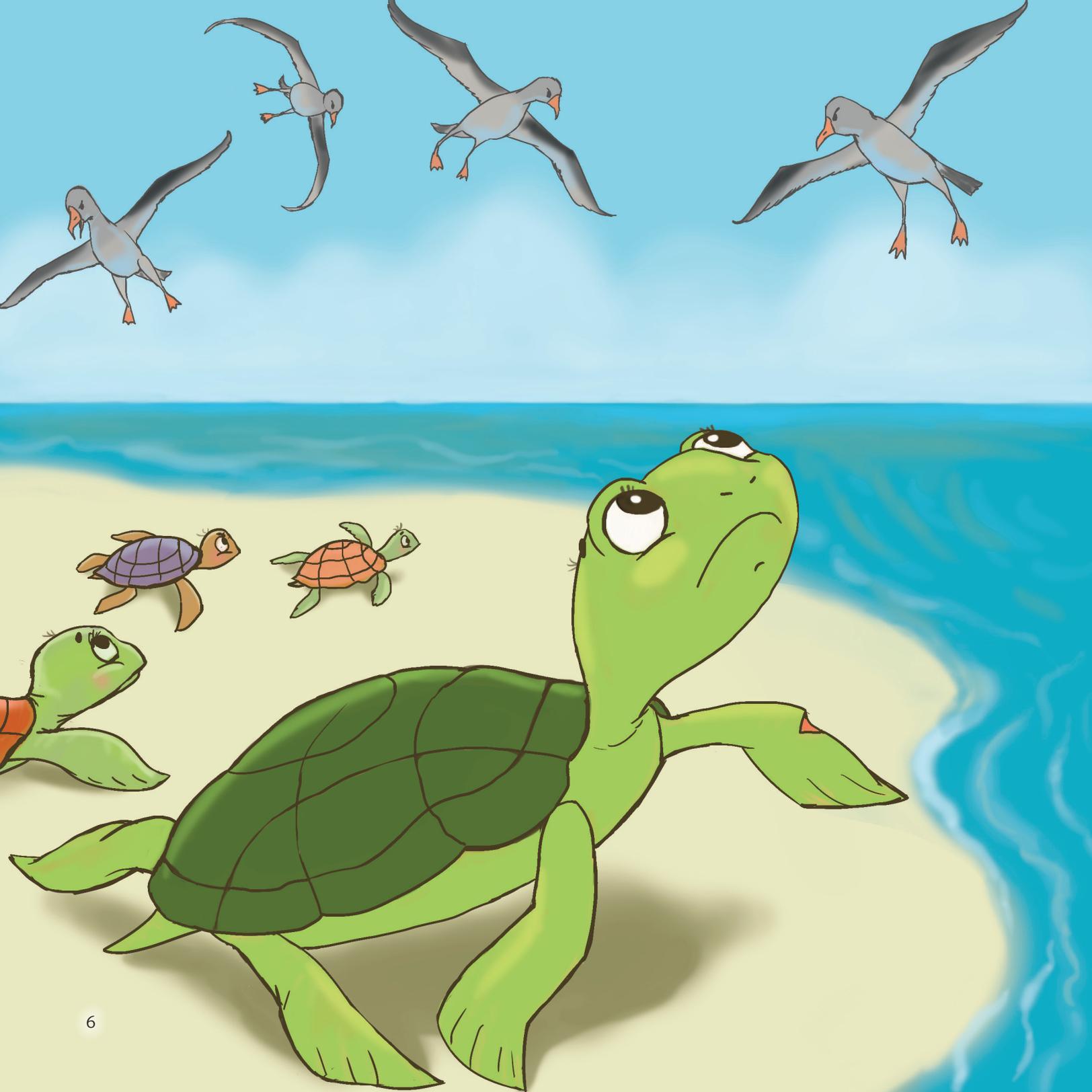
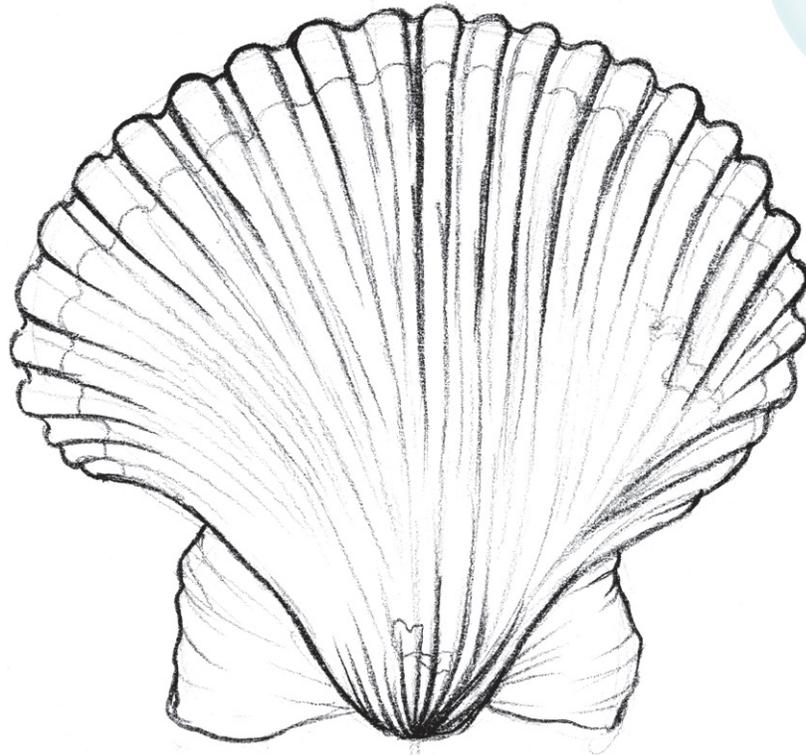
A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a forest. In the upper left, a girl with long pink hair and a blue dress sits on a tree branch. In the lower left, a red ladybug with black spots sits on a mushroom. In the center, three purple flowers with pink centers grow on green stems. In the lower right, a small house made of light blue stones with a purple door and a hanging lantern sits on a path. The background is filled with green trees and foliage. A large, glowing white circle in the center contains the title text.

The
Reason
there's
Bubbles

SCOT RANSELM
PAMELA RANSELM



Chapter Two



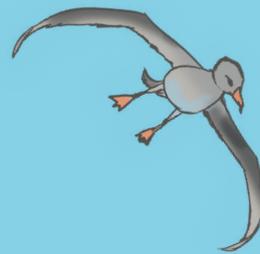
The Turtle

Born late at night

Filled me with fright
Found myself all alone
Used the moon to find home

Was hard moving on land
From a hole in the sand
Out of an egg I did flee
To my home in the sea

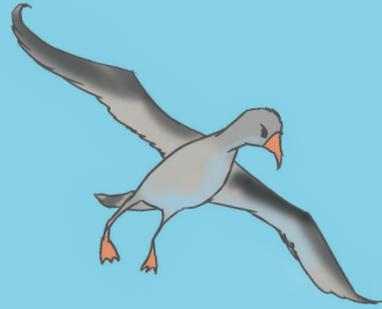
Birds wait in the sky
(Grab and away they fly)
Need to move quicker
Felt a nip on my flipper



The bird he did bite
Again I felt fright
Heart beating with worry
I needed to scurry

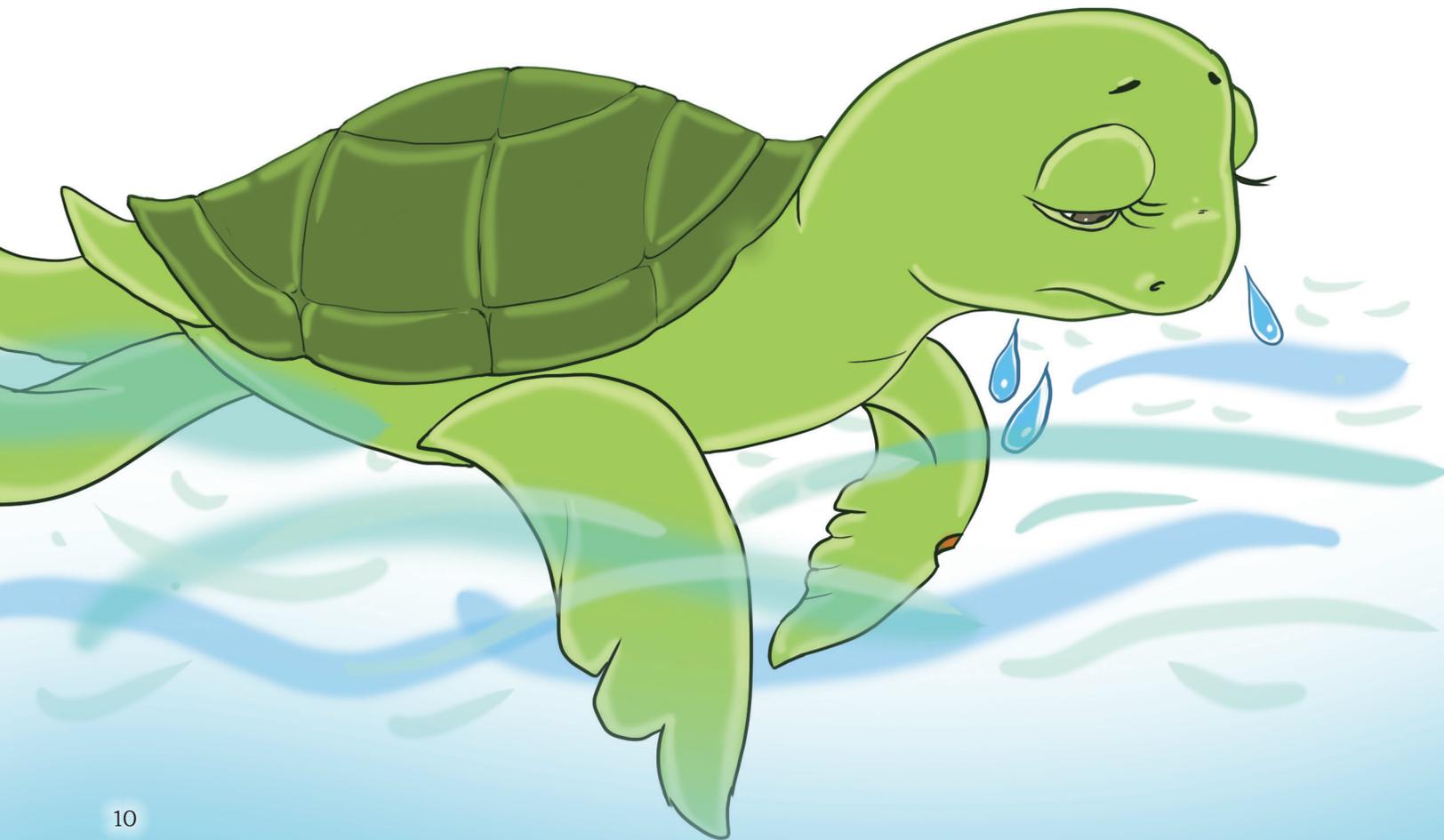
Water hit my face
Finally, the right place!
I struggled to swim
With my hurt little fin

Time passed and I grew
Many dangers pushed through
Swimming along as I do
In the deep-sea of blue



Reminded I am
Of that night on the sand
When the bird took a bite
And I felt so much fright

Causes me to be shy
And sometimes I cry
Having lost my pride
I feel anxious inside



Most hide in their shell
And it covers them well
But they are not like me
Being a turtle of the sea

We sea turtles lack
Using what's on our back
We can't hide inside
Even though I have tried

There's a place near my home
Where other sea turtles roam
People like to swim by
A sea turtle's side

With so little pride
I fear giving a ride
Would they want to watch?
My unsightly notch

Spent days swimming along
At times feeling wronged
Thinking I had no chance
For an uplifting glance

As days passed, people watched
Even with my little notch
Kids would smile and they gazed
My confidence was slowly raised

Then one day I was surprised
A feeling inside where I felt prized
Though my doubt may never fade
That's OK; I'm glad I stayed

Now I go to the place they swim
They see a positive in my fin
Kids now want me by their side
Now and then, I let them ride

