

# Curious Lou



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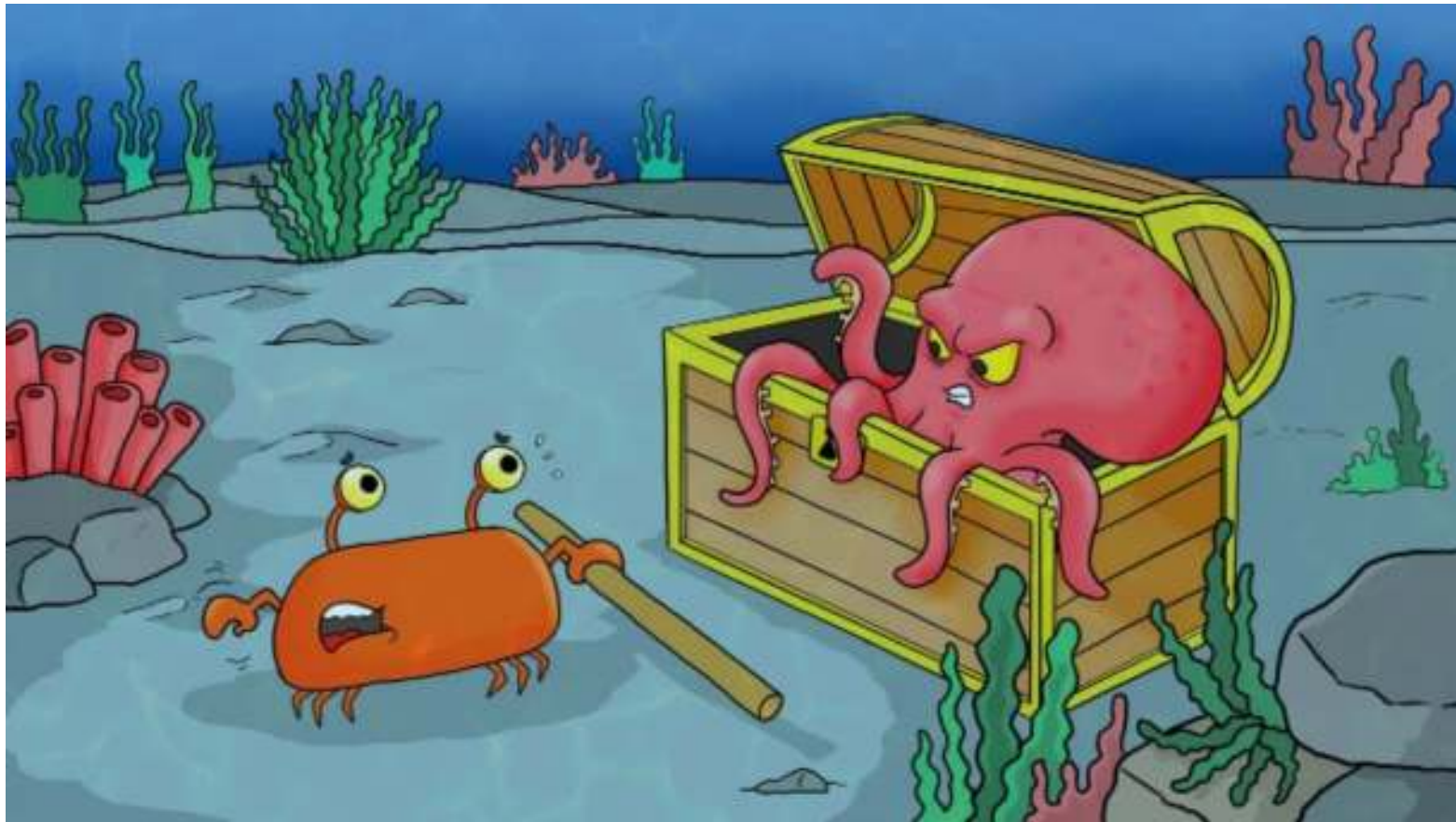
Deep down in the ocean lived a little crab called Lou. Wait a minute...  
His name is ...



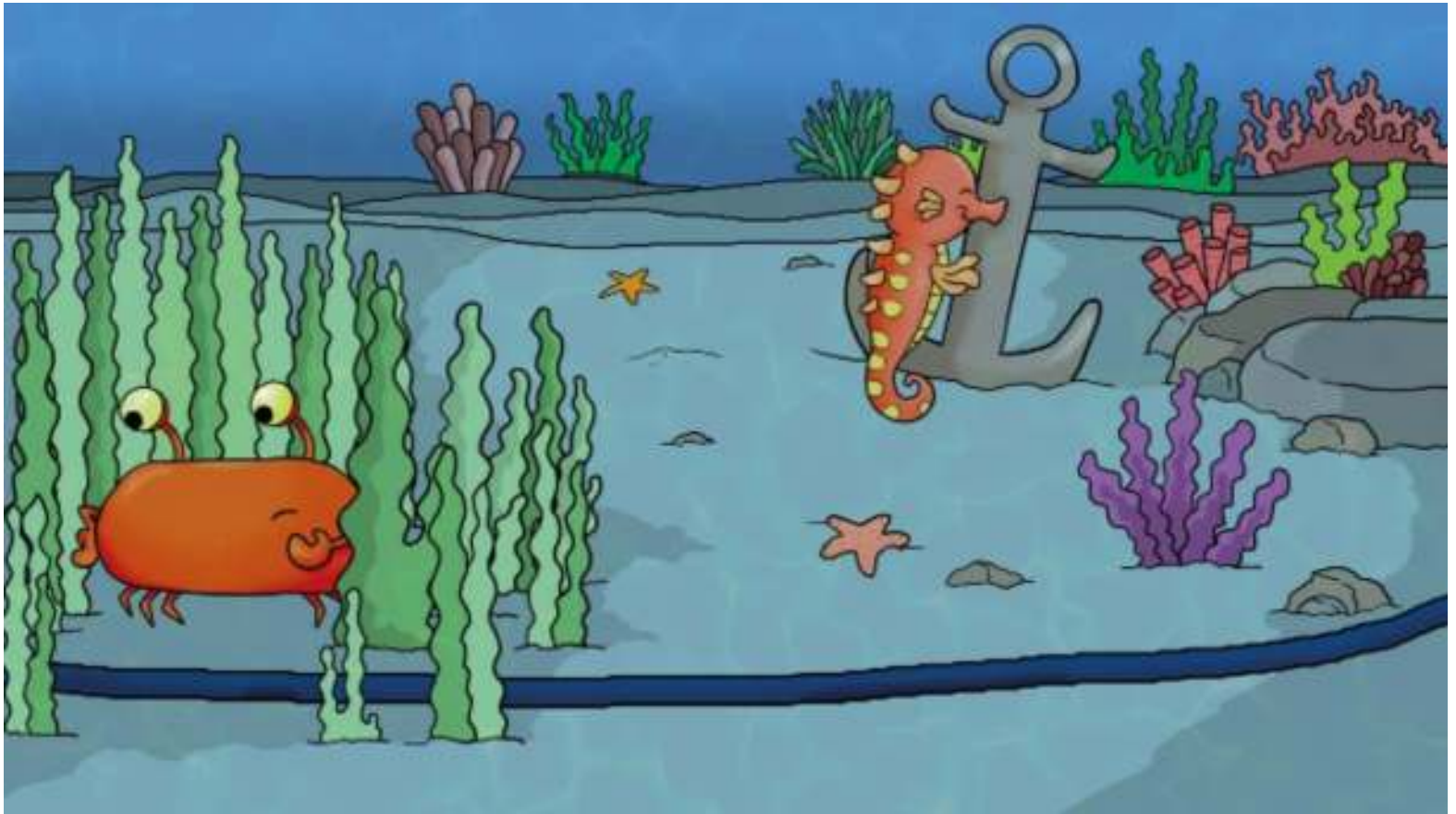
Curious Lou. What did he do to be called Curious Lou? Well, he asked his friends a million questions. He asked, "Is the sea really blue?" "In the ocean, who is who?" "Who is the inventor of glue?"

What could Curious Lou be trying to discover today?





A big grouchy octopus!



As he played with his friends and hid from them in the sand, he looked around. There he saw something that looked like a rope.



Curious Lou stared at the rope and said to himself, "This rope wasn't here before!"



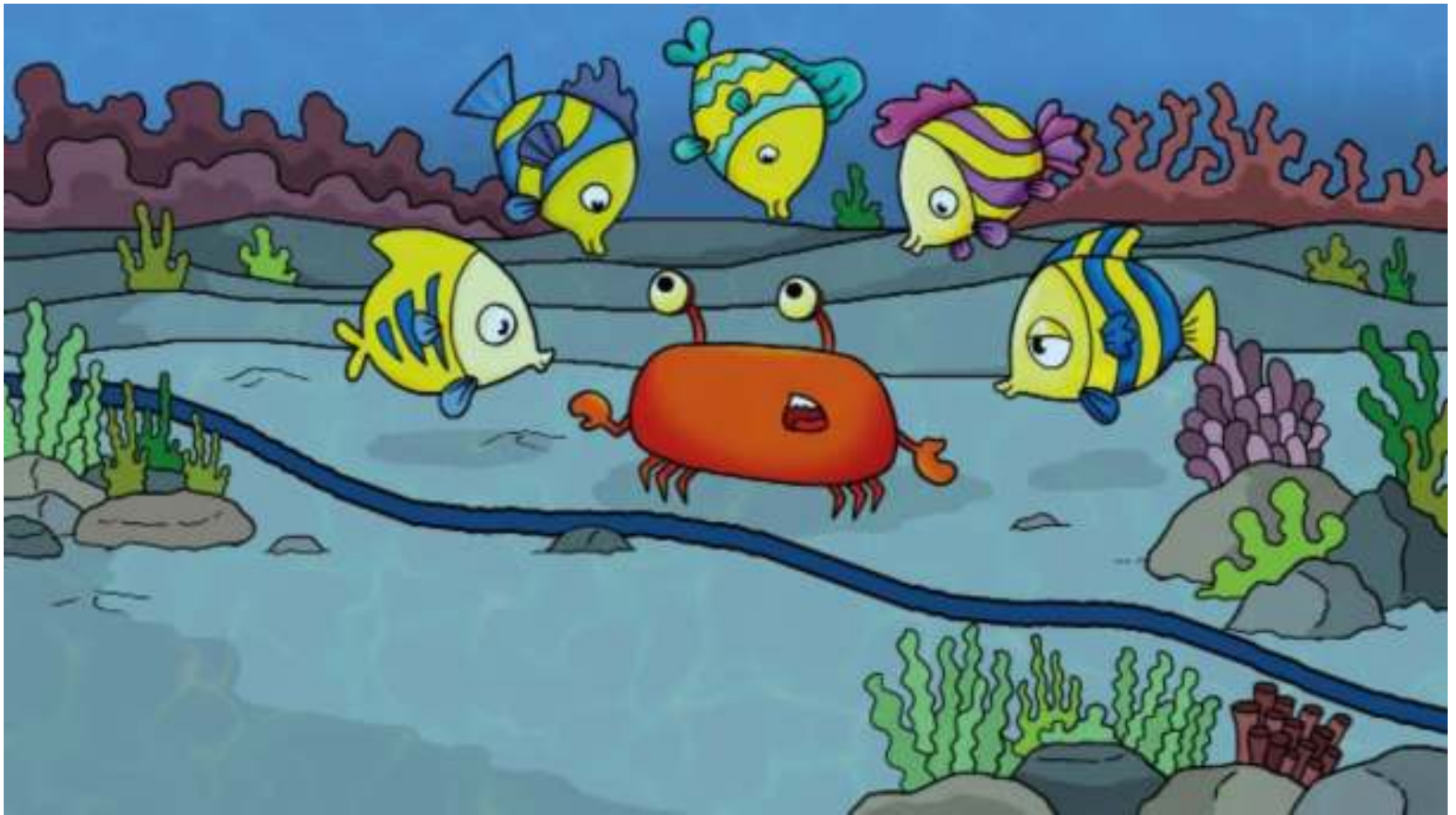


Curious Lou walked over the rope and brushed away the sand. He walked and walked. The rope seemed to go on for- ever. It was so very long.

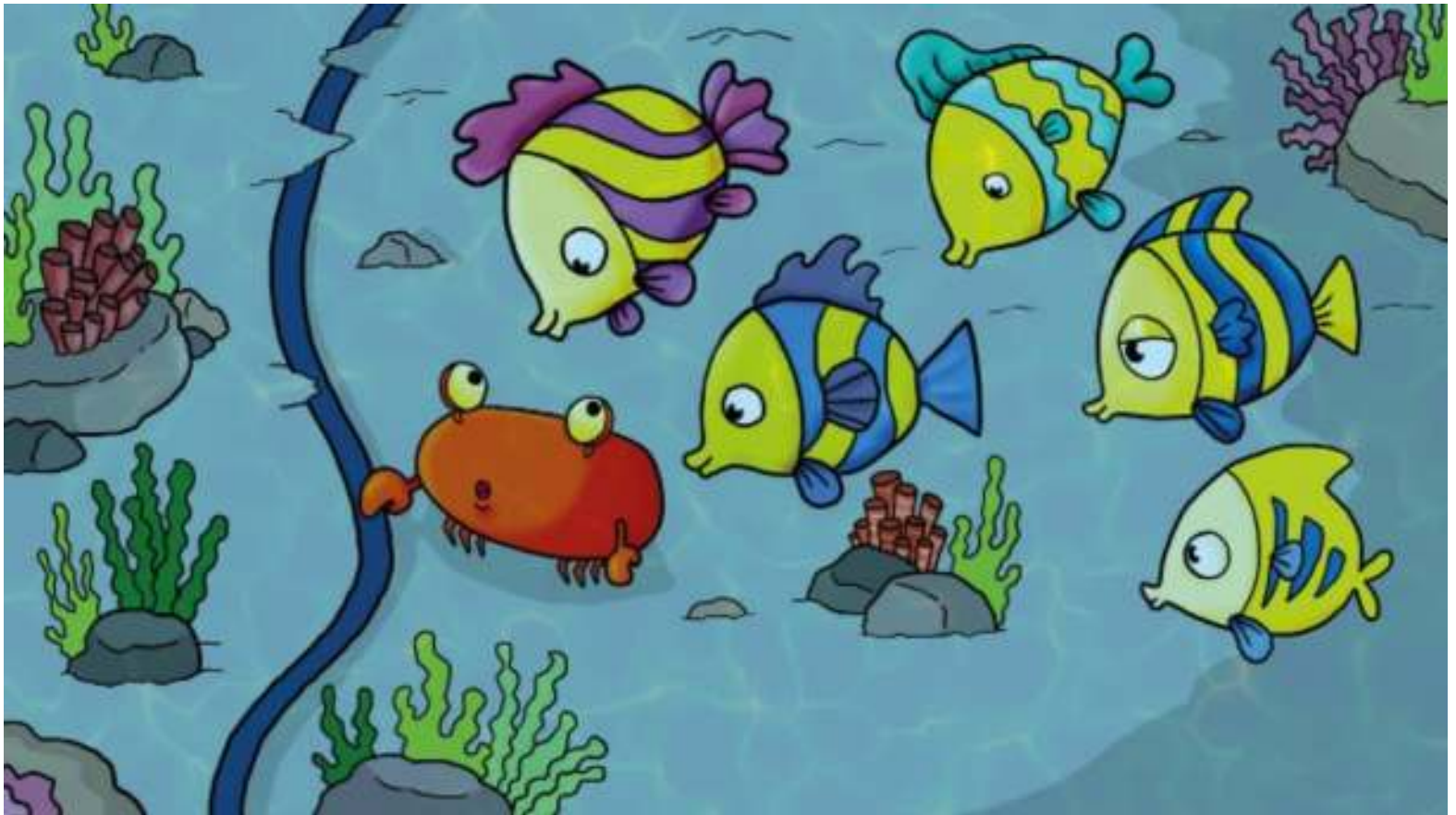


Curious Lou walked and walked and walked. He was now so far from home, but it still seemed as if the rope had no end. Then Curious Lou said, "I'll discover the mystery that lies at the end of this rope."





Lou started asking his neighbors. Perhaps someone could tell him. He asked a coral fish, "Do you know the mystery at the end of the rope buried in the sand? As you can see, it's very long."



The coral fish said, "Maybe it's a snake that recently moved into the neighborhood."



Curious Lou thought, "No way! There are no snakes that are that long."

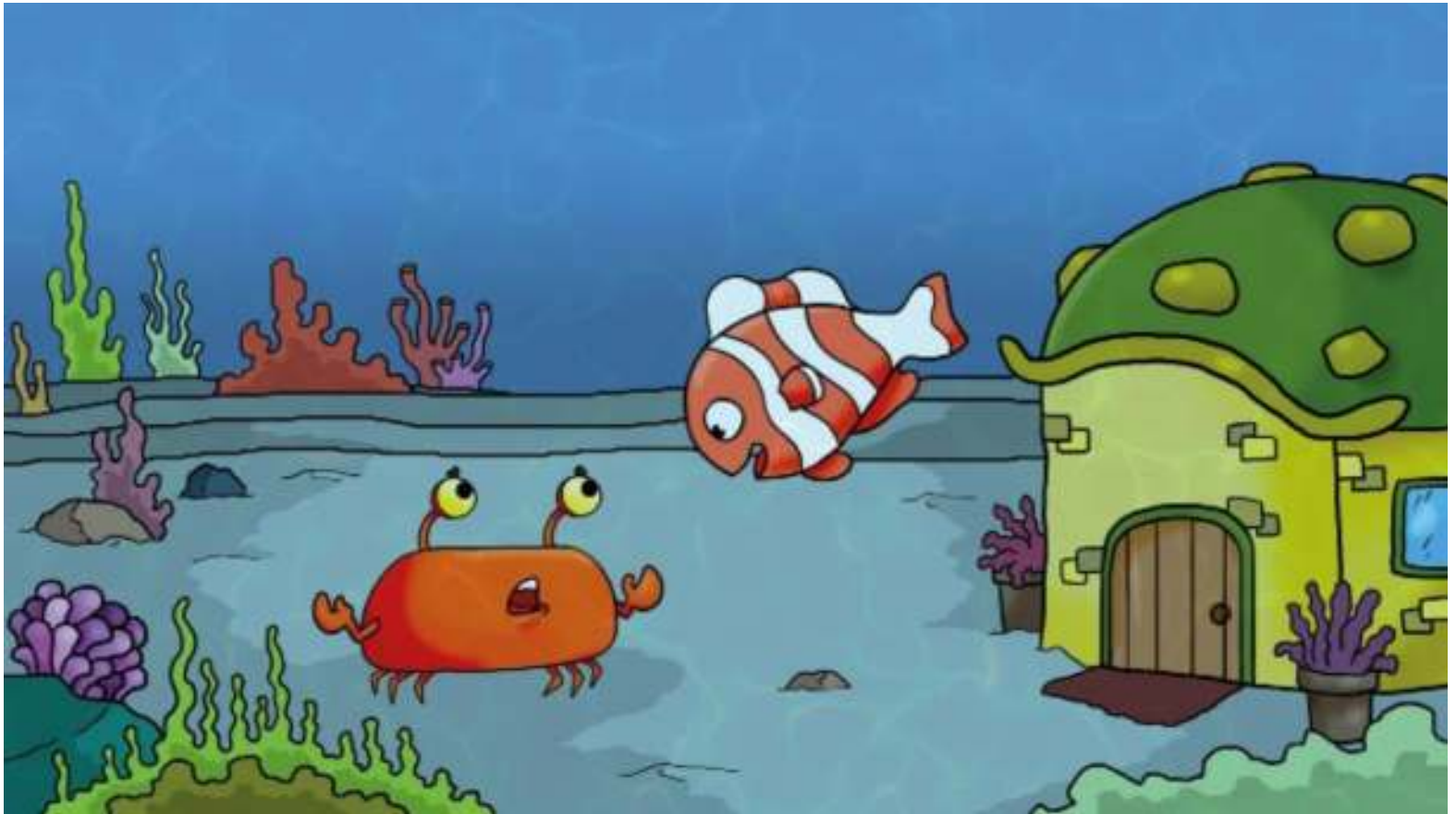




So he asked the grouper fish. “Do you know the mystery at the end of the rope buried in the sand? It’s very long as you can see.”

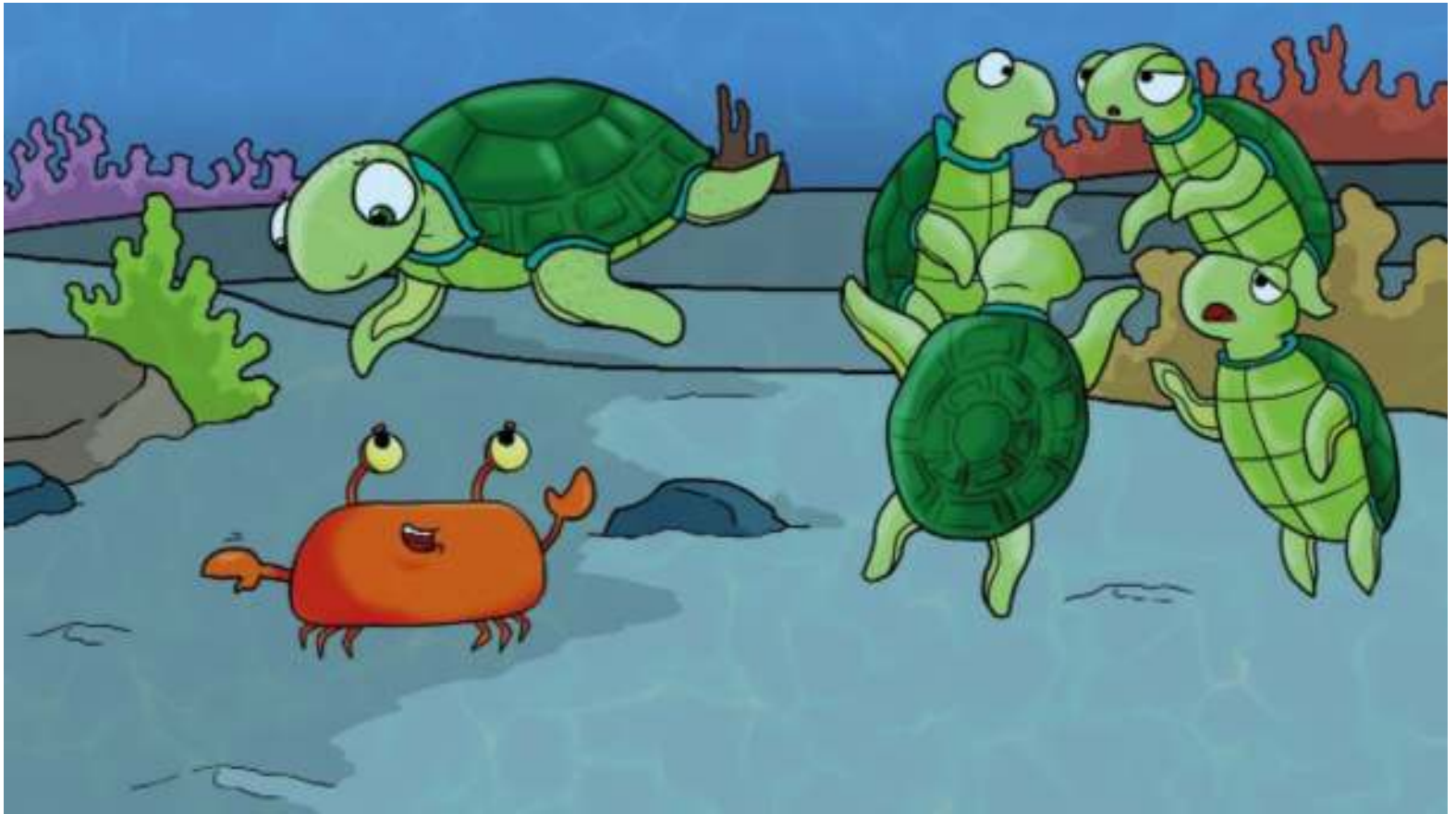


The grouper fish replied, "We don't know about these things. You could ask the turtle. She sees a lot during her annual migration."

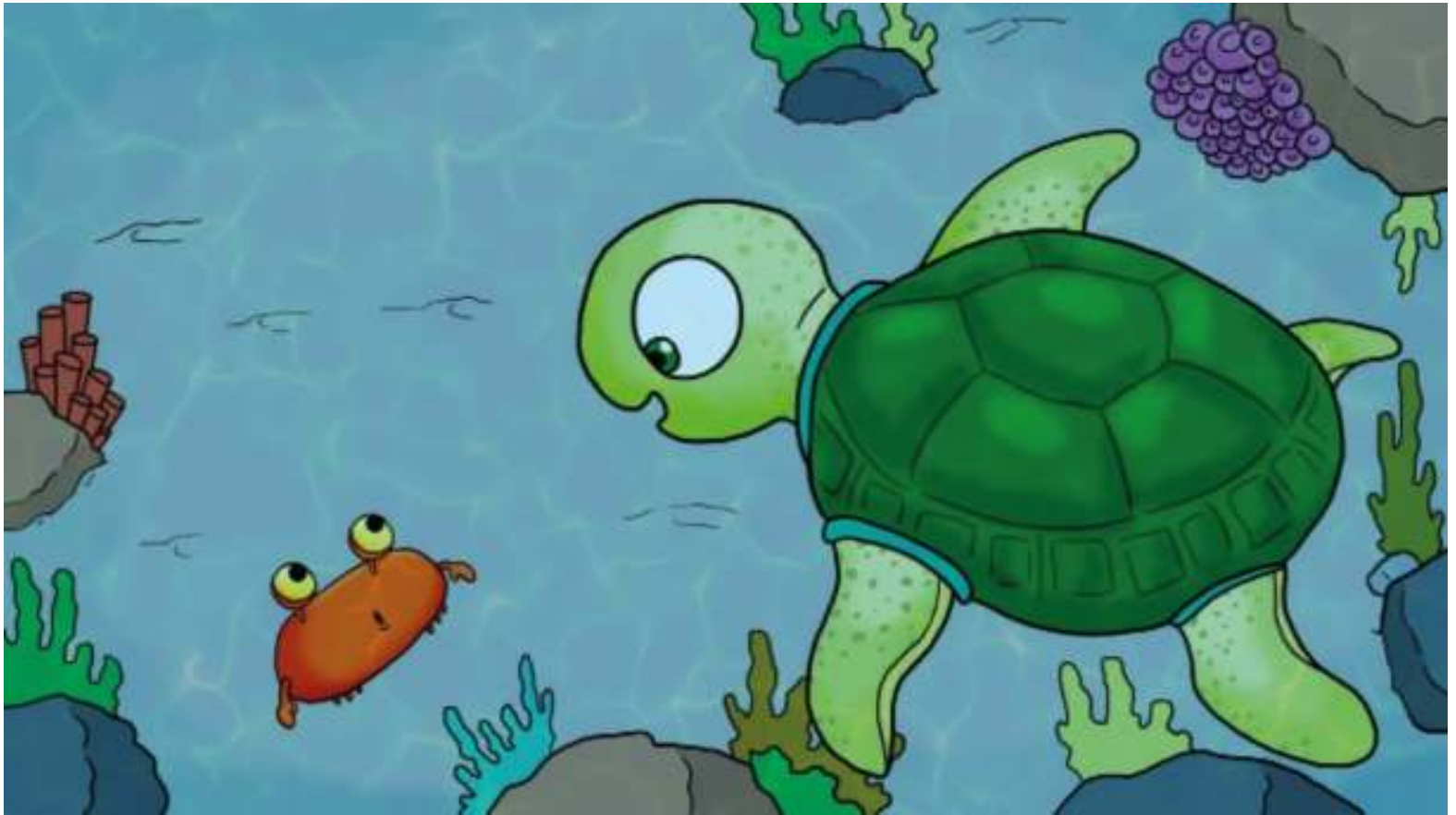


Lou quickly went to the turtle's house but did not find her. A clown fish told him that today she is migrating to lay her eggs. Lou ran to catch with her before she left.

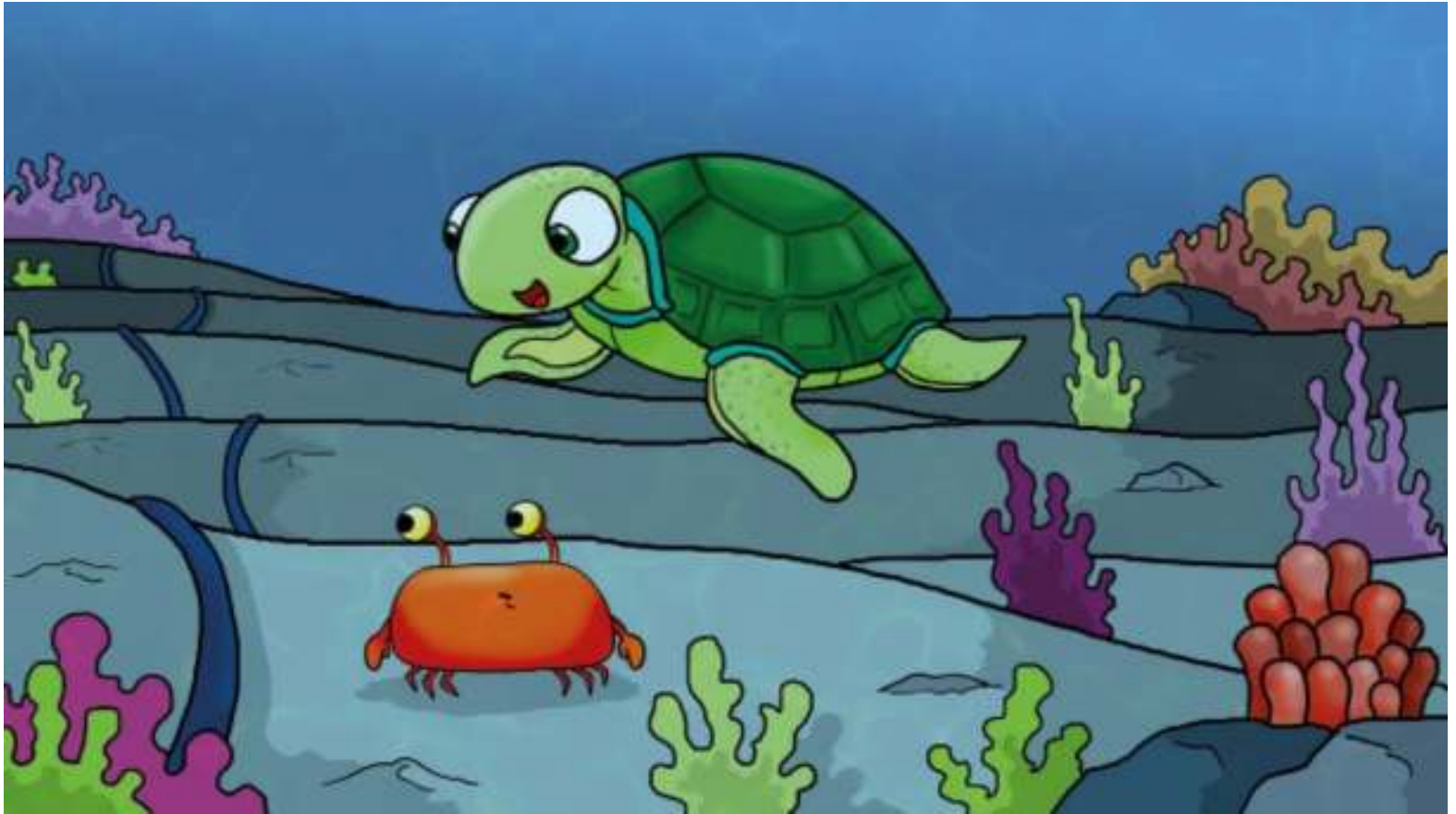




Curious Lou found her with many other turtles so he asked her, “My dear, do you know the mystery at the end of the rope buried in the sand? It’s very long as you can see.”

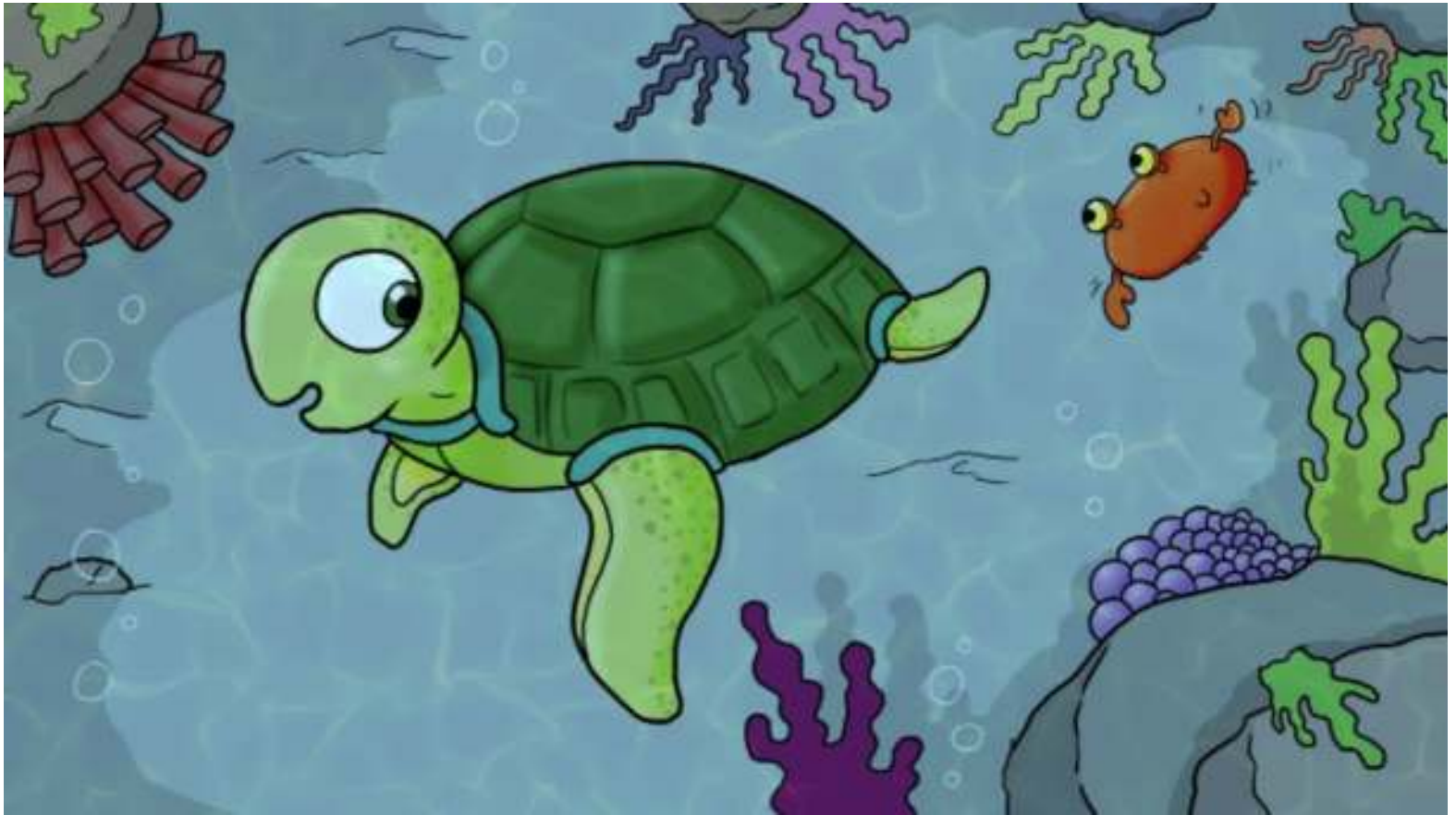


Mrs. Turtle said, "You're such a curious crab, Lou. It's not a rope. It's called a cable. There are hundreds of them in the ocean and they go on for thousands of kilometres."

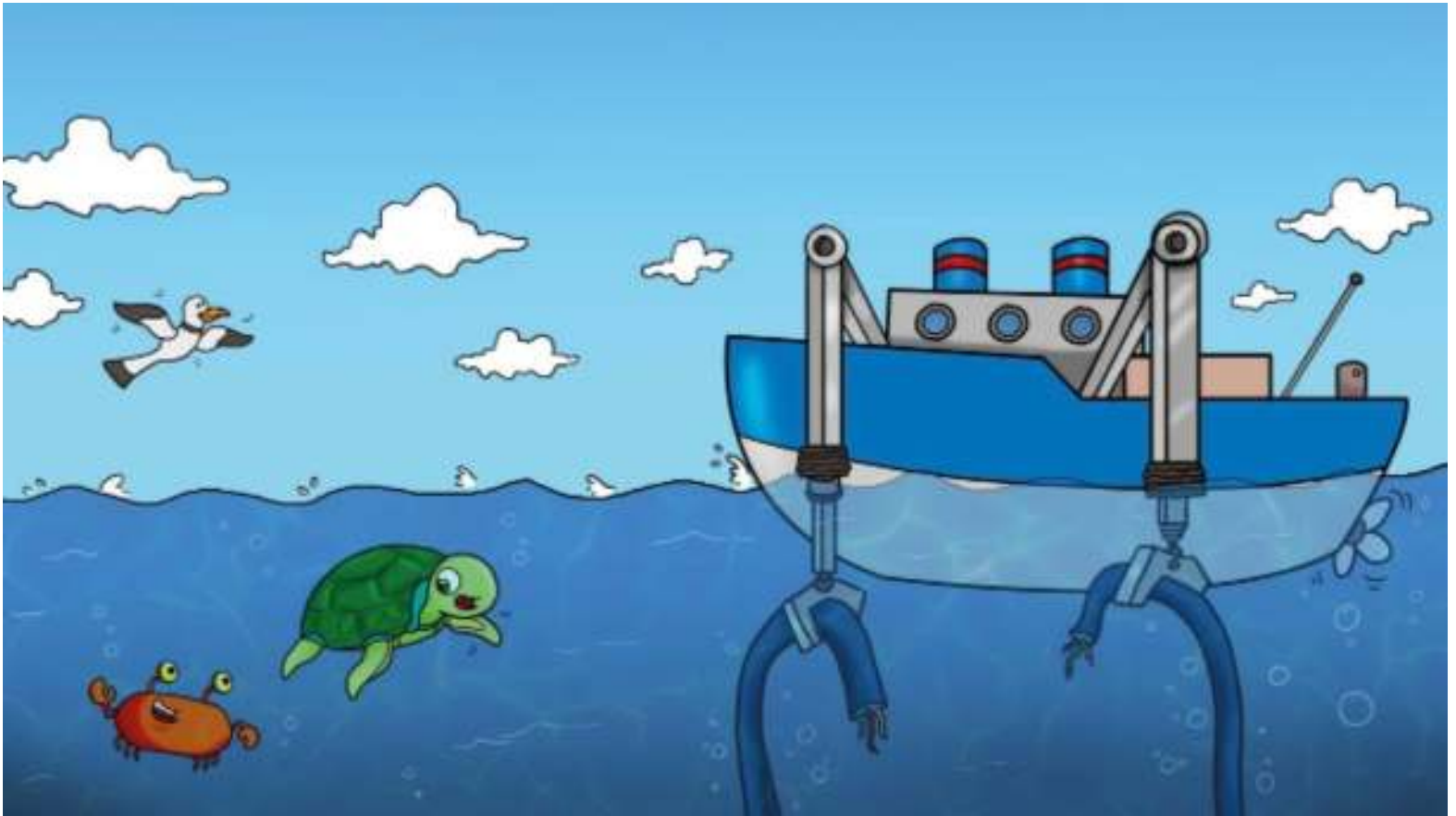


“They help people exchange information via a tele- communication network called the Internet.”



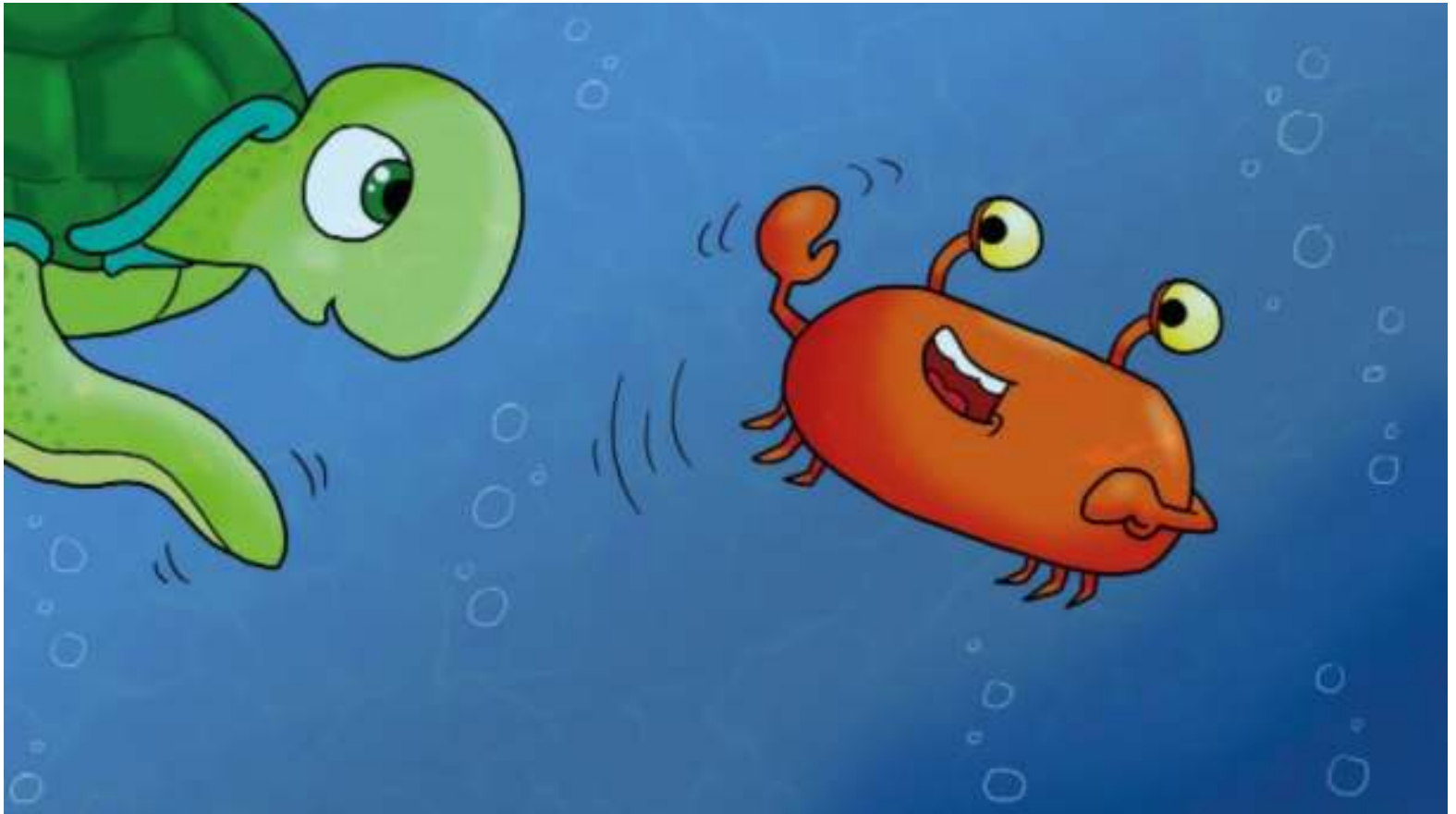


"Come with me. I'll show you. I still have some time."



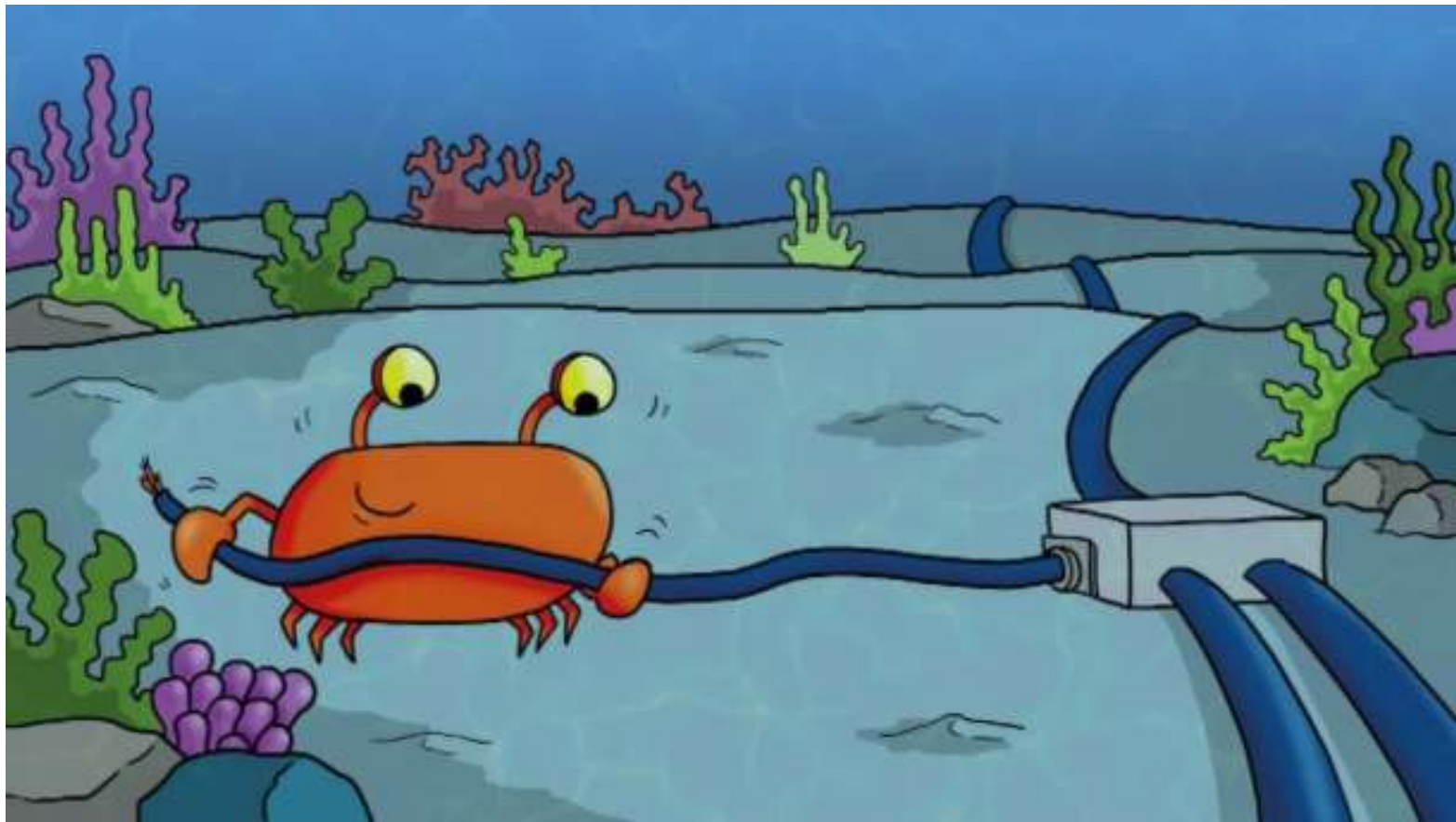
“Look at this ship. It’s repairing a broken cable. Maybe one of sharks bit it. Lou asked, “But what do human beings do with the Internet?”

Mrs. Turtle said, “They learn, send messages to each other and even play games. It’s a network that quickly transmits information, no matter how far the distance.”



Curious Lou thanked Mrs. Turtle and then he set out on a very important mission.

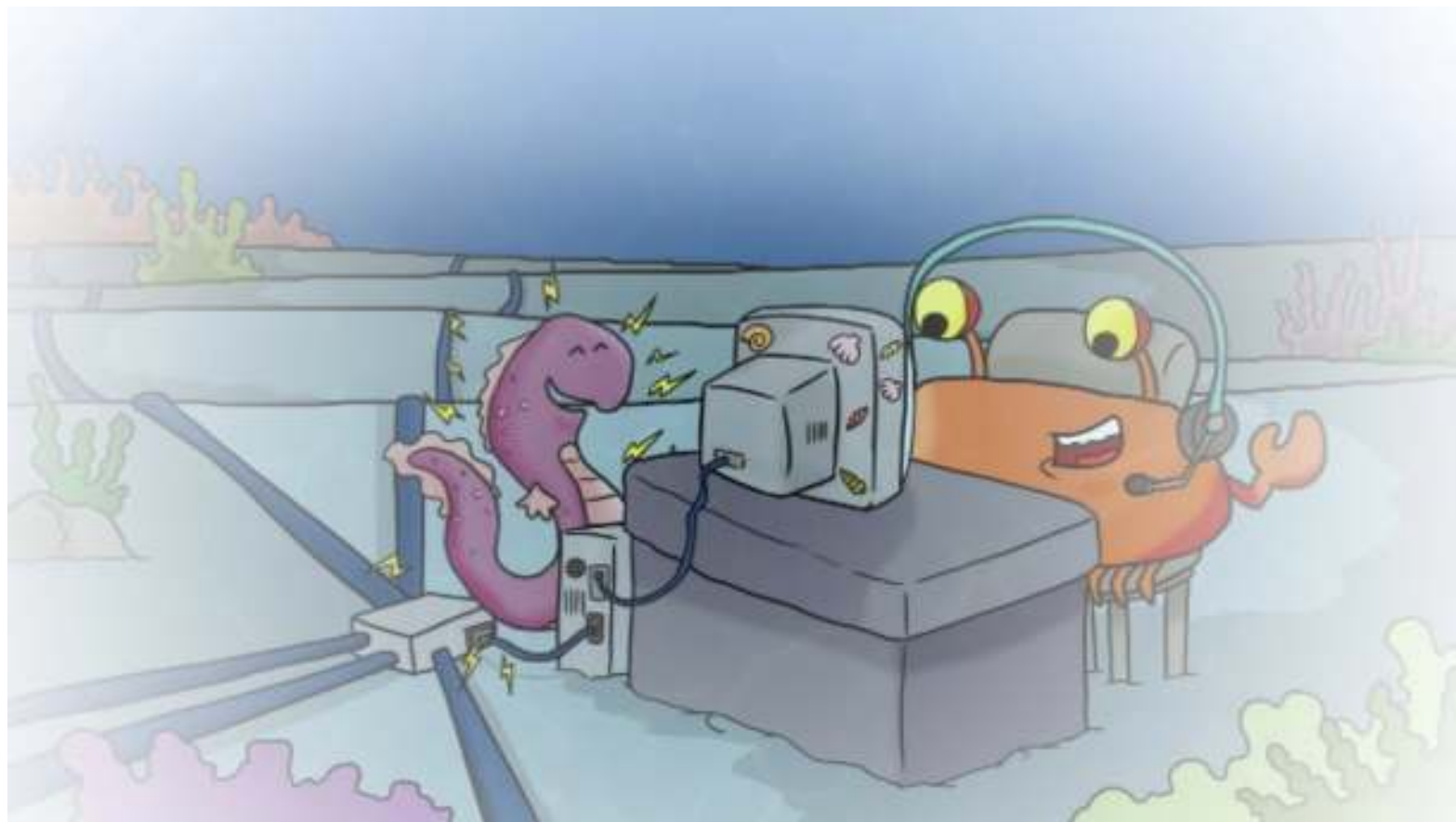




Curious Lou used some extensions from the cables...



...and opened a telecommunications center for all the ocean creatures!



The End