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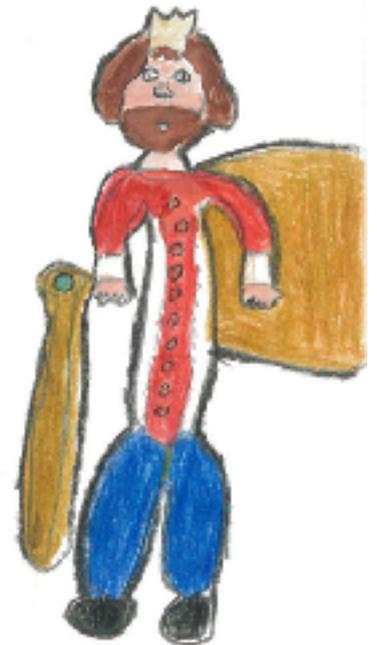
The Serenella island was the third island in Marina Road.

On that island there was a bright and shining castle,
full of joy and happiness.

In that castle lived a king and a queen.

They gave to the world a pretty baby called Margherita.

They called her like this because the wind put a daisy in her cradle, when she was born.





The king and the queen, to honor the birth of their daughter Margherita, decorated the castle frames with a lot of small, white flowers like the snow and painted the wall with a lot of vivid colours like the rainbow. On that happy island, the time passed smoothly. Everyone loved the little princess because she was the best and the kindest child of the world. She was a perfect child!





On the day of her tenth birthday her parents organized a big party for the little but great Margherita. On that day the blue sky was reflected on the crystalline sea, with clouds as white as the sheep fur. All the inhabitants of the kingdom and neighboring kingdoms were invited. It was a wonderful feast. Everyone danced and enjoyed himself till late at night.





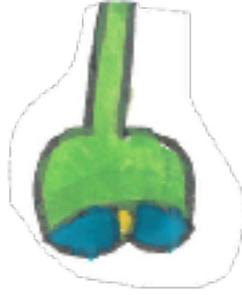
When the party ended, suddenly a lot of threatening clouds covered the stars. A very strong wind came in through the windows shaking the curtains and sweeping everything in the room. Not even the king's crown was spared and it fell to the ground, rolling.

Boom! A terrifying storm began. The village sank under the stormy sea. A brighter lightning boomed in the room where the princess was.



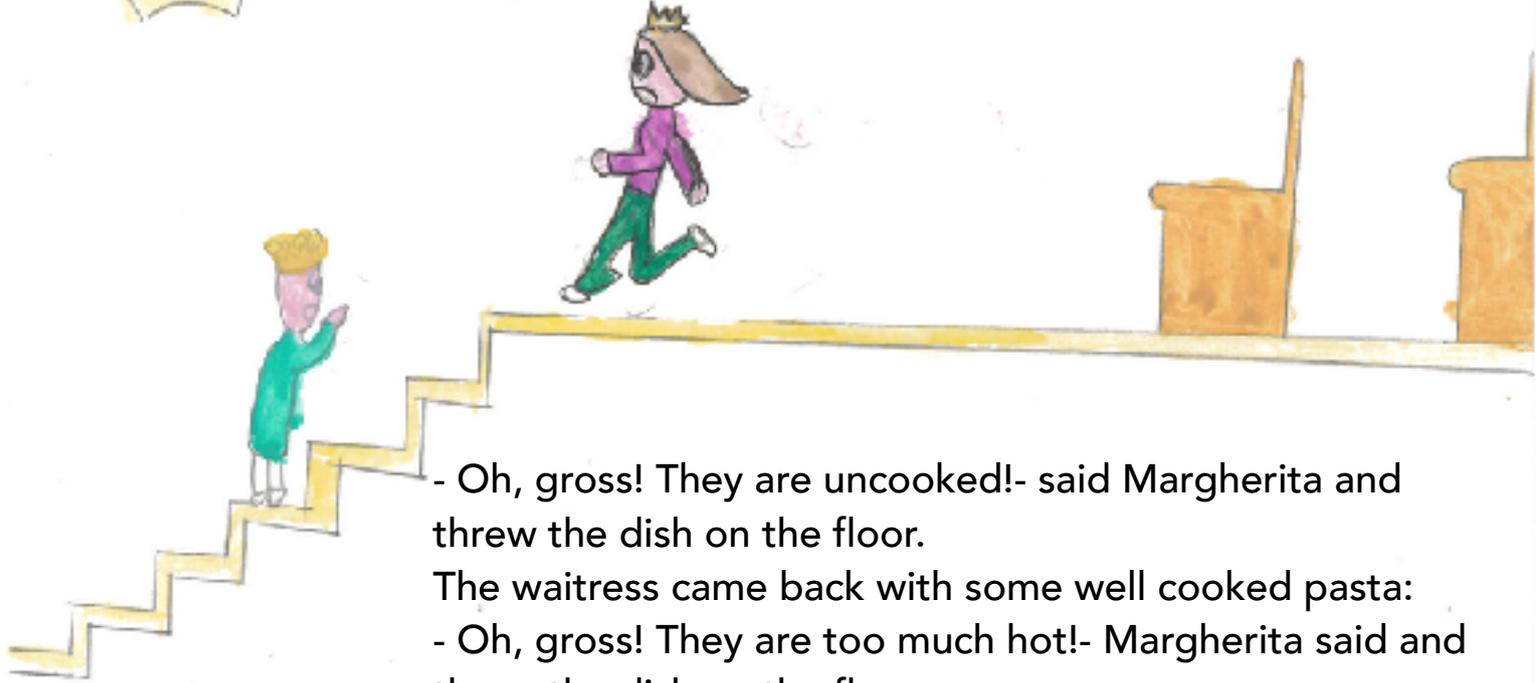
The servants arrived into Margherita's room. They found her on the floor, unconscious. Fortunately, she was safe and sound.





Anyway, something strange had happened and suddenly she woke up and started making raspberries against all the people around her. The next morning, instead of preparing the school bag she began to throw all the books out of the windows. Then she hung up herself to the chandelier like Tarzan. Her personal servant brought some breakfast and she threw it on her face. For lunch the waitress served her favourite dish, spaghetti with tuna.





- Oh, gross! They are uncooked!- said Margherita and threw the dish on the floor.

The waitress came back with some well cooked pasta:

- Oh, gross! They are too much hot!- Margherita said and threw the dish on the floor.

So the waitress came back with some colder pasta:

-Oh,gross! They are too much cold!

So the waitress returned with some hotter pasta:

- Oh,gross! They are too much cooked! She was very unbearable and insatiable!





The next day, at school, she started to make fun of her friends and she considered them saying things like :

- You are dressed very badly! I'm the only one to dress like a star.....
you are ugly... What a dark and ugly skin! I'm the only one to have a white skin like a daisy... You are so short that nobody can notice you !
I have to buy a garden dwarf !... Go away!...

Even though she was a princess, she was expelled from the school and she lost all of her friends.



So she started to become unhappy and ugly.

The king and queen were desperate.

So many doctors and wise men were called to court,
but everything was in vain.

Thousands of doctors came out of the castle door,
all disconsolate.



Then a strange man went to the castle... He wore a long and elegant cyclamen color jacket and a funny russian-style hat. Inappropriate style for a doctor...

He held a worn out and of slightly faded color violin.



Margherita began to make fun of that man, as soon as she saw him . She said:

- Your face looks like a bush because it's very green! .

The strange foreigner didn't even look at the princess.

Like a statue he grabbed the violin and began to vibrate it.



A dark and mysterious music resounded in the castle. With a cavernous and strong voice the musician said :

- Apcetimuspersionum! Green, green swamp!!.

Margherita's face became green and ugly like the man's face.

Margherita felt a little strange. Immediately she ran to look for a mirror





An acute shout teared the air apart. Margherita fainted. She looked horrible! His graceful white face became green like the swamp. She went to the bottom of the strange man and began to supplicate him:
- Please! Tell me about the remedy for this terrible illness! Noone will want me anymore with a green face!

Marshall, that was the name of the musician, with a grim and low voice, said:

-Healing will not be easy. You will have to find the seashell with the big aquamarine pearl inside. You have to do a very dangerous journey on your own and let the others help you.



Margherita sailed with some food on a small boat made of wood. She started to row but she didn't go anywhere so she felt very tired.

From under the water she saw a strange shadow. The boat started to flicker. A narwhal jumped out of the water and said:

- Do you need any help little girl?

- Go away slimy and marshy Pinocchio's nose - was the answer.

Immediately her hand became green and wrinkled like her face.

Frightened, she began to row again.









She was more and more tired. From the sea she saw a lot of colorful lights that were growing bigger and brighter. They said in chorus:
- Do you need any help little girl? I don't want your help, ugly and poisonous jellyfish! Immediately the other hand became green and wrinkled, too. Sadly Margherita began to think that every wickedness made her skin uglier.



Suddenly an enormous redfish/shark appeared and asked her:

- Do you need any help little girl?

Margherita answered:

- You are really ugly, you know, but I need your help to look for an aquamarine pearl.

The big fish told her to row to the East, in the direction of the second island of Marina Road.

- Look for the village headman on the eastern isle. He will help you - said the redfish.

- How will I recognize him?

- It will be easy: he has two maracas in his hands and he always wears a skirt full of medals that tinkle at every step

- Thank you very much, my friend redfish. You have a very beautiful smile, you know?

Margherita started to row towards the eastern island. While she was rowing she watched her hands and realized that the forefinger and the thumb of the right hand were white again like the petals of a flower. Margherita arrived at the shore of the island. The village headman was dancing and singing around the fire. His medals tinkled in unison with maracas. Margherita approached silently and explained the problem.

- To find what you are looking for, you must learn the country dance and you must dance it around the sacred fire. Margherita worked very hard to get what she wanted and she enjoyed herself very much, too ! The village headman said:

- You passed the test very well! Take this compass, it's magic! It will guide you to the first isle. In that place you will have to look for the village sweeper.

Margherita thanked him sincerely.

While she was travelling she noticed that her hand was normal again.



It wasn't difficult to find the village sweeper but he smelled a lot! Margherita didn't realized that and she asked him for help. He said: - I can help you but you have to help me and clean the shores of the island from the smelly, shallows and full of thorns seaweeds. Margherita worked for five days together with the sweeper and the residents of the village.





She often got stung by the seaweeds; despite the smell, she never complained. Actually she talked with other people and worked a lot to clean the isle! She was very good at it.

The inhabitants of this village made a necklace for Margherita. The sweeper greeted her and said that she was very good and patient but he didn't know where she had to go.

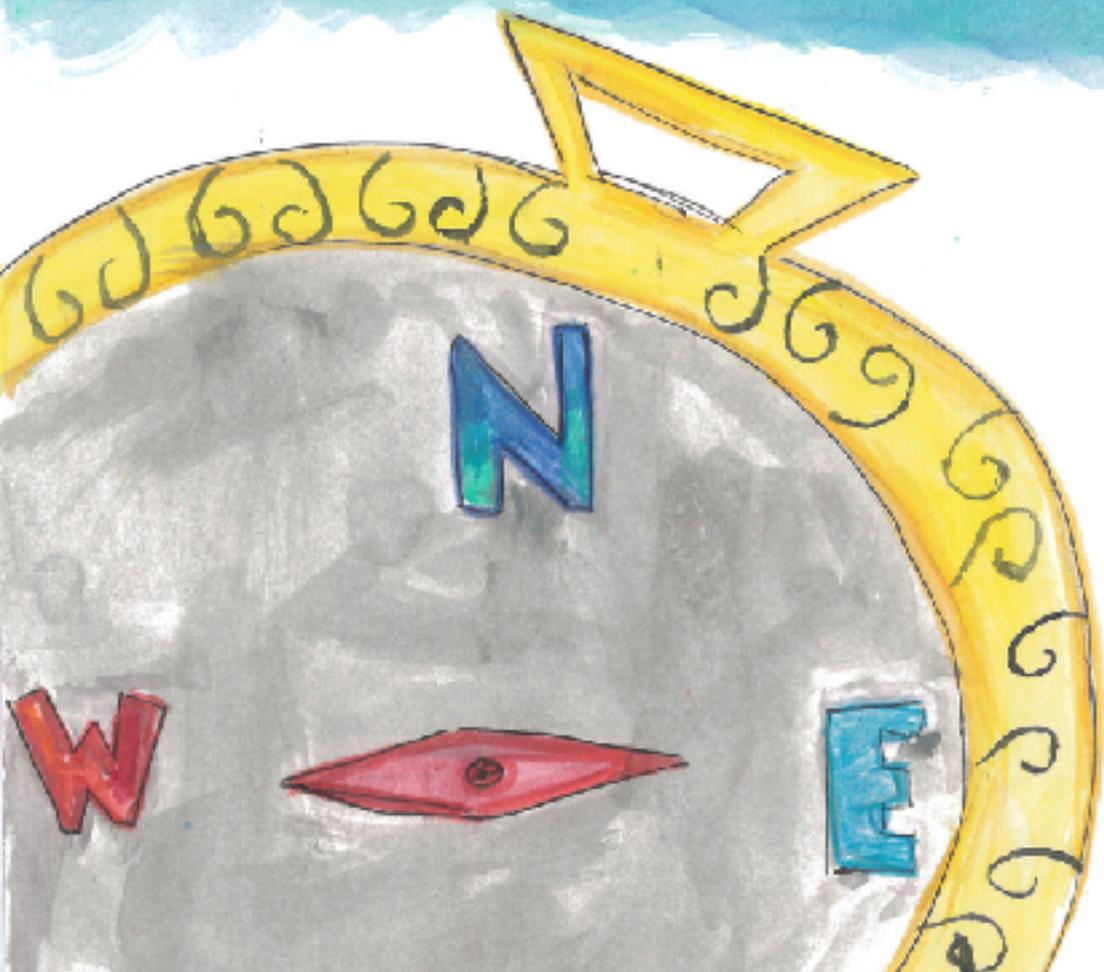
The princess took all her things. She greeted and thanked her friends and she left again.

During the night, cradled by the waves, she slept and she started dreaming. She thought about all of her friends and how nice they were with her. How beautiful it was to meet people that help you even though you're ugly or you are with a green face.

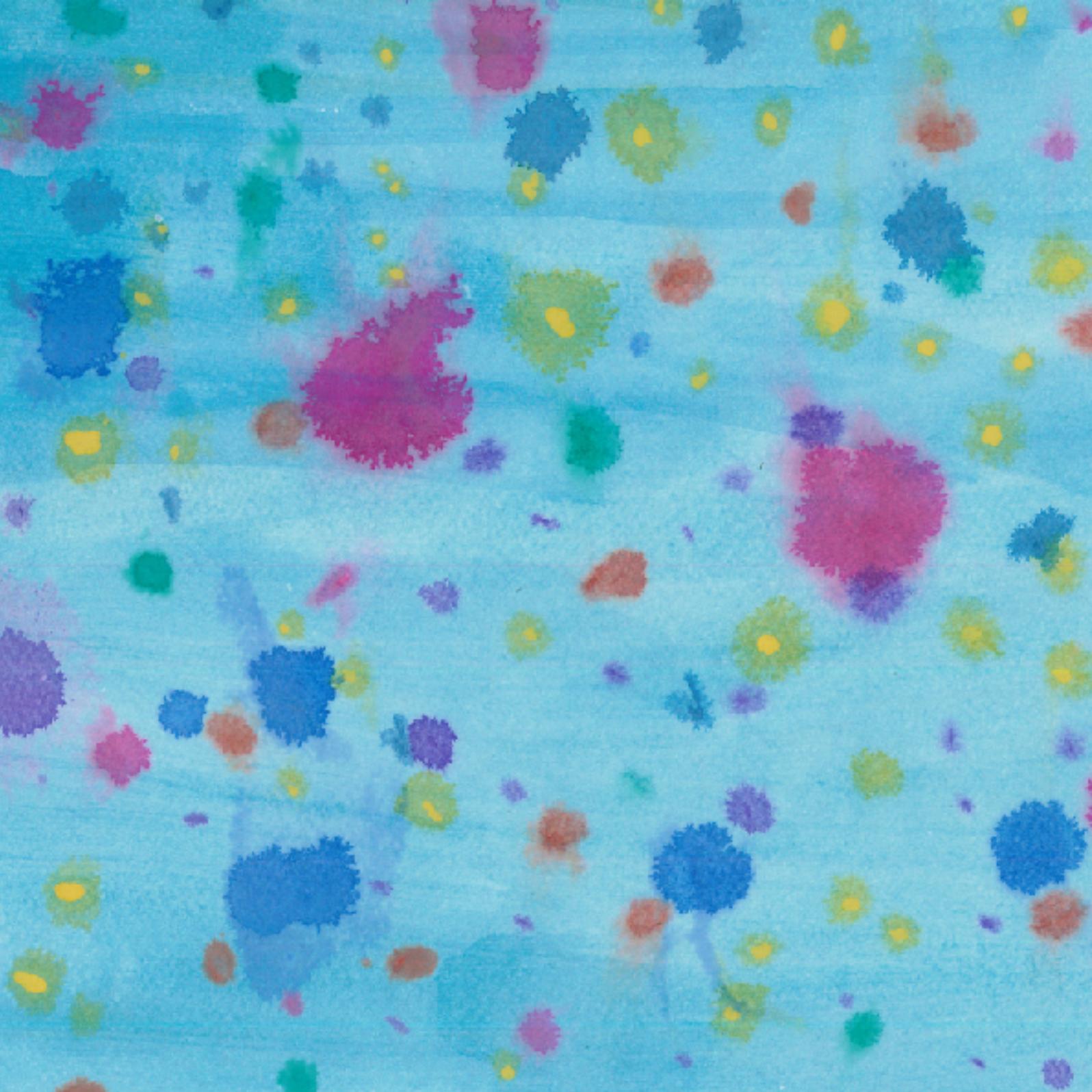
She suddenly woke up and, as sweaty as she was, she thought about all the bad words that she used with her friends at the court, and with that strange green musician. He wasn't ugly and he was very friendly! When she opened the eyes she noticed the reflection of the moon that made shine a pearl of her necklace. Margherita said full of joy:

- A pearl in aquamarine colour!. I finally found it! -





Suddenly the water was clear, she watched herself in the mirror and saw that her skin was white like a daisy. The magic compass began to vibrate and it pointed at the Serenella island.



The background is a light blue, textured surface, possibly representing water. It is filled with numerous small, glowing, colorful shapes in shades of red, blue, green, yellow, and purple. These shapes vary in size and form, some appearing as clusters or larger, more complex structures, while others are smaller and more uniform. The overall effect is a dense, multi-colored field of light, suggesting a vast, diverse marine ecosystem.

From the sea thousands of colored lights shone. They were the narvhal,
the shark, the jellyfish and their families.

They danced up to the castle where, sitted on a step, Marshall was waiting for her. He was playing an happy melody.





Margherita was cured from her disease and since then she learnt that no sorcery can win compared to friendship and the humility of accepting the help of other people

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