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# Storytellers

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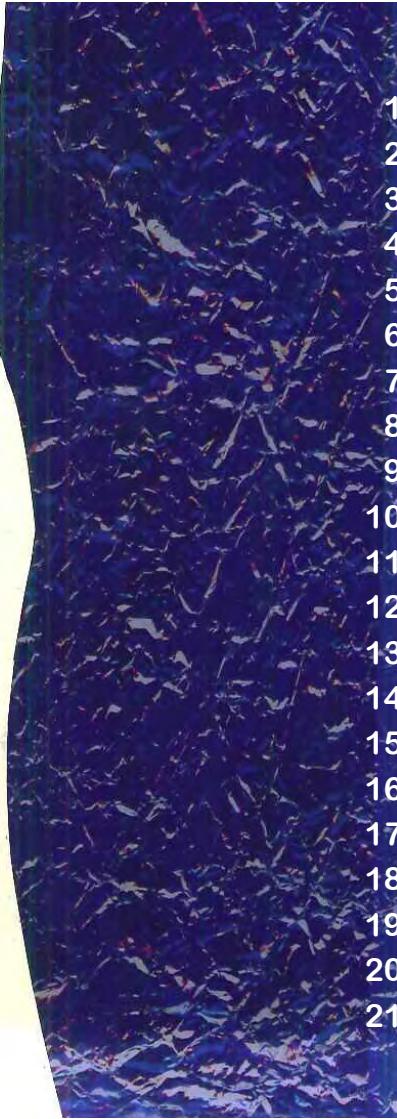
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# 1. The Secret of the Oceans

The sea was quiet when four divers came out of water.  
Blair asked the group:

Blair: "Have you seen the same as me?"

Dan: "Yes! What can we do?"

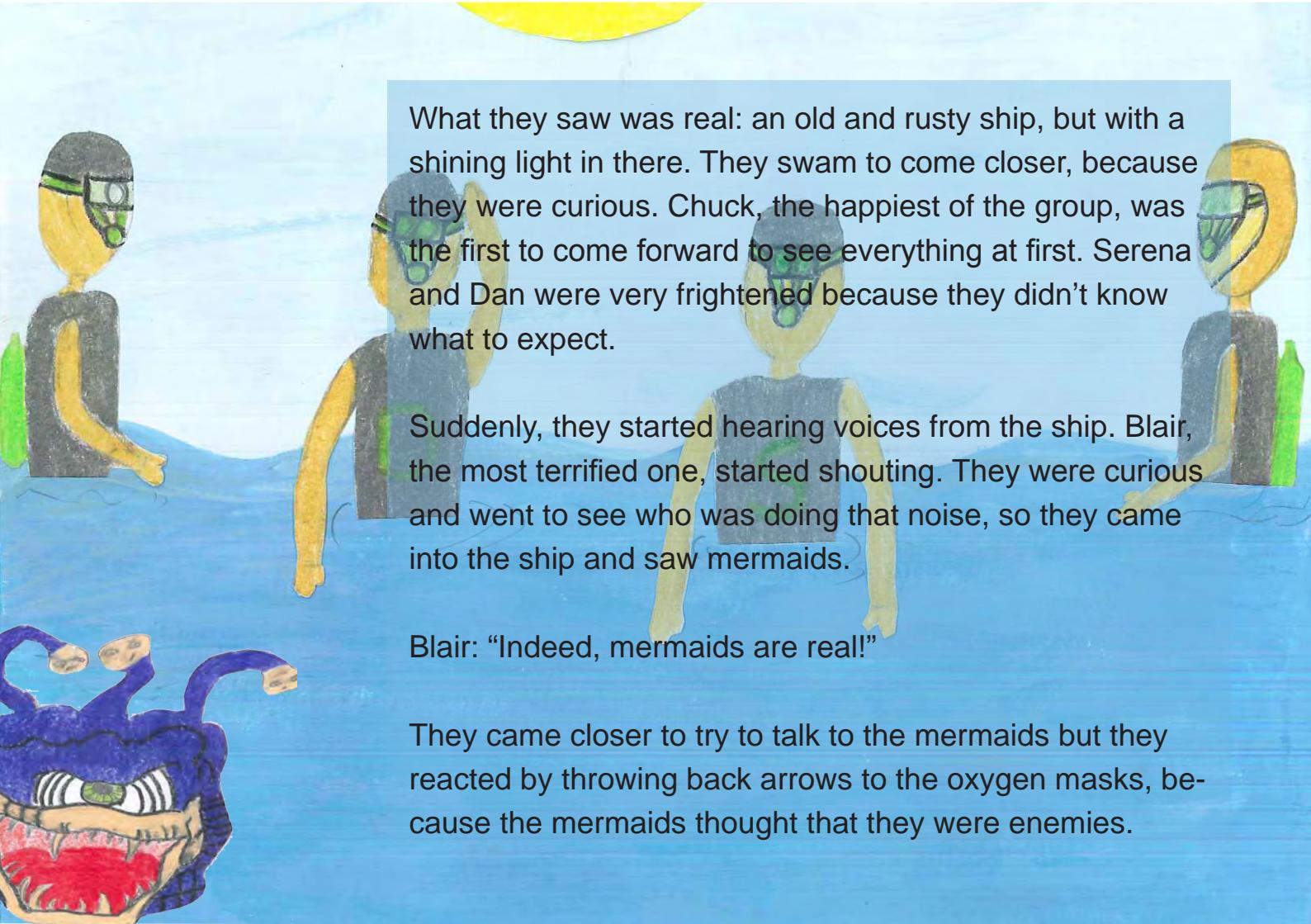
What they saw raised many questions. So, they decided to go back to the sea.

They swam into the deepest part of the ocean as fast as they could and finally went back to see everything.

All people in the group said at the same time:

"It's true! It's true! We weren't crazy!"



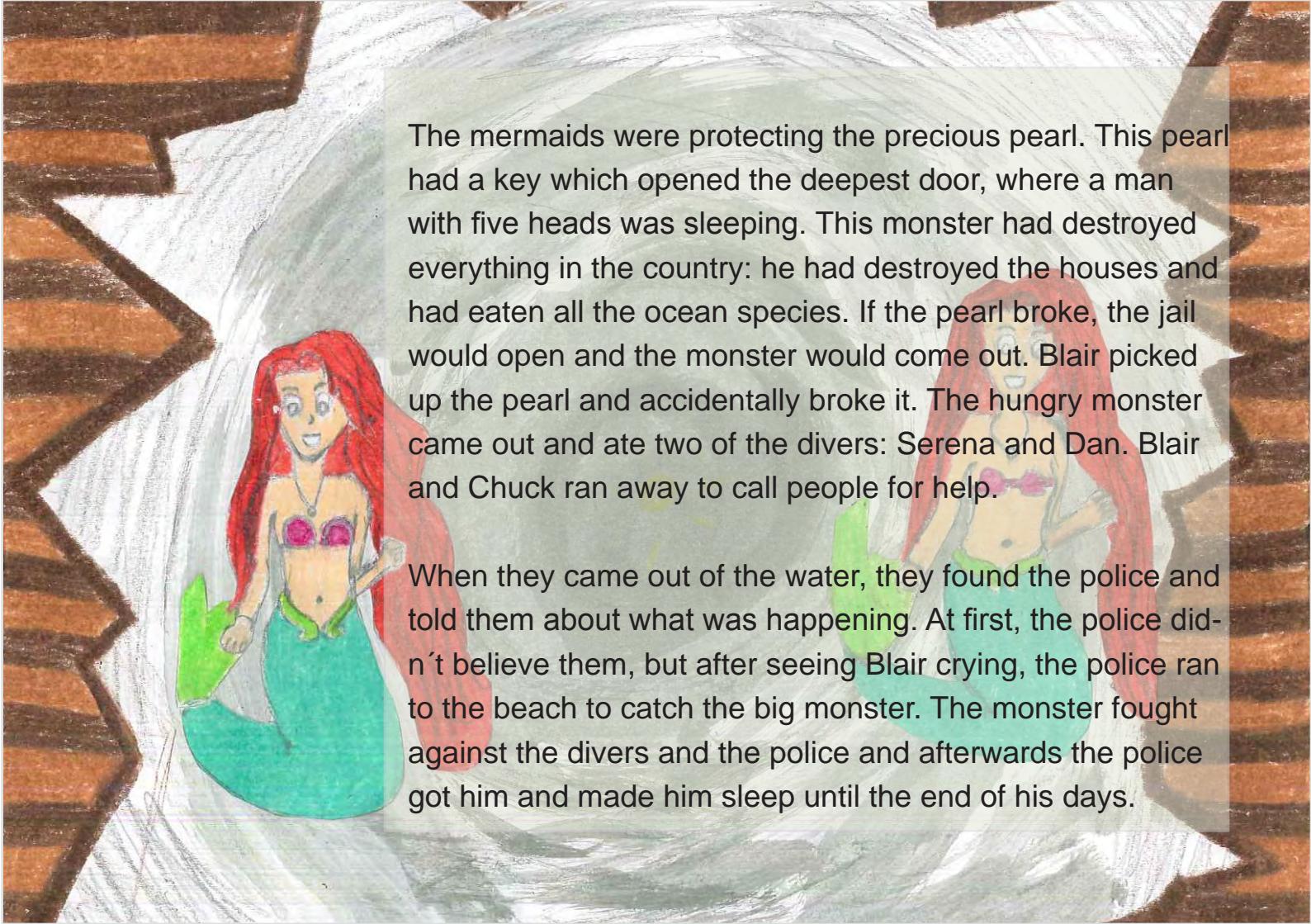


What they saw was real: an old and rusty ship, but with a shining light in there. They swam to come closer, because they were curious. Chuck, the happiest of the group, was the first to come forward to see everything at first. Serena and Dan were very frightened because they didn't know what to expect.

Suddenly, they started hearing voices from the ship. Blair, the most terrified one, started shouting. They were curious and went to see who was doing that noise, so they came into the ship and saw mermaids.

Blair: "Indeed, mermaids are real!"

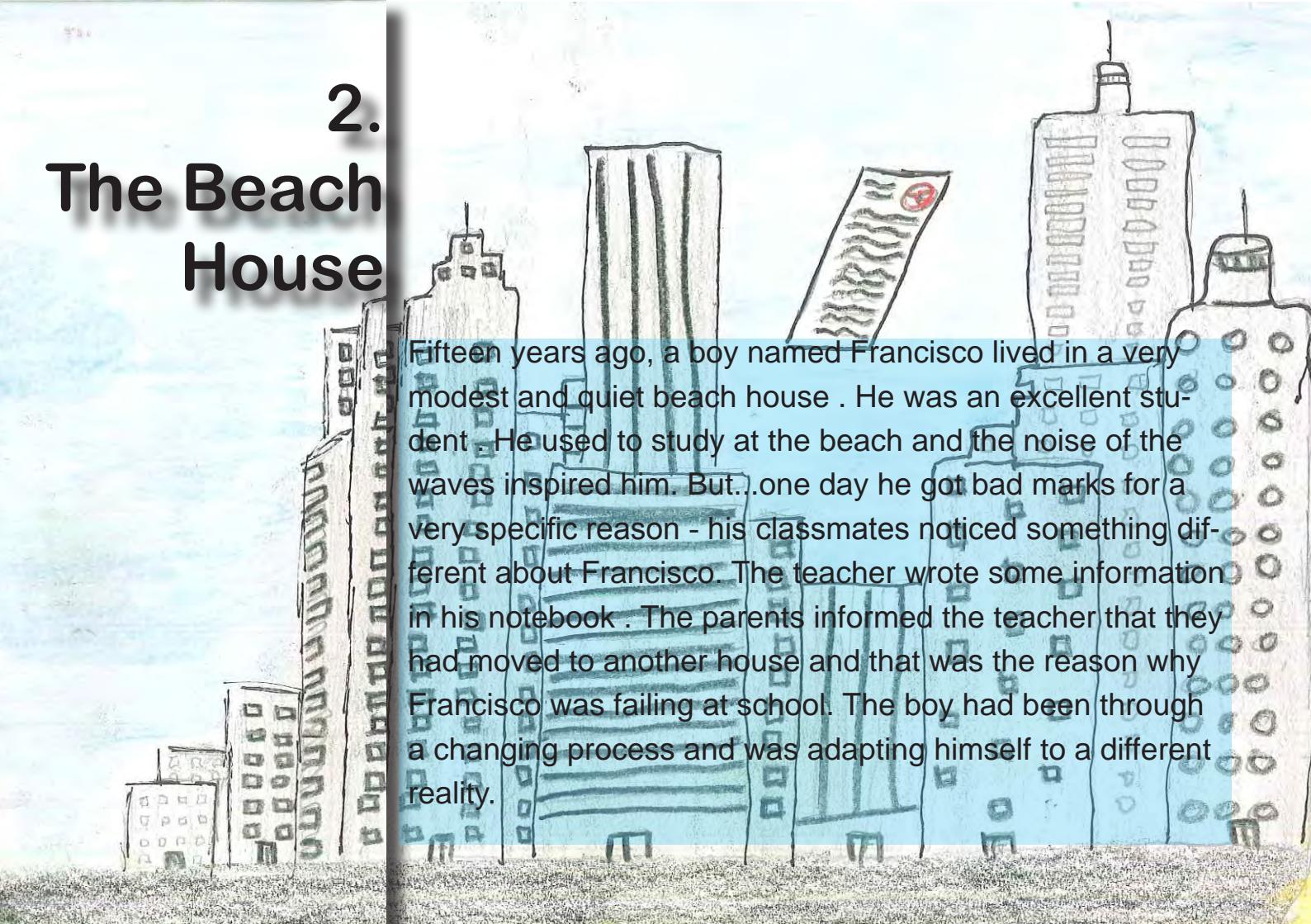
They came closer to try to talk to the mermaids but they reacted by throwing back arrows to the oxygen masks, because the mermaids thought that they were enemies.



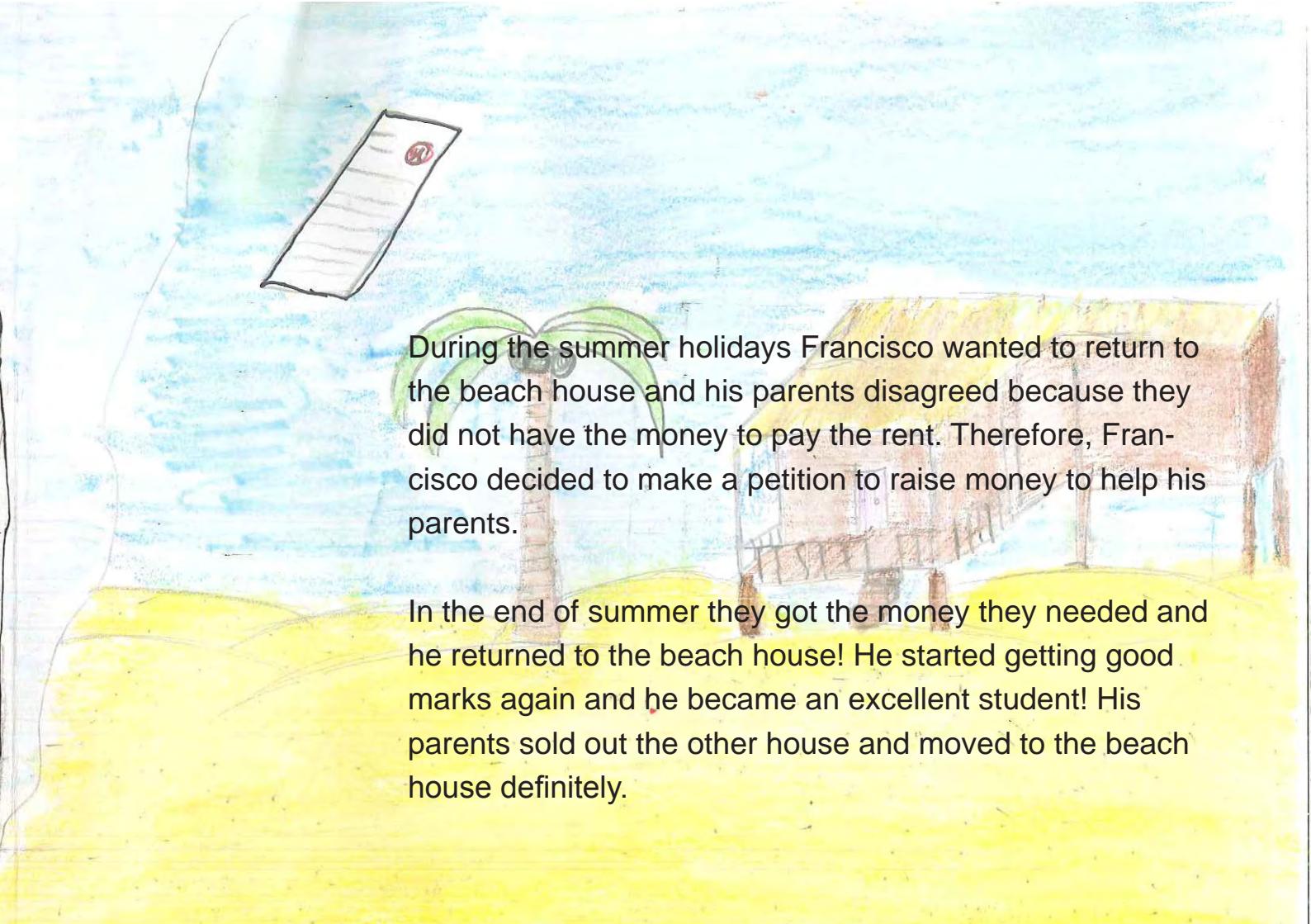
The mermaids were protecting the precious pearl. This pearl had a key which opened the deepest door, where a man with five heads was sleeping. This monster had destroyed everything in the country: he had destroyed the houses and had eaten all the ocean species. If the pearl broke, the jail would open and the monster would come out. Blair picked up the pearl and accidentally broke it. The hungry monster came out and ate two of the divers: Serena and Dan. Blair and Chuck ran away to call people for help.

When they came out of the water, they found the police and told them about what was happening. At first, the police didn't believe them, but after seeing Blair crying, the police ran to the beach to catch the big monster. The monster fought against the divers and the police and afterwards the police got him and made him sleep until the end of his days.

## 2. The Beach House

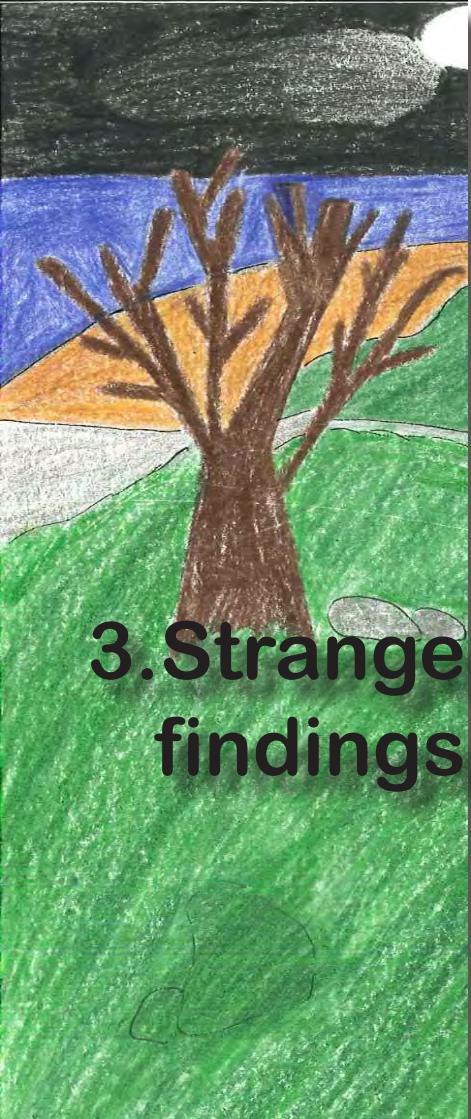


Fifteen years ago, a boy named Francisco lived in a very modest and quiet beach house . He was an excellent student . He used to study at the beach and the noise of the waves inspired him. But...one day he got bad marks for a very specific reason - his classmates noticed something different about Francisco. The teacher wrote some information in his notebook . The parents informed the teacher that they had moved to another house and that was the reason why Francisco was failing at school. The boy had been through a changing process and was adapting himself to a different reality.



During the summer holidays Francisco wanted to return to the beach house and his parents disagreed because they did not have the money to pay the rent. Therefore, Francisco decided to make a petition to raise money to help his parents.

In the end of summer they got the money they needed and he returned to the beach house! He started getting good marks again and he became an excellent student! His parents sold out the other house and moved to the beach house definitely.

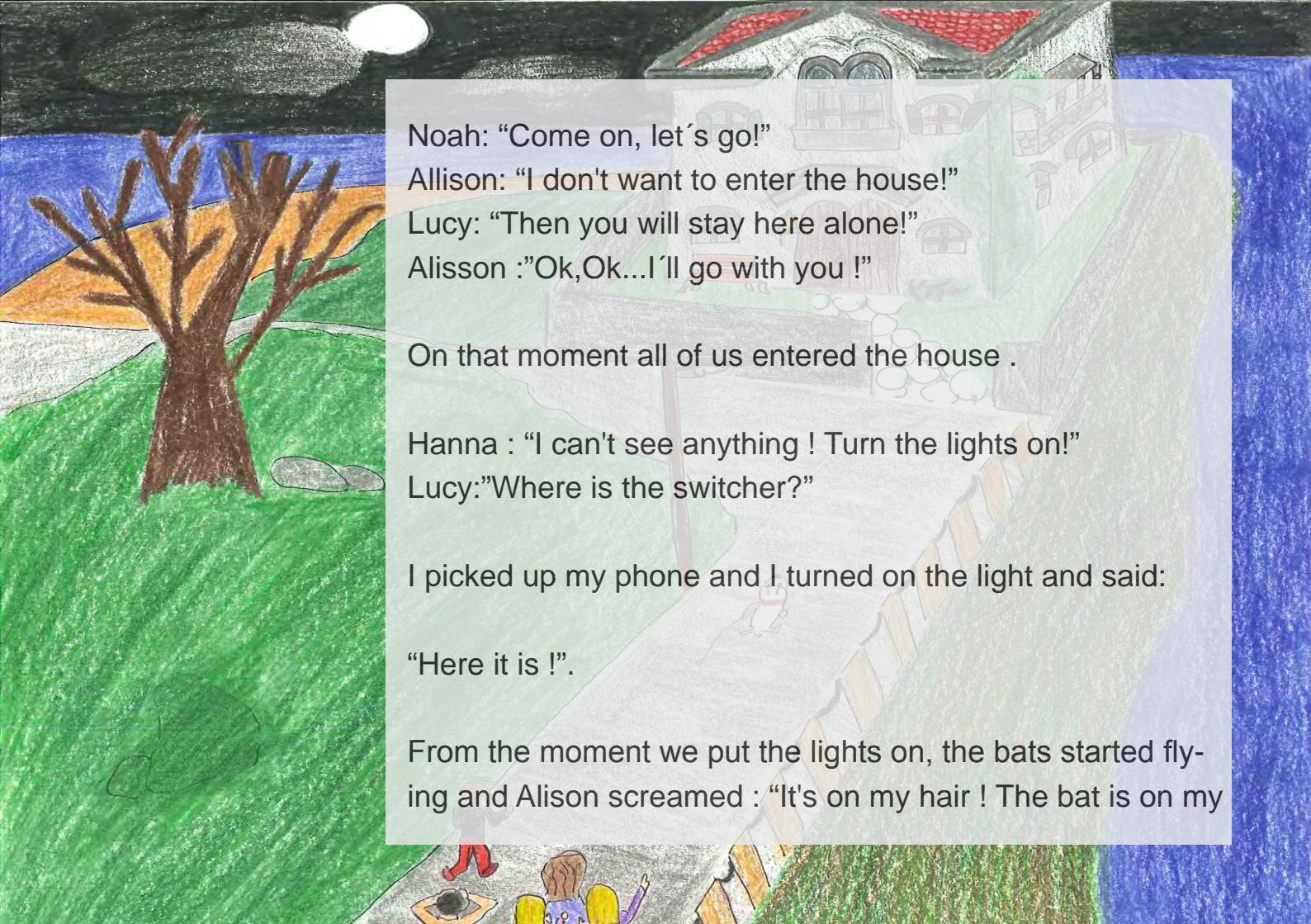


### 3. Strange findings

It was a Halloween night. It was dark and stormy. Some friends and I were walking the dog. The twins were warmed up because it was cold . I should have put on some more clothes. I was freezing. Neither Noah nor Lucy seemed to care about the temperature. My dog, Milu, was really happy because we had brought him! He's really cute, and I love him. Just when I was thinking about that, he ran away straight to the "haunted house". I don't know why people call it "haunted" but I certainly don't want to find out!

Jacob:"Hurry up! Don't let him run away!"

We all started running after him and then he stopped by the door barking . We had almost caught him when the door opened and we went in.



Noah: "Come on, let's go!"

Allison: "I don't want to enter the house!"

Lucy: "Then you will stay here alone!"

Alisson :"Ok,Ok...I'll go with you !"

On that moment all of us entered the house .

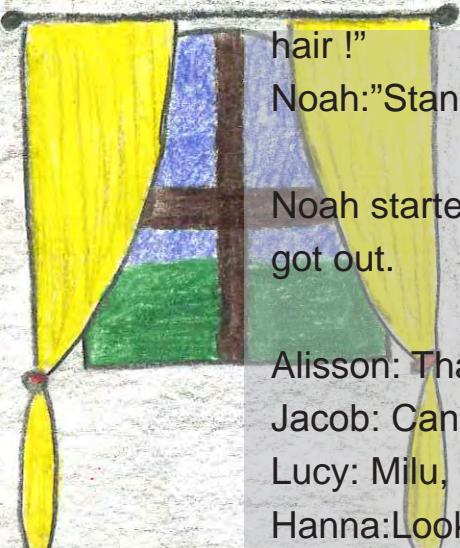
Hanna : "I can't see anything ! Turn the lights on!"

Lucy:"Where is the switcher?"

I picked up my phone and I turned on the light and said:

"Here it is !".

From the moment we put the lights on, the bats started flying and Alison screamed : "It's on my hair ! The bat is on my



hair!"

Noah:"Stand still!"

Noah started to shake Alisson's hair and eventually the bat got out.



Alisson: Thanks, Noah !

Jacob: Can we find my dog now ?!

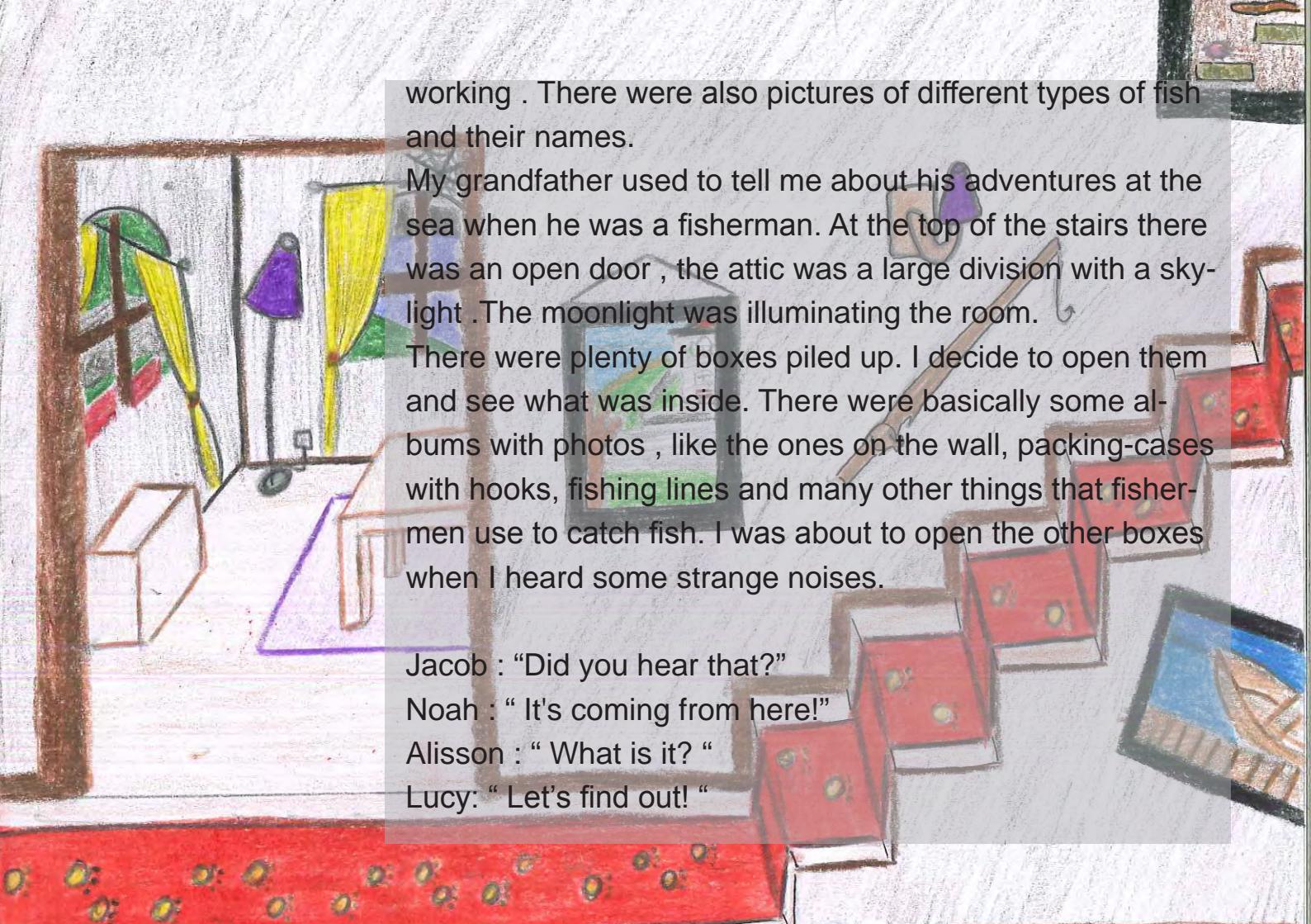
Lucy: Milu, come here! where are you?

Hanna:Look! Are those footprints from Milu?

Jacob: I think so ! Let's follow them!



The footprints led us to the attic. The house was all covered with dust and most of the lights were off . Fortunately, we had our cellphones. While we were climbing up the stairs, I realized that there were some paintings and photos on the wall. There were fishing boats and a group of fishermen



working . There were also pictures of different types of fish and their names.

My grandfather used to tell me about his adventures at the sea when he was a fisherman. At the top of the stairs there was an open door , the attic was a large division with a skylight .The moonlight was illuminating the room.

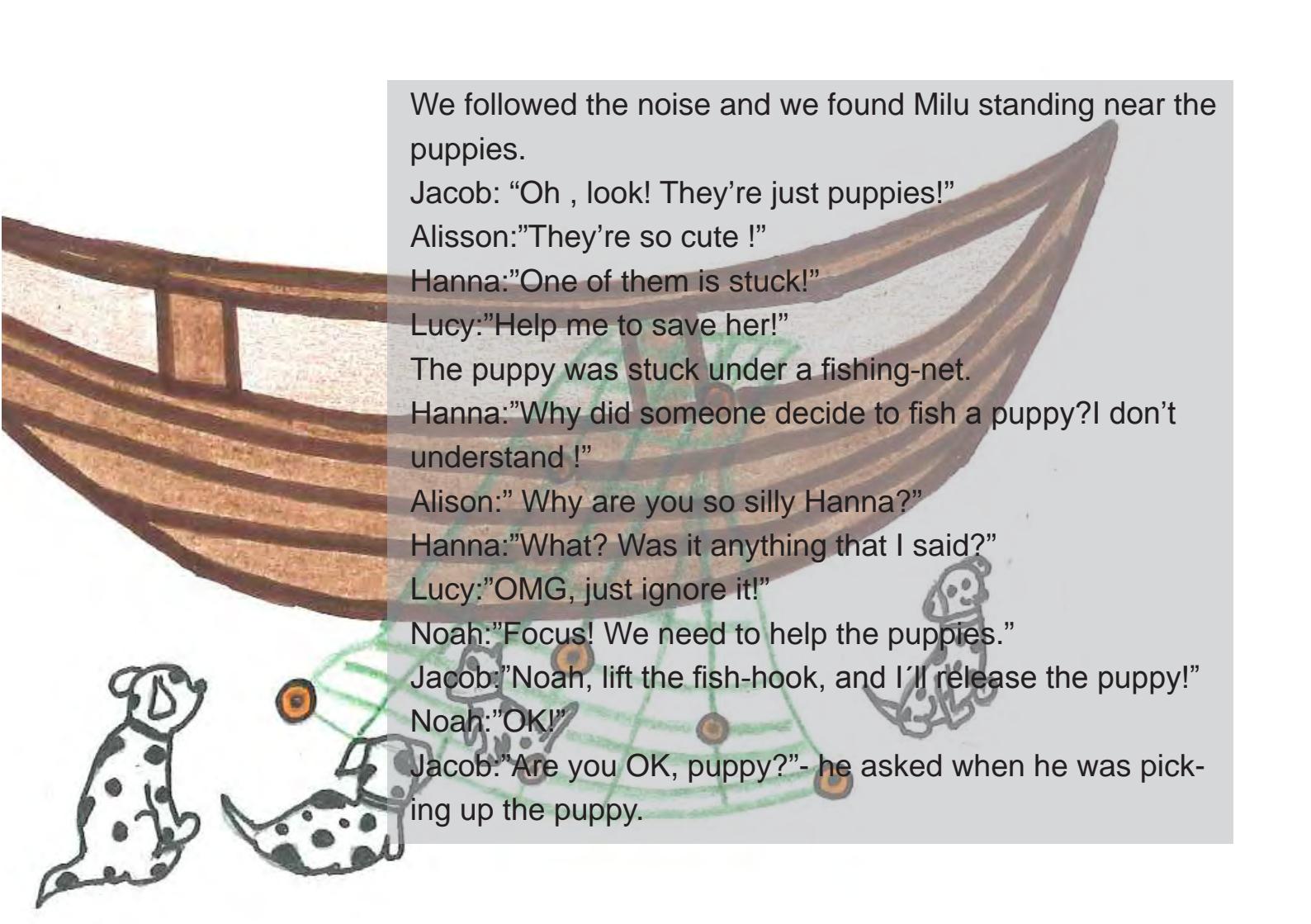
There were plenty of boxes piled up. I decide to open them and see what was inside. There were basically some albums with photos , like the ones on the wall, packing-cases with hooks, fishing lines and many other things that fishermen use to catch fish. I was about to open the other boxes when I heard some strange noises.

Jacob : “Did you hear that?”

Noah : “ It's coming from here!”

Alisson : “ What is it? ”

Lucy: “ Let's find out! ”



We followed the noise and we found Milu standing near the puppies.

Jacob: "Oh , look! They're just puppies!"

Alisson:"They're so cute !"

Hanna:"One of them is stuck!"

Lucy:"Help me to save her!"

The puppy was stuck under a fishing-net.

Hanna:"Why did someone decide to fish a puppy?I don't understand !"

Alison:" Why are you so silly Hanna?"

Hanna:"What? Was it anything that I said?"

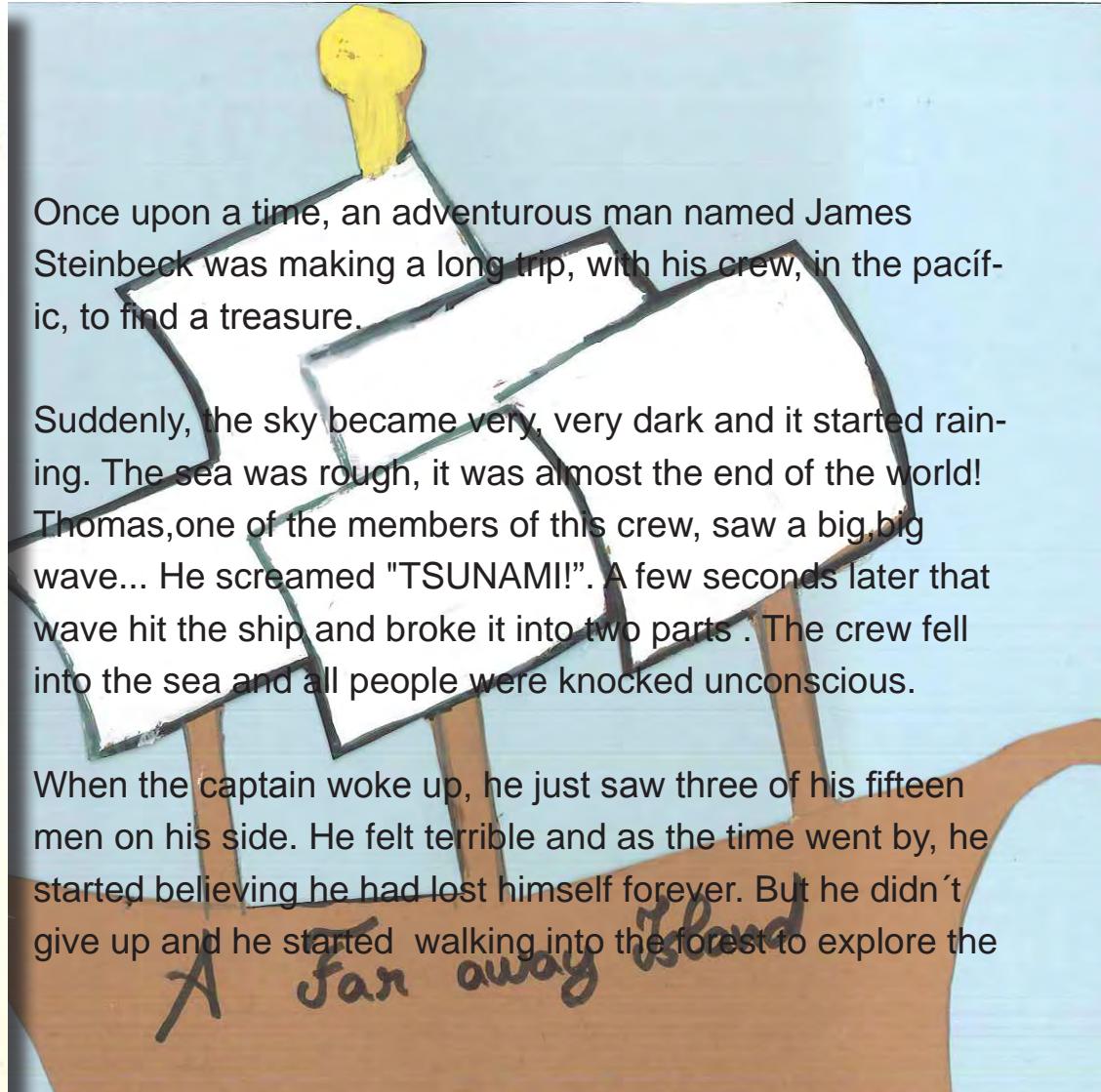
Lucy:"OMG, just ignore it!"

Noah:"Focus! We need to help the puppies."

Jacob:"Noah, lift the fish-hook, and I'll release the puppy!"

Noah:"OK!"

Jacob."Are you OK, puppy?"- he asked when he was picking up the puppy.

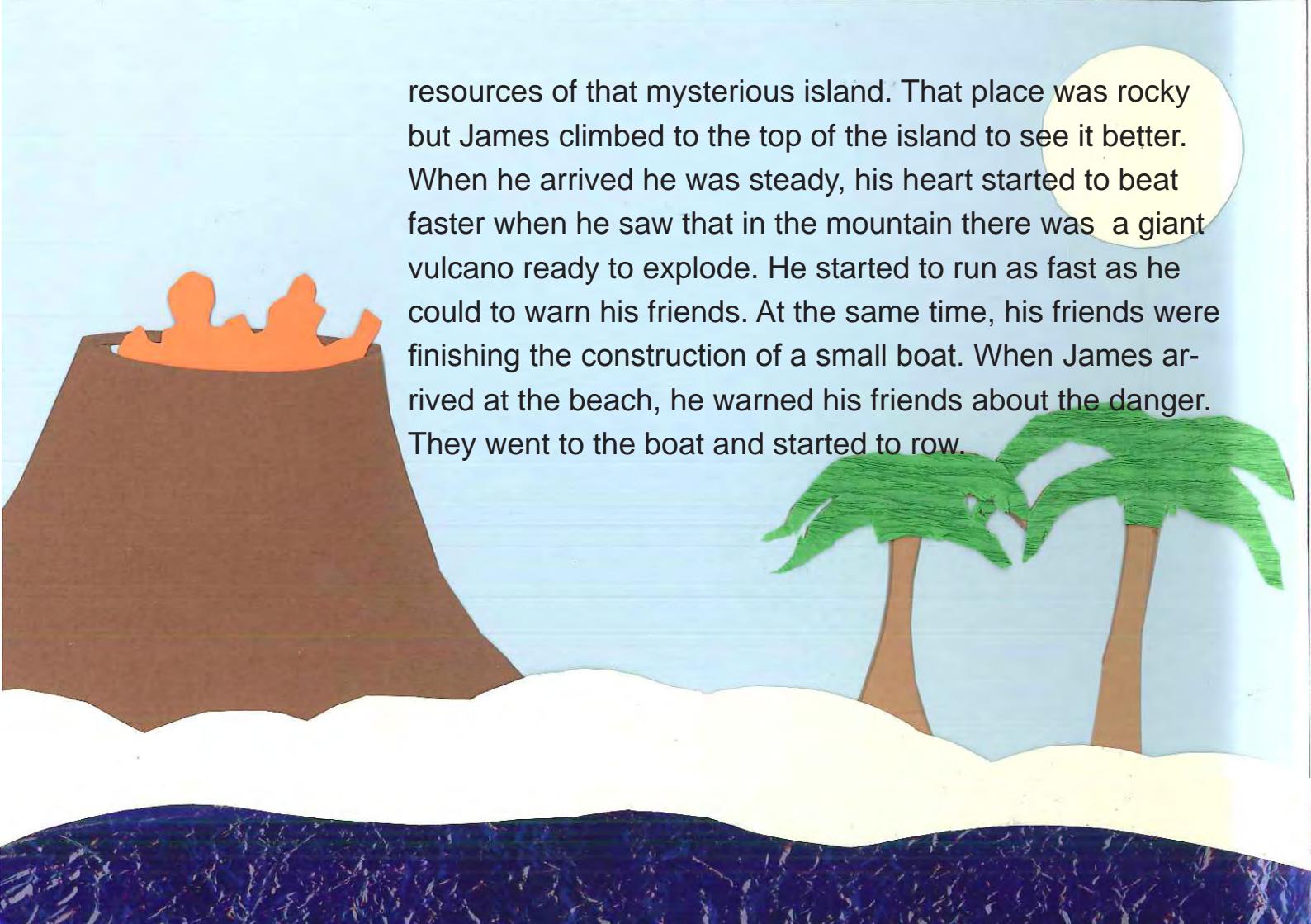


Once upon a time, an adventurous man named James Steinbeck was making a long trip, with his crew, in the pacífic, to find a treasure.

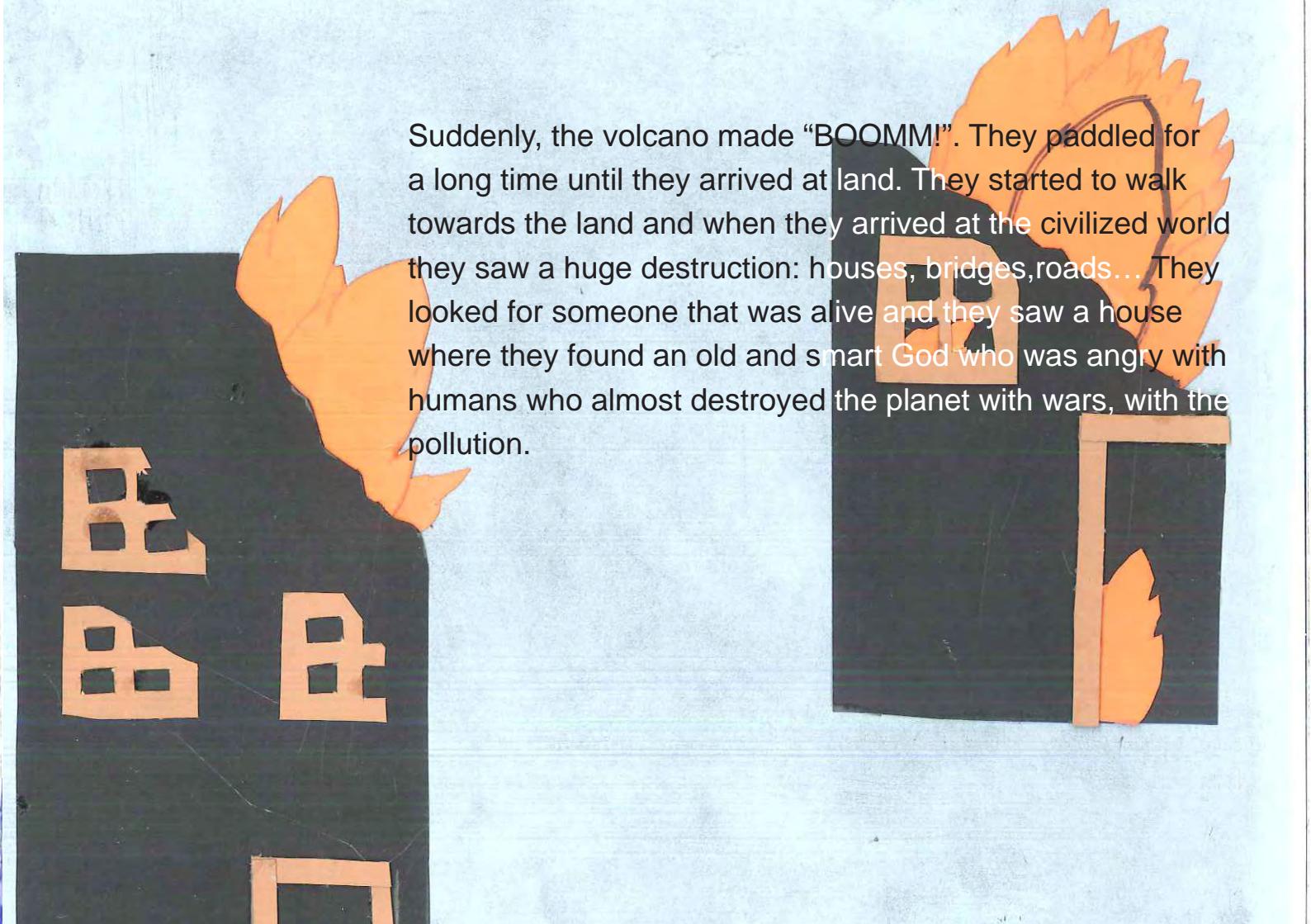
Suddenly, the sky became very, very dark and it started raining. The sea was rough, it was almost the end of the world! Thomas, one of the members of this crew, saw a big, big wave... He screamed "TSUNAMI!". A few seconds later that wave hit the ship and broke it into two parts. The crew fell into the sea and all people were knocked unconscious.

When the captain woke up, he just saw three of his fifteen men on his side. He felt terrible and as the time went by, he started believing he had lost himself forever. But he didn't give up and he started walking into the forest to explore the

A Far away Island

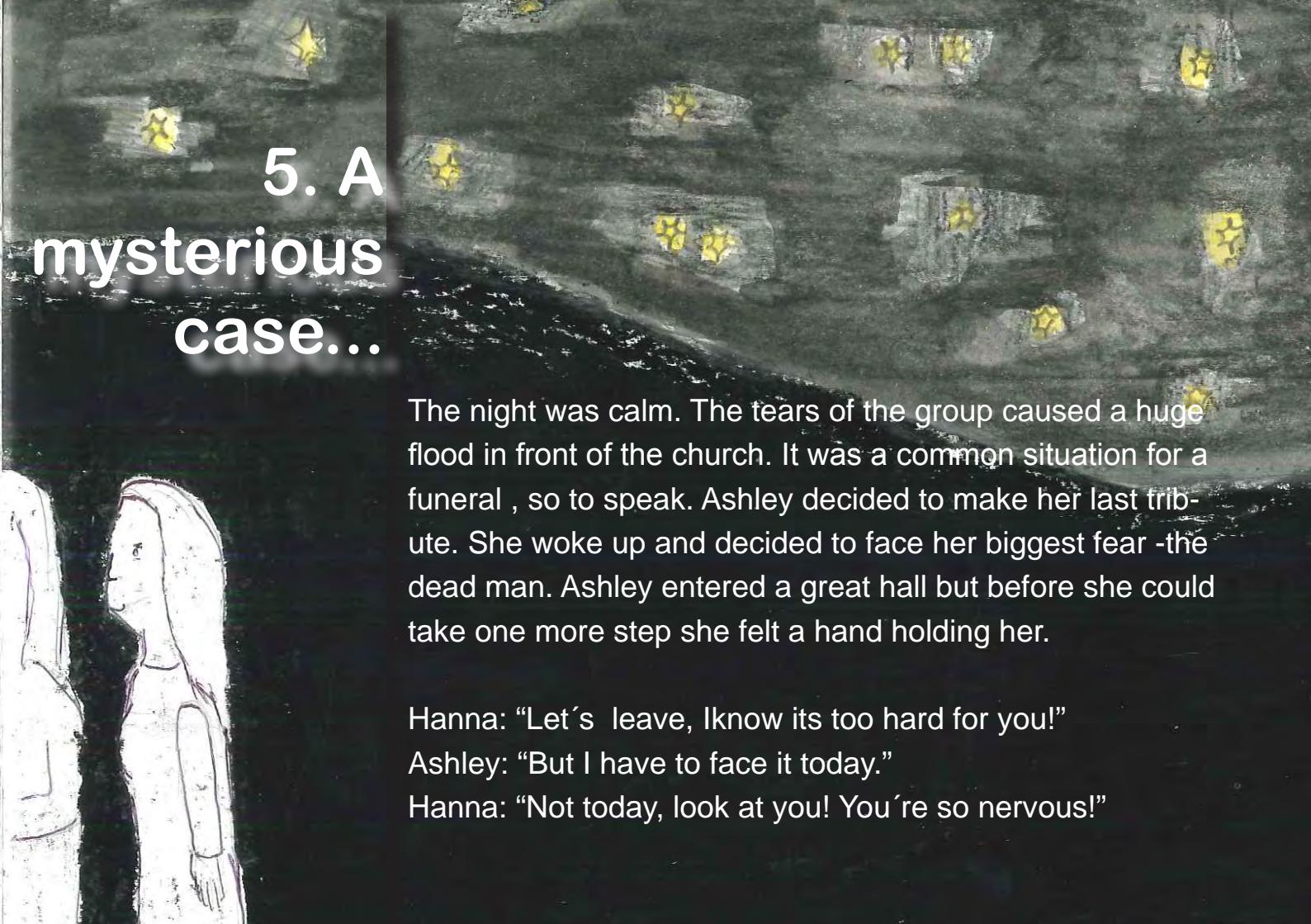


resources of that mysterious island. That place was rocky but James climbed to the top of the island to see it better. When he arrived he was steady, his heart started to beat faster when he saw that in the mountain there was a giant vulcano ready to explode. He started to run as fast as he could to warn his friends. At the same time, his friends were finishing the construction of a small boat. When James arrived at the beach, he warned his friends about the danger. They went to the boat and started to row.



Suddenly, the volcano made “BOOMM!”. They paddled for a long time until they arrived at land. They started to walk towards the land and when they arrived at the civilized world they saw a huge destruction: houses, bridges, roads... They looked for someone that was alive and they saw a house where they found an old and smart God who was angry with humans who almost destroyed the planet with wars, with the pollution.

## 5. A mysterious case...

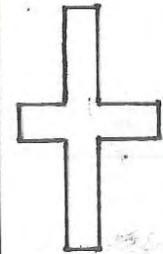


The night was calm. The tears of the group caused a huge flood in front of the church. It was a common situation for a funeral , so to speak. Ashley decided to make her last tribute. She woke up and decided to face her biggest fear -the dead man. Ashley entered a great hall but before she could take one more step she felt a hand holding her.

Hanna: "Let's leave, I know its too hard for you!"

Ashley: "But I have to face it today."

Hanna: "Not today, look at you! You're so nervous!"



The two girls finally left the big hall.

Ashley: "Poor uncle Arthur! -said Ashley. His uncle died but he was almost cured."

Hanna:"What?"

Ashley: "Yeah, he was fighting a serious disease, but it was very strange, he almost made it!"

Hanna:"Do you know the name of the disease?"

Ashley: "No, but I know that he used to give himself an injection every day."

Hanna:" I think I know what the disease was about..."

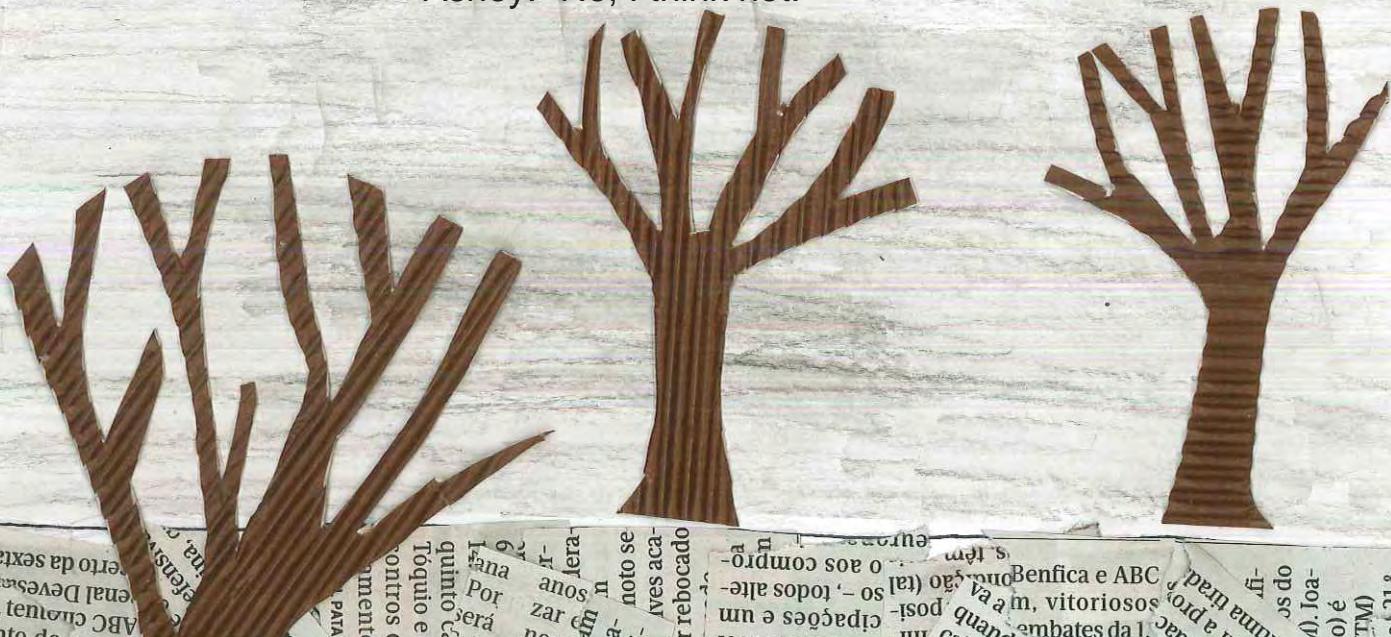
Ashley: "Yeah, and if he took the whole injection he would surely die!"

Hanna: "Really?"

Ashley: "Yes, but if he died because of that, his mouth would certainly turn dark."

Hanna: "Did anyone watch his mouth?"

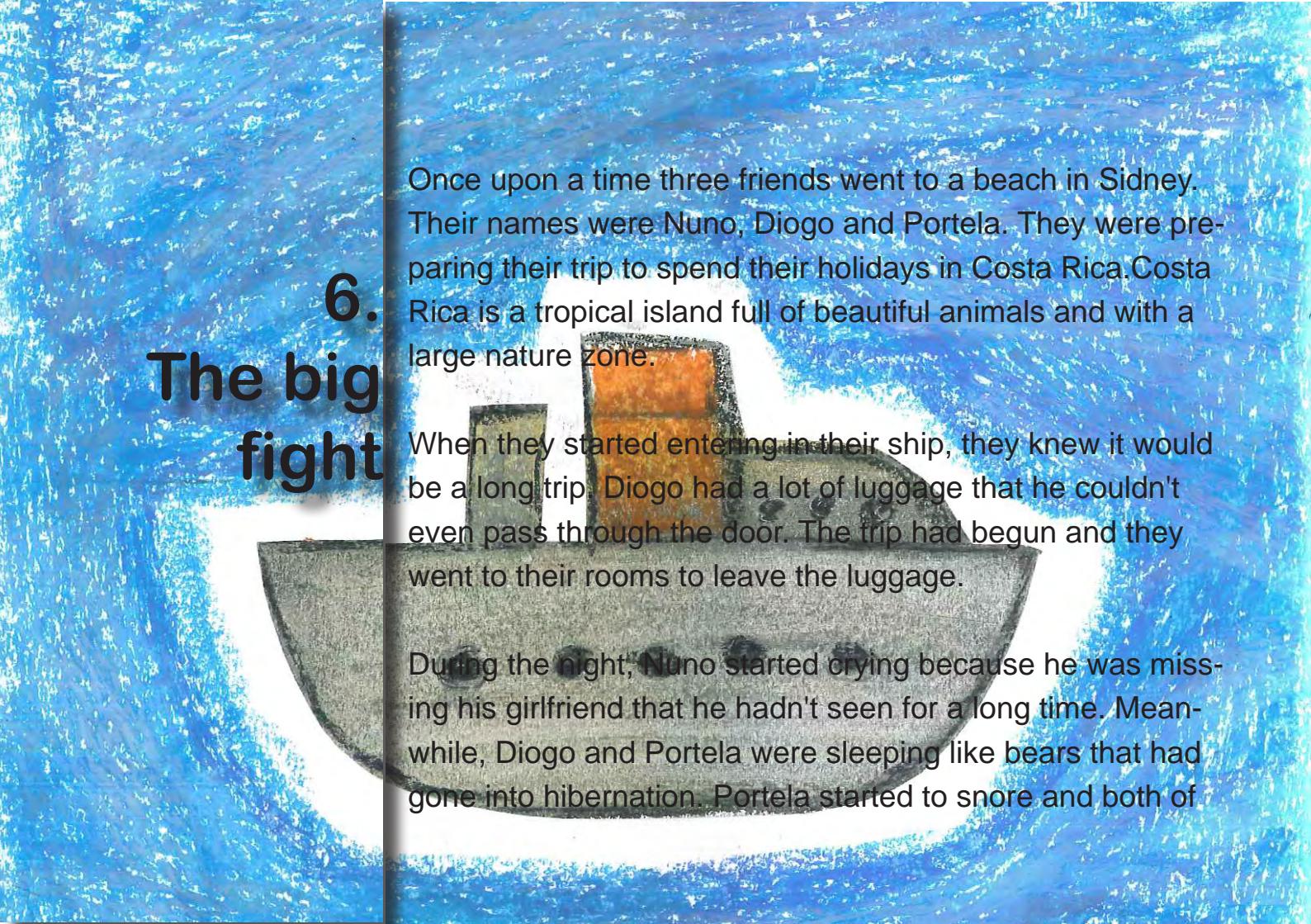
Ashley: "No, I think not."



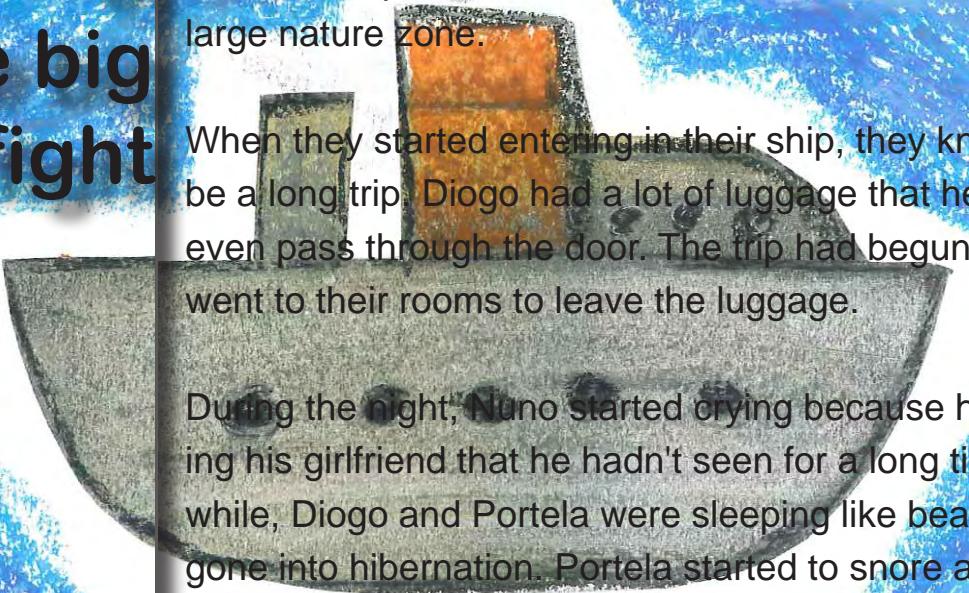
They left the church. It was cold. The two girls started their walk into the mansion of the dead uncle. During ten minutes, they didn't even say a word...



# 6. The big fight

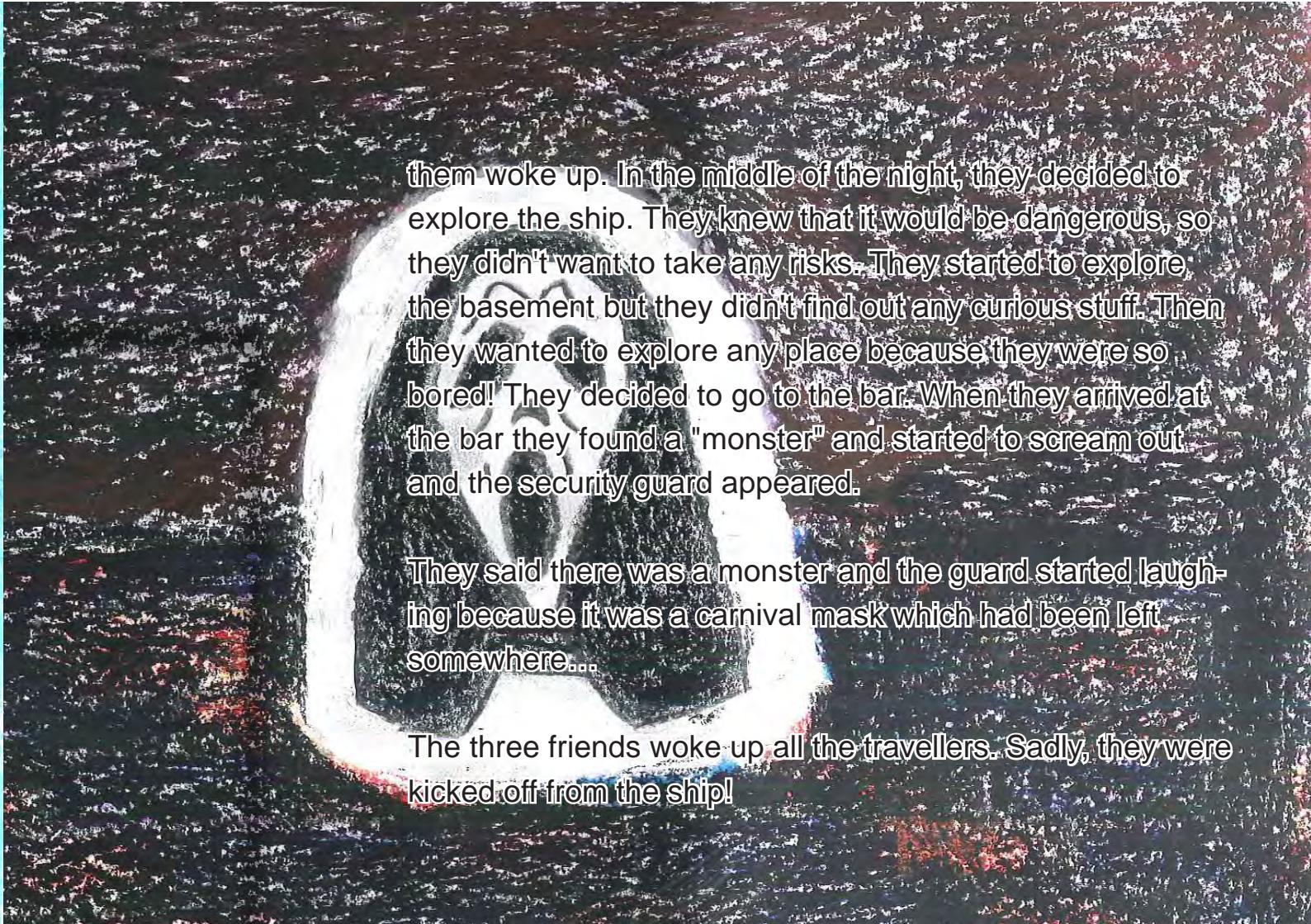


Once upon a time three friends went to a beach in Sidney. Their names were Nuno, Diogo and Portela. They were preparing their trip to spend their holidays in Costa Rica. Costa Rica is a tropical island full of beautiful animals and with a large nature zone.



When they started entering in their ship, they knew it would be a long trip. Diogo had a lot of luggage that he couldn't even pass through the door. The trip had begun and they went to their rooms to leave the luggage.

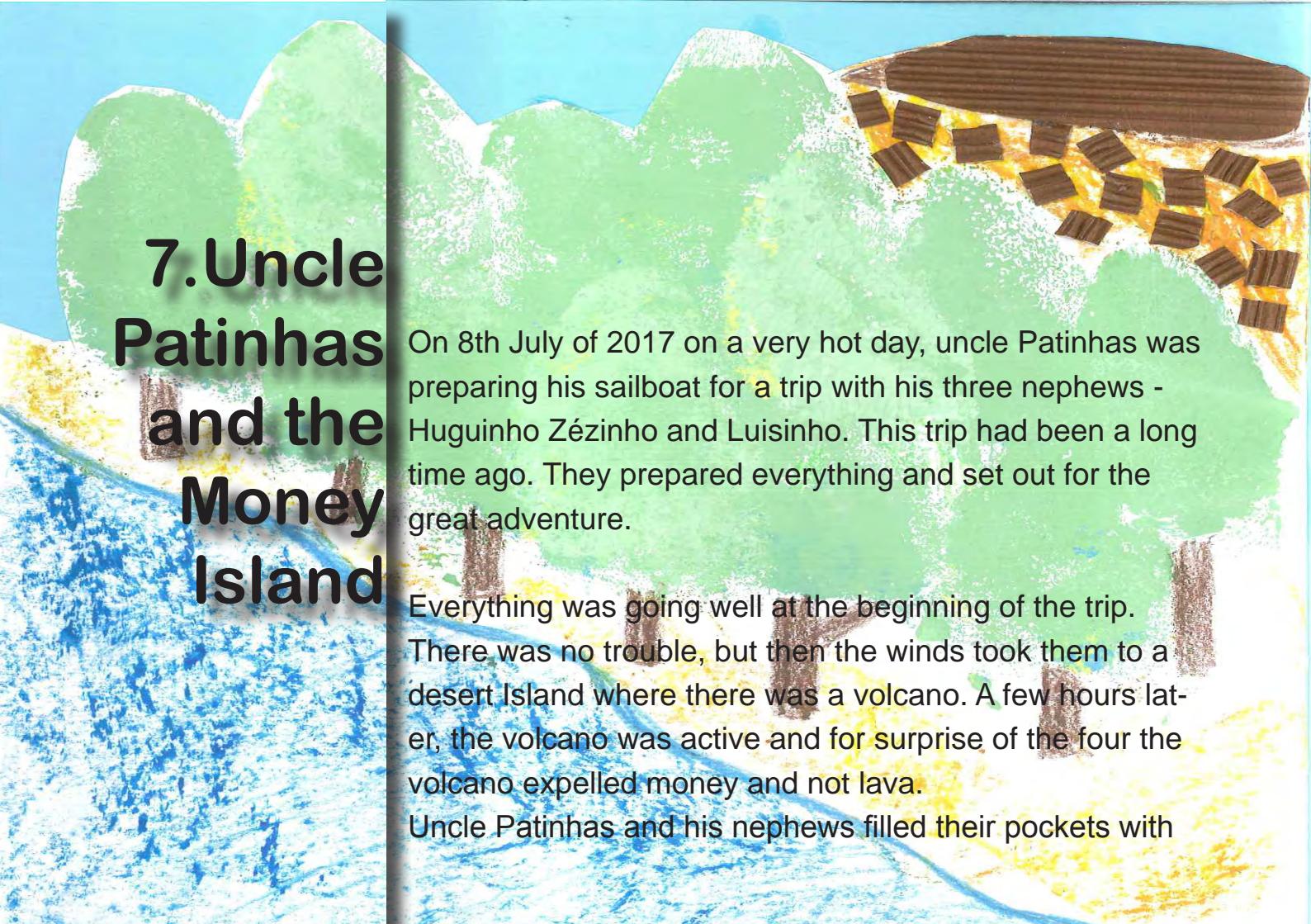
During the night, Nuno started crying because he was missing his girlfriend that he hadn't seen for a long time. Meanwhile, Diogo and Portela were sleeping like bears that had gone into hibernation. Portela started to snore and both of



them woke up. In the middle of the night, they decided to explore the ship. They knew that it would be dangerous, so they didn't want to take any risks. They started to explore the basement but they didn't find out any curious stuff. Then they wanted to explore any place because they were so bored! They decided to go to the bar. When they arrived at the bar they found a "monster" and started to scream out and the security guard appeared.

They said there was a monster and the guard started laughing because it was a carnival mask which had been left somewhere...

The three friends woke up all the travellers. Sadly, they were kicked off from the ship!



## 7.Uncle Patinhas and the Money Island

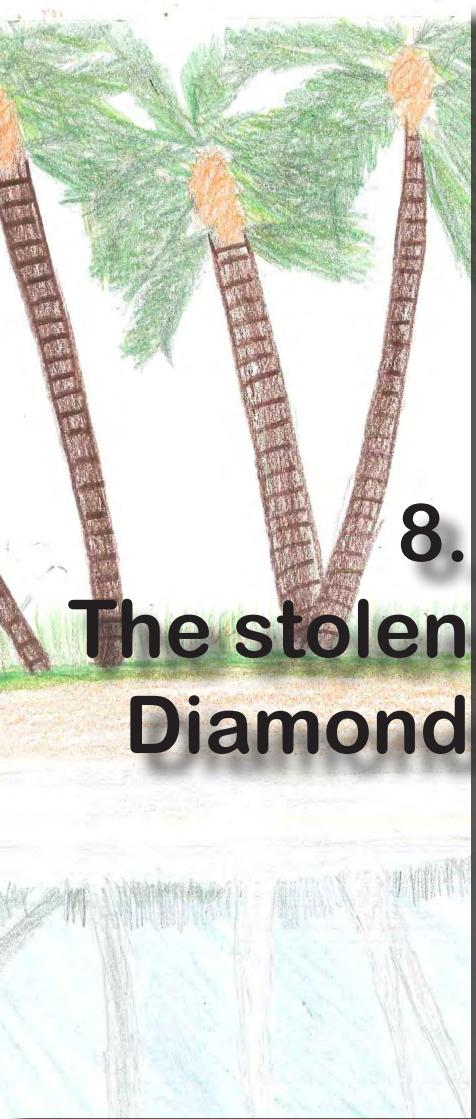
On 8th July of 2017 on a very hot day, uncle Patinhas was preparing his sailboat for a trip with his three nephews - Huguinho Zézinho and Luisinho. This trip had been a long time ago. They prepared everything and set out for the great adventure.

Everything was going well at the beginning of the trip. There was no trouble, but then the winds took them to a desert Island where there was a volcano. A few hours later, the volcano was active and for surprise of the four the volcano expelled money and not lava.

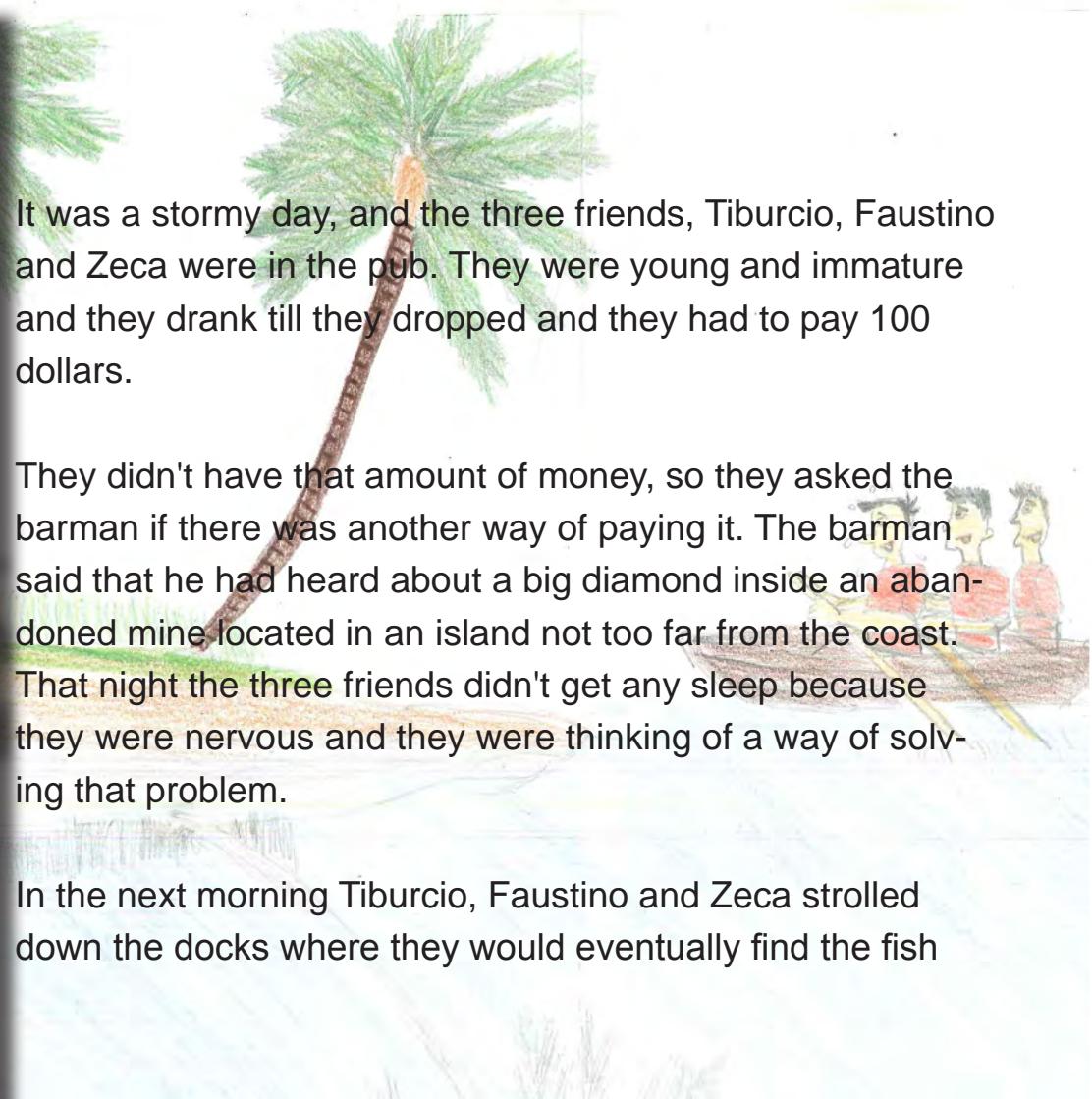
Uncle Patinhas and his nephews filled their pockets with

money and went to the boat on their way home. When they arrived they filled their coffers with the money which they had brought from the Island.

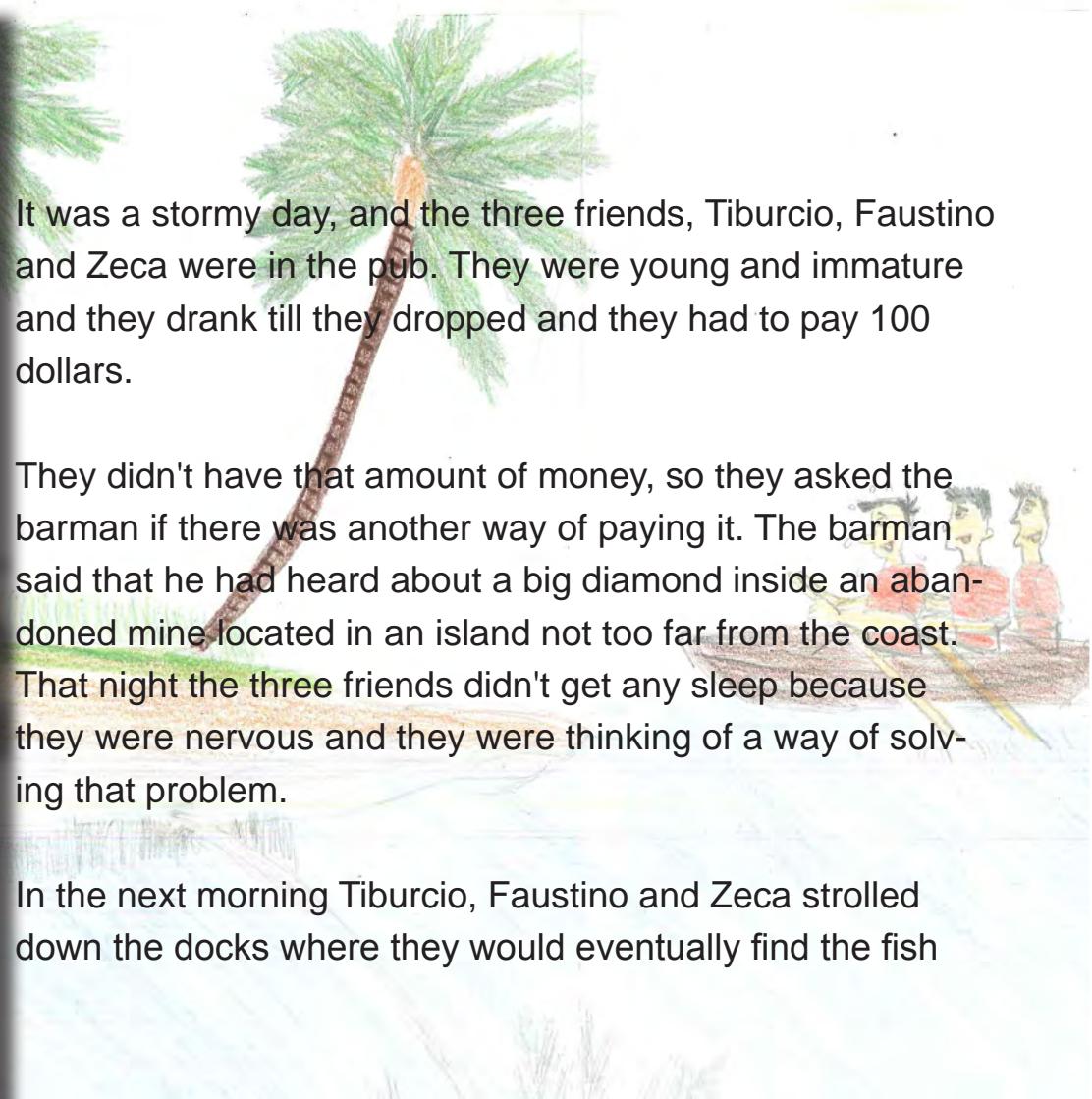




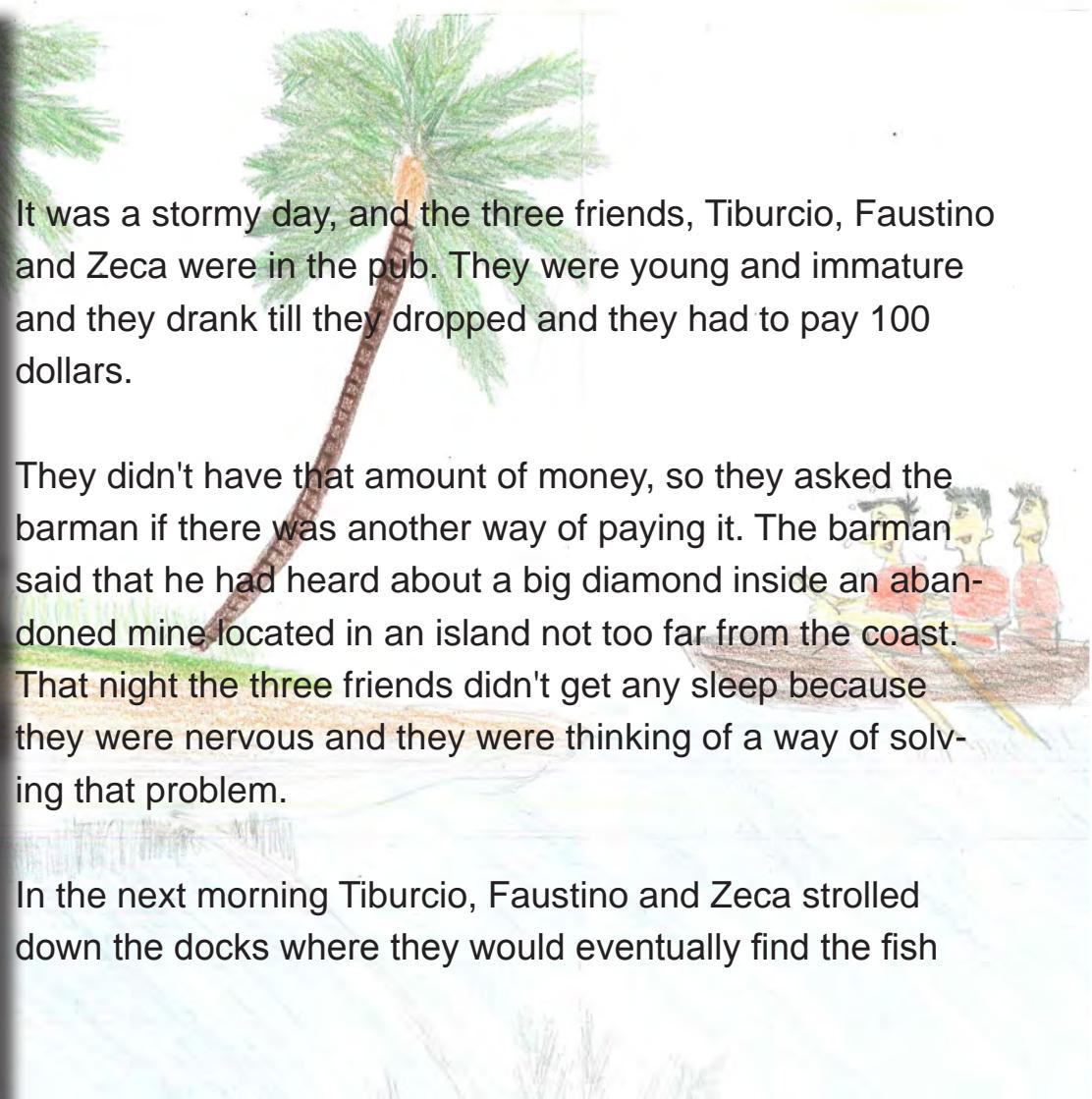
## 8. The stolen Diamond



It was a stormy day, and the three friends, Tiburcio, Faustino and Zeca were in the pub. They were young and immature and they drank till they dropped and they had to pay 100 dollars.



They didn't have that amount of money, so they asked the barman if there was another way of paying it. The barman said that he had heard about a big diamond inside an abandoned mine located in an island not too far from the coast. That night the three friends didn't get any sleep because they were nervous and they were thinking of a way of solving that problem.



In the next morning Tiburcio, Faustino and Zeca strolled down the docks where they would eventually find the fish



erman. They told him about their problem and he decided to help them but only if they gave him 20% of the price. They didn't have any choice, so they agreed. They left the docks in the fisherman's boat, heading to the island. When they arrived, they decided to look around the place to find the diamond. When they found it they immediately left. Suddenly a very big wave hit the boat and took the diamond.

As they both knew how to swim, they managed to swim to the shore.

Then they went to the pub to talk to the barman. But the girl from the pub told them that he had gone on vacation because he had found a diamond !

# 9. Old men on the sea

Once upon a time, there was a man who liked the sea. His name was Fernando. To support his family, he used to fish all night long, in spite of loving his job, too.

Fernando lived in a small house with his wife and little kid. He was old, ugly, tall, well-built covered with scars. He had a moustache and glasses. He was friendly, kind, quiet, nervous and shy.

One night, he went to a new pub, to celebrate an event. He knocked unconscious because he had drunk too much. When he arrived home, his wife saw him that way and sent him to bed. He didn't obey and went fishing, he imagined that he was seeing a very beautiful and attractive mermaid.

"Hello! Are you a real mermaid? Can you hear me? You are



beautiful, please talk to me!".

Nobody answered. He felt tired and went back home to his family, always thinking about his mermaid. When he arrived his family asked him:

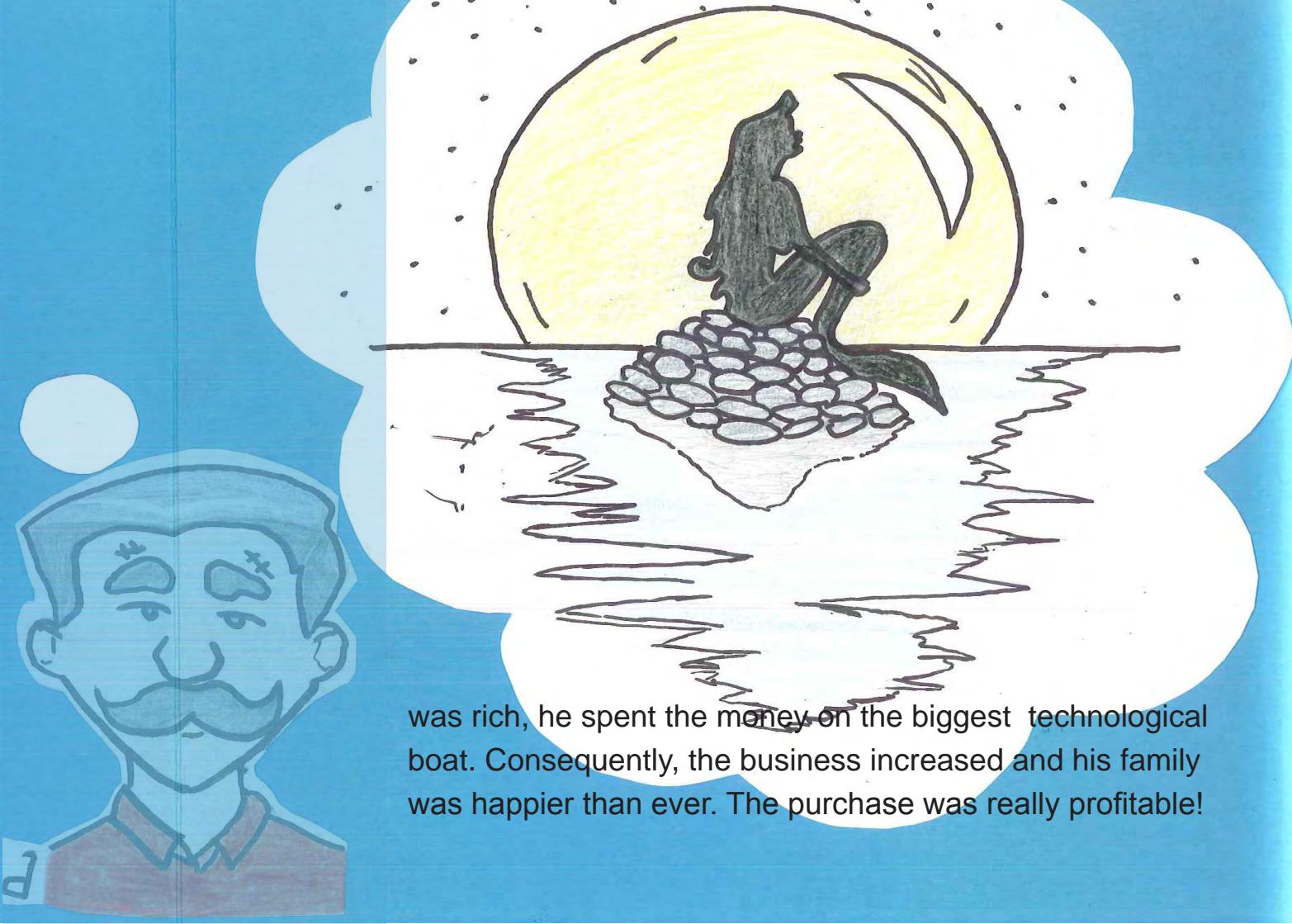
"where did you go?"

"I went for a ride in my boat. I'll get some sleep"

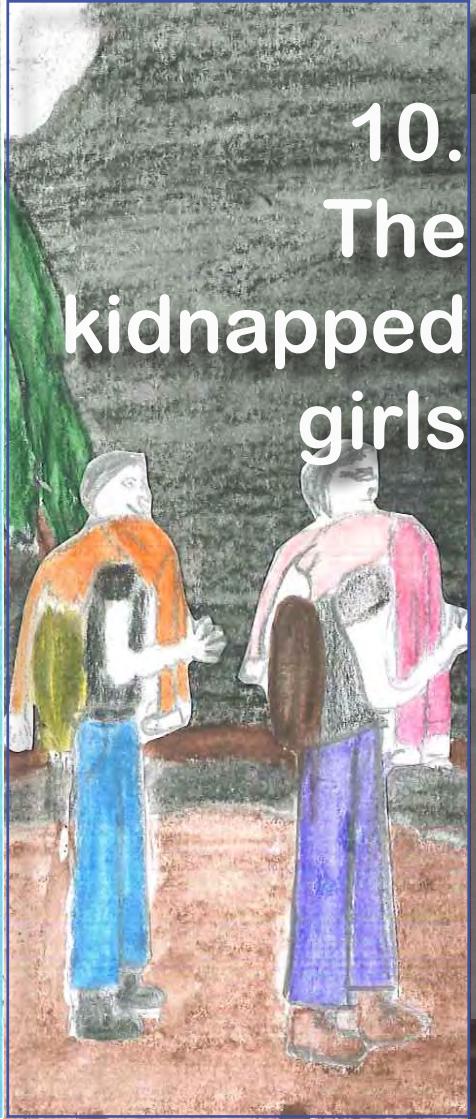
His family started to be suspicious because he started to go fishing very often.

While Fernando was fishing, he wasn't aware of reality. As his family depended on him, they went through difficulties and didn't have anything to eat.

After a long time, Fernando won the lottery and because he



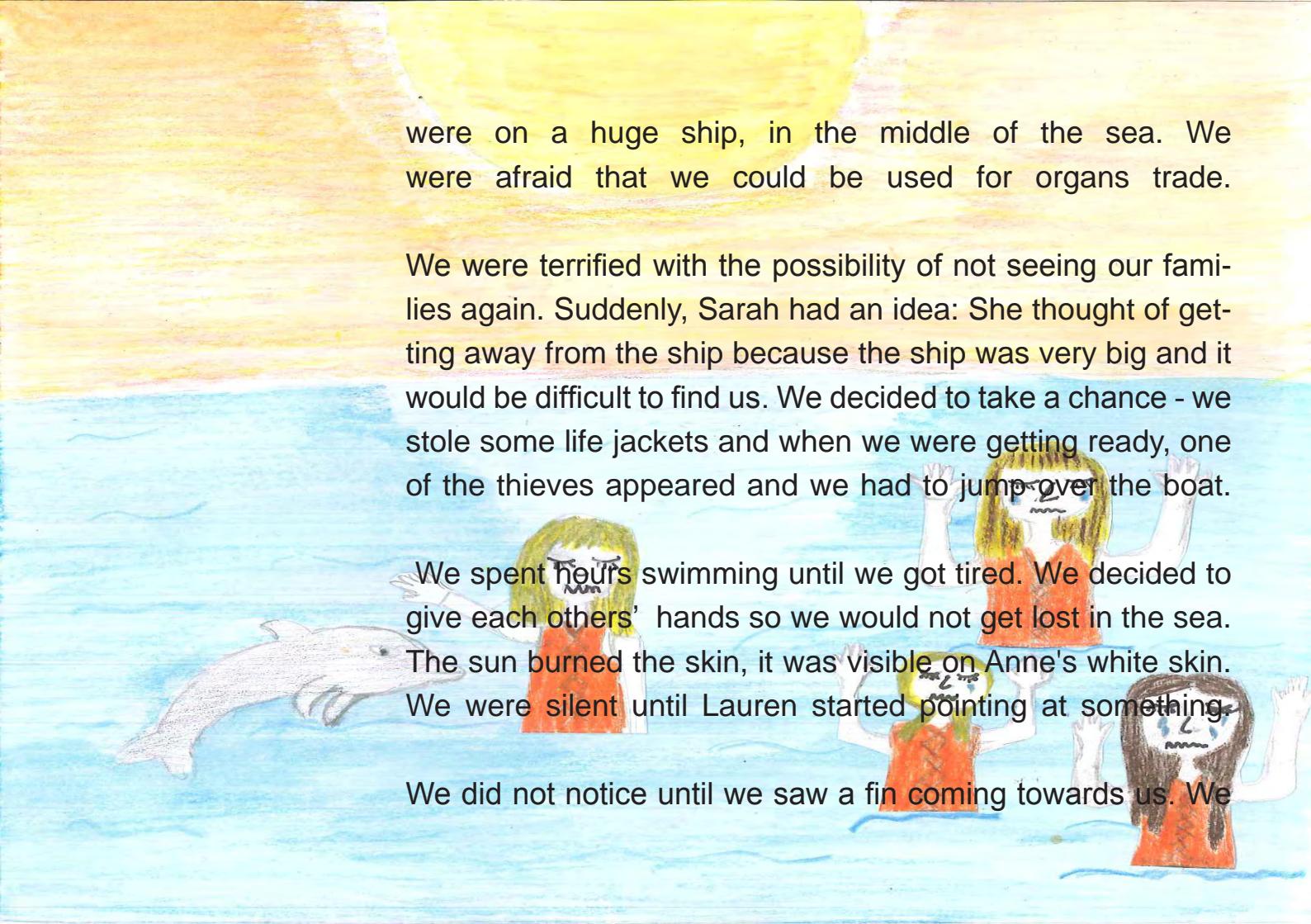
was rich, he spent the money on the biggest technological boat. Consequently, the business increased and his family was happier than ever. The purchase was really profitable!



# 10. The kidnapped girls

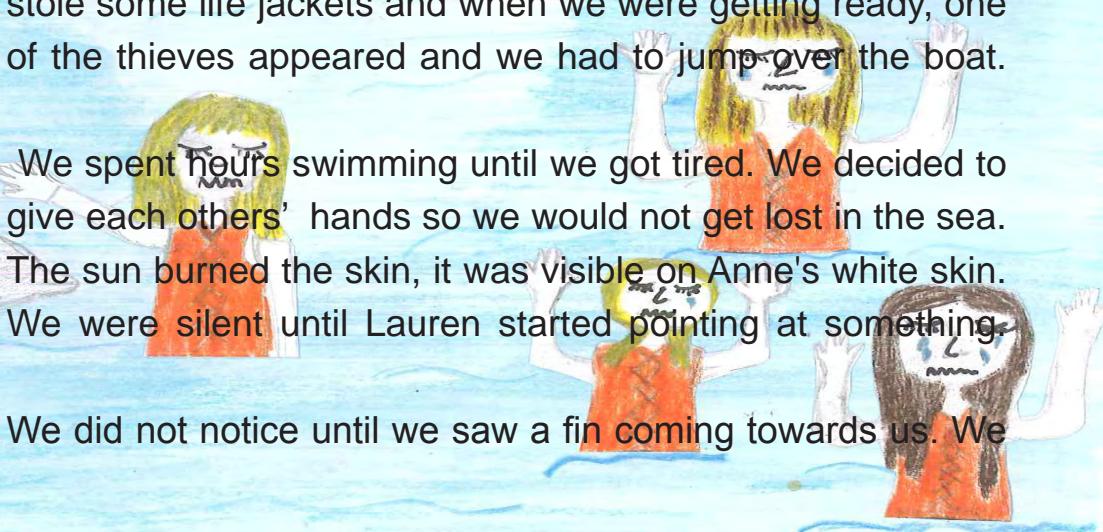
It was a very beautiful day. I was alone at home. I invited my friends Sarah, Anne, Lauren to enjoy my company. When they arrived, we left the house but it was too late. We went to see our boyfriends and we went to the cinema by bus. We watched a movie and then we went shopping. Finally, we went back home and ordered pizzas for everybody.

At the end of dinner we were all tired, our boyfriends decided to leave and we went to sleep. On that night, Lauren woke up and she heard a noise. She thought her parents had decided to get up. She was surprised when she got there and saw two men dressed in dark carrying everything we had at home. She tried to hide herself, but she would eventually be caught. When the thieves broke into the bedrooms they found me, Sarah and Anne, and they took us with them. We were dragged into a van and drugged. Many days went by but we were still half-dazed. We



were on a huge ship, in the middle of the sea. We were afraid that we could be used for organs trade.

We were terrified with the possibility of not seeing our families again. Suddenly, Sarah had an idea: She thought of getting away from the ship because the ship was very big and it would be difficult to find us. We decided to take a chance - we stole some life jackets and when we were getting ready, one of the thieves appeared and we had to jump over the boat.



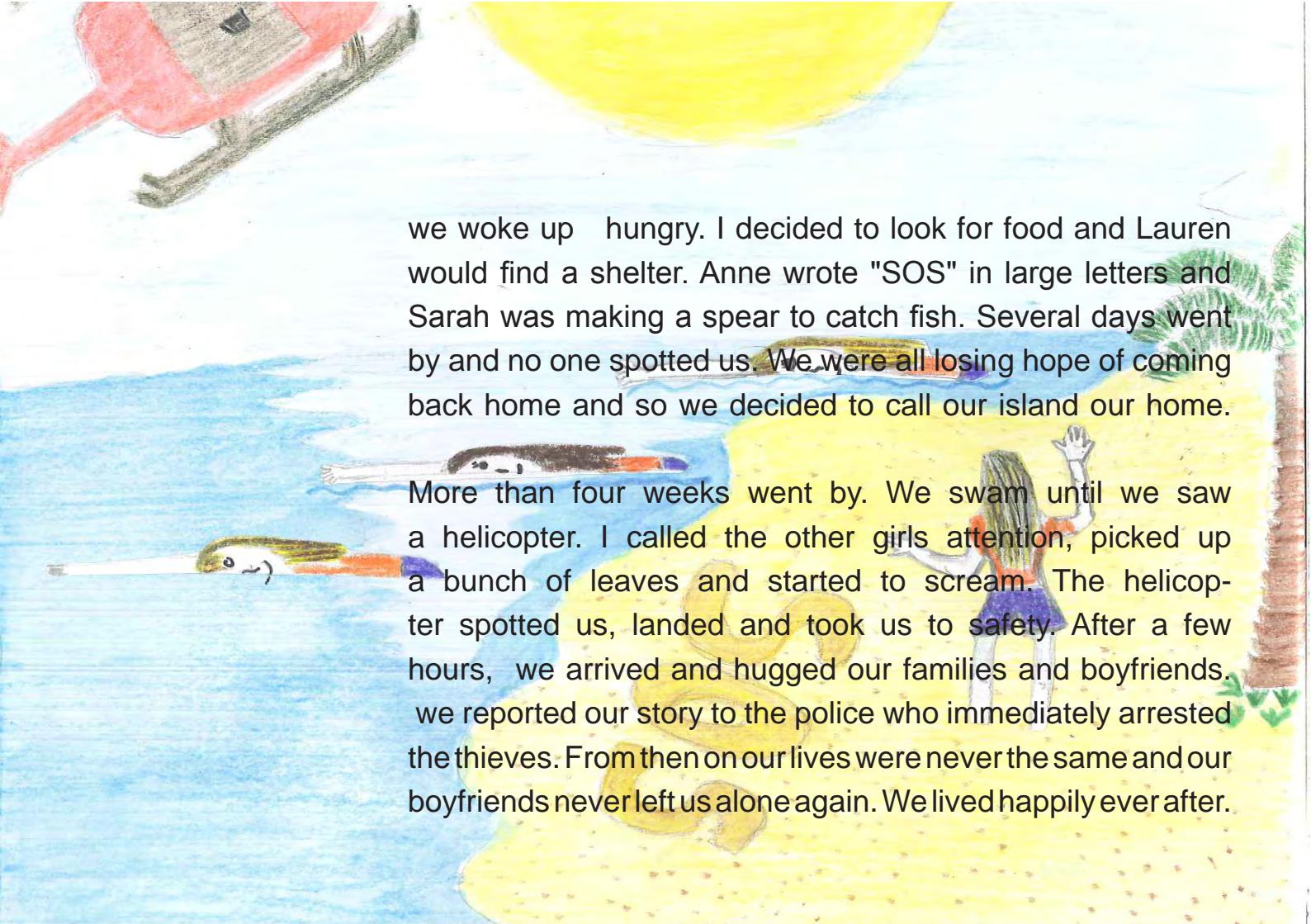
We spent hours swimming until we got tired. We decided to give each others' hands so we would not get lost in the sea. The sun burned the skin, it was visible on Anne's white skin. We were silent until Lauren started pointing at something.

We did not notice until we saw a fin coming towards us. We



started swimming as fast as we could until we found the fin in front of us. We were scared, so we hugged each other. Anne said it was just a dolphin. We were very relieved. He was playful and thanks to him we managed to get to an island. We thanked the dolphin and his family and explored the island.

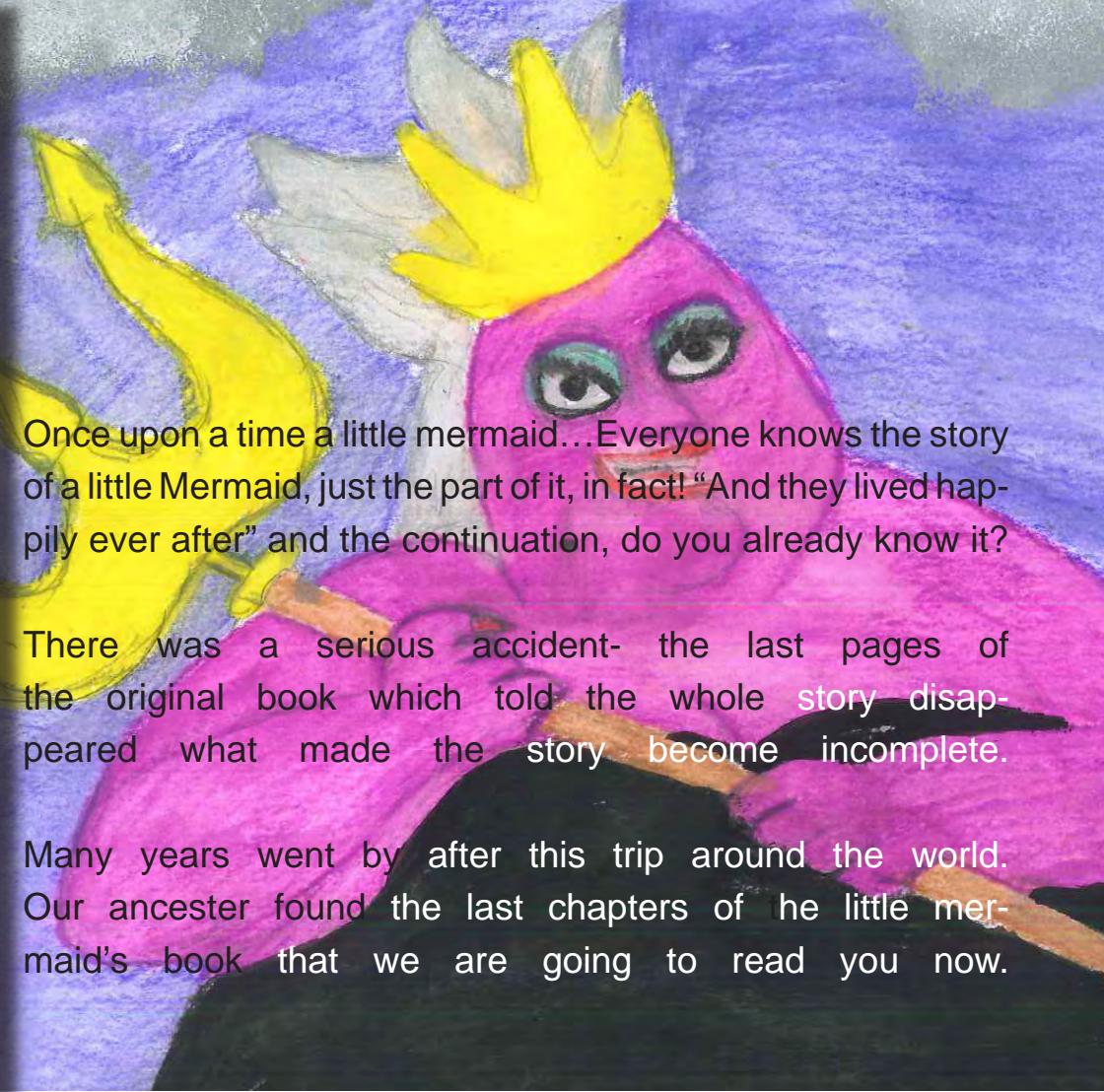
We divided people into two groups: Lauren and Anne went to find everything that could be used to make a shelter; Sarah and I went looking for food. We told each other we would meet at the beach. Some time later, Sarah and I headed for the beach with coconuts. Lauren and Anne were loaded with palm leaves. We showed what we had and we started making a shelter and a campfire that took a long time until it started to burn. By the time I started to get cold even in the heat, I took off my clothes and covered myself with leaves as if they were a towel. The girls did it too. When the night fell, we got dressed and drank some coconut water. The next day,



we woke up hungry. I decided to look for food and Lauren would find a shelter. Anne wrote "SOS" in large letters and Sarah was making a spear to catch fish. Several days went by and no one spotted us. We were all losing hope of coming back home and so we decided to call our island our home.

More than four weeks went by. We swam until we saw a helicopter. I called the other girls attention, picked up a bunch of leaves and started to scream. The helicopter spotted us, landed and took us to safety. After a few hours, we arrived and hugged our families and boyfriends. we reported our story to the police who immediately arrested the thieves. From then on our lives were never the same and our boyfriends never left us alone again. We lived happily ever after.

# 11.The mermaid 's story



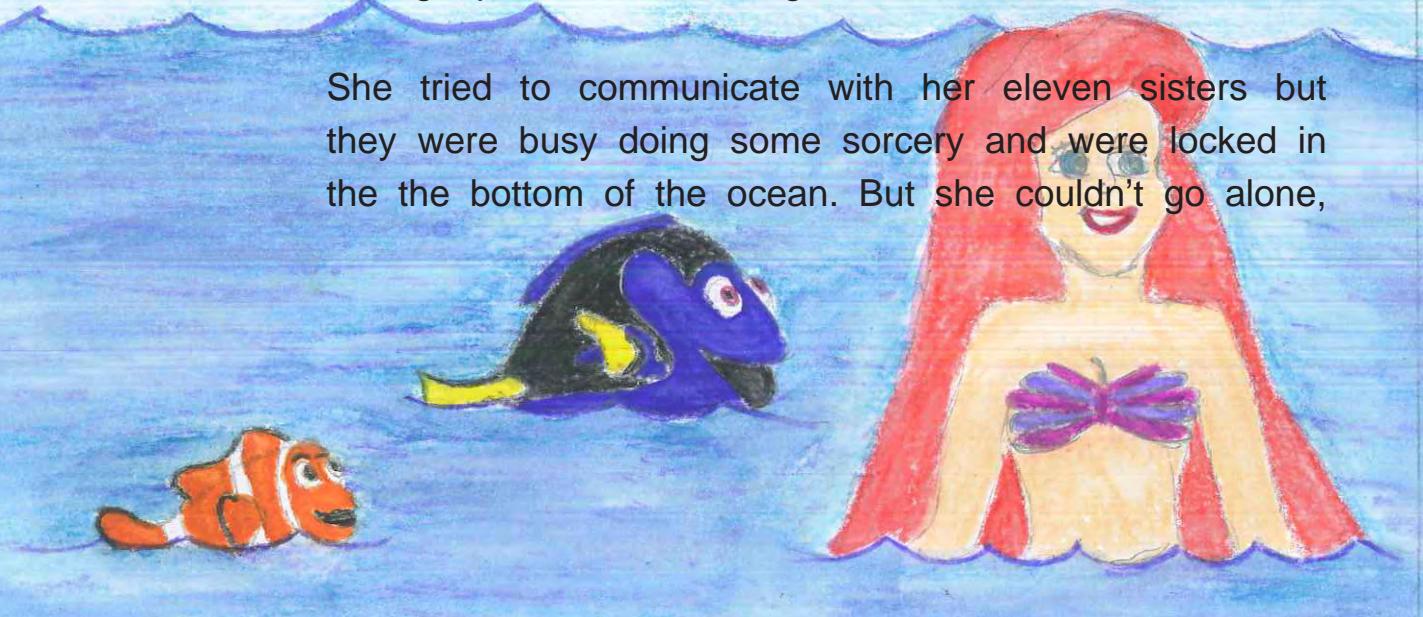
Once upon a time a little mermaid...Everyone knows the story of a little Mermaid, just the part of it, in fact! "And they lived happily ever after" and the continuation, do you already know it?

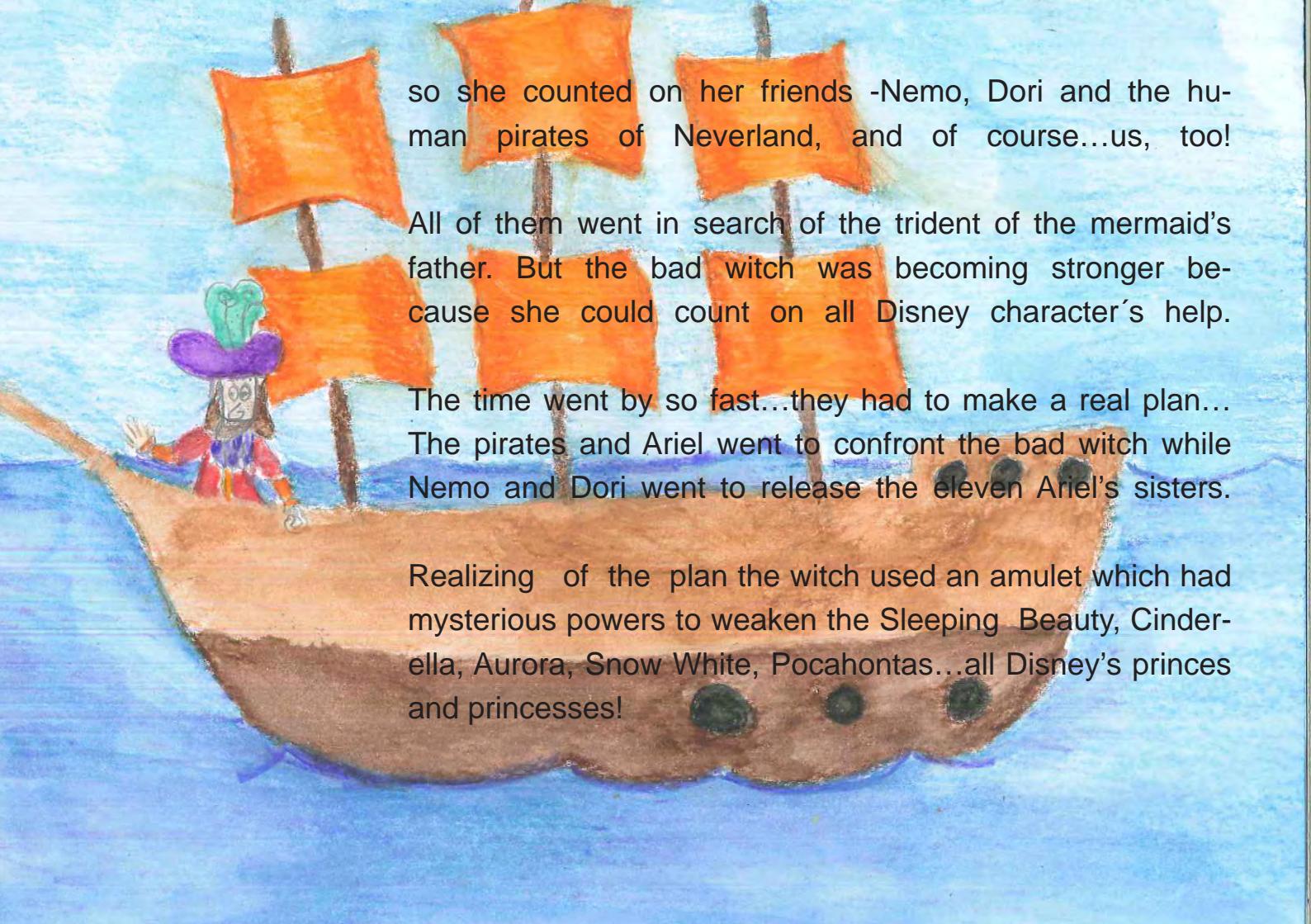
There was a serious accident- the last pages of the original book which told the whole story disappeared what made the story become incomplete.

Many years went by after this trip around the world. Our ancestor found the last chapters of the little mermaid's book that we are going to read you now.

After getting married a big catastrophe happened in Atlantida. The mermaid's trident was stolen by Ursula's sister. It would give her a lot of power. Her goal was to rule Atlantida. The king was very sick and who would save the old city down-under would be the just married Ariel, the little mermaid. But she had to recover her tail which she had lost when she got married with the love of her life. She had to drink a magic potion that would give her tail back for two hours.

She tried to communicate with her eleven sisters but they were busy doing some sorcery and were locked in the bottom of the ocean. But she couldn't go alone,



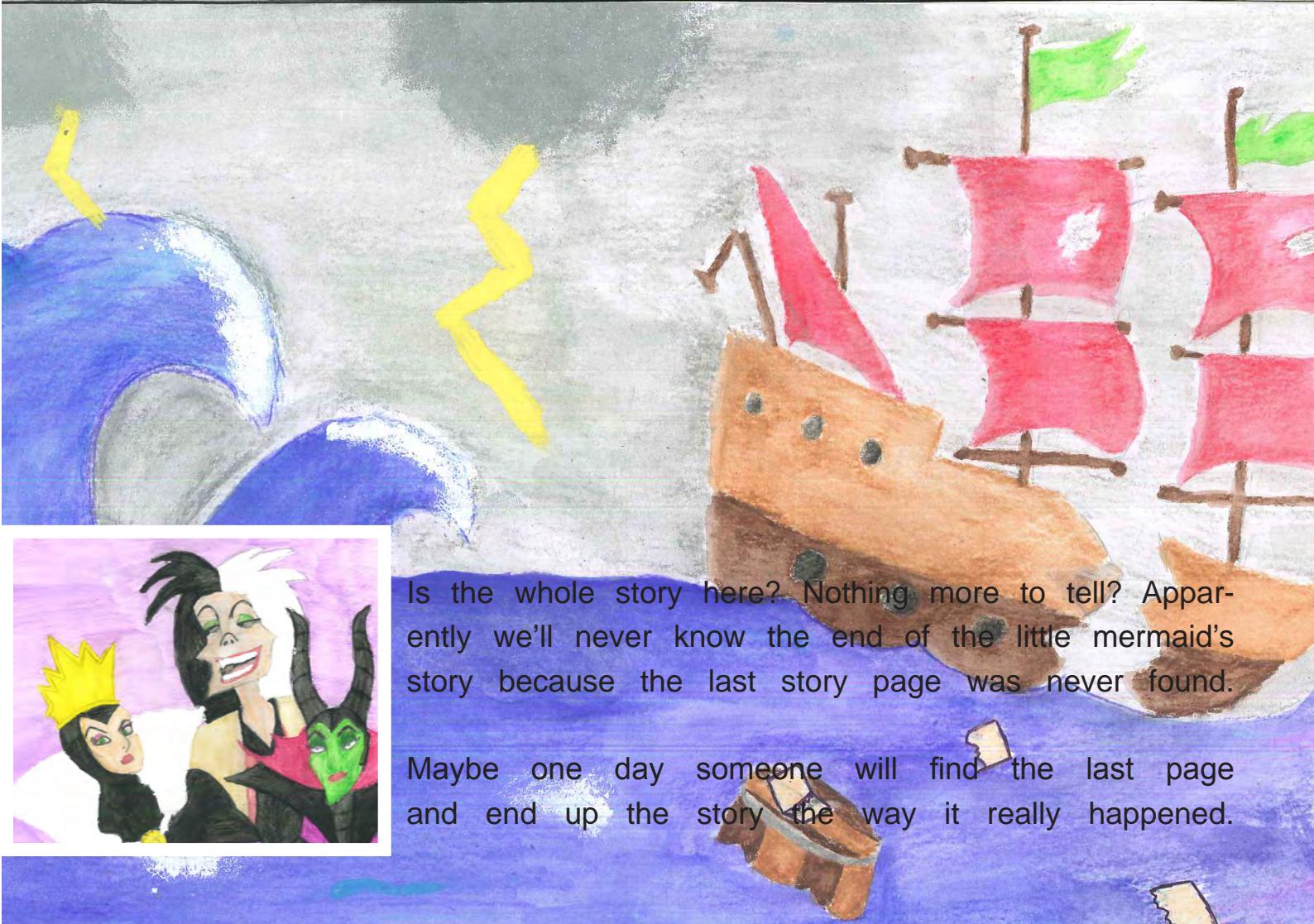


so she counted on her friends -Nemo, Dori and the human pirates of Neverland, and of course...us, too!

All of them went in search of the trident of the mermaid's father. But the bad witch was becoming stronger because she could count on all Disney character's help.

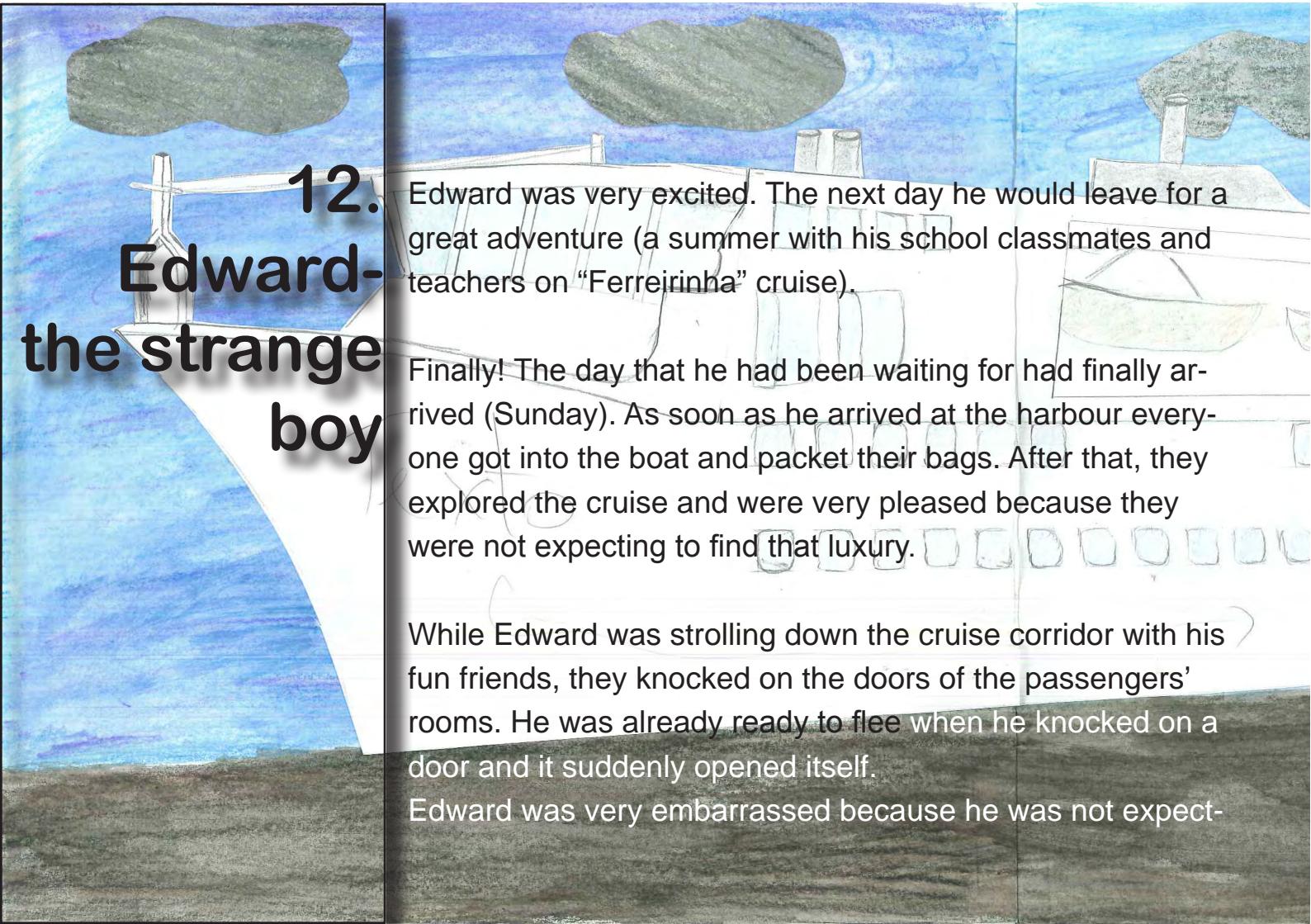
The time went by so fast...they had to make a real plan... The pirates and Ariel went to confront the bad witch while Nemo and Dori went to release the eleven Ariel's sisters.

Realizing of the plan the witch used an amulet which had mysterious powers to weaken the Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Aurora, Snow White, Pocahontas...all Disney's princes and princesses!



Is the whole story here? Nothing more to tell? Apparently we'll never know the end of the little mermaid's story because the last story page was never found.

Maybe one day someone will find the last page and end up the story the way it really happened.



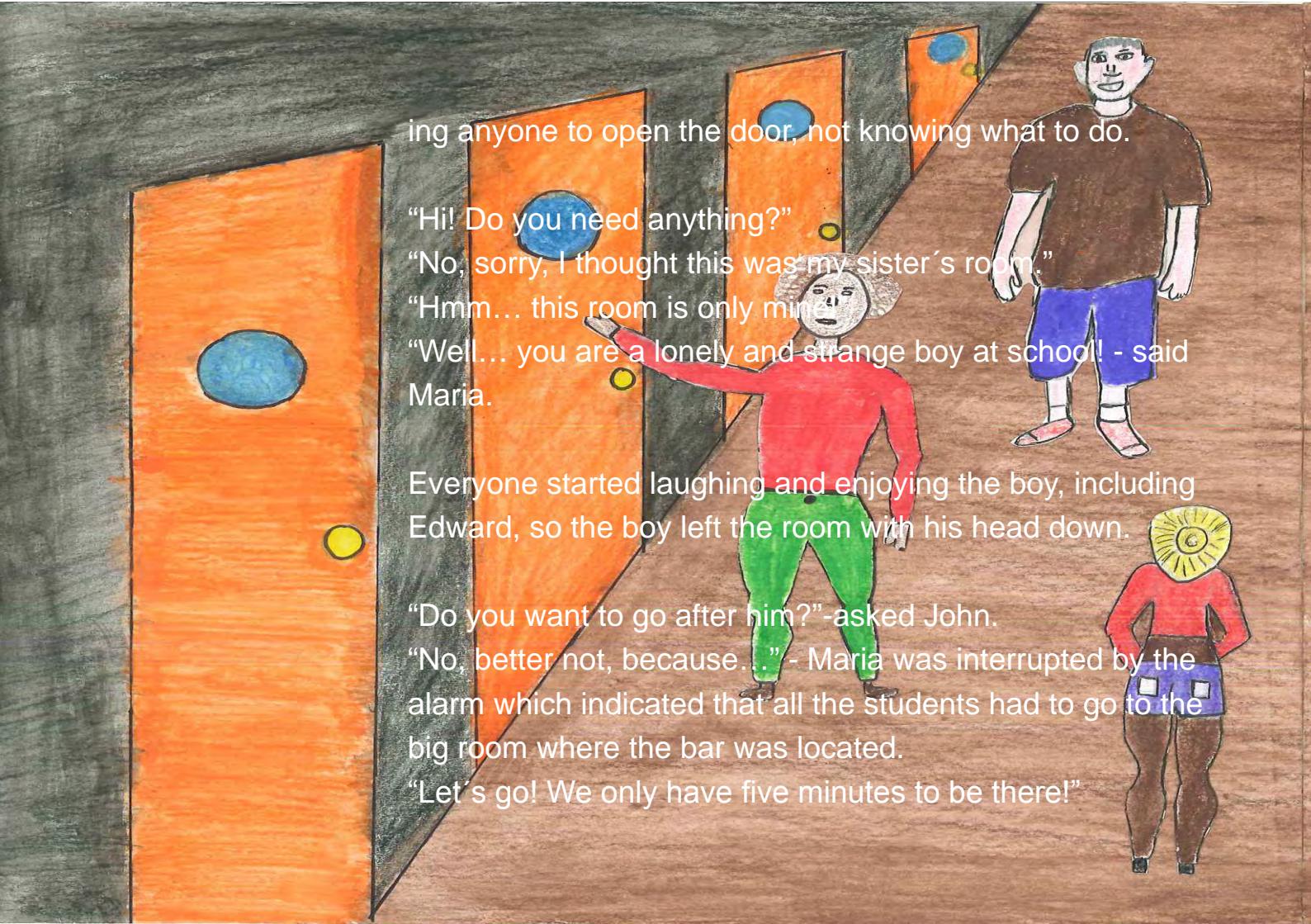
## 12. Edward- the strange boy

Edward was very excited. The next day he would leave for a great adventure (a summer with his school classmates and teachers on "Ferreirinha" cruise).

Finally! The day that he had been waiting for had finally arrived (Sunday). As soon as he arrived at the harbour everyone got into the boat and packed their bags. After that, they explored the cruise and were very pleased because they were not expecting to find that luxury.

While Edward was strolling down the cruise corridor with his fun friends, they knocked on the doors of the passengers' rooms. He was already ready to flee when he knocked on a door and it suddenly opened itself.

Edward was very embarrassed because he was not expect-



ing anyone to open the door, not knowing what to do.

"Hi! Do you need anything?"

"No, sorry, I thought this was my sister's room."

"Hmm... this room is only mine!"

"Well... you are a lonely and strange boy at school!" - said Maria.

Everyone started laughing and enjoying the boy, including Edward, so the boy left the room with his head down.

"Do you want to go after him?" - asked John.

"No, better not, because..." - Maria was interrupted by the alarm which indicated that all the students had to go to the big room where the bar was located.

"Let's go! We only have five minutes to be there!"

They all went into the room which in less than two minutes was crowded with students.

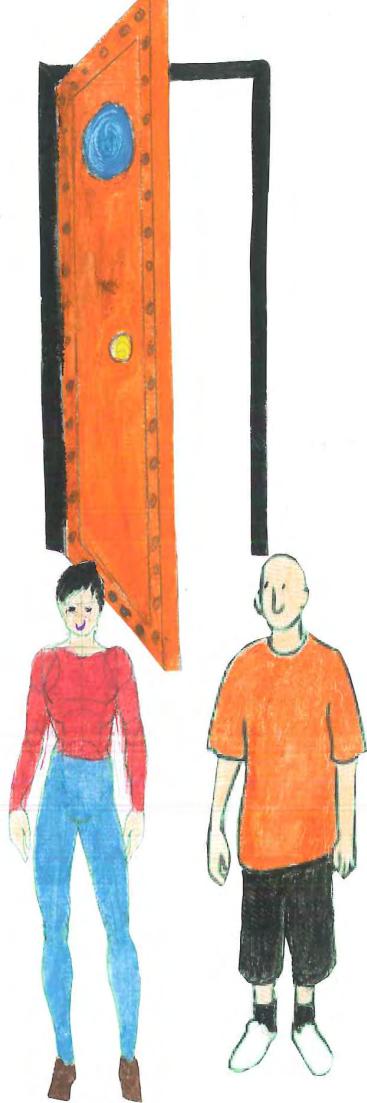
"Attention, attention, please!"- said the teacher whom everyone stopped to listen to.

"In that moment, the plans were being delivered with that week's activities. Behave as responsible people and HAVE FUN!!"

They were all sat at the tables because it was dinner time. At dinner, Edward and his friends were talking and laughing. While they were eating, Edward saw the strange boy was alone at the table.

"People, people, there he is, the strange boy!"

"HAHAHA let's throw some food on his head!"-said John  
"Yes, yes -said the others."



They all started throwing food at the strange boy. Edward was the first and he was followed by the other boys. First, the boy didn't notice what was happening but then he got angry and left the room.

The boys went after him but he locked himself in the bedroom. The group, was shocked so they knocked on the boy's door and said:

"We want to apologize for this, please open the door..."

"No, you were making fun of me!"

"No, we weren't!"

The boy opened the door and the group apologized. They had a serious conversation and became friends.



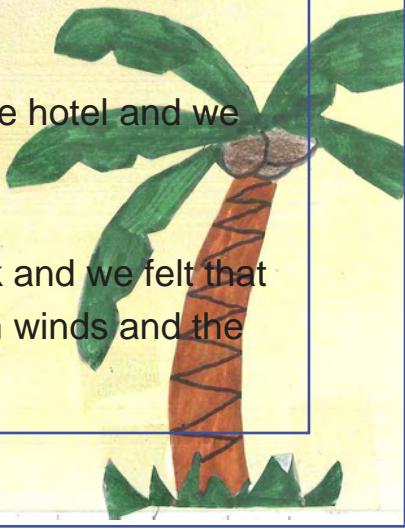
## 13. A tsunami

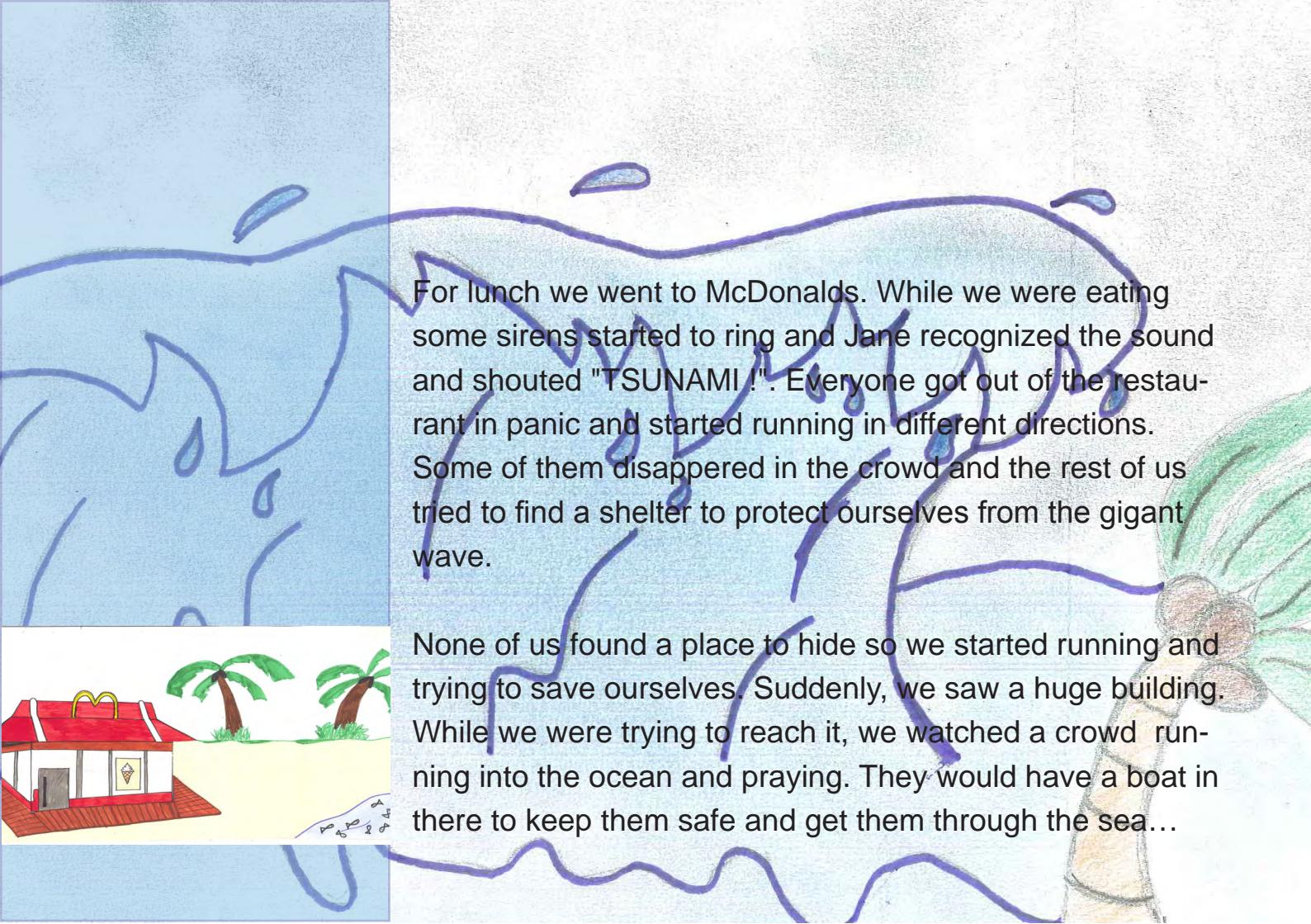
It's been a year and I still have nightmares about that day. A year ago ...

"I'm so excited for this trip ! I still can't believe that we had this opportunity to visit Miami!".

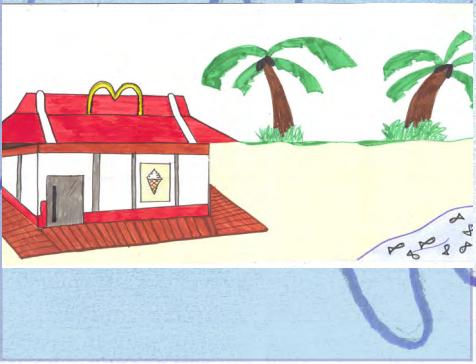
When we got there, we went straight to the hotel and we unpacked everything.

On the next day we went for a beach walk and we felt that something was not right: there were warm winds and the fish were approaching the coast.





For lunch we went to McDonalds. While we were eating some sirens started to ring and Jane recognized the sound and shouted "TSUNAMI!". Everyone got out of the restaurant in panic and started running in different directions. Some of them disappeared in the crowd and the rest of us tried to find a shelter to protect ourselves from the giant wave.



None of us found a place to hide so we started running and trying to save ourselves. Suddenly, we saw a huge building. While we were trying to reach it, we watched a crowd running into the ocean and praying. They would have a boat in there to keep them safe and get them through the sea...



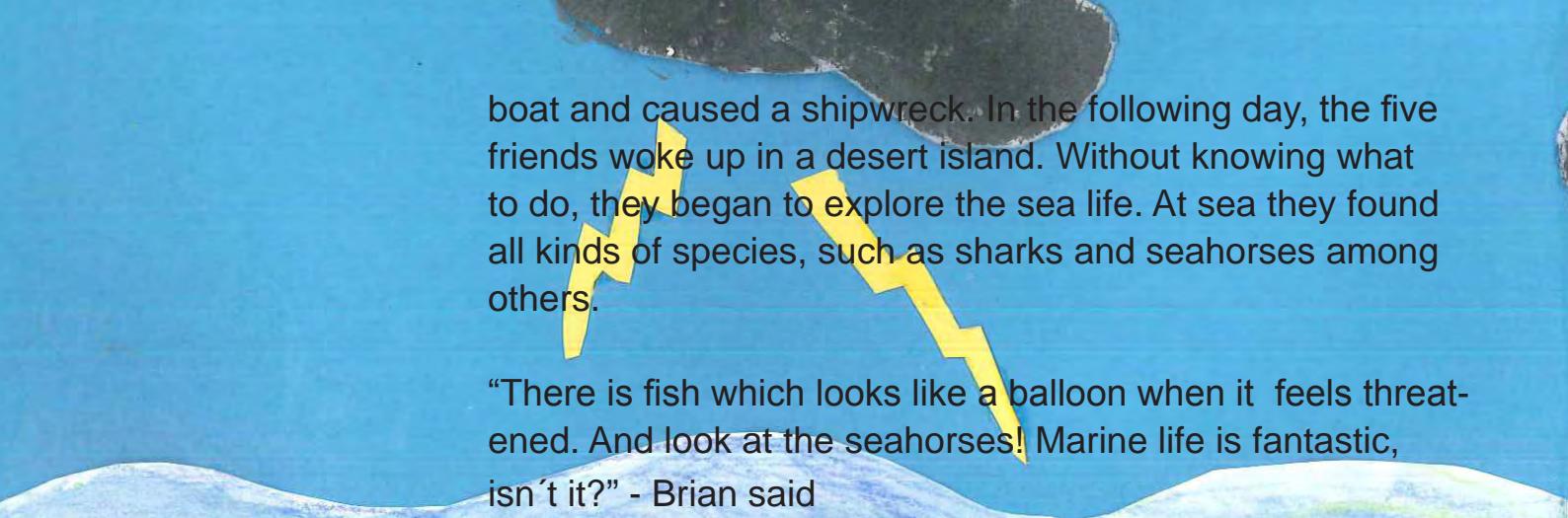
## 14. Found in the sea

Last year, five friends - Sarah, Brian, Kelly, William and Bob (the dog) travelled to the sea to learn more about sea life.

The sea was quiet, while they were talking about the kind of species that lived down under. But The sky was getting dark and black clouds started to appear. The dog started to bark.

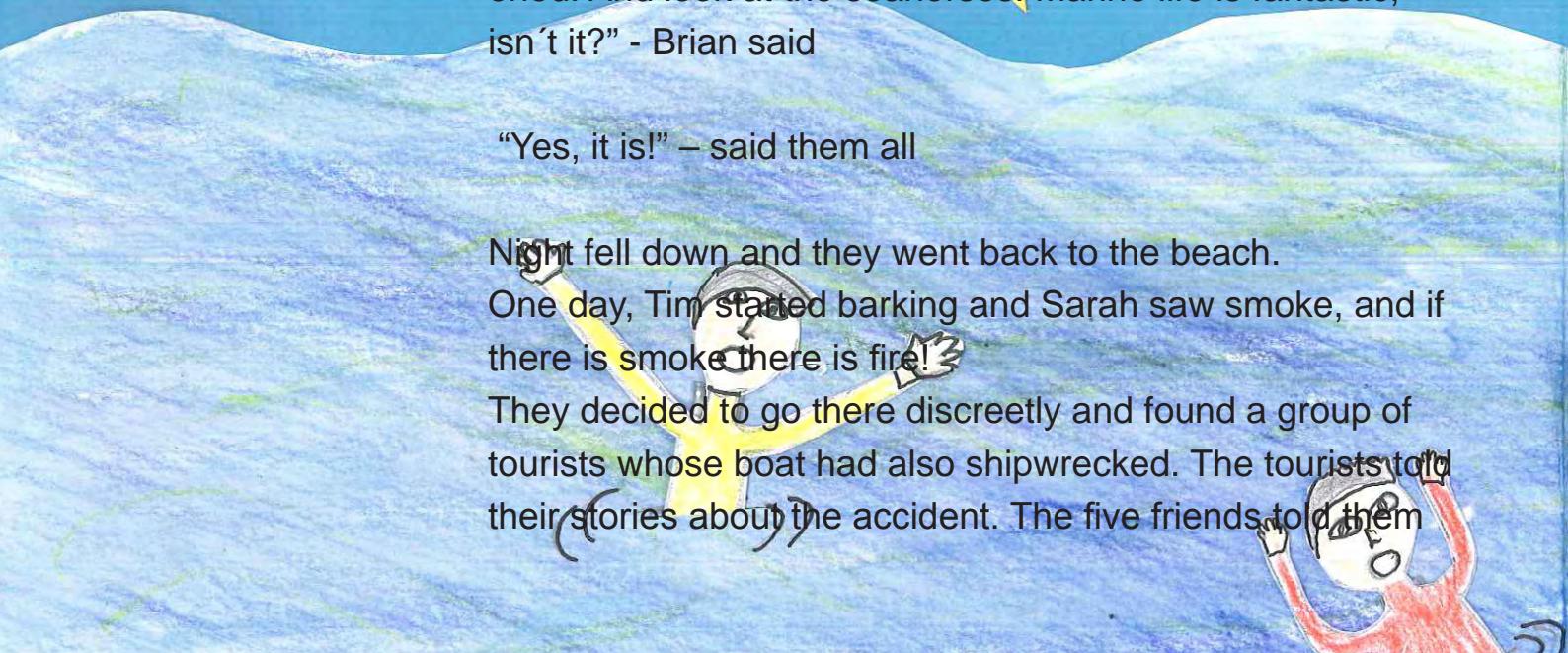
Kelly: "It seems that it is going to happen a storm."

Two hours later, it started to thunder. A lightning strike hit the



boat and caused a shipwreck. In the following day, the five friends woke up in a desert island. Without knowing what to do, they began to explore the sea life. At sea they found all kinds of species, such as sharks and seahorses among others.

“There is fish which looks like a balloon when it feels threatened. And look at the seahorses! Marine life is fantastic, isn’t it?” - Brian said

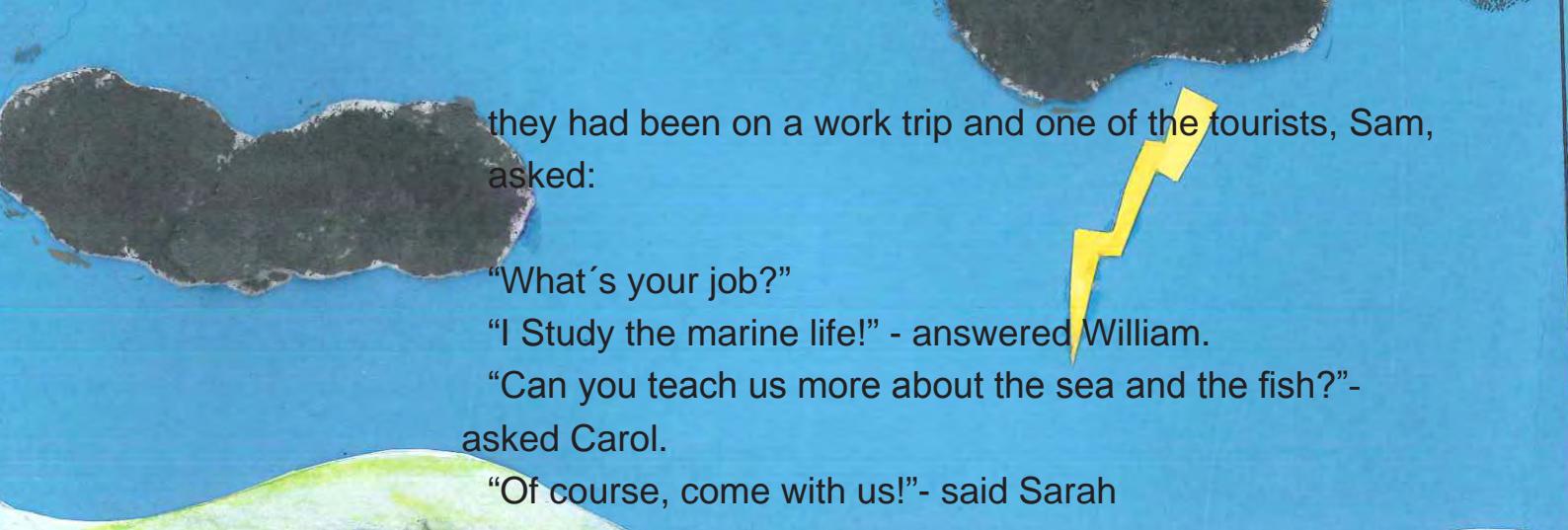


“Yes, it is!” – said them all

Night fell down and they went back to the beach.

One day, Tim started barking and Sarah saw smoke, and if there is smoke there is fire!

They decided to go there discreetly and found a group of tourists whose boat had also shipwrecked. The tourists told their stories about the accident. The five friends told them



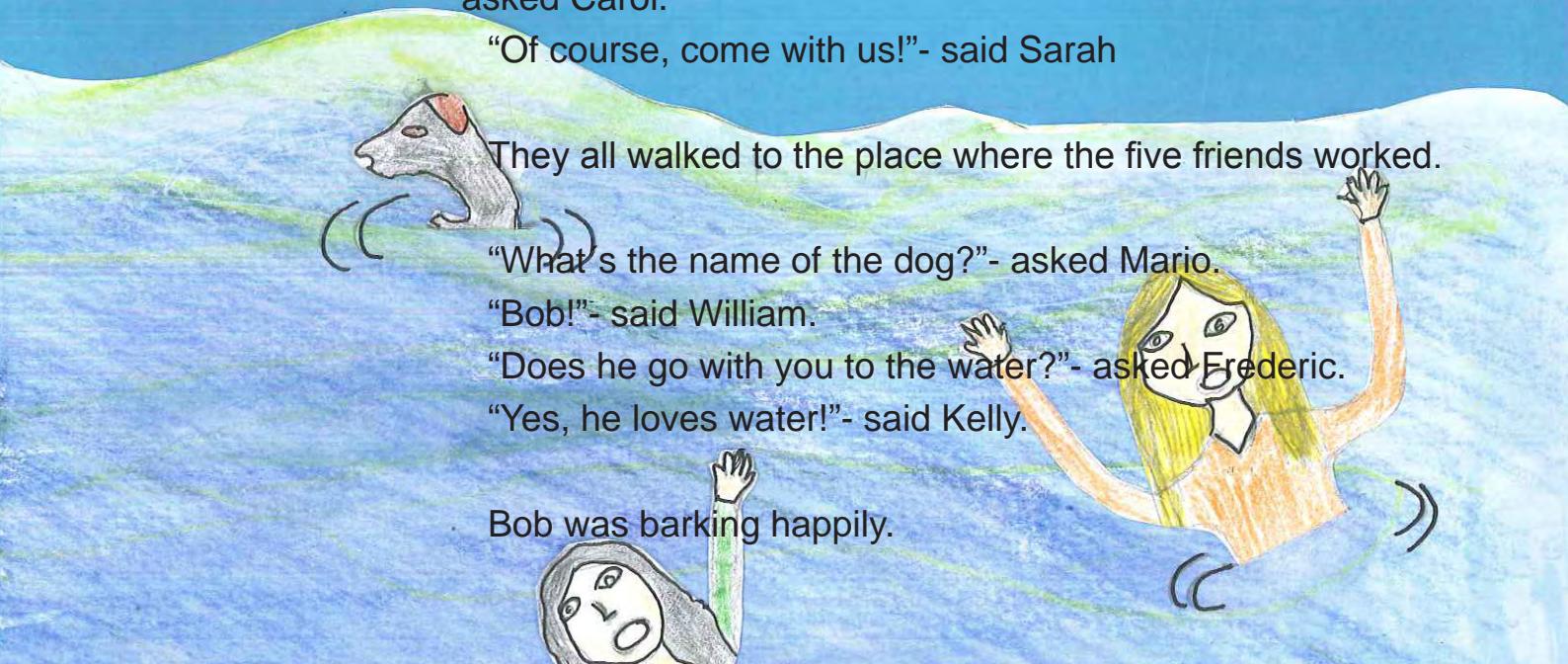
they had been on a work trip and one of the tourists, Sam, asked:

“What’s your job?”

“I Study the marine life!” - answered William.

“Can you teach us more about the sea and the fish?”- asked Carol.

“Of course, come with us!”- said Sarah



They all walked to the place where the five friends worked.

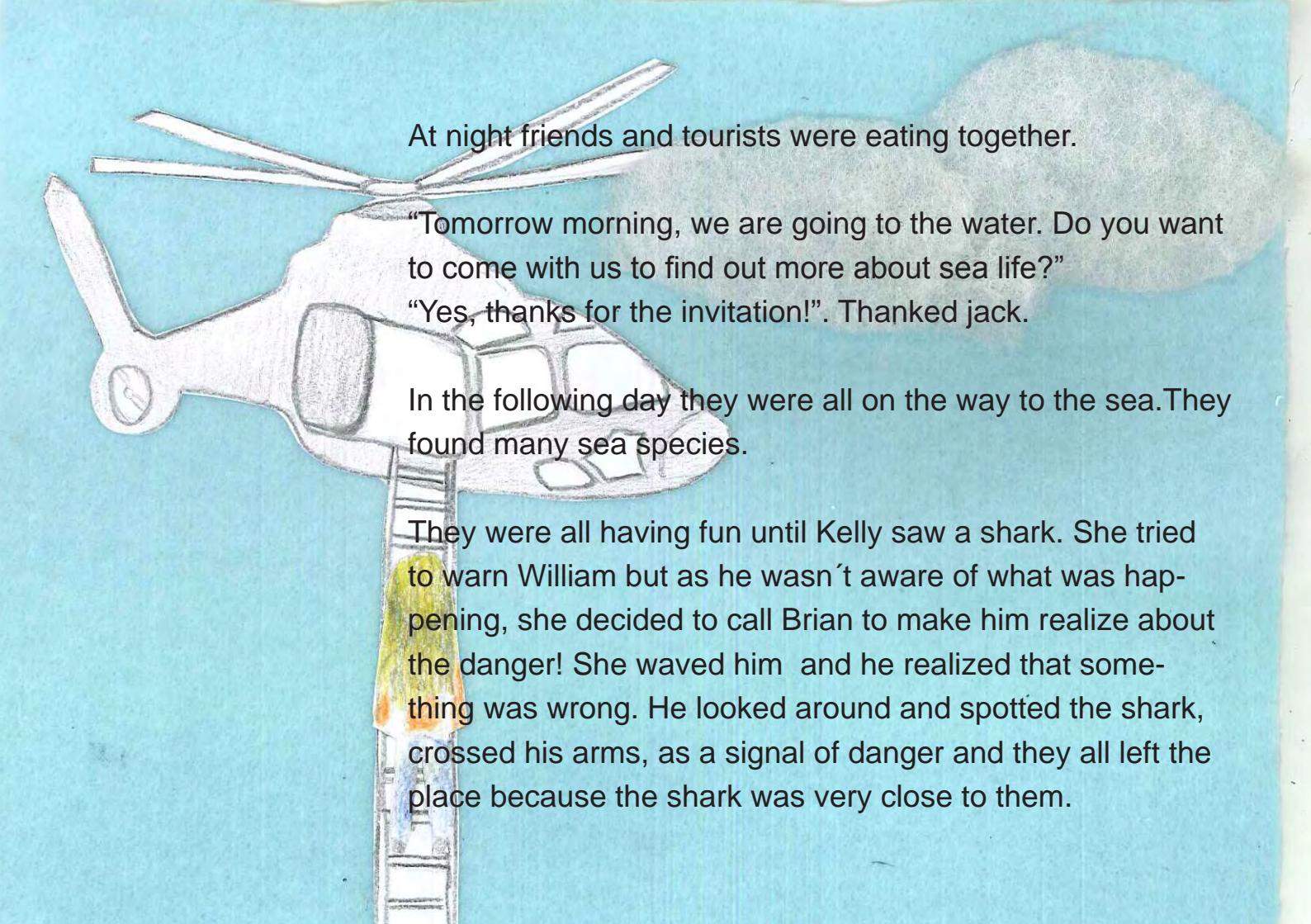
“What’s the name of the dog?”- asked Mario.

“Bob!”- said William.

“Does he go with you to the water?”- asked Frederic.

“Yes, he loves water!”- said Kelly.

Bob was barking happily.

A close-up illustration of a hand holding a pair of white chopsticks over a white plate containing some food. The background is a light blue.

At night friends and tourists were eating together.

"Tomorrow morning, we are going to the water. Do you want to come with us to find out more about sea life?"

"Yes, thanks for the invitation!". Thanked jack.

In the following day they were all on the way to the sea. They found many sea species.

They were all having fun until Kelly saw a shark. She tried to warn William but as he wasn't aware of what was happening, she decided to call Brian to make him realize about the danger! She waved him and he realized that something was wrong. He looked around and spotted the shark, crossed his arms, as a signal of danger and they all left the place because the shark was very close to them.

## 15. The murderer

Once upon a time, there was a man who had been running away for a very long time ...

In August 2016 he was spottted in Portugal .

Shortly after, a couple saw the thief and they imediately called the police .

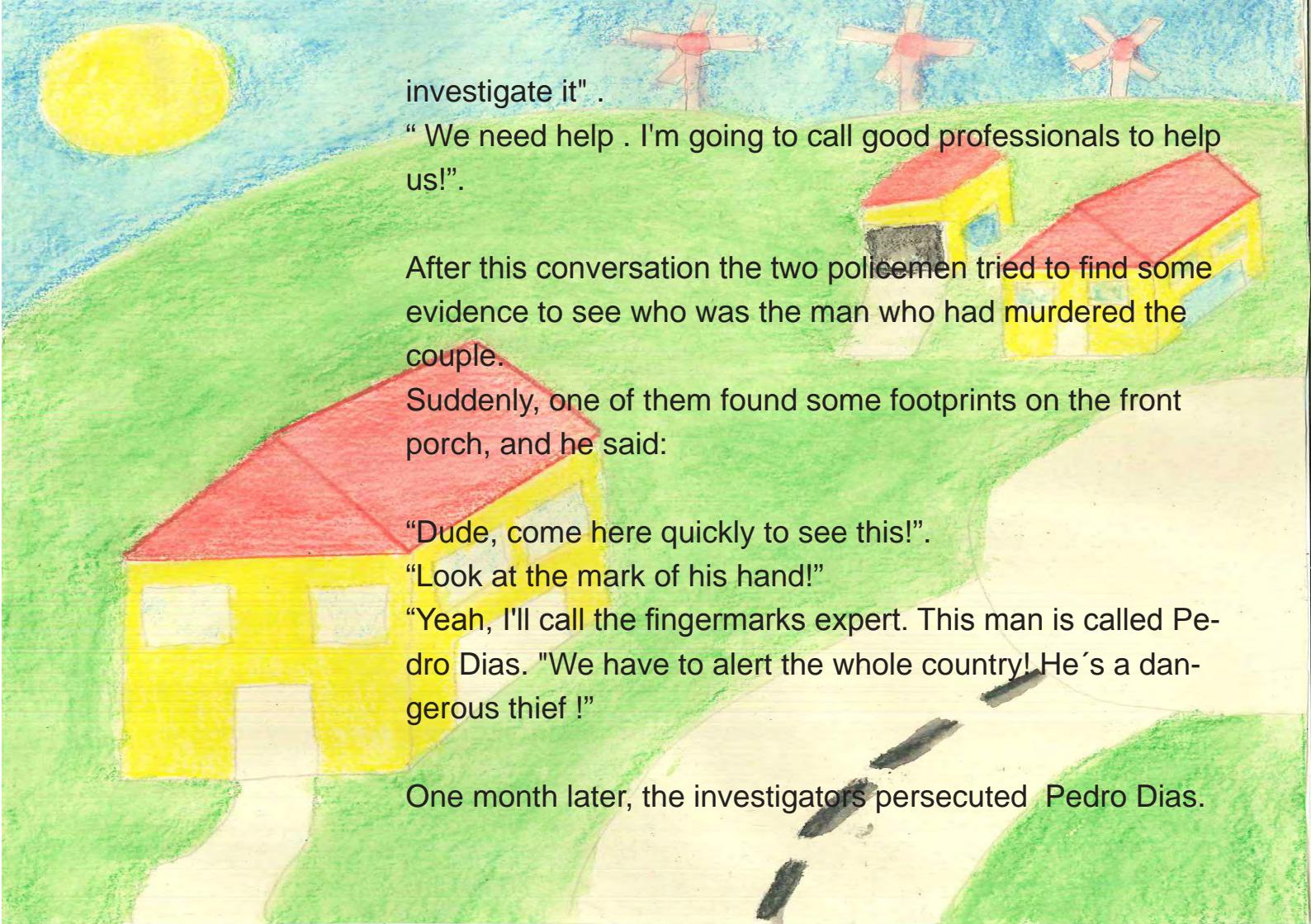
Pedro started to behave like this after his wife and children's death .

From the moment the couple called the police, Pedro broke into their house and he was shot. He ran away to Spain in the police car. Nobody was able to spot him at that time. Meanwhile, the police arrived at the couple's house and found them dead on the ground.

"How is this possible ?" – asked one of the policemen.

"I'm sure the man must be out of his mind!" – said the other

"I don´t know, but I think it's a serious case and we have to



investigate it".

" We need help . I'm going to call good professionals to help us!".

After this conversation the two policemen tried to find some evidence to see who was the man who had murdered the couple.

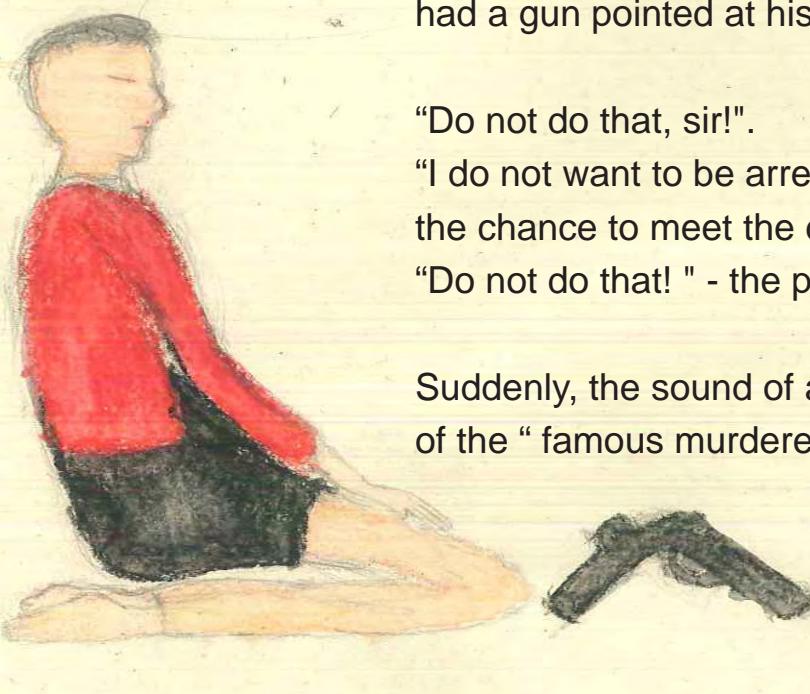
Suddenly, one of them found some footprints on the front porch, and he said:

"Dude, come here quickly to see this!".

"Look at the mark of his hand!"

"Yeah, I'll call the fingermarks expert. This man is called Pedro Dias. "We have to alert the whole country! He's a dangerous thief !"

One month later, the investigators persecuted Pedro Dias.



He had been seen in Allgarve, after trying to escape to Spain. But, once again, they couldn't catch him. A week later, he was found again at the same beach. He had a gun pointed at his head. One of the policemen said:

"Do not do that, sir!".

"I do not want to be arrested, it's like being dead ! I'll have the chance to meet the dead !".

"Do not do that! " - the policeman repeated.

Suddenly, the sound of a gunshot was heard, and the case of the "famous murderer" was closed.

# 16. The Kidnapped mermaids

Once upon a time there was a village called Wet Dreams which was governed by Saturne.

Two mermaids lived in that village. The mermaids were called Sirena and Alice.

These mermaids were different from the other mermaids... They were lesbians! The bad news was that the homosexuality was illegal and forbidden in that village.

In the outskirts there was a cave that nobody knew so they decided to turn it into their refuge to get together.

Everything was perfect but one day, when they were swimming to the cave, there was a problem... The cave was occupied by islamic sharks. And they were all armed to the teeth!

There was a great danger but the curiosity was even greater, so they decided to hide behind some rocks and listen to what they were saying.

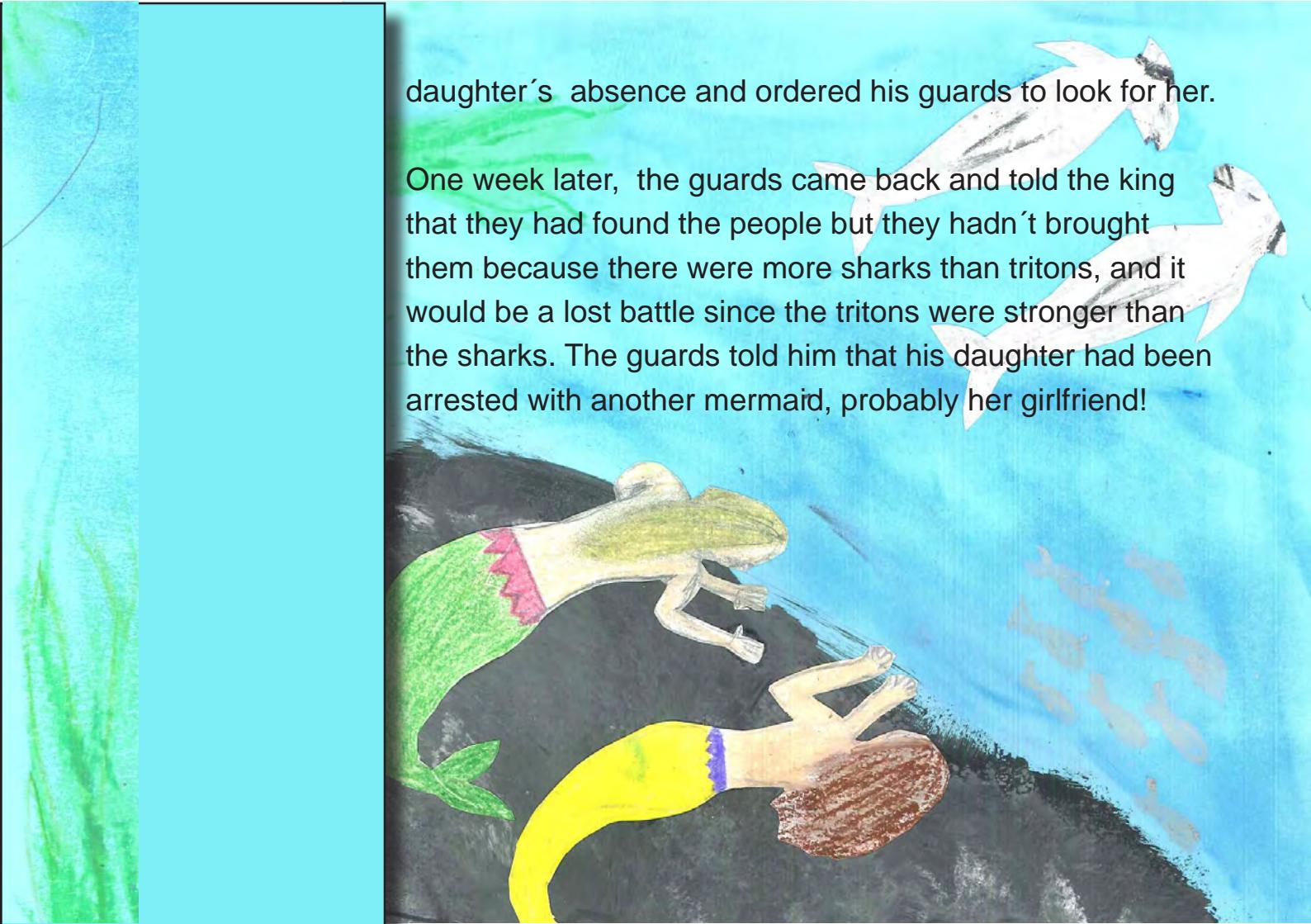
“NEXT SATURDAY.....WET.... DREAMS.....SAT-  
URNE.....STOLE THE THRONE...”

“OMG!!! This can´t be possible!” – said Sirena.

After that, they only thought of running away and warning Saturne, Sirena´s father. However, somehow, the sharks noticed their presence!

They started swimming energically to escape from the sharks but the sharks were faster than them so they were kidnapped and taken to another kingdom. They arrested the mermaids in a cave with many guards to watch them.

A few days later, Saturne started to be worried about his

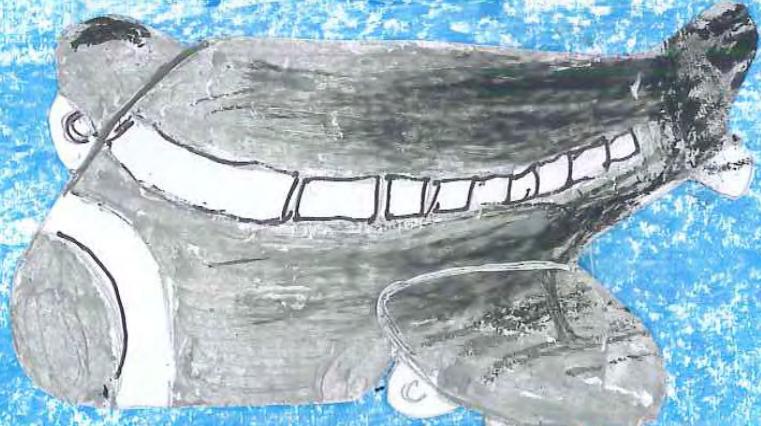


daughter's absence and ordered his guards to look for her.

One week later, the guards came back and told the king that they had found the people but they hadn't brought them because there were more sharks than tritons, and it would be a lost battle since the tritons were stronger than the sharks. The guards told him that his daughter had been arrested with another mermaid, probably her girlfriend!

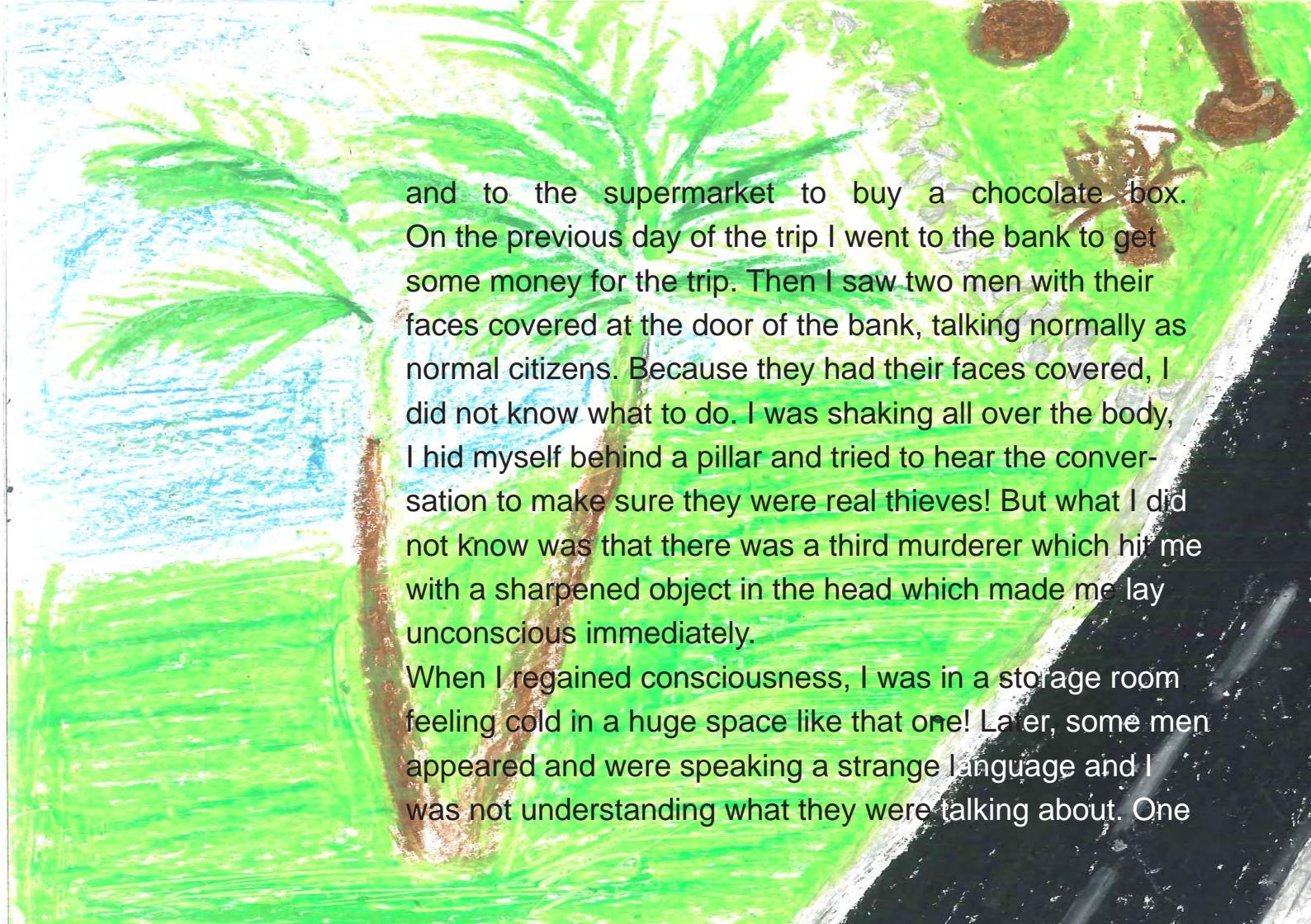


## 17. The bad trip



Hello! I am Stilton. I am 20 years old and I am from Brazil. My best friends are Pedro, Eulalia, and Susan. We decided to go to Miami because the weather is hot there and there are lots of beaches where we can sunbathe. The flight will be on July 21 at 12:00 pm. It will be funny because it's my birthday and also because Susan and I have been dating for 3 months now.

The day I decided to surprise Susan finally arrived. I went to the florist's to buy a bunch of roses

A vibrant, hand-drawn style illustration occupies the left side of the page. It depicts a tropical landscape with several palm trees, their fronds rendered in shades of green and yellow. In the background, a sandy beach meets a bright blue sea under a clear, pale sky. The overall composition is organic and painterly.

and to the supermarket to buy a chocolate box. On the previous day of the trip I went to the bank to get some money for the trip. Then I saw two men with their faces covered at the door of the bank, talking normally as normal citizens. Because they had their faces covered, I did not know what to do. I was shaking all over the body, I hid myself behind a pillar and tried to hear the conversation to make sure they were real thieves! But what I did not know was that there was a third murderer which hit me with a sharpened object in the head which made me lay unconscious immediately.

When I regained consciousness, I was in a storage room feeling cold in a huge space like that one! Later, some men appeared and were speaking a strange language and I was not understanding what they were talking about. One



of the men turned to me and said that he would only release me if my family paid the amount of one hundred thousand euros. At least I was allowed to talk to my family and I told them I was alive and that I was given some food and water, too.

In the warehouse, there was a broken telephone and it was completely useless. It was looking for an exit, but doors and windows were all shut.

I had attended an information technology course four years ago and I was able to fix the telephone in a couple of hours. That made me leave the place in a few days' time. I called the police and told them the way to the cave.

I set a trap to catch the four men: three Brazilian and one Spanish who was the chief of the thieves' team.

# 18. A disastrous honeymoon

Last year, Kelly and William got married. In their honeymoon they went on a cruise around the world.

“Hurry up William! The ship is already there. It’s so big and beautiful. I’m so excited” – said Kelly

“Calm down! The ship only sets sail at midday!” – said William

In the ship, Kelly and William tried to find their room, where they would spend their amazing journey.

“Wow!! Fantastic! The room is so big!” – said Kelly.

After seeing the room, they decided to look around the ship. It was huge and it had so many facilities, like a casino, restaurants, a theatre, a gym, bars and shops... and they decided



to go to a Japanese restaurant for the first time!

“This food is fantastic!” -said Kelly.

“We made an excellent choice!”

In the afternoon, Kelly and William went to the swimming-pool. They spent a good time there. As it was very hot, they went to a café for a cold drink. While they were there Kelly saw a poster about a party happening that night.

“Look, William, a party! Shall we go?

“Yes, good idea!” – said William

At night, after dinner, Kelly and William went to the party, where they spent the rest of the night. The party was fantastic, they danced, they drank ...

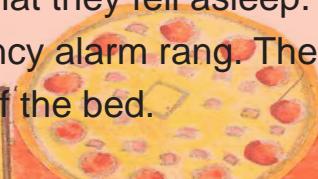
In the following day the ship stopped at Venice and Kelly

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and William had the opportunity to visit the city and go on a gondola ride. They also had time to eat in a traditional Italian restaurant.

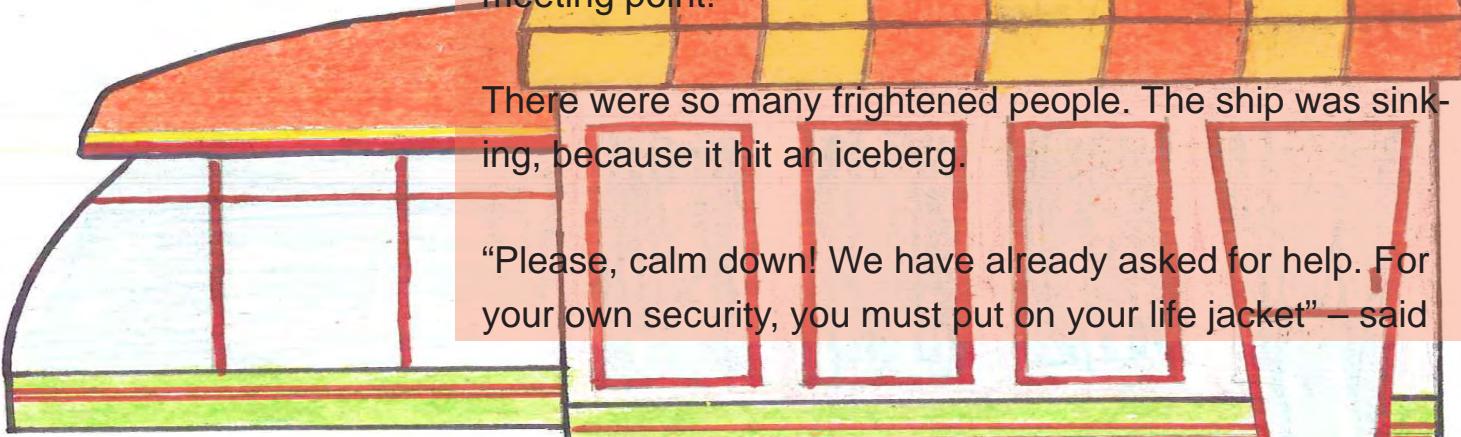
After visiting the city they went back to the ship. Kelly and William were so tired that they fell asleep.

Suddenly, the emergency alarm rang. They woke up frightened and ran out of the bed.



"What is happening William? I'm so scared!"

"I don't know. Keep running, we must find the emergency meeting point!"



There were so many frightened people. The ship was sinking, because it hit an iceberg.

"Please, calm down! We have already asked for help. For your own security, you must put on your life jacket" – said



the captain.

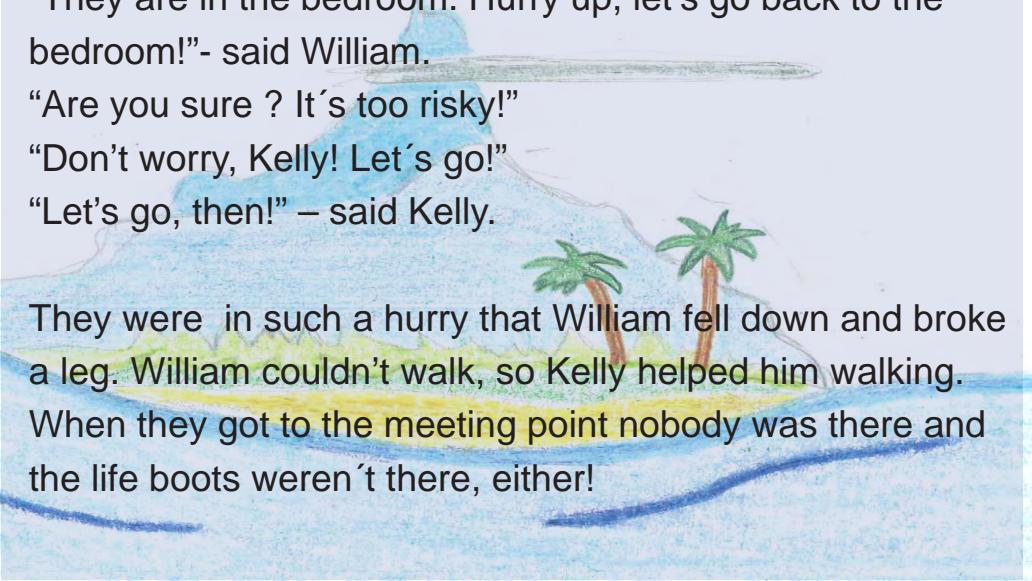
"Oh no ! We should phone our parents. Where are the phones ?" – asked Kelly.

"They are in the bedroom. Hurry up, let's go back to the bedroom!" - said William.

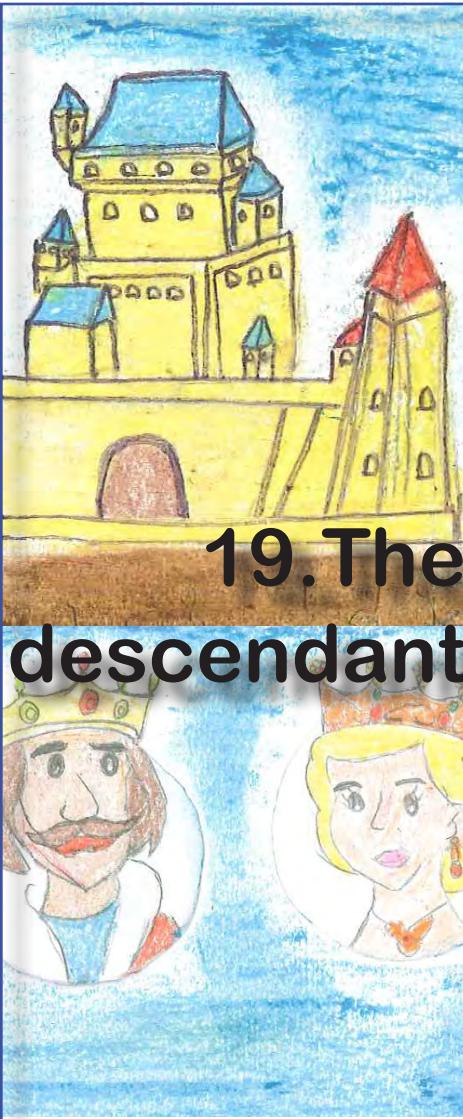
"Are you sure ? It's too risky!"

"Don't worry, Kelly! Let's go!"

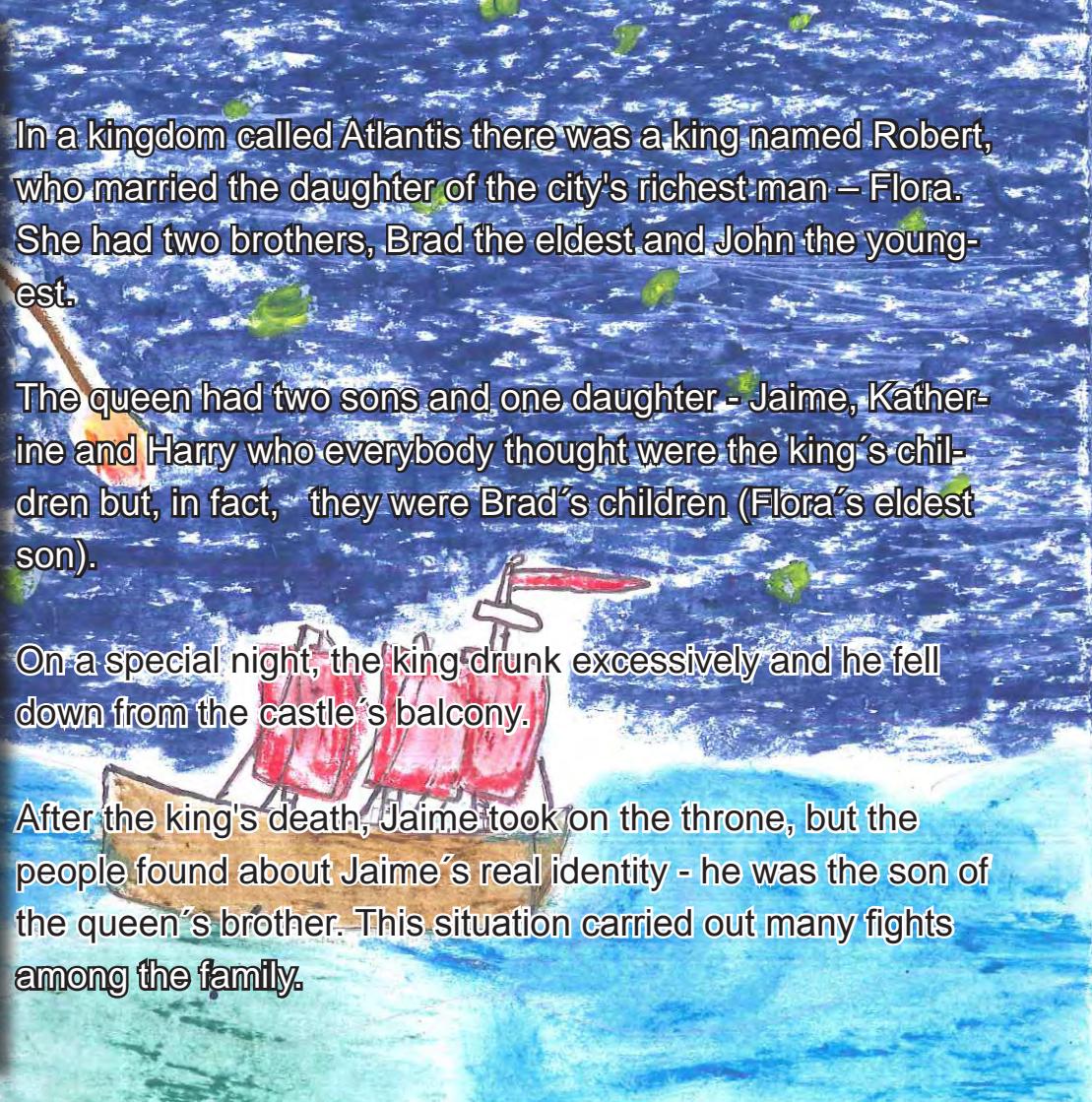
"Let's go, then!" – said Kelly.



They were in such a hurry that William fell down and broke a leg. William couldn't walk, so Kelly helped him walking. When they got to the meeting point nobody was there and the life boots weren't there, either!



## 19. The descendant



In a kingdom called Atlantis there was a king named Robert, who married the daughter of the city's richest man – Flora. She had two brothers, Brad the eldest and John the youngest.

The queen had two sons and one daughter - Jaime, Katherine and Harry who everybody thought were the king's children but, in fact, they were Brad's children (Flora's eldest son).

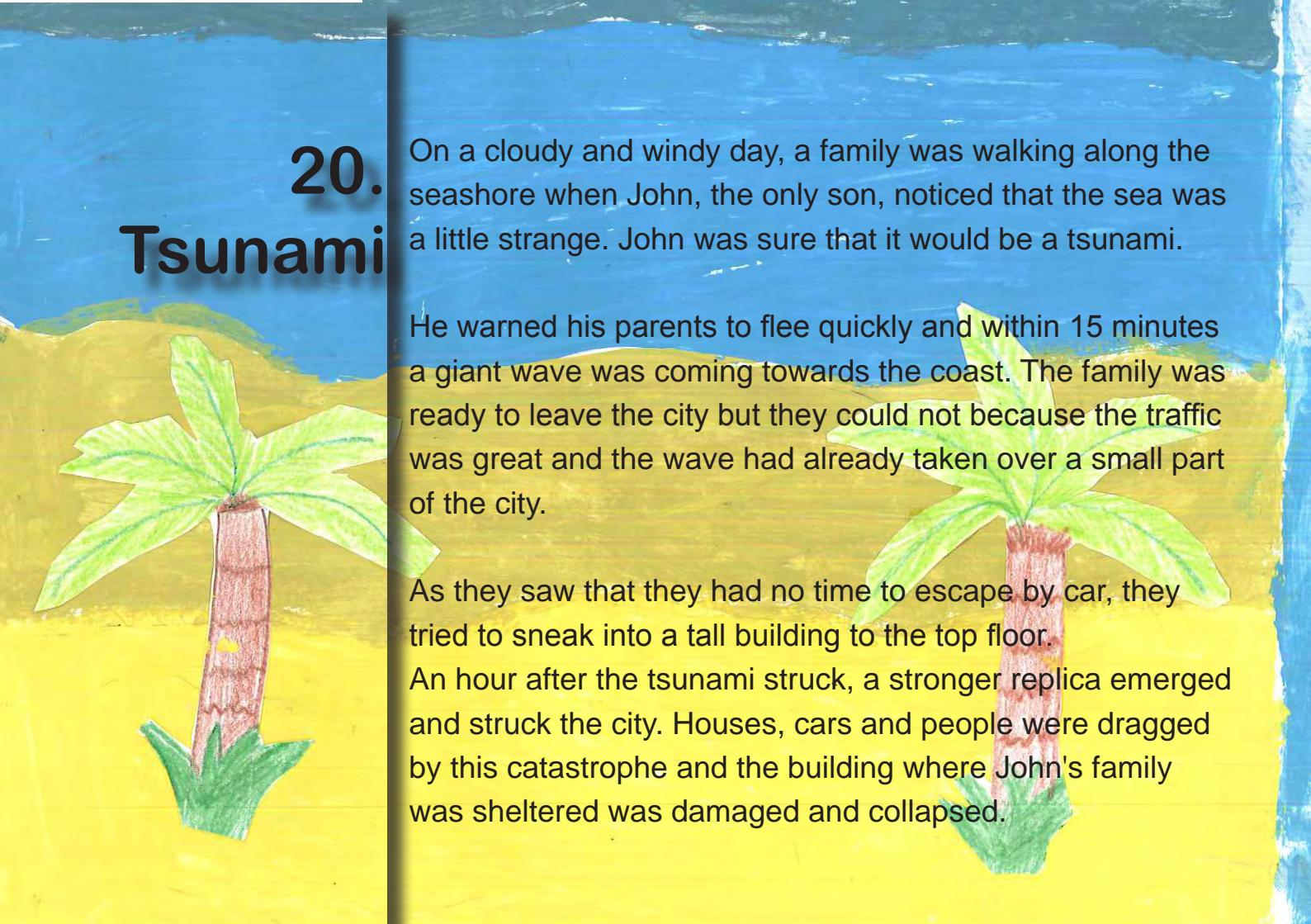
On a special night, the king drunk excessively and he fell down from the castle's balcony.

After the king's death, Jaime took on the throne, but the people found about Jaime's real identity - he was the son of the queen's brother. This situation carried out many fights among the family.

One of Flora's brothers attacked the kingdom with a big fleet. Jaime prepared the strategy of defence. He filled one boat with inflammable liquid, and threw one spear away to fire the boat. Everything started to burn and he could defend the name of the king.



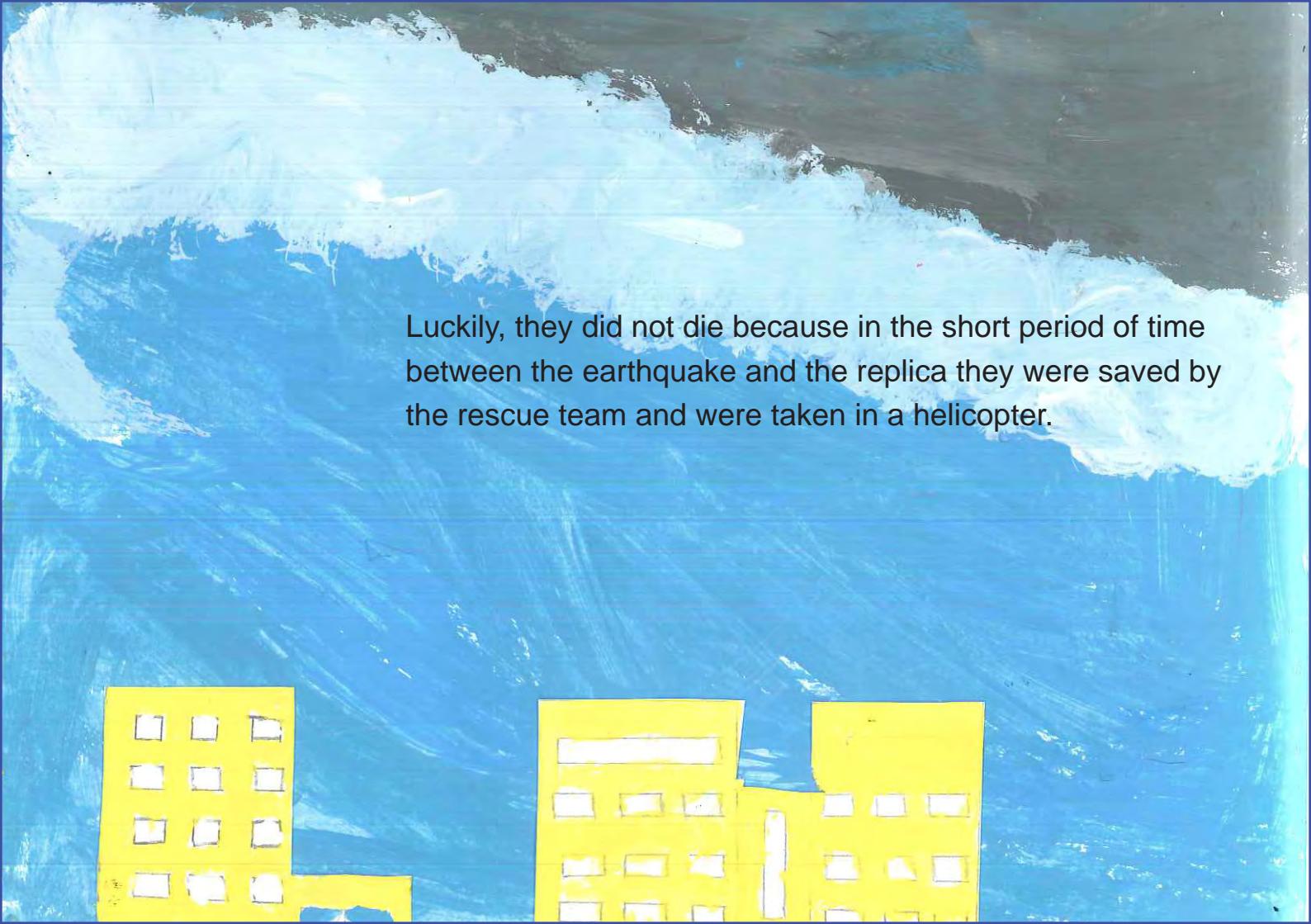
## 20. Tsunami



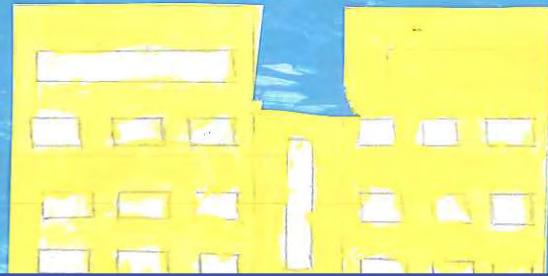
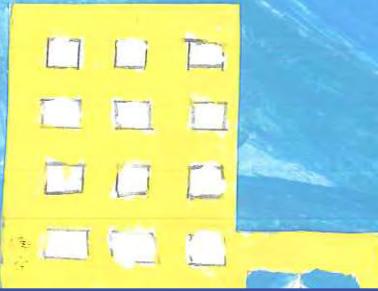
On a cloudy and windy day, a family was walking along the seashore when John, the only son, noticed that the sea was a little strange. John was sure that it would be a tsunami.

He warned his parents to flee quickly and within 15 minutes a giant wave was coming towards the coast. The family was ready to leave the city but they could not because the traffic was great and the wave had already taken over a small part of the city.

As they saw that they had no time to escape by car, they tried to sneak into a tall building to the top floor. An hour after the tsunami struck, a stronger replica emerged and struck the city. Houses, cars and people were dragged by this catastrophe and the building where John's family was sheltered was damaged and collapsed.



Luckily, they did not die because in the short period of time between the earthquake and the replica they were saved by the rescue team and were taken in a helicopter.





21.

# Me, myself and I

I still wonder when I can be normal again ...  
My name is Mariah and I have shared this world since 1897.  
My life has been repeated since 1912 when on April 29, due  
to a serious illness, I had to repeat my life every day, every  
year at every hour...

During this 105 years, I have seen many plants people and  
cultures gradually dying..

The sun was no longer shining, only the darkness. I no lon-  
ger felt the morning breeze touching my face. My eyes only  
conveyed loneliness and sadness of a dark, cold night. It  
creates life, which for me being eternal, no longer existed.  
I was after life, I was after me, I was life and death, chance  
and luck, love and hatred, peace and war, all languages in  
one language. It was nothing and, at the same time, it was  
everything.

I am the lie of truth, goodness and evil and what is yet to  
come!!!





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