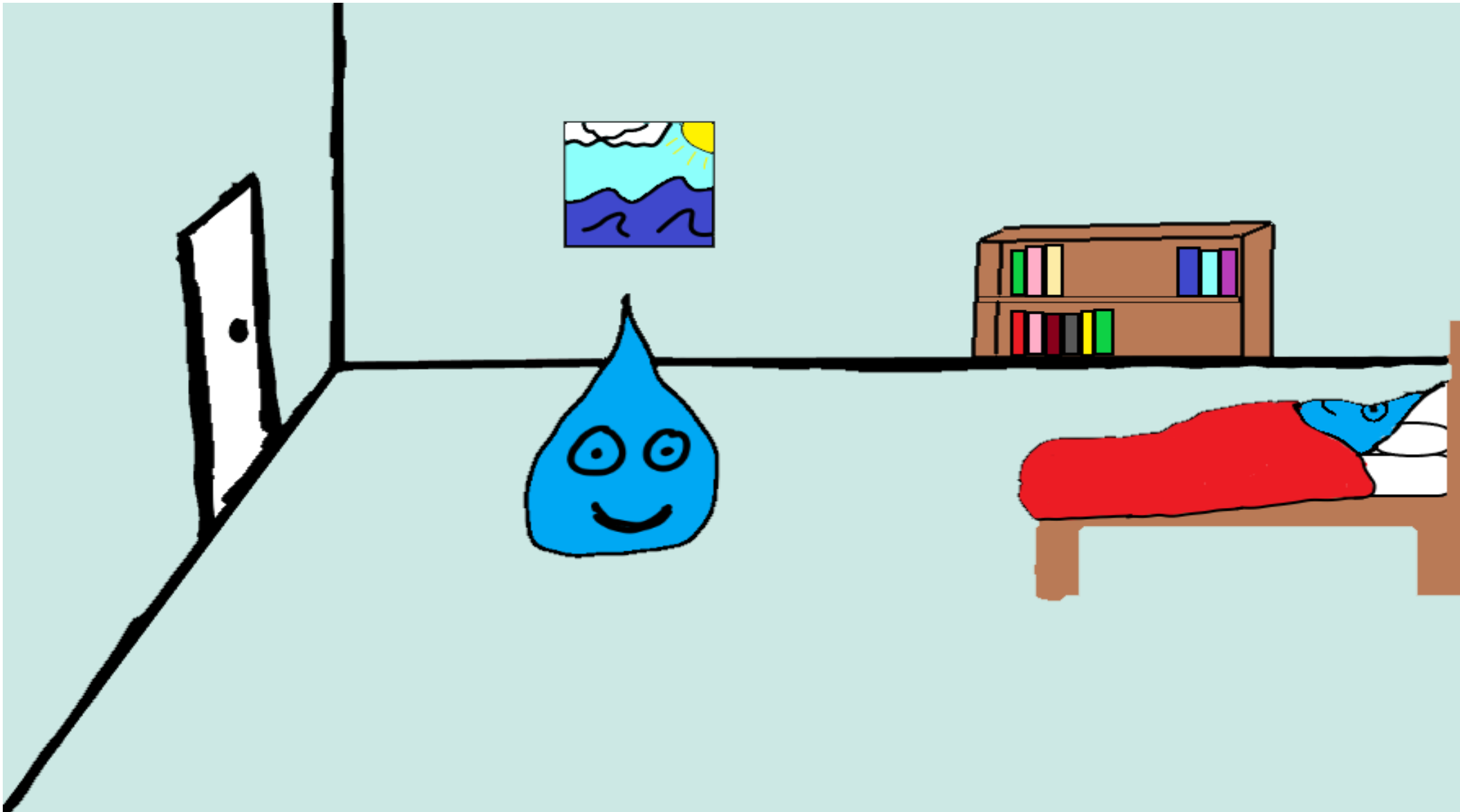


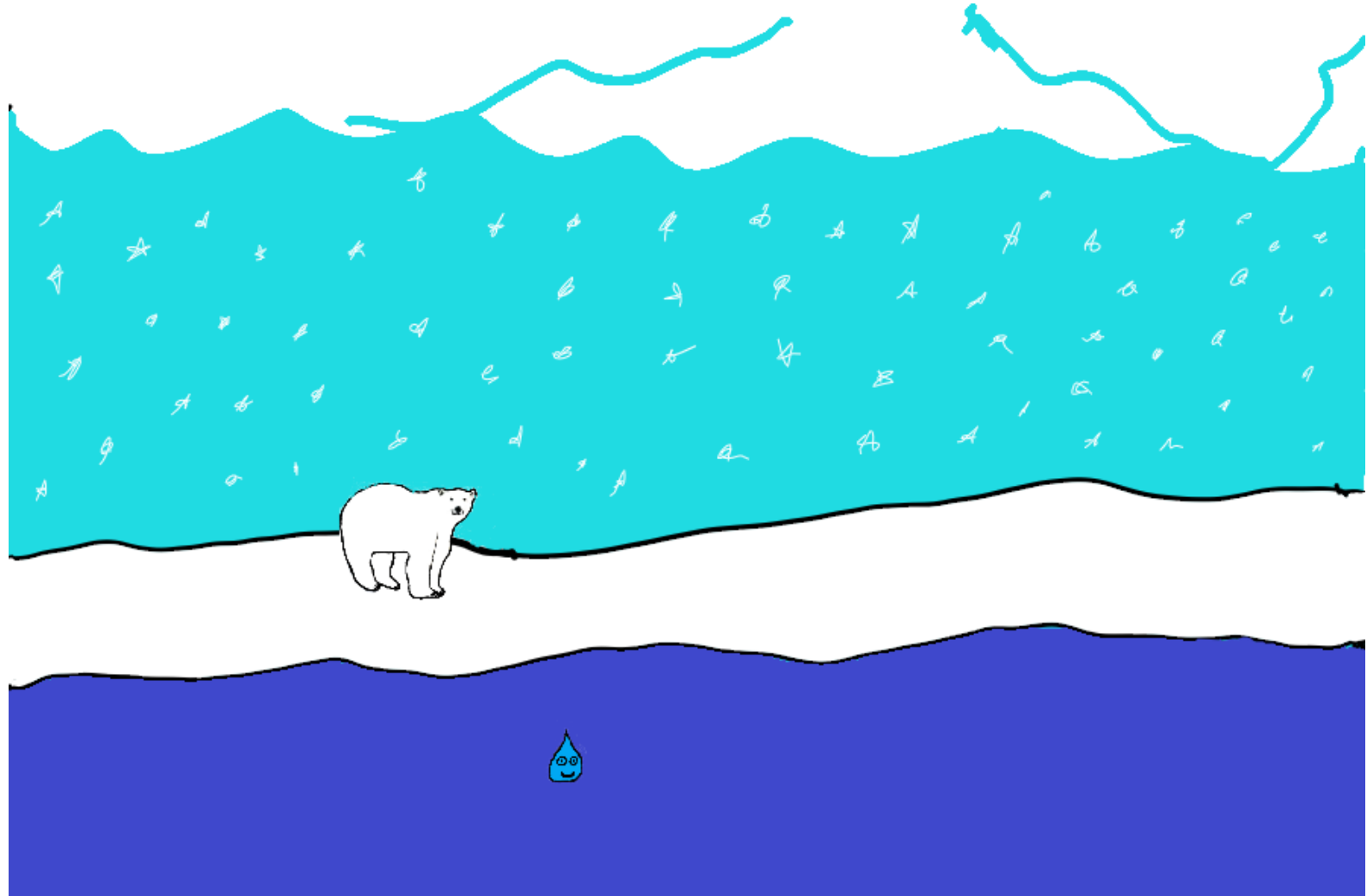
*A Water Drop's  
Bedtime Story*

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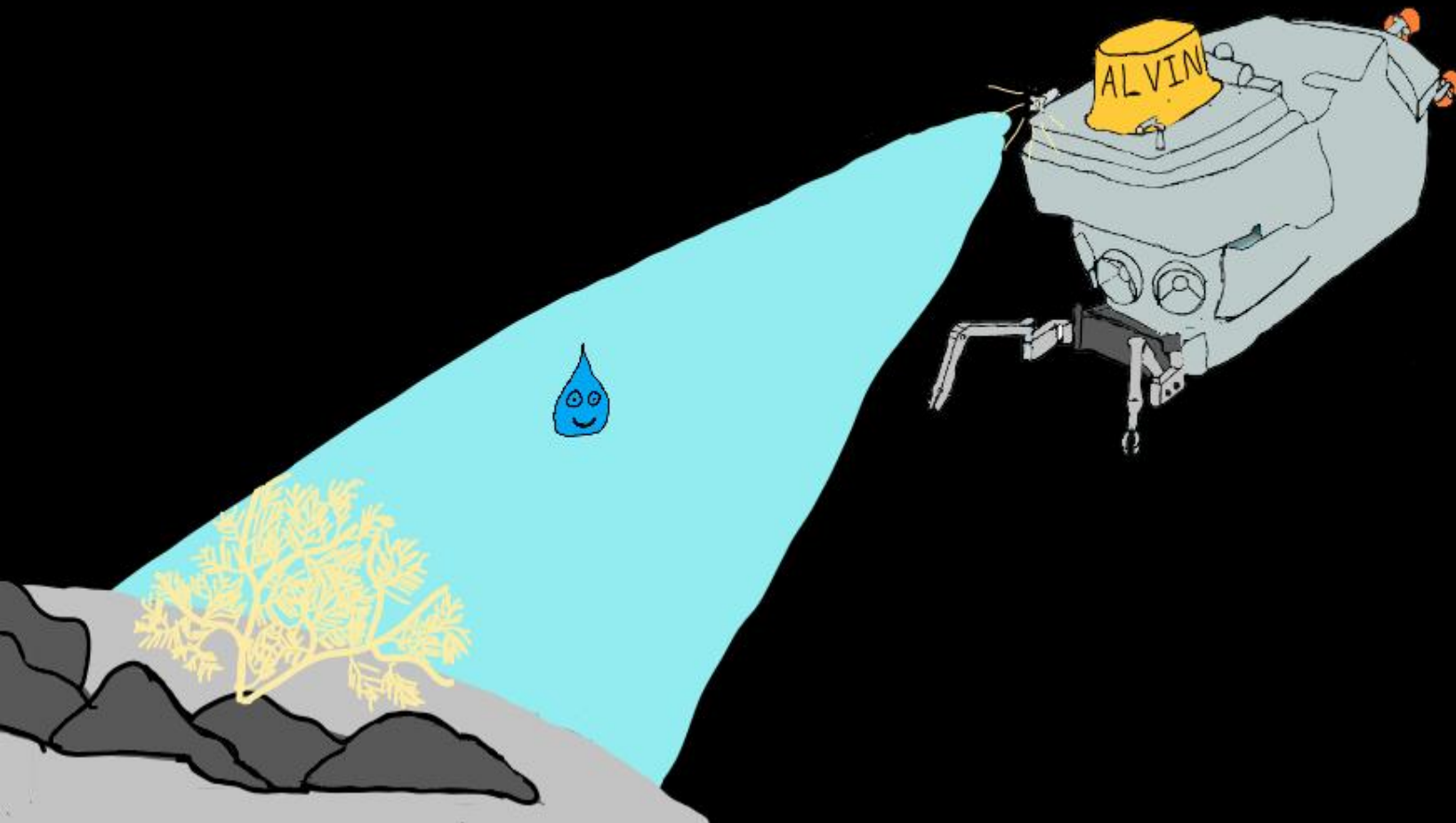


“Come on son, you have to get to bed now,” the daddy water drop said. The son quickly replied “But dad, I’m not even tired. I don’t want to go to bed!” The dad now told the son, “You know you have school tomorrow. Come along now.” The son reluctantly came along, but asked, “Can you at least tell me a bedtime story?”

“Alright,” said the dad. “I’ll tell you about an adventure I had when I was not that much older than you. It all started when I was way up in the sky inside a cloud. Suddenly I started falling along with all my other water



drop friends towards the ocean. We hit the water and it was freezing. I soon learned I was up near the artic. I drifted along with the currents getting to see some ice bergs. I even saw a polar bear one time! I kept drifting and it kept getting colder. As I got colder, I noticed I started to sink down in the water. It got really dark as I kept sinking. Eventually I couldn’t see at all. I must have been more than 12,000 feet deep! I was pushed along in the currents at the ocean bottom for a long time, till one day I suddenly saw a light. That

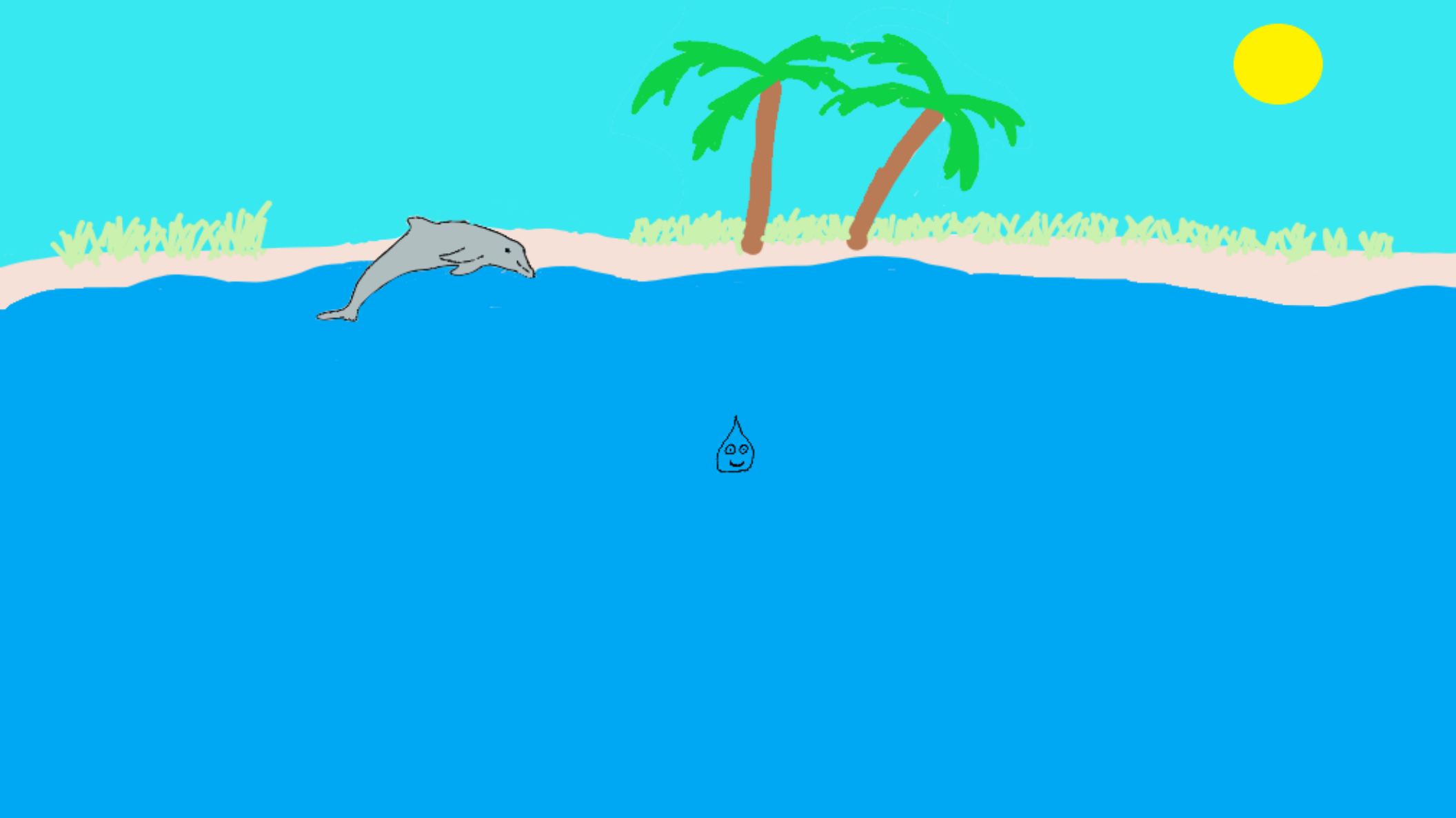


isn't like any sea creature I had ever seen before I thought to myself. I got closer to take a look, and there was a human in it. It was like a strange submarine. I could finally see around me for the first time in a while. I could see the bottom of the ocean, but I didn't see any fish. I did see some coral, though. I didn't know it grew this deep! And then just

like that the humans went back up towards the surface. Alright, that's all I'm going to tell for tonight," the dad said while yawning. The son now intrigued by the story



asked the dad, "Could you please tell me some more? I'm not even tired." "Ok, I'll continue on then," said the dad. "So, I had been down there for a very long time and noticed the water was slowly getting warmer. I thought about what this must mean and realized that I must be moving towards the surface. I saw several more lights and wondered if they were the humans again, but every time it was a different sea creature. They were generating their own light! Some of them were pretty scary though. I kept



floating upwards for many years until I finally reached the surface. I could see the sun again!! I was now off the coast of the United States. At the surface, I could see a lot more fish. I even got to see dolphins. Then one day I got hot and began to feel light. I started floating up towards the sky. I hung out in a cloud for a while till one day, I dropped down

again. This time I landed in a lake, and that is where I decided to stay and where our home is now. And that is the end of my adventure,” the dad said, now realizing his son had already fallen asleep.

*The End*

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