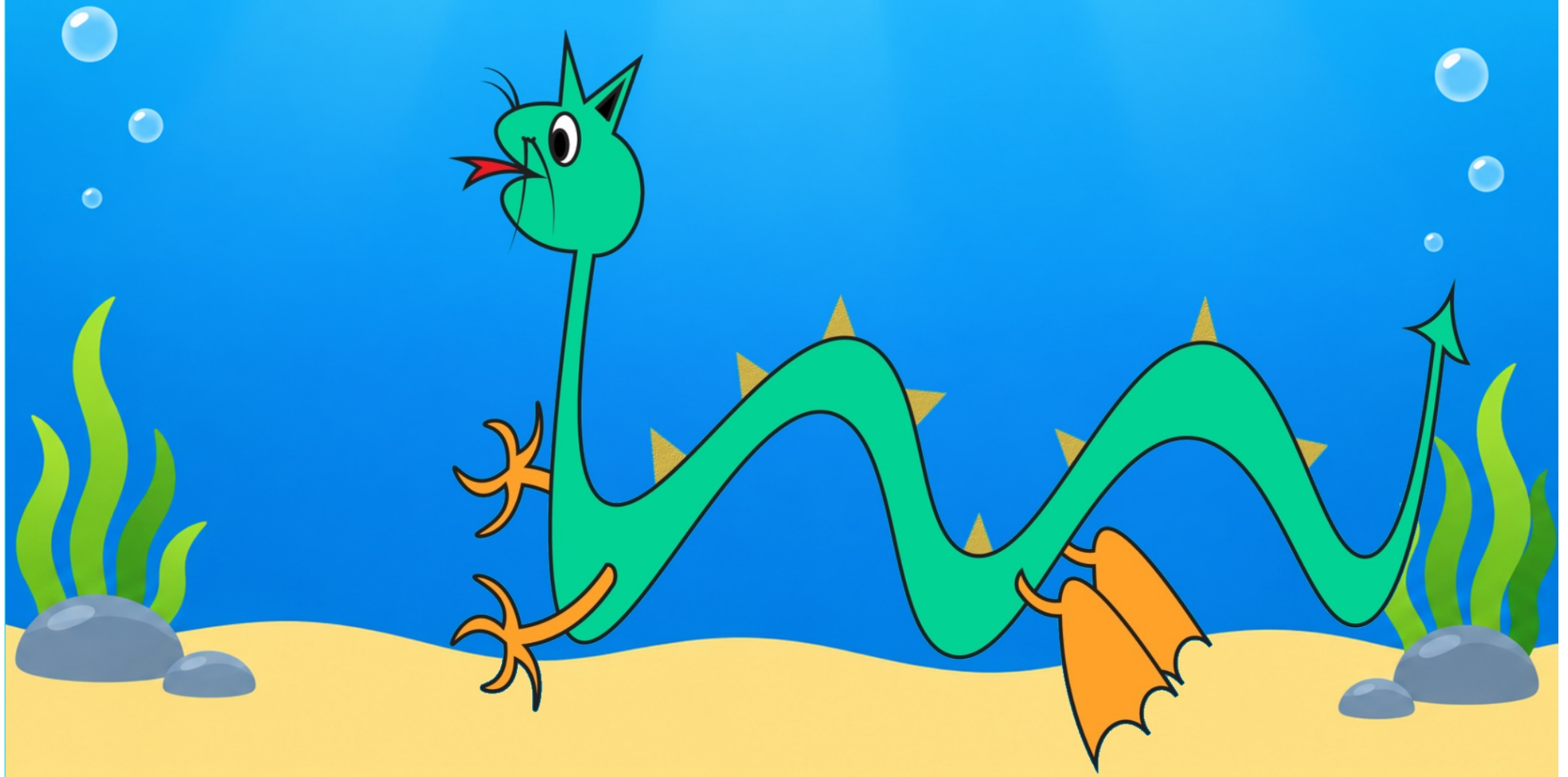
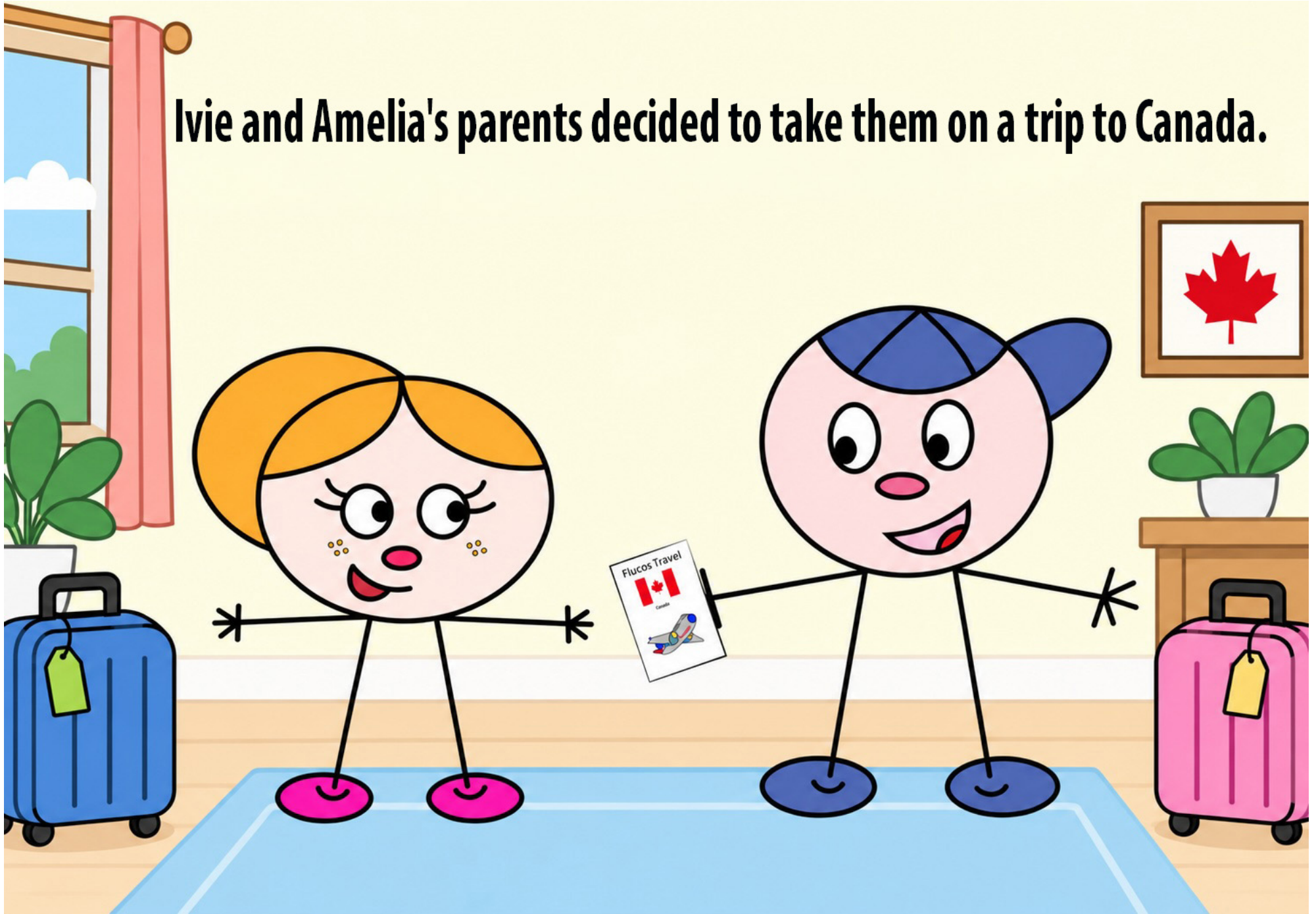




IVIE AND THE SEA MONSTER



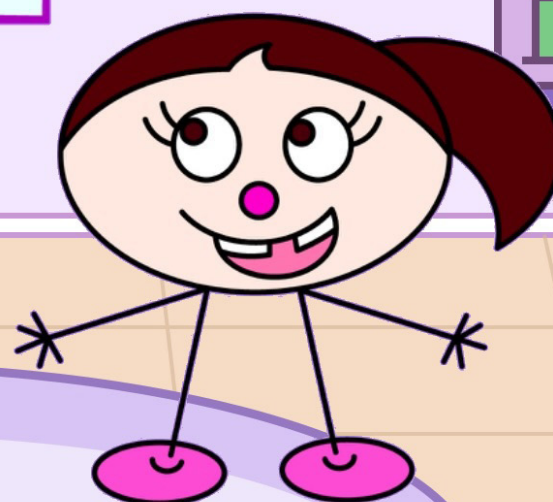
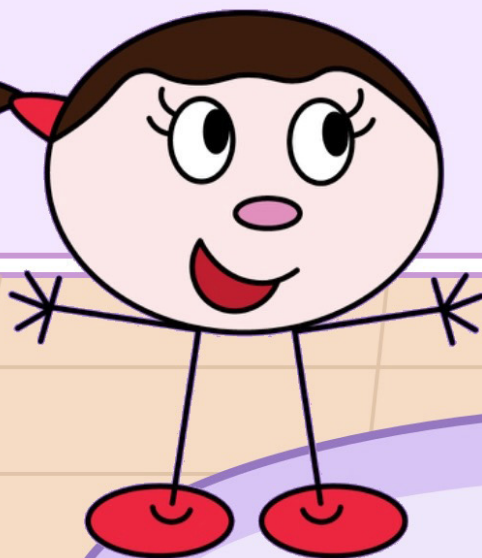
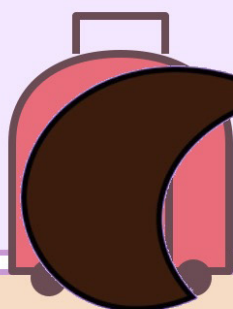
Ivie and Amelia's parents decided to take them on a trip to Canada.



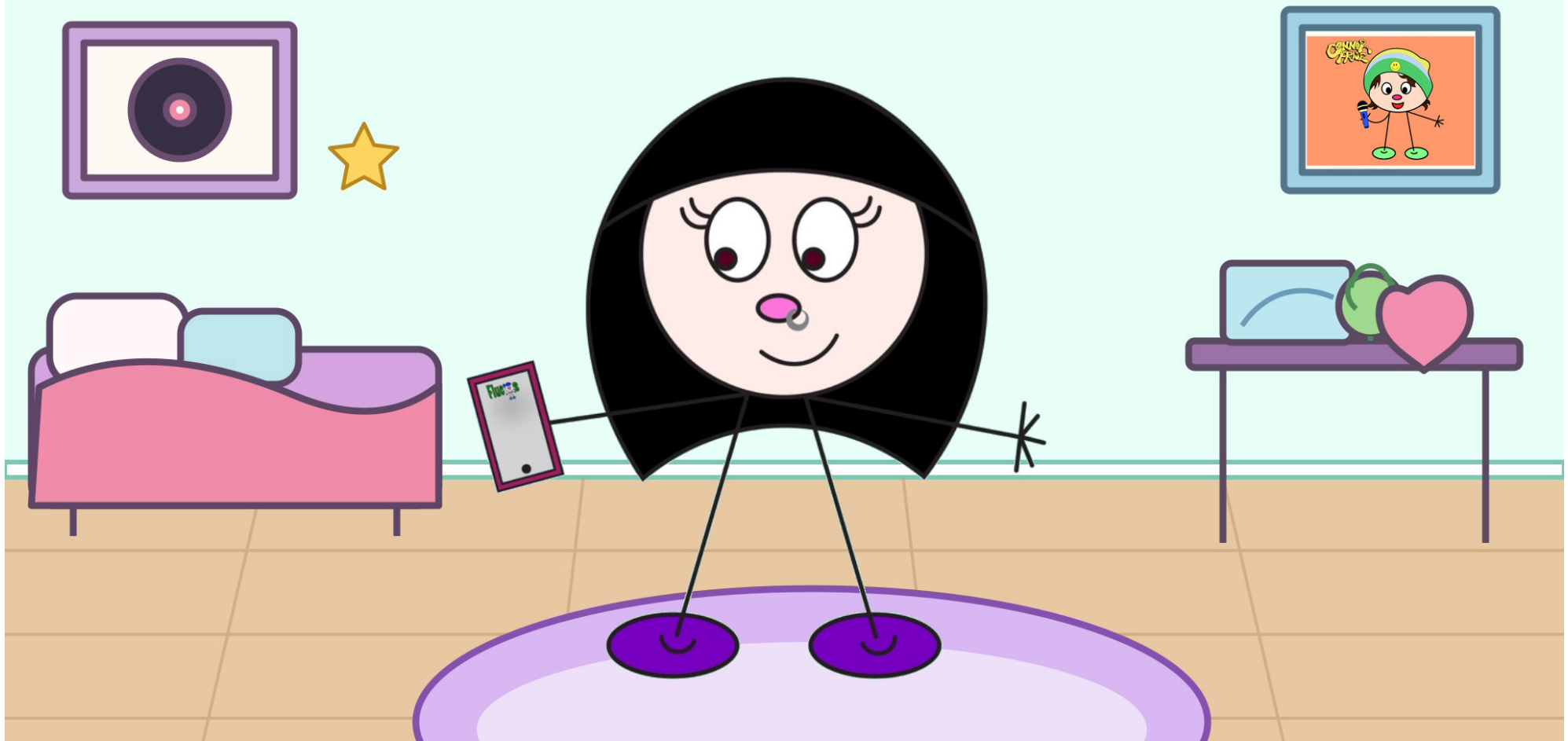
Ivie and Amelia were counting down the days until the trip.
In a few days, they would take a break from school and go on an excursion.



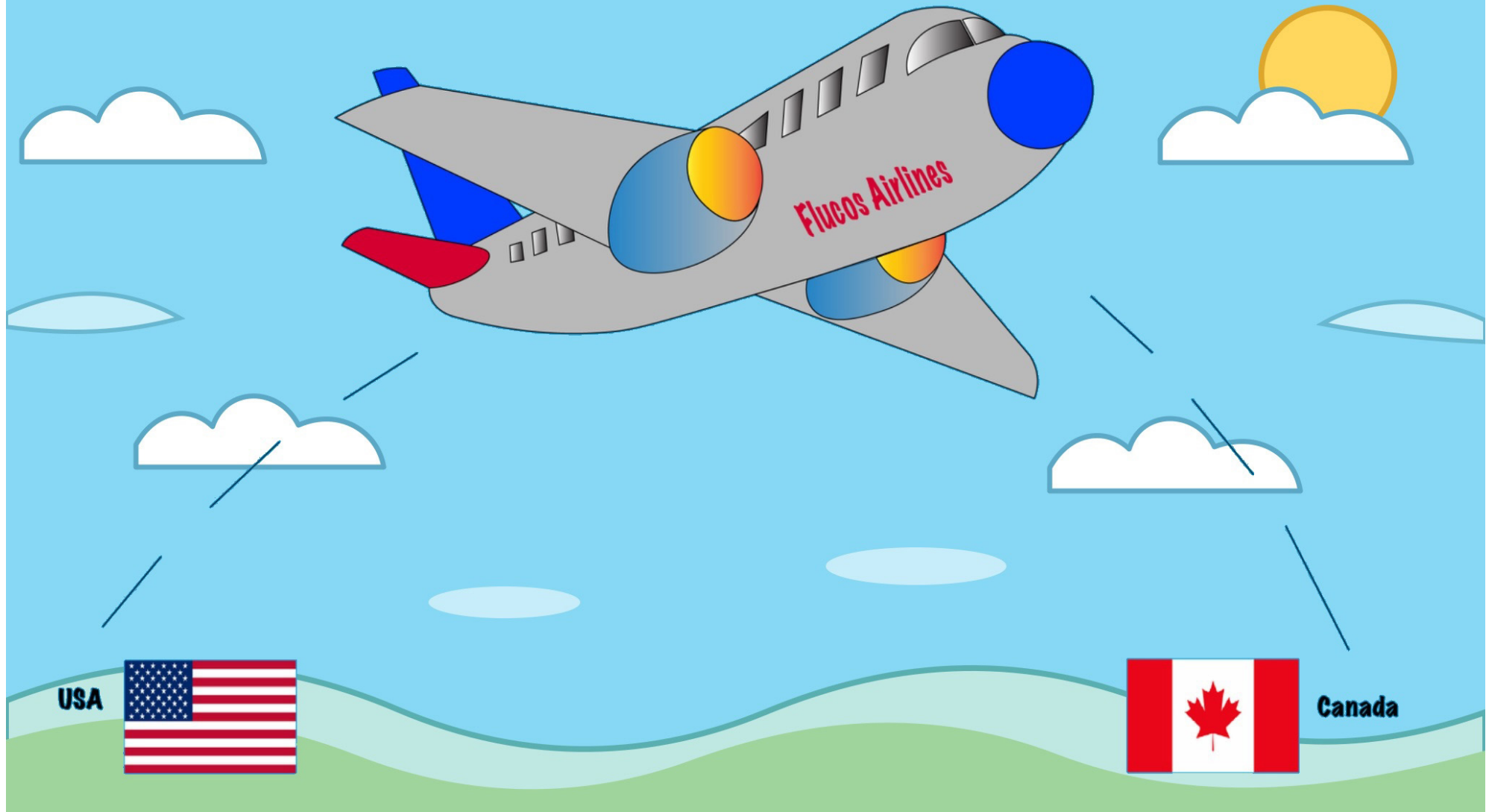
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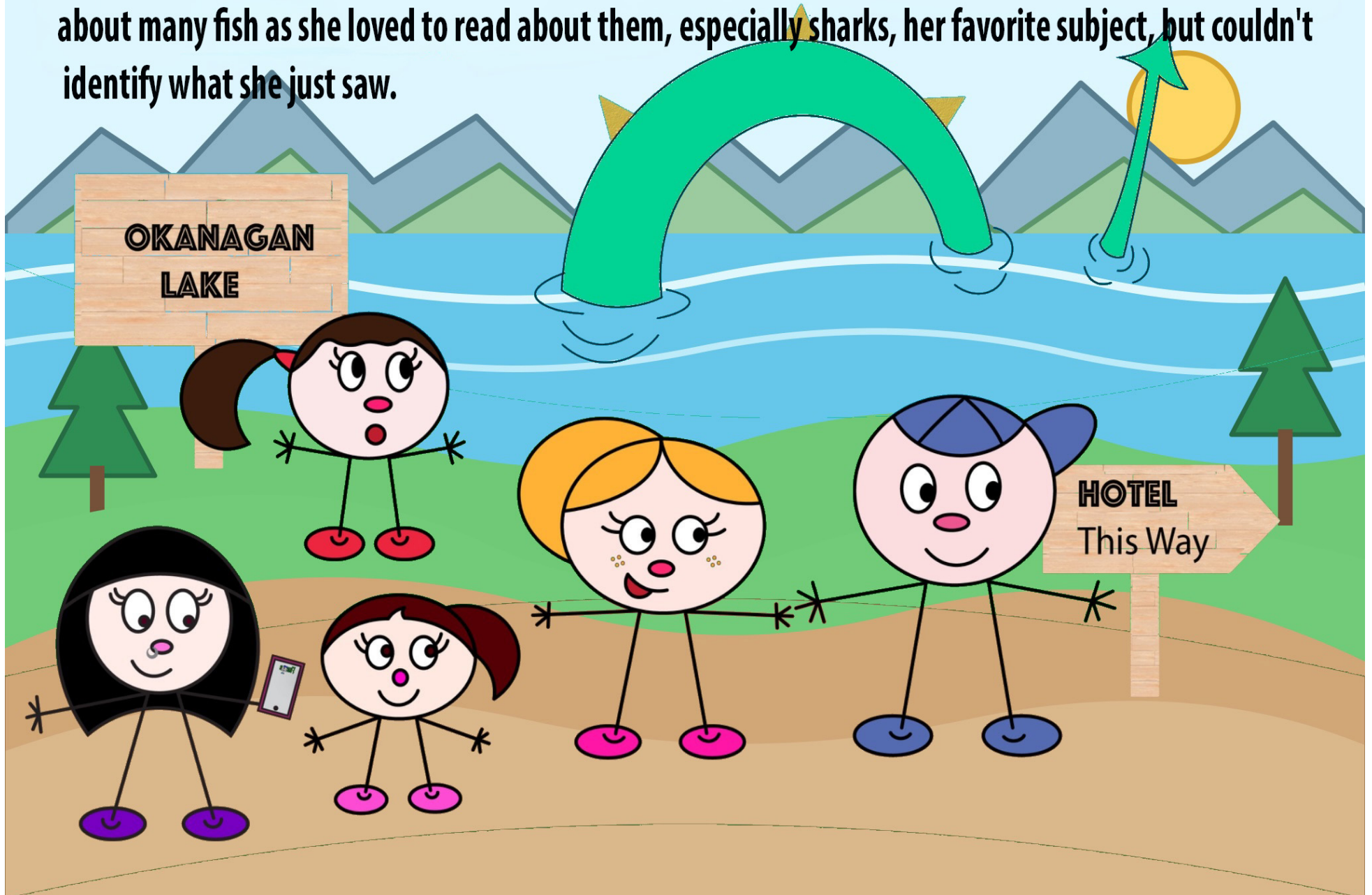
Amelia's big sister joined them on the trip. She was the type of teenager who would spend her time on the phone, had little to no patience, and just wanted to be left alone. Despite all, the girls thought she was the coolest teenager.



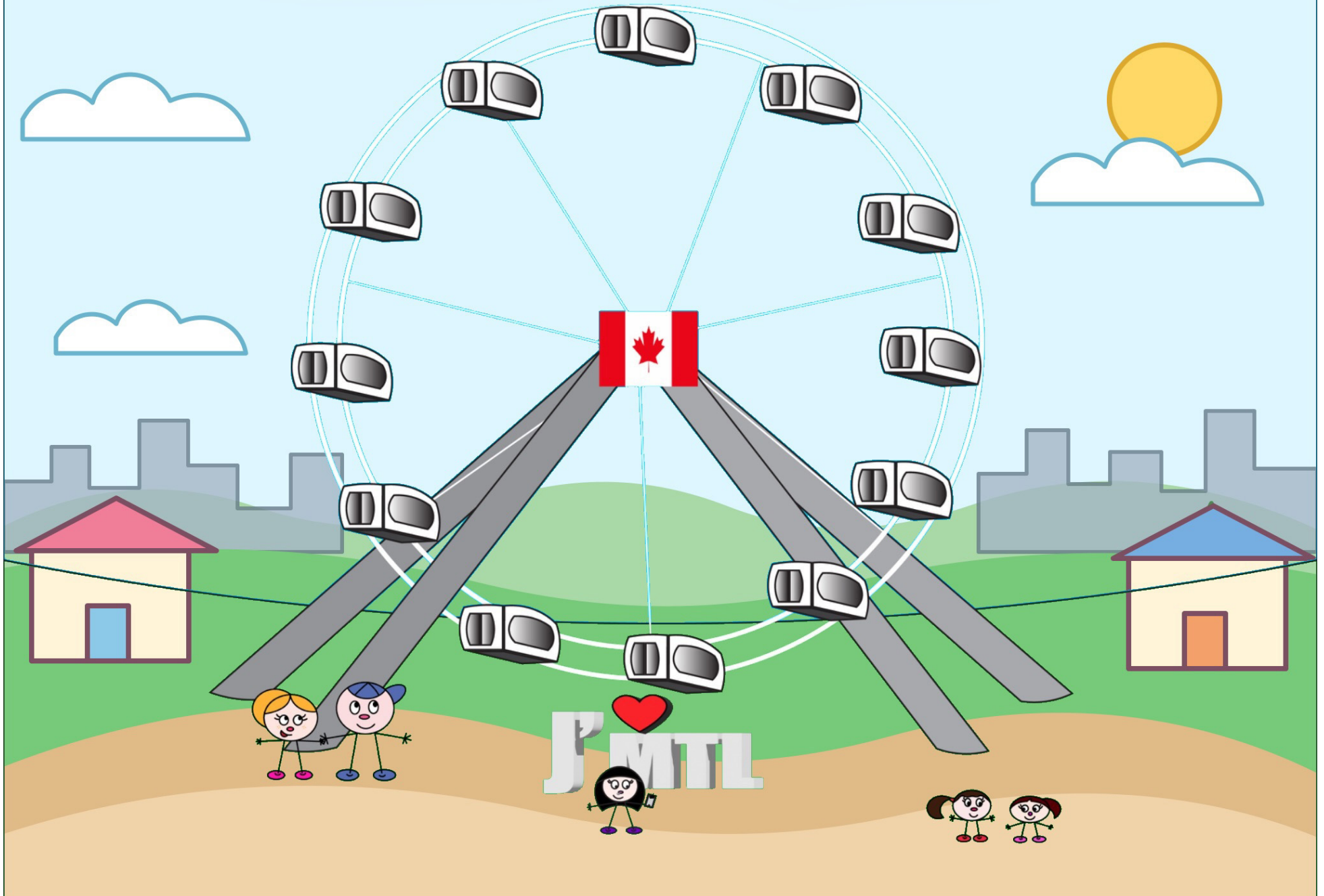
**Finally, the day arrived, and they headed to the airport to catch the flight.
The flight was only a few hours, so soon enough, they arrived in Canada.**



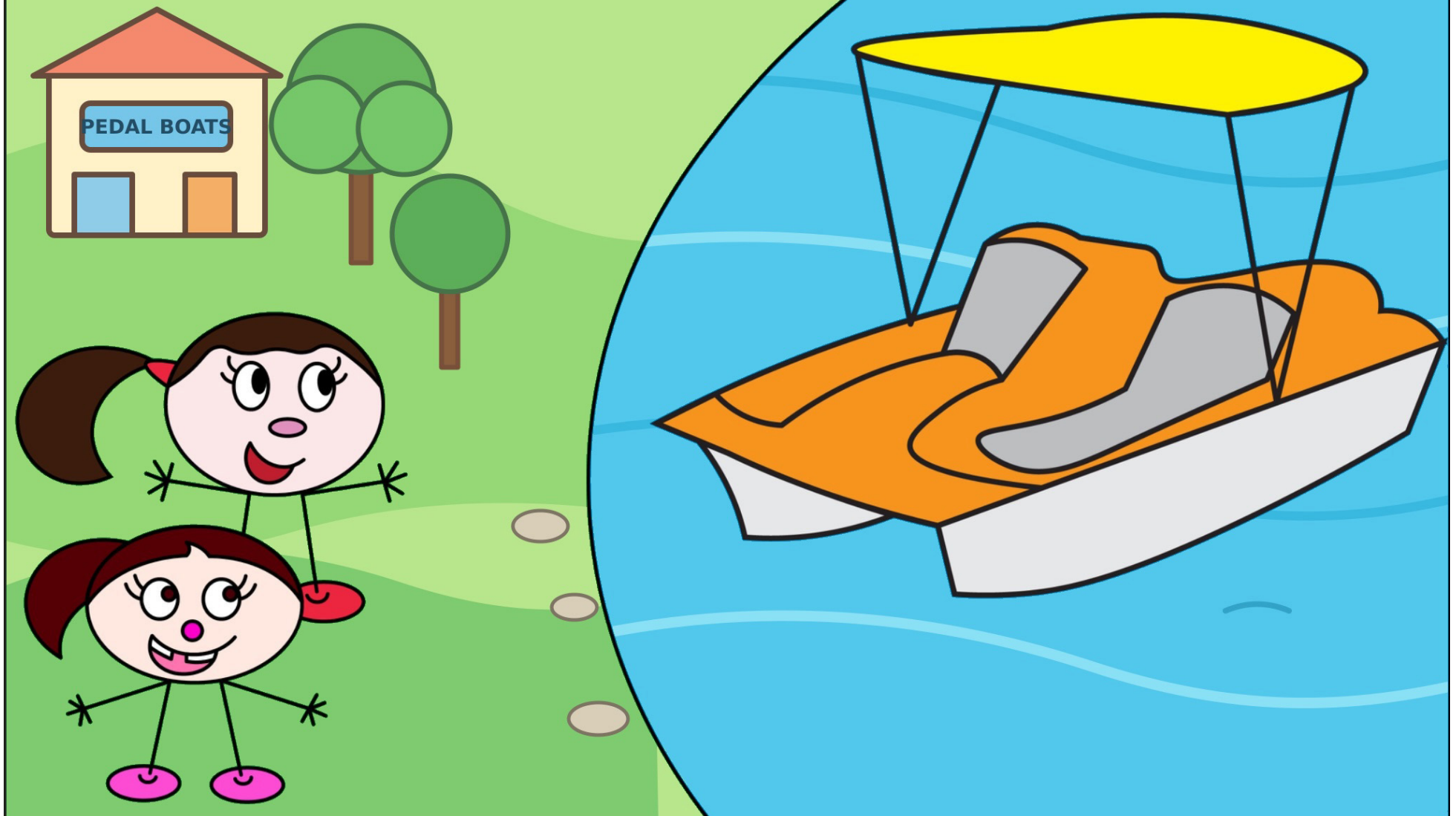
They stayed in a nice hotel with a lake in front of it (Okanagan Lake). On the first day, looking out the lake, Ivie spotted a long and strange creature. Ivie was obsessed with marine life; she knew about many fish as she loved to read about them, especially sharks, her favorite subject, but couldn't identify what she just saw.



The next day, they explored Canada and enjoyed all the nearby attractions.



Ivie and Amelia asked to go on the pedal boat.



As they enjoyed their ride on the lake, Ivie spotted the sea monster (Ogopogo) again and told Amelia what she had seen.



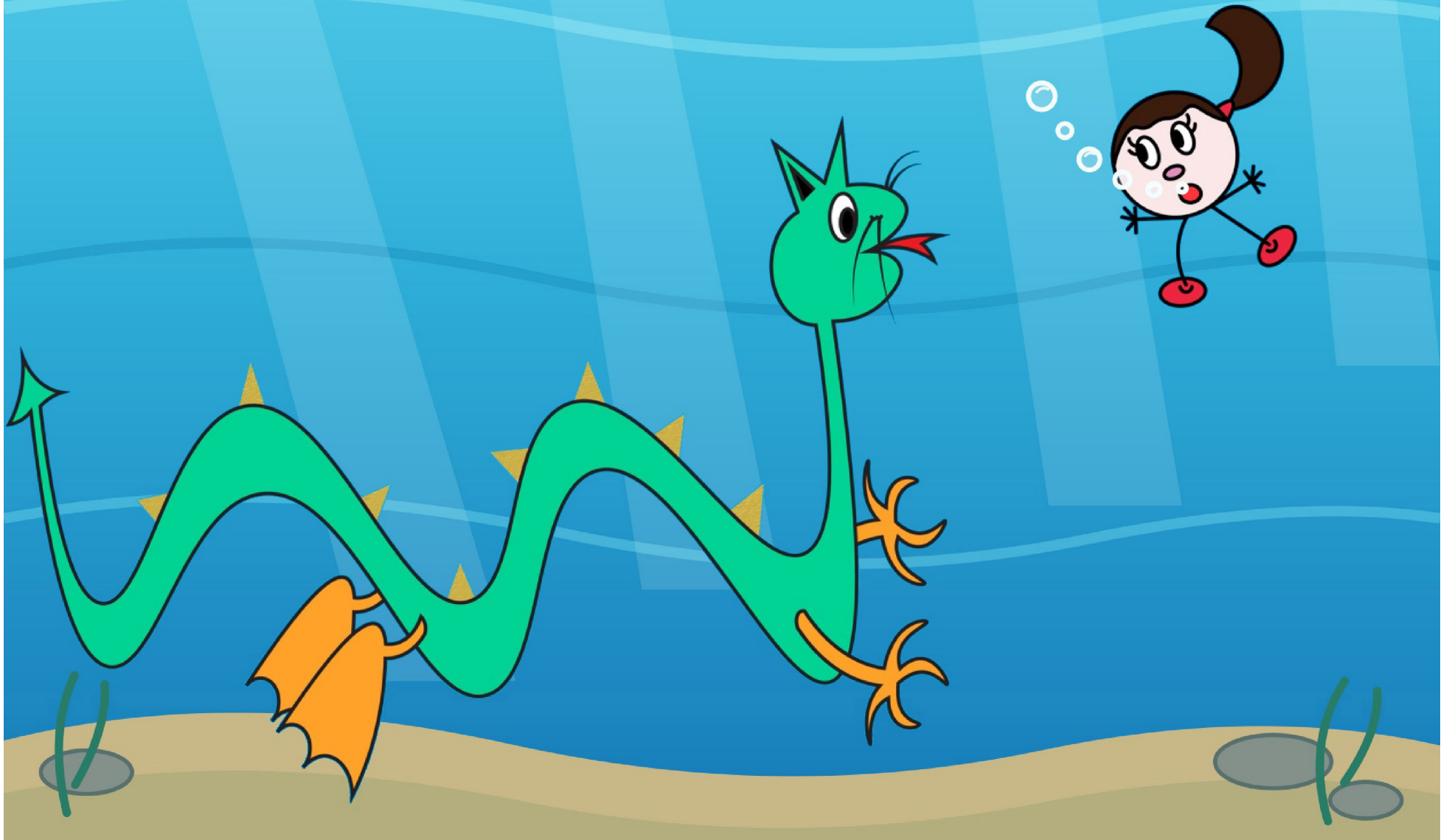
Both girls stopped pedaling and stared at the water, and soon enough, a head popped out.
The sea monster was in front of the girls, staring back at them.



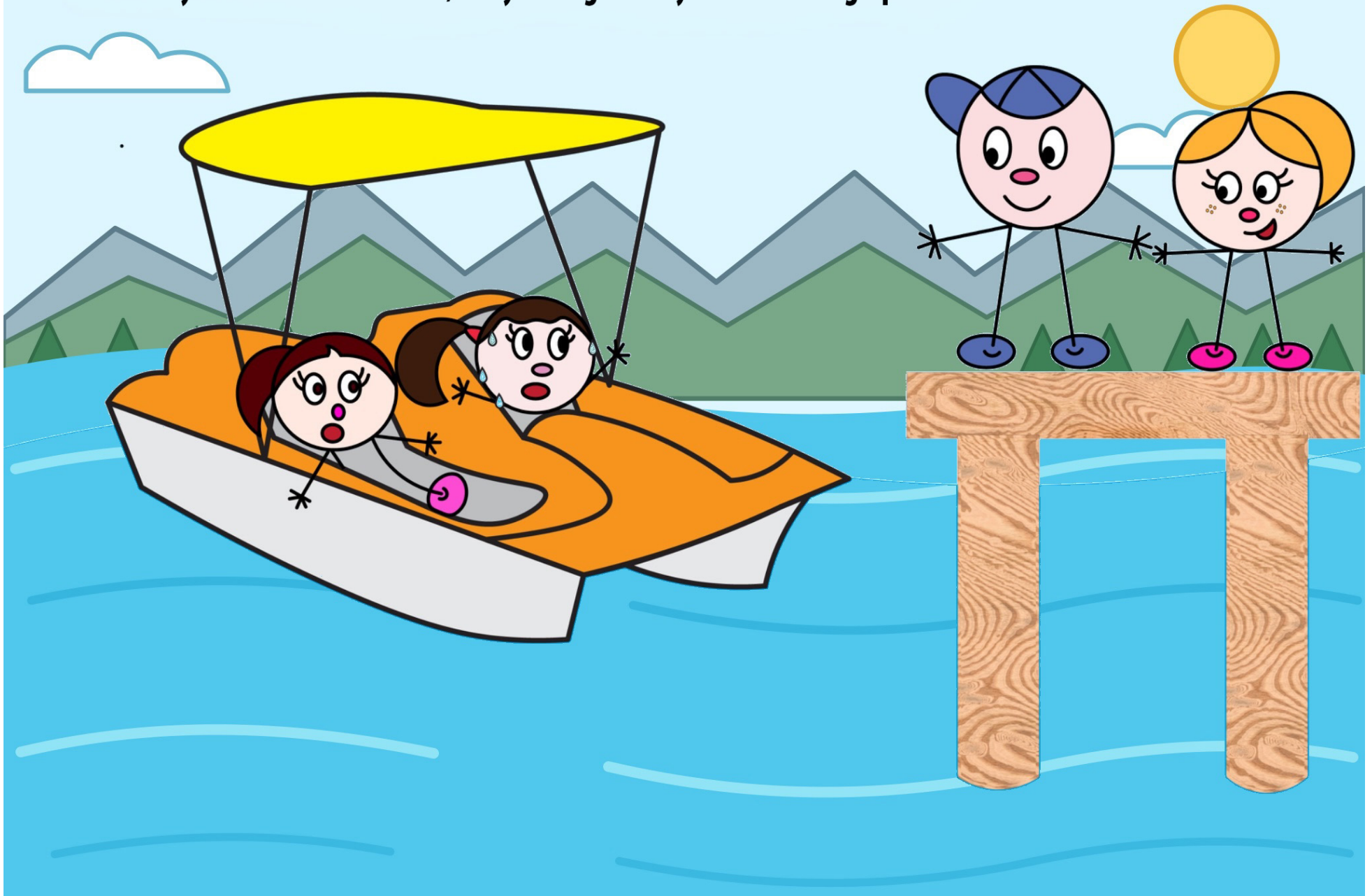
Amelia panicked and started moving abruptly. The boat started shaking, and Ivie fell into the water.



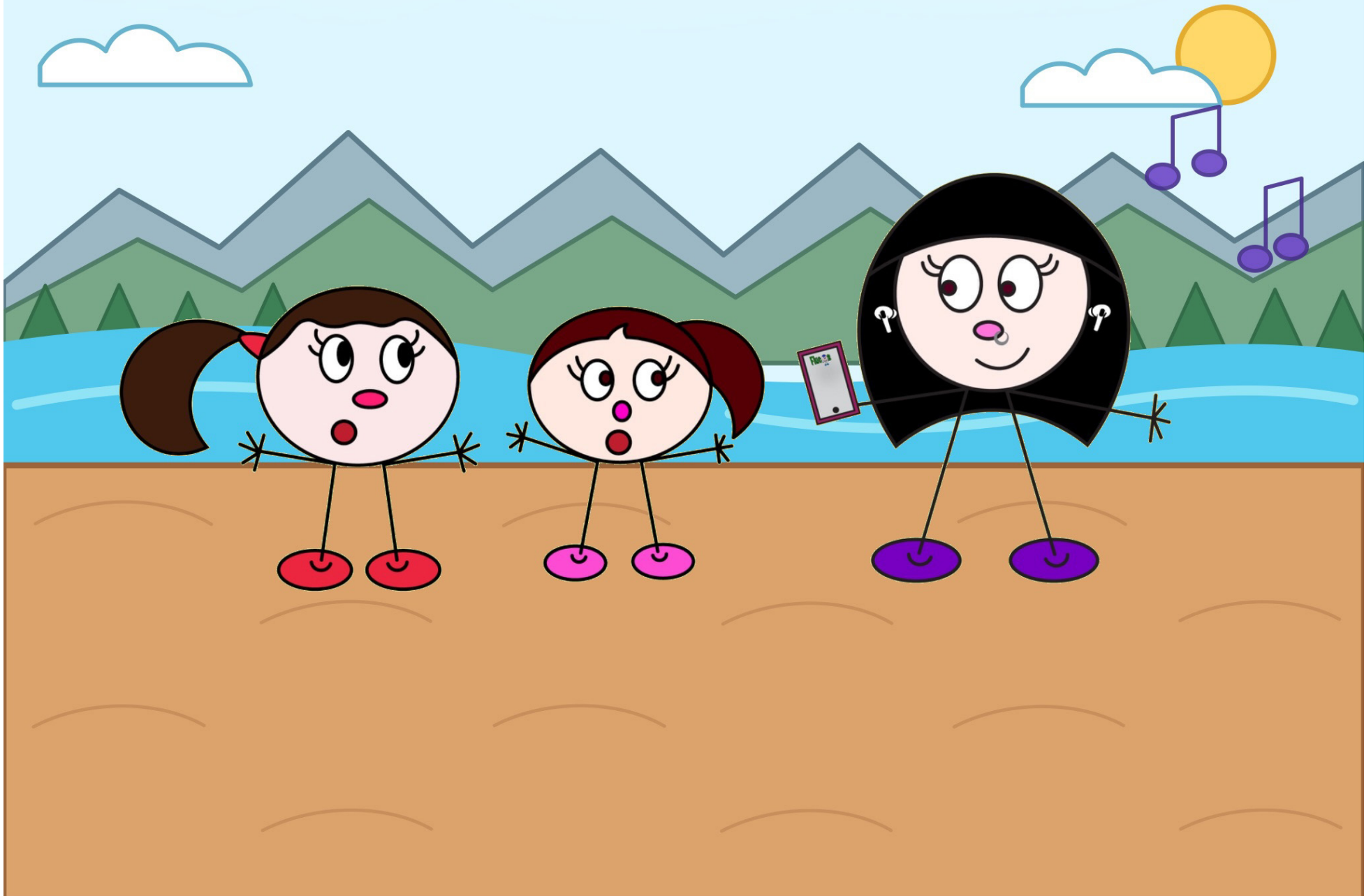
While underwater, she could see the whole monster; it was huge. The beast approached Ivie, helped push her back into the boat, and went back underwater to the bottom of the lake.



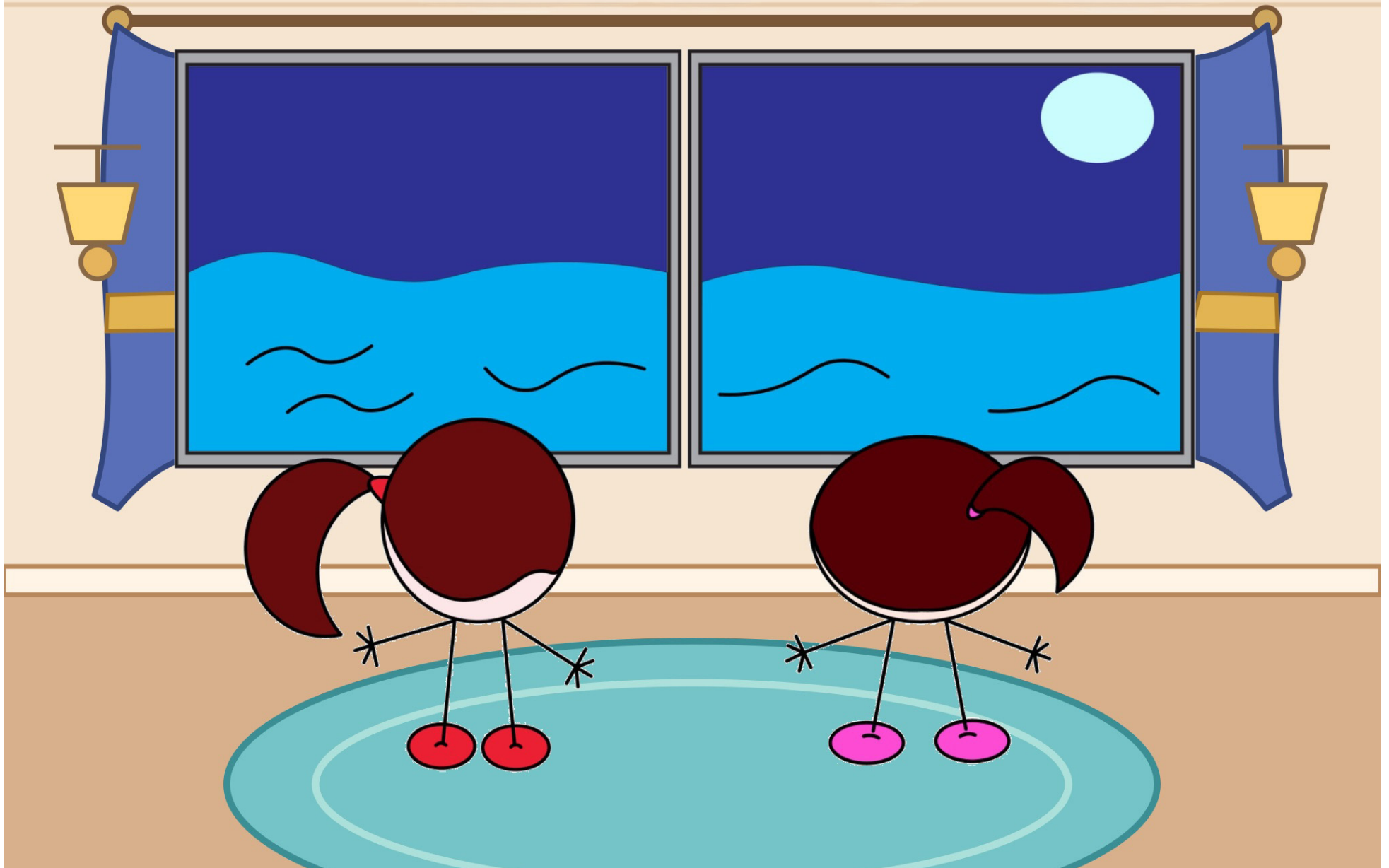
Ivie and Amelia started pedaling back to the dock and told their parents about the monster. They didn't believe them; they thought they were making up stories.



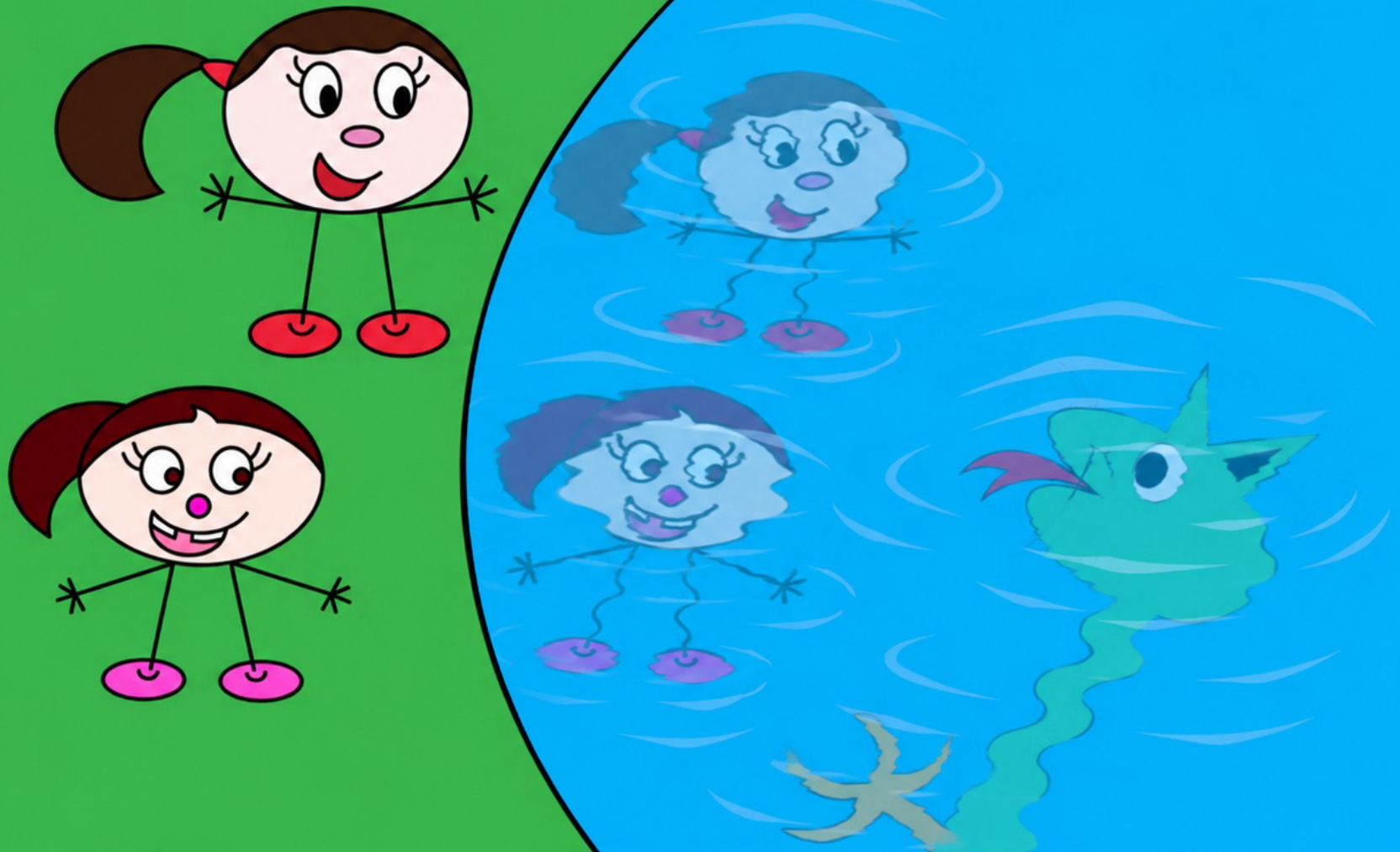
They tried telling Amelia's big sister, thinking she might believe them, but she had earplugs and didn't even listen.



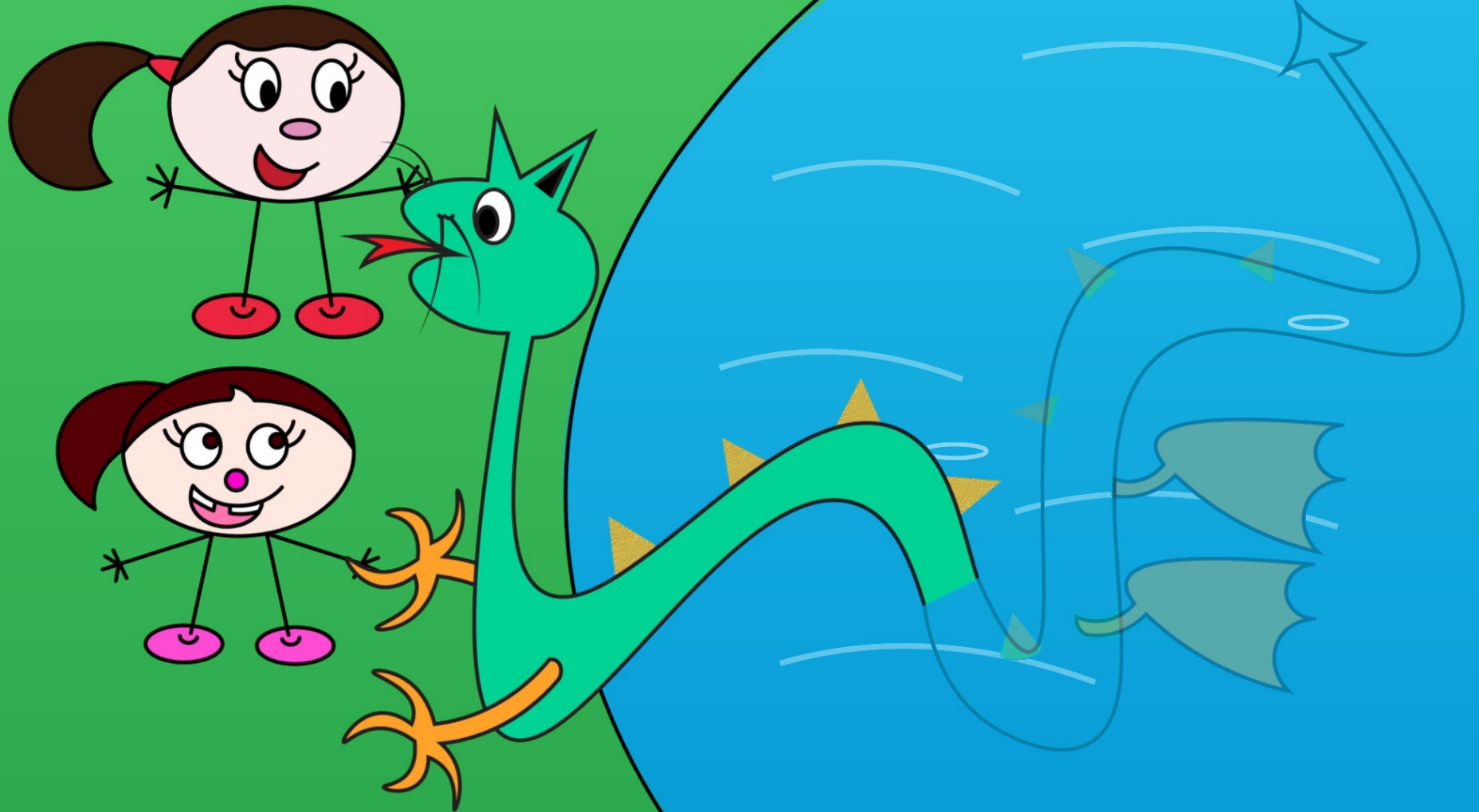
Back at the hotel, the girls kept looking at the lake through the window, seeing the movements in the water.



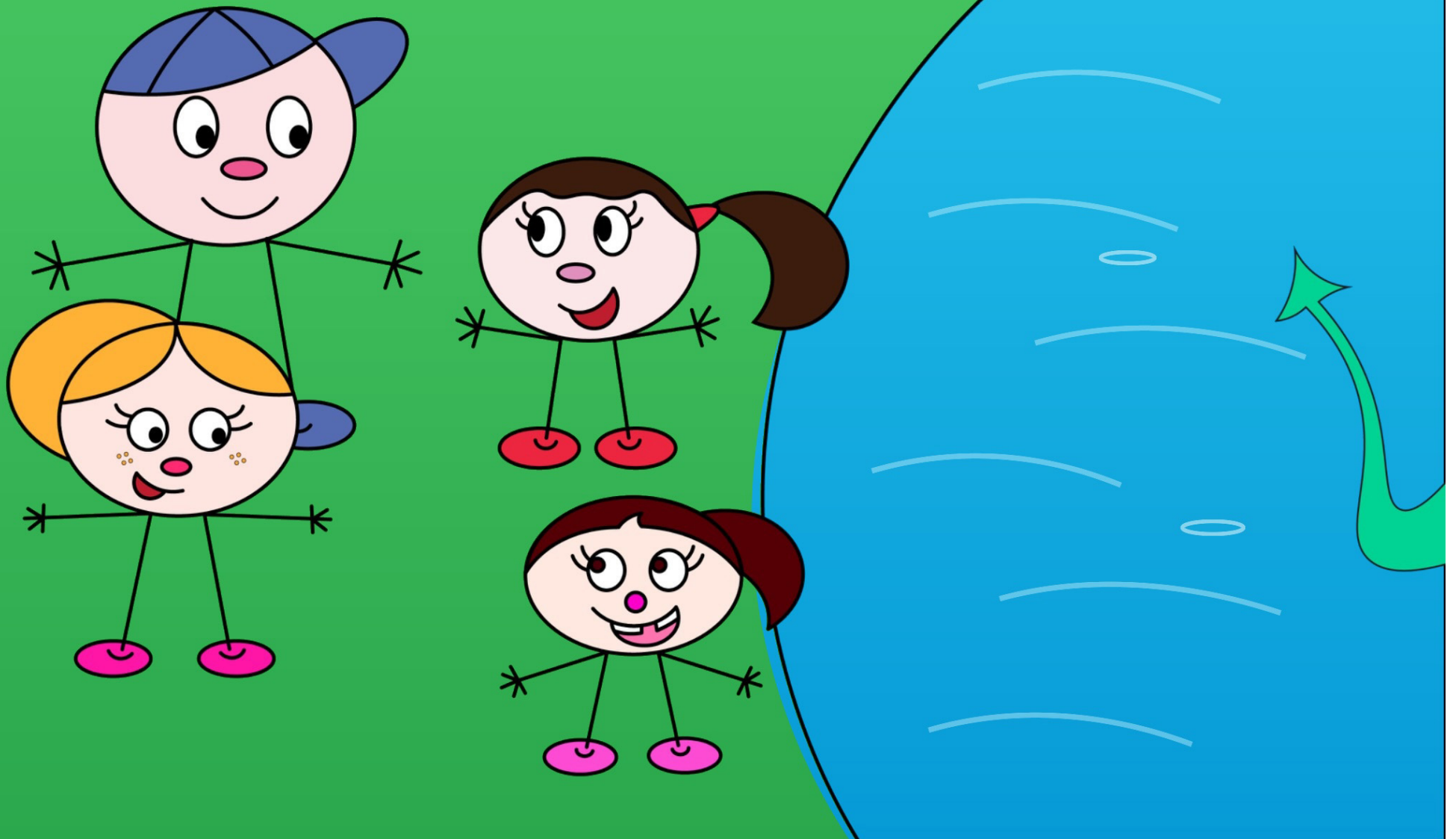
The next day, the girls insisted they go back to the lake. They returned and sat by the lake, waiting patiently for the monster. Looking at her reflection in the water, Ivie saw it transform into the monster's face as it appeared to them.



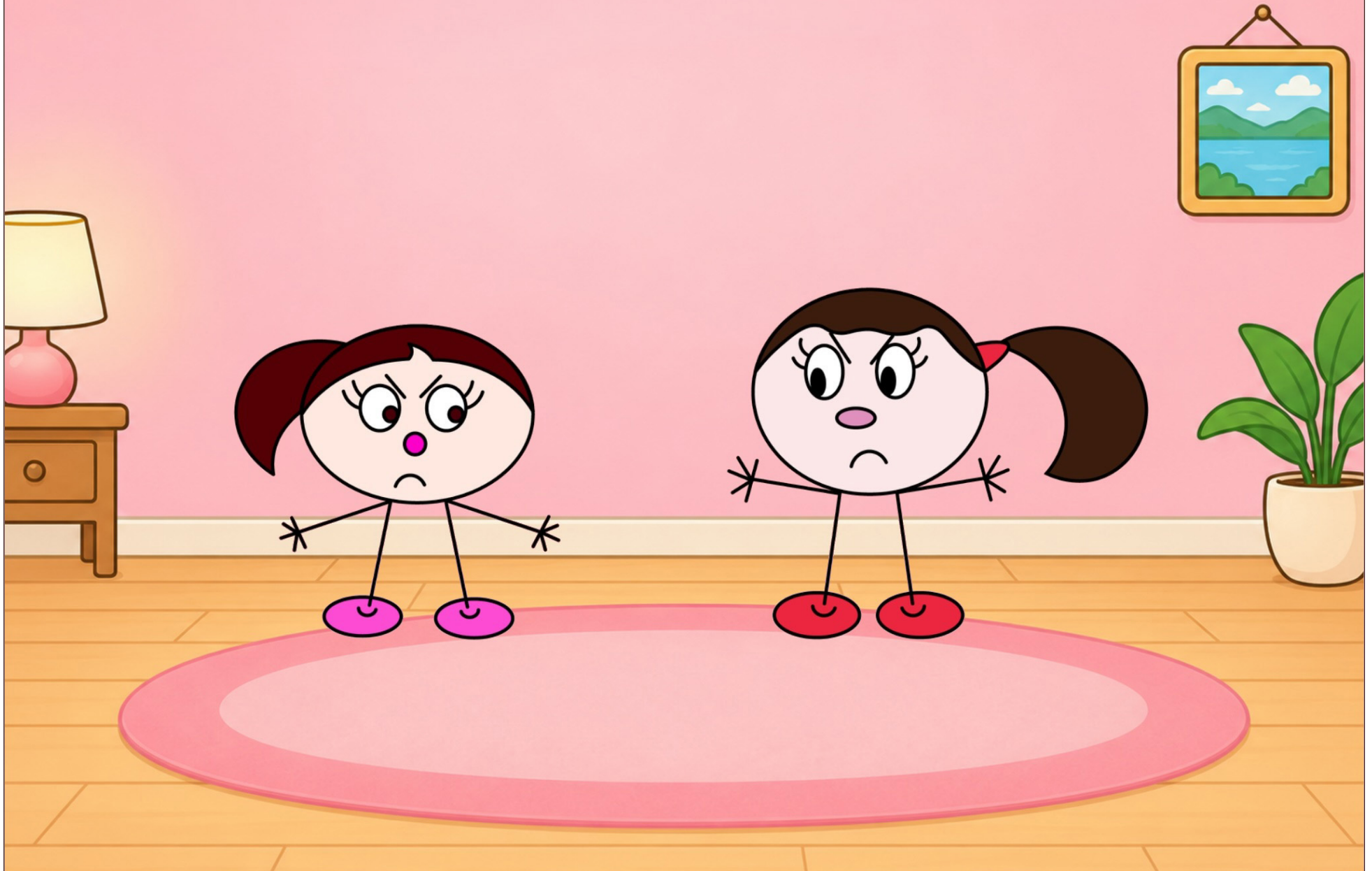
The girls didn't get scared this time, since they knew the sea monster wouldn't hurt them because it had helped Ivie before. They pet the sea monster on the head. The sea monster sniffed the girls, and its whiskers made them giggle.



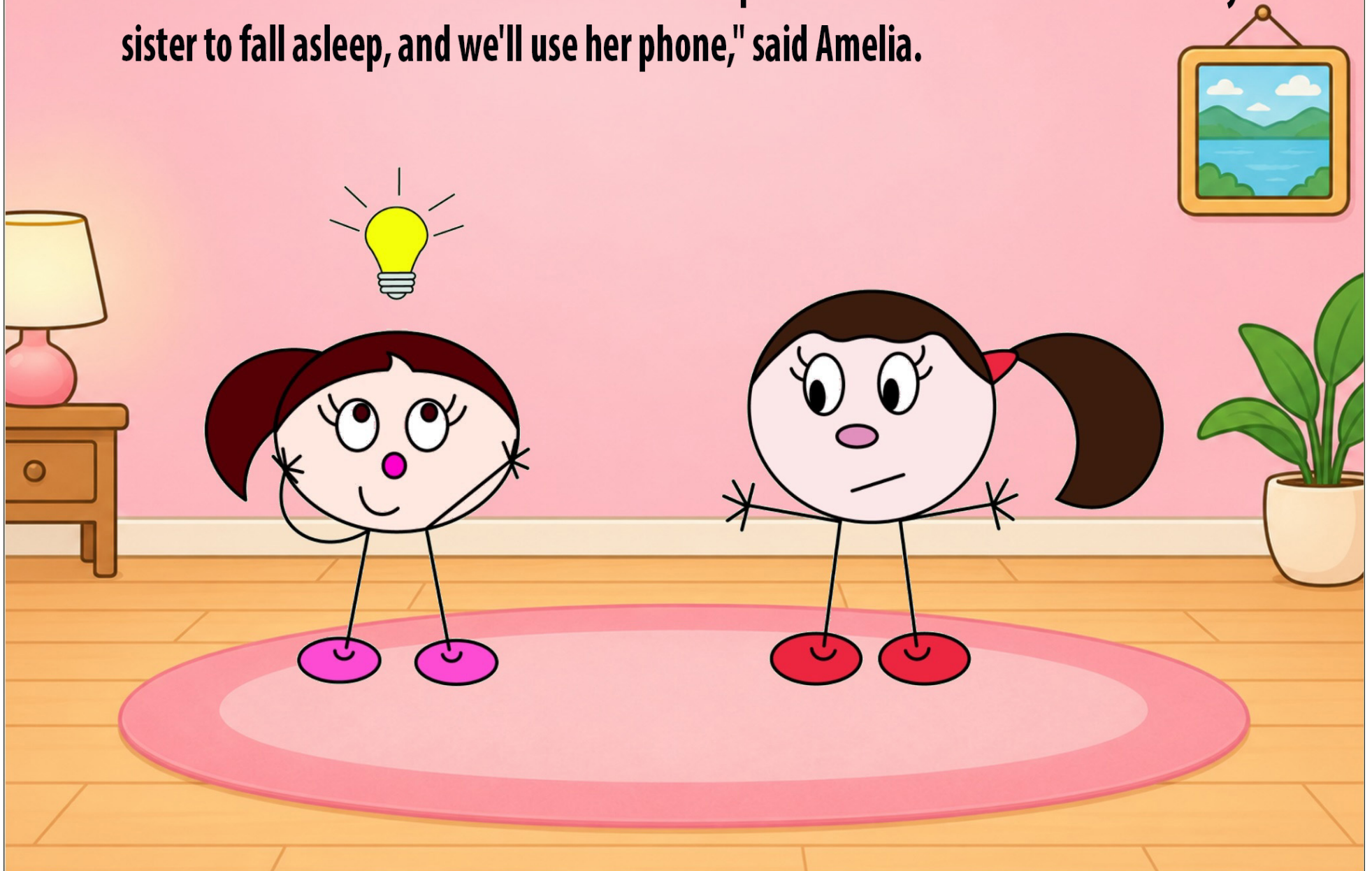
They enjoyed the afternoon together, and only when their parents called for them did the sea monster go underwater. Again, the girls tried to tell their parents about the sea monster, but they still didn't believe them.



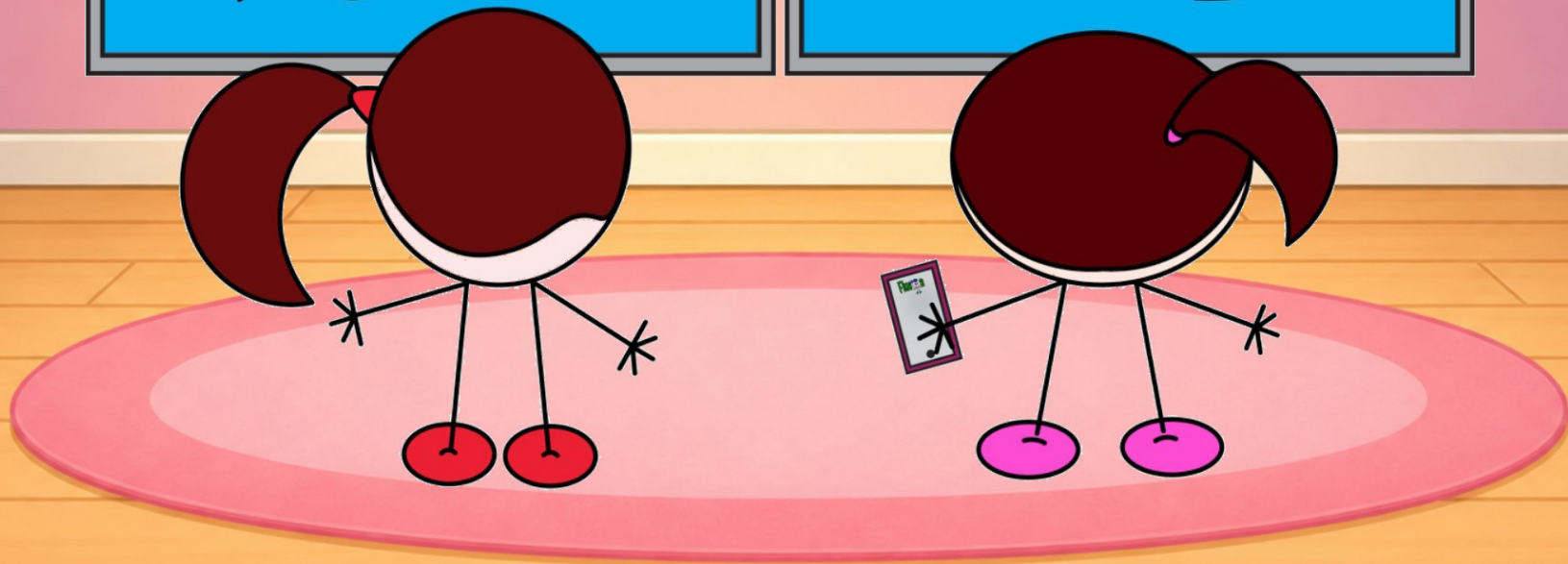
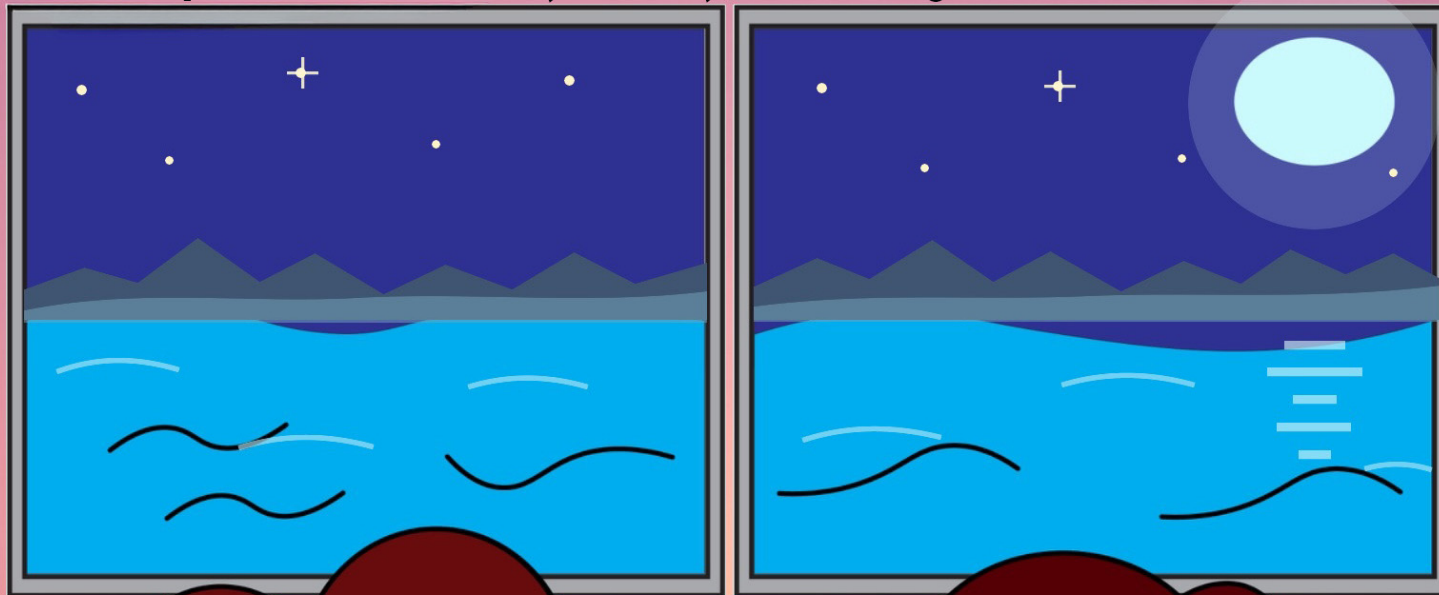
**The girls were upset; why couldn't their parents believe they saw a sea monster?
They had to prove it, but how? The sea monster seemed to only appear to children.**



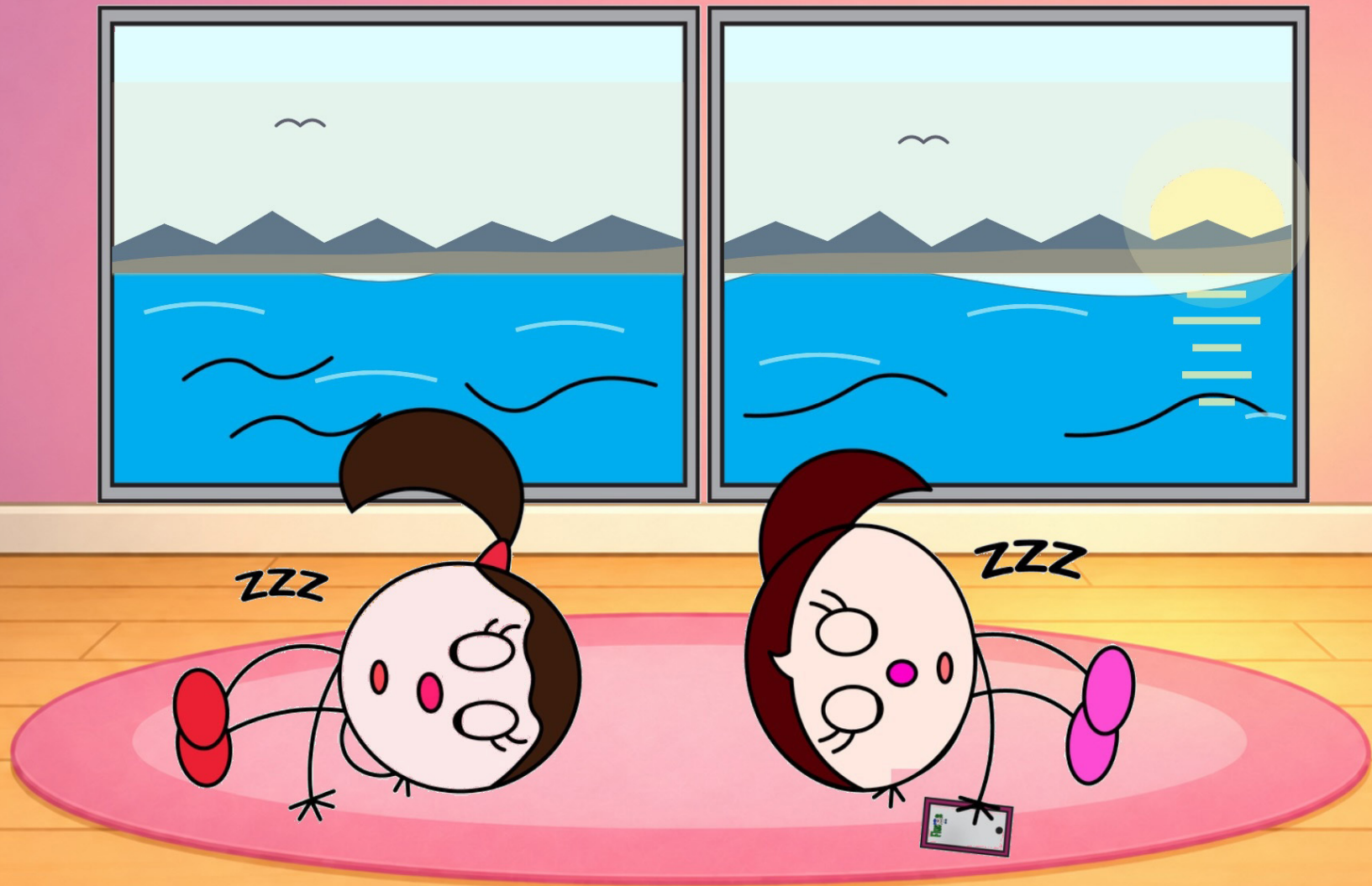
Amelia came up with an idea. "We have to take a picture of it and show it to them," she said. "How? We don't have a camera or a phone?" Said Ivie. "We'll wait for my sister to fall asleep, and we'll use her phone," said Amelia.



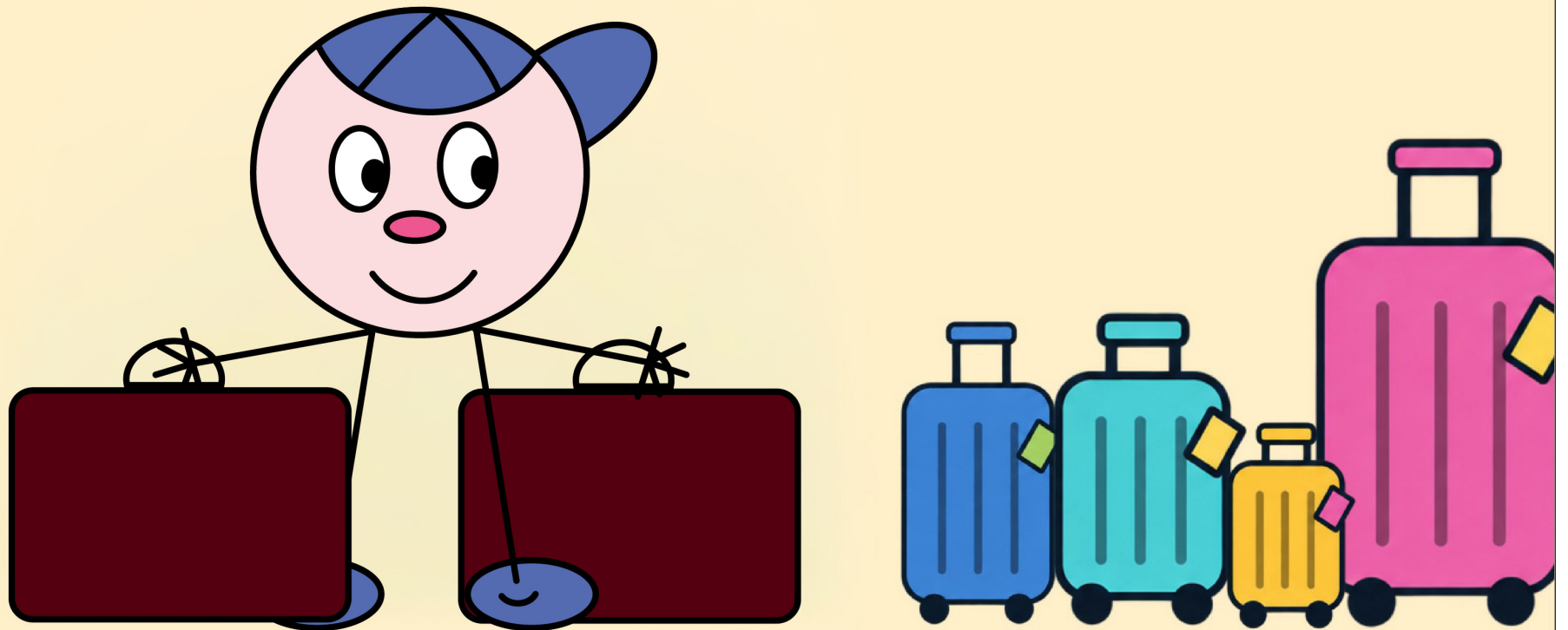
That night, the girls waited for everyone to fall asleep. They went to Amelia's big sister's room; she had left the phone charging near the bed. The girls picked up the phone and waited by the window, looking at the lake, waiting for the monster to show up so they could take a picture to show everyone they were telling the truth.



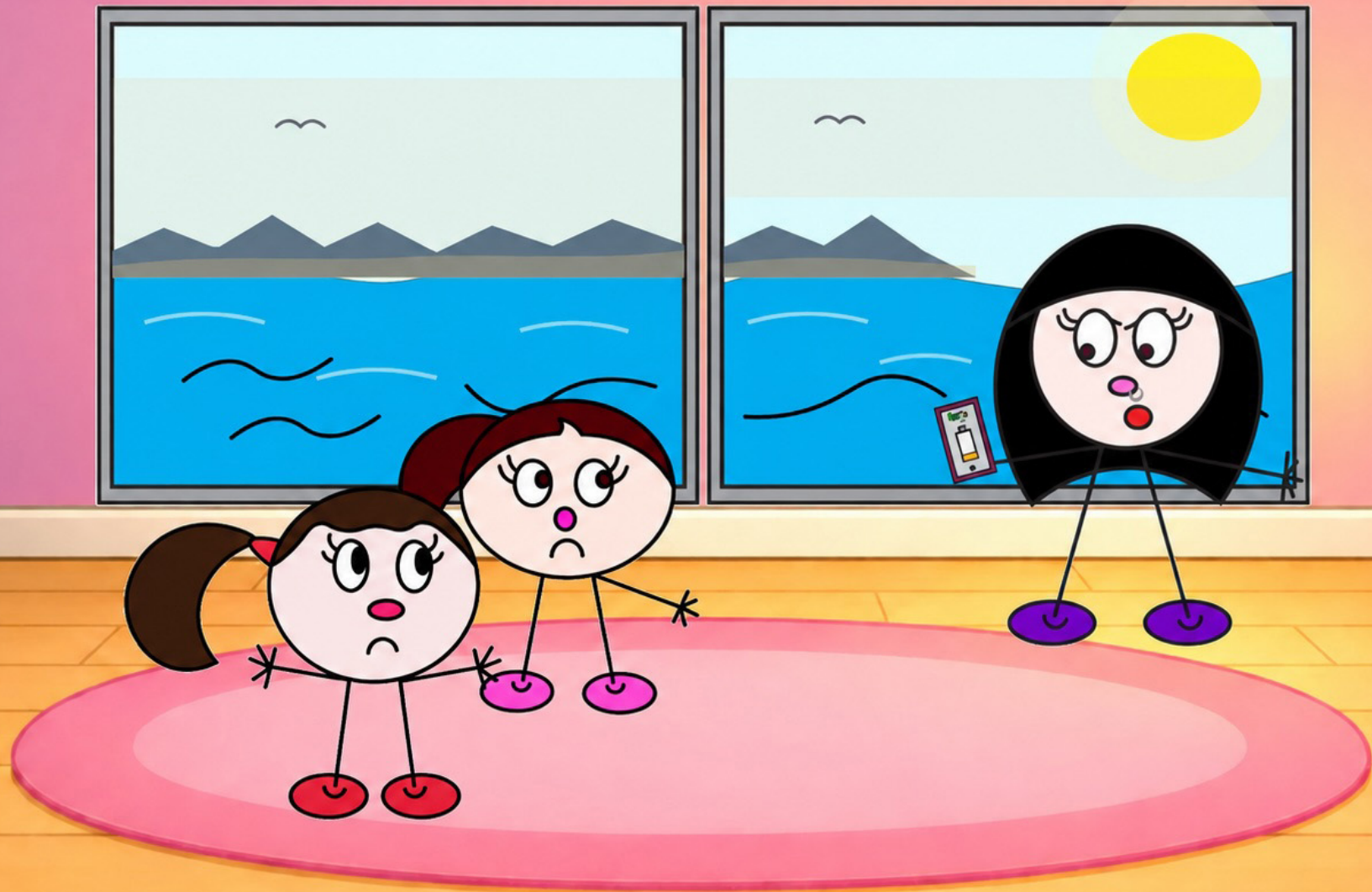
They waited hours, but the sea monster didn't appear. With the sun rising, the girls fell asleep by the window.



**The following day, it was time to go back home.
Ivie's dad was loading the car to drive back to the airport.**



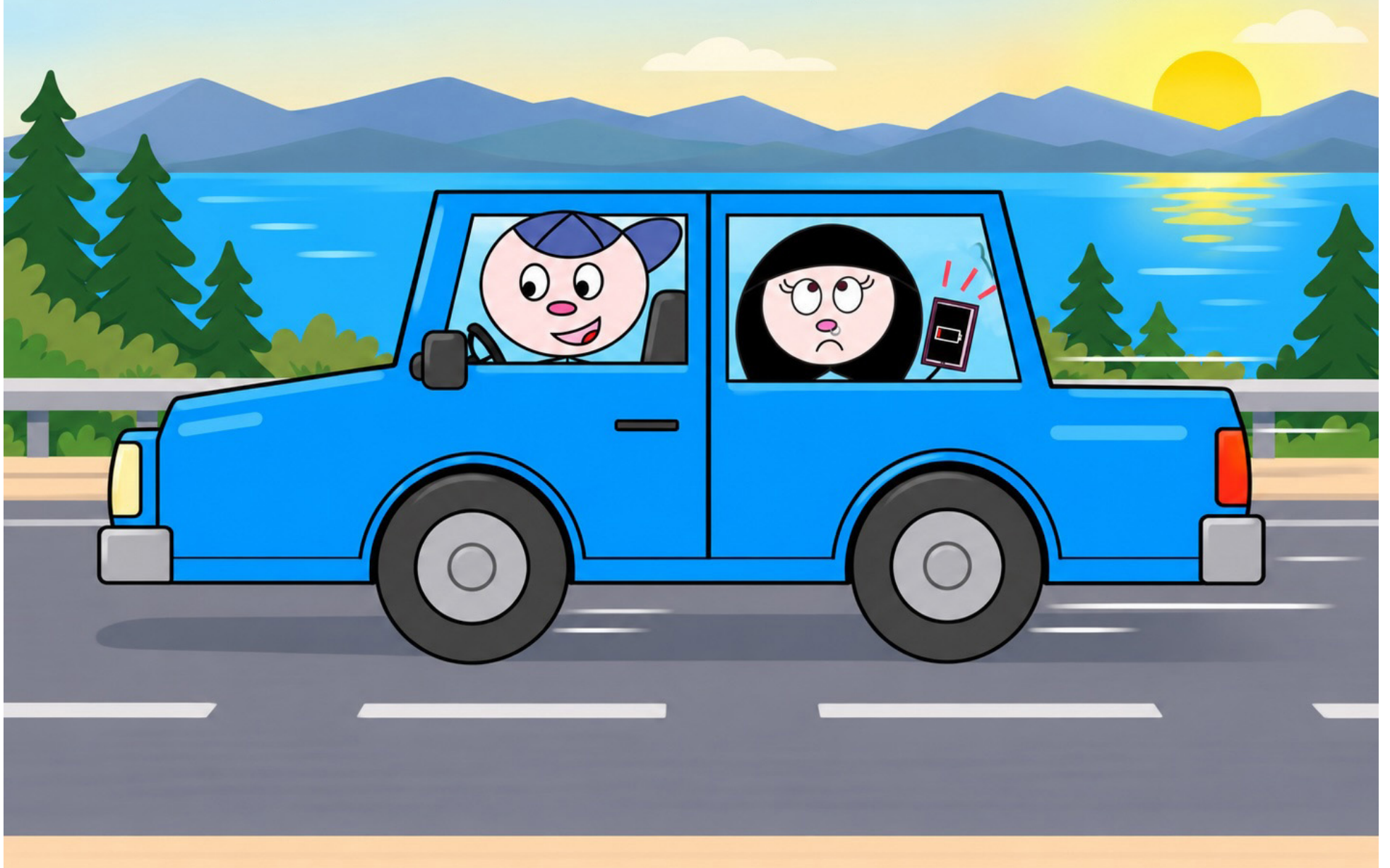
The girls woke up with Amelia's big sister yelling at them for taking her phone without asking. The girls apologized and explained why they needed her phone. They told her about the sea monster, but she mocked them and called them silly little girls for believing in monsters.



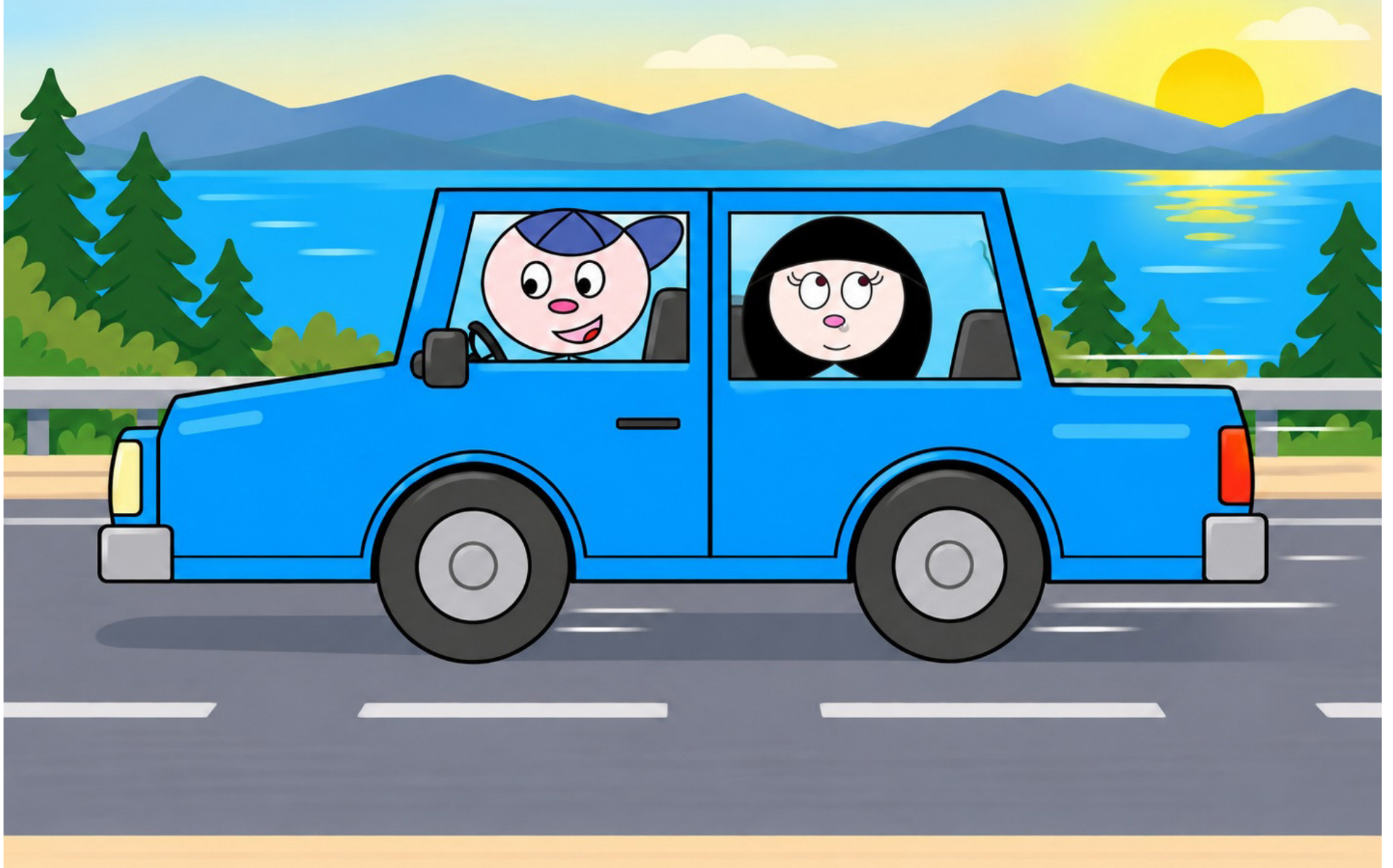
"It's time to leave," Ivie's dad said. The girls went inside the car; they brought extra pillows and blankets. Ivie and Amelia were so tired from staying up all night that they fell fast asleep in the car.



**Meanwhile, Amelia's big sister was upset because her phone had no battery.
The girls removed the phone while it was charging and had it on all night.**



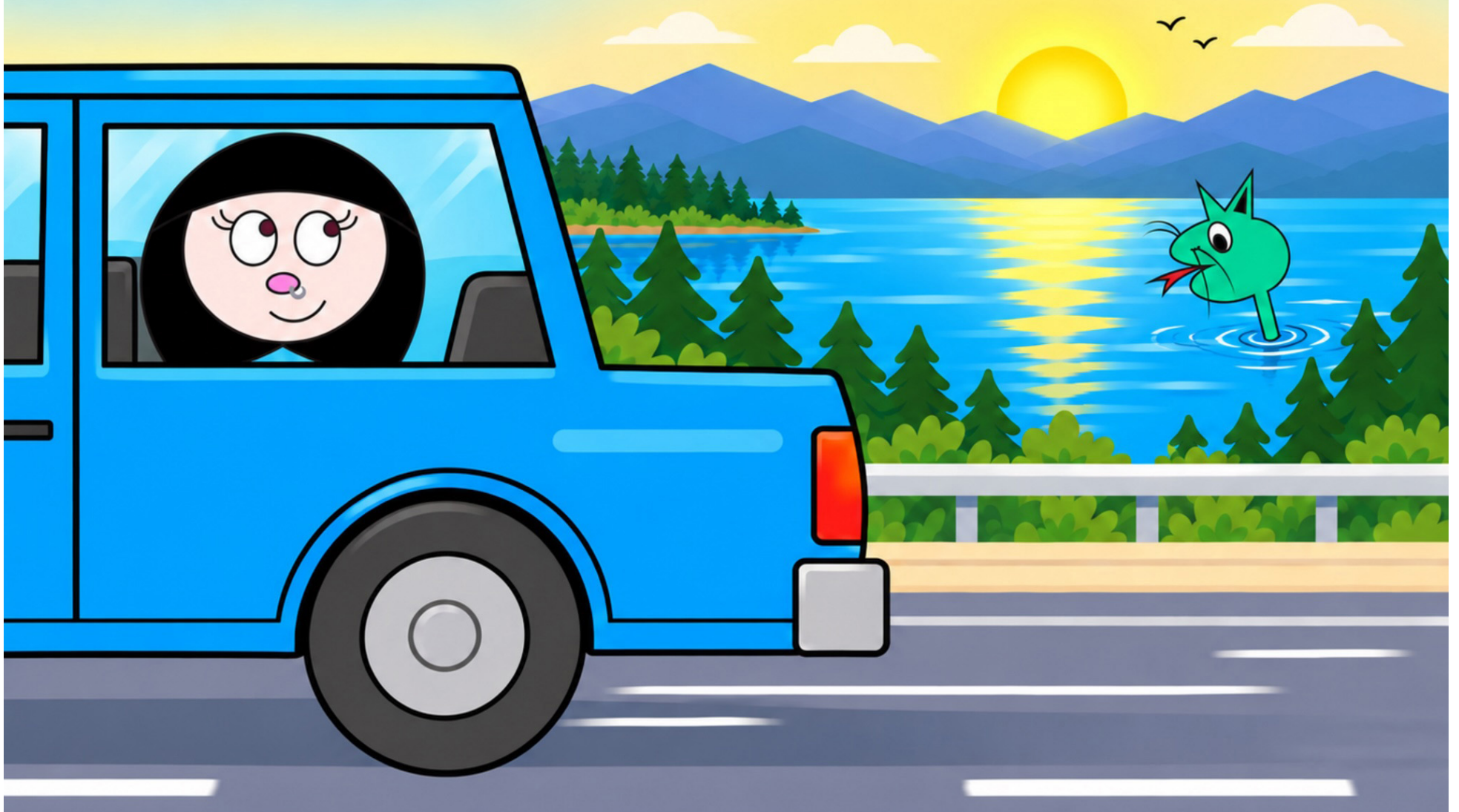
She was bored and looked out the window. She had not been connected to her phone for the first time during the trip, and she could see how beautiful the country was.



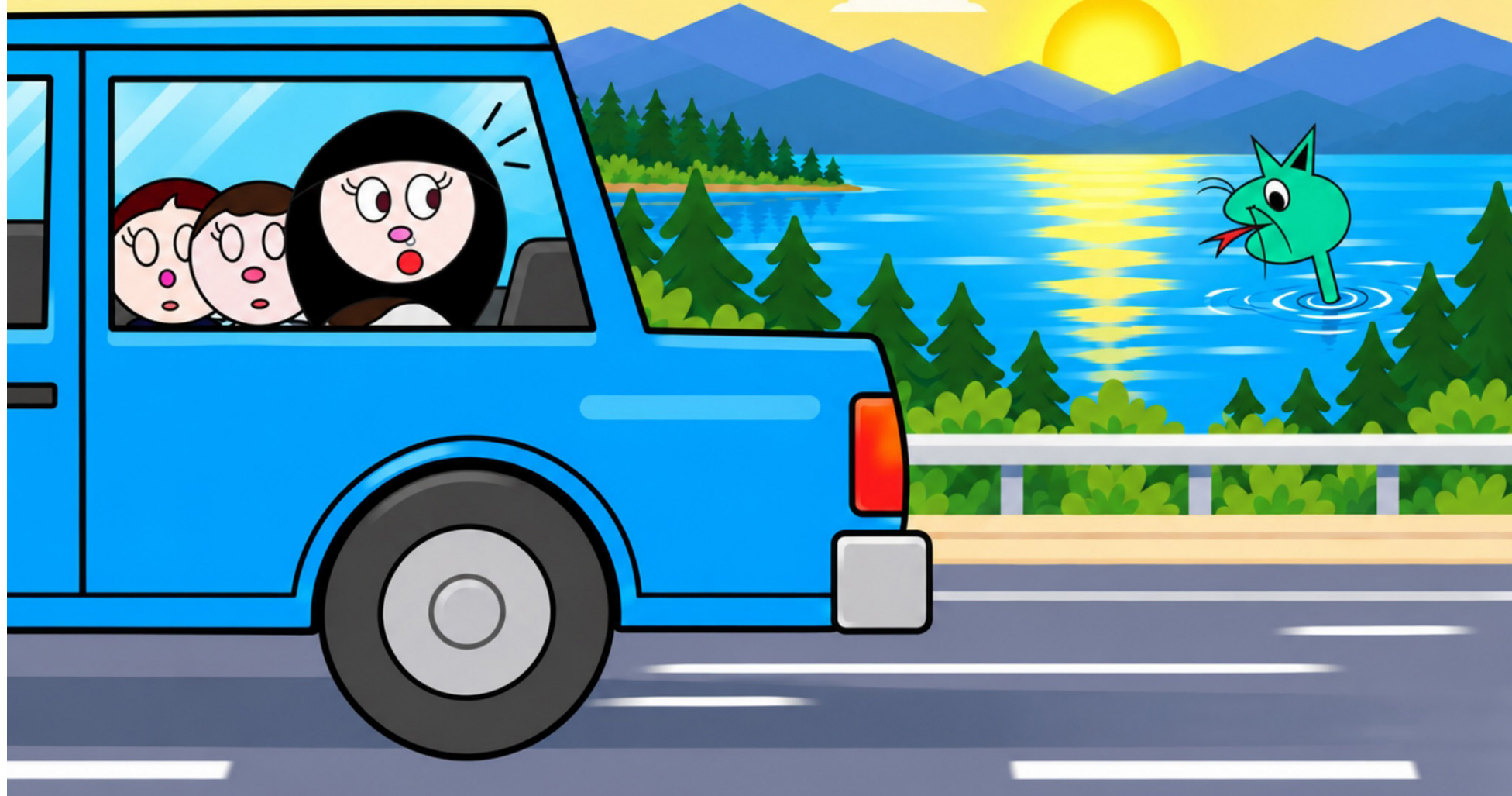
**She was staring at the lake; the water was clear, and the sun reflected on its surface.
Her eyes were capturing such a beautiful image.**



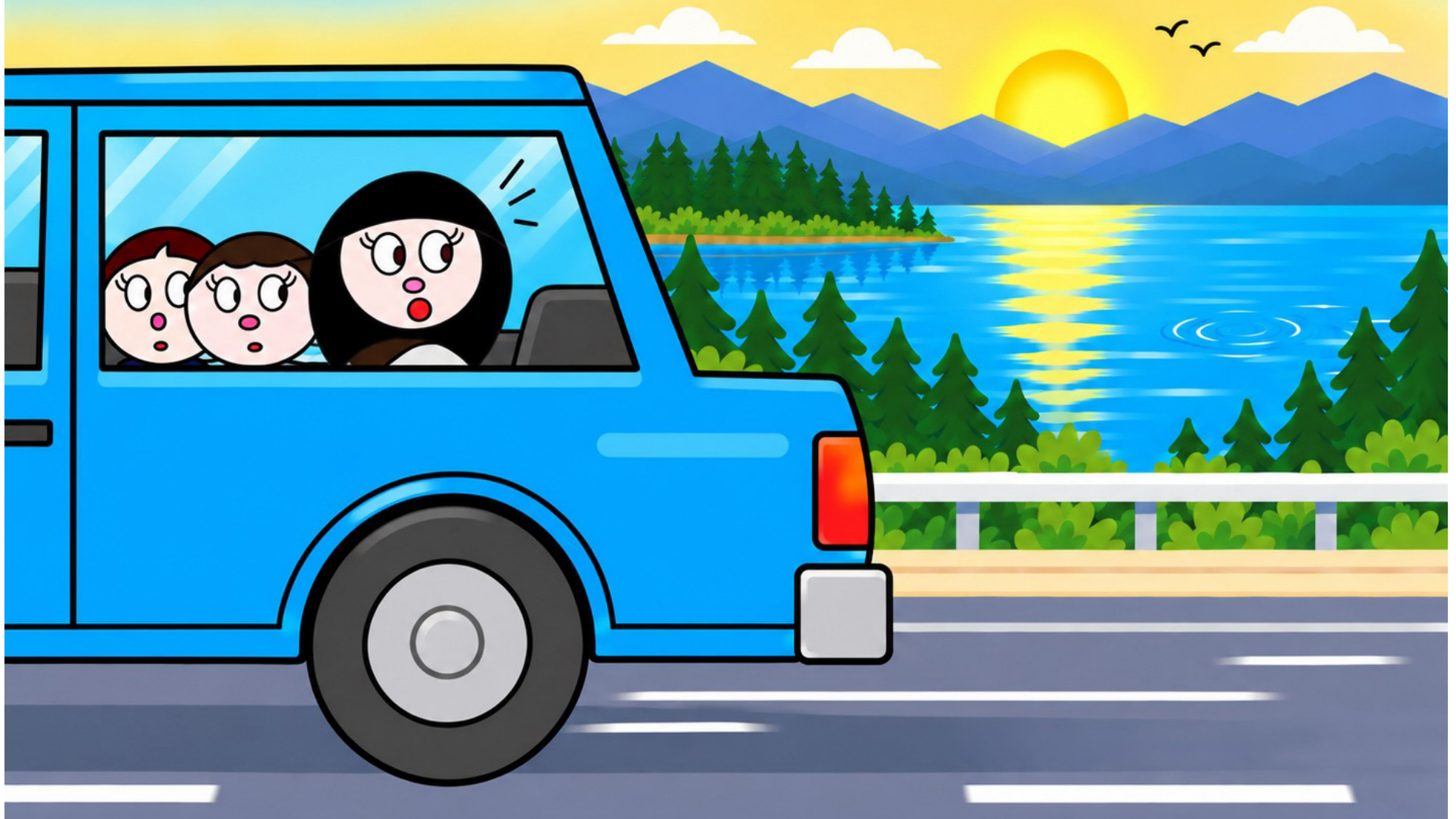
Soon, the water stirred slightly, and a head popped out. The sea monster appeared to her, possibly trying to say goodbye to his new friends. Amelia's big sister couldn't believe her eyes.



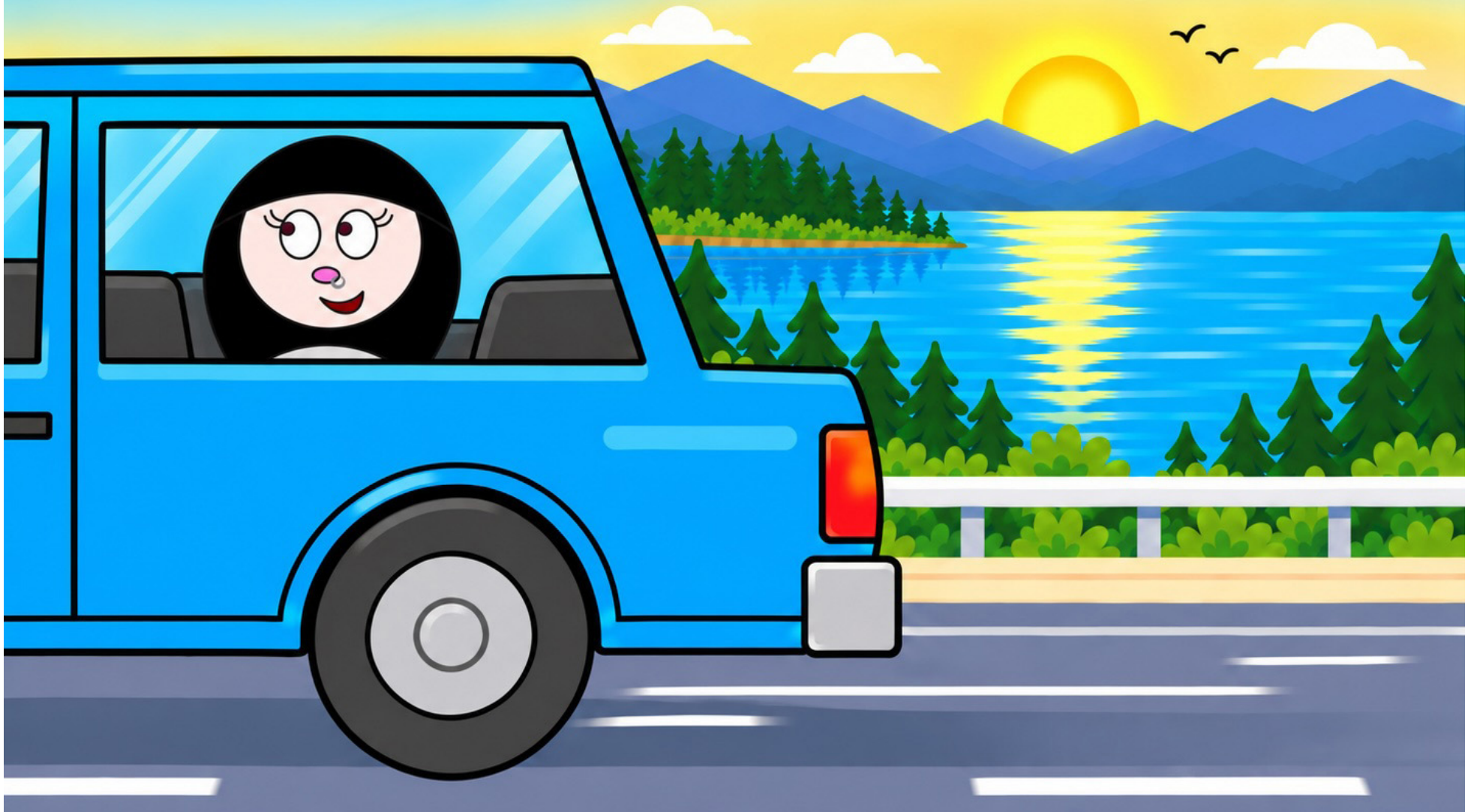
She tried telling the girls, but they were fast asleep. "Hey girls, look!" She said.



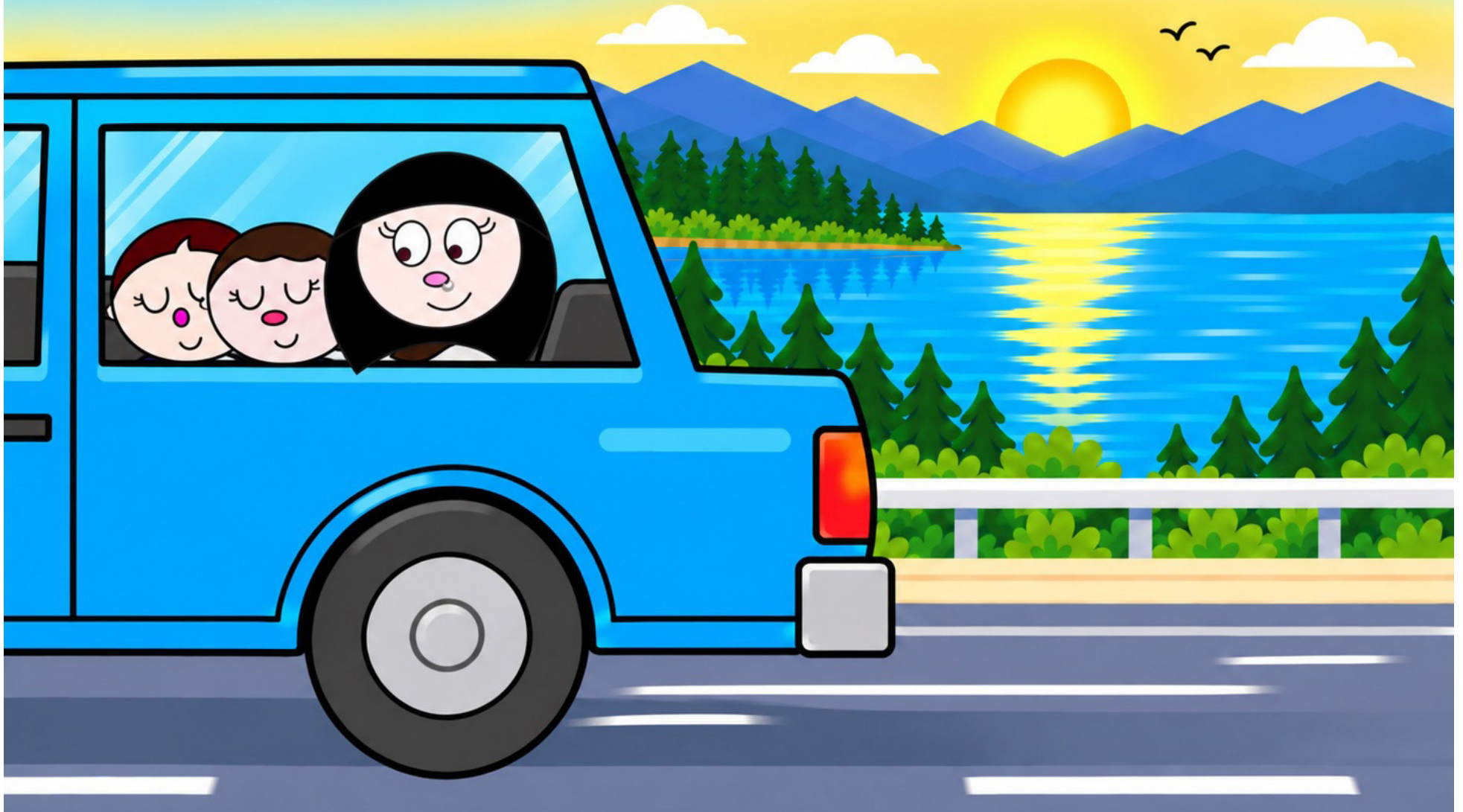
When she looked back at the lake, it was gone. Her mom looked back and asked what all the fuss was about.

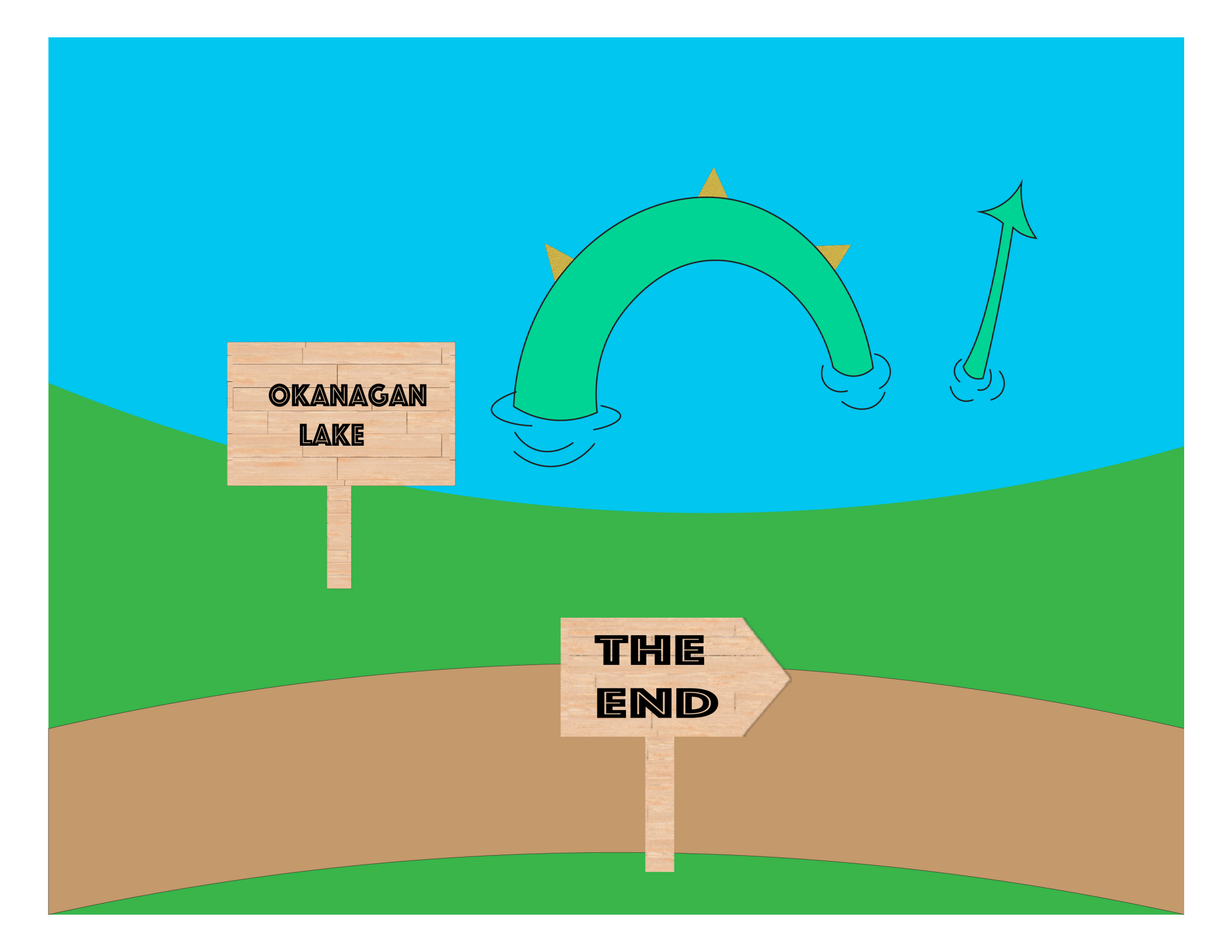


**She knew they wouldn't believe her, as they didn't believe the girls.
It was hard to be convinced if you didn't see it, and she knew that because she
hadn't believed it until now, so she looked at them and said, "It was nothing."**



She looked at the girls sleeping and smirked, realizing they now shared a story nobody would believe.





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