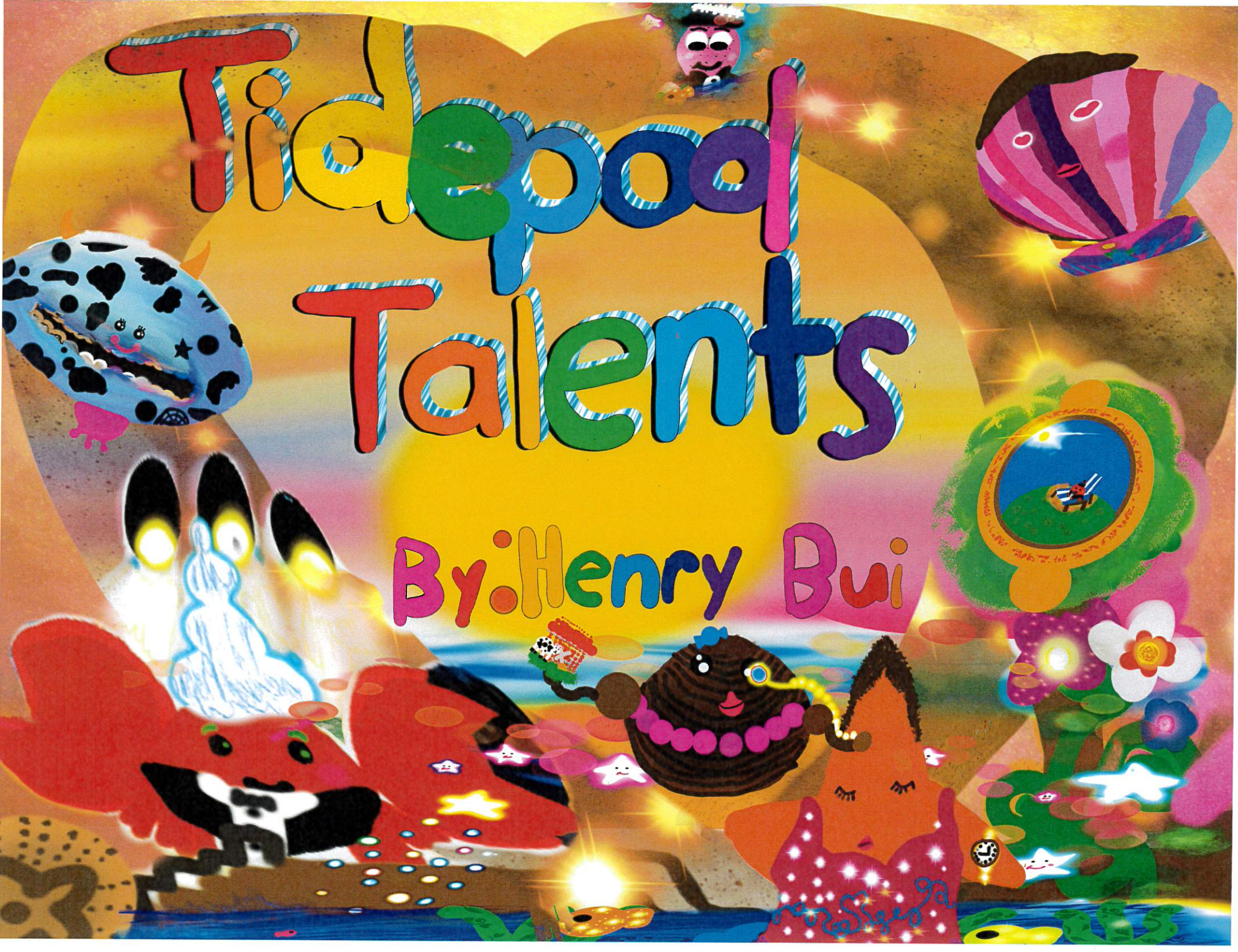


Tidepool Talents

By: Henry Bui



Everyone at Tidepool School
was excited about their talent show...
except the new kid, Emily Anemone.



Emily was **DIFFERENT** and constantly
dreaded others judging her.



Didn't Stella Starfish always
win the Golden Urchin Trophy
anyway?



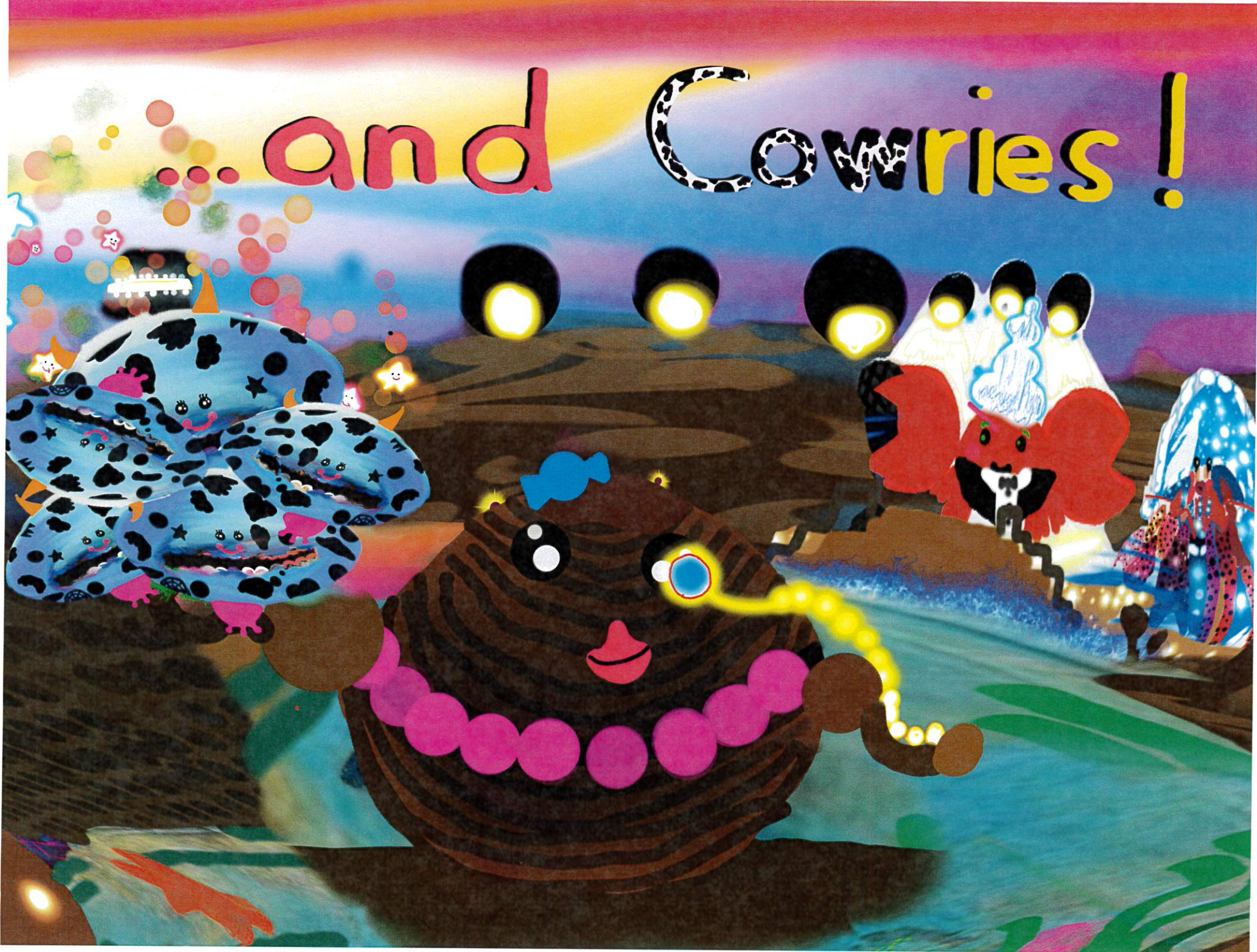
Kermit Hermit Crab introduced
the contestants: "It's finally time
to...GET OUT OF YOUR
SHELL!!!"



Maxine Mussel's muscles flexed
lifting barnacles.



...and Cowries!



The twins, Shelly and Shelby,
tooted snappy jazz tunes.



Squishy Squid squirted Lovely
ink Bubbles!!!



Mother Oyster's daughter Pearl



showed off



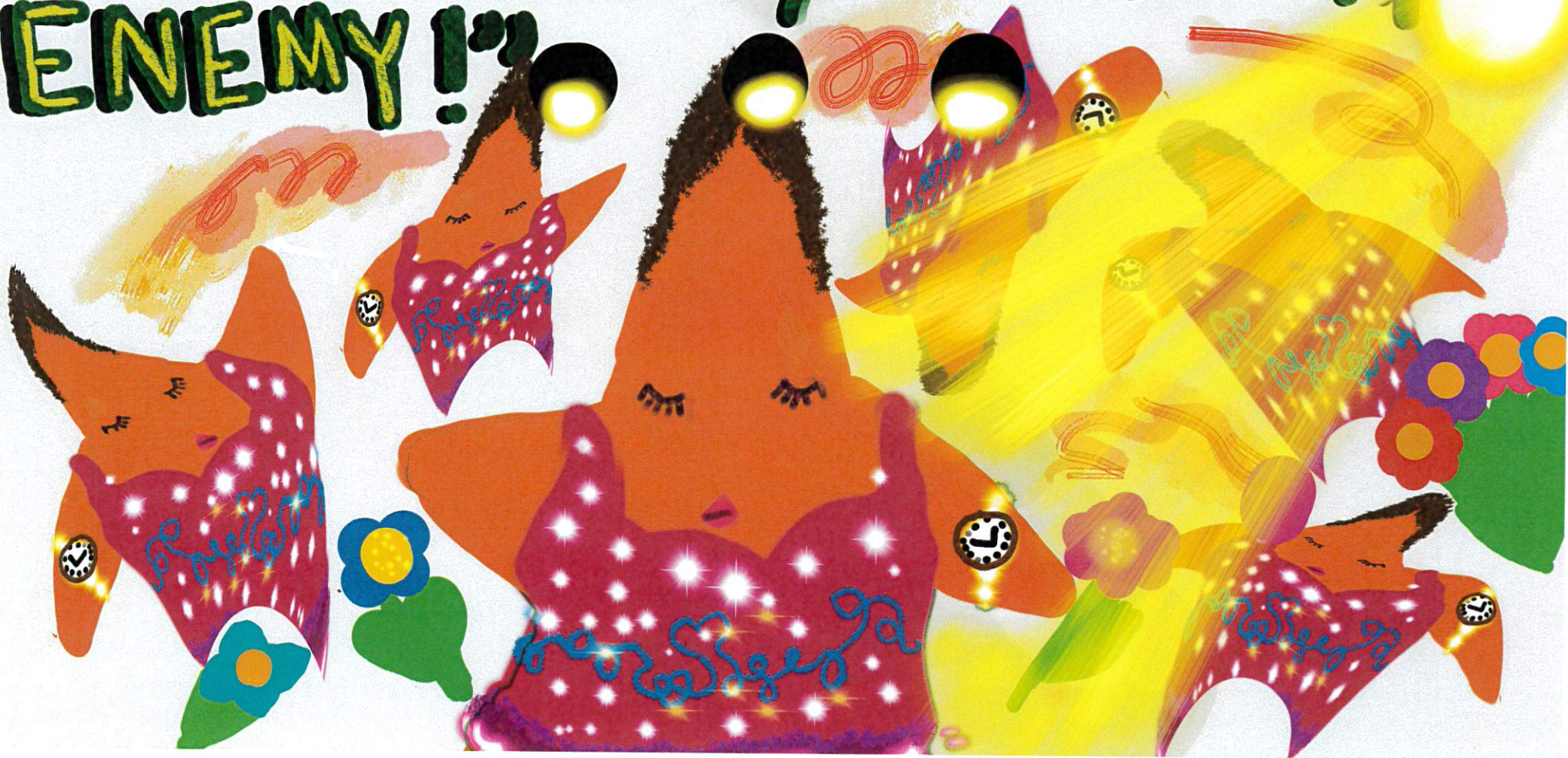
fancy fashion.



Emily Anemone dazzled everyone
with her sparkly dancing hair.



Stella Starfish shouted selfishly,
"No one dances better than ME!
And definitely NOT Emily
ENEMY!"



“That was so
Emily cried.”

MEAN!



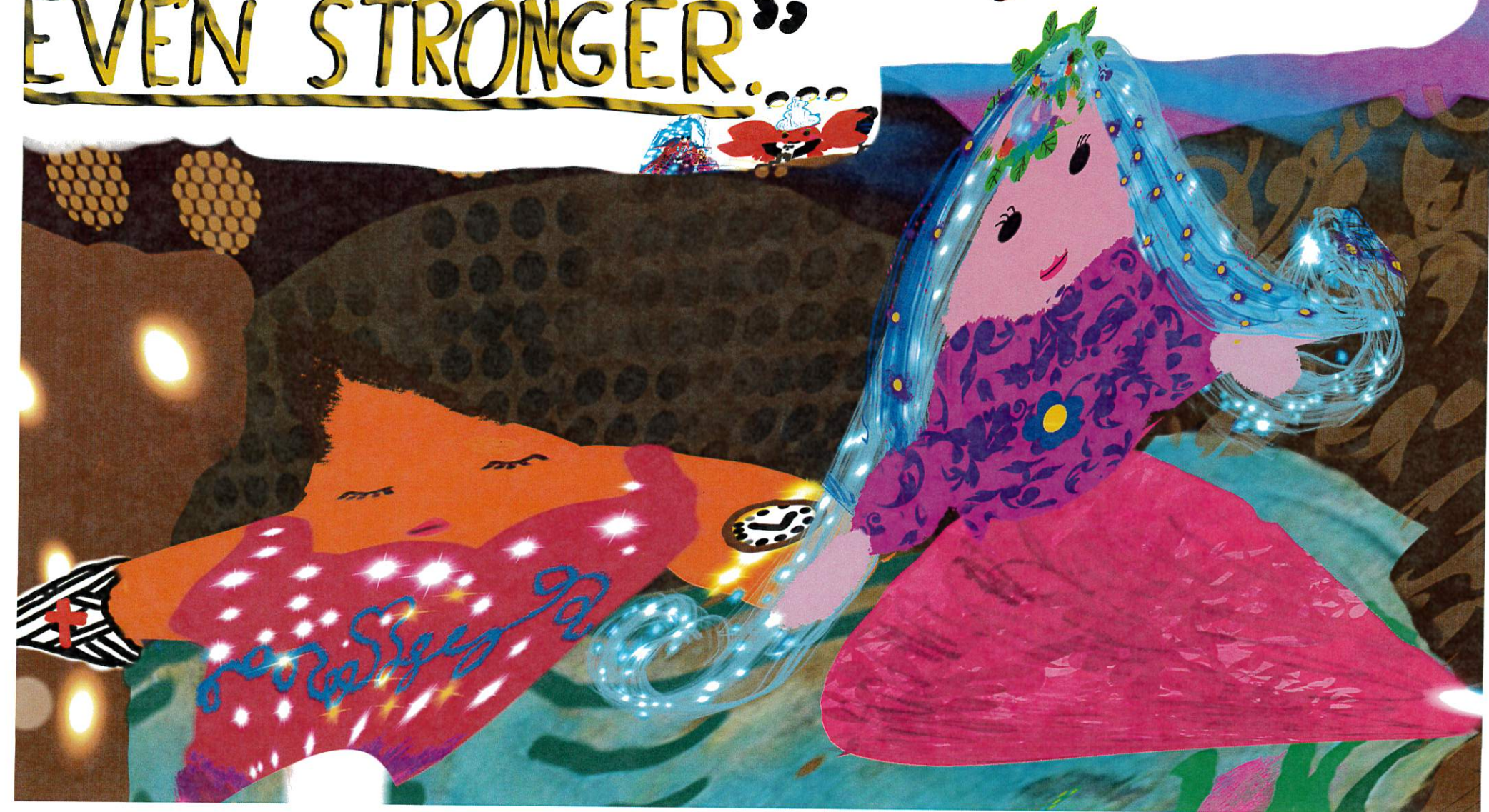
Stella **SPUN** amazing
ballet twists... but then **SLIPPED**
on the sandy rocks!



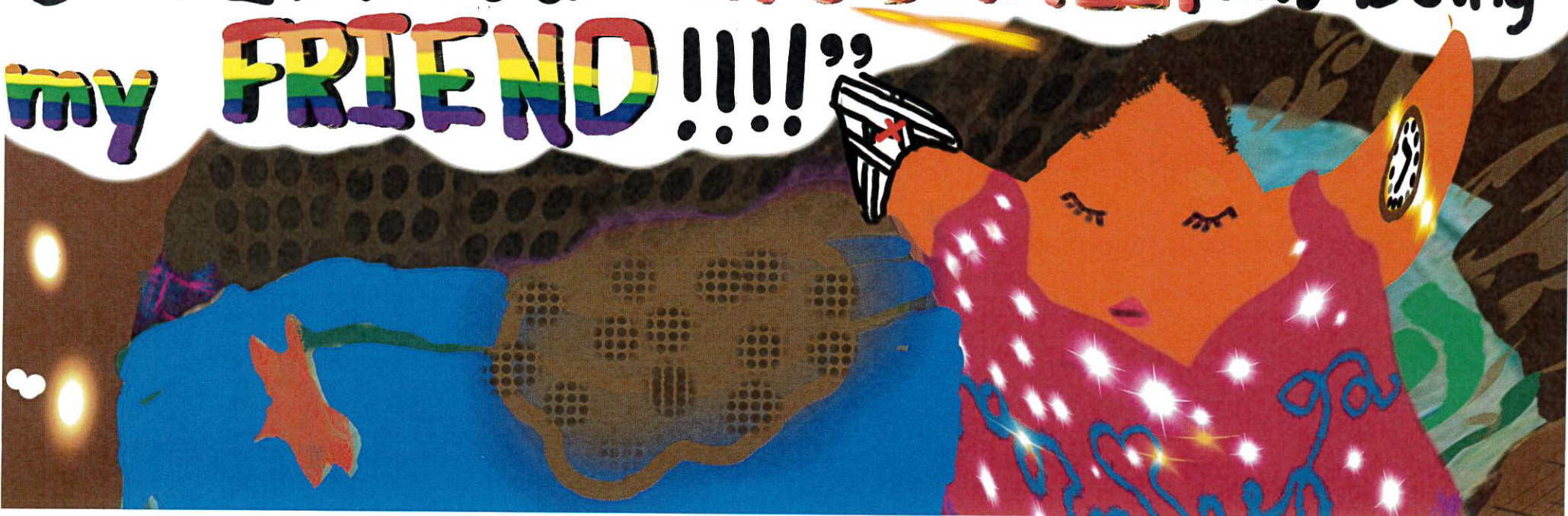
Stella
SHATTERED
one of her
five
points!



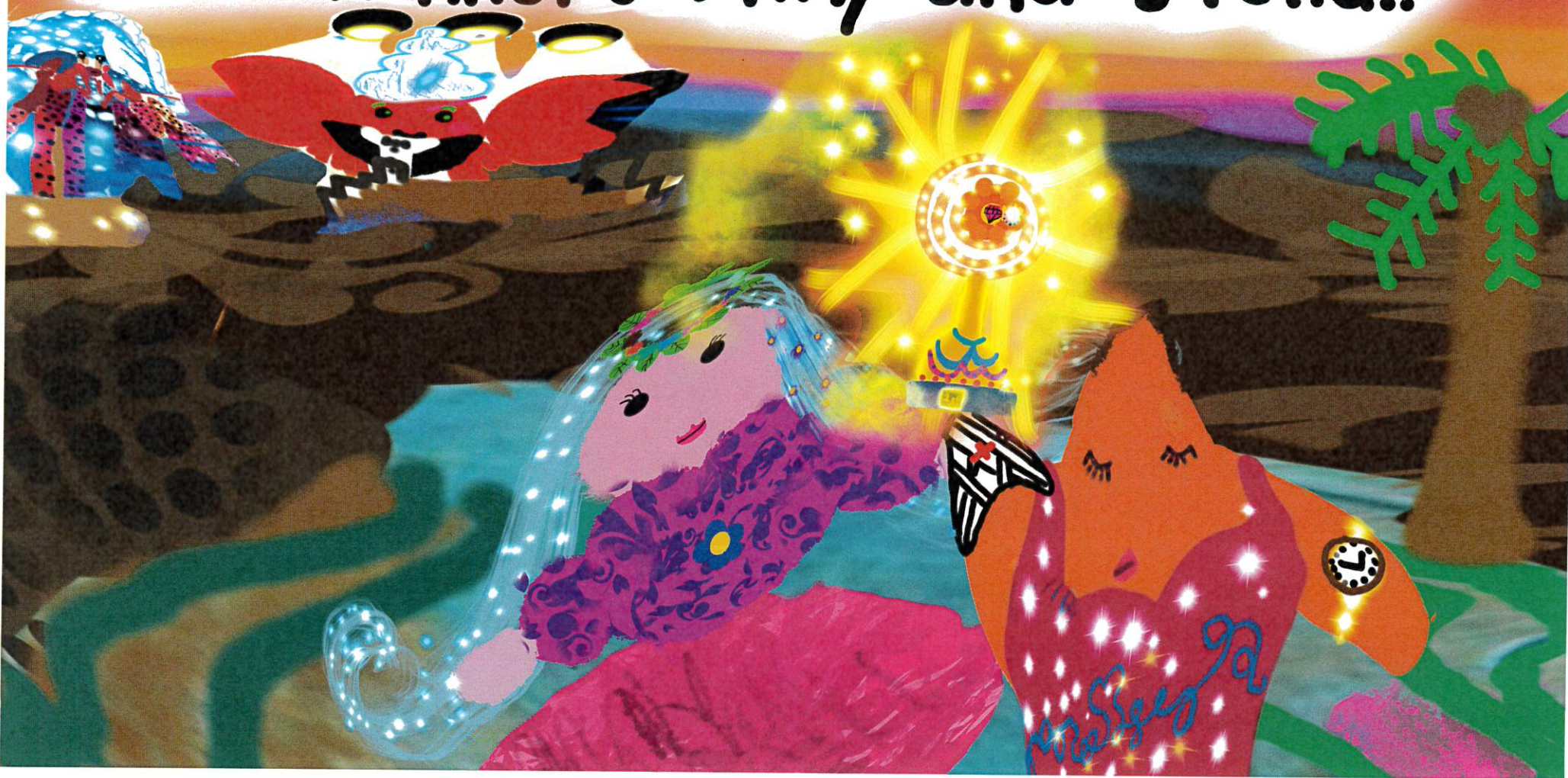
Emily bandaged Stella
and consoled, "Your arm will grow back -
EVEN STRONGER."



Stella hugged Emily saying,
"You look **DIFFERENT** from me
and are **BEAUTIFUL!** You dance
DIFFERENT than me - I like your
STYLE! Your **TRUE TALENT** is being
my FRIEND!!!!"



The judges announced, "THE
TIDE HAS TURNED!!! We have
TWO winners: Emily and Stella!!"



Everyone cheered, and all the
clams clapped open and shut.

