

ABCs with Kamome



Adapted from Amy Uyeki's illustrations in *The Extraordinary Voyage of Kamome. A Tsunami Boat Comes Home*

A



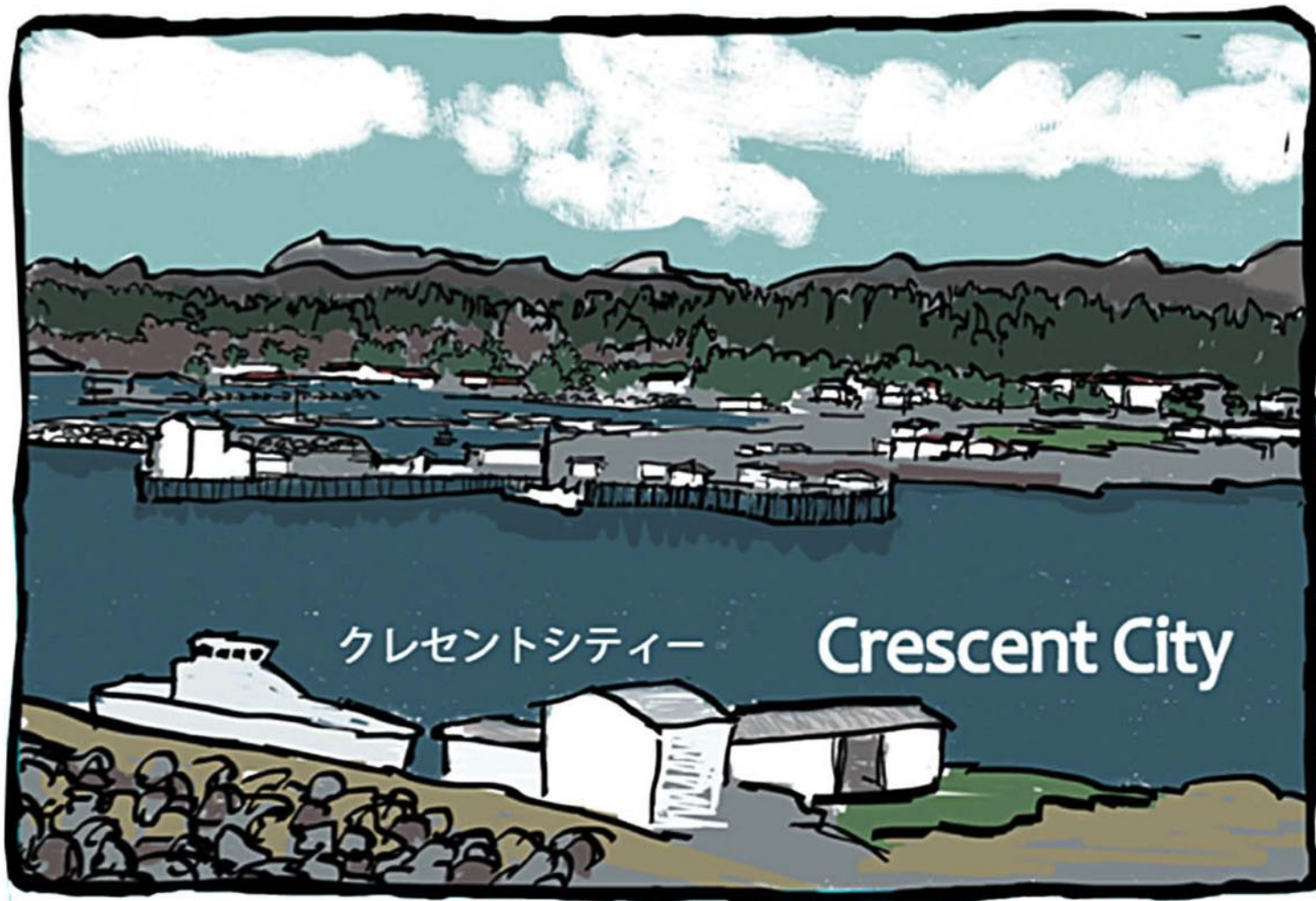
A is for **AIRPLANE**. The American and Japanese students flew across the Pacific Ocean to visit each other. Their airplanes flew at about the same speed as the tsunami that swept Kamome into the ocean.

B



B is for **BARNACLE**. Barnacles grew on Kamome as the boat floated in the ocean.

C



C is for **CRESCENT CITY**. Kamome landed in Crescent City after traveling 5000 miles across the Pacific Ocean.

D



D is for **DROP**, COVER and HOLD ON. This is the best thing to do to keep yourself safe in an earthquake.

E



E is for **EVACUATE**. When you feel an earthquake near the coast, go to high ground.

F



F is for **FRIENDS**. Because of Kamome, Japanese and American students visited each other and became friends.

G



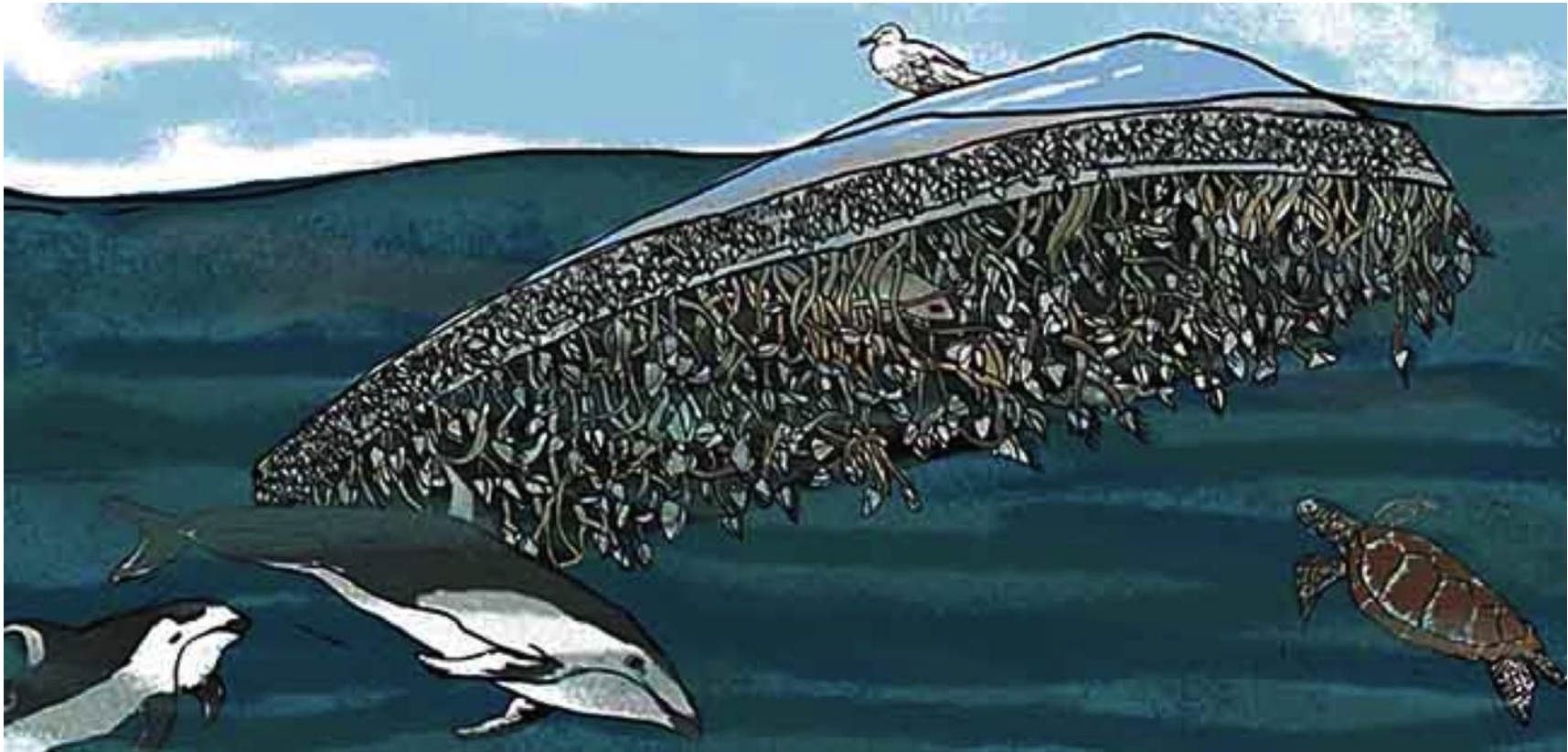
G is for **GRAB-N-GO KIT**. Keep emergency supplies and information in your school backpack.

H



H is for **HAPPY**. Seeing the Japanese and American students together made everybody happy.

I



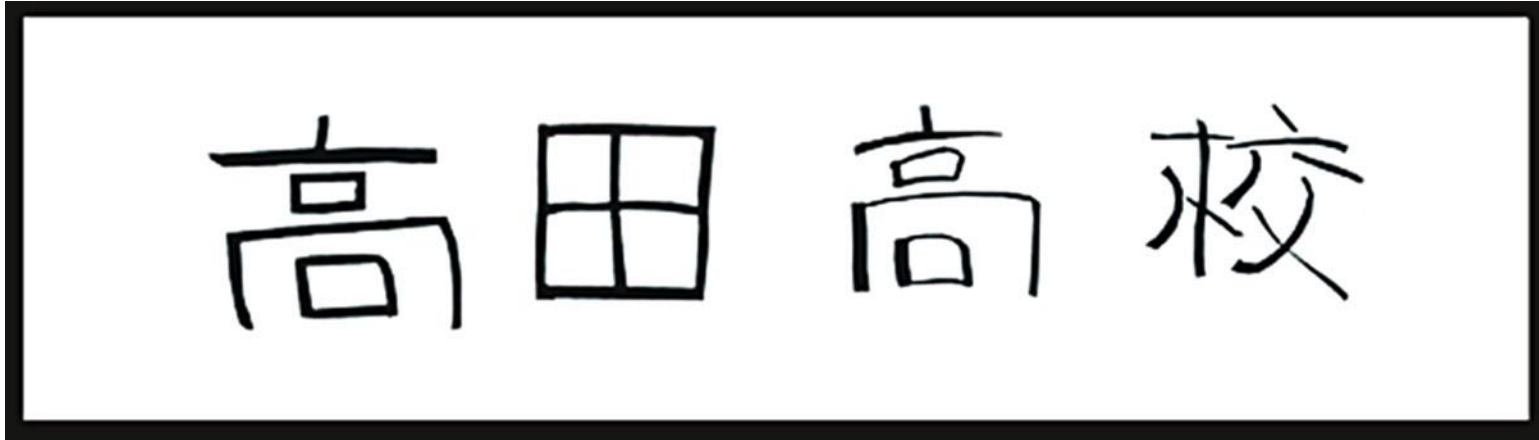
I is for **ILLUSTRATION**. The beautiful pictures drawn by Amy Uyeki make the story of Kamome come alive.

J



J is for **JOBS**. The people in Rikuzentakata work at many different jobs. Can you tell what they do by what they are wearing?

K



K is for **KANJI**. Kanji are the Chinese characters used in Japanese writing. These are the kanji written on the side of Kamome.

L



L is for **LEAVING**. This sign says LEAVING a TSUNAMI HAZARD ZONE. When you pass this sign, you should be safe from a tsunami.

M



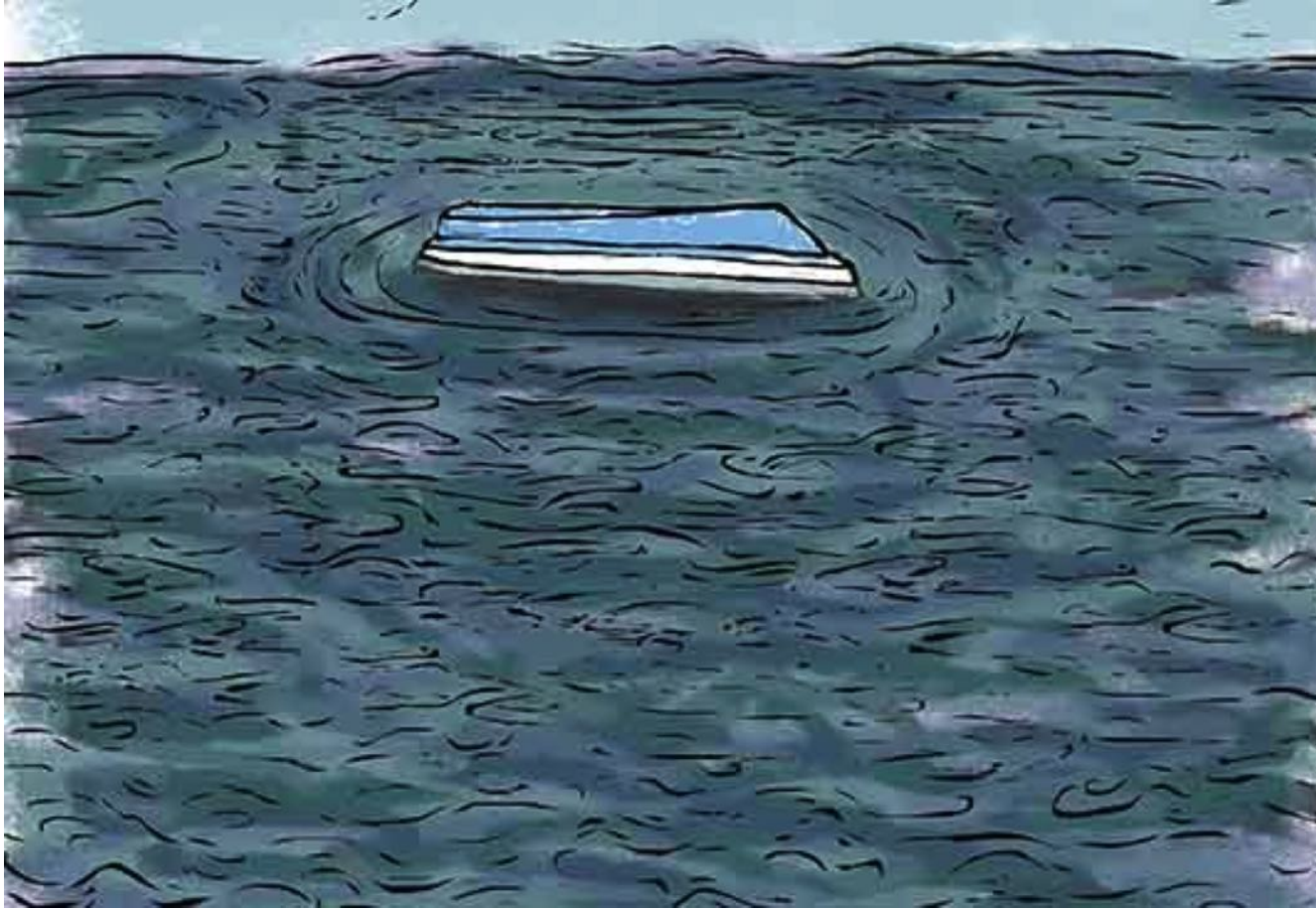
M is for **MOCHI**. Mochi is a sweet treat people eat to celebrate the New Year.

N



N is for **NERVOUS**. The American students were nervous about traveling so far away.

O



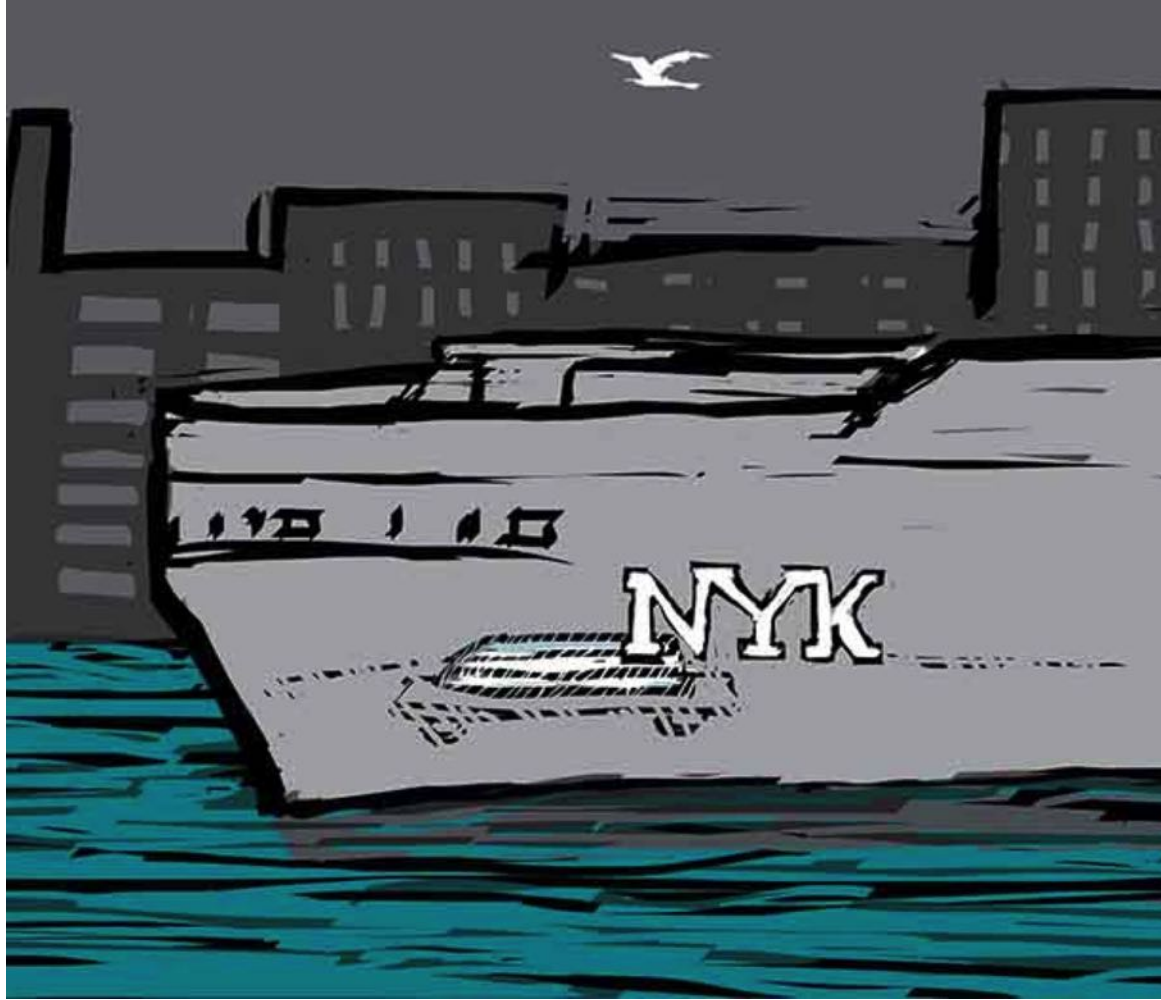
O is for **OCEAN**. Kamome spent more than two years floating in the Pacific Ocean, the largest ocean on earth.

P



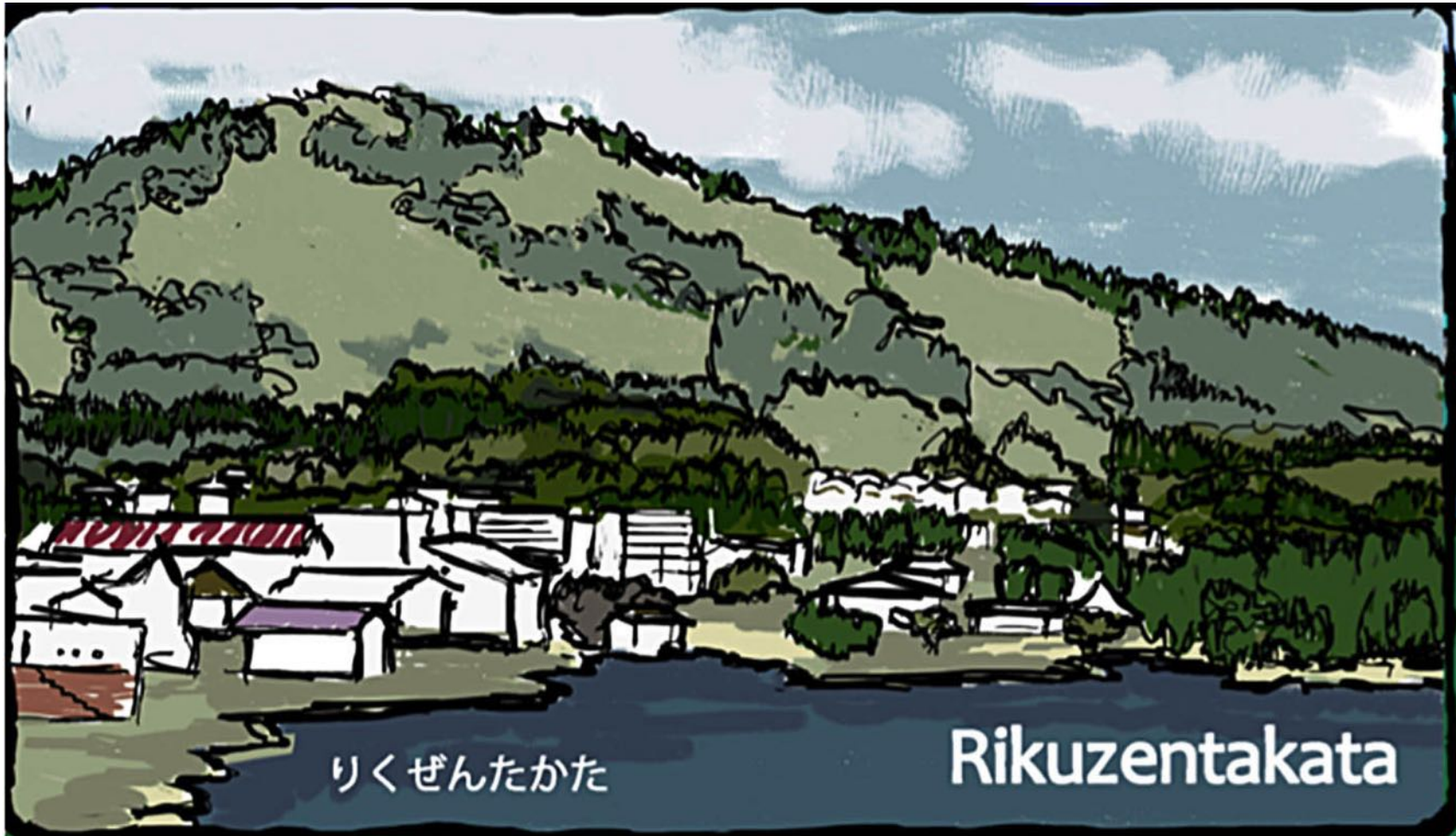
P is for **PANGA** boat. Kamome is a Panga boats. Pangas are small, sturdy boats that one person can easily operate by themselves and fish or do other work near the coast.

Q



Q is for **QUICK**. Kamome's trip back to Japan was very quick because the big ship was fast.

R



R is for **RIKUZENTAKATA**. Kamome's home was Rikuzentakata until the tsunami pulled the boat into the ocean.

S



S is for **SEAGULL**. Kamome is the word for seagull in Japanese.

T



T is for **TSUNAMI**.

U



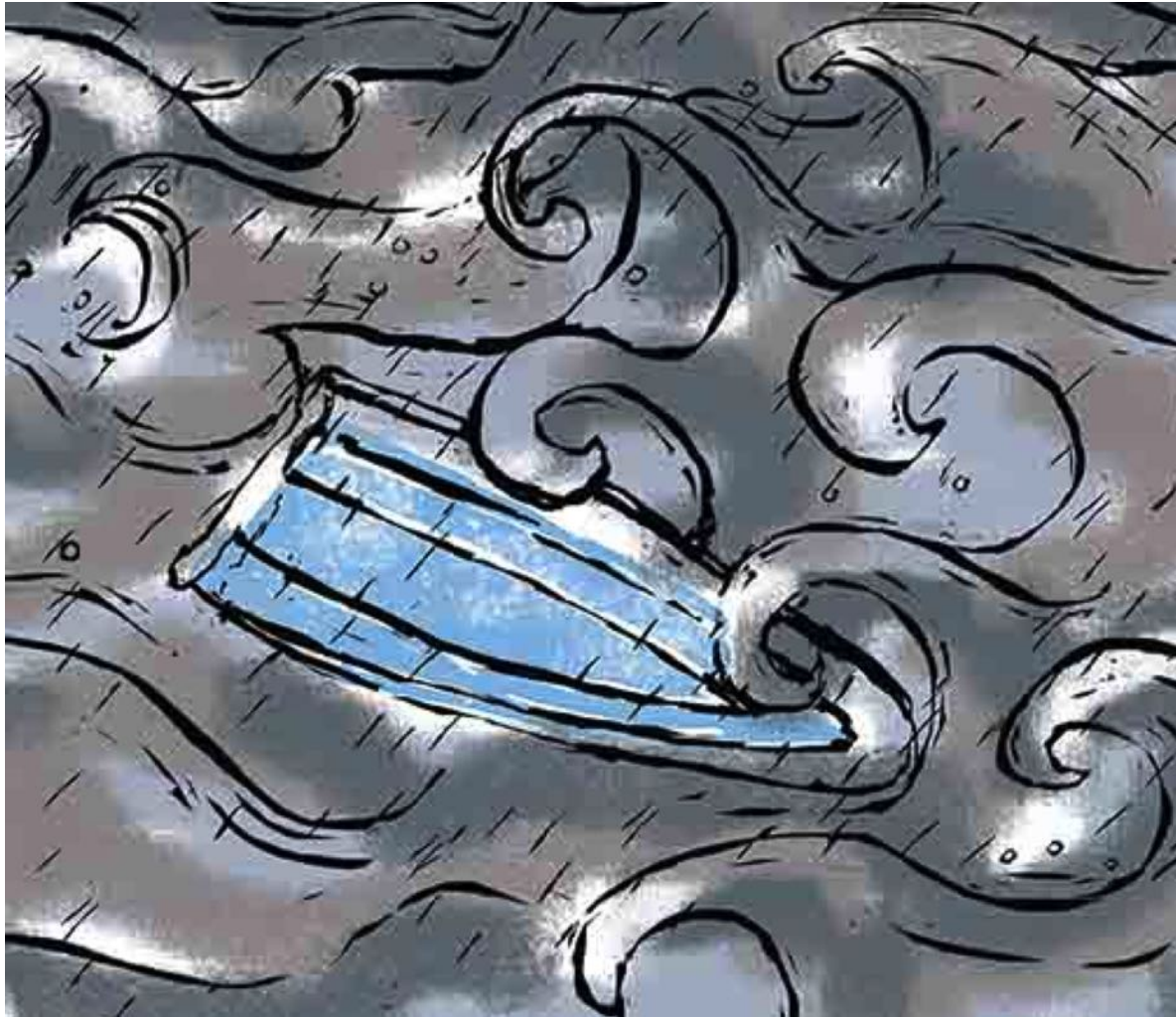
U is for **UPSIDE DOWN**. Kamome floated across the Pacific upside down with only the blue bottom sticking up above the waves.

V



V is for **VOLLEYBALL**. The American and Japanese students enjoyed playing volleyball together in Japan.

W



W is for **WAVES**. Kamome was tossed in big storm waves.

X



X is for **X MARKS THE SPOT**. It shows where Kamome landed in Crescent City.

Y



Y is for **YOU**. This story is only important when you read it!

Z



Z is for **ZONE**. Know your zone, your tsunami zone! Look at maps with your family and teachers to see where safe areas are and how to get to them.