

The Aquarium Pals

the  
**CLAM**

before



the

**STORM**

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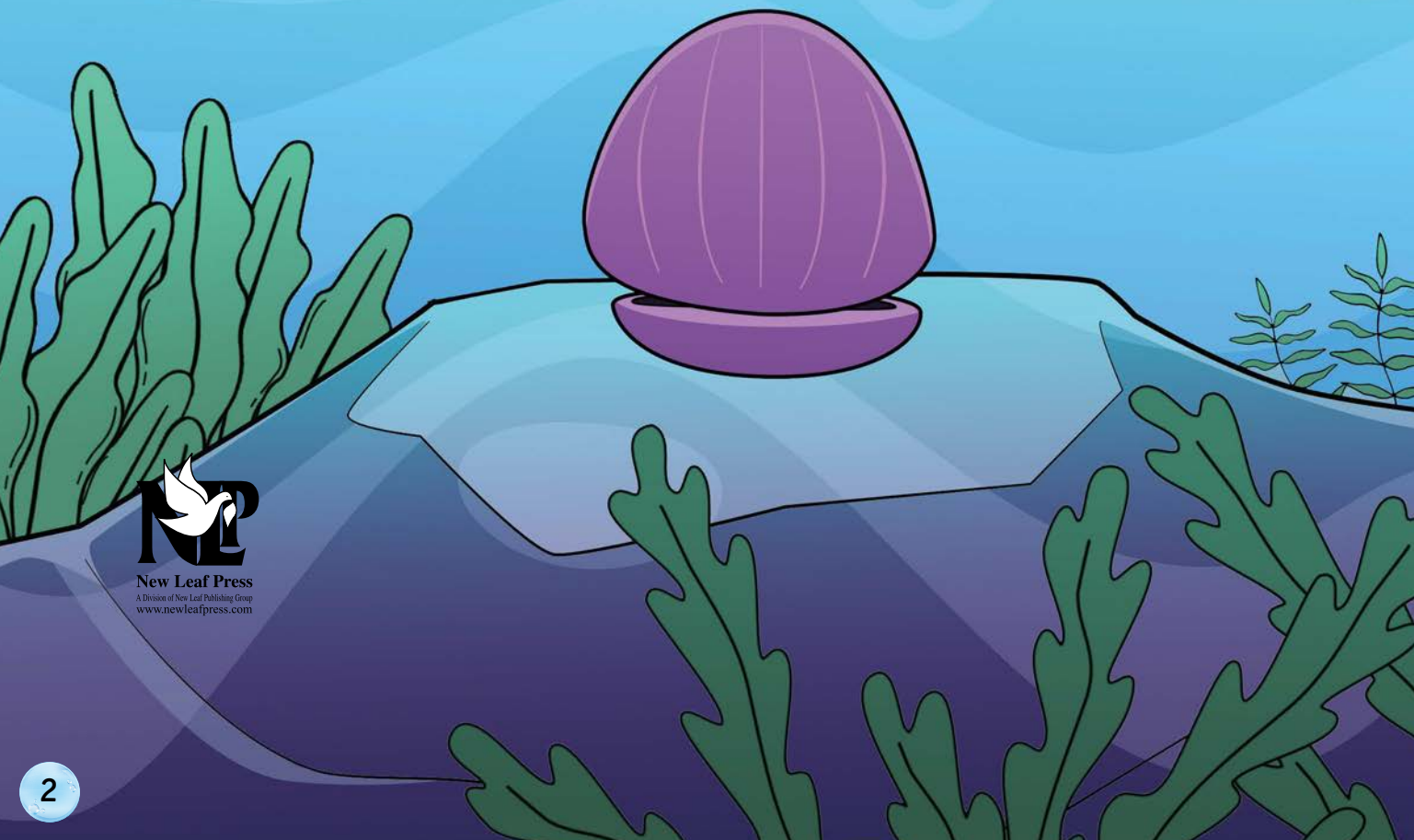
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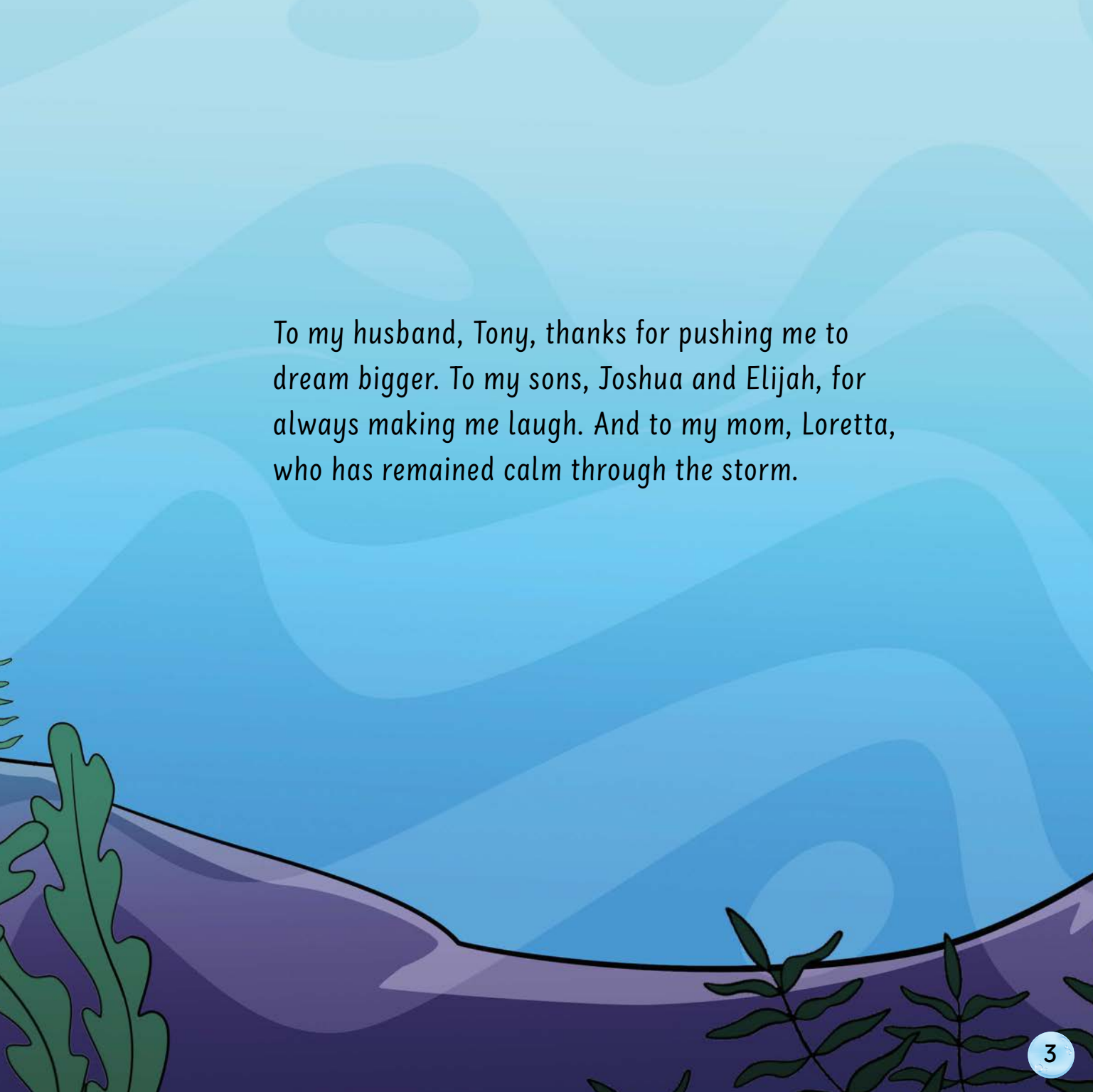
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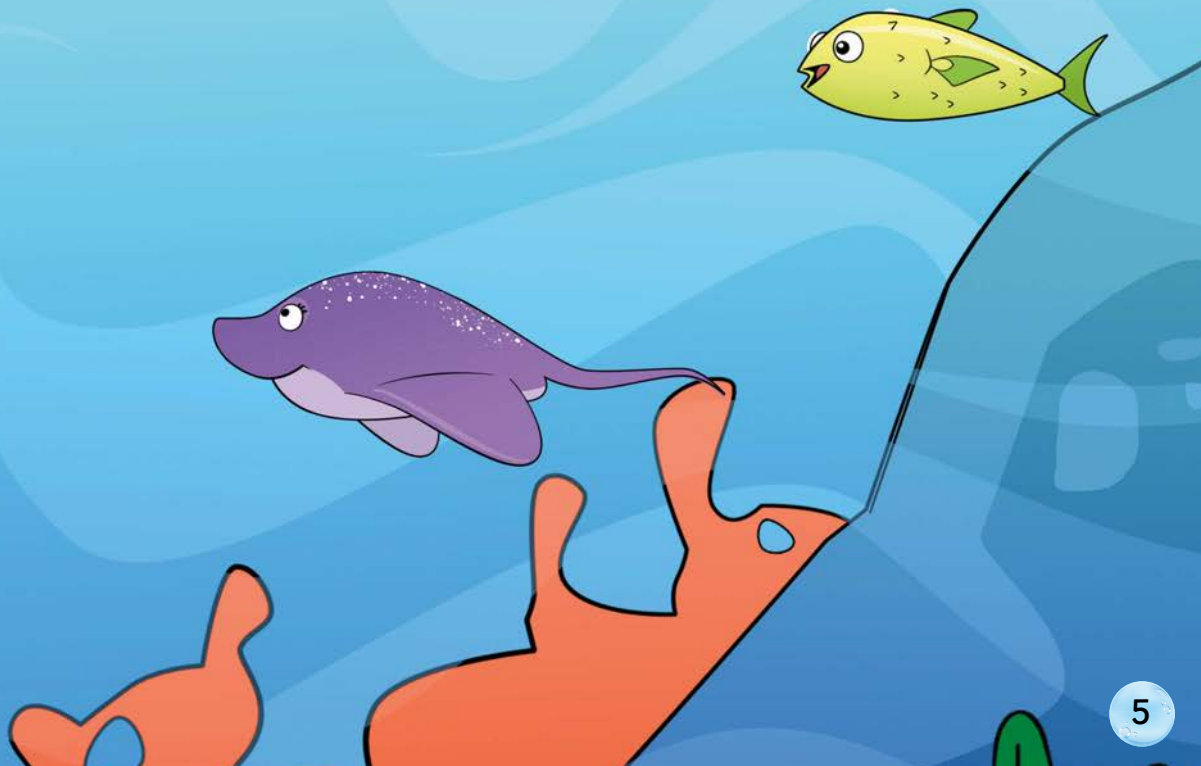
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To my husband, Tony, thanks for pushing me to dream bigger. To my sons, Joshua and Elijah, for always making me laugh. And to my mom, Loretta, who has remained calm through the storm.



Where the beautiful colors of the coral sparkle, a group of little sea creatures live. They aren't just any sea animals; they are a special group of friends who dive deep in their faith to help each other when troubles arise.



The happiest member of the pals is Sam Clam.  
He loves to sit and watch the bubbles float up from the sand.





*One day while he was looking up from his spot on the rock,  
he felt a sudden WHHOOOOOSH behind him.*

He didn't see what caused the water to move, and that scared him. His mind started turning and turning. Then he had a frightening thought... maybe a STORM was coming!

Sam Clam said to himself,  
*I have to warn my friends about  
this storm so they can hide!*

