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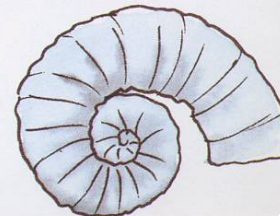
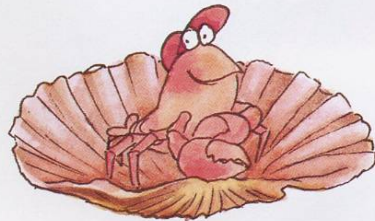
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This shell is for
John and Delores,
our touchstones
—R. K.



For Abe Reuben
—Y. A.

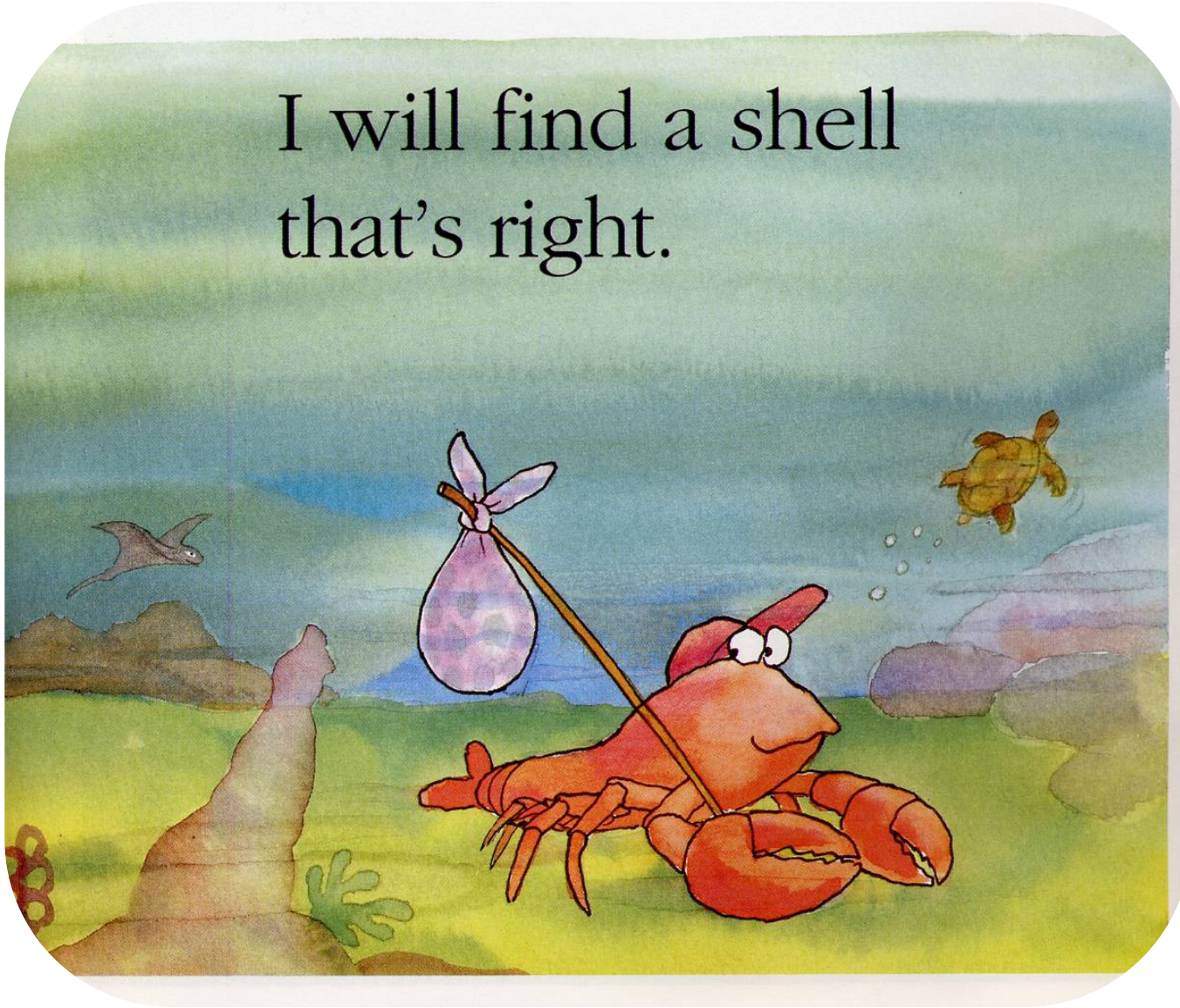


This shell is snug.
This shell is tight.





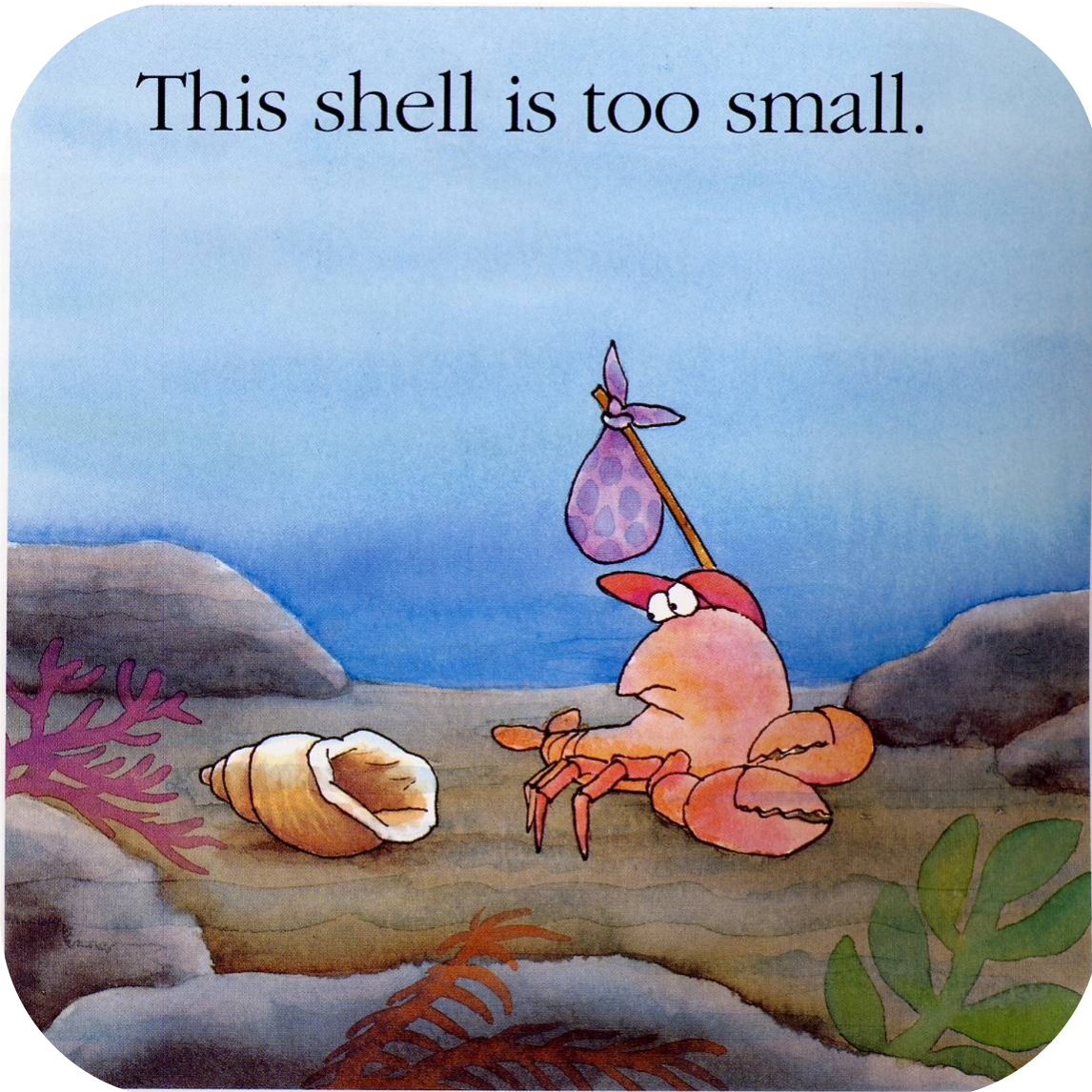
I will find a shell
that's right.

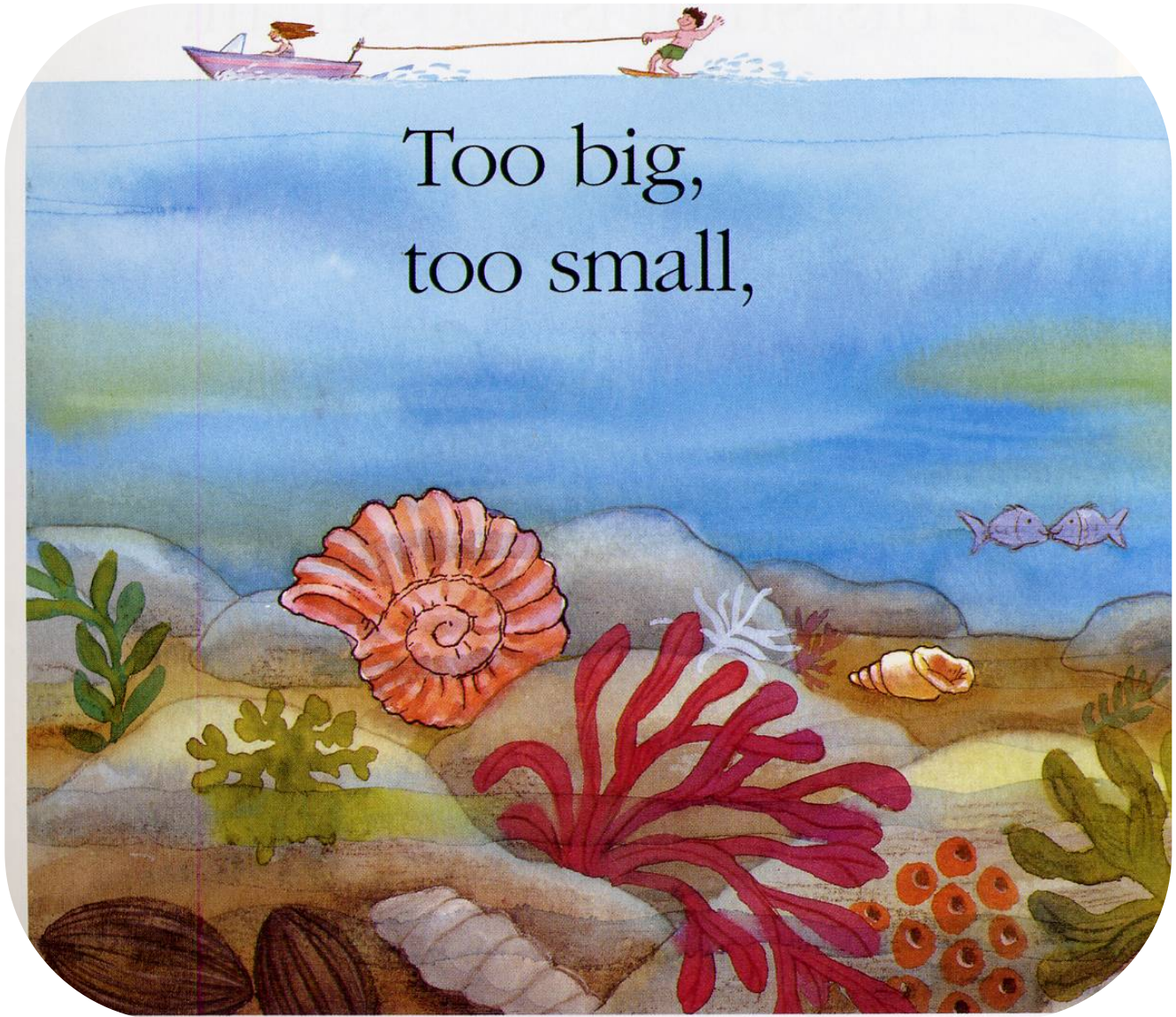


This shell is too big.



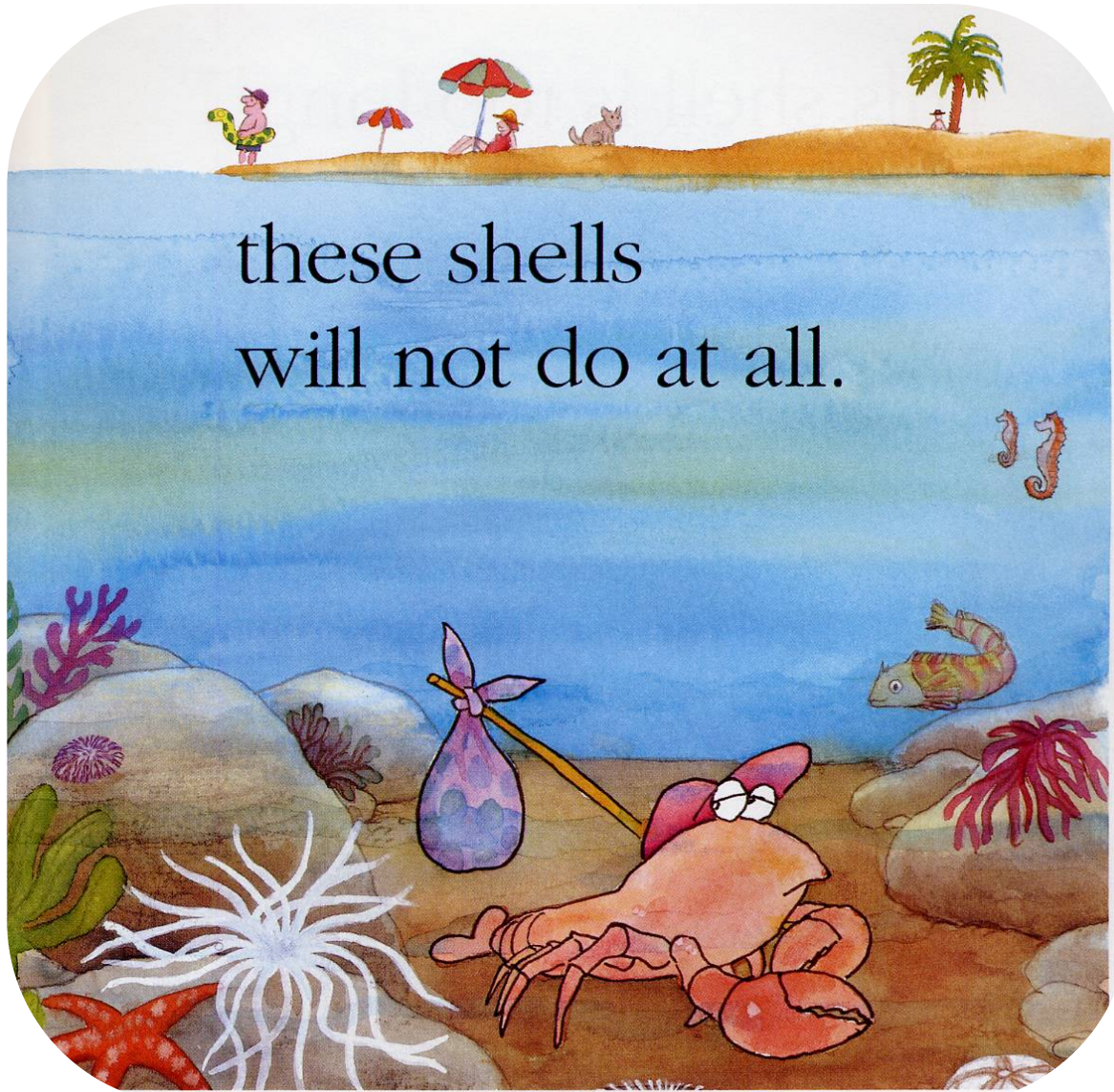
This shell is too small.





Too big,
too small,

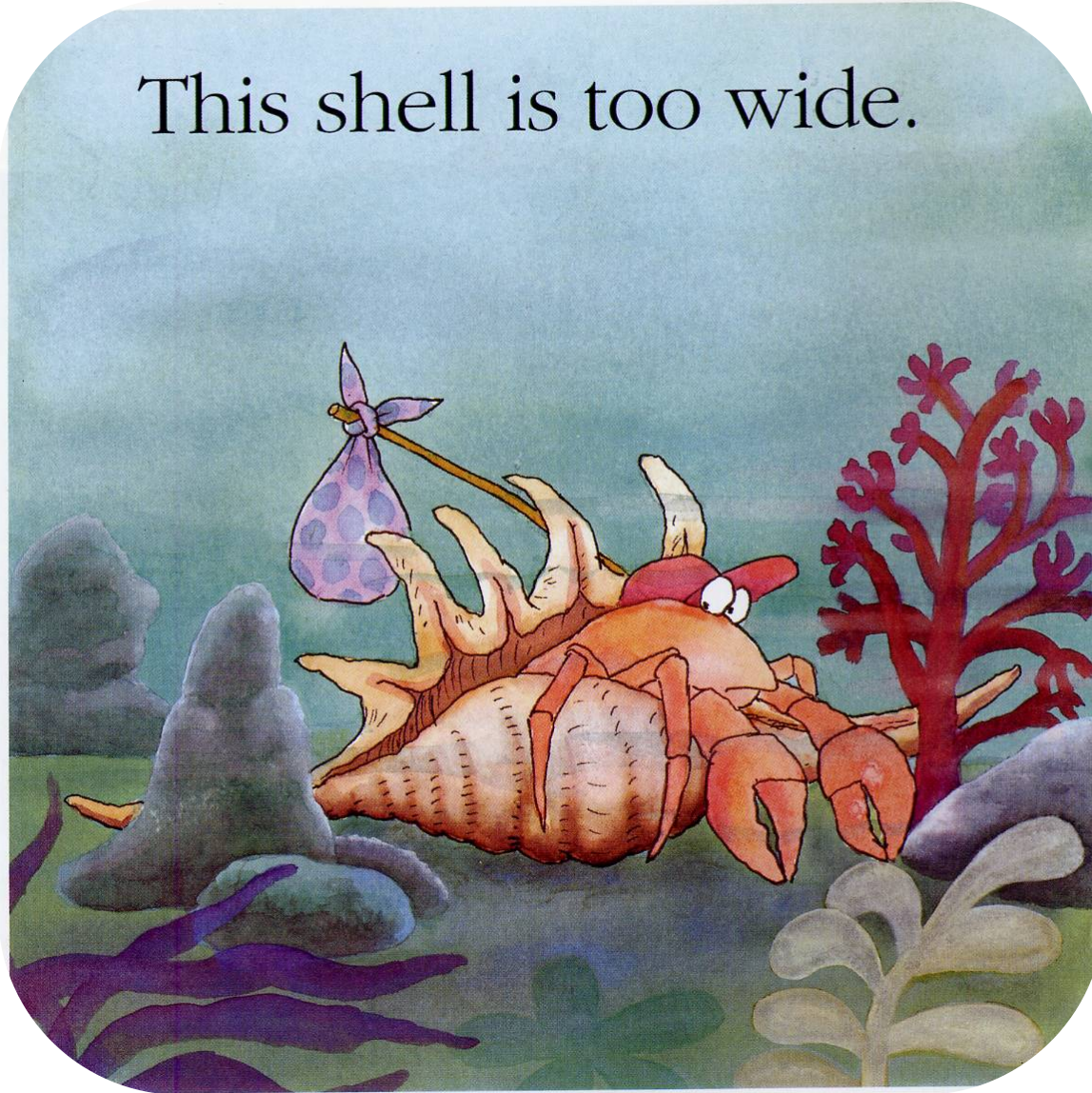
these shells
will not do at all.



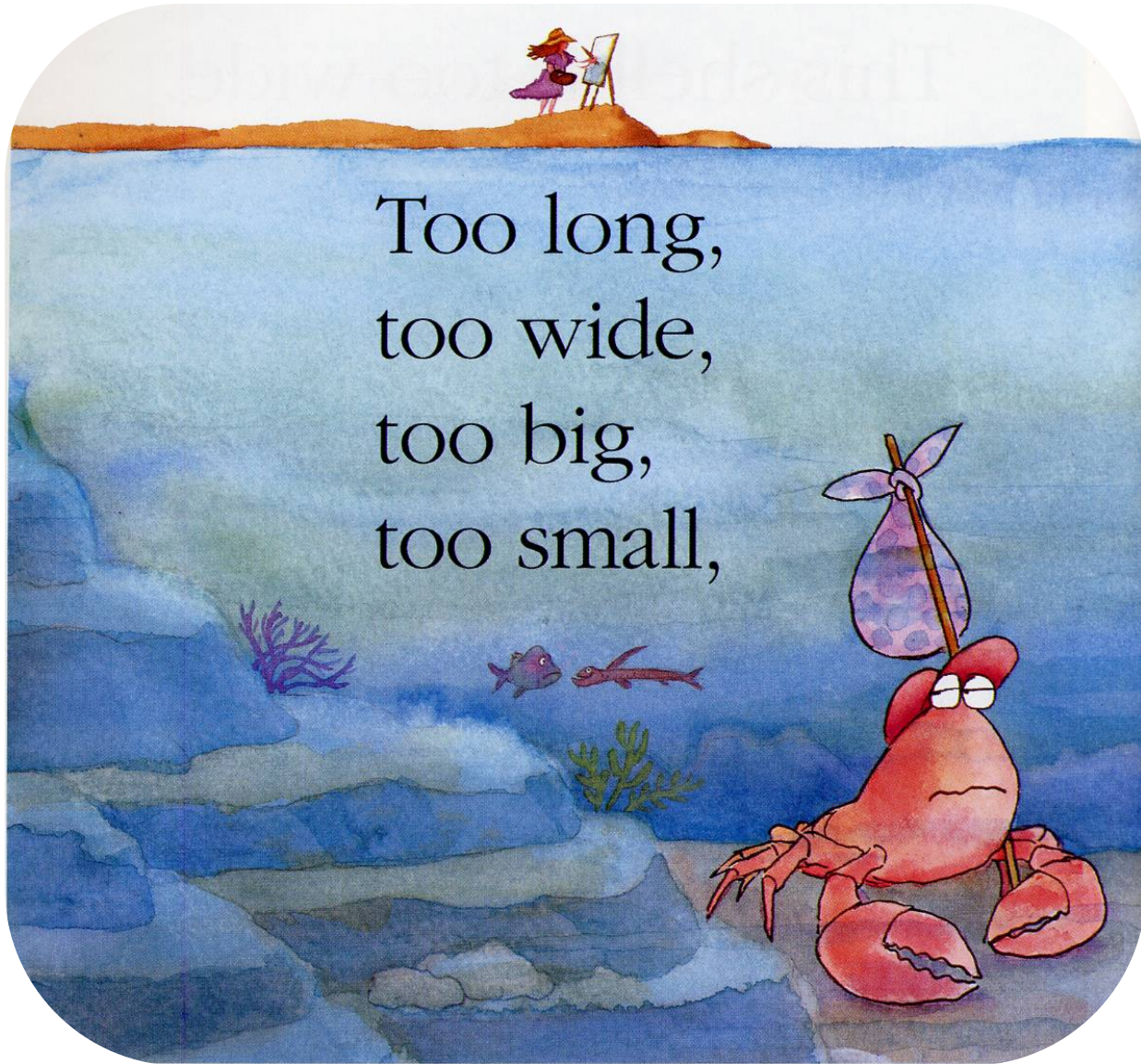
This shell is too long.



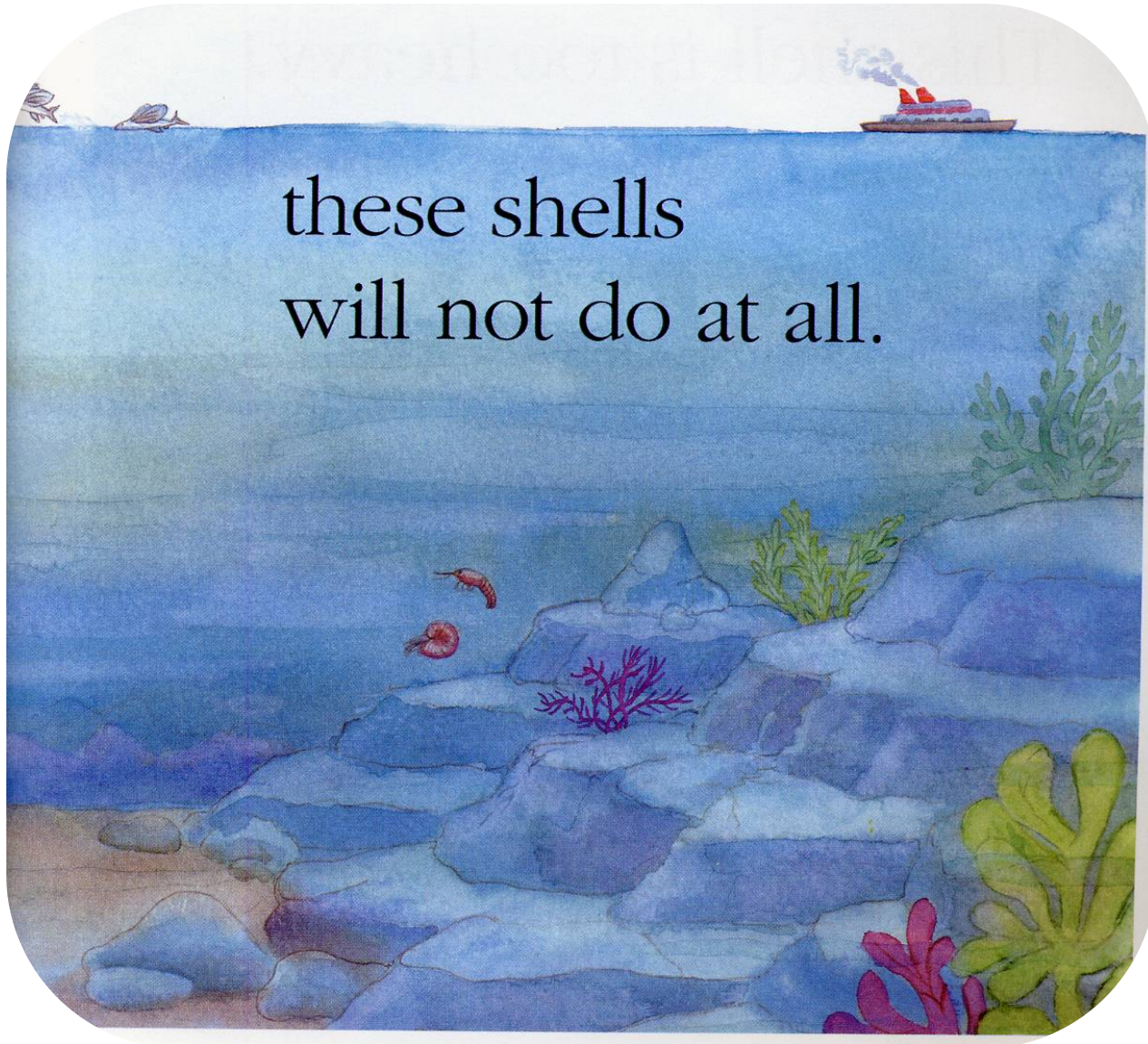
This shell is too wide.



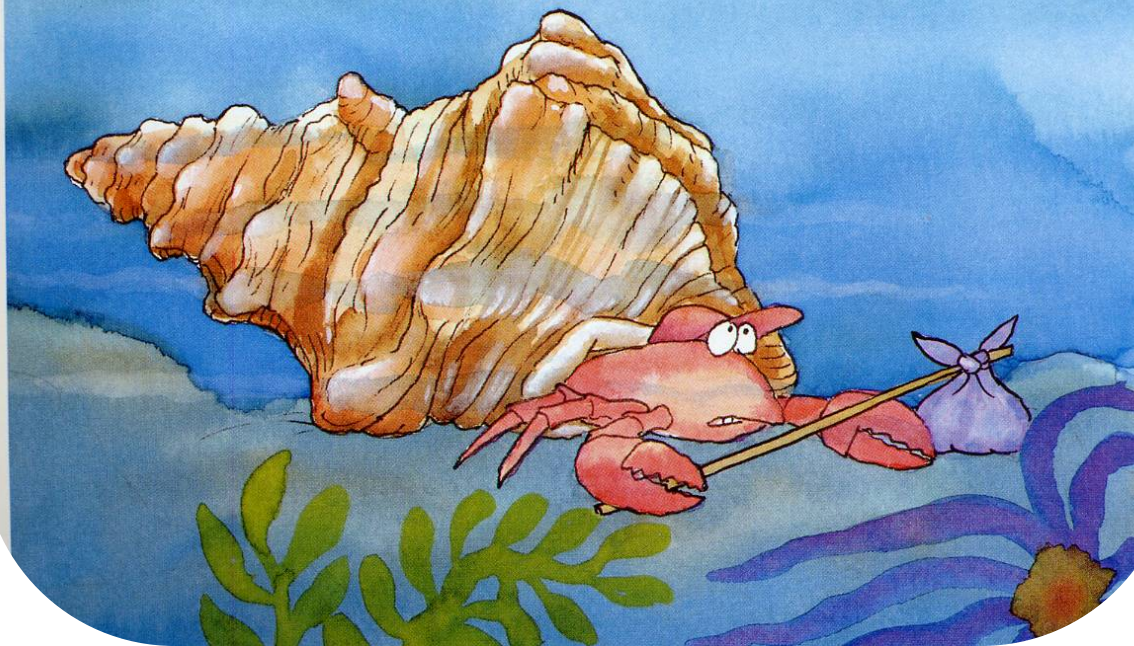
Too long,
too wide,
too big,
too small,



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will not do at all.



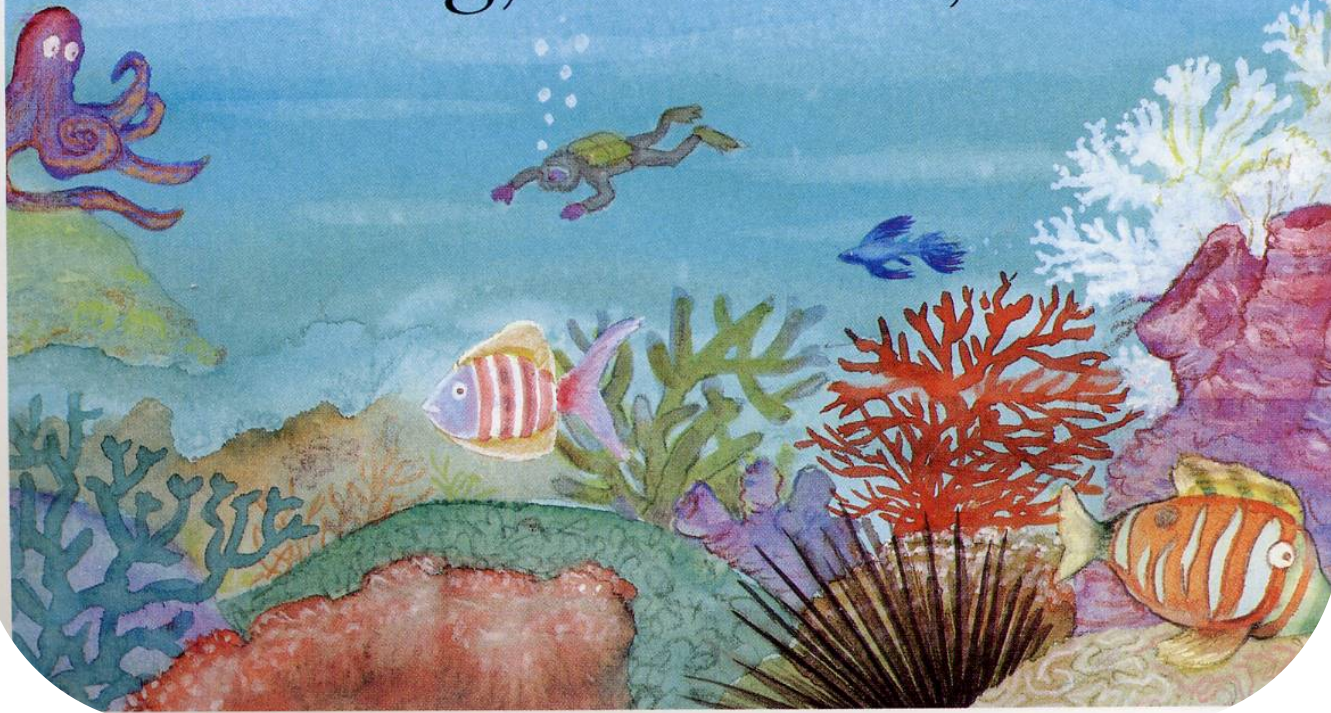
This shell is too heavy.



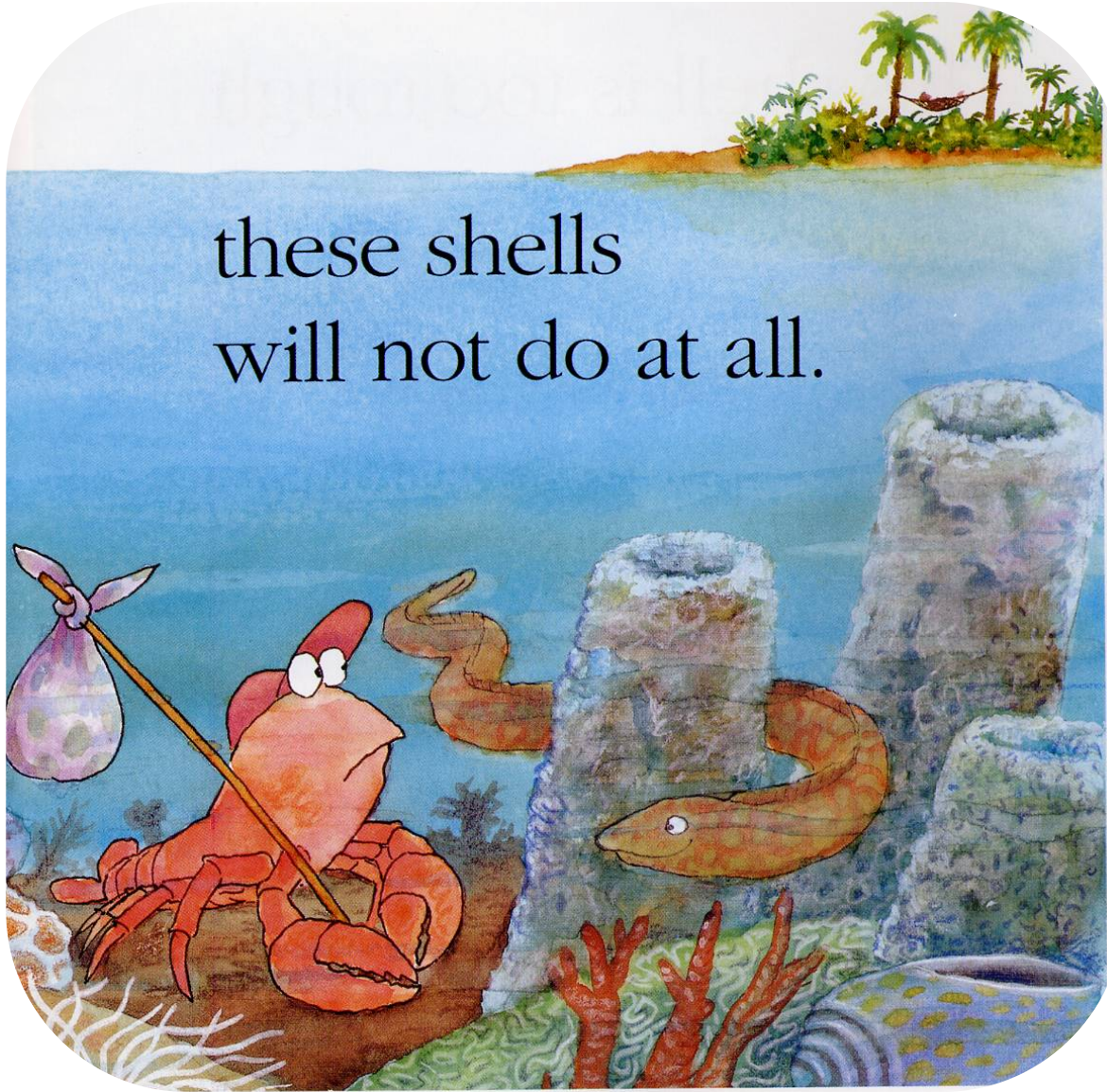
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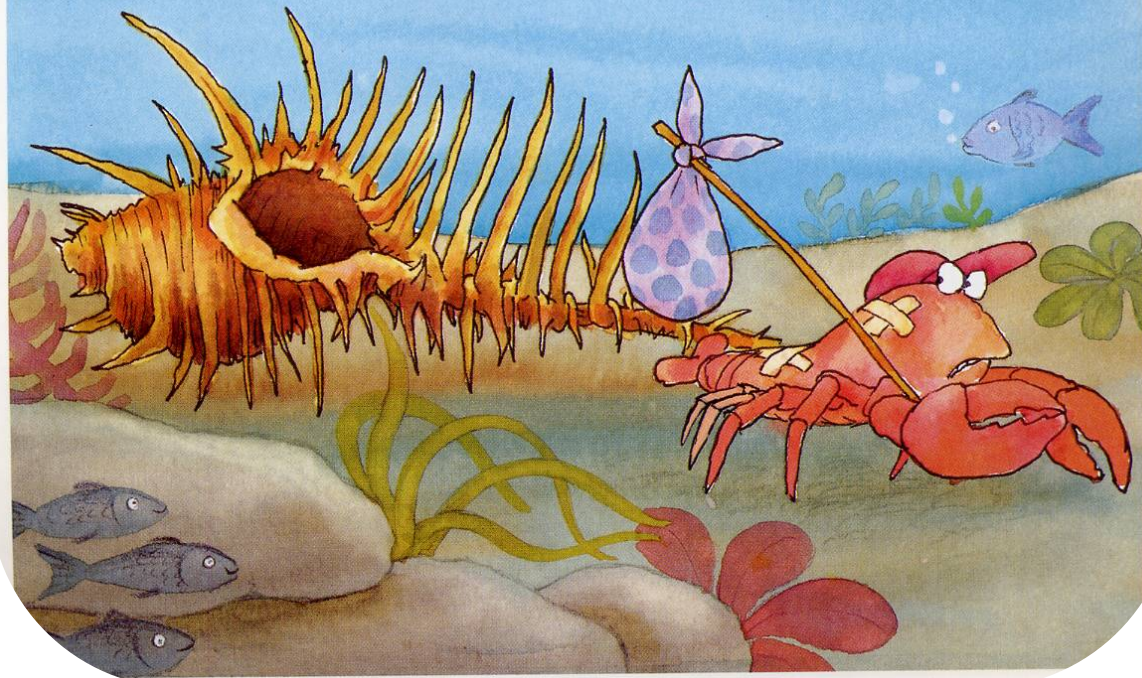
Too heavy, too light,
too long, too wide,
too big, too small,



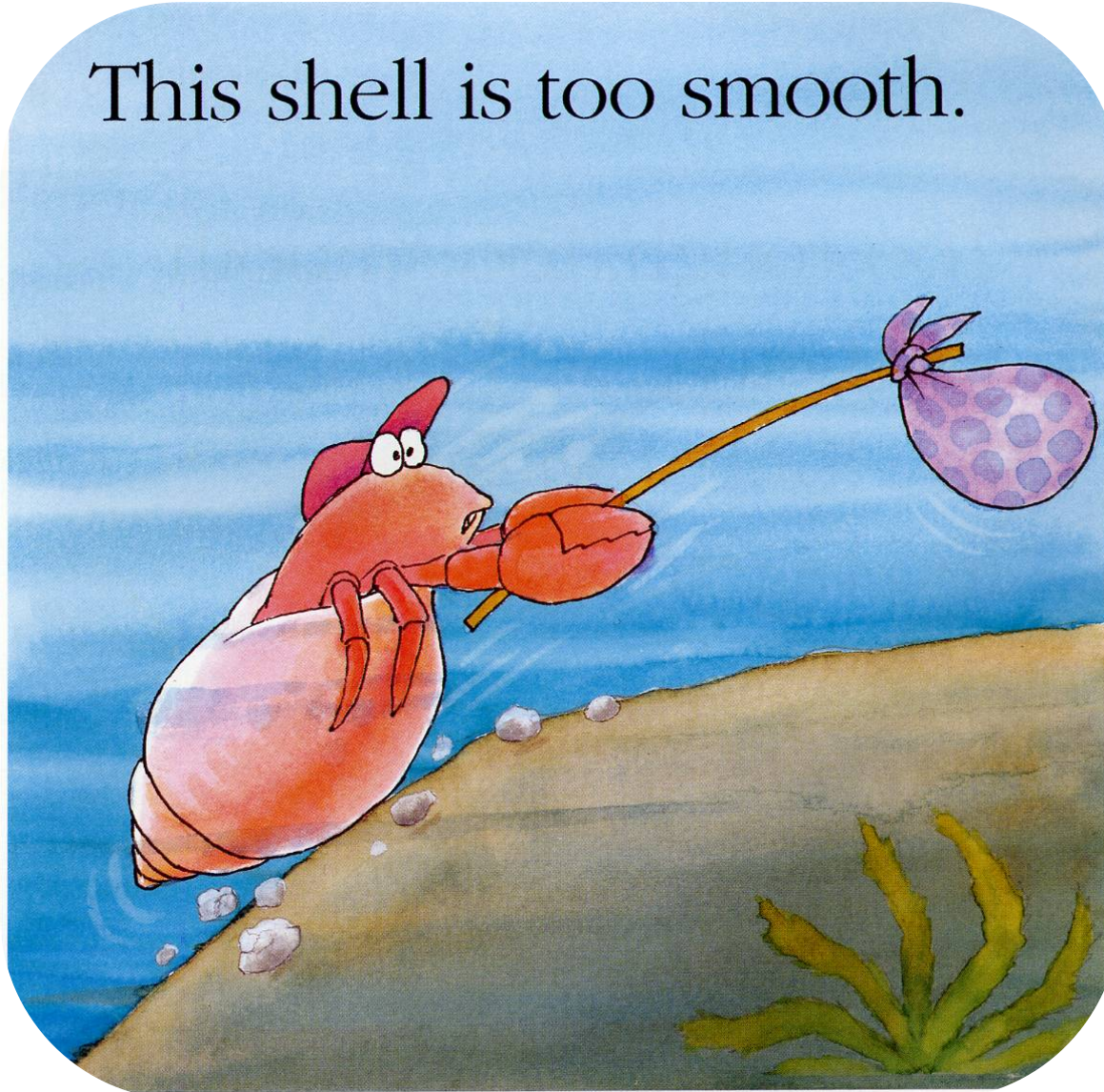
these shells
will not do at all.



This shell is too rough.



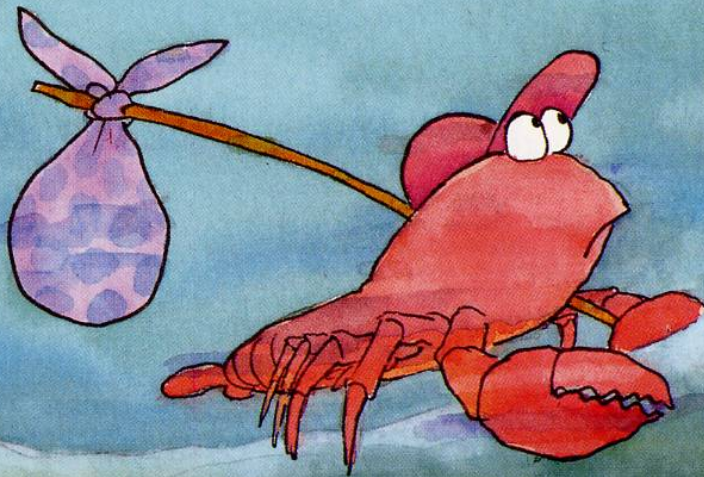
This shell is too smooth.



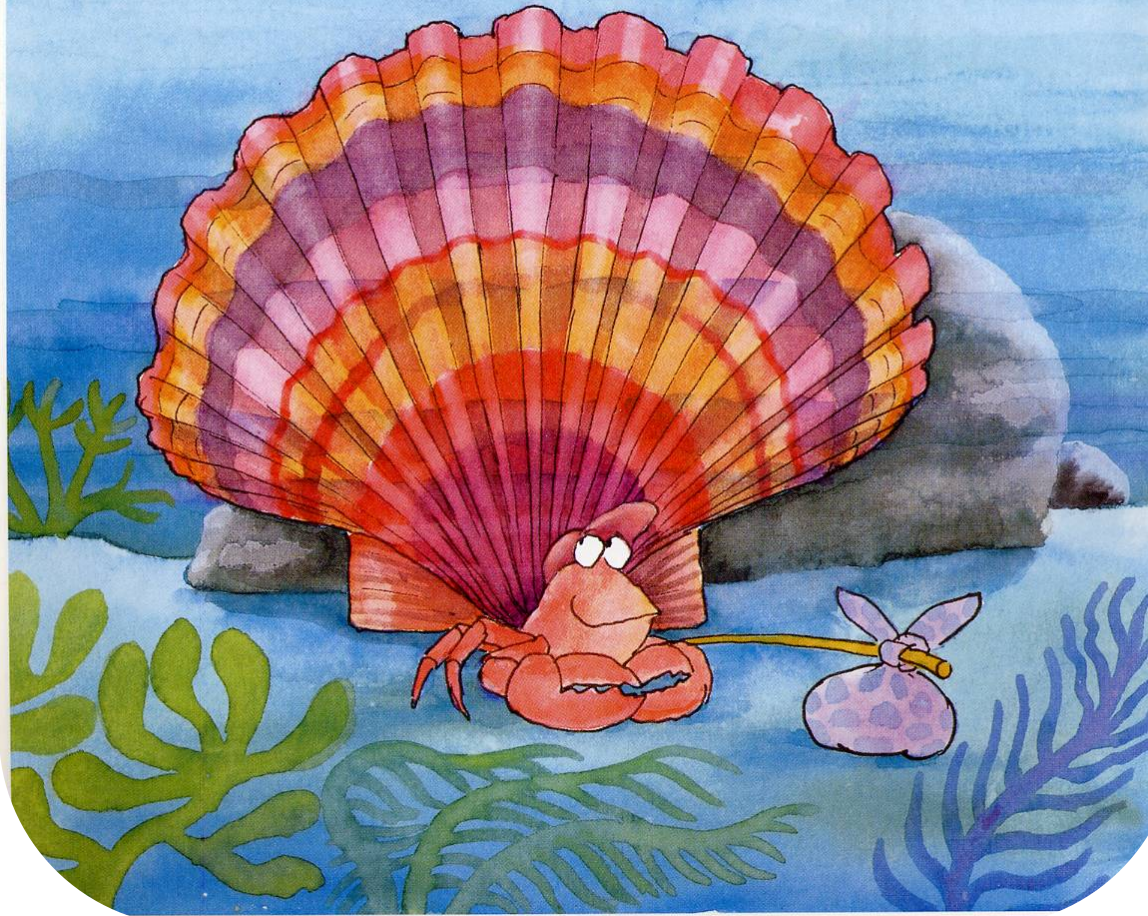
Too rough, too smooth,
too heavy, too light,
too long, too wide,
too big, too small,



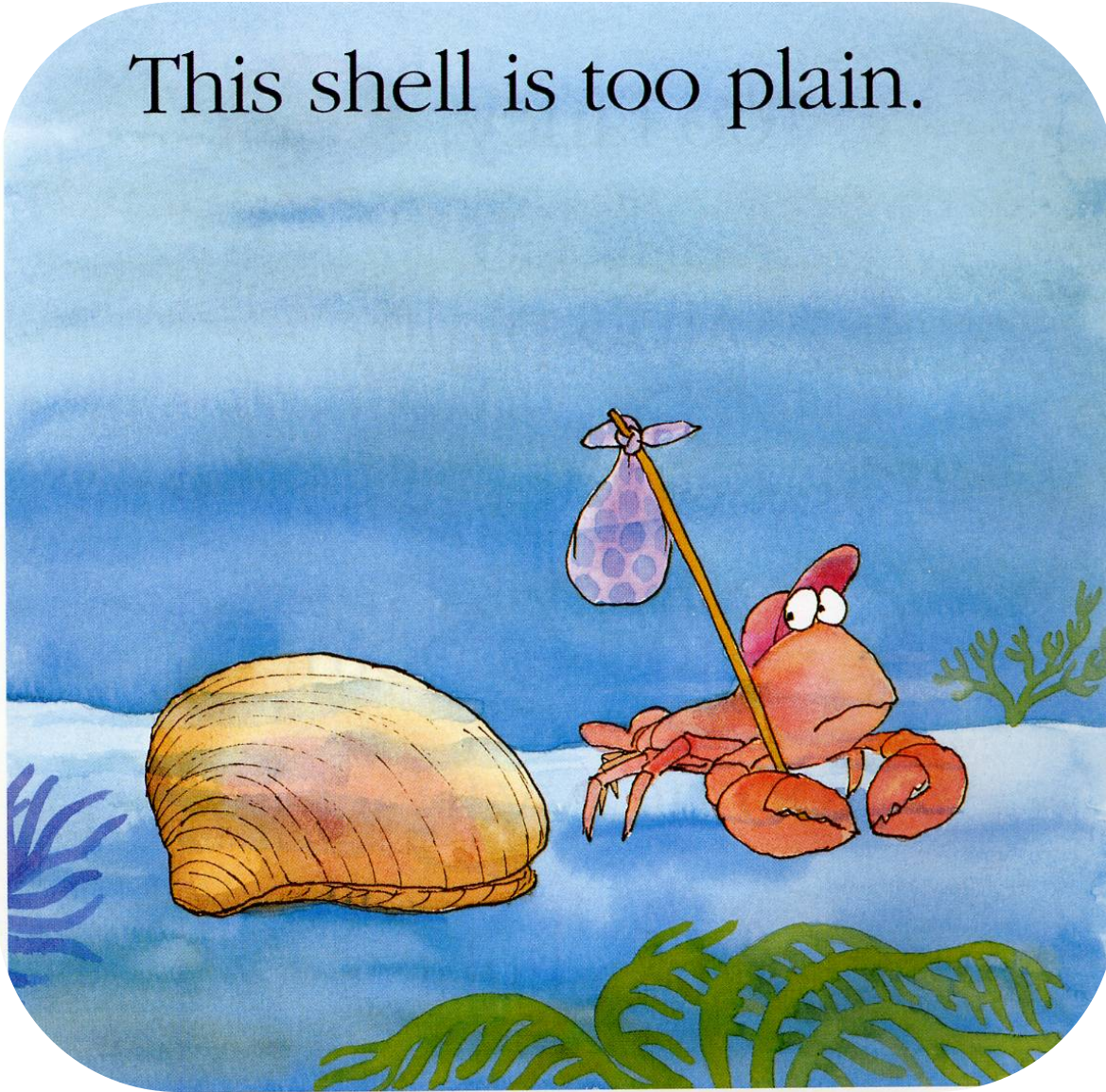
these shells
will not do at all.



This shell is too fancy.



This shell is too plain.

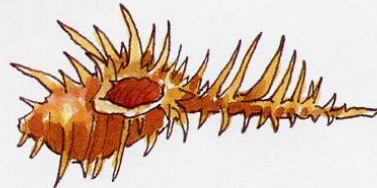


Too fancy,



 too plain,

too rough,



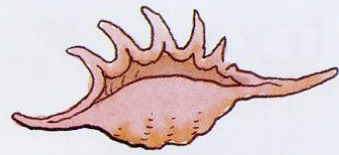
 too smooth,

too heavy,



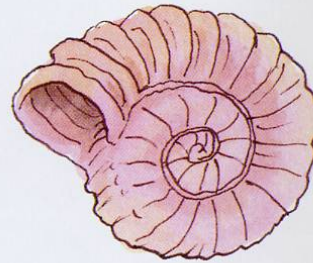
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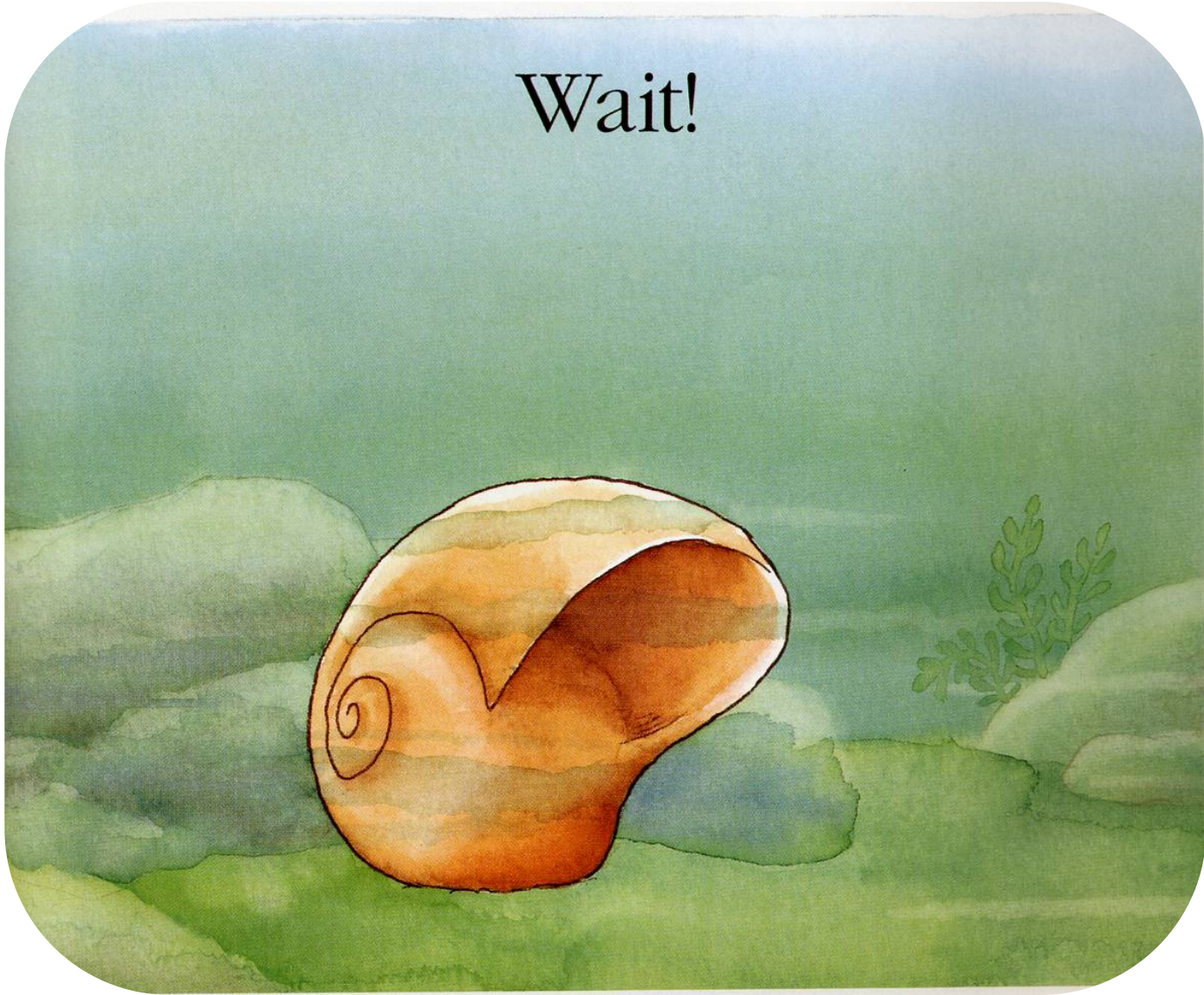


This shell is too—

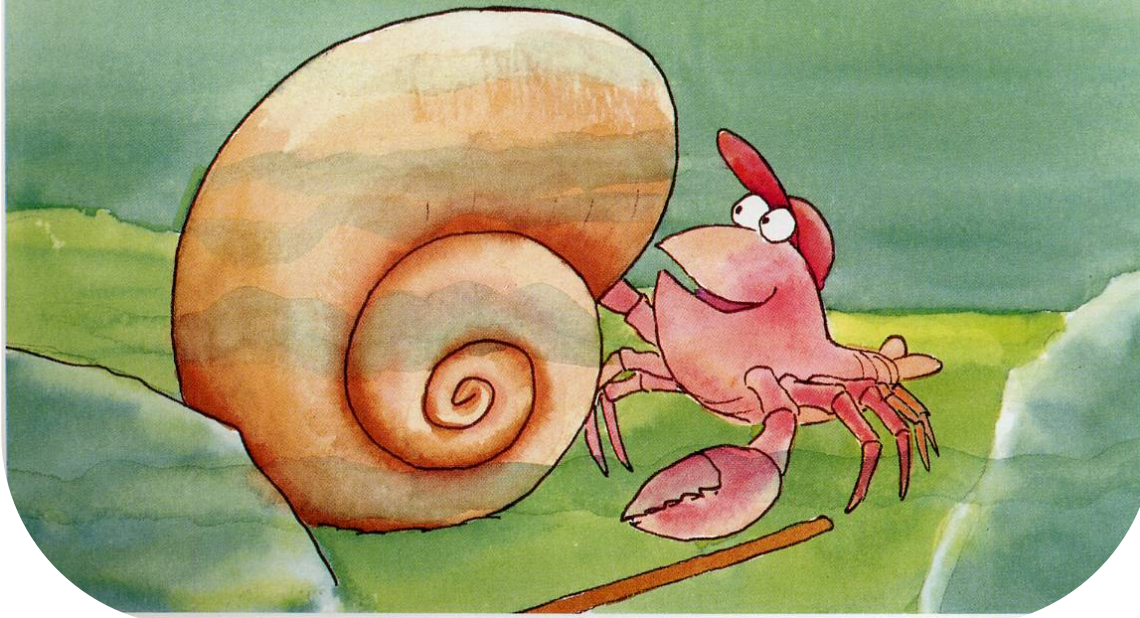
This shell is too,



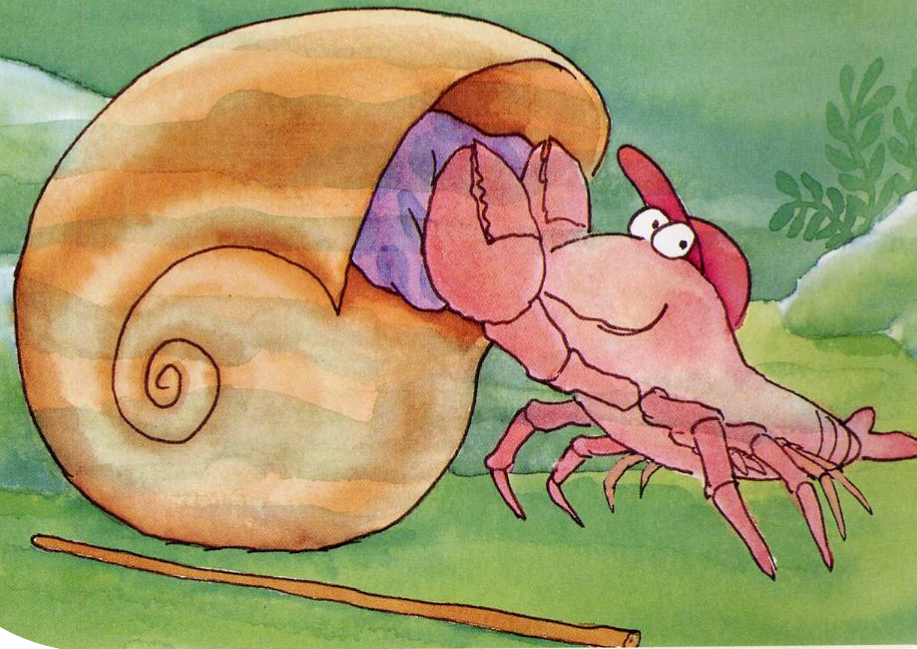
Wait!



It's NOT too snug.
It's NOT too tight.
This shell is
the one that's right.



This shell has
more room inside.
Room to grow,
room to hide.



I know why
this shell is fine.
It's like that other
shell of mine.

