

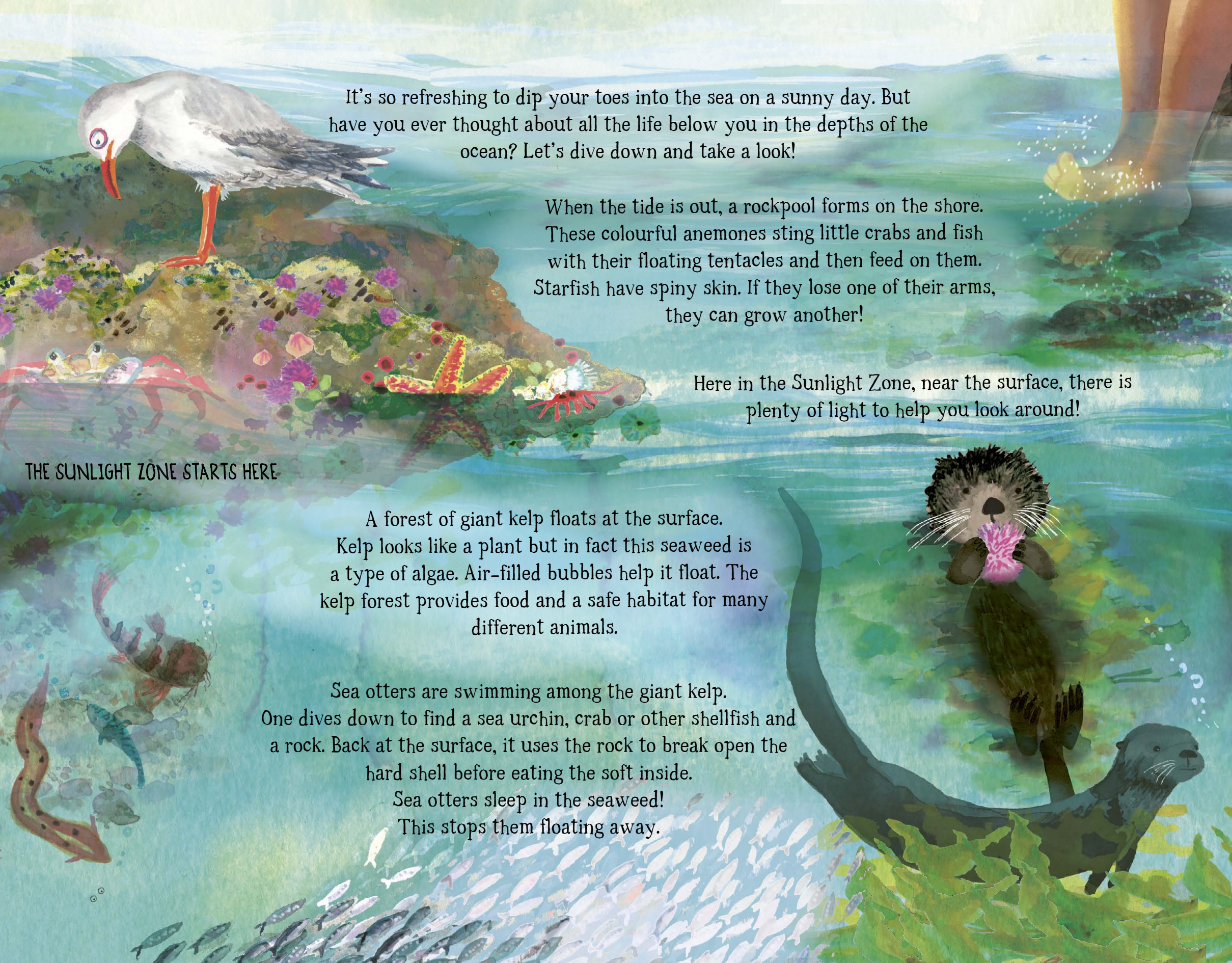


THE SEA

BELOW

MY TOES

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It's so refreshing to dip your toes into the sea on a sunny day. But have you ever thought about all the life below you in the depths of the ocean? Let's dive down and take a look!

When the tide is out, a rockpool forms on the shore. These colourful anemones sting little crabs and fish with their floating tentacles and then feed on them. Starfish have spiny skin. If they lose one of their arms, they can grow another!

Here in the Sunlight Zone, near the surface, there is plenty of light to help you look around!

THE SUNLIGHT ZONE STARTS HERE

A forest of giant kelp floats at the surface. Kelp looks like a plant but in fact this seaweed is a type of algae. Air-filled bubbles help it float. The kelp forest provides food and a safe habitat for many different animals.

Sea otters are swimming among the giant kelp. One dives down to find a sea urchin, crab or other shellfish and a rock. Back at the surface, it uses the rock to break open the hard shell before eating the soft inside.

Sea otters sleep in the seaweed!
This stops them floating away.

