

Once A Whale Lived Here

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Glacial sheet is
at its thickest.

↑
20,000
years ago

Ice is melting. A
glacial lake is forming.

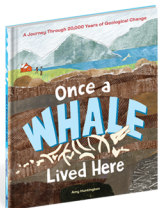
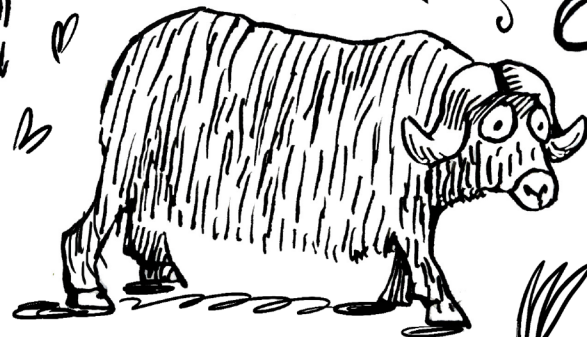
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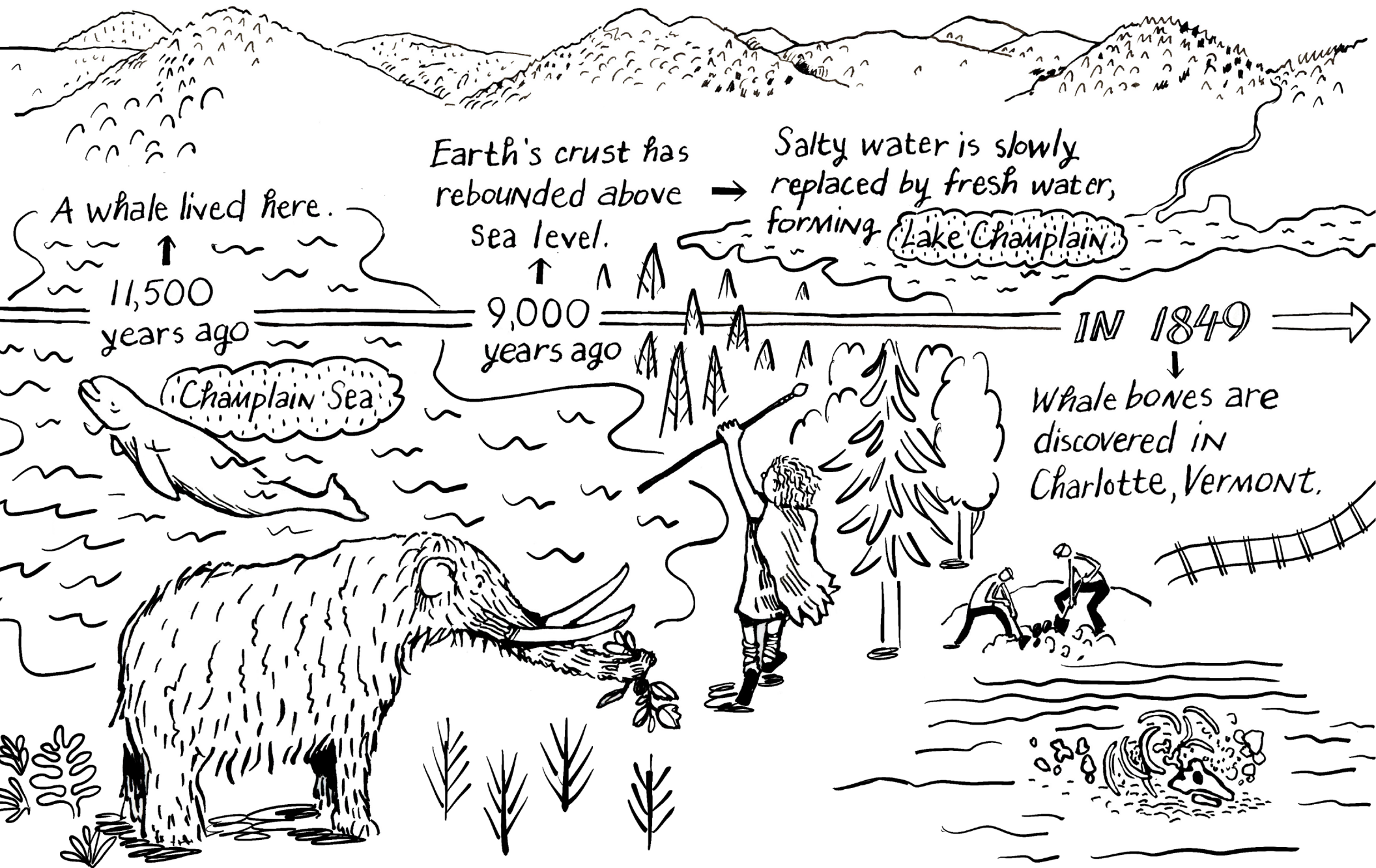
Lake Vermont

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Lake drains
suddenly.

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Seawater begins
to fill valley



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A whale lived here.

11,500
years ago

Champlain Sea

Earth's crust has
rebounded above
sea level.

9,000
years ago

Salty water is slowly
replaced by fresh water,
forming Lake Champlain

IN 1849

Whale bones are
discovered in
Charlotte, Vermont.