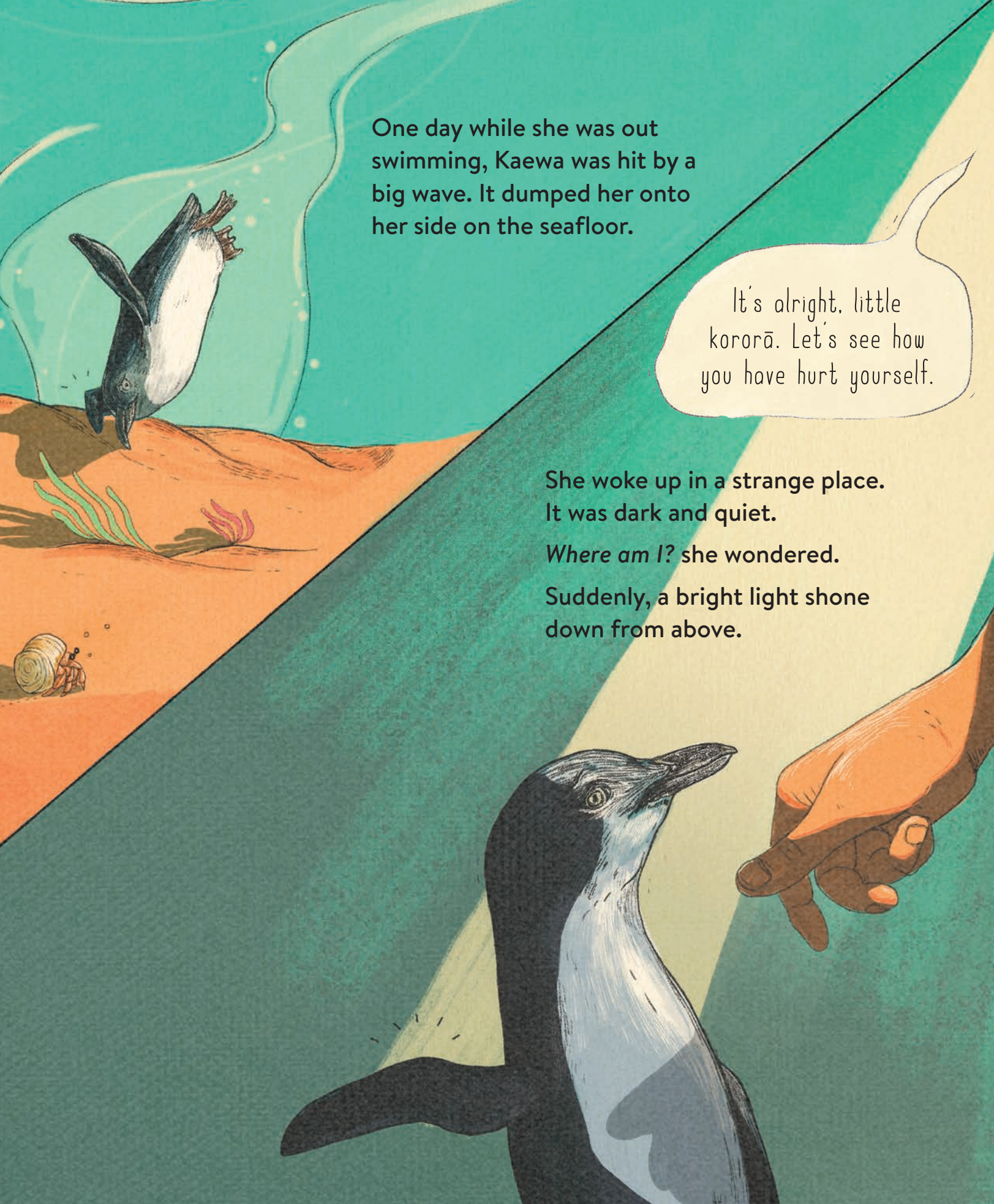


# KAEWA *the* KORORĀ



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The illustration is split into two scenes. The top scene shows a penguin falling into the water, with a large wave crashing over it. The bottom scene shows the penguin on the seafloor, looking up at a hand reaching down from above. The seafloor is orange and sandy, with some green and pink plants. A hermit crab is visible in the bottom left corner. The water is a mix of teal and light green.

One day while she was out swimming, Kaewa was hit by a big wave. It dumped her onto her side on the seafloor.

It's alright, little kororā. Let's see how you have hurt yourself.

She woke up in a strange place. It was dark and quiet.

*Where am I?* she wondered.

Suddenly, a bright light shone down from above.

That flipper looks a bit sore. Let's put you out with the others for a bit while you get better.

**Wooaah!** The floor beneath her vanished.

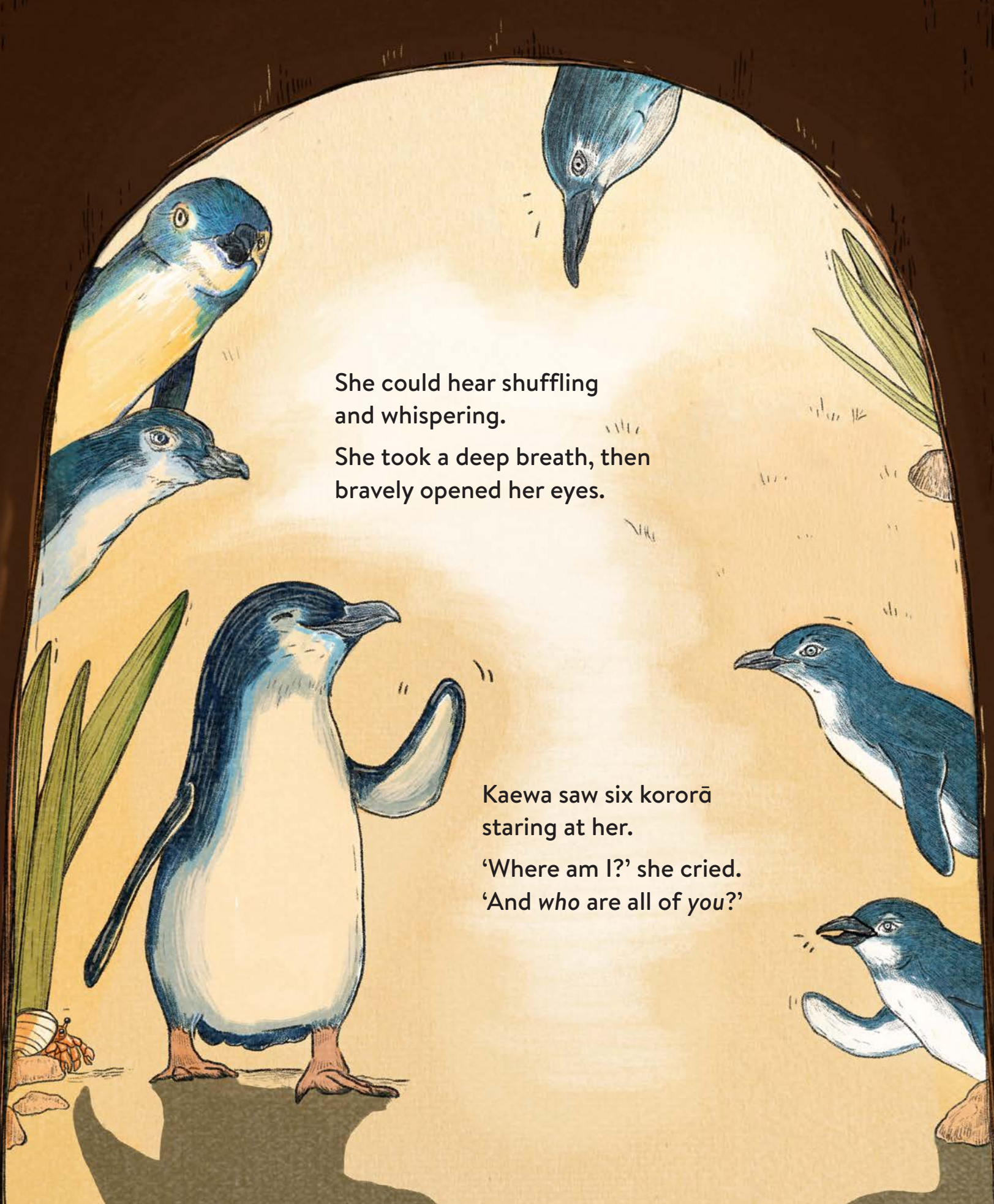
Her tummy felt all squiggly as she shot up into the air.



Kaewa was snuggled in close while giant fingers gently prodded her.

Then she was in the dark again, but this time she was moving! Kaewa was very scared. She squeezed her eyes shut.

*What was going on?*

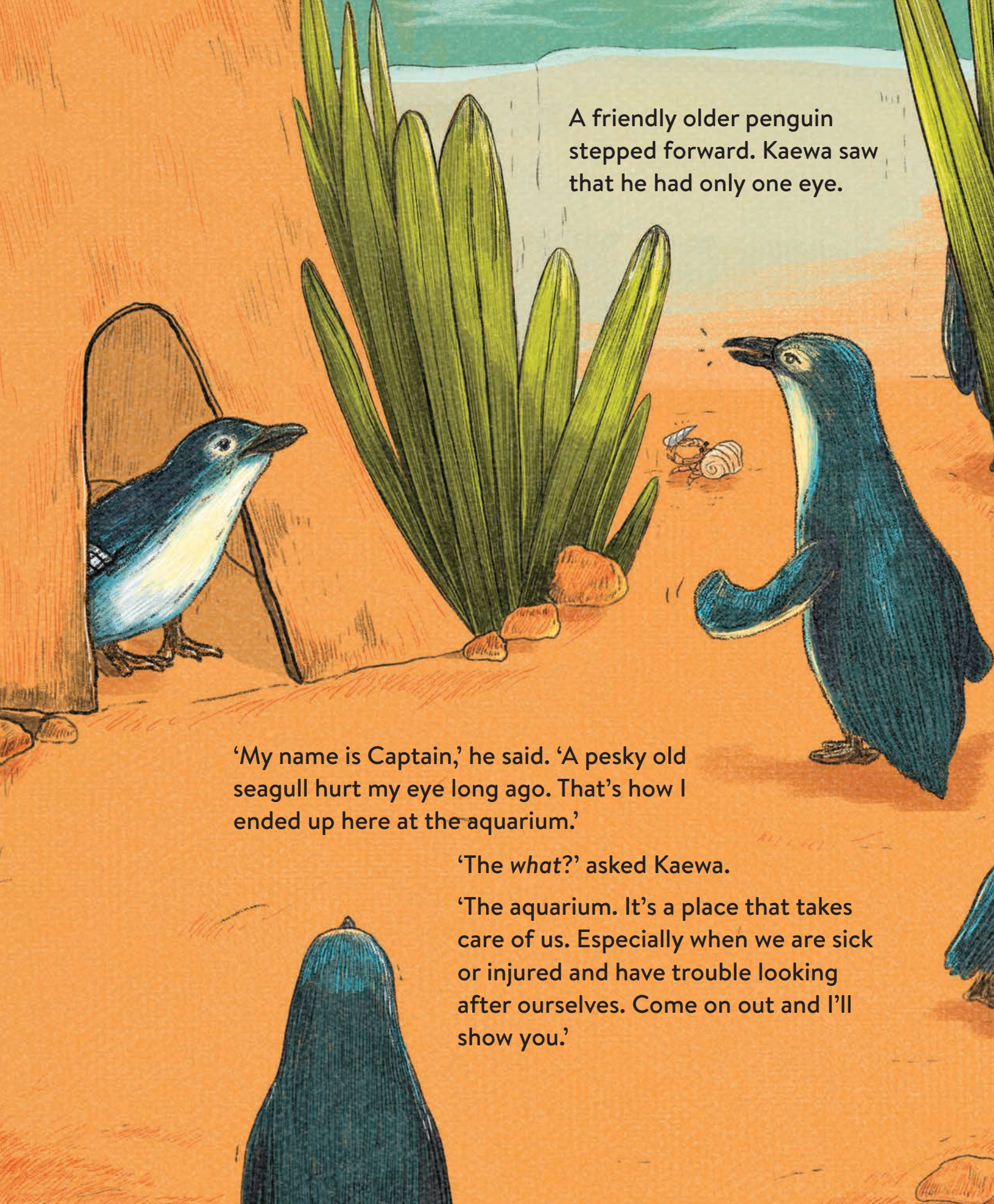
An illustration of a penguin colony on a sandy beach. In the center, a large penguin named Kaewa stands with its wings slightly raised. To its left, two smaller penguins are perched on a rock. To its right, two more penguins are walking. In the background, a large, pale yellow sun hangs in the sky, and several other penguins are visible in the distance. The scene is framed by a dark, arched border.

She could hear shuffling  
and whispering.

She took a deep breath, then  
bravely opened her eyes.

Kaewa saw six kororā  
staring at her.

‘Where am I?’ she cried.  
‘And who are all of you?’



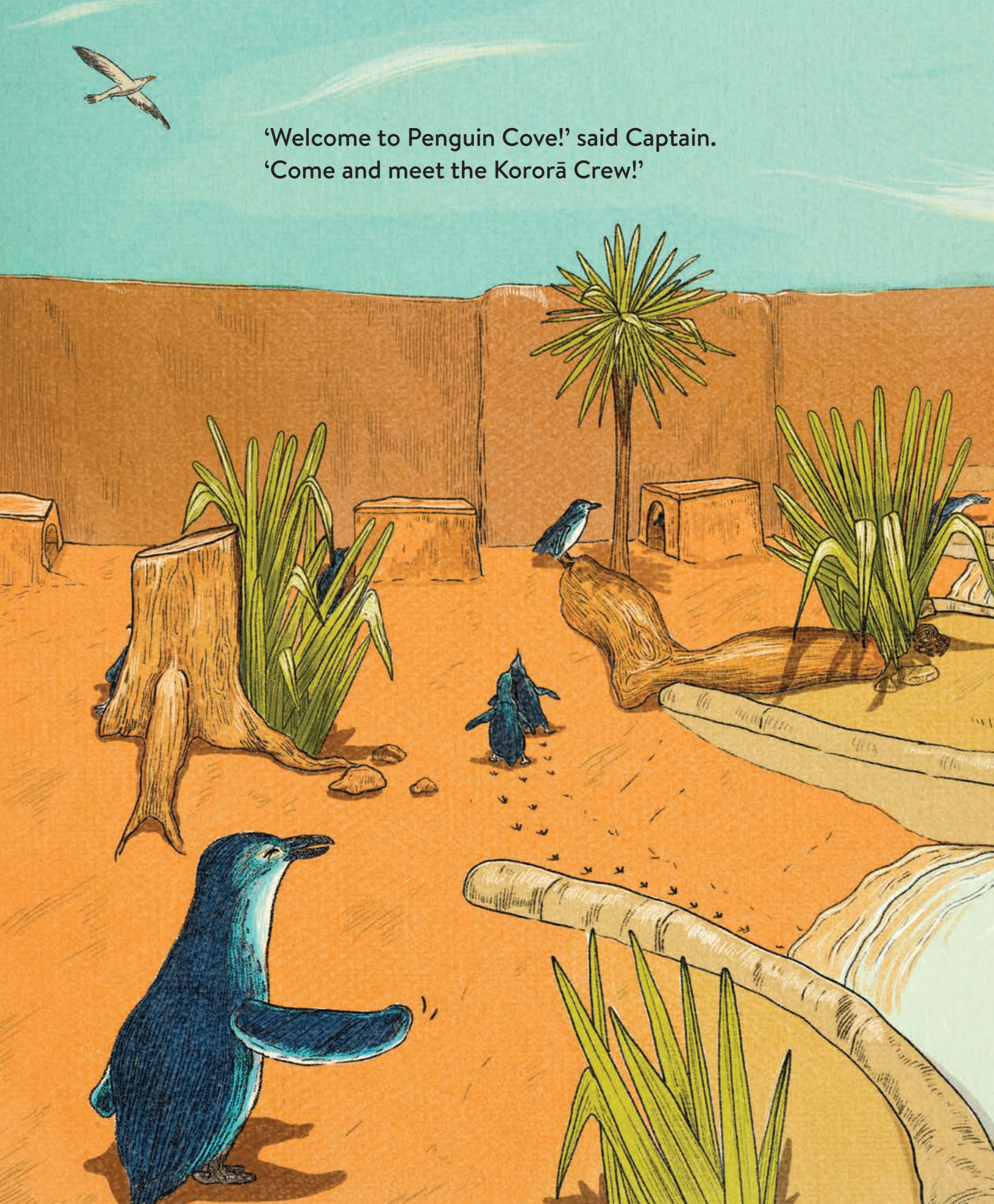
A friendly older penguin stepped forward. Kaewa saw that he had only one eye.

‘My name is Captain,’ he said. ‘A pesky old seagull hurt my eye long ago. That’s how I ended up here at the aquarium.’

‘The *what?*’ asked Kaewa.

‘The aquarium. It’s a place that takes care of us. Especially when we are sick or injured and have trouble looking after ourselves. Come on out and I’ll show you.’

'Welcome to Penguin Cove!' said Captain.  
'Come and meet the Kororā Crew!'





Kaewa followed Captain along the beach.

Please don't bite that, Dora!

Ha ha ha!  
Dora is always  
being nosy.



All of a sudden, Kaewa was flat on her tummy. *Ouch!* That hurt her sore flipper.



Auē!  
What was that?

She was sure something or someone had tripped her.

Take it easy, Kaewa!  
Don't get over-excited!






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‘Meet Mo, Tux and Mr Mac. They all came here as chicks,’ said Captain. ‘They had lost their parents and couldn’t look after themselves.’






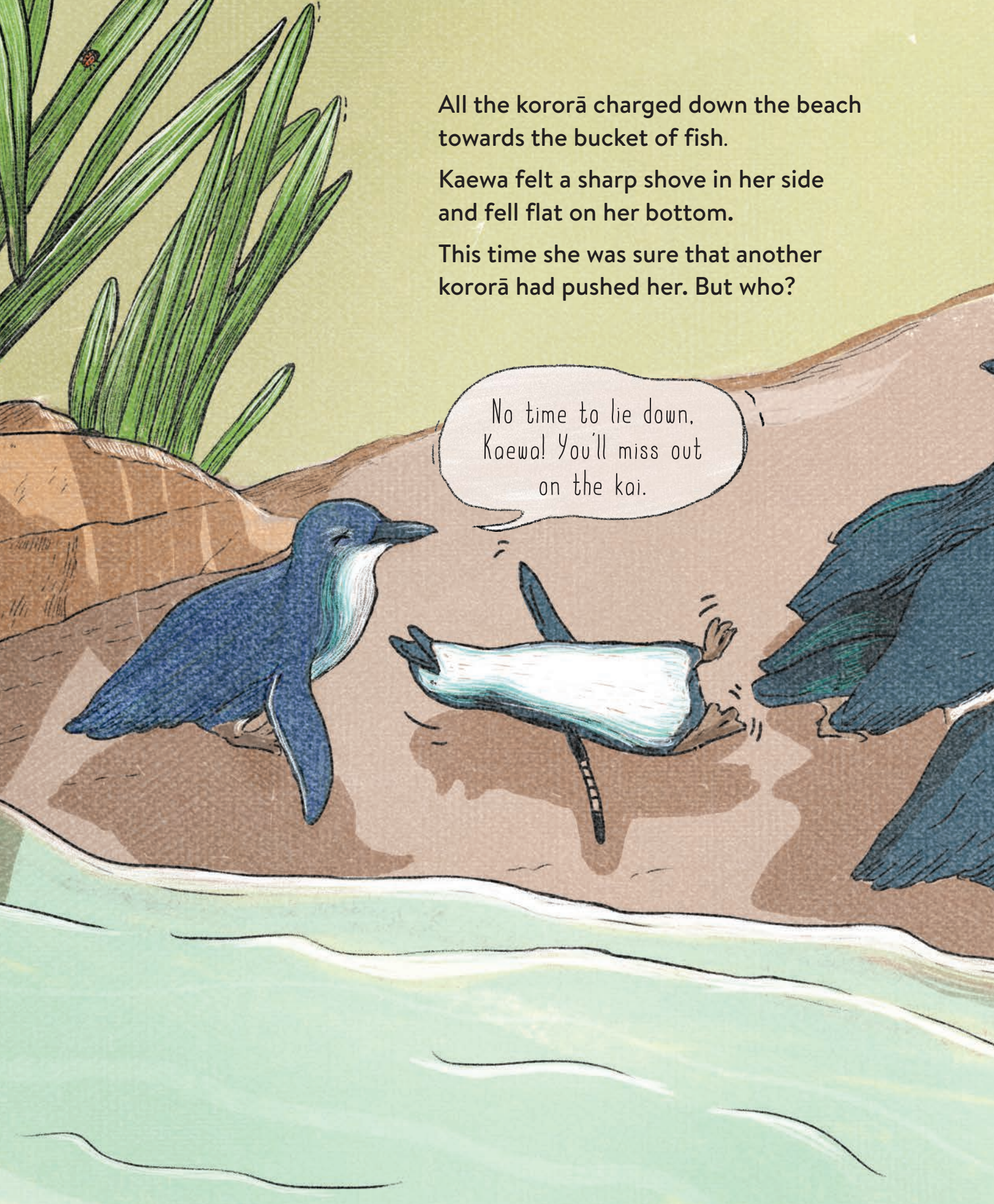
Time to eat,  
everyone!

'Hooray — it's feeding time,' said Captain.  
'Watch out for Mo. He'll steal your fish if  
he gets the chance!'

*Yum!* thought Kaewa.

*I'm **S000** hungry.*






All the kororā charged down the beach  
towards the bucket of fish.

Kaewa felt a sharp shove in her side  
and fell flat on her bottom.

This time she was sure that another  
kororā had pushed her. But who?

No time to lie down,  
Kaewa! You'll miss out  
on the kai.





Mo! Stop being  
so greedy!

'You snooze, you lose,  
Kaewa!' Mo called cheekily.

Kaewa knew what to do when the next fish  
came her way, and soon her tummy was full.