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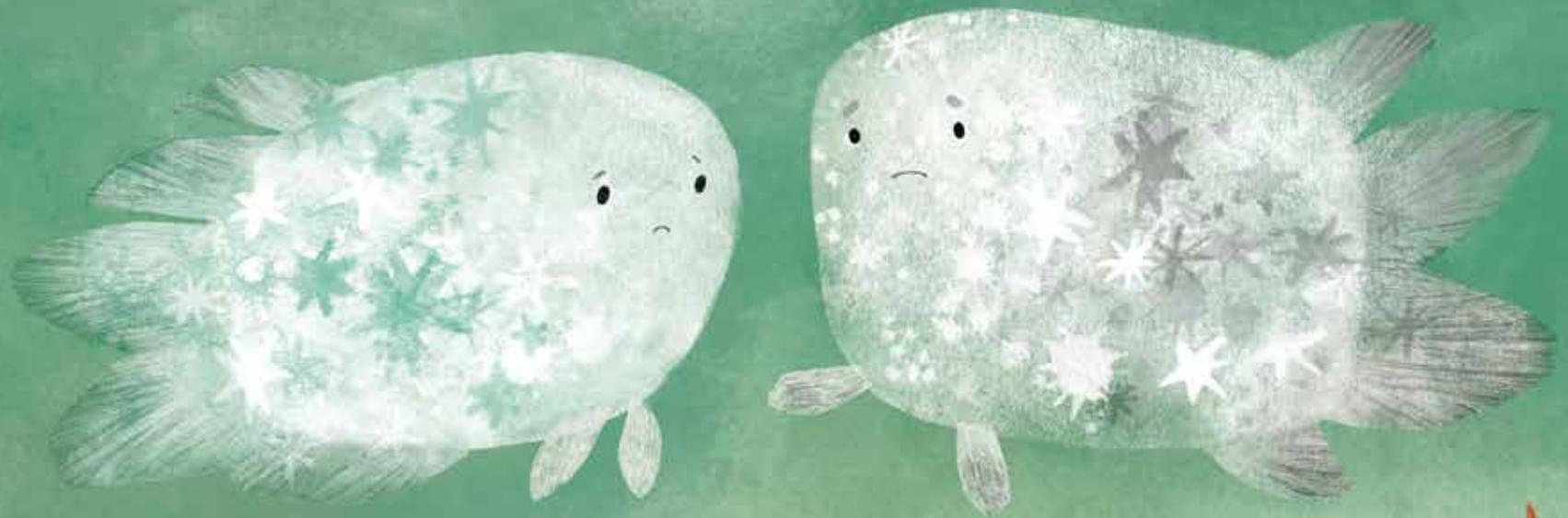


*The Voice of the New Age*

Beautiful Sunfish swam close to her mate  
Moonlight and looked at him with tearful eyes.



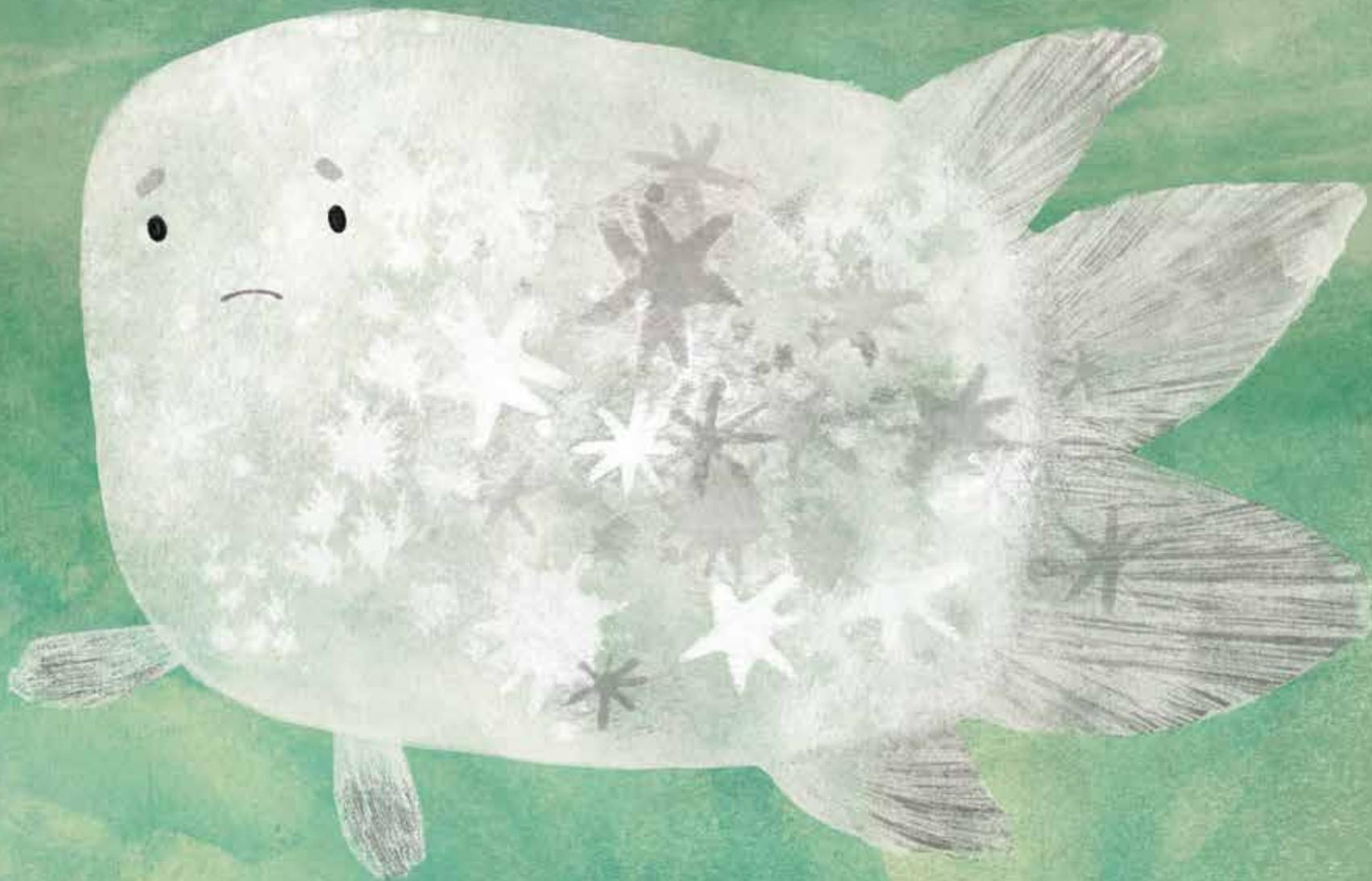
"My eggs did not grow into baby fish,"  
she said sadly.



"It's not our fault,"  
Moonlight said, thinking hard.  
"This is not going to work."



Sunfish thought he was trying to comfort her,  
but really he was thinking about something else.  
“The sea is very hot,” he said.  
“That is why your eggs will not grow.”



Sunfish was surprised. Could that be true?  
She looked carefully at the bottom of the sea.

She hadn't noticed before,  
but now she could see that the jellyfish had disappeared,  
and that the coral was dying.



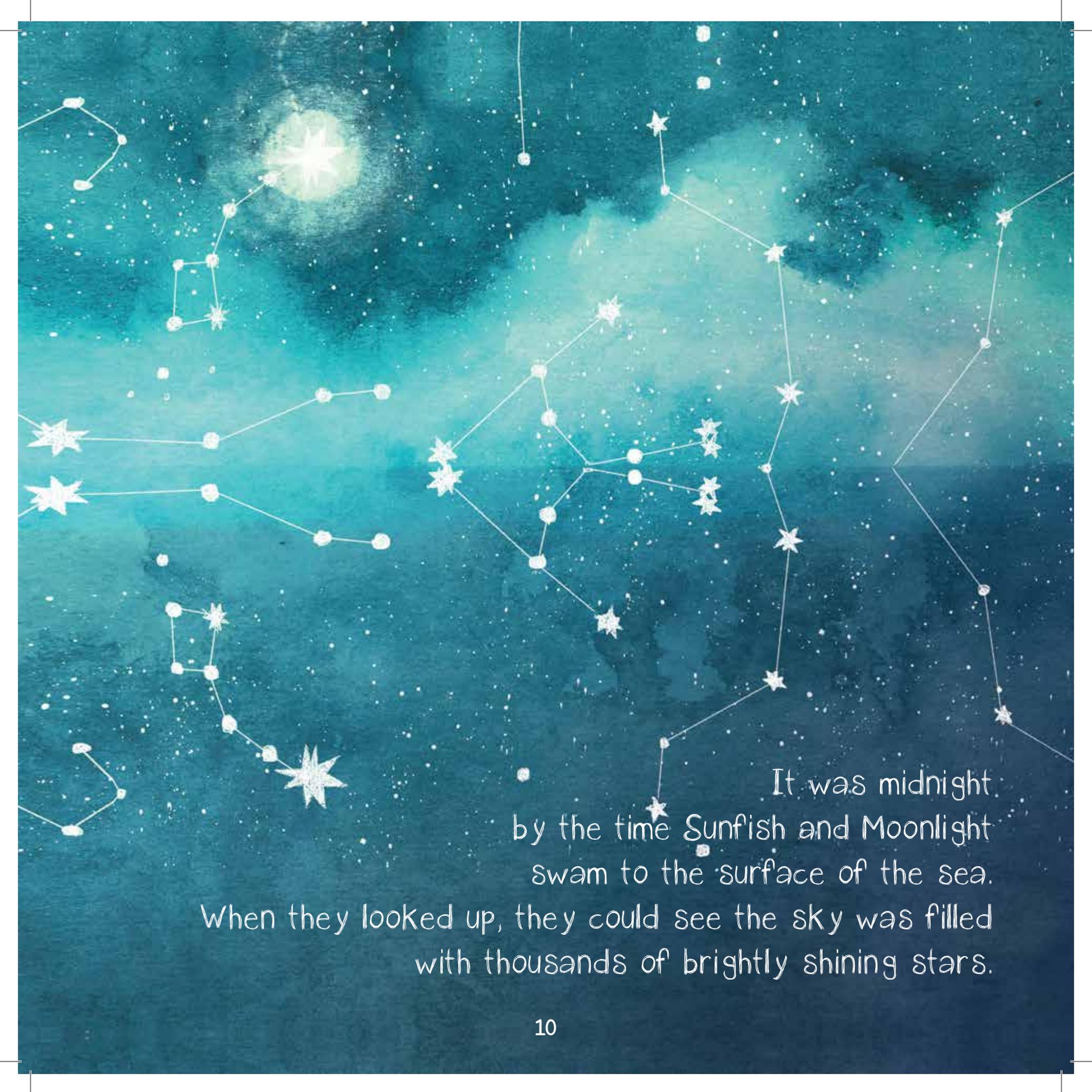
“What are we going to do?” she asked.

The answer was simple;

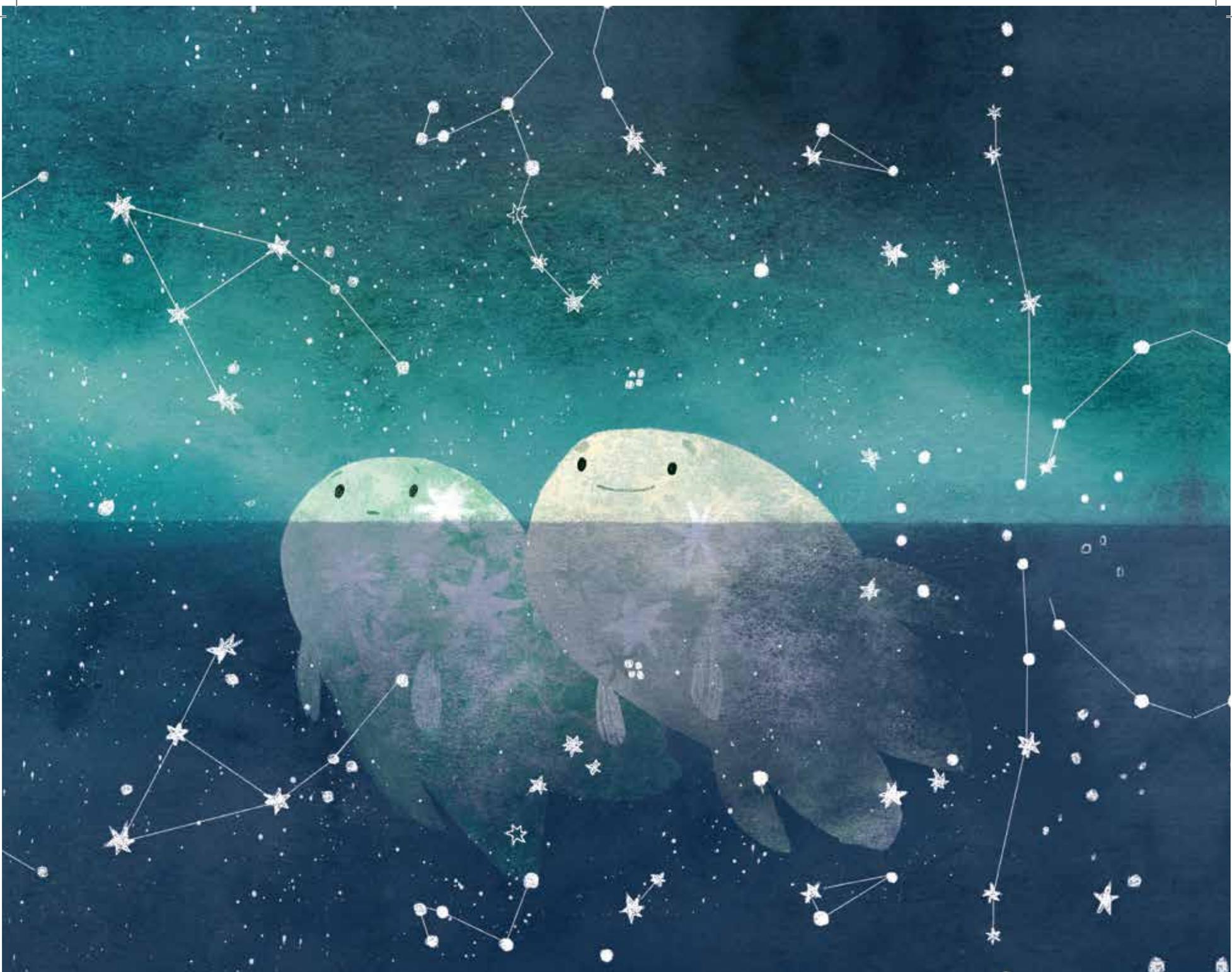
they would go someplace where the water was colder.

They would swim to the North Sea.

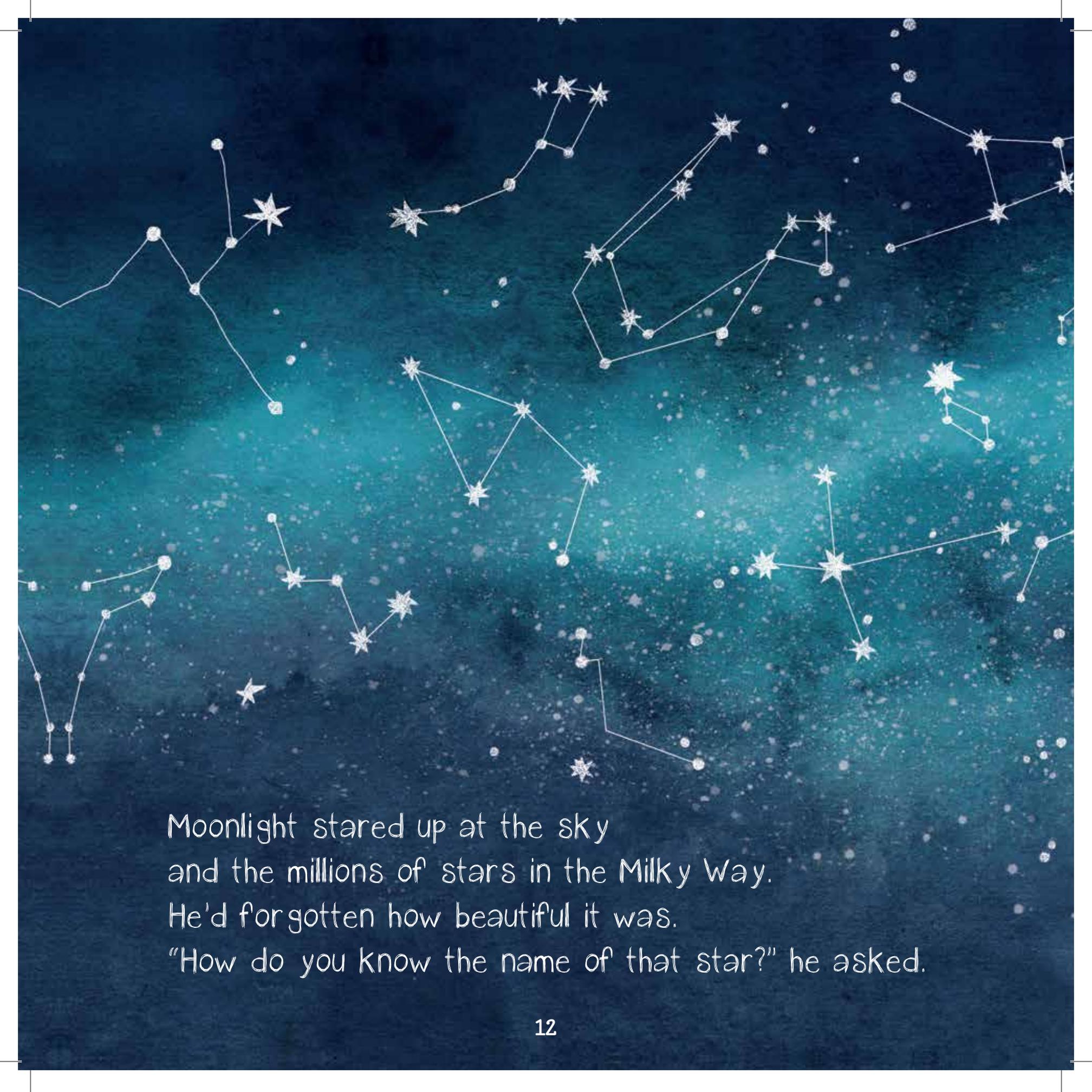




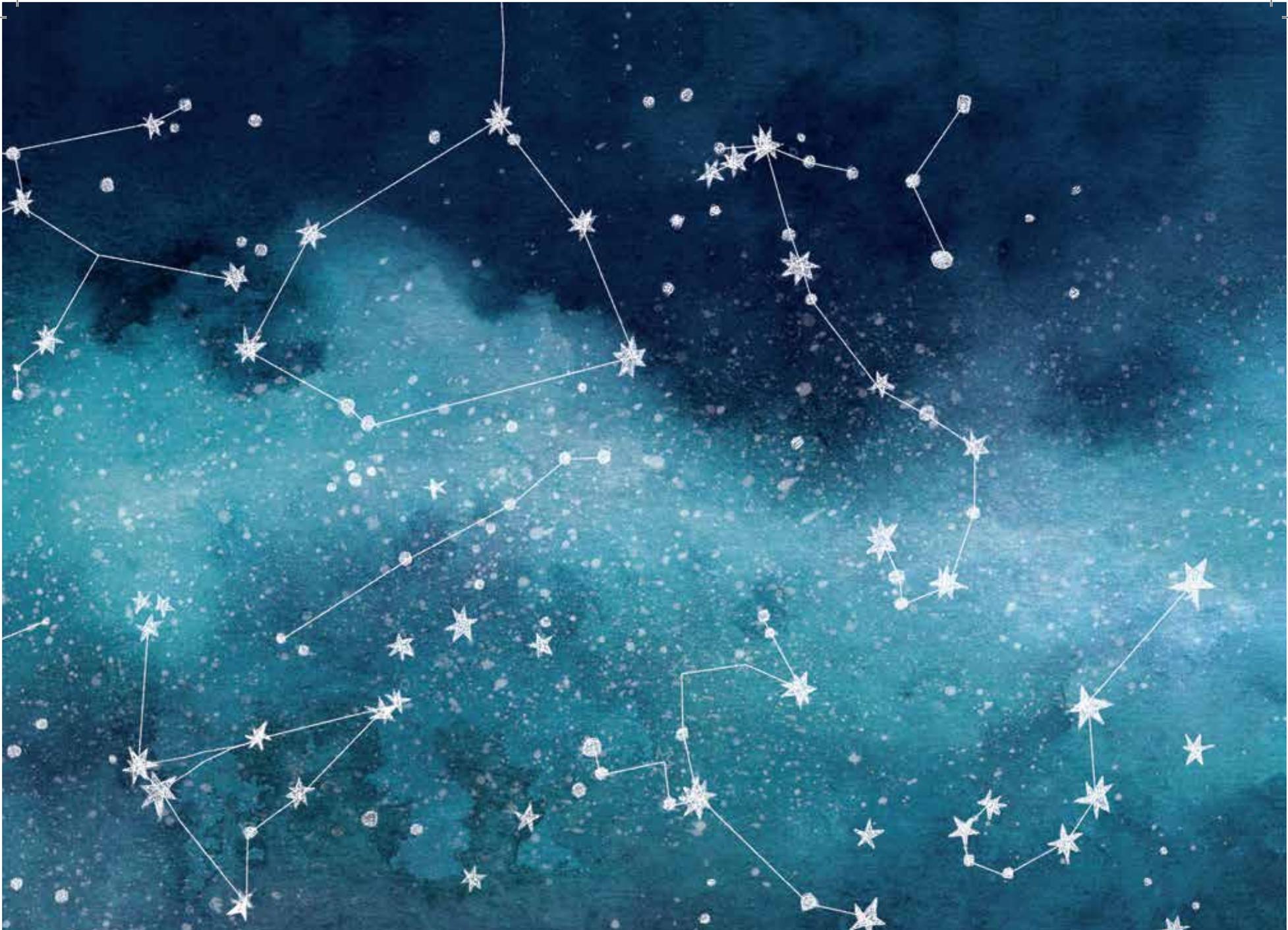
It was midnight  
by the time Sunfish and Moonlight  
swam to the surface of the sea.  
When they looked up, they could see the sky was filled  
with thousands of brightly shining stars.



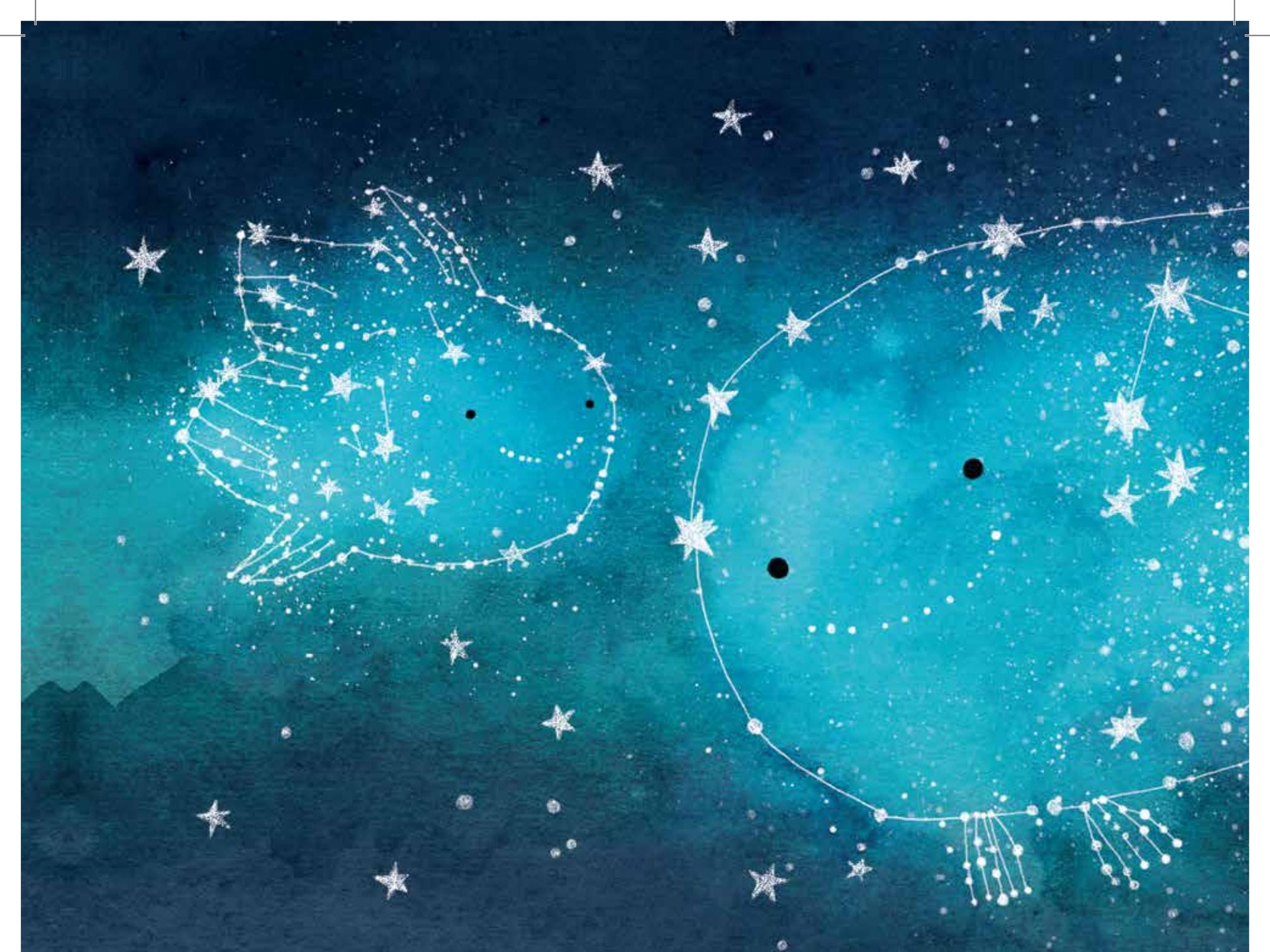
“Do you see the North Star up there?”  
Sunfish said. “We should follow it.”



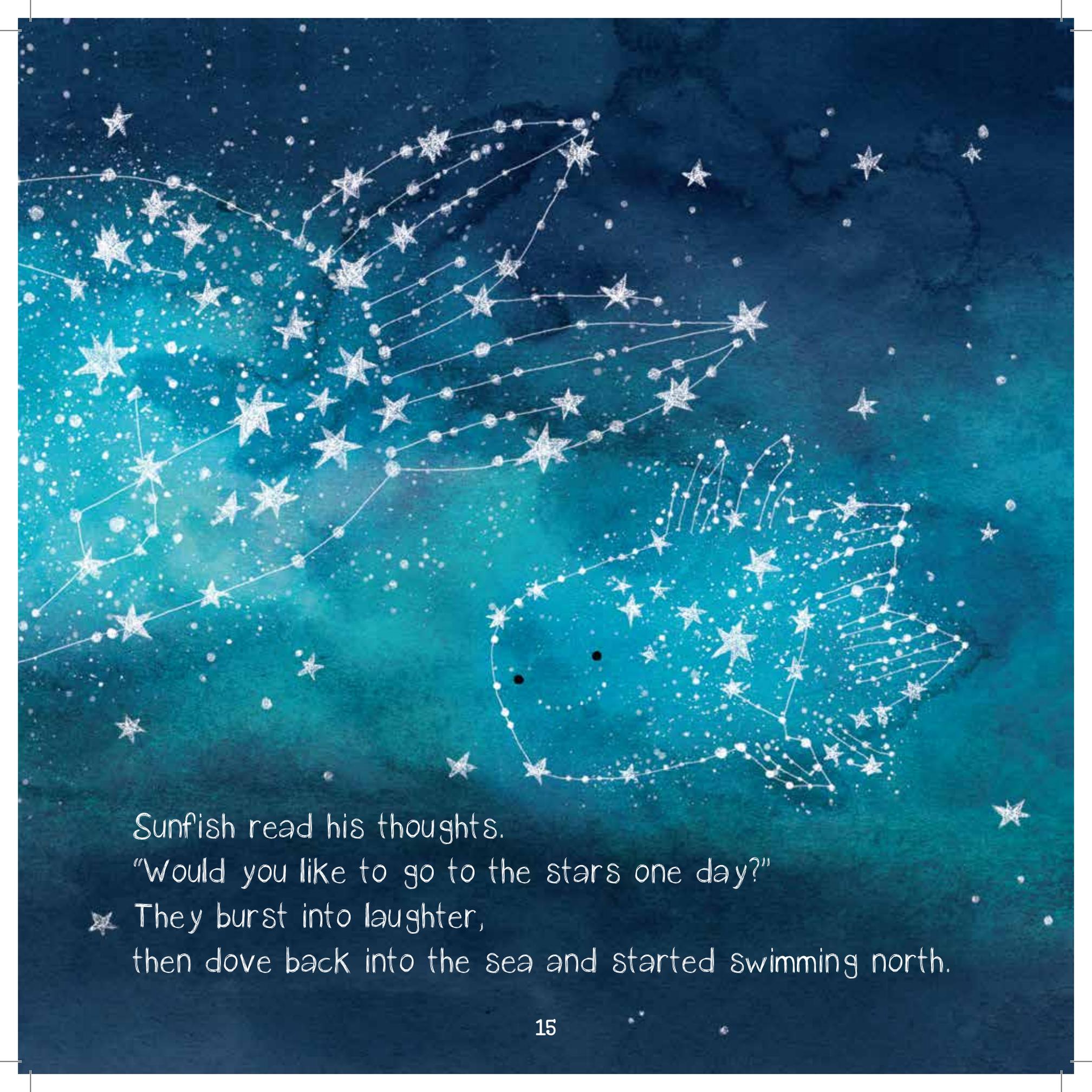
Moonlight stared up at the sky  
and the millions of stars in the Milky Way.  
He'd forgotten how beautiful it was.  
"How do you know the name of that star?" he asked.



"My mother taught me," Sunfish replied.  
"She would point to a star and tell me about it.  
Then she'd point to another and tell me about that one."  
She pointed up to a bright red star.  
"Look," she said. "That one is a planet. It's called Mars."



I wonder if fish live in the stars, Moonlight thought.  
Would they look like us?  
Would they come to visit us one day?



Sunfish read his thoughts.

“Would you like to go to the stars one day?”

★ They burst into laughter,  
then dove back into the sea and started swimming north.

Swimming wasn't as easy as they thought.  
A strong current stopped them from swimming  
in the right direction.



Sunfish and Moonlight  
held each other tight as they kept going.  
Whenever they needed to overcome a problem,  
they joined in solidarity to help each other.

At last, they made it through the current.  
They were finally on their way to the North Sea  
-when suddenly they were attacked!



Two fish stopped them.  
Sunfish and Moonlight fought against them  
and finally got past.  
Afterwards, Sunfish was very tired.  
“Let's rest a little,” she said.



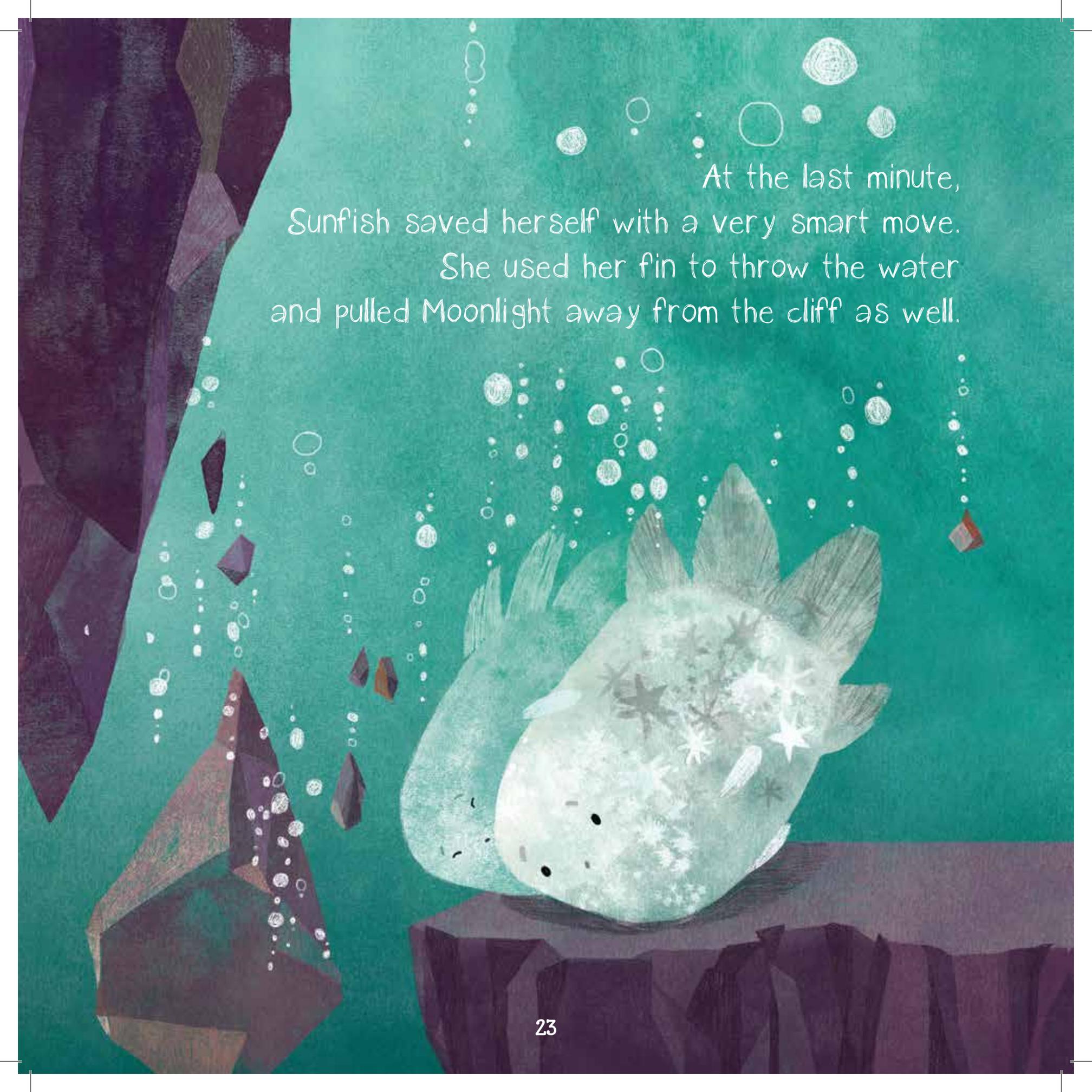
“There is a nice and cosy corner here,”  
Moonlight shouted with joy.



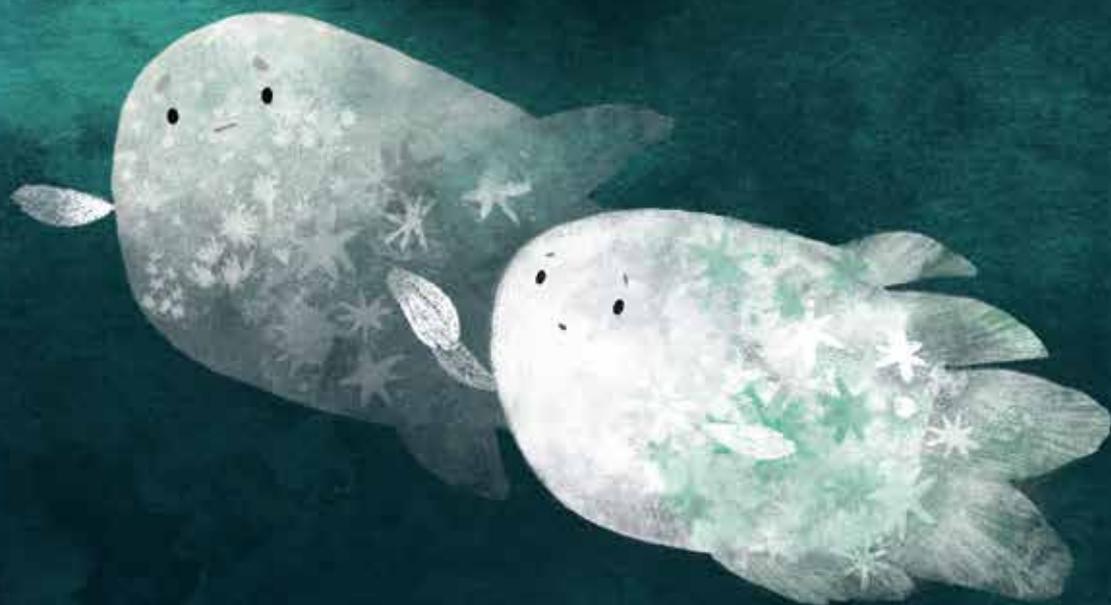
The background of the page is a watercolor illustration of an underwater scene. It features several large, overlapping waves in various shades of blue, from light turquoise to deep navy. Scattered throughout the water are numerous small, white, circular bubbles of varying sizes, some with thin outlines and others with soft, glowing centers. The overall texture is soft and painterly, typical of watercolor art.

Sunfish swam over to join him.  
They were so hungry, they had something to eat  
then settled down to rest.

Suddenly the sea bed began to shake,  
and Sunfish and Moonlight began to fall.  
They didn't know they were  
on the edge of a deep cliff  
and that the cliff was crumbling!

An illustration of a glowing, translucent fish with a shimmering, starry pattern on its body. The fish is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame, swimming towards the left. The background is a deep teal color, representing water. On the left side, there are dark, jagged rock formations. Numerous white bubbles of various sizes are scattered throughout the water, some rising and some falling. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the fish's own glow.

At the last minute,  
Sunfish saved herself with a very smart move.  
She used her fin to throw the water  
and pulled Moonlight away from the cliff as well.



Sunfish and Moonlight  
were so scared they decided to  
keep going without taking any more breaks.



They swam close to the surface of the sea  
so they could follow the North Star  
to their new home.

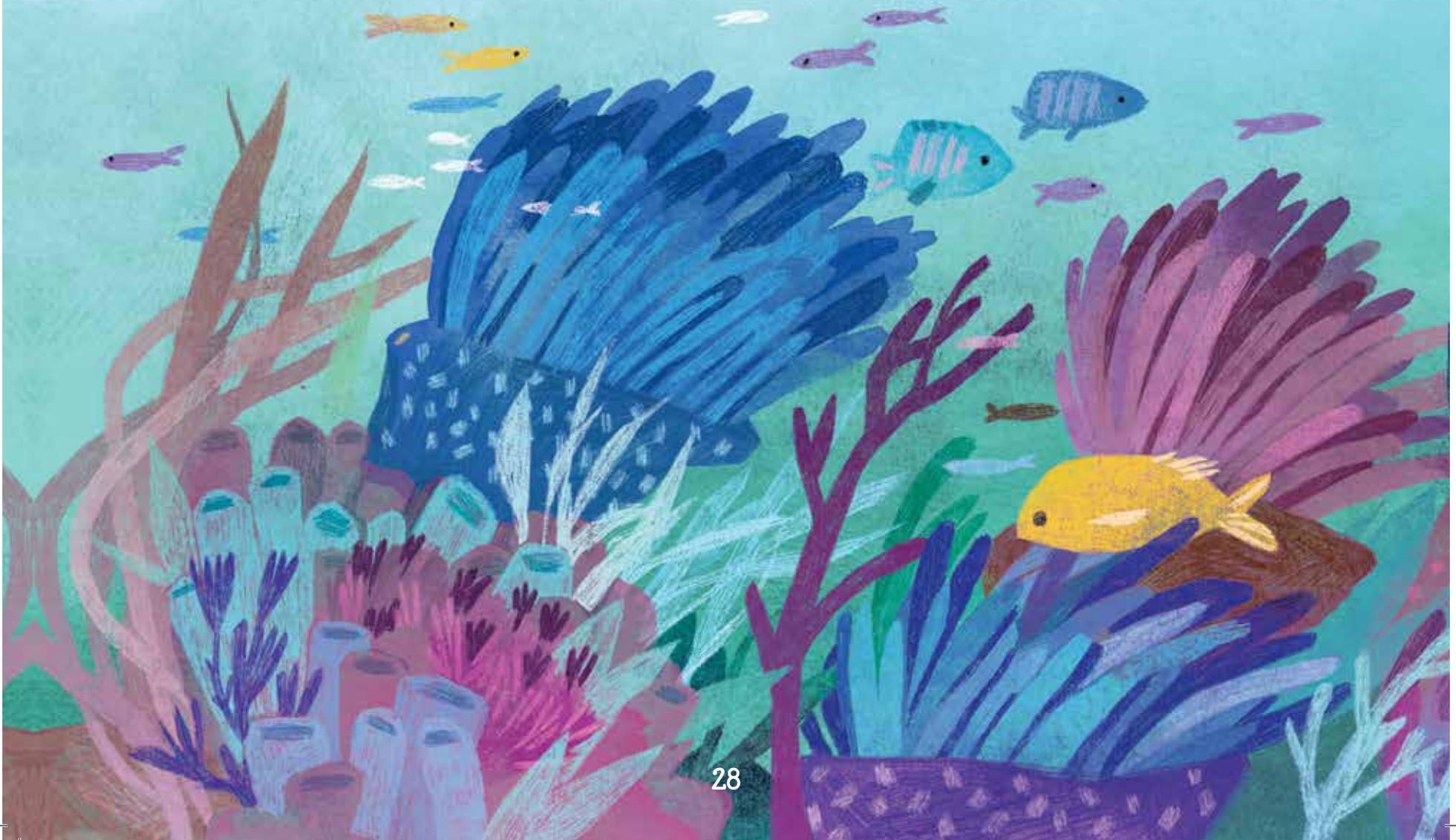


As they swam, a ship began following them.  
“They will hunt us!” Moonlight shouted.  
“Let’s dive to the bottom!”  
A big man on the deck  
threw a giant spear at them.



Moonlight's warning came just in time.  
The spear missed them and they both survived.

In the morning, Sunfish and Moonlight  
reached the North Sea.  
They were so happy,  
Sunfish laid her eggs straight away.



Moonlight swam around with joy.  
They'd had a tough journey,  
but this was their new home.  
As long as they were together,  
any place would be home.



They soon made lots of new friends,  
some of whom came from the southern waters.  
Then Sunfish noticed that the North Sea fish were sad.  
“What’s wrong?” she asked them.



The North Sea fish told her they were worried  
that their water was getting hotter too.  
Sunfish knew she had to do something,  
so she began to chant a cheerful song.  
Soon all the fish joined in  
and the gloomy mood went away.



Days later, Moonlight could not believe his eyes when he came home from a trip to the surface of the water and saw his babies swimming with Sunfish.

He swam up beside Sunfish and their babies made a circle around them. He was so happy. The best thing to do, he thought, was to play with them!

