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The sun's rays dance like stars on the blue water.



Aiyden runs up and down the beach with a bucket full of water and sand.

Today, he is going to build the highest sandcastle ever!

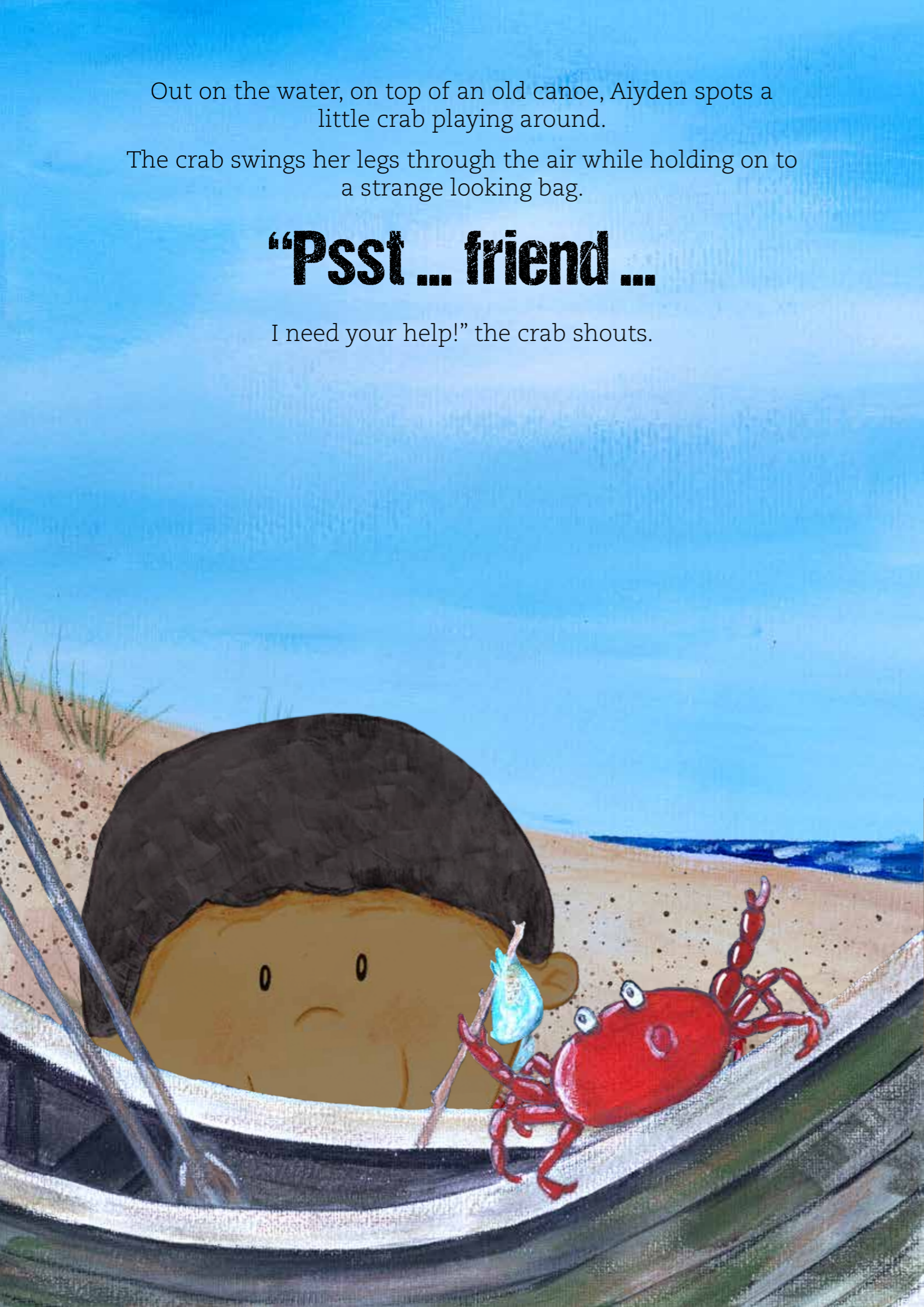


Out on the water, on top of an old canoe, Aiyden spots a little crab playing around.

The crab swings her legs through the air while holding on to a strange looking bag.

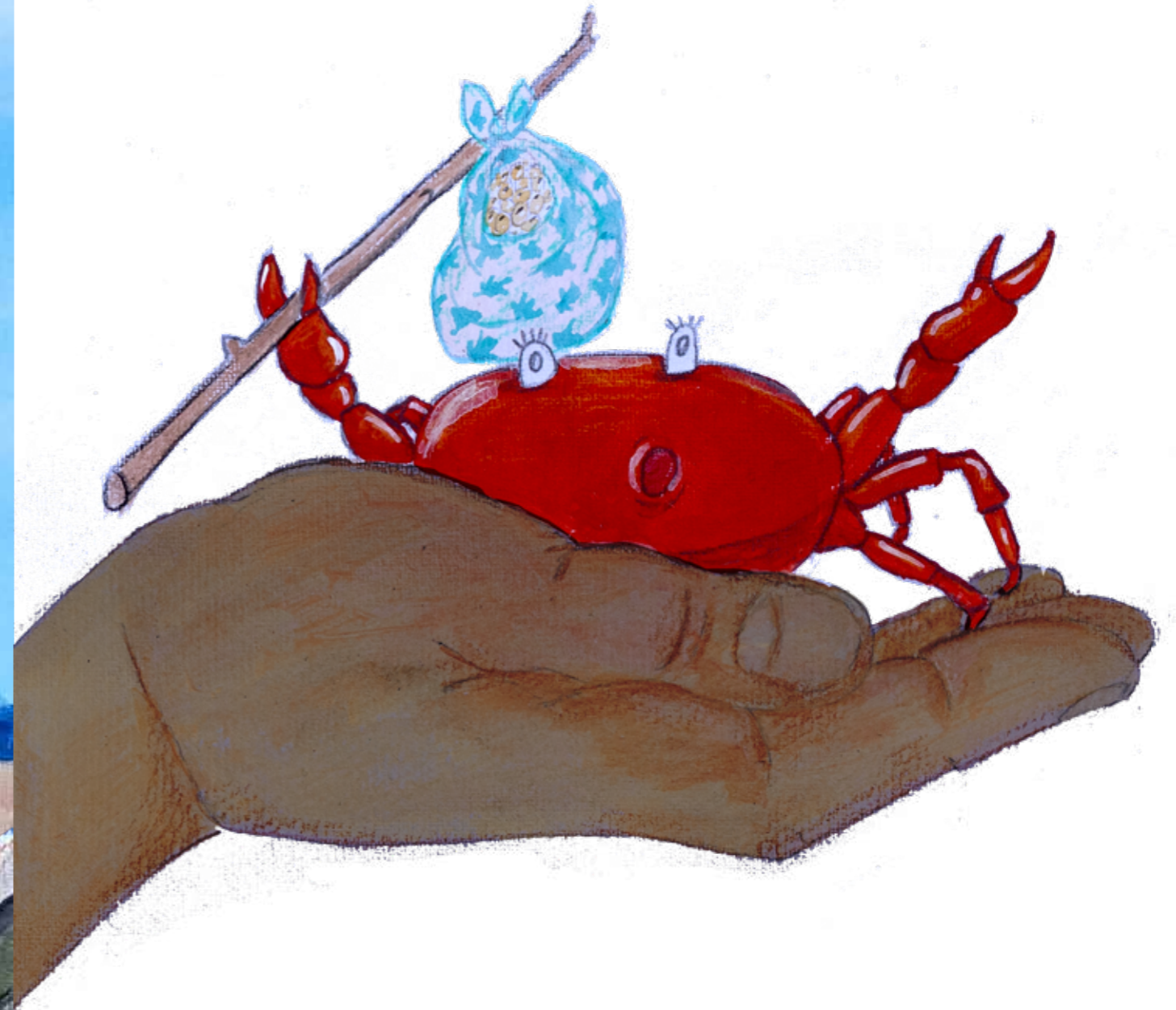
**“Psst ... friend ...**

I need your help!” the crab shouts.

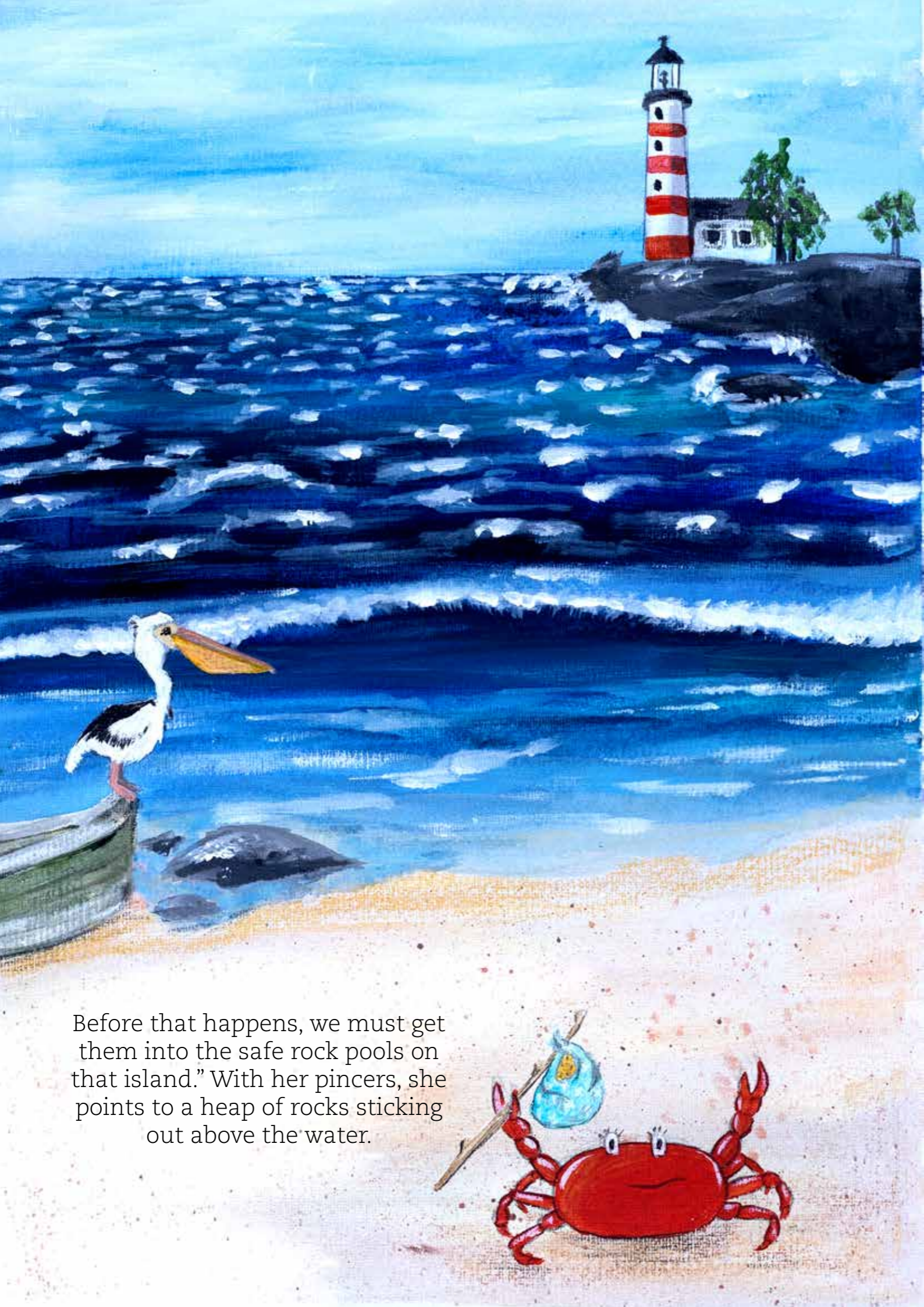


Aiyden lifts her onto his hand.

“You see this little bag?” says Crab, “My tiny eggs are in here. Inside each tiny egg is a baby crab. They are going to hatch any moment now.







Before that happens, we must get them into the safe rock pools on that island." With her pincers, she points to a heap of rocks sticking out above the water.



"But how can I help you with that?" Aiyden asks.



“Easy,” Crab says and gestures towards the oars.

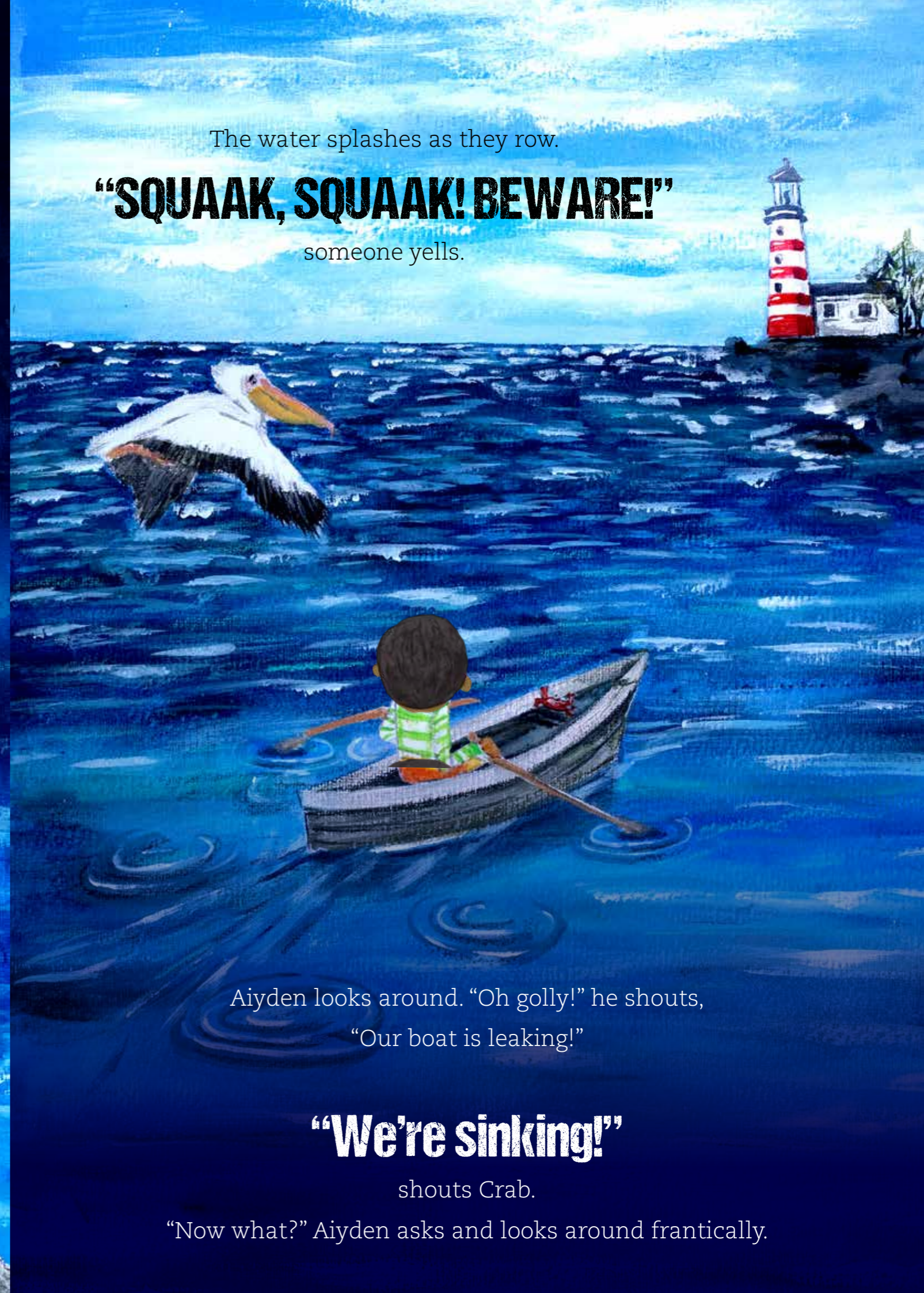
Aiyden feels too bad to tell her that he’d prefer to build the highest sandcastle in the world. It is important to him. But the tiny eggs are also important. He tugs the boat into the water and gets in.



The water splashes as they row.

**“SQUAAK, SQUAAK! BEWARE!”**

someone yells.



Aiyden looks around. “Oh golly!” he shouts,  
“Our boat is leaking!”

**“We’re sinking!”**

shouts Crab.

“Now what?” Aiyden asks and looks around frantically.



Lying at the bottom of the boat is an old drum.  
Aiyden lifts the lid. "Scuba gear!" he shouts.

**"Thank goodness!"**

Crab wiggles her pincers and does a little crab-jiggle.




Aiyden puts his fins on and dives into the water with Crab.





The ocean currents are strong and it's not long before they become tired.





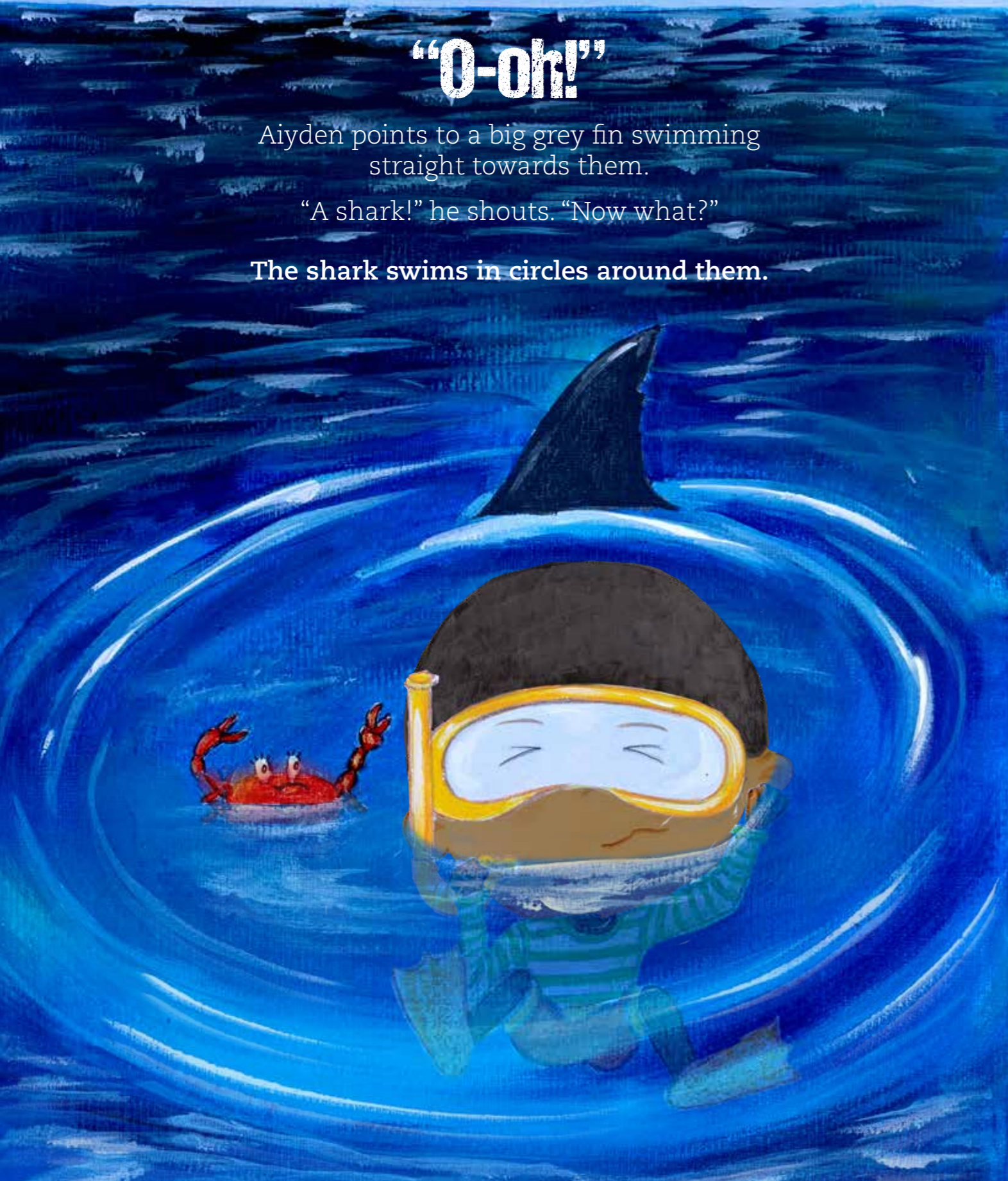
**“SQUAAK, SQUAAK! BEWARE!”**

**“O-oh!”**

Aiyden points to a big grey fin swimming straight towards them.

“A shark!” he shouts. “Now what?”

The shark swims in circles around them.



Long ago, Aiyden read up about what to do if a shark attacks you. He clenches his fist and plans to give the shark a knock-out punch on the nose.





To his surprise, the shark smiles back at him.  
Aiyden drops his fist.

“You... you don’t look dangerous?” he says.

“All sharks aren’t dangerous,” the shark says.

“Tell me, do you two need help?”



Without hesitation, Crab says, “My eggs are cracking  
and hatching already! Please can you help us get to the  
safe rock pools on that island?”

“Grab my fin and hold on,” Shark says.  
With Aiyden and Crab holding onto his  
fin, Shark swims through the breaking  
waves to the island.





“Crab, let’s put your tiny eggs in the rock pool,”  
Aiyden says.



**“Ugh,”**

Crab suddenly groans.



“What is wrong?” Aiyden asks.

Crab points with her pincers again. Her bag of eggs is drifting off deep into the sea.

Aiyden shouts,  
“What now?”



**“SQUAAK! SQUAAK!”**

“Help! The pelican is going to scoop up the eggs in one swoop!” shout Aiyden and Crab, at the same time.

And indeed. The big old pelican dives down and with one swoop he scoops the bag full of eggs up into his beak. Crab sobs and Aiyden covers his eyes with his hands. They could not save the baby crabs.

How terrible ...





Then Aiyden hears wings flapping. His eyes fly open.

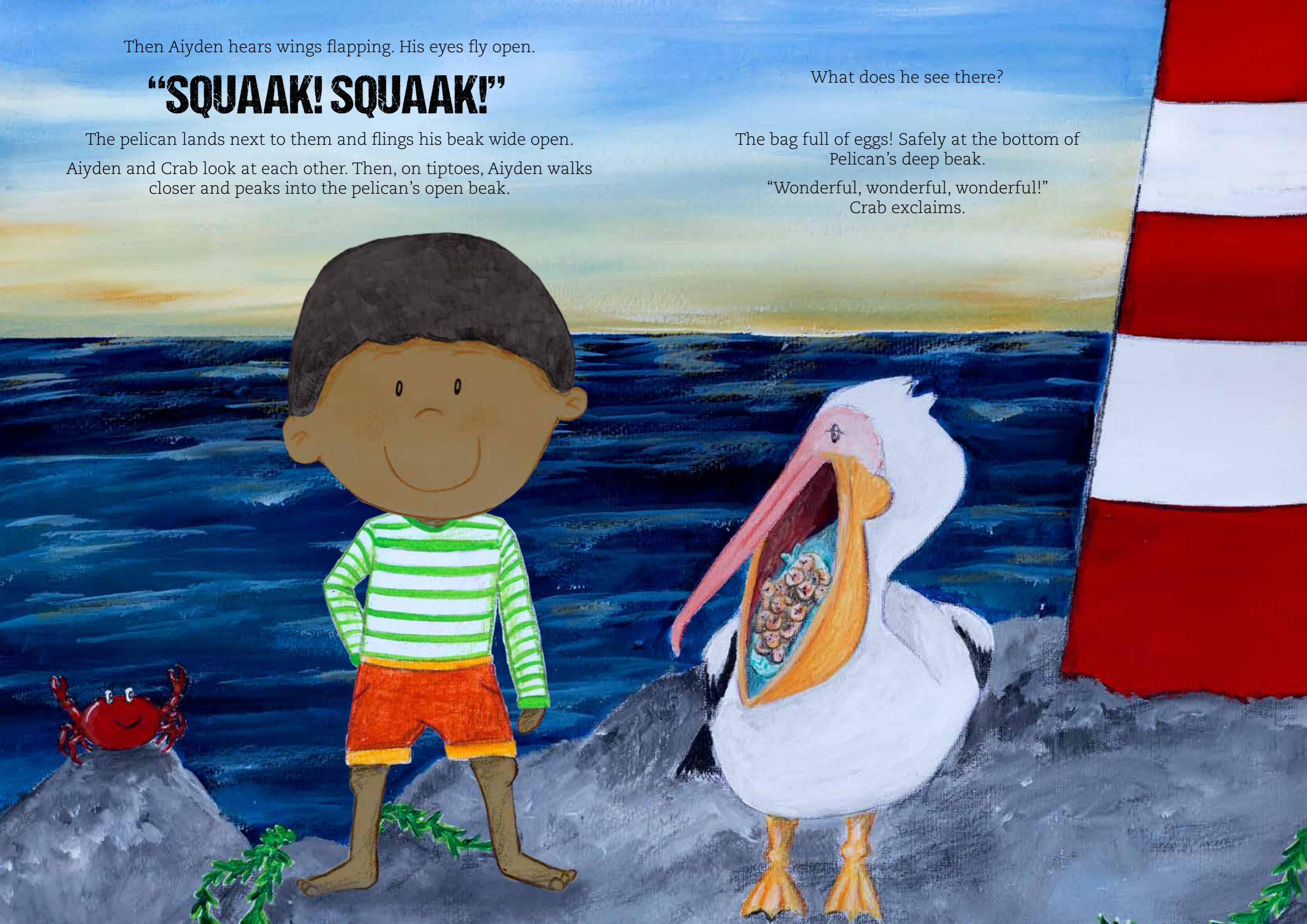
**“SQUAAK! SQUAAK!”**

The pelican lands next to them and flings his beak wide open.  
Aiyden and Crab look at each other. Then, on tiptoes, Aiyden walks closer and peeks into the pelican’s open beak.

What does he see there?

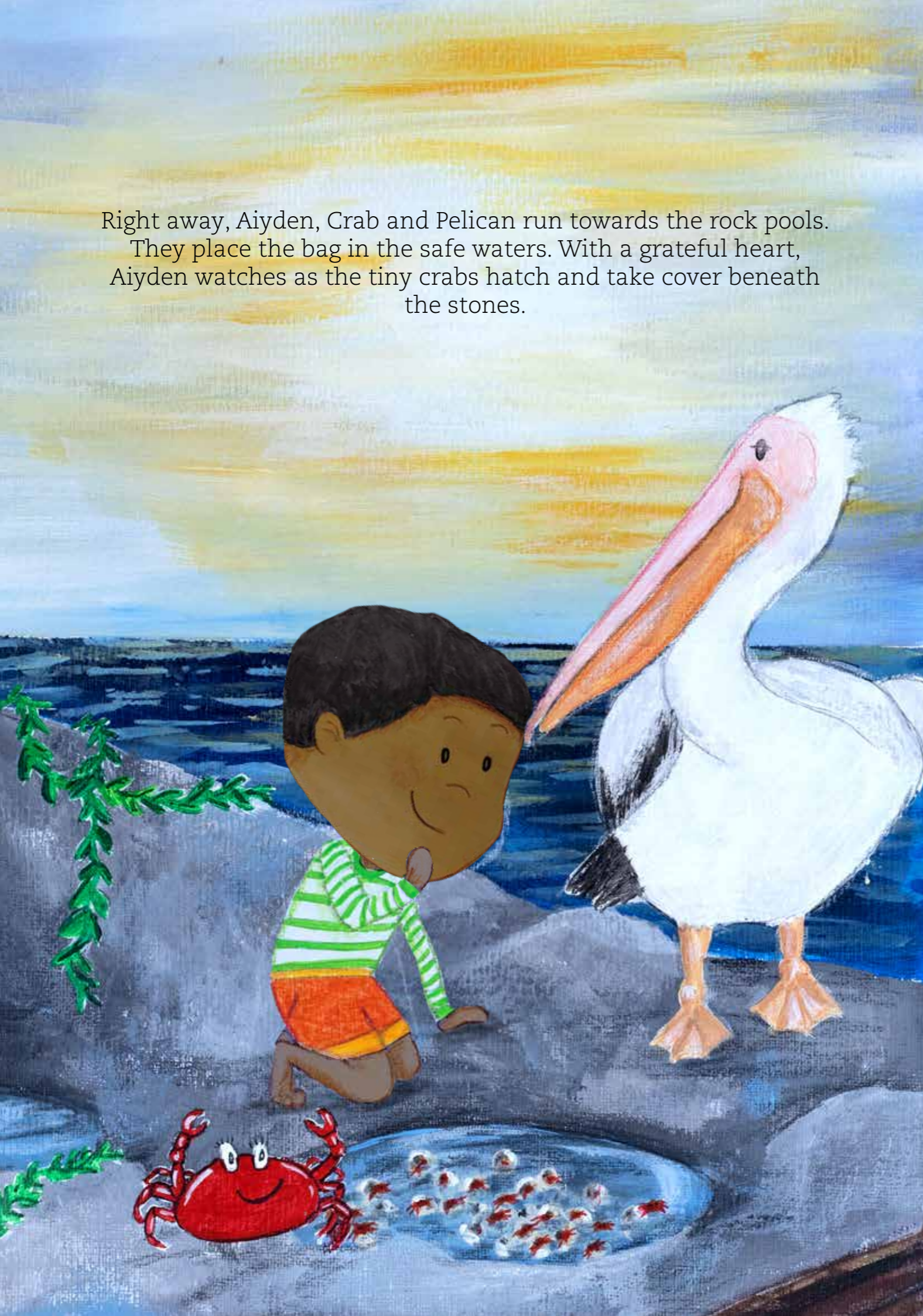
The bag full of eggs! Safely at the bottom of Pelican’s deep beak.

“Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!”  
Crab exclaims.





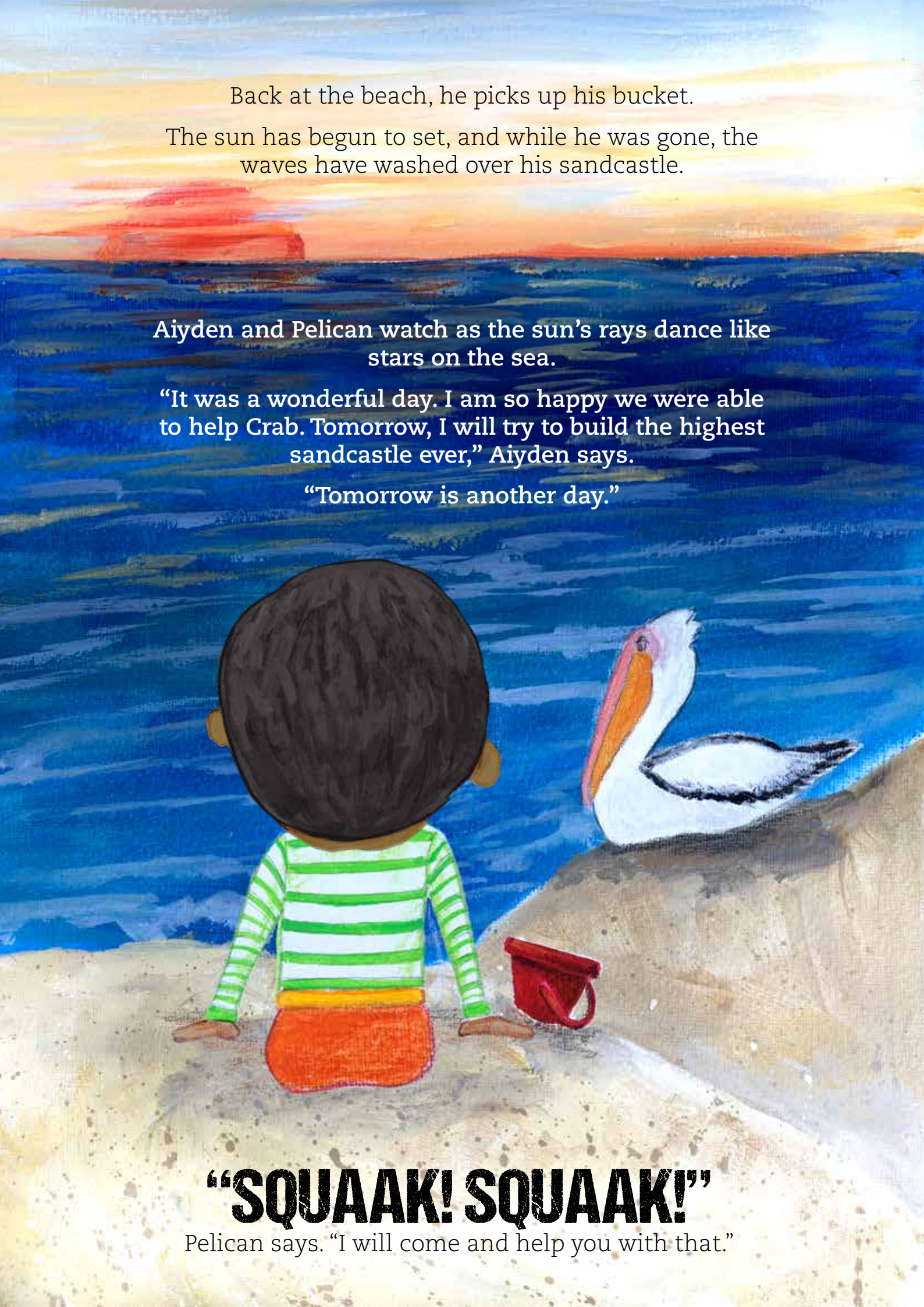
Right away, Aiyden, Crab and Pelican run towards the rock pools.  
They place the bag in the safe waters. With a grateful heart,  
Aiyden watches as the tiny crabs hatch and take cover beneath  
the stones.



“It’s getting late!” Shark shouts from the water.  
“I need to go!” Aiyden waves at Shark and Crab and he skis away  
while holding onto Pelican’s feet.





A child with dark hair, wearing a green and white striped shirt and orange shorts, stands on a sandy beach. A red bucket is on the sand next to him. A white pelican with a long, orange beak stands on the beach to the right. The background shows a sunset over the ocean with a large, bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the ocean is a deep blue with white-capped waves.

Back at the beach, he picks up his bucket.

The sun has begun to set, and while he was gone, the waves have washed over his sandcastle.

Aiyden and Pelican watch as the sun's rays dance like stars on the sea.

"It was a wonderful day. I am so happy we were able to help Crab. Tomorrow, I will try to build the highest sandcastle ever," Aiyden says.

"Tomorrow is another day."

**"SQUAAK! SQUAAK!"**

Pelican says. "I will come and help you with that."





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**Crab urgently needs to release her tiny eggs in the safe rock pools of the island.**

For that she needs Aiyden's help. It is the start of an exciting sea adventure full of unexpected friendships, and challenges too.

Will Aiyden and Crab manage to get to the rock pools in time?

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