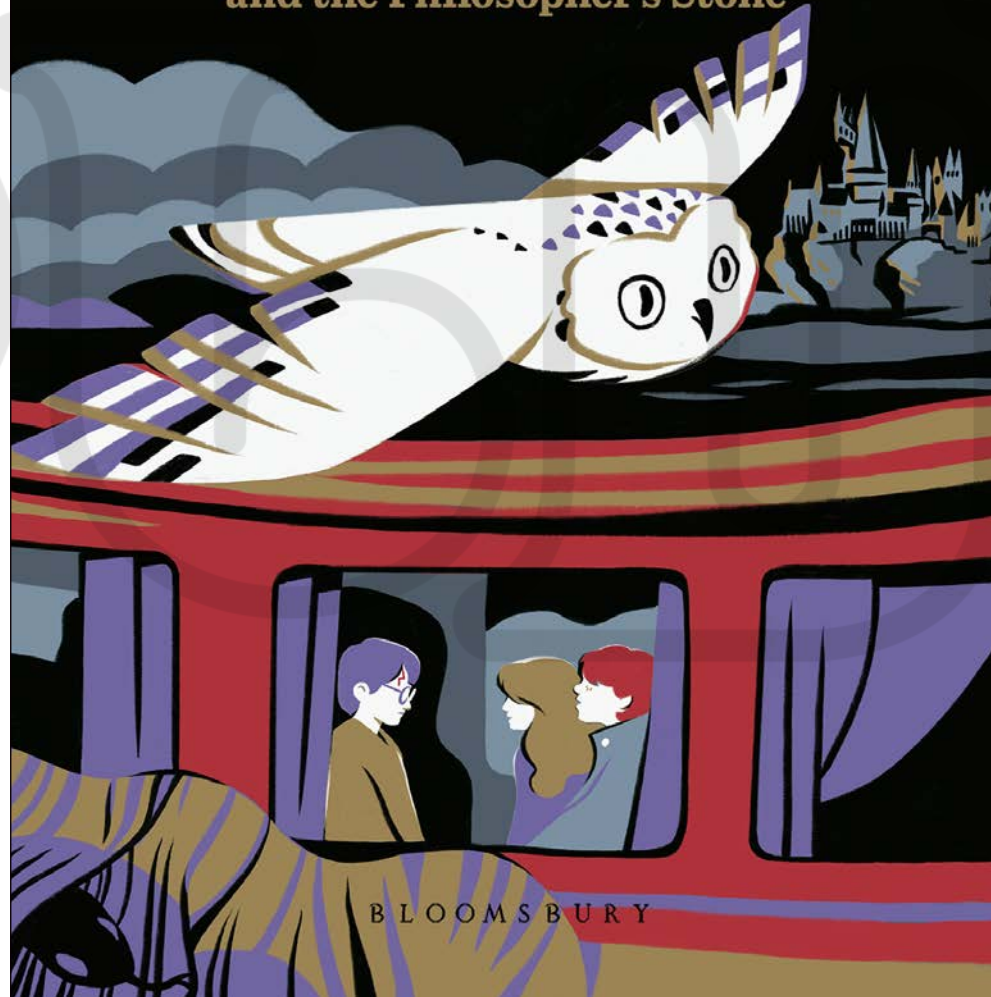


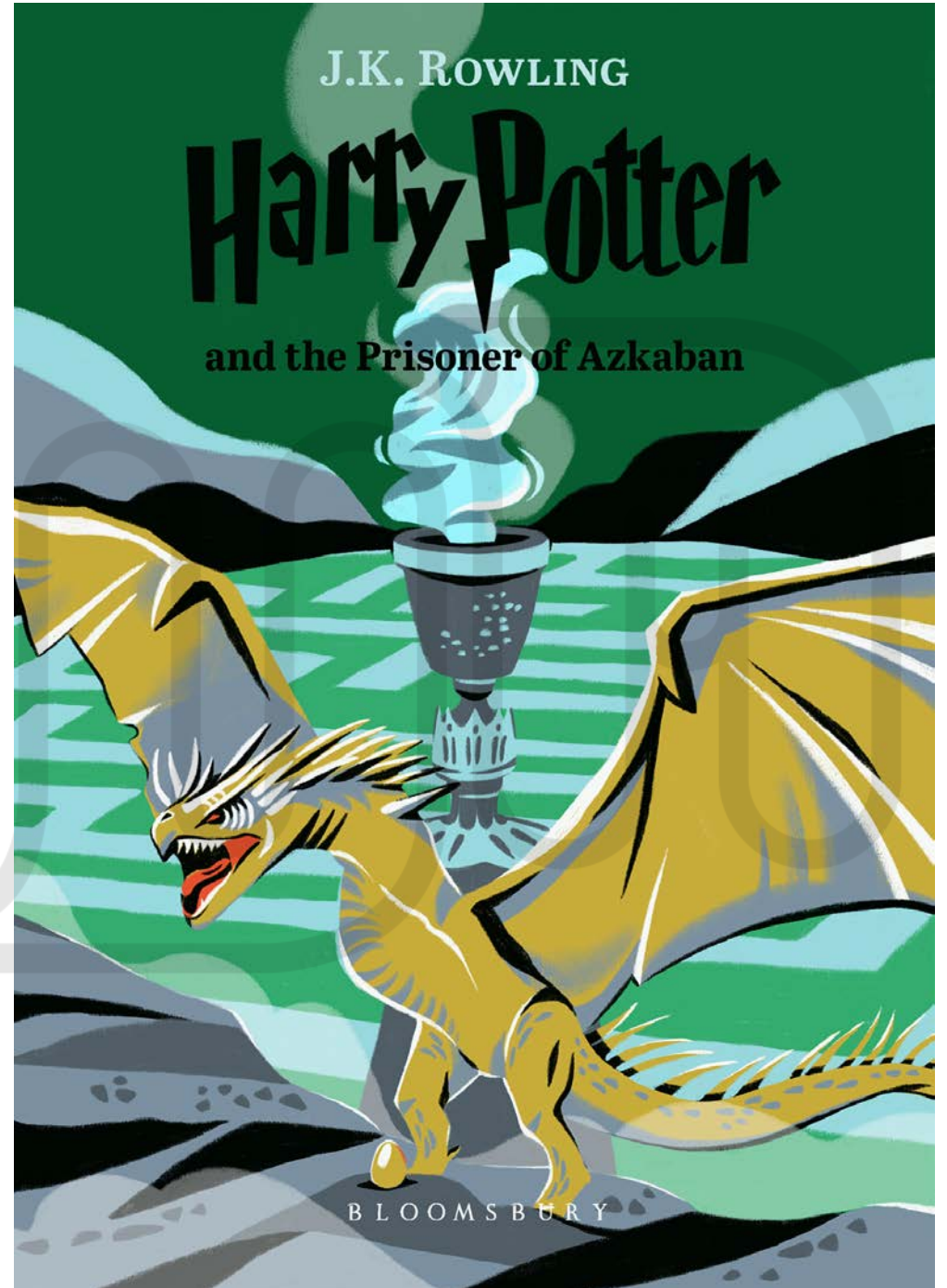
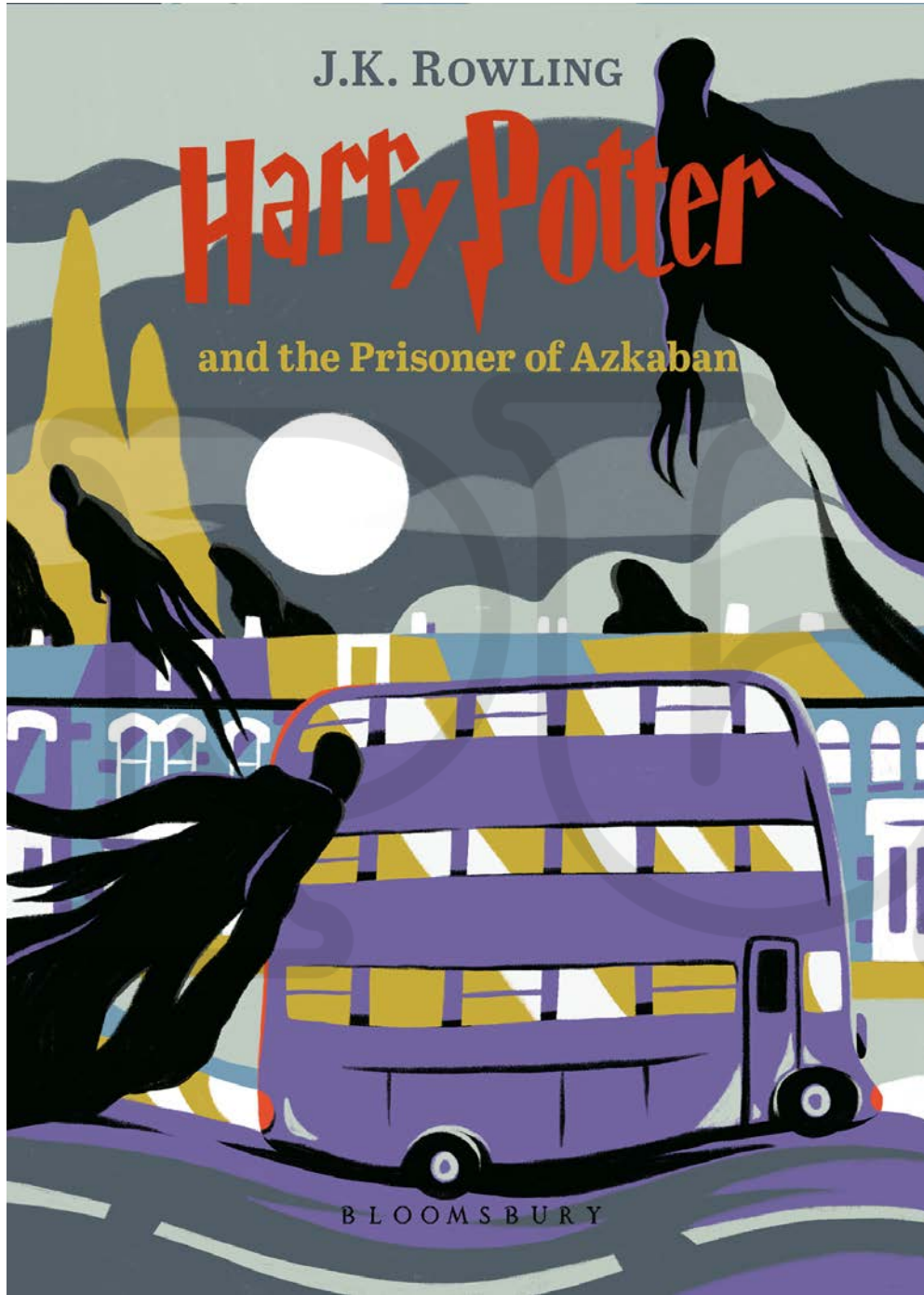
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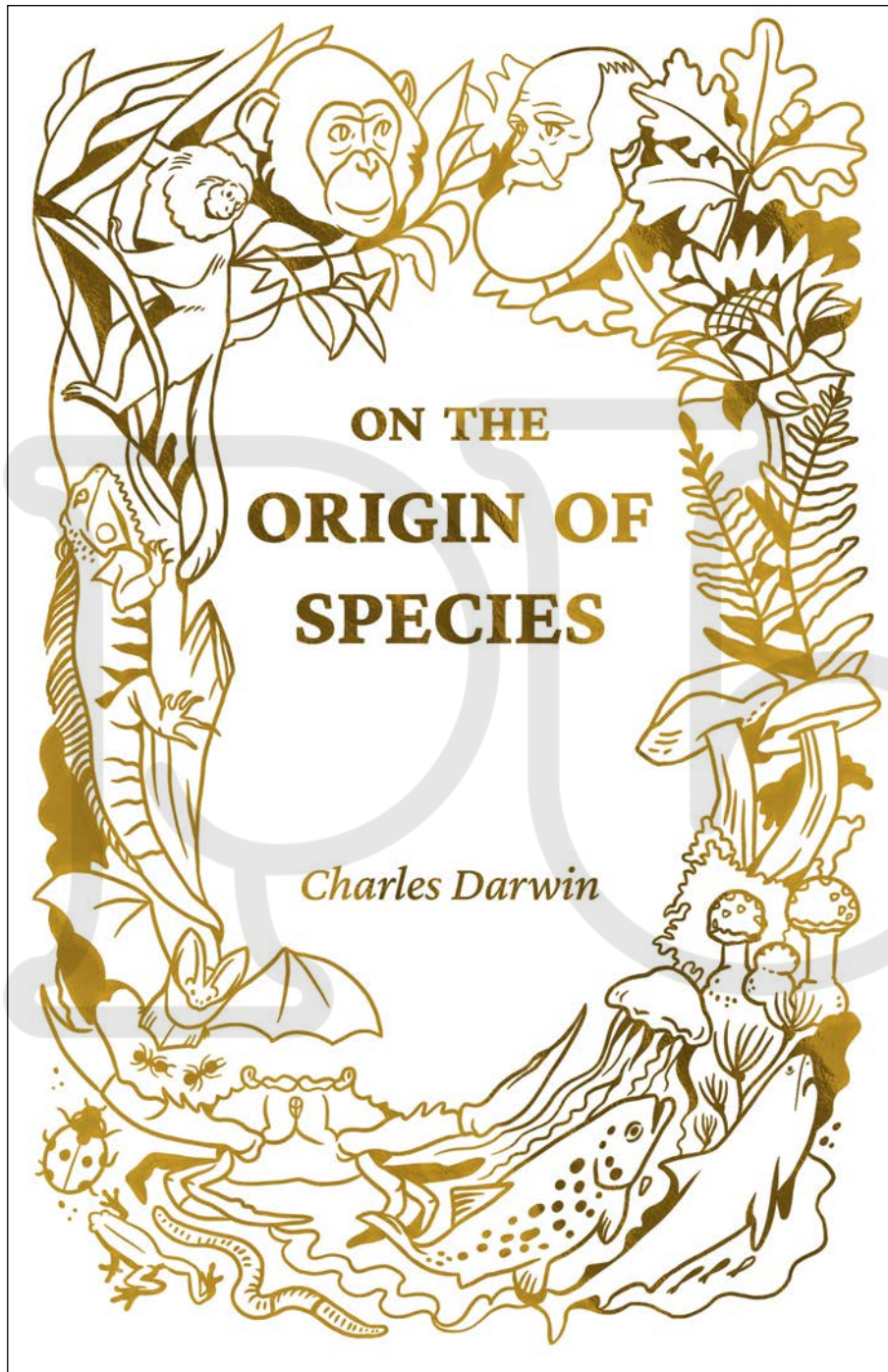
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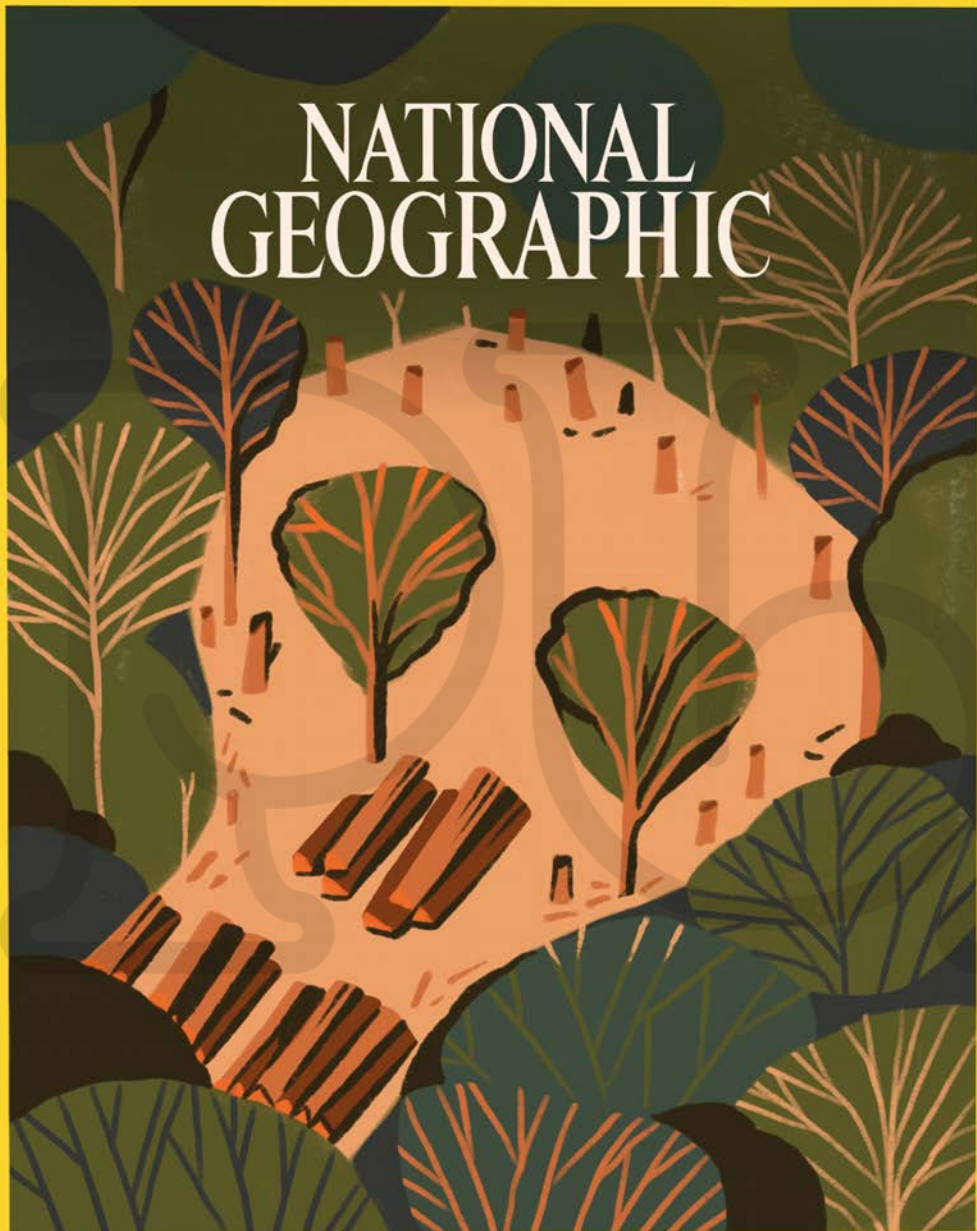
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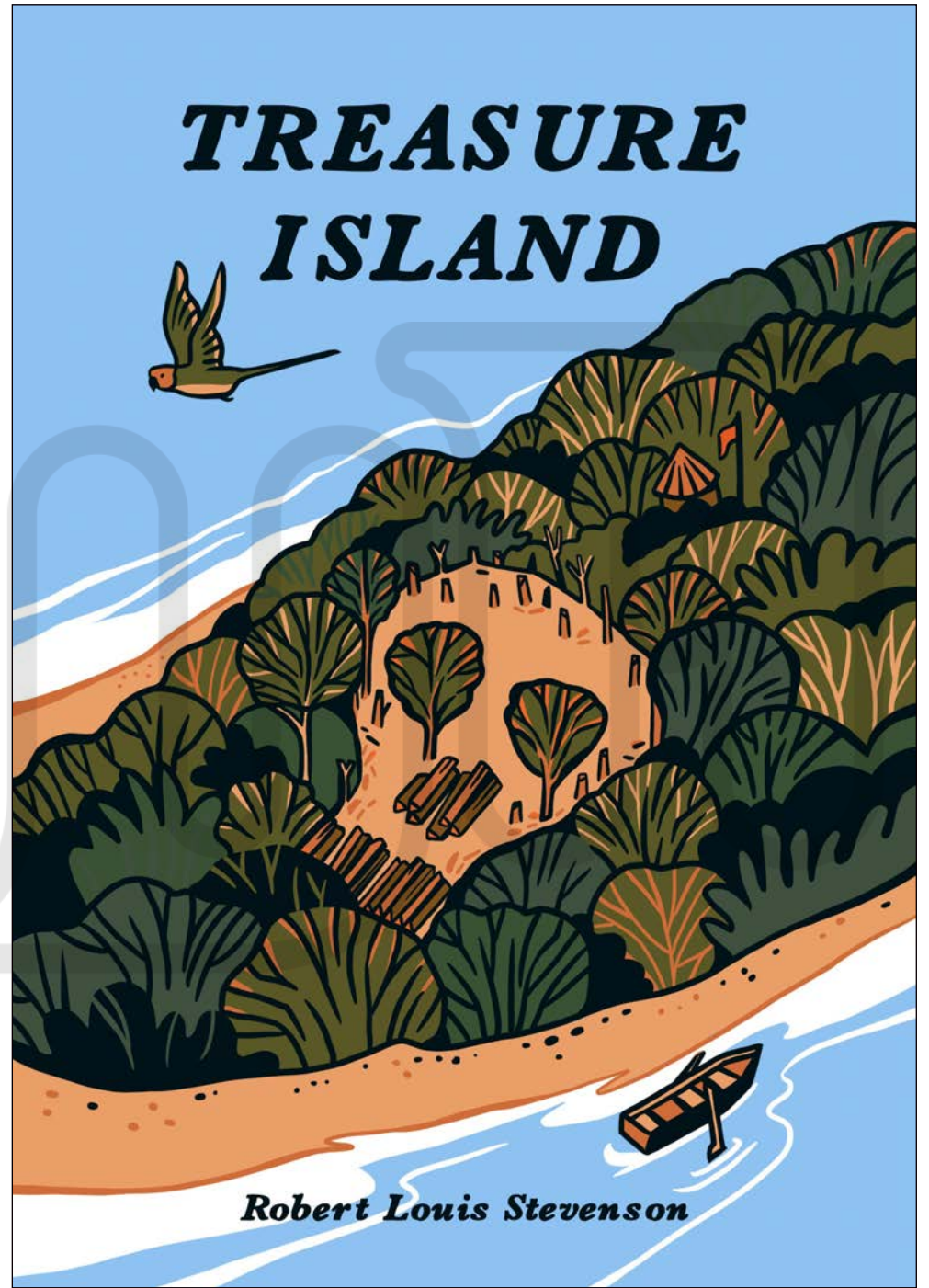




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# Micro Fish

*Catching the very smallest fish in the water can be incredibly exciting. They are very fast, very beautiful, and very skilled at avoiding you!*

I've already written about how you might use a net or bottle trap to catch these critters - but here are a few of the little fish you could be lucky enough to catch.

These fish are all full of colour and character. Tropical coloured fish don't just live in tropical countries: both the male three-spined stickleback and minnow develop spectacular red throats and bellies when they are trying to attract a female to breed; but the camouflage of all of these fish is really something you will want to take a close look at.



*three-spined stickleback*

*Appearance:* Averaging between five and ten centimetres long, three-spined stickleback have three sharp spines on their backs and a large sparkling blue or green eye. Their back is brown to green, blending into shiny olive green or silvery sides.



*minnow*

*Appearance:* A cute rounded head with a white belly meeting a darker grey-brown back. A black stripe runs along its creamy yellowy sides, and often the minnow has a line of greeny-brown dots on its sides too.

*stone loach*

*Appearance:* A slender eel-like body up to 15cms in length. The stone loach has six little whiskers called barbels hanging down beneath its mouth; these are used to feed in the night, when it is hard for the loach to see with its eyes. It has a body mottled with tiny fudge brown spots, usually over a sandy yellow or grey belly.



*bullhead or Miller's Thumb*

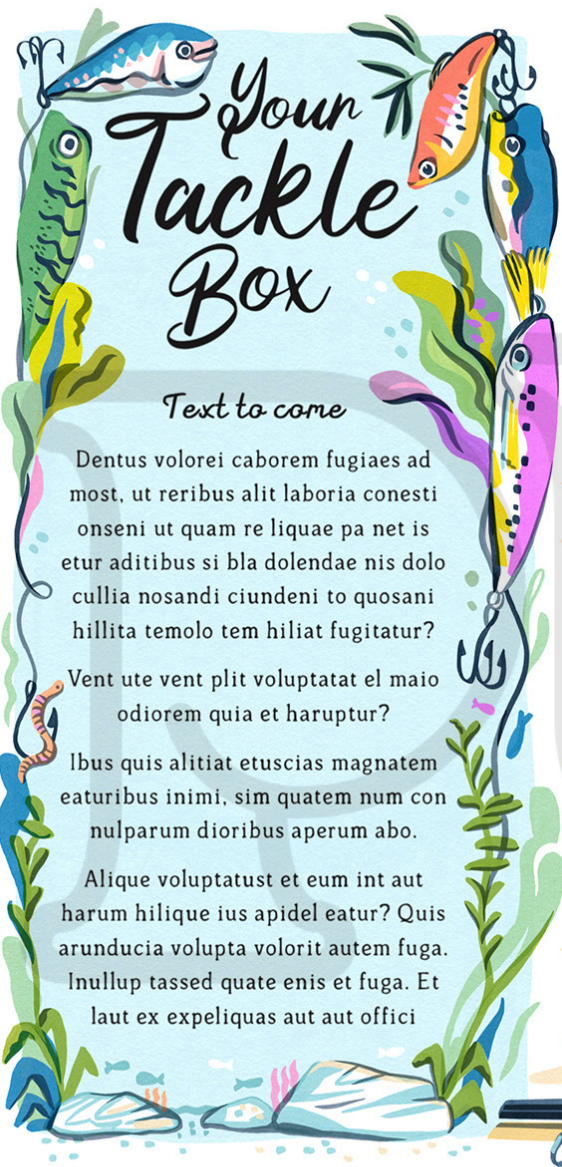
An enormous head, mouth, and pectoral fins when compared to the rest of its body. Often a very dark fish; with colours ranging from a deep brown to almost black; but it can also appear with lighter patches of brown or grey spots and bars. The bullhead is brilliant at colouring itself to hide on the bottom of a stream.



*gudgeon*

*Appearance:* A true monster among the micro-fish, averaging 10 cm in length and a whopping 2 ounces in weight! If you start fishing in the canal, the chances are the mighty gudgeon, will be the first fish you'll meet.





# Your Tackle Box

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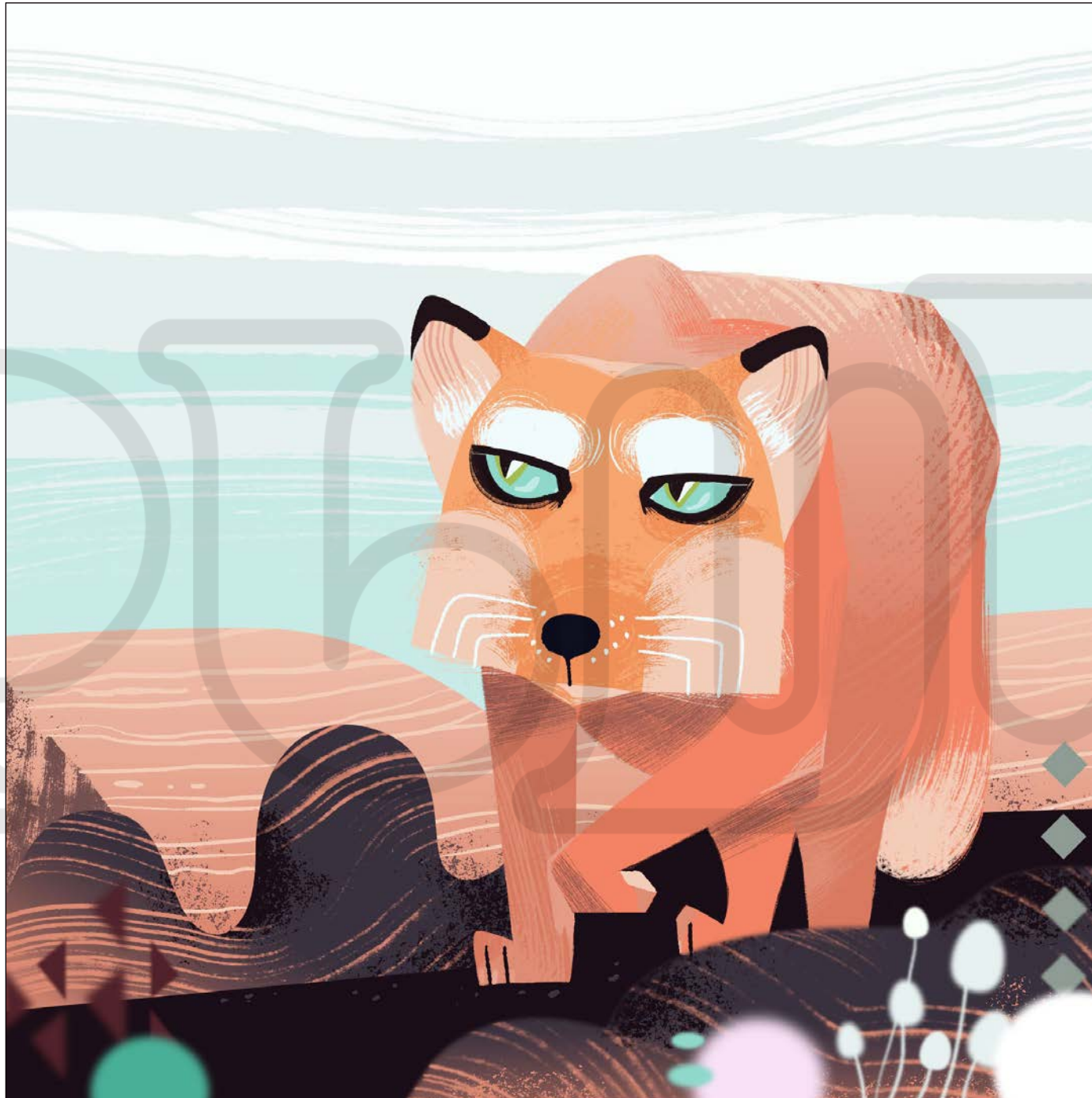
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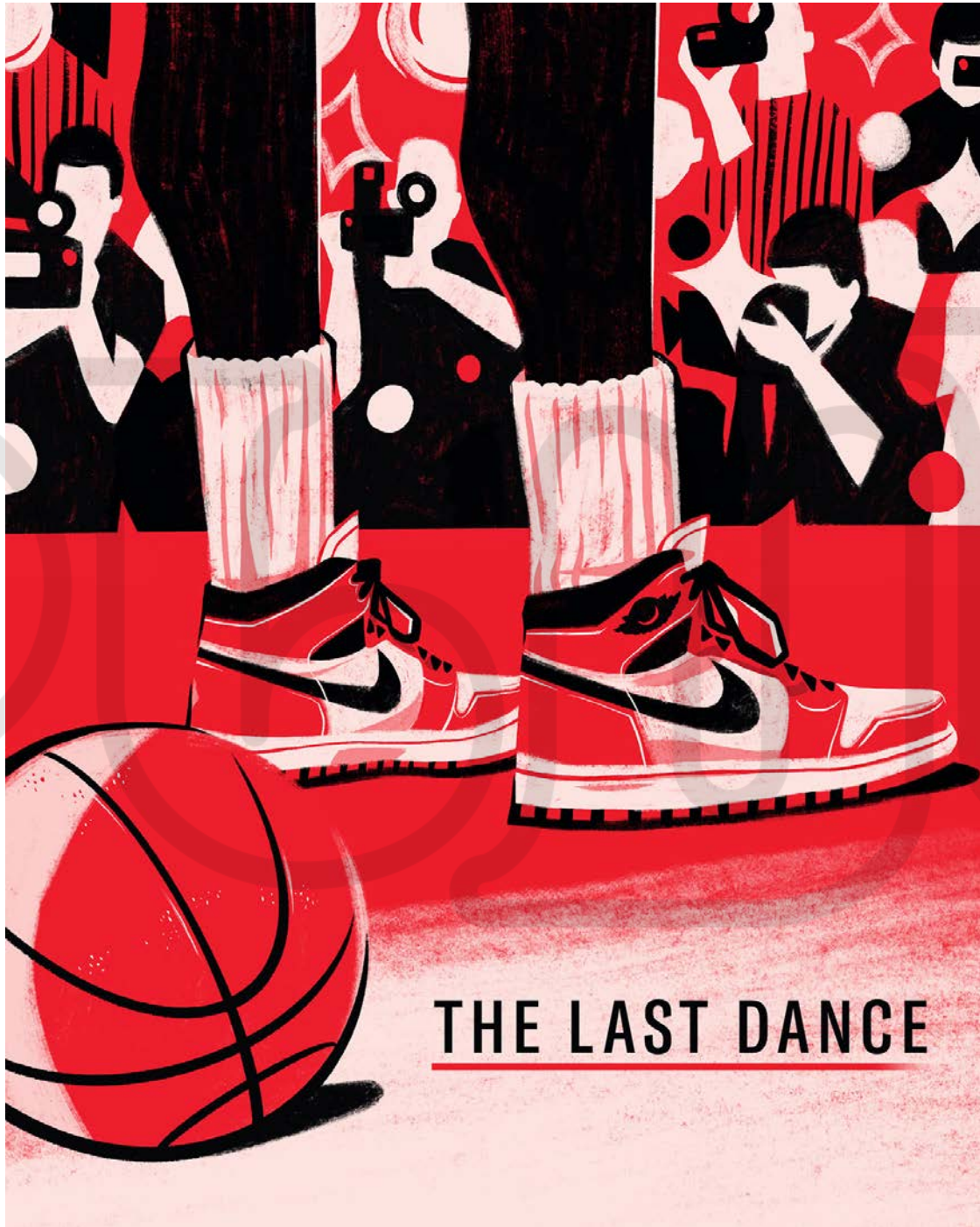
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