

# ALOHA ALBATROSS



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A story  
about love,  
pride and family

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For my own little Egg.  
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For my dance partner, Alex, and our River Willow.  
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On the island of O'ahu, the  
Gathering Place, live thousands  
of Laysan albatrosses.

This is a story  
about three very  
special birds.



Palila loves to feel the wind  
on her wings as she soars  
high over the ocean.



Anuenue loves  
to dance.



She clicks  
her beak



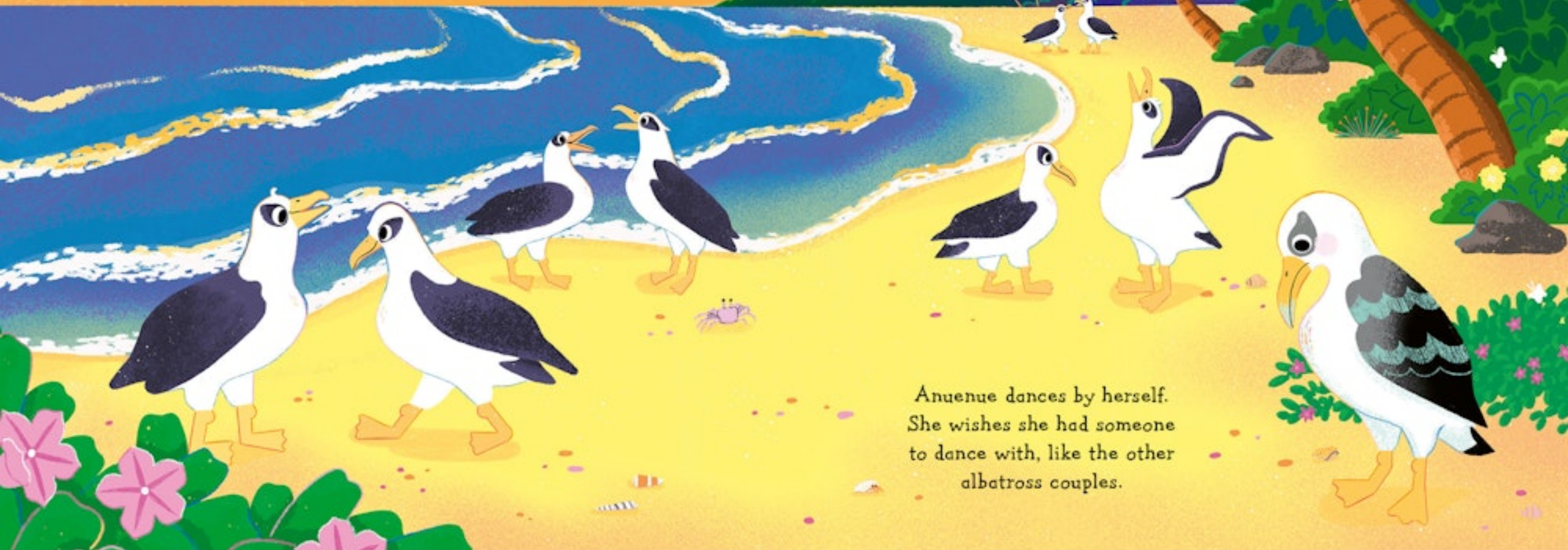
and bobs her head as the waves of the Pacific Ocean crash on the shore.







Palila has been flying over the  
ocean for many weeks and feels her  
home calling to her.



Anuenue dances by herself.  
She wishes she had someone  
to dance with, like the other  
albatross couples.




As the sun sets over O'ahu,  
Palila lands. Her wings are weary  
from her time at sea.

She wants to rest and sleep, but  
she notices a bird dancing on  
the shore, alone.







Anuenue dances  
for the ocean.

Palila watches her beautiful dance,  
wanting to join in but not knowing how.

She clicks her beak  
at the white foam  
and bobs her head  
for the waves.



With a click of her  
beak, Palila tells  
Anuenue how graceful  
her dancing is.



Anuenue bobs her head,  
showing Palila how to feel  
the ocean's song.





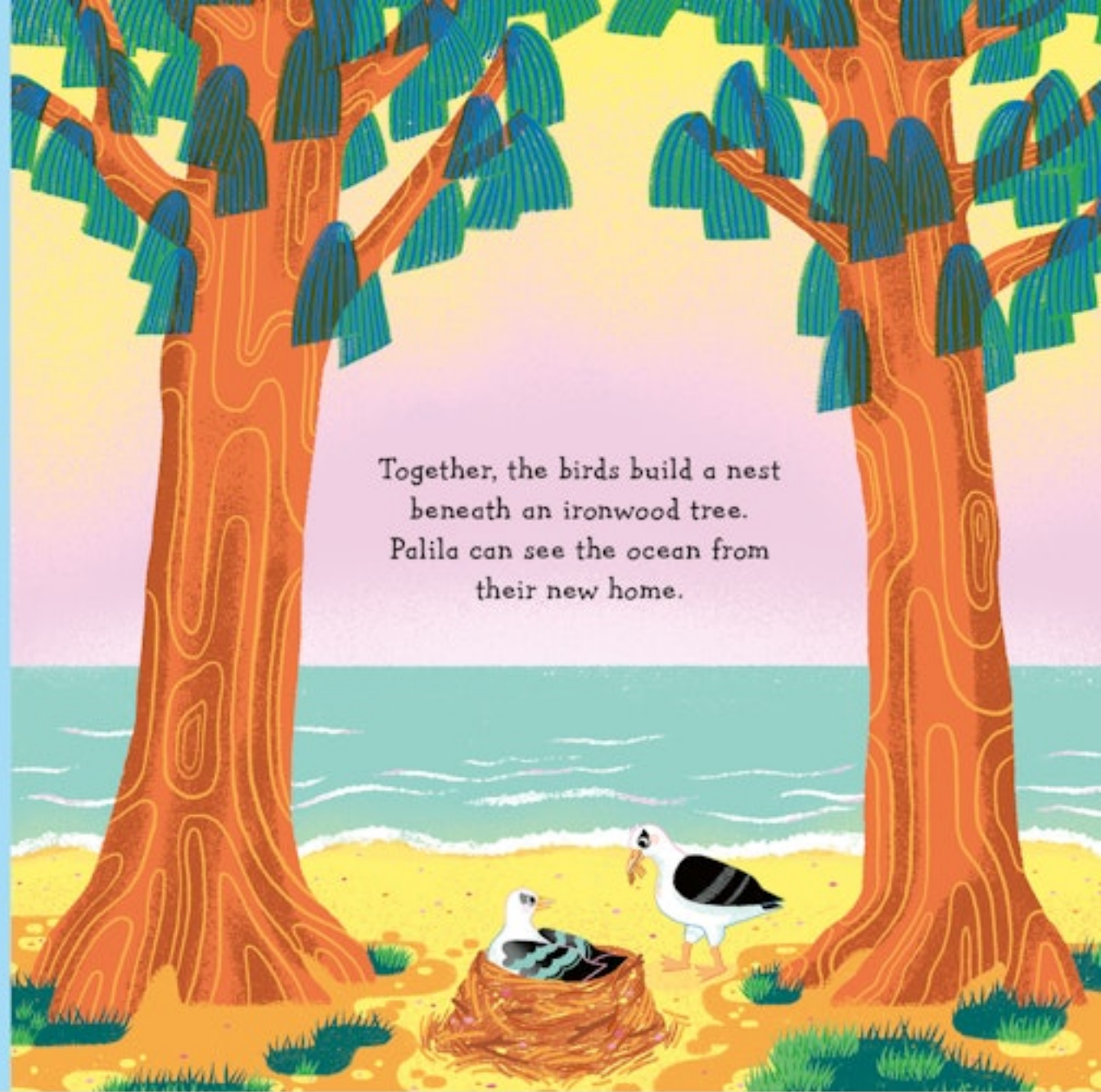




Anuenue knows that she will soon lay  
an egg, and the only bird she wants  
beside her is Palila.



Together, the birds build a nest  
beneath an ironwood tree.  
Palila can see the ocean from  
their new home.





Anuenue takes to  
the wing, searching  
for food.



When she  
returns she sits  
on their egg,  
keeping it warm  
beneath her  
feathers.

Palila flies across  
the ocean.



She fills her  
beak and belly  
with fish.



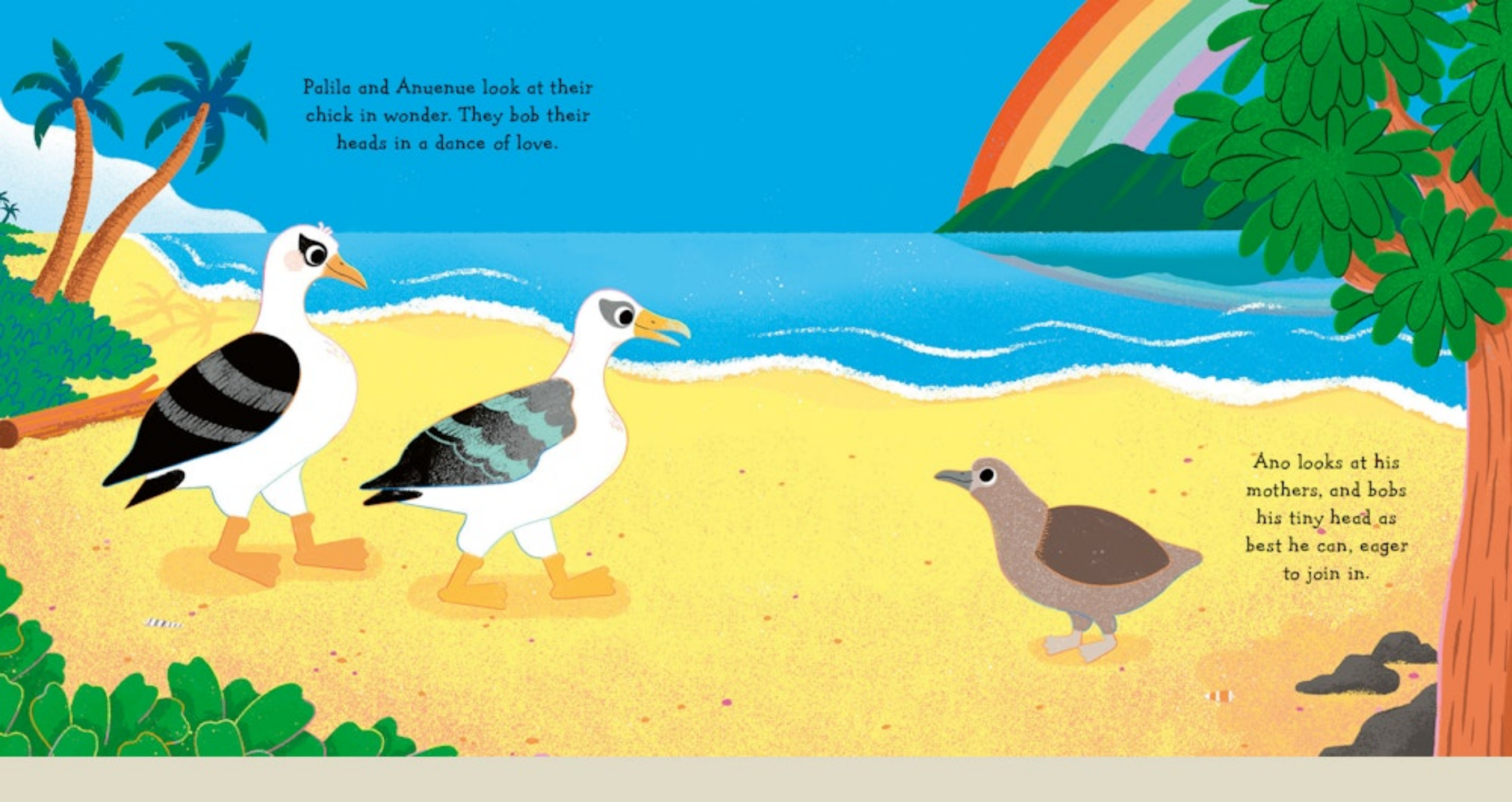
One bright morning, Palila  
returns to Anuenue. Together  
they watch as a tiny crack  
appears on their egg.



Soon more cracks appear on the egg  
and a fluffy, grey head emerges.







Palila and Anuenue look at their  
chick in wonder. They bob their  
heads in a dance of love.

Ano looks at his  
mothers, and bobs  
his tiny head as  
best he can, eager  
to join in.



Laysan Albatrosses live the longest, out of all the birds in the world and the oldest albatross, Wisdom, recently turned 70. She is still raising chicks every year on Midway Atoll, the island where she was born in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. However, the small islands and atolls that albatrosses nest on are rapidly washing away into the ocean due to the rising sea level, and some birds are finding new places to raise their chicks. The story you have just read is based on real events. Just an hour from the busy beaches of Waikiki in Honolulu, Hawaii sits a nature reserve called Kaena Point. At Kaena Point, several hundred Laysan Albatrosses come back to lay their eggs and hatch their chicks each year. Laysan Albatrosses began nesting there in the 1990s after their breeding island in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands disappeared into the sea. However, when the albatrosses began arriving, researchers

noticed that there were more females than males. Since albatross parents fly huge distances across the ocean to find food for their chicks, they need two parents to raise a chick. But unlike other animal species, albatross chicks can have two mums or a mum and a dad! About a third of female albatrosses have chosen to pair with other females to raise their chick since they cannot find a male partner. Their egg is still fertilised by a male, but they raise it with their female partner. Similarly to all other types of albatross pairs, the two female albatrosses take turns caring for their chick. They also take turns laying eggs. Most albatrosses mate for life and will stay with their mate until death.

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