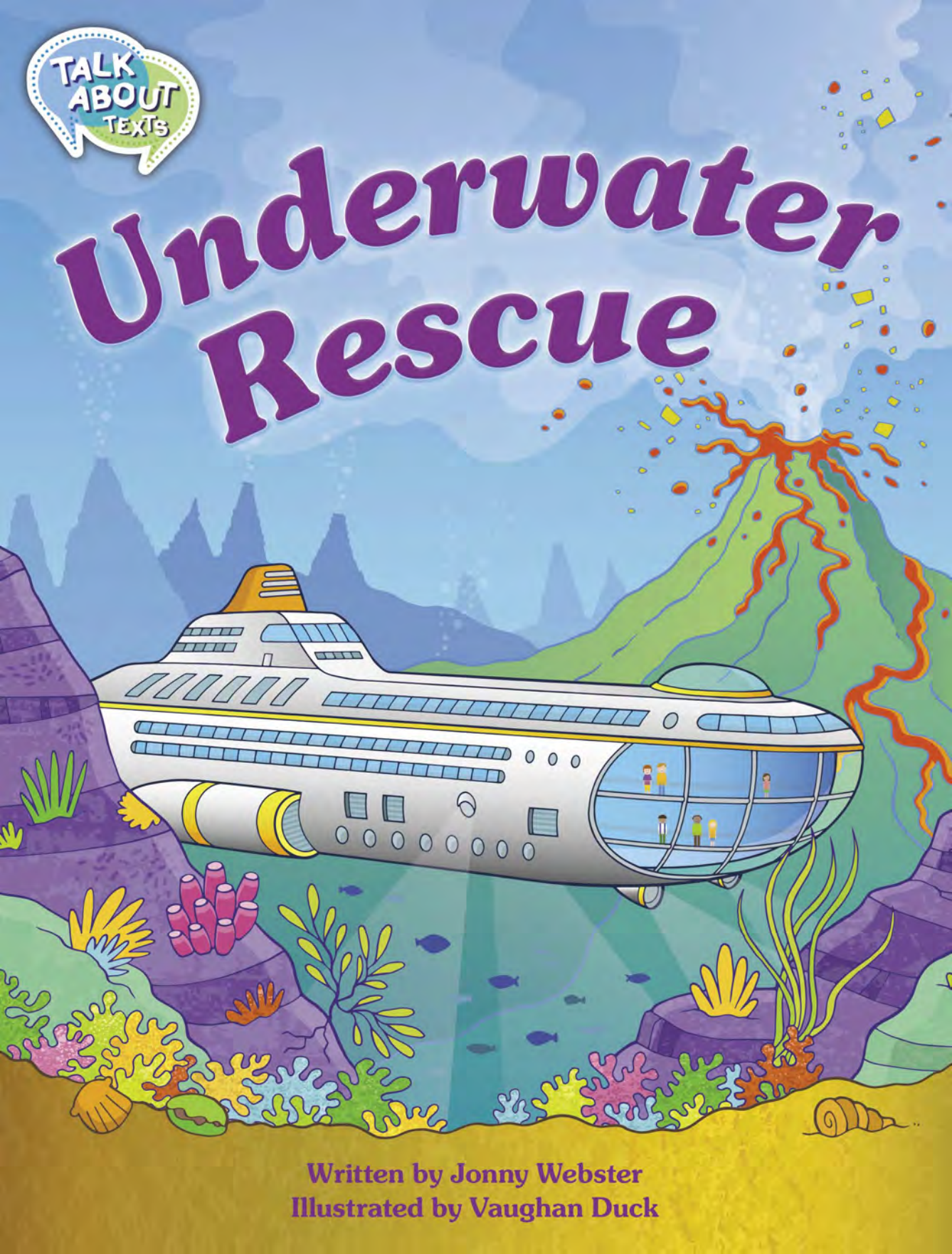
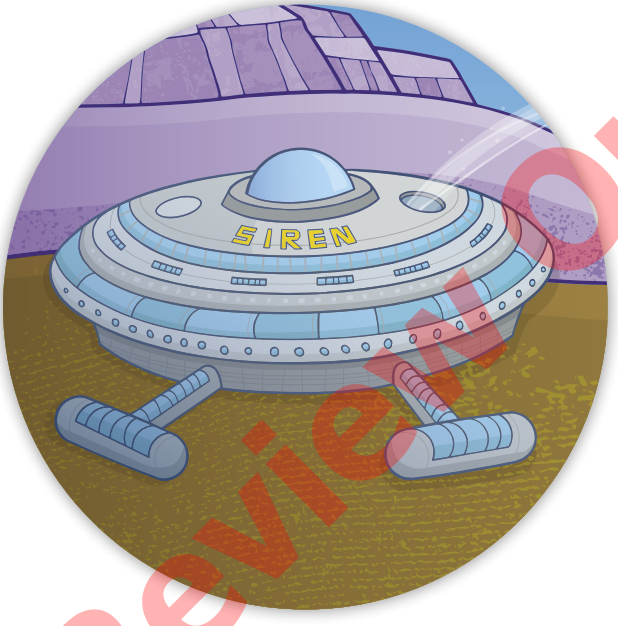


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Chapter 1

The SS *Mako*



"The ship's going down!" the crewman shouted. He held the wheel steady as the deck tipped forward. Captain Mariana watched through the windows as the nose of the great liner sank below the waves. She smiled.

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More of the ship went underwater. The Captain knew that on the other decks the passengers would be shouting and pointing. Perhaps they would be nervous. They shouldn't be, she thought, because this was the first voyage of the brand new SS *Mako*. It was a huge cruise ship that was also a submarine!



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"We're fully under, Captain!" declared Officer Kai.

"Take us to 30 metres, ahead slow," Mariana said.

"30 metres, ahead slow!" repeated Kai. He winked at the Captain and grinned. He was a fine officer, and also her husband. So it was nice to have him on board for their maiden voyage on this amazing ship.



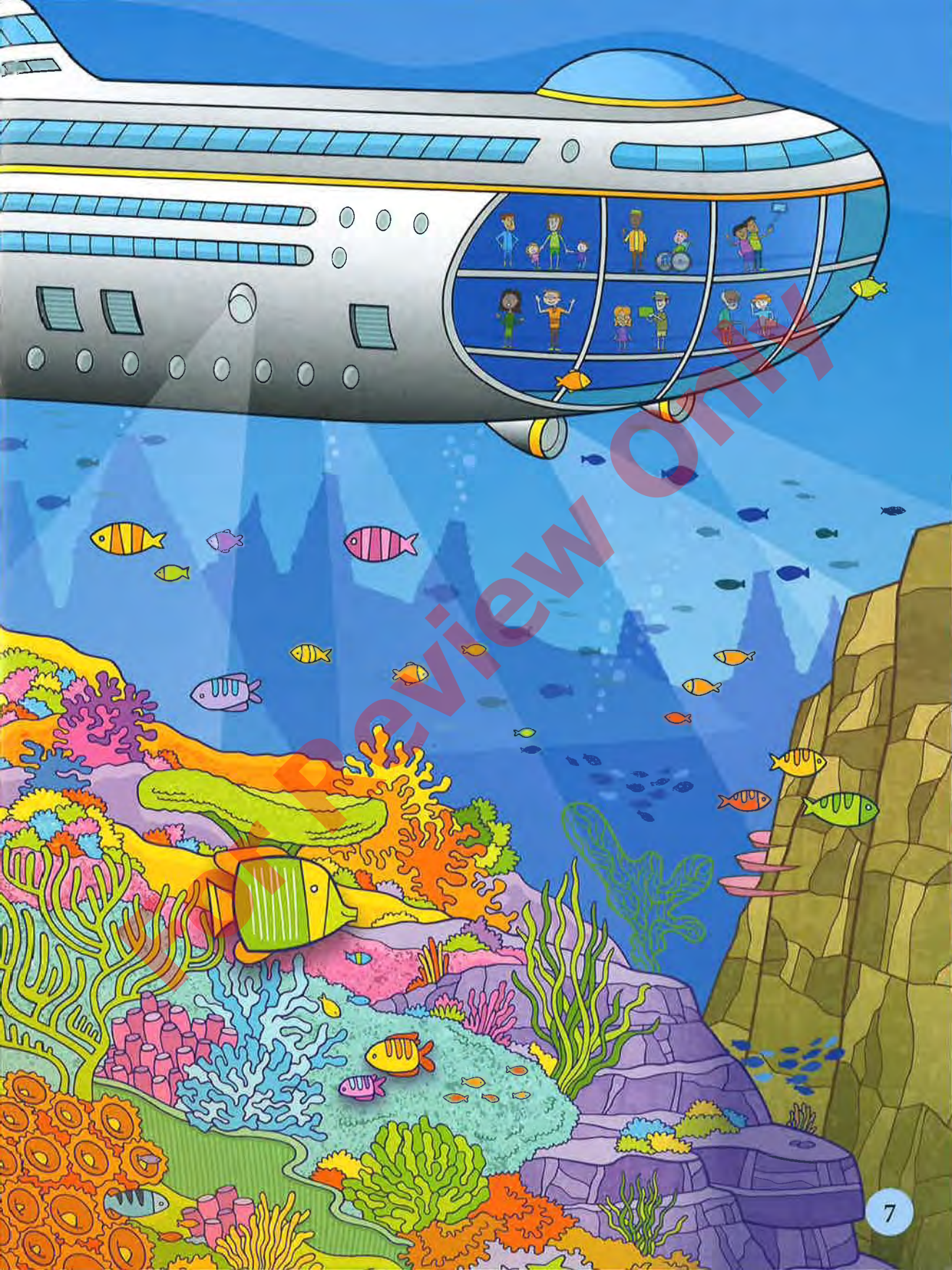
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Mariana ordered the floodlights turned on. Suddenly, the reef below them exploded with colour. The passengers lined the windows of the ship, their eyes wide. The fan coral waved gently in the current, and fish darted between the coral heads. It was spectacular!

"We're approaching the edge, Captain," Kai said, looking up from his screen. Ahead, the reef dropped away and there was an enormous underwater cliff.

"Take us down the wall, but gently. We don't want our guests falling over!" said Captain Mariana. Soon they'd see the sea life on the cliff, some underwater fossil sites, maybe even a shark or two. But she knew that the star attraction of the voyage lay far below – an underwater volcano!

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Chapter 2

SIREN



The alarm blared and Ray snapped open his eyes. Was it an emergency?

"Relax! It's just another training drill," said his twin, Athena, who floated nearby. They were both deep below the ocean's surface, drifting lazily in a warm current of water.

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