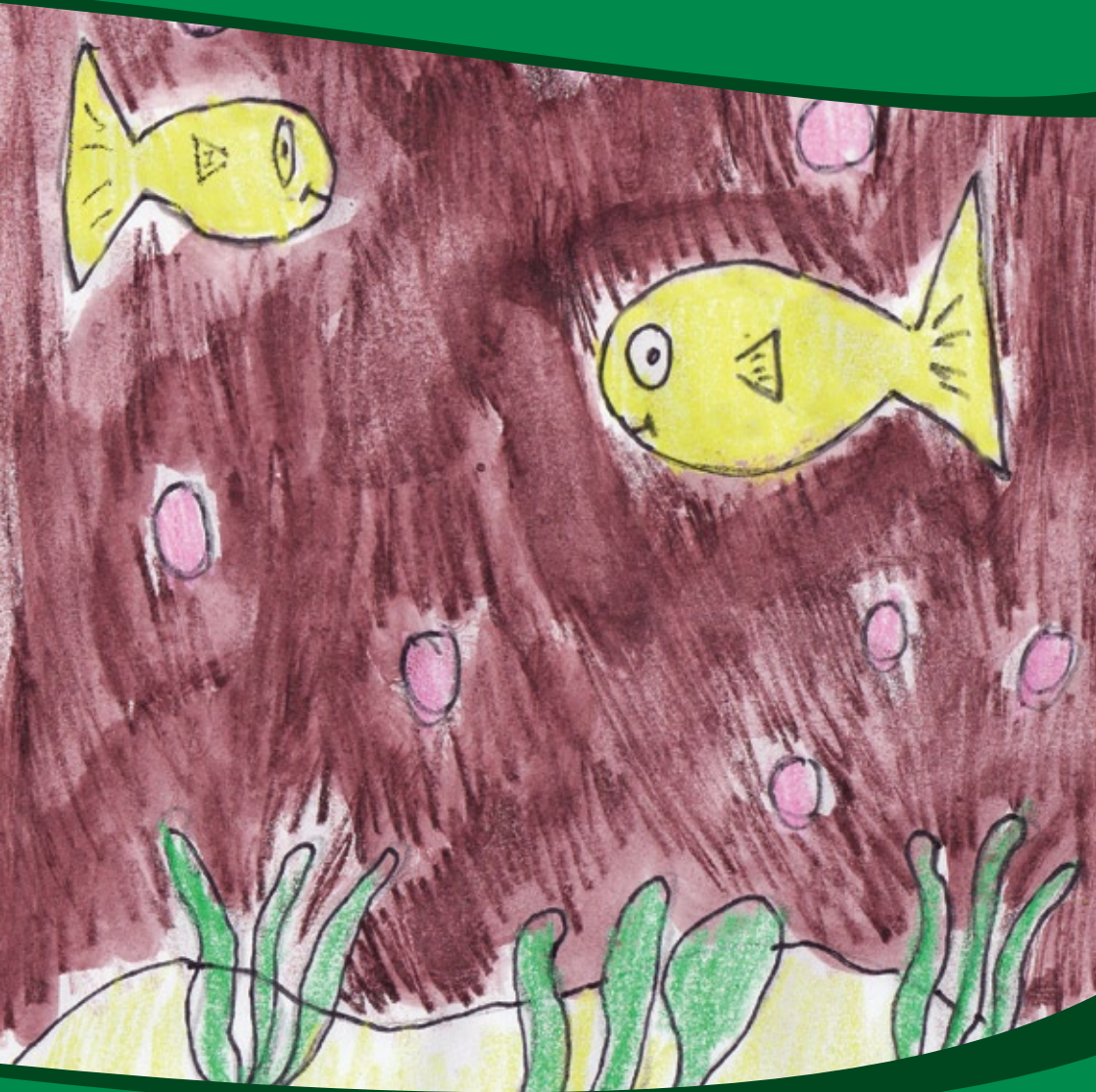


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# Enviro-Stories Education Program

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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 2011, the Central West Catchment Management Authority, in partnership with the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

## Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

[www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)

## Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

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- Out of Control

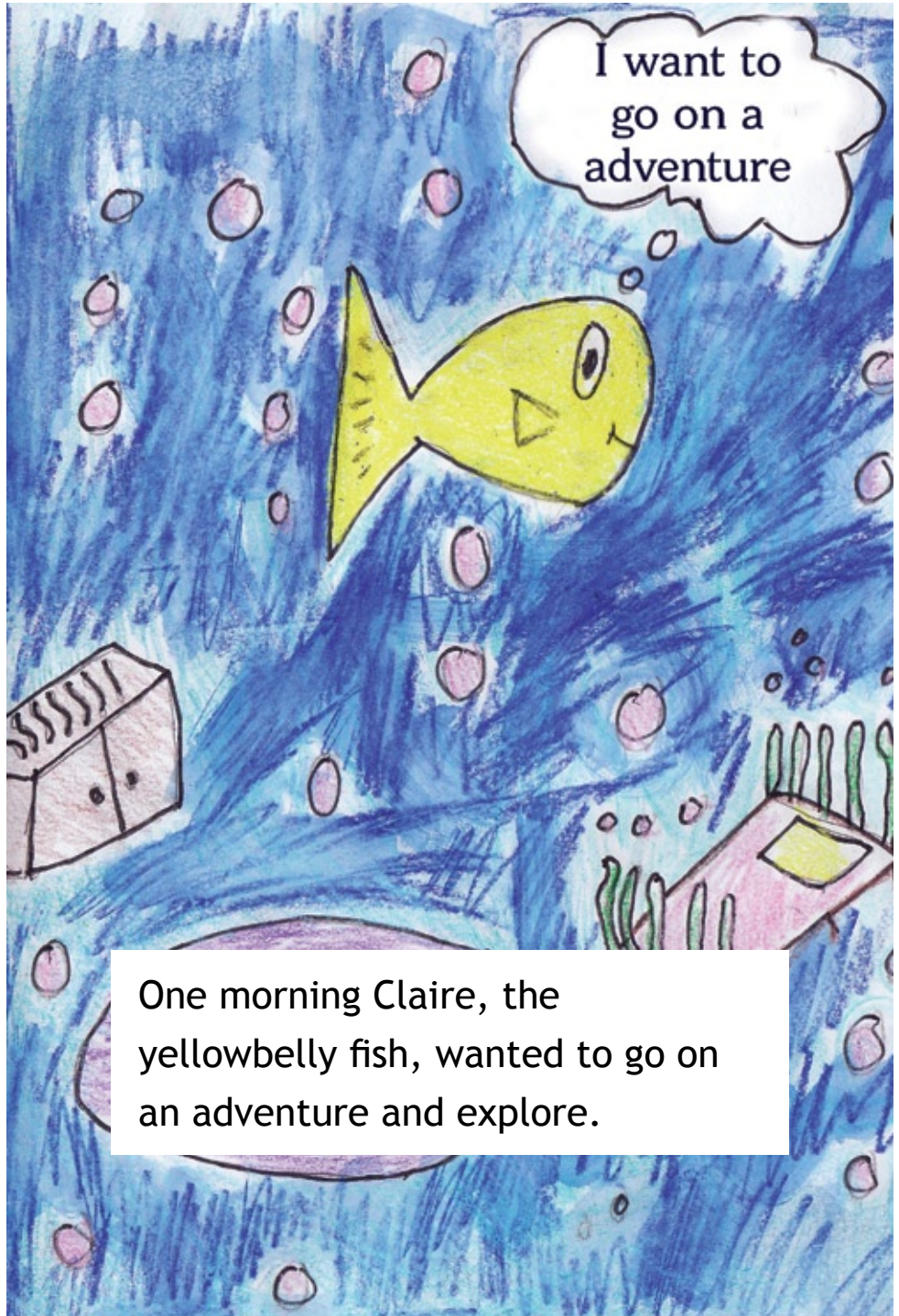
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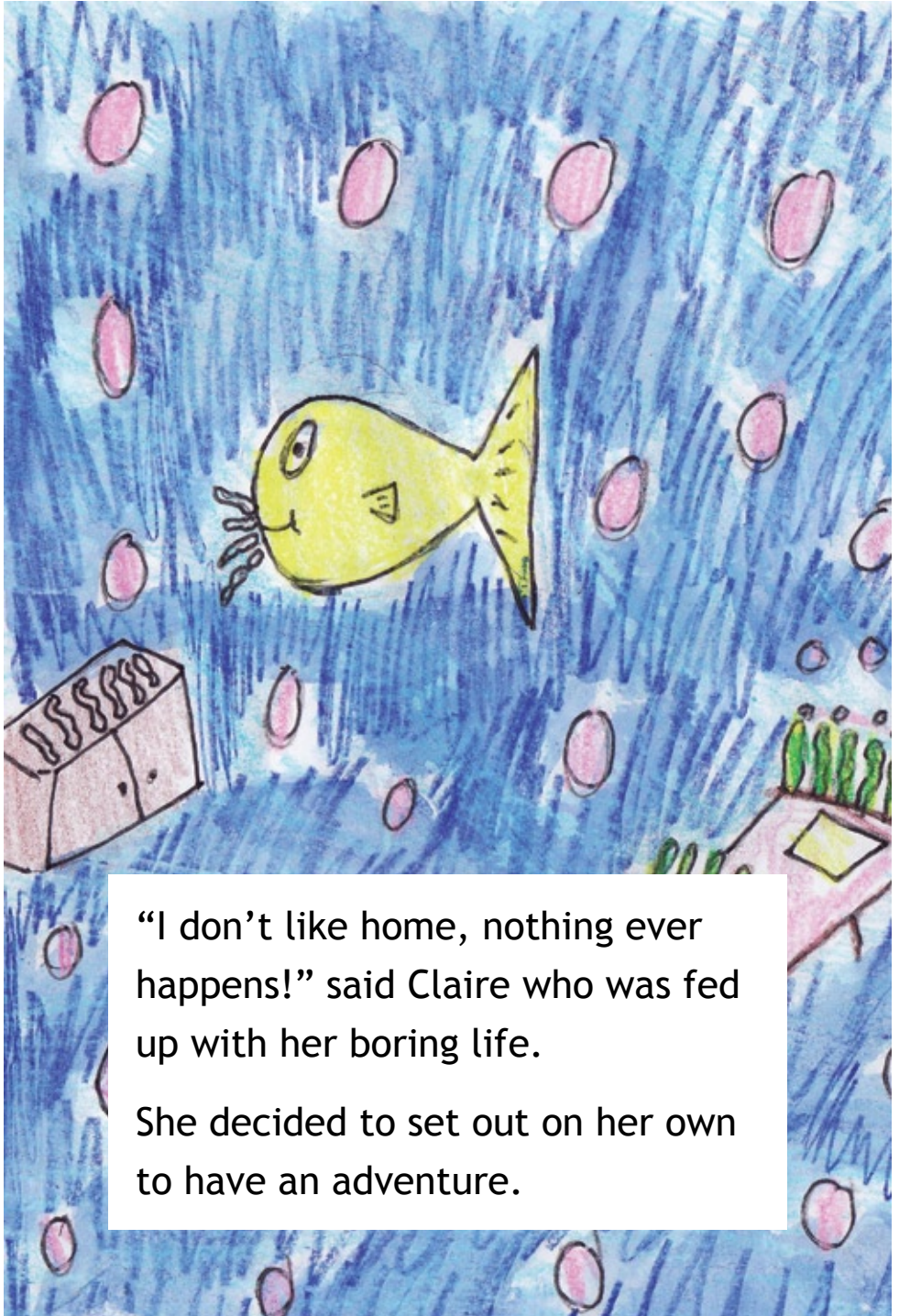
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One morning Claire, the yellowbelly fish, wanted to go on an adventure and explore.





“I don’t like home, nothing ever happens!” said Claire who was fed up with her boring life.

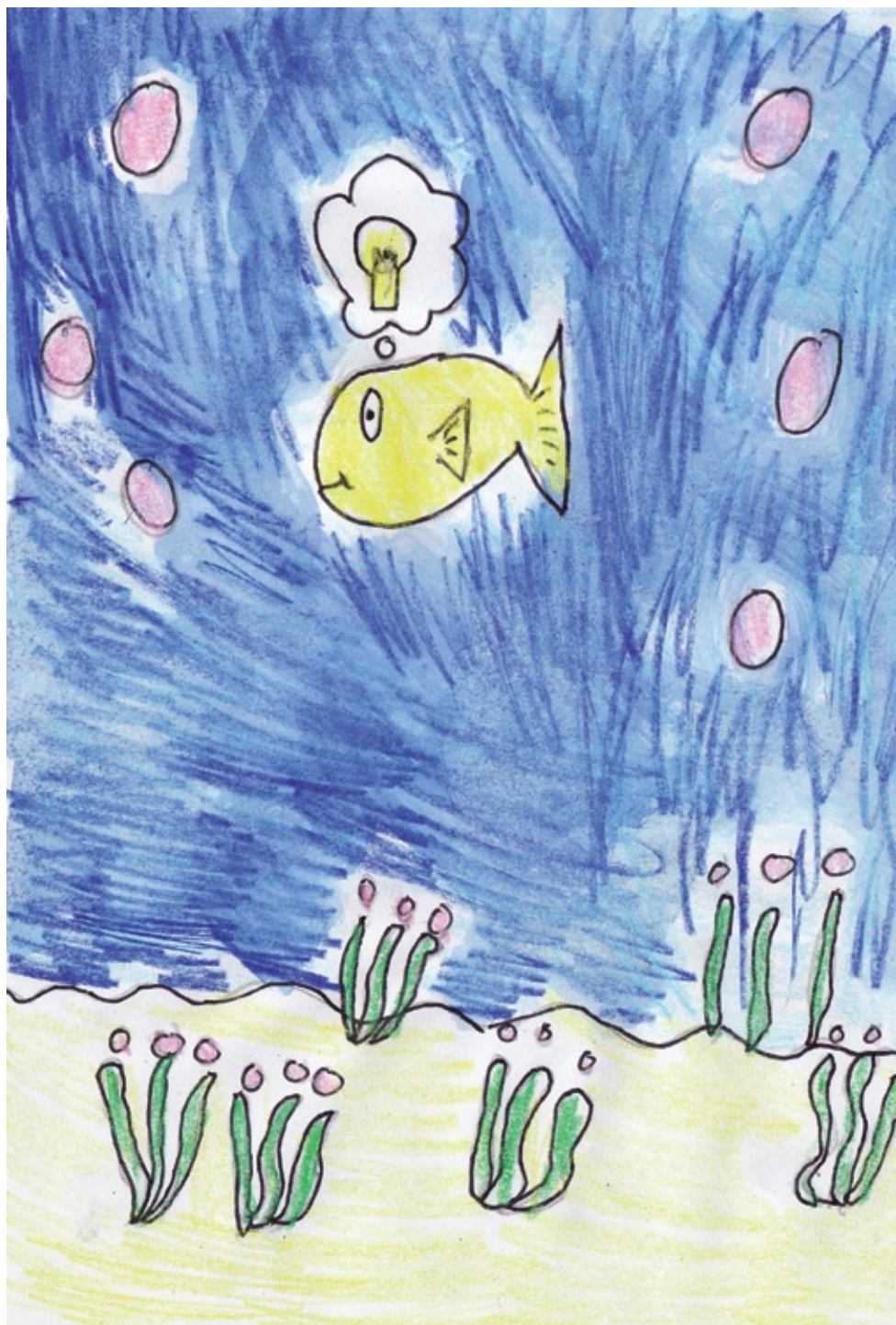
She decided to set out on her own to have an adventure.

Claire thought she was 'so cool'  
because she was out on her own.

However, after the five days of not  
eating she realised how ravenously  
hungry she was.









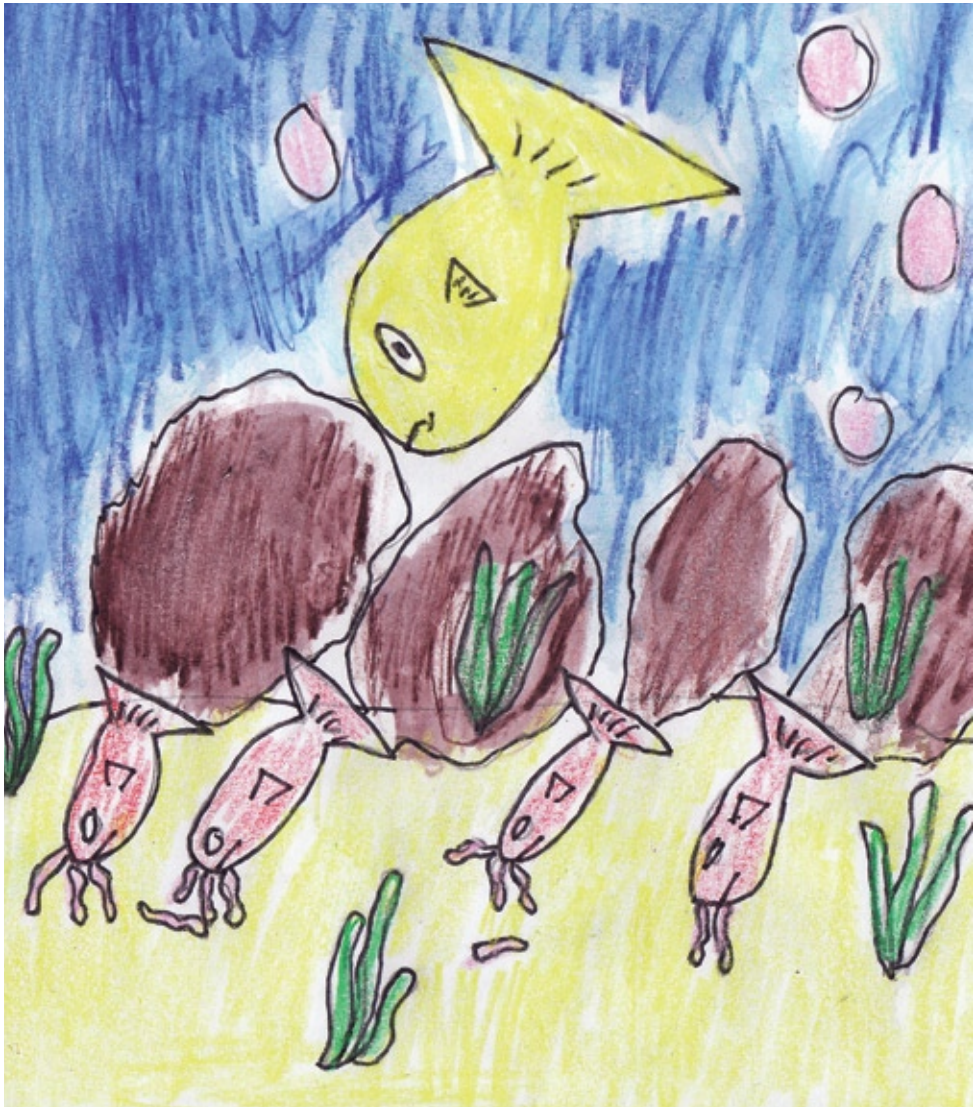
Claire's tummy began making a loud rumbling noise. Suddenly, she remembered a worm hot spot that her dad showed her once.

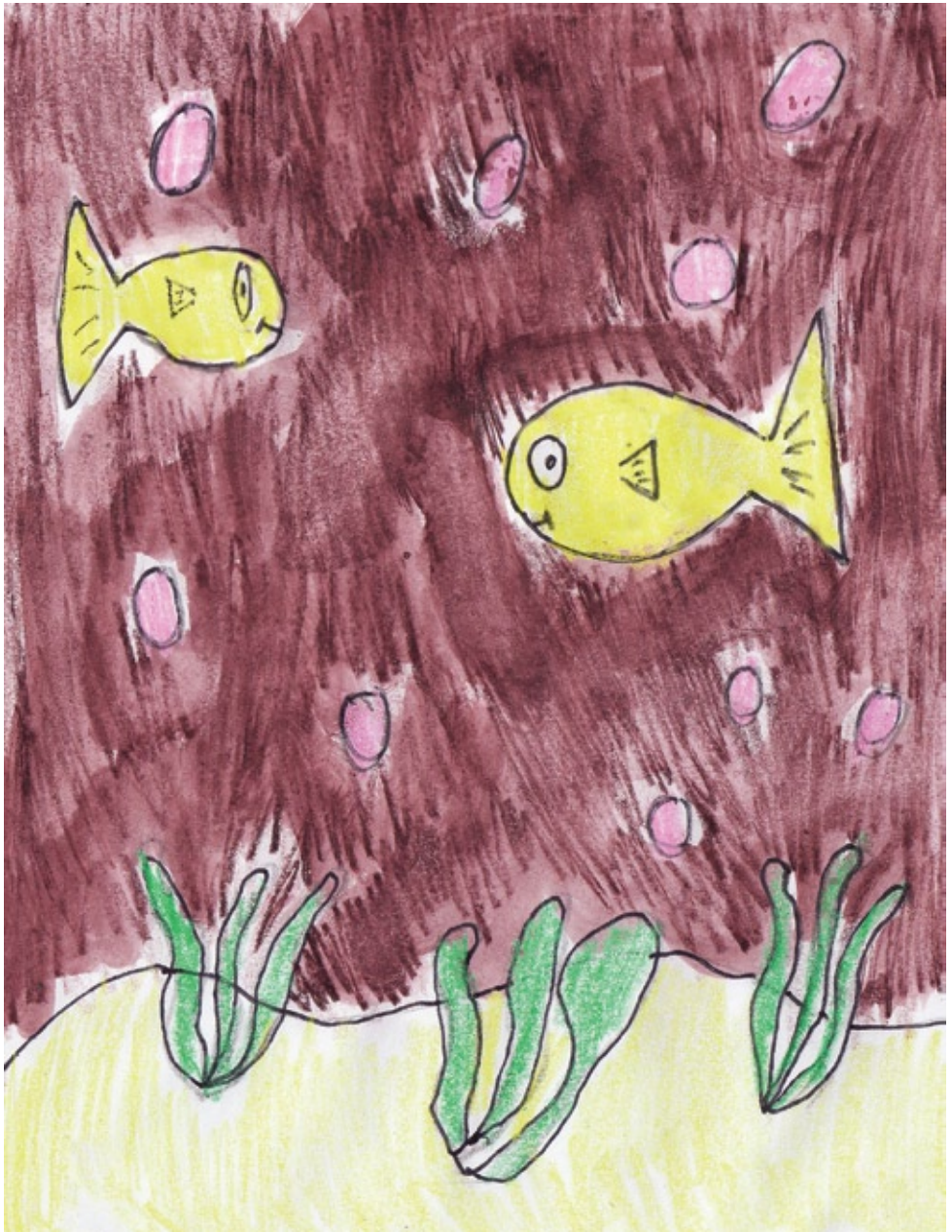
When she found the hot spot she saw that the carp fish were already there and were making a mess.

As they were sifting through the dirt at the bottom of the lake, the water got muddier and muddier.

The muddy water made it very hard for Claire to see where the worms were.

The water became so muddy she couldn't even see where she was going.

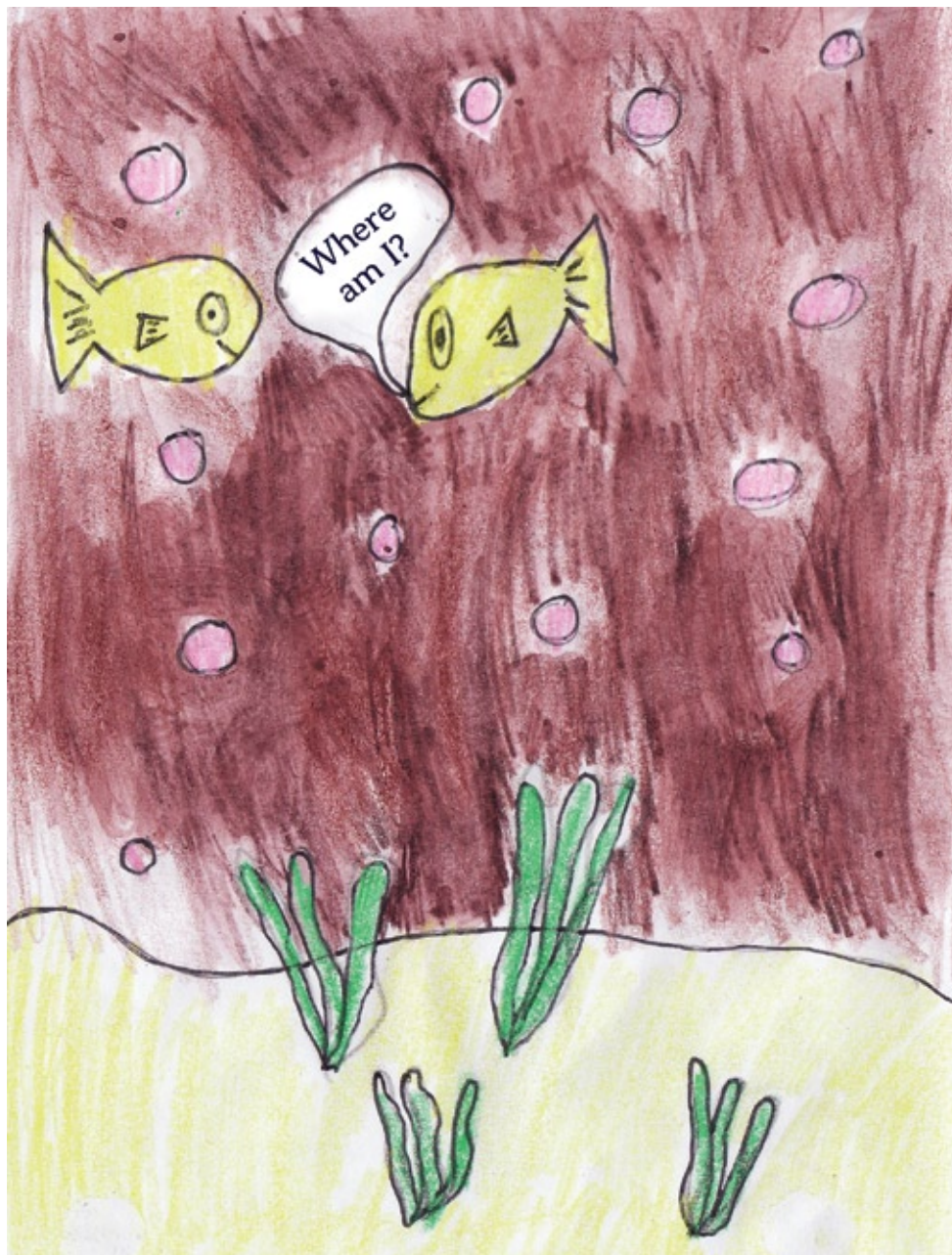




She noticed a boy yellowbelly fish and thought he might help her.



Claire asked him, “Excuse me but where am I?”  
The boy fish didn’t reply.

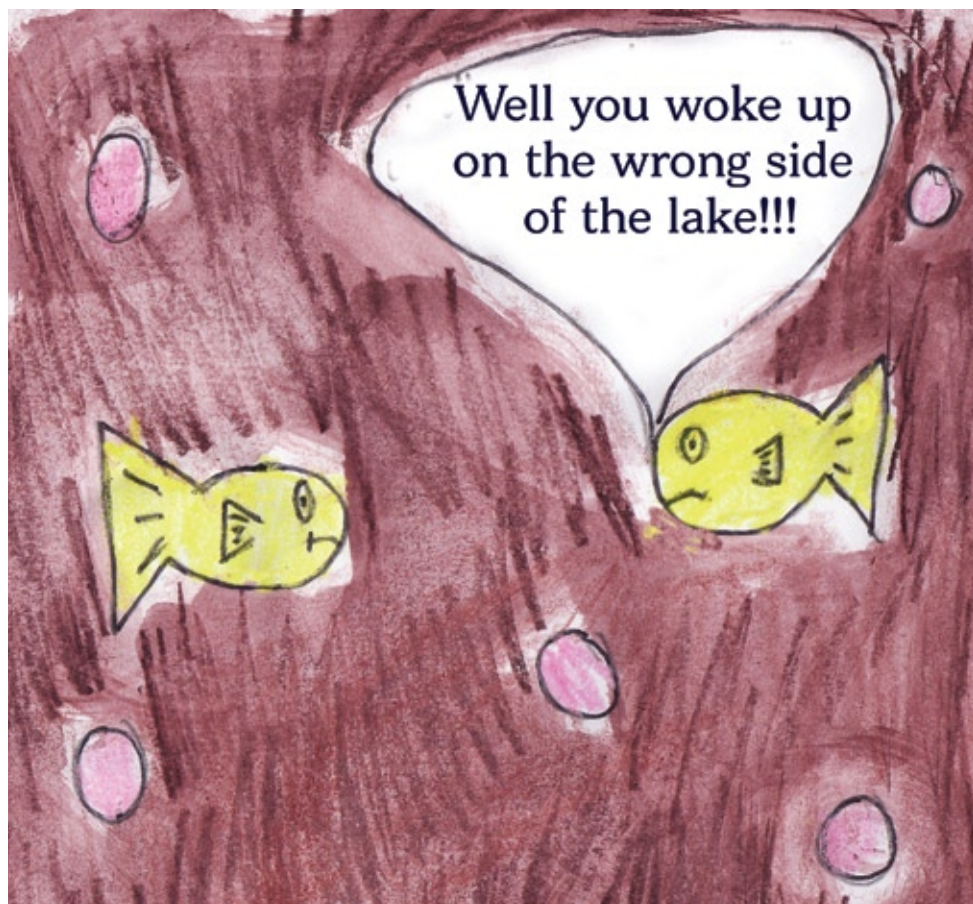


“Well you woke up on the wrong side of the lake!” Claire said, annoyed that he didn’t talk to her.

The boy fish stared at her and then quickly swam away.

“Oops, I must have hurt his feelings,” said Claire.

“Now what can I do?”

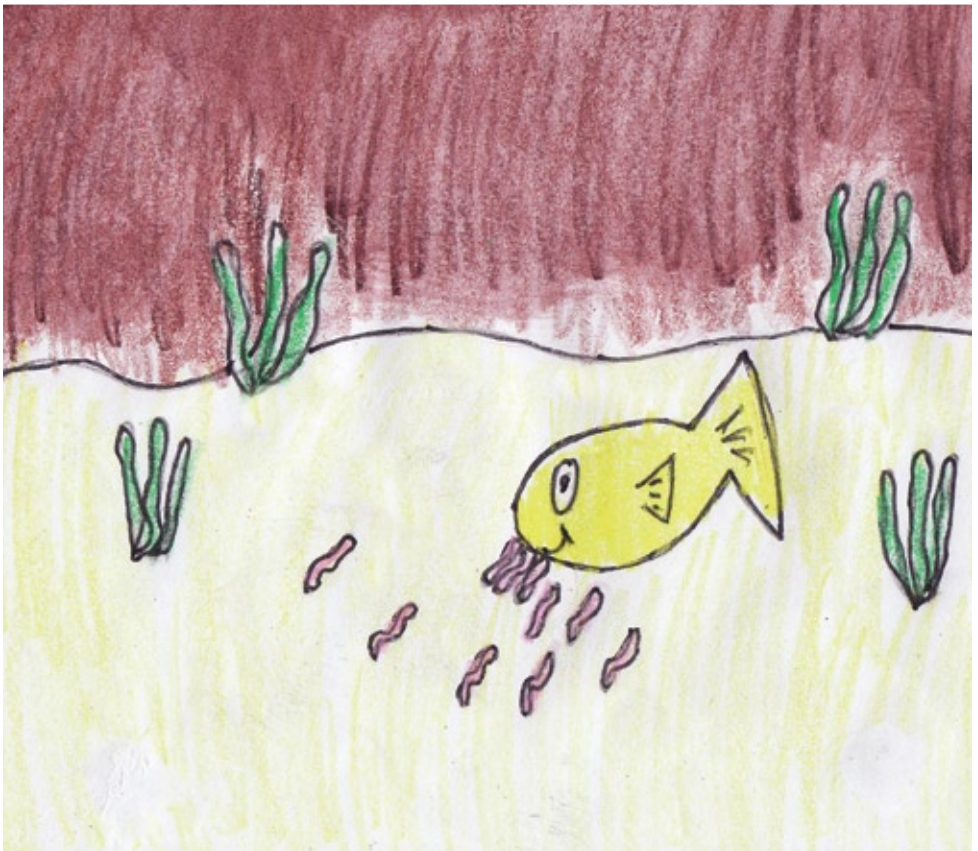




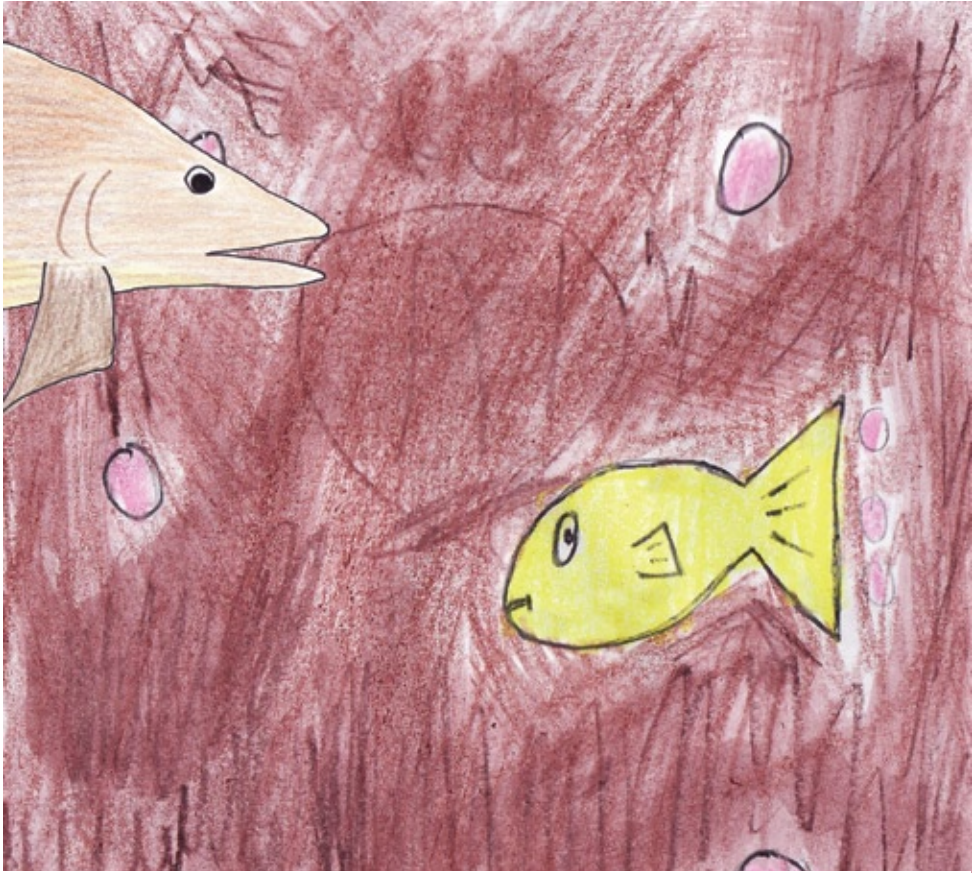


She swam through the muddied waters to see if she could find some food.

Looking around she found some water where there were no other fish. She found ten juicy, fat worms and gobbled them all up.

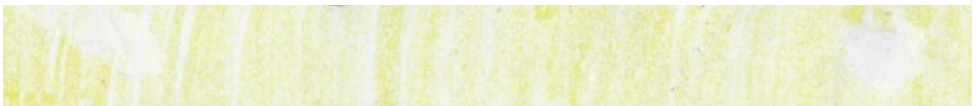






As Claire was finishing her last mouthful, she was thinking how lucky she was to have found some food.

Suddenly she noticed the reason there were no other fish here. Through the water a big Murray Cod was staring at her.





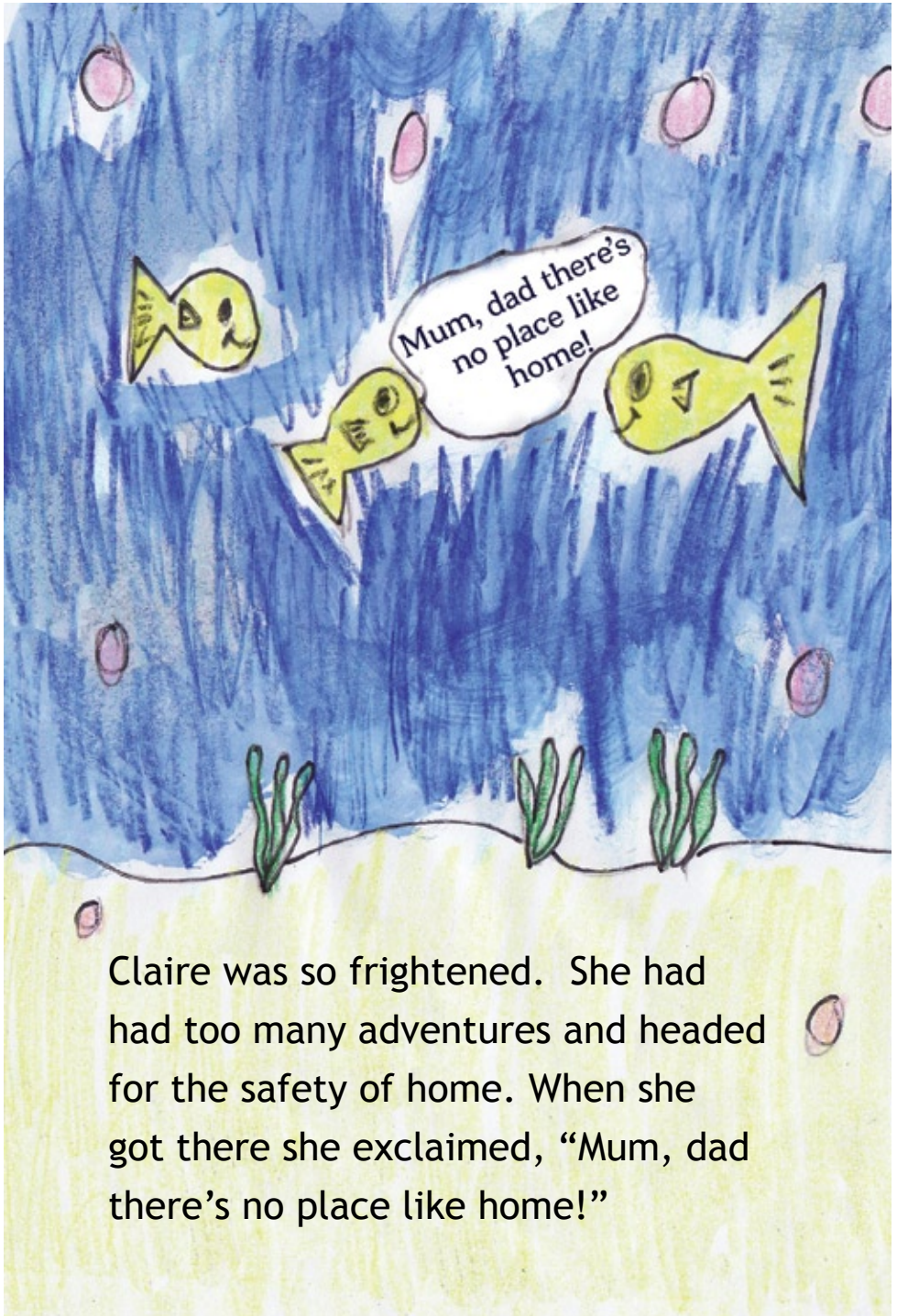
The cod said, “Mmm mmm mmm you look tasty.”

Claire was trying to figure out how she would escape the cod when ... Chomp! He swallowed her whole.

As she was being swallowed Claire had a clever idea. She started tickling his insides, trying making him cough.

The cod coughed. She was able to get free and swim quickly away.





Claire was so frightened. She had had too many adventures and headed for the safety of home. When she got there she exclaimed, "Mum, dad there's no place like home!"





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