

GUS & ANNIE

GLACIER ICE WORMS

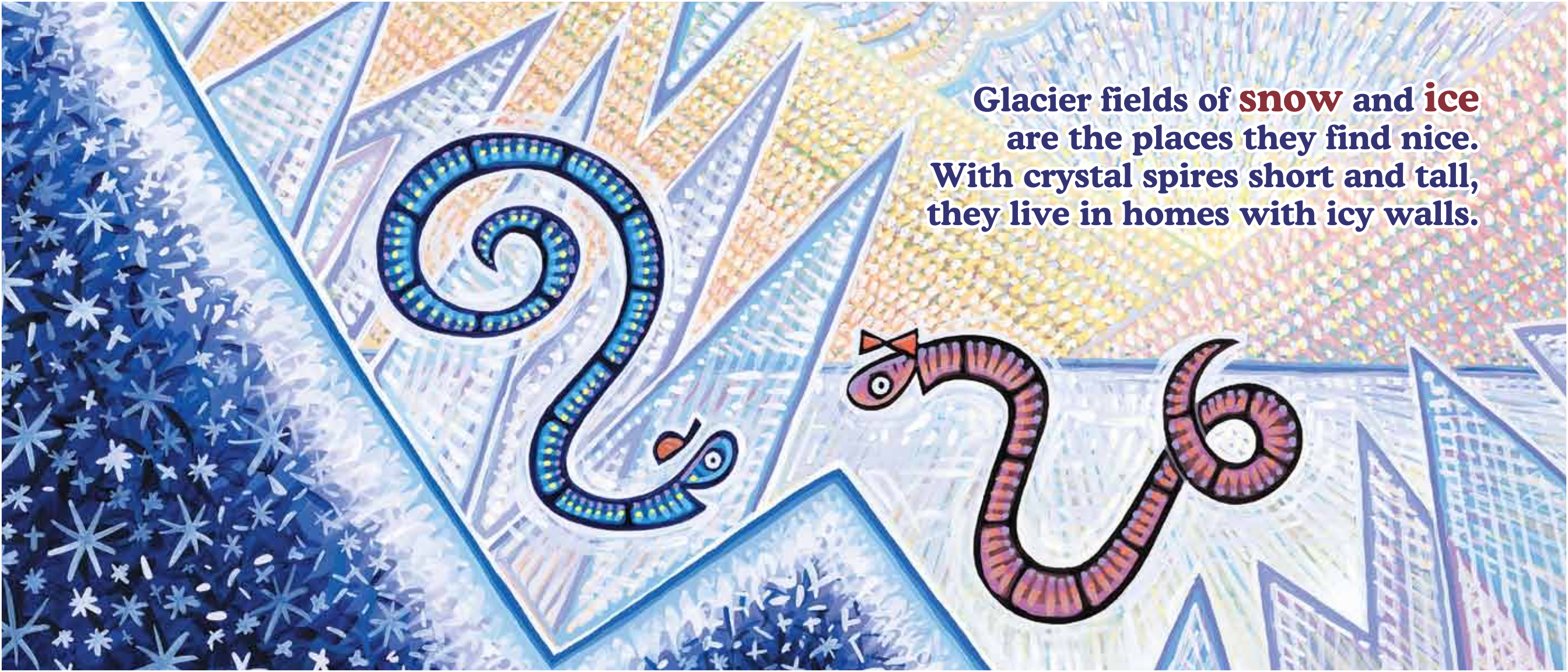
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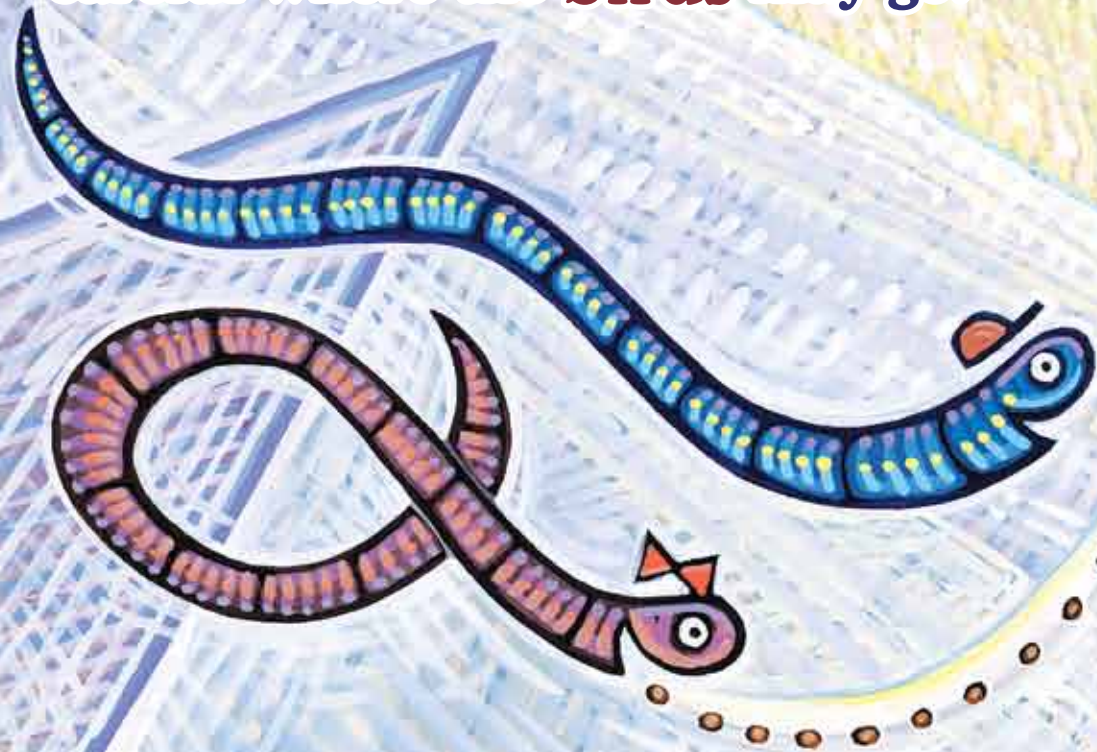
Gus and Annie come to say
ice worms really like to play!



Glacier fields of **snow** and **ice**
are the places they find nice.
With crystal spires short and tall,
they live in homes with icy walls.



Gus and Annie are out today
picking **pollen** on their way.
Ever watchful high and low,
careful where the **birds** may go.





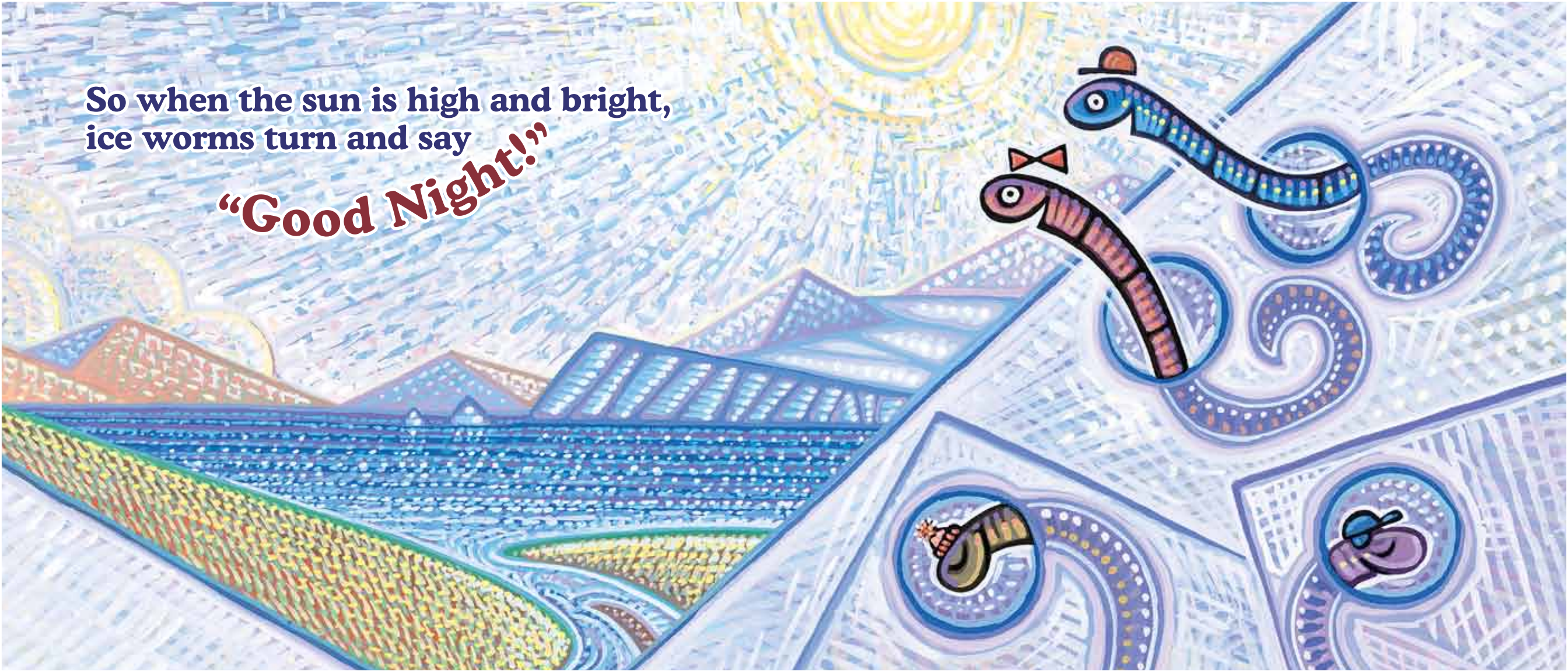
Gus and Annie come out to stay
whenever there's a **cloudy day**.
High on top an icy berm
gather many tiny worms.

Mountains, glaciers, lakes surround
ice worms' cold and cozy towns.
With constant cold they're at their best,
the **sun** and **heat** put them to rest.



So when the sun is high and bright,
ice worms turn and say

“Good Night!”



ARE ICE WORMS REAL?

What do they eat? Where do they live?

Follow Gus and Annie into the world of glacier ice worms to discover the answers to these questions, and more!



Not more than an inch long and no bigger than a piece of string, ice worms live in the freezing cold climate found on glaciers, where they burrow into slushy snow, pools of water and ice. Ice worms (*mesenchytraeus solifugus*) were first discovered in the 1880s in Glacier Bay, Alaska. Since then, they have been found on glaciers as far south as Washington state.



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