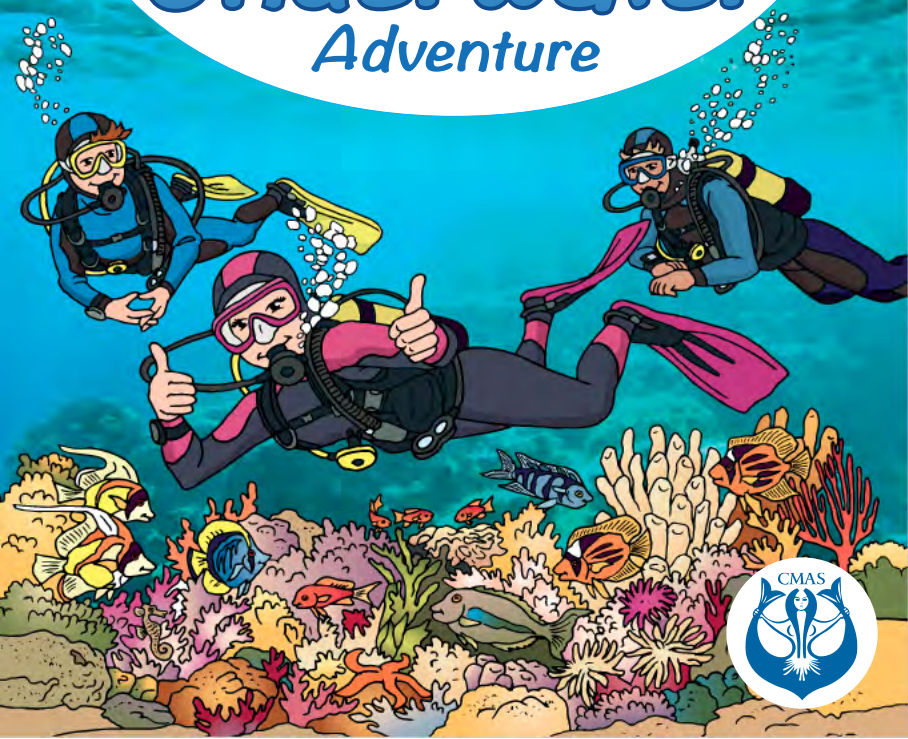
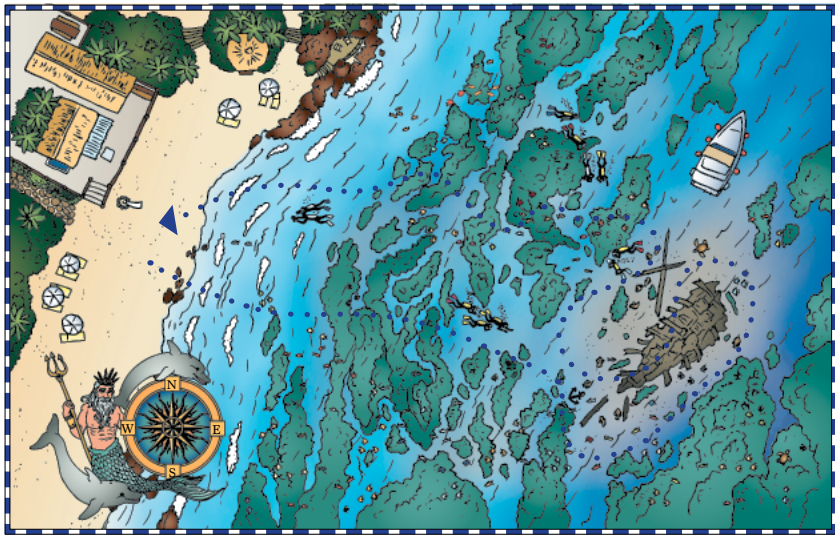


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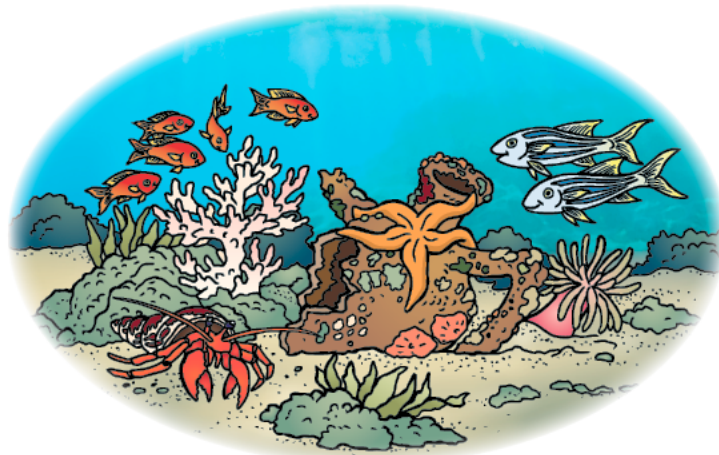
The map shows you Emily's and Oliver's route on their underwater dive adventure.

On their diving adventure Emily and Oliver see many different animals. But there are some animals that are so well-camouflaged and well-hidden that they don't spot them.

Can you find them?

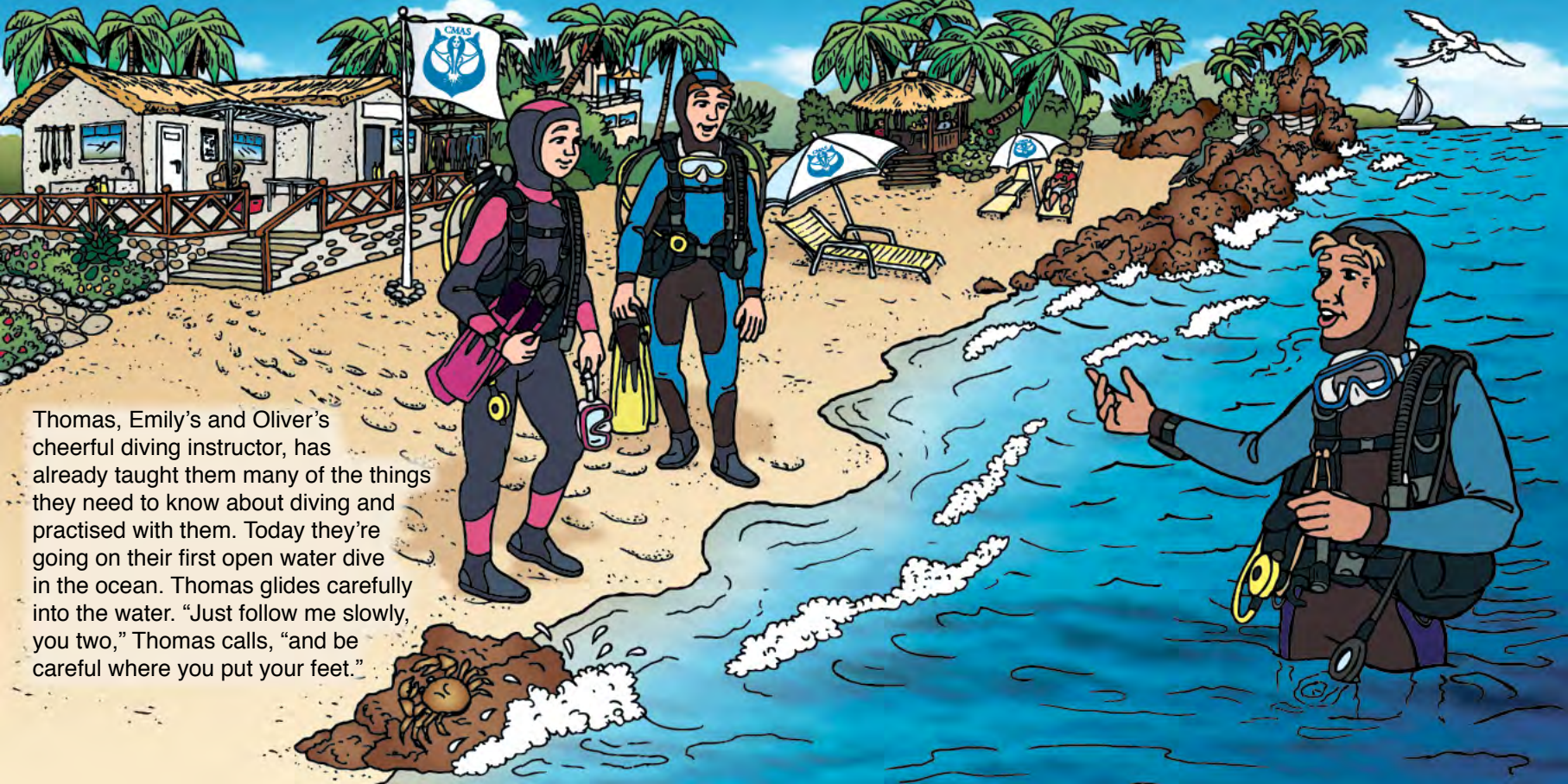
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# Emily's and Oliver's Underwater Adventure




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Thomas, Emily's and Oliver's cheerful diving instructor, has already taught them many of the things they need to know about diving and practised with them. Today they're going on their first open water dive in the ocean. Thomas glides carefully into the water. "Just follow me slowly, you two," Thomas calls, "and be careful where you put your feet."





Before Thomas puts his mask on and places the regulator in his mouth, he tells them again about the upcoming dive. "In a few moments you're going to see lots of amazing things," he explains, "just make sure you maintain the right distance and stay with me."

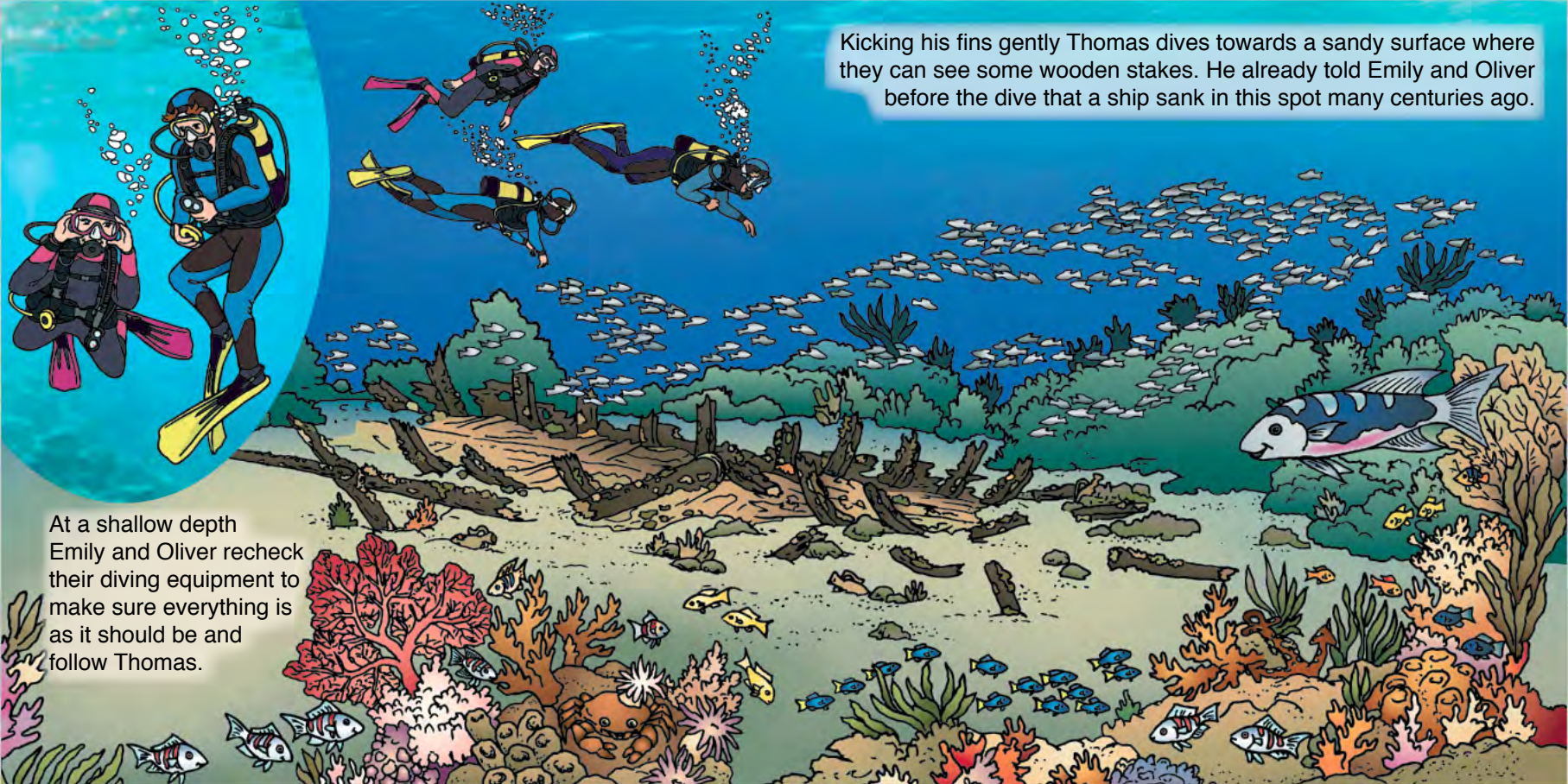


All three of them check their diving equipment, signal okay and then begin to descend slowly.




Kicking his fins gently Thomas dives towards a sandy surface where they can see some wooden stakes. He already told Emily and Oliver before the dive that a ship sank in this spot many centuries ago.

At a shallow depth Emily and Oliver recheck their diving equipment to make sure everything is as it should be and follow Thomas.





A colorful cartoon illustration of three divers exploring a shipwreck underwater. The divers are wearing blue and purple wetsuits with yellow and pink accents. They are surrounded by various types of coral, including branching, brain, and staghorn coral, as well as several colorful fish. Bubbles are rising from the divers' tanks. The scene is set in a clear blue underwater environment.

Emily and Oliver circle the shipwreck and feel like proper explorers. Suddenly Emily discovers an amphora that is partially embedded in the sand and points her finger towards it. Oliver and Thomas see it immediately.

Underwater archaeologists have carried out several excavations here in recent years. They found out where the ship came from and what it was carrying.

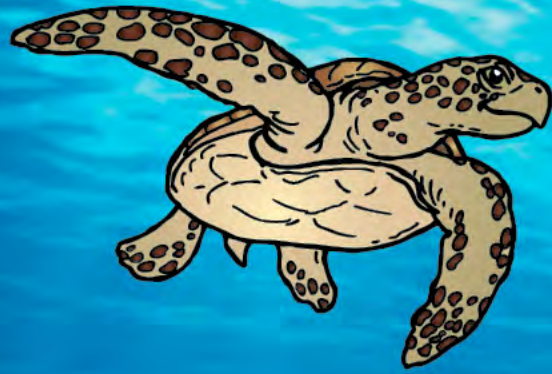


They approach carefully in order not to kick up any sand. Emily and Oliver are fascinated. Until now they've only ever seen amphoras in photographs or in a museum. Now it's like they're floating in an underwater museum.

Suddenly they see a huge shadow on the seabed. Something big must be swimming on the surface above them.



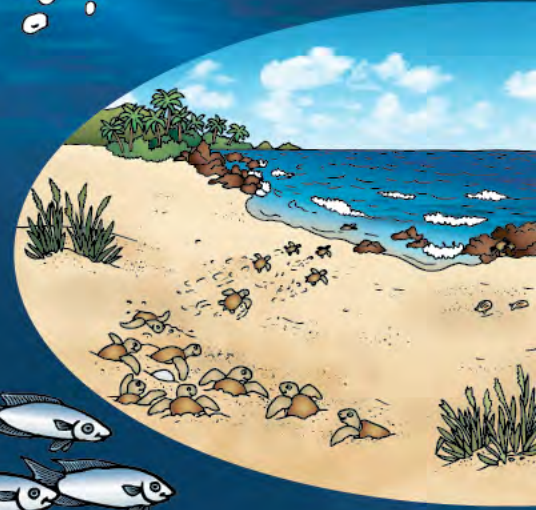




Looking up Emily sees a sea turtle. That must be Carli, thinks Emily. At least that's what Thomas calls her. Even his grandfather encountered the sea turtle, so she must be pretty old.

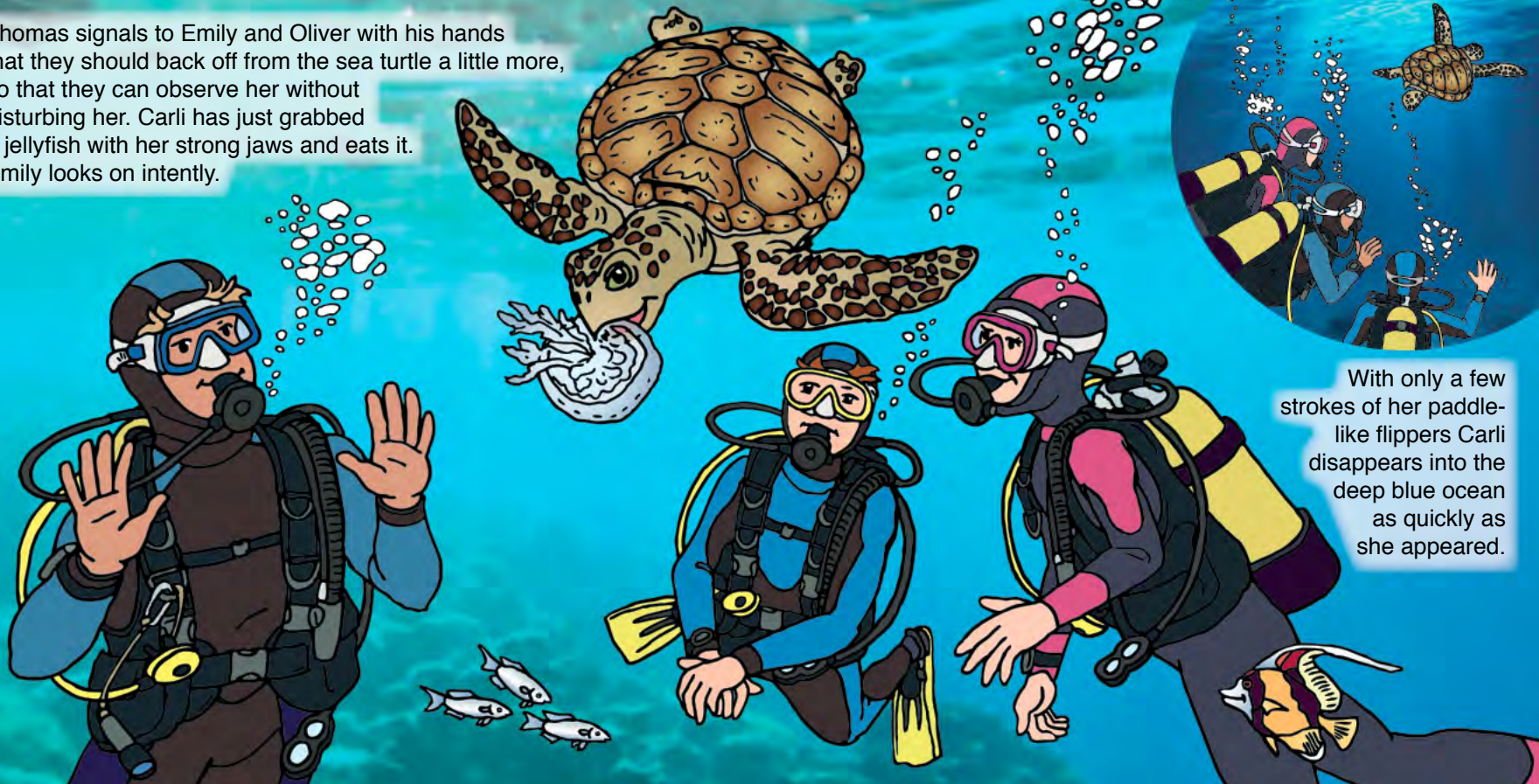


During the course of her life she's swum thousands of kilometres, but always returns here to lay her eggs on the beach. Sea turtles always lay their eggs on the same beach on which they themselves hatched.





Thomas signals to Emily and Oliver with his hands that they should back off from the sea turtle a little more, so that they can observe her without disturbing her. Carli has just grabbed a jellyfish with her strong jaws and eats it. Emily looks on intently.



With only a few strokes of her paddle-like flippers Carli disappears into the deep blue ocean as quickly as she appeared.





They must be marine biologists thinks Oliver. Thomas told them earlier that they regularly check to see how healthy the corals, fish and crabs are.

All three of them glide further along and come across two divers with underwater slates. Oliver can't see exactly but they seem to be examining the corals and making sketches.





The whole area is part of a marine reserve. It is important for divers therefore to find out all the necessary information before they dive here. Thomas is very familiar with the area and knows exactly where you can dive.

Diving is prohibited in some areas. Emily and Oliver think this is a really good idea as it means that Carli has somewhere to retreat to when she doesn't feel like seeing any underwater guests.



Another four divers appear from behind a rock and join the marine biologists. The divers communicate using hand signals and underwater slates.

Thomas, however, really wants to show Emily and Oliver something and so he indicates with his hand towards the rock, which the other divers just swam around.





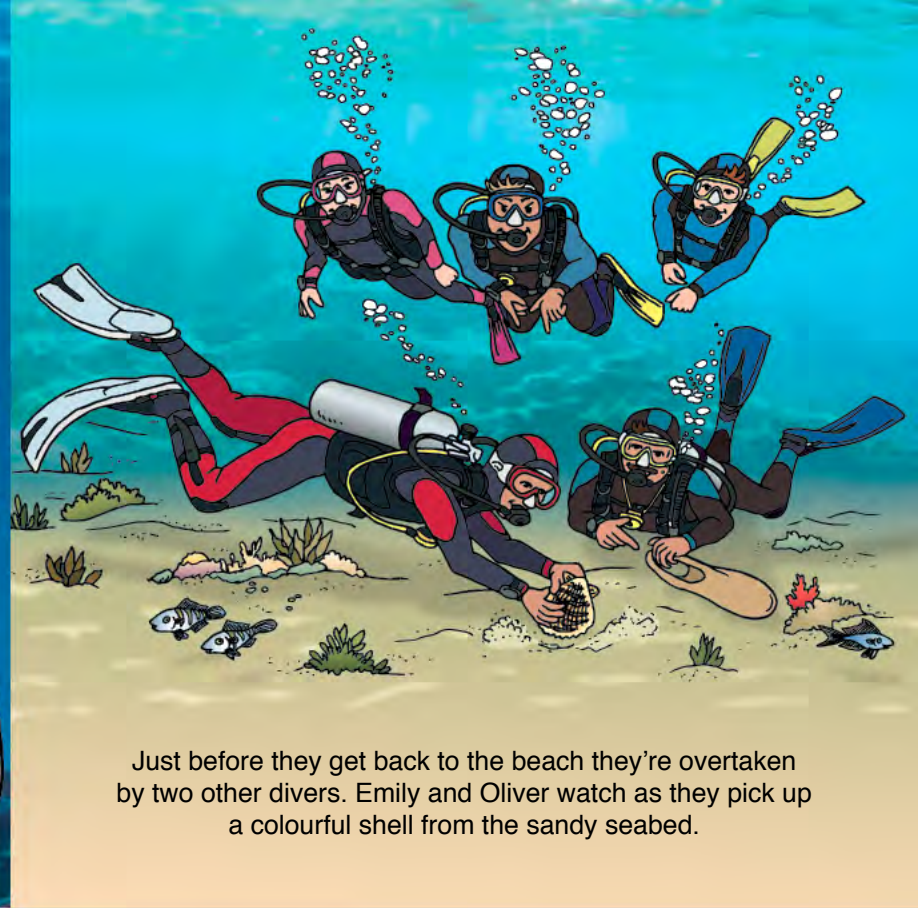
On closer inspection they discover a small cave in the rock into which light is shining from above. Further towards the back they can see an exit. All the rockfaces are covered in delicate corals and sponges. Hiding in amongst them they discover a small octopus.



All three would love to dive through the cave but that would damage the corals and sponges, so instead they observe the octopus.

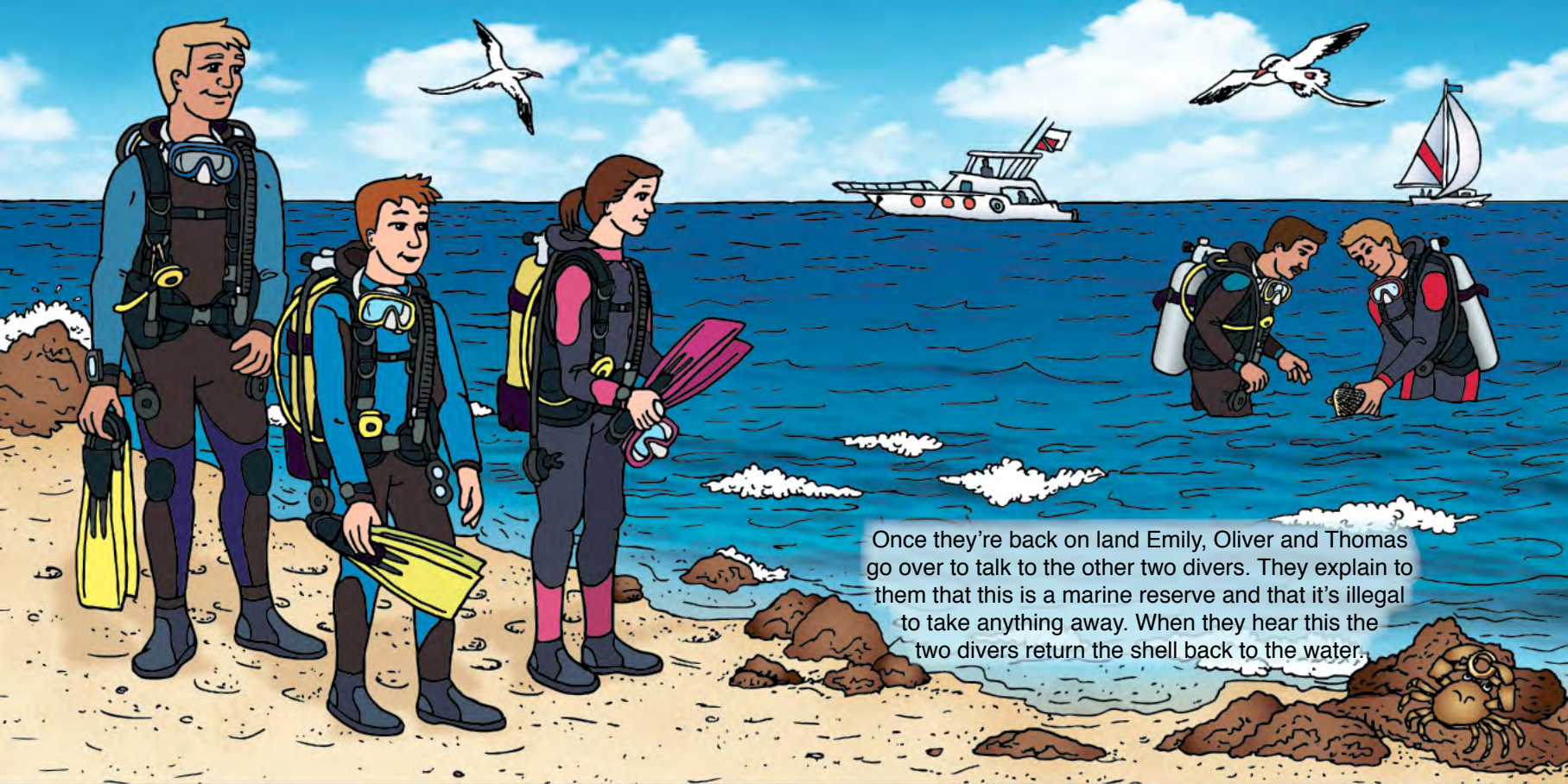


Glancing at the pressure gauge that displays the amount of air left in the cylinder, they see that they slowly need to return to the beach. Without rushing they start back.



Just before they get back to the beach they're overtaken by two other divers. Emily and Oliver watch as they pick up a colourful shell from the sandy seabed.





Once they're back on land Emily, Oliver and Thomas go over to talk to the other two divers. They explain to them that this is a marine reserve and that it's illegal to take anything away. When they hear this the two divers return the shell back to the water.



Emily would finally like to know what all those divers were doing with their underwater slates. “They weren’t all marine biologists, were they?” “No,” Thomas explains, “they’re friends of mine, divers like you, who are interested in the underwater world and help the marine biologists explore and protect this habitat.”

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As children Emily and Oliver have dreamt of exploring the mysterious oceans and gliding down into the silent depths. With snorkel and mask they have already encountered lots of interesting animals underwater. Now they are learning to dive with their instructor, Thomas. Their underwater adventure can now begin.