

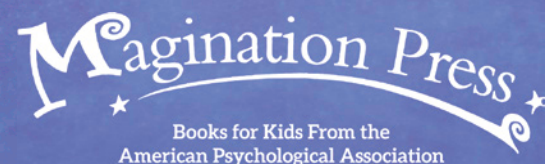


SPACEMANATEE!

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FOR JACK AND ATTICUS—I LOVE YOU
TO THE MOON AND BACK!— K6

FOR TILLY, MY STAR— AS



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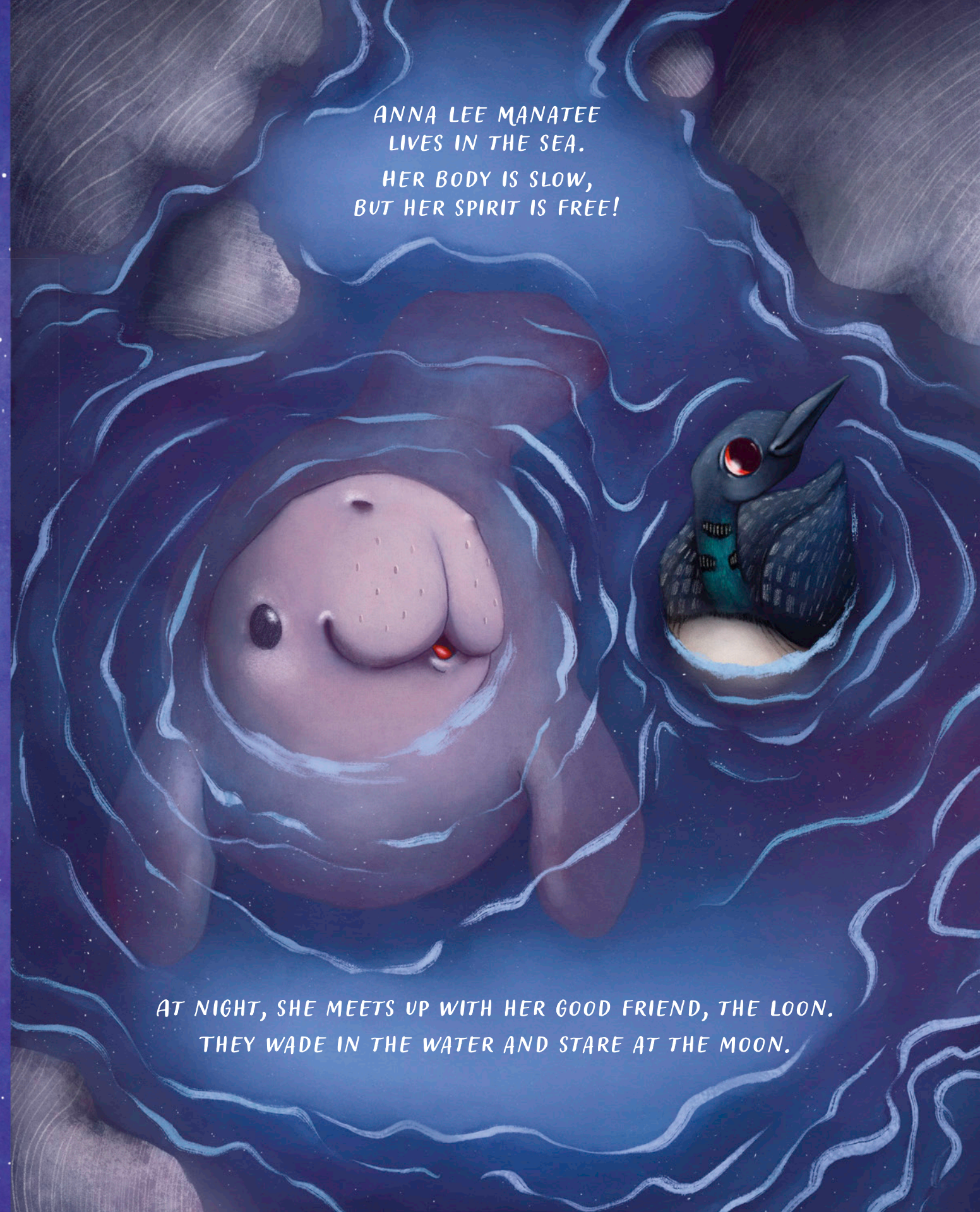
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ANNA LEE MANATEE
LIVES IN THE SEA.

HER BODY IS SLOW,
BUT HER SPIRIT IS FREE!



AT NIGHT, SHE MEETS UP WITH HER GOOD FRIEND, THE LOON.
THEY WADE IN THE WATER AND STARE AT THE MOON.

A whimsical illustration of a loon and a manatee under a large, face-like moon. The scene is set at night with a dark blue sky filled with stars and soft, white clouds. In the foreground, a large, pinkish-purple manatee with a single large eye is partially submerged in the water. Next to it, a loon with a blue and white patterned back and a red eye is floating, its wings spread as if it's speaking. In the background, a large, glowing moon with a human-like face, including eyes, a nose, and a wide-open mouth, dominates the sky. The moon's face is lit from within, giving it a warm, pinkish glow. Below the moon, a city skyline with illuminated buildings is visible on the horizon, reflecting on the water. The overall mood is dreamlike and surreal.

SQUINTING HER EYES, ANNA SAYS TO THE BIRD,
"THERE'S A MANATEE UP ON THE MOON, SO I'VE HEARD."

THE LOON SHAKES HIS HEAD AND CONTINUES TO STARE.
"THE MOON IS THE MOON. THERE'S NO MANATEE THERE."

WITH A FLIP OF HER LIP, ANNA HUNCHES HER SHOULDERS.
"THE MOON IS WAY MORE THAN JUST CRATERS AND BOULDERS!"

IT'S HOME TO A MAGICAL MANATEE QUEEN
WHO TRAVELS THROUGH QUASARS AND GALAXIES GREEN!"

