

# Chasing Whales Across Open Seas

an adventure and activity book

Storyline and illustrations by Theresa Stacy-Ryan.

Written by Mary Stacy Orr.

## The Chase Series

There are ten books in the Chase Series  
based on the characters found in the fun adventure,  
"Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star."

"Chasing Whales Across Open Seas" is based on Location Two.

© 2024 All rights reserved. Storyline and illustrations by Theresa Stacy-Ryan, tmsr Design Delivery, LLC dba Little Lion Lighthouse. Written by Mary Stacy Orr. [littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos](http://littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos) 081624



This book or any portion thereof may not be reproduced or used in any manner whatsoever without the express written permission of the author. For information regarding permission, write to [tmsr@littlelionlighthouse.com](mailto:tmsr@littlelionlighthouse.com).

First Printing: 2024  
Printed by Lulu.com

## Dedication

This story is dedicated to those who travel wide, travel gentle, and know how to be kind.

## Acknowledgments

This book was a collaborative effort with my grandchildren who continue to be my muses in this endeavor. They took part in the illustration and naming of characters and the direction of the storyline.

My Artists in Residence are Naymar, Finn, Donovan, Ava, Jovie, Emmett, and Ollie! También, agradezco a Julieta, la prima de mis nietos, por su hermoso cielo de Baja California.

To all those who cheer me on – Tess, Renée, Kathy, Antoinette, Elizabeth, Leslie, Ger, and Matt – thank you.

As for the narrator? I thank A.A. Milne and Winnie-the-Pooh!  
And to Mary, my conspirator on the verse that makes these stories sing.

## This book belongs to

---

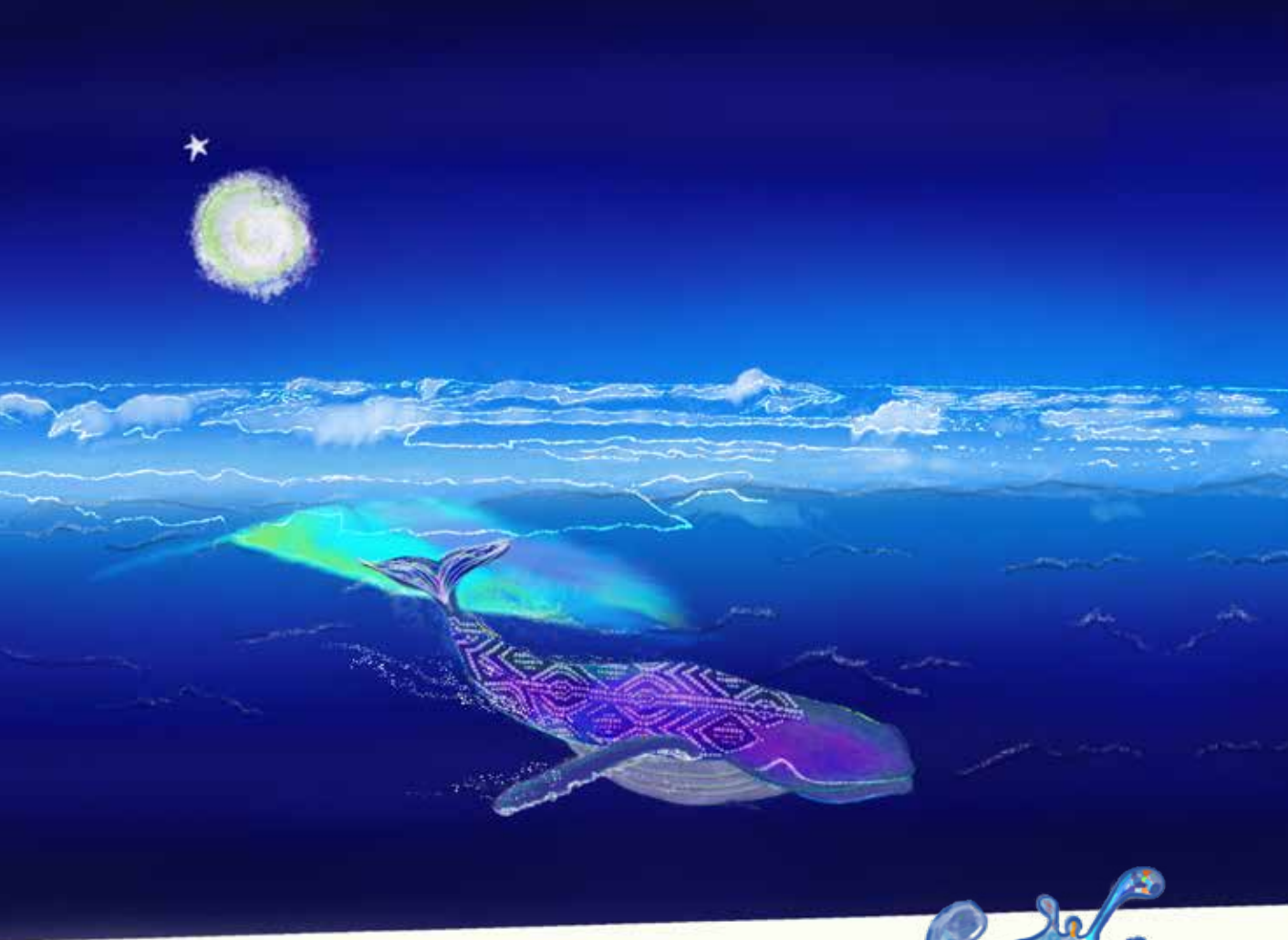
Join us as we chase whales across open seas!

## Supplemental Materials

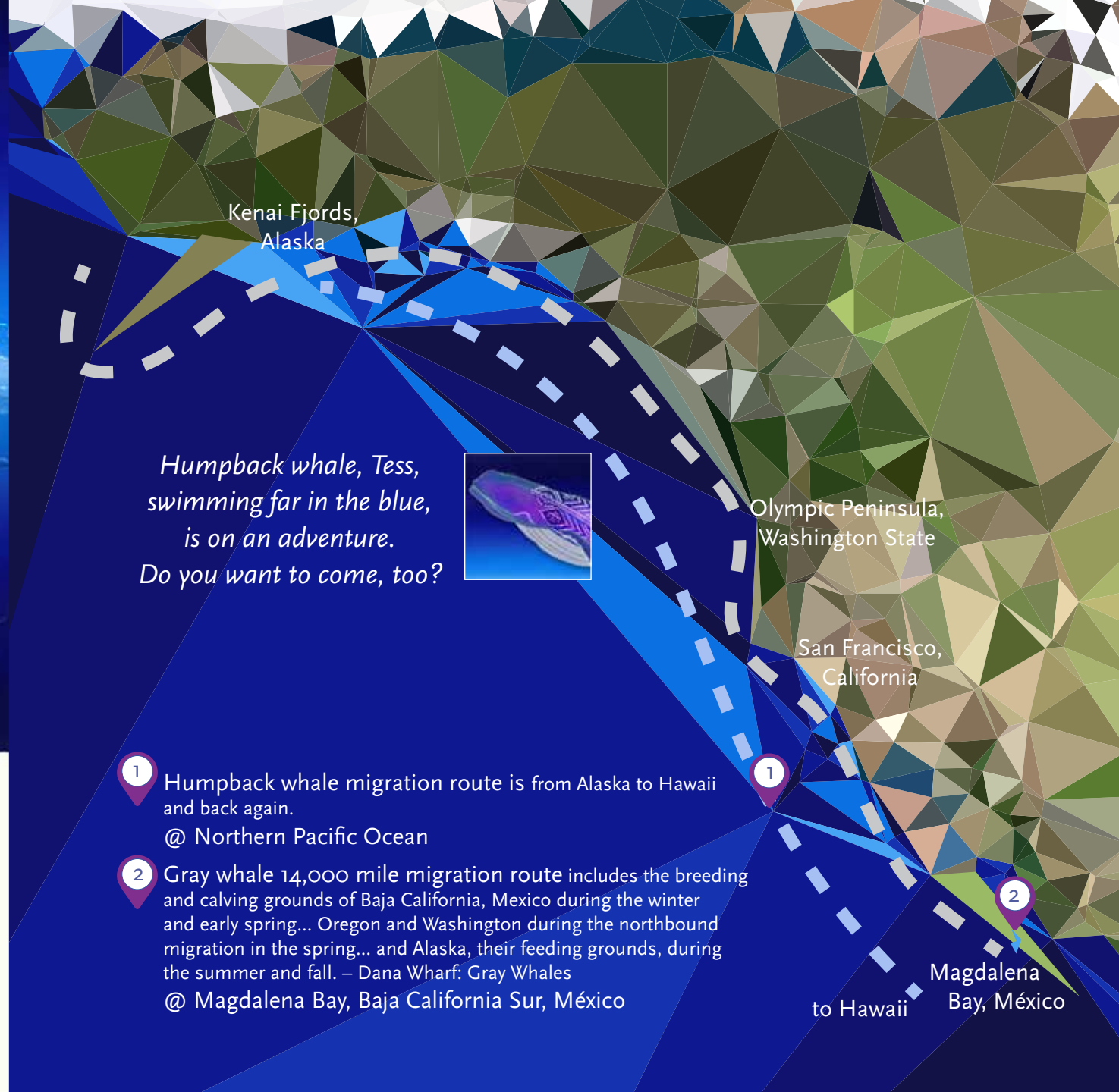
Watch videos, play games, and print your own activities for "Chasing Whales Across Open Seas" at [littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos](http://littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos)

[term] are terms and explanations that might be of interest to you, the reader, that you can share about the scene with your listener.

NOTE: References are included online at [littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos](http://littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos).



Let's head to the sea  
with creatures below.  
Would you like to dive  
deep in the ocean?  
Let's go!



Humpback whale, Tess,  
swimming far in the blue,  
is on an adventure.  
Do you want to come, too?





*In clear Hawaiian waters,  
Baby Kaipo arrives.  
Mama Tess keeps her safe  
as she splashes and dives.*

- 3 Kaipo is an endearing gender-neutral name of Pacific Islander origin. Expressing deep affection with every call, Kaipo means "sweetheart."
- 4 Underwater volcanoes act as pressure valves for the planet by periodically releasing heat and molten rock from beneath the surface. –Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



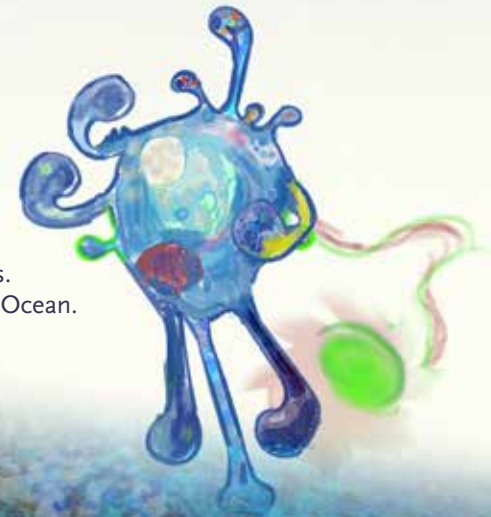


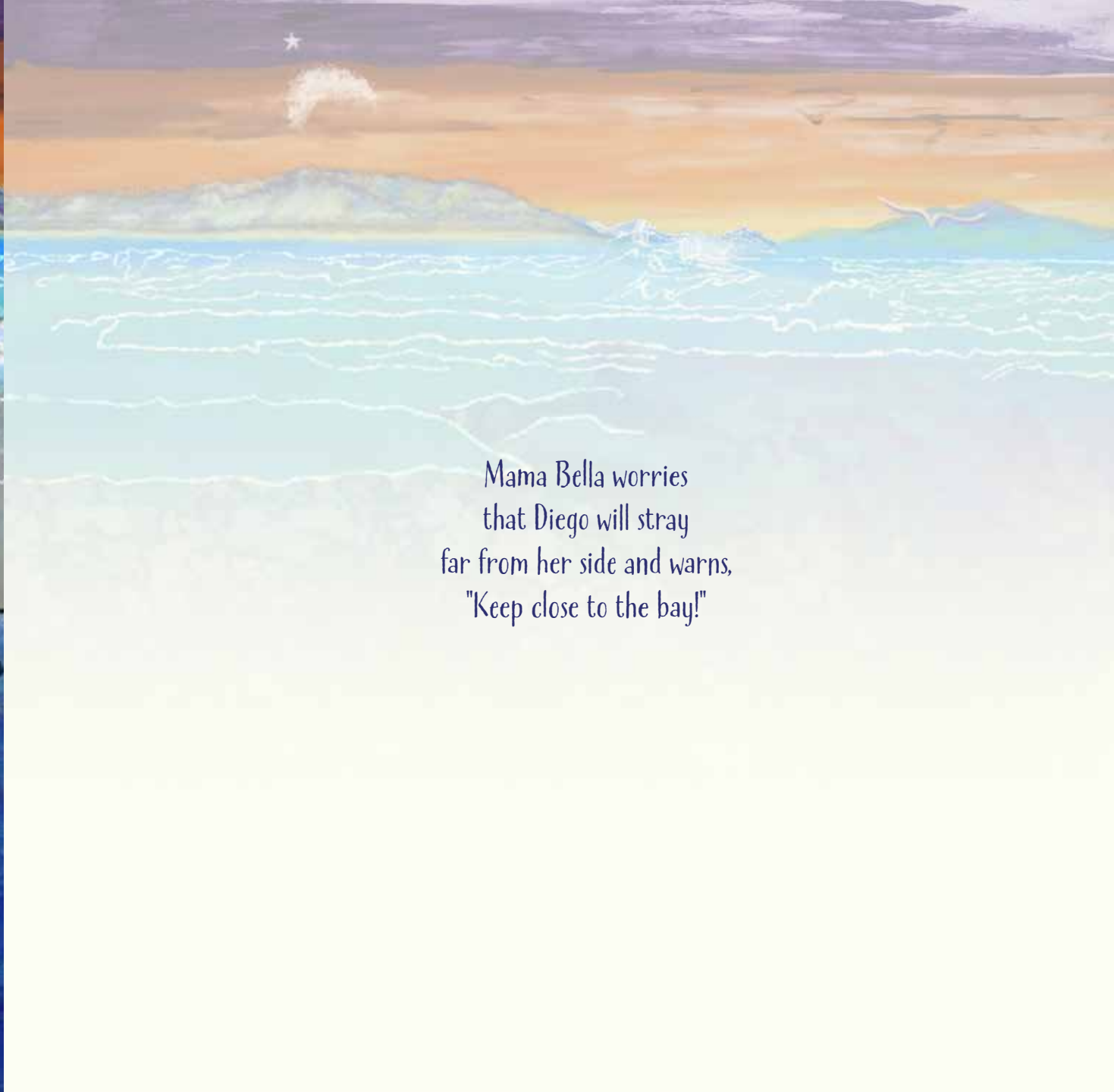
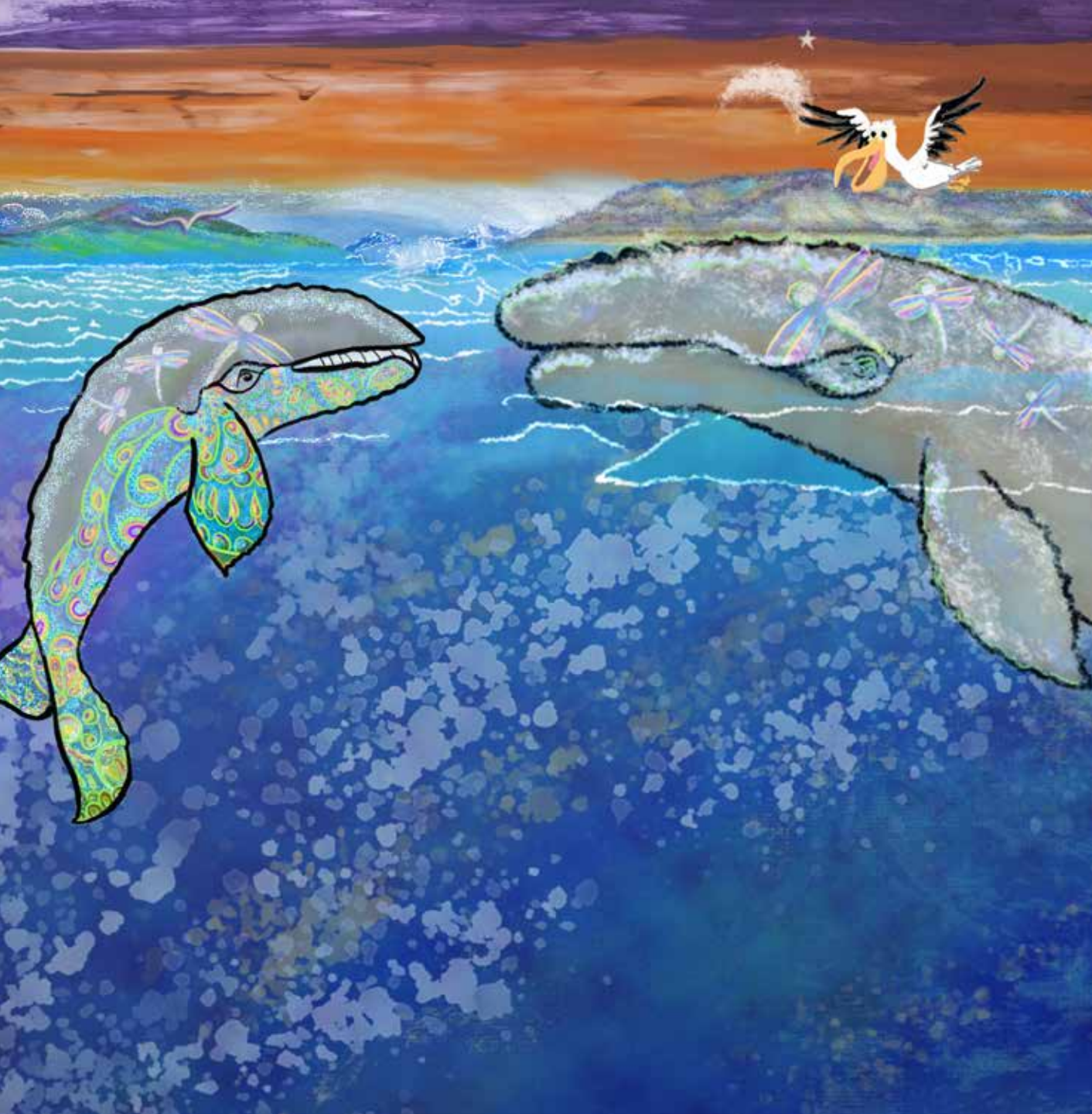
*While gray whale Mama Bella,  
in her warm Baja home,  
welcomes Baby Diego,  
who's excited to roam.*




5

Magdalena Bay, along the western coast of Baja California, Mexico, is a calving and breeding ground for many gray whales. The sun rises over the Bay and sets to the west over the Pacific Ocean. This storyteller saw her first gray whales there in 2023.






Mama Bella worries  
that Diego will stray  
far from her side and warns,  
"Keep close to the bay!"



But then one night,  
when the moon shone bright,  
he just did it!

Diego swam away.



Mama Bella had told him,  
"Stay close by my side."  
But the sea was so tempting,  
he wanders out with the tide.



He dives with the dolphins.  
He frolics with fish.  
"Wait? What did Mama say?"  
He forgets Mama's wish.

Many miles later,  
he spies Tess and her baby.  
"I'll ask them to help me.  
Maybe those two can save me!"

6

San Francisco Bay, California The waters in the San Francisco Bay are calm, and whales sometimes linger to eat and rest.

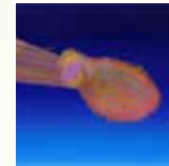
7

**Social sounds** Gray whales are highly social animals, and they communicate with each other using various sounds. These social sounds can include grunts, growls, and other vocalizations that help them maintain social bonds and coordinate group activities. – Dana Wharf: Gray Whales





Meanwhile, Mama Bella  
searching wide for *her* baby,  
calls to octopus, Charlie,  
"Have you seen Diego lately?"



Charlie's happy to help.  
"Yes, he swam north right past here.  
He's with Tess and Kaipo.  
I'm sure they're still near."



Diego yells, "Mama Bella!"  
who's too far to be found.

Tess spies her friend, Flo,  
who says, "We'll make a loud sound!"



Dungeness Lighthouse, Olympic Peninsula, Washington was built in 1857 and is located between Port Townsend and Port Angeles in the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. The lighthouse enjoys views of the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges... and whales off the coast. –AFAR



Clever Flo uses  
the wind to sail over.  
"I have a sound box.  
Use this to call Mother."

- 9 Bigfoot, also commonly referred to as Sasquatch, is a large and hairy human-like mythical creature alleged by some to inhabit forests in North America, particularly in the Pacific Northwest. –Wikipedia  
Ollie just KNEW Bigfoot needed to make an appearance in this adventure!
- 10 Kite Surfing, a water sport that involves standing up on a surfboard, strapped in a waist harness while being pulled along by a large kite up 25 meters in the air. Here Flo does it with ease to join to her migratory friends.



Flo attaches the sound box  
to Diego with glee.  
“Now call to your mother  
far away in the sea.”

Diego calls, “Mama, hear me!  
I’m searching for you.  
I know you’re there somewhere  
in this ocean so blue.”

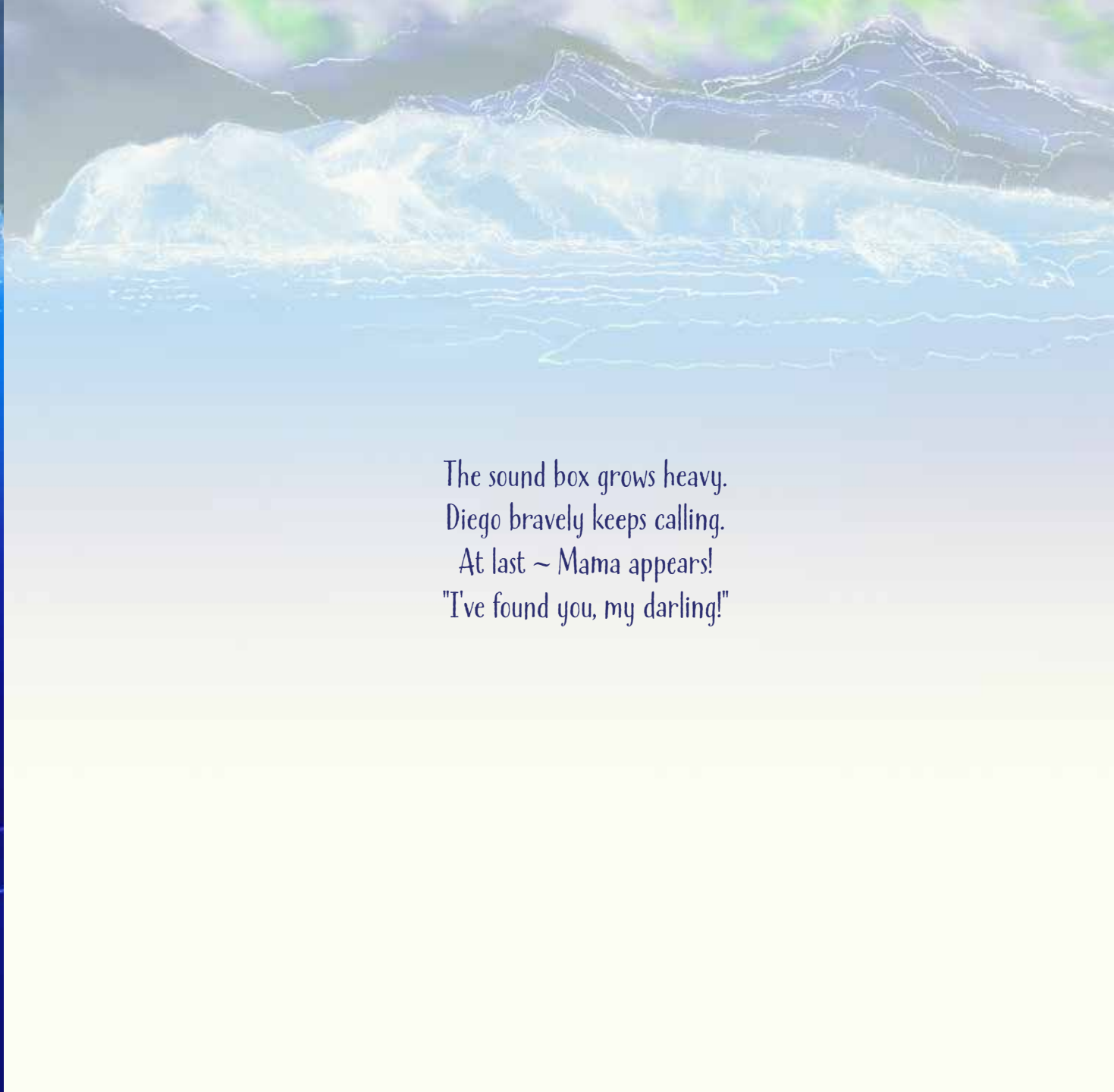
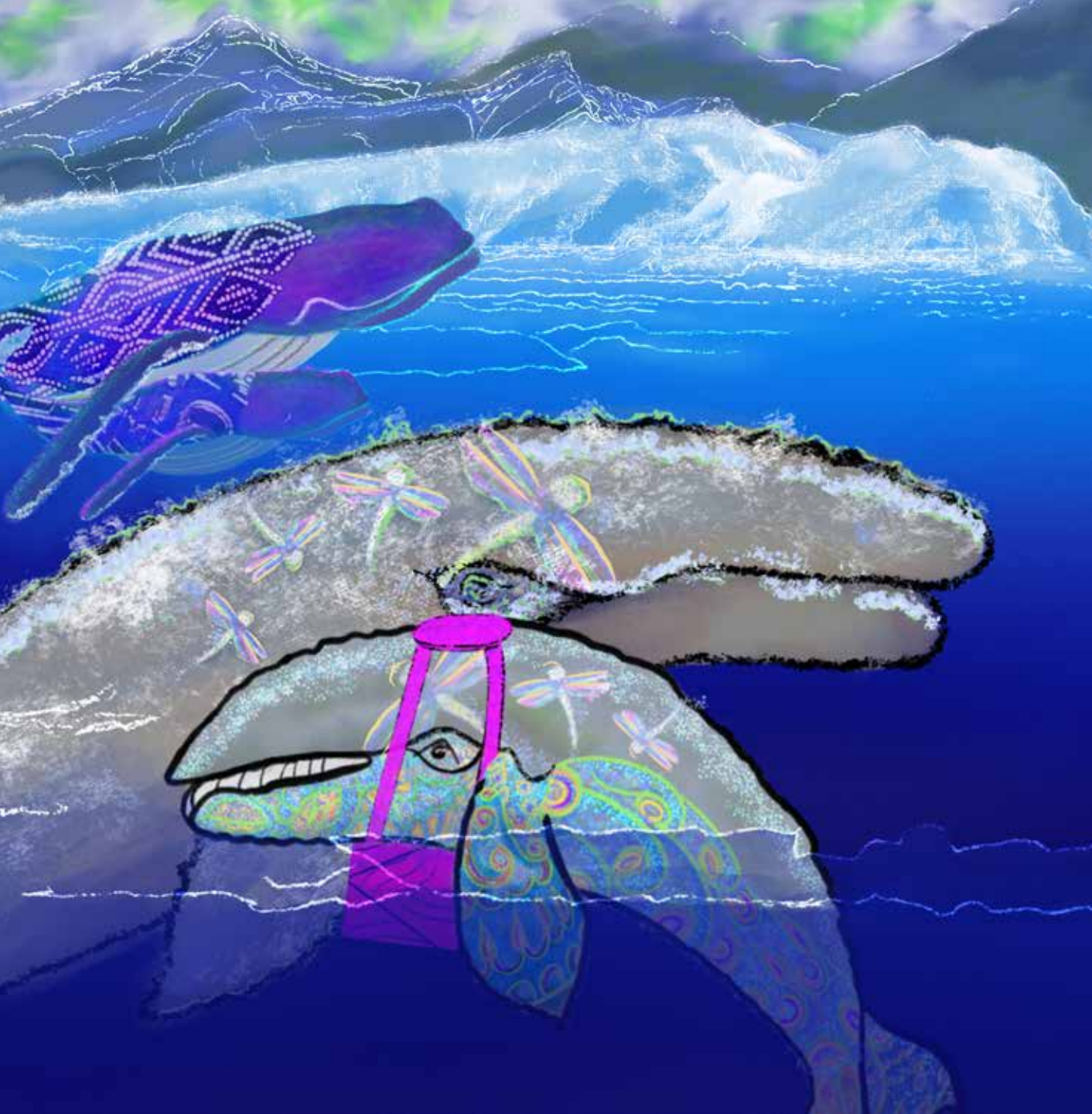


Diego thanks Flo,  
then they swim on their way  
toward cold Alaskan waters.  
"Oh, why did I stray?"

Tess swims close to Diego  
who continues to shout.

**"Mama, come find me!"**  
as his voice carries out.

**11** Alaska During the summer and fall (from June to October), gray whales can be found in the feeding grounds off the coasts of Alaska. Places like Kodiak Island, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Aleutian Islands. —Dana Wharf: Gray Whales  
This scene is drawn from the storyteller's adventure to the Kenai Fjords in 2023.



The sound box grows heavy.  
Diego bravely keeps calling.  
At last ~ Mama appears!  
"I've found you, my darling!"



*What a joyful reunion,  
all chasing with glee,  
singing happily together  
the Song of the Sea.*

12

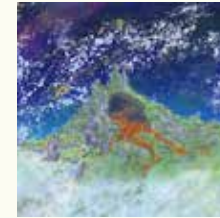
Whale Sampler Seen here are (left to right) humpback, sperm whale, gray whales, and orca, all of whom depend on the feeding grounds in Alaska. They are jumping out of the water in a move called "breaching." It looks so fun and joyful!

Help Diego find his mom ~ finding friends along the way!



### Match up time!

Match locations and friends to their names, then names to their picture.



Magdalena Bay, Mexico

● Hawaii

San Francisco, California

Kenai Fjords, Alaska

Olympic Peninsula, Washington

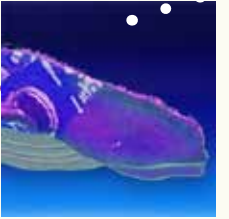
● Kaipo

Tess

Bella

Diego

Flo







## The Chase Series

There are ten books in the Chase Series based on the characters found in the fun adventure, "Chasing the Moon and the Morning Star."

No More Chases-in-the-Making!  
"Chasing Whales Across Open Seas" is the last book.

Where would YOU like to go next?

From *my* imagination, the adventures "Paw in the Pan," "I will call you Red Spotted Thunder," and "Up where the birds fly" are in the making.

What story is in-the-making in *your* imagination?

The Chase Series is a publication of the Little Lion Lighthouse.

© 2024 by Theresa Stacy-Ryan, tmsr Design Delivery, LLC *dba* the Little Lion Lighthouse.  
All rights reserved. [littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos](http://littlelionlighthouse.com/cwaos)