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One day Khuku takes a walk. She sees so many boats in the water! Khuku smiles at them.



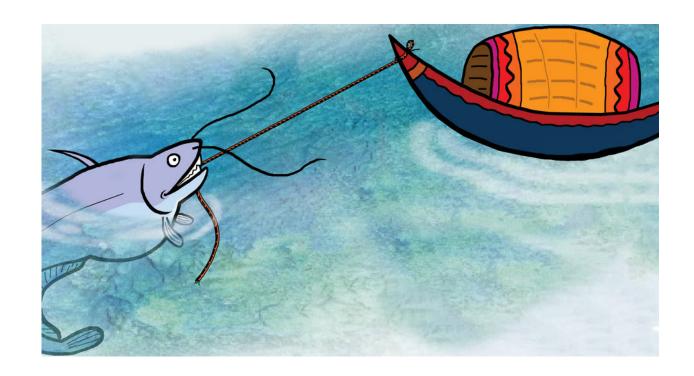
The water-lilies smile back at her. Suddenly a catfish appears! It pokes its head out of the water and comes close to Khuku.



"I would like to show you my home. Would you like to come with me?" asks the Catfish.



Khuku thinks for a second and then replies, "That sounds like a fun idea. Let's go!"



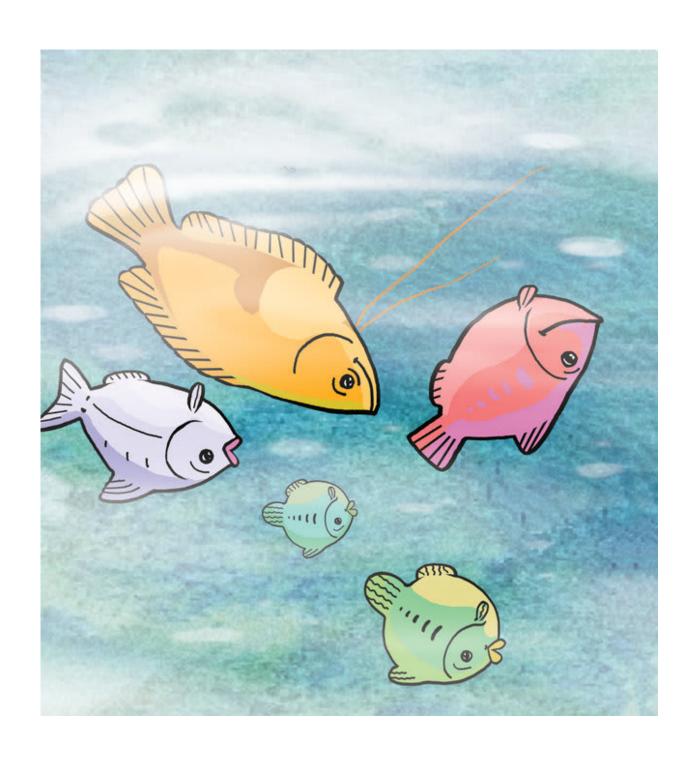
The catfish tows a boat over with his teeth and brings it to shore. "Here is a boat for you, Khuku! Hop in!" he says.



A bit puzzled, Khuku gets in the boat. But then off she goes! Her hair is tousled by the breeze.



Along the way, Khuku sees fish living among lichen*. *lichen: moss



The fish feel at home in muddy waters.



Waves rock the boat here and there. When out of nowhere, they see a crocodile raise its head!



Khuku starts to shiver. But the catfish is brave and says, "There is nothing to worry about; do not be afraid!"



The catfish pulls the boat with his strong fins. He finally tows the boat safely back to shore.



The crocodile continues to chase them. But Khuku is safe on land now. However... where did the catfish go?



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Khuku and the Catfish (English)
Khuku is exploring the sea with a
catfish. Suddenly, a crocodile starts to
chase them. Do you think the catfish
will be able to save Khuku from the
crocodile? This is a Level 2 book for
children who recognize familiar
words and can read new words with
help.



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