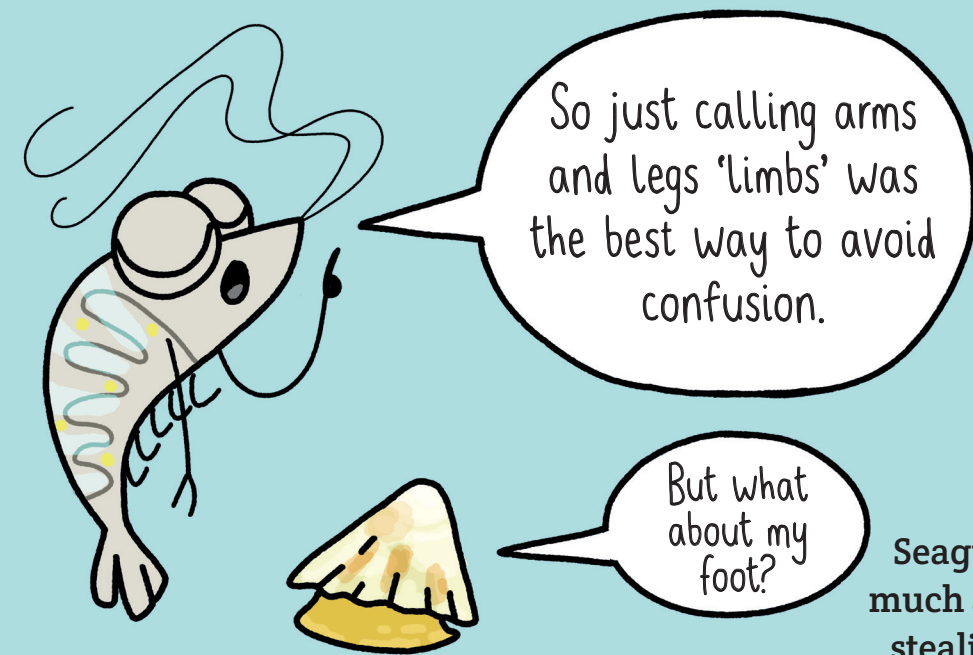


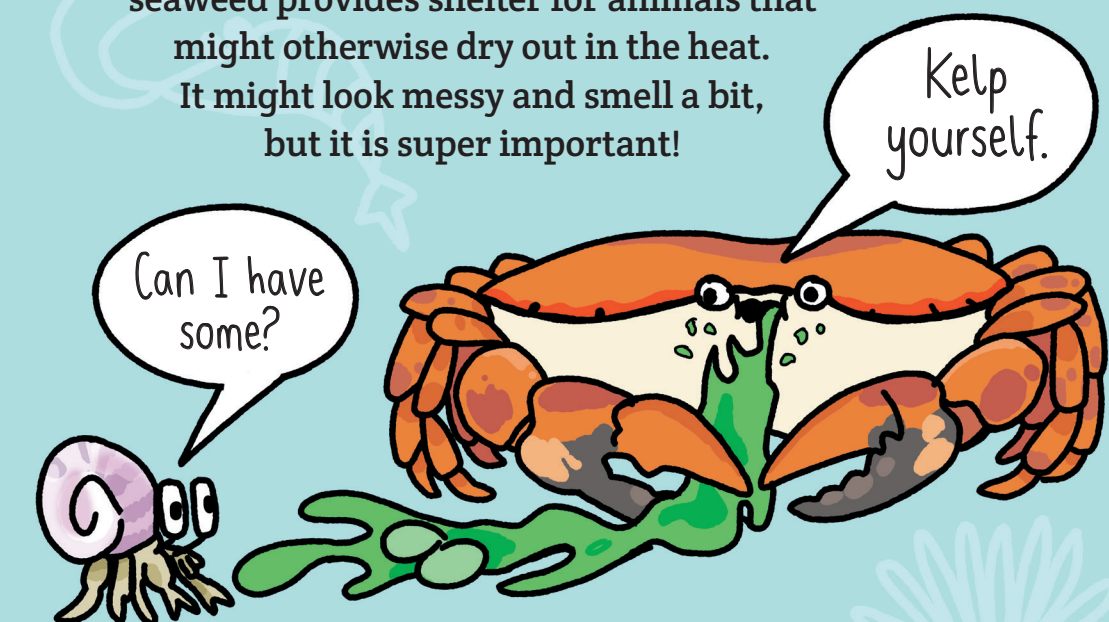
DEFINING FEATURES

We often think of an octopus as having eight legs, but in reality they have six arms and two legs. And the pointy bits on a starfish aren't legs at all, but rather arms with tiny feet underneath them!



SUPER-DUPER SEAWEED

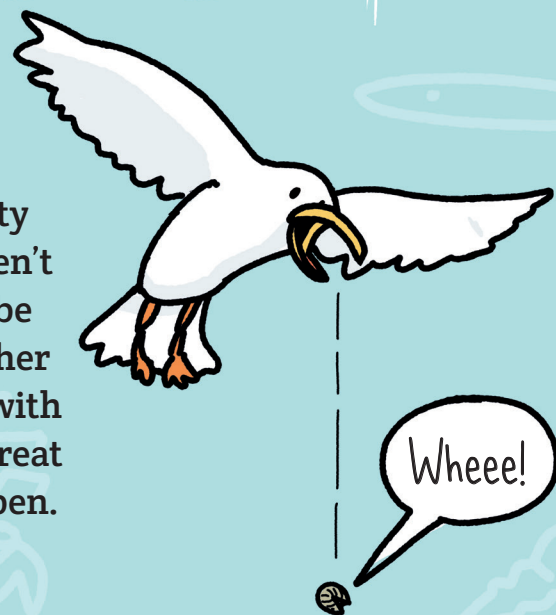
Seaweed is vital for all rockpool life. It is home for some creatures and food for others. When the sunlight is strong, seaweed provides shelter for animals that might otherwise dry out in the heat. It might look messy and smell a bit, but it is super important!



But what about my foot?

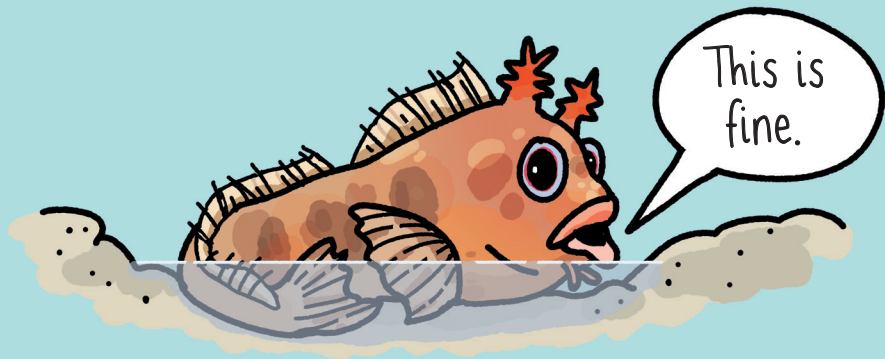
CRACK TEAM

Seagulls will hunt or scavenge pretty much anything to eat. When they aren't stealing your chips, they can often be found searching the shoreline for other snacks. If they find something tasty with a hard shell they will drop it from a great height onto rocks below to crack it open.



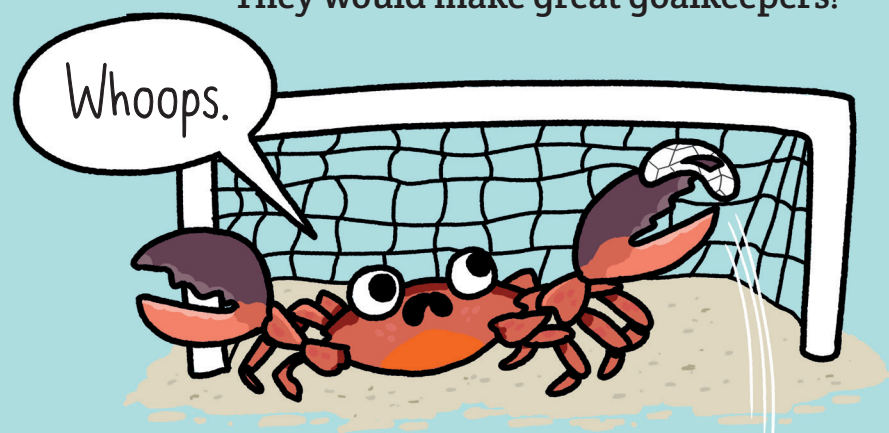
TOUGH TIDES

The coming and going of the tides plays a crucial role in survival in a rockpool. Many creatures can find themselves stranded at low tide but some, like the blenny, are especially well-adapted to survive in little or no water.



SIDEWAYS MOVE

Crabs can't walk forwards. Instead, they can only scuttle from side to side. They would make great goalkeepers!



KEEP YOUR ANEMONES CLOSE

Hermit crabs will happily let sea anemones hitch a ride on their shells. The anemone will protect them both by stinging any potential predators and in return it gets to feast on the hermit crab's leftover lunch.



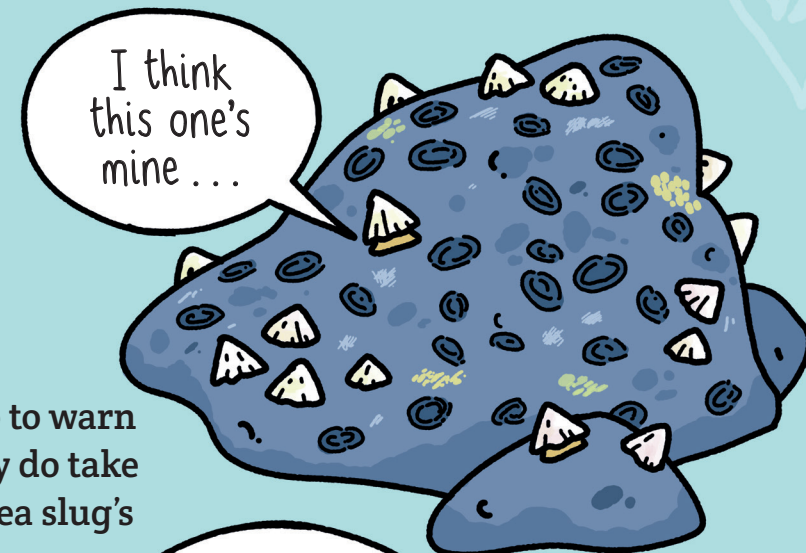
NO CLAWS FOR CONCERN

Crabs have the amazing ability to regenerate any limbs they may have lost or damaged.



SCAR FOR LIFE

Limpets might look like they stay fixed in place, but when the tide comes in they get up and move about! Each limpet wears away a patch in the rock that matches their shell exactly. They will always return to this spot—called the 'home scar'—after their travels.



SLUGGISH BEHAVIOUR

A sea slug's bright markings help to warn off would-be predators. And if any do take a bite, they soon discover that a sea slug's body is full of nasty toxins.



ROCKPOOLING RULES!

All kinds of creatures can be fished out of rockpools in buckets or found hiding under stones. Just be sure to put everything back in place when you've finished looking to limit your impact on an incredible ecosystem.



It all started when I said something that Prawn thought was crackers.

I RULE THE ROCKPOOL!

Crab that's CRAZY! Why do you say that?

I did my best to explain.

I'm rough and tough! Hard shell, sharp claws. Nobody wants to take me on.

But I'm the only other one here.

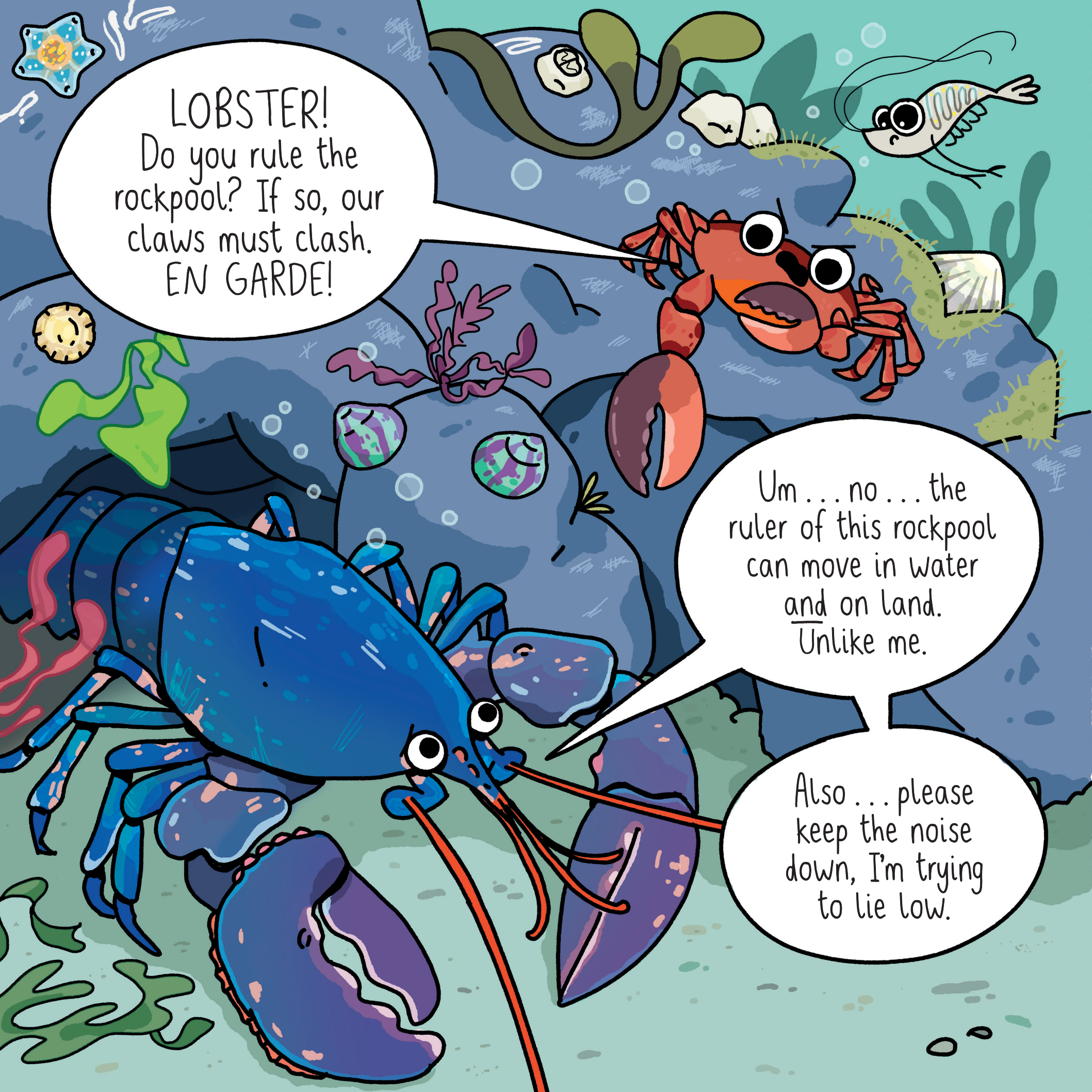
EXACTLY! Everyone else stays away. They've heard ... THE LEGEND OF CRAB!

Rockpools are all about staying alive. And there is more to survival than just being tough. You have to be smart, too.

Oh yeah? Prove it!

Fine. Come at me with your special move.

Prepare yourself, Prawn.

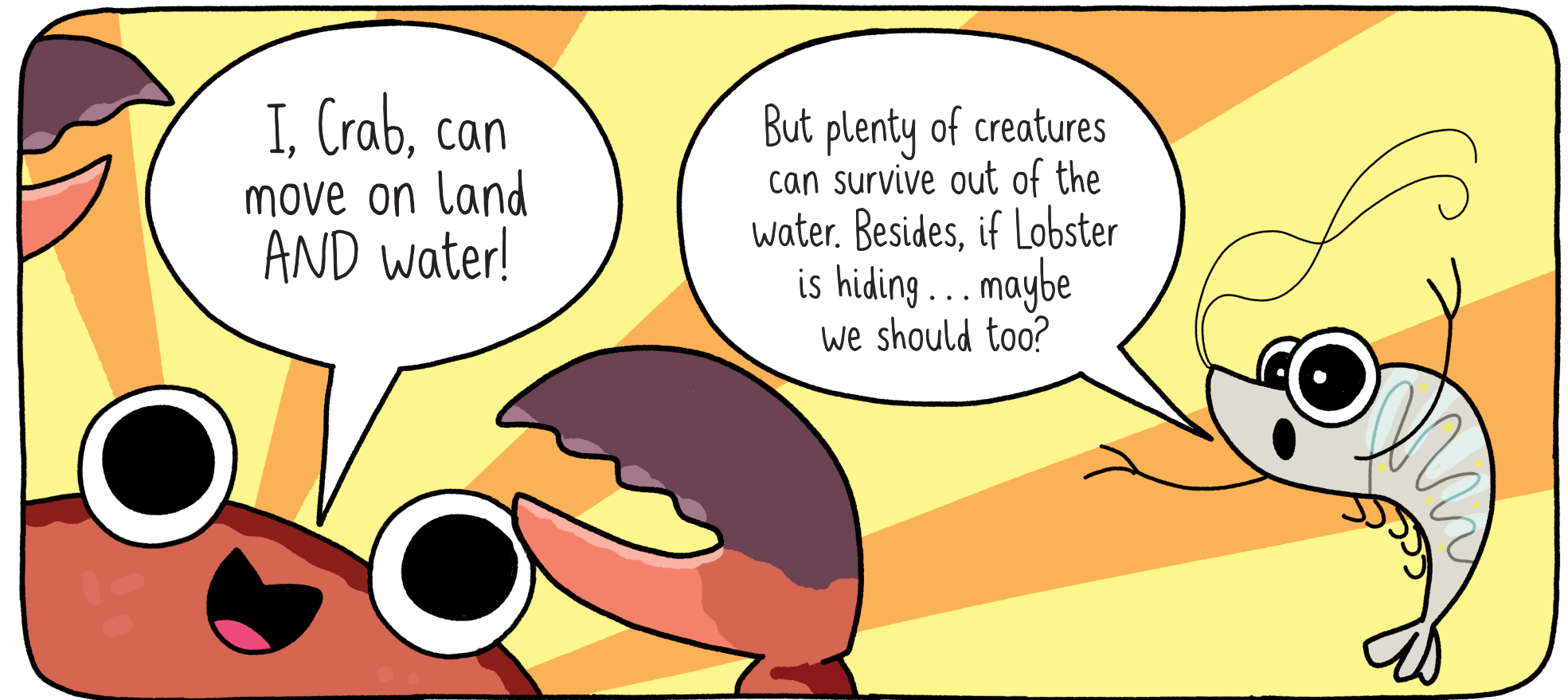


LOBSTER!
Do you rule the
rockpool? If so, our
claws must clash.
EN GARDE!

Um... no... the
ruler of this rockpool
can move in water
and on land.
Unlike me.

Also... please
keep the noise
down, I'm trying
to lie low.

Lobster seemed to be in a pinch. It was clear she wasn't in charge around here. But then I realized something...

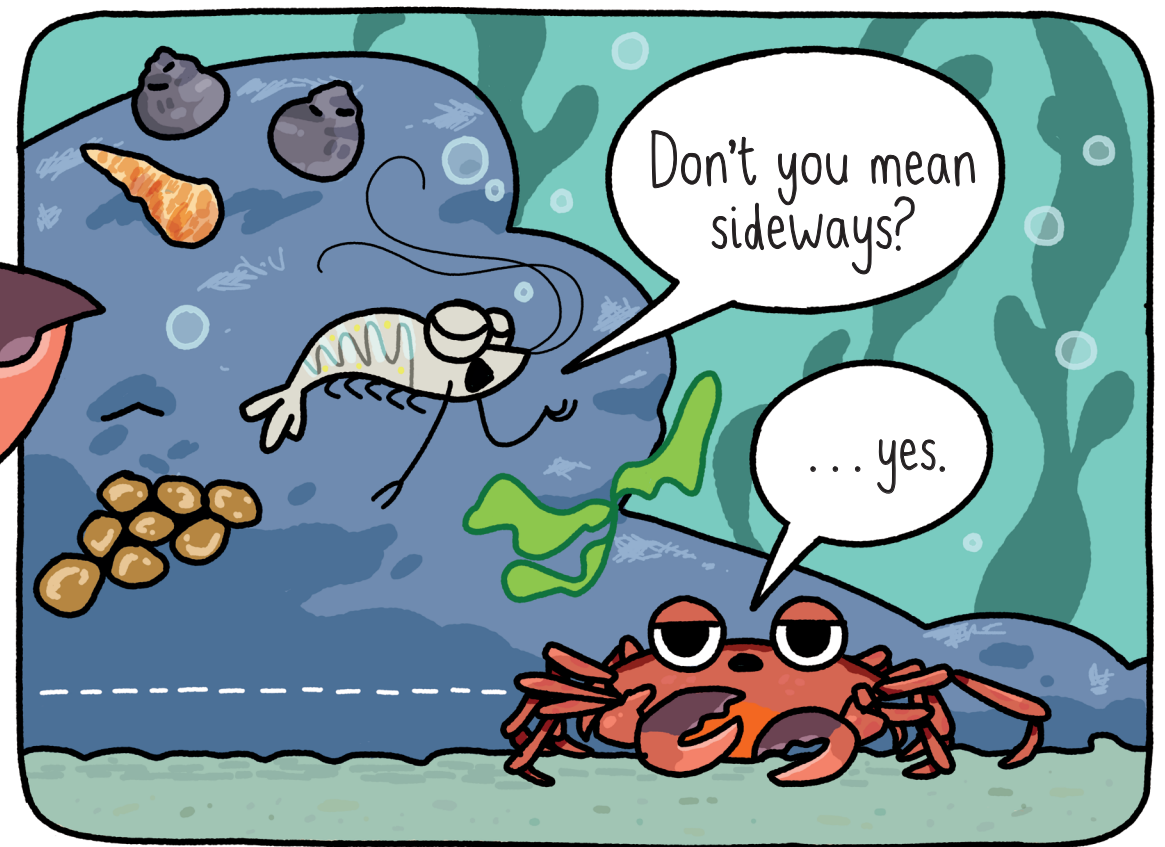


I, Crab, can
move on land
AND water!

But plenty of creatures
can survive out of the
water. Besides, if Lobster
is hiding... maybe
we should too?



No way,
Prawn.
FORWARDS!



Don't you mean
sideways?

... yes.