



Rukma!

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Art by Vandana Bist



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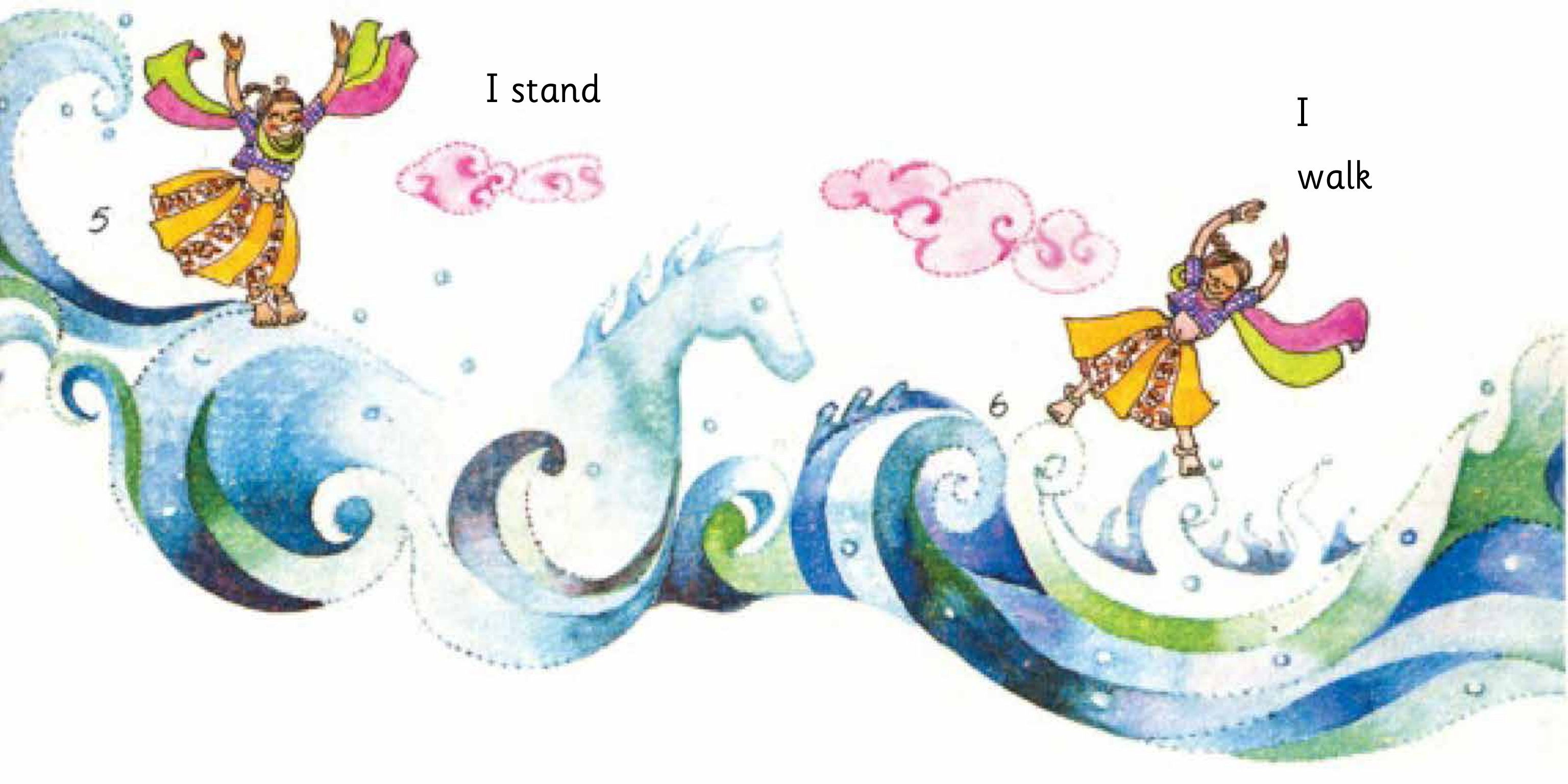


I dream every day
about my friend,
the waves!



I stand

I
walk

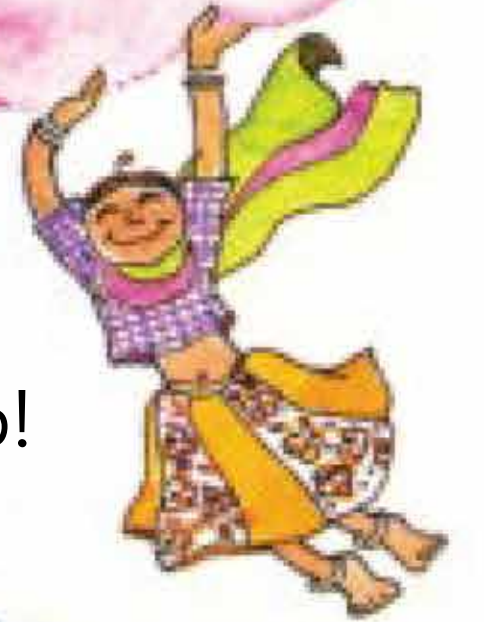




I swim



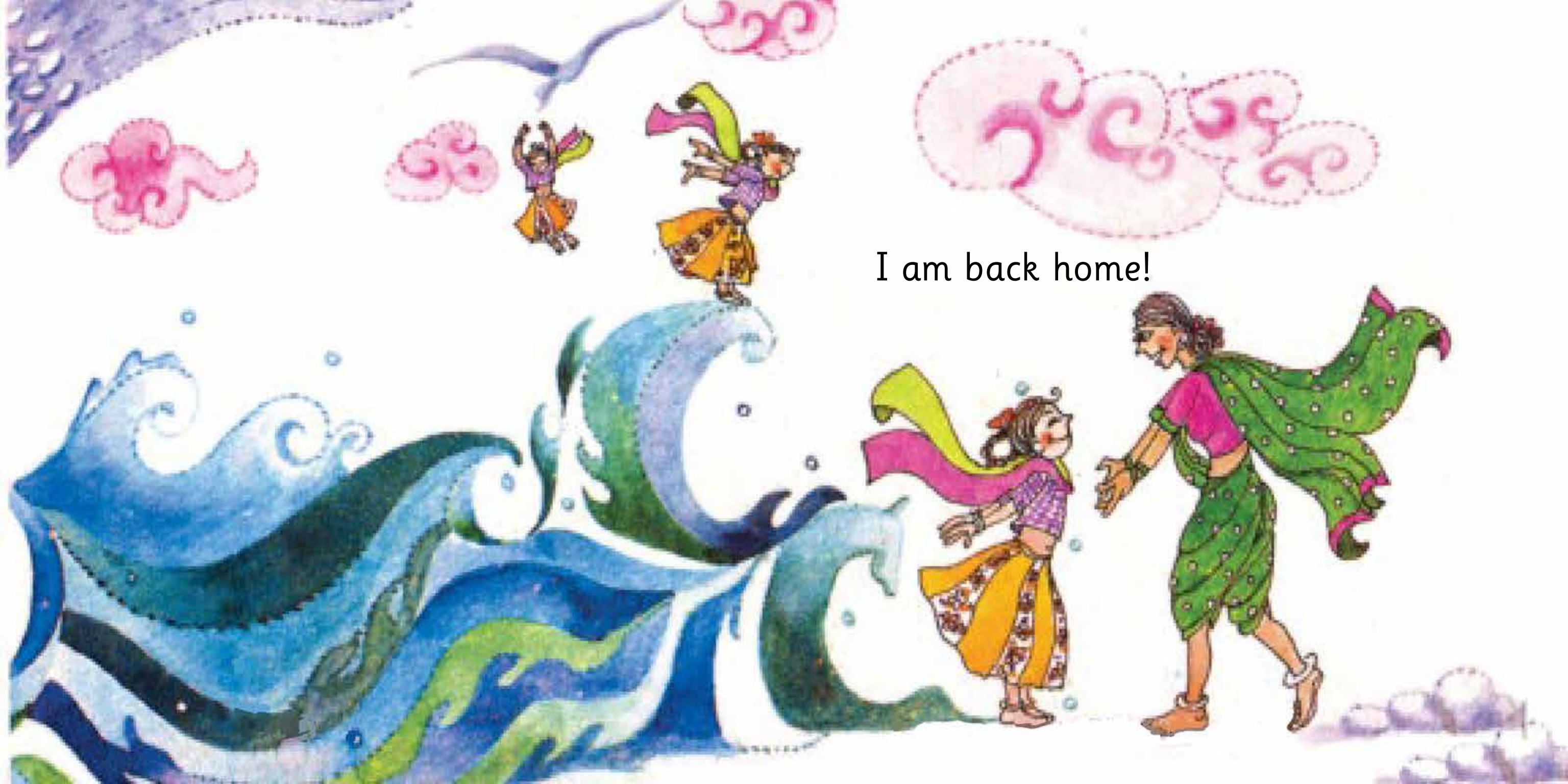
I jump!



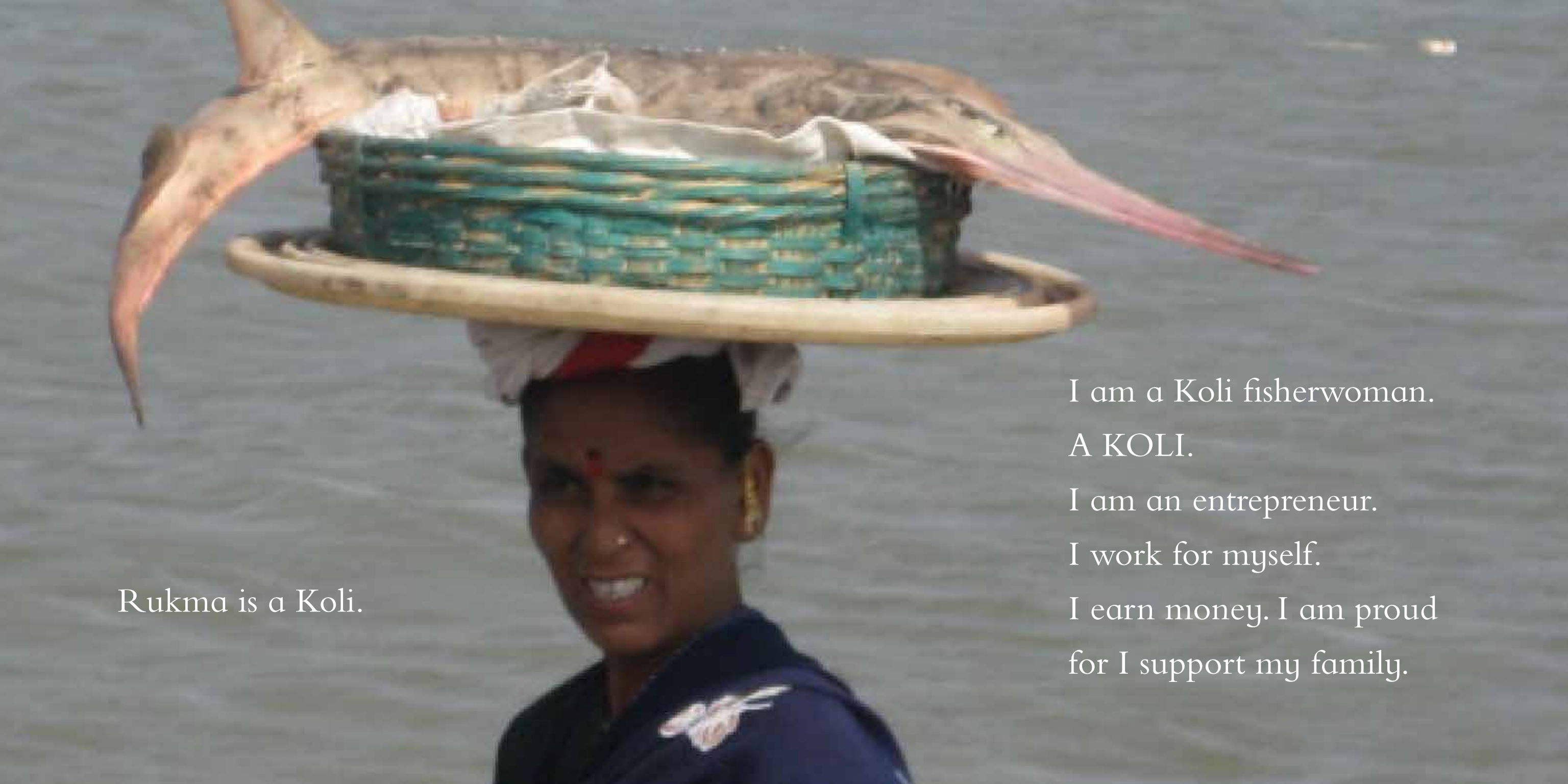


I fly





I am back home!



Rukma is a Koli.

I am a Koli fisherwoman.
A KOLI.

I am an entrepreneur.

I work for myself.

I earn money. I am proud
for I support my family.



I am a Koli. I fish.

I love fish. I sell fish.

So, I am not poor.

But the Arabian sea is a sad place.

So much pollution.

School children are smart.

Can you help us live safely and well?

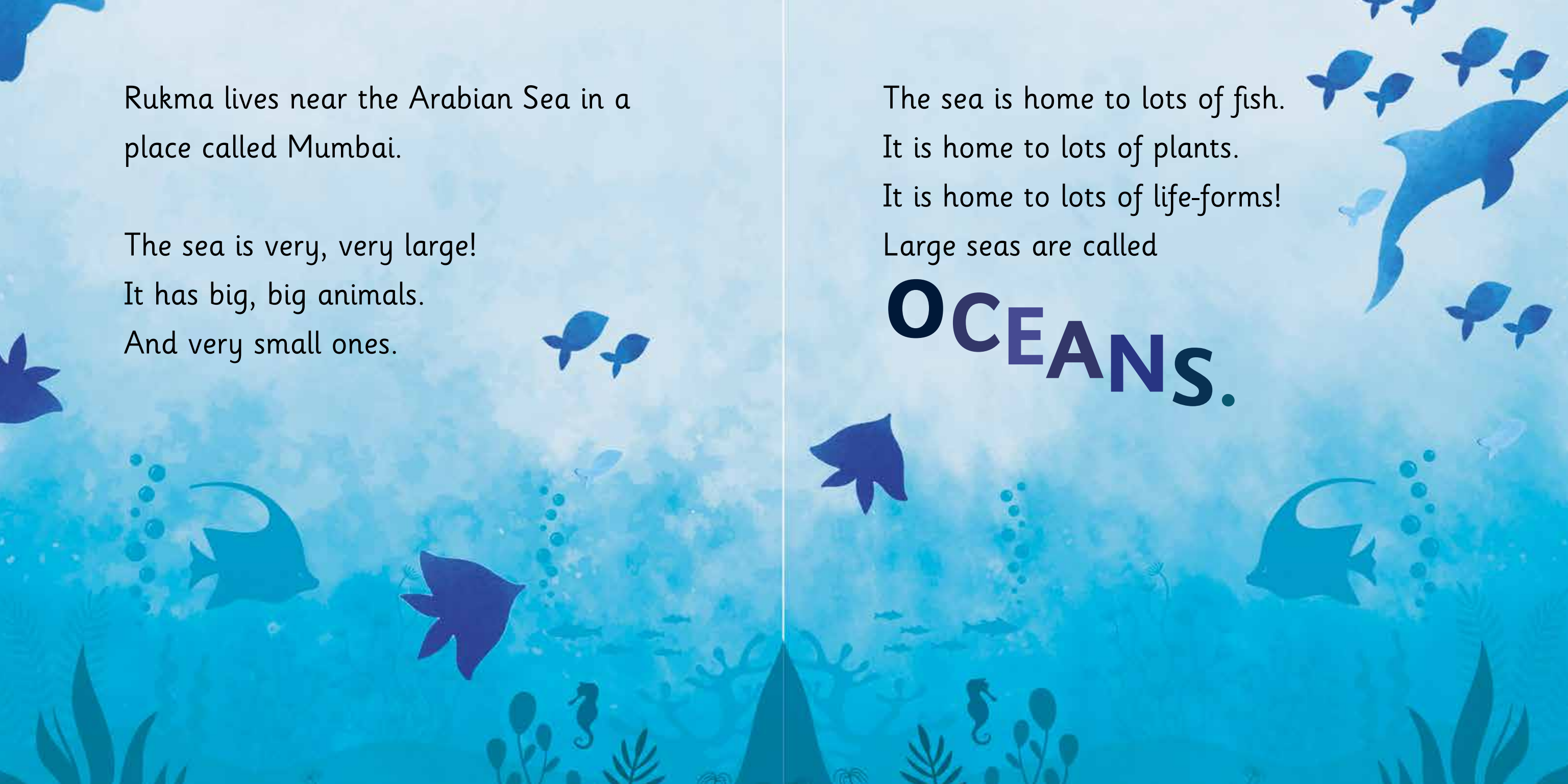


Rukma lives near the Arabian Sea in a place called Mumbai.

The sea is very, very large!
It has big, big animals.
And very small ones.

The sea is home to lots of fish.
It is home to lots of plants.
It is home to lots of life-forms!
Large seas are called

OCEANS.



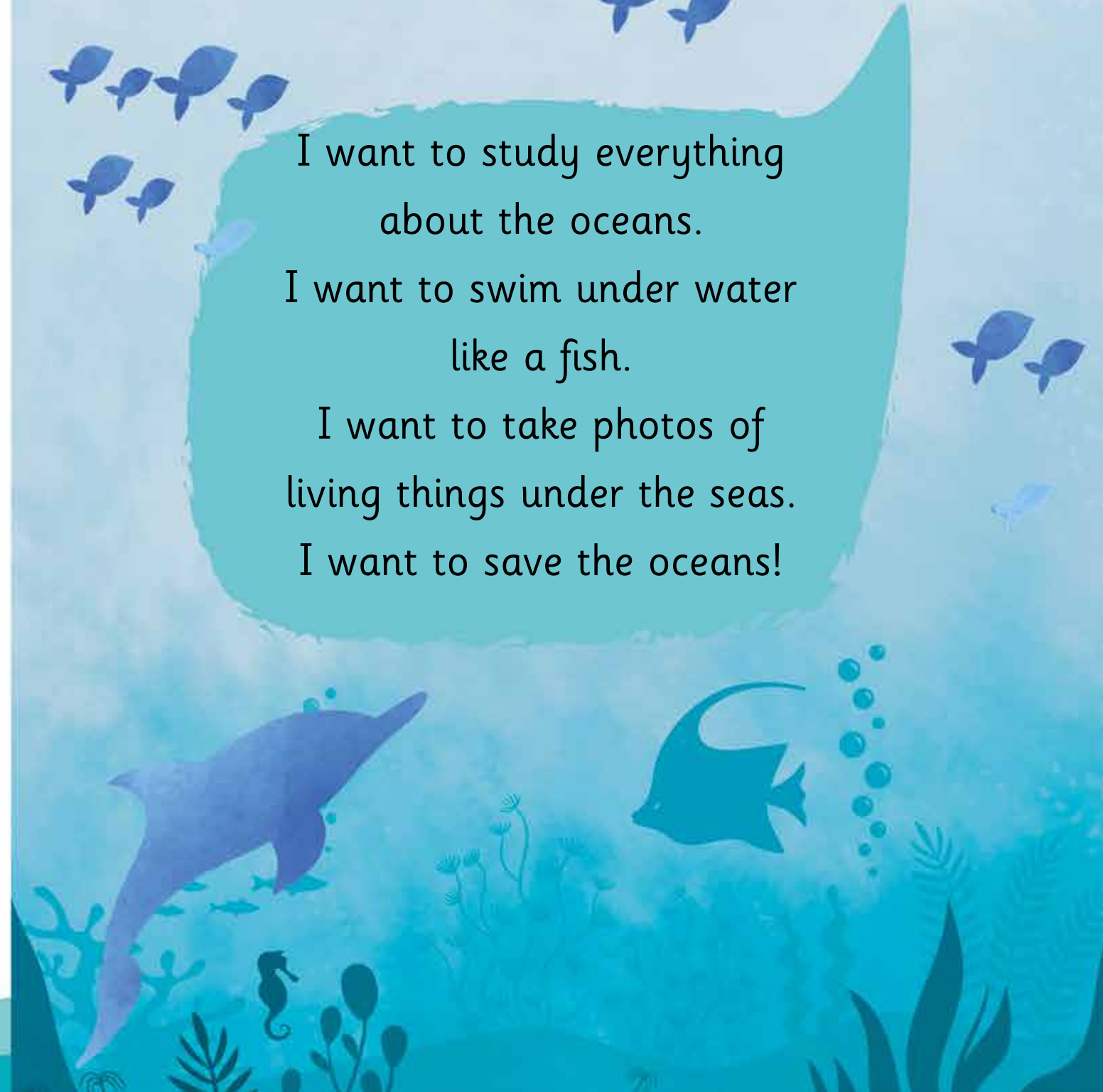
Rukma's Dream

I want to
be a
marine
biologist.

Say
Muh-reen
By-o-lo-gist



I want to study everything
about the oceans.
I want to swim under water
like a fish.
I want to take photos of
living things under the seas.
I want to save the oceans!



When you grow up,
what problem do you
want to solve?



Geeta Dharmarajan loves writing for children. She received the Padma Shri in 2012 for her work in literature and education.

Vandana Bist is a well-known Indian artist and writer known for her beautiful use of detail in her drawings. She has won many national and international awards.

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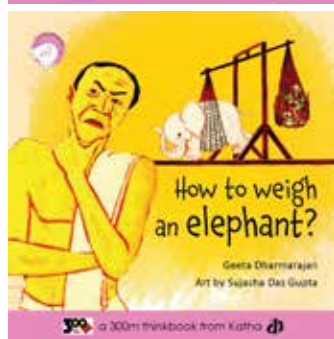
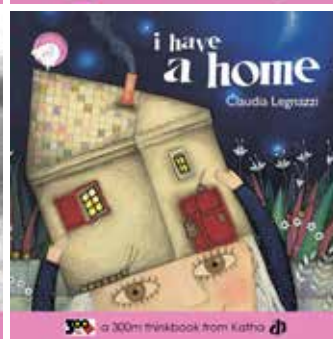
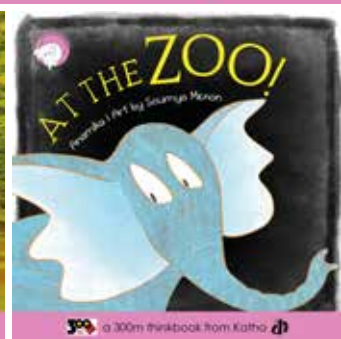
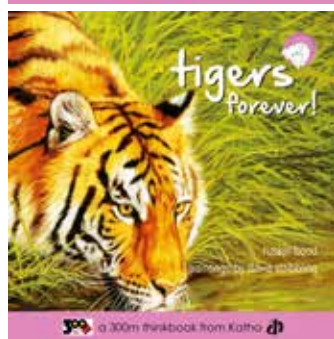
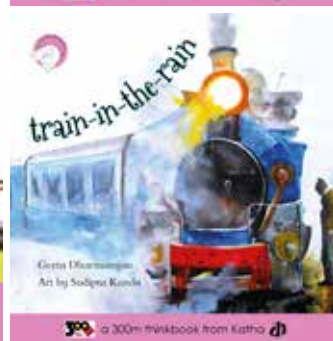
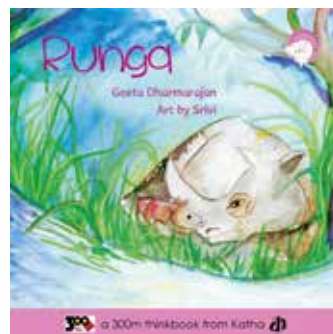
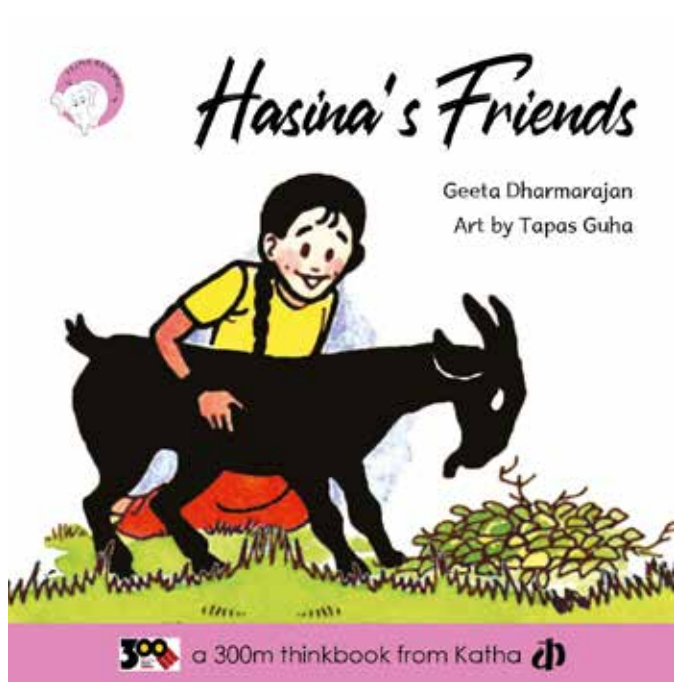
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