



For Alex (who saved the day!)
and Sam ~ MS.

For all the wonderful and
misunderstood sharks in the sea ~ S.C.



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She's bought herself a Santa hat
from the Deep Sea Christmas Store...

Deep beneath the deep, blue sea,
it's almost Christmas Eve,
and a sneaky shark named **Shelly**
has something **FESTIVE** up her sleeve.



Then made herself a Jolly sign
to hang on her front door.

☆☆ Welcome to
Santa's Grotto!
Little fishes PLEASE come in,
and meet the real life
SANTA CLAUS.
It's really, REALLY him!

Now, MOST fish know
where Shelly lives,
and think she's
FULL OF TRICKS.
And after looking at that sign,
they swim off

EXTRA quick!

But one day, through some tangled weeds,
a squid named Sid passed by.



And when he read that jolly sign
he gave a happy cry...



"Well! I've never hung
a Christmas star

or licked a candy cane,



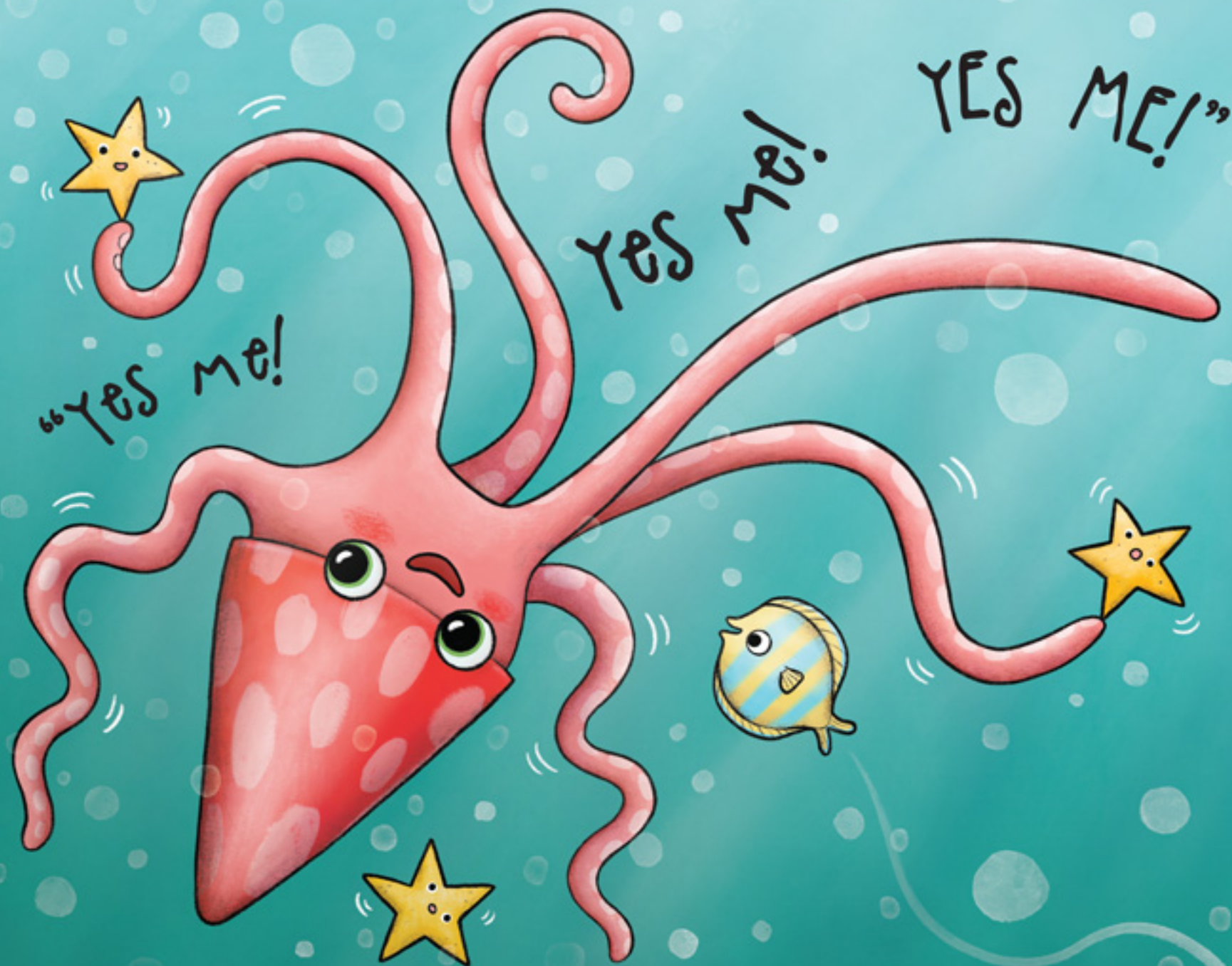
and I've never built
a snowman,



(which seems an awful shame).



But today's my LUCKY, LUCKY day.
Golly, whizz and gee!
For GUESS WHO's meeting Santa Claus...



So that excited squid
named Sid gave the
driftwood door a

KNOCK.



And when it swished
right open...





it gave
him quite
a shock.

"Come in . . ."
called a KINDLY voice.
"I'm here, right at the back.
So swim a
little closer . . .
I've got presents
in my sack!"