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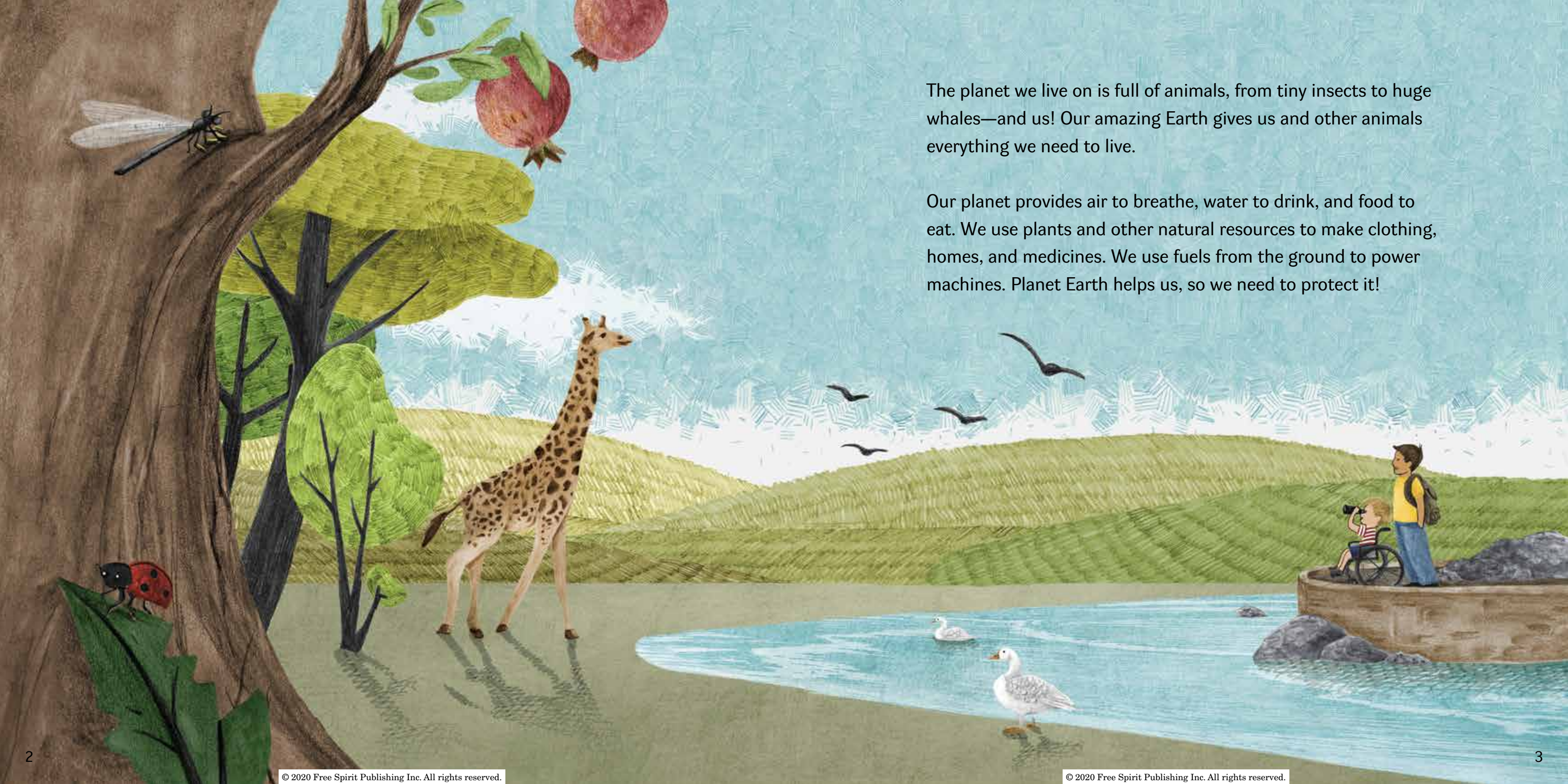
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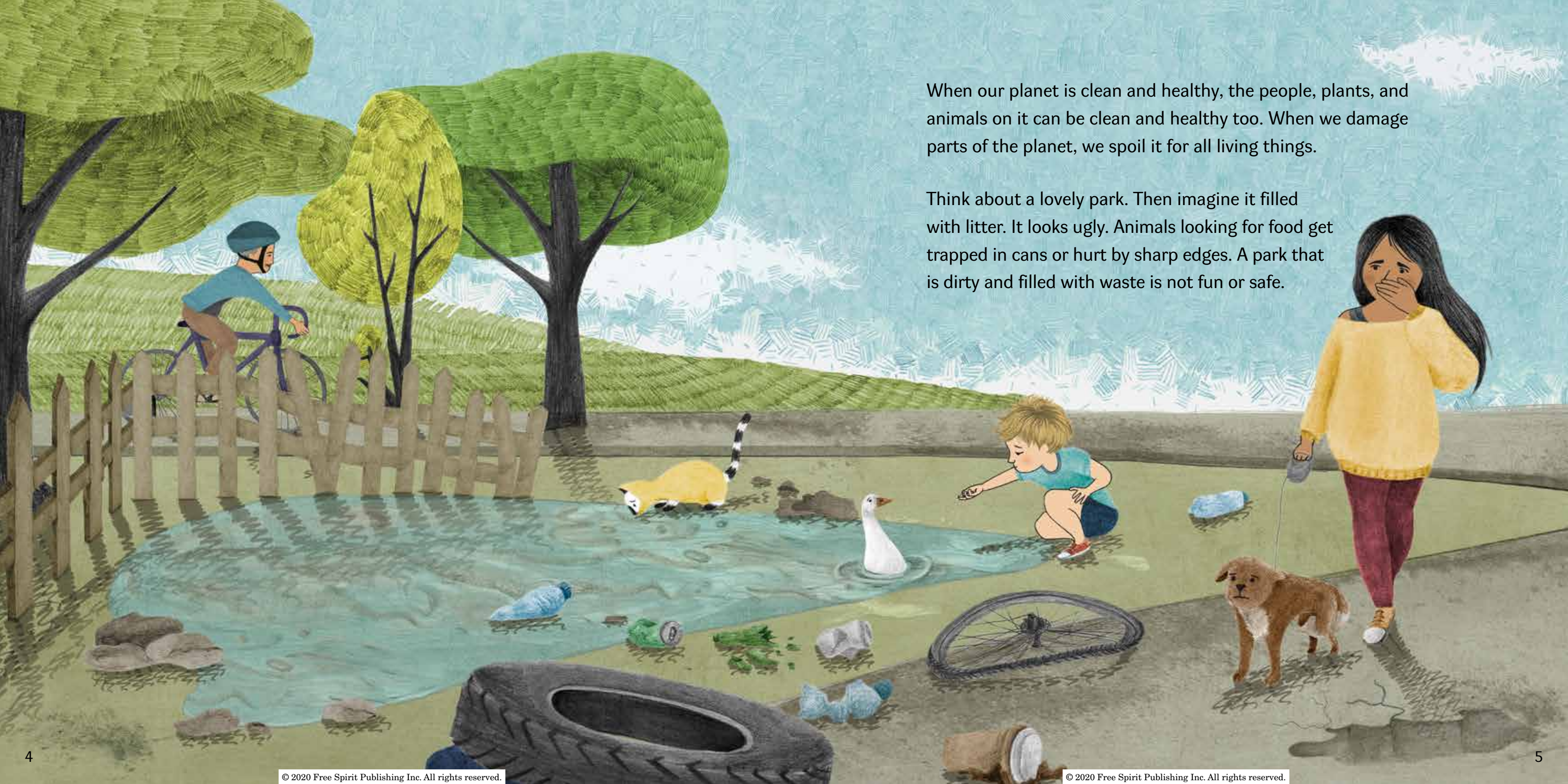
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The planet we live on is full of animals, from tiny insects to huge whales—and us! Our amazing Earth gives us and other animals everything we need to live.

Our planet provides air to breathe, water to drink, and food to eat. We use plants and other natural resources to make clothing, homes, and medicines. We use fuels from the ground to power machines. Planet Earth helps us, so we need to protect it!



When our planet is clean and healthy, the people, plants, and animals on it can be clean and healthy too. When we damage parts of the planet, we spoil it for all living things.

Think about a lovely park. Then imagine it filled with litter. It looks ugly. Animals looking for food get trapped in cans or hurt by sharp edges. A park that is dirty and filled with waste is not fun or safe.

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Learn about Earth's oceans and how to protect them at National Ocean Service Just for Kids: oceanservice.noaa.gov/kids

You can learn more about the planet and its problems at: climatekids.nasa.gov



Glossary

coal: a black rock that can be burned to release energy in the form of heat

fuel: a substance such as coal or oil that can be burned to produce heat or power

gas: a substance that is like air and has no fixed shape. Some gases can be burned as fuel

global warming: the rise in Earth's temperature, probably caused by human activities such as burning fuel

landfill: a place where things that are no longer wanted are taken

law: a rule that is set by the rulers of a country

natural resource: something that is found in nature and can be used by people

oil: thick black liquid that can be used as fuel to power engines

pollution: something that makes air, soil, or water dirty and unhealthy

power station: a factory where electricity is made

secondhand store: a place selling used items