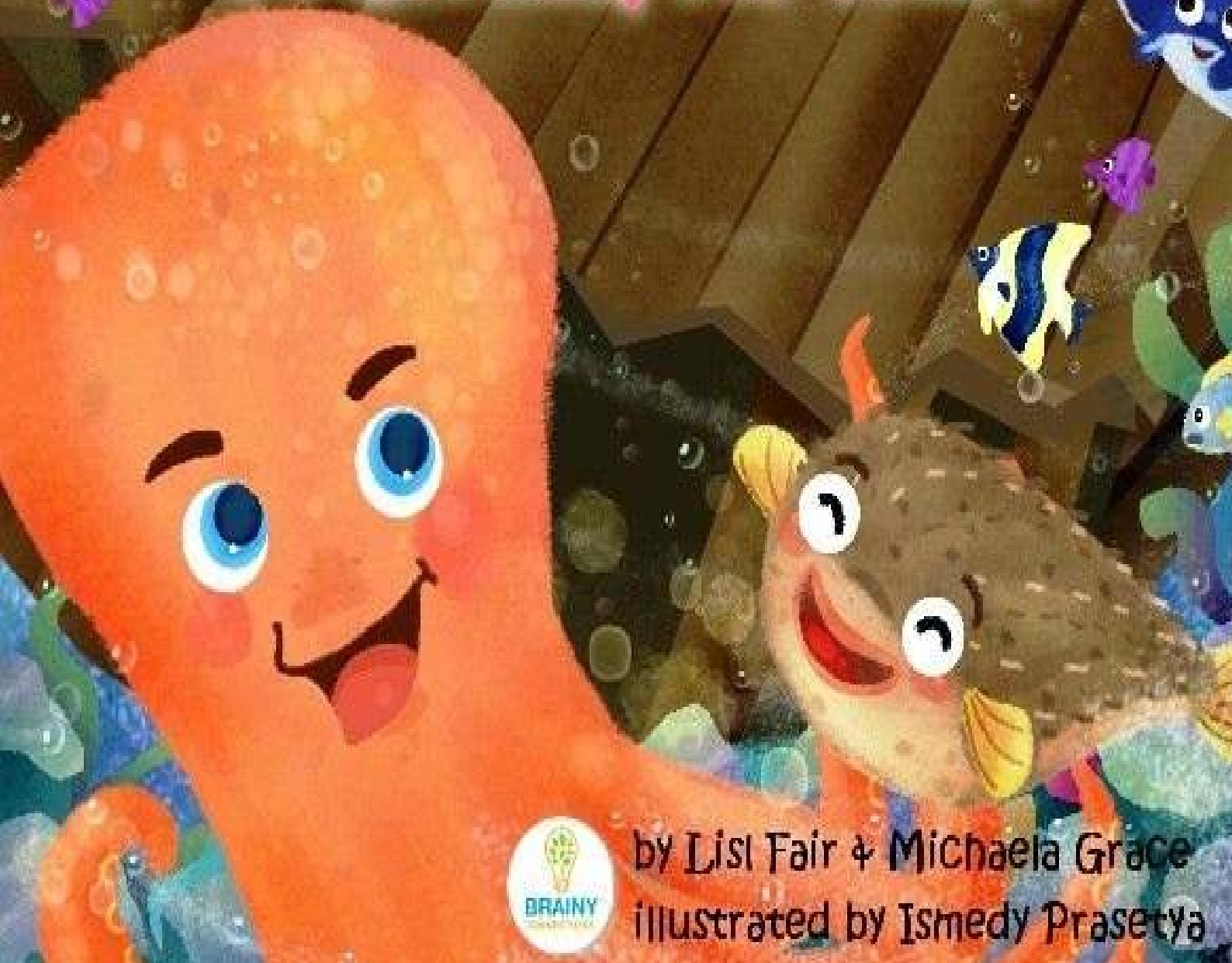


CODLEY

AND THE BIG STORM TOGETHER WE CAN!



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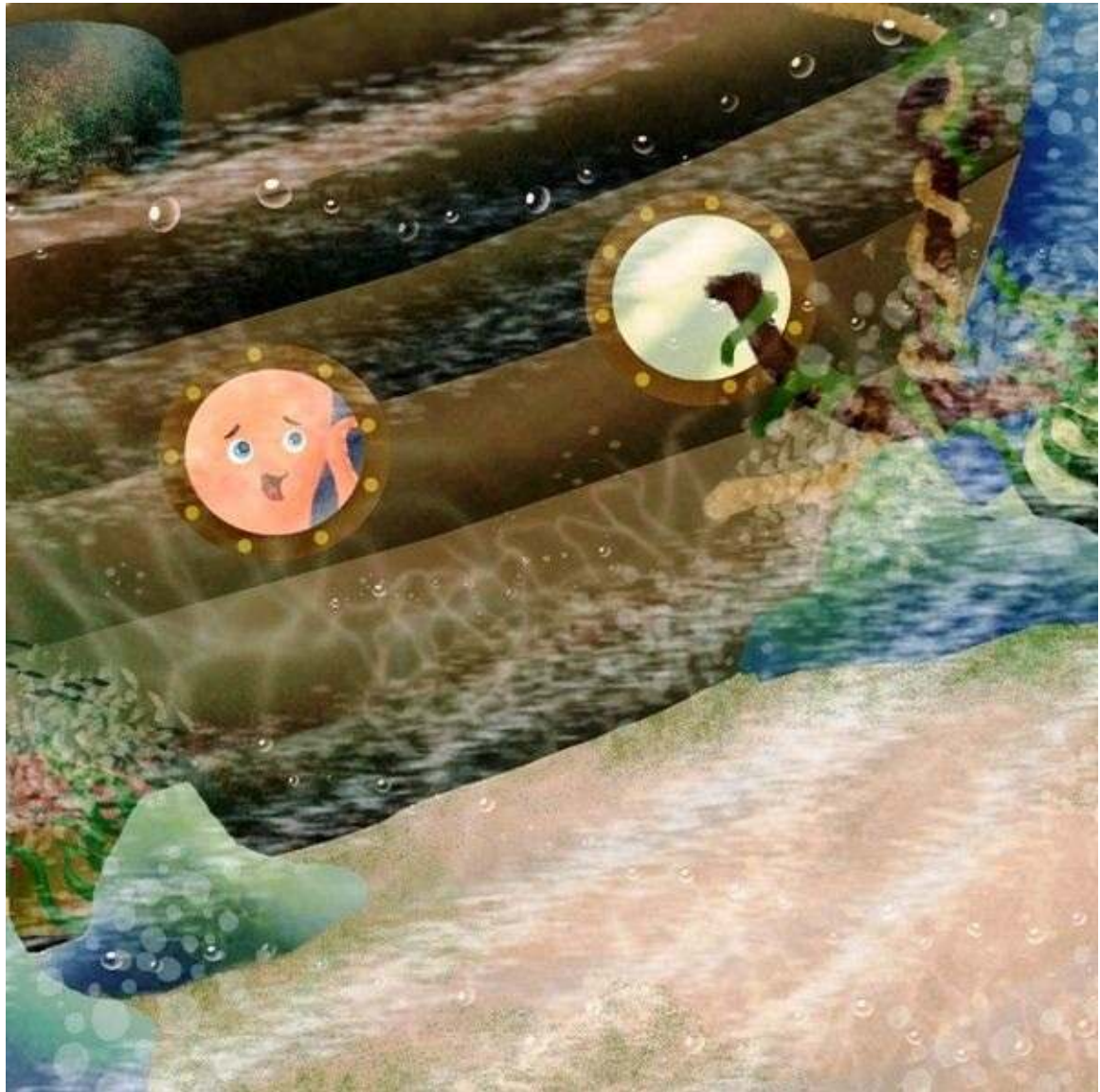
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A huge storm raged on the surface of the sea. Codley the octopus was at home, tucked safely inside his cabin in an old shipwreck. Codley tried to rest, but the storm was wild, and he could feel the shipwreck shaking and creaking. Currents of water swirled in and out through Codley's broken porthole.



Suddenly, Codley saw something dart through the churning water.

"I-I-It's me!" Pokie the puffer fish swam toward him. "Oh-Oh-Oh Codley, there's such a s-storm out here! I got so n-nervous, I couldn't sleep."



Pokie swam in through the porthole. Codley made room for Pokie next to him. "I'm glad you came over. Don't be frightened. We're safe in here!"

Codley placed one of his tentacles gently over Pokie's back. Codley knew his friend was nervous, so he distracted him by telling interesting stories. He told a story about a jellyfish that swam upside down, a shark that had no teeth, and a sea snake that was as long as a whale.



Pokie listened and laughed.

Finally, the raging currents became quiet. Light began to filter into the cabin.

"I think the storm is over!" Codley swam to the porthole.

When Codley looked outside, he could not believe what he saw.



"Oh-oh-oh no! E-everything is...destroyed!" Pokie stammered.

The storm had done terrible damage to their beautiful shipwreck.



The ship's timbers had been ripped off and tossed into gigantic piles. Huge drifts of sand and silt covered the lower parts of the ship. Sea plants and coral had been torn from the wreck and lay scattered all around it.

Codley and Pokie saw their neighbors struggling out of the shipwreck, muttering in disbelief.

Tiny purple fishes pecked at a rock that had fallen on their front door. An eel, trapped in a hole, tried to push herself out with her slithery tail.



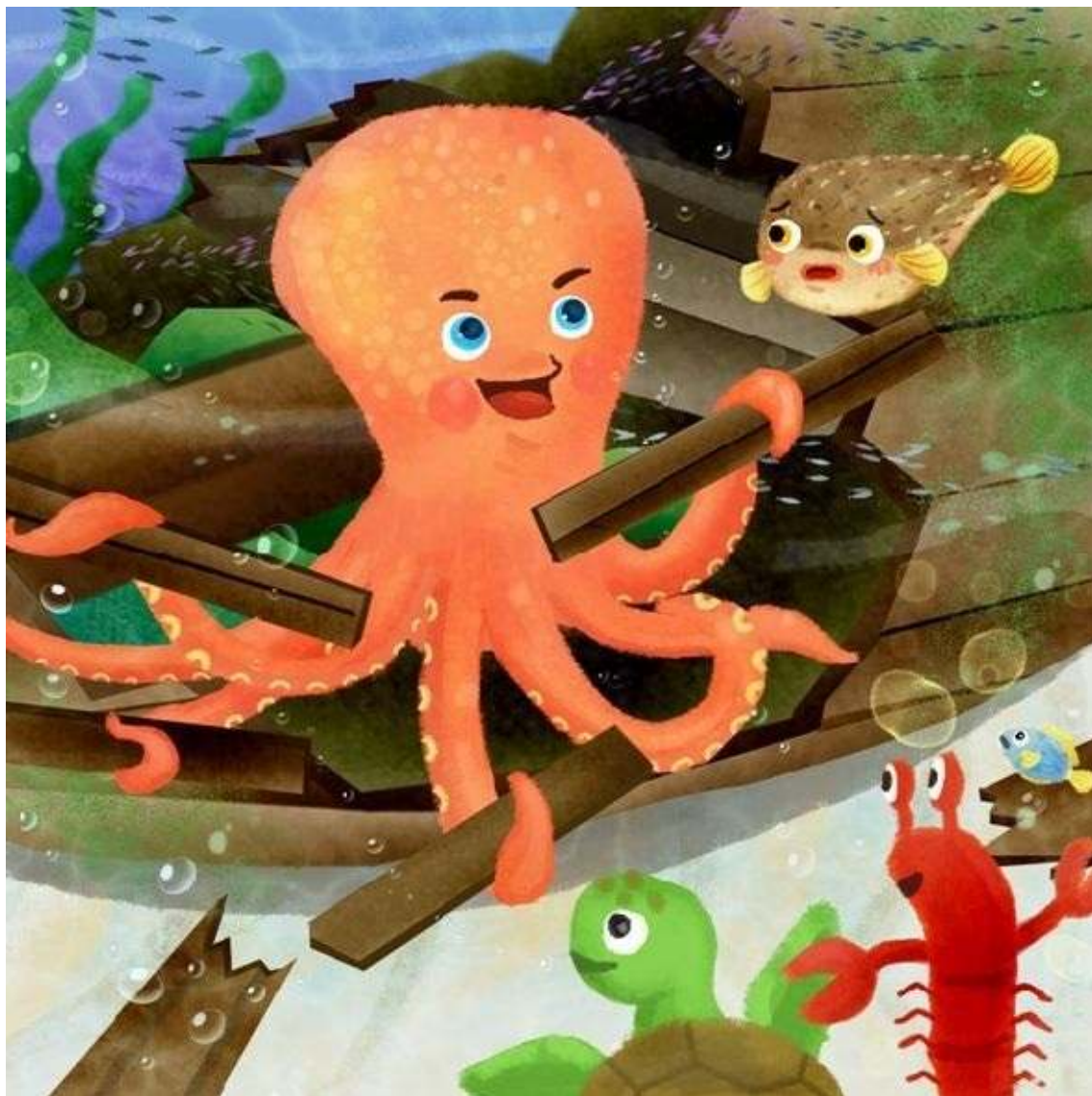
"What can we do?" said a lobster, angrily shaking his claw. "Where will we live now? We've lost our home!"

"Y-Y-Yes! What can we do?" echoed Pokie. "W-With such a huge mess, how can we ever fix our home? Where will we go?"



Codley looked at the destroyed shipwreck. "I'm not going anywhere," he said. "I love my home. There must be a way we can repair it."

Codley swam around, thinking about what he could do. "I don't know how much help it will be," he said, "but I bet I can organize these planks!"



He stretched his eight legs out in all directions, grabbed eight planks, and placed them in a pile.

"Pokie, how can you help?" Codley asked.

Pokie looked down at the sea floor. "I-I don't know. I'm not very big, and not very strong."

Then Pokie remembered what his grandmother always told him: "Just think about one way you can help, no matter how small."



"Hmm...well, I can puff up!" said Pokie. He swam to a sand pile and nosed his way underneath it. Then suddenly, he sucked in an enormous breath. His whole body puffed up! The sand around him burst up into the water and was swept away by the current.



"See, Pokie! I knew you could do it!" Codley said.

Codley grabbed eight more planks, and Pokie darted over to another sand pile.

"Hey!" said the lobster, who had been watching them. "I can use my claws to pick up these broken coral pieces!" He snapped at a piece by his feet, and tossed it to the side of the shipwreck.

"I can slither in between planks and clear out the pebbles!" said the eel.



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