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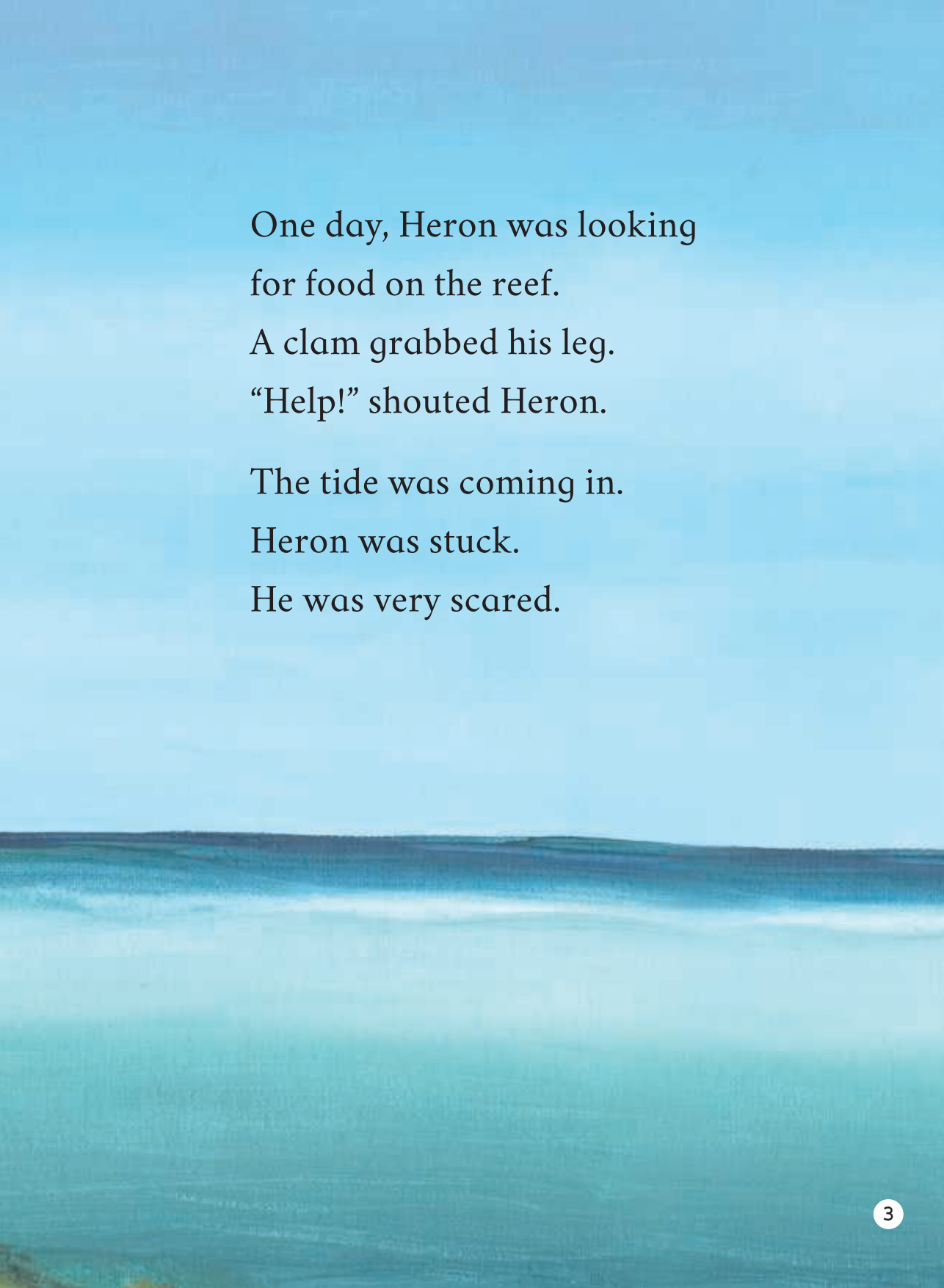
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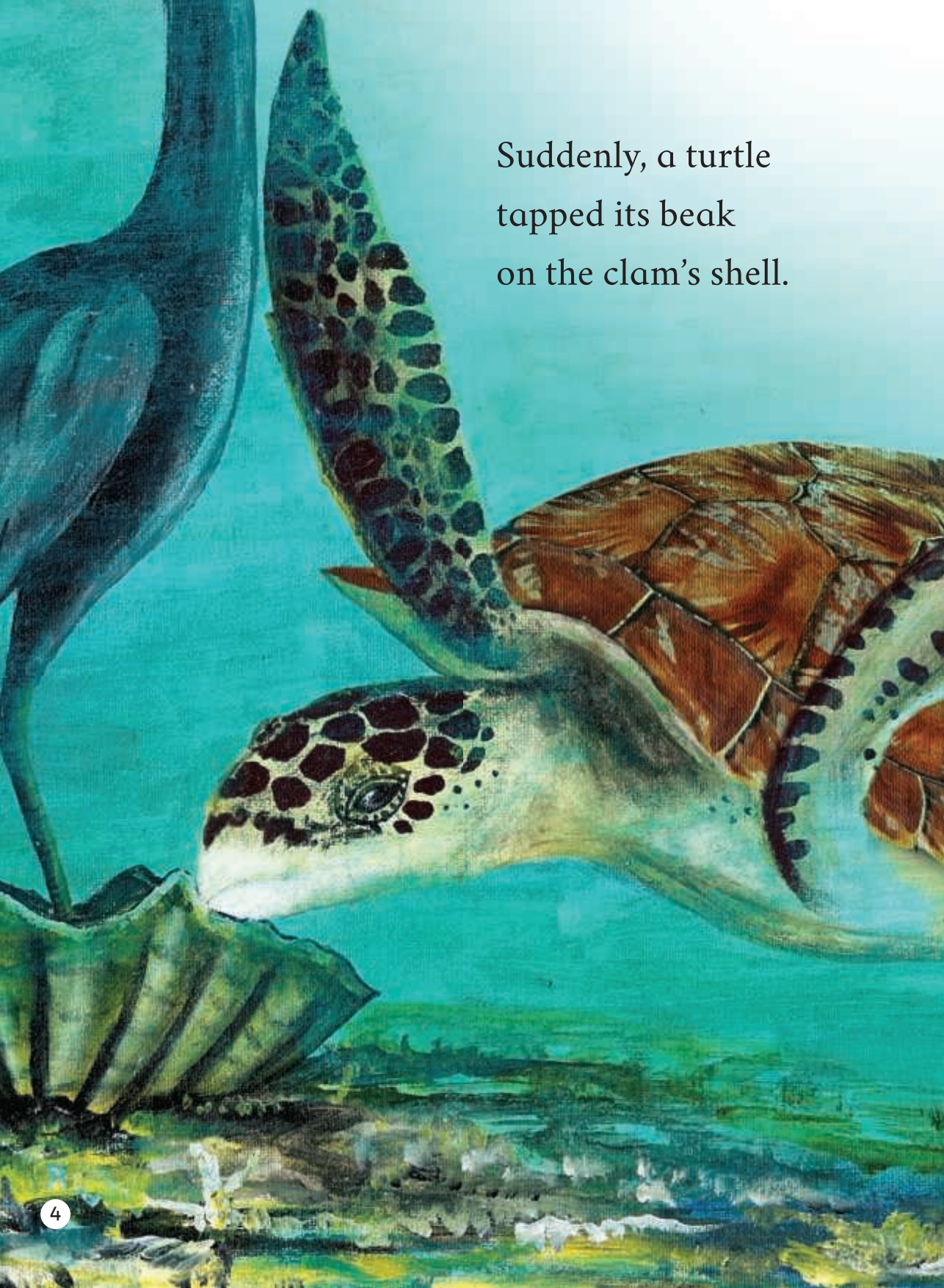




One day, Heron was looking
for food on the reef.

A clam grabbed his leg.
“Help!” shouted Heron.

The tide was coming in.
Heron was stuck.
He was very scared.

A detailed painting of a sea turtle swimming in turquoise water. The turtle's head and front flipper are visible, with dark brown spots on its light-colored skin. Its shell is a mix of brown and tan. To the left, a large green leaf with prominent veins and a thick stem is partially submerged. Below the leaf, a clam with a green and white striped shell is visible. The background is a soft, light blue, suggesting a clear sky or water surface. The overall style is painterly and vibrant.

Suddenly, a turtle
tapped its beak
on the clam's shell.



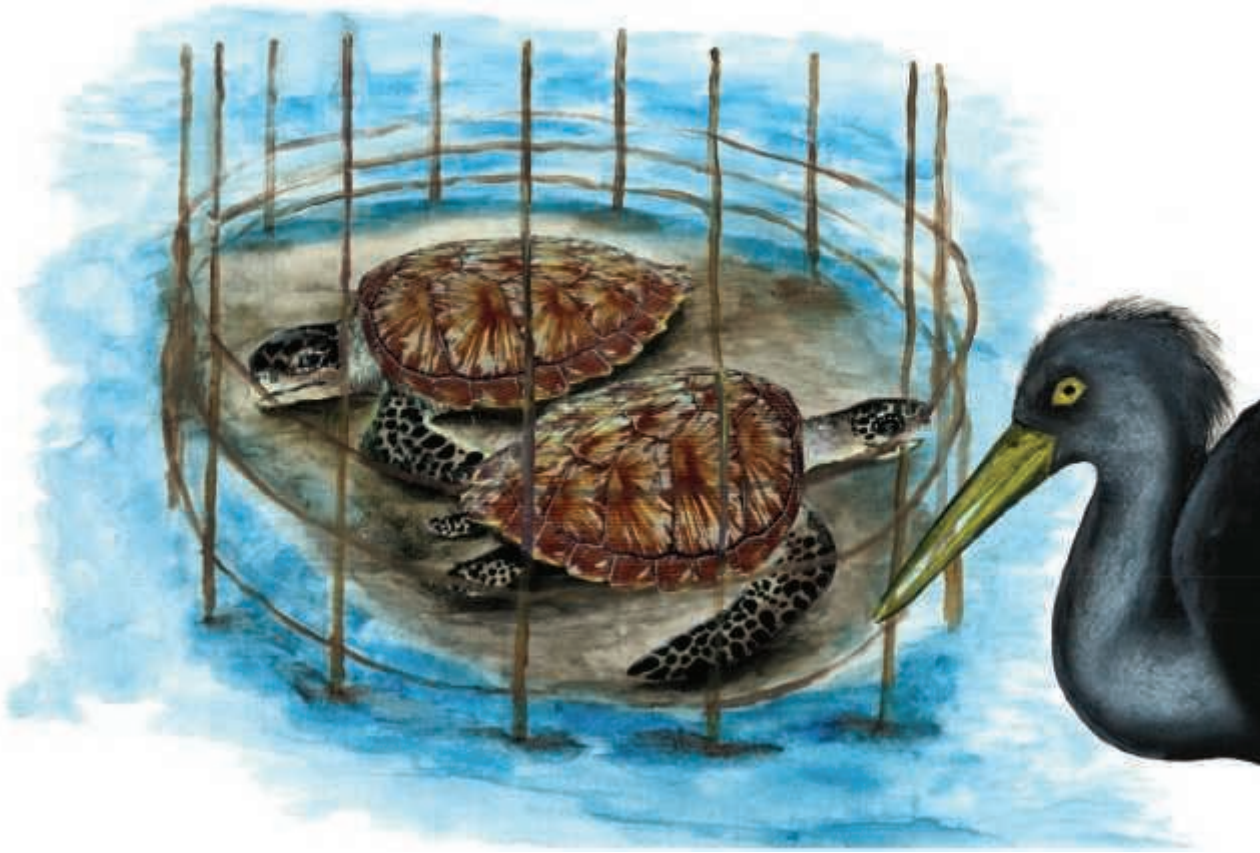
The clam let go.
Heron was free.
“Thank you!” said Heron.
Then he flew home.



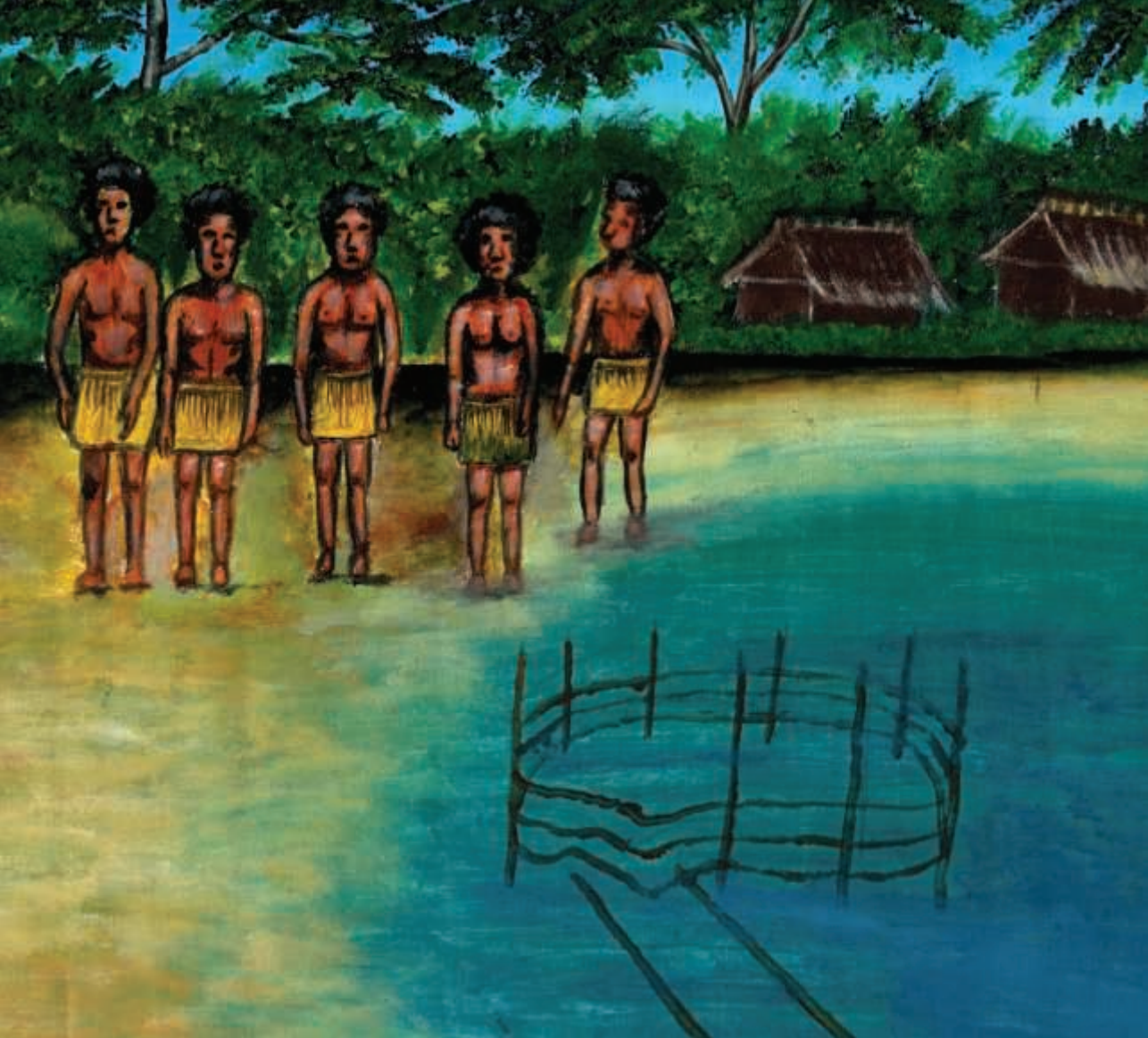
The next day, Heron was walking
along a beach
looking for food.

He came to a village.
The people were getting ready
for a feast.
They had put two turtles
behind a fence.

Heron remembered the turtle
who had helped him.



Heron waited until it was dark.
Then, he pulled out the fence posts
with his beak.



In the morning, the people came
to get the turtles.
But when they got to the fence,
the turtles were gone.

Science in the story

When our elders tell us kastom stories, sometimes they are helping us to think about science.



They know that herons and turtles are living things.

They know that living things need food, air, and water.

Food

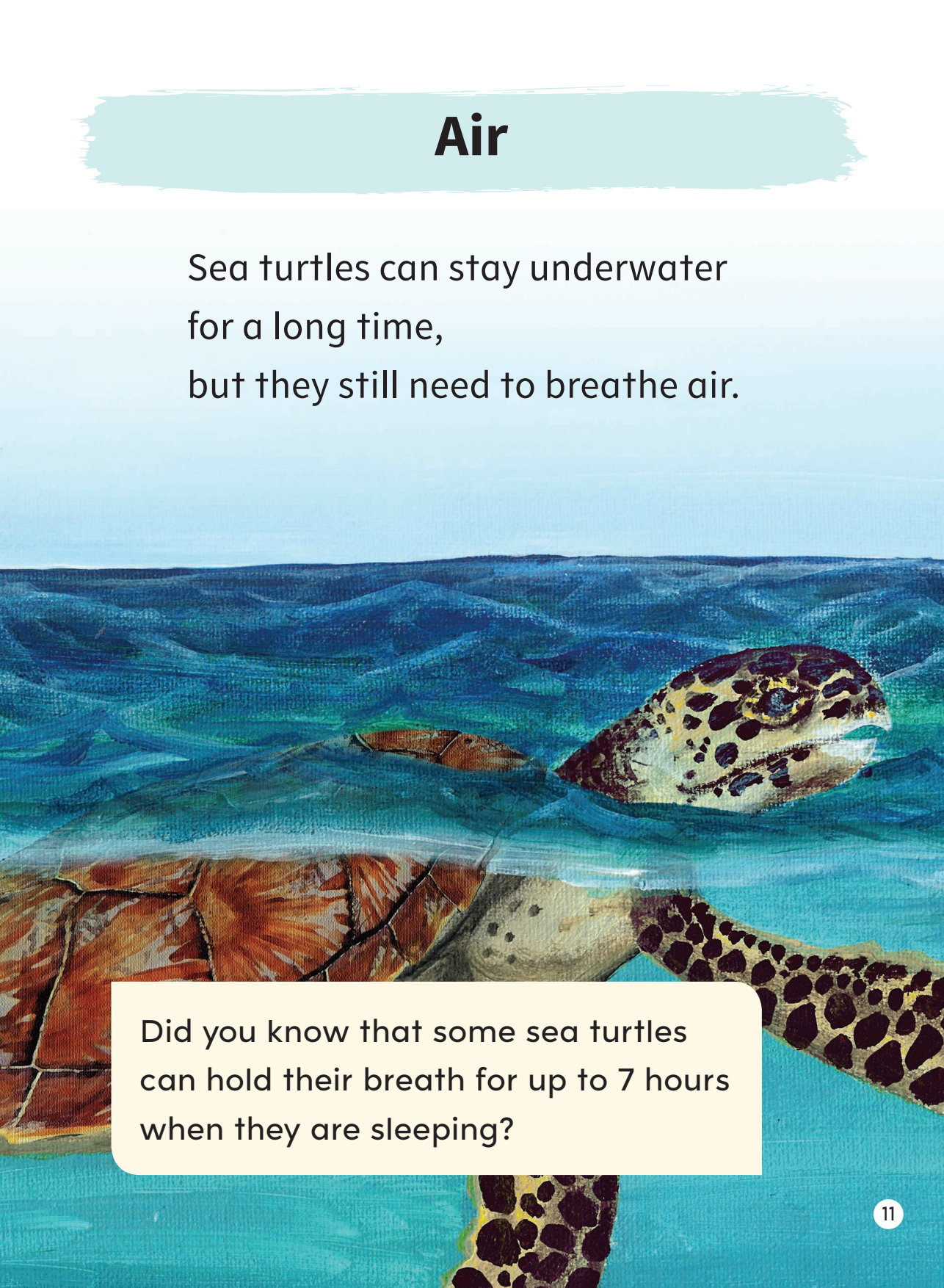
When herons hunt for food,
they are being predators.
They are looking for prey.

Predators are animals that hunt
and eat other animals.
The animals they eat are their prey.



Air

Sea turtles can stay underwater for a long time, but they still need to breathe air.

A detailed illustration of a sea turtle swimming in the ocean. The turtle's head and front flippers are visible above the water, while its brown and orange patterned shell is partially submerged. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and green, showing gentle waves. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

Did you know that some sea turtles can hold their breath for up to 7 hours when they are sleeping?

Water

Turtles and seabirds need to drink water, but some don't need fresh water like we do. They can drink seawater.

Some turtles and herons have a salt gland just behind each eye. It gets rid of the salt from the water they drink.





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