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This project has been made with my Intermediate Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors - students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences- by the illustrators - Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch - and by me, who directed and supervised the whole process.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie Leamos, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and reading in Spanish.

¡Espero que lo disfruten!

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An Original Story

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Vocabulary

El sol - Sun

La arena - Sand

La palmera - Palm

Los aldeanos - Villagers

Prohibir - To Prohibit

Brillante - Bright

El traje de baño - Bathing Suit

La ola - Wave

La tortuga - Turtle

Parar - Stop

Characters

The Girl - Is the main character in the story who shows with determination anything is possible

The Villagers - They think they are protecting the girl by telling her not to go in the ocean

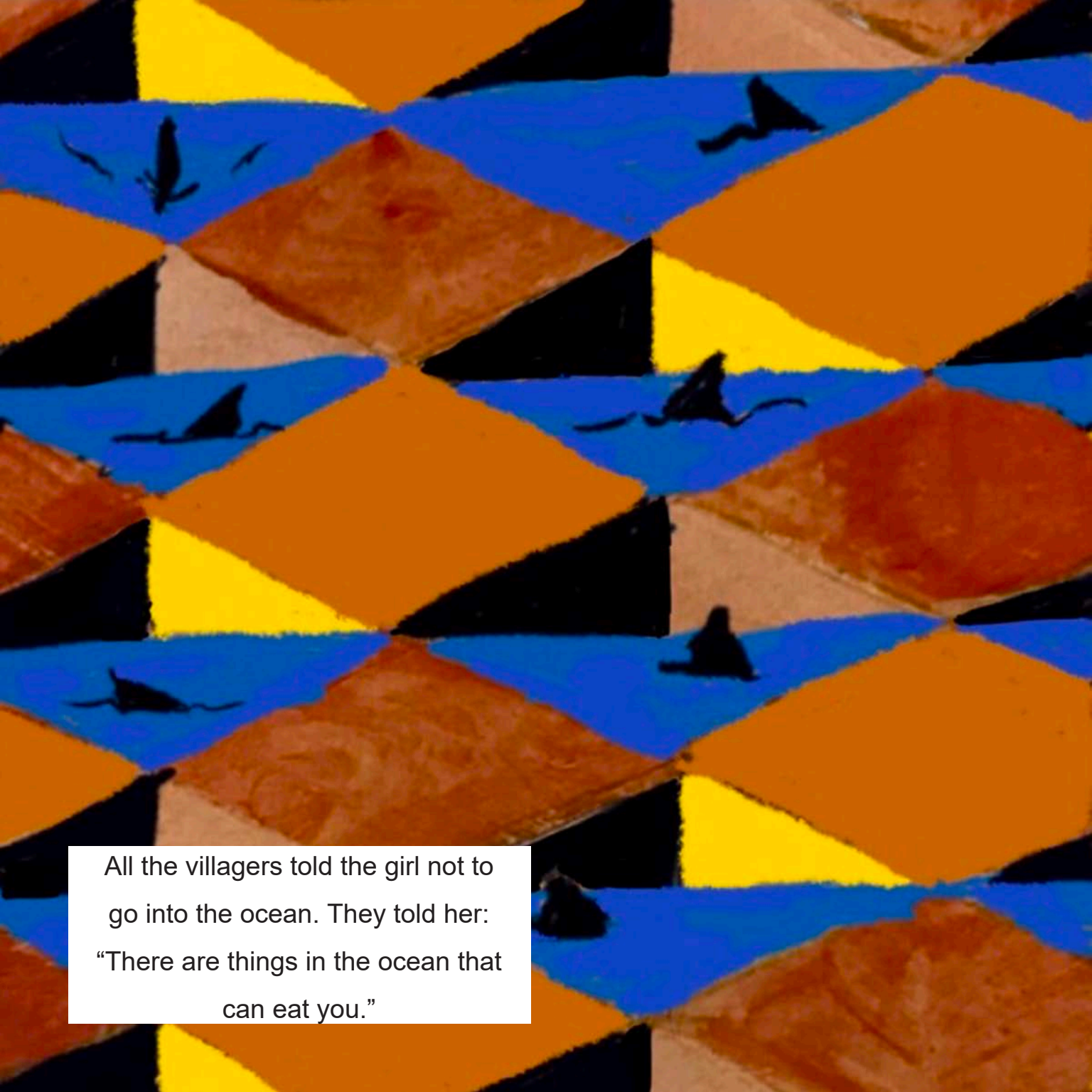
The Ocean Animals - Help the girl get safely to the island



Once upon a time, there was a girl that lived in a small town close to the ocean. She loved the ocean, and the sun, and sand, and palm trees. She loved everything about the sea.



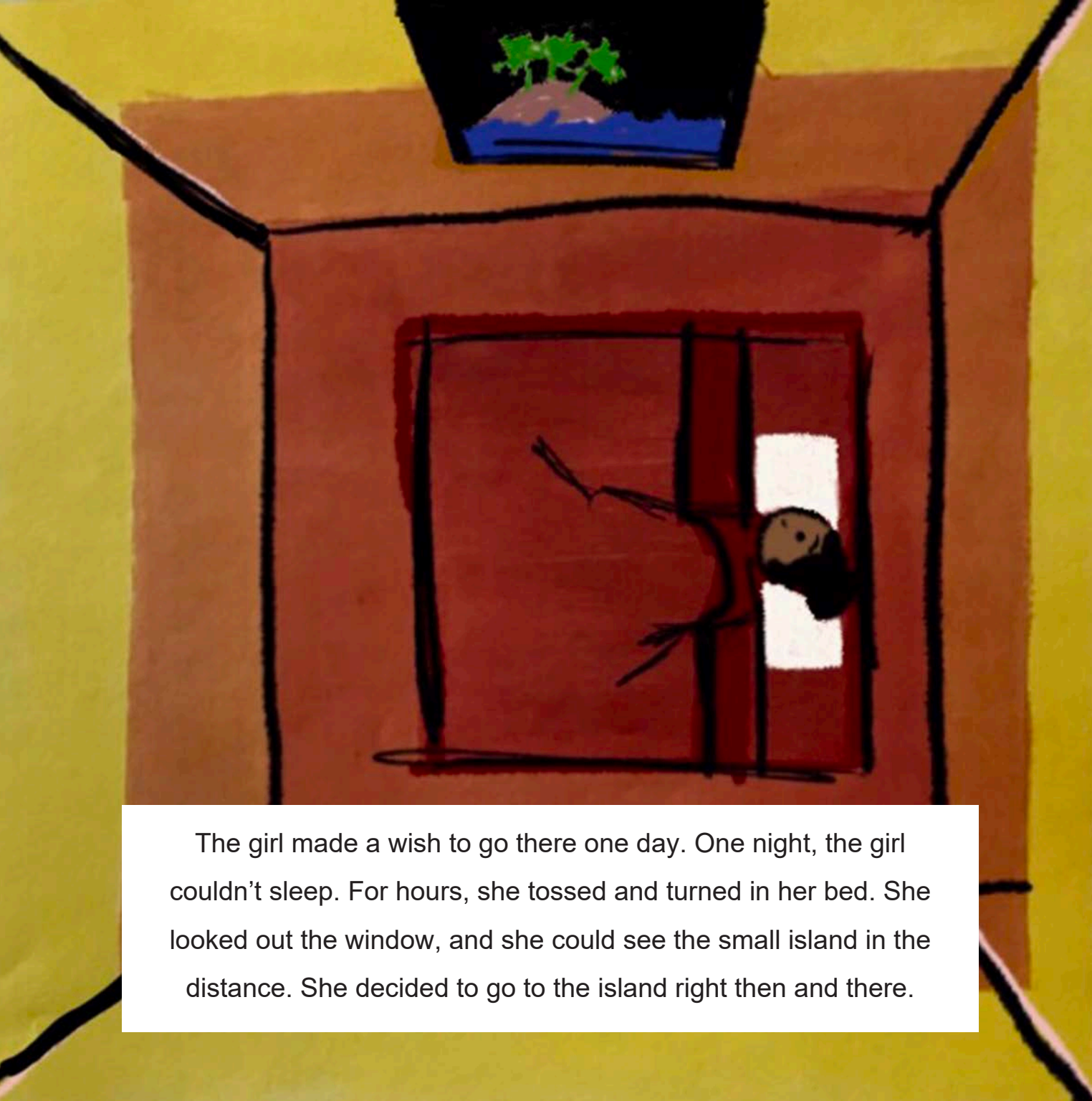
In the middle of the ocean, there was a small island. It was very pretty. The palm trees were vibrant, and the sand was white and bright. She loved everything on the coast.



All the villagers told the girl not to go into the ocean. They told her: "There are things in the ocean that can eat you."



They also said: "The ocean isn't safe; it's prohibited."



The girl made a wish to go there one day. One night, the girl couldn't sleep. For hours, she tossed and turned in her bed. She looked out the window, and she could see the small island in the distance. She decided to go to the island right then and there.

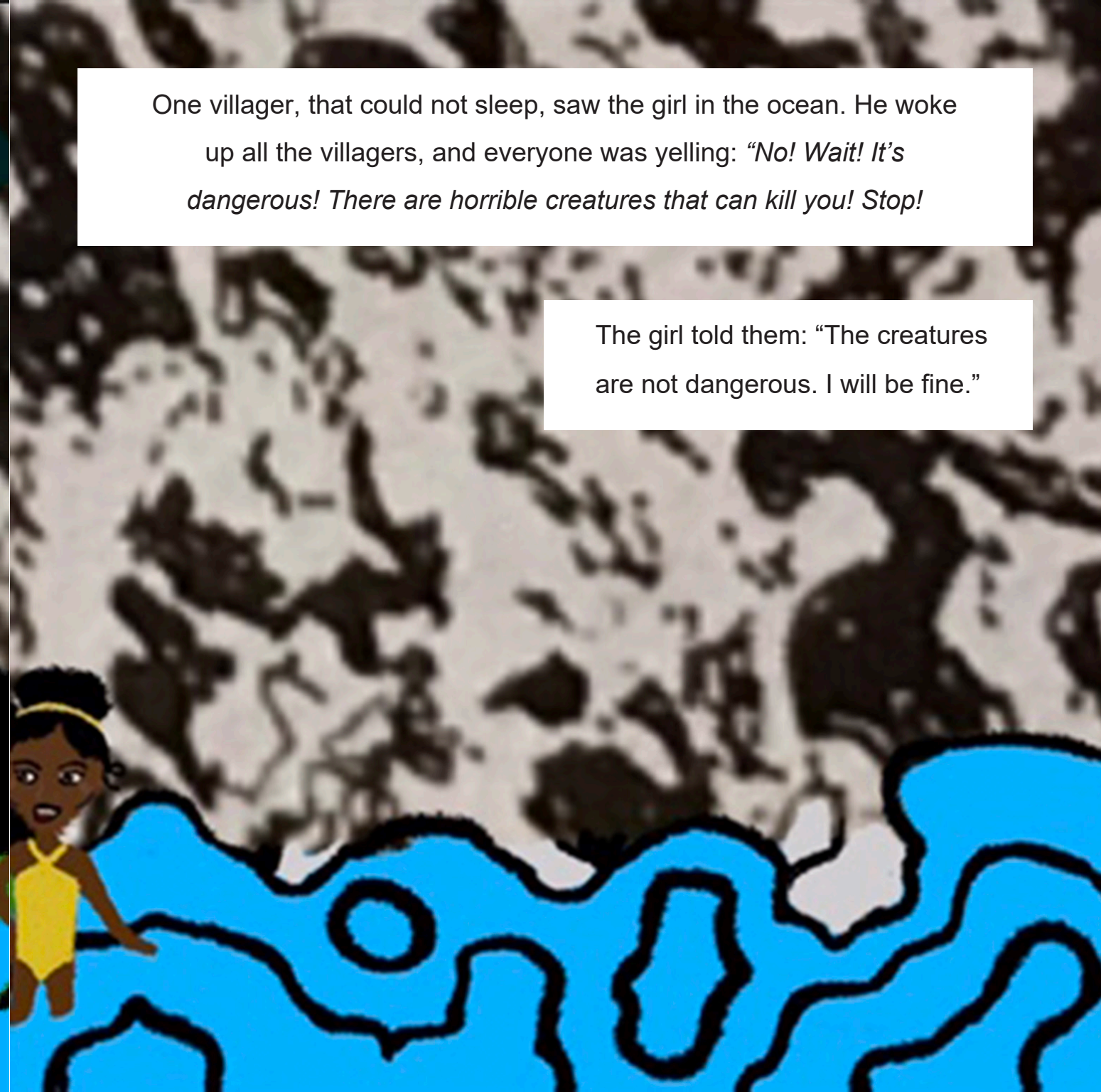


She put on her swimsuit and left the house.



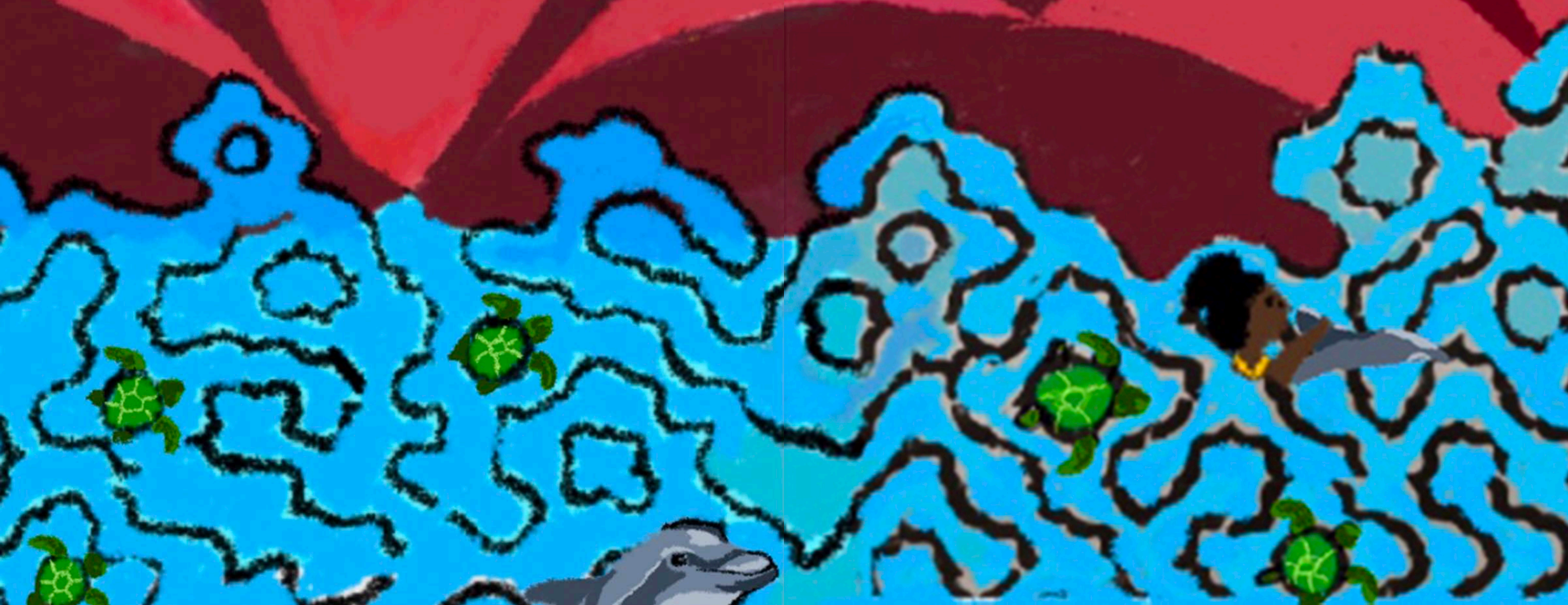
One villager, that could not sleep, saw the girl in the ocean. He woke up all the villagers, and everyone was yelling: *“No! Wait! It’s dangerous! There are horrible creatures that can kill you! Stop!”*


The girl told them: *“The creatures are not dangerous. I will be fine.”*



She started swimming towards the island. The waves were strong and tall. She pushed forward. Going to the island was her dream, and she wasn't going to give that up.

The animals in the ocean saw that the girl was having difficulty and decided to help her. A turtle guided her towards her destination while dolphins helped her swim faster.





At last! The girl arrived at the island. The villagers were surprised and happy for the girl. They cheered and applauded the girl. They realized the girl was right. The ocean creatures were good and nice.

Since that day, nobody was afraid of the ocean. Even though nobody believed in the girl, she accomplished her dreams with the help of her ocean friends.

