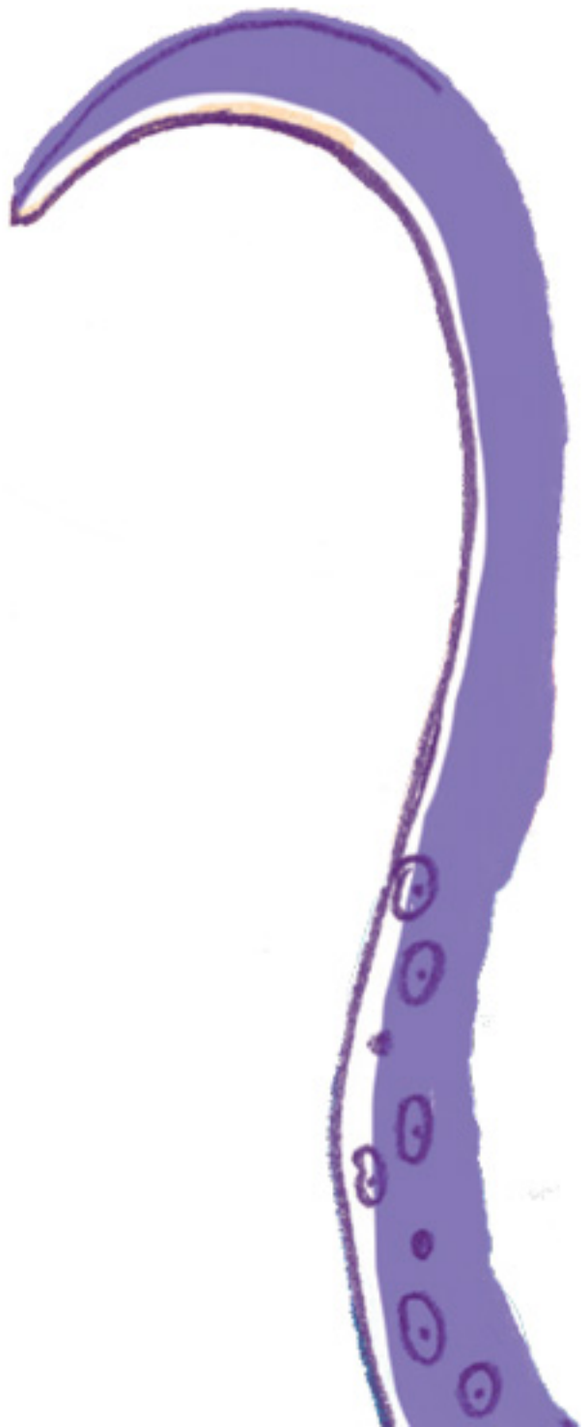
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Chapter 1

Pirate Work

Molly Rogers' mother was Barbarous Bertha.

She was the wildest pirate on the Seven Seas. Other pirates sobbed like babies when they heard her name.

But Barbarous Bertha was also the guardian of a wide stretch of emerald-green ocean and 23 islands.



The islands were called the Purple Shell Islands. Bertha and her crew protected the people who lived on them, and all the animals too.

She had taught Molly how to look after turtles and dolphins, and parrots and monkeys.



Each time Bertha chased leopard hunters or turtle-egg thieves, or pirates trying to plunder a village, Molly was there too. On board the fastest ship that sailed the oceans: the *Red Swallow*.

