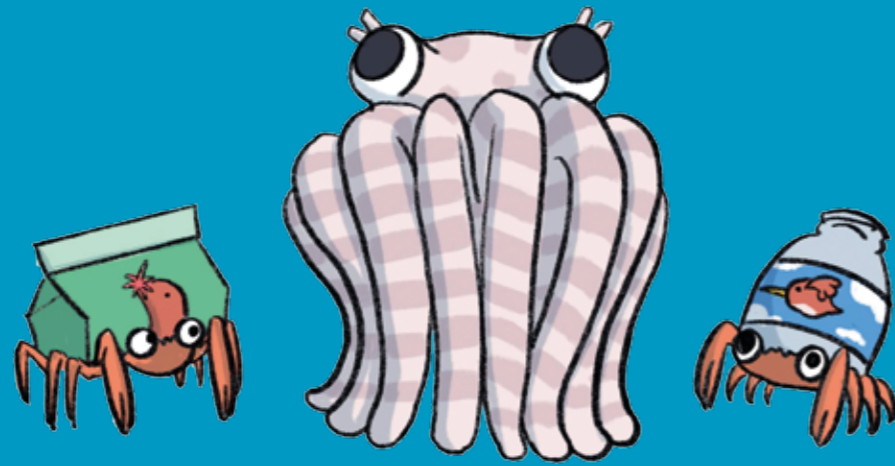


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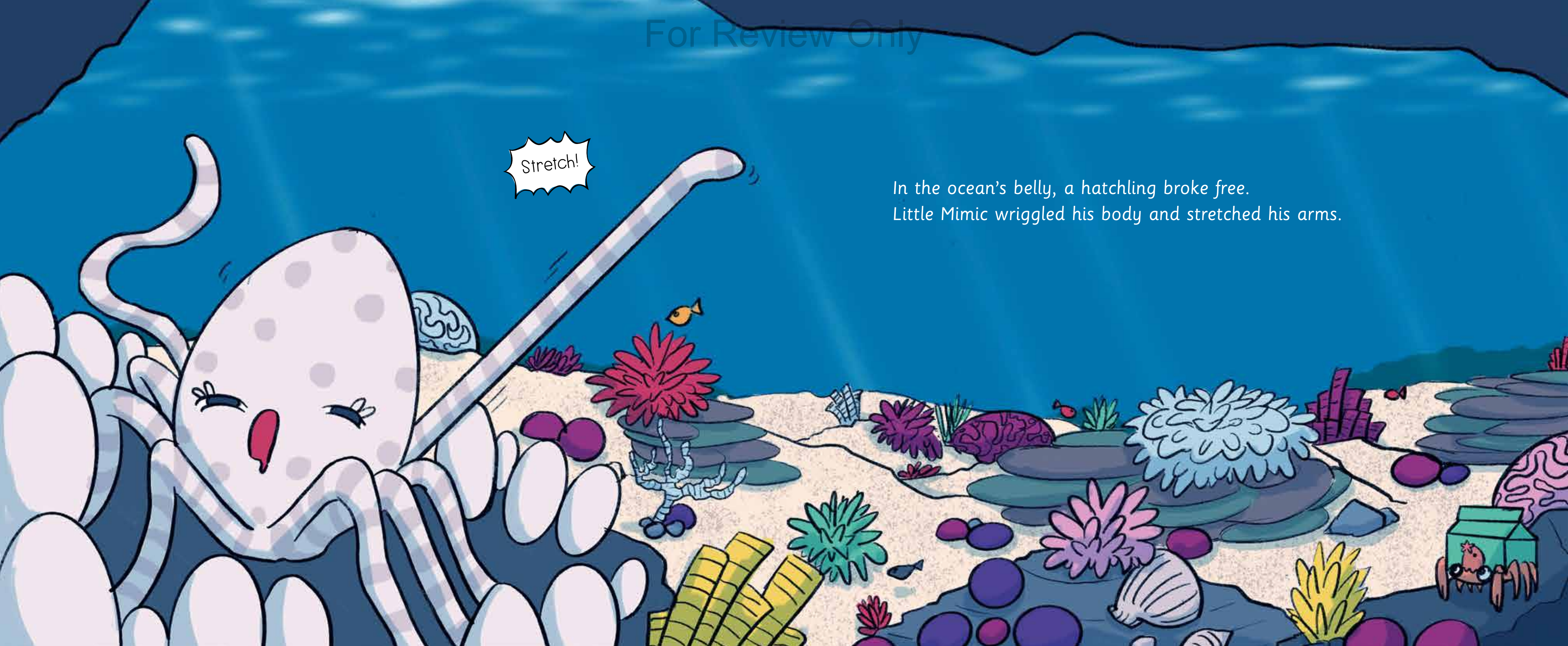


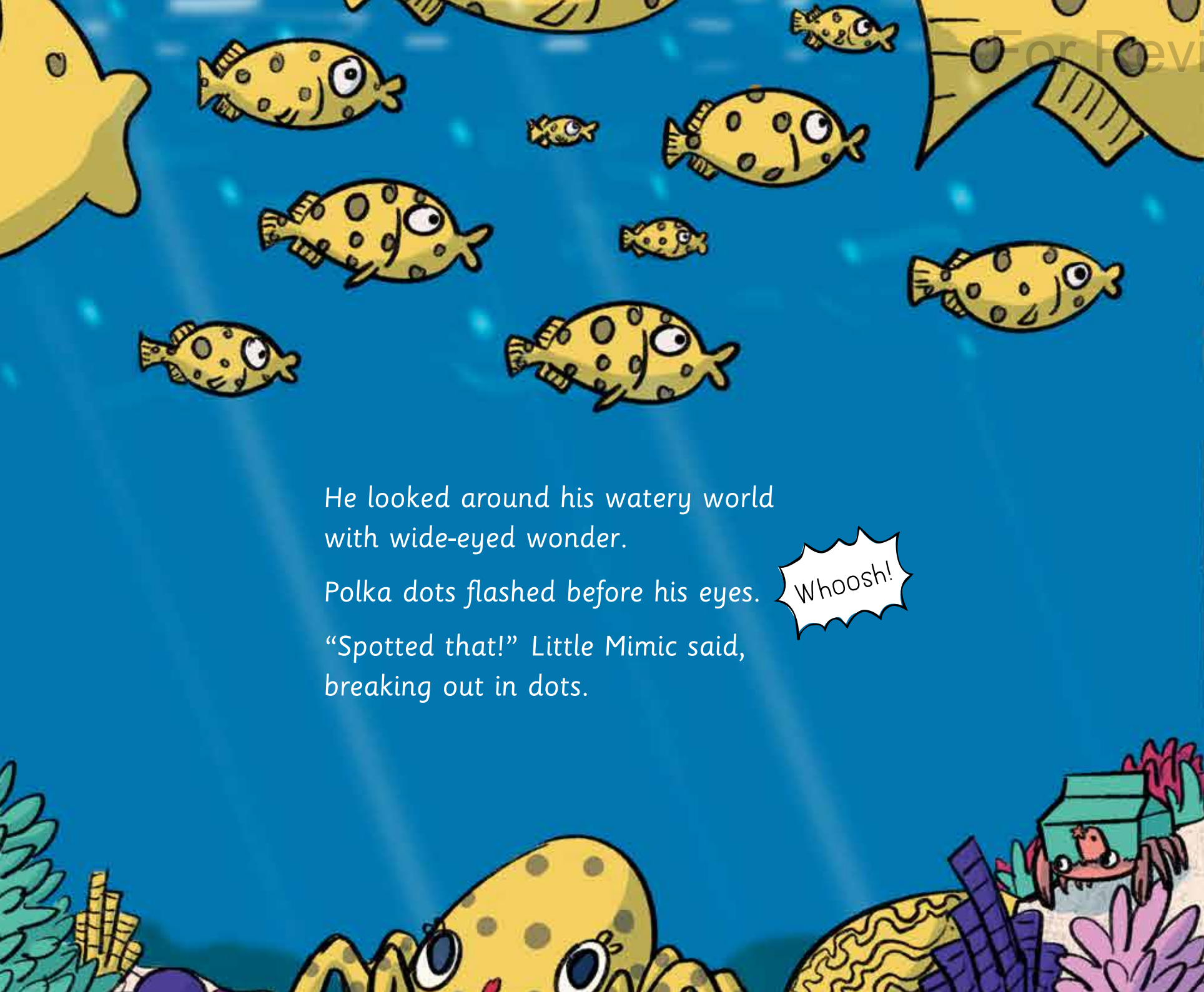
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Stretch!

In the ocean's belly, a hatchling broke free.  
Little Mimic wriggled his body and stretched his arms.



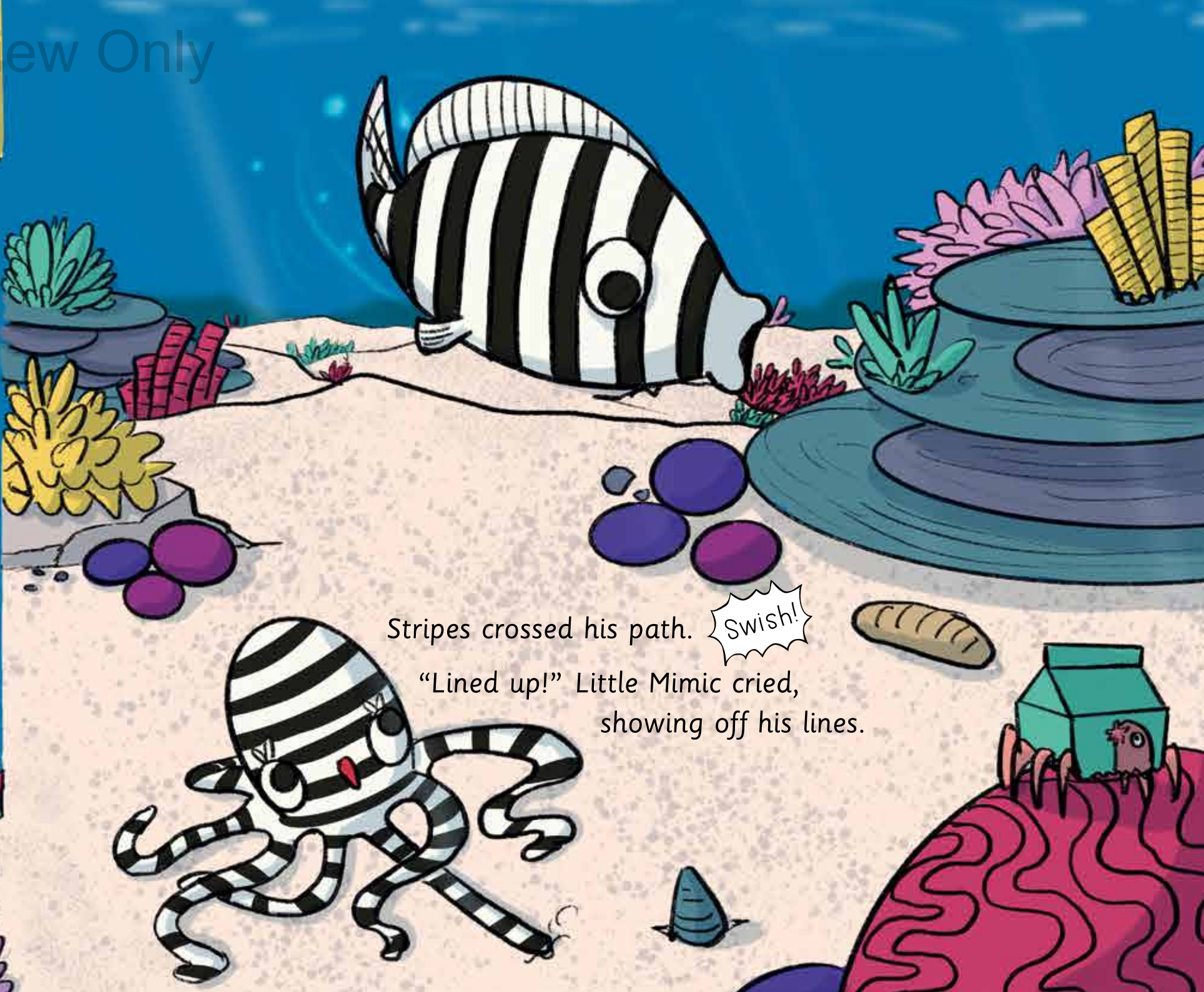


He looked around his watery world  
with wide-eyed wonder.

Polka dots flashed before his eyes.

“Spotted that!” Little Mimic said,  
breaking out in dots.

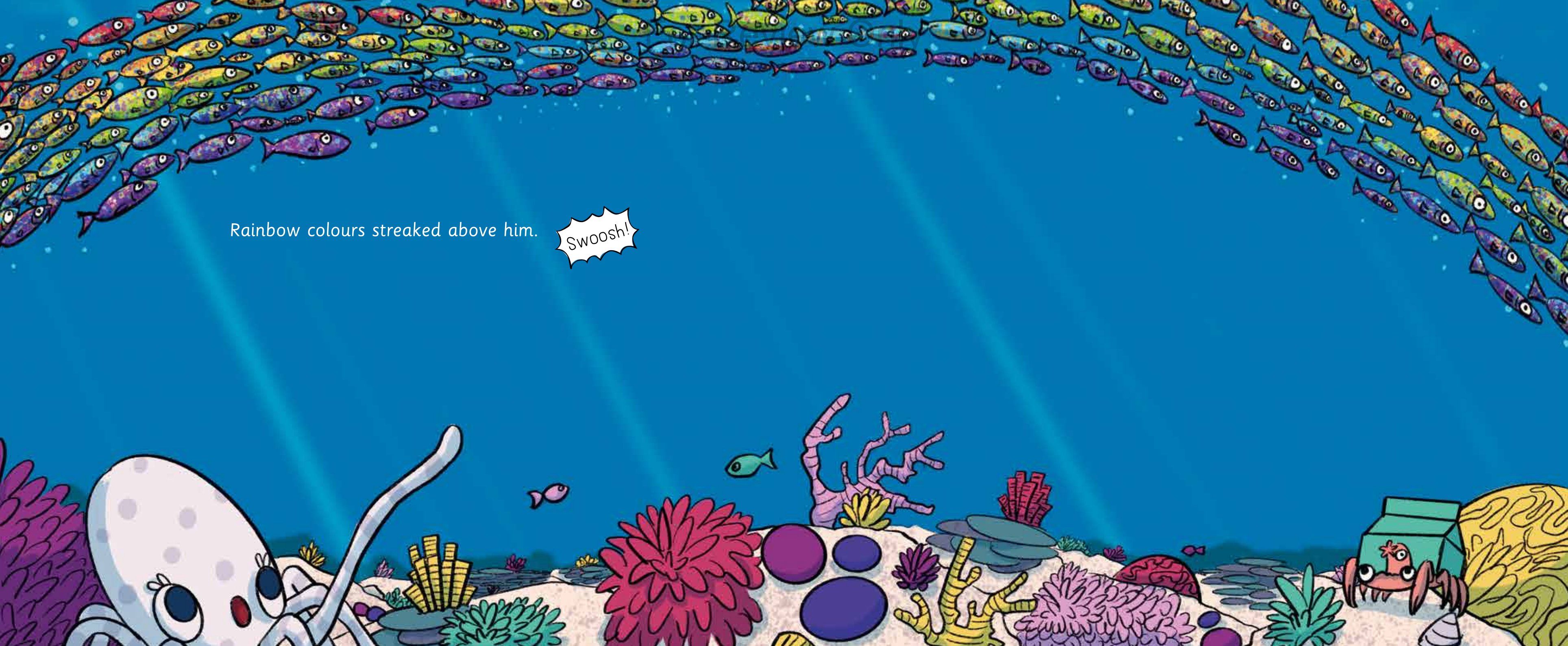
Whoosh!



Stripes crossed his path.

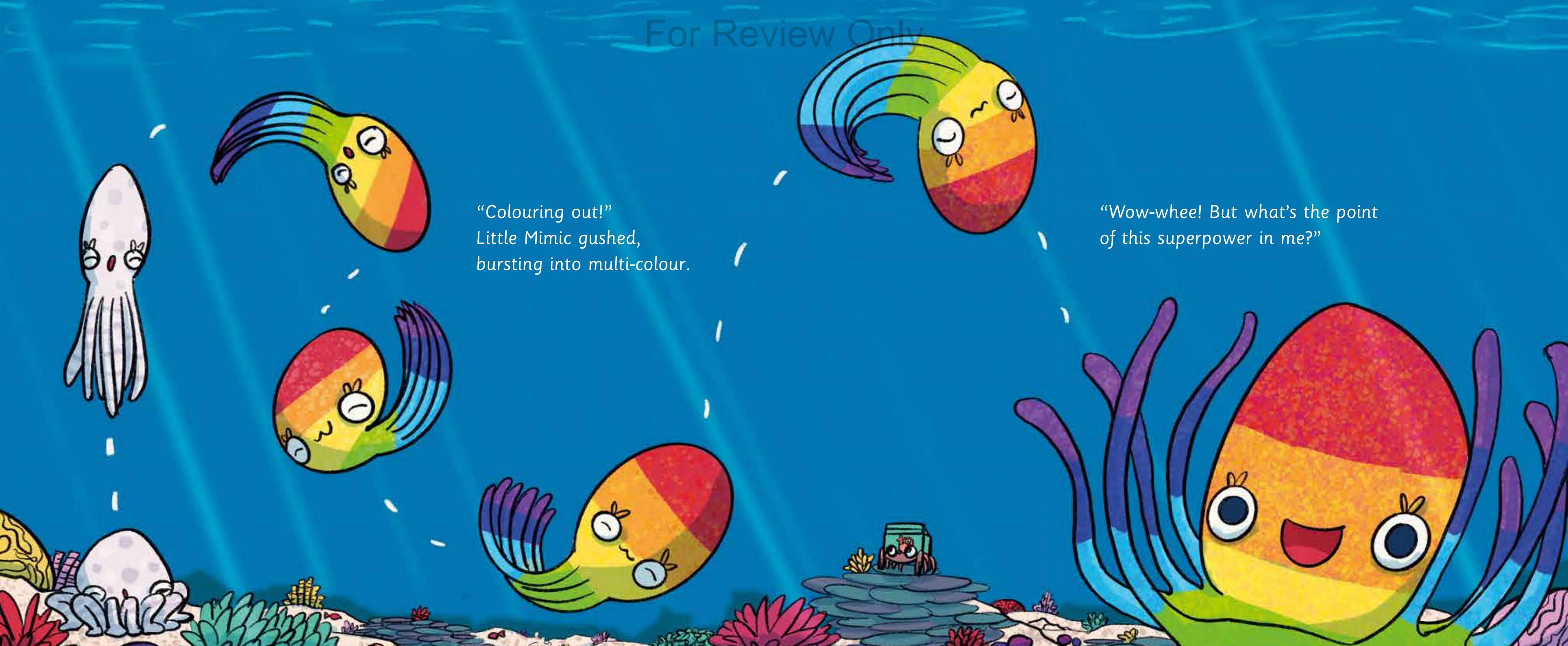
Swish!

“Lined up!” Little Mimic cried,  
showing off his lines.



Rainbow colours streaked above him.

Swoosh!



“Colouring out!”  
Little Mimic gushed,  
bursting into multi-colour.

“Wow-whee! But what’s the point  
of this superpower in me?”



Image courtesy of Steve Childs

## More About Mimic Octopuses

The mimic octopus is a small octopus. It can grow only up to 60 cm long. This includes the tentacles, which are about the thickness of a pencil. Its body is light brown or beige, and this can darken to scare off predators.

### Did You Know?

- The mimic octopus is the ultimate master of disguise. It is the only ocean animal that can take the shape of other objects and animals.
- This superpower comes from pigment sacs known as chromatophores, which help the mimic octopus change colour and texture. The octopus can also change the position of its tentacles, speed and swimming pattern according to the animal it is mimicking.
- While most animal mimics can only impersonate one animal, the mimic octopus can impersonate up to 15 different animals. These include the anemone, jellyfish, feather star, giant crab, mantis shrimp, seahorse, damselfish, sea snake, lionfish, sole and stingray.
- The mimic octopus can switch quickly between different animal forms and make intelligent decisions about which form to take. For example, when threatened by damselfish, the mimic octopus has been observed to transform into the sea snake, a well-known predator of the damselfish.

Scan these QR codes to find out more about the mimic octopus.



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## About the Author

After Emily Lim-Leh was inflicted with a strange voice disorder in 1998, she tried to use her abilities to blend in with different crowds, just like Little Mimic did. But none of that satisfied her until she discovered her superpower — a little mustard seed of faith in God which has grown her voice as a writer and storyteller. Emily has since written over 35 children's books and received several local and international book awards.



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## About the Illustrator

John Lim discovered his superpower when he picked up his drawing and colouring instruments. Illustrating children's books has given him the special ability to express his creativity and ideas in deep and splashy ways. John finds art transforming for himself, and hopes that readers can uncover their own superpowers too, just like Little Mimic. John has worked on over 10 children's books and his works have been featured in several events and exhibitions in Singapore.



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*Caleb and Zach*

*Always walk in the super power of Christ!*

*Arlene and Ahmani*

*Thanks for cheering me on to swim the course with Little Mimic!*

~ E.L

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