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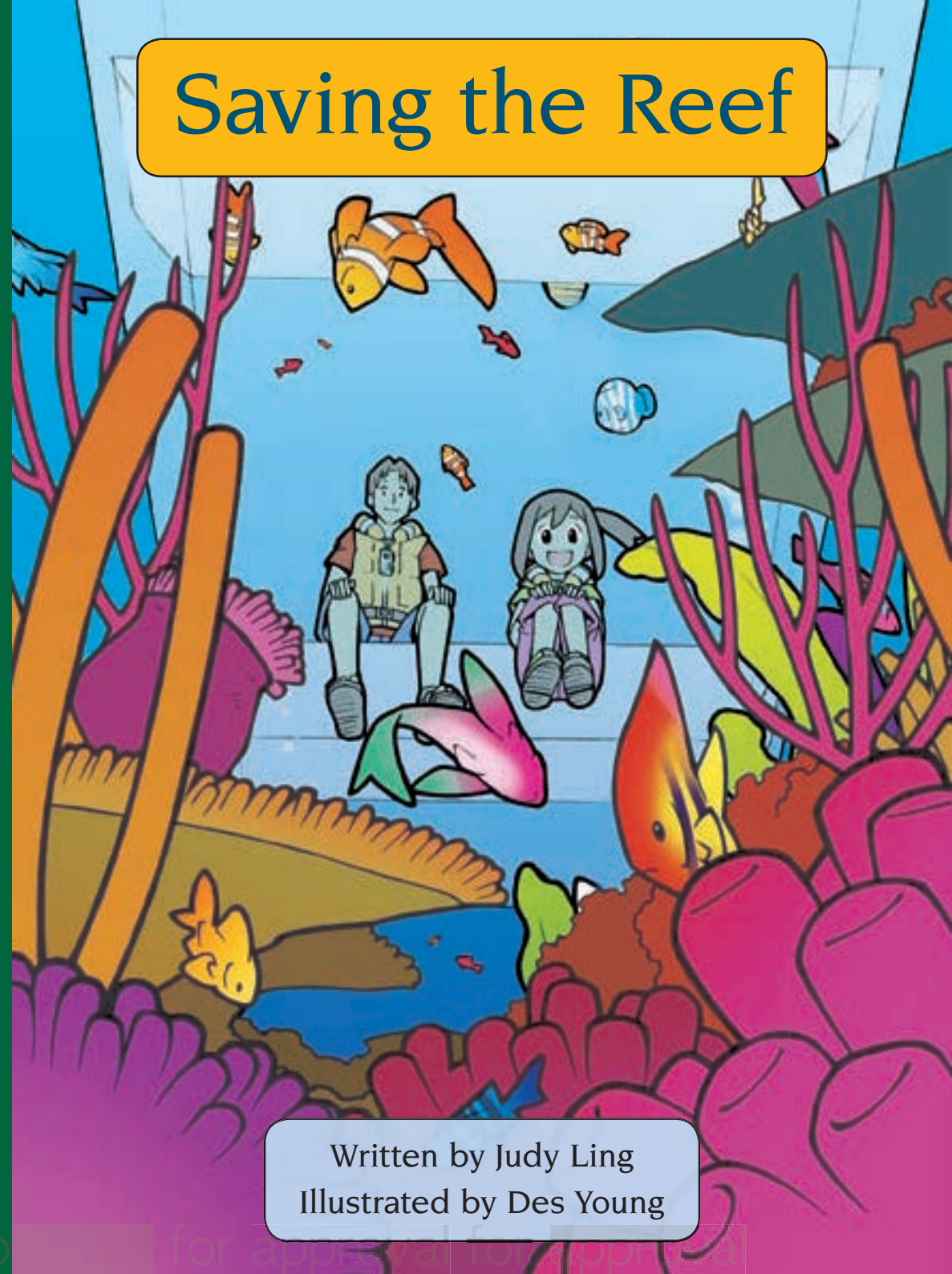
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Lan's dad held her hand as she stepped warily into the glass-bottomed boat.

"I'm sure this glass will break," she said.

"It won't," laughed Raz, the guide.



They glided out to the reef. Lan peered at the coral beneath them. There were fish of all shapes, sizes, and colours swimming among the coral.

"Wow!" she exclaimed. "These are the most beautiful fish in the world!"





“See those things that look like fans?” said Raz.
“They’re sea fans. And those long pink things are
sea whips. Sea fans and sea whips are soft corals.”

“I think they look weird!” said Lan.

“We might go snorkelling later,” said Dad. “Then, you’ll see everything close-up.”

“Hooray!” shouted Lan, jumping with excitement.

“Don’t rock the boat!” said Raz. “It reminds me of the day a shark rocked the boat. Luckily, it didn’t seem hungry. It just looked at us and swam away again. After the tourists calmed down, they were very happy. They were certain they got some incredible photos.”

“Wow! What a story! I think sharks are awesome,” said Lan. “It would be great to see one. Then, we’d have a story to tell, too.”

