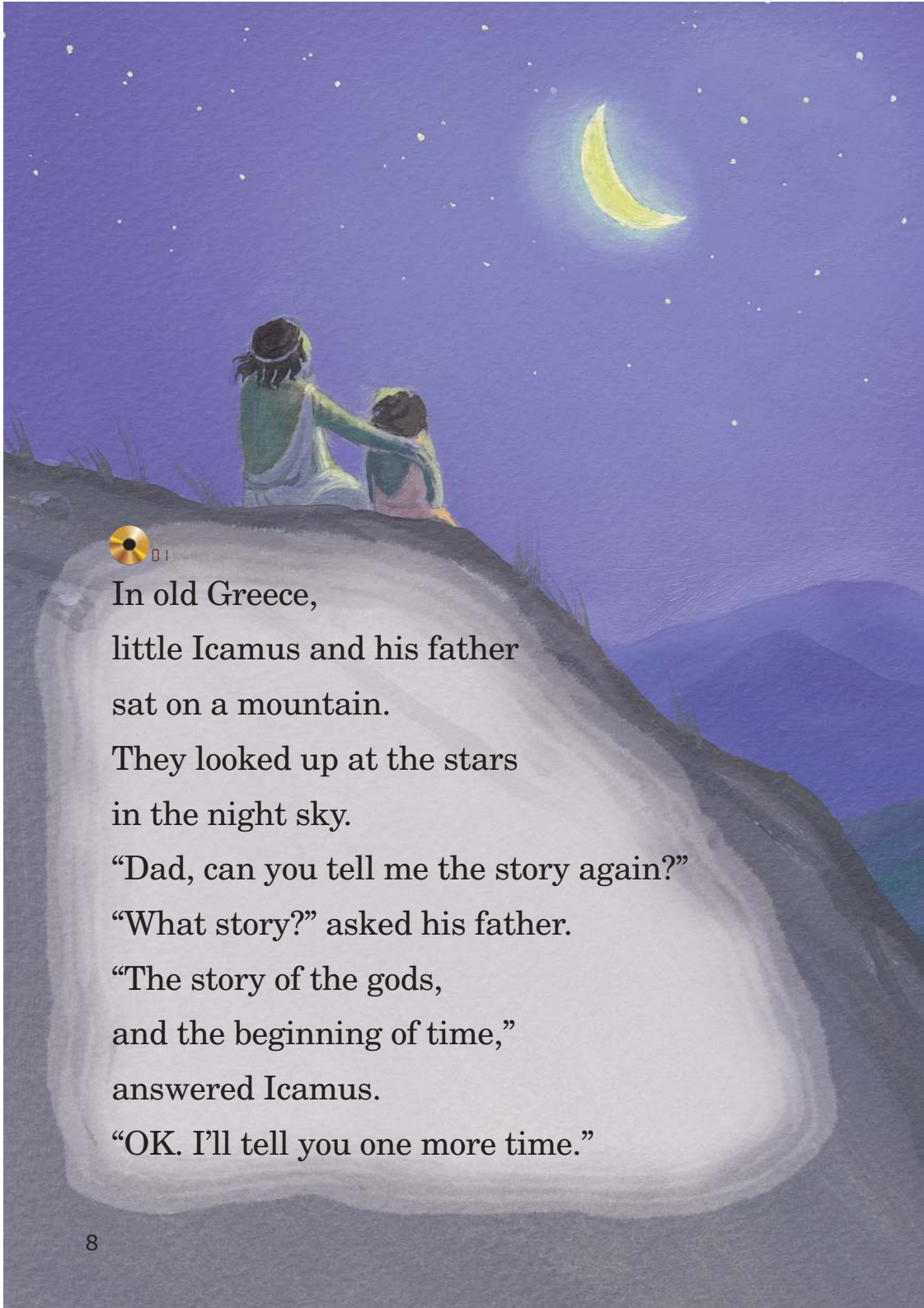


 The Greek Roman Map





In old Greece,
little Icamus and his father
sat on a mountain.

They looked up at the stars
in the night sky.

“Dad, can you tell me the story again?”

“What story?” asked his father.

“The story of the gods,
and the beginning of time,”
answered Icamus.

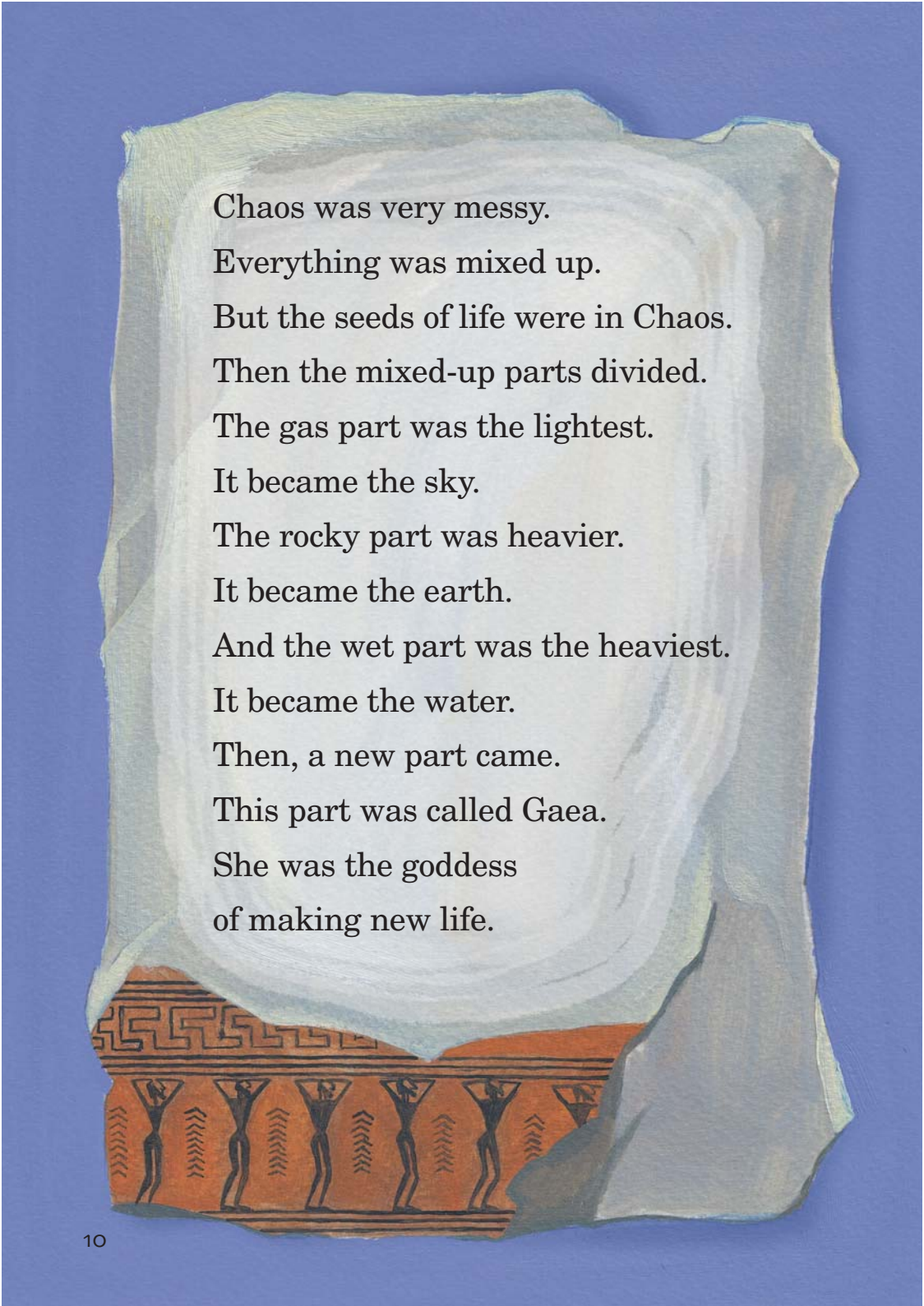
“OK. I’ll tell you one more time.”



The Origin of Gods



Long, long ago,
there were no people or animals.
There were no trees or plants.
There were no oceans or lakes.
There were no mountains or deserts.
In fact,
there was no Earth at all.
There was only Chaos,
and nothing else.



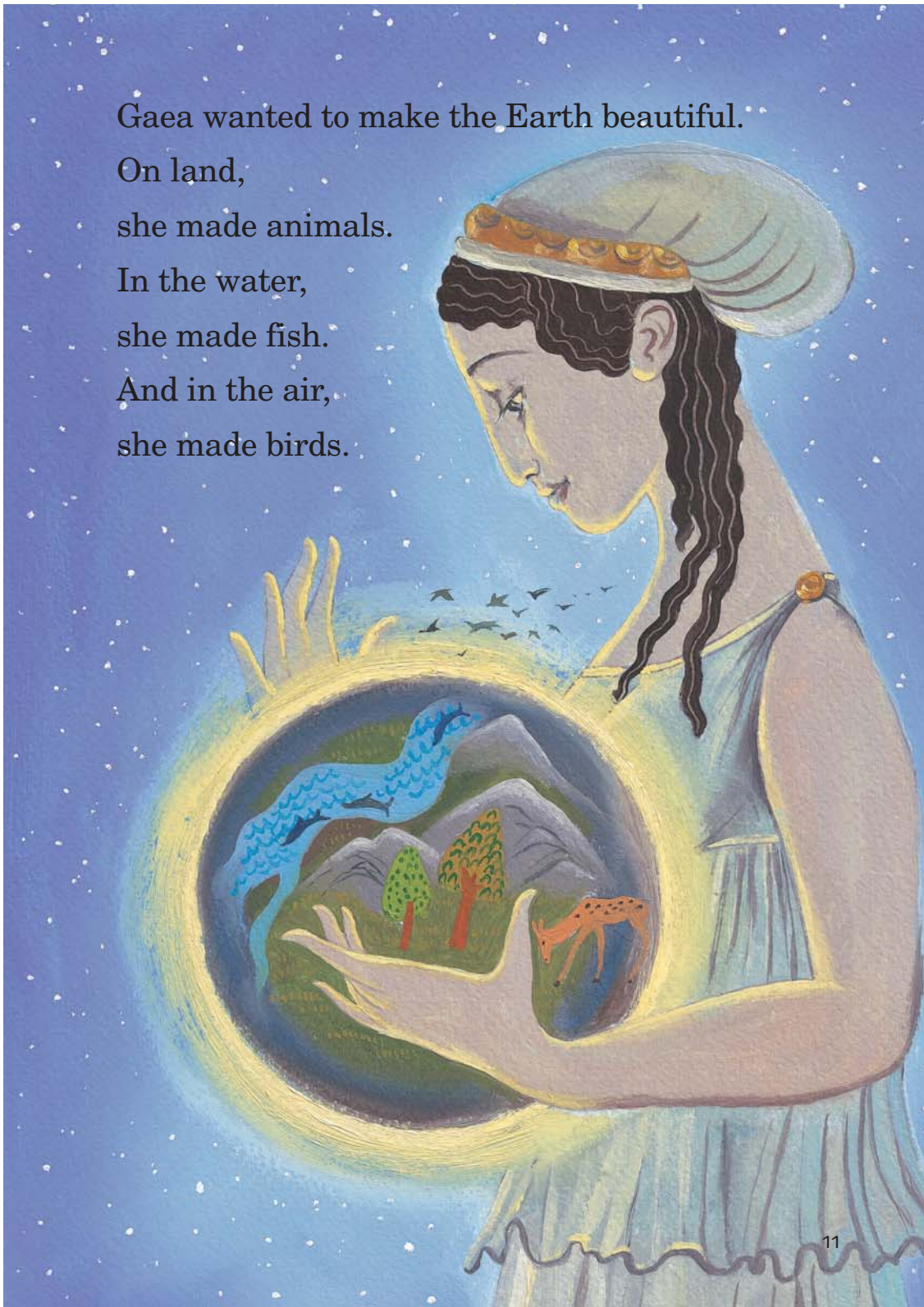
Chaos was very messy.
Everything was mixed up.
But the seeds of life were in Chaos.
Then the mixed-up parts divided.
The gas part was the lightest.
It became the sky.
The rocky part was heavier.
It became the earth.
And the wet part was the heaviest.
It became the water.
Then, a new part came.
This part was called Gaea.
She was the goddess
of making new life.

Gaea wanted to make the Earth beautiful.

On land,
she made animals.

In the water,
she made fish.

And in the air,
she made birds.





Chaos had a son called Uranus.
When he grew up, he became the Sky Father.
Gaea and Uranus had many children together.
First, they had children called the Titans.
Some were wise and some were not.
They were all very powerful, though.
The Titans ruled the Earth for a long time.

Did you know?



Gaea

Gaea is often called the Earth Mother.
She came long before the other gods.
In old Greek, people prayed to her.
They believed all life came from Gaea.
Her statues first appeared thousands of years ago.
These old statues always look very chubby.



Gaea