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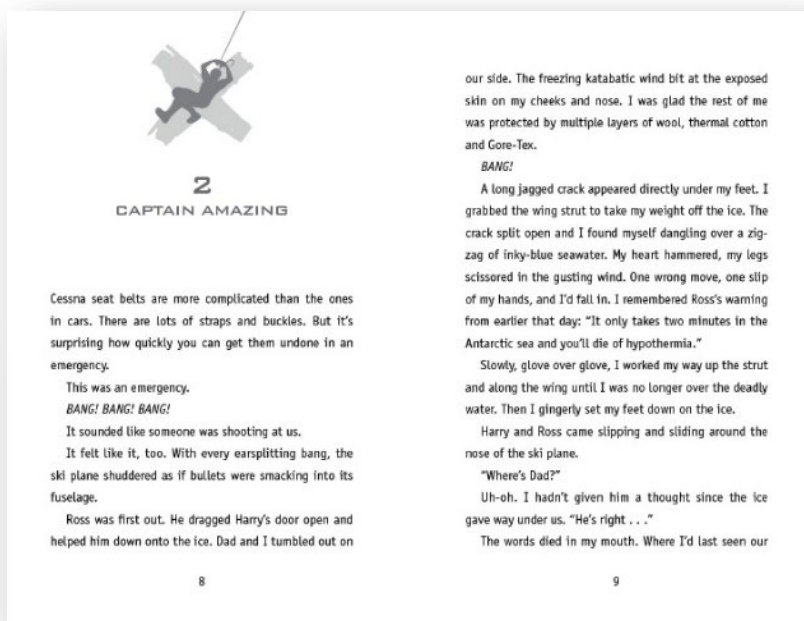
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our side. The freezing katabatic wind bit at the exposed skin on my cheeks and nose. I was glad the rest of me was protected by multiple layers of wool, thermal cotton and Gore-Tex.

BANG!

A long jagged crack appeared directly under my feet. I grabbed the wing strut to take my weight off the ice. The crack split open and I found myself dangling over a zig-zag of inky-blue seawater. My heart hammered, my legs scissored in the gusting wind. One wrong move, one slip of my hands, and I'd fall in. I remembered Ross's warning from earlier that day: "It only takes two minutes in the Antarctic sea and you'll die of hypothermia."

Slowly, glove over glove, I worked my way up the strut and along the wing until I was no longer over the deadly water. Then I gingerly set my feet down on the ice.

Harry and Ross came slipping and sliding around the nose of the ski plane.

"Where's Dad?"

Uh-oh. I hadn't given him a thought since the ice gave way under us. "He's right . . ."

The words died in my mouth. Where I'd last seen our

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