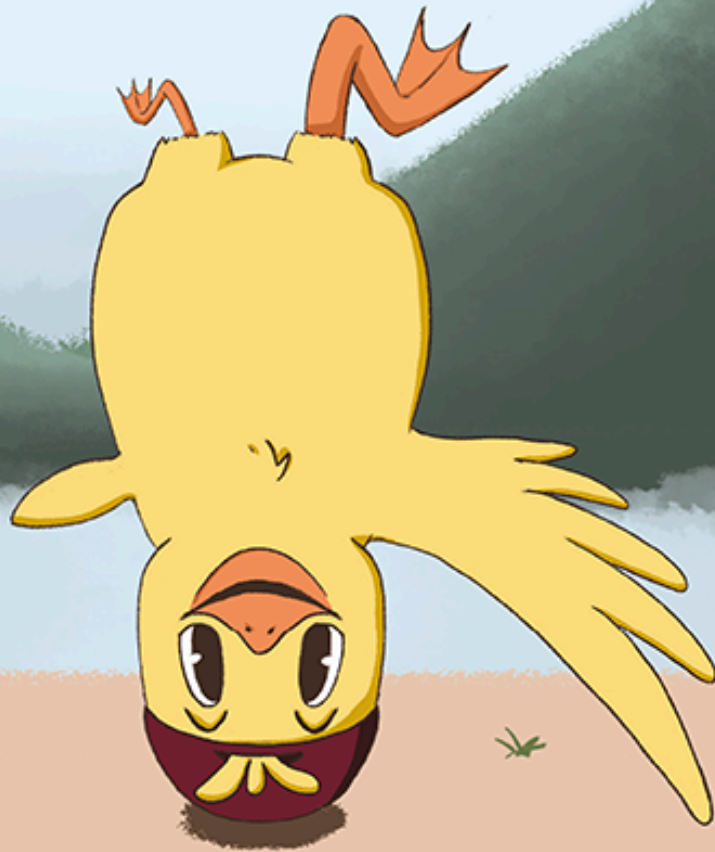

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The duck with dancing dreams



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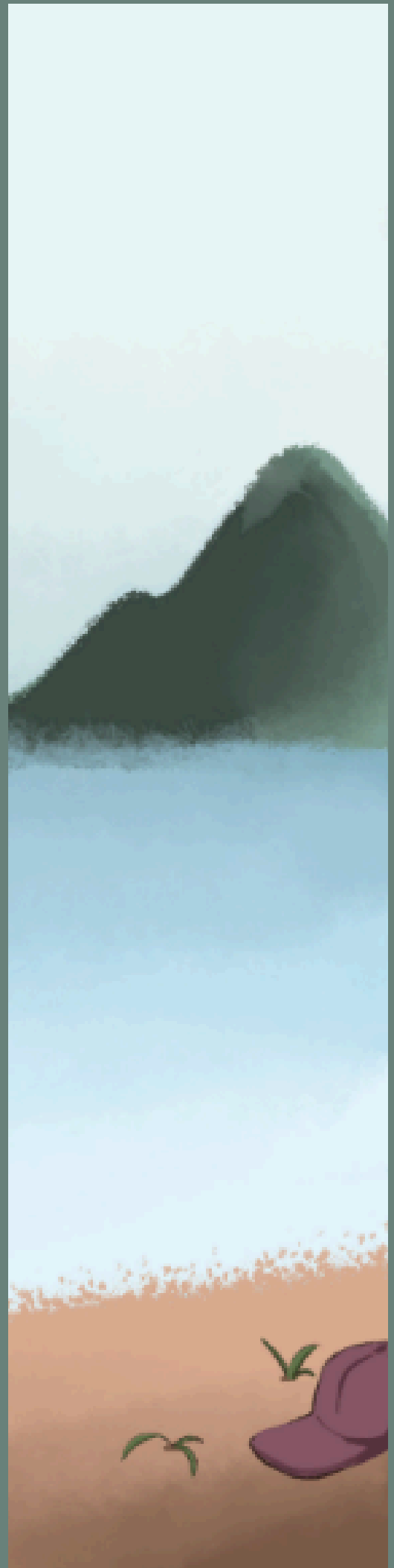
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SYNOPSIS

FUNKY IS A DUCK WITH A PHYSICAL DIFFERENCE WHO DREAMS OF PERFORMING AT DUCKFEST, THE BIGGEST EVENT IN THE DUCK COMMUNITY. BUT FUNKY'S DISABILITY MAKES IT CHALLENGING TO DANCE LIKE THE OTHERS. UNDETERRED, HE TRAINS TIRELESSLY AND DEVELOPS A ONE-OF-A-KIND DANCE STYLE THAT'S ENTIRELY HIS OWN.

WITH THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF HIS PARENTS, FUNKY LEARNS TO CELEBRATE HIS INDIVIDUALITY AND EMBRACE HIS STRENGTHS. HIS PASSION AND SIGNATURE MOVES CAPTIVATE THE ENTIRE POND, INSPIRING OTHER DUCKS TO EMBRACE THEIR OWN UNIQUE STYLES. A STORY OF PERSEVERANCE, CREATIVITY, AND SELF-CONFIDENCE, FUNKY THE DUCK WITH DANCING DREAMS SHOWS THAT HAVING A DISABILITY IS A SUPERPOWER.



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BORN WITH ARTHROGRYPOSIS, A RARE CONDITION, LUCA NEVER SAW HIMSELF REPRESENTED IN CHILDREN'S STORIES GROWING UP. LATER, WHILE SEARCHING FOR SUITABLE TALES FOR HIS DAUGHTER LUNA, WHO SHARES THE SAME CONDITION, HE WAS INSPIRED TO CREATE HIS OWN SERIES OF ILLUSTRATED STORIES. IT WAS DURING THEIR READING NIGHTS THAT THE WORLD OF FUNKY CAME TO LIFE.

BEYOND HIS PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, LUCA DEFINES HIMSELF ABOVE ALL AS A GRATEFUL HUSBAND AND PROUD FATHER TO HIS WIFE MELISSA AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS, AURA AND LUNA.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

KLERVIA MARTEL, A SEASONED PROFESSIONAL ILLUSTRATOR, BRINGS FUNKY'S TENDER AND COLORFUL WORLD TO LIFE USING SOFT PASTELS THAT PERFECTLY CAPTURE THE HERO'S DETERMINATION AND ZEST FOR LIFE.

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