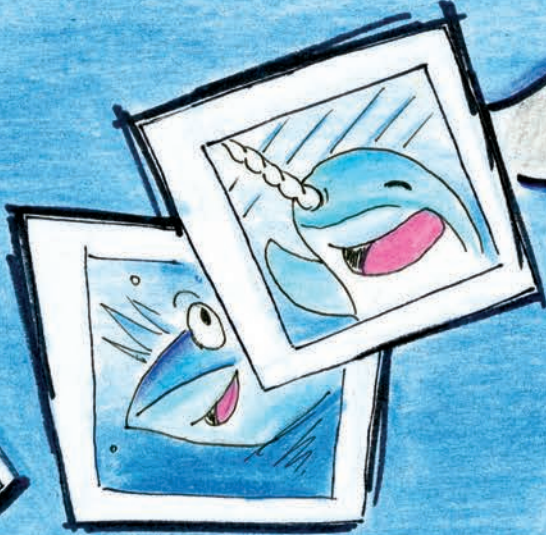
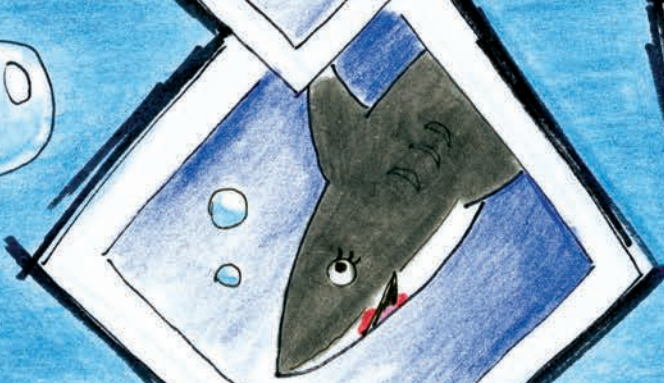
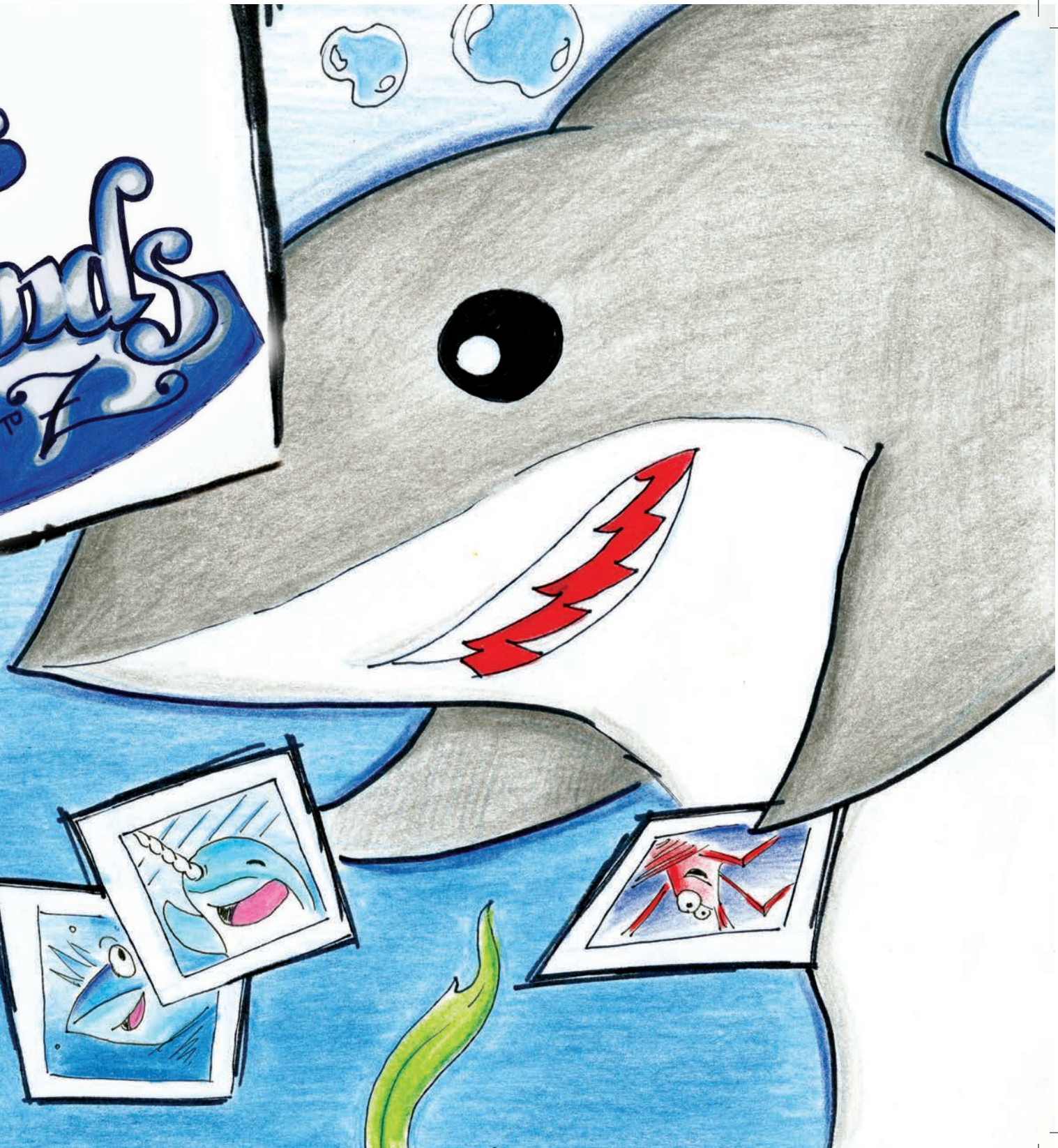


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FROM A TO Z



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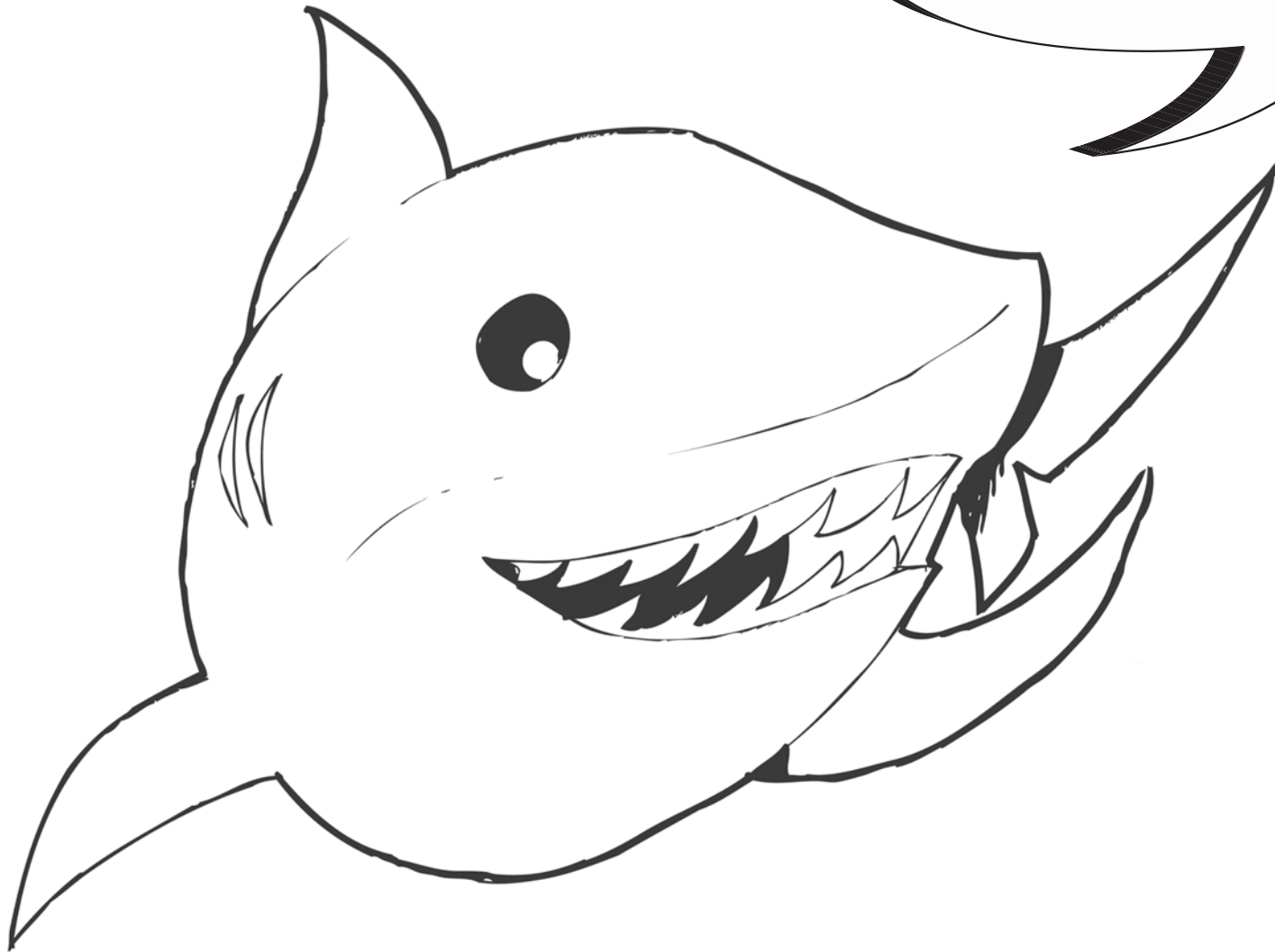
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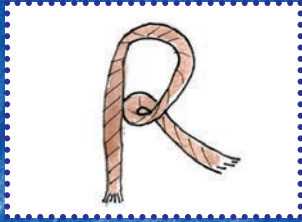
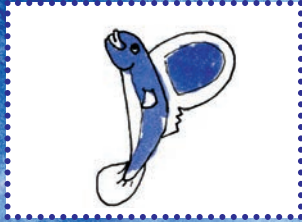
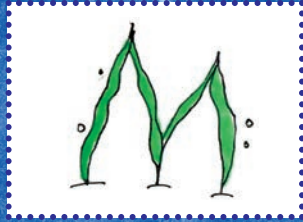
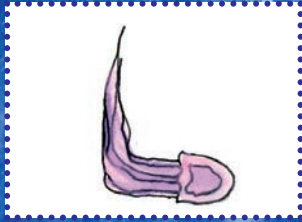
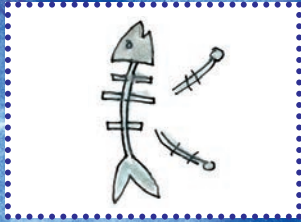
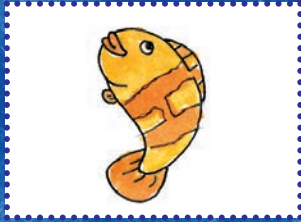
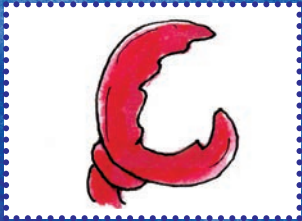
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Save Our Seas Foundation

Save Our Seas Foundation is a non-profit organization headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, which is committed to the conservation of the world's oceans.

In the 1970s the earth lost one species a day, but this may now have increased to as many as one species an hour. Scientists have proved that many marine creatures survived unchanged for millions of years in unforgiving, often hostile environments. Yet in a much shorter period, human interference has seriously upset this balance, dramatically affecting the plight of marine life, and consequently the future of humanity as a whole.

While marine experts, scientists, and policy makers around the world gather to discuss the issues of sand-starved beaches, sea pollution, exhaustive over fishing, and the devastation of marine life worldwide, the Save Our Seas Foundation has been launched to help change the tide.

Encouraging awareness, protection, preservation and conservation of the global marine environment through research and education is at the heart of the Foundation's mission. Inspiring people, especially children, to fall in love with the sea by providing informative and educational material will assist in better understanding the ocean world, and the many challenges that affect its delicate ecosystems.

The future of our oceans lies in our hands today. But it is crucial that we encourage children to embrace their role as guardians of the water worlds of tomorrow.

“As long as there are people who care and take action, we can and we will make a difference.”

The Founder
Save Our Seas Foundation



Why Ocean and Shark Conservation?

This is a note from Peter Verhoog and Georgina Wiersma, the CEOs of the Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF), Peter and Georgina are underwater photographers, writers, publishers and passionate advocates for ocean conservation and education.

Our oceans are home to many creatures of unbelievable diversity and color. They cover about two-thirds of the Earth's surface and help create the atmosphere in which plants, humans and animals can live. They form the life-support system for our planet, consuming carbon dioxide and producing between one-third and one-half of the world's oxygen.

These great masses of water also impact our weather and climate. And as home to many thousands of species of fishes and invertebrates, oceans provide an important part of the global food chain. Both marine mammals and humans depend heavily on healthy oceans for food. Unless the oceans remain healthy, whales, dolphins, other marine mammals - and even people - will not survive.

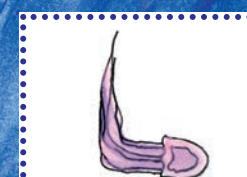
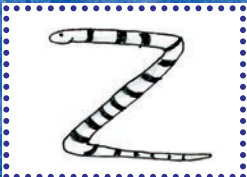
The oceans also provide social and economic goods and services, are used for tourism and recreation, marine transport and coastal protection.

In salty ocean waters, the most common large predators are sharks. In spite of their immense power and fully perfected streamline that even evolution itself has left untouched for millions of years, they are not only extremely vulnerable, but also despised and slaughtered. Sharks have long been hunted by fishers, who know how much the economic value of these animals has increased over the past twenty years. Their fins are a delicacy for the Asian markets, and many millions of sharks die a miserable death as by-catch on fishing lines and in nets. The main focus of the Save Our Seas Foundation is sharks. Sharks play a key role in the oceans, like lions do on land. They keep the oceans fish and mammal populations healthy. If the sharks would disappear, the ecological balance in our oceans would be lost.

We hope that this book will evoke the same emotions in its readers as we have felt in our diving experiences: admiration, respect and awe. And the sincere will to save the oceans' creatures from extinction, so that every child in this world can see their beauty.

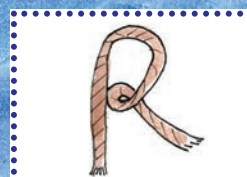
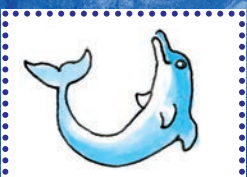
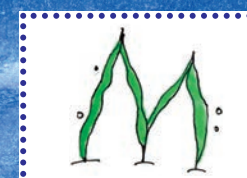
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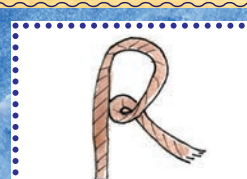
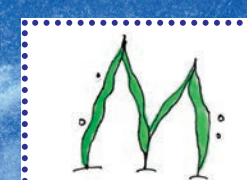
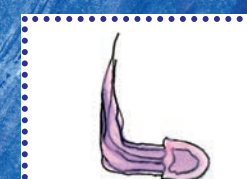
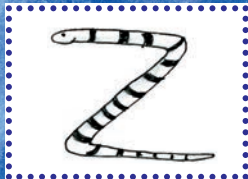


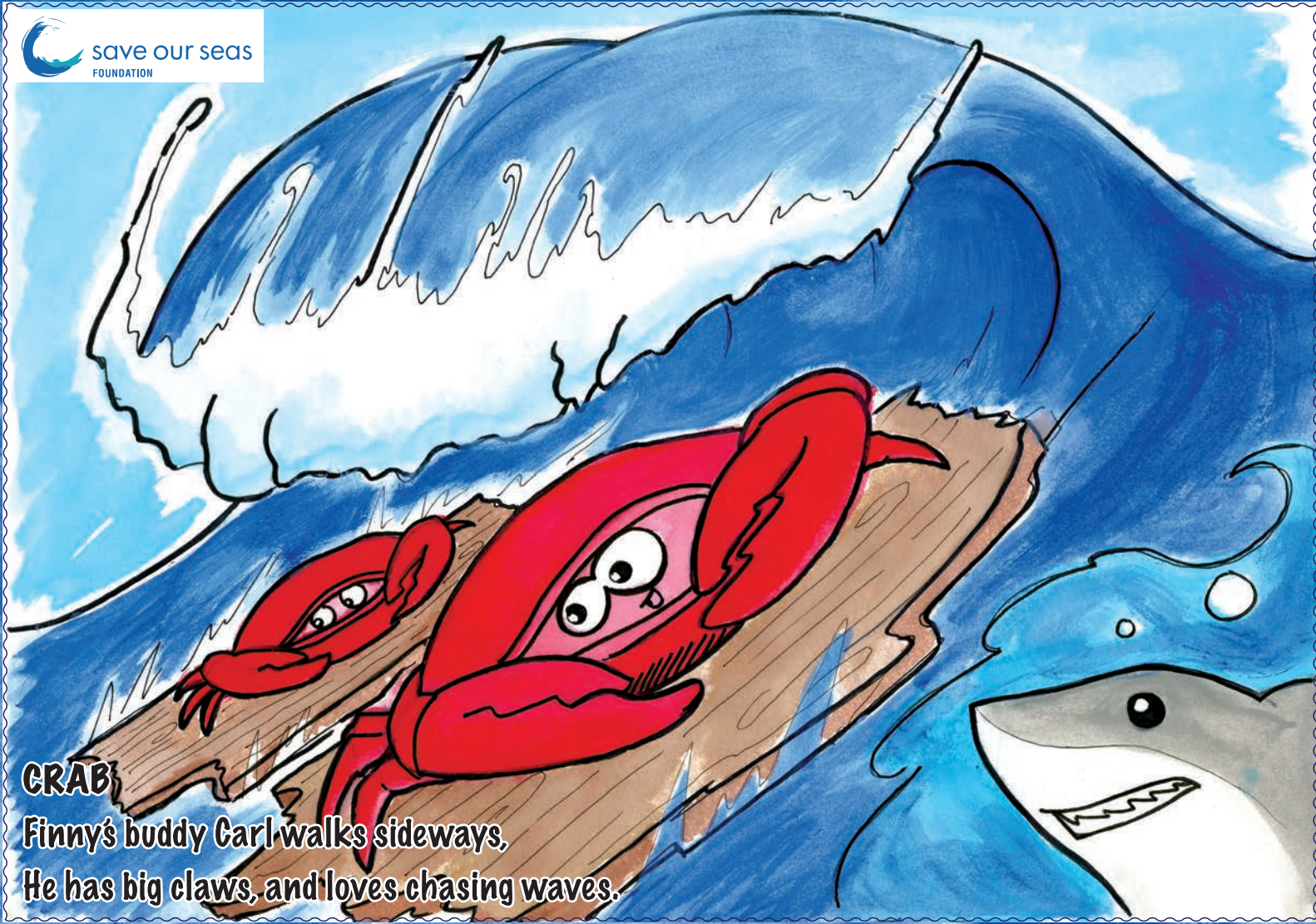


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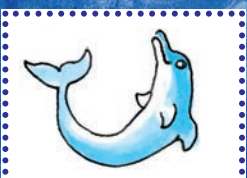
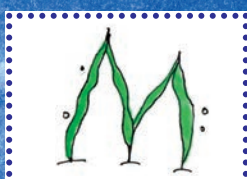
Angie the Angelfish is colorful and bright,
She goes out at day, and hides at night.







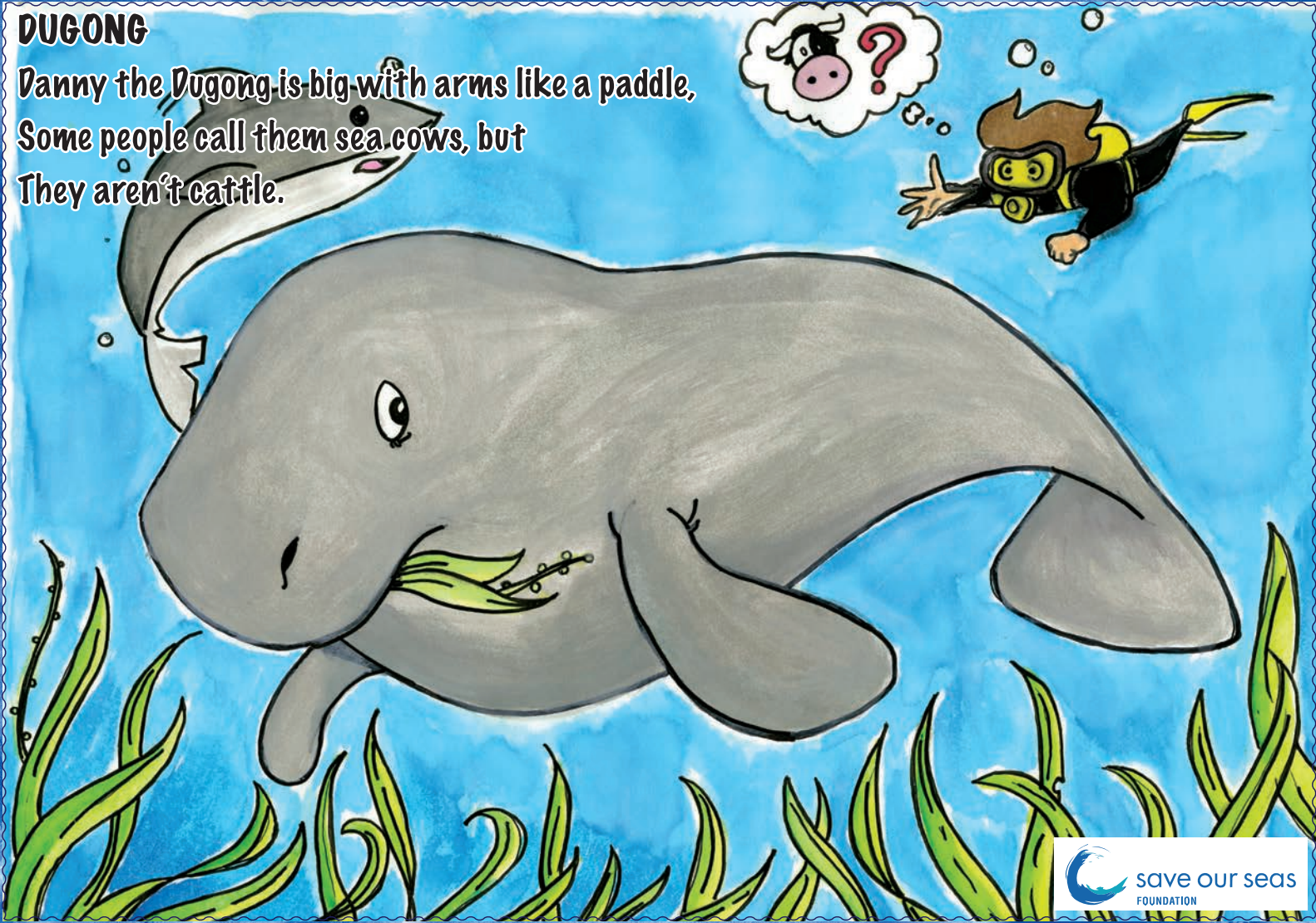
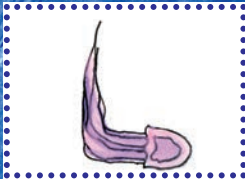
CRAB
Finny's buddy Carl walks sideways,
He has big claws, and loves chasing waves.





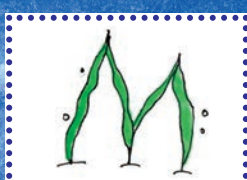
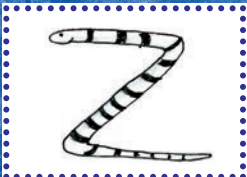
DUGONG

Danny the Dugong is big with arms like a paddle,
Some people call them sea cows, but
They aren't cattle.



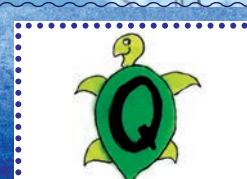
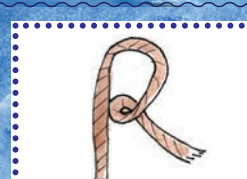
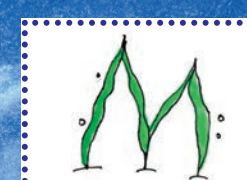
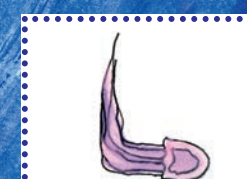
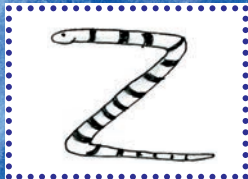
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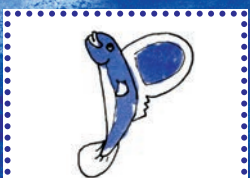
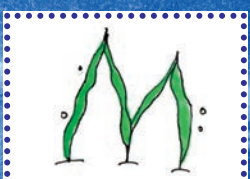
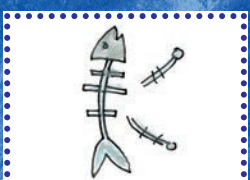
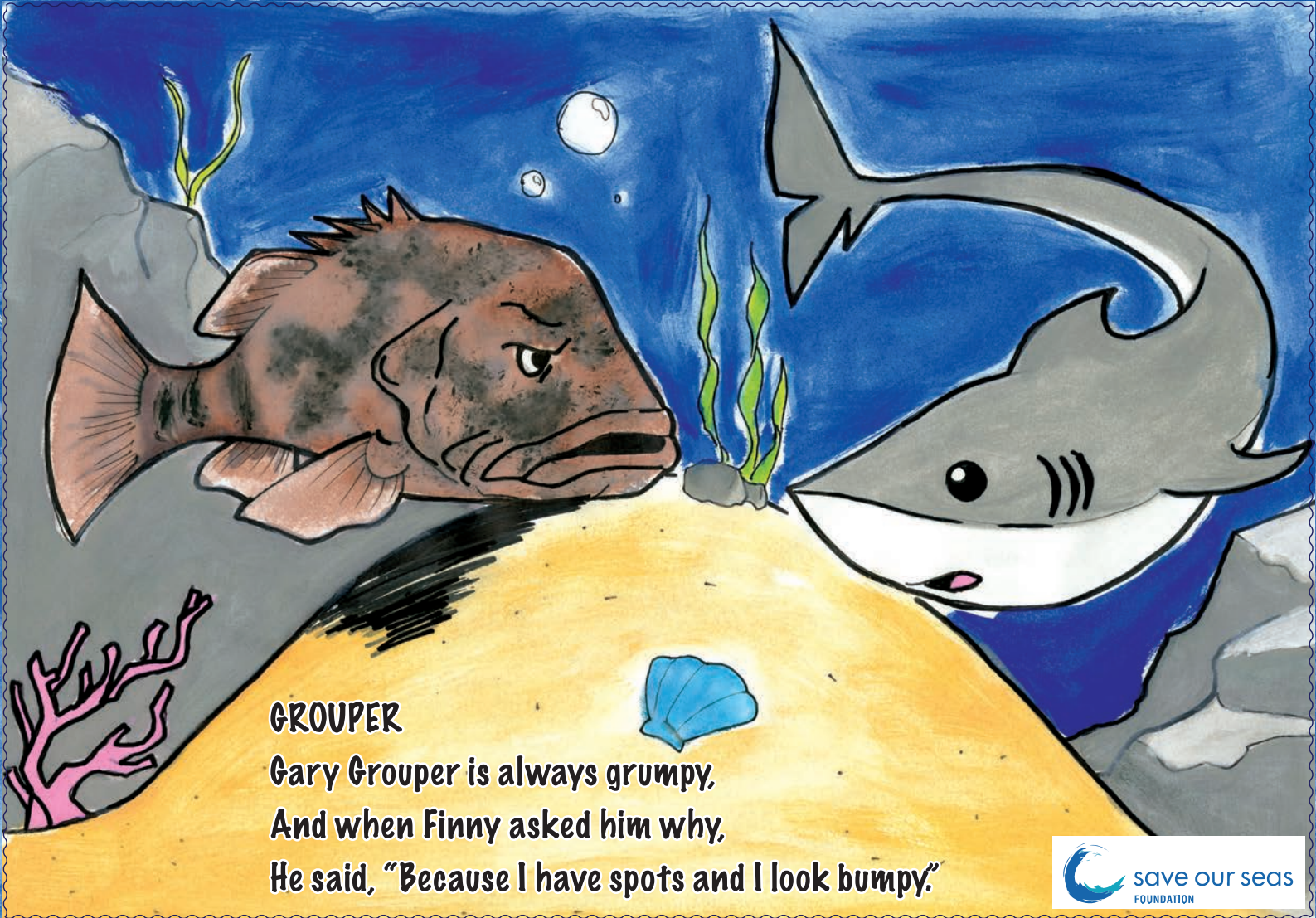


EEL
Some eels are tiny,
Others can grow big,
Finny's friend Eric is no bigger than a twig!





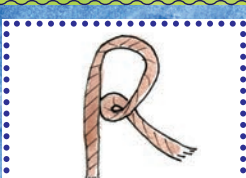
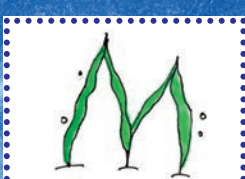
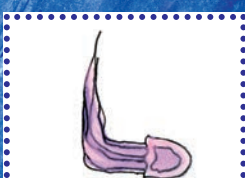
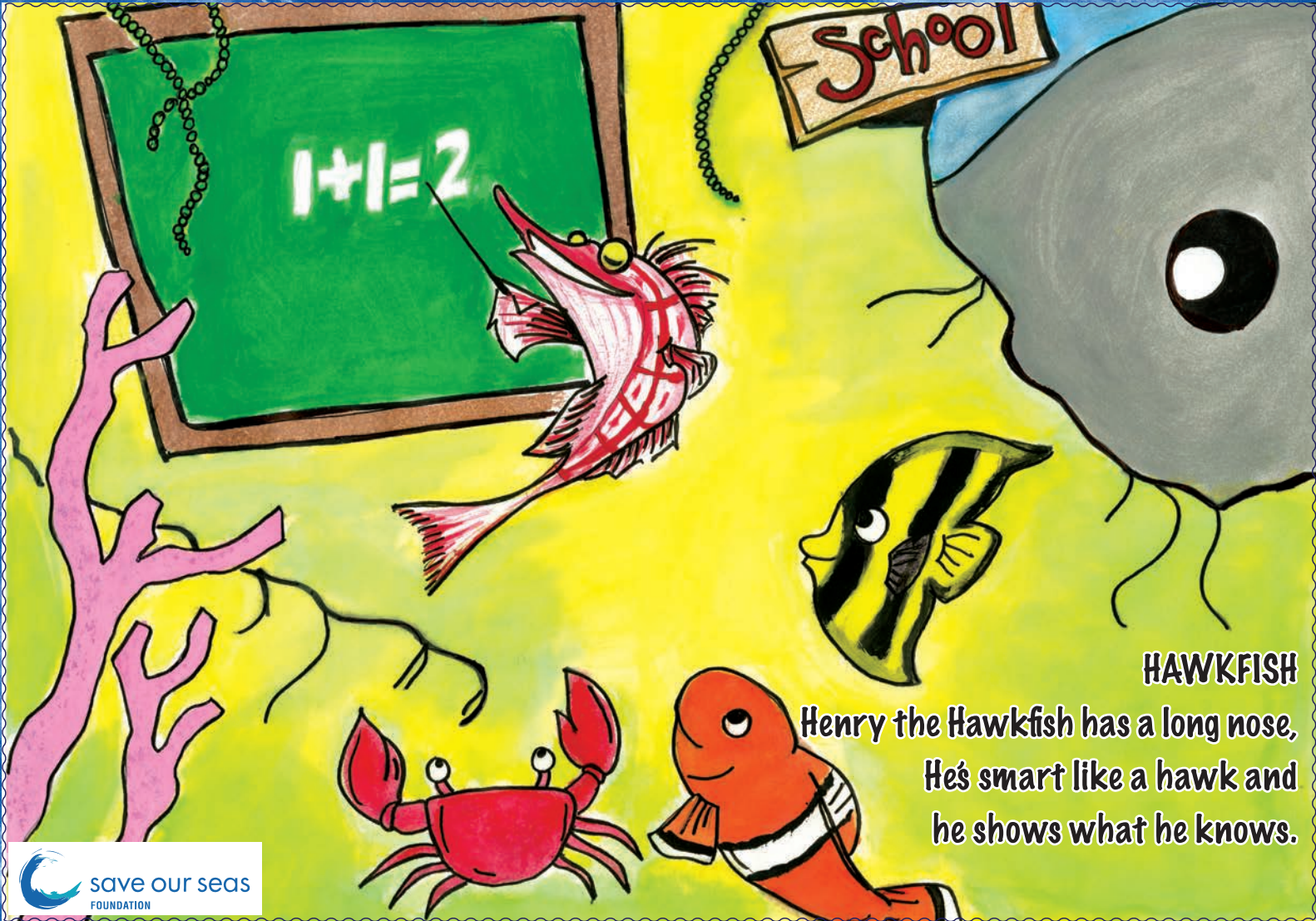
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GROUPEr

Gary Grouper is always grumpy,
And when Finny asked him why,
He said, "Because I have spots and I look bumpy."

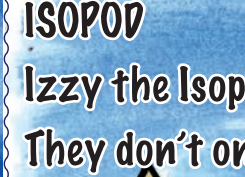
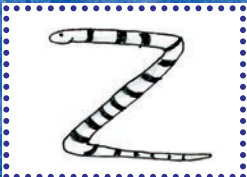




HAWKFISH

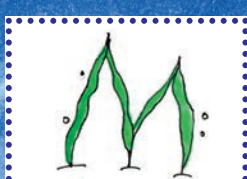
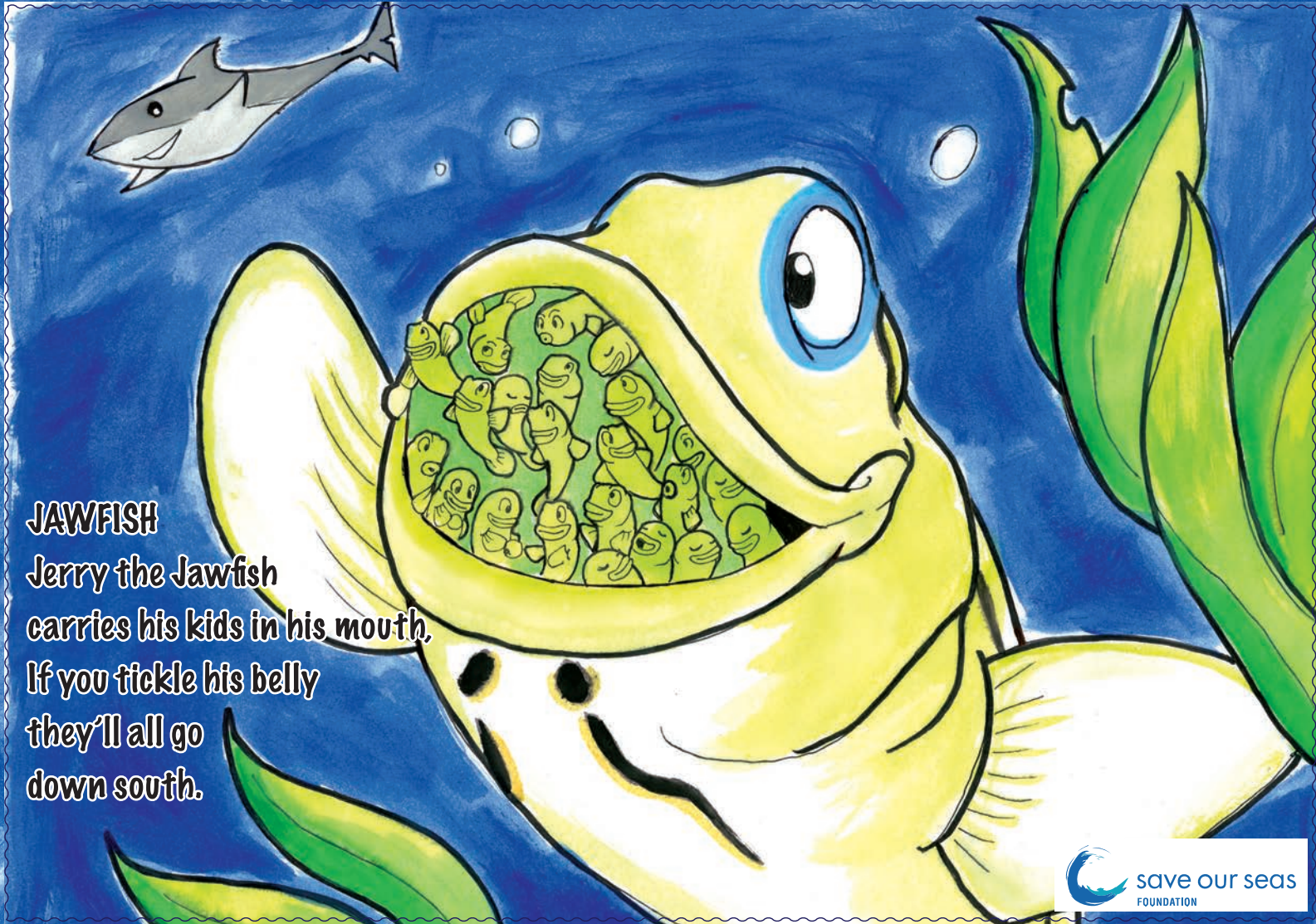
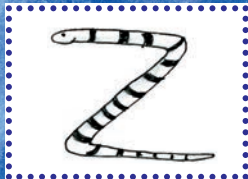
Henry the Hawkfish has a long nose,
He's smart like a hawk and
he shows what he knows.





ISOPOD
 Izzy the Isopod is the bug of the seas,
 They don't only live in the oceans,
 His cousins live in trees.





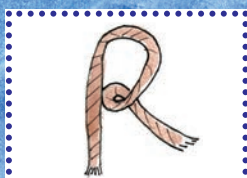
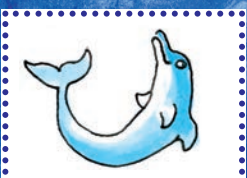
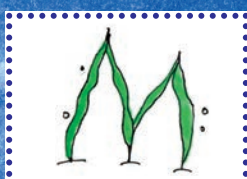
JAWFISH

Jerry the Jawfish carries his kids in his mouth. If you tickle his belly they'll all go down south.





KOI
 Finny's pen pal Koi lives in a freshwater pond,
 They write to each other every week,
 And of each other they've grown very fond.

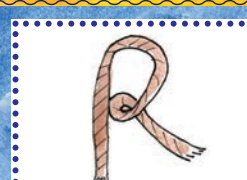
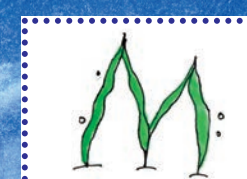


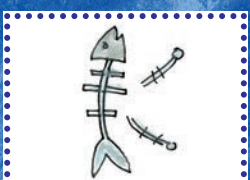
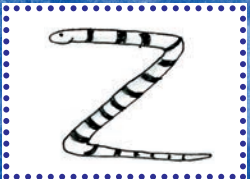
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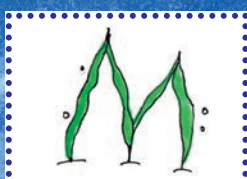
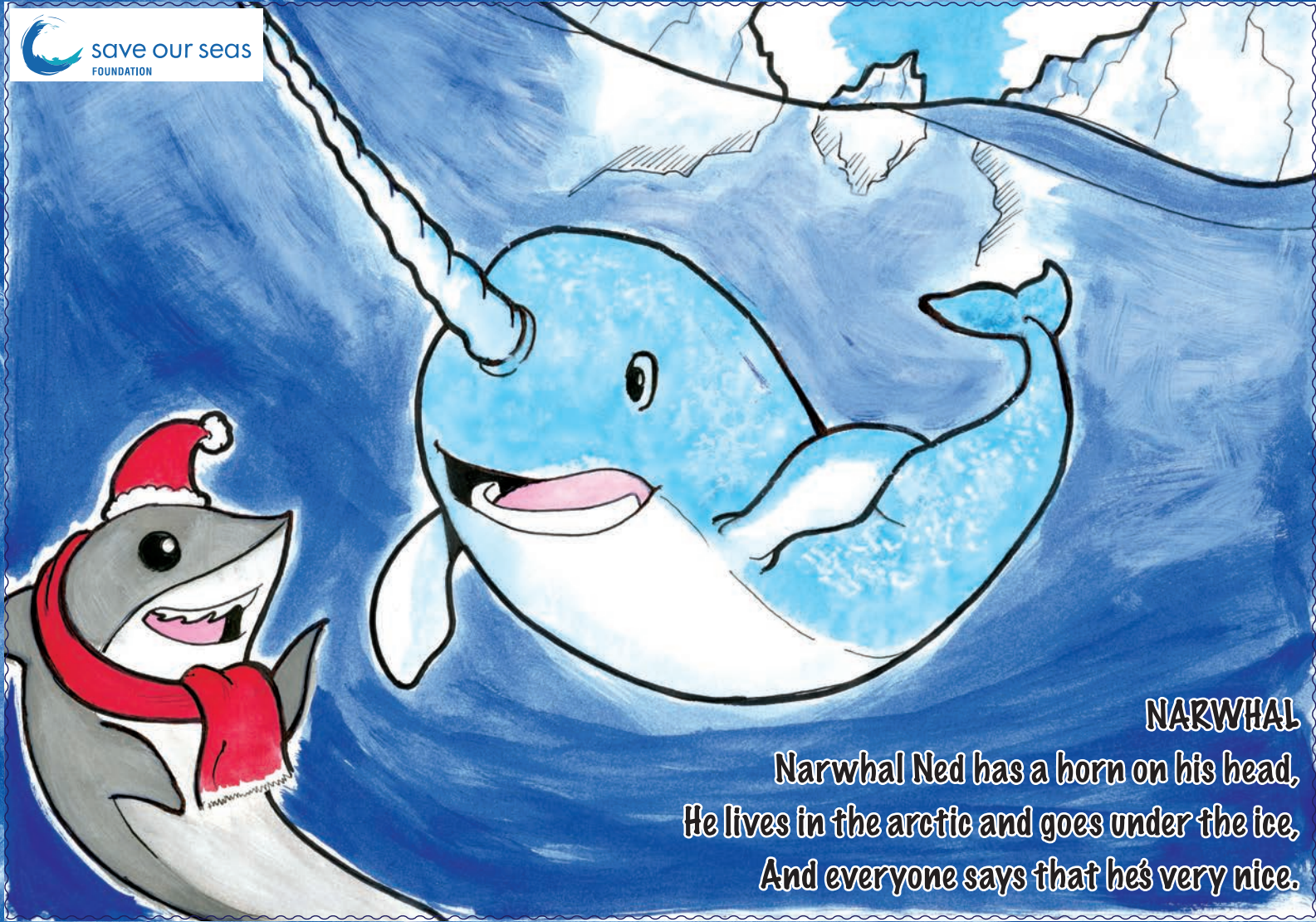
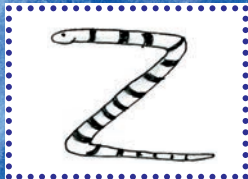


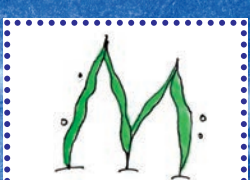
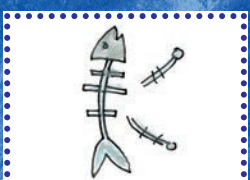
LIONFISH

Lindy the lionfish has a beautiful mane,
But you better not bother her, over the ocean she reigns.









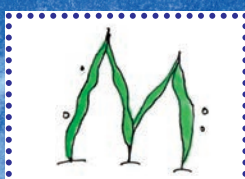
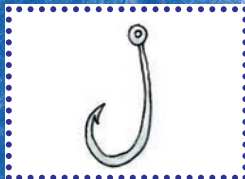
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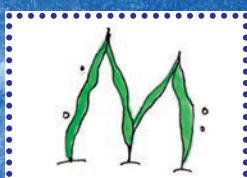
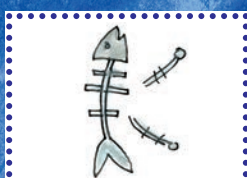
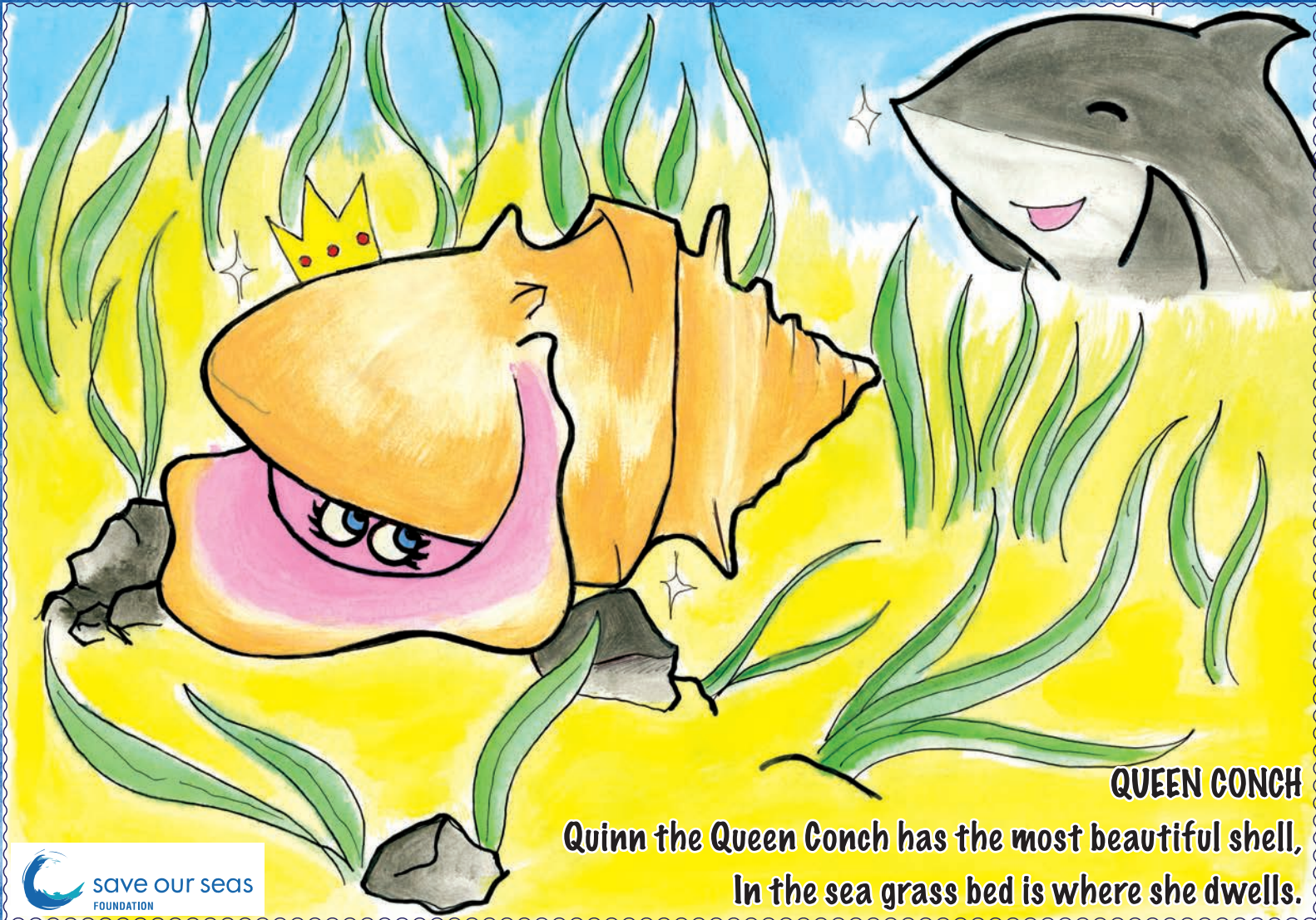
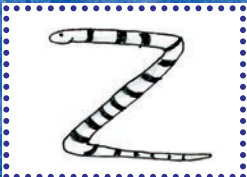
Finny has oyster friends living on the rocks,
One of them named Oscar lives happily near the docks.





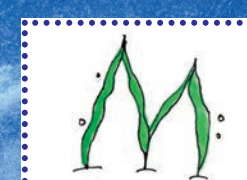
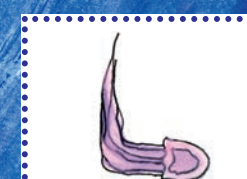
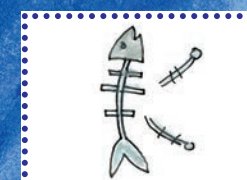
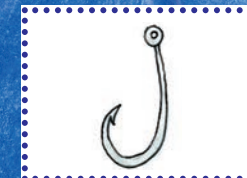
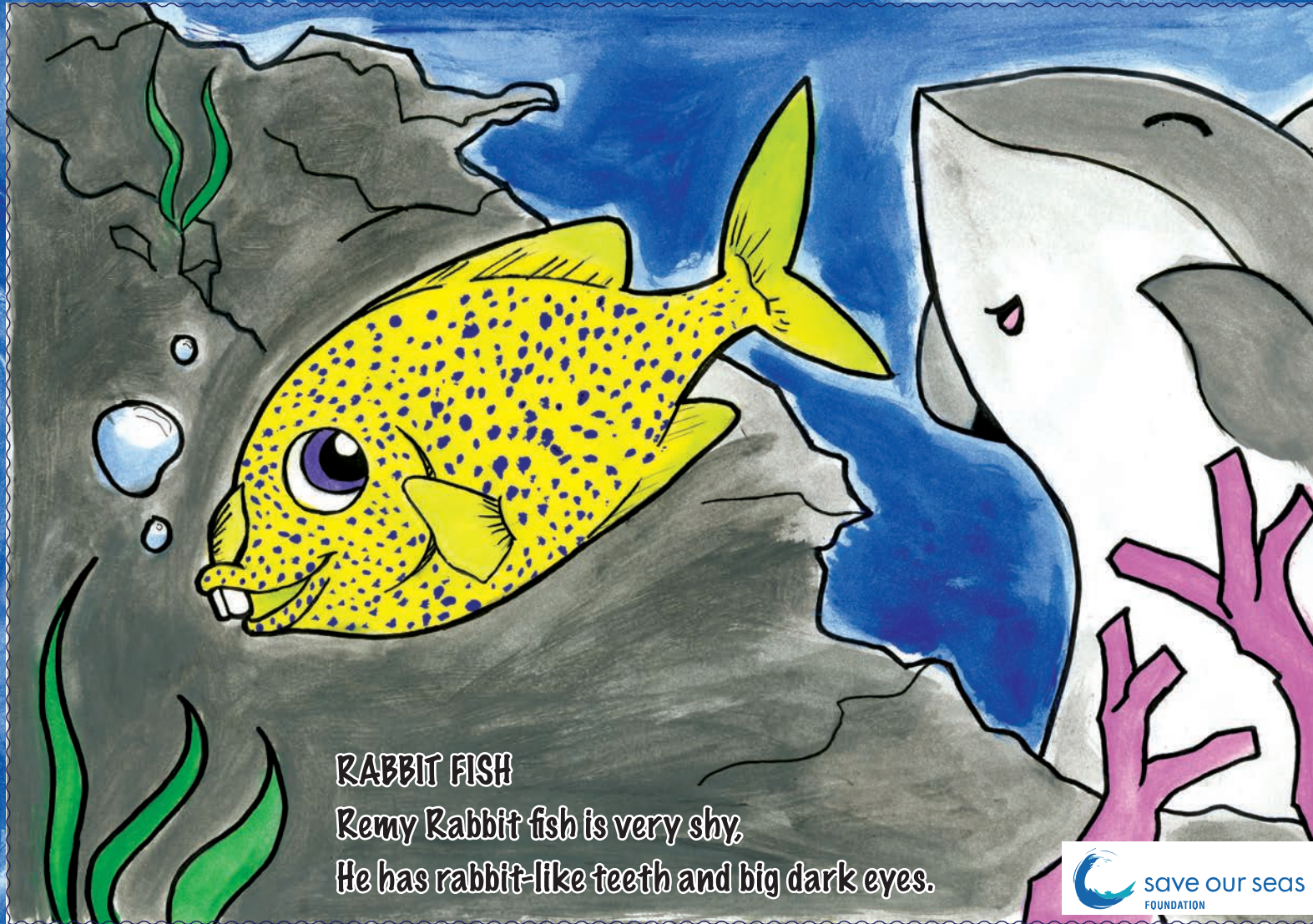
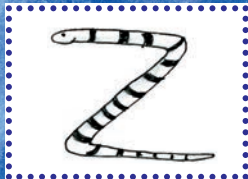
PUFFER FISH
Patty the puffer fish can be lots of fun,
But when she gets scared,
The party is done.





QUEEN CONCH
Quinn the Queen Conch has the most beautiful shell,
In the sea grass bed is where she dwells.

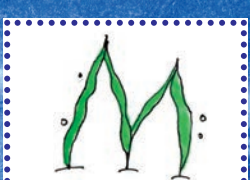
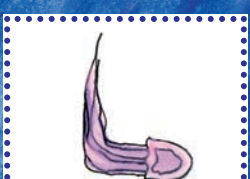
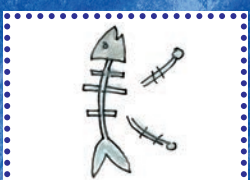




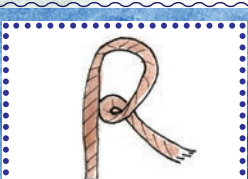
RABBIT FISH

Remy Rabbit fish is very shy,
He has rabbit-like teeth and big dark eyes.





SHRIMP
Sandy the Shrimp has stripes of white and red,
His favorite place to hang-out is on top of Finny's head.



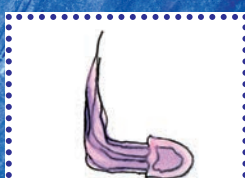
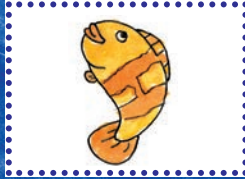
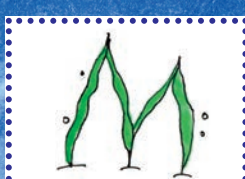
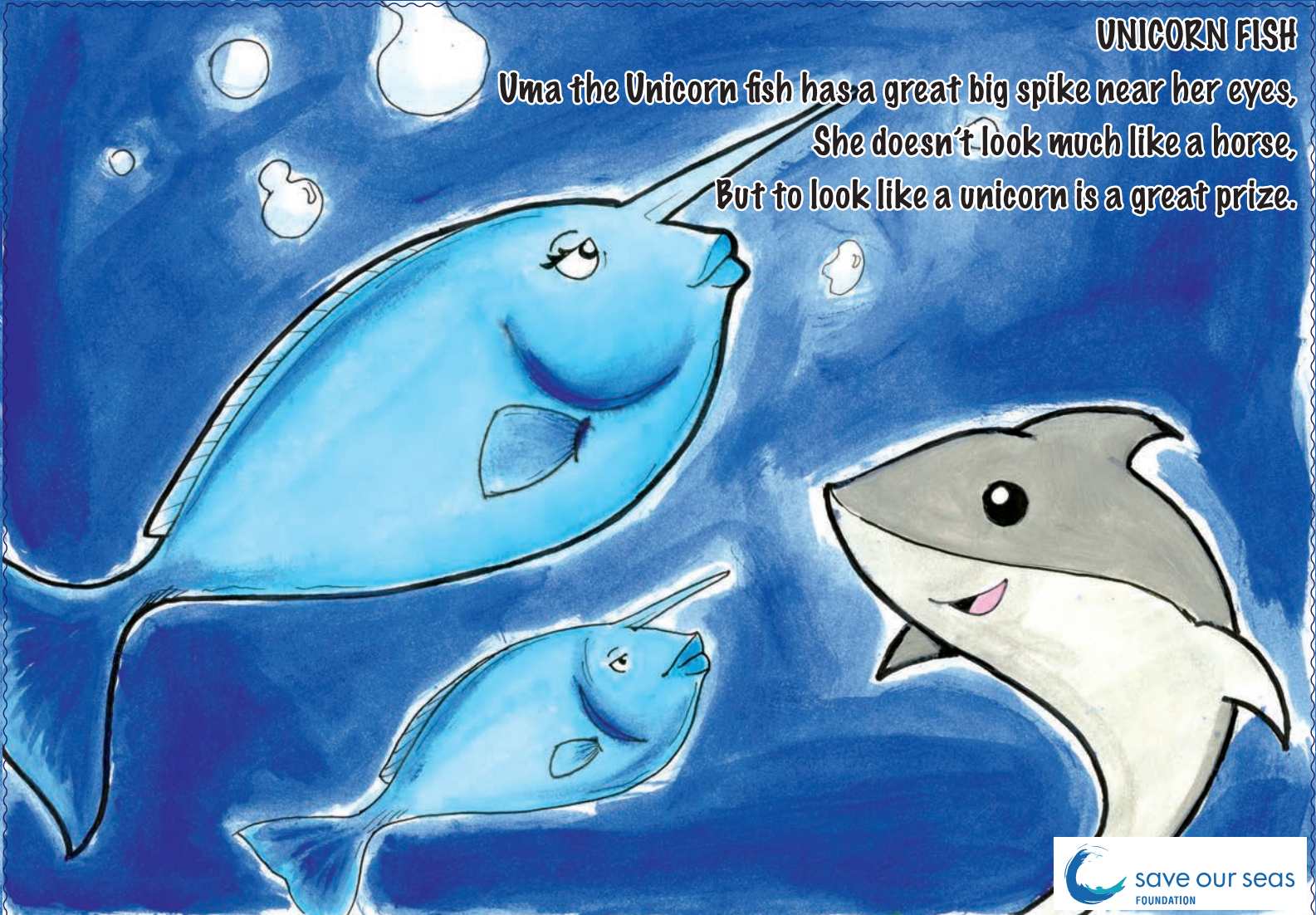
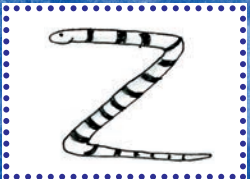


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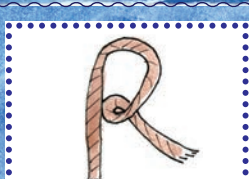
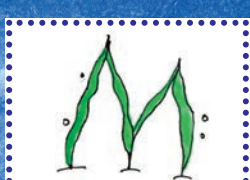
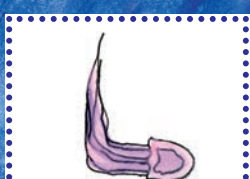
Tom the Table Coral is very silent,
People thought he was a plant,
But he's an animal who can grow to be a giant.

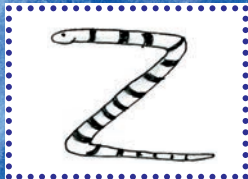




UNICORN FISH

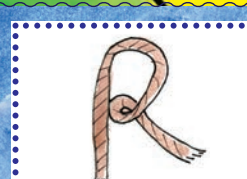
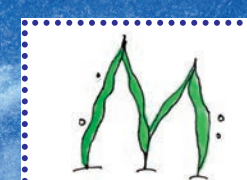
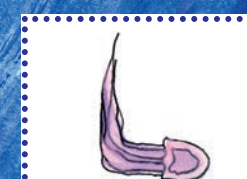
Uma the Unicorn fish has a great big spike near her eyes,
 She doesn't look much like a horse,
 But to look like a unicorn is a great prize.

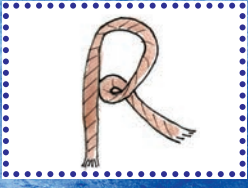
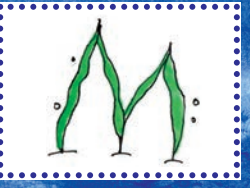
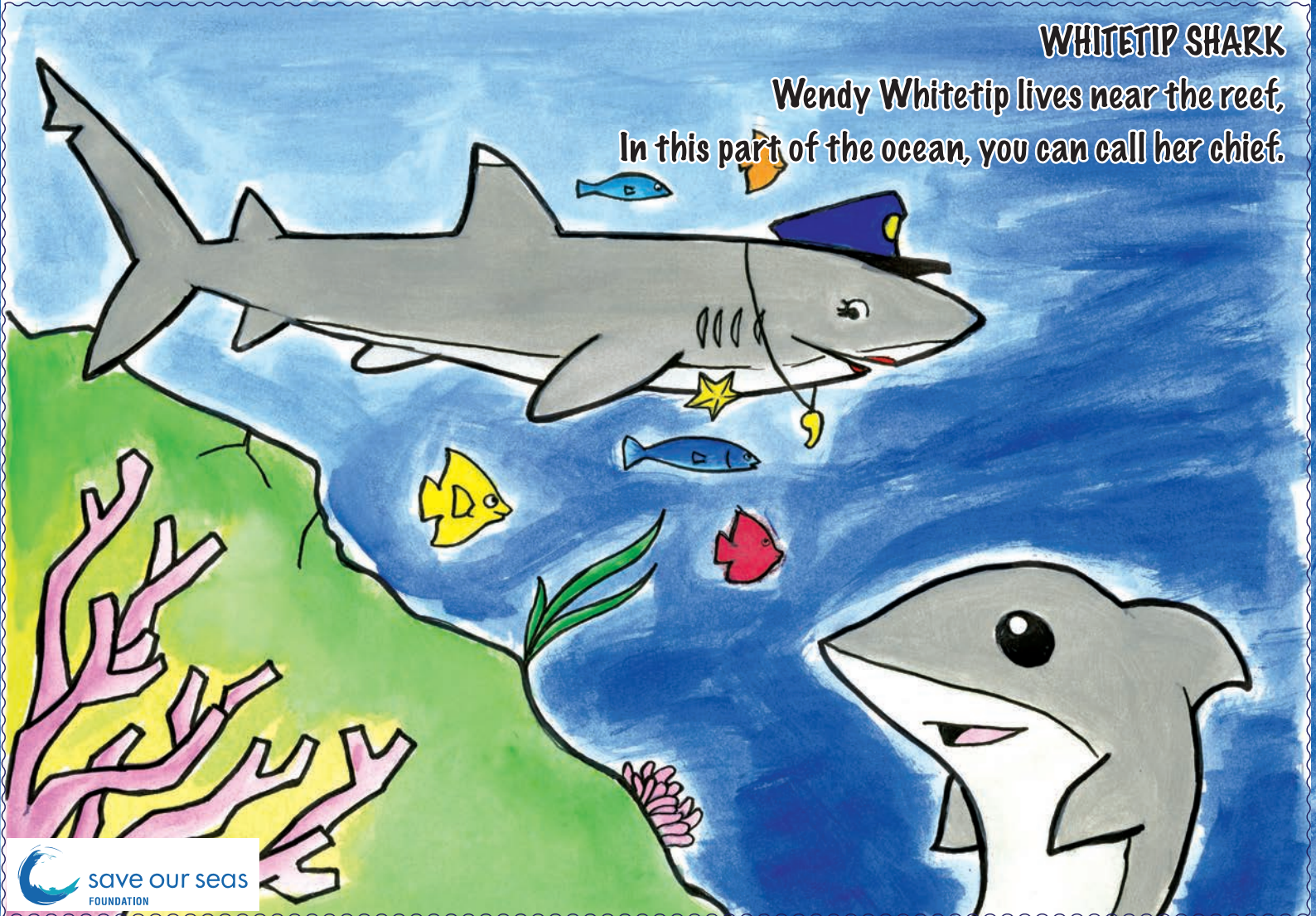
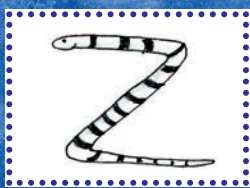


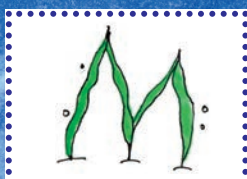


VAGABOND BUTTERFLYFISH

Victor the vagabond butterflyfish has a pointy nose,
And whenever he tells a lie, it grows and grows and grows!



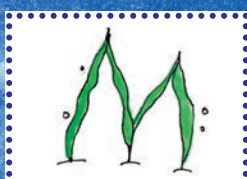
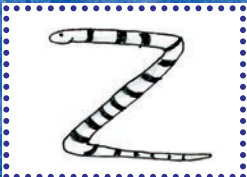




X-RAY FISH

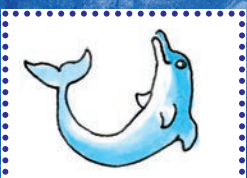
X-ray Fish Xavier is quite extraordinary,
You can see right through him,
But he isn't at all scary.

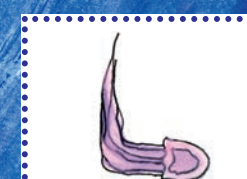
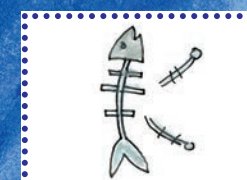
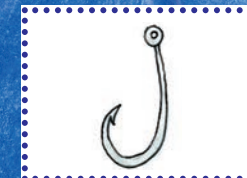
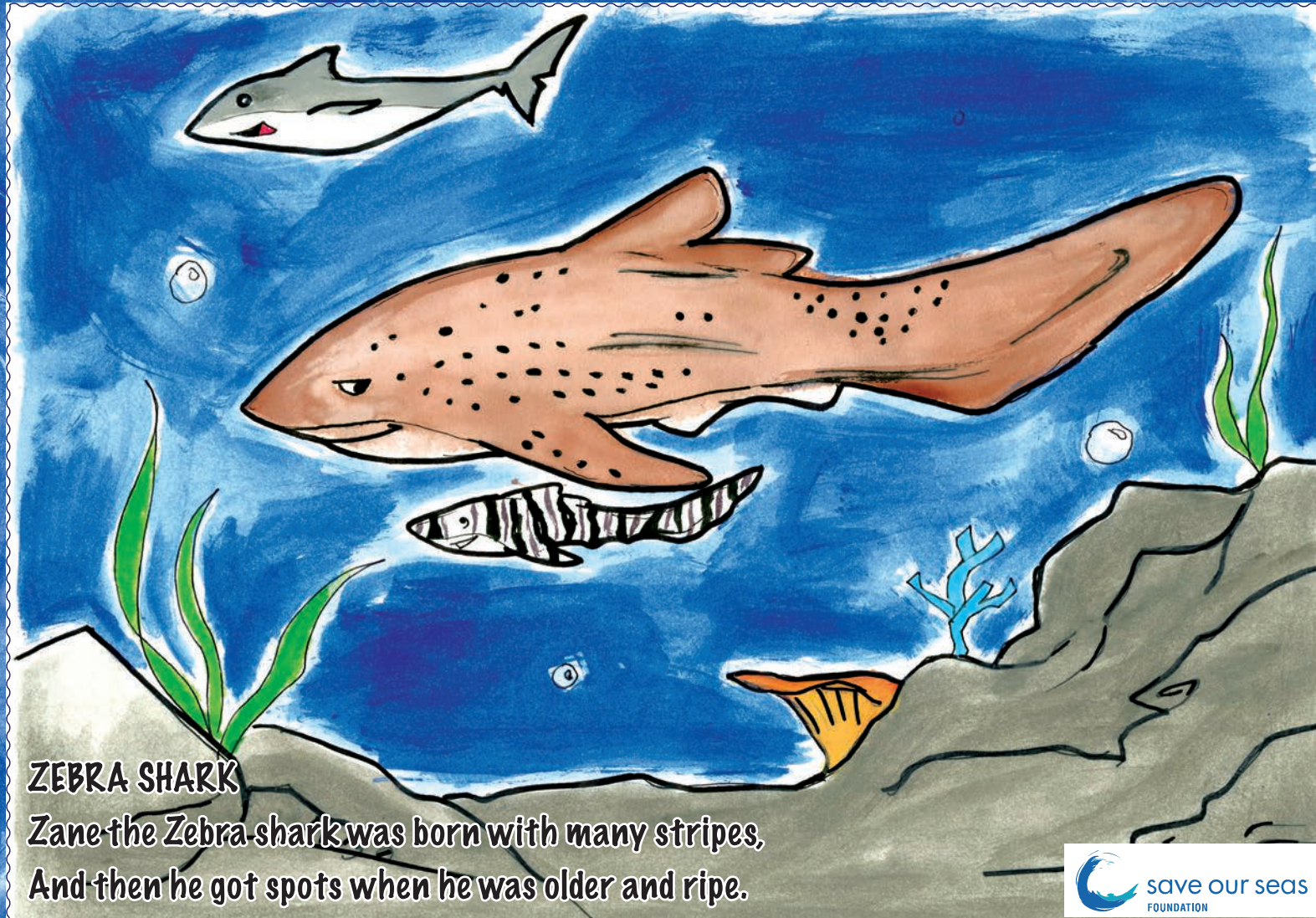




YELLOWFIN TUNA

Yellowfin York swims out in the open,
He swims so fast,
You can barely see him in motion.





ZEBRA SHARK

Zane the Zebra shark was born with many stripes,
And then he got spots when he was older and ripe.

