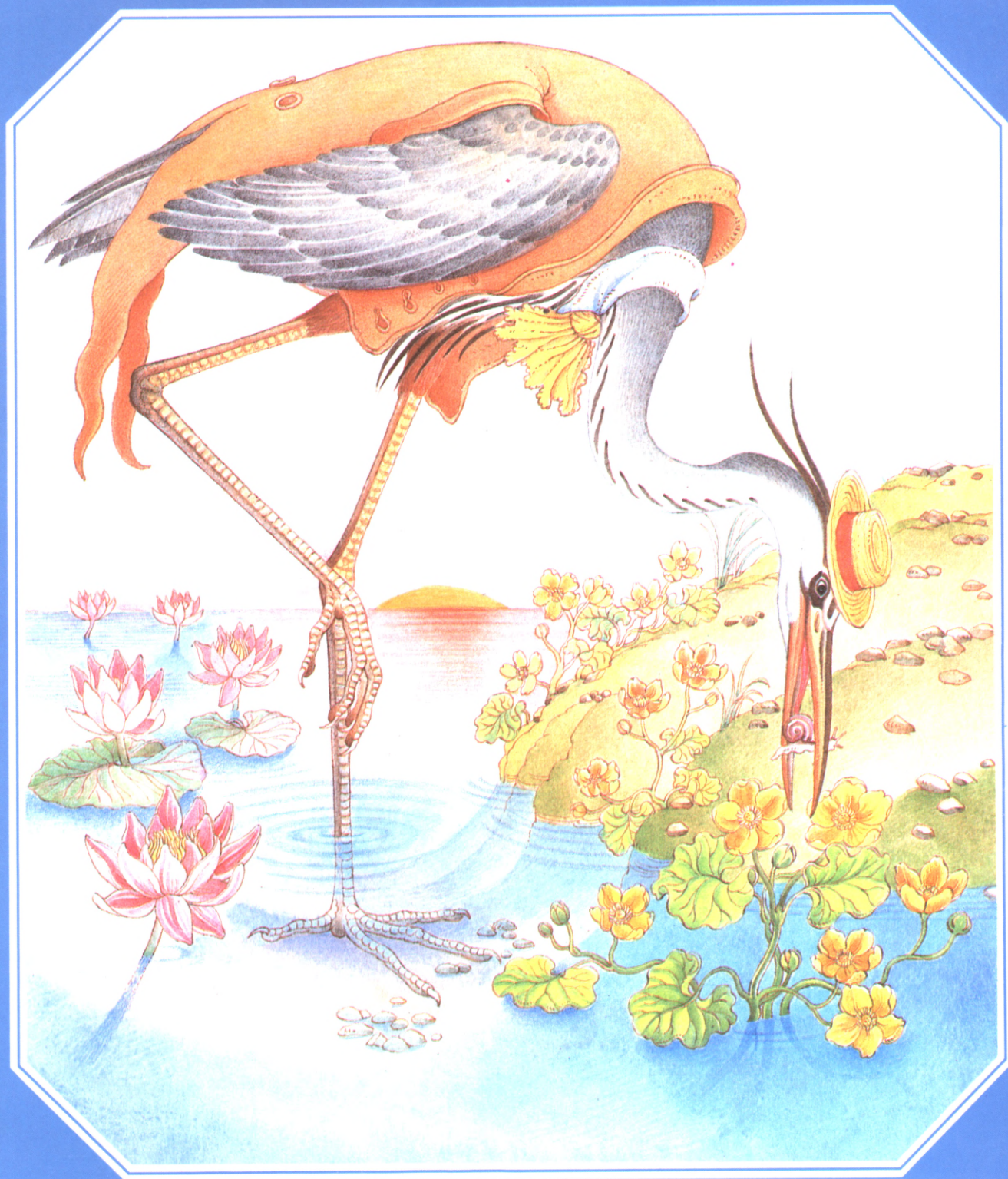


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## BIG FISH AND LITTLE FISH

**O**nce upon a time, at the bottom of the sea, lived a school of big, arrogant, and conceited fish who spent all day making fun of the little fish.

“Silly little creatures!” they would laugh. “You’re so skinny you’re practically invisible!”

Sometimes they would pretend to be sympathetic and say, “How unfortunate you all are . . . so graceful and delicate in the middle of these big waves and rough currents!”

So the superior tuna, the great bass, the noble salmon, and the plump flounder all looked down on the slender sardines, the thin herrings, and the tiny anchovies. But one day the fishermen came and cast their nets in the sea and the big fish were caught instantly. The little fish, on the other hand, escaped by sliding neatly through the small holes in the nets, and that day they realized being small was not so bad after all.

Enter the world of classic fables and fairytales with this enchanting collection of stories for younger readers.

The wonderful tales and vivid illustrations bring to life the characters of Aesop, La Fontaine, and Andersen. The antics and adventures of a conceited fish, a majestic lily, a cunning fox, and a young fir-tree will delight and teach.

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