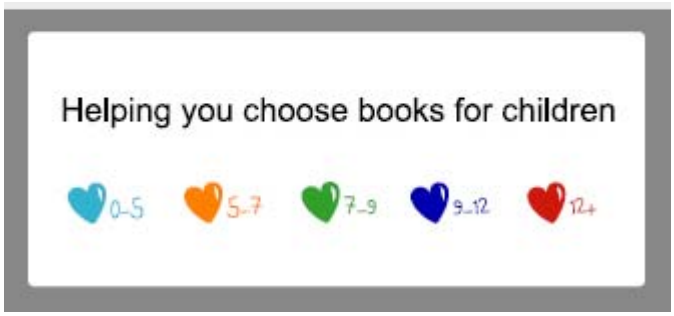
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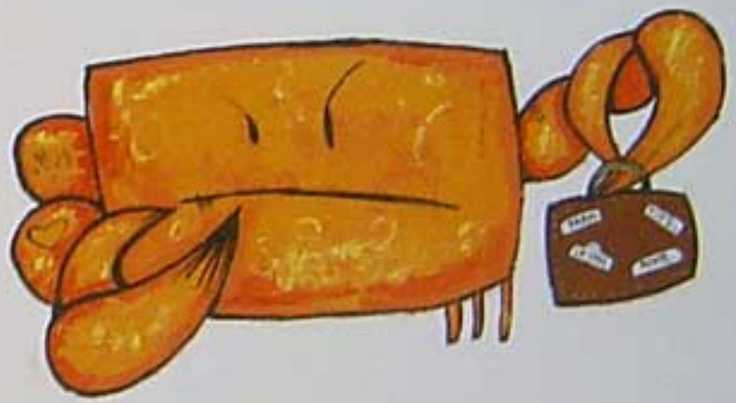
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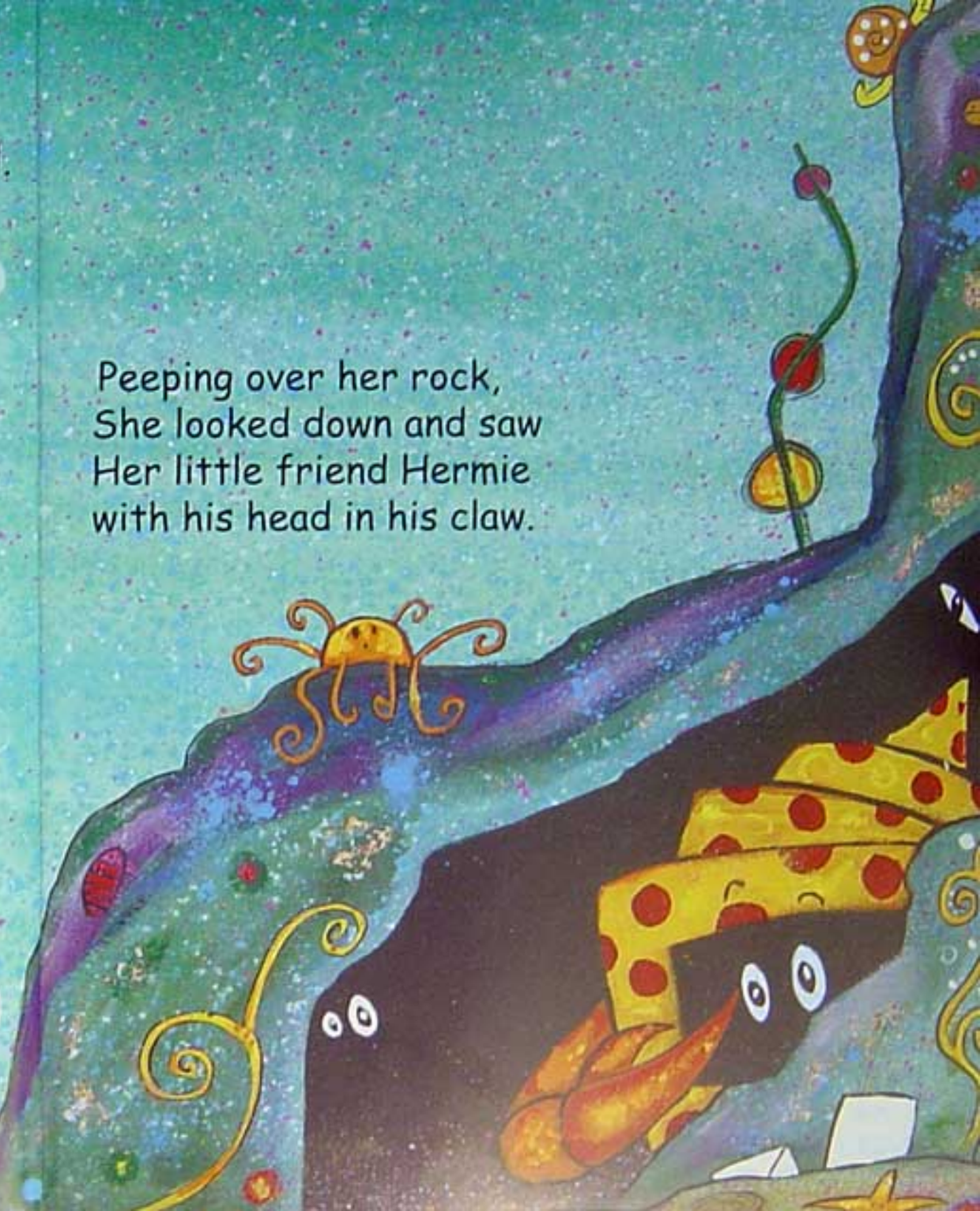
Down by the ocean; deep, dark and cool,
Lives a shell called Michelle in a magic rock pool.

One day in her home
That she cleans and looks after,
She heard crying and sobbing;
Not fun and laughter.





Peeping over her rock,
She looked down and saw
Her little friend Hermie
with his head in his claw.



"Oh dear," she said as she heard him groaning,
"Whatever's wrong, Hermie? Why are you moaning?
You look so worried and sound so sad.
What can it be that makes you feel bad?"

"Oh, Michelle, it's just terrible;
Worst day of the year.
It's this letter," said Hermie,
Wiping a tear,
"From my cousin Crabbit,
Who's coming to stay.
He's so rude and grumpy
And nasty all day."