



# Whoop, Goes the Pufferfish

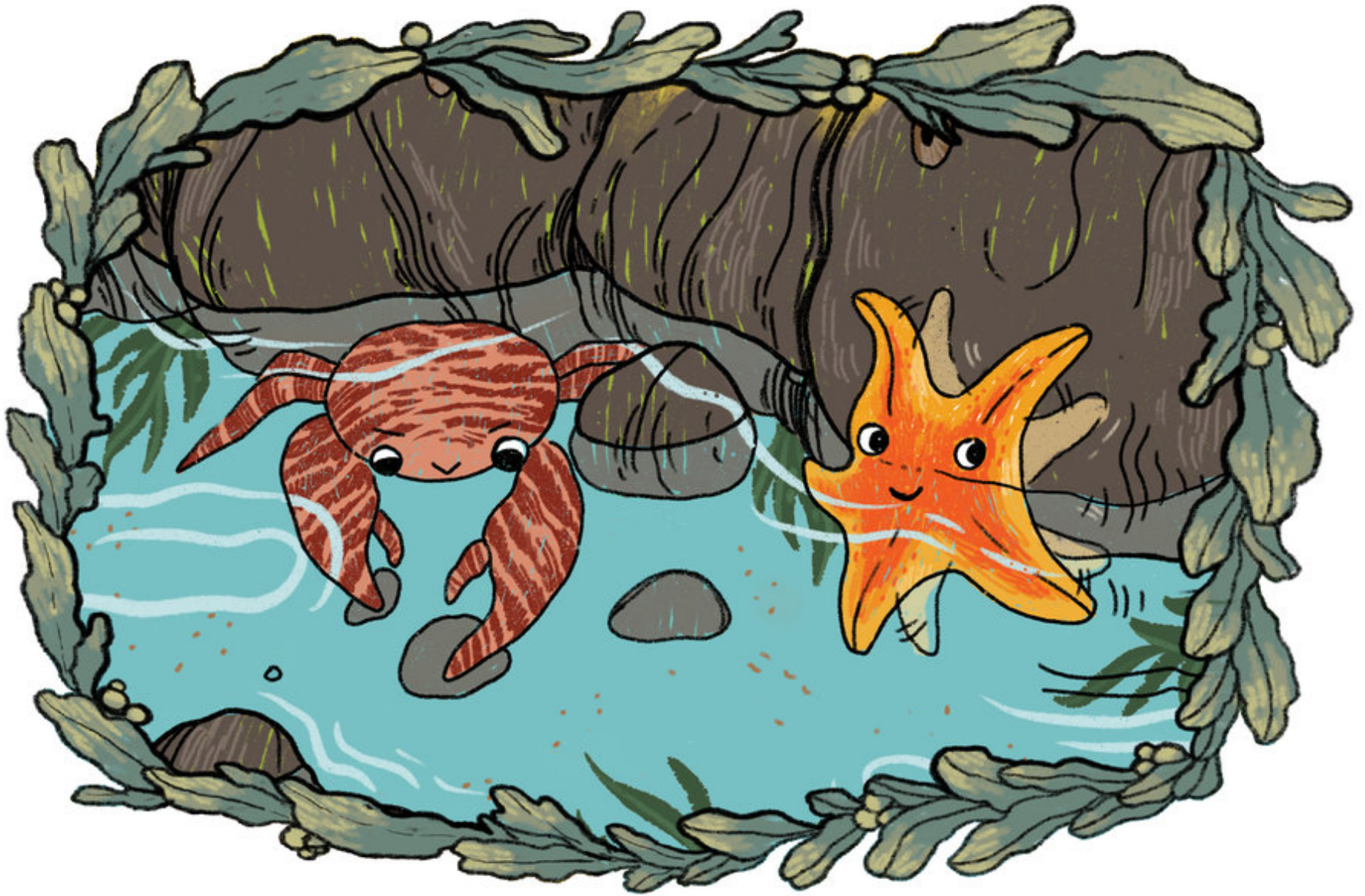
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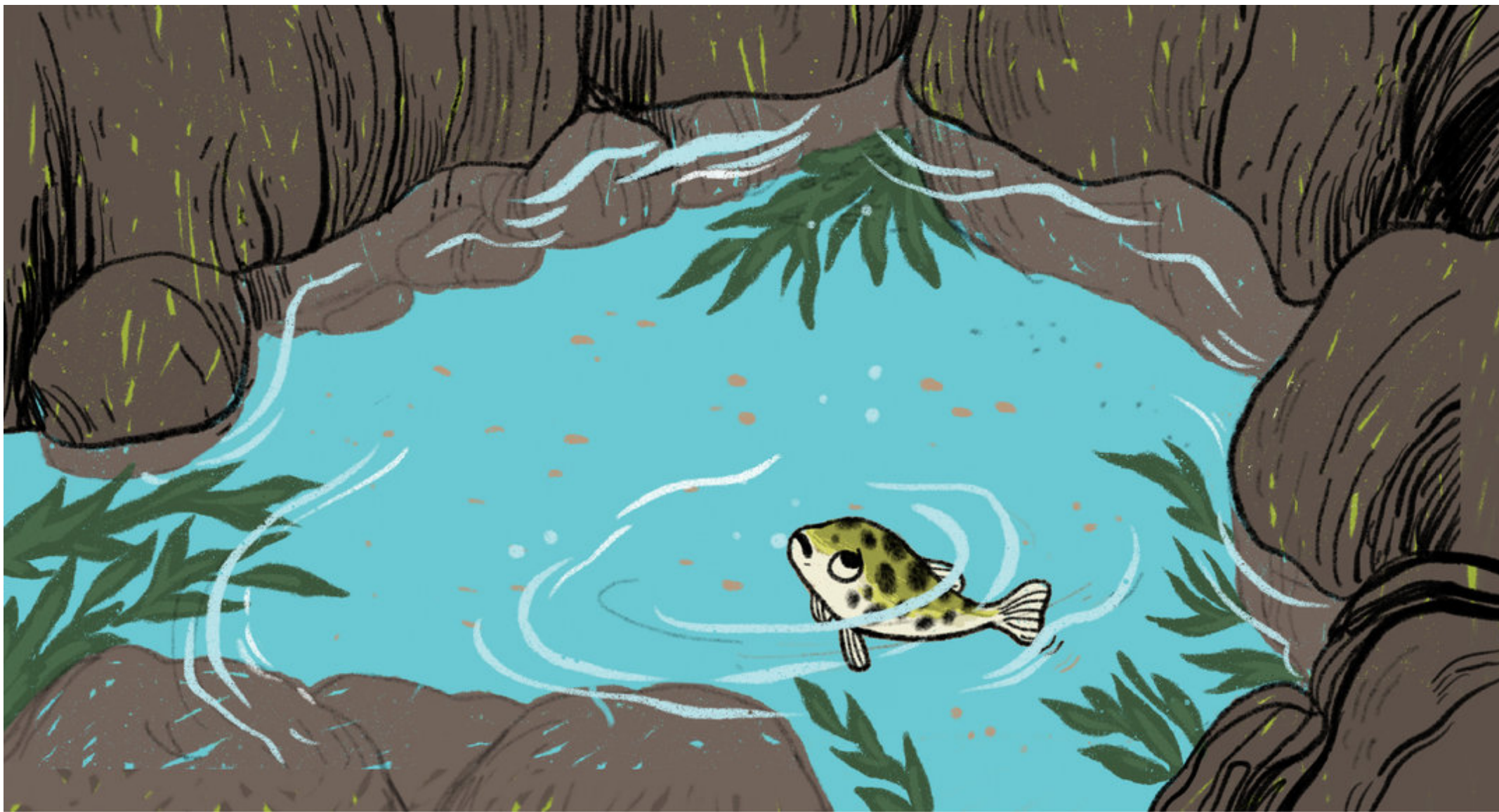
It's a sunny morning at a rocky shore.  
At low tide, all is at peace in a tide pool.



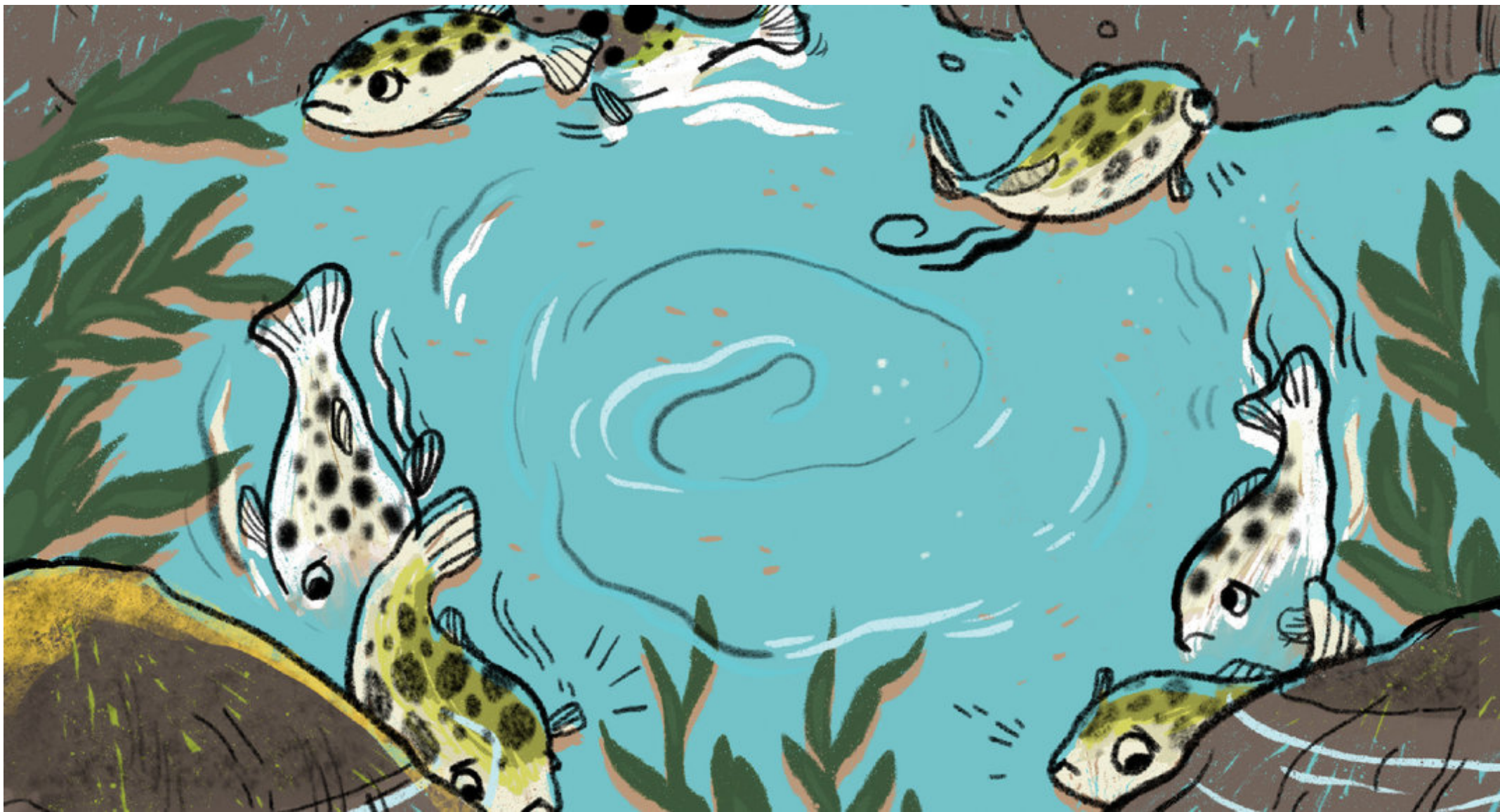


A pink Crab is looking for food.

An orange Starfish is moving s-l-o-w-l-y with its tube feet.



But wait.  
Is all really at peace?  
Oh no! A baby Pufferfish is stuck in the tide pool.

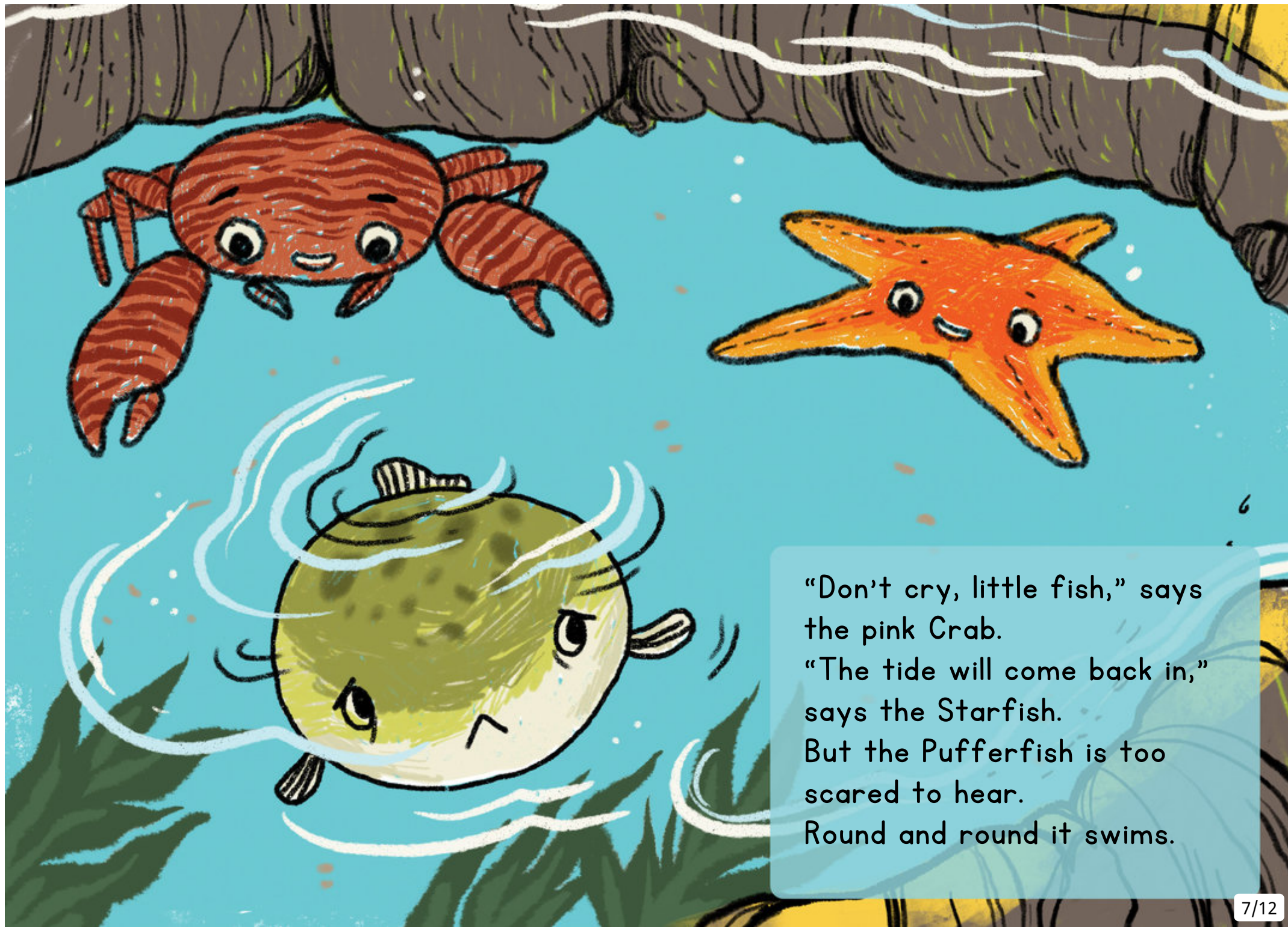


The Pufferfish swims to the left. It bumps into a rock.  
It swims to the right and bumps into a rock.  
It swims here and there. It swims everywhere, but there is no way out.

“HELP! I am stuck!” cries the Pufferfish.

WHOOOP! It puffs up to look big. It swims in circles.





“Don’t cry, little fish,” says  
the pink Crab.  
“The tide will come back in,”  
says the Starfish.  
But the Pufferfish is too  
scared to hear.  
Round and round it swims.



“WHO IS MAKING ALL THIS NOISE?”

A big Octopus swims into the pool from under a rock.  
The Pufferfish looks with big eyes.



“You can’t get out if the tide is low,” says the Octopus.  
“At high tide, the water will cover all the rocks. You can swim back home to the sea.”



The Pufferfish is happy. It waits.  
In time, water flows under the pink Crab's rock. It flows over the Starfish.  
It flows into the tide pools.  
The water rises. The Pufferfish rises with it.

Finally, the baby Pufferfish can swim  
over the rocks. It is so happy!  
"Thank you, friends!" it calls out.  
Pufferfish swims away into the sea.

"Goodbye, little one. Swim safe."



## What is a tide pool?

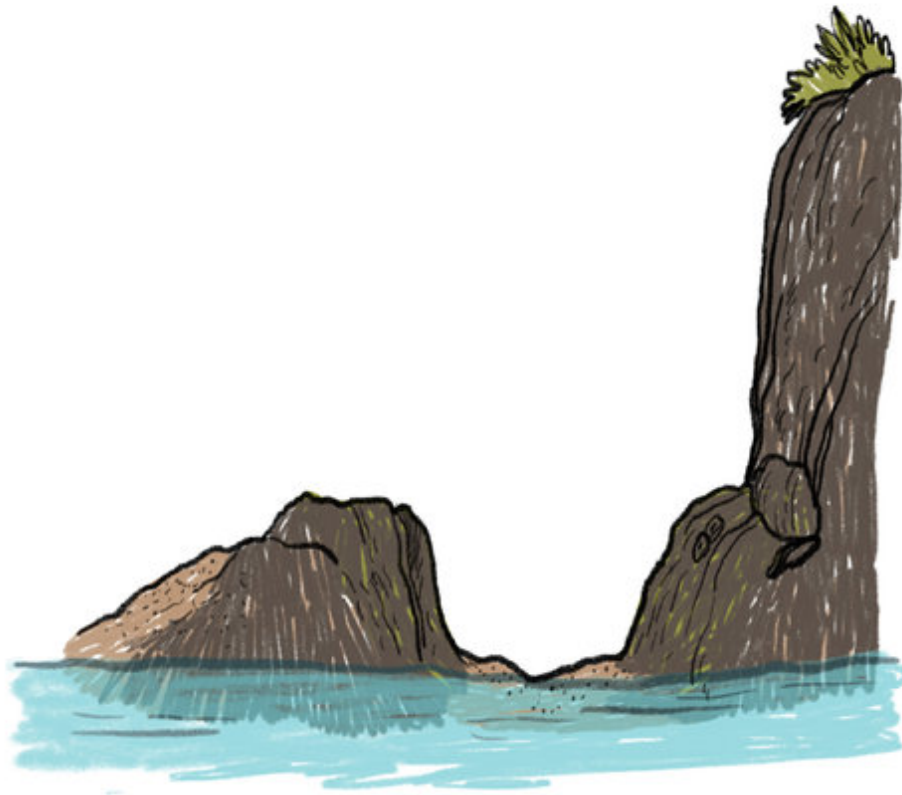
Tide pools are shallow pools of seawater on rocky shores.

You find these at low tide when the rest of the water has flowed back into the sea.

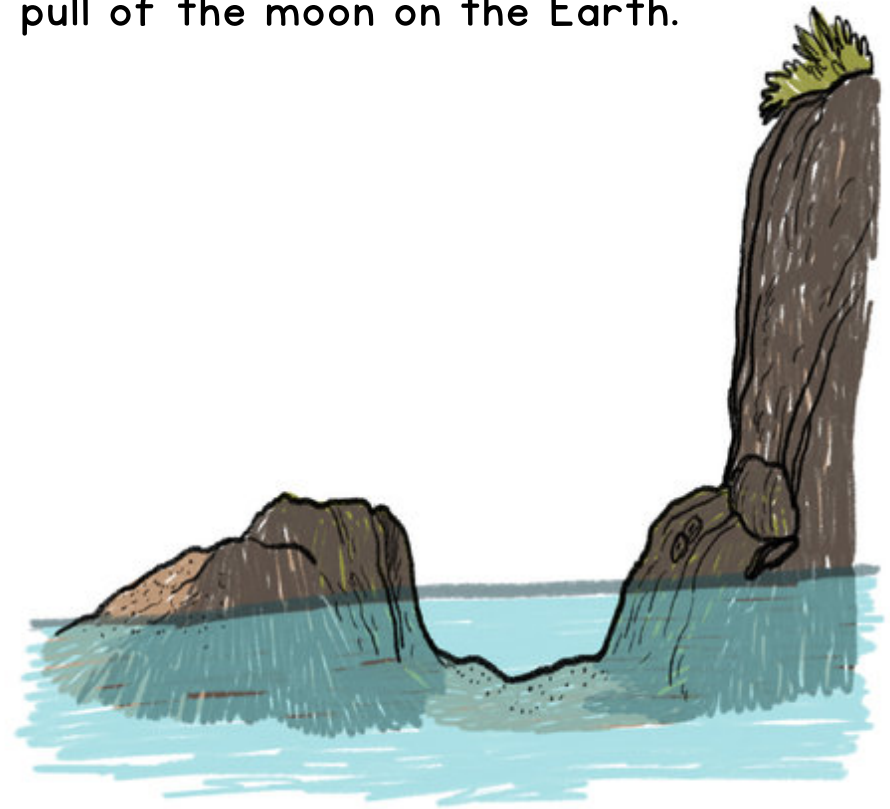
Tide pools are in the intertidal zone, the part of the beach only seen at low tide.

## Low Tide, High Tide

Low tide is when the water flows back far into the sea.



High tide is when the water covers most of the shore. Tides are caused by the gravitational pull of the moon on the Earth.





**Pufferfish Skeleton**

**Pufferfish can puff up their bodies which creates little points all over their bodies.**

**If you were to touch it, it would hurt!**

**This helps protect a pufferfish from danger like predators, other animals that may want to eat them.**

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