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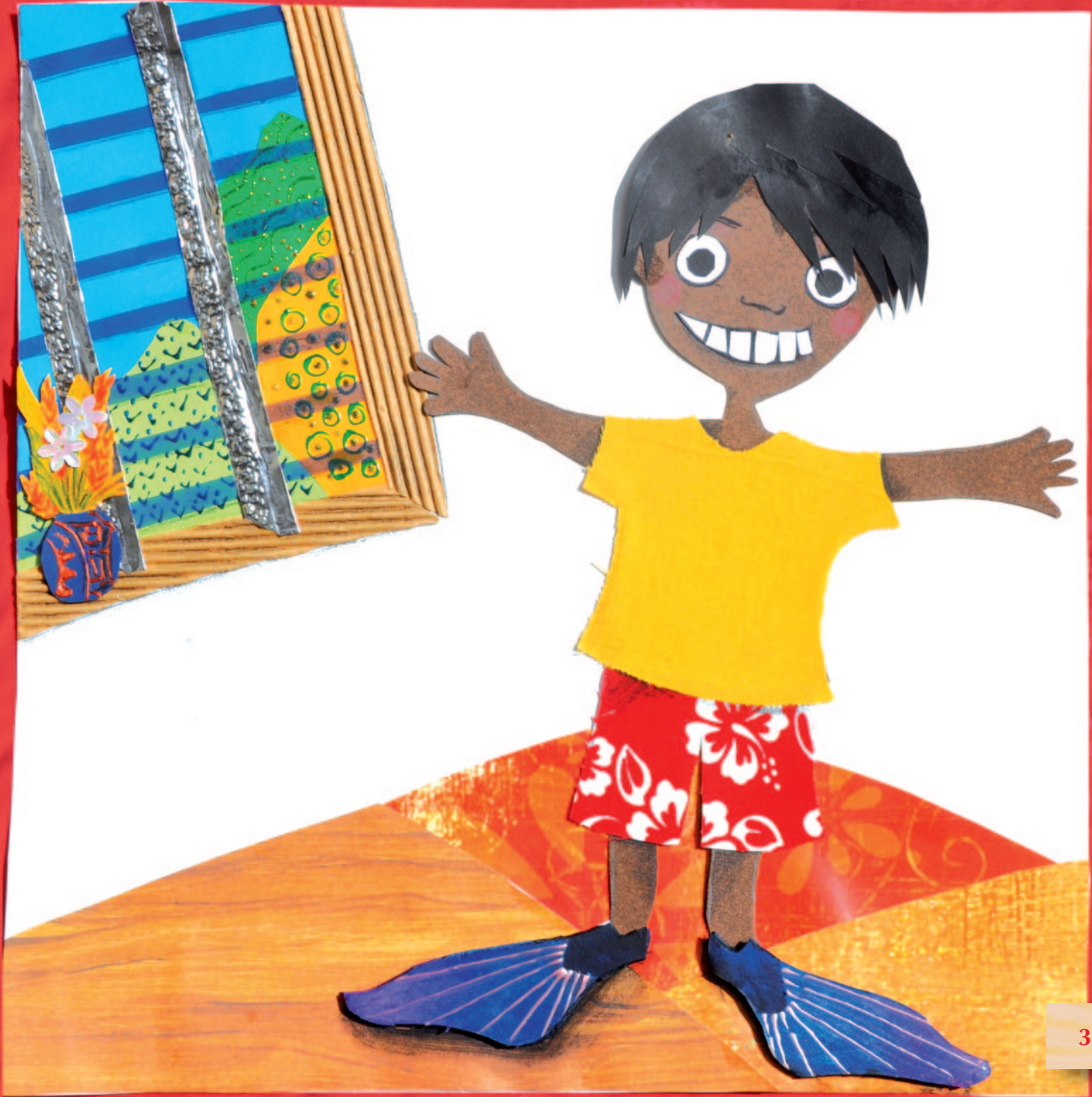
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A child's craft project is shown on a light-colored wooden table. In the top left, there is a piece of brown cardboard and a piece of crumpled silver foil. A pair of purple-handled scissors is positioned vertically on the left side. In the bottom left, a red box with a white floral pattern is filled with a variety of colored pencils. A wooden ruler is placed horizontally at the bottom of the frame. In the center-right area, there is a small yellow rectangular piece of paper and two small, rectangular pieces of blue and green patterned paper. A white rectangular card with text is placed in the upper middle section of the image.


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



A collection of art supplies is scattered on a light-colored wooden table. In the top left, there are 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 is a small, irregular piece of yellow paper and two small, rectangular pieces of blue and green patterned paper.


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



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



A top-down view of a wooden table with various art supplies. In the top left, there are purple-handled scissors, a piece of brown cardboard, and a piece of crumpled silver foil. In the bottom left, a pink box holds a bundle of colorful pencils. A wooden ruler is at the bottom center. To the right of the ruler are several small pieces of paper: a yellow square, two small blue and green patterned rectangles, and a small blue square. A red fabric is visible on the right edge of the frame.

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.



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 and a small, crumpled piece of pink and blue patterned paper are scattered. In the bottom left, a pink box holds a collection of colorful pencils. A wooden ruler is placed diagonally in the bottom right corner. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with a red border on the right side.

Dad is fishing on the pier.





Arii walks down the pier
and dives into the water.



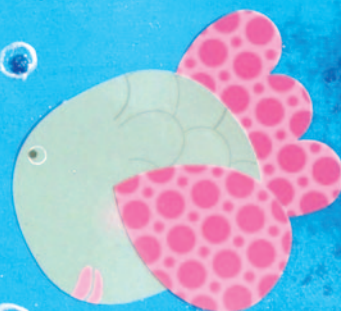
The mask fills with water.
Arii can't see anything.







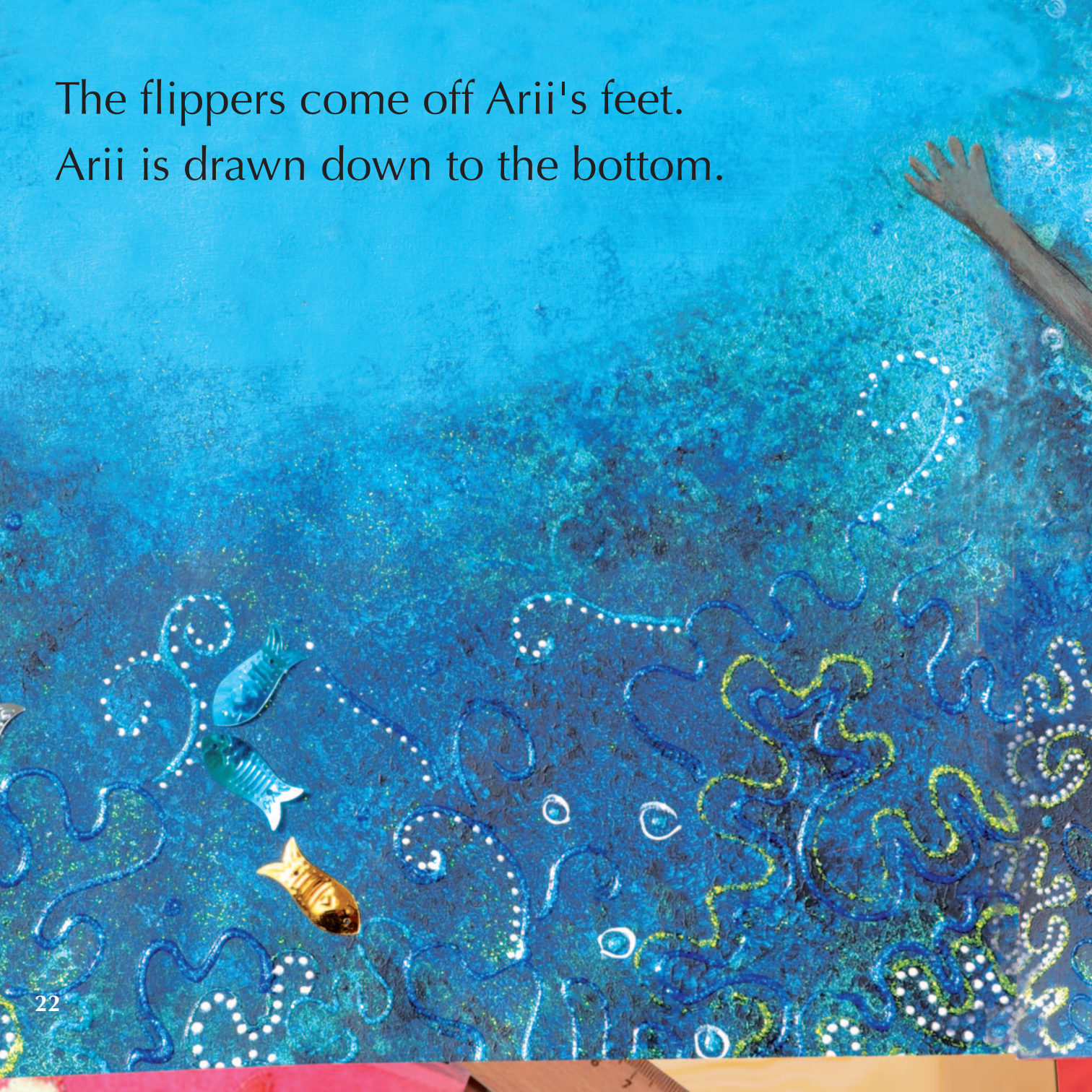
The snorkel fills with water.
Arii can't breathe any more.

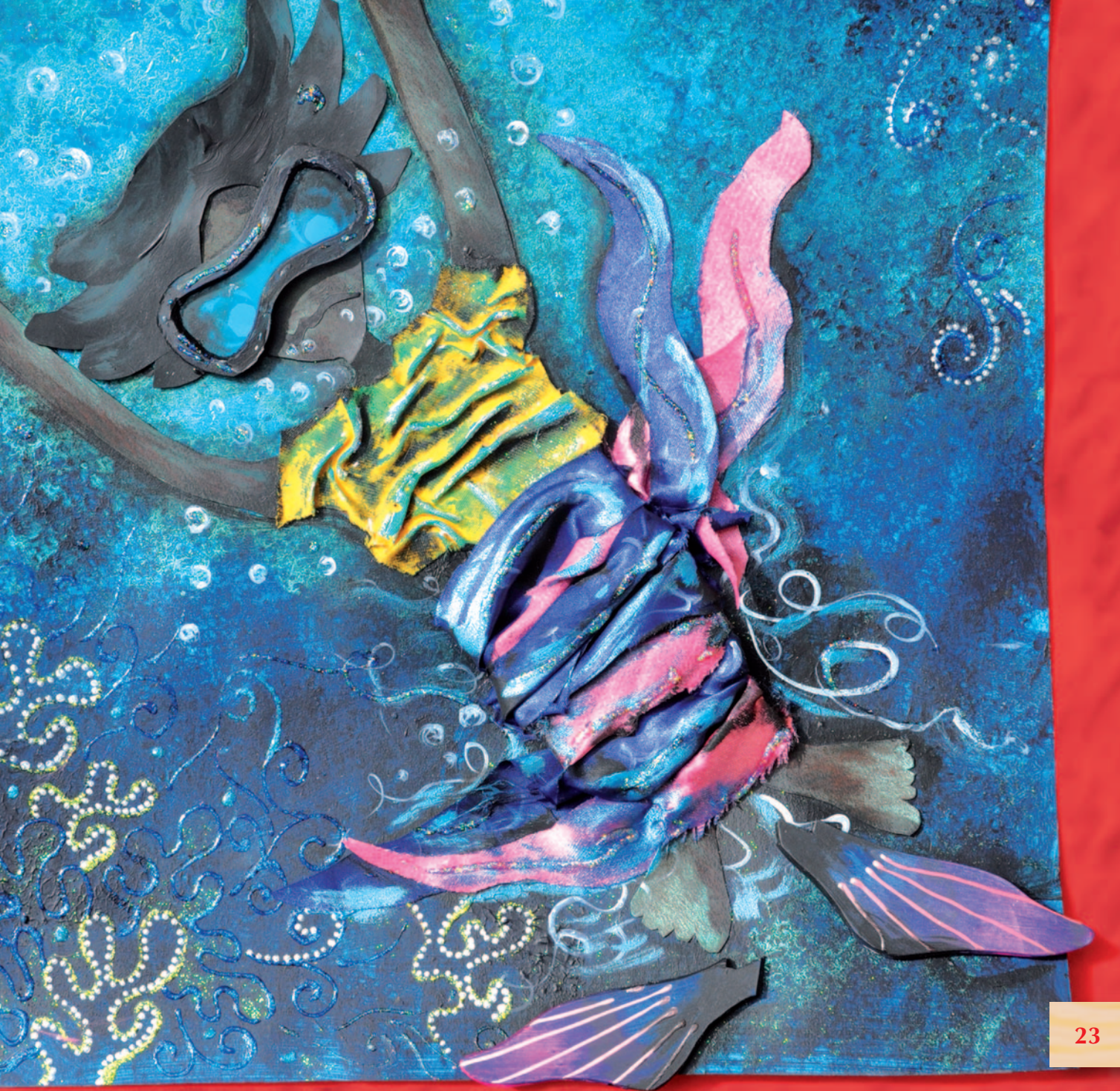


As his legs get entangled in the bedsheet,
Arii cannot move any longer.




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






Dad's strong hand catches Arii.



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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 on a light-colored wooden surface. In the top left, there's a pair of purple-handled scissors and a piece of brown cardboard. Below the scissors, a piece of white paper with the text "Arii and Dad both return home at dusk." is pasted. To the left of the paper, there's a small yellow piece of paper and a small piece of pink and blue patterned paper. In the bottom left, a pink box contains a variety of colored pencils. A wooden ruler is also visible in the bottom right corner.

Arii and Dad both return home at dusk.



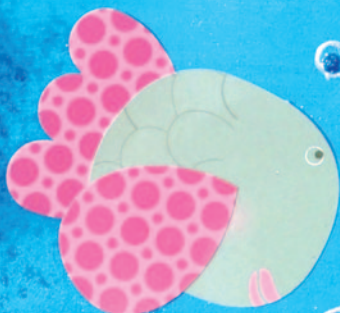


Moon parrotfish (Forsten's parrotfish)

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 ...

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