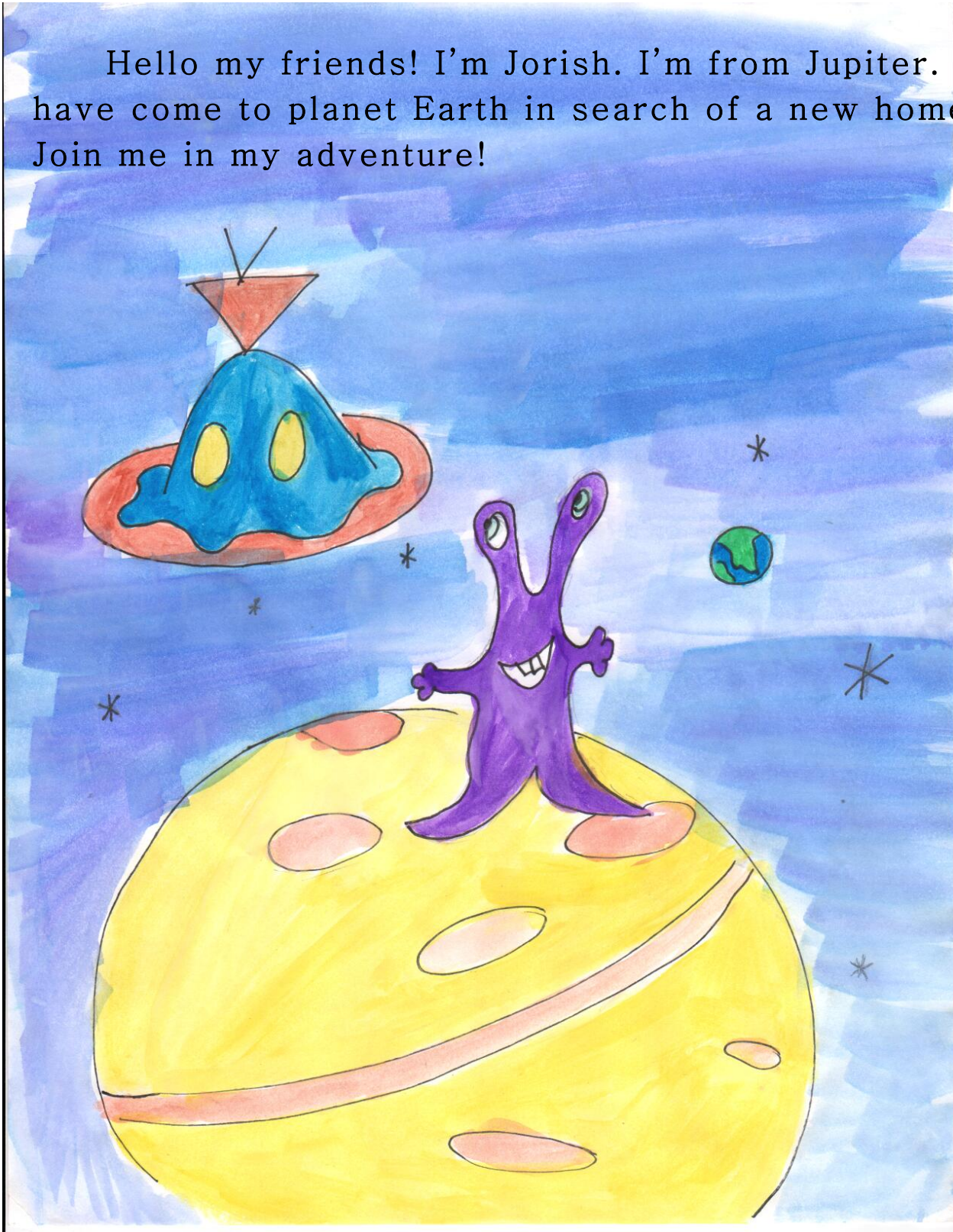


A New Home

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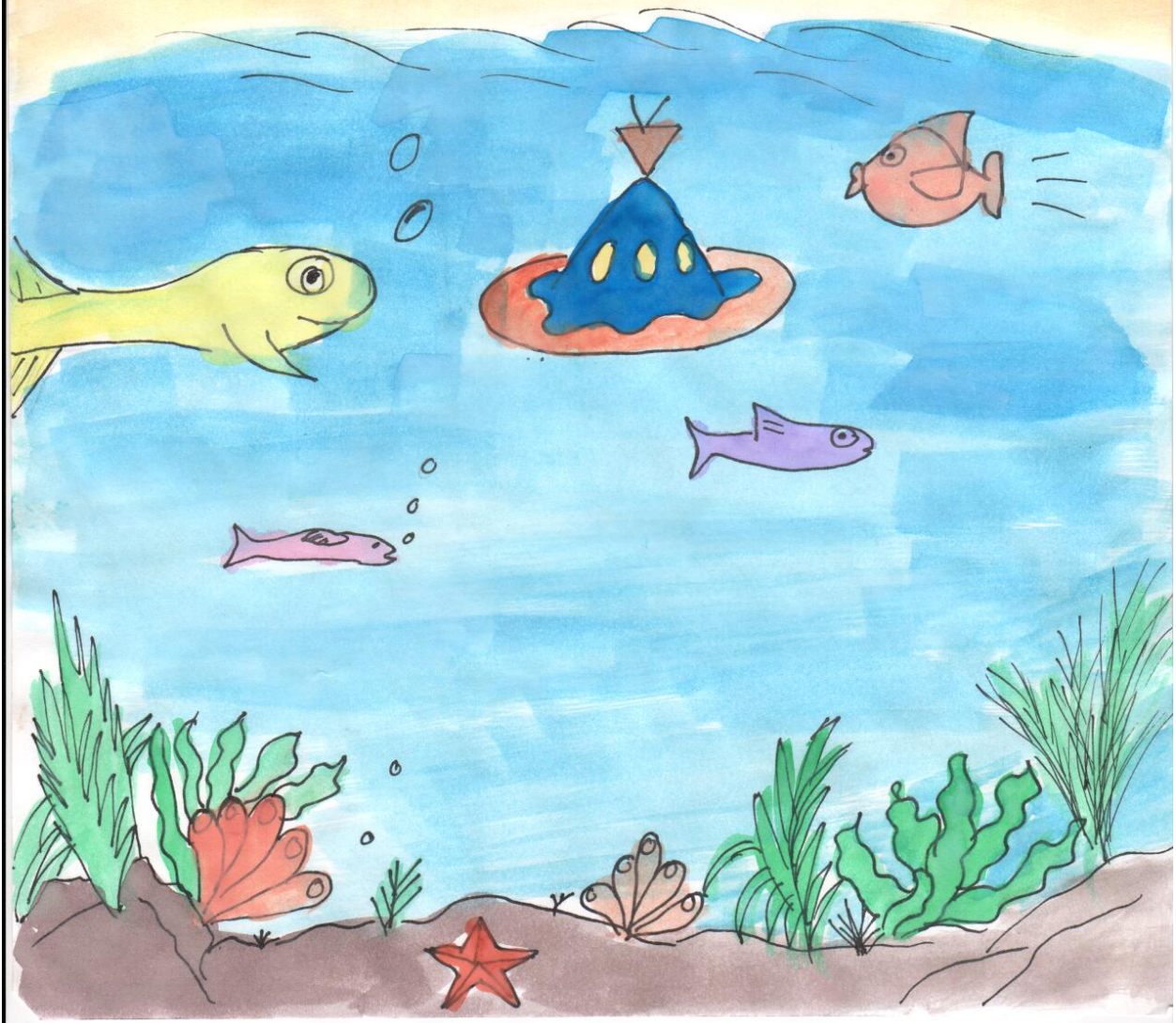


Hello my friends! I'm Jorish. I'm from Jupiter. I have come to planet Earth in search of a new home. Join me in my adventure!

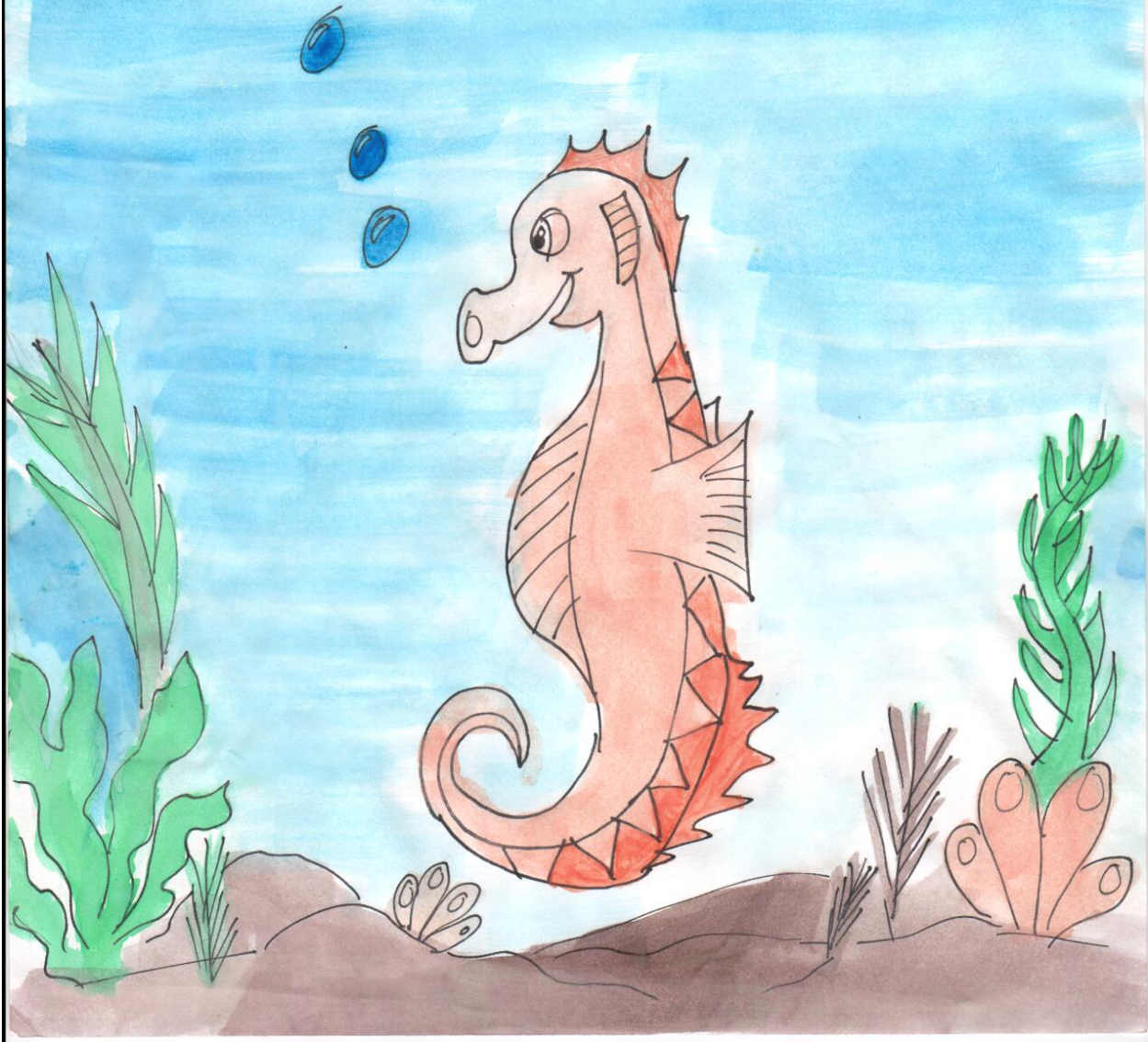


Planet Earth has more water than land. Let's
dive into
Earth's water world. Come on!

Wow, it's amazing. Look at all the creatures.
There are
many unique **habitats**. Some are in open spaces,
others are
hidden in rocks or covered with plants.

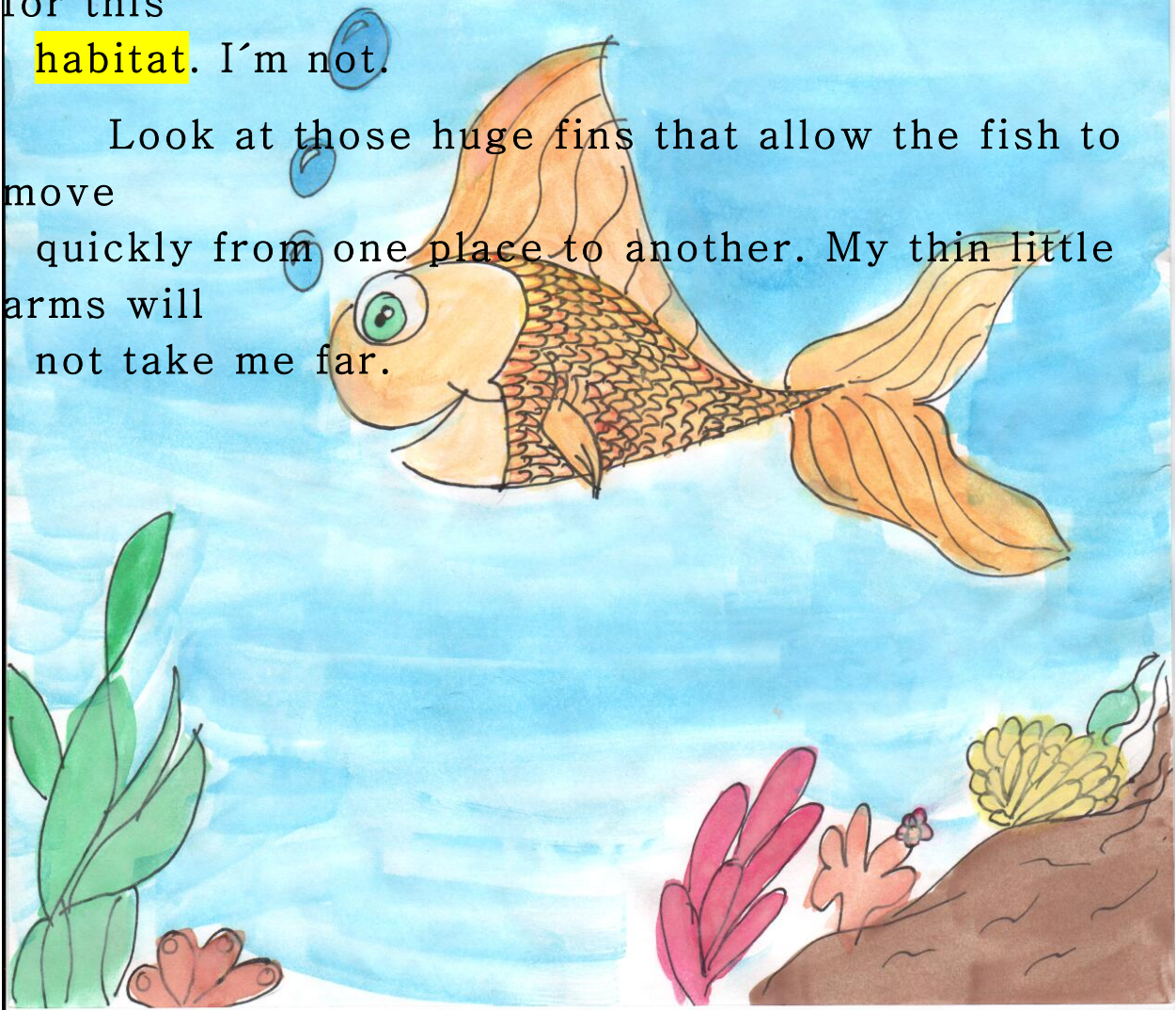


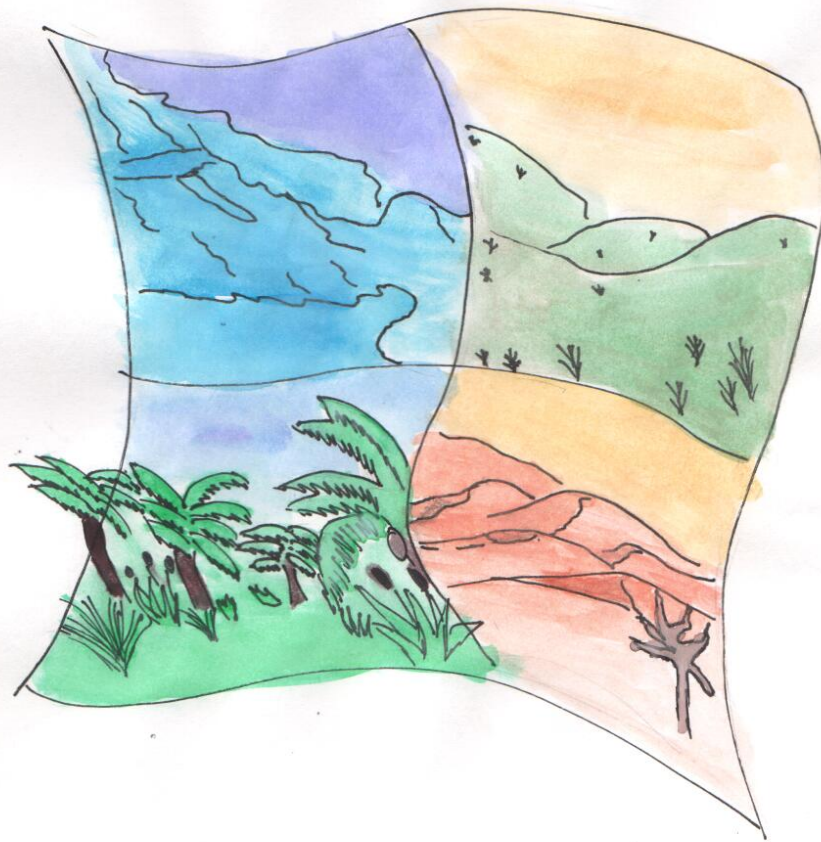
Look at this creature. It's a sea horse. Its mouth looks like a trumpet and its tail is like a spiral. It unrolls its tail when it swims, making its body move forward. What a great tail for this watery habitat.



Look at those beautiful scales. I know who those
belong to, it's a goldfish. The scales change color to help
camouflage it. I want to touch it. But wait, I can't go
outside my starship because I will drown. Most fish have
gills to get oxygen from the water. They are built for this
habitat. I'm not.

Look at those huge fins that allow the fish to move
quickly from one place to another. My thin little arms will
not take me far.





I think I will explore the land now! Where should I go? Planet Earth has many different beautiful landscapes. There are deserts, tropics, glaciers and tundras. I wonder which landscape is the best habitat for me?

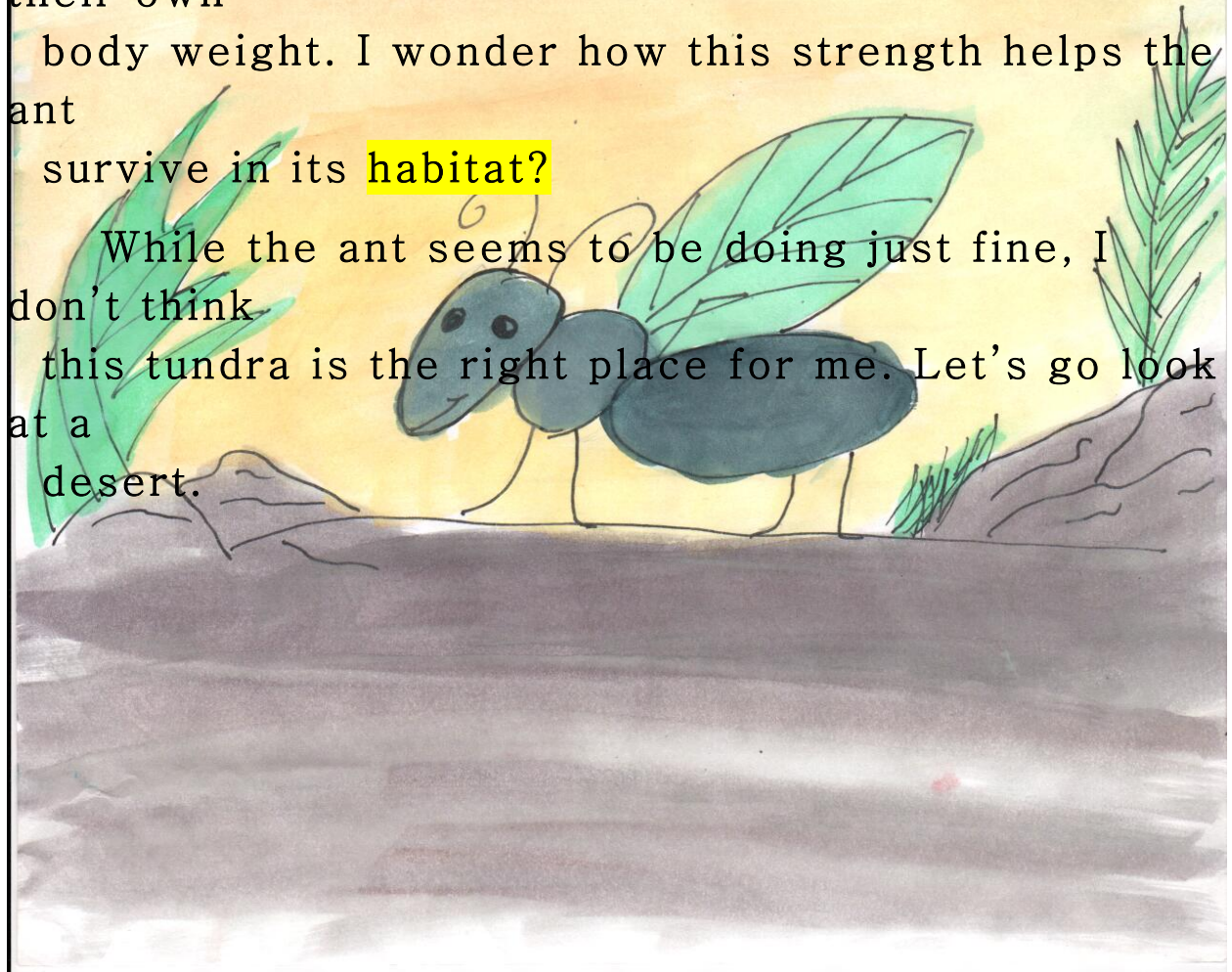
I will start with the tundra. Come on!

It's a little dry, but still has some vegetation.
Not much.

There are a lot of hills, too. Look over there, a little creature is walking in the dirt. It is strong. Watch it taking a big leaf on its back.

It's an ant. Ants are able to lift 5,000 times their own body weight. I wonder how this strength helps the ant survive in its **habitat?**

While the ant seems to be doing just fine, I don't think this tundra is the right place for me. Let's go look at a desert.



I wonder what I can find in the desert. Look!
A snake searching for food. It can eat a huge
rat in
just one bite. I should keep my distance. I'm small
and
don't want to be confused for dinner.



These amazing creatures “molt”. This means
they
shed their skin and grow a new layer. It is a
natural thing
for them. It's like taking a bath. It doesn't hurt.
And they
can live in the heat without any problem. This

desert

habitat is good for the snake, but not for me.

I'm getting thirsty. I should move on.



Tropical rain forest here I come!

It's raining. We might need an umbrella.
Everything is
so green. There are many different types of
plants. The
forest is so noisy. I wonder who is making all this
noise.

Let's find out. Look!

It's a Toucan. These birds have such beautiful
feathers.

But its beak is most amazing! It has so many

colors. I see

blue, green, yellow and red. I wonder why the Toucan

needs such a big beak for this **habitat**?

I think the rain forest is too wet and humid of a **habitat** for me. We should keep looking.

Hmmm. What now? I think we should go and see a glacier. I am ready to get cold.

Look! There is a seal, let's get closer. The seal is such a beautiful creature. They are furry when they are babies.

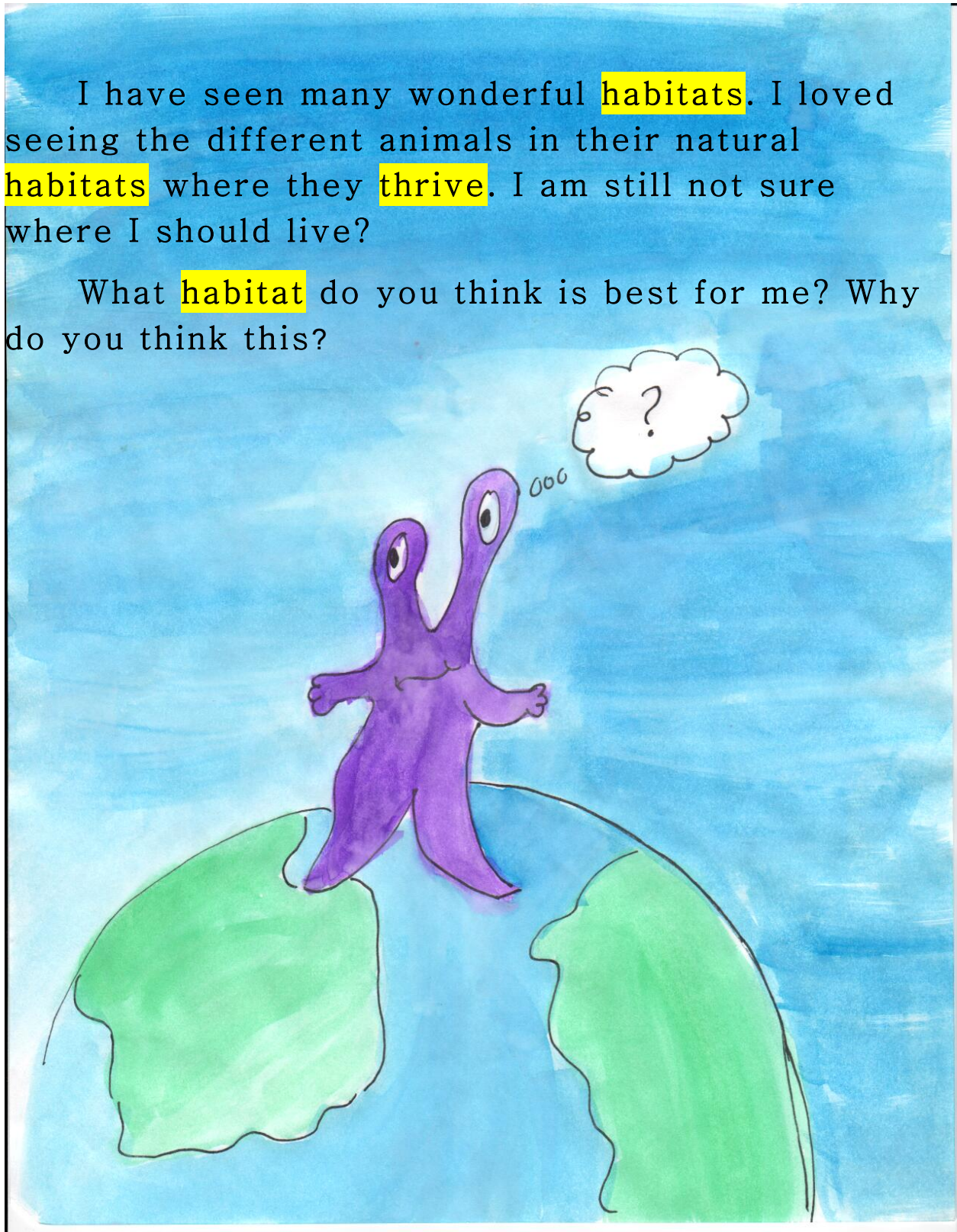
I think that is so cute. The seals live in really cold temperatures without any problem. They can crawl on the ice or swim in the freezing water. I wonder if that's why they are so fat?

I'm not fat. I am starting to get cold. I think this **habitat** is better for a seal than me.



I have seen many wonderful **habitats**. I loved seeing the different animals in their natural **habitats** where they **thrive**. I am still not sure where I should live?

What **habitat** do you think is best for me? Why do you think this?



Glossary

Thrive: to grow vigorously or stay healthy.

Habitat: the natural environment of a plant or animal.

Camouflage: covering to imitate the surroundings and hide from being seen.