

HERE WE

ARE

NOTES FOR LIVING  
ON PLANET EARTH

OLIVER JEFFERS

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★ HOW TO FIND  
YOUR WAY  
Whenever you  
GET LOST ★



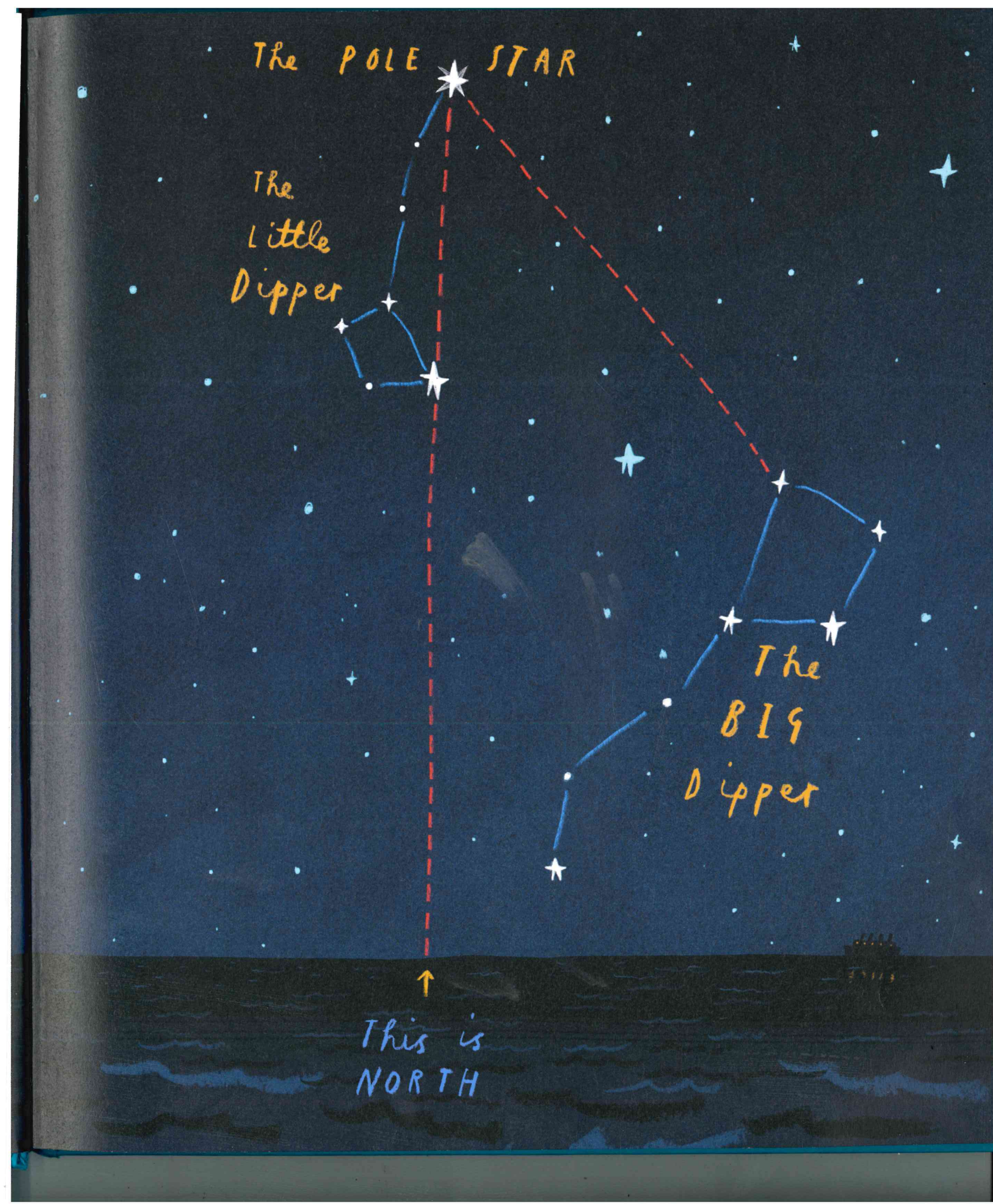


The POLE STAR

The  
Little  
Dipper

The  
BIG  
Dipper

↑  
This is  
NORTH





*To my son, Harland*

This book was written in  
the first two months of  
your life as I tried to make  
sense of it all for you.

These are the things  
I think you need to know.

"Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight:  
always to try to be a little kinder than is necessary?"

J. M. Barrie



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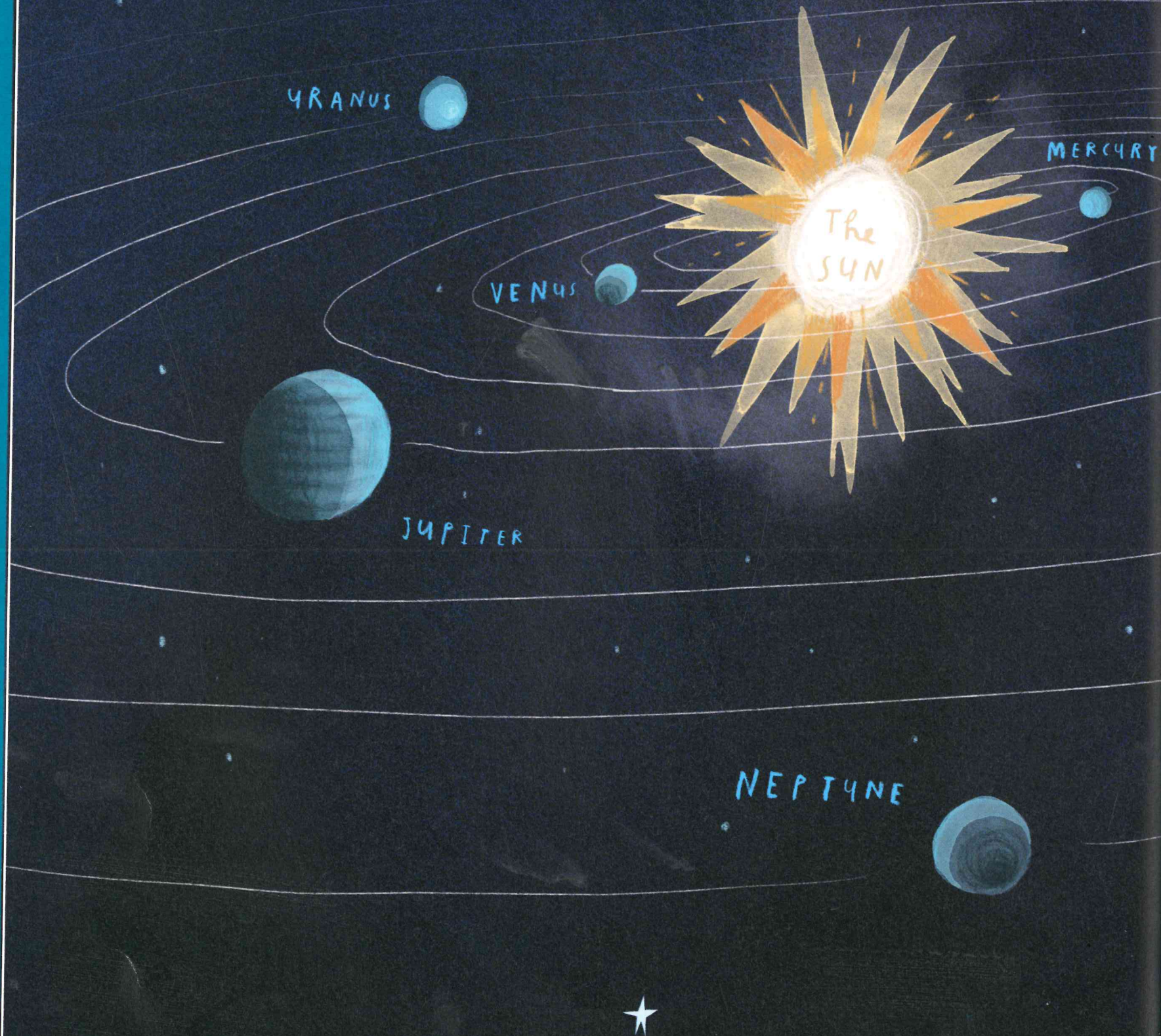


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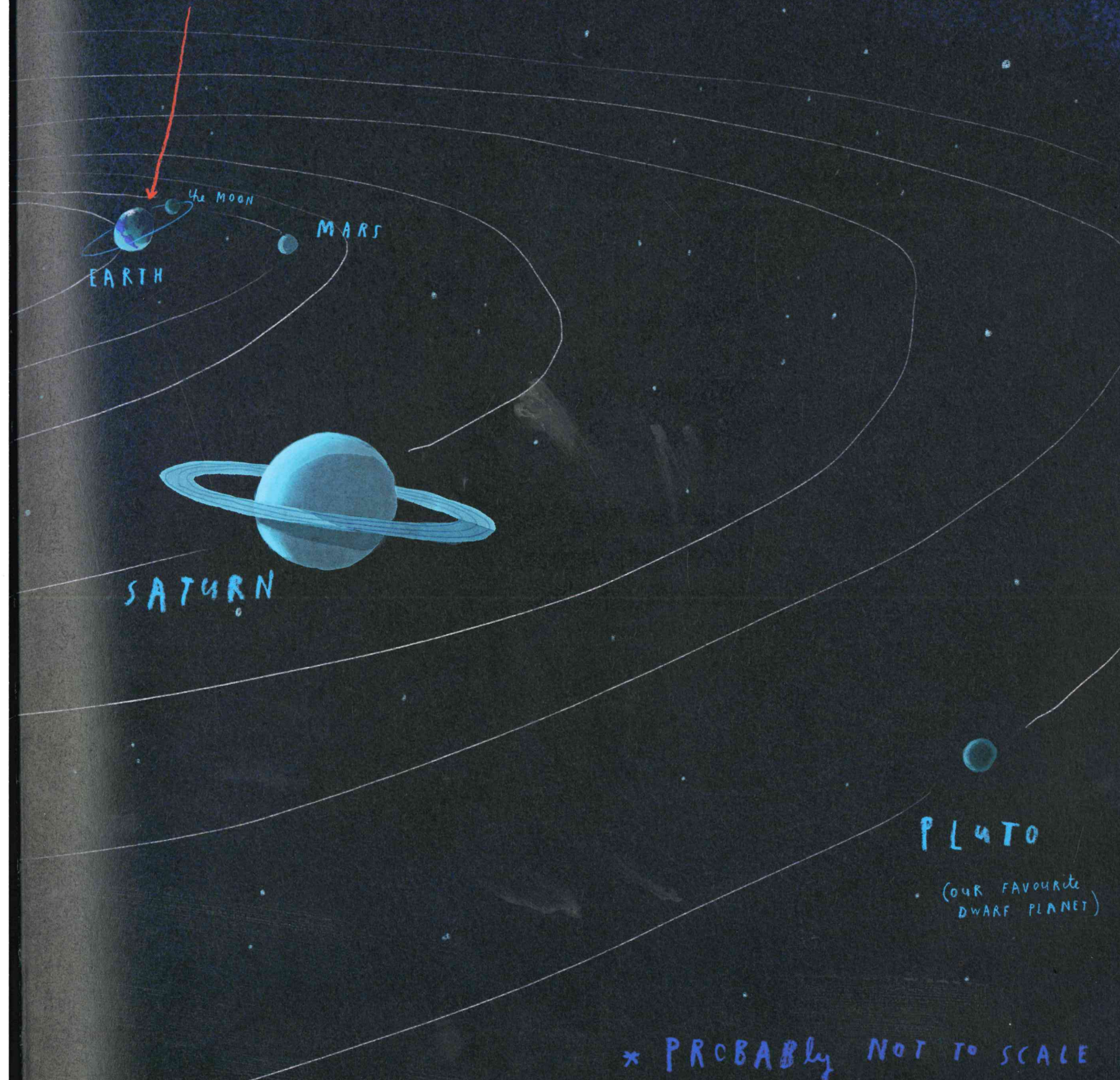
# OUR SOLAR SYSTEM\*

(ONE of ~~millions~~ ~~billions~~ TRILLIONS)





HERE  
WE  
ARE



PLUTO

(OUR FAVOURITE  
DWARF PLANET)

\* PROBABLY NOT TO SCALE





Well, hello.

Welcome to this planet.  
We call it Earth.

It is the big globe,  
floating in space,  
on which we live.

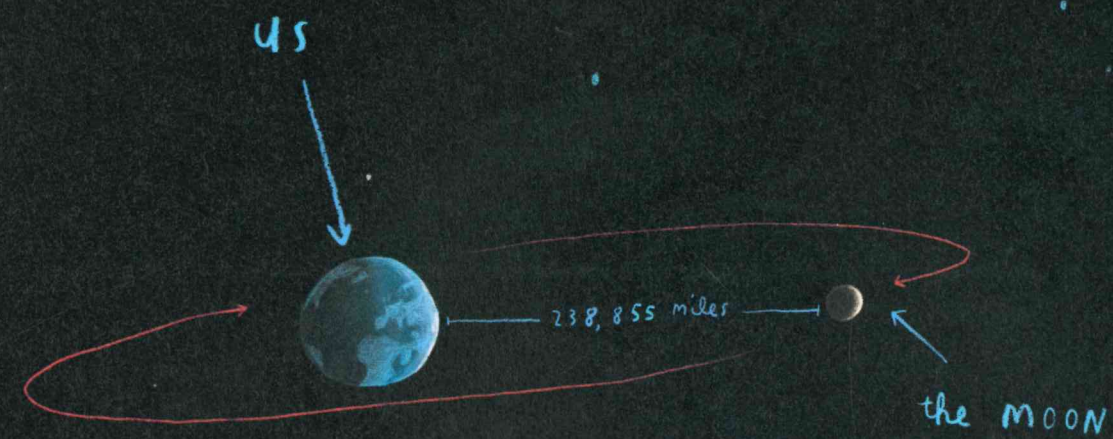




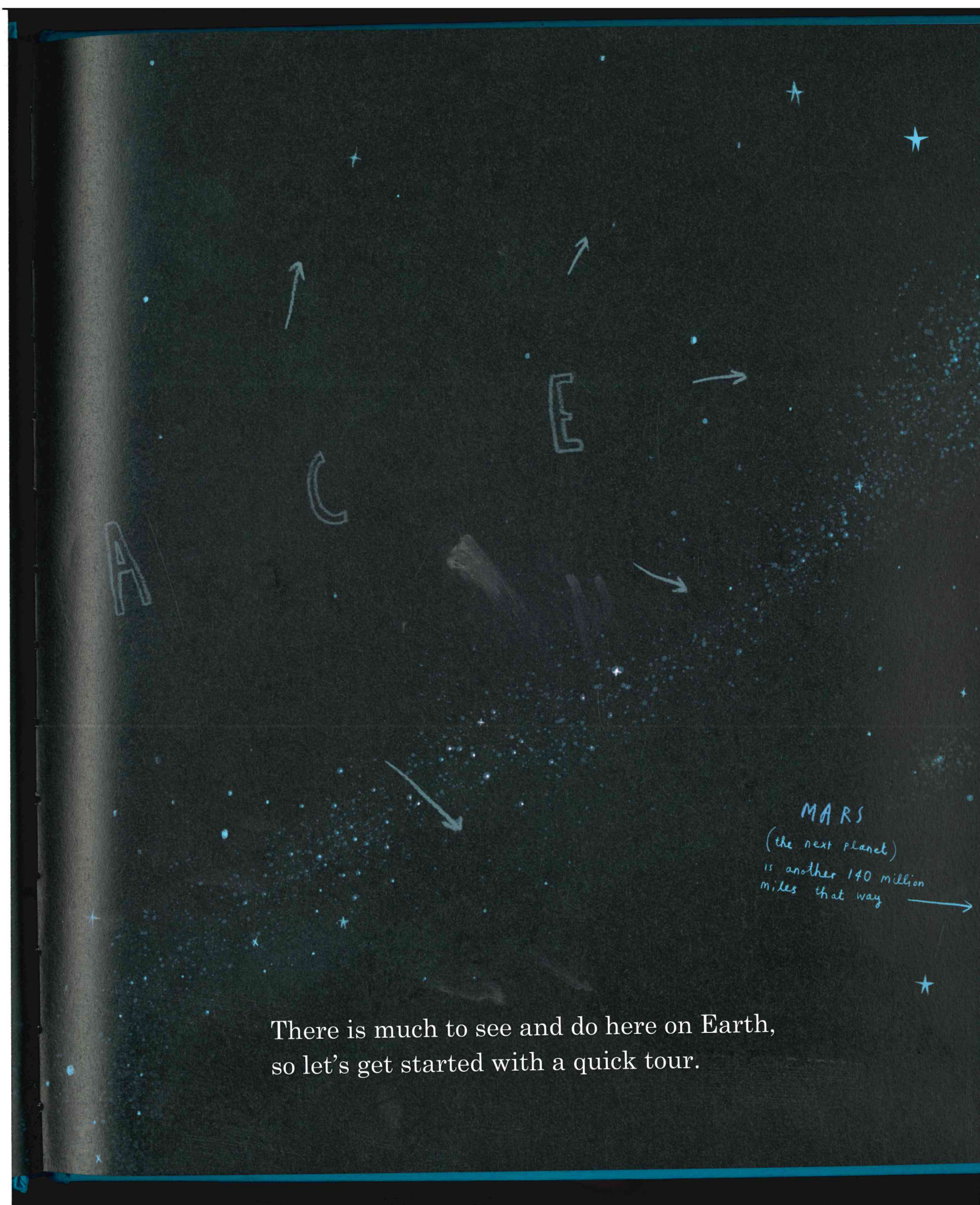




We're glad you found us as space is very big.







There is much to see and do here on Earth,  
so let's get started with a quick tour.



The planet is basically made up of two parts.

LAND

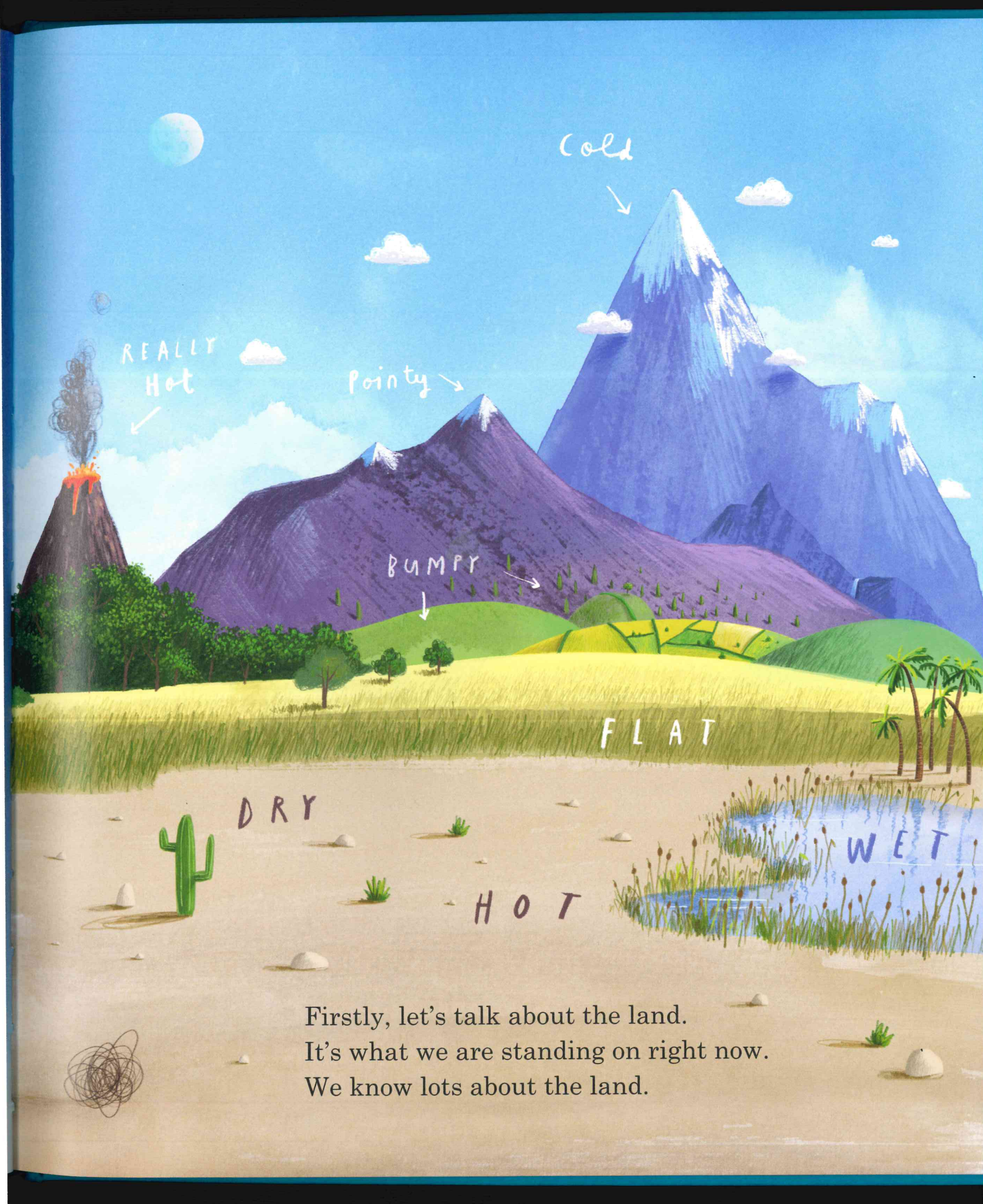
(ROCK and DIRT)

SEA

(WATER)







Firstly, let's talk about the land.  
It's what we are standing on right now.  
We know lots about the land.



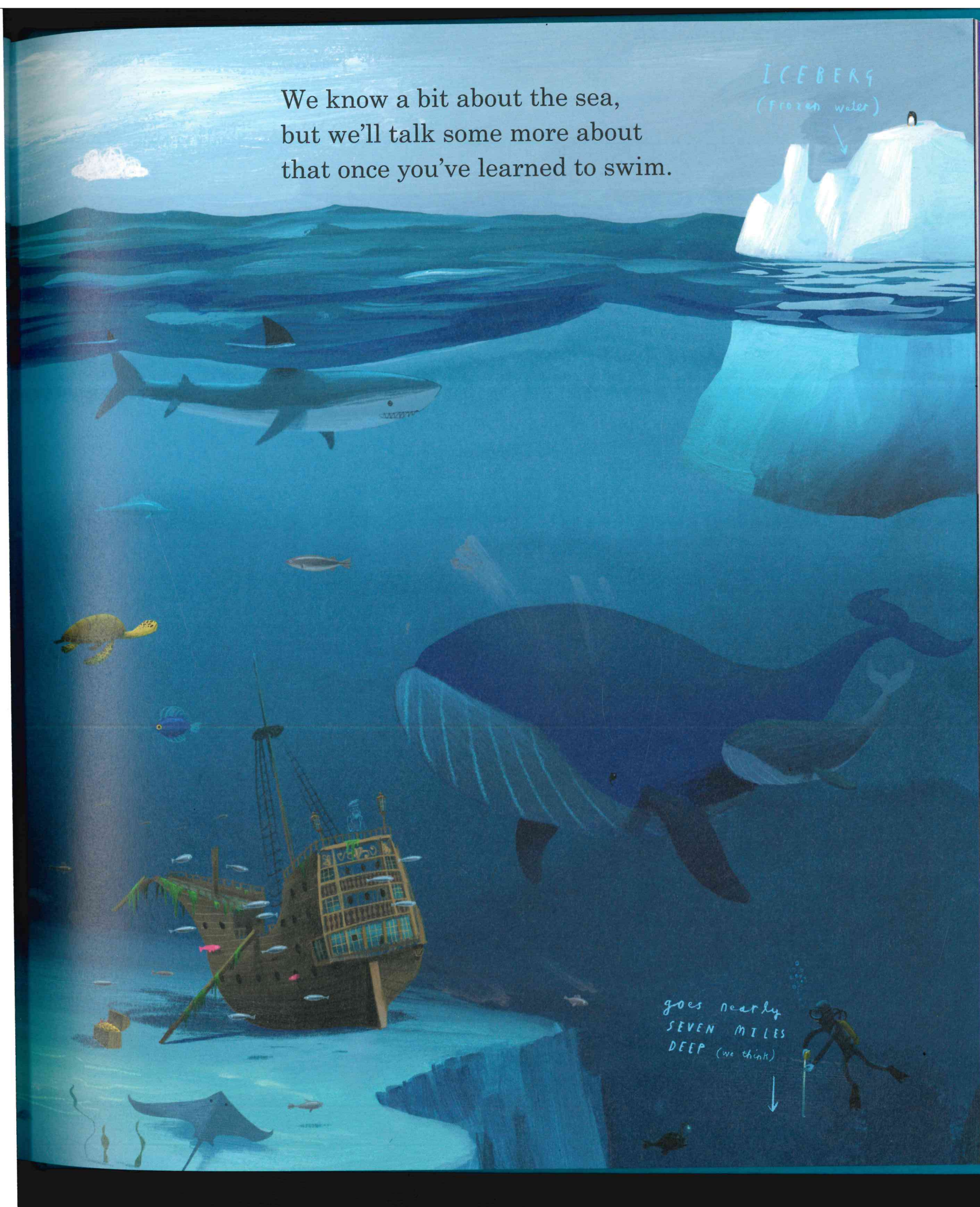
Then, there is the sea,  
which is full of wonderful things.





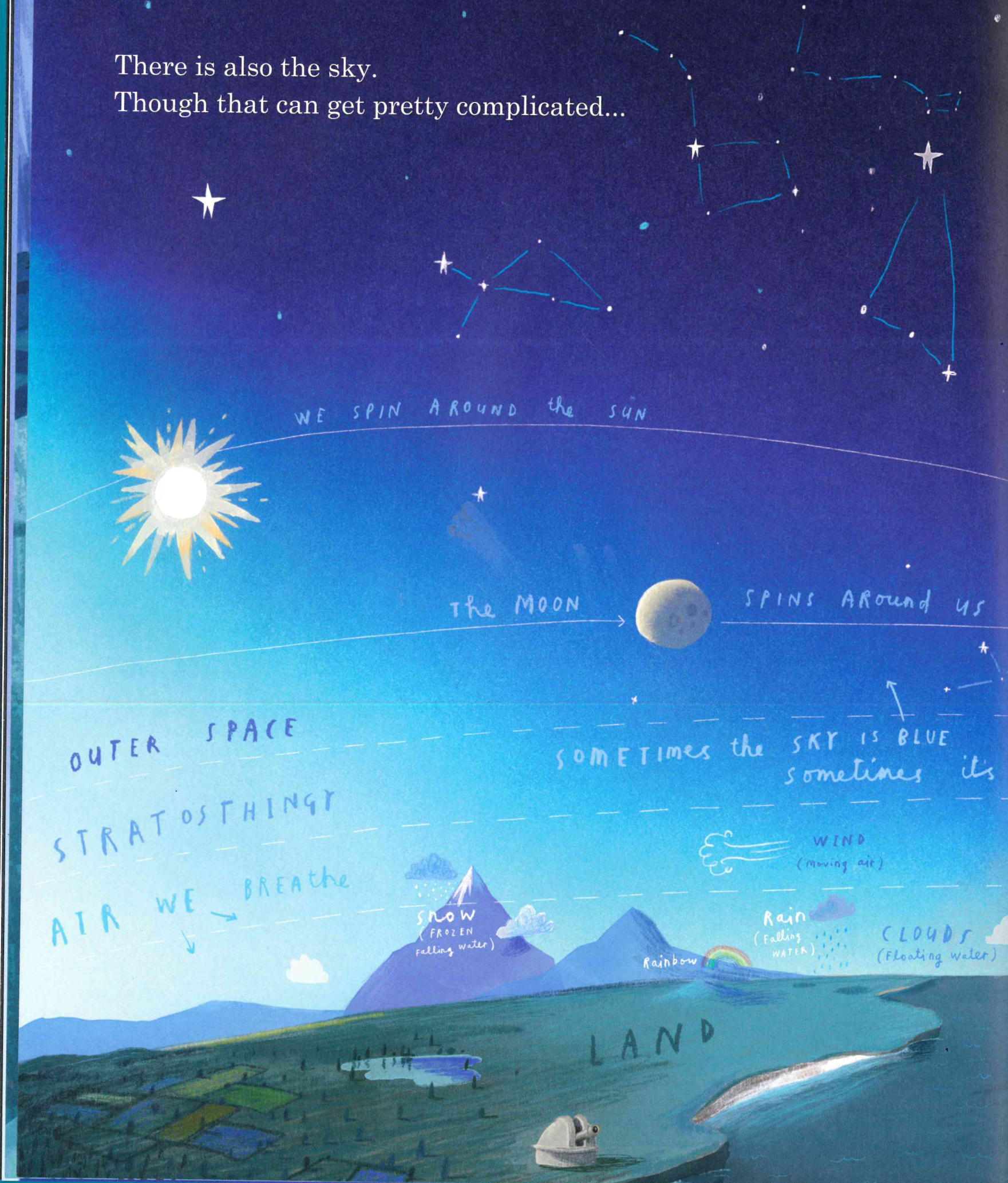
We know a bit about the sea,  
but we'll talk some more about  
that once you've learned to swim.

ICEBERG  
(Frozen water)





There is also the sky.  
Though that can get pretty complicated...







The MILKY WAY  
(Billions of other STARS and PLANETS)

CONSTELLATIONS  
(Patterns of stars)

other planets

STARS  
(BURNING Balls of GAS, VERY far away that you see at night, unless it's RAINING.)

uh... NOT

STORM clouds

lightning

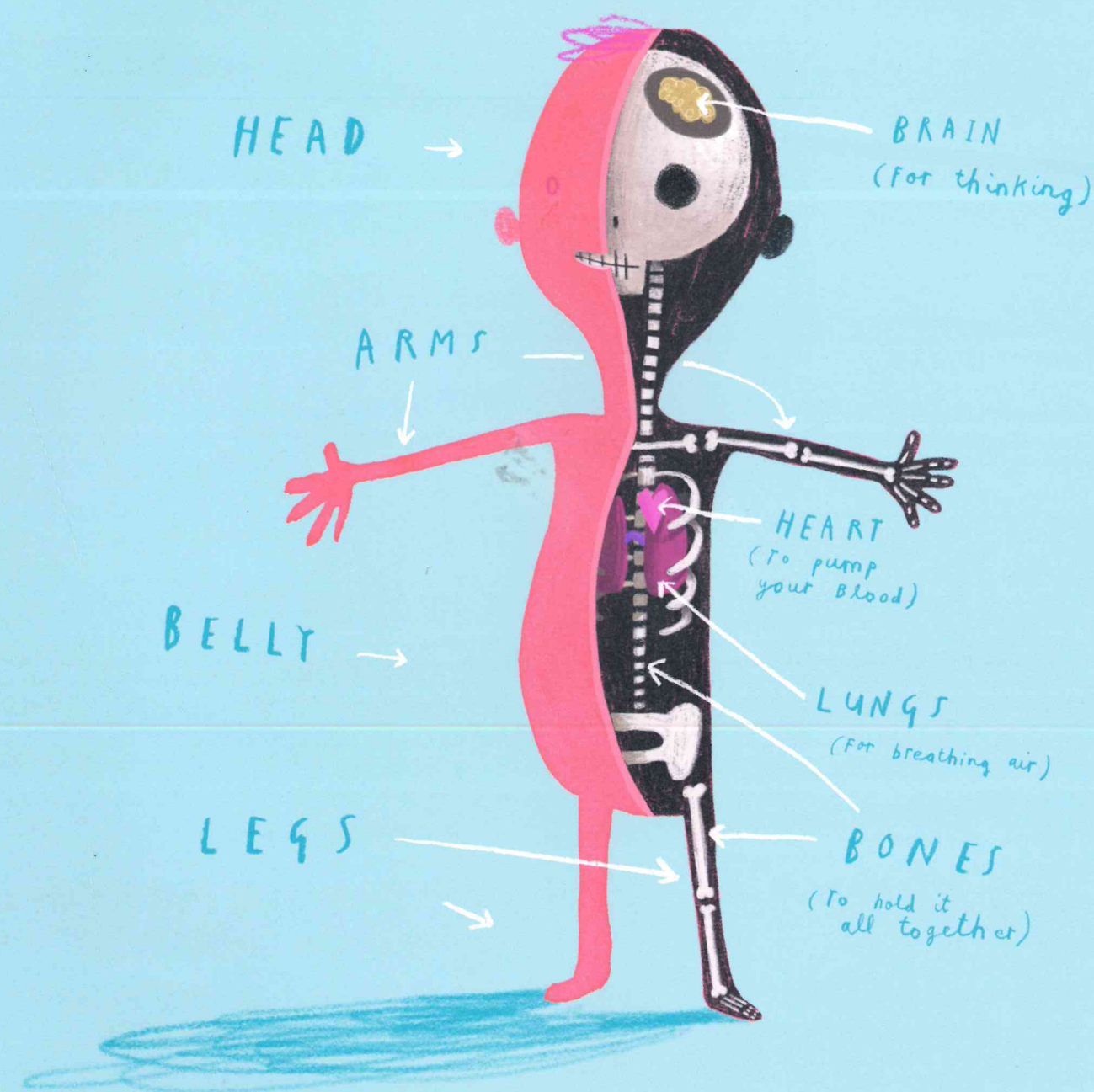
OUR ATMOSPHERE

SEA

OK, moving on.



On our planet, there are people.  
One people is a person.  
You are a person. You have a body.



Look after it, as most bits  
don't grow back.

Bits that GROW BACK

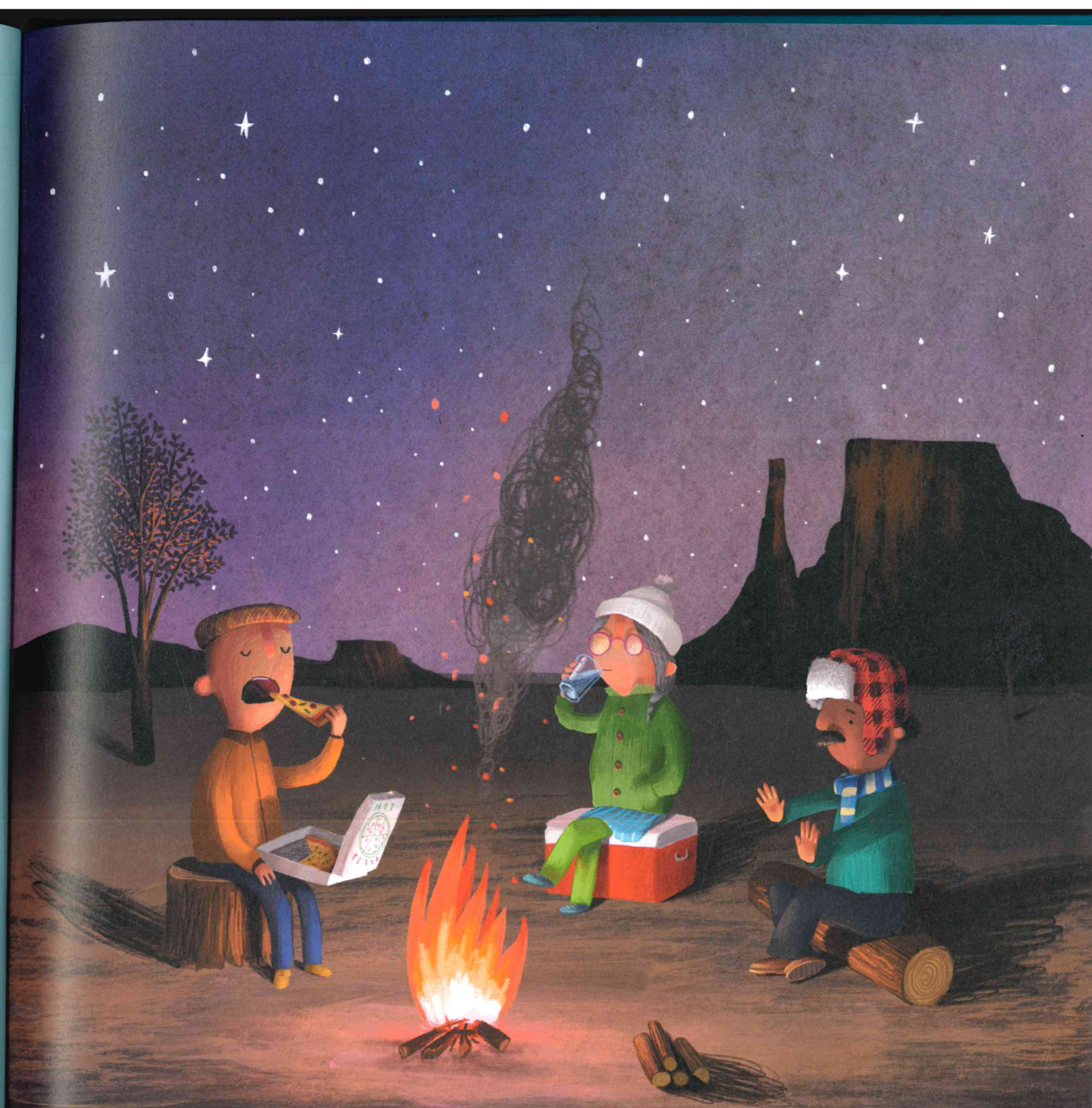


Nails



Hair





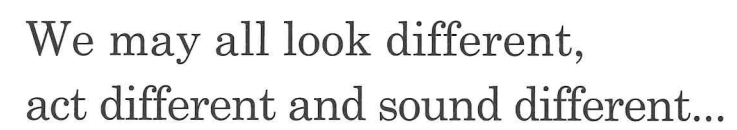
The most important things for people to remember are to eat, drink and stay warm.





People come in many  
shapes, sizes and colours.







There are animals, too. They come in even more shapes, sizes and colours.



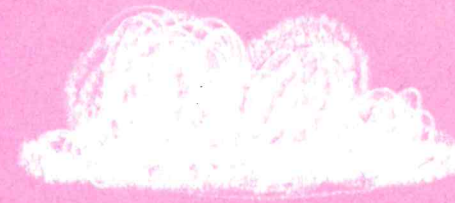




They can't speak, though that's  
no reason not to be nice to them.



You may not be able to speak yet either,  
even though your head is filled with questions.



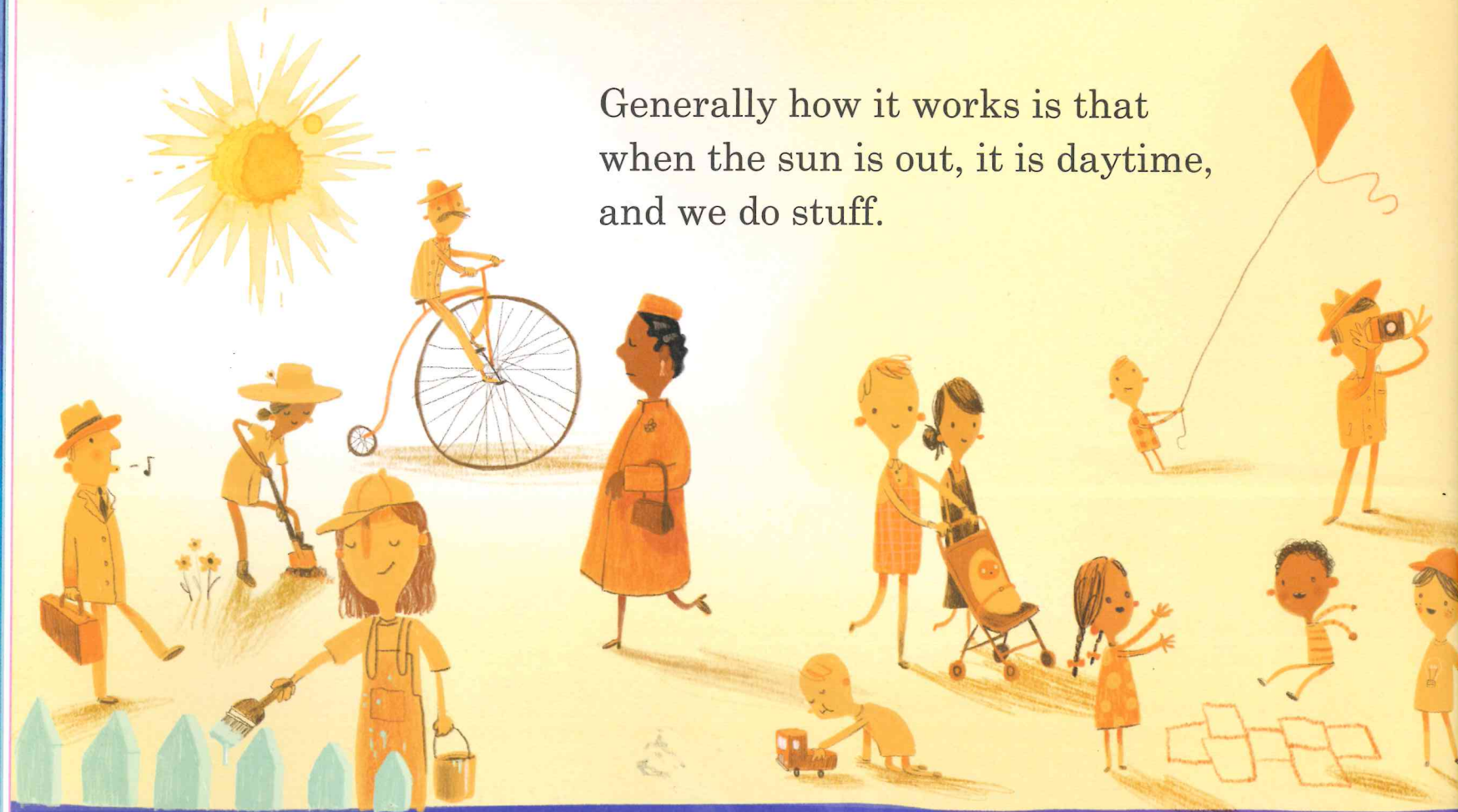




Be patient, you'll learn how to use words soon enough.



Generally how it works is that  
when the sun is out, it is daytime,  
and we do stuff.



The rest of the time is night  
when it is dark, save for the moon,  
and we sleep.











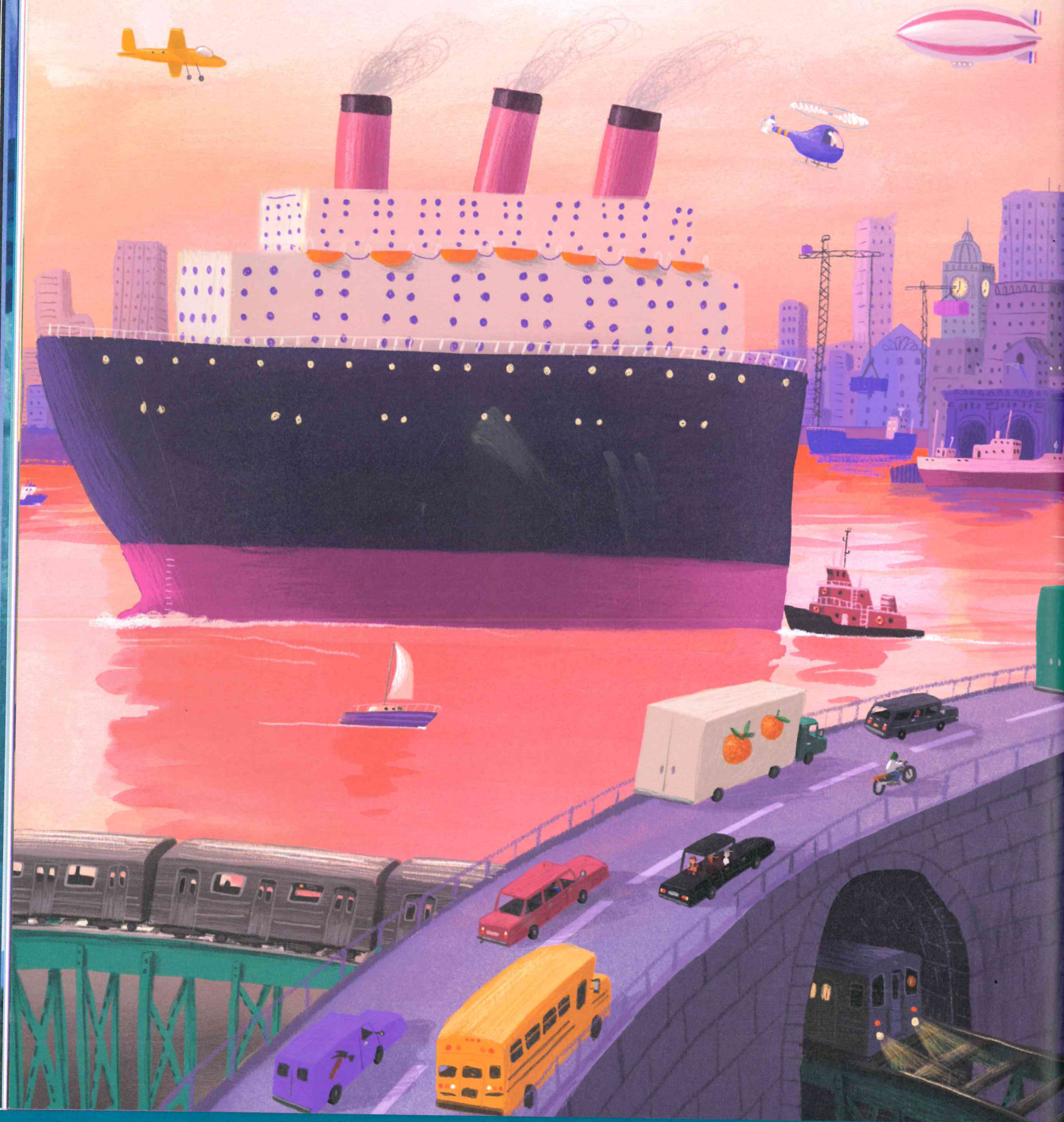


Things can sometimes move slowly here on Earth.





More often, though, they move quickly,  
so use your time well.





It will be gone  
before you know it.

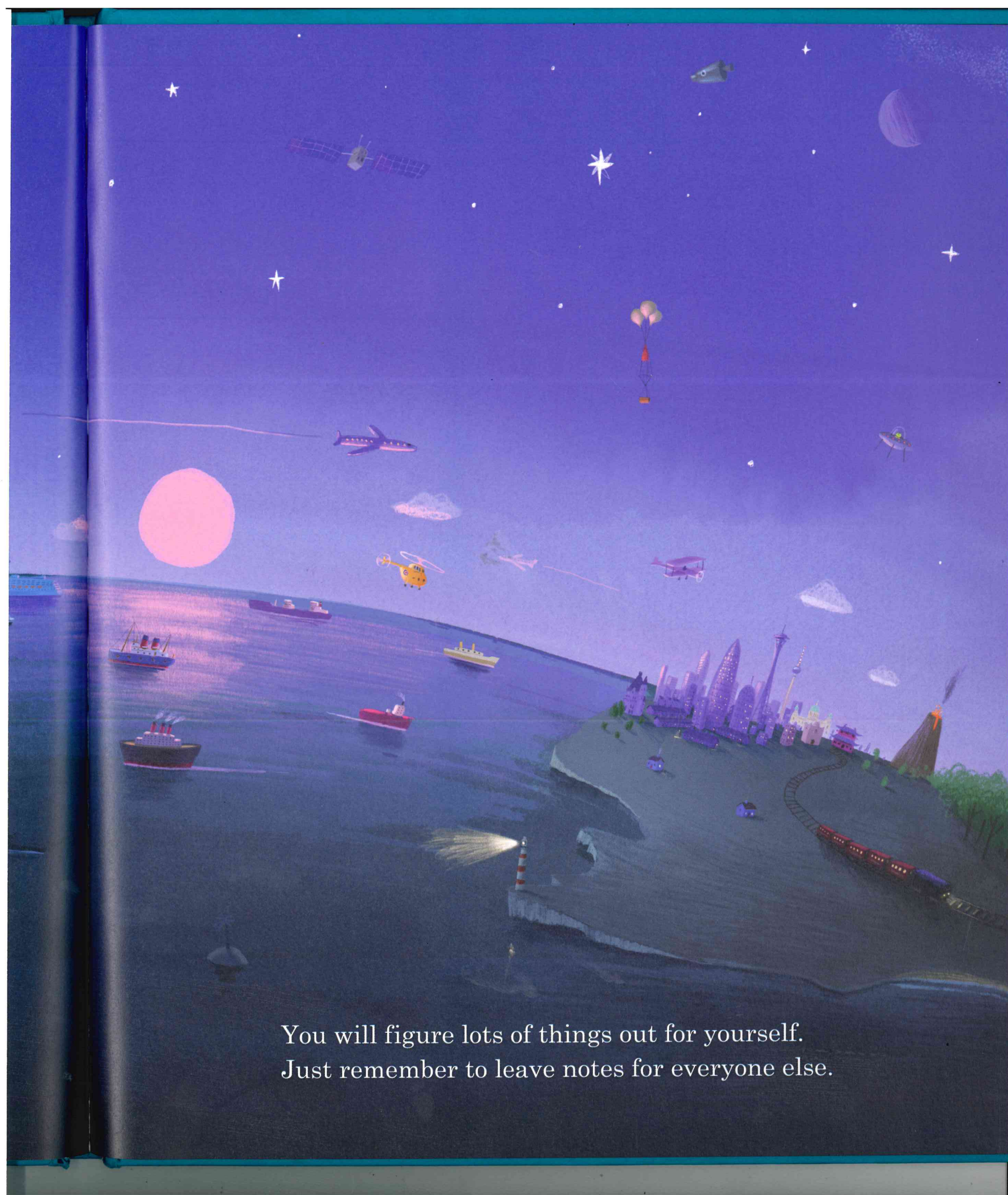




Though we have come a long way,  
we haven't quite worked everything out,  
so there is plenty left for you to do.





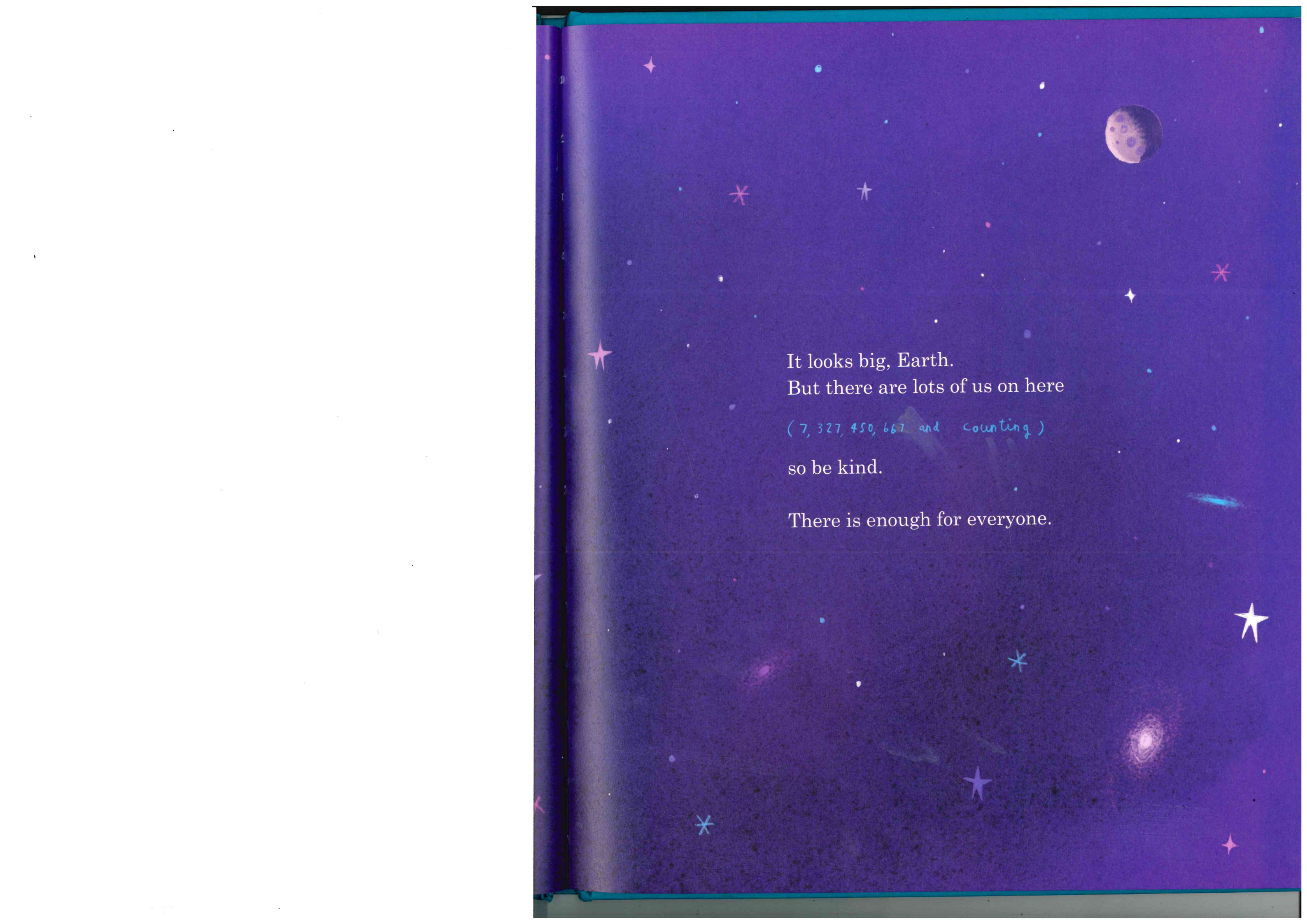


You will figure lots of things out for yourself.  
Just remember to leave notes for everyone else.





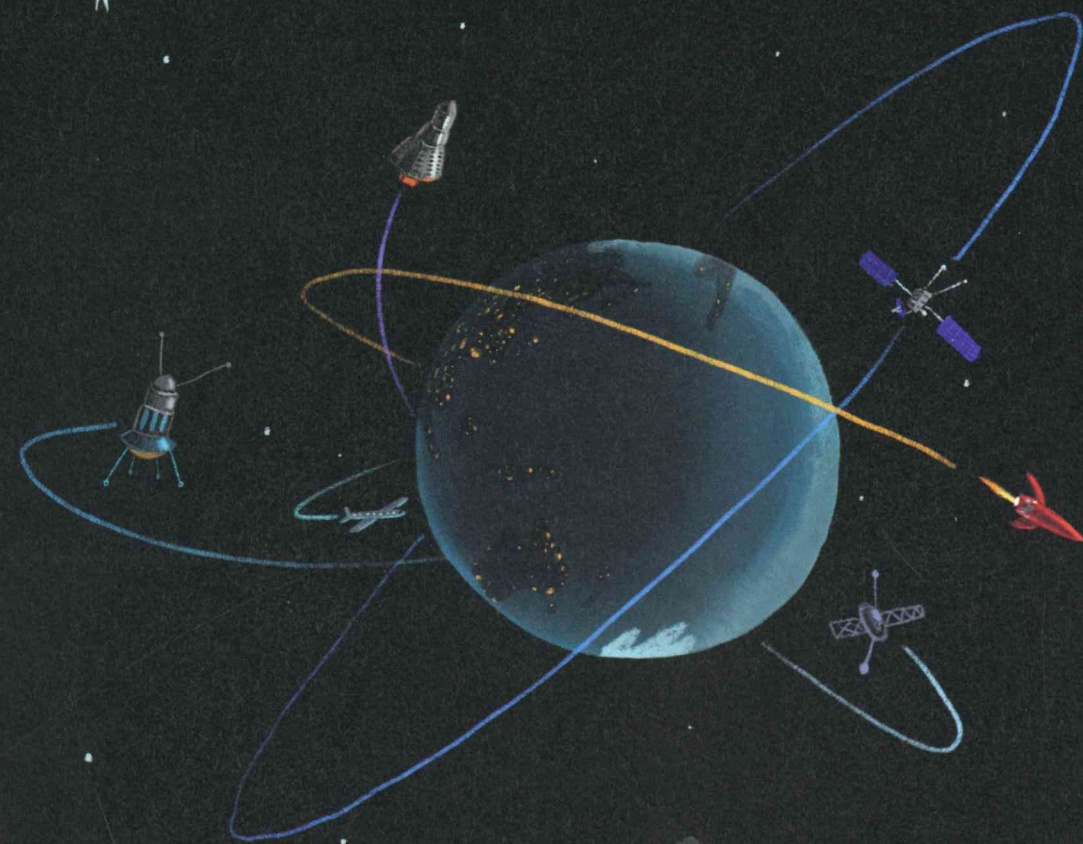




It looks big, Earth.  
But there are lots of us on here  
(7,327,450,667 and counting)  
so be kind.

There is enough for everyone.

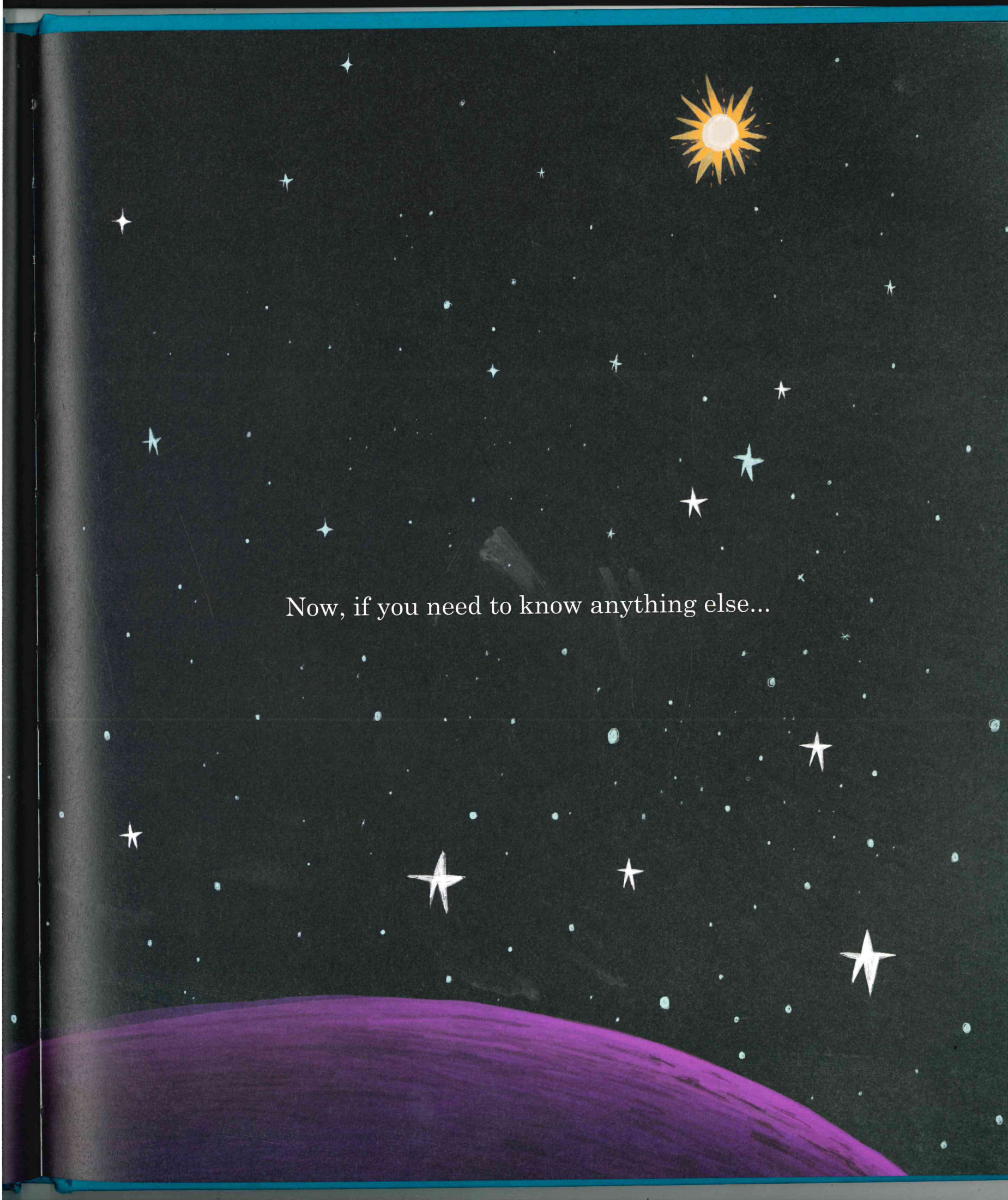




Well, that is Planet Earth.

Make sure you look after it,  
as it's all we've got.

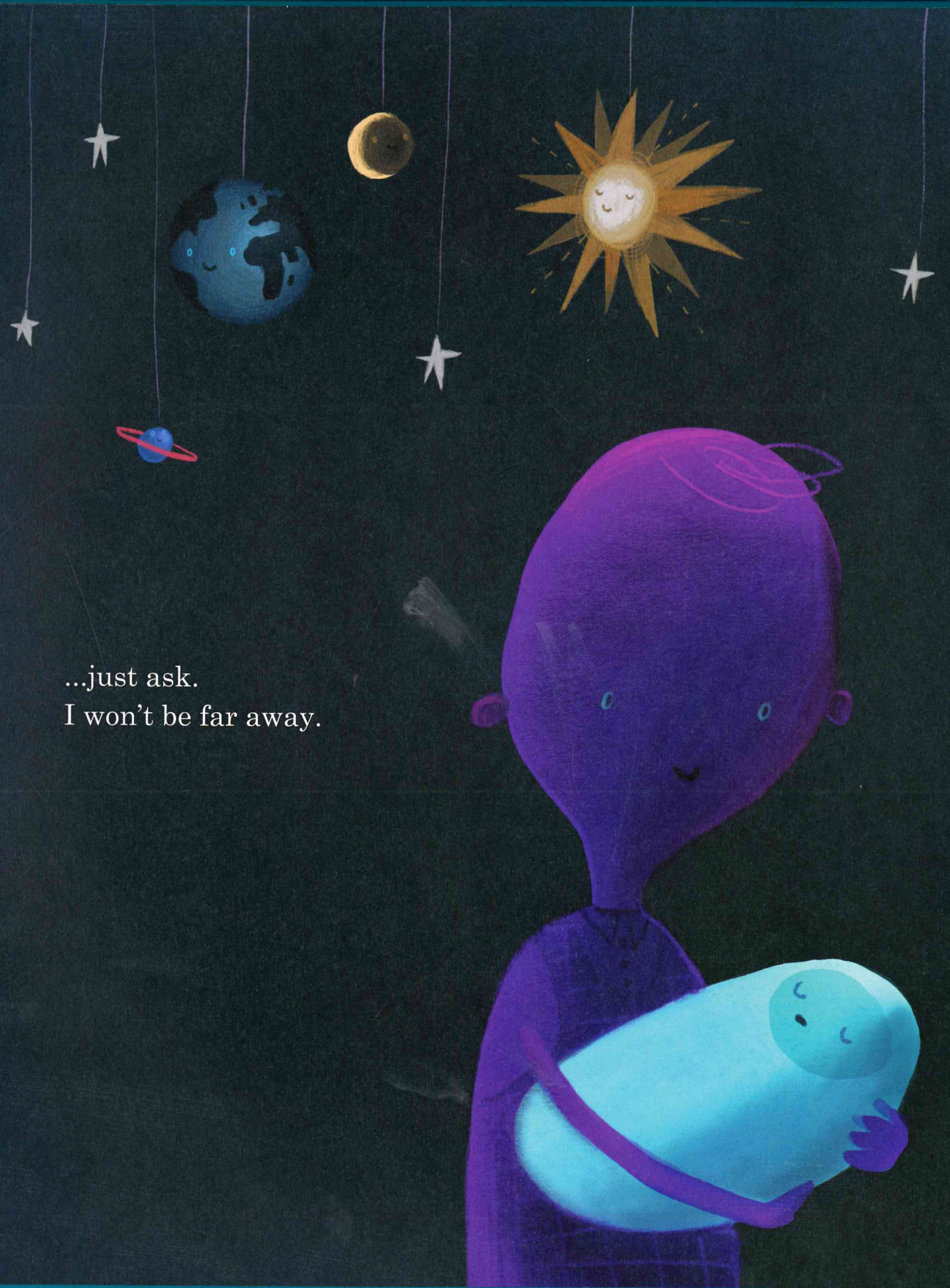


The illustration depicts a vast night sky. In the upper right corner, a bright sun with a yellow-orange glow and radiating lines is visible. The sky is filled with numerous stars of varying sizes and brightness, some appearing as simple dots and others as more complex, multi-pointed shapes. At the bottom of the frame, a curved, purple horizon line suggests the edge of a planet or a distant land. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues and blacks for the sky, with the sun's warm tones and the purple of the horizon providing contrast.

Now, if you need to know anything else...



...just ask.  
I won't be far away.





And when I'm not around...



...you can always  
ask someone else.




















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LIVES HERE  
(...yet!)

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