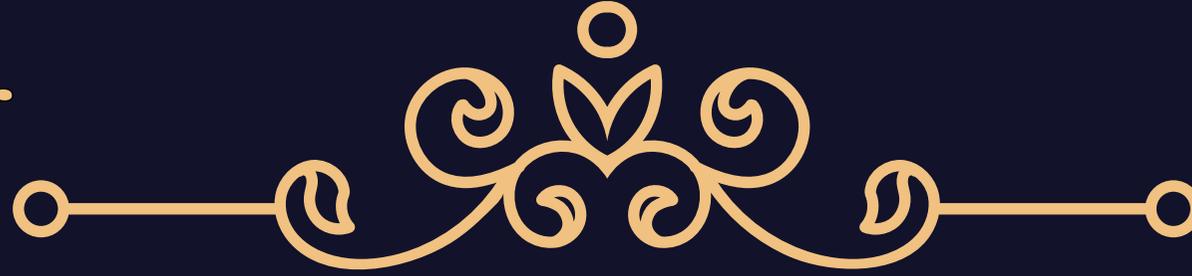


The Blue Penguin

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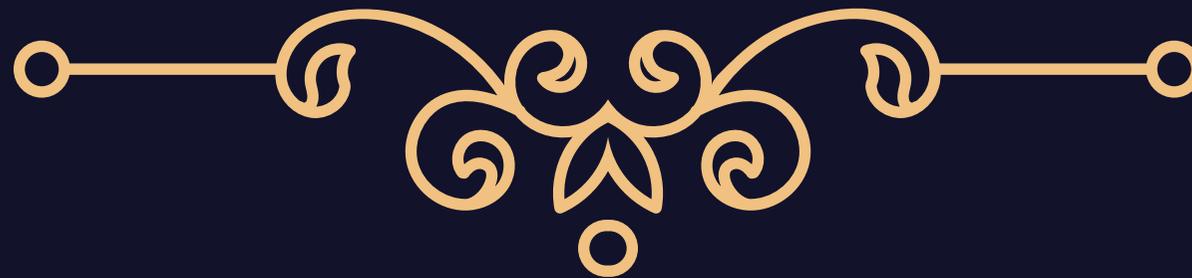


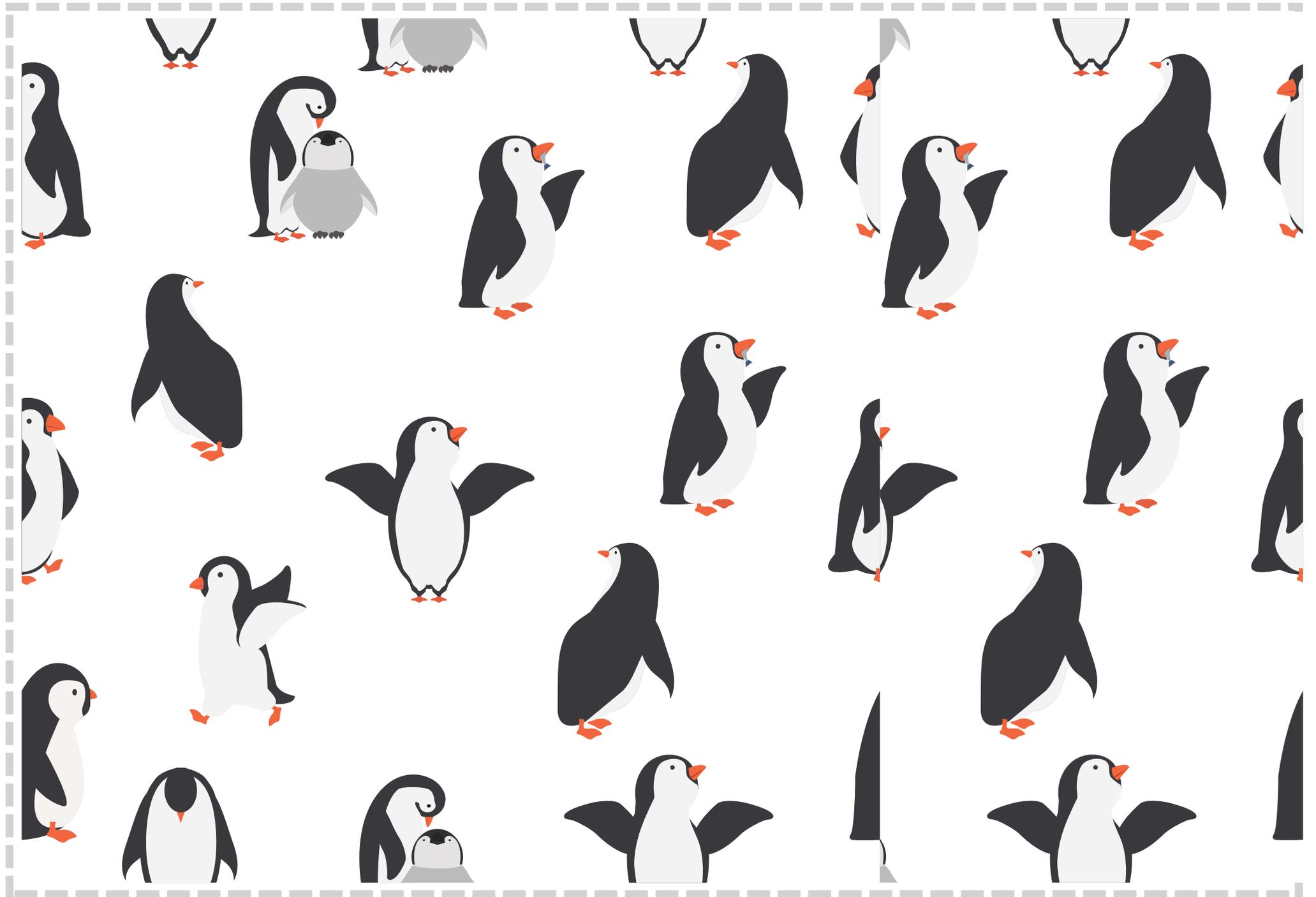
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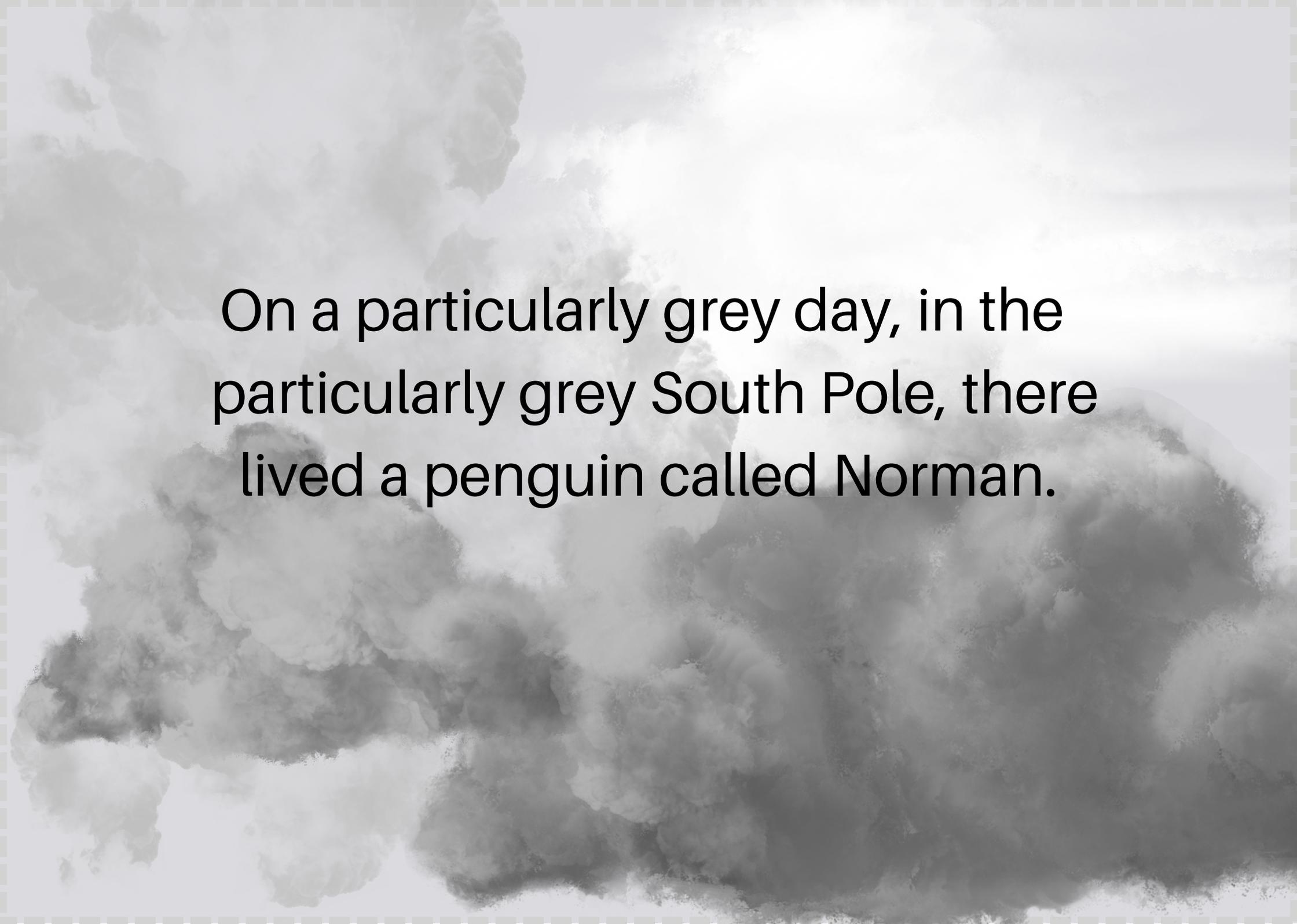
The best friend

anyone could wish for.

The strongest person
I've met.





A black and white photograph of a cloudy sky. The clouds are dense and textured, with a bright light source, likely the sun or moon, shining through the upper center, creating a strong glow and illuminating the surrounding clouds. The overall tone is grey and atmospheric.

On a particularly grey day, in the particularly grey South Pole, there lived a penguin called Norman.

Norman is a sad penguin. He is feeling blue...





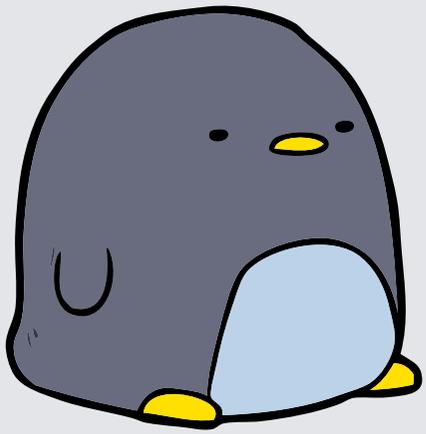
and nobody knows why.





I am Norman's
friend. And one day
I went to play.





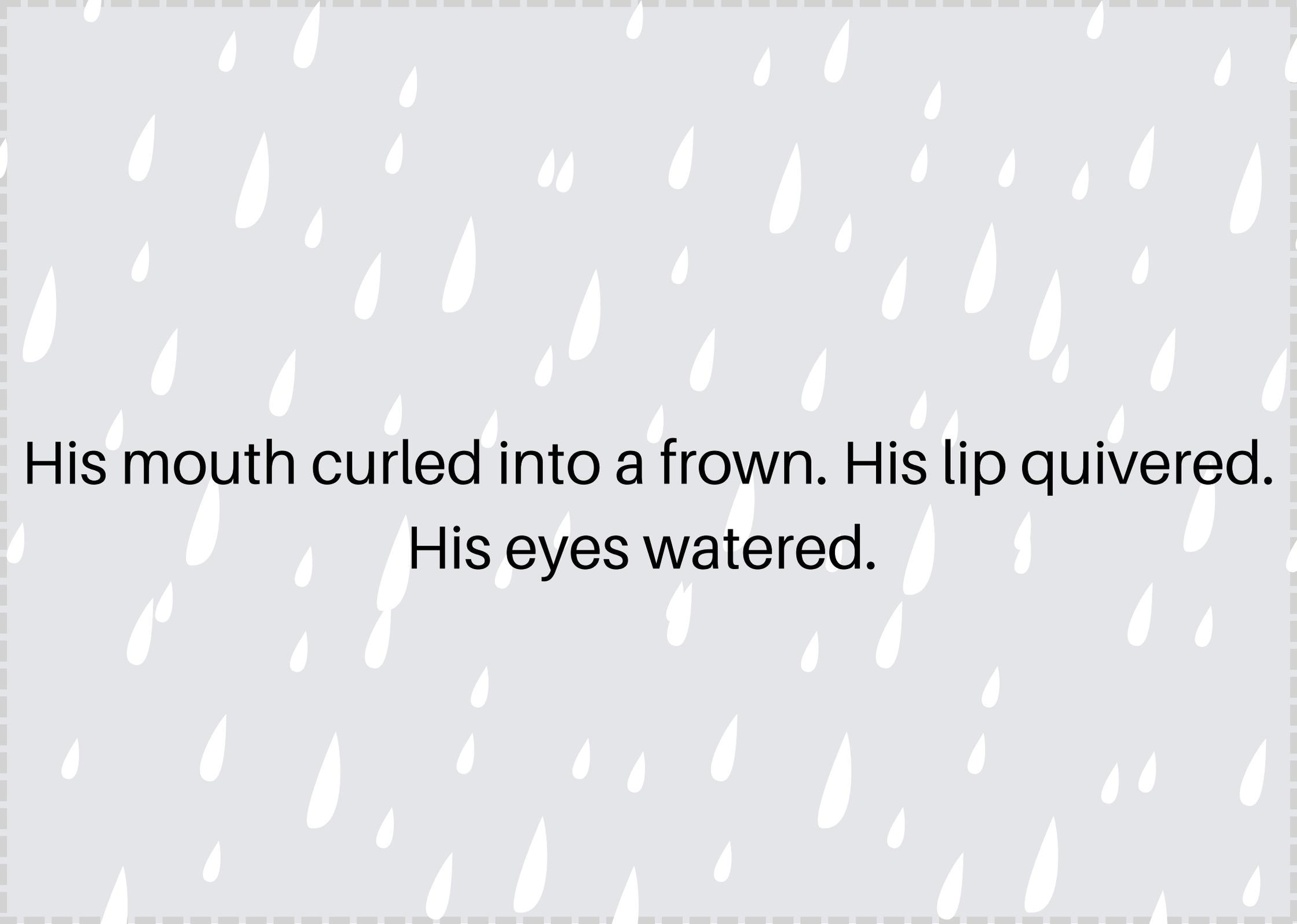
But Norman didn't want to play.



He didn't want to sing and dance,



he didn't want me to stay.



**His mouth curled into a frown. His lip quivered.
His eyes watered.**



Norman exploded in
a torrent of hot,
angry tears.

I waddled over to where Norman wept, huddled on the cold floor. We sat for a moment. Silence: heavy like a winter blanket.



"My M~um sh~e's
si~c~k," he stuttered
through his sobs.



I sat for a moment,
unsure of what to do.





"They took her to the hospital," he gulped, "to try and make her better."

"Be strong now because things will get better. It may be stormy now, but it can't rain forever," I whispered.



And after that we just sat...



and sat...



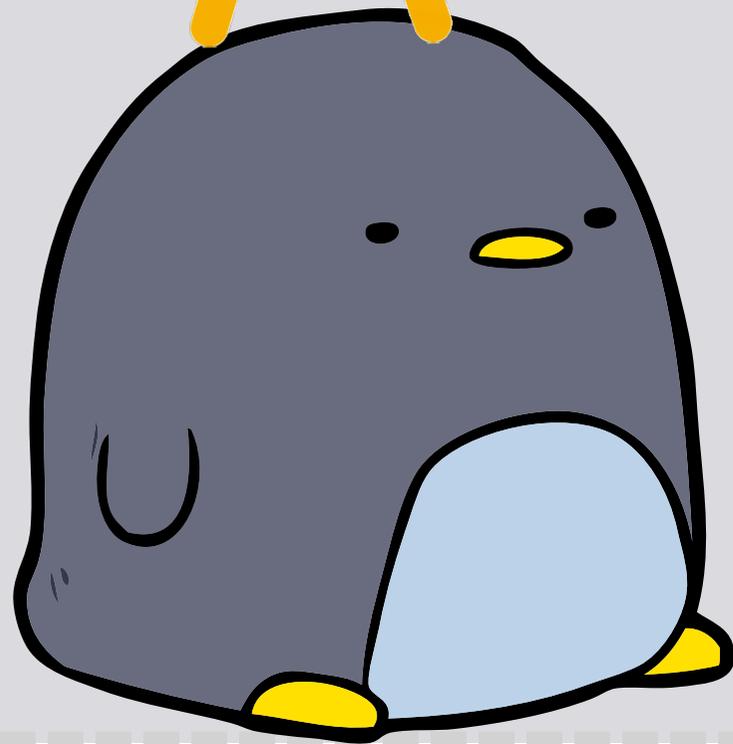


and sat...

When, the doorbell rang. Norman and I stood up ~ brushed the stray snowflakes from our feathers~ and trudged over to the door.



His eyes lit up as soon as he saw the unexpected visitor. "Mum!" he cried, bounding into her flippers.

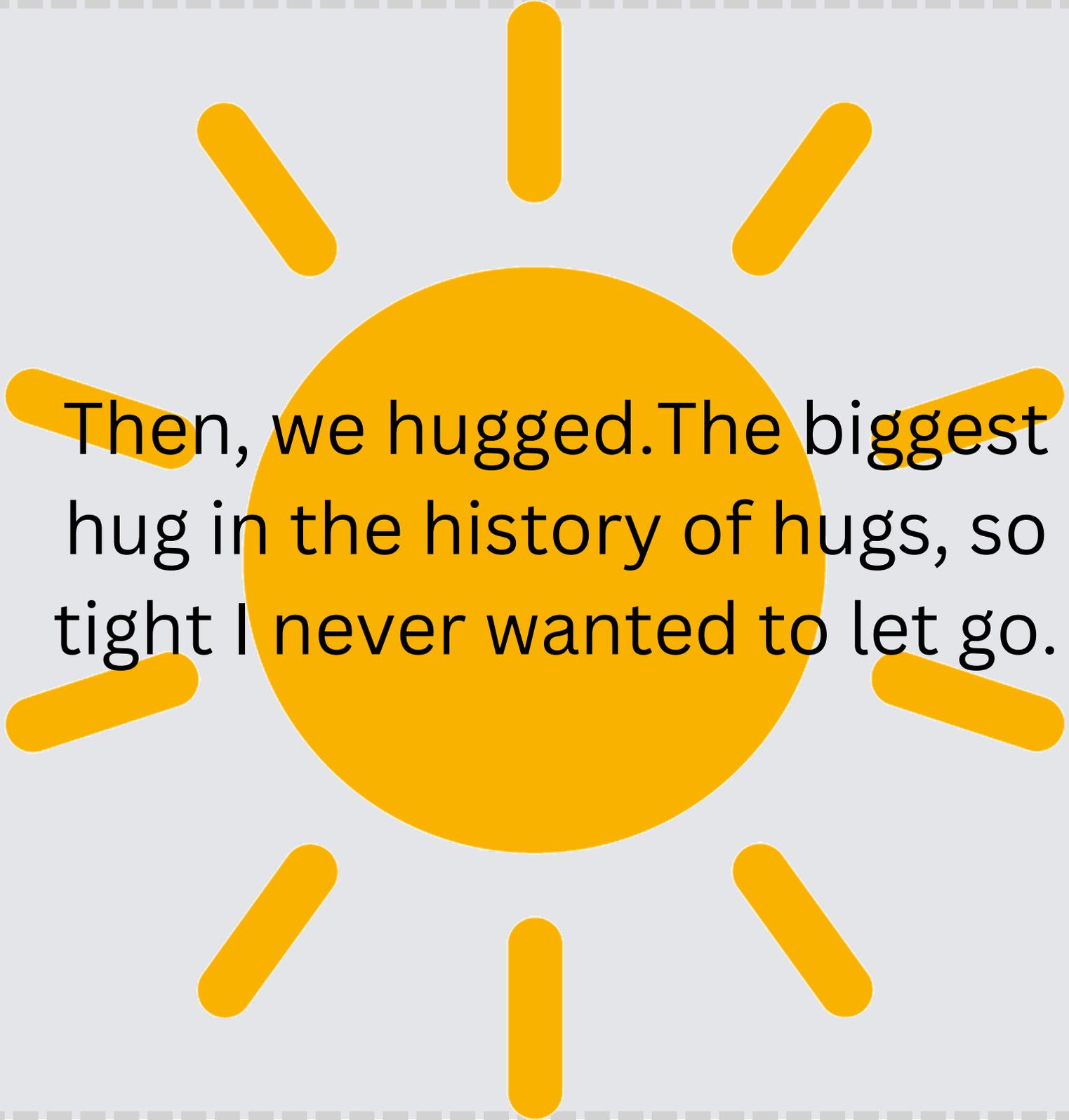


I was about to leave when, Norman stared into my hazel eyes. "Thank you." He spoke softly in almost a whisper.

"What for?" I questioned, curiously.

"For understanding," he replied.





Then, we hugged. The biggest hug in the history of hugs, so tight I never wanted to let go.

About The Author



My name is Ellie ,I am 11 years old and live in the United Kingdom.My favourite thing to do in my free time is to ride and help out at my local Stables.



I feel like it is so important that we take into account how other people are feeling and how that might affect how they react. People should be more considerate of how people are feeling and what they are going through.

*"You never know how strong you are
until being strong is your only choice..."*

~Bob Marley

The Blue Penguin tells the story of a penguin, Norman, and his friend as they learn what it means to be human. The pair's friendship is changed forever when Norman's friend goes round to play. Embark on an emotional rollercoaster like never before as they learn a very important lesson.



