

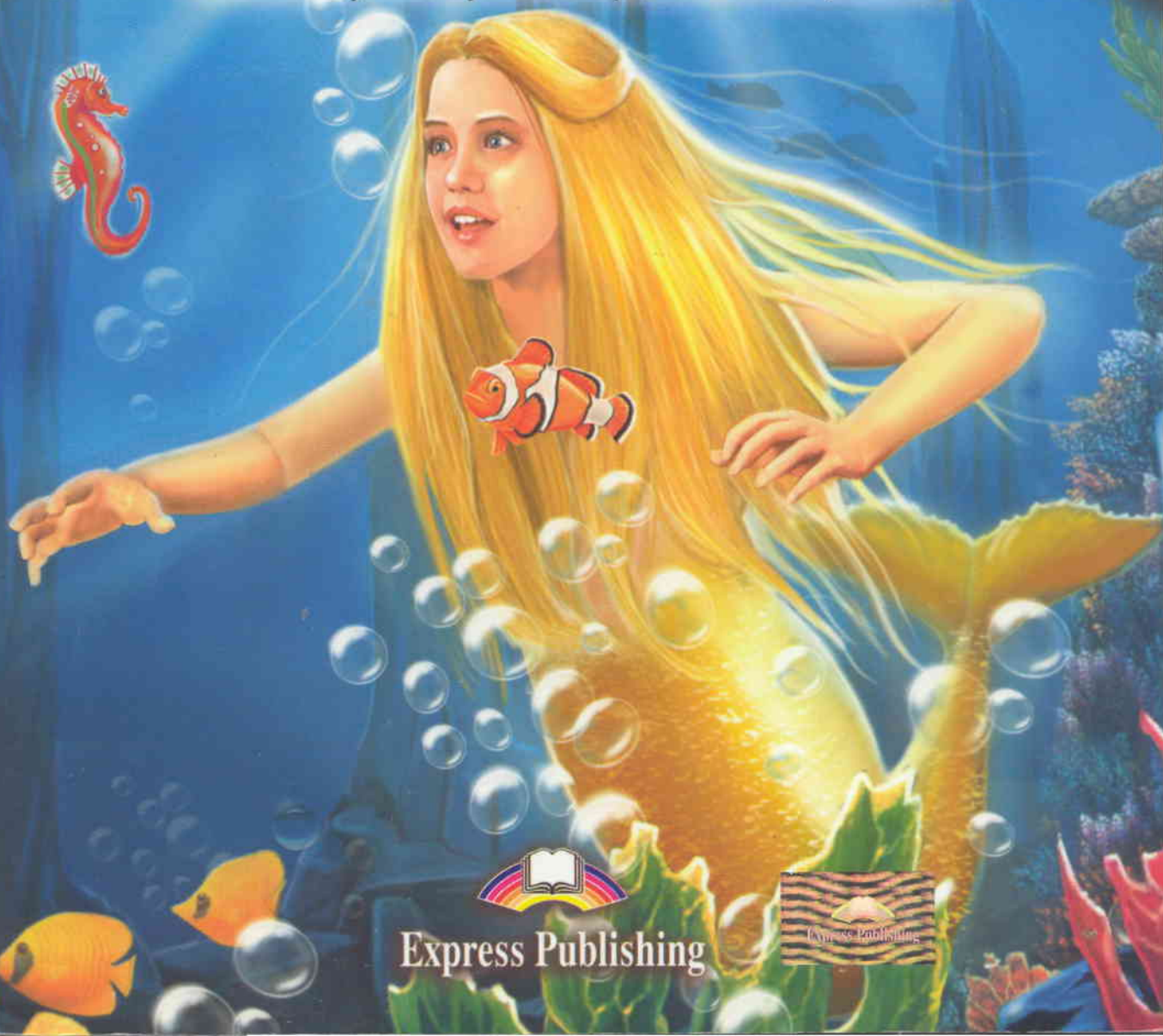
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# The Little Mermaid

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## Who are the Merpeople?

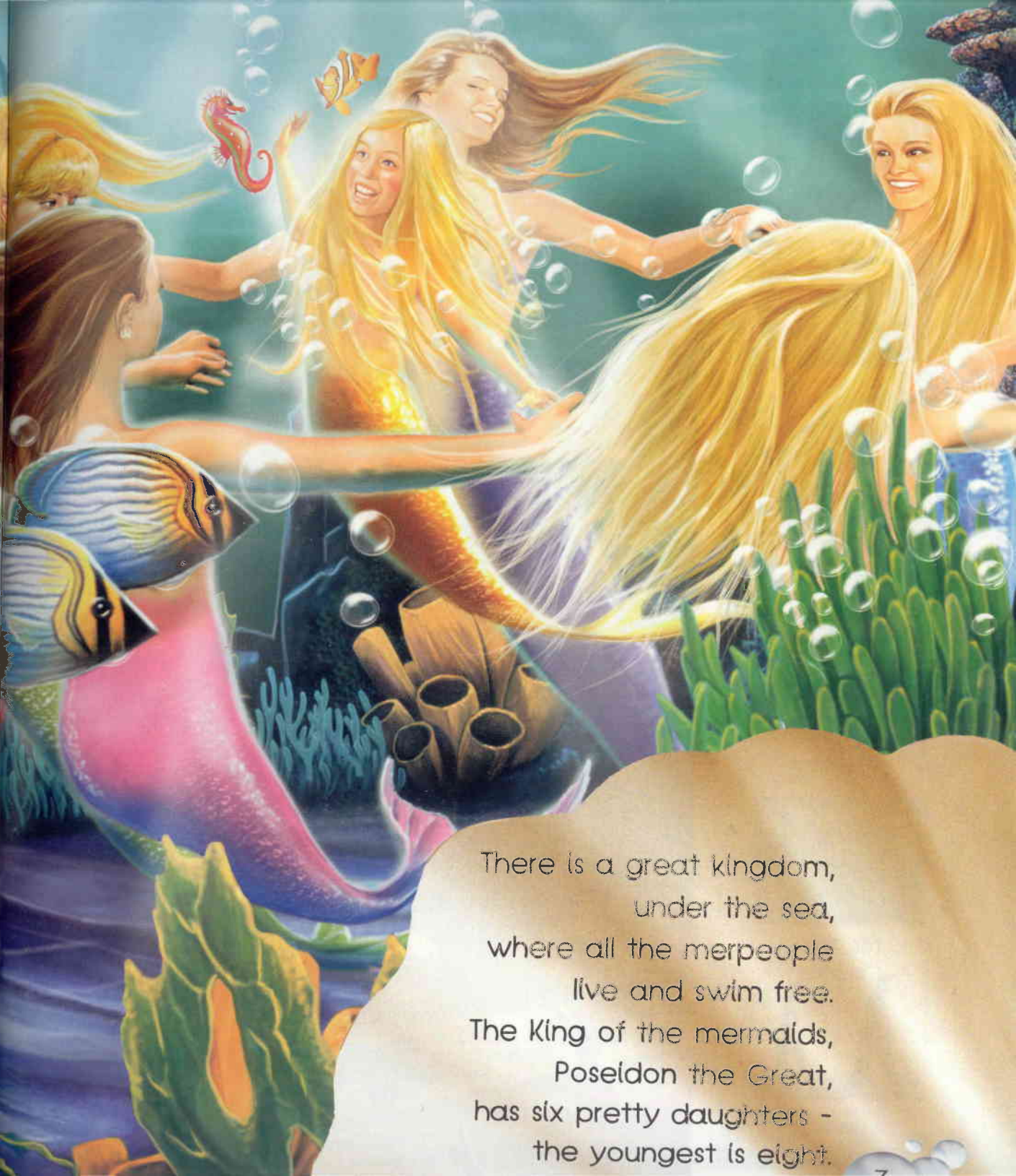
There are some people  
who live in the sea.  
They do not walk  
like you and me.

*Chorus:* They swim like fish.  
They've got fishtails.  
They dance with dolphins,  
crabs and whales.

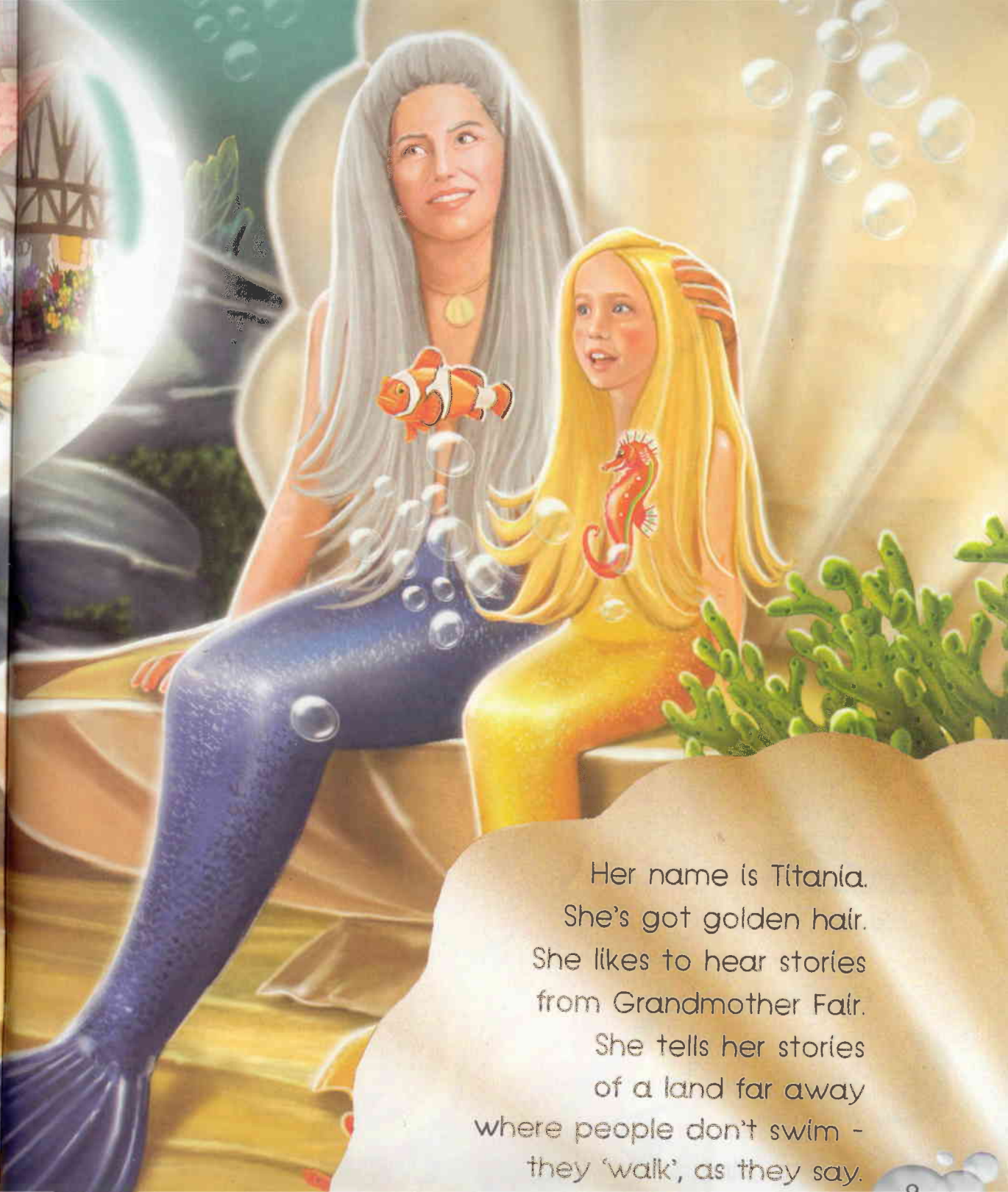
The merpeople make  
homes of sand.  
(There are some people  
who live in the sea.)  
And live in the ocean,  
in Poseidon's land.  
(They do not walk  
like you and me.)

*Repeat chorus*





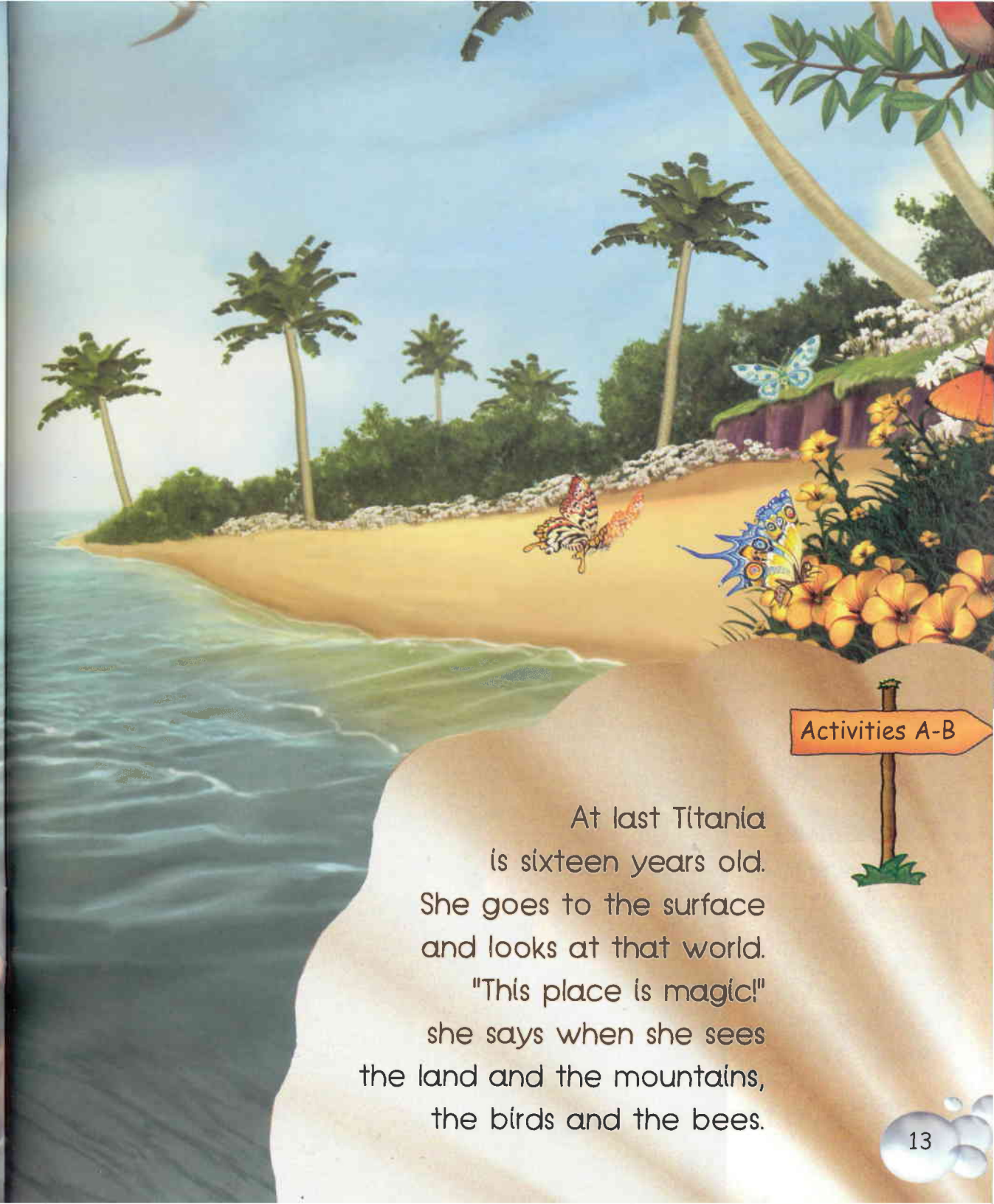
There is a great kingdom,  
under the sea,  
where all the merpeople  
live and swim free.  
The King of the mermaids,  
Poseidon the Great,  
has six pretty daughters -  
the youngest is eight.



Her name is Titania.  
She's got golden hair.  
She likes to hear stories  
from Grandmother Fair.  
She tells her stories  
of a land far away  
where people don't swim -  
they 'walk', as they say.

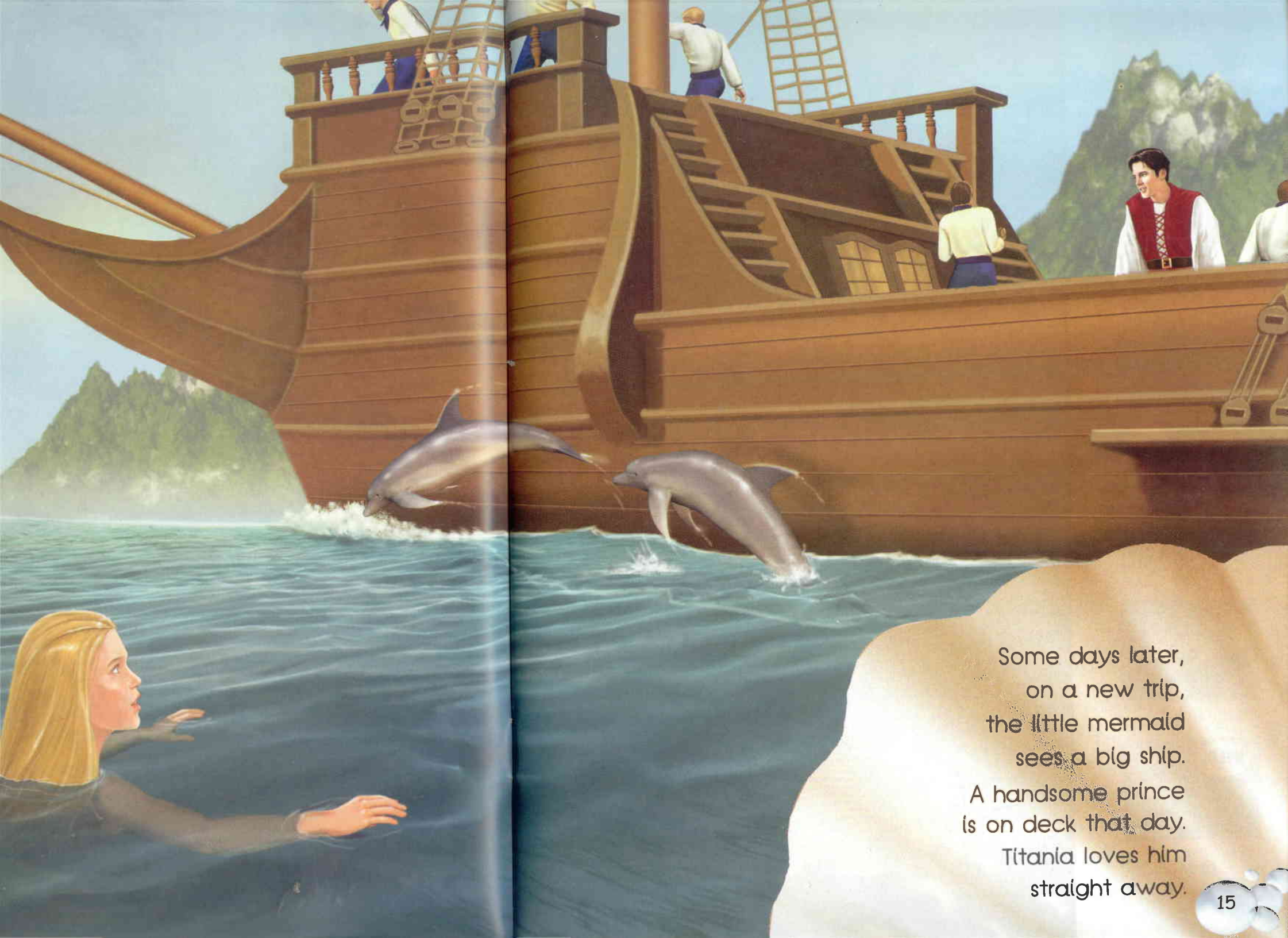


"When can I see them?  
Can we go now?"  
"When you're sixteen, dear,  
but not right now!"  
So every night,  
when it's time to sleep,  
she dreams of this land  
and then falls asleep.

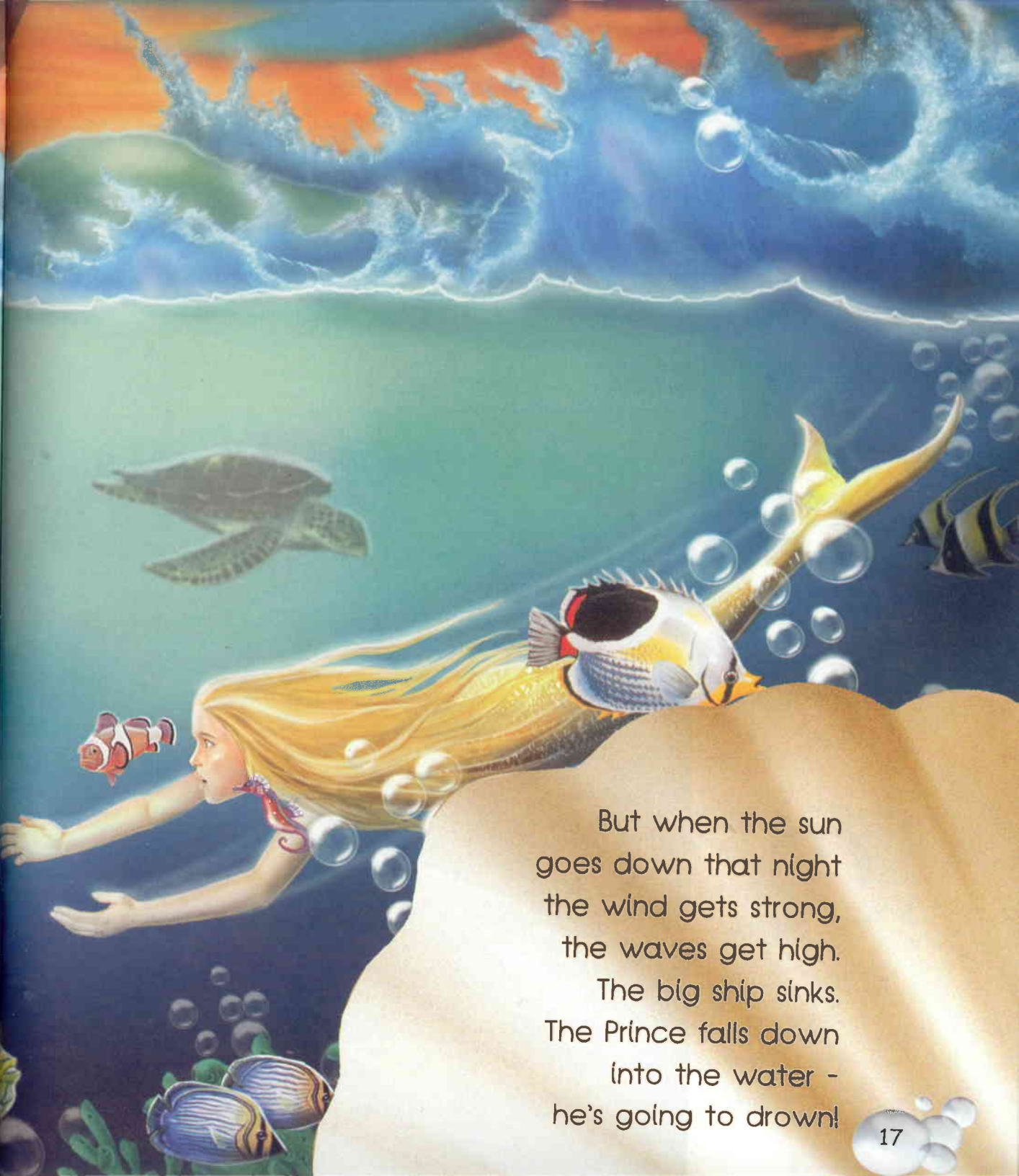
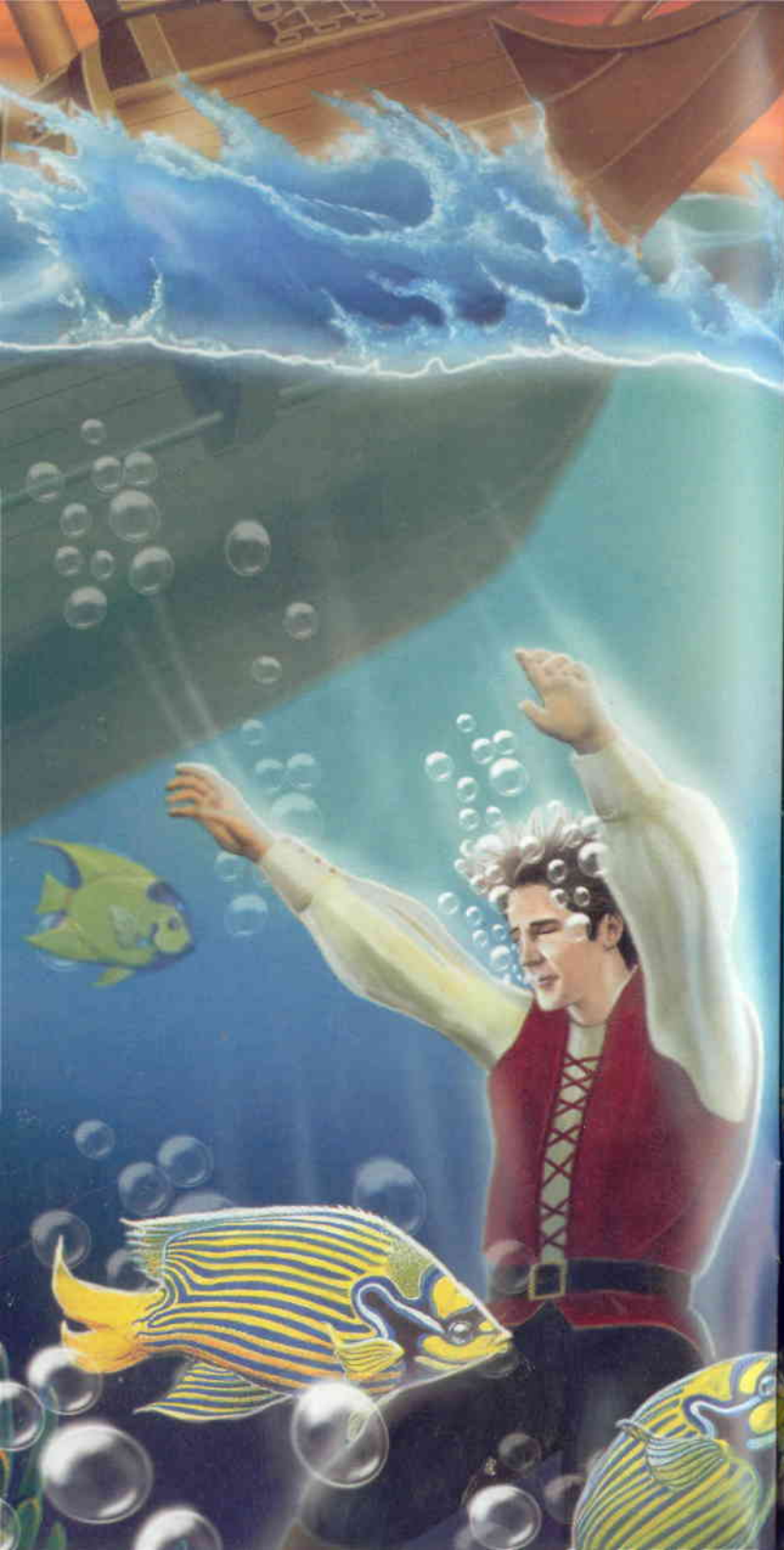


At last Titania  
is sixteen years old.  
She goes to the surface  
and looks at that world.  
"This place is magic!"  
she says when she sees  
the land and the mountains,  
the birds and the bees.

Activities A-B

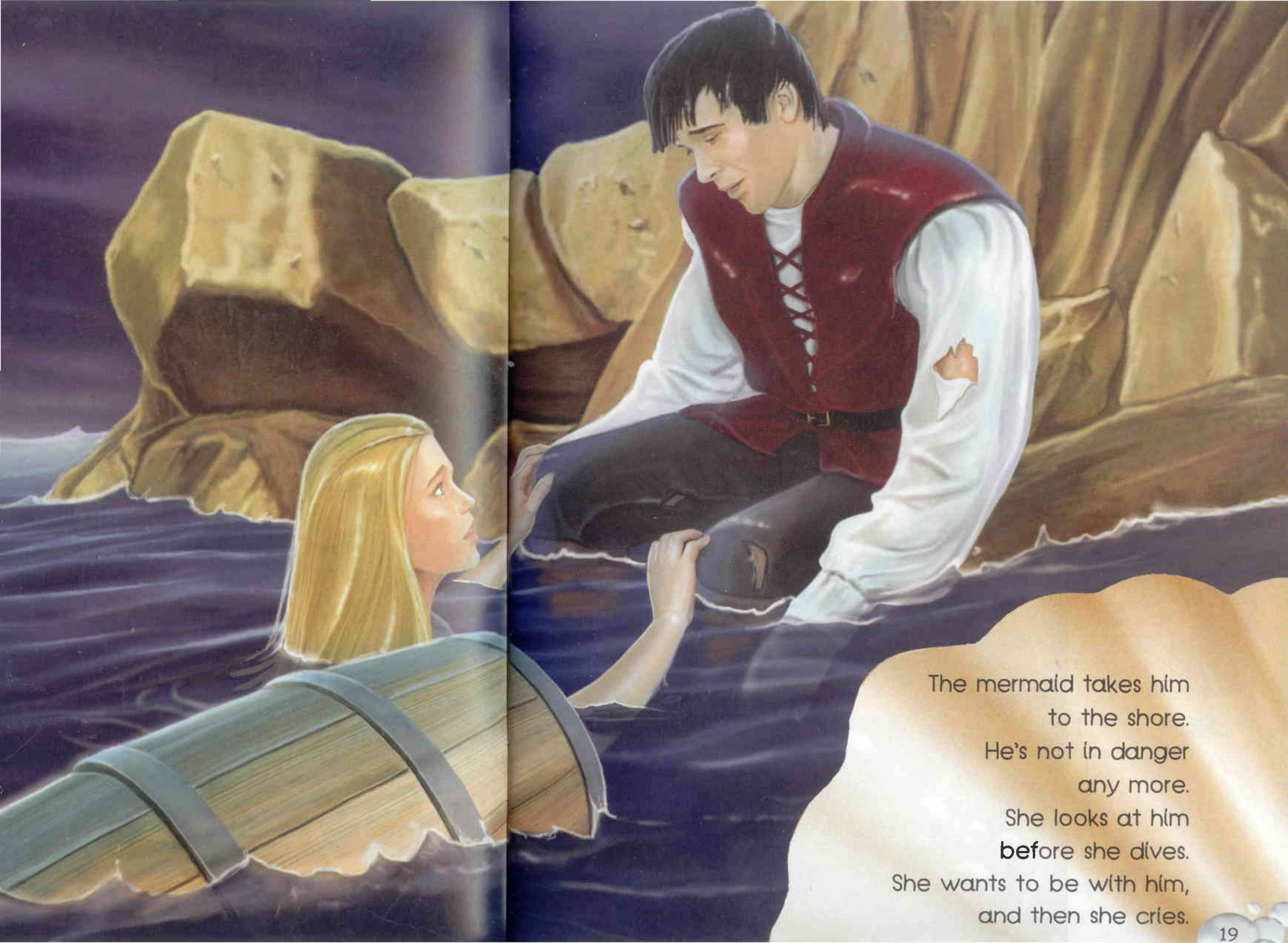


Some days later,  
on a new trip,  
the little mermaid  
sees a big ship.  
A handsome prince  
is on deck that day.  
Titania loves him  
straight away.

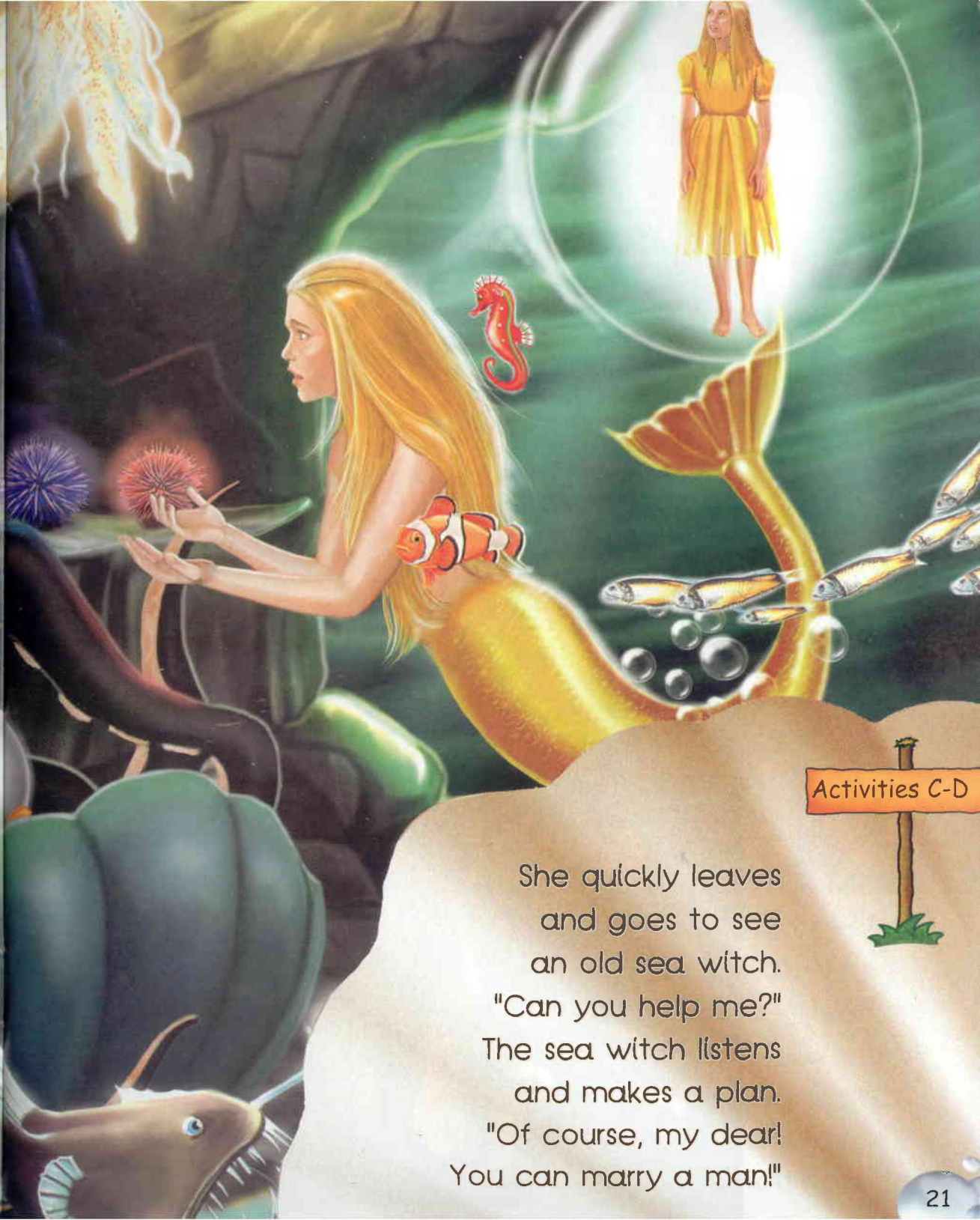


But when the sun goes down that night the wind gets strong, the waves get high. The big ship sinks. The Prince falls down into the water - he's going to drown!



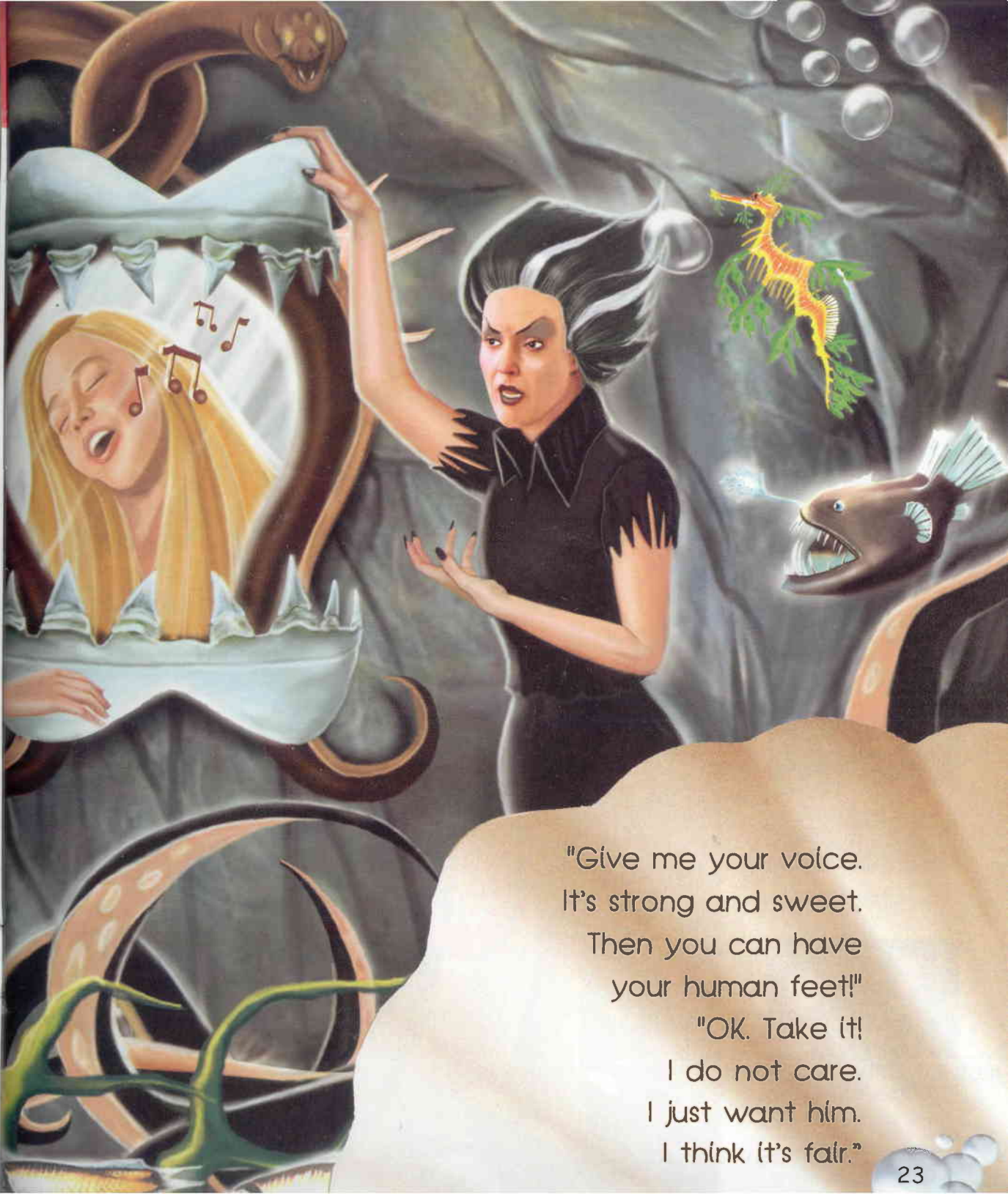


The mermaid takes him  
to the shore.  
He's not in danger  
any more.  
She looks at him  
**before** she dives.  
She wants to be with him,  
and then she cries.

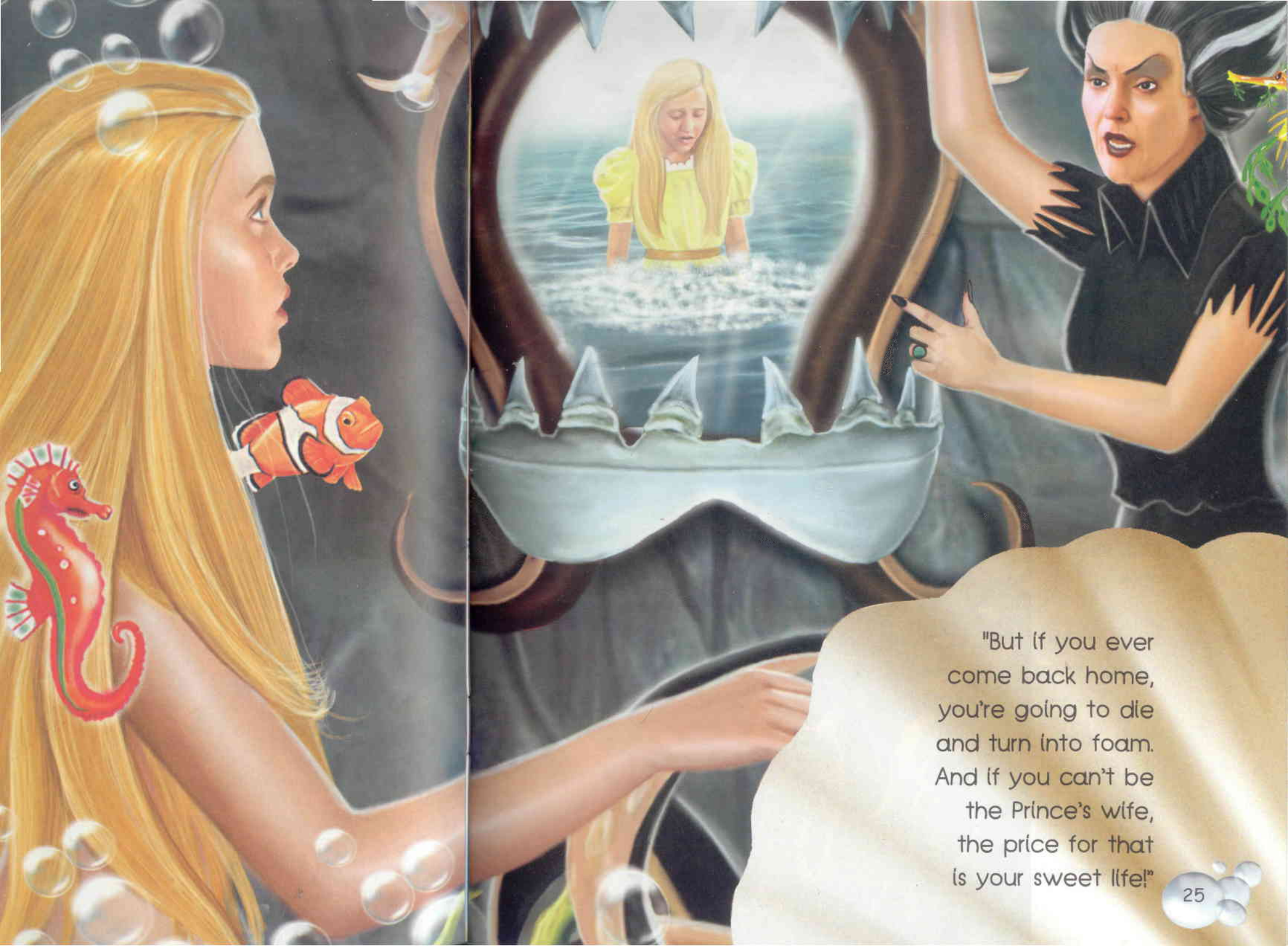


Activities C-D

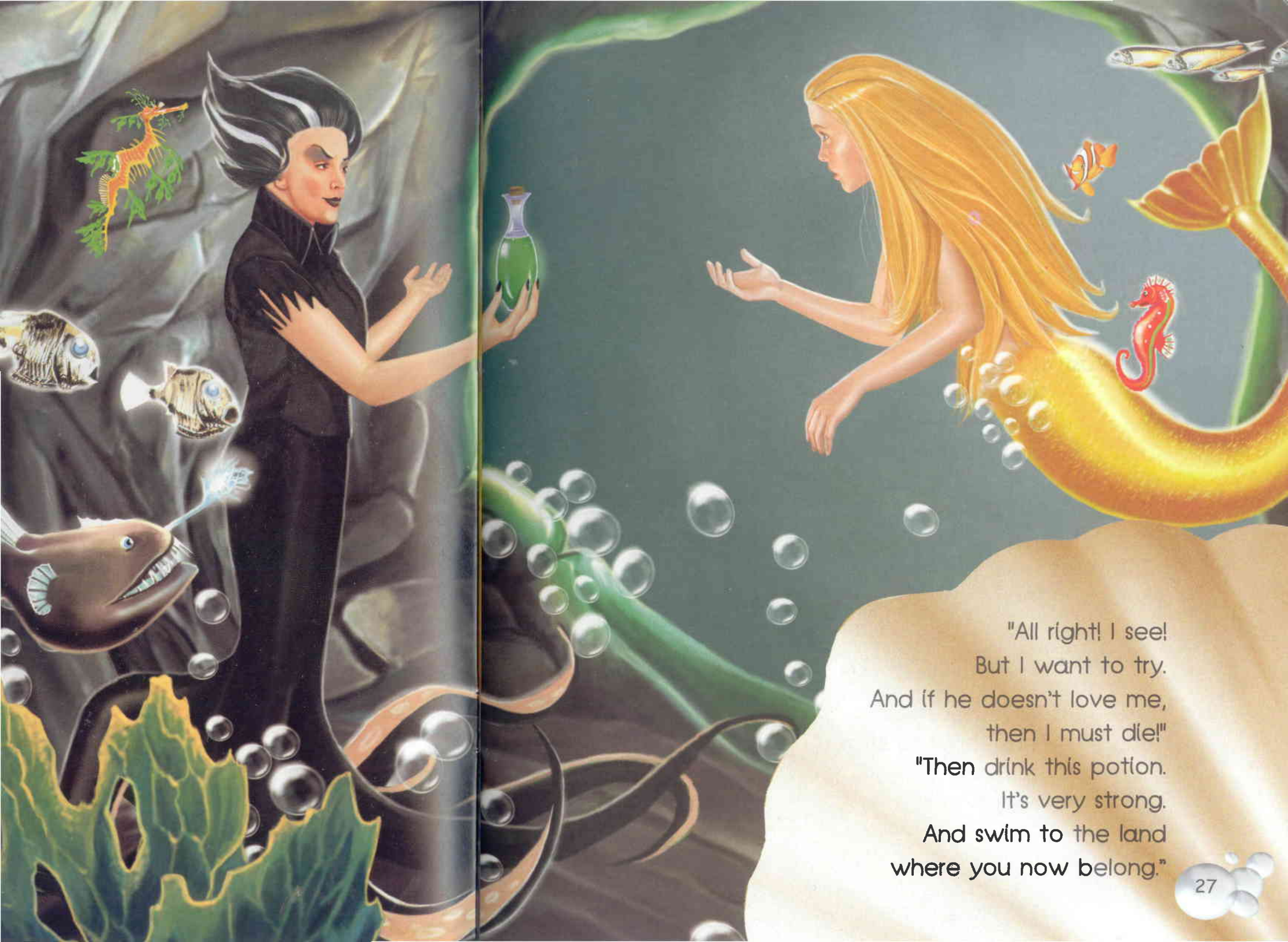
She quickly leaves  
and goes to see  
an old sea witch.  
"Can you help me?"  
The sea witch listens  
and makes a plan.  
"Of course, my dear!  
You can marry a man!"



"Give me your voice.  
It's strong and sweet.  
Then you can have  
your human feet!"  
"OK. Take it!  
I do not care.  
I just want him.  
I think it's fair."



"But if you ever come back home, you're going to die and turn into foam. And if you can't be the Prince's wife, the price for that is your sweet life!"



"All right! I see!  
But I want to try.  
And if he doesn't love me,  
then I must die!"  
"Then drink this potion.  
It's very strong.  
And swim to the land  
where you now belong."

## What Can Titania Do?

Titania's sad.  
She looks at the potion.  
But how can she leave  
her home in the ocean?

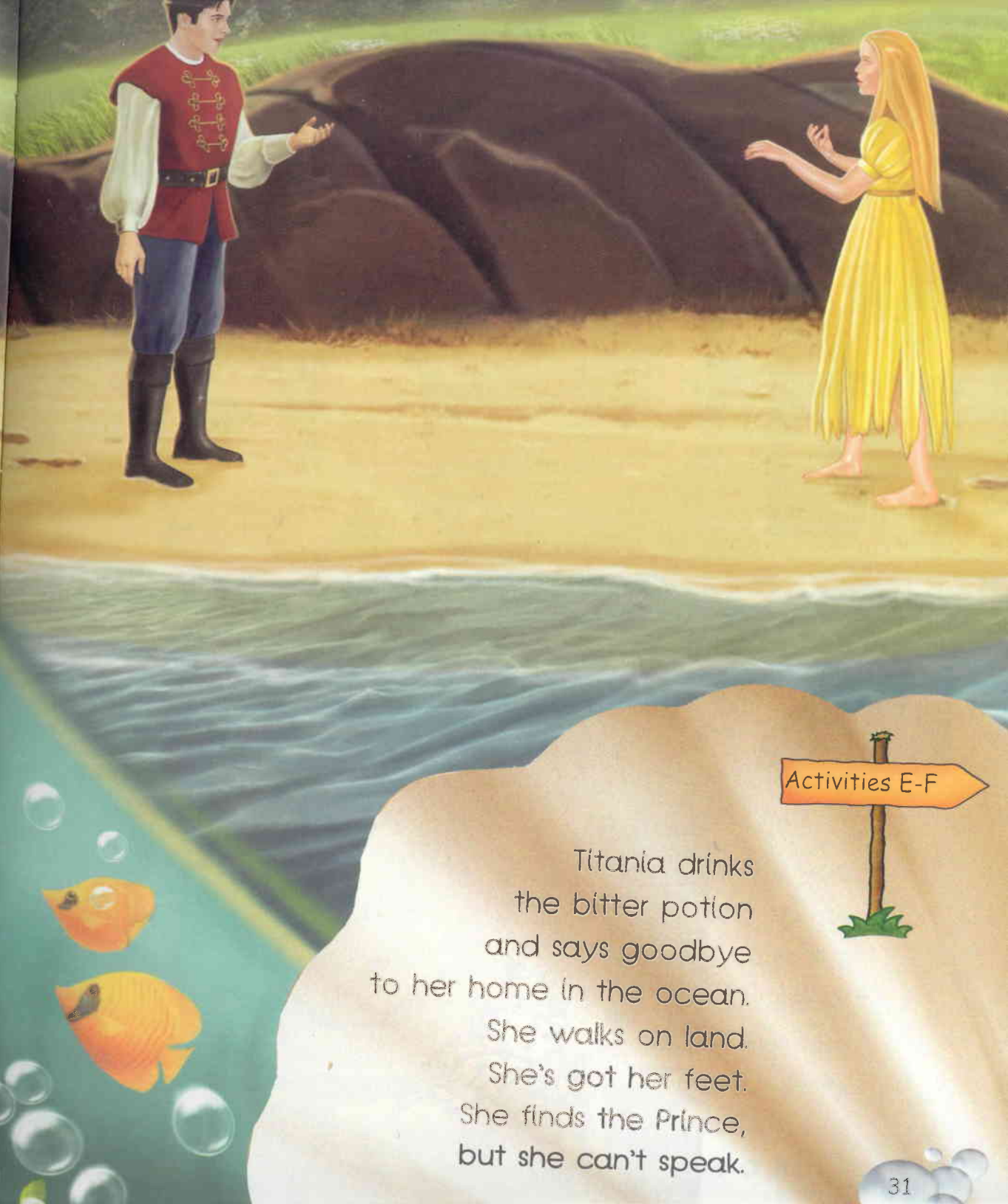
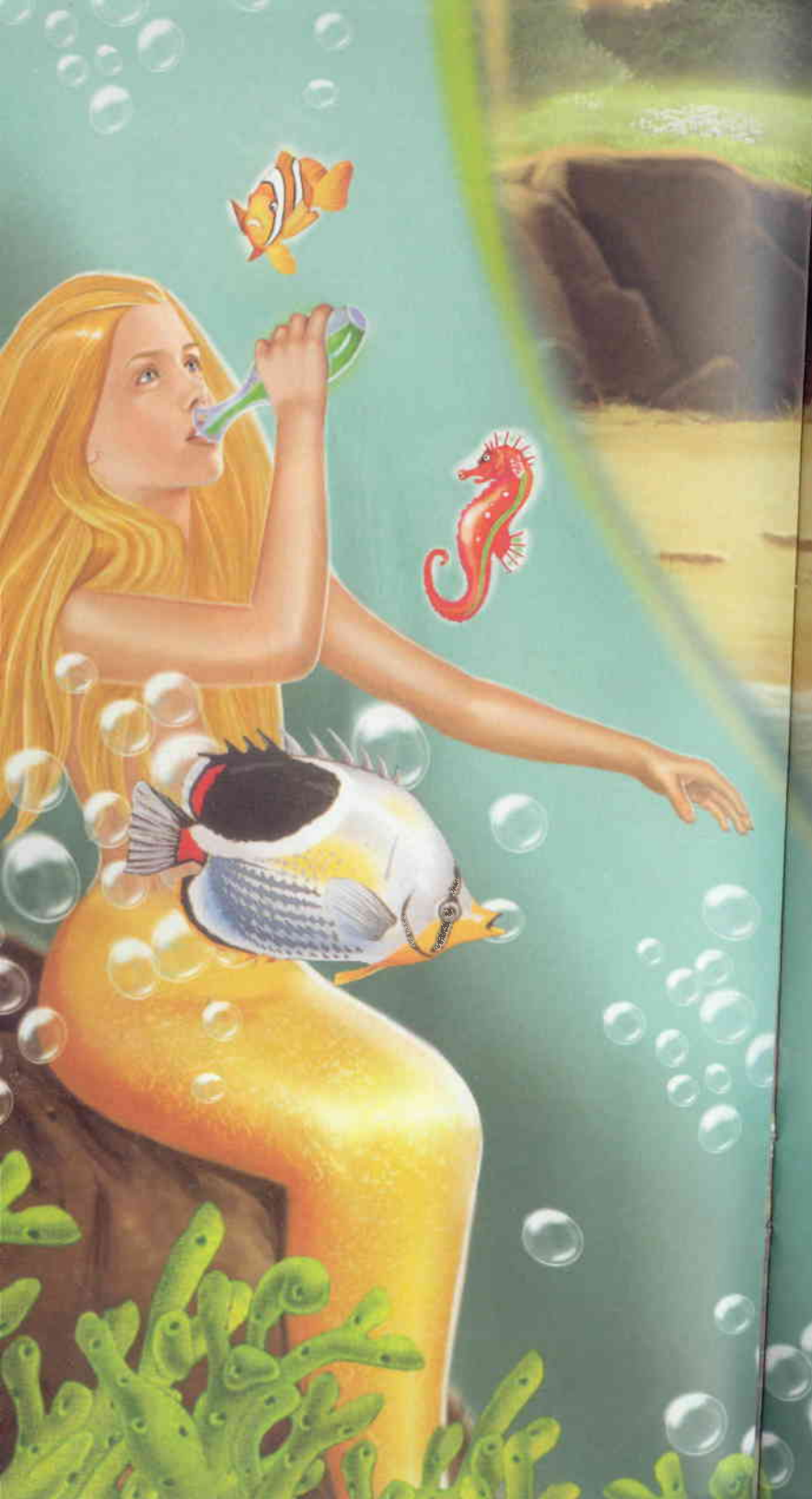
*Chorus:* It is very hard  
to make the choice -  
to leave her life  
and lose her voice.

She thinks of her prince  
and his beautiful land.  
She must have her feet.  
She must learn how to stand.

*Repeat Chorus*

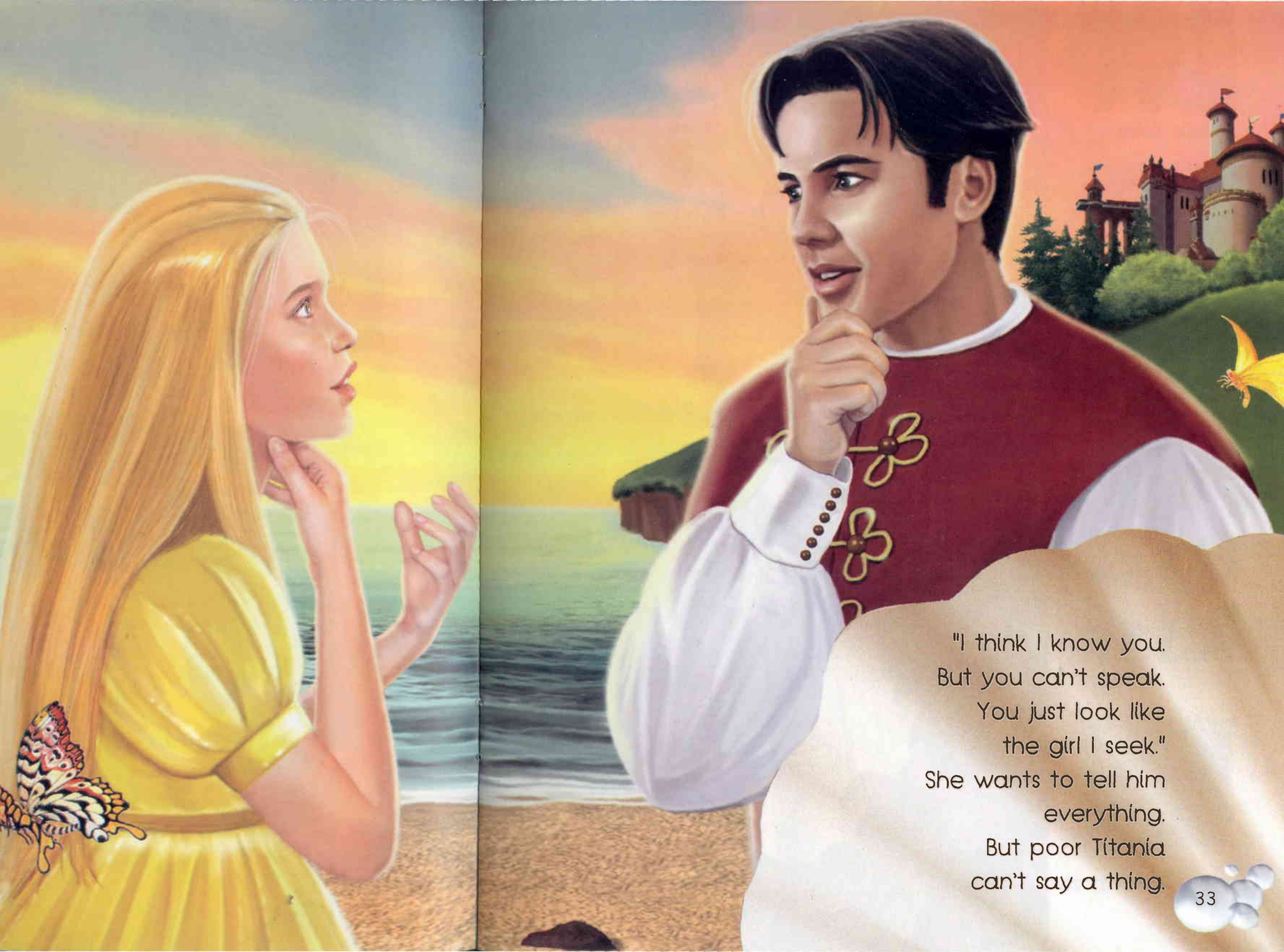
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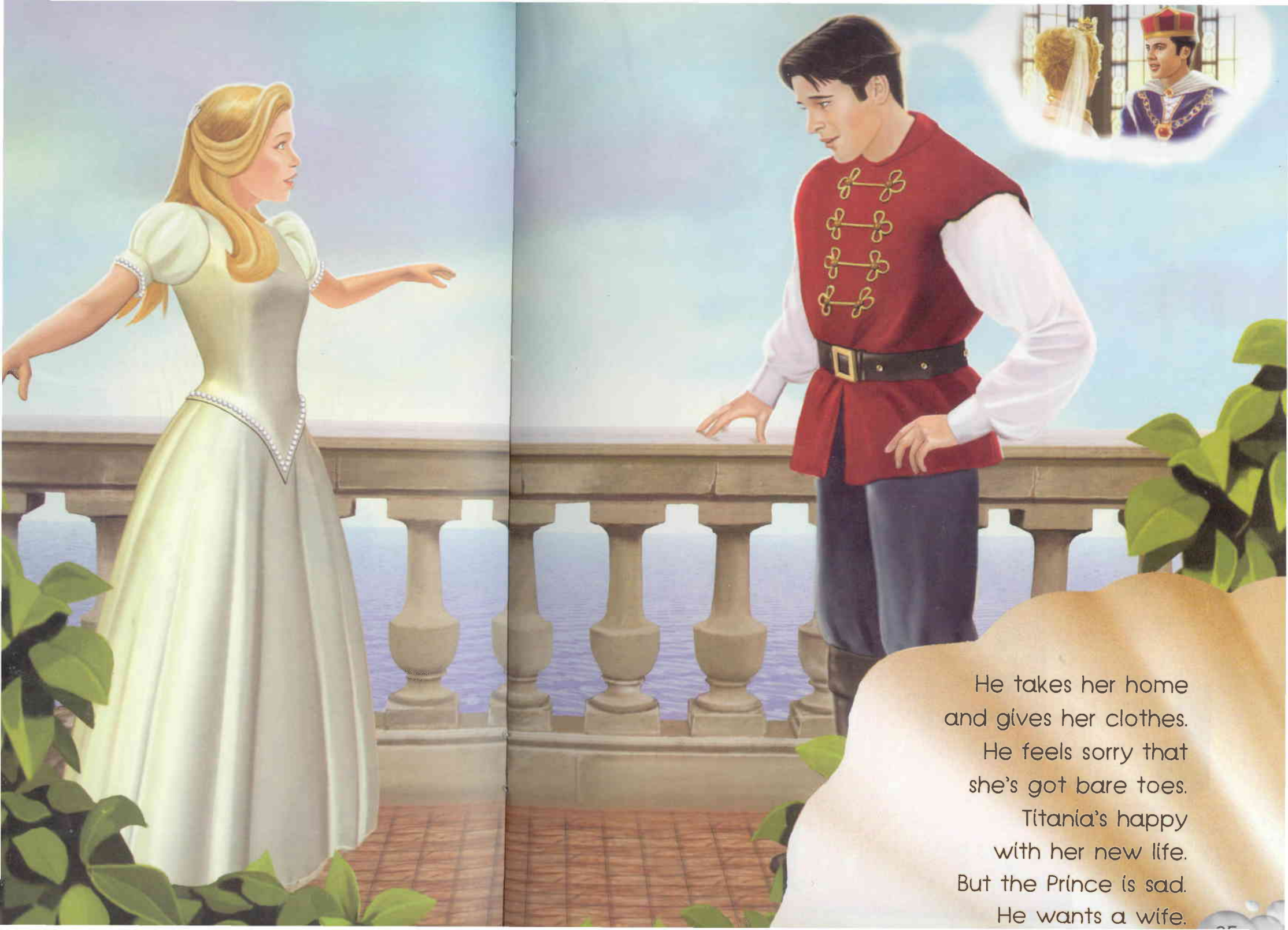
Activities E-F

Titania drinks the bitter potion and says goodbye to her home in the ocean. She walks on land. She's got her feet. She finds the Prince, but she can't speak.



"I think I know you.  
But you can't speak.  
You just look like  
the girl I seek."  
She wants to tell him  
everything.  
But poor Titania  
can't say a thing.

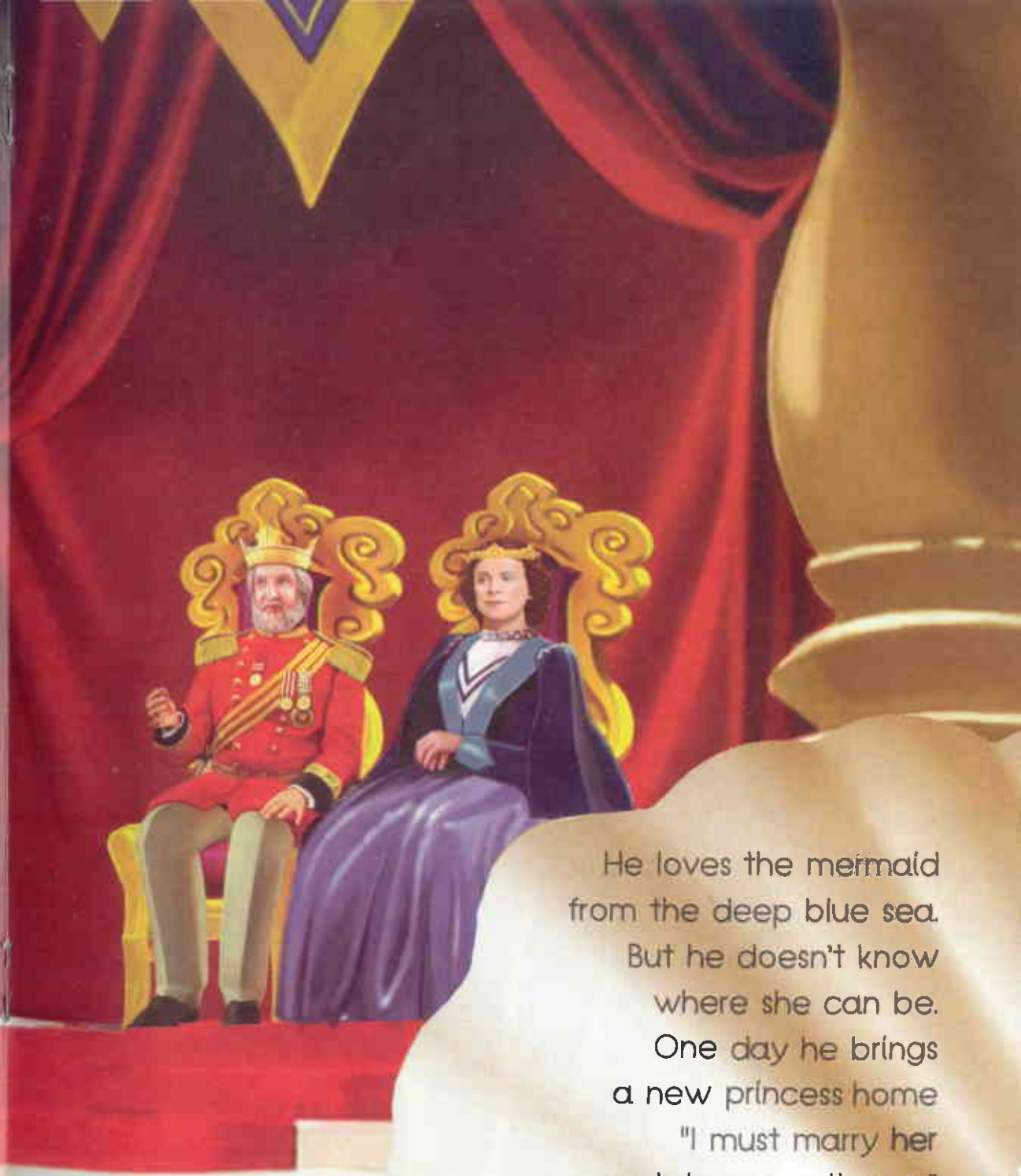




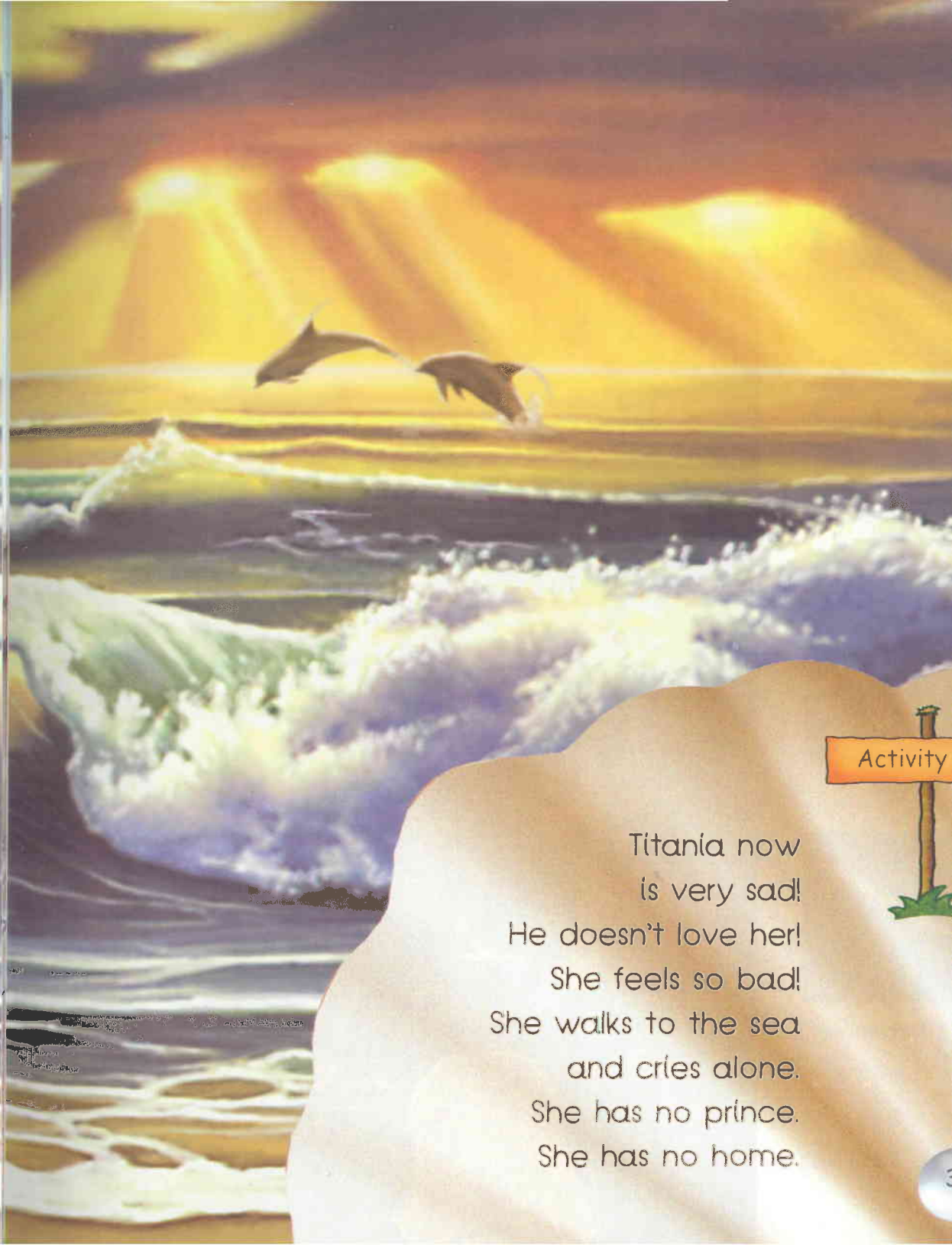
He takes her home  
and gives her clothes.

He feels sorry that  
she's got bare toes.

Titania's happy  
with her new life.  
But the Prince is sad.  
He wants a wife.



He loves the mermaid  
from the deep blue sea.  
But he doesn't know  
where she can be.  
One day he brings  
a new princess home  
"I must marry her  
and share my throne."



Titania now  
is very sad!  
He doesn't love her!  
She feels so bad!  
She walks to the sea  
and cries alone.  
She has no prince.  
She has no home.



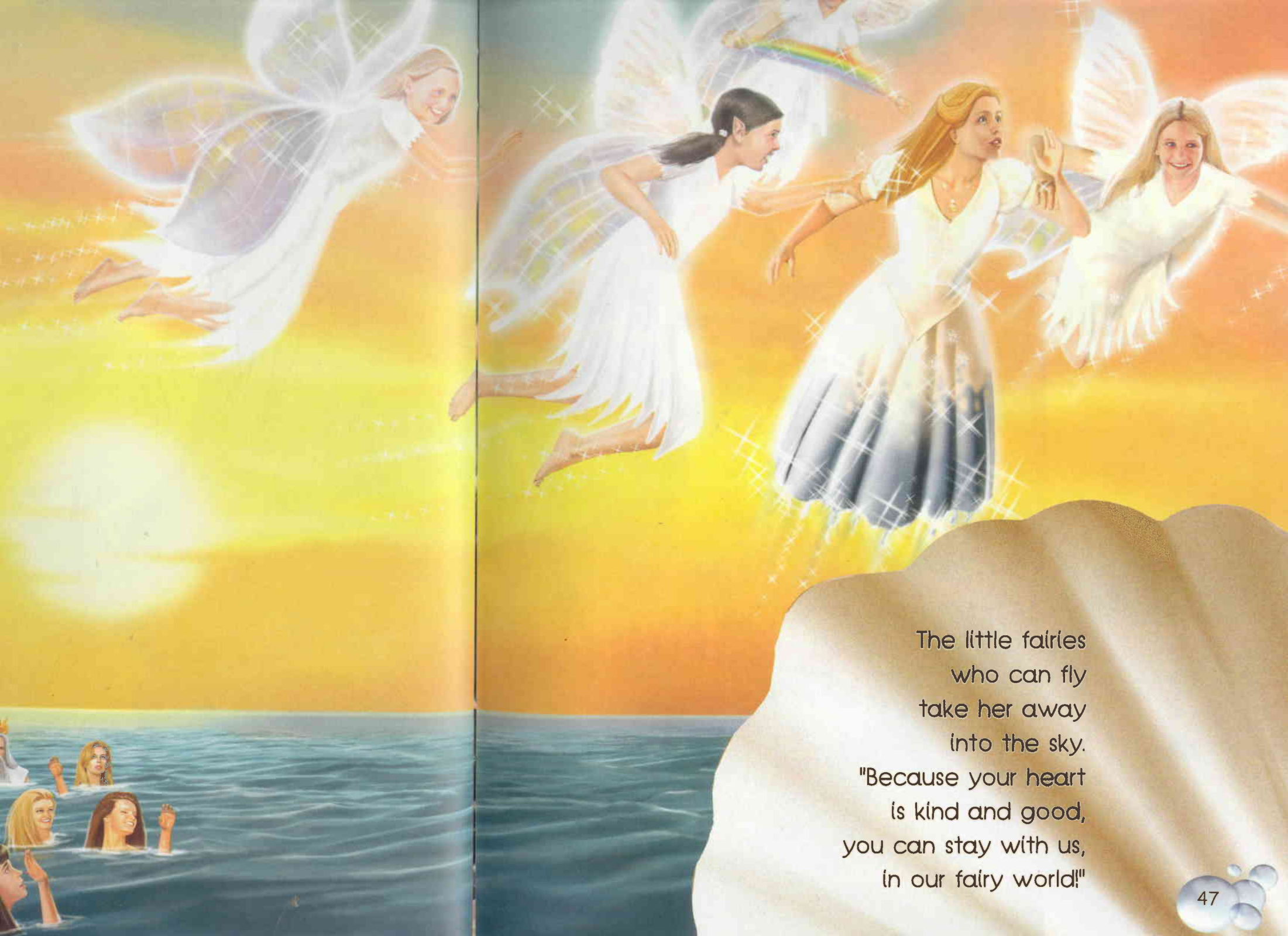
Her mermaid sisters  
call from the sea.  
"Kill the Prince  
and you can be free!  
Here you are, sister!  
Take this silver knife!  
Use it tonight  
to end his life!"



Titania cries  
and goes to his room.  
She cannot end  
his life so soon!  
She drops the knife  
and waves goodbye.  
She goes to the beach  
where she must die.



Titania jumps  
into the water.  
King Poseidon  
can't save his daughter.  
But look! She floats  
above her home!  
She does not turn  
into white foam!



The little fairies  
who can fly  
take her away  
into the sky.  
"Because your heart  
is kind and good,  
you can stay with us,  
in our fairy world!"



Activities H-K

So all ends well!  
She does not die!  
The mermaid lives,  
up in the sky!



# SONG

## Wishes Can Go Wrong!

We sometimes ask for presents  
our parents can't afford.  
When we get something cheaper,  
we say that we are bored.

*Chorus:* Be careful what you wish for -  
it often turns out wrong!  
Learn from the Little Mermaid and  
listen to my song.

We should try to be happy  
with everything we've got  
and not want something different  
or be someone we're not.

*Repeat chorus (x2)*

