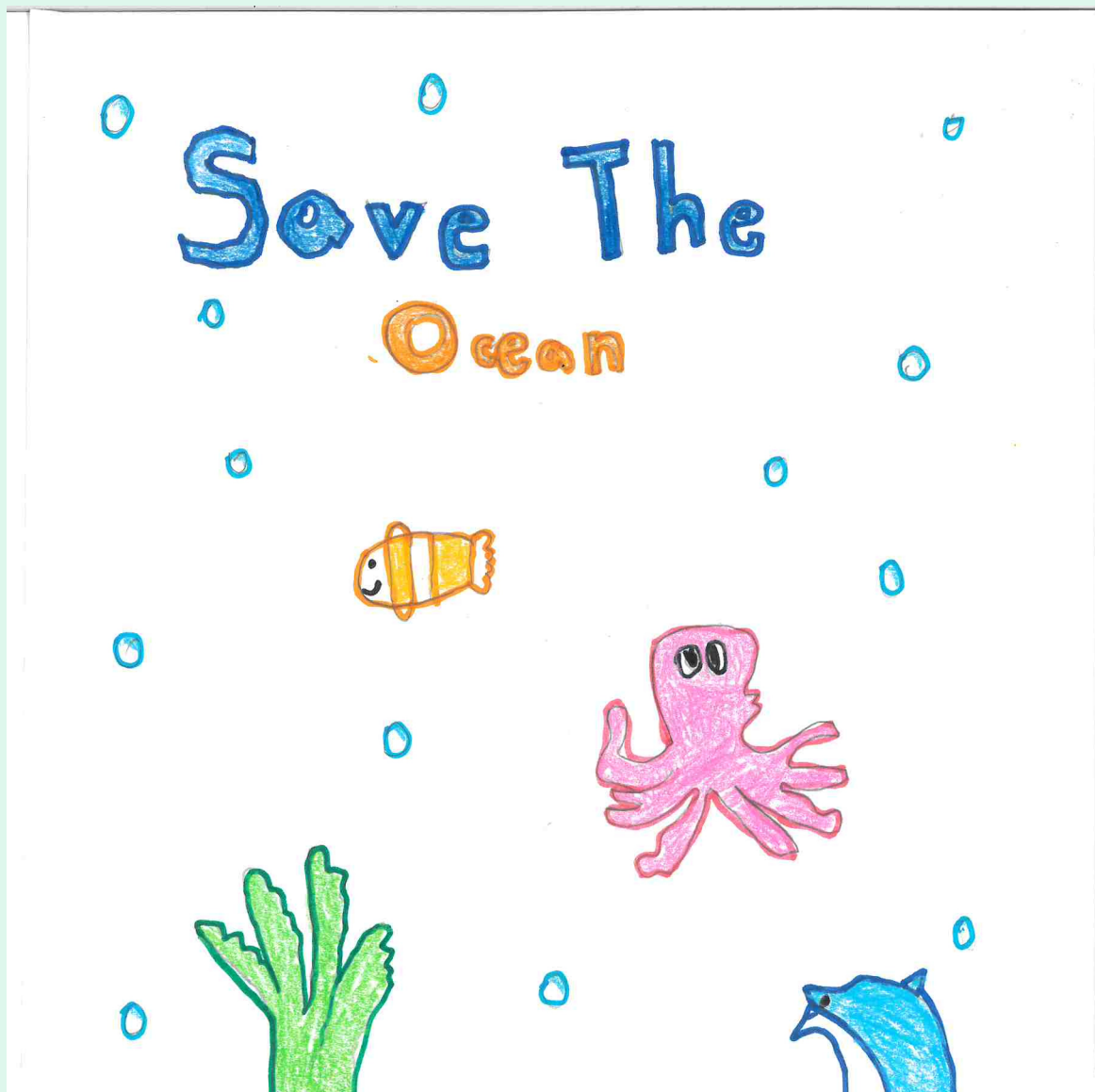


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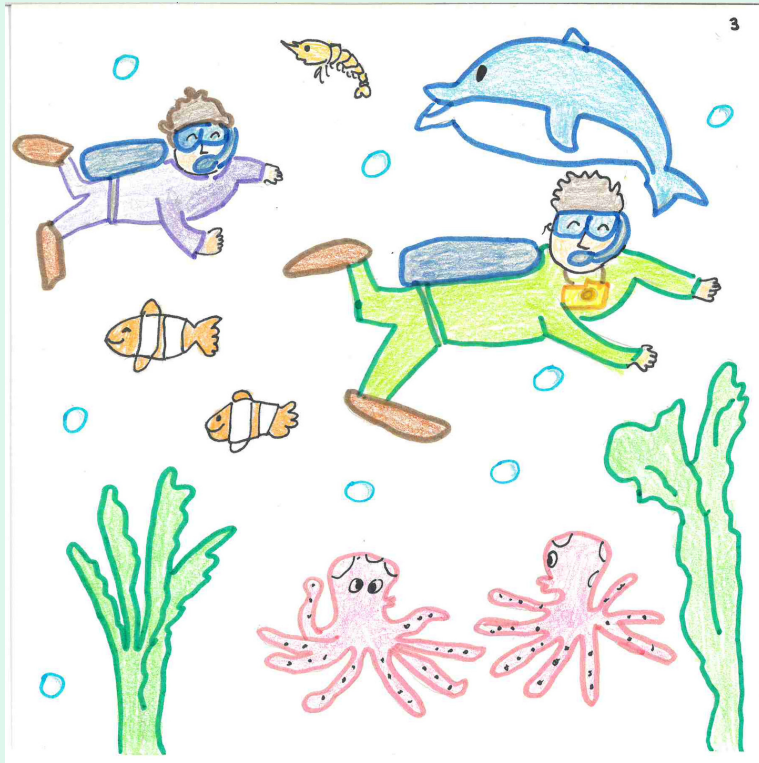
"Zip!" "Bang!" "Cling!" A professional diver, John, was looking for his diving supplies. The search for his gear turned the house into a battlefield of junk; so much so that he needed to walk around like he was avoiding mines. "Got you!" said John when he finally found the oxygen tank and diving goggles.



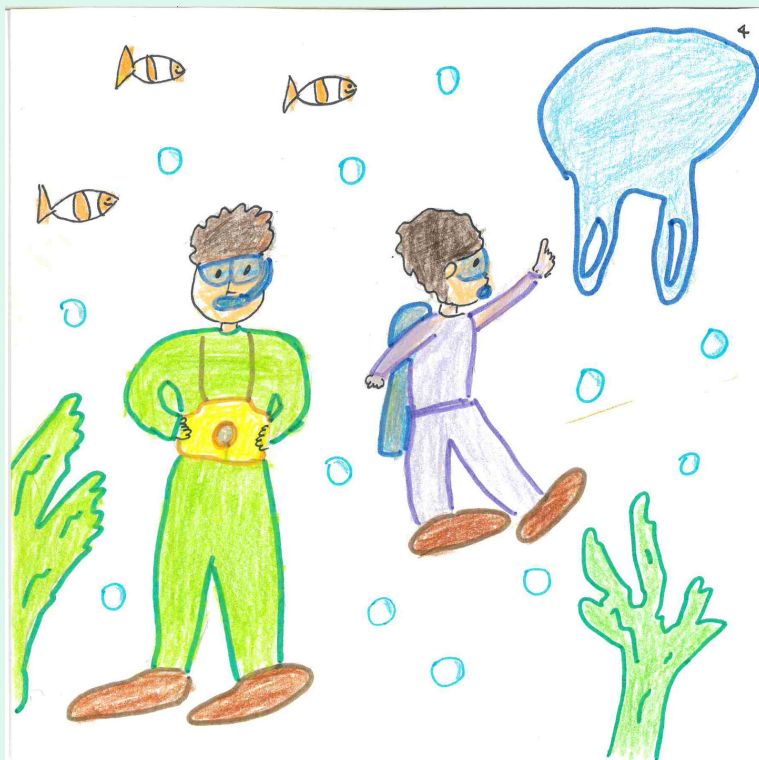
John excitedly went to the beach with his son, Frank, who was diving for the first time. The golden sand felt warm under their feet as they boarded a boat which then brought them to the middle of the ocean. "Plomp!" John and Frank quickly dived into the sea.

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Snapping on their sea goggles, they saw a vast range of sea animals swimming everywhere. Timid shrimp escaped from speedy dolphins while seaweed danced elegantly at the bottom of the ocean. Clownfish swam slowly while octopuses squirted their ink. Every animal in the sea was enjoying their peaceful habitat.



"Wow! I've never seen a spectacular scene like this!" John exclaimed, taking photos left and right. "It never gets old," Frank responded. They went deeper and deeper in the sea. All of a sudden, Frank saw something that looked like a gigantic jellyfish. "Ahh! What's that?" Frank asked, seeming confused.

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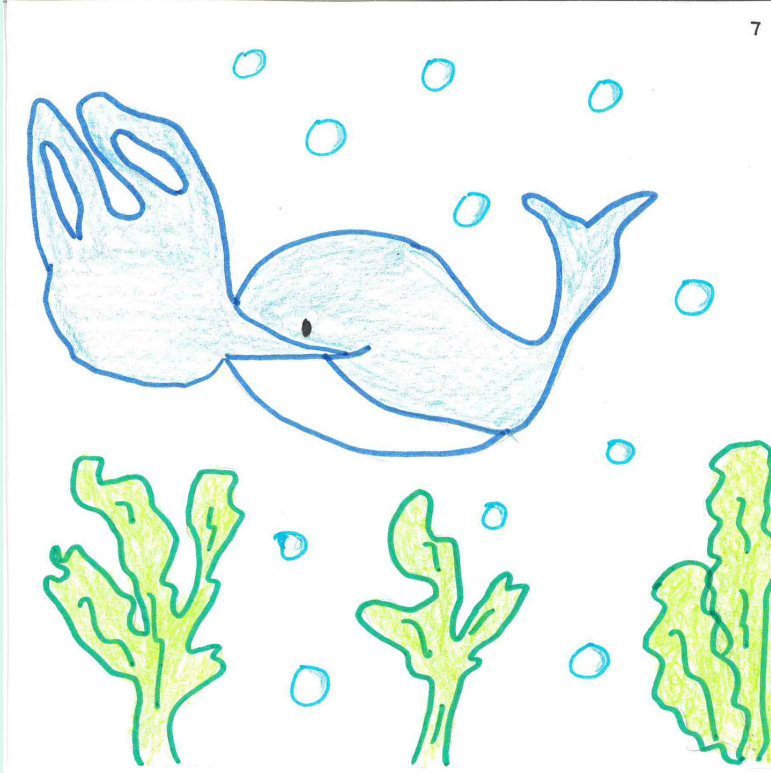


Frank was pointing towards the jellyfish-like object, "Is that a new species of jellyfish in the ocean, Dad?" John peered closer and sighed. "No, unfortunately it's just a huge plastic bag. This isn't the first time I've seen garbage in this beautiful ocean," John responded, very annoyed to see marine trash again.

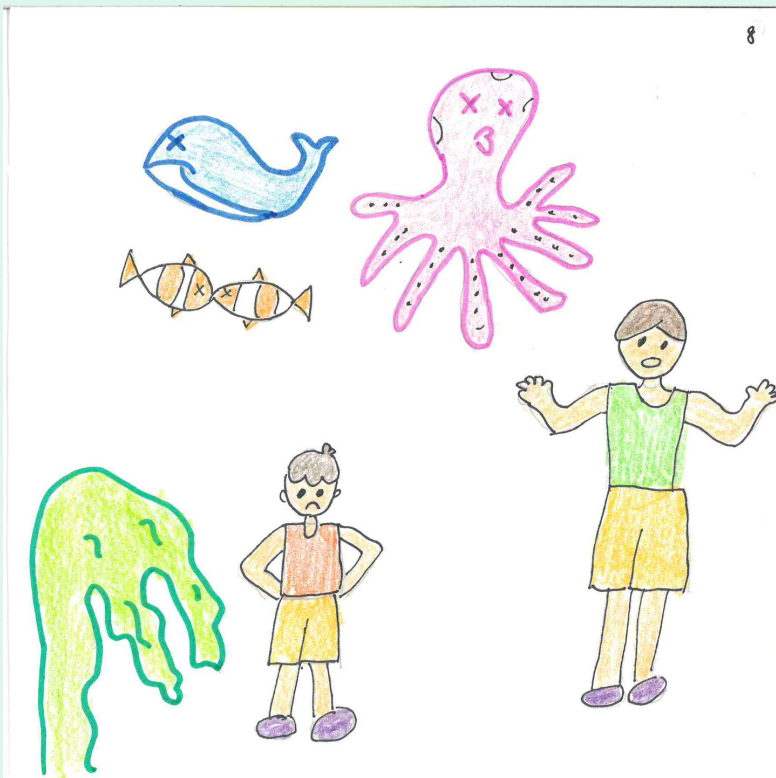


John reached out to bring the bag home to recycle but they got caught up in it! They were beginning to panic because they didn't know how to escape. They struggled for ages until they were exhausted but free. Suddenly, a starving blue whale swam towards them.

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They quickly swam out of its way, but it ate the plastic bag they struggled with and disappeared. "Why do whales eat plastic?" Frank asked, wondering how whales digest them. "They don't. That whale probably thought that plastic bag was its prey. Millions of sea animals die annually from consuming rubbish." Frank responded, feeling bad.



"Poor blue whale! Why don't people recycle their trash?" John growled angrily, and thought that ocean pollution must stop. Finally, they swam back home. Frank said, "We should really do something for the environment or else waste and pollution will continue to harm the ecosystem and animals."

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"You're right," said John. They went online and started a blog about the blue whale they saw and how ocean pollution was ruining its marine habitats. They wanted others to realise this problem and how beautiful and important the ocean is. They planned an event to protect the environment.



They organised a community scuba diving event, "Save Our Ocean". The event was such a success that it allowed them to donate thousands of dollars to the local marine protection organizations to conserve marine life. The most important thing they learned was a precious life lesson: Be environmentally friendly.