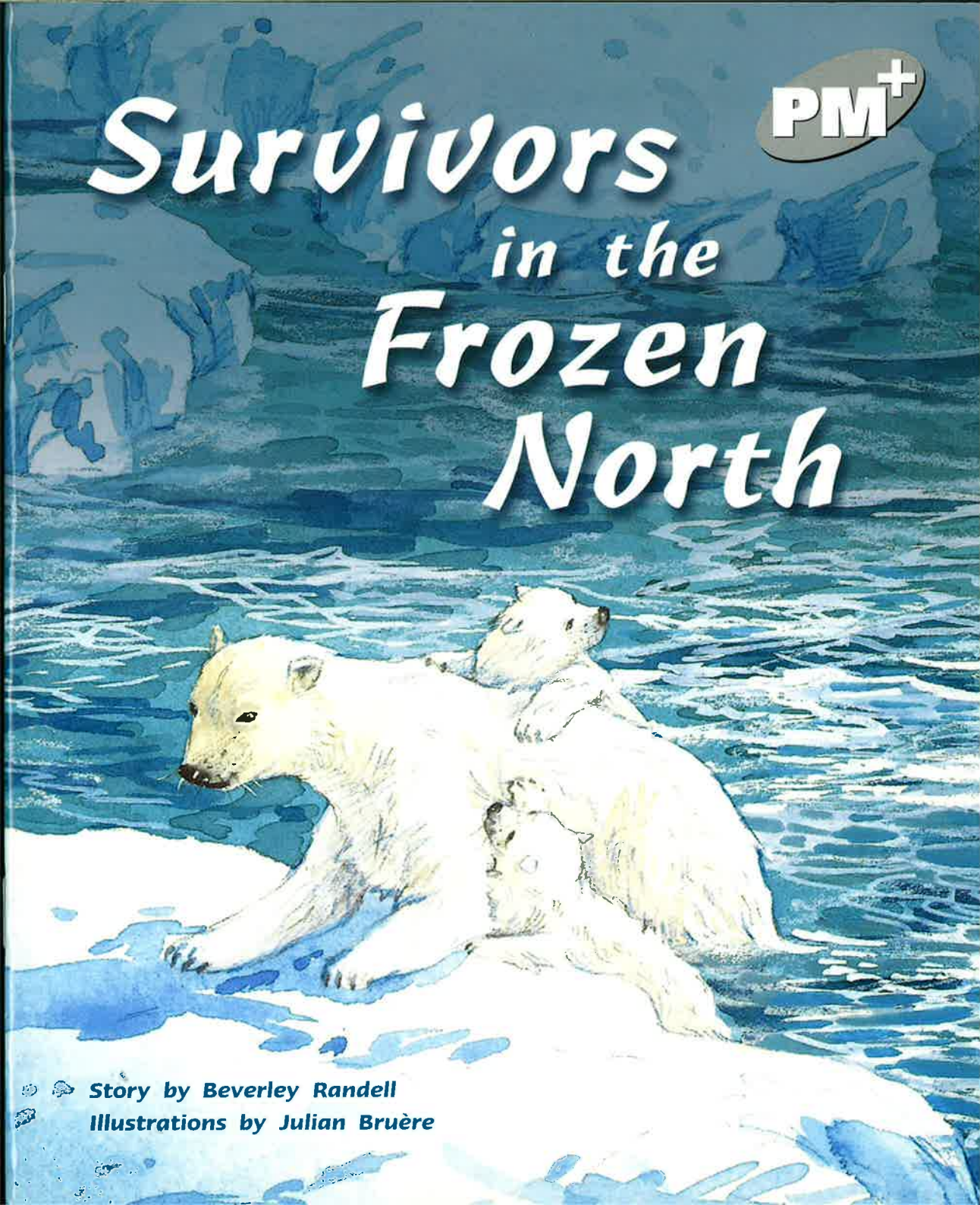
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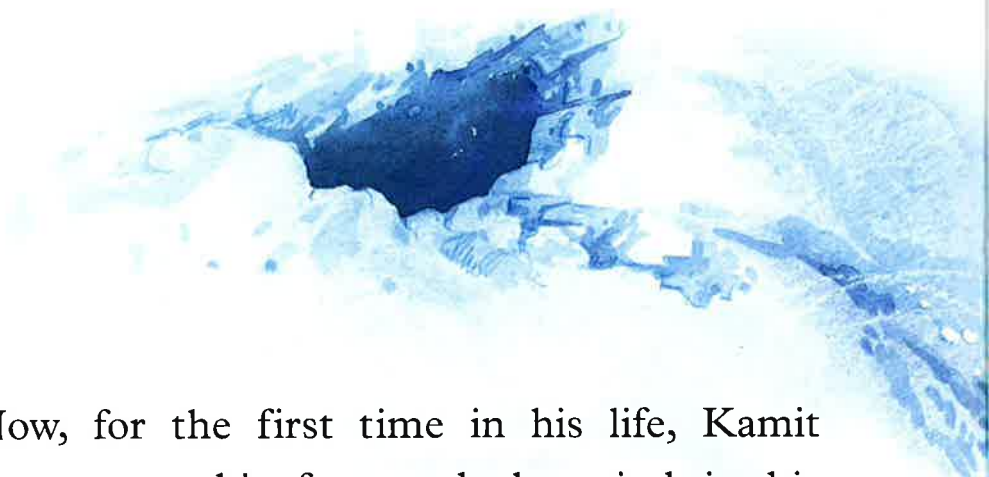
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Chapter One

Three Months Old

Far away, in the north of the world, Kamit the polar bear cub poked his nose out of a tunnel in the snow. The tunnel led to the cramped winter den where he had been born three months ago.



Now, for the first time in his life, Kamit felt the sun on his face and the wind in his fur. His twin sister, Sharni, pushed him from behind. The two cubs skidded down the slope towards their mother, Telik. She had clawed her way out of the den a few minutes earlier.

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For a while, the cubs enjoyed tumbling about in the snow. But soon they were tired out, and their mother led them back to the shelter of the den, where she suckled them.

Telik was very thin. She had eaten nothing for five whole months! If she did not find food soon, all three of them would die.



A day or two later, Telik decided that her cubs were strong enough to walk to the frozen sea. There she would hunt for seals.

But Kamit and Sharni had short legs, and it was difficult for them to cross the icy ridges. Although Telik was starving, she had to keep stopping to let her tired cubs feed and rest. Her body sheltered them from the freezing wind.



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After walking for several days, Telik stopped and lifted her nose in the air. She could smell seals! At last, she had reached the hunting grounds.

Telik soon made her first kill. Now she would not starve to death, and she would be able to go on feeding her cubs.



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Down by the frozen sea, Kamit and Sharni were well fed, but the world was still full of danger.

One day, as they walked along, Telik saw a large male bear approaching. She knew that he might try to attack her cubs and eat them!



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