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For Nigel, my husband. With love. X
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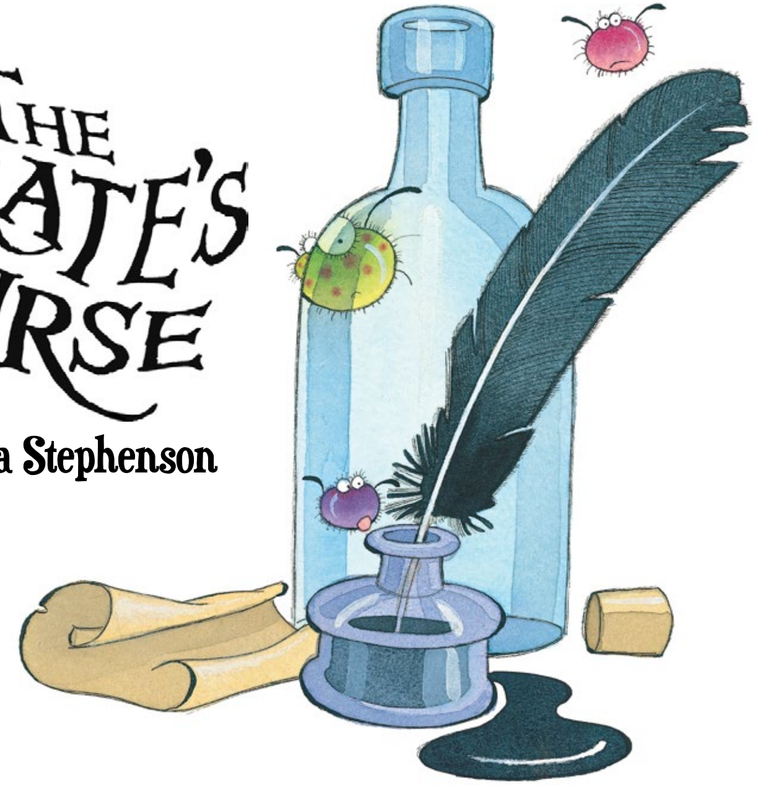
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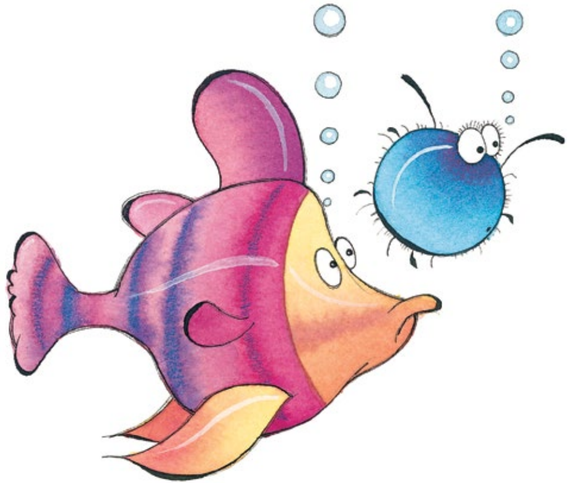
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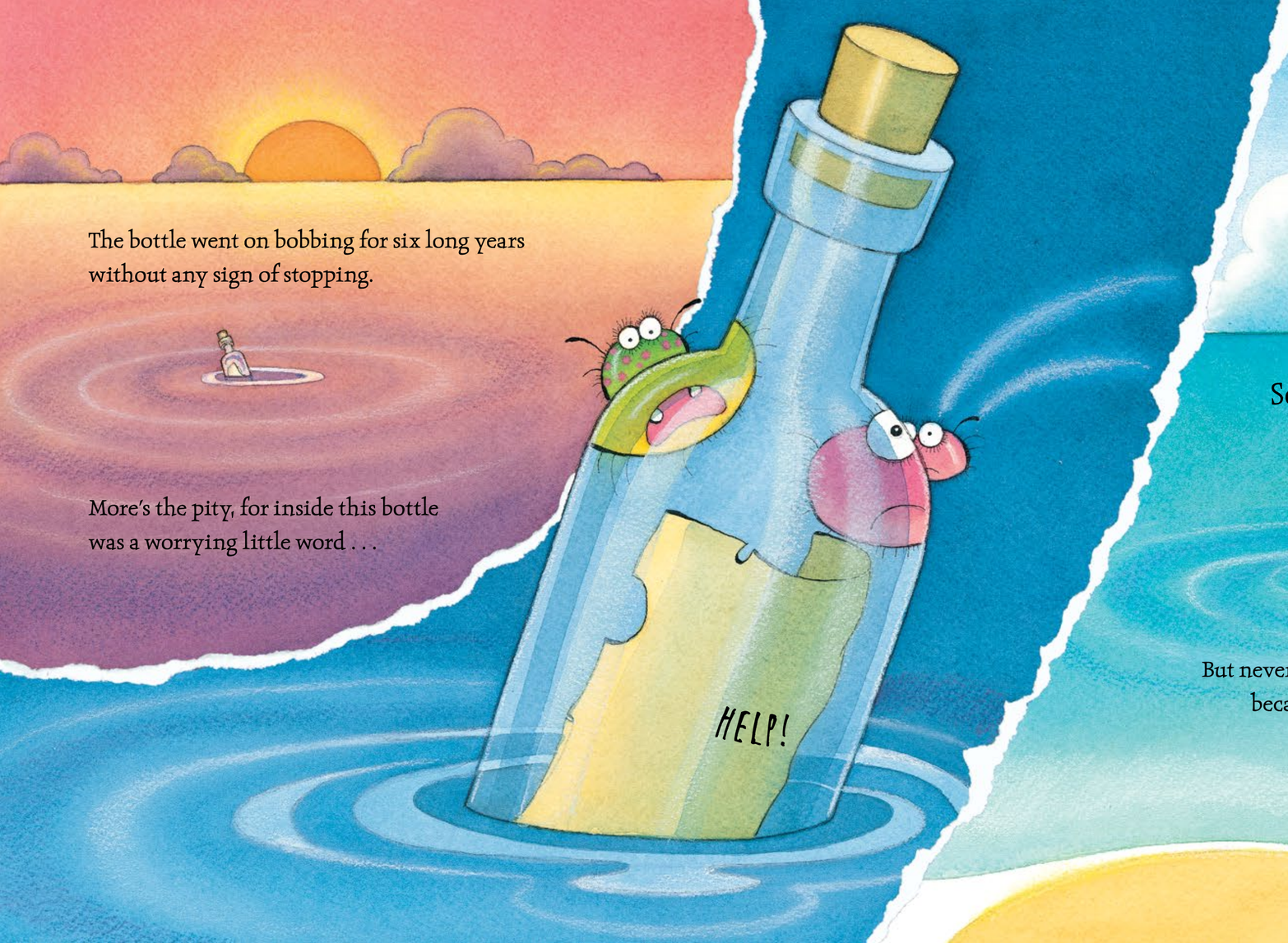


Once upon a time
there was a bottle bobbing,
out in the **big**
blue
sea . . .

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.