# Story: Nanook

A whale jumped out of the water.

“Who are you?” Nanook asked.

“I am Beluga,” the whale said.

“Am I Beluga, too?” Nanook asked.

“We are both the colour white, but you are not Beluga,” the whale said.

Cold air blew Nanook across the ice.

“Who are you?” Nanook asked.

“I am the North Wind,” the cold air said.

“You are strong. Am I the North Wind, too?” Nanook asked.

“Soon you will be strong,” the cold air said. “But you are not the North Wind.”

An animal slid off the ice into the Arctic sea.

“Who are you?” Nanook asked.

“I am Walrus,” the animal said.

“You are a good swimmer. Am I Walrus, too?” Nanook asked.

"We are both good swimmers," the animal said. "But you are not Walrus."

Green and pink colours lit up the night sky.

"Who are you?" Nanook asked.

"We are the Northern Lights," the colours said.

"You are beautiful. Am I the Northern Lights, too?" Nanook asked.

"You are beautiful," the colours said. "But you are not the Northern Lights."

"Chuff, chuff, chuff, " Mama called Nanook.

"Who am I?" Nanook asked Mama.

"You are many things. But most of all, you are loved," Mama said.

Nanook snuggled into Mama's soft fur and hummed, like all polar bear cubs hum when they are happy.

# Glossary *(Definitions of Story Words)*

**Beluga:** A small whale that lives in the Arctic Ocean.

**Chuff:** A sharp, regular puffing sound.

**Hum:** To make a low, steady sound while your lips are closed.

**Northern lights:** Colourful, dancing lights that show up sometimes in the sky over the North Pole.

**Slide:** To move smoothly along a surface.

**Snuggle:** To curl up into a warm, comfortable spot.

# Elements of a Story

**Elements of a Story:** The pieces of a story that come together to make it complete. Story elements include character, setting and plot.

**Character:** The people or animals in the story.

**Conflict:** The problem in the story that needs to be addressed or fixed.

**Plot:** What happens in the story.

**Setting:** Where and when the story takes place.

**Theme:** A story's main idea.