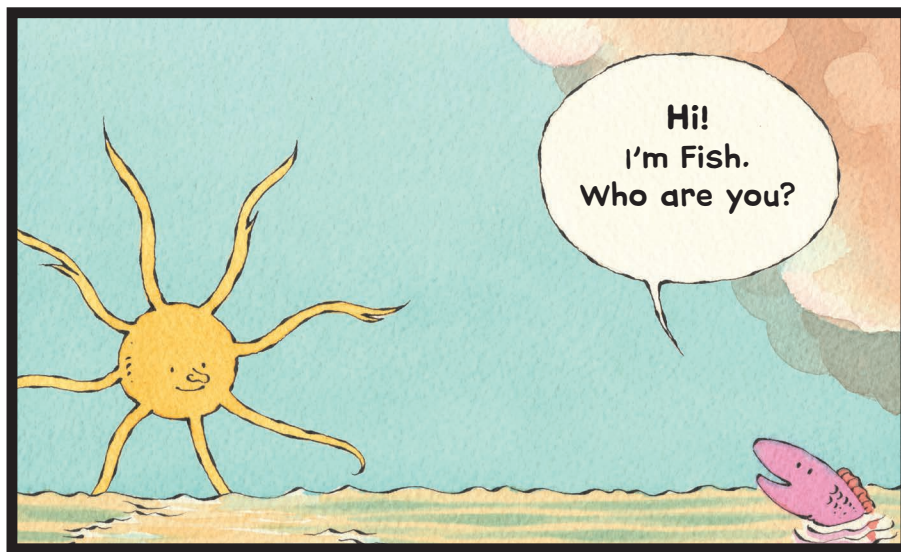


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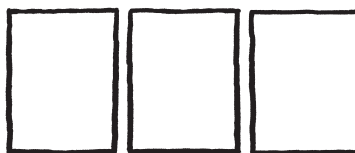
Panel

A moment in time



Gutter

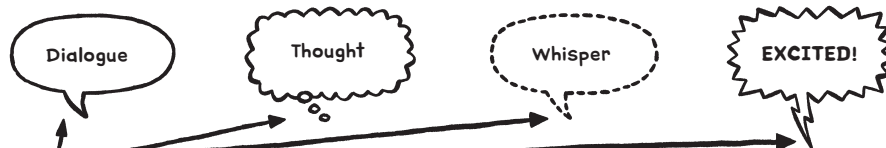
The space between panels



Tier

One row of panels

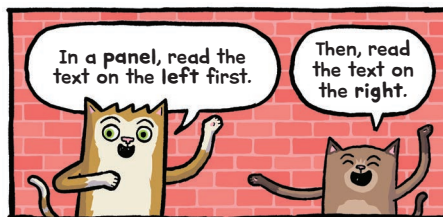
Word Balloons When someone talks, thinks, whispers, or screams, their words go in here:



Tails

Point to whoever is talking / thinking / whispering / screaming / etc.

A quick how-to-read comics guide:



Remember to...

Read the text along with the image, paying close attention to the character's acting, the action, and/or the scene. Every little detail matters!

No dialogue? No problem!

If there is no dialogue within a panel, take the time to read the image. Visual cues are just as important as text, so don't forget about them!



Dedication TK

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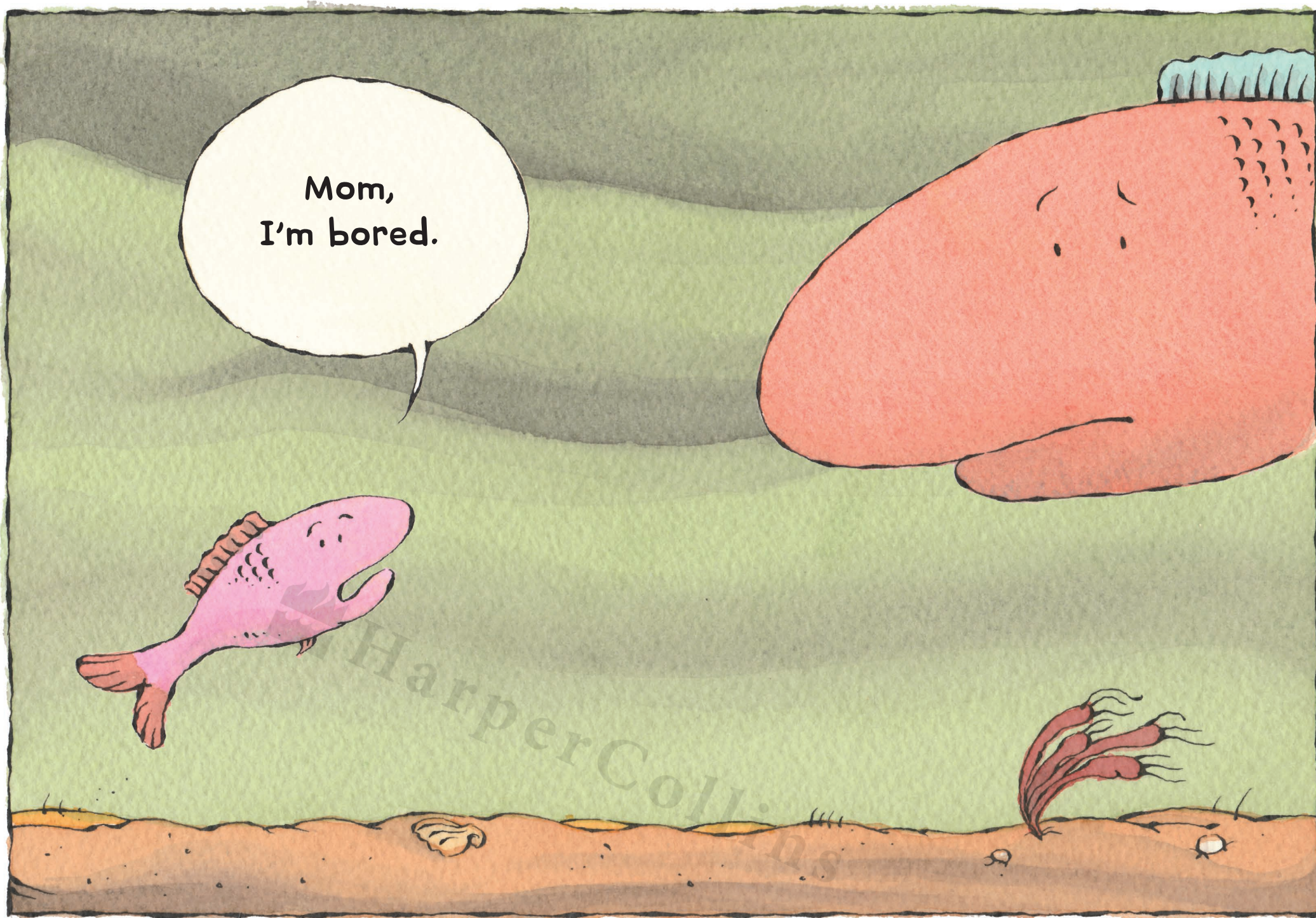


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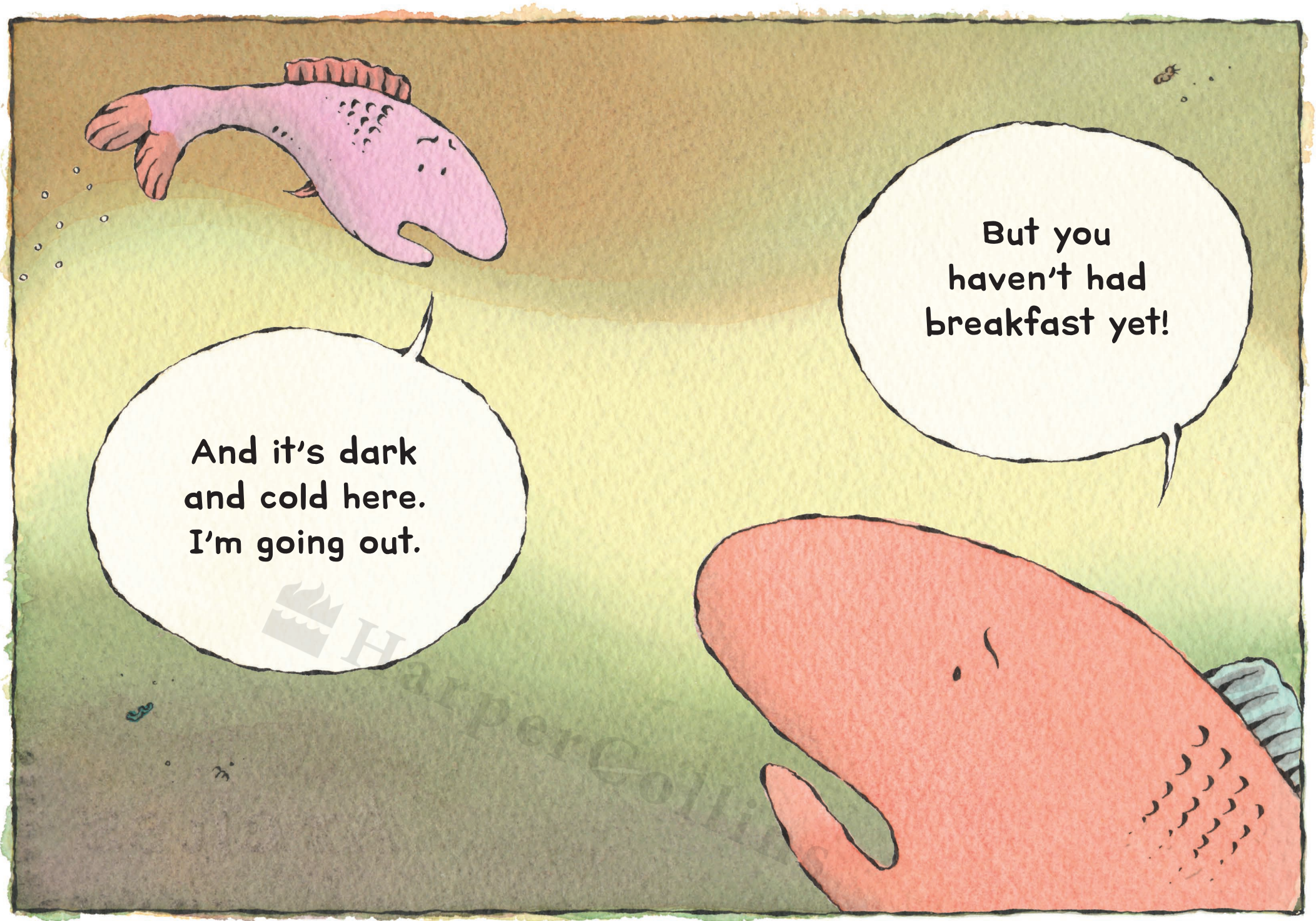
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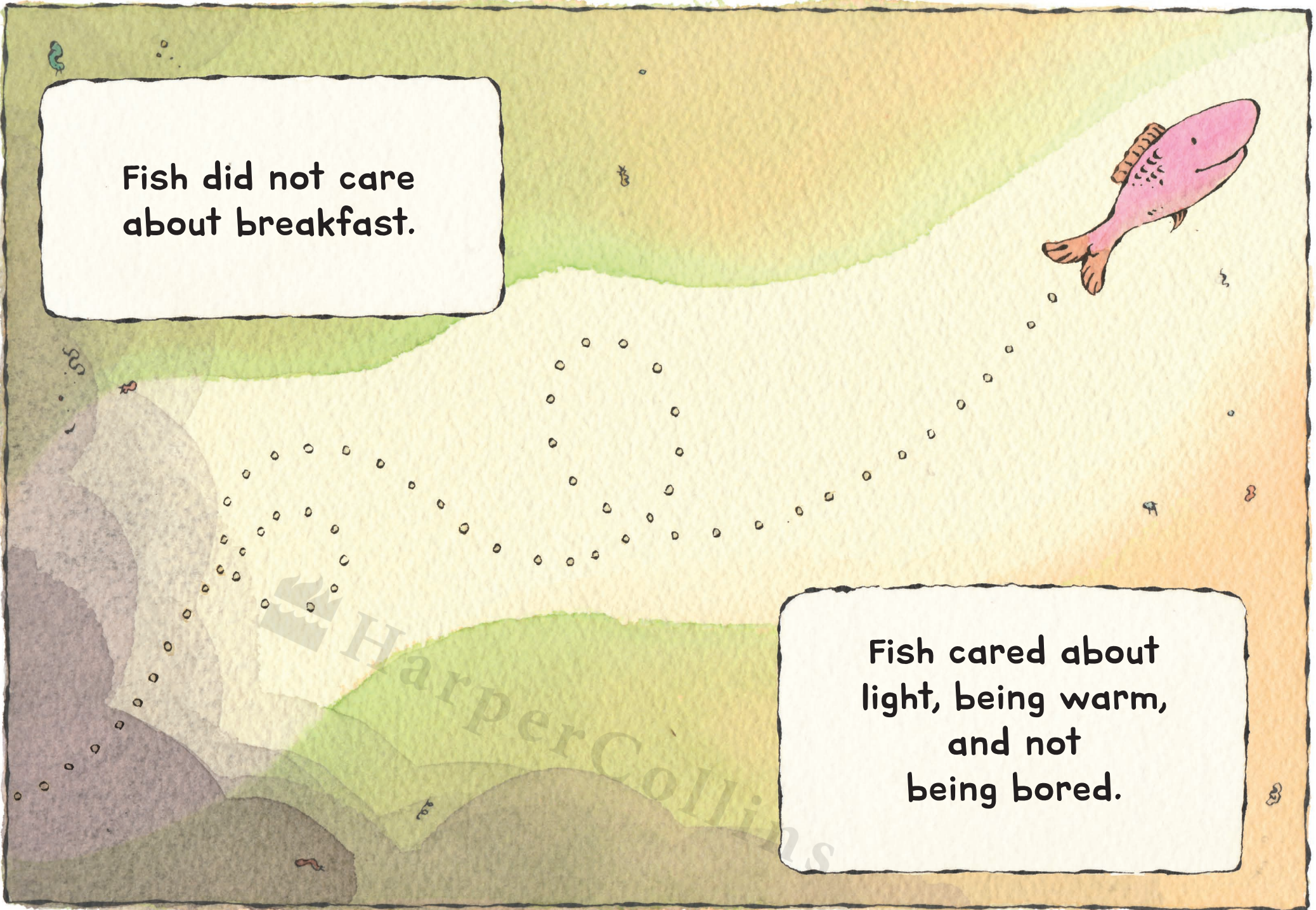


Mom,
I'm bored.




And it's dark
and cold here.
I'm going out.

But you
haven't had
breakfast yet!



Fish did not care
about breakfast.

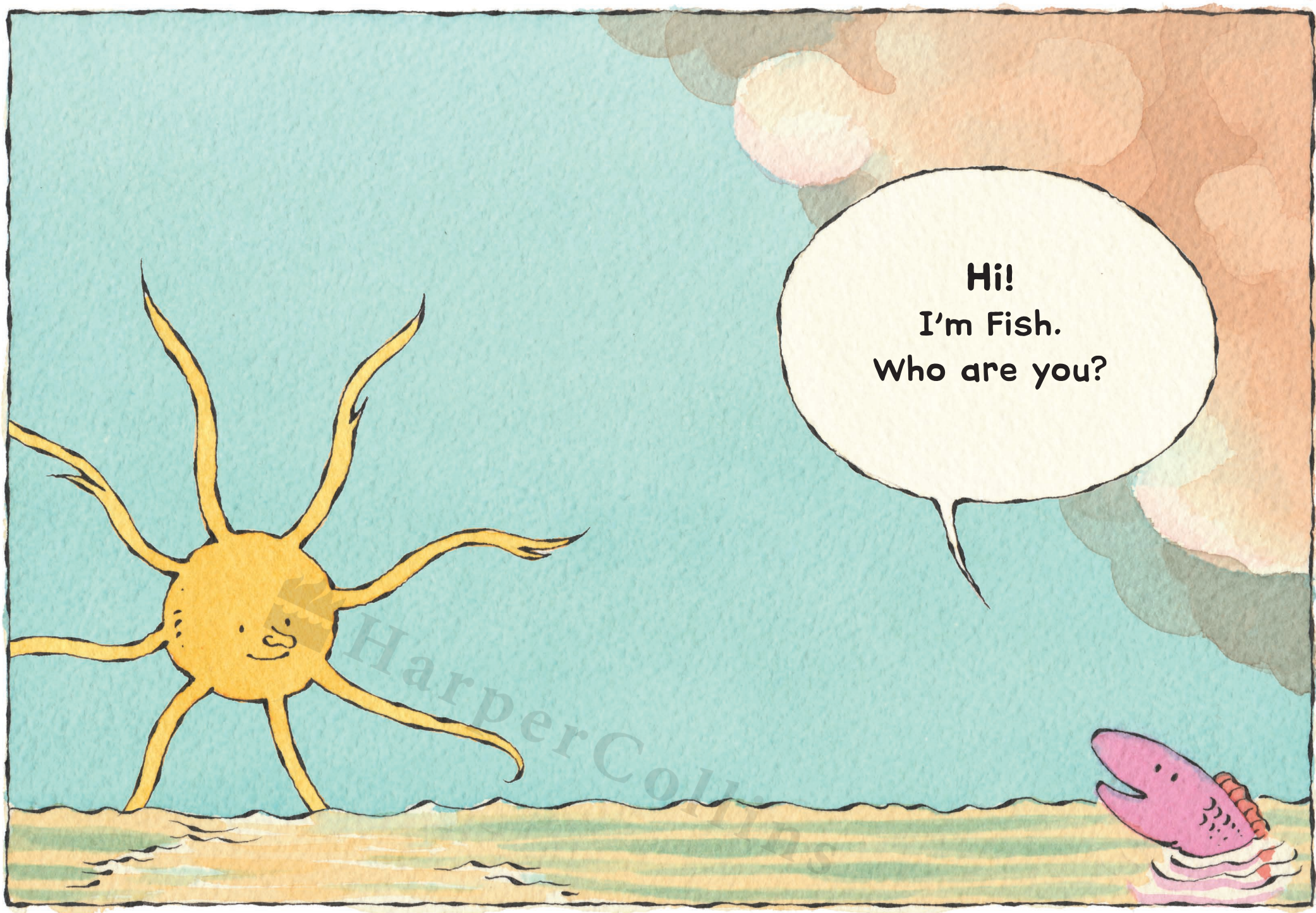
Fish cared about
light, being warm,
and not
being bored.

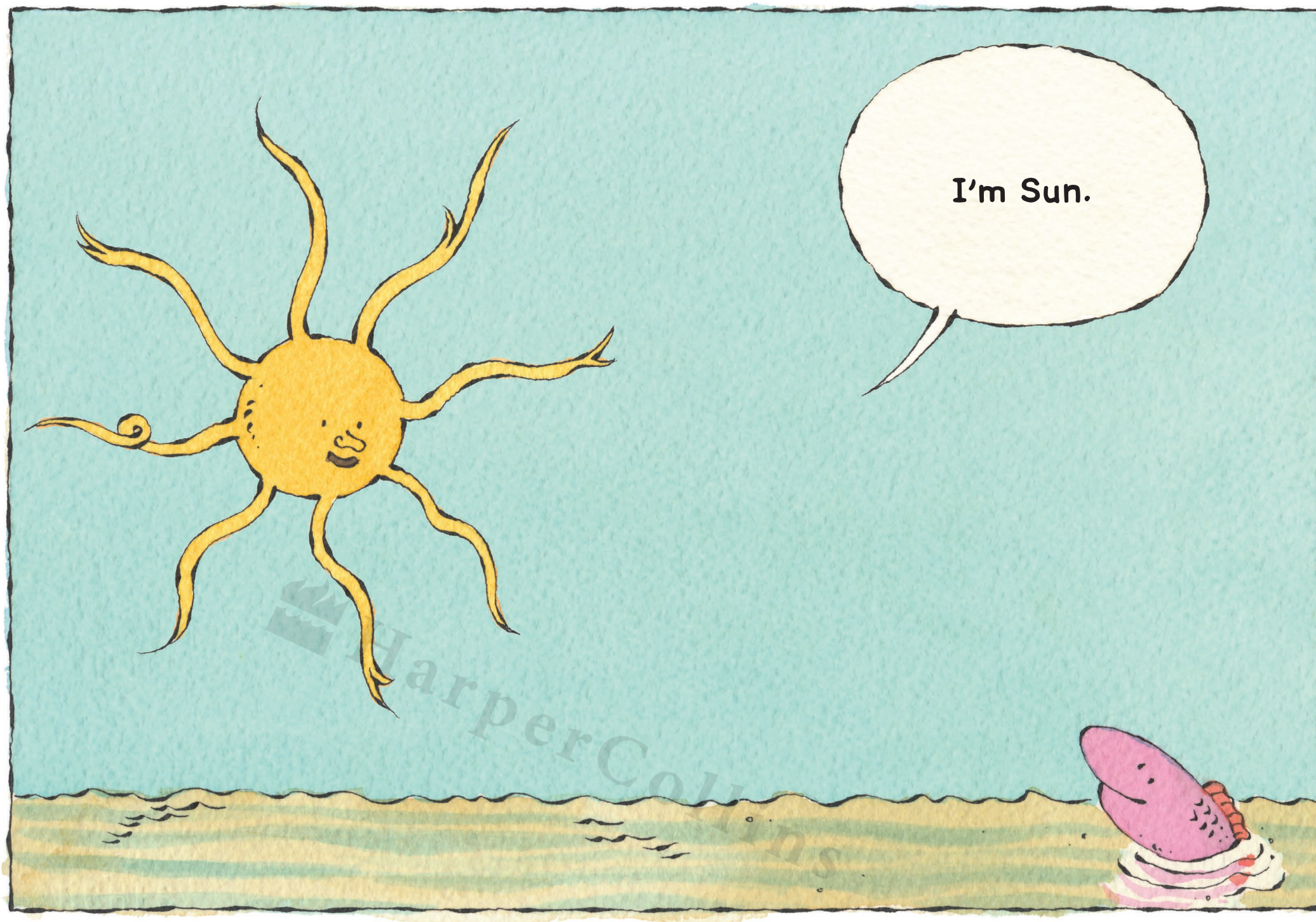


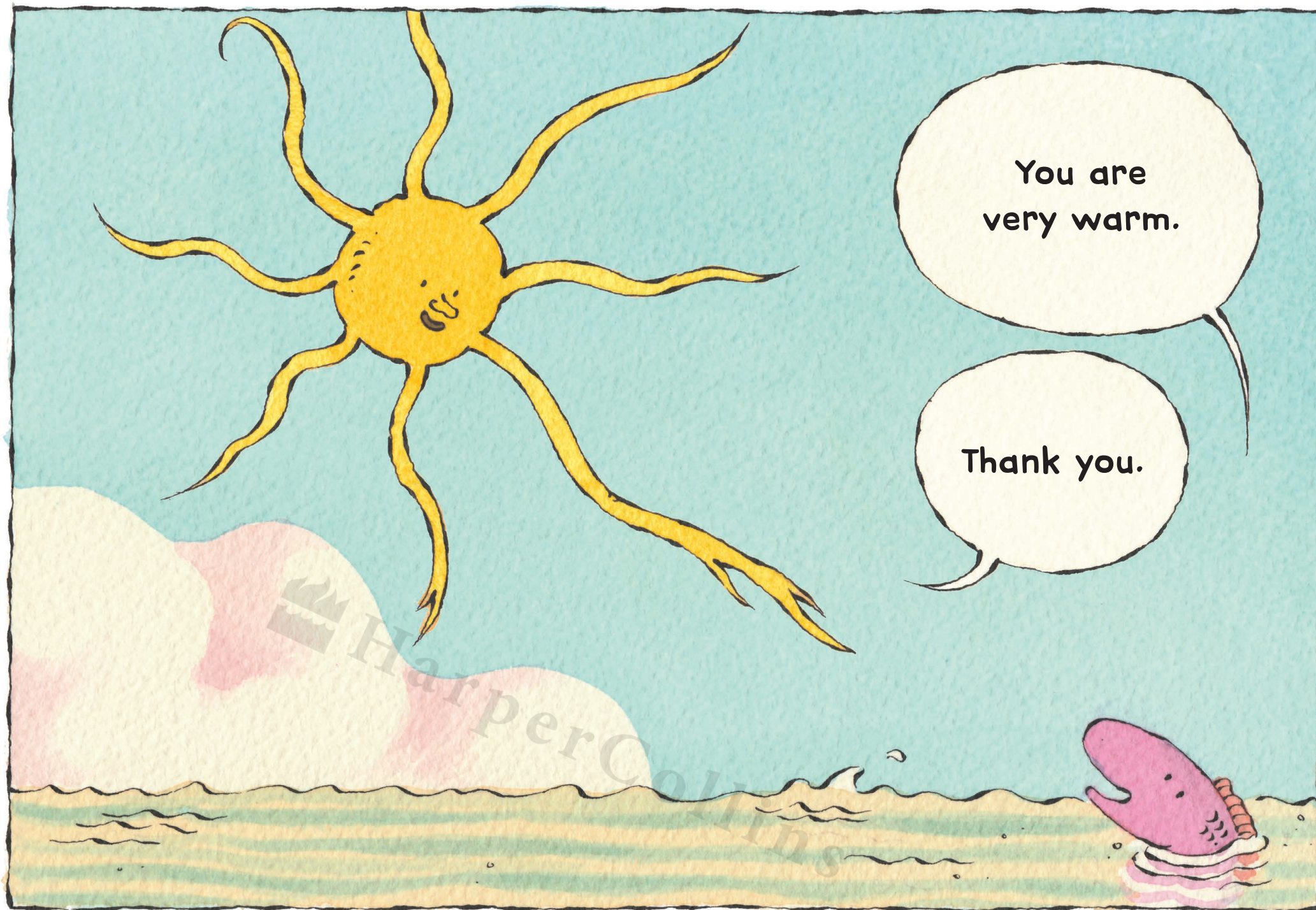
But outside
it was also
dark and cold
and boring.

Then all of
a sudden...

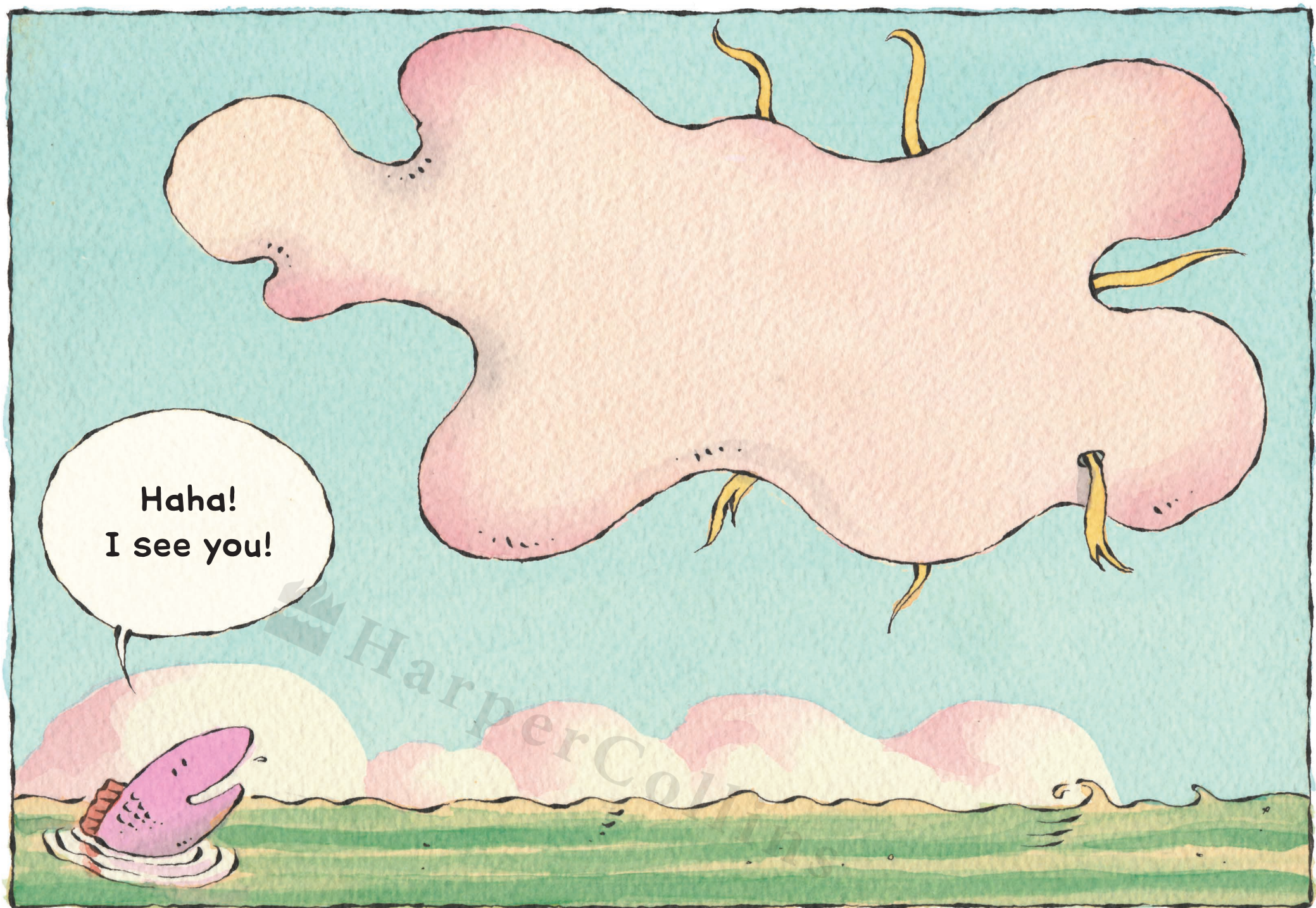




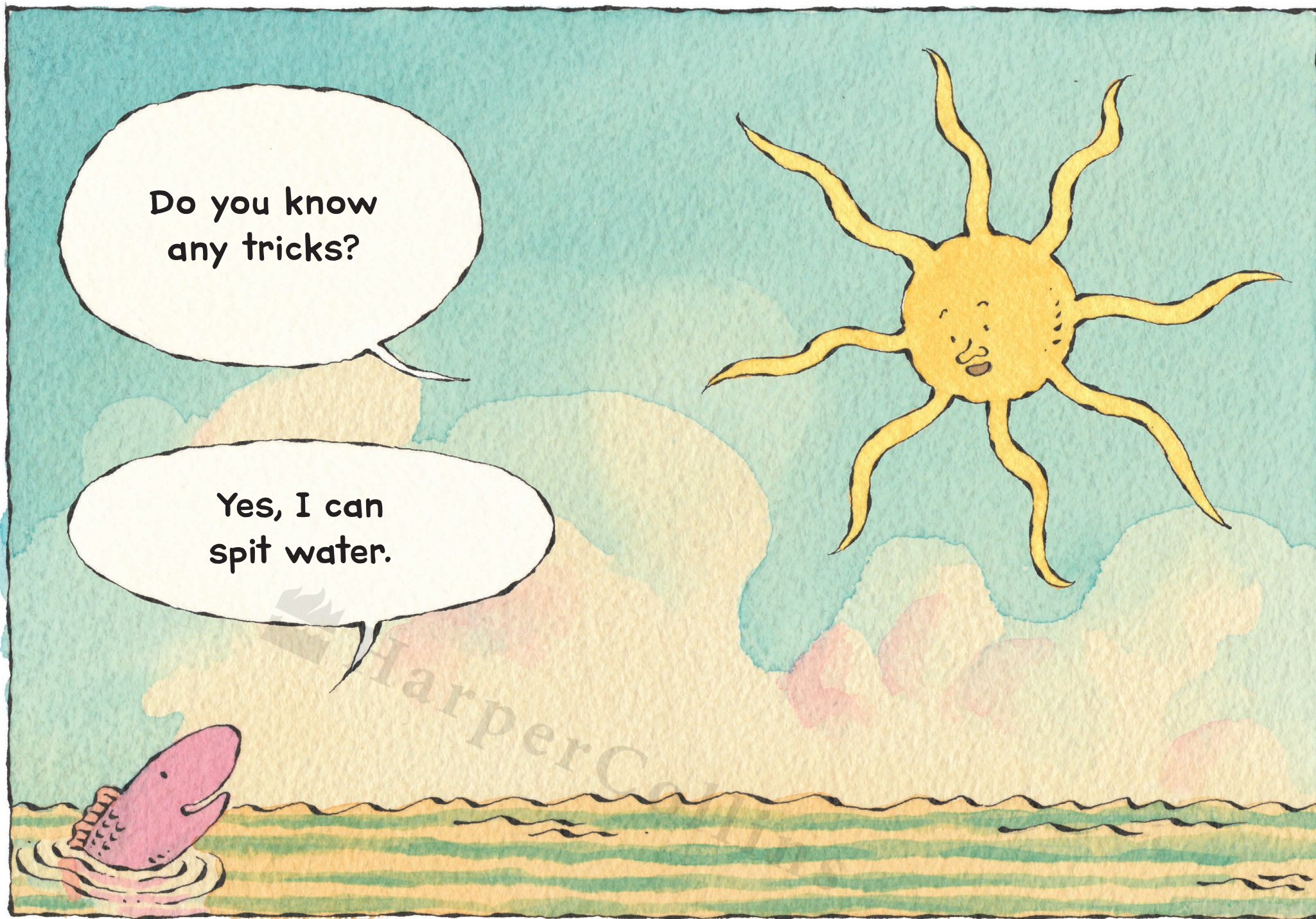






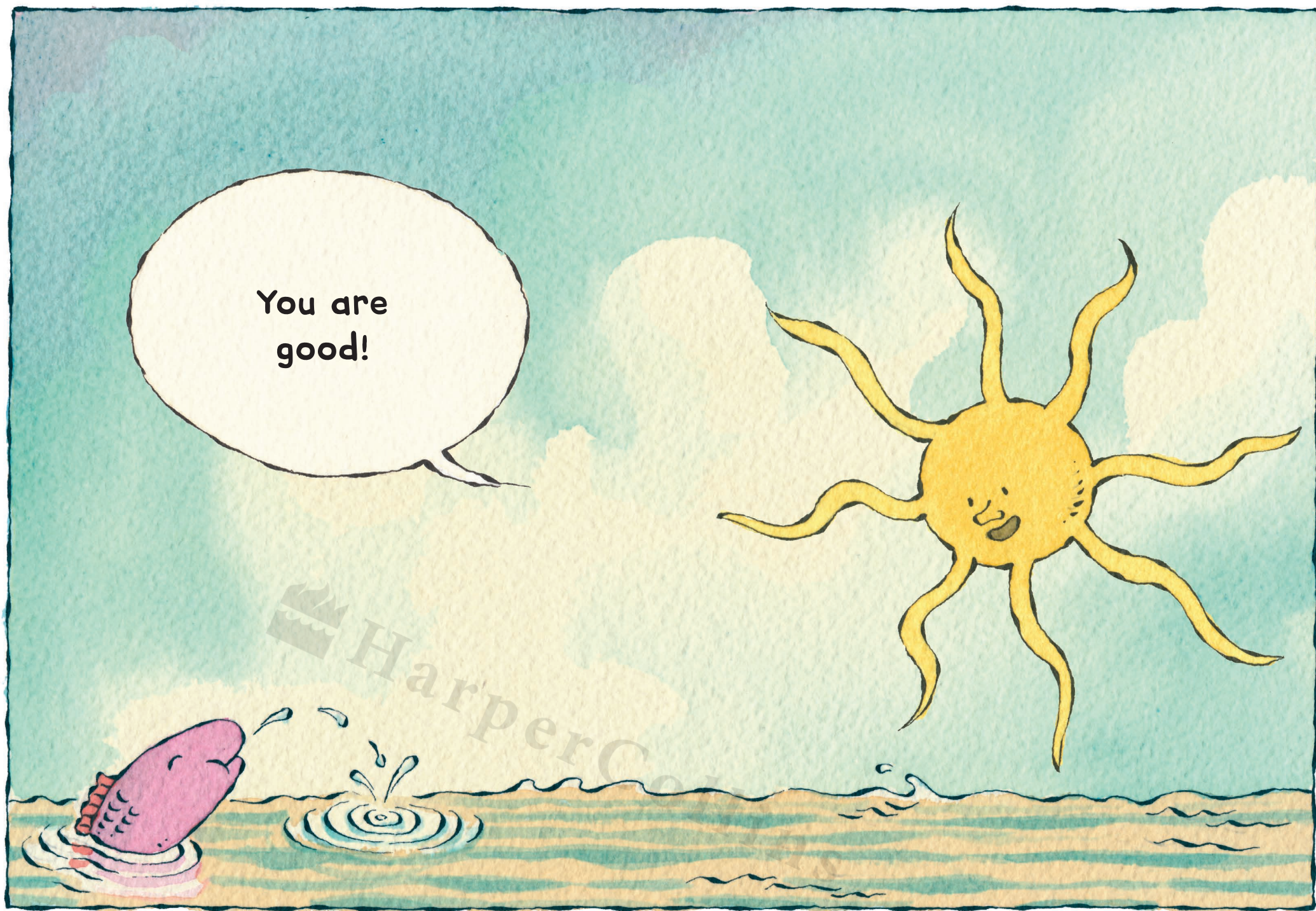


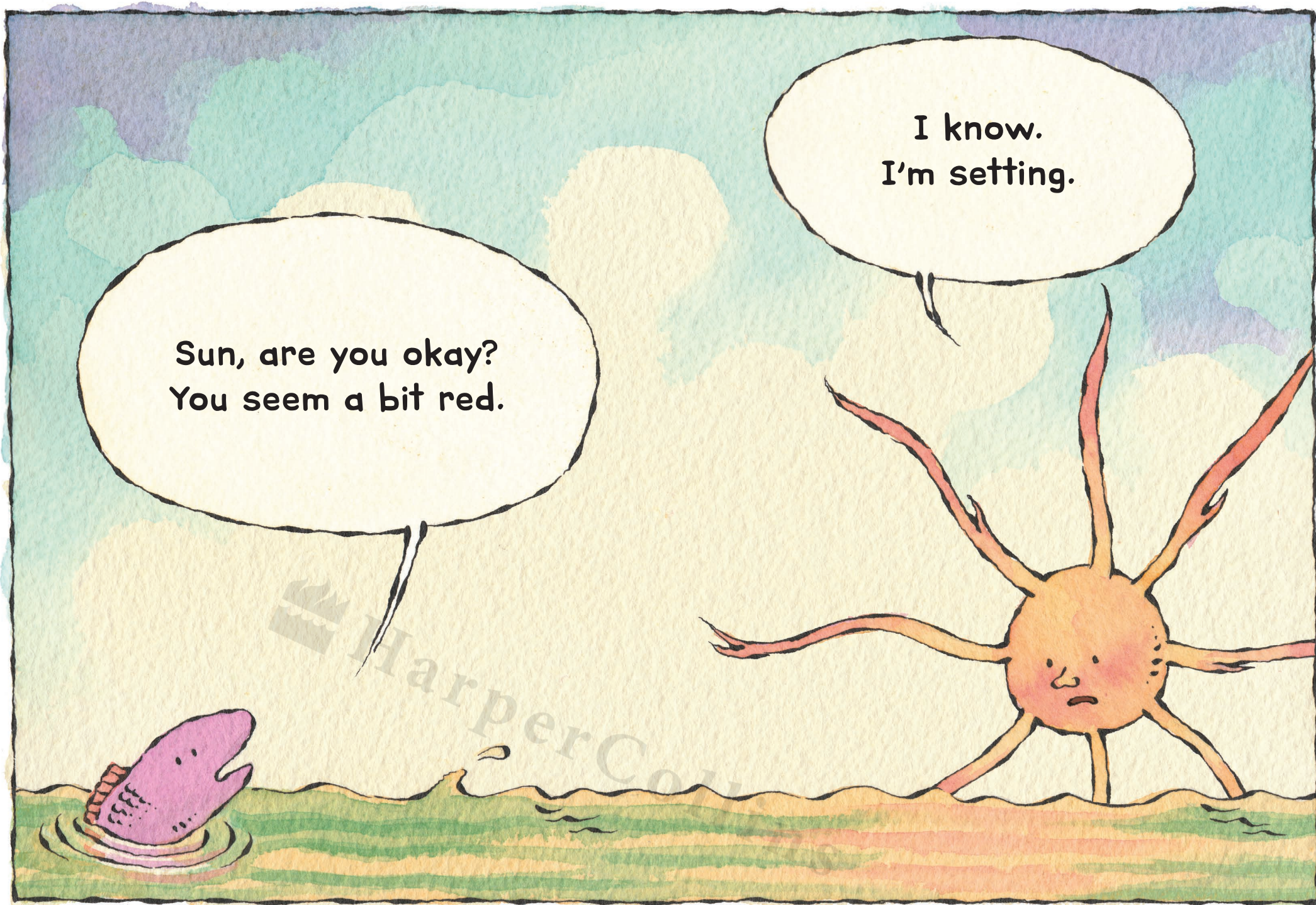




Do you know
any tricks?

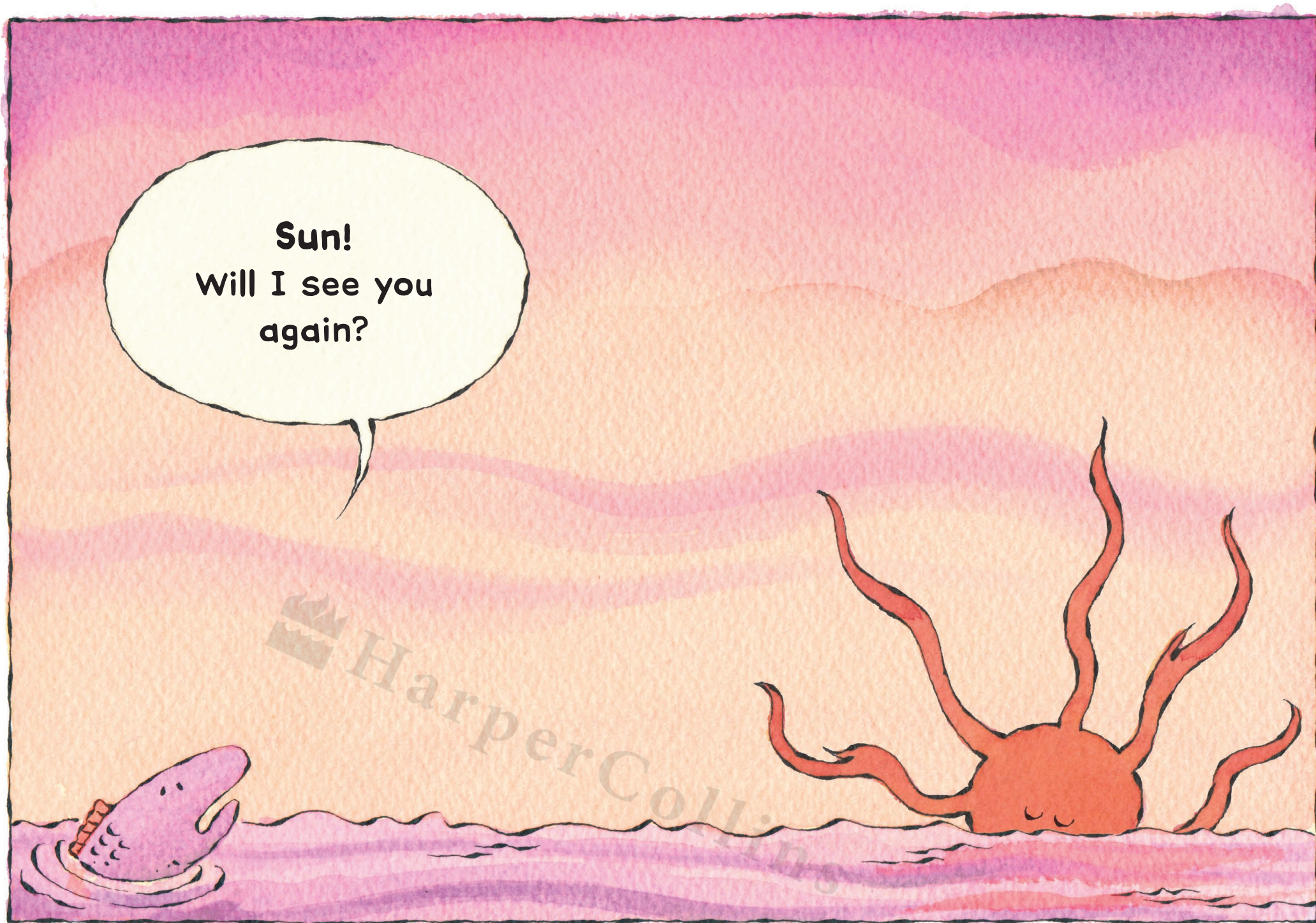
Yes, I can
spit water.



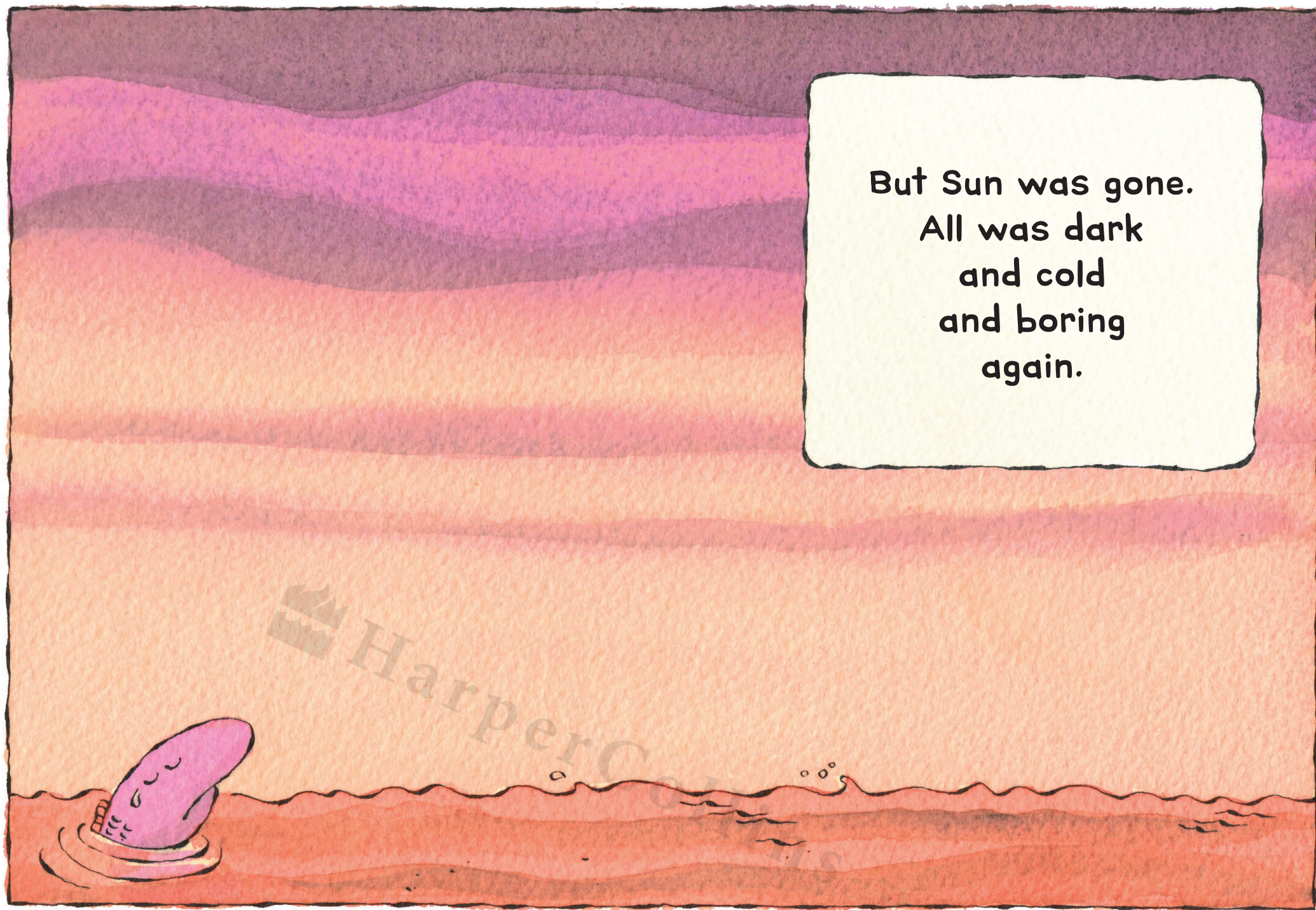


Sun, are you okay?
You seem a bit red.

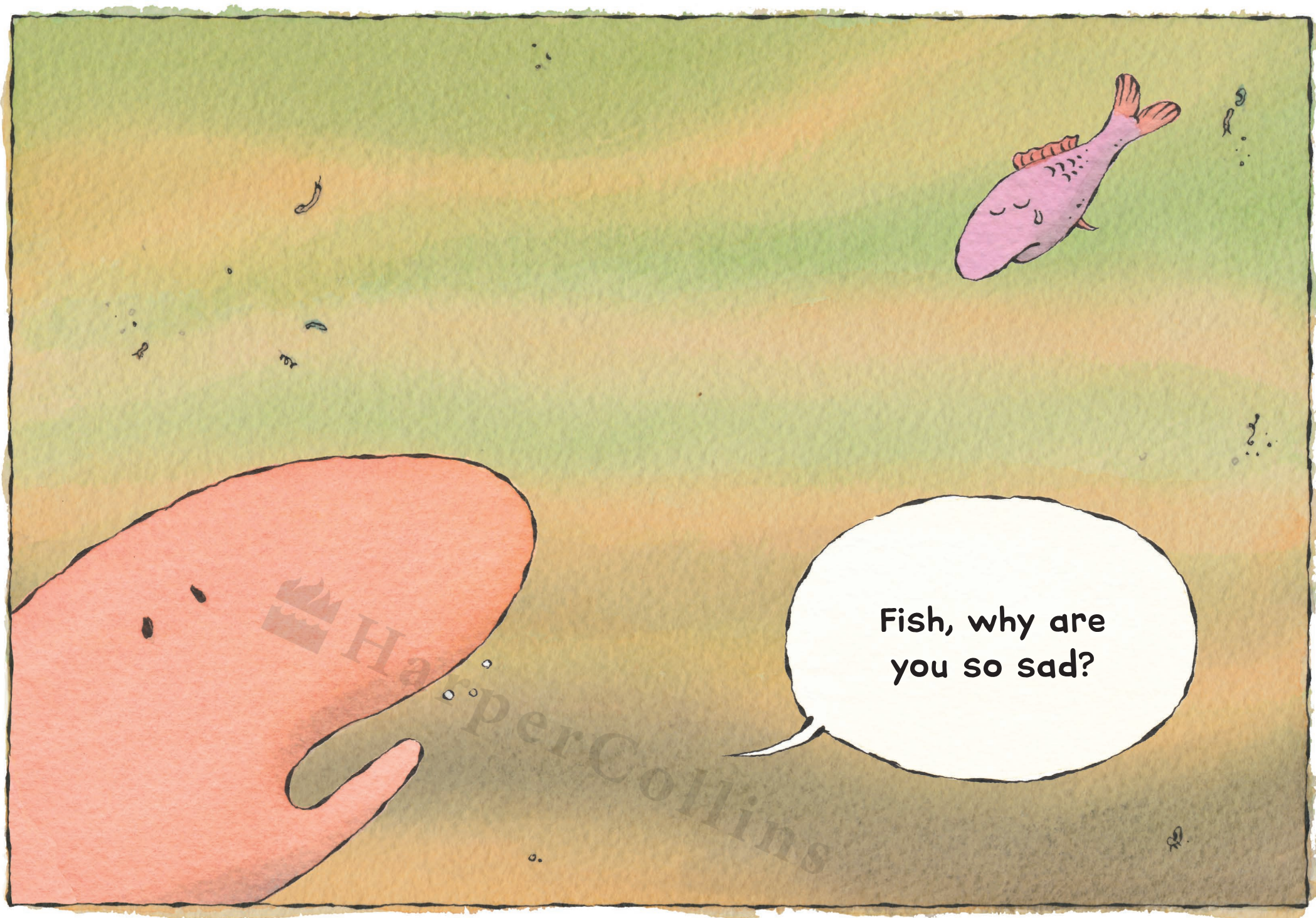
I know.
I'm setting.

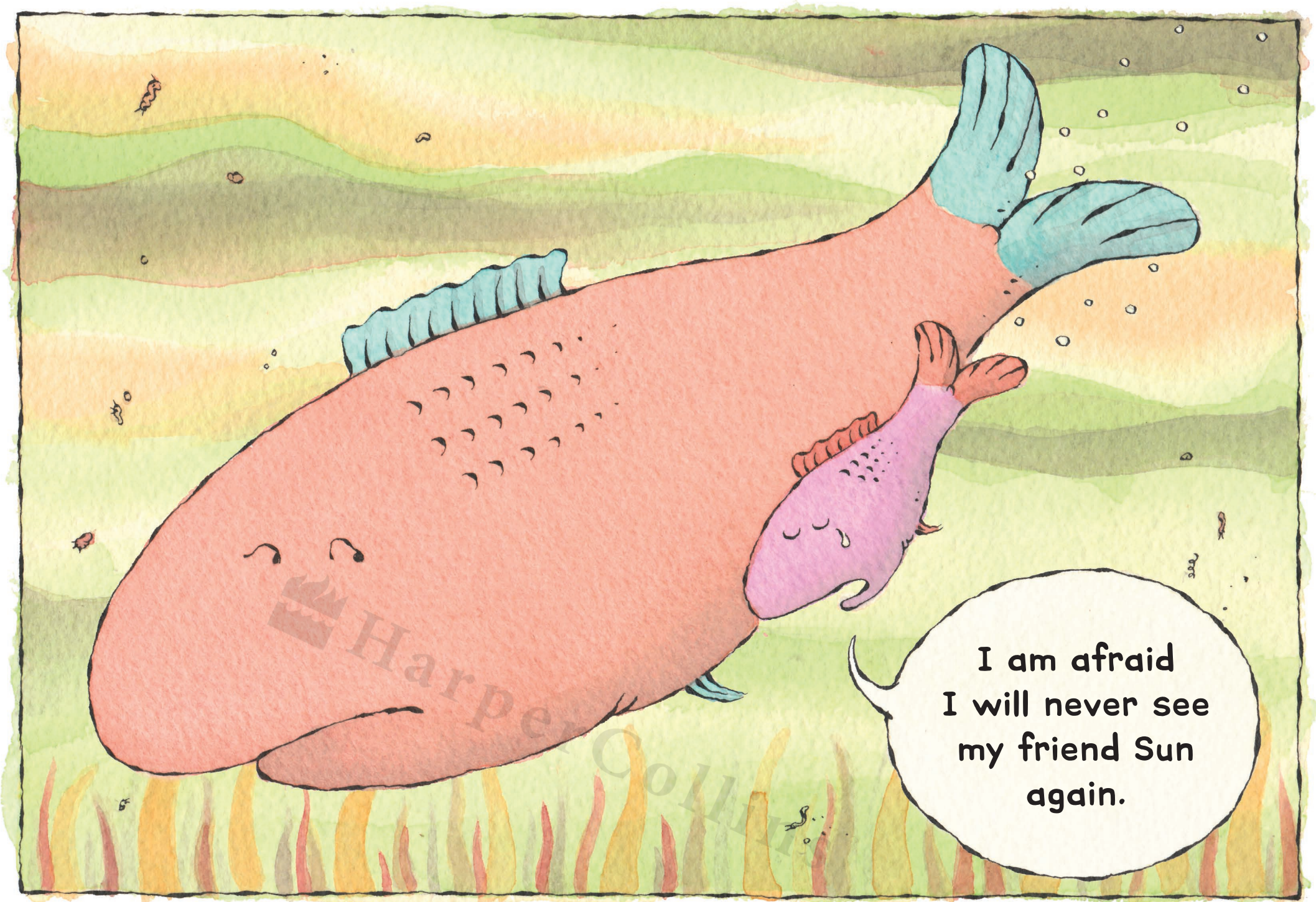



Sun!
Will I see you
again?



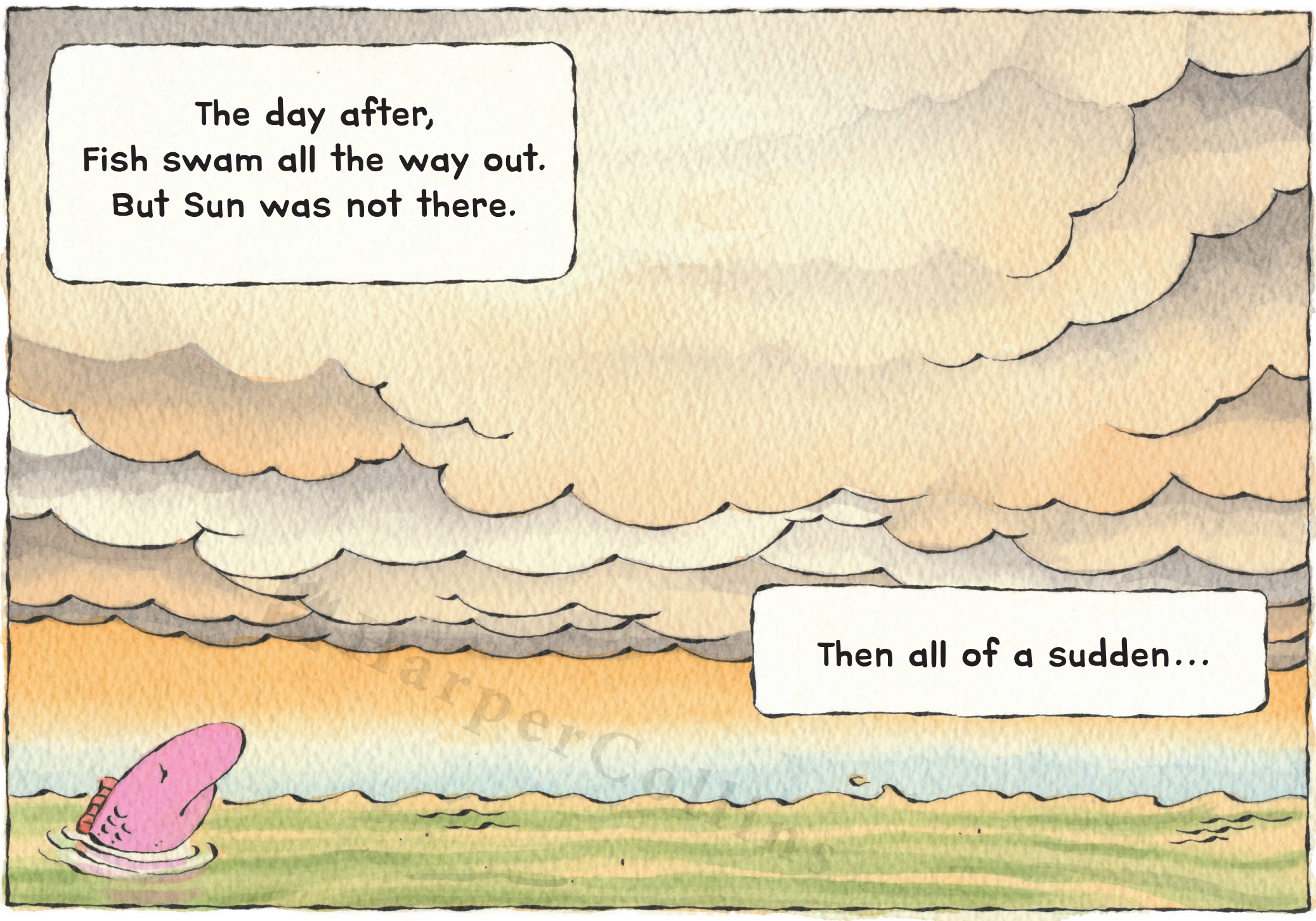
But Sun was gone.
All was dark
and cold
and boring
again.







That night, Fish
dreamed that all
was dark and cold
and boring.



The day after,
Fish swam all the way out.
But Sun was not there.

Then all of a sudden...

