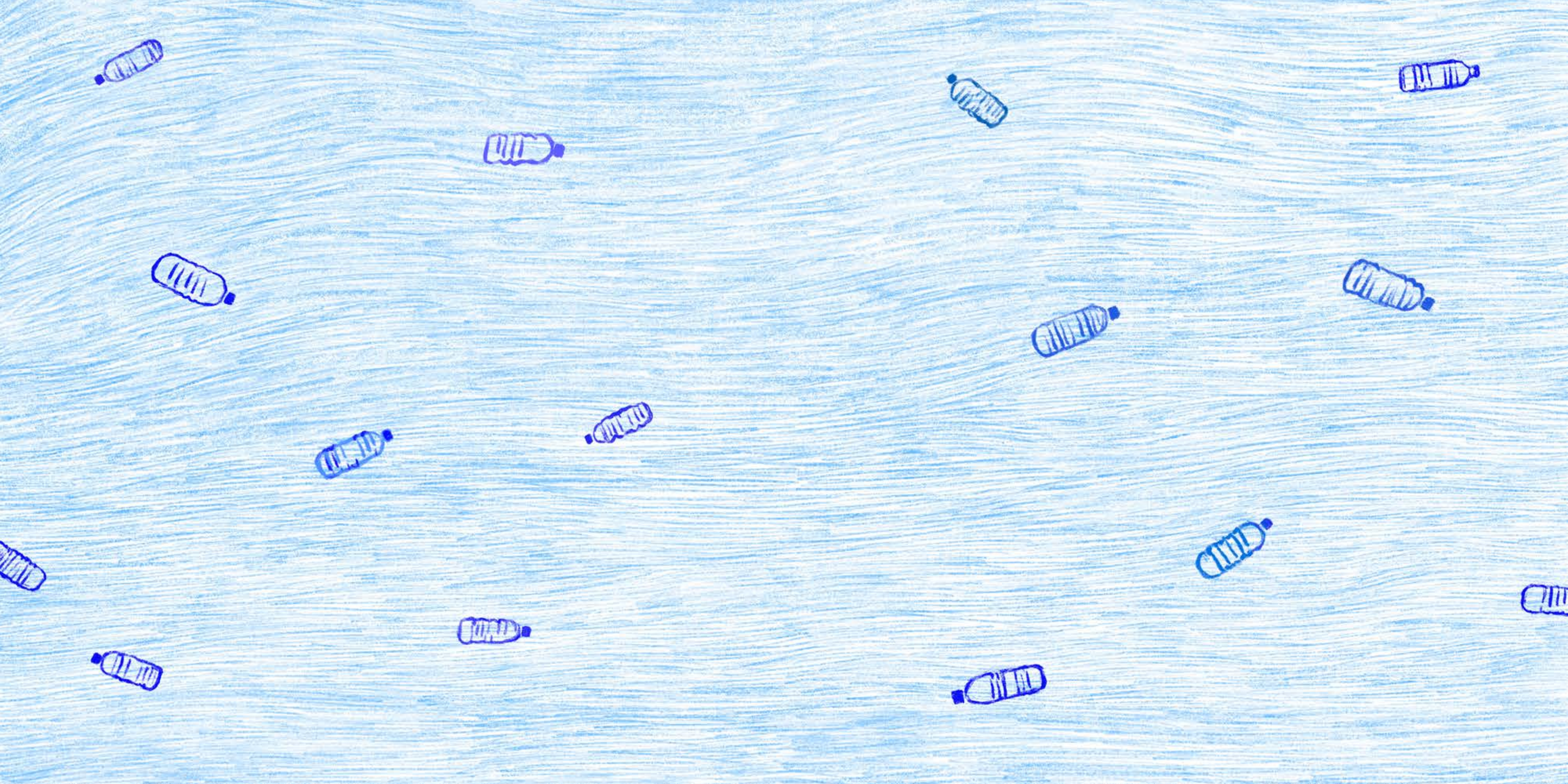


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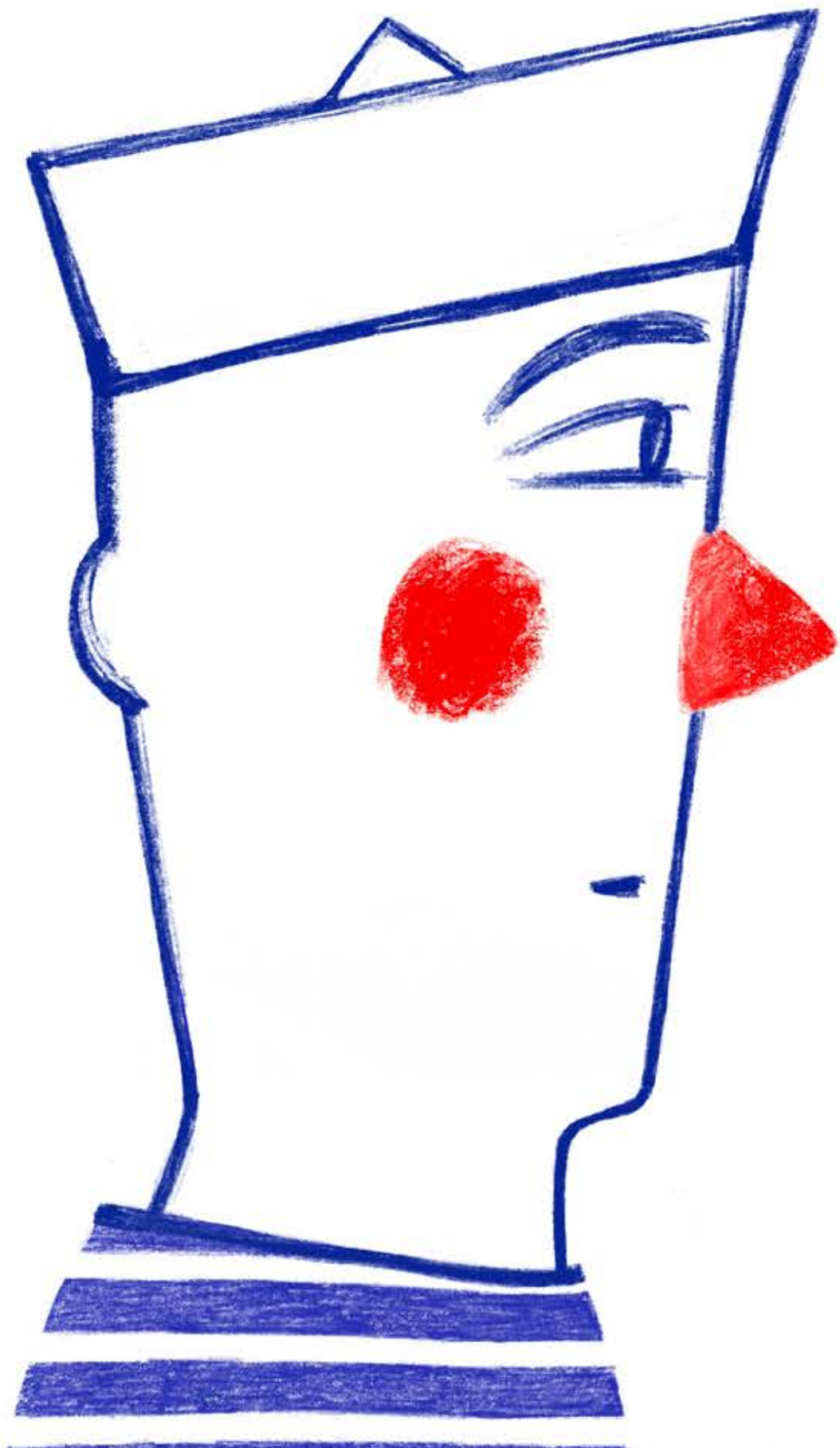
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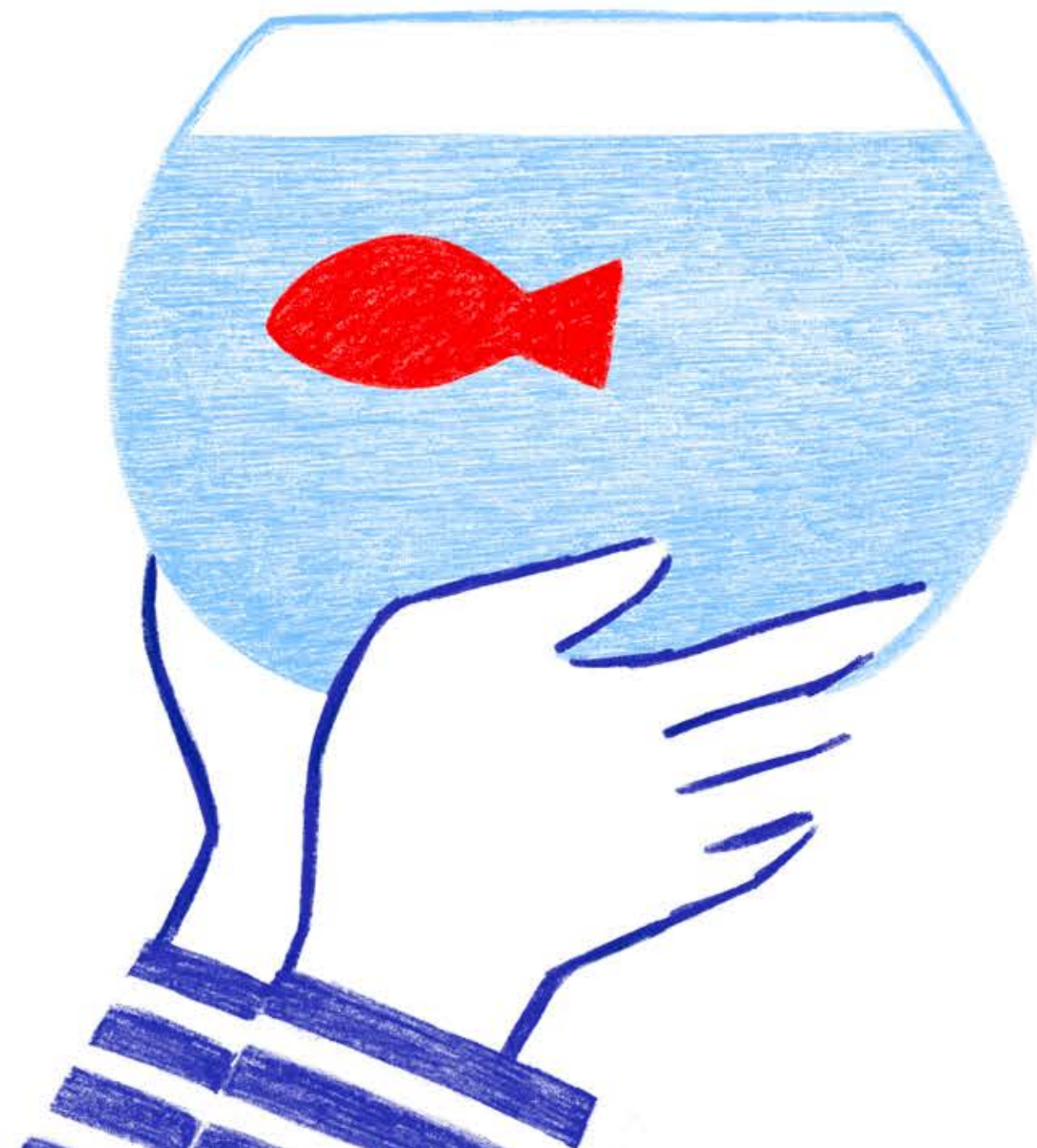
I remember the first time I saw her, abandoned in a fish bowl,
on a sidewalk near the port. Right away she asked me,
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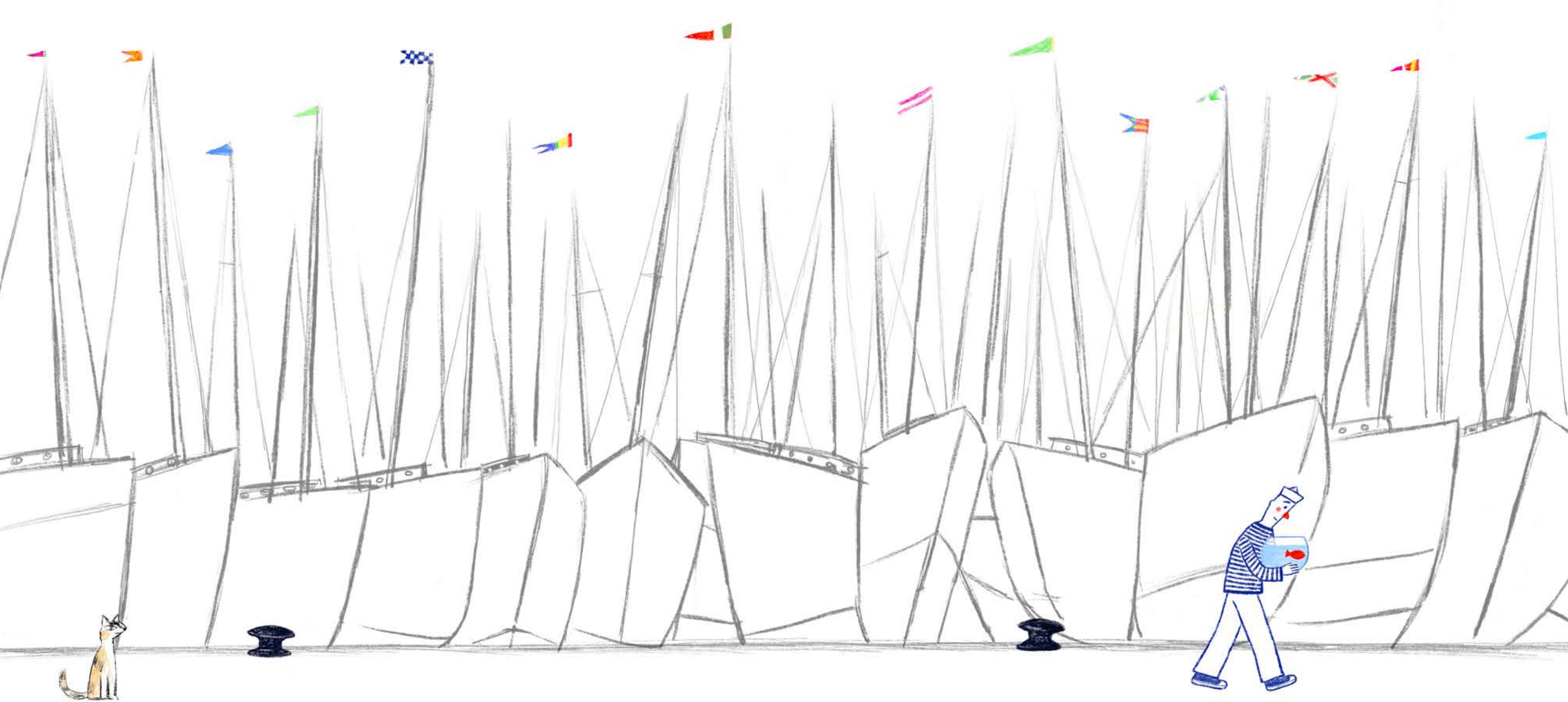
Usually I don’t talk to strangers on the street,
but because she was a talking fish, I answered,
“Yes, we can be friends. My name is Lalo...what’s yours?”

I saw two little stars shining in her eyes.
With a sweet voice she said,
“My name is Rosa!”



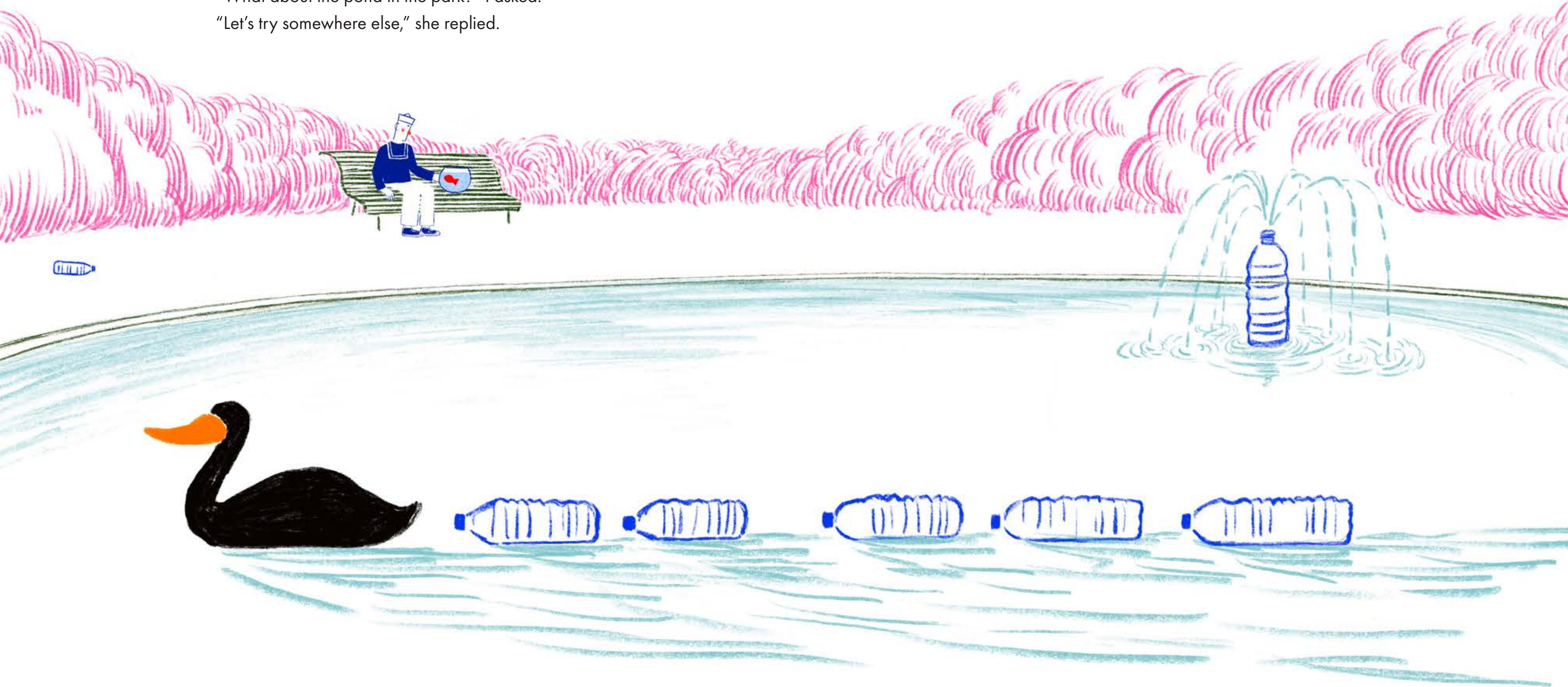
She told me she felt lonely in her little glass prison, day and night in dirty water. "I want a better life," she said.



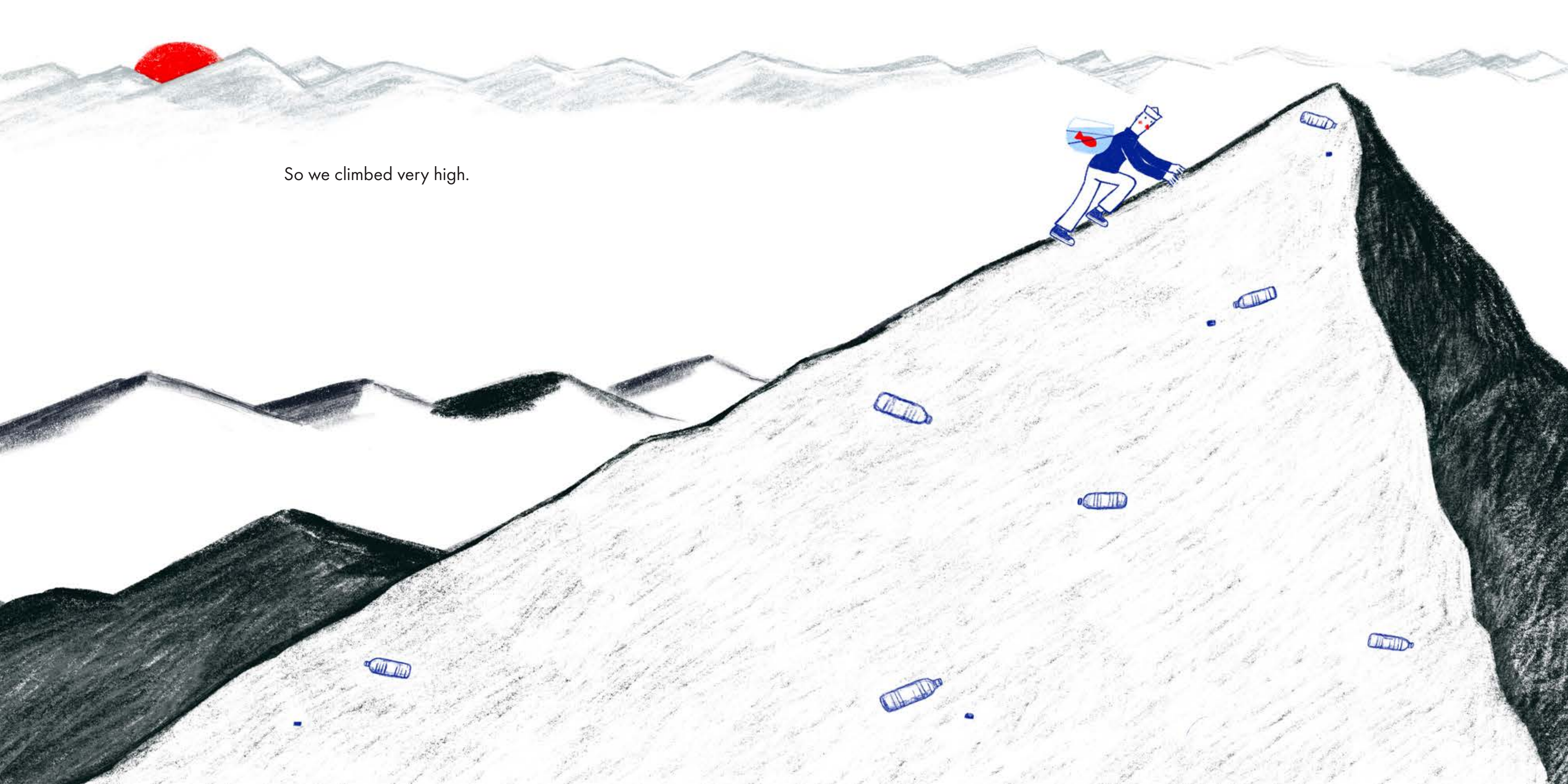


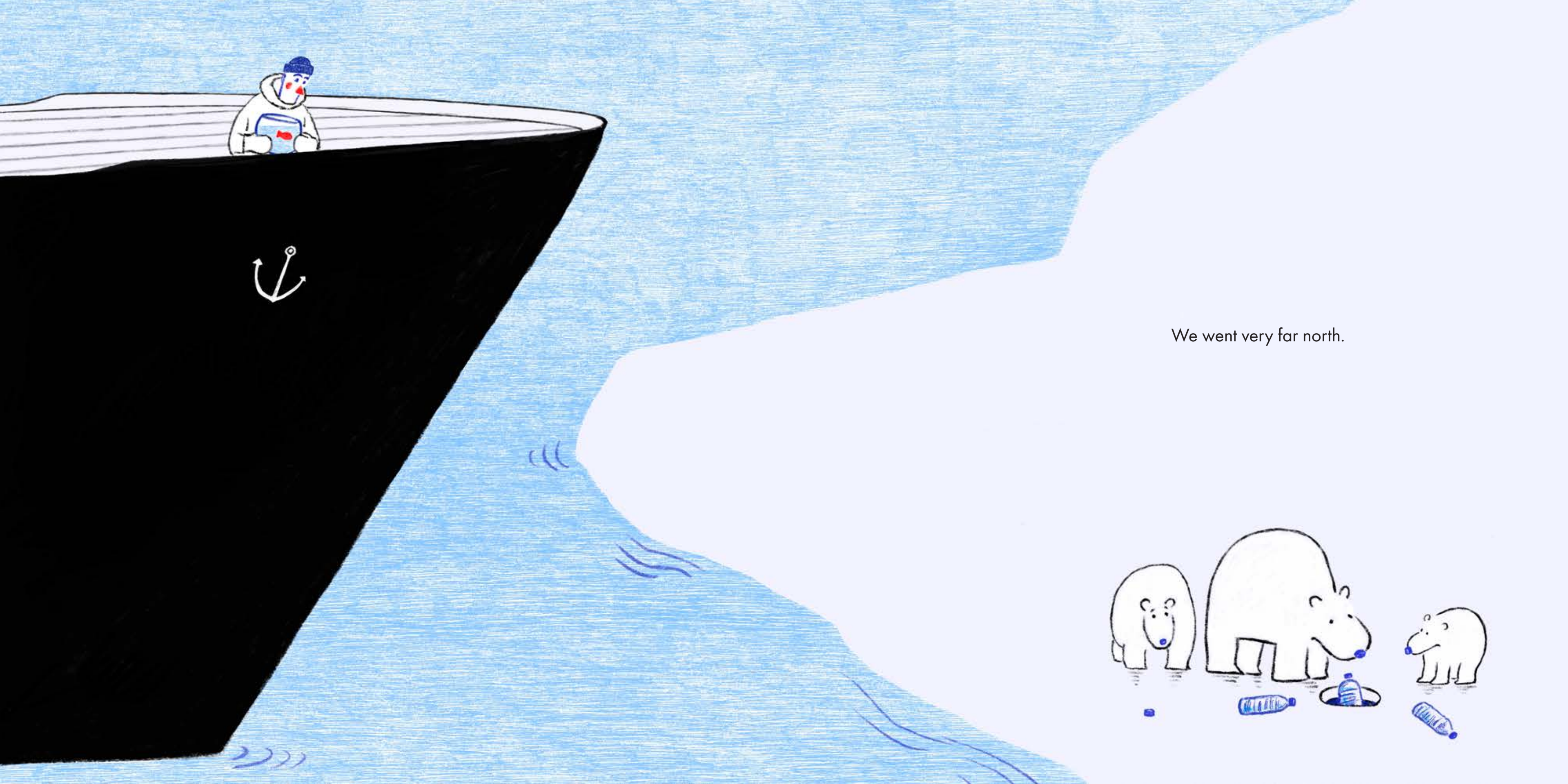
I decided to take Rosa with me and find a good place for her.

“What about the pond in the park?” I asked.
“Let’s try somewhere else,” she replied.



So we climbed very high.



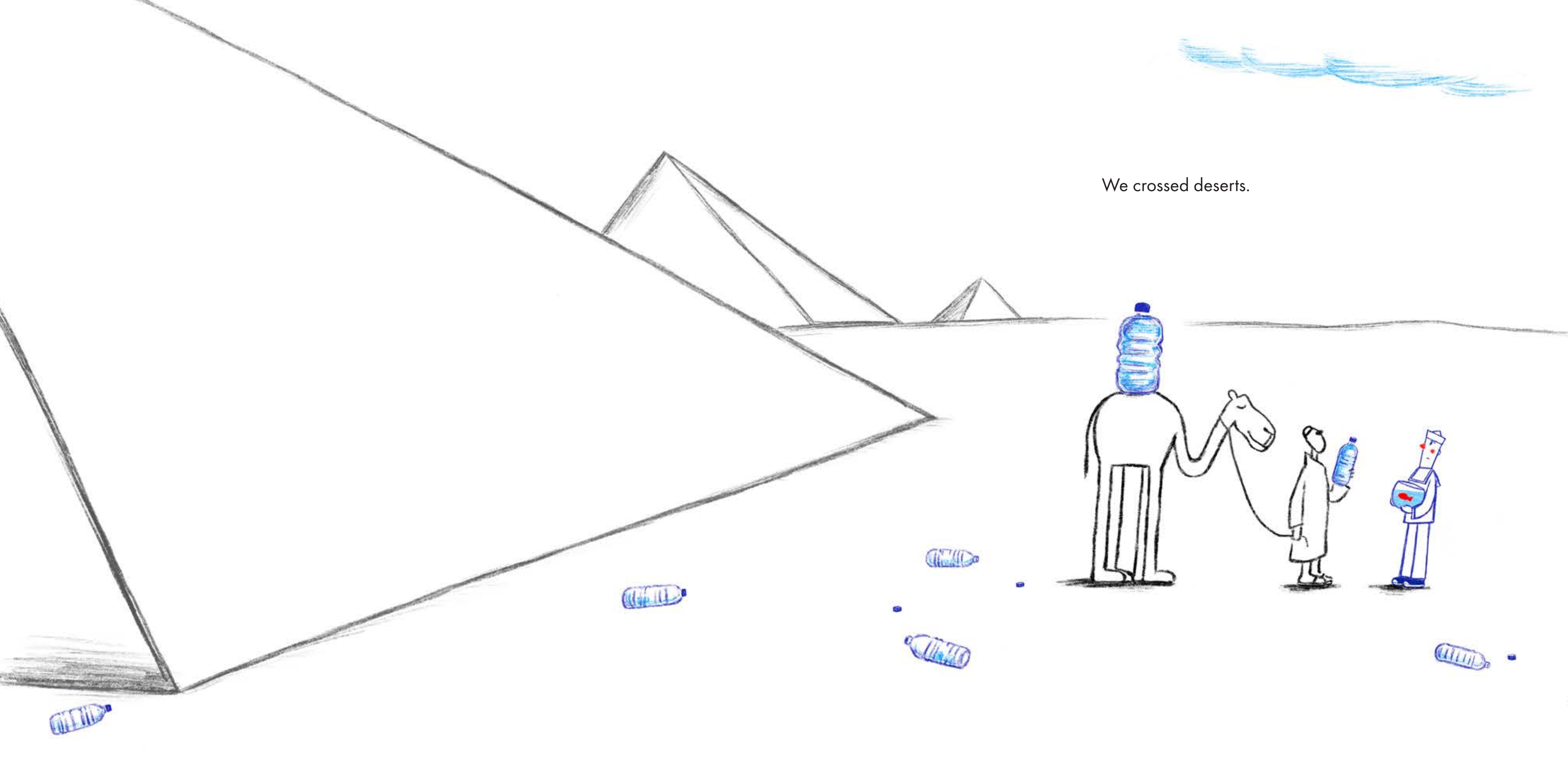


We went very far north.



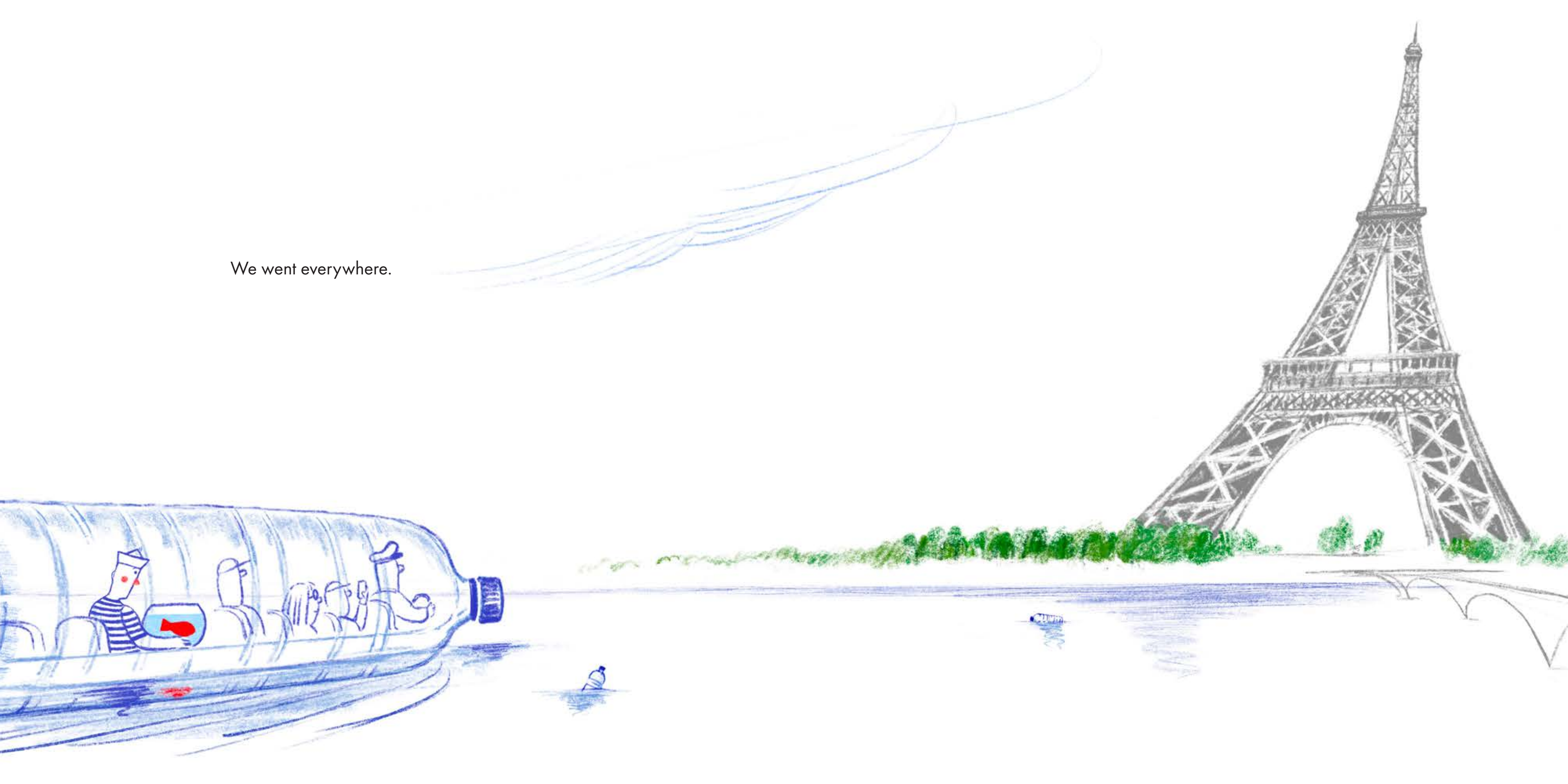


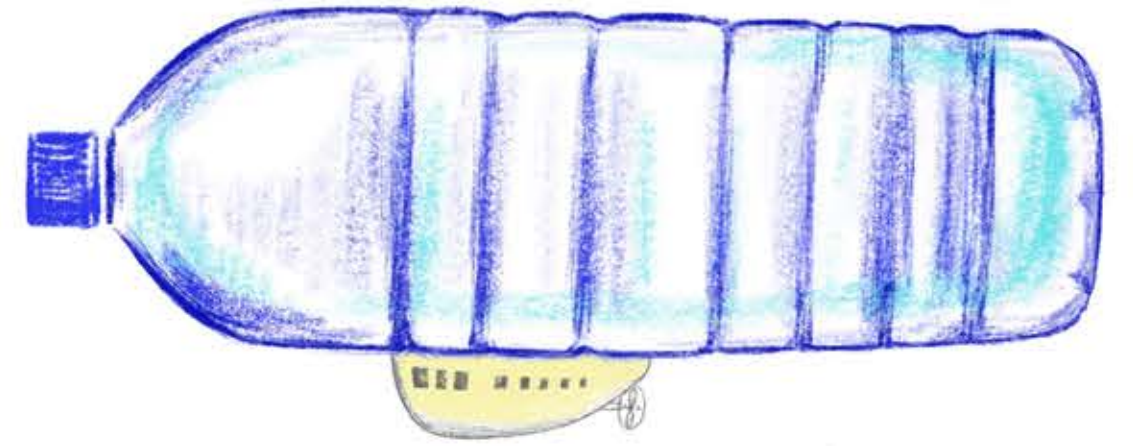
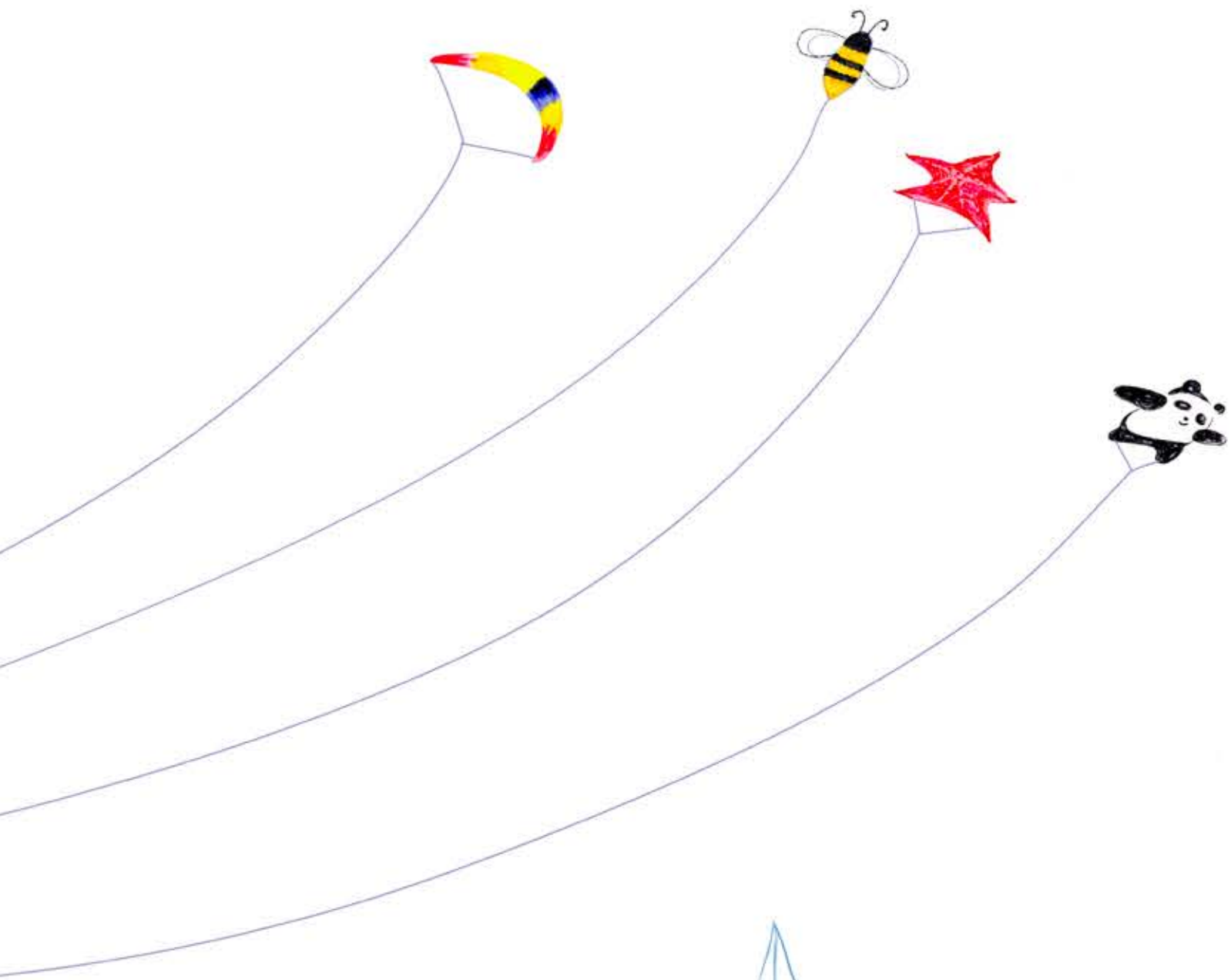
We explored tropical jungles.



We crossed deserts.

We went everywhere.

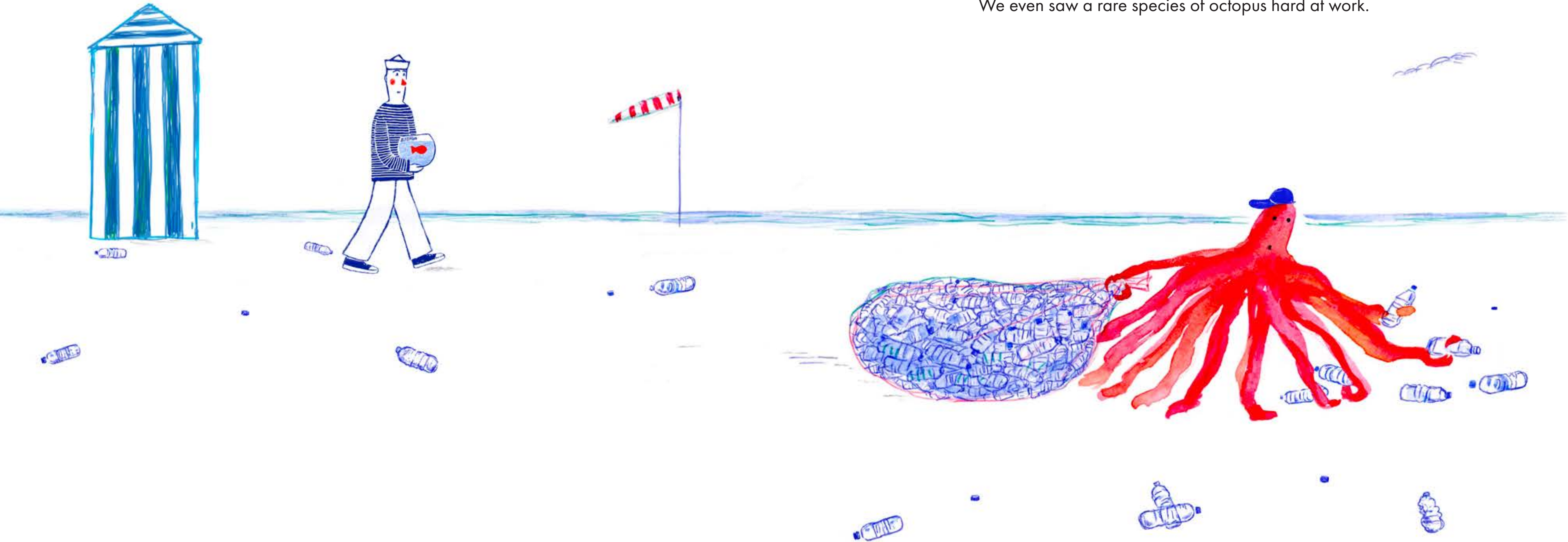




And everywhere we found them.

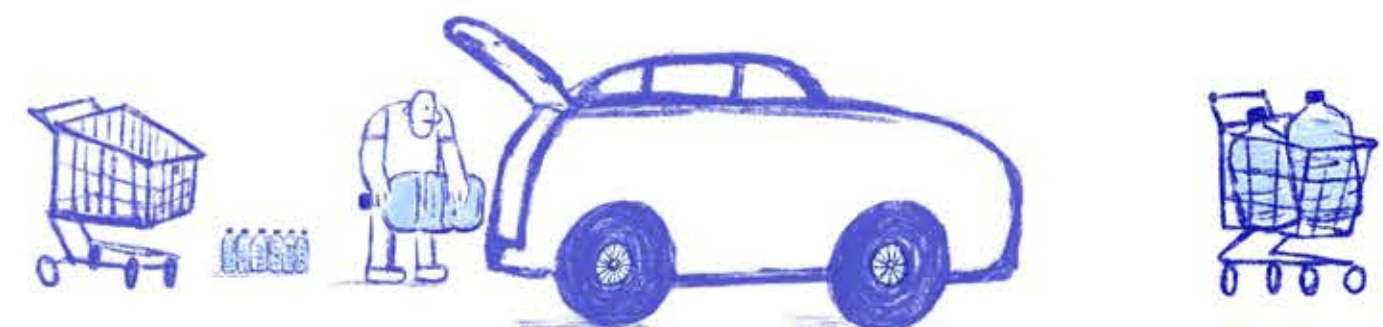


We even saw a rare species of octopus hard at work.

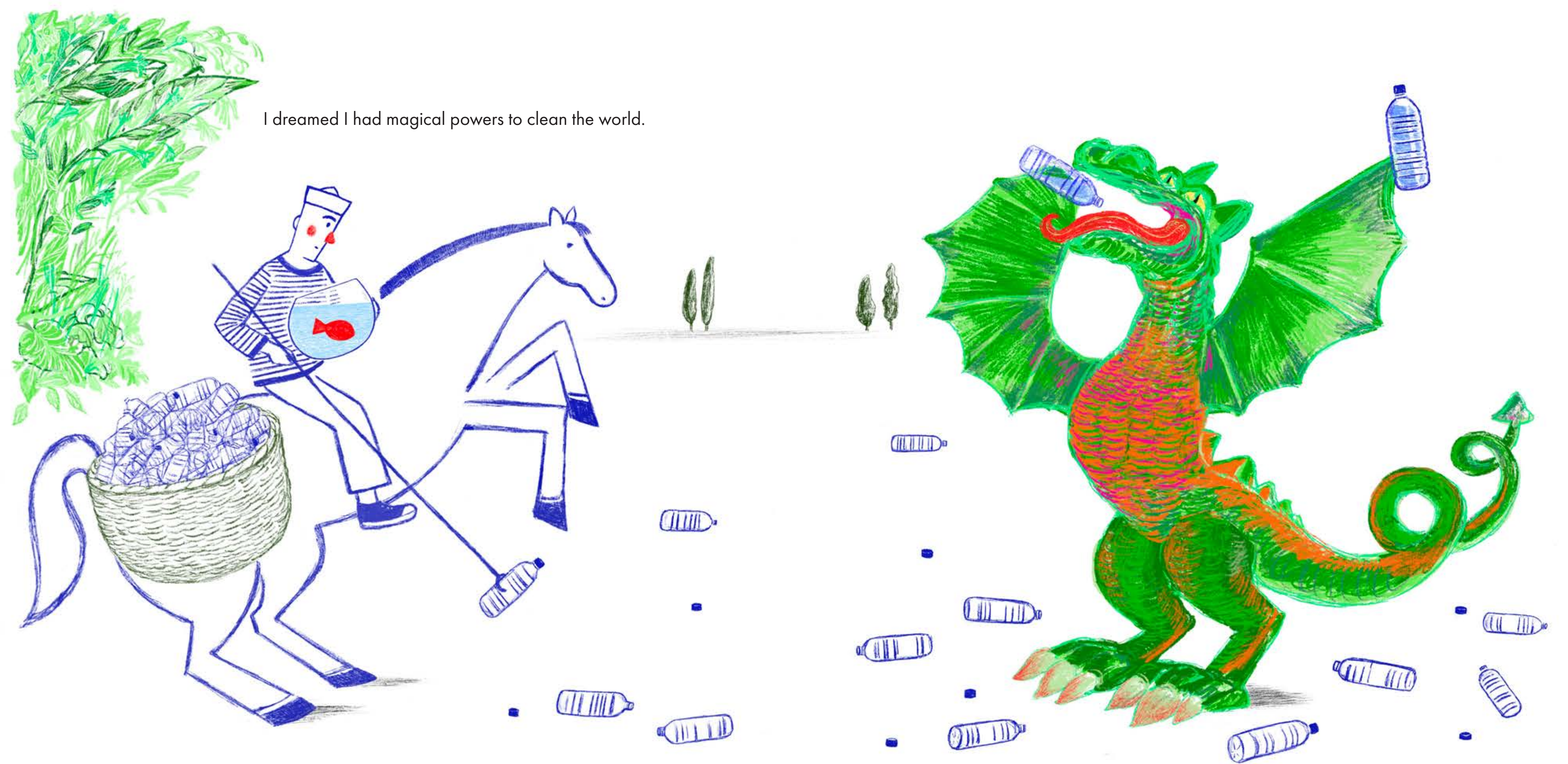


We wondered where all of this came from.





I dreamed I had magical powers to clean the world.





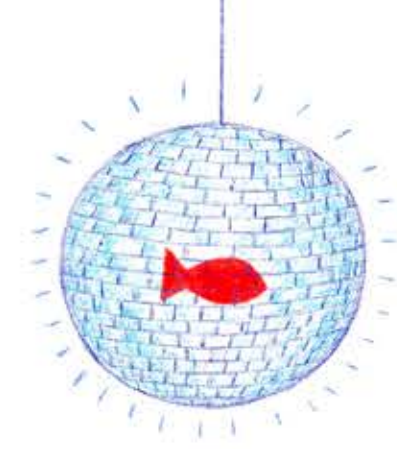
“What can I do?” I asked the sea.

And I went to work with my friends, Tonka the bison, Lino the cormorant and Tao the fox.



Later we found our friend Betina, washed up on a beach.
With a lot of effort, we freed her of what was making her sick.
Then, a special team of rescuers returned her to the water.





To celebrate Betina's rescue, we had a party in a cozy old barn. For the occasion, Rosa became a disco star!



Rosa still needed a good place to live.
We decided to go for a walk to look for it.





After a while we came to a community garden.
There we met Bibo, a gentle little garden gnome.
After listening to Rosa's story, he told her,
"I may have the perfect place for you!"

Bibo took Rosa to a pond next to his house,
not far from the community garden.

I promised Rosa to visit her often.
It was hard for me to leave my fish friend.
At the same time I was happy for her.





I walked home with a basket of vegetables that Bibó offered me. It was a very hot day. I was so thirsty!



As soon as I came home I drank a
big glass of refreshing TAP WATER!



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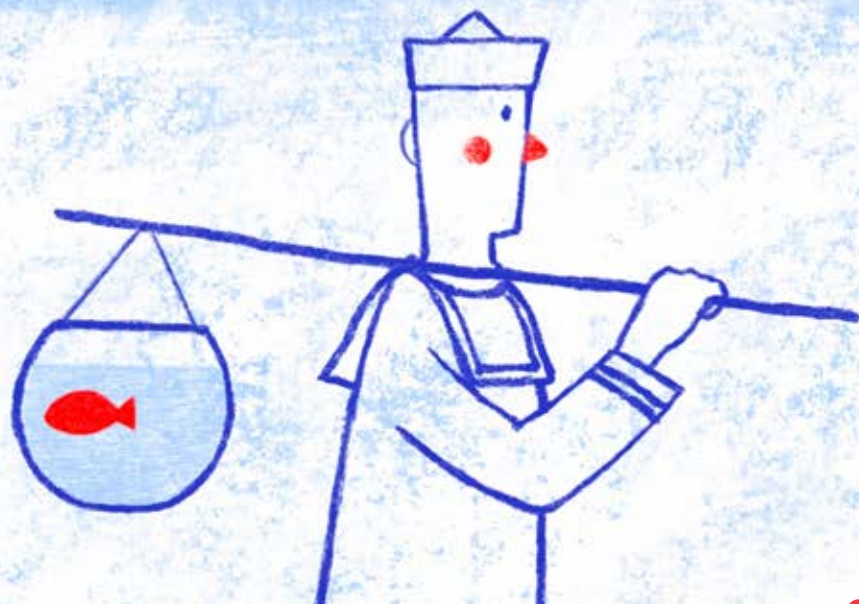


Then in the fishbowl, I put delicious lettuce from Bibo's garden and a red tomato that reminded me of my friend, the beautiful Rosa.



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