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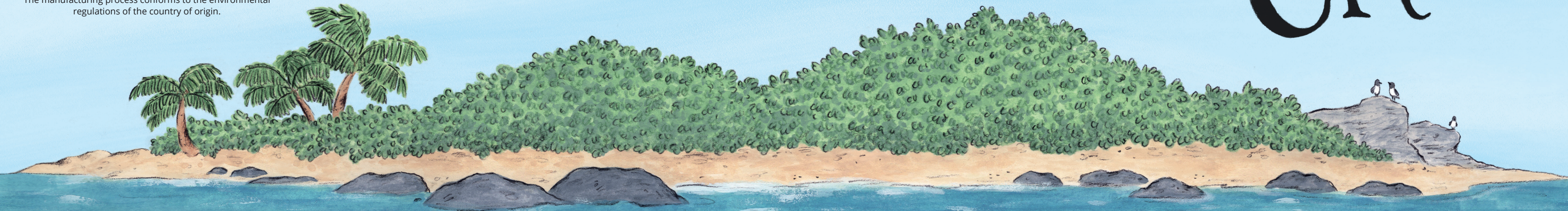
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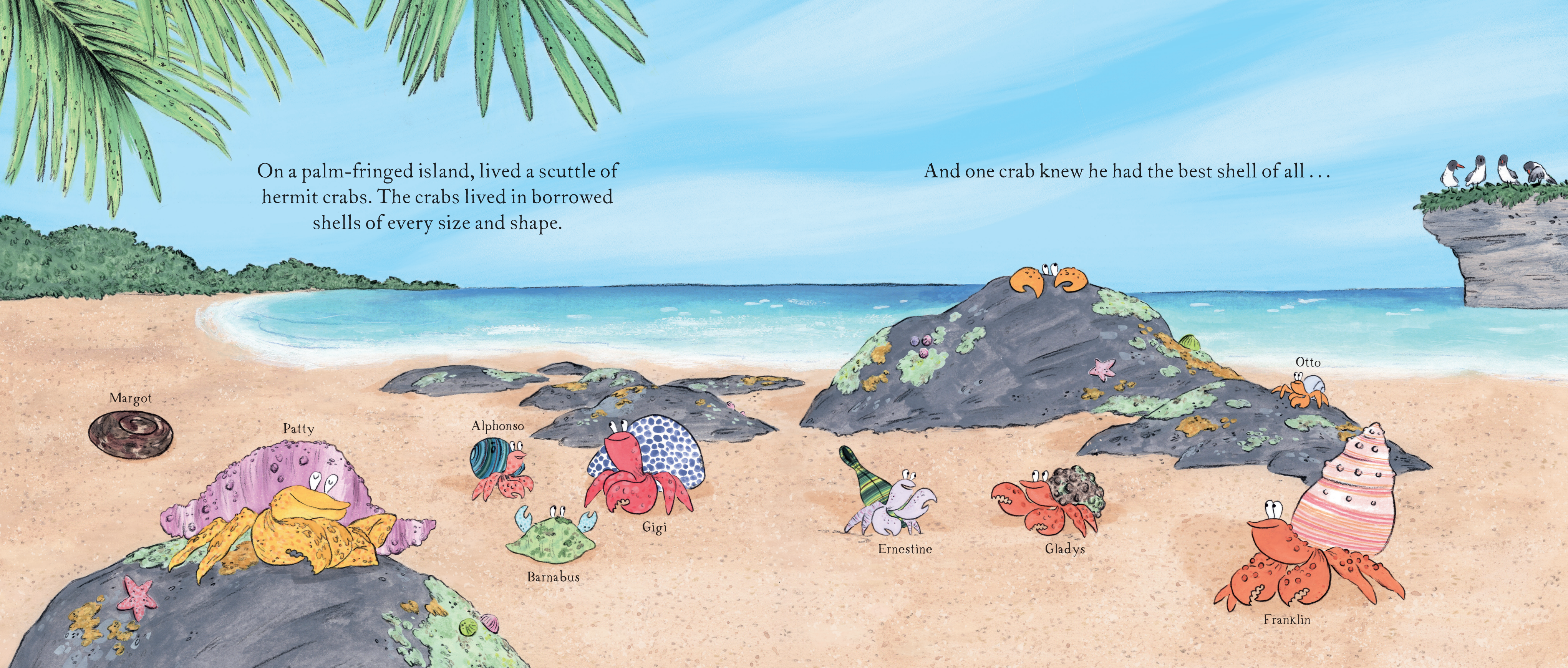
# THE SELFISH CRAB



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On a palm-fringed island, lived a scuttle of hermit crabs. The crabs lived in borrowed shells of every size and shape.

And one crab knew he had the best shell of all . . .



Margot

Patty

Alphonso

Gigi

Barnabus

Ernestine

Gladys

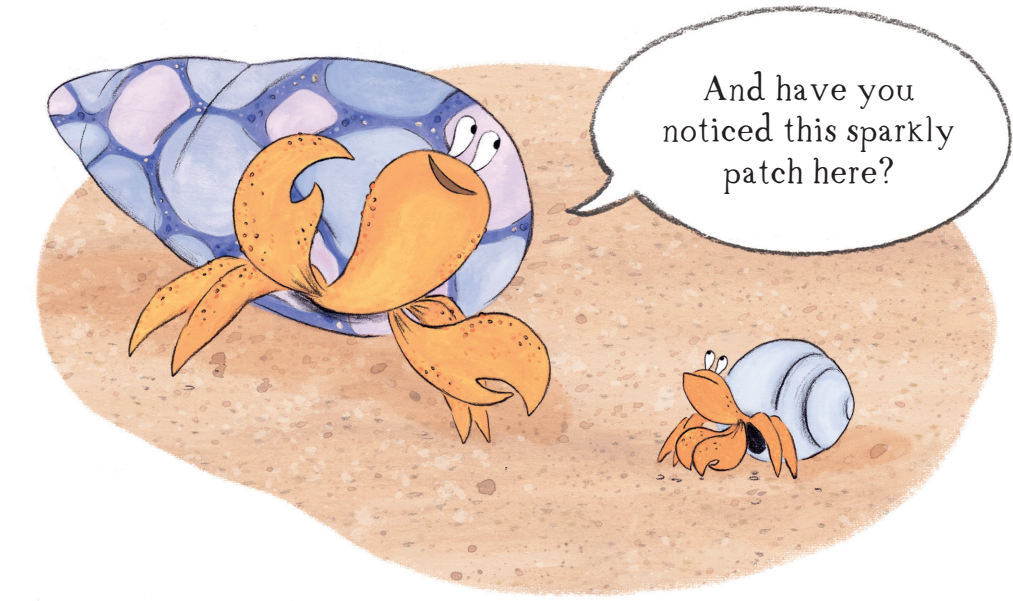
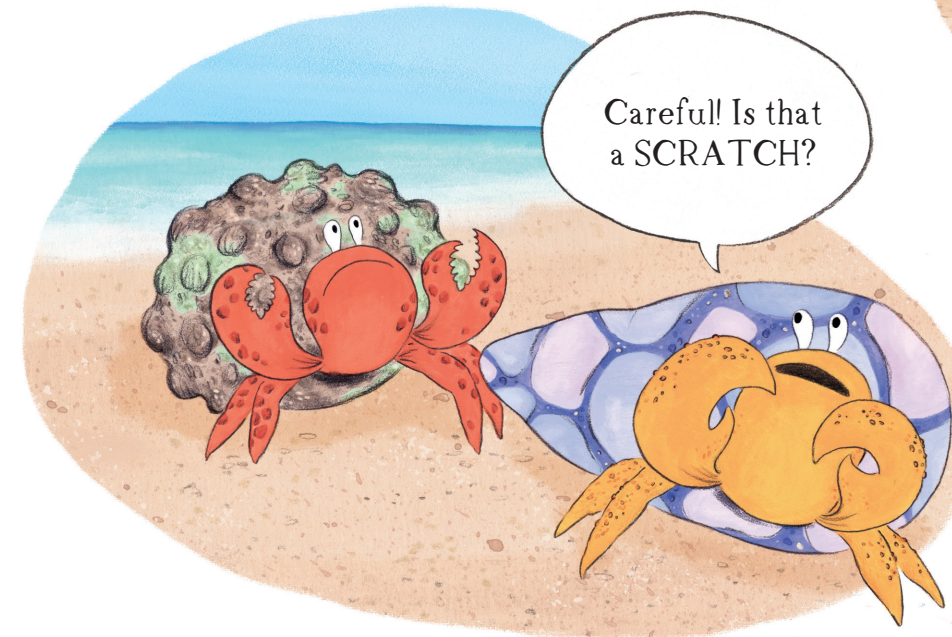
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Franklin

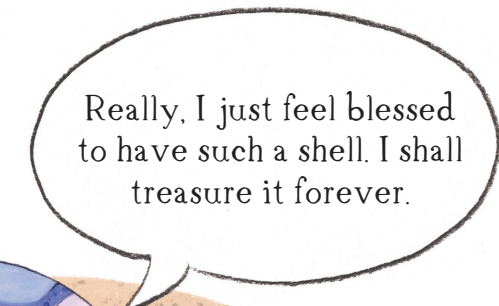
His name was Claude.  
And his shell was **BEAUTIFUL**.



Claude was not the most  
humble of hermit crabs.



But how could he be ...



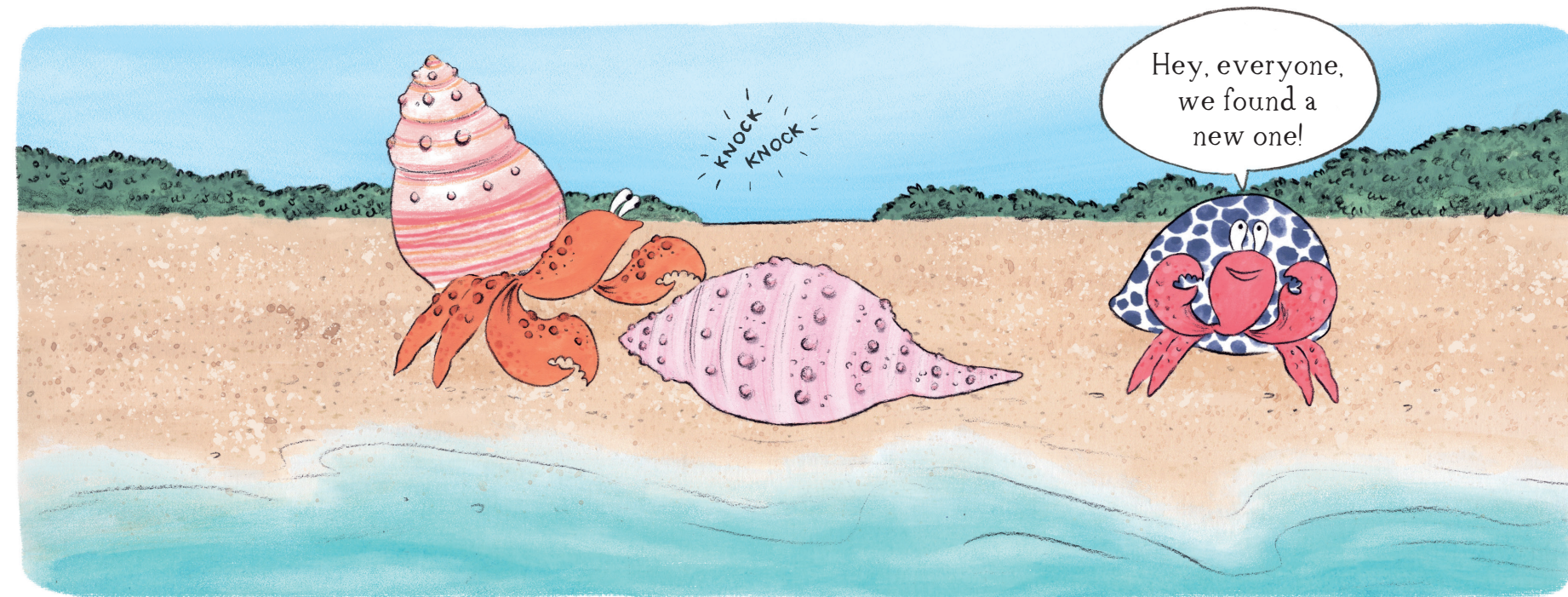
... when his shell  
was so magnificent?



Now the thing about hermit crabs is that eventually they outgrow their shells.



So they're on the lookout for empty shells that wash ashore.



When this happens, all of the crabs gather together.



They line up in size order, so that one by one they can move into the next biggest shell.

