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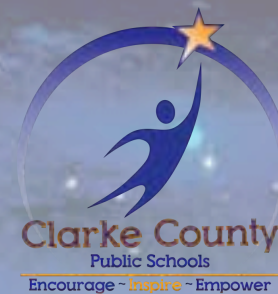
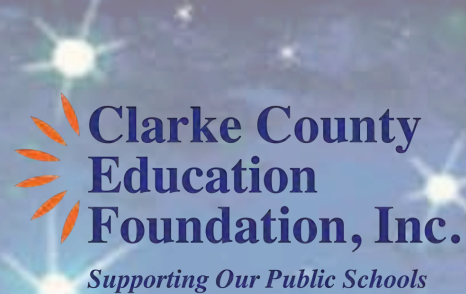
We hope you enjoy our newly installed Storywalk™ by walking along the trail and reading the book with your child! The story walk begins at the entrance to the park.



Welcome to our Storywalk™

The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. This project was funded by the Clarke County Education Foundation.

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The author of this book,
Stacy McAnulty
will visit our
elementary students
at BES and D.G.CES on
4/18/2023!

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ENJOY THIS BOOK WITH YOUR CHILD! FOLLOW THE
TRAIL & READ THE BOOK TOGETHER!

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Don't forget to take a
selfie & tag us on
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Hi! I'm **Earth**.

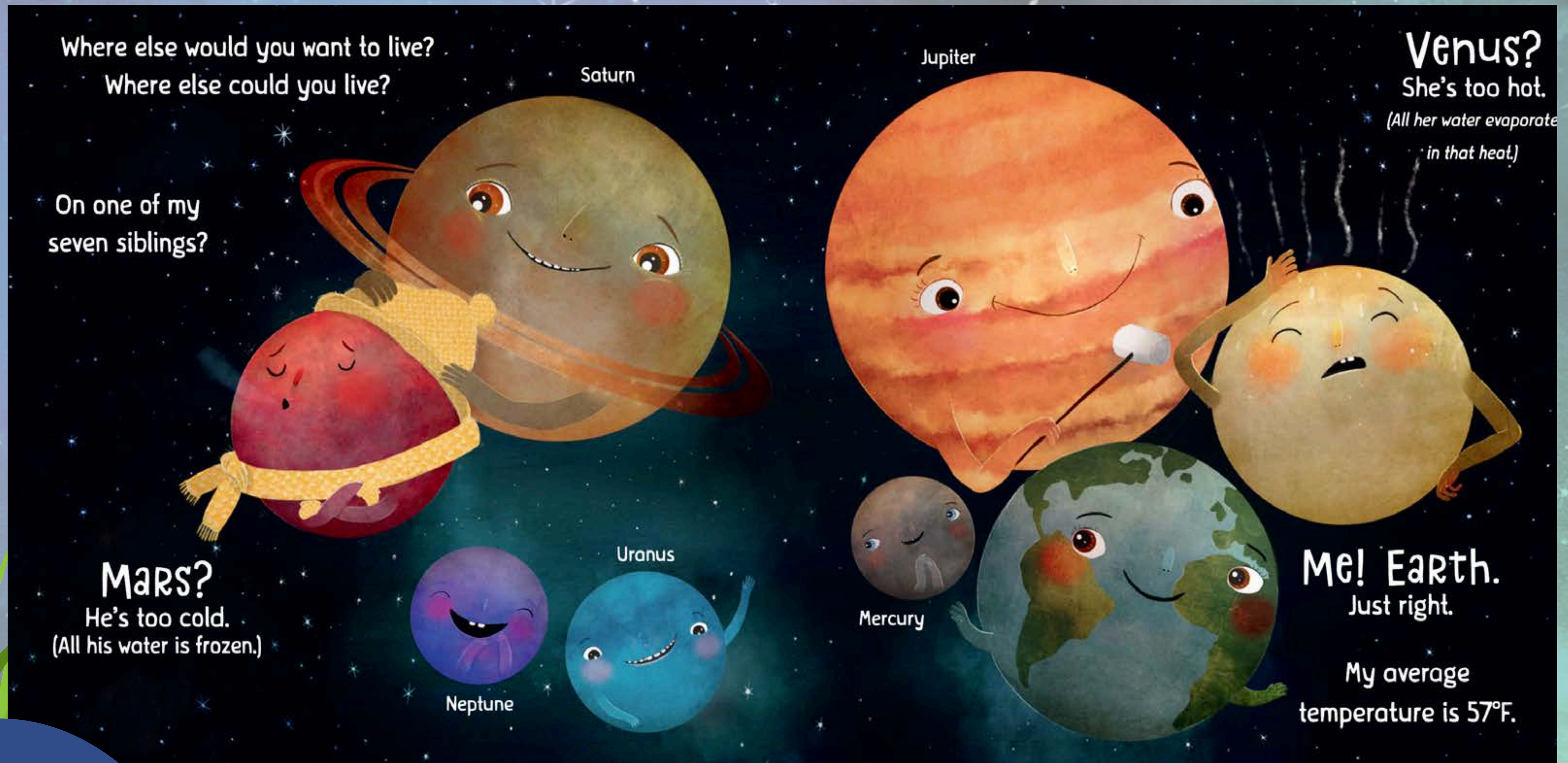
Also known as Planet Awesome.
Also known as *your* awesome home.

Actually, I'm home to *all* the plants in the solar system and *all* the animals, including *all* the humans. That's nearly eight billion people.



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Other than Earth, is there any other planet in the solar system that is a home to plants and animals?



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All of these planets along with the sun and moon make up our
_____ System.

Reasons I'm a perfect home planet
(besides all my oxygen, water, and ice cream):



Distance from the Sun.
An ideal 93 million miles in a zone that's
not too hot and not too cold.

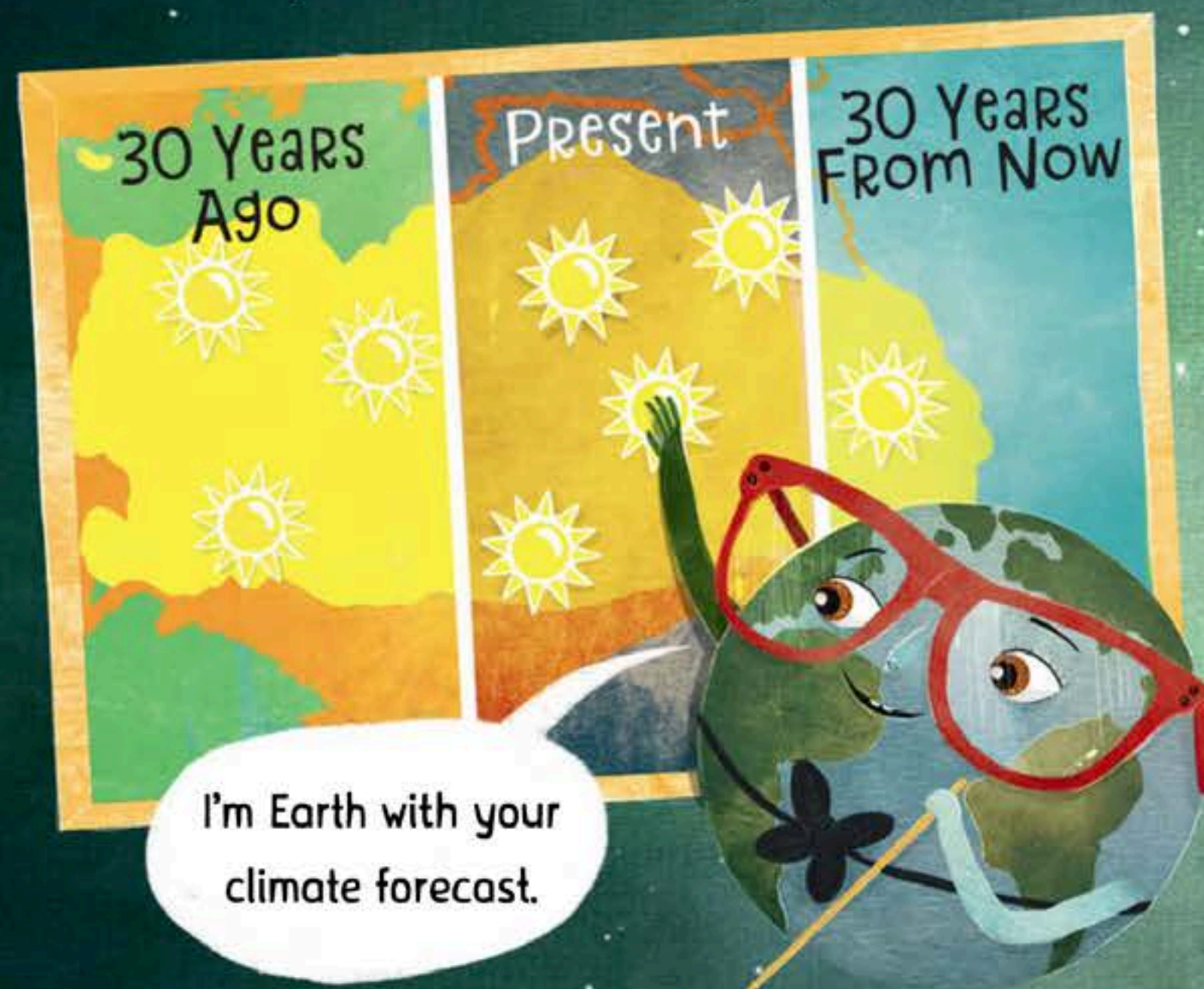


My massive Ocean.
Absorbs extra heat,
helps make oxygen,
and is very pretty.

And my atmosphere.
A blanket of gases
that wraps me—
and you—in a
gentle hug.
Hugs are nice.



Without my atmosphere, my **climate** would be wacky
and not good for flora (that's plants) and fauna
(that's animals, like you!).



Climate: Seasonal weather over a long time,
like thirty years, and in a big region

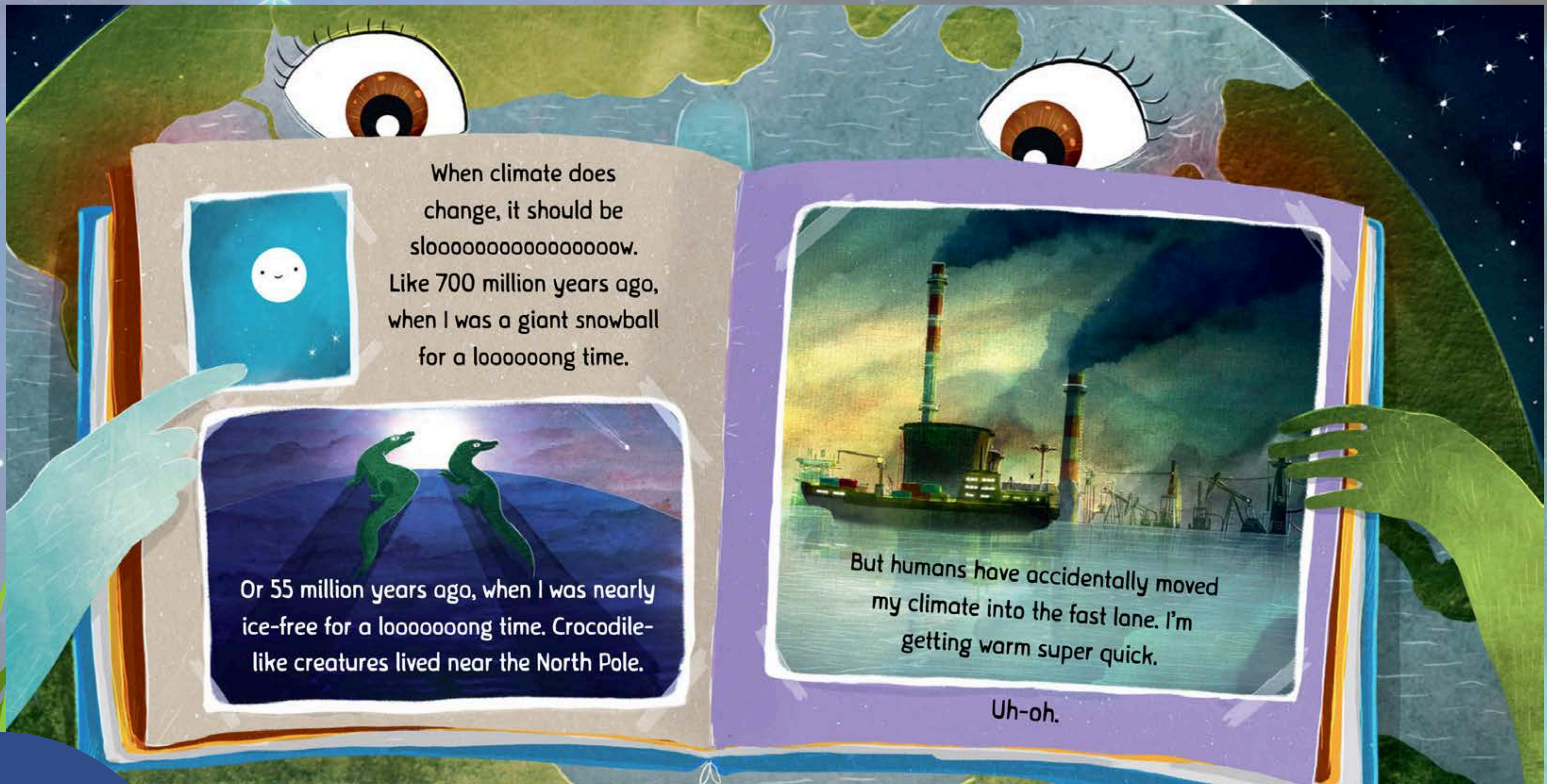
Climate is not the
same as **weather**.



Weather: Now or very soon
and in a specific place

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Climate is seasonal weather over a long period of time, in a big region.
Name our 4 seasons and describe their typical weather.



When climate does
change, it should be
sloooooooooooooooooow.
Like 700 million years ago,
when I was a giant snowball
for a loooooong time.

Or 55 million years ago, when I was nearly
ice-free for a loooooong time. Crocodile-
like creatures lived near the North Pole.

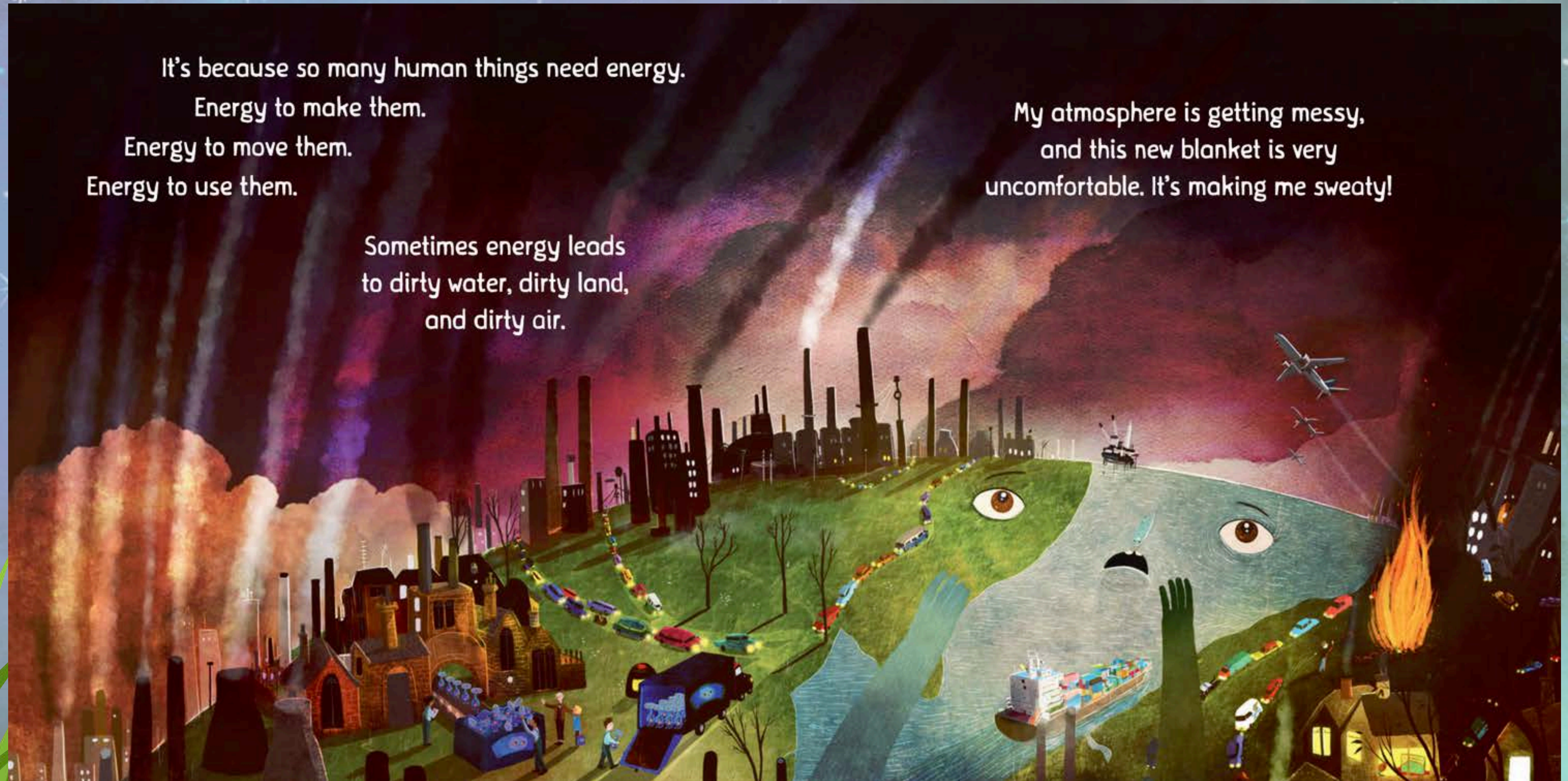
But humans have accidentally moved
my climate into the fast lane. I'm
getting warm super quick.

Uh-oh.

It's because so many human things need energy.
Energy to make them.
Energy to move them.
Energy to use them.

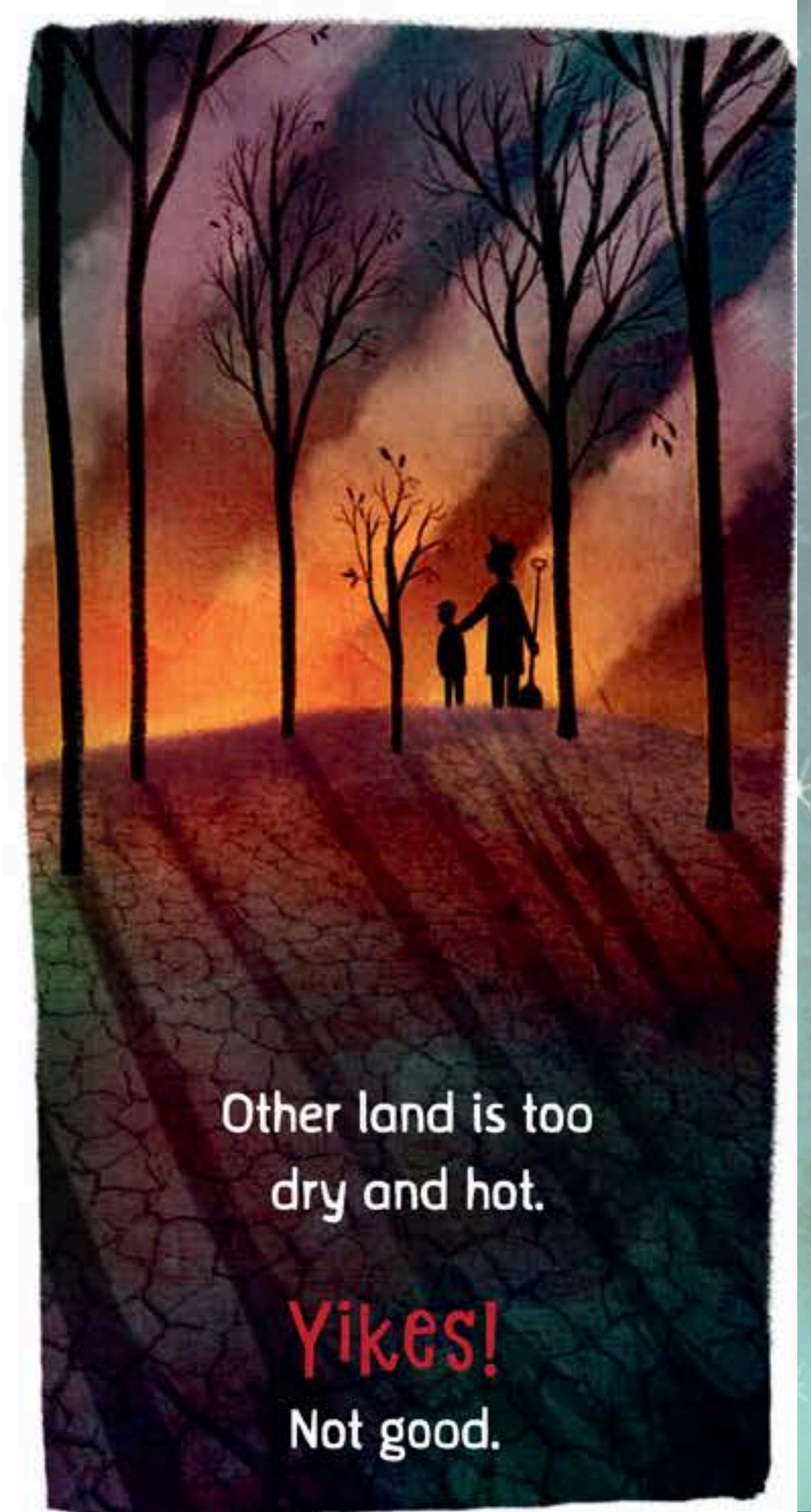
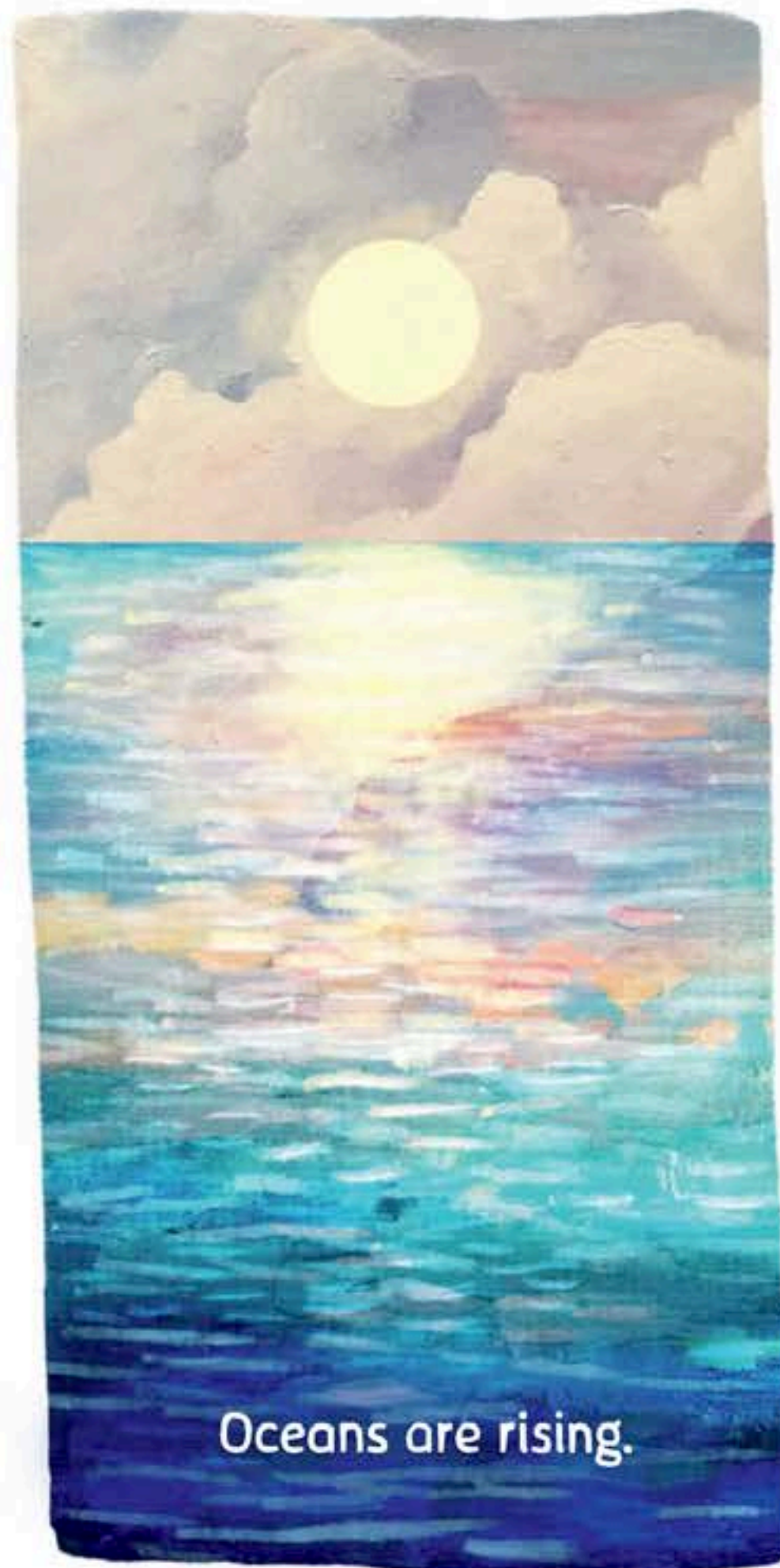
Sometimes energy leads
to dirty water, dirty land,
and dirty air.

My atmosphere is getting messy,
and this new blanket is very
uncomfortable. It's making me sweaty!



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Our atmosphere lets in _____ and _____ from the sun.



Weather is getting wild.

Big-time troubles.

Heat waves are dangerous.

And when I'm in trouble,
Earthlings are in trouble, too.

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How can humans help solve some of these big-time problems?





Let me introduce some cleaner energies.

Wind power—
that's from,
you guessed it, wind.

Hydropower—
that's from moving water.

Human power—
that's from your own two feet.

Solar power—
that's from Sun.



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And let's make more
room for flora.
Trees are good for cleaning
the air, cooling off,
and climbing high.



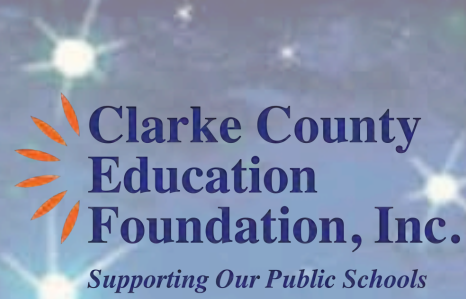


Earthlings need me,
and I need Earthlings.

We still love you, Earth!

I hope so!





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The End. Thank you for joining our walk!

Check out the Authors visiting our public schools this year!



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This grant was funded to support the Clarke County Education Foundation, in partnership with Clarke County Public Schools (CCPS) and Shenandoah University, to establish a new multicultural author study program within the CCPS elementary schools.

*September 21- Matt de la Pena
October 26- Sasha Alston
November 9 - Angela Dominguez
January 10 - Hena Khan
February 1 - Leah Henderson
March 21 - Raul the Third
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