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*Ahoy, and welcome to the final issue of Countdown for 2023! We have some sea stories for you and some unusual creatures who glow and slither and swim about, and who even zooooom. Enjoy your mag, and remember: when you read, always go with the flow!*

*—Captain Ahab*

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