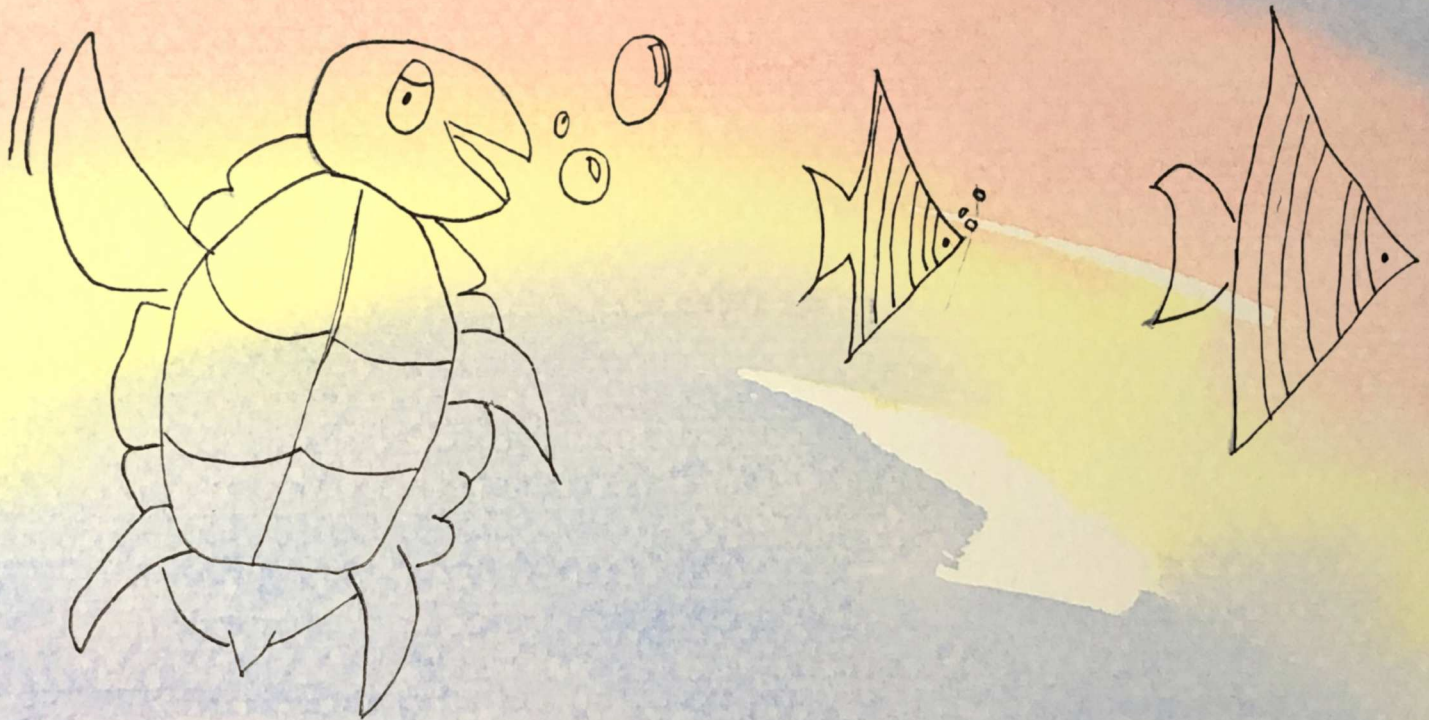


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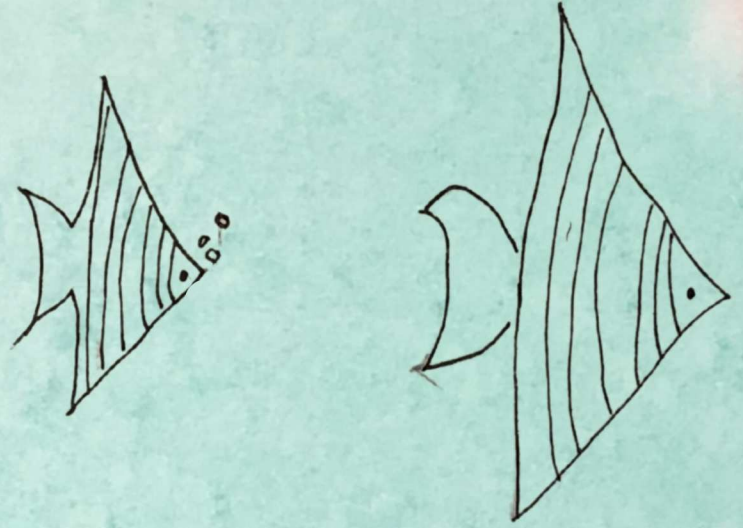
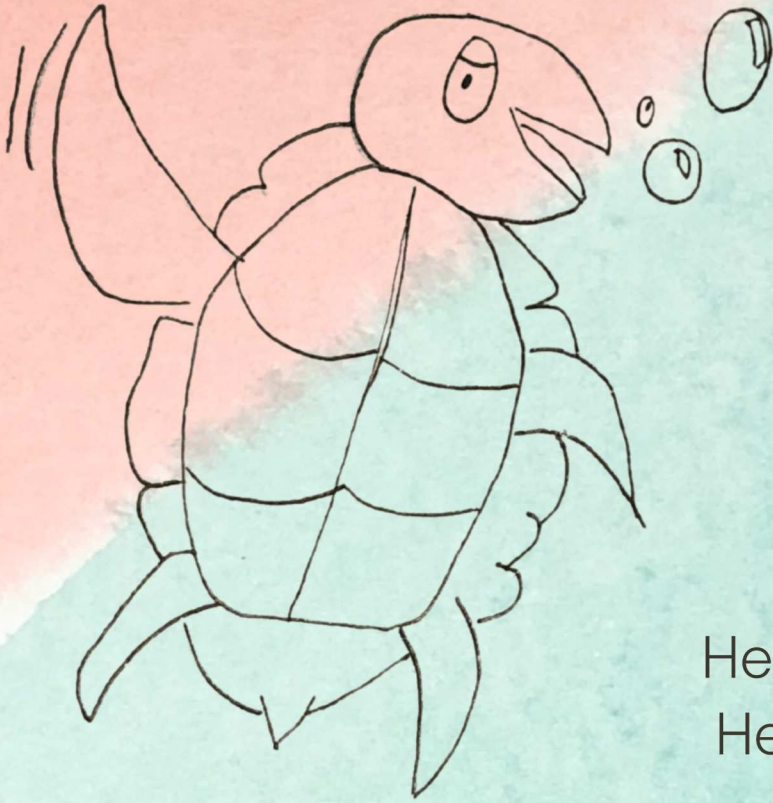
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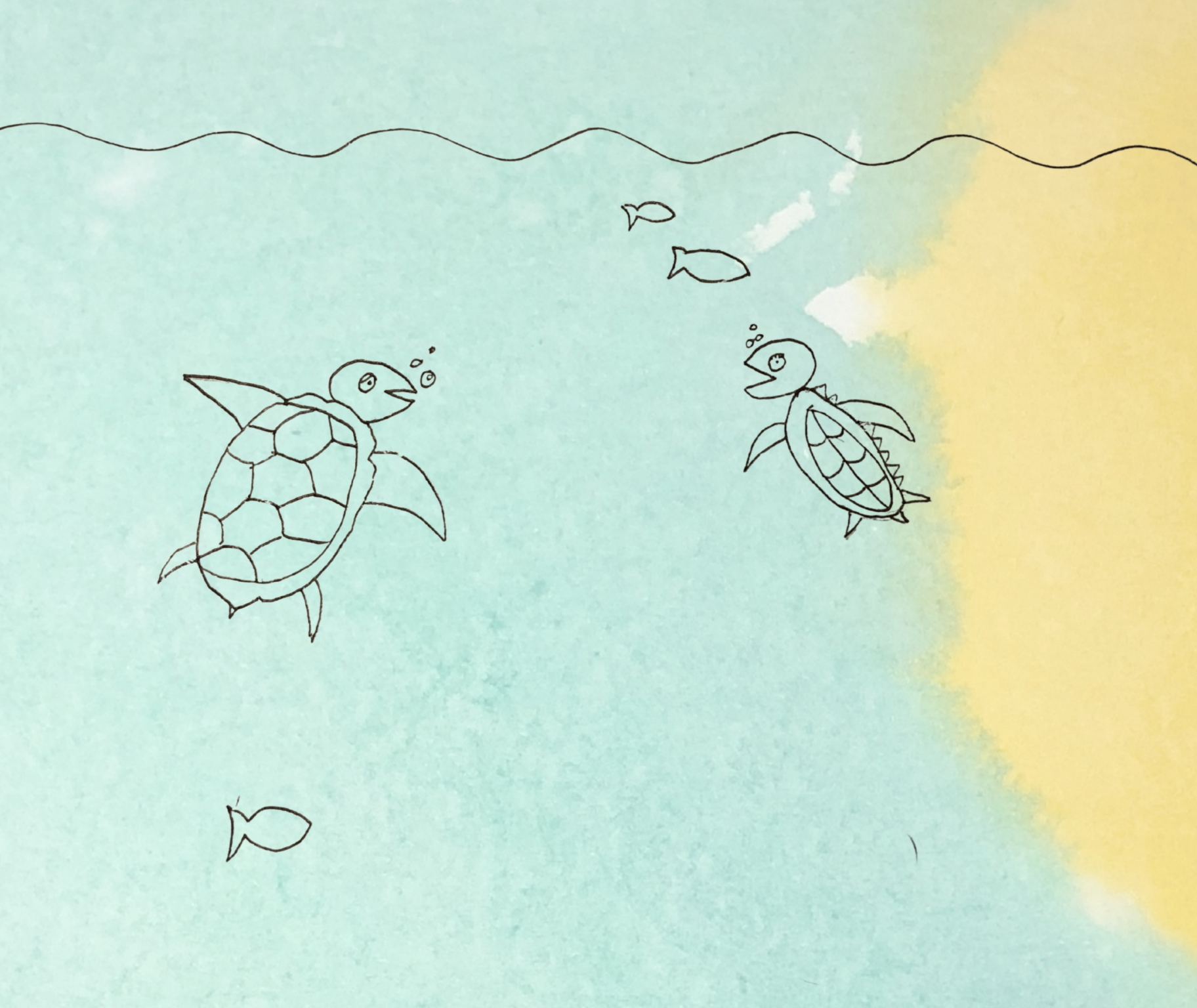
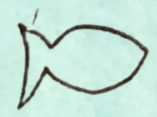
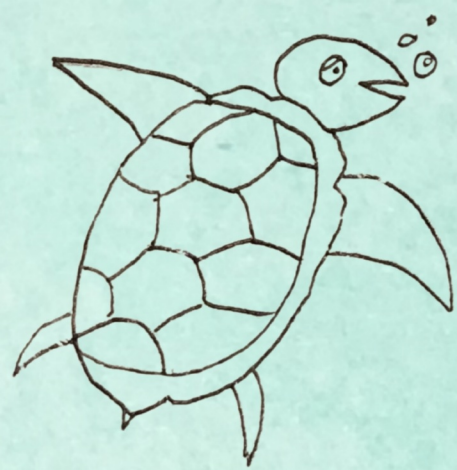
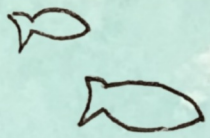
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Hendrix the hatchling was in a hurry.
He wanted to get to the coral reef.

All his friends were talking about it. They
said it's colourful and fun to play in. Yet
Hendrix felt afraid. He just hatched from
his egg and he didn't know the way.

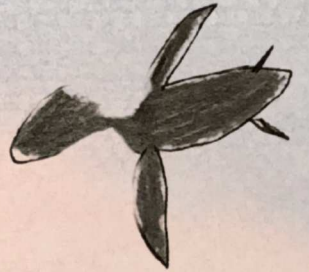
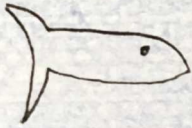


Tiddilek the turtle swam by.
“Why are you afraid?” he asked.

Hendrix replied, “Because I want to go to the coral reef. I just hatched from my egg and I don’t know the way.”

“Okay then, I’m going to help you,” said Tiddilek.

“Hooray, thank you,” replied Hendrix.





Hendrix and Tiddilek started swimming. They zipped through a school of angelfish. “What beautiful, nice creatures,” Hendrix thought.

As Hendrix admired the angelfish, he realised he was being pulled in a different direction.

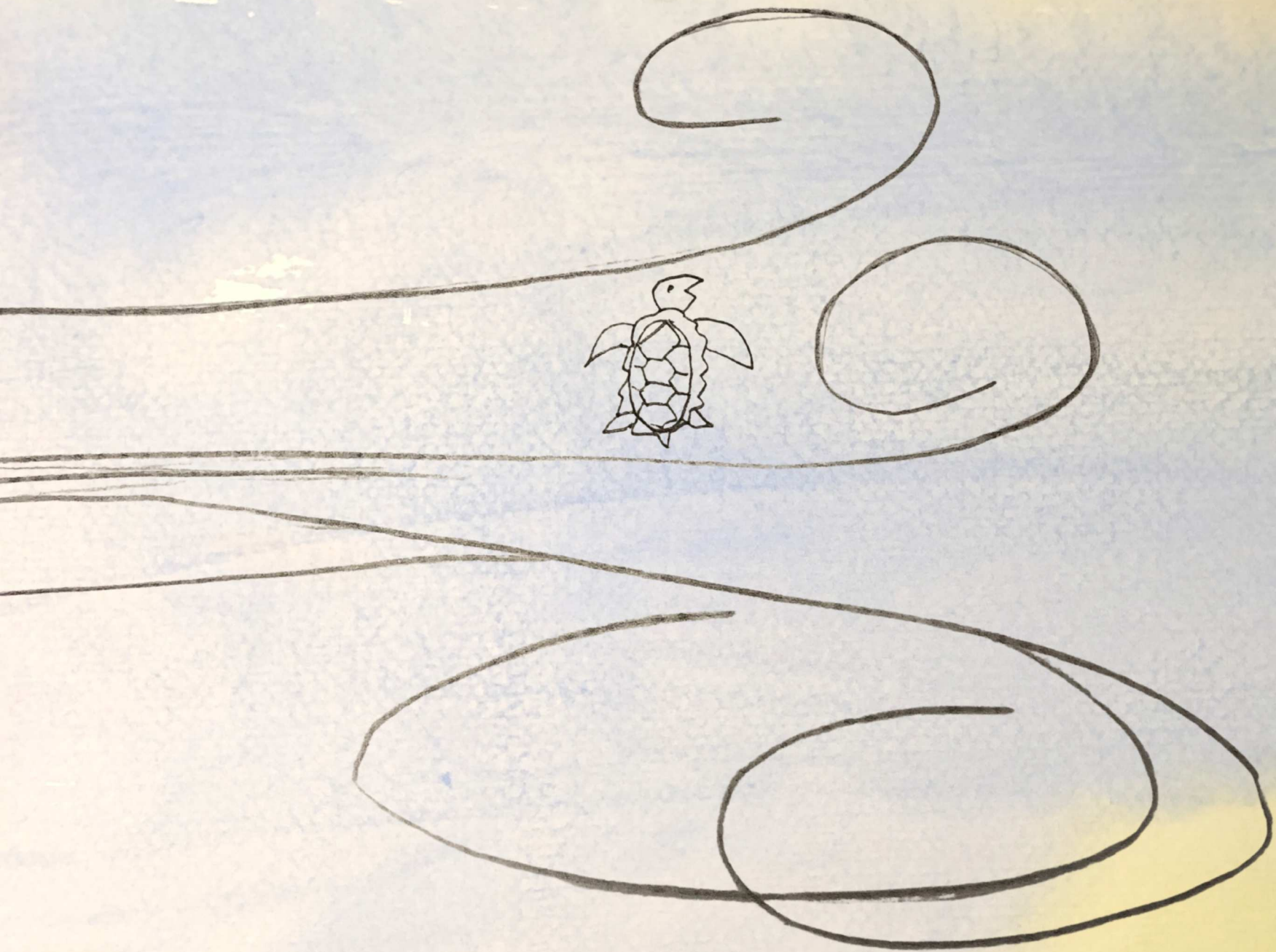
“Oh no, Tiddilek, help me!”, cried Hendrix.

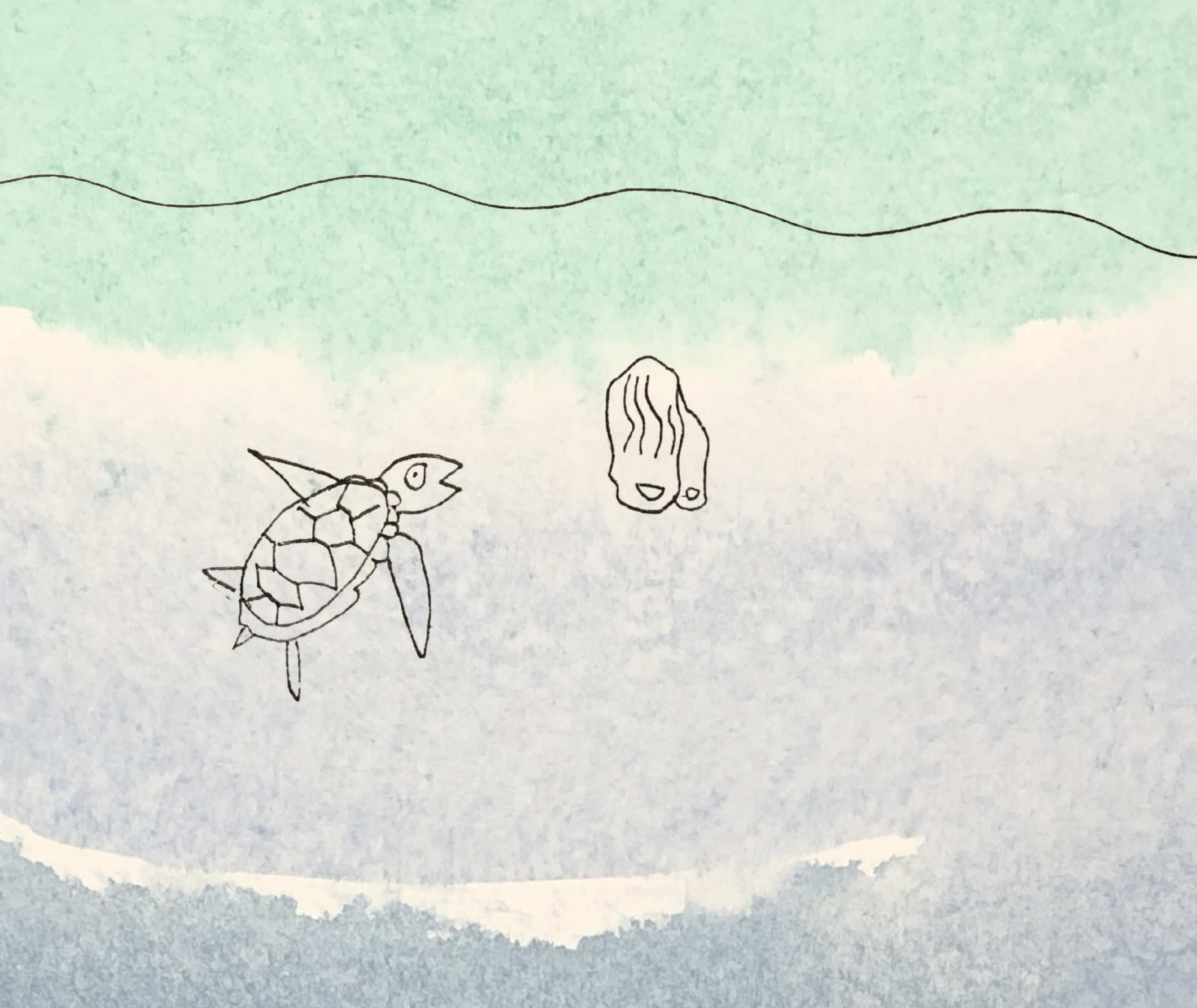
“Wait there, I’m coming!” replied Tiddilek.

Hendrix was in a strong current. He wanted to get to the coral reef but instead was being taken to Mon Repos Beach, where he hatched.

“Hendrix stay calm!” Tiddilek called out.

Finally, the current took them to shore.





Hendrix and Tiddilek were now hungry. They saw a plastic bag floating by. Hendrix went to take a bite as he thought it was a jellyfish.

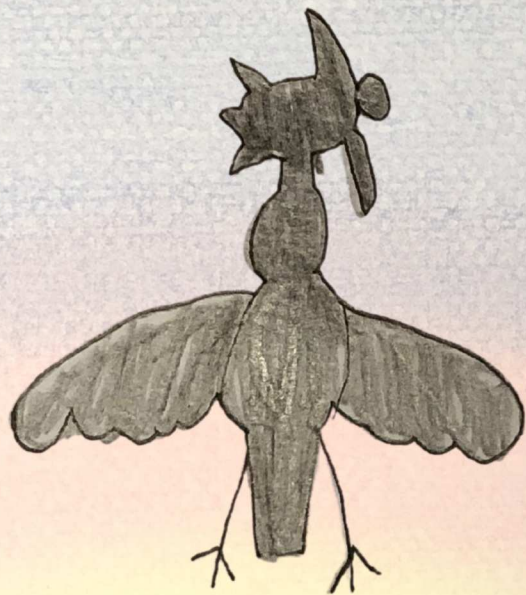
Tiddilek yelled, “No, no, no, no! That’s not a jellyfish, it’s a plastic bag!”

“Phew,” said Hendrix, “that was close, thank you Tiddilek.”

Just then, they saw a shadow overhead.
Before they knew it, a seagull lifted Hendrix in its
beak. They flew in the air and Hendrix shouted,
“Tiddilek, Tiddilek help me!”

Suddenly the seagull got distracted by flashes in the
water. A school of fish! The greedy seagull dove
down and as he opened his beak to catch a fish,
Hendrix fell into the water.

"Phew, that was close," said Hendrix.

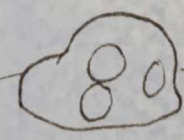
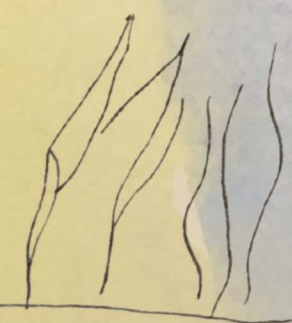
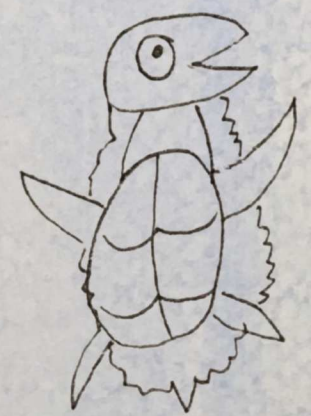
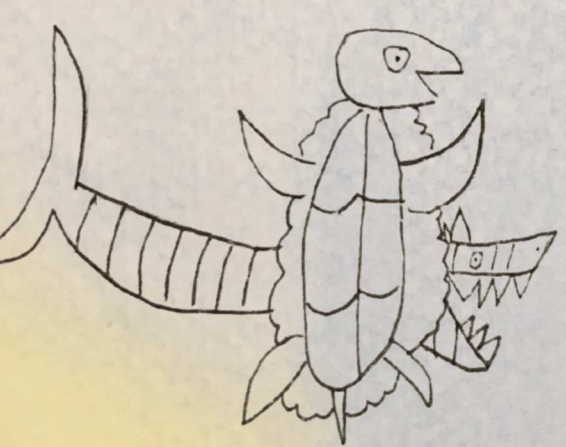




The turtles then saw a sudden movement. It was a brown-banded bamboo shark. They were terrified! They were face-to-face with a turtle-eating shark.

The shark opened his mouth and the turtles screamed in fright. Instead of eating them, the shark said, ‘Hi! I’m Bob the Baby Brown-Banded Bamboo Shark.’ The two turtles stopped screaming.

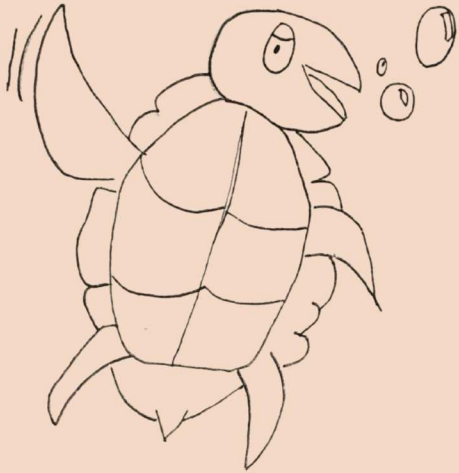
“You’re not going to eat us?” asked Hendrix.
“No, I swear I won’t, I’m just looking for a friend,” said Bob.
“We can be your friends,” said Hendrix and Tiddilek.



The friends soon realised they were going to the same place - the coral reef! And Bob knew the way. They swam off and finally, they were at the reef.

Hendrix's friends were right. It was colourful and fun to play in. Hendrix and Tiddilek were safe at last (it helped having a shark as a best friend) and they lived happily ever after.

The end.





Hendrix the Hatchling

Hendrix the hatchling wants to go to the coral reef.
But how will he get there? And who will he meet
along the way?

