

# The Popcorn Plan

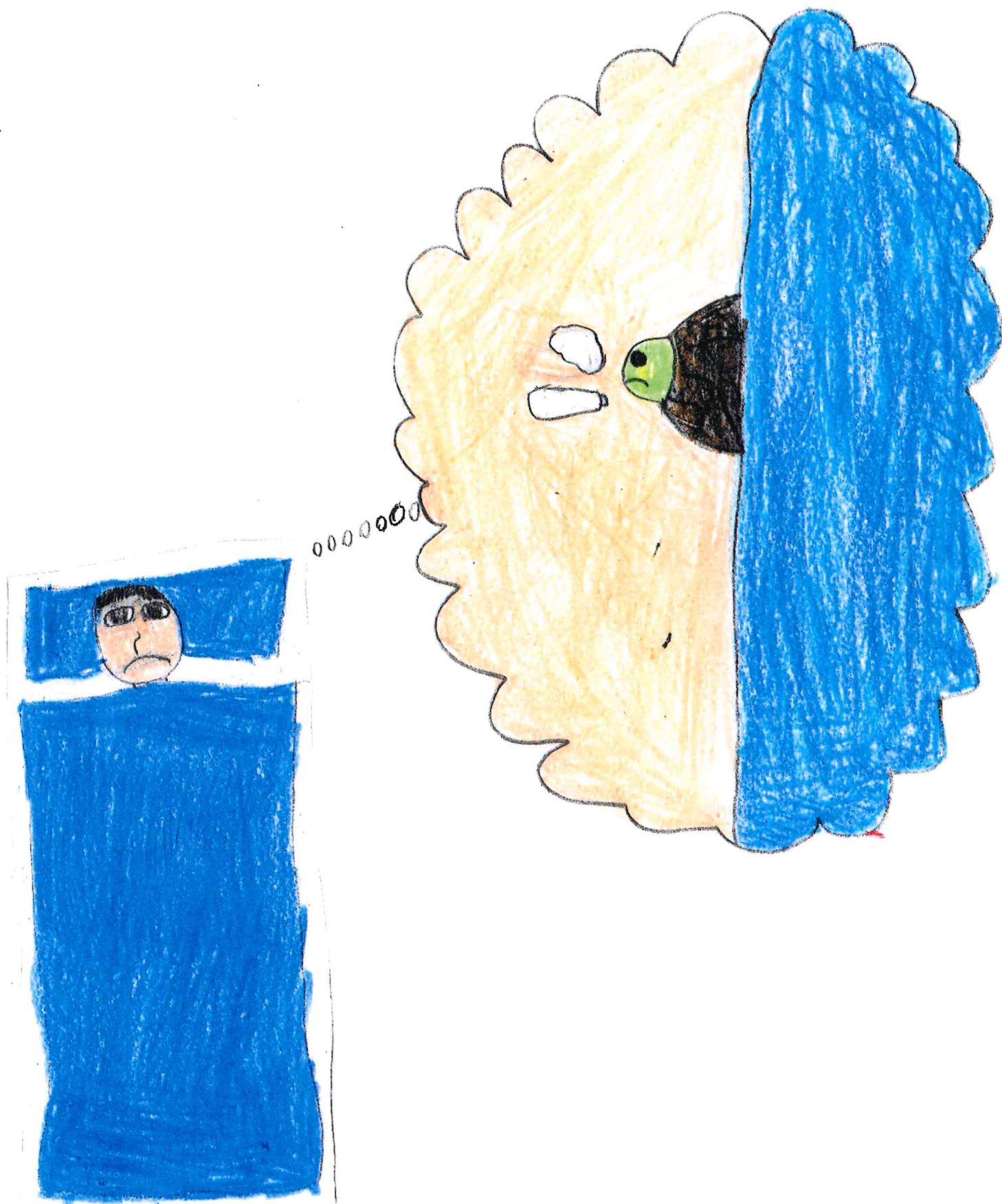


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Jason lived in a house with a blue door by the beach. He loved going to the beach and he always found something new. One day, he went exploring the beach, farther away from home. There, he found an empty water bottle that was squished and dirty. Jason threw it away, thinking someone had accidentally dropped it, but as he kept walking, he found more trash.



That night, Jason couldn't sleep. He kept imagining the beach as a giant garbage can. What if the sea animals ate the waste by accident?



The next morning, Jason called his friend, Oakley to help.

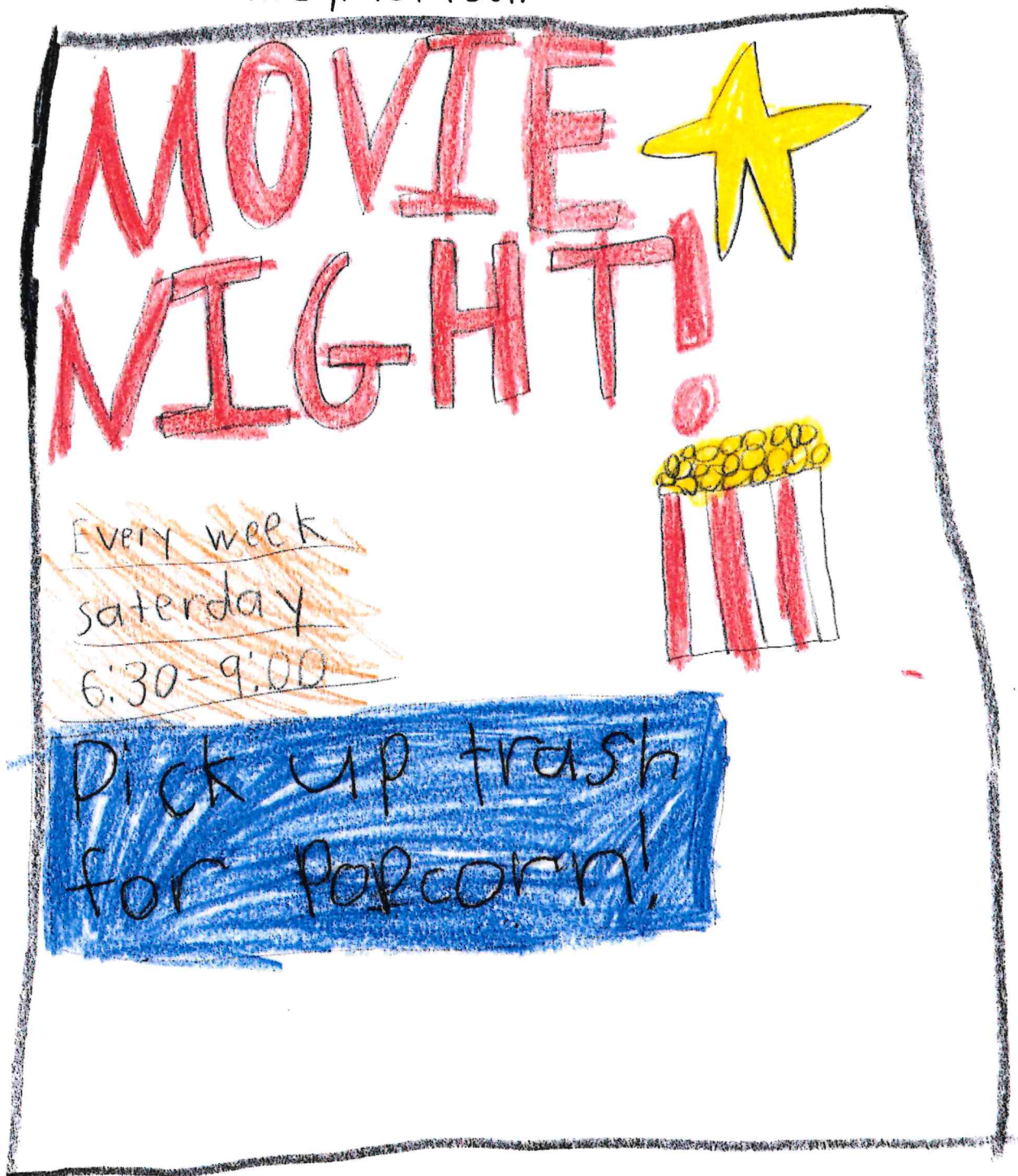
They picked up as much garbage as they could, but the beach was still full of trash, and they became tired. They needed a better plan.



Suddenly, Jason shouted, "Oh! How about we host a weekly movie night on the beach?" Oakley looked confused.

"We're supposed to be cleaning, not playing," she said. "No, listen. People can earn popcorn by picking up three pieces of trash!" Jason explained. "That's a great idea!" Oakley cheered.

"We could make posters and hang them up in our town!" Jason added excitedly. "I'll write them!" he said. "I'll draw them!" said Oakley. "Perfect!"



A week later, the movie night was ready. Many people showed up and they all picked up lots of trash. At first, some people looked confused when they heard they had to pick up trash for popcorn. But then, kids started laughing and racing to collect pieces, and even adults joined in. Soon, everyone was helping and having fun. Within a few weeks, the beach became sparkling clean, and the weekly movie night became a free event for everyone because there was no more trash to pick up.



The people in Jason's town didn't throw any more trash on the beach because now they had learned that even small actions can make a big difference. Now, Jason can enjoy his normal days on the beach, clear and full of life. The popcorn plan was a success.

