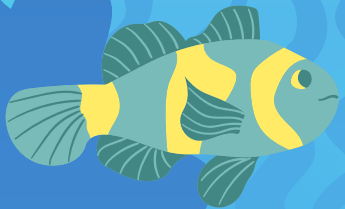
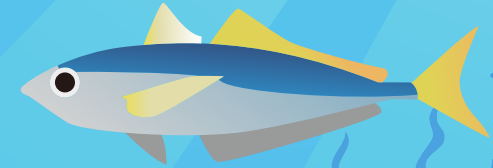


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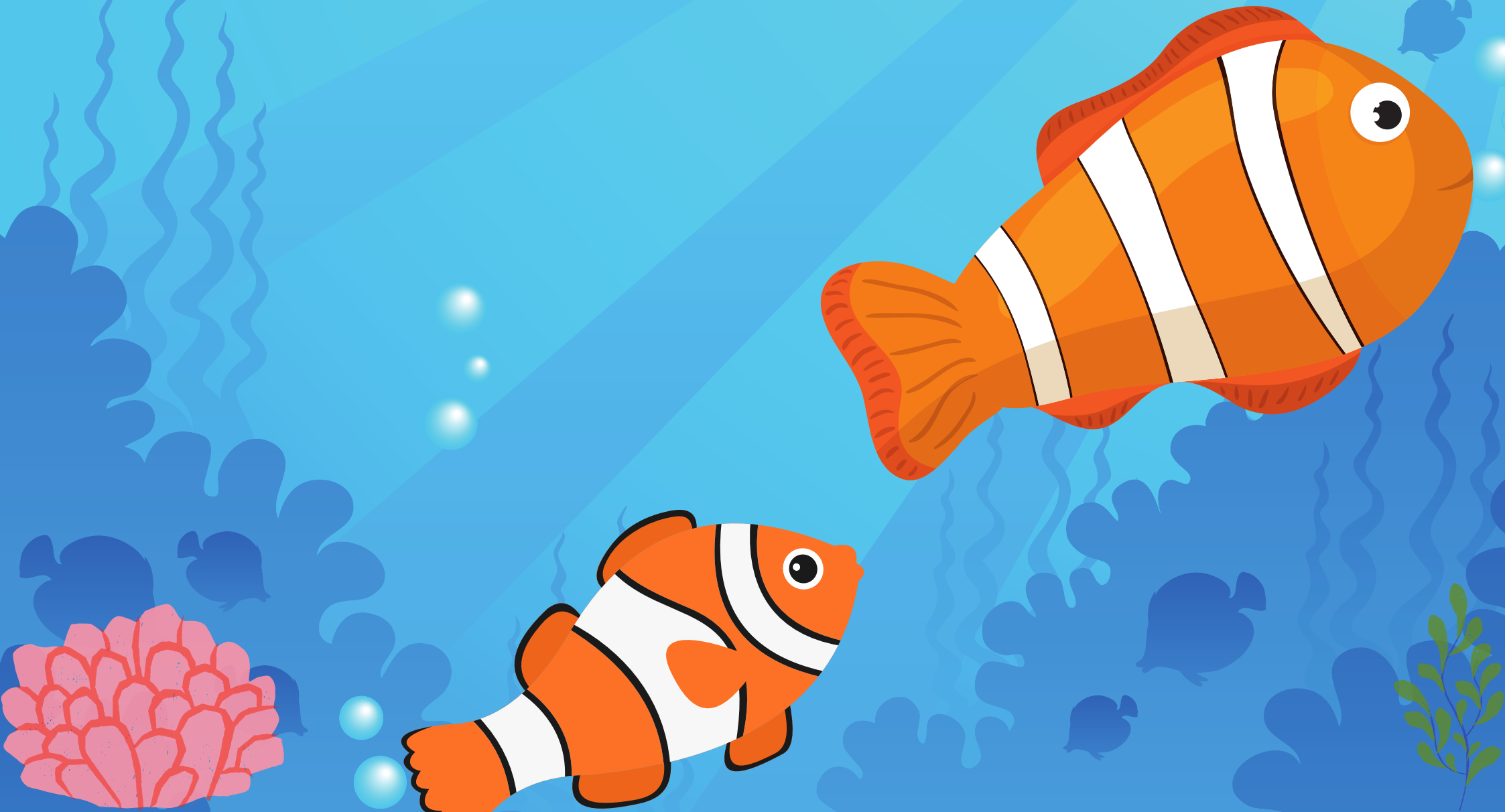
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Dedicated to everyone who has ever felt left out or didn't belong.

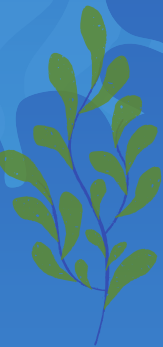
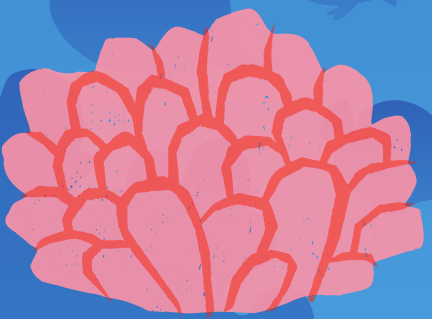
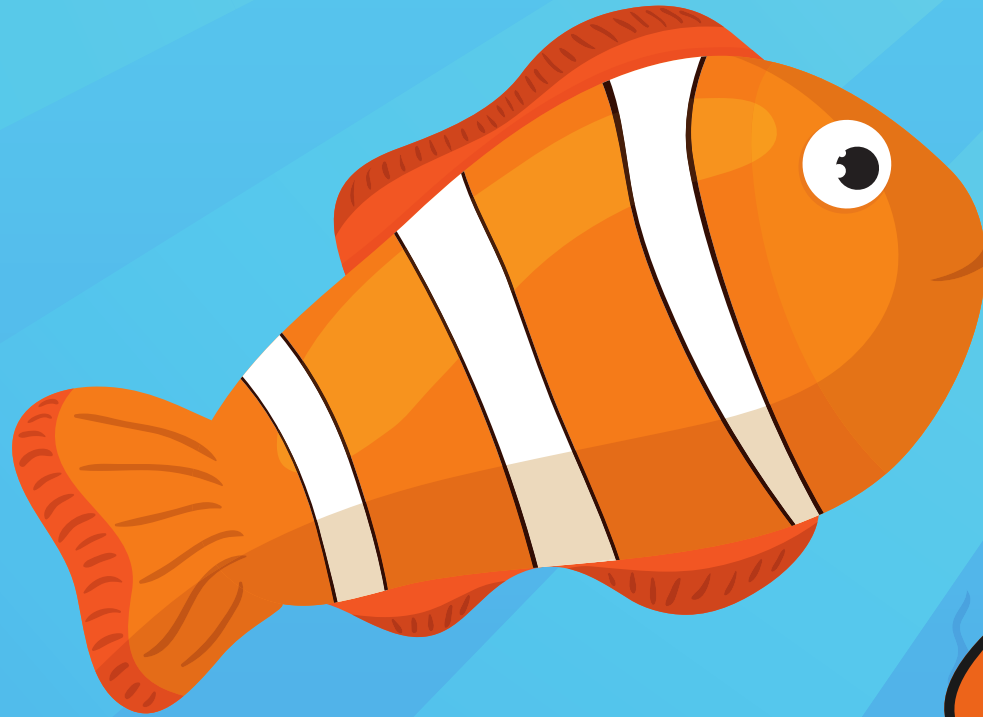
Once in the deep blue ocean there lived a fish called Gill. He was a shimmery orange and white clownfish who loved colourful things and especially rainbows. Whenever he saw one he would stop and admire it. Gill lived in the Great Barrier Reef, Australia.



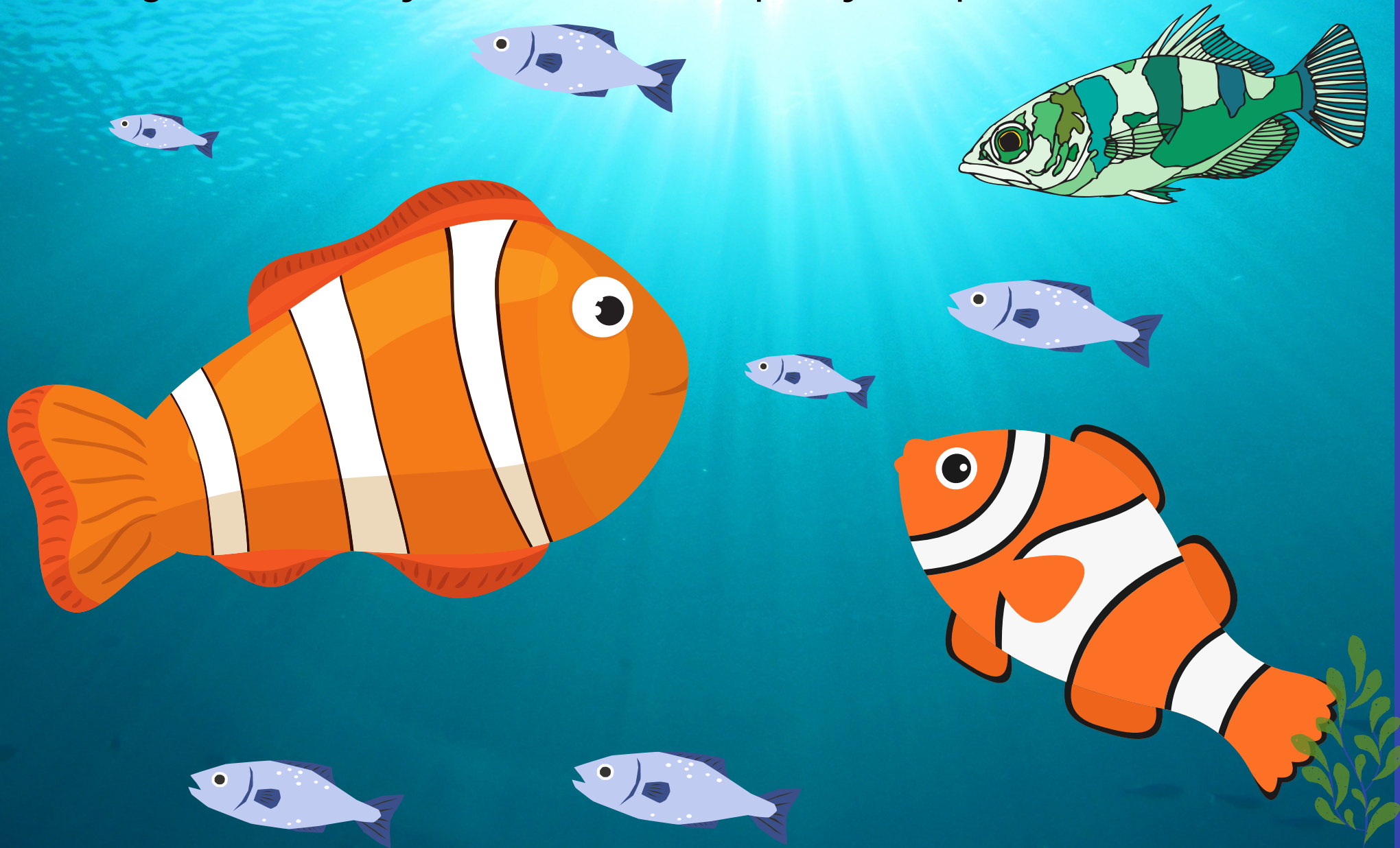
On Gill's first day of school, he woke up, woke his mum and yelled “It’s my first day of school!” He was very excited, so they got ready as fast as they could and rushed off to school.



Gill told his mum “I am excited to teach all my new friends how to play my favourite game. I am sure they are going to love it. It’s so much fun!”



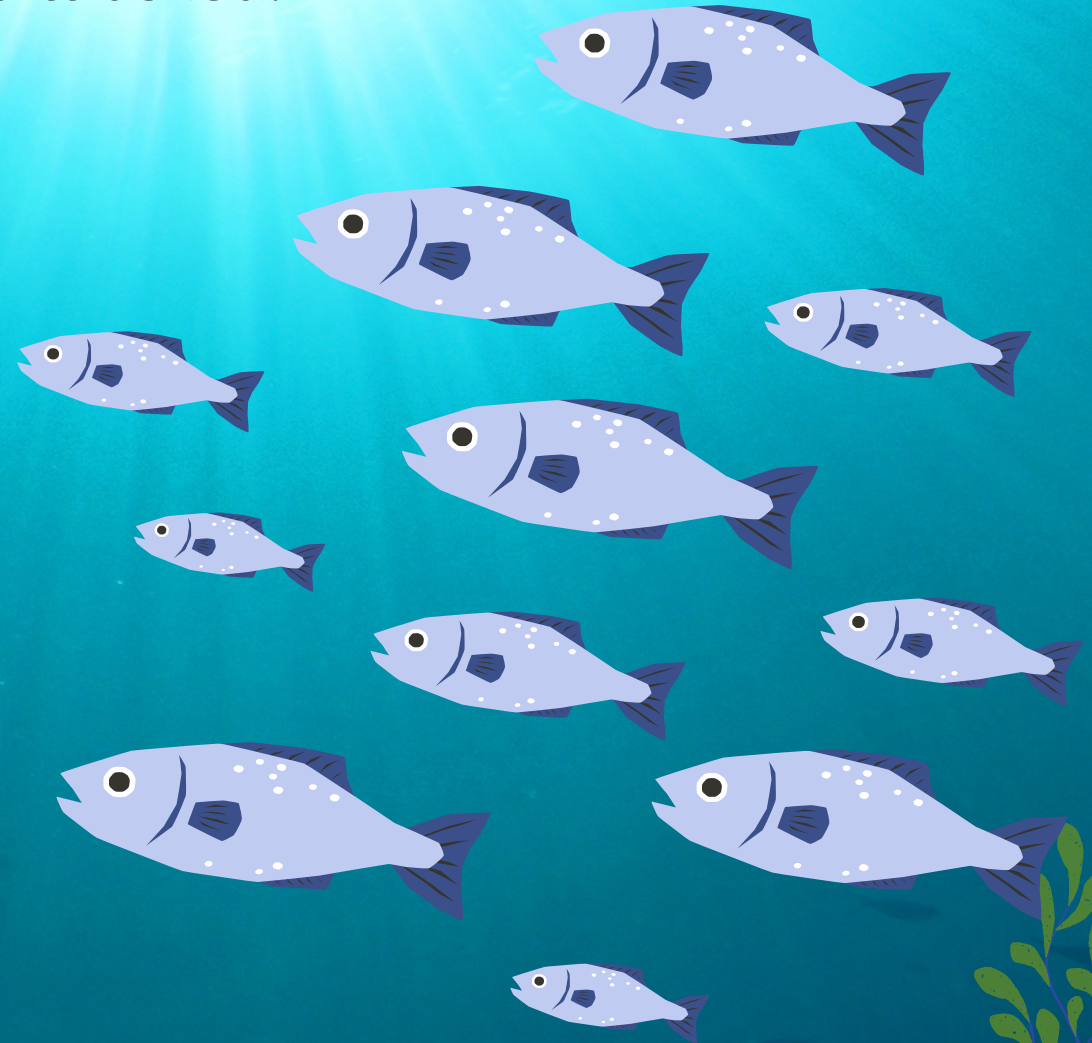
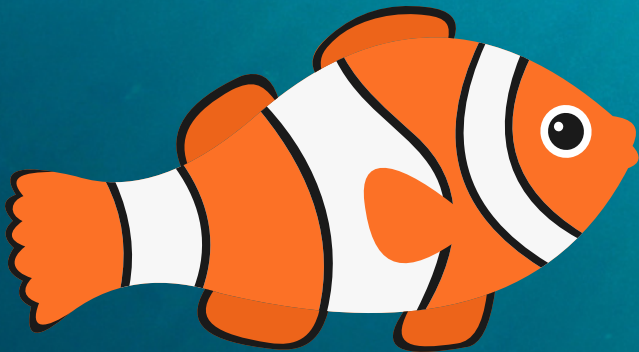
When they got to school, they saw that Gill's teacher was an Archerfish! One of the smartest Australian fish! Gill's mum told Gill "Have a great first day Sweetheart. I'll pick you up after school!"



Gill looked around. All the fish were dark and dull. Gill was the only colourful, shiny one.



At lunchtime Gill wanted to play with someone. He swam over to a group playing in coral. “Can I play?” he asked
“Hmmm...” one of them said, “no.”
“Why?” Gill asked.

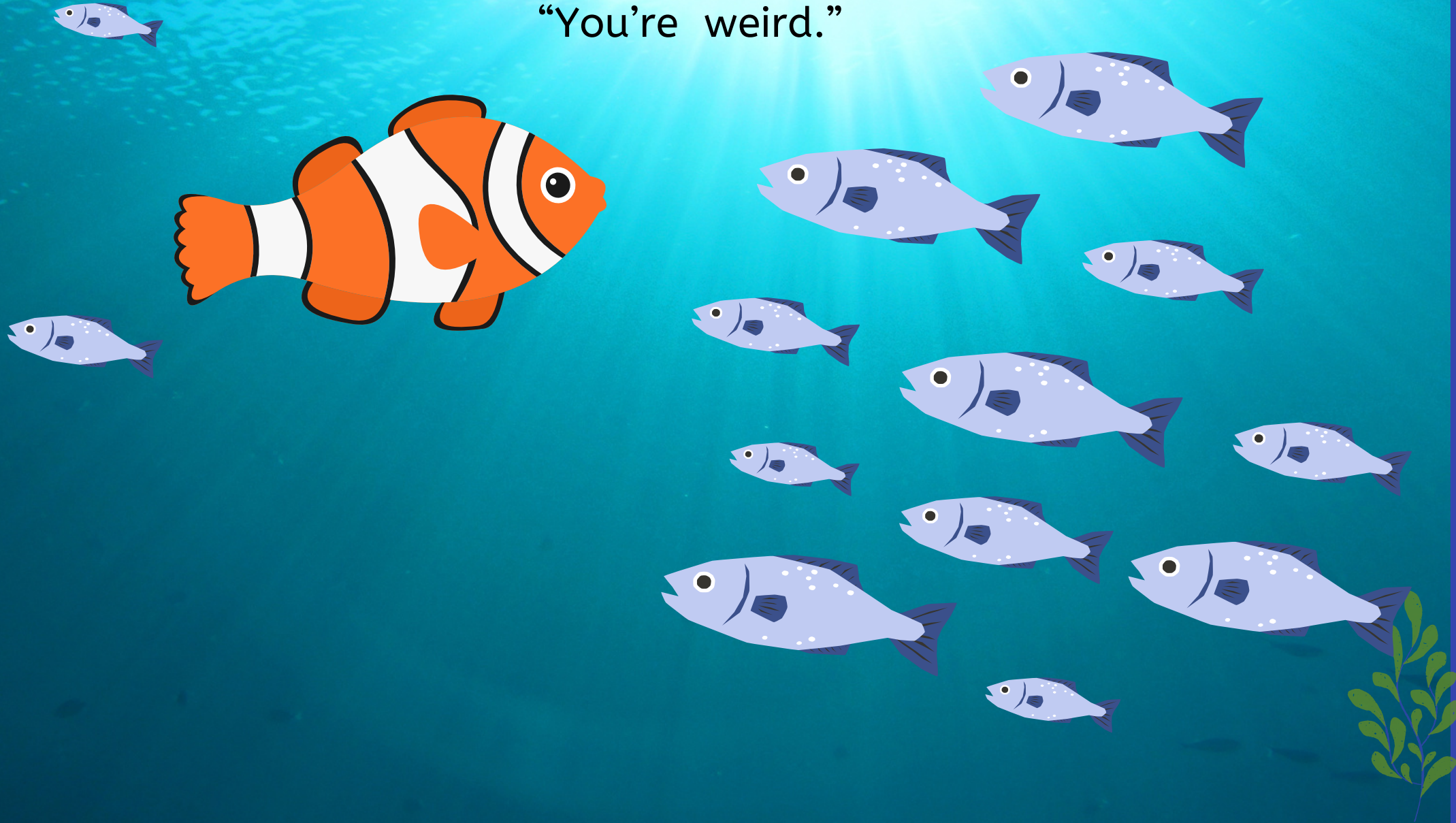


“You aren’t like any of us.” one of the fish in the group replied.

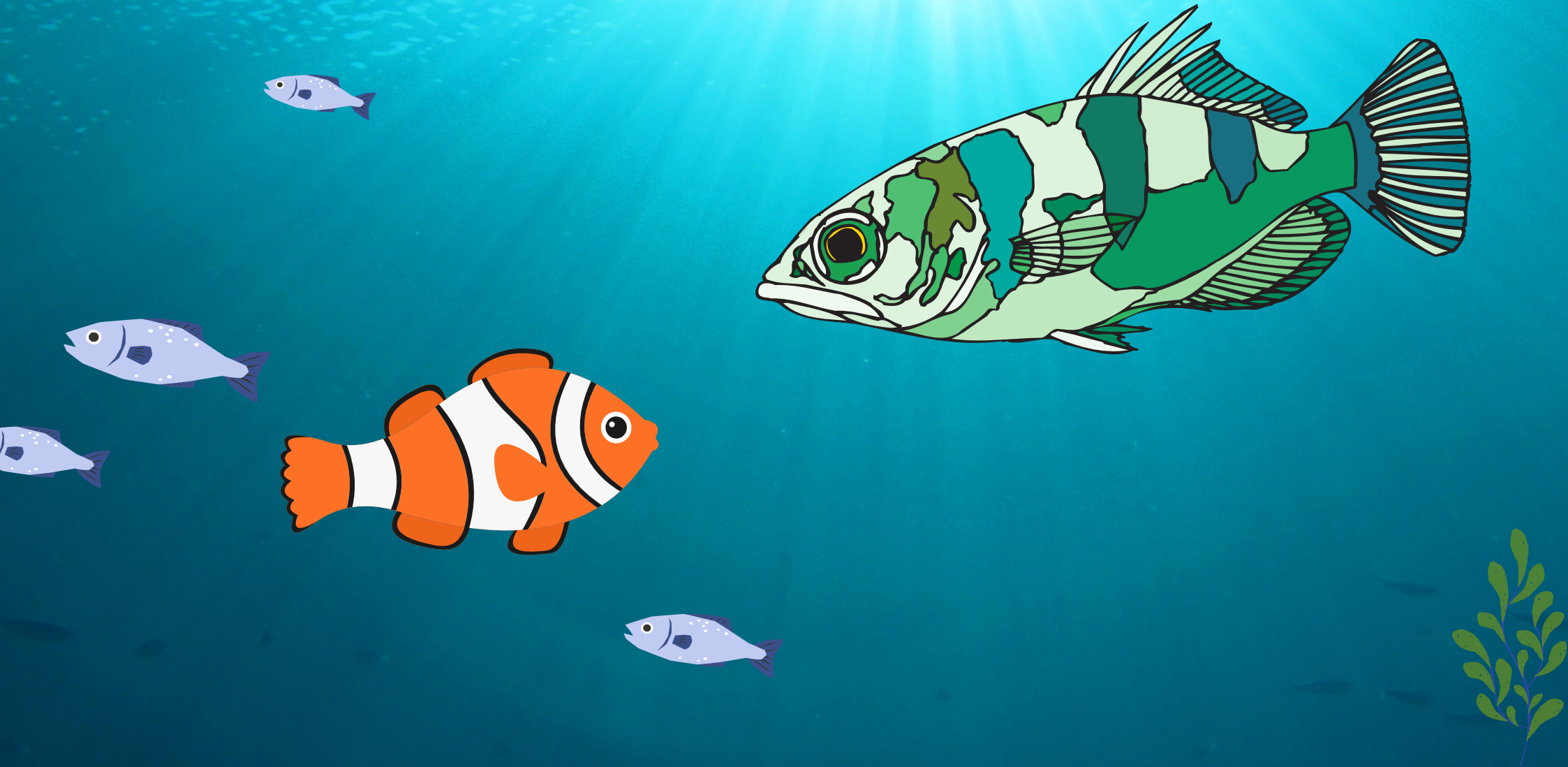
One of them told Gill “You look funny.”

“Funny?” Gill asked.

“You’re weird.”



Gill tried asking other fish to play with him but no one said yes. Gill asked his teacher why no one would play with him and he said “It’s just the first day, I’m sure you will make friends soon.” “Ok class! Hometime!”

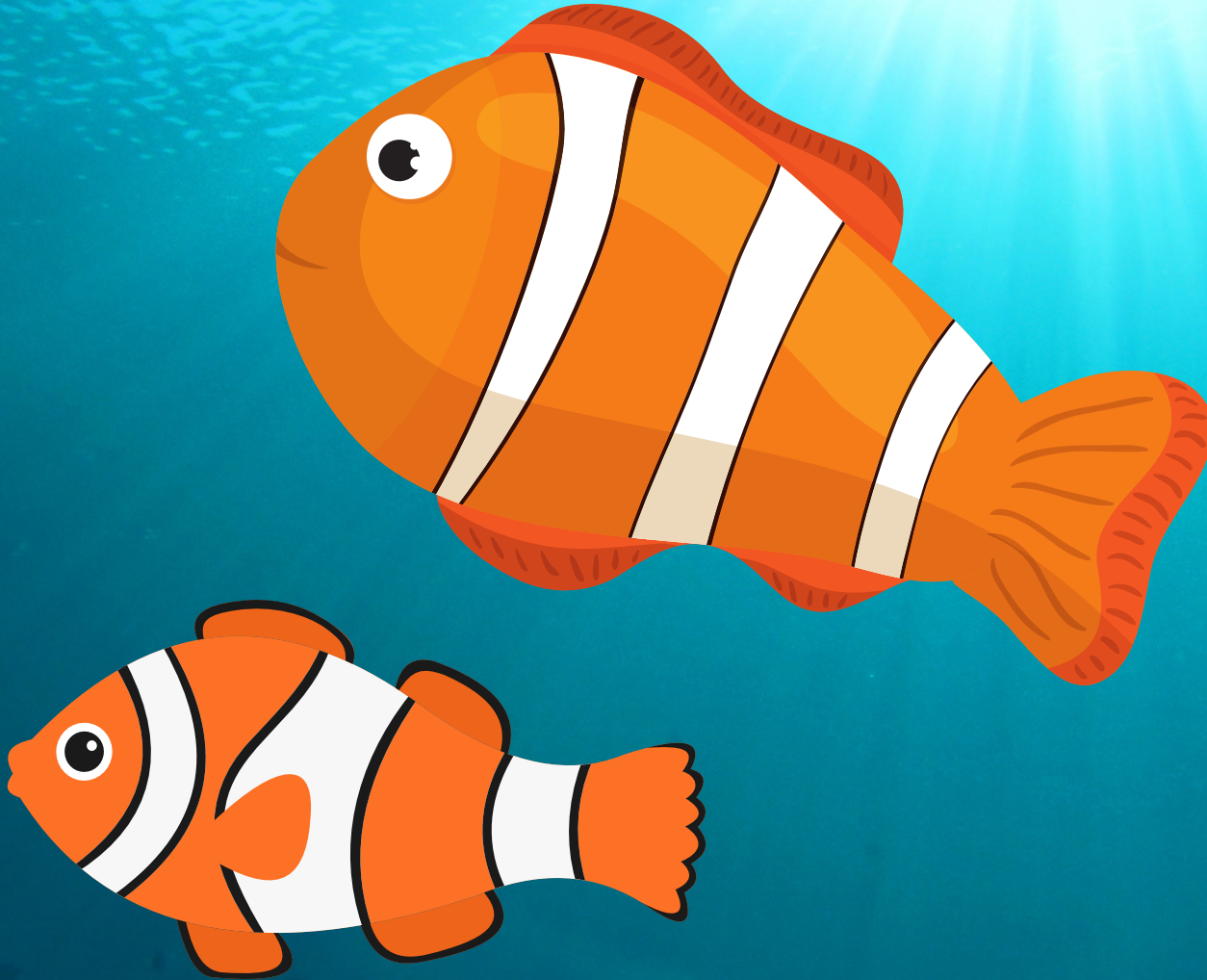


When Gill's mum picked him up, she asked “How was school honey?”

Gill replied “No one wanted to play with me.”

“Why didn't anyone play with you?” she asked.

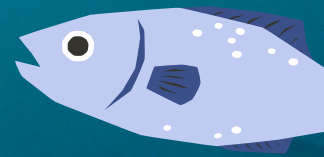
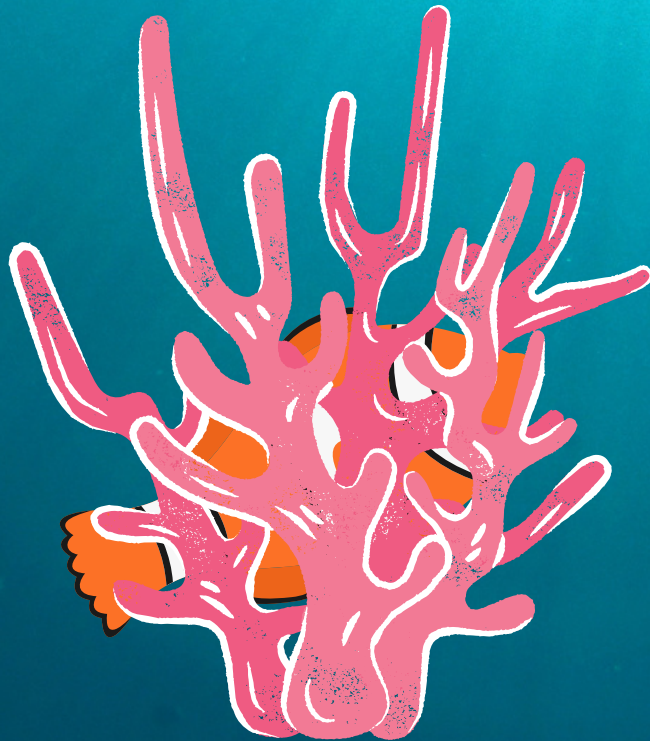
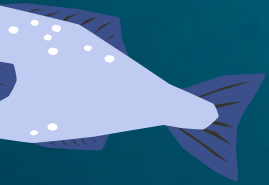
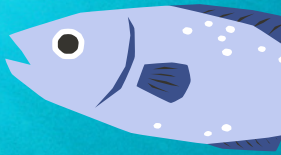
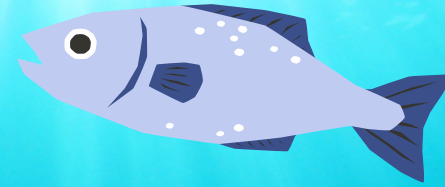
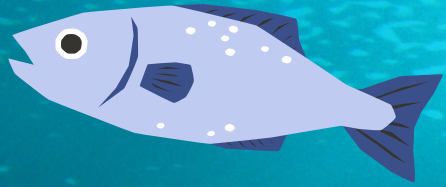
“They said it was because I’m different.”



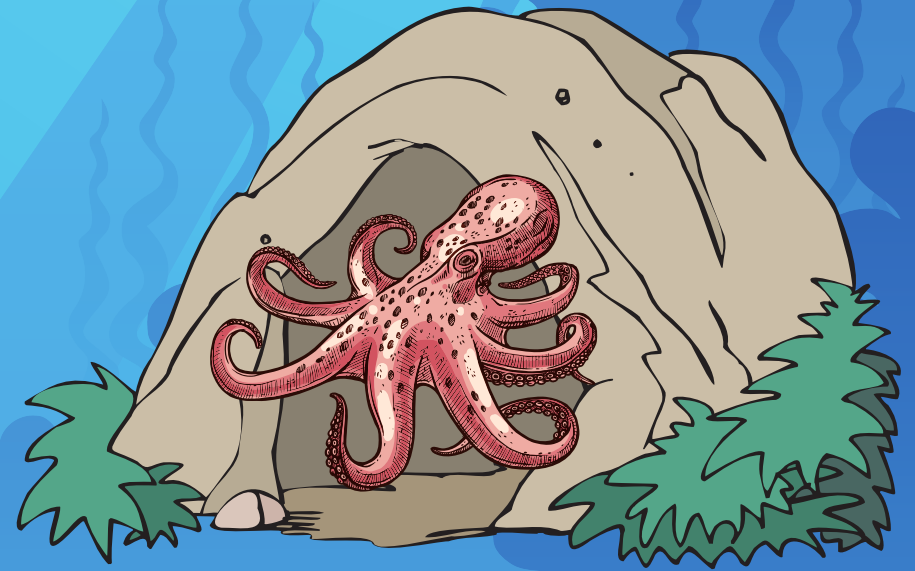
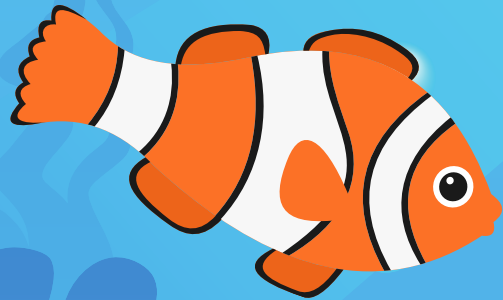
“I want to be the same as them so I can have friends” Gill said.
“Well we can’t make you the same as them.” She said. “You know
you can have fun swimming in all the coral.”



The next day at school, Gill took his mums advice and played by himself, but it was pretty boring. “Why can’t I just play with the other fish?” he thought “It’s more fun!”



When he got home he decided to go looking for rainbows. While he was swimming around he found an octopus! Gill remembered that octopuses were known for being very wise.

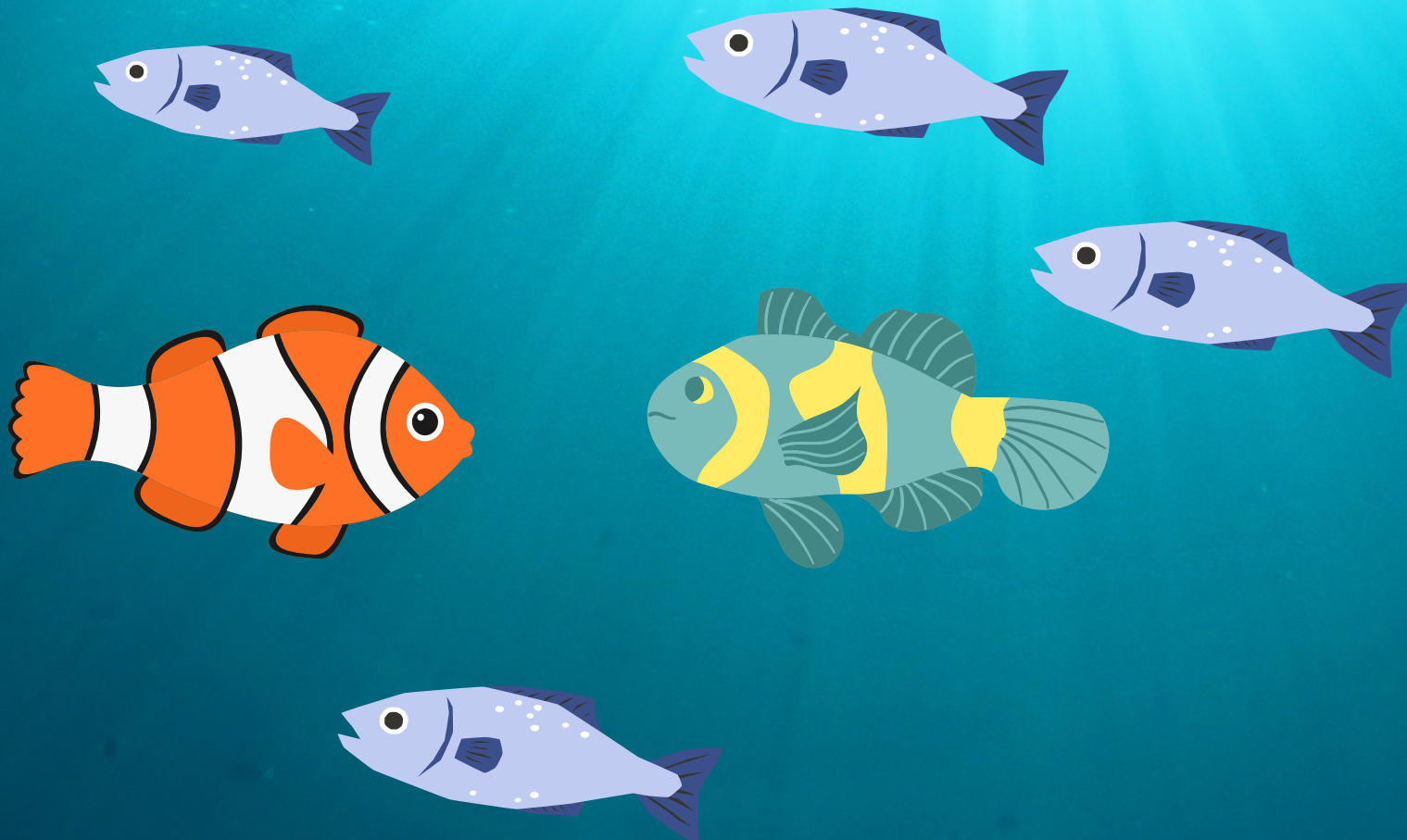


Gill told the octopus about how no one would let him play with them at school. The octopus said “Don't worry what other people think of you, just know you are who you are. What makes you different is what makes you special. You should be friends with those who value you and know your worth.” Gill thought about what the octopus said as he went back home.

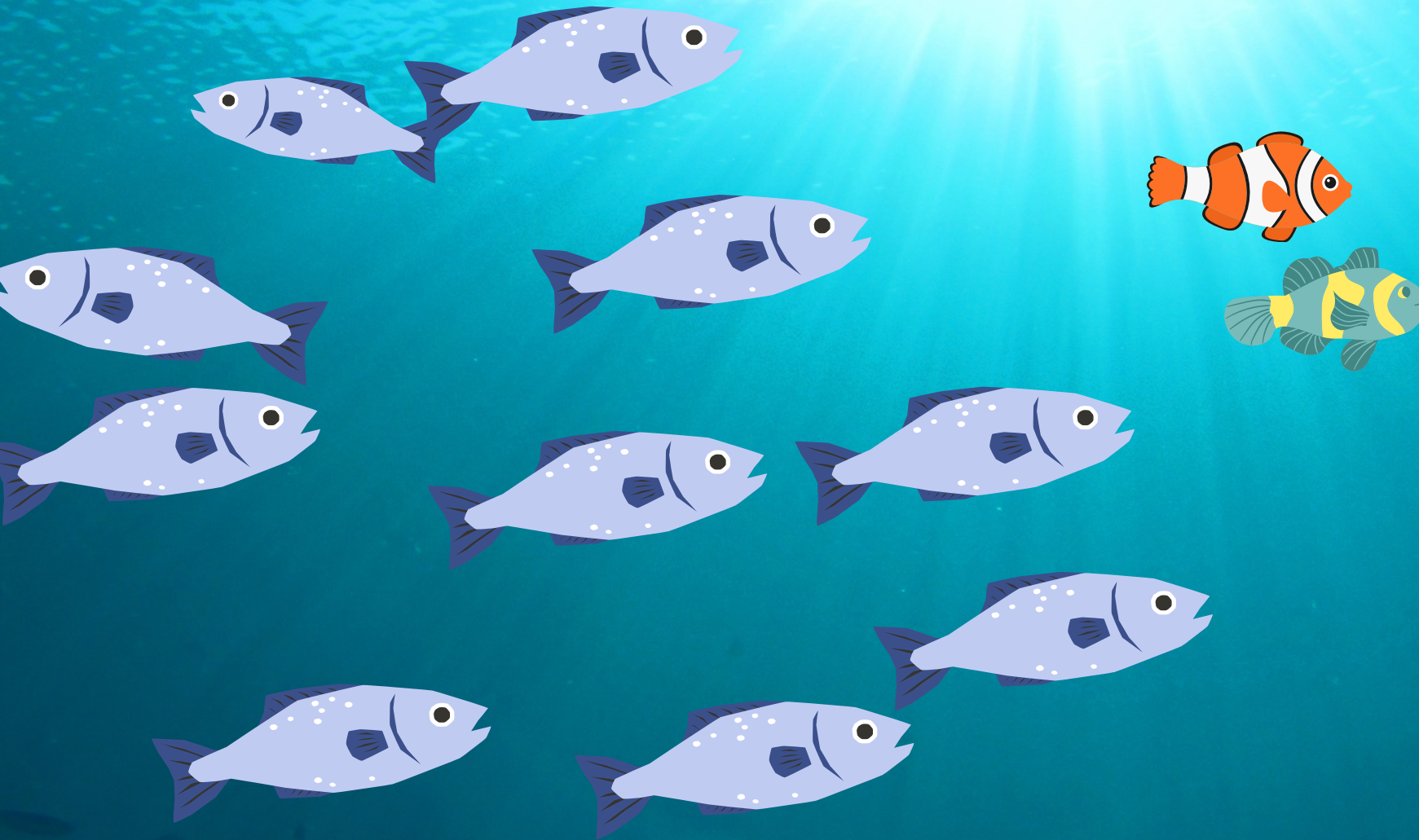


The next day at school he saw someone he'd never seen before. They looked different to everyone as well. He swam over to the new fish and said "Hi! My name is Gill. Would you like to play my favourite game with me?"

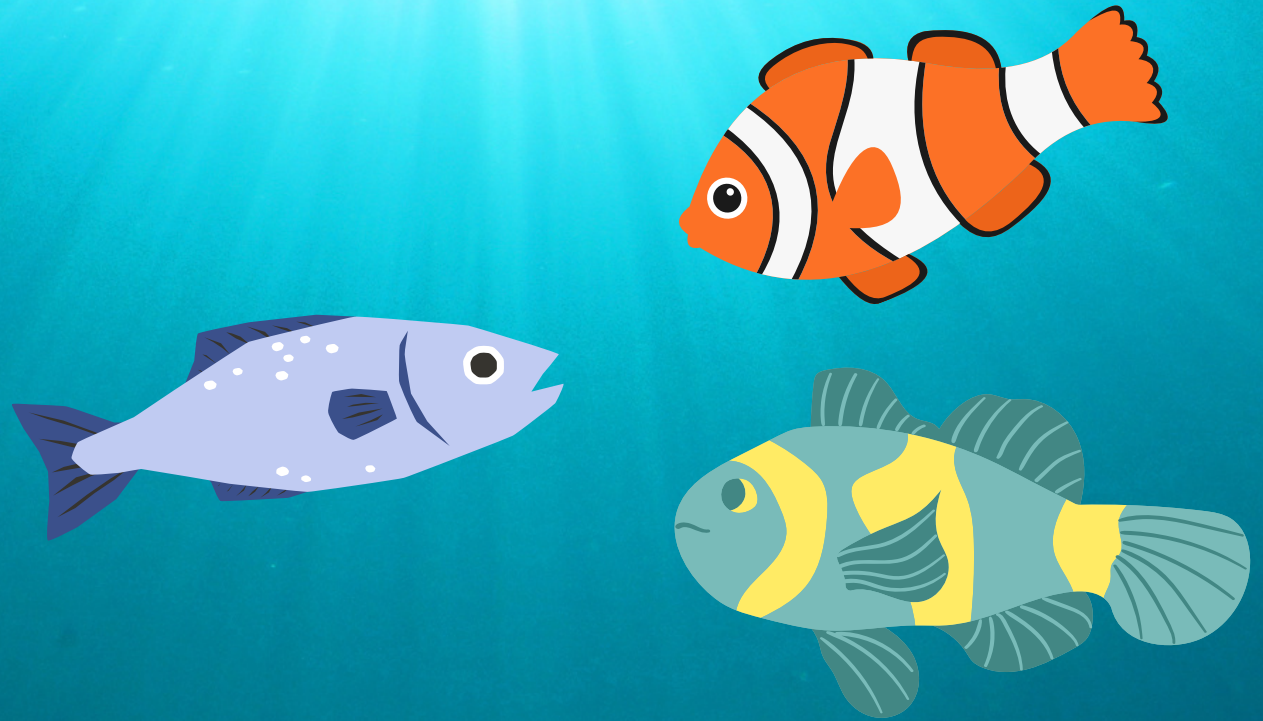
She replied shyly, "My name is Crystal and I would love to play your game!" Crystal looked so happy to have a friend.



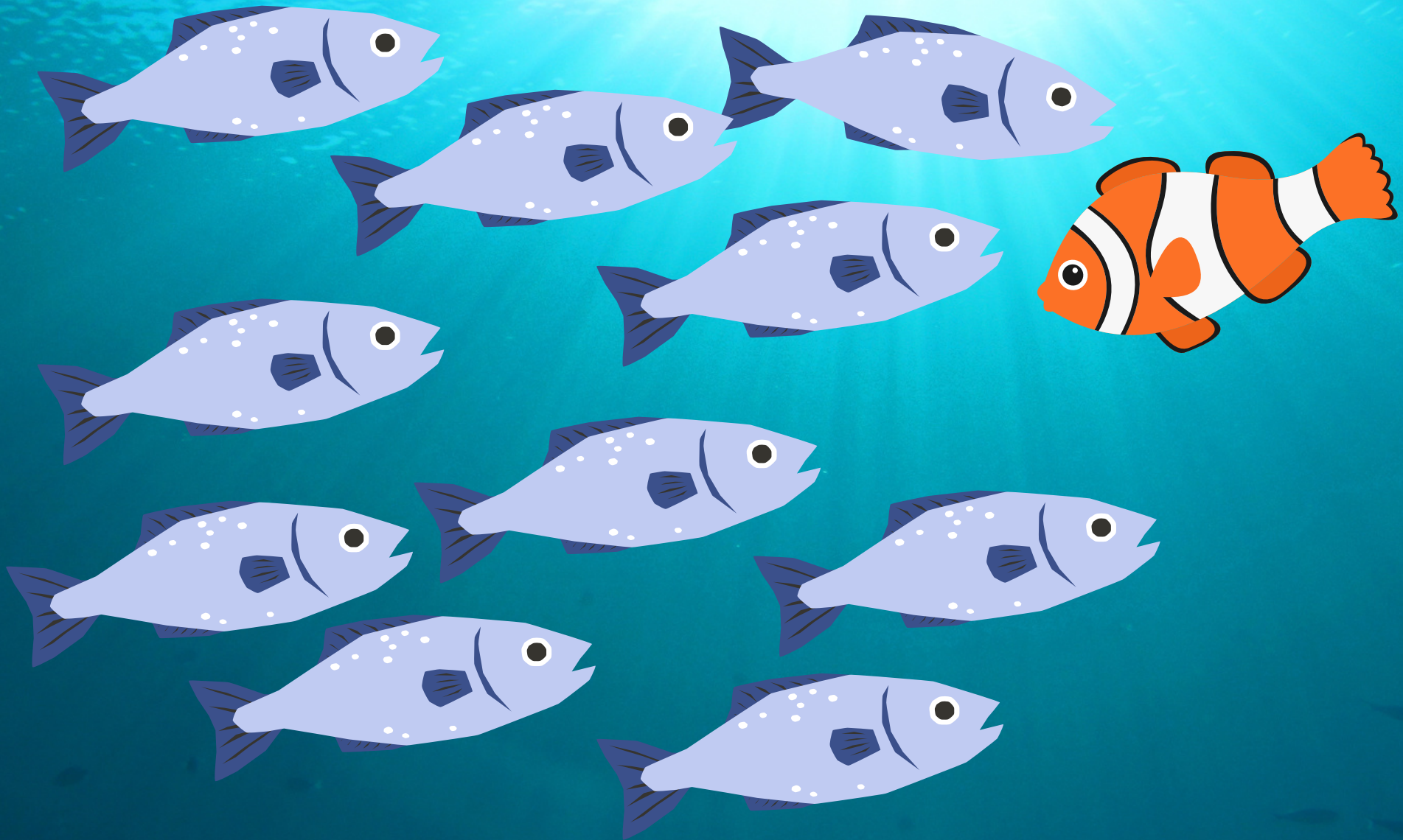
One of the students, Comet, saw Gill and his new friend Crystal, playing a game and having fun. “We should have let him play. He seems like a nice friend and that game looks fun.”



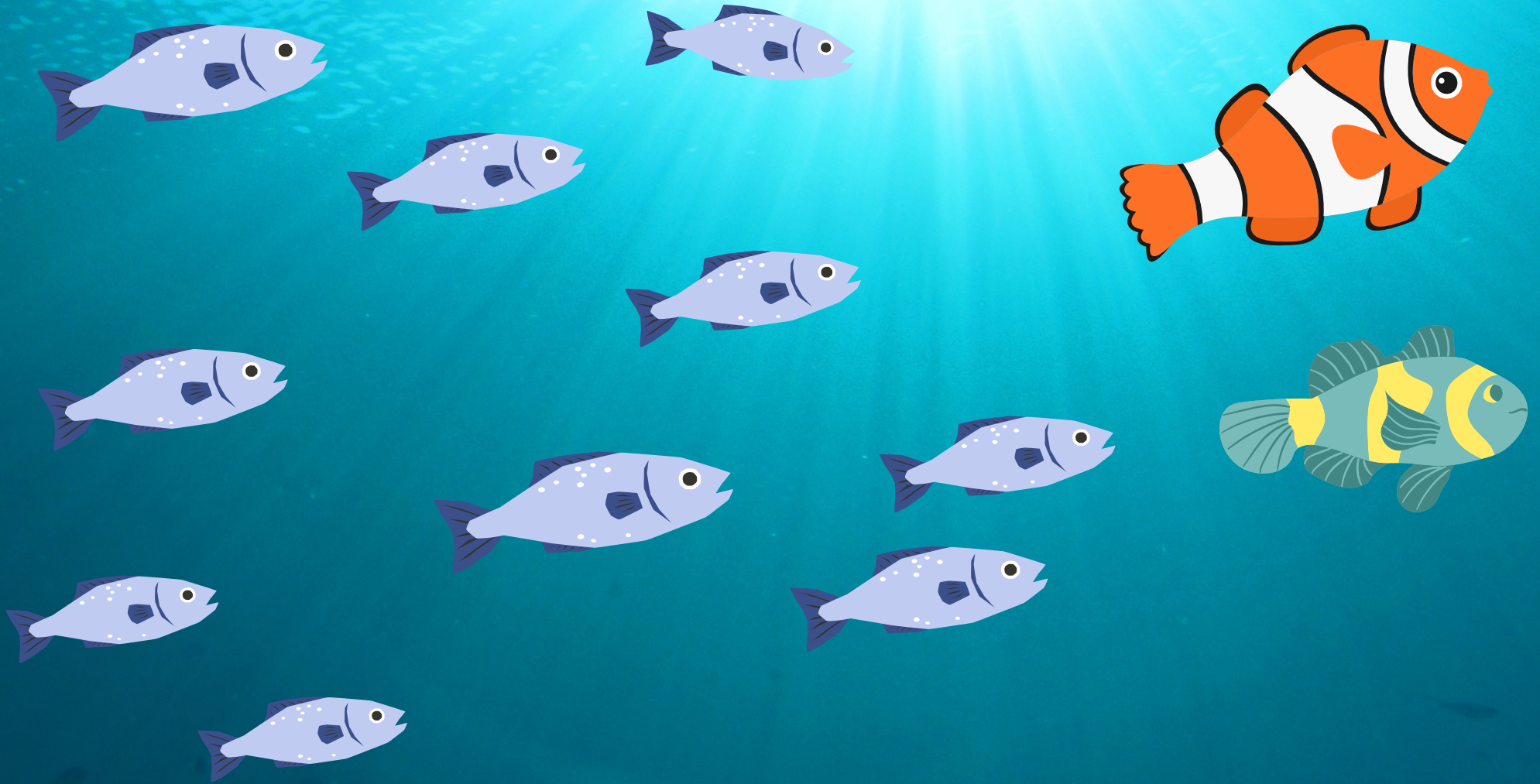
Comet swam over to Gill and asked “Can I play your game?” Gill replied with “Yes, you can.”



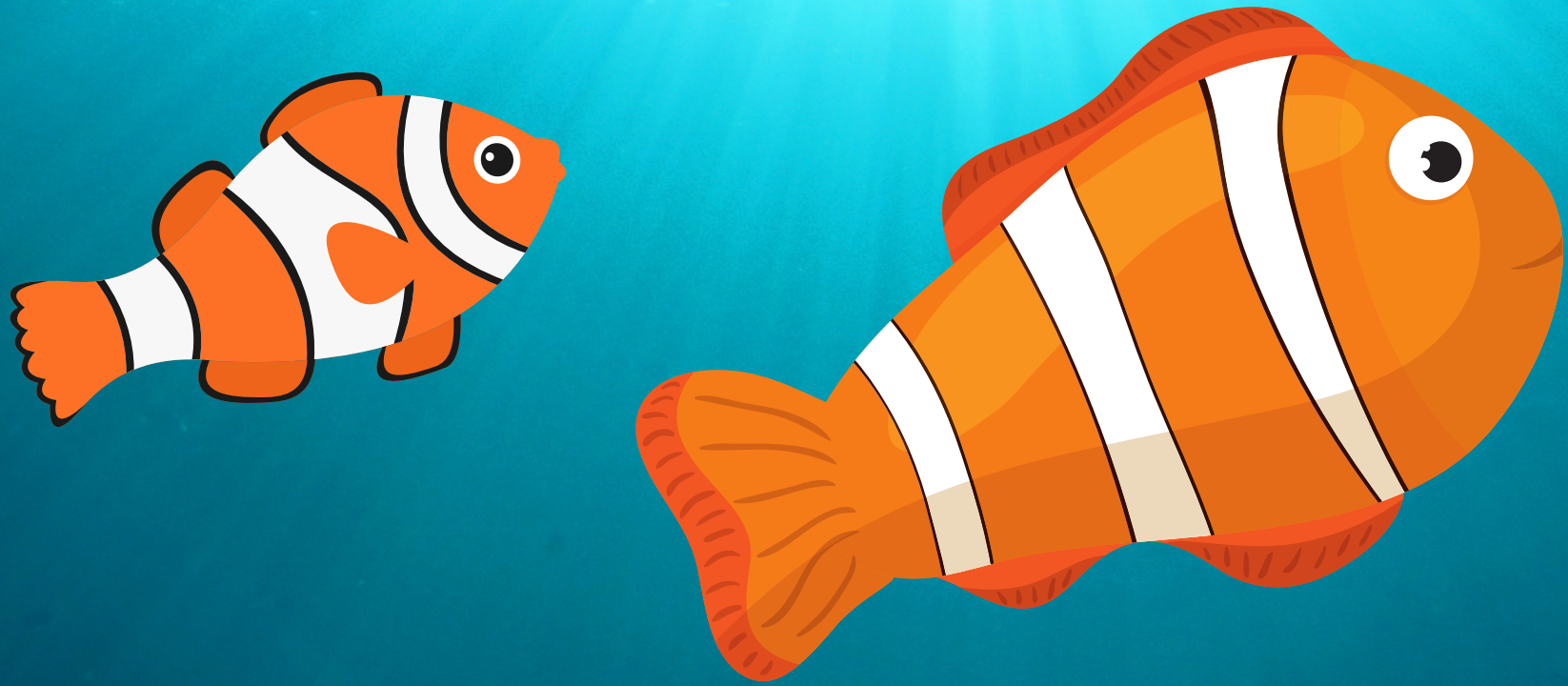
All the other fish saw how much fun Gill, Crystal and Comet were having and realised how mean they had been. They apologised for excluding Gill and he said they could join in the game.



“This is such a fun game! Woo-hoo!” one of the kids called out.
They all had so much fun.

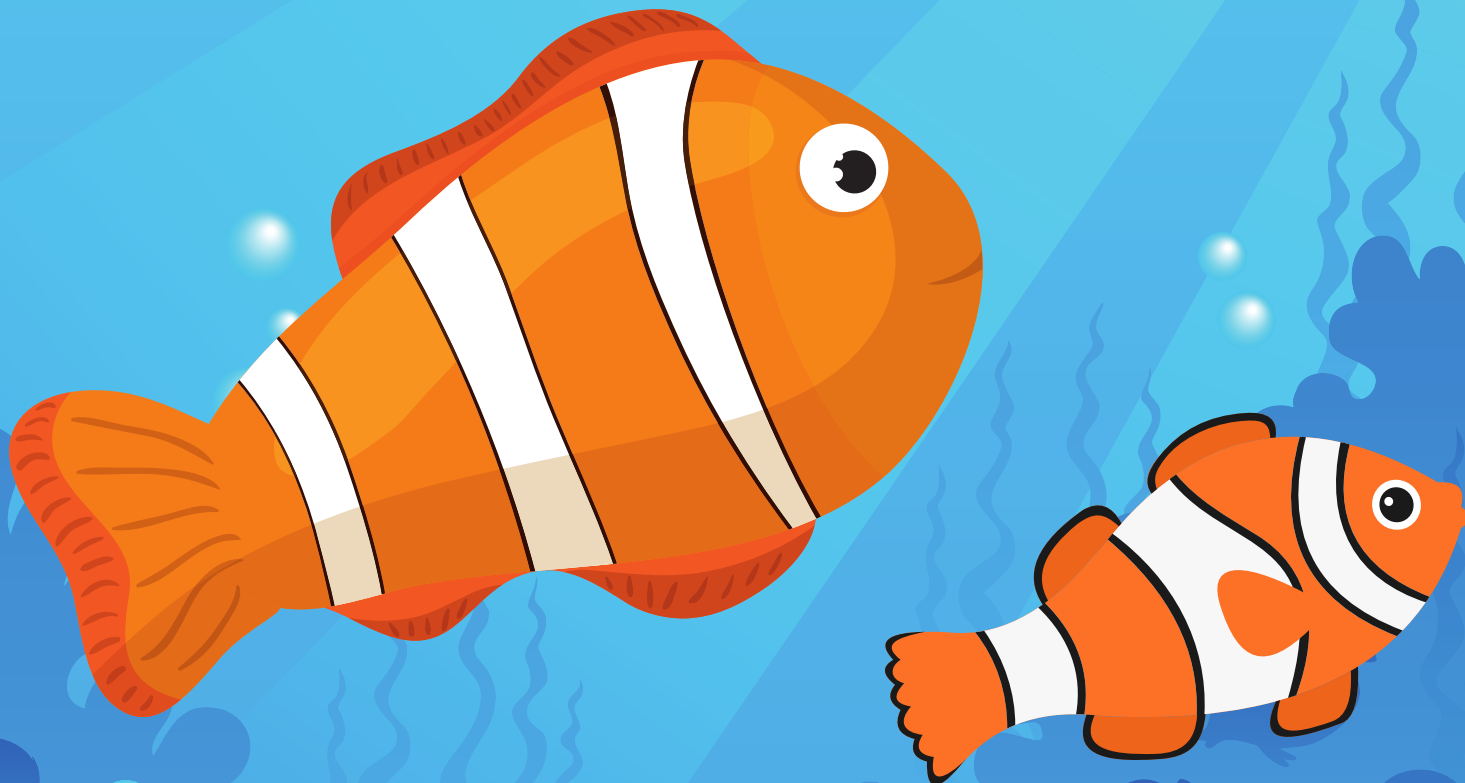


“Home time everyone!” called out the teacher. “So how was school today?”
Gill’s mother asked.



It was so much fun and I taught everyone my game and they loved it as much as me!”

“I am happy you have made some friends!” his mum said. “And I’m glad they loved your game. It seems that even though you all have differences, there are still some things that are the same.”



About The Author



My name is Logan and I am from Melbourne, Australia. I like to read and play with my brothers. I wanted to write this book because I want to teach people that what makes you different from others is what makes you special. If we were all the same, life would be boring. I hope to become a professional author when I grow up.

Same, Same But Different teaches us it's okay to be different and it also teaches us about kindness. Gill is a fish who has just started school and is struggling to make any friends because the other fish think he is different.

Will Gill ever make any friends?!?

