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Hello, Ocean!

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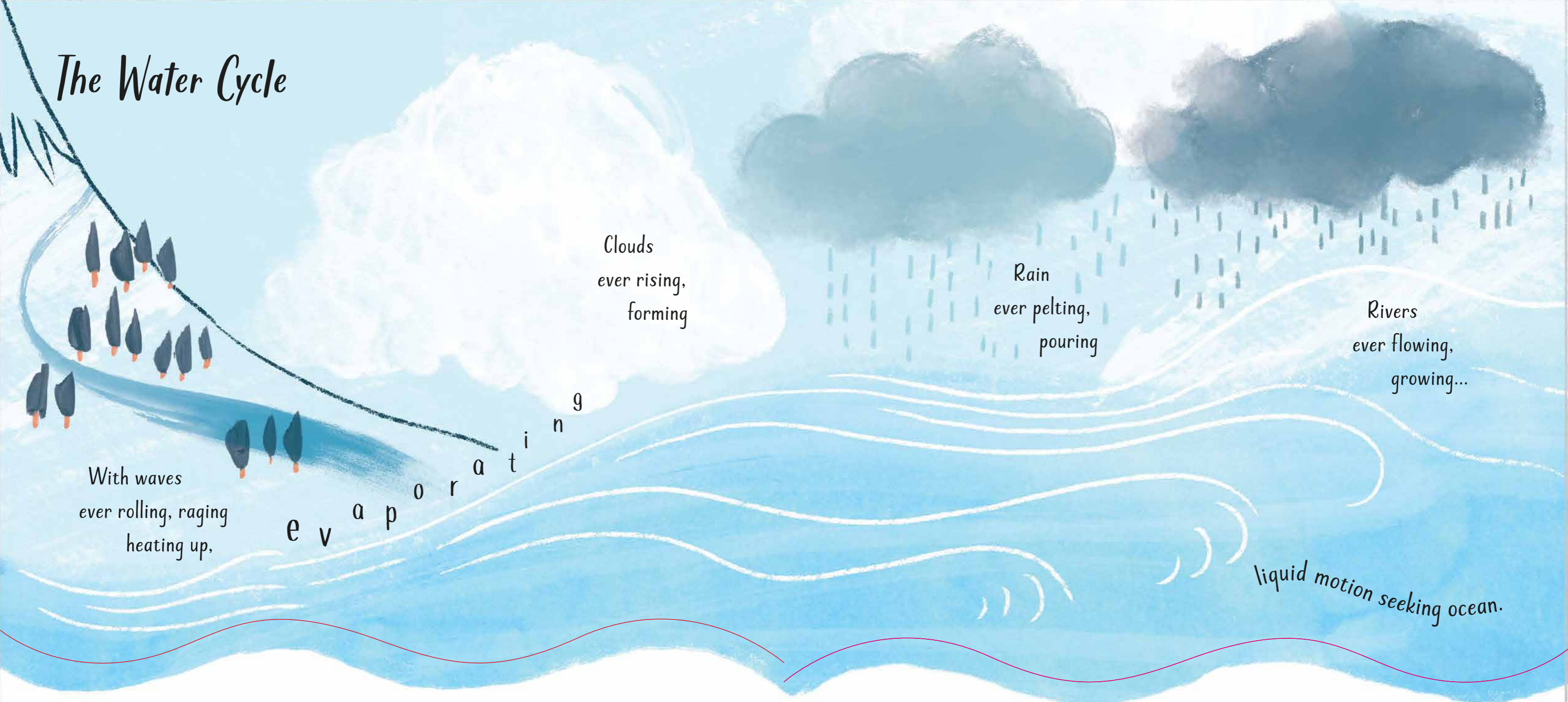
A World of Water



*It's the biggest drop
of H₂O,
on any planet
that we know,*

*But not just big,
it's green, it's blue
it's oh-so-deep
it's salty too.*

The Water Cycle



Clouds
ever rising,
forming

Rain
ever pelting,
pouring

Rivers
ever flowing,
growing...

With waves
ever rolling, raging
heating up,

e v a p o r a t i n g

liquid motion seeking ocean.

Hello, Ocean

It's nature's
watery nursery —

a world of rich
diversity

Its depths, its life,
its rocky shores —
so much for us
to now . . .



Birds

Seabirds choose
to live their lives
along the coast.

As food aplenty
they will find,
fish and shrimp
and squid – all kinds!

in ocean skies!

Birds like puffins
skillfully
pursue their prey
beneath the sea.



The Coast

So now pretend that you are there . . .

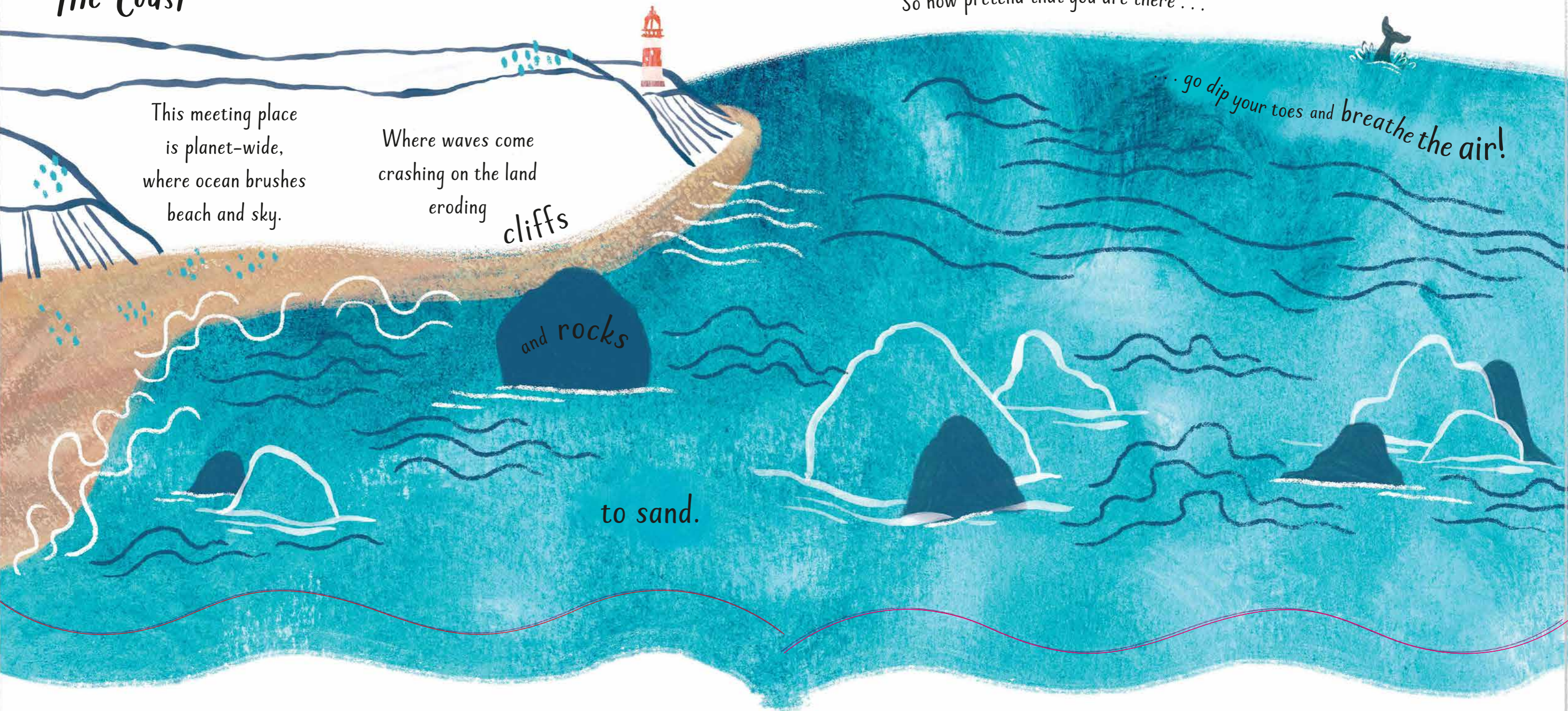
This meeting place
is planet-wide,
where ocean brushes
beach and sky.

Where waves come
crashing on the land
eroding
cliffs

and rocks

to sand.

. . . go dip your toes and breathe the air!



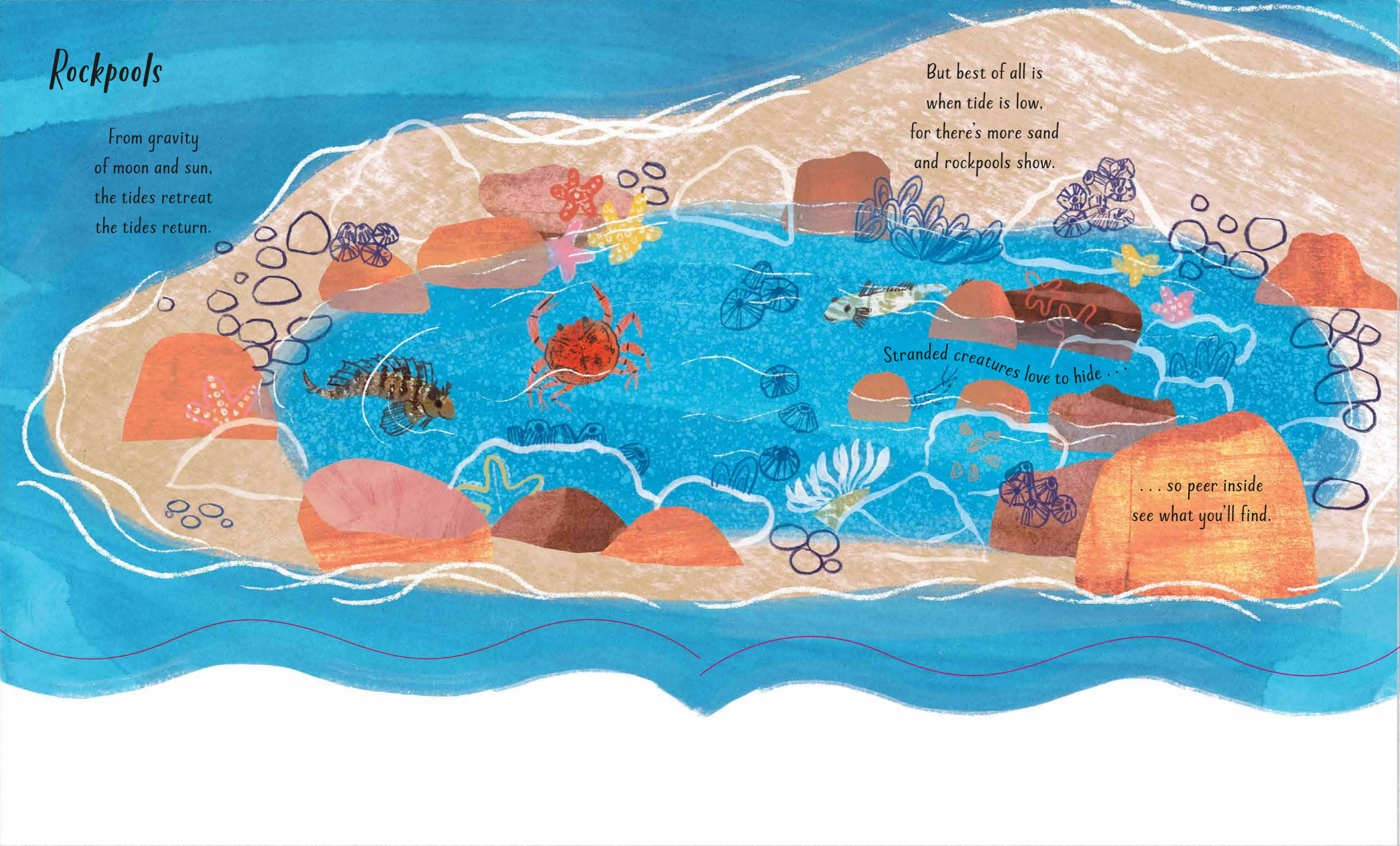
Rockpools

From gravity
of moon and sun,
the tides retreat
the tides return.

But best of all is
when tide is low,
for there's more sand
and rockpools show.

Stranded creatures love to hide . . .

. . . so peer inside
see what you'll find.



Sharks



Not only do they
hear so well,
they have a fierce
sense of smell.

What makes these fish
great predators
beyond their teeth
and speed of course?

But worry not —
most sharks are fine,
and they're no threat
to humankind!

Endless Ice

... polar bears!

A world of white
of ice and snow,
built with frozen
 H_2O .

There's only
hardy creatures there –

penguins ...

narwhals ...



In winters harsh for endless days and even weeks they'll seek out prey.

Whales and other Mammals

What has flippers
flukes and fins?
The world's biggest
living things?

And many metres
head to tail?
It is of course...

the blue whale!

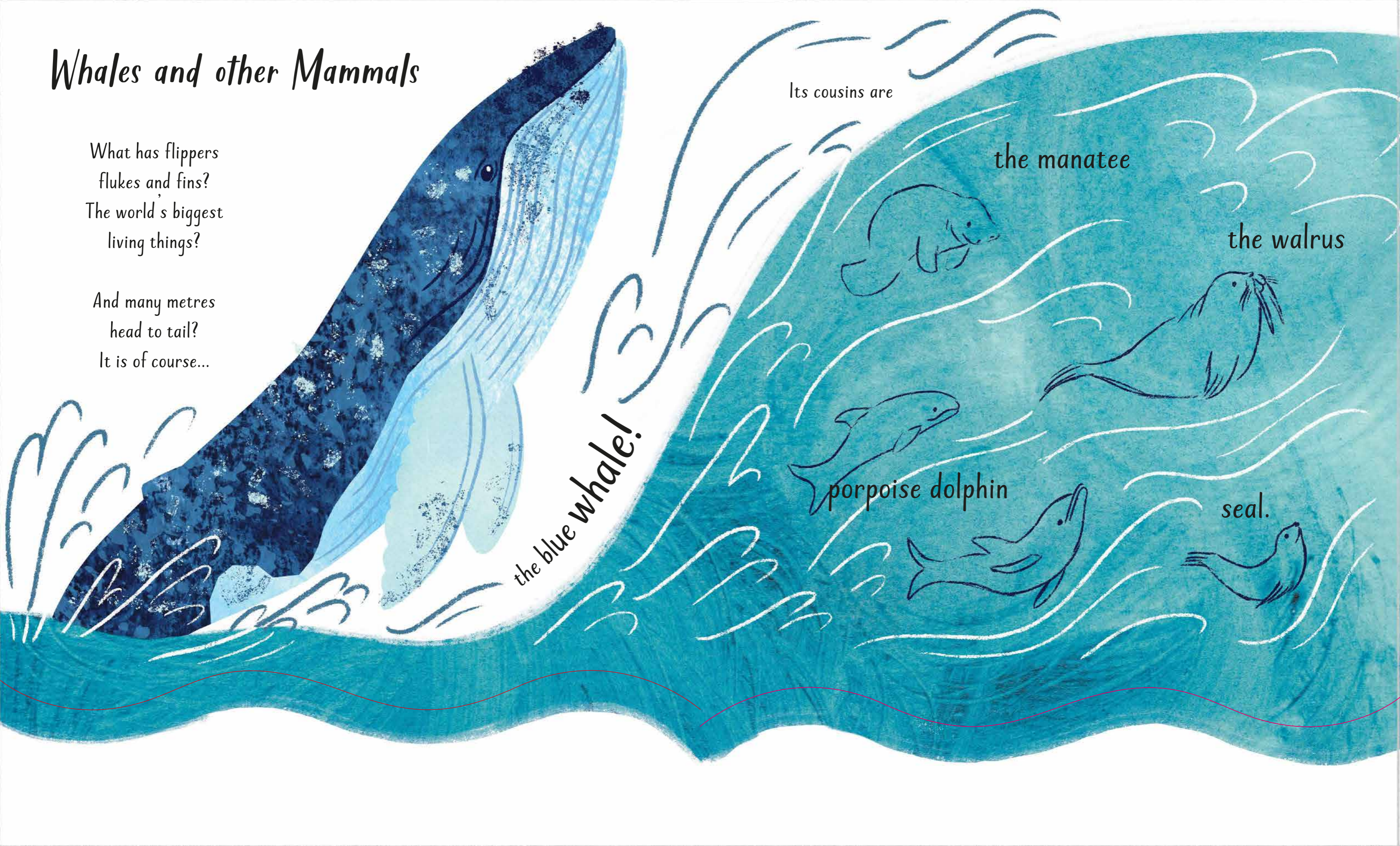
Its cousins are

the manatee

the walrus

porpoise dolphin

seal.



Coral and Ocean Plants

Now coral are not
what they seem.
Not plants, but creatures—
seriously!

And habitats
for many others...

clownfish,

sponges,

oysters,

lobsters.

Seagrass, seaweed?
They're plants for real.
Food for turtles,
snacks for seals.



Fish

Like birds with wings
that fill the skies
there's fish with fins
of countless types

whilst others swim in giant shoals

Gold to silver, bronze to blue

there's every pattern,

colour,

hue

Some lurk alone

way

down

below.

Crustacean and Molluscs

What scuttles, shuffles,
snips and snaps,
with grippy pincers..?

Lobsters,



crabs!



When late at night
those krill will glow
in swarms they're seen
from space you know



The members of
the mollusc clan?
Try jellyfish
and squid and clams!



Journeys

The turtle, whale
and albatross
they migrate far
each year they'll cross



The oceans wide
and we do too
as we've built

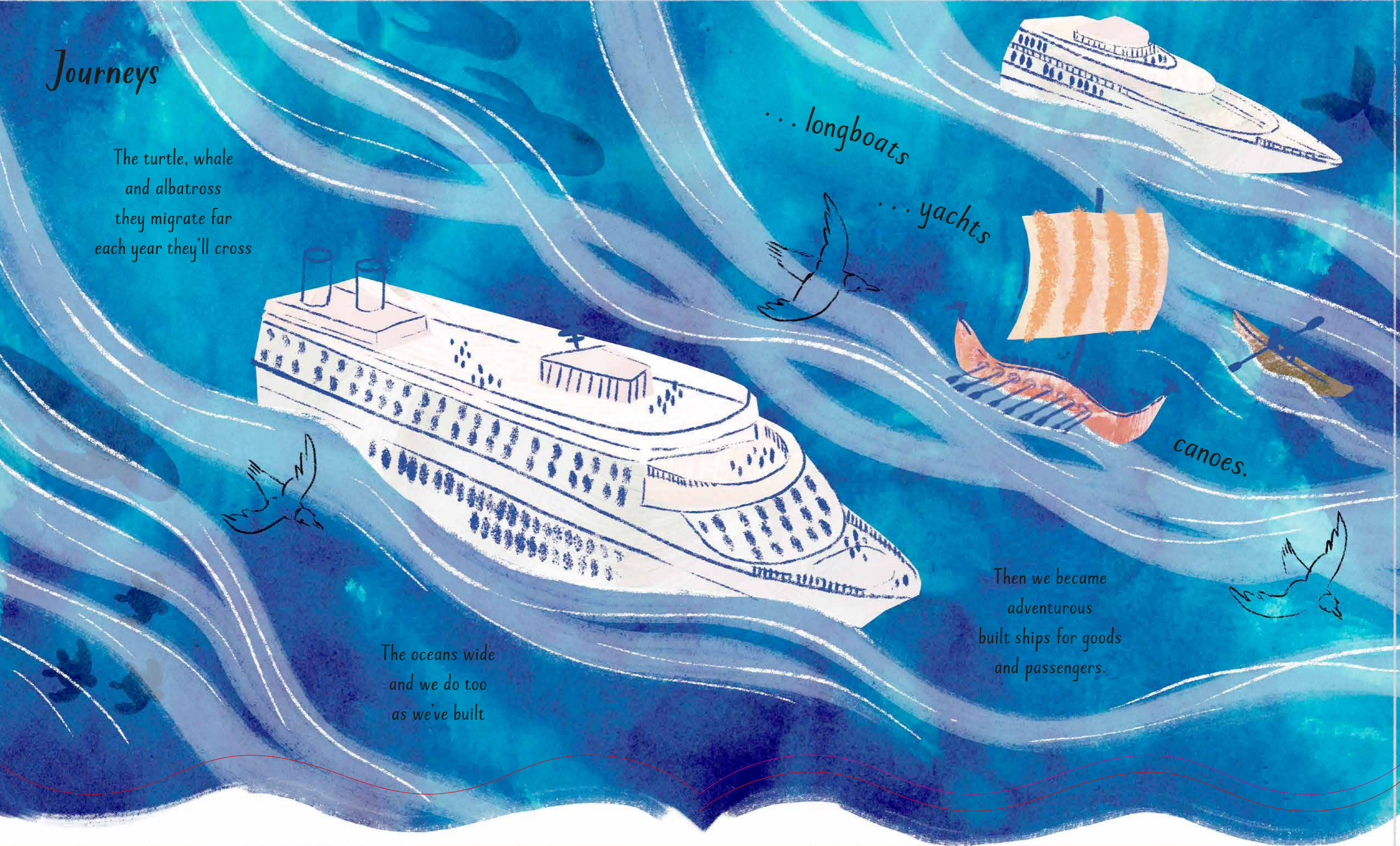
... longboats

... yachts



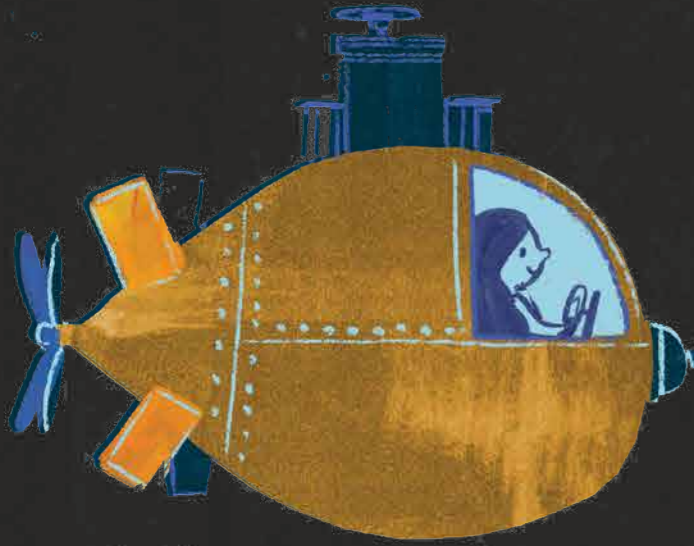
canoes.

Then we became
adventurous
built ships for goods
and passengers.



The Deep

And so we send
down submarines
to seek out



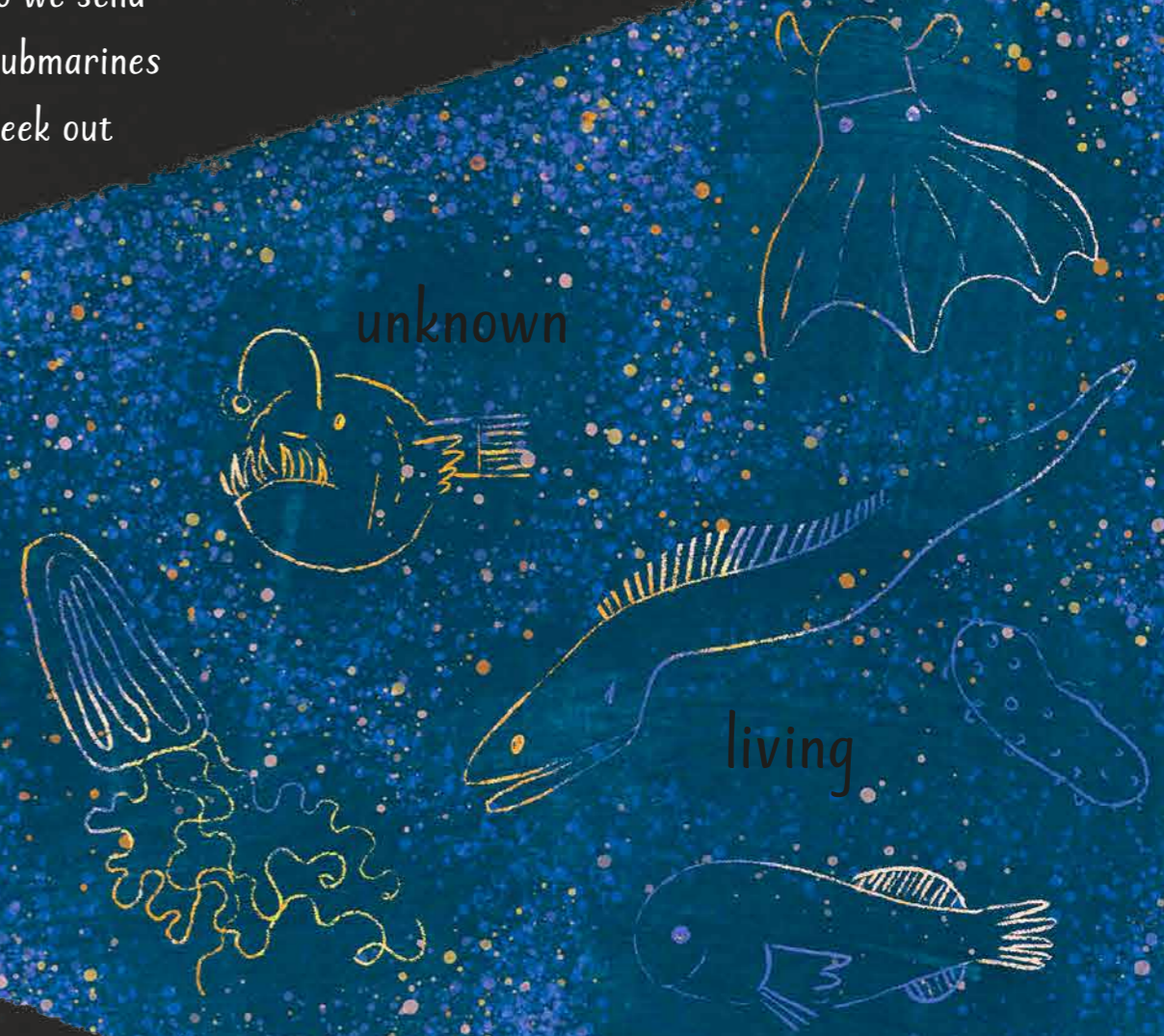
What's down there
in the deepest depths?
Who knows, for now
we'll have to guess.

Life is scarce
survival hard
no light can reach
so cold and dark.

unknown

living

things.



Humans

In only
several centuries
we've done so much
to change the seas

A massive island
of our waste
ever growing
at a pace

There's creatures trapped
in human trash

The Great Pacific
Garbage Patch -



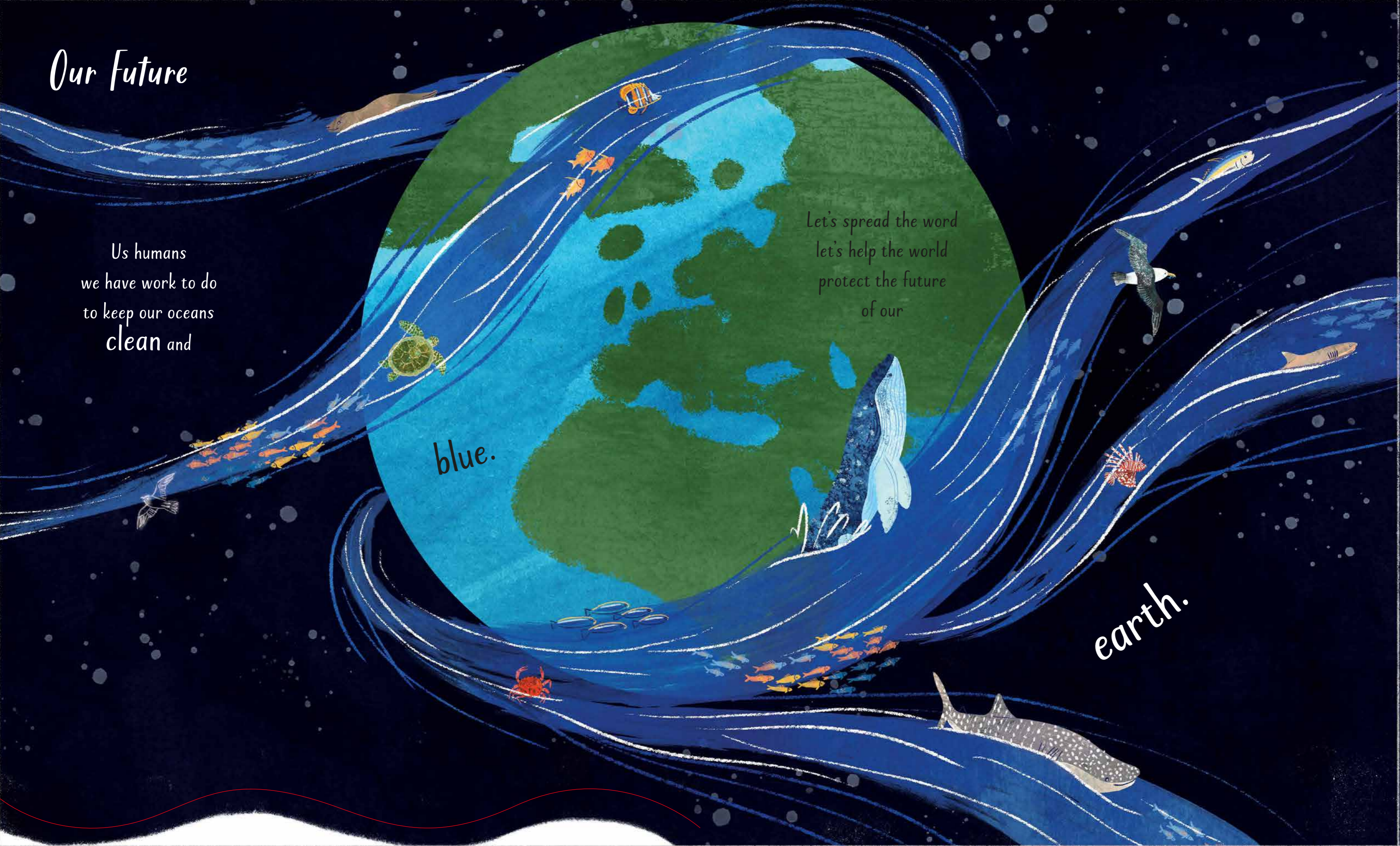
Our Future

Us humans
we have work to do
to keep our oceans
clean and

Let's spread the word
let's help the world
protect the future
of our

blue.

earth.



Five More Dives into the Ocean...

The ocean is huge — 70% of Earth is covered by it, holding nearly all the water on our planet. Only a tiny amount is frozen in ice or found in rivers and lakes. But we humans only explored about 5% of it. Much of the ocean is too dark, deep and dangerous for people to visit. However we do know some amazing things about the hidden worlds deep below the waves — there's longest mountain range on Earth, strange glowing fish and valleys deeper than any canyon on land! So much is still a mystery, which makes the ocean one of the most exciting places on Earth — and one we must care look after.

Salty Waters

Oceans are the biggest bits of water on Earth. There are 5 — Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Southern. Seas are smaller, like the Red Sea or the Mediterranean, and are often close to land. Waves splash against salty rocks and wash the salt into the sea. When ocean water warms up, only the water turns into clouds, not the salt. That's why rain, rivers and lakes are not salty. Have you ever tasted a raindrop? It's fresh, not salty at all!

Making Waves

Ocean water is always on the move. Tides go up and down because of the moon, the sun and the spin of Earth. Currents move like rivers under the sea. They are pushed by winds, tides and the seabed. And it's not just the water moving — animals travel too! Whales, turtles and even tiny plankton go on amazing journeys across the seas.

From Limbs to Fins

Life first began in the oceans. Tiny creatures slowly turned into fish, then later into land animals. Some land animals even went back into the water millions of years ago. That's why whales, dolphins, seals and walrus are mammals with lungs, not gills. They must swim up to the surface to breathe air. That's why whales blow a huge fountain of spray high into the sky — splash!

Keeping it Clean

Sadly, people have hurt the oceans with oil spills, too much fishing, rubbish and pollution. Global warming is also melting ice and killing our precious coral reefs. But there are ways we can help! We can use less plastic, save water and electricity, recycle, walk or take buses, and tell others to do the same. Every small change makes a big difference for our oceans.

Going Down, Down, Down

Like forests, oceans have layers. First is the Sunlight Zone with dolphins, jellyfish, sharks and many fish. Next is the Twilight Zone with squid, octopus and some whales. Then comes the Midnight Zone, which is very dark and very cold, filled with anglerfish and sperm whales. Deeper still is the Abyss Zone with strange stars and squid. And finally, the Hadal Zone is the deepest of all, filled with weird and wonderful creatures we haven't even discovered yet...