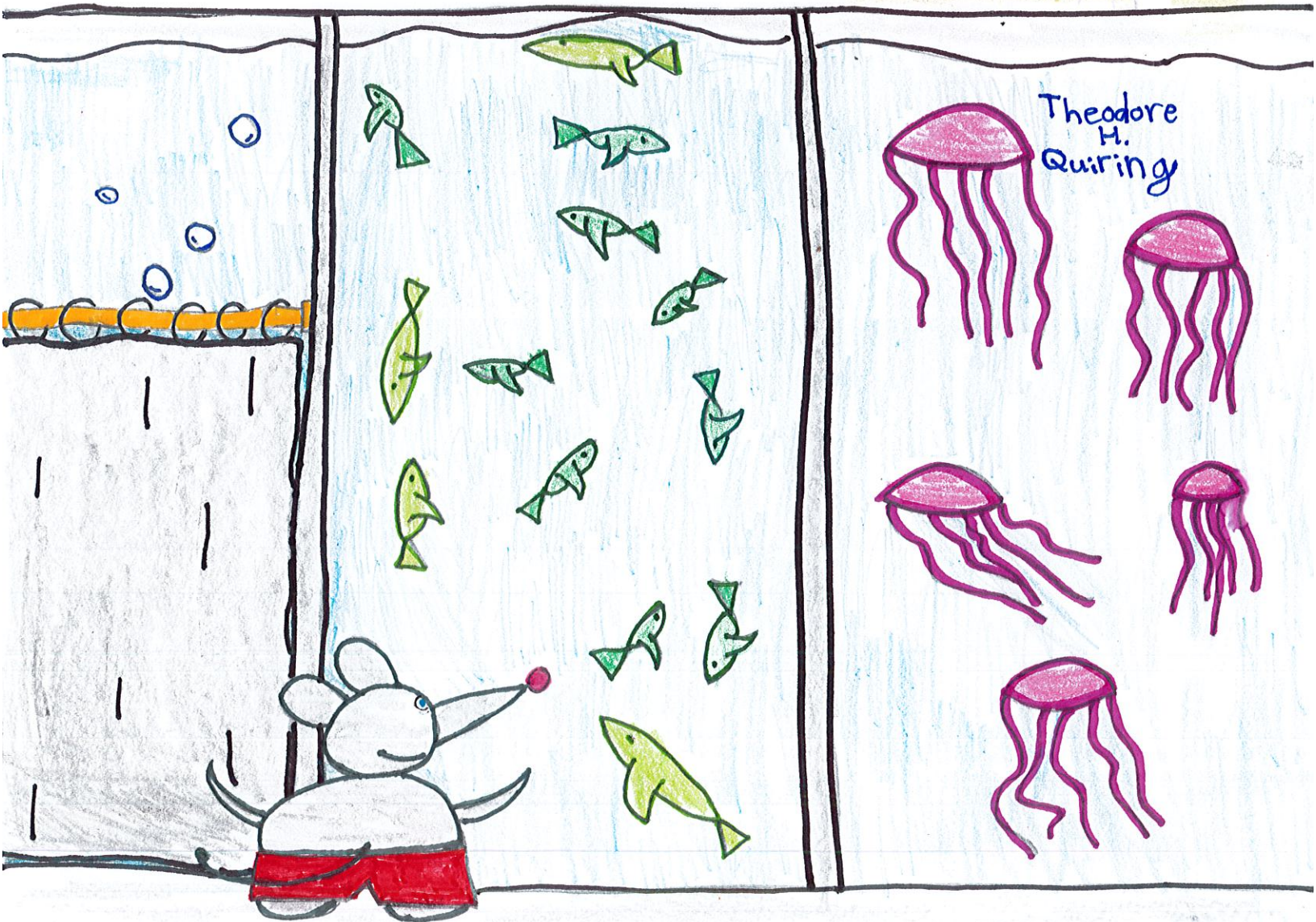
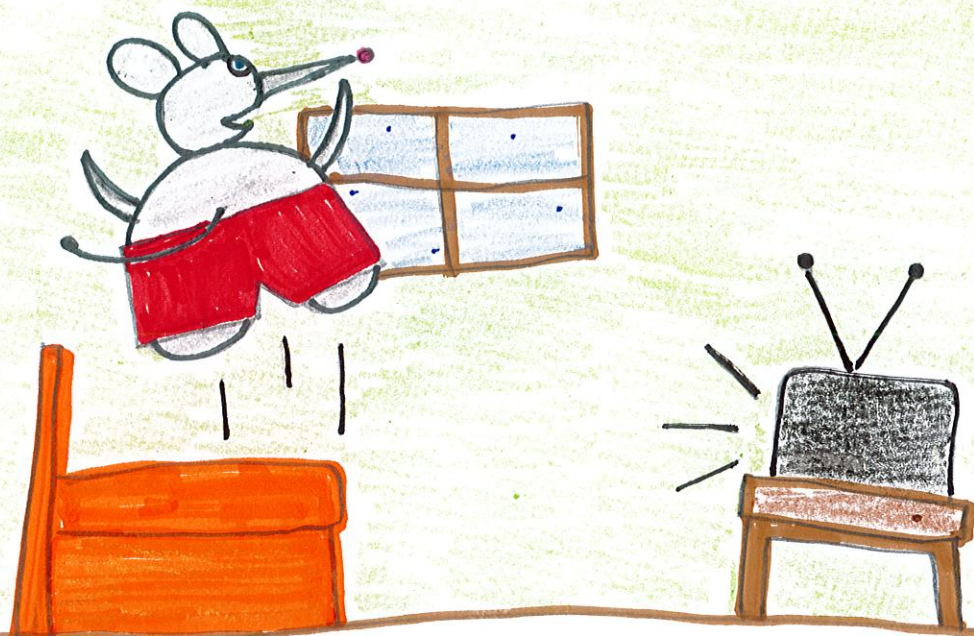


MAXWELL MOUSE AND THE AQUARIUM





Maxwell mouse had a nice blue house, a wife, and 17 children. It was a dreadful rainy day with nothing fun to do. Maxwell was watching the daily news while the 17 children squibbled and squabbled over whose socks were whose. Mrs. Maxwell was busily scrubbing the breakfast dishes.



Just then an announcement came from the news headquarters.

"A new aquarium opens at ten o'clock on 27th Street! With the colossal golden-bellied gar all the way from the east side of the globe!"

Maxwell flew off the couch.

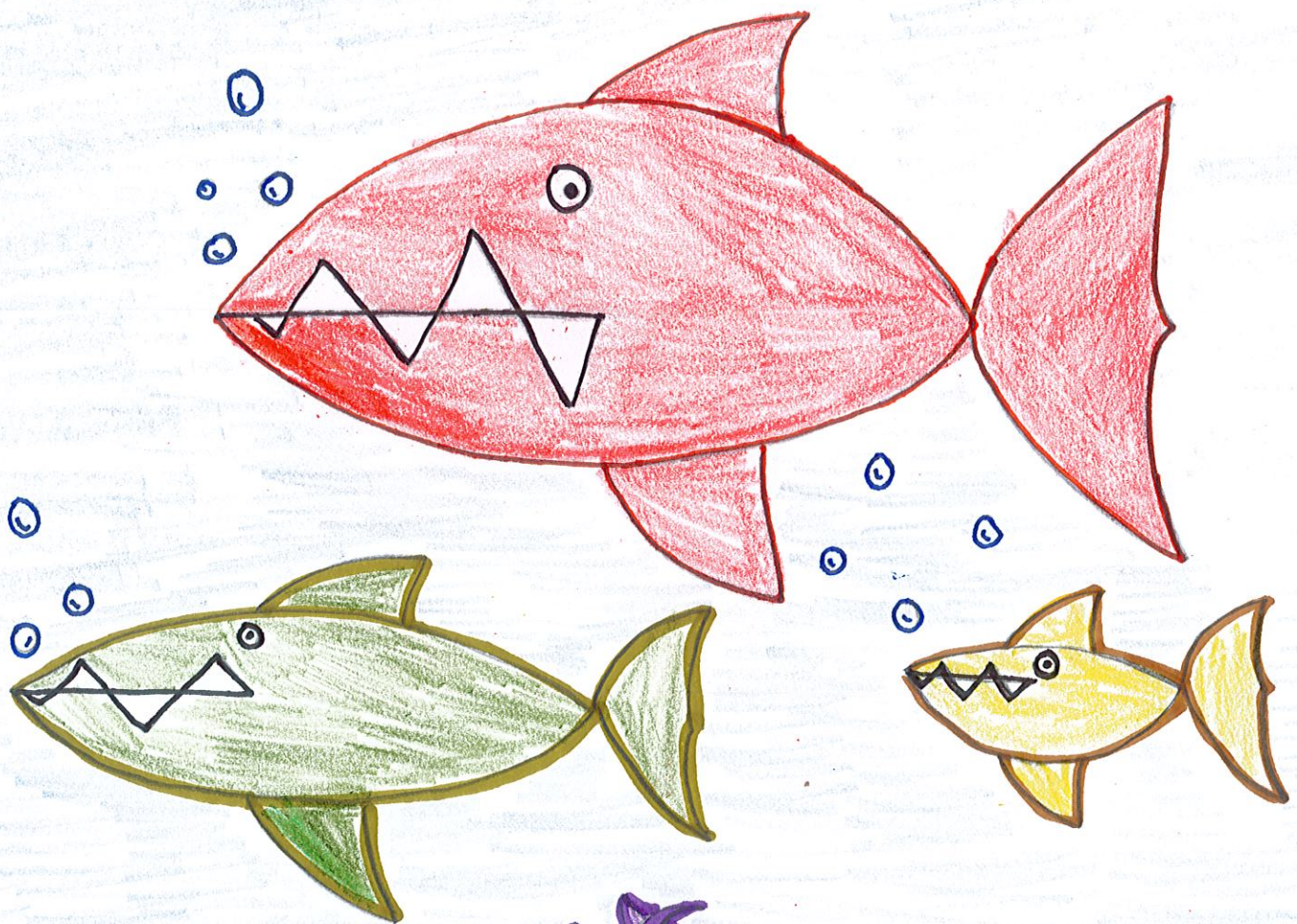
"Fantastic! There's a new aquarium!"

"Yippee!" cried the 17 children.

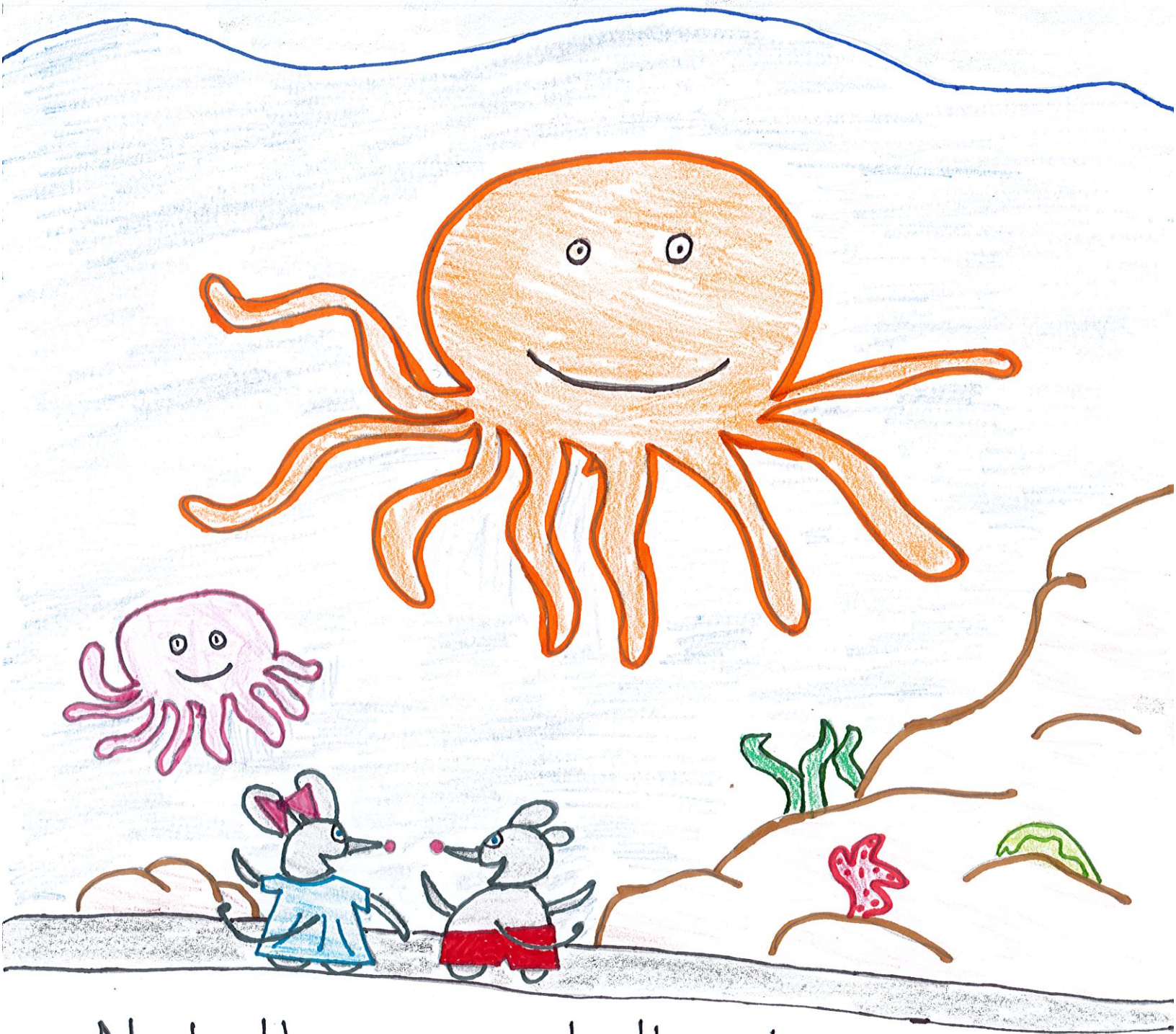
Vroom! Zoom! Off they went.



The aquarium was filled with fish.
"Ooooh! Aaaah!" said the 17 children.

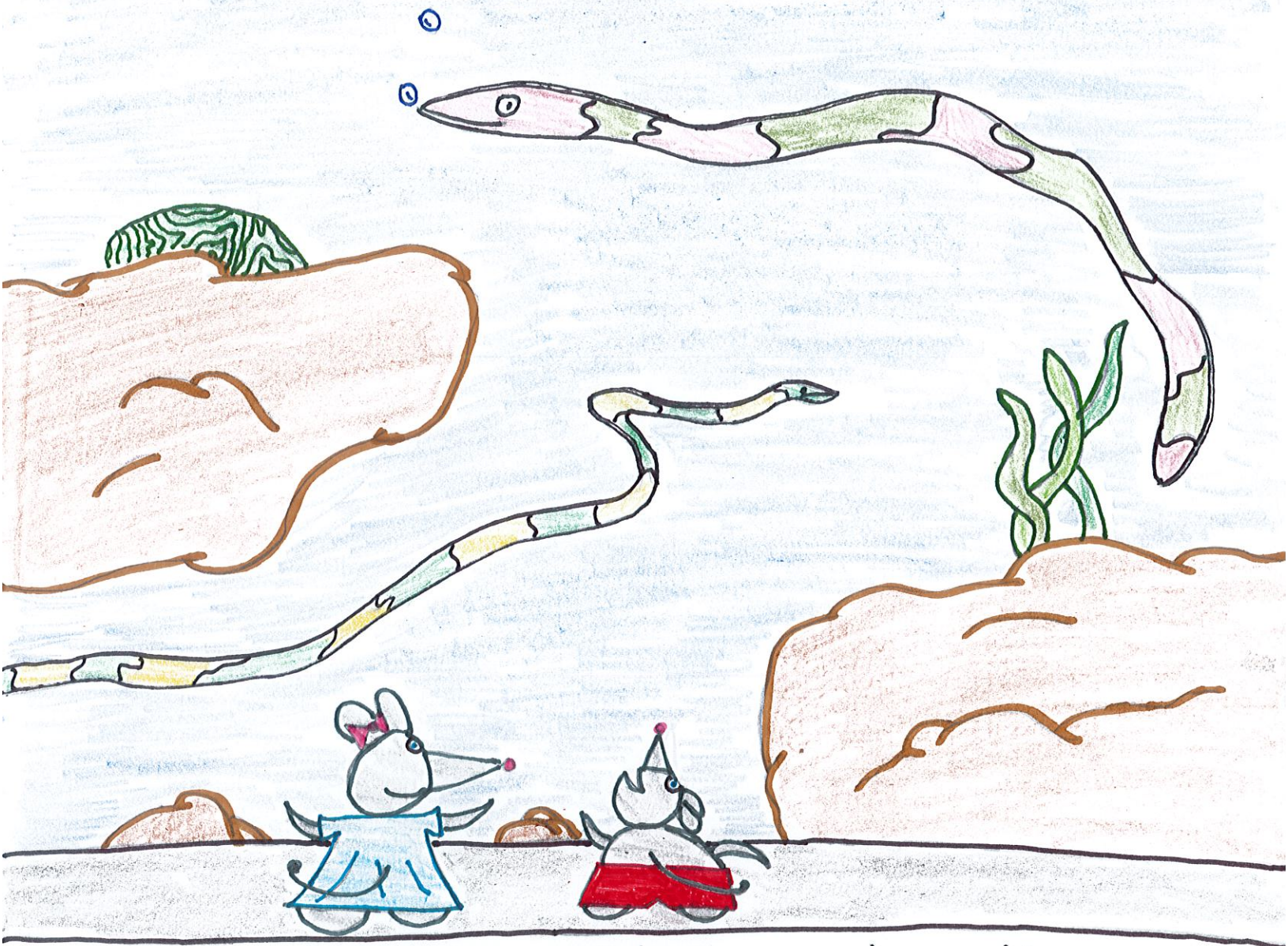


First they saw the piranhas with
their very sharp teeth.



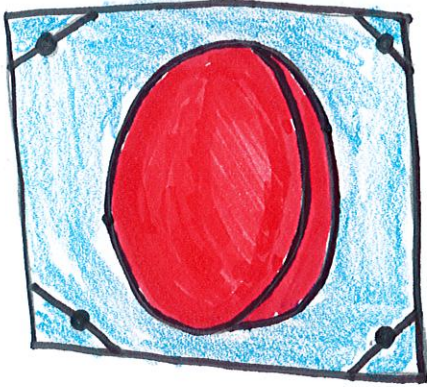
Next they examined the tank of Octopi.

"So many tentacles!" said Mrs. Maxwell.



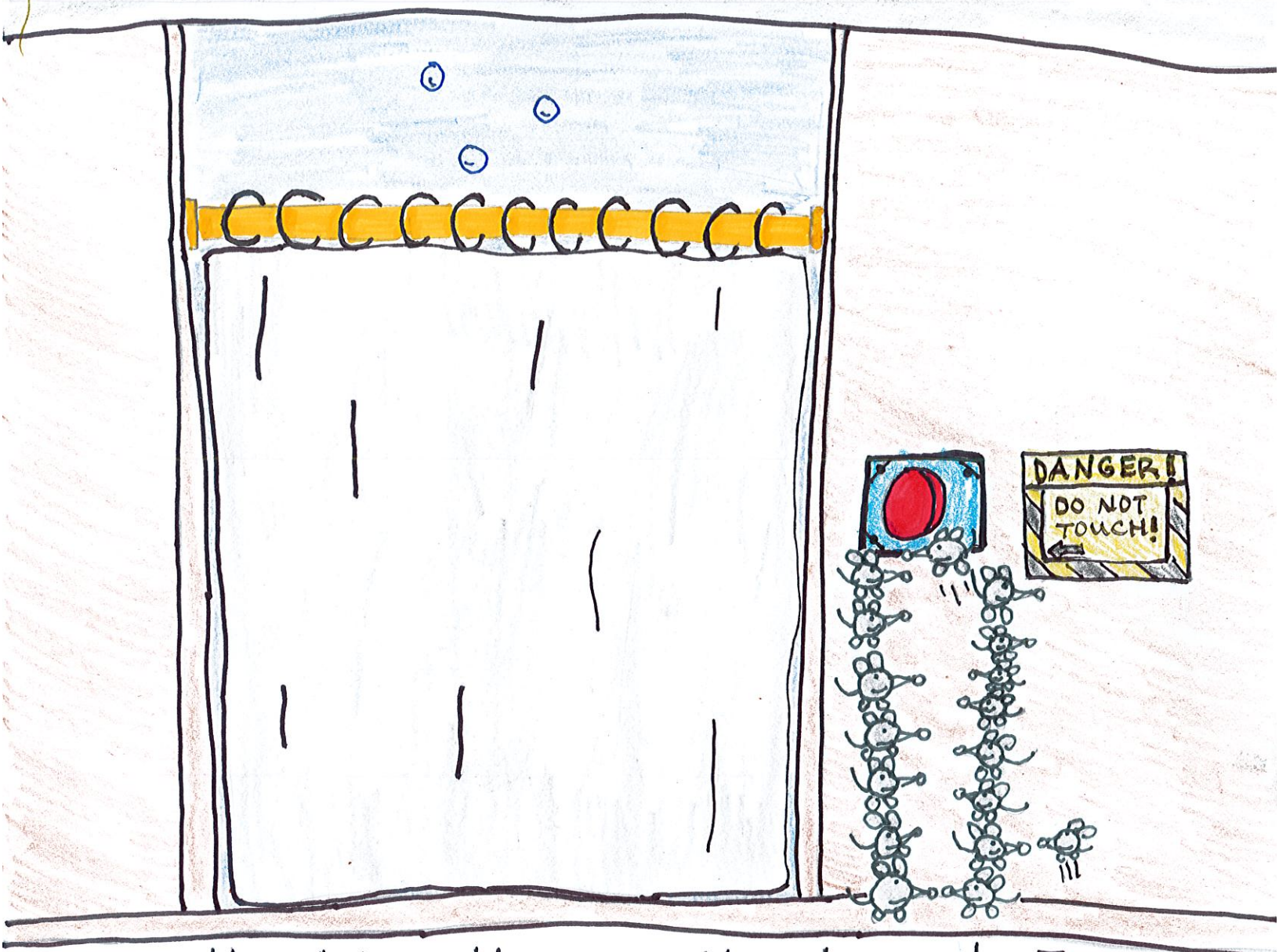
Then they scampered over to the eels with their slippery, snake-like bodies.

"What are those?!" asked Maxwell.



Meanwhile a few tanks away was the colossal golden-bellied gar still behind a curtain awaiting the big show. The 17 children were extremely curious. What did it look like? How did it feel? And how could they get to it NOW?

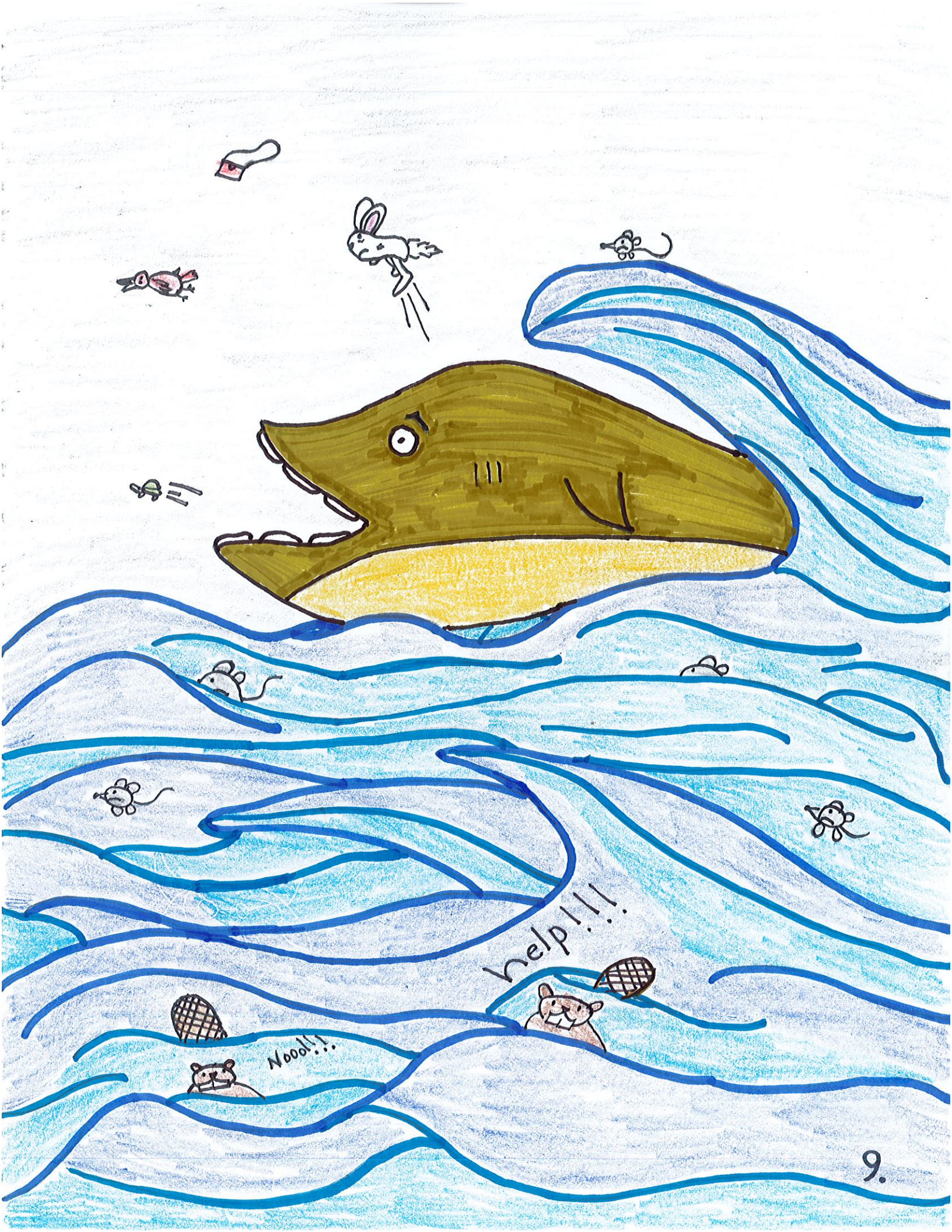
That's when they they saw a big red button with a sign that read, 'DO NOT TOUCH!'

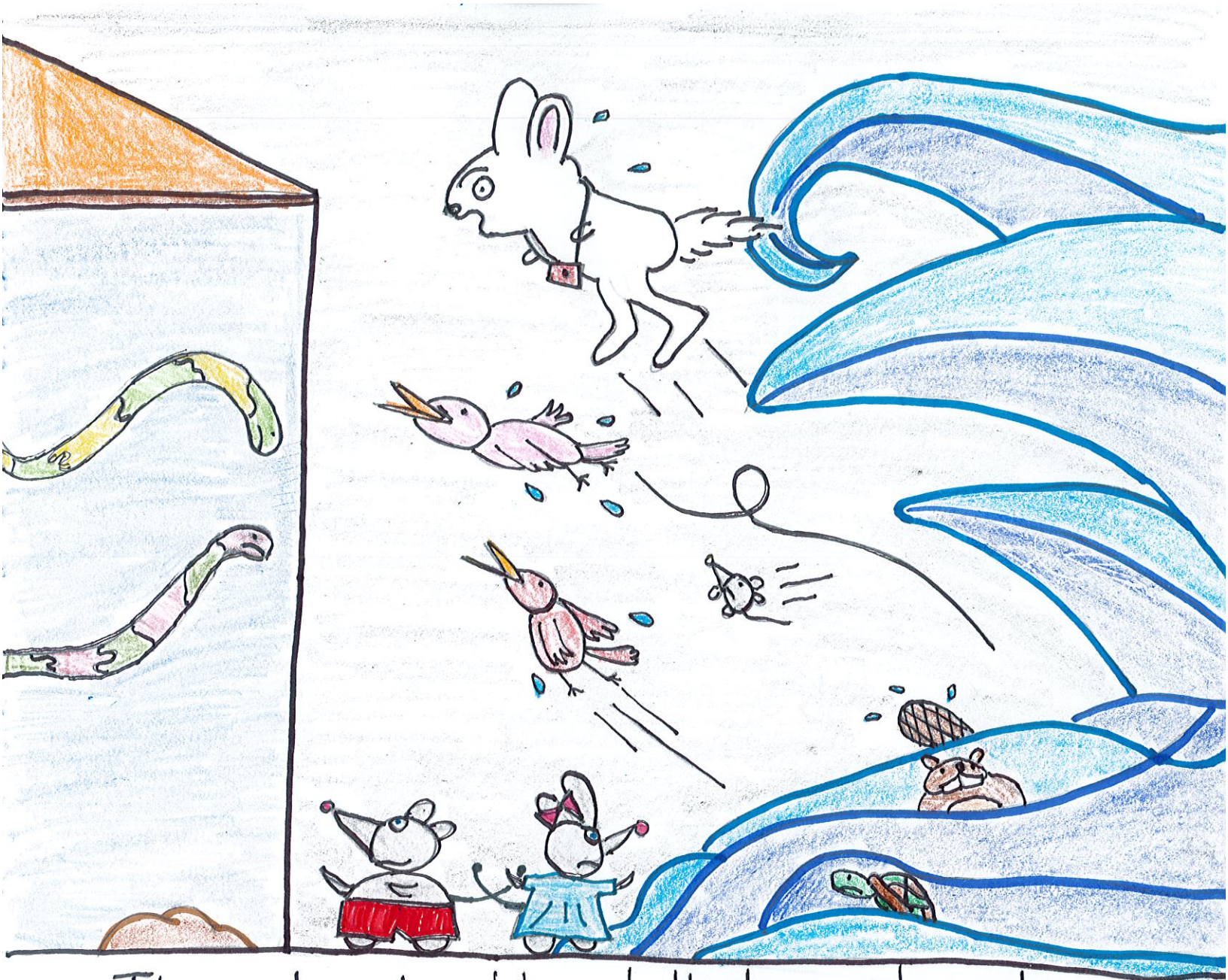


But the 17 children could not read. The little mice stacked one on top of another to reach the button.

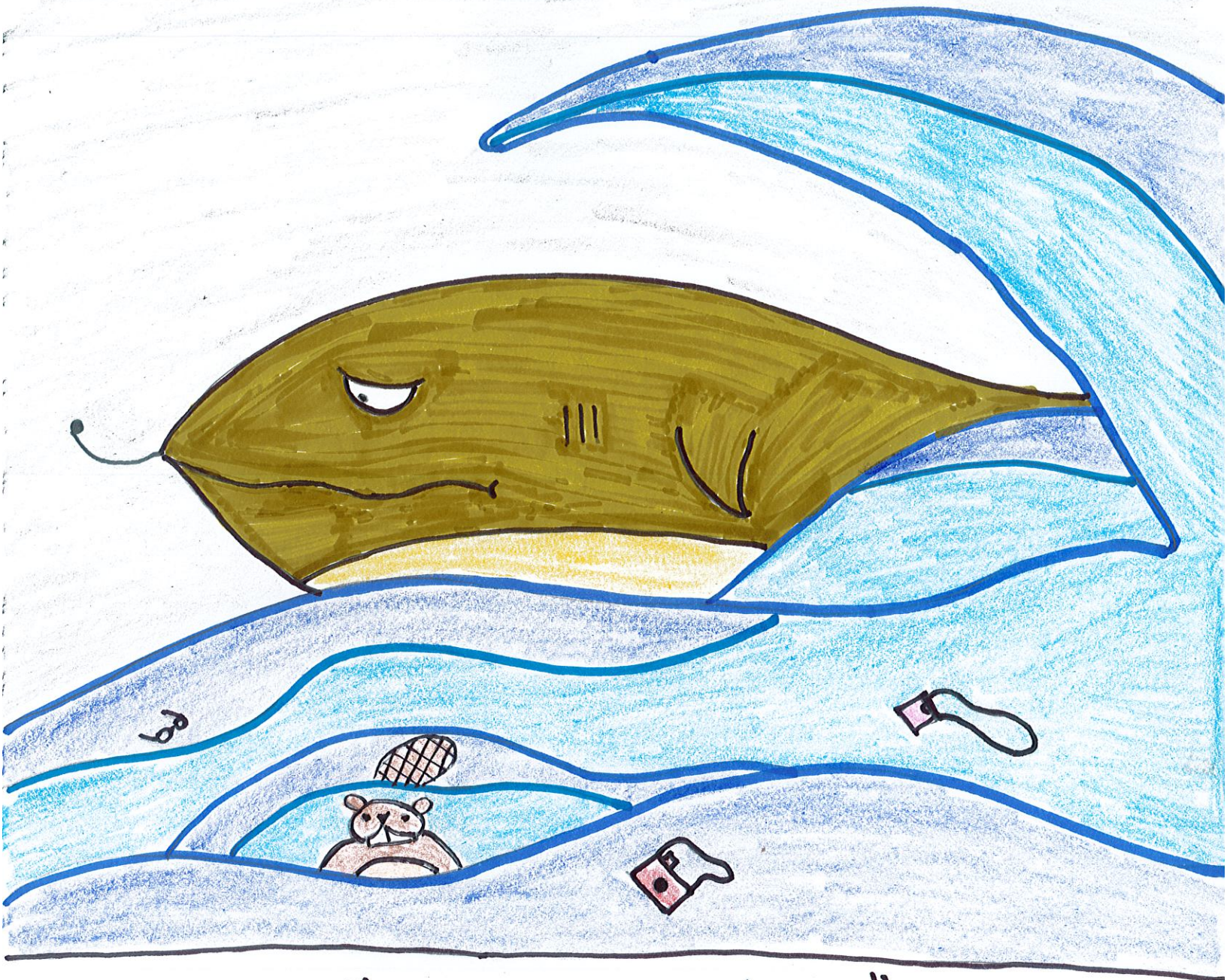
"BOOP!" it went.

And "WHOOSH!" the tank opened.





The colossal golden-bellied gar happily swam through the aquarium. It was a frightful scene with lots of screams and visitors running away. Little did Maxwell know the gar was coming right for him.

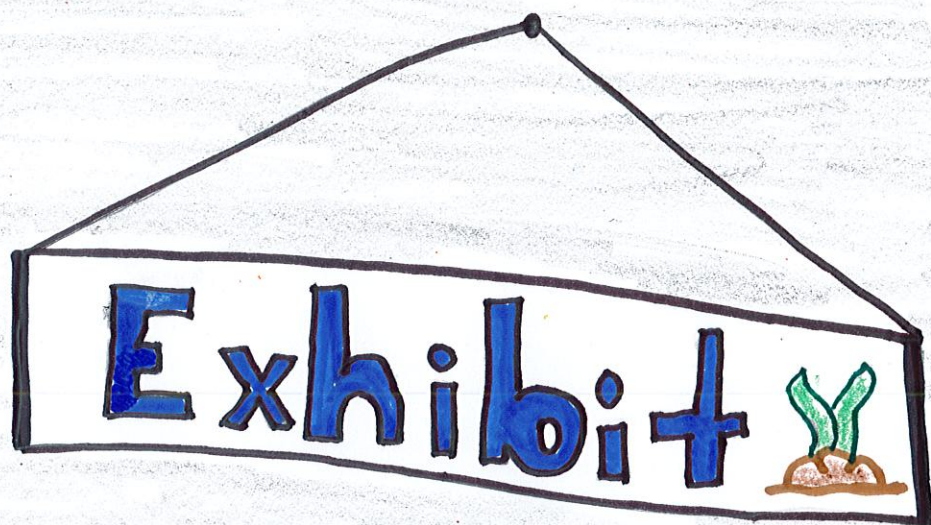


"Look out!" yelled Mrs. Maxwell.

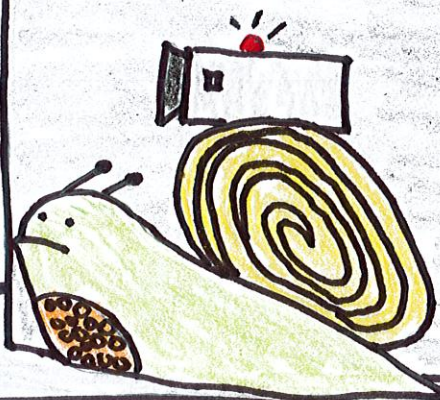
But it was too late.

"GULP!"

Luckily for Maxwell, the gar did not like mice.



WET!



"BLAAAH!"

"PLOP!"

Maxwell landed right in front of a cameraman.

"How do you feel?"

"WET!" said Maxwell.

AQUARIUM



Just then Mrs. Maxwell rushed over
and gave him a big 'SMOOCH!'
"Yippee!" said the 17 children.
It may have been a rainy day,
but the mice family found plenty fun
things to do.

THE END