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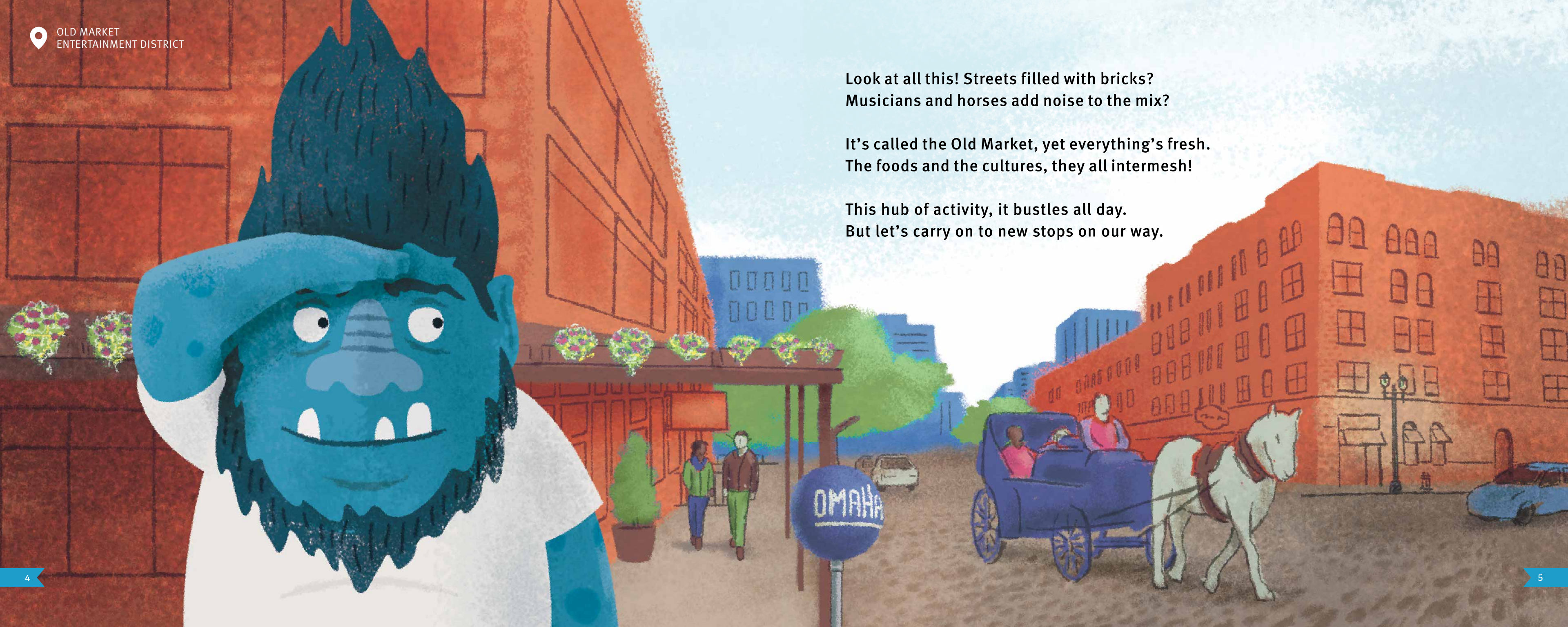
I'm OMAR the Troll. Many miles I roam.
In my quest to find my own place to call home.

Where do I belong? In a treehouse? A cave?
Even trolls need a place to feel happy and safe.

I'd like a companion. Will you be that friend?
My traveling buddy in our journey ahead?

Let's hike new paths. Let's see new sights.
Please join me exploring these Omaha delights!





Look at all this! Streets filled with bricks?
Musicians and horses add noise to the mix?

It's called the Old Market, yet everything's fresh.
The foods and the cultures, they all intermesh!

This hub of activity, it bustles all day.
But let's carry on to new stops on our way.



What's this? I inquire. The animal kingdom?
In deserts, aquariums and jungles to see them?

The long, swinging bridge gives a bird's-eye view
of the monkeys on treetops in this marvelous zoo.

But this is no place for a troll to be.
It's home to these animals, and creatures of the sea!



A museum made for children?
Now this sounds like fun!
Balls fall from the sky
as we giggle and run.

Imagination stations
let creativity soar.
Dance on the stairs
and make a musical score.

Let's keep on exploring,
O partner in travel.
New places await.
Let's see what unravels.





This garden's so green
and I'm blue like the ponds.
A small train weaves through
all the blossoms and fronds.



What beauty! Such life!
And a glass conservatory!
But onward let's travel...
it's not the end of our story.



A park in the city! A diamond it holds!
With thousands of fans watching victories unfold.

The zipping white ball fielders scramble to fetch,
and popcorn accompanies the seventh inning stretch.

The crack of the bat, it knocks runners home.
But my home's no plate, so onward let's roam.



Wow, look at this art!
What a marvelous place!
And workshops with kids
sharing interactive space!

This pink marble wonder
tells the story of us.
Through strikes of a chisel,
and strokes of a brush.

This wall of glass sculptures
is a beautiful display.
But now let's go forth
on our adventurous way!





What's now a museum
was once a train station?
These tall, grand ceilings
are a beautiful creation!

There are trains from the past.
And history! And art!
Friendly statues to sit by,
and soda à la carte.

I'm glad that we visited
this stop in our journey.
But more places await...
so let's keep on learning!

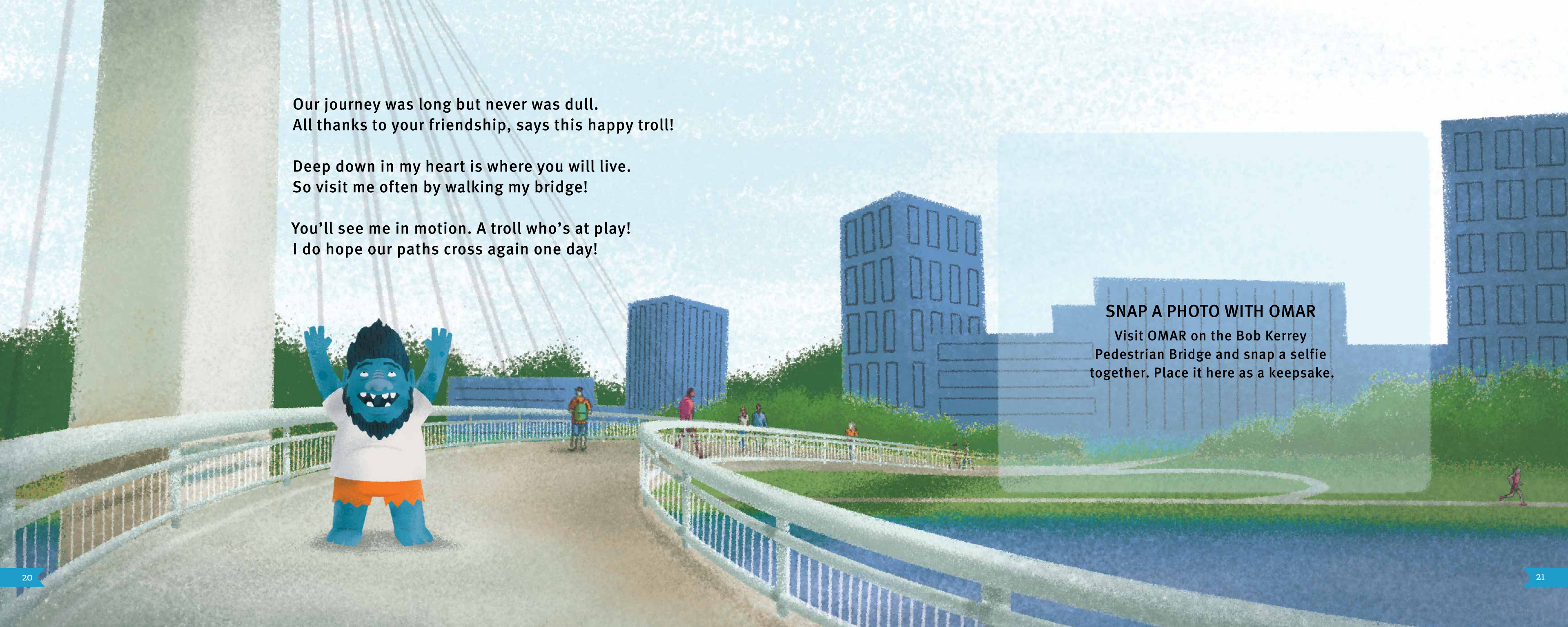




Wait, look! What's all this? A bridge in the sky?
Connecting two states and all who pass by?

There's hustle and bustle with traffic on foot,
and couples, and families, and smiles well put.

This place feels like home. A bridge for a troll.
At last we can cease the long quest toward my goal.

An illustration of a troll named Omar standing on a pedestrian bridge. Omar is a blue troll with a large blue beard, wearing a white t-shirt and orange shorts. He has his arms raised in a happy gesture. The bridge has a white railing and is set against a backdrop of a city with several tall, blue buildings. A river flows beneath the bridge. Other people are visible in the distance on the bridge and on the grassy bank. The sky is a light blue with some white clouds.

Our journey was long but never was dull.
All thanks to your friendship, says this happy troll!

Deep down in my heart is where you will live.
So visit me often by walking my bridge!

You'll see me in motion. A troll who's at play!
I do hope our paths cross again one day!

SNAP A PHOTO WITH OMAR

Visit OMAR on the Bob Kerrey
Pedestrian Bridge and snap a selfie
together. Place it here as a keepsake.

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explores Omaha



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STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND AND
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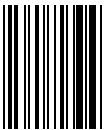
Follow the exciting adventures of OMAR the Troll, who travels to many places throughout Omaha looking for a place to make his home. Ever curious, restless and insatiable, he ventures onward and learns if you treat the world with kindness and openness, you'll always find home in friends and experiences you enjoy.

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