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Could a Penguin Ride a Bike?

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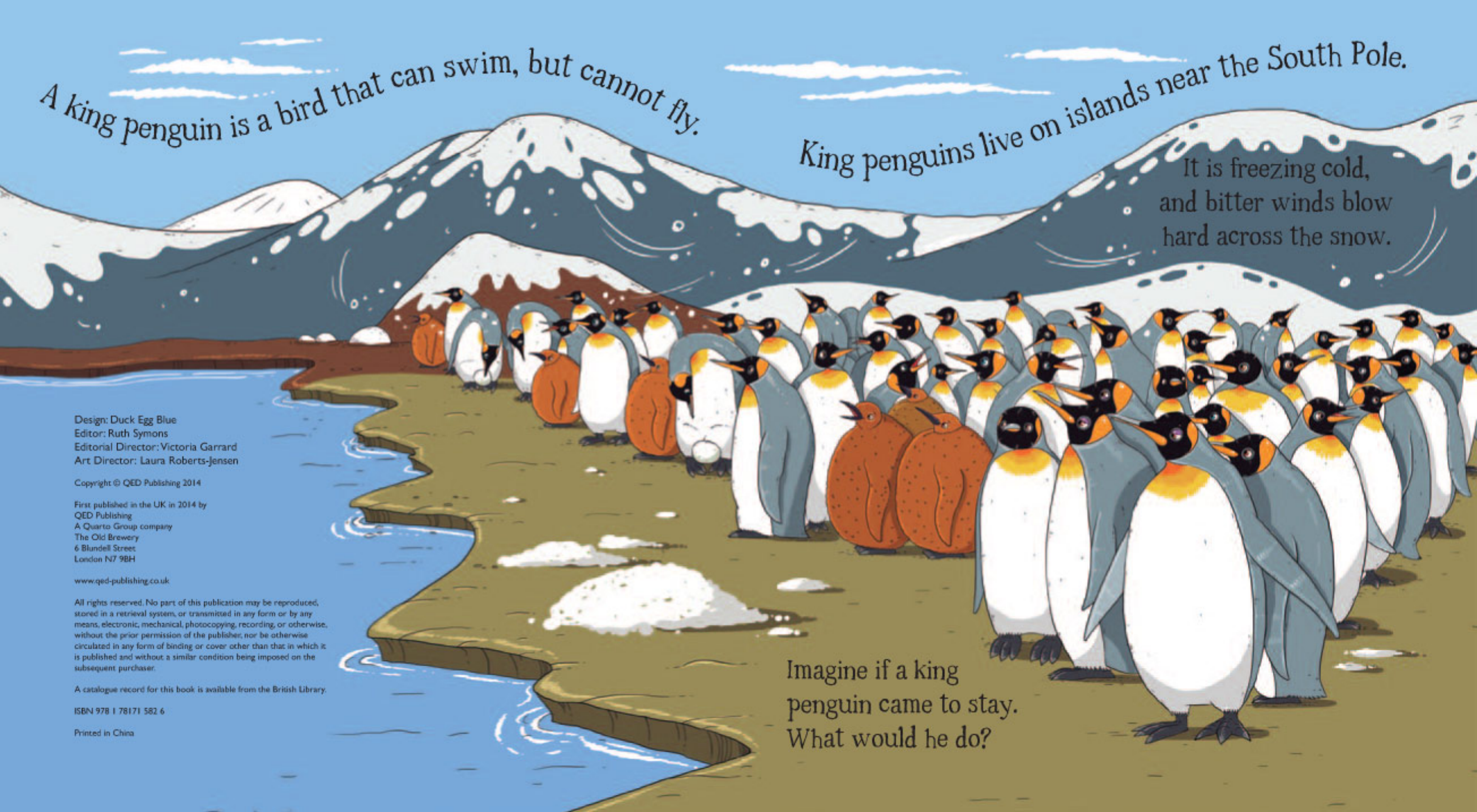
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A king penguin is a bird that can swim, but cannot fly.

King penguins live on islands near the South Pole.

It is freezing cold,
and bitter winds blow
hard across the snow.

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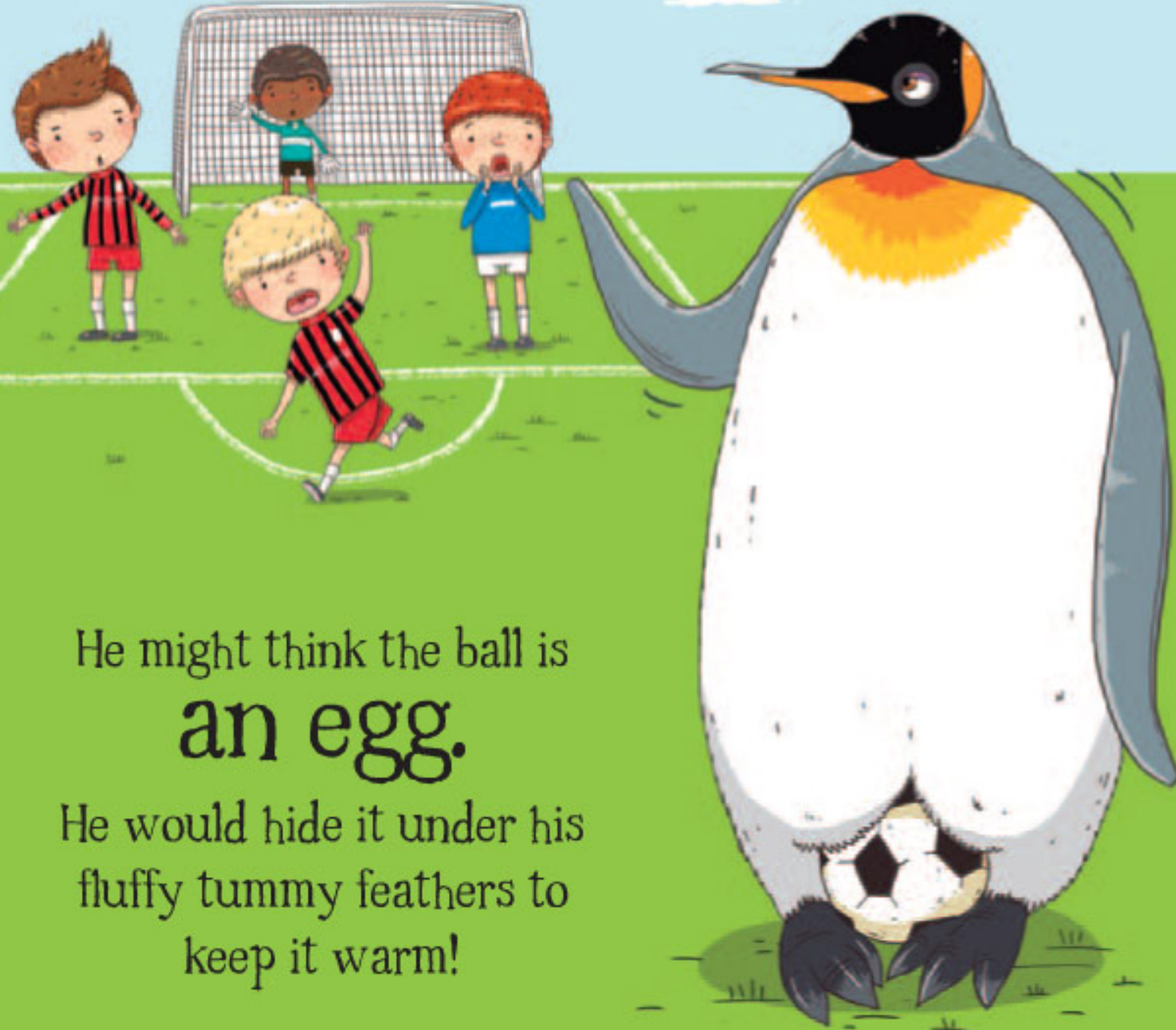
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Imagine if a king
penguin came to stay.
What would he do?

Could a penguin play football?



He might think the ball is
an egg.

He would hide it under his
fluffy tummy feathers to
keep it warm!

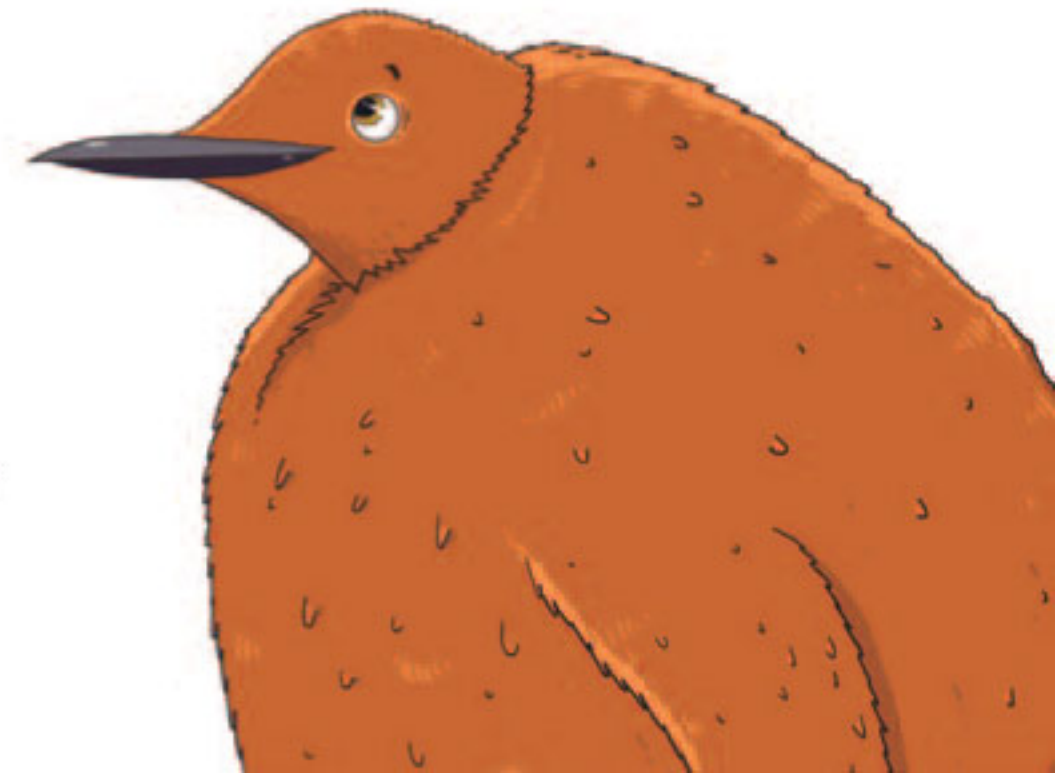


A king penguin
carries his egg on
his feet to keep it
off the ground.

Mums and dads
take turns looking
after the egg for
two months, until
it hatches.

A baby penguin
is called a

chick.



What if a penguin went to the swimming pool?

Penguins are champion swimmers.

Penguins love to swim, so he would **dive right in.**



He would use his wings like flippers to fly through the water.



They can swim **four times faster** than the fastest human swimmers, and stay underwater for **five minutes** at a time.

What if a baby penguin
came for dinner?

Make sure he doesn't eat everything!

Chicks **eat, and eat**
and **eat.**

An adult penguin
eats about
50 fish
a day, but a chick

needs to eat about
200!

That's because chicks grow a thick layer of fat
to keep them warm in the icy winter.



What if a penguin went bowling?

He wouldn't be able to throw a ball.
He doesn't have fingers or hands.
He has wings instead.

Who needs a ball anyway?

Penguins love to slide on their tummies along
the ice - it's called tobogganing.

Whoosh

It's so much quicker than waddling!

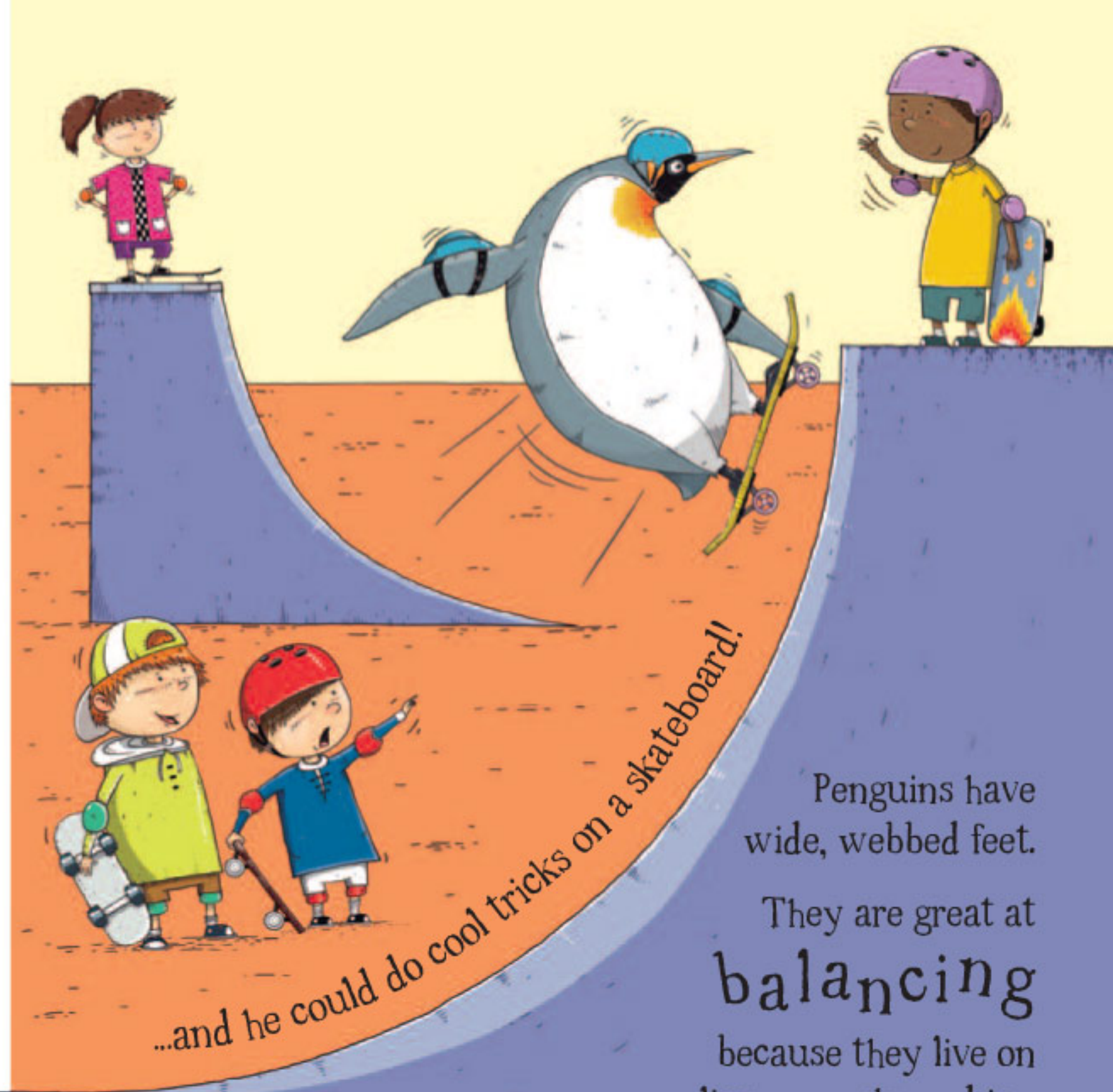


Can a penguin ride a bike?

A penguin would fall off a bike. His legs are **too short** to reach the pedals.



But he would be **Zoom-tastic** on a scooter...



...and he could do cool tricks on a skateboard!

Penguins have wide, webbed feet.

They are great at **balancing** because they live on slippery rocks and ice.