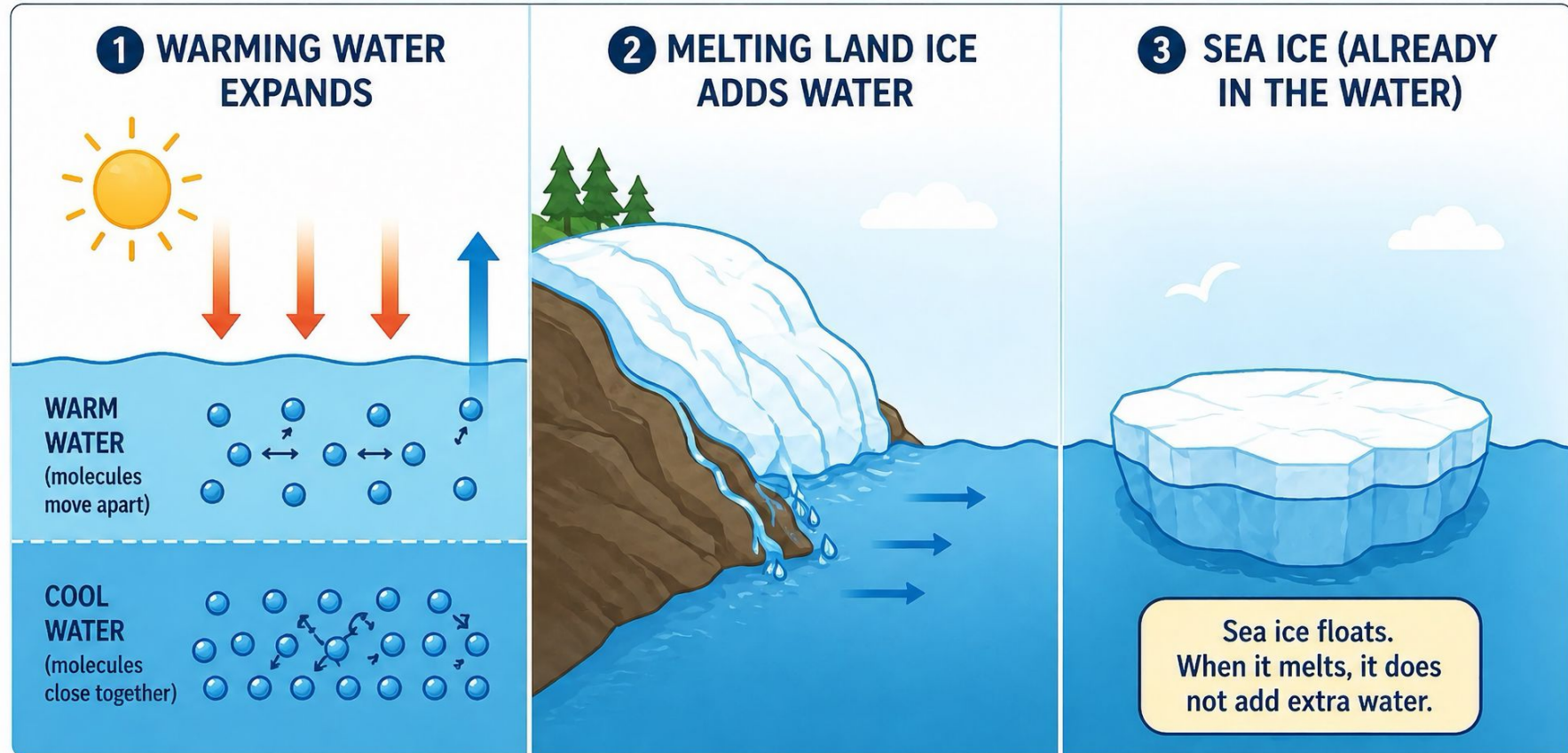


Illustration 9.1 - Why sea levels rise

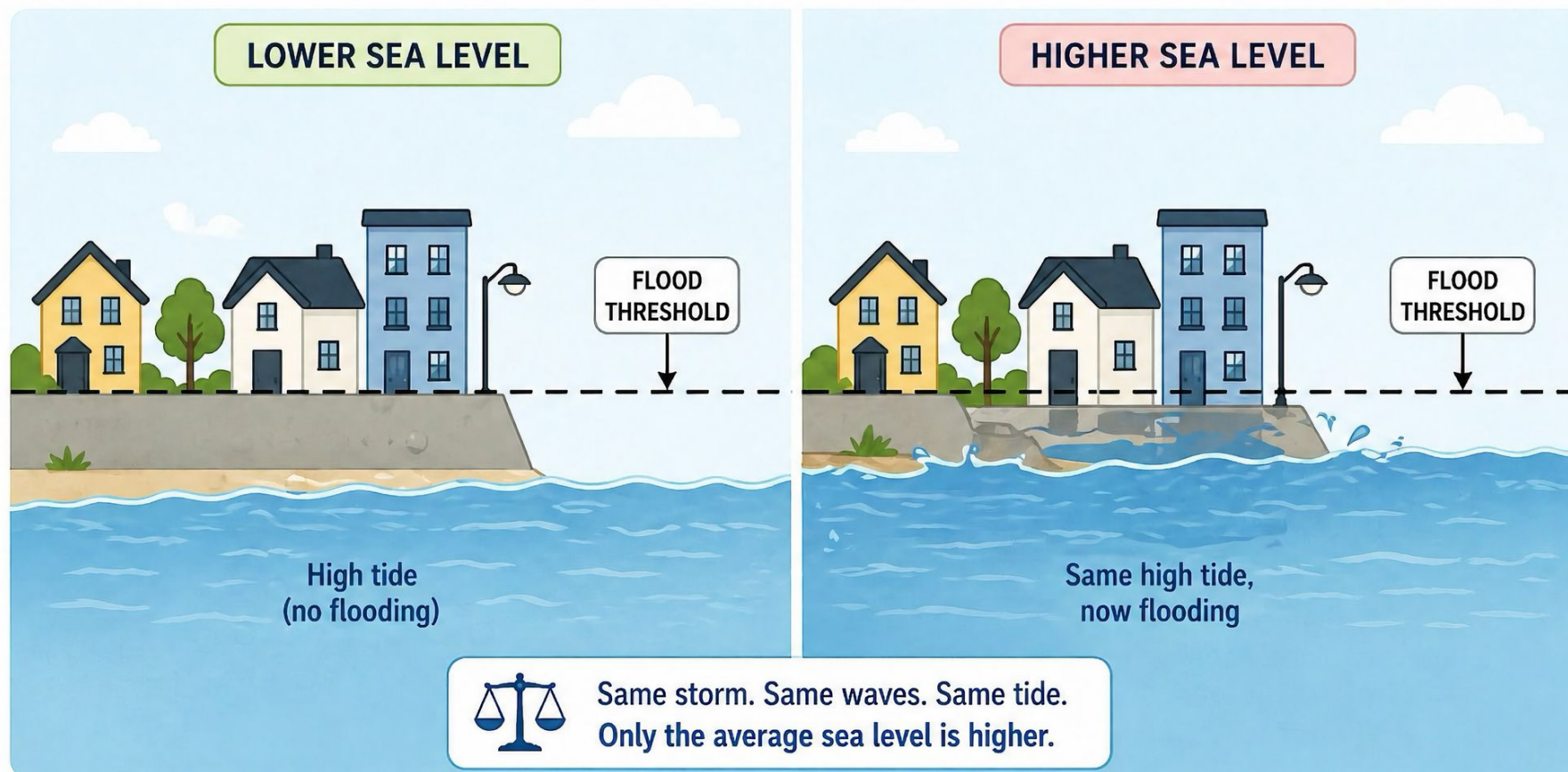
Illustration 9.1 – Why sea level rises



Sea level rises because warming water expands and melting land ice adds extra water.

Illustration 9.2 - The higher starting line

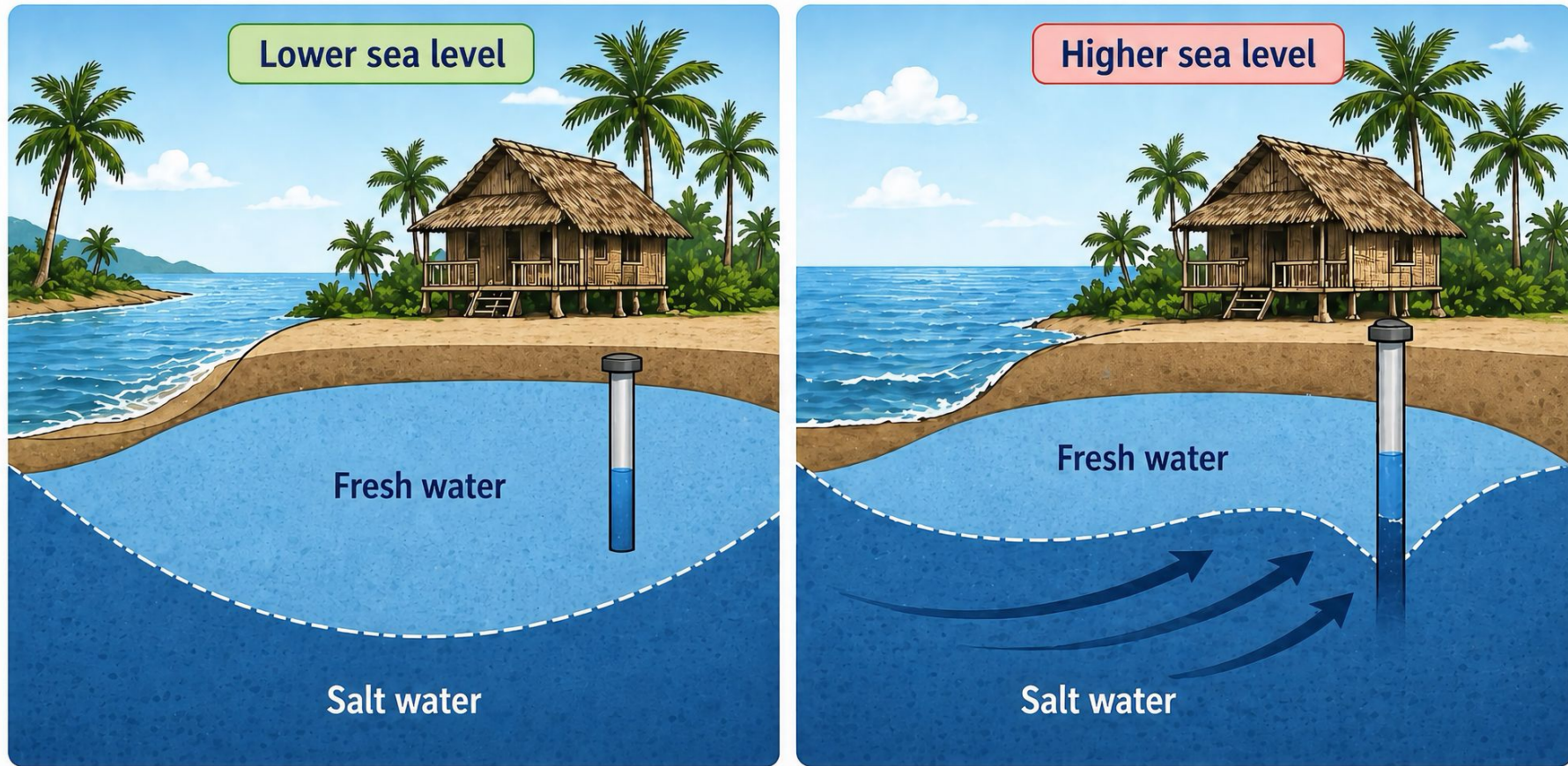
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A higher average sea level makes flooding more likely, even without bigger storms.

Illustration 9.3 - Saltwater intrusion

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When sea level rises, salt water can move inland underground, making fresh water harder to find.

Illustration 9.4 - Working with Nature

Illustration 9.4 — Living with rising water



People are finding ways to live more safely with rising water.