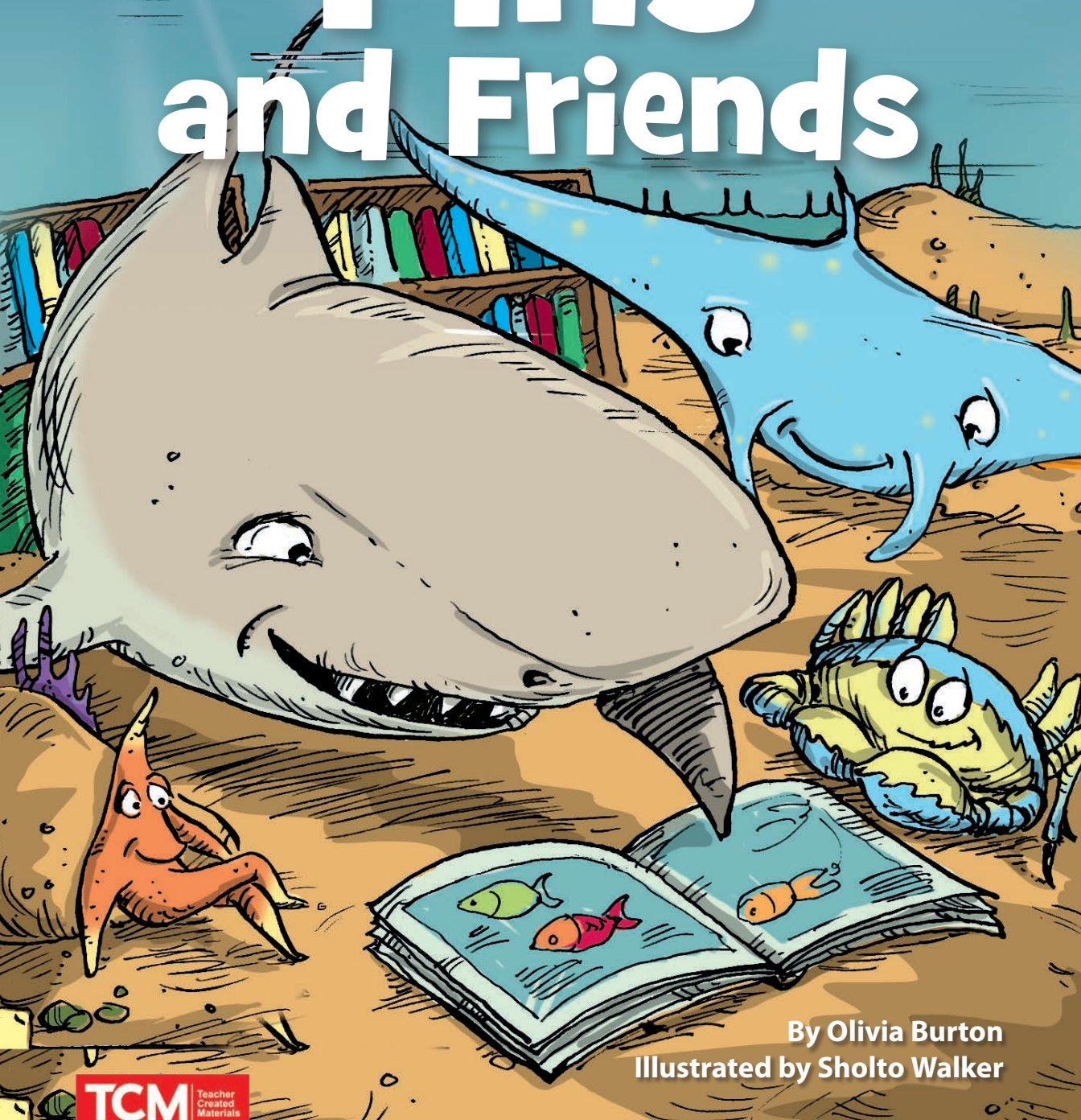


Fins and Friends



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Chapter One



The Lonely Shark

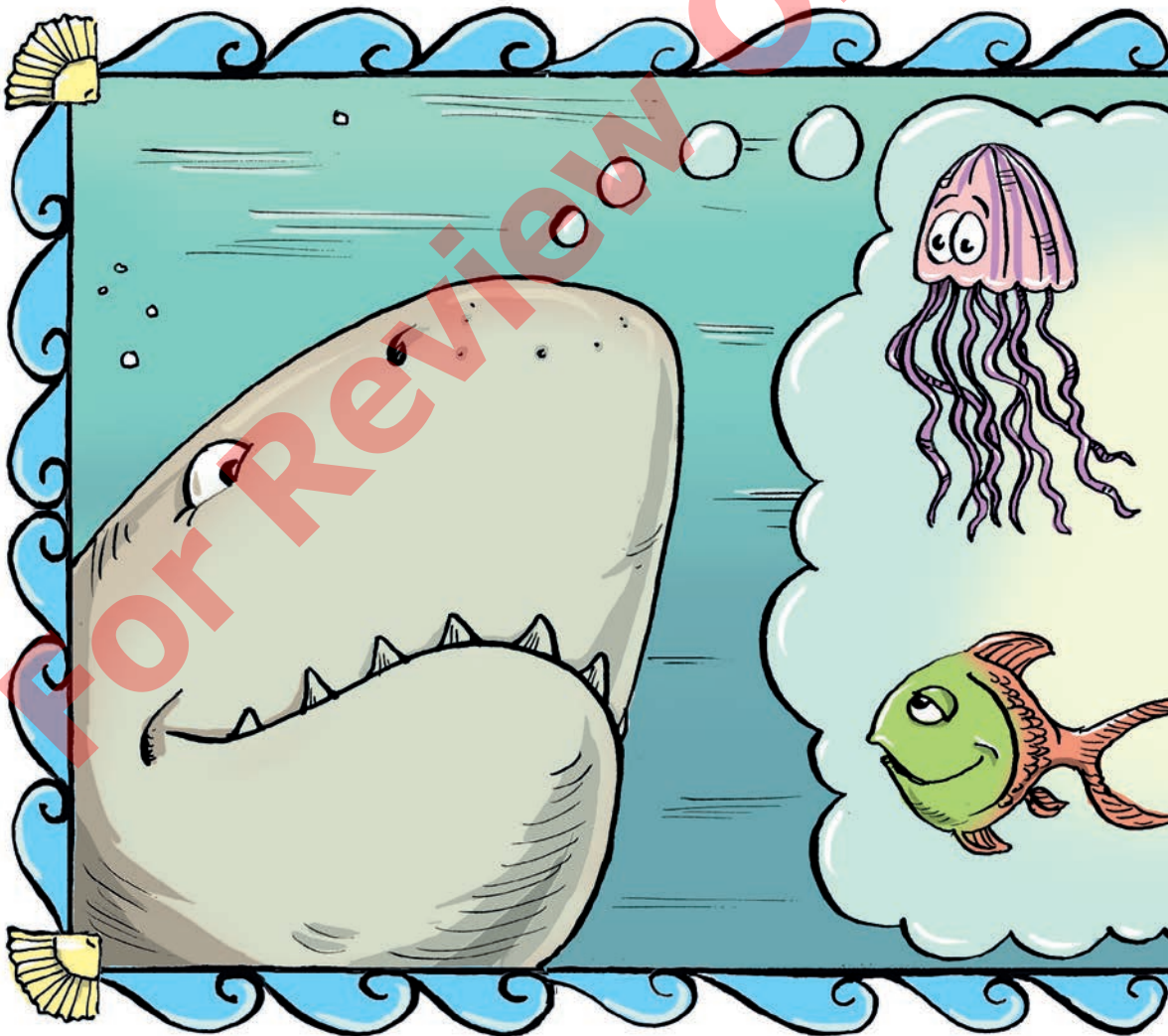
It was a pretty day in the coral reef. Charlie the shark was reading a book. He closed the book and smiled. He liked it because it was about a fish who made friends. Charlie liked to pretend he was that fish because Charlie wanted friends, too.

He had tried to make friends, but he always scared them away. He knew he looked big and scary. But Charlie also knew he could be a good friend if someone would give him a chance.



“I wonder who could be my friend?” he asked. “I don’t want to scare anyone.”

He looked at his collection of books and his drawings. He was happy with them.



But he knew he would be happier if he had a friend.

Charlie decided, “Today, I’m going to make a friend.”



Chapter Two



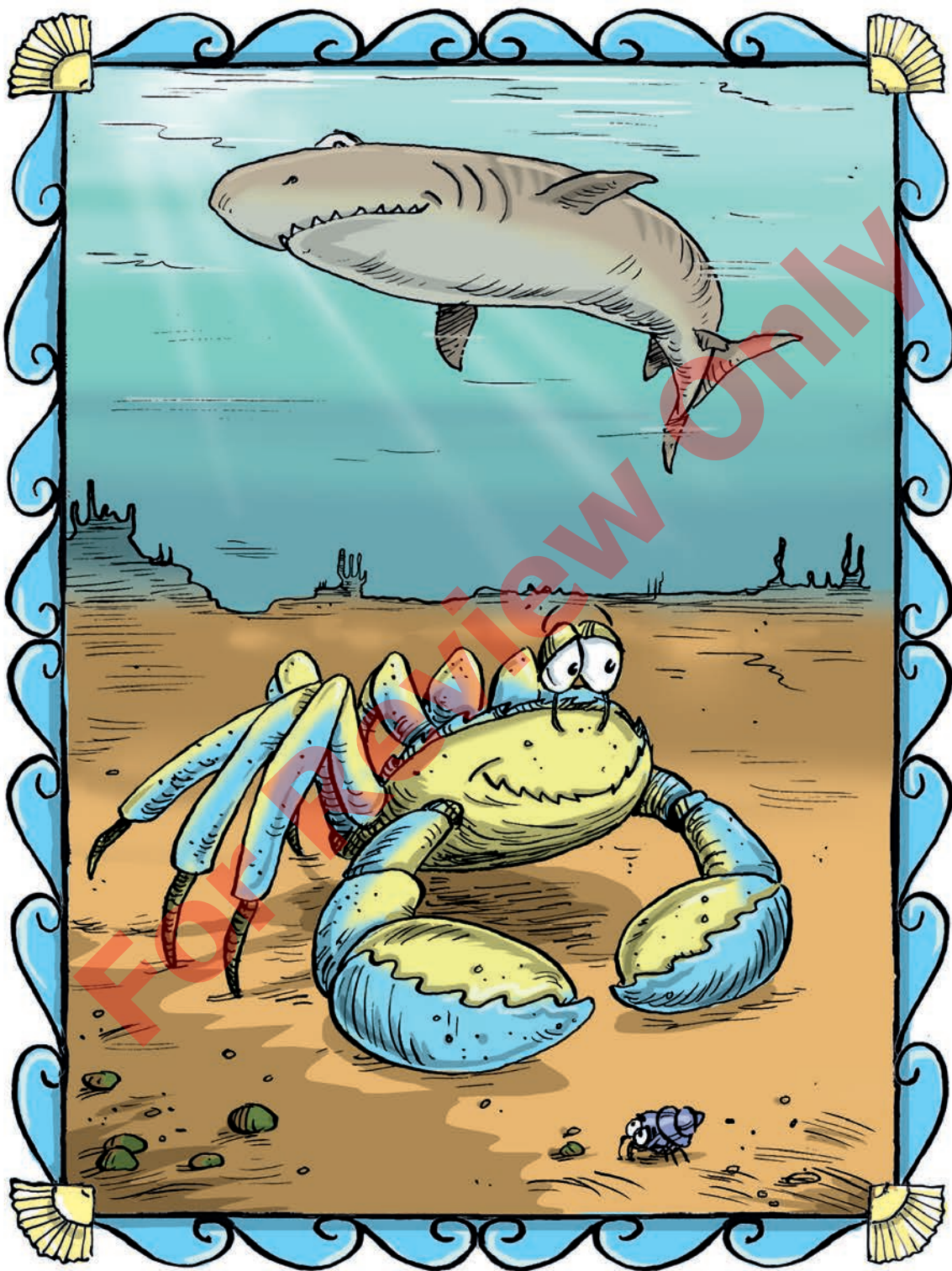
Charlie Meets Jerry

Charlie swam around, wondering who would be his friend. Below him, he saw a crab walking in the sand. He swam down toward the crab.

“Hello,” he began, but the crab jumped back.

“Oh my!” the crab exclaimed. “You scared me!”

“I’m sorry,” Charlie said.



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Charlie the Shark has trouble making friends. Can he find someone who wants to be his friend?

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