

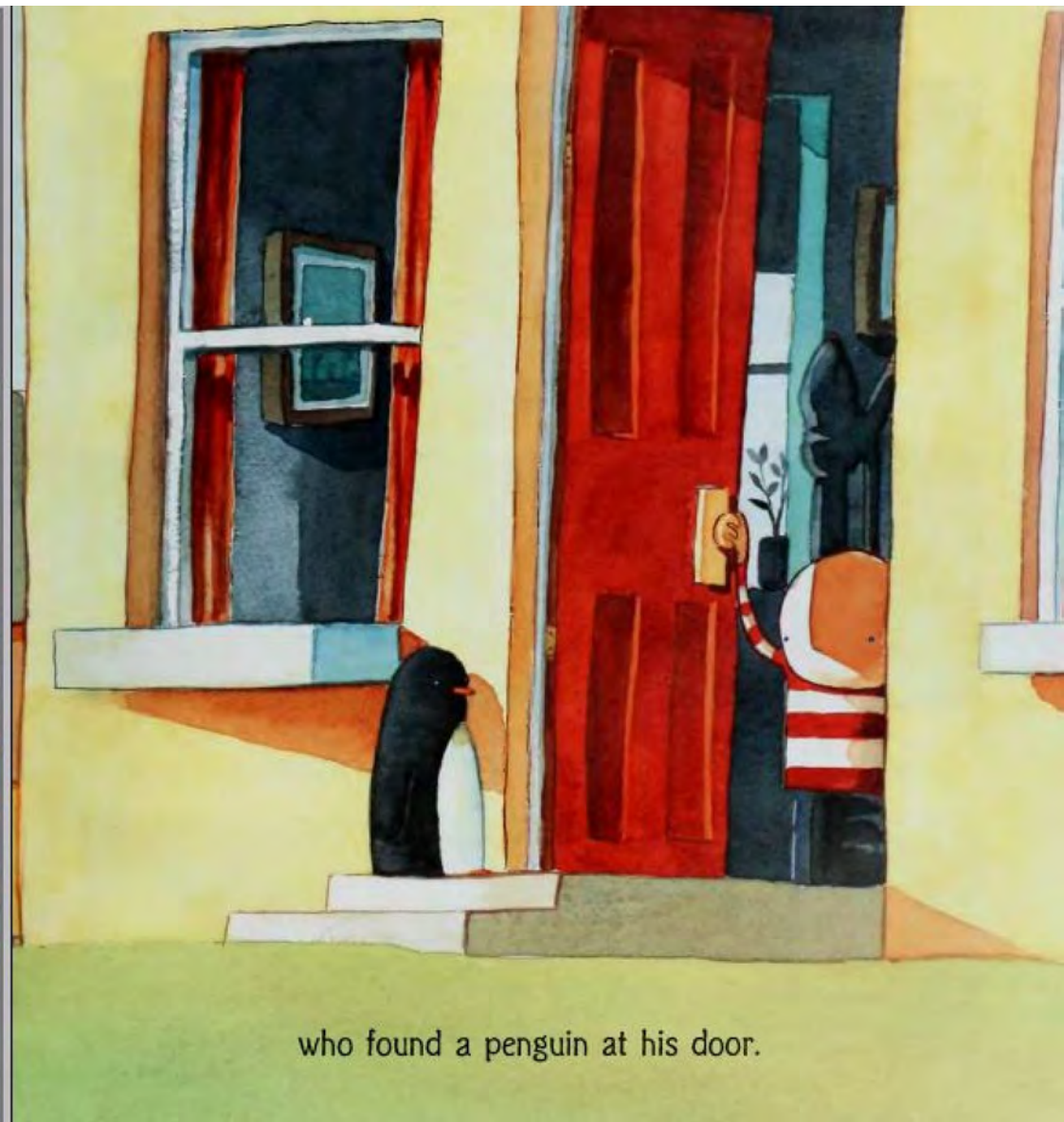


Lost and Found

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Once there was a boy



who found a penguin at his door.



The boy didn't know where it had come from,



but it began to follow him everywhere.





The penguin looked sad and
the boy thought it must be lost.

So the boy decided to help the penguin
find its way home.



He checked in the Lost and Found Office.
But no one was missing a penguin.

He asked some birds if they knew
where the penguin came from.



But they ignored him.
Some birds are like that.

The boy asked his duck.



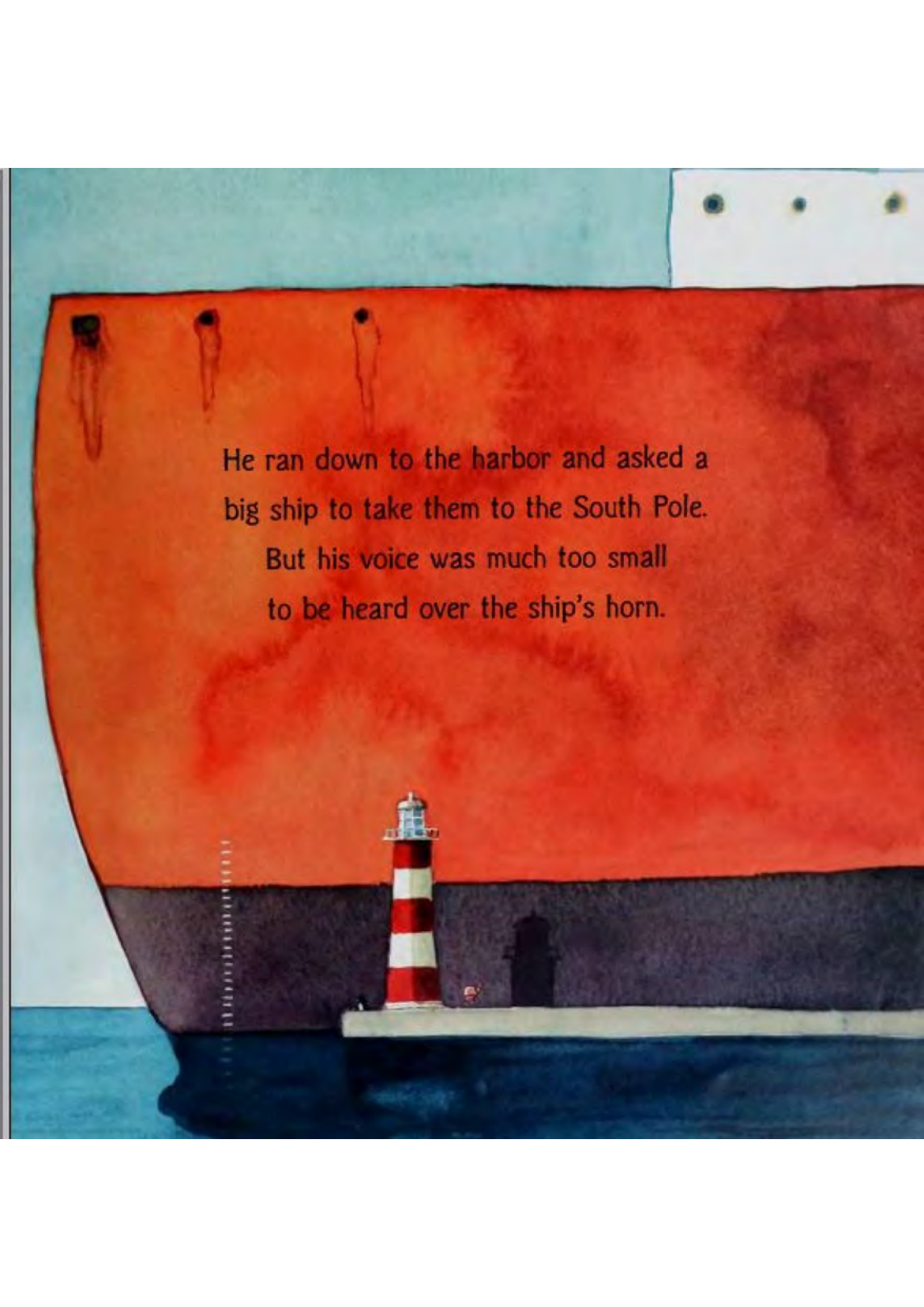
But the duck floated away.
He didn't know either.



That night, the boy couldn't sleep for disappointment. He wanted to help the penguin but he wasn't sure how.



The next morning he discovered that
penguins come from the South Pole.
But how could he get there?

The illustration features a large, textured red shape representing the hull of a ship, which dominates the upper and middle portions of the frame. The red has a mottled, watercolor-like appearance with some darker spots and vertical streaks. Below the red hull is a dark, textured purple or black section, possibly representing the ship's lower hull or a pier. In the foreground, a small, white and red striped lighthouse stands on a light-colored pier. The lighthouse has a white base and a red top section with a glass lantern room. To the right of the lighthouse, a small, dark silhouette of a person is visible on the pier. The background is a light blue sky with three small, dark circular marks near the top edge. The bottom of the image shows a dark blue sea with a reflection of the lighthouse and the pier. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration, using soft watercolor textures and a simple, narrative-driven composition.

He ran down to the harbor and asked a
big ship to take them to the South Pole.
But his voice was much too small
to be heard over the ship's horn.

Together, the boy decided, he and the penguin
would row to the South Pole.

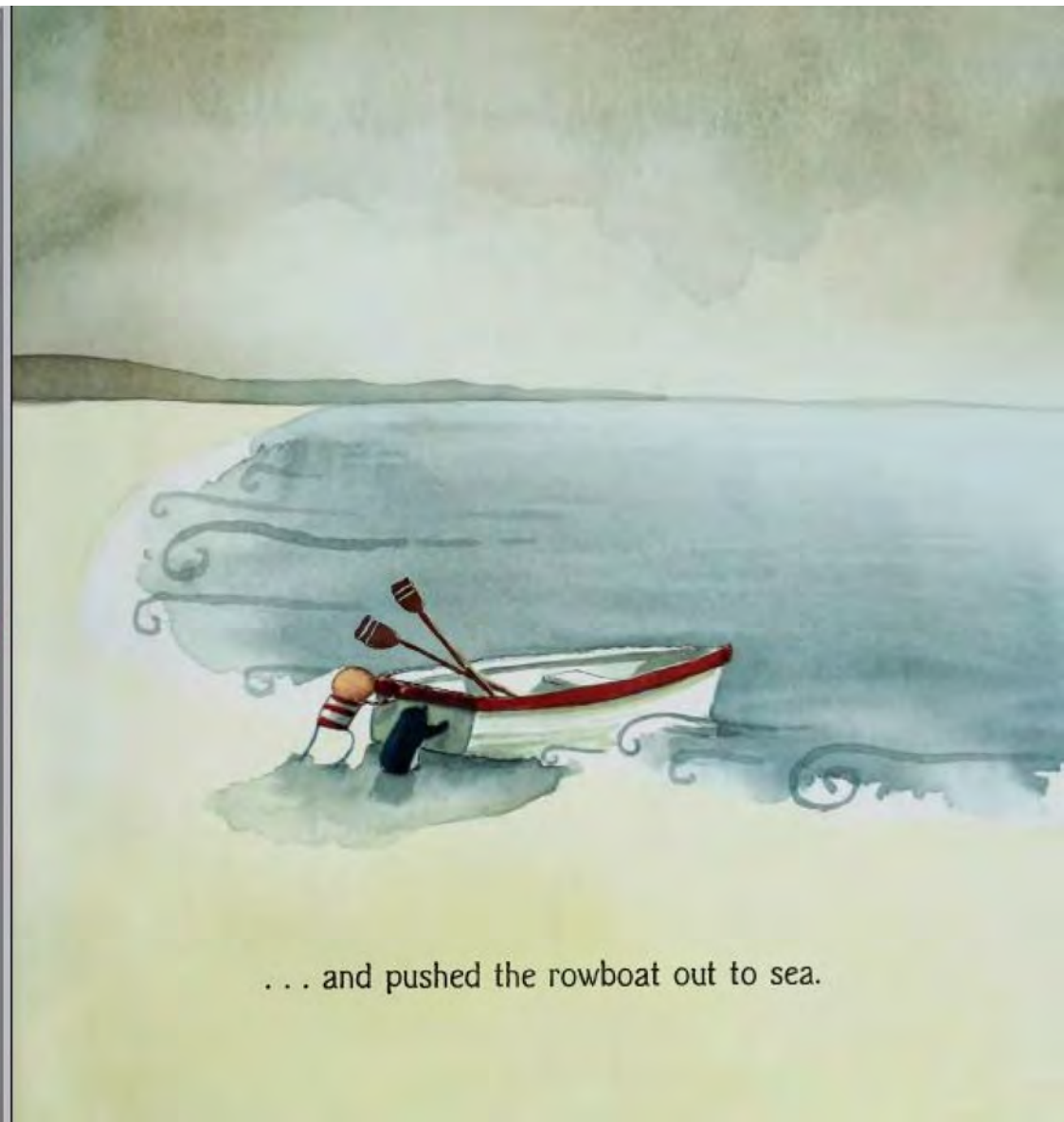
So the boy took his rowboat out and
tested it for size and strength.

He told stories to the penguin
to help pass the time.



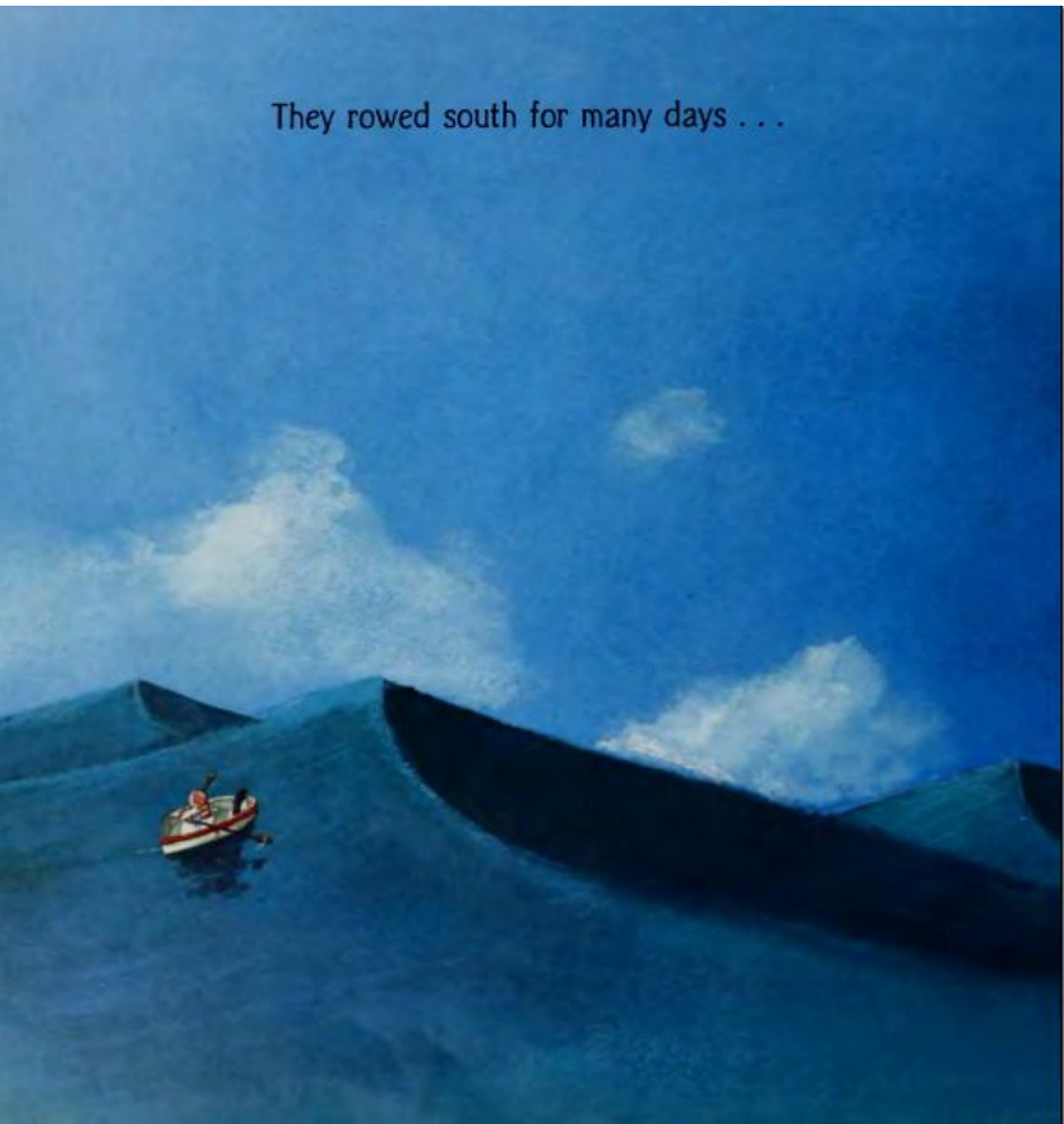
Then they packed everything they would need . . .





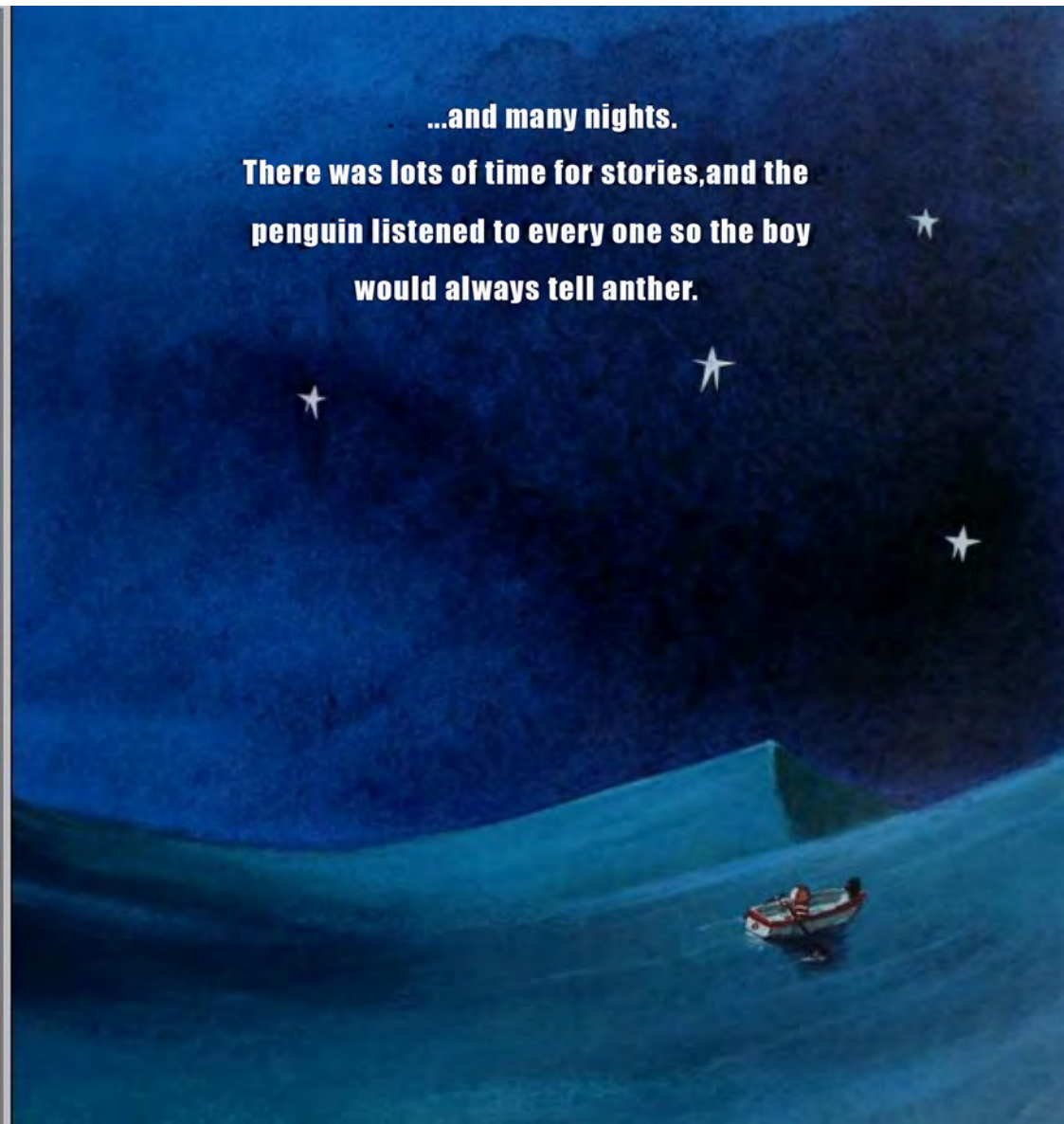
... and pushed the rowboat out to sea.

They rowed south for many days . . .



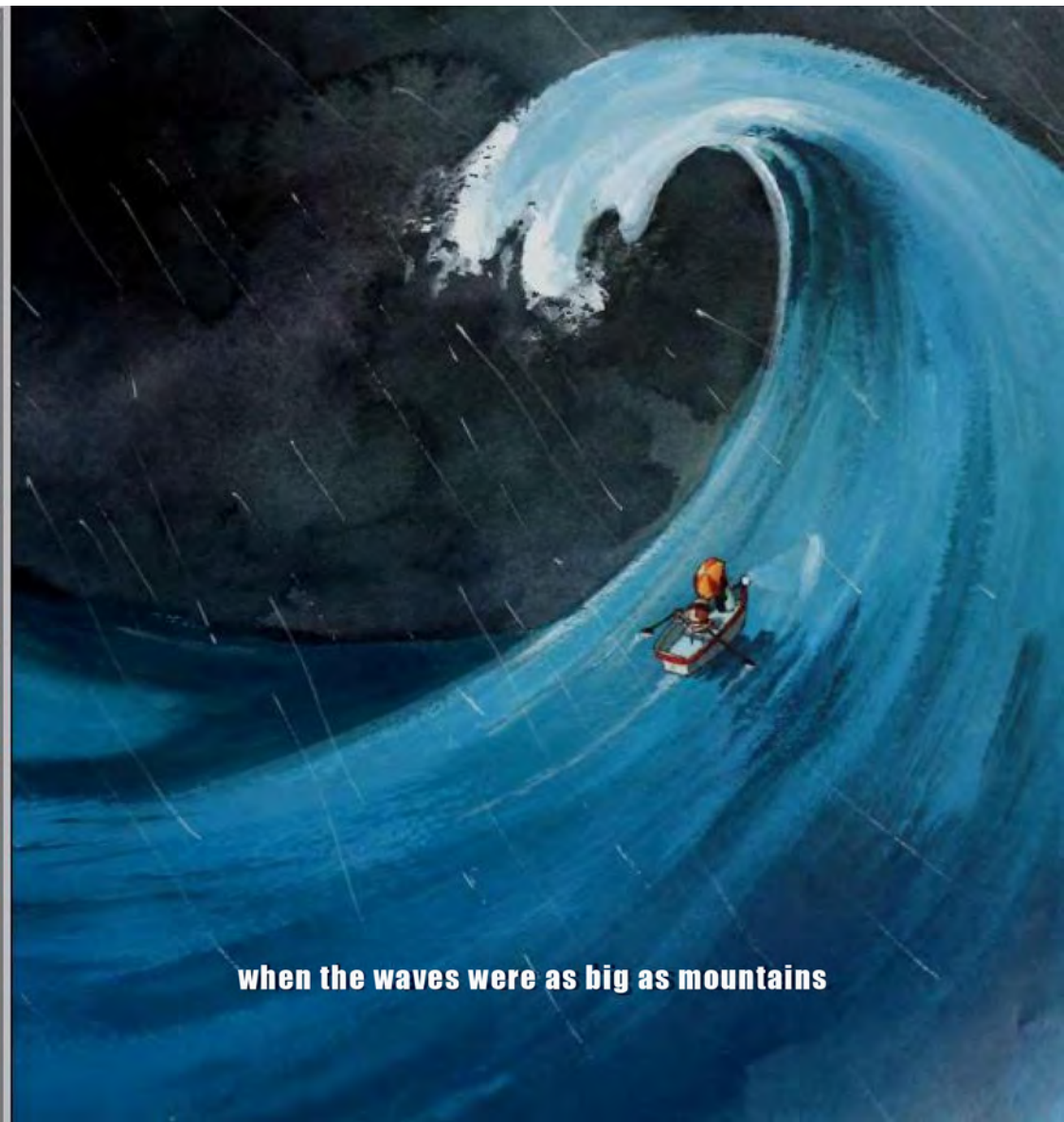
...and many nights.

**There was lots of time for stories, and the
penguin listened to every one so the boy
would always tell another.**

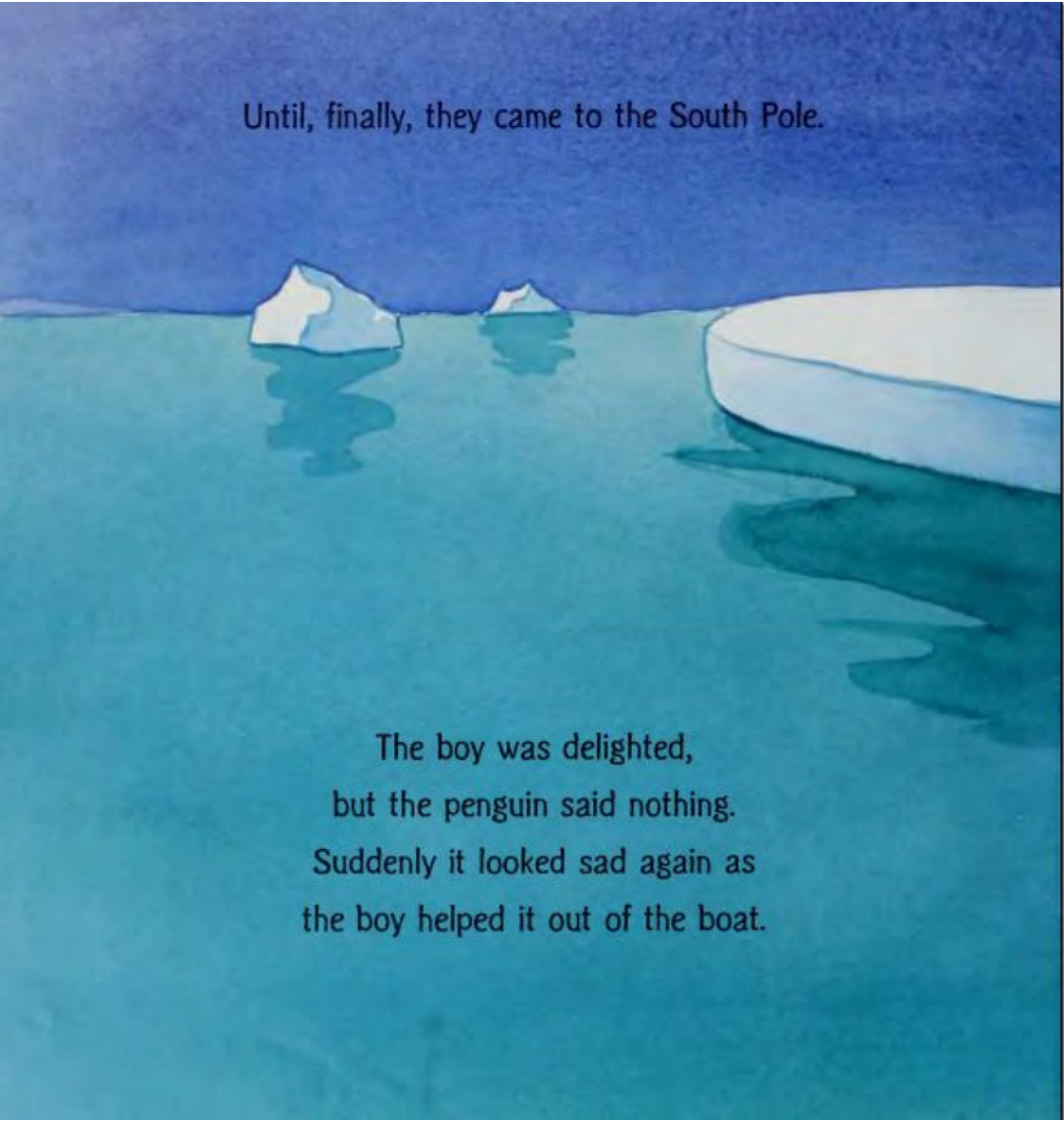




they floated through good weather and bad,



when the waves were as big as mountains



Until, finally, they came to the South Pole.

The boy was delighted,
but the penguin said nothing.
Suddenly it looked sad again as
the boy helped it out of the boat.



Then the boy said good-bye . . .





. . . and floated away. When he looked back,
the penguin was still there. But it looked sadder than ever.

It felt strange for the boy to be on his own.



There was no point telling stories now
because there was no one to listen
except the wind and the waves.



Instead, he just thought.





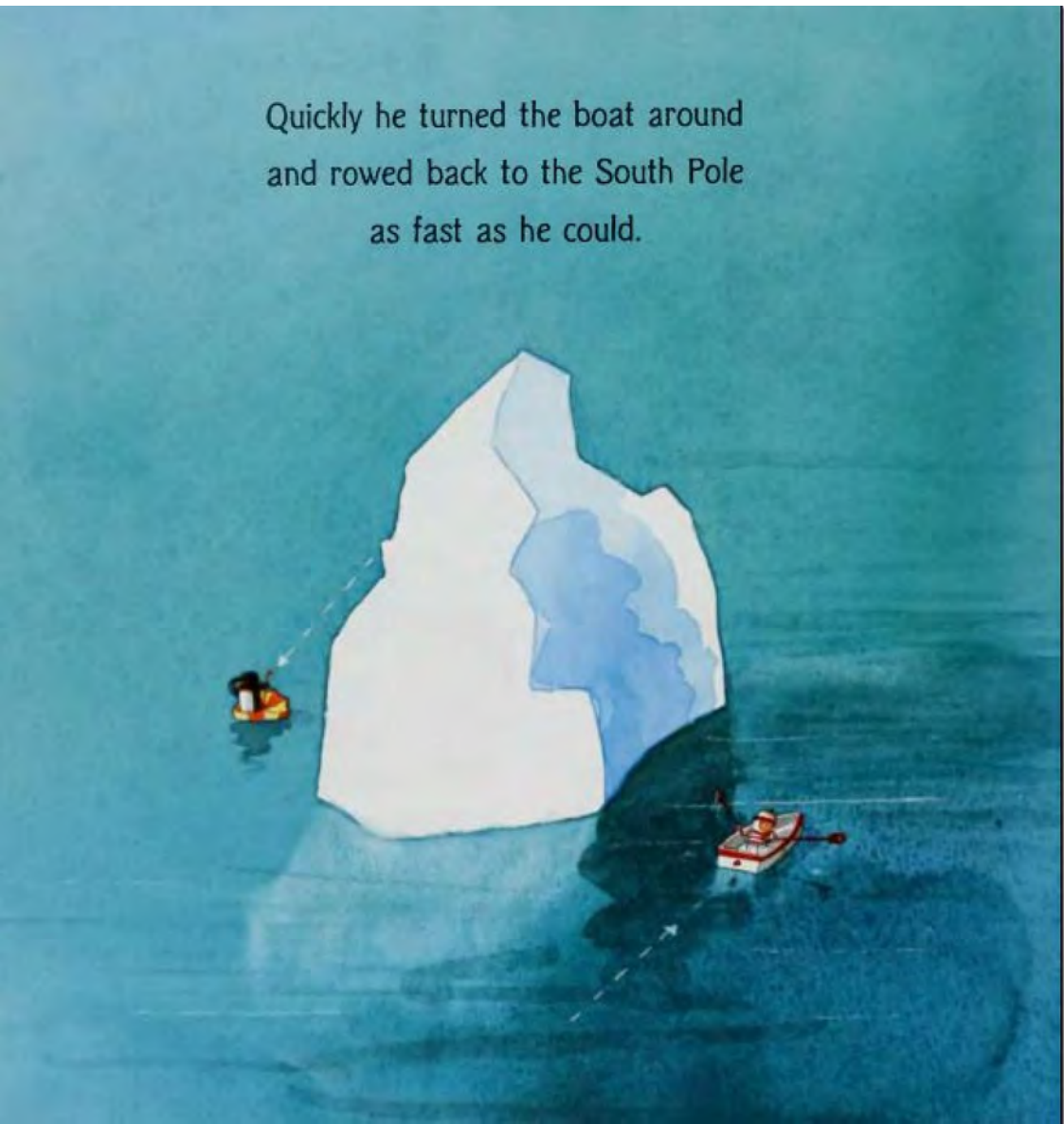
And the more he thought . . .

. . . the more he realized he
had made a big mistake.



The penguin hadn't been lost. It had just been lonely.

Quickly he turned the boat around
and rowed back to the South Pole
as fast as he could.





At last he reached
the Pole again. . . .

But where was
the penguin?



The boy searched
and searched, but
he was nowhere
to be found.



Sadly, the boy set off for home.

But then the boy saw something
in the water ahead of him.



Closer and closer he got,
until he could see . . .

... the penguin!







And so the boy and his friend
went home together, talking of
wonderful things all the way.



