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The Pirate's Curse

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For Nigel, my husband. With love. X
K.S.

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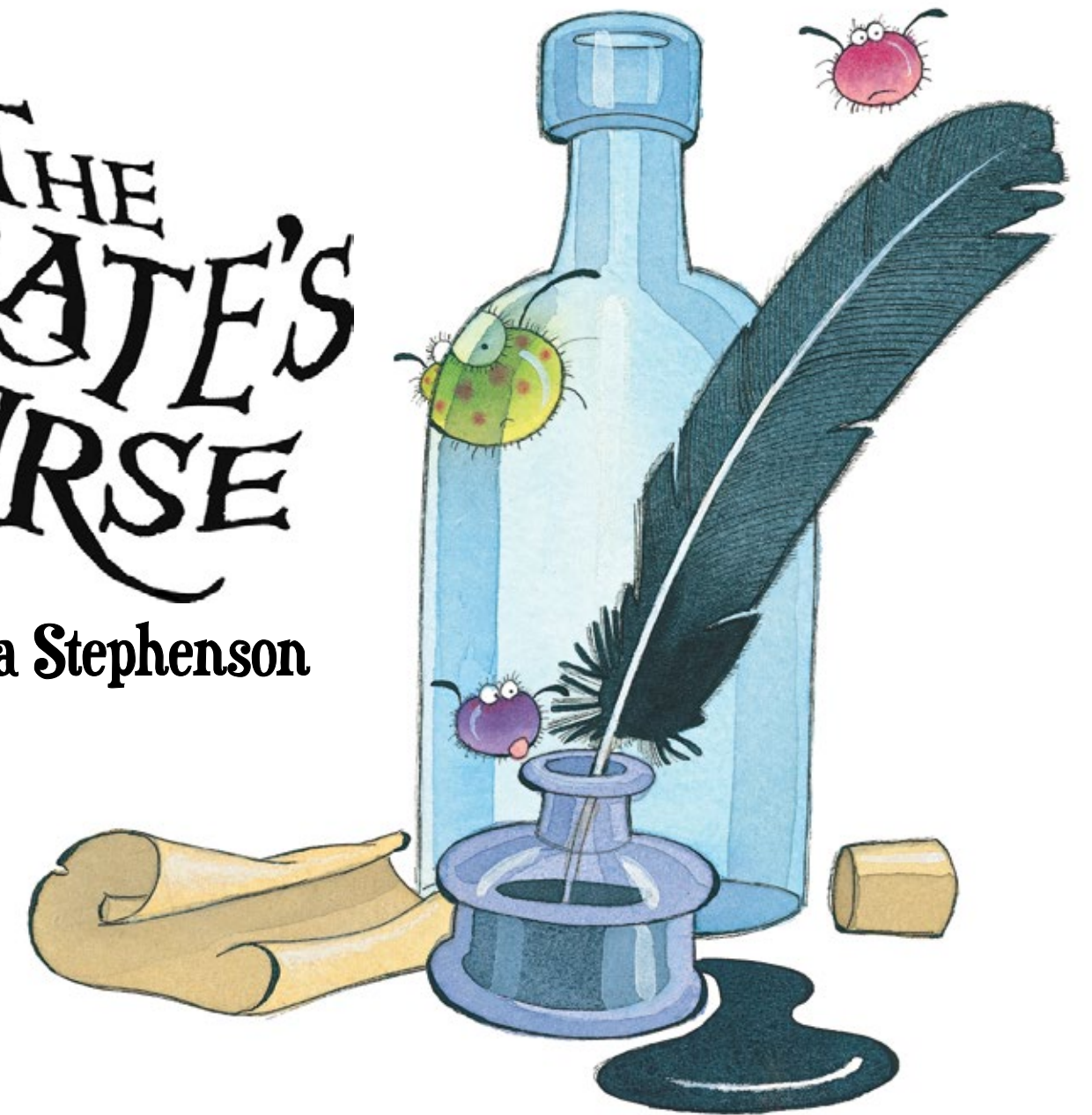
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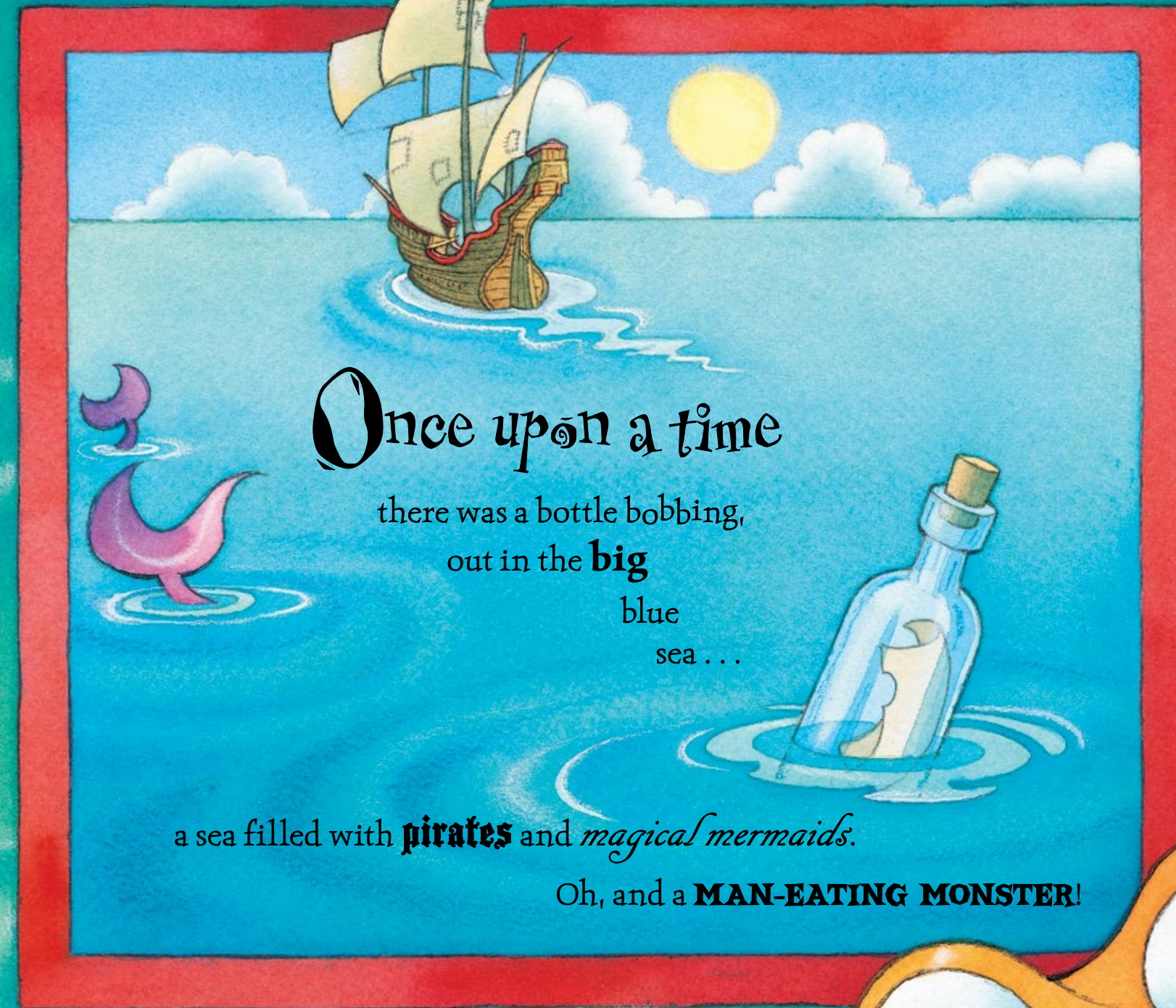
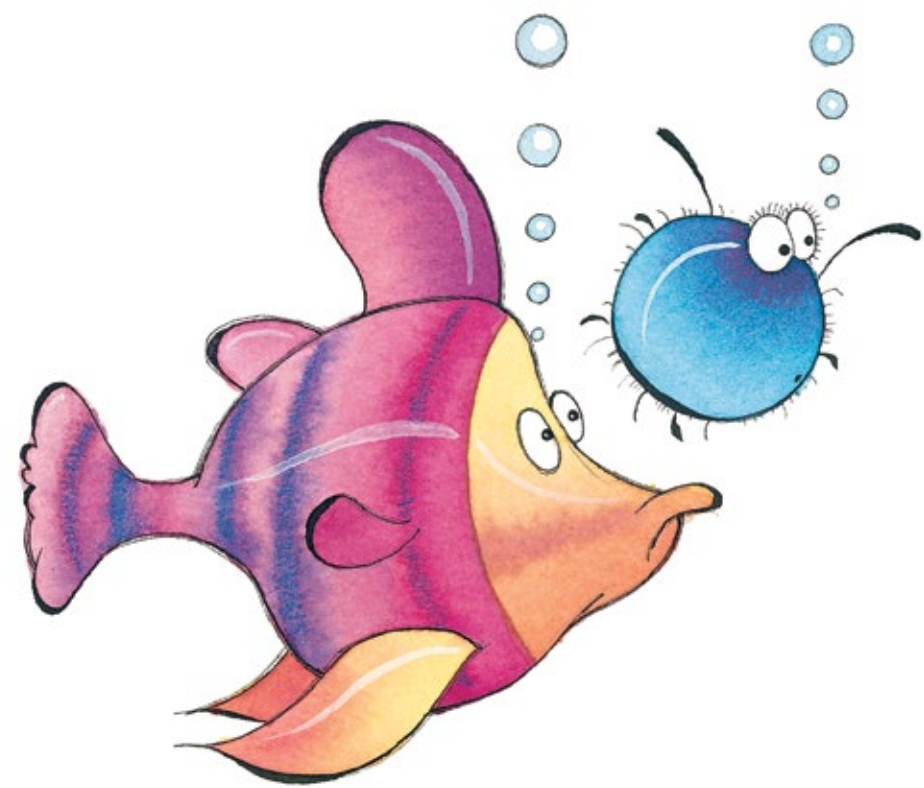
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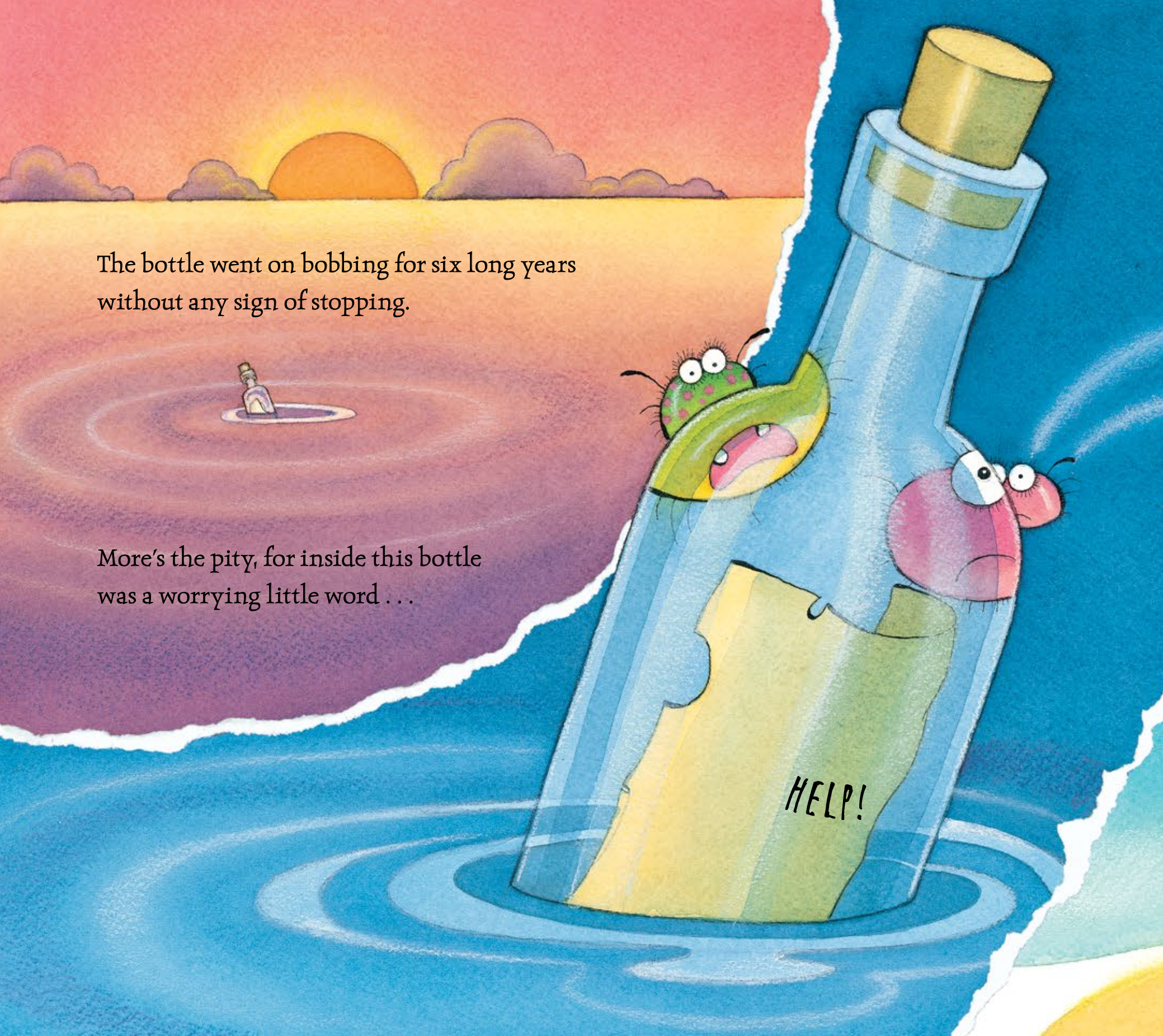
Once upon a time

there was a bottle bobbing,
out in the **big**
blue
sea . . .

a sea filled with **pirates** and *magical mermaids*.


Oh, and a **MAN-EATING MONSTER!**





The bottle went on bobbing for six long years
without any sign of stopping.

More's the pity, for inside this bottle
was a worrying little word . . .



Shiver me timbers!
Splice the mainsail!

Someone was in trouble.

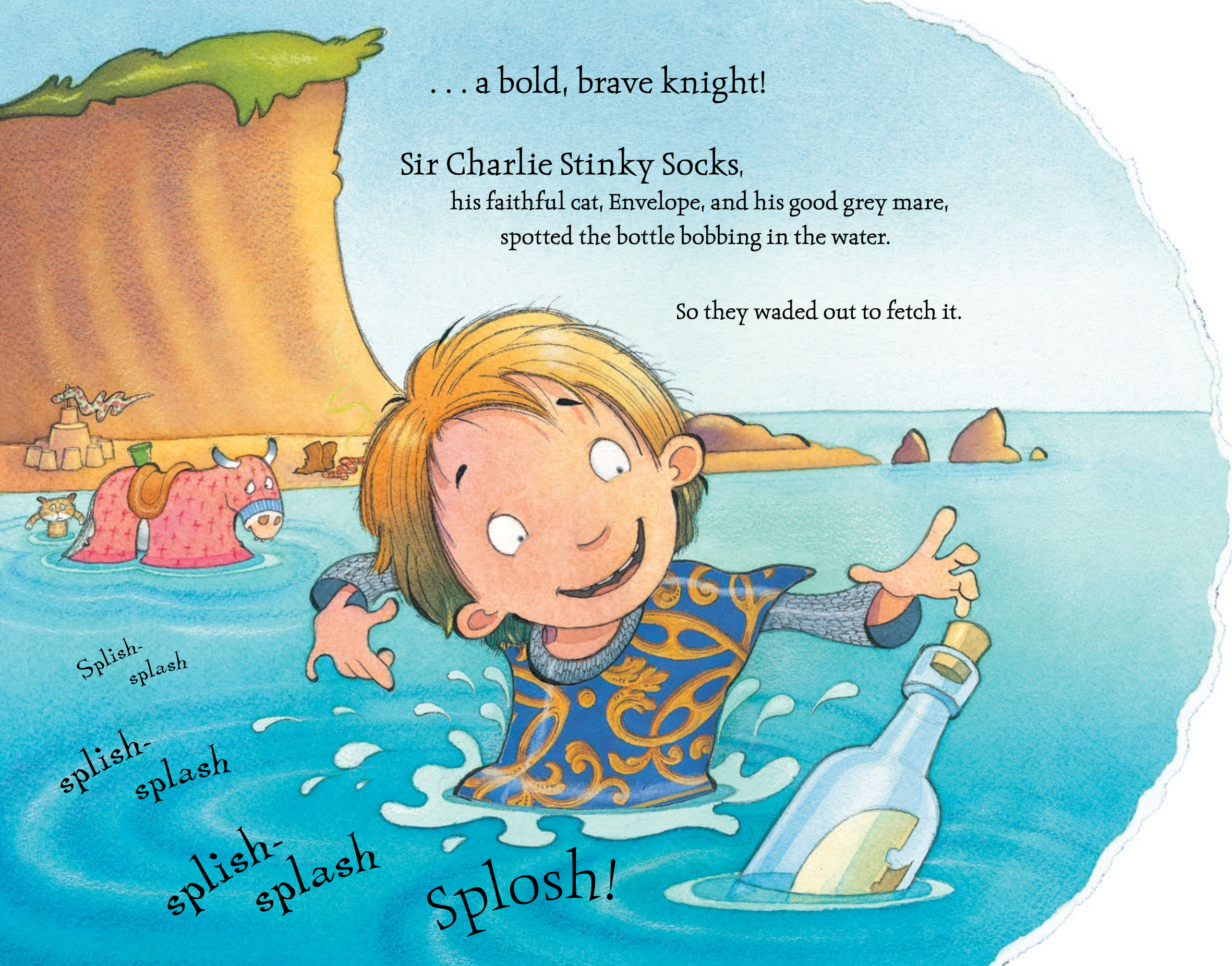
Oh my!

But never fear,
because land was near, and so was . . .

... a bold, brave knight!

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks,
his faithful cat, Envelope, and his good grey mare,
spotted the bottle bobbing in the water.

So they waded out to fetch it.



Splish-
splash

splish-
splash

splish-
splash

Splosh!

"By jinkies!" said Sir Charlie,
studying the note. "Someone at sea needs
our help. Come on, my faithful, fearless
friends, we need to find a ship."



And quicker than
you could say,
'Watch out for **pirates**,
they headed for adventure.

