



P.S. What's up with the climate?

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Dear Reader,

We have a problem. A huge problem. A problem so huge, it's impacting all of planet Earth! The problem is climate change.

Our climate is changing because we're adding too many greenhouse gases and other pollutants into the atmosphere. The impacts — floods, droughts, heat waves, cyclones, etc. — are felt by all (including you and us) everywhere.

But we can help! By saving trees, following the 4Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Refuse), respecting all forms of life, and taking many more green actions.

For the Earth,

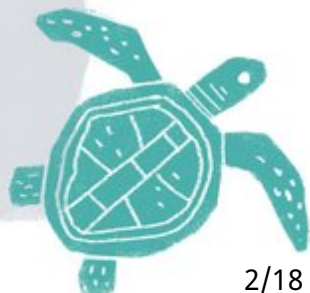
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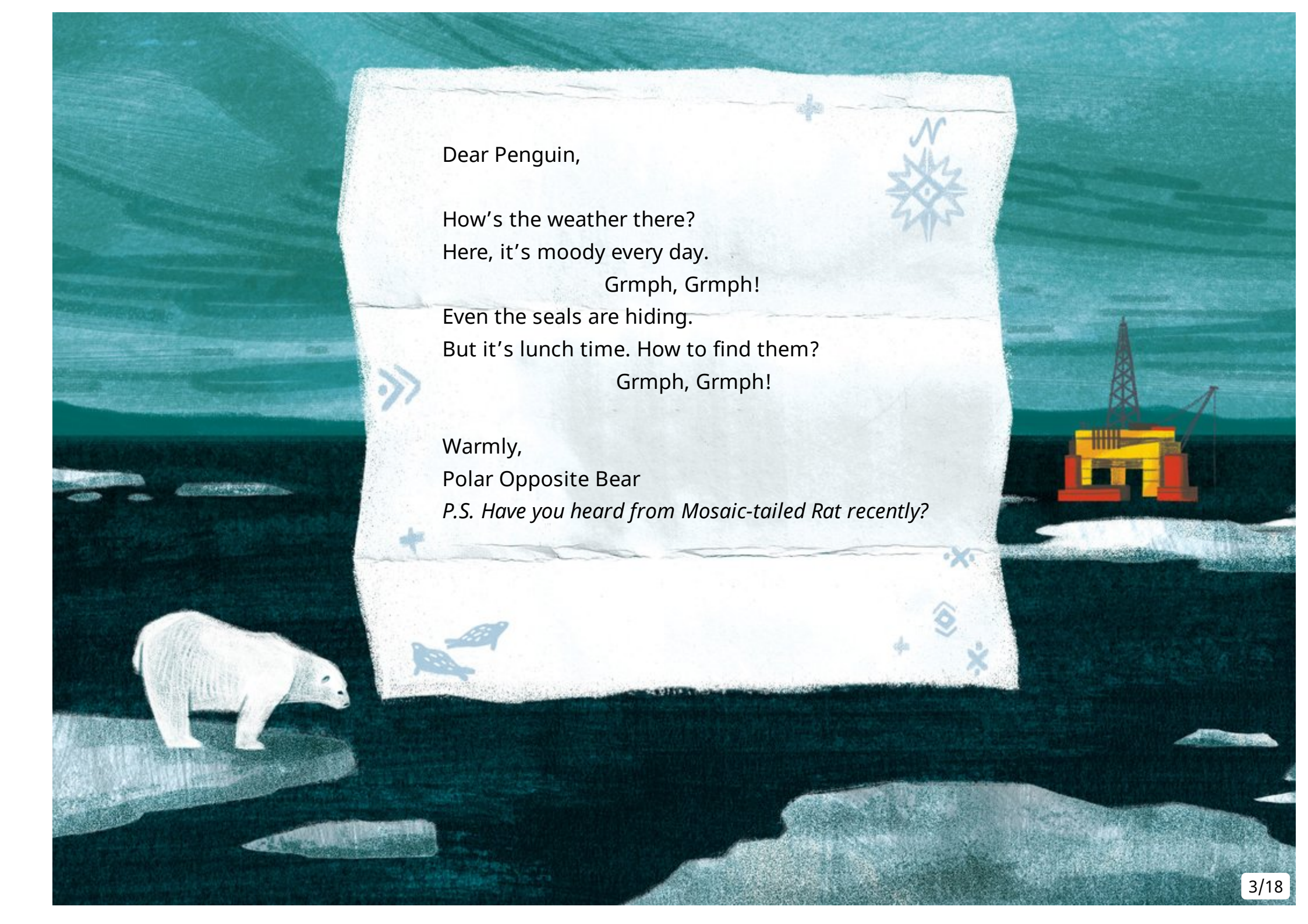
(Grouchy author trying to write but
distracted by the climate crisis.)

Archana

(Part-time illustrator, full-time animal
person, has been saved by tree-therapy
multiple times.)

P.S. Let's do this together!





Dear Penguin,

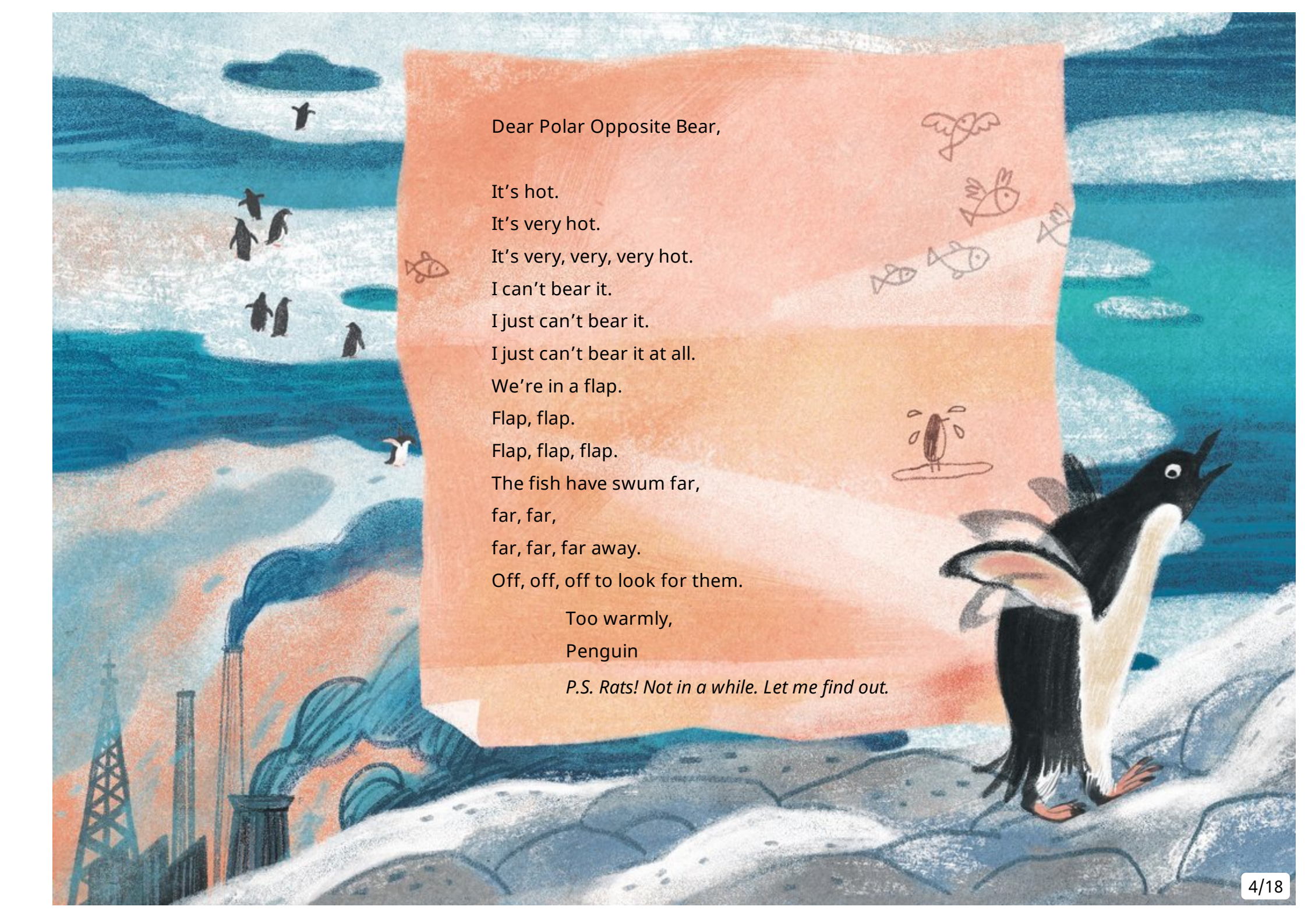
How's the weather there?
Here, it's moody every day.

Grmph, Grmph!

Even the seals are hiding.
But it's lunch time. How to find them?
Grmph, Grmph!

Warmly,
Polar Opposite Bear

P.S. Have you heard from Mosaic-tailed Rat recently?



Dear Polar Opposite Bear,

It's hot.

It's very hot.

It's very, very, very hot.

I can't bear it.

I just can't bear it.

I just can't bear it at all.

We're in a flap.

Flap, flap.

Flap, flap, flap.

The fish have swum far,

far, far,

far, far, far away.

Off, off, off to look for them.

Too warmly,

Penguin

P.S. Rats! Not in a while. Let me find out.



Hullo,

Ummm... Here it's not hot. At all.
Would you like to come visit us?
Brrrr... it's too cold to fly.
(You won't mind, as you can't fly, Penguin.
You *don't*, right?)

Flying kisses,
Flying (not right now) Squirrel
P.S. Sorry, not a squeak from Mosaic-tailed Rat.

The background is a painting of a rainy day. Rain falls diagonally across the entire scene. In the upper left, a dark branch with green leaves is covered with a large number of small, brown ants. In the foreground, a white, spiral-bound notebook is open, showing two lined pages. The left page has some faint, illegible handwriting. The right page has a message written in a simple, hand-drawn font. The scene is set in a grassy field with some distant buildings and trees under a grey, overcast sky.

Hi,

It's raining.

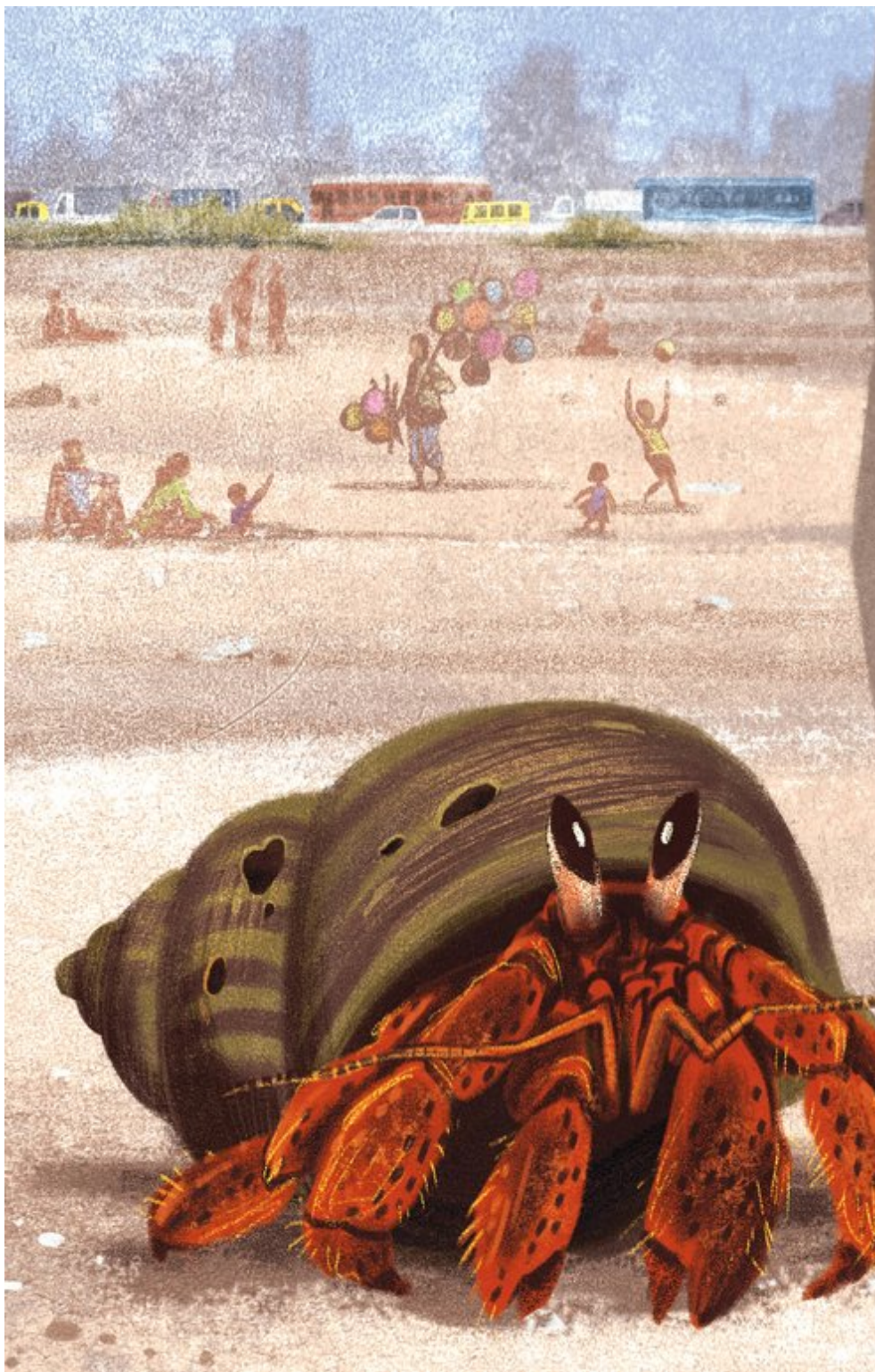
Cats and dogs!

We're hanging on.

Just about.

Ant

*P.S. That's strange. Not just Rat, my
sugar's missing too. Call the police.*



OYE!

Stop complaining. Your sugar must have dissolved in all that water.

Send us some rain clouds, HAAN?

All the acidity in the sea is giving me acidity.

BRRRRP!

There's too much carbon in the sea. PHHHHRP!

I need to find a suitable shell before it gets hotter.

Or my shell dissolves like your sugar. HSSSSS!

Getting crabbier by the minute,
Hermit Crab

P.S. Even Golden Toad has disappeared. Maybe they went on a holiday together? Somewhere where it's raining. BAH!

KHROAAAA, KHROAAAA!

My life is very confusing. Here, there are fewer trees and little water, so there are very few seeds. But, hooray, we found some seeds because Mama Bear (Grizzly, not Polar) is so good at finding them. I ate so much, my belly became round as a ball.

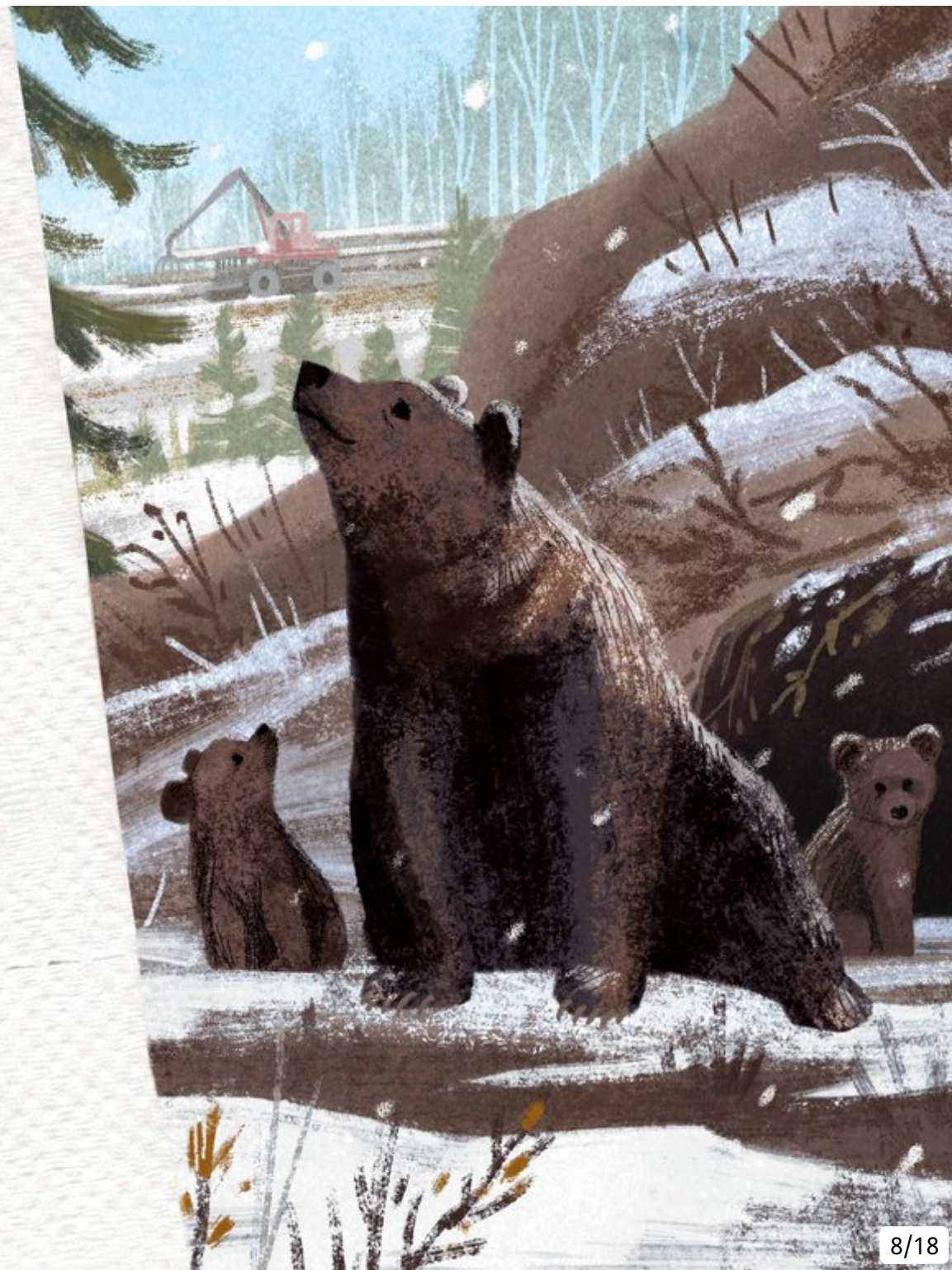
Then it snowed! Usually, when it snows, my family and I are fast asleep in our den. But we weren't because it snowed so early in the season. We ran to our den to sleep. But we hadn't eaten enough. So, we ran back out to eat some more.

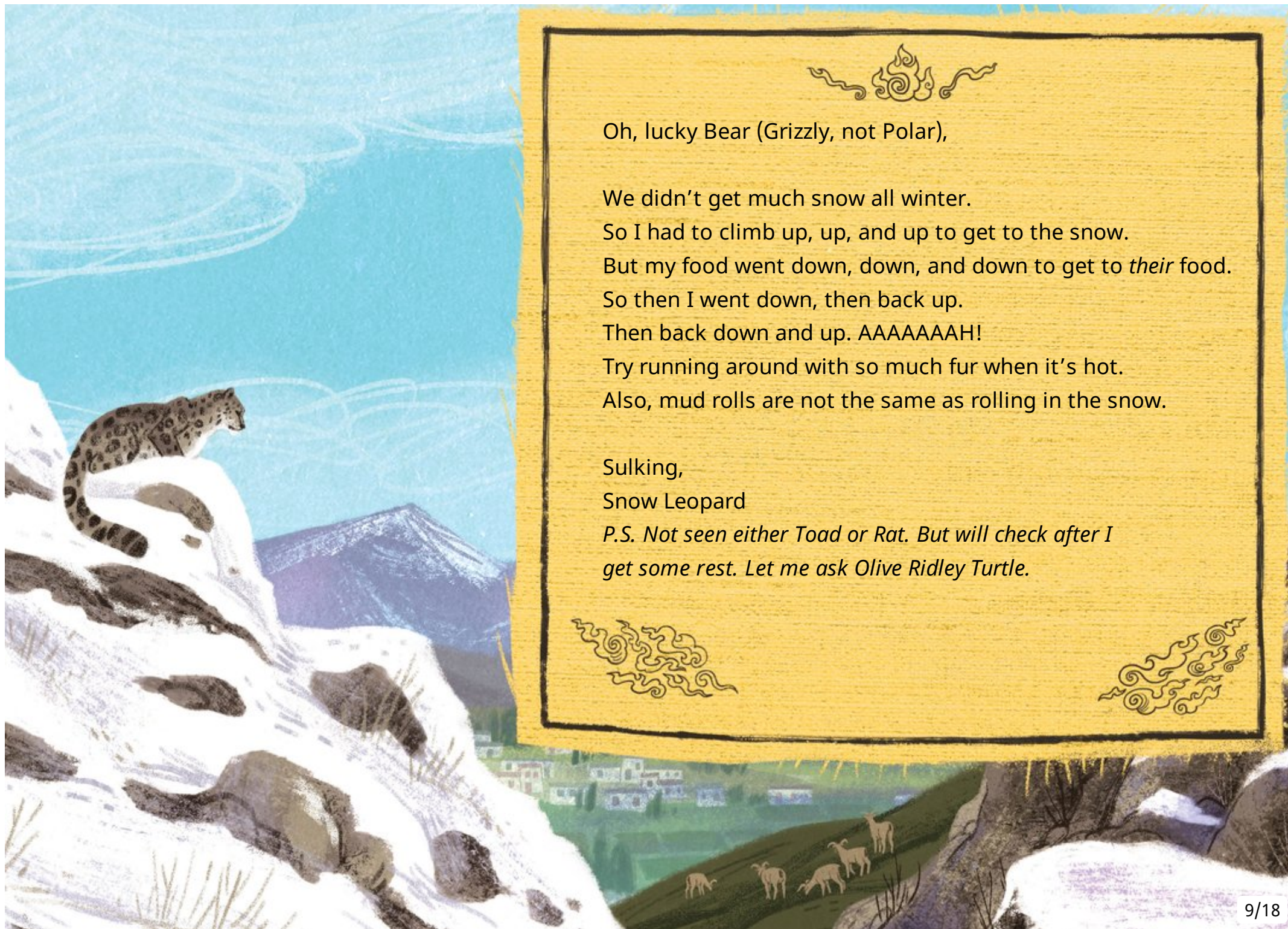
Now I have an upset tummy and am still confused.

To hibernate or not to hibernate?

Hungry and upset,
Bear (Grizzly, not Polar)

P.S: I will help look for Toad and Rat when we wake up. Good night!





Oh, lucky Bear (Grizzly, not Polar),

We didn't get much snow all winter.

So I had to climb up, up, and up to get to the snow.

But my food went down, down, and down to get to *their* food.

So then I went down, then back up.

Then back down and up. AAAAAAAH!


Try running around with so much fur when it's hot.

Also, mud rolls are not the same as rolling in the snow.

Sulking,

Snow Leopard

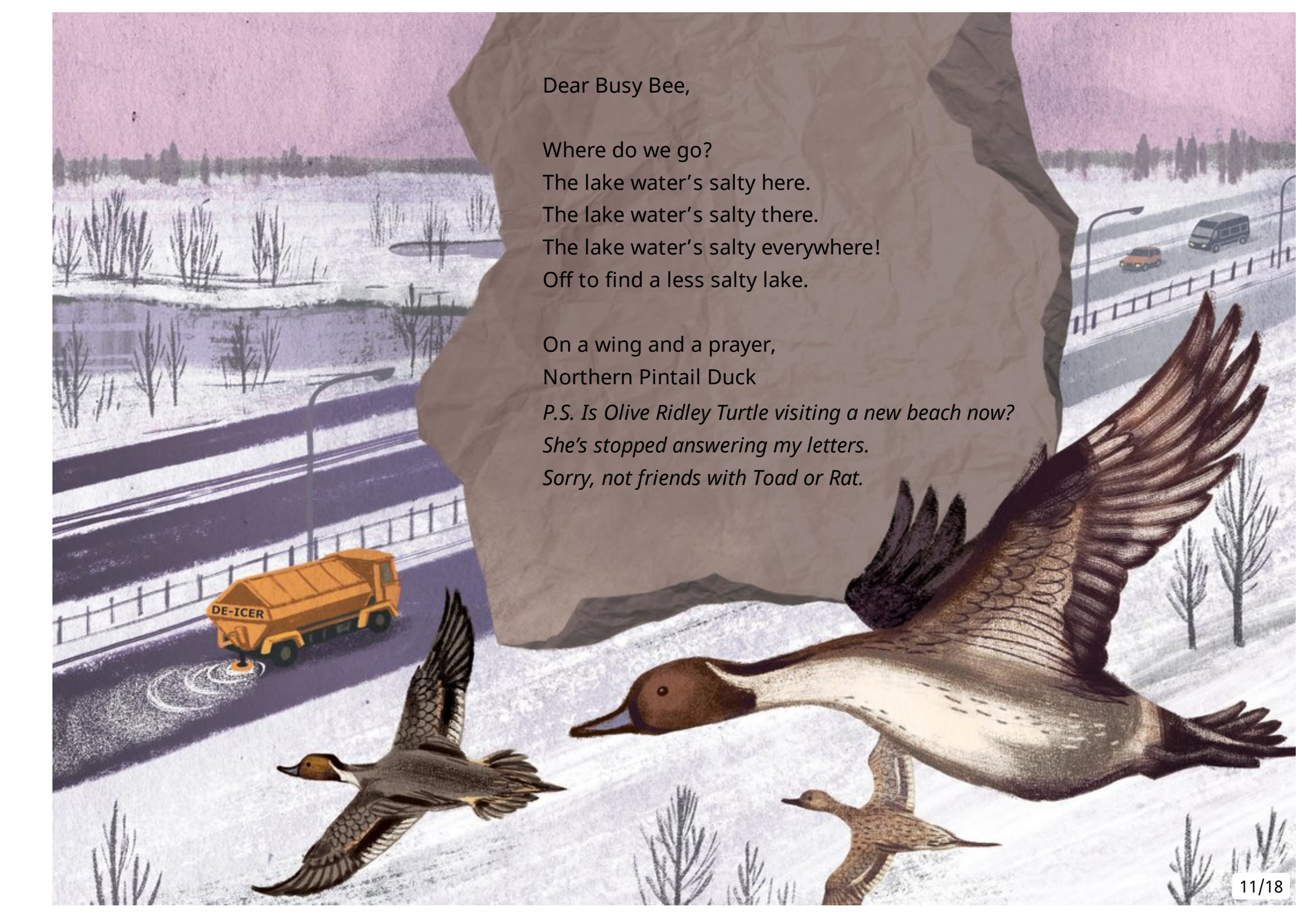
*P.S. Not seen either Toad or Rat. But will check after I
get some rest. Let me ask Olive Ridley Turtle.*



A forest fire—
Scared we run, wrapped up in smoke.
Pouncing, hungry beast

Pow-wow-dish-dhoosh-ouch
I boxed the crackling fire.
Burnt paw, cannot write

O Sulking Snow Leopard
Sorry, too hot to haiku
Poetroo Joey
P.S. Oh, Koala says the Olive



Dear Busy Bee,

Where do we go?

The lake water's salty here.

The lake water's salty there.

The lake water's salty everywhere!

Off to find a less salty lake.

On a wing and a prayer,

Northern Pintail Duck

P.S. Is Olive Ridley Turtle visiting a new beach now?

She's stopped answering my letters.

Sorry, not friends with Toad or Rat.



Bzzzzzzz,

Bzzzzzzzzz

Zzzzz

Zzz

Stressed and sleepy,

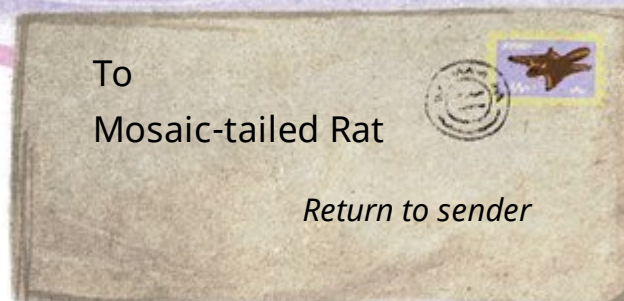
Bee

P.S. Bzzzzzz



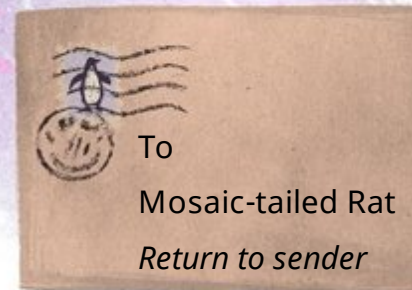
To
Golden Toad

Return to sender




To
Mosaic-tailed Rat

Return to sender



To
Mosaic-tailed Rat
Return to sender





To
Olive Ridley Turtle

*Return to sender
No longer visits the beach
as the waters are too warm.
No forwarding address available.*



Be a climate champion: Write a letter to our home, planet Earth.



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P.S. What's up with the climate?

(English)

It's too hot. It's too cold. There's no rain. There's too much rain. There's less snow. There's too much carbon in the atmosphere. Grizzly bears don't know whether to sleep, penguins don't know what to eat. Kangaroos are escaping forest fires, bees are groggy from all the pesticide. In a world overrun by the climate crisis, is it time to panic yet?

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