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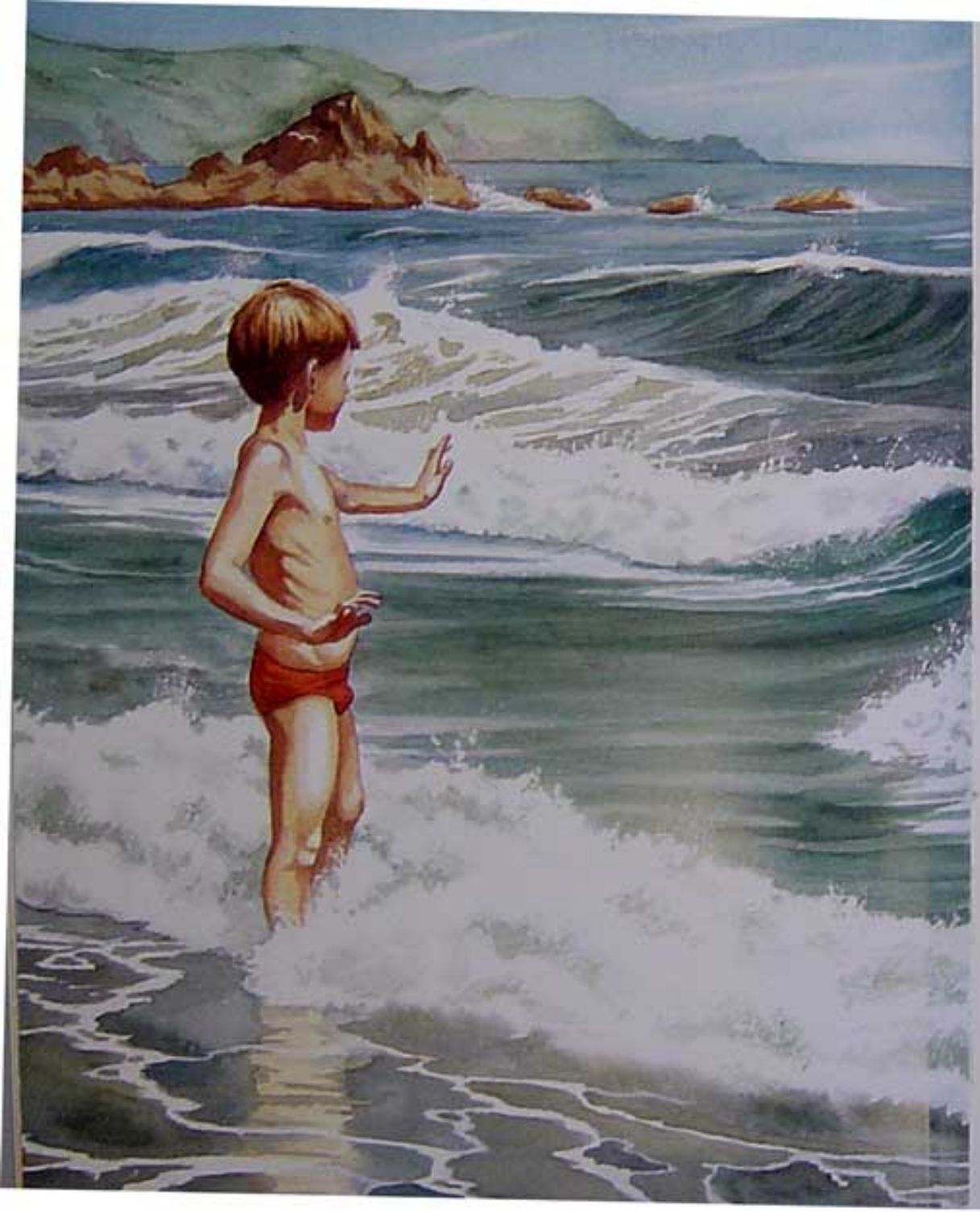
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There was nothing in the whole world that Jack liked better than building sandcastles. But as strong as he built the walls and as high as he built the towers, he couldn't stop the sea from stealing them away.



At the end of a perfect day, Jack looked proudly at his latest sandcastle. As the tide rolled in, he stood stubbornly in its path.

"Stay back, sea!" he ordered. "This is my castle; I'm king here."

But the sea just spat at his knees.

Then something caught Jack's eye – a shell that glistened like a jewel. He placed it on the highest turret of his sandcastle, then shut his eyes tight.

"I wish my sandcastle was as big as a real castle and I wish that I was king," he said.

