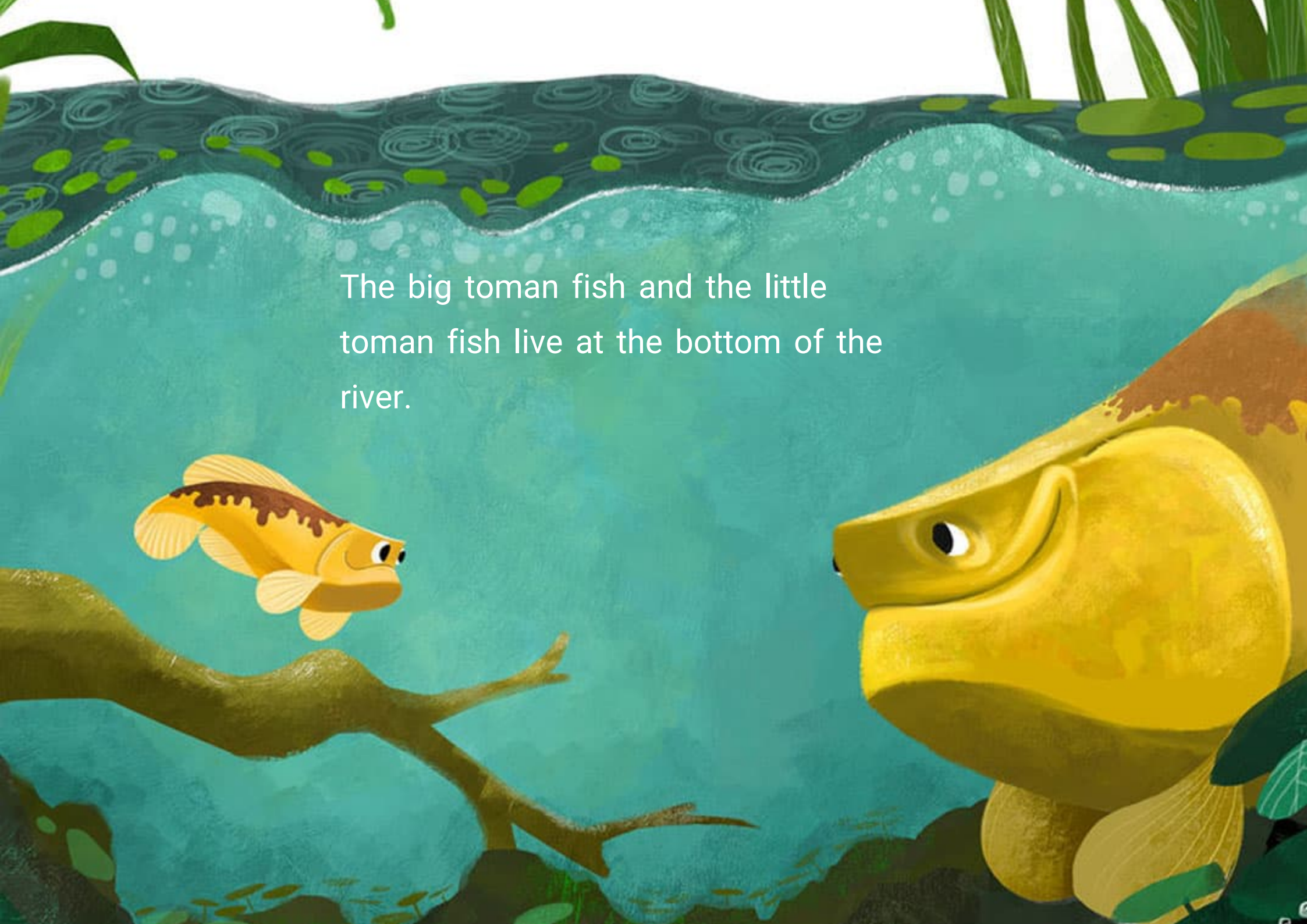


Time for a Bite



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An illustration of a river scene. In the foreground, a large, yellowish-gold fish with a brown stripe along its back is looking towards the left. In the middle ground, a smaller, similar fish is swimming. The background shows a river with ripples and some green lily pads. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

The big toman fish and the little
toman fish live at the bottom of the
river.



Today the big fish will teach his little friend how to catch his dinner. The little fish has watched how it's done before. But today is his first attempt.

He must wait patiently and hide until he is ready to dash out and snatch the smaller fish.





He has made a big mistake.
This isn't a good position. The
rock moves. It isn't a rock at
all. The grumpy turtle moves
off and scares the prey.

The little toman fish does his best
to catch them.

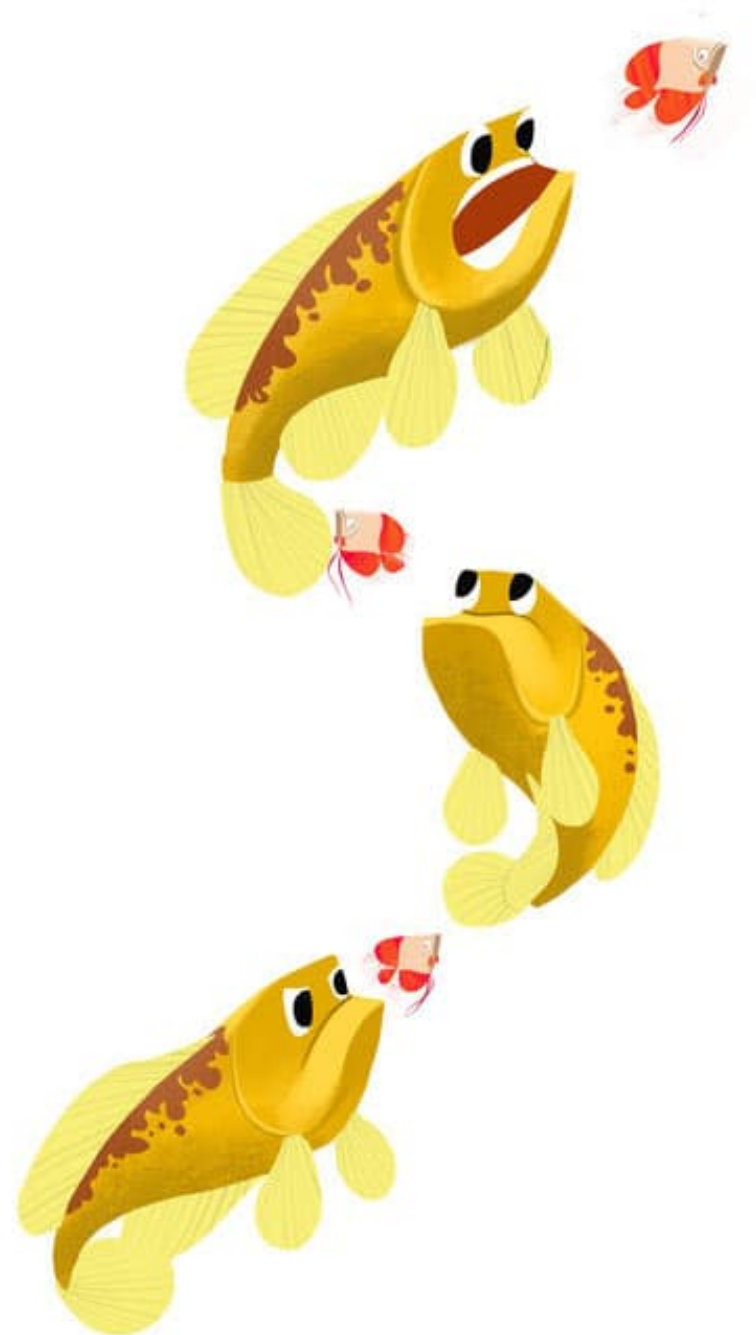
They have a head start.

Flick...

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...and they are gone.



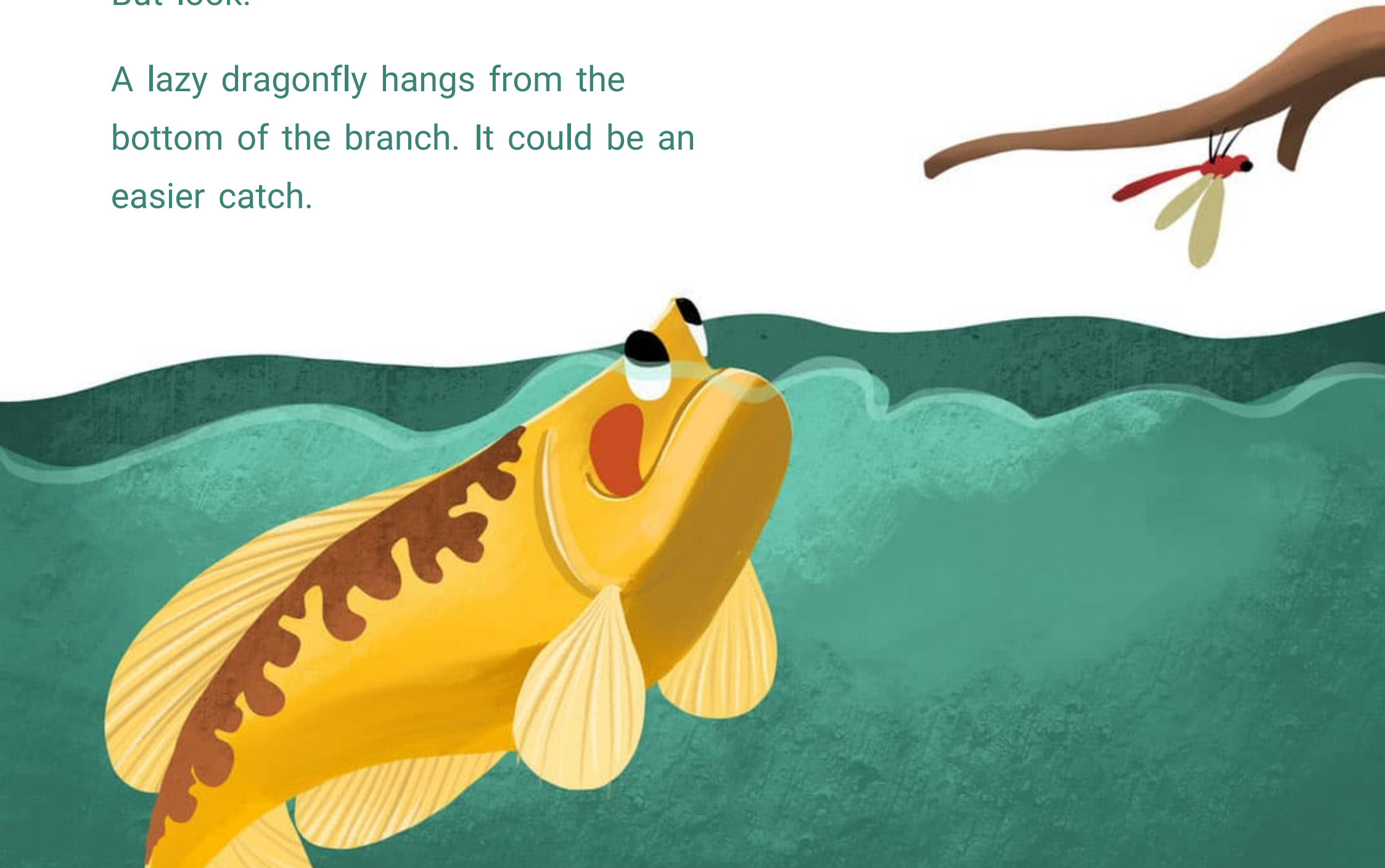


The little fish is angry.

His stomach growls with hunger.

But look!

A lazy dragonfly hangs from the bottom of the branch. It could be an easier catch.



As he leaps up to try and snatch it,
the little fish sees that someone is
watching from afar.



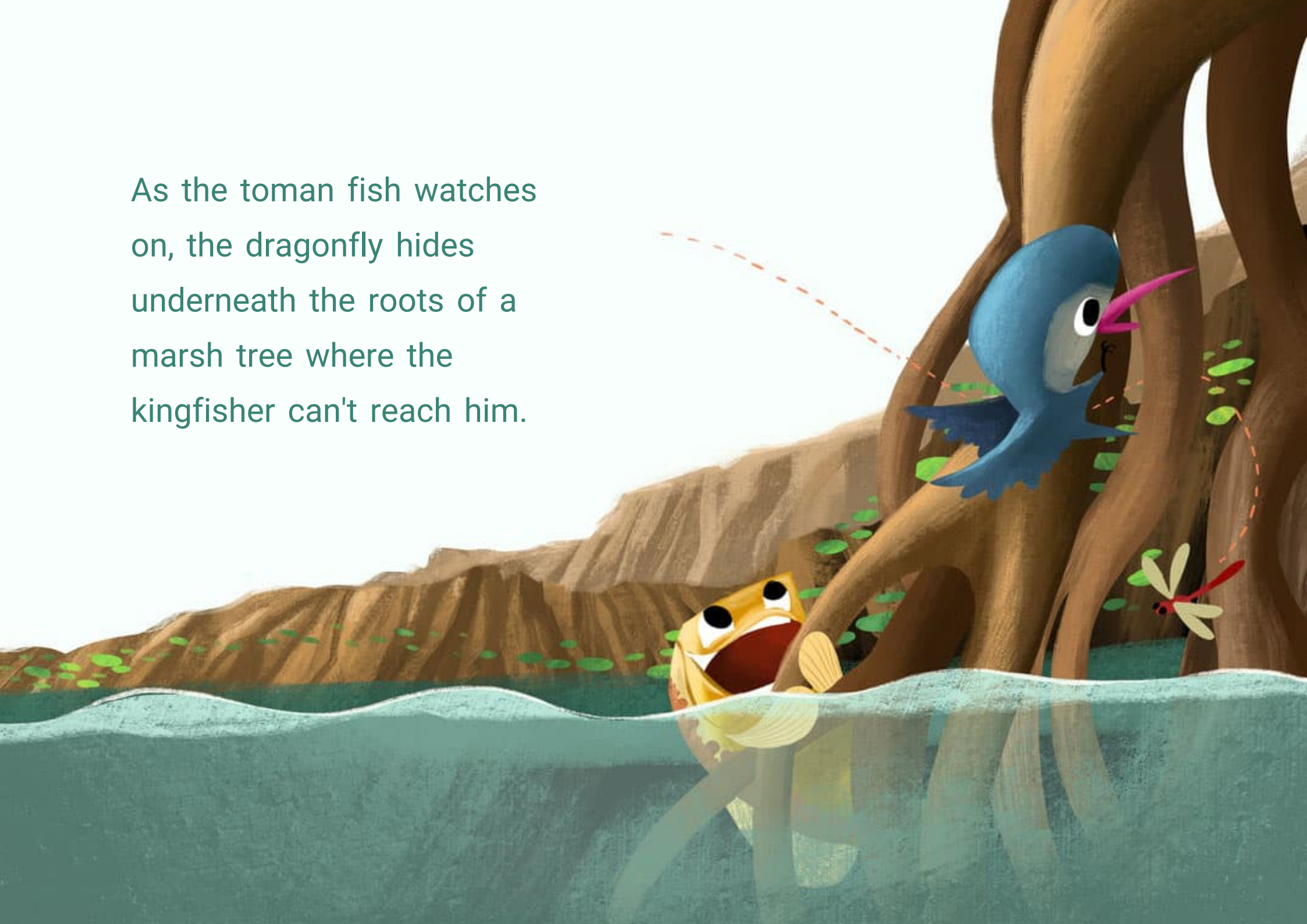


In a flash, the kingfisher
swoops down to chase
the dragonfly too.



The dragonfly is not so lazy after all. He is clever and avoids the kingfisher.

As the toman fish watches
on, the dragonfly hides
underneath the roots of a
marsh tree where the
kingfisher can't reach him.





The kingfisher sees some easier prey and dives for a school of little fish instead.



It isn't the kingfisher's day.

He misses all the tiny fish and
grabs a leaf by mistake.



An illustration of a pond scene. In the bottom left corner, a large yellow fish with a white underbelly and a large black eye is looking towards the center. In the middle of the pond, a school of about ten small orange fish is swimming. In the top right corner, a kingfisher with a blue crest and a long beak is perched on a rock. The pond has brown rocks at the bottom and green seaweed on the right side. The water is a mix of light blue and green, with dark brown spots representing bubbles or shadows.

To the little toman's
delight, he sees the
school of fish is now
heading towards him to
avoid the kingfisher.



The school is trapped.

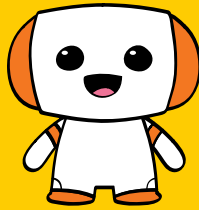
If they swim back up, the kingfisher is there. If they swim down, the little toman fish is ready to snatch them.

What a lesson!

It's a lesson in team work.

And now it's time for a bite.





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