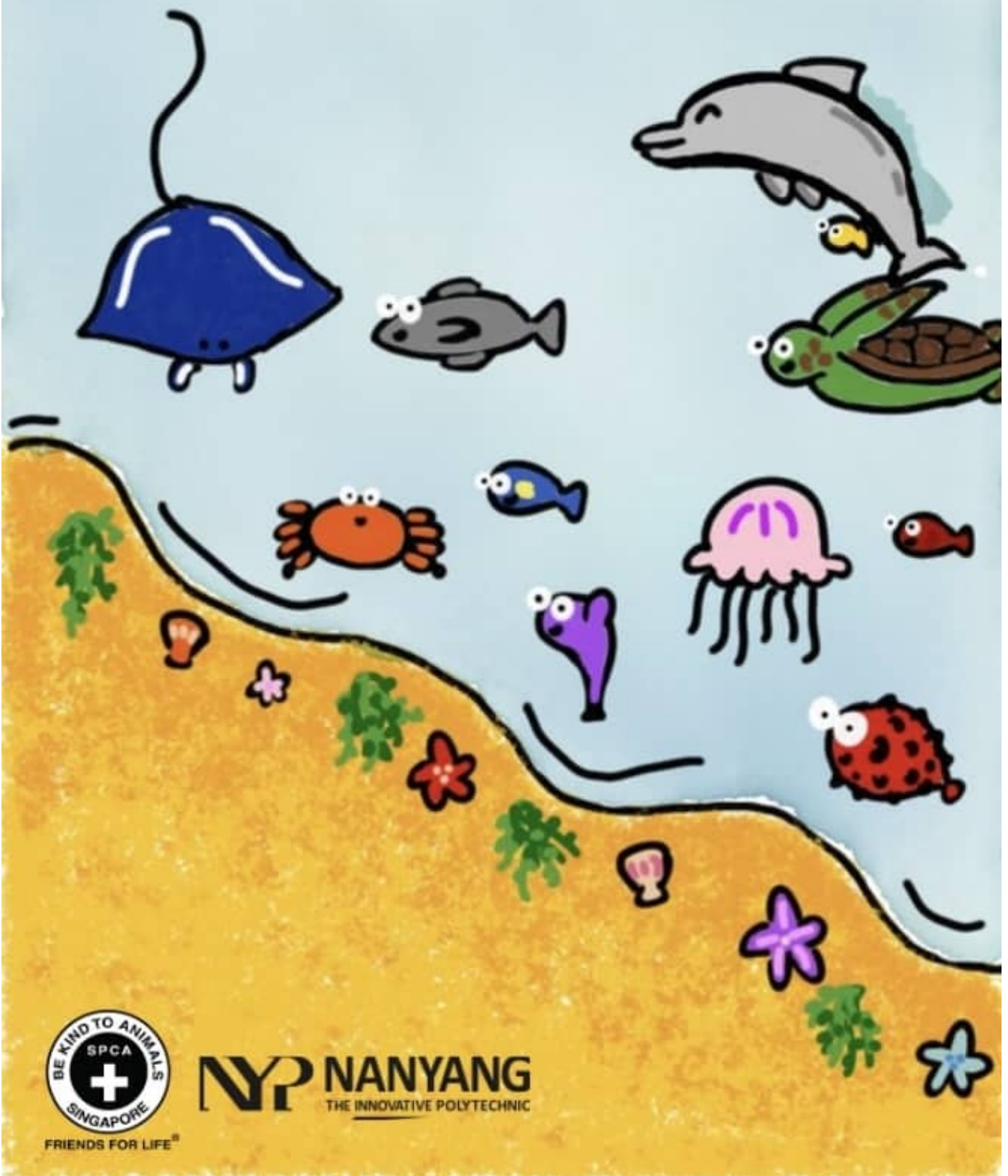


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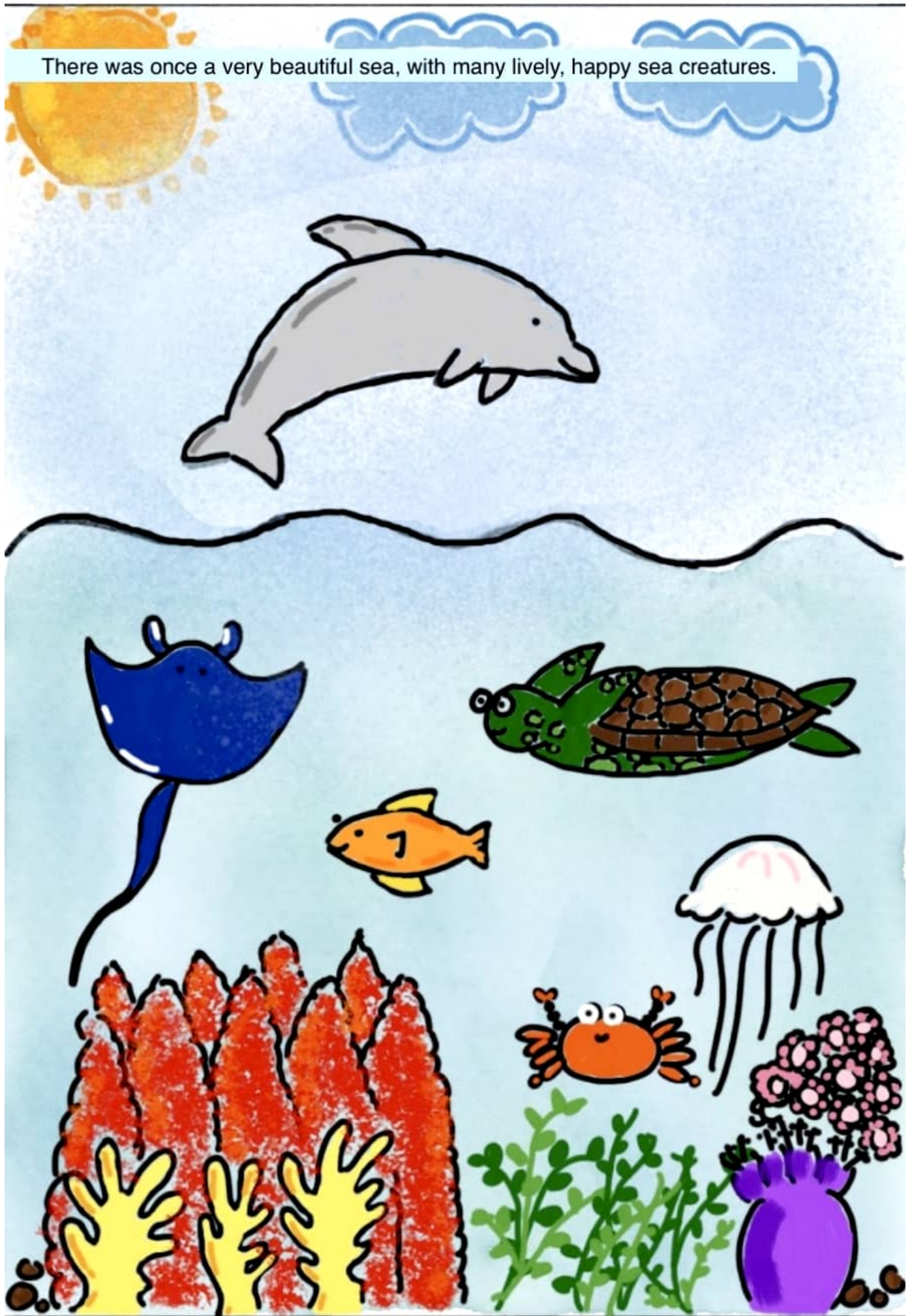
"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

-Mother Teresa

Foreword:

Hello there, little **guardians!** We are a team of nursing students who have come together to create this book with the aim to raise awareness about **sea pollution** in Singapore! We hope that through this book, you will be **inspired** to be like Shu Fen, Nana, Lavik, and Michael, to not litter, and to spread awareness to your **friends** to care for **our environment, in particular, our seas and the sea creatures.** With your **help,** we can make our world a better place.

There was once a very beautiful sea, with many lively, happy sea creatures.





1 However, as days passed, the sea became more and more polluted...

2 What is this?

4 Help!

6 I'm stuck!

How did I get in here?



Ma, why does the sea look so dirty?

It's because many people have been throwing rubbish into the sea.



Hmm...we cannot just look and do nothing, Ma! Let's pick up the rubbish along the shore!

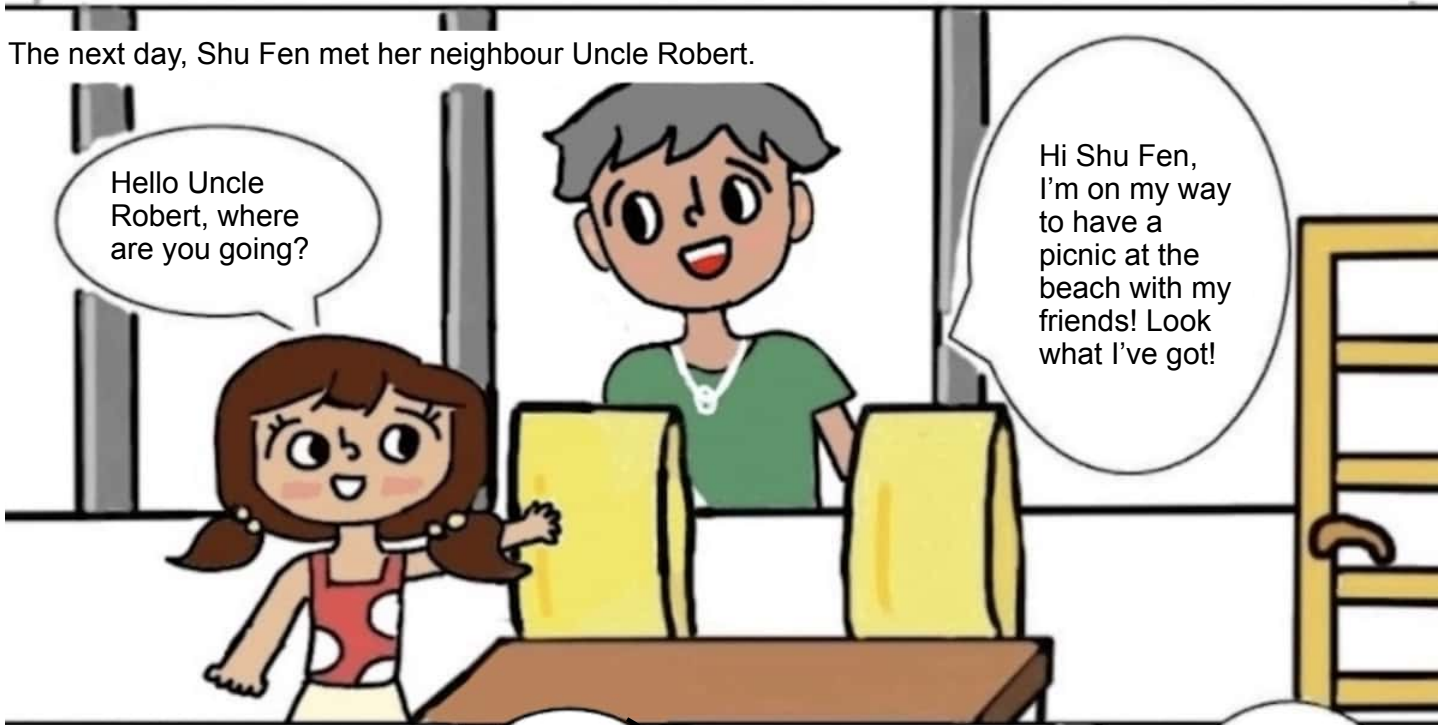




Even though Shu Fen built a beautiful sandcastle, she felt sad.



The next day, Shu Fen met her neighbour Uncle Robert.





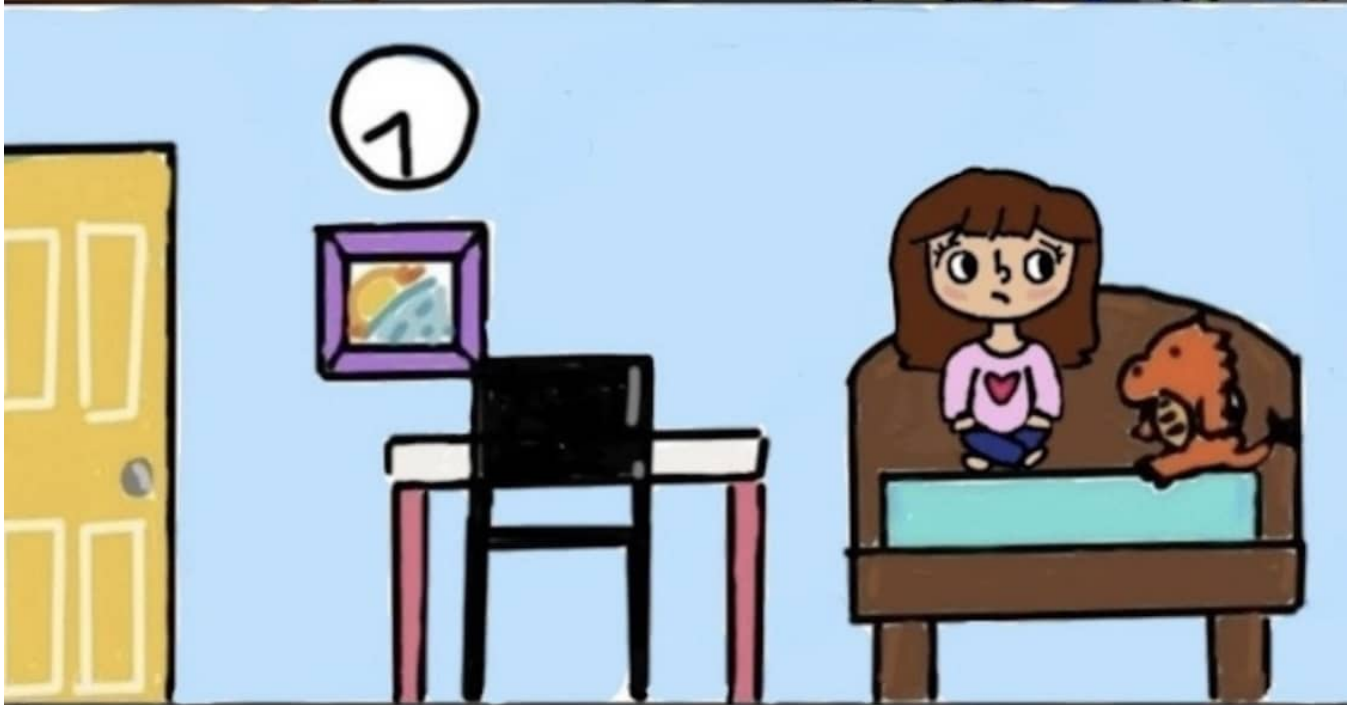
Ma, can we go to the beach to pick up the rubbish now?



Sorry Fen Fen, I'm very busy with work. We'll go there another time, okay?



Oh okay...



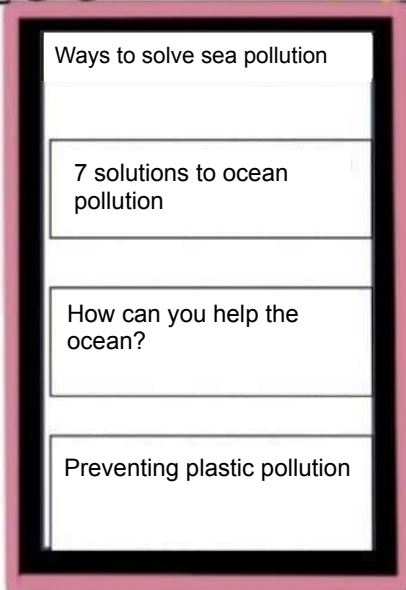
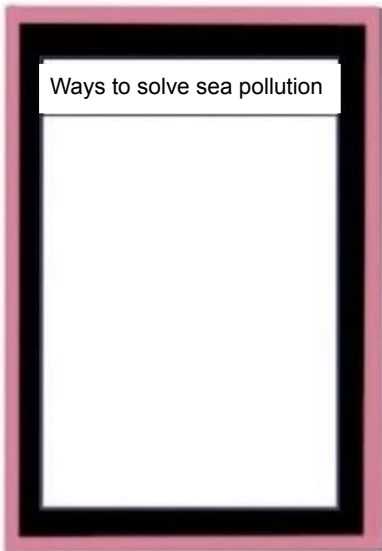
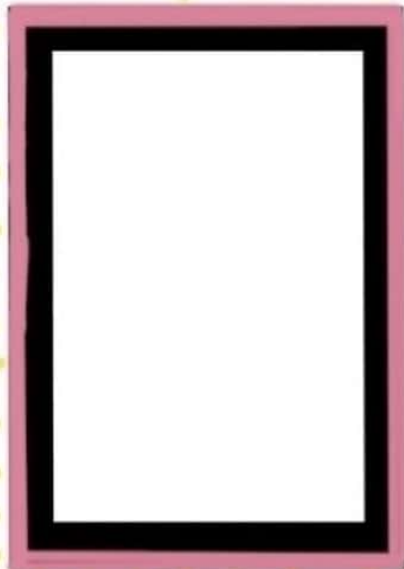
Shu Fen kept thinking of what she could do for the sea.



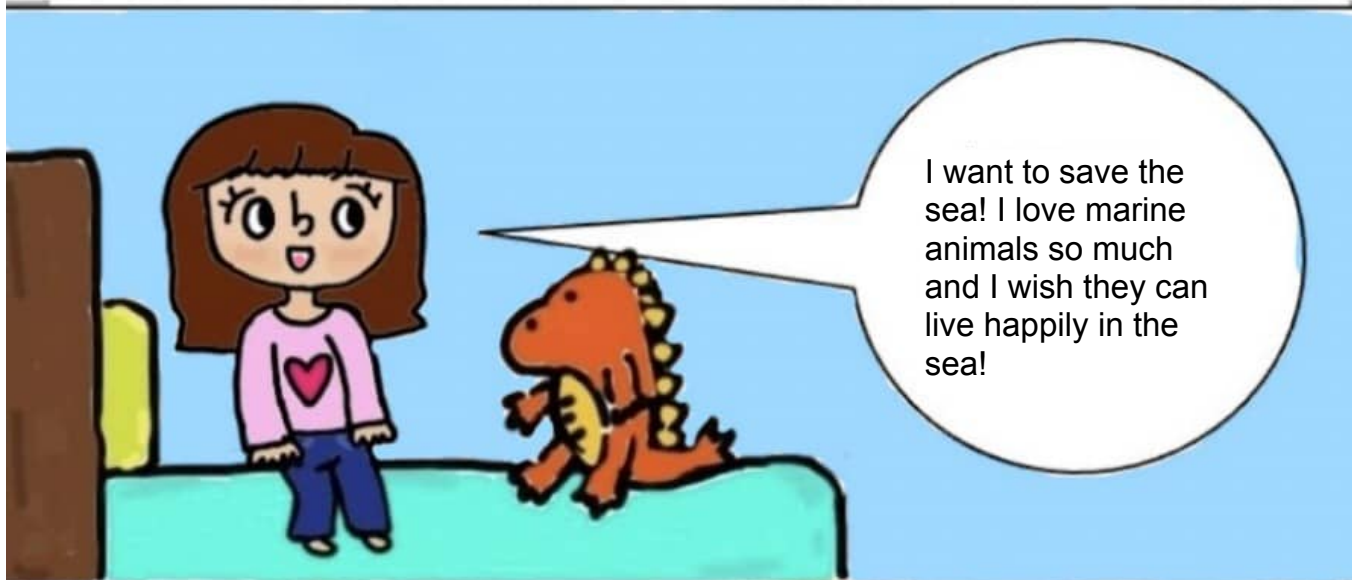
Hmm, what can I do to help keep the sea clean?



I can use Ma's phone to search for an answer!

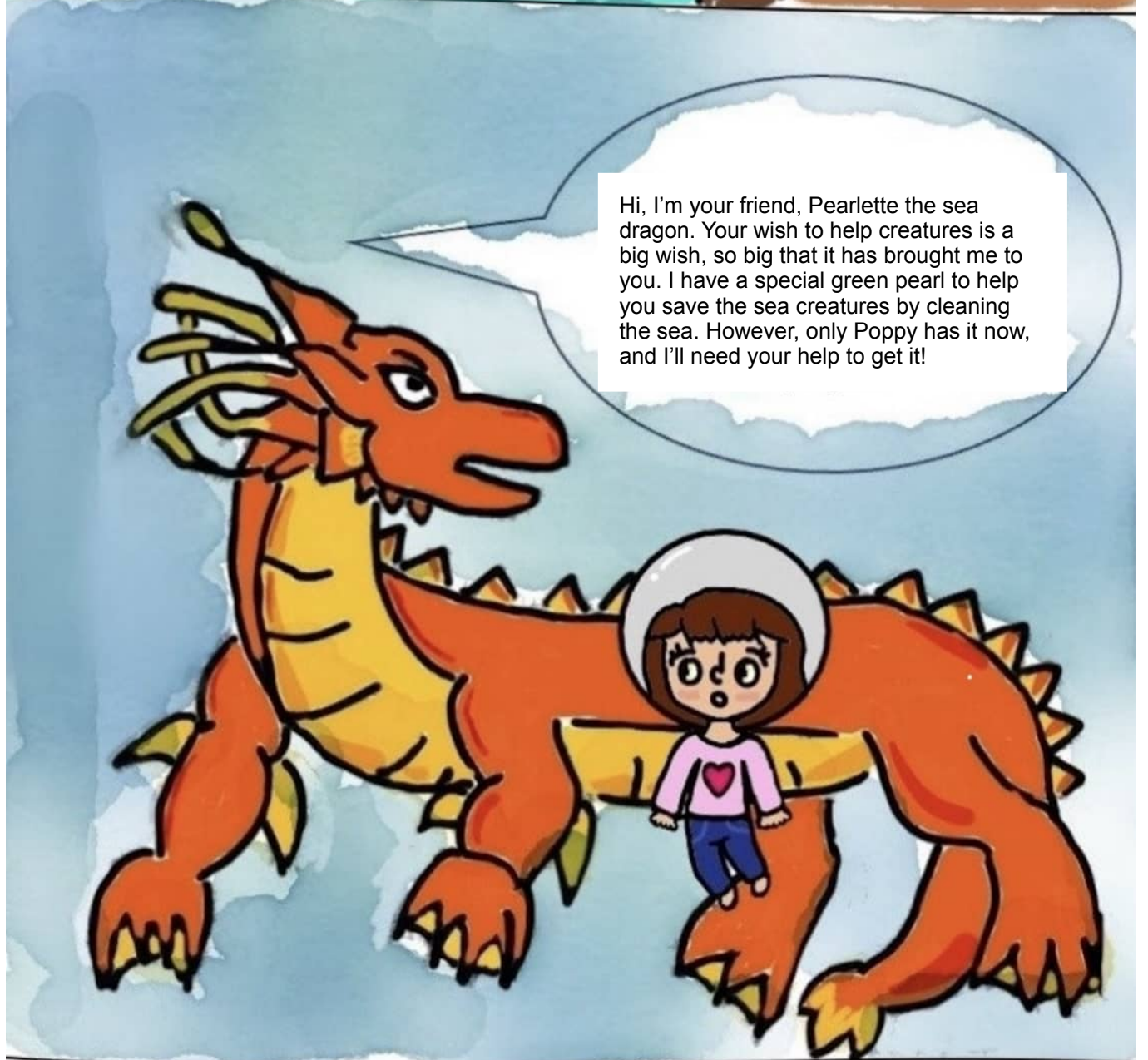


Wow so many answers!

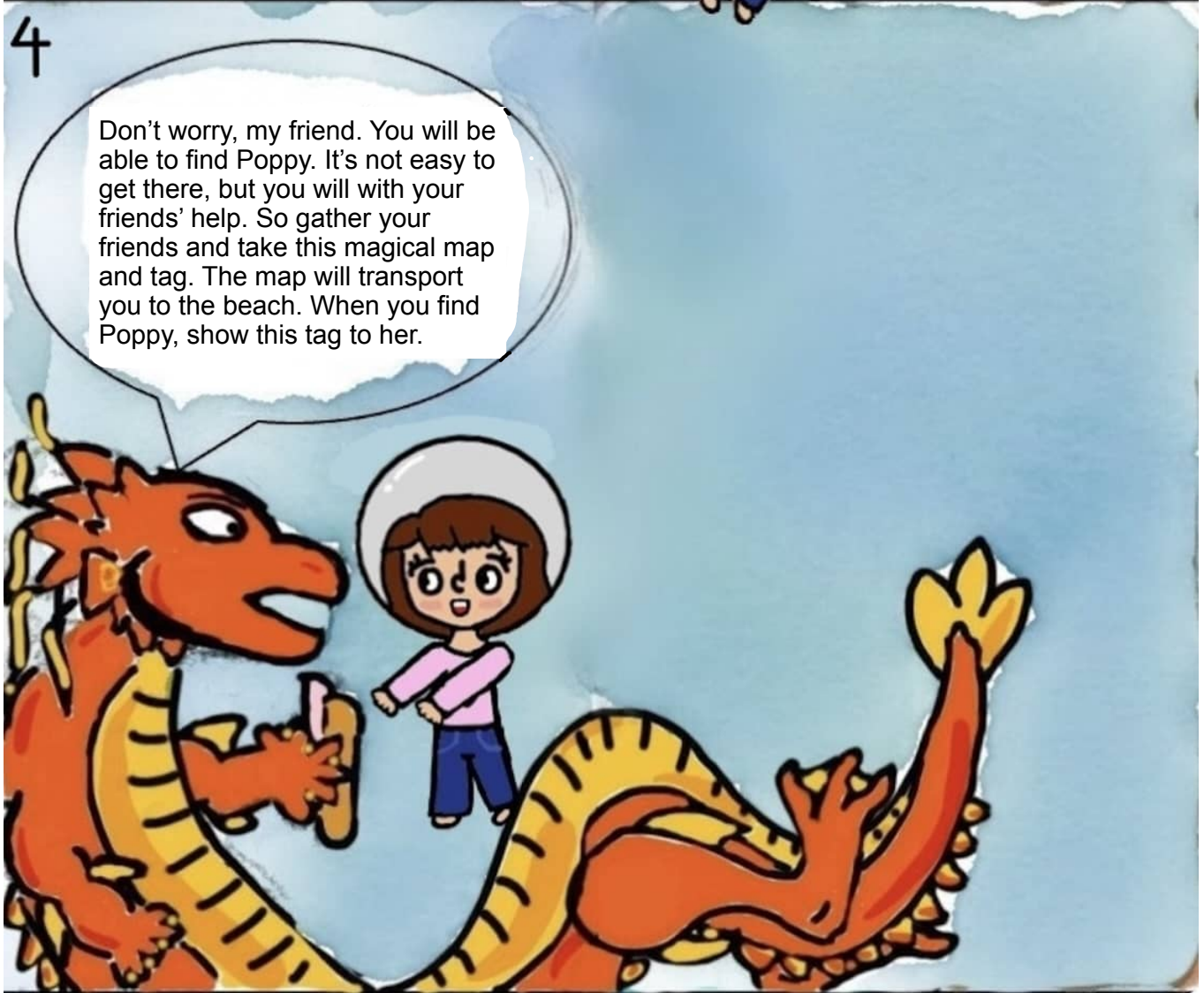




In dreamland..



Hi, I'm your friend, Pearlette the sea dragon. Your wish to help creatures is a big wish, so big that it has brought me to you. I have a special green pearl to help you save the sea creatures by cleaning the sea. However, only Poppy has it now, and I'll need your help to get it!



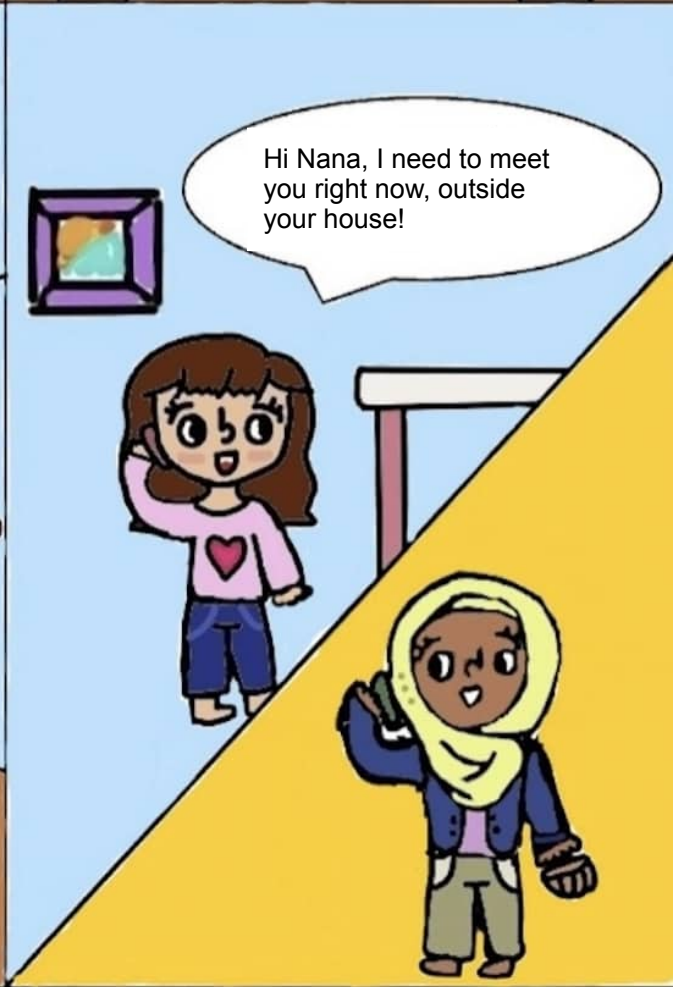
After finding Poppy and the green pearl, what should I do with the pearl?

You must take extra care of it. I will meet you again when you have completed the task.



Take one of these to protect the green pearl. You will need it.







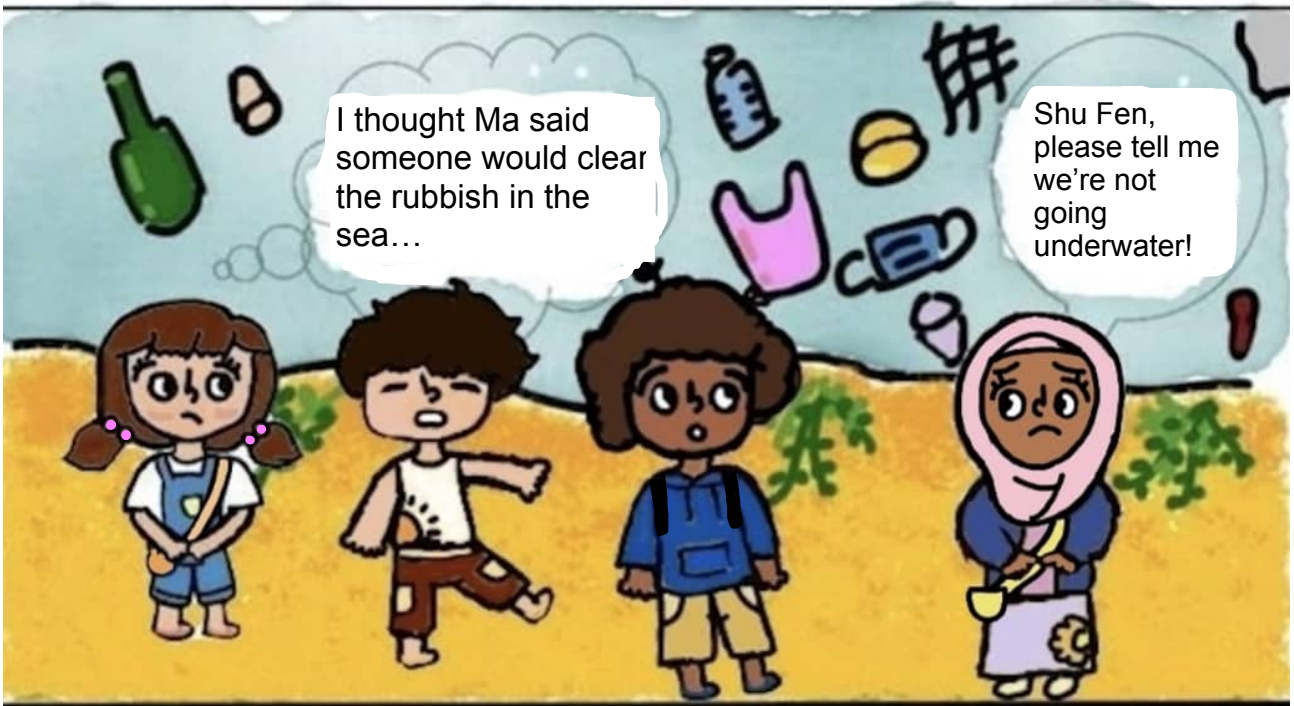


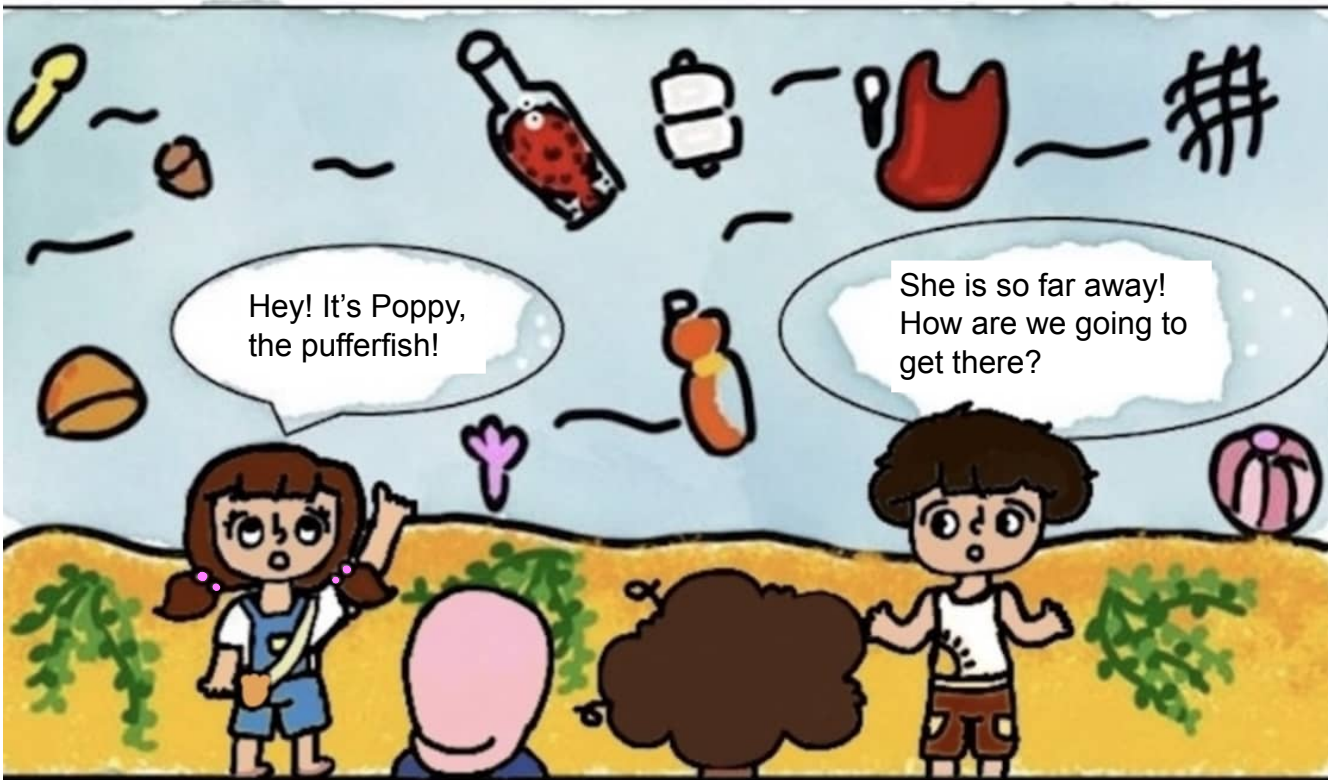
magical
map



It's a slide!







Hey! It's Poppy, the pufferfish!

She is so far away! How are we going to get there?



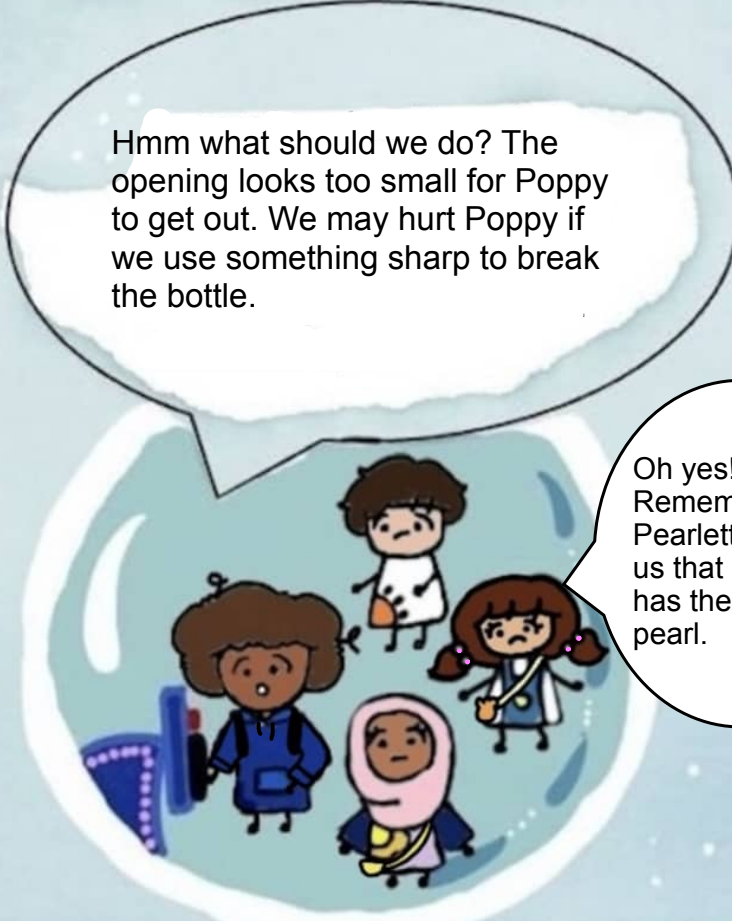
We can combine these small bubbles...




... to get a huuuuuge bubble! Like this!



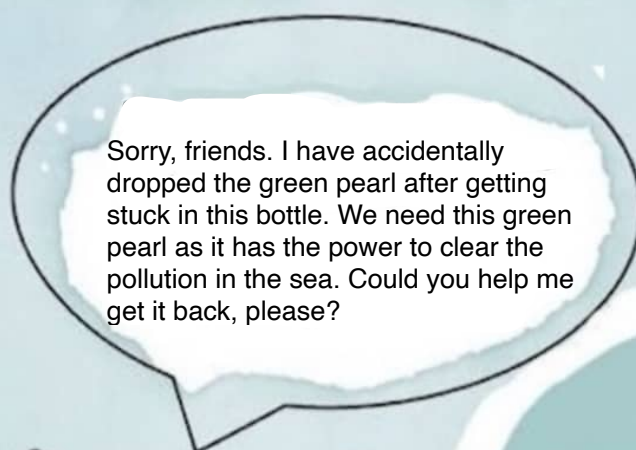




Hmm what should we do? The opening looks too small for Poppy to get out. We may hurt Poppy if we use something sharp to break the bottle.



Oh yes! Remember? Pearlette told us that Poppy has the green pearl.



Sorry, friends. I have accidentally dropped the green pearl after getting stuck in this bottle. We need this green pearl as it has the power to clear the pollution in the sea. Could you help me get it back, please?



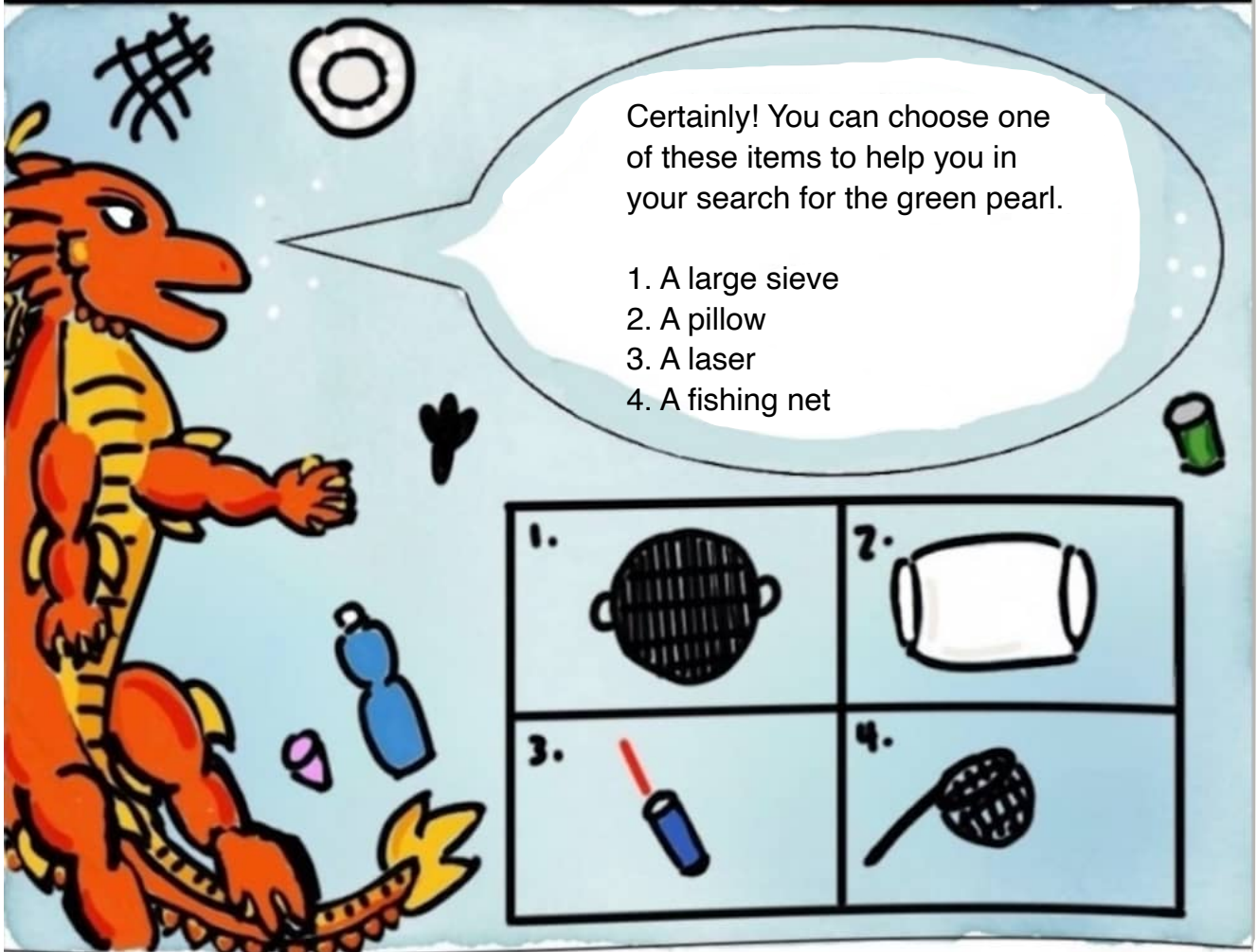
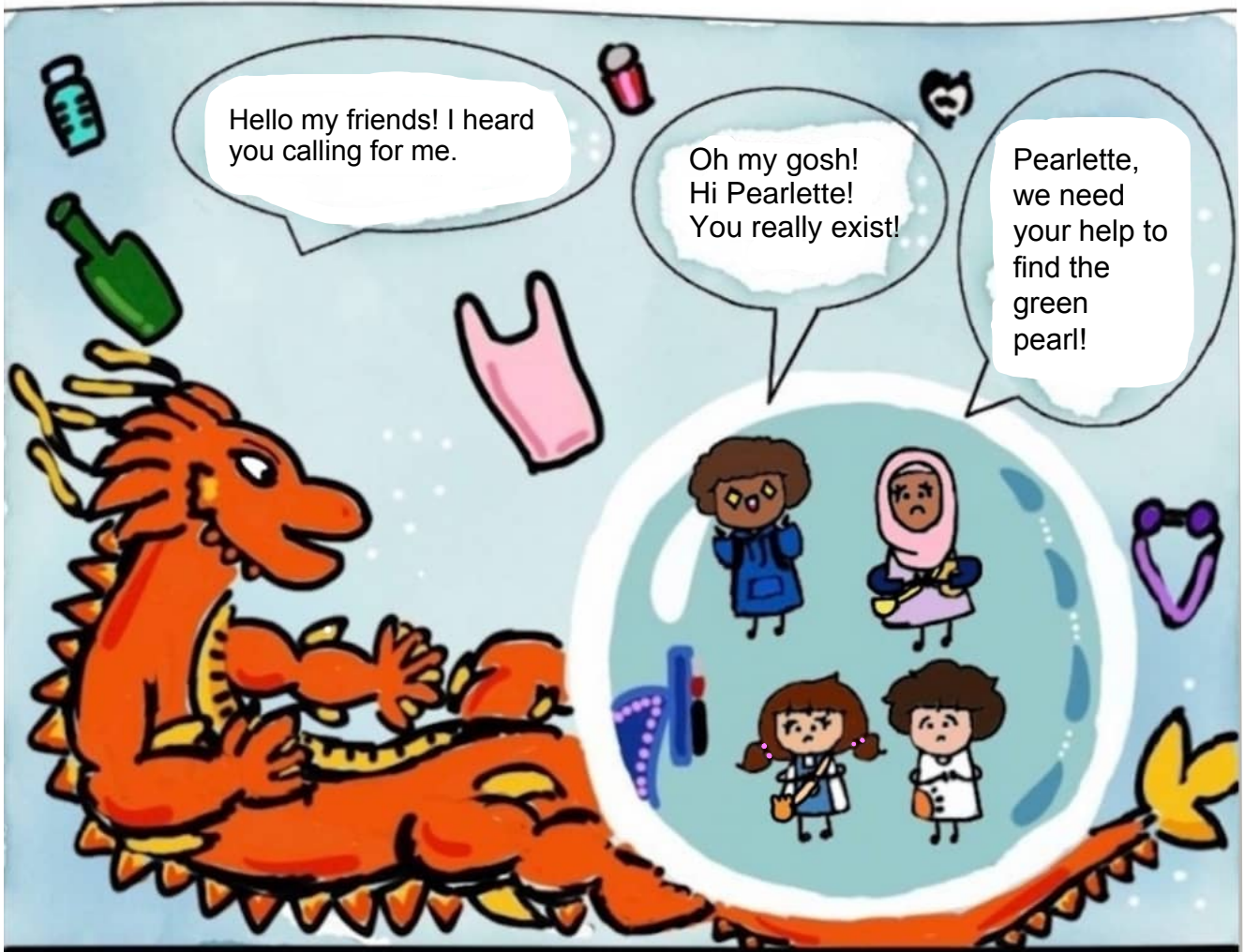


It must be somewhere!

Hey look at the tag!
It says, "Sing a song, then the sea dragon will appear."

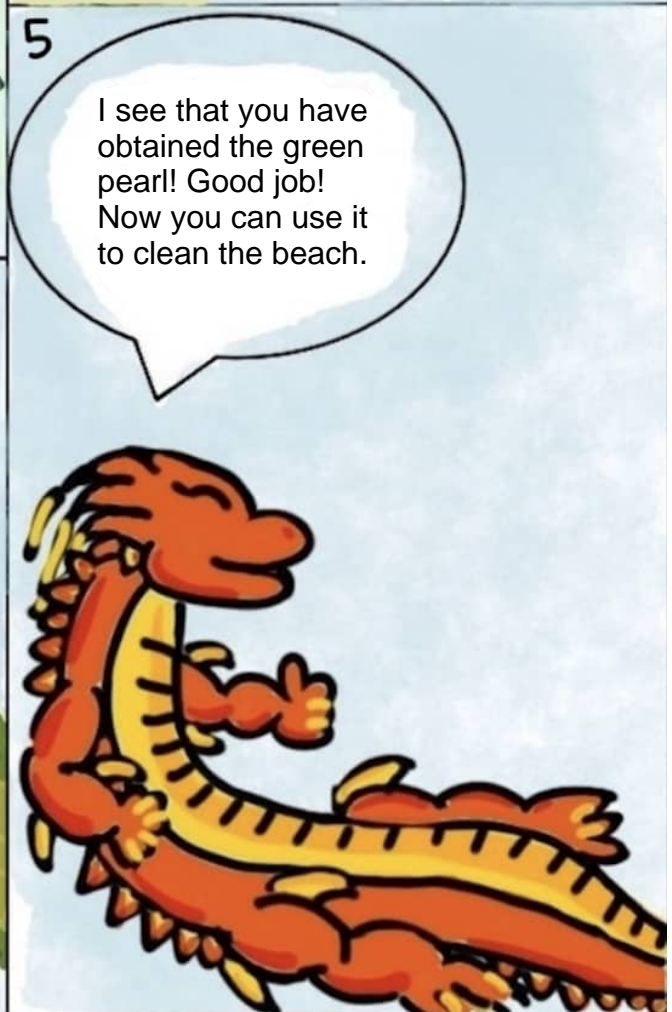


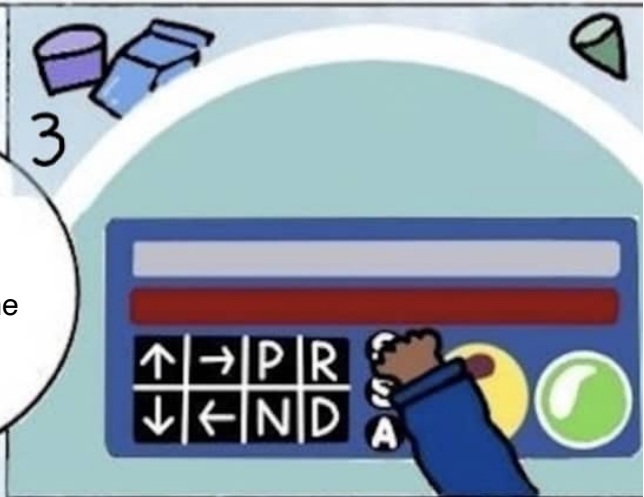
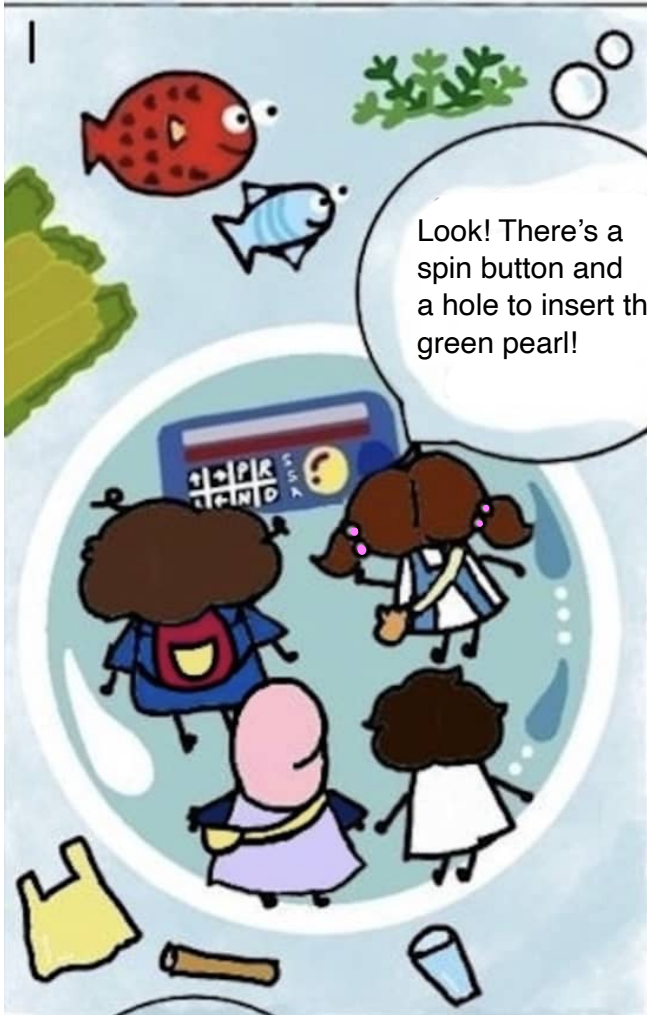
Pearlette, Pearlette, where are you? We need your help in the sea. We have found little Poppy, but she's stuck in a bottle! Please come to us because it is urgent. Poppy is sad and we need to act fast before it's too late!















A few weeks later...



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Alright, alright... Let's make it quick otherwise our mamas will scold us for going home late.

Okay! We've got this!



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Oh no! The rubbish has accumulated again! Shall we sort the rubbish and recycle those that can be recycled?



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Argh this is so troublesome!

Michael, Nana's right! If we want to help the sea and the sea creatures, we must do this!



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1 4

1 Create a poster to spread awareness 	2 Rely on others to do it
3 Continue littering 	4 Perform the 5Rs to save our environment

What should Shu Fen do?



3 5

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The friends placed the posters on the bulletin board in their classrooms...

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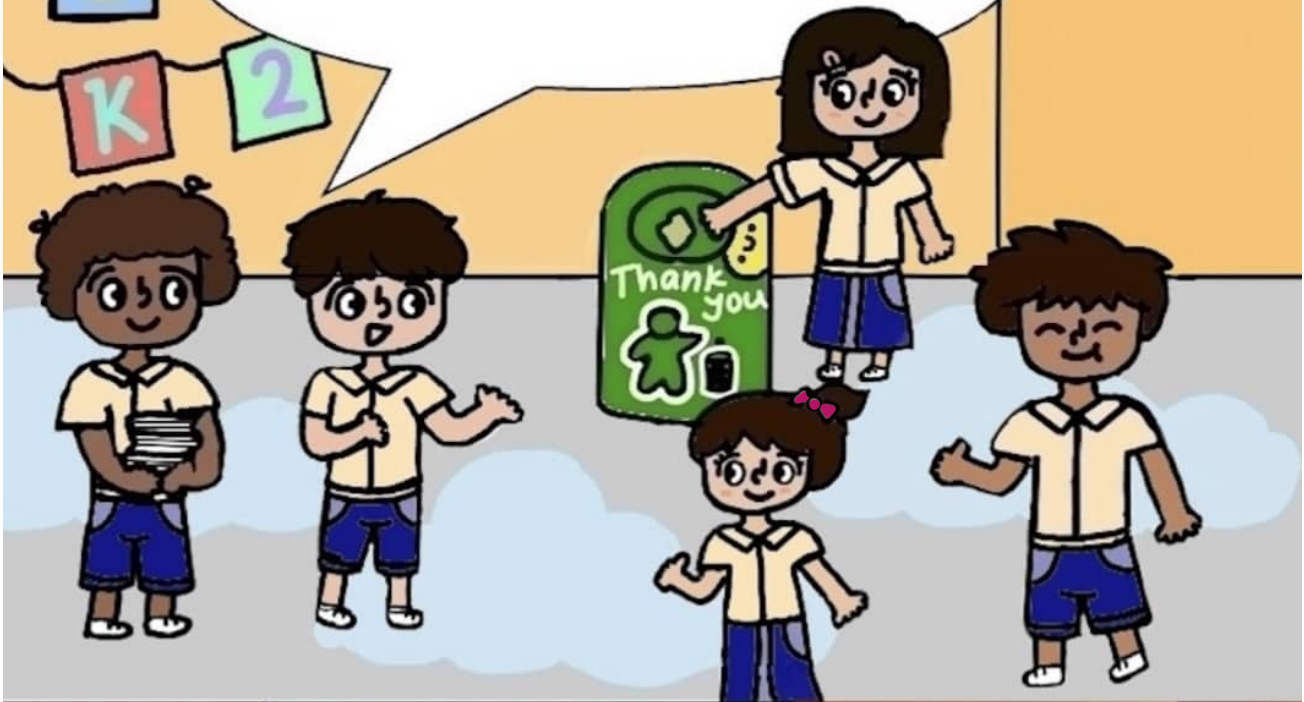
Passed the posters to their neighbours...

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Shared with friends...

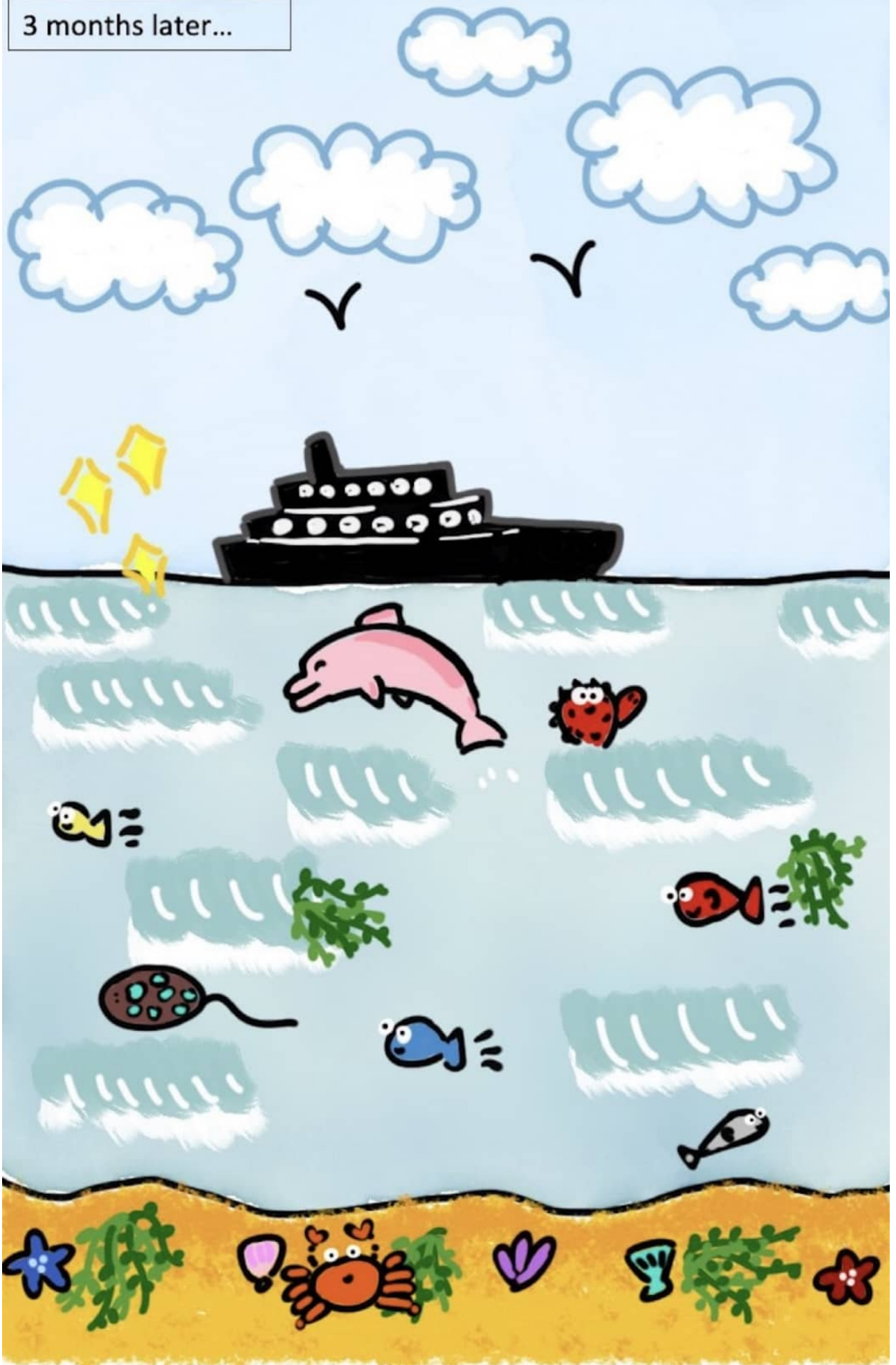
Please throw your litter into the rubbish bins! Do not litter on the beach, okay?



Uploaded on social media to encourage people to throw their litter into rubbish bins...



3 months later...



The Green Pearl represents people who do not litter and those who keep the beach clean.

We have this one and only Earth. The clock is ticking for our Earth. Would you be the HERO to save our Earth by caring for the seas and sea creatures by not littering? We know you can, guardian!





Let's play
our part
to keep our
SEAS CLEAN.



QUESTION:
HOW MANY ANIMALS
ARE THERE IN THIS PICTURE?



Answer: 15

CHECKLIST:



What will you do to save our sea creatures?



#1

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#2

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#3

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#4

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#5



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GUARDIANS OF THE SEA

Why should we keep the sea pollution free?

- 1 Provides more than 50% of **AIR** we need to breathe
- 2 The **SEA** is needed for us to **SURVIVE!**



(Marine Conservation Institute, 2020)

What can YOU do to help?

CONSERVE WATER



- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth
- Reduce shower time to 8 minutes or less

(Volusia County Florida, 2022)

FOLLOW YOUR PARENT TO A BEACH CLEAN-UP



- Cultivate good habits
- Learn to care for the environment

(Go explore nature, 2014)

USE REUSABLE ITEMS



Benefits:

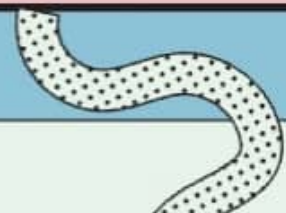
- Uses less fuel to produce items
- Reduces plastic waste
- Reduces carbon footprint



(Be Bottle Co, 2020)

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

- Encourage one another to reduce littering
- Discuss ways to reduce pollution



Consequences of water pollution

ILLNESSES

How does water pollution cause people to fall sick?



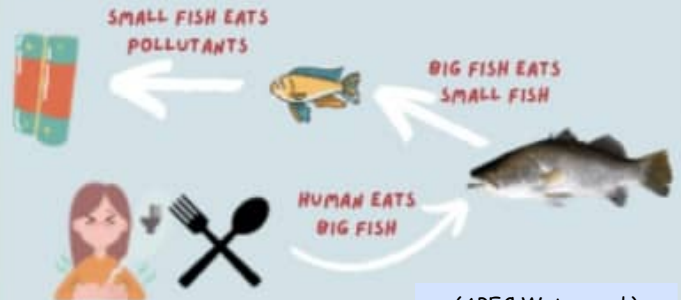
- Contaminated water contains bacteria & viruses that make people ill

(Denchak, 2021)

AFFECT THE ECOSYSTEM



How does water pollution affect the ecosystem?



(APEC Water, n.d.)

MALNUTRITION

How does water pollution cause malnutrition?



- Consumption of polluted water causes diarrhea leading to malnutrition

(WellWo, 2021)

AFFECTS SEA ANIMALS' BREATHING

Pollutants that contain chemicals help algae grow

Bacteria tends to be attracted to algae

Causing plenty of algae to float. This ↓ the amount of oxygen in sea

I can't breathe...



(National Ocean Service, 2019)

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