

ARIU

and the moon parrotfish

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The background of the page is a collage of school supplies. At the top right, there is a piece of corrugated cardboard and a piece of crumpled silver foil. On the right side, a pair of purple-handled scissors is partially visible. At the bottom right, a pink pencil case is open, showing a variety of colored pencils (blue, yellow, green, purple, orange, etc.) and a wooden ruler. A red and white floral patterned cloth is also visible near the pencils. The entire scene is set against a light brown wooden surface.

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A wooden table with various craft supplies. In the top left, there's a pair of purple-handled scissors and a piece of brown cardboard. In the bottom left, a pink box holds a variety of colored pencils. A wooden ruler is at the bottom center. To the right of the ruler are several small pieces of yellow and blue paper. A white rectangular box with a drop shadow is in the center, containing text.


Arii took his Dad's flippers.
« **Look Mum, I have the fins
of the moon parrotfish.** »






Arii took his Dad's diving mask.
« **Look Mum, I have
the eyes of the moon parrotfish.** »



A collection of art supplies is scattered on a light-colored wooden surface. In the top left, there is a pair of purple-handled scissors and a piece of crumpled silver foil. In the bottom left, a pink box is partially visible, containing a variety of colored pencils. A wooden ruler lies horizontally across the bottom center. To the right of the ruler, there are several small pieces of paper: a large yellow square, two small blue and green patterned rectangles, and a small blue square. The background is a solid red color on the right side.


Arii wrapped a bedsheet around his legs.
**« Look Mum, I move around
just like the moon parrotfish. »**



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Arii took his father's snorkel.
« Mum look,
I breathe like a moon parrotfish. »






« **But no, Arii, you are mixing it all up!** »
says Mum while doing the cooking.





Dad is fishing on the pier.





Arii walks down the pier
and dives into the water.



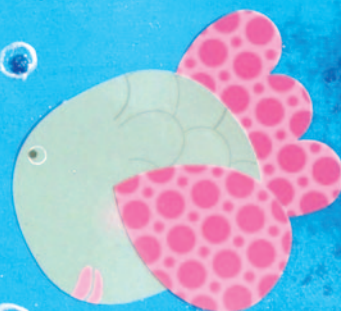
The mask fills with water.
Arii can't see anything.







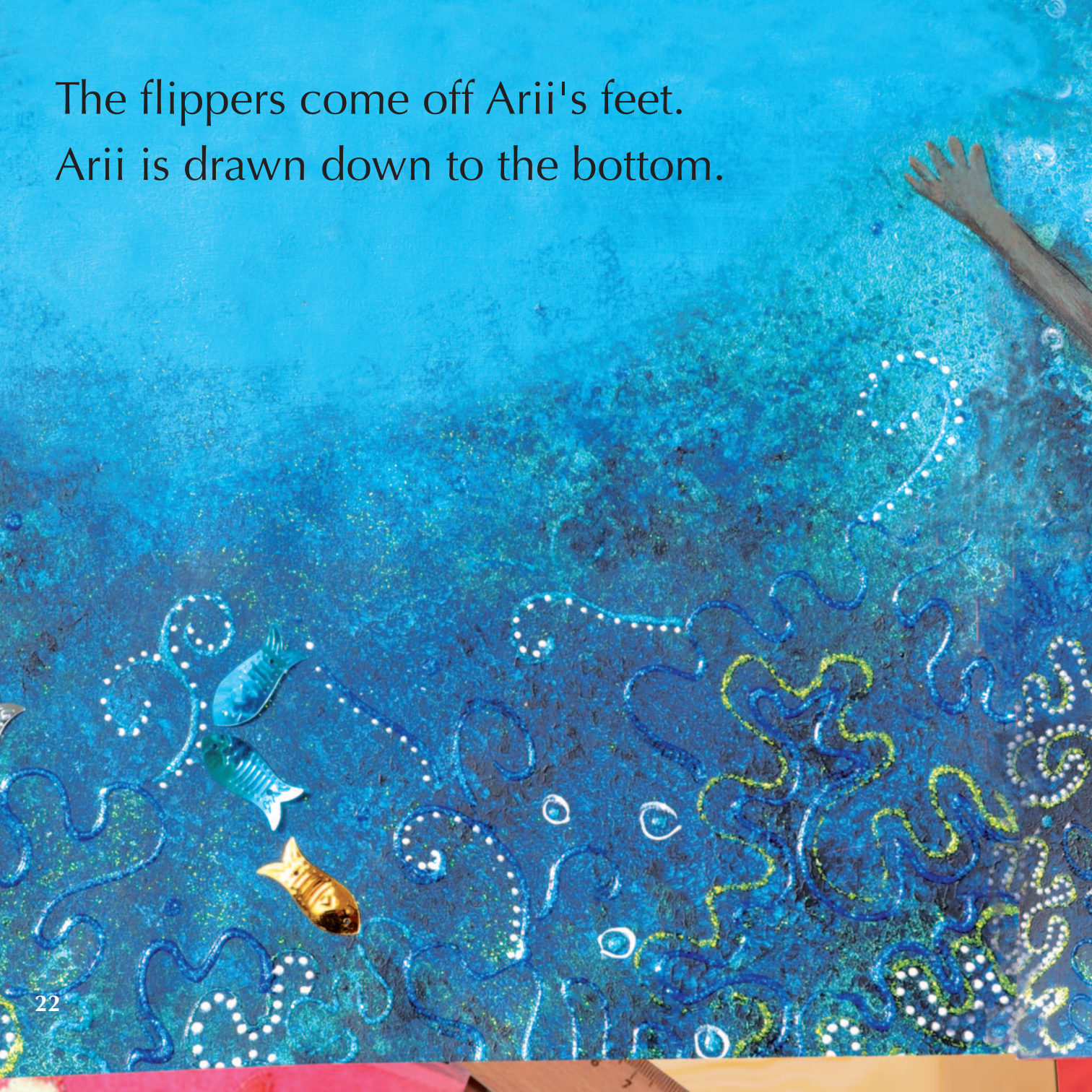
The snorkel fills with water.
Arii can't breathe any more.

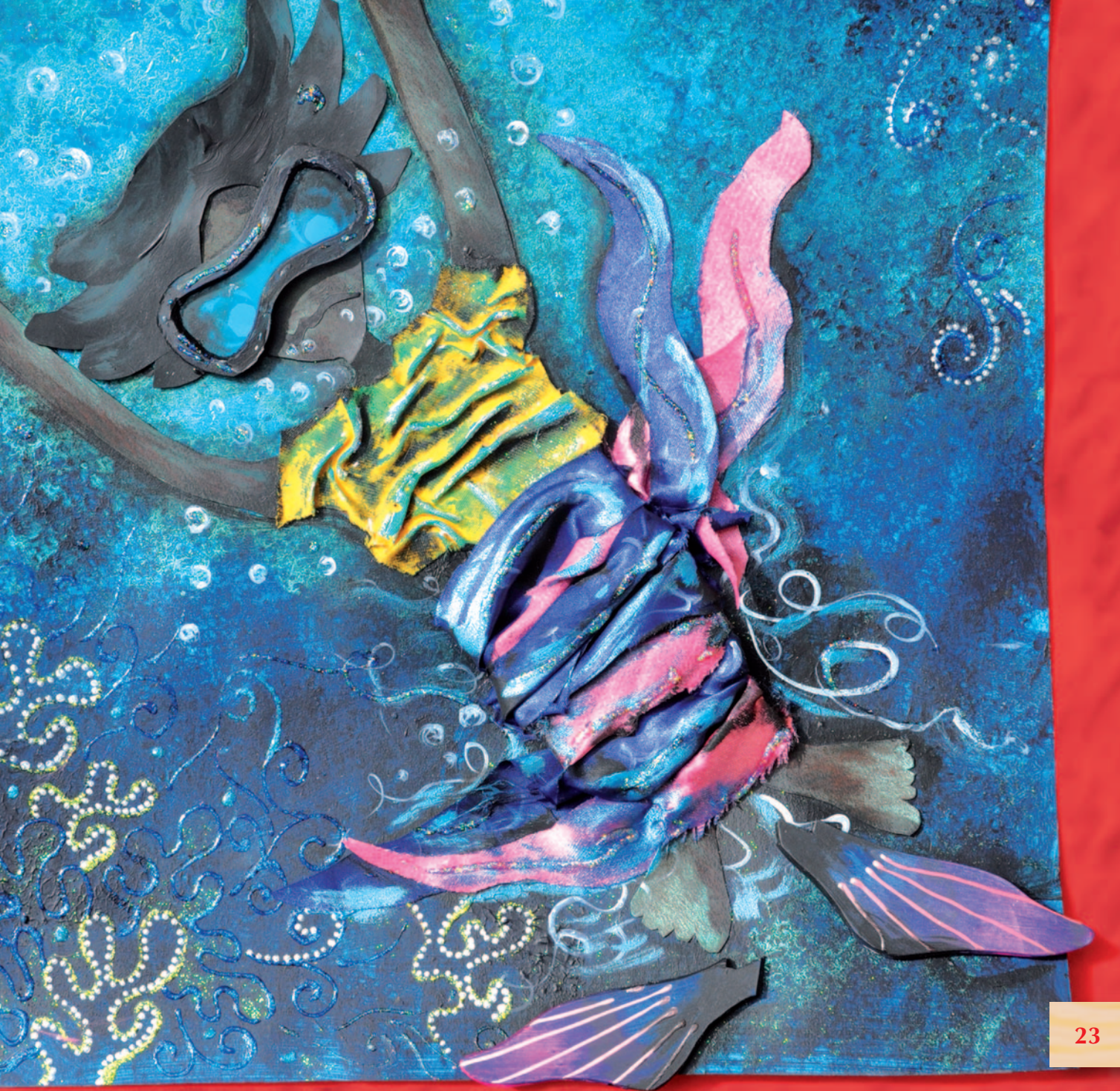


As his legs get entangled in the bedsheet,
Arii cannot move any longer.




The flippers come off Arii's feet.
Arii is drawn down to the bottom.






Dad's strong hand catches Arii.






On the pier, Aarii is coughing and crying, he has really been frightened.






Dad wipes Arii dry
and takes him up in his arms.





**« What are you playing, Arii?
Do you really want to end up
in my plate? »**





Dad comforts Aarii, then picks up
his gear, his bucket and his fishing line.
Aarii is shivering with cold
but he feels warmth in his heart.



A collage of various craft supplies is arranged on a light-colored wooden surface. In the top left, a pair of purple-handled scissors is partially visible. Below it, a piece of yellow paper is torn. To the right of the yellow paper is a small, crumpled piece of pink and blue patterned paper. In the bottom left corner, a pink box holds a collection of colorful pencils. A wooden ruler is placed diagonally across the bottom right. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with a vertical red strip on the far right.

Arii and Dad both return home at dusk.



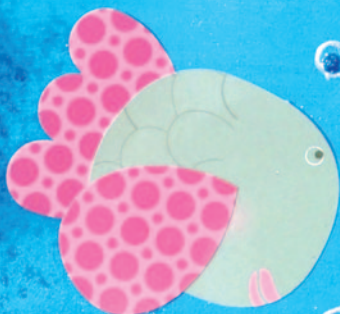


Moon parrotfish (Forsten's parrotfish)

Pa'ati Hōhonu

Scarus forsteni (Bleeker, 1861)

Fish of Polynesian waters,



Who is he?

The moon parrotfish

The moon parrotfish called *Pa'ati hōhonu* (or the Forsten's parrotfish) in Tahitian is a member of the big family of the parrotfishes which we locate in the Polynesian lagoons. In fact, there are more than thirty species of parrotfishes bearing all sort of curious names such as the ember parrotfish, the seagrass parrotfish, the egghead parrotfish or the palenose parrotfish ...

Bibliographical references to know more about the moon parrotfish:

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