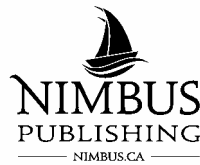


A Harbour Seal in Halifax

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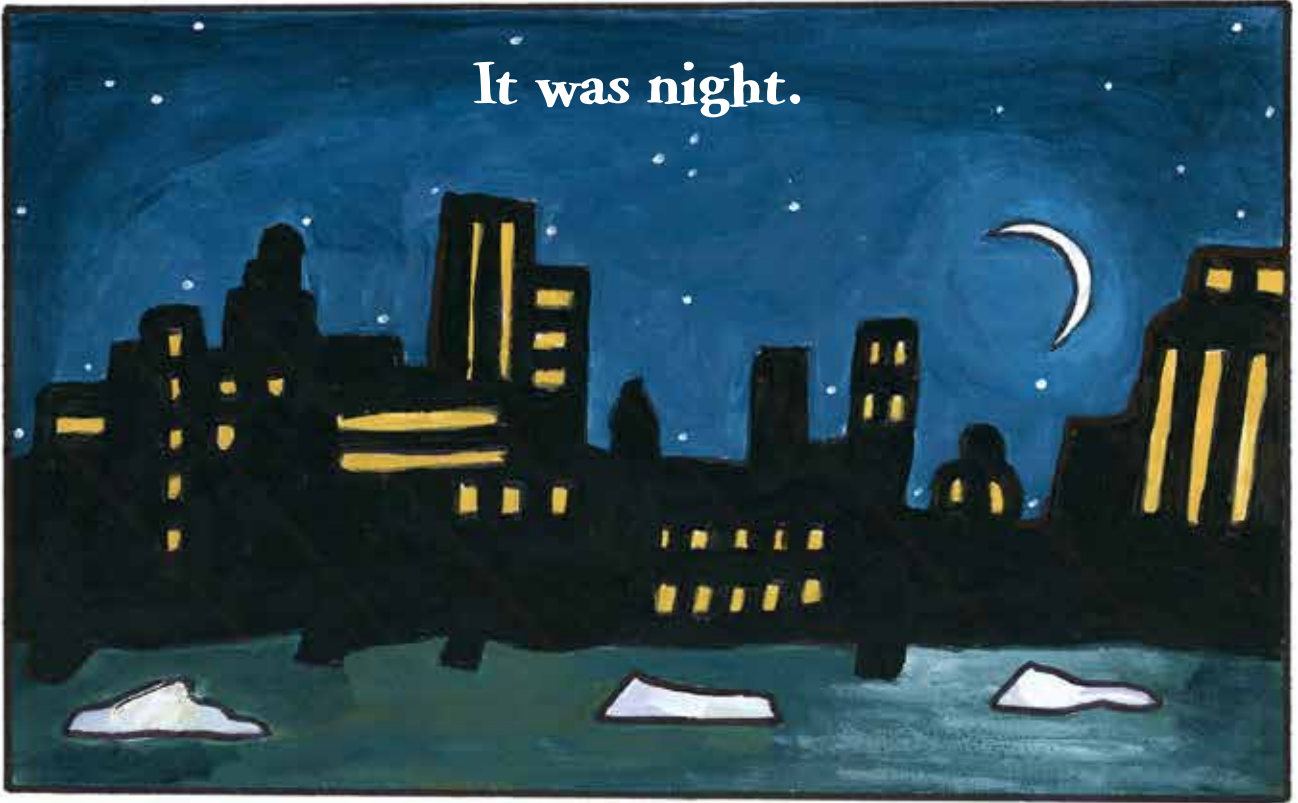


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It was night.



Seal was lost.



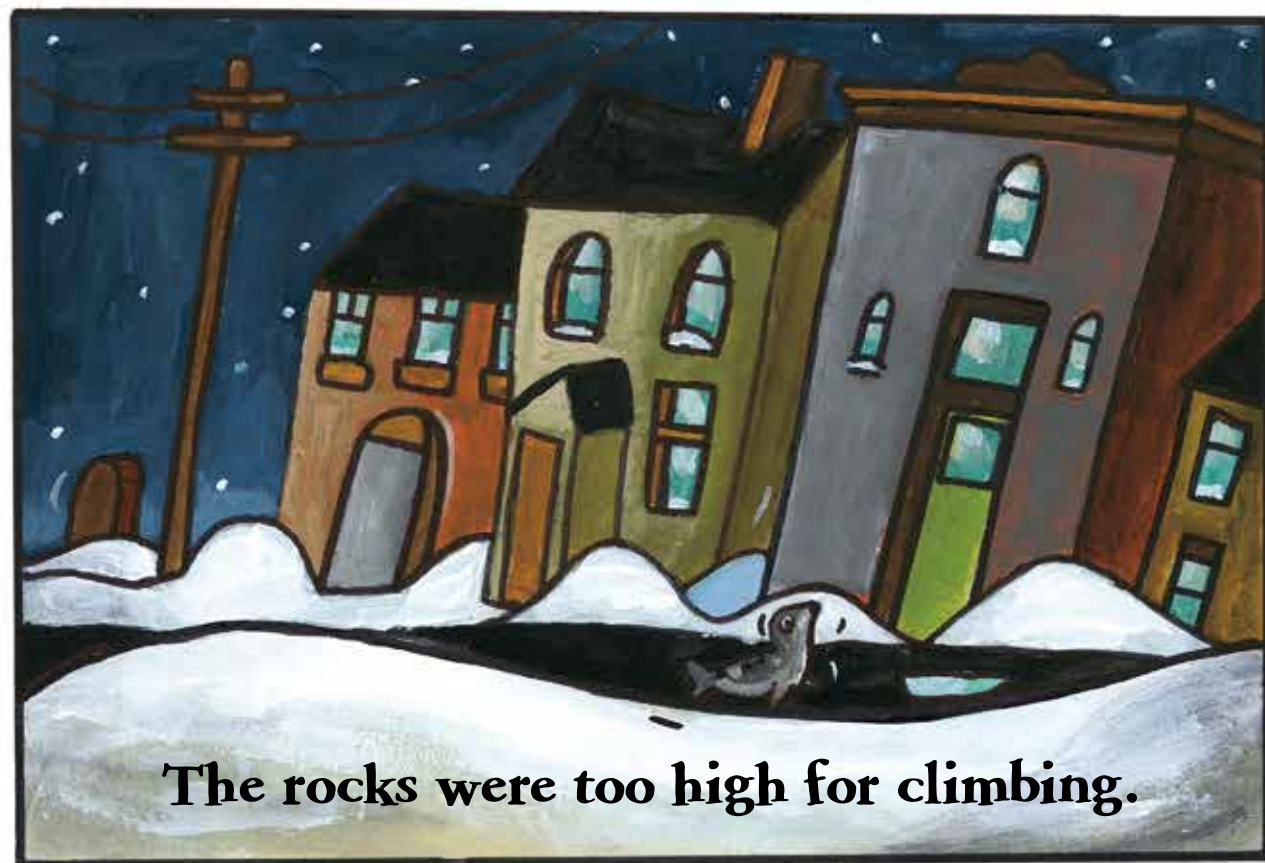
**She saw strange flippers,
or were they feet?**



EEEK!!



**She heard a strange bird,
or was it a scream?**



Seal saw bright lights. They sparkled.



Seal liked the snow.



It was the same night Officer and
Constable were working.



They heard someone calling for help.



**The woman had seen something strange.
It had fur and flippers.**



Was it a seal? Officer radioed headquarters.



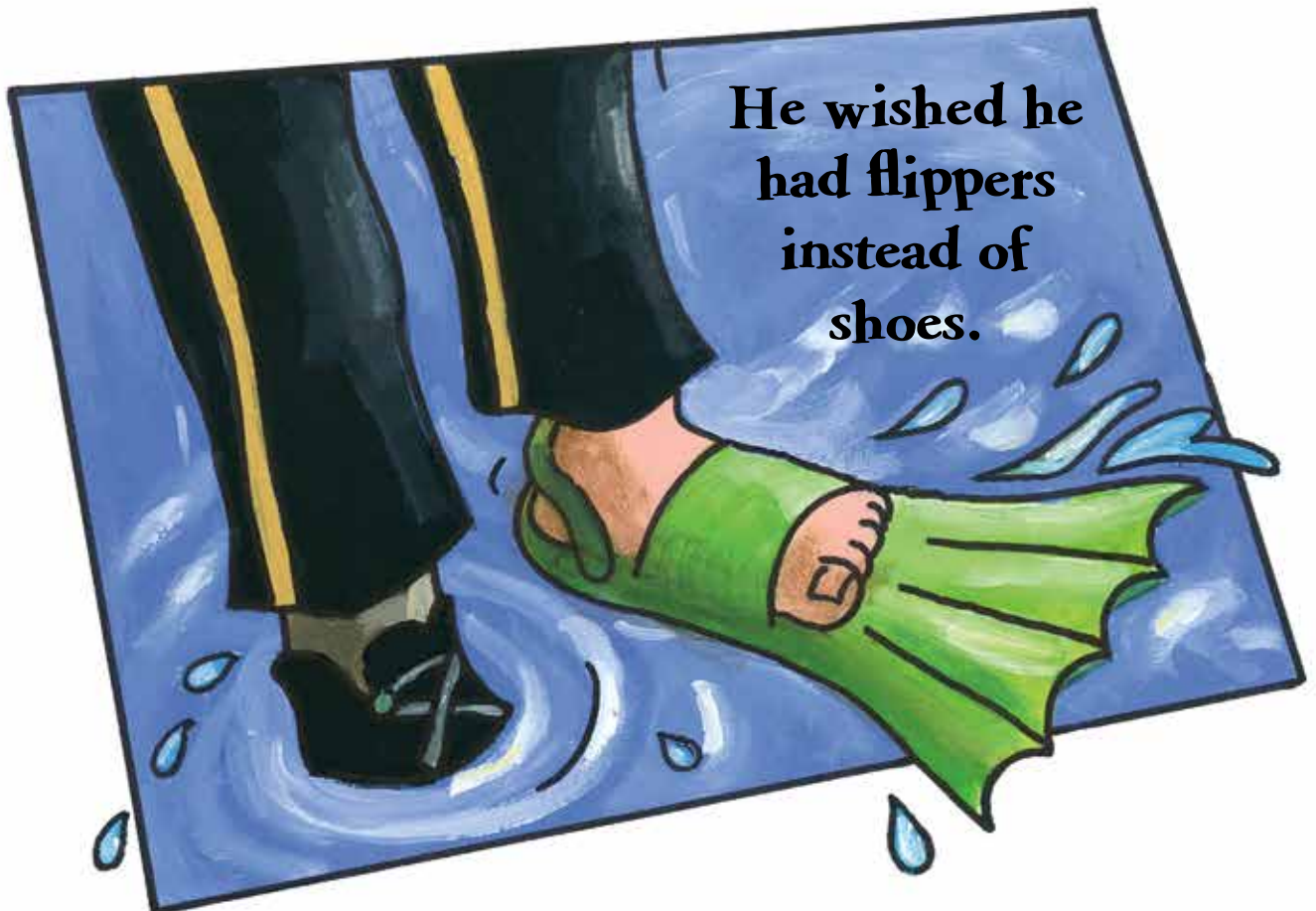
Constable went for a stroll.

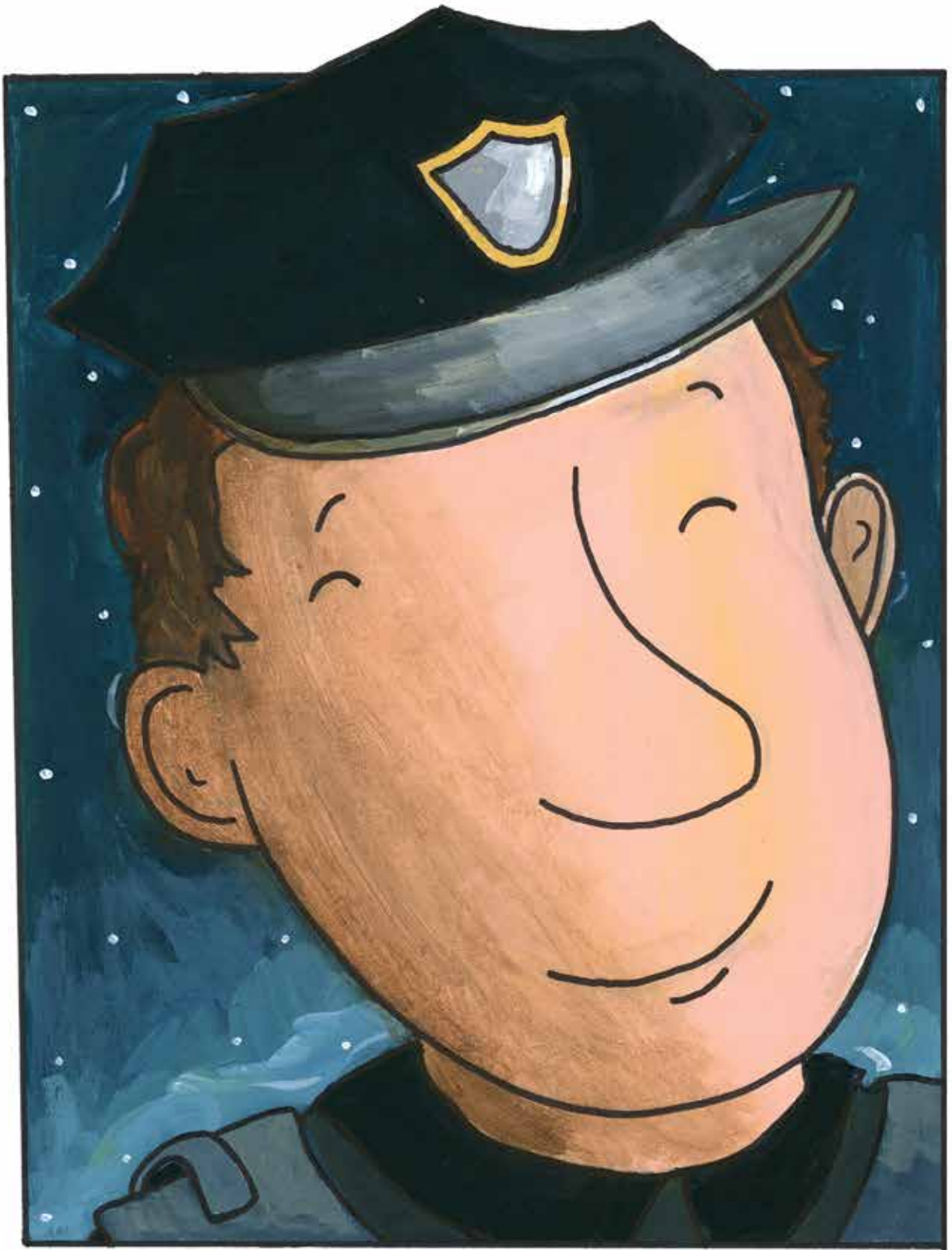


He was looking for Seal.



**He tiptoed around slushy puddles
on Lower Water Street.**





He liked the cold, clear night.

Seal was getting tired.

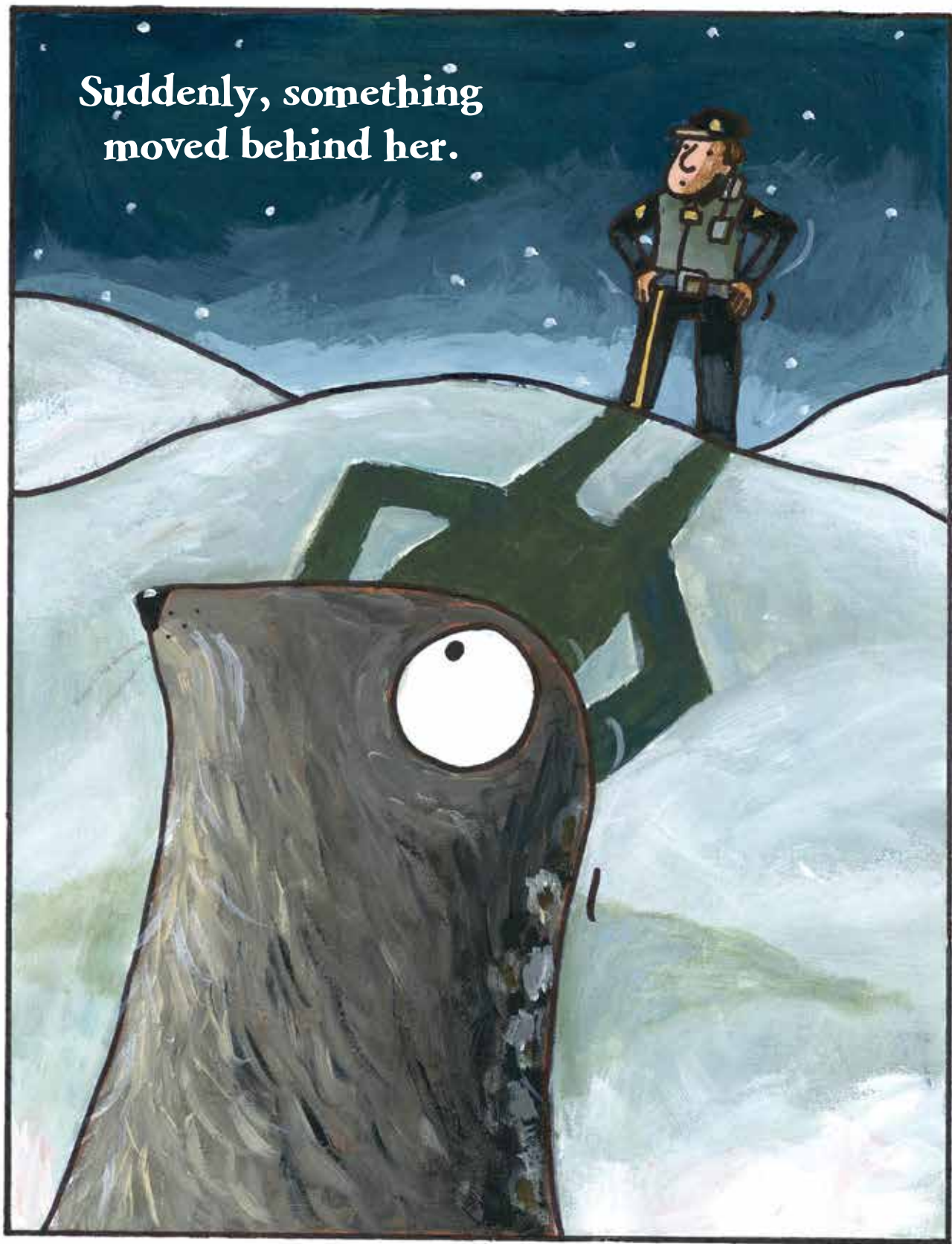


She could not find a place to swim.



She did not feel safe.

Suddenly, something
moved behind her.





Seal saw Constable.



Constable saw Seal.
Neither of them knew what to do.

Constable could see that Seal was alarmed.



**He did not want to
hurt her, and he did
not want to get hurt.
He sent for Officer.**



**Constable took a blanket from his car
and put it on the ground.**



**Officer arrived and coaxed Seal onto the blanket.
She and Constable scooped Seal up.**

**Seal could feel the blanket around her.
She did not like it.**



She was surprised and frustrated.



They were both smiling.

Seal of Approval

The Real Story Behind A Harbour Seal in Halifax



Constables Andrew Gordon and Ahmed El Shair rescue a lost seal in Halifax, March 2015.

Near midnight on March 5, 2015, a woman flagged down two Halifax Regional Police officers on patrol near Halifax's waterfront. She had heard hissing under her parked car and to her surprise, discovered a young seal!

The officers, Constable Andrew Gordon and Constable Ahmed El Shair, searched the area and eventually found the lost seal strolling down Lower Water Street. After carefully persuading the wild seal onto a blanket, they carried it to the harbour's edge. It wasn't easy, as the smelly seal really struggled! Eventually the officers were able to release the seal into the water, where it swam away. The next day, many newspapers and radio stations around the world reported this charming Maritime event.