

# Candle Point

SUEÑO BAY  
ADVENTURES



MIKE DEAS AND NANCY DEAS



## The mysterious moon crystals must not be moved!

**A wild winter storm rolls in**, knocking the power out across the town of Sueño Bay. Feeling crowded by her big family, Kay decides to brave the cold to stay with her aunt Gayle, the lighthouse keeper of Candle Point.

While exploring, Kay stumbles upon an injured Moon Creature and discovers a whole colony of them living in a network of tunnels. Excited for an adventure, she tricks her friends into coming to the lighthouse and helping the injured creature. But nothing goes according to plan and Kay ends up putting them all in danger when she steals a crystal to try and help the Moon Creatures. Somehow Kay must regain the trust of her friends **before Candle Point crumbles into the ocean.**

This is the  
fourth book in  
the Sueño Bay  
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*Shadow Island*,  
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### KEY SELLING POINTS

- The fourth in the popular Sueño Bay Adventures series, this story is about a young girl who tries to reunite an abandoned Moon Creature with its family. She upsets the balance by impulsively taking moon crystals, setting off a dangerous chain of events that she must fix before Candle Point crumbles into the ocean.
- *Candle Point* is a story about honesty, earning trust and taking accountability for our actions.
- Set on a mysterious island, the realistic art and moody setting are sure to appeal to young readers and adults alike. Think *The Goonies* meets the Amulet series.
- Sparse text and easy-to-follow narrative make this the perfect graphic novel introduction for readers interested in something more than picture books.
- Mike Deas is well-known for illustrating the Graphic Guide Adventures series and as the illustrator for the popular Tank & Fizz series. He lives on a small island in the Pacific Northwest (Salt Spring Island).

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★ “Deas’s expressive artwork includes the colorful landscapes and flora...Atmospheric, wordless pages pack a huge punch in this book’s emotional communication.”

—*School Library Journal*, starred review for *Hermit Hill*

“Underlying messages of environmentalism, friendship, and home make this magical mystery a win.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* for *Otter Lagoon*

“A fun, magical romp that younger readers will enjoy.”

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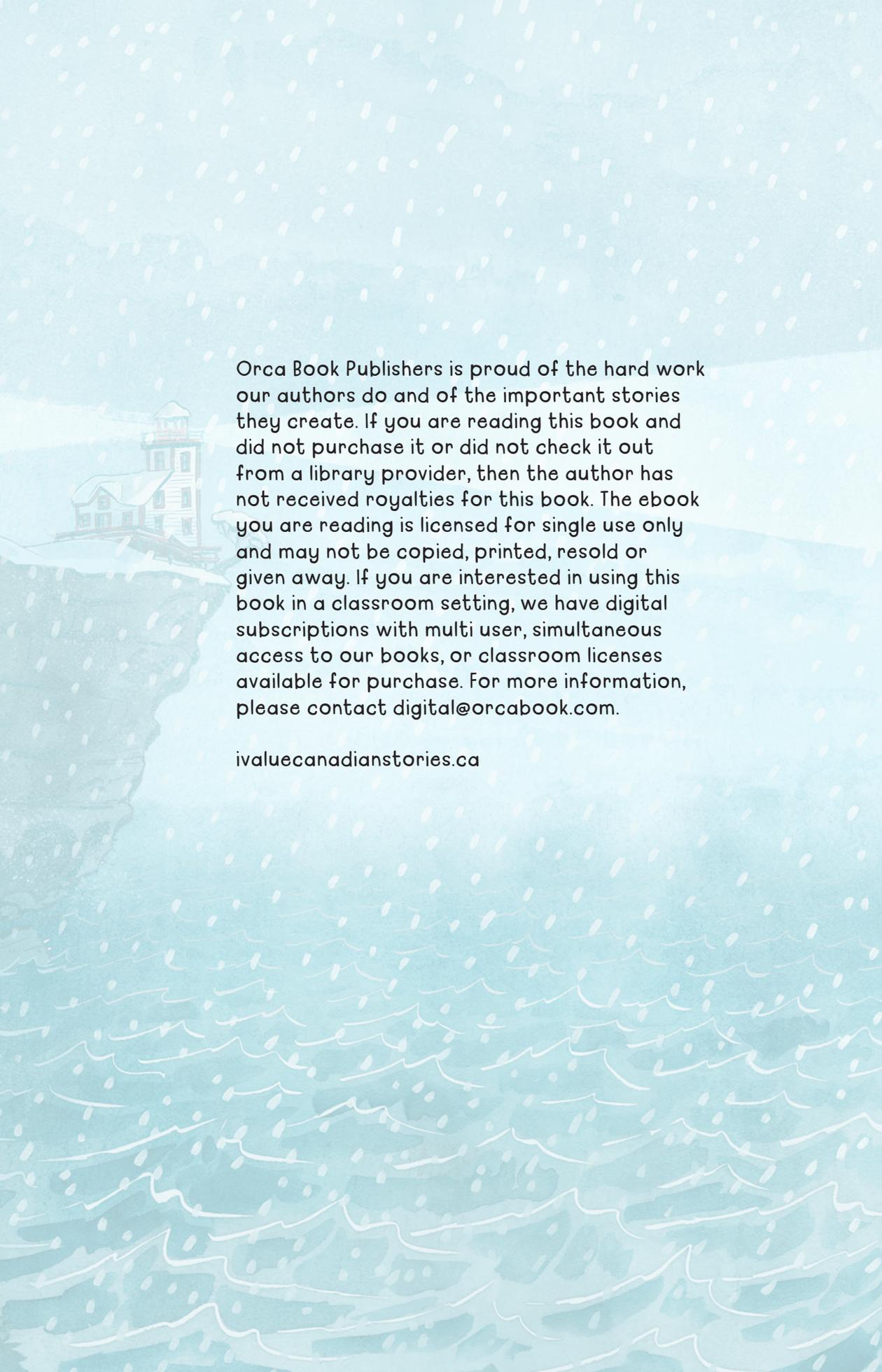
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— M.D. and N.D.

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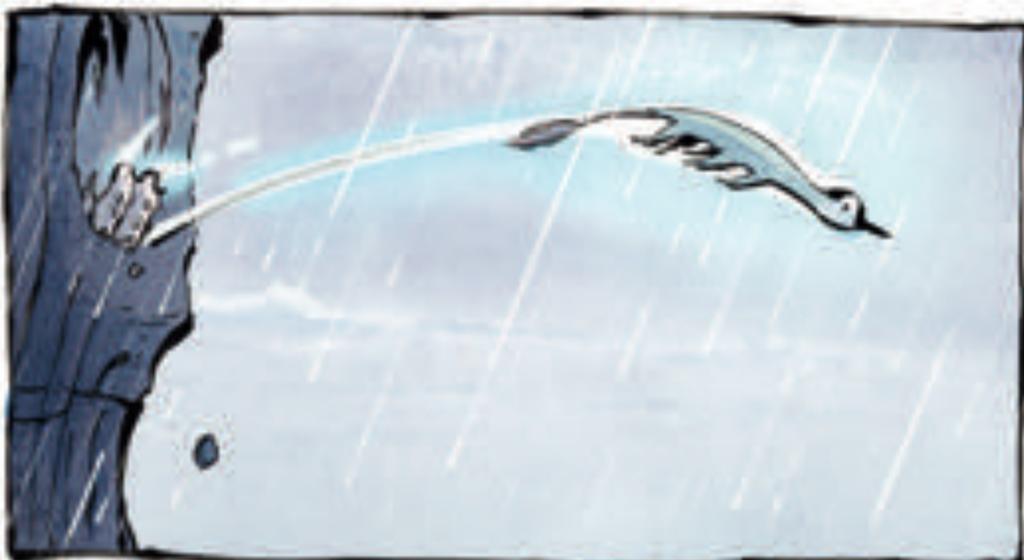
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PROLOGUE

# Lost at Sea







CHAPTER ONE

# My Home Is Your Home





My name is Kay. I have a really big family. It's fun, but sometimes it gets a little crowded. I was born on this island and have been here my whole life. Sueño Bay is an amazing place. It's a magical place. There's something wild around every corner. My friends and I have had some real adventures here. It rains a lot too. But I like the rain. No one else seems to, but I do.









WHOOOSH!



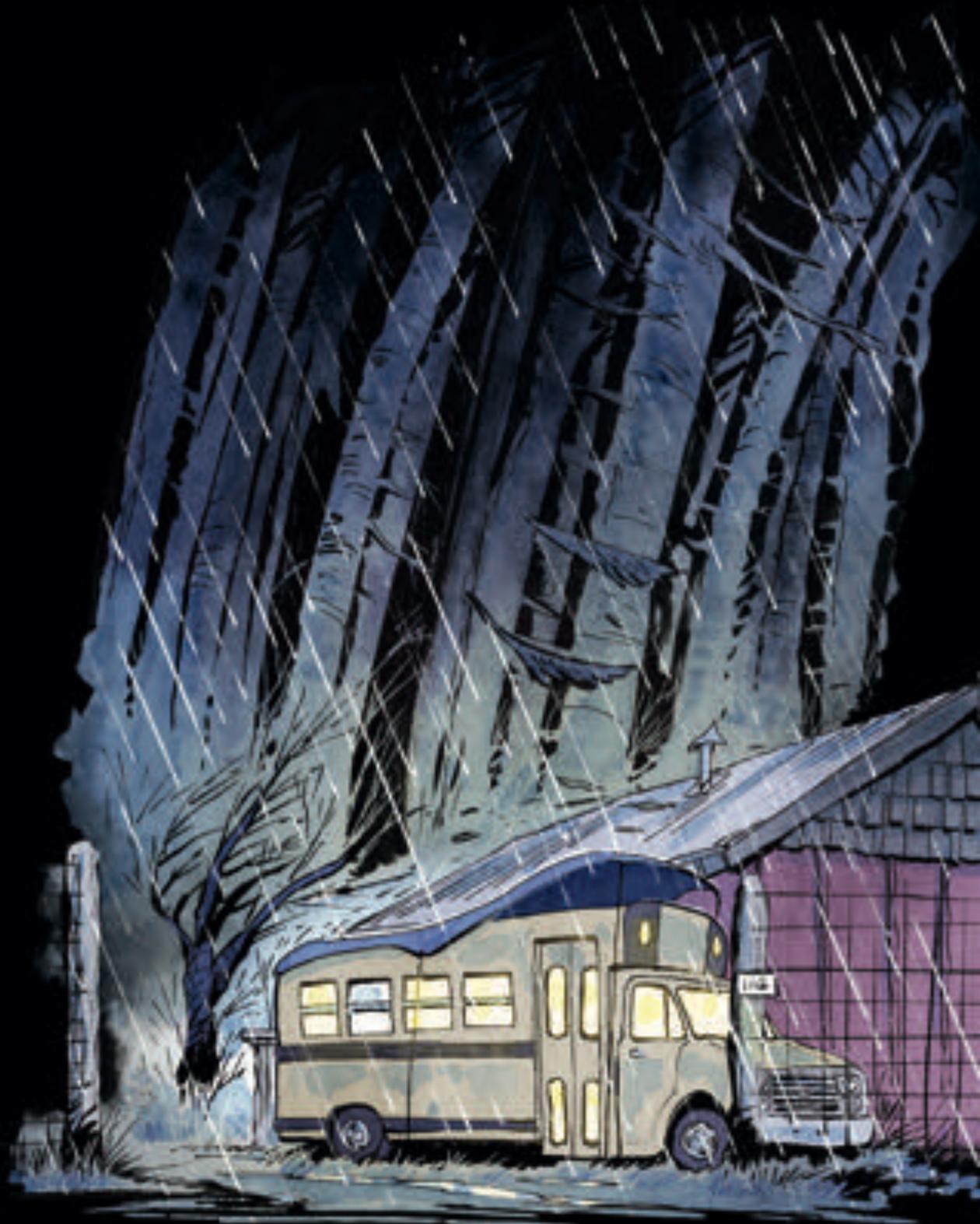








Two hours later...







I don't know why they never believe me. Why would I make that up?









KAY!

COMING!



Power's out, kiddo.  
Better sleep in  
here tonight.

I'm fine out here.  
I have my blankets  
and hot-water bottle.  
Everything I need.



Kay, what you need is to not  
freeze in your sleep. Your  
space heater is electric. It's  
not doing anything.

I told you.  
I'm fine!



Down the coast...

TAP TAP TAP  
TAP

CRACK!

BOOM!

What in the world was that?  
Oh, man. This is a doozy of a storm.  
Maybe when it calms down,  
I'll get some pictures to prove  
the lights are real.



Okay, so it's  
a titch cold.



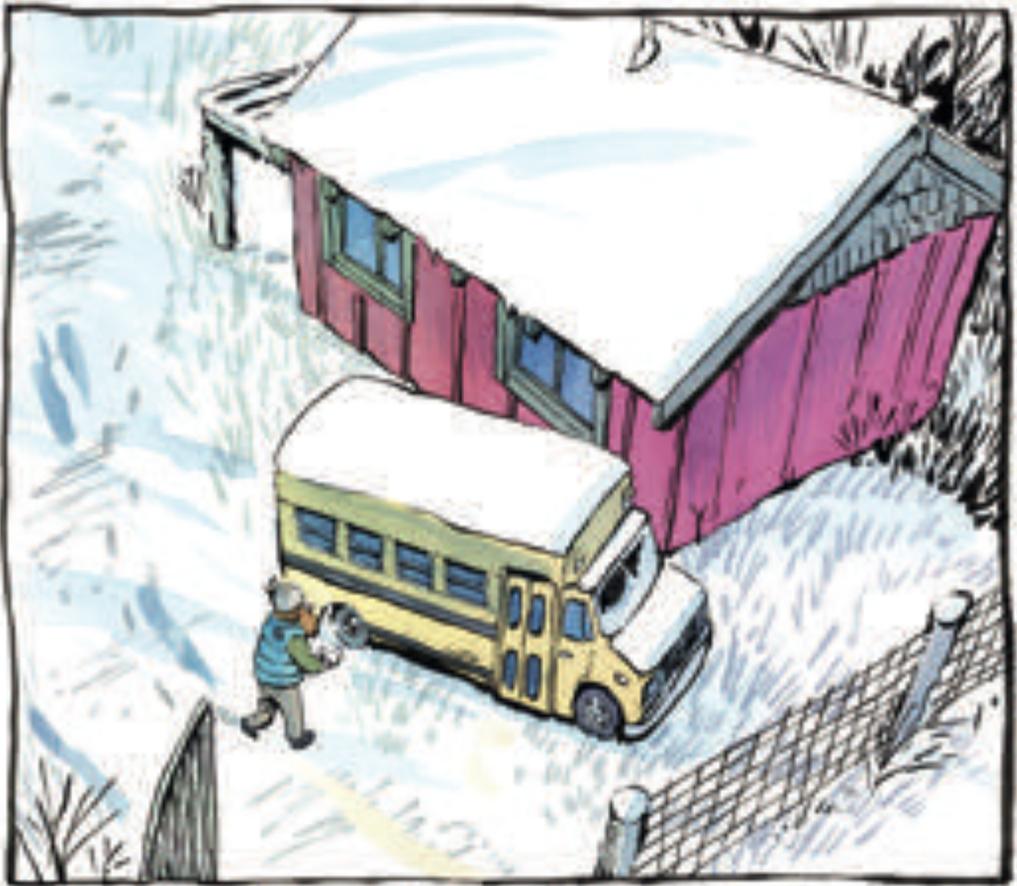
Stay positive, Kay.  
Imagine a volcano.  
Yeah, a lovely, toasty  
volcano would warm me  
up. Yum...marshmallows  
over a volcano.

Brrrrr...



Next morning...





Morning, Sunshine!



Well, how 'bout that. You survived!

See, I told you I'd be fine. Totally great.

Looks like we got a skiff of snow!



You sure you don't want to come in? Your lips are blue. You might want to rethink this one. It's below freezing out here.

Dad, I'm not coming in. I don't want to stay in the boys' room. I need my own space.



Kay, I'm being serious.  
You're coming in the house.  
You can sleep on the couch.  
This has gone on  
long enough.

Dad! Come on!  
That's not fair!  
I'm fine out here.

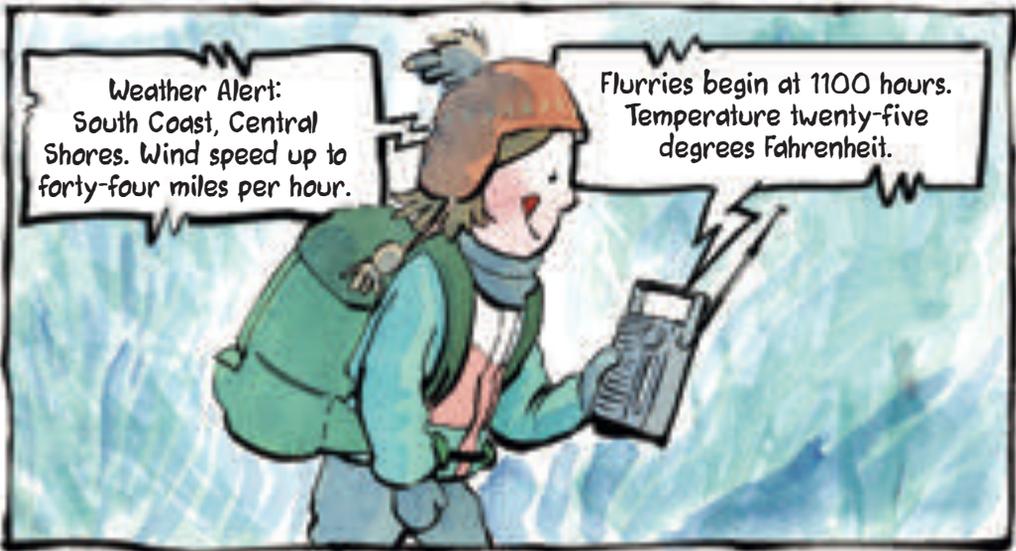
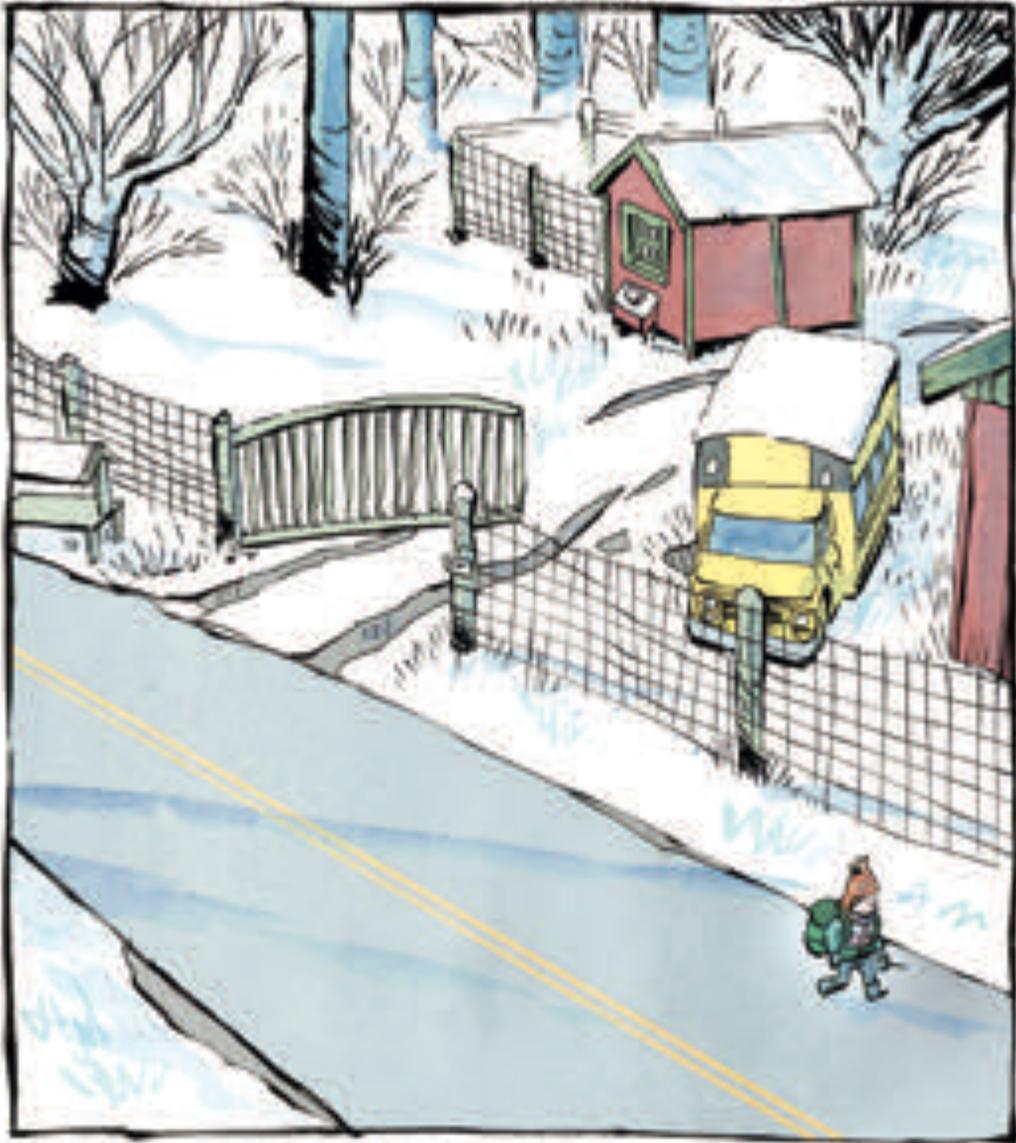
No! Kay, I love  
Popsicles, but I  
don't need one  
for a daughter.

Or...what if I go  
down to Gayle's?

We are not  
bothering Gayle.  
She doesn't do well  
with kids. Got it?

Loud and  
clear.





Weather Alert:  
South Coast, Central  
Shores. Wind speed up to  
forty-four miles per hour.

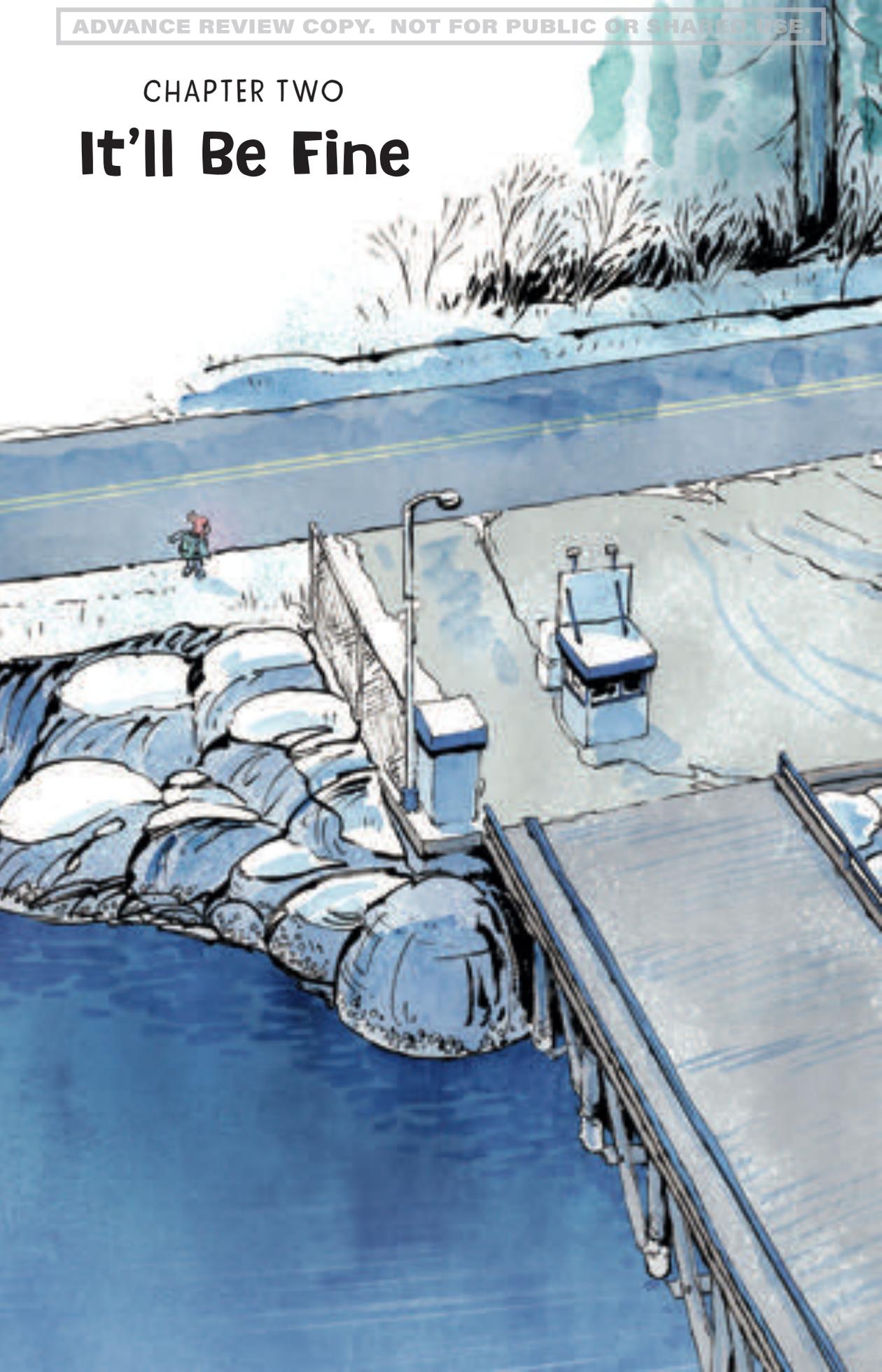
Flurries begin at 1100 hours.  
Temperature twenty-five  
degrees Fahrenheit.



Candle Point,  
Robertson Island,  
overcast. Wind speed up  
to fifty miles per hour.  
Flurries begin at  
1100 hours.

CHAPTER TWO

# It'll Be Fine









Did your power go out too? Must be the whole island.

Yeah, there was a really loud bang and the lights went out. Is this gonna happen a lot?



In winter? All the time. It's no biggie. You gettin' your tank filled?

Yeah. Grampa sent me up here to get a few things. Man, it's cold. My fingers can barely move.



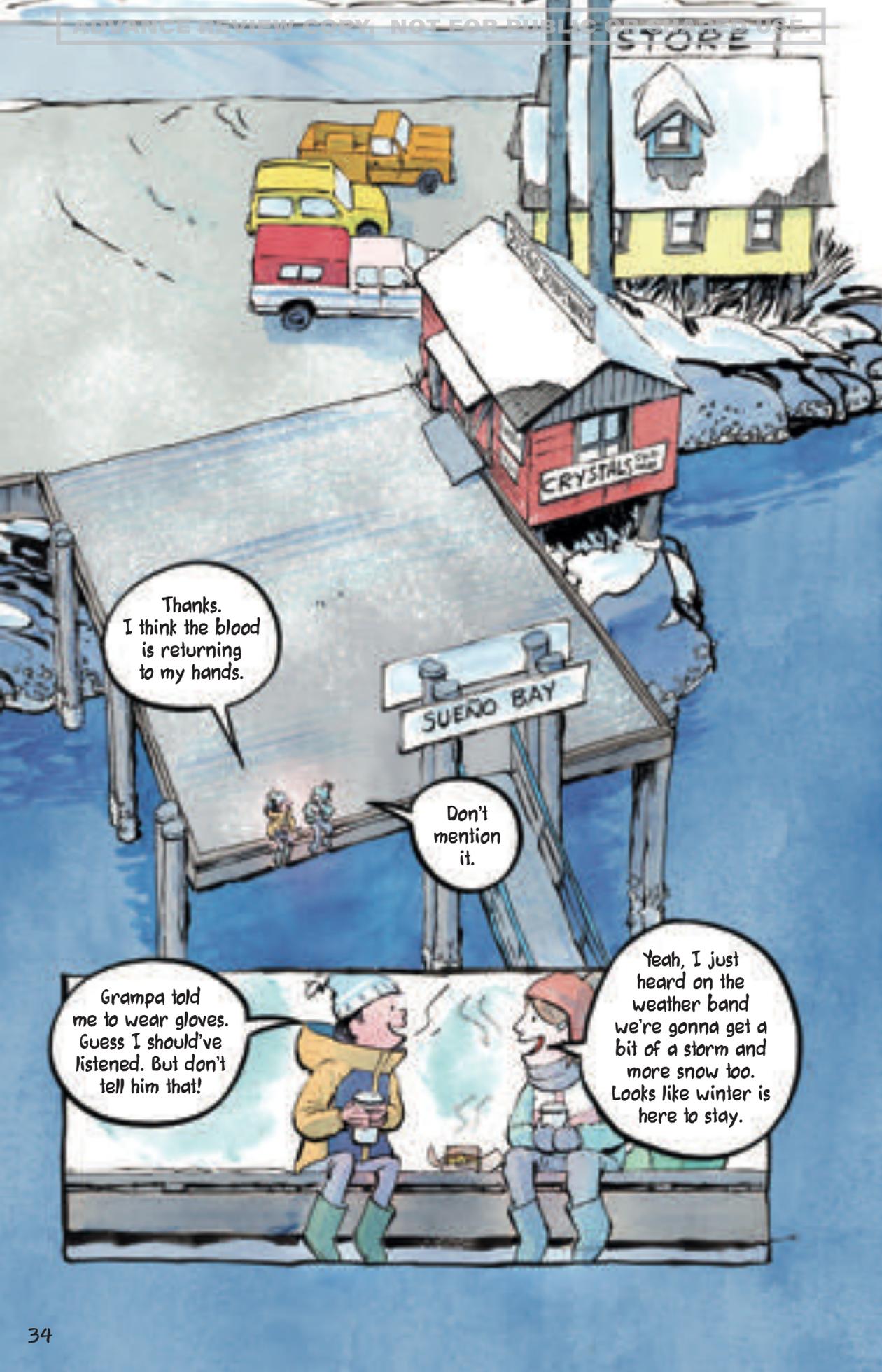
Do I just go around back for propane?

Yeah. And make sure Mathers gives you YOUR tank back!



Morning, Arlo! How's things? Can I get a couple hot chocolates and a breakfast bun with pickles, please?

For you, Kay, anything!



Thanks.  
I think the blood  
is returning  
to my hands.

Don't  
mention  
it.

Grampa told  
me to wear gloves.  
Guess I should've  
listened. But don't  
tell him that!

Yeah, I just  
heard on the  
weather band  
we're gonna get a  
bit of a storm and  
more snow too.  
Looks like winter is  
here to stay.



More snow?  
That could be fun.  
Kay, what's with  
all the gear? You  
running away?

Ha, ha. I'm actually  
wandering on down to my aunt's place.  
She needs a hand with a few things, so  
I'm gonna help out for a few days.



No kidding?  
I didn't know you  
had more family  
on the island.

Ha, ha. Yeah,  
lots of family.



Where's  
her place?

Oh man. She has the  
best spot on the island.  
She runs the Candle  
Point lighthouse.



For real?  
What does that  
mean? Like, what  
does she do?

She's in charge  
of keeping the light  
going. So sailors don't  
go on the rocks. It's a  
rough bit of coastline.  
Her place is like a  
second home for me.



You know, there is the most amazing sledding hill down there. The crew should all come down.

Is there enough snow? Don't we need to see if the forecast is right first?

Oh, we need way more snow. A mouse would have a hard time sledding in this. Believe me, the forecast will be right.

Okay. I'm in. What is so great about this hill anyway?



A tunnel? Oh, what am I talking about? There's no tunnel...

Pull yourself together, Kay. It won't be that bad. I hope Aunt Gayle remembers who I am!



Oof. I always forget how long this walk is.





**Weather Alert:**  
Winds gusting to  
fifty-five miles per hour.  
Temperature twenty-one  
degrees Fahrenheit.

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MPH



# Sueño Bay

HOME OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Murmur Cove

Fairgrounds

Otter Lagoon

Candle Point

Boathouse

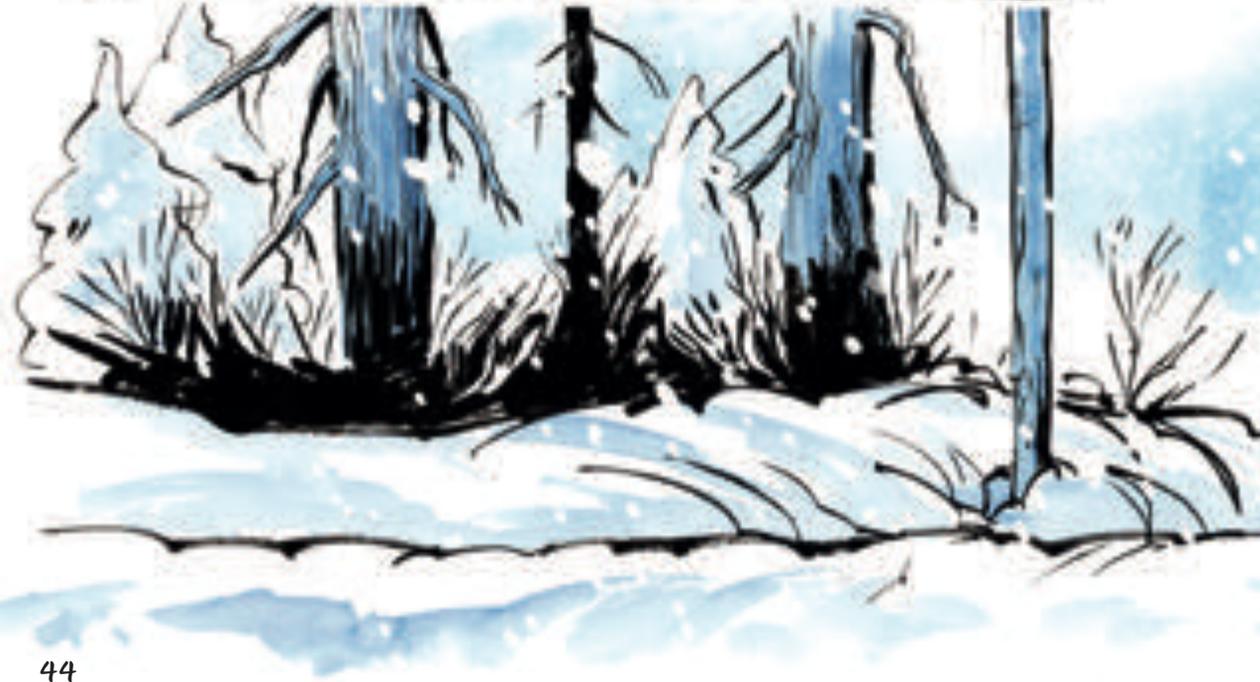






Good timing, Rita! My feet were about to turn into ice.

Kay, honey! How are you? Is that all you've got on? Let's crank this heater and see if we can warm you up.

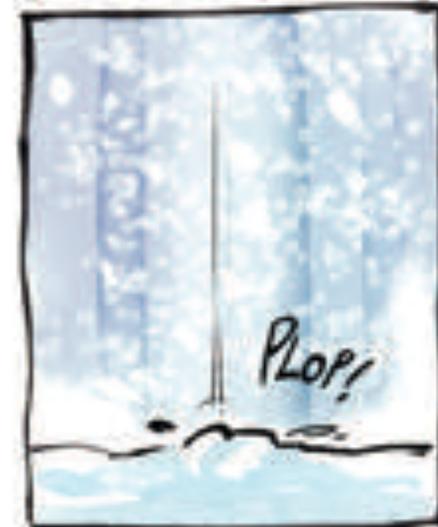


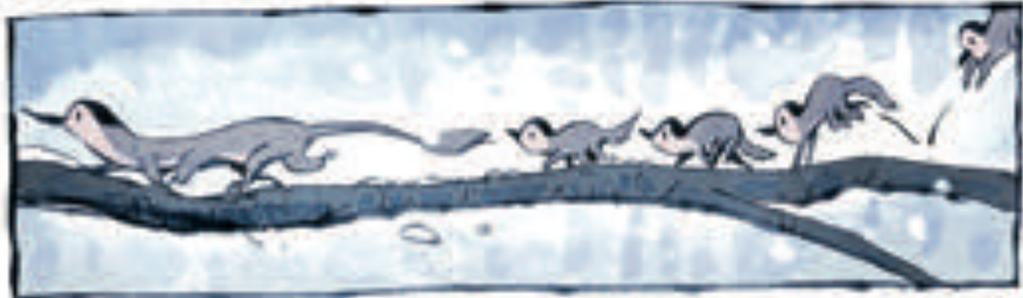




























Let's check back in the morning when we have a flashlight. We don't want to get lost in a cave.



Whoa. It's getting chilly. Maybe we better pick up the pace.







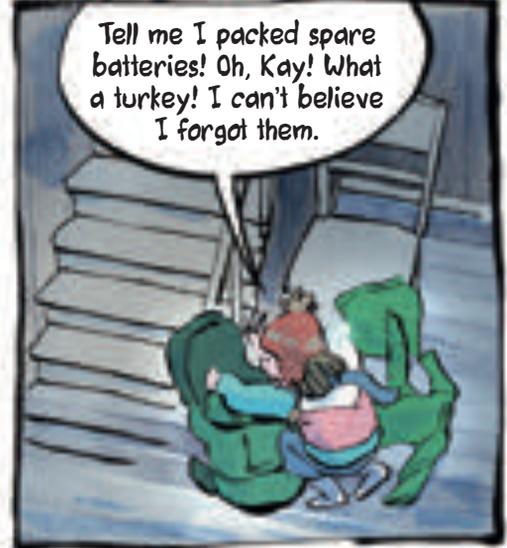


















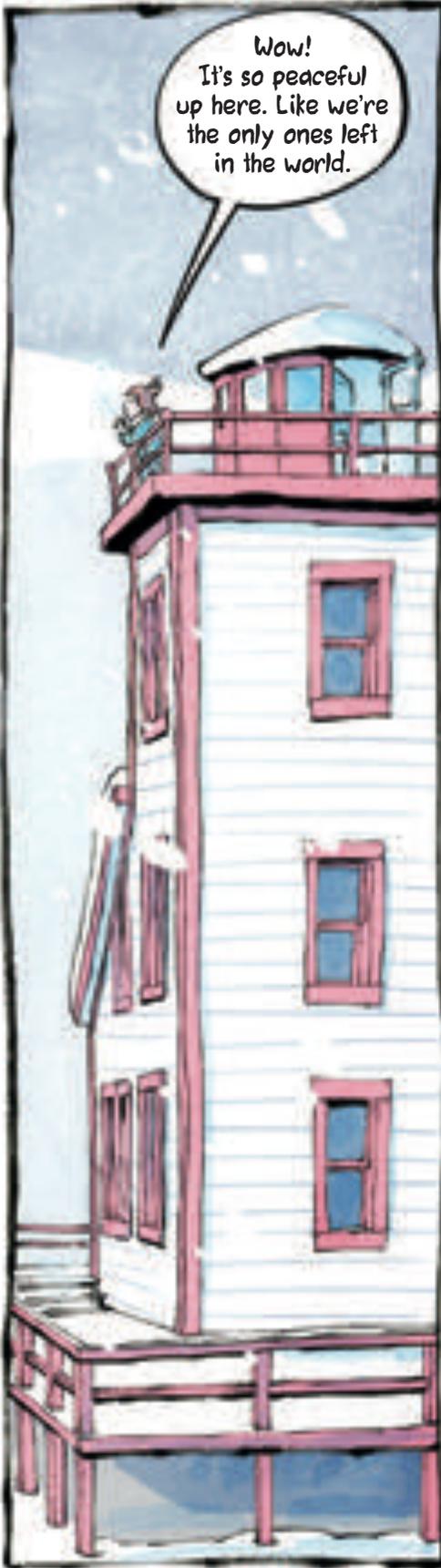
What a workout!  
This is getting pretty high!



Hang on, little one.



No way!  
This is awesome.





This place is crazy! These stairs don't make sense. Why do they go way down?





Is someone in here?! Who?



It's me!



You better duck down. I'm not sure she'll want you in her house.



Kay?  
What are you doing here?

Huh? Oh,  
didn't my parents  
talk to you? I was  
going to stay here  
for a few days?



This is the first  
I'm hearing  
about it.



Oh? Sorry.  
I guess I should  
have asked.



Yes.  
Asking would've  
been nice.



You really shouldn't  
be in here. What  
are you looking  
for anyway?

I was  
trying to find  
some batteries.  
My radio is  
toast.



Well, you won't find any  
down there. Look, if you  
are needing a bed for  
a day or two, that will  
be fine. But this isn't a  
boarding house.

Thanks,  
Auntie Gayle.









You can almost see the village from here. This will be a good spot for you to rest up, and maybe I can get my proof! With a sky this open, we'll see the lights for sure!



I think you're gonna have to stay hidden though. Don't want Neptune eating you for dinner. You'll be comfy enough here. Nice and cozy.

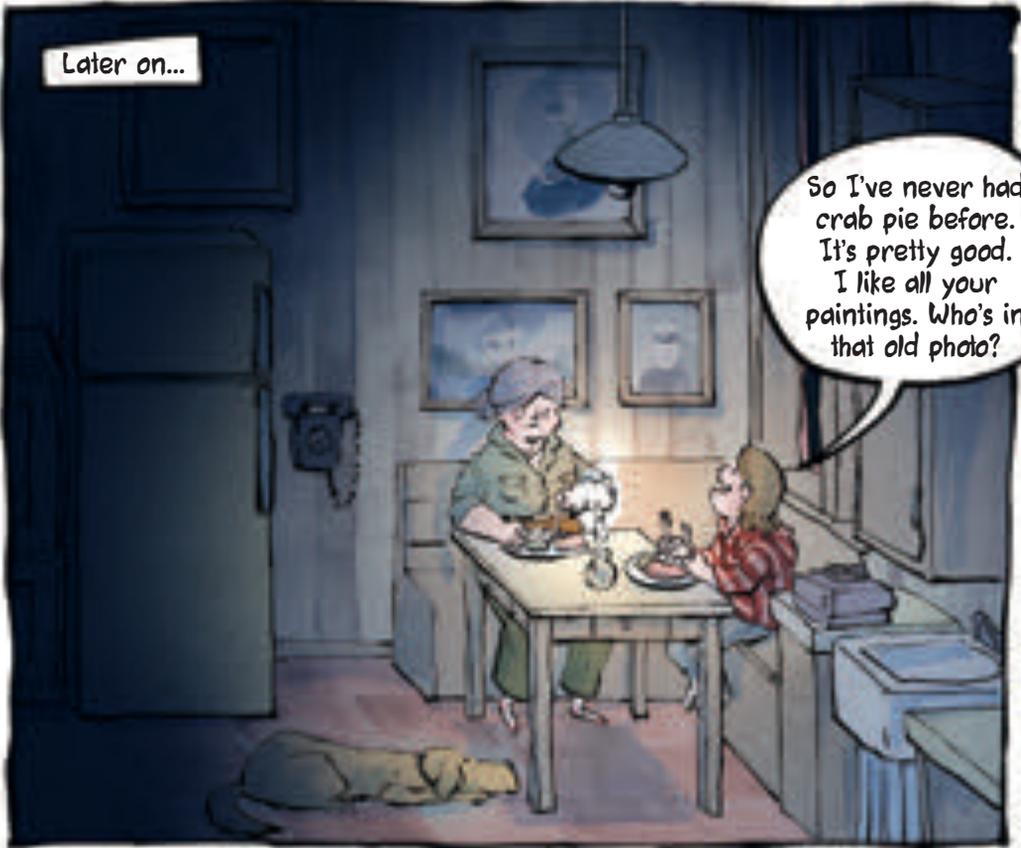


You know what? I bet I can get some good photos from the lighthouse tower.



I'll show them all, Moony. Is it okay if I call you that? Just for the time being.

Later on...

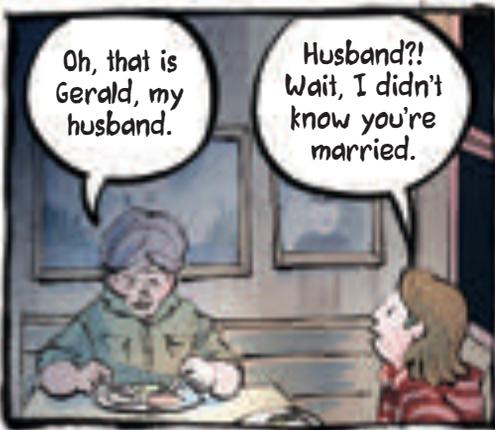


So I've never had crab pie before. It's pretty good. I like all your paintings. Who's in that old photo?



Oh, that is Gerald, my husband.

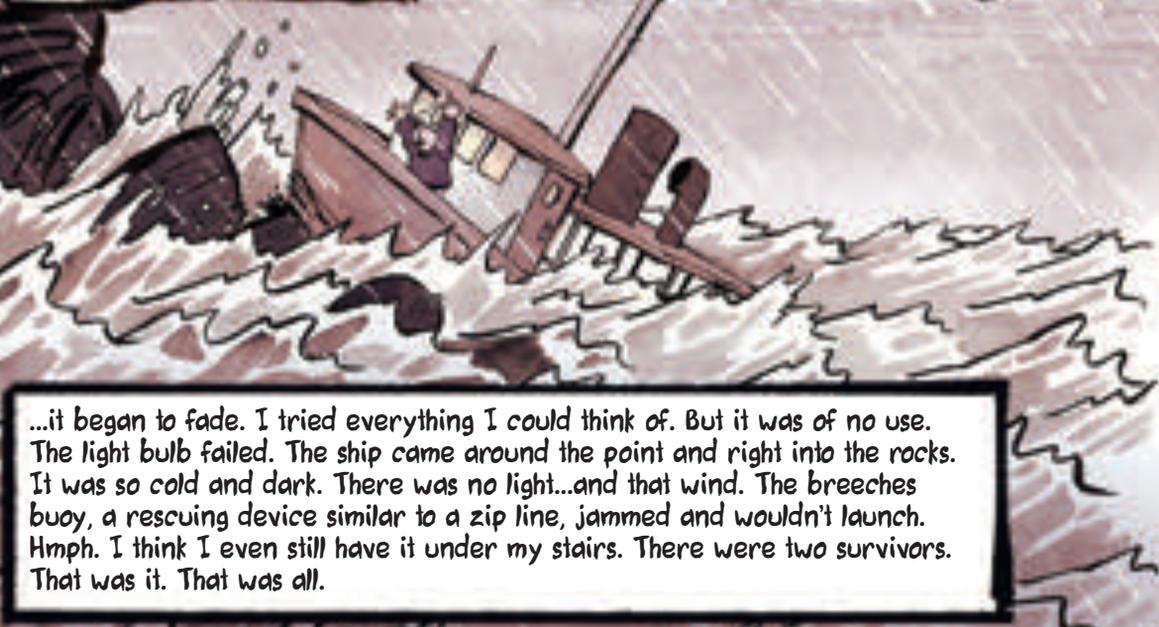
Husband?! Wait, I didn't know you're married.



That was a long time ago. His ship sank, and he was lost with it. Just off this very point. I don't bring it up often.

That's awful.







Gerald didn't make it?



No. Another soul lost to the sea. I've committed my life to seeing that it never happens again. I keep that light going. Even after they decommissioned it. This coast is unpredictable, and that light saves lives.



I'm so sorry.

Oh, listen to me carry on. I had better get to bed. Do you have something to keep you busy?



Ah, yeah, I do. I have a school report I need to work on.



That's fine. Good night then. Oh, I also spoke with your father—it's all right for you to stay a day or two. C'mon Neptune. Bed.

Oh, uh, thanks. Night.





Better get some shut-eye so you are strong enough to keep up with your family.



Zzz

Winds gusting up to fifty miles per hour. Flurries continue through the night.





CHAPTER THREE

# I Know the Feeling















This is really weird. Why don't they come?

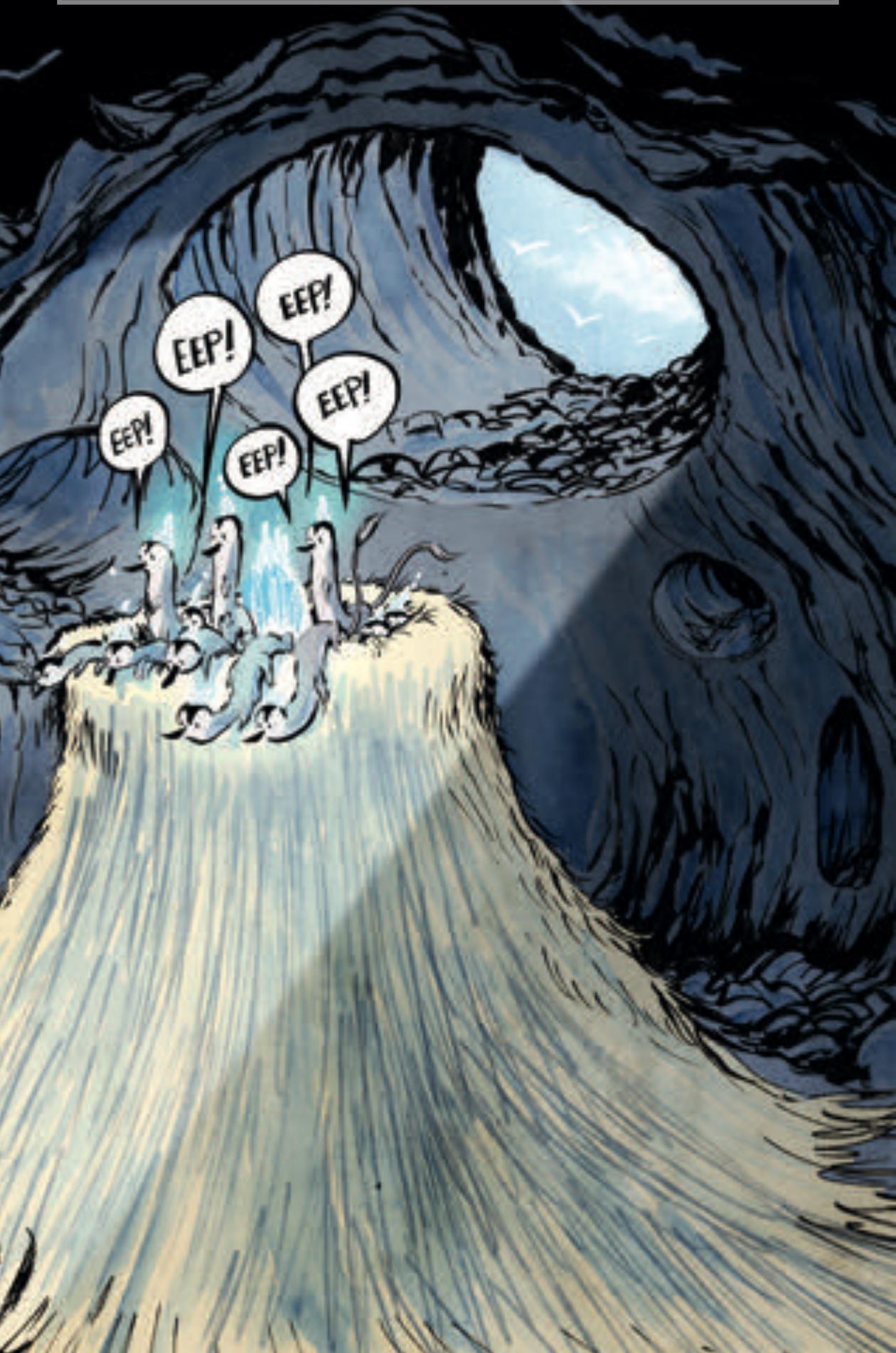
EEP!

EEP!

EEP!



Ha! Well, I'll be a barnacle. That's a lot of moonys!







EEP!

WHACK!





A little crowded, eh? Moony, I'm sorry. I know the feeling.



So what's our plan? Let me give it a try?

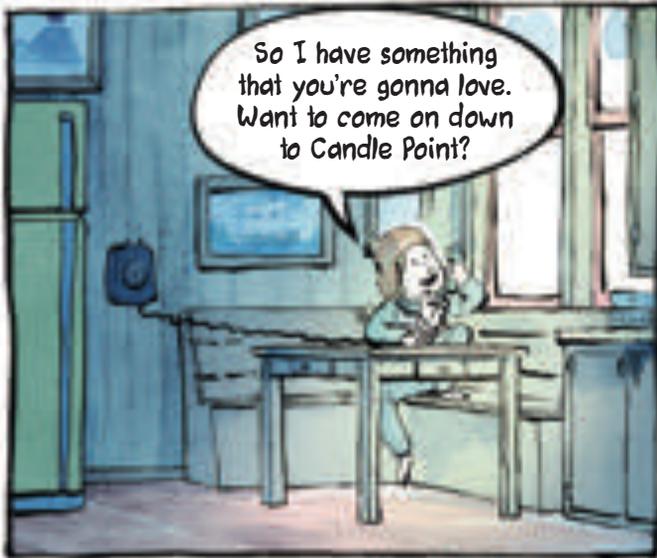


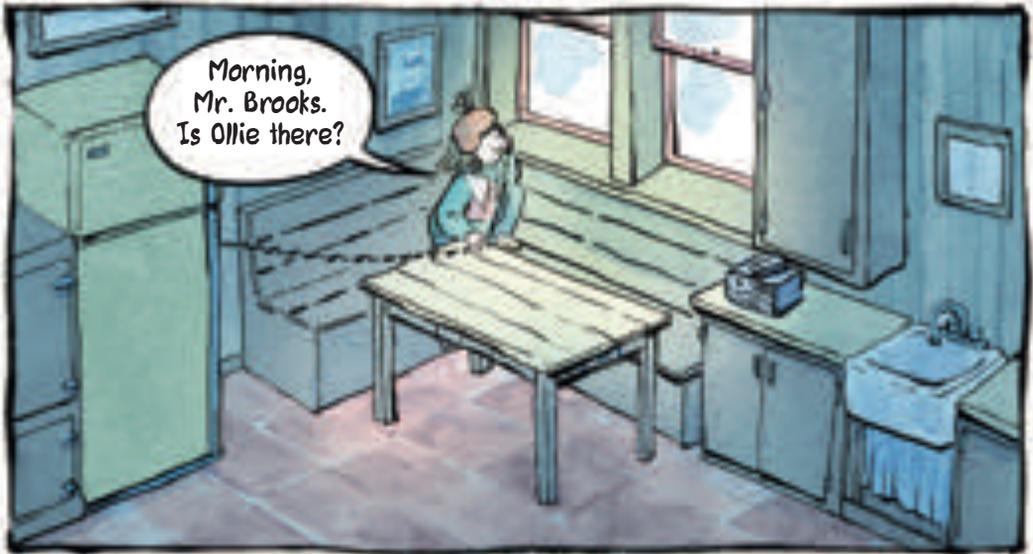
I'm usually pretty good with animals.

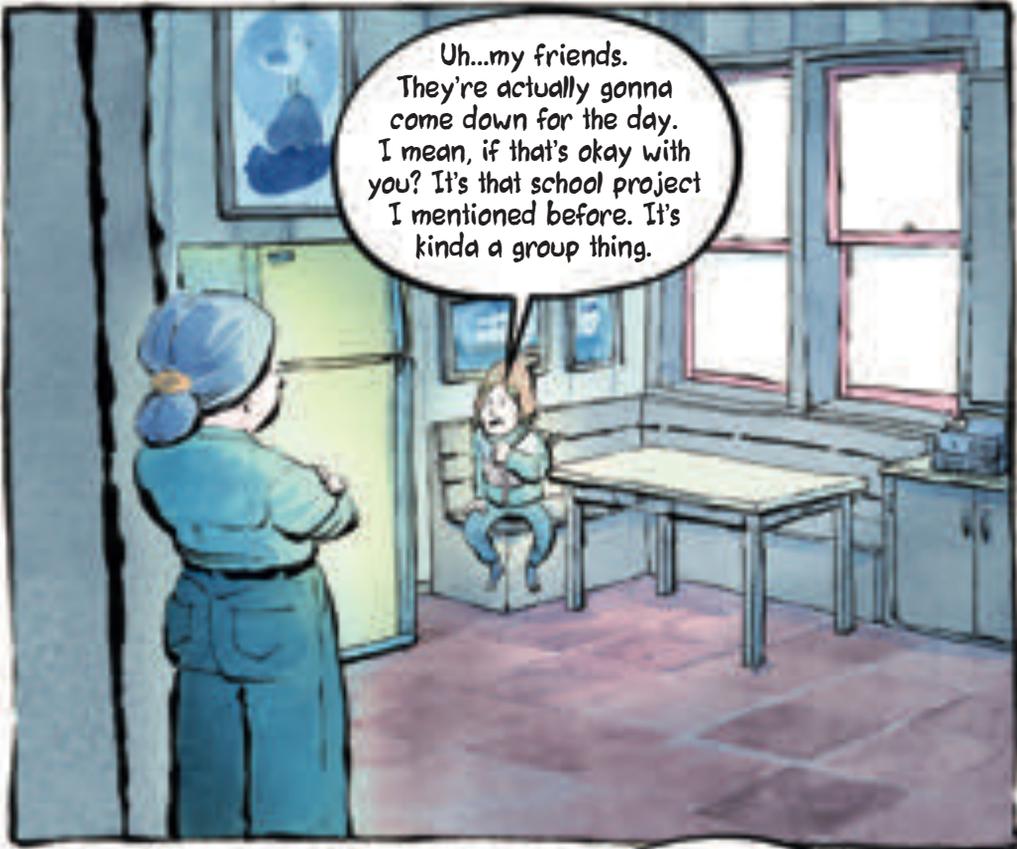


Shhhhh. It's all right. I'm Kay. Moony just wants to come home. Nice and easy...





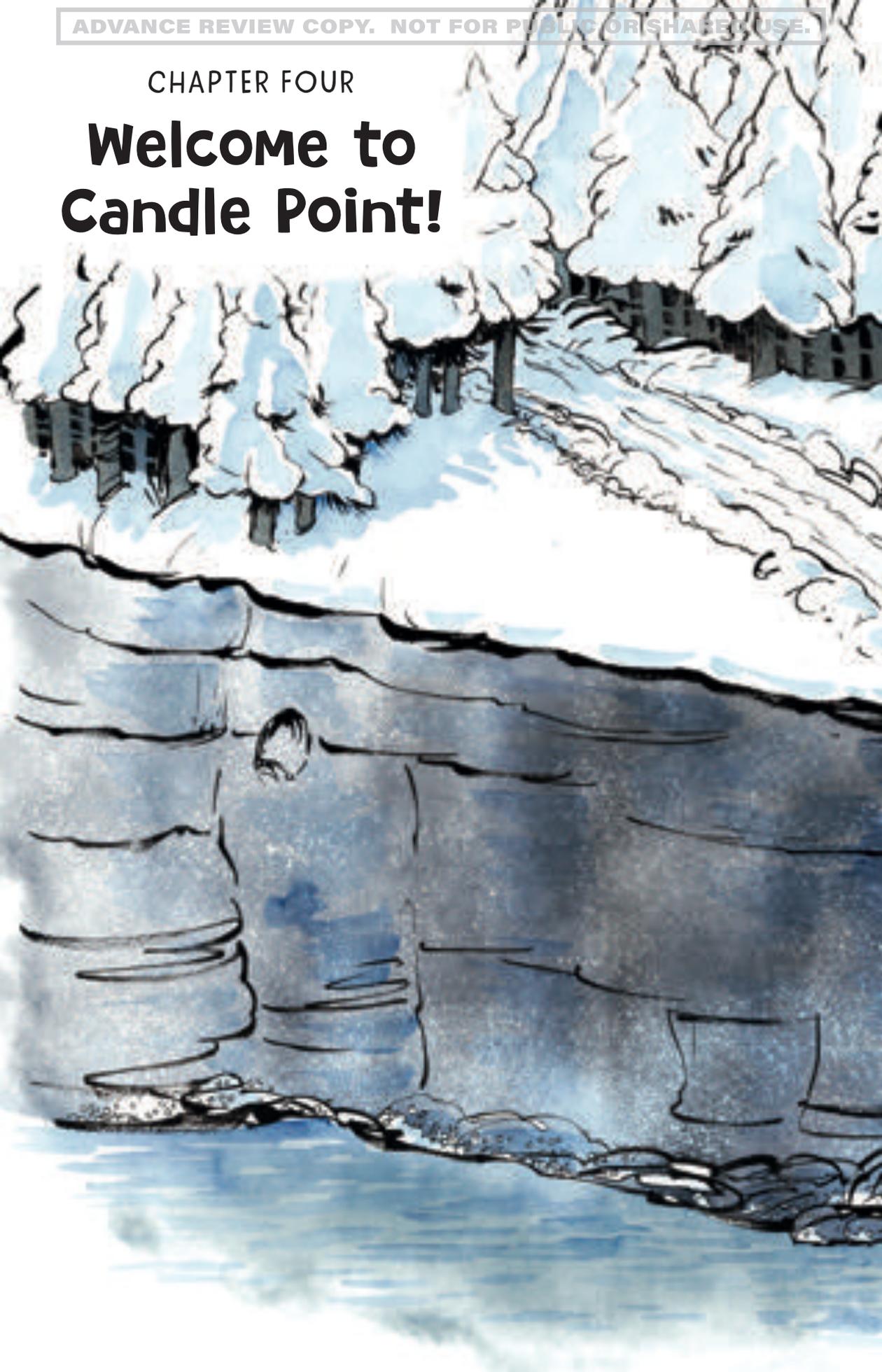




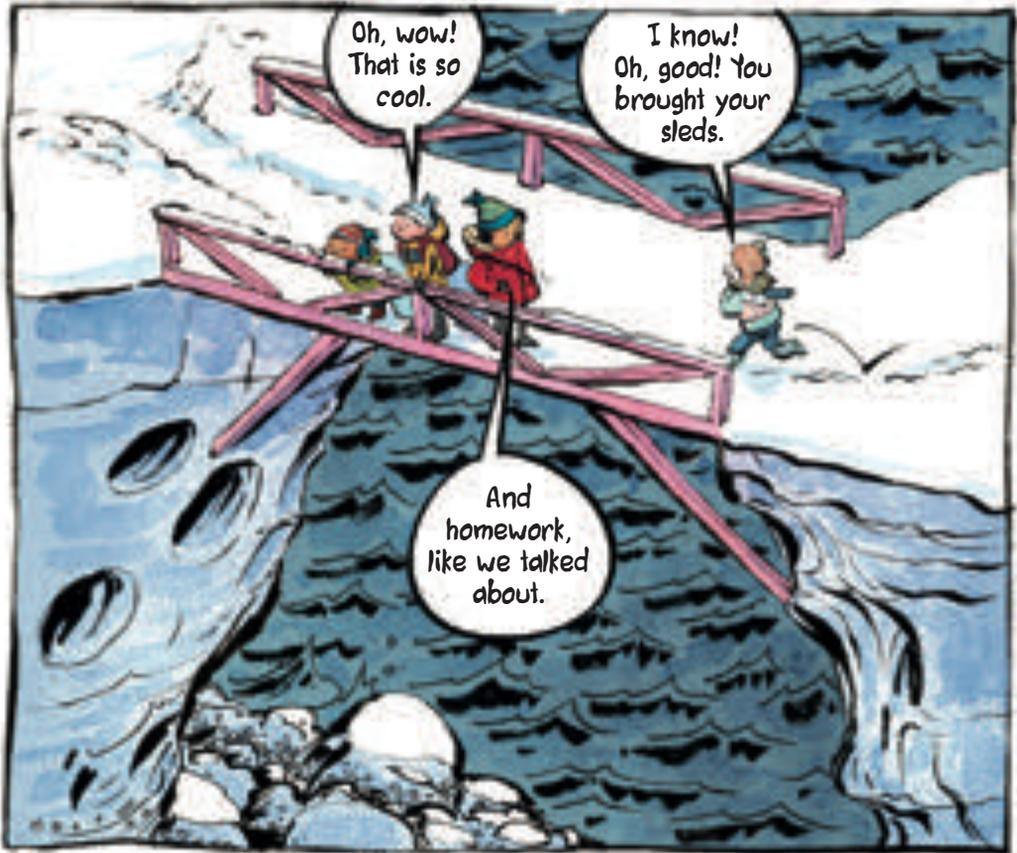


CHAPTER FOUR

# Welcome to Candle Point!



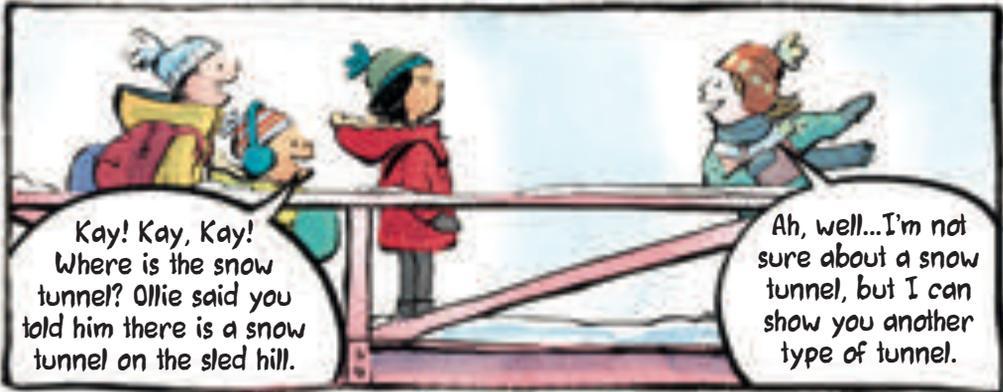




Oh, wow!  
That is so cool.

I know!  
Oh, good! You brought your sleds.

And homework,  
like we talked about.



Kay! Kay, Kay!  
Where is the snow tunnel? Ollie said you told him there is a snow tunnel on the sled hill.

Ah, well...I'm not sure about a snow tunnel, but I can show you another type of tunnel.



There's no snow tunnel?

Don't worry about that right now. I have something very cool to show you.





Kay?  
Why do  
you have  
this creature  
anyway?

So cool!  
Is it a Moon  
Creature?

The poor thing  
fell out of a tree and  
hurt his leg, and his  
family ran away. I tried  
to get him back with them.  
But it's not working. So  
I need your help to  
save him.

Please don't tell me you dragged us all down here just  
to get us tangled up with yet another Moon Creature.  
After all the other ones, I think we better  
not get too involved.

This is the  
hole they went  
down.



I'm not  
sure, Kay.

I'll hold  
him!

Oh, it's  
fine. He's  
very gentle.



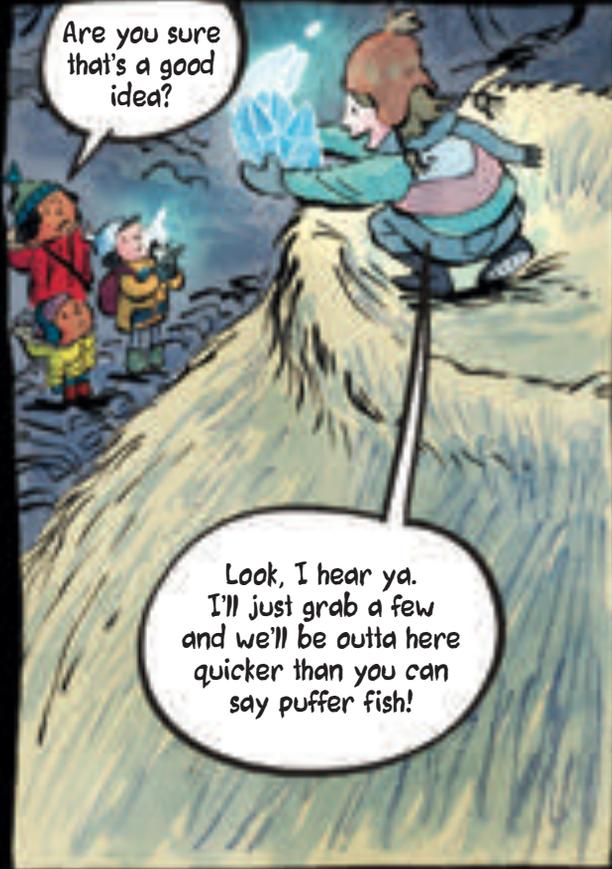






No worries. We can grab some crystals for Moony. He'll need them so he doesn't get sick.

These guys have been hogging them all.



Are you sure that's a good idea?

Look, I hear ya. I'll just grab a few and we'll be outta here quicker than you can say puffer fish!



Besides, Moon Creatures always find their way to moon crystals. They'll know how to get more.



Come on.















Oh my stars!!



What was that? I can't see!



Stay back.  
It's not safe!

Aunt  
Gayle, what  
happened?!  
Where is the  
bridge?

Did it  
explode?



Who are  
all of you?

These are my  
friends. Remember,  
I told you that they  
were coming to visit.



Oh, I forgot.  
Well, this is just  
awful. Your visit  
is going to be an  
extended one.



Huh?! I have to get  
home tonight. Grampa  
needs me.

Are  
we stuck?!  
Here?!



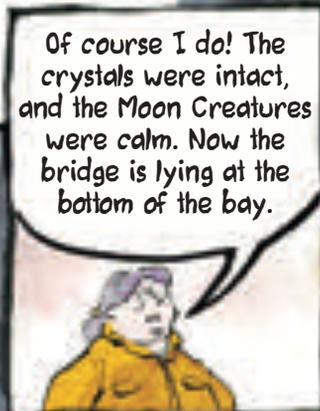
Unless you can grow wings, it's going to be a while.



That bank was secure this morning. Something must have stirred up the Moon Creatures.



What do you mean? You know about them?



Of course I do! The crystals were intact, and the Moon Creatures were calm. Now the bridge is lying at the bottom of the bay.



You mean to say those tunnels underground are causing erosion?



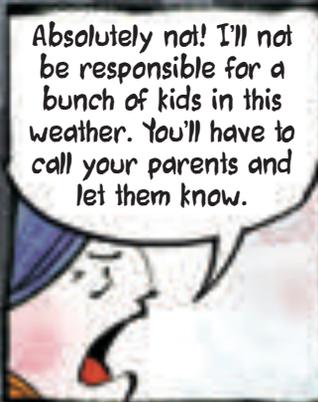
Yes, smarty-pants. Something has happened. The balance has shifted. Day in and out I manage the cliffs. Making sure they stay strong. Never taking too much.



It's too late now, but at first light I will go to town by boat and figure this out.



Can we get a lift? I really need to get home.



Absolutely not! I'll not be responsible for a bunch of kids in this weather. You'll have to call your parents and let them know.



I can't believe this!



Oh, who is making all that noise?



Noise?



Yes. The whistling. Are you mad? You'll call up the wind! It's bad luck. Every good sailor knows that! The last thing we need is a storm!



Just stay out of my hair and don't go near the edge. I have a lot of work to do. I should have told your father no!





Kay,  
you're going  
to have to fix this.  
I came down here to  
work on my report,  
not go on some wild  
goose chase!

I need  
to get in touch  
with my grampa.  
He's going to be  
really worried!

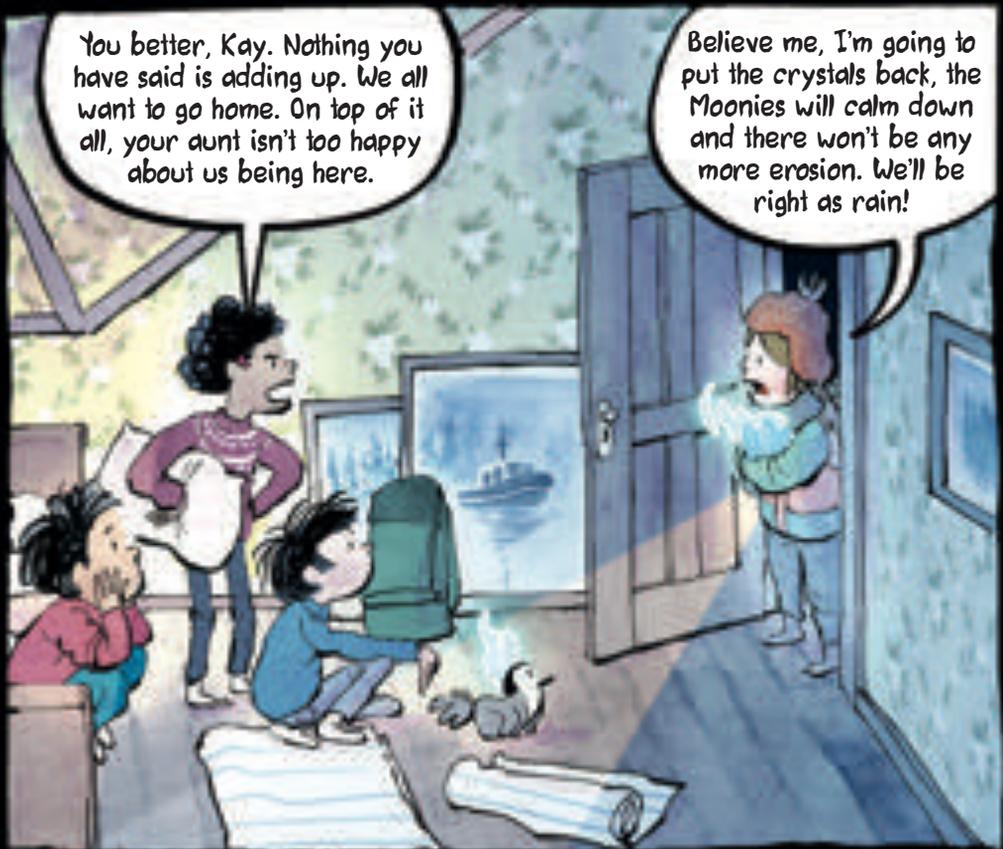
So where  
is this sledding  
hill anyway? Are  
we supposed to go  
down the bank to  
the ocean?

Guys!  
Everything is  
going to be  
just fine. Don't  
worry. Just relax  
and I'll figure  
something out.



Look,  
I can tell  
you are all  
a bit angry  
with me.

Angry? Kay,  
it's freezing and we  
are stuck on this rock  
with no way off!











Hmmmm.  
I have an idea.





CHAPTER FIVE

# Red Sky in the Morning...











Oh. That makes more sense. What are we doing? Is it sledding?

Shhh, Sleeves! No. We'll go sledding later.



Are we still stuck?

Yes. For now. You said you wanted to check out the lighthouse. Now's our chance.



YES! All right! It's about time. I bet we can see all the way to the mainland from up there.

Okay, now shush.







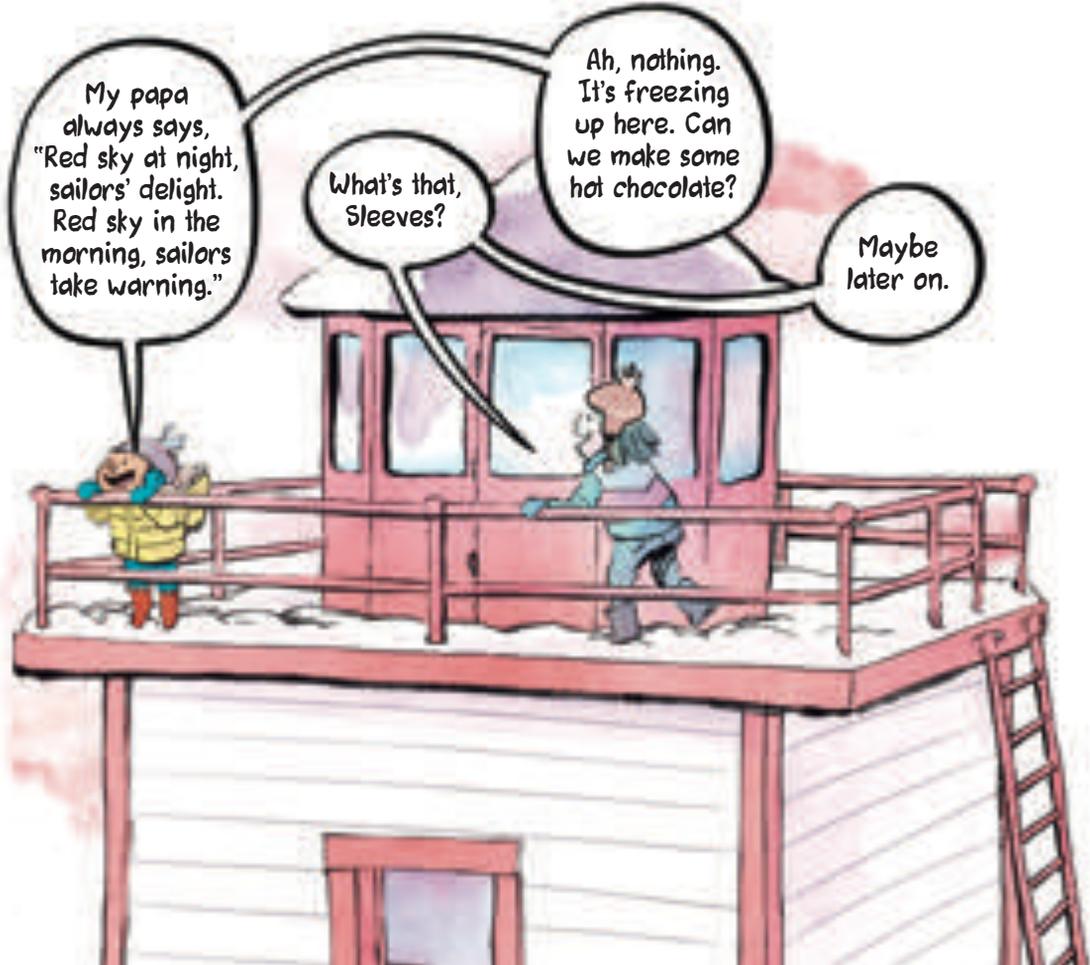


Ew, gross.  
My mom  
makes pea soup.  
It's disgusting.  
Too lumpy.



It's  
clearing  
up. Must  
be getting  
windy.

Amazing.  
Look at that  
color.



My papa  
always says,  
"Red sky at night,  
sailors' delight.  
Red sky in the  
morning, sailors  
take warning."

What's that,  
Sleeves?

Ah, nothing.  
It's freezing  
up here. Can  
we make some  
hot chocolate?

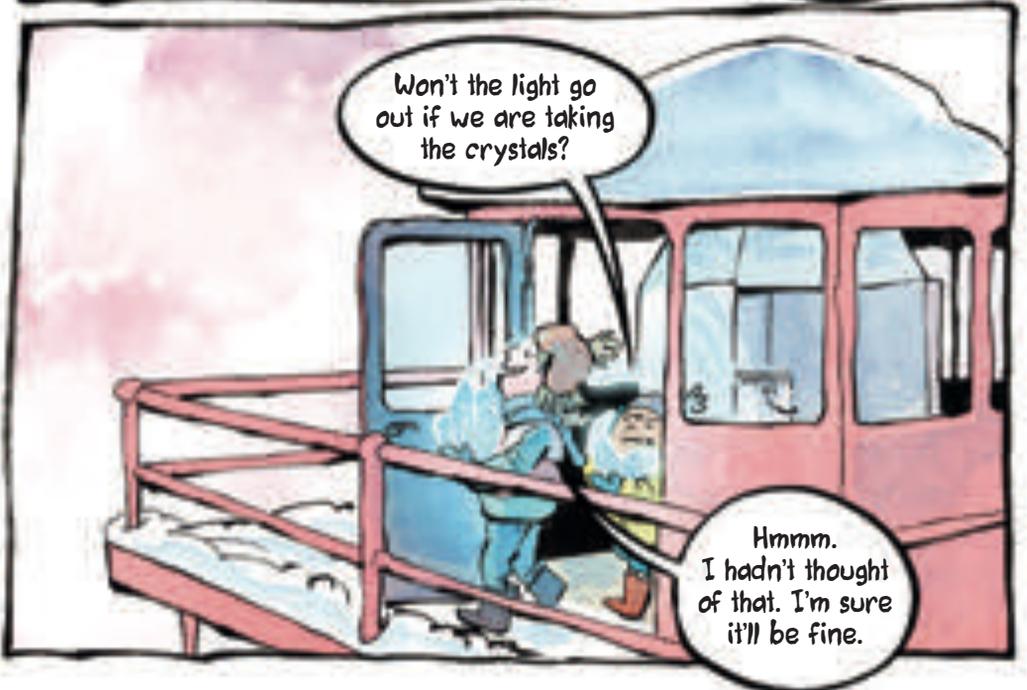
Maybe  
later on.





But I thought you took the other crystals back last night. Why are we taking these?

I did. I mean, I tried. There was a little bit of an accident. You know, let's just take 'em all.

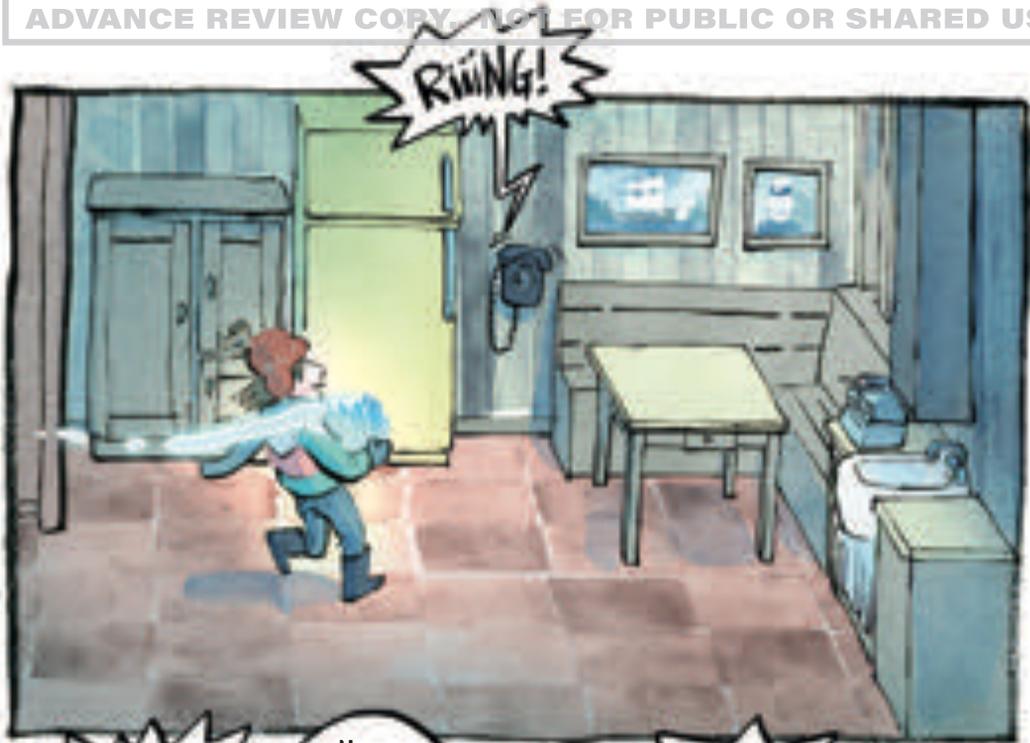


Won't the light go out if we are taking the crystals?

Hmmm. I hadn't thought of that. I'm sure it'll be fine.









It sounds like we can run a temporary bridge until spring. The crew will look at it first thing tomorrow morning. Till then we sit tight.



That's good news. How was your ride up?



Nothing I haven't seen before. Rough. Actually, quite rough, but manageable. Kay, you all still fine down there?



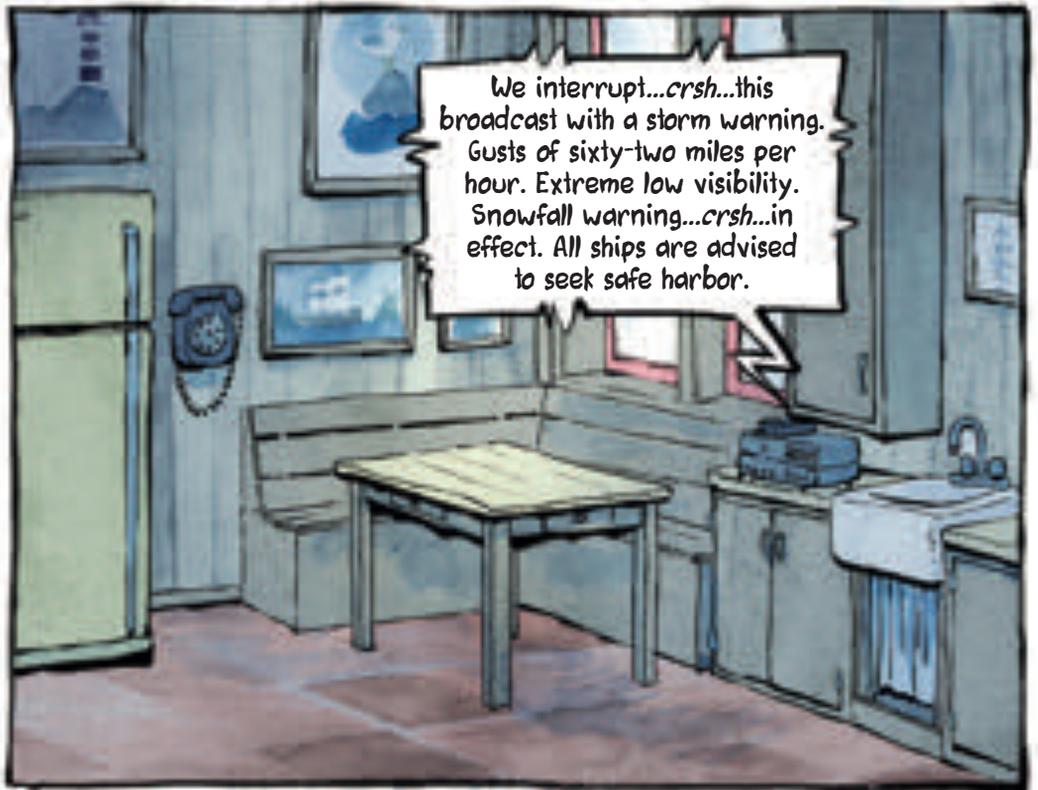
Never better! Just working on our project.



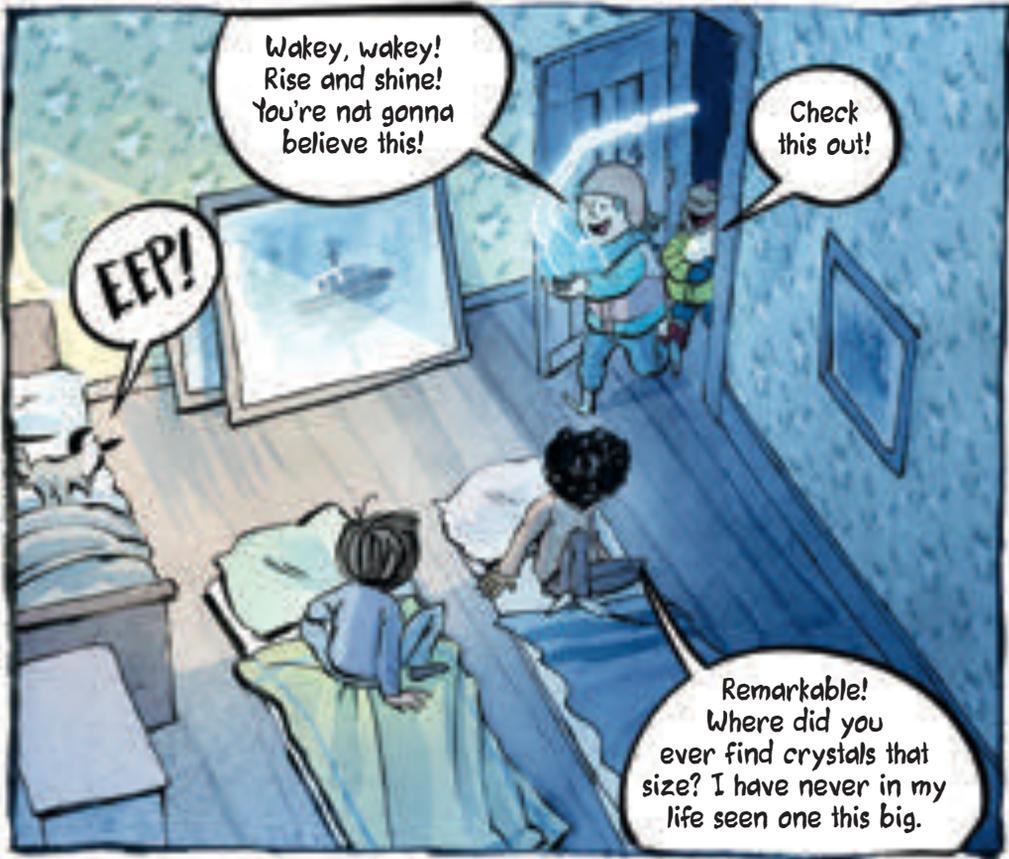


C'mon,  
Sleeves!  
Let's go show  
the others!

They're gonna  
flip when they see  
how big they are!

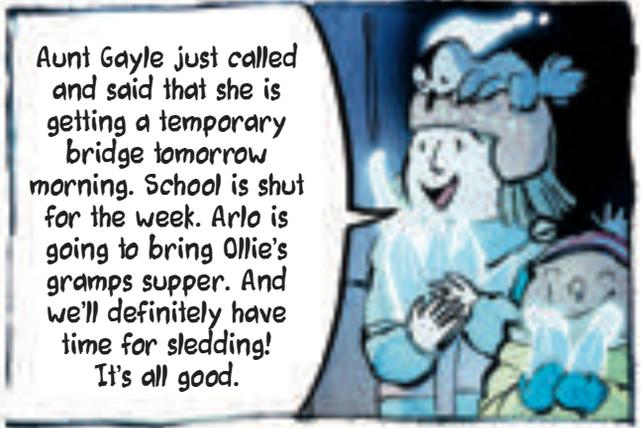


We interrupt...*crsh*...this  
broadcast with a storm warning.  
Gusts of sixty-two miles per  
hour. Extreme low visibility.  
Snowfall warning...*crsh*...in  
effect. All ships are advised  
to seek safe harbor.





You better! I don't want to be stuck on this rock tower forever.



Aunt Gayle just called and said that she is getting a temporary bridge tomorrow morning. School is shut for the week. Arlo is going to bring Ollie's gramps supper. And we'll definitely have time for sledding! It's all good.



Oh, that's a relief!

I guess that is good news. More time for editing my report!



I guess we should get Moony back with his family! Before it's too late.

Let's go! I want to see them go crazy when they see how big that crystal is.

It's gonna be awesome!

I imagine Moony's family will be happy to have him back. It will be nice to see.

Wow, Jenna. Are you starting to care?



Moony, you'll be flying around with your family in no time!





Is it safe down here? These guys do burrow pretty deep.

Yeah, I think so. They really do. No wonder the bank gave way.



Just around the corner!







Later that afternoon...

Well, Kay,  
I gotta hand  
it to ya. I think you  
aced it. One big  
happy family.

Ollie is right, Kay.  
You have really turned  
this around. For a second  
I thought the whole  
place would collapse.

Thanks.  
That means  
a lot.

I'm starving! How long  
have we been down  
here? Kay, what about  
that hot chocolate?

I'll go up and make  
some. I do a pretty  
mean hot choc. I can  
check the woodstove  
while I'm up there.

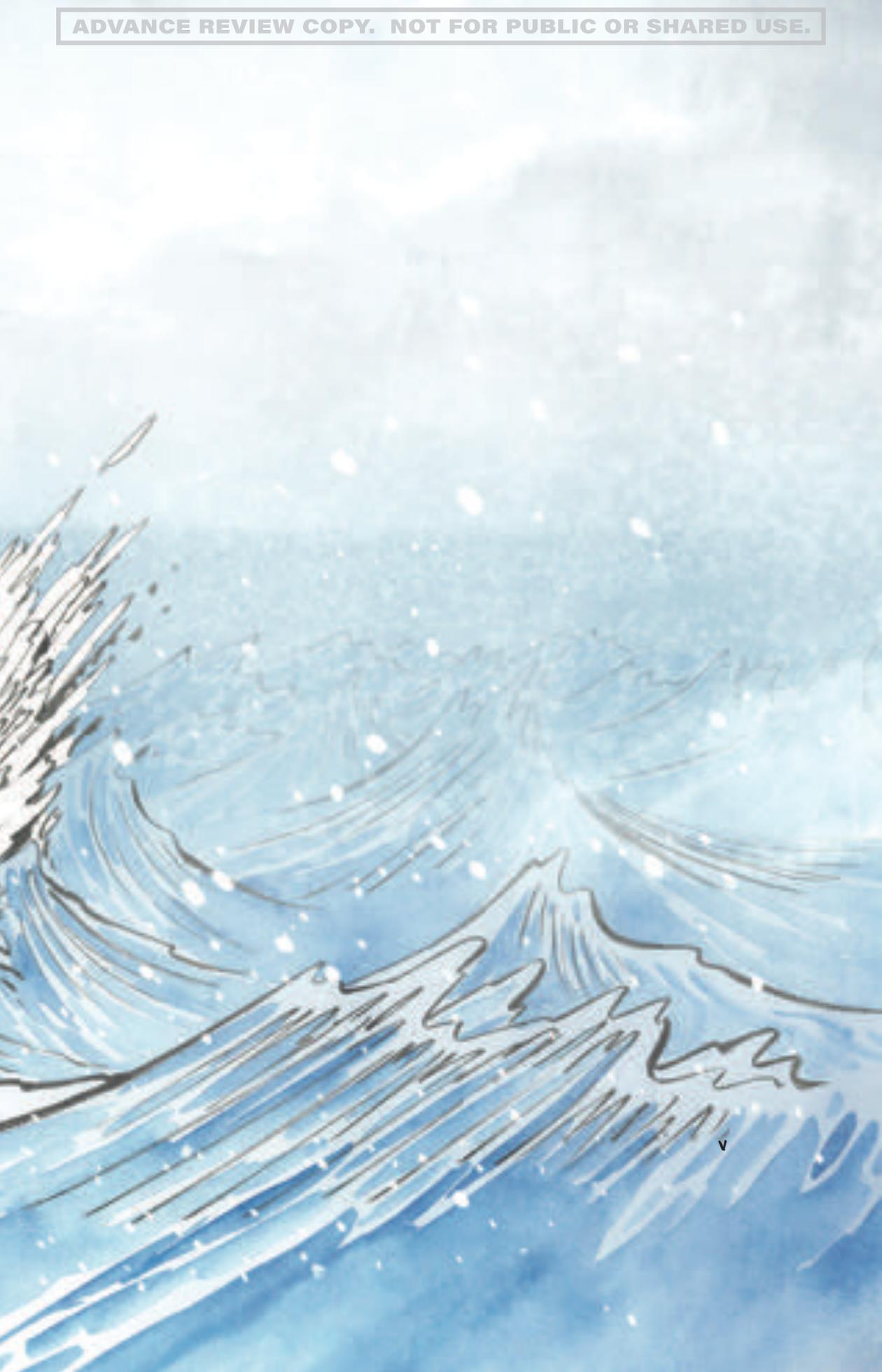
Ollie,  
you're my  
hero!



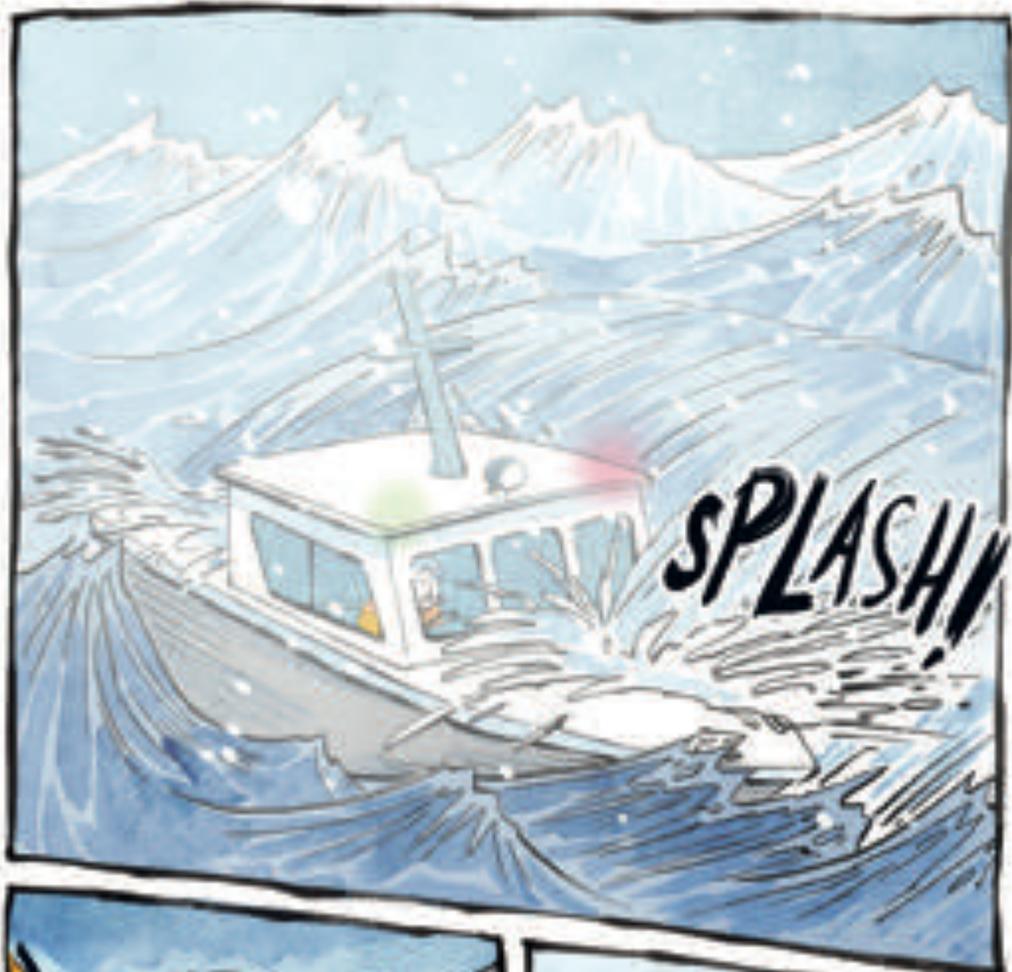
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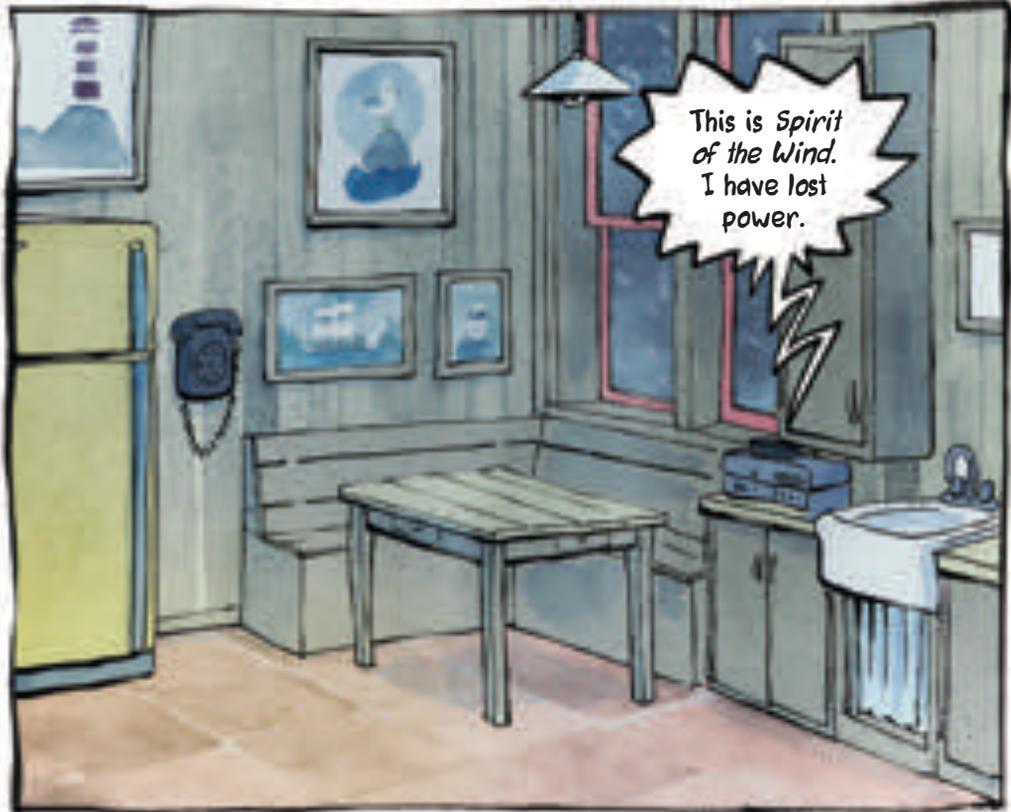
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the Wind, Do  
You Read?***















Aunt Gayle?  
Is that you?

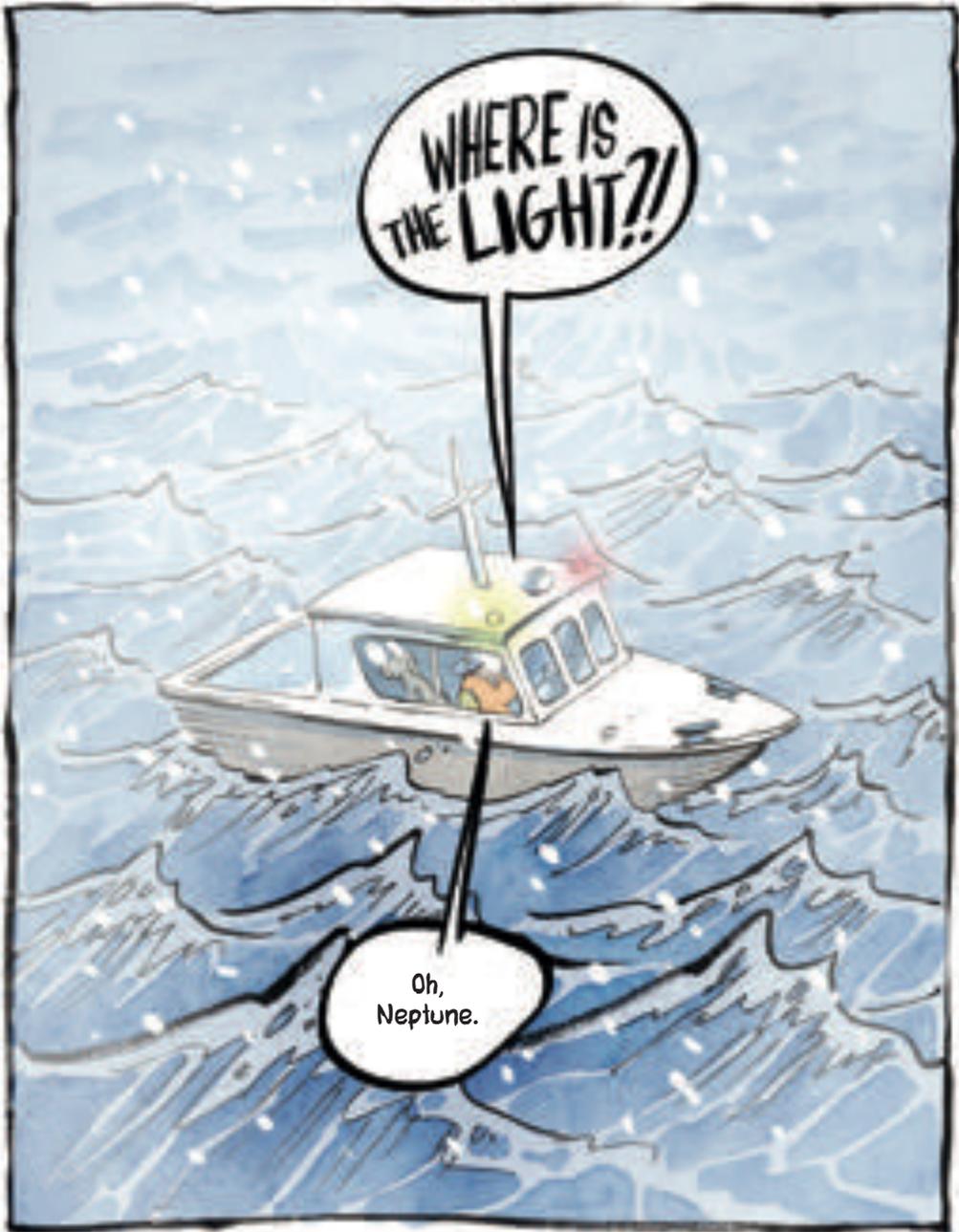
This is *Spirit of the Wind*. Kids,  
you read me? I have  
no power and am  
headed for the rocks.  
I can't see anything.  
Where is the light?



This is Ollie.  
I hear you.  
I don't know what  
to do! Should we call  
the coast guard?



Do you  
read me?











This is *Spirit of the Wind*. Is anyone there? I am closing in on the rocks. I need help!



We'll have the light on in two seconds, Gayle. Hang on!

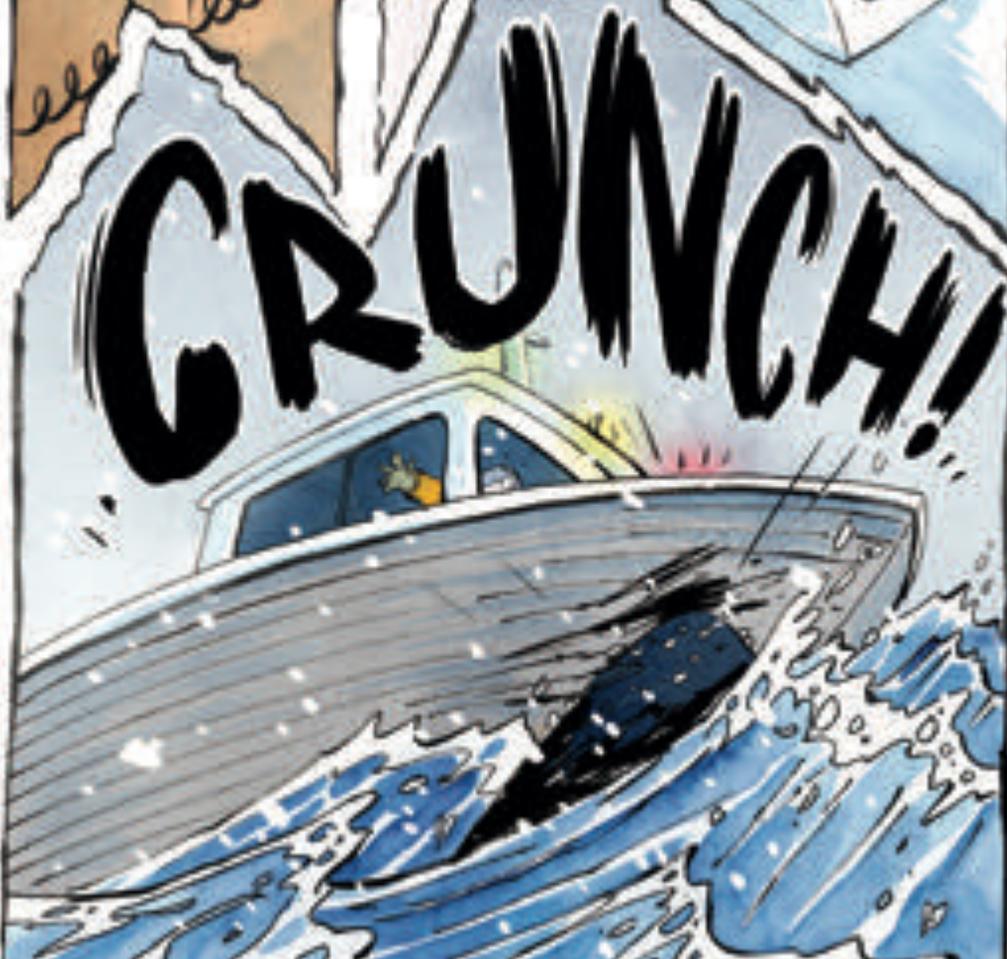


There's something off my starboard bow. WHAT!!! Oh NO!





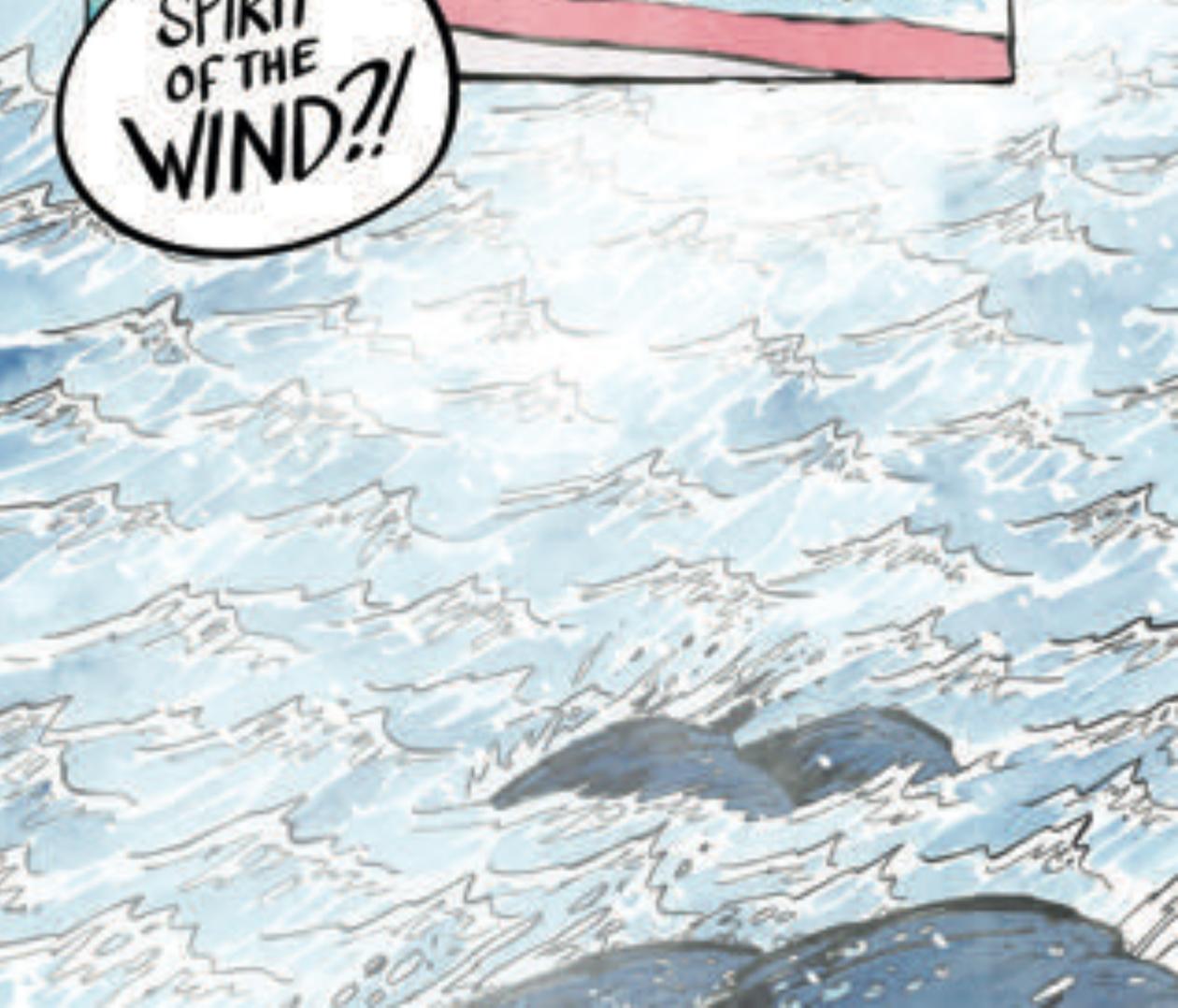




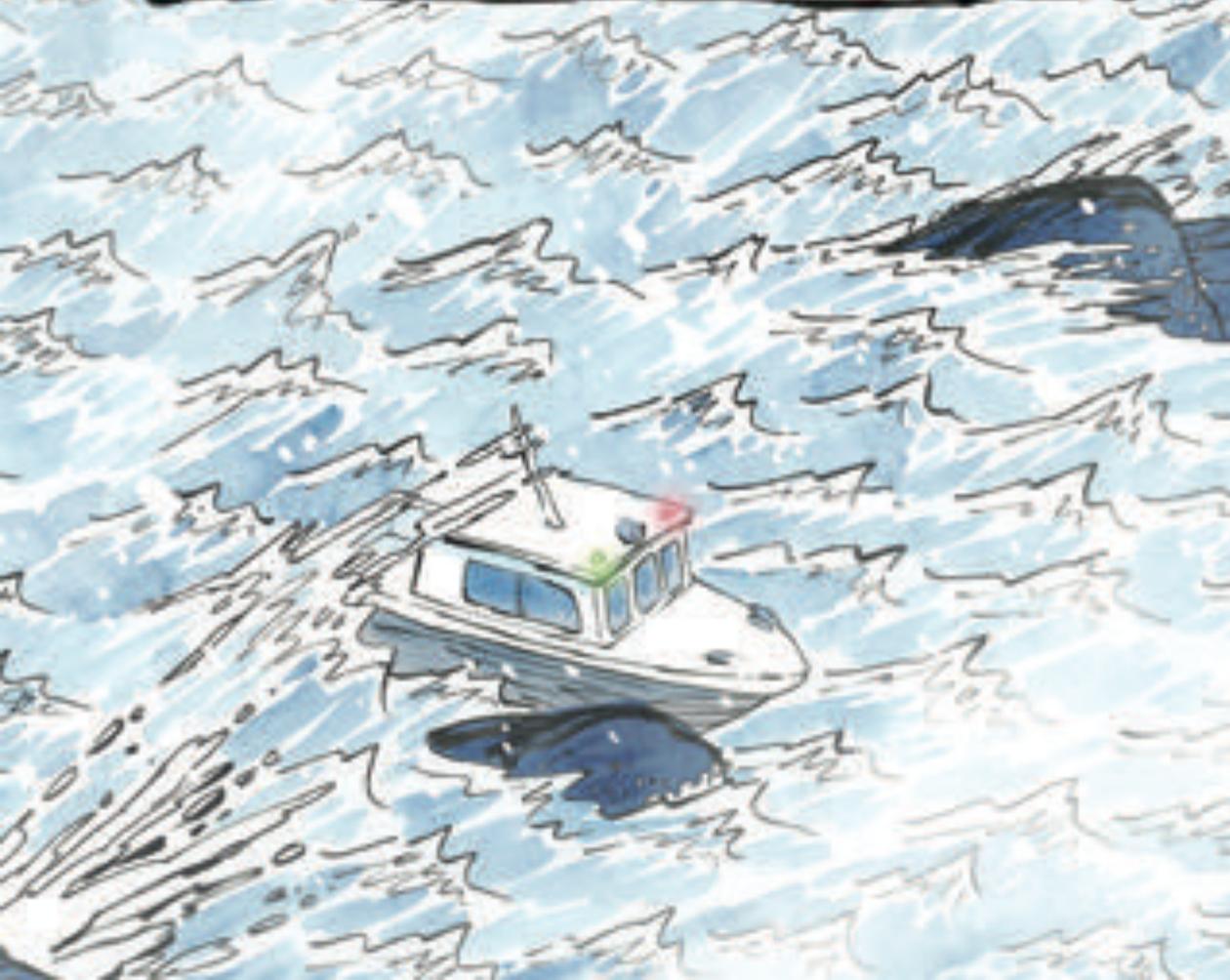


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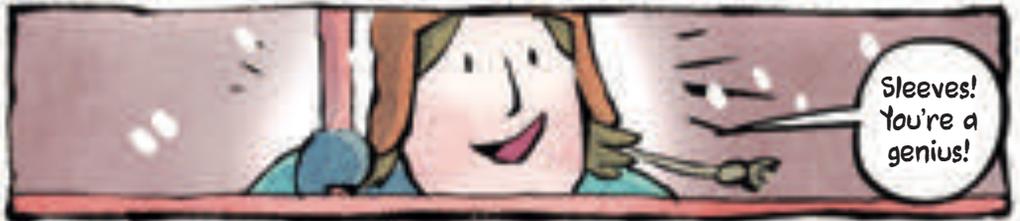
SPIRIT  
OF THE  
WIND?!



What have I done?! She hit something! In the little boat, she won't have long. The water is freezing!









Kay, what in the world is that?



It's a breeches buoy.

Yeah, Kay, what is it?





How does it work?

Just fasten this end to something secure and hold your breath.



In the olden days, these were used to save lives. You stretch the line from the wreck to land, and then the people come across in this buoy thing.

Or something like that.

But how do you get the other end to the boat? You can't possibly throw it all that way.

She's got a point, Kay. What do we do?





Whaddya mean?  
There should be a gun  
to shoot the line! It's  
not in the case?

There's  
nothing else here,  
Kay. This is not good!  
We got nothing! This is  
a total disaster!



We can  
try to launch  
the dinghy, but the  
waves are massive.  
It would swamp  
in no time.

What are  
we going  
to do?

AAAAAAAAA!!





All right, show us what you got. I know it's cold, but you're our only hope. I know you can do this.



Kay, this is just nonsensical... there has to be a better solution.



Don't listen to her. Just be careful in the wind. Hopefully Gayle will see him!

One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, four to GO!



The wind is too strong.

Look at him go!

Kay, is he gonna be strong enough?



**DID YOU SEE THAT?!**  
He did it!  
He made it!



I can't believe my eyes. He really did it.

Kay, this thing looks pretty old.

I can see Gayle. She has it! Let go of the buoy!



We still need Gayle to get in so we can pull her back. Everyone grab the line and be ready.



Did you feel that? Three pulls? That must be her signal. On three.

ONE, TWO...

...THREE!!!





IT'S WORKING!

WE'RE DOING IT!



PULL HARDER!





SHE'S OKAY!  
PULL!



YOUR  
HAND!

GASP!  
What took  
you so long?  
Ha, ha!



Old thing?!  
You better not be  
talking about me,  
young man!

I can't  
believe that  
old thing  
worked.



Been telling people for years. They just never believed me.

They're beautiful. You were right, Kay.



SLEEVES!!





CHAPTER SEVEN

# This Is the Life!



Kay, this really is awesome.

Just a little bit of hard work. This tunnel should be structurally sound.

Let's go! Before it melts!!!! I am going to go a thousand times!

My hard work is just beginning. I talked to my dad and we're going to insulate my bus. So it can handle the winter.

That's great. Bet it'll be nice to be home.



Well, you're welcome to stay here as long as you like, Kay. It's been nice having a little company.



Really? Wow, thanks, Aunt Gayle!



Don't you mean Auntie G?

HA HA HA HA HA

Careful, Jenna. Don't laugh too loud. You might end up having fun!



Sleeves, I can have fun! Watch this!







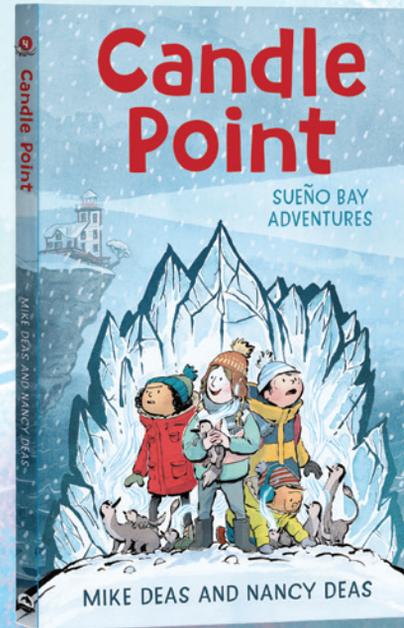
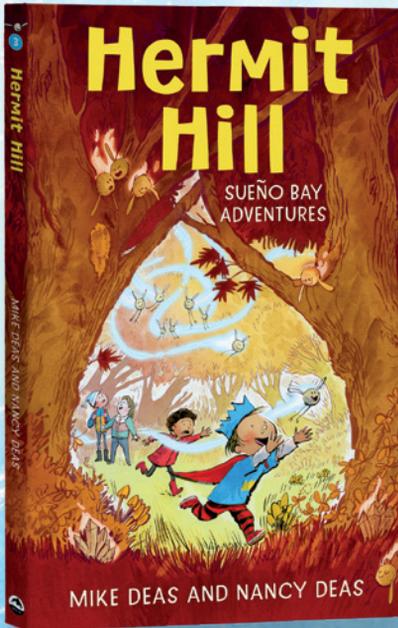
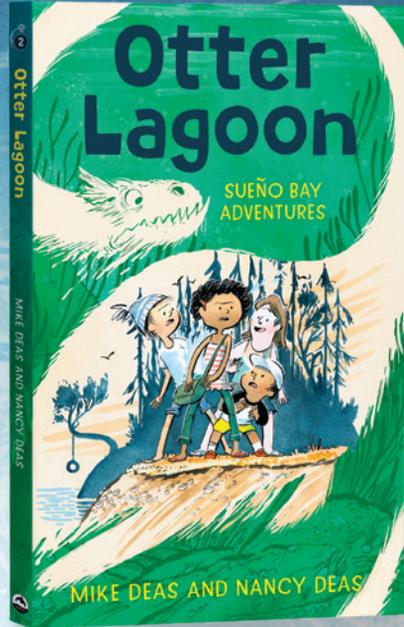
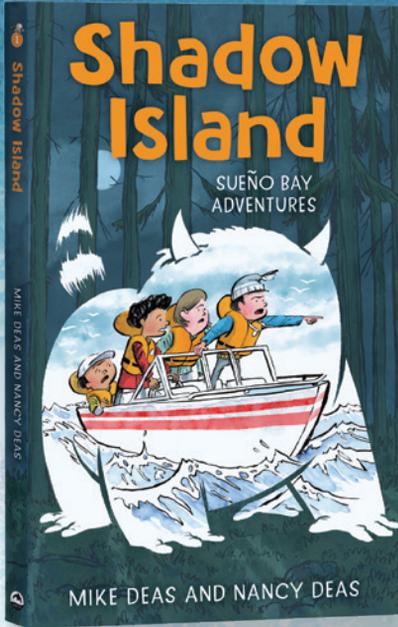


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