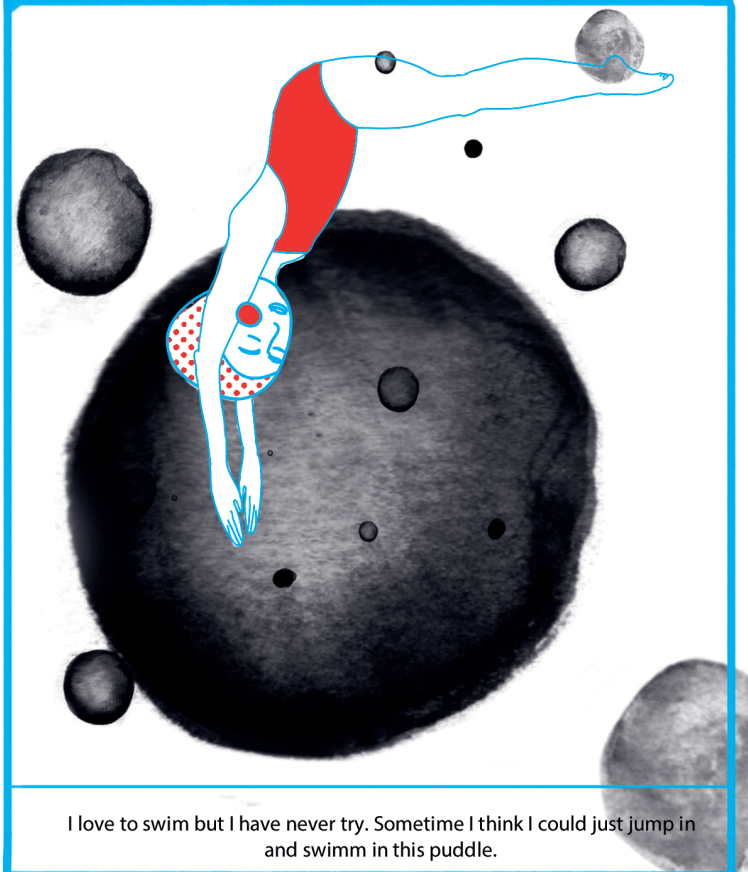


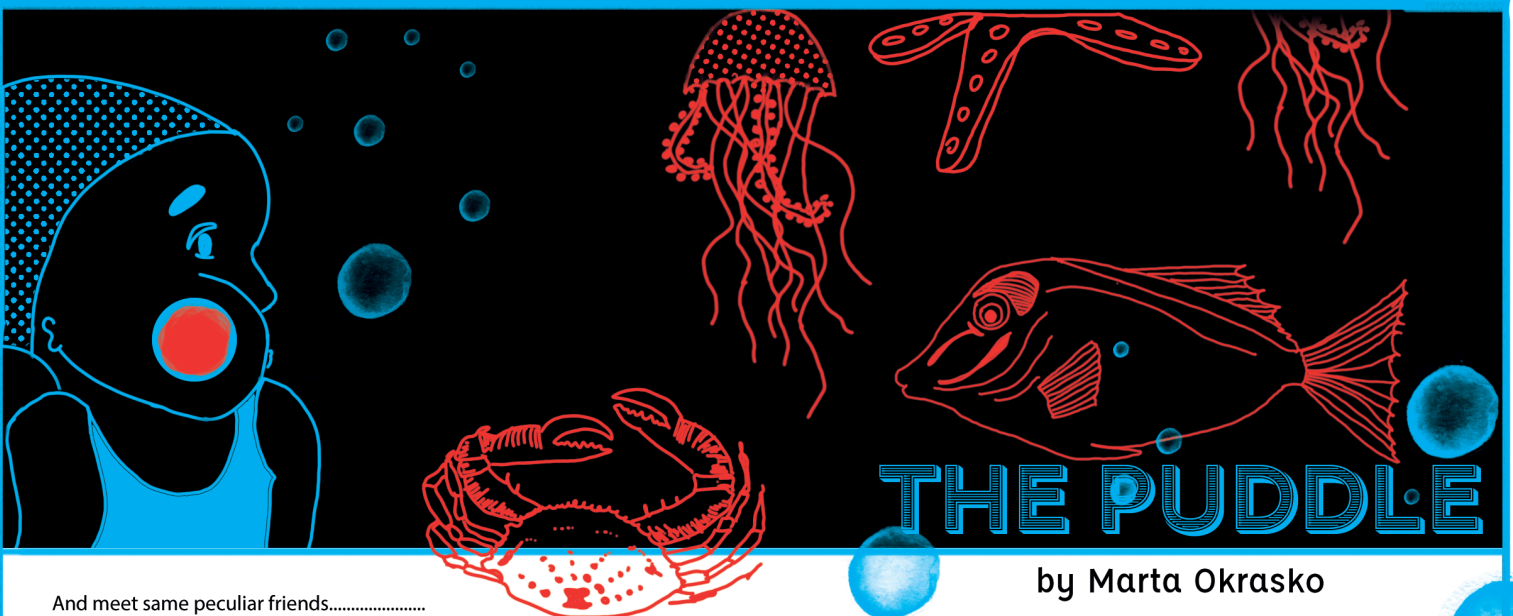
Did You ever think what is hiding in a puddle ?



I think about it everyday because, no matter what the wheather is, the puddle is always there waiting for me.



I love to swim but I have never try. Sometime I think I could just jump in and swimm in this puddle.

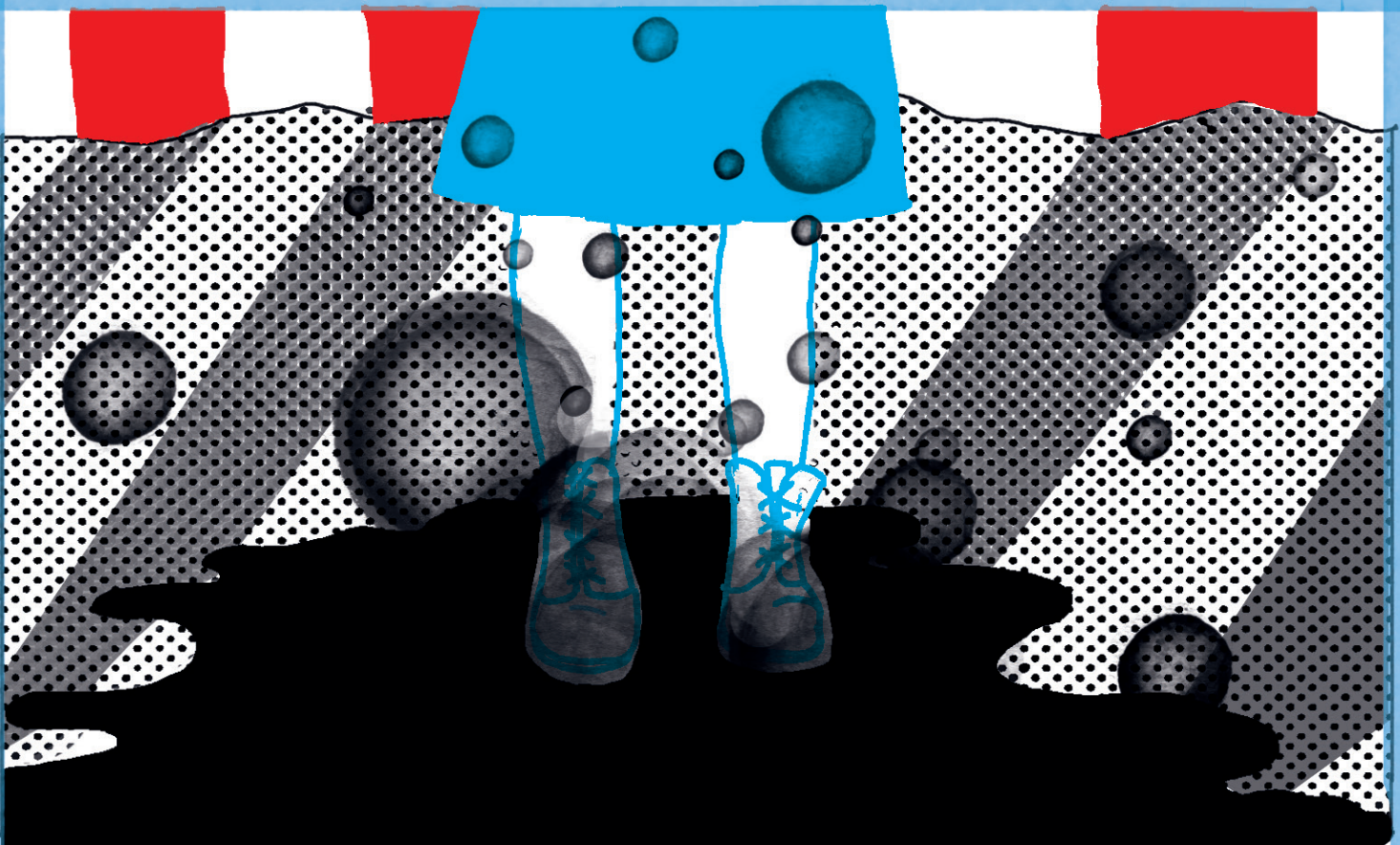


And meet some peculiar friends.....

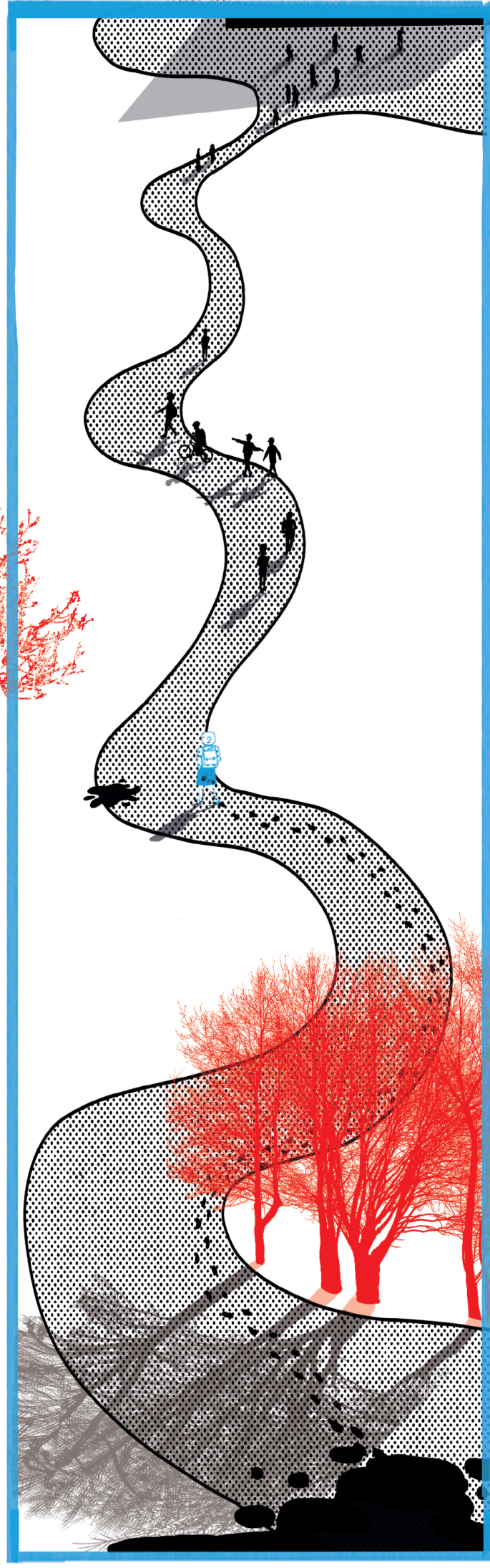
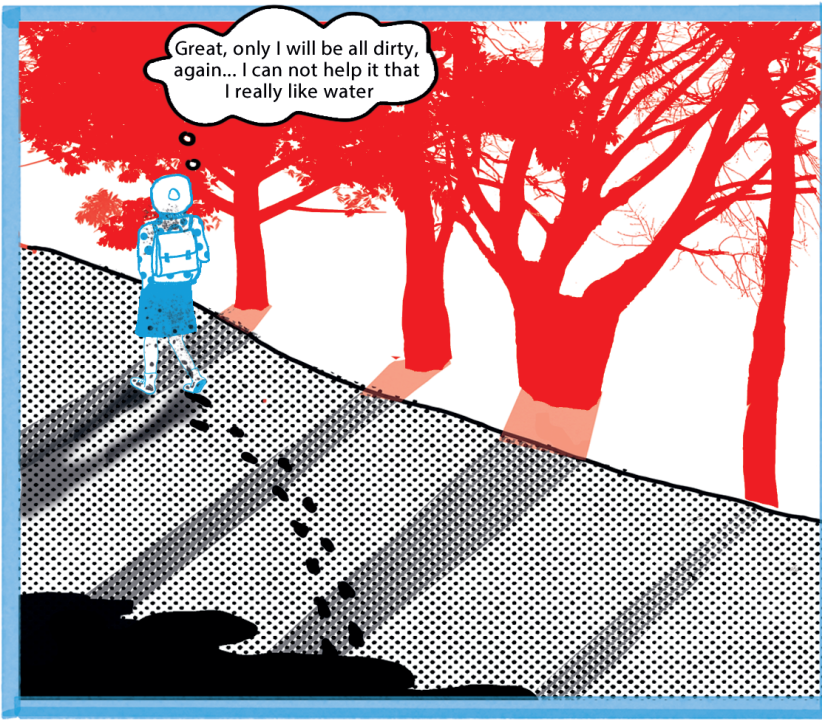
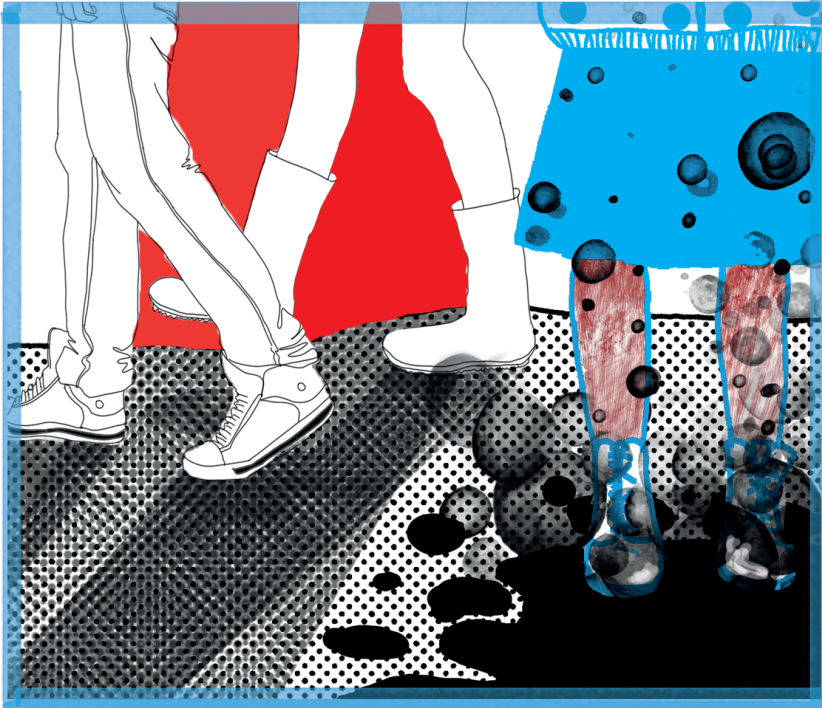
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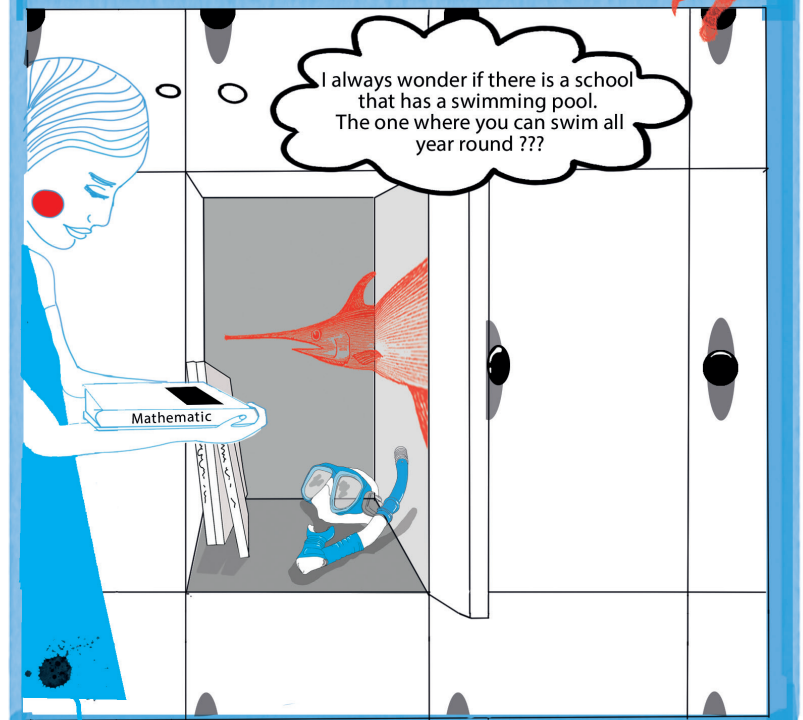
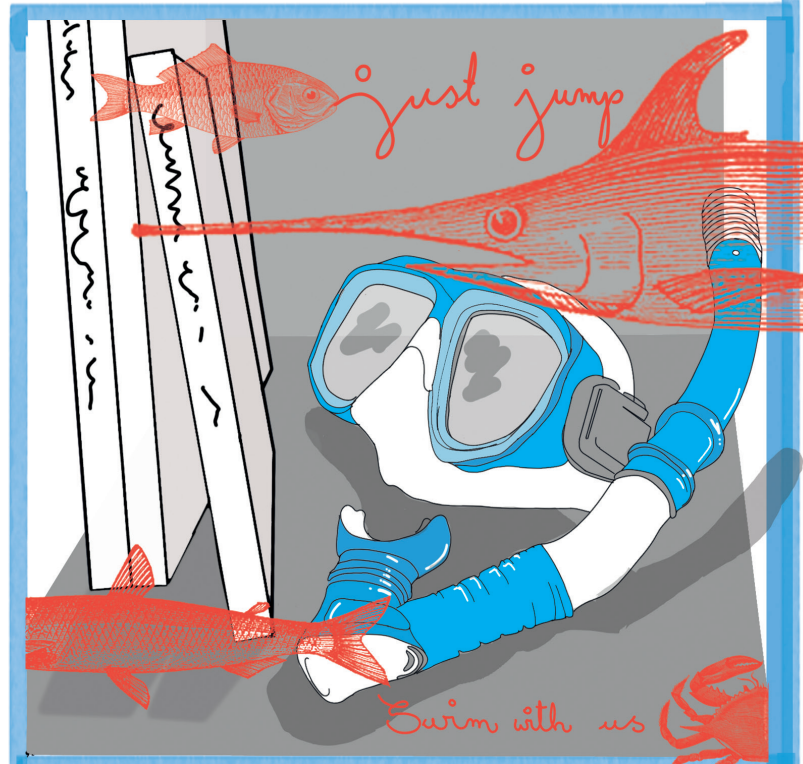
by Marta Okrasko

I feel free in the water. I can only imagine that when you are swimming, you forget about all your problems. In the water you can do things that are impossible on the ground. You can feel like in space without having to get into a spaceship. And you can play with gravity.



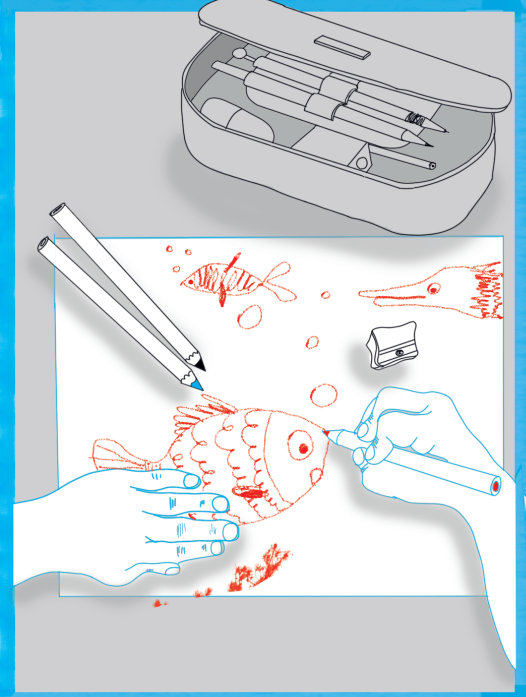
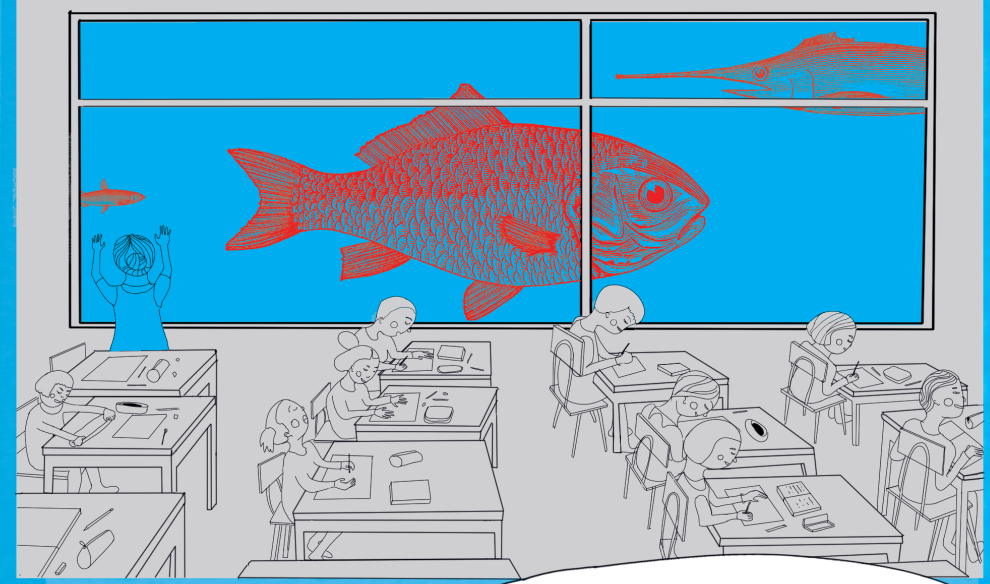
But instead, gravity plays with me.....
I do not know why, but suddenly all the mud and water from the puddle magically appears on my new shoes, and on the new skirt. I think it has to be a kind of magic? Do You think my mother will believe in this magic?
But You know what, I believe in magic for certain!
Unfortunately, it is a pity that this always happens at the beginning of my way to school.







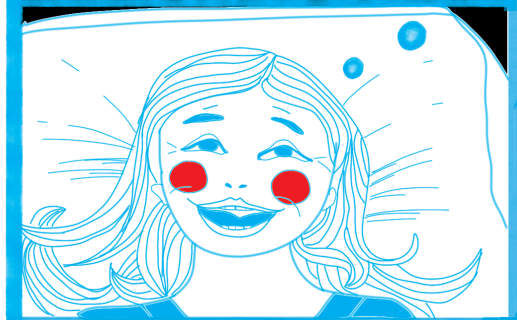
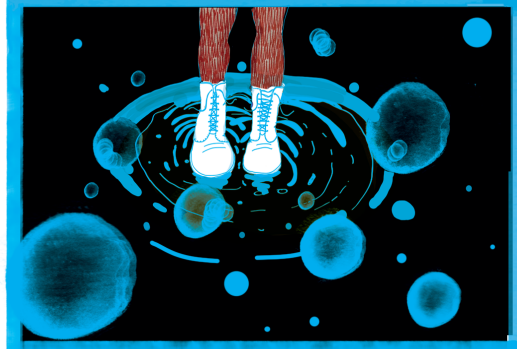
During the longest lesson, abruptly and unexpectedly the view outside the window completely changed. Suddenly big fishes began to swim in the sky. Other pupils gave the impression that they did not see anything at all. I had to come closer to the window to watch the amazing view. One fish come closer and look at me. I have looked and came a little bit closer....Buy unfortunately, this beautiful view actually turned out to be only....



Two months later.....



Hey, get up my sleepyhead, today is the first day of school. You do not want to oversleep at the start of the school year?!? Ada you will see a lot has changed... You will be surprised!!!



My mother told me that our country joined the European Union ... I wonder what does it means. These are probably complicated matters for adults. It does not affect me. I'm not interested in politics so it probably does not matter to me ...



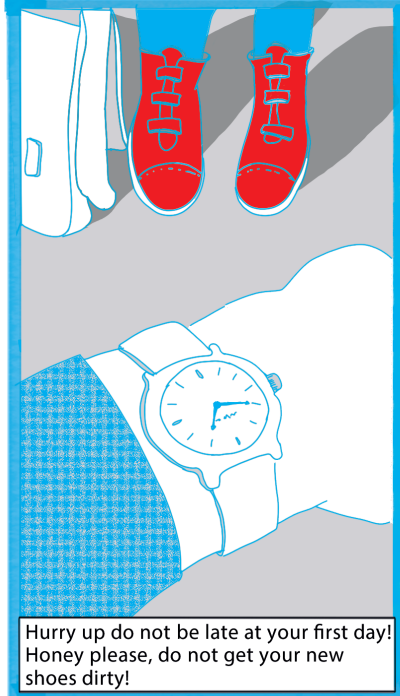
Politics are very complicated and politicians use many difficult words.



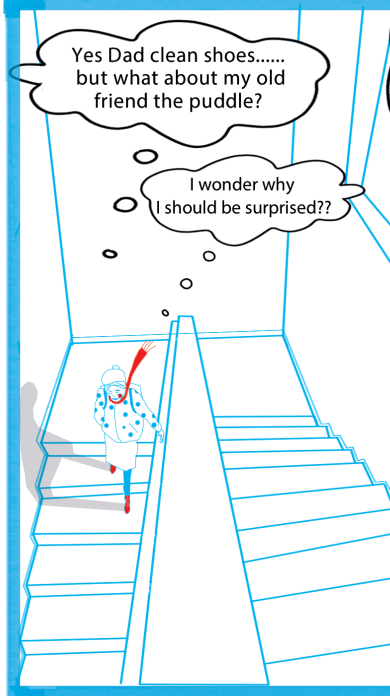
Ada! Hurry up and get dressed!!!!!!

...BLAH...BLAH ..BLAH BLAH...

BLAH!!!!



Hurry up do not be late at your first day! Honey please, do not get your new shoes dirty!



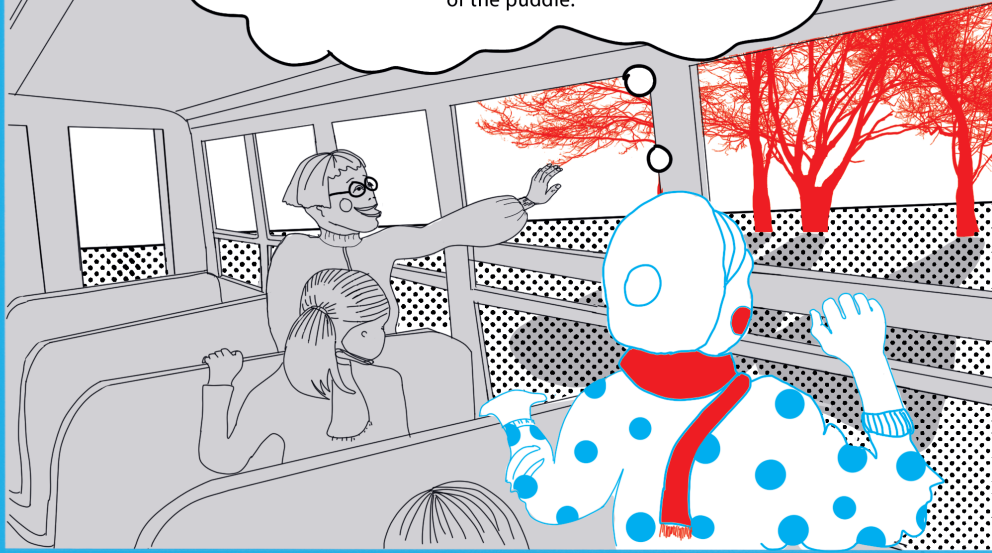
Yes Dad clean shoes..... but what about my old friend the puddle?

I wonder why I should be surprised???

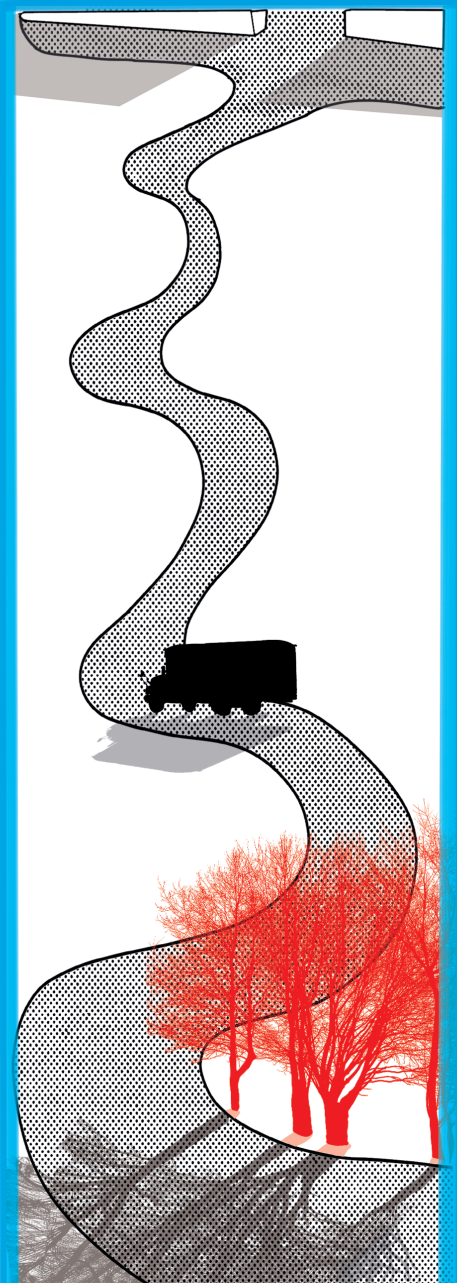
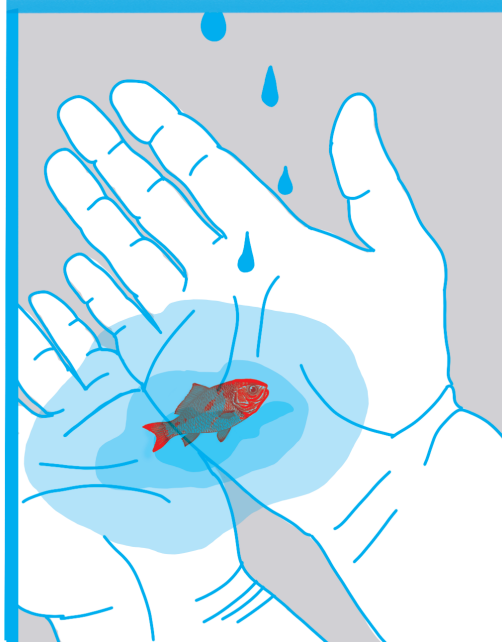


WOOHOOOOOO!!! LOOK! We have got new school bus!!!! Now the road to school will be very fast and I will not be late no more. What a great surprise!!!

Riding a school bus is an amazing experience.
It's comfortable and fast.
But unfortunately, although I was looking very carefully,
I never saw my puddle anywhere.
The whole road is new and repaired but there is no sign
of the puddle.



Where is my puddle?????????
What about my dreams of swimming.....

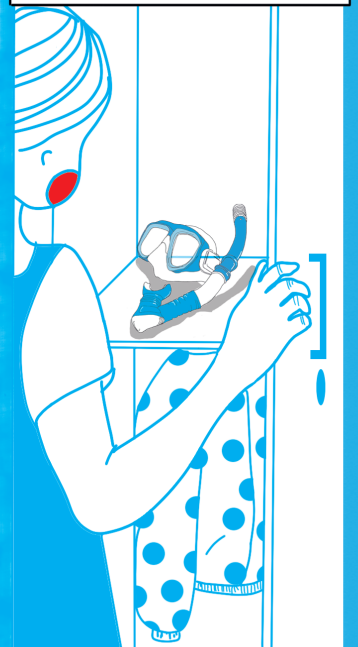


We have a new school bus we, have a new road and
our school is also changed. Everything is brand new!!
Only there is no puddle.....

Few days later....



My dreams come true. And to be honest
I do not need puddle. I believe in magic
but these spells were made by real people
It's nice to get help but it's even nicer to
help who need it. When I grow up I will
help too.....



My old- NO actually my new school is amazing. This is a really big building! We have a new canteen, gymnasium, playground, new school lockers and treadmill. I really like going to school and I'm not late anymore and my shoes are always clean all the time. And you know what I am not sad anymore!!! I am super happpppppy! Because something the most wonderful happened.....

