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In a distant coral reef swam a lonely turtle. He was looking for friendship because for some reason his family had abandoned him. Whilst swimming around the beautiful and colourful reef, Bubbles came across Snap the crab. He was a very angry crab.



"Oi! What do you think you're doing in my space?" snapped Snap angrily.

A startled Bubbles answered "I'm ever so sorry, but I'm new to the reef. Can you be my friend?".

"I don't think so because you look nothing like the other turtles." answered Snap. "What happened to you?".

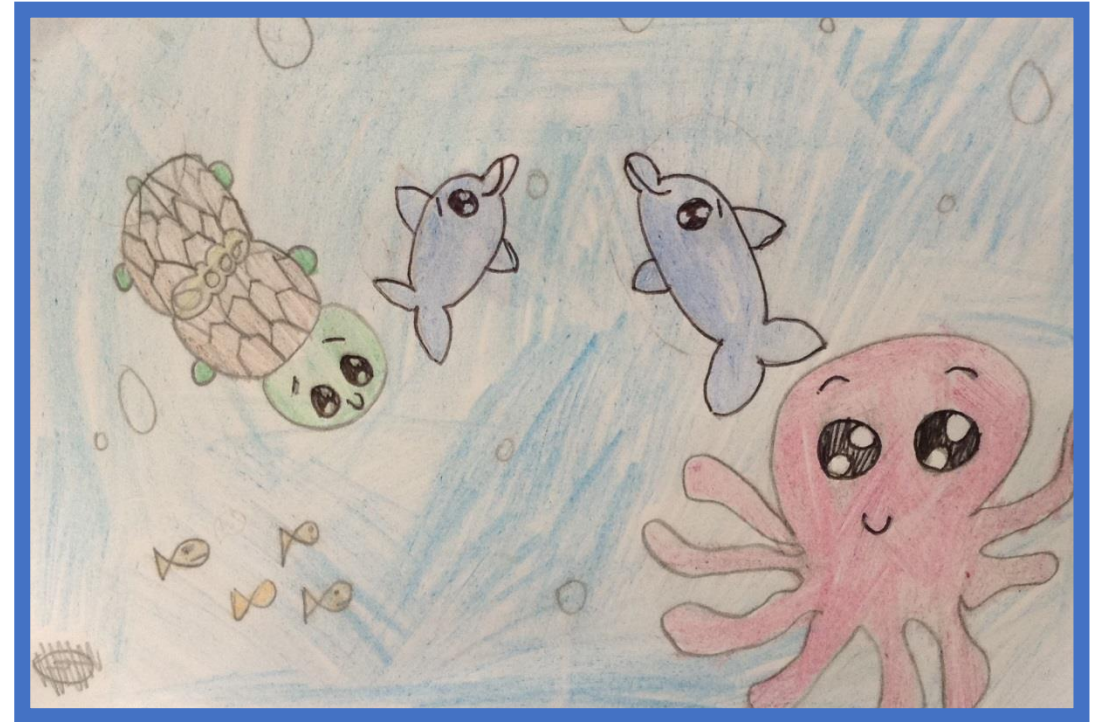


"I don't quite know! This thing on my body has been with me for many years. I have seen many objects like this in the ocean, there's a lot more than years before." answered Bubbles sadly.



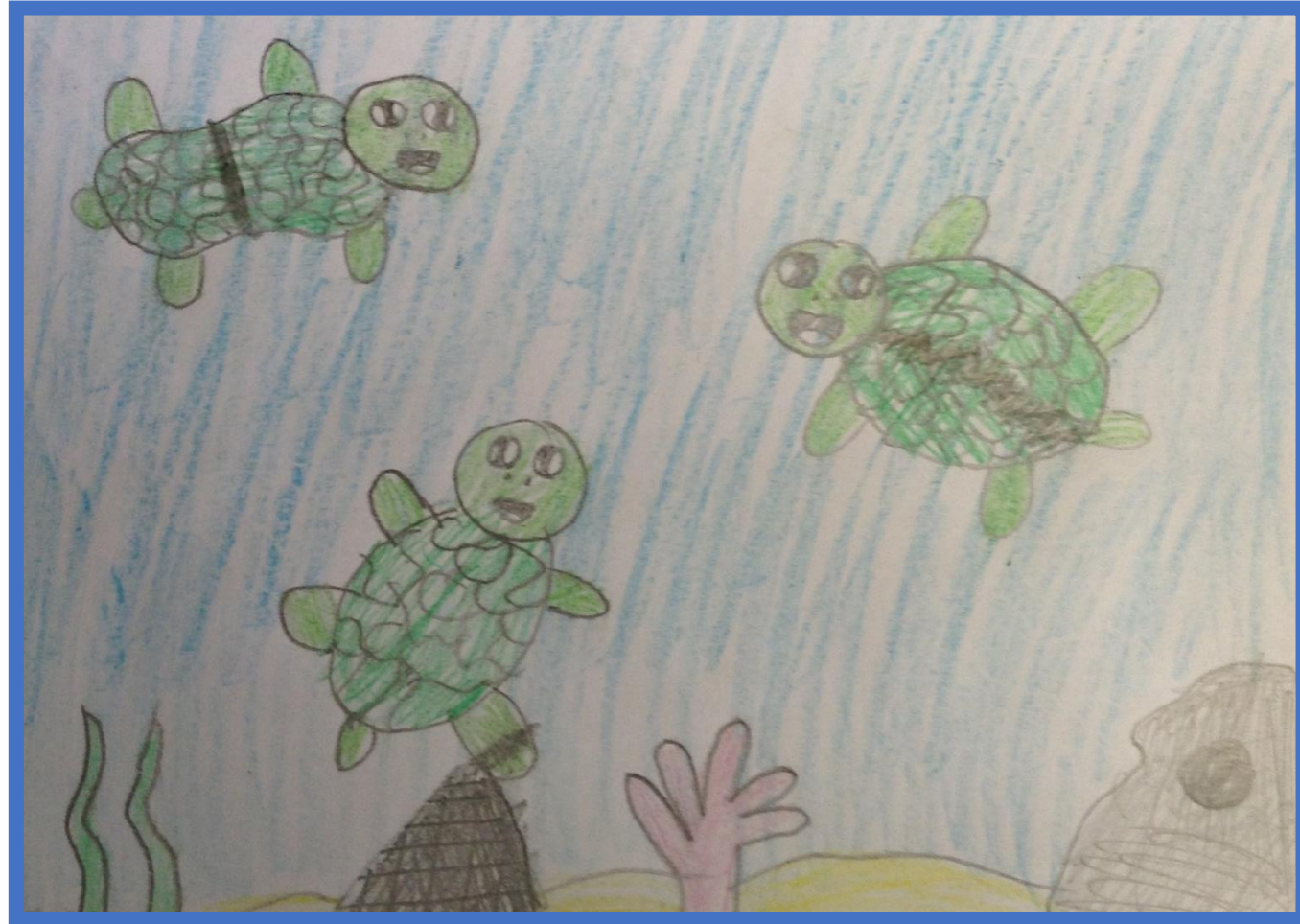
The truth was that Bubbles had swam into some plastic that had been thrown into the ocean, and because of this, his shell had not grown properly.

Bubbles came across some very interesting characters whilst swimming. None of them wanted to be his friend because he was different.



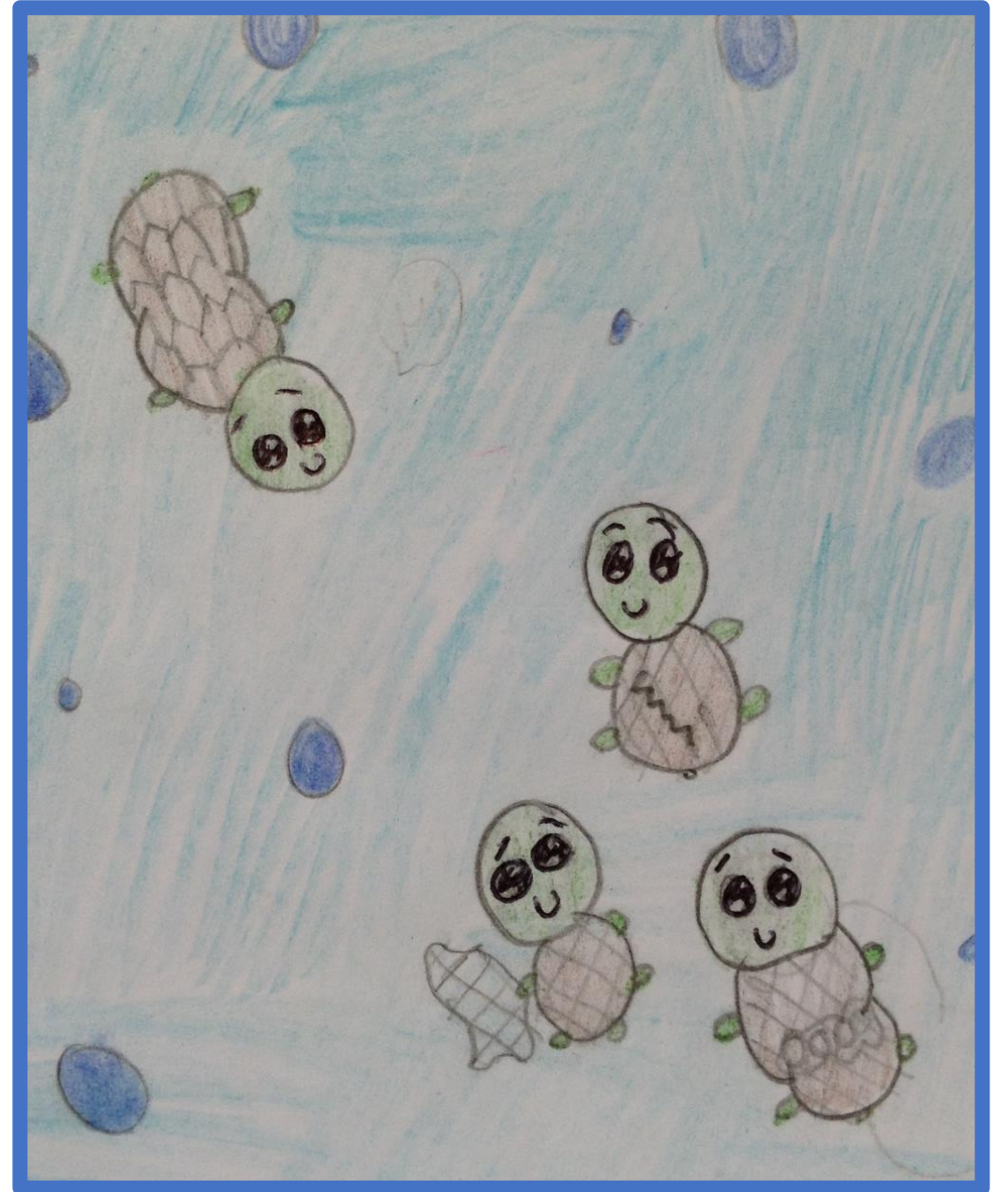
"Hey there! Wait for us." came some voices from the distant blue. Bubbles was confused and continued swimming.
"I said, WAIT THERE!"

Out of the deepest blue
appeared three unusual looking
characters. They were in fact
turtles too.

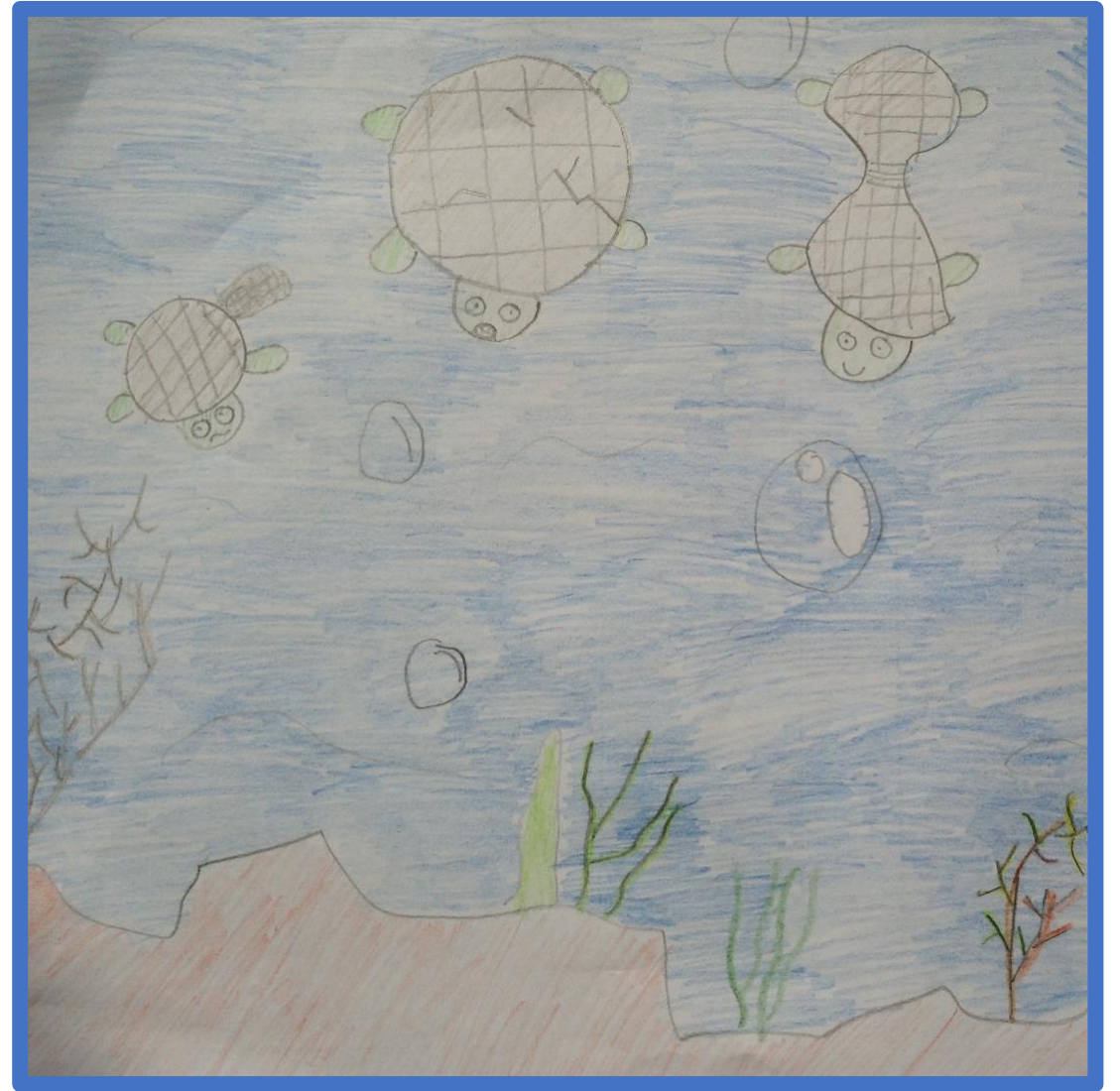


"Hi! My name is Peek-a-boo and these are my friends Trooper and Sheldon."

Peek-a-boo was a talkative turtle whilst the other two were quite shy. Bubbles was happy to see other turtles who for some reason looked like him.



Sheldon looked exactly like Bubbles with his mis-shapen shell. Trooper had a net attached to his leg which over time had stopped working. Peek-a-boo had a damaged shell due to a rusty tin that was resting on the reef near to where he used to live.



For many weeks Bubbles and his new friends swam around the reef happily. They spoke of how the rubbish in the sea had affected them.



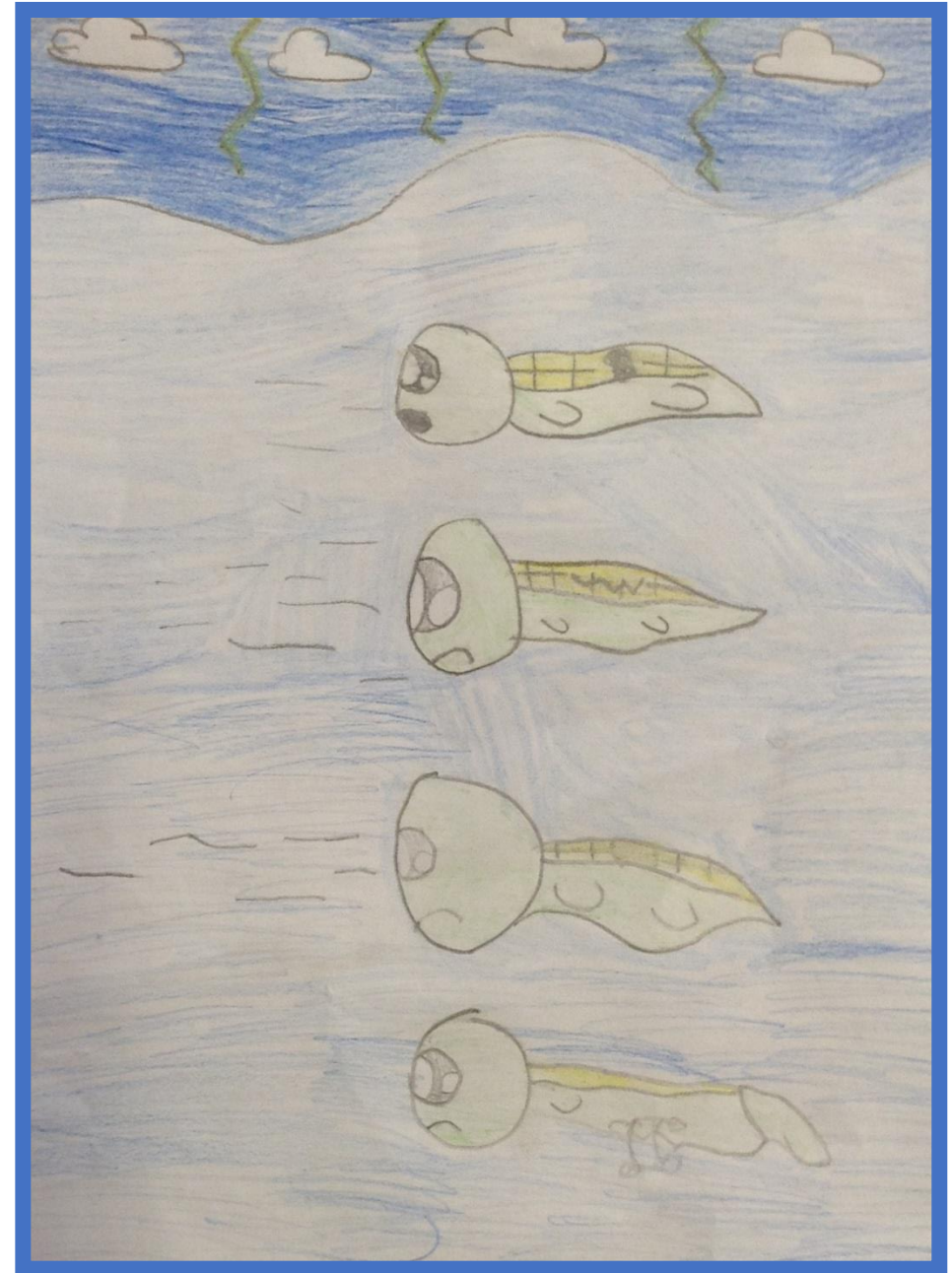
One day, they all went to explore new areas of the reef. By now they had built a special bond and spent all their time together. Sheldon, who was very sensitive sensed there was something different with the current, it was stronger somehow. A storm was brewing on the surface.



The turtles found it very difficult to swim in the strong current. They were moving further and further away from the reef.

"Make sure we all stick together." shouted Peek-a-boo. Due to a strong current and tiredness, Bubbles and his friends were washed up on a beach.

ALL were exhausted.

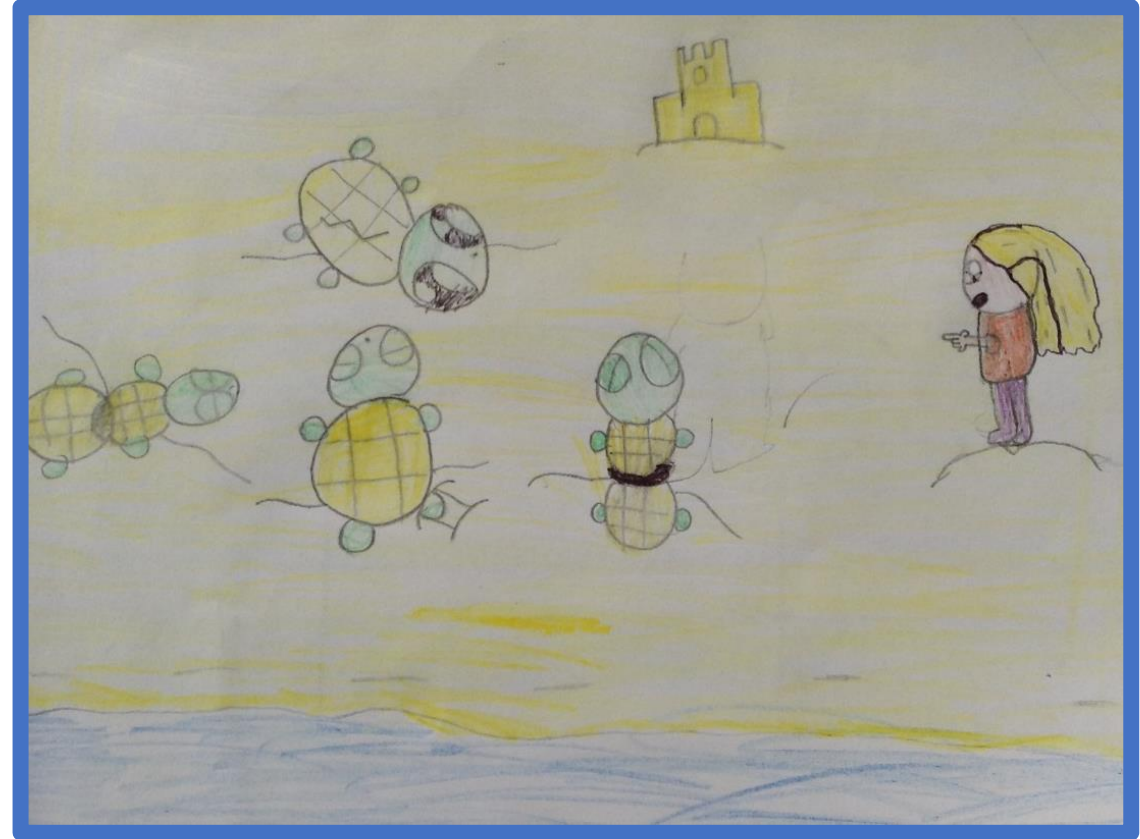


A little girl called Lilly came across Bubbles and his friends. She was very inquisitive and shouted over to her family.

"Come over here to see what I've found."

"What is it dear?" questioned mum as she and the rest of the Wilson family got closer.

"I think they're turtles, but they all look different." replied Harry, Lilly's brother.



The Wilson's realised that Bubbles and his friends had been damaged or injured due to rubbish being thrown into the ocean.

Mr Wilson took pictures on his phone and posted them online. Due to this, the story of Bubbles and his friends made the news.

