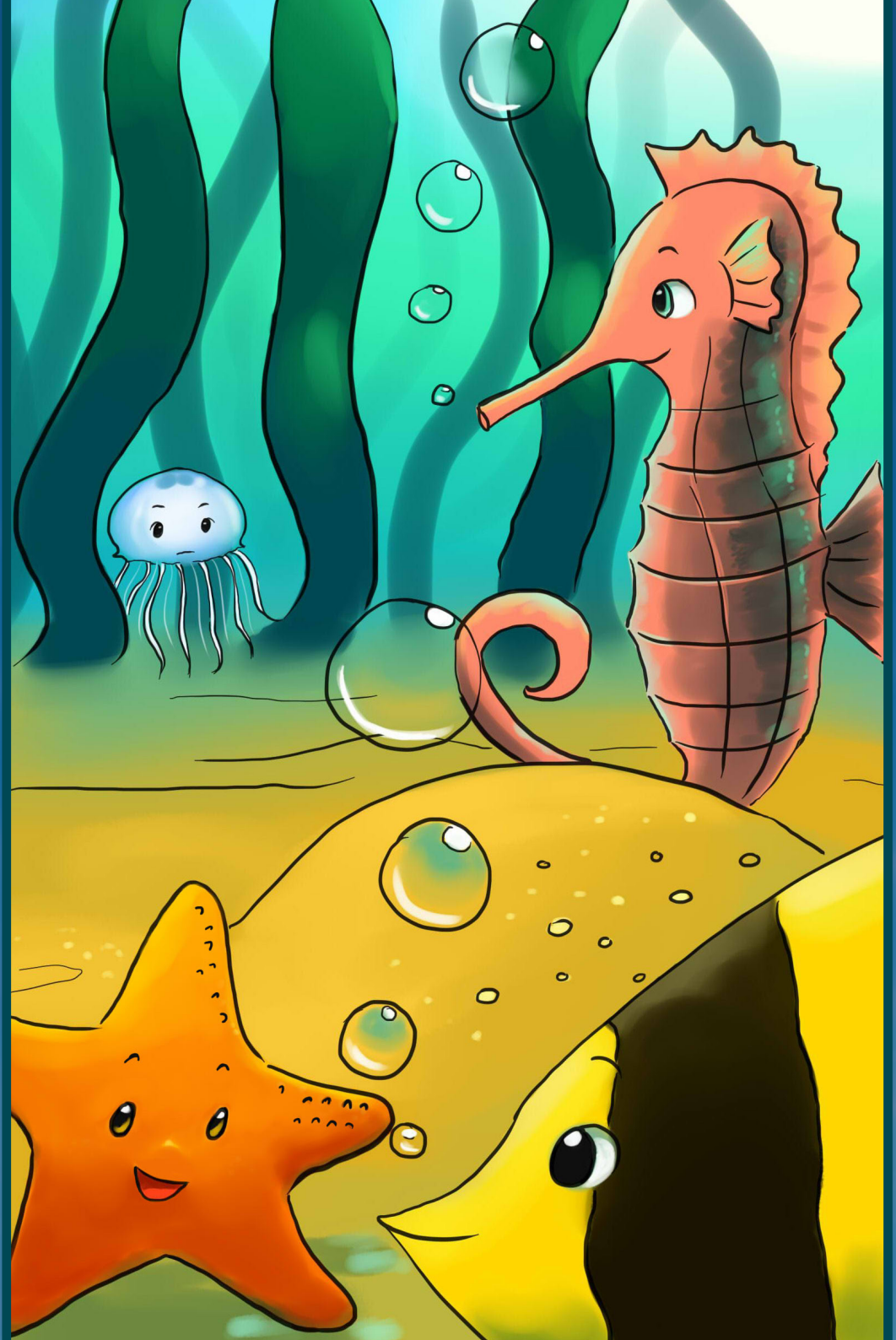


# UNDER THE SEA

One day, Five, a bright orange starfish, Elfie, a little angelfish, and Sammy, a seahorse, were playing together. They were wiggling in the sand as the motion created a mound that they called their seabed castle. Sammy was the king of the castle, Five was a courageous knight returning from battle, and Elfie was the busy servant hurrying to prepare for a feast being held in honor of the brave Knight Five.

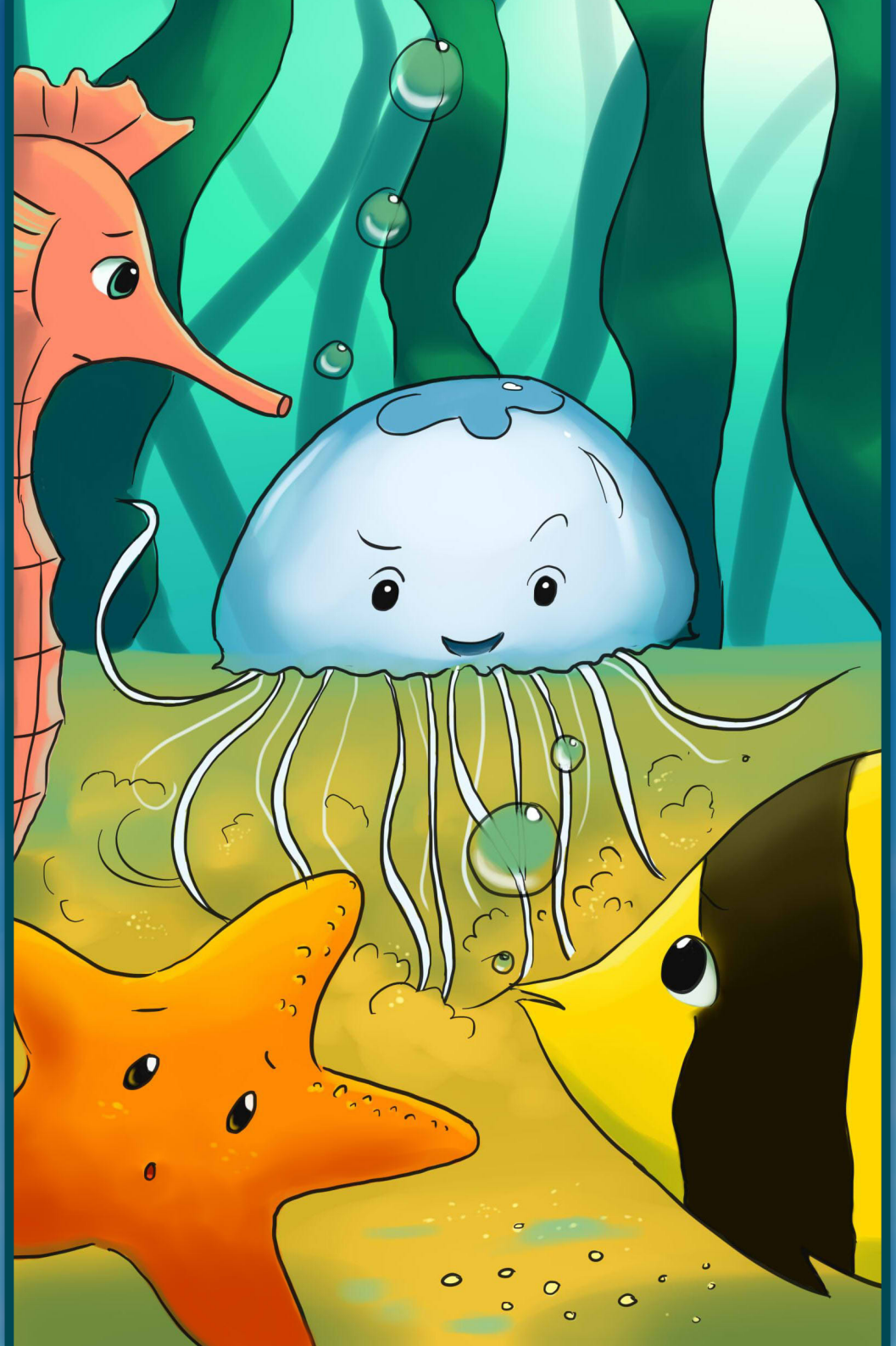
Jimmy the jellyfish had been watching them play and was feeling a little jealous because he wished he could play with the three friends, but he was proud and didn't want to ask to join in on the fun.



"You three play such silly games," Jimmy said. "And this mound of sand doesn't look like a castle at all. It's so weak I can knock it over with simple flips of my tentacles." He started laughing as he used his tentacles to flatten their castle.

"You're being a bully, Jimmy," Sammy said. "Maybe if you'd play with us you'd have some fun, too."

"Me, play with you? Ha! I have better things to do. Besides, I'm so much smarter than the rest of you. My games are too hard for you to play."



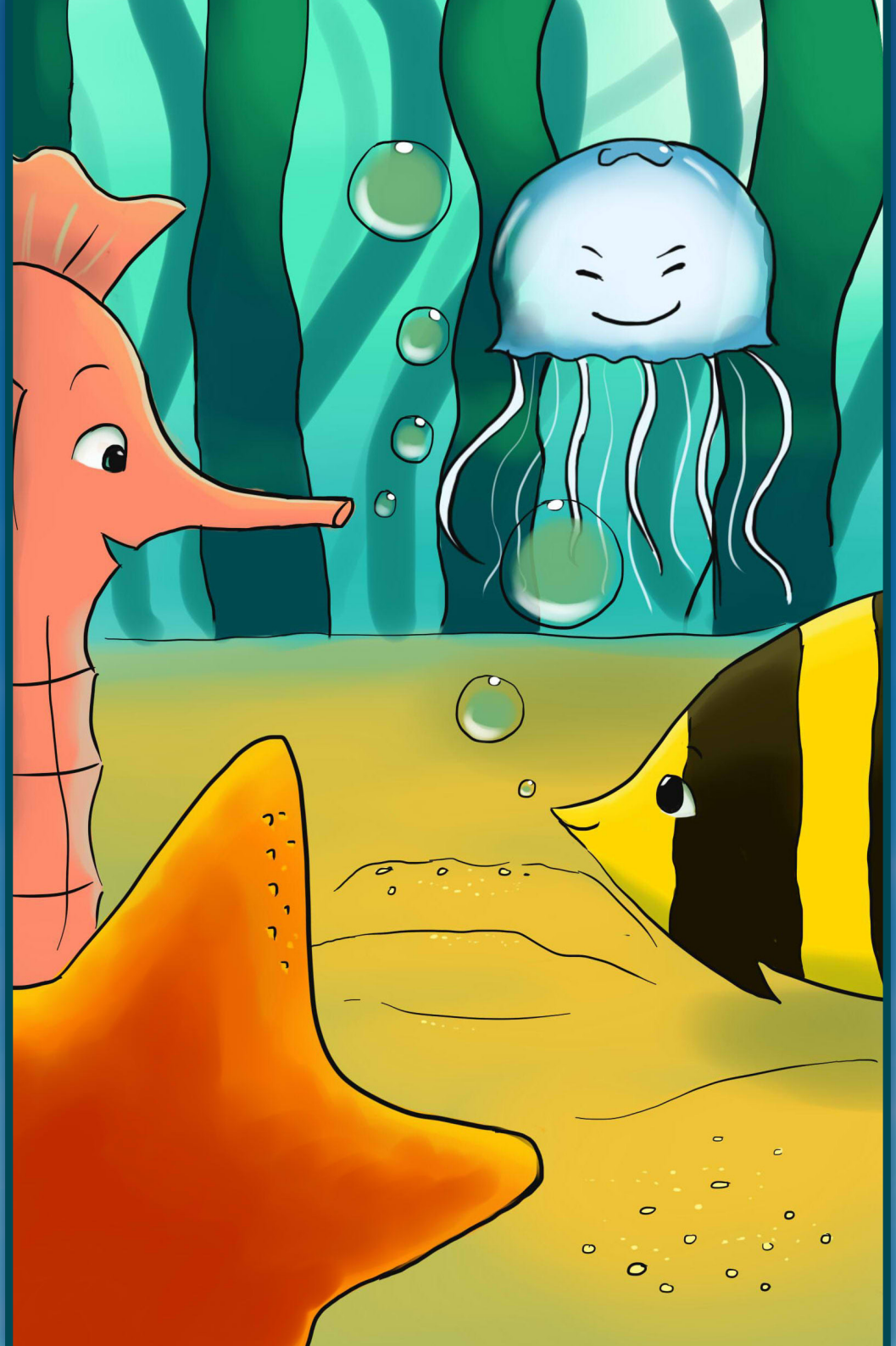


Sammy knew Jimmy didn't have any friends because he always bullied others. Even the other jellyfish didn't get along with him. Sammy felt sorry for him and wanted to try and include him. "We'd like to try and play one of your games. Wouldn't we?" Sammy said, turning to Five and Elfie.

"Sure," came their eager reply, excited at the thought of a new game.

"We'll play hide and seek. I'll let you hide first, since it won't take me any time at all to find you," Jimmy snickered. "And then it will be my turn to hide and you three can try to find me." With that, he began to count. "I'm counting to 100. 1-2-3..."

"Where are we going to hide from Jimmy?" asked Elfie, sounding concerned. "If we made a sandcastle and hid in that, he'd just knock it over and that would be the end of our hiding place."





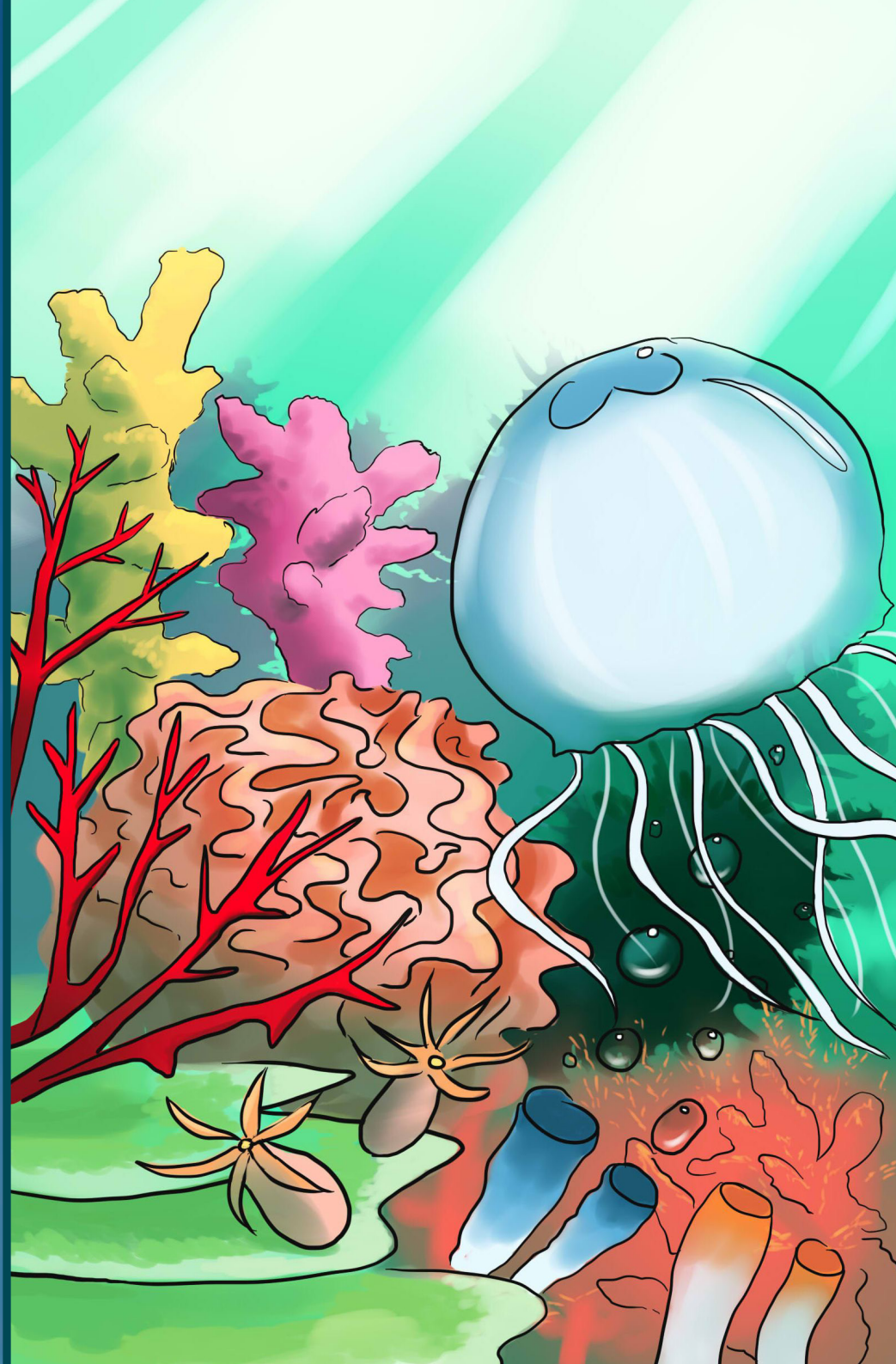
The three friends didn't know where they could find a hiding place good enough to outsmart Jimmy.

"What about over there?" asked Five. He waved to the large, colorful coral reef. "We could split up and each hide somewhere in there..."

Elfie and Sammy agreed, and the three friends quickly hid.

"Ready or not, here I come," Jimmy called out after reaching 100.

Jimmy could not see the three friends anywhere. Jimmy swam and looked and had a fun time doing so. It was nice to be included in a game. He found Sammy, but he couldn't find Elfie or Five. The coral reef was very large. Jimmy called out, laughing a little, "I give up, Elfie and Five. Come out from wherever you are."





Elfie and Five soon appeared and joined Jimmy and Sammy.

"You all did so well. I thought I'd be able to find you quickly..." He paused and looked at Five, then at Elfie and finally at Sammy. "Hey, can I come back and play with you again tomorrow?" he asked shyly.

"Of course!" they chorused. "We'd love to have you join our games!"

From that day on, the four friends played together every day. The three had learned how nice it was to have someone new to play with, and Jimmy learned that he needed to be nice and not think he was better than everyone else if he wanted to make friends.

