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There's a world hidden deep beneath the crashing waves.
A world where nothing changes, where everything stays the same for
centuries on end.

That summer began like summers always did.
All kinds of fish buried their eggs in the usual spots,
then came back to collect their little ones, each of
them perfectly proportioned and in keeping with its kind.
Eventually, this new crop of fingerlings started out for their
first day of school. And that's when they noticed him swimming
among them.

A fish, to be sure.
But a fish like no other.

They huddled together in little groups. They gawked, they giggled, they sneered, and they jeered.

“What even are you?” they asked him.

He had no response. None of the other fish looked anything like him.

Ms. Cuttlebone was waiting to greet her new class in front of the seaweed-covered schoolhouse.

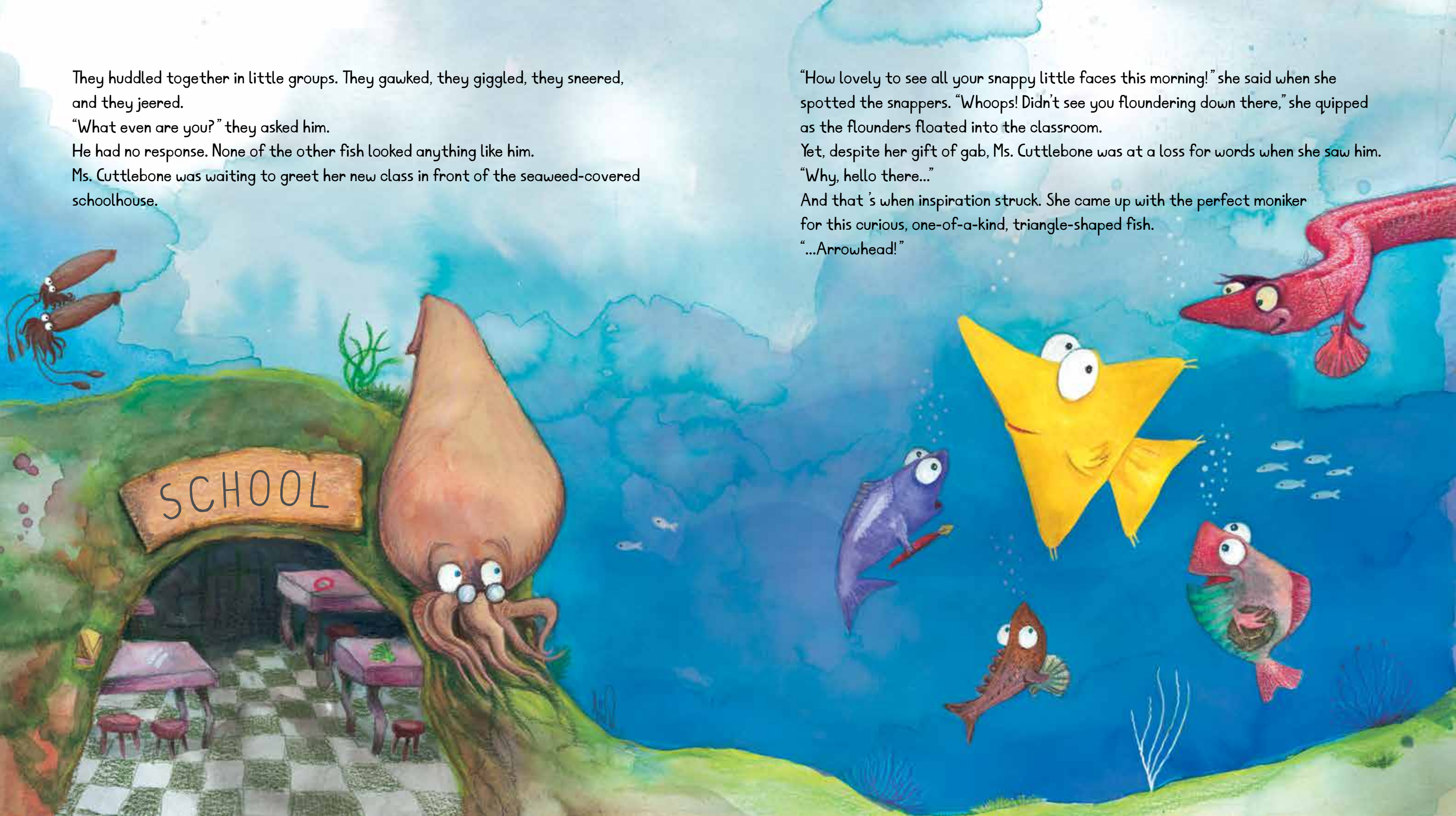
“How lovely to see all your snappy little faces this morning!” she said when she spotted the snappers. “Whoops! Didn’t see you floundering down there,” she quipped as the flounders floated into the classroom.

Yet, despite her gift of gab, Ms. Cuttlebone was at a loss for words when she saw him.

“Why, hello there...”

And that’s when inspiration struck. She came up with the perfect moniker for this curious, one-of-a-kind, triangle-shaped fish.

“...Arrowhead!”





Arrowhead is different. Well...he looks different.
And the other little fish in Ms. Cuttlebone's class
won't let him hear the end of it. He's yellow and pointy
and doesn't fit in with the perfectly-proportioned
flounders and snappers at school.

But when their underwater world comes under threat,
Arrowhead is the one who hatches a scheme
to save them all from extinction!

What will everyone think of him now?



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