

EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL

Sammy & Andi



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For Lilah and all of Sammy's friends.



One bright morning Andi was trotting down the beach and spotted a flock of small birds.



HI BIRDS!

Andi barked loudly.



And all of the birds flew away.



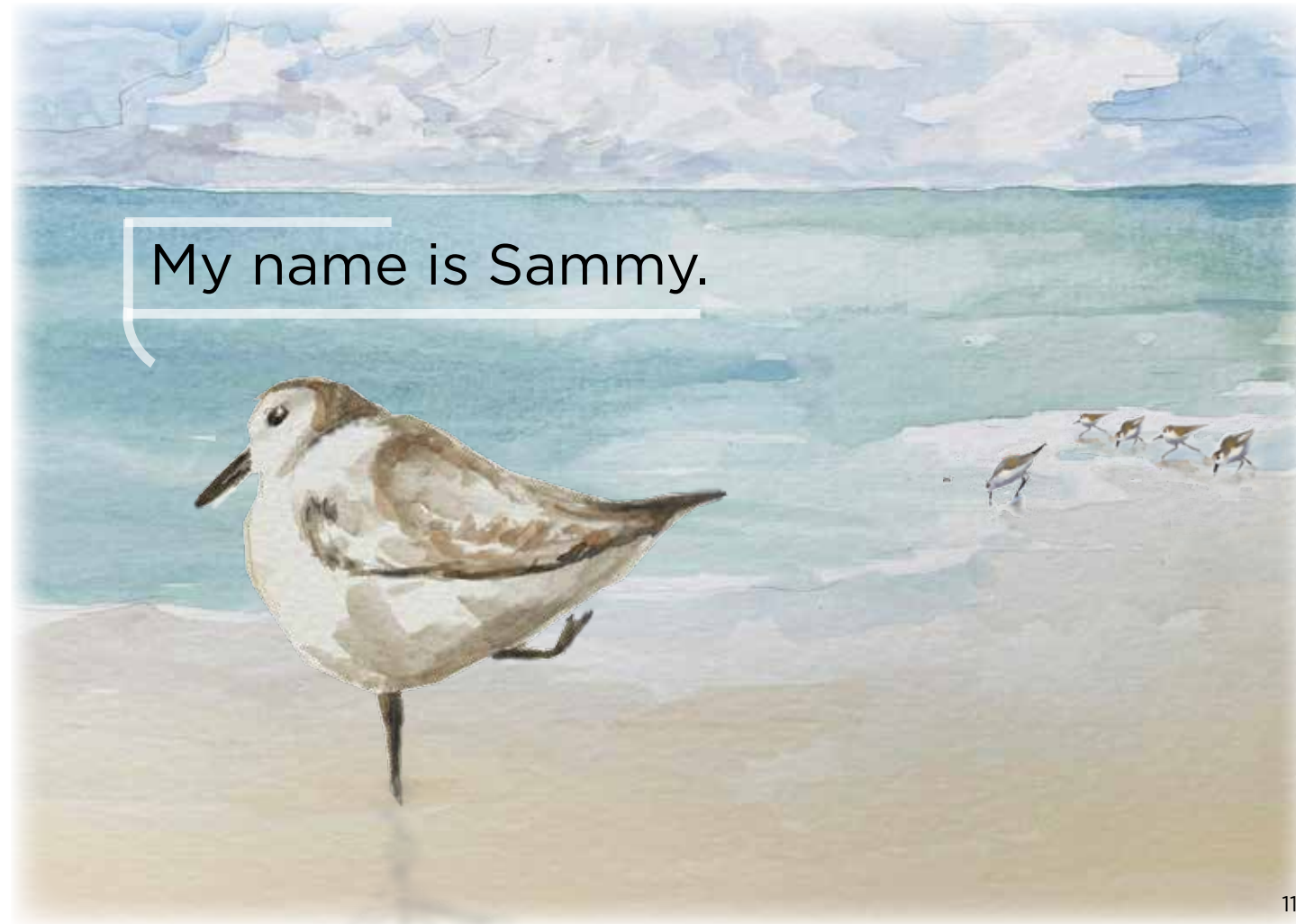
When the birds returned after Andi's greeting, she noticed that one bird was hopping on one leg.





I am Andi.
Who are you?

Andi asked more quietly.



My name is Sammy.



I run along the water's edge and find things to eat.

I do too!

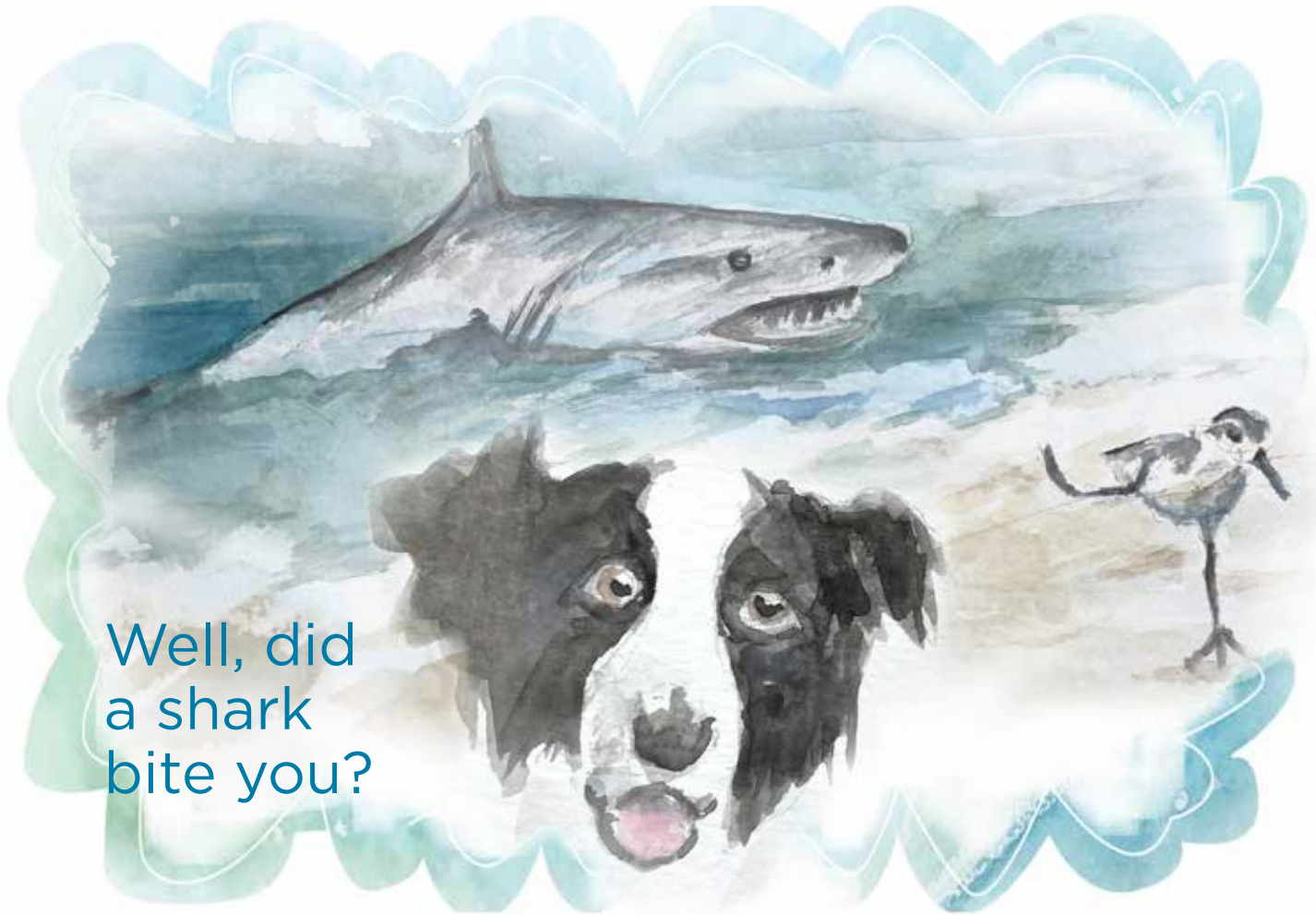




Sammy, one of your legs is different. Did something happen to you?



Like what?



Well, did
a shark
bite you?



Did a
crab pinch
you?



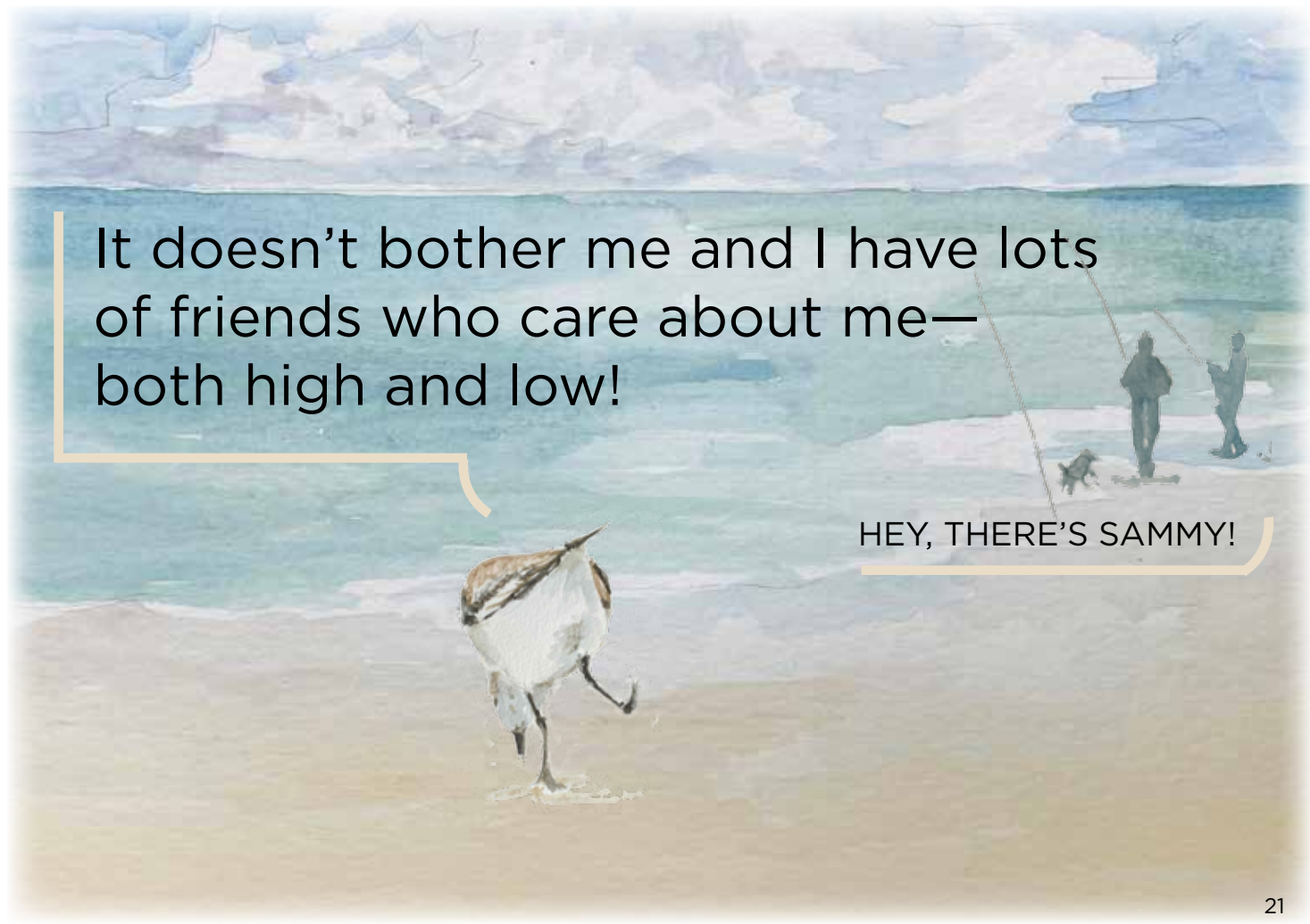
Or were you caught in a windstorm?

No, Andi!
You have a scary imagination.
I was just born with a special leg.





HI, SAMMY!



It doesn't bother me and I have lots of friends who care about me—both high and low!

HEY, THERE'S SAMMY!



I understand.
I have a special,
long tongue
and lots of
friends who
love me too!




We are both special!



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Sammy and Andi agreed.



Sammy soared
away above
the waves
and Andi
trotted home.

See you tomorrow,
Sammy!

BYE, ANDI!

The End

Author's Notes

Sammy is a real bird who has appeared on the beach of Cape San Blas, Florida, (St. Joseph Peninsula) for the past several years. He is a delight to the winter visitors of the Cape and especially the Barrier Dunes community.

He is a Sanderling, and if he follows the pattern of his species, flies to the Arctic Circle for breeding season, returning to our beach for the winter. The reason his leg is special is a mystery, but veterinarians who are friends of Sammy think it is a congenital condition that doesn't impair his life.

Andi is a real dog who considers the beach her seafood buffet. She spends the winters on Cape San Blas and returns to Ohio for the rest of the year. Her long tongue only makes her more adorable. She barks loudly but does not speak.

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Carol Hunsberger has been owned and loved by four Pembroke Welsh Corgis: Corki, Chester, Cooper, and Hope. From under her desk or curled up on the couch they faithfully watched over her 30+ years as a graphic designer. She is currently under creative direction of Andi and enjoying time spent with paint, pencil, and brush. Andi is a fluffy Cardigan Welsh Corgi with a big personality and a very long tongue.

Carol and Andi enjoy daily discoveries on walks in Clintonville, Ohio, or on the beaches of Cape San Blas, Florida. Carol is a tester/observer for the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. She and Andi, a certified therapy dog, love visiting people regularly. They enjoy birding, kayaking, photography, and painting.



Everybody Is Special is their third book.

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