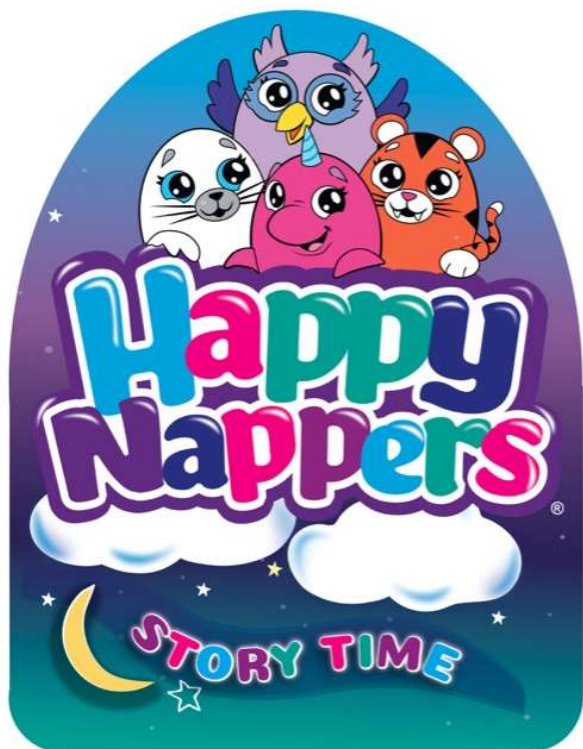




Happy Nappers[®]



STORY TIME



Welcome to Happy Nappers World where it's always story time! So slip inside and cuddle up tight. It's time to read and dream, day or night. Open your imagination wide—you'll see a dragon learn to fly and creatures run, swim and climb. Watch unicorns catch golden rings and ladybugs hunt pesky things! Read along or close your eyes to meet these friends... In Happy Nappers World the fun never ends!

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Chestnut Owl clutched the giant ball in her talons and soared over the sea. The sea was already bobbing with players, spectators, boats and floats.

Chestnut's voiced boomed out,
"Ready players!"

This was the most important ball game of the year, ocean versus land and this year it was an ocean game. The stakes were high!



The winning team got to take
home the Magic Star for the whole
year, letting them turn night into day
or day into night whenever they wanted.
It was the biggest prize in...

Happy Nappers World!

Tobi Tiger, Fiona Unicorn and Benny Bear each balanced
carefully on their boogie boards. Nellie Narwhal, Sammy
Seal and Sandal Shark circled behind the center line.



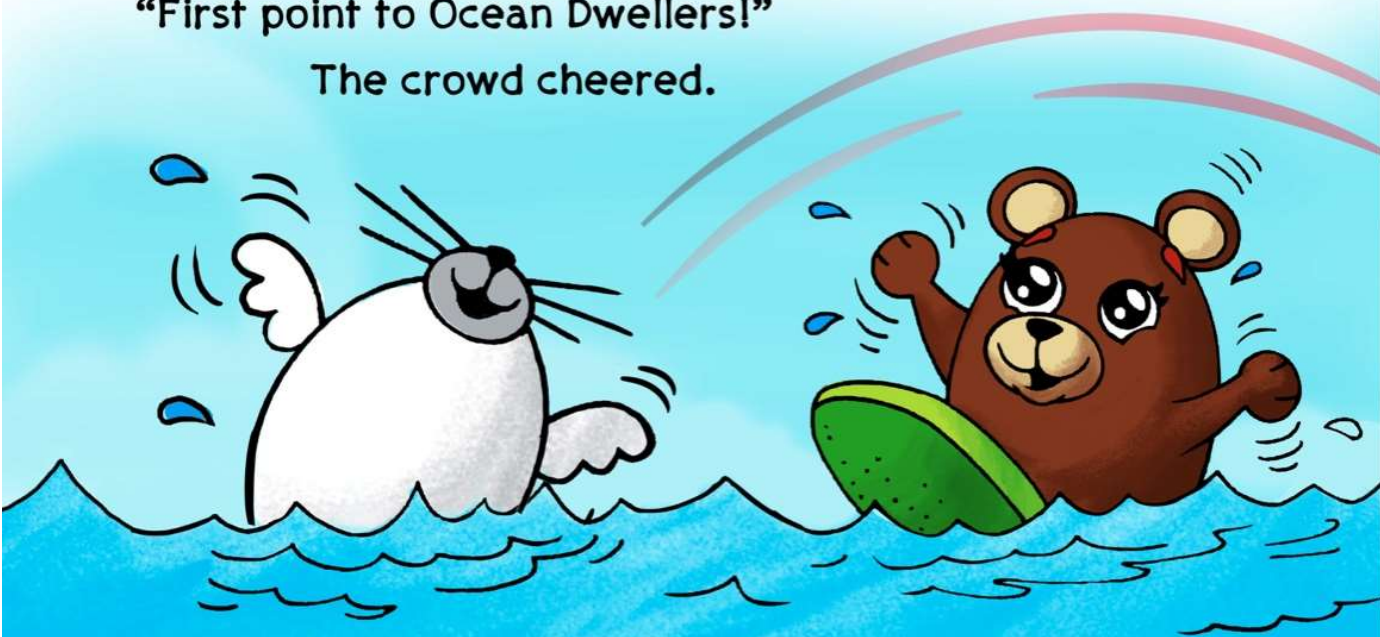
Finally, Beeples Bunny

blew the bugle. Chestnut Owl dropped the ball and shouted “Play!” The crowd cheered as the ball splashed into the sea.

The players swam, dove and paddled to reach it. Sandal Shark got there first, tossing the ball up to Sammy Seal, who dribbled it with his nose down the lane toward the Landlubber’s hoop, but Benny Bear blocked his way. Sammy Shark popped it up to Nellie Narwhal and she took it all the way home.

“Goal!” boomed Chestnut Owl from the sky
“First point to Ocean Dwellers!”

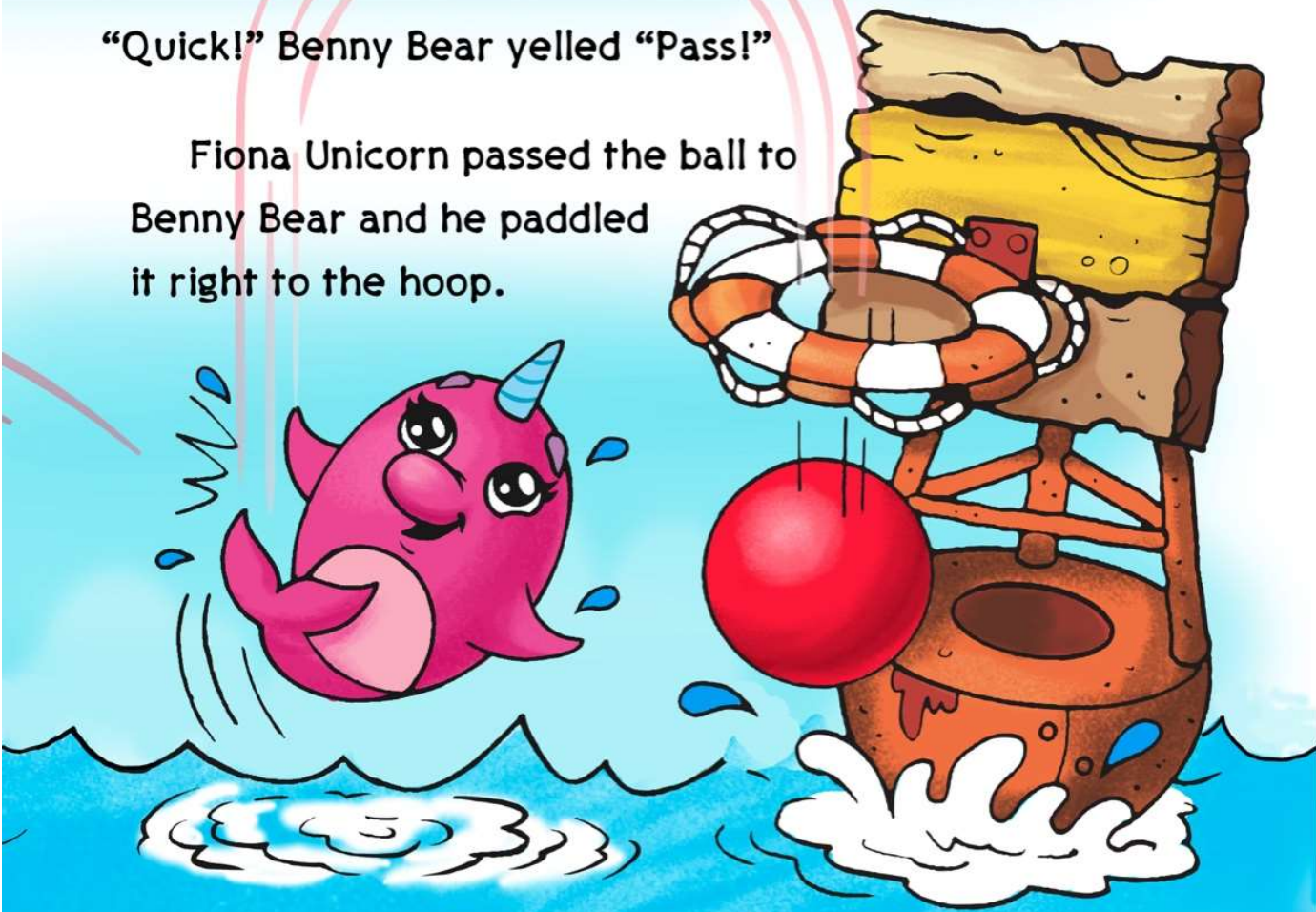
The crowd cheered.

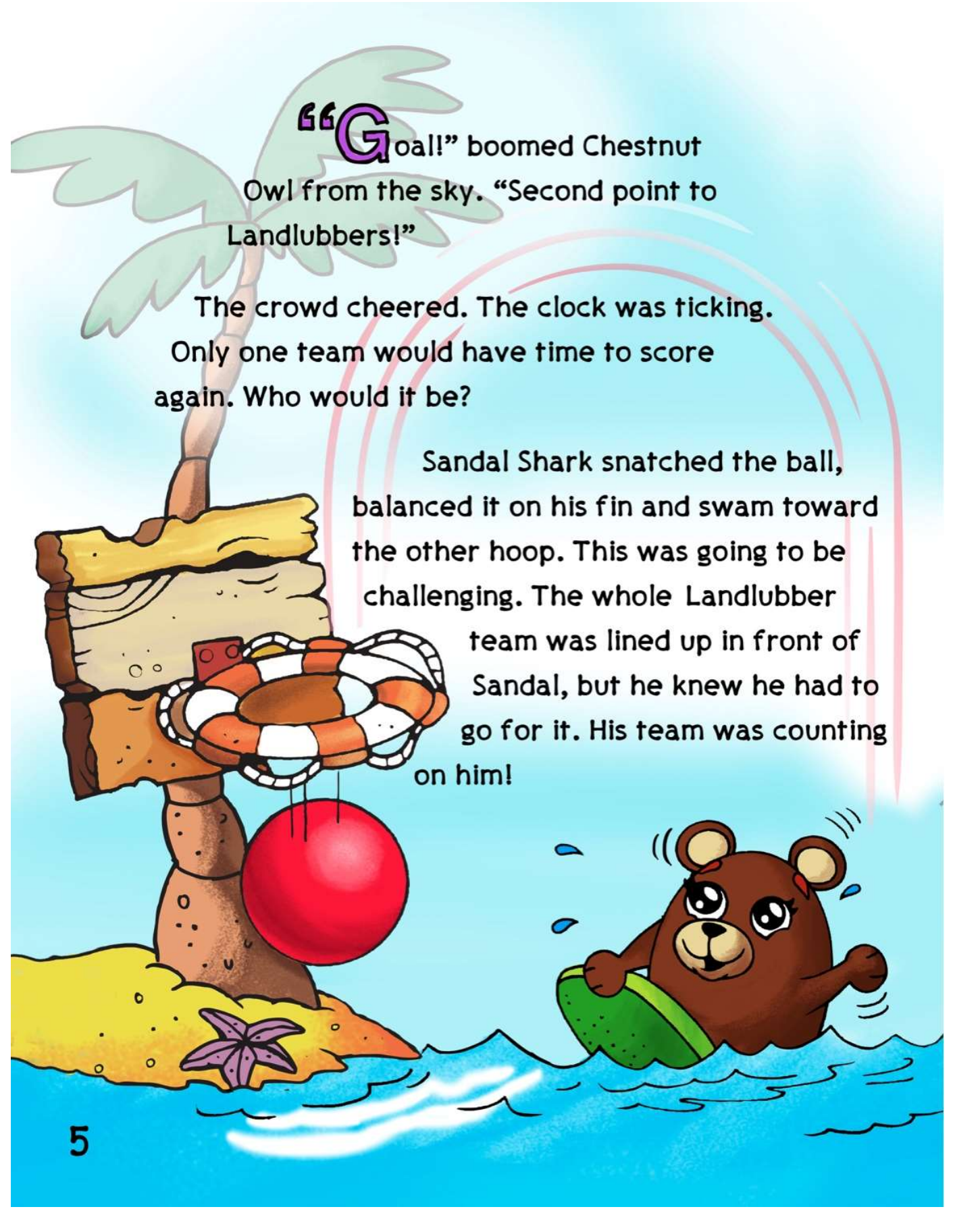


Tobi Tiger grabbed the ball back
and with a flick of her tail, swished
it over the other team's heads. Fiona
Unicorn scooped it up on her horn and
paddled toward the hoop at the other end
of the water court. She had to move fast,
Nellie Narwhal was chasing her down!

“Quick!” Benny Bear yelled “Pass!”

Fiona Unicorn passed the ball to
Benny Bear and he paddled
it right to the hoop.





“Goal!” boomed Chestnut Owl from the sky. “Second point to Landlubbers!”

The crowd cheered. The clock was ticking. Only one team would have time to score again. Who would it be?

Sandal Shark snatched the ball, balanced it on his fin and swam toward the other hoop. This was going to be challenging. The whole Landlubber team was lined up in front of Sandal, but he knew he had to go for it. His team was counting on him!

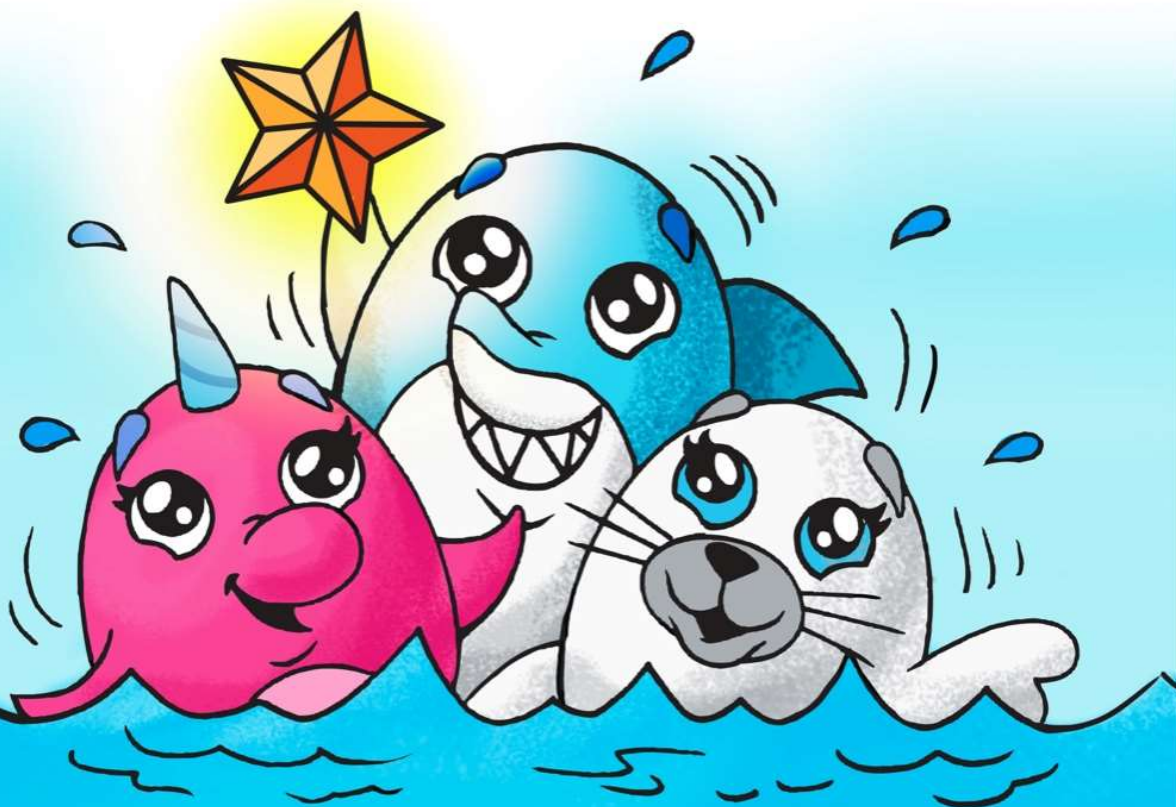
Sandal took a deep breath and dodged under Benny Bear, ducked around Tobi Tiger, and sailed passed Fiona Unicorn! Then with a one last blast of energy he shot the ball through the hoop and...

“Goal!” boomed Chestnut Owl from the sky
“Final point to Ocean Dwellers! Ocean Dwellers win!”
The crowd cheered.



The teams lined up and high-fived each other. Beeples Bunny hopped from float to float, tugging the Magic Star on a string between his two big front teeth. He gave it to the winners. “Great game, friends!” the Landlubbers congratulated the Ocean Dwellers.

The Landlubbers weren’t worried. Next year, the game would be played on the beach!



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