

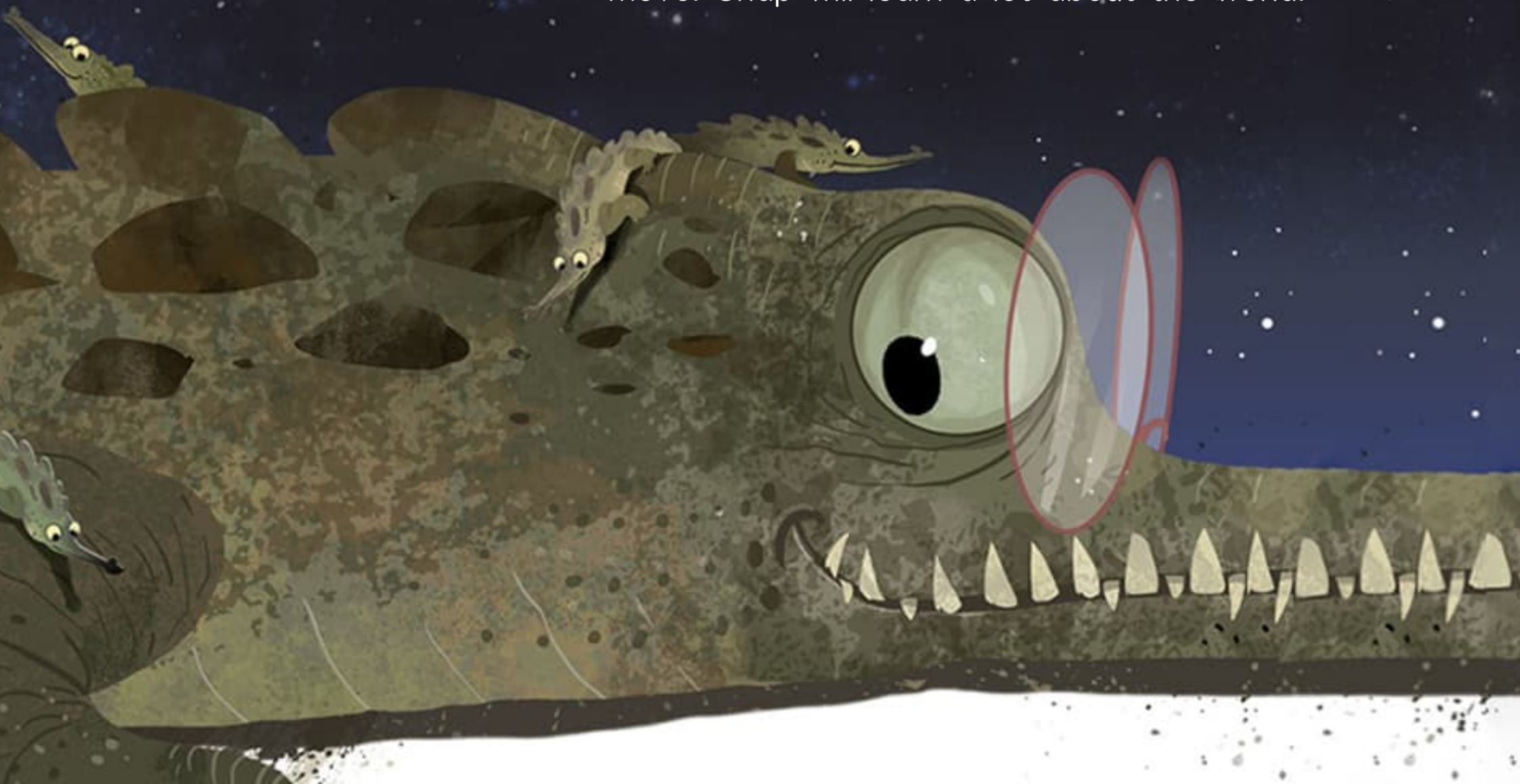
THE QUEST

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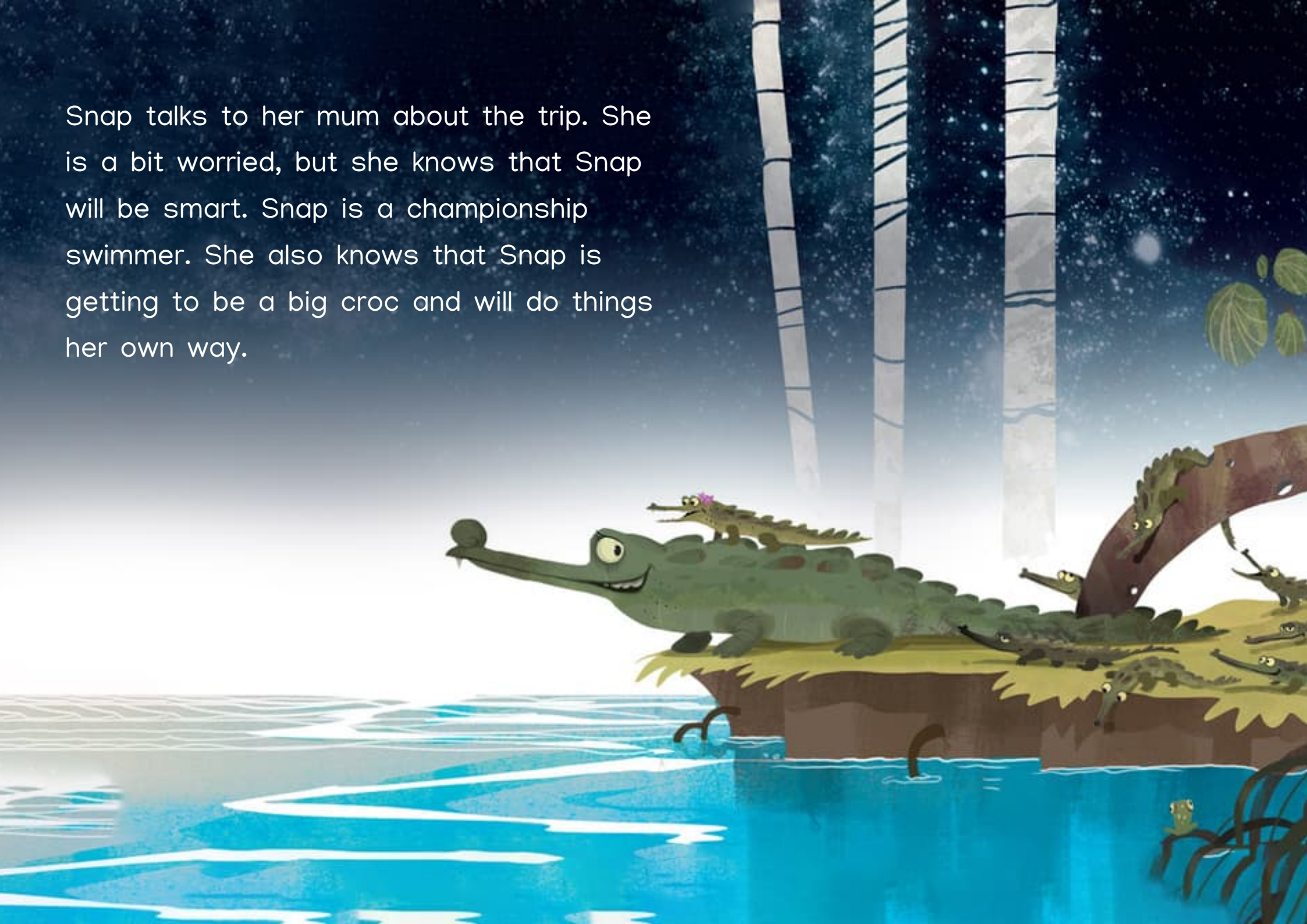
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Snap had a chat with her pop. She wants to go on a quest to find new things. Her pop went on big trips when he was young. He thinks it is a great move. Snap will learn a lot about the world.



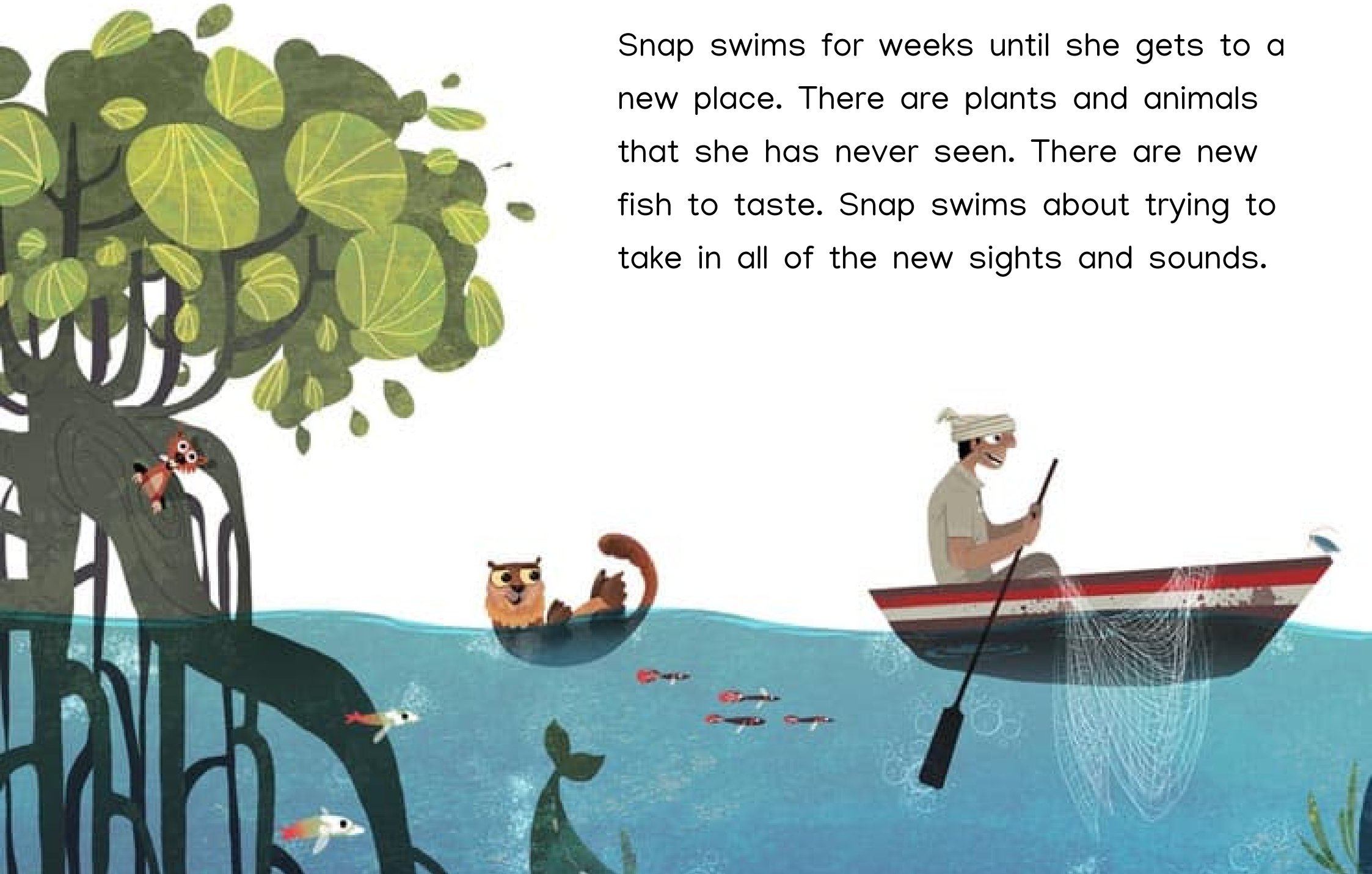
Snap talks to her mum about the trip. She is a bit worried, but she knows that Snap will be smart. Snap is a championship swimmer. She also knows that Snap is getting to be a big croc and will do things her own way.



Off she goes! Snap heads down the river that is next to her home. She has been down this way with her family many times. Soon the river spills out into the sea. She has never gone past that point.



Snap swims for weeks until she gets to a new place. There are plants and animals that she has never seen. There are new fish to taste. Snap swims about trying to take in all of the new sights and sounds.





The small things are fun as well! The snails have different shells and the trunks of the trees are different colours. Snap flits to and fro. She asks a lot of questions and makes new friendships.

Sometimes she is so full of energy that she feels the need to do flips in the water. She dives down, spins around and then launches up into the starry sky.



One of her favourite friendships was with an otter. He floated on his back while he read books about the stars. He told Snap about their names and how they are big balls of gas in space.



Snap had a great friendship with a dolphin. She could launch out of the water so high! Snap was in awe of her skills. She loved to watch the dolphin leap out of the water when the moon was full and bright.



There were a lot of good parts to the trip, but there were some hardships as well. Sometimes Snap got lonely. Sometimes she felt homesick. It was fun being around new things all of the time, but she started to miss things that she knew well.



When Snap felt that she was done for one trip, she started back for home. She had a lot of great tales to tell her friends and family. And she can take a trip again any time that she likes,

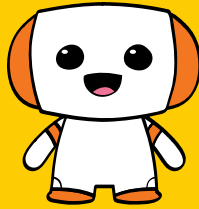


Snap gets back home. It all looks like it did when she left it. Even the sea snakes make her feel at home. The trip was fun, but she has a special relationship with her homeland.



She also has a special relationship with her mum. Snap's mum is so glad to have her home again. She asks all about the trip. It was all that Snap wanted.





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