

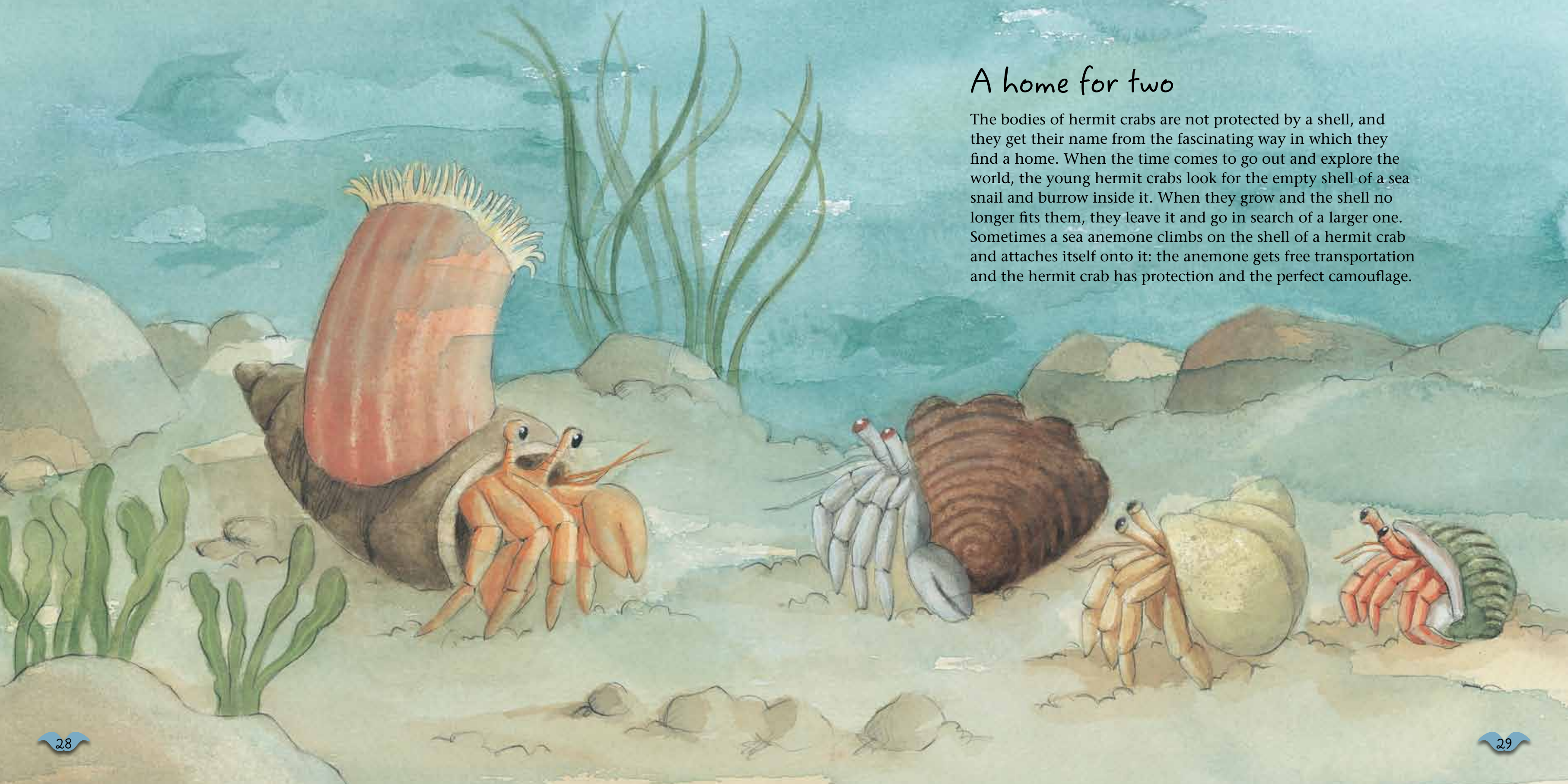


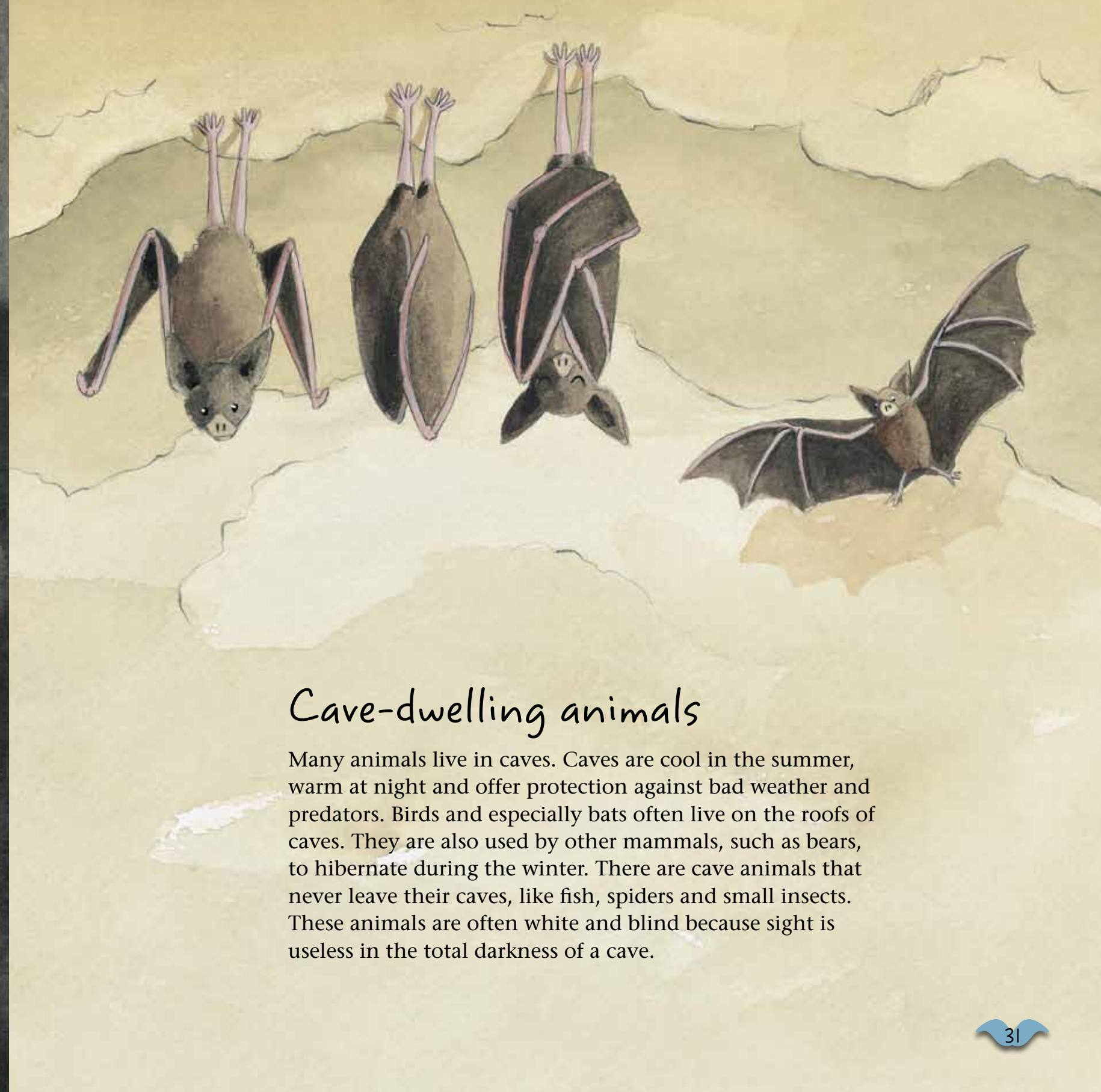
Wood for bugs

Bugs also appreciate wood as a great place to live. The trunks, branches and leaves of trees are the ideal homes for insects and spiders. Small and large worms live inside the trunks and build long galleries while also feeding there. Before human beings learned how to build beehives, bees made their own hives inside hollow trunks. If you think about it, a fallen tree trunk in the forest is the closest thing to a five-star hotel for little critters.

A home for two

The bodies of hermit crabs are not protected by a shell, and they get their name from the fascinating way in which they find a home. When the time comes to go out and explore the world, the young hermit crabs look for the empty shell of a sea snail and burrow inside it. When they grow and the shell no longer fits them, they leave it and go in search of a larger one. Sometimes a sea anemone climbs on the shell of a hermit crab and attaches itself onto it: the anemone gets free transportation and the hermit crab has protection and the perfect camouflage.





Cave-dwelling animals

Many animals live in caves. Caves are cool in the summer, warm at night and offer protection against bad weather and predators. Birds and especially bats often live on the roofs of caves. They are also used by other mammals, such as bears, to hibernate during the winter. There are cave animals that never leave their caves, like fish, spiders and small insects. These animals are often white and blind because sight is useless in the total darkness of a cave.