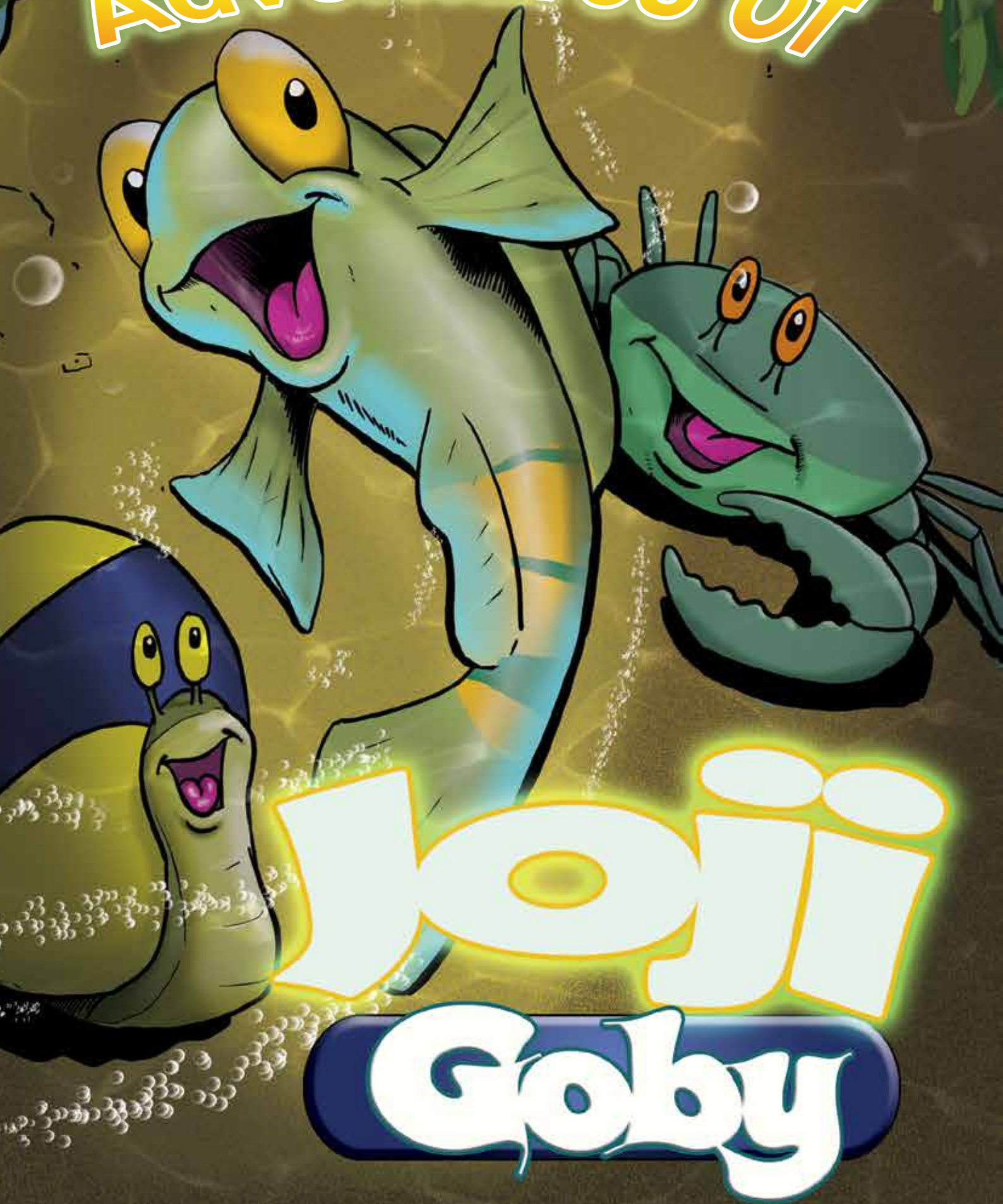


The

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With support from Disney's Friends for Change Program, the Wildlife Conservation Society produced "The Adventures of Joji Goby" to teach children and adults alike about the threats to the unique species that live in Fiji's streams and rivers. The book is based on findings from over seven years of research on Fiji's freshwater fish communities by Wetlands International-Oceania and the Wildlife Conservation Society staff. We would now like to introduce you to:



JOJI

The central character who is trying to find his fellow gobies who have swum upstream after being separated from them, Will he succeed...?

CRAB



The self appointed leader of the group. The handy man, he may jump into things feet first but his heart is in the right place.

SNAIL



Always looking on the bright side of things. The brains of the outfit, snail manages to keep everyone's spirits up.

THE TREE FROG

Their not so trusty vehicle. Put together, by themselves, from a crash helmet and other flotsam they had found.



AND SO IT BEGINS...



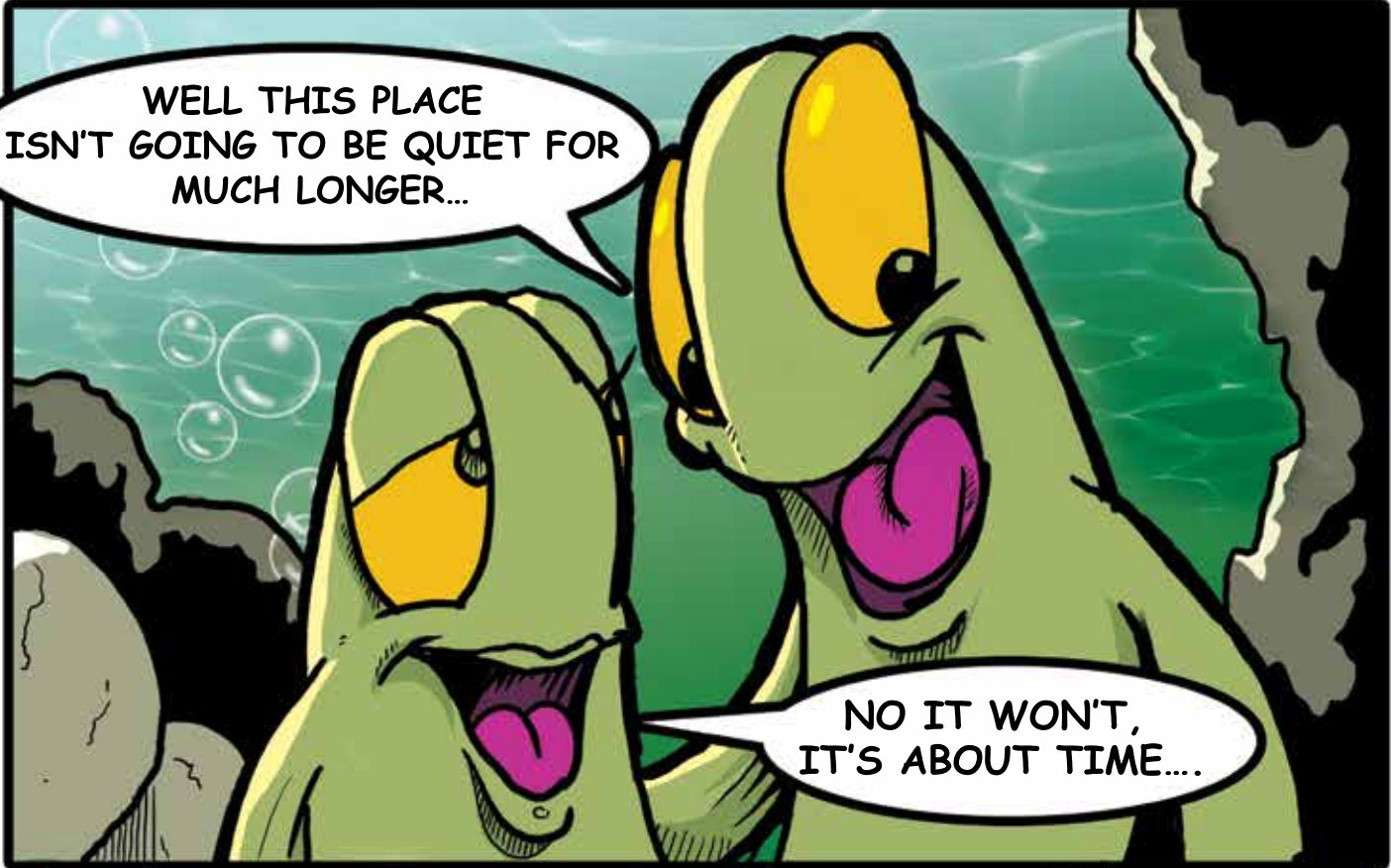
ON A SUNNY DAY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, IN THE FIJI ISLANDS, THERE IS A COMMOTION UPSTREAM FROM THE VILLAGE OF KILAKA...

... WHERE A LOCAL GOBY FAMILY IS GETTING READY...

I'M GETTING REAL EXCITED ABOUT THESE NEW ARRIVALS

I KNOW, MOSESE!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEIR
LITTLE FACES

MOJEE AND SULU ARE EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE NEW ADDITIONS TO THEIR FAMILY TO JOIN THEM...



WELL THIS PLACE
ISN'T GOING TO BE QUIET FOR
MUCH LONGER...

NO IT WON'T,
IT'S ABOUT TIME....



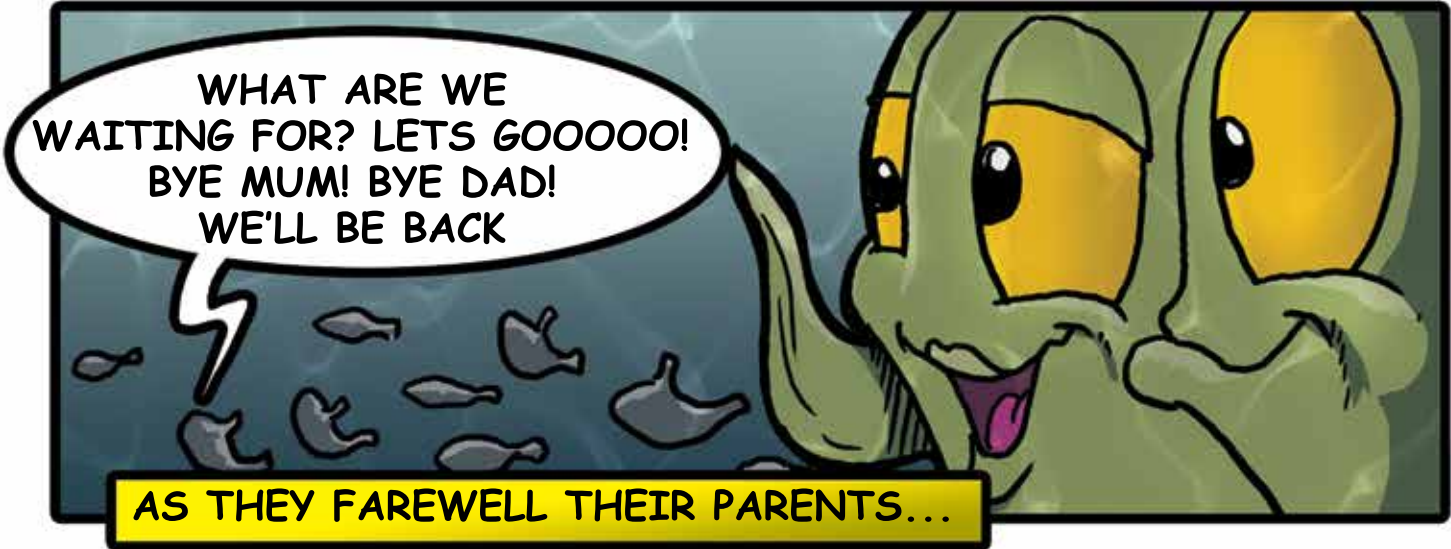
LOOK!!

AS THE COUPLE LOOK ON, THEIR EGGS BEGIN
TO FIDGET AND MOVE EVEN MORE UNTIL...



**YAAAAAAAH!!
COME ON, LAST ONE OUTS A
ROTTEN EGG!**

**GOBIES' ARE BORN READY! THEY GET READY TO
TAKE OFF ON THEIR FIRST BIG ADVENTURE...**




**WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR? LETS GOOOOO!
BYE MUM! BYE DAD!
WE'LL BE BACK**


AS THEY FAREWELL THEIR PARENTS...



TAKE CARE CHILDREN.
MAKE SURE YOU WATCH OUT IN THE BIG
OCEAN...DON'T TALK TO
STRANGERS.




YOU KIDS TAKE CARE.
DON'T SLOUCH. JOJI,
YOU SLOW DOWN.
EDDY, STAND UP
STRAIGHT. WILMA,
SPIT THAT GUM OUT.
JALE, DON'T DRAG
YOUR FINS.
HENRY.....



HAVE YOU MADE SURE YOU'VE PACKED
EVERYTHING? GILLBRUSHES? AND MAKE
SURE YOU BEHAVE

..AND THEN ALL IS QUIET AGAIN

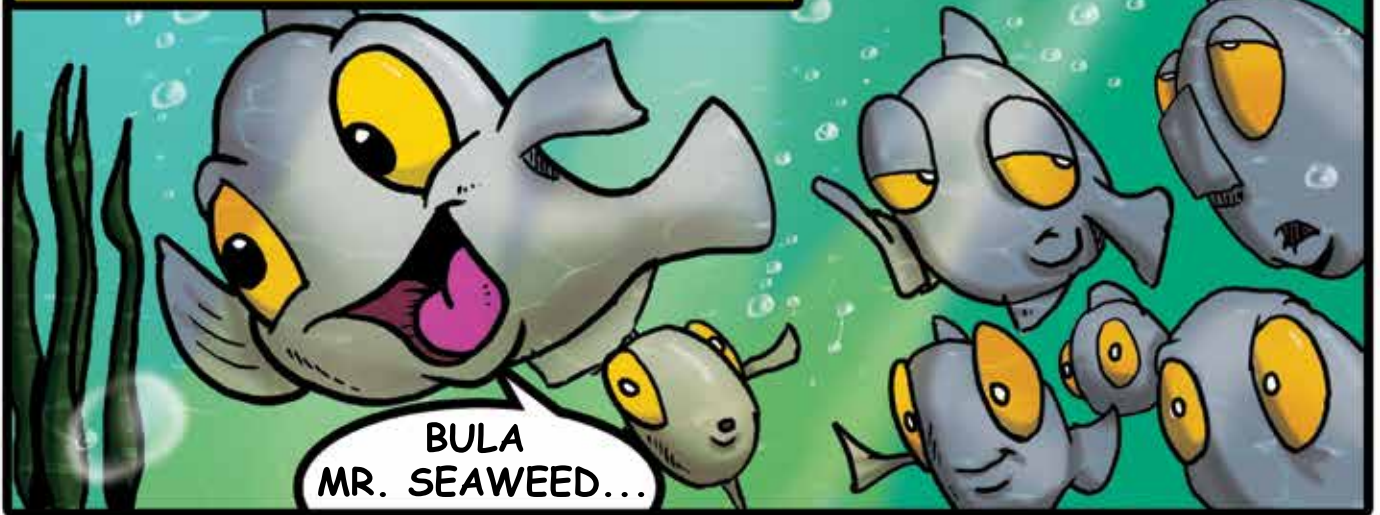


(sniff, sniff) I CAN'T
BELIEVE THEY'VE ALL GROWN
UP SO QUICKLY



I KNOW, BUT THEY'LL
BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

JOJI TAKES THE LEAD, ANNOYING EVERYONE BY GREETING EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH...

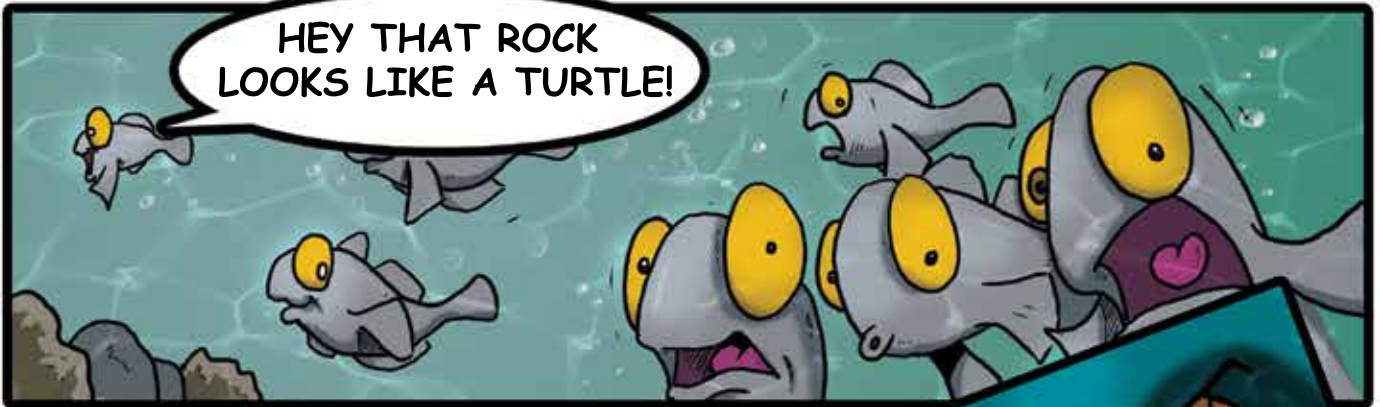


BULA MR. SEAWEED...

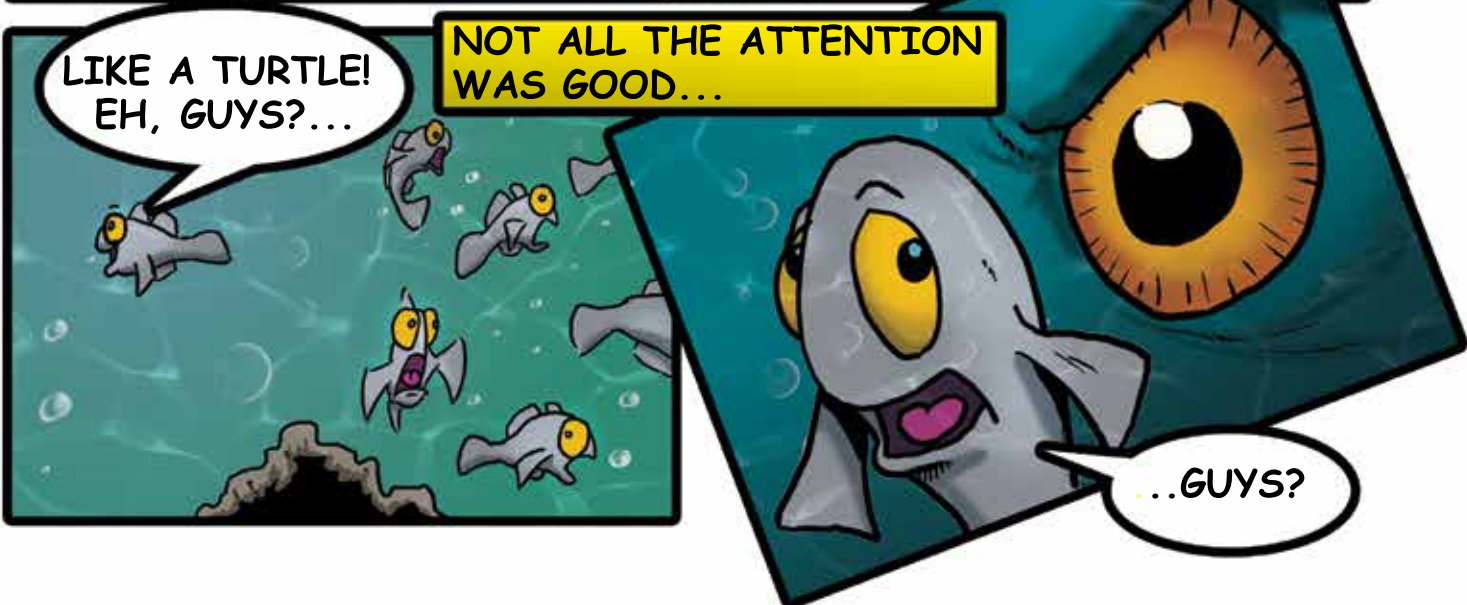
THE NOISY NEWCOMER ATTRACTED A LOT OF ATTENTION...



...WE'RE HEADING OFF TO THE GREAT BLUE YONDER.



HEY THAT ROCK LOOKS LIKE A TURTLE!



LIKE A TURTLE! EH, GUYS?...

NOT ALL THE ATTENTION WAS GOOD...

...GUYS?



YEEAAAAAAAARGH!!!

JOJI FLEES FROM THE HUNGRY BARRACUDA



BUT ALL THE HIDING PLACES WERE FULL...



... AS THE 'CUDA CLOSES IN...



..NO ONE CAN LOOK..



HE SEES A CAVE BUT...

NO!
A DEAD END!!



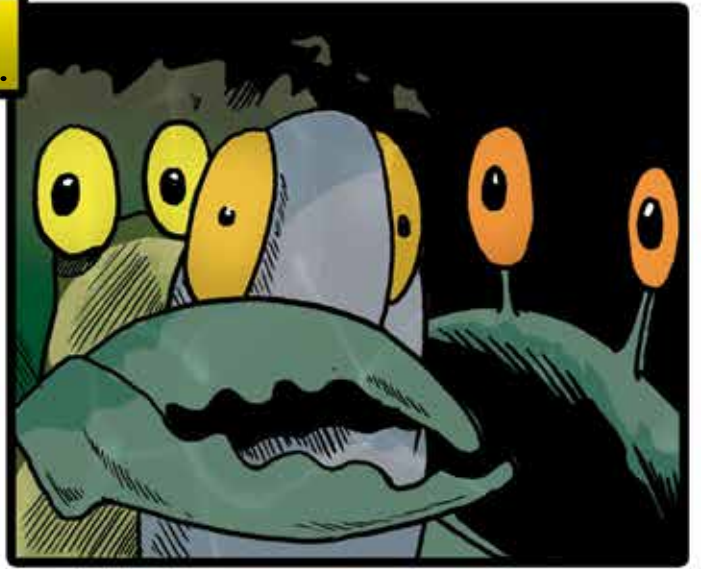
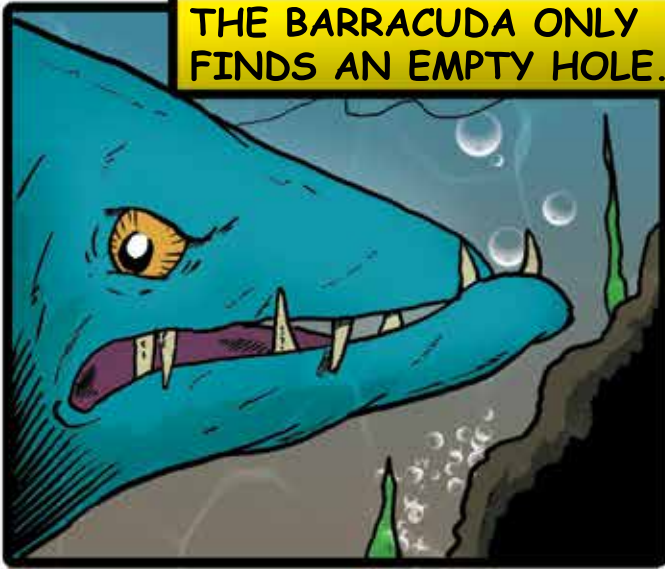
...THERE IS NOWHERE TO GO..



...BUT THEN SOMETHING GRABS JOJI AND DRAGS HIM DEEPER INTO THE SHADOWS!



THE BARRACUDA ONLY FINDS AN EMPTY HOLE...



...AS THE FISH SWIMS OFF THERE IS A HUGE SIGH OF RELIEF!



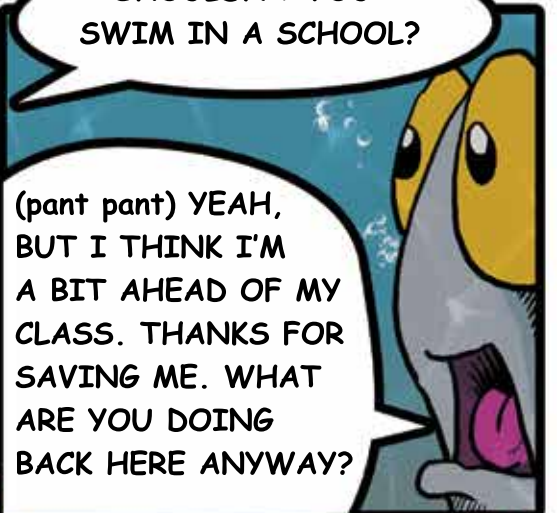
LUCKY THAT OLD THING HAS BAD EYES. IF YOU WEREN'T SO SMALL...

I'M CRAB...AND THIS IS SNAIL



SHOULDN'T YOU SWIM IN A SCHOOL?

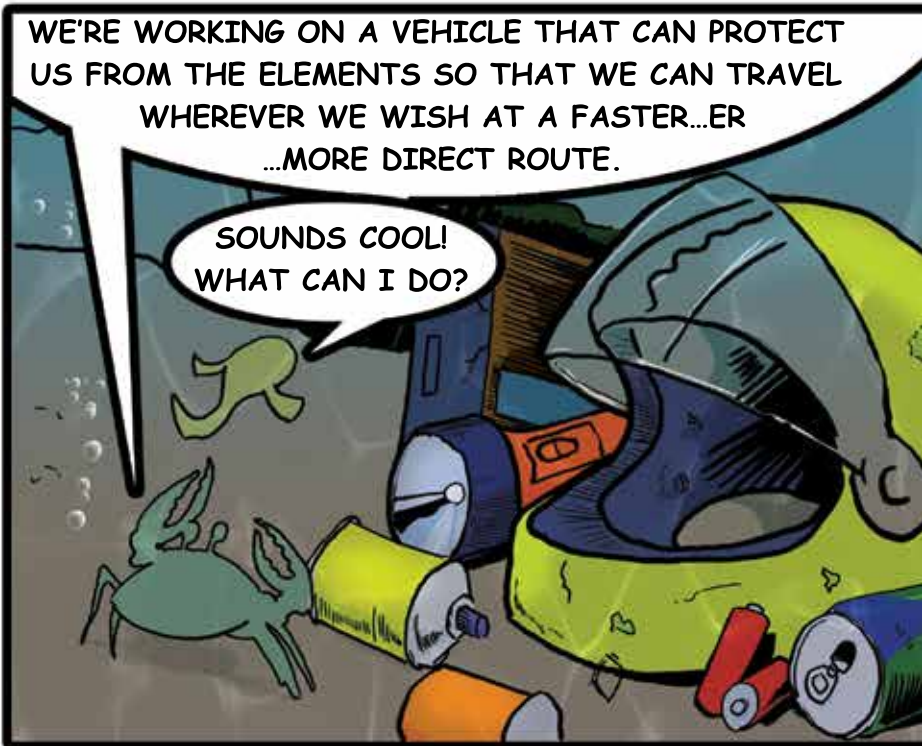
(pant pant) YEAH, BUT I THINK I'M A BIT AHEAD OF MY CLASS. THANKS FOR SAVING ME. WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE ANYWAY?



THAT'S CLASSIFIED INFO. WE ARE WORKING ON A TOP SECRET PROJECT OF EXTREME SECRECY AND...

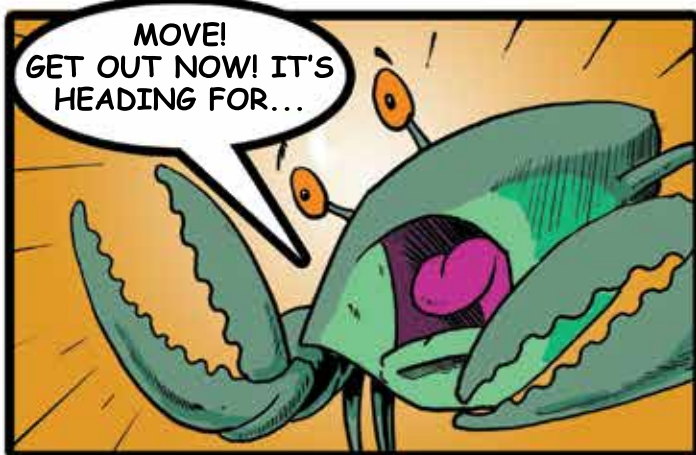
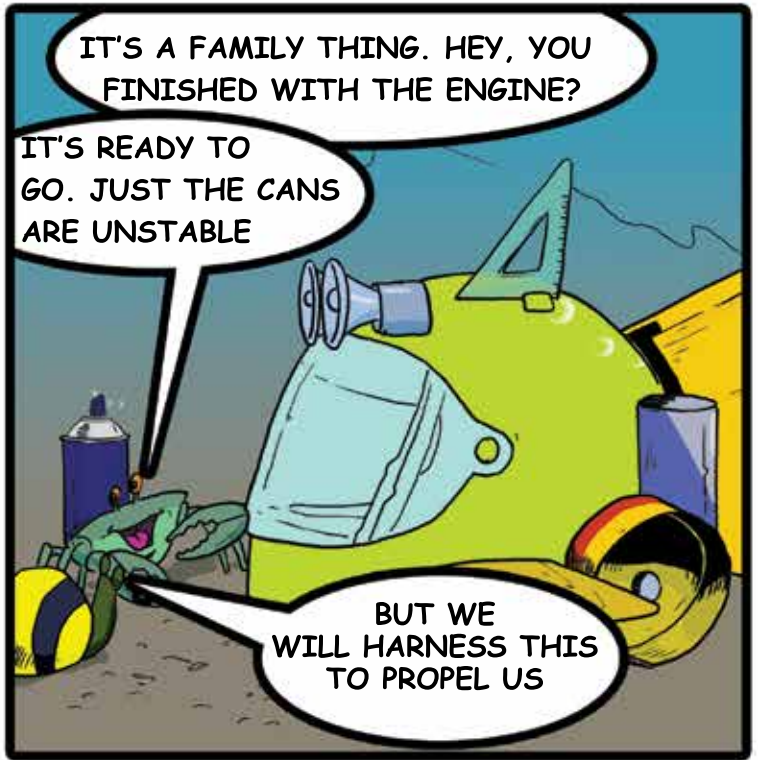
WE'RE BUILDING A SUBMARINE!!



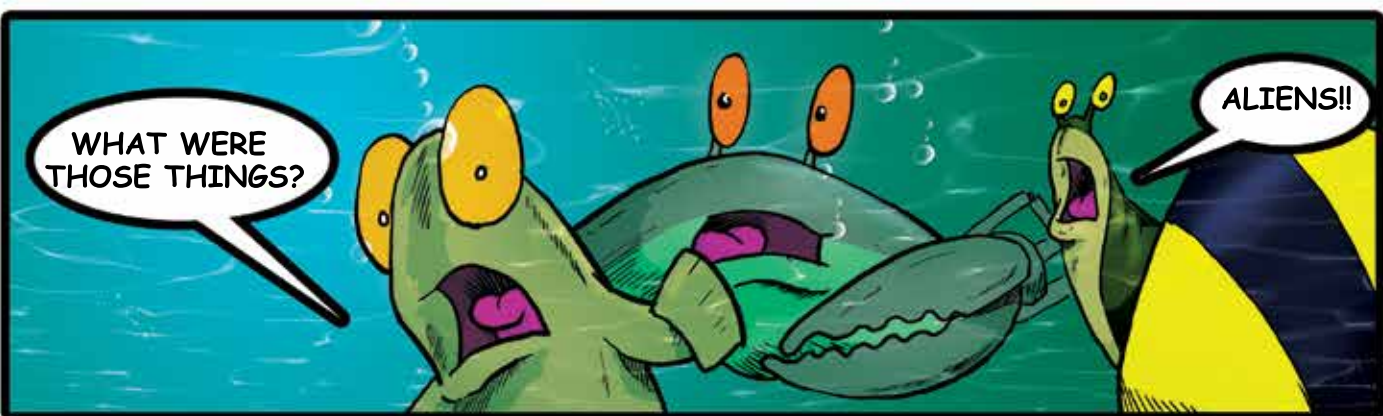
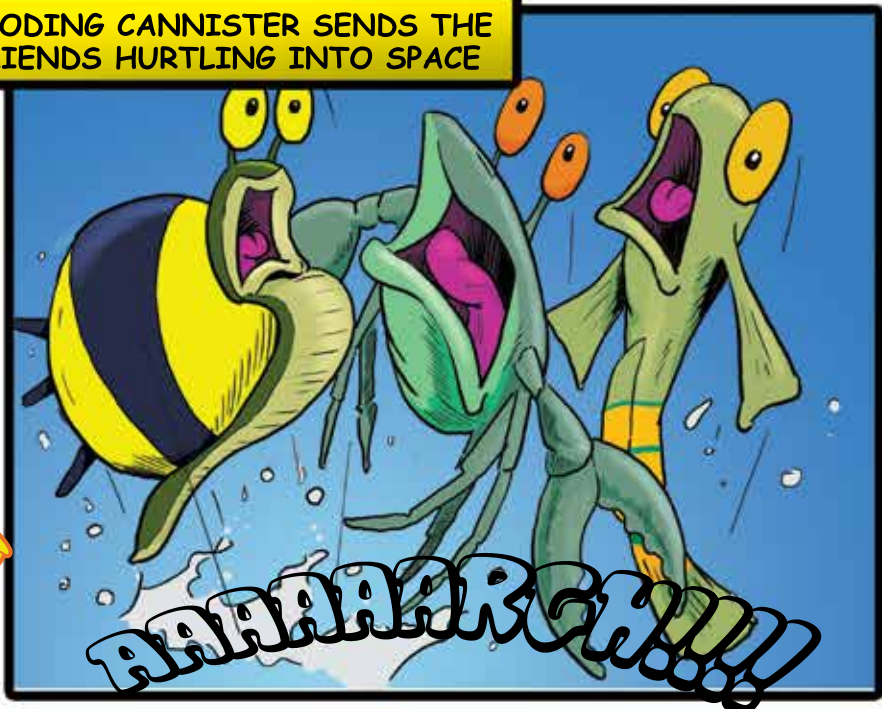


THE NEW FRIENDS
WORK TOGETHER
AND "OPERATION:
TREEFROG" TAKES
SHAPE. THE OTHER
GOBIES, NOW
WITH THEIR ADULT
COLOURING, THINK
IT'S HILARIOUS
THAT THE TREE-
FROG CAN'T MOVE
FORWARDS AND
MAKE FUN OF IT
UNTIL THE DAY
THAT ALL THE
GOBIES MUST
RETURN TO THE
HEADWATERS...





THE EXPLODING CANNISTER SENDS THE THREE FRIENDS HURLING INTO SPACE





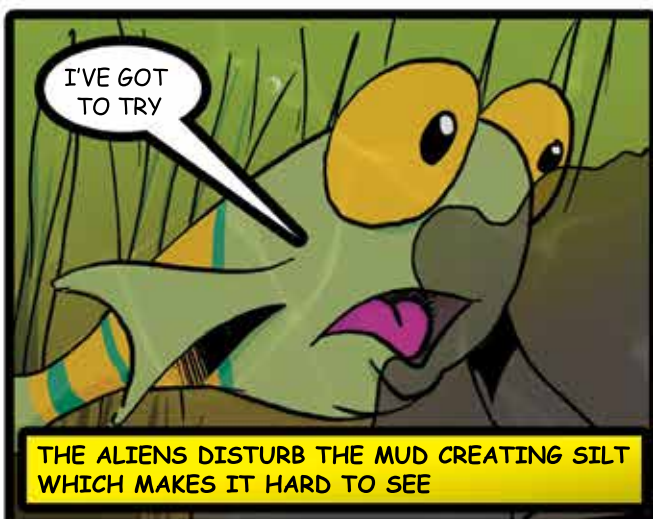
HAVE THEY GONE?
WHAT WERE THOSE THINGS?!

MONSTERS!! THEY LIVE
OUTSIDE OUR WORLD AND TAKE MANY
OF OUR KIND.

EVASIVE
MANOEUVERS, TAKE
COVER!!

I GOT TO TRY AND
CATCH THE REST OF THE
GOBIES

BUT YOU'LL GET
LOST IN THIS SILT



I'VE GOT
TO TRY

THE ALIENS DISTURB THE MUD CREATING SILT
WHICH MAKES IT HARD TO SEE

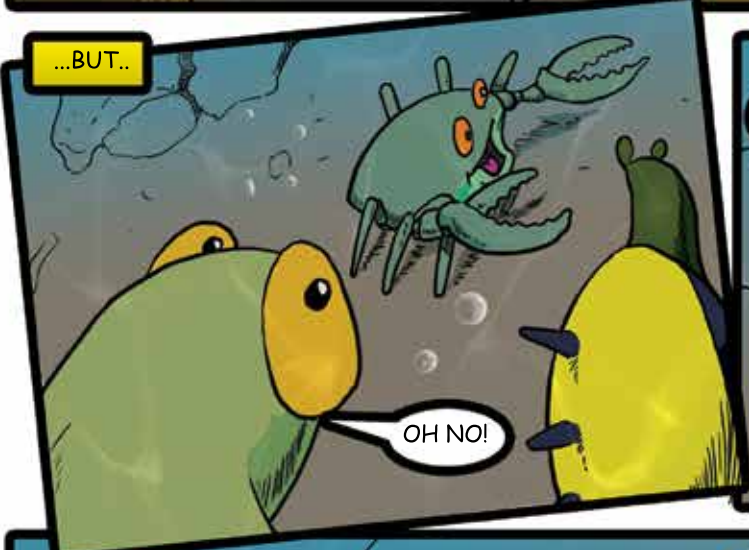


JOJI TAKES OFF BLINDLY INTO THE
SILT CALLING HIS SIBLINGS...

HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU
GANG?!!



I
SEE YOU
NOW..



...BUT..

OH NO!



THEY'VE GONE!...
NOW I'LL NEVER GET
HOME

...ALL SEMED LOST
UNTIL HE SAW THE
SILT CLEARING UP..

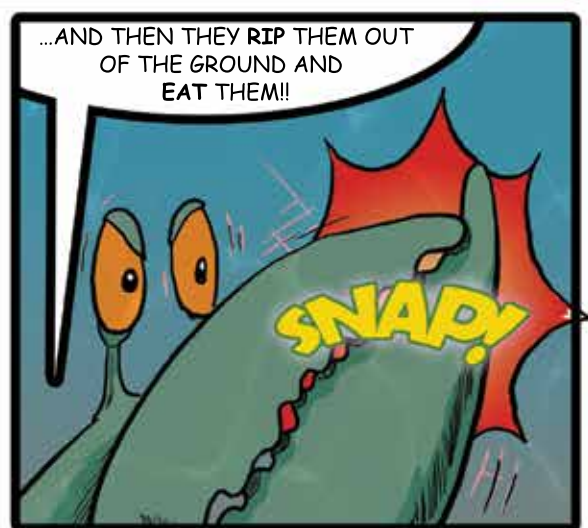
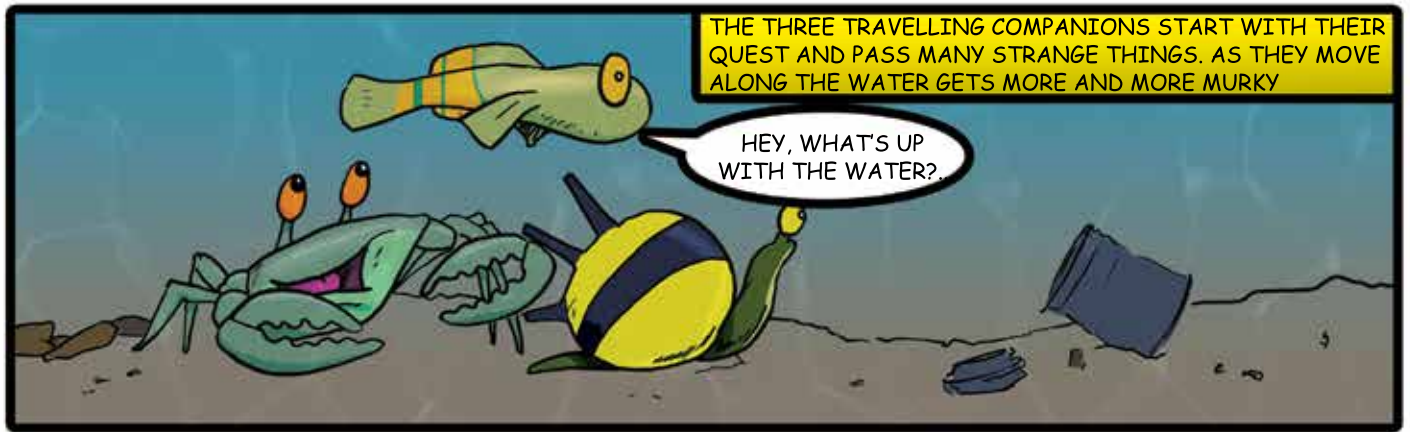
DON'T YOU WORRY...
WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO THE
HEADWATERS

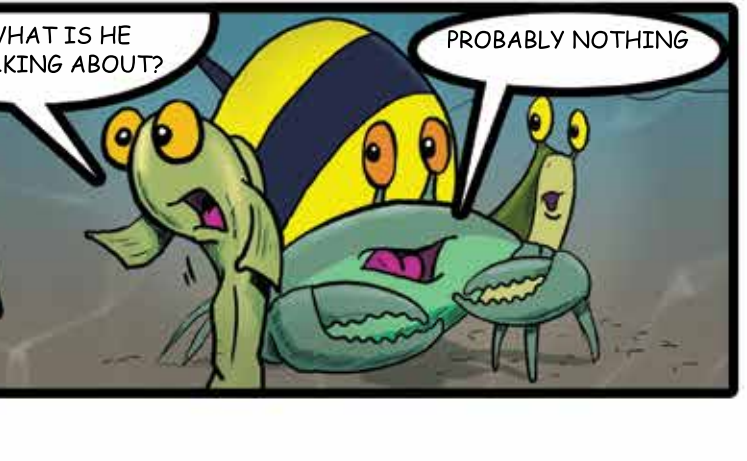
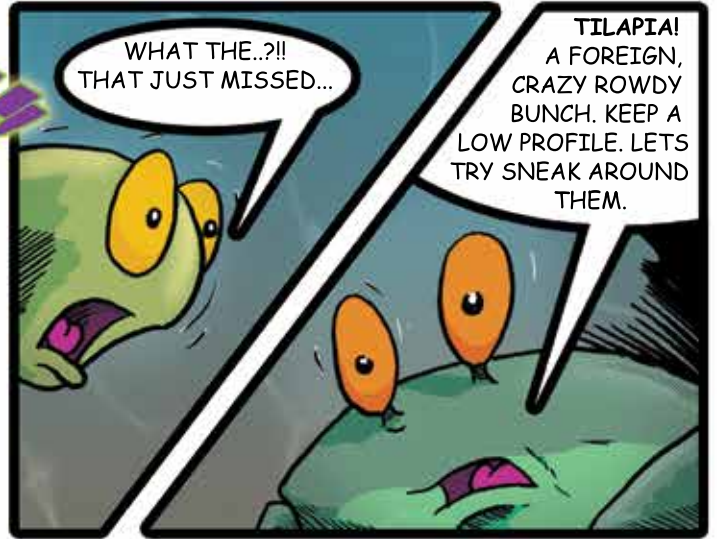
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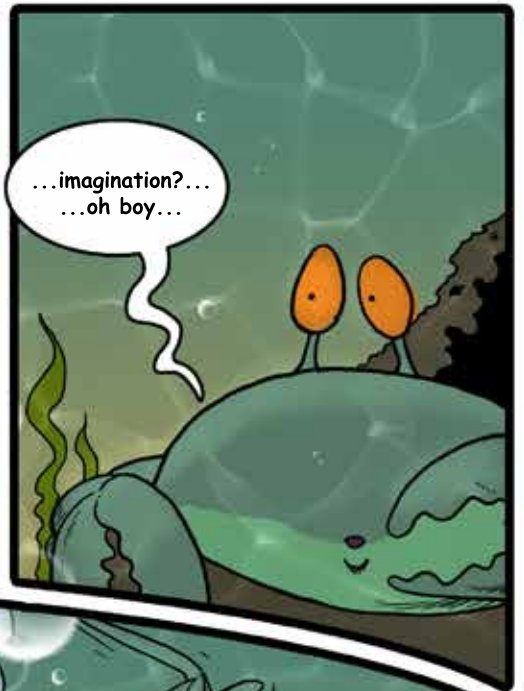


SURE! AFTER THE
'TREEFROG INCIDENT' WE'RE IN NEED
OF A NEW ADVENTURE.

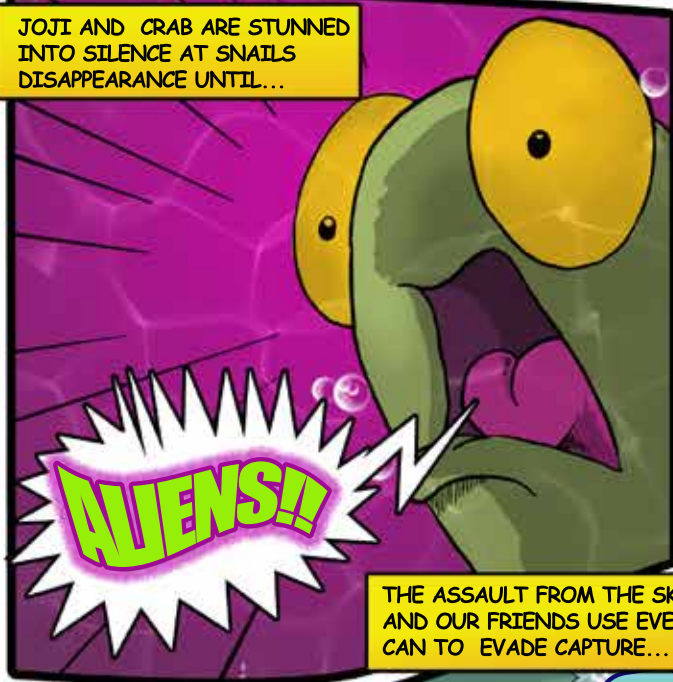
LET'S MOVE!!







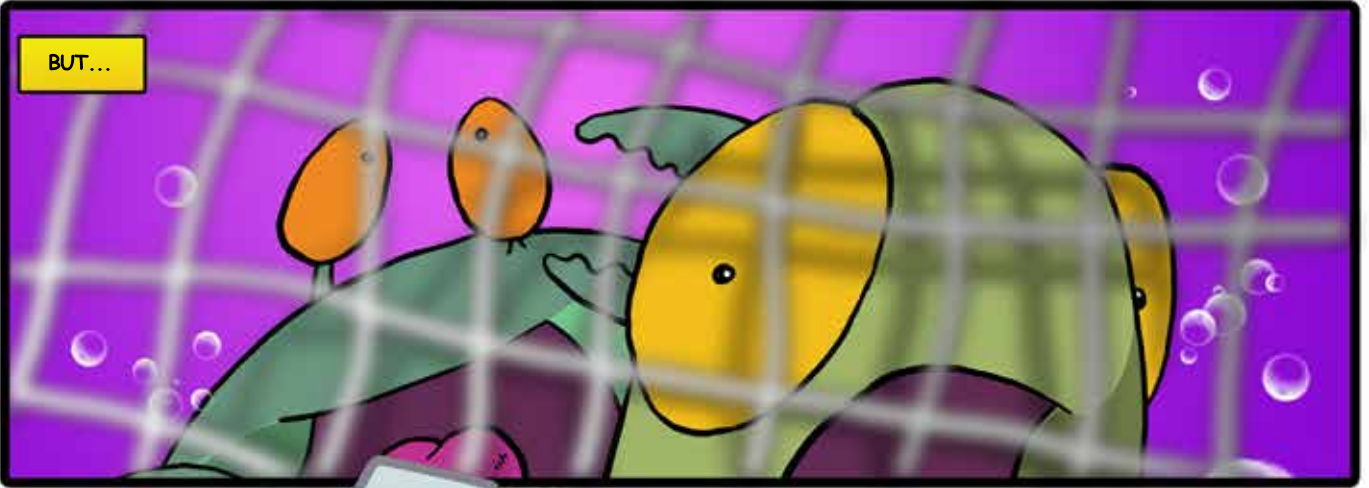
JOJI AND CRAB ARE STUNNED
INTO SILENCE AT SNAILS
DISAPPEARANCE UNTIL...



THE ASSAULT FROM THE SKIES IS RELENTLESS
AND OUR FRIENDS USE EVERY MANOEUVRE THEY
CAN TO EVADE CAPTURE...



BUT...



FOOSH!

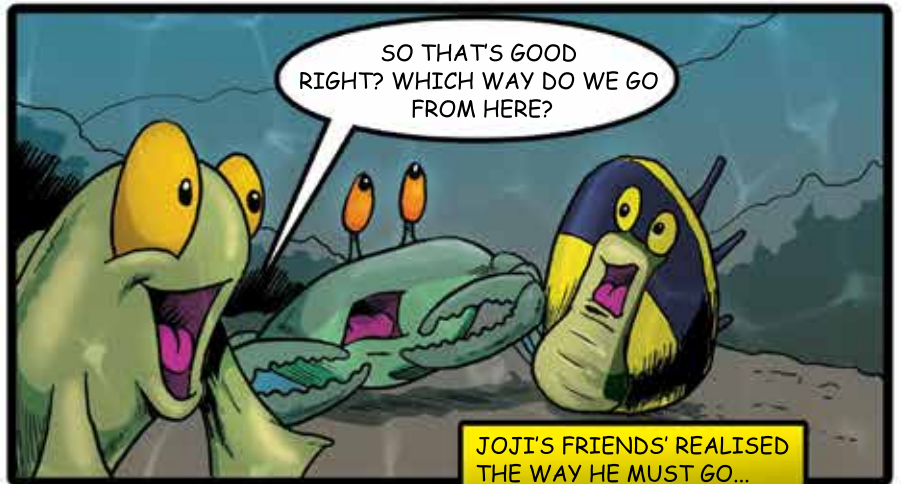
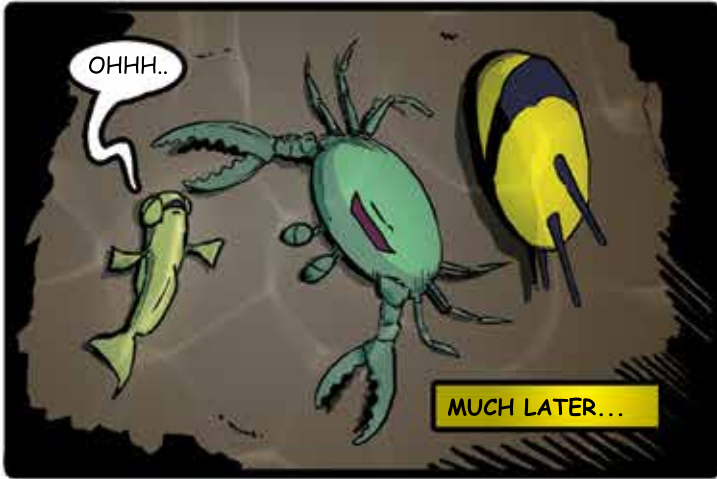


...OUR FRIENDS ARE TAKEN OUT OF THEIR WORLD AND SUBJECTED TO TESTS. THEY ARE OVERWHELMED BY THEIR CAPTORS!

JOJI FINDS HIMSELF FACE TO FACE WITH ONE OF THESE STRANGE BEINGS..



...AND THEN THERE IS JUST DARKNESS ...



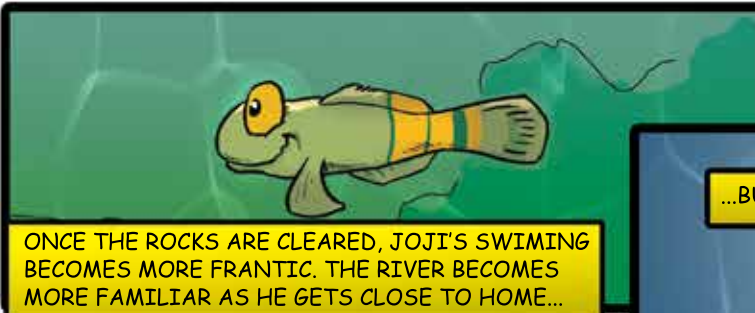
AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK WORE OFF, JOJI MANAGED TO CLIMB THE ROCK FACE USING SPECIAL SUCTION FINS



AND ROCK BY ROCK, FIN OVER FIN, JOJI MAKES HIS WAY UP THE ROCKFACE. IT IS SLOW BUT HIS PROGRESS IS STEADY...



ONCE THE ROCKS ARE CLEARED, JOJI'S SWIMMING BECOMES MORE FRANTIC. THE RIVER BECOMES MORE FAMILIAR AS HE GETS CLOSE TO HOME...



...BUT...



...WHAT HE FINDS IS THAT HIS HOME HAS BEEN DESERTED AND THERE IS NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT.



THEN SUDDENLY...

HELLOOO!



SMOOTH AS CRUDE OIL, THE OLD EEL SLID OUT OF THE SHADOWS.

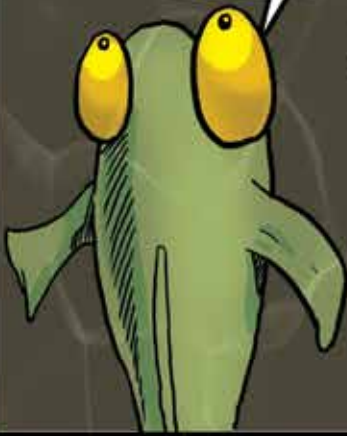
....AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE, LITTLE ONE?!



THE OLD EEL SPOKE IN A CALM SOOTHING VOICE, WHICH SEEMED TO RELAX JOJI...



THIS IS MY HOME..THIS WAS MY HOME, BUT IT'S ALL GONE NOW. IT USED TO BE SO CLEAN AND CLEAR WITH FISH..



...BUT NOW IT'S JUST MUD AND EMPTY.

IT HAPPENED A WHILE BACK . EVERYTHING WAS FINE...

"... THE WATERS WERE CLEAR BECAUSE THE LAND ABOVE THE WATERS WAS HEALTHY AND WELL CARED FOR..."



"...BUT THINGS CHANGE. WHEN THE VEGETATION WAS CLEARED, THE RAINS CARRIED THE SOIL INTO OUR WATERS..."



"..THE FAMILIES HAD TO LEAVE."



SO SAD, BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS LEFT AND IT'S ME ALL ON MY OWN



EVERYONE MOVED FURTHER UPSTREAM. I STAY, SOMETIMES MEET WANDERERS MOVING THROUGH THESE WATERS

YOU MUST FEEL REALLY SAD AND LONELY



YES...LONELY.. BUT ALSO...VERY...VERY HUNGRY..RRRR



THE YELLOWED RAZOR SHARP TEETH NARROWLY MISS JOJI..

RAARGH!!

snapp!

...AND HE STRUGGLES TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM



JOJI CHANGED DIRECTION AND SPEED, TO THROW OFF HIS PURSUER...

...BUT IT'S NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO OUT MANEOUVRE A HUNGRY EEL!



TRYING TO SHELTER IN SOME ROCKS..



..HE SWIMS INTO A DEAD END!!



HEHHEH! I LIKE FAST FOOD! YOU'RE GOING TO TASTE SO...



GAH!! NO, IT CAN'T BE. NOT AGAIN!!



ALIENS!!

JOJI IS CAUGHT IN THE MONSTER'S STARE!



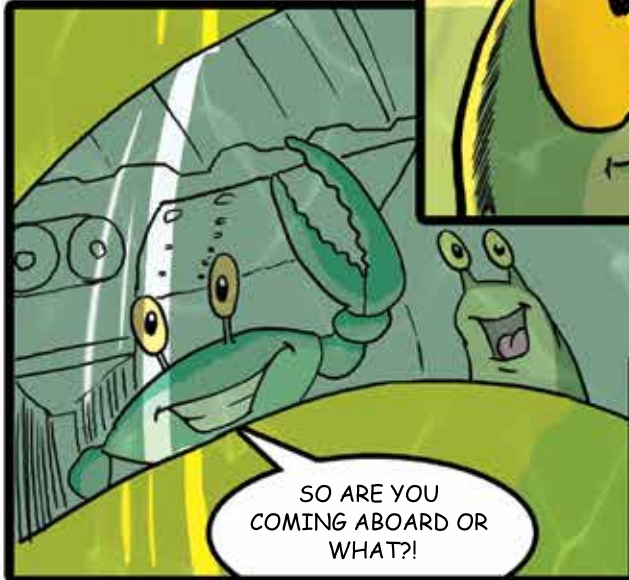
GLAH!!

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS MONSTER..

ALL SHALL FLEE FROM THE MIGHTY TREEFROG!!

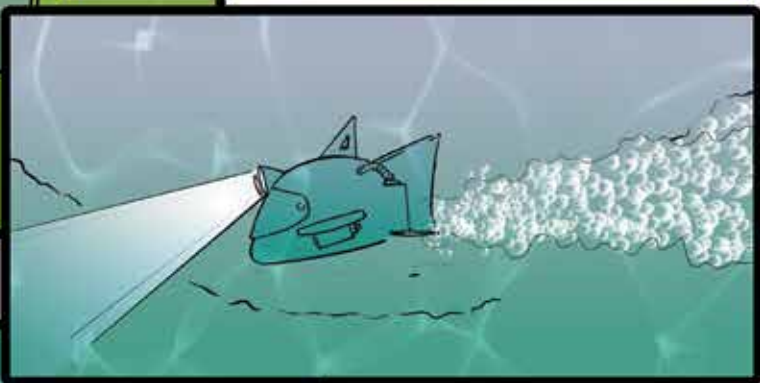


...HEY, WAIT A MINUTE...



SO ARE YOU COMING ABOARD OR WHAT?!

REUNITED WITH HIS FRIENDS, JOJI SITS BACK AS THE TREEFROG SPEEDS UPSTREAM TO THEIR DESTINATION.



LATER, AT THE NEW GOBY SETTLEMENT...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. BABE...LOOK WHO IT IS...

WHO IS IT MOJEE?

I CAN'T BELEIVE THEY GOT THAT THING TO RUN!

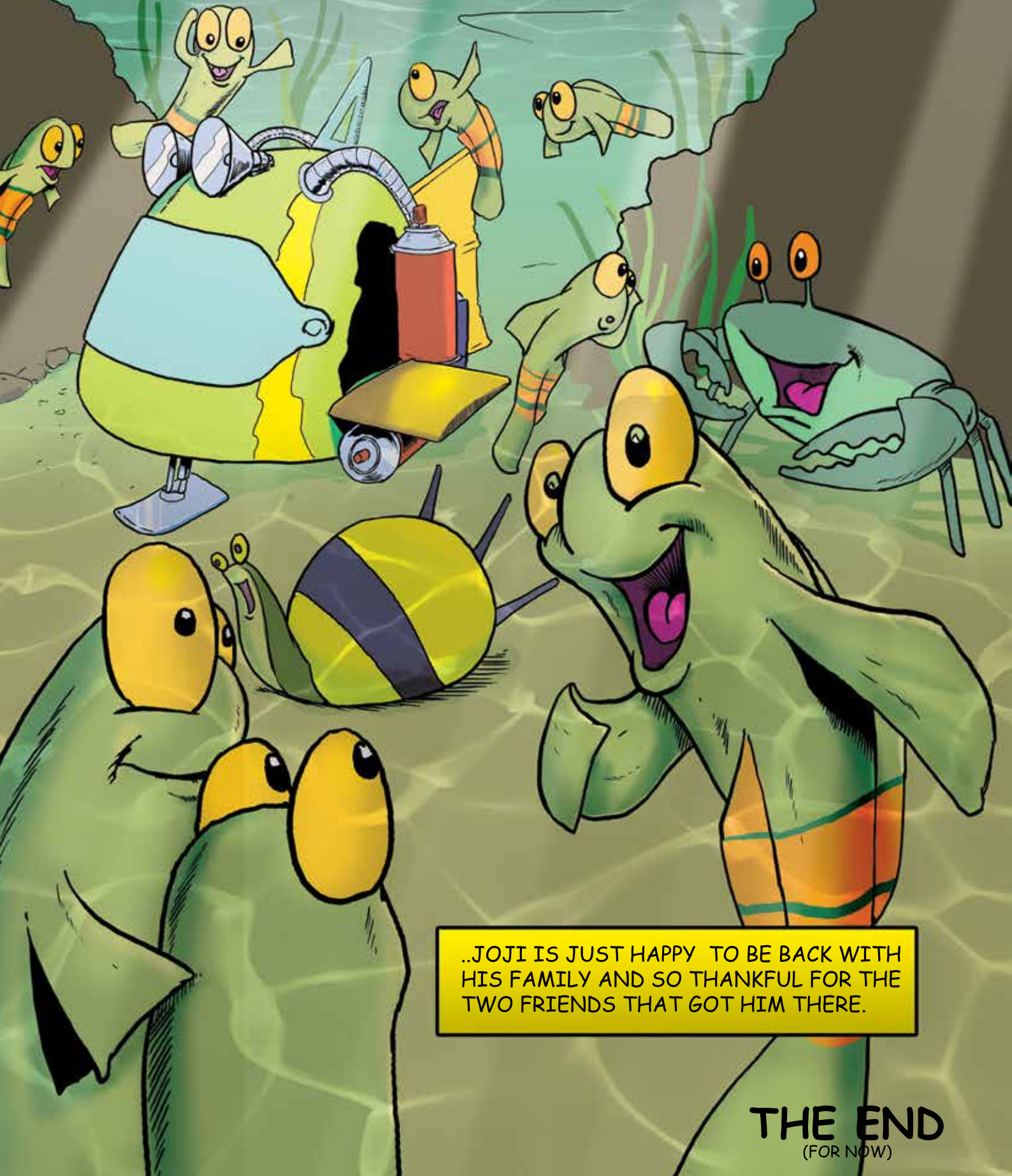


MY BOY! WE THOUGHT WE LOST YOU

SO GLAD YOU MADE IT SON

IT'S SO GOOD TO BE HOME.

AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY, THE FRIENDS FINALLY GET TO RELAX AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR AMAZING VEHICLE



..JOJI IS JUST HAPPY TO BE BACK WITH HIS FAMILY AND SO THANKFUL FOR THE TWO FRIENDS THAT GOT HIM THERE.

THE END
(FOR NOW)