

MAYA AND THE BOTTLE

A Journey from the Hills to the Sea



Welcome to **MAYA** and the **BOTTLE** A Journey from the Hills to the Sea

Maya didn't think twice when she tossed her plastic bottle away in Kandy. But her journey takes an unexpected turn when she visits the sea and meets a magical mermaid. The mermaid shows her how that same bottle ended up hurting a turtle.

Feeling sad and wanting to make a change, Maya joins the Girl Guides to help protect the ocean and teach others how small actions can make a big difference.

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NEAR THE KANDY - MAHAWELI RIVER

Just a bottle.
Who cares?



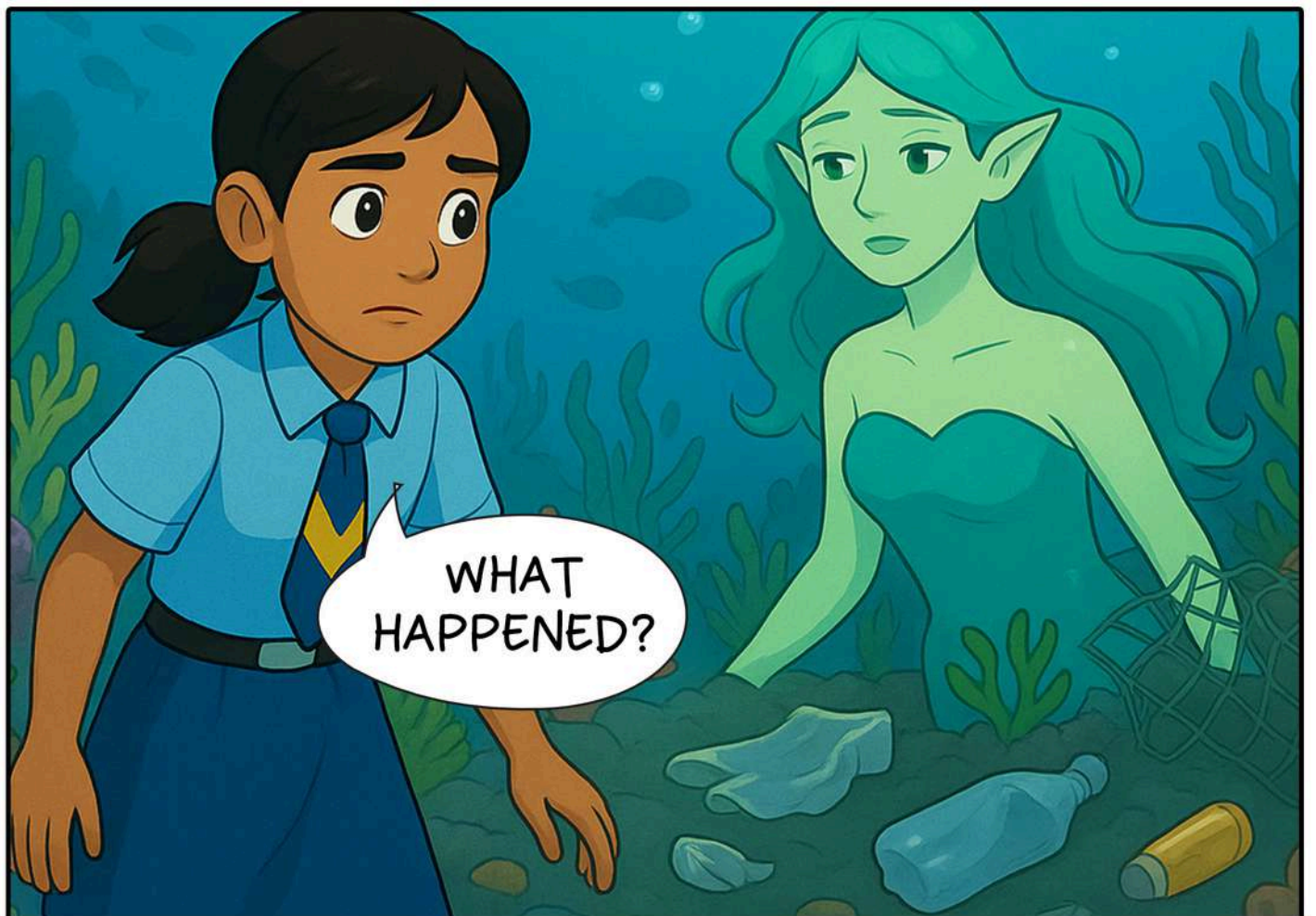
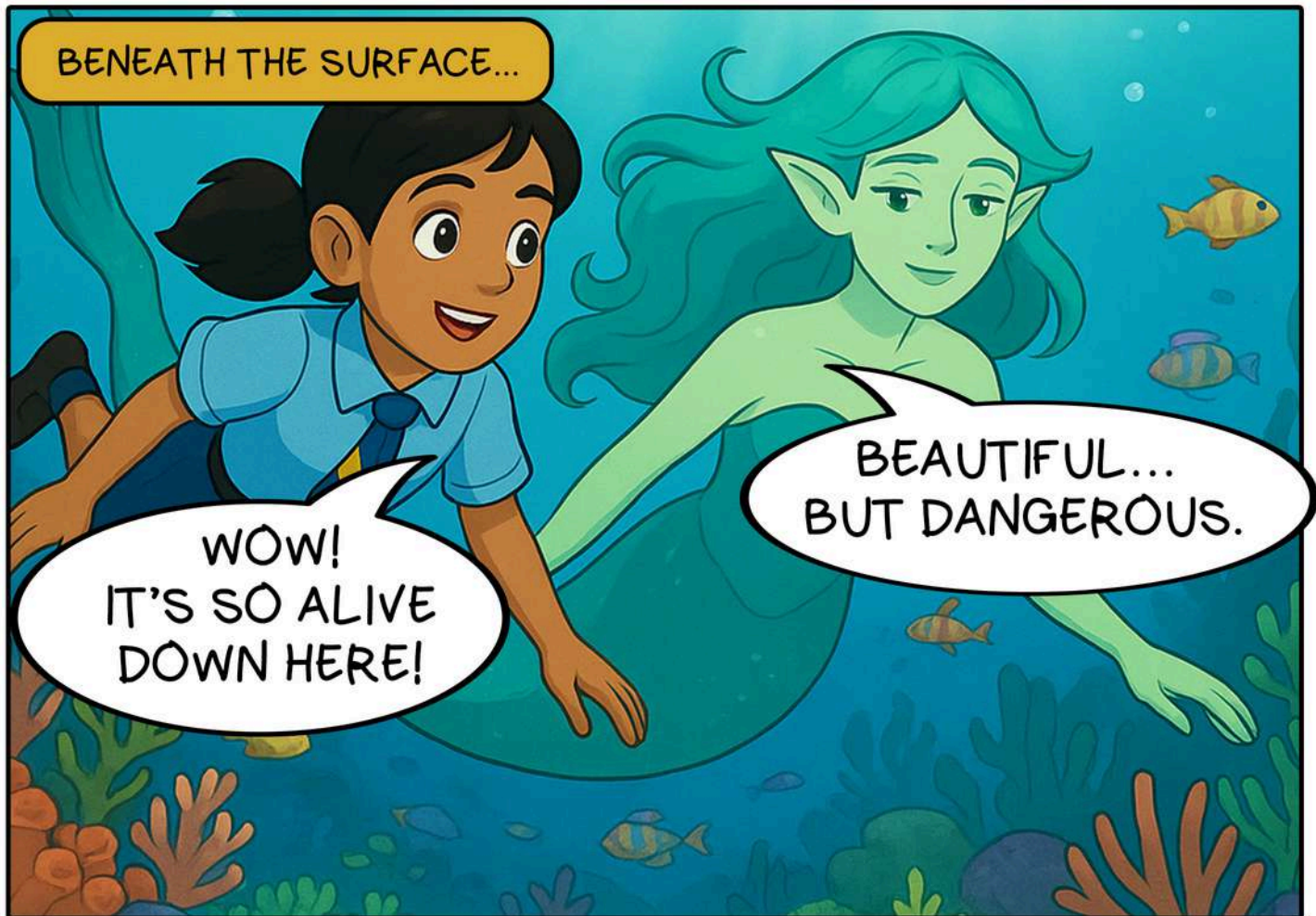
PLOP!

BUT THIS BOTTLE'S JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN...

FIVE WEEKS LATER. MAYA'S FIRST TIME AT THE BEACH









A MOMENT OF SILENCE PASSES UNDERWATER...

I DIDN'T KNOW...
I'M SO SORRY.

KNOWING IS
THE FIRST STEP.
NOW LISTEN.

MILLIONS OF TONS OF PLASTIC ENTER THE OCEAN EACH YEAR.
IT HARMS SEA LIFE AND EVEN US.
BUT SMALL CHANGES CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

SO... I CAN DO
SOMETHING?

YES. BUT YOU WON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE.

LATER THAT DAY... BACK ON LAND

HI...
CAN I HELP

OF COURSE!
WE'RE GIRL GUIDES.
WE CARE FOR
NATURE AND
PEOPLE!

GREAT JOB,
TEAM!

I SAW WHAT PLASTIC DOES.
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING REAL.

GUIDES LEARN TO
CARE, LEAD, AND HELP
STARTING RIGHT HERE.

RUSTLE!

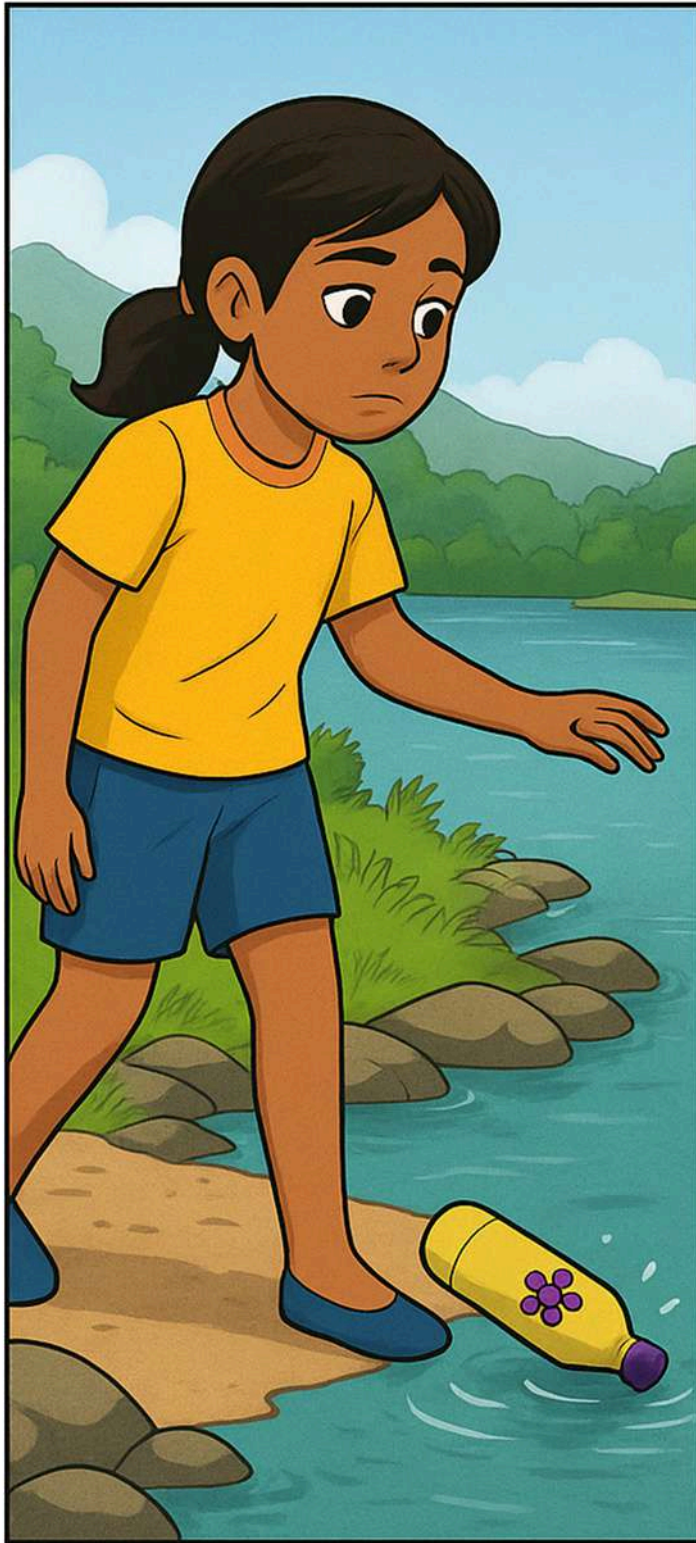
CLINK!

A FEW WEEKS LATER. BACK IN KANDY

WE PROTECT OUR
OCEANS BY PROTECTING
OUR RIVERS FIRST.
LET'S KEEP THIS CLEAN
STARTING TODAY.



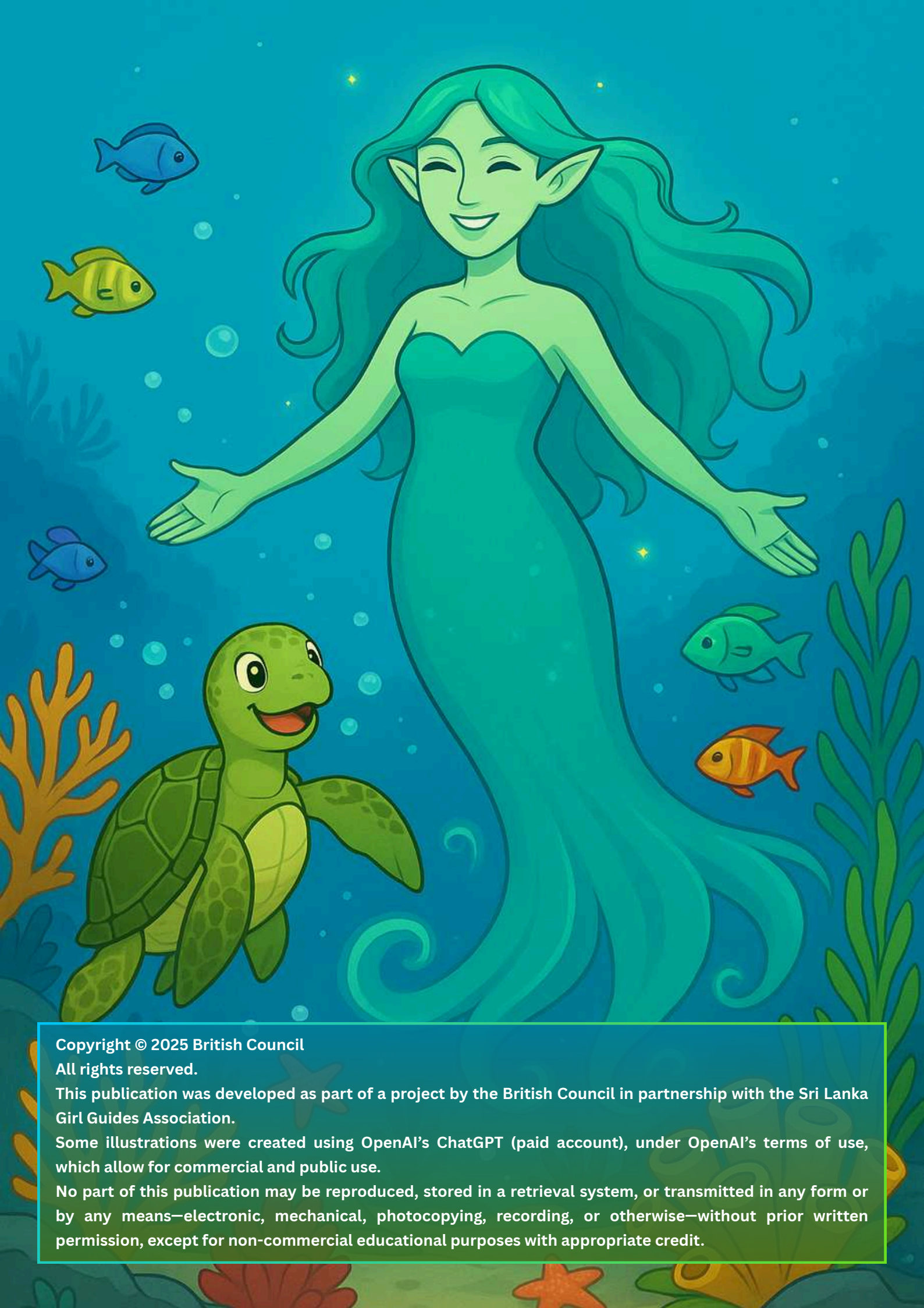
One bottle. One girl. One big change



Climate action begins with care.

Let's protect marine life and safeguard our planet. Every choice we make helps shape the future of our oceans, our world, and generations to come.

Small actions. Big waves.



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