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Opening extract from
**The Biggest Thing in
the World**

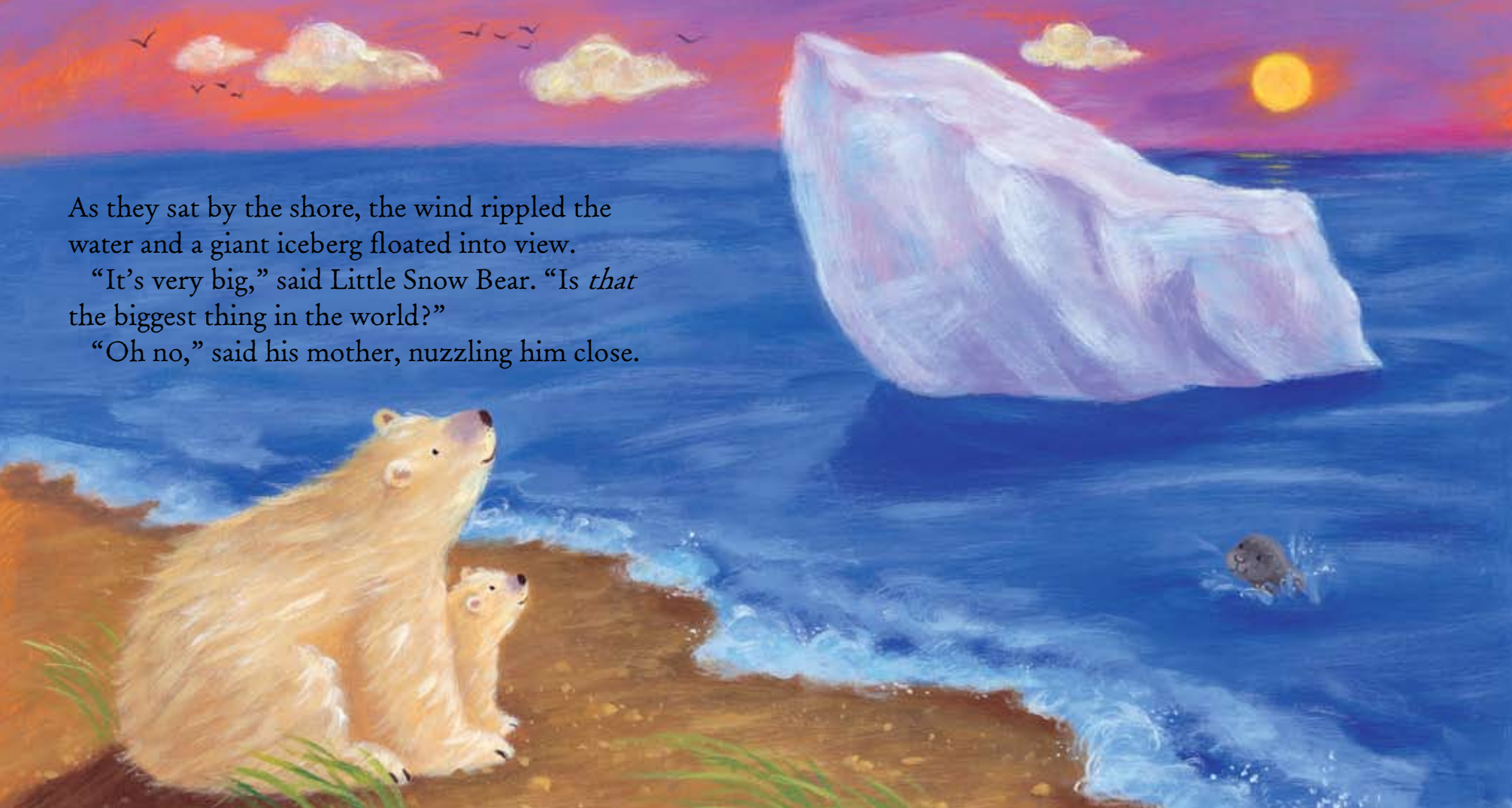
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A polar bear mother and her cub are sitting on a brown, rocky shore. The mother bear is looking up at a massive, white iceberg floating in the blue ocean. The cub is sitting next to her, also looking up. In the background, the ocean is dark blue, and the sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple, indicating sunset. A bright yellow sun is visible in the upper right corner. There are some white clouds and birds flying in the sky. A small, dark object is visible in the water near the shore.

As they sat by the shore, the wind rippled the water and a giant iceberg floated into view.

“It’s very big,” said Little Snow Bear. “Is *that* the biggest thing in the world?”

“Oh no,” said his mother, nuzzling him close.

“I knew that,” said Little Snow Bear, “because it’s the sea, isn’t it? The sea’s bigger than anything else!”

“It’s very, very, very big,” said his mother.
“But there’s something bigger.”



Little Snow Bear
wondered. As he wondered,
clouds gathered in the sky and the wind
blew more and more strongly.