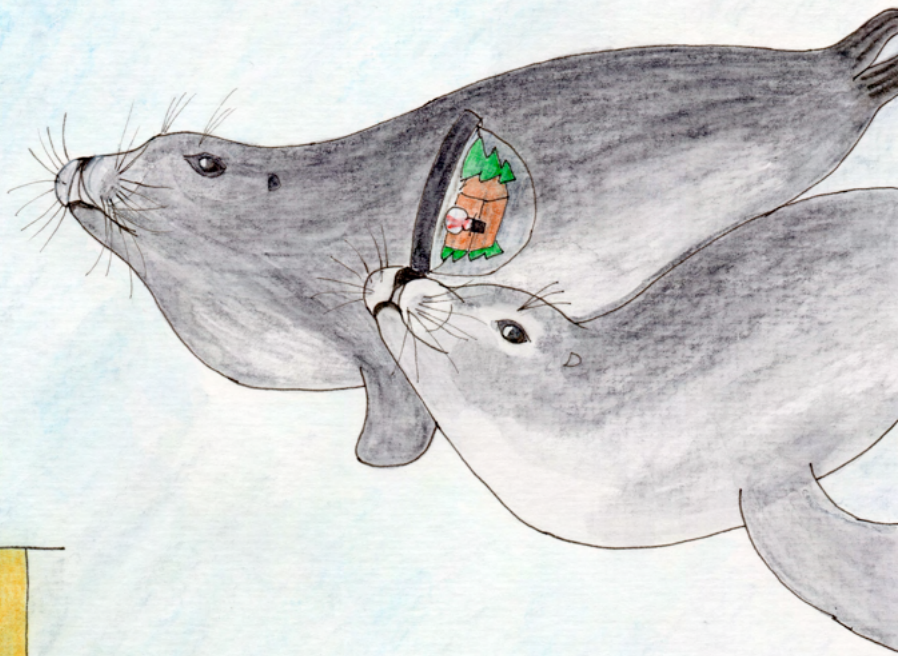


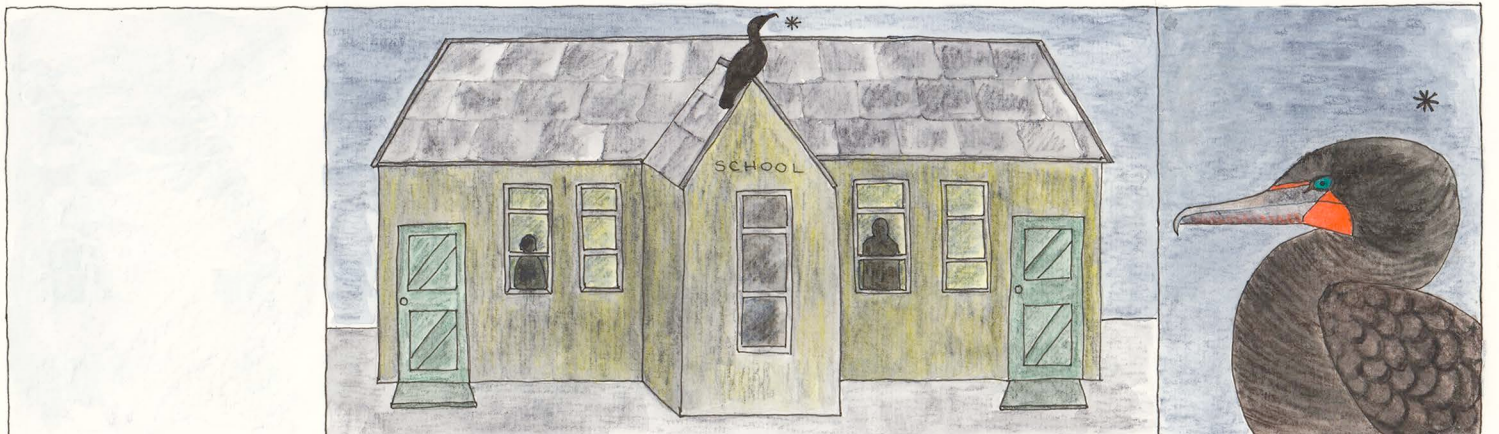
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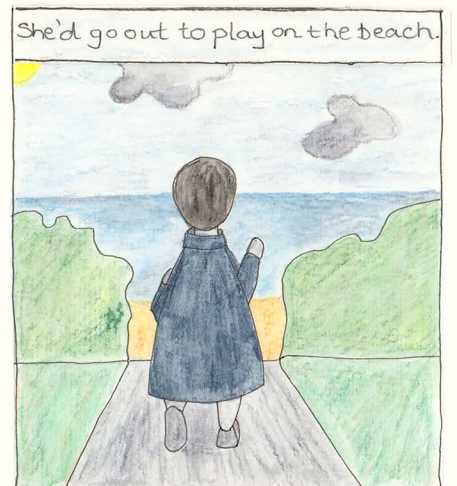
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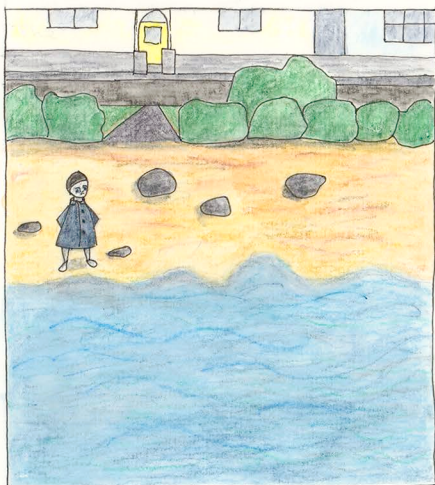
The Lost-Girl lived in the village with her parents.



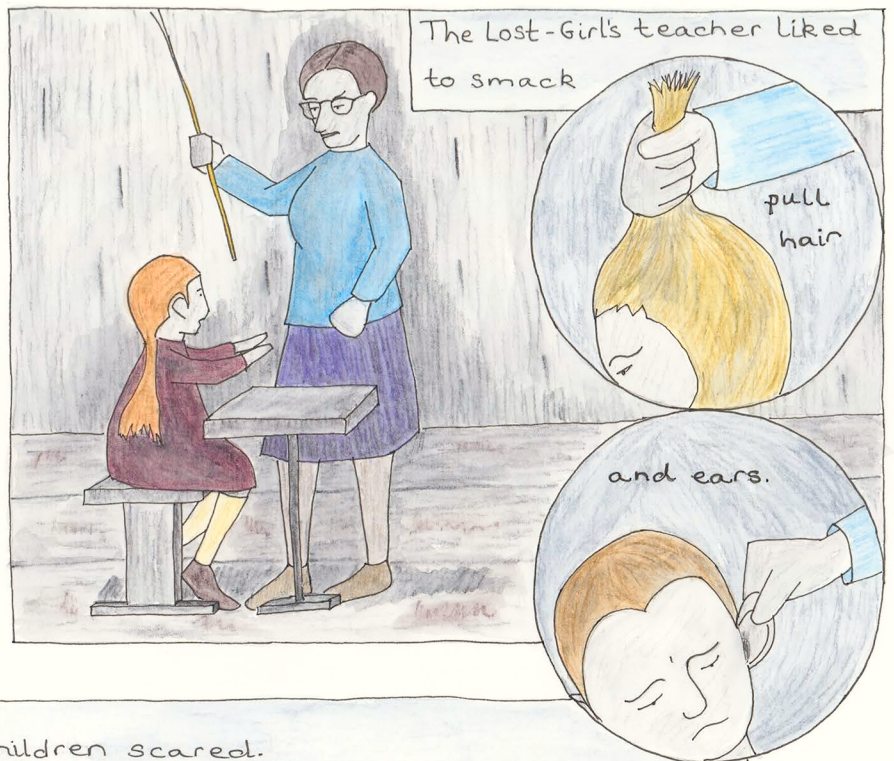
It was a guest house with people always coming and going.



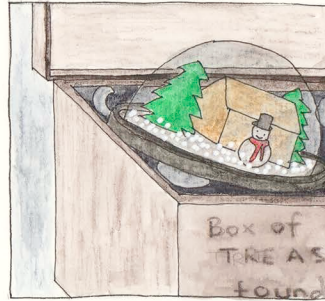
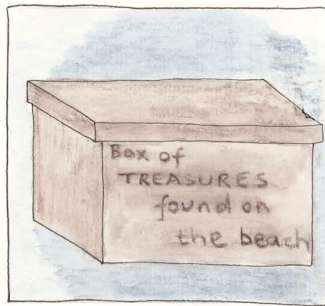
She'd go out to play on the beach.





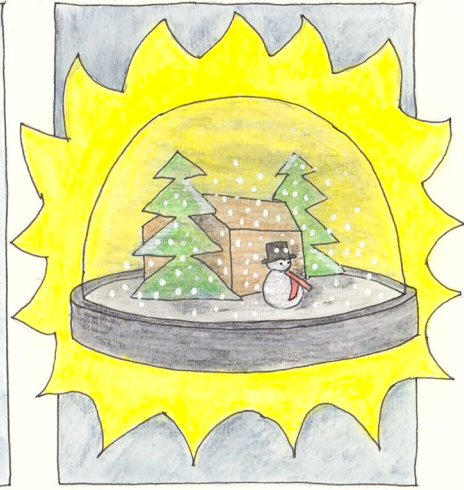


Back in the water

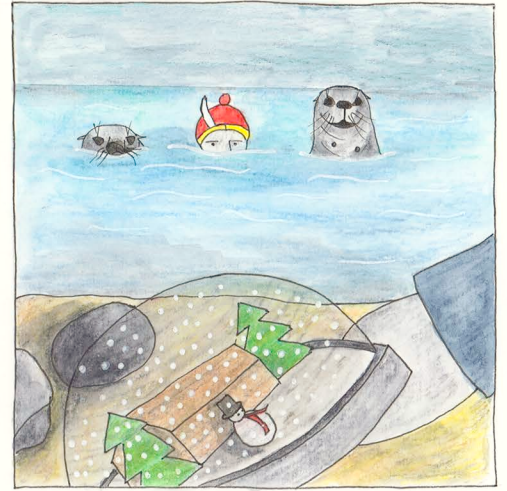


The next morning.





To keep her treasure safe, she buried it among the stones on the strand.

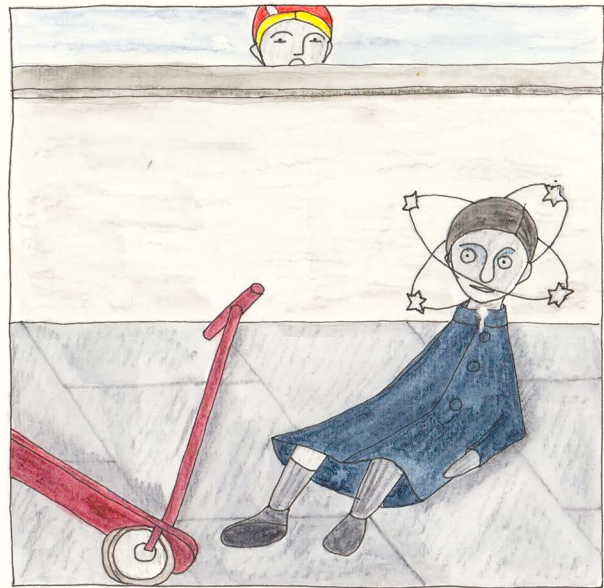
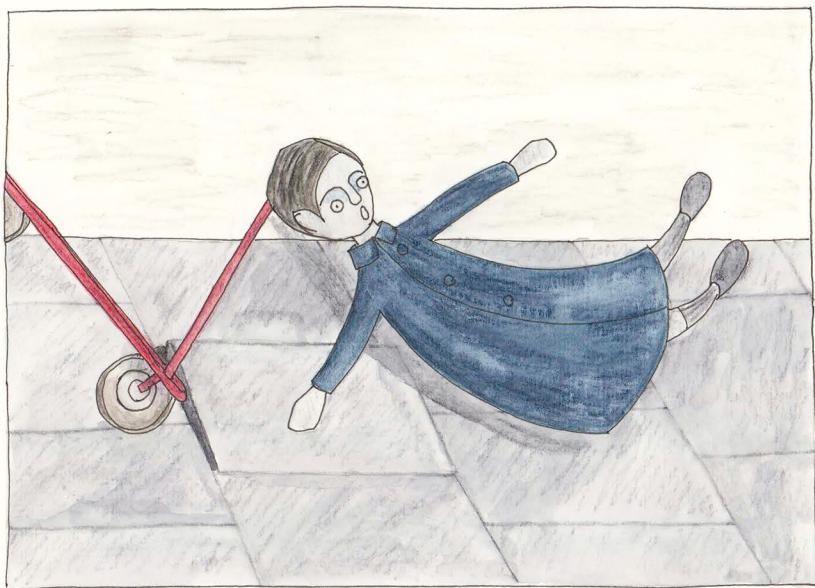
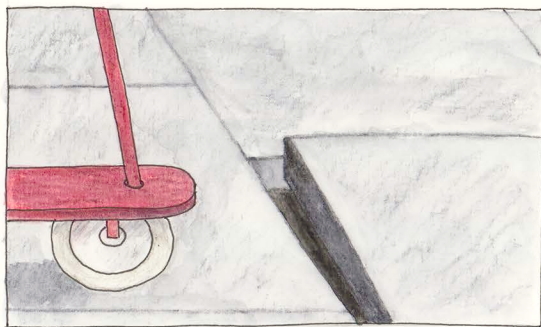
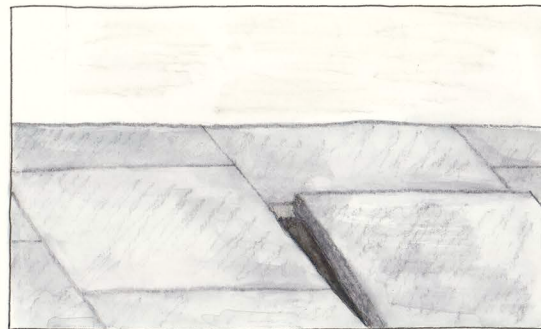


The Merrow-Child thought the Lost-Girl didn't like the snow globe, so she went to take it back.



Later, the Lost-Girl returned to play with her treasure.

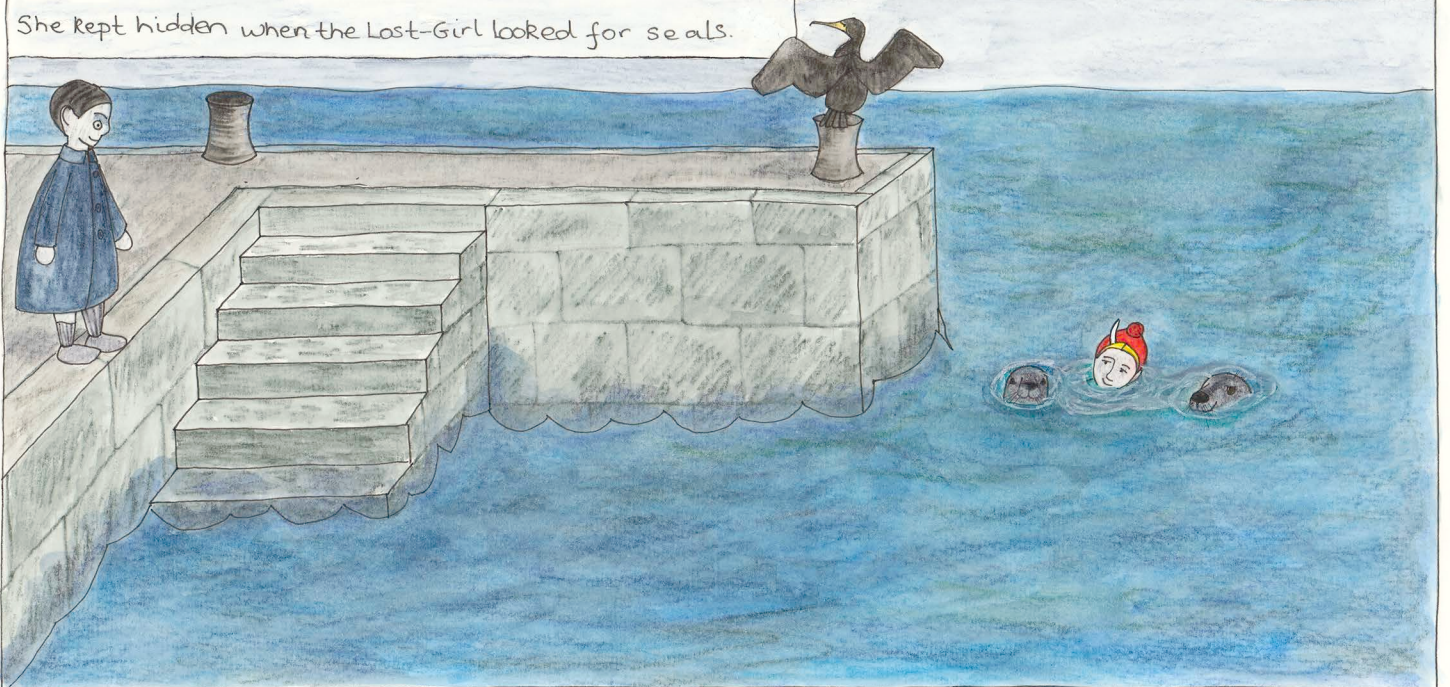


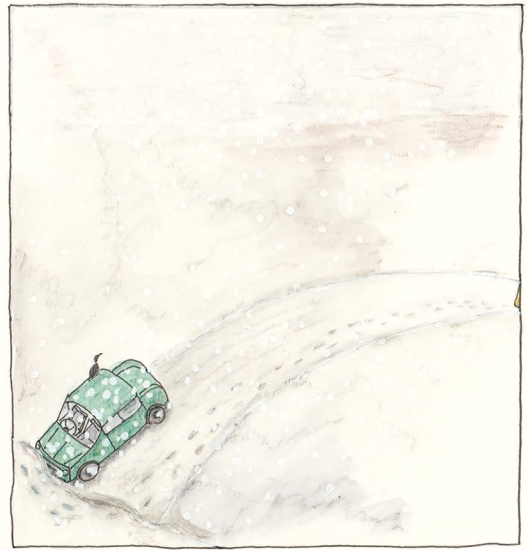
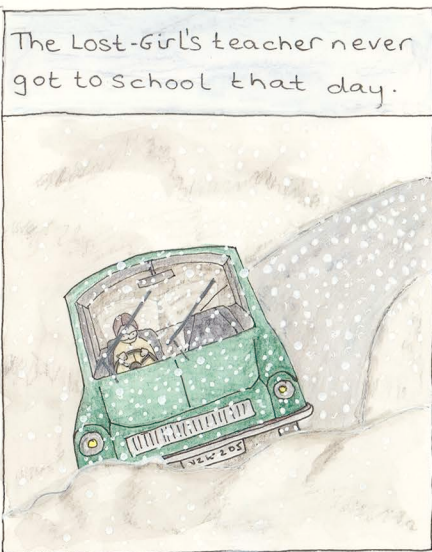
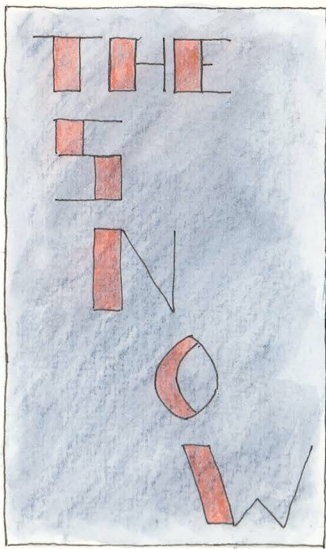


She followed the sound of the Lost-Girl's whistling.



She kept hidden when the Lost-Girl looked for seals.

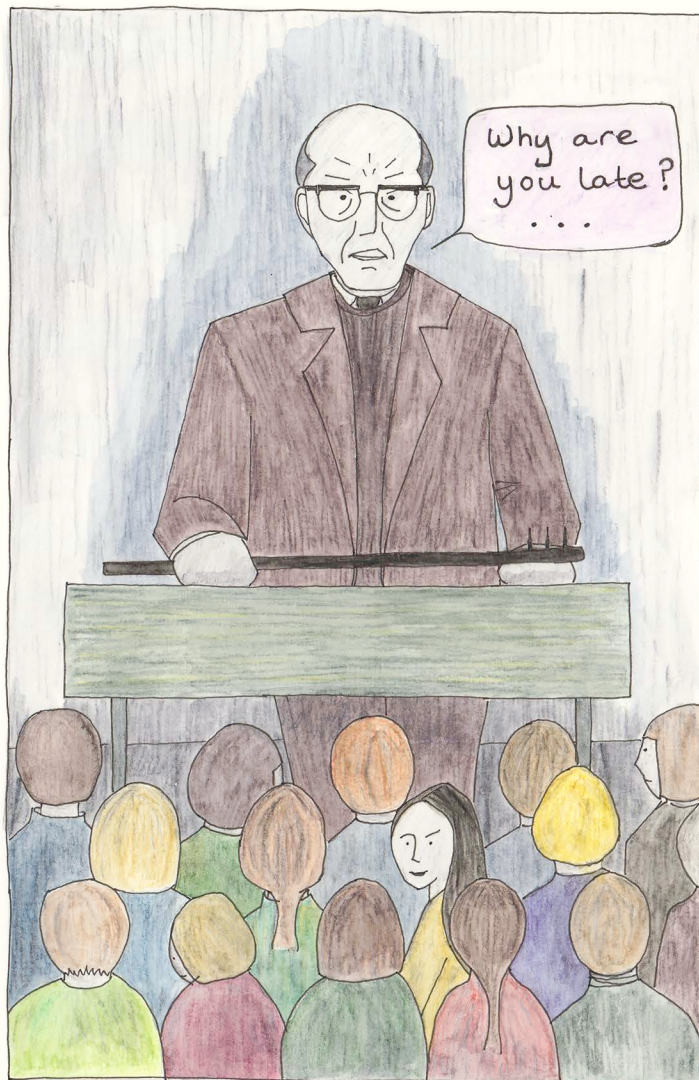
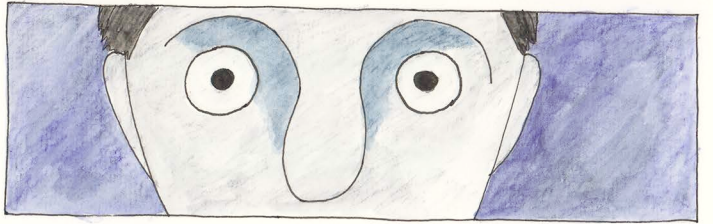
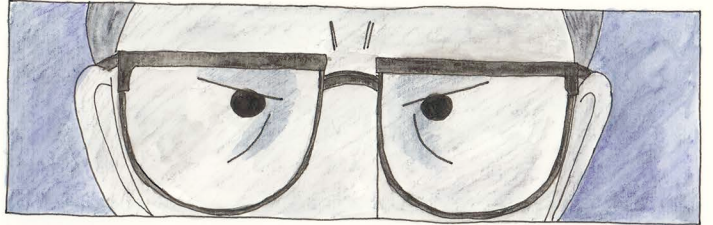
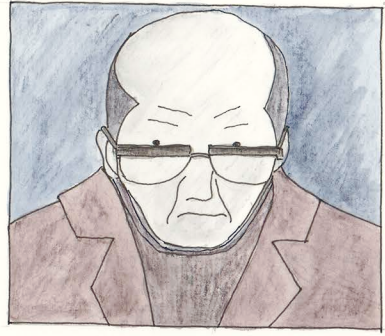










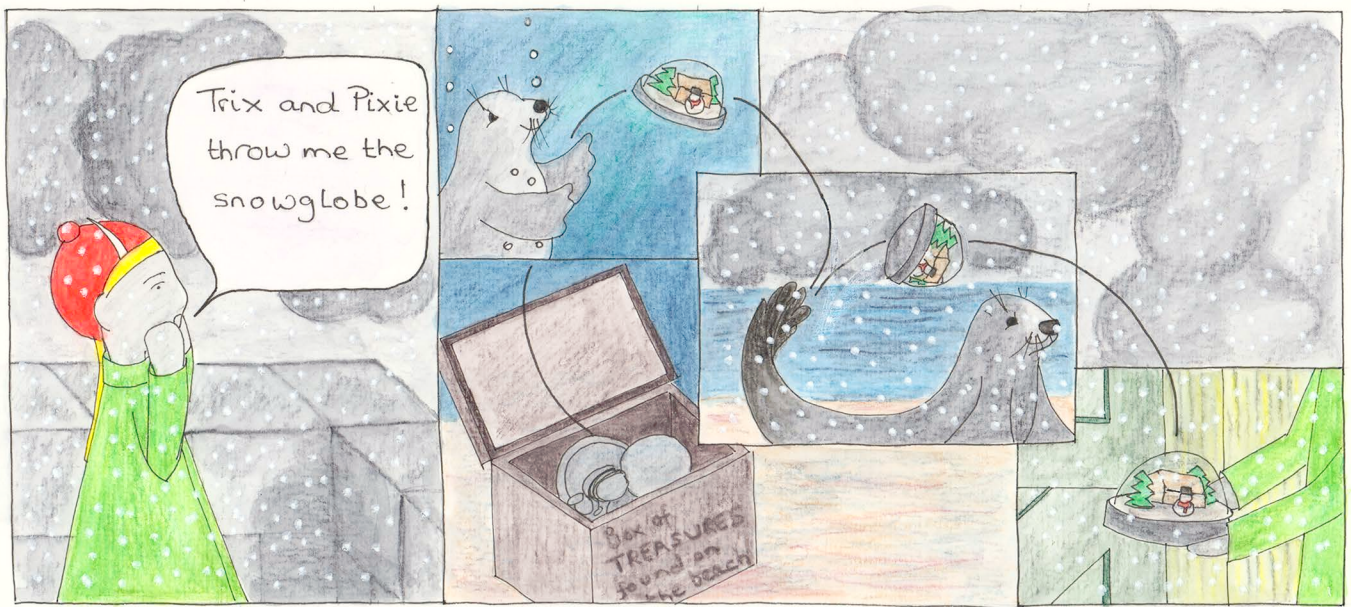




I said, why
are you late?

Answer me!
or I will use
this on you...

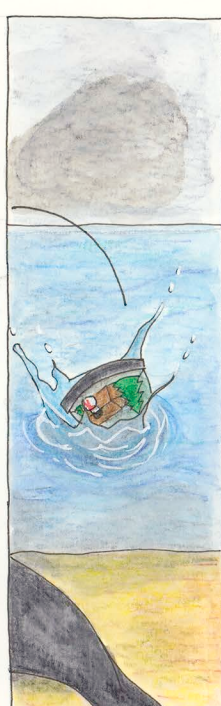


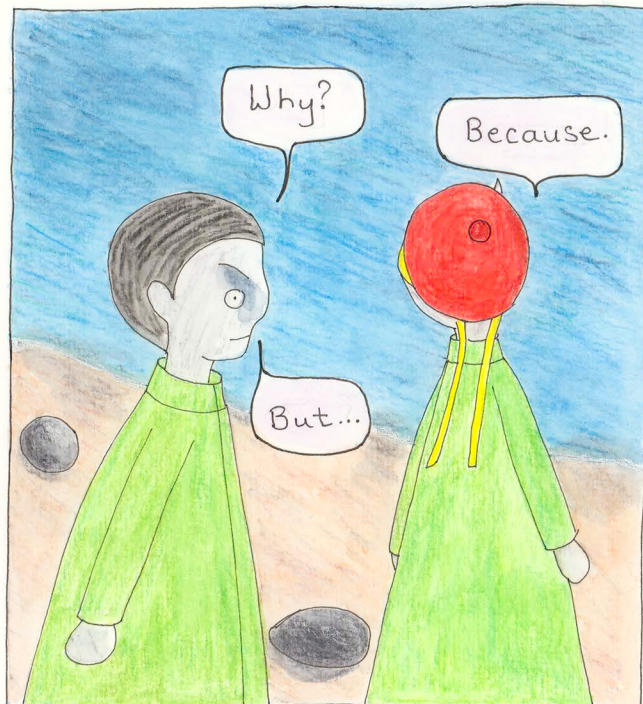


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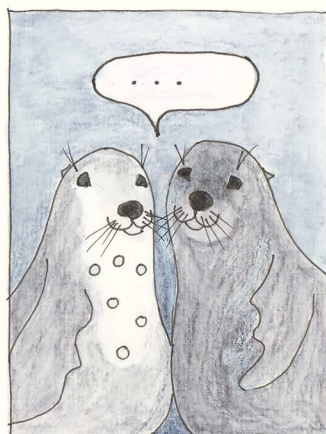
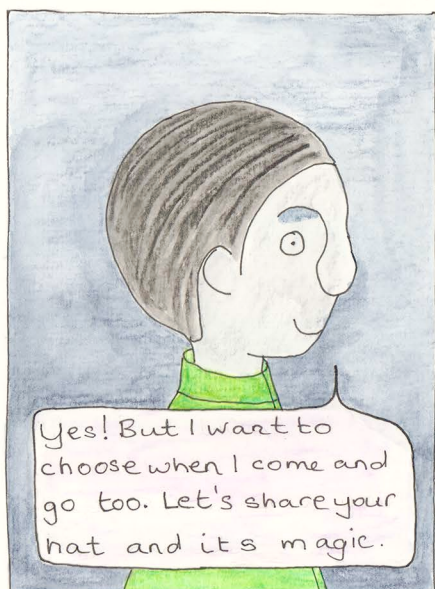




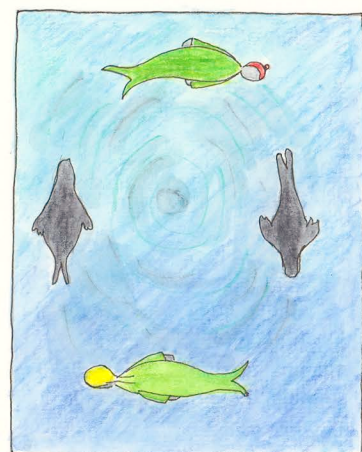
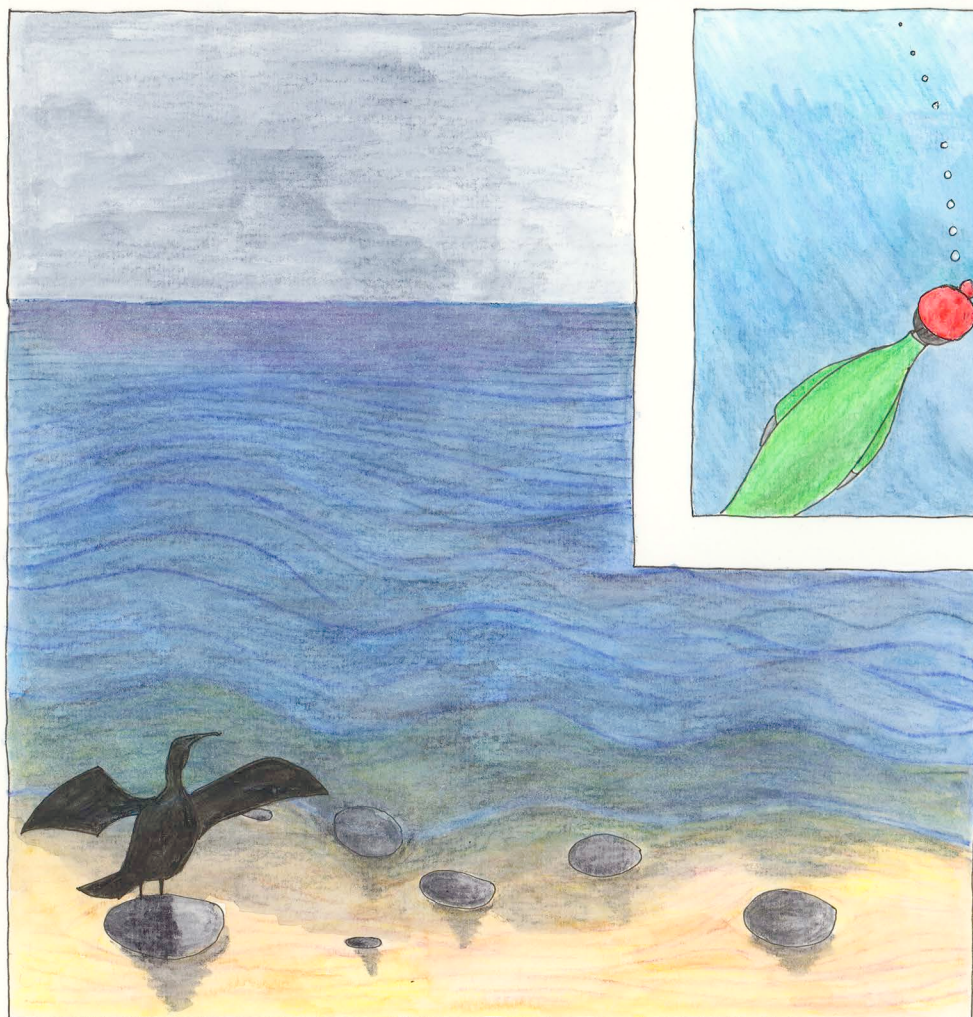








The Lost-Girl discovered she could stay under water now so she headed out to sea to look for her snowglobe on the seabed.



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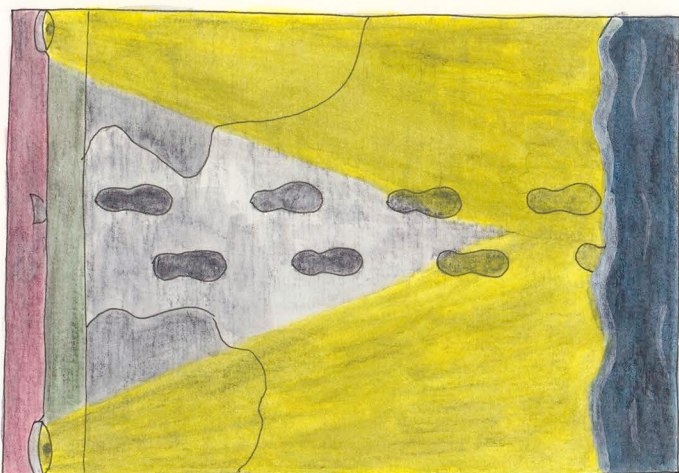
After the Lost-Girl disappeared, the village school closed.



The headmaster's car was found abandoned near the water at low tide

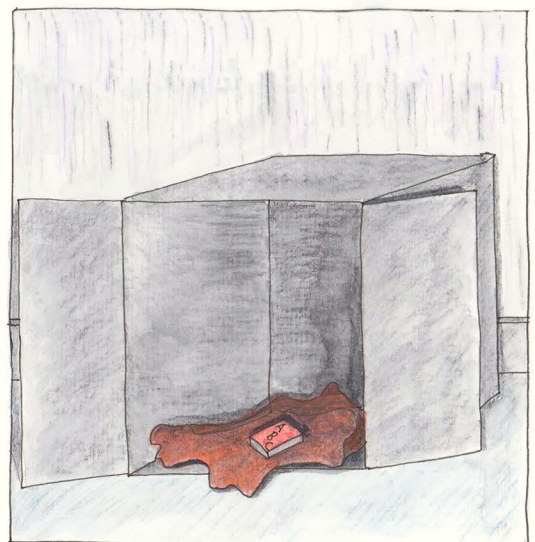
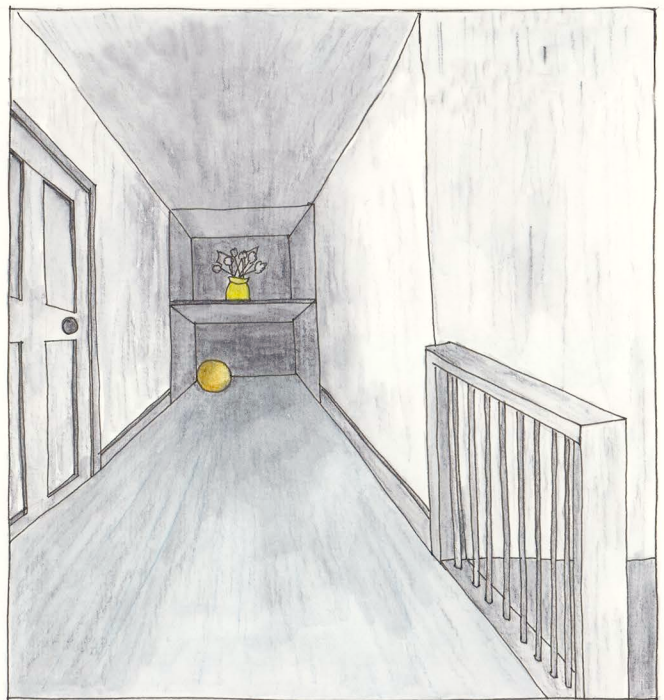
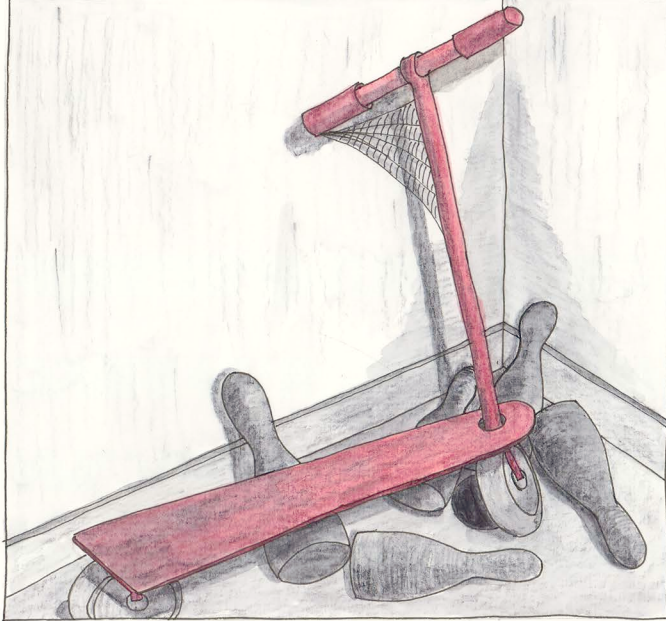


Some thought he sank into the mud.

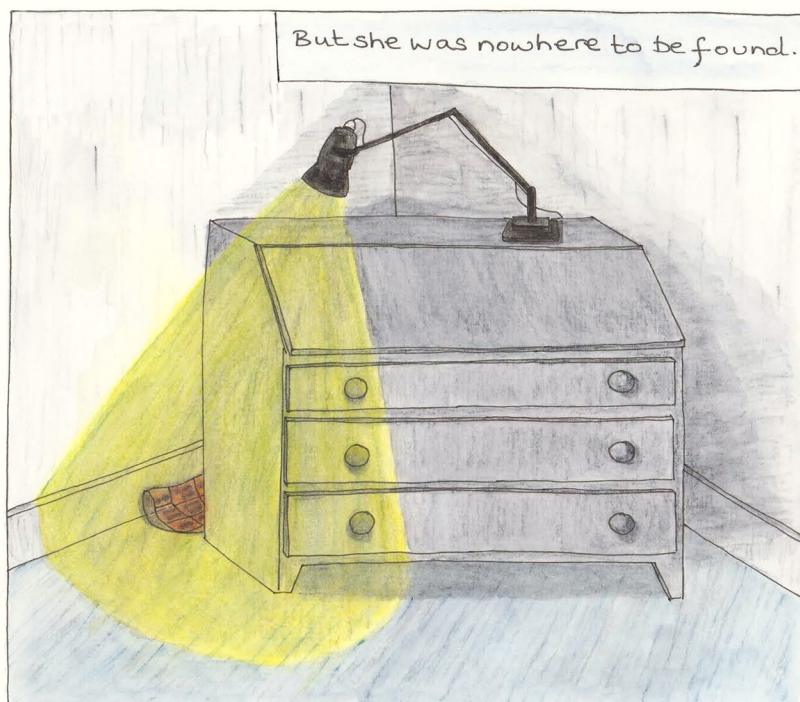


Others that he walked into the sea.

And what of the Lost-Girl? They looked in all her hiding places.



But she was nowhere to be found.



The last sighting of the Lost-Girl was from the harbour by a fisherman.





