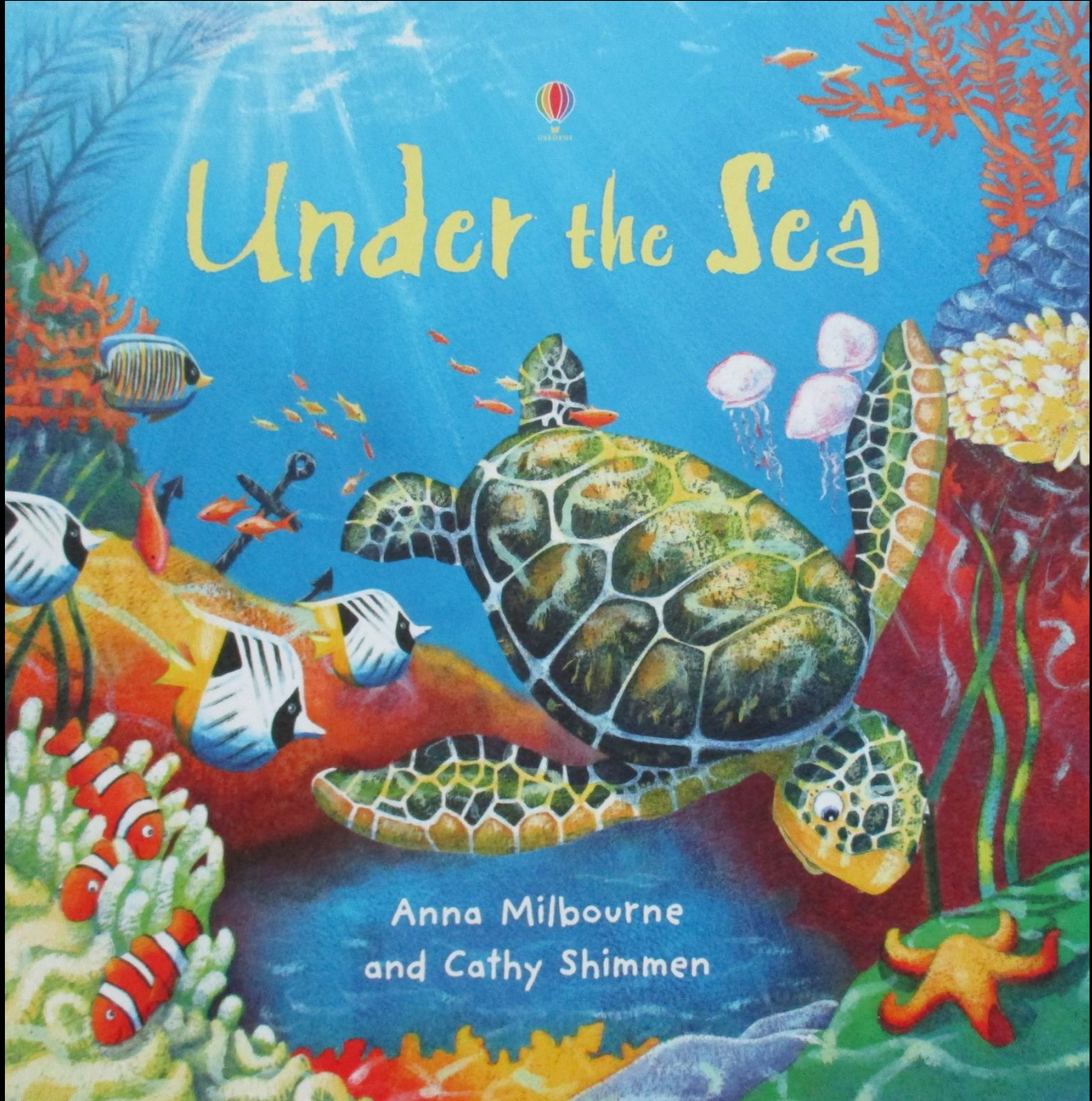
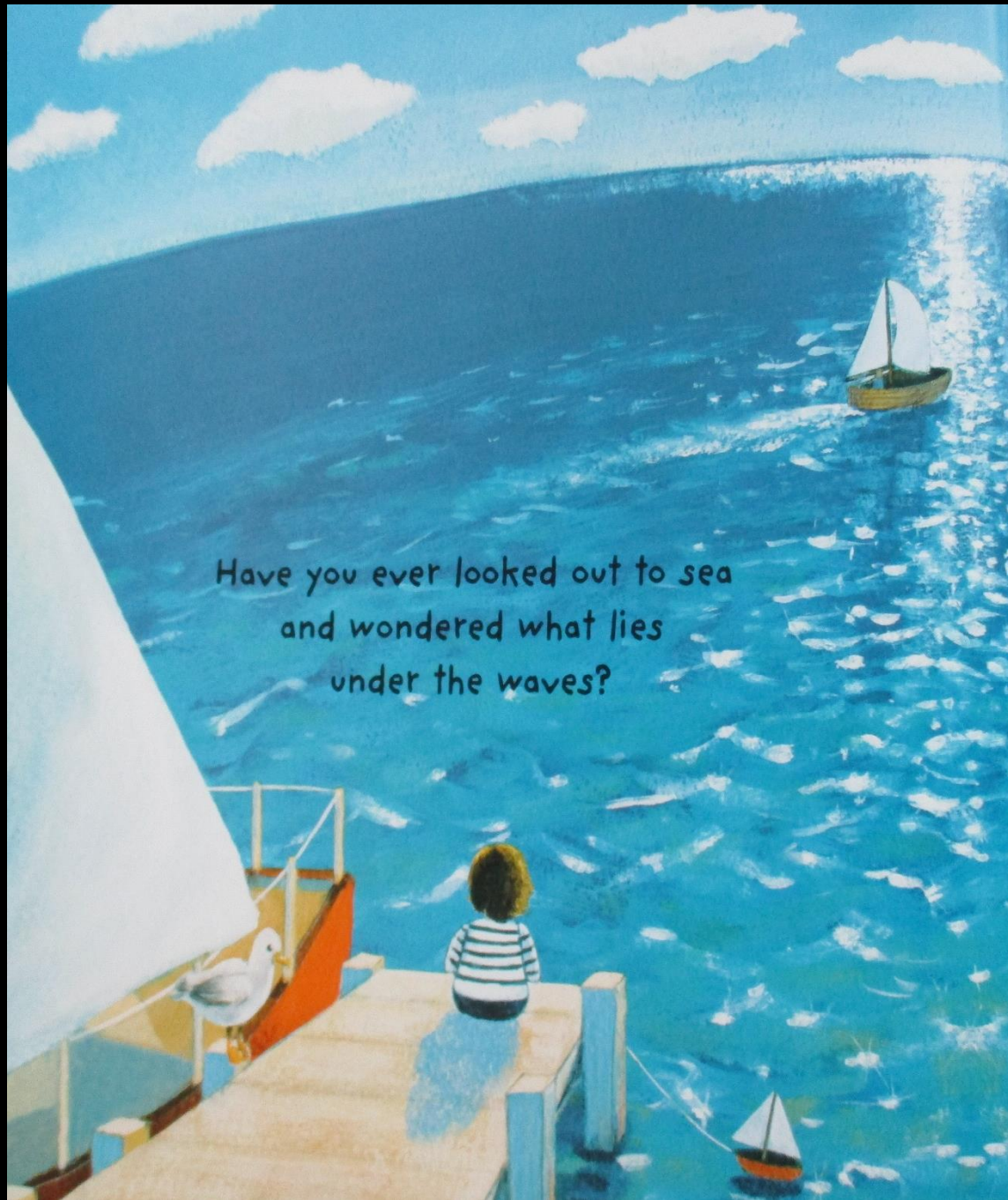




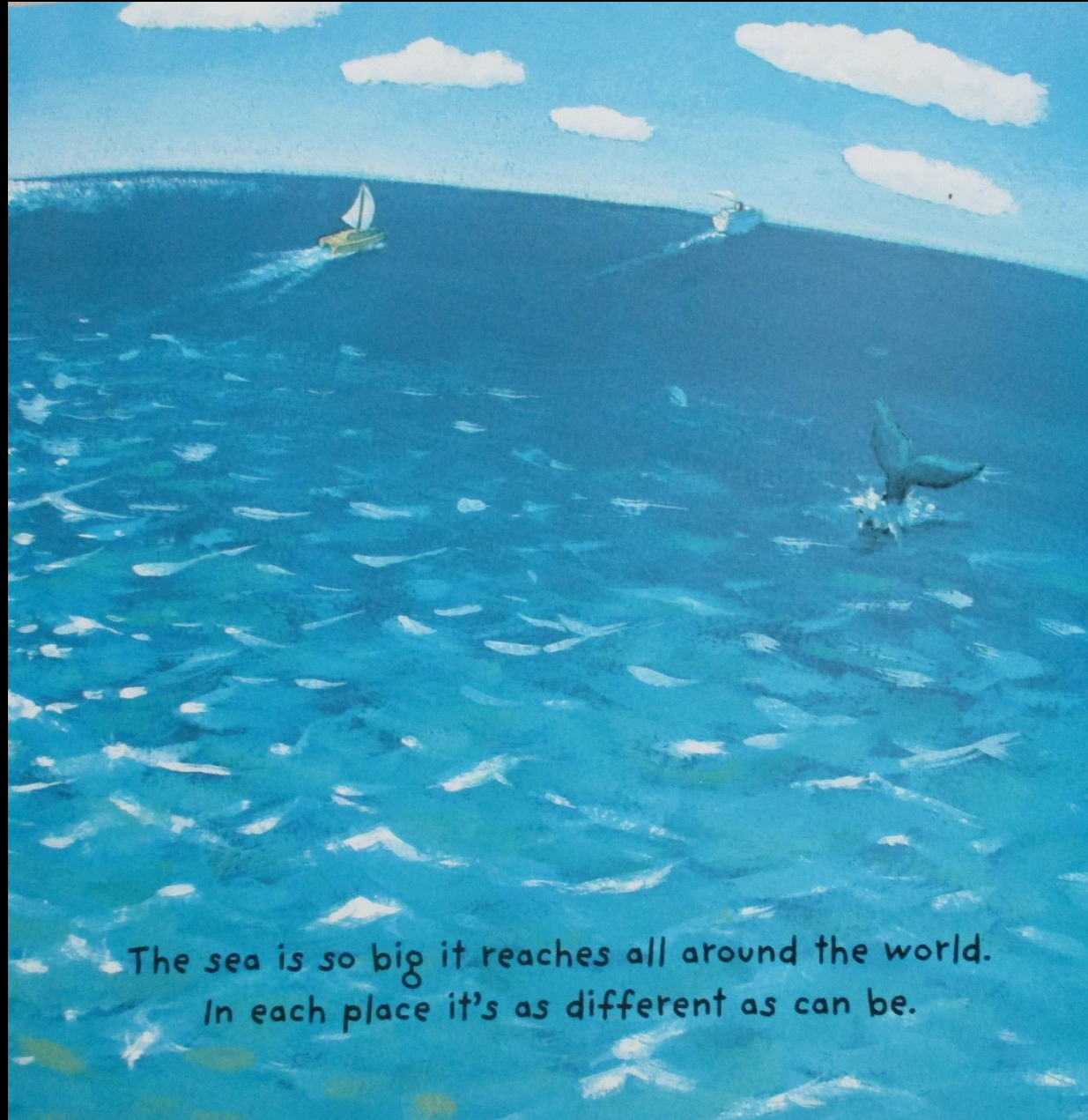
# Under the Sea




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Have you ever looked out to sea  
and wondered what lies  
under the waves?

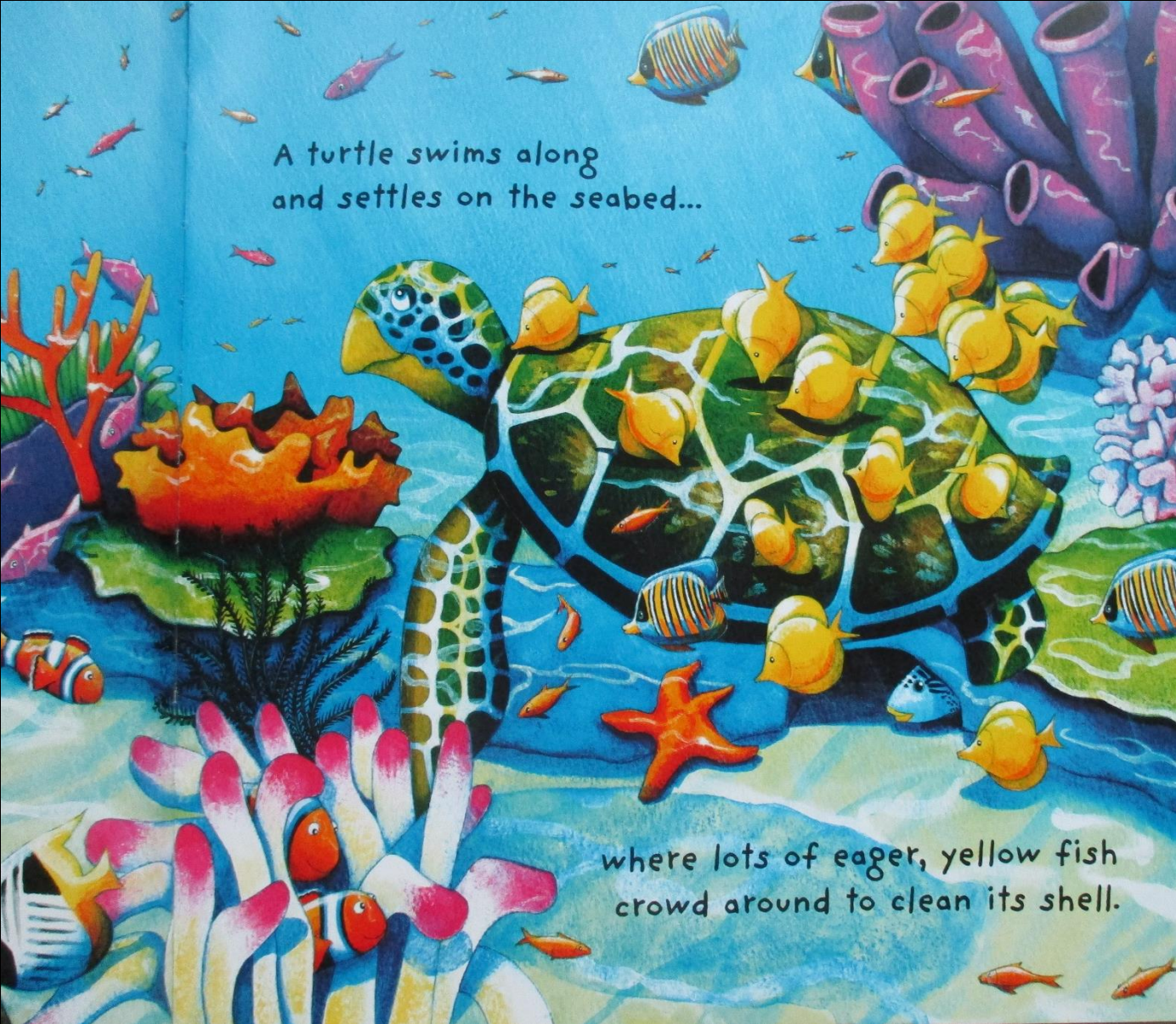


The sea is so big it reaches all around the world.  
In each place it's as different as can be.



Near a sunny shore, where the water is warm,  
there are hundreds of jewel-bright fish.

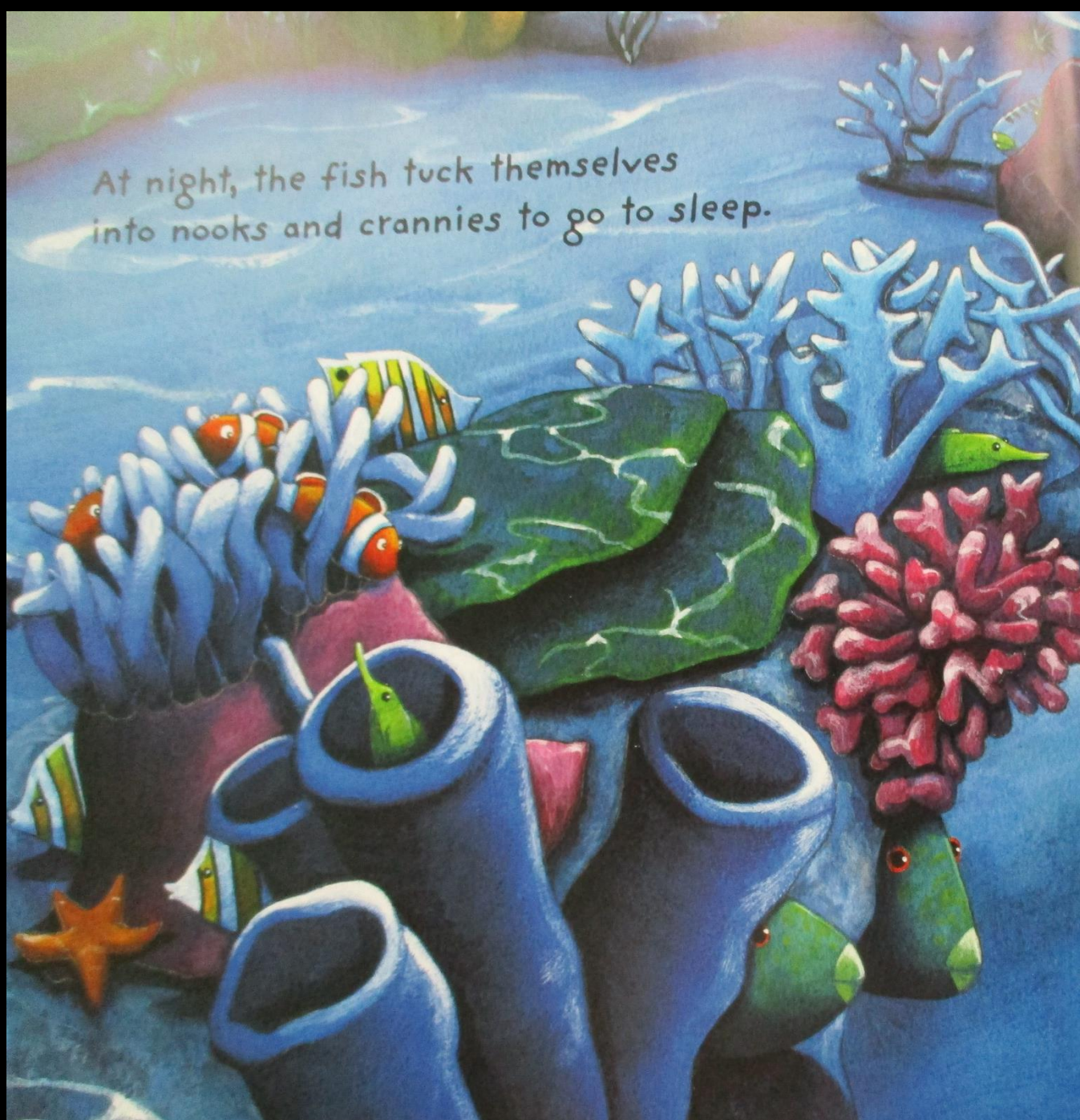
They bustle around the coral reef  
nibbling at teeny-tiny plants.

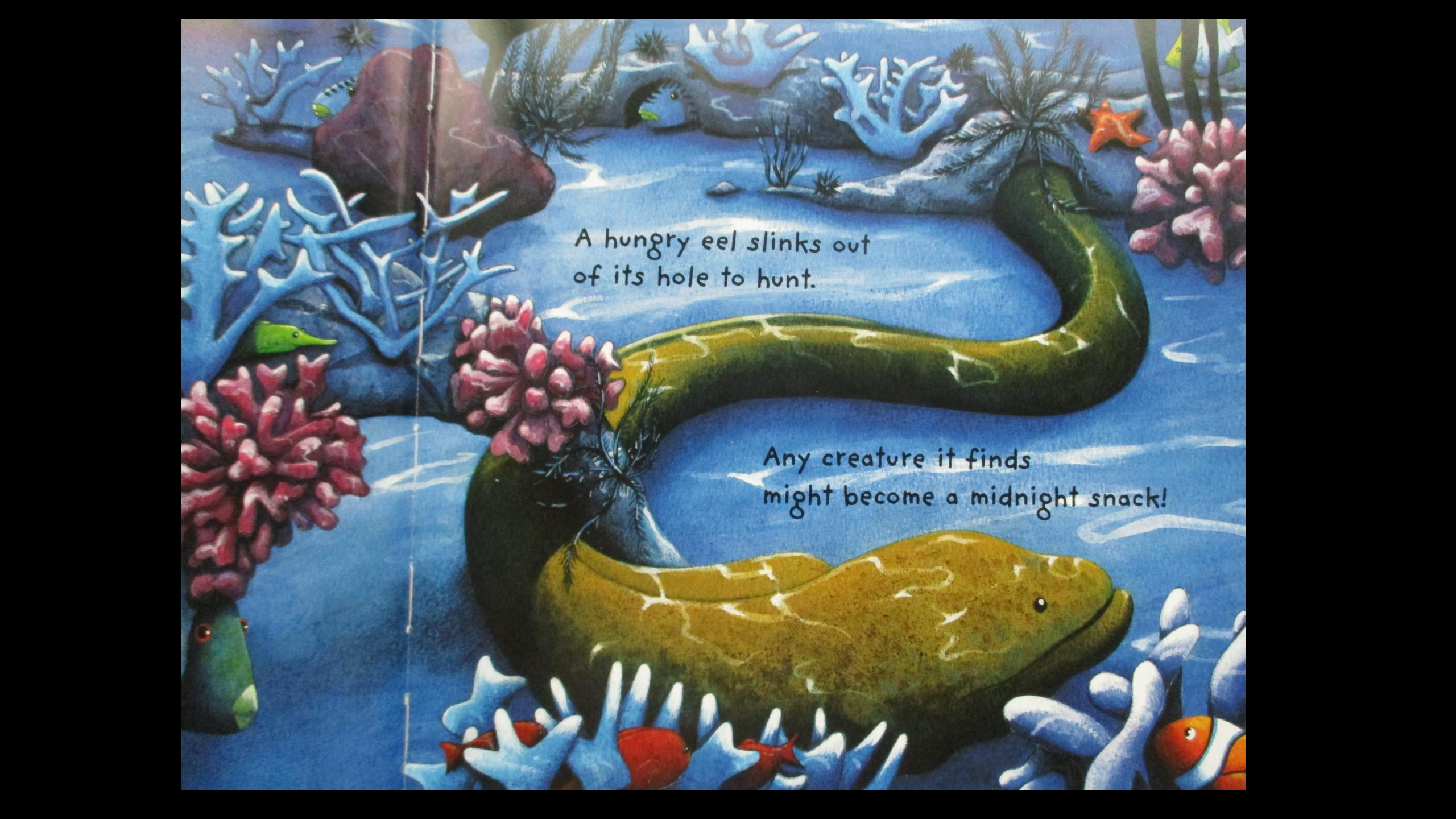


A turtle swims along  
and settles on the seabed...

where lots of eager, yellow fish  
crowd around to clean its shell.

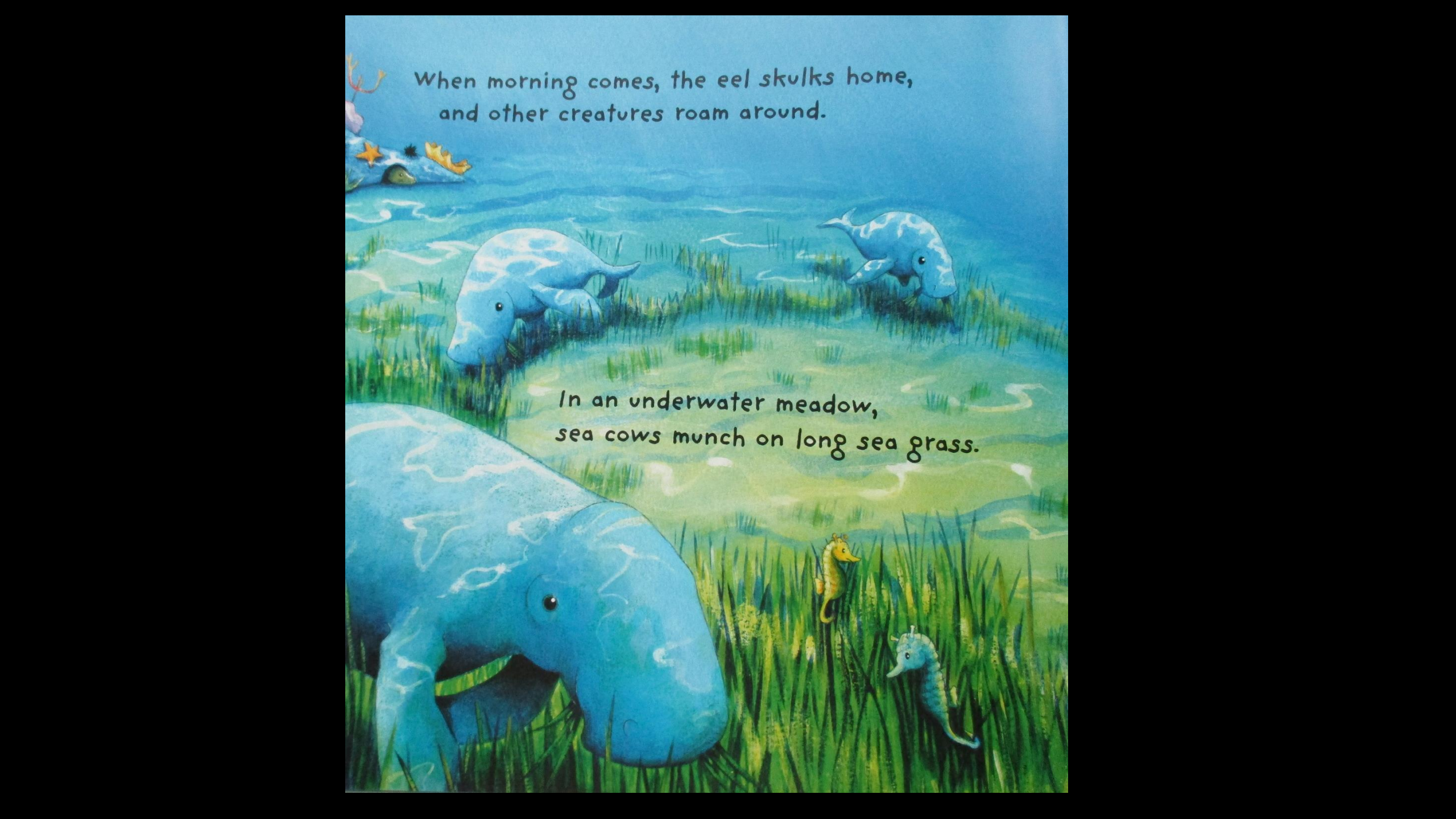
At night, the fish tuck themselves  
into nooks and crannies to go to sleep.





A hungry eel slinks out  
of its hole to hunt.

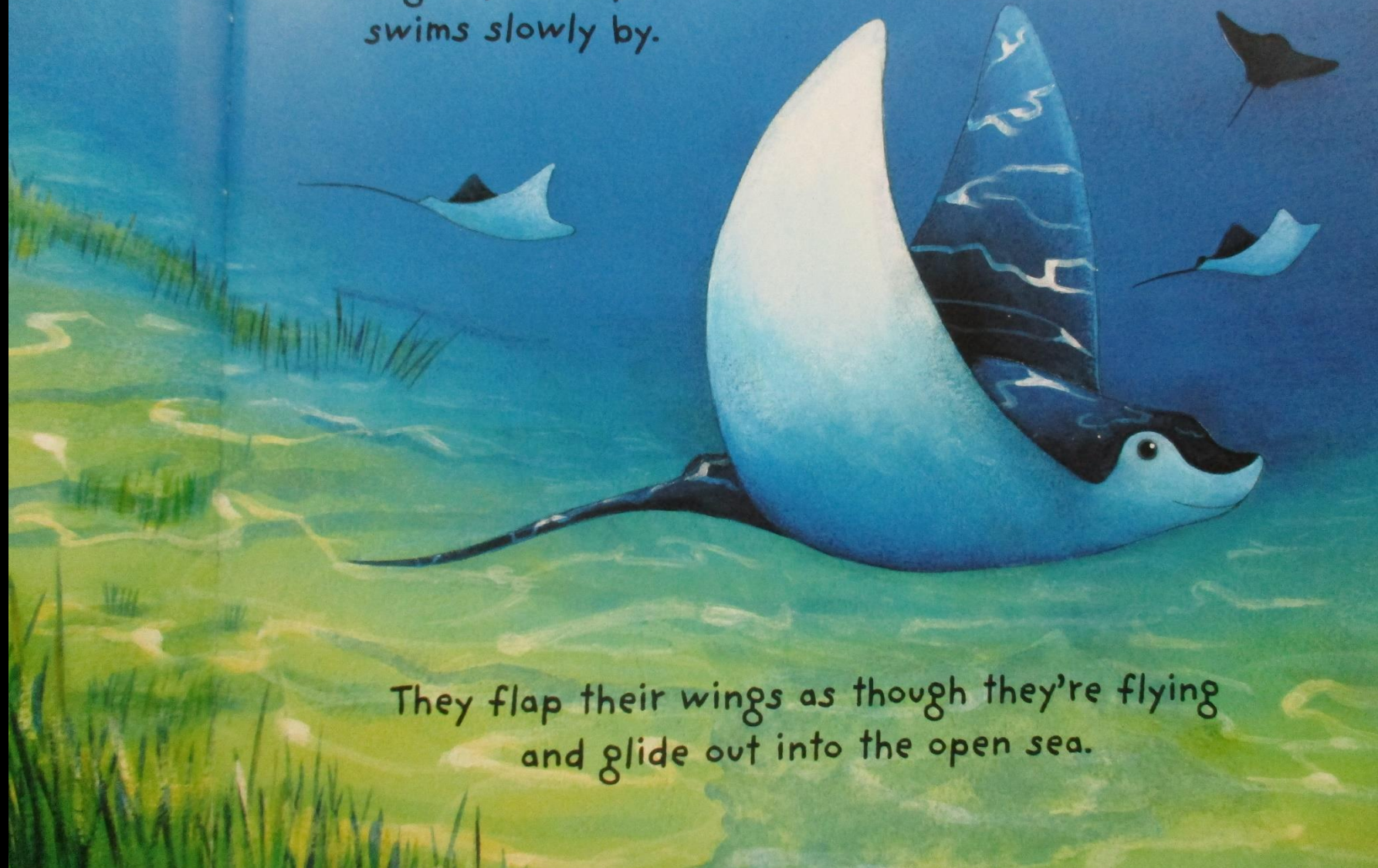
Any creature it finds  
might become a midnight snack!

An illustration of an underwater meadow. In the foreground, a large blue sea cow with white spots is grazing on green sea grass. In the middle ground, two more blue sea cows with white spots are grazing. In the background, two seahorses, one yellow and one blue, are visible among the sea grass. The water is a deep blue, and the sea grass is a vibrant green. The scene is peaceful and serene.

When morning comes, the eel skulks home,  
and other creatures roam around.

In an underwater meadow,  
sea cows munch on long sea grass.

A group of rays  
swims slowly by.



They flap their wings as though they're flying  
and glide out into the open sea.

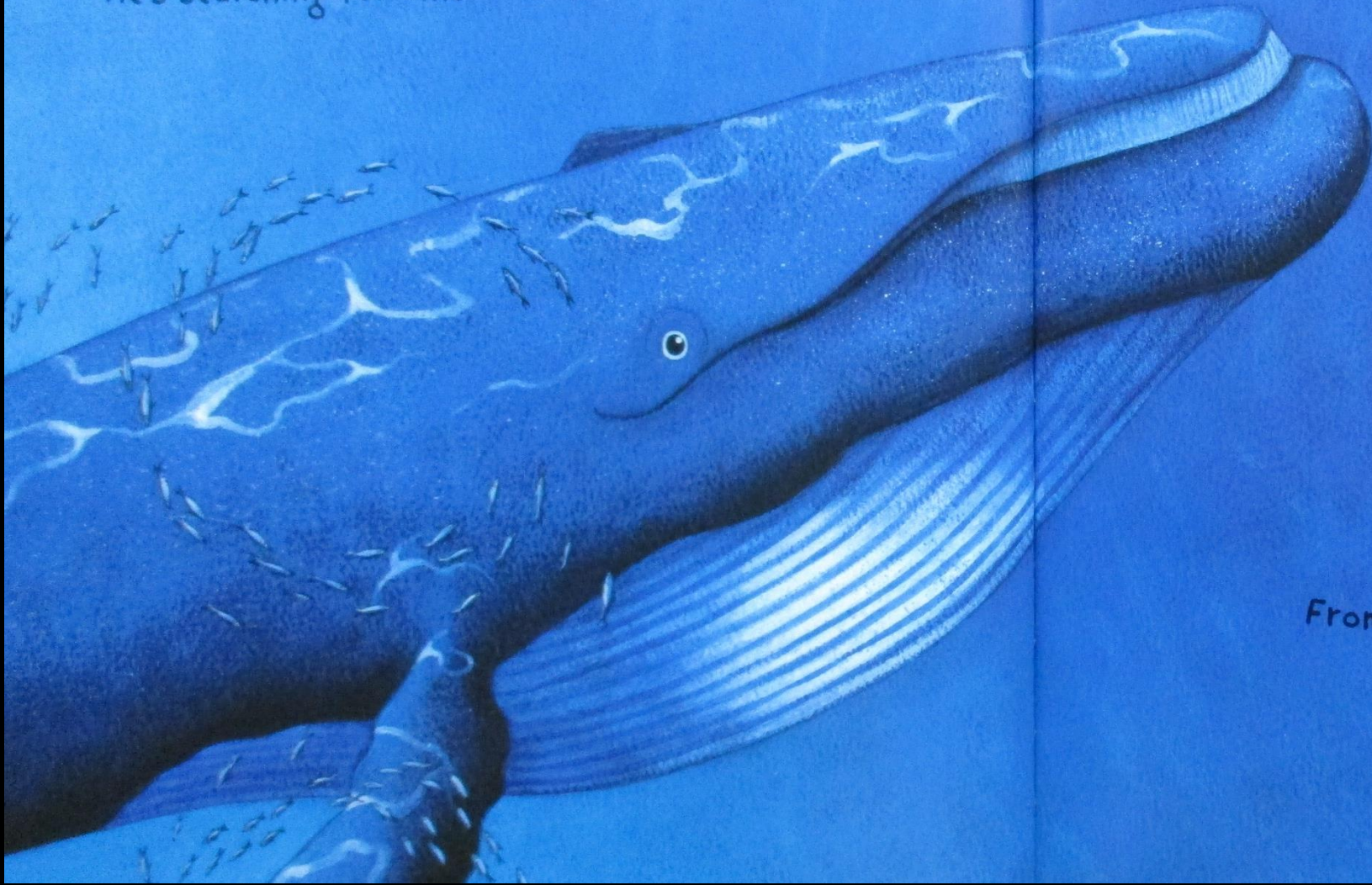
Imagine sailing across the wide, blue sea.  
There's nothing but water for miles and miles.





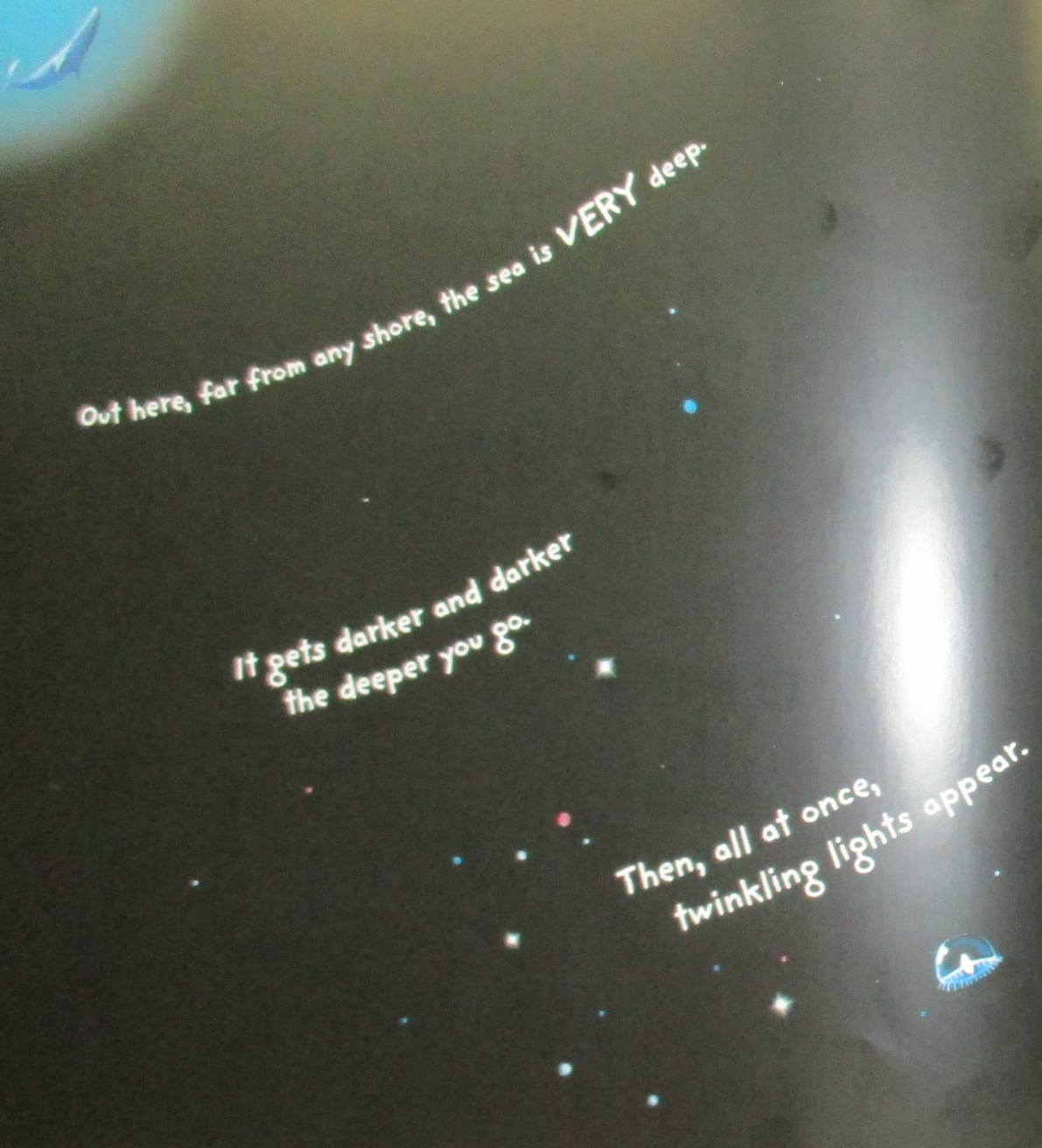
Then suddenly beneath you swims  
the **biggest** creature there's ever been.

It's a gentle giant – a big blue whale.  
He's searching for other whales.



He sings a booming, lonely song  
into the empty blue.

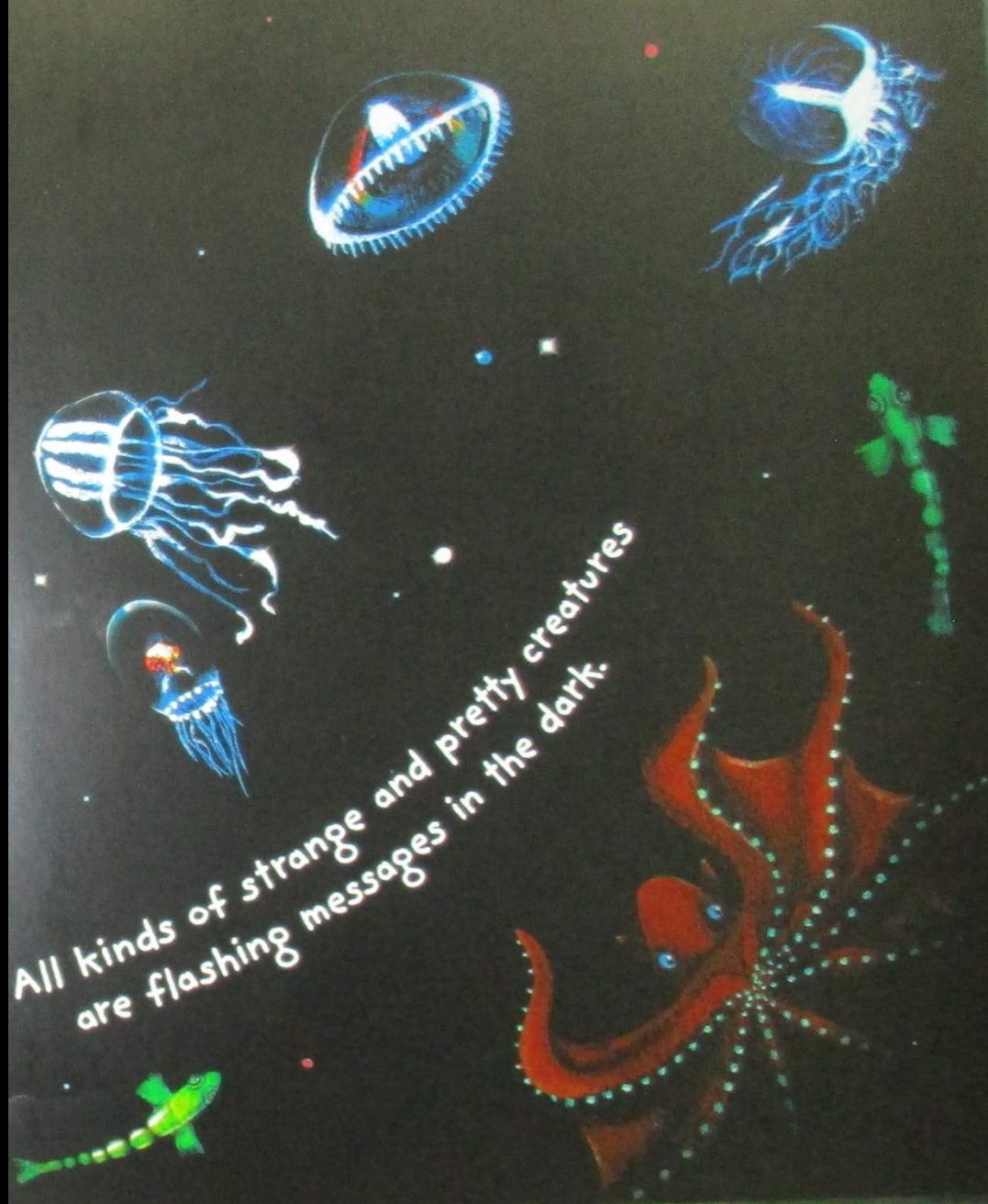

From far away across the sea,  
another whale's song comes floating back.



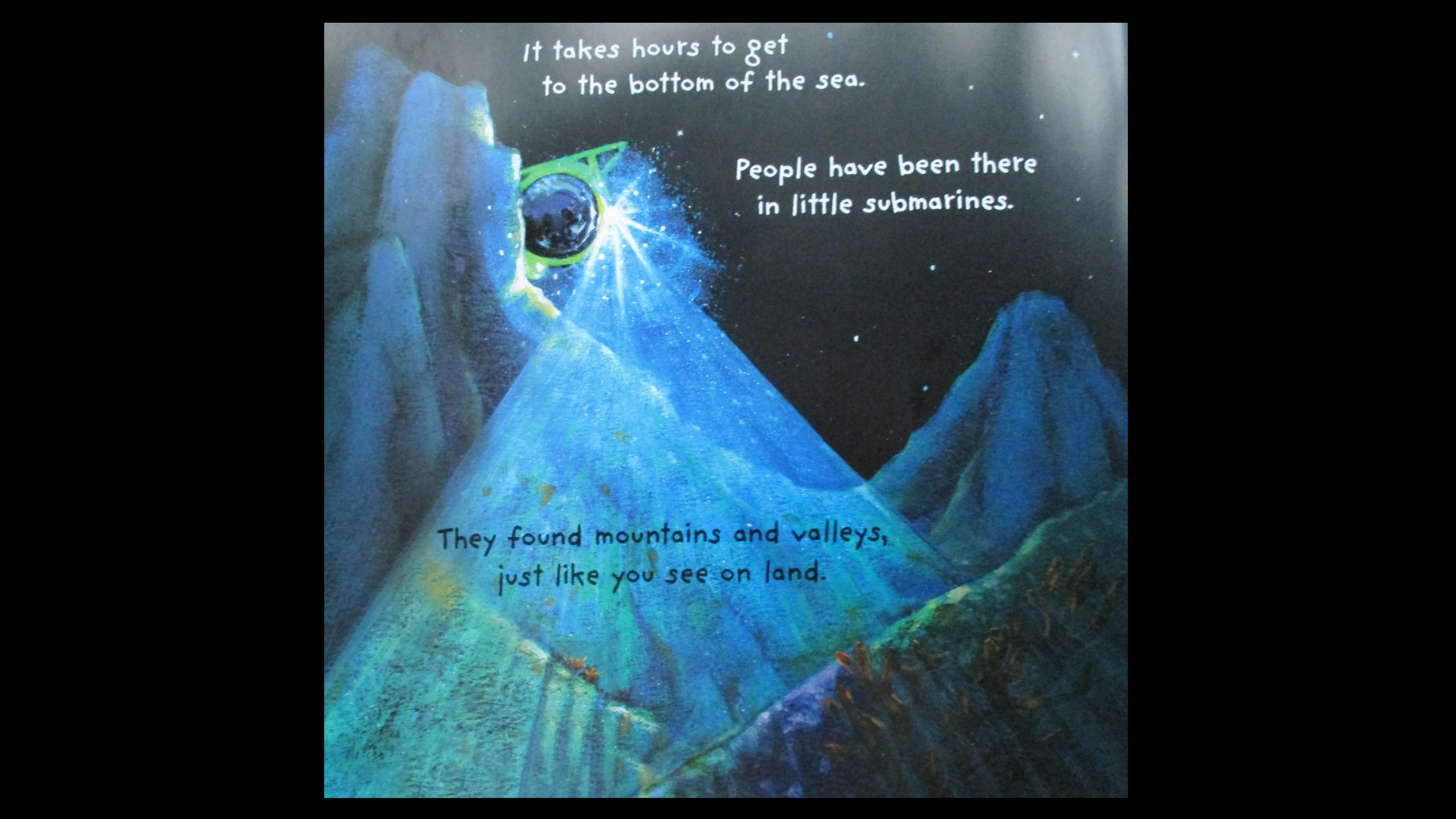
Out here, far from any shore, the sea is **VERY** deep.

It gets darker and darker  
the deeper you go.

Then, all at once,  
twinkling lights appear.



All kinds of strange and pretty creatures  
are flashing messages in the dark.

A deep-sea scene with a submarine's light illuminating a mountain range on the ocean floor. The light is bright and creates a starburst effect. The mountains are dark and jagged, with some small orange spots. The background is dark with some small white specks.

It takes hours to get  
to the bottom of the sea.

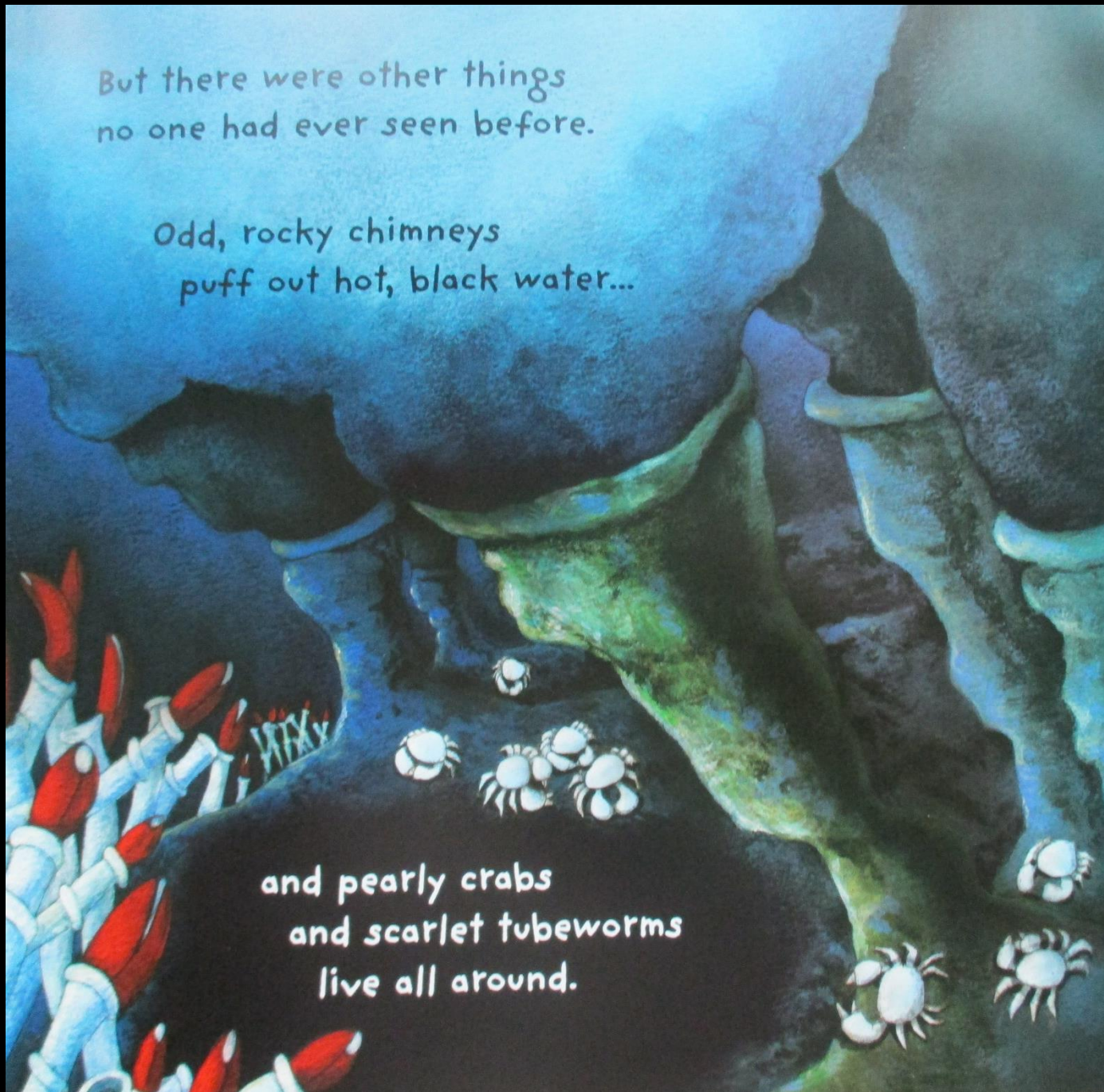
People have been there  
in little submarines.

They found mountains and valleys,  
just like you see on land.

But there were other things  
no one had ever seen before.

Odd, rocky chimneys  
puff out hot, black water...


and pearly crabs  
and scarlet tubeworms  
live all around.



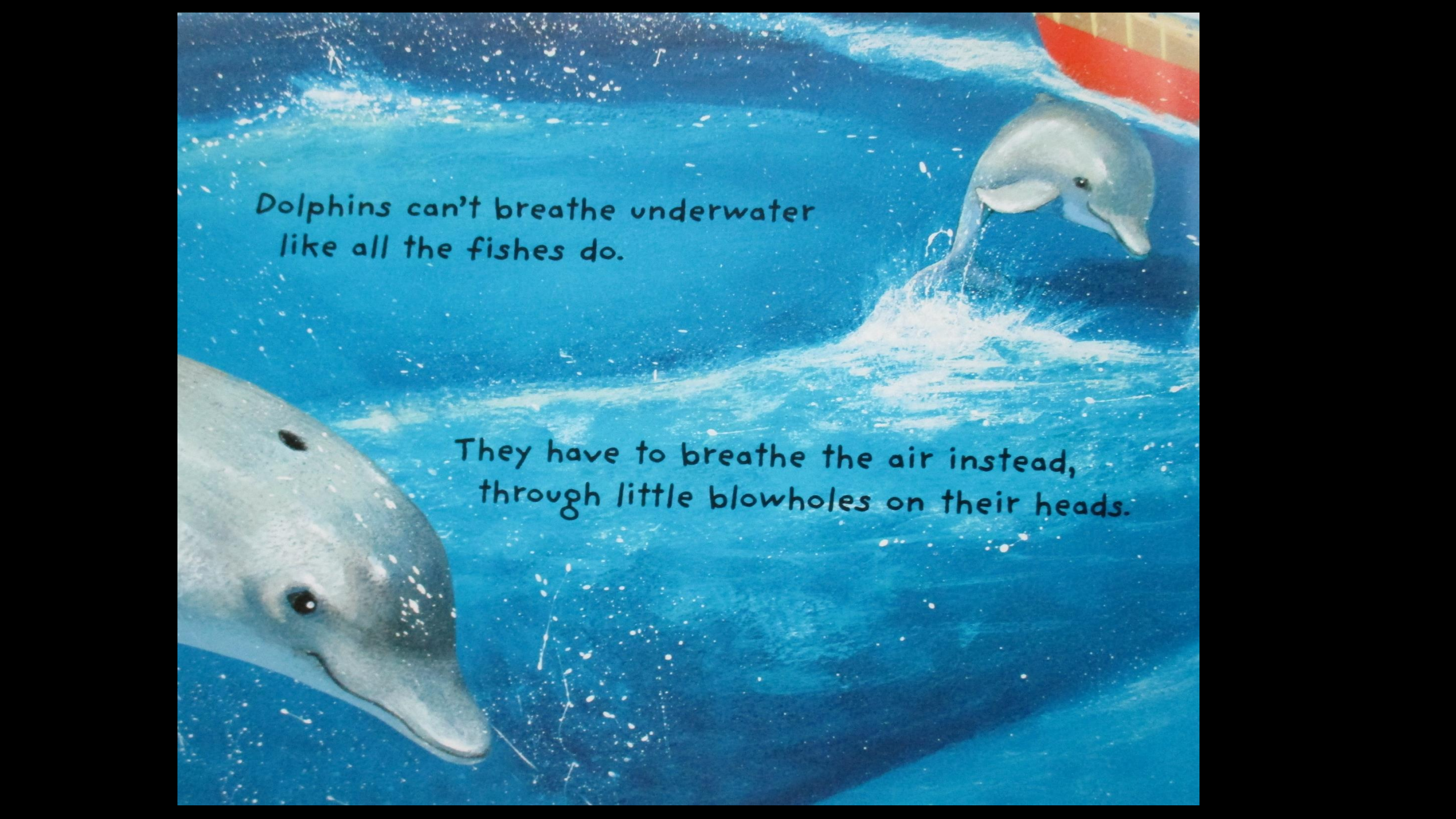
Not many things live at the bottom of the sea.  
Most live near the top, where it's sparkling-bright.

Tumbling schools of silvery fish  
rush along beneath the waves.



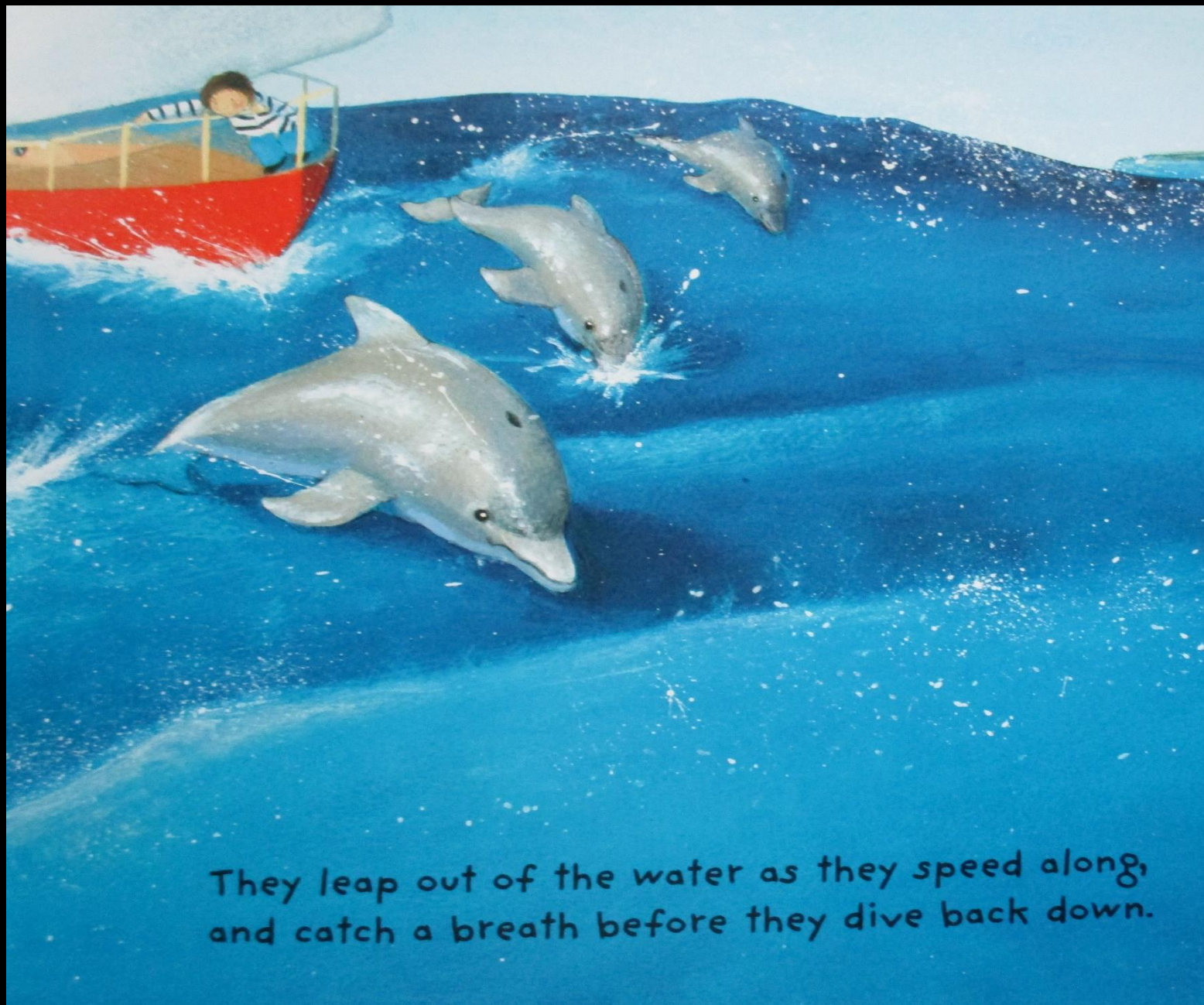
A blue-toned illustration of dolphins chasing a school of fish. The dolphins are depicted with light-colored spots on their dark bodies. They are swimming in various directions, some towards the school of fish. The school of fish is a large group of small, dark fish swimming in a loose formation. The background is a solid blue color, representing the ocean. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

Dolphins chase after them,  
rounding up the fish to eat.

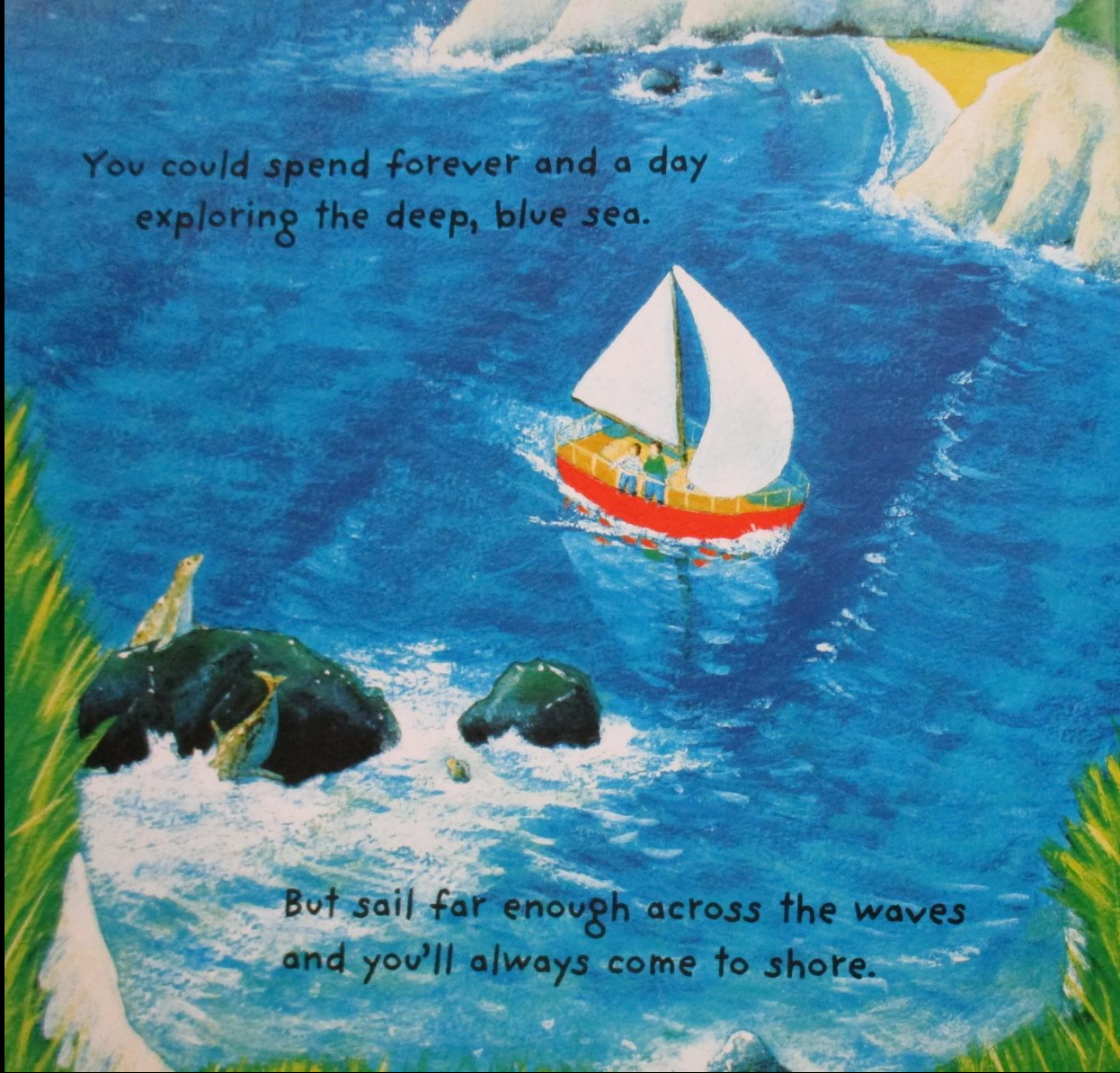
A photograph of two dolphins in a blue pool. One dolphin is leaping out of the water in the upper right, creating a splash. Another dolphin is swimming in the lower left, with its head and blowhole visible. The water is bright blue and has some white foam from the splash. A red boat is partially visible in the top right corner.

Dolphins can't breathe underwater  
like all the fishes do.

They have to breathe the air instead,  
through little blowholes on their heads.



They leap out of the water as they speed along,  
and catch a breath before they dive back down.

A vibrant, painterly illustration of a coastal scene. In the center, a red-hulled sailboat with a white sail is sailing on a deep blue sea. To the left, a large black whale is breaching the water, with two yellow seals resting on its back. The foreground shows a rocky shore with green grass. In the background, there are white cliffs and a small yellow beach. The overall style is whimsical and colorful.

You could spend forever and a day  
exploring the deep, blue sea.

But sail far enough across the waves  
and you'll always come to shore.

