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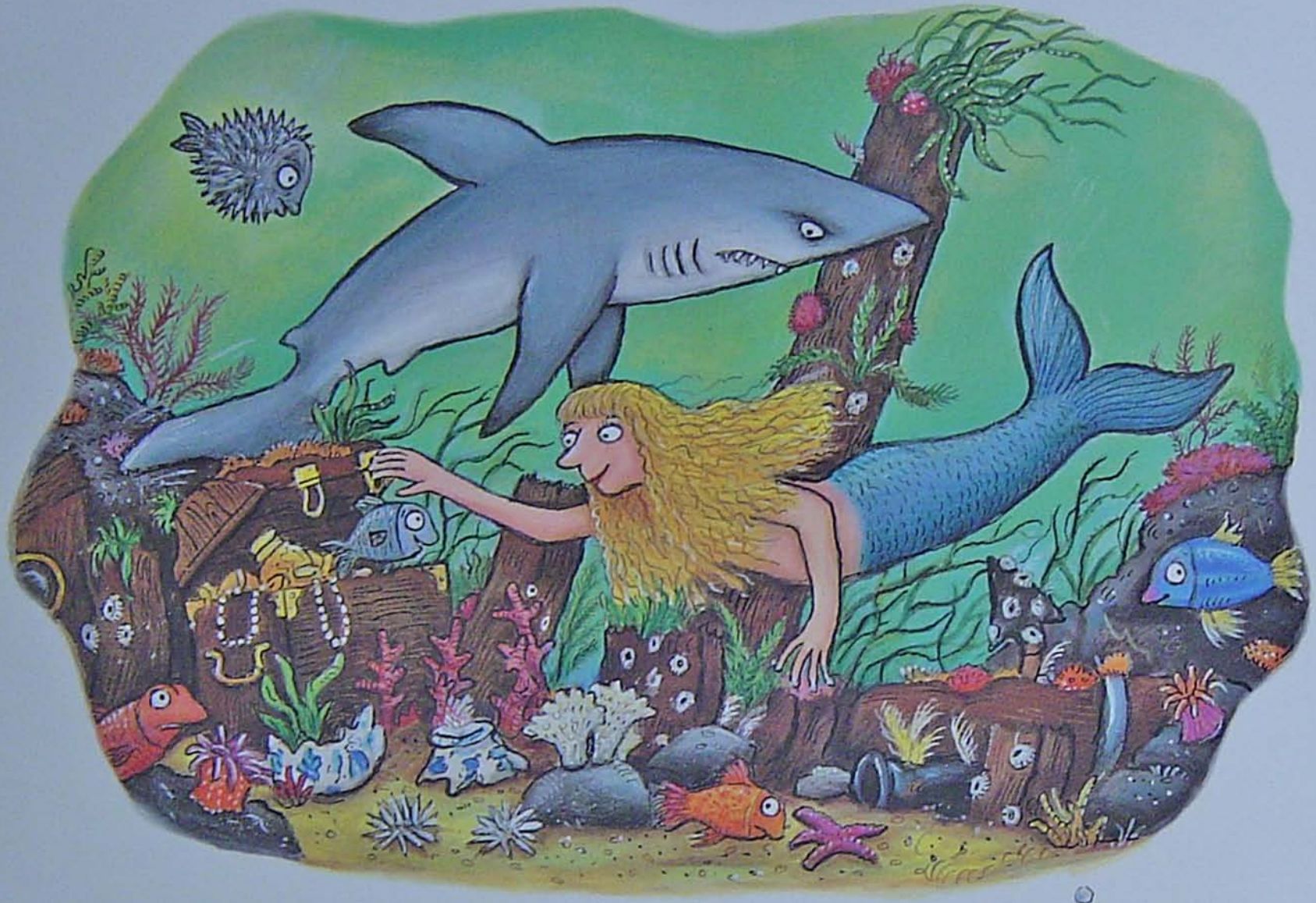
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"Sorry I'm late. I was swimming round a shipwreck.
I swam into a treasure chest, and someone closed the lid.
I bashed and I thrashed till a mermaid let me out again."
"Oh, no, she didn't." "OH, YES, SHE DID."







"It's only a story," said Rabbitfish and Redfin.





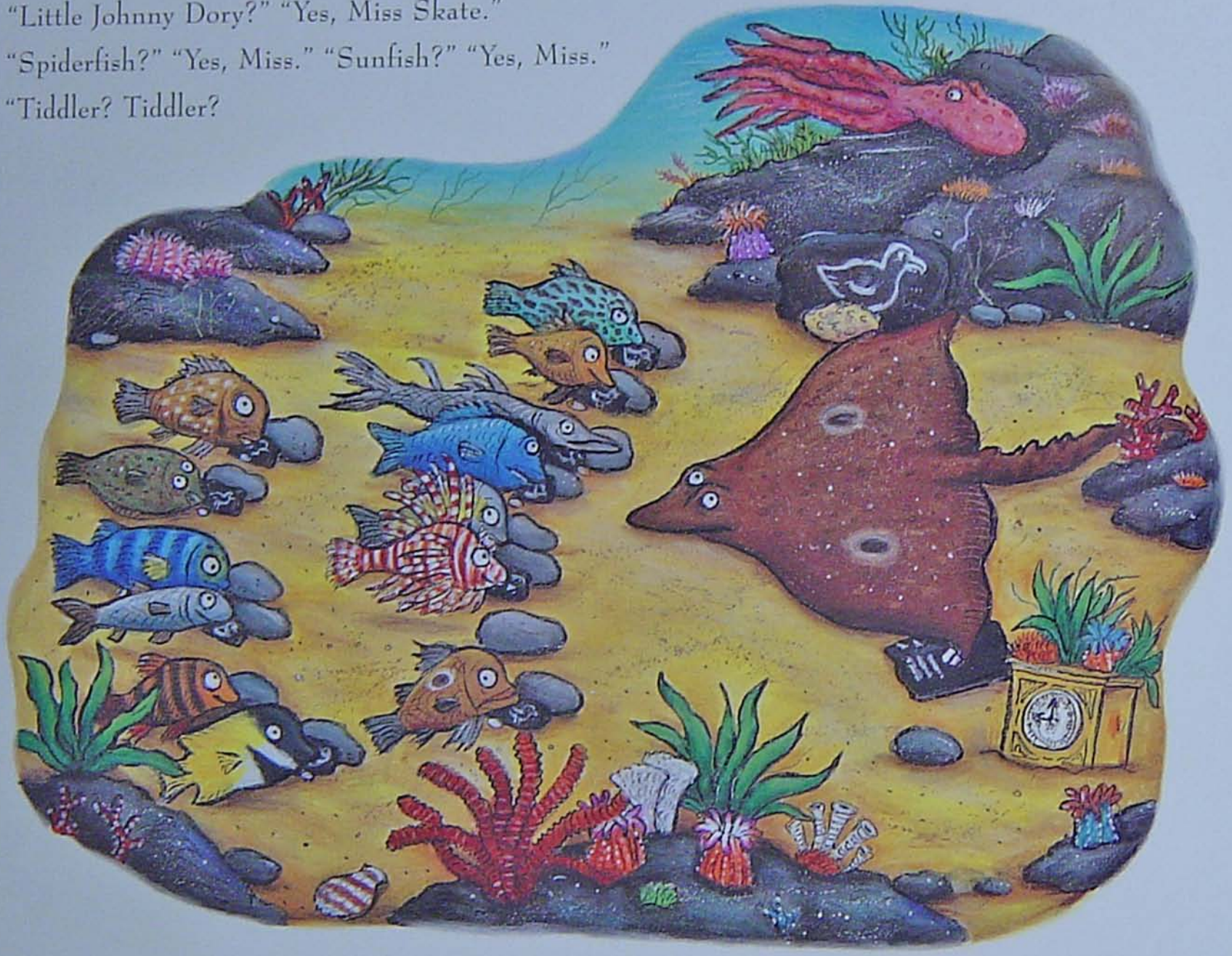
"Just a silly story," said Dragonfish and Dab.

"I *like* Tiddler's story,"
said Little Johnny Dory,



And he told it to his granny, who told it to a crab.

At nine o'clock on Tuesday, Miss Skate called the register.
"Little Johnny Dory?" "Yes, Miss Skate."
"Spiderfish?" "Yes, Miss." "Sunfish?" "Yes, Miss."
"Tiddler? Tiddler?



TIDDLER'S LATE!"