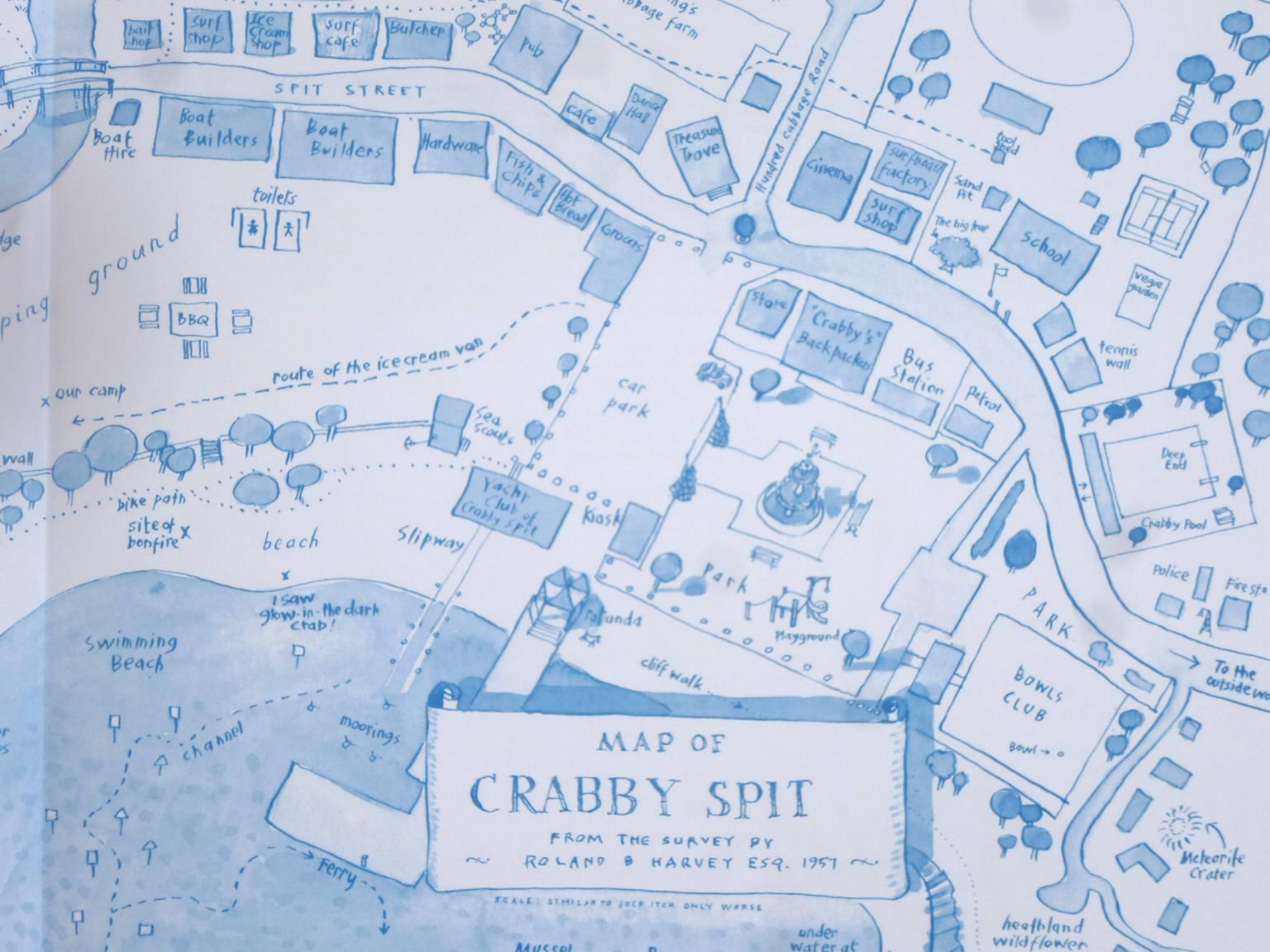


THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA  
SHORT-LISTED BOOK

# At the BEACH

Postcards  
from  
Crabby  
Spit





SPIT STREET

Hundred cabbage Road

# MAP OF CRABBY SPIT

FROM THE SURVEY BY ROLAND & HARVEY ESQ. 1951

SCALE: SIMILAR TO JACK ITCH ONLY WORSE

Boat hop, Surf shop, Ice Cream shop, Surf cafe, Butcher

Boat Builders, Boat Builders

Hardware

Fish & Chips

Cafe

Dance Hall

Treasure Trove

Cinema

Surfboard factory

Surf shop

School

toilets



BBQ

route of the icecream van

car park

Crabby's Backpacker

Bus Station

Petrol

tennis wall

Crabby Pool

Police

Fire sta

Yacht Club of Crabby Spit

Kiosk

Park

Playground

PARK

BOWLS CLUB

Bowl -> o

Meteorite Crater

heathland wildflower

Swimming Beach

I saw glow-in-the-dark crab!

moorings

Ferry

Mussel

under water at

To the outside world

ground

our camp

bike path site of bonfire

beach

Slipway

cliff walk

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Sea Scouts

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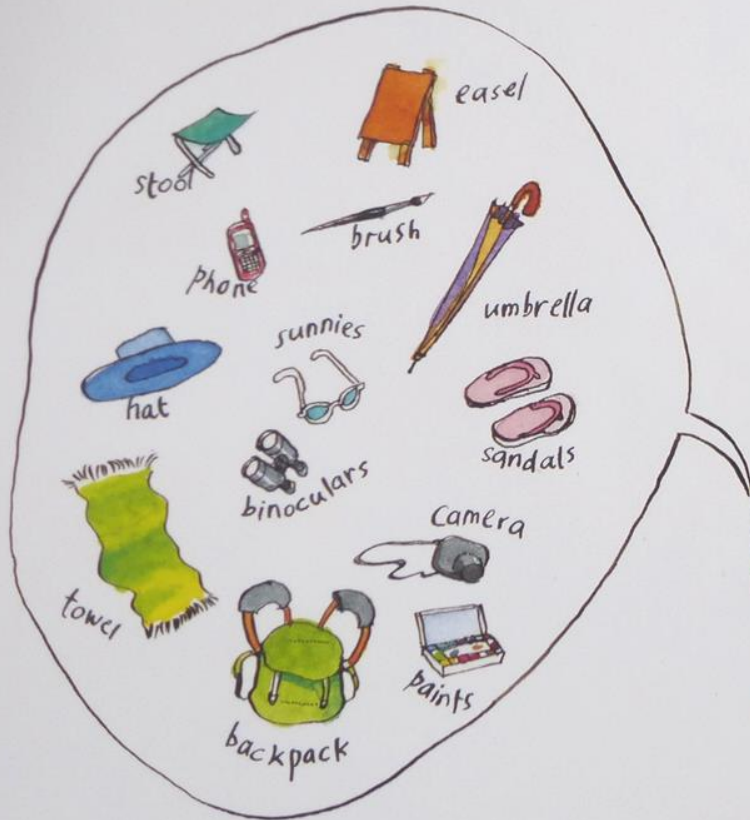
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# At the BEACH

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from  
Crabby  
Spit

AT LAST I'M OFF to Crabby Spit!  
Now... have I got everything?  
I'm not going to LOSE anything this year...



For Frankie

Goodbye, my darlings!  
Don't forget to write!



Rajah  
Frankie

# At the BEACH

Postcards  
from  
Crabby  
Spit

Roland Harvey

*Goodbye Grandma!  
Goodbye!*





Welcome to  
CRABBY SPIT

Dear Grandma  
We are nearly at Crabby Spit! On the way we had  
to stop 3 times and Frankie was sick 4 times. We saw  
a policeman and he told dad to speed up because he  
was holding up traffic.  
We saw a monster in a lake and I saw 12 baby ducks  
and 2 giant crabs.  
Rajah found a towel beside the road! I can't wait  
to get to Crabby Spit. I drew us for you. Love from





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Dear Grandma, Crabby Spit is COOL!

We have the best camping spot right near the toilets and the beach and the river. Mum has agreed to stop embarrassing us and only wear her new hat in the tent if we do ALL the cooking for the whole holiday. One family has brought their mower and we are getting fish and chips for tea and then going looking for crabs. There is a bike track and a river and horseriding and mosquitoes.

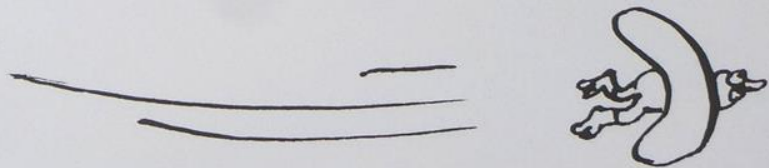
Love from Henry



Dear Grandma ... Wow !! It's all happening at Crabby.  
Dad says the lifesavers are wanting him to join the club  
and Mr. Mac Intosh was chased by a shark. It must  
have been scared off by the taste of his shorts. And I  
saw a bird drop a poo on a kid's hand. I'm going to  
join the lifesavers and row the surfboat and drive the  
rubber duckies. I tell you what, Grandma, surfing is  
ace. I am going to get really good and be world champ.  
There was a hang-gliderer and I want to be world champ  
of that too. That's after I get to be world champignon at  
Frisbee. I drew this picture

of a hang-gliderer for you!

♡ love ♡ Penny





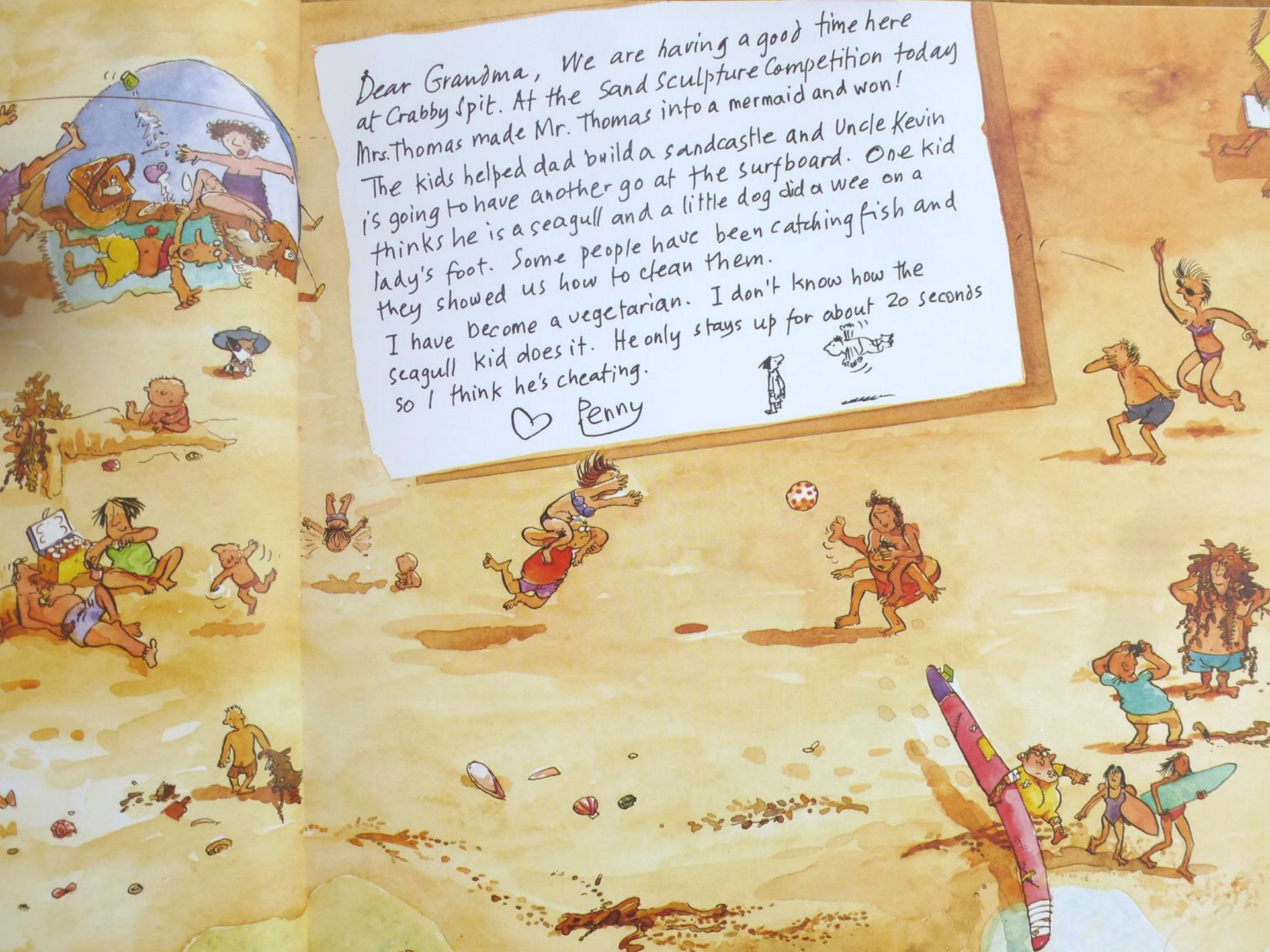


Dear Grandma, We are having a good time here at Crabby Spit. At the Sand Sculpture Competition today Mrs. Thomas made Mr. Thomas into a mermaid and won!

The kids helped dad build a sandcastle and Uncle Kevin is going to have another go at the surfboard. One kid thinks he is a seagull and a little dog did a wee on a lady's foot. Some people have been catching fish and they showed us how to clean them.

I have become a vegetarian. I don't know how the seagull kid does it. He only stays up for about 20 seconds so I think he's cheating.

♡ Penny

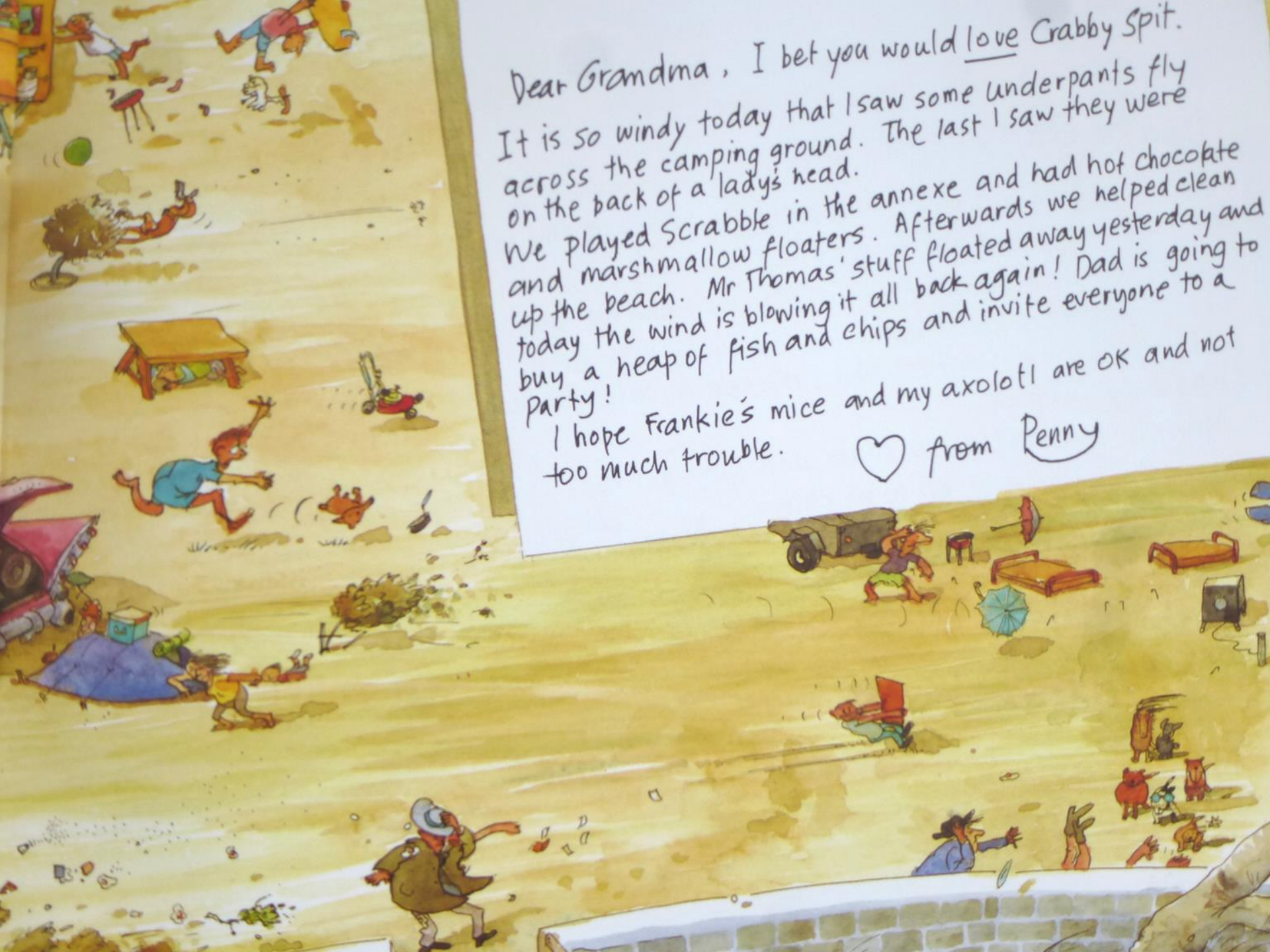


Hey Grandma! I couldn't find a pen so I had to use a stick dipped in paint. It is really pouring today so we went to Treasure Trove and bought some cool stuff. I wanted some 20m white pointer jaws but got a snake instead. Mum bought dad an ironing board because he thinks he's Iron Man. See ya, Hobpy









Dear Grandma, I bet you would love Crabby Spit.

It is so windy today that I saw some underpants fly across the camping ground. The last I saw they were on the back of a lady's head.

We played Scrabble in the annexe and had hot chocolate and marshmallow floaters. Afterwards we helped clean up the beach. Mr Thomas' stuff floated away yesterday and today the wind is blowing it all back again! Dad is going to buy a heap of fish and chips and invite everyone to a party!

I hope Frankie's mice and my axolotl are OK and not too much trouble.

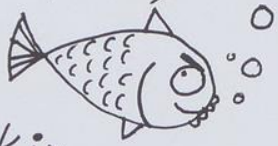
♡ from Penny

# DEAR GRANDMA

Mum is helping me write this postcard because she is very sunburnt and has to stay in the shade. Uncle Pete and Auntie Sam came to visit and we beat them at beach cricket. Penny bowled Uncle Pete for a duck and I saw a snake. And I missed a catch because I was busy surfing.

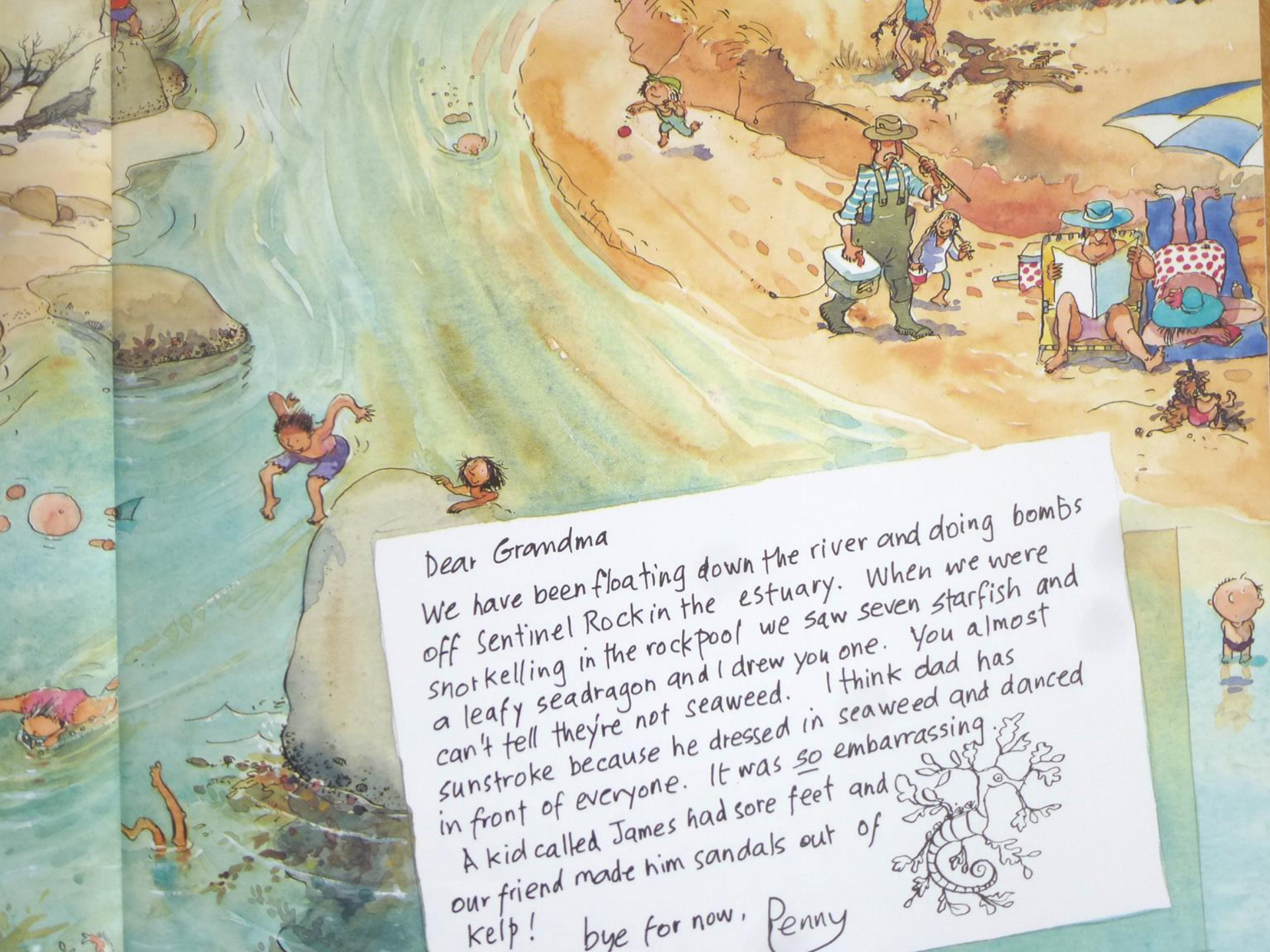
Mum is teaching me to swim and I can put my face in the water right up to my chin.

Dad is cooking his big fish tonight!  
bye FRANKIE









Dear Grandma

We have been floating down the river and doing bombs off Sentinel Rock in the estuary. When we were snorkelling in the rockpool we saw seven starfish and a leafy seadragon and I drew you one. You almost can't tell they're not seaweed. I think dad has sunstroke because he dressed in seaweed and danced in front of everyone. It was so embarrassing.

A kid called James had sore feet and our friend made him sandals out of kelp!

bye for now, Penny

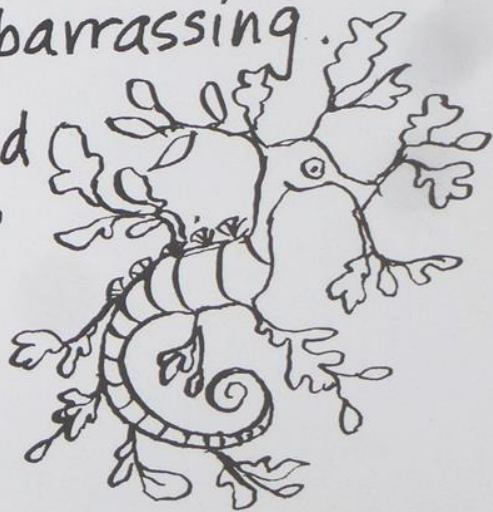


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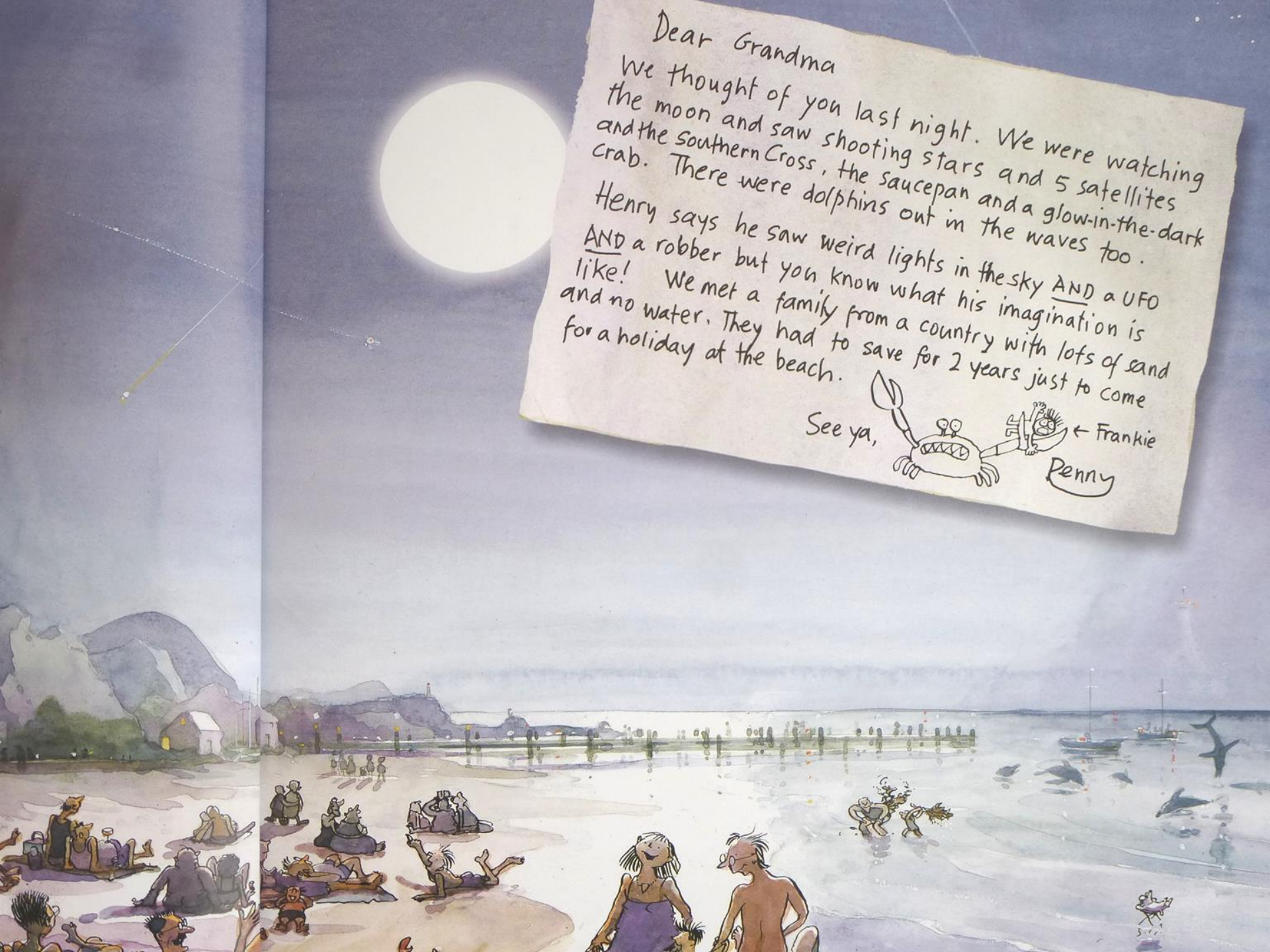
bye for now,  
Penny





Dear Grandma  
We thought of you last night. We were watching  
the moon and saw shooting stars and 5 satellites  
and the Southern Cross, the saucepan and a glow-in-the-dark  
crab. There were dolphins out in the waves too.  
Henry says he saw weird lights in the sky AND a UFO  
AND a robber but you know what his imagination is  
like! We met a family from a country with lots of sand  
and no water. They had to save for 2 years just to come  
for a holiday at the beach.

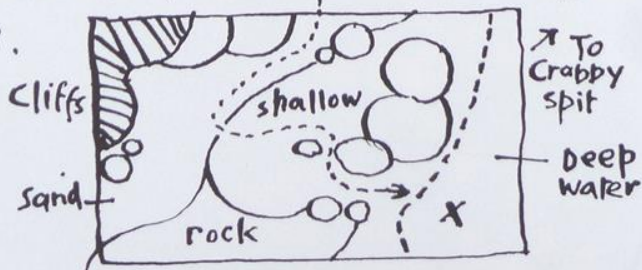
See ya,  
 ← Frankie  
Penny



Dear Grandma, Today was the BEST day,  
we went diving again in the DEEP water and  
found SUNKEN TREASURE and SHIPWRECKS and  
a STINGRAY and an OCTOPUS and a GIANT CLAM!  
I drew you a map so you can find the treasure  
if you come down to Crabby spit. You will have  
to be careful because I think there will be things  
guarding it. And traps.

Good Luck. Love,

Henry





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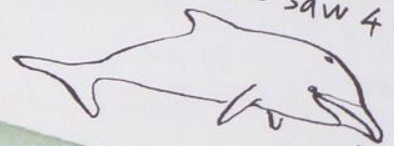


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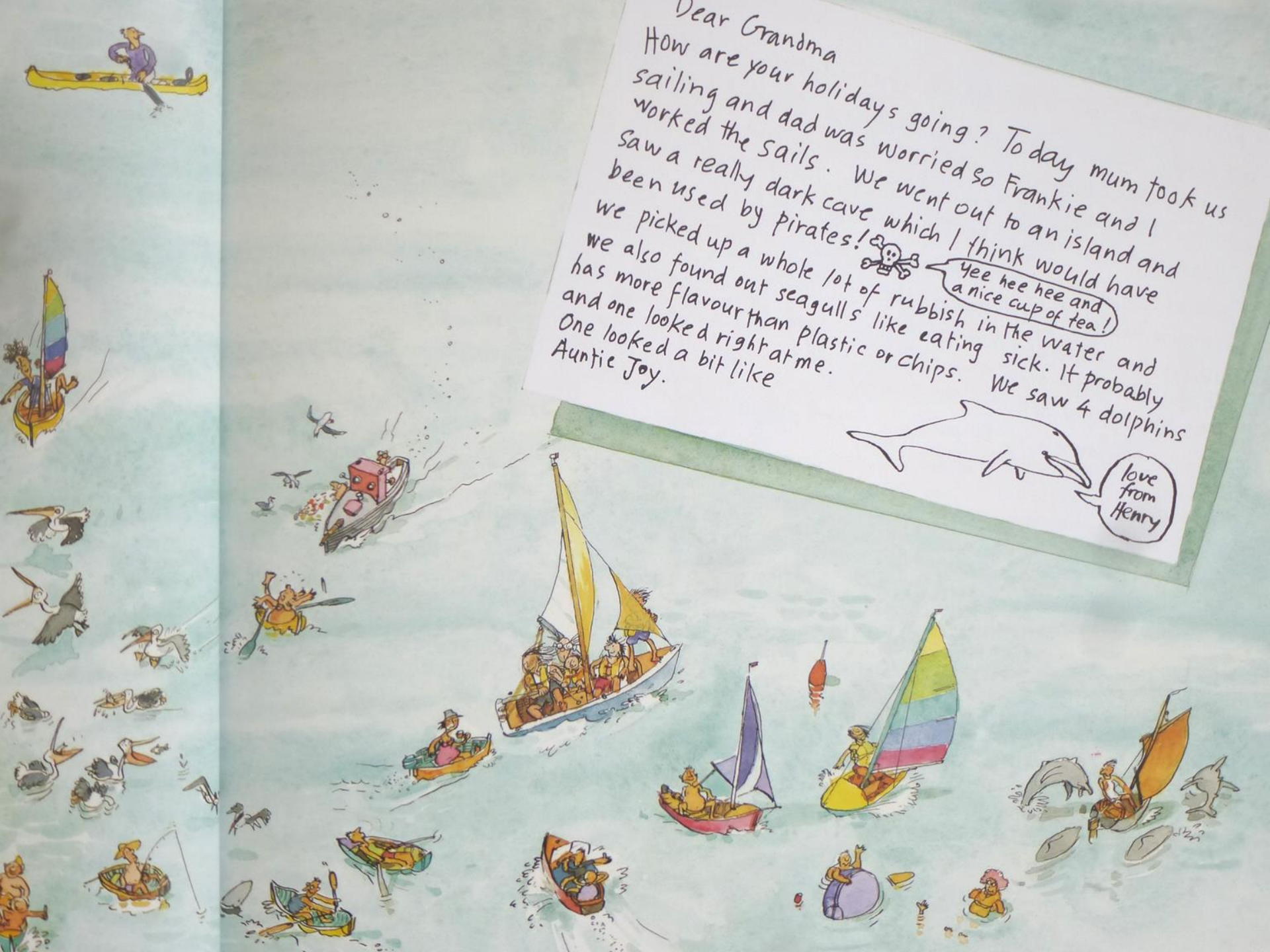


Dear Grandma  
How are your holidays going? Today mum took us sailing and dad was worried so Frankie and I worked the sails. We went out to an island and saw a really dark cave which I think would have been used by pirates!  We also picked up a whole lot of rubbish in the water and we also found out seagulls like eating sick. It probably has more flavour than plastic or chips. One looked a bit like Auntie Joy. We saw 4 dolphins

Yee hee hee and a nice cup of tea!

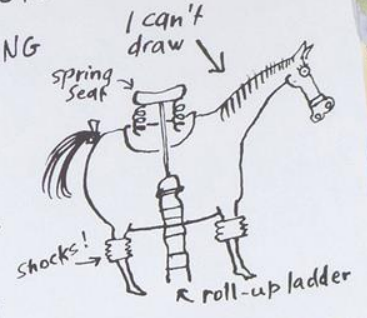


love from Henry



Dear Grandma, We had a real adventure today!  
 We hired bikes and rode all around Crabby Spit.  
 Frankie said he saw a crocodile and I saw pelicans  
 and swamphens and Hannah Colman. They were  
 catching fish and eating them whole. YUCK!!!

And after lunch we went HORSERIDING  
 and now dad won't sit down. He  
 said his horse needed new springs.  
 He was being the man from Snowy  
 River and nearly fell into the water.  
 This is my invention. Do you  
 think I'll get rich? xxxx Penny





BAIT

ICE CREAM

Surf Cafe

PAST TENTS  
SECOND-HAND  
CAMPING EQUIPMENT

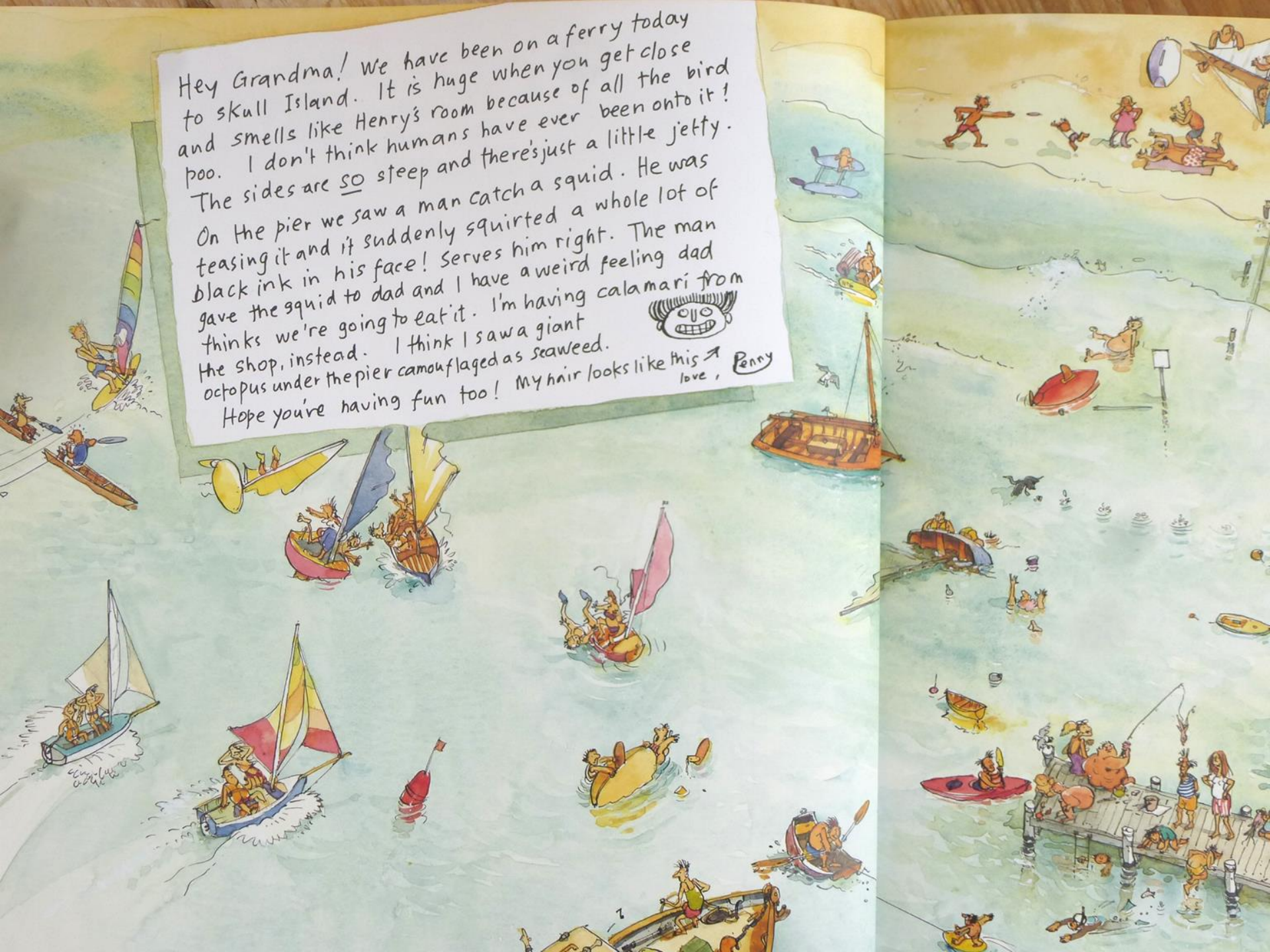
Hey Grandma! We have been on a ferry today to skull Island. It is huge when you get close and smells like Henry's room because of all the bird poo. I don't think humans have ever been onto it! The sides are so steep and there's just a little jetty.

On the pier we saw a man catch a squid. He was teasing it and it suddenly squirted a whole lot of black ink in his face! Serves him right. The man gave the squid to dad and I have a weird feeling dad thinks we're going to eat it. I'm having calamari from the shop, instead. I think I saw a giant octopus under the pier camouflaged as seaweed.

Hope you're having fun too! My hair looks like this →



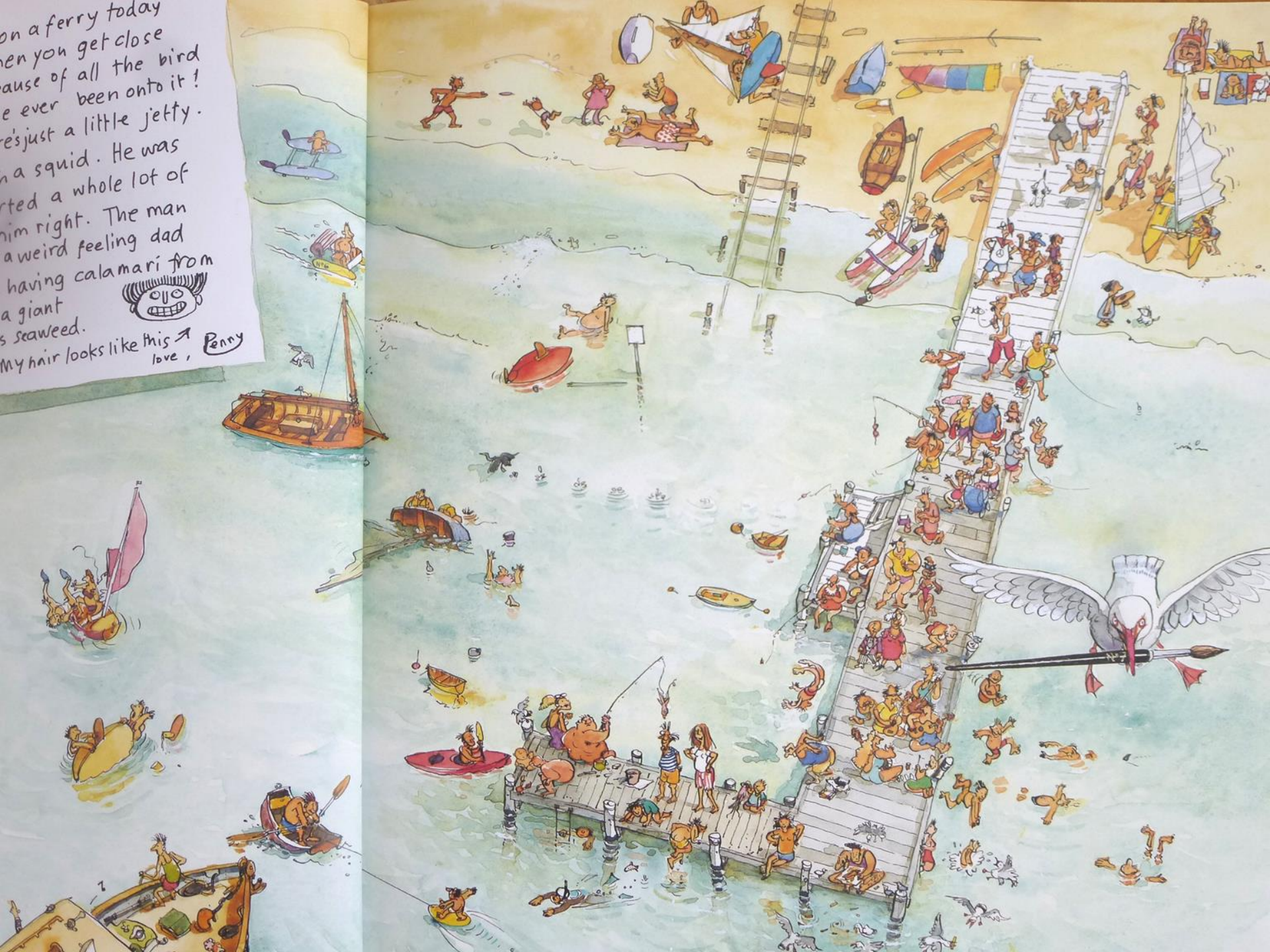
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Dear Grandma, It is so NOT good it's our last Crabby Spit night!! We had a humungous bonfire on the beach and people got dressed up and sang and drummed and danced. we were HOT! ♡ Penny

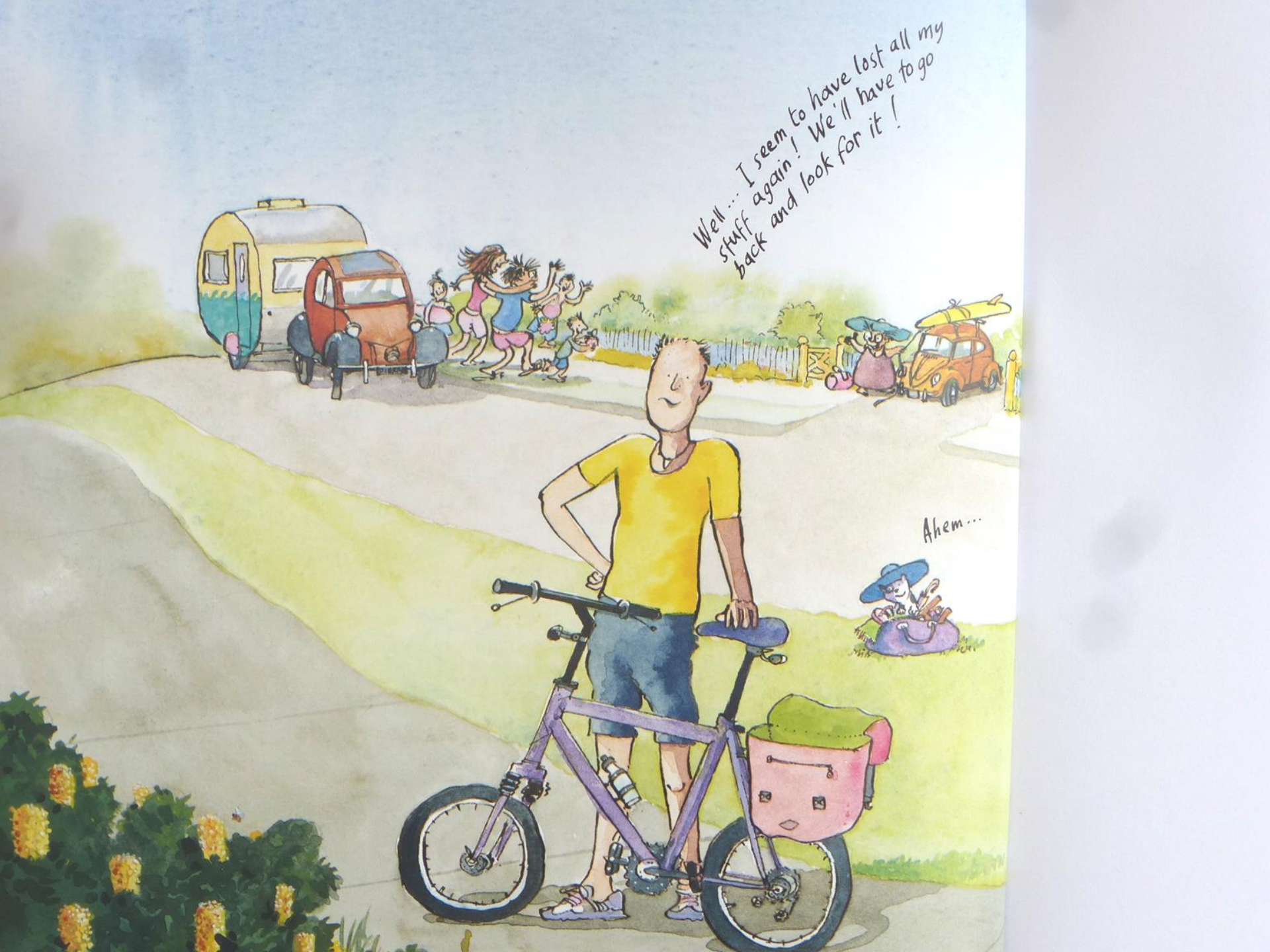
Dear Grandma I have never seen such a big fire and we toasted marshmallows. I think even some of the grownups had a good time. It was so cool with the sea slooshing and the music jumping. I made up a dance and my head stayed still and my body danced around. My dad was being funny and he's done his back.

DEAR GRANDMA I stayed up late and there was a very big fire. I found a crab. And there were dolphins swimming in the sea. LOVE. FRANKIE





Well... I seem to have lost all my  
stuff again! We'll have to go  
back and look for it!



Ahem...