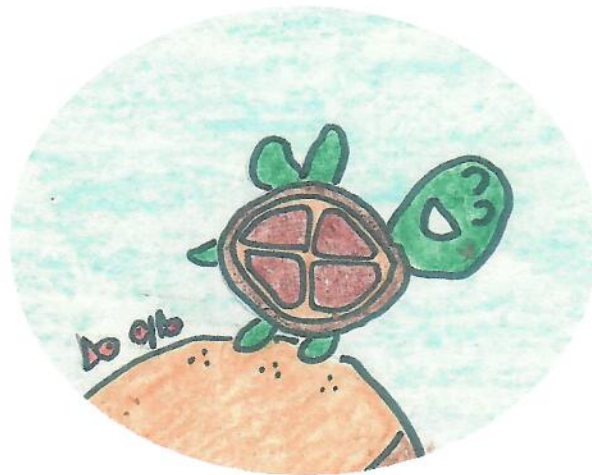


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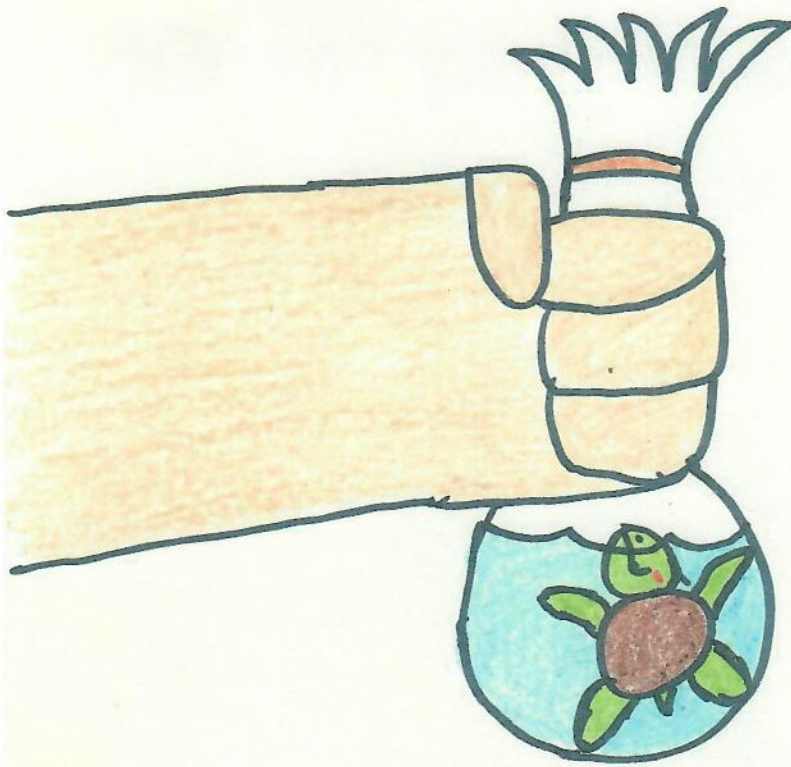
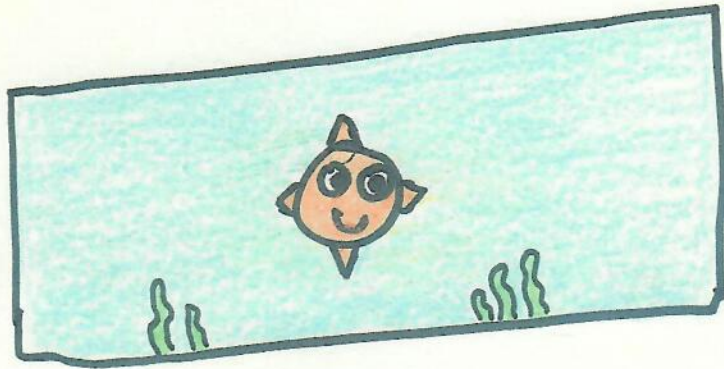
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Dedicated to ALL the
"BUBBAS" IN THE WORLD
WHO HAVE LEARNED TO BE
HAPPY IN THEIR OWN SHELL.

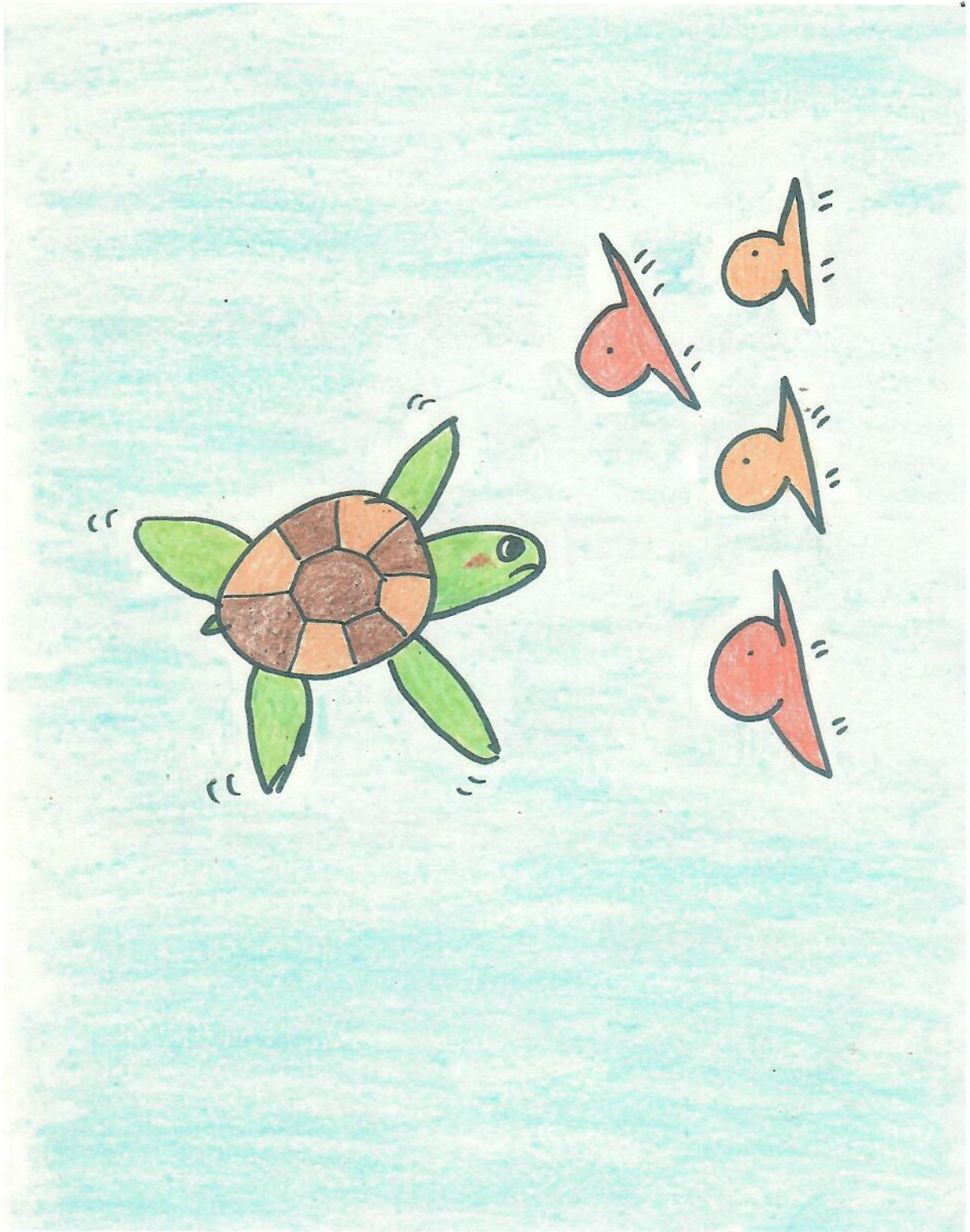


**BUBba arrived one day to a
HUGE NEW HOME,
but FELT very SadLY alone.**

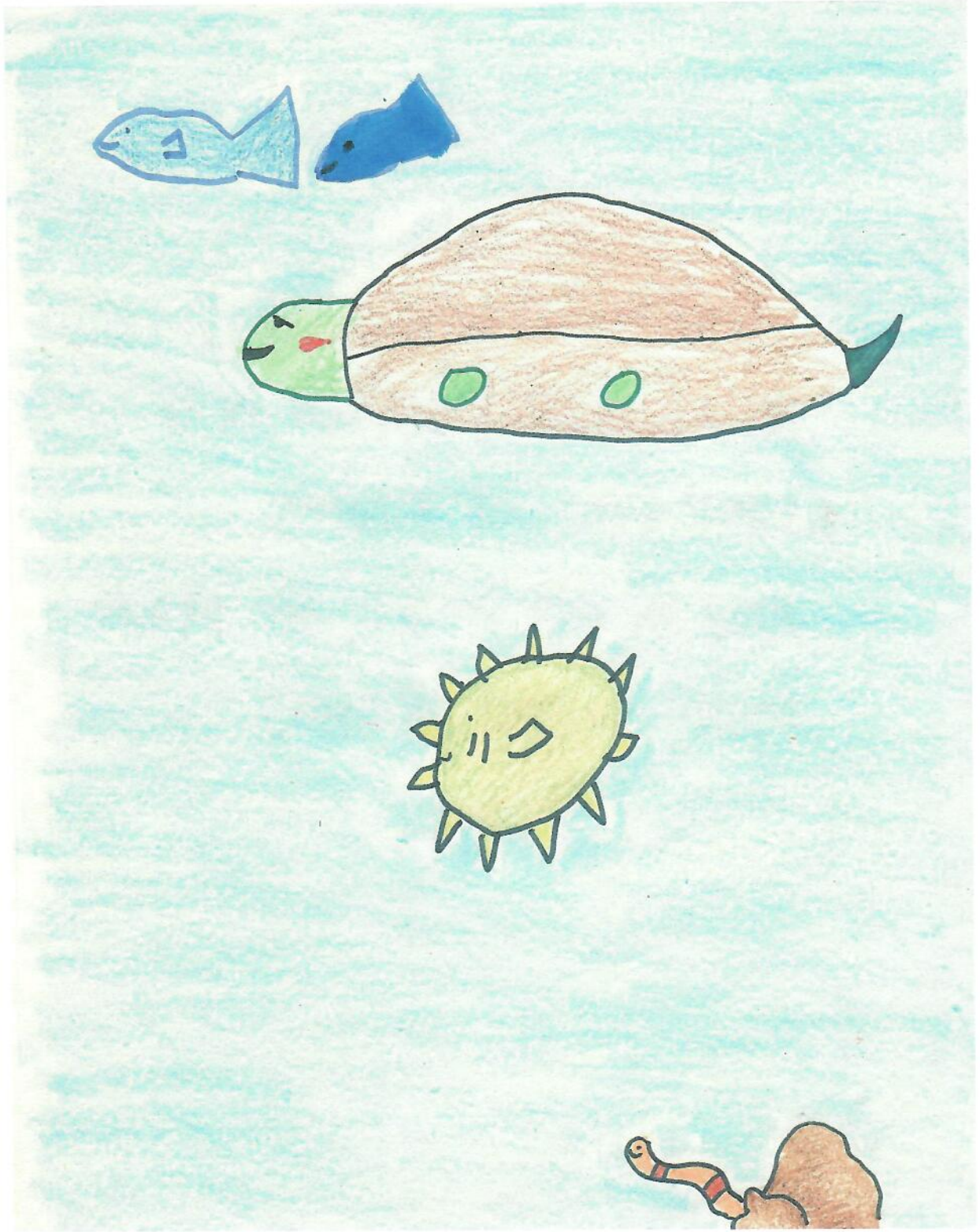


**FOR HE WAS THE ONLY ONE
WHO LOOKED LIKE HIM.**

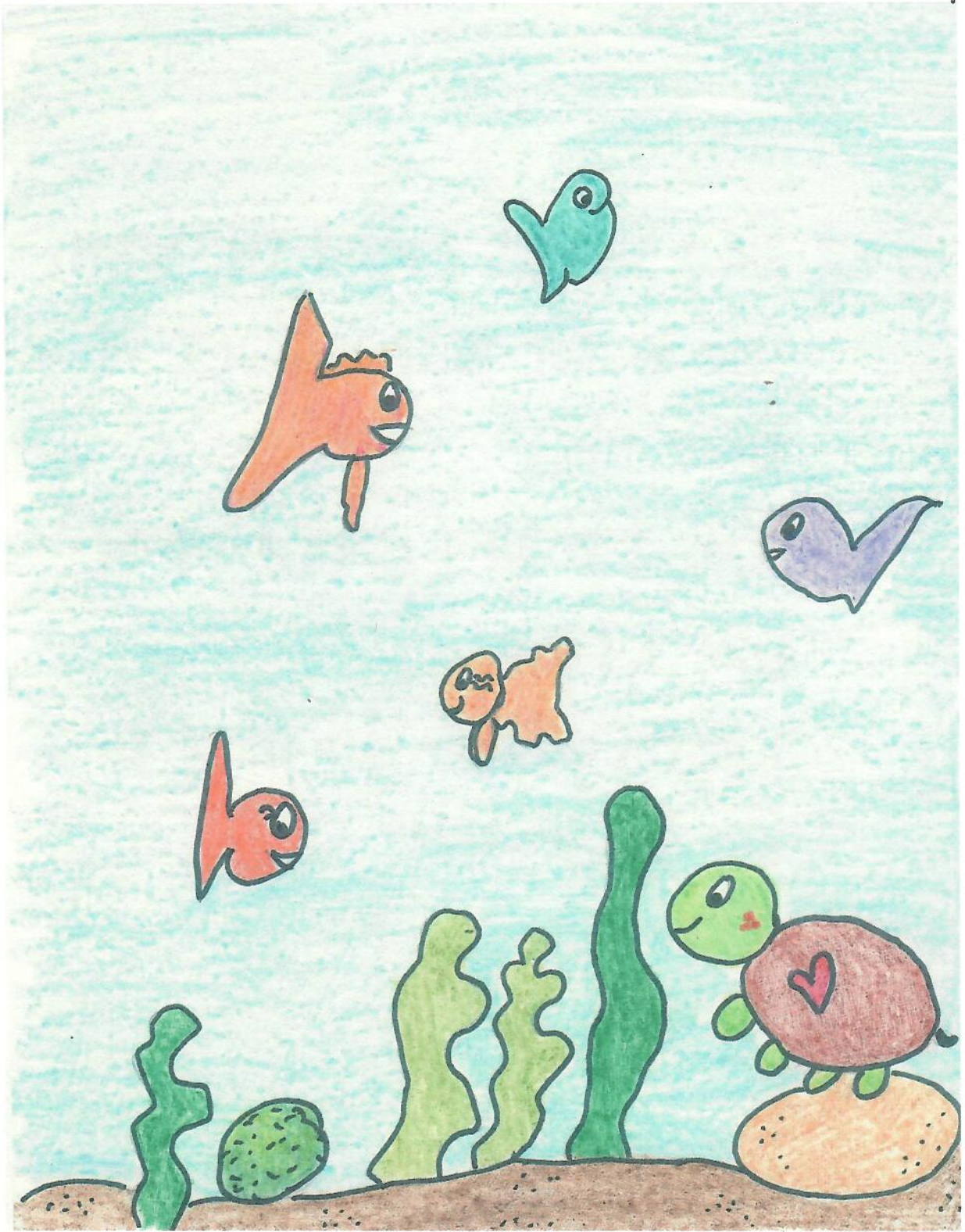
**HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO
USED LEGS TO SWIM.**



A PUFFER took a CLOSE-UP,
SCHOOLS OF Tetras
zig-zagged around.
CHINESE catFISH Stared at
each other,
Loaches burrowed in the
ground.



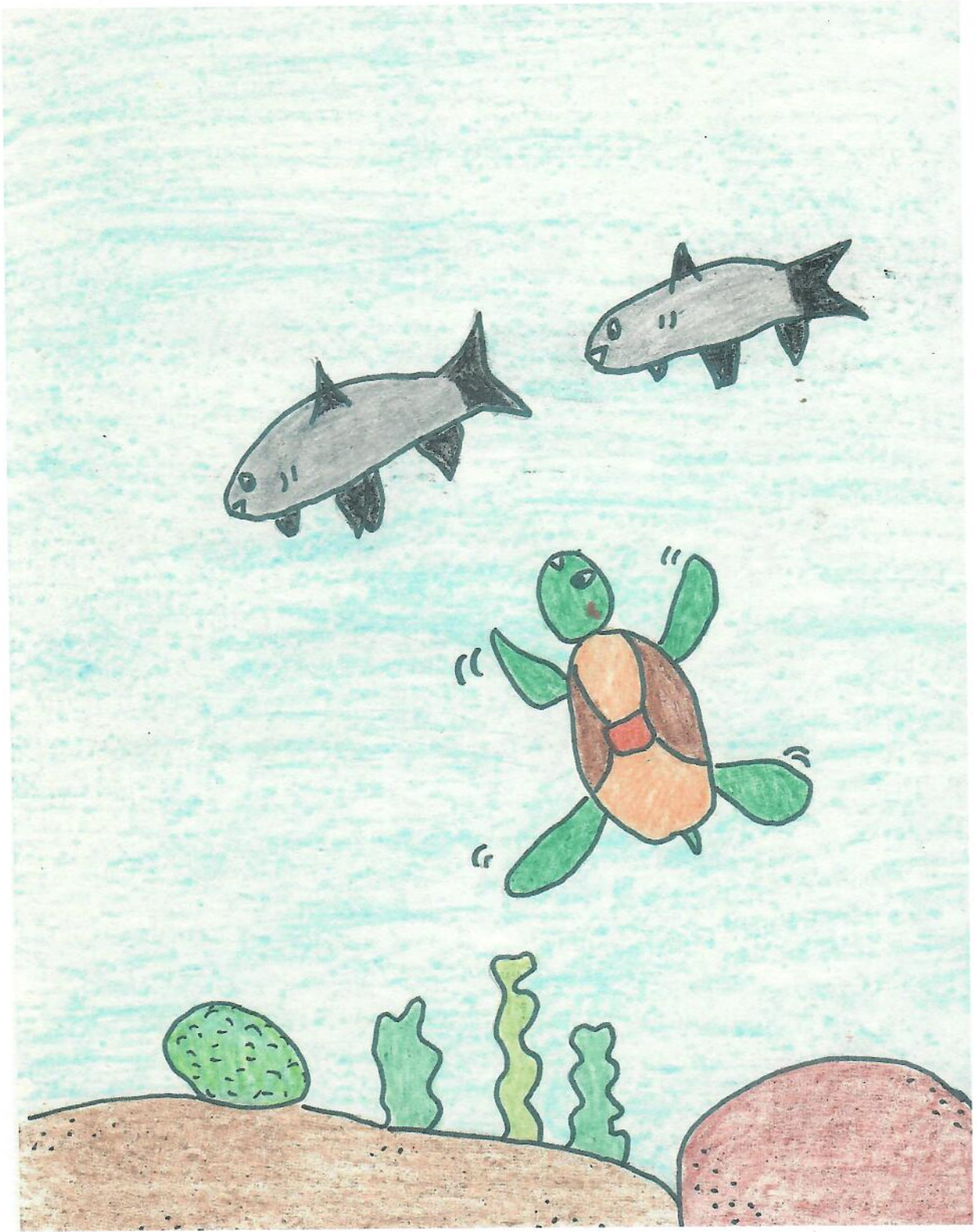
**Bubba Was a turtle in a
tank full of fishes,
And in his heart, he made
many secret wishes.**



BALa SHARKS raced THROUGH
the Water With a FLICK OF
their tail.

"OH, I WISH I COULD SWIM
LIKE a FiSH!

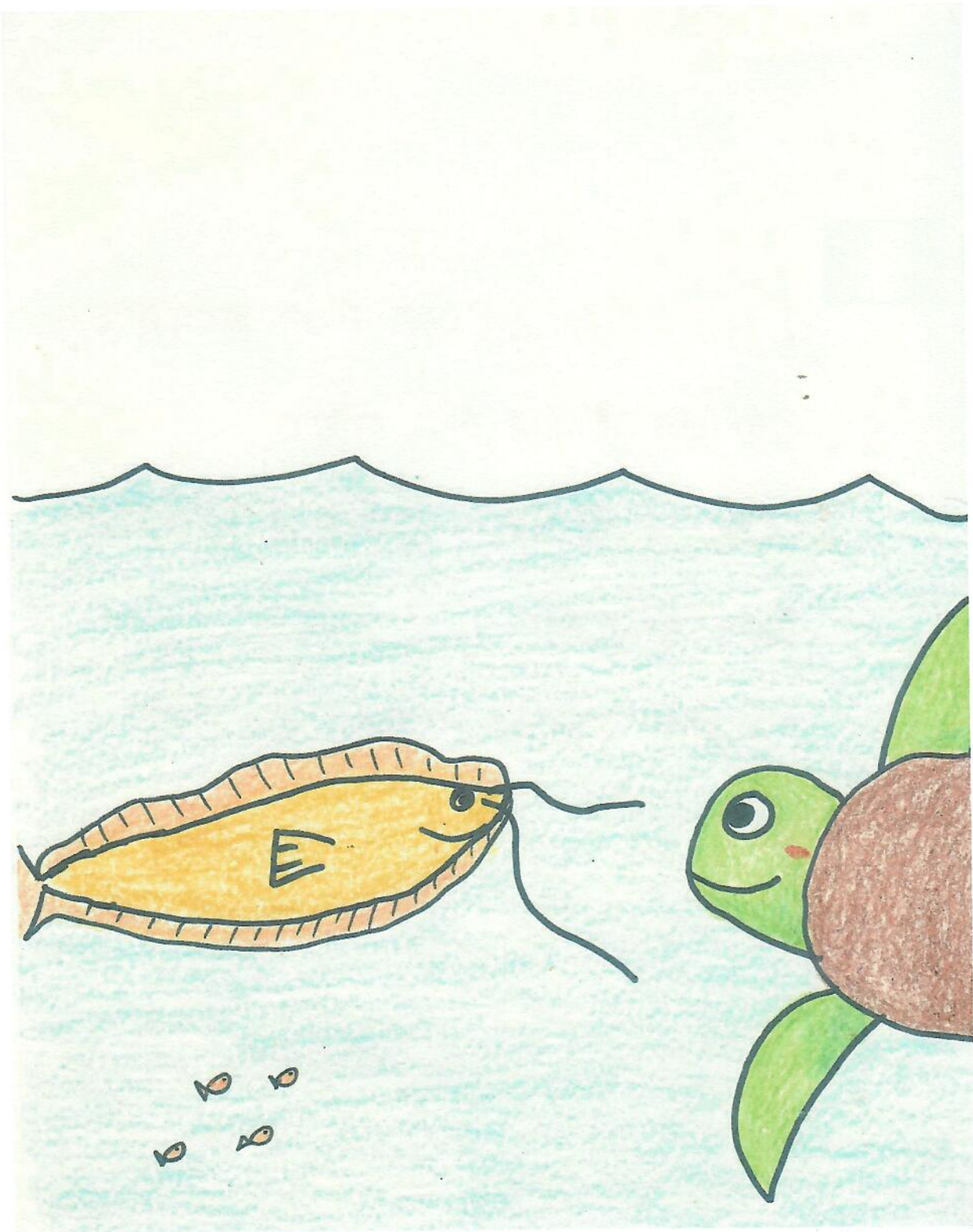
I MUST paddle SO HARD to
get anyWhere!"



FISH OF ALL SHAPES AND
COLORS WERE EVERYWHERE
TO BE SEEN.

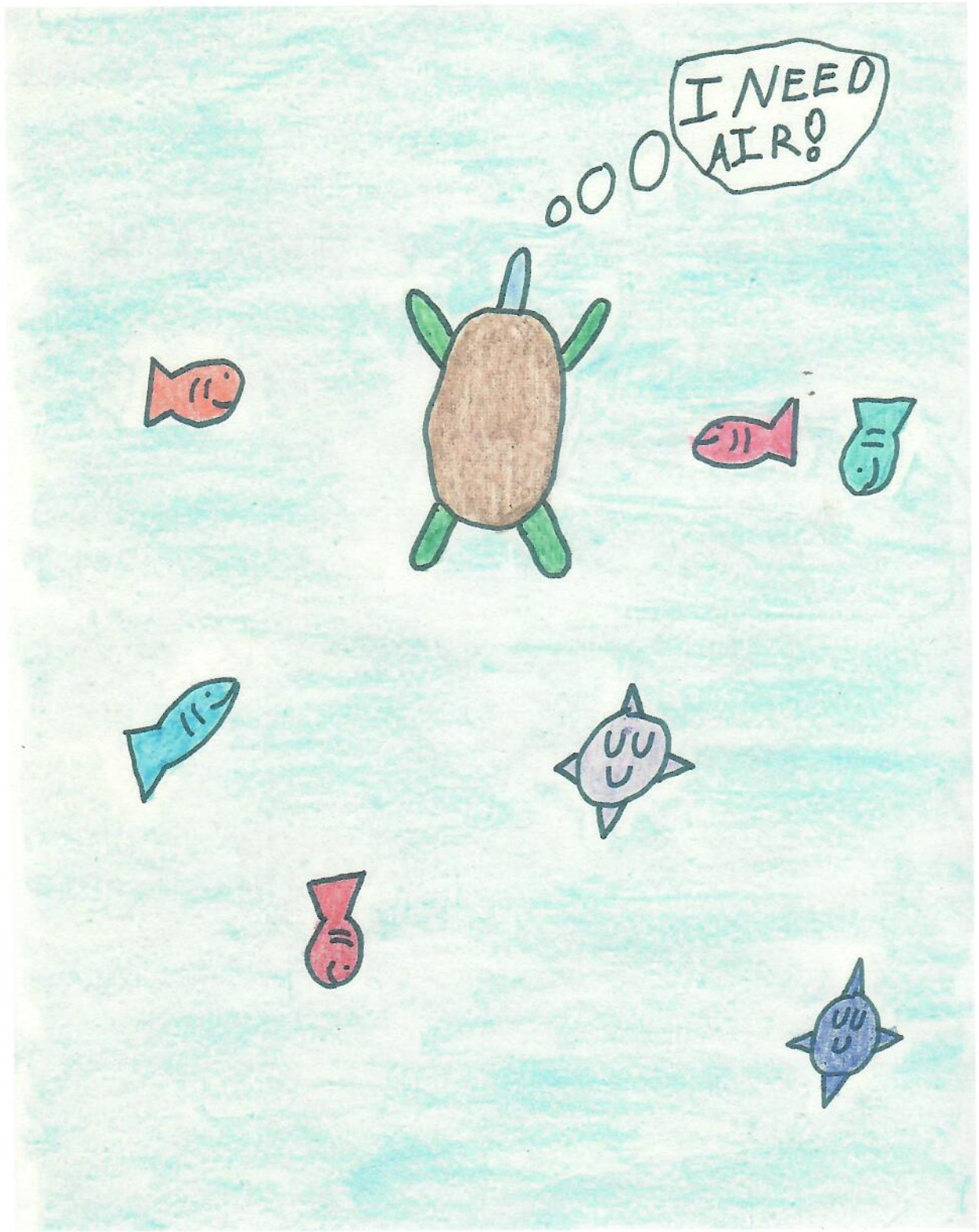
"OH, THE GOLD GOURAMI IS
BRIGHT AND COLORFUL!

I WISH I WASN'T BROWN AND
GREEN."



**THE FISH SWAM FOR HOURS,
SWAM WITH NO CARE.**

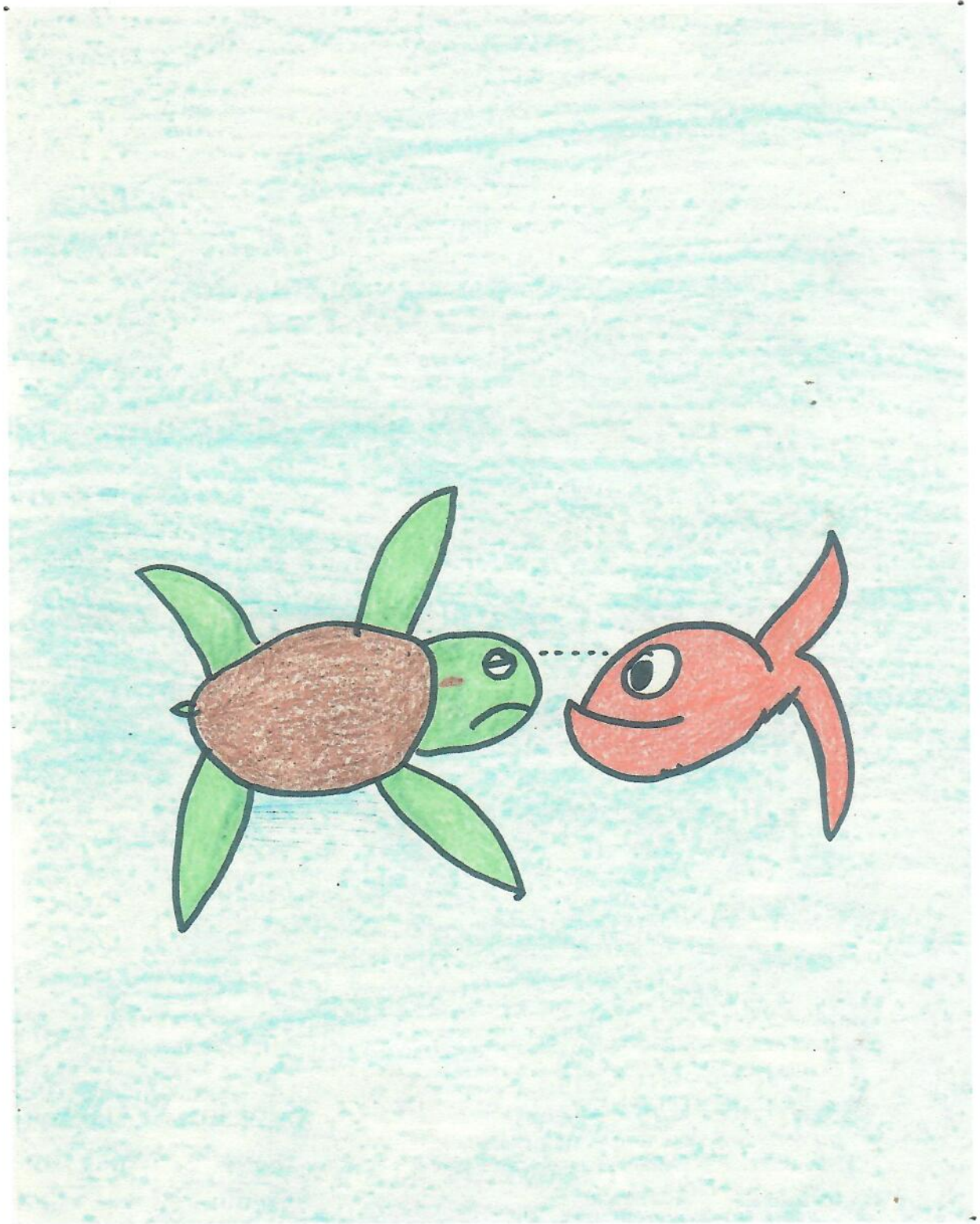
**"OH, I WISH I COULD BREATHE
THE WATER,
RATHER THAN COME UP FOR
AIR!"**



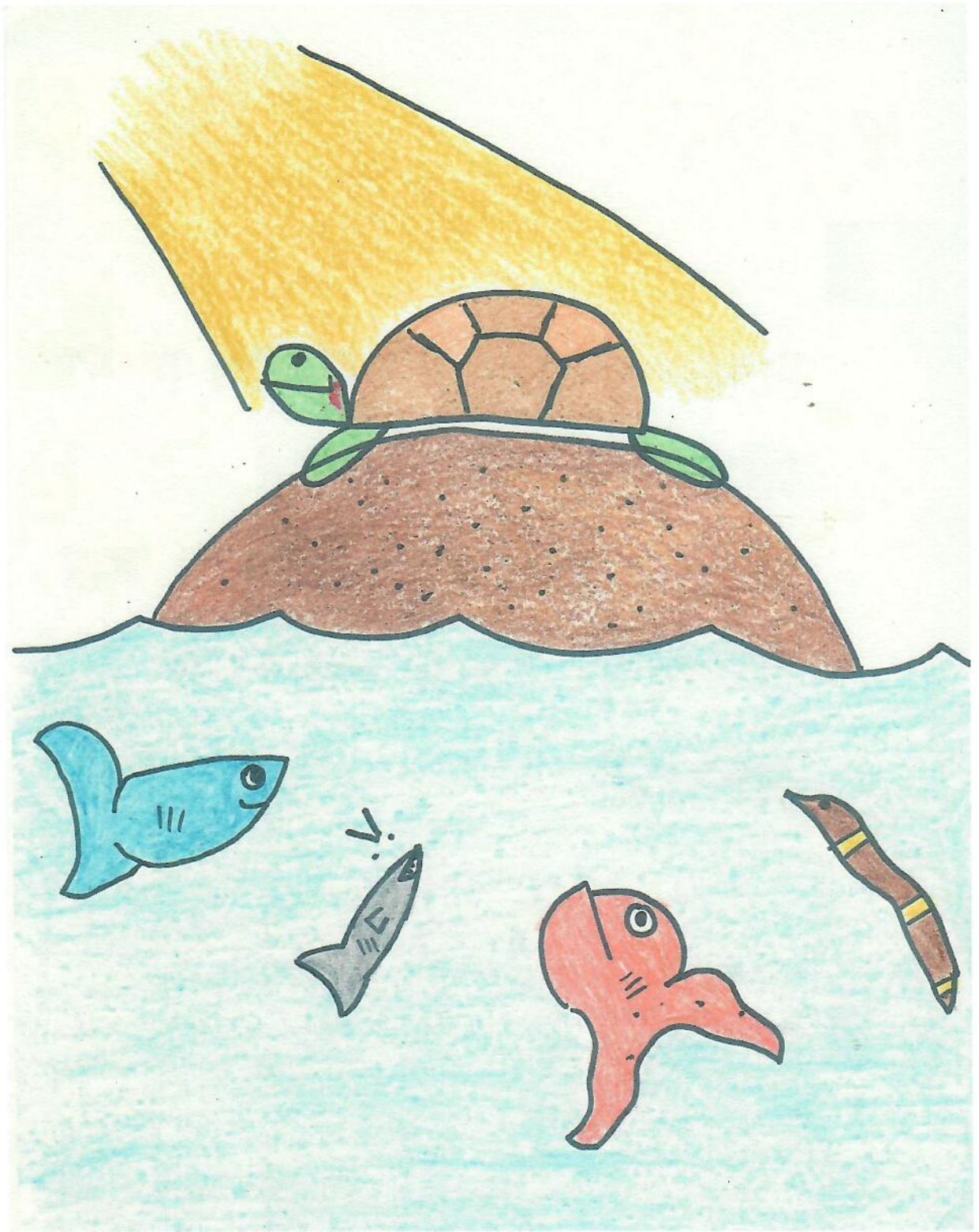
I NEED AIR!

**THE turtle SAW WHAT FISH
COULD do
AND THOUGHT He did
MUCH LESS.**

**THE turtle WANTED to play
THEir gAMES
AND WIN THEir Staring
CONTESTS.**

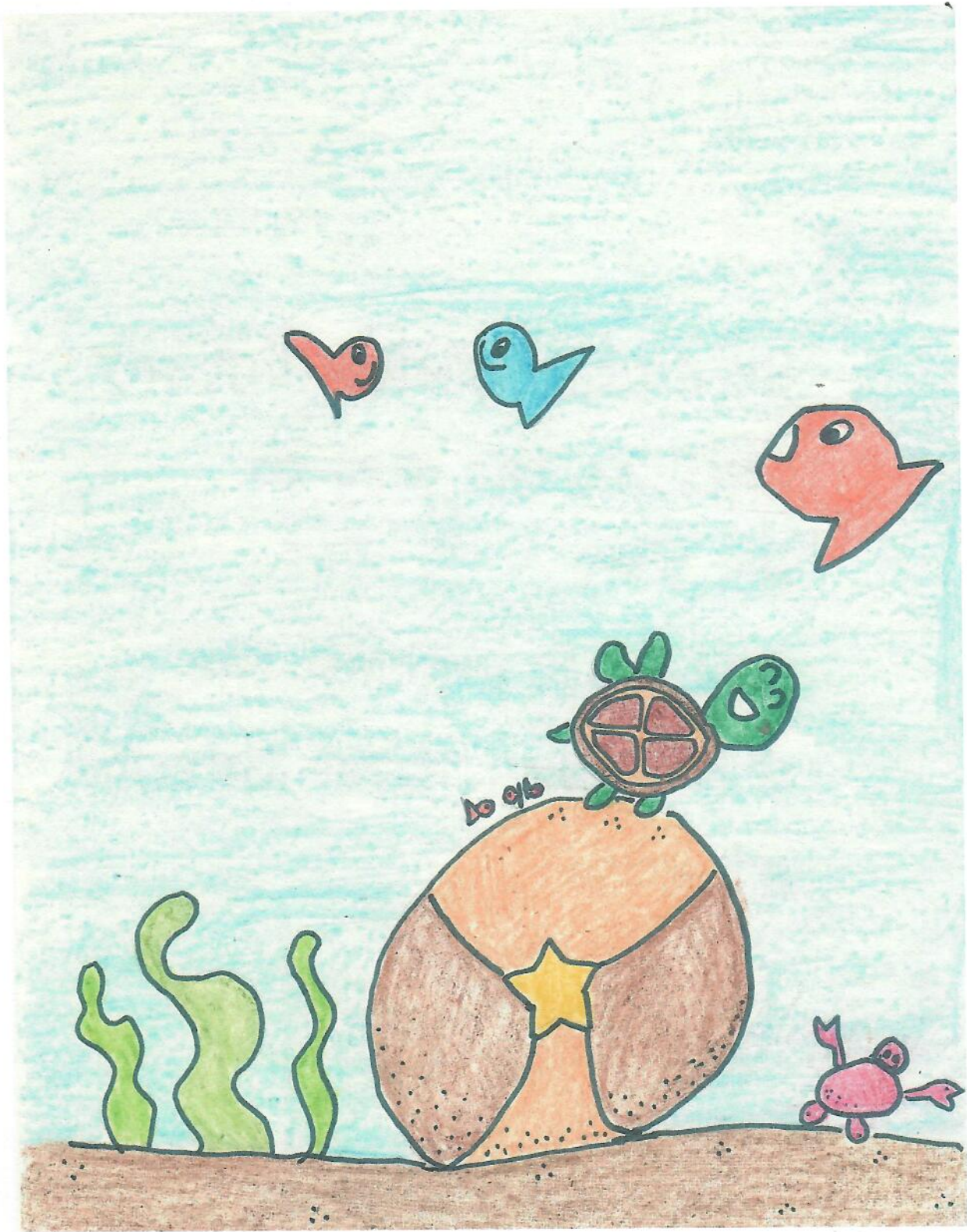


BUT Bubba enjoyed
SUNbATHING ON HIS SPECIAL
TURTLE ISLAND,
AND HE FINALLY realized one
day THAT there WAS NO
reason FOR cryIN'.

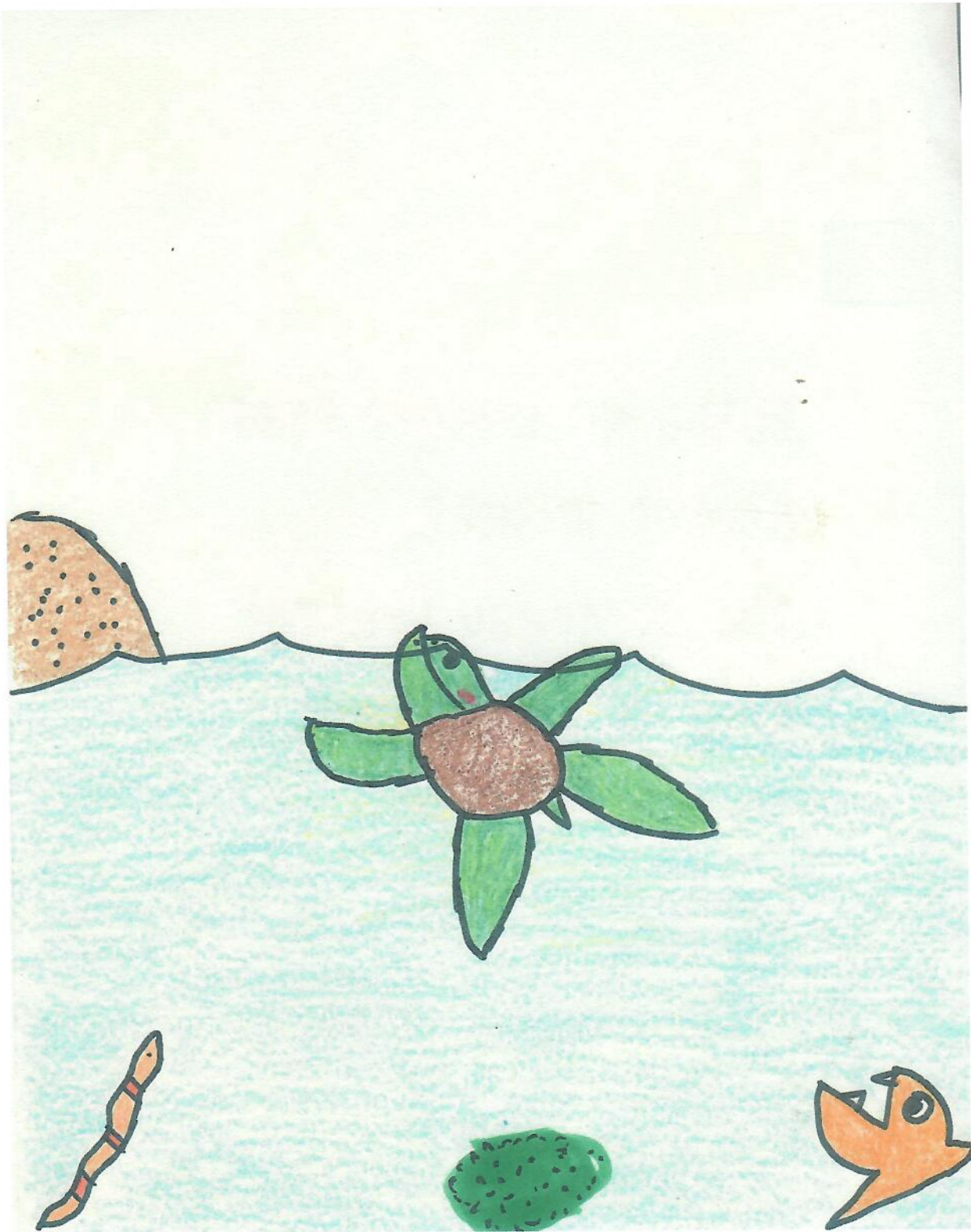


**Bubba COULD do MUCH More
than any FISH COULD.**

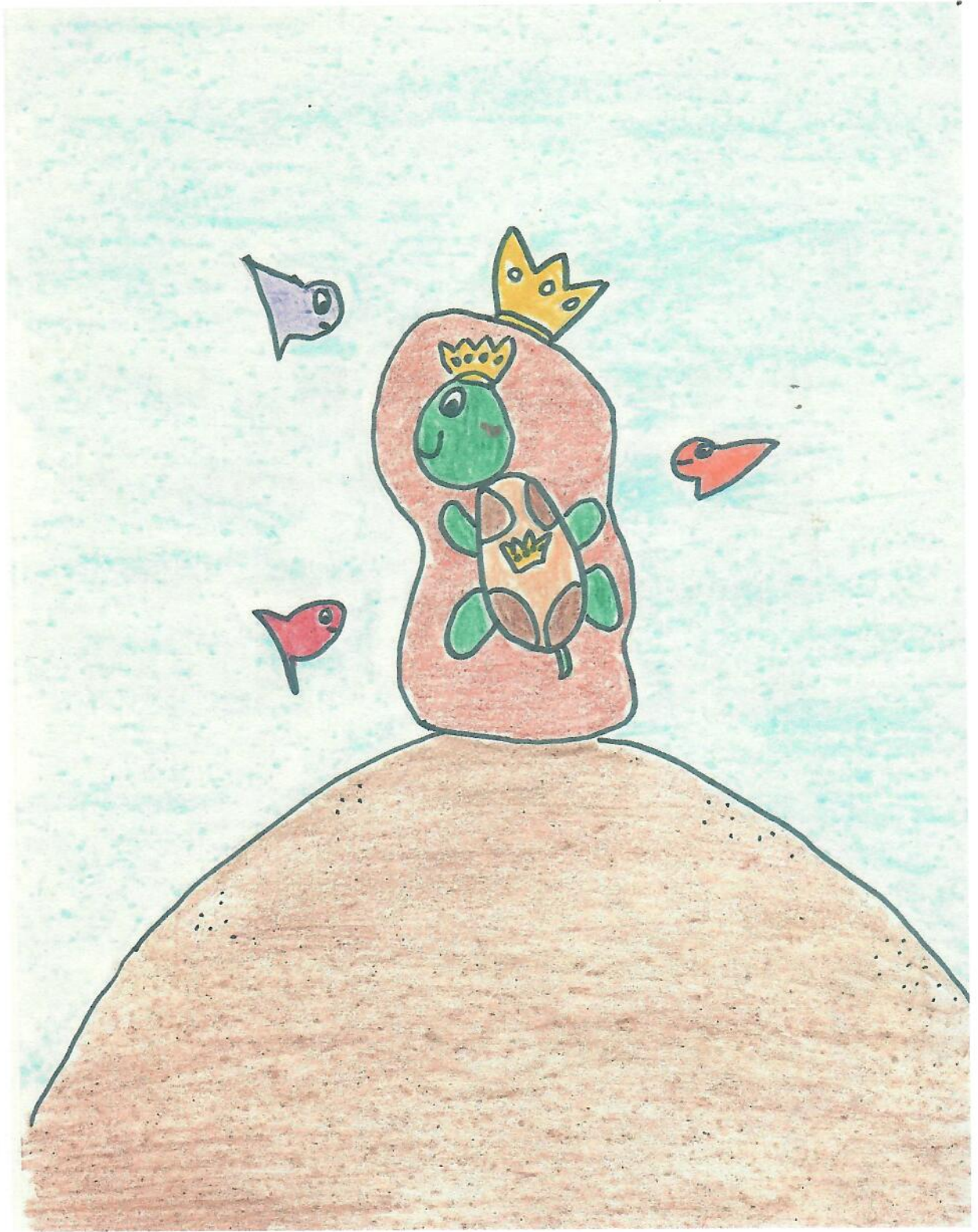
**He CLIMBED over ROCKS and
ate More than any FISH
SHOULD!**



**He COULD stretch out HIS
LegS ALL the Way to
HIS toes,
AND float beneath the
Water and breathe THROUGH
HIS NOSe.**



**Bubba NO LONGer Made
Secret WISHeS
To SOMeday become
KiNg OF tHe FiSHes.**



He WAS Happy to be a turtle,
Happy WITH ALL He COULD do.
Happy He COULD COME out
AND play WITH Me AND you!

