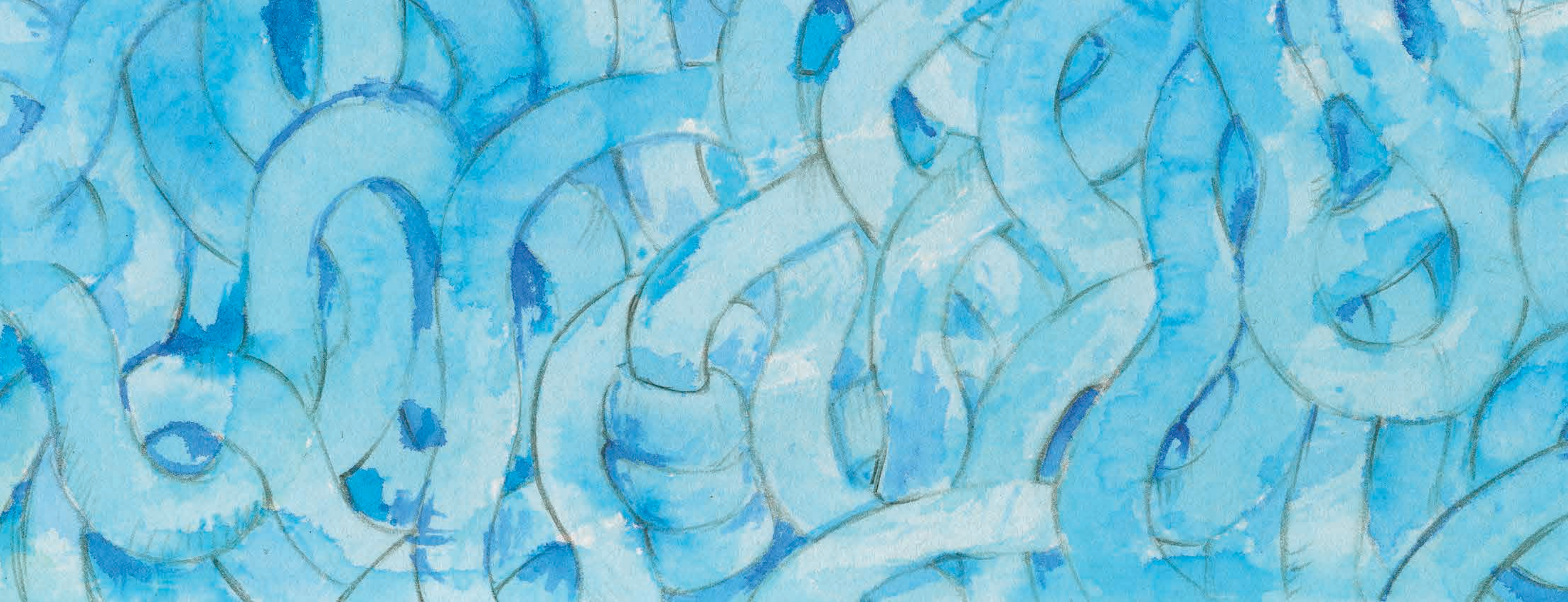




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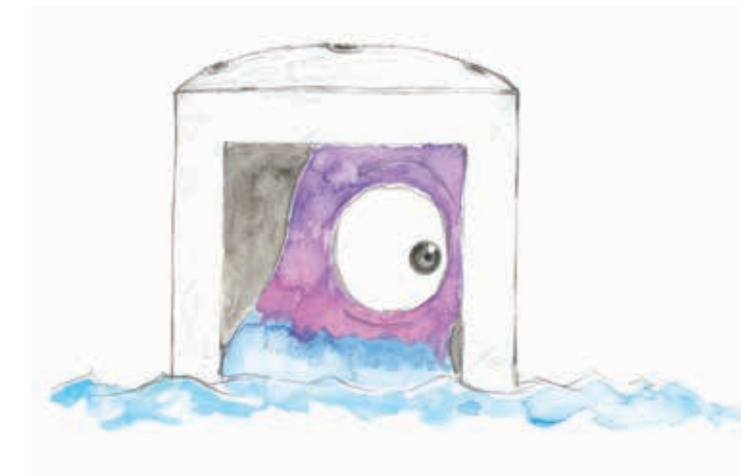
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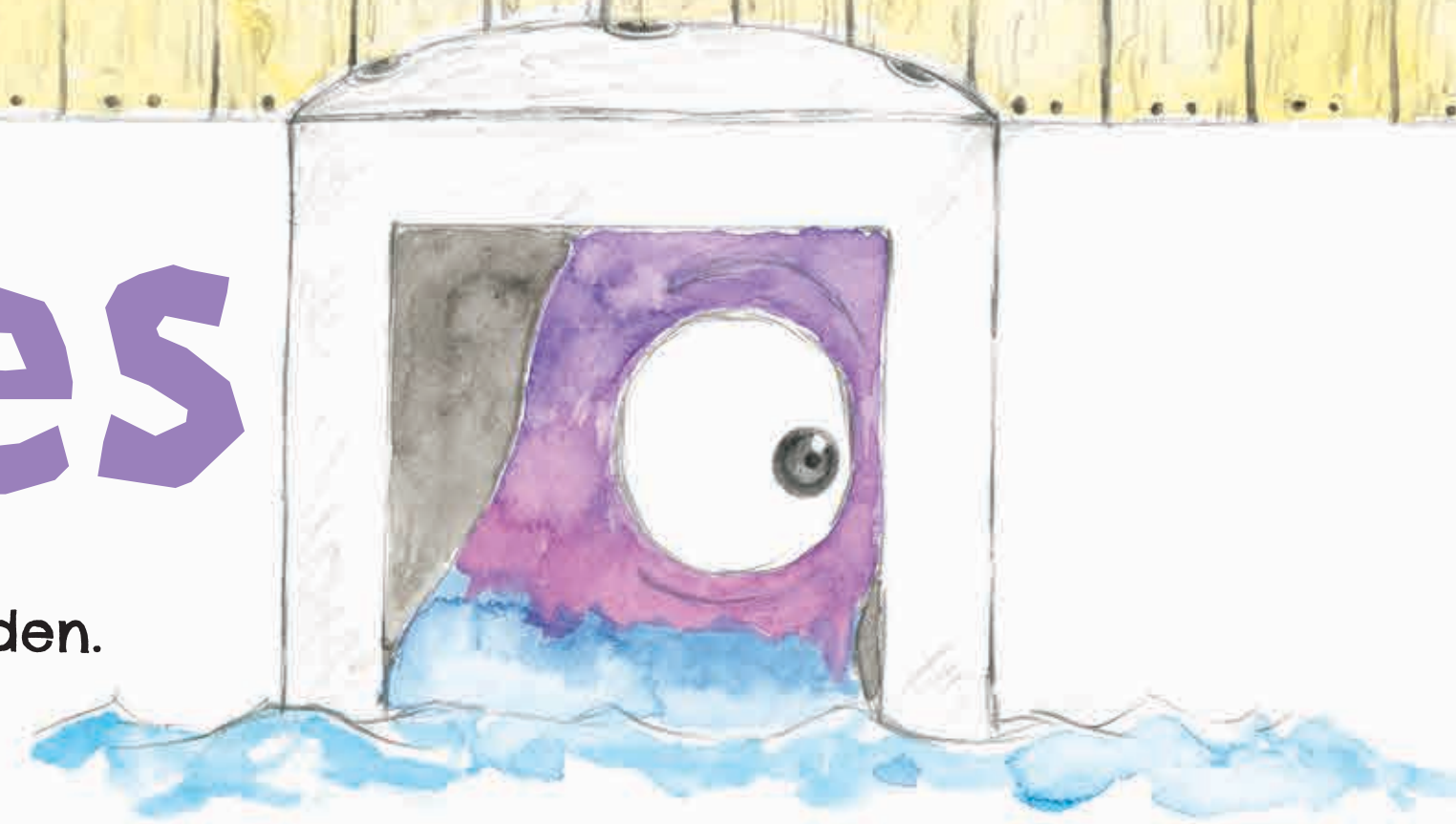


It **slithers,**

it **spits,**

**hissssssssssses**

from its den.



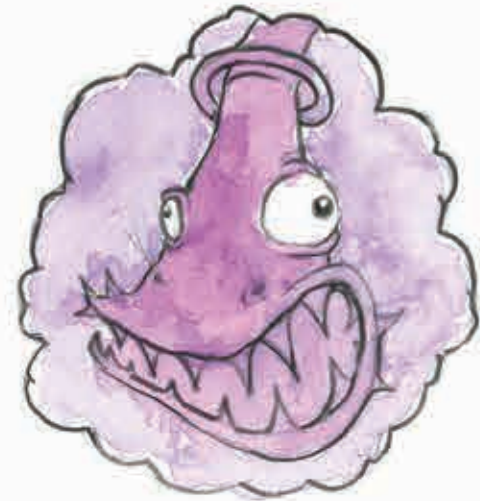




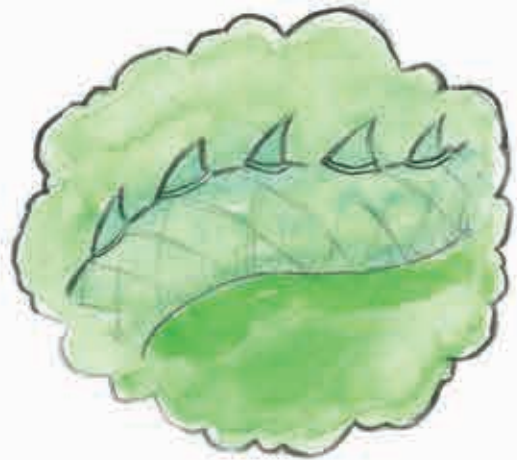
I want to go **swimming**,  
but do not know when.



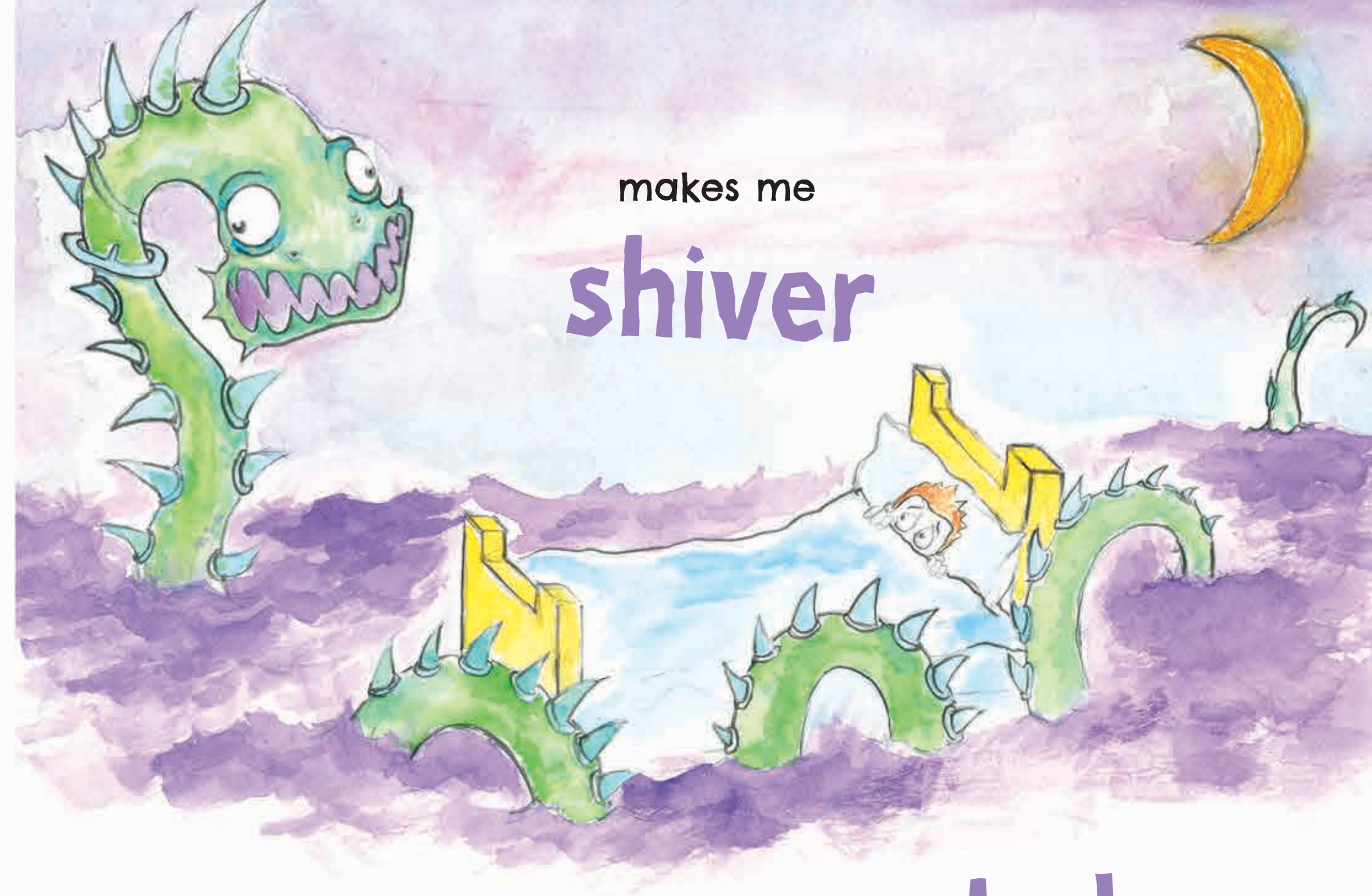
The **head** of  
a dragon,



the **tail** of  
a snake,



the **bluey-green**  
monster



makes me

**shiver**

and **shake.**

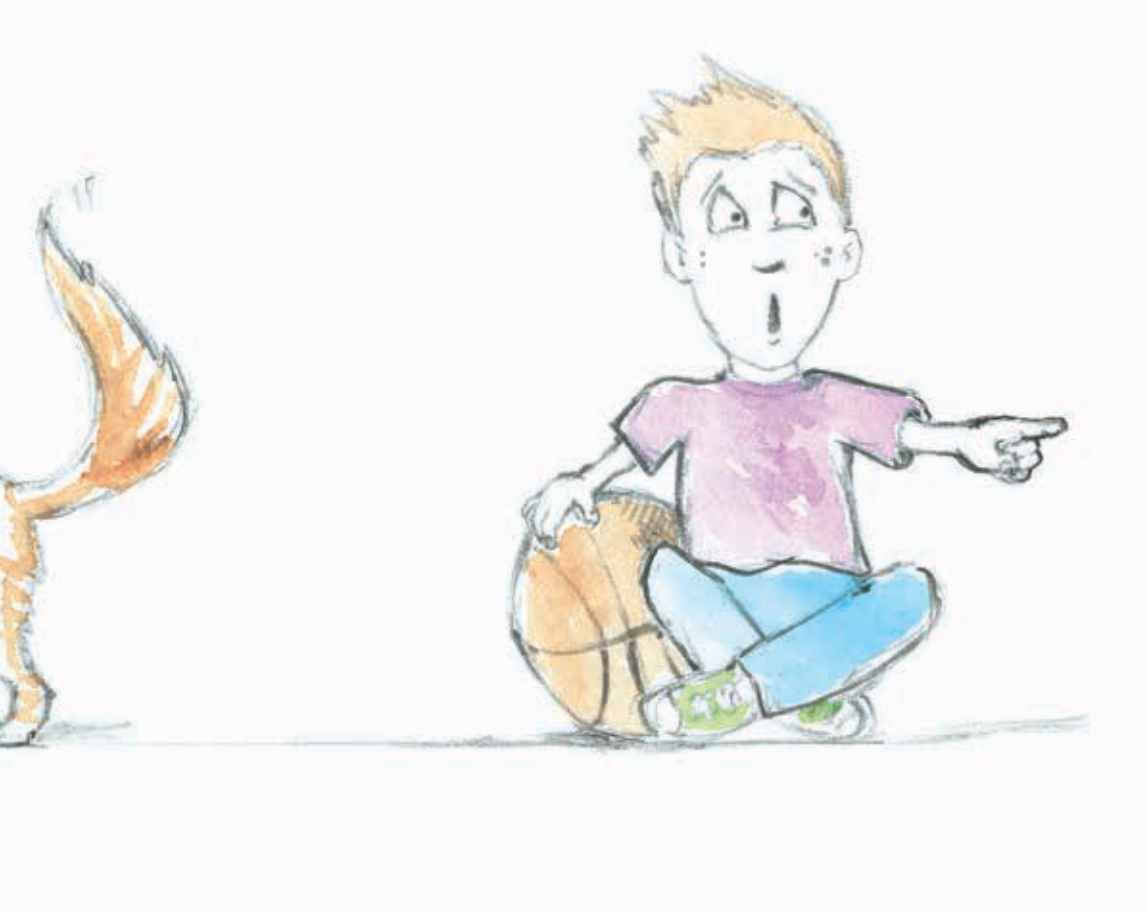


Gurgling, grasping,  
and **gasp**ing, it breathes.



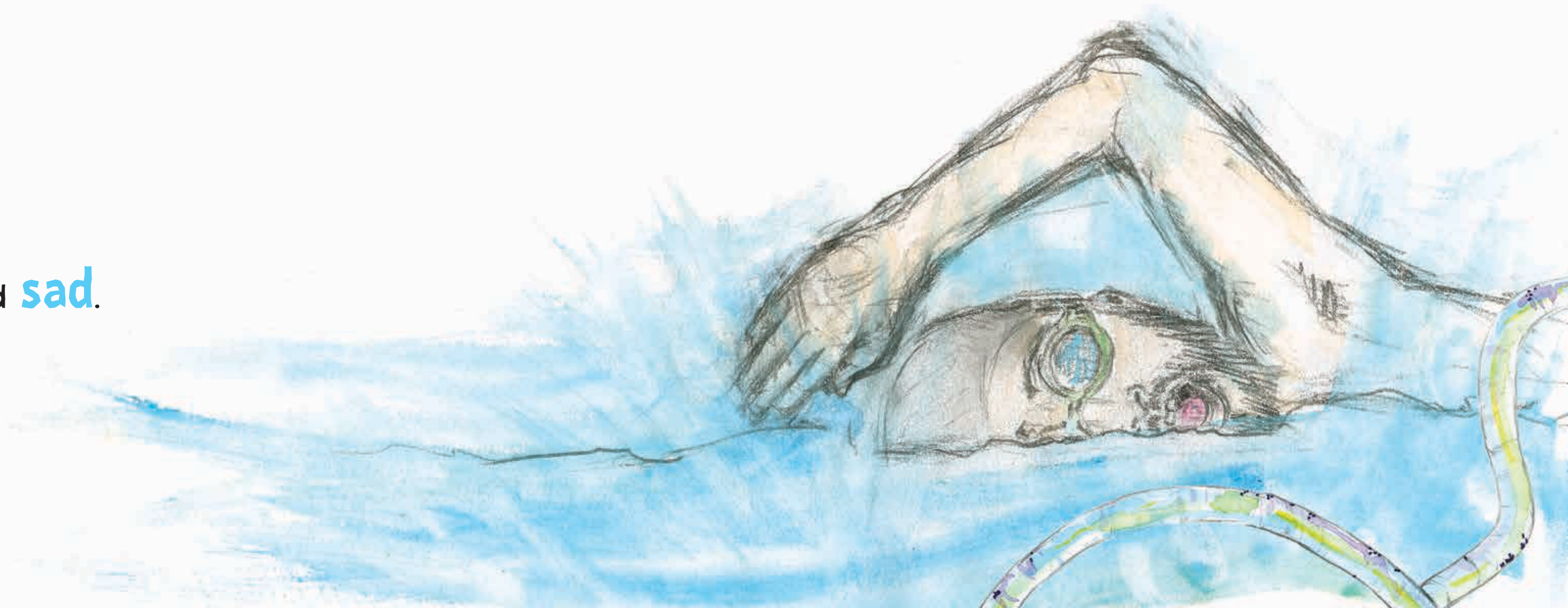
It must **eat** more than  
rubbish and leaves.





I hide near the edge,  
feeling **worried** and **sad**.

Then I see it  
try to **grab** Dad!





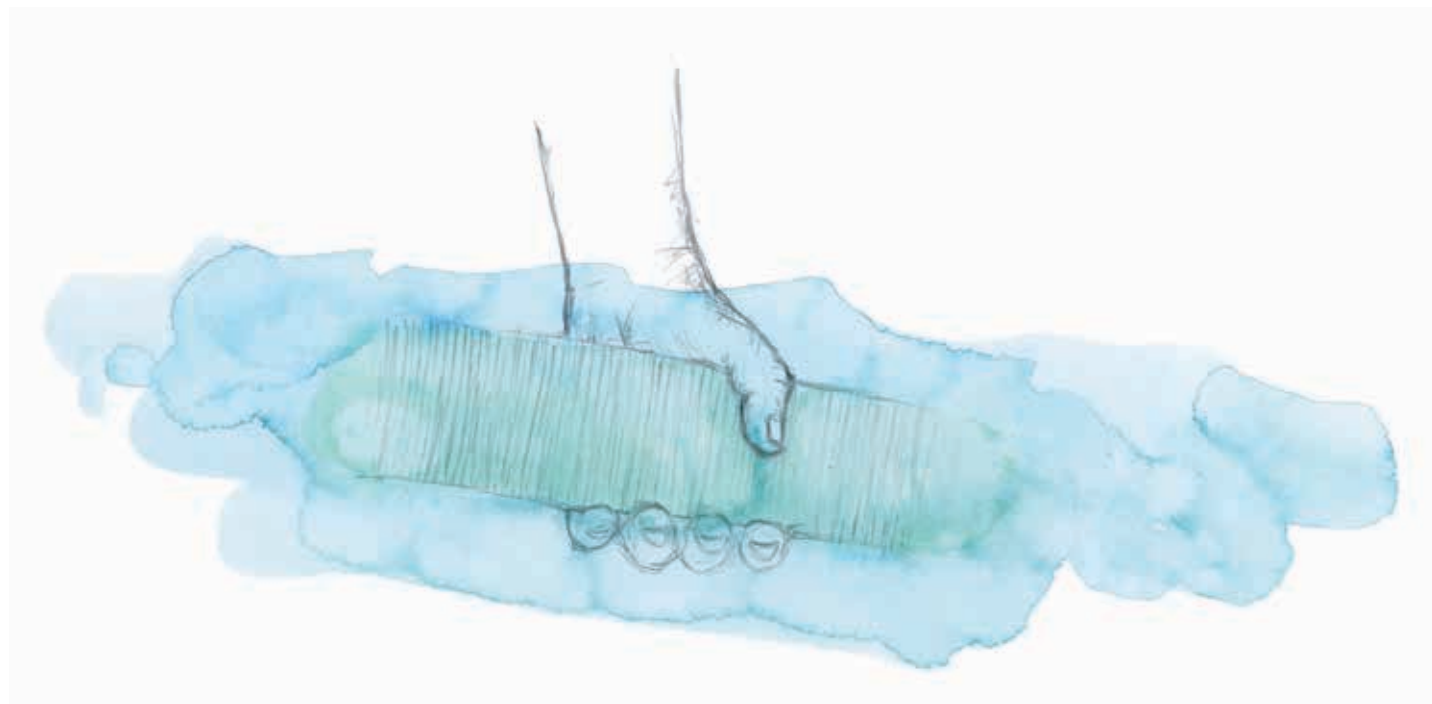
**'Look out** for that creature,  
so scary and mean!







Dad **laughs.**



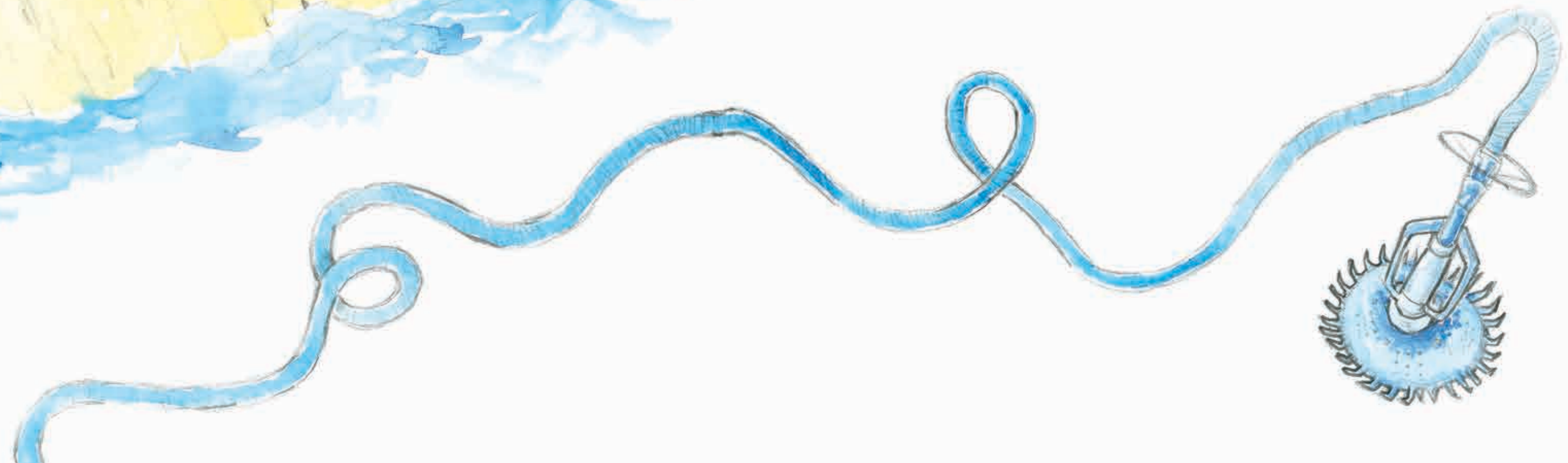
**'No worries!'**  
This keeps the pool clean.'





I look a bit closer  
at the **hose** in the shade.

I take a **deep breath**  
and am now not afraid.





I grab it in hand  
and pull it **straight out.**



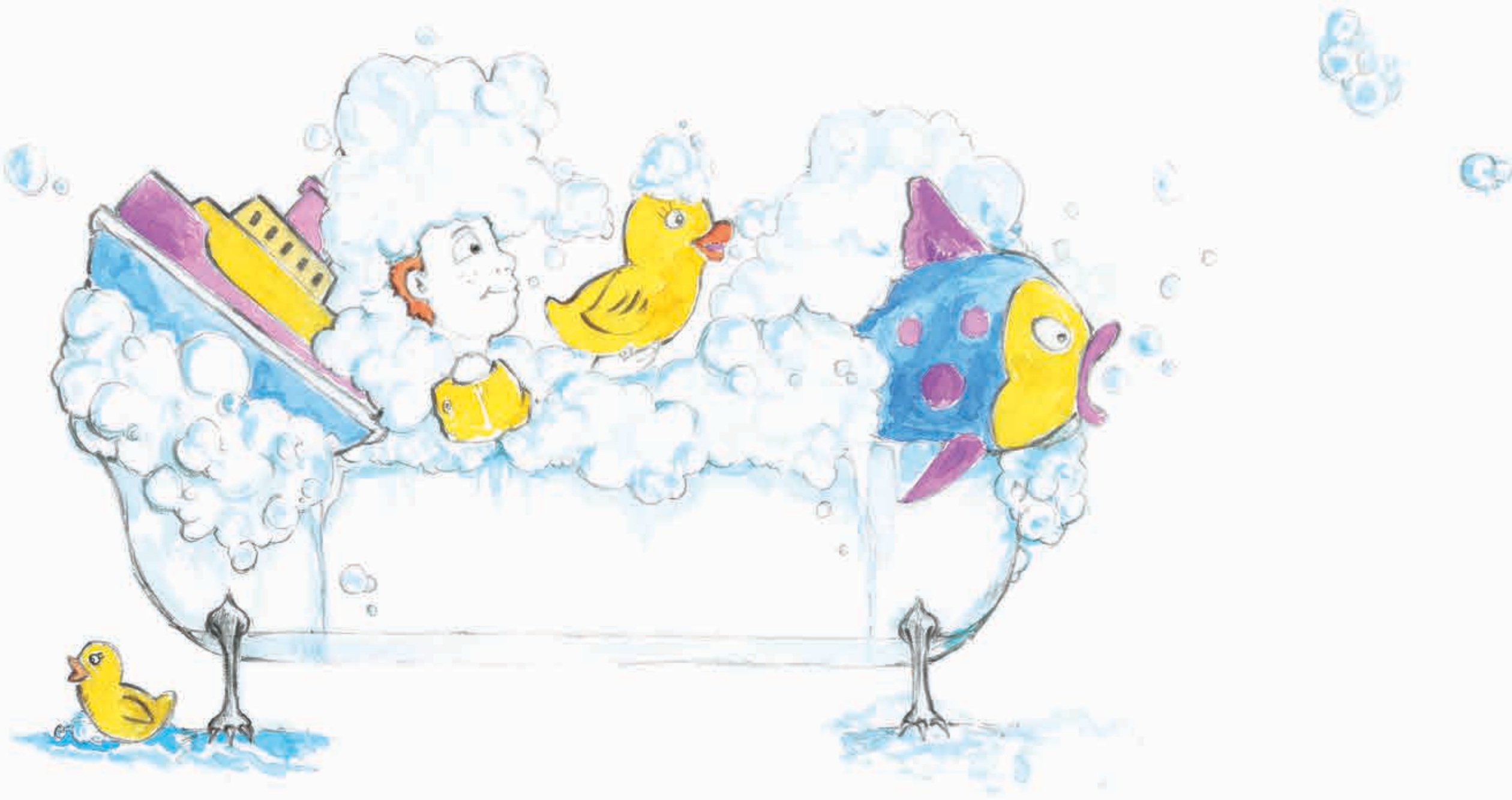
Then

**'CANNONBAAAALL!'**

I start to shout.







I still like to **swim**  
in the bath with my toys,





until from the drain  
comes a terrible **noise!**





## ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

Emcee, father and teacher, Charlie Thomson, AKA The Educator, has spent the past 20 years combining his love of the arts and education at a number of high schools and youth training facilities around Australia. As well as being the founding member of the award-winning hip-hop crew, The Winnie Coopers, Charlie was a key presenter at the World Shakespeare Congress in Brisbane as well presenting at the Hip-Hop Education ThinkTank in New York. A Queenslander since Expo 88, Charlie hopes to one day see the Gold Coast Suns win a flag. *In the Deep End* is his first picture book and was inspired by his own children overcoming their fears.



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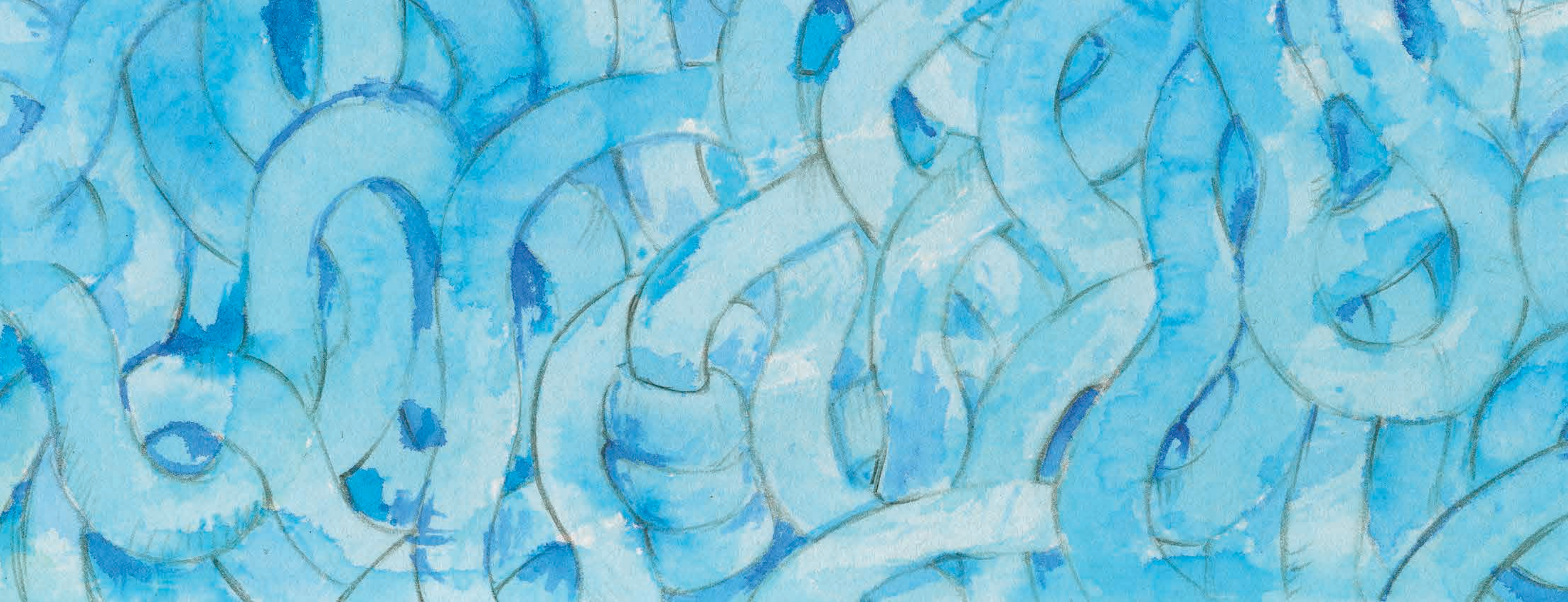
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