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This book belongs to:




Blue sun in sunken skies
the sea sharpens to the shape
of Shark off the west coast
of Australia.






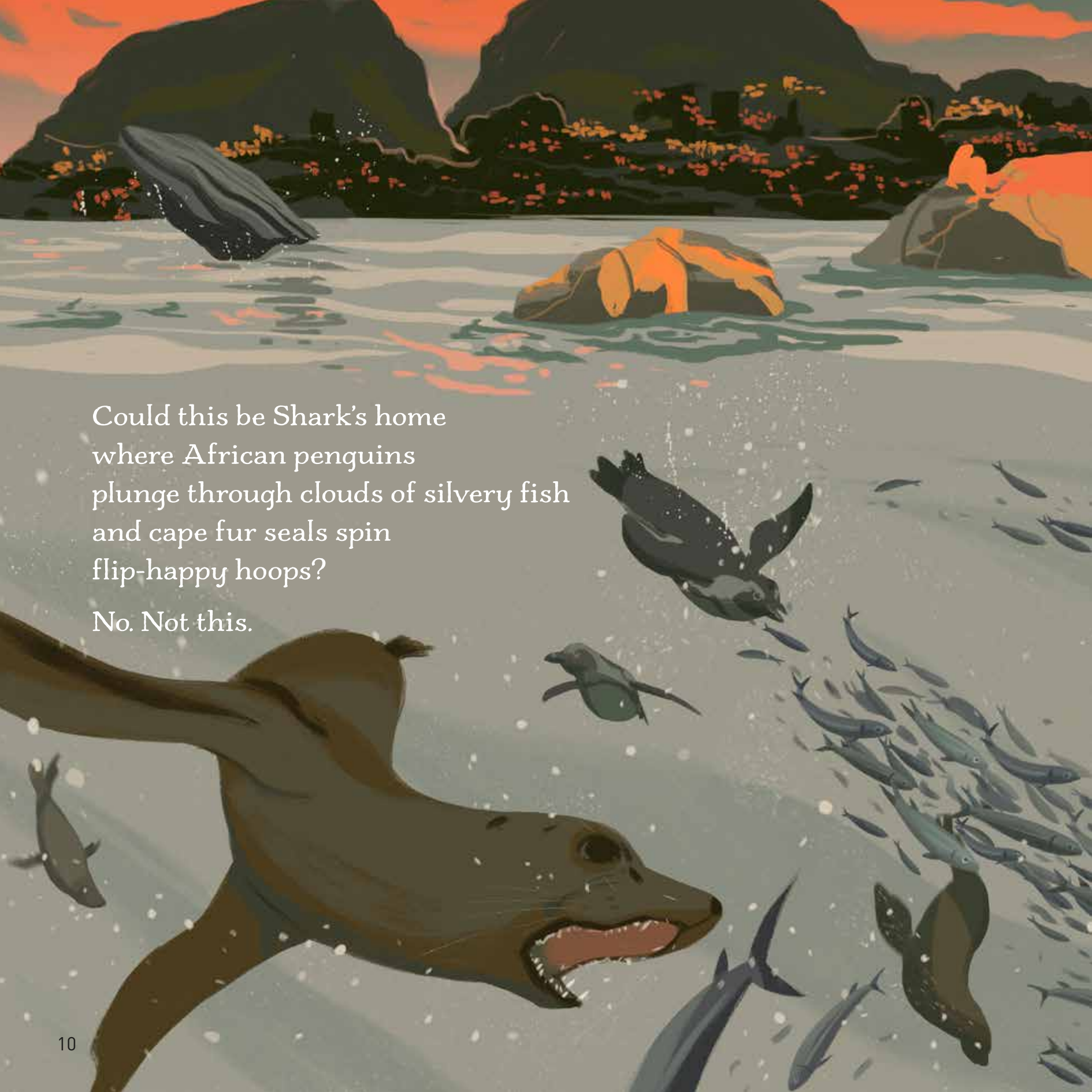
With black tips on his fins
and the space between stars in his eyes
ask – where is he going,
ask – what does he want?

An illustration of an underwater reef scene. At the top, a dark, elongated shadow of a boat floats on the water's surface, with bright orange and red ripples around it. Below, the water is a deep teal color with faint, light-colored grid lines. Several blue and black striped fish with yellow fins are swimming. Three bright orange shrimp are also visible. The overall style is artistic and somewhat abstract.

This reef-watcher, jewel-guarder
will tell you he's lost –
lost in a place where the land pours
sand from an outstretched hand.

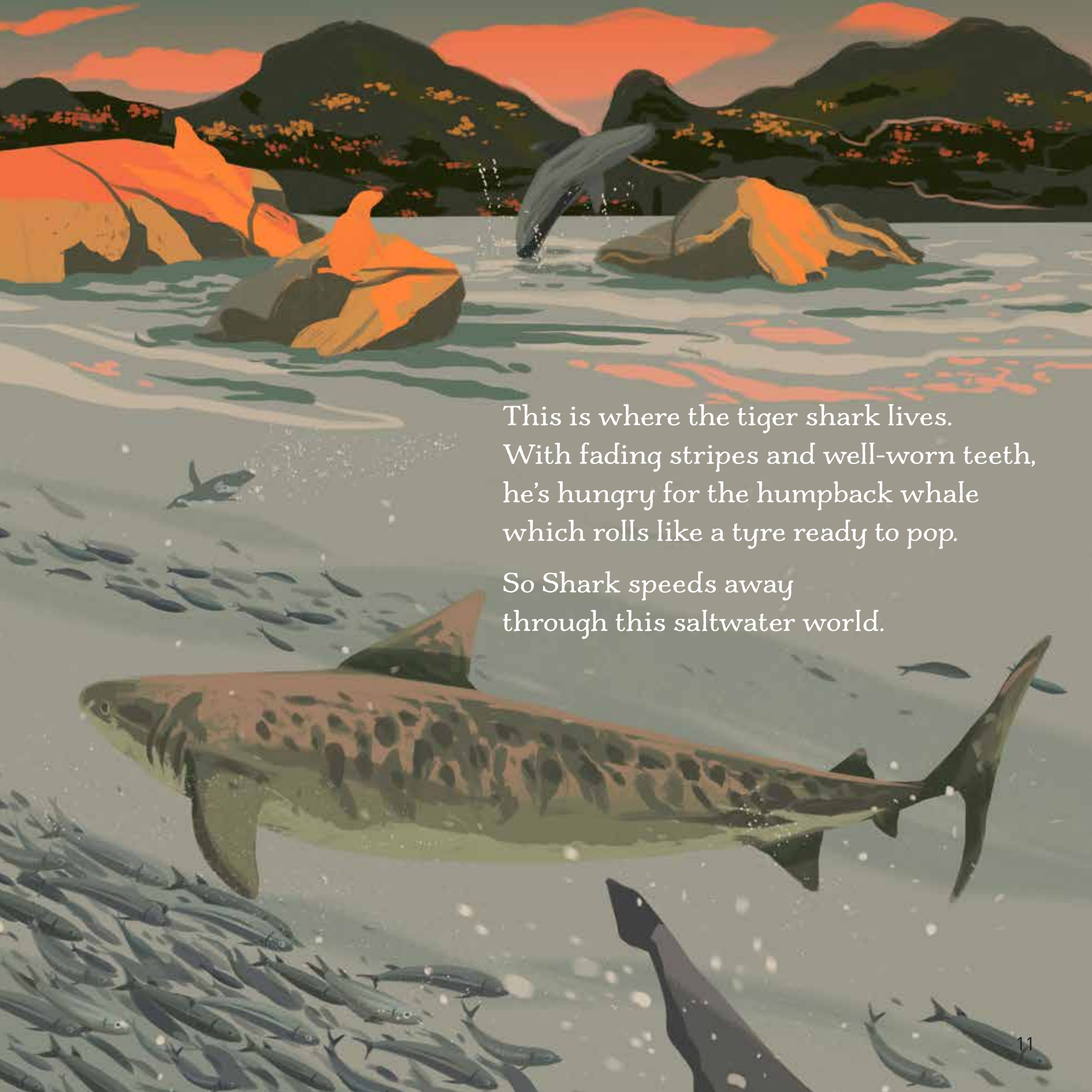


He's too close to shore
and when a boat drops a net
like the lines on a globe
he opens a tunnel
of bubbles and light and
swim, Shark, SWIM!



Could this be Shark's home
where African penguins
plunge through clouds of silvery fish
and cape fur seals spin
flip-happy hoops?

No. Not this.



This is where the tiger shark lives.
With fading stripes and well-worn teeth,
he's hungry for the humpback whale
which rolls like a tyre ready to pop.

So Shark speeds away
through this saltwater world.