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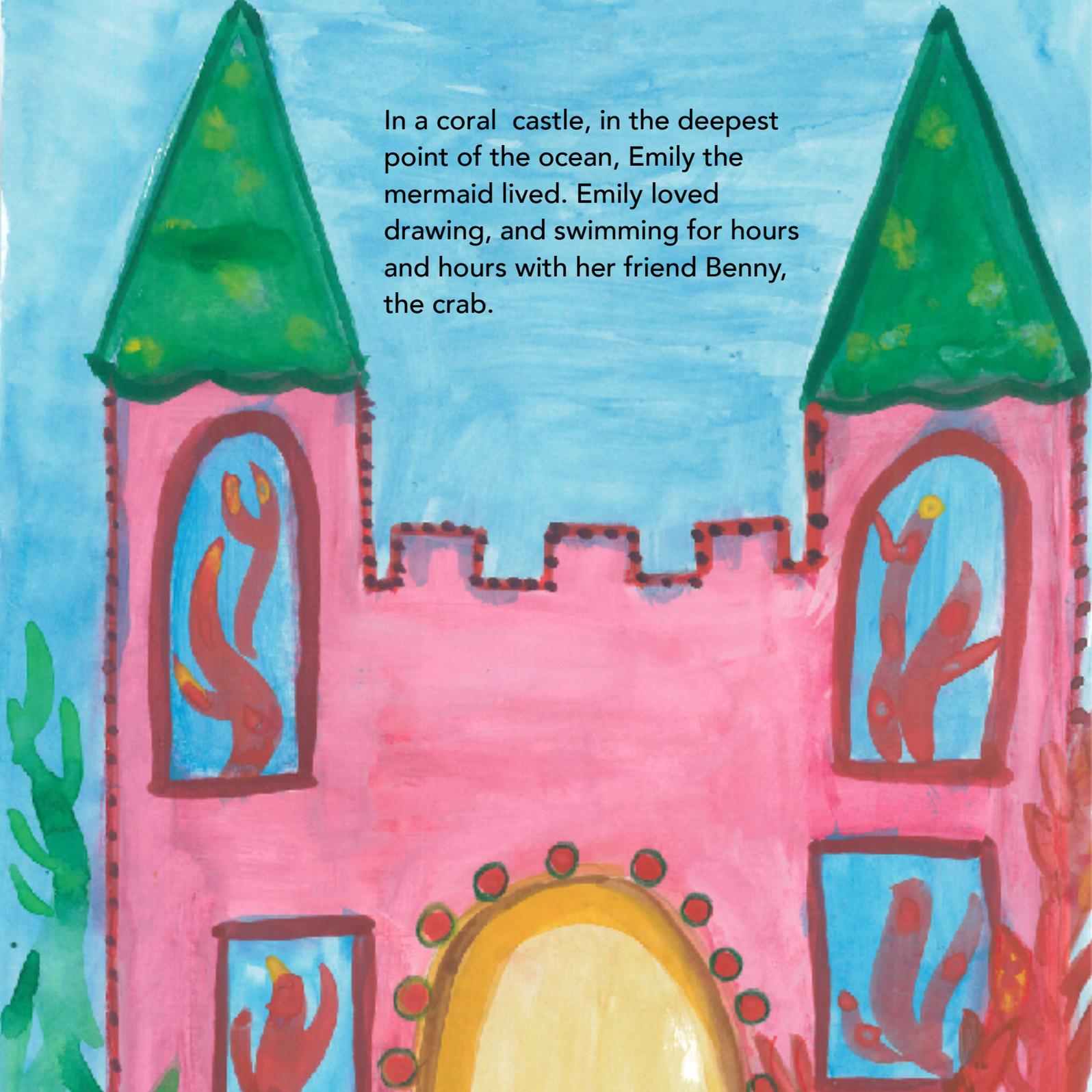
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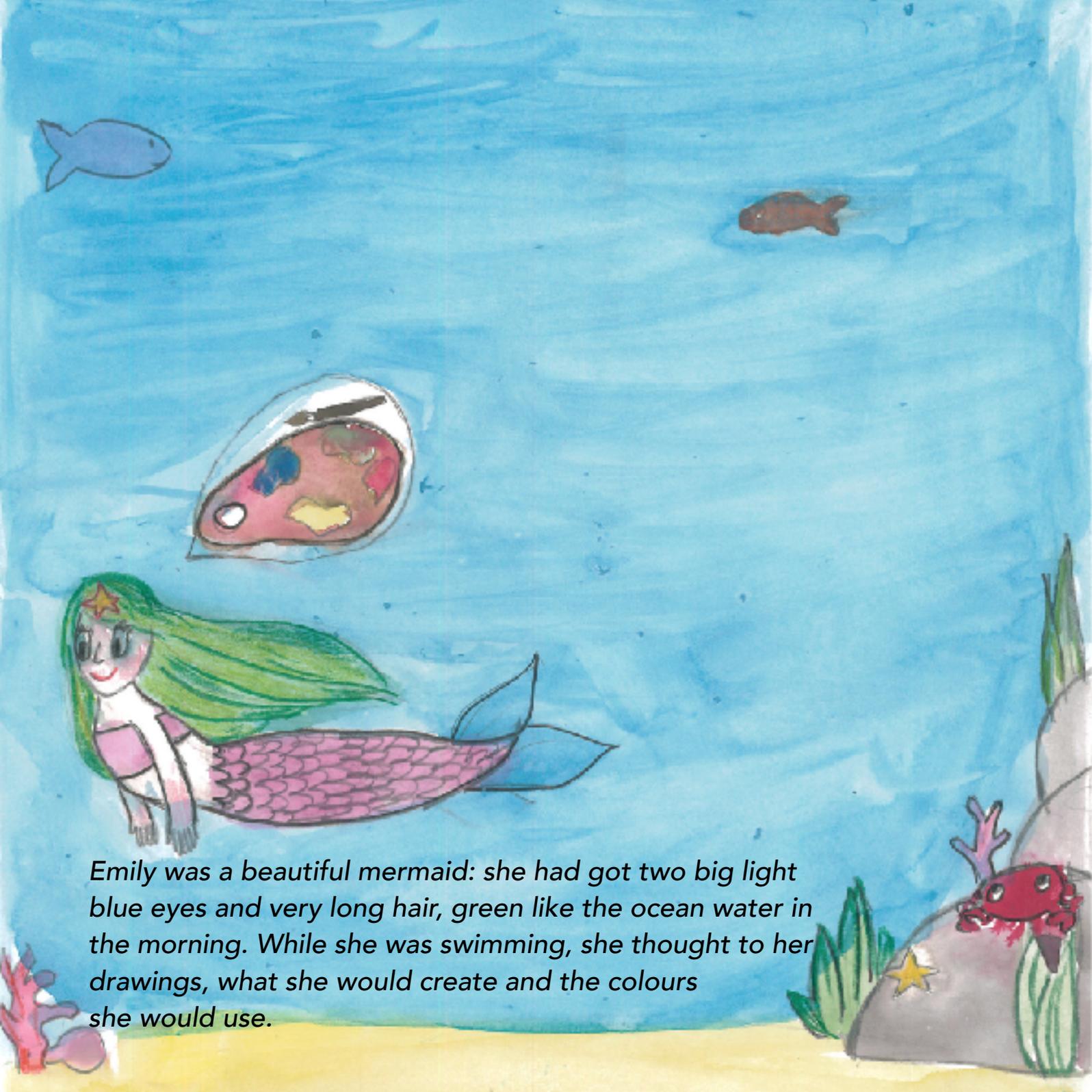
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In a coral castle, in the deepest point of the ocean, Emily the mermaid lived. Emily loved drawing, and swimming for hours and hours with her friend Benny, the crab.

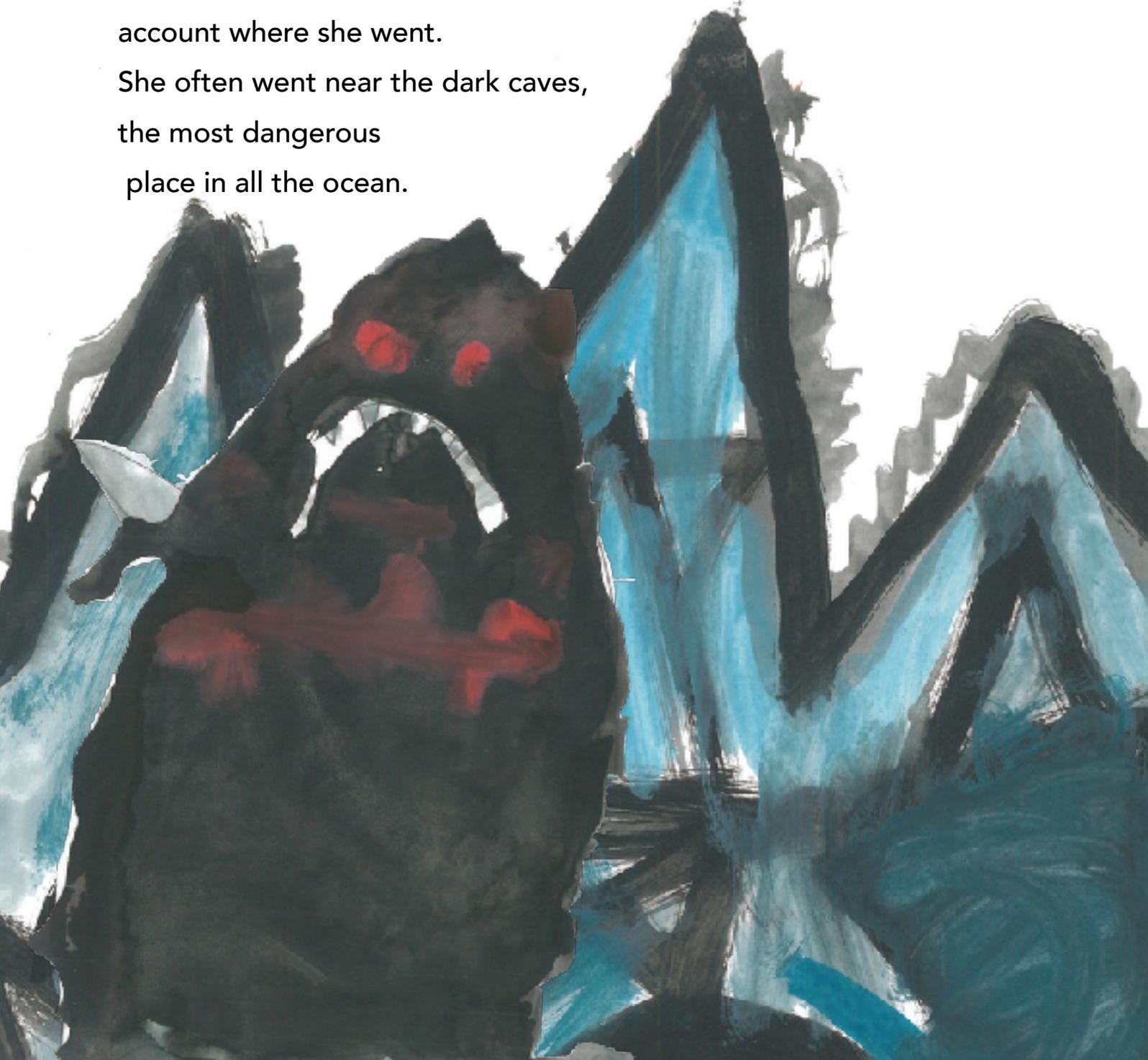




Emily was a beautiful mermaid: she had got two big light blue eyes and very long hair, green like the ocean water in the morning. While she was swimming, she thought to her drawings, what she would create and the colours she would use.

When Emily swam, she was lost in her thoughts, she didn't take into account where she went.

She often went near the dark caves, the most dangerous place in all the ocean.



In fact, the sharks lived in the dark caves. The biggest and the worst shark was Alessio, the big white shark.



Benny the crab, a big coward, spent all the time following Emily, looking around with a scared face. Emily didn't matter where she went. And when she was too close to the dark caves, Benny began to tremble like a seaweed.

"Let's go away immediately!", said Benny, hiding among Emily's hair.





“We are too young to become the lunch of a shark”

Emily answered, smiling.

“Yes, but we are big enough to become his snack”.

“You are a born and bred coward, my friend”.

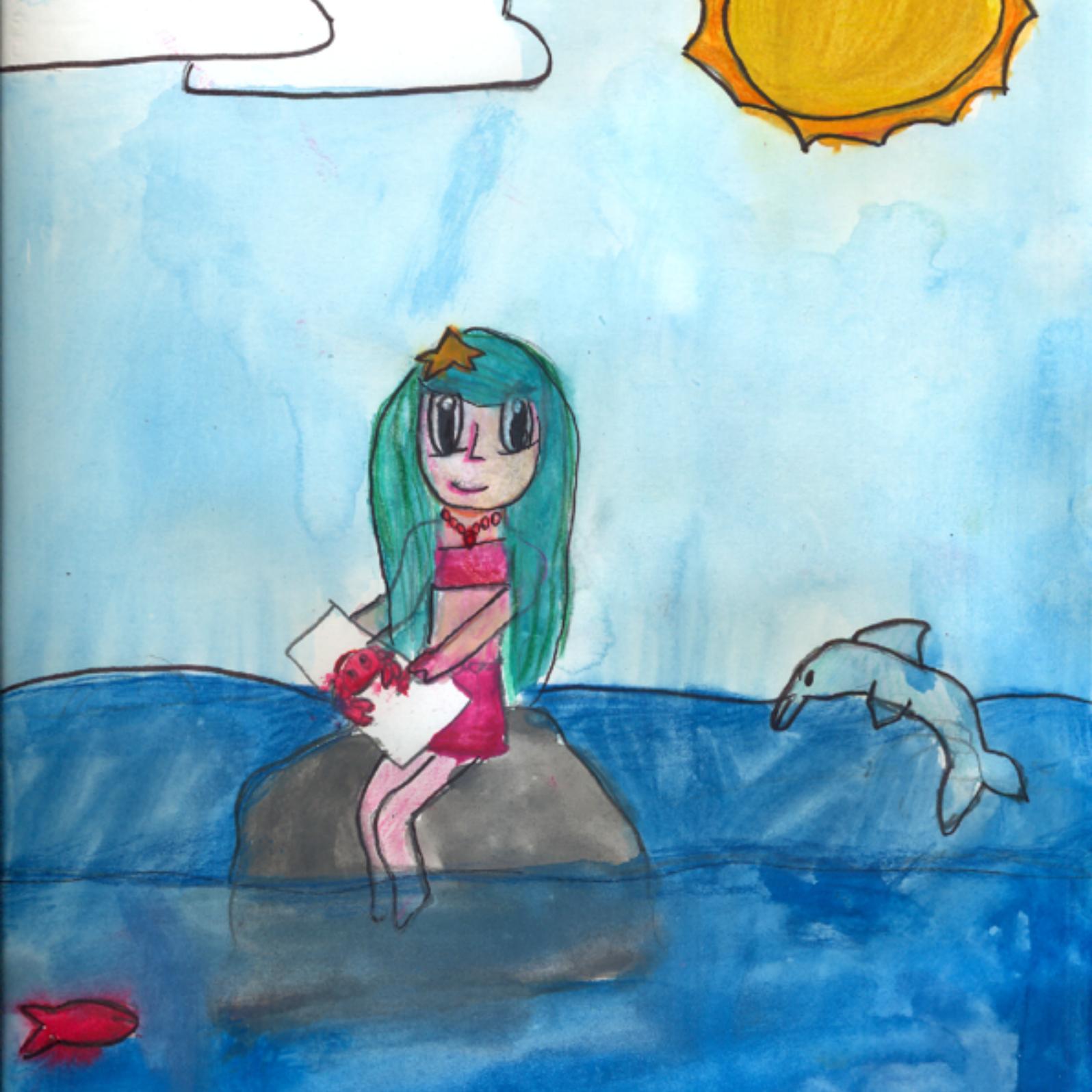
“But I see shadows, behind us. I see them every day”.

“I say it again: you are a big coward; from now on I’m leaving you at home”. Emily replied, laughing her head off.

“You never look behind your shoulders. You only look forward, and you daydream. I really see shadows, instead”.

“Fear shows you things that don’t exist. Look, I’ll turn you into a red crab bracelet”!





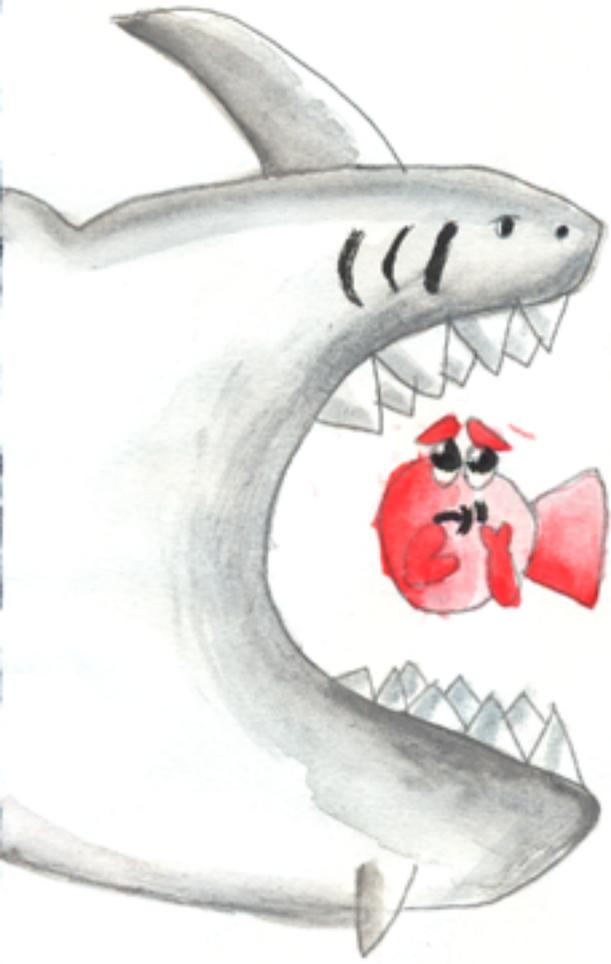
When Emily felt full of ideas, she wore her magic necklace.

Thanks to this necklace, the mermaid could turn herself into a human being and reach her favourite place.

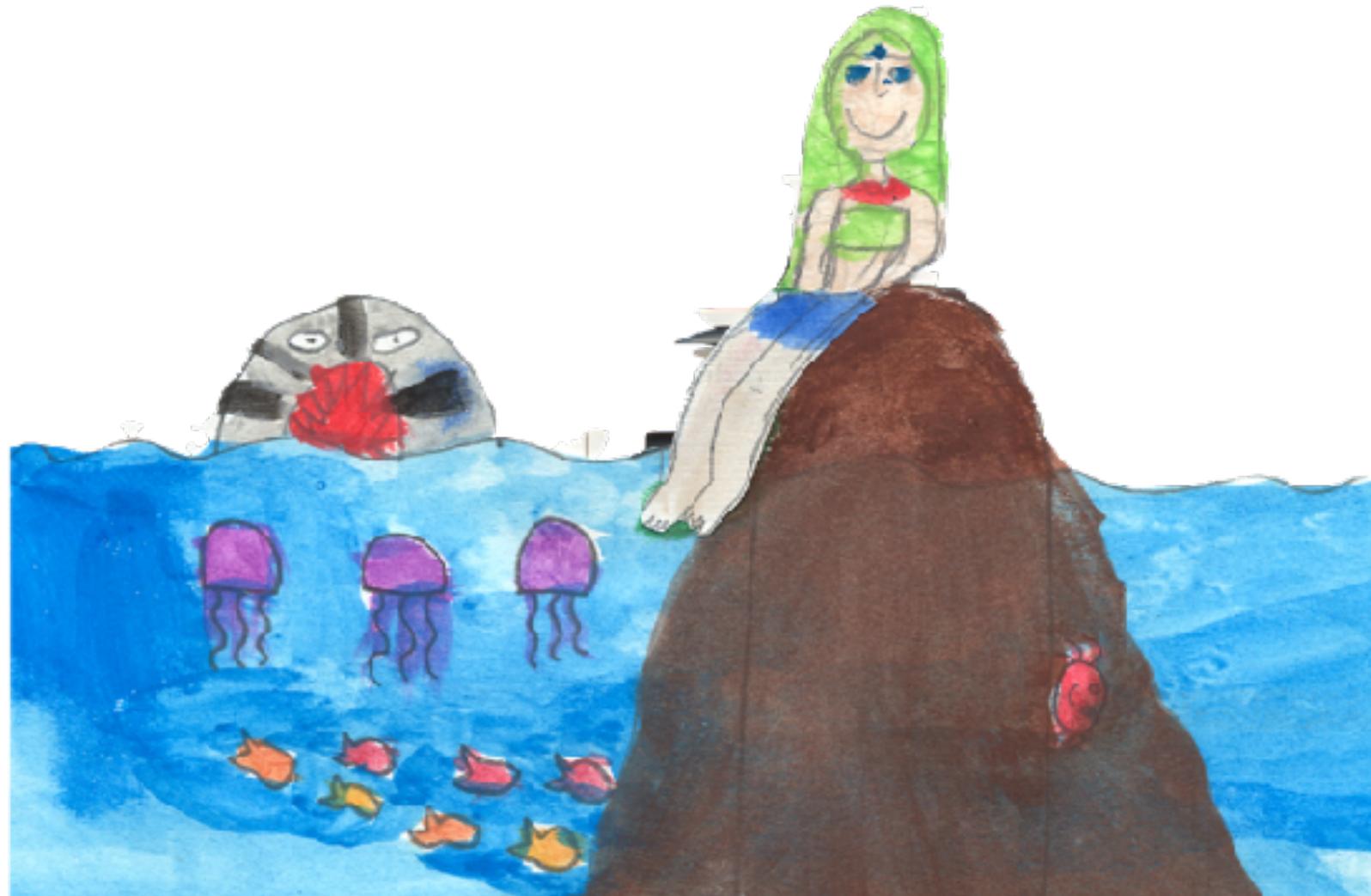
The place where Emily went to draw was a little rock lost in the middle of the ocean. No other sea creature could climb up there.

Emily called this rock "My world spot".

But Benny the crab, although he was really a born and bred coward, was not wrong. Emily was really too small to feed a big shark. Anyway Alessio was convinced that Emily was a delicate and delicious snack. It was true: he followed her into the shadows, every day, waiting for the right moment. But when Emily understood what she would like to draw, she darted towards her little corner of world, so fast that Alessio always lost sight of her.



On day Alessio managed to follow her to the rock.
He watched her turning into a human and climbing the rock. He put
his snout out of the water and opened wide his terrible jaws.
Emily's legs were swinging in the water while she was making her
masterpiece. Alessio came close, silent. He was almost ready. The
distance was right. "Now just a little push" thought Alessio.

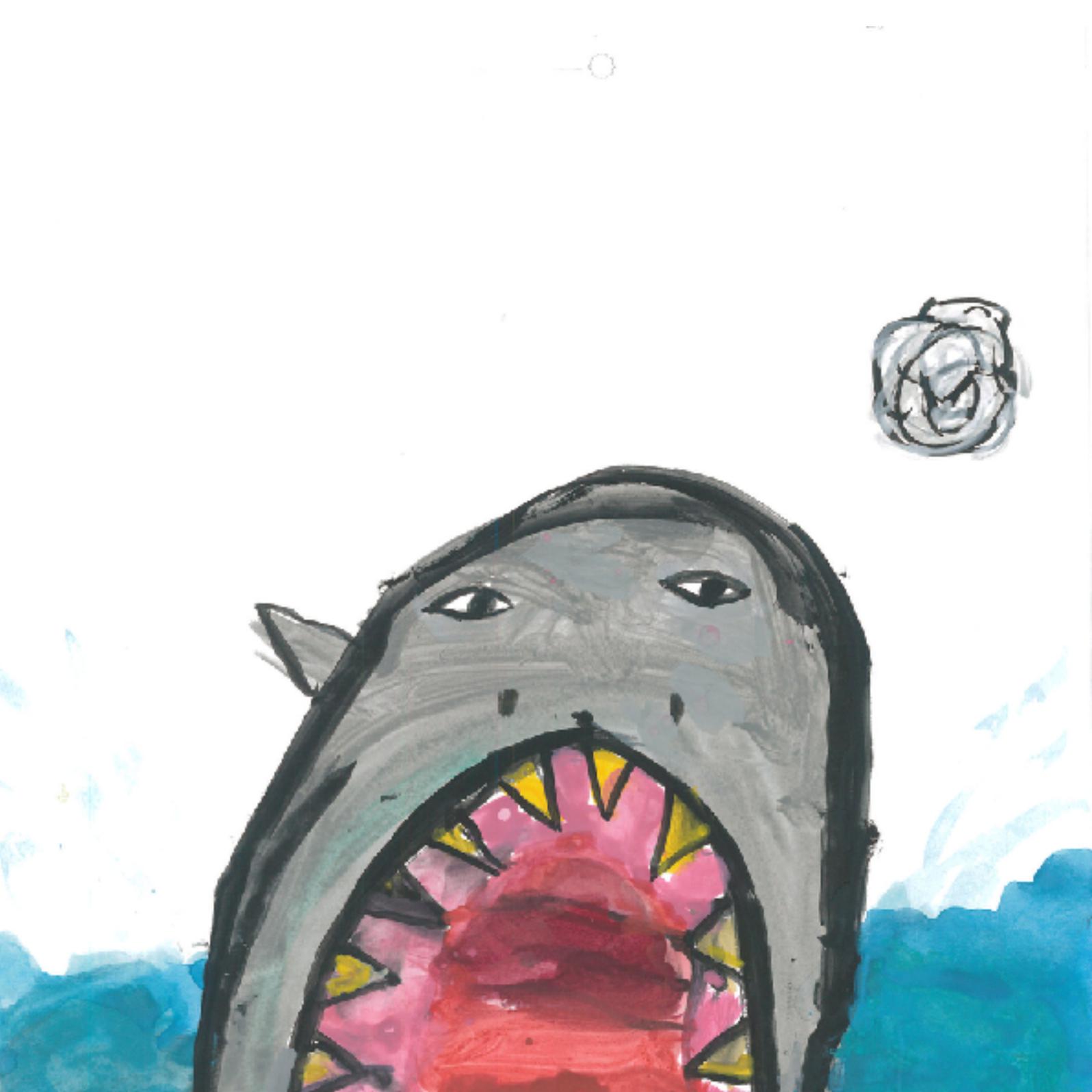




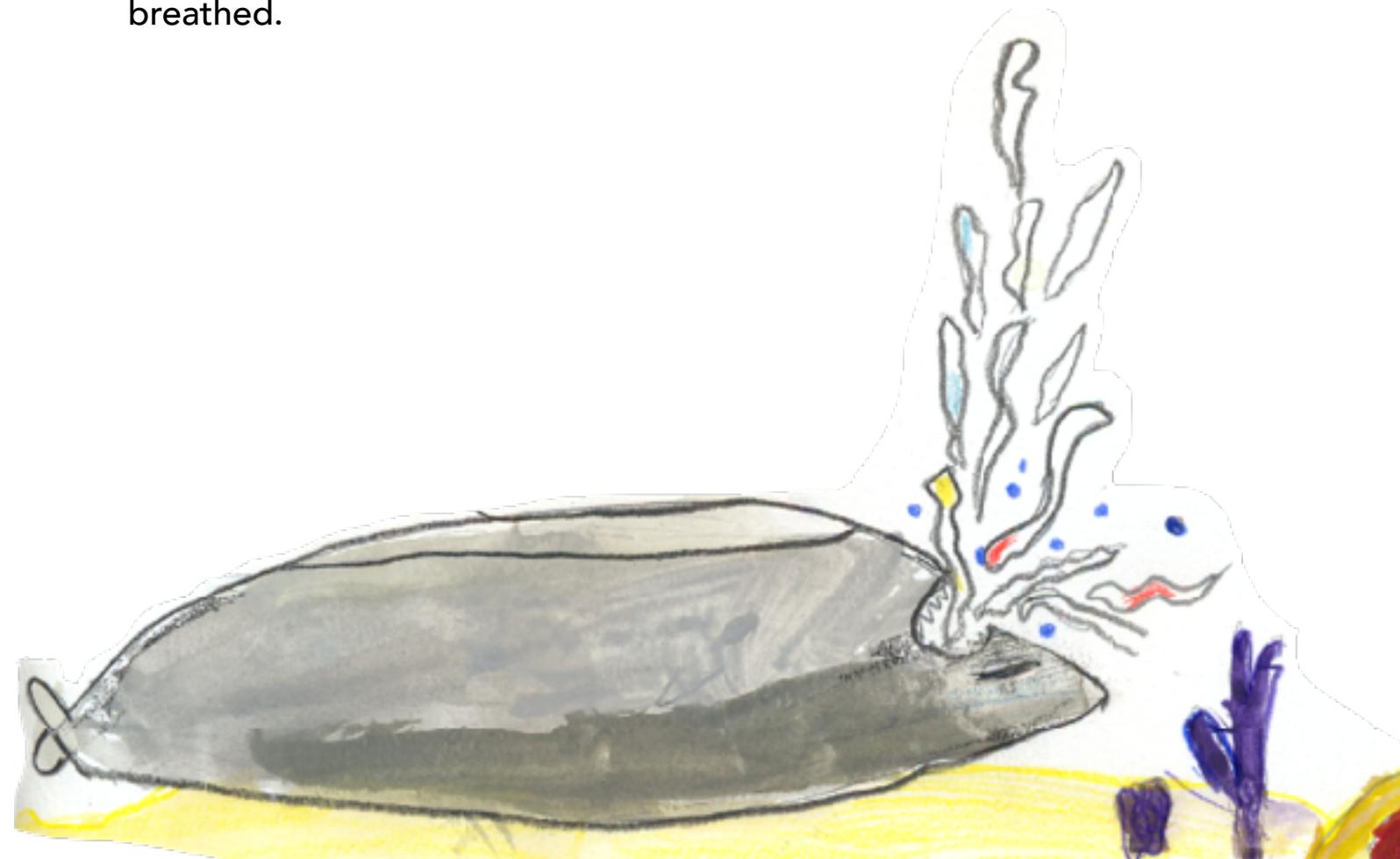
Just then, Emily, unsatisfied, crumpled the paper and threw it into the sea. Taking the push Alessio found himself swallowing a large piece of paper. For a moment he thought he was suffocating. He began to cough and plunged completely into the water trying to swallow that bundle. "Gross!" he said spitting out pieces of coloured paper. "Tomorrow I'll try again".

The next day, Alessio was ready. Just the small push was missing, but again he found himself swallowing an even larger piece of paper.

Every day Alessio tried again. But after a month he was so swollen with paper that he couldn't swim.



One evening, coming back home, Emily saw a strange shadow twisting in the shallow water. She went closer carefully. Just as Benny were with her, she heard the crab's voice inside herself "Slowly, slowly, slower. Keep calm...". When the mermaid was close enough, she realized that the strange shape was Alessio, the big white shark. His jaws were covered with scraps of paper. His eyes were closed and he hardly breathed.



Emily got closer, she gave him a bonk and she ran to hide behind a sea anemone.



Alessio groaned while spitting coloured paper. Emily recognized the paper and the colours. She swam fast towards Alessio, picked up a stone and dropped it on the shark belly. Alessio spitted out a big piece of paper and opened his eyes. "Again!" he shouted.



Emily picked up the stone and dropped it again on his belly. And then again, and again. Alessio spat out a huge amount of paper. Drawings scraps floated around them. But Emily realized that she wouldn't manage on her own. She ran to call Benny.

"Benny, come with me!"

"Where are we going?"

"Alessio is ill, we must save him"

"Are you joking? I don't even think about it"

"I will never speak to you again if you don't help me.

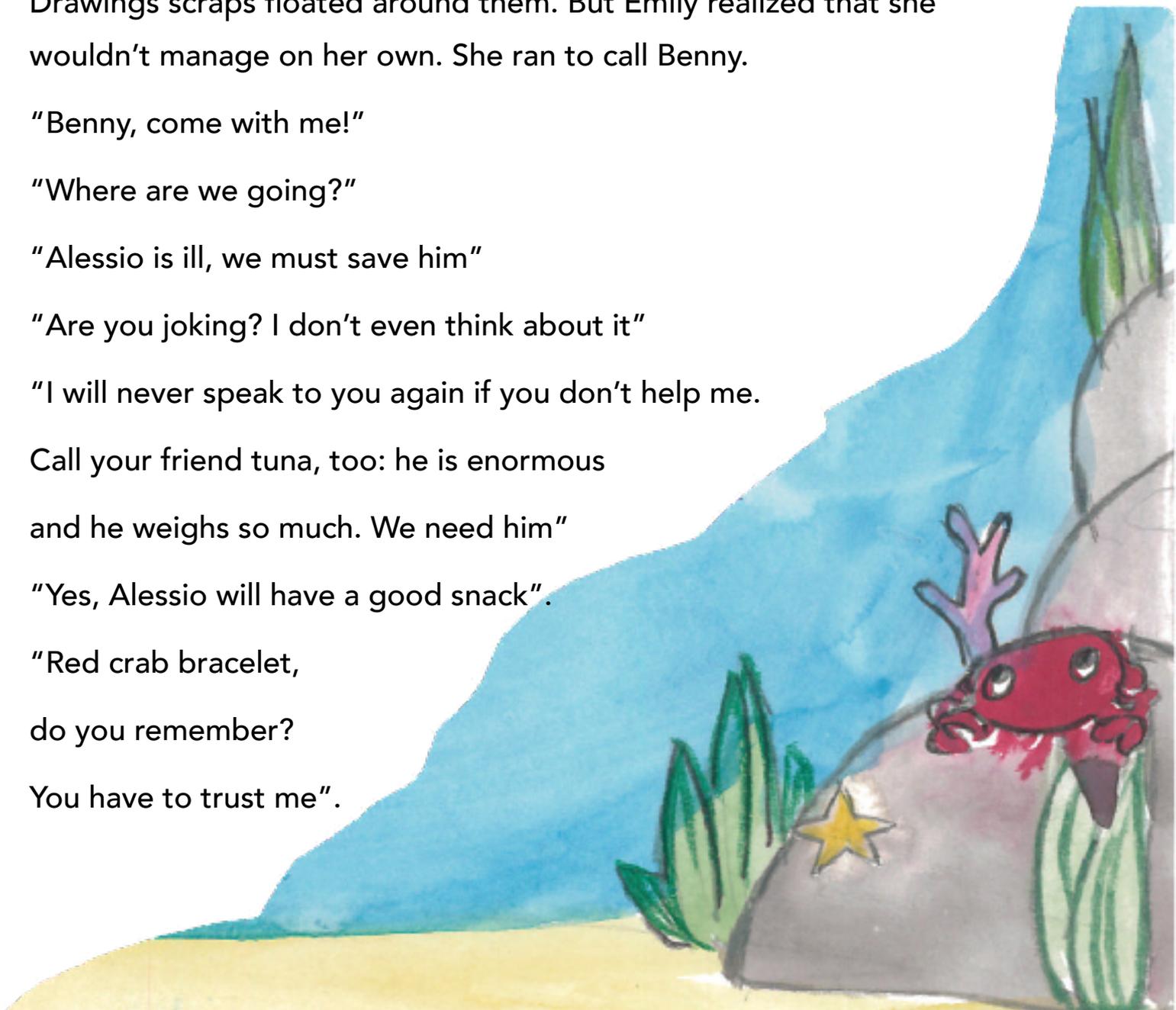
Call your friend tuna, too: he is enormous and he weighs so much. We need him"

"Yes, Alessio will have a good snack".

"Red crab bracelet,

do you remember?

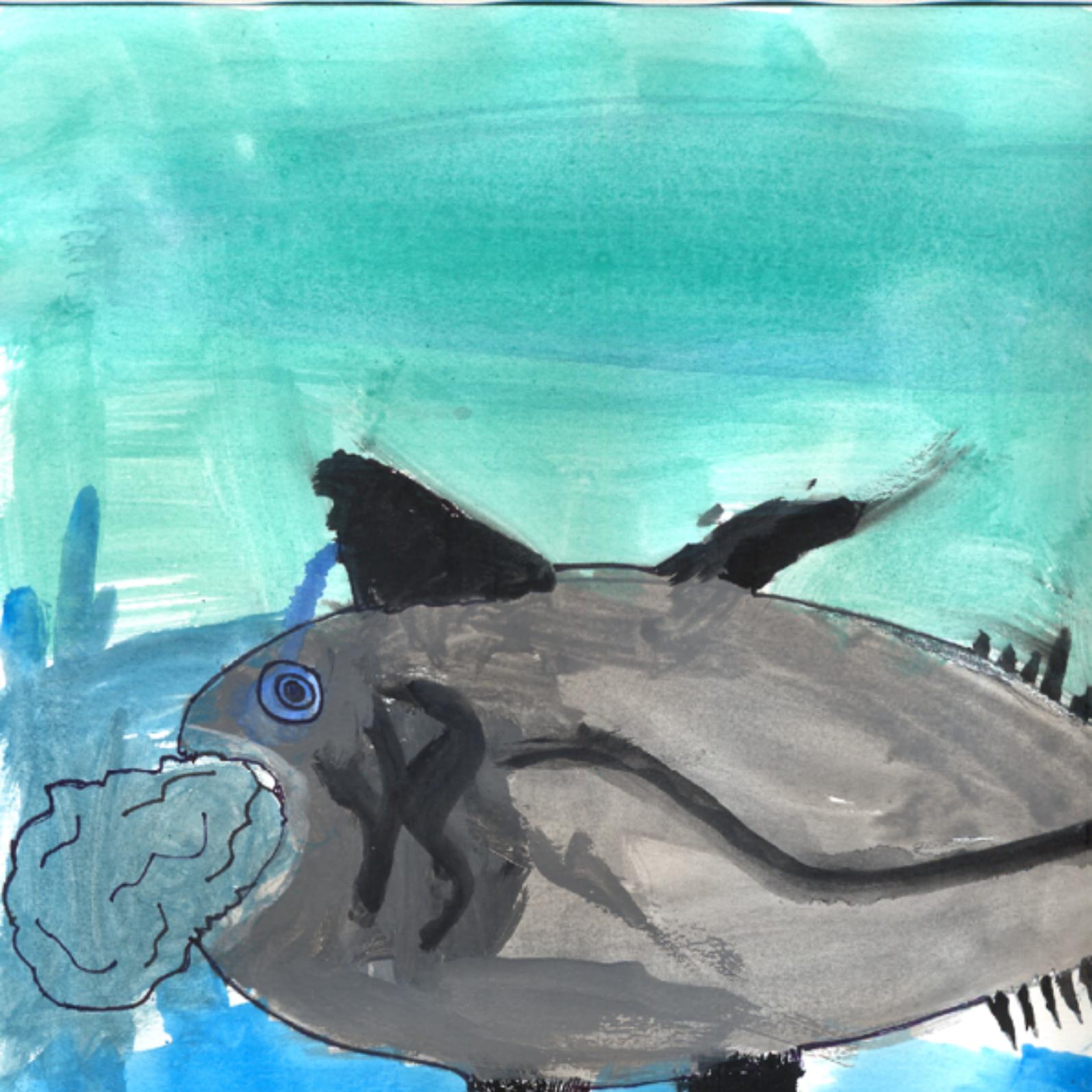
You have to trust me".





So Benny, Emily and the enormous tuna went to Alessio. The shark breathed a bit better, but he needed their help.

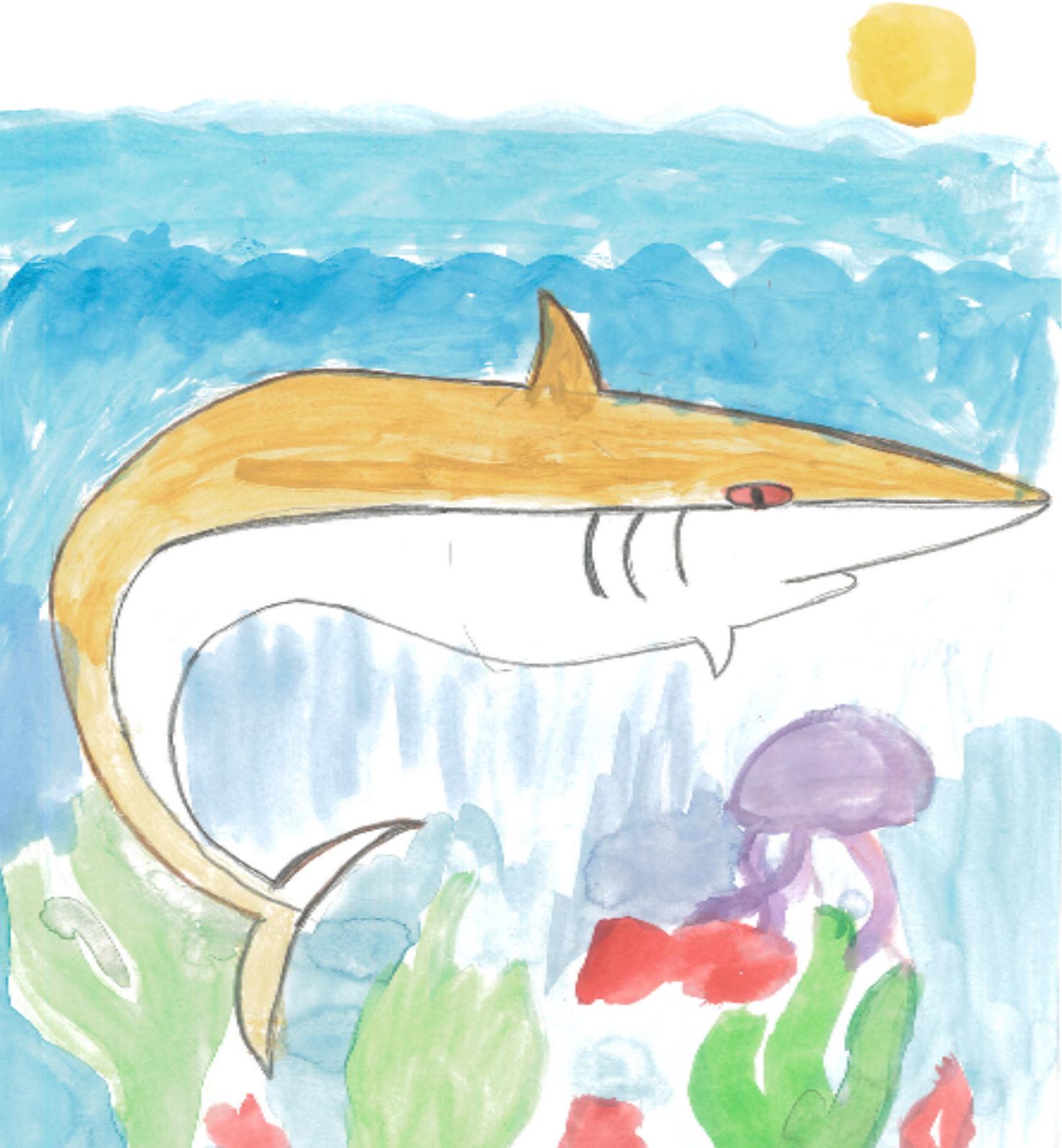
The big tuna took a run-up and threw itself against Alessio's belly. A giant paper cloud squirted out of his big mouth.





Alessio jumped up

Everyone went back, slowly.



"None of you will ever be afraid again. Not only of me, but of any other creature in the ocean. I will protect you." said Alessio and disappeared in the dark of the abyss.



While he went away safe and sound, he thought about that small band of rescuers, small but so brave... and happy!

He felt alone... and sad! Then, however, he thought that he could use all his strength for a good cause: to protect a band of little friends!!

So Alessio swam from the shallow water to the surface and there he threw himself, happier than ever, into a crazy dance in the waves!



The three friends enjoyed watching him from the rock: it was unusual to see a happy and dancing shark.

Emily drew the scene on a sheet of paper, while the sun was setting.

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