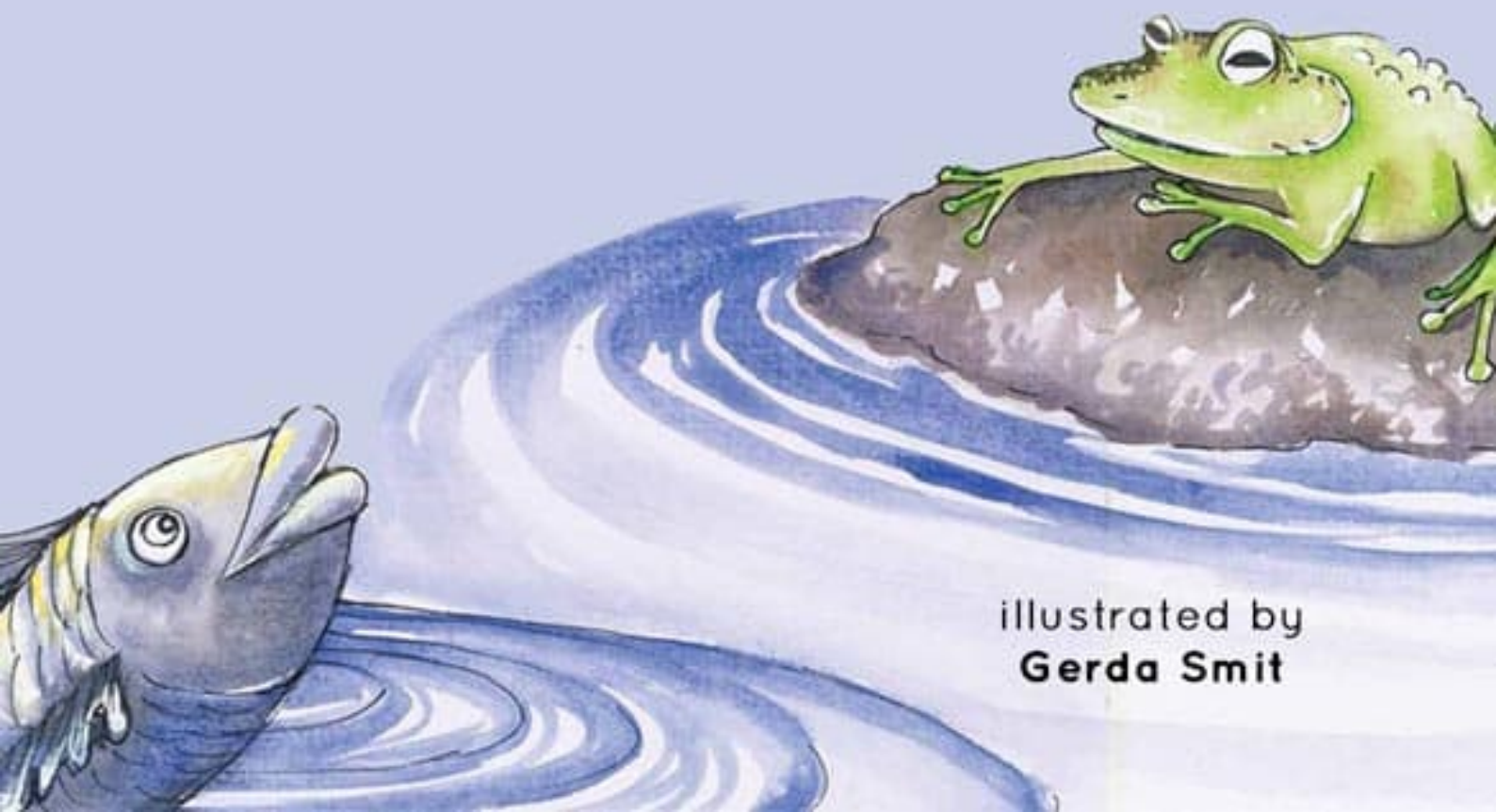


Flip, Flop!



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This fish did not like the way that it was. It was sick of being a fish. It did not like looking like a fish nor acting like one.



The fish saw a rabbit.
He tried standing up
like the rabbit was.
The rabbit said that
he looked silly and did
not want to be seen
with him.





Next, he saw a bird. The fish thought that he might try to fly with his fins, but he did not get far. He did a small jump and then landed back down in the sea. The bird swooped at him and said that they could not coexist in the sky.



The fish felt like a bore. It could not stand on the land and walk about. It could not fly in the sky like a bird. All that it could do was swim.

Just when the fish was feeling at its lowest, he saw a cat. The cat said that it was a big fan of fish. The fish started to feel better. The cat asked the fish to come closer, and he was happy to cooperate.



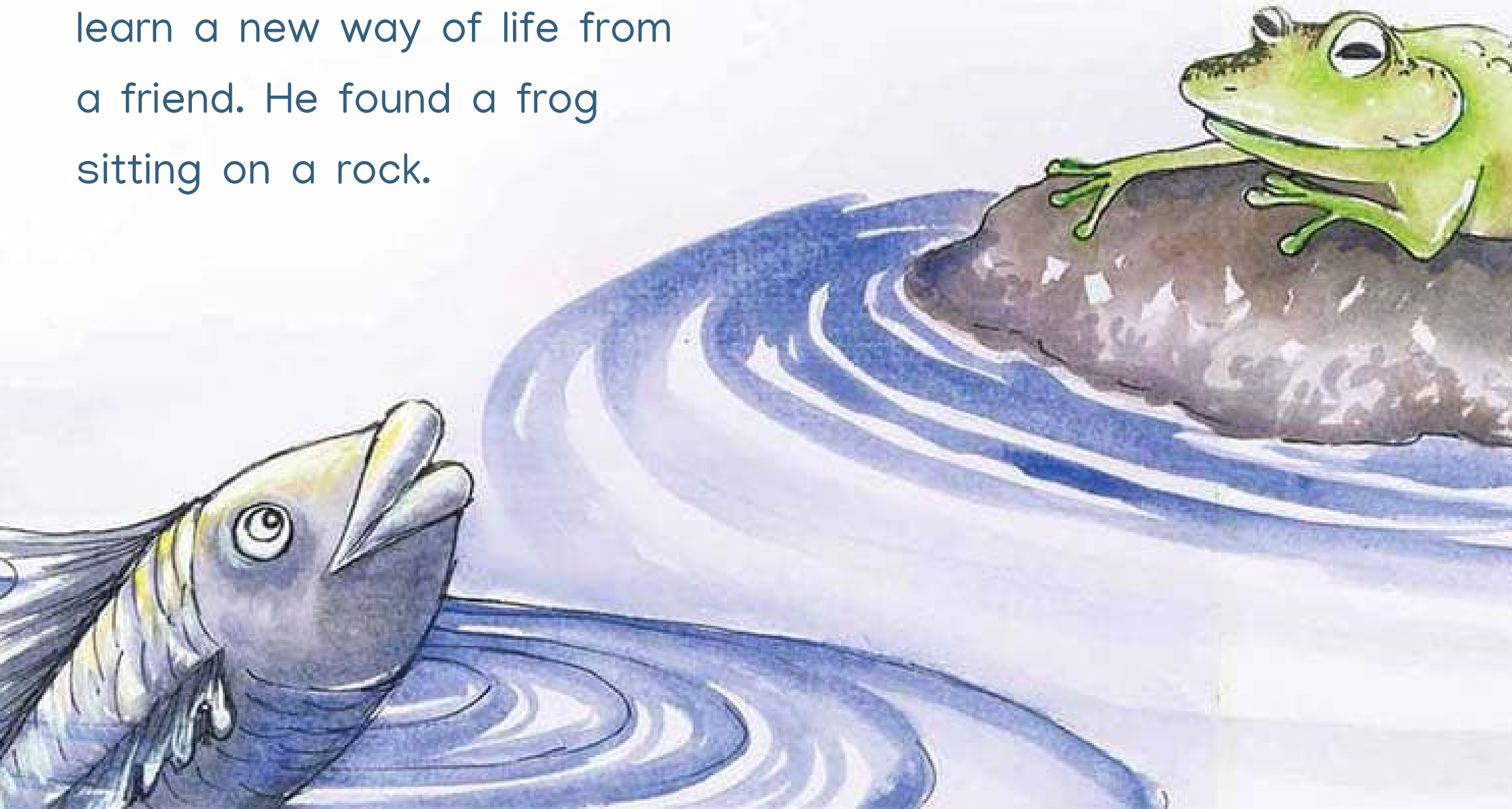


Oh no! The cat meant that he likes to eat fish, not that he likes to spend time with them. The fish dove back into the sea.

The fish stayed down at the bottom of the sea until the cat was gone. At least being able to go into the sea could keep him safe.



The fish popped up one more time to see if he could learn a new way of life from a friend. He found a frog sitting on a rock.

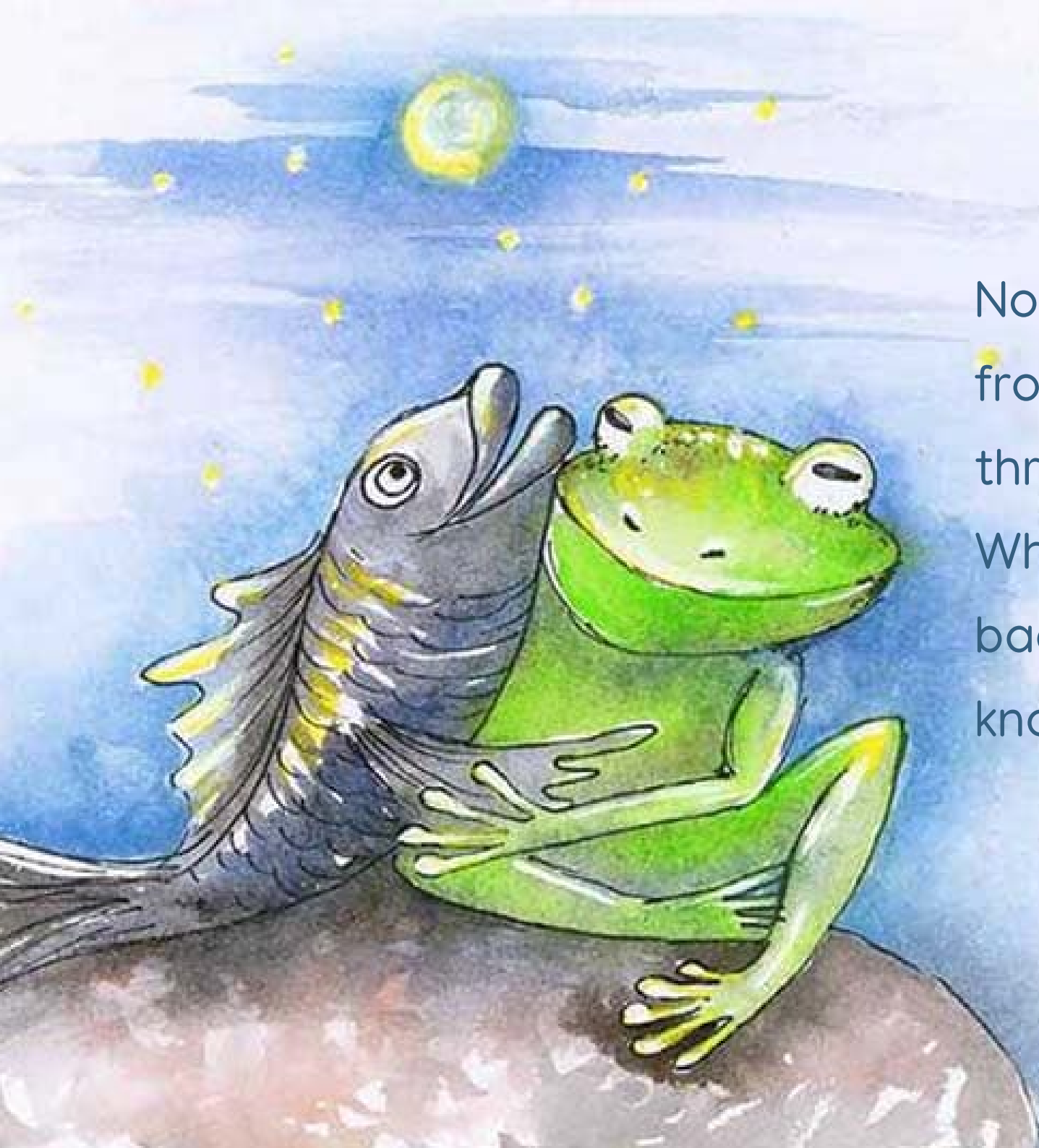


The frog was bored with being a frog. He wanted to try something new for a while. The fish understood. He asked if the frog wanted to try diving down deep. The frog wanted to, but did not know how to coordinate his limbs to swim that well. The fish said that it would teach him.

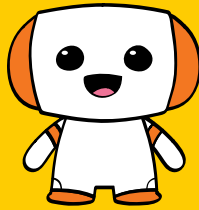




They each had so much fun that they forgot about their worries. They were no longer thinking about how bored they were with being a fish or a frog. The fish swam with the frog as his copilot.



Now the fish and the
frog help each other
through thick and thin.
When one is having a
bad day, the other
knows just what to do.



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