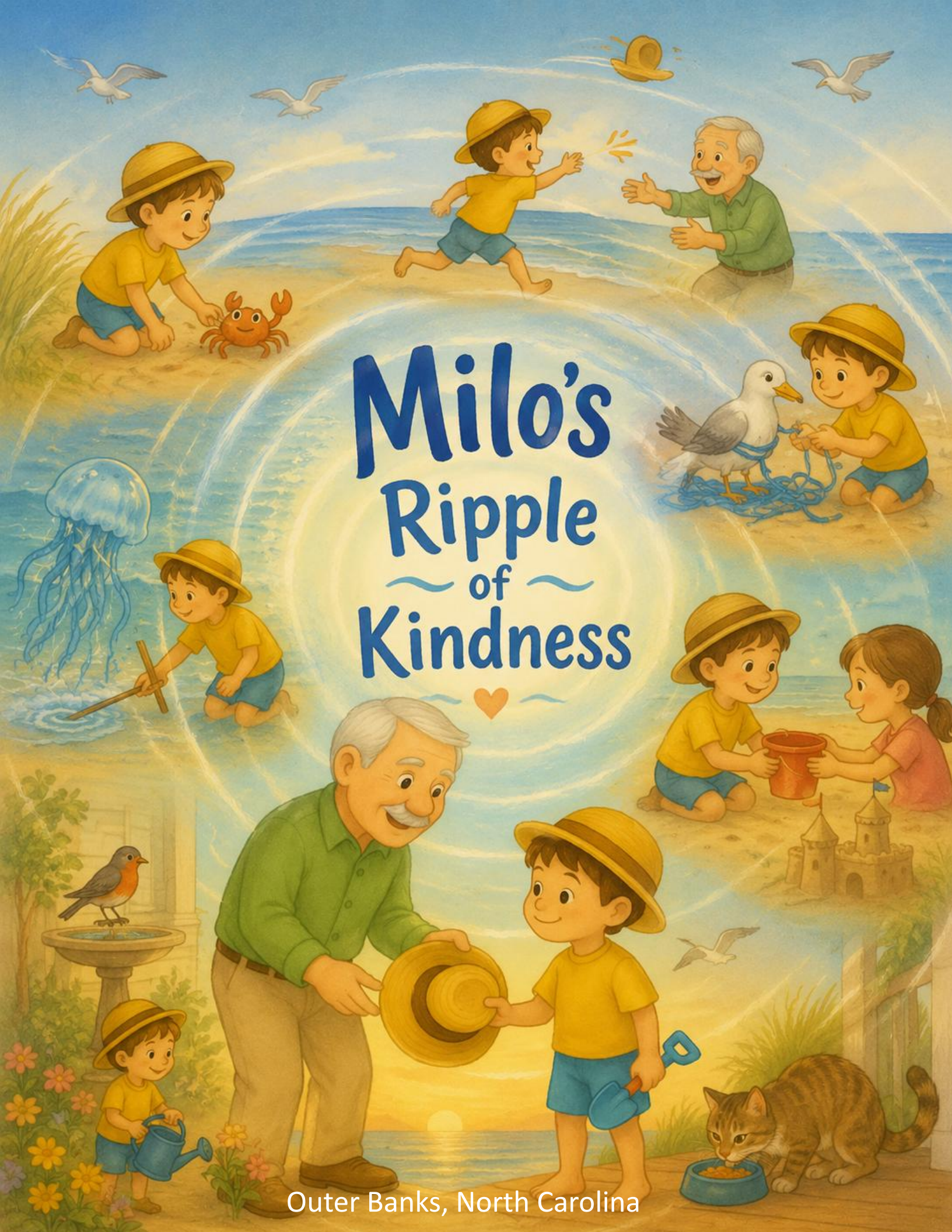




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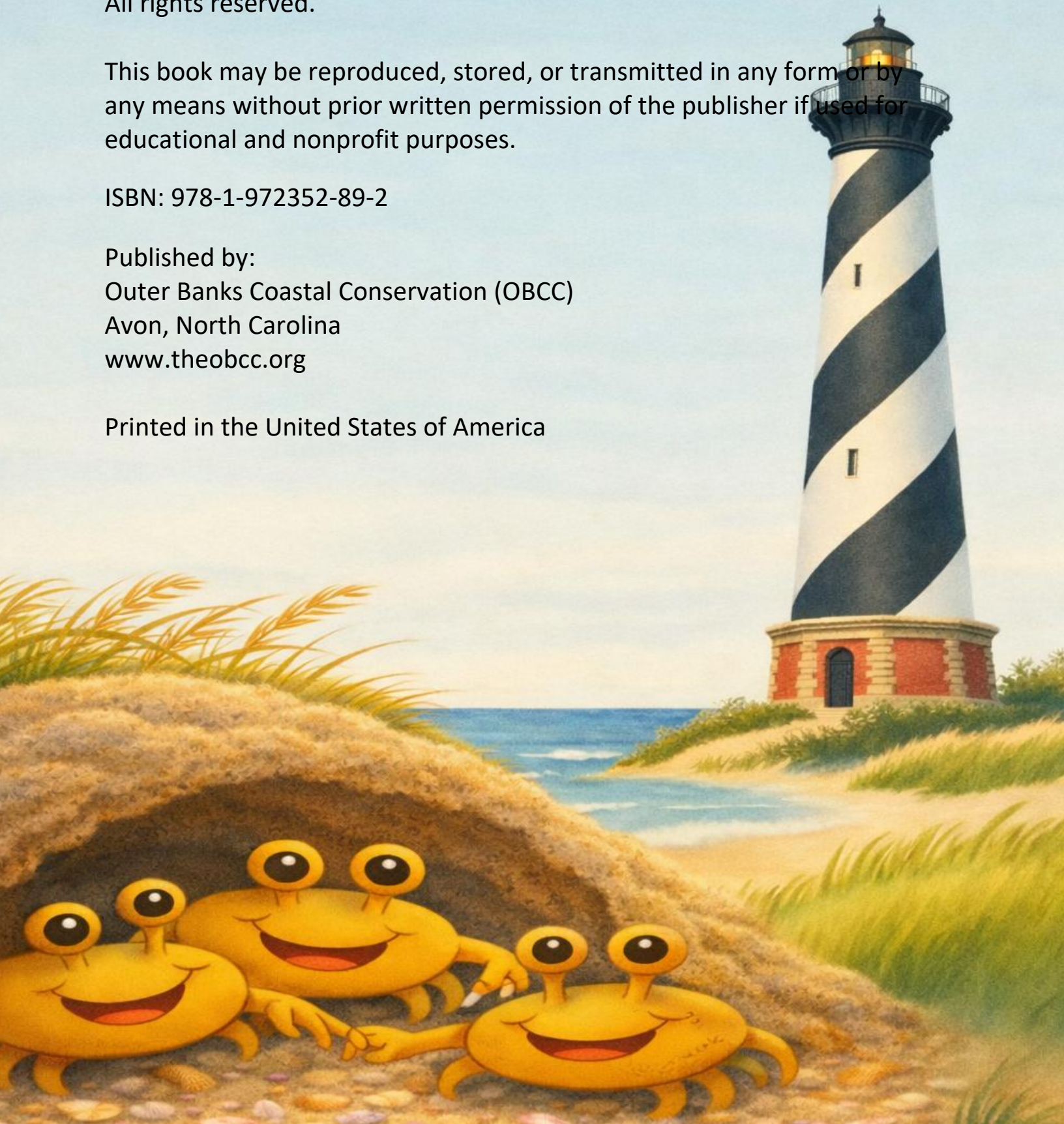
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This storybook was created by the Outer Banks Coastal Conservation (OBCC), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster environmental stewardship and a deeper connection to the Outer Banks of North Carolina through outreach, education, and conservation 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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Milo lived in a cozy little house by the sea. Every morning, he loved to explore the sandy shore with his red bucket and blue shovel. He collected shells, chased gulls, and listened to the waves whisper secrets to the sand.



But one day, as the tide pulled back, Milo noticed something strange — a tiny crab stuck upside down, its legs waving helplessly in the air.



“Oh no!” Milo cried. He knelt down and gently turned the crab over. The crab blinked its beady eyes and scurried safely toward the water.

Milo smiled. “There you go, little one.”

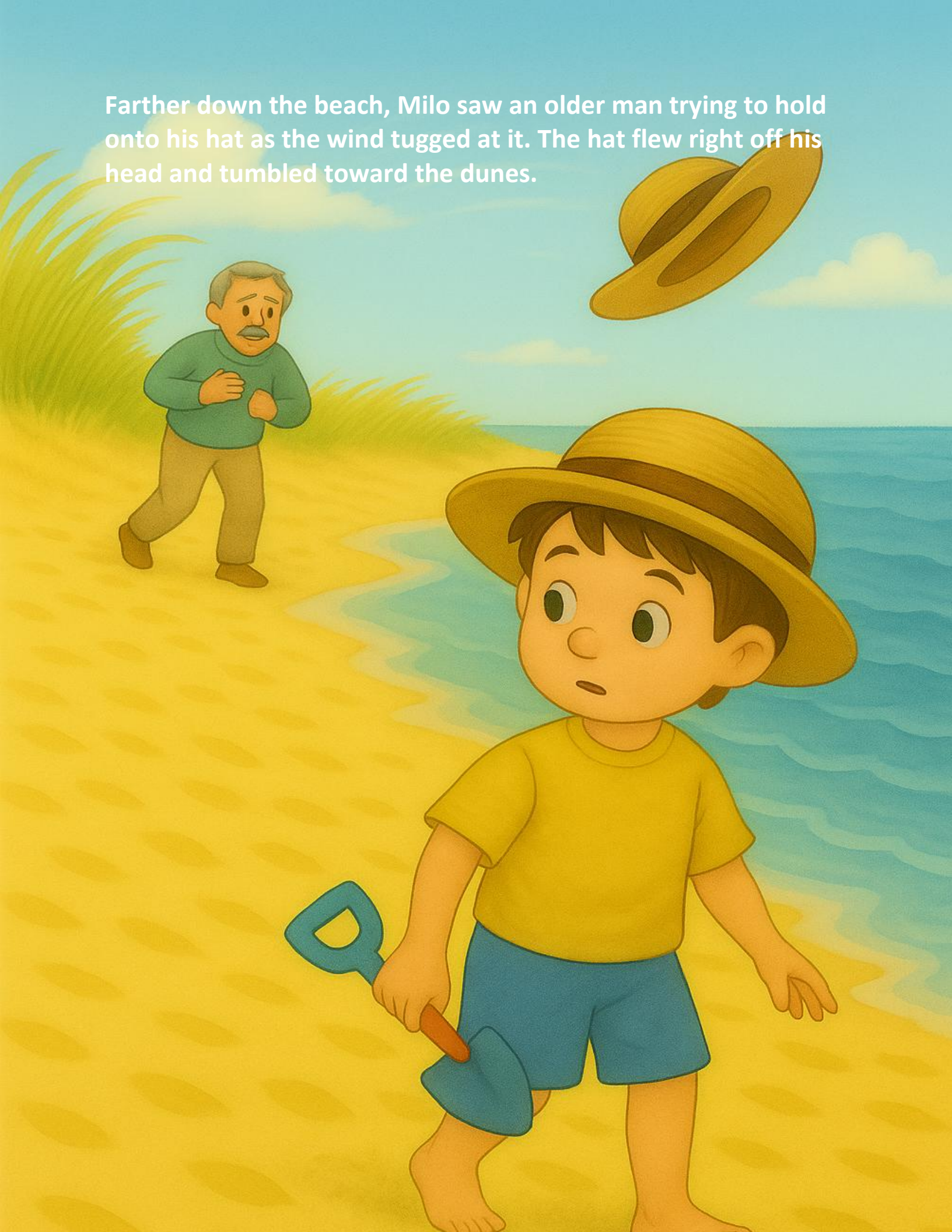


As he stood up, a soft breeze brushed past his ear. It almost sounded like a whisper:

“Thank you...” Milo looked around — no one was there. Just the rolling sea, the circling gulls, and the sound of the waves.



Farther down the beach, Milo saw an older man trying to hold onto his hat as the wind tugged at it. The hat flew right off his head and tumbled toward the dunes.



"I'll get it!" Milo shouted, running after it. He caught the hat just before it landed in a puddle.

"Good catch, young man!" the man laughed, taking the hat.

"You've got kind hands."

Milo grinned. "Everyone needs a little help sometimes."

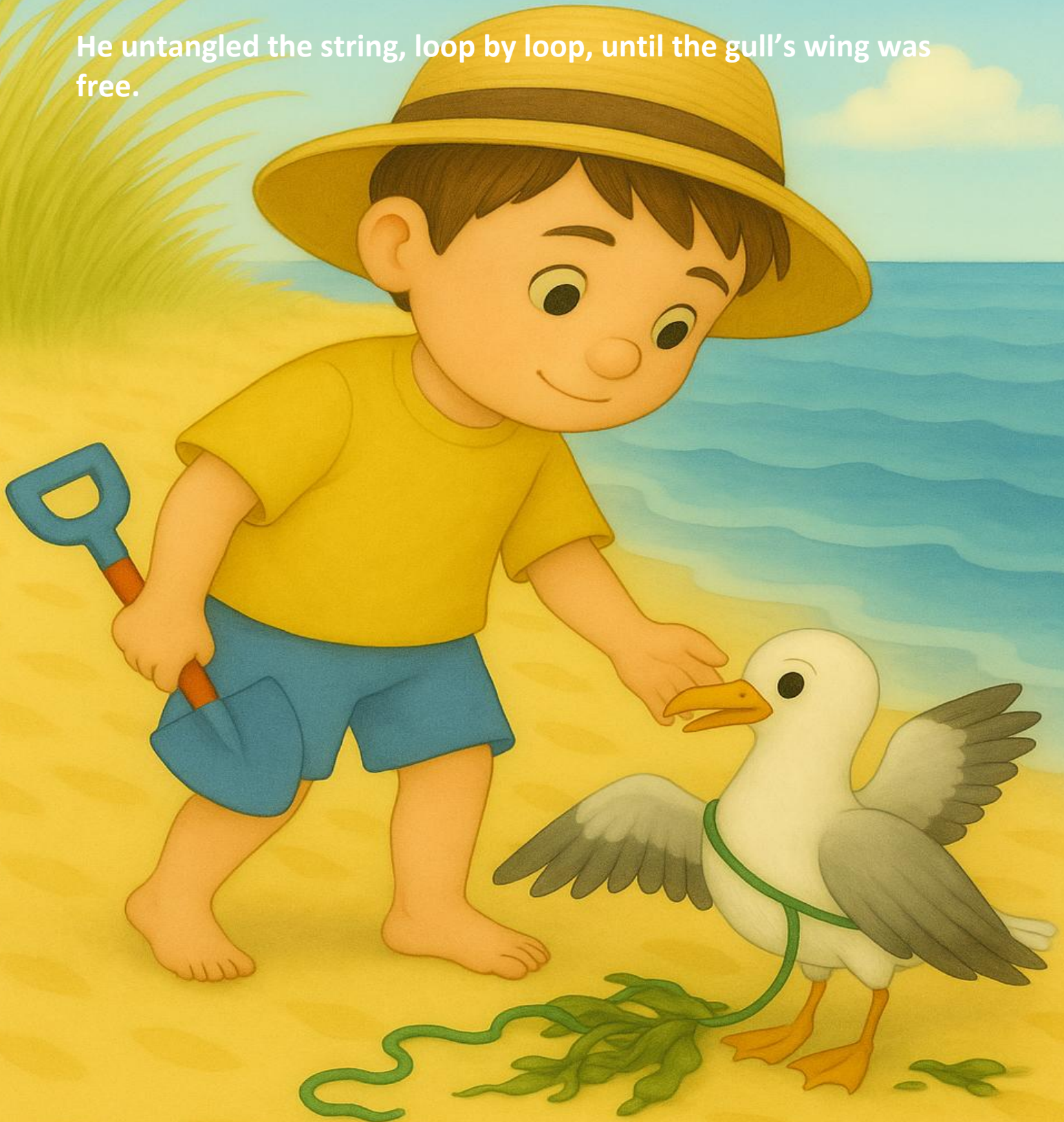


Later that morning, Milo spotted something shiny in the sand. It was a long piece of plastic ribbon tangled around seaweed. Then he saw a seagull struggling to fly — one of its wings trapped by the same ribbon.



“Oh no, poor bird!” said Milo. He approached slowly, talking softly so the gull wouldn’t be scared. “It’s okay, I’ll help you.”

He untangled the string, loop by loop, until the gull’s wing was free.



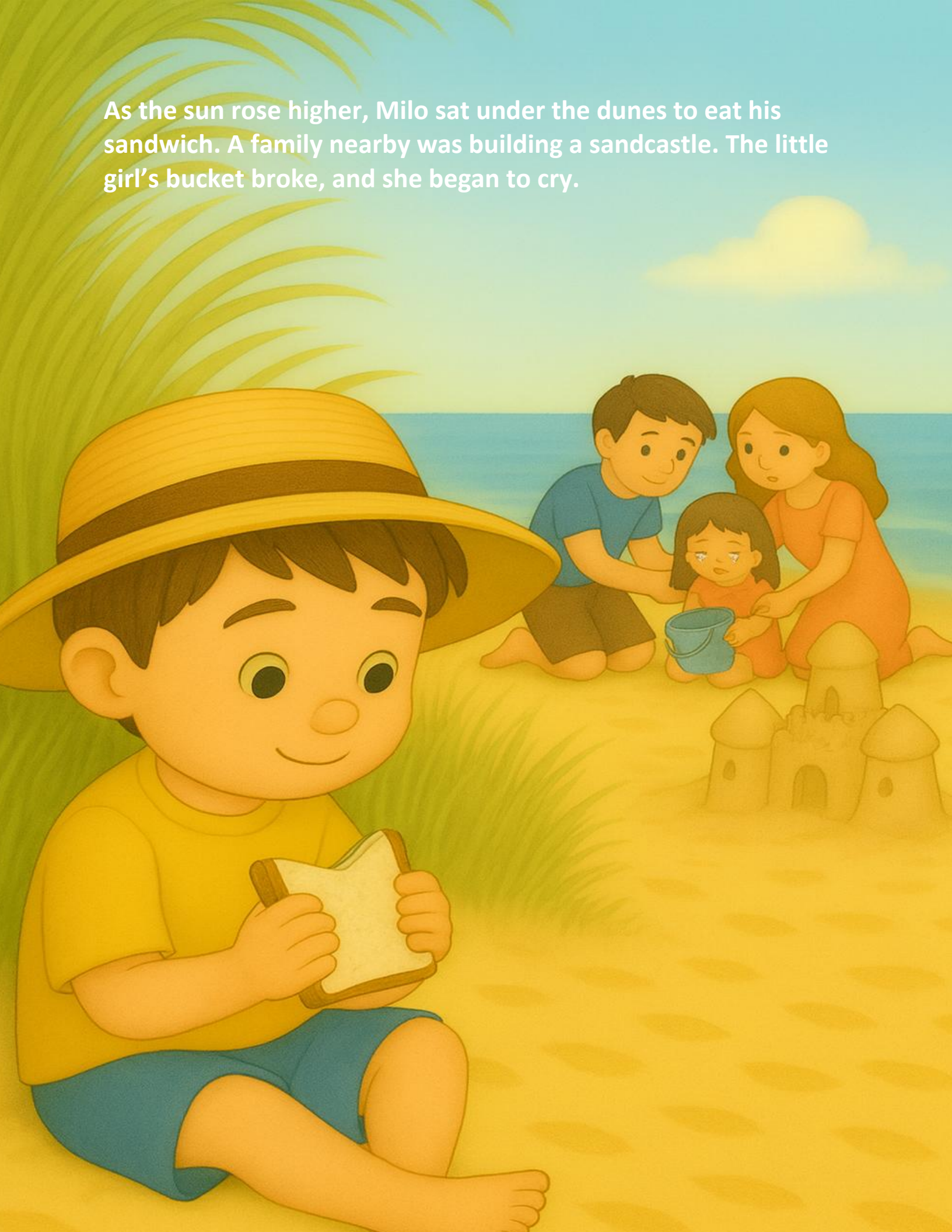
The bird gave a grateful squawk and soared high into the blue sky.

“Fly safe!” Milo called.

This time, the wind whistled through the dunes like a gentle song — almost as if the ocean itself was saying *thank you* again.

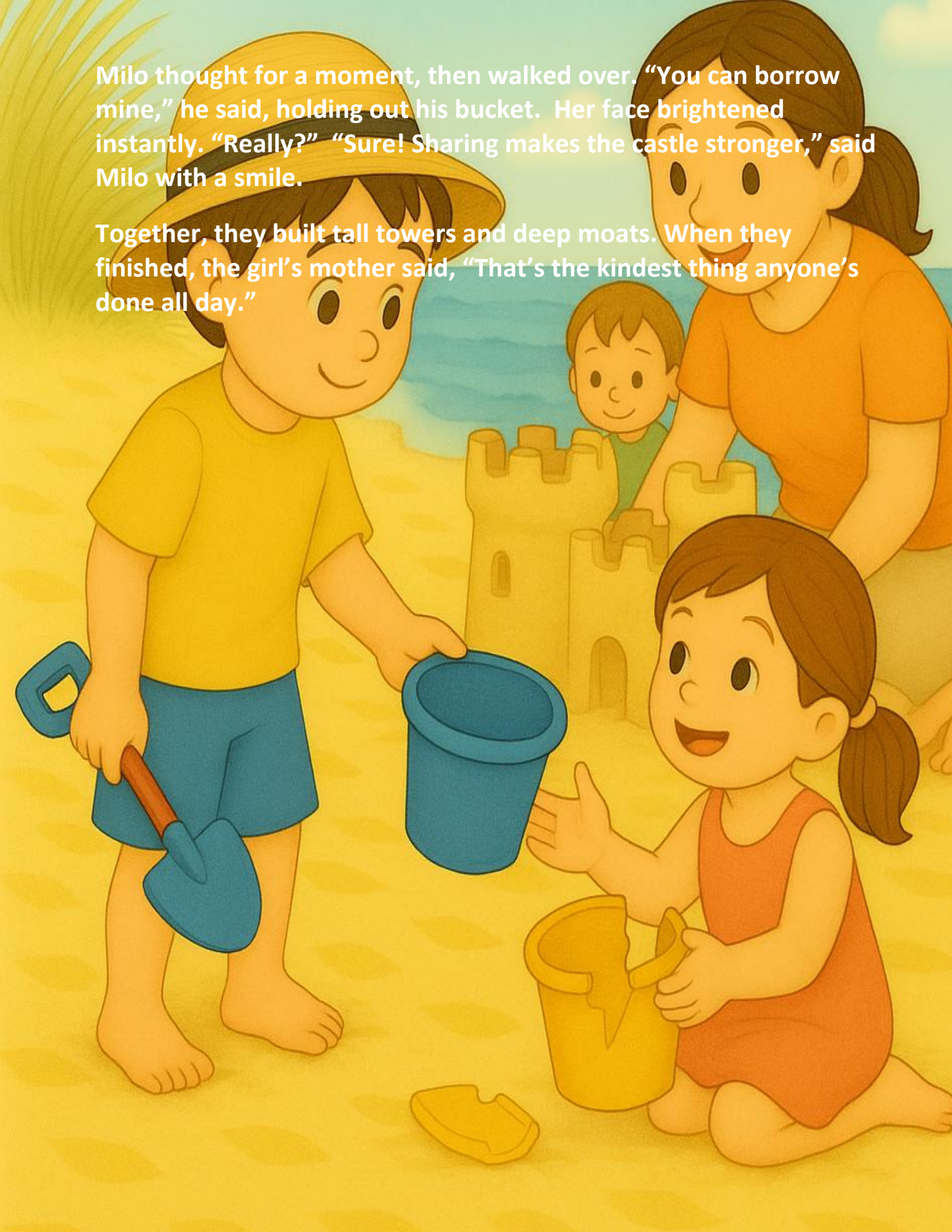


As the sun rose higher, Milo sat under the dunes to eat his sandwich. A family nearby was building a sandcastle. The little girl's bucket broke, and she began to cry.



Milo thought for a moment, then walked over. "You can borrow mine," he said, holding out his bucket. Her face brightened instantly. "Really?" "Sure! Sharing makes the castle stronger," said Milo with a smile.

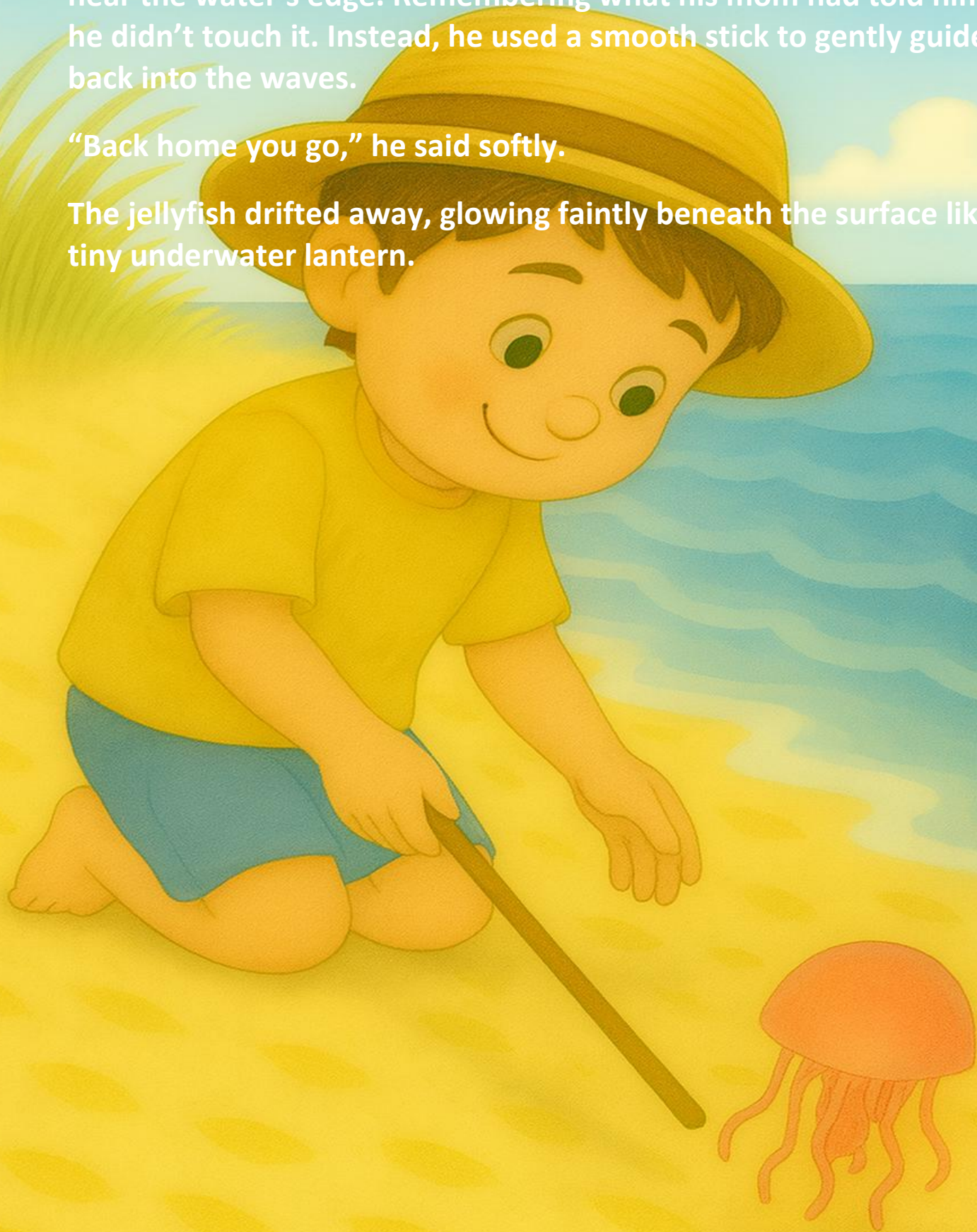
Together, they built tall towers and deep moats. When they finished, the girl's mother said, "That's the kindest thing anyone's done all day."



That afternoon, Milo saw something else — a jellyfish washed up near the water's edge. Remembering what his mom had told him, he didn't touch it. Instead, he used a smooth stick to gently guide it back into the waves.

"Back home you go," he said softly.

The jellyfish drifted away, glowing faintly beneath the surface like a tiny underwater lantern.

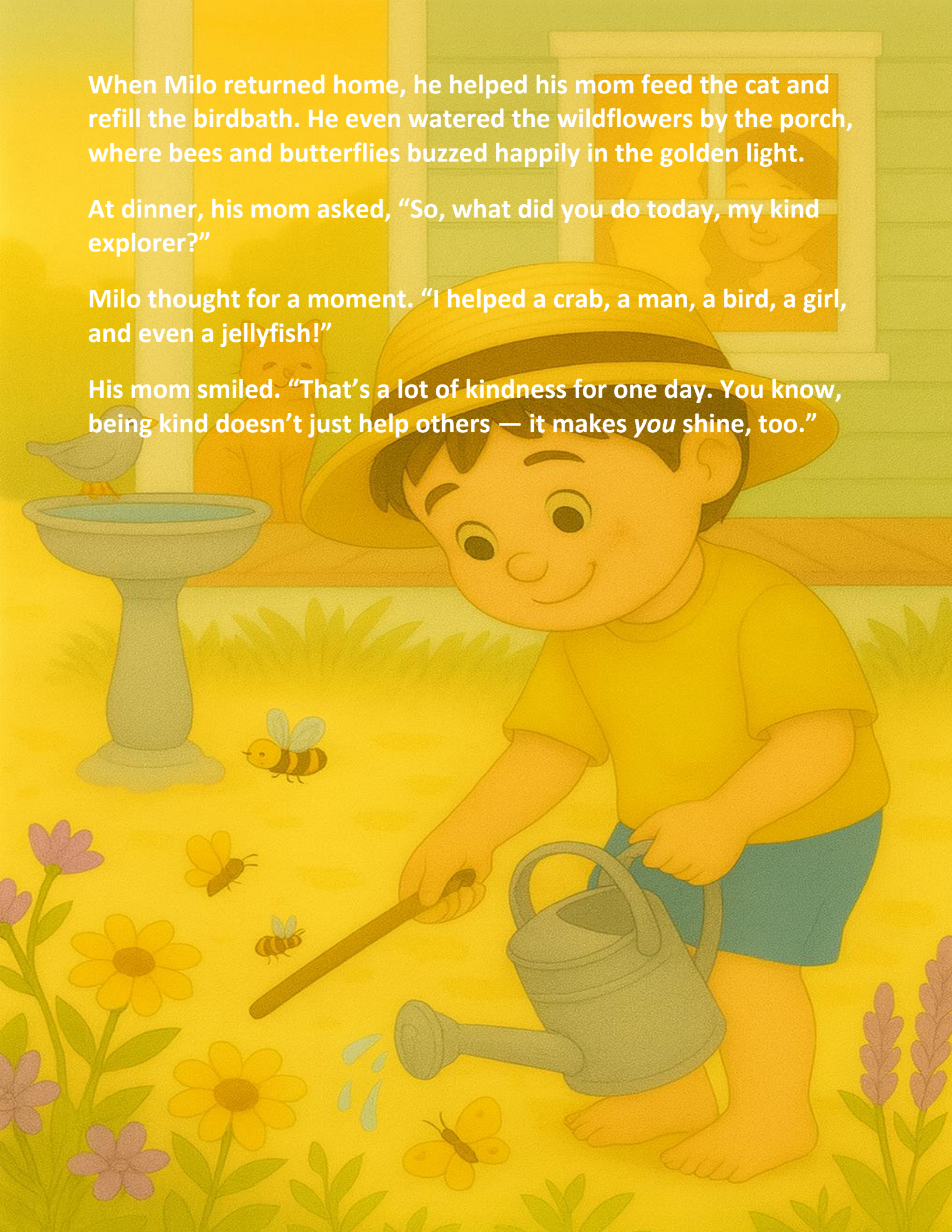


When Milo returned home, he helped his mom feed the cat and refill the birdbath. He even watered the wildflowers by the porch, where bees and butterflies buzzed happily in the golden light.

At dinner, his mom asked, “So, what did you do today, my kind explorer?”

Milo thought for a moment. “I helped a crab, a man, a bird, a girl, and even a jellyfish!”

His mom smiled. “That’s a lot of kindness for one day. You know, being kind doesn’t just help others — it makes *you* shine, too.”



That night, when the stars came out, they twinkled extra bright. Milo lay in bed, listening to the soft rhythm of the waves outside his window.

“Maybe,” he whispered sleepily, “the stars are smiling back.”

And somewhere out there, the ocean whispered again —
“Keep shining, kind heart.”

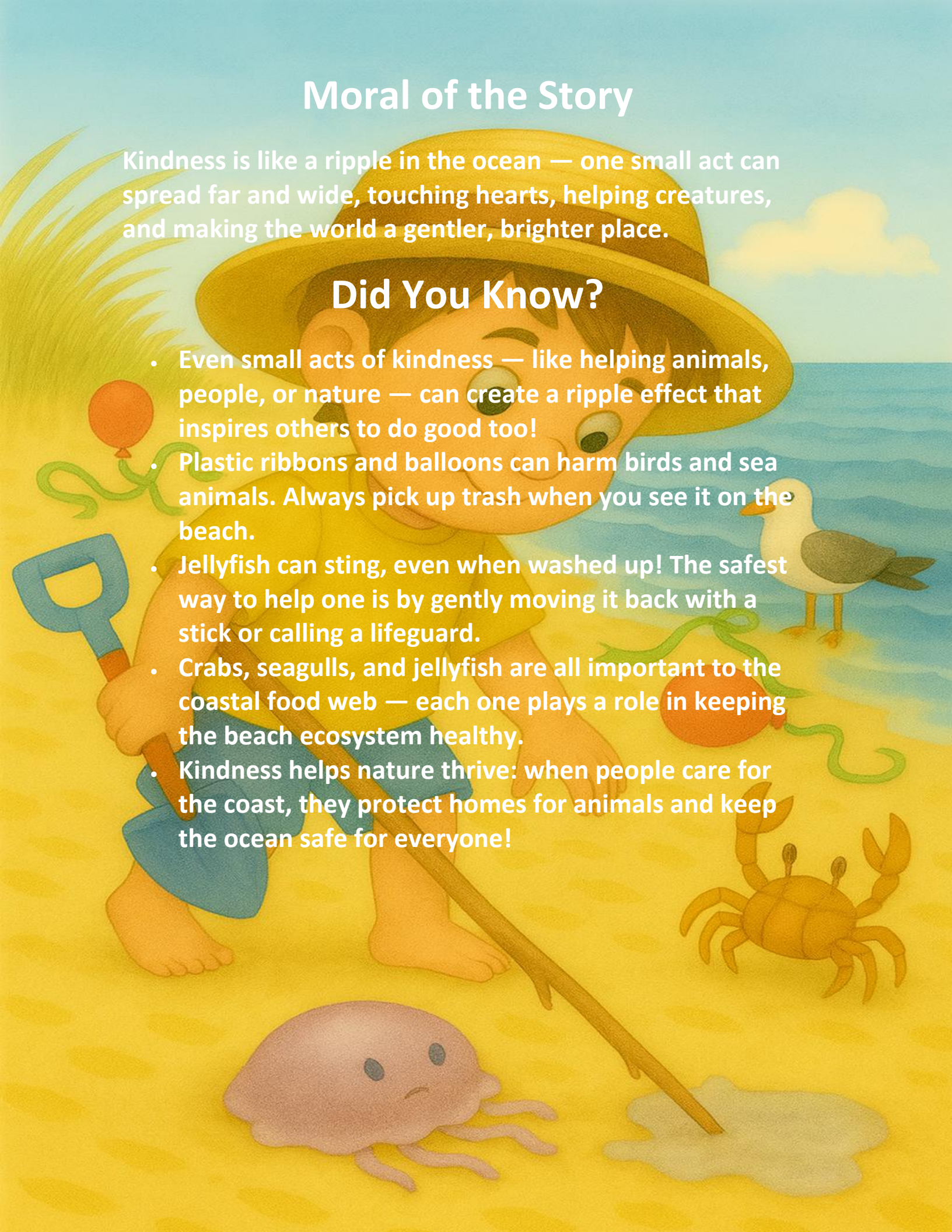


Moral of the Story

Kindness is like a ripple in the ocean — one small act can spread far and wide, touching hearts, helping creatures, and making the world a gentler, brighter place.

Did You Know?

- Even small acts of kindness — like helping animals, people, or nature — can create a ripple effect that inspires others to do good too!
- Plastic ribbons and balloons can harm birds and sea animals. Always pick up trash when you see it on the beach.
- Jellyfish can sting, even when washed up! The safest way to help one is by gently moving it back with a stick or calling a lifeguard.
- Crabs, seagulls, and jellyfish are all important to the coastal food web — each one plays a role in keeping the beach ecosystem healthy.
- Kindness helps nature thrive: when people care for the coast, they protect homes for animals and keep the ocean safe for everyone!



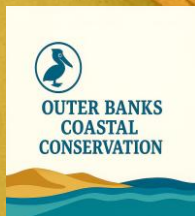
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follows a young boy named Milo as he spends a day helping others along the beach. From rescuing a crab and freeing a trapped seagull to sharing with a child and caring for nature, Milo learns that even small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect. The story teaches children that kindness, compassion, and protecting wildlife can make the world a brighter place.

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