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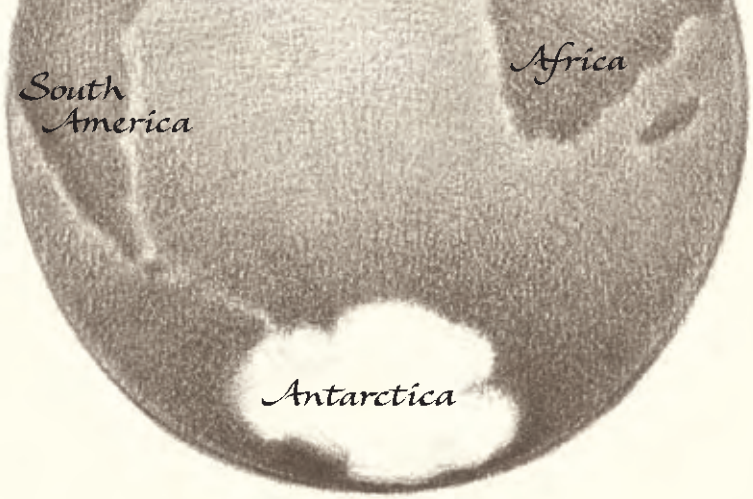
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Otto was a penguin chick. He lived on his father's feet
at the bottom of the world.

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Antarctica

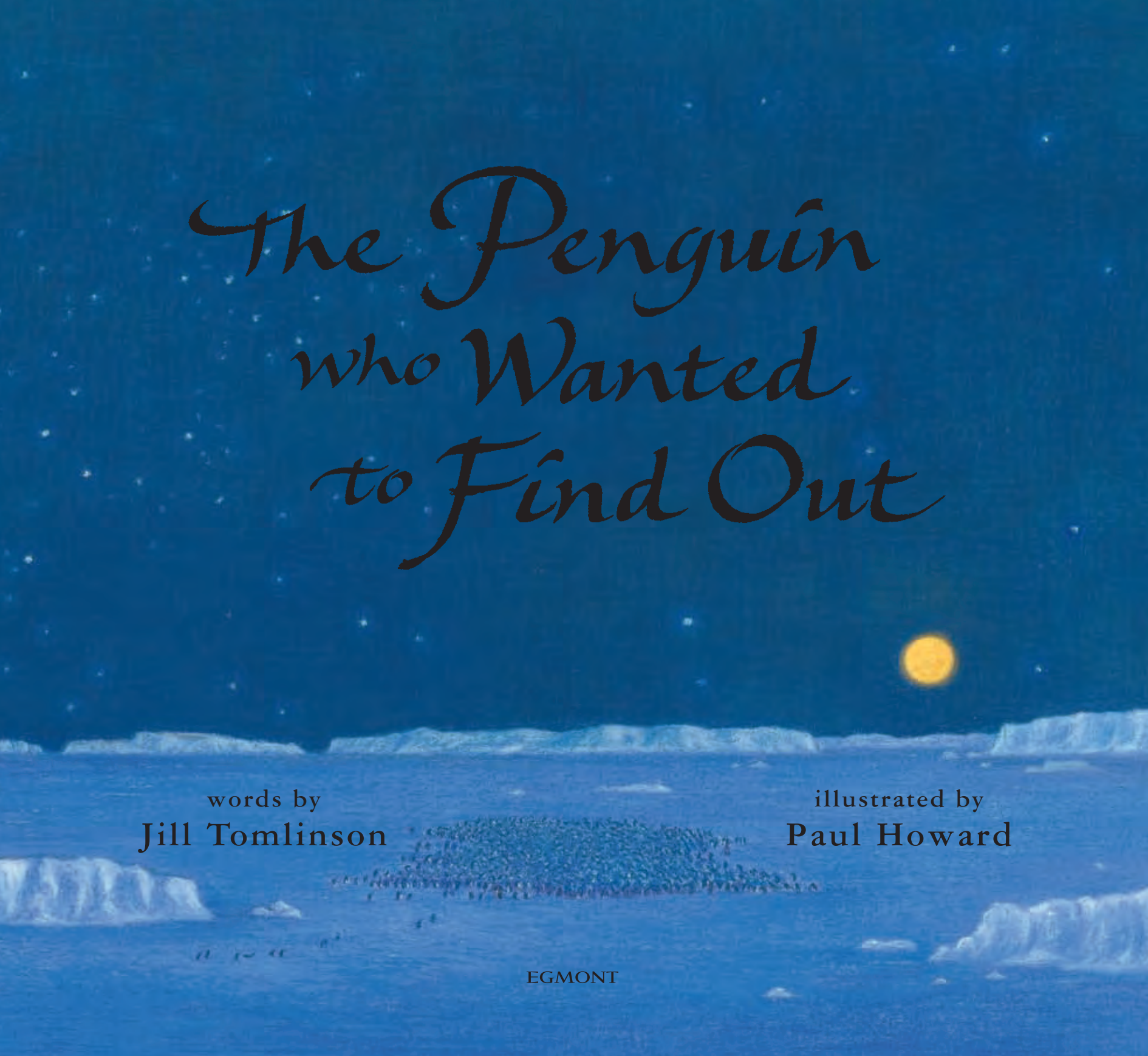
The most southern region of the world, with the coldest temperatures. There is no sunlight for four months of the year; it is only night. It is one of the harshest places on planet Earth, but it is where emperor penguins live.

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For David, who has been to the Antarctic,
his wife Pat, and the boys, James, Peter
and Matthew, and of course Claudius
J.T.

For James
P.H.


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‘How do you know we’re
at the bottom of the world?’
Otto asked his friend, Leo.
‘Your father told my father,’
said Leo. ‘Your father
knows everything.’

Otto thought for a moment.
Then he shouted up at Claudius,
‘Dad, there are lots of things
I want to know about.
Please talk to me!’





A beak came down and Otto looked into Claudius's face for the first time.

'I'm sorry, Otto,' said Claudius. 'I hadn't realised how grown up you are now. What would you like to know?'

'Why haven't I fallen off?' asked Otto.

'Fallen off what?'

'The world. Leo says we live on the bottom of the world.'

'We do. Antarctica it's called, the South Pole. But you won't fall off.'

'Why not?'

'Because I say so. Now we'd better stop talking and join the others. A blizzard is coming and it's going to be very, very cold.'

