

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
Adventures series,
following
Shadow Island,
Otter Lagoon
and *Hermit Hill*.

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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).

ABOUT THE CREATORS



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—*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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— M.D. and N.D.

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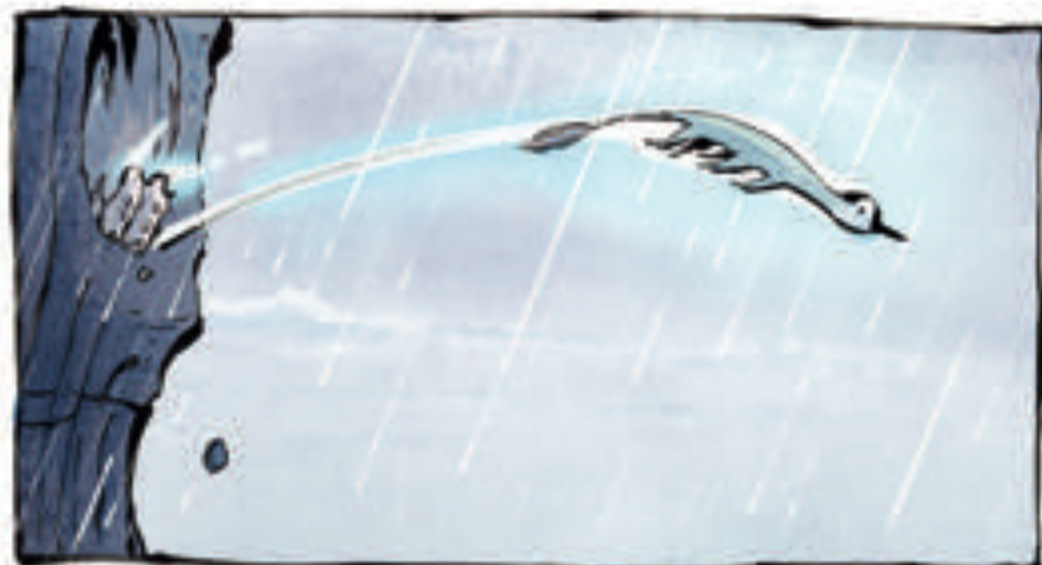
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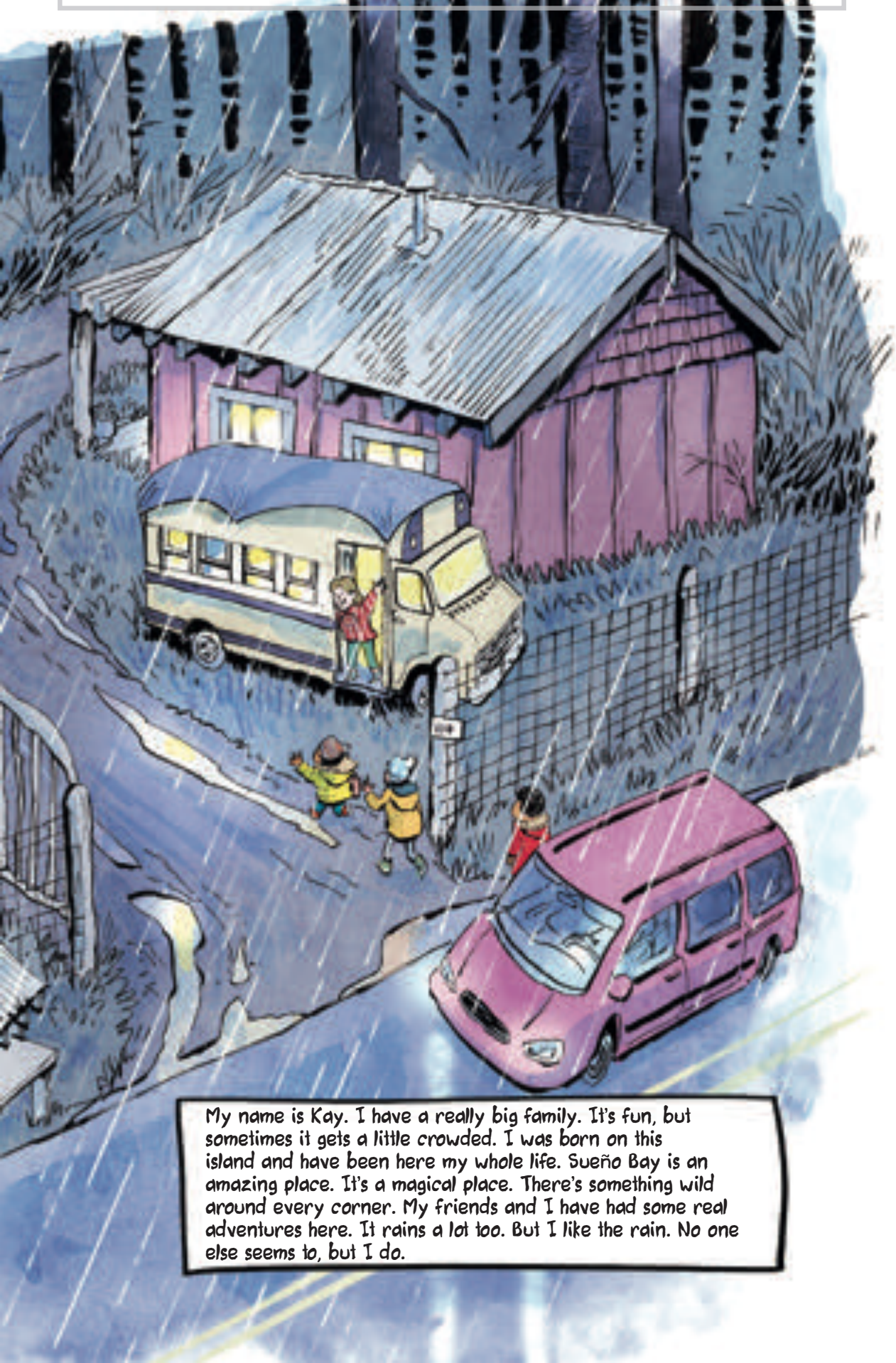




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My Home Is Your Home

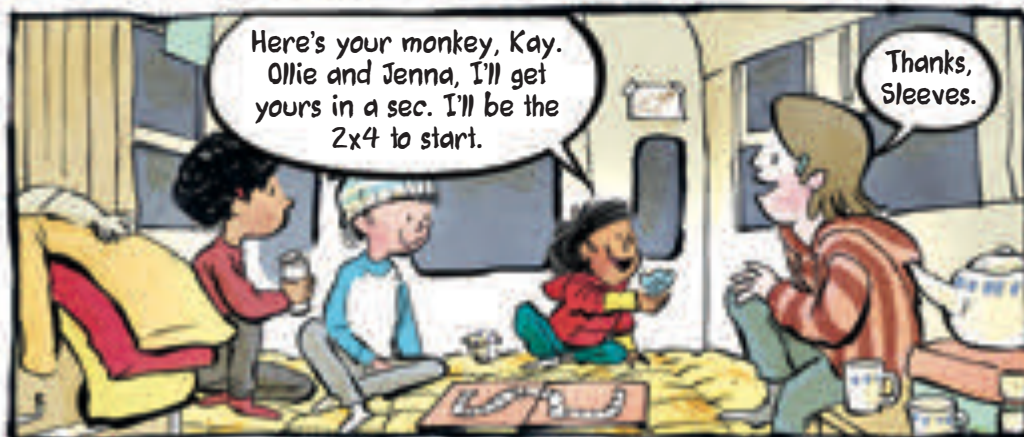




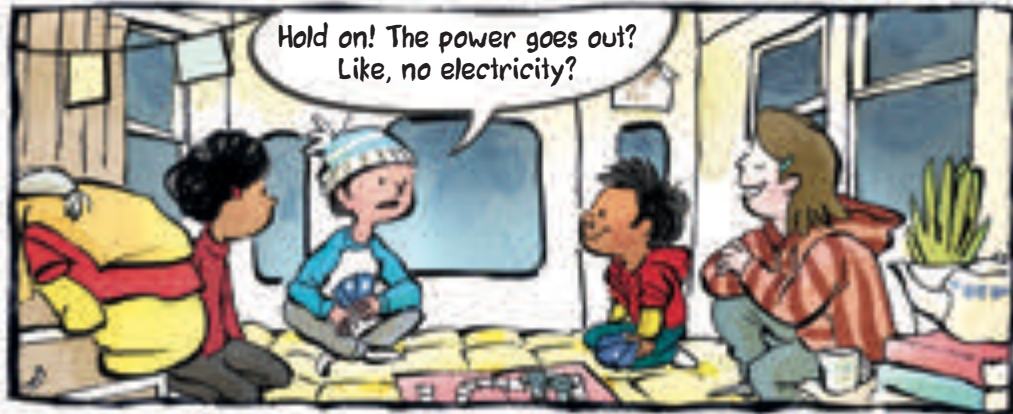
My name is Kay. I have a really big family. It's fun, but sometimes it gets a little crowded. I was born on this island and have been here my whole life. Sueño Bay is an amazing place. It's a magical place. There's something wild around every corner. My friends and I have had some real adventures here.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



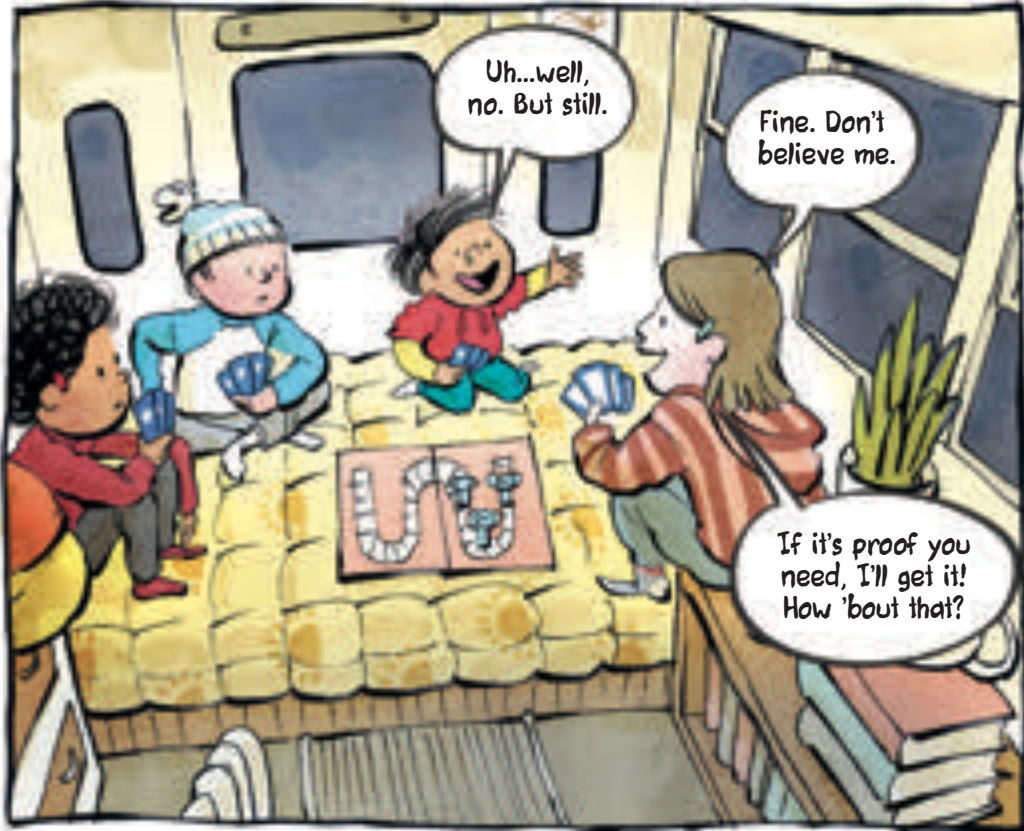






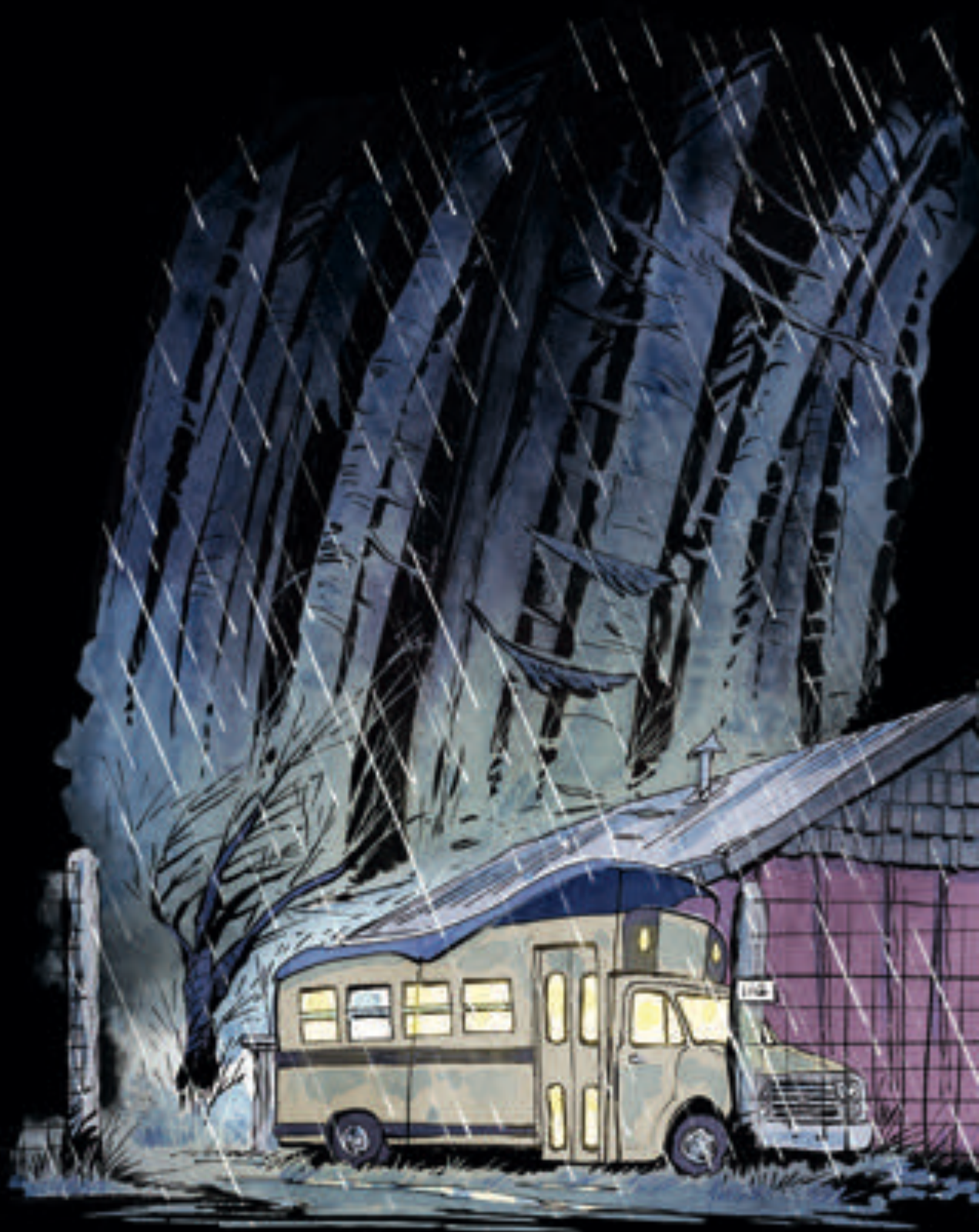








Two hours later...







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









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.



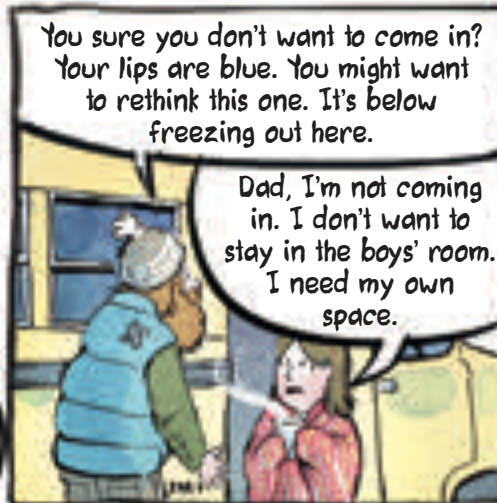
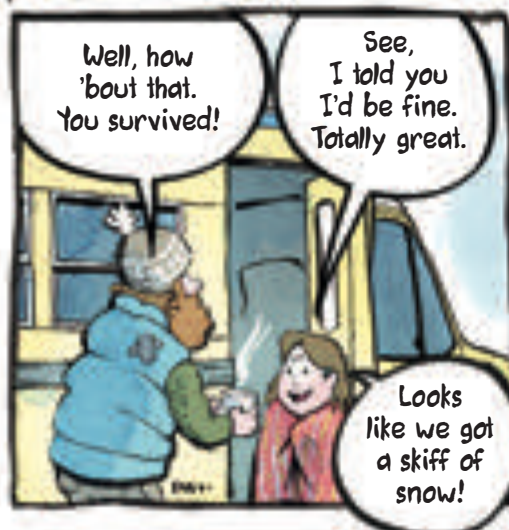
Stay positive, Kay.
Imagine a volcano.
Yeah, a lovely, toasty
volcano would warm me
up. Yum...marshmallows
over a volcano.

Brrrrr...



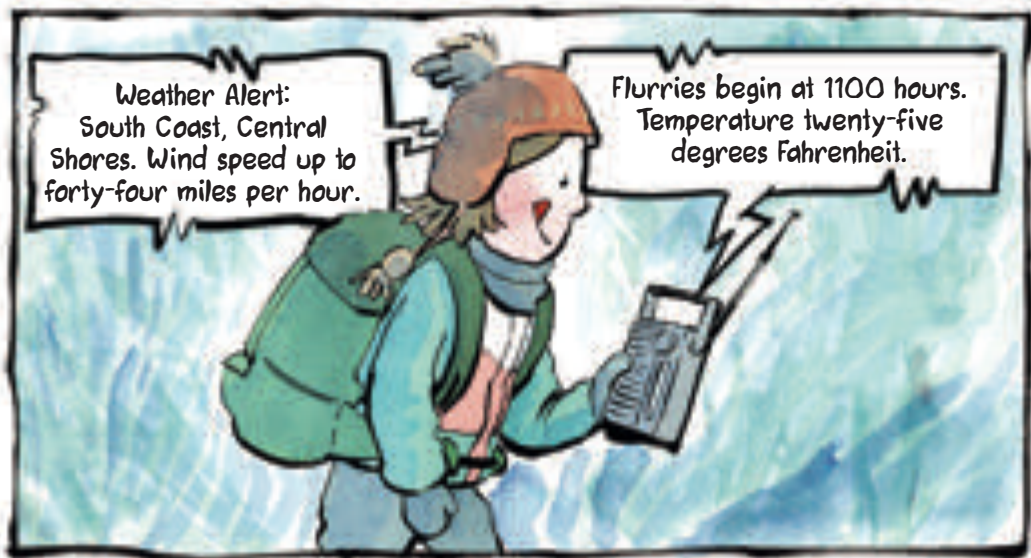
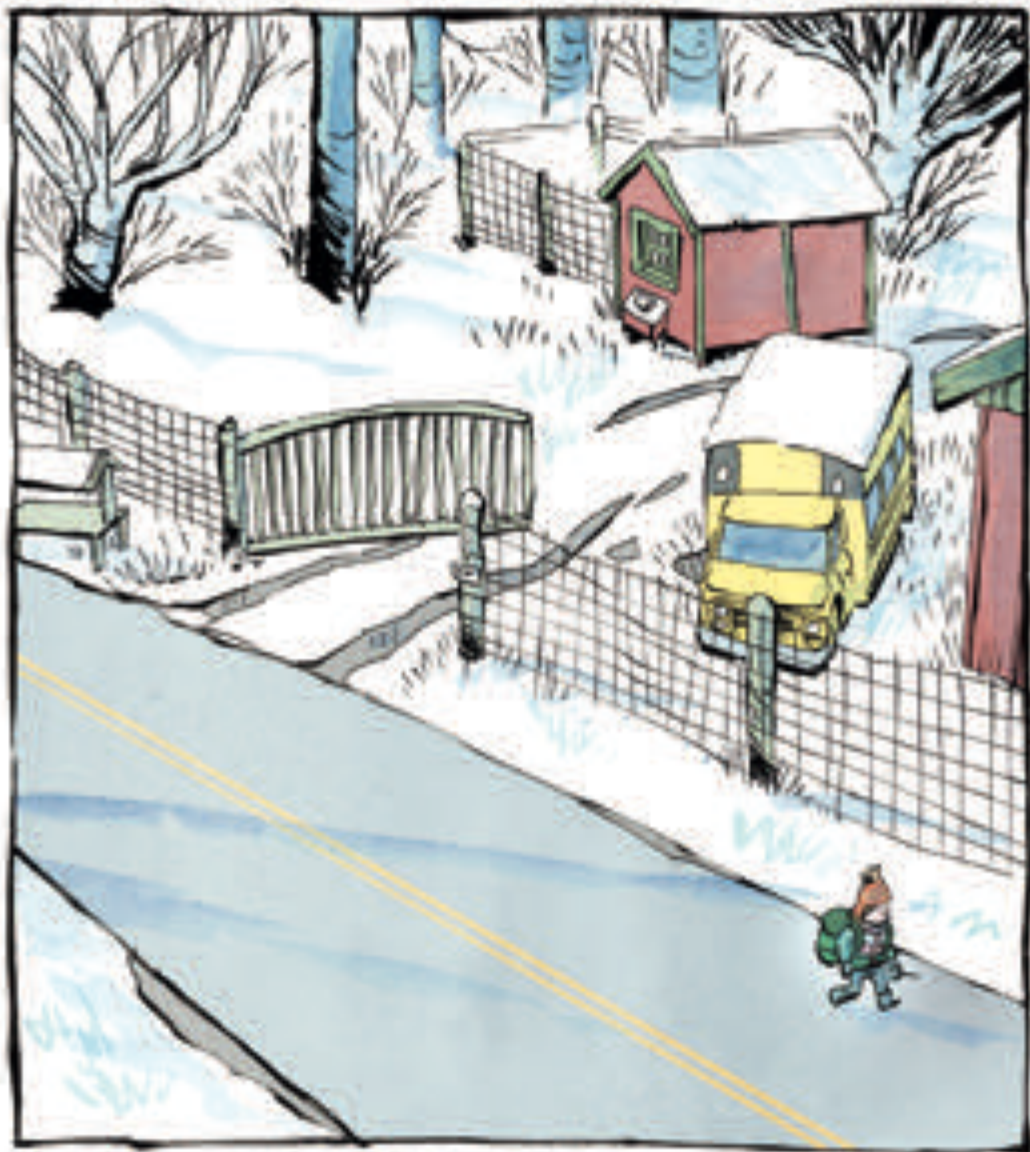
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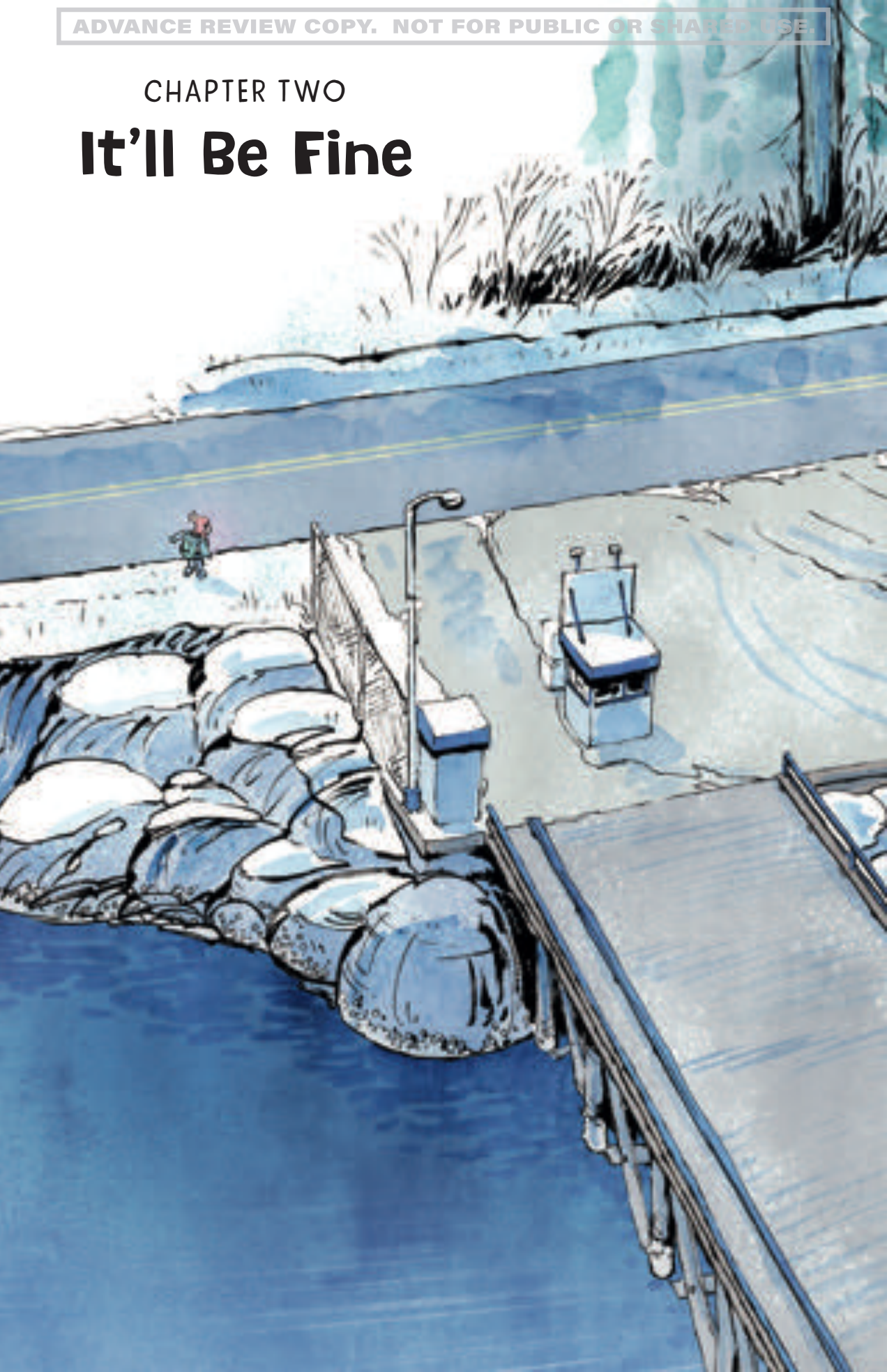






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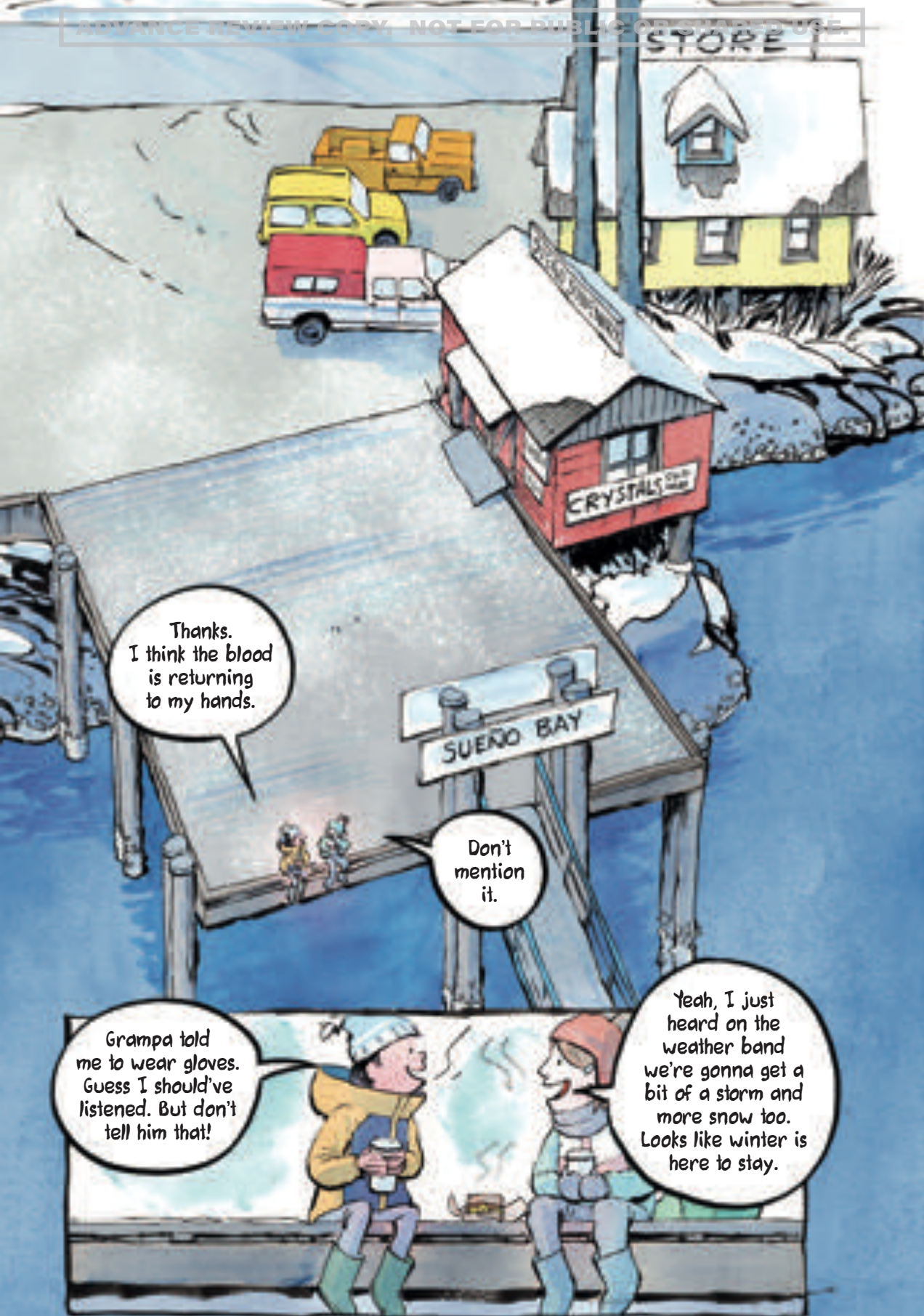
It'll Be Fine











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.







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

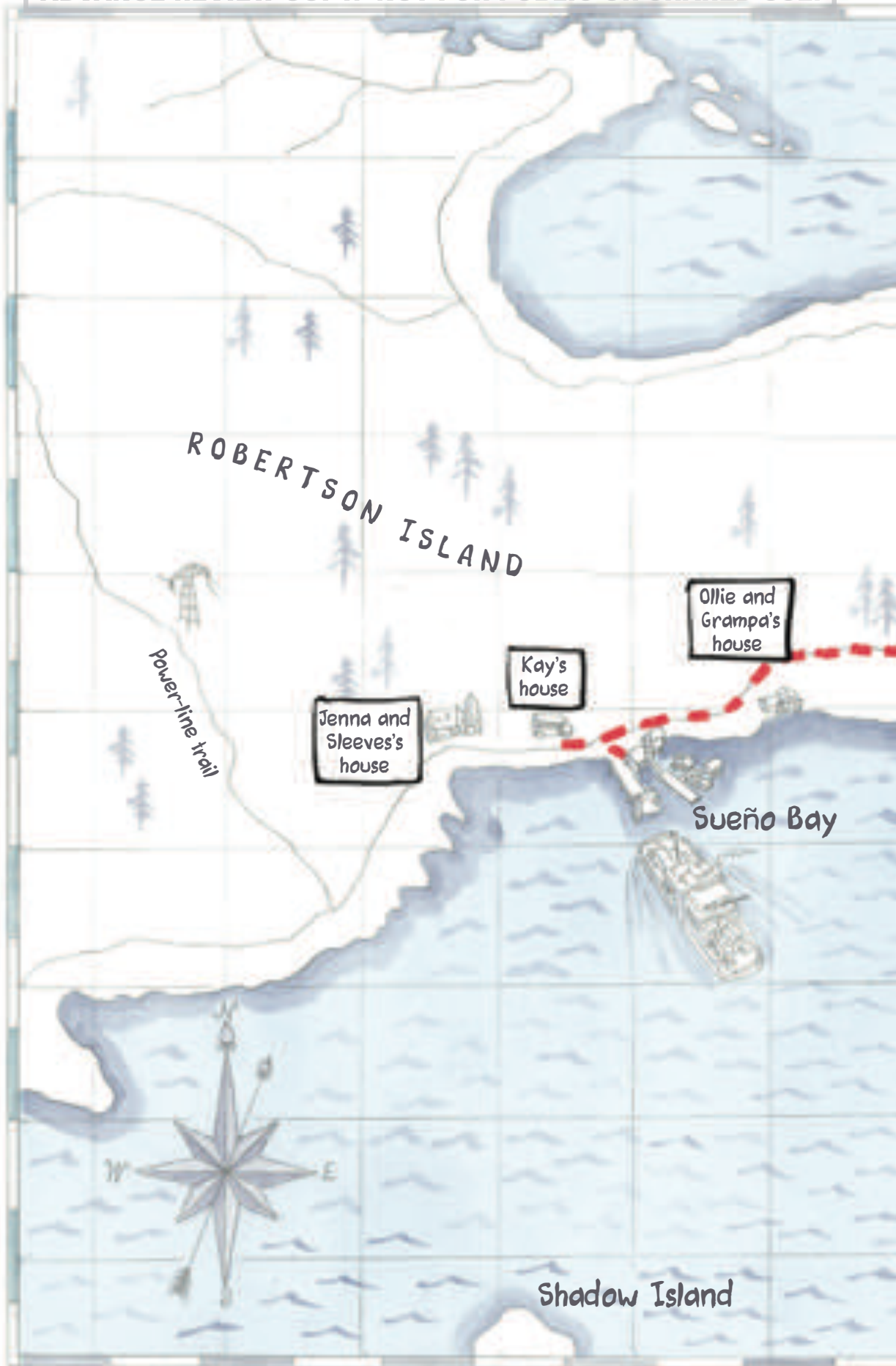
Pull yourself together, Kay. It won't be that bad. I hope Aunt Gayle remembers who I am!

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

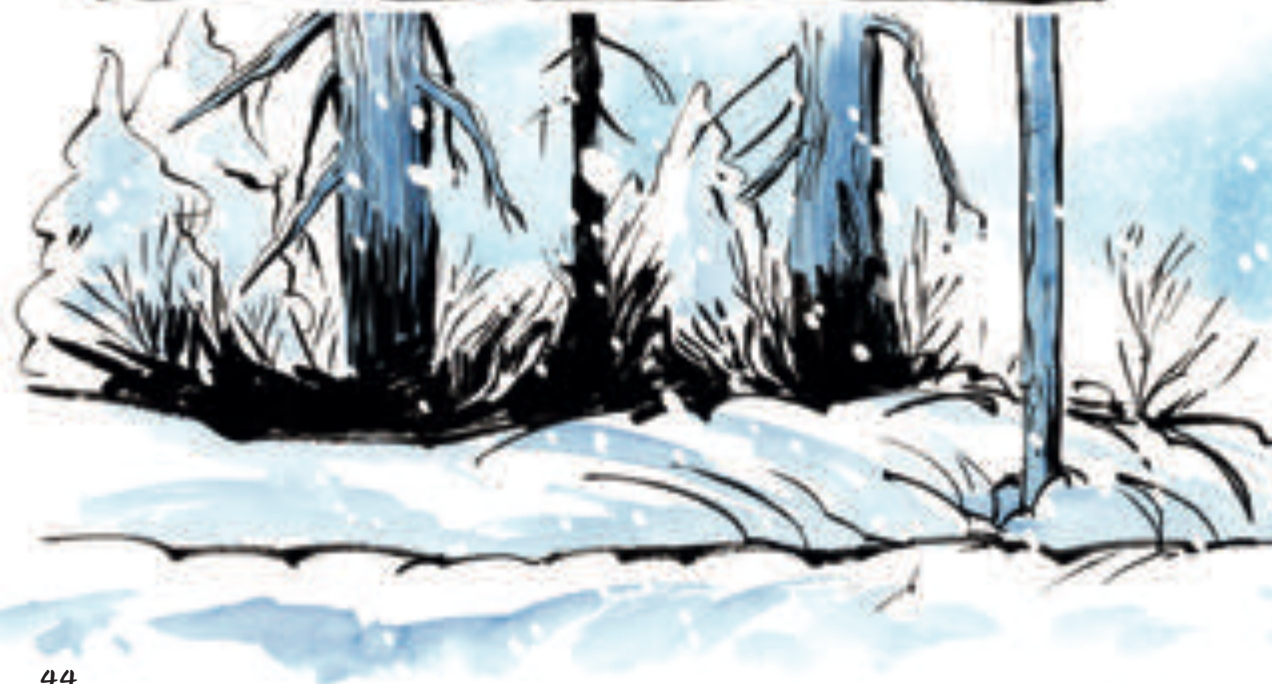
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Boathouse









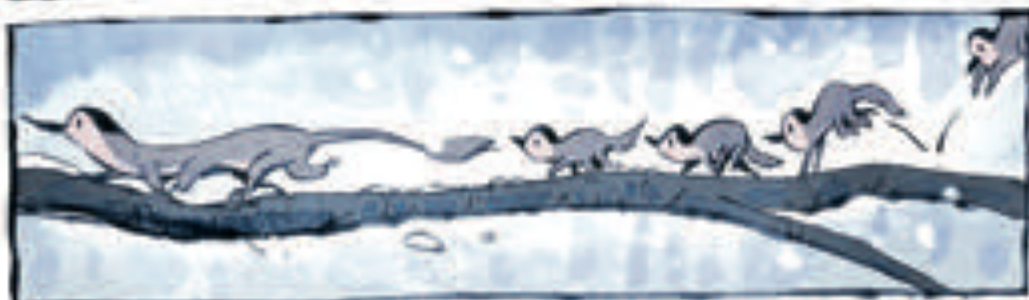












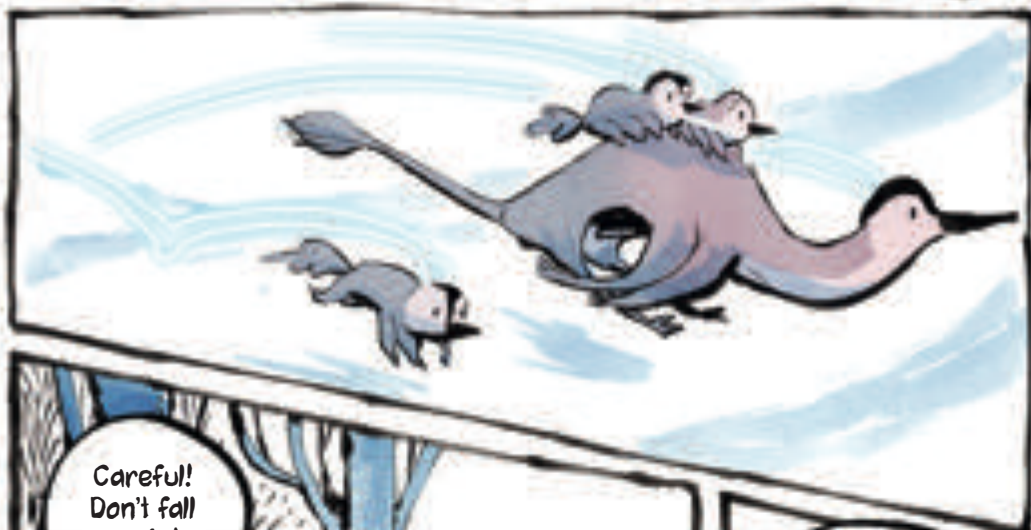






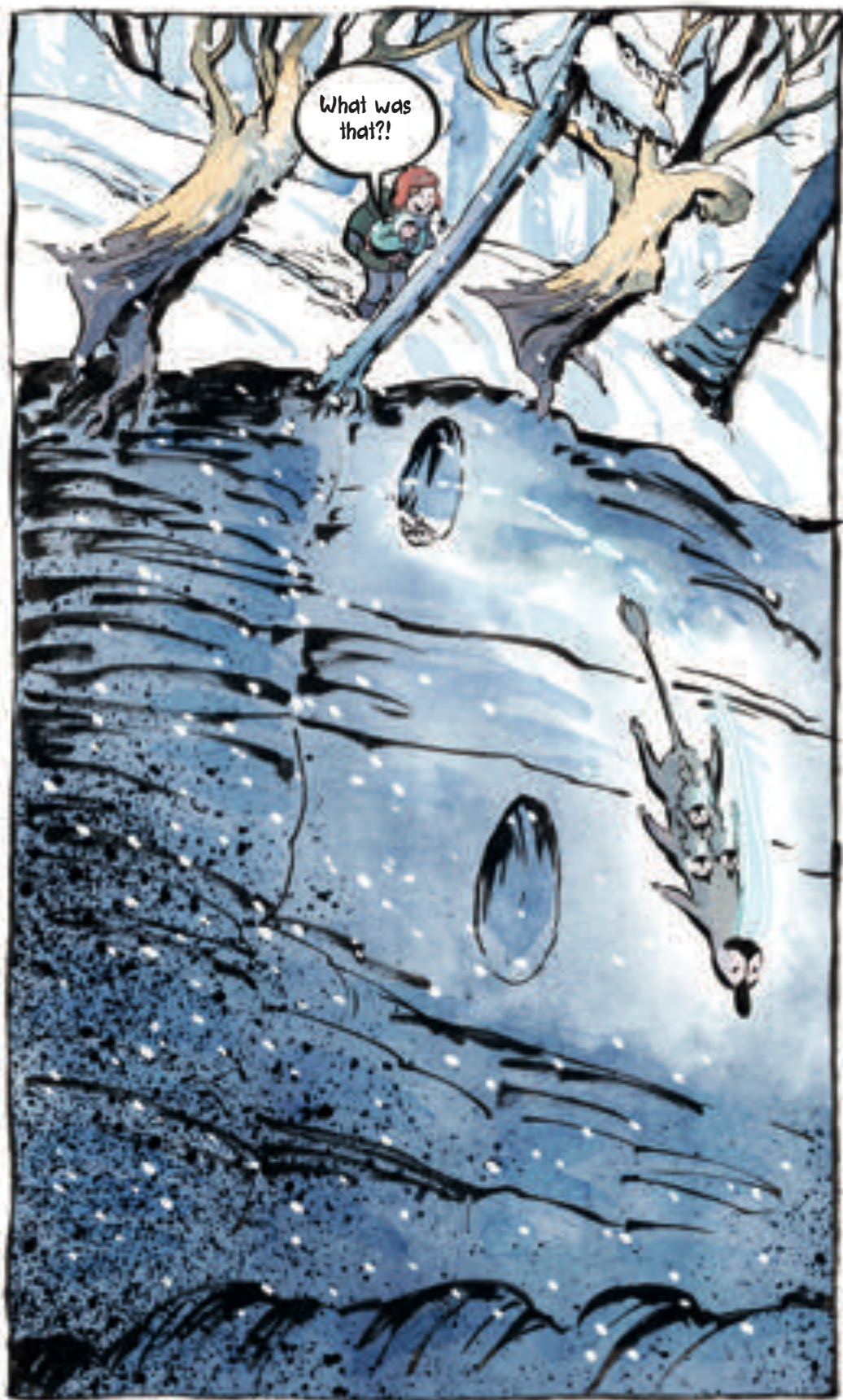


















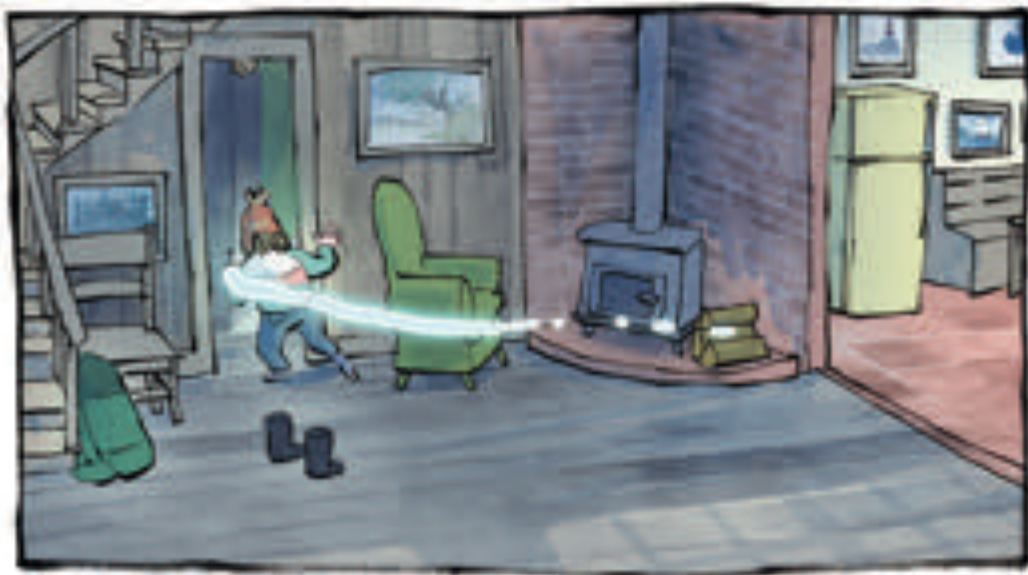


















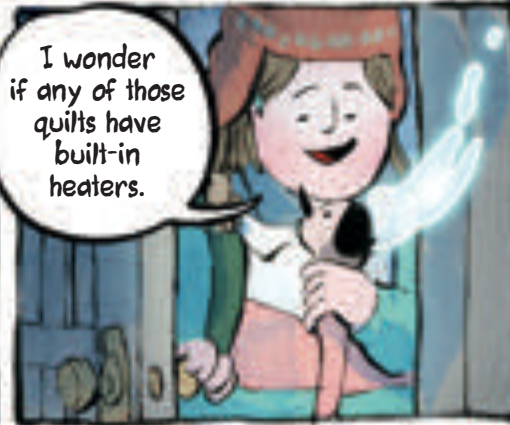














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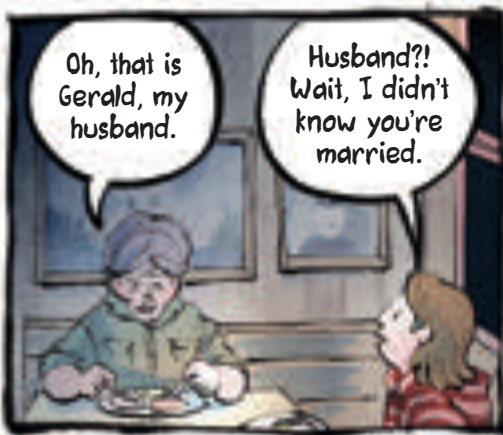


So I've never had crab pie before. It's pretty good. I like all your paintings. Who's in that old photo?



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.





It had been a bit choppy, but no one could have imagined what was to come. They'd been at sea for two months and finally were coming home, but...



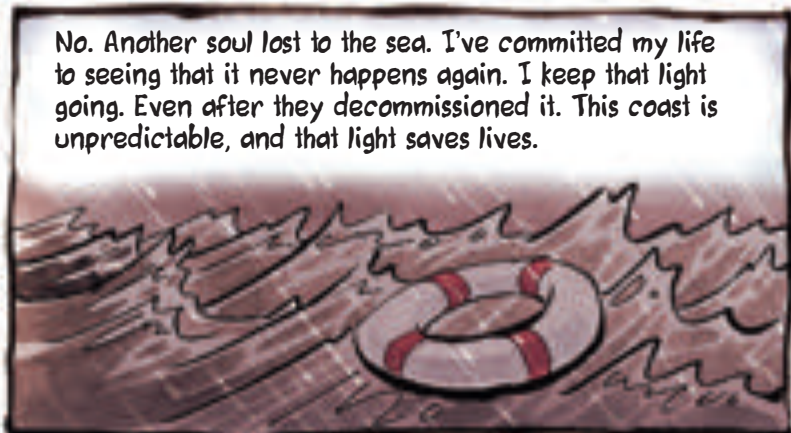
The rocks?



The rocks, yes. It all happened so fast. I had the light running strong and bright, but then something changed...



...it began to fade. I tried everything I could think of. But it was of no use. The light bulb failed. The ship came around the point and right into the rocks. It was so cold and dark. There was no light...and that wind. The breeches buoy, a rescuing device similar to a zip line, jammed and wouldn't launch. Hmph. I think I even still have it under my stairs. There were two survivors. That was it. That was all.









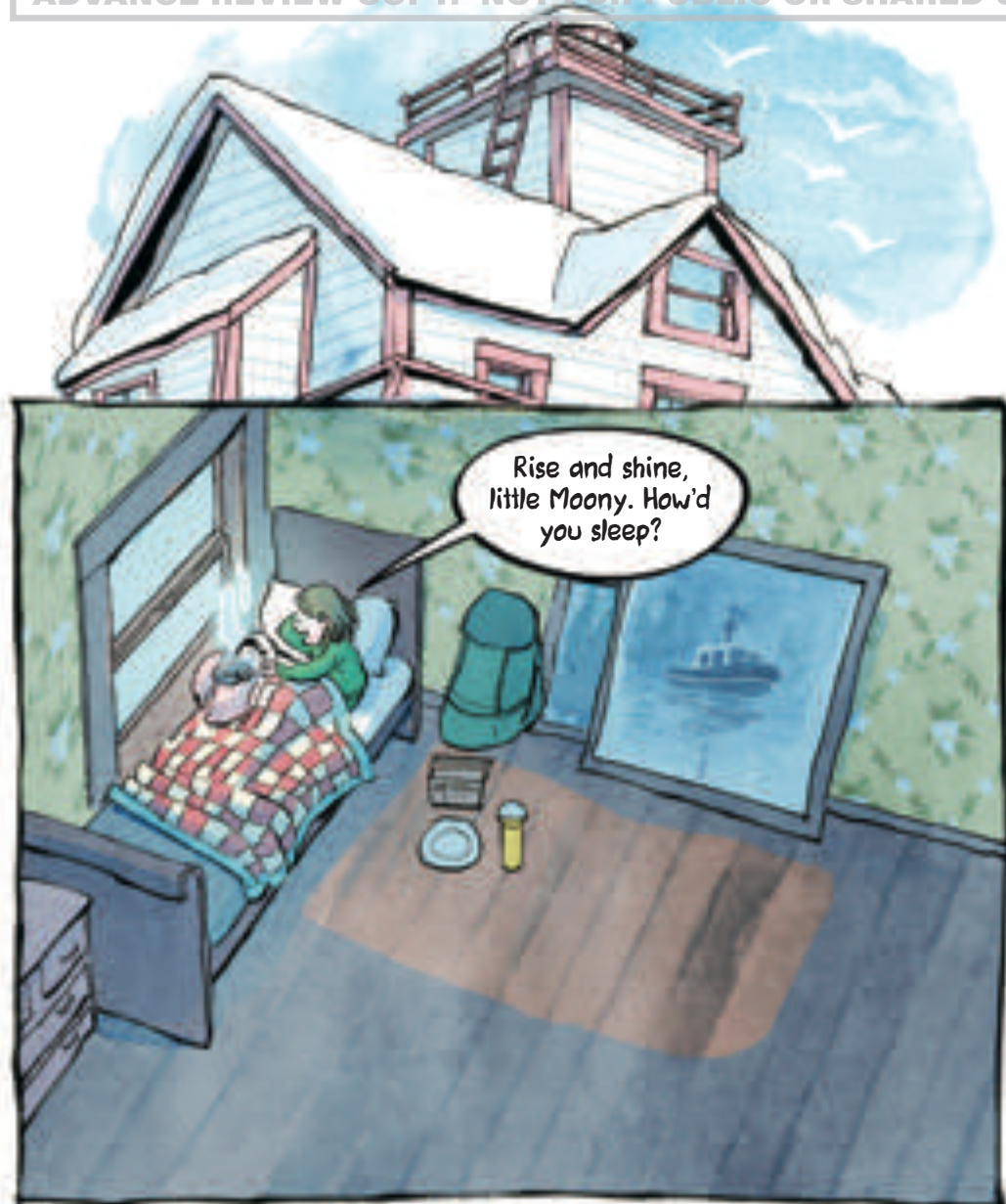


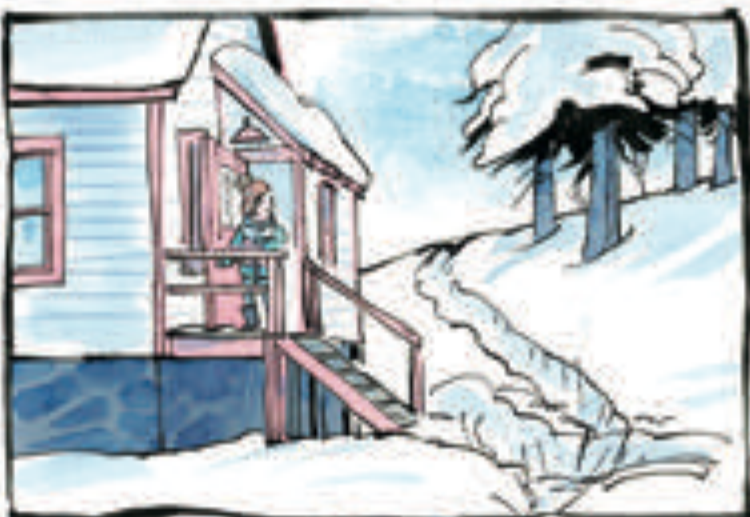
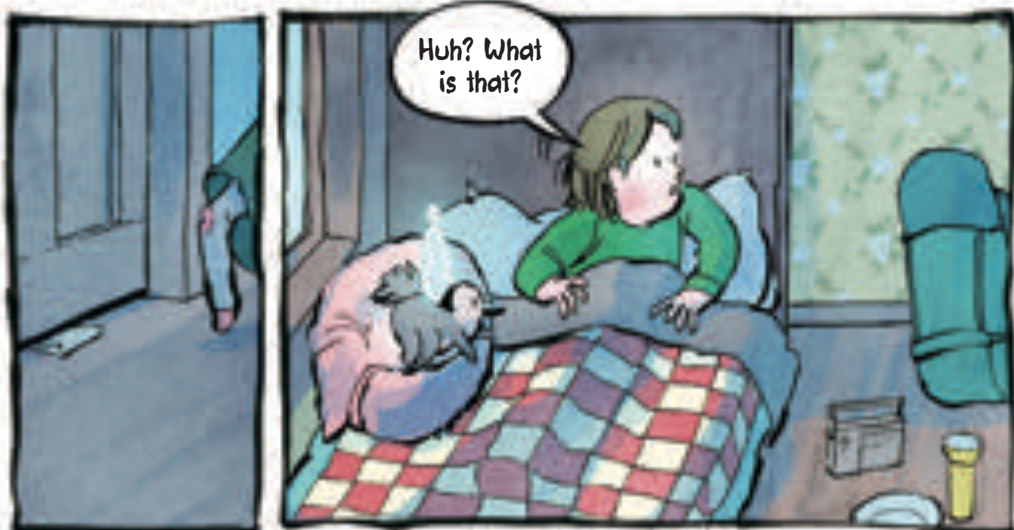
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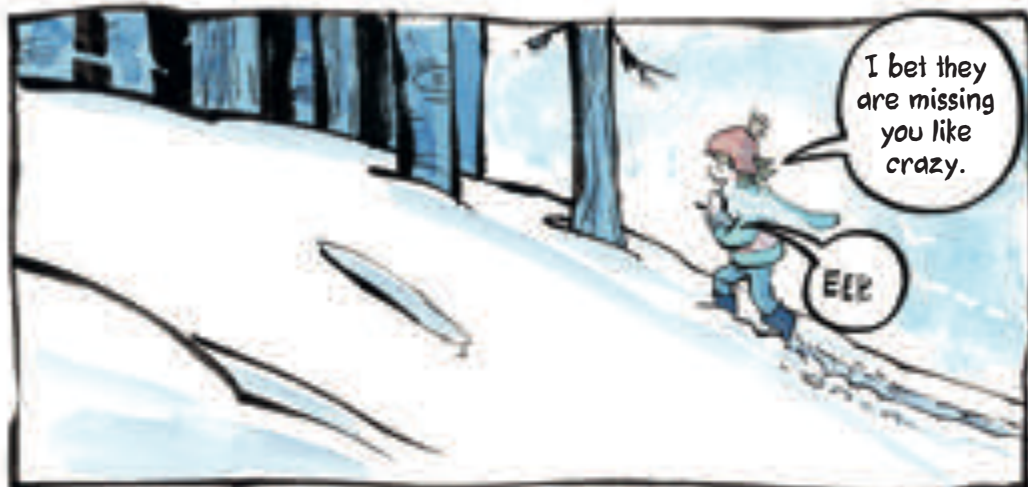
I Know the Feeling









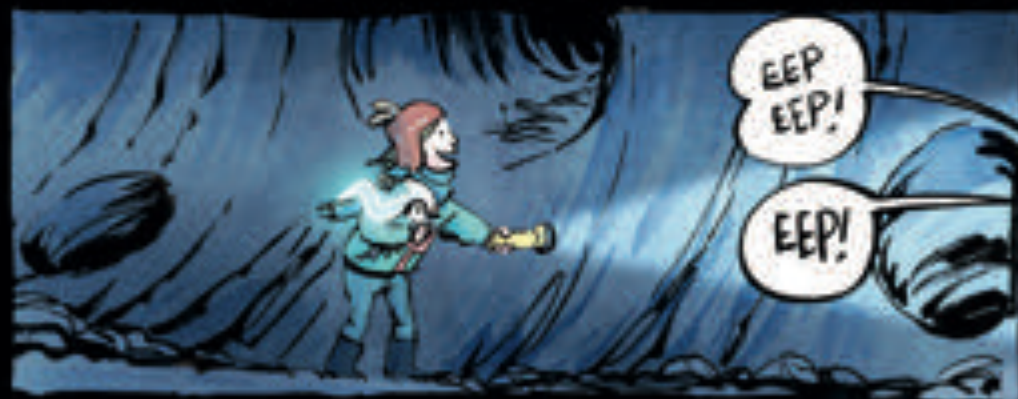




I'll catch you. You'll be home soon, Moony. I bet your family is worried sick.



EEP!



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

EFP!

EFP!

EFP!

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

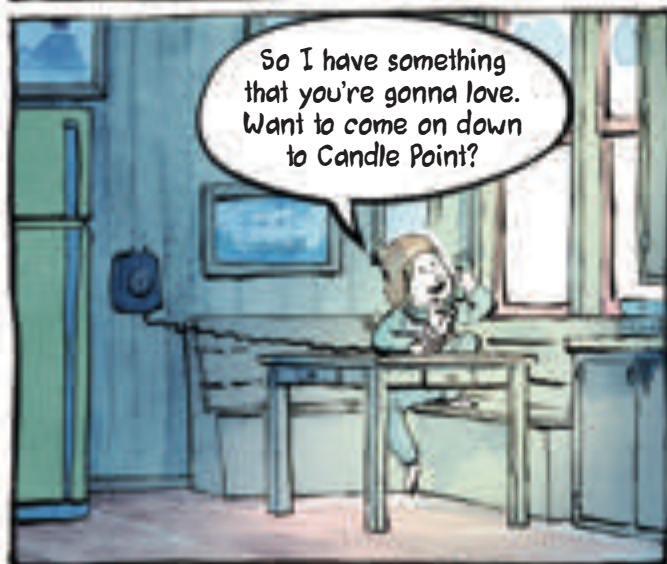


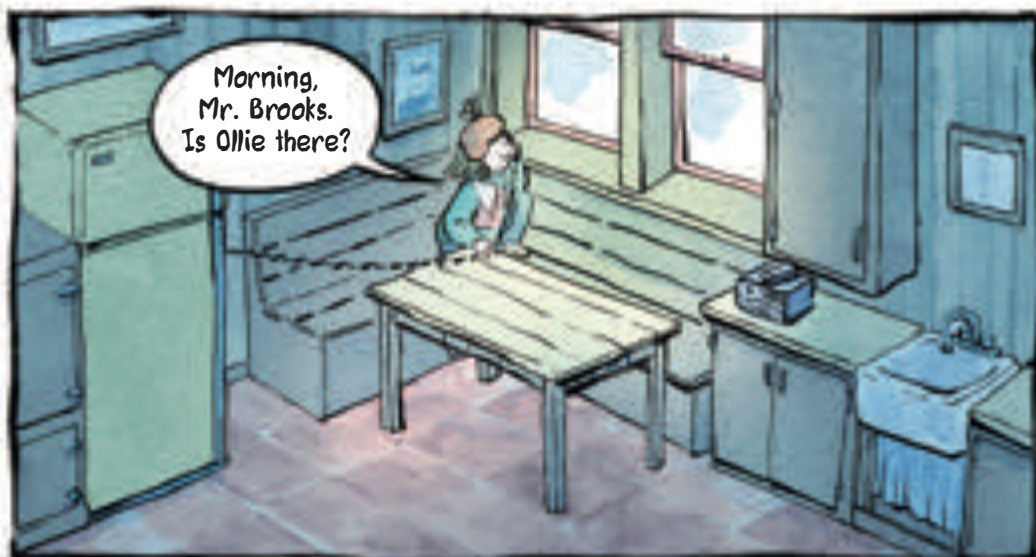


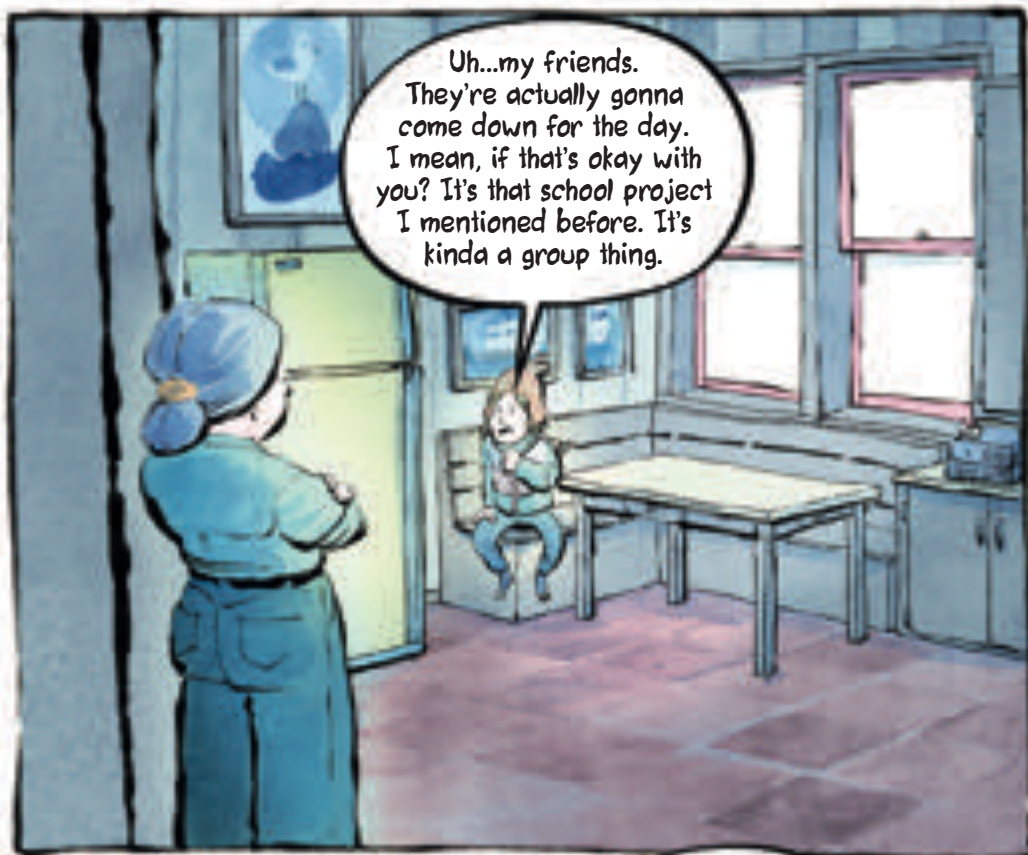








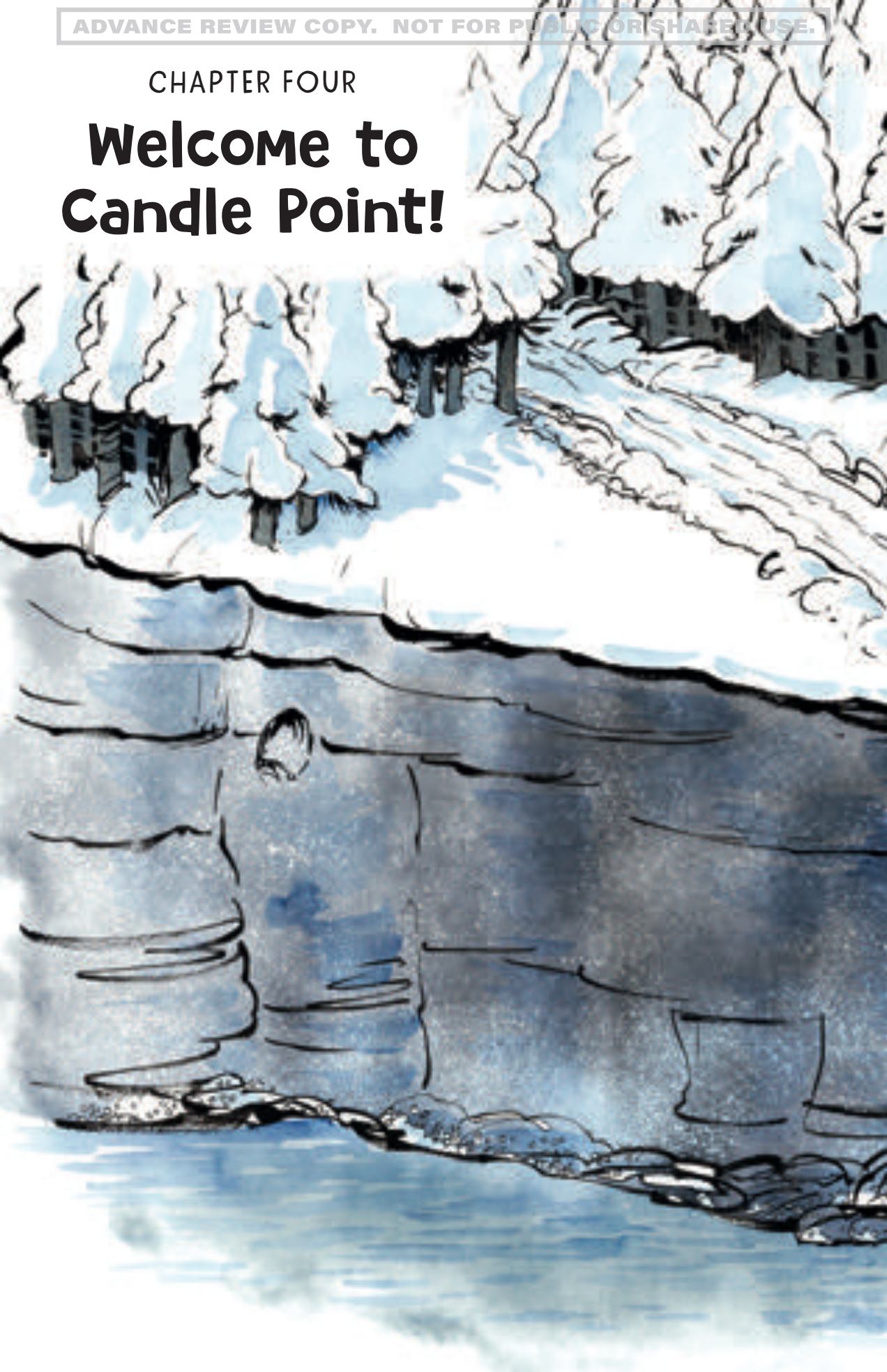




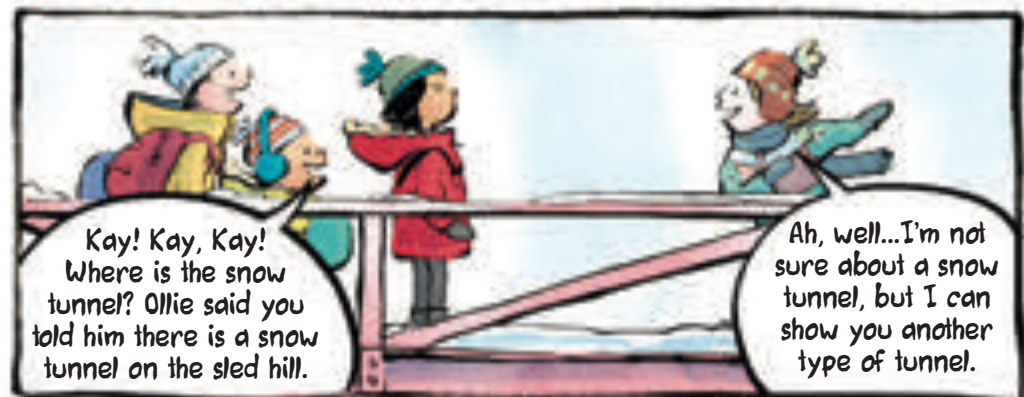
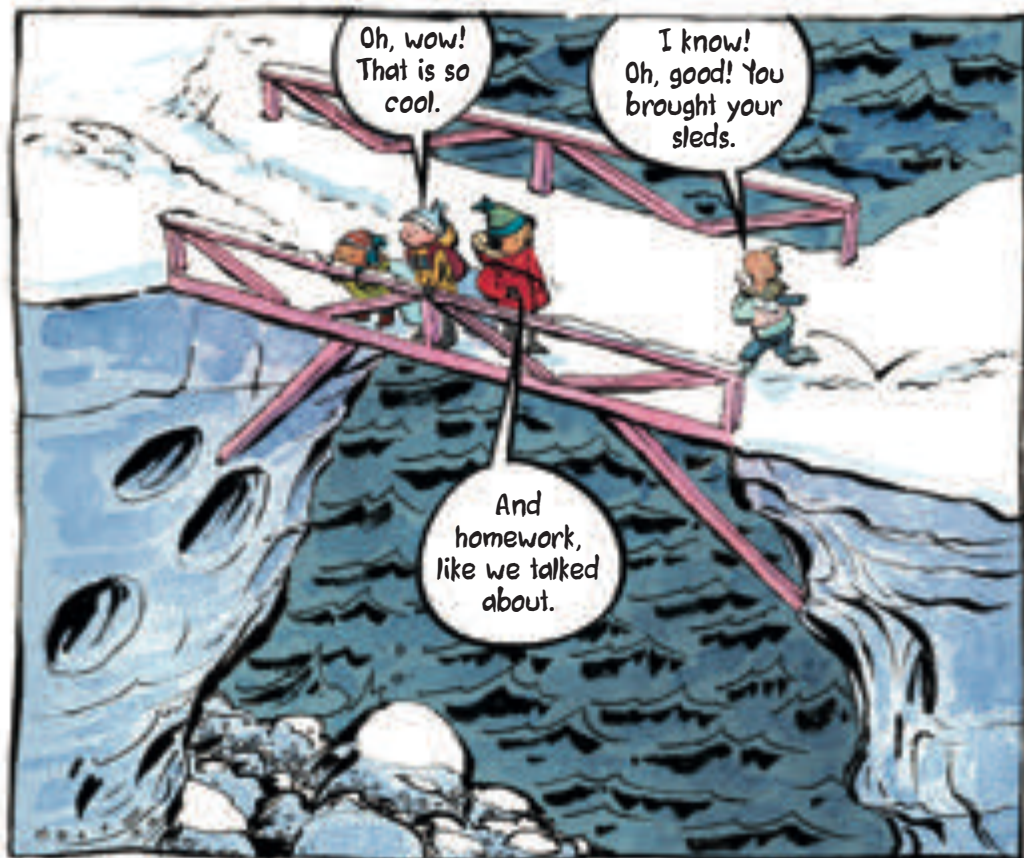


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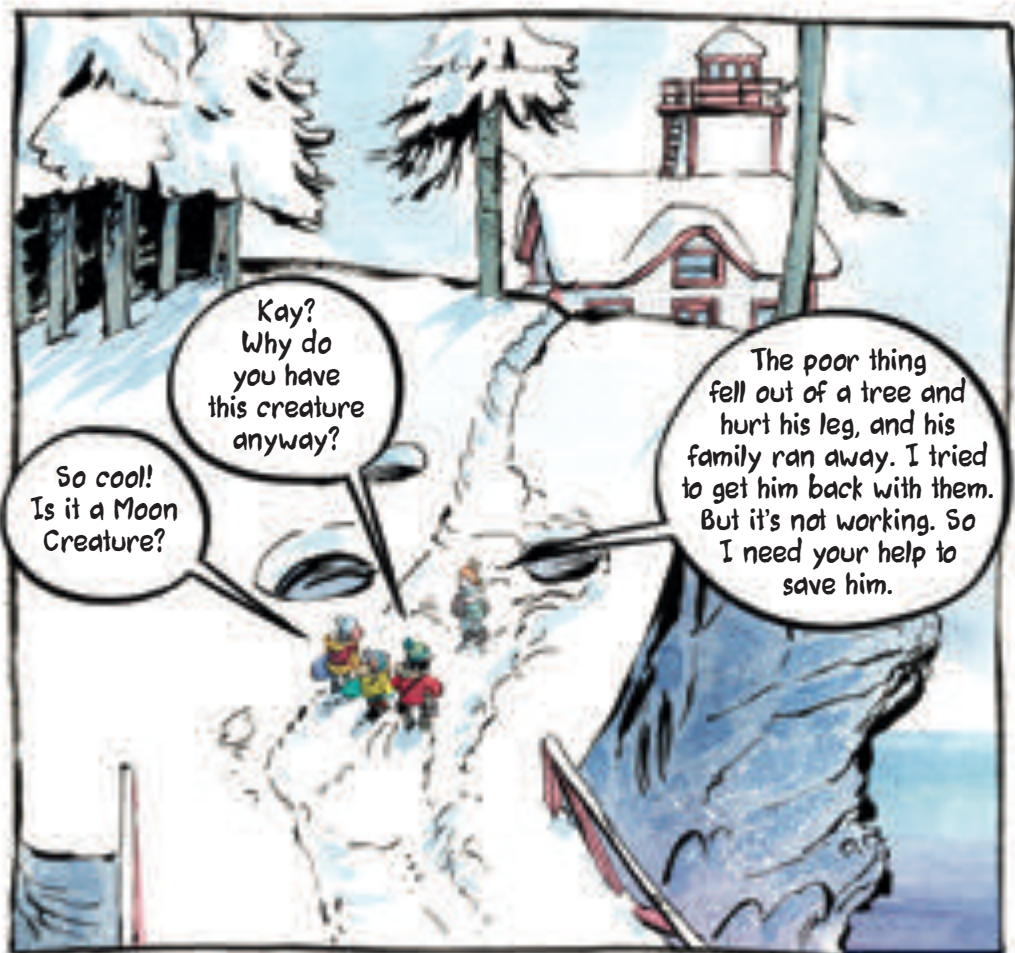
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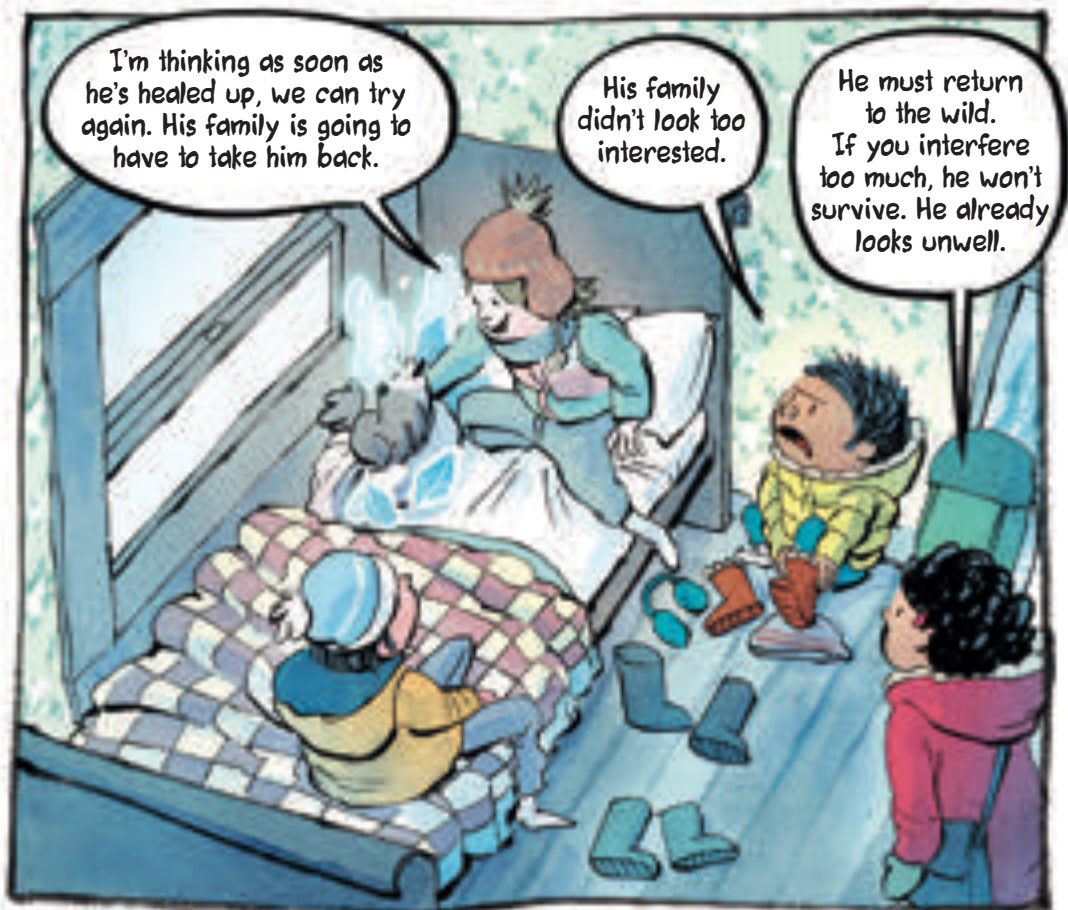
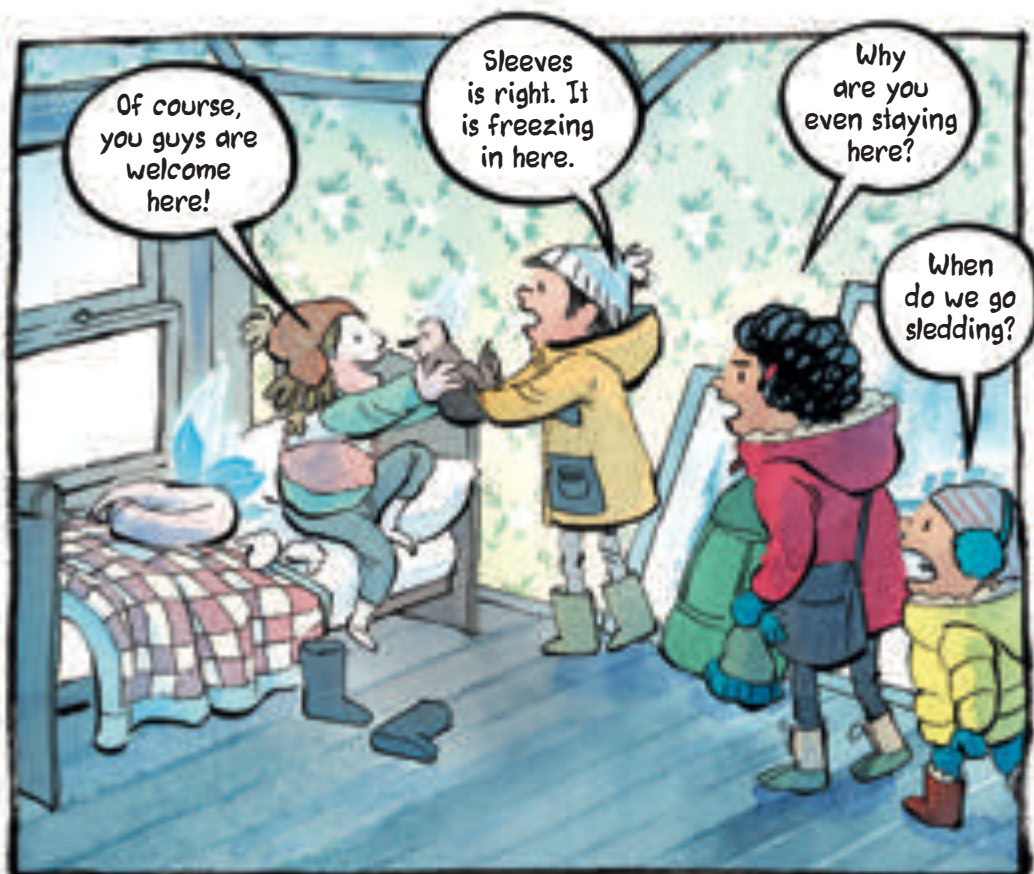






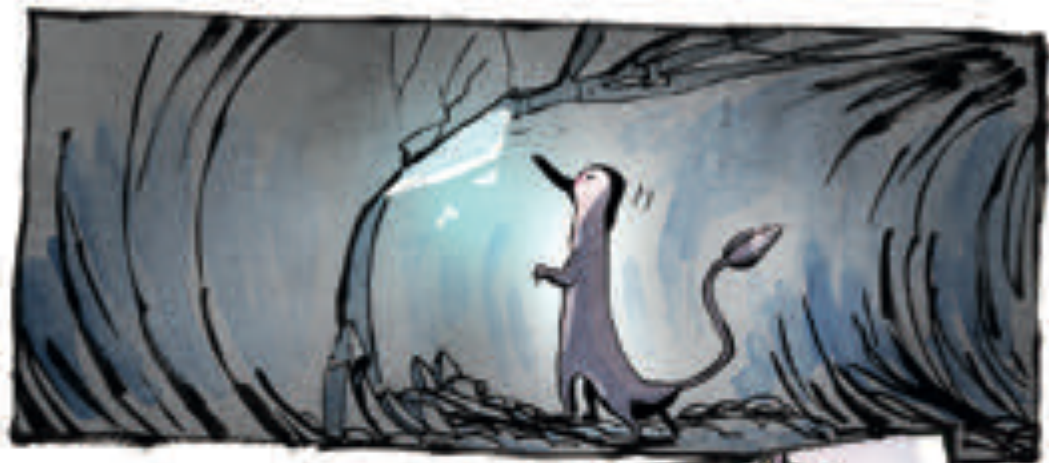




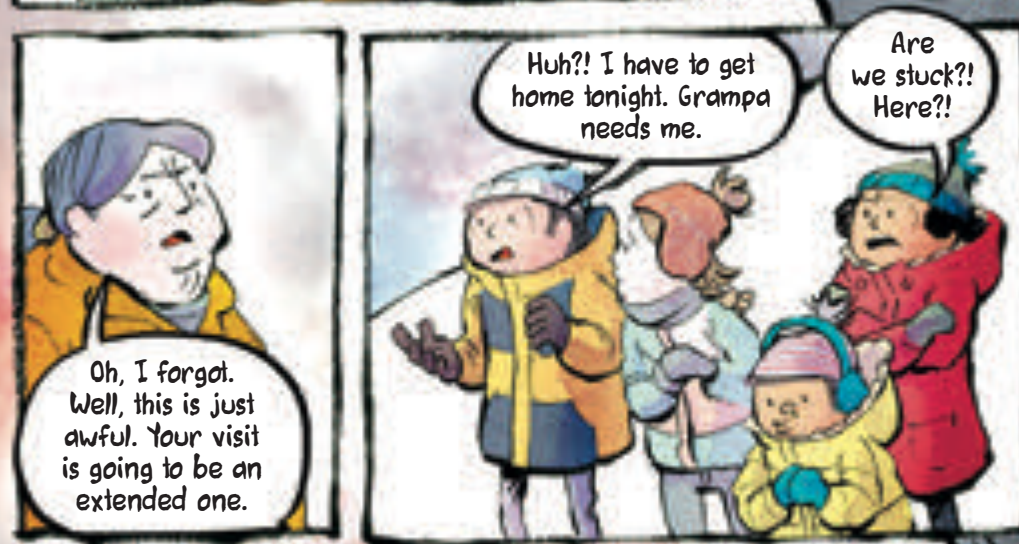












Unless you can grow wings, it's going to be a while.



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.

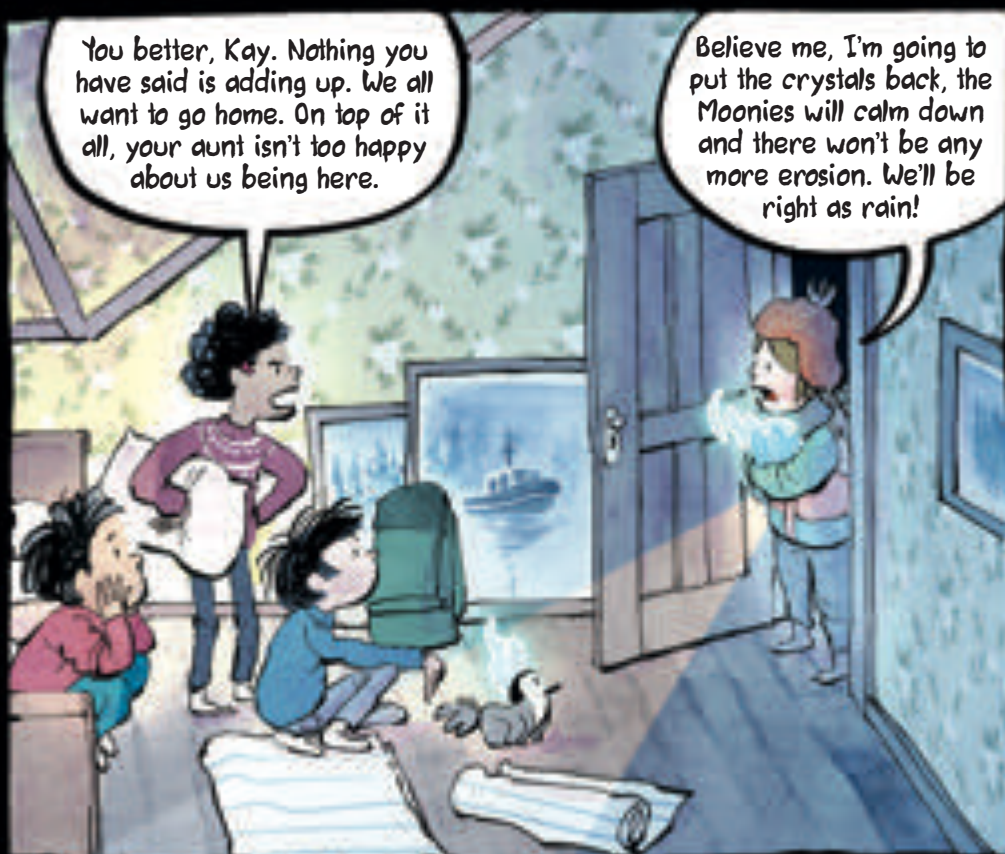


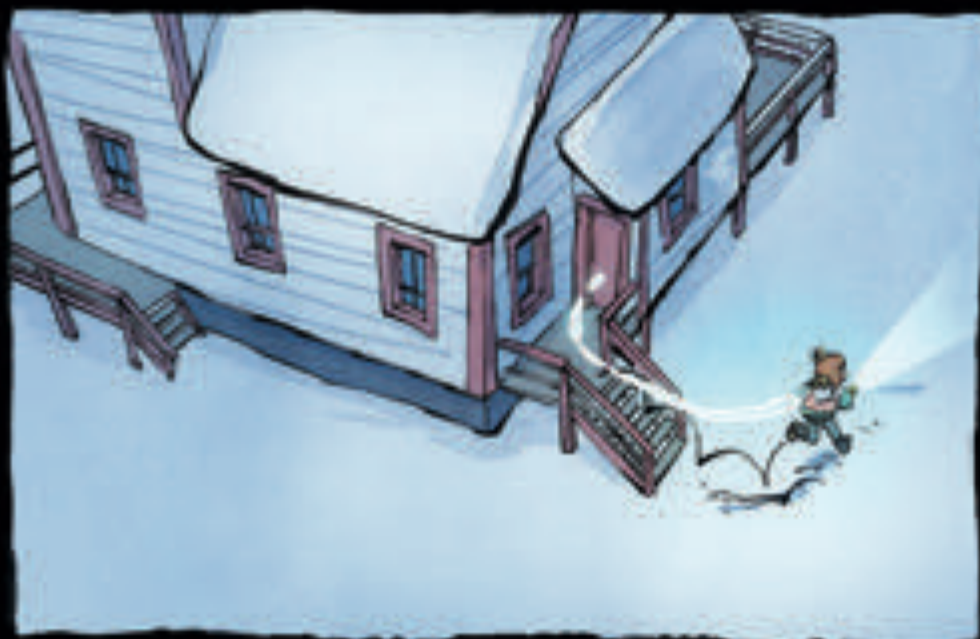
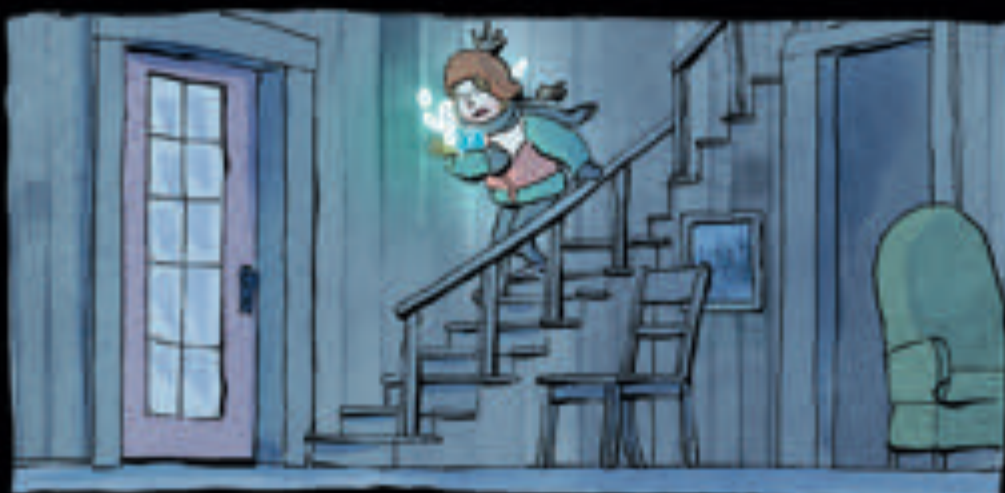
I can't believe this!





















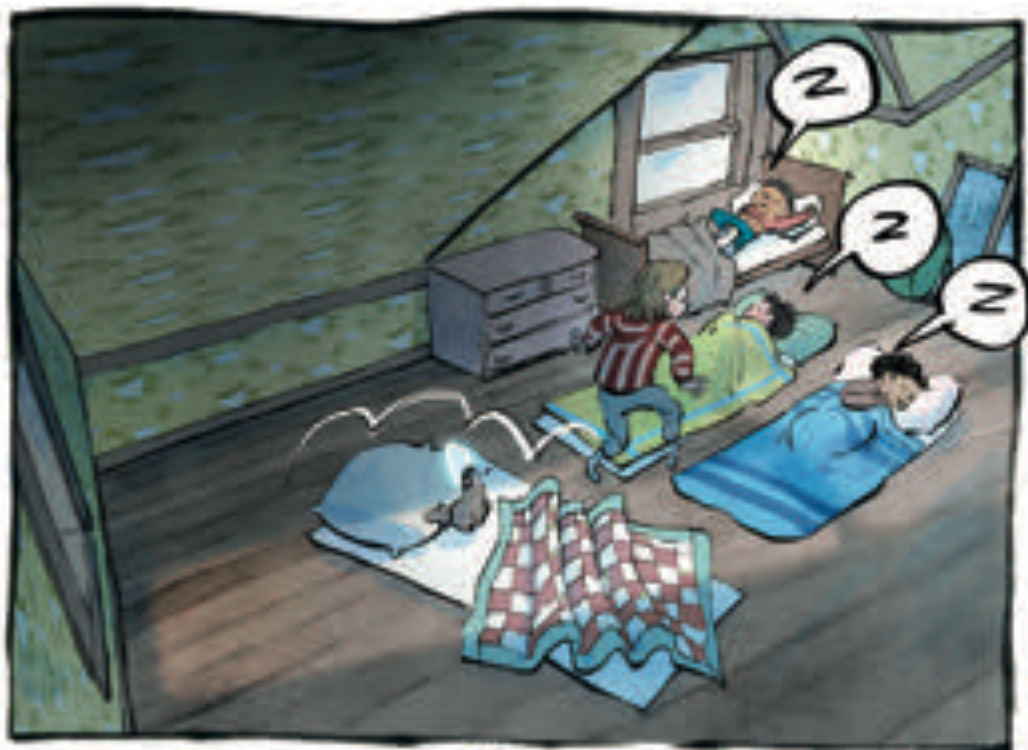
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Red Sky in the Morning...





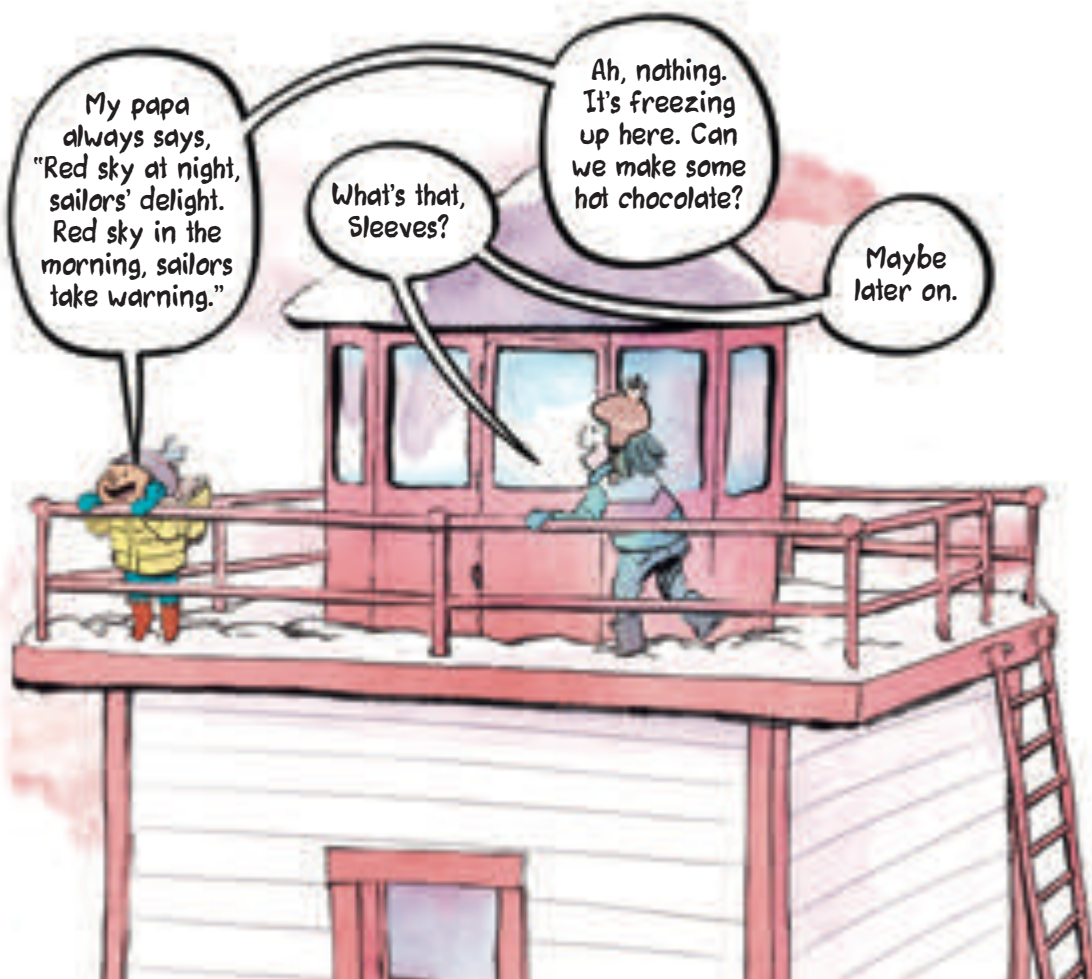
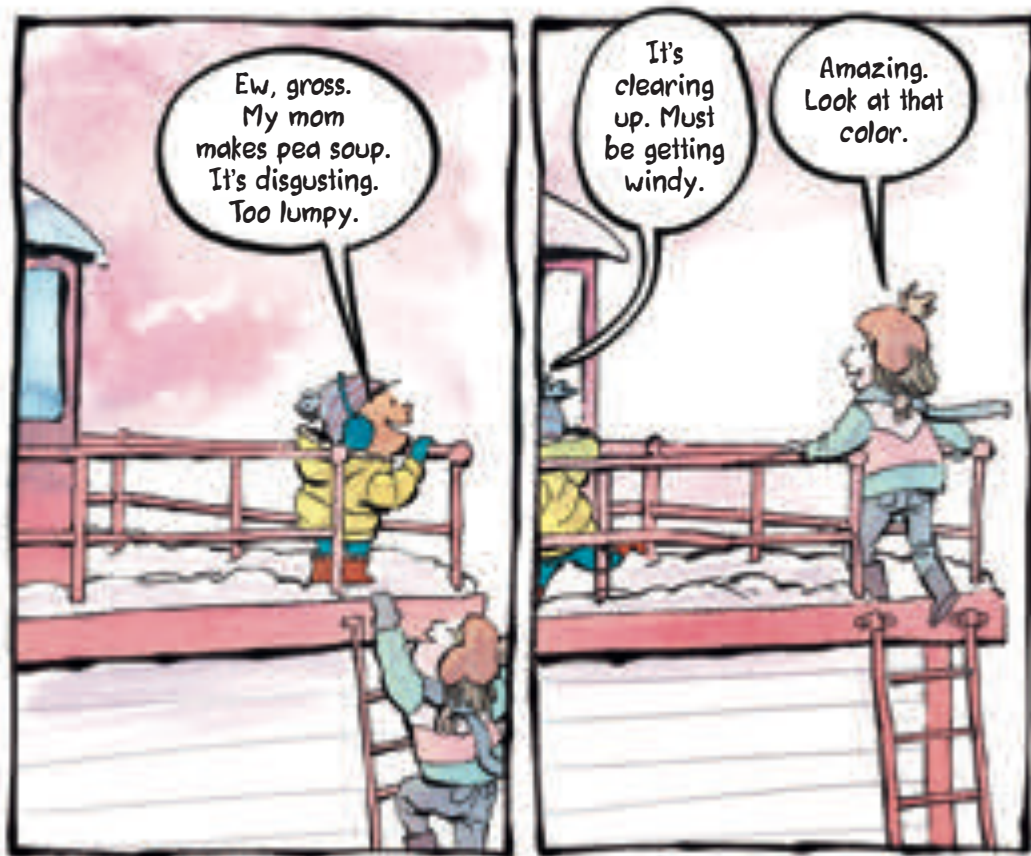




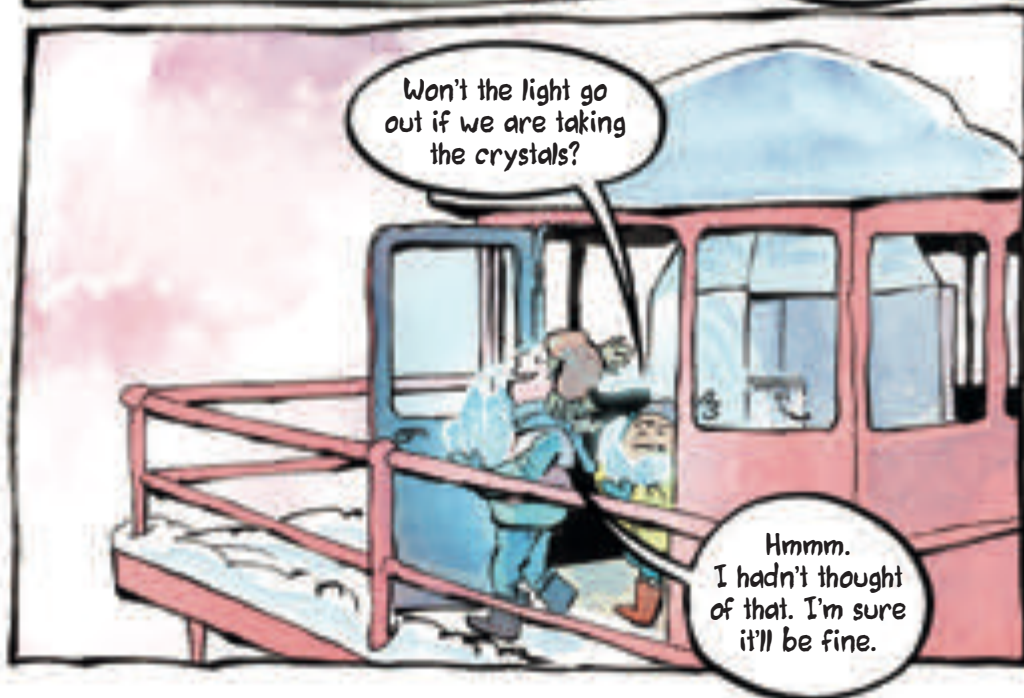


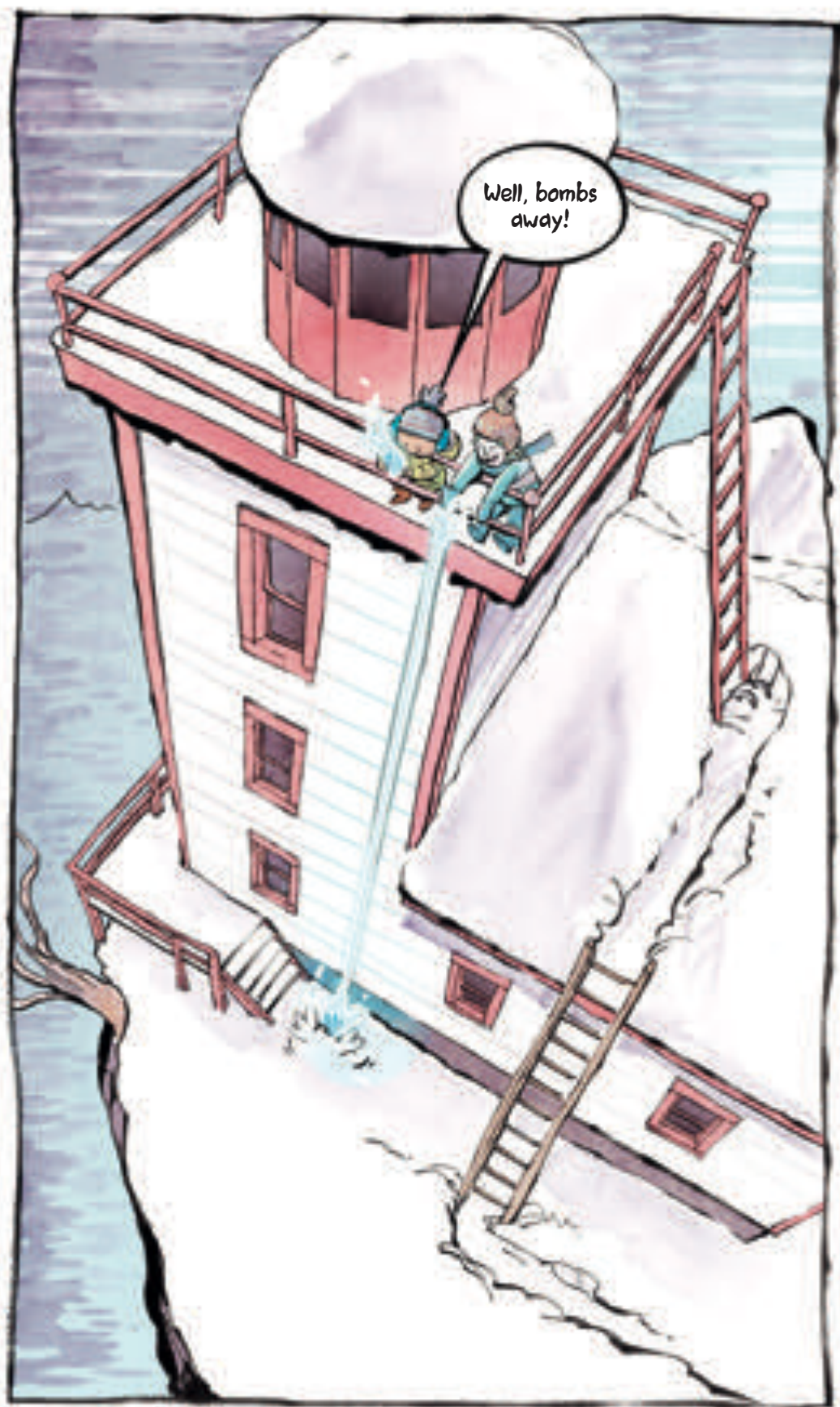




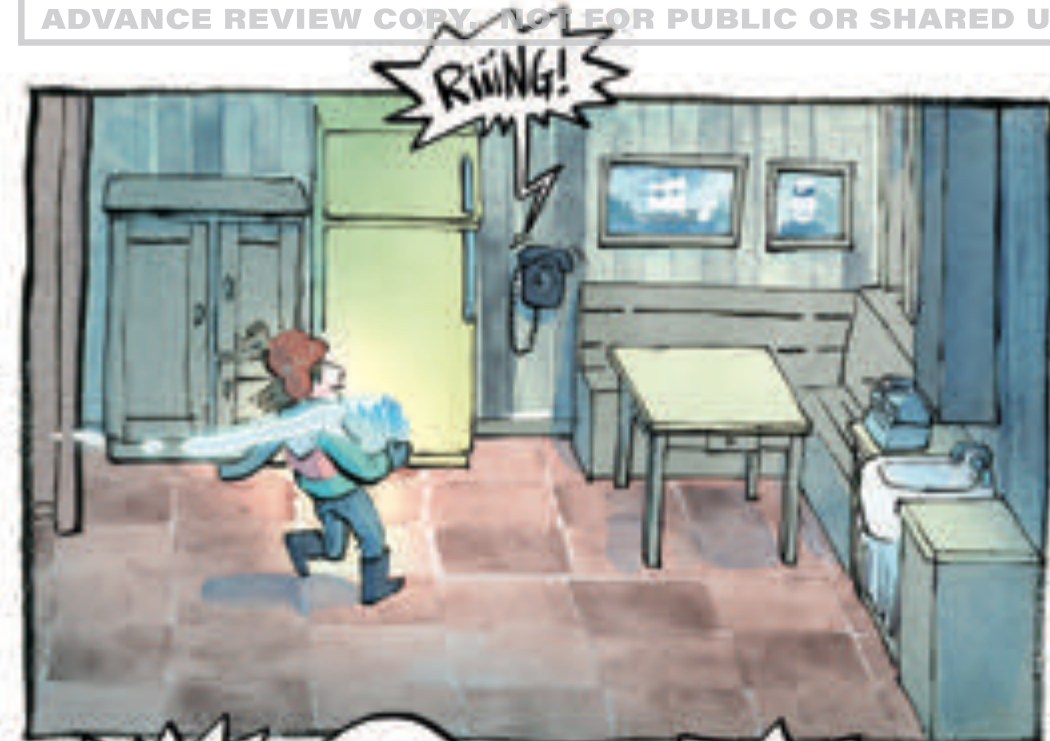






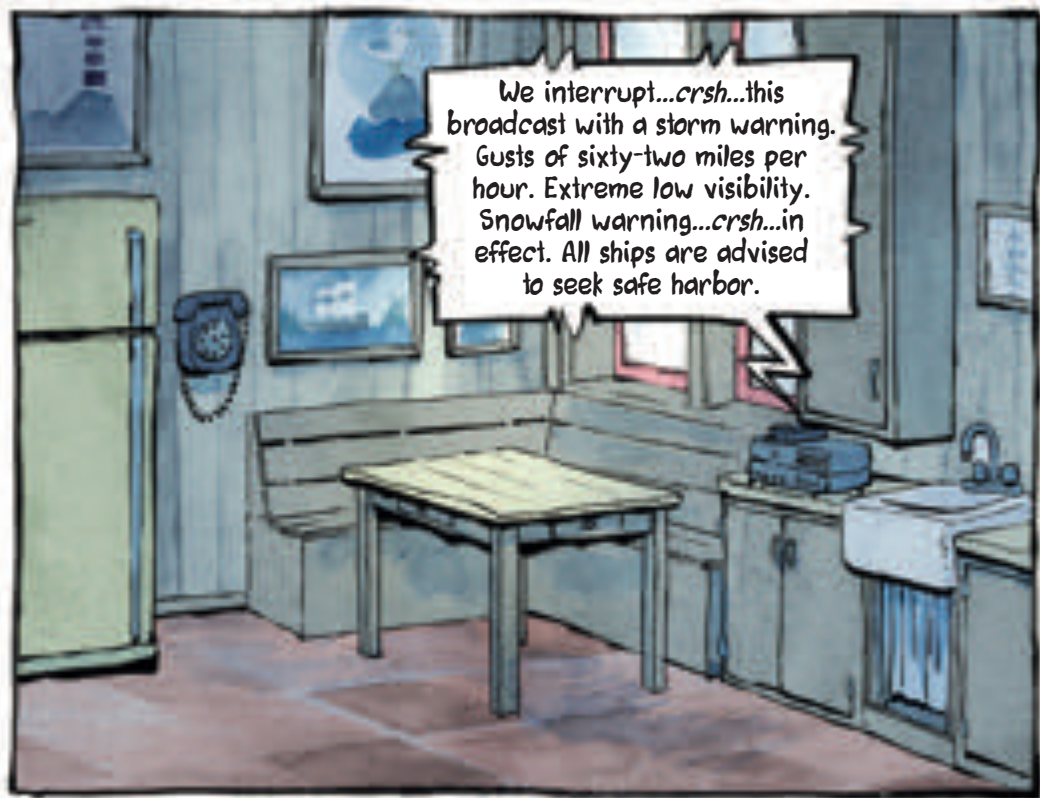


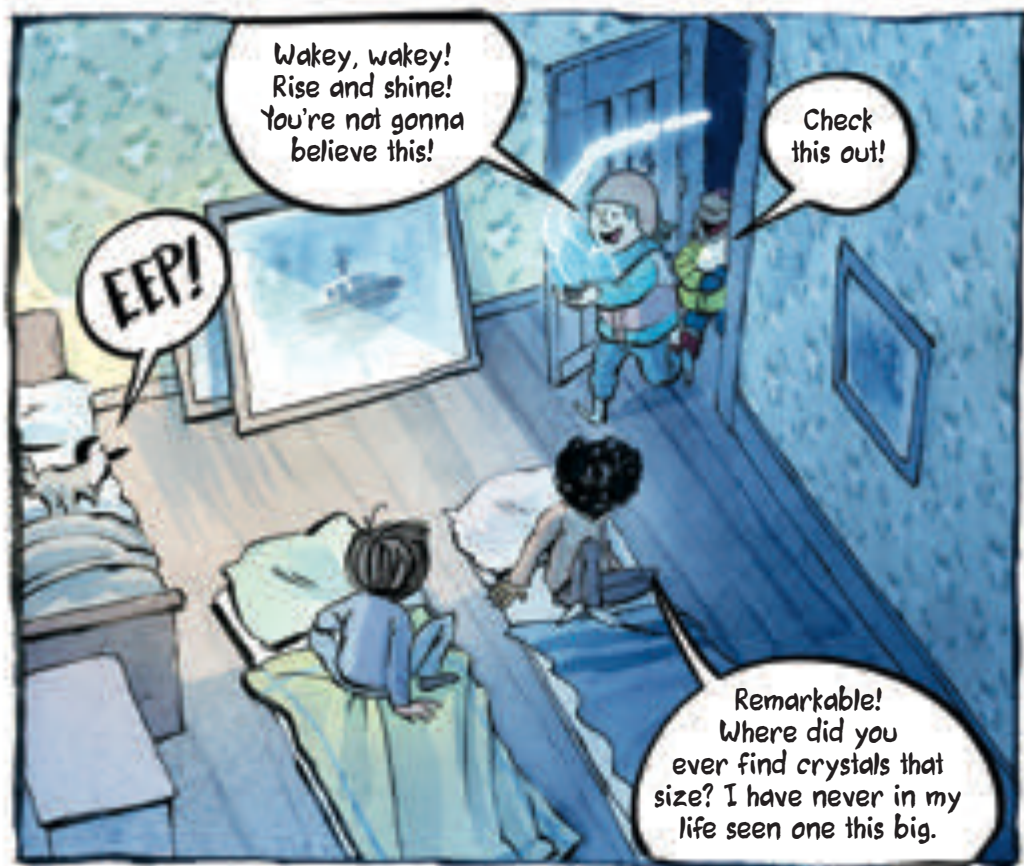






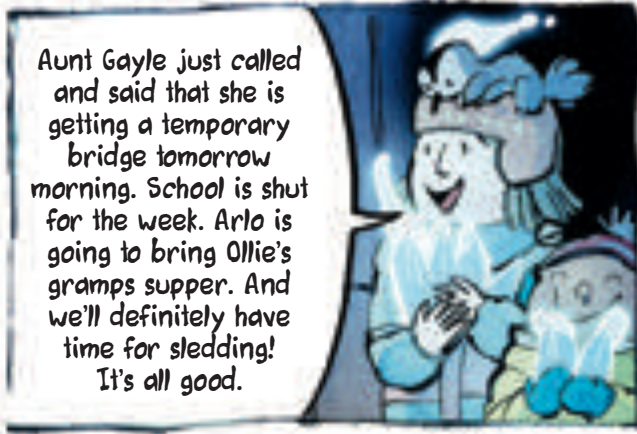








You better! I don't want to be stuck on this rock tower forever.



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!









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.

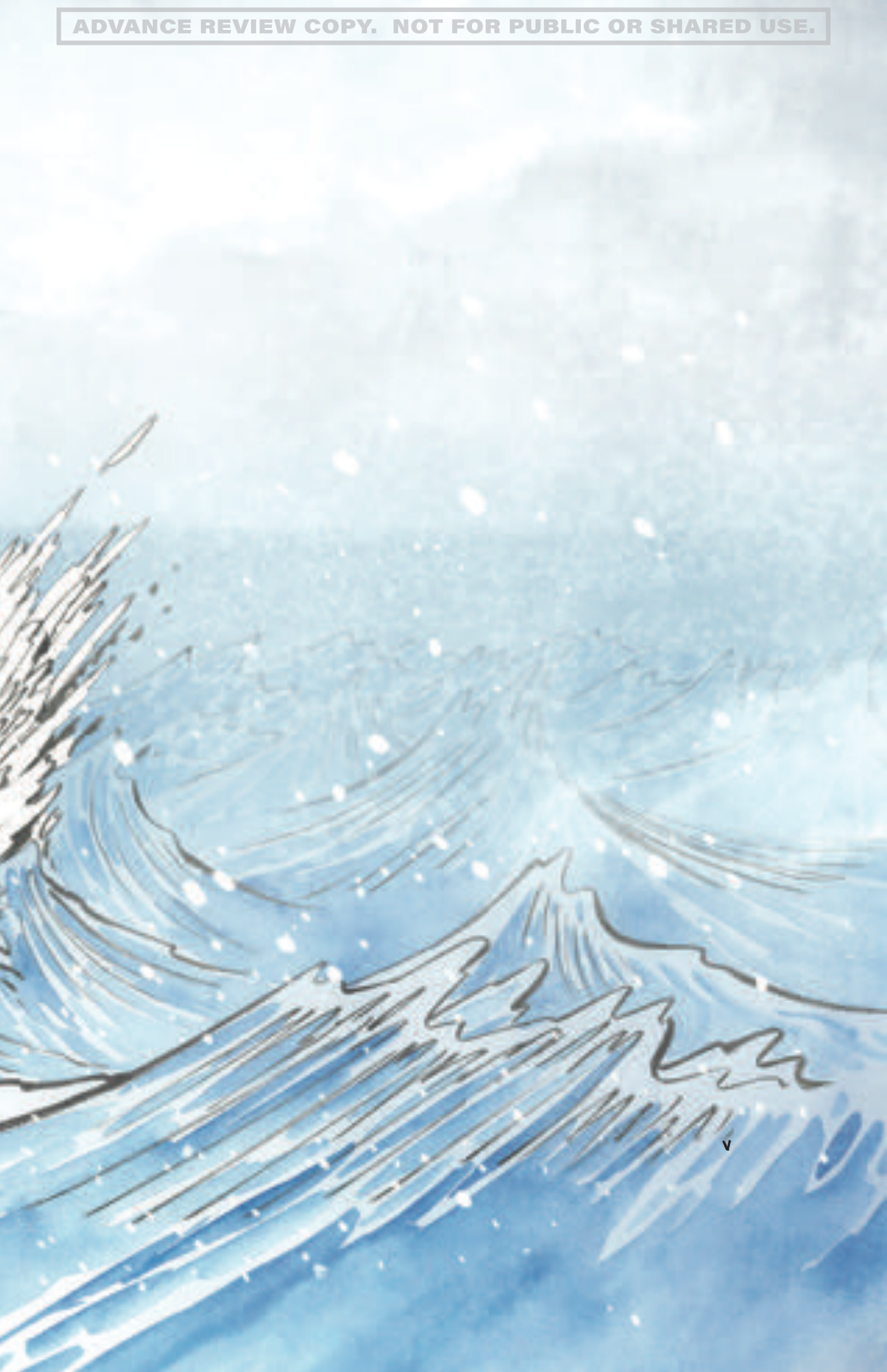
Ollie,
you're my
hero!



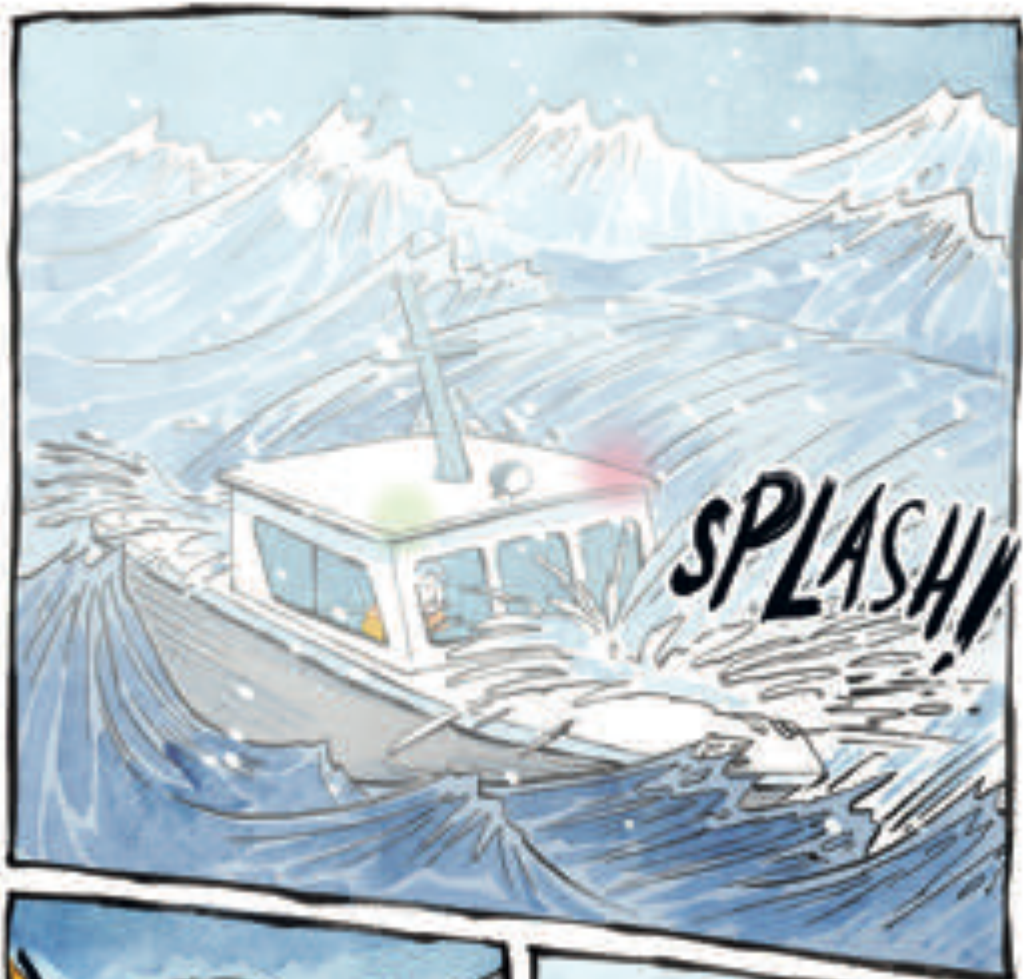
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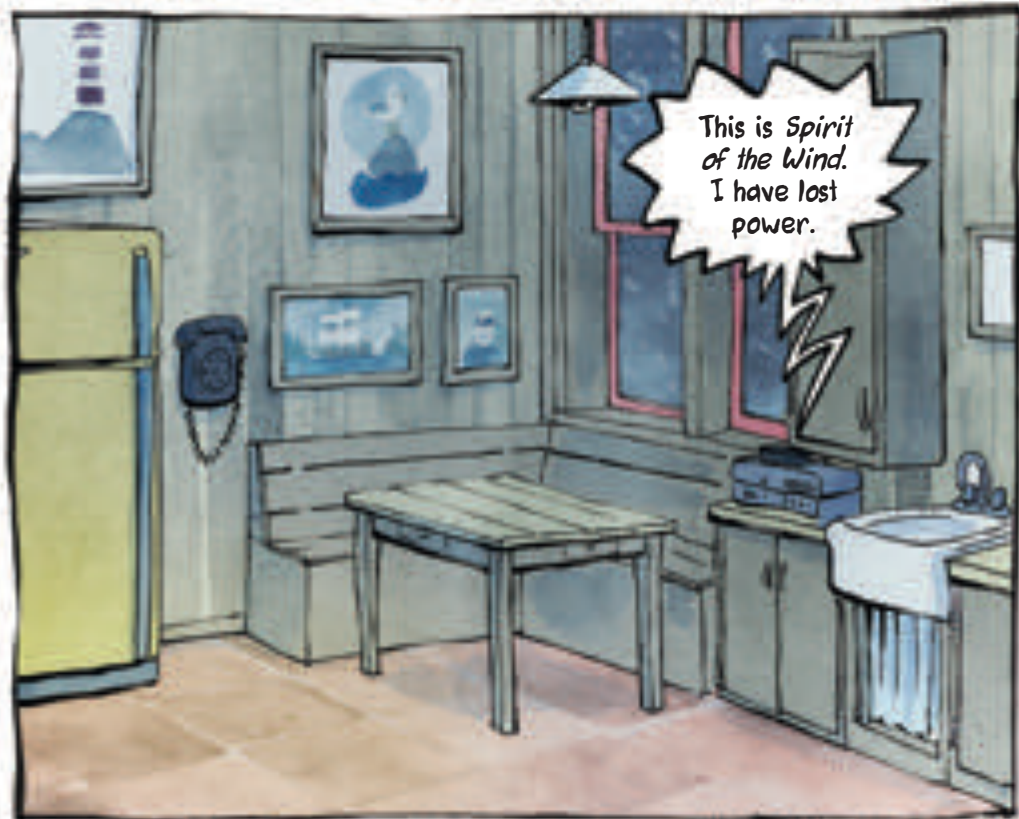
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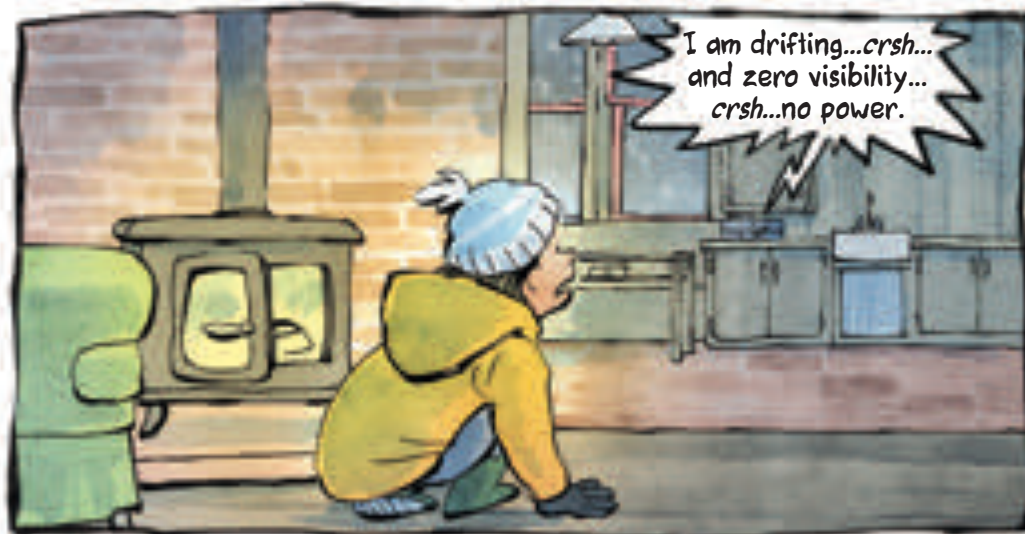
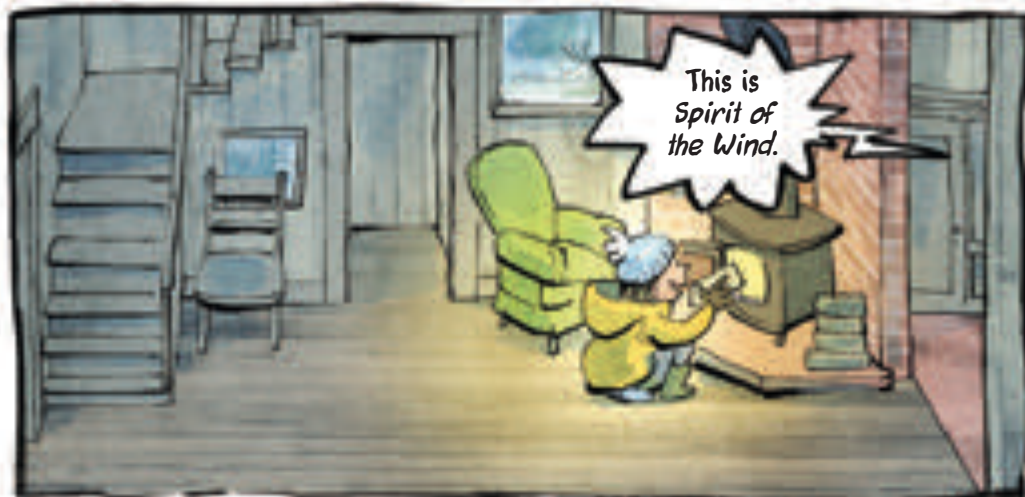


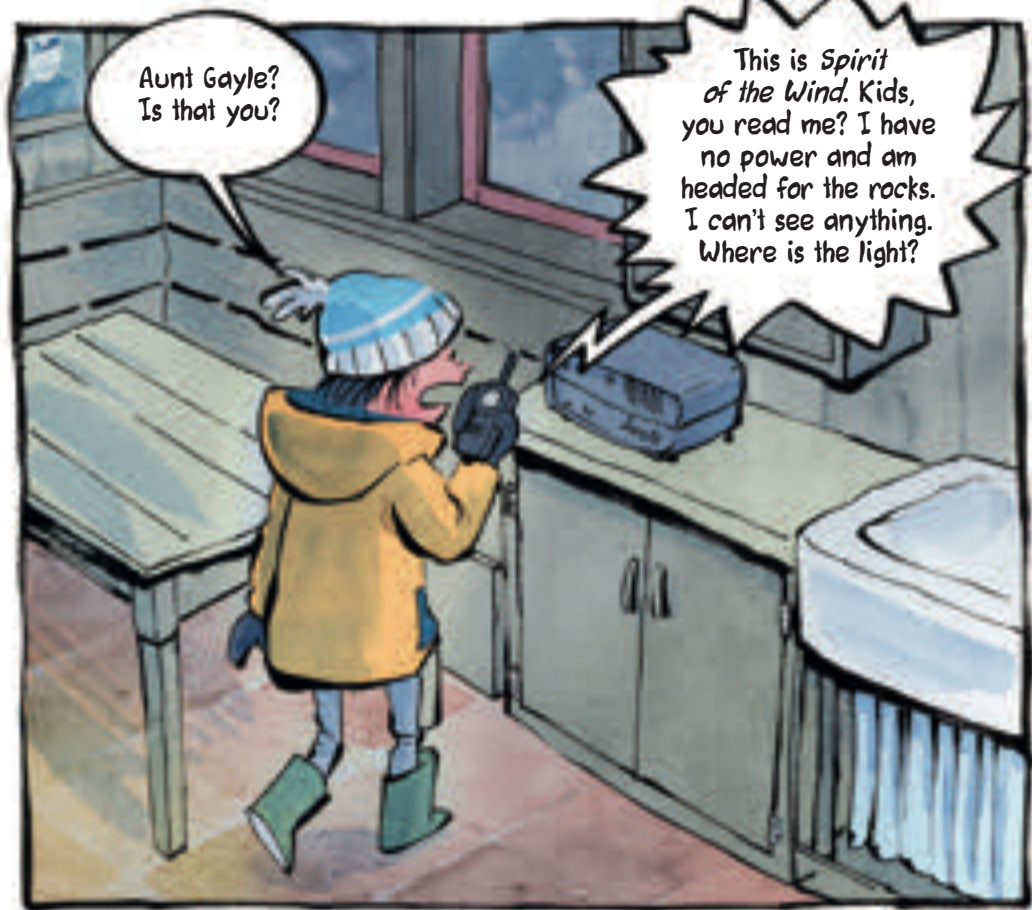


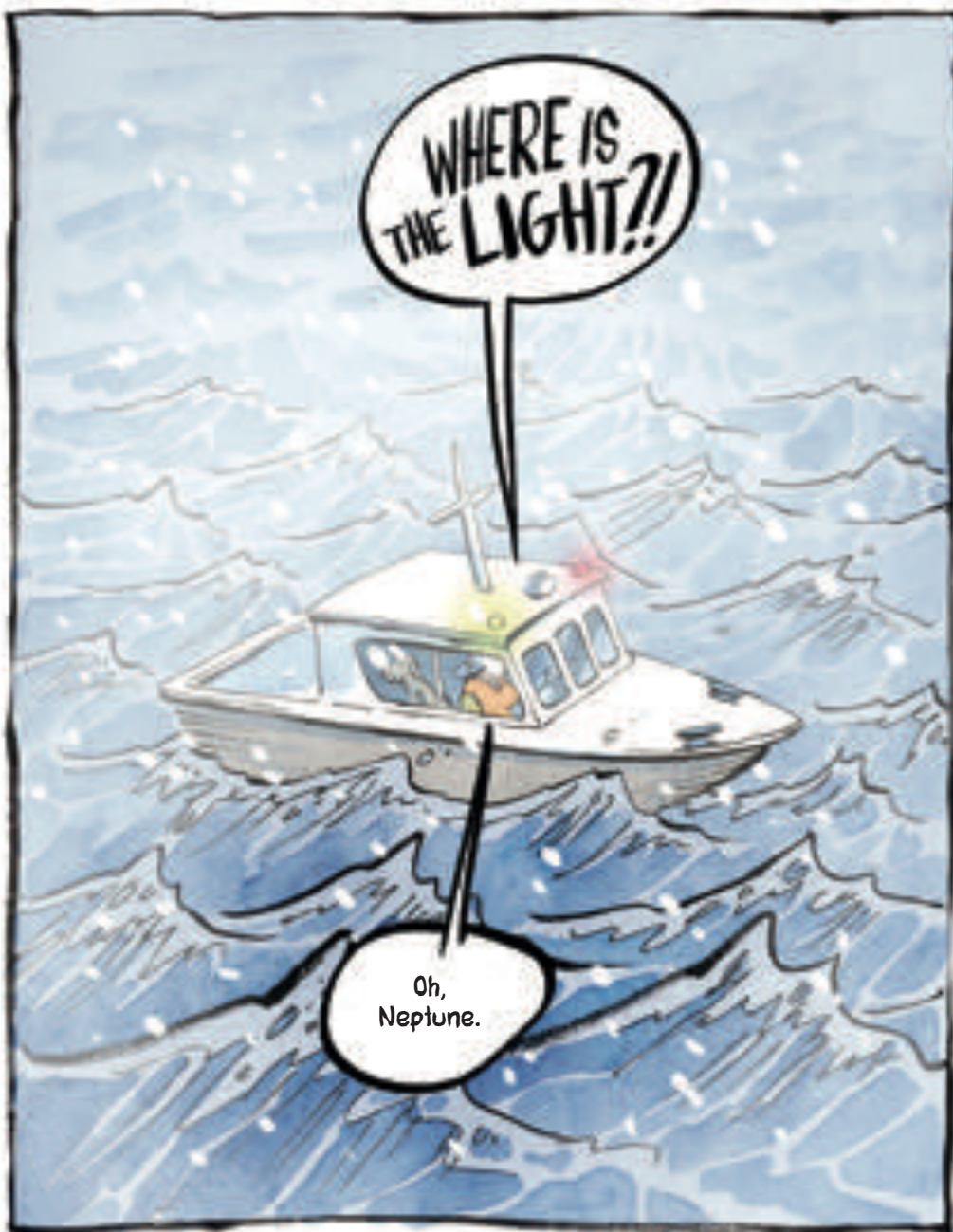








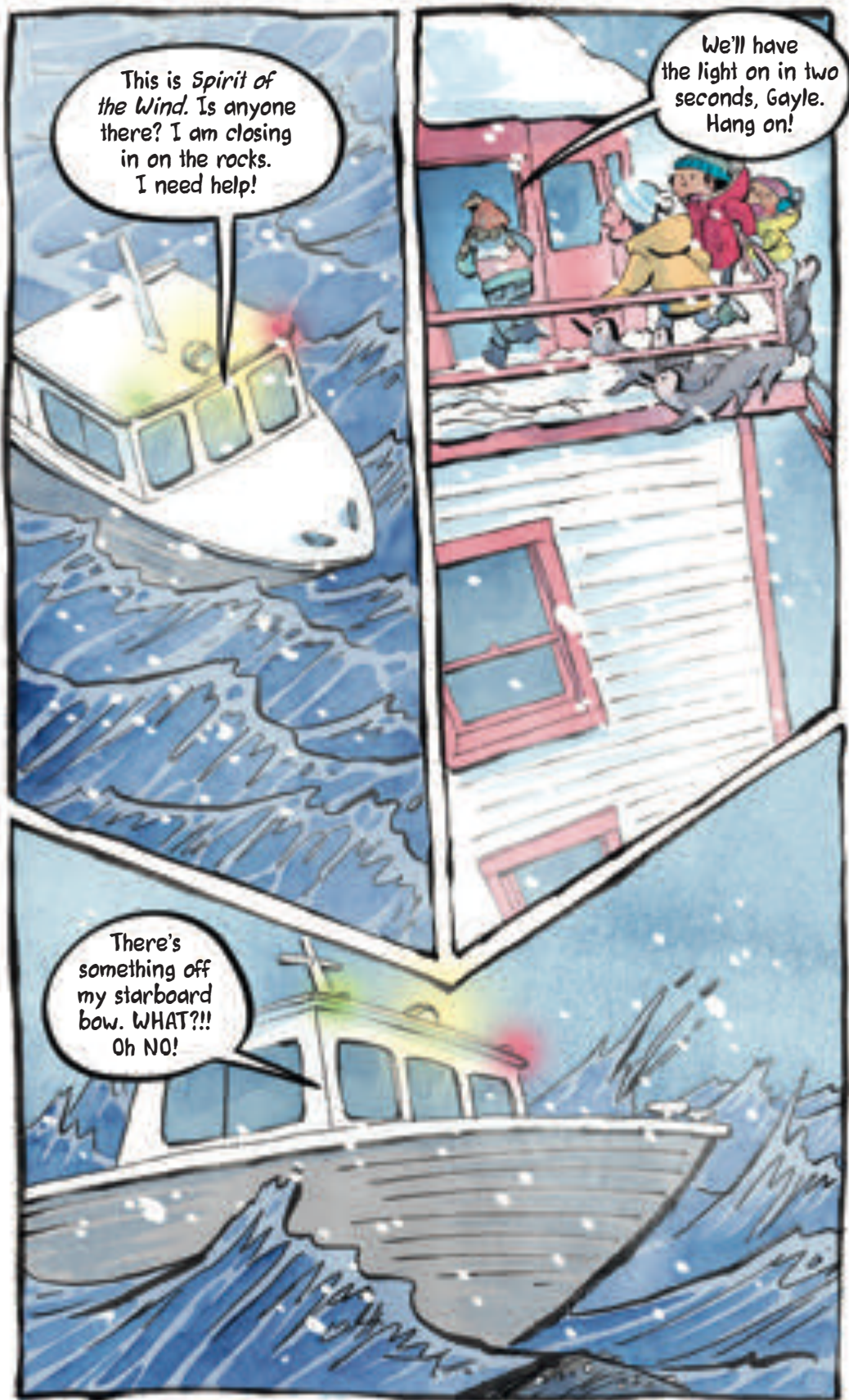










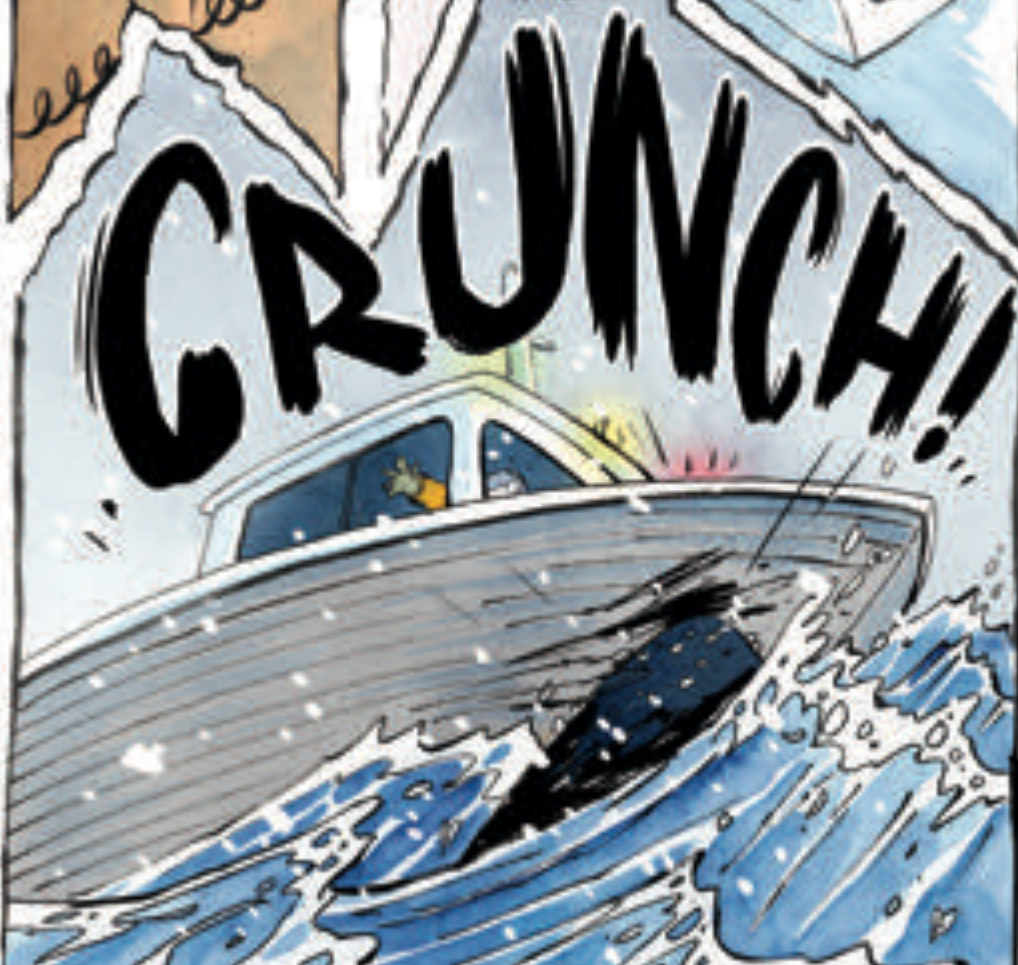






Calling
Aunt Gayle.
The light—can
you see it?
Steer clear!





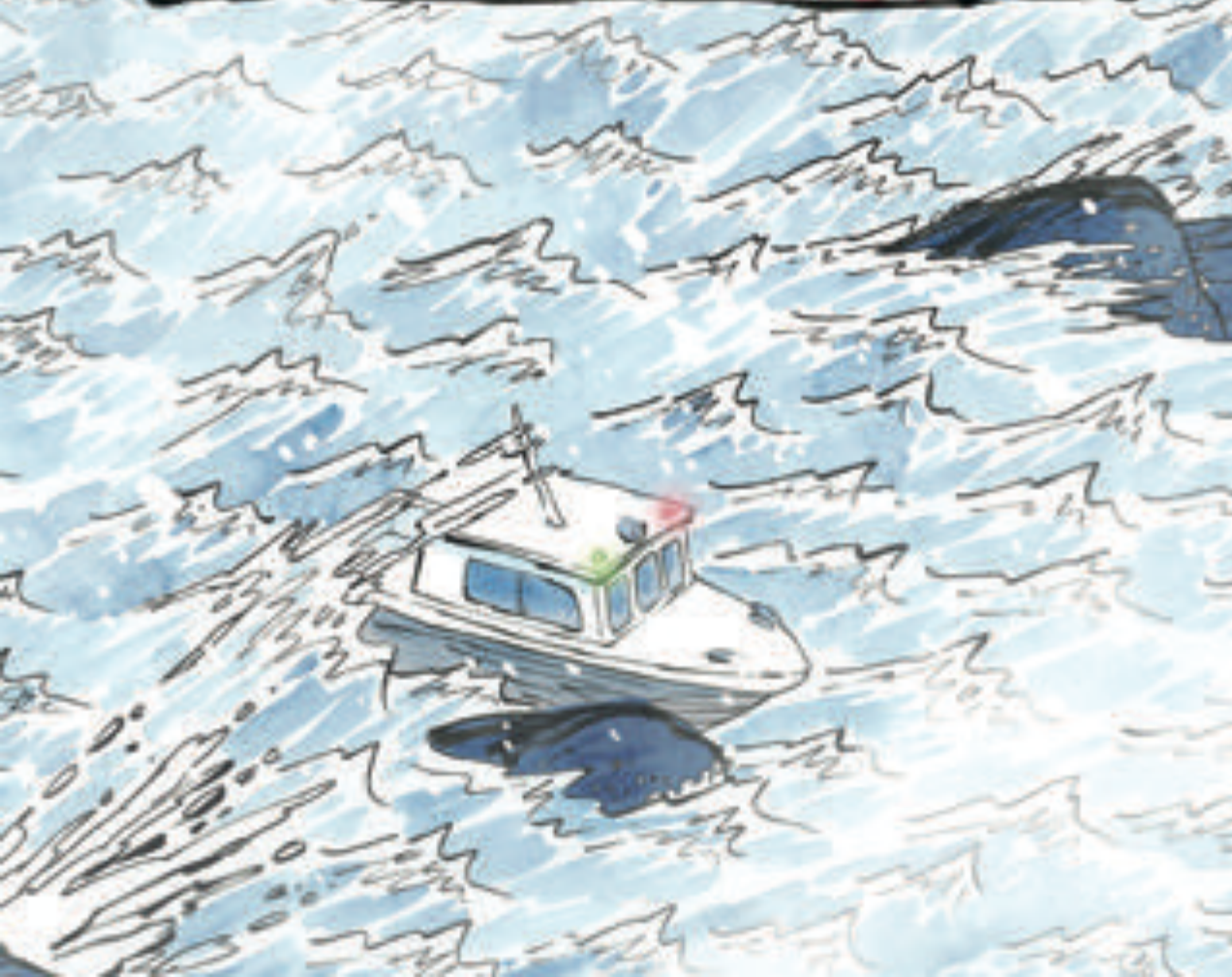


SPIRIT
OF THE
WIND?!

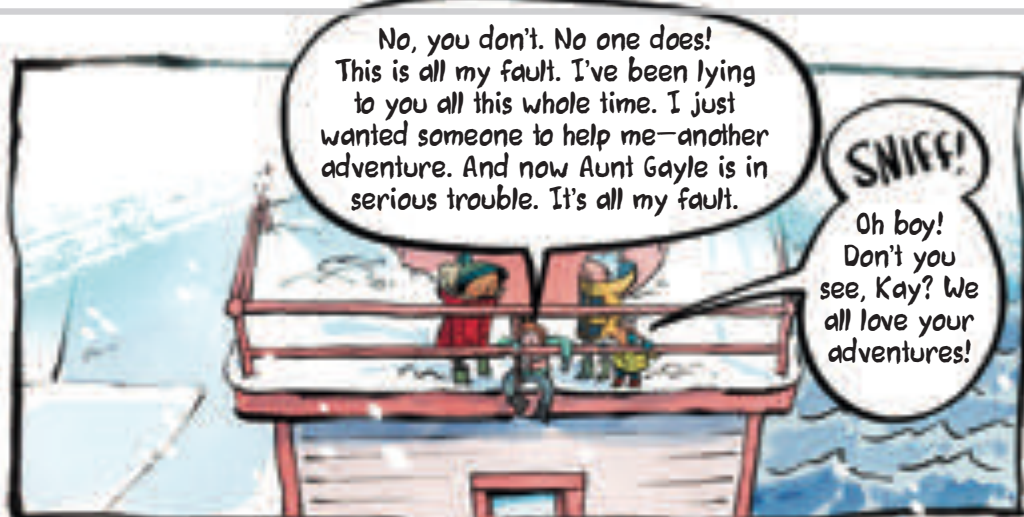


GAYLE?!

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













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?










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

A comic book panel showing two children and a penguin on a snowy mountain. One child, wearing a blue jacket and a red hat, is holding a penguin. The penguin is holding a small object in its beak. The other child, wearing a pink jacket and a blue hat, is looking on. The background is a snowy, rocky landscape.

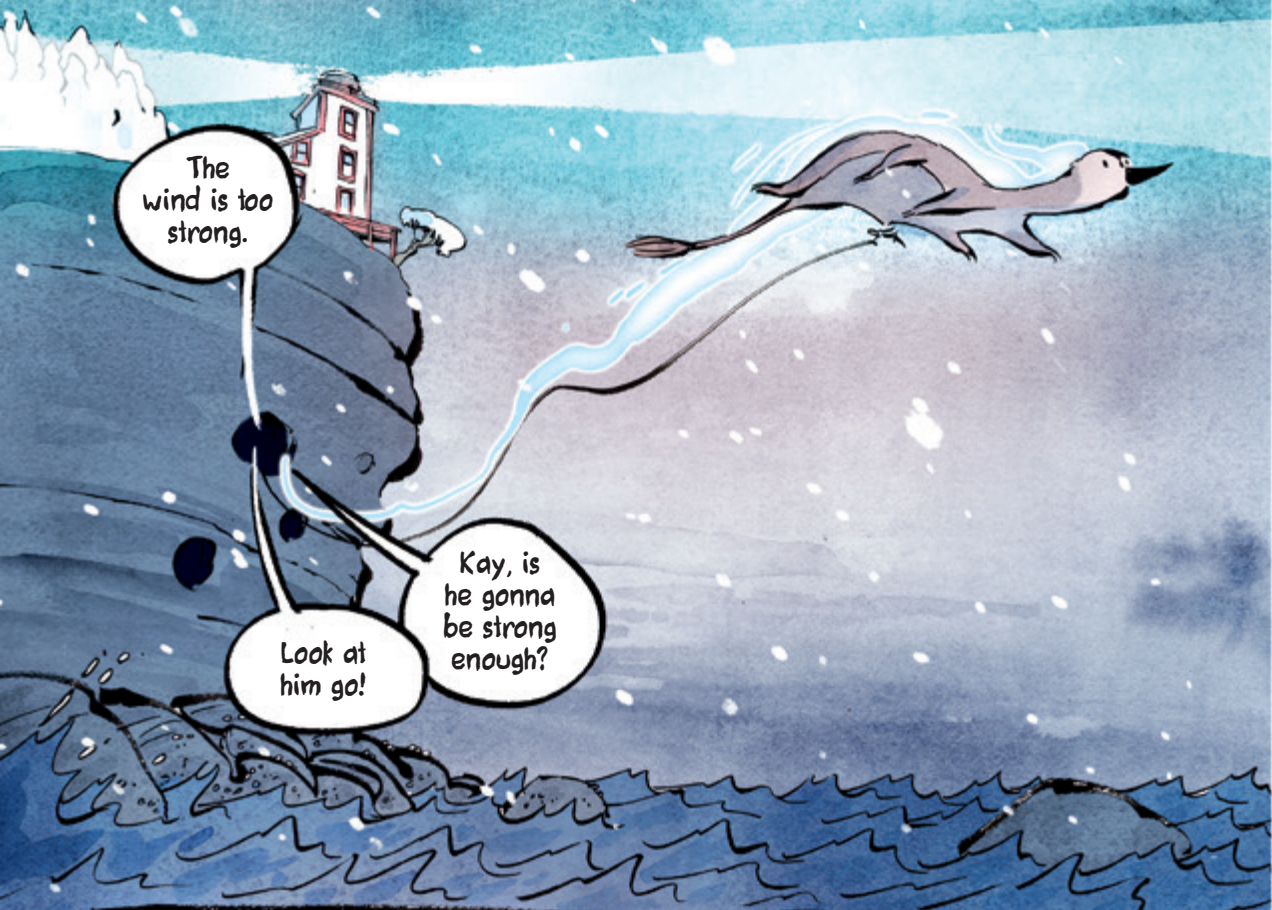
Kay, this is just nonsensical... there has to be a better solution.



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

A comic book panel showing a child on a cliff edge. The child is looking down at a penguin that is hanging from the edge of the cliff. The penguin is holding a small object in its beak. The background is a snowy, rocky landscape.

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



The wind is too strong.

Kay, is he gonna be strong enough?

Look at him go!



DID YOU SEE THAT?!

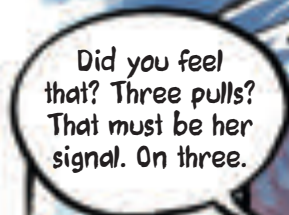
He did it!
He made it!



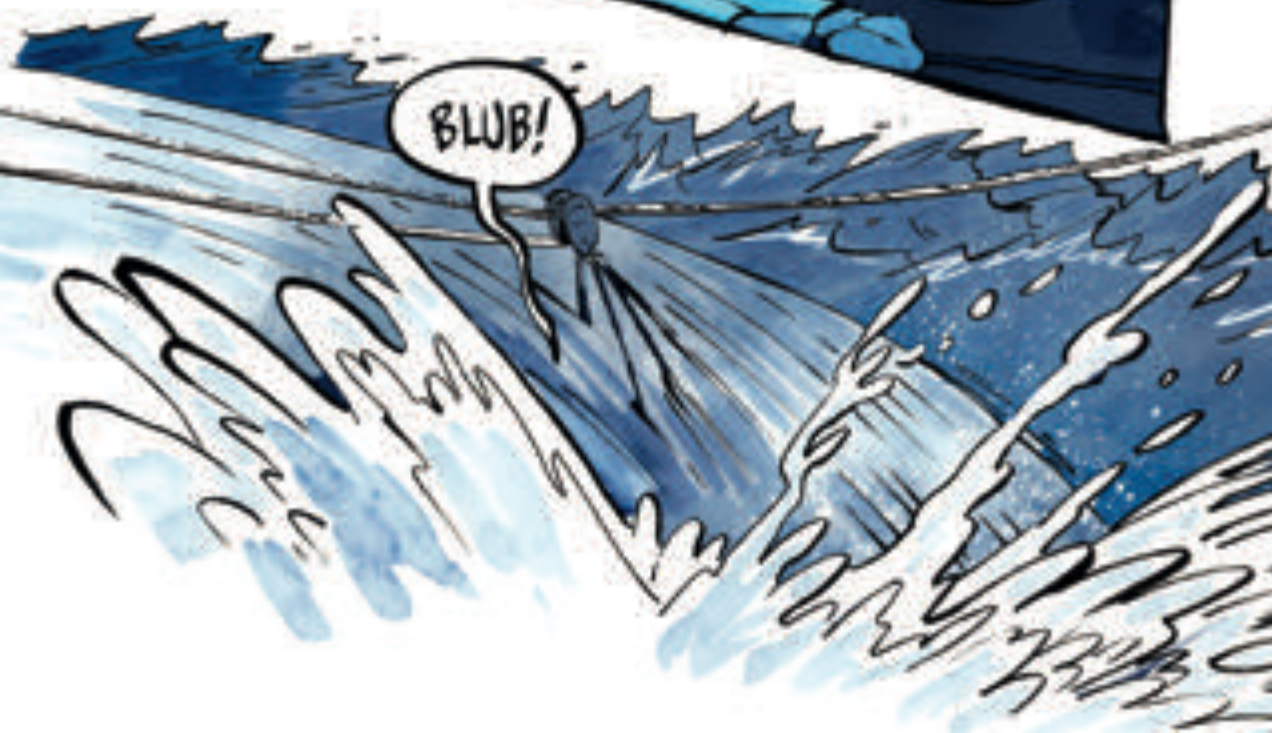
I can't believe my eyes. He really did it.

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

Kay, this thing looks pretty old.











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!







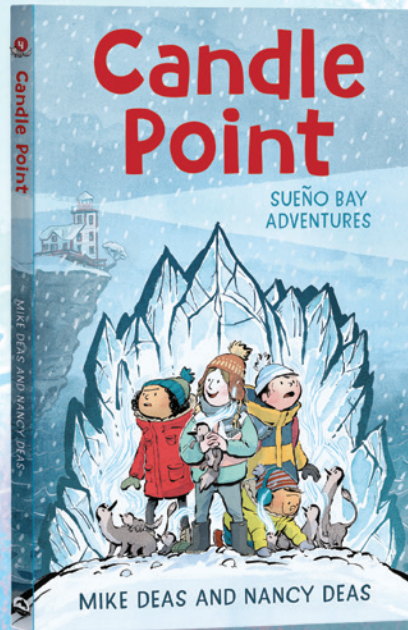
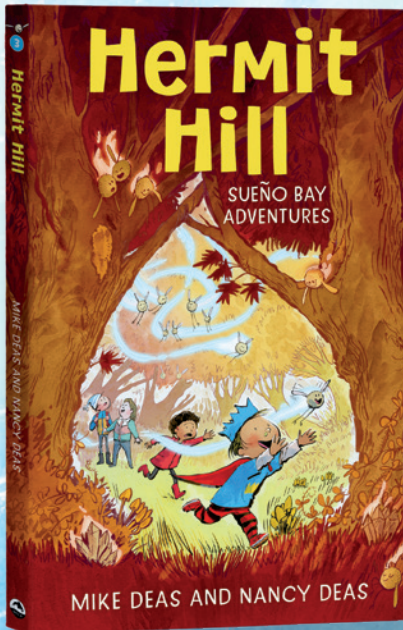


Husband-and-wife team **NANCY** and **MIKE DEAS** enjoyed collaborating on this project. Nancy grew up on a farm on Mayne Island, British Columbia, where she wandered the forests and beaches. She has a great love of travel and adventure. Nancy holds a bachelor of arts from the University of Victoria. Mike is an author/illustrator of graphic novels, including *Dalen and Gole* and the Graphic Guide Adventure series. While he grew up with a love of illustrative storytelling, Capilano College's Commercial Animation program helped Mike fine-tune his drawing skills and imagination. Mike, Nancy and their family live on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, a magical and mysterious island that inspired Sueño Bay.



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