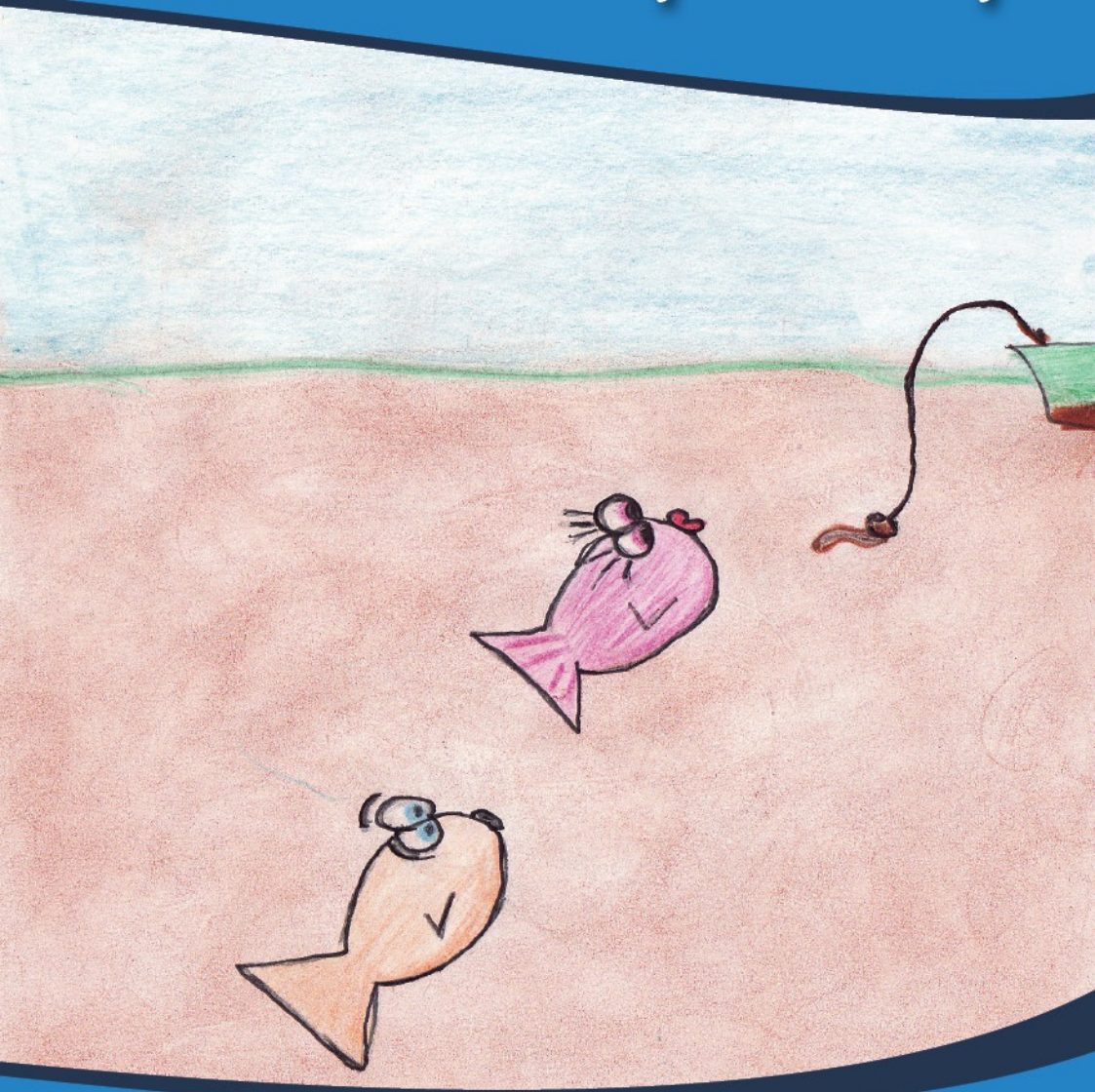


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Enviro-Stories Education Program

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools that was developed by Peekdesigns.

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This program provides an education experience for kids through learning about the environment. The final product is a published story written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids and future generations.

In 2010, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

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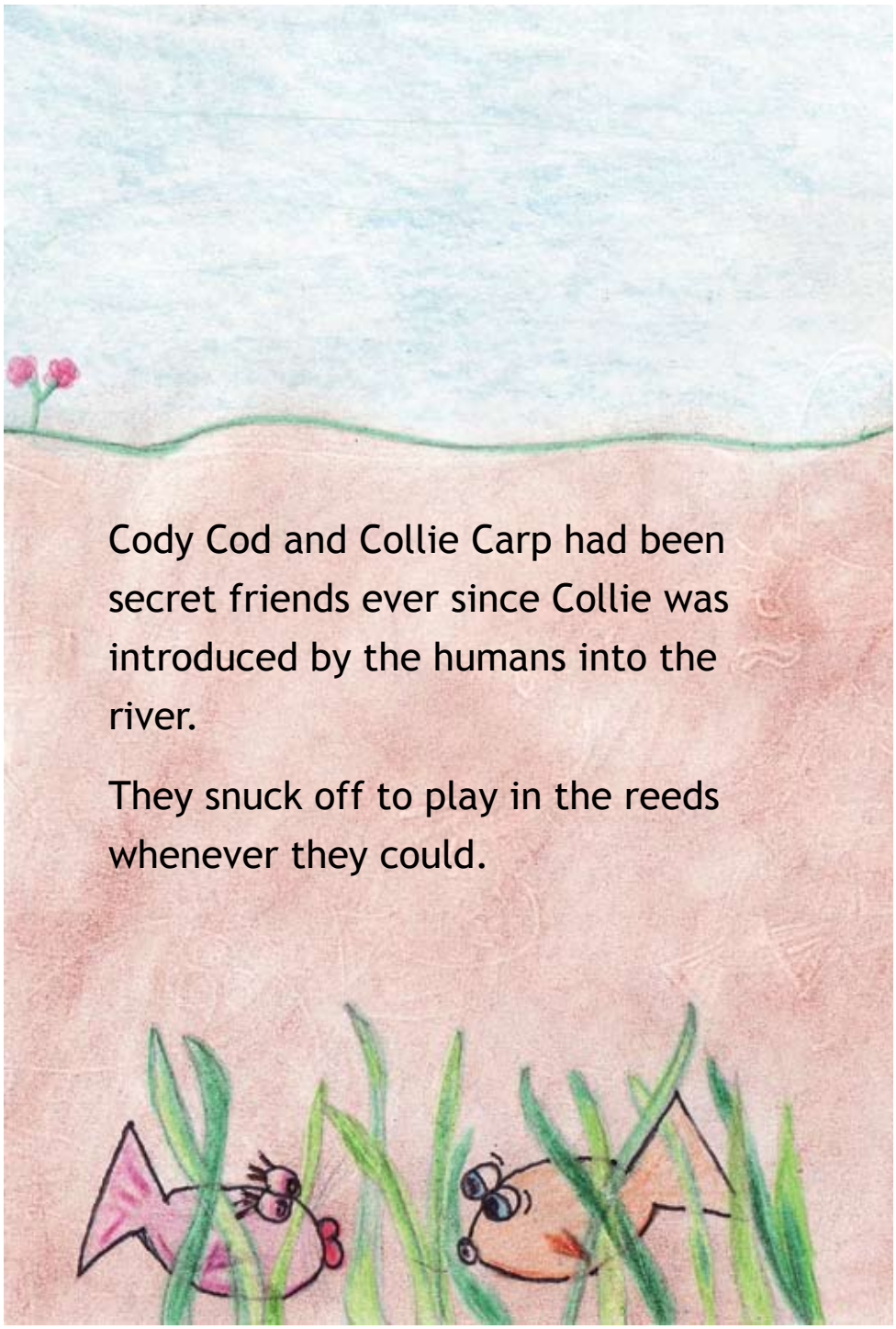
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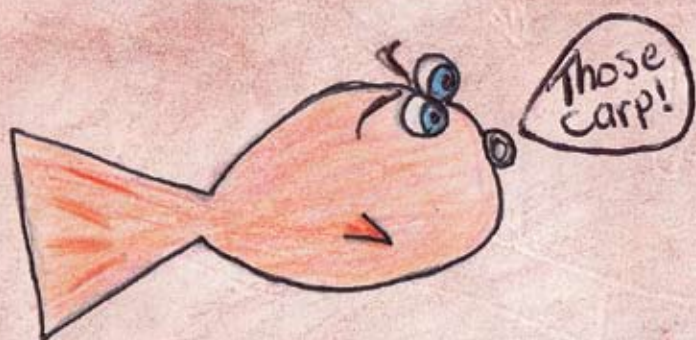
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Cody Cod and Collie Carp had been secret friends ever since Collie was introduced by the humans into the river.

They snuck off to play in the reeds whenever they could.

Cody's family did not let the two fish play together as they thought all carp came from the wrong side of the creek.





Carp were known for making the river home very muddy.

The water would become dark and thick and look like brown sludge.

This was because the carp ate fast and furiously from the bottom of the river, stirring up the mud.

Collie Carp tried very hard not to do this as he wanted to be just like Cody.

Cody Cod's parents said Carp also had a bad attitude and ate the Cod eggs.

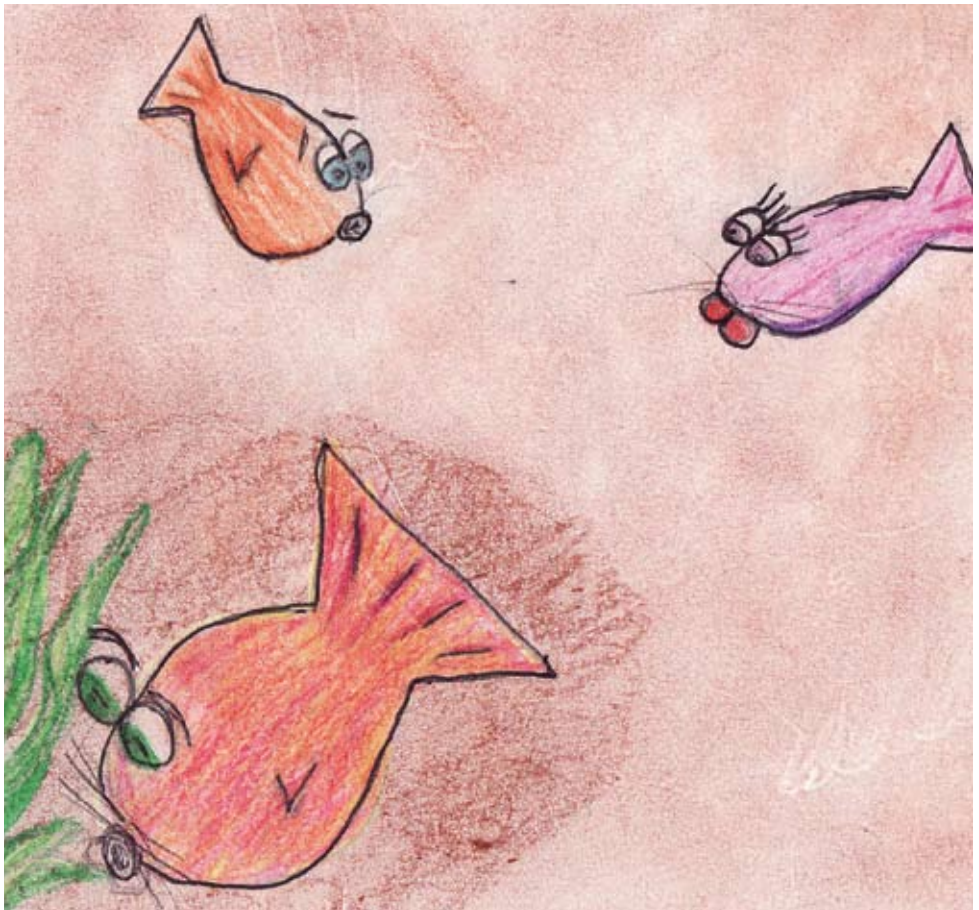
Collie didn't do this, he just wanted to be like Cody.



They also said that the carp pulled plants from the sides of the river causing erosion.

Collie tried really hard not to do this either, and tried to eat like Cody.

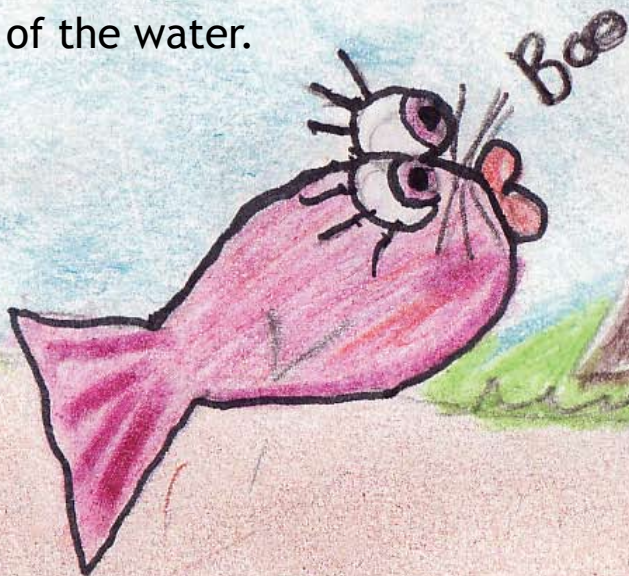
He wanted to be just like Cody.



Collie and Cody were cheeky and would sometimes torment the human kids who played at the edge of the water.

They would stick their heads out of the water, then quickly dart away.

Collie would show off and jump all the way out of the water.







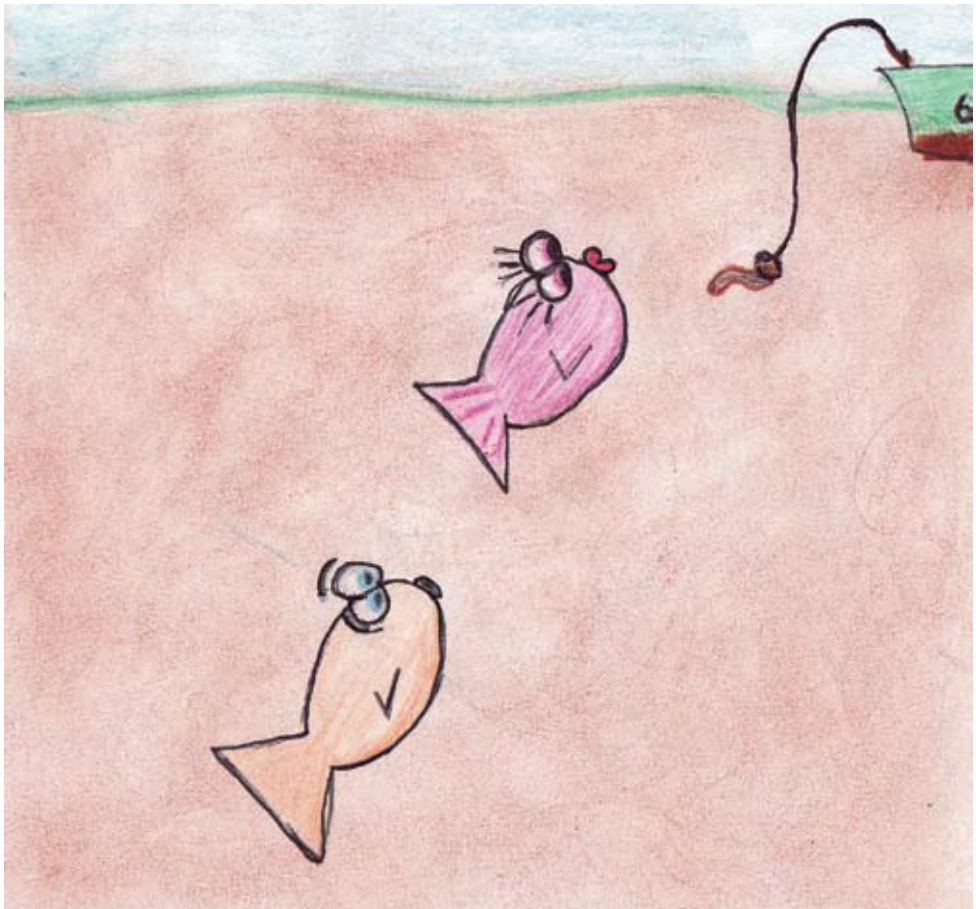
One day while playing whisker tips they noticed unusual shadows creeping up the river bank.

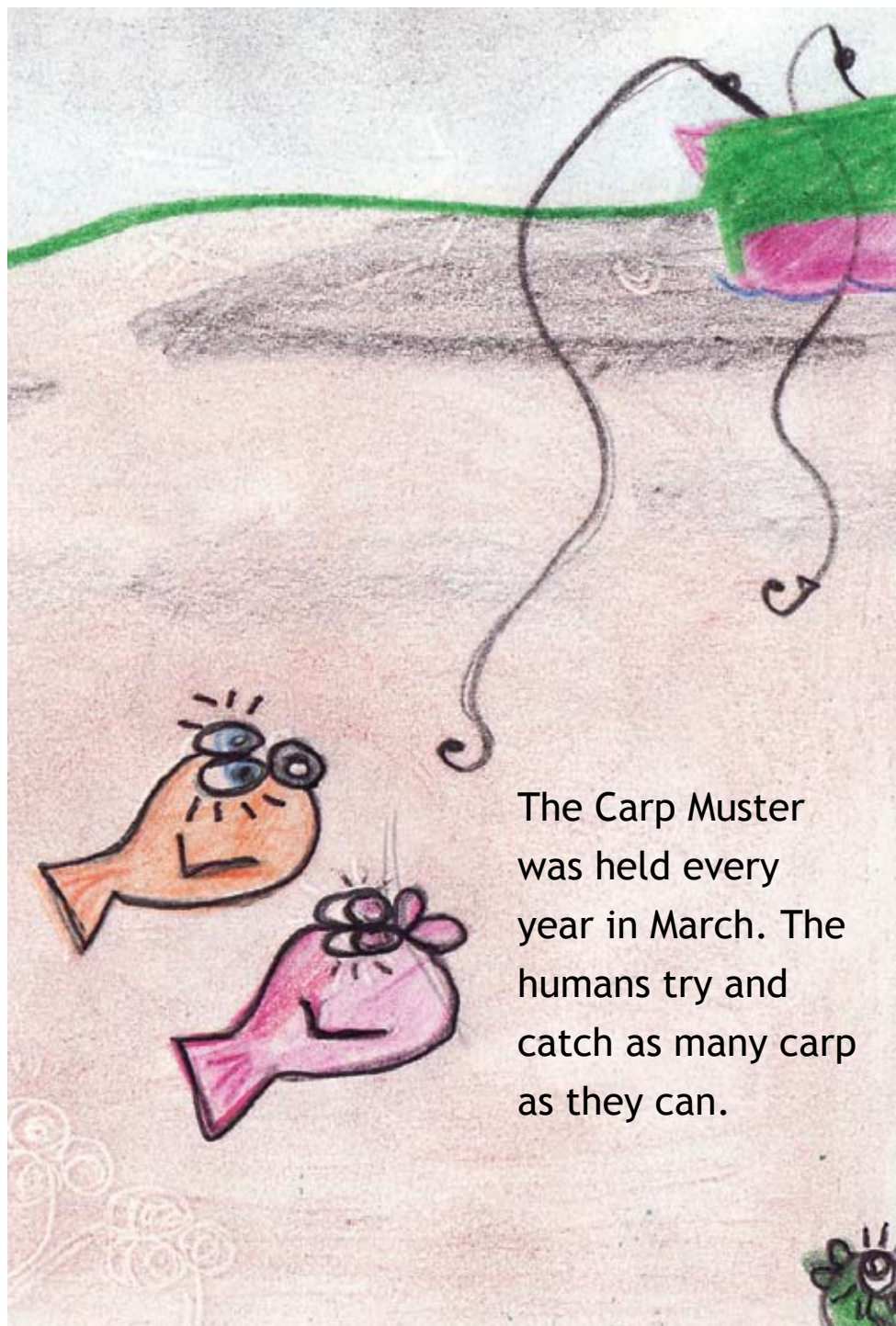
Chills ran down their scales as the smell of fresh tasty worms wafted over.

The worm on the hook was luring
Collie towards the surface.

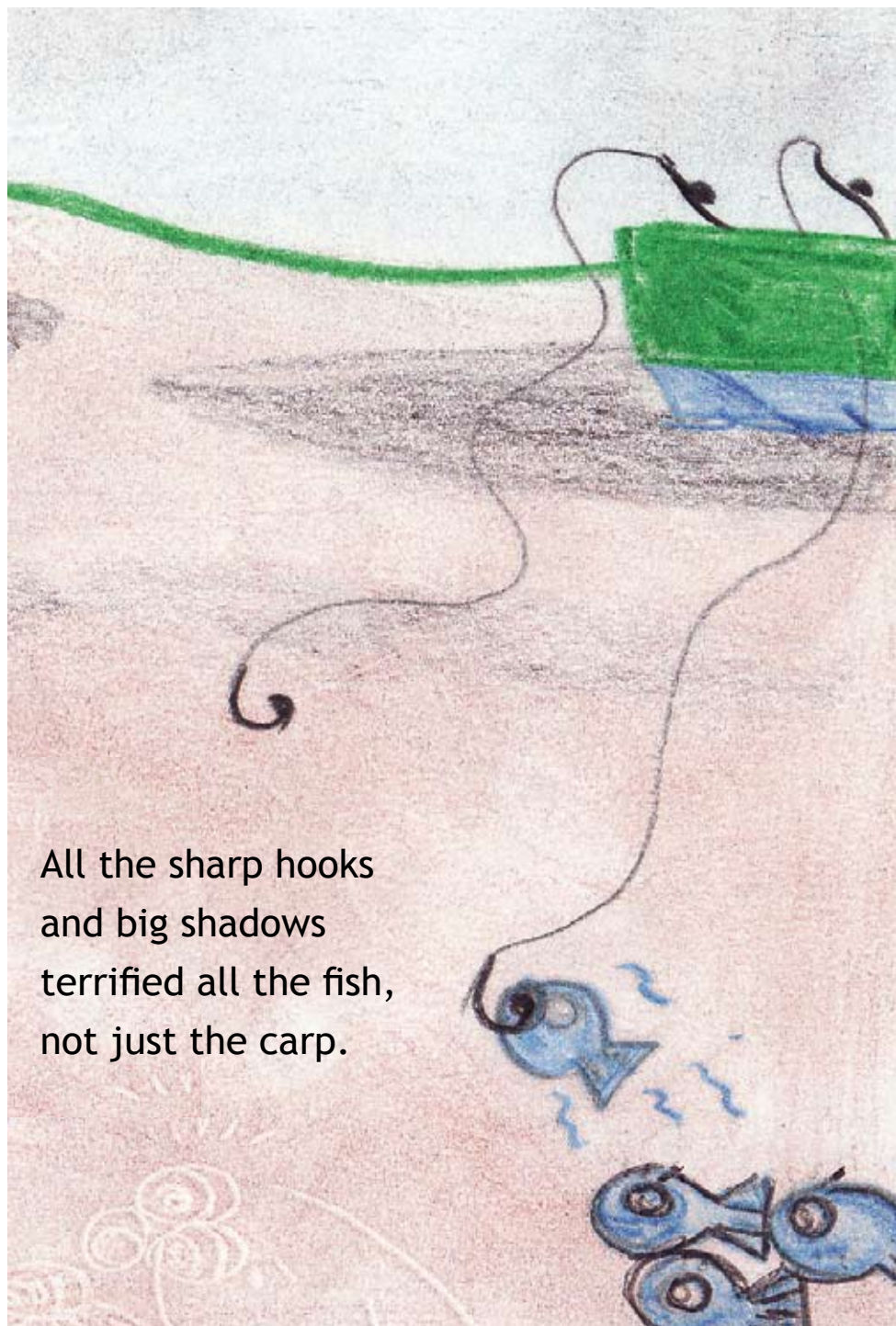
“Swim Collie, swim Collie Carp!”
yelled Cody Cod.

More hooks appeared, the day they
had been dreading was upon them, it
was the local Carp Muster.





The Carp Muster
was held every
year in March. The
humans try and
catch as many carp
as they can.

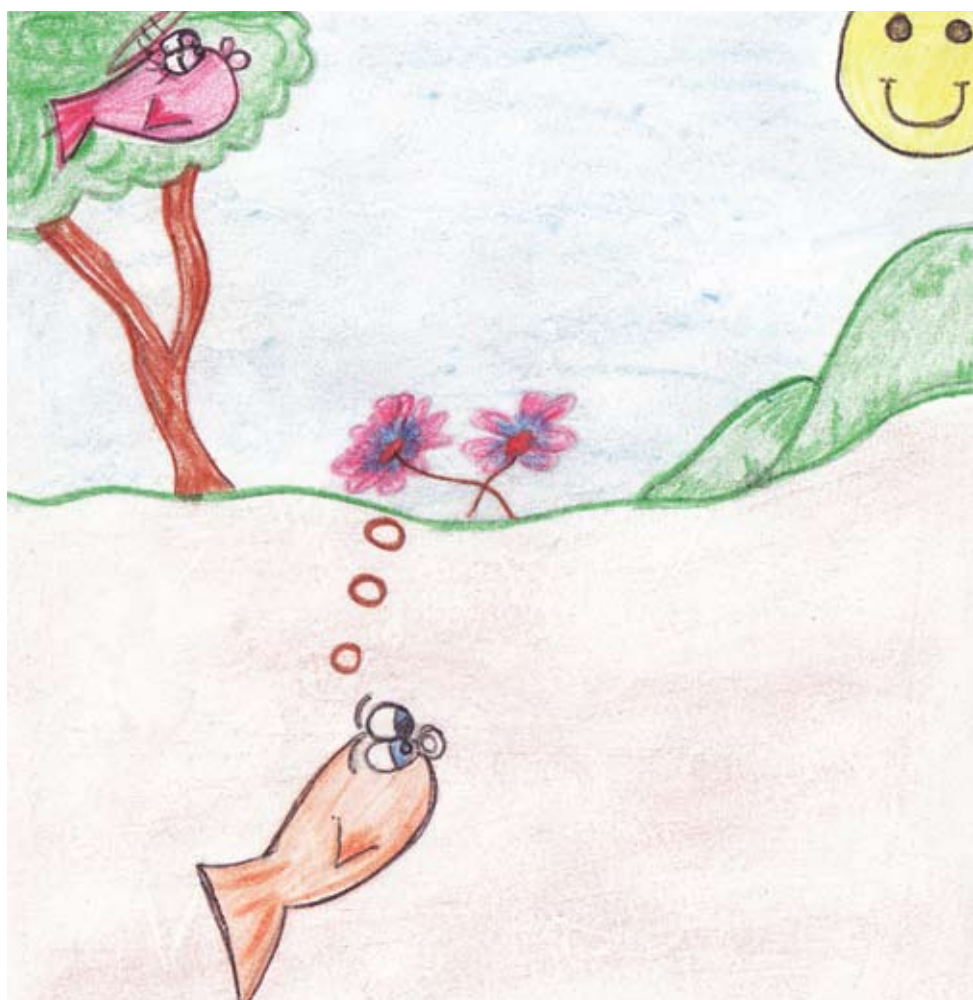


All the sharp hooks
and big shadows
terrified all the fish,
not just the carp.



Collie struggled to unhook herself and was taken wriggling madly to the water surface. In a split second she disappeared into the human world altogether.

Although Cody was very sad at first, he knew that Collie had been taken to the land to make the river environment better.





Cody will always remember his very brave and funny friend Collie the Champion Carp.



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