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It was three o'clock in the afternoon,
and the sky over the village was cloudy
and grey.



Despite the weather, the salty smell of the reef nearby was luring villagers out to play.

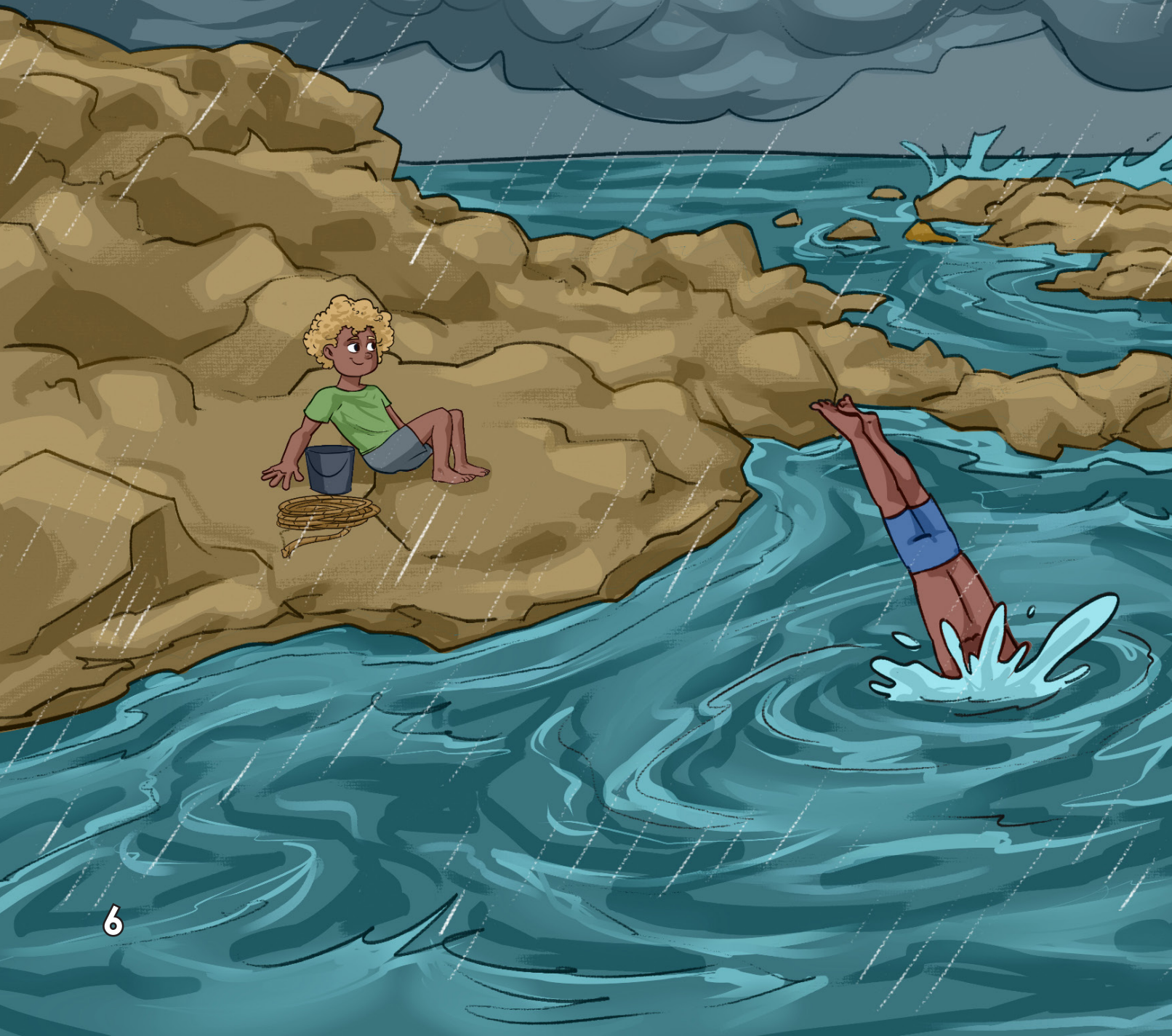




Dave and Ben couldn't resist the idea of going for a swim in the reef. The two best friends decided to go. They got their diving gear and a bush knife and went off to the reef.

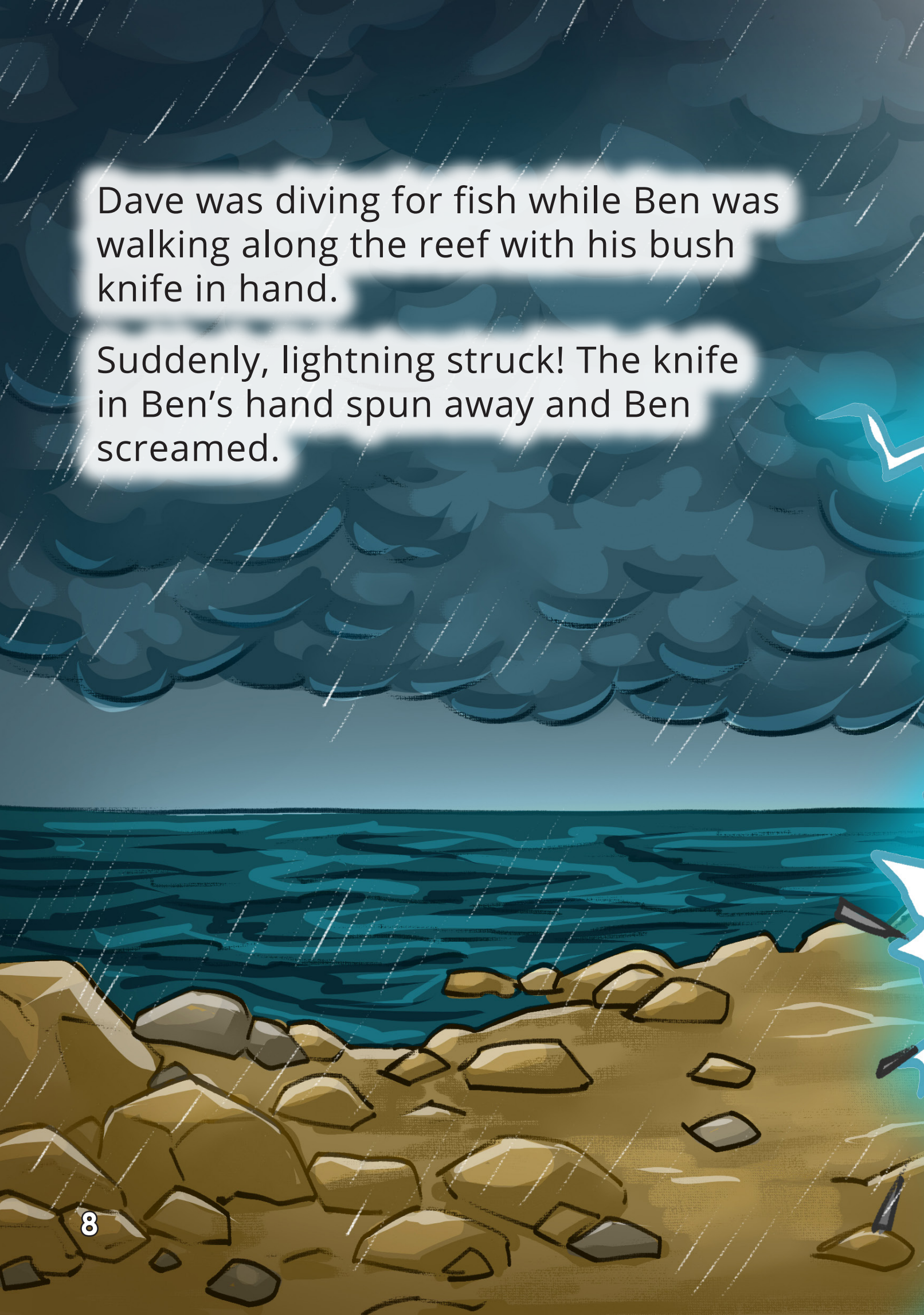


As they played on the reef, big drops of rain began falling.





Splash, splash, went the ocean as the dark clouds got heavier. Then, the thunder and lightning started.

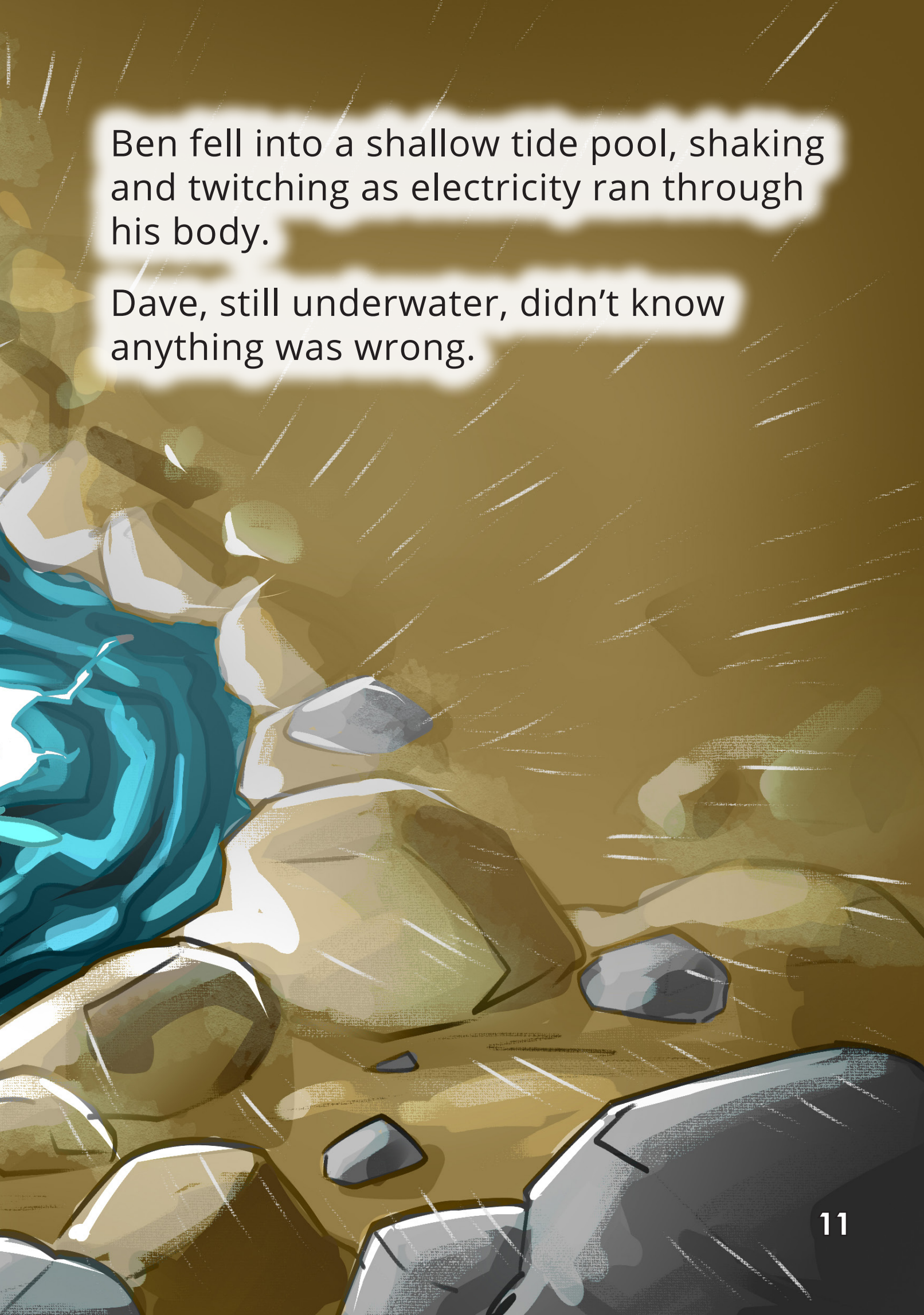


Dave was diving for fish while Ben was walking along the reef with his bush knife in hand.

Suddenly, lightning struck! The knife in Ben's hand spun away and Ben screamed.





The background of the page is a stylized illustration of a rocky coastline. On the left, blue waves are crashing against a series of grey and brown rocks. The water is depicted with bold, expressive brushstrokes. The sky and the water between the rocks are a warm, golden-brown color, with numerous thin, white, diagonal streaks scattered throughout, suggesting rain or a sense of movement. The overall style is painterly and dramatic.

Ben fell into a shallow tide pool, shaking and twitching as electricity ran through his body.

Dave, still underwater, didn't know anything was wrong.

Dave caught a fish and surfaced, calling out for Ben.

When he didn't get an answer, Dave climbed back onto the reef. He squinted through the rain to see if Ben was on the beach, but he couldn't see his friend.



Just then, he heard a weak splashing in one of the tide pools.

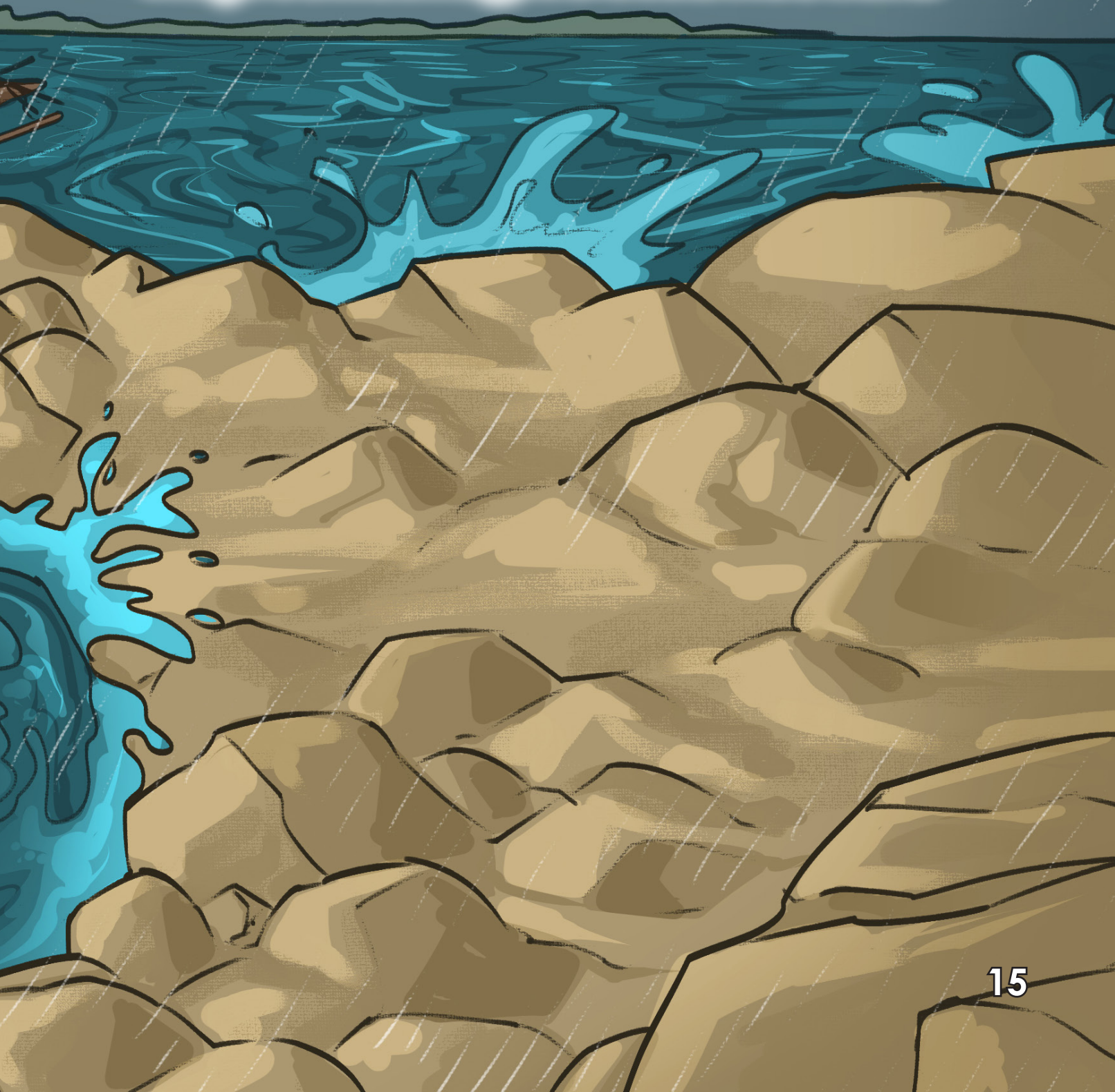




Dave ran for the pool and saw Ben twitching. The hand that had been holding the knife was burned!

Dave pulled Ben out of the tide pool and yelled to some other kids nearby.

"Help! Someone get a boat! He's hurt!"

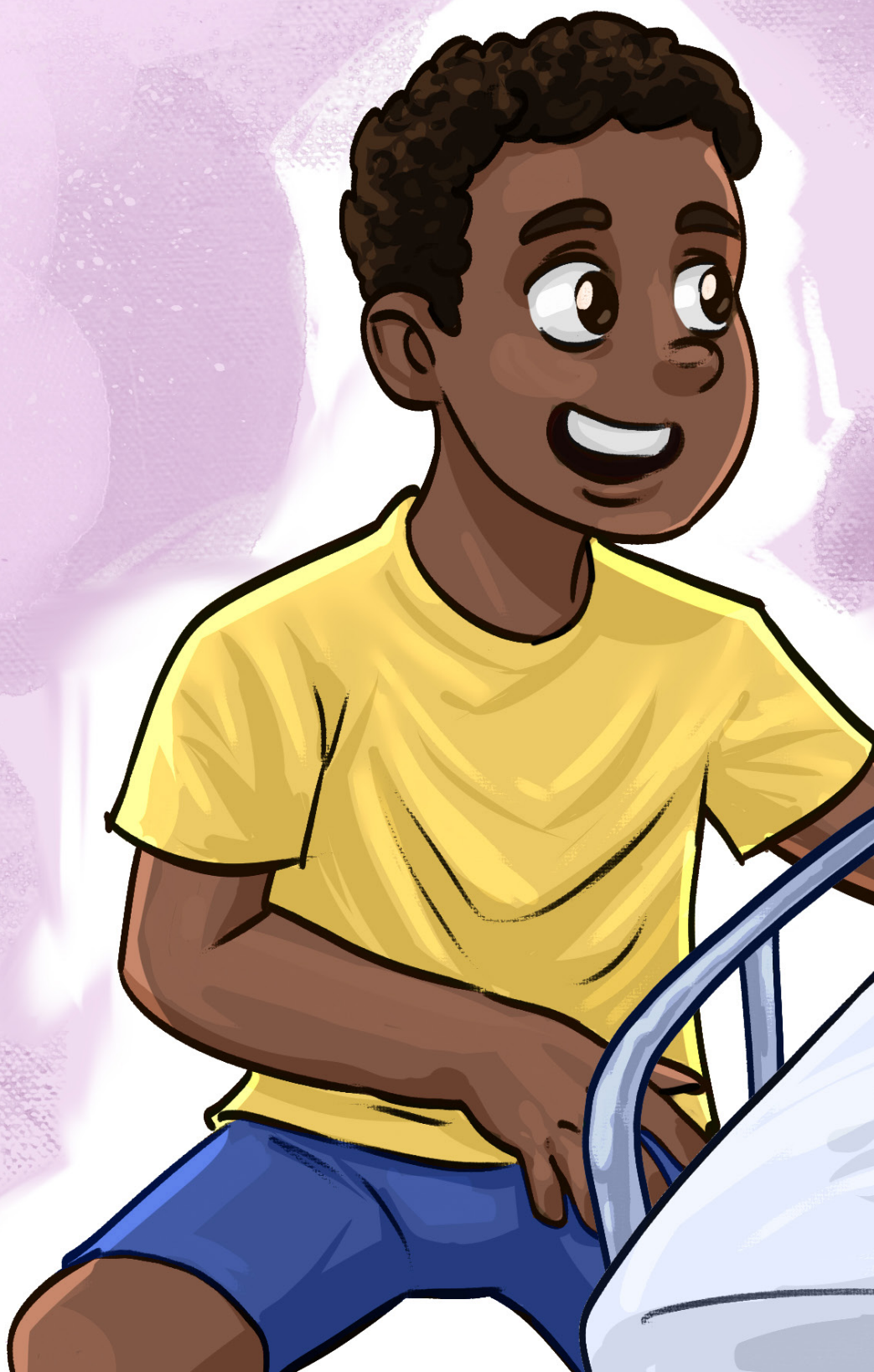




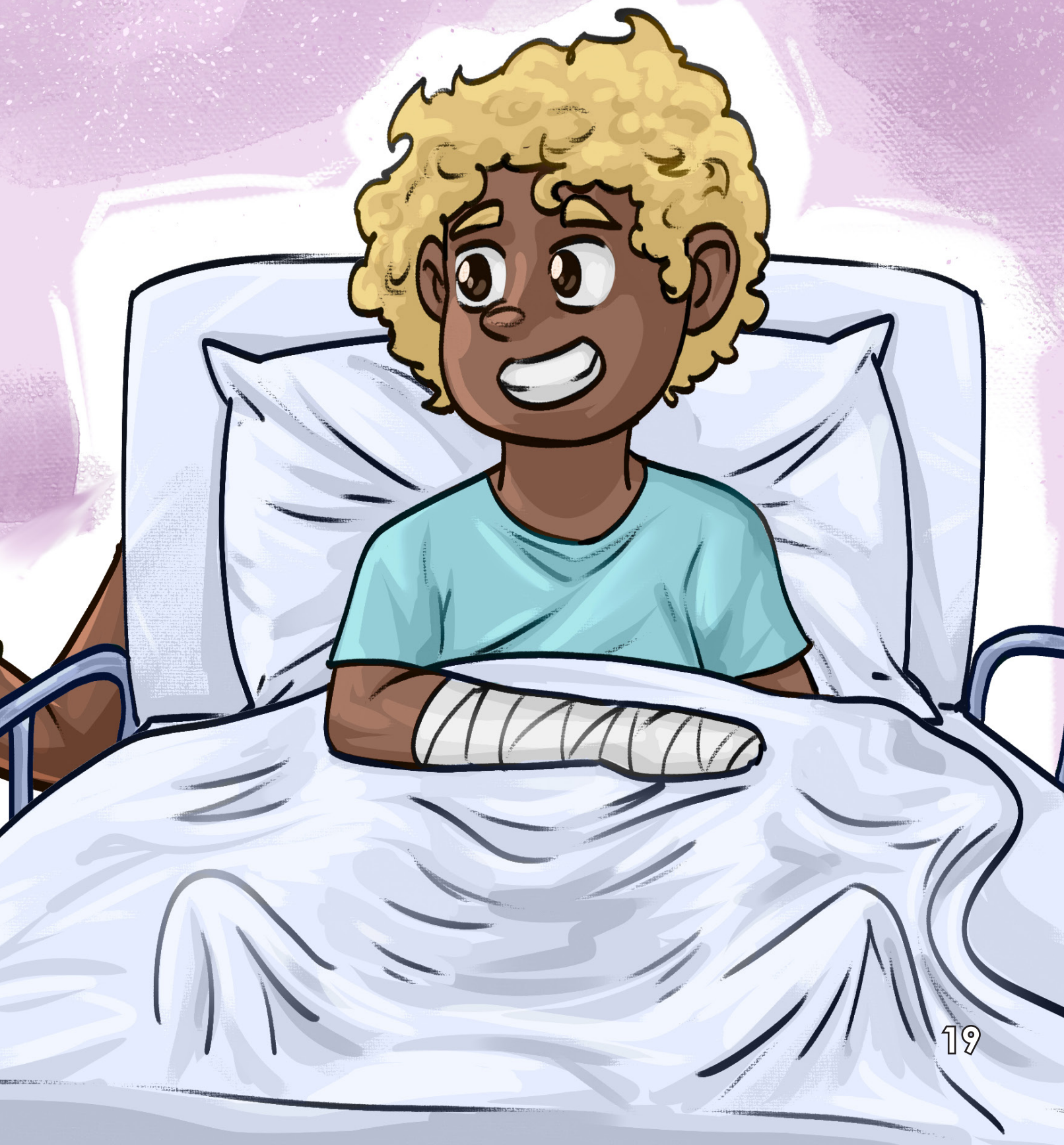


One boy ran off and came back quickly with a small boat. Dave loaded Ben onto it. He rowed them to the nearest health centre. Dave could tell Ben had been really hurt.

Ben stayed in the hospital for a week recovering from the lightning strike. His hand was badly burned and his body hurt all over.



Ben was grateful when he was allowed to go back home, but he never went to the reef again during a storm.



**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



What was Dave doing underwater?



**Why was Ben hurt when the lightning
hit the knife?**



Why did the knife get hit by lightning?

**What do you think about going outside
during storms?**



**What other ways can you stay safe
during a storm? Talk about it with
someone nearby.**

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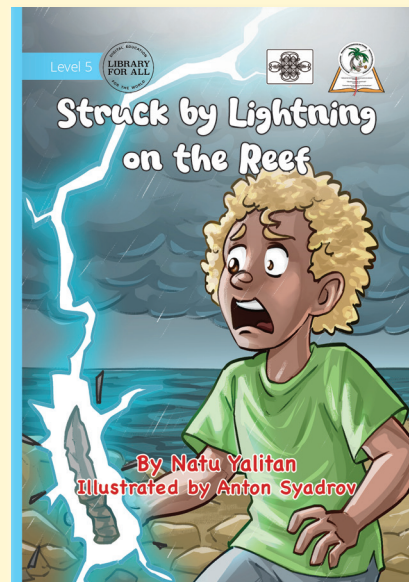
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