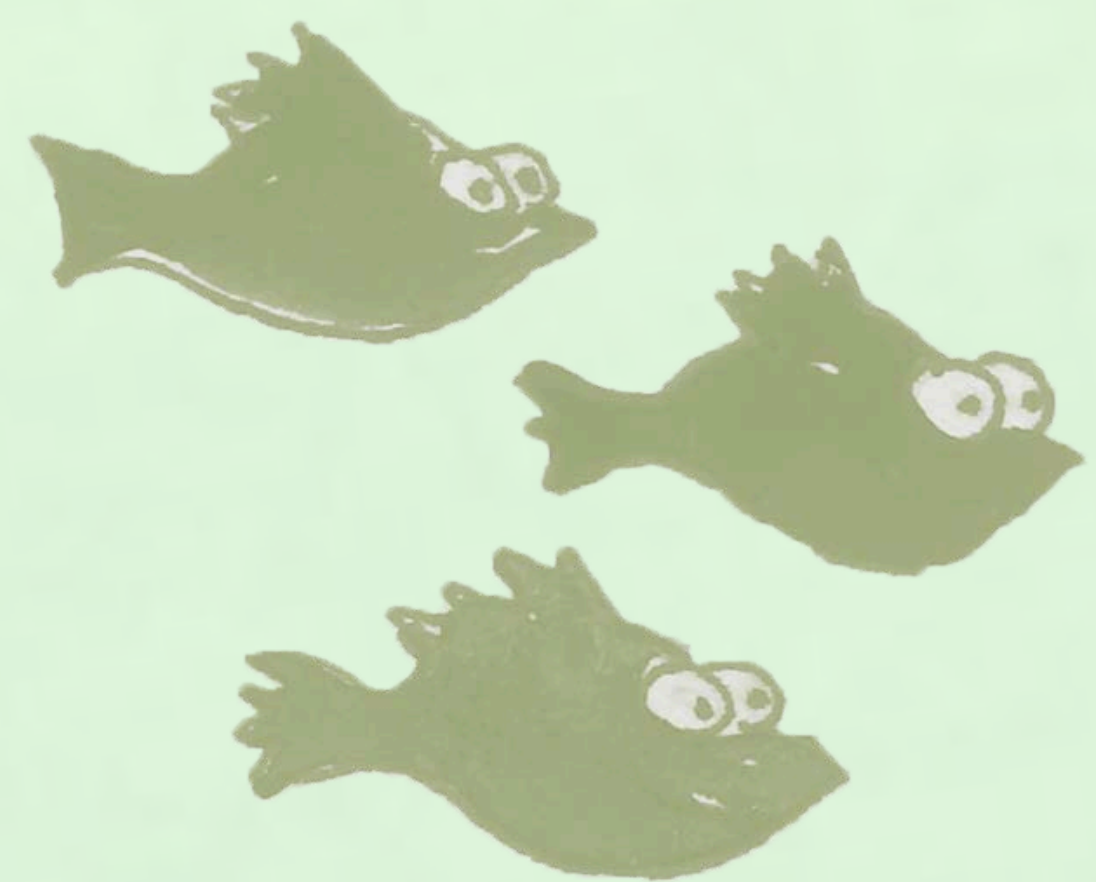




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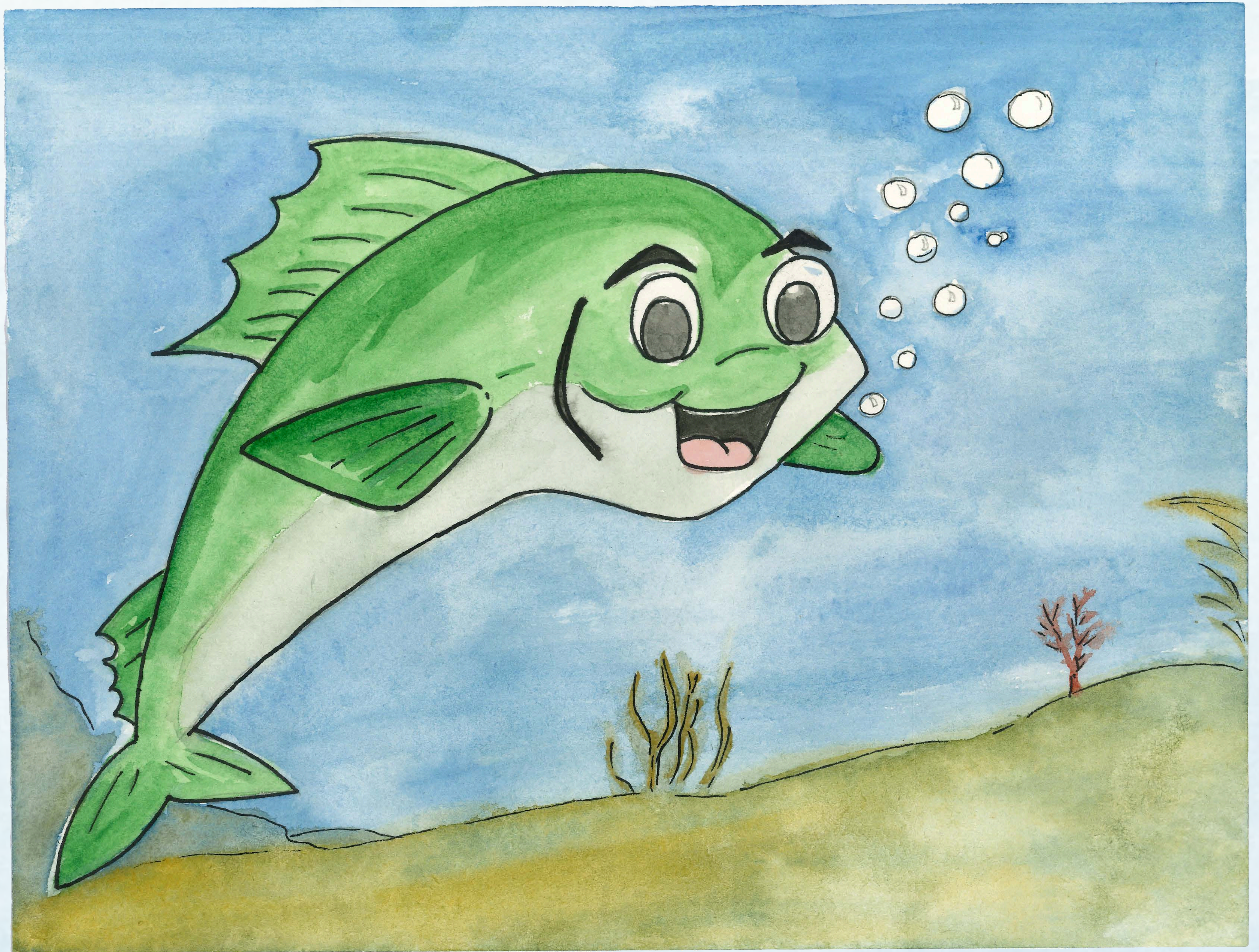


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Yodög was a spirited little fish, full of joy and curiosity, who loved playing with other fish and various sea creatures in the vast ocean. On many days, when the tide was high, he spent his time playing among the rocks near the shore.

One day, during high tide, Yodög was engrossed in a game of hide-and-seek with his friends among the rocks. He was having so much fun that he didn't realize the tide had receded, leaving him trapped in a pool between the rocks. Unable to find him, his friends hurried to alert his family.





# Yodög

With no other option, Yodög had to wait for the tide to rise again, feeling fear and worry. Suddenly, he heard a sound among the stones—footsteps, rhythmic yet slow.

Following these mysterious sounds, a large shadow resembling a flying saucer appeared. Yodög looked up and saw someone observing him from outside the water.

It was a Crab. He had never seen one before, but he had heard stories about it. Crabs, capable of being both in and out of the water, were considered wise beings as they knew both sides of the world.





# Yodög

The Crab approached Yodög stealthily, and seeing it so close, Yodög became frightened. It had two long, protruding eyes and ten legs, two of them like pincers. As the Crab drew near, Yodög, feeling scared, pleaded with it not to eat him, emphasizing that he was still young and had many things he wanted to do.

In a soothing voice, the Crab reassured Yodög, "Young one, do not be afraid. I won't harm you." It inquired, "What is a tiny fish like you doing here during low tide? Where is your family? Have you lost your way?".

Yodög explained what had happened, and the Crab showed kindness. It promised to look after him during that tide and, when it rose again, accompany him to find his family, who must be worried.



# Yodög

The Crab told him a lot of adventures about what life was like outside the sea, brought him bits of seaweed to eat, played riddles with the young fish, and through these interactions, Yodög felt a bond forming. Consequently, the little fish relaxed and began to feel safe.

Although the tide was rising, there was still a long wait to exit the hole between the rocks. The Crab suggested Yodög take a nap.



# Yodög

Yodög rested his head on the mossy surface of a rock and fell into a peaceful sleep, comforted by the fact that Mr. Crab was watching over him.

Suddenly, Yodög jolted awake, realizing someone was touching his fins. His fins were the most sensitive part of his body! Being small, he didn't fully comprehend what was happening, but he knew he didn't like it.

Startled, he opened his eyes, and there was Mr. Crab touching his fins. Yodög was paralyzed, confused, unable to even blow a bubble. He couldn't fathom why Mr. Crab, who had just comforted him moments ago, was now causing fear and discomfort.





# Yodög

Then, Mr. Crab, with a less sweet voice this time, said while opening and closing his large claws, "This will be our secret, and you can't tell anyone because we are true friends, and you don't want anything bad to happen to me, right, Yodög?".

To which the little fish responded, "But these are my fins, and no one else but me can touch them!". At that moment, Yodög noticed a Shrimp, a Goby peeking from under the sand, and some Limpets attached to the rocks witnessing the situation.

The Crab then whispered to Yodög, "Besides, if you tell anyone, no one will believe you, and I'll say you asked me to do it."



# Yodög

Confused, shrinking in fear, Yodög observed how all these animals were staring at him. He couldn't understand why the Shrimp, the Goby, and the Limpets hadn't come to his aid. Feeling sad and frightened, Yodög had no choice but to wait for the tide to rise.

The next day, when the tide was high again, Mr. Crab told Yodög he could now accompany him home to his family, reiterating, "Don't forget, this is our secret".

On the way, Mr. Crab shared incredible stories about life on land as if nothing had happened, and Yodög began to feel better.



# Yodög

They swam through the sea until they found Yodög's family, surrounded by many marine animals who had been searching for the little fish. Among these animals were the Shrimp and the Goby.

Seeing Yodög arrive hand in hand with Mr. Crab, everyone was overjoyed. They congratulated and thanked Mr. Crab for bringing Yodög back safe and sound.

Yodög wanted to tell his parents what had happened, but he was confused and scared. Everyone treated Mr. Crab like a hero, and even the Goby and the Shrimp, who had seen everything, applauded.





# Yodög

Days passed, and Yodög was both sad and angry. He no longer wanted to play hide-and-seek with his friends, even though it used to be his favorite game.

He had nightmares, was scared of the dark, and had to sleep with a lantern fish by his side all night.

His parents noticed something was wrong and asked, "Yodög, what's the matter?" The little fish always replied with "nothing" because he was afraid that no one would believe him, especially since Mr. Crab was an animal everyone considered a hero and very wise.

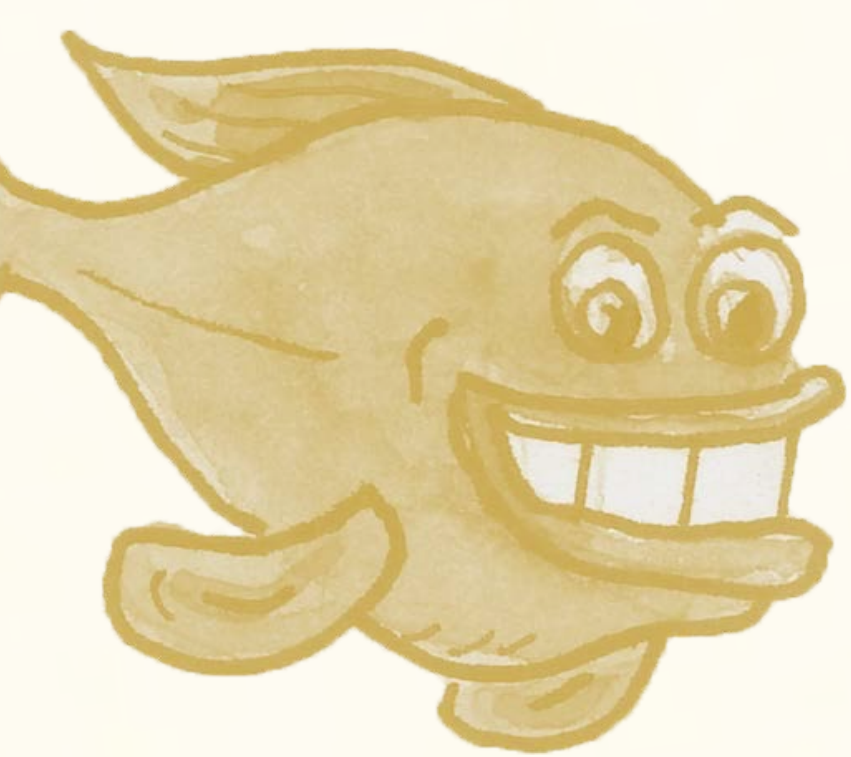


# Yodög

One day, at school, the teacher announced a special visitor. Mr. Octopus would give a talk about things that are not right.

Mr. Octopus is the sea police, with eight tentacles full of suckers that can catch almost anyone doing something wrong.





# Yodög

Mr. Octopus began his talk, explaining that hitting is wrong, stealing is not allowed, and there are things you don't have to do...don't have to do... and don't have to do. Then, he became very serious and said:

"And no one can touch your fins, your legs, or your gills. No one can touch your sensitive areas or any other part of your body".

He advised the sea creatures to ask their parents or teachers if they didn't know which parts were sensitive. "If someone touches your sensitive areas, whoever it is, you have to tell a trusted adult sea creature immediately. Or, if you prefer, you can tell me".



# Yodög

After the talk, although Yodög was very scared, he approached Mr. Octopus and told him that Mr. Crab had touched his fins while he was sleeping, and the Goby and the Shrimp had seen it all.

After listening to Yodög, Mr. Octopus called the Goby and the Shrimp, who denied seeing anything. However, Mr. Octopus trusted the little fish, as he had no reason to make up a story.

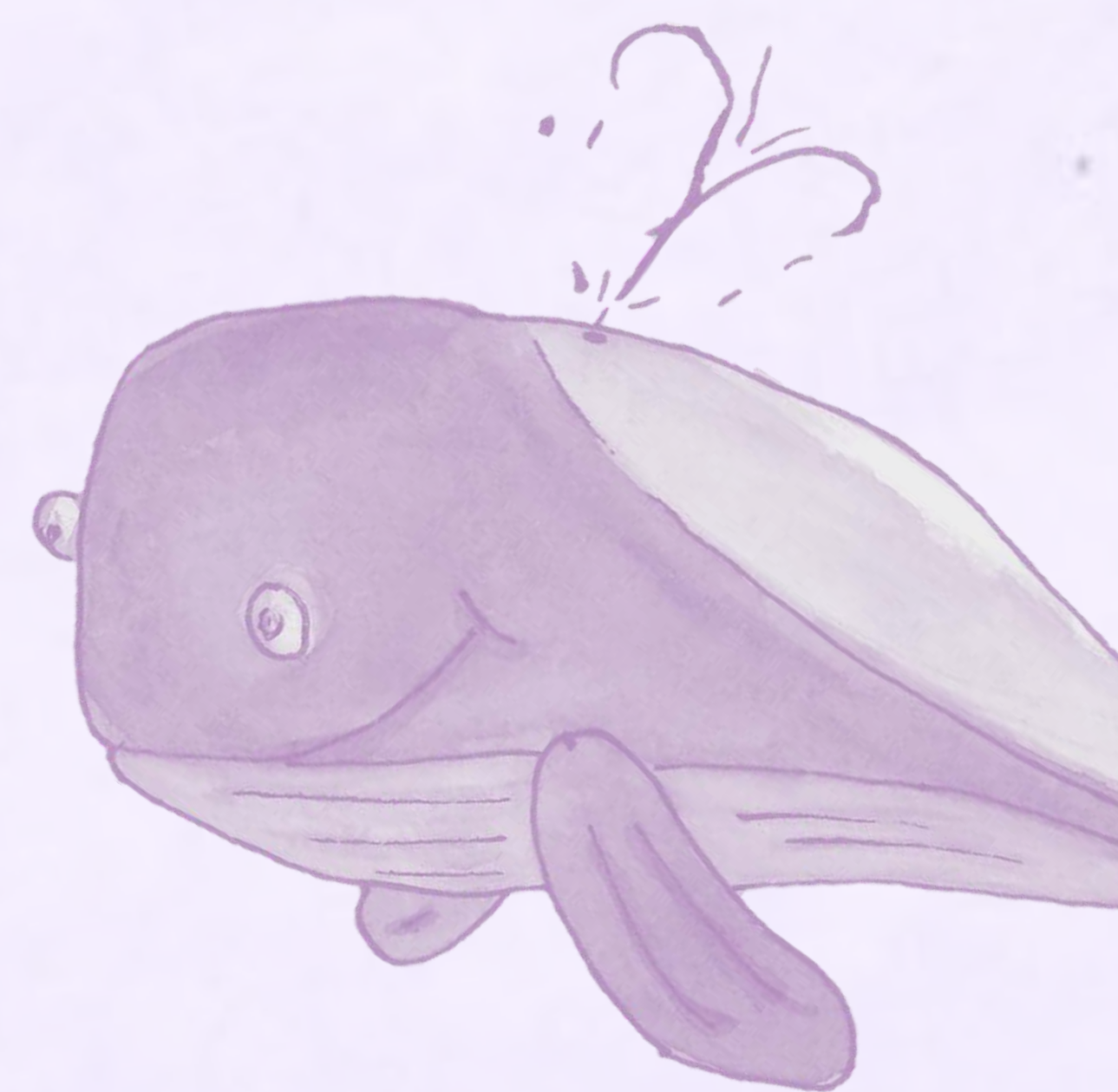
So, Mr. Octopus went to talk to the Limpets on the rocks, as they were always stuck there and couldn't move from the reef. They confirmed that what Yodög said was true and that they had also seen Mr. Crab touching the legs of a little Starfish not long ago.



# Yodög

Mr. Octopus called Mr. Crab, the Shrimp, and the Goby. He punished the Shrimp and the Goby for lying and not helping Yodög, making them work for 200 tides helping the oldest marine animals in the ocean.

As for Mr. Crab, he was sentenced to live 500 tides at a depth of 5.000 meters. At that depth, only larger fish lived, so he wouldn't be able to make small fish or Starfish feel bad. Moreover, Mr. Octopus made sure to inform all the marine animals about what Mr. Crab had done.

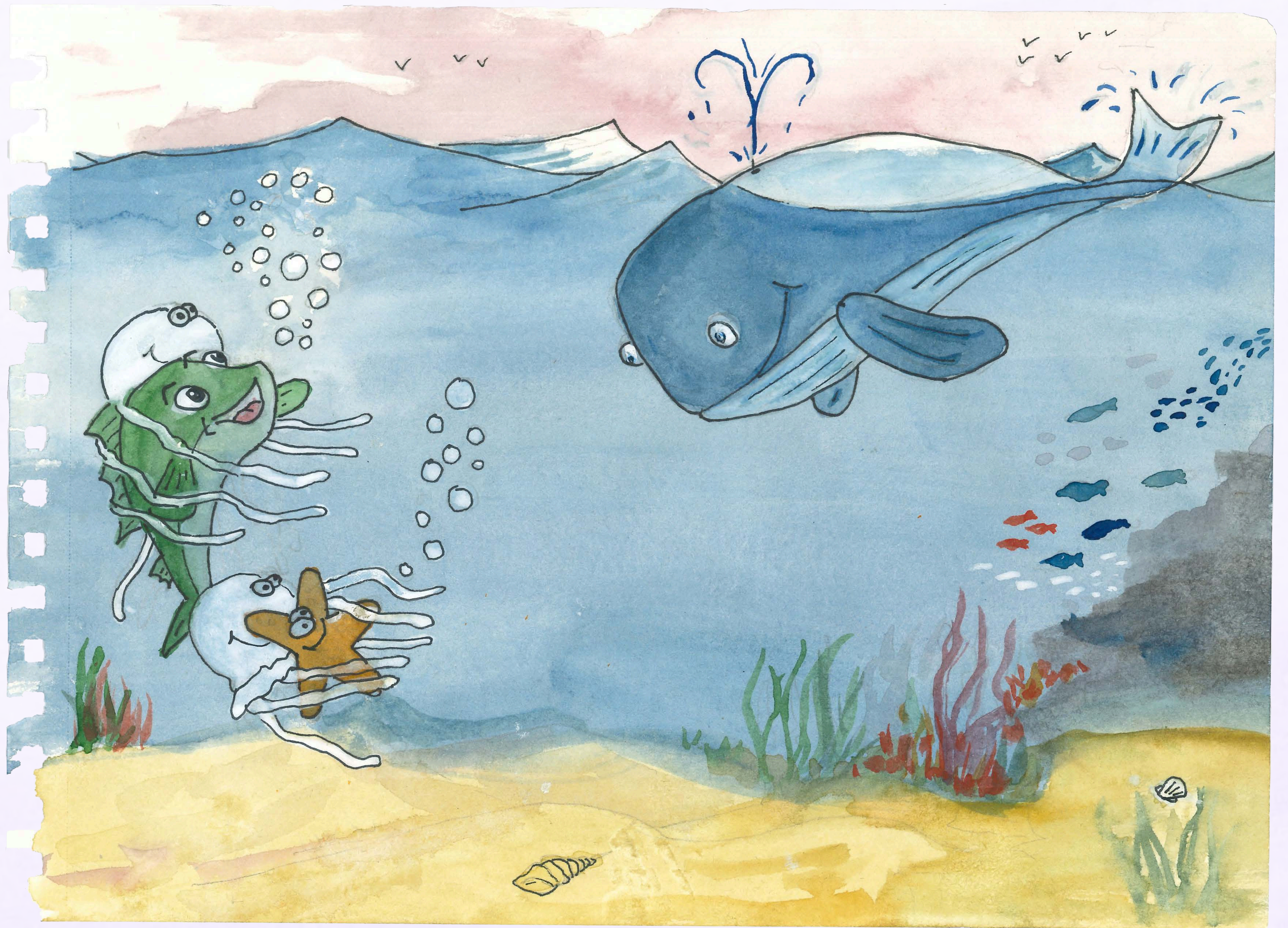




## Yodög

Yodög and the Starfish became friends. All the sea creatures thanked them for being brave enough to tell what Mr. Crab had done, preventing him from harming more little fish or Starfish.

The two friends, Yodög and the Starfish, started going to Mrs. Whale, the sea psychologist. Although it took a few tides for them to stop feeling sad, Mrs. Whale helped them understand that what happened was not their fault, and they had nothing to be ashamed of.

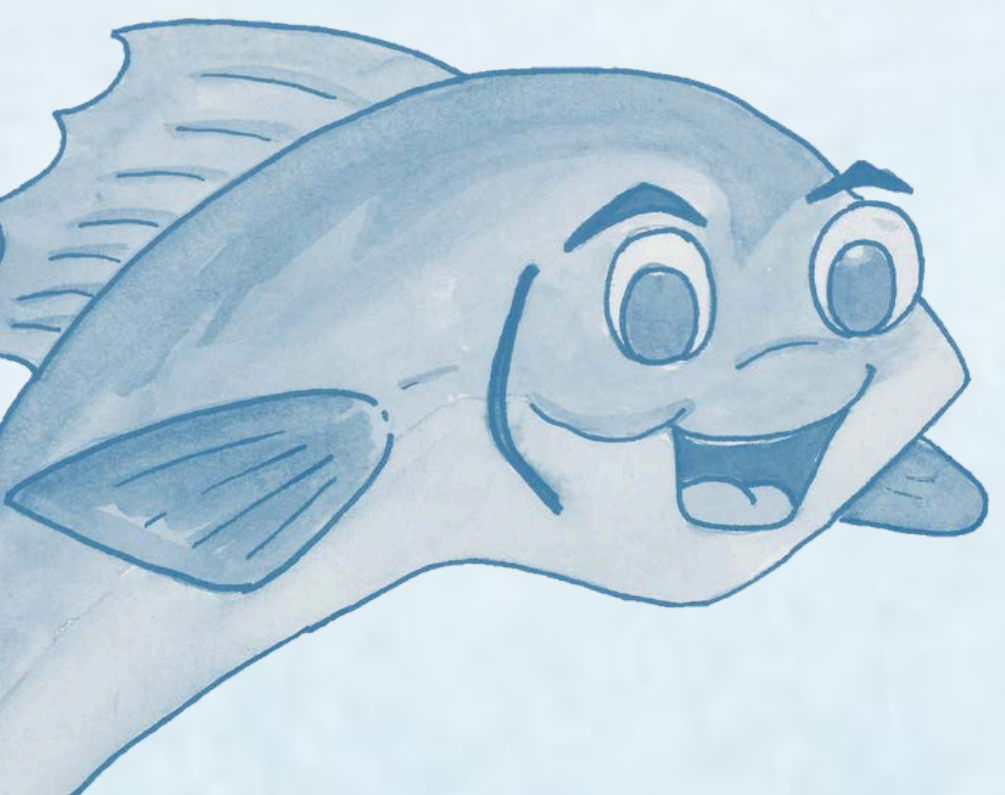


# Yodög

They went back to playing hide-and-seek, which they loved the most.

Most importantly, they learned never to keep a secret that makes you feel bad. The only secrets to keep are those that make you happy, like a surprise birthday party or a gift. But never keep a secret that makes you feel bad!

And so, the tale concludes with Yodög not keeping the bad secrets.





# Yodög

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