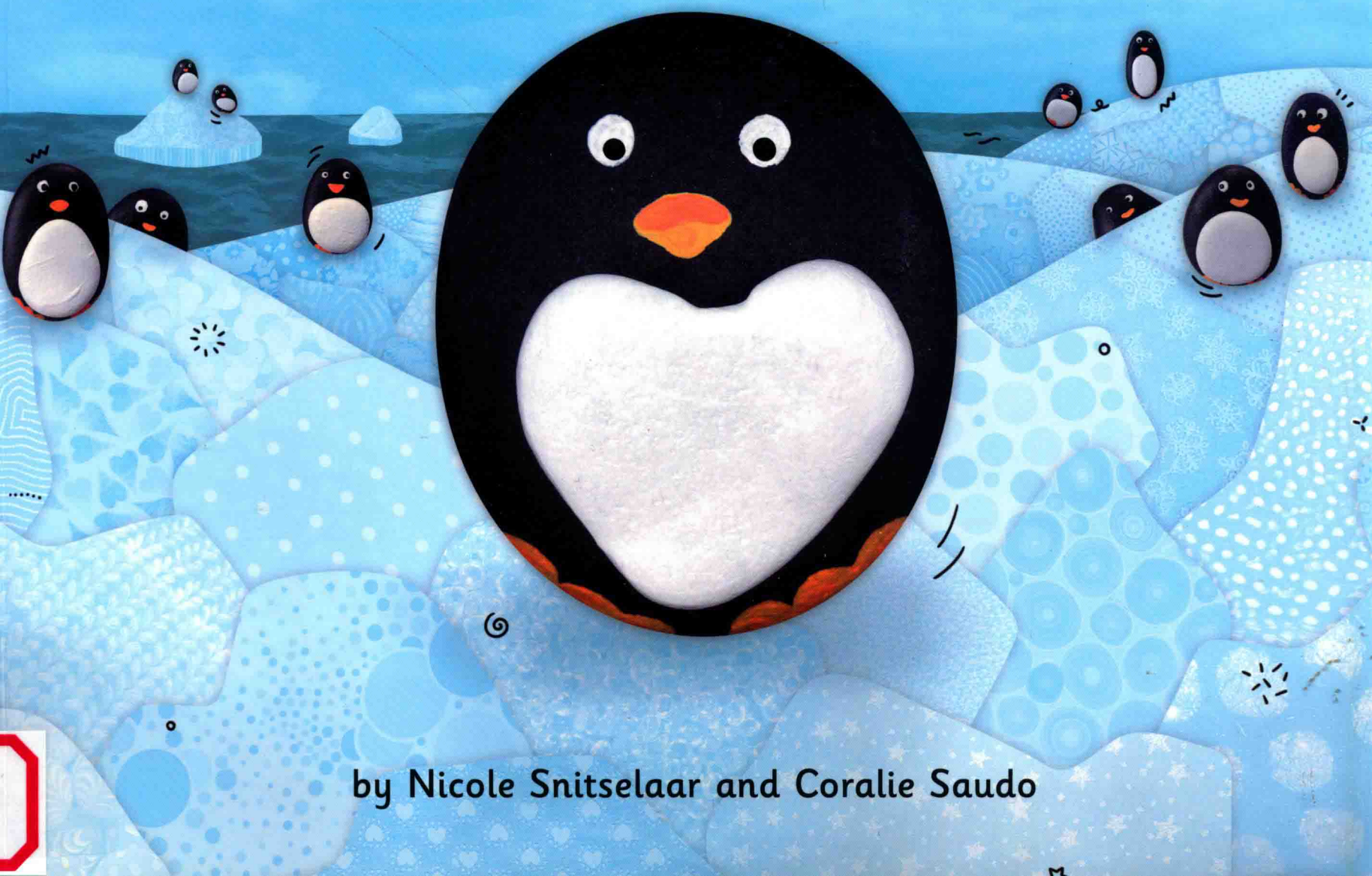
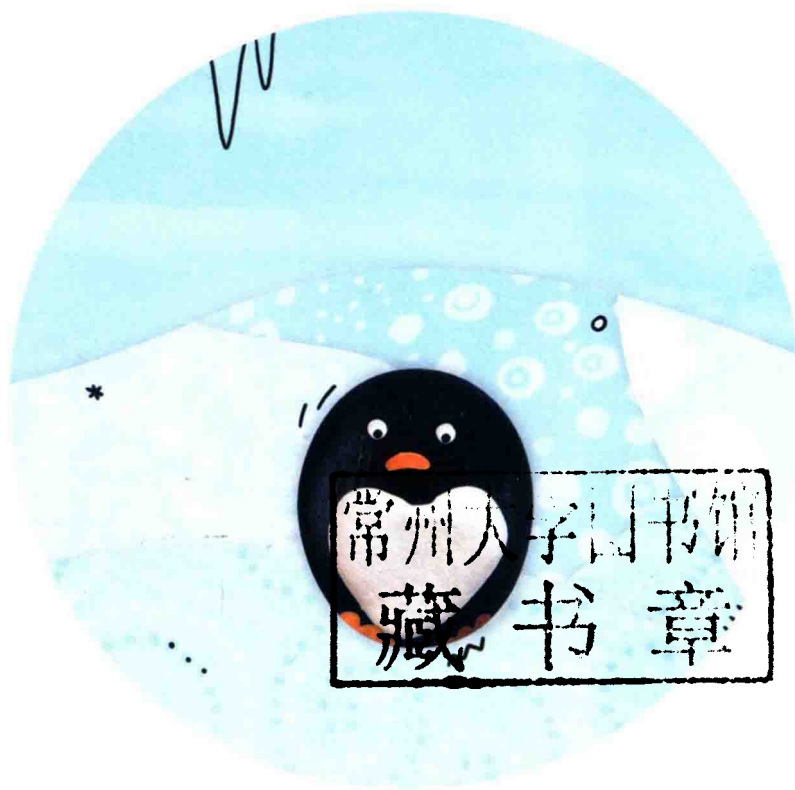


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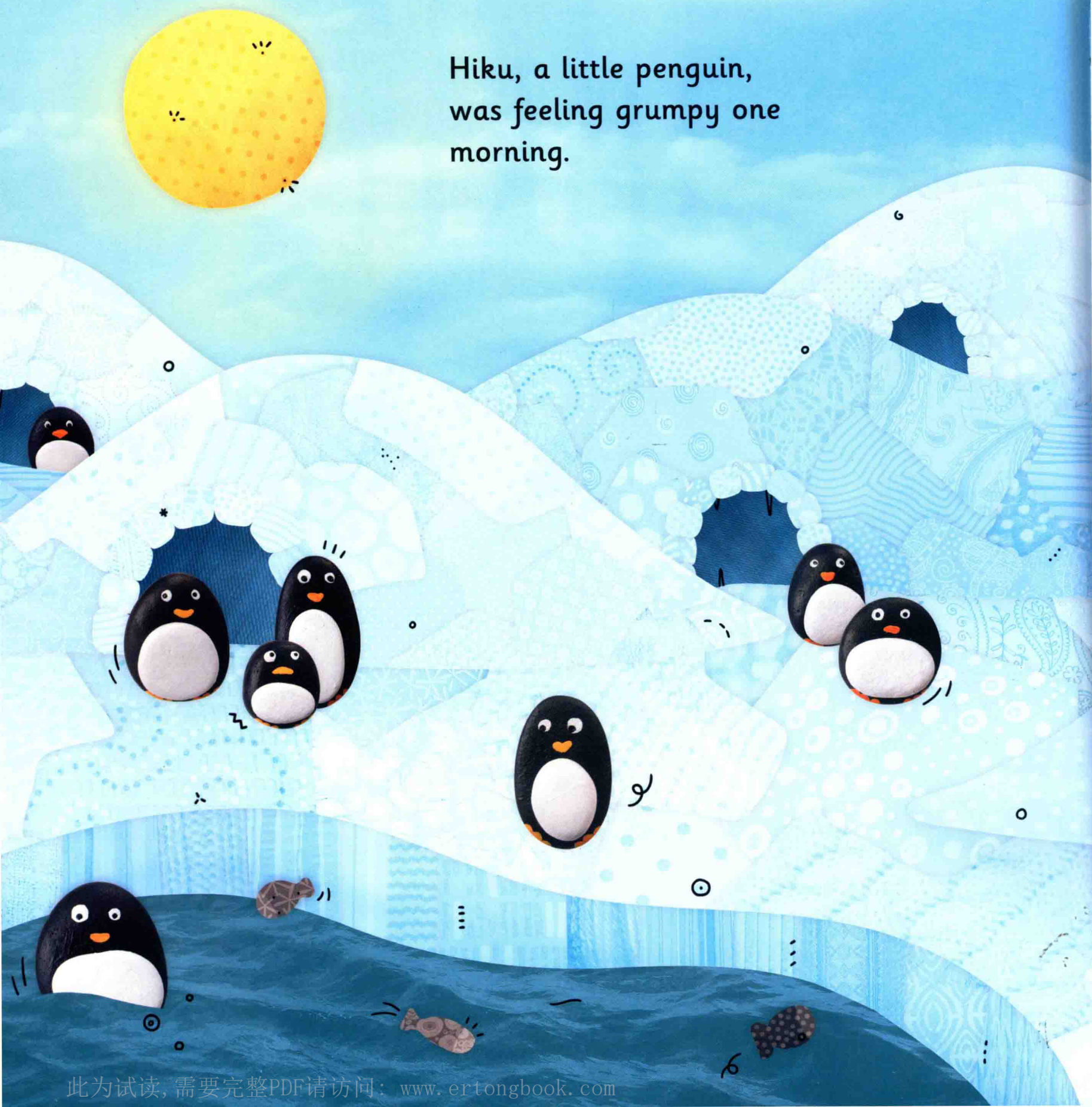
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Hiku, a little penguin,
was feeling grumpy one
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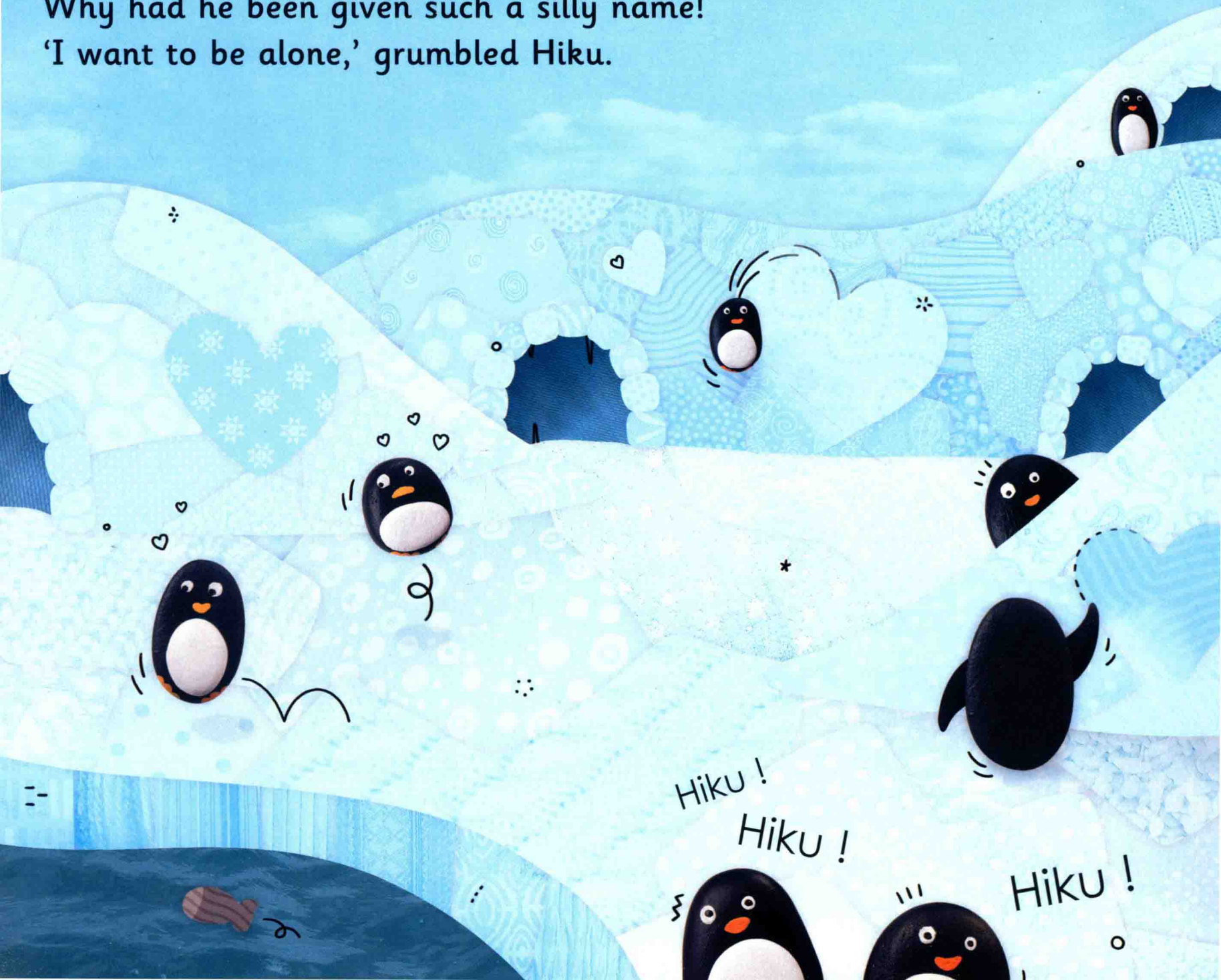


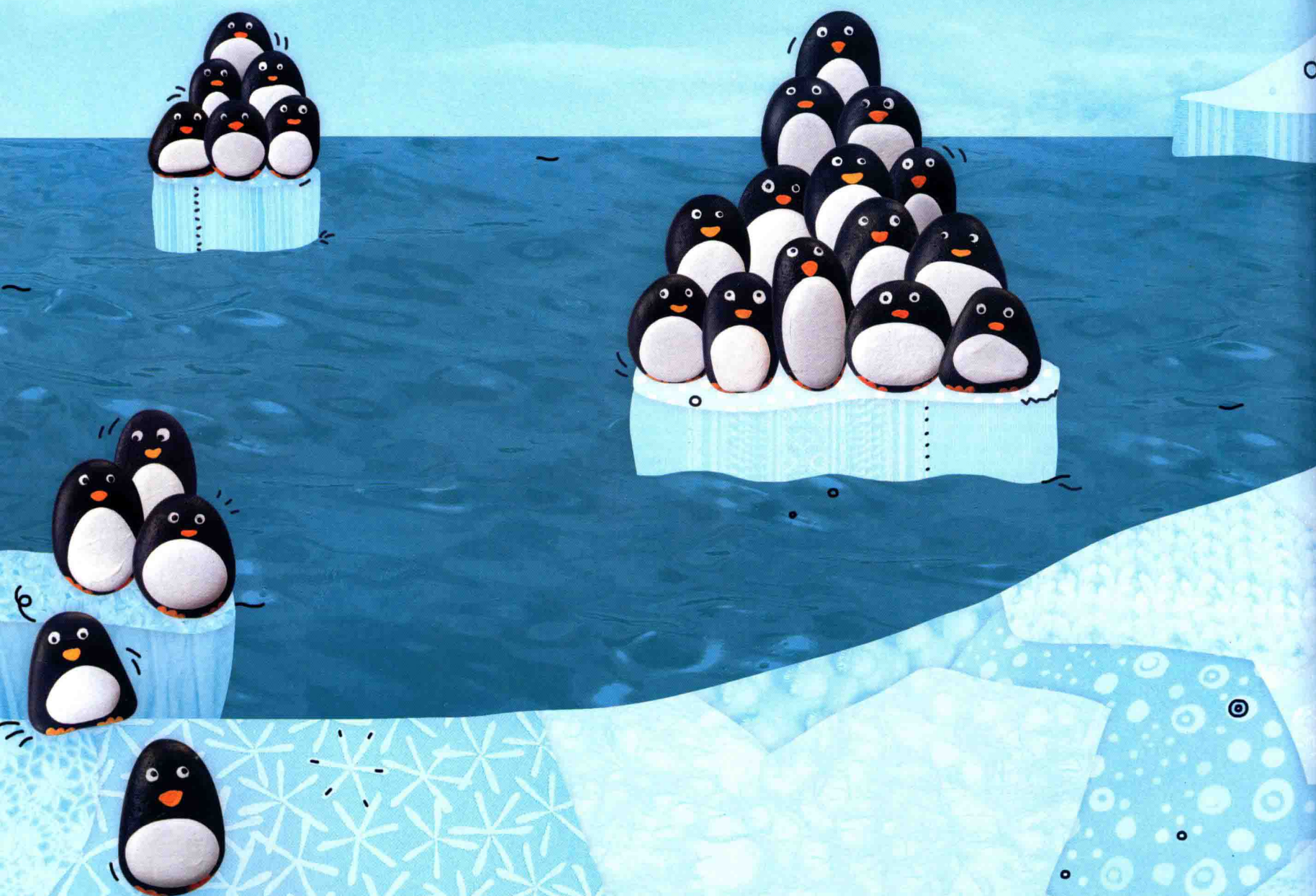
It was one of those days, when the ice was too bright,
the sun was too hot, and his mummy woke him up too early.
'Don't forget that all of our family are visiting today!'
she reminded him.





Oh no! A family visit was the last thing Hiku wanted!
Smiling, greeting, being polite and listening to,
'You look so cute with your white heart-shaped tummy!' all day.
Or having everyone sing, 'Hiku, Hiku, say cheese or you'll freeze!'
Why had he been given such a silly name!
'I want to be alone,' grumbled Hiku.





Soon, Hiku saw his family arriving, some by sea, some over the ice field. Hiku slipped past without being noticed and waddled to his hiding place. 'At last!' he whispered with relief, snuggling into his special snow hole.

'It's so nice to have some peace and quiet,' thought Hiku. But, very soon he grew bored and lonely. Sitting in his hiding place, Hiku started to think of some happy times that he had spent with his family.



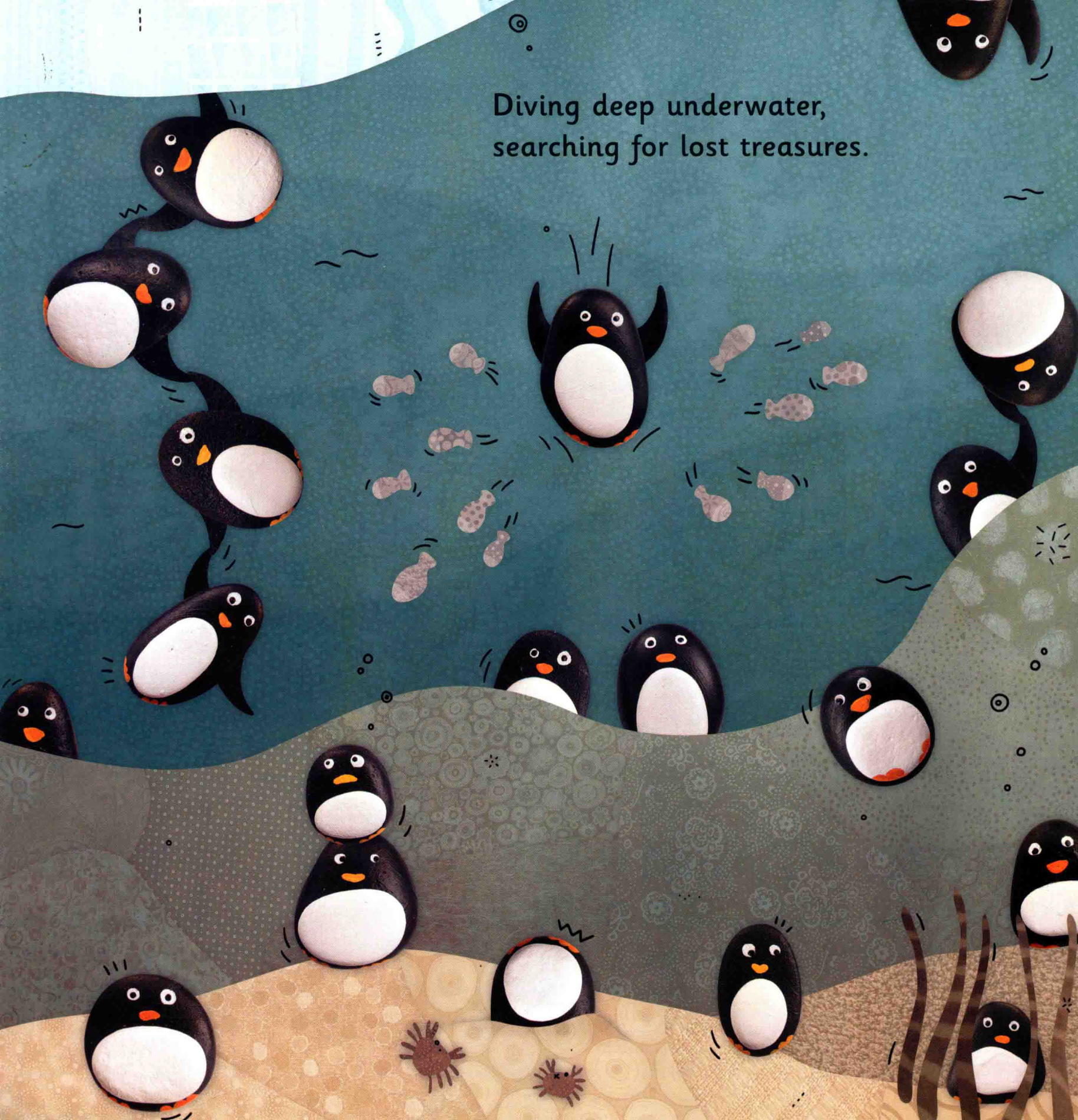


That wonderful day at the swimming pool ...
sliding, playing, splashing, getting soaked!





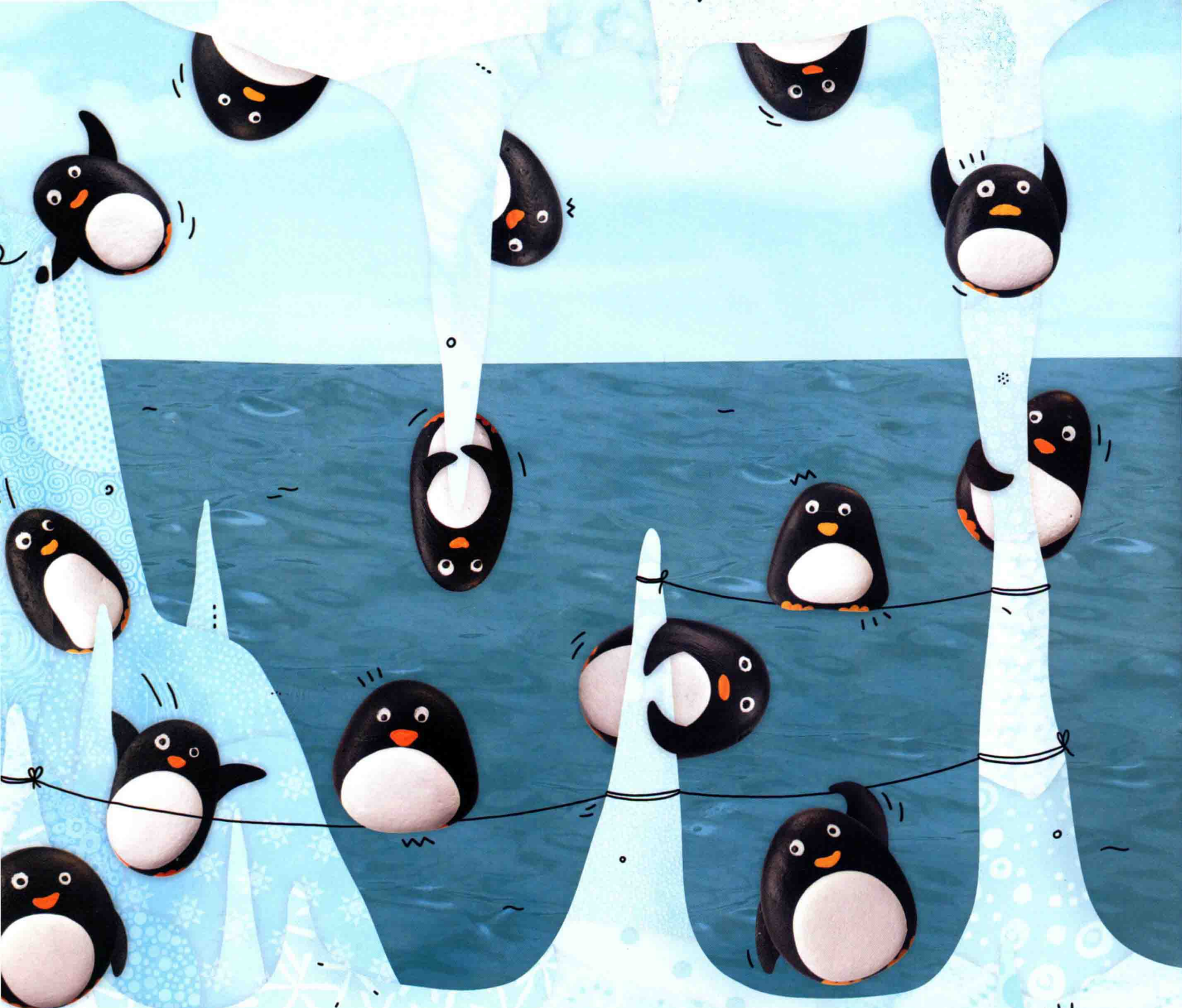
Diving deep underwater,
searching for lost treasures.





All the fun and laughter of playing hide-and-seek.





Climbing and performing acrobatics at the adventure park.