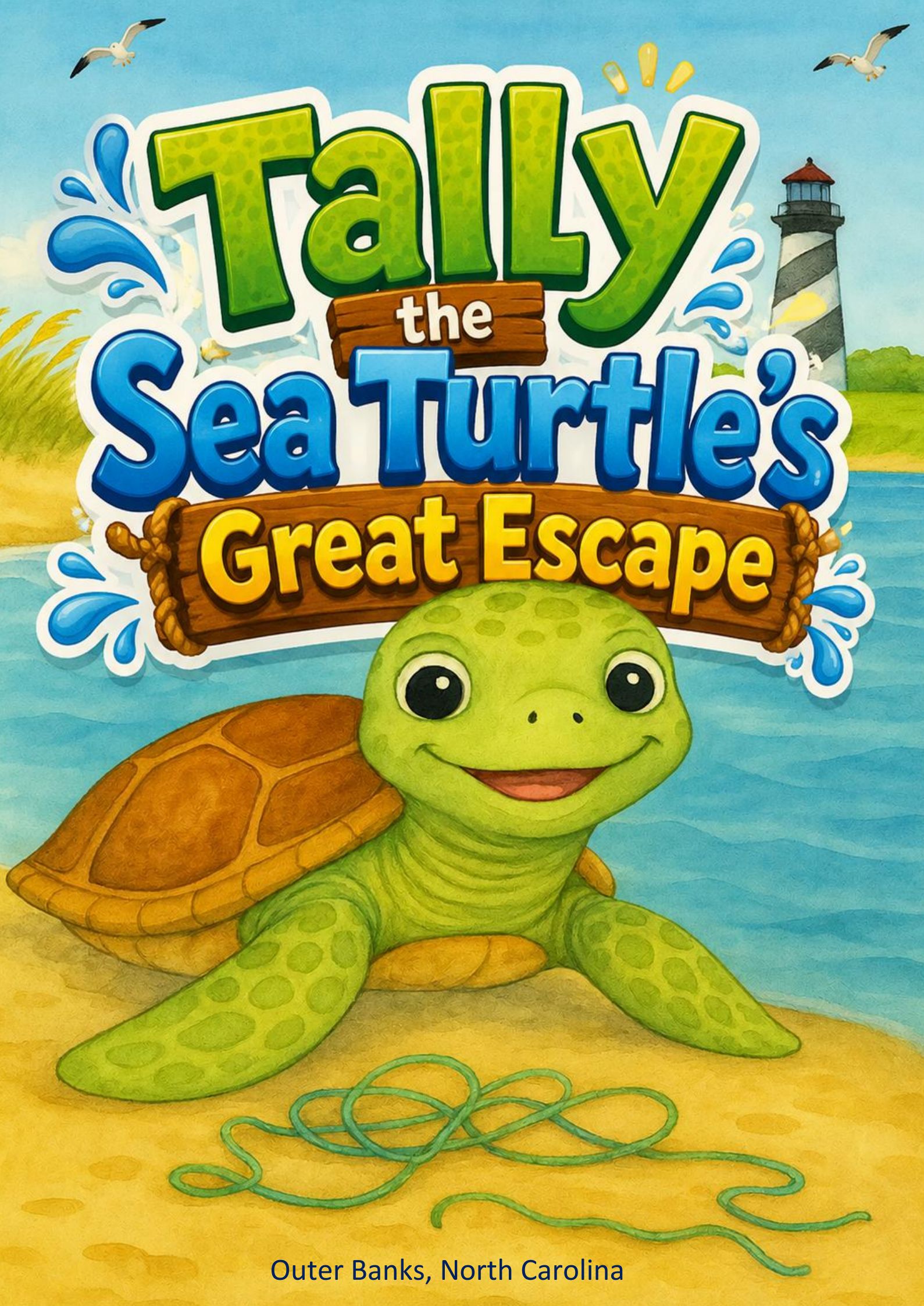




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Tally the Sea Turtle's Great Escape

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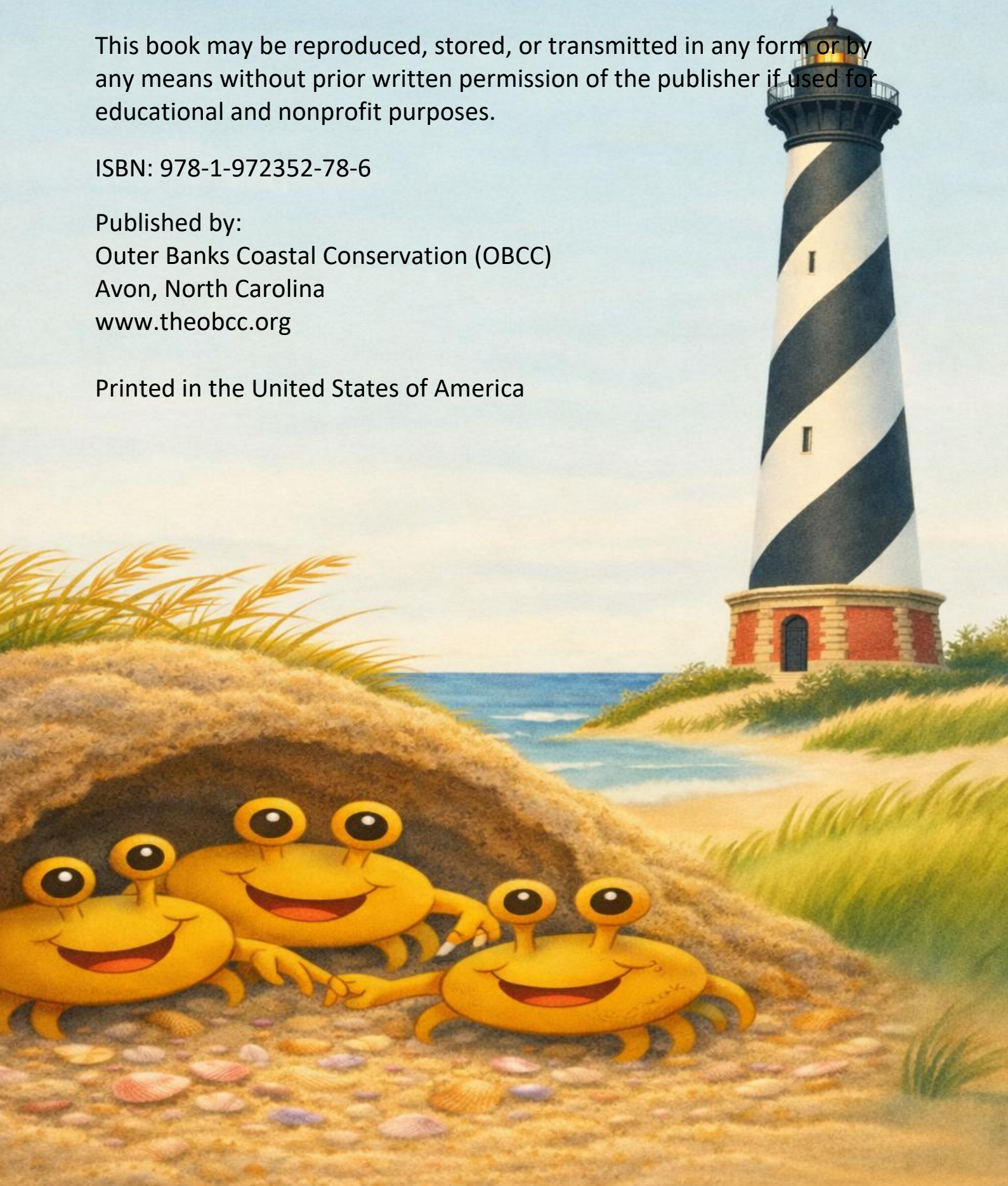
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About This Book

This storybook was created by the Outer Banks Coastal Conservation (OBCC), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster environmental stewardship and a deeper connection to the Outer Banks of North Carolina through outreach, education, and conservation efforts.

We believe that small stories can spark big change. That is why we have made this book available as a free resource for parents, teachers, and community members.

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Hi! My name is Tally.

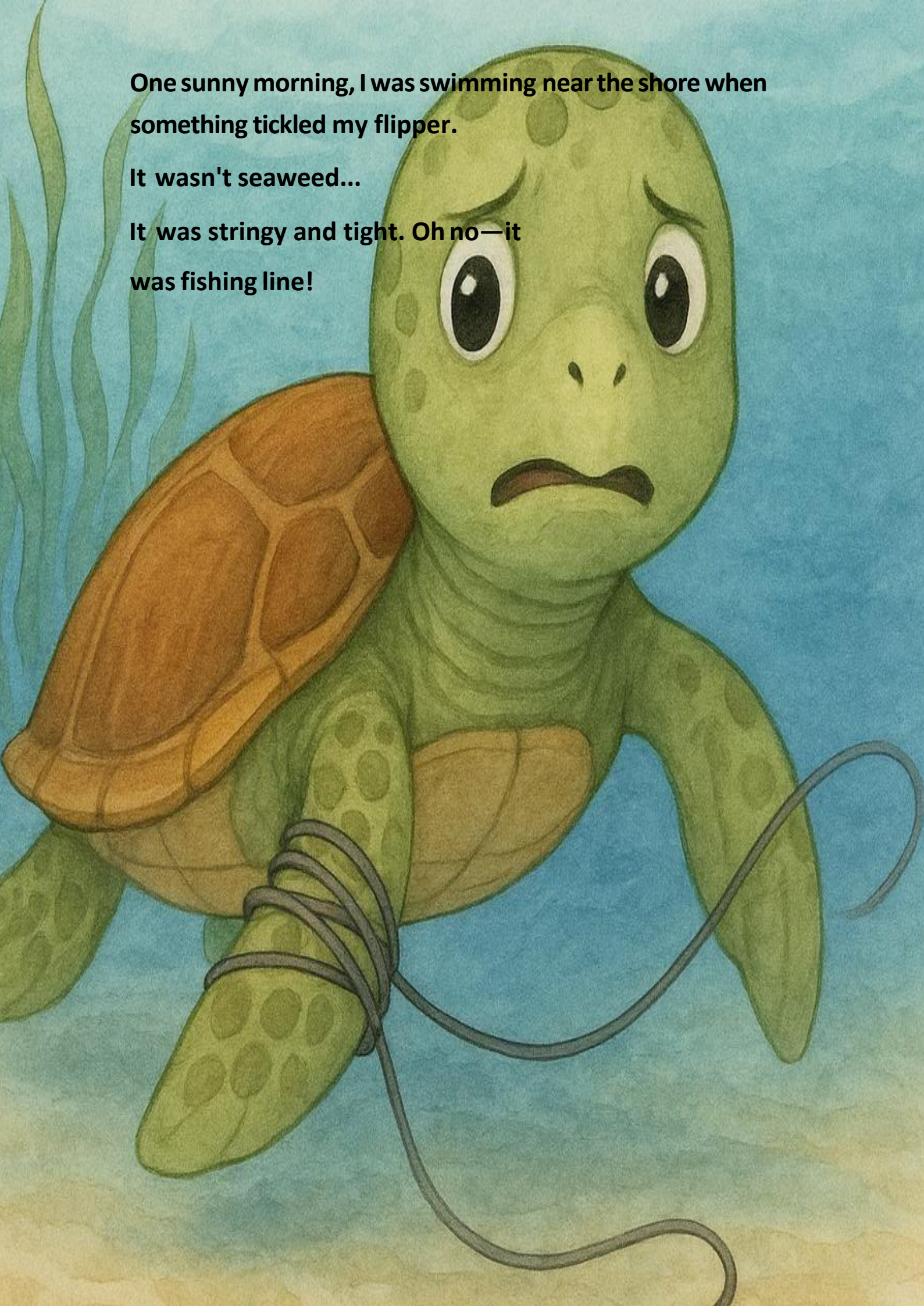
I'm a sea turtle, and I live in the salty ocean near the Outer Banks of North Carolina. I was born on a sandy beach under the stars— and I love swimming in the waves!



One sunny morning, I was swimming near the shore when something tickled my flipper.

It wasn't seaweed...

It was stringy and tight. Oh no—it was fishing line!



I tried to wiggle free. I tried to spin.

But the line just pulled tighter and tighter. I was scared...

and tired.

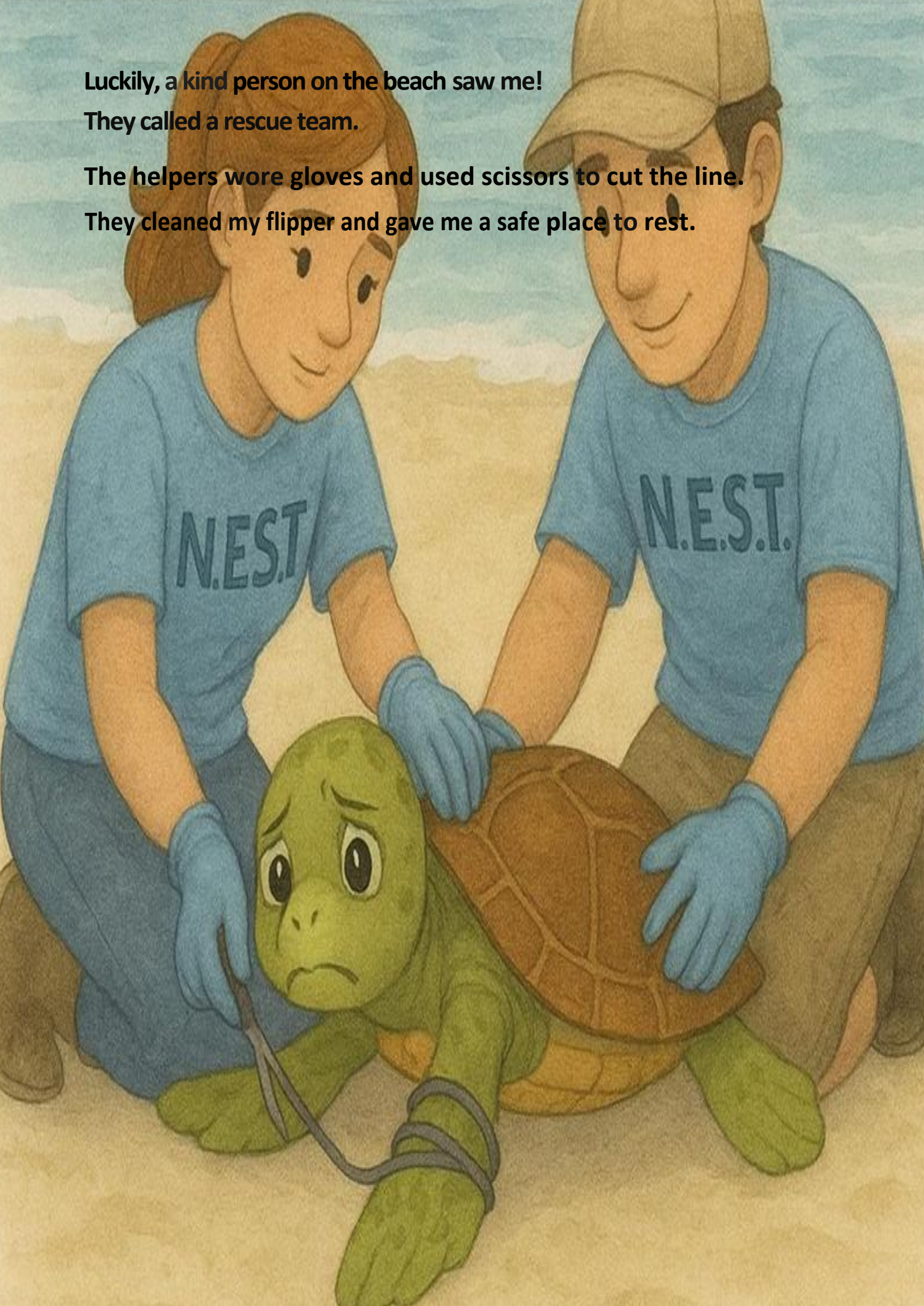


Luckily, a kind person on the beach saw me!

They called a rescue team.

The helpers wore gloves and used scissors to cut the line.

They cleaned my flipper and gave me a safe place to rest.

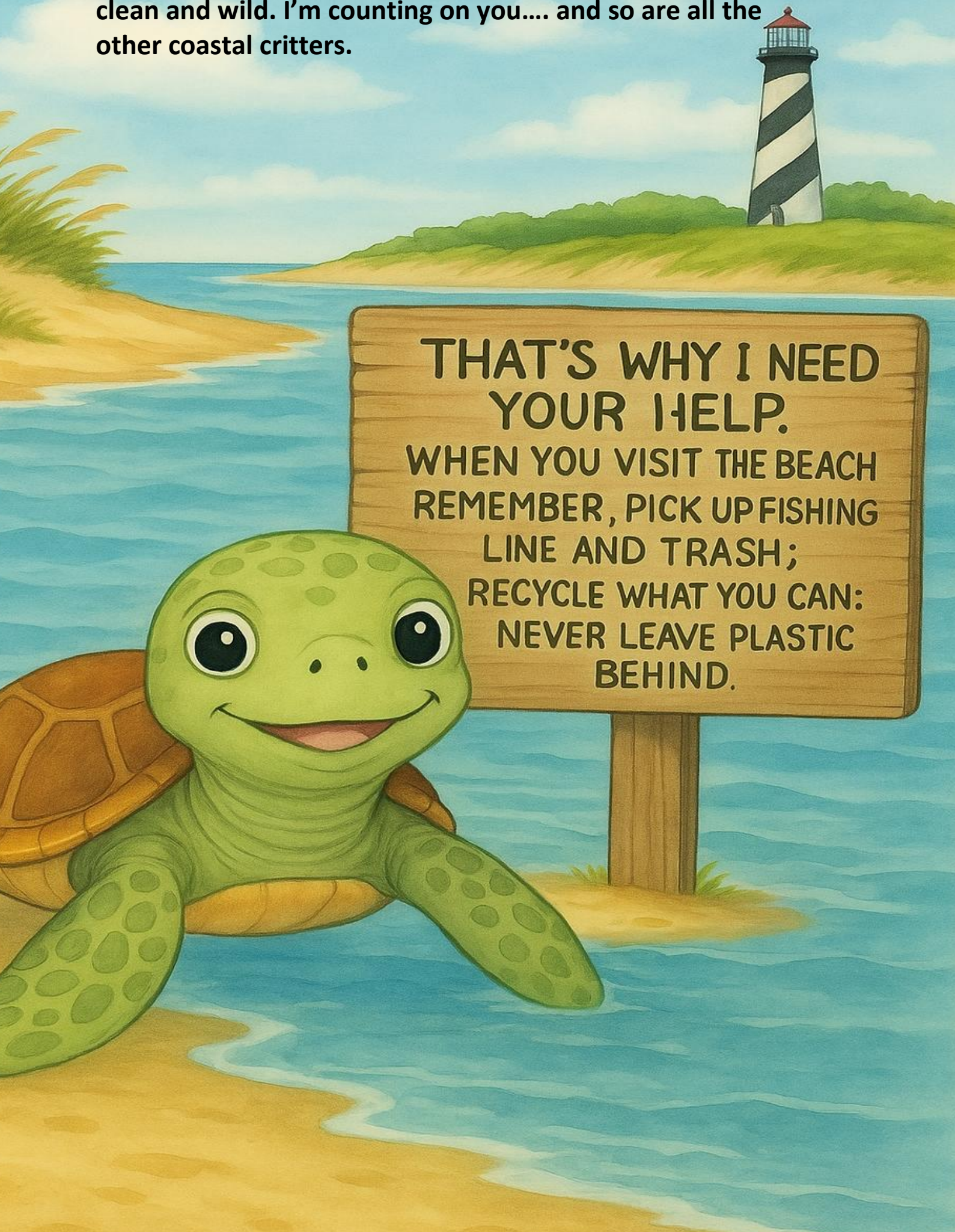


Every year, trash like fishing line and plastic ends up in the ocean. It can hurt sea creatures and other wildlife.

I love my ocean home. Every little action makes a big difference.



You can be a Beach Hero too. Help keep the Outer Banks clean and wild. I'm counting on you.... and so are all the other coastal critters.



**THAT'S WHY I NEED
YOUR HELP.**

**WHEN YOU VISIT THE BEACH
REMEMBER, PICK UP FISHING
LINE AND TRASH;
RECYCLE WHAT YOU CAN:
NEVER LEAVE PLASTIC
BEHIND.**

Did You Know?

Every year, sea turtles like Tally—and lots of other ocean animals—can get tangled in fishing line. It's thin, strong, and hard to see, so we can't always avoid it. When it wraps around our flippers or fins, it can make it hard to swim, eat, or even breathe.

You Can Help!

- **Pick up fishing line** you see on the beach.
- **Put it in a special recycling bin** or in the trash.
- **Never leave plastic behind**—it can blow into the ocean.
- **Watch for sea turtles** before you cast a fishing line.

When you keep the beach clean, you're not just helping Tally—you're helping dolphins, crabs, birds, and all the other coastal critters who share our Outer Banks home!

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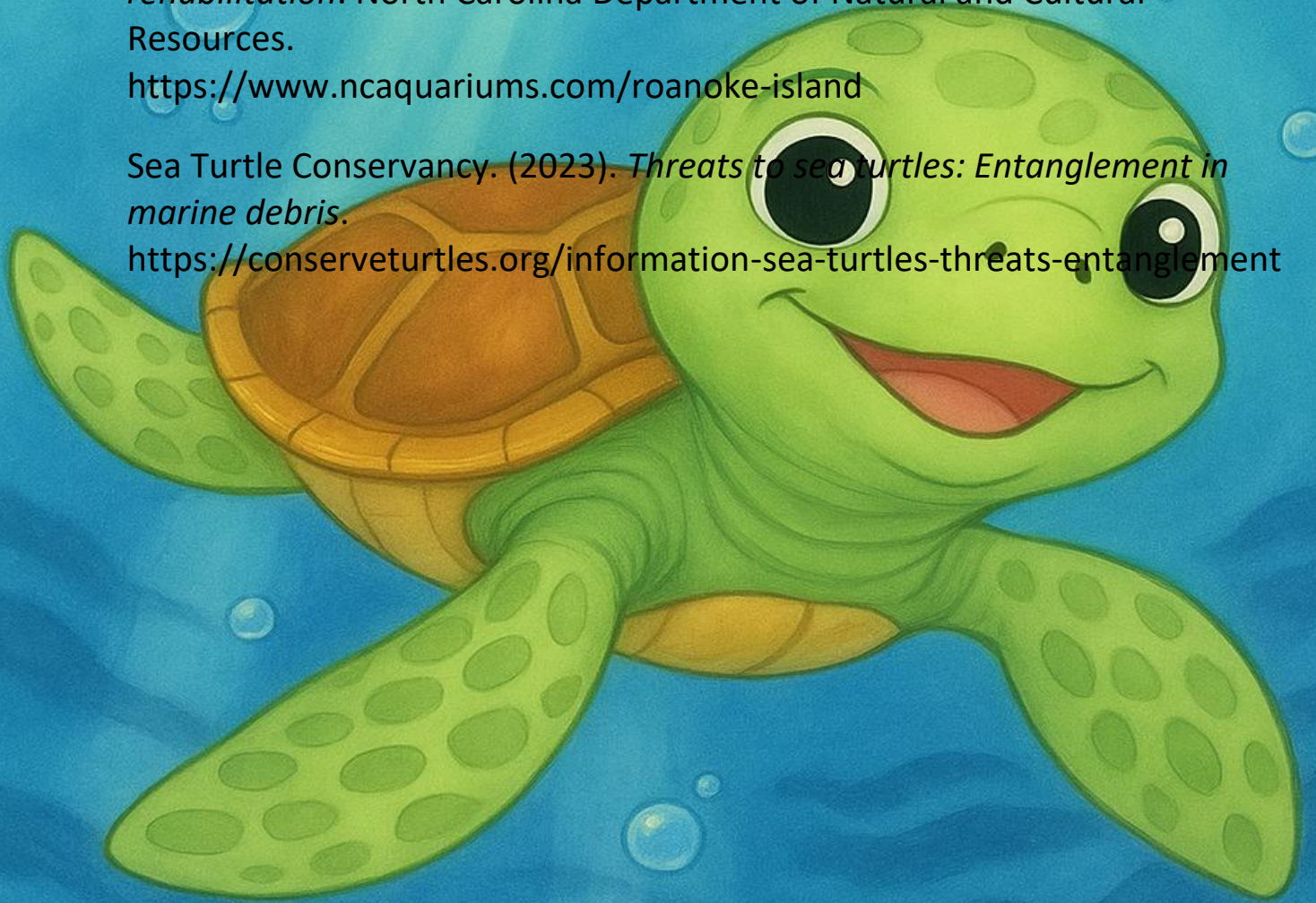
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Tally the Sea Turtle's Great Escape

Tally the sea turtle loves swimming in the ocean. One day, she gets tangled in fishing line and cannot get free. A rescue team helps her, cuts away the line, and saves her flipper. Tally learns that keeping beaches clean helps protect sea turtles and other ocean animals. Every small act of kindness can make a big difference!

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