INHABITANTS

OF THE DEEP

MY. WHAT BIG EYES YOU HAVE!

Light comes from above, in the dim waters of the Twilight Zone. For many creatures here,

the bigger the eyeballs, the better!

The swordfish has tennis-ball-sized eyes that heat up – all the better to see you with in the murky depths.

COCKEYED SQUID

The BARRELEYE FISH got its name because its tube-like eyes turn inside its see-through head. Perfect for peering up at potential prey, such as a delicious jellyfish lunch.

The curious COCKEYED SQUID'S left eye is twice the size of its right eye. The left eye looks up and the right eye looks down.

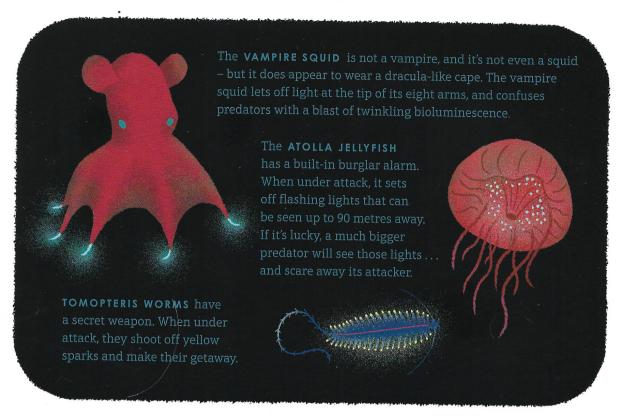
WHAT BIG TENTACLES YOU HAVE!

Jelly-like SIPHONOPHORES (sigh-fon-oh-fours) are giant trailing death nets. They have stinging tentacles that capture small crustaceans, and they're the longest living thing on the planet. The siphonophore can grow to a whopping forty metres long – that's longer than a blue whale.

At two metres long, the HUMBOLDT SQUID is as long as a man is tall. This hungry hunter latches onto its prey with its powerful tentacles and sharp beak.

WHAT BRIGHT LIGHTS YOU HAVE!

Just as fireflies glow on land, many deep-sea creatures use bioluminescence to light up the dim waters of The Deep. Chemical reactions allow these creatures to create lights to scare away predators, lure in a mate – or attract their lunch!



AND WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE!

The **STOPLIGHT LOOSEJAW DRAGONFISH** is tricky to outmanoeuvre. Even if deep-sea shrimp hit it with a bioluminescent smokescreen, it simply turns on its red searchlight to scan the area, and attacks with its needle-like teeth.

