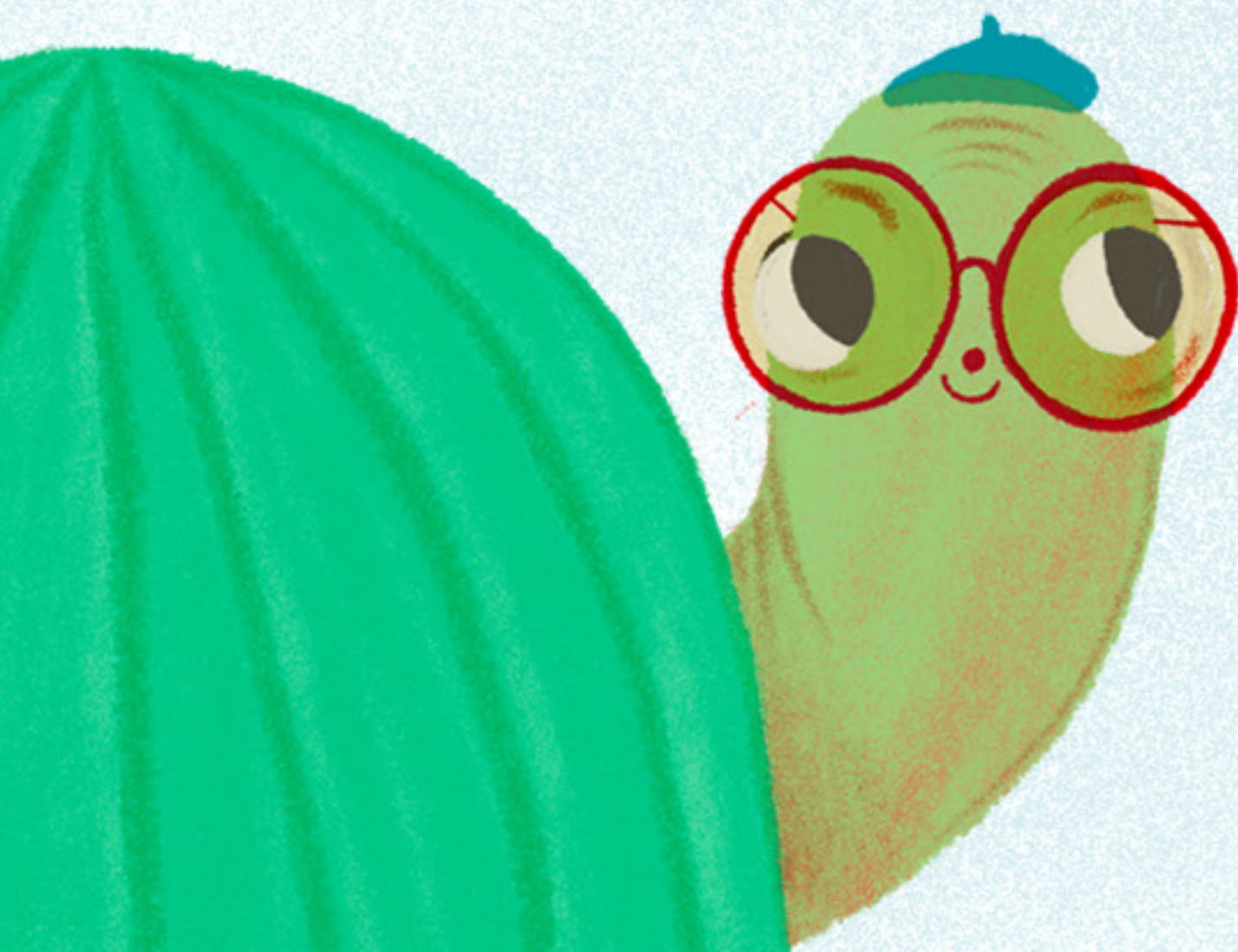


Sea the Love

A BOOK ABOUT FAMILIES

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It's the first day of school at Open Ocean Elementary.

All the students are excited to see their friends and start new learning adventures.



But Dash, a friendly bottlenose dolphin, doesn't know what to expect.

It's his first time at this school, and he's very nervous.



Dash's class is taught by Mrs. Olive, a kind green sea turtle.

She gives the students their first assignment – to talk about one thing that makes their family unique.

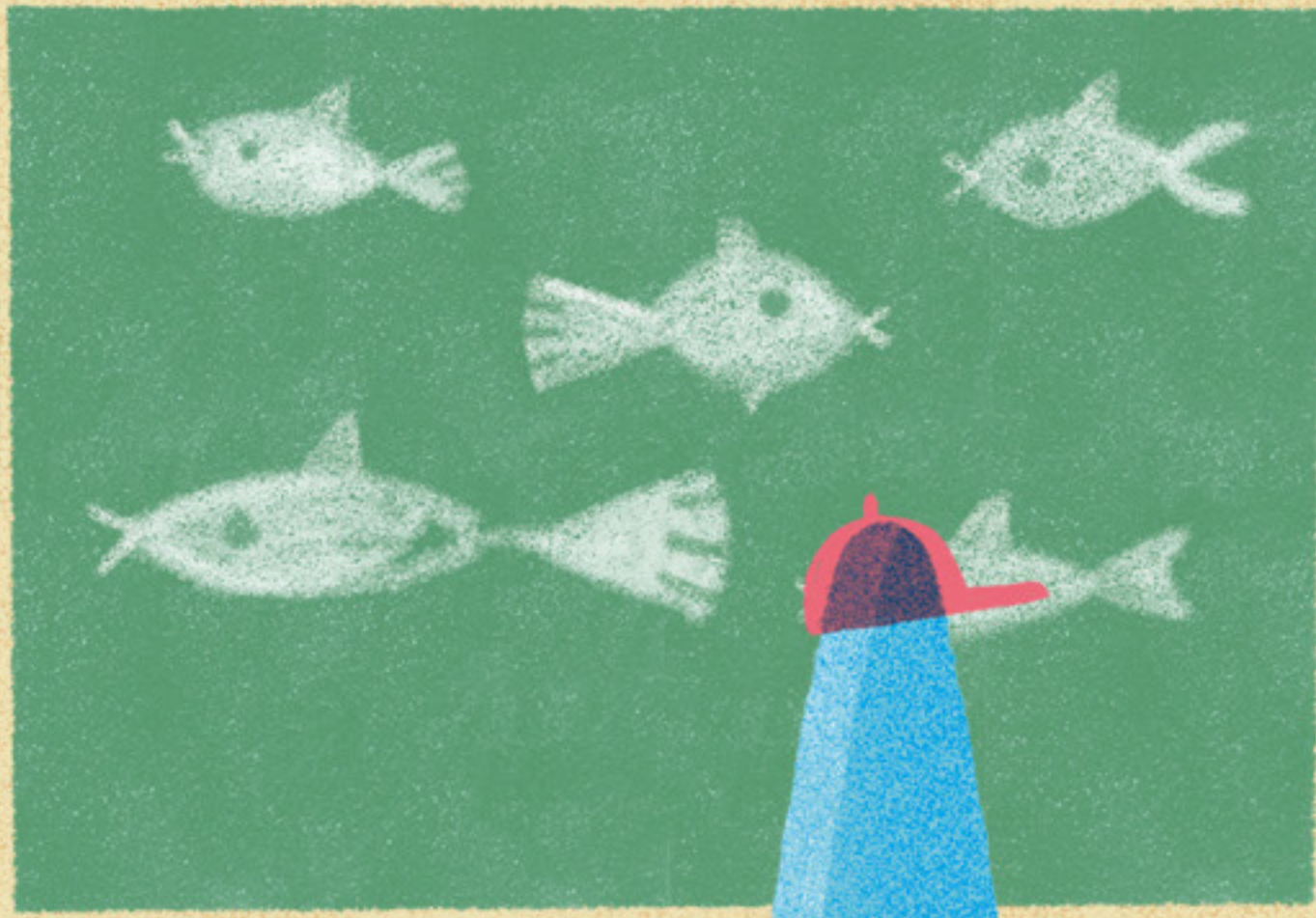
“In my hundreds of years as a teacher, I've learned there's something special about every family,” Mrs. Olive says



Dash was nervous before
but now he's downright scared.

There's nothing unique about his family.

What will he say?



At lunchtime, Dash decides to make new friends and ask about their families.

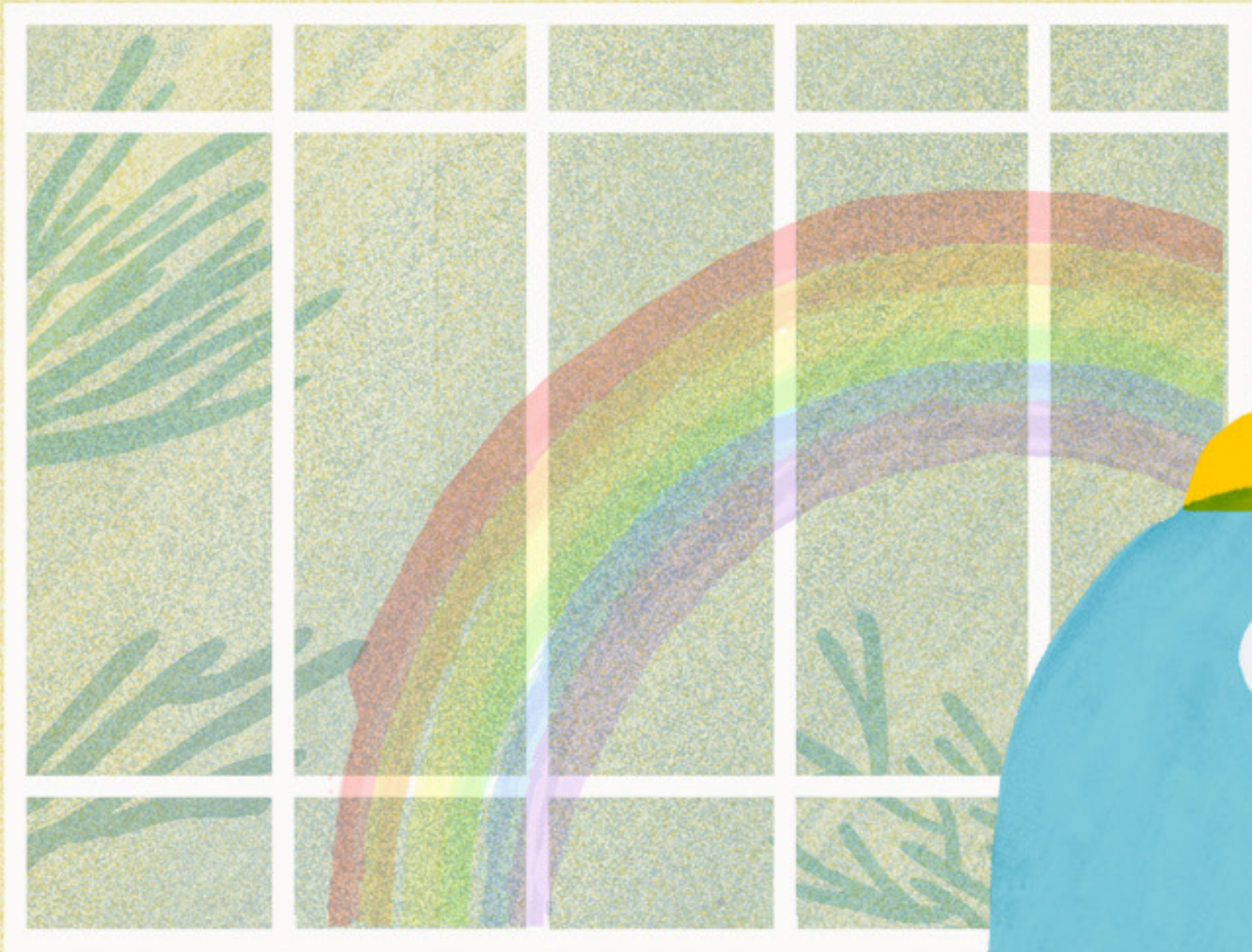
Maybe they can help him find something interesting to tell the class.



Dash sits at a table with Manny the manta ray.

Manny raves about his mommy and daddy.

He tells Dash they have the biggest brains in the whole sea.





And when they move their fins up and down, it looks like they're flying!

But what impresses him the most is how much they love him.

This puts a big smile on Dash's face.

At a different table, Dash meets Boop,
an octopus with 7 legs instead of 8.

“Is that what makes your family special?”
Dash asks about her missing leg.

“No!” Boop says – she’s just like all the
other kids.



Her family is special because she only has one parent.

Her mommy solves puzzles faster than everyone.

She's fast, too, zipping in and out of their den in a flash.

And she has a heart big enough to give Boop the love of two parents.



Boop inspires Dash, but still he asks –
what’s special about my family?

He moves to a new table and meets
Squish the starfish.

Squish tells Dash that he has two daddies.



Squish says his daddies can stick to rocks just like any other starfish family.

Even better – they can grow new arms whenever they get hurt.

So, they're always able to hug him and show him lots of love.

Dash finds this amazing, too!




Two tables down, Dash shares
some algae with Callisto the crab.

Callisto tells Dash that
she's the only crab in her family.

Dash looks confused.



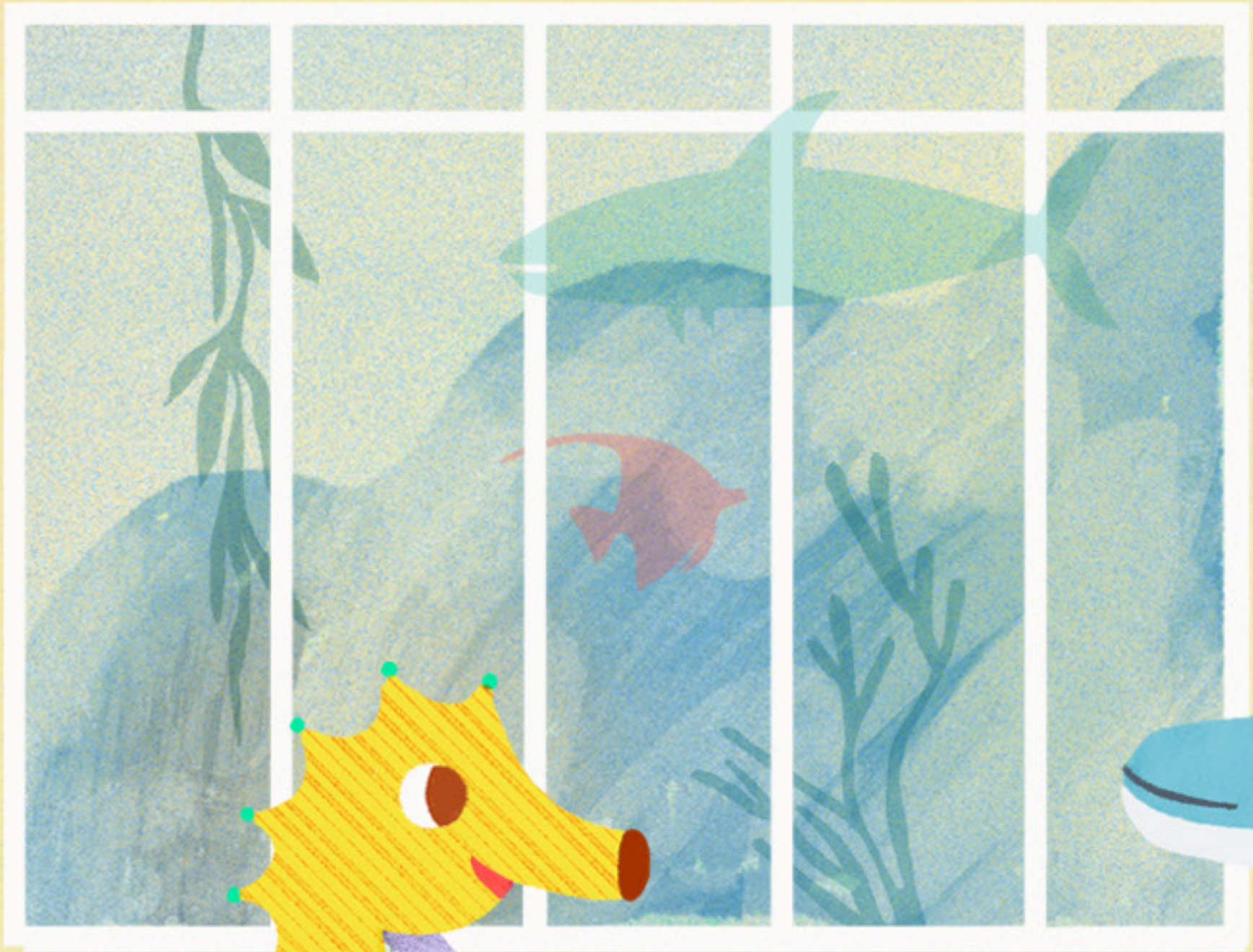


Callisto says her parents were washed ashore and never came back.

But then she was adopted by a family of angelfish.

At first it was strange, but she realized they loved her just the same.





What a story, Dash thinks. Maybe, just maybe, he has an idea.

But before he decides, he jumps to one last table to meet Sydney the seahorse.

Sydney says her parents encourage her to express herself based on how she feels.



On some days, Sydney feels like a girl and shows off her stripes.

On others, Sydney feels like a boy and reveals his spots.

And every single day, stripes or spots, Sydney's parents say, "We love you."

This warms Dash's heart.



Back in class, Dash finally knows what he's going to say!

He tells the class that he has two mommies – Mom and Mama.

Dash says Mom and Mama like to travel and take him on the most exciting trips.

And they love jumping out of the water to see who can get the highest.



But there's no competition when it comes to their love.

They always make him feel like the luckiest kid in the world.

He used to think his family was different from families with a mommy and a daddy.

But today, he's learned that every family is special.



Mrs. Olive thanks Dash for talking about his two mommies.

All of his new friends clap and cheer for him – Manny, Boop, Squish, Callisto, and Sydney, too.

Now Dash is overjoyed, no longer scared, nervous, or worried.

He knows that love is all around him, everywhere he goes.

