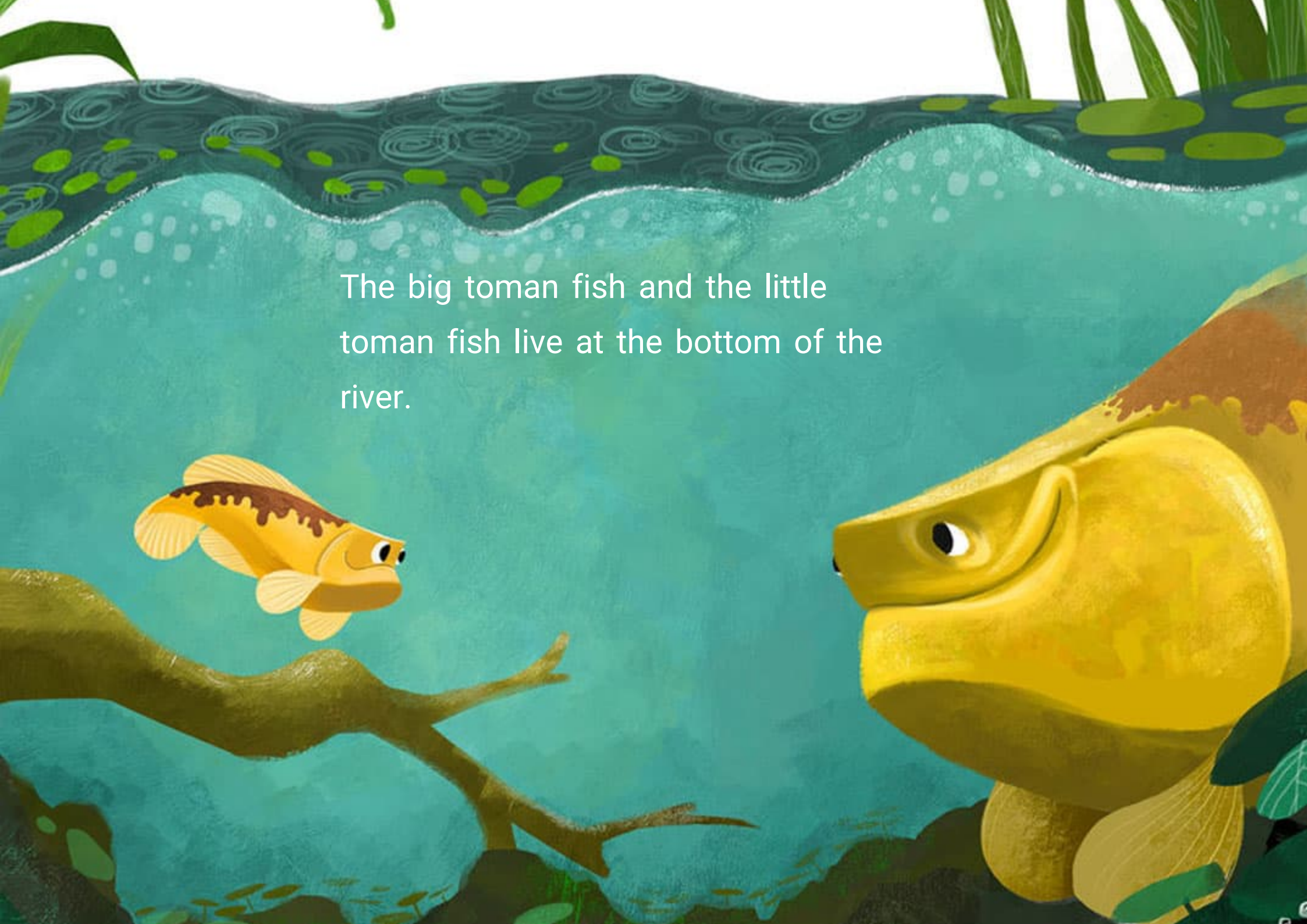


Time for a Bite



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An illustration of a river scene. The top part shows the water surface with dark green ripples and lily pads. Below the surface, the water is a lighter teal color. A large, yellowish-brown fish with a brown stripe along its back is on the right, looking towards the left. A smaller, similar fish is on the left, also looking towards the right. A large, brown, leafless tree branch extends from the left side into the water. The bottom of the river is dark with some green plants.

The big toman fish and the little
toman fish live at the bottom of the
river.



Today the big fish will teach his little friend how to catch his dinner. The little fish has watched how it's done before. But today is his first attempt.

He must wait patiently and hide until he is ready to dash out and snatch the smaller fish.





He has made a big mistake.
This isn't a good position. The
rock moves. It isn't a rock at
all. The grumpy turtle moves
off and scares the prey.

The little toman fish does his best
to catch them.

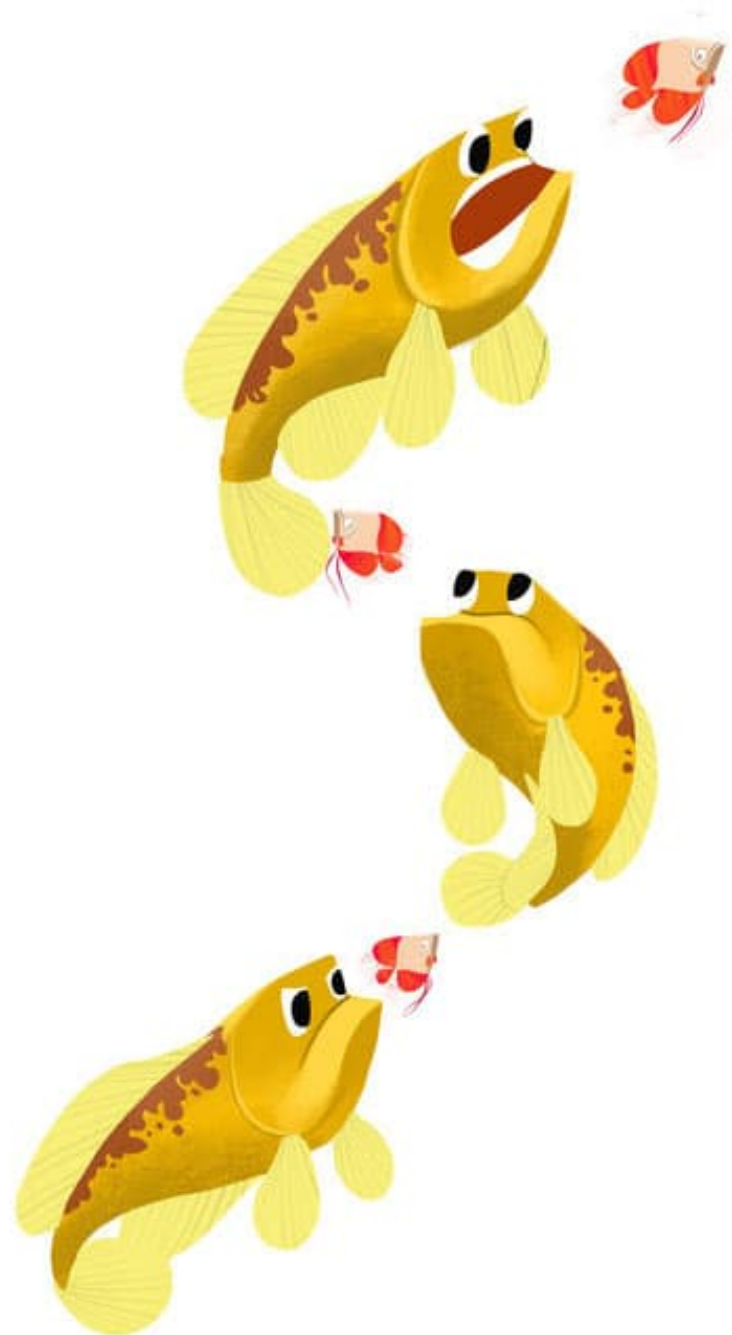
They have a head start.

Flick...

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...and they are gone.



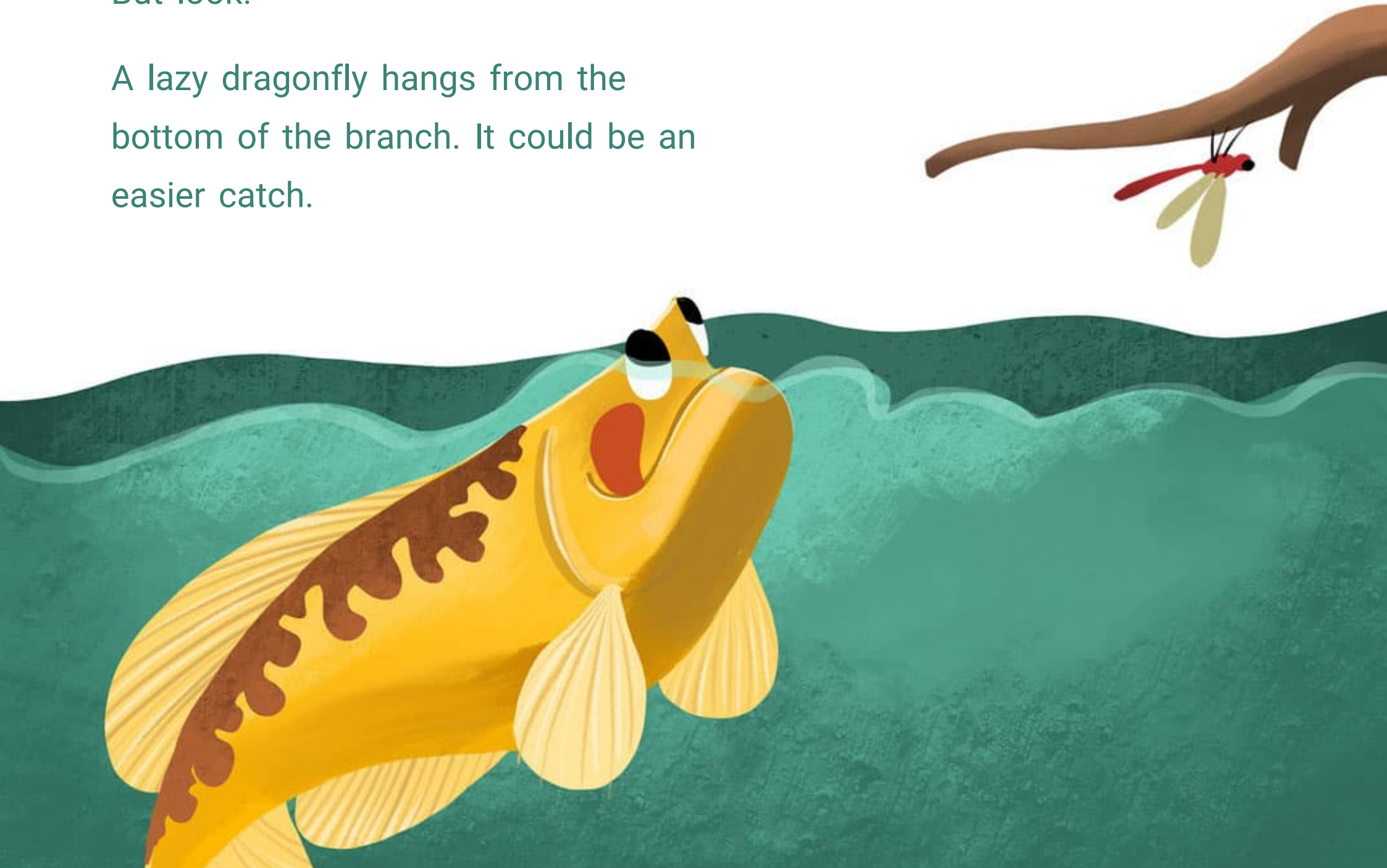


The little fish is angry.

His stomach growls with hunger.

But look!

A lazy dragonfly hangs from the bottom of the branch. It could be an easier catch.



As he leaps up to try and snatch it,
the little fish sees that someone is
watching from afar.



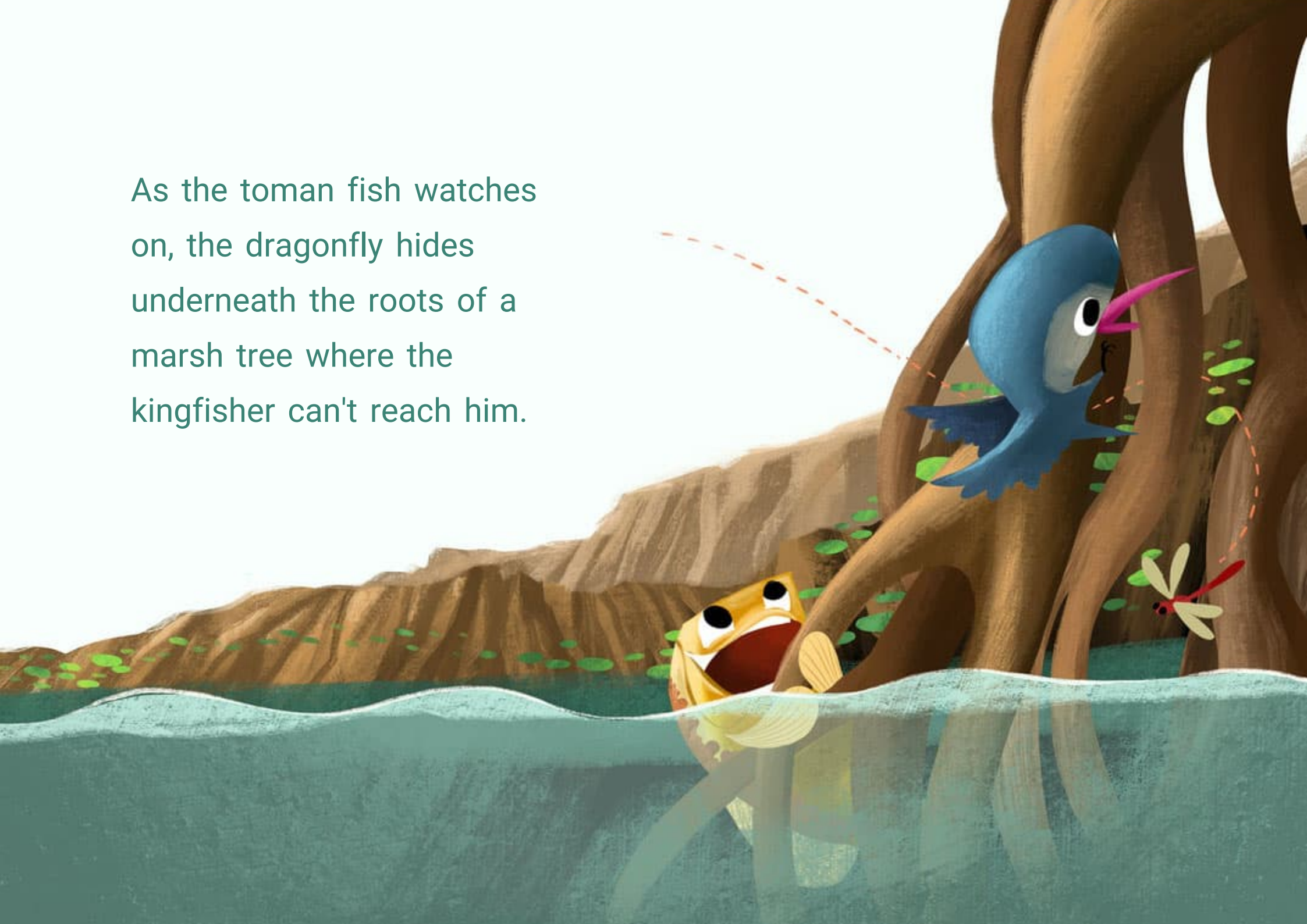


In a flash, the kingfisher swoops down to chase the dragonfly too.



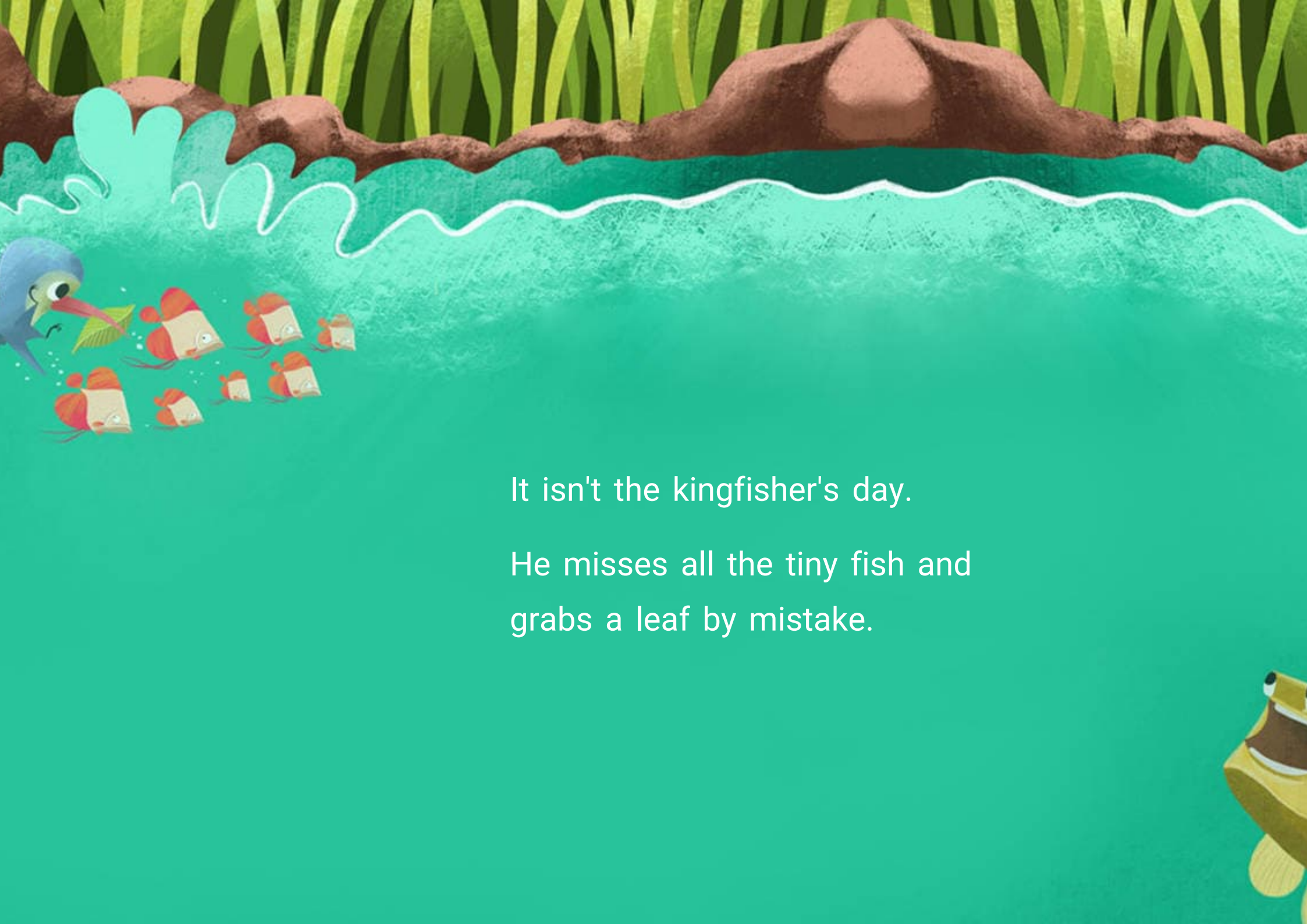
The dragonfly is not so lazy after all. He is clever and avoids the kingfisher.

As the toman fish watches on, the dragonfly hides underneath the roots of a marsh tree where the kingfisher can't reach him.






The kingfisher sees some easier prey and dives for a school of little fish instead.



It isn't the kingfisher's day.

He misses all the tiny fish and
grabs a leaf by mistake.

An illustration of an underwater scene. In the foreground, a large yellow fish with a white belly and a large eye looks towards the right. In the middle ground, a school of several orange fish is swimming. In the background, a kingfisher is perched on a rock. The water is a mix of light and dark green, with dark spots representing bubbles or shadows. The bottom of the pond is rocky and has some green seaweed.

To the little toman's
delight, he sees the
school of fish is now
heading towards him to
avoid the kingfisher.



The school is trapped.

If they swim back up, the kingfisher is there. If they swim down, the little toman fish is ready to snatch them.



What a lesson!

It's a lesson in team work.

And now it's time for a bite.



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