

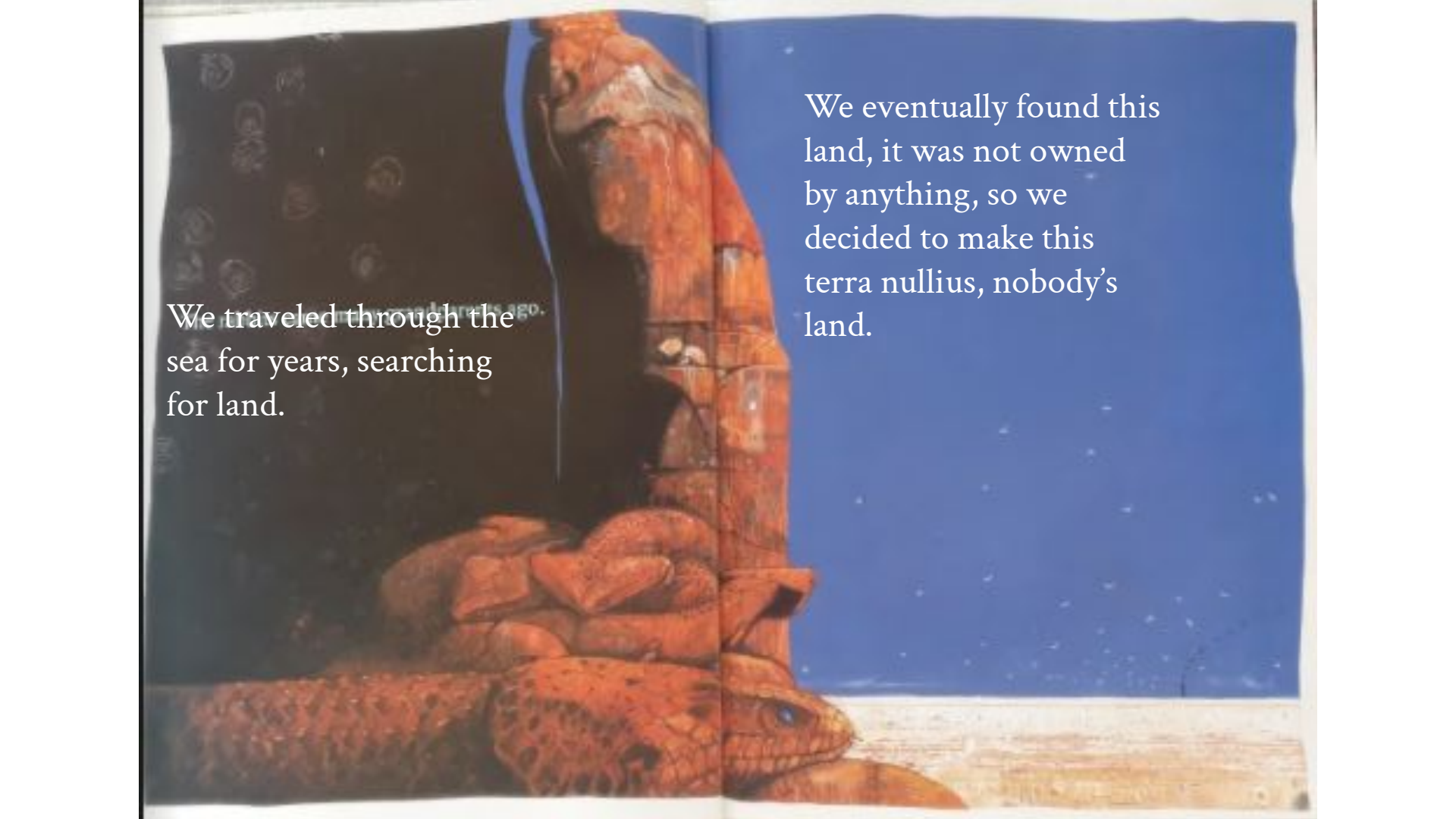
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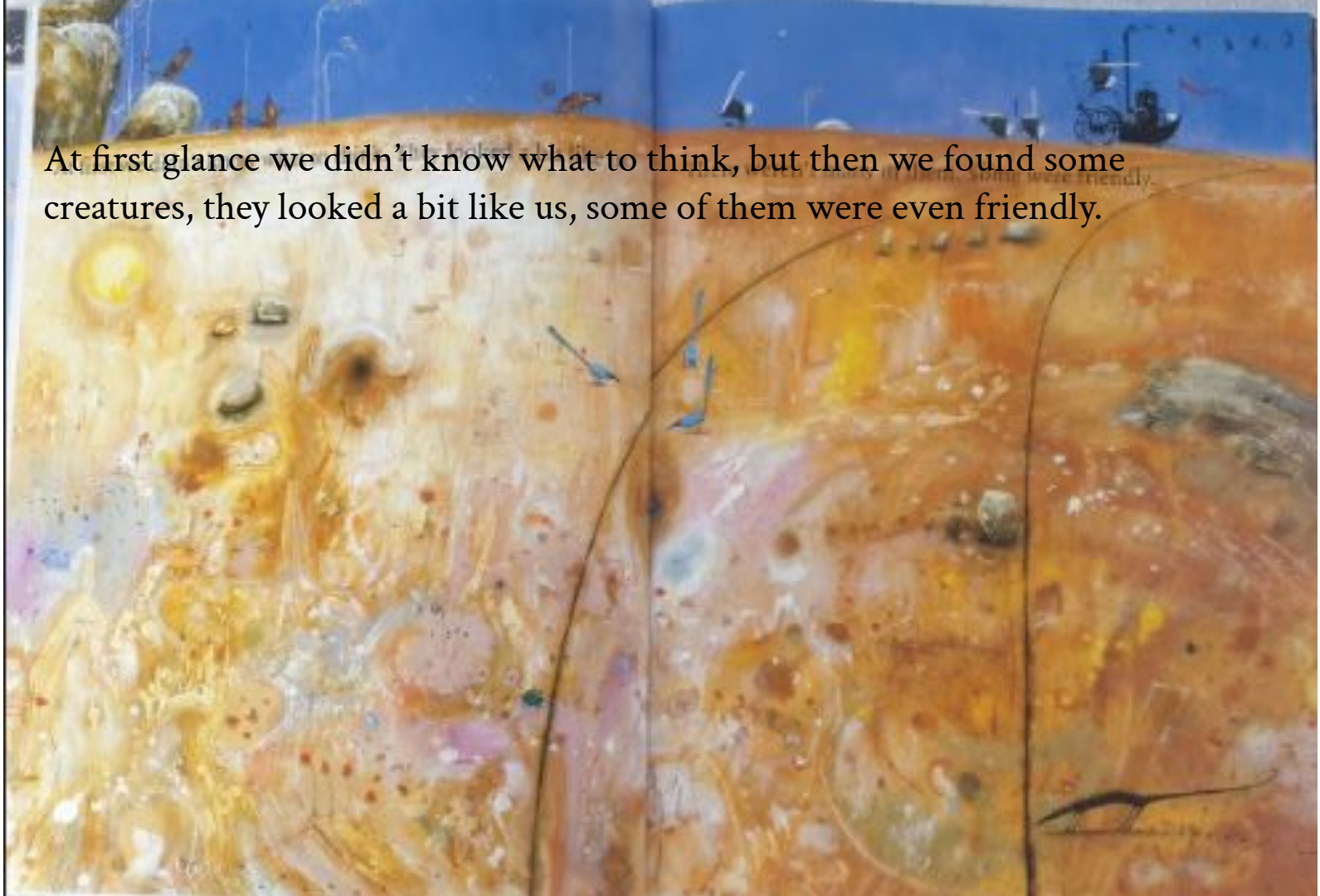




We traveled through the  
sea for years, searching  
for land.

We eventually found this  
land, it was not owned  
by anything, so we  
decided to make this  
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land.

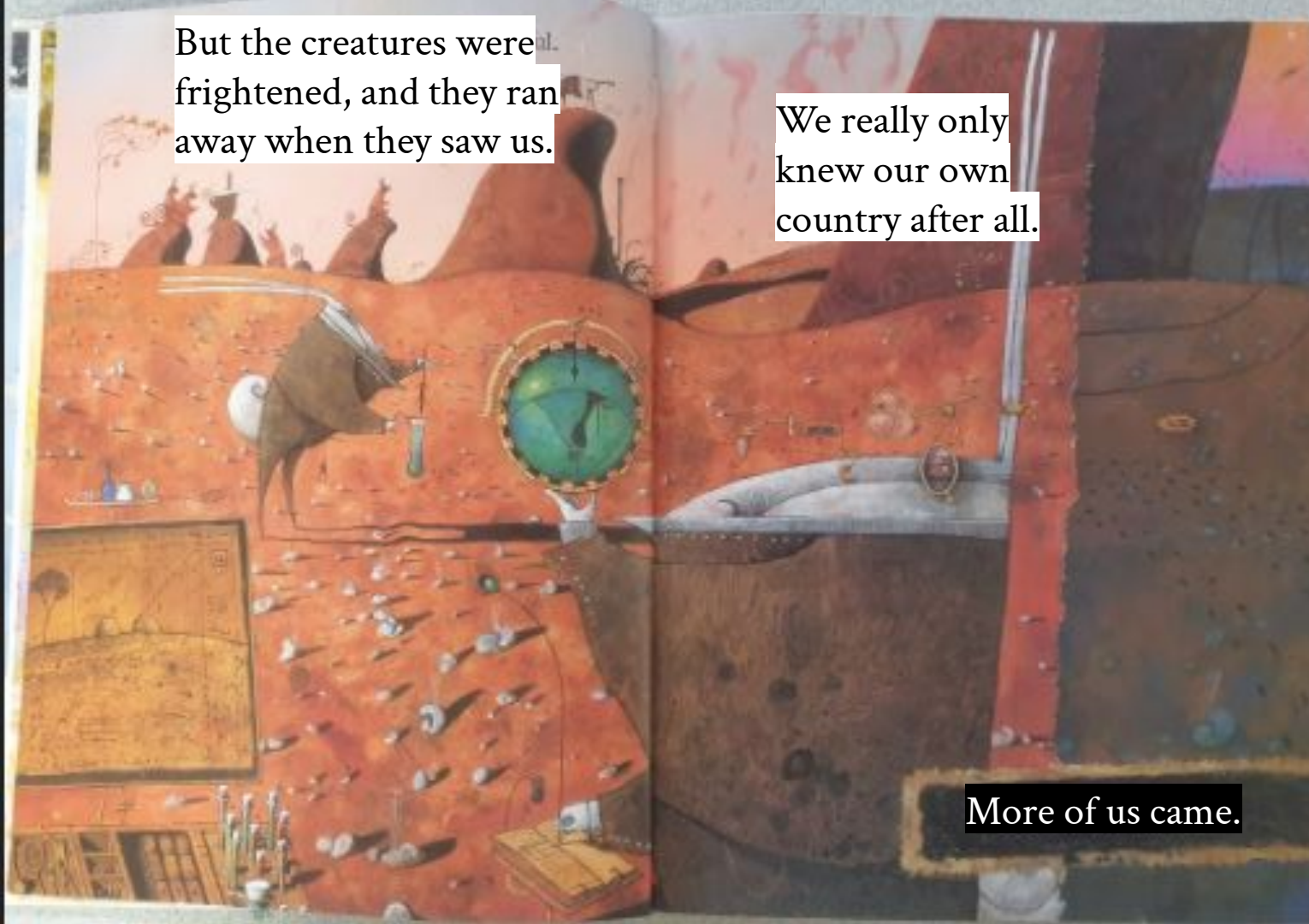
At first glance we didn't know what to think, but then we found some creatures, they looked a bit like us, some of them were even friendly.



But the creatures were  
frightened, and they ran  
away when they saw us.

We really only  
knew our own  
country after all.

More of us came.





We came by the ocean.

They lived in strange places, like trees.



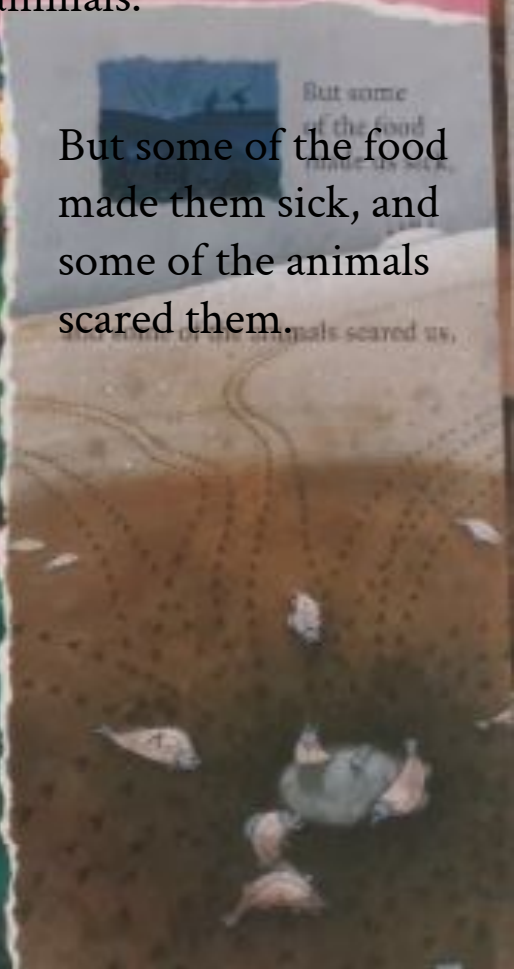
So we made our own houses, yet we still didn't understand the way they communicated.

We brought new food, in hopes of making a better and more lively place.



They liked some of the food and some of the animals.

But some of the food made them sick, and some of the animals scared them.





We spread across the country, and we built our way through the landscape.

And more of us  
came.

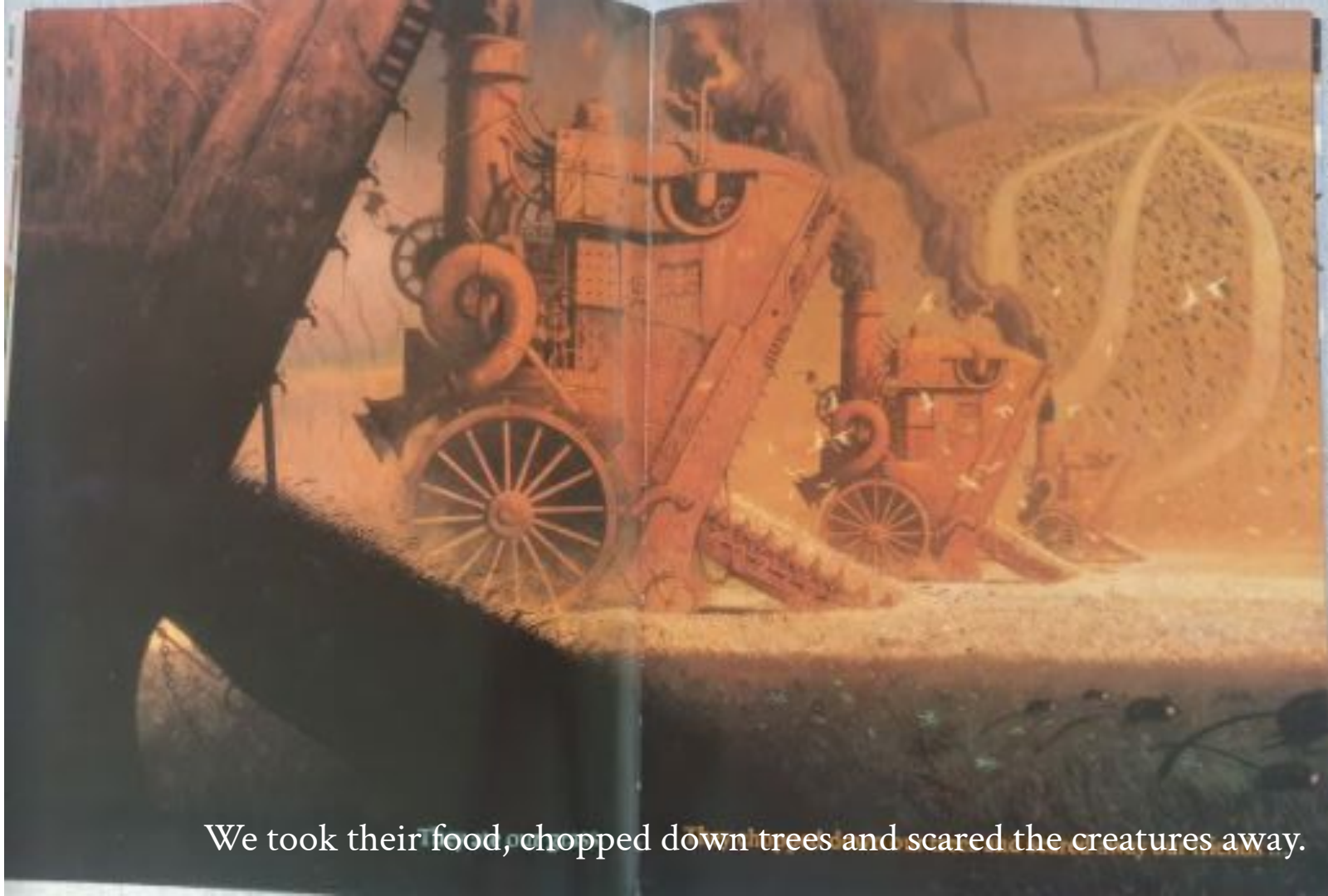
Sometimes they tried to  
kill us.

Yet we still overpowered them.

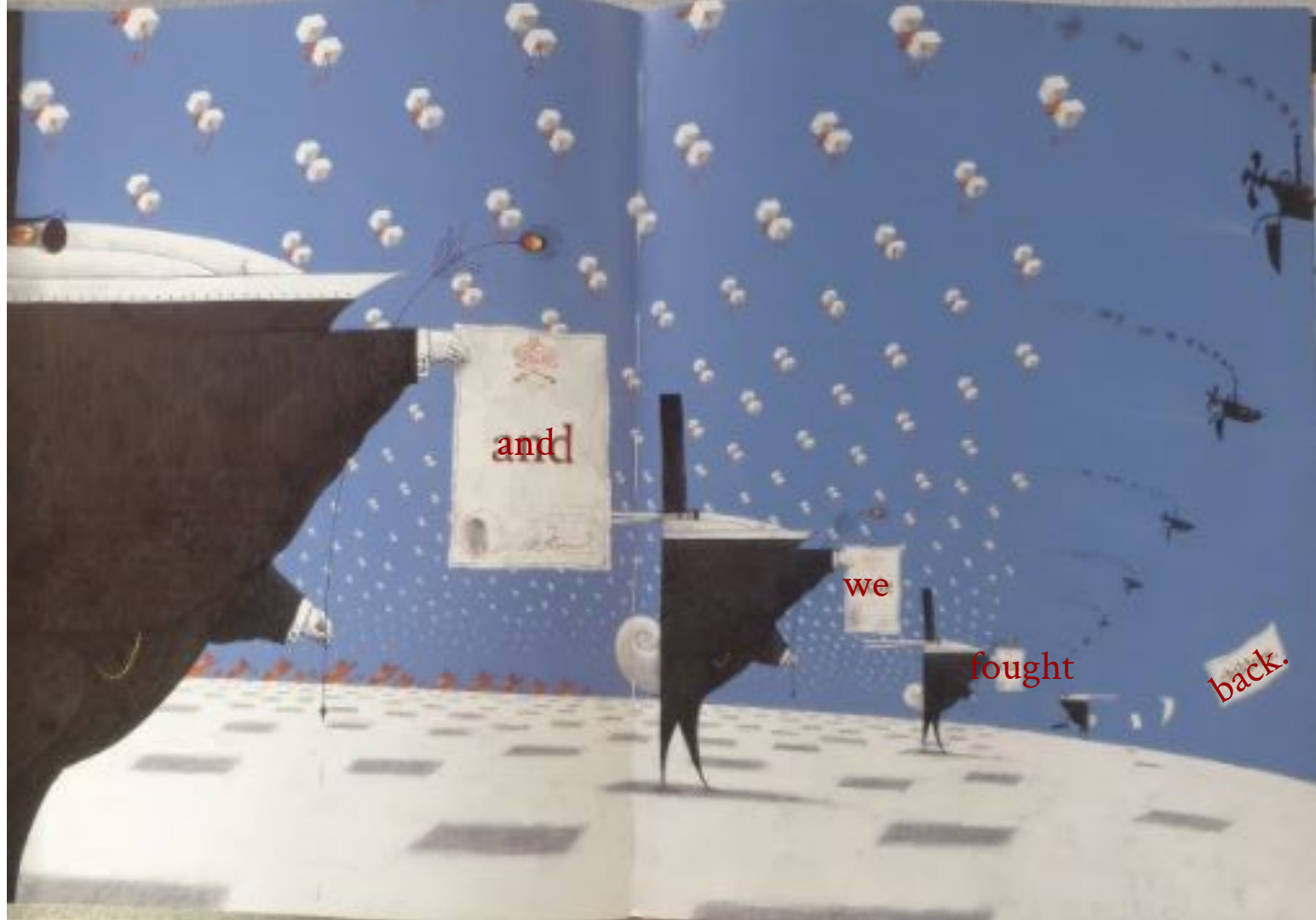




They lost their fights with us.



We took their food, chopped down trees and scared the creatures away.



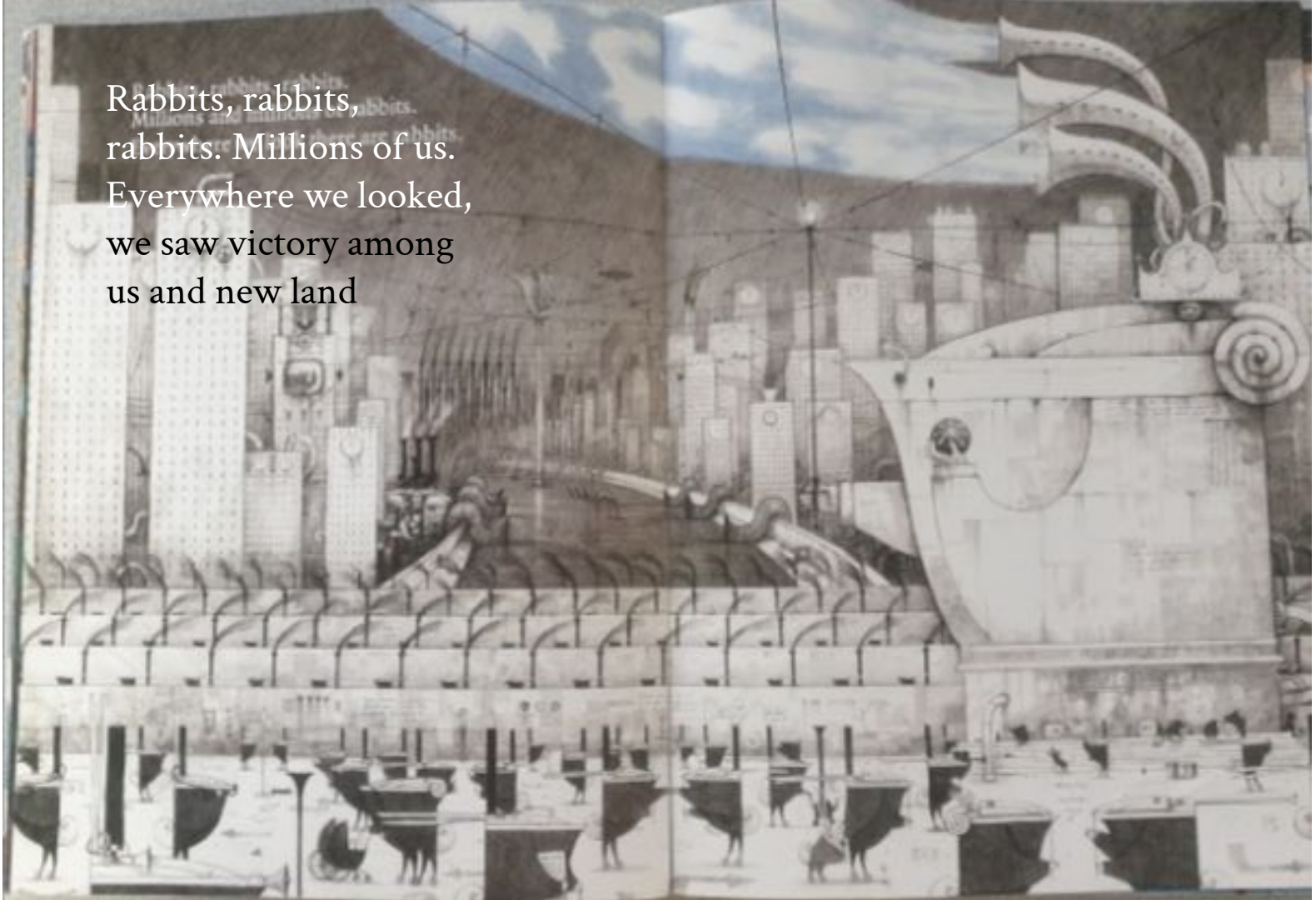
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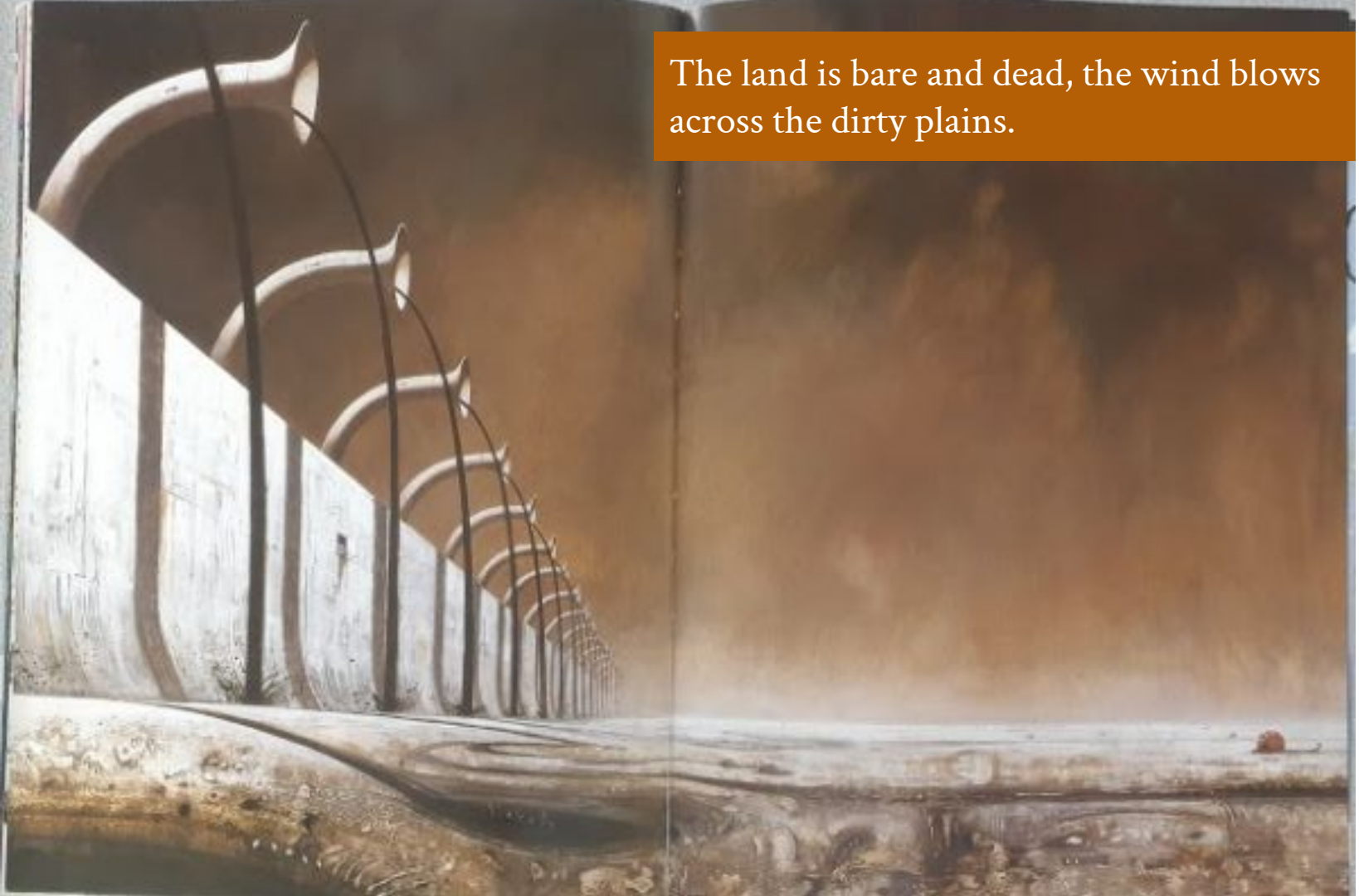
fought

back.

Rabbits, rabbits,  
rabbits. Millions of us.  
Everywhere we looked,  
we saw victory among  
us and new land



The land is bare and dead, the wind blows across the dirty plains.





Sometimes, things need to change.

Sometimes, you will miss things.



Yet I wonder if we would be missed, or we  
could *Change*.