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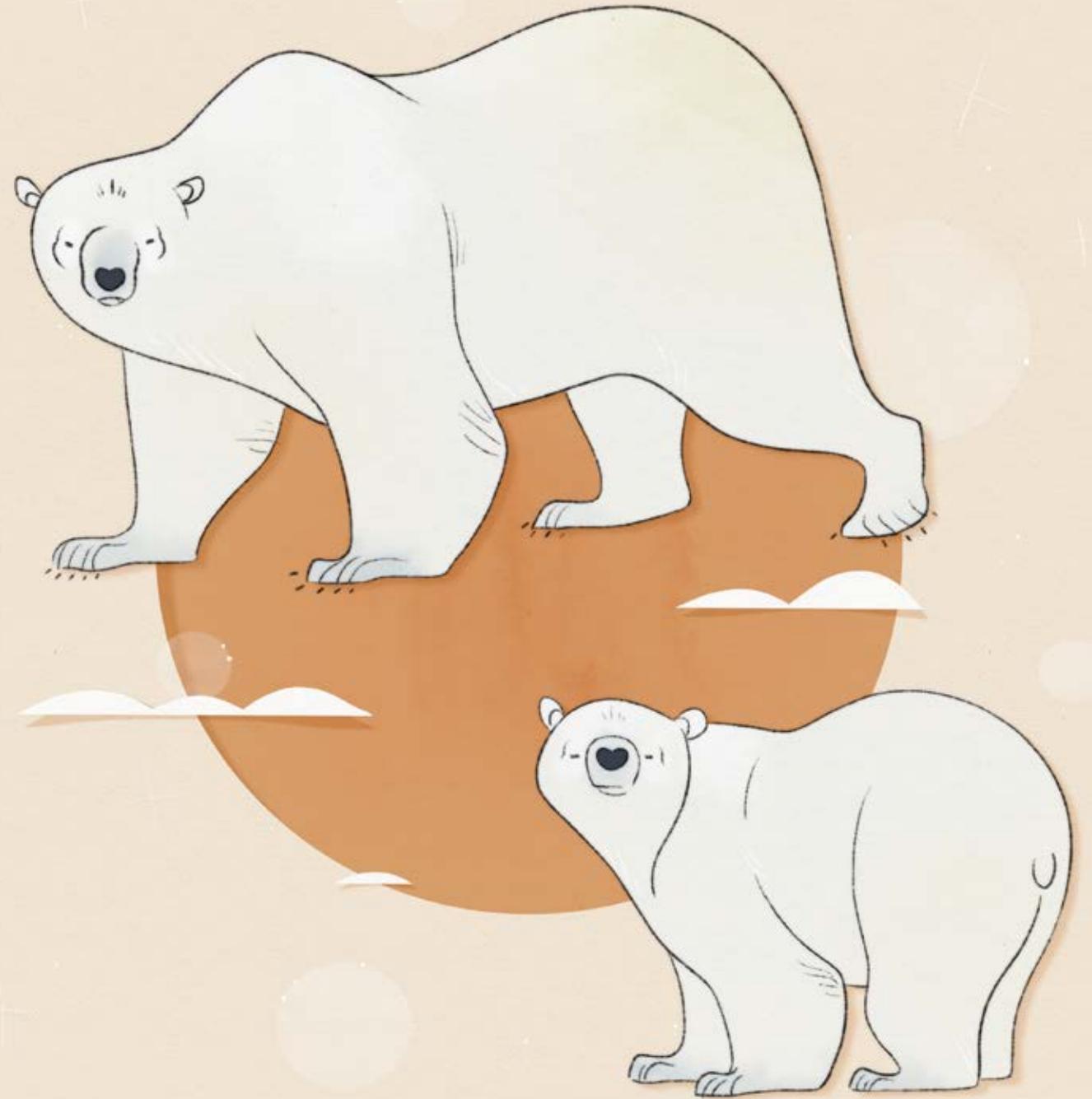
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Kuluk spots one big bowhead whale.  
It sprays water from the blowhole in its head  
and by whacking its tail.

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Two polar bears roam  
the icy unknown.  
Good thing the children are hiding  
behind a big stone.



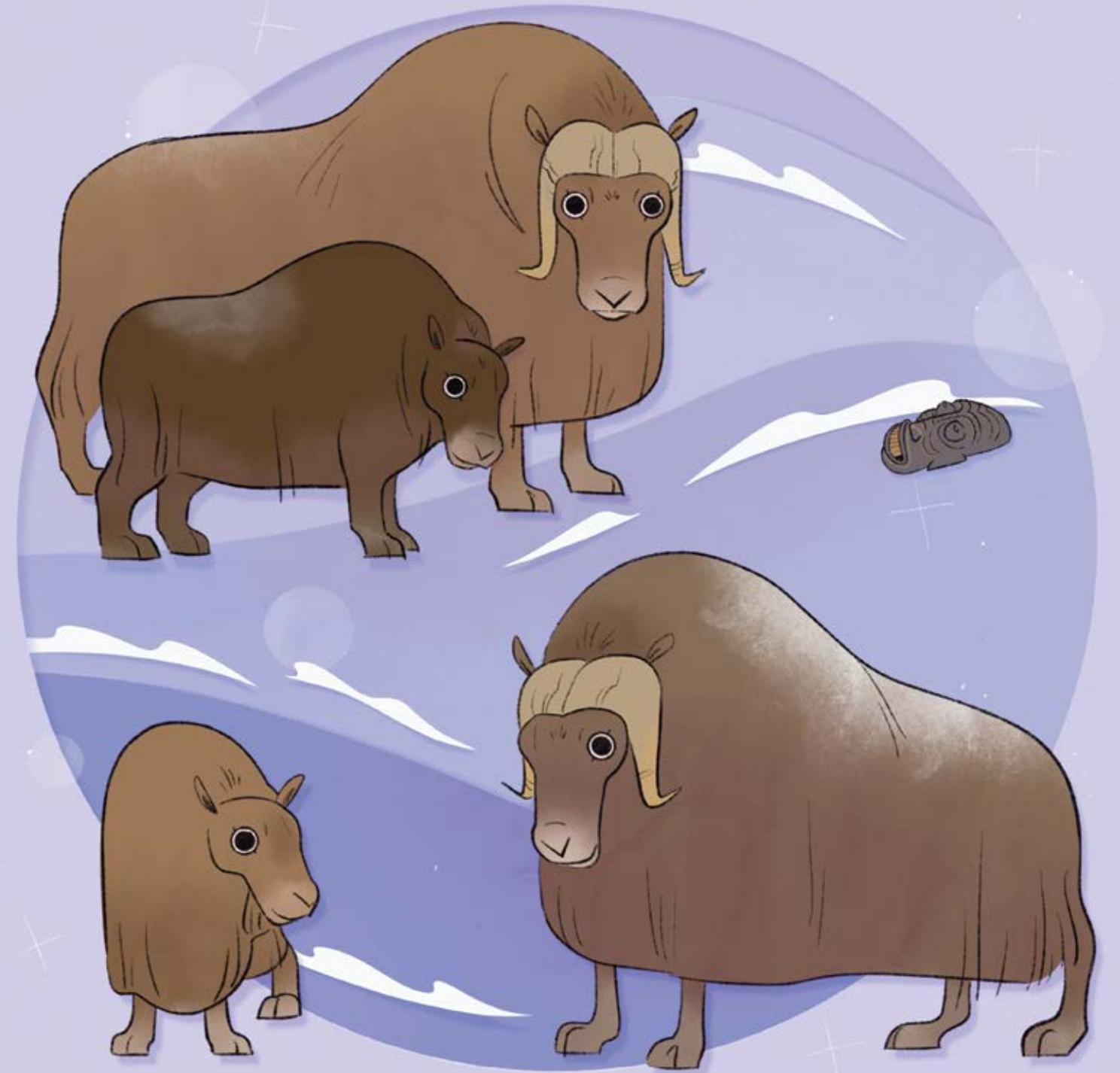
Asa sees a pod of orcas.  
She counts all three;  
they look so happy,  
and free as can be.

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On the rocky hills,  
a herd of muskoxen wanders around.  
“*Four*,” yells Kuluk.  
That is how many he found . . .  
and a mask on the ground.

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A pod of belugas swims in circles,  
one with a harpoon.  
Altogether there are five,  
singing a tune.

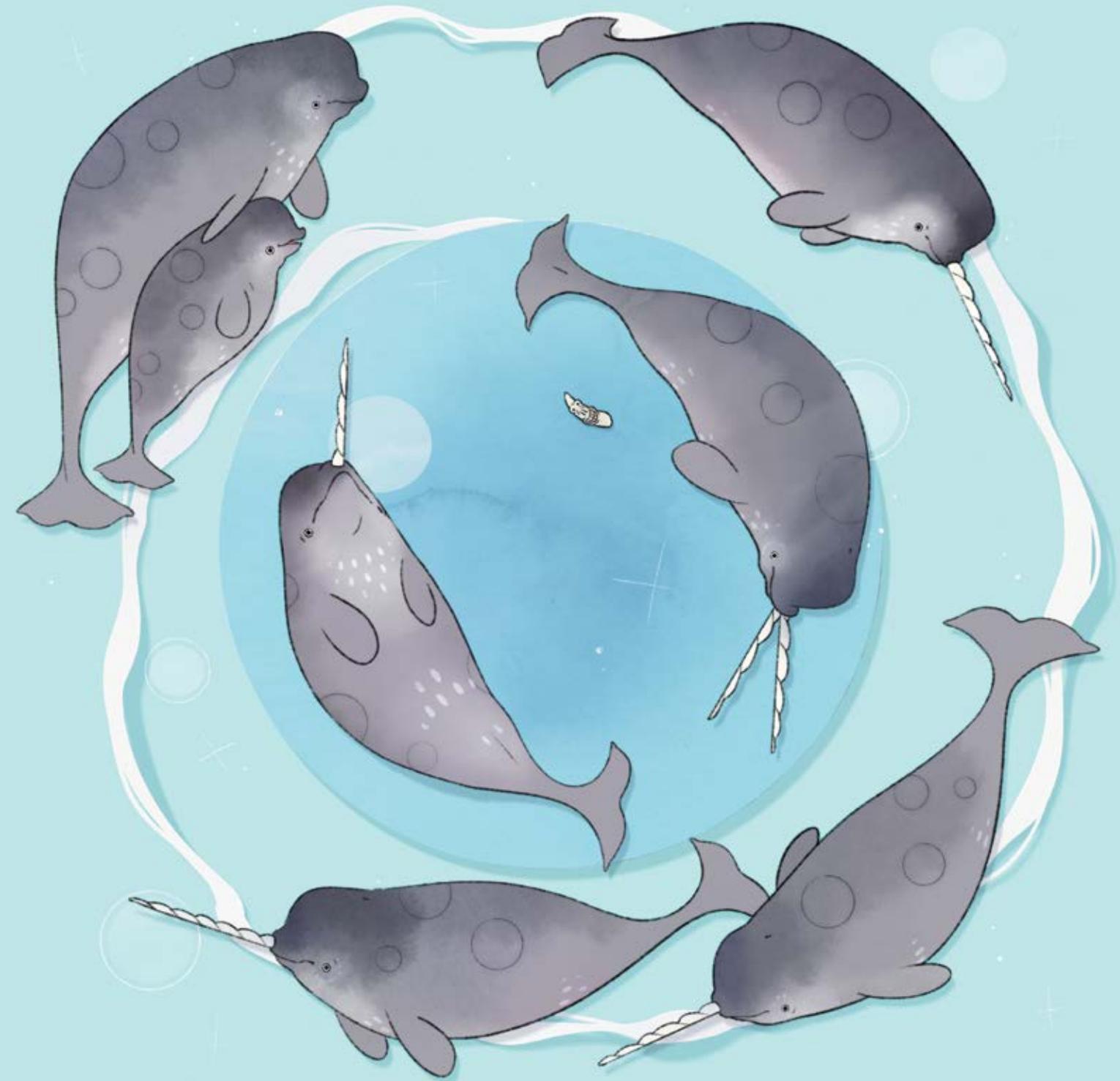


At sea, a huddle of walruses is floating.  
Asa thinks, *they must be soaking.*  
There are six in all,  
which makes Kuluk feel small.



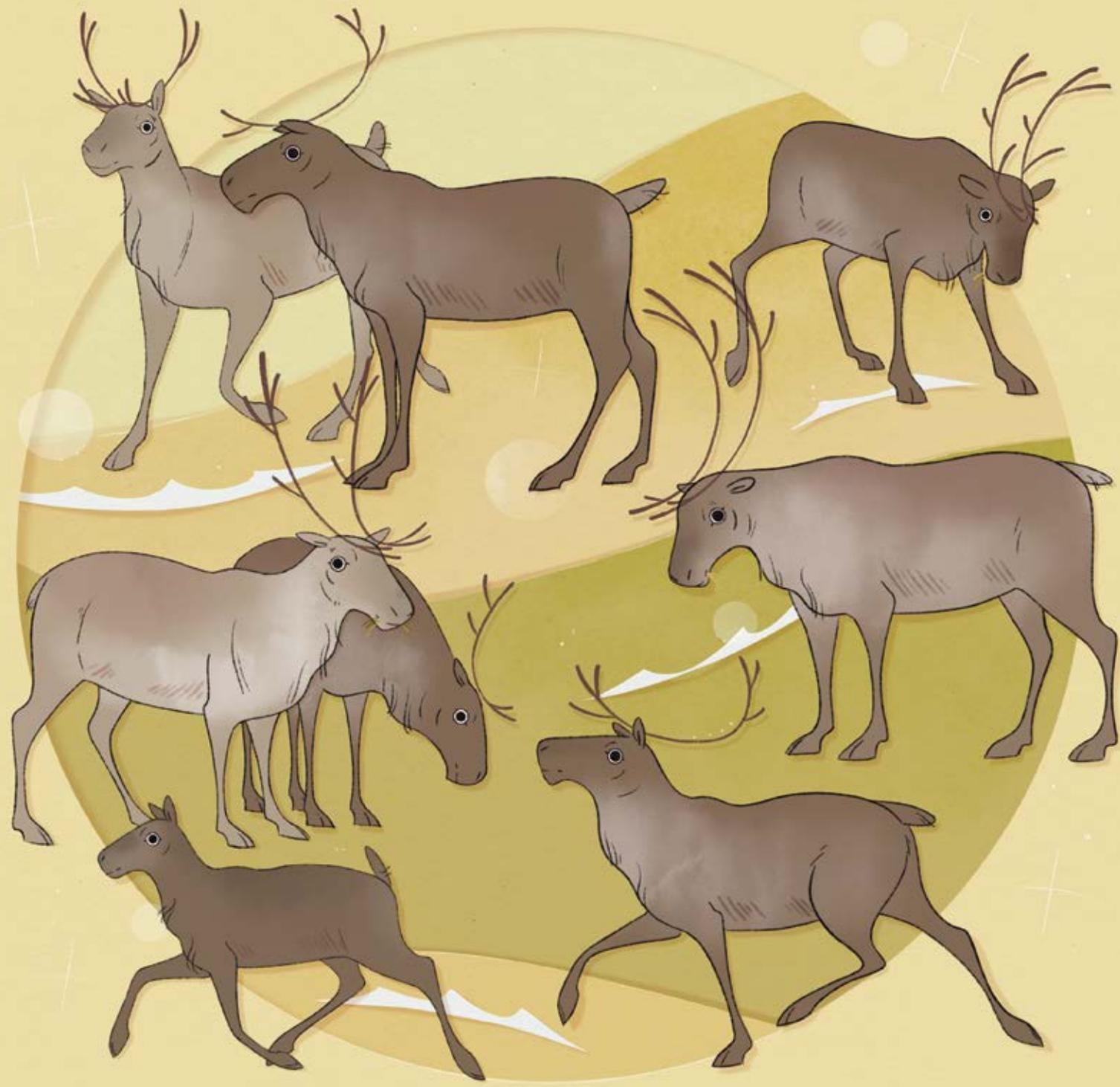
Both are lucky to see a blessing of narwhals.  
Some with spiral tusks, some without.  
Seven is the count,  
what a beautiful amount.

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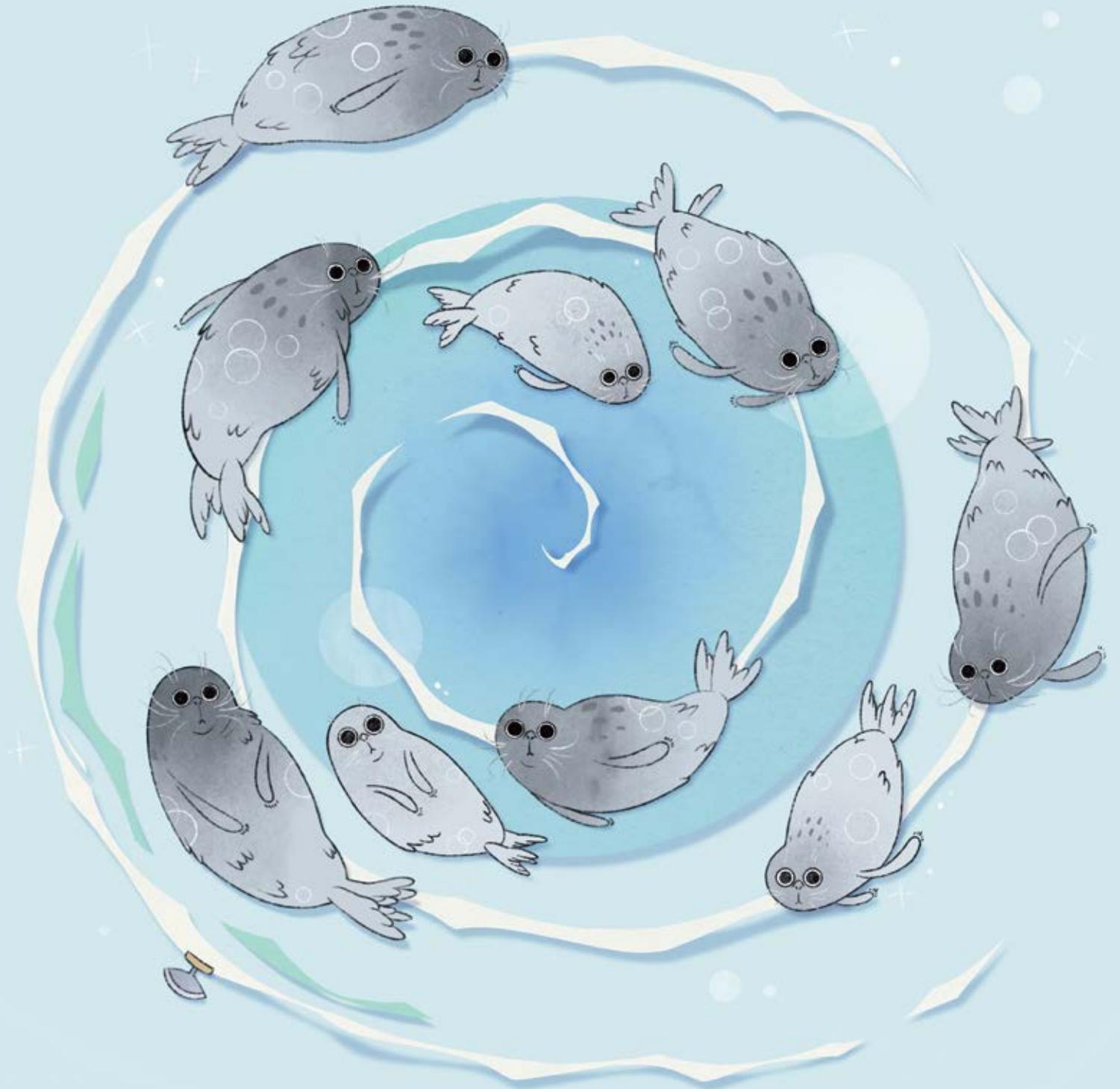


See! A herd of grazing caribou.  
It's so fun to see them all chew.  
Asa wants to wait  
so she can count all eight.

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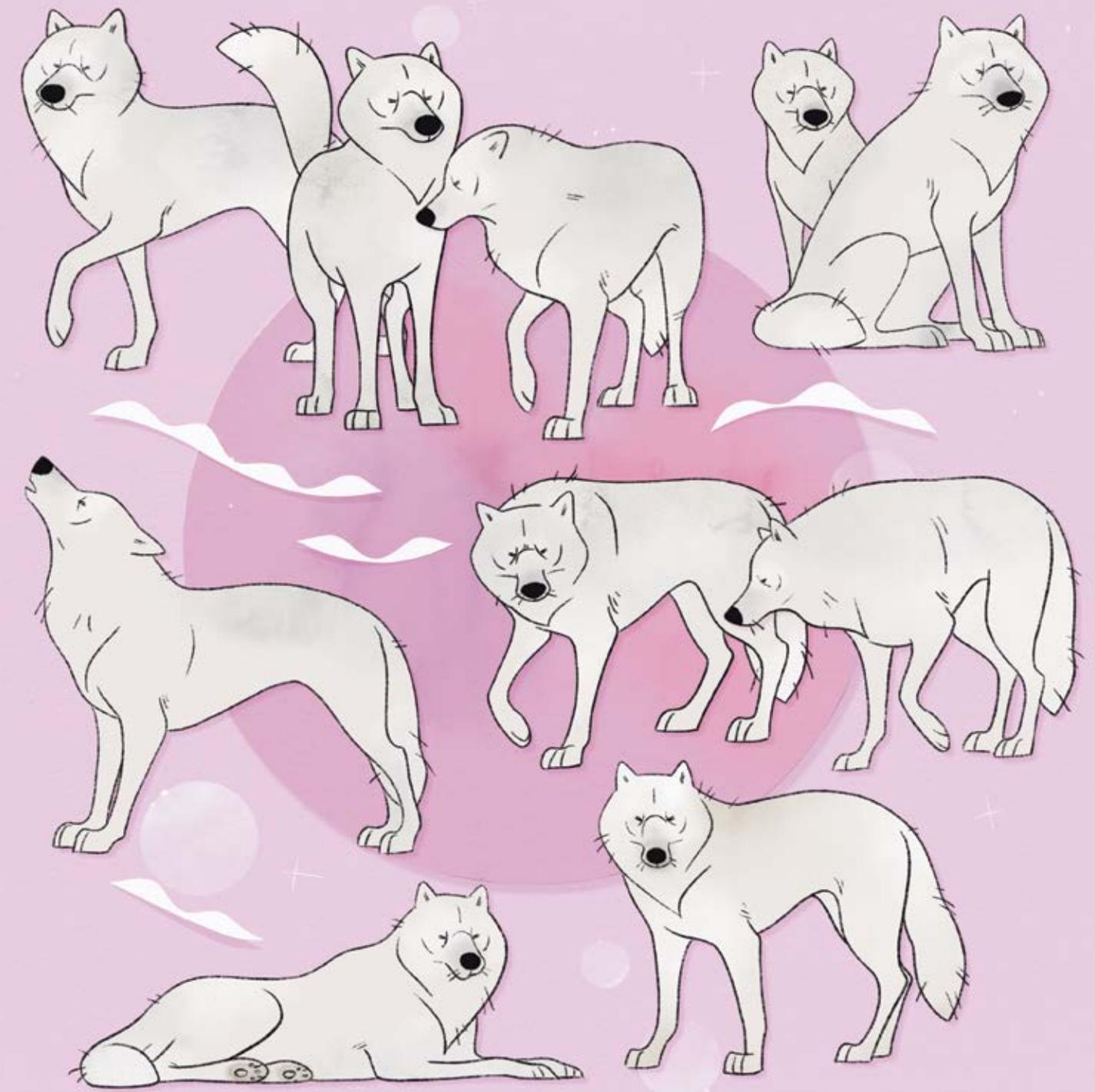


A hole in the ice reveals a bob of seals.  
Nine swimming here and there,  
they are all aware.  
An *ulu* is just out of reach.  
Because of the ice they cannot breach.



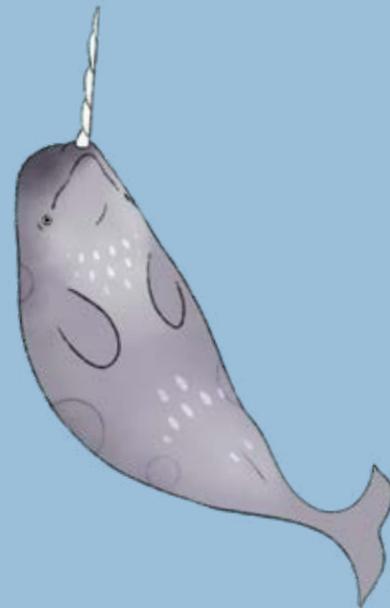
On a field, wolves wander around in a pack.  
None of them are black.  
Kuluk counts all ten,  
so both children have to hide again.

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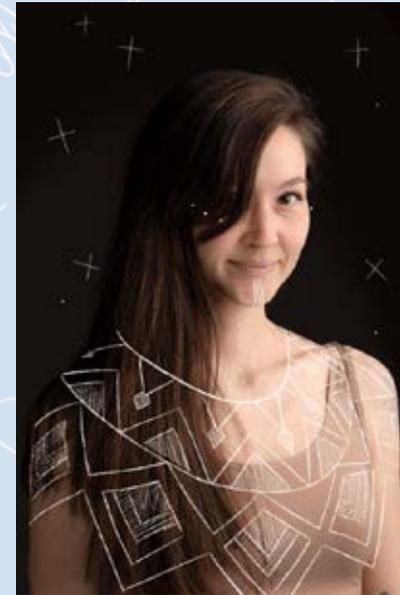
This book uses words used to describe groups of different animals. They are:

- Pod** A *pod* is a group of marine mammals, including orcas, belugas, and other whales.
- Herd** A *herd* is a group of animals including muskoxen and caribou.
- Huddle** A *huddle* is a group of walruses, and can also be used to describe a group of penguins.
- Blessing** A *blessing* is a group of narwhals. It's also used to describe a group of unicorns!
- Bob** A *bob* is a group of seals. This can also be called a *colony* or a *rookery*.
- Pack** A *pack* is a group of wolves, and can also mean a group of dogs.



This book uses an Inuktitut word. Capital letters show where the emphasis for the word should be.

Inuktitut word	Pronunciation	Definition
ulu	OO-lu	a crescent knife traditionally used by women



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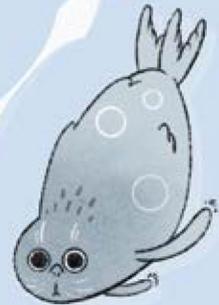


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This delightful book helps young children develop their counting skills through short rhymes and Arctic animal illustrations.

Join Kuluk and Asa  
as they count all the animals  
they see!



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