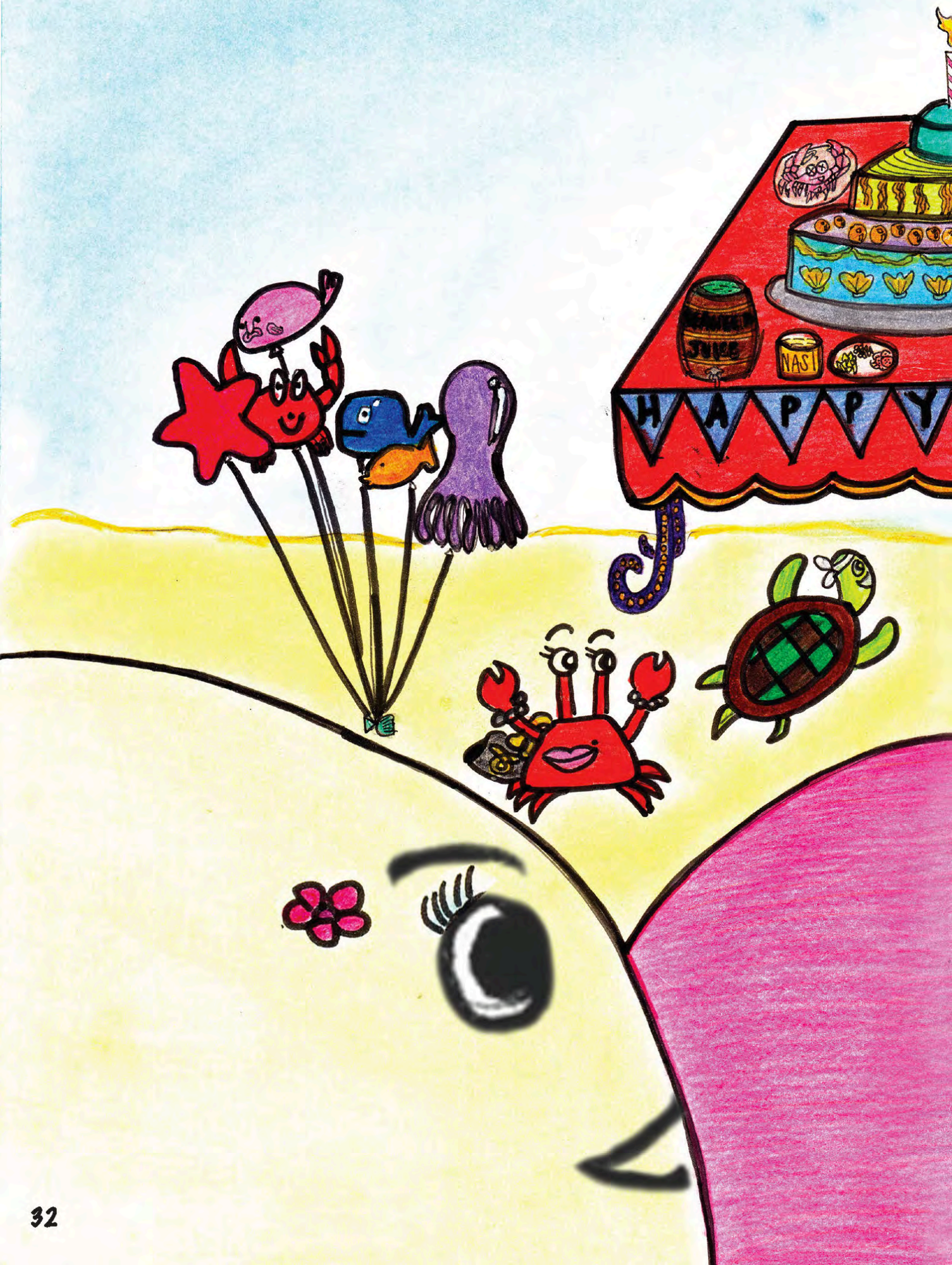


while dolphins lend
a helping hand through
spreading the message
across the land.





Eventually, his parents find him and his expression is no longer grim.





SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

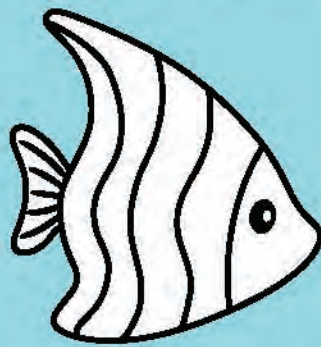
For Parents/Guardians and Children

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following activities are mapped out in themes that can be done together with your child before or after reading the story. Feel free to go through some or all of them, or even come up with some of your own!

Theme: Diversity

- 1** Colour the sea creatures below and add your own creatures to the ocean of Meridian Reef!



- 2** Discuss with your child what are some of the other creatures found in the Reef. How are they similar or different?



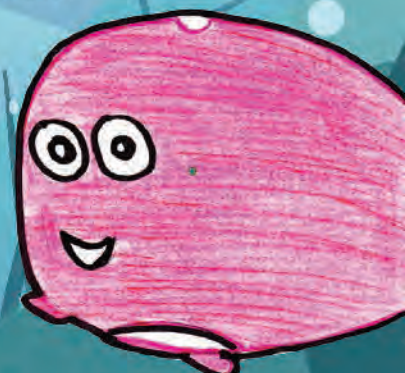
Ikan Billy



Jellyfish



Dolphin



Baby Whale



Kusu

Everyone is different, but we can be kind to one another to make the Reef a better place for everyone!

Theme: Lend a Helping Hand

Although Ikan Billy is a fish smaller than the other creatures, it did not stop him from helping Mrs Vanda. He also encouraged Mrs Vanda to help others too.

How can we encourage our children to be more like Ikan Billy, who is willing to lend a hand even when he is busy?

- ★ Discuss with your child what he/she can do to help someone at home, in school and in public spaces.



At home

E.g. Help to clear toys after playtime without being asked



In school

E.g. Help someone up from a fall



In public spaces

E.g. Help someone hold the lift door open

Deep down in the ocean there lives a marine community that suffers from a lack of emotion. There is however, a special fish named Ikan Billy, who is as small as a chili padi. Being extremely kind, he never leaves any fish behind. With his generosity, the sea creatures of the Meridian reef gradually learns the importance of KINDNESS...

