

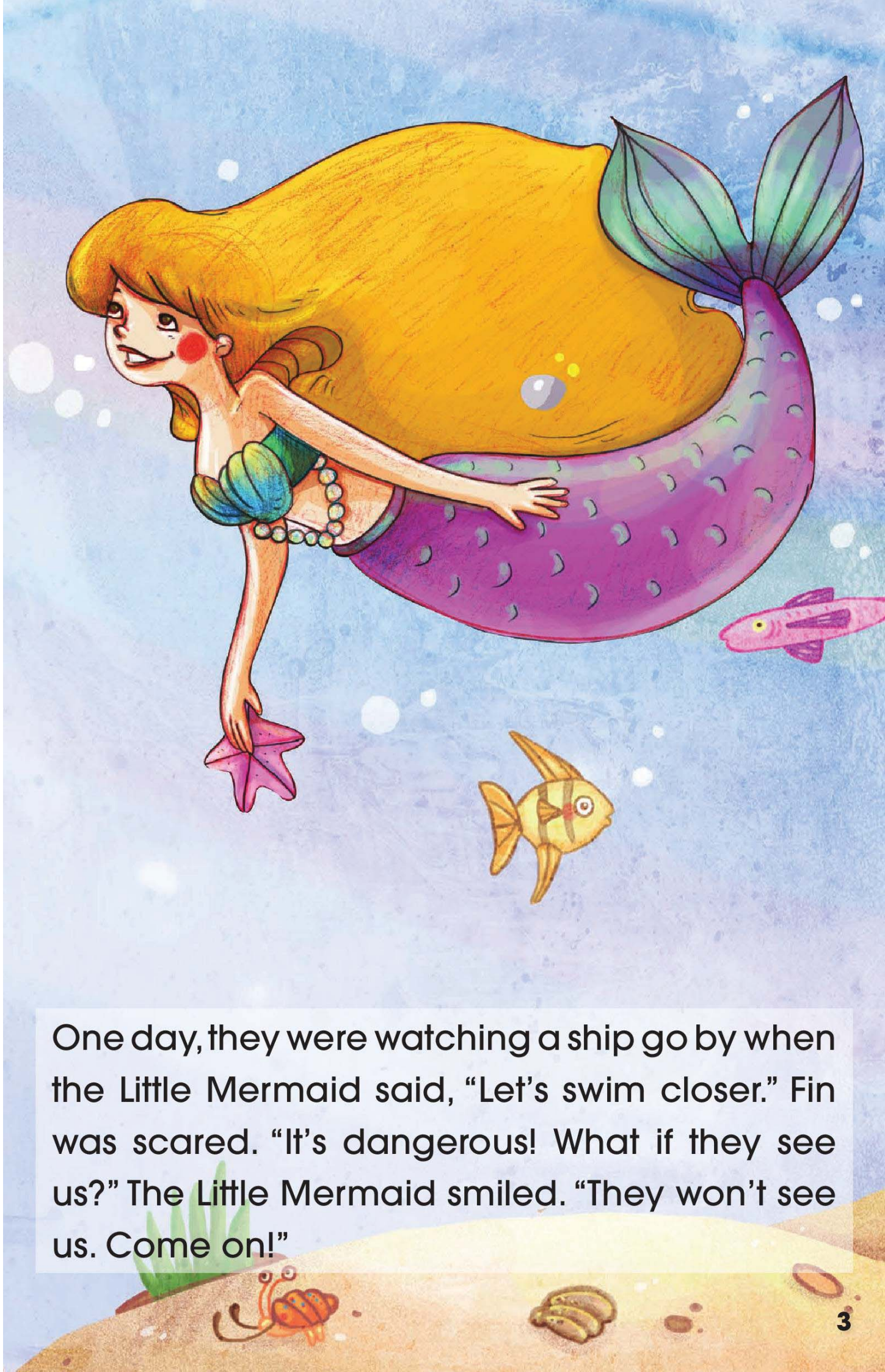
The Little Mermaid





A long time ago, there lived a Little Mermaid under the sea. The Little Mermaid's best friend was a dolphin. His name was Fin. They loved to watch the ships go by.





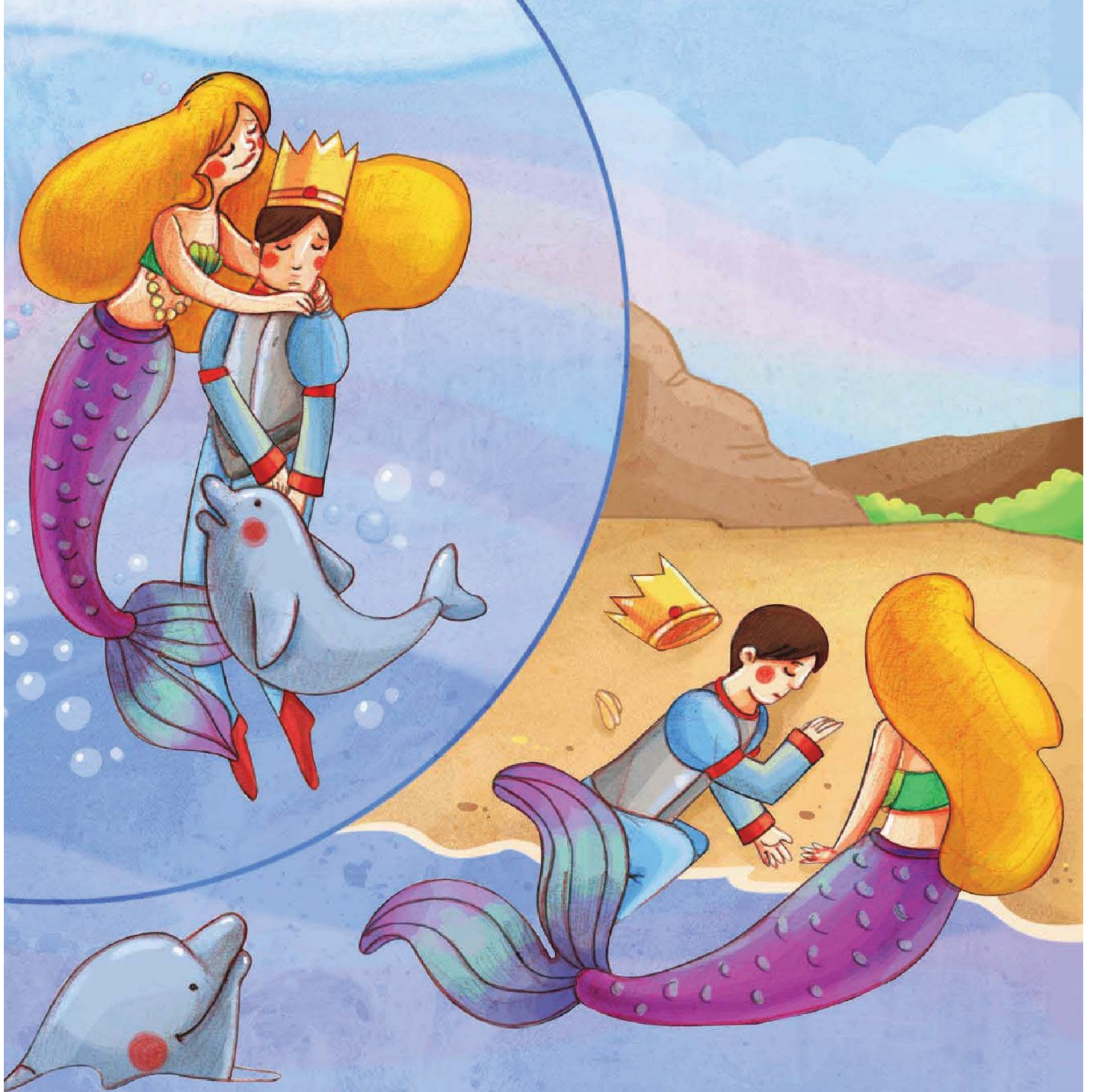
One day, they were watching a ship go by when the Little Mermaid said, "Let's swim closer." Fin was scared. "It's dangerous! What if they see us?" The Little Mermaid smiled. "They won't see us. Come on!"



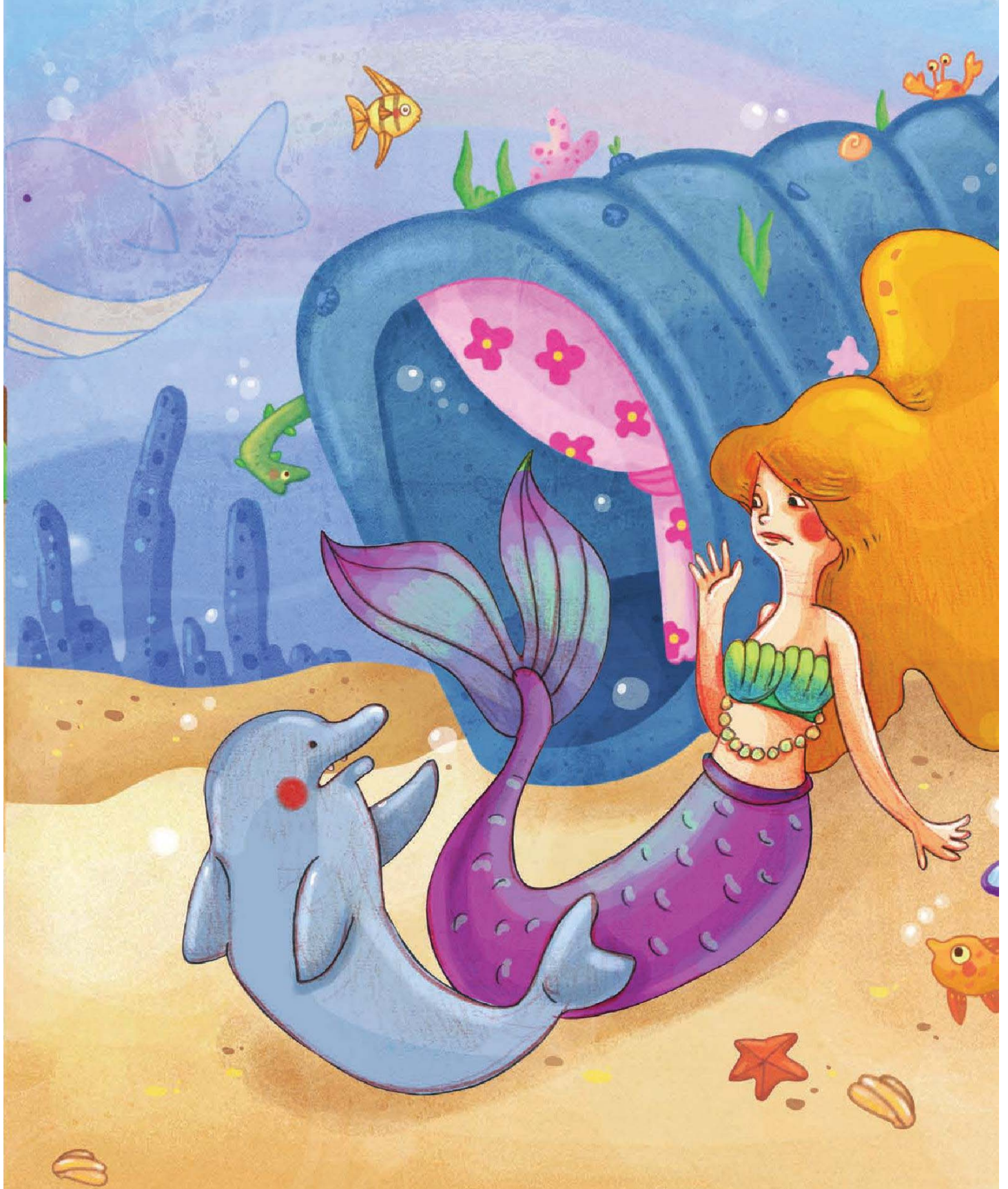
They swam closer to the ship. The Little Mermaid looked up. She saw a tall Prince standing on the ship's deck. He was laughing with the other sailors. The Little Mermaid whispered to Fin, "They look like they are having so much fun." The Little Mermaid wished she could have a human friend.



The clouds started to change from blue to grey. Fin frowned. “We should go home. There’s a storm coming.” The Little Mermaid looked up at the sky. The sound of thunder echoed. The waves got bigger and bigger, and the sky got darker. It started to rain. The ship rocked up and down. The ship rocked all around. Suddenly, the ship started to sink.



The Little Mermaid was worried. "We have to help him!" She swam and swam until she found the Prince. He was drowning. Fin and the Little Mermaid helped the Prince to shore. The Prince was cold and tired. He thought he was dreaming.



The Little Mermaid said to Fin, "I want to see the Prince again." Fin frowned. "You are a mermaid, not a human." The Little Mermaid looked at her tail. "I wish I had legs." She felt sad.



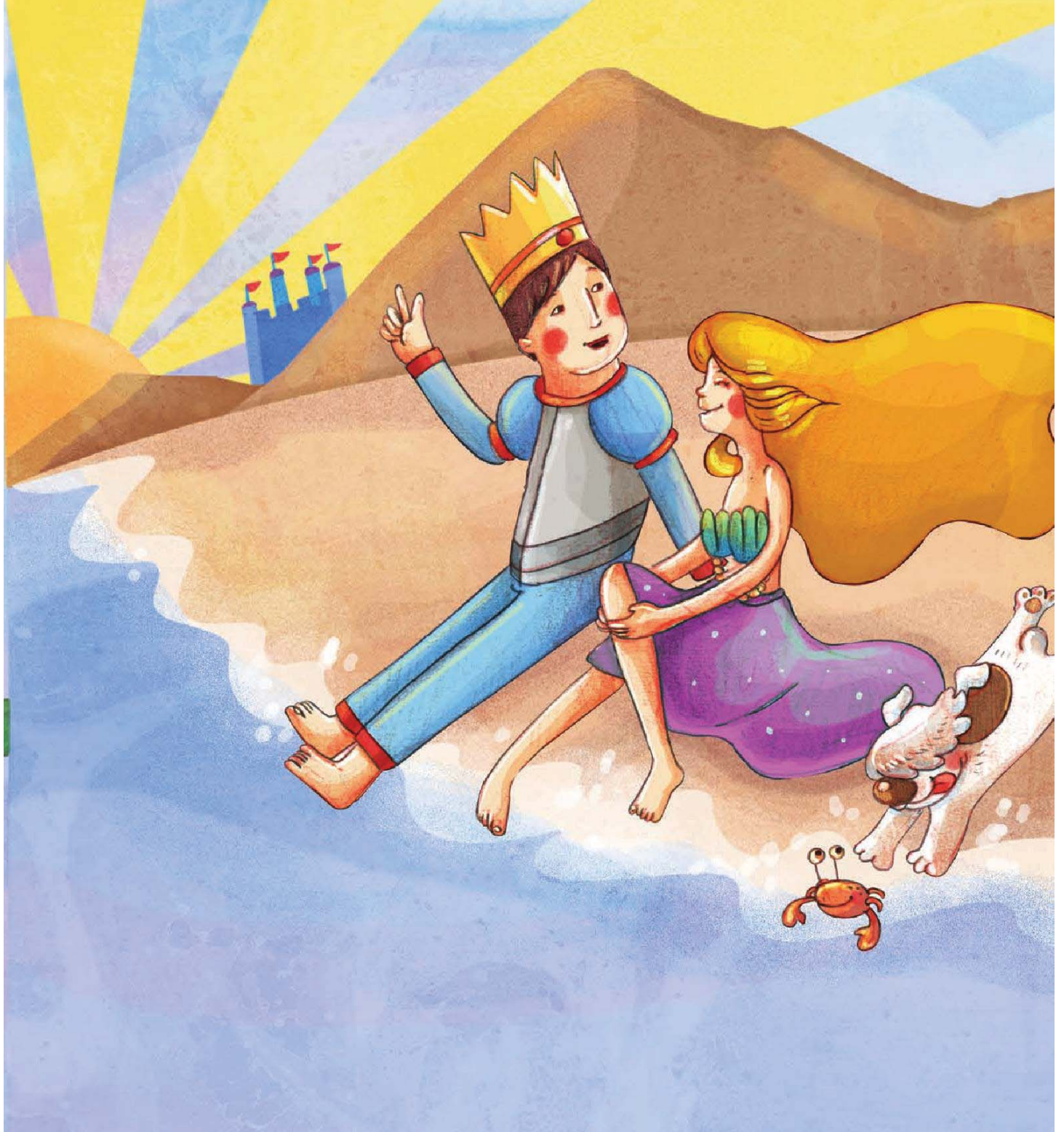
In the deep sea, there lived a strange sea creature. Her name was Odessa, and she had magic powers. One day, the Little Mermaid went to see her. The Little Mermaid said, "Please help me! I wish to have legs like a human. I want to see the Prince again."



Odessa gave the Little Mermaid a magic potion. Suddenly, her fish tail turned into legs. Odessa said, "You will have legs for one day only."



The Little Mermaid didn't know how to swim with her new legs. Fin helped her onto the shore. He frowned and said, "I'm going to miss you." The Little Mermaid smiled. "I promise I'll be back when the clock strikes twelve."



The Little Mermaid saw the Prince playing with his dog. The Prince saw her and said, "You were the girl that saved me." They talked for hours and hours. The Little Mermaid told him all about her life under the sea. The Prince told her all about his life on land.



The clock struck twelve, and the Little Mermaid's legs turned back into a fin. The Prince helped her into the water. She asked him, "Will you visit me in your ship one day?" The Prince smiled and said, "Please visit me on the shore!" The Little Mermaid was happy. She had made a human friend.