



Dodo's Dilemma

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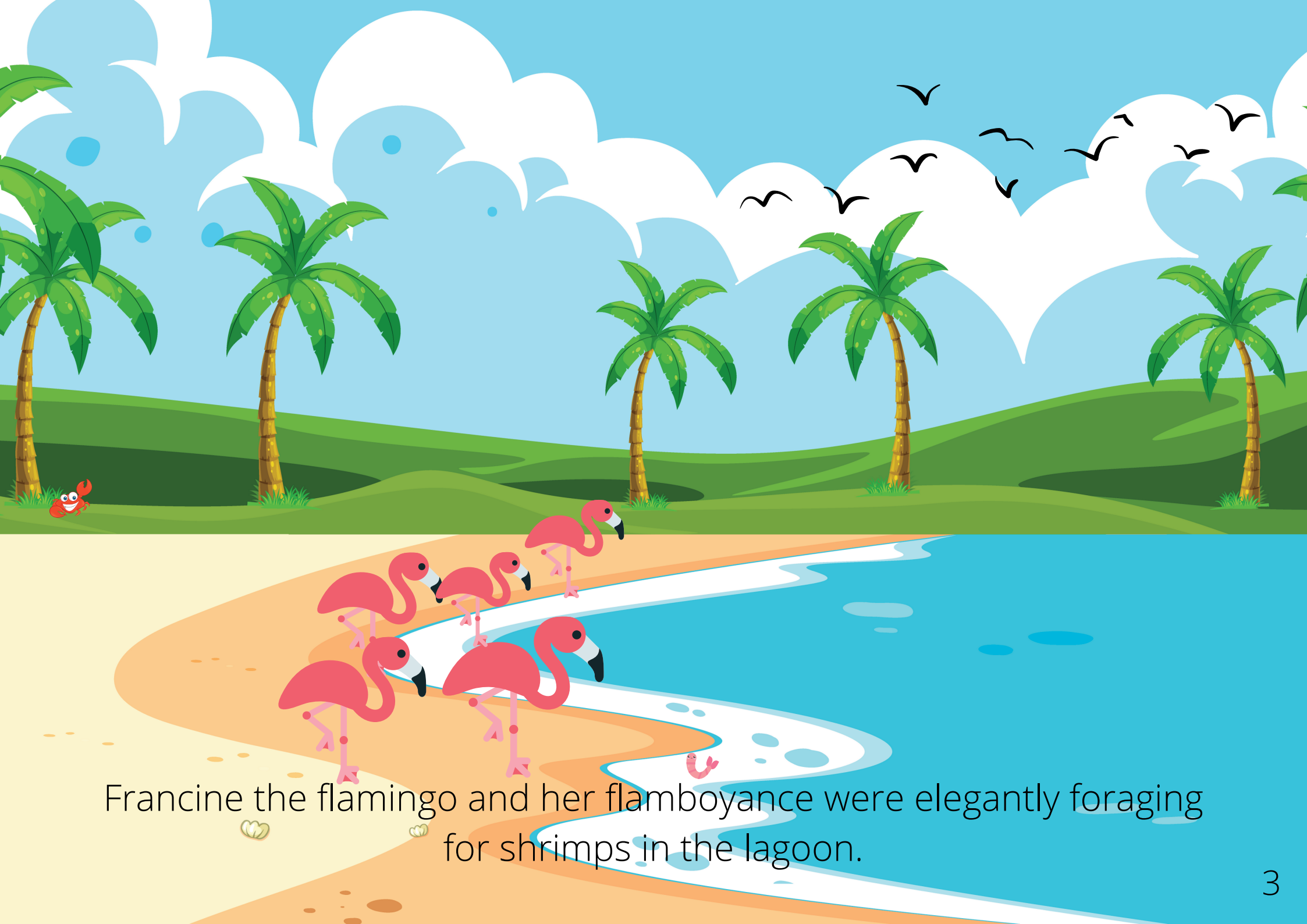
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The sky was flawless on the beautiful tropical island of Mauritius.
All of the birds (avian) and wildlife were preparing for lunch.



Idris the ibis and his congregation were feasting on small mice which hid in the hibiscus flowers.



Francine the flamingo and her flamboyance were elegantly foraging for shrimps in the lagoon.

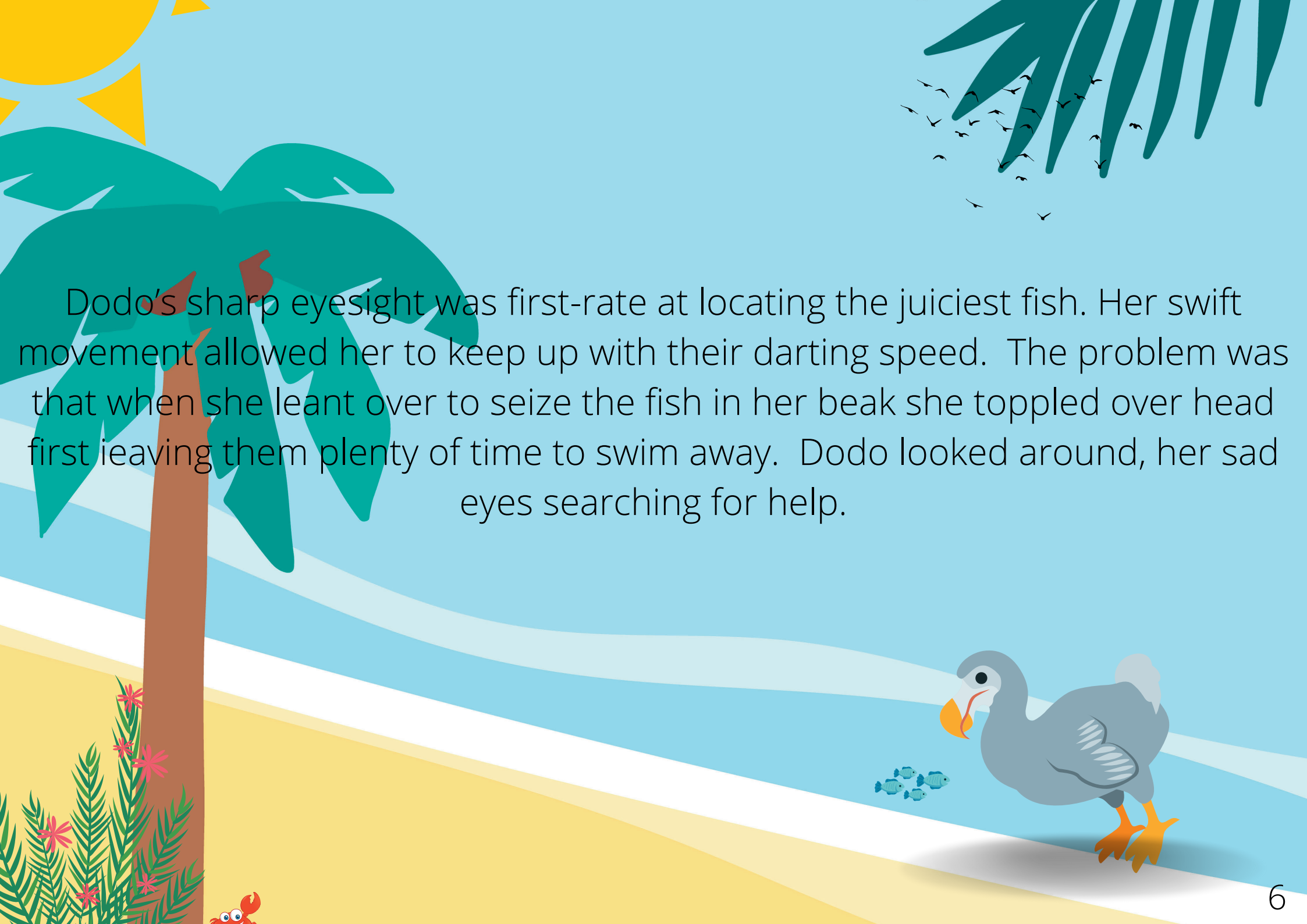
Dodo the dodo bird was famished and frustrated. She was the only one of her kind on the island.
All of her friends and family had been poached by greedy hunters.





The other birds worked as a team to catch lots of shrimp, frogs and delicacies to share.

There were many members of the flamboyance and congregation. The fastest birds would chase down lunch whilst the others used their beaks to probe the delicacies out of the water.



Dodo's sharp eyesight was first-rate at locating the juiciest fish. Her swift movement allowed her to keep up with their darting speed. The problem was that when she leant over to seize the fish in her beak she toppled over head first leaving them plenty of time to swim away. Dodo looked around, her sad eyes searching for help.




Francine and her reliable friends mocked her.
“Silly dodo no wonder you’re hungry!”



Dodo turned away with a rumbling tummy and weak legs. She felt frustrated and overlooked but she did not give up.

She tried again and again and again.

Each time she leaned forward with her enormous beak she would fall splat face forward. Until.....



There appeared beside her a long, black beak in the water filled with juicy crab and small fish. From afar Idris had observed Dodo looking desperate and hungry. And was offering her a beak of freshly caught mouth-watering seafood.



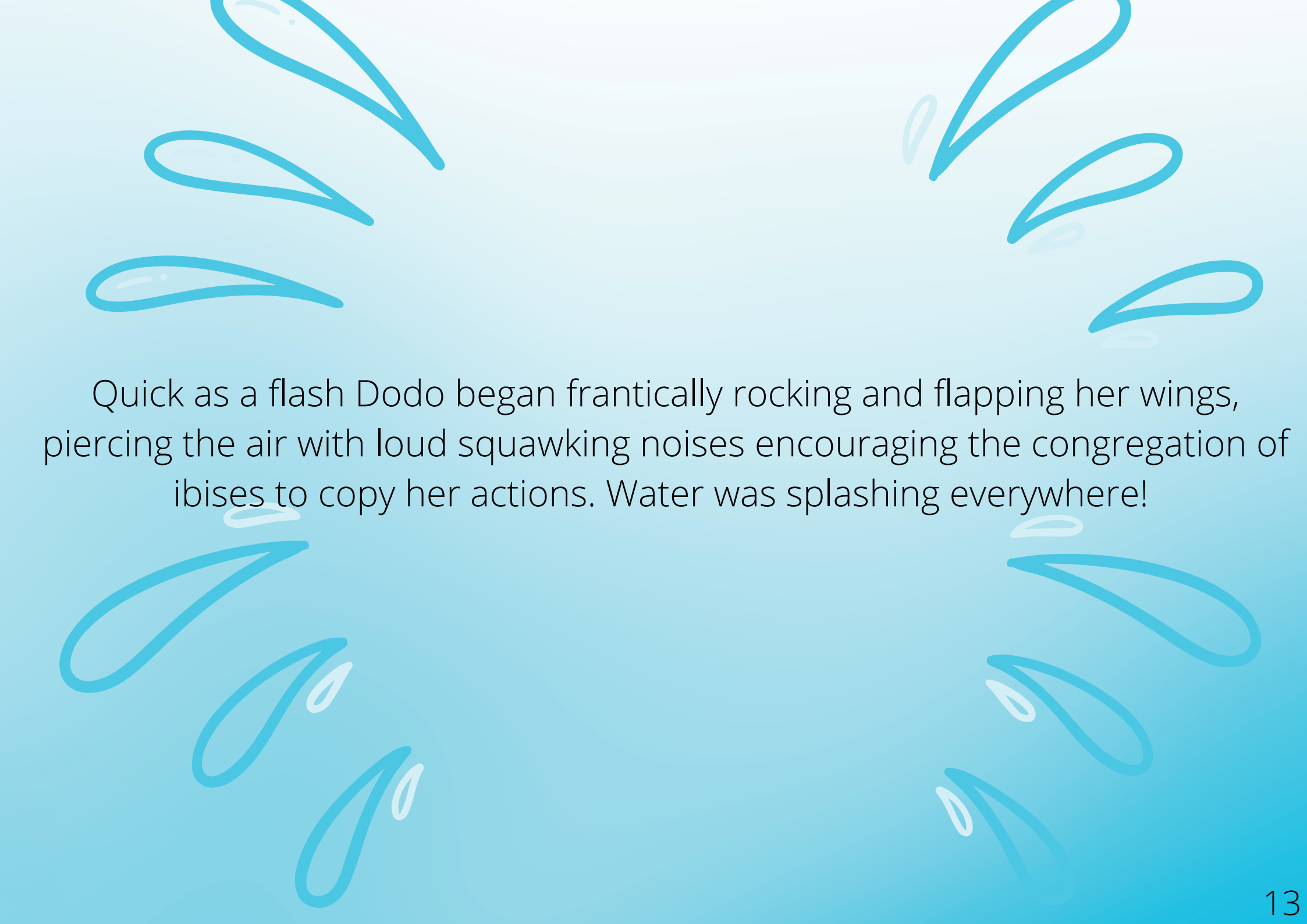
The other ibises with full bellies swiftly followed Idris ready to help too.
Dodo's heart leapt into his mouth filled with gratitude.



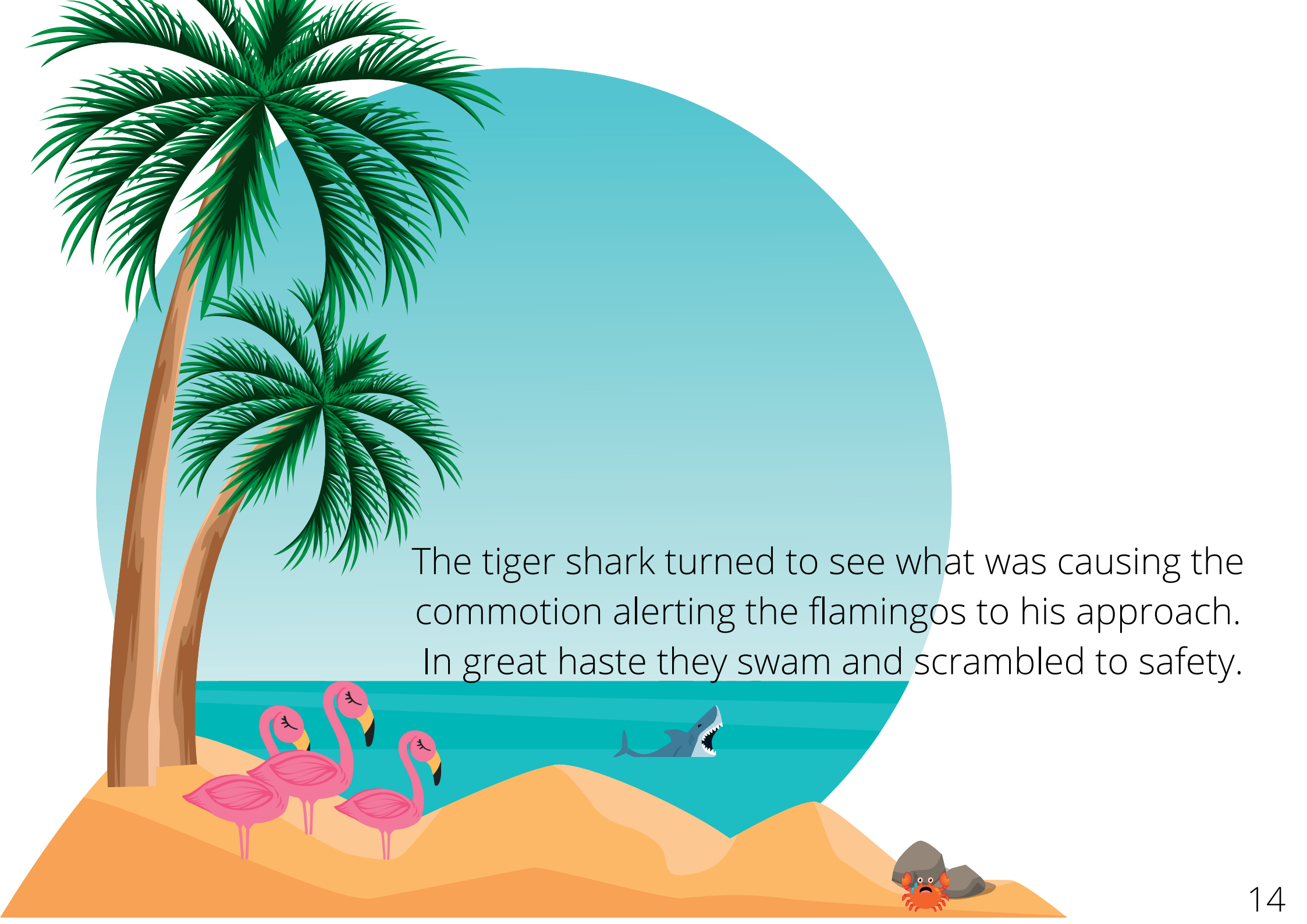
Meanwhile the content flamingos bellies full of crustaceans shut their eyes for an afternoon nap.

Full of energy Dodo and the ibises went for a swim in the lagoon.
Whilst practising her freestyle Dodo saw a cunning tiger shark
heading directly towards Francine and the resting flamboyance of
flamingos.



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Quick as a flash Dodo began frantically rocking and flapping her wings, piercing the air with loud squawking noises encouraging the congregation of ibises to copy her actions. Water was splashing everywhere!



The tiger shark turned to see what was causing the commotion alerting the flamingos to his approach. In great haste they swam and scrambled to safety.



The following day on the beautiful island of Mauritius, Dodo, Idris, Francine and all their avian friends shared all their meals together by the peaceful lagoon.

About the Author



My name is Cindy and I am from Australia.

I teach research skills and English in our school library. I wrote this book so I could support my students through the writing process.

In my spare time I love going to the theatre and walking and discovering the beautiful city in which I live.

I dream of living in a world where everyone shows kindness, tolerance and compassion for others.

Dodo's Dilemma is about a flightless bird whose struggle to find food is overwhelming alone. Will she starve? Or will she thrive with the help of some new friends?

