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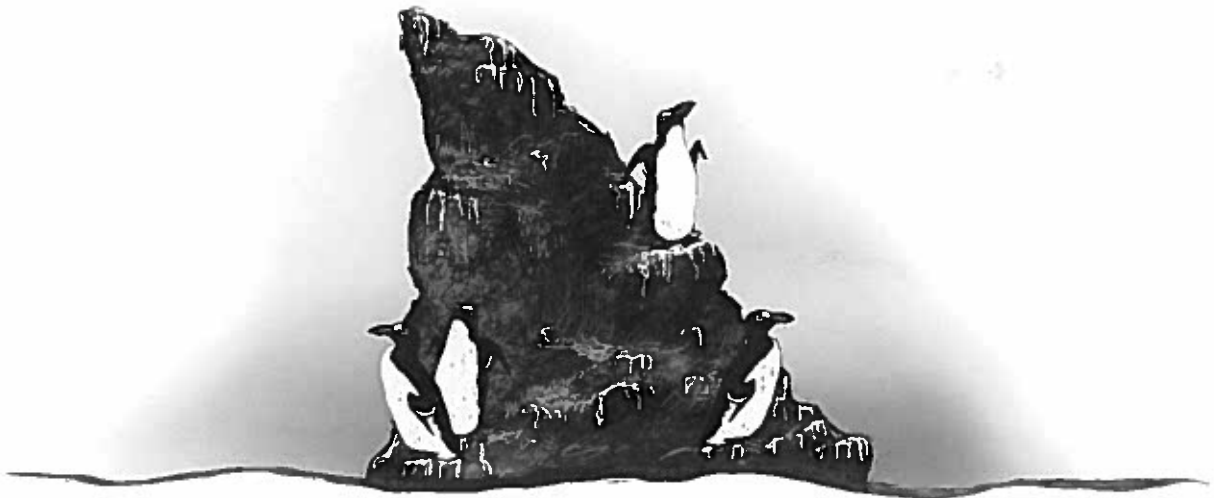


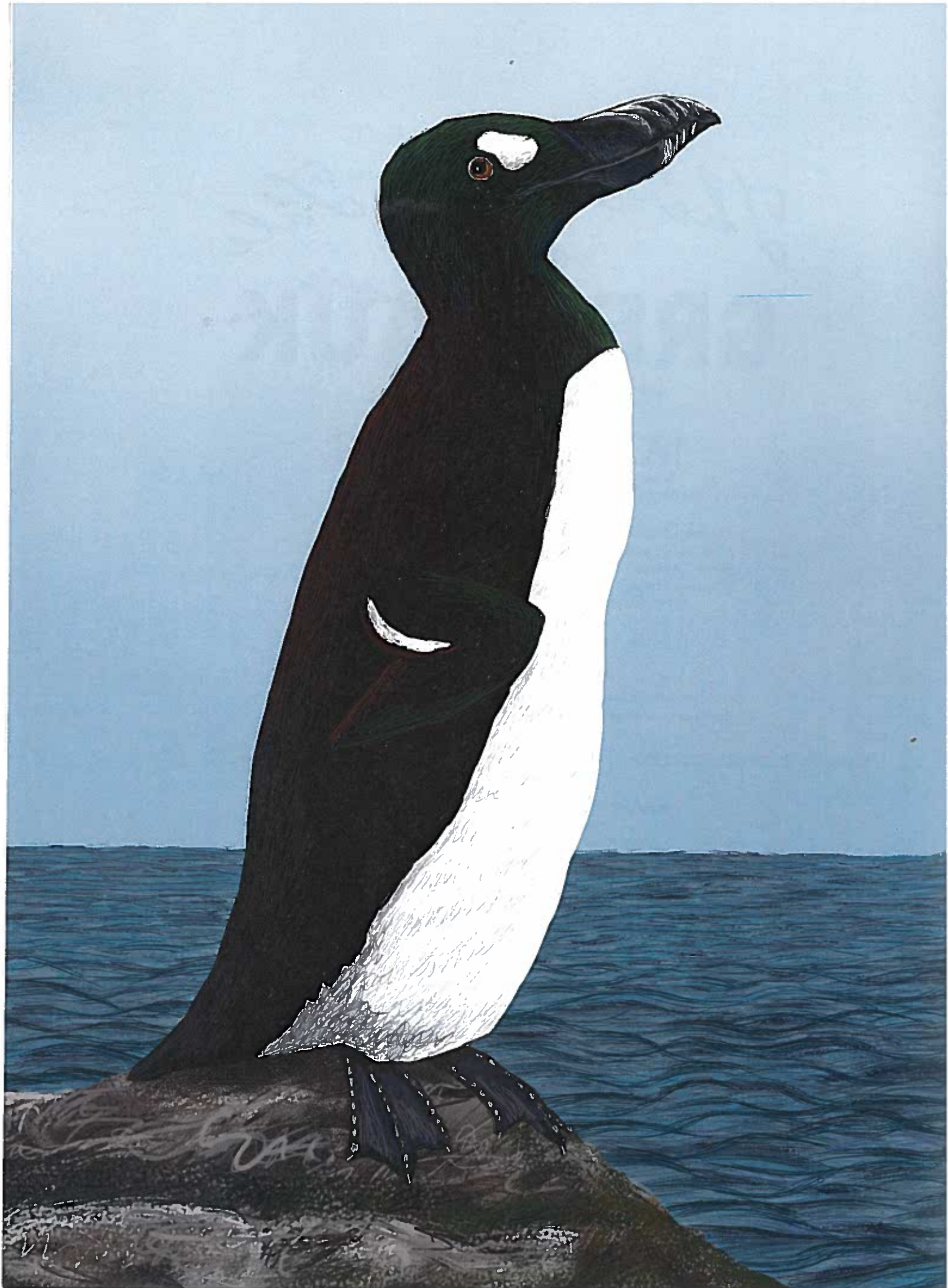
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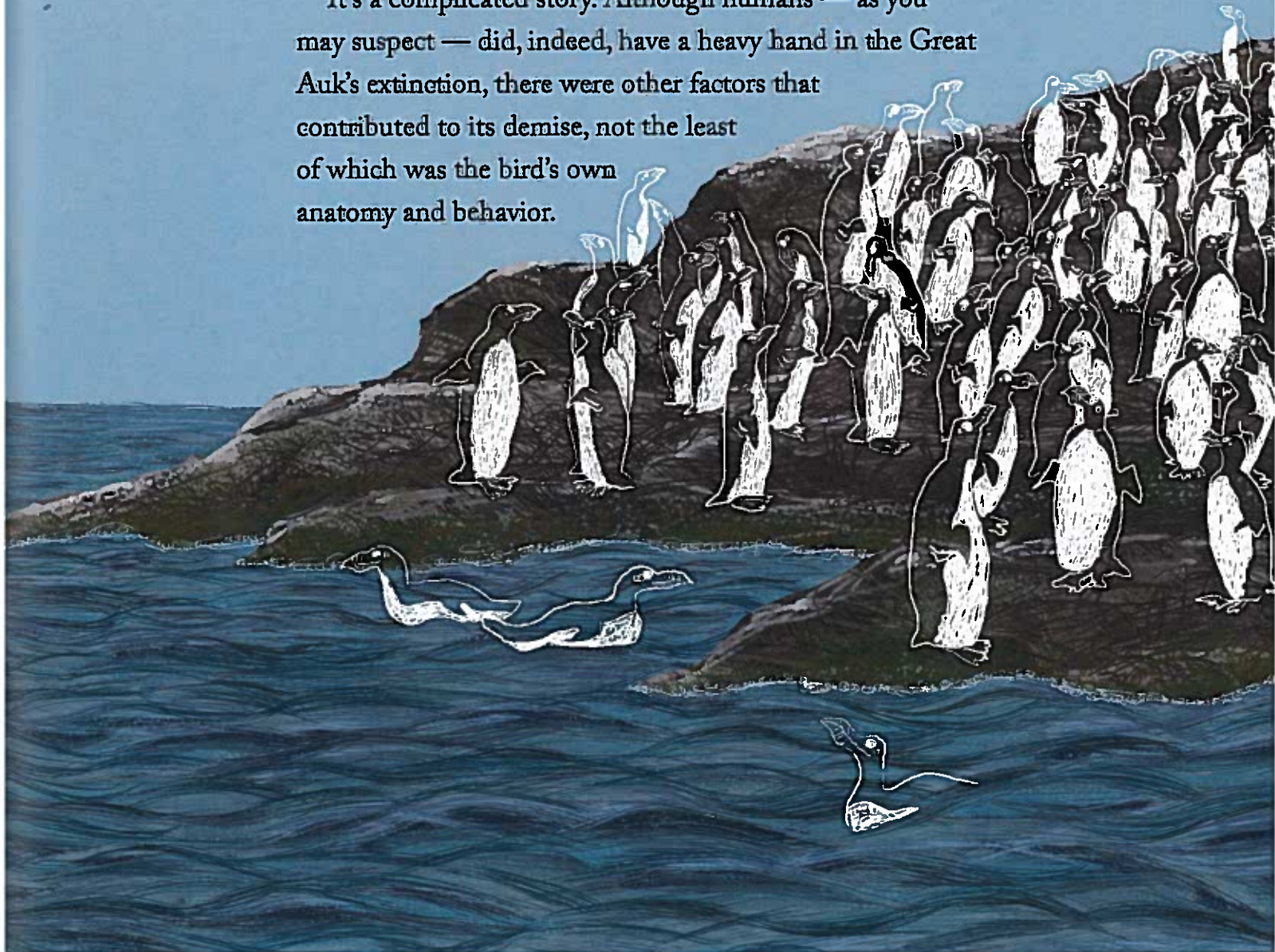
BEHOLD THE GREAT AUK! The *geirfugl*! The northern penguin!

Less than four centuries ago, hundreds of thousands of these magnificent birds lived in the frigid seas between Europe and North America.

Now there are none.

So what happened?

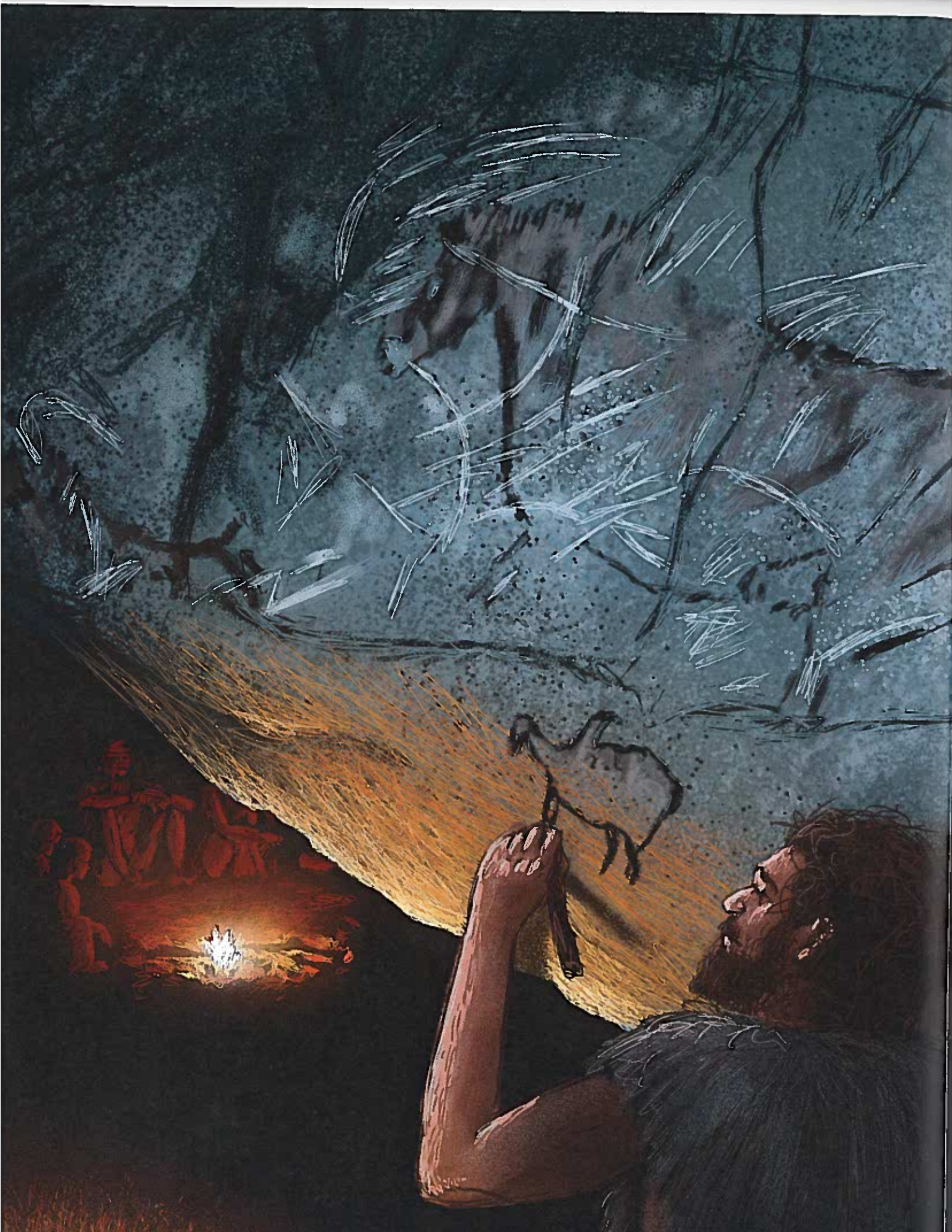
It's a complicated story. Although humans — as you may suspect — did, indeed, have a heavy hand in the Great Auk's extinction, there were other factors that contributed to its demise, not the least of which was the bird's own anatomy and behavior.

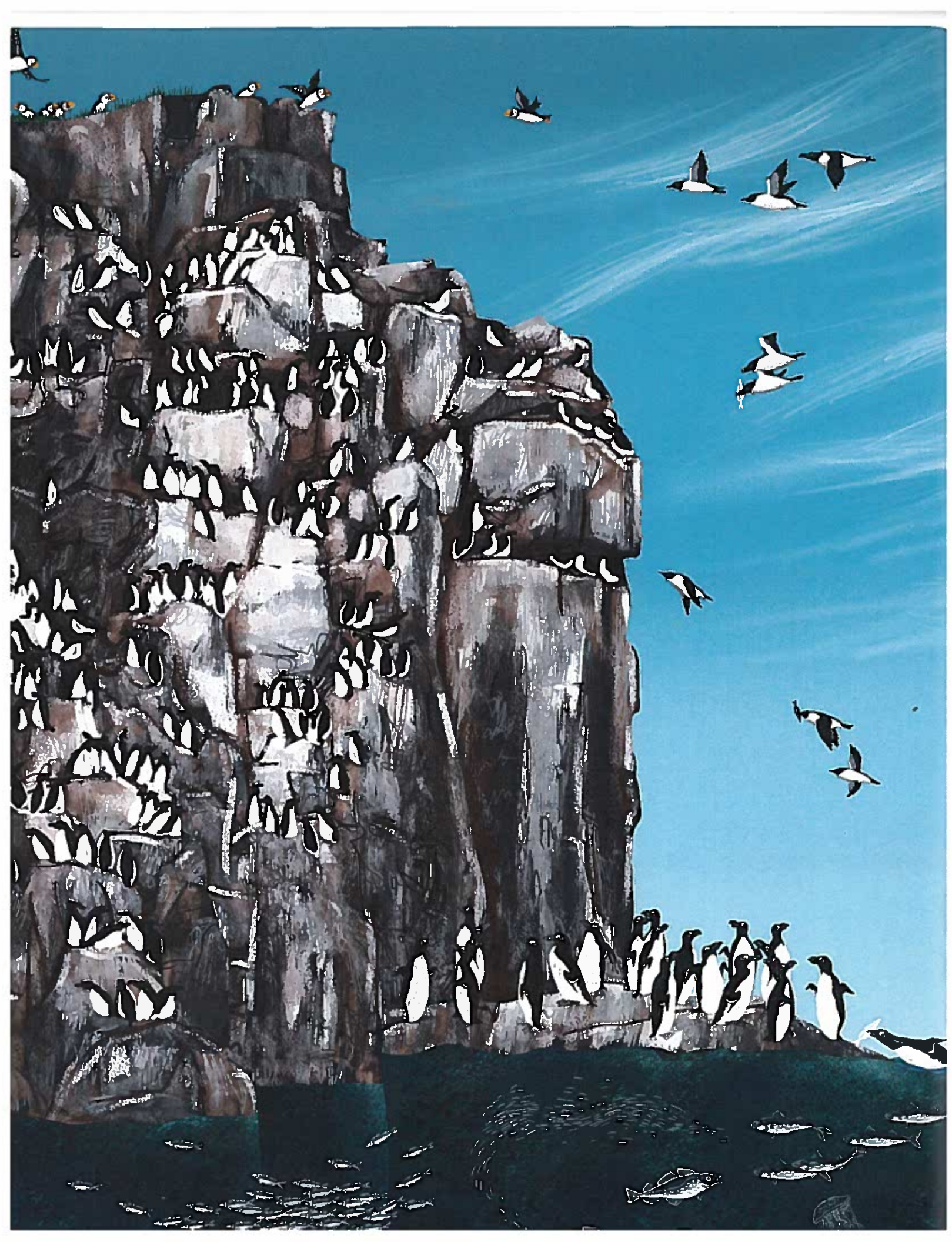












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