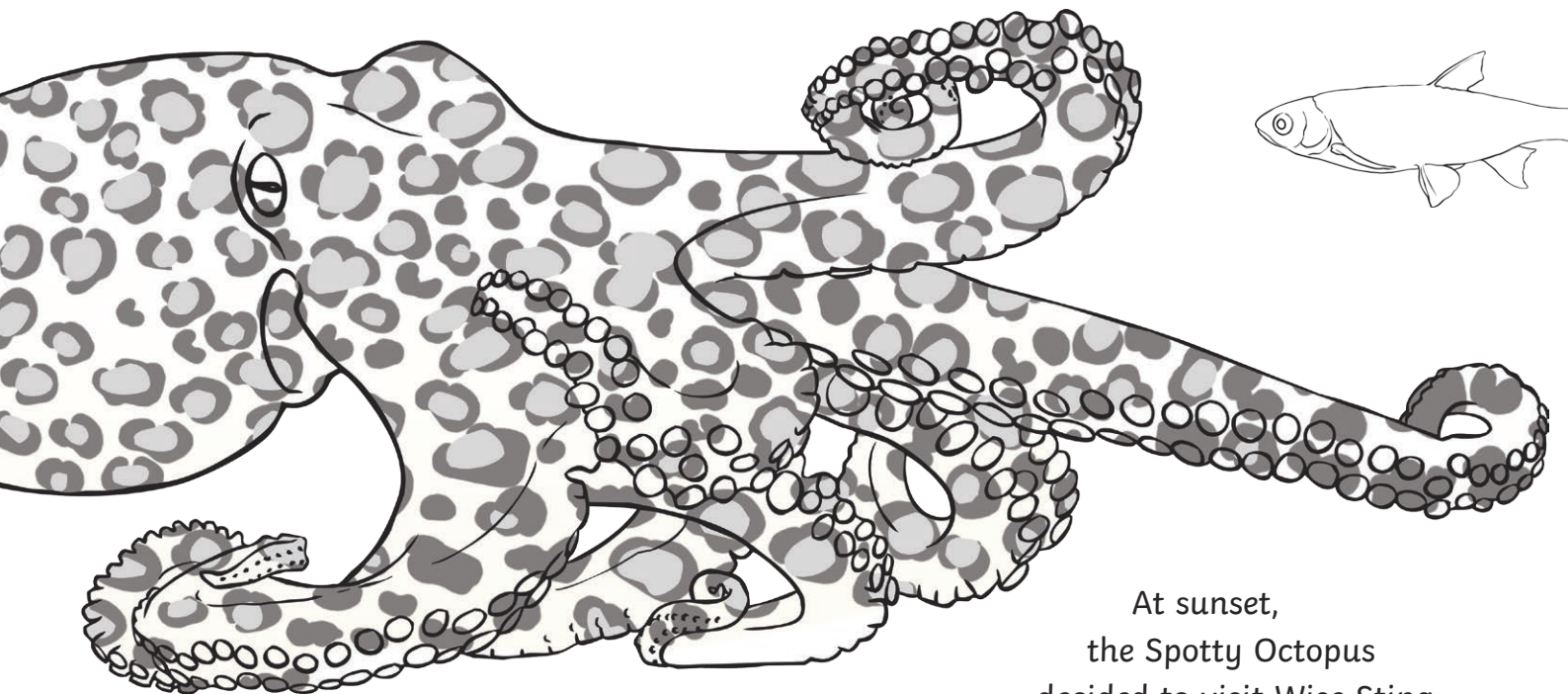


The Spotty Octopus

Many years ago in the deep blue sea, there lived a spotty octopus. He was the most fantastic octopus in the entire ocean. He had sparkly, shiny spots, and the other sea creatures were amazed at his beauty. They called him Spotty Octopus. The other sea creatures often asked if they could play together but he would just swim swiftly past them.

Early one morning, Little Red Fish followed Spotty Octopus. The Little Red Fish asked very politely for one of Spotty Octopus' sparkly, shiny spots, but Spotty Octopus replied, "Of course not!" Little Red Fish could not believe how rude Spotty Octopus was! He told all the creatures in the ocean.



At sunset,
the Spotty Octopus
decided to visit Wise Sting
Ray. He swam inside the cave and

Wise Sting Ray said, "I have been expecting you. I've heard about your behaviour. You must share your sparkly, shiny spots with all of the other sea creatures. You won't be the prettiest octopus in the world, but you will understand the meaning of true happiness."

Spotty Octopus felt very confused. "How can I give away my beautiful sparkly, shiny spots?" he wondered. Suddenly, he felt a gentle brush on his tentacle. It was Little Red Fish. Once again, he asked politely for a spot. Spotty Octopus pulled off the smallest spot he found and gave it to him. Little Red Fish danced around happily. Suddenly, all of the other sea creatures came over to Spotty Octopus and he gave away the rest of his most prized possessions. The other sea creatures were so happy and so was Spotty Octopus. They said, "Come and play with us," and Spotty Octopus glided happily and speedily off to join them.