

Ricky's Escape

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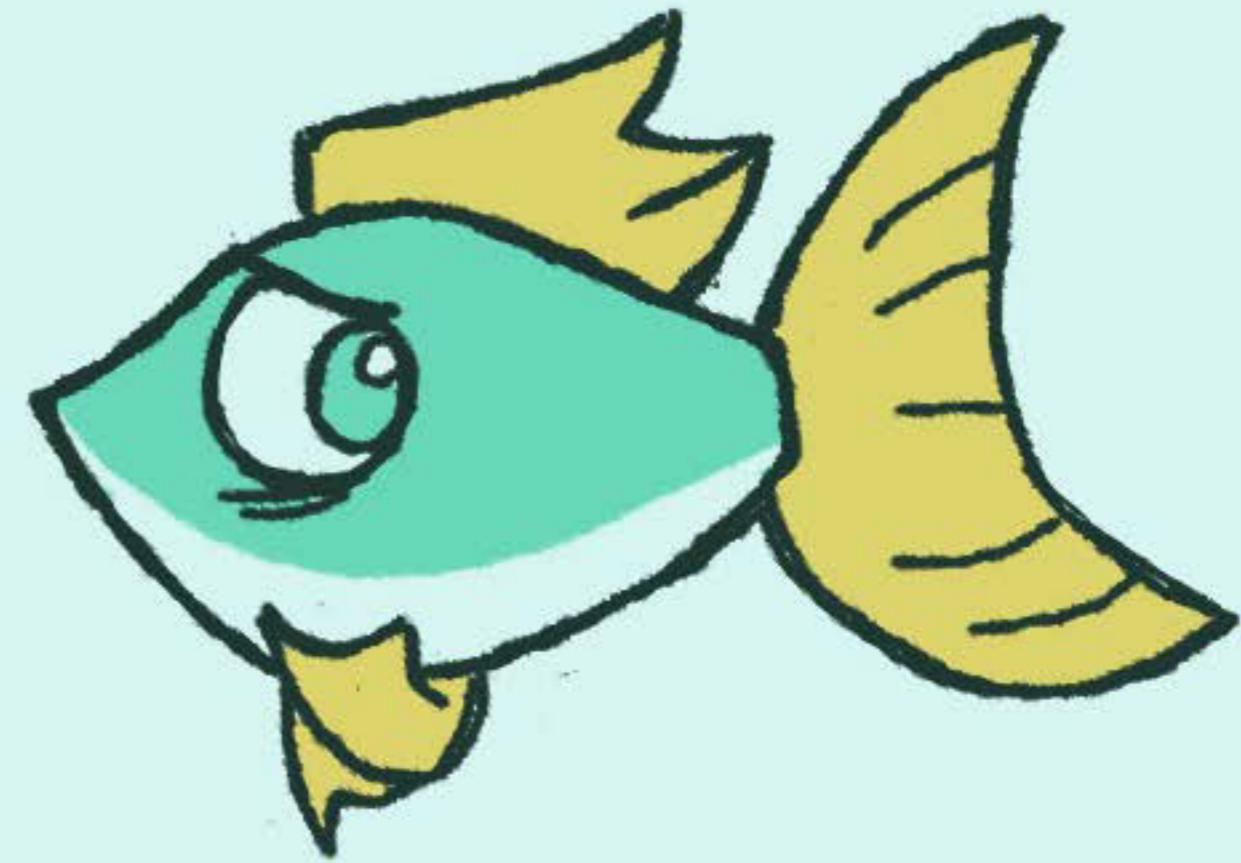
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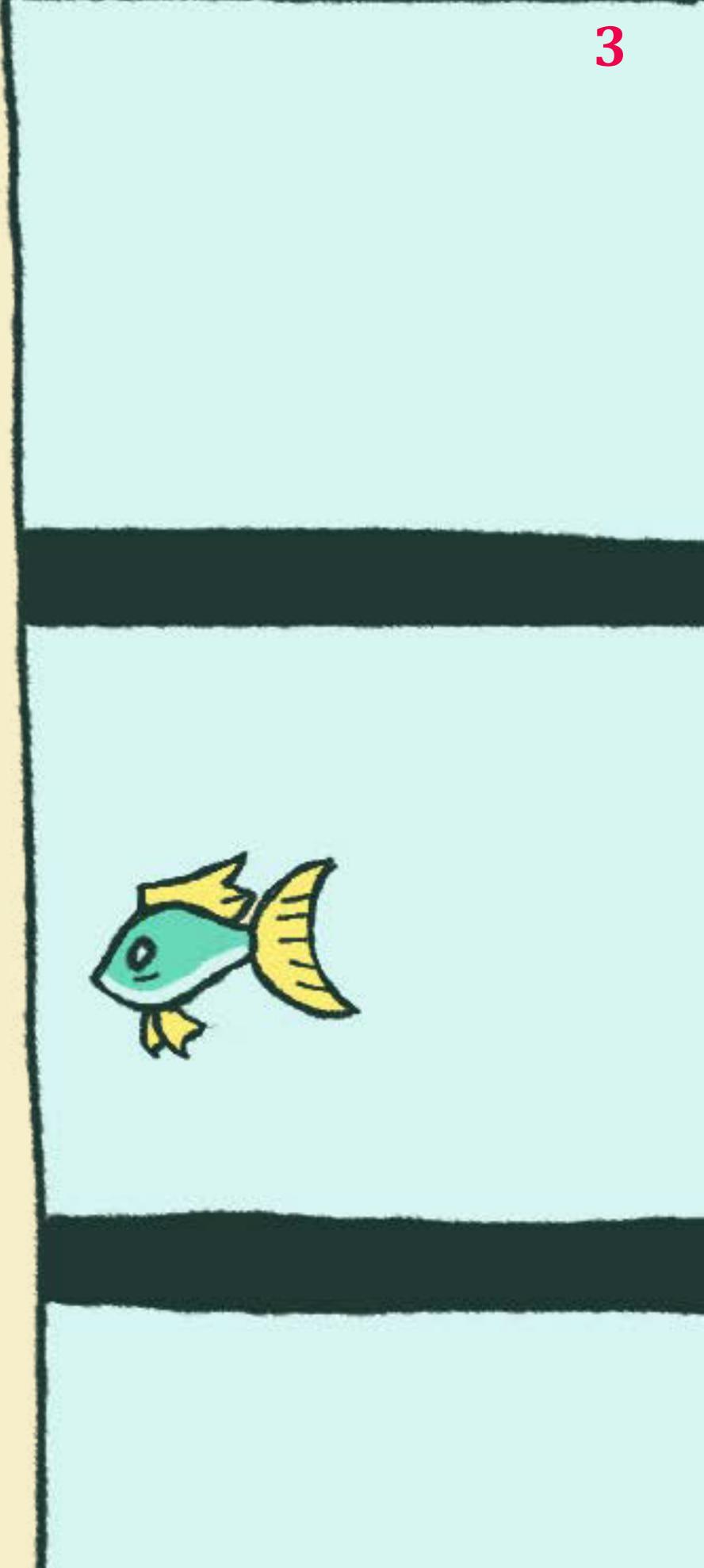
The Capture

The trouble first began when Ricky found himself staring back at a pair of eyes.

*Oh, why did I have to
look? Ricky thought.*



"Momma! Momma! This
fish is lookin' right at
me! Can we get it?"

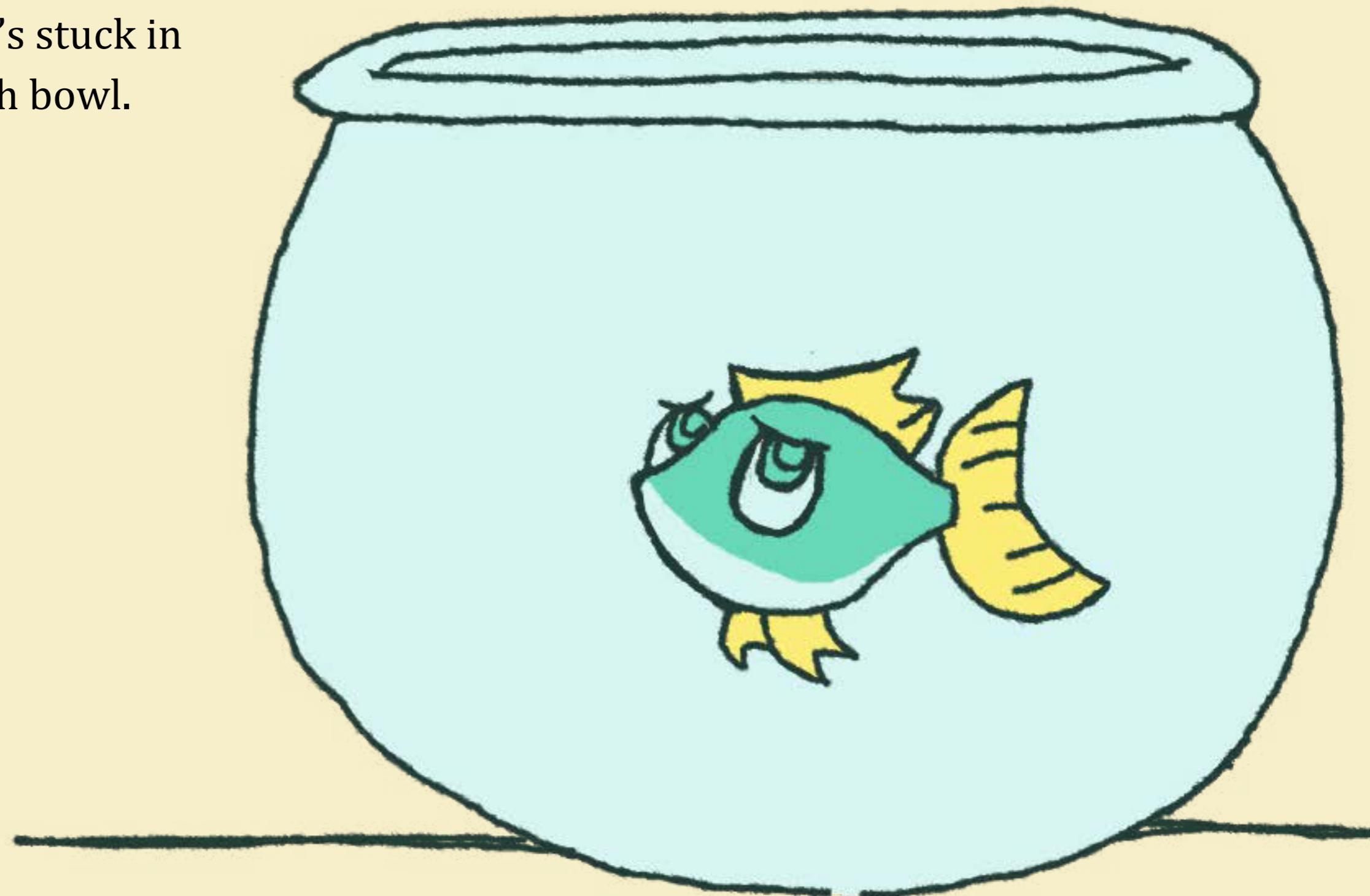




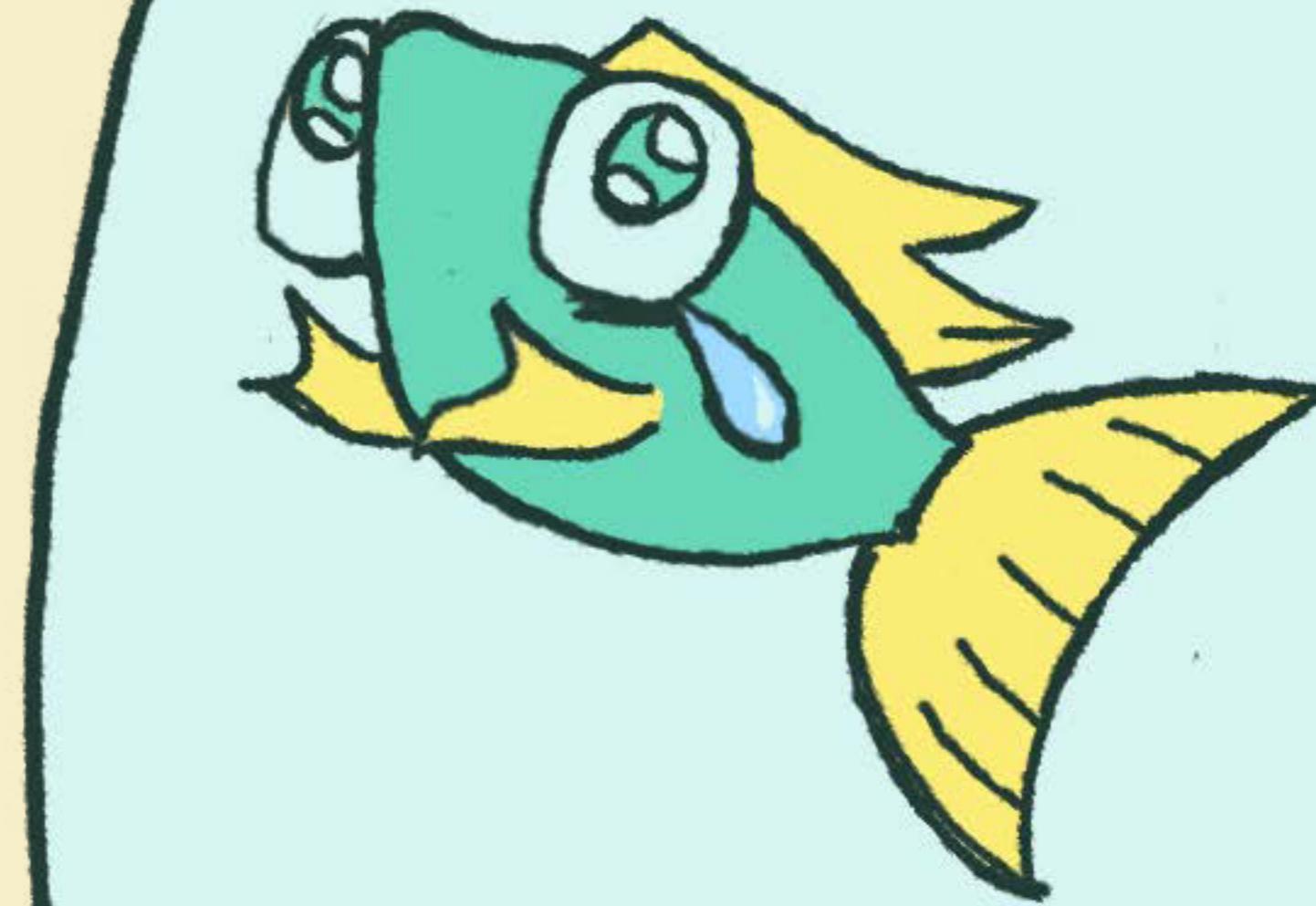
Upon hearing those words, Ricky swam away as fast as he could. But the net came down quick and Ricky was caught.

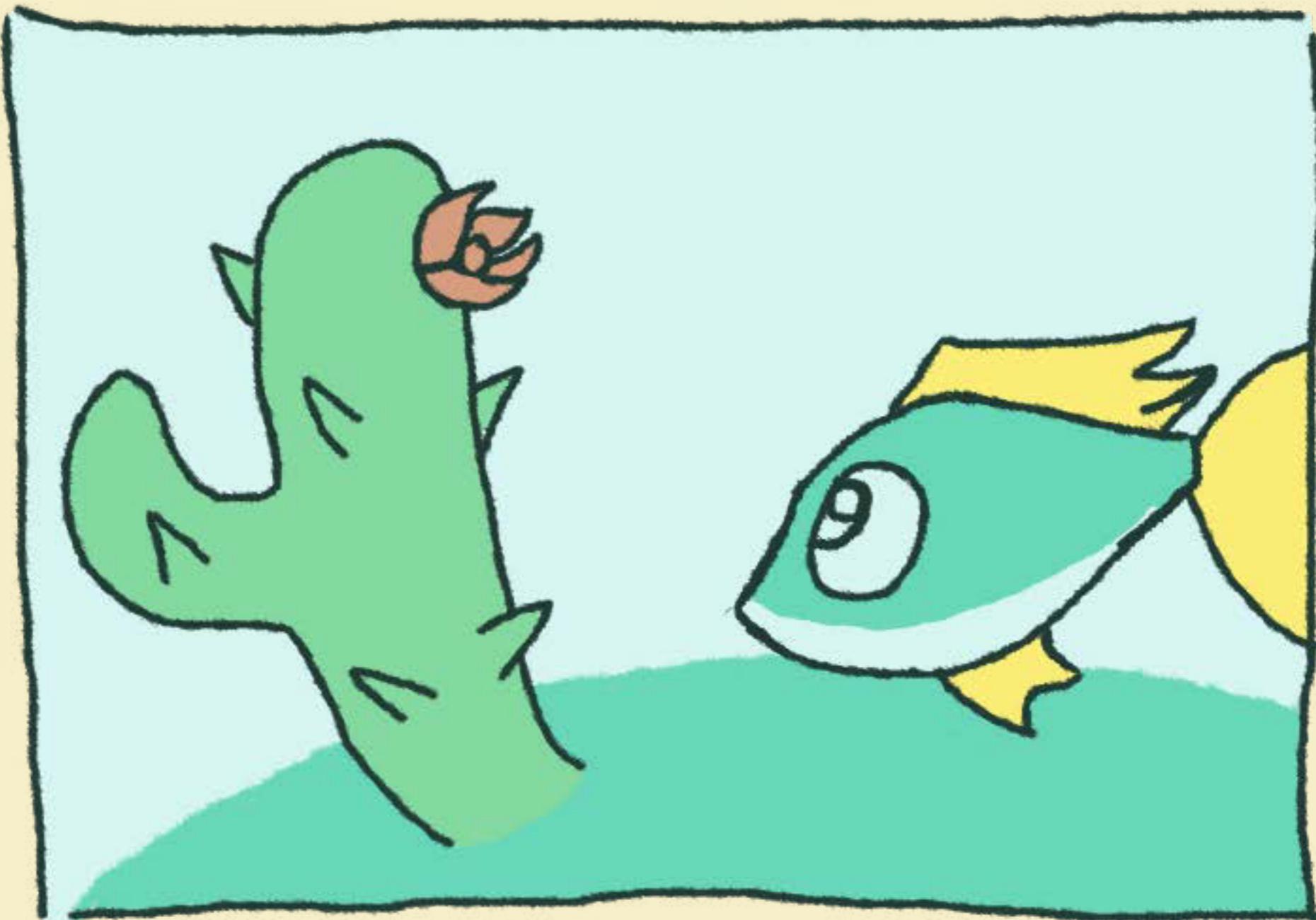
New Home

And now he's stuck in
this little fish bowl.



Don't people know better? There's nothing more a little fish hates than being in a tiny bowl. A fish like myself deserves better! Ricky thought.





All Ricky could do was go in a circle. It was always the same thing. He'd pass by the cactus, the treasure chest, and then back to the cactus. There was nothing else to do!



What Ricky also did,
though, was keep hope.
He knew there could be
a way out.



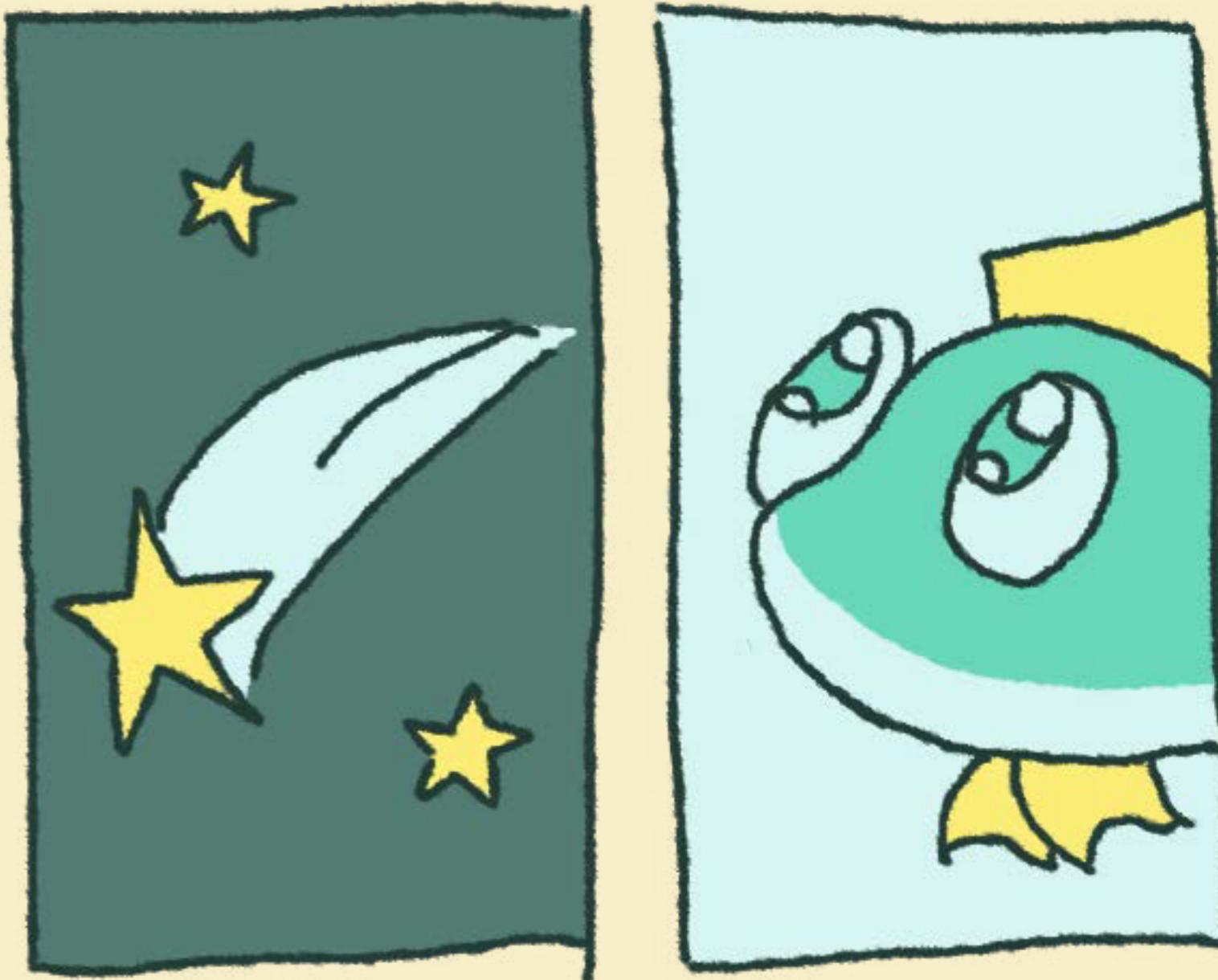


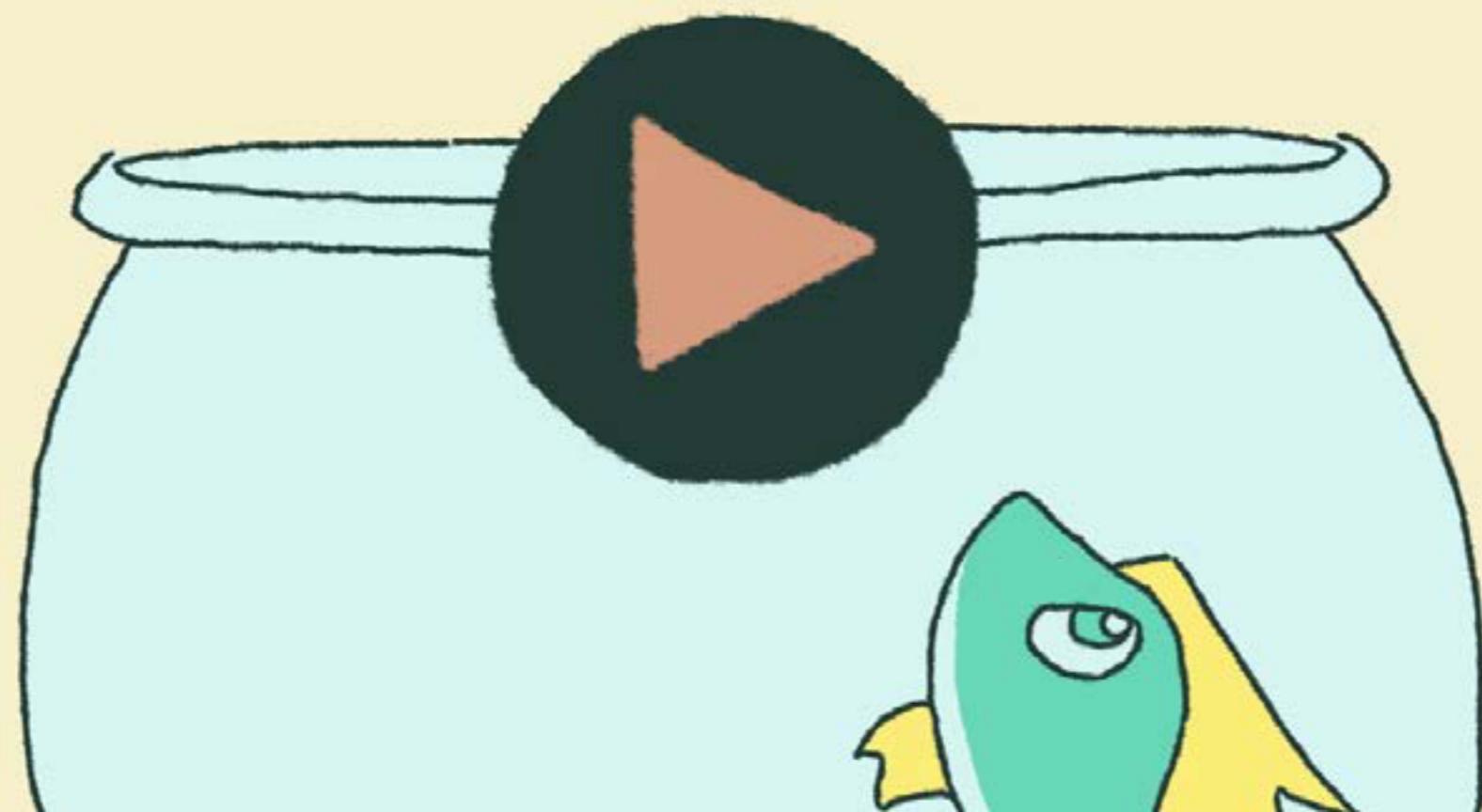
In the distance, he thought he could see a large area of water. But was it possible? Could a fish like him even make a jump like that?

The Escape

Before Ricky could continue to think, a shooting star shot across the sky. It was almost as if it was a sign!

Ricky knew what he had to do.





*Oh no! I didn't make the jump!
Someone help, help!*
Ricky cried out.

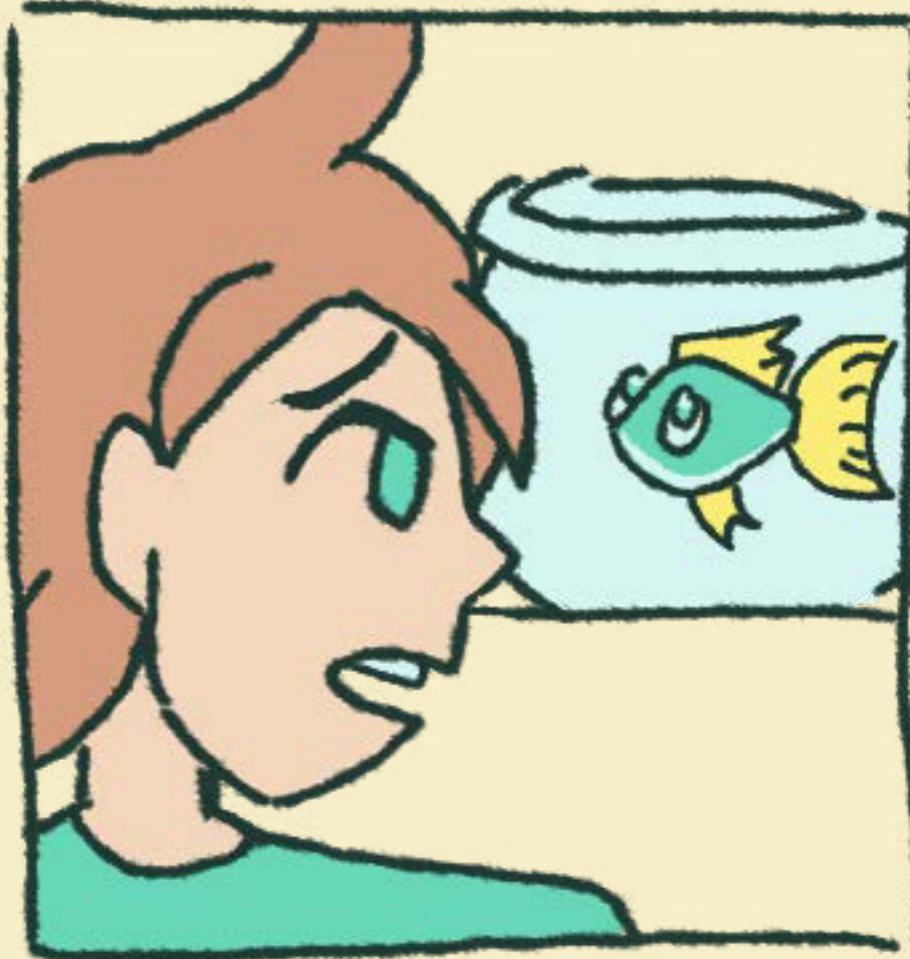




“Ricky! I’m home!”

It was the child who began this entire mess! After a long day, he and his family have returned home, just in time to see Ricky flopping on the floor.





Ricky was afraid, but he was returned back into his fishbowl in one piece. To Ricky's surprise, the boy was not only gentle, but understood what Ricky wanted.

"Momma! I think Ricky wants a bigger home!"



And that's how Ricky got the home he always wanted.

THE END

For further reading on how to take good care of your fish:

- [How to Take Care of a Fish](#)
- [The Beginner's Guide to Keeping Fish](#)
- [Can You Actually Keep Fish in Bowls?](#)