

The Little Penguin

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Dear reader,

The book you are about to read was written by Spanish undergraduate students of the World Languages & Cultures department and illustrated by undergraduate students of the School of Art and Design, both from Georgia State University. This story is an English translation of the Spanish original.

This project has been made with my Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors -students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences-, and by the illustrators -Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch-. Neill Prewitt supervised the illustration process and I supervised the writing process.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie Leamos, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and reading in Spanish.

¡Espero que lo disfruten!

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Caracteres



Rico



Jorge



Leonardo



Blanco



Vocabulario:

Pingüino: Penguin

Antártida: Antarctica

Nadar: To swim

Ruidoso: Noisy

Sucio: Dirty

El Clima: Weather

Además: Also

Incómoda: Uncomfortable

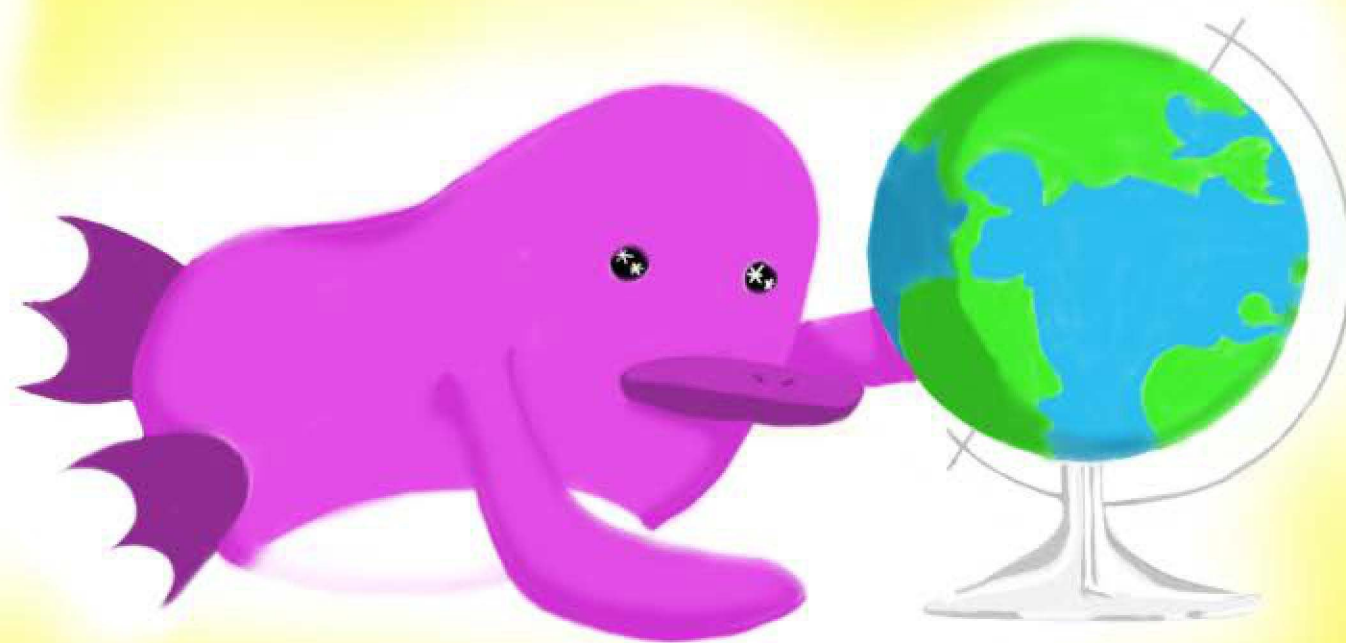
Derrotado: Defeated

Regresar: To return

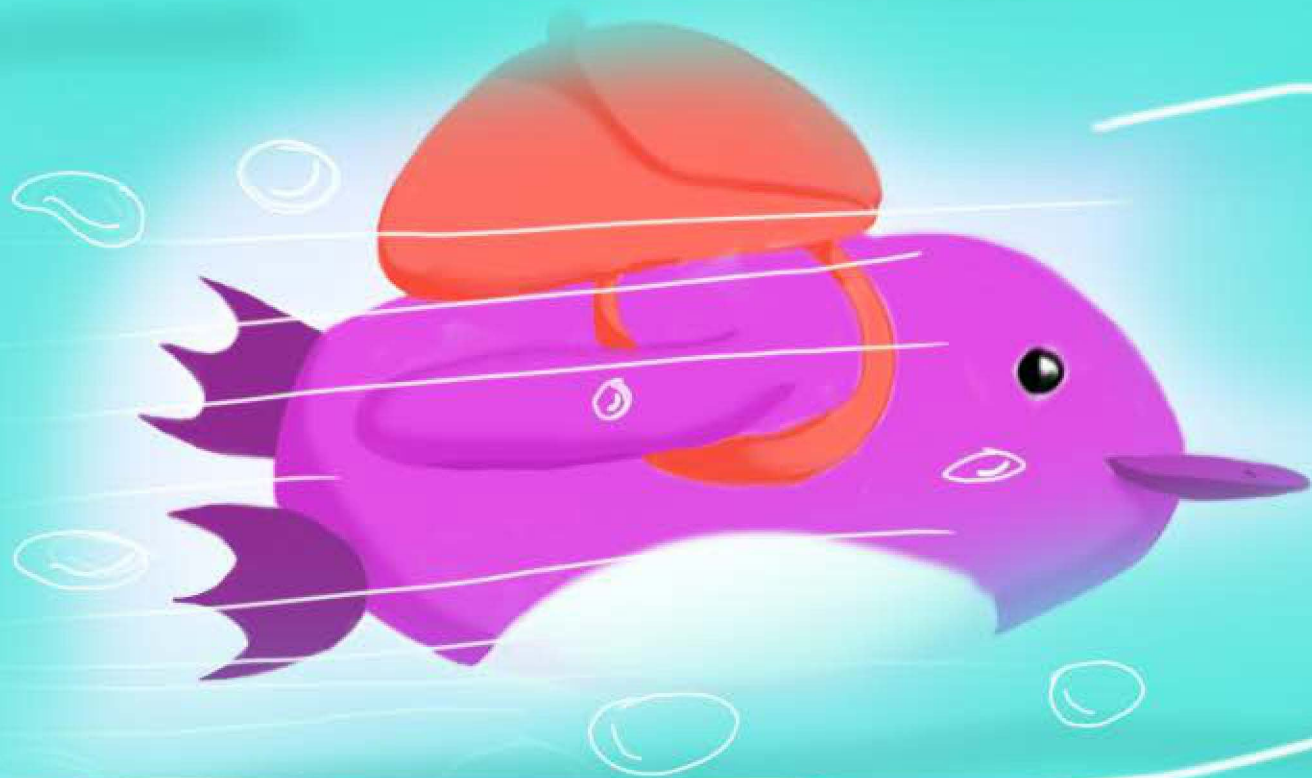


There once was a little penguin named Rico. He lived in Antarctica with his parents and the other penguins, but he was never happy. Rico thought his life was too simple and boring. He wanted to eat something new that wasn't fish!

Rico had heard great things about the rest of the world and wanted to see them.

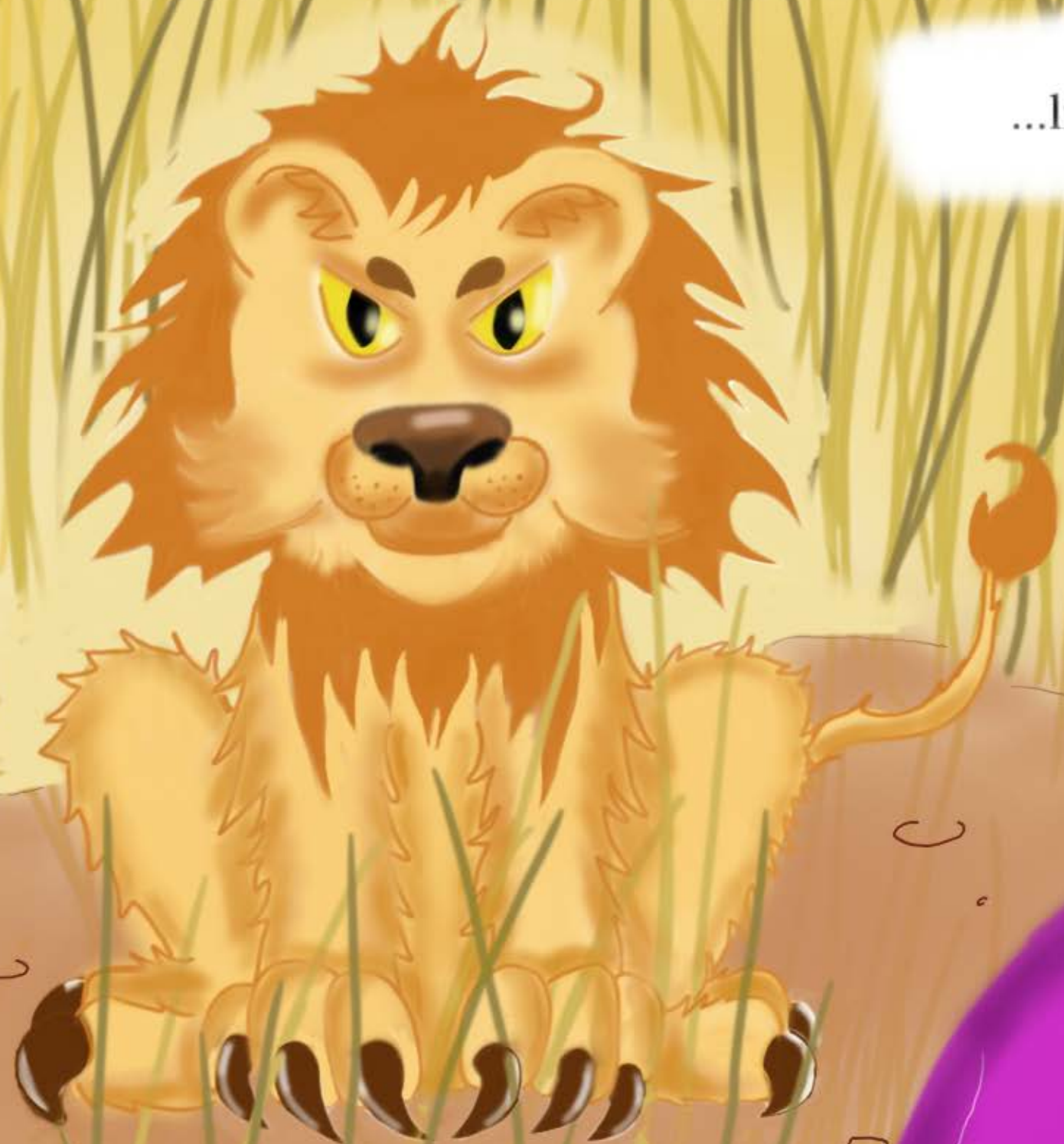


One day, Rico decided to go on an adventure around the world.




Rico swam to Africa, a very long journey, and when he arrived, Rico met an elephant named Jorge. Rico and Jorge had a lot of fun, but although Jorge was very nice, there were other animals that were not so nice...



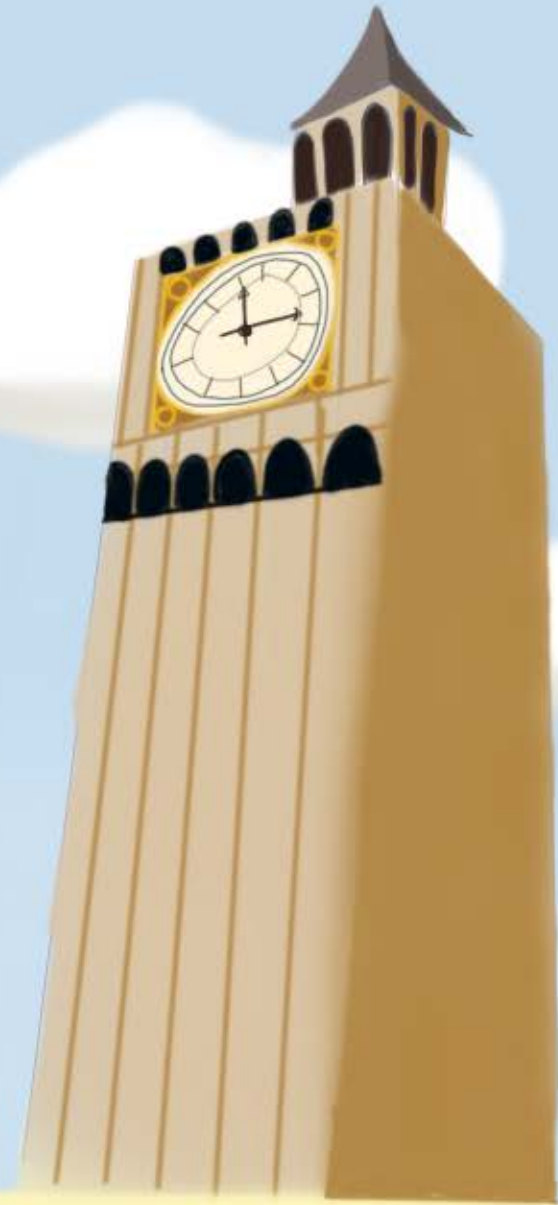
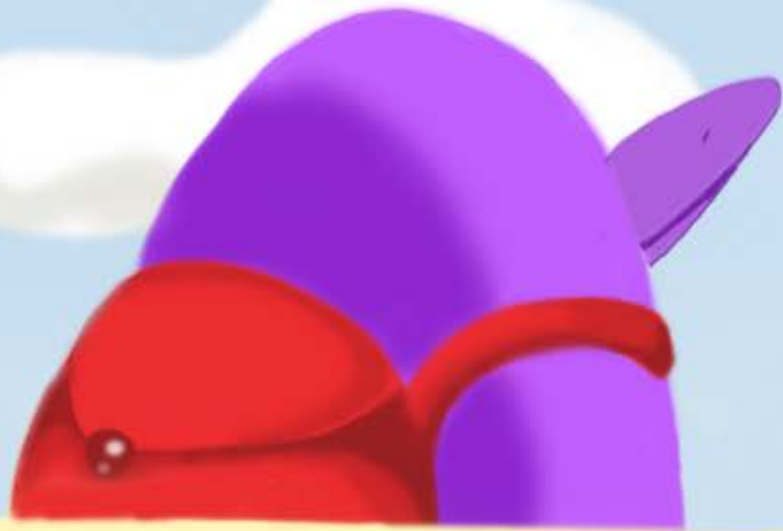
A cartoon illustration of a lion with a thick, golden-brown mane and body. The lion is sitting on a small mound of brown earth. It has a serious expression with yellow eyes and a dark nose. The background is a field of tall, thin grasses.

...like the lion, Leonardo.

A close-up illustration of a purple, round creature. It has large, black, almond-shaped eyes with white highlights. Its mouth is a simple, rounded red shape. The creature appears to be looking towards the left.

Rico also was always too hot, so he decided to leave Africa.

So, he went to Europe, because he wanted to see the big cities there. He went to London and saw Big Ben...



...and then to Madrid and saw museums.

While Europe was interesting, it was too noisy and dirty for Rico.



Later, Rico decided to travel to a colder place. He swam to the Arctic. The climate in the Arctic was much better, but there was no one to be friends with.





There he met a polar bear named Blanco, but Blanco tried to eat Rico. How horrible!



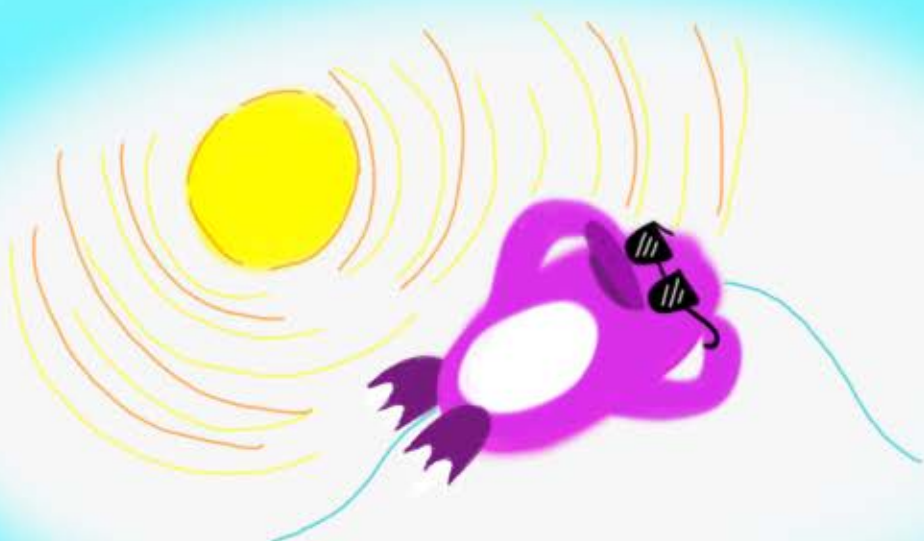
And also, the beds in the Arctic are very uncomfortable. "I want my bed!" said Rico.

Defeated, Rico returned to Antarctica, where he quickly discovered that he had everything he wanted.

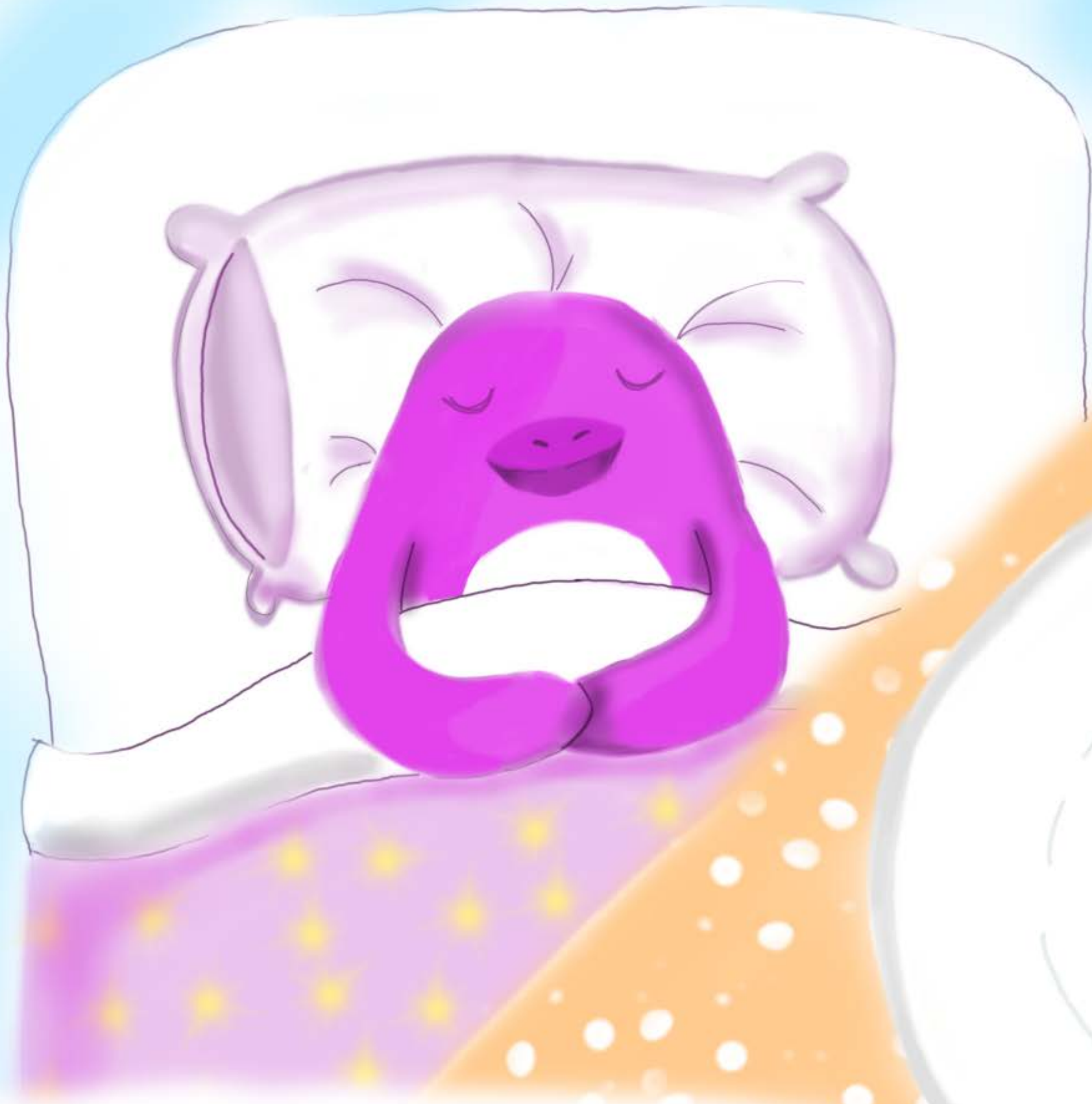


He had friends...

family...



and the weather was perfect.



Most importantly, his bed was comfortable! He also discovered that fish from Antarctica is the best food in the world.



Rico learned that many times
you have exactly what you want
in life, you just need to
appreciate it.

