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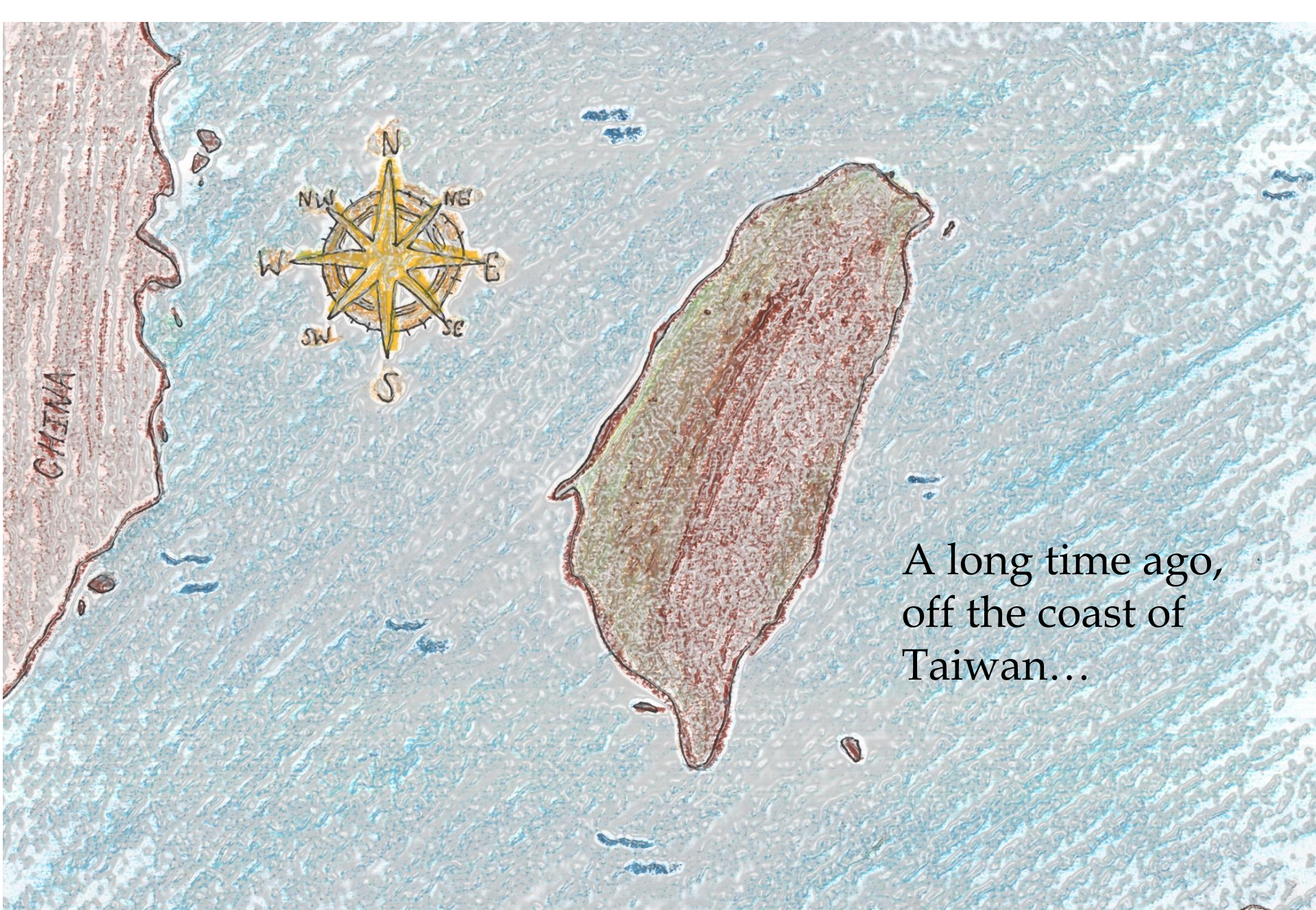
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給 Eileen,

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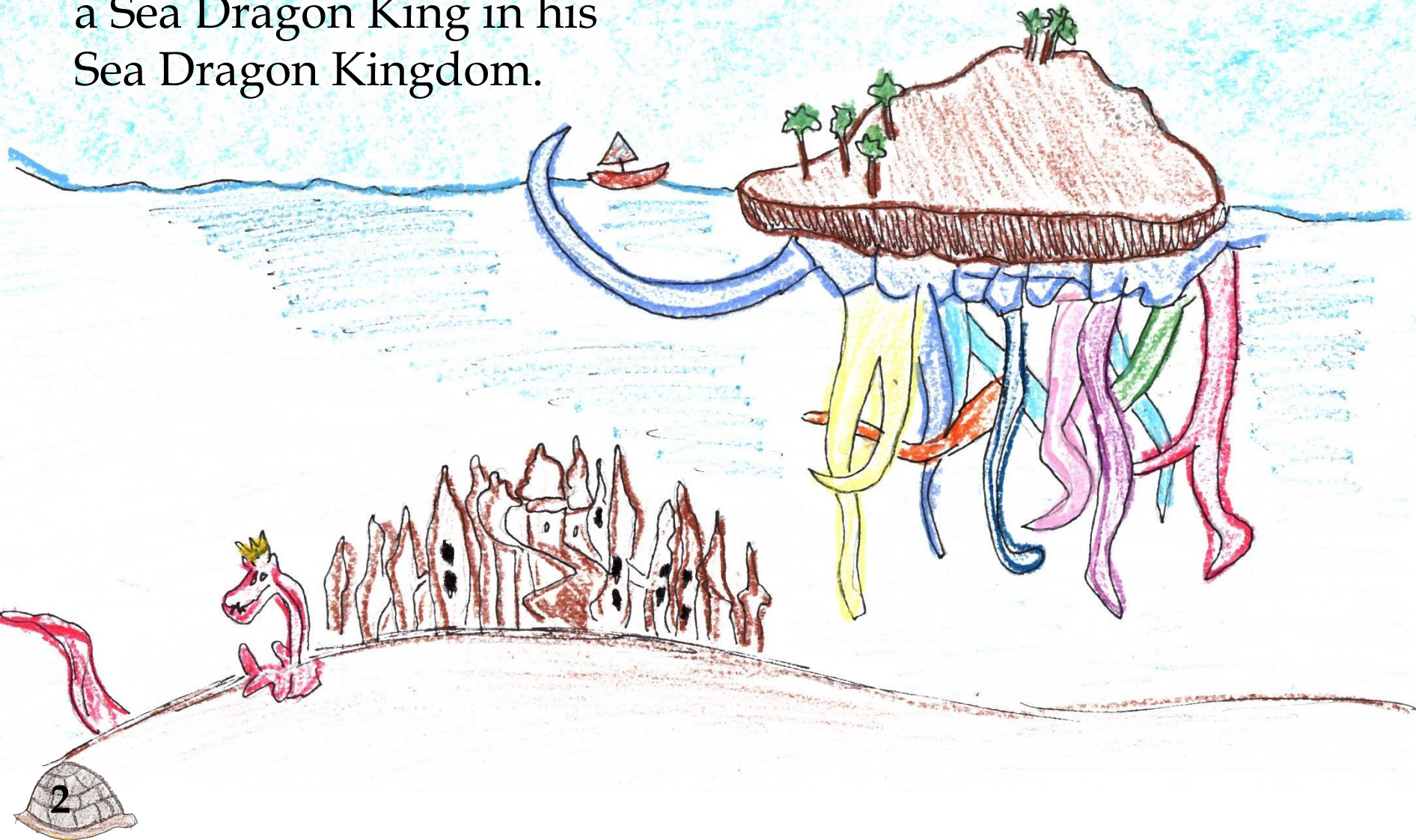
作者 Laura Smentek 施茹蘭 2012-2013 參與傅爾布萊特獎學金協同英語教學計畫(ETA)，來到宜蘭縣擔任為期近一年的國小英語協同教師，為小學生們帶來更精彩的英語教學並開啟更多文化交流的機會。此外師協同教學計畫特別感謝宜蘭縣政府教育處的支持與合作，嘉惠許多台灣的小朋友及美國的大朋友們。



A long time ago,
off the coast of
Taiwan...



...under the sea, there lived
a Sea Dragon King in his
Sea Dragon Kingdom.





The Sea Dragon King
had only one
daughter, the beautiful
Kavalan Princess.

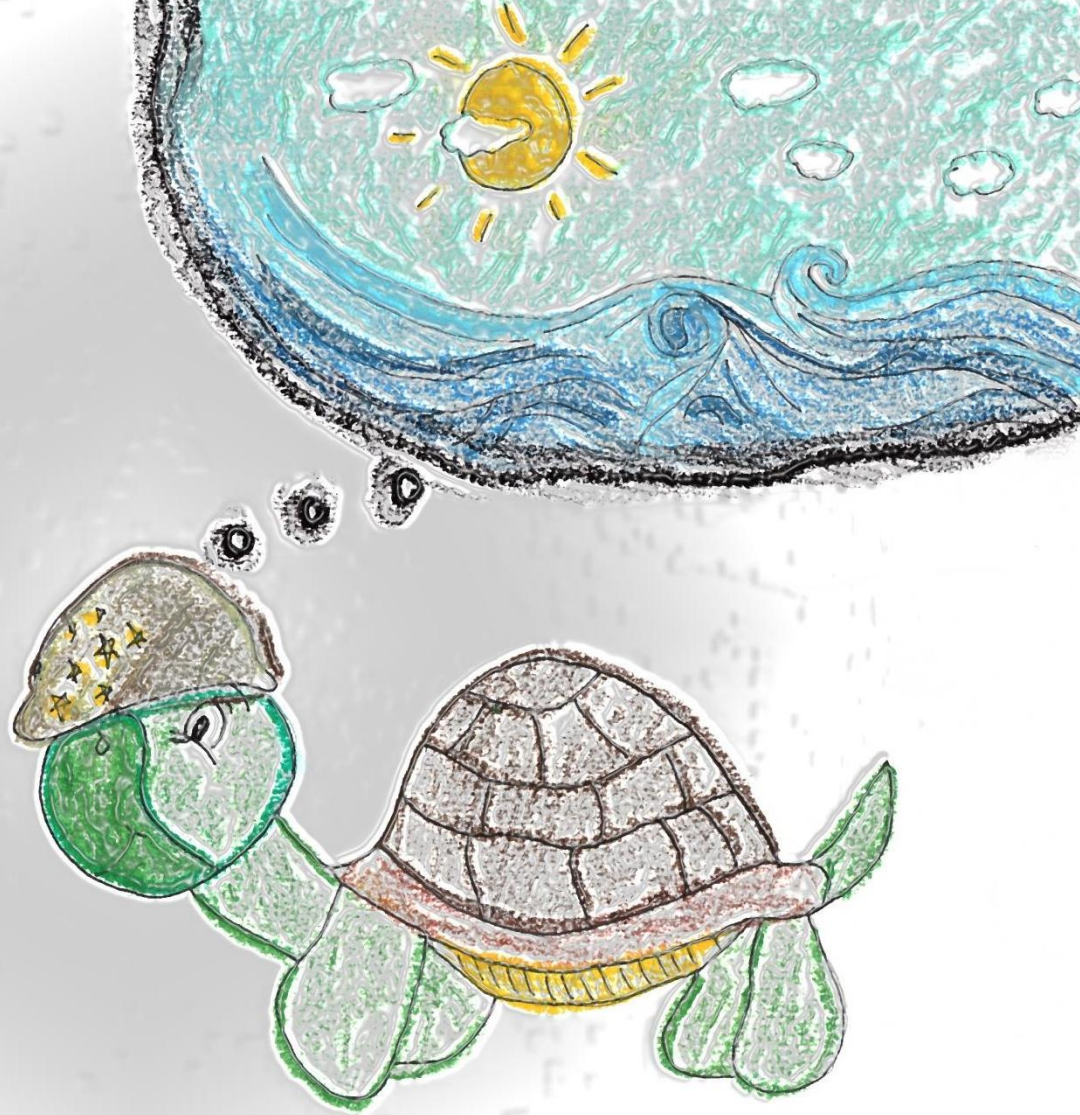
The Sea Dragon King loved his only daughter and wanted her to be happy.

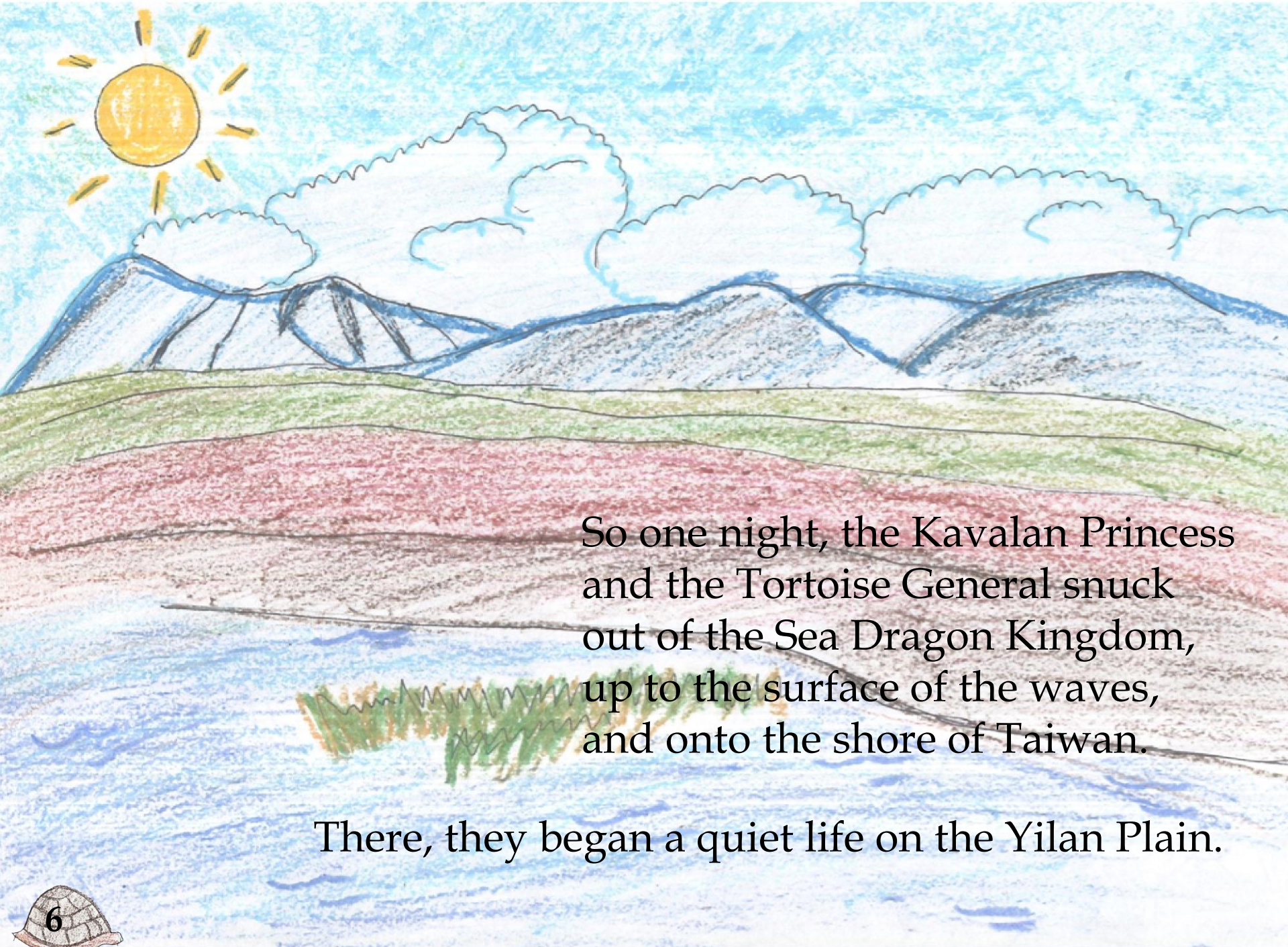


He wanted his daughter to marry the Dragon Prince. The Dragon Prince was rich and smart, but he was often angry. So, the Kavalan Princess could not love the Dragon Prince.

Instead, she loved her father's General, the Tortoise. And the Tortoise also loved the Kavalan Princess.

They were elementary school classmates and often played together in the ocean waves.





So one night, the Kavalan Princess
and the Tortoise General snuck
out of the Sea Dragon Kingdom,
up to the surface of the waves,
and onto the shore of Taiwan.

There, they began a quiet life on the Yilan Plain.



They went fishing in the ocean for food, played in the mountains for fun, and made lots of friends.

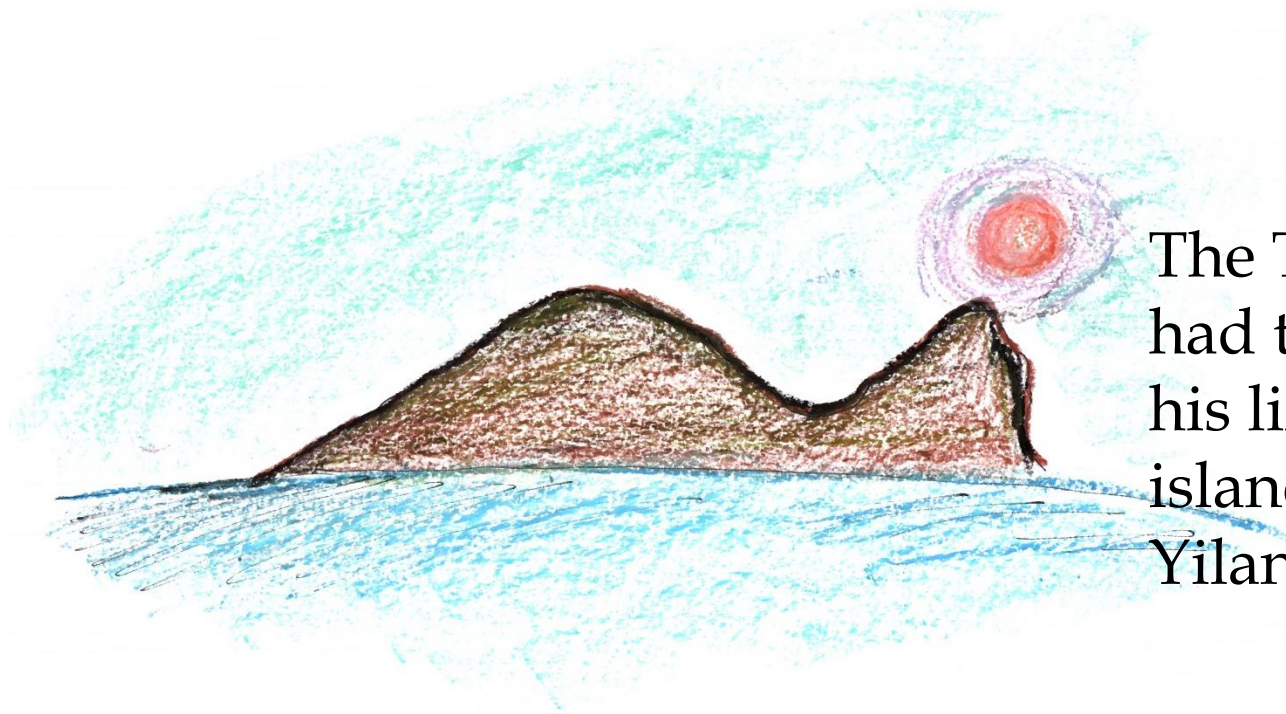


But the Sea Dragon King
was so sad. He promised to
find his daughter and kill
the Tortoise General.

After two years, the Sea Dragon
King found them. He was so angry
that he made a huge thunderstorm
and a great flood.

The Tortoise General and the Kavalan Princess tried to stay together, but the water was too strong and the Tortoise General was washed out to sea.

The Sea Dragon King saw that his daughter was very sad. He didn't kill the Tortoise General, but he didn't let him come back to Yilan either.



The Tortoise General had to live the rest of his life on a small island off the coast of Yilan, on Turtle Island.

The Kavalan Princess had to spend the rest of her life on the Yilan Plain.



They are both still there today.

Perhaps you've wondered why there is so much rain in Yilan. The rain that falls in Yilan is the Kavalan Princess's tears. She cries because she can see her husband but knows that they can never be together again.



That is their fate.