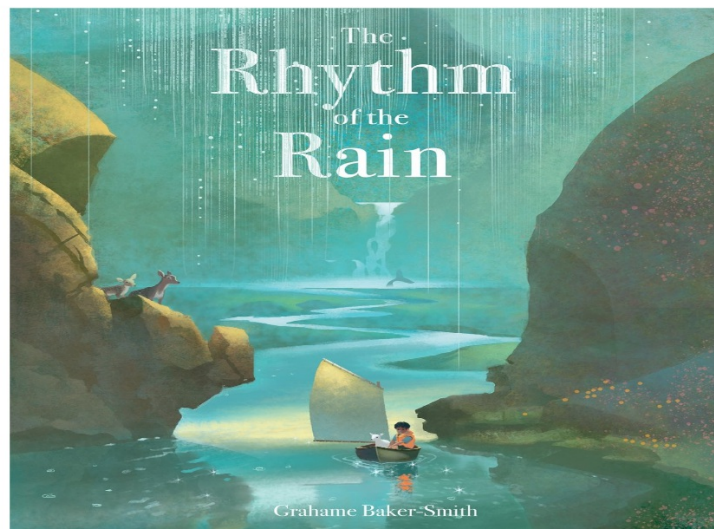



Today we are going to read a new story.
It is a wonderful story about the water cycle
called 'The Rhythm of the Rain.



Take the time to look at the pictures in this book. They are beautifully illustrated.





Issac plays in his favourite pool on the mountainside.
As rain starts to fall, he empties his little jar of water
into the pool and races the sparkling streams
as they tumble over waterfalls, rush through swollen rivers
and burst out into the vast open sea.

Where will my little jar of water go now? Issac wonders.

On the other side of the world, Cassi welcomes
the rain to her parched village . . .

From tiniest raindrop to deepest ocean,
this breathtaking celebration of the water cycle
captures the remarkable movement
of water across the earth in all its majesty.

A stunning new non-fiction picture book from
Greenaway medal-winner, Grahame Baker-Smith.






Balance Targets

-Identify the main ideas within a text or within a paragraph

Listen to the story.



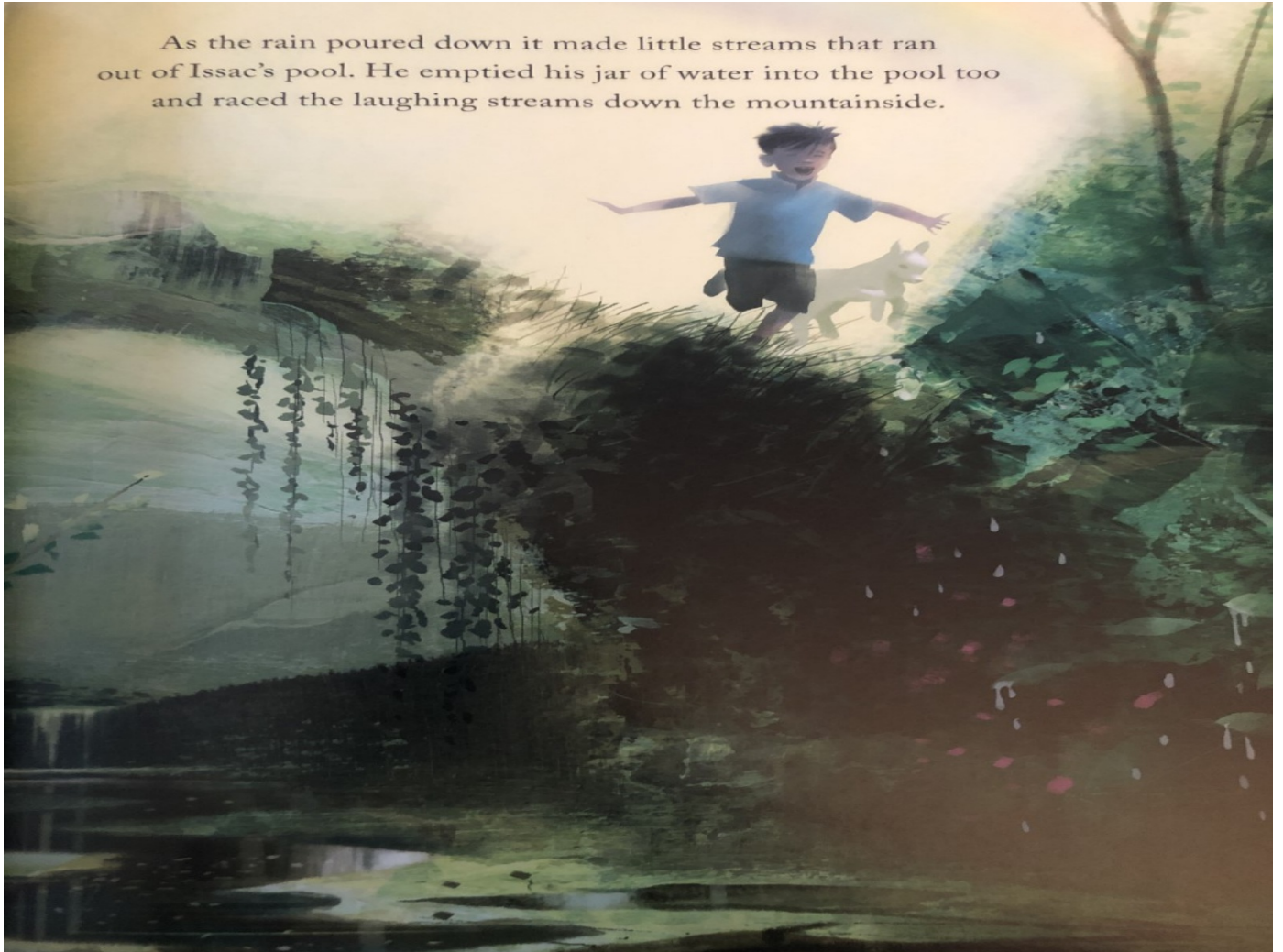


A painting of a landscape. In the foreground, there is a pool of water with reeds and small yellow flowers. The middle ground shows rolling green hills. In the background, there are dark, misty mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall mood is somber and atmospheric.

Issac was playing in his favourite pool
on the side of his favourite mountain.
He felt spots of rain on his cheek and looked
up to see clouds turning dark above him.

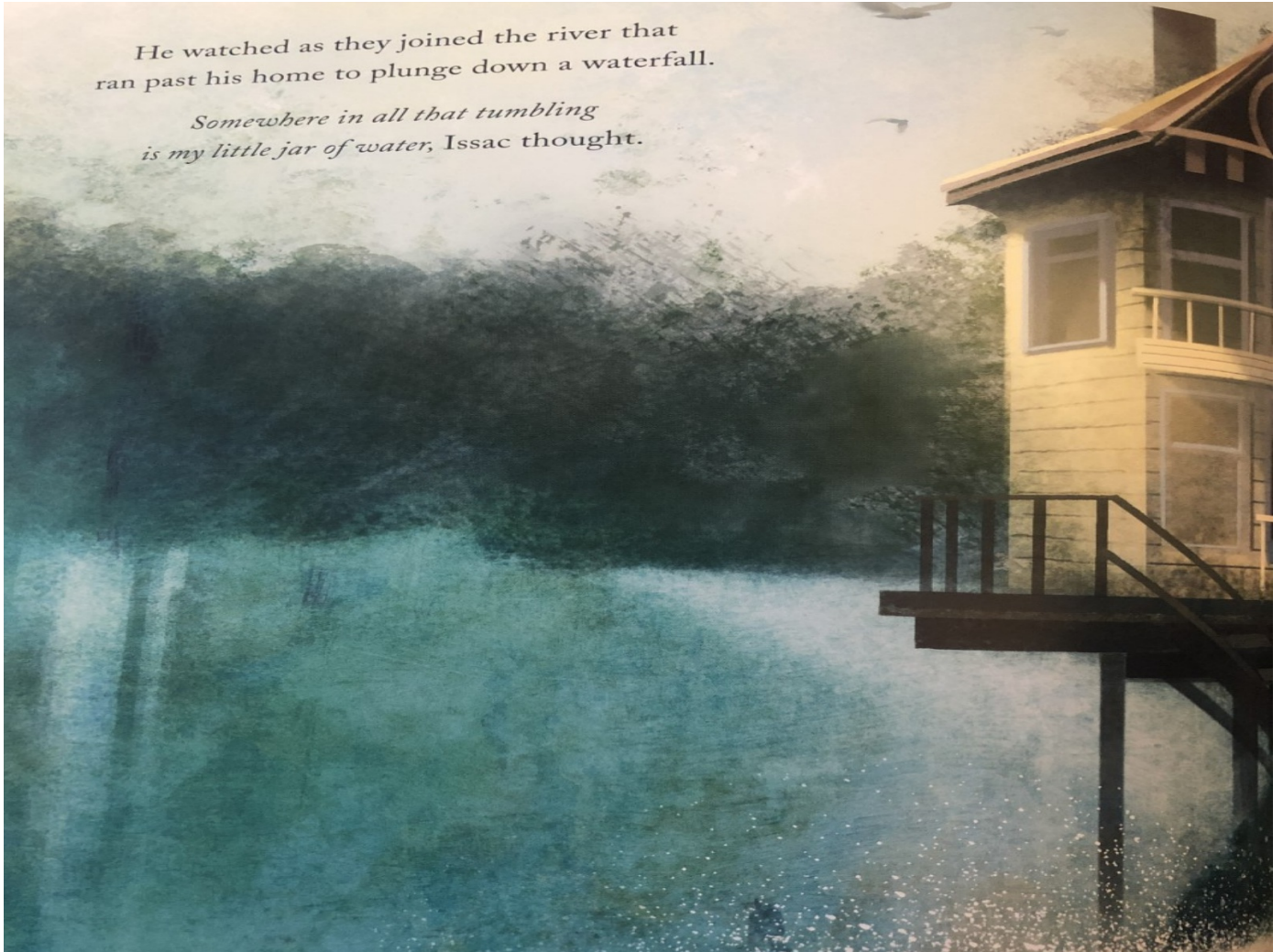


As the rain poured down it made little streams that ran out of Issac's pool. He emptied his jar of water into the pool too and raced the laughing streams down the mountainside.



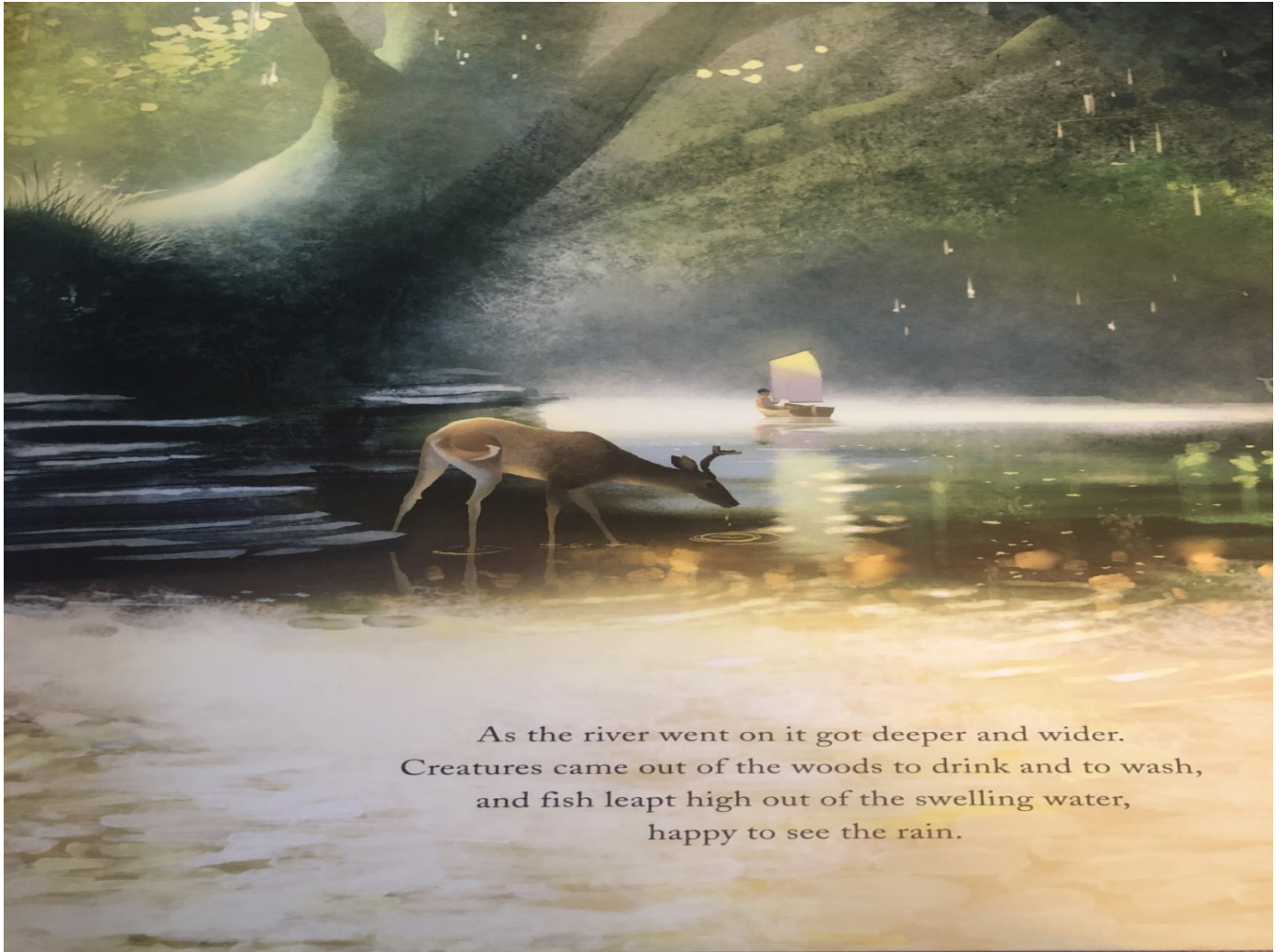
He watched as they joined the river that
ran past his home to plunge down a waterfall.

*Somewhere in all that tumbling
is my little jar of water, Issac thought.*









As the river went on it got deeper and wider.
Creatures came out of the woods to drink and to wash,
and fish leapt high out of the swelling water,
happy to see the rain.

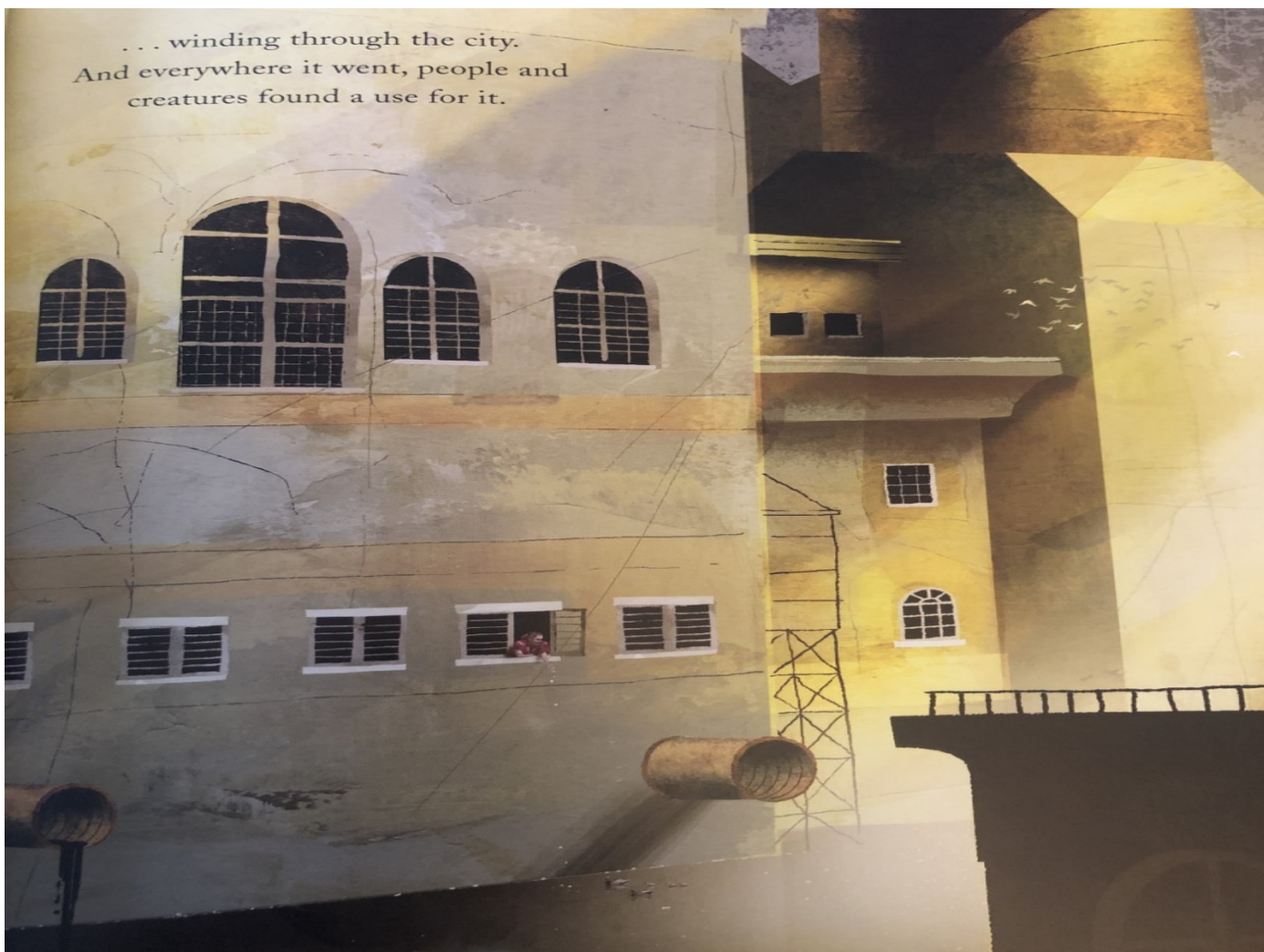


On and on the river flowed,
winding through the country . . .

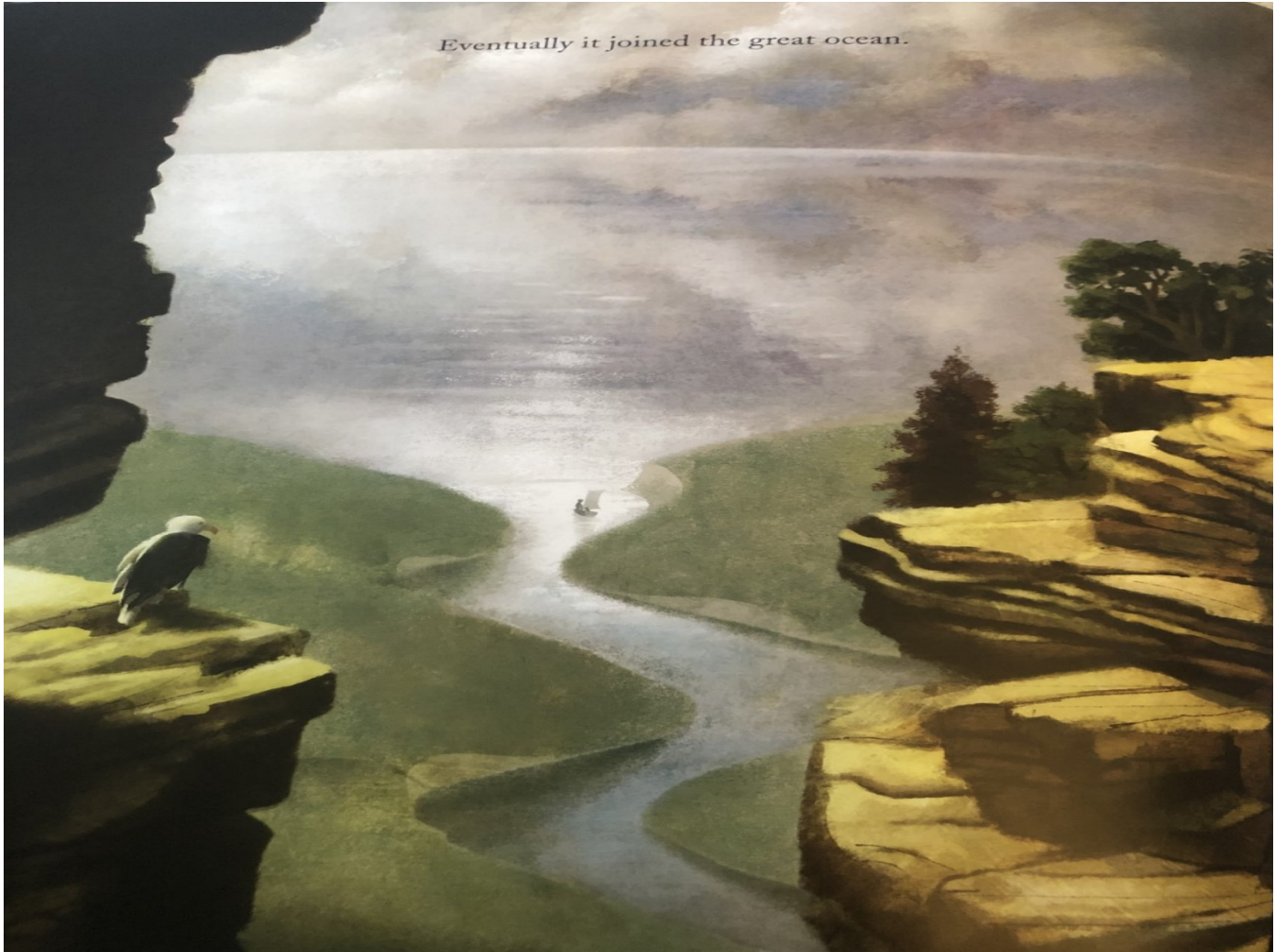




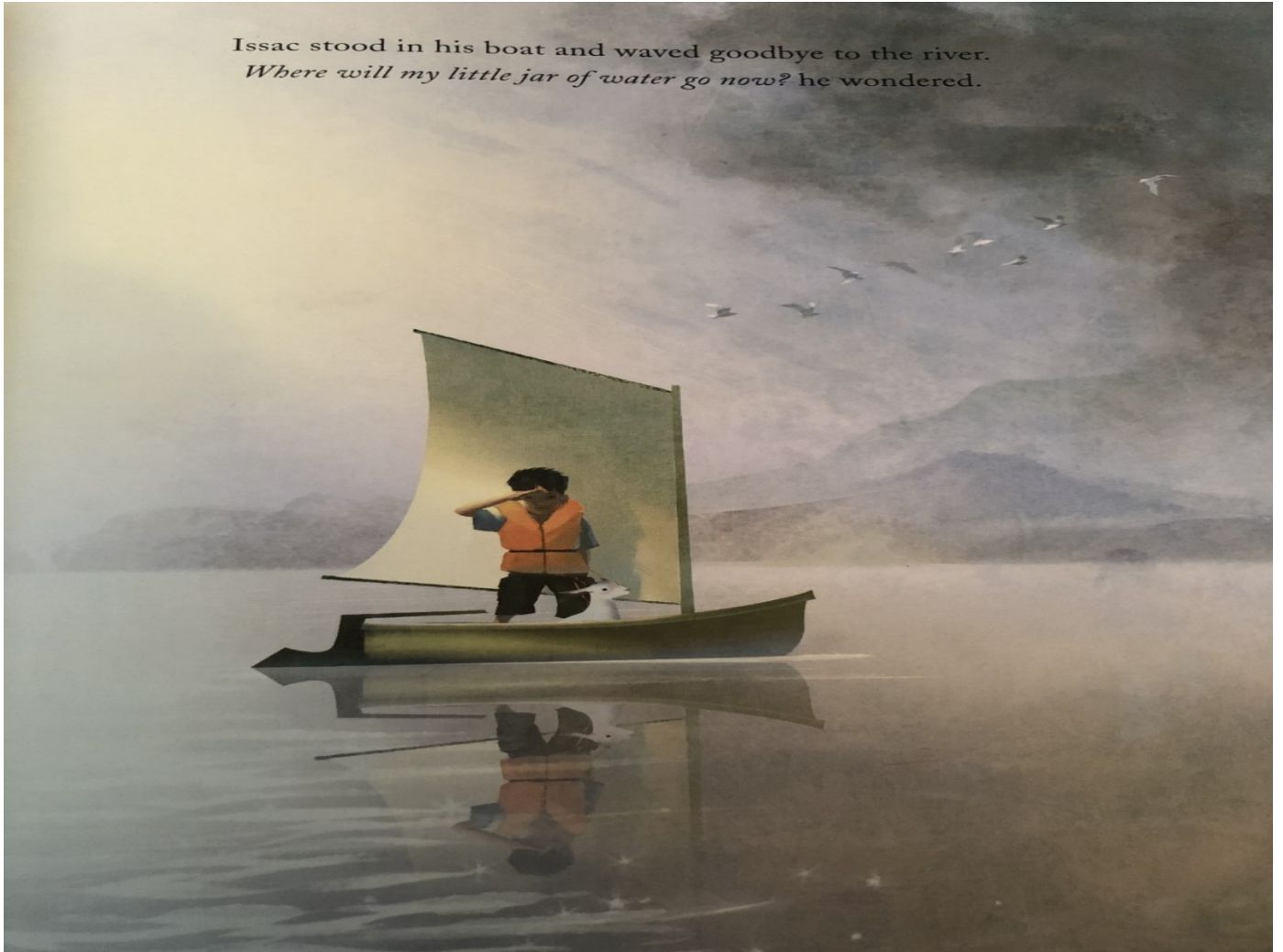
... winding through the city.
And everywhere it went, people and
creatures found a use for it.

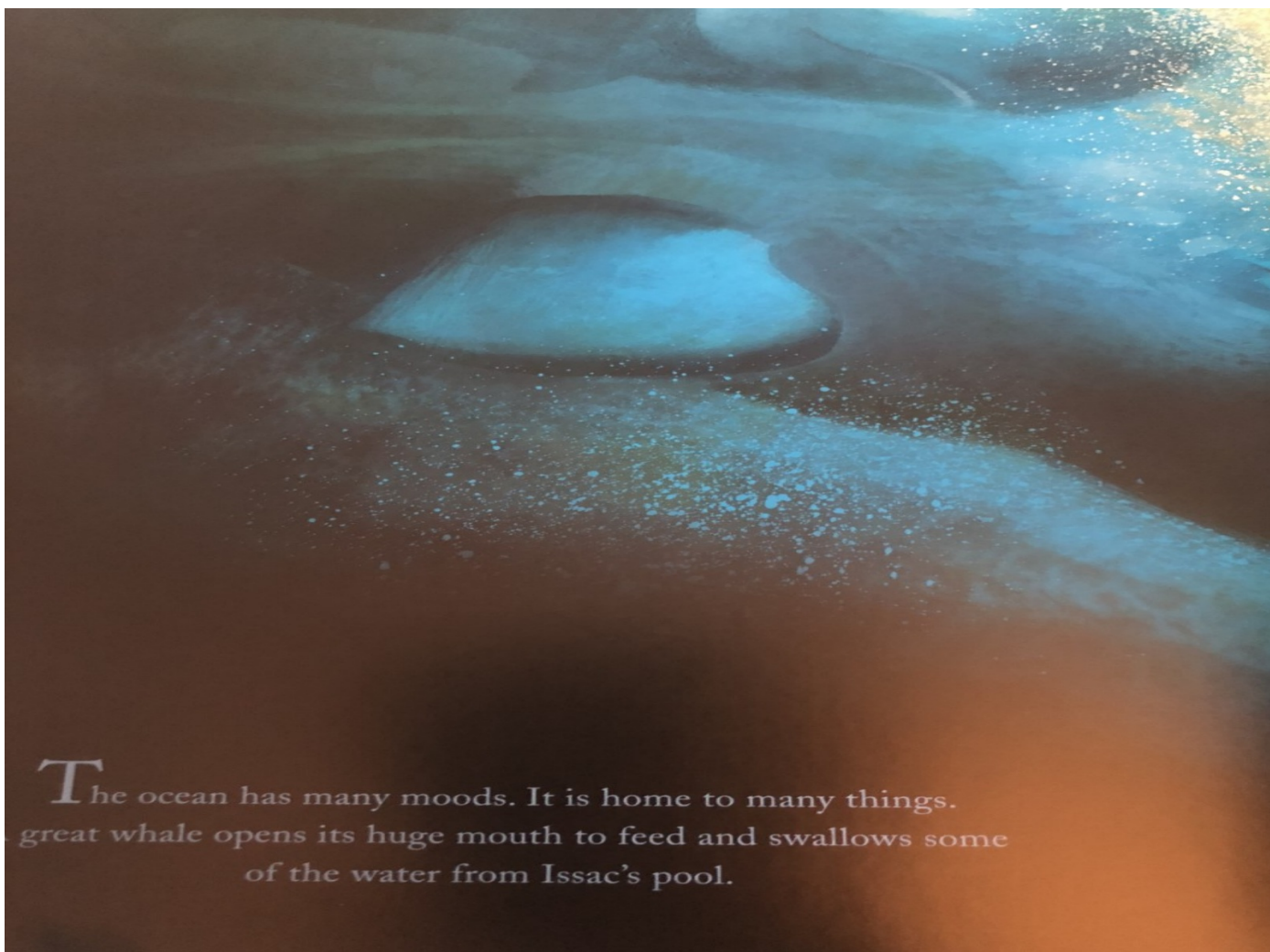


Eventually it joined the great ocean.

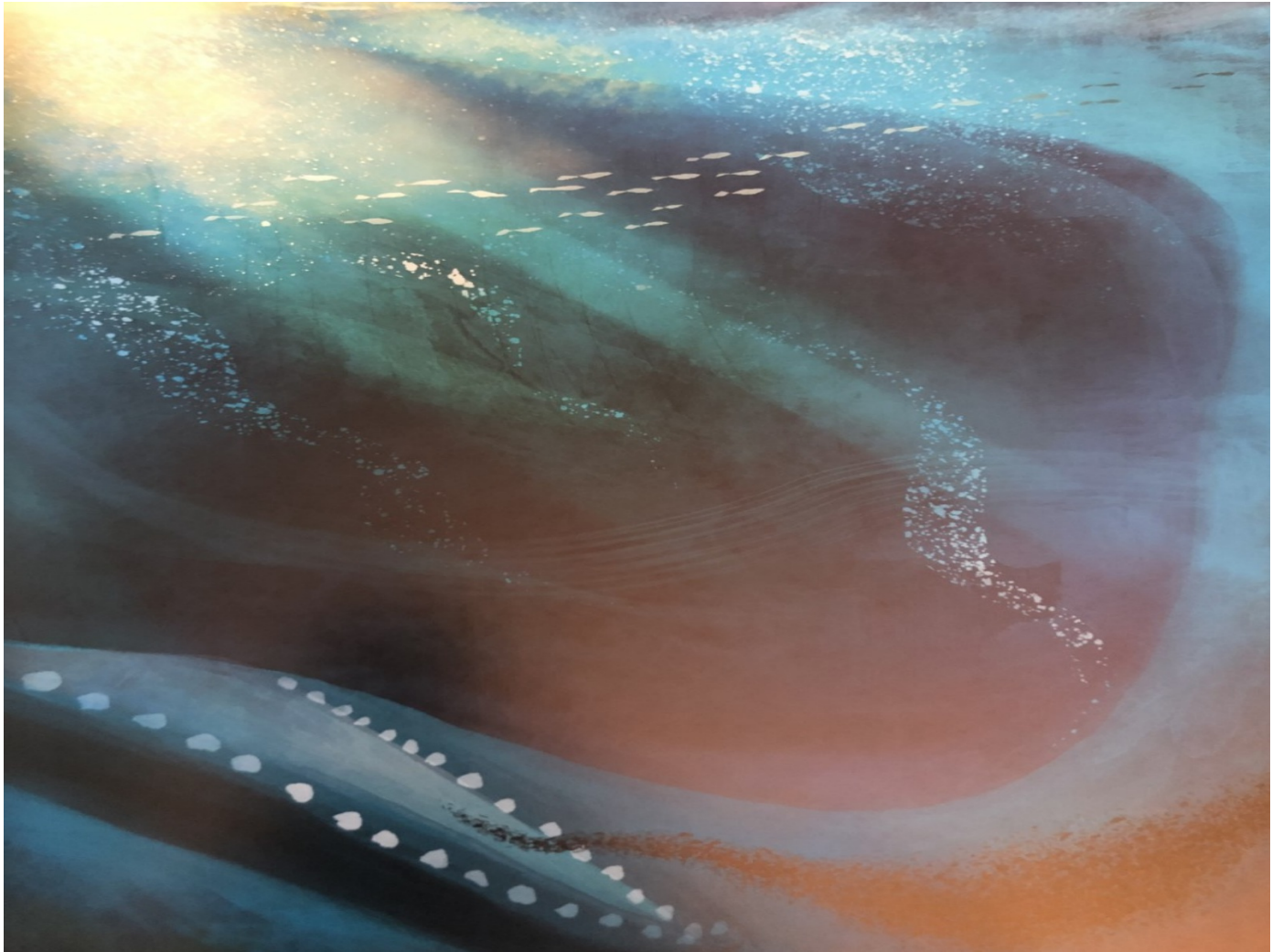


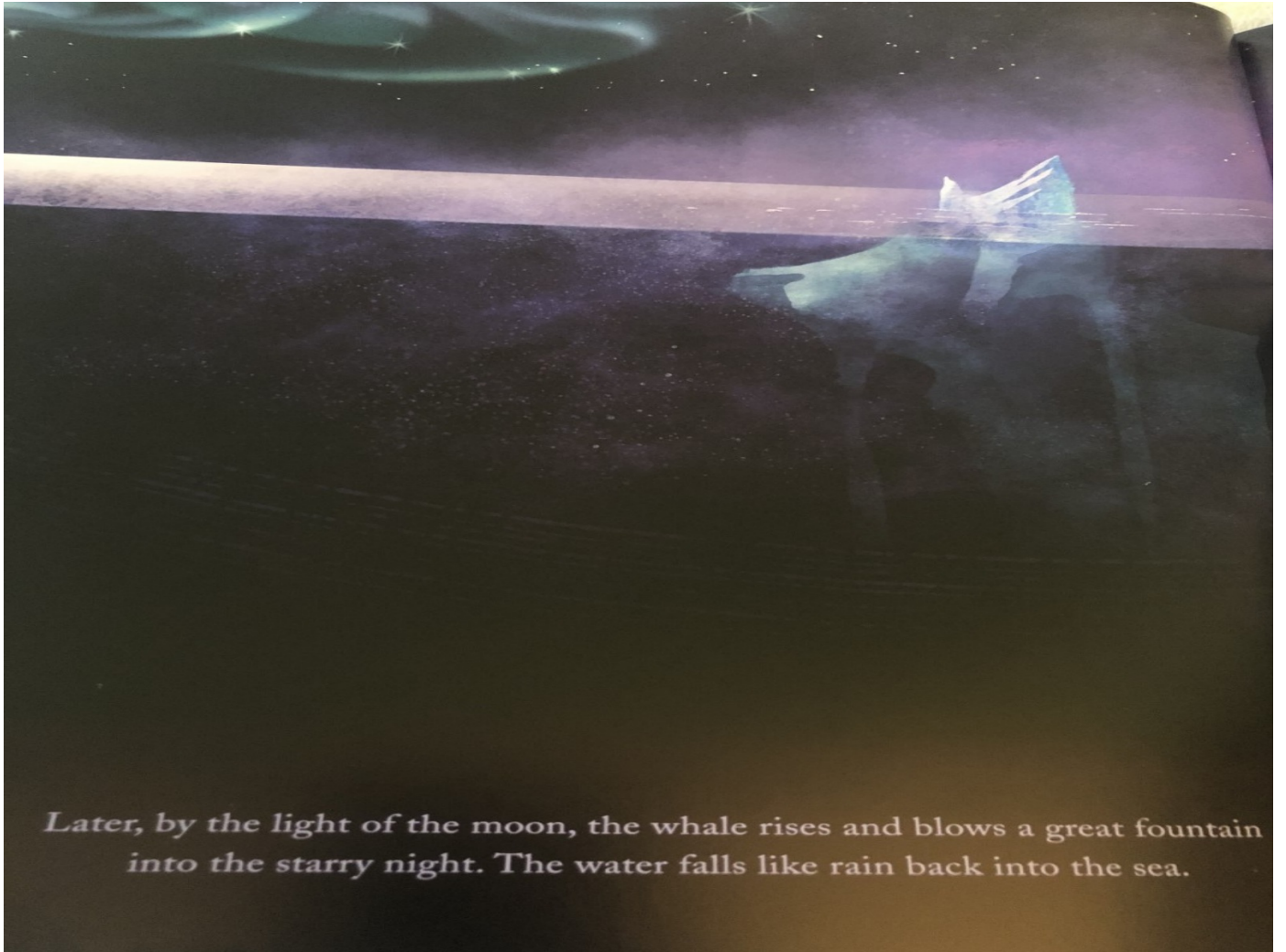
Issac stood in his boat and waved goodbye to the river.
Where will my little jar of water go now? he wondered.



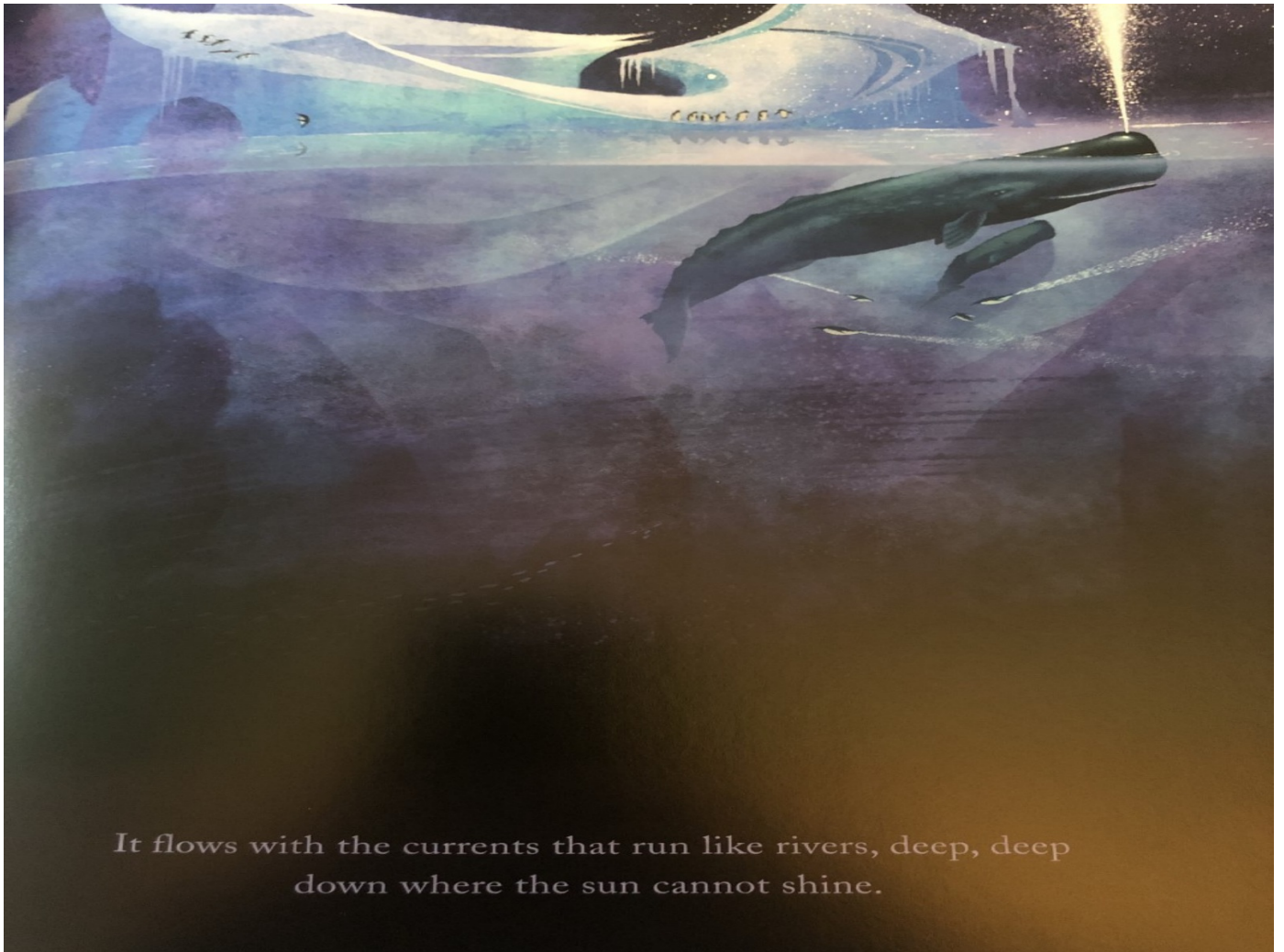


*The ocean has many moods. It is home to many things.
A great whale opens its huge mouth to feed and swallows some
of the water from Issac's pool.*

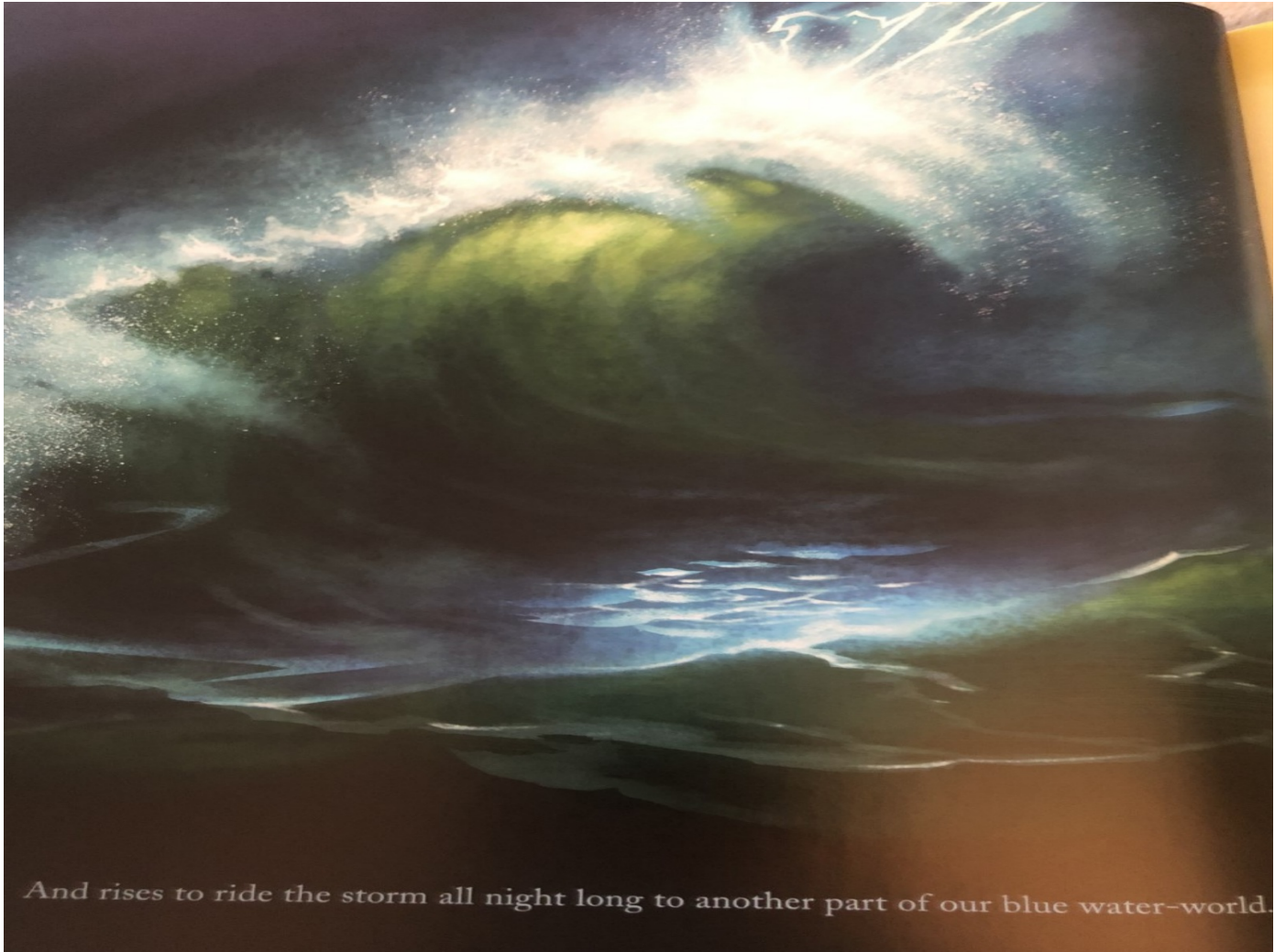




Later, by the light of the moon, the whale rises and blows a great fountain into the starry night. The water falls like rain back into the sea.



*It flows with the currents that run like rivers, deep, deep
down where the sun cannot shine.*



And rises to ride the storm all night long to another part of our blue water-world.

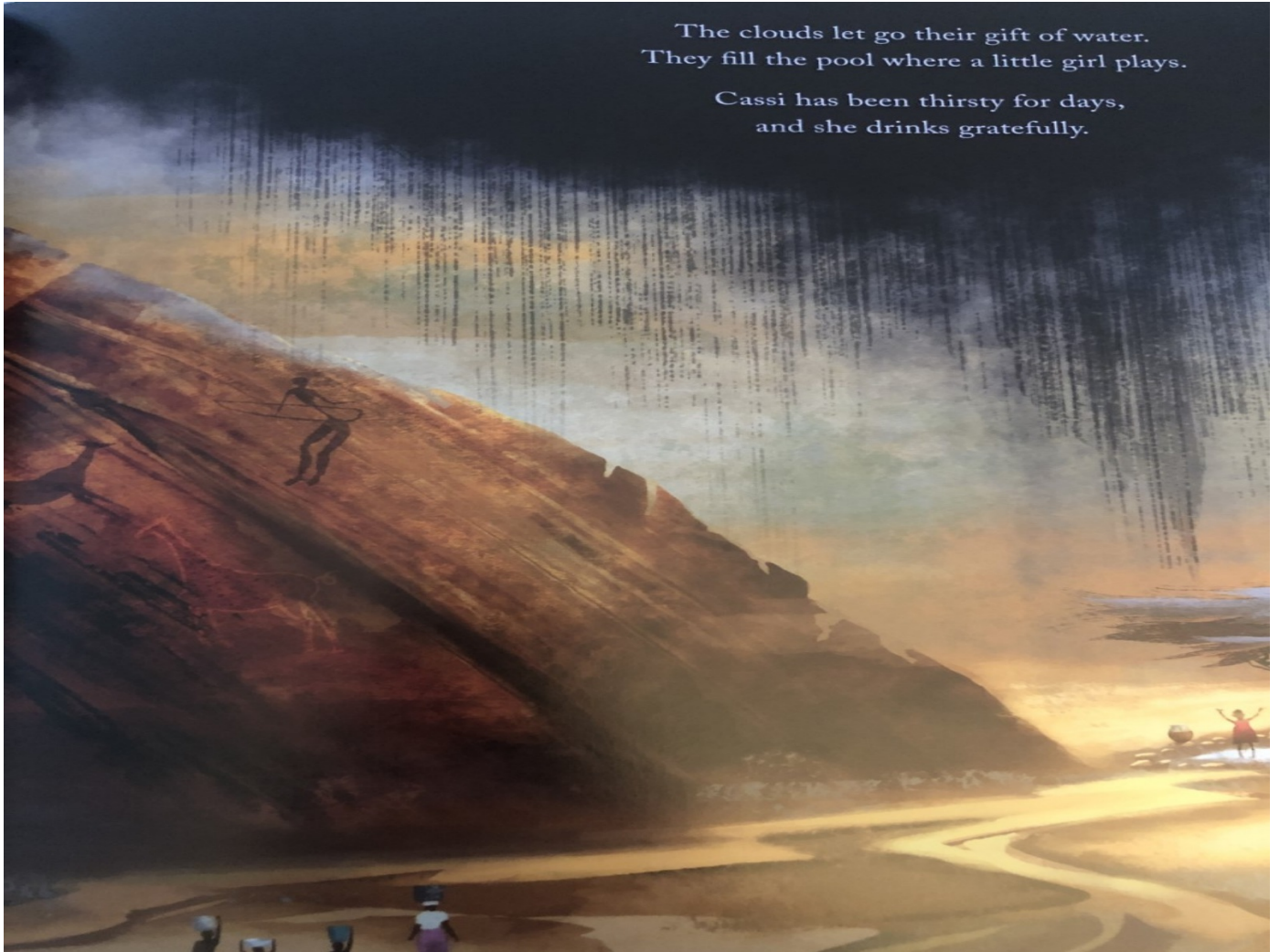


In the calm morning, the sun turns the waves golden.
The ocean steams beneath the heat and climbs as a mist into the sky.
The mist cools and gathers into a cloud that floats over a mountain
in a country far, far away from Issac's pool.



The clouds let go their gift of water.
They fill the pool where a little girl plays.

Cassi has been thirsty for days,
and she drinks gratefully.





Down the mountain the river runs.
Where it goes, the earth turns green. Elephants and giraffe,
flamingoes and zebra celebrate the return of the rain.
On and on the river runs . . .



Back to the sea . . .





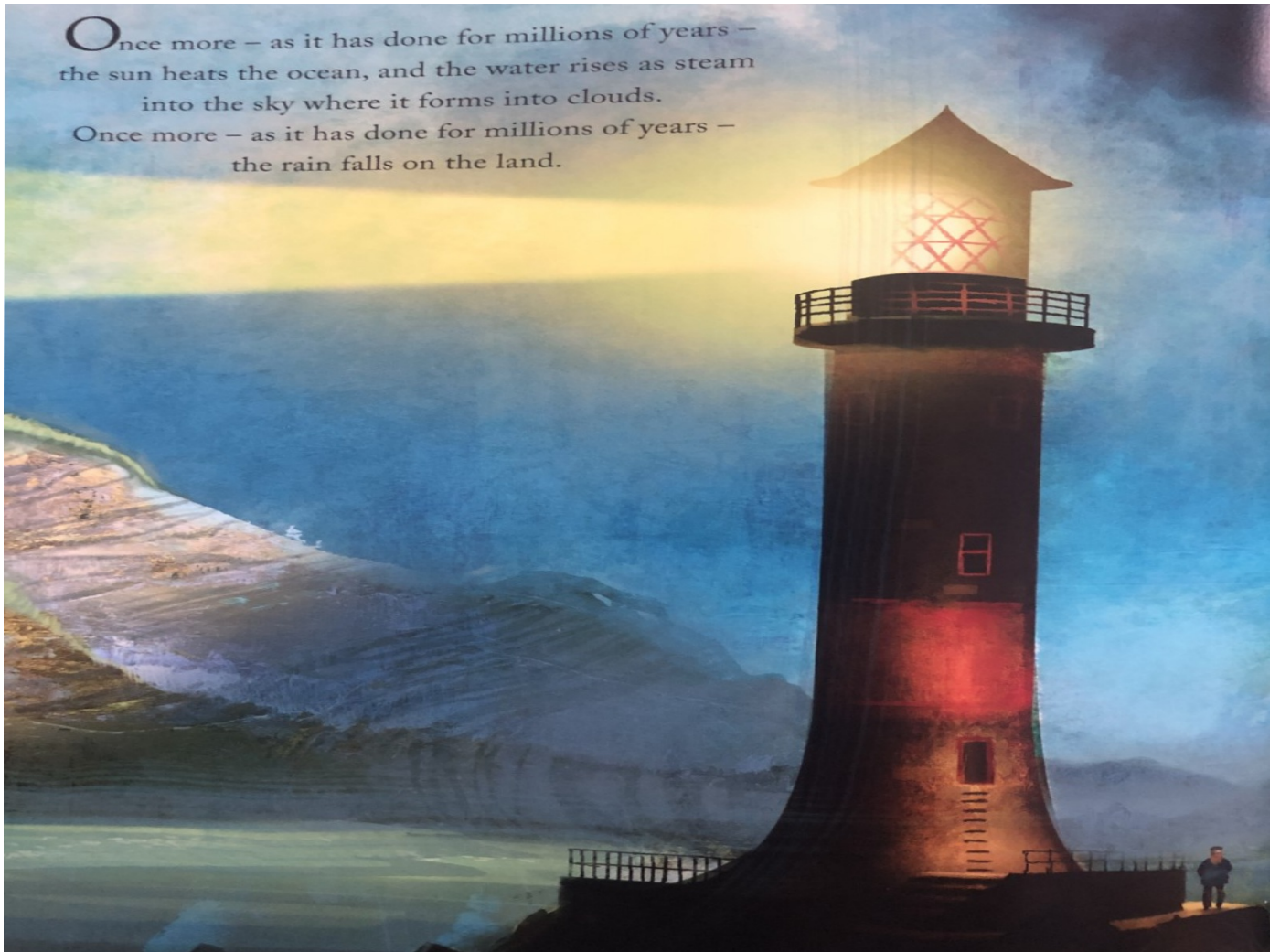


... where a giant squid,
surprised by a shark ...

... cleverly creates a cloud of ink,
and sucking in the sea,
jets away undercover to safety.



Once more – as it has done for millions of years –
the sun heats the ocean, and the water rises as steam
into the sky where it forms into clouds.
Once more – as it has done for millions of years –
the rain falls on the land.



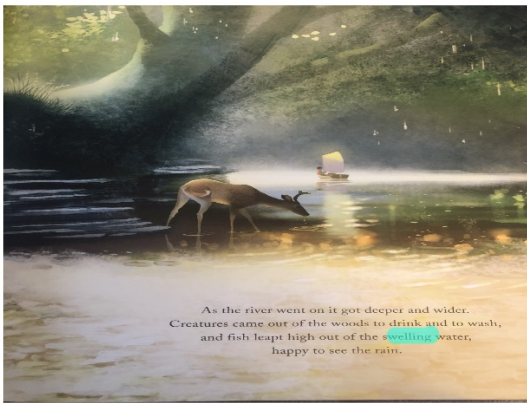




And thirsty flowers draw the
wandering water into themselves,
waving like bright flags around
the pool where Issac plays.



Vocabulary



As the river went on it got deeper and wider.
Creatures came out of the woods to drink and to wash,
and fish leapt high out of the swelling water,
happy to see the rain.

swelling

As the river went on it got deeper and wider. Creatures came out of the woods to drink and to wash, and the fish leapt high out of the **swelling** water, happy to see the rain.

What does swelling mean?

Vocabulary

swelling

Dictionary

Search for a word



swelling

/ˈswɛlɪŋ/

noun

an abnormal enlargement of a part of the body, typically as a result of an accumulation of fluid.
"painless swellings may appear in the lower abdomen"

Similar: [bump](#) [lump](#) [bulge](#) [inflammation](#) [protuberance](#) [excrescence](#)

adjective

becoming greater in intensity, number, amount, or volume.
"the swelling ranks of Irish singer-songwriters"

Vocabulary



winding

On and on the river flowed, winding through the country...

What does winding mean?

Vocabulary

winding

Dictionary

winding



winding

/ˈwaɪndɪŋ/

See definitions in:

All

Electrical

Hunting

Clockmaking

Mechanics

Video

Audio

noun

noun: **winding**; plural noun: **windings**

1. a twisting movement or course.
"the windings of the stream"

Similar:

twist

turn

turning

bend

loop

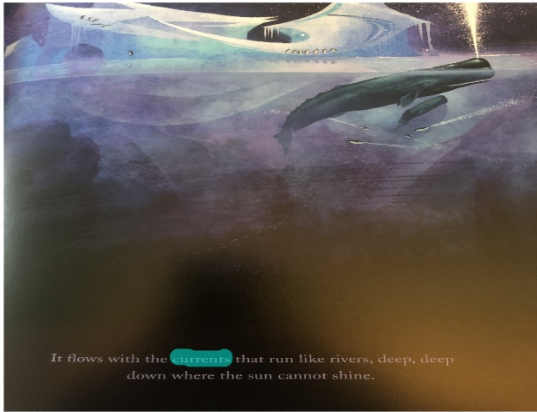
curve

zigzag

convolution



Vocabulary



currents

It flows with the **currents** that run like the rivers, deep, deep down where the sun cannot shine.

*It flows with the **currents** that run like rivers, deep, deep down where the sun cannot shine.*

What does currents mean?

Vocabulary

currents

Dictionary

currents



current

/ˈkʌr(ə)nt/

See definitions in:

All

Oceanography

Electrical

noun

plural noun: **currents**

1. a body of water or air moving in a definite direction, especially through a surrounding body of water or air in which there is less movement.
"ocean currents"

Similar:

steady flow

stream

backdraught

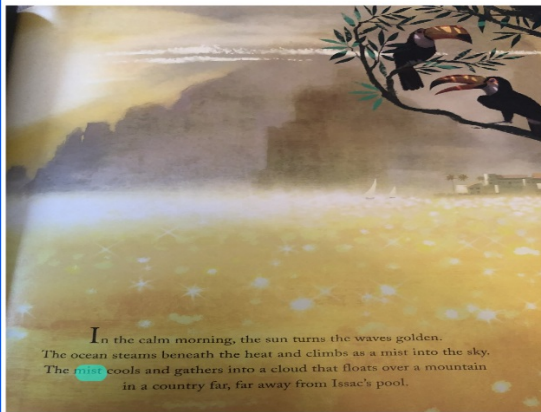
slipstream

airstream

thermal



Vocabulary



mist

...

The **mist** cools and gathers into a cloud that floats over a mountain in a country far, far away from Isaac's pool.

What does mist mean?

Vocabulary

mist

Dictionary

mist



mist

/mɪst/

noun

noun: **mist**

a cloud of tiny water droplets suspended in the atmosphere at or near the earth's surface that limits visibility (to a lesser extent than fog; strictly, with visibility remaining above 1 km).
"the peaks were shrouded in mist"

Similar: haze fog smog murk cloud cloudiness mistiness



- a condensed vapour settling in fine droplets on a surface.
"a breeze cooled the mist of perspiration that had dampened her temples"

Vocabulary



gratefully

...

Cassi has been thirsty for days, and she drinks the water gratefully.

What does gratefully mean?

Vocabulary

Which of the following words would best replace the word grateful?

thankful

powerful

doubtful





Vocabulary

Gratefully comes from the word grateful.

We add the suffix *ly*.

Can you think of any words that end with the suffix *-ly*?

my turn



Vocabulary

grateful -ly

I was grateful that I lived close to a park. It meant that I could always have fun.

Vocabulary

grateful -ly

Create a sentence using the word grateful or grateful with the suffix -ly on the end.



Vocabulary

gratefully

Dictionary

gratefully



gratefully

/ˈɡreɪtʃ(ə)li/

adverb

adverb: **gratefully**

with appreciation for something done or received.
"your financial support is gratefully acknowledged"

