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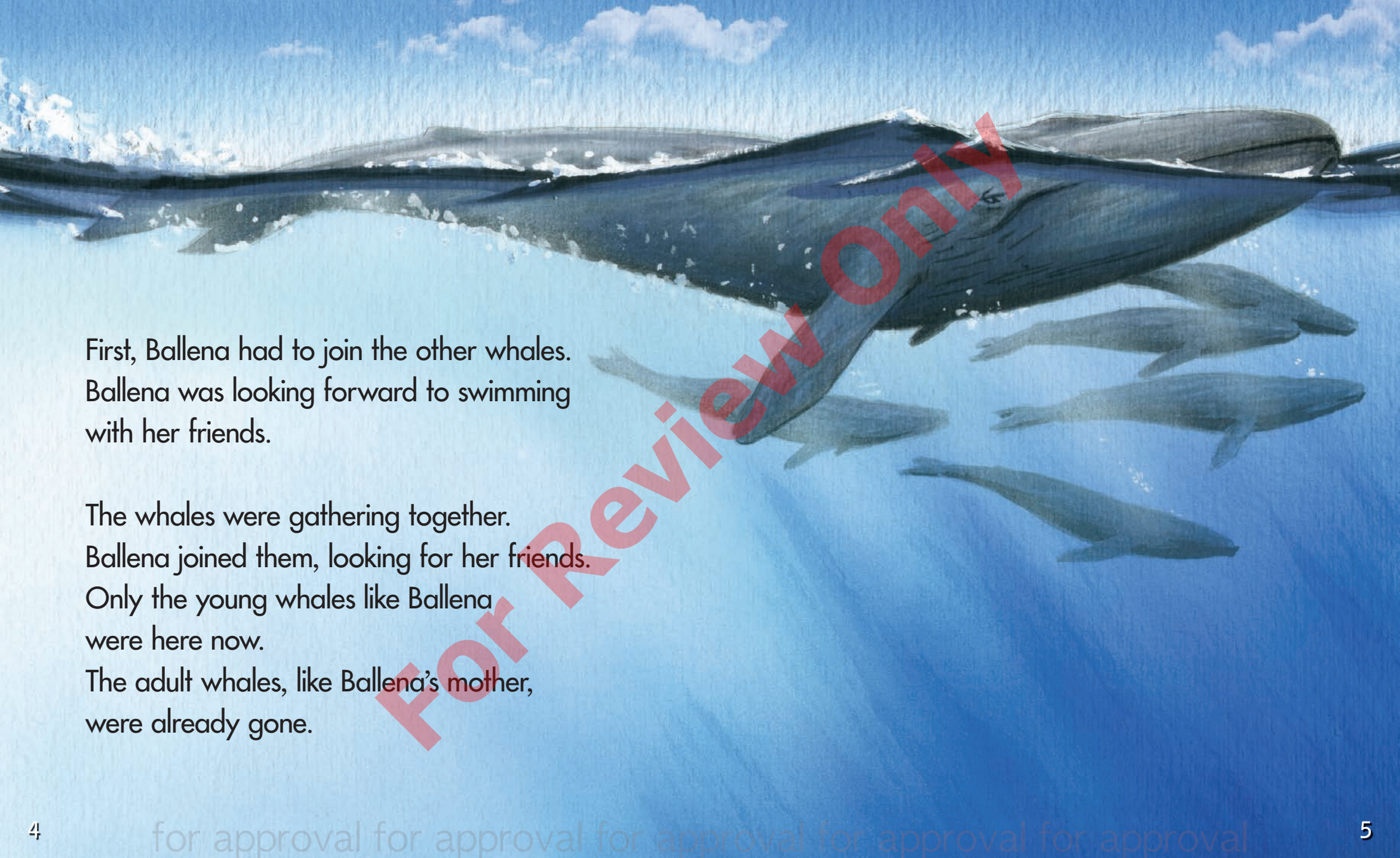
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Ballena was a blue whale.
In winter, she lived in the warm water
off the coast of South America.

Now, it was the first week of summer.
She was going to swim south
to the cool waters of Antarctica
to eat tiny sea creatures called krill.

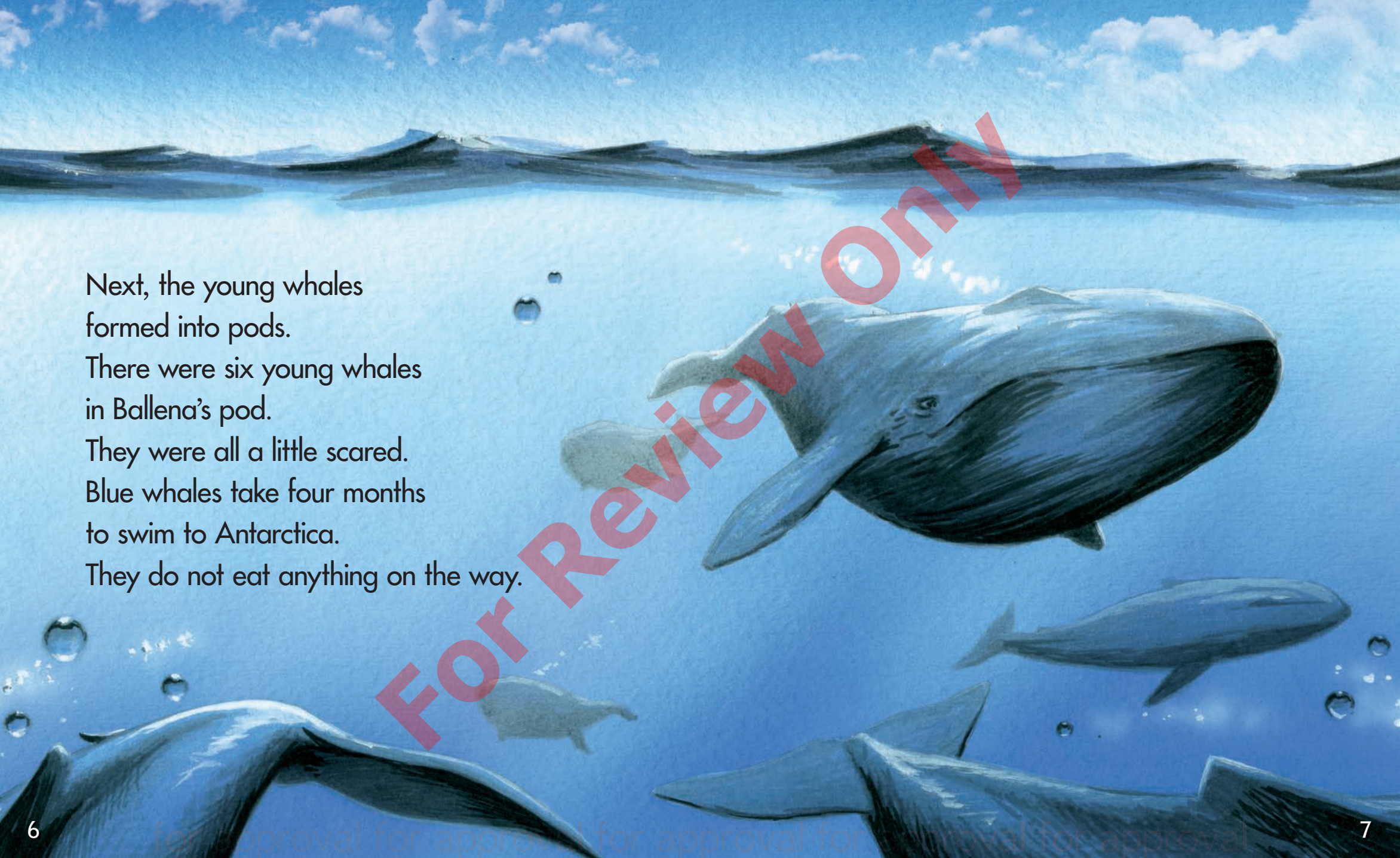
Ballena was just about ready to go.





First, Ballena had to join the other whales. Ballena was looking forward to swimming with her friends.

The whales were gathering together. Ballena joined them, looking for her friends. Only the young whales like Ballena were here now. The adult whales, like Ballena's mother, were already gone.

An artistic illustration of blue whales swimming in a deep blue ocean. The scene is viewed from an underwater perspective, looking up towards the surface where sunlight filters through. Several whales are visible: a large adult whale in the center-right, a smaller calf swimming below it, and other whales in the background. Bubbles are scattered throughout the water. A large, diagonal red watermark reading "For Review Only" is superimposed over the center of the image.

Next, the young whales
formed into pods.

There were six young whales
in Ballena's pod.

They were all a little scared.

Blue whales take four months
to swim to Antarctica.

They do not eat anything on the way.