



Bene Forgives

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A Storybird
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To all the little ones,
who have taught me the meaning of forgiveness...
You have set me free.



Bene's friend would
often say something
mean.

One day, out of the blue,
Bene's friend said
something mean to her.

Something truly mean ...

the mean words pierced
Bene's heart.

Bene was sad, truly sad.

Her tears flowed and
flowed.



Her heart felt like a caged
bird, caught in her hurt.

Bene was sad, truly sad.
Her tears flowed and
flowed.

Her heart felt like a caged
bird, caught in her hurt,
caught in her sadness.

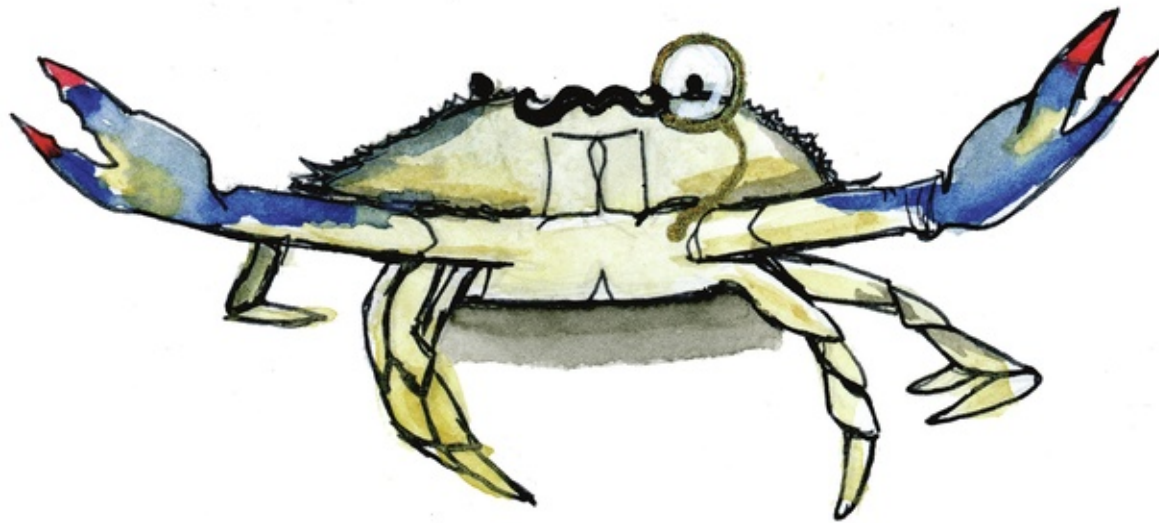


Her friend's heart felt
like a caged bird, too,
caught in her mean
words.

She was angry with
herself... so angry.

She was angry with Bene.
Even though Bene did
not say or do anything to
hurt her.

Her heart felt like a caged
bird, caught in her
anger, caught in her
mean words...



and all she said to herself was, "I don't care. I can say whatever I like."

She was crabby. She was a crabby panda.

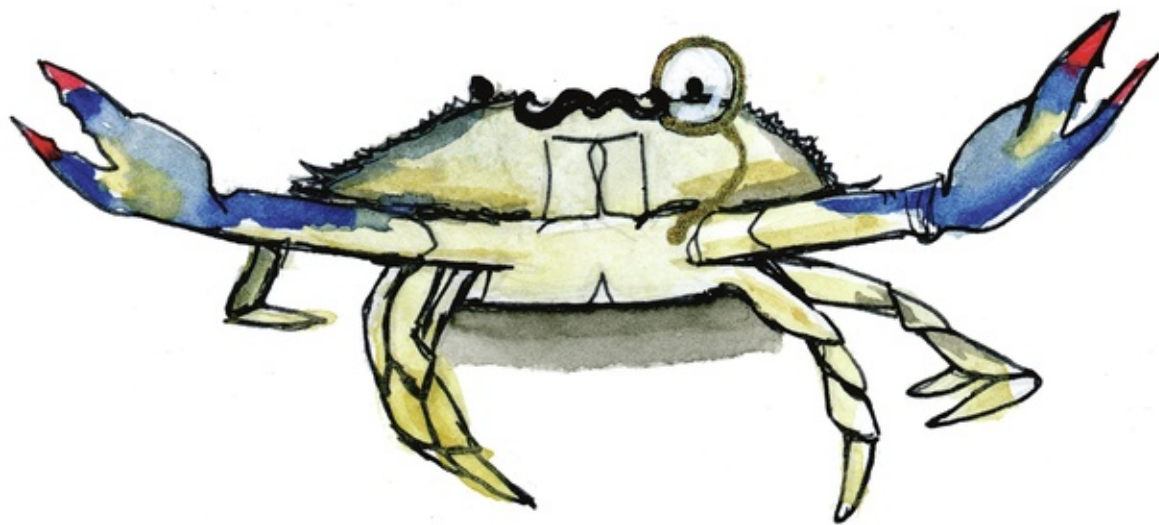


Bene decided to speak
with her friend.

She thought, "Perhaps, it
was all a mistake."

Bravely, she went to her
friend.

But...



her friend stood still. She looked angry, she looked crabby. She said, “I don’t care.”

Bene’s tears flowed and flowed. Bravely, Bene...



opened her arms and
hugged her friend.

Her friend smiled.
Bene smiled.

Something magical
happened ...

Bene felt her heart set
free.

Her tears flowed.

But she was not sad.



Bene was at peace.



Her heart was free, free to love again.



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