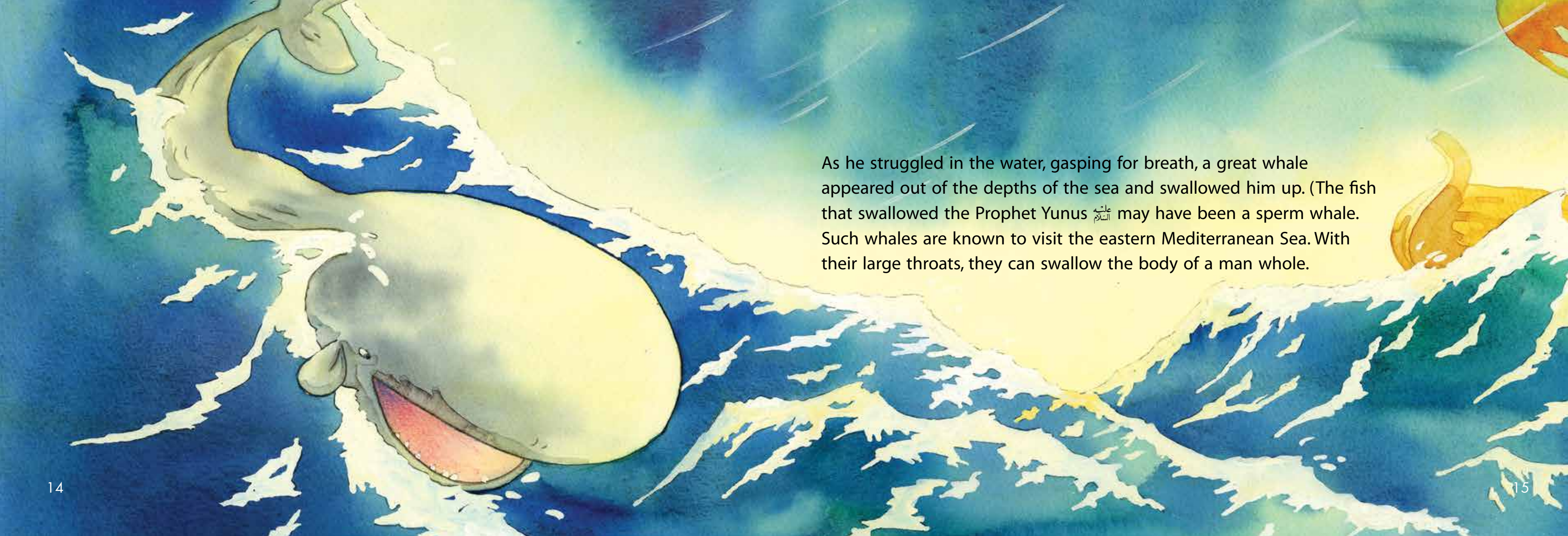


A very old and powerful community used to live around 800 B.C., in Nineveh, an ancient town believed to have been on the left bank of the Tigris river, some 230 miles north-west of Baghdad. Allah sent the Prophet Yunus (Jonah) ﷺ to this community to guide them on to the right path.

The Prophet Yunus عليه السلام moved out of the city and headed towards the seaport where there were ships tied up, waiting to sail. One, the Prophet Yunus عليه السلام found, was due to sail to a far off land. He boarded the ship.



As storm grew worse, the waves became like towering walls of water which came crashing down on the ship's deck. The sailors worked with all their strength to try to keep the ship on course.



As he struggled in the water, gasping for breath, a great whale appeared out of the depths of the sea and swallowed him up. (The fish that swallowed the Prophet Yunus عليه السلام may have been a sperm whale. Such whales are known to visit the eastern Mediterranean Sea. With their large throats, they can swallow the body of a man whole.