

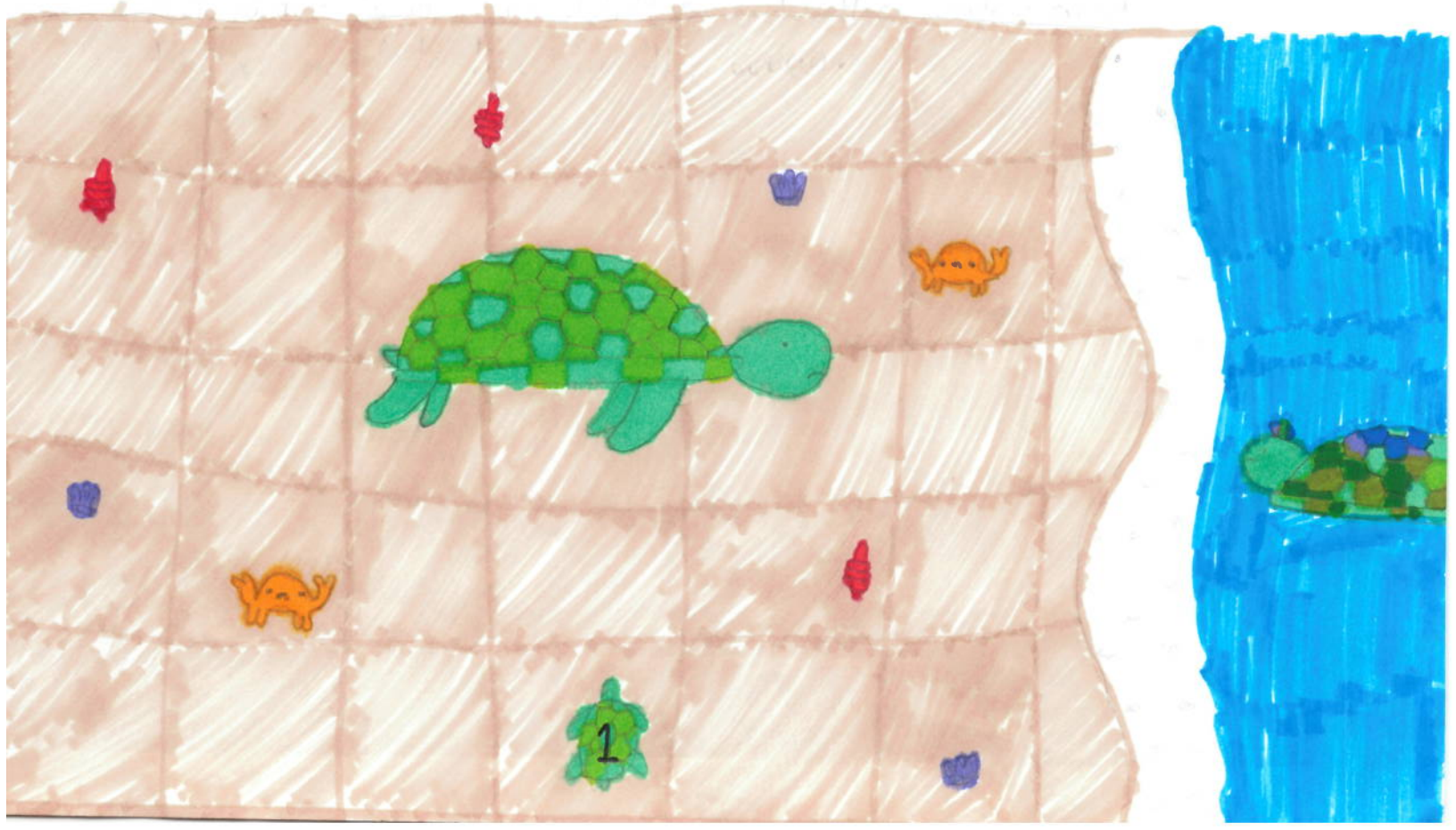
Shelly The Turtle



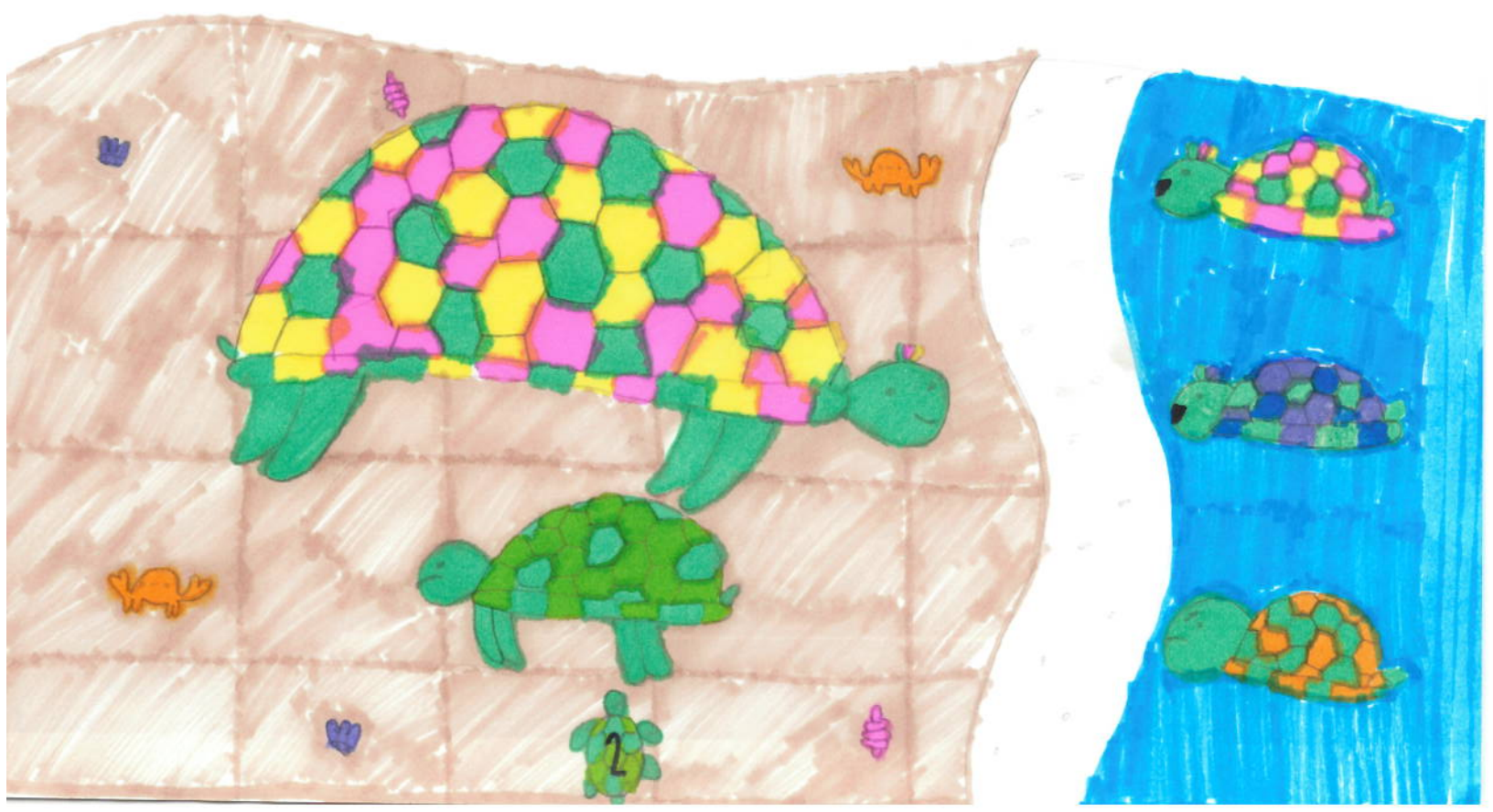
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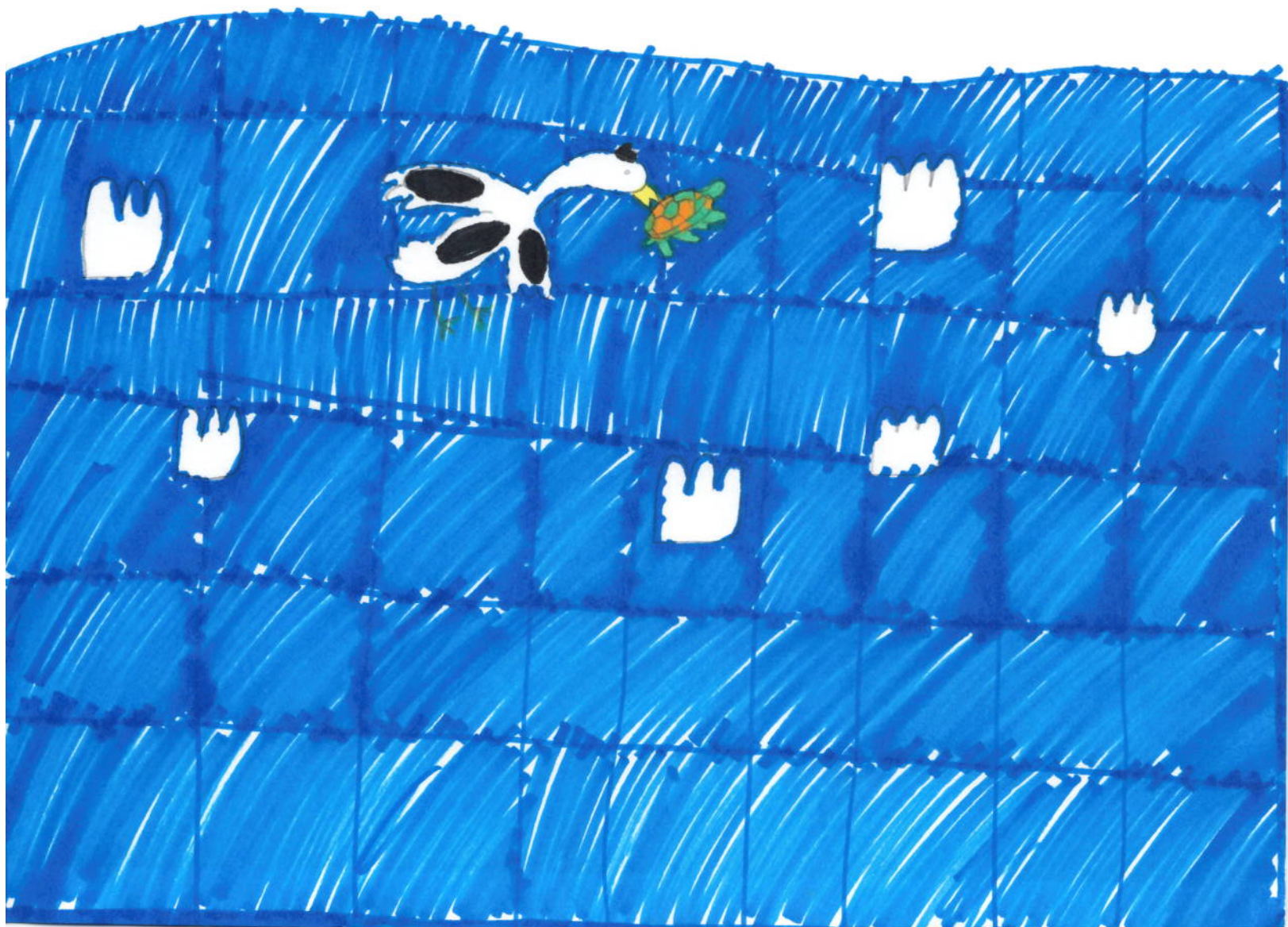
A couple of day later Shelly was going to try to swim!
"Oh here we go," Said Shelly, sadly. Mame pushed Shelly a
little and... "Nope, Never, Not going to happen!" Yelled
Shelly. "Come on Shelly, you can do it!" Cheered Lilly. "Yeah, just
think of happy thoughts!" Yelled Sky. "Sure whatever, just get
it over with. I want to swim with Mame!" Snapped
Ocean.



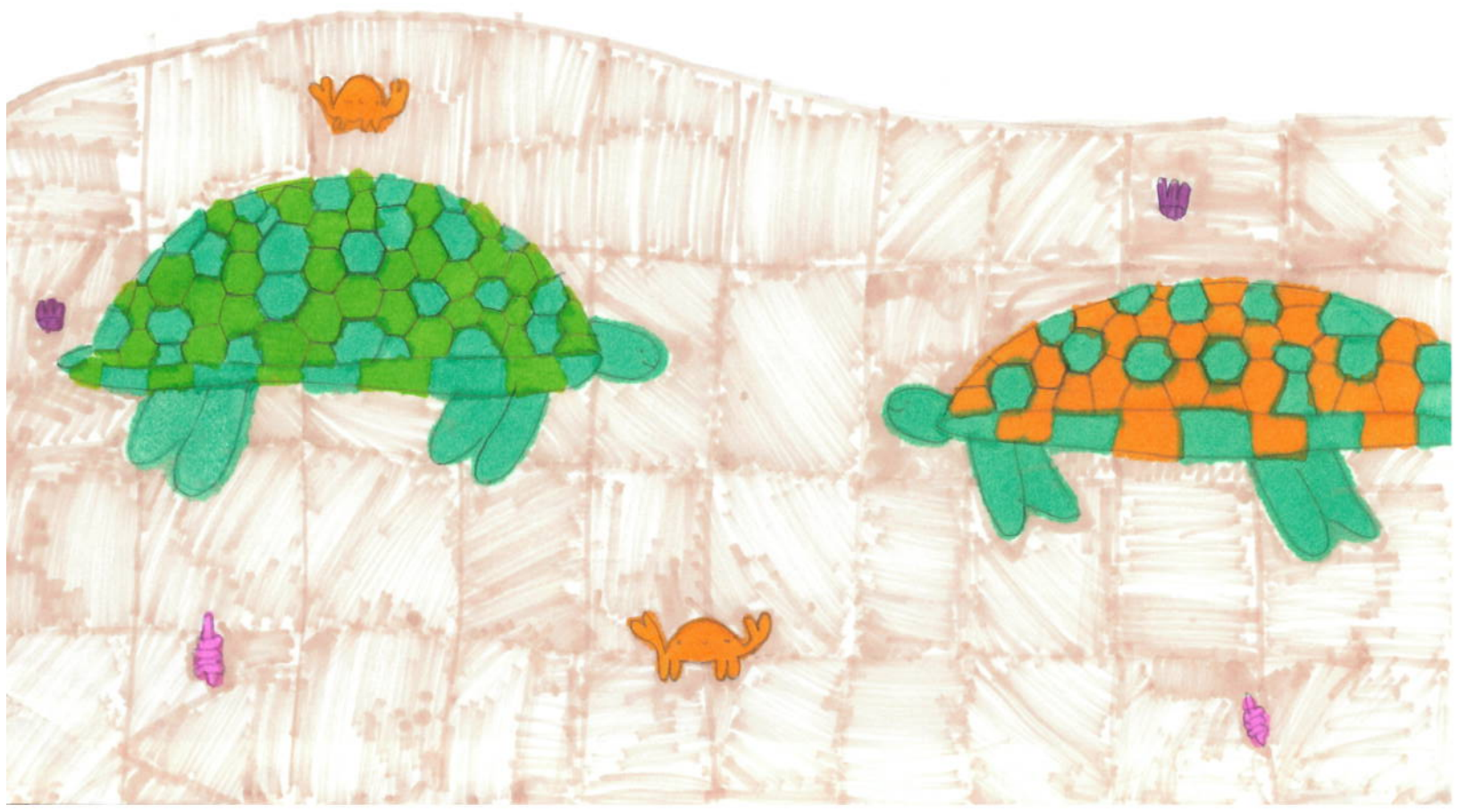
"Now, now." "Be nice to your brother, everyone is scared of something," told Mama. "I use to be scared of swimming too, now look at me." "You were?" Asked Shelly. "Why yes!" Answered Mama. "Tell us the story Mama tell us!" Cheered Lilly. "Okay, Okay. When I was your age, all the little turtles got in a line to take their first swim. I was up next up, I looked down and..."



"AHHHH!! The Seagle Got Me!!!!!!" Cried Ocean. "HELP, SOS, ANYONE?!!" Shelly dove in after him. The seagle dropped Ocean. "HELP!" Shelly caught his brother just in time and brought him back to shore.



"Shelly you swam!" Lilly told Shelly. "I did, I DID!" Cried Shelly. "Thanks for saving me," said Ocean. "Your welcome, thanks for teaching me how to swim." Laughed Shelly.



After everyone heard about what Shelly had done, he was given an award for the best swimmer in the ocean. Then he became a coach for the little turtles. No one ever forgot how brave he was that day.

The End!

