



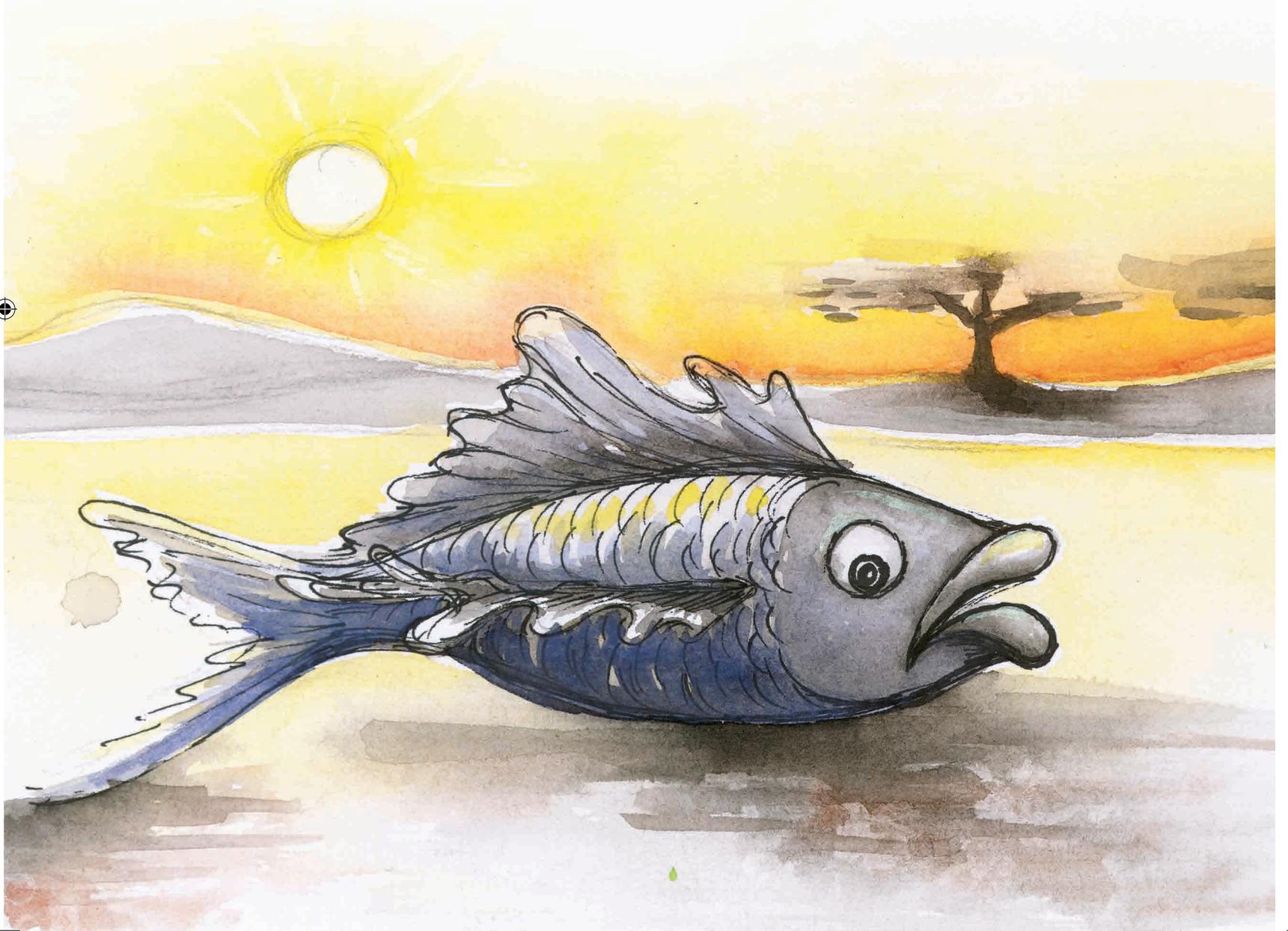
Fish Finds a Friend

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Poor Fish. Fish is so lonely!
Fish goes looking for a friend.





Fish says to Rabbit,
“I like your tail. It’s like a broom!
Will you be my friend?”

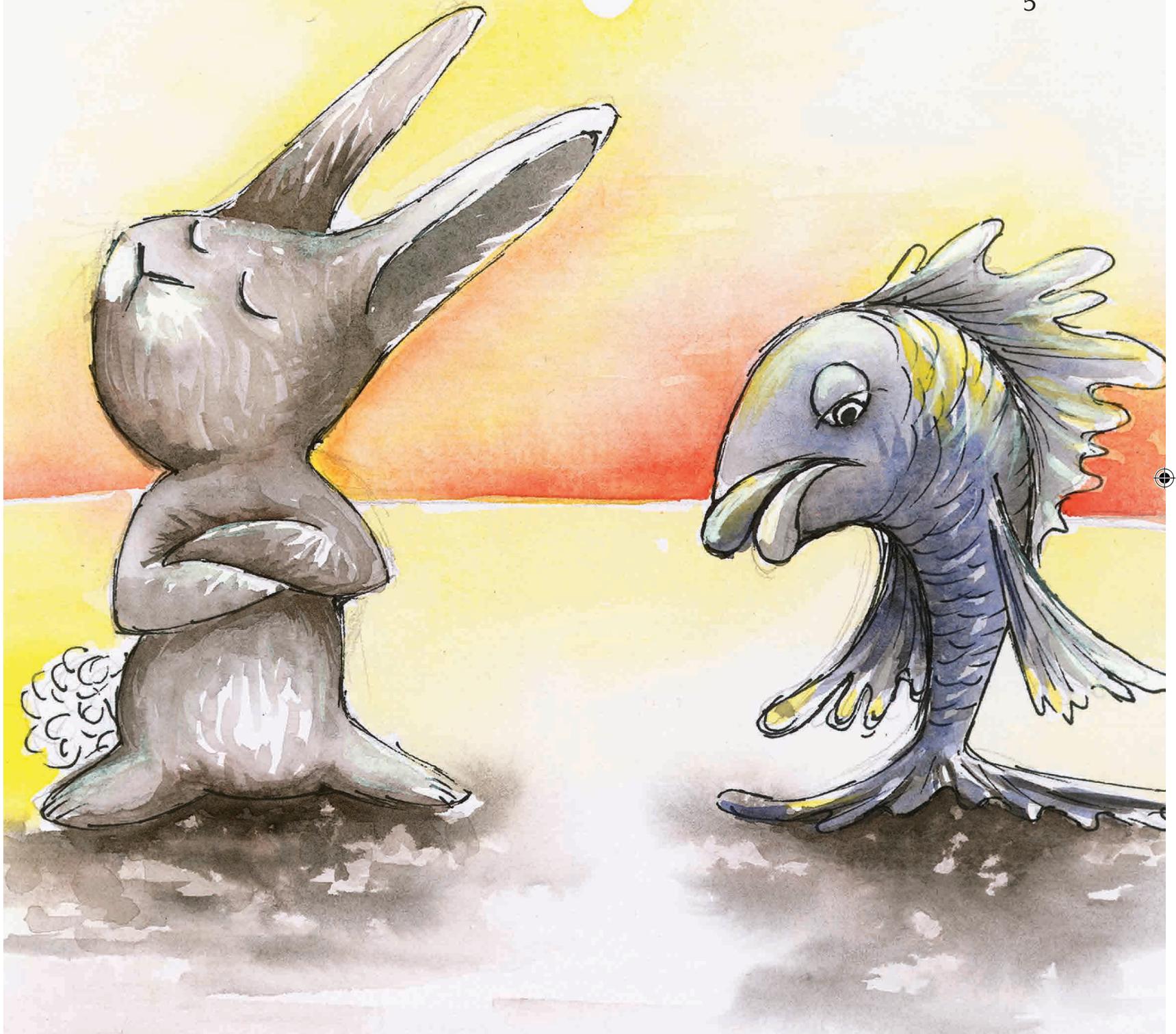
Rabbit replies, “Me? I can’t be
friends with someone who has
no legs.”

Fish asks, “Why should I be
ashamed to have no legs?”





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Next Fish meets Pigeon.
“I love your singing voice,” says Fish.
“Will you be my friend?”

Pigeon says, “I can’t be friends with
someone whose wings don’t work.”

Fish replies, “My fins work just fine.
They are for flying through water!”

Pigeon says, “Kurr! All my friends
must fly high in the air!”





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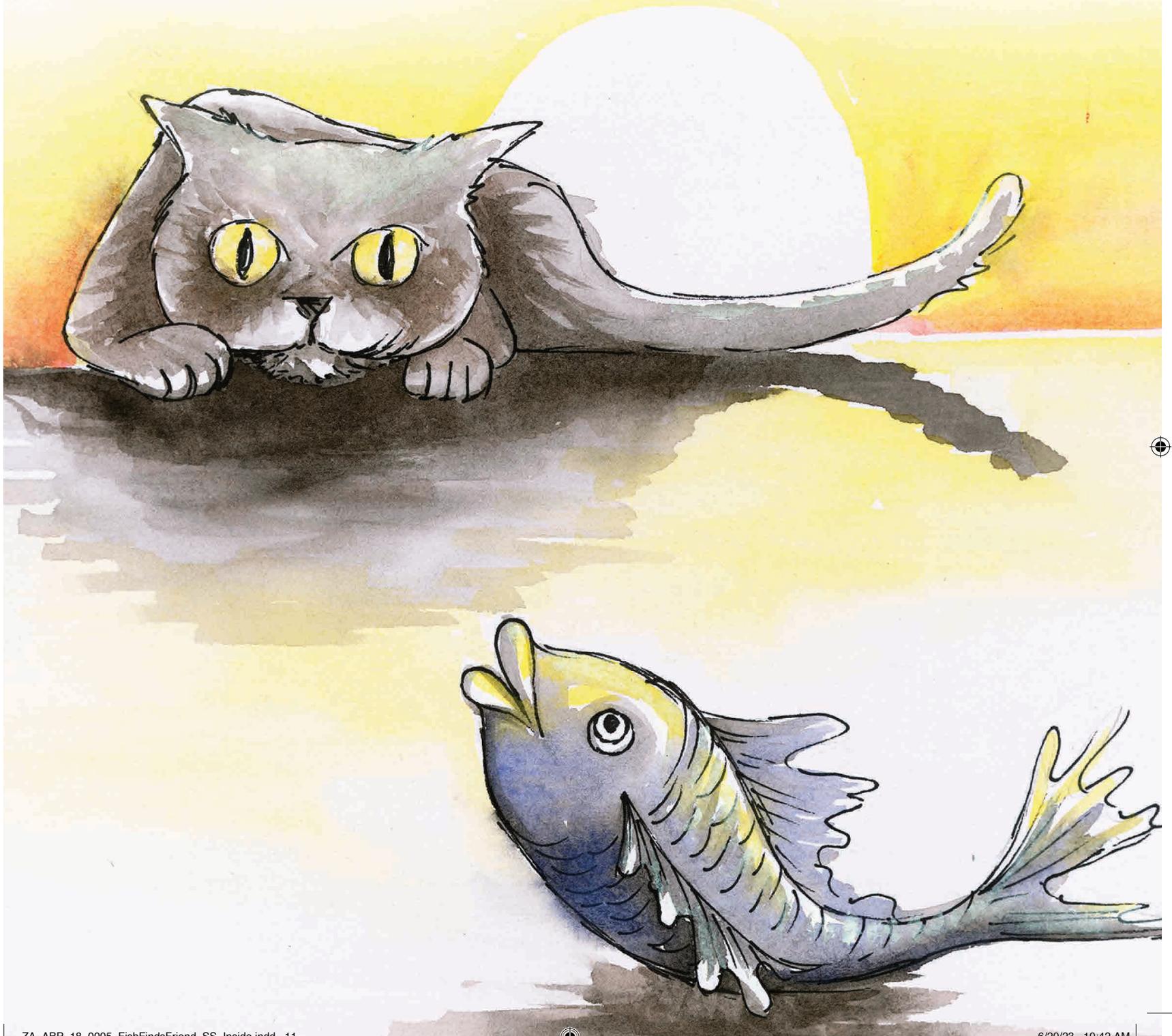
Poor Fish. Fish wonders,
“Will I EVER find a friend?”



Next Fish meets Cat.
Fish says, “We both have beautiful
eyes. Let’s be friends.”

Cat snarls, ready to pounce.
“Grrrrr!”







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“Ah, Cat wants to eat me!”

Fish jumps quickly into the water.

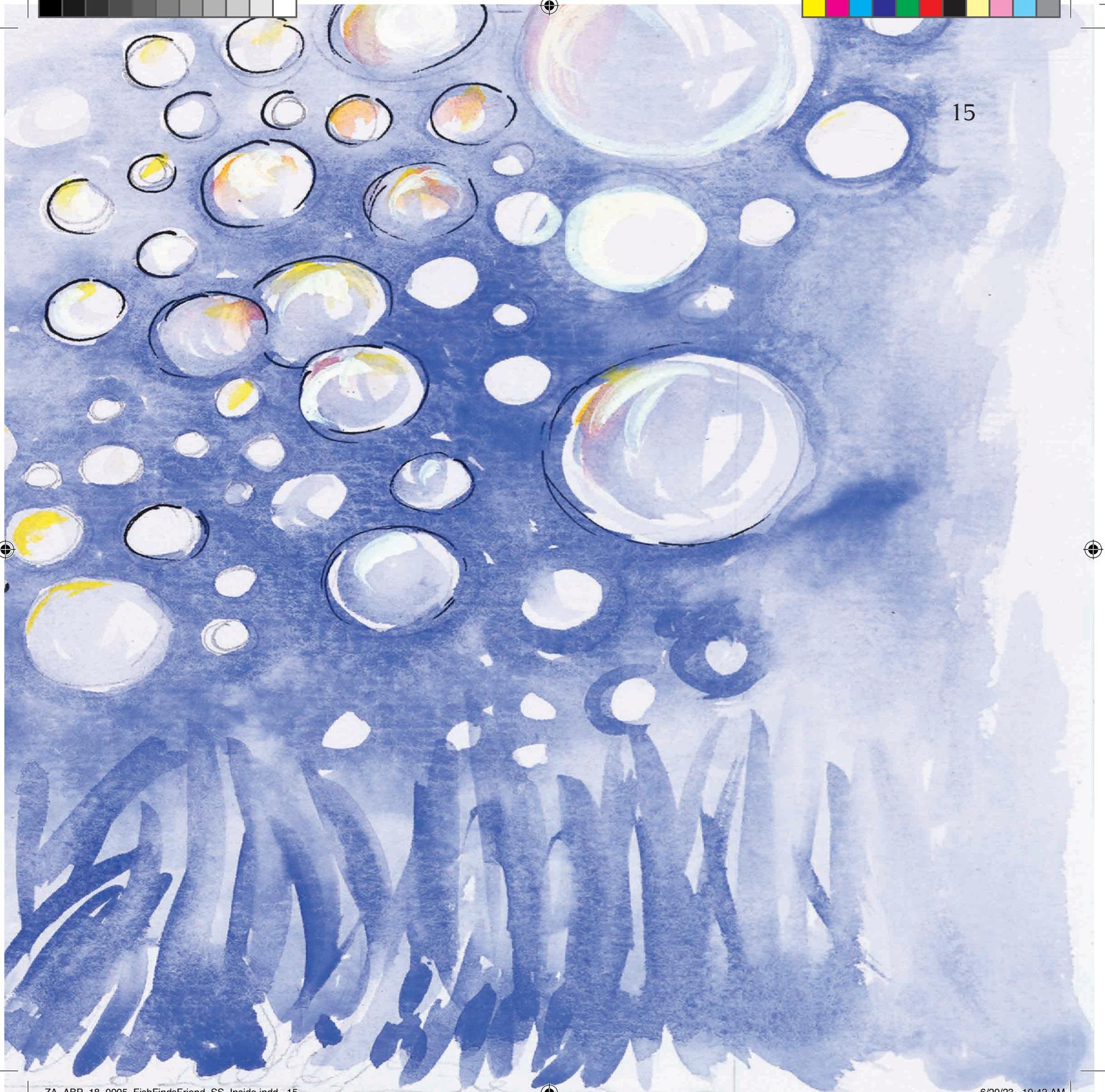
The water bubbles with Fish's fast,
scared breath.

Fish rests. "I was not born to be
alone," Fish finally decides. "I will
try one more time."





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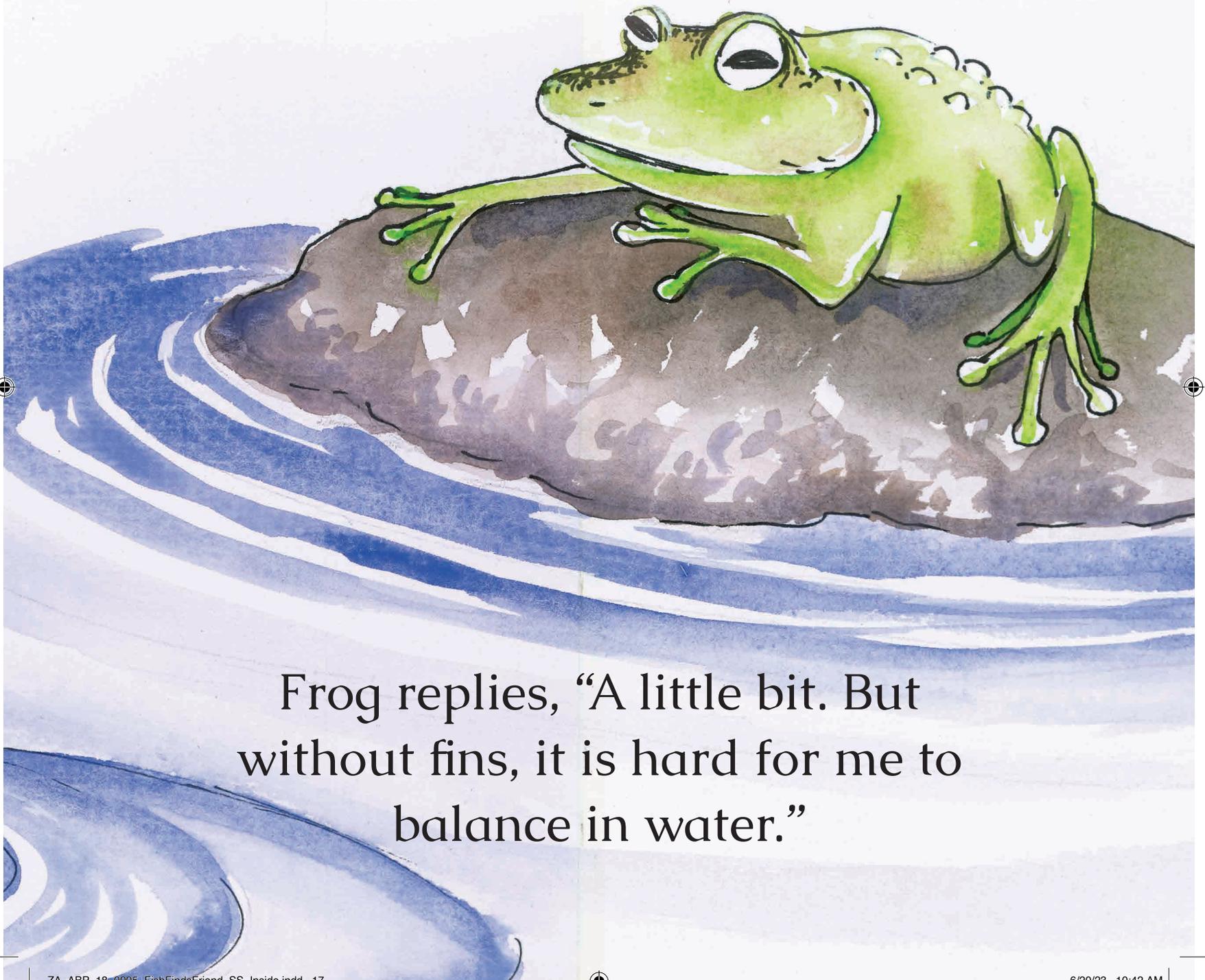




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Fish sees Frog.
“Hello, Frog!” Fish calls.
“Can you swim?”





Frog replies, “A little bit. But without fins, it is hard for me to balance in water.”





“I can teach you how to swim!”
Fish says. “Grab my tail!”







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Fish and Frog play all afternoon.





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And they are friends to this day.





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