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WAVES OF HOPE

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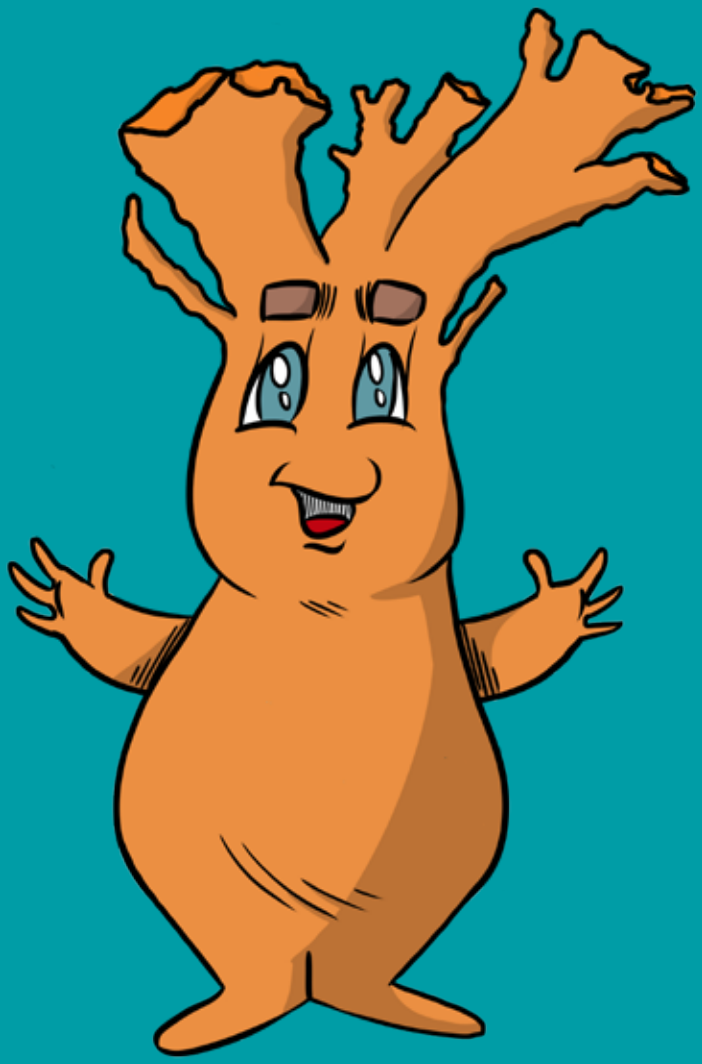
ACROPORA



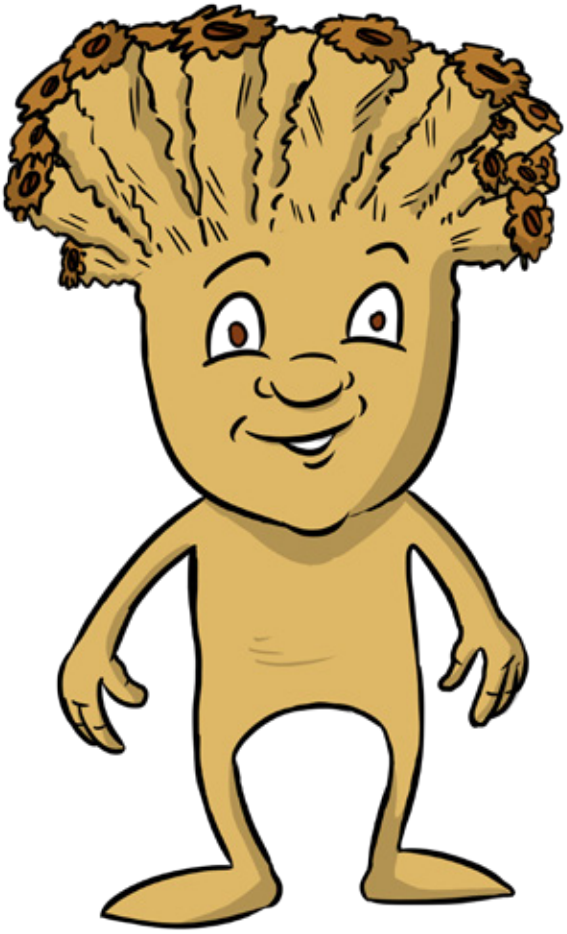
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: ACROPORA PALMATA / ELKHORN CORAL.

PREFERENCES: GROWS IN THE SHALLOW WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, USUALLY LESS THAN 20 M DEEP, NEEDS PLENTY OF SUNLIGHT FOR THE SYMBIOTIC ALGAE LIVING IN ITS TISSUE.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: COLONIAL ANIMALS THAT BUILD COMPLEX BRANCHING SKELETONS MADE OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. ALL CORALS HAVE STINGING CELLS, LIKE JELLYFISH.

DISLIKES: HIGH NUTRIENT LEVELS, INCREASING ACIDITY AND TEMPERATURES IN THE SEAWATER AROUND THEM.

CLADOCORA



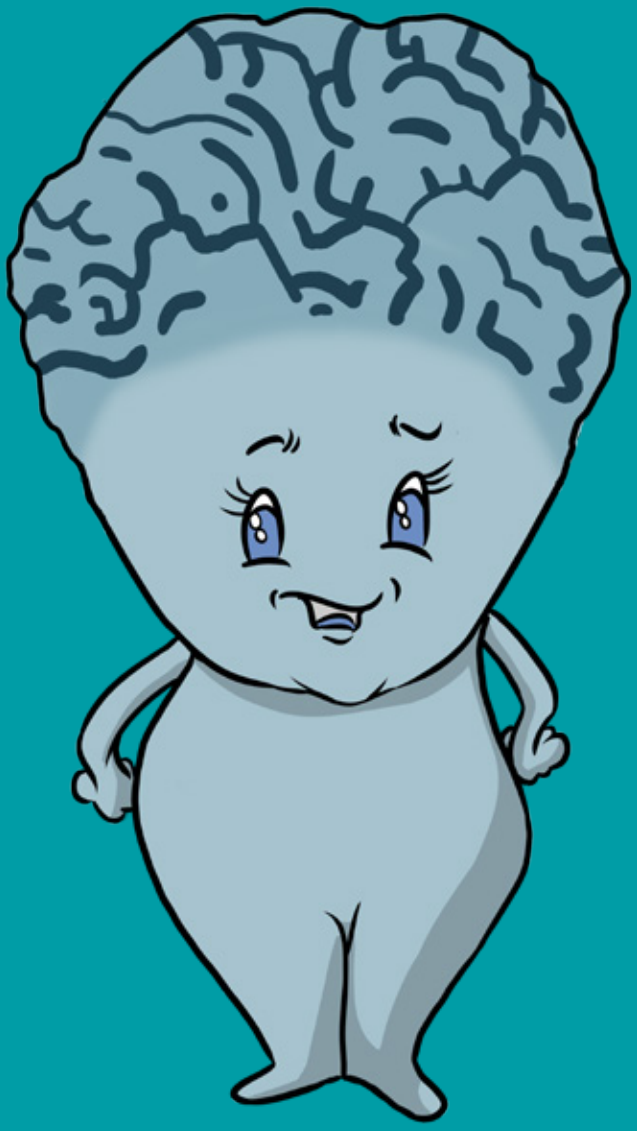
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: *CLADOCORA CAESPITOSA*, ALSO KNOWN AS THE MEDITERRANEAN PILLOW CORAL.

PREFERENCES: GROWS GENERALLY IN SHALLOW, WELL-LIT WATERS BUT IT CAN ALSO THRIVE IN DEEPER AND TURBID WATERS.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: HEMISPHERICAL COLONIES THAT FORM CORAL BEDS AND SMALL REEFS.

DISLIKES: WARMING WATERS AND COASTAL URBANISATION IN SOME AREAS.

DIPLORIA



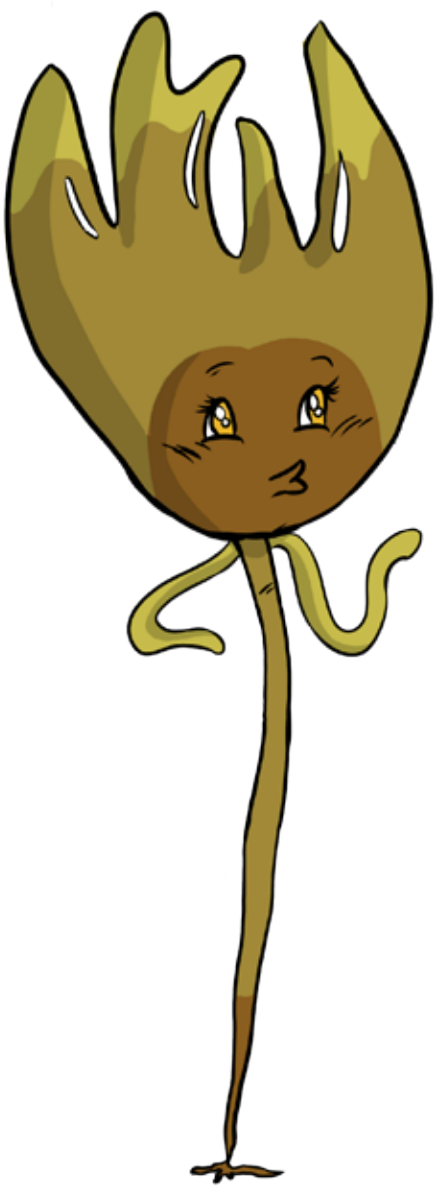
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: DIPLORIA LABYRINTHIFORMIS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GROOVED BRAIN CORAL.

PREFERENCES: INHABIT SEAWARD SLOPE OF REEFS IN THE CARIBBEAN, DOWN TO 40 M DEPTH.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: COLONIAL ANIMALS THAT BUILD HEMISPHERICAL SKELETONS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.

DISLIKES: HIGH NUTRIENT LEVELS, INCREASING ACIDITY AND TEMPERATURES IN THE SEAWATER AROUND THEM.

LAMINARIA



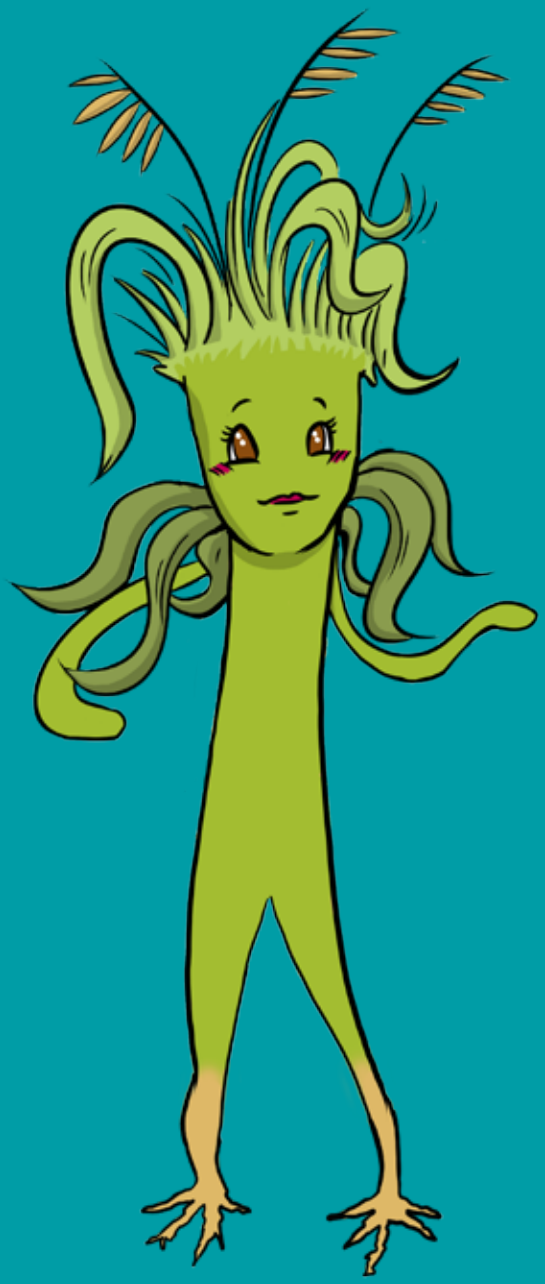
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: *LAMINARIA DIGITATA* / KELP OR OARWEED.

PREFERENCES: GROWS IN COLD, NUTRIENT-RICH WATERS OVER ROCKY SUBSTRATES IN NORTHERN EUROPE.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: ITS SHAPE RESEMBLES THE FINGERS OF A HAND WHICH GIVES IT ITS LATIN NAME. IT CAN COVER GREAT EXTENSIONS OF INTERTIDAL AND SUBTIDAL AREAS, FORMING DENSE KELP FORESTS.

DISLIKES: WARM TEMPERATURES!

SPARTINA



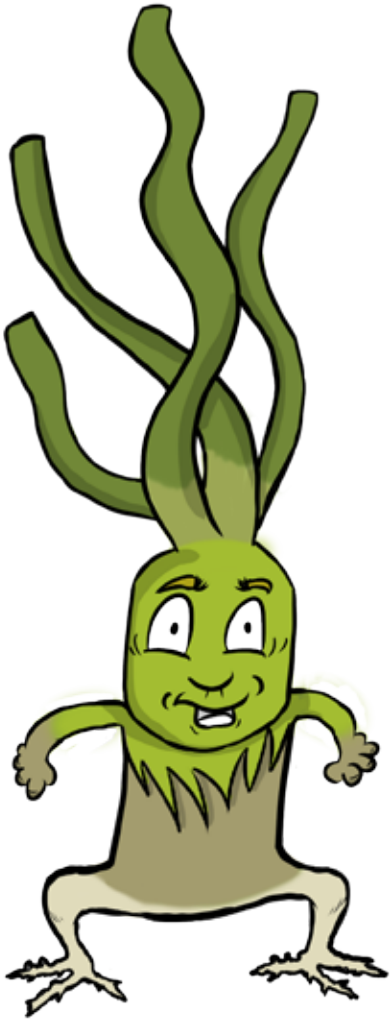
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: SPARTINA ANGLICA / COMMON CORD GRASS.

PREFERENCES: GROWS IN THE LOWER INTERTIDAL ZONE OF MANY COASTAL AREAS UNDER TEMPERATE CLIMATES SUCH AS NORTHERN EUROPE.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: VIGOROUS PERENNIAL GRASS WITH TALL STEMS (UP TO 1.3M) AND BROAD, STIFF, HAIRLESS LEAVES.

DISLIKES: BEING SQUEEZED BETWEEN SEA-LEVEL RISE AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT.

SEAGRASSA - REPRESENTING THE SEAGRASS FAMILY (THALASSIA - POSIDONIA - ZOSTERA)



LATIN / COMMON NAMES: *POSIDONIA OCEANICA* / MEDITERRANEAN TAPEWEED (MEDITERRANEAN SEA); *THALASSIA TESTUDINUM* / TURTLE GRASS (CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF MEXICO); *ZOSTERA* / EELGRASS (WIDESPREAD IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA)

PREFERENCES: THRIVES IN CLEAR, SHALLOW WATERS, TYPICALLY OVER SANDY OR MUDDY SUBSTRATES.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: FLOWERING PLANTS ADAPTED TO LIVE IN MARINE ENVIRONMENTS FROM THE TROPICS TO SUB-POLAR AREAS.

DISLIKES: ANCHORING, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, POLLUTION, AND WARMING WATERS.

RHIZOPHORA

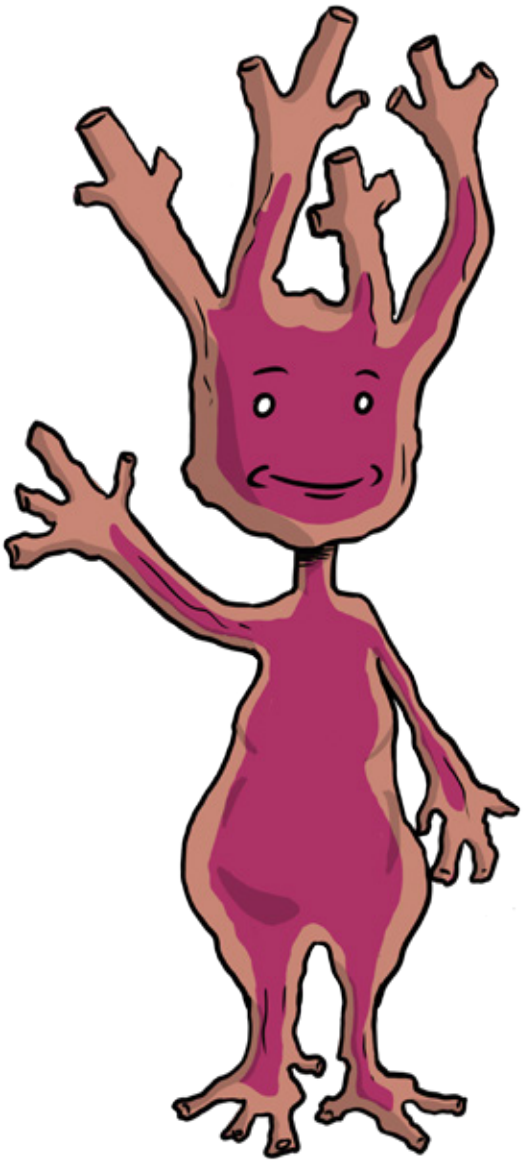
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: RHIZOPHORA MANGLE / RED MANGROVE TREE.

PREFERENCES: GROWS AT THE FRINGE OF THE MANGROVE FOREST IN THE CARIBBEAN. ENJOYS MUDDY, SHELTERED HABITATS.

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: STILT-LIKE ROOTS

DISLIKES: HURRICANES!

RHODOLITHA

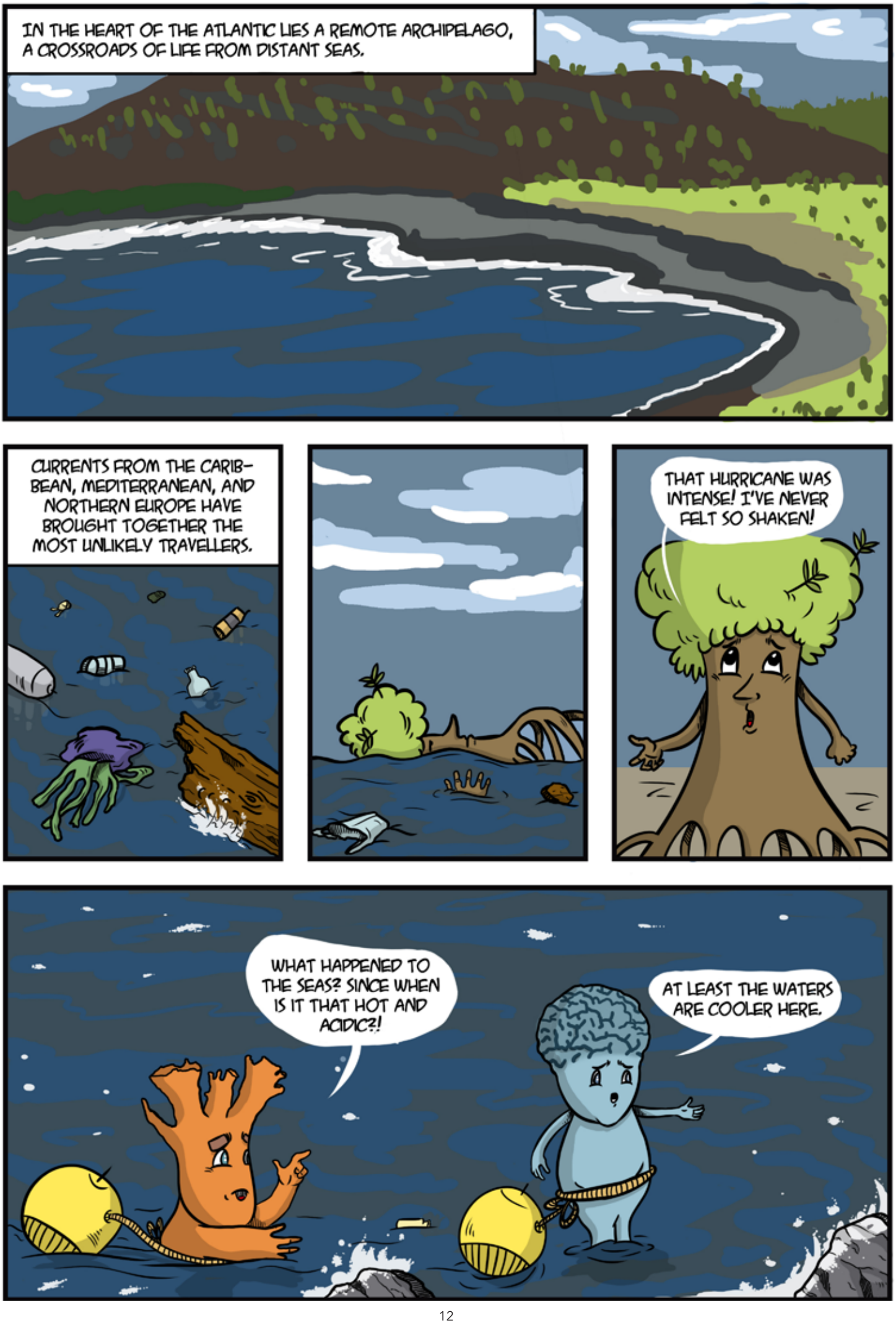


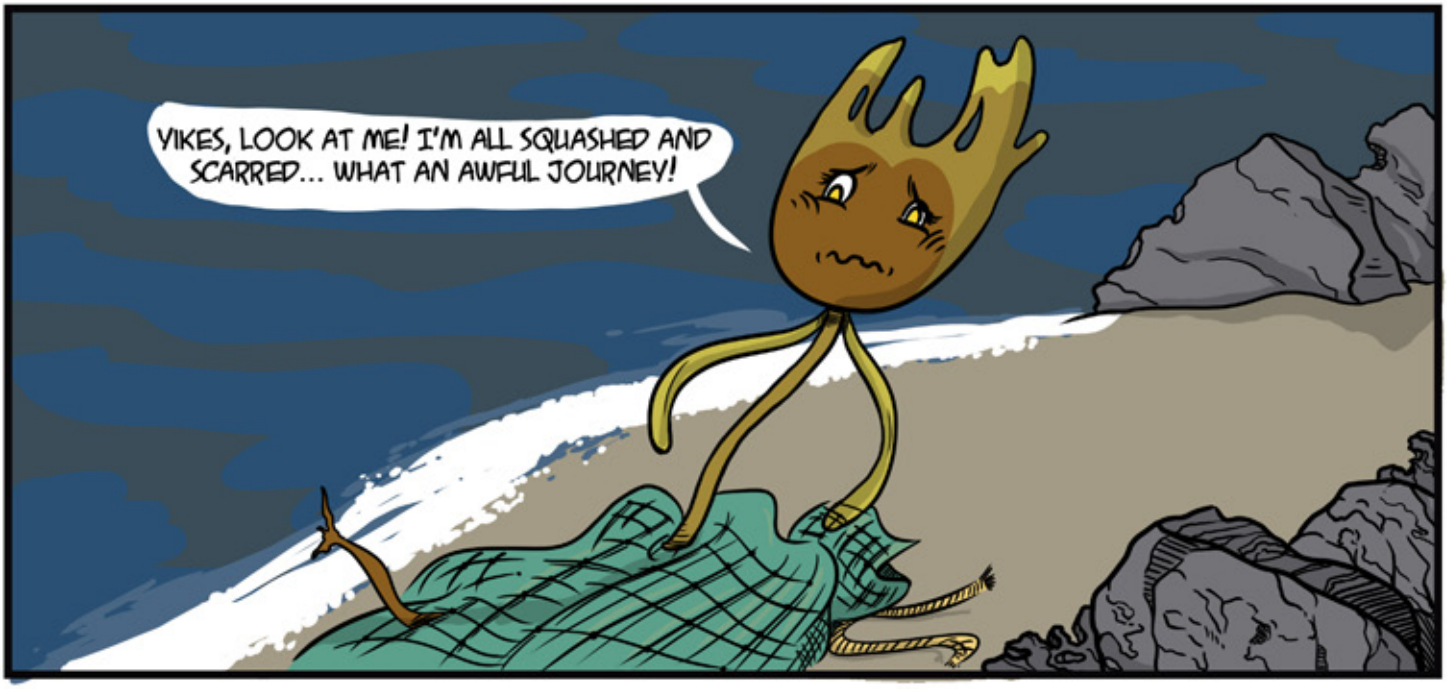
LATIN / COMMON NAMES: LITHOTHAMNION CORALLIOIDES / ONE OF THE MULTIPLE RED CALCAREOUS ALGAE THAT FORM MEDITERRANEAN RHODOLITH BEDS.

PREFERENCES: LIVES AT LOW LIGHT, EXTENDS DOWN TO *100* M DEEP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN CONTINENTAL SHELVES.

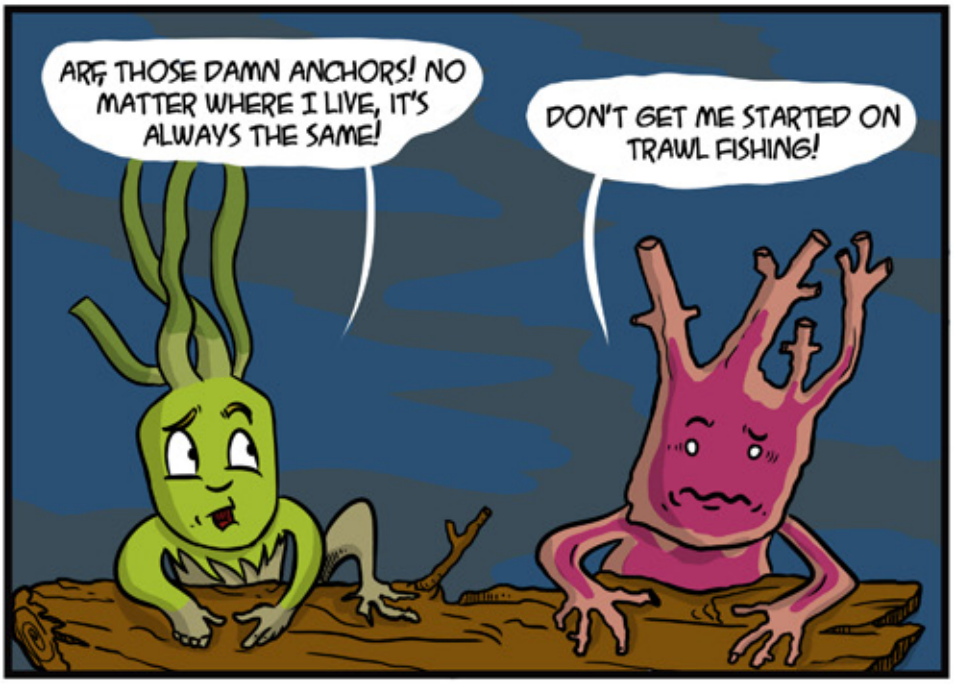
MAIN CHARACTERISTIC: SLOW GROWING ORGANISMS THAT FORM ROUNDED OR BRANCHED FREE-LIVING FORMS THAT ARE MADE OF CALCIUM CARBONATE STRUCTURES.

DISLIKES: ACIDIFICATION AND TRAWL FISHING.

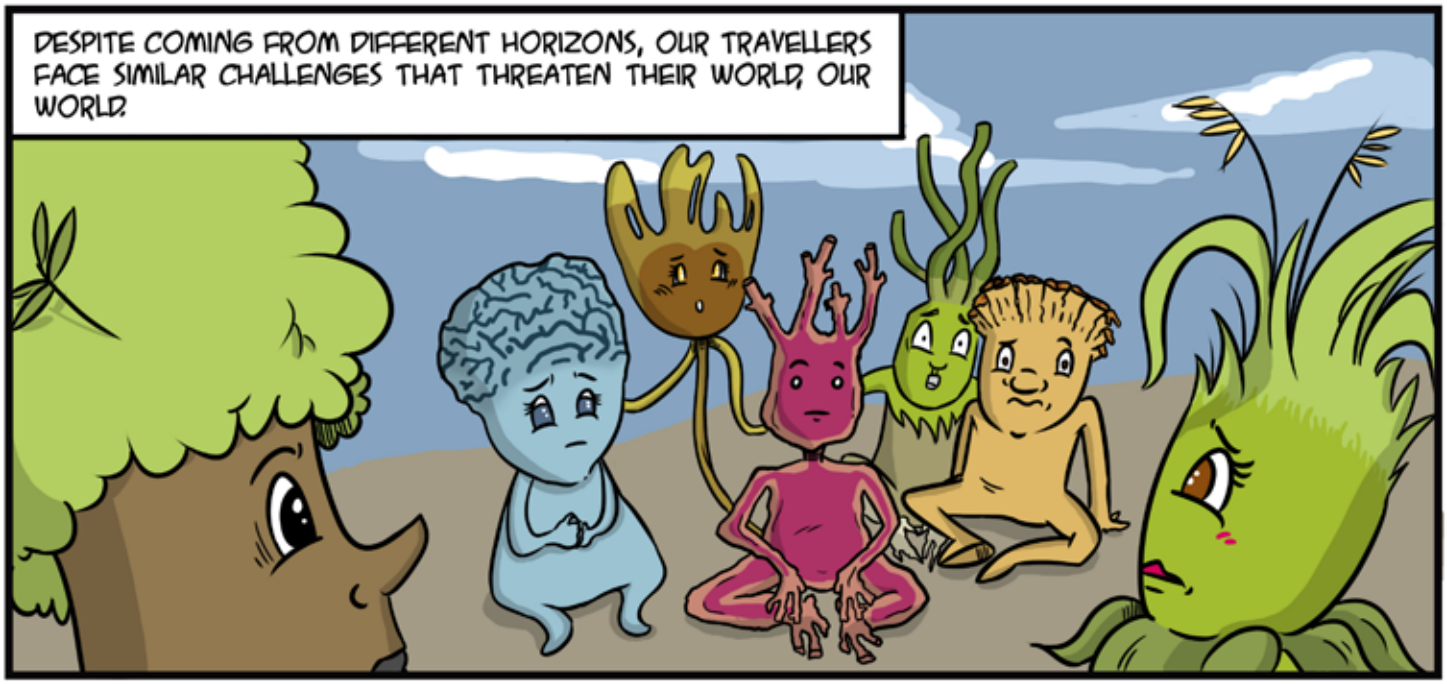

IN THE HEART OF THE ATLANTIC LIES A REMOTE ARCHIPELAGO, A CROSSROADS OF LIFE FROM DISTANT SEAS.
CURRENTS FROM THE CARIB-BEAN, MEDITERRANEAN, AND NORTHERN EUROPE HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER THE MOST UNLIKELY TRAVELLERS.
THAT HURRICANE WAS INTENSE! I'VE NEVER FELT SO SHAKEN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SEAS? SINCE WHEN IS IT THAT HOT AND ACIDIC?!
AT LEAST THE WATERS ARE COOLER HERE.

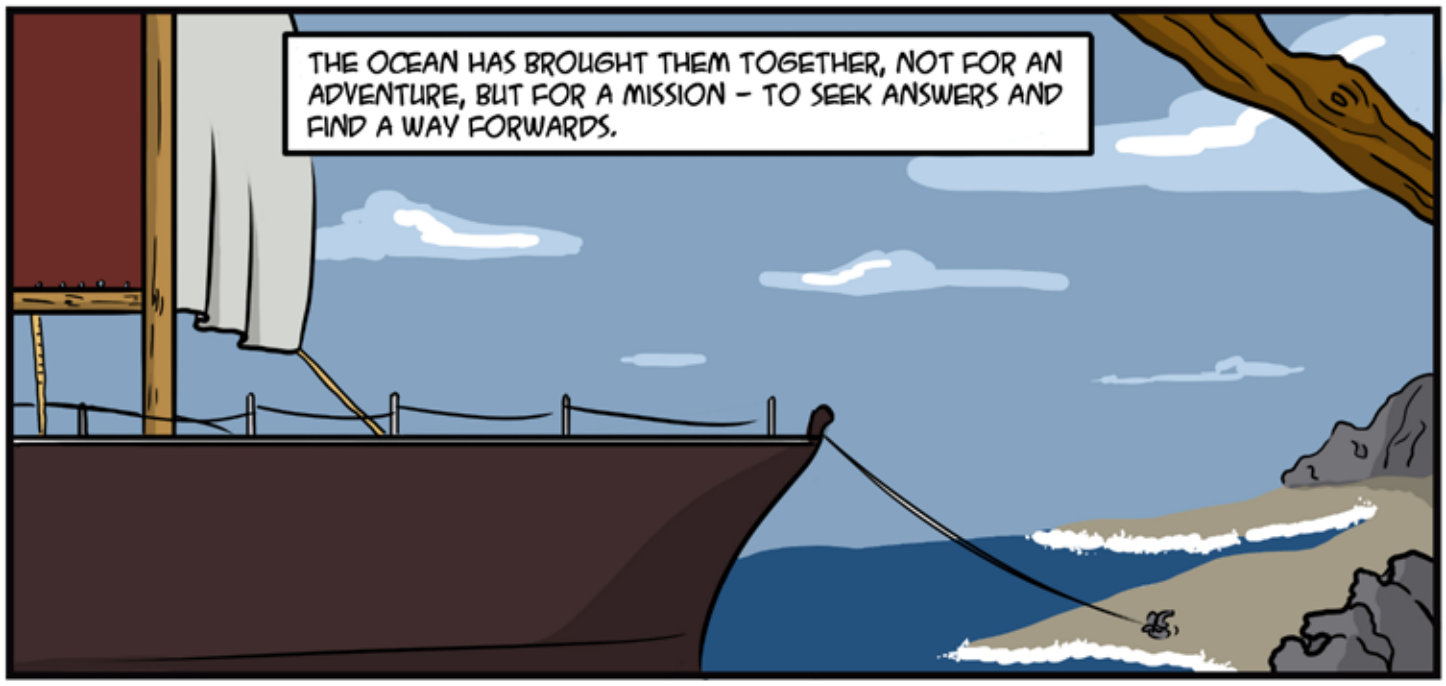

YIKES, LOOK AT ME! I'M ALL SQUASHED AND SCARRED... WHAT AN AWFUL JOURNEY!


THE TIDES HAVE SHIFTED, AND THE SEAS ARE RISING. WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COASTS?

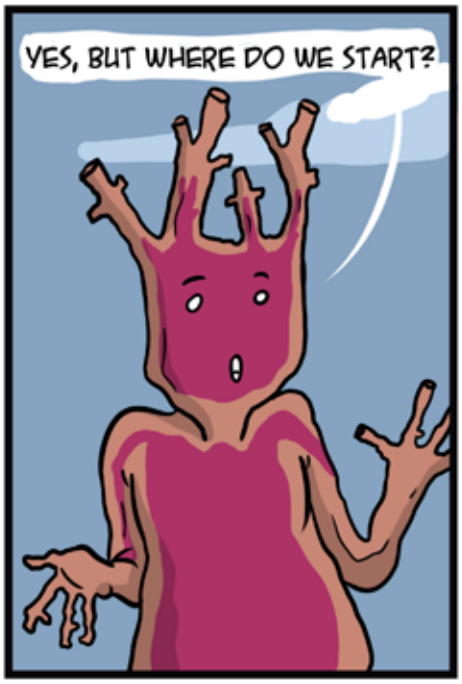

ARG, THOSE DAMN ANCHORS! NO MATTER WHERE I LIVE, IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME!
DON'T GET ME STARTED ON TRAWL FISHING!


GEEZ! IT'S SO HOT, IT FEELS LIKE THE TROPICS!

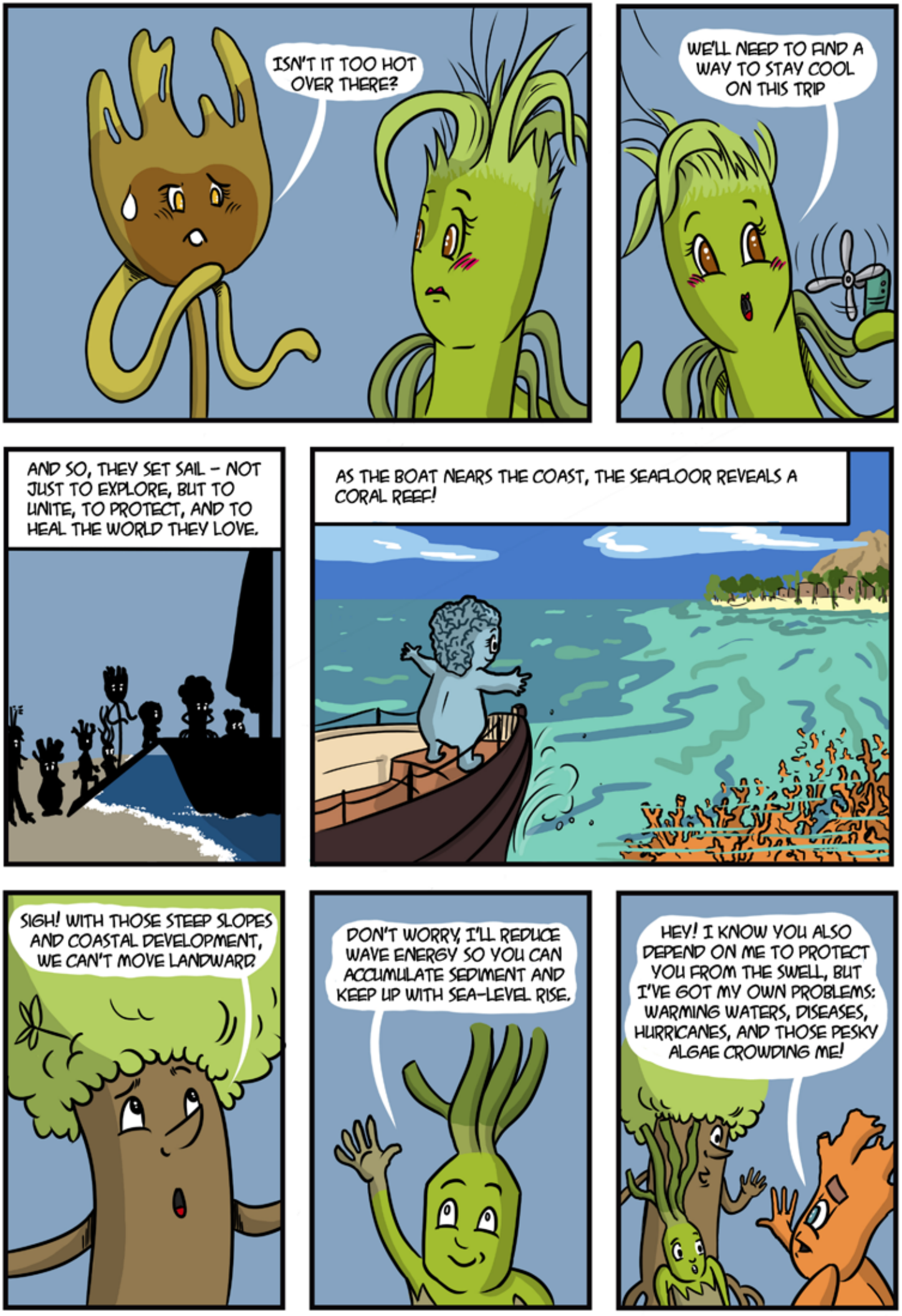

DESPITE COMING FROM DIFFERENT HORIZONS, OUR TRAVELLERS FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES THAT THREATEN THEIR WORLD, OUR WORLD.

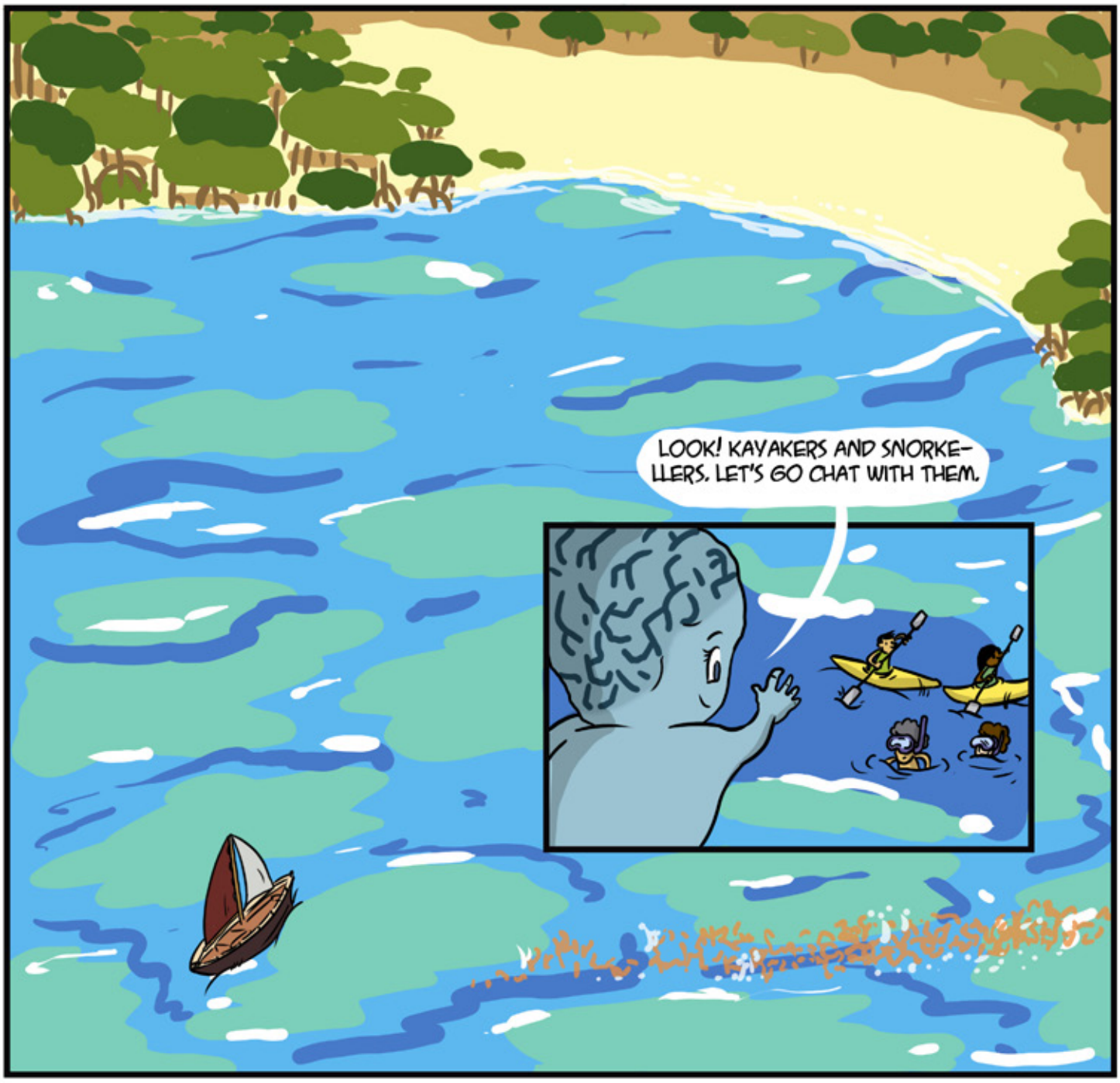

THE OCEAN HAS BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER, NOT FOR AN ADVENTURE, BUT FOR A MISSION – TO SEEK ANSWERS AND FIND A WAY FORWARDS.


WITH CLIMATE CHANGE, POLLUTION, OVERFISHING, HABITAT DESTRUCTION... WE'RE IN TROUBLE! WE NEED JOINT SOLUTIONS FOR US AND PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON US.

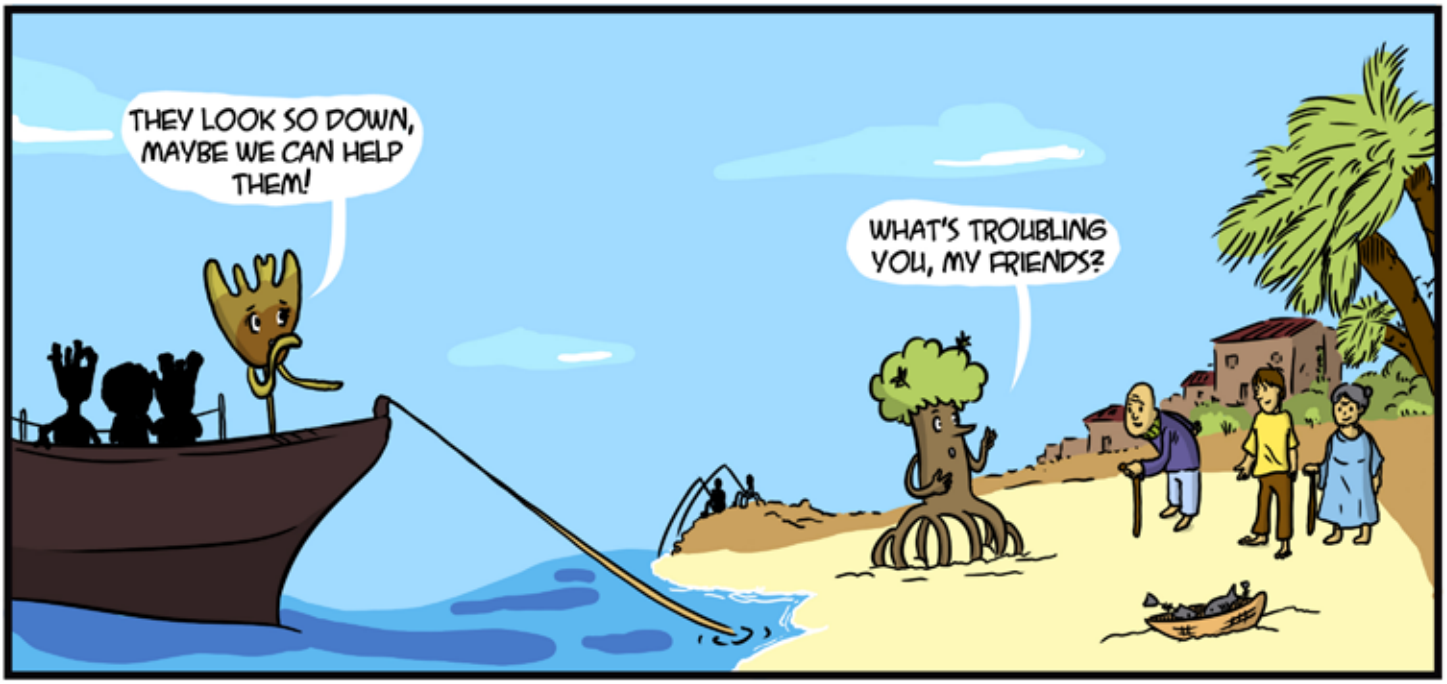

YES, BUT WHERE DO WE START?


LET'S GO TO THE CARIBBEAN!

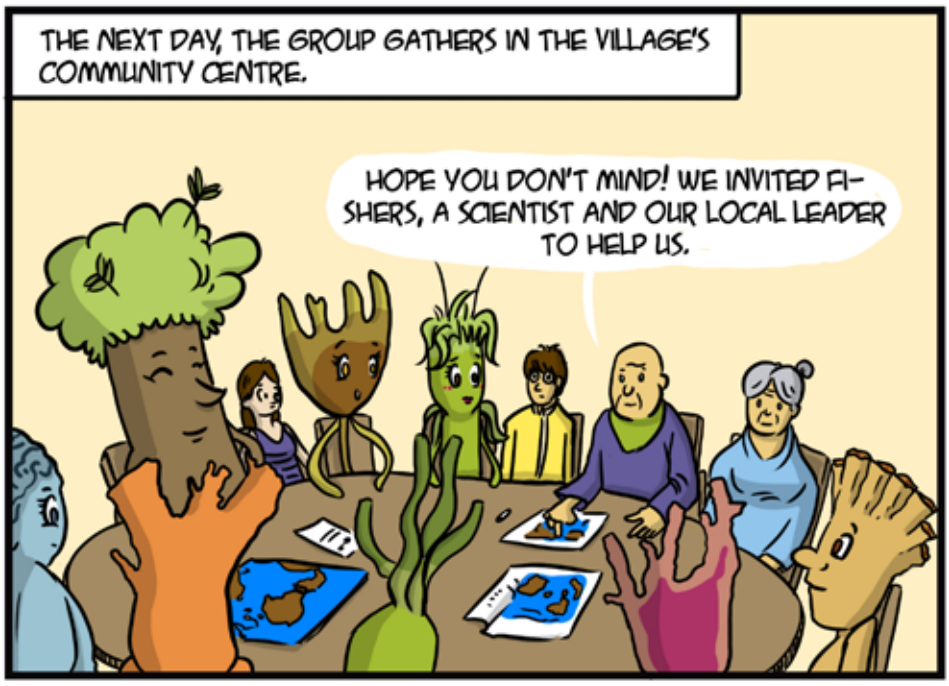

ISN'T IT TOO HOT OVER THERE?
WE'LL NEED TO FIND A WAY TO STAY COOL ON THIS TRIP
AND SO, THEY SET SAIL – NOT JUST TO EXPLORE, BUT TO UNITE, TO PROTECT, AND TO HEAL THE WORLD THEY LOVE.
AS THE BOAT NEARS THE COAST, THE SEAFLOOR REVEALS A CORAL REEF!
SIGH! WITH THOSE STEEP SLOPES AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, WE CAN'T MOVE LANDWARD.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL REDUCE WAVE ENERGY SO YOU CAN ACCUMULATE SEDIMENT AND KEEP UP WITH SEA-LEVEL RISE.
HEY! I KNOW YOU ALSO DEPEND ON ME TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE SWELL, BUT I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS: WARMING WATERS, DISEASES, HURRICANES, AND THOSE PESKY ALGAE CROWDING ME!


LOOK! KAYAKERS AND SNORKE-
LLERS. LET'S GO CHAT WITH THEM.

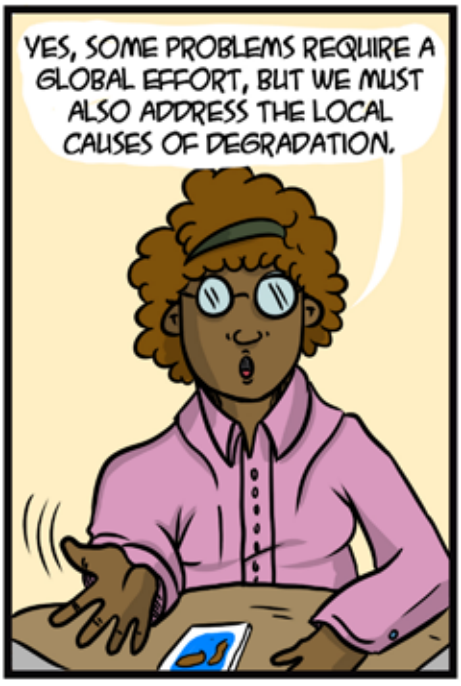

HI! HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING?
THIS PLACE IS AWESOME, EVERYWHERE ELSE IS DEGRADED.
IT'S THE ONLY PROTECTED AREA HERE, SO WE'RE MAKING THE MOST OF IT!
THE NEXT VILLAGE IS DIFFERENT – FEWER FISH, ALGAE-COVERED CORALS, SPARSE SEAGRASS, AND DYING MANGROVES.
THAT SOUNDS AWFUL! CAN YOU TAKE US THERE?
AS THEY ARE SAILING AWAY FROM THE PROTECTED AREA, SIGNS OF DEGRADATION APPEAR.
LOOK AT THE WHITE CORALS! THAT LAST HEATWAVE DID SERIOUS DAMAGE.
AND LOOK AT THOSE POOR EXPOSED ROOTS FROM EROSION.
THERE'S BARELY ANYTHING OF ME LEFT. RUN-OFF AND POLLUTION HAVE MADE THIS WATER ALMOST UNINHABITABLE, PLUS BOAT ANCHORS ARE RIPPING ME TO SHREDS!


THEY LOOK SO DOWN, MAYBE WE CAN HELP THEM!
WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU, MY FRIENDS?

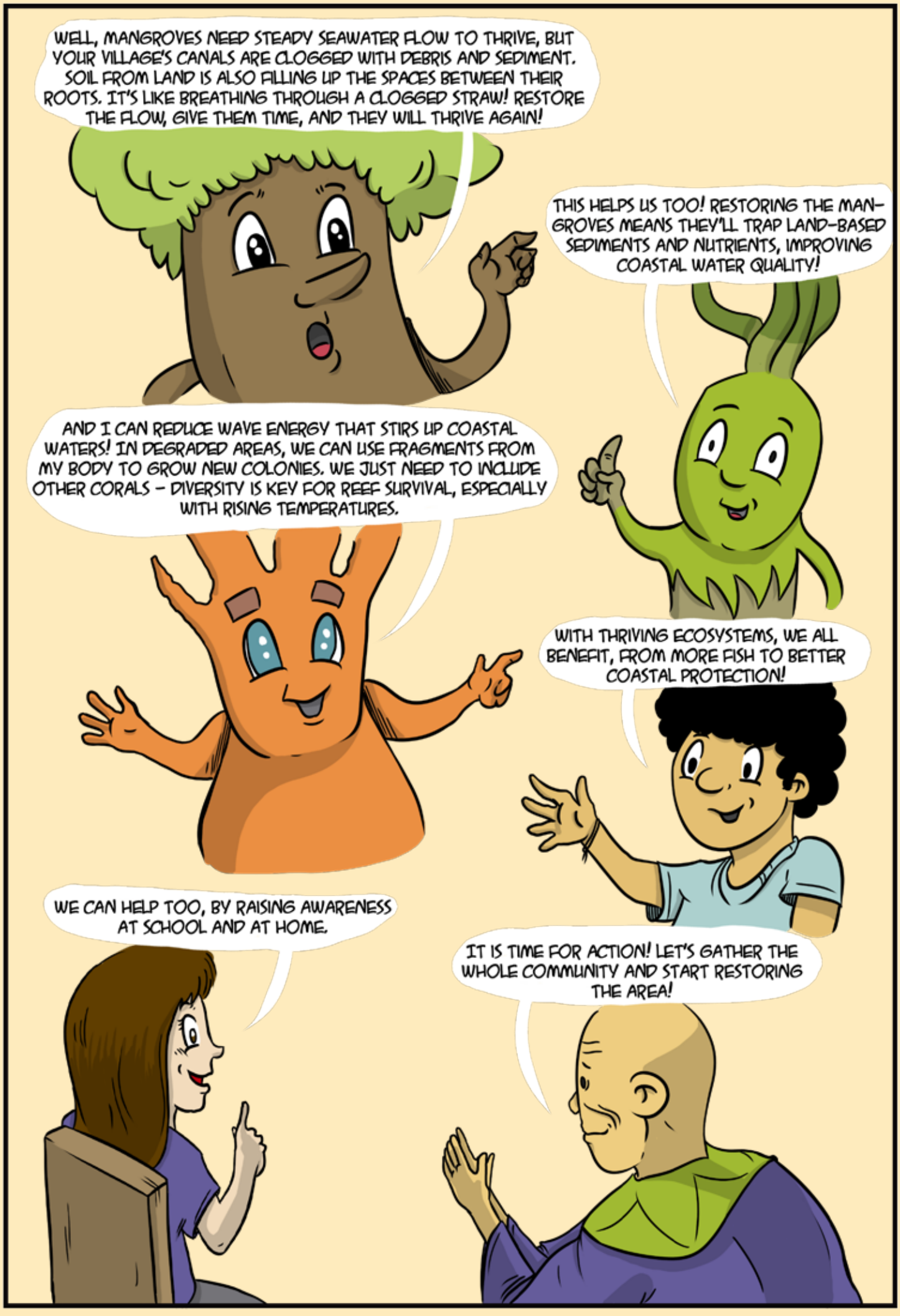

FISH ARE SMALLER AND FEWER... AND RISING SEA LEVELS THREATEN OUR COAST AND HOMES. WHAT CAN WE DO?...
LET'S MEET TOMORROW AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT SOME SOLUTIONS.


THE NEXT DAY, THE GROUP GATHERS IN THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE.
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND! WE INVITED FISHERS, A SCIENTIST AND OUR LOCAL LEADER TO HELP US.

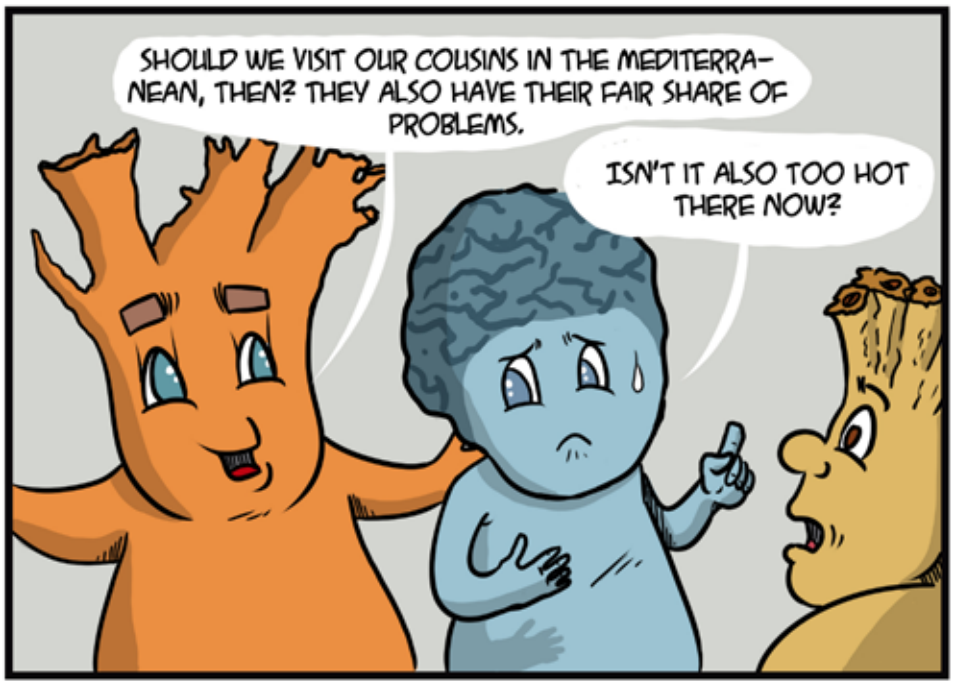

WITH SO MANY CHALLENGES, WE NEED CREATIVE IDEAS. CAN WE RESTORE THE ECOSYSTEMS WE RELY ON?


YES, SOME PROBLEMS REQUIRE A GLOBAL EFFORT, BUT WE MUST ALSO ADDRESS THE LOCAL CAUSES OF DEGRADATION.

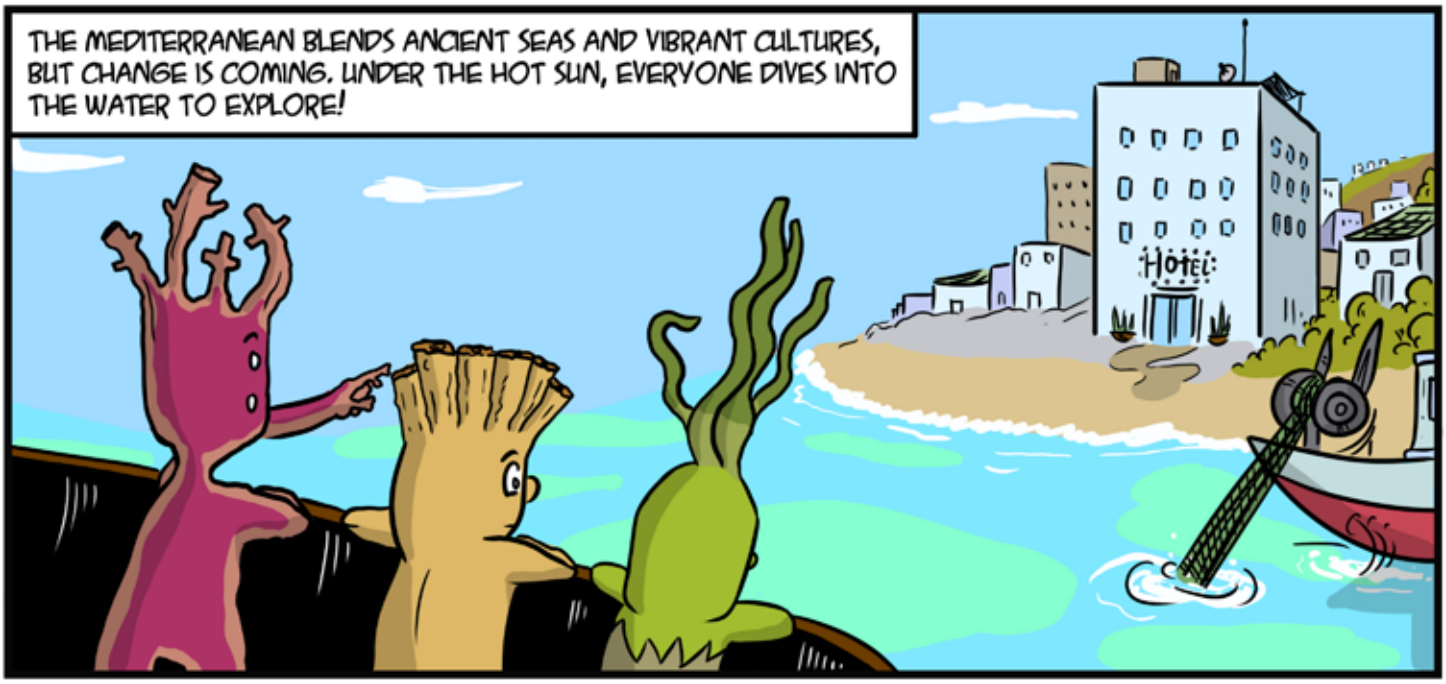

YOUNG FISH USED TO GROW IN THE MANGROVES' ROOTS AND SEAGRASS BEDS, BUT THEY'RE GONE NOW.

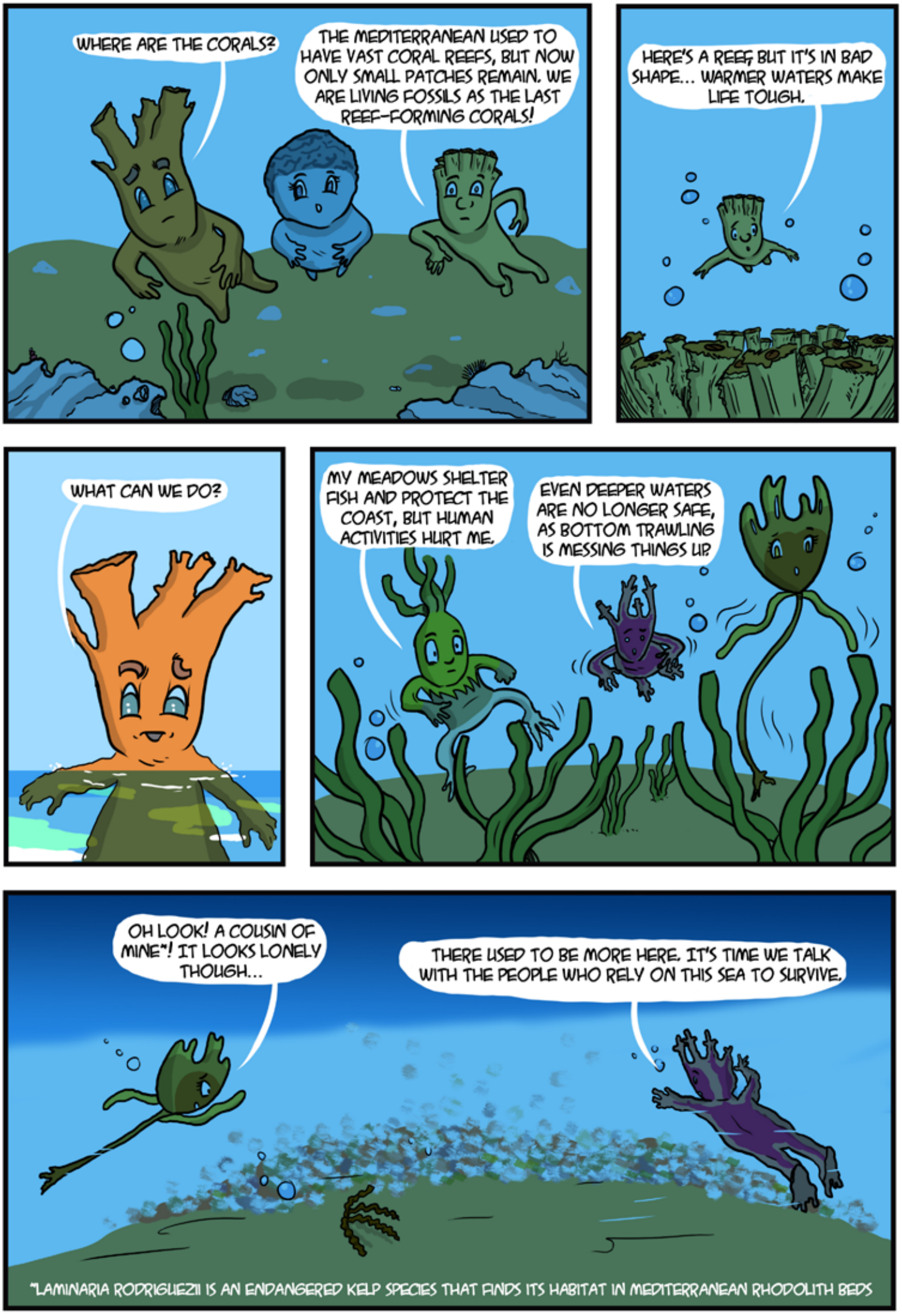

WELL, MANGROVES NEED STEADY SEAWATER FLOW TO THRIVE, BUT YOUR VILLAGE'S CANALS ARE CLOGGED WITH DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT. SOIL FROM LAND IS ALSO FILLING UP THE SPACES BETWEEN THEIR ROOTS. IT'S LIKE BREATHING THROUGH A CLOGGED STRAW! RESTORE THE FLOW, GIVE THEM TIME, AND THEY WILL THRIVE AGAIN!
THIS HELPS US TOO! RESTORING THE MANGROVES MEANS THEY'LL TRAP LAND-BASED SEDIMENTS AND NUTRIENTS, IMPROVING COASTAL WATER QUALITY!
AND I CAN REDUCE WAVE ENERGY THAT STIRS UP COASTAL WATERS! IN DEGRADED AREAS, WE CAN USE FRAGMENTS FROM MY BODY TO GROW NEW COLONIES. WE JUST NEED TO INCLUDE OTHER CORALS – DIVERSITY IS KEY FOR REEF SURVIVAL, ESPECIALLY WITH RISING TEMPERATURES.
WITH THRIVING ECOSYSTEMS, WE ALL BENEFIT, FROM MORE FISH TO BETTER COASTAL PROTECTION!
WE CAN HELP TOO, BY RAISING AWARENESS AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.
IT IS TIME FOR ACTION! LET'S GATHER THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND START RESTORING THE AREA!

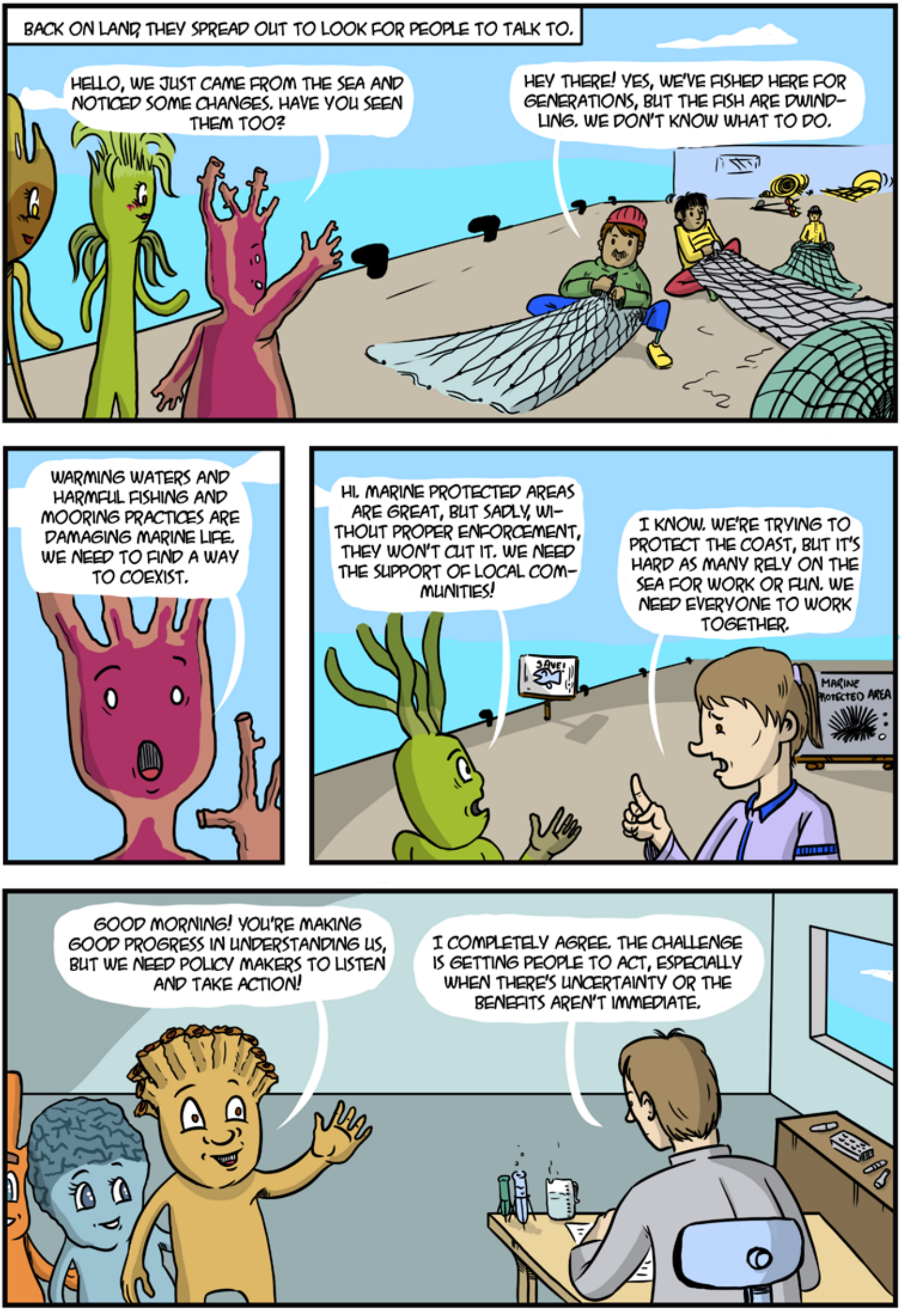

WE'VE MADE A GREAT START. EXPANDING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND RESTORATION PROJECTS COULD BE TRANSFORMATIVE NOT JUST FOR THE ECOSYSTEMS BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

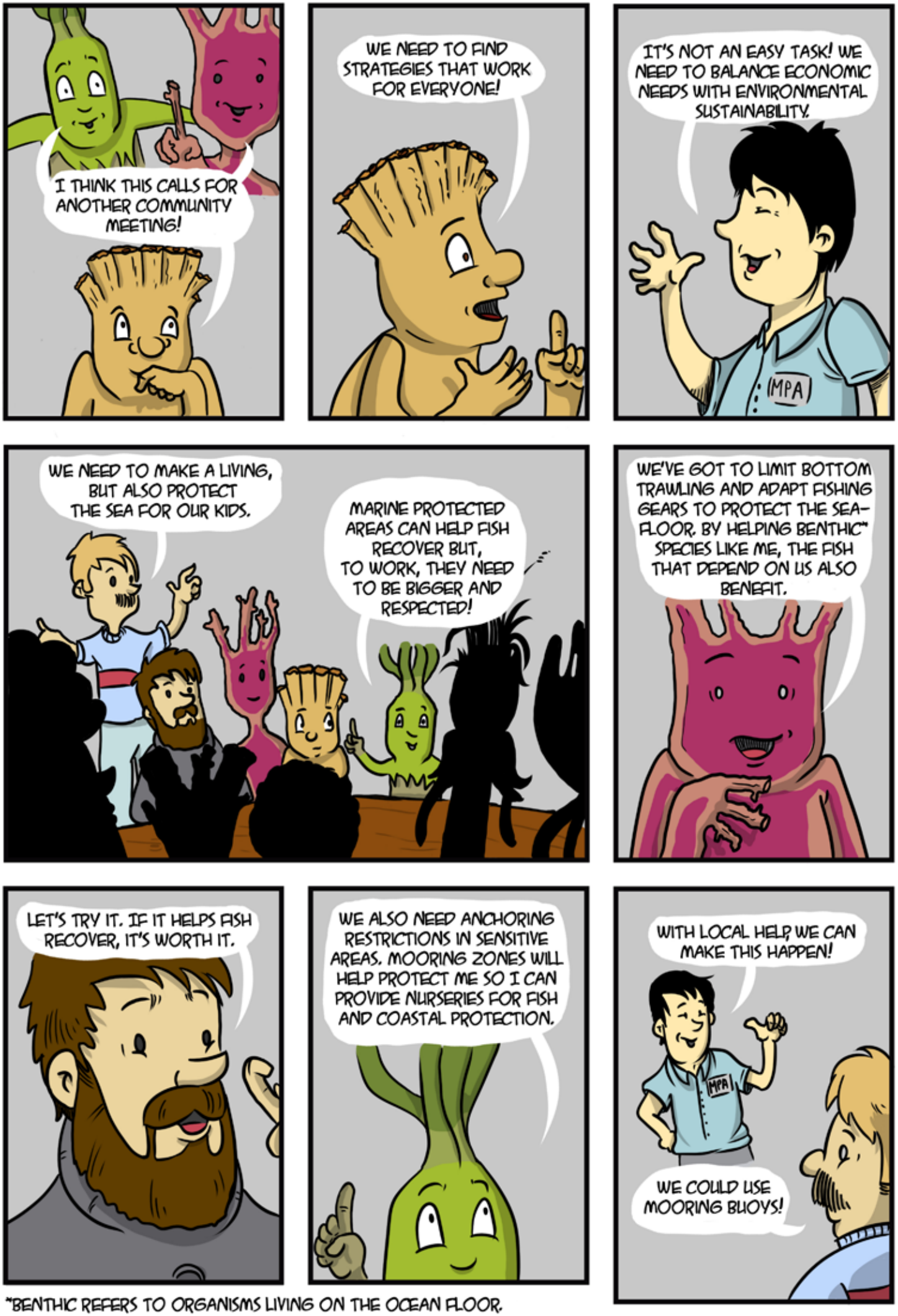

SHOULD WE VISIT OUR COUSINS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THEN? THEY ALSO HAVE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF PROBLEMS.
ISN'T IT ALSO TOO HOT THERE NOW?


OH YEAH! FOLLOW ME, I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY!

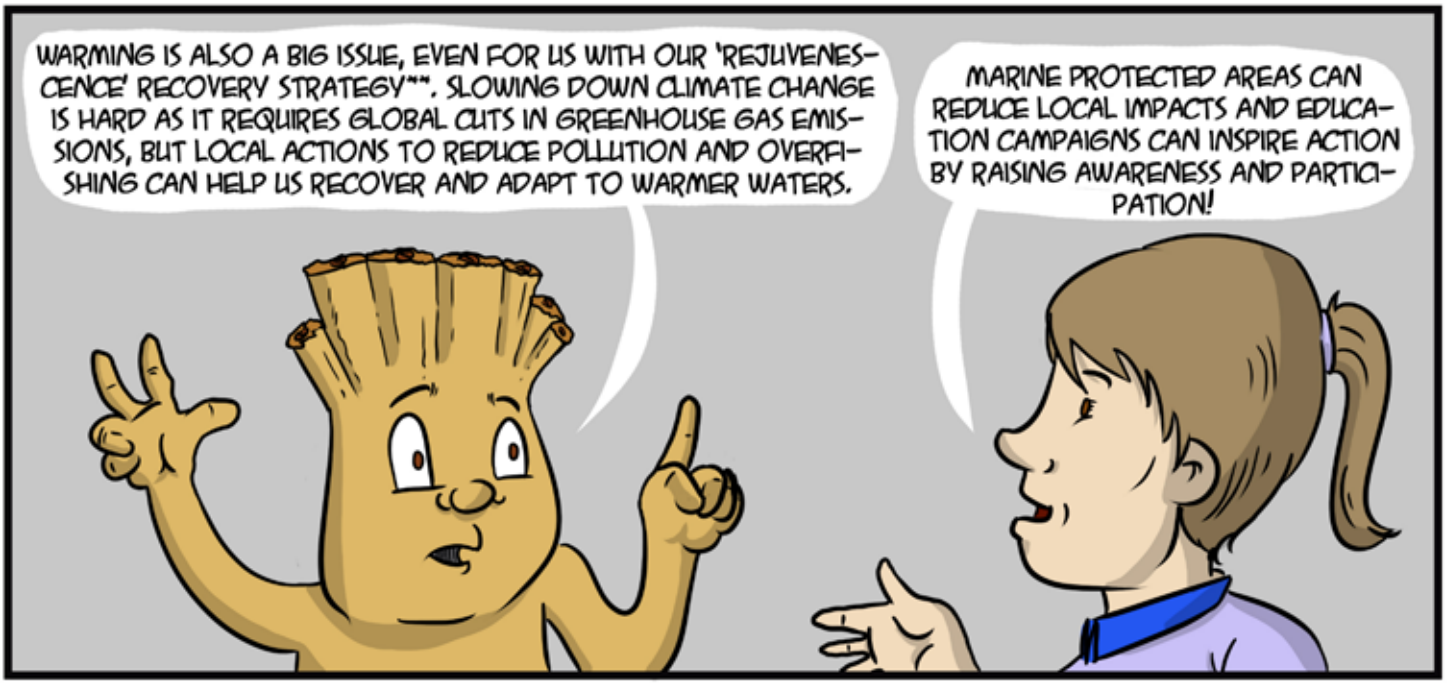

THE MEDITERRANEAN BLENDS ANCIENT SEAS AND VIBRANT CULTURES, BUT CHANGE IS COMING. UNDER THE HOT SUN, EVERYONE DIVES INTO THE WATER TO EXPLORE!
HOTEL

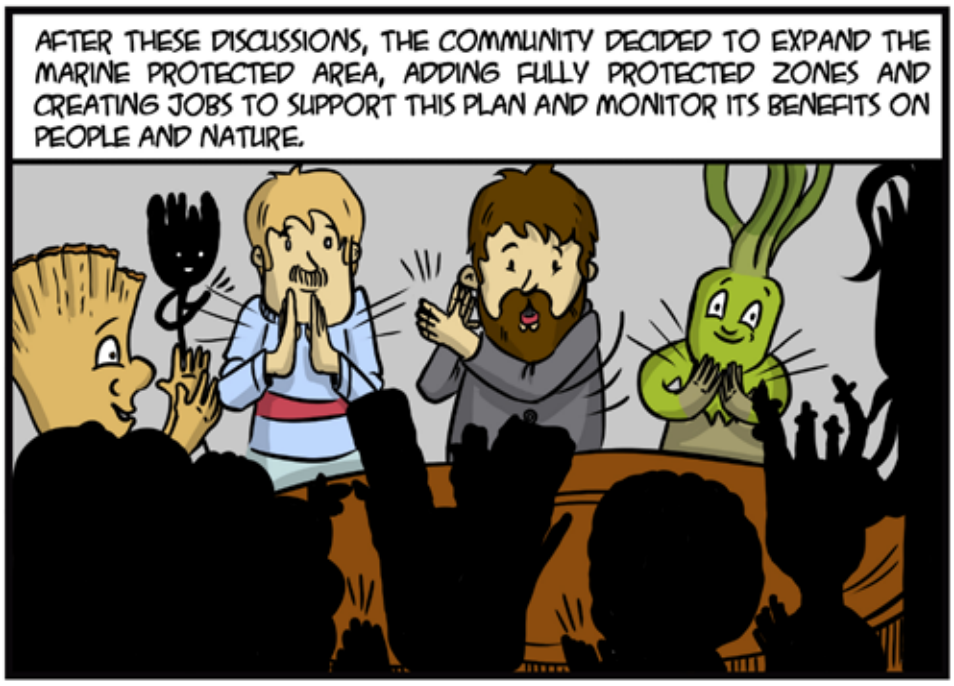

WHERE ARE THE CORALS?
THE MEDITERRANEAN USED TO HAVE VAST CORAL REEFS, BUT NOW ONLY SMALL PATCHES REMAIN. WE ARE LIVING FOSSILS AS THE LAST REEF-FORMING CORALS!
HERE'S A REEF, BUT IT'S IN BAD SHAPE... WARMER WATERS MAKE LIFE TOUGH.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
MY MEADOWS SHELTER FISH AND PROTECT THE COAST, BUT HUMAN ACTIVITIES HURT ME.
EVEN DEEPER WATERS ARE NO LONGER SAFE, AS BOTTOM TRAWLING IS MESSING THINGS UP.
OH LOOK! A COUSIN OF MINE*! IT LOOKS LONELY THOUGH...
THERE USED TO BE MORE HERE. IT'S TIME WE TALK WITH THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON THIS SEA TO SURVIVE.
*LAMINARIA RODRIGUEZII IS AN ENDANGERED KELP SPECIES THAT FINDS ITS HABITAT IN MEDITERRANEAN RHODOLITH BEDS

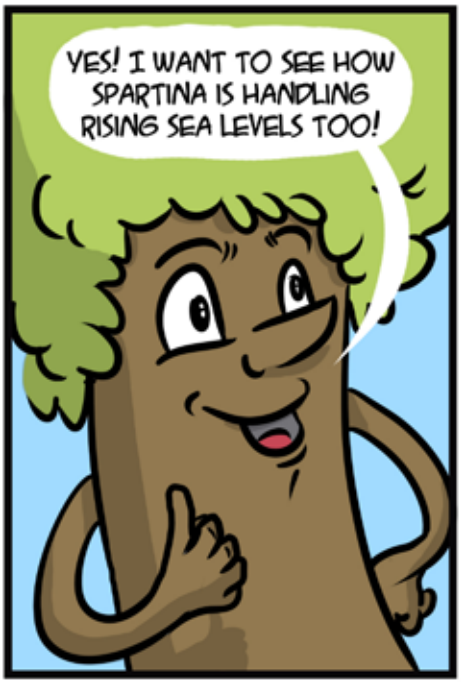

BACK ON LAND, THEY SPREAD OUT TO LOOK FOR PEOPLE TO TALK TO.
HELLO, WE JUST CAME FROM THE SEA AND NOTICED SOME CHANGES. HAVE YOU SEEN THEM TOO?
HEY THERE! YES, WE'VE FISHED HERE FOR GENERATIONS, BUT THE FISH ARE DWINDLING. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
WARMING WATERS AND HARMFUL FISHING AND MOORING PRACTICES ARE DAMAGING MARINE LIFE. WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO COEXIST.
HI. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS ARE GREAT, BUT SADLY, WITHOUT PROPER ENFORCEMENT, THEY WON'T CUT IT. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES!
I KNOW. WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT THE COAST, BUT IT'S HARD AS MANY RELY ON THE SEA FOR WORK OR FUN. WE NEED EVERYONE TO WORK TOGETHER.
SAVE!
MARINE PROTECTED AREA
GOOD MORNING! YOU'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN UNDERSTANDING US, BUT WE NEED POLICY MAKERS TO LISTEN AND TAKE ACTION!
I COMPLETELY AGREE. THE CHALLENGE IS GETTING PEOPLE TO ACT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S UNCERTAINTY OR THE BENEFITS AREN'T IMMEDIATE.



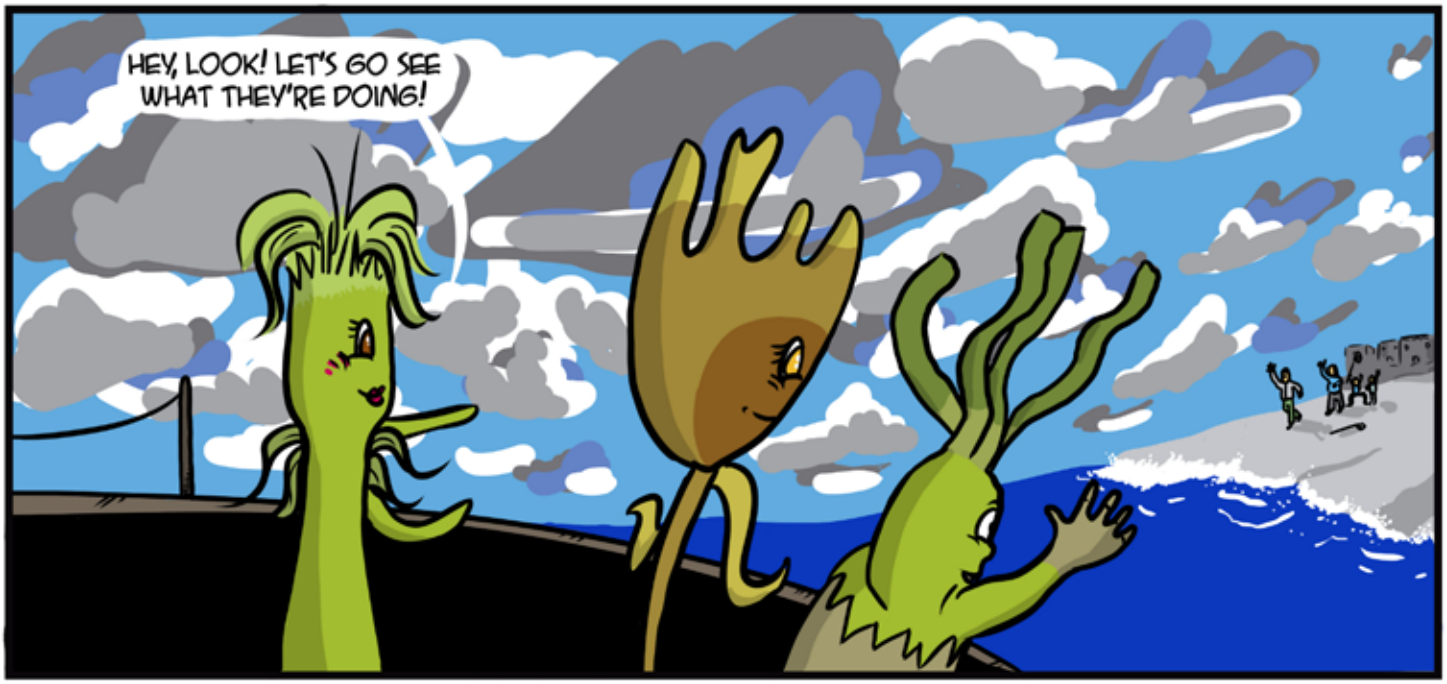
*BENTHIC REFERS TO ORGANISMS LIVING ON THE OCEAN FLOOR.

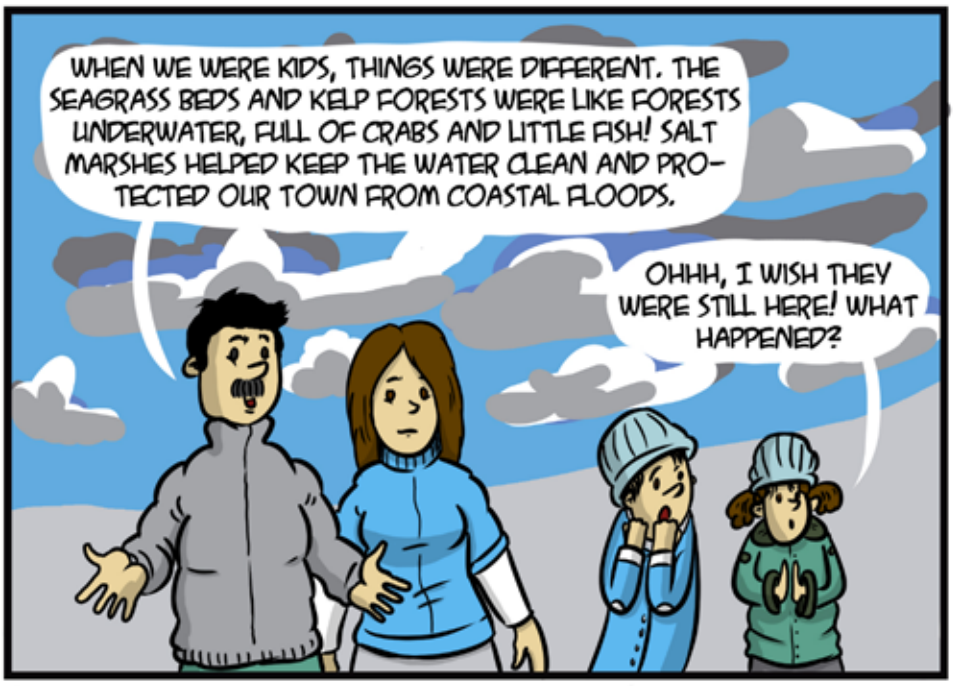






**REFERS TO THEIR ABILITY TO RECOVER OR REGROW AFTER EXPERIENCING STRESS OR DAMAGE.


HEY, LOOK! LET'S GO SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING!

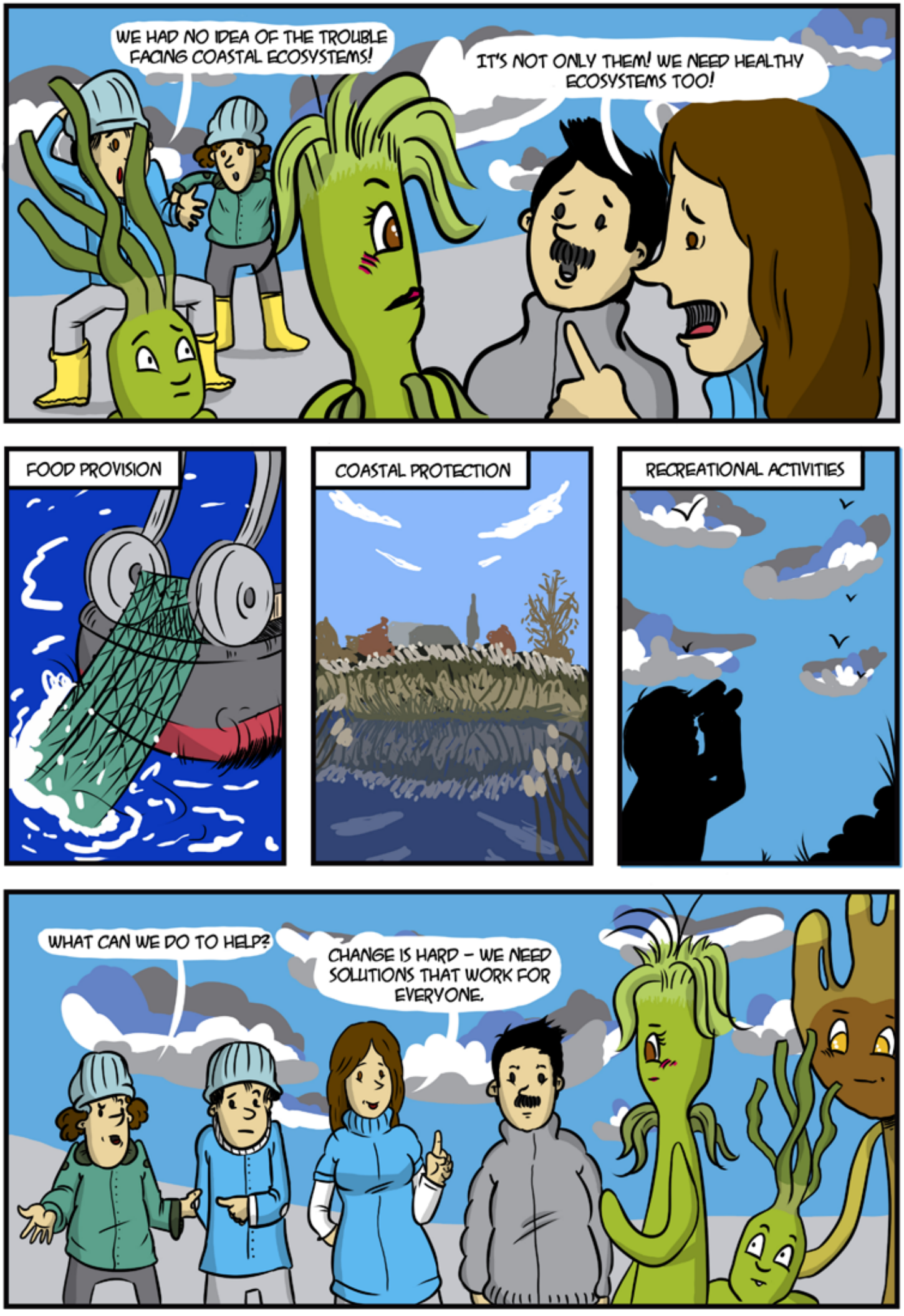

WHEN WE WERE KIDS, THINGS WERE DIFFERENT. THE SEAGRASS BEDS AND KELP FORESTS WERE LIKE FORESTS UNDERWATER, FULL OF CRABS AND LITTLE FISH! SALT MARSHES HELPED KEEP THE WATER CLEAN AND PROTECTED OUR TOWN FROM COASTAL FLOODS.
OHHH, I WISH THEY WERE STILL HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

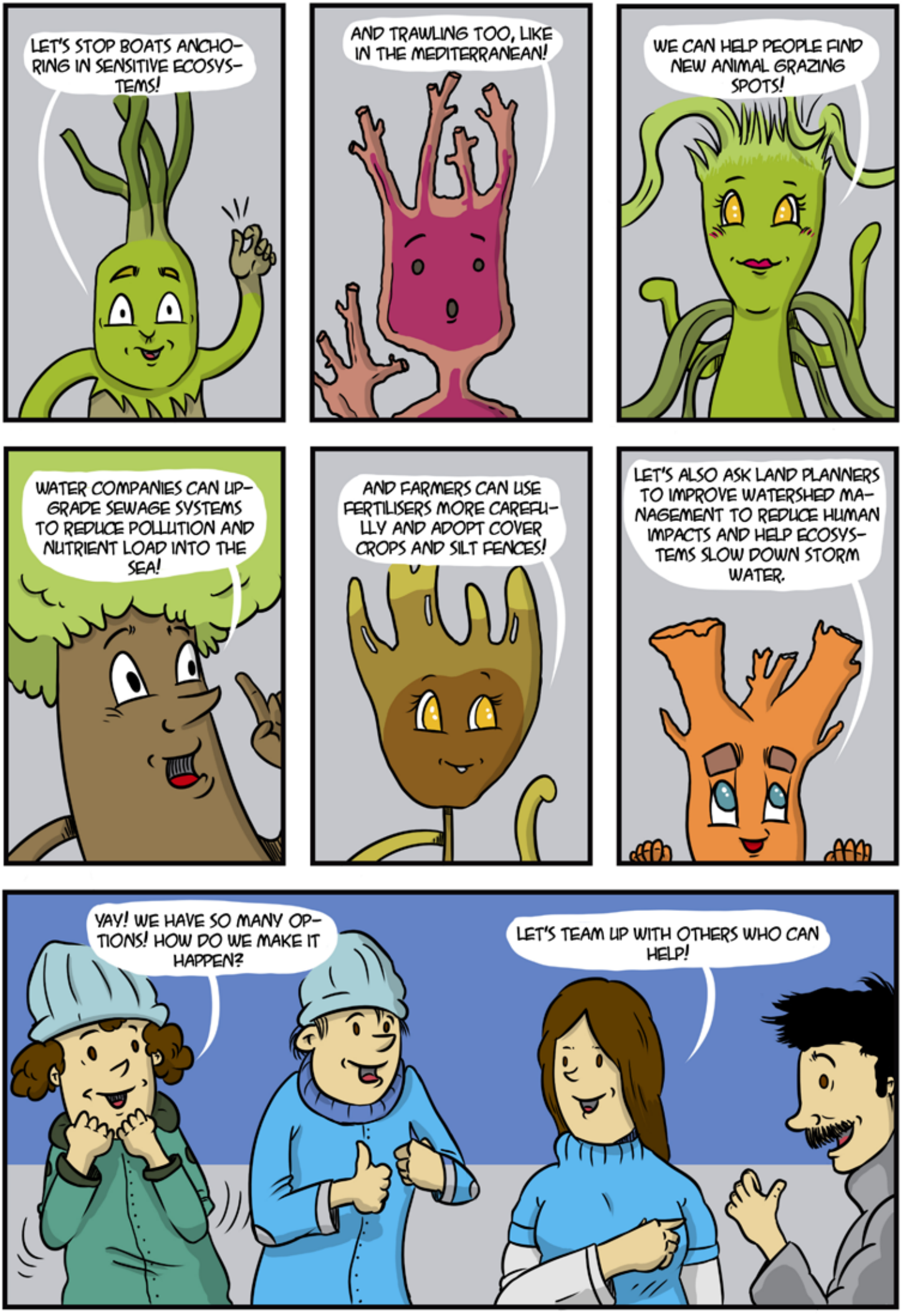

MAYBE WE CAN HELP EXPLAIN HERE.


THE WATER HAS BEEN GETTING HARDER TO LIVE IN. LAND RUNOFF BRINGS SEDIMENT AND POLLUTION, MAKING IT HARD TO BREATHE!

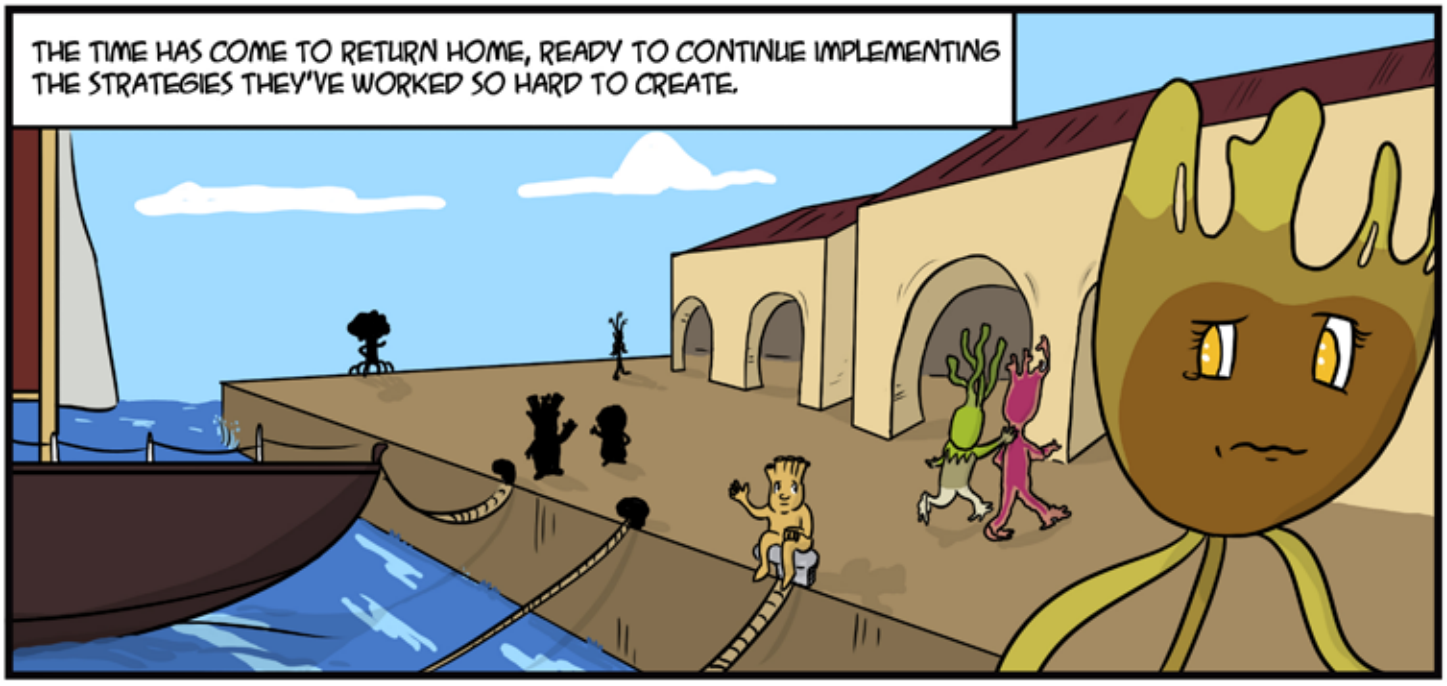

BOATS HAVE ALSO HURT US – TRAWLING AND ANCHORING DAMAGES OUR LEAVES AND DRAGS US AWAY.

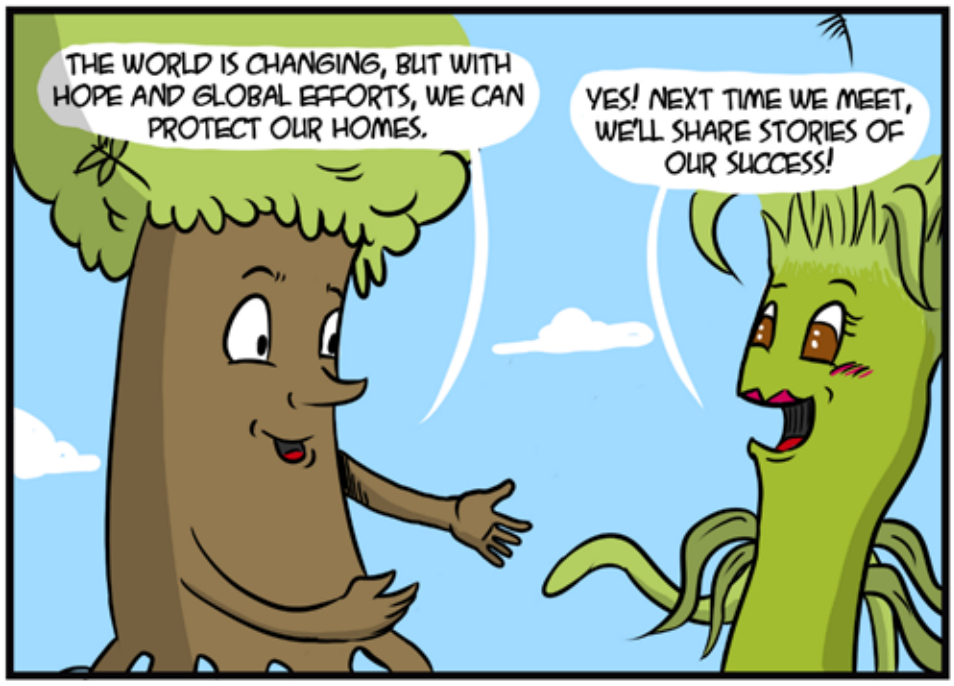

WE'VE BEEN FACING PROBLEMS TOO! WITHOUT KELP AND SEAGRASS, COASTS HAVE ERODED MORE, AND DEVELOPMENT HAS RESTRICTED OUR SPACE LEAVING US UNABLE TO ESCAPE THE RISING SEA!


WE HAD NO IDEA OF THE TROUBLE FACING COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS!
IT'S NOT ONLY THEM! WE NEED HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS TOO!
FOOD PROVISION
COASTAL PROTECTION
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?
CHANGE IS HARD – WE NEED SOLUTIONS THAT WORK FOR EVERYONE.


LET'S STOP BOATS ANCHORING IN SENSITIVE ECOSYSTEMS!
AND TRAWLING TOO, LIKE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN!
WE CAN HELP PEOPLE FIND NEW ANIMAL GRAZING SPOTS!
WATER COMPANIES CAN UPGRADE SEWAGE SYSTEMS TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND NUTRIENT LOAD INTO THE SEA!
AND FARMERS CAN USE FERTILISERS MORE CAREFULLY AND ADOPT COVER CROPS AND SILT FENCES!
LET'S ALSO ASK LAND PLANNERS TO IMPROVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TO REDUCE HUMAN IMPACTS AND HELP ECOSYSTEMS SLOW DOWN STORM WATER.
YAY! WE HAVE SO MANY OPTIONS! HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?
LET'S TEAM UP WITH OTHERS WHO CAN HELP!

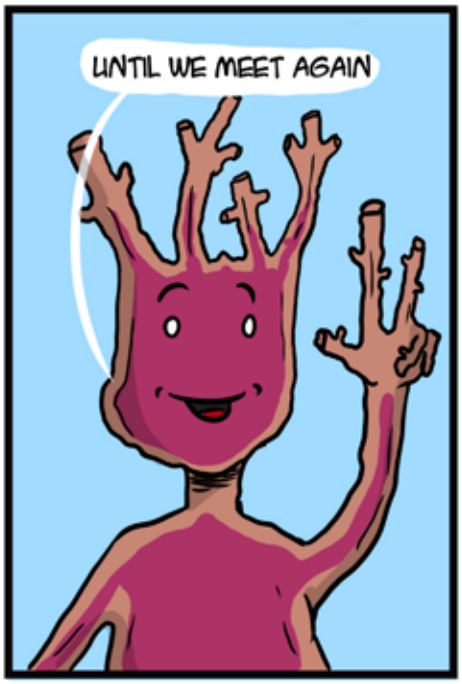

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. WE'RE UNITED IN OUR MISSION TO REVIVE OUR COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT!
I'M READY TO ADOPT PRACTICES TO REDUCE RUNOFF. HEALTHIER SOIL FOR ME, CLEANER WATER FOR THE COAST!
KELP AND SEAGRASS ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR FISH, AND FOR US! WE'LL STEER CLEAR OF HARMFUL PRACTICES.
WE'RE SET TO UPGRADE OUR SYSTEMS. CLEANER WATER MEANS WE'RE ALL HEALTHIER.
WE'LL BACK YOU WITH GUIDANCE, REGULATIONS AND FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES LIKE NO-ANCHOR ZONES, SYSTEM UPGRADES, AND LESS HARMFUL FARMING AND FISHING PRACTICES.
IF WE ALL ACT, WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE!
SOUNDS GOOD! NOW WE KNOW WHAT TO DO, LET'S GET TO WORK!
LET'S MEET OFTEN TO TRACK PROGRESS AND MONITOR ECOSYSTEMS TO MAKE SURE THEY BENEFIT FROM THESE MEASURES.


THE TIME HAS COME TO RETURN HOME, READY TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES THEY'VE WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE.

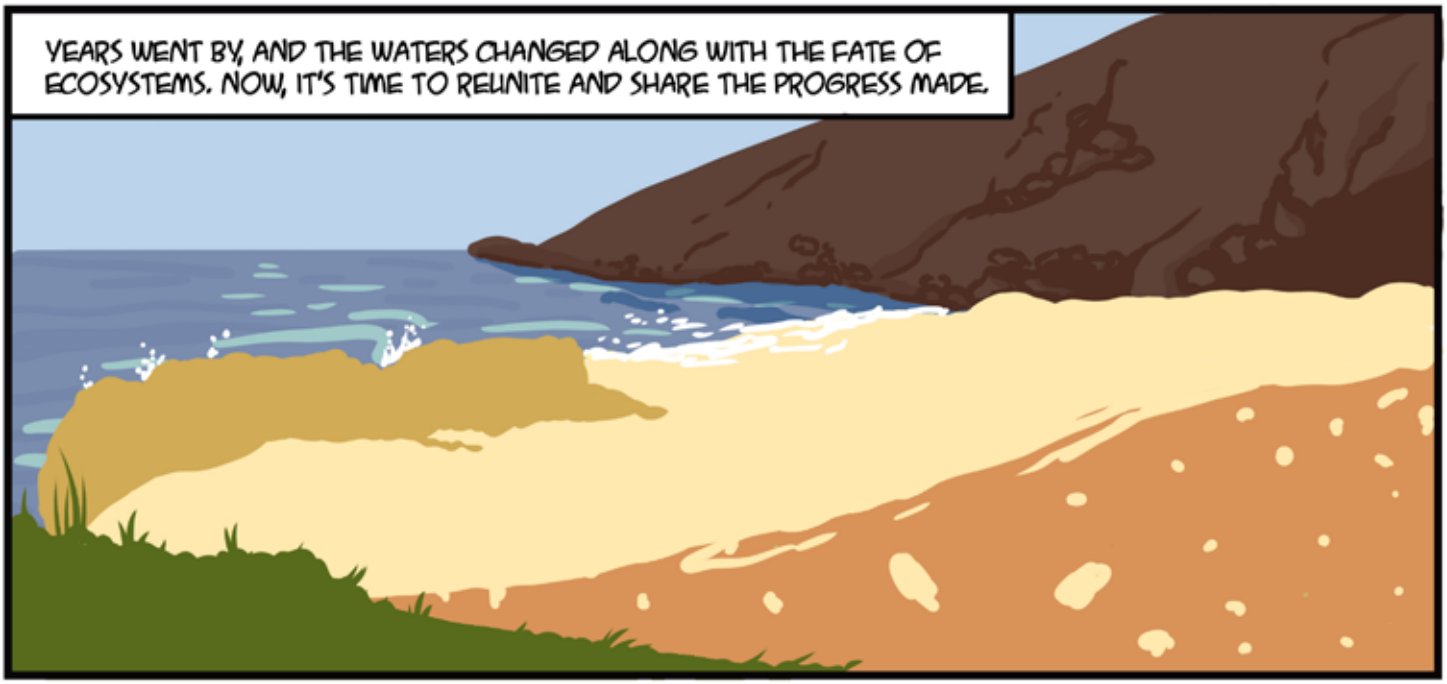

THE WORLD IS CHANGING, BUT WITH HOPE AND GLOBAL EFFORTS, WE CAN PROTECT OUR HOMES.
YES! NEXT TIME WE MEET, WE'LL SHARE STORIES OF OUR SUCCESS!

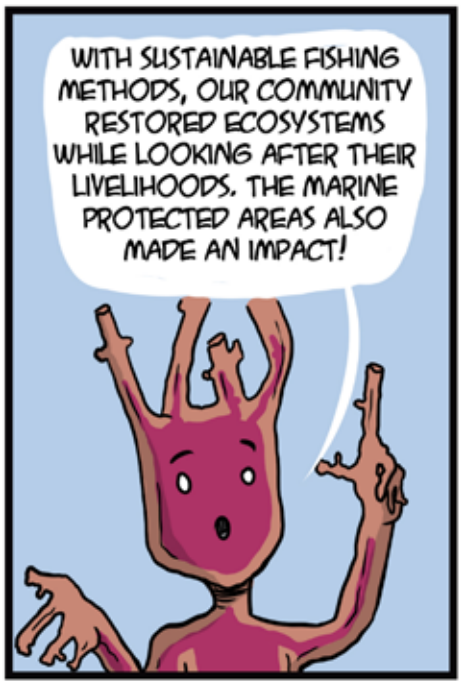

WE MAY LIVE IN DIFFERENT PLACES, BUT OUR SOLUTIONS UNITE US.

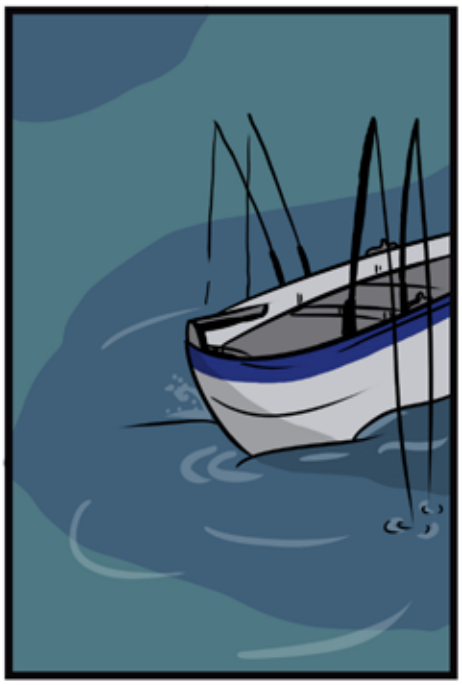

LET'S BRING CHANGE TO OUR BACKYARDS!

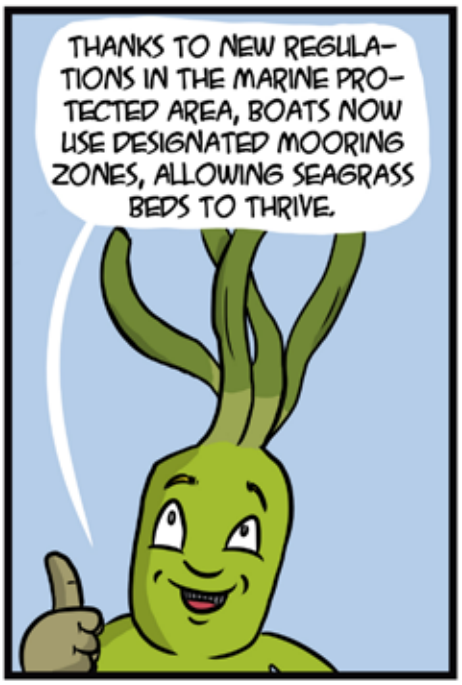

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN


THOUGH THE JOURNEY ENDS HERE, THEIR WORK IS JUST BEGINNING.


YEARS WENT BY, AND THE WATERS CHANGED ALONG WITH THE FATE OF ECOSYSTEMS. NOW, IT'S TIME TO REUNITE AND SHARE THE PROGRESS MADE.


WITH SUSTAINABLE FISHING METHODS, OUR COMMUNITY RESTORED ECOSYSTEMS WHILE LOOKING AFTER THEIR LIVELIHOODS. THE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS ALSO MADE AN IMPACT!




THANKS TO NEW REGULATIONS IN THE MARINE PROTECTED AREA, BOATS NOW USE DESIGNATED MOORING ZONES, ALLOWING SEAGRASS BEDS TO THRIVE.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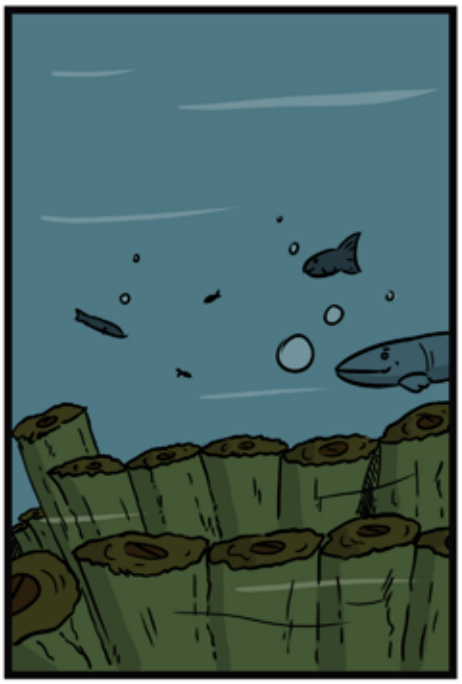
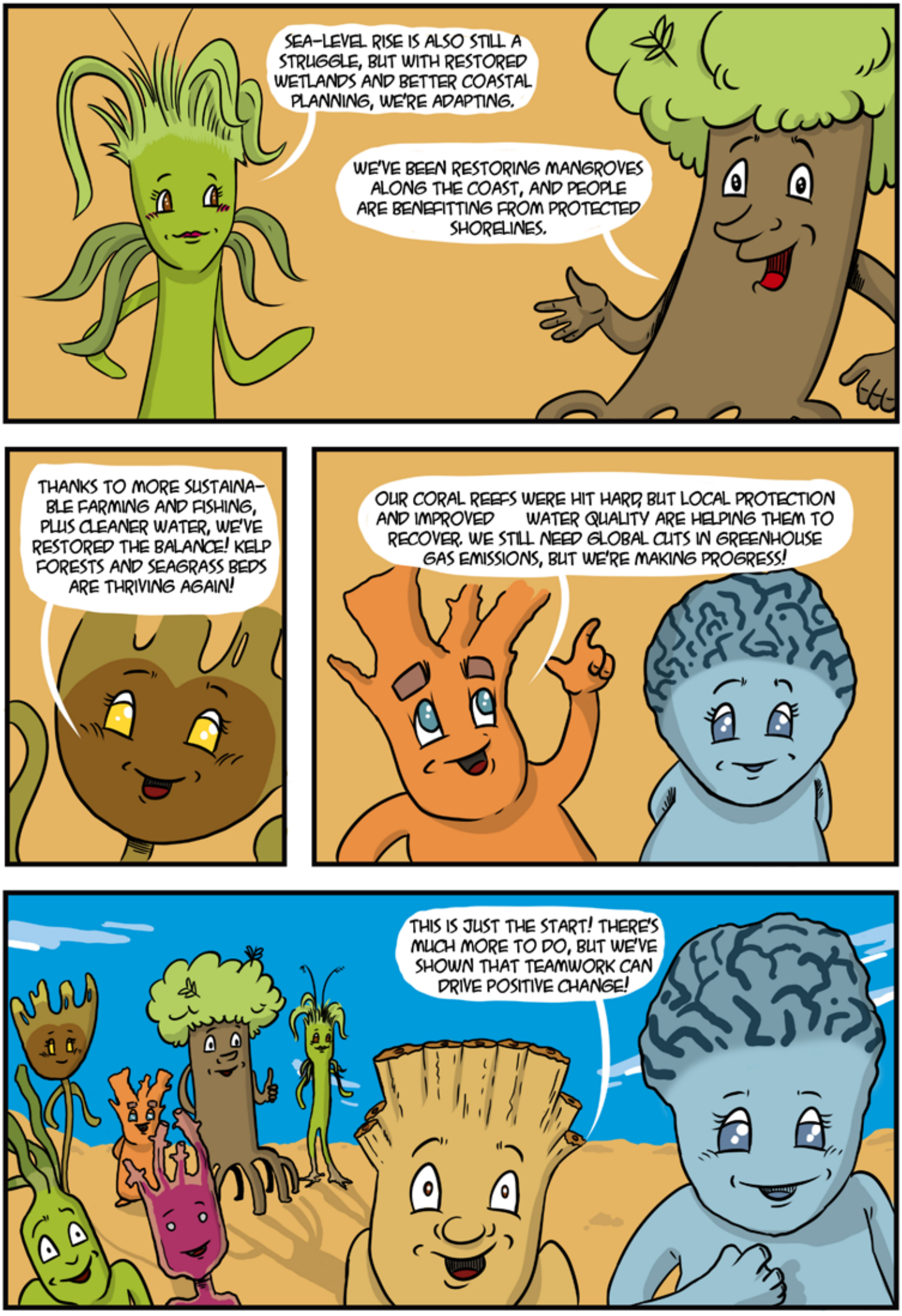
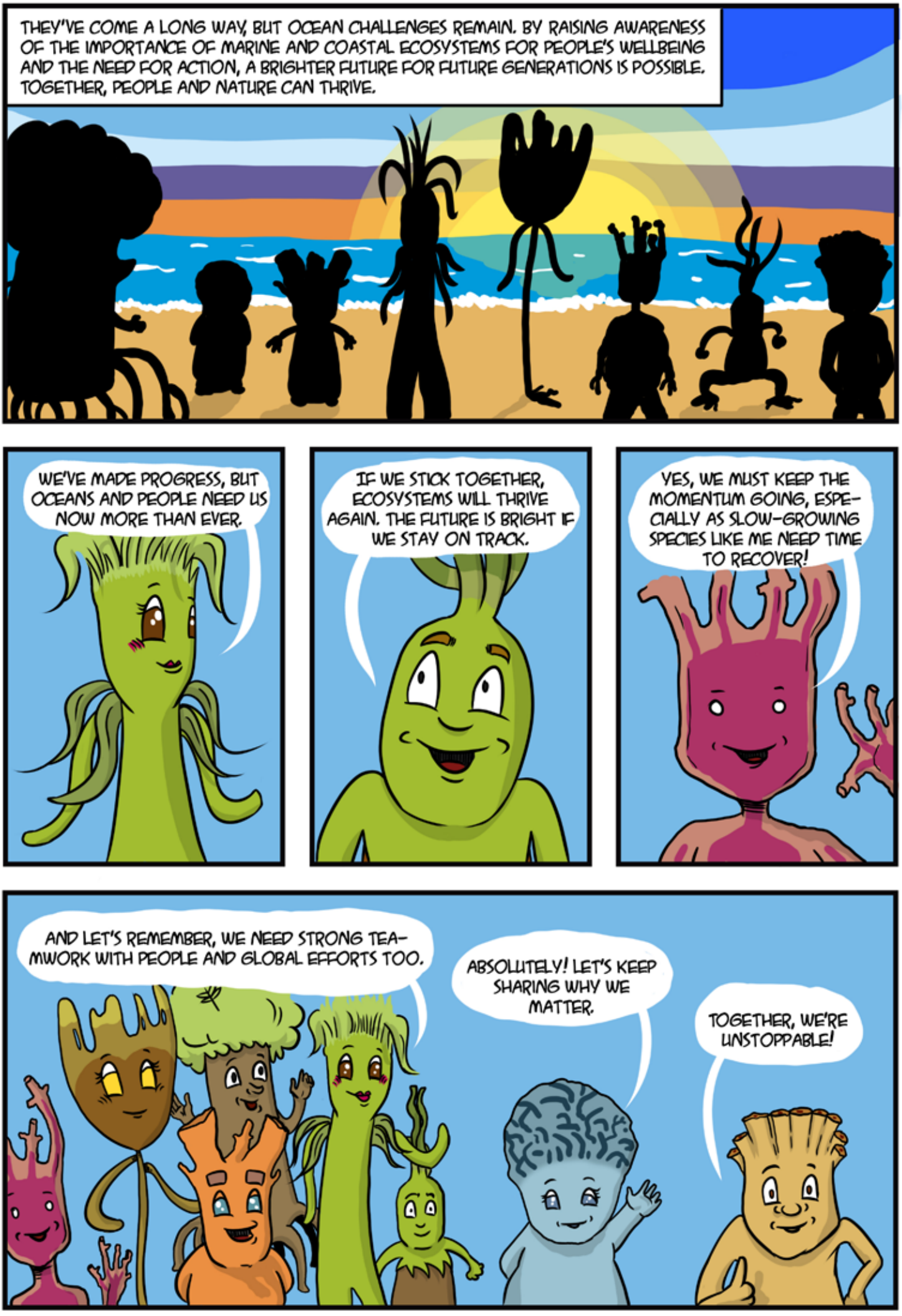
HEATWAVES ARE STILL TOUGH, BUT WITH FEWER LOCAL STRESSORS, WE HAVE A BETTER SHOT AT SURVIVING AND BOUNCING BACK.




SEA-LEVEL RISE IS ALSO STILL A STRUGGLE, BUT WITH RESTORED WETLANDS AND BETTER COASTAL PLANNING, WE'RE ADAPTING.
WE'VE BEEN RESTORING MANGROVES ALONG THE COAST, AND PEOPLE ARE BENEFITTING FROM PROTECTED SHORELINES.
THANKS TO MORE SUSTAINABLE FARMING AND FISHING, PLUS CLEANER WATER, WE'VE RESTORED THE BALANCE! KELP FORESTS AND SEAGRASS BEDS ARE THRIVING AGAIN!
OUR CORAL REEFS WERE HIT HARD, BUT LOCAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVED WATER QUALITY ARE HELPING THEM TO RECOVER. WE STILL NEED GLOBAL CUTS IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, BUT WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS!
THIS IS JUST THE START! THERE'S MUCH MORE TO DO, BUT WE'VE SHOWN THAT TEAMWORK CAN DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE!


THEY'VE COME A LONG WAY, BUT OCEAN CHALLENGES REMAIN. BY RAISING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS FOR PEOPLE'S WELLBEING AND THE NEED FOR ACTION, A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IS POSSIBLE. TOGETHER, PEOPLE AND NATURE CAN THRIVE.
WE'VE MADE PROGRESS, BUT OCEANS AND PEOPLE NEED US NOW MORE THAN EVER.
IF WE STICK TOGETHER, ECOSYSTEMS WILL THRIVE AGAIN. THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT IF WE STAY ON TRACK.
YES, WE MUST KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING, ESPECIALLY AS SLOW-GROWING SPECIES LIKE ME NEED TIME TO RECOVER!
AND LET'S REMEMBER, WE NEED STRONG TEAMWORK WITH PEOPLE AND GLOBAL EFFORTS TOO.
ABSOLUTELY! LET'S KEEP SHARING WHY WE MATTER.
TOGETHER, WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE!

THIS STORY HAS TAKEN YOU ON A JOURNEY ACROSS OCEANS AND CONTINENTS, EXPLORING THE MANY MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND SUSTAINABLY MANAGE OUR MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS WHILE ADDRESSING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES. FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS TO HABITAT RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE FISHING PRACTICES, THESE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS OFFER HOPE FOR ALL – HUMANITY AND NATURE ALIKE.

HOWEVER, WHILE THESE LOCAL ACTIONS ARE CRITICAL, THEY ARE NOT ENOUGH. TRUE RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY FOR OUR OCEANS REQUIRE A TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE – ONE THAT ADDRESSES THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES WE FACE. WITHOUT TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE AND DRASTICALLY REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, THE IMPACTS ON OUR ECOSYSTEMS AND COMMUNITIES WILL KEEP INTENSIFYING. THE FUTURE OF OUR OCEANS DEPENDS ON THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US – INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND NATIONS – TO COME TOGETHER AND CHART A NEW COURSE FOR A SUSTAINABLE, THRIVING WORLD.

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