ENGAGE [2] Verse



Skater

by Linda Oatman High


“Don’t be a hater!
For sure I can
be a skater.”




I say this
to my sister.
Her name is Kate.
She frowns.
Looks down.
Rolls her eyes.

No surprise.
I am her
little brother.

With one leg
shorter
than
the other.




Mom
believes in me.
Dad
believes in me.






My sister
calls me lame.
She calls me limpy.
Or gimpy.
And she says I'm
wimpy.

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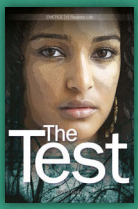
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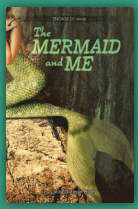
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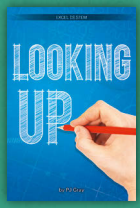
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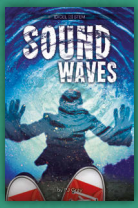
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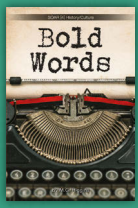
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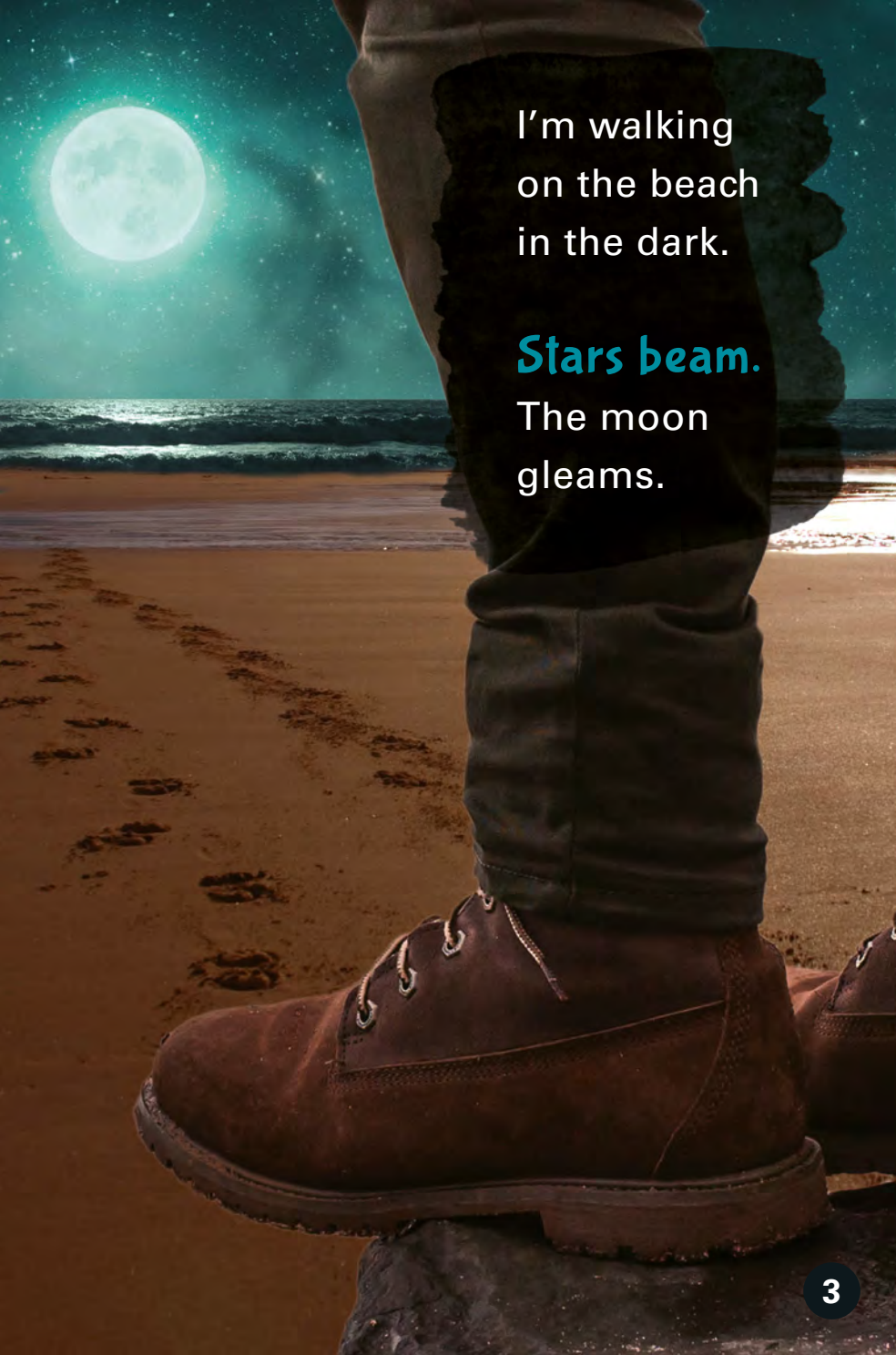
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on the beach
in the dark.

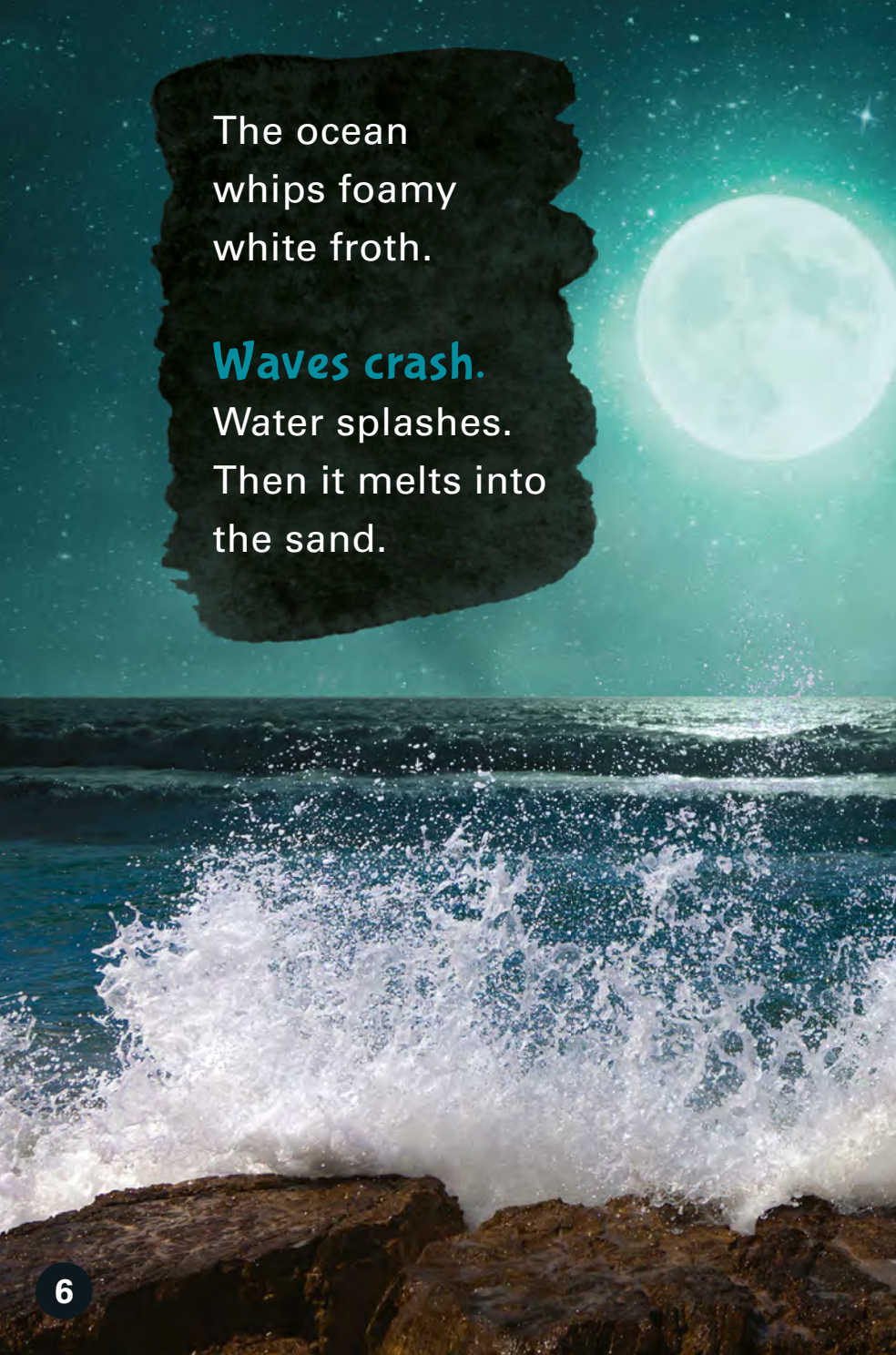
Stars beam.
The moon
gleams.

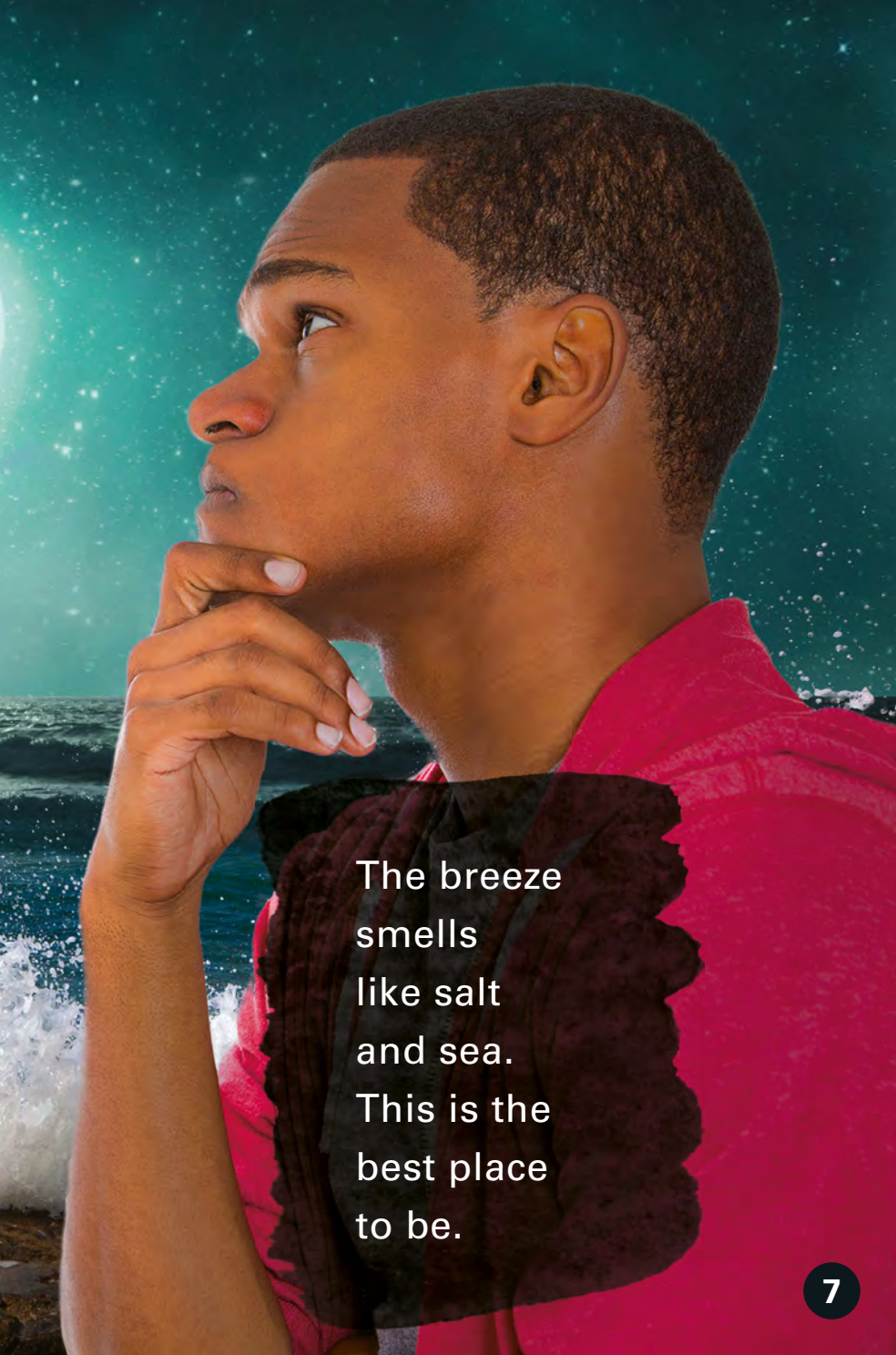


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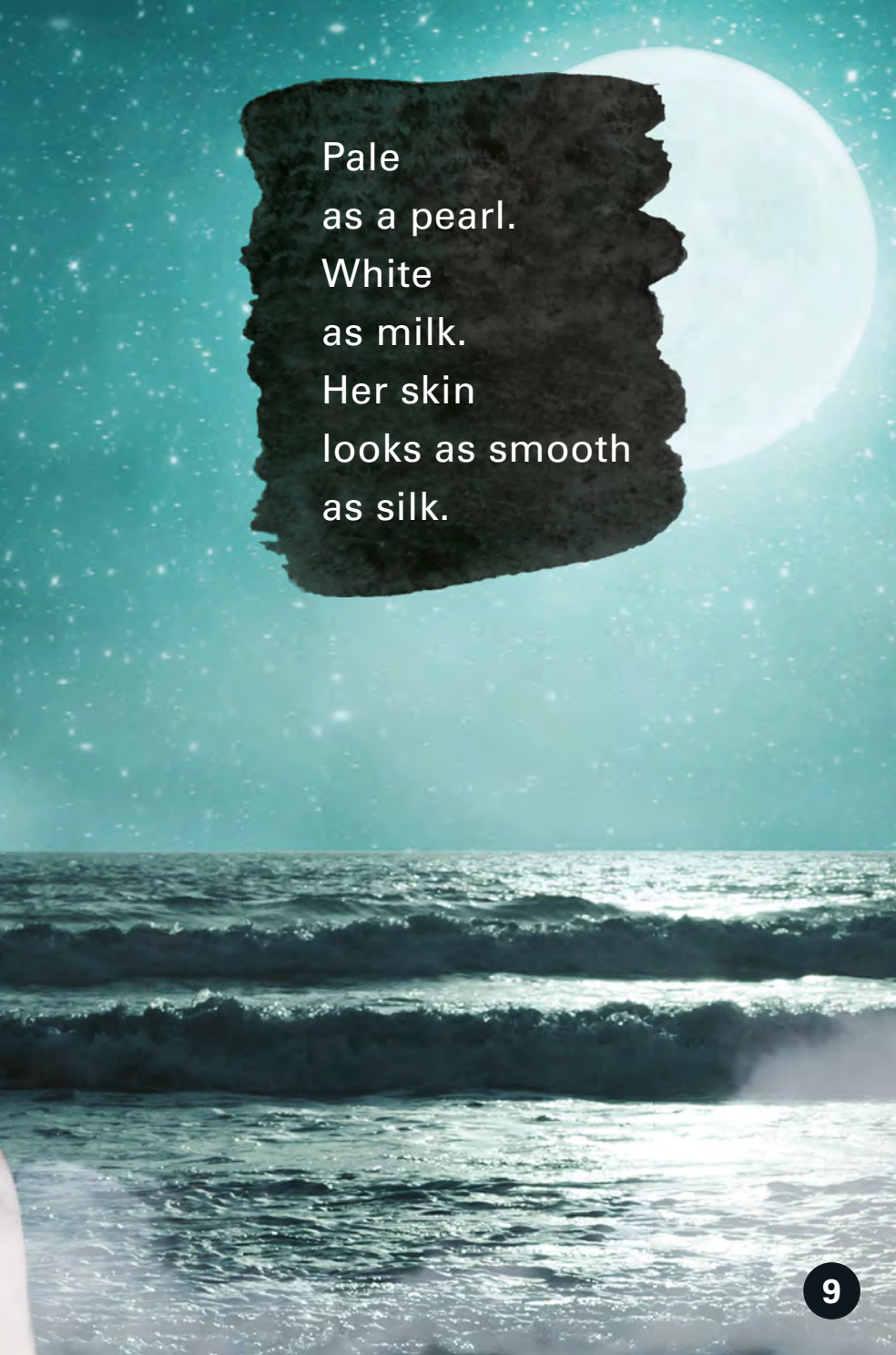
We are on our annual **family trip.** (A new place this year.)




The ocean whips foamy white froth.
Waves crash.
Water splashes. Then it melts into the sand.


The breeze
smells
like salt
and sea.
This is the
best place
to be.


All of a sudden
I see her.
A ghost.


Pale
as a pearl.
White
as milk.
Her skin
looks as smooth
as silk.

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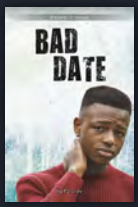
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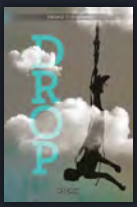
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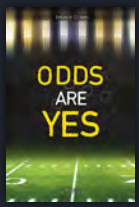
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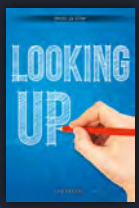
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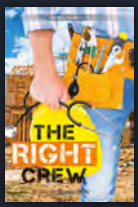
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