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Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh...

This is the sound of the river of Nabeau.



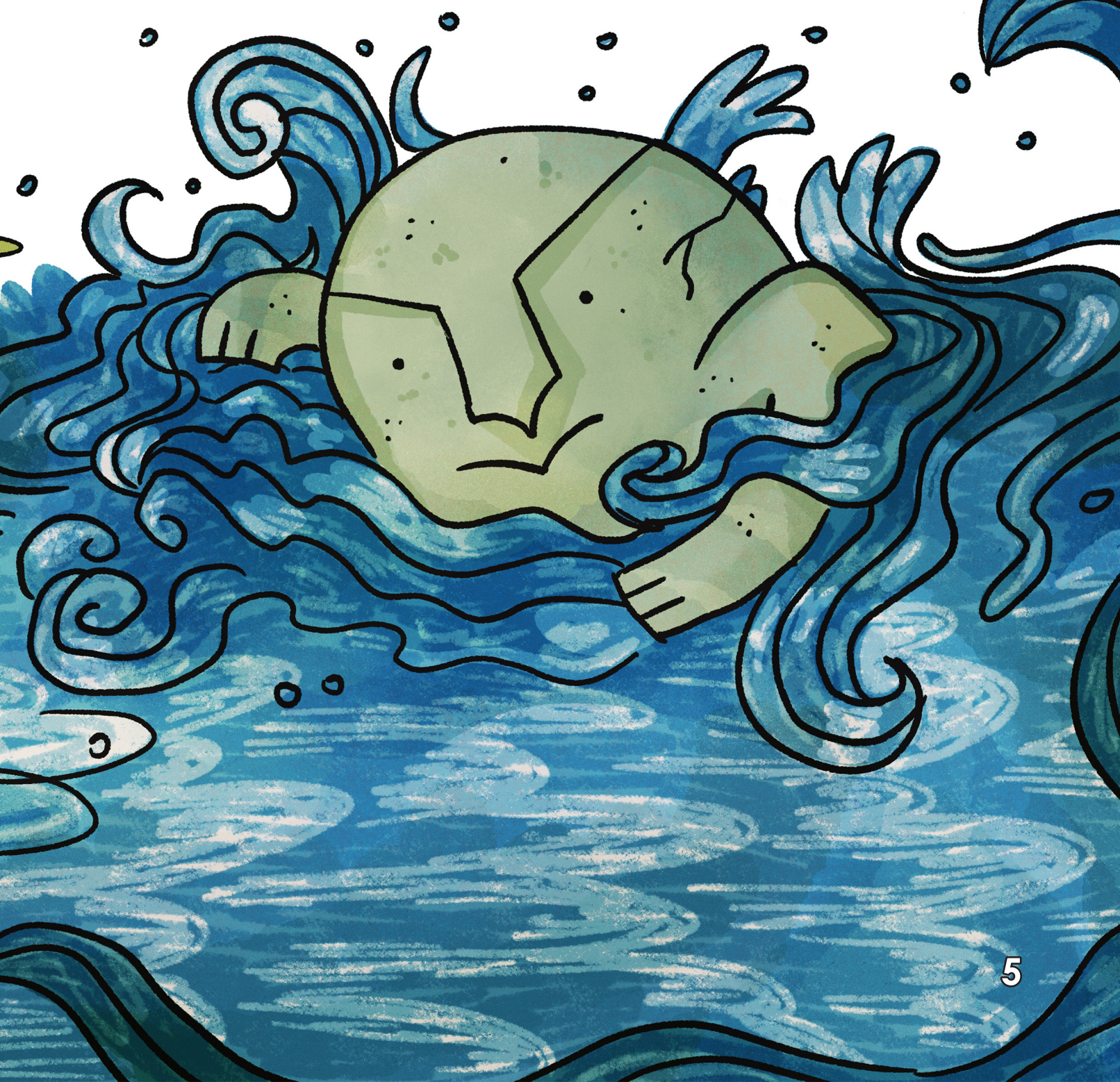
On the island of Malekula, at
Lamap, there were two rocks
in the river of Nabeau. One was
kind, and the other was mean.

Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh!



The mean rock enjoyed churning
the water.

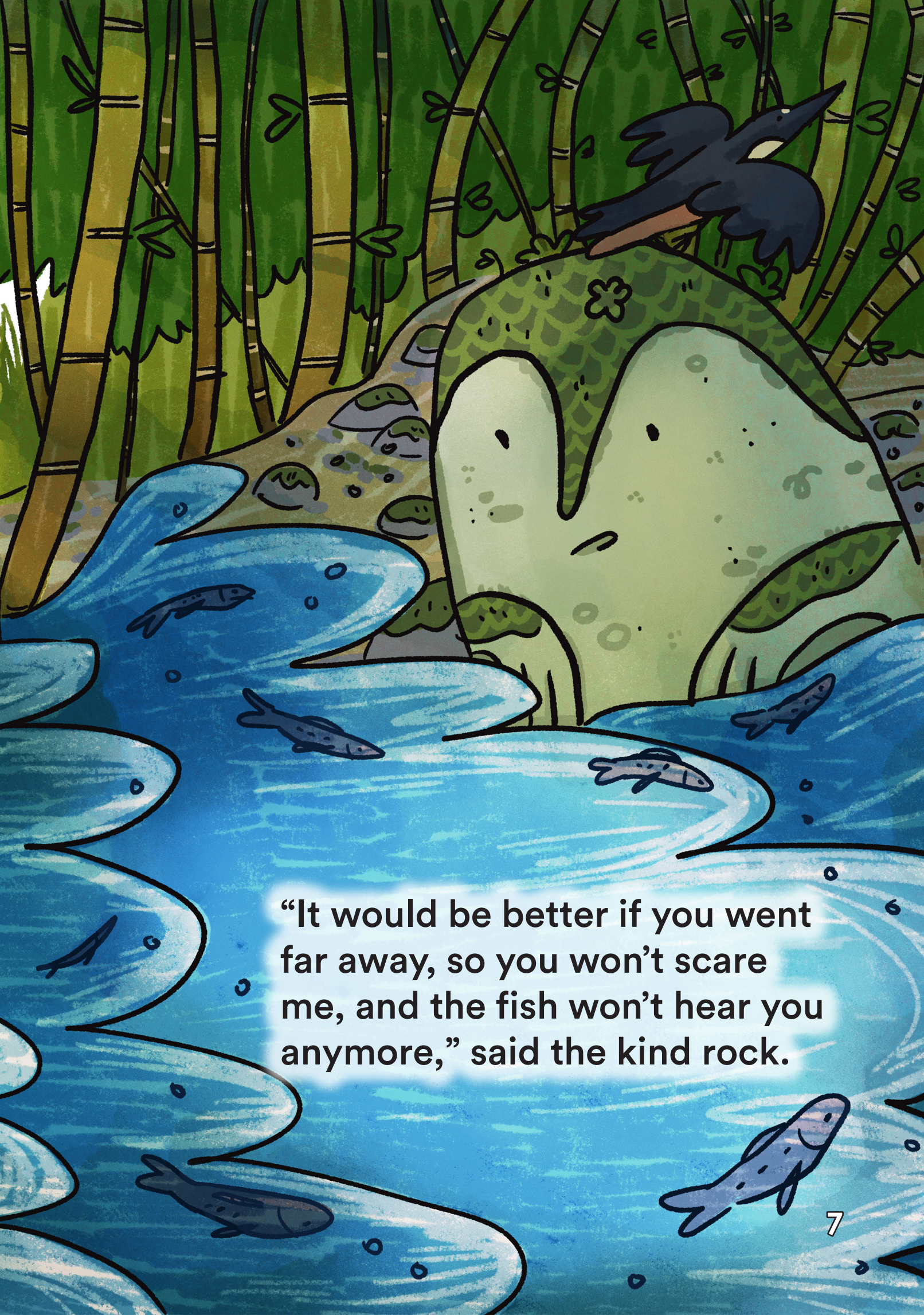
“You’re making too much noise!
It’s scaring all the fish away,” said
the kind rock.



Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh!

The mean rock kept churning
loudly!





“It would be better if you went far away, so you won’t scare me, and the fish won’t hear you anymore,” said the kind rock.

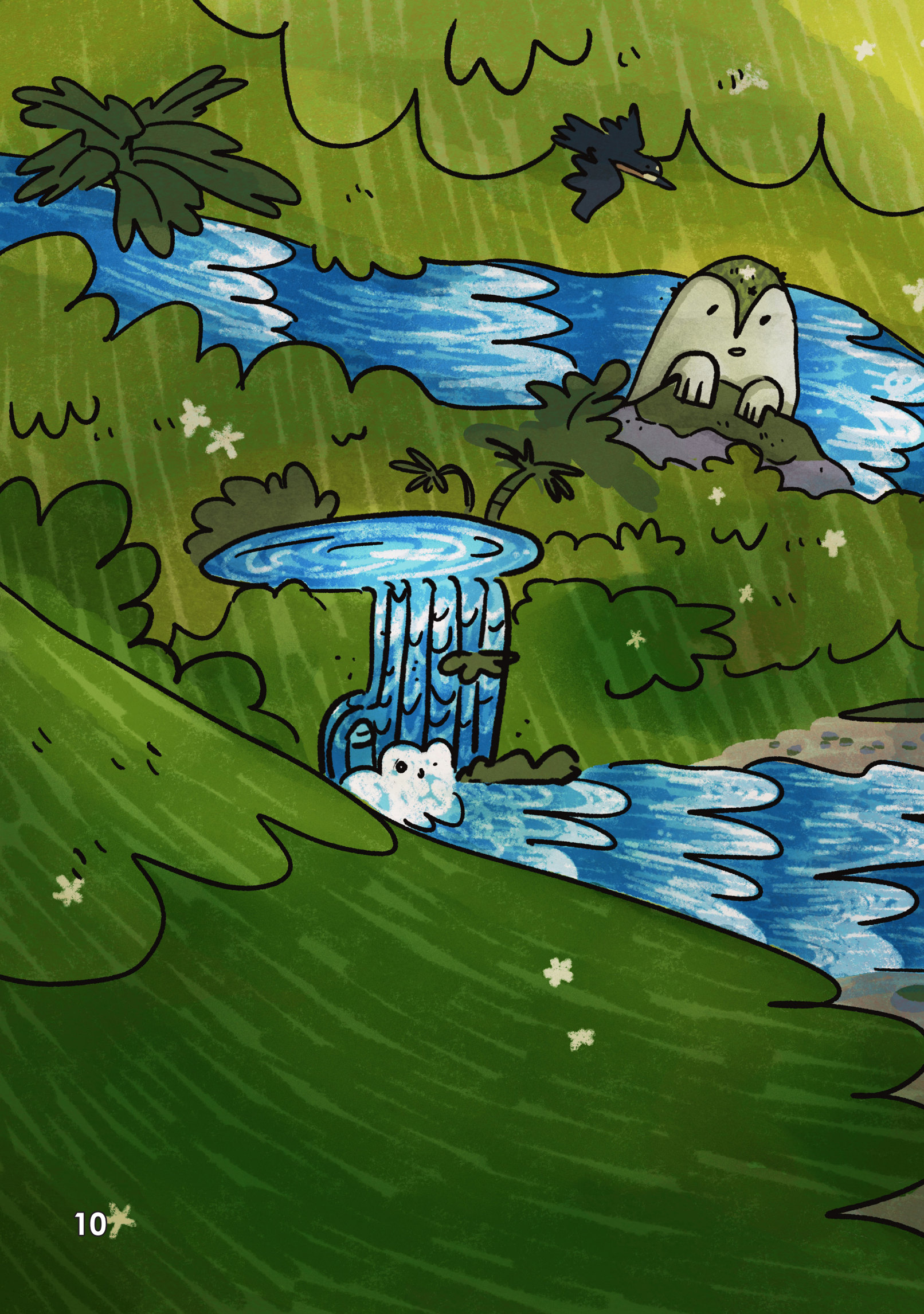


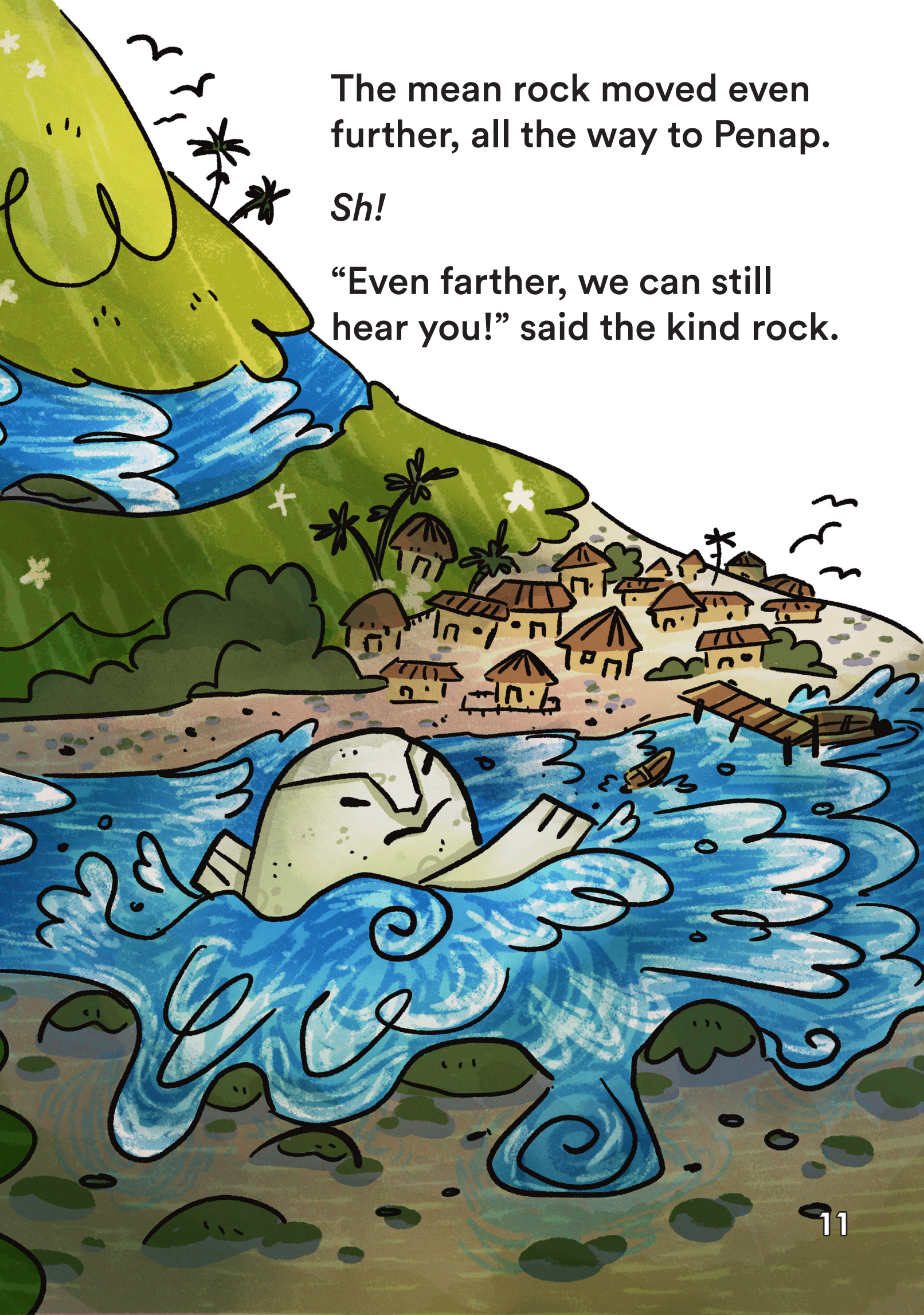


The mean rock moved away a little, until it reached a place with calm waters.

Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh! Sh!

“We can still hear your noise!” said the kind rock.



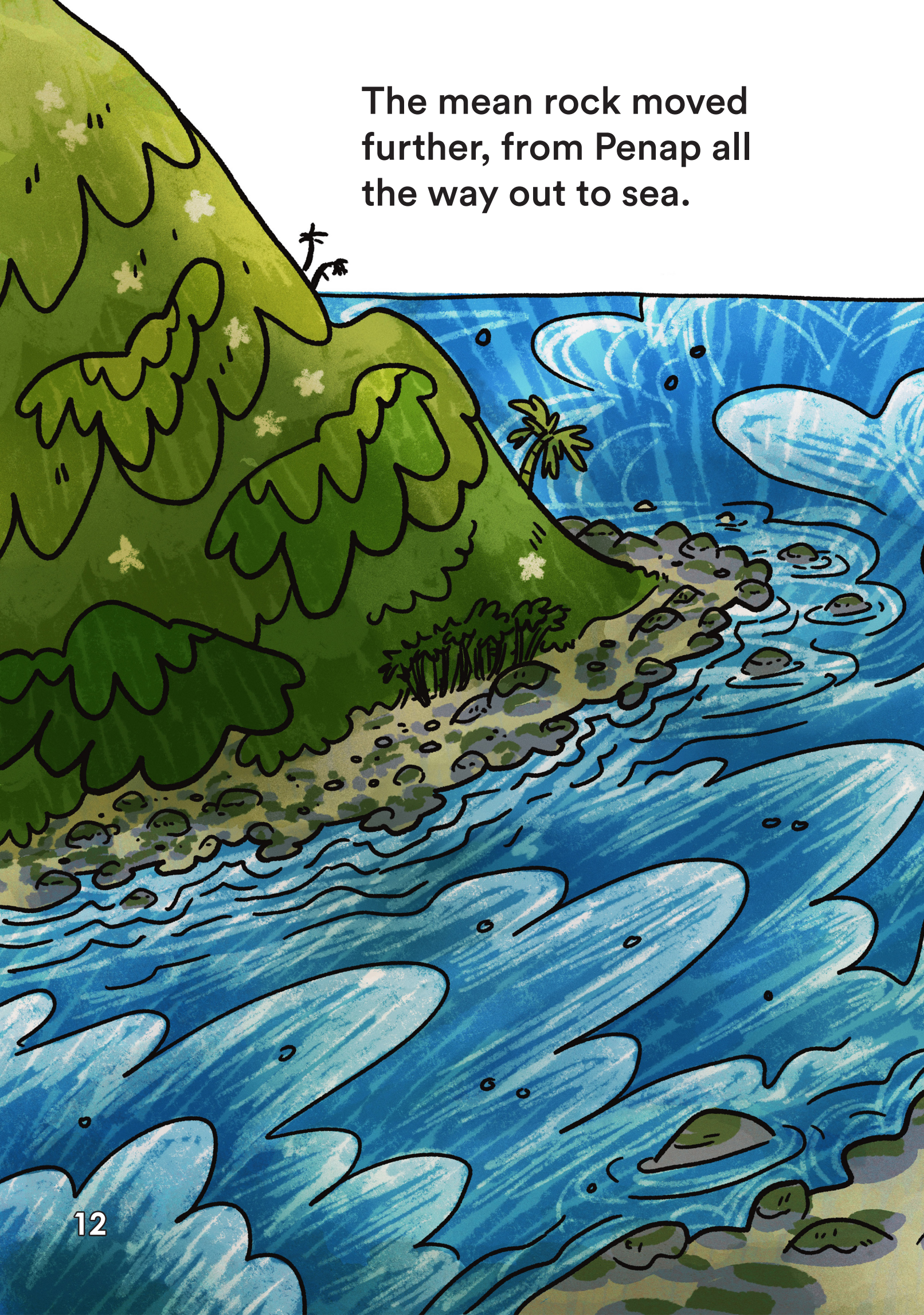


The mean rock moved even further, all the way to Penap.

Sh!

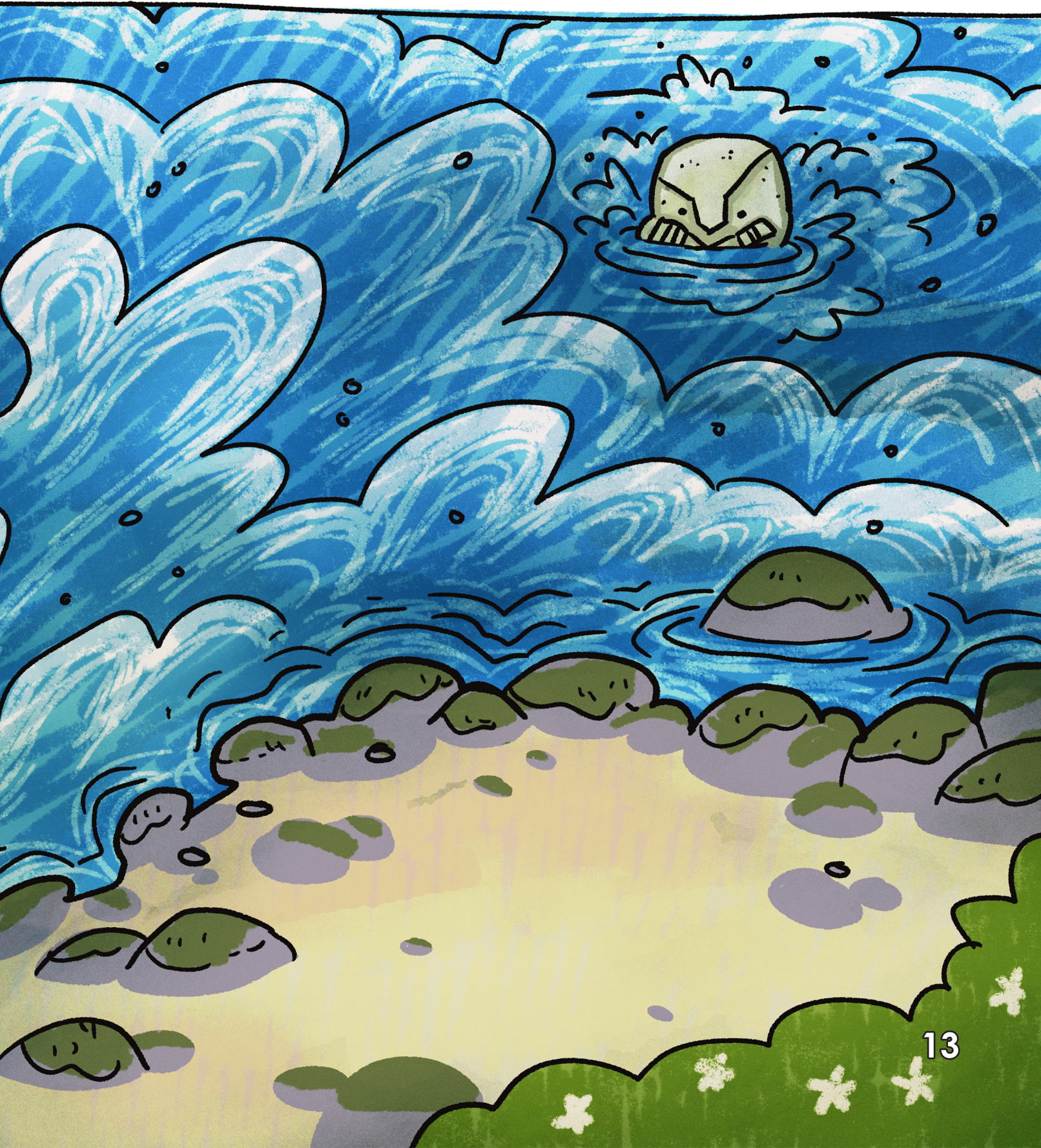
“Even farther, we can still hear you!” said the kind rock.

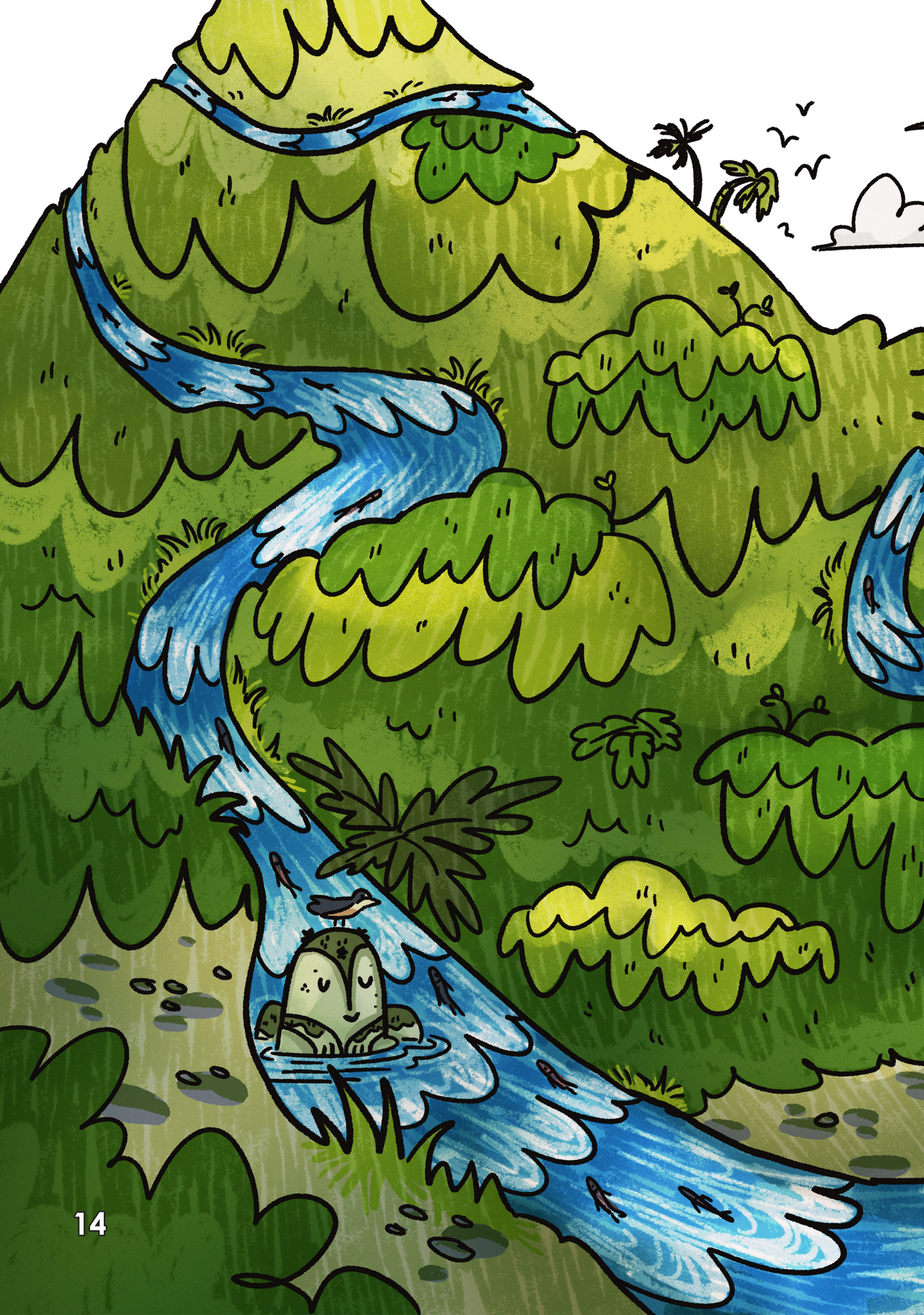
The mean rock moved
further, from Penap all
the way out to sea.

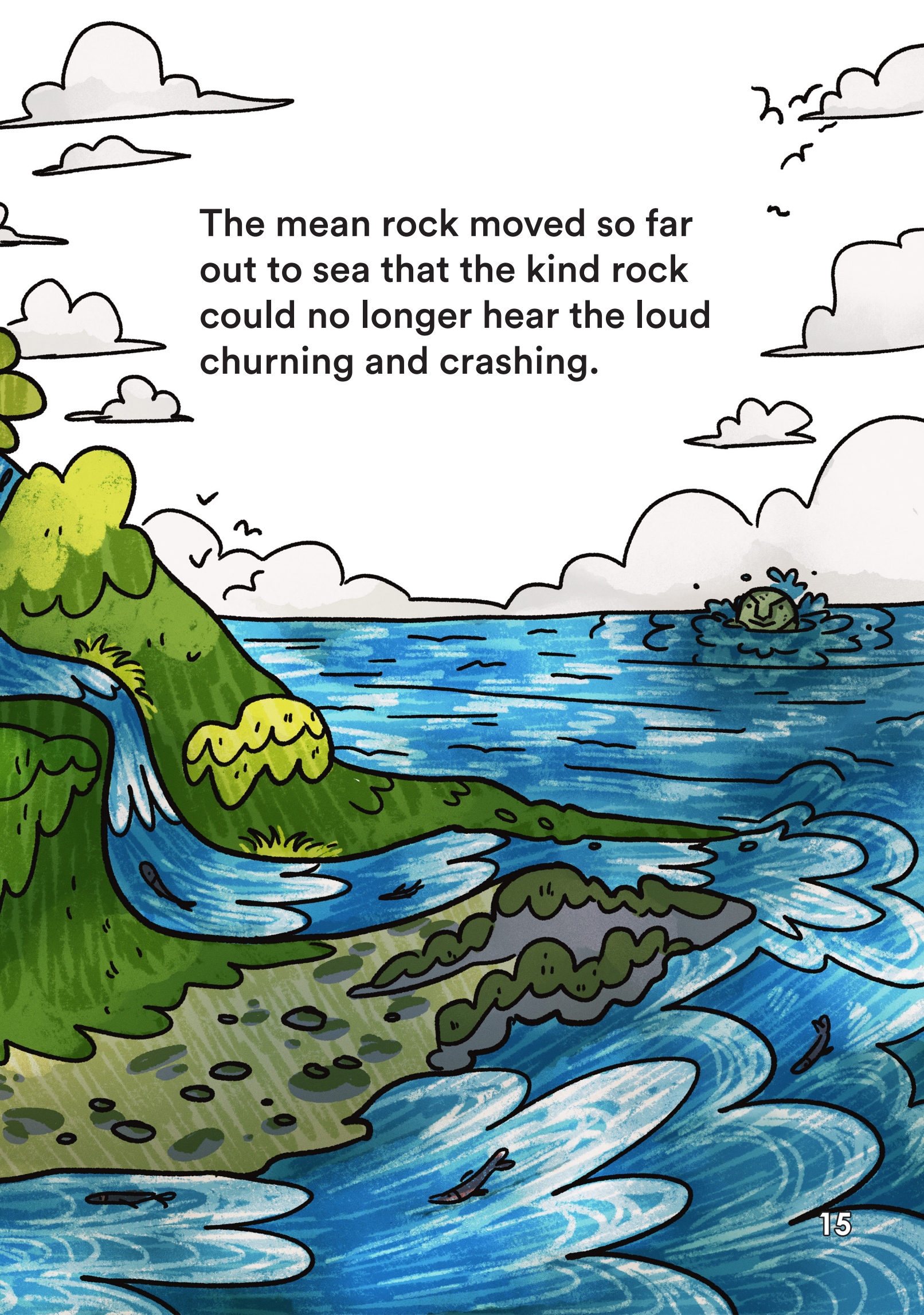


Sh!.....

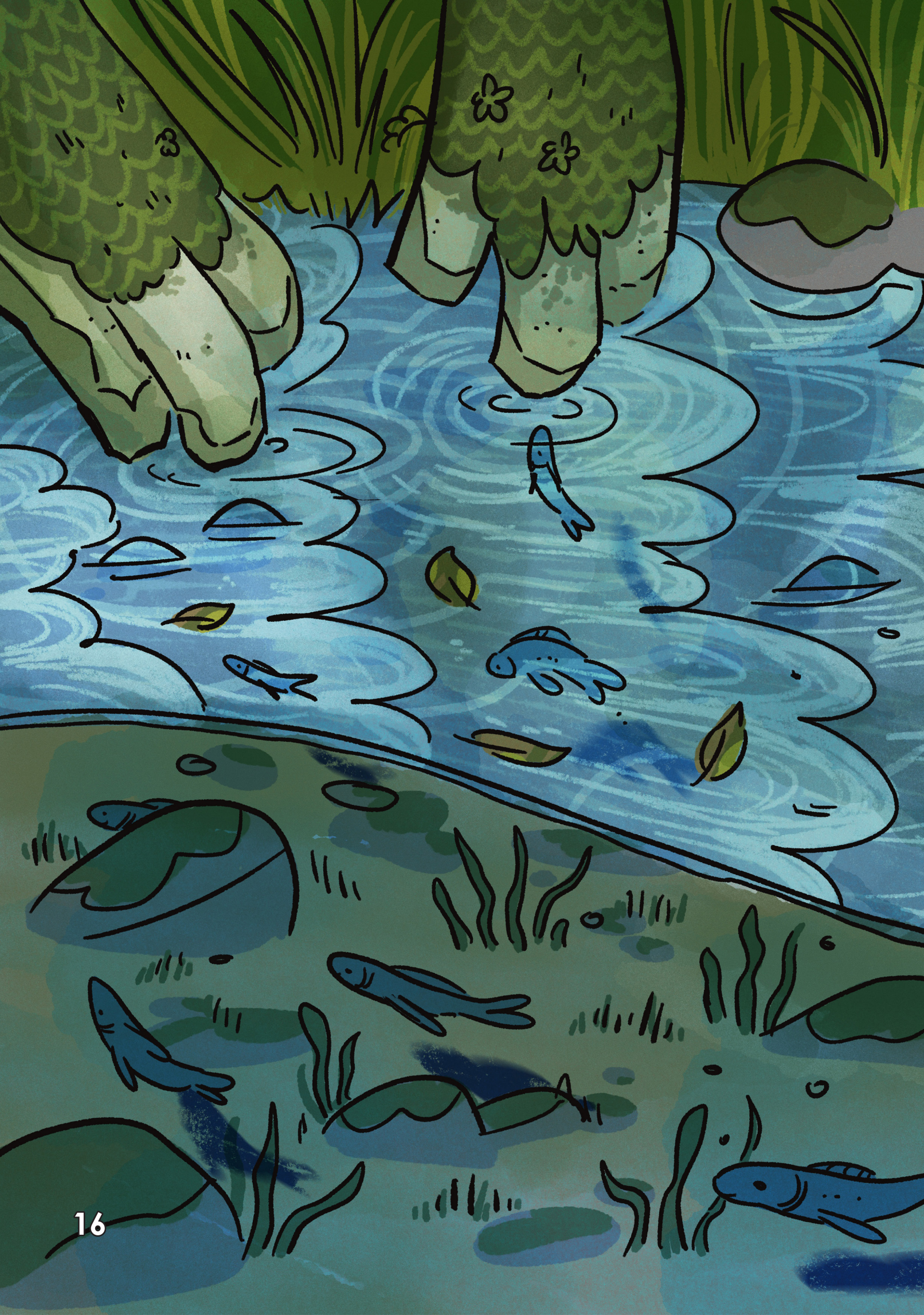
“Not far enough!” said the kind rock.







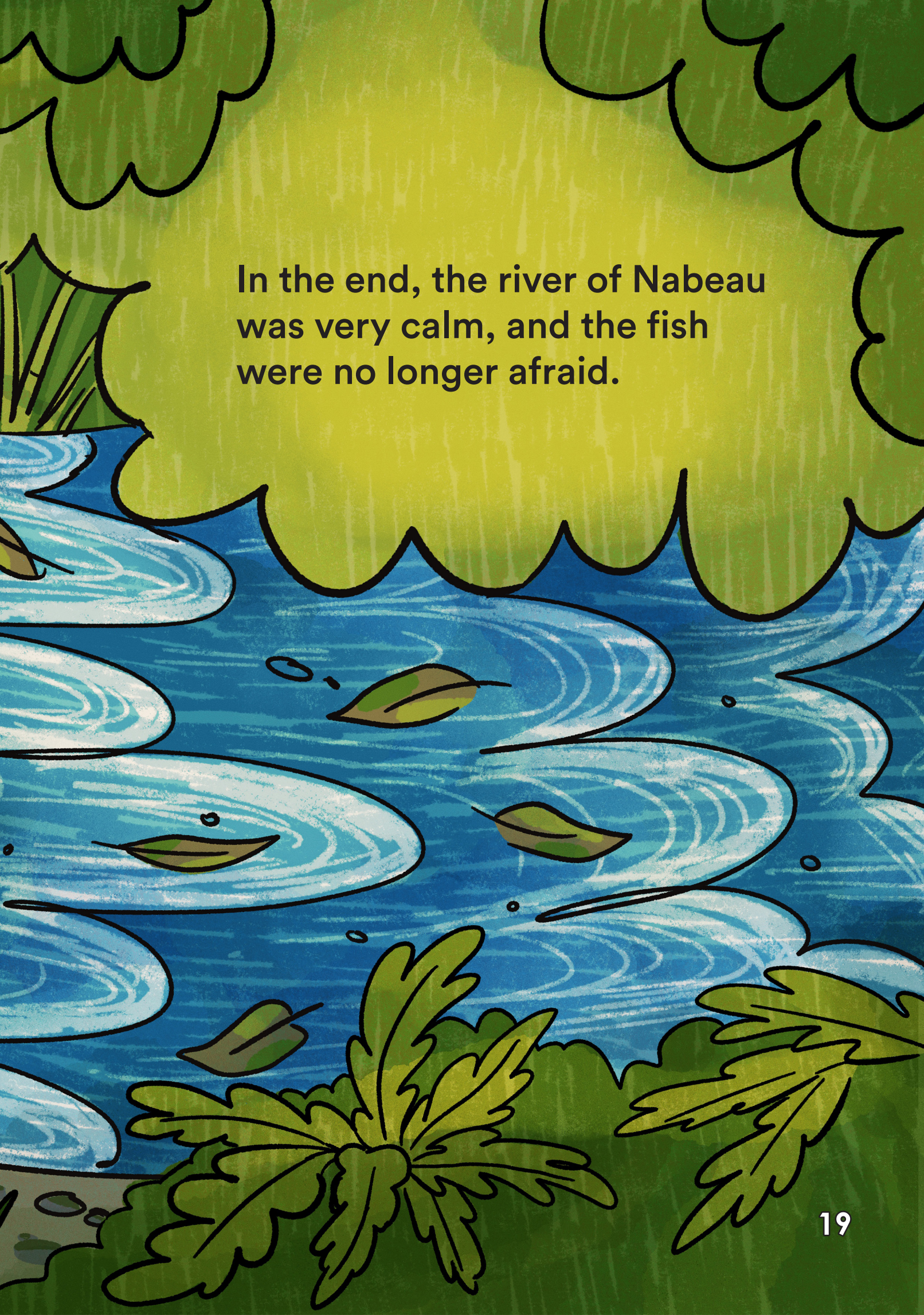
The mean rock moved so far
out to sea that the kind rock
could no longer hear the loud
churning and crashing.



“You stay there, and never
come back to Nabeau,”
said the kind rock.







In the end, the river of Nabeau
was very calm, and the fish
were no longer afraid.

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



Why did the kind rock want the mean rock to leave?



How did the mean rock scare the fish?

**Why did the rock's sound get quieter
as it went further away?**



**What kind of rivers, noisy or calm,
have you seen?**



**Walk to some water near your home
or school. Can you hear the sound?
Is it peaceful or noisy?**

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Abong Joslyn was born on Malekula Island and now lives in Port Vila. Abong loves to go out gathering with her family. As a child, Abong's favourite stories were custom stories. She wants to encourage reading by writing children's stories.



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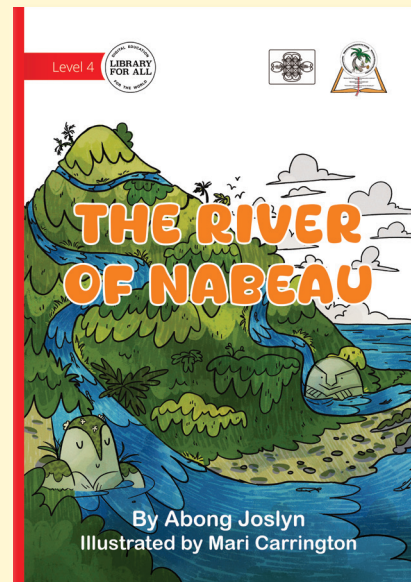
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In the river of Nabeau there are two rocks, one is kind, and one is mean. The kind rock makes the mean rock move further and further away from Nabeau until they can't hear it anymore.



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