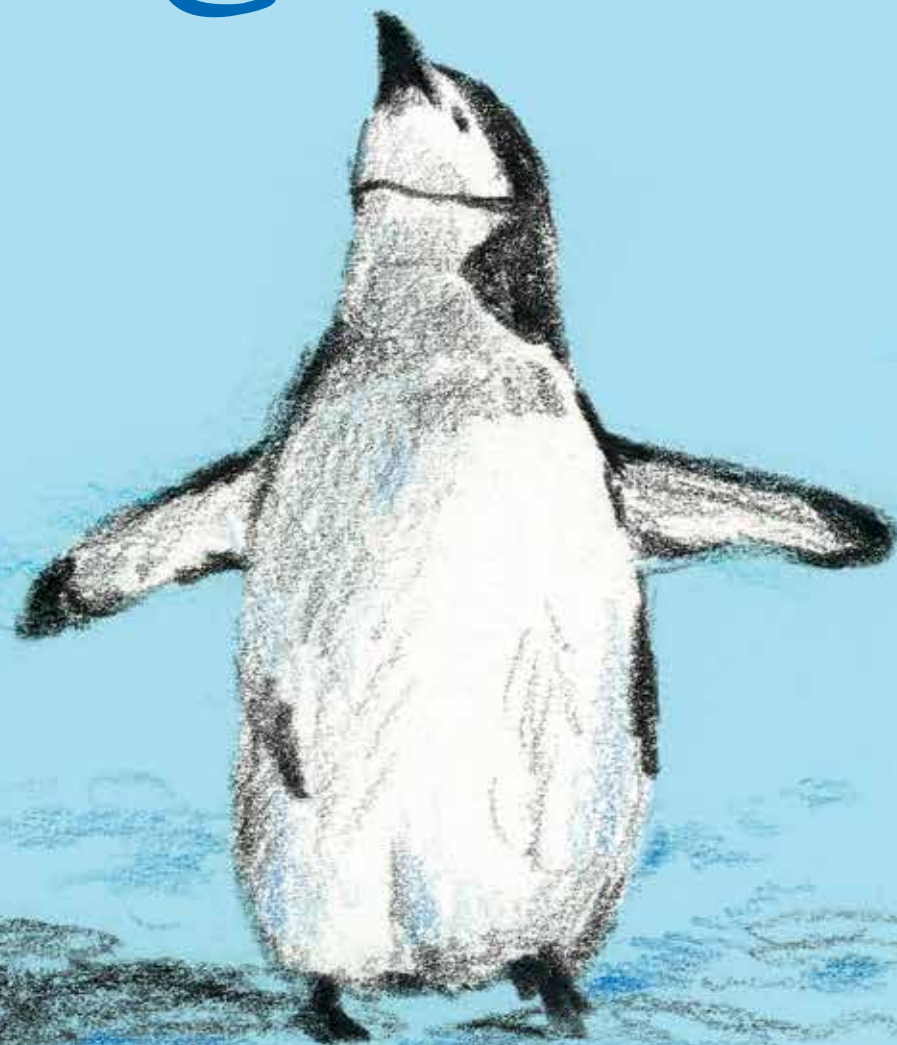


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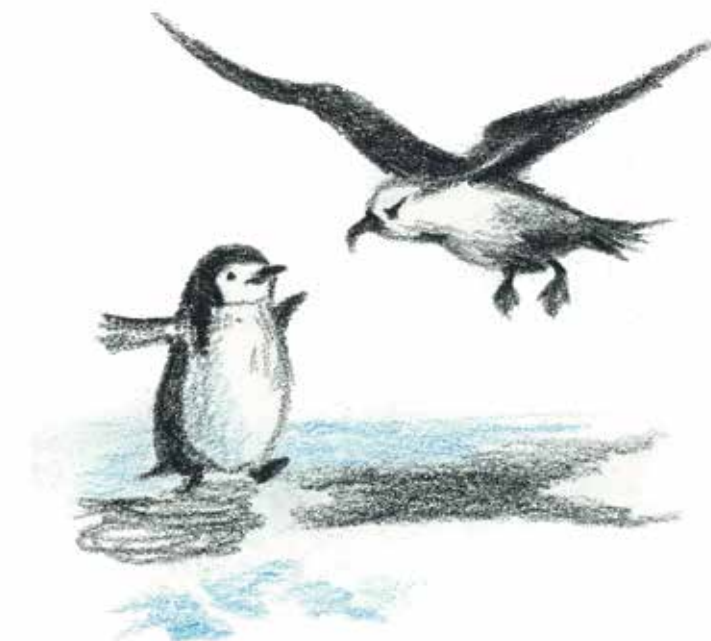
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Little Penguin
wanted to fly
like other birds.

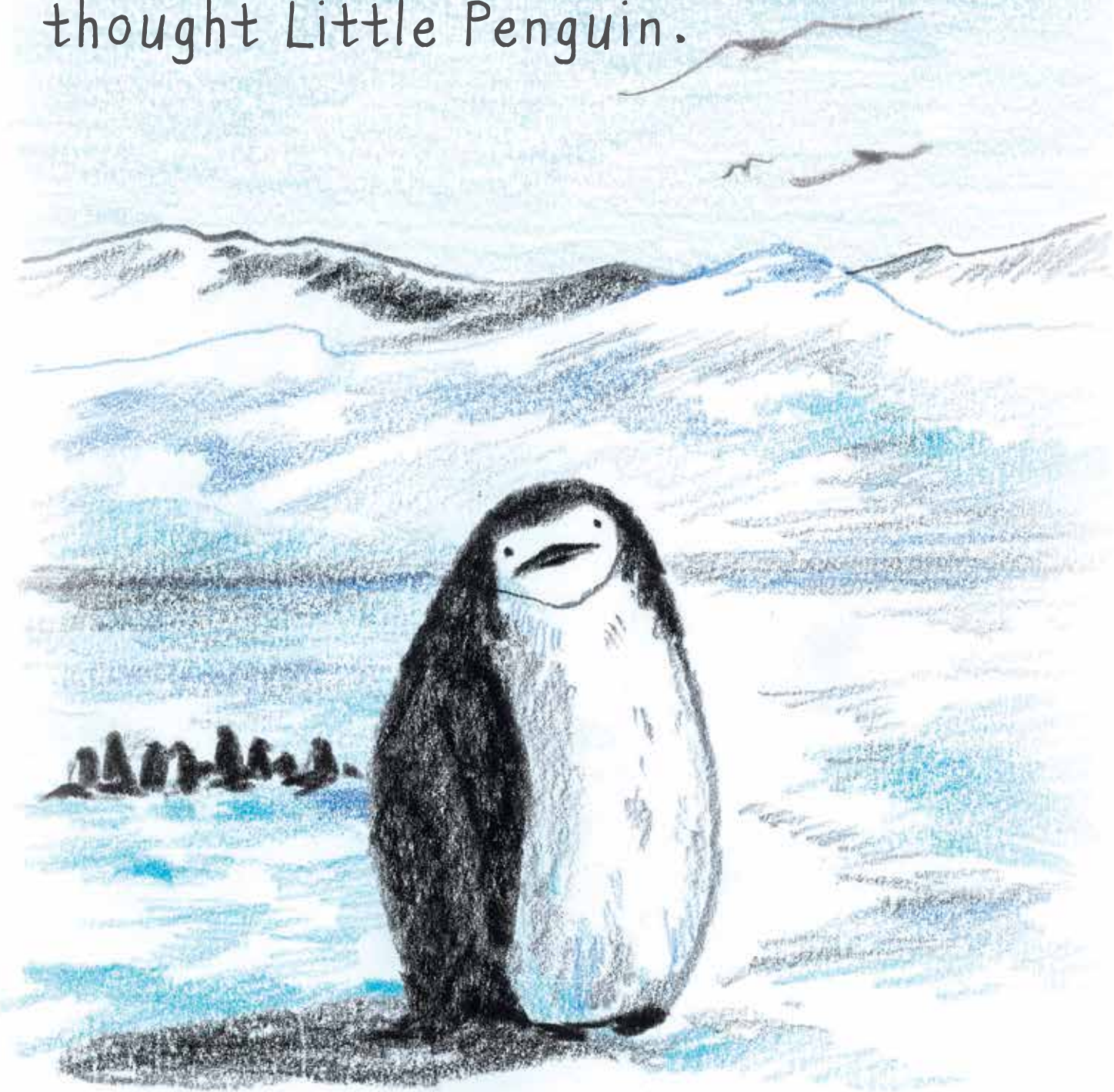


"Why can't I fly?" asked Little Penguin.



"Ha!" said Gull. "Penguins CAN'T fly!"

"But I do have wings,"
thought Little Penguin.



So Little Penguin
flapped.

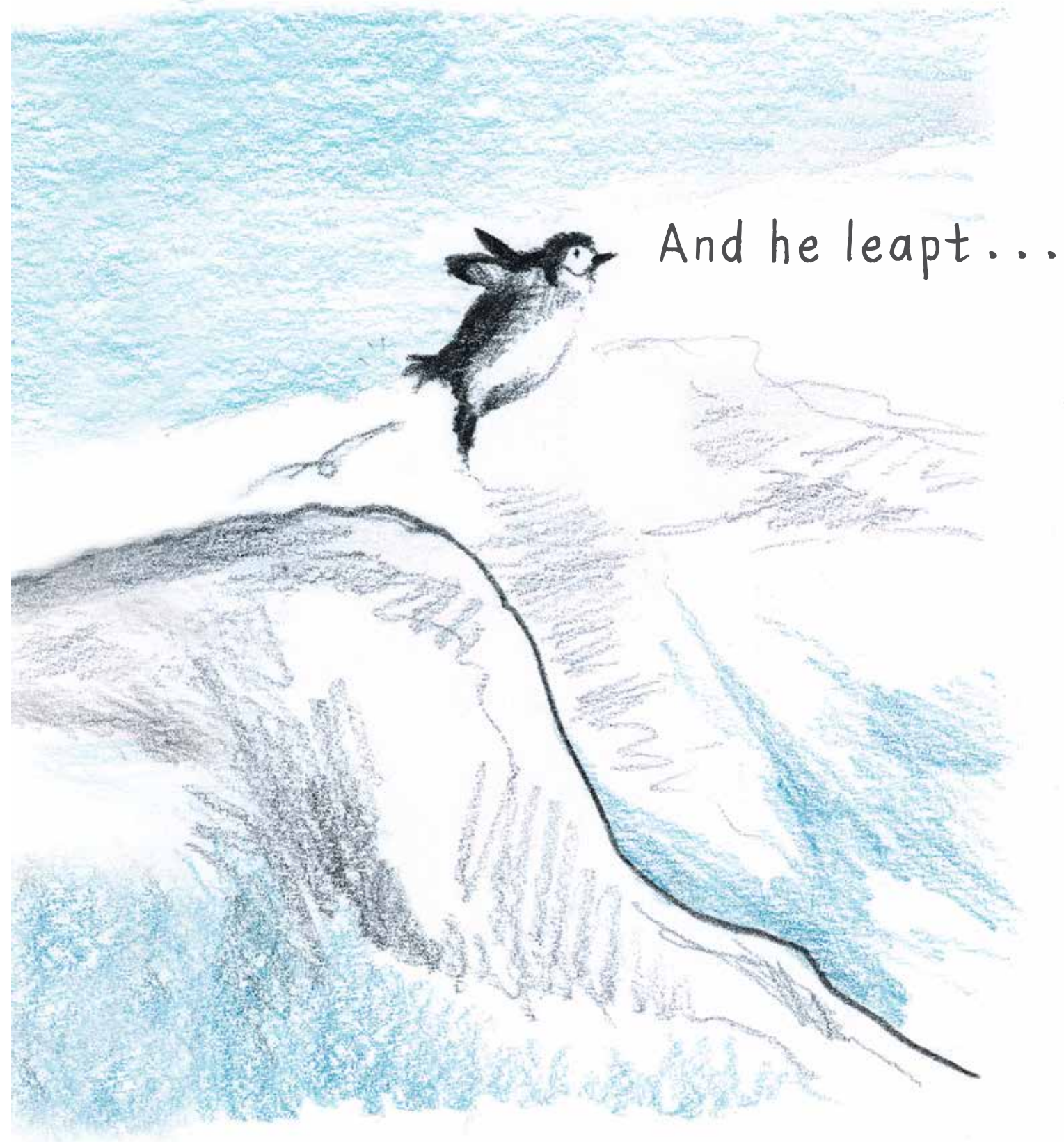
Then flapped
some more.



Then flapped
really hard.

Then he waddled
as fast as his little legs
could carry him.





And he leapt...



and
whoosh,
splat...

A watercolor illustration of two penguins on a snowy, icy landscape. One penguin is standing upright on the right, looking towards the left. The other penguin is lying flat on its back on the ice to the left. The background consists of soft, horizontal strokes of blue and white, suggesting a vast, cold environment.

He landed
in front
of his dad.

“What are
you doing,
Little Penguin?”
asked Dad.

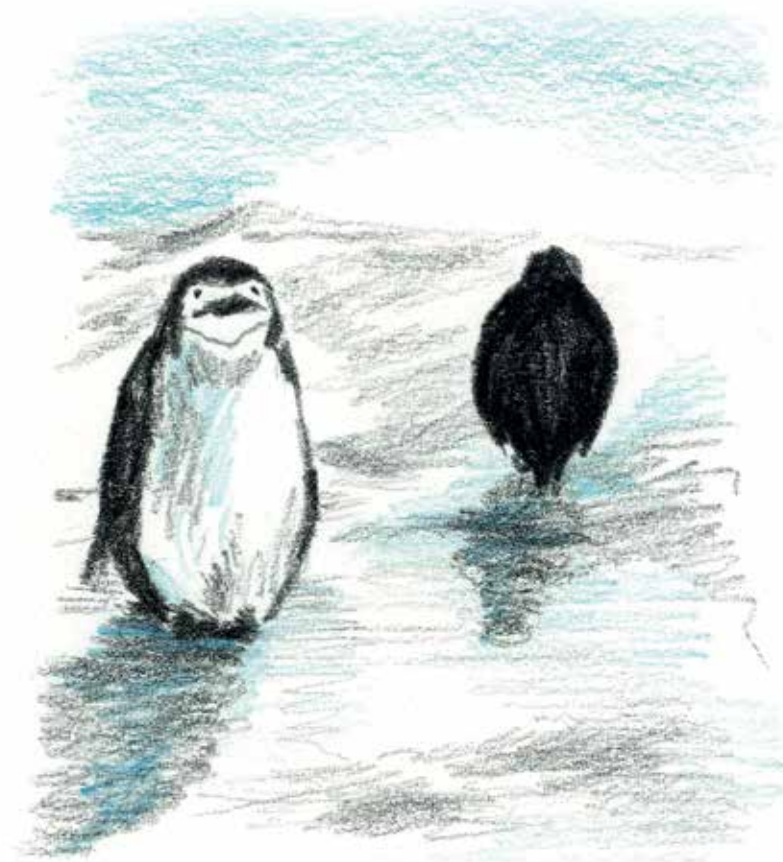
"I want to fly!"
said Little Penguin.



"Like
other
birds."



"Penguins can't fly,"
said Dad.
"Penguins swim."



"I'm sure I can fly,"
thought Little Penguin.



So Little Penguin flipped and flapped
his little wings.



And flipped



and flapped some more.



Little Penguin was exhausted.



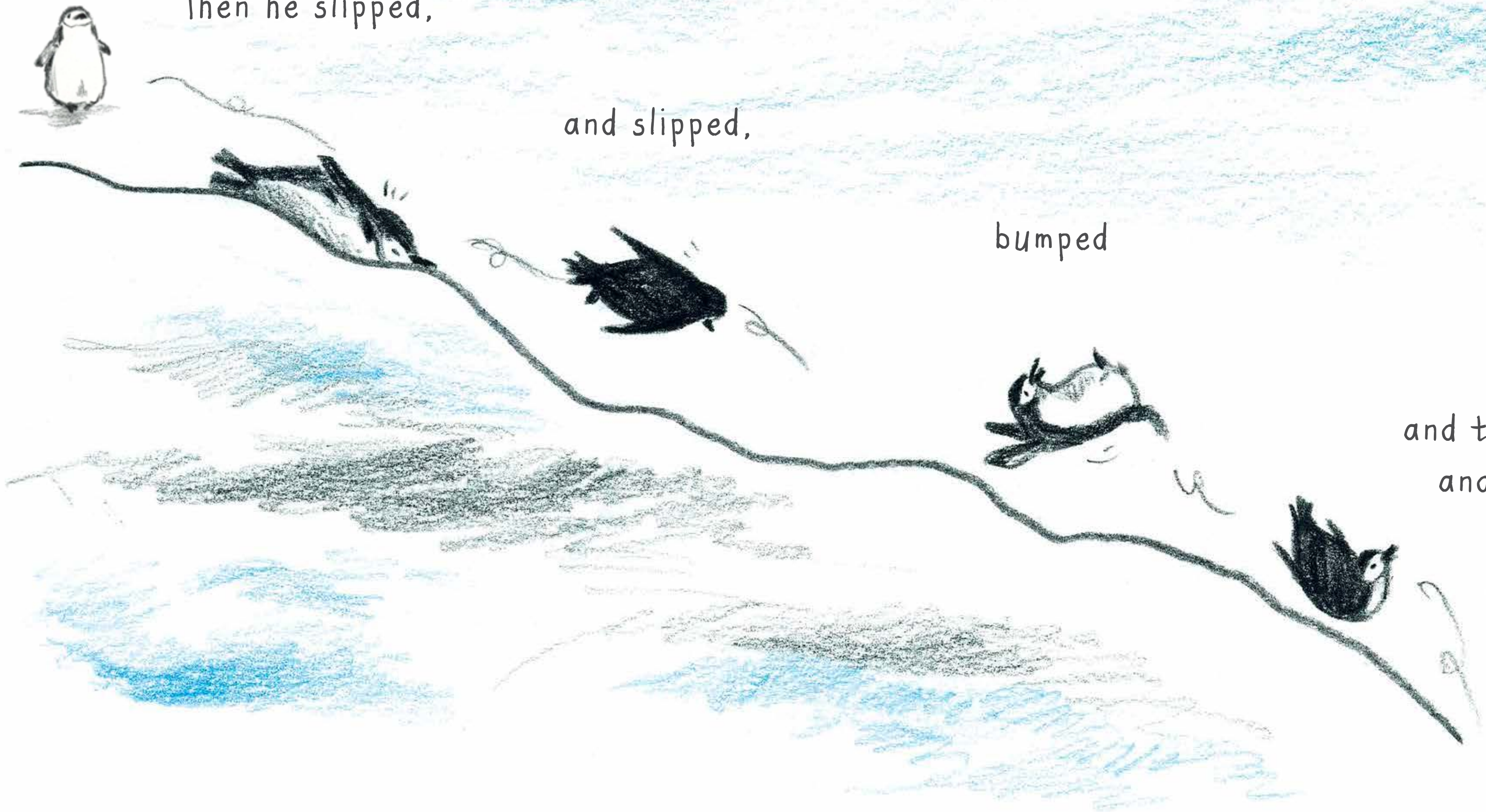
"I can do better,"
said Little Penguin.

Then he slipped,

and slipped,

bumped

and tripped
and...



A blue-toned illustration of a splash in the water. The splash is depicted with many radiating lines and circular ripples, creating a sense of movement and impact. The water is represented by various shades of blue, with darker tones at the bottom and lighter tones at the top. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration, with a focus on the visual effect of the splash.

SPLASH!

He fell...

into the sea.





Dad was close by



and took Little Penguin's wing.





They swam below the sea.
They leapt above the sea.

They flew in the air
and dived again and again.

"This is just like flying,"
thought Little Penguin.



“Swimming is like flying,
isn't it, Dad?”



“Almost the same, my little penguin.”

“I can fly!”





This book is for my parents and grandparents
for giving me the chance to have adventures.
For Martin, Caroline, David and Leilani
thanks for believing that I can fly.
Thank you too, to my Godparents in Chung-Li, Hippo, and my friends,
who always cheer me up. And you, who are reading this book.

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