

Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star

an adventure and activity book

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Dedication

To all of my grandchildren and my children who help me
remember how to be a child myself.

It is also dedicated to the diversity of Life,
all creatures great and small (including humans),
on this planet that we call home.

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Cowgirl Bootzie and City Cat, Ciao Ciao are friends in the
Little Lion Larks series.

This book belongs to

Be sure to look for the Moon and the Morning Star
as we journey just before dawn around the world.

What is the Morning Star?

Originally, “morning star” applied only to the brightest planet of all, Venus, best seen just before dawn. Far more dazzling than any of the actual stars in the sky, Venus does not appear to twinkle, but instead glows with a steady, silvery light.

There are four other planets that are also visible to the unaided eye, but none of them stands out like Venus, our Morning Star.

Supplemental Materials

Learn fun facts about terms and locations, play games and other activities for
Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star at
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[term] are terms and explanations that might be of interest to you, the reader, that you can share about the scene with your listener.

@[scene location] under a [phase of the Moon]

Come chase the Moon and the Morning Star.
We'll follow their journey o'er lands near and far.
Just before dawn, shining so bright,
They greet each new day and morning's light.



We'll start in the south
where night lights glow.

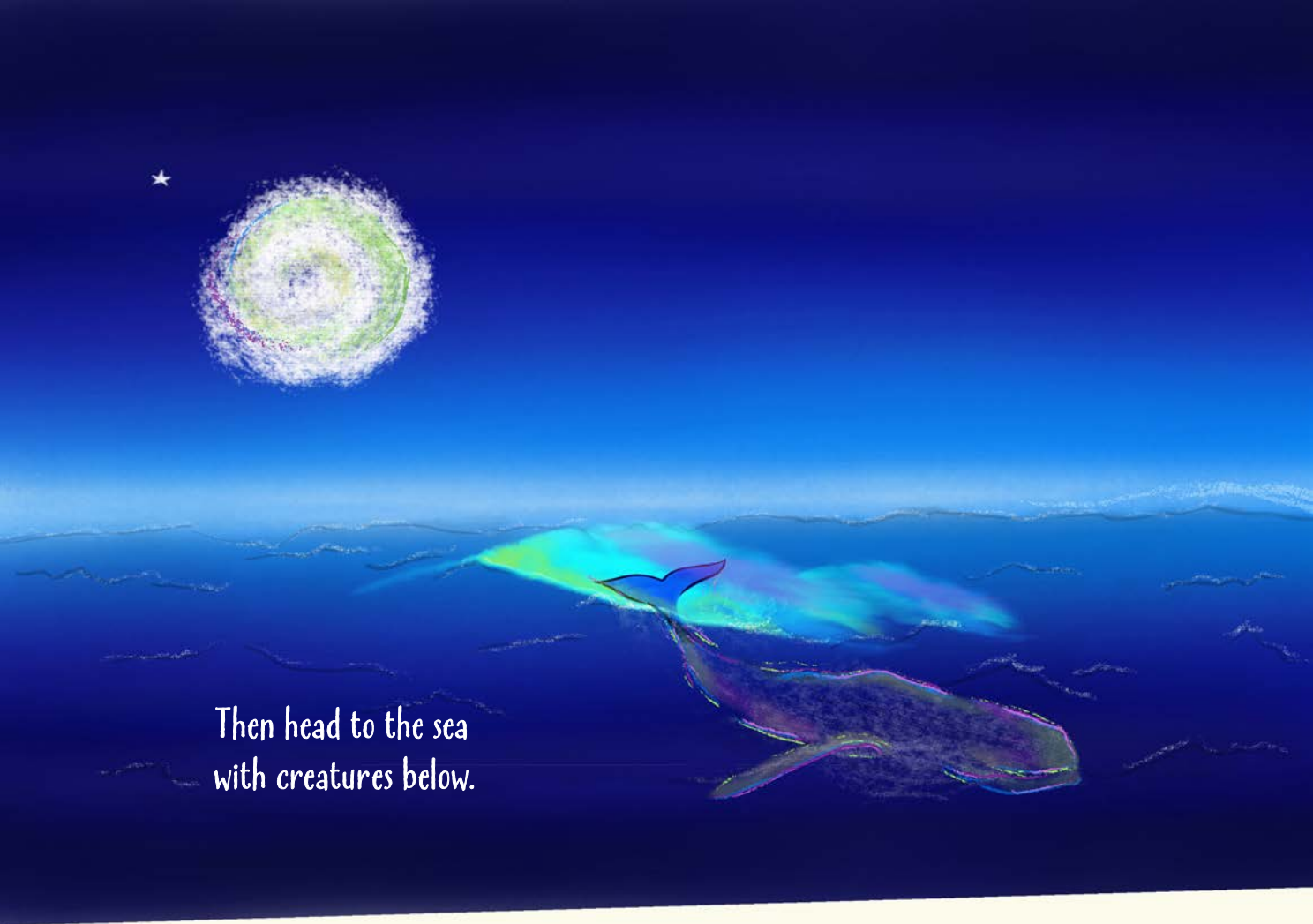


Aurora Australis (uh • RAW • ruh / auh • STRAL • uhs) A natural light display in the sky, the green light in this scene.

crevasse (kruh • VAS) A deep open crack, especially one in a glacier

emperor penguins Dad keeps baby warm while mom hunts for food in the ocean.

@Antarctica under a Waning Crescent Moon



Then head to the sea
with creatures below.

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bioluminescence (bai • ow • loo • muh • NEH • sns) A glowing light produced by a chemical reaction within a living organism.

humpback whale

@Pacific Ocean under a Full Moon



We'll visit the Great Wall
and see who is there.



Sam, the Dragon, created by Finnian
LigerX as Ninja, created by Naymar

@China's Great Wall called 長城 Chángchéng
aka "Long Wall" under a Waxing Crescent Moon





And in the savanna,
a moment we'll share.

Mom and her baby
both greet the new day.
He knows he'll have fun.
He can't wait to go play.

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savanna (sa • VAN • nuh) A grassy plain in
tropical and subtropical regions with few trees
umbrella tree

@Serengeti, Tanzania, Africa under a
First Quarter Moon



We'll head to the desert,
where winds and sand blow.

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dromedary (DRAA • muh • deh • ree) (I have one hump.)

haboob (huh • BOOB) A violent wind blowing in summer stirring up sand
and creating a wall of sediment that precedes the storm cloud.

@Sahara Desert, Northern Africa under a New Moon



Then say “Hi” to Ciao Ciao,
to Rome we will go.

He stands there so cool
on elegant paws.
He likes his dark glasses
and retractable claws.

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basilica (buh • SI • luh • kuh) A church built in the Renaissance style such as Saint Peter’s Basilica here
retractable claws hide inside the cat’s paw unless they need them out!

@Vatican City, Rome, Italy under a New Moon



In high mountain pastures
alpacas we'll find.



alpacas have short spear-shaped ears that stand straight up. *Llamas* have much longer, banana-shaped ears. A *lama* is a Tibetan spiritual leader.

@Andes Mountains, South America under a
First Quarter Moon



In a jungle so deep
tree frogs cling to a vine.

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red-eyed tree frogs, who despite their conspicuous, bright coloration, are not venomous.

@Costa Rica under a Waning Gibbous Moon



Cowgirl Bootzie along
with her hummingbird friend
enjoy cool before daybreak
at the night's end.



meteor shower

saguaro cactus (suh • WAA • row) Large, columnar cacti with
“arms,” white flowers in the late spring, and red fruit in summer.

@Chiricahua (chr • uh • KAA • wuh) Mountains, Arizona
under a Full Moon





The moon calls the ocean
with the tide's ebb and flow
revealing its creatures.
Oh, what a show!



low tide pools

green sea anemones (uh • NEH • muh • nee) use their
tentacles to close in over their food and digest it.

@California coast, USA under a Third Quarter Moon



Sam

Our chase is now over
as dawn starts the day.
Please come back tomorrow
so that we can play!

Ninja
LigerX

Kathryn &
Baby Juliana

Tess

Pismo

Ellie &
Baby Gerald

Rudy

DeeDee &
Bootzie

Tonya & Charlie

Uni &
Allie

Bullet &
Ciao Ciao

Duke &
Baby Izzy

Scratch



Follow the Moon and the Morning Star Just before Dawn

We start the day in the Antarctic.

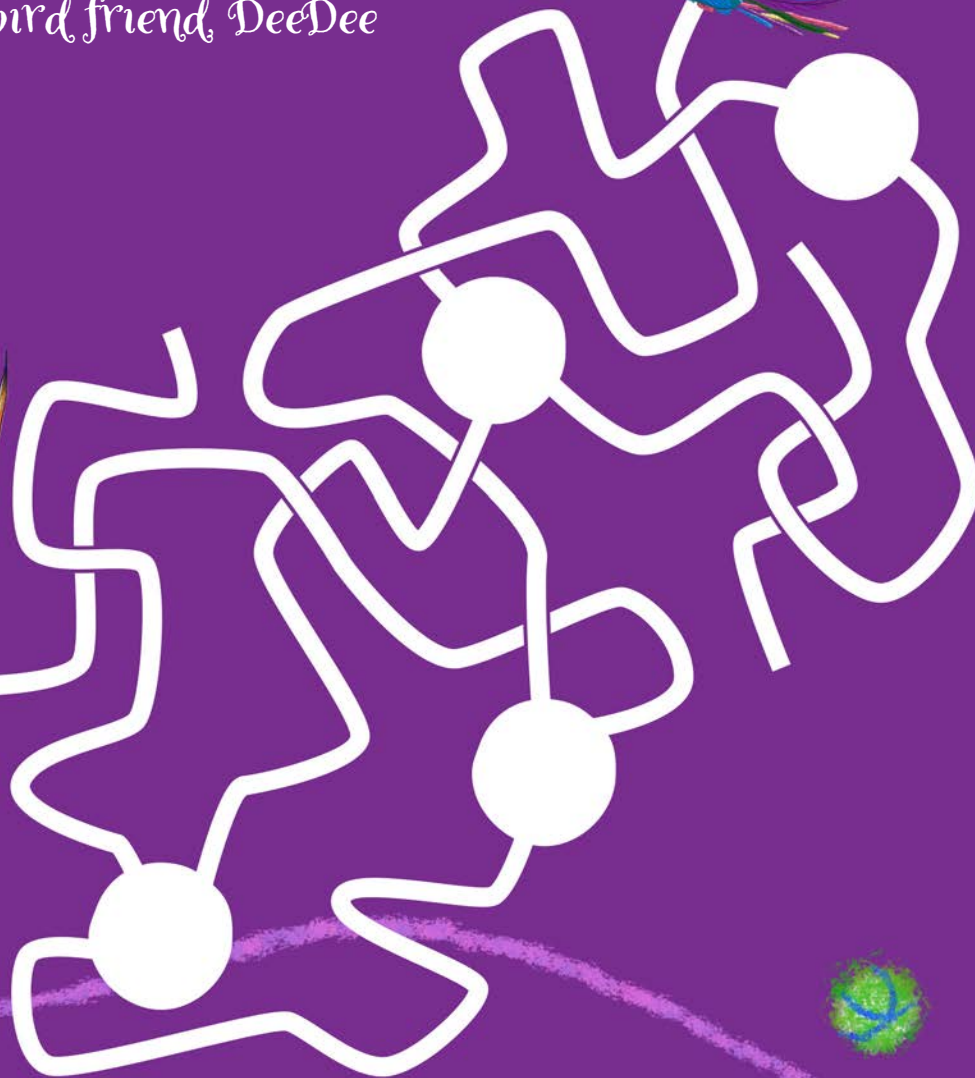
- 1 Emperor Penguins Duke & Baby Izzy in Antarctica
- 2 Bioluminescence & Humpback Whale Tess in the Pacific Ocean
- 3 Dragon Sam & Ninja LigerX on the Great Wall in China
- 4 Giraffes Ellie & Baby Gerald in Tanzania, Africa
- 5 Dromedary Pismo in the Sahara Desert, Africa
- 6 Cool Cat Ciao Ciao & Speed Train Bullet in Italy
- 7 Alpaca Allie & Unicorn Uni in Chile
- 8 Red-Eyed Tree Frog Rudy & Sloths Kathryn & Baby Juliana in Costa Rica
- 9 Hummingbird DeeDee & Cowgirl Cat Bootzie in Arizona, USA
- 10 Octopus Charlie, Green Sea Anemone Tonya & Hermit Crab Scratch on the San Francisco coast, USA



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Help Bootzie find her
hummingbird friend DeeDee



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Glossary

Learn fun facts about these words and more about Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star at
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three-toed sloths
umbrella tree

Match up our friends with who they are and where they live

Charlie
Bootzie
Duke & Izzy
Ellie & Gerald
Sam
Allie
DeeDee
LigerX
Ciao Ciao
Kathryn & Juliana
Rudy
Tonya
Uni
Pismo
Scratch
Tess

Three-Toed Sloths
Emperor Penguins
Humpback Whale
Dragon
Ninja
Dromedary
Giraffes
Cool Cat
Red-Eyed Tree Frog
Alpaca
Unicorn
Hummingbird
Cowgirl Cat
Octopus
Green Sea Anemone
Hermit Crab

Great Wall of China
Costa Rica
Andes in Chile
Chiricahuas, Arizona
Serengeti, Africa
Pacific Ocean
San Francisco Coast
Antarctica
Sahara Desert, Africa
Rome, Italy

Join us on our next Chase

Ciao Ciao becomes Space LarkX on his
out-of-this-world adventure in
“Chasing Jupiter and Beyond.”

The Chase Series

More Chases-in-the-Making:

Chasing the Dragon over the Wall
Chasing Dawn and the Sands of Time

There are ten books in the Chase Series based on the
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