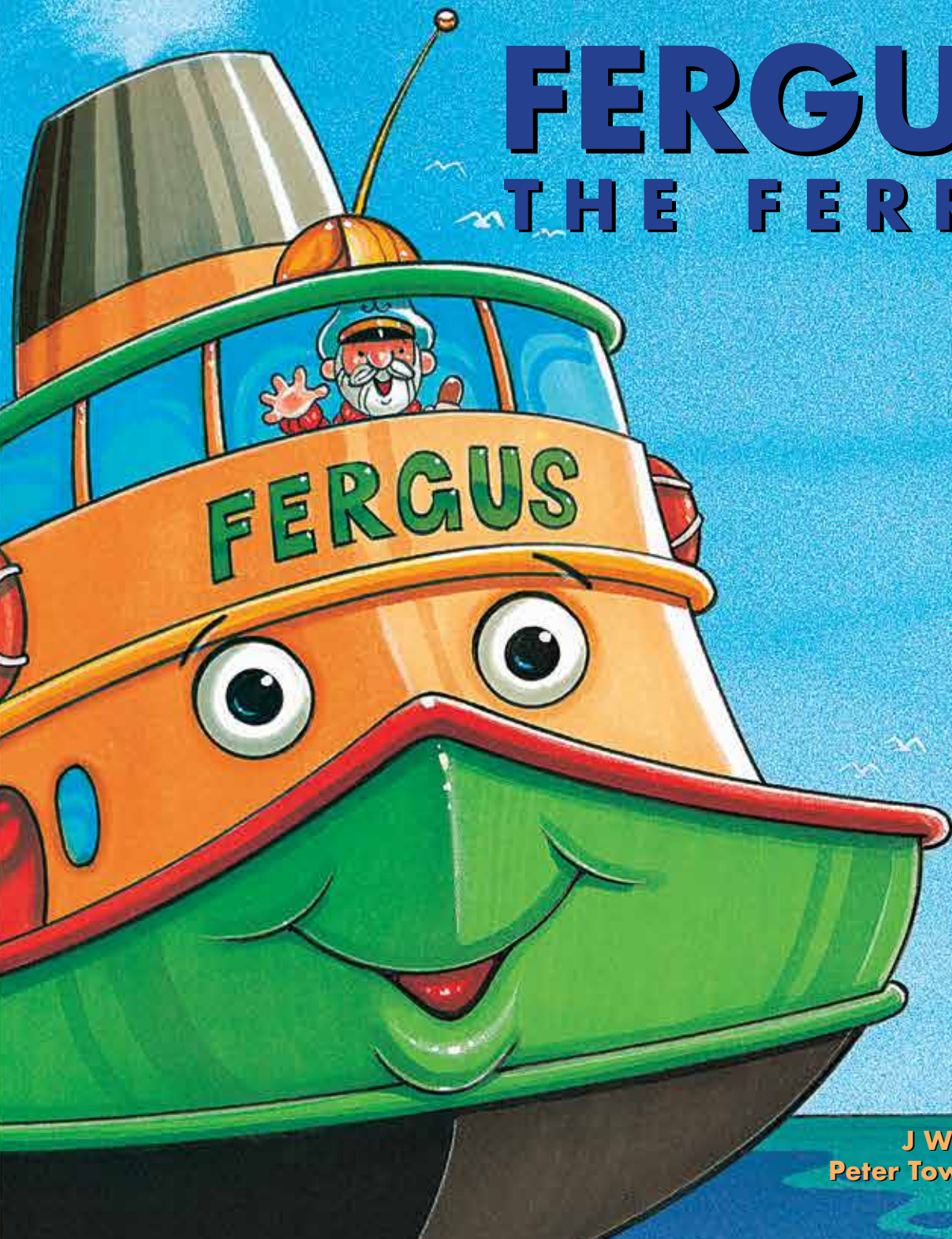


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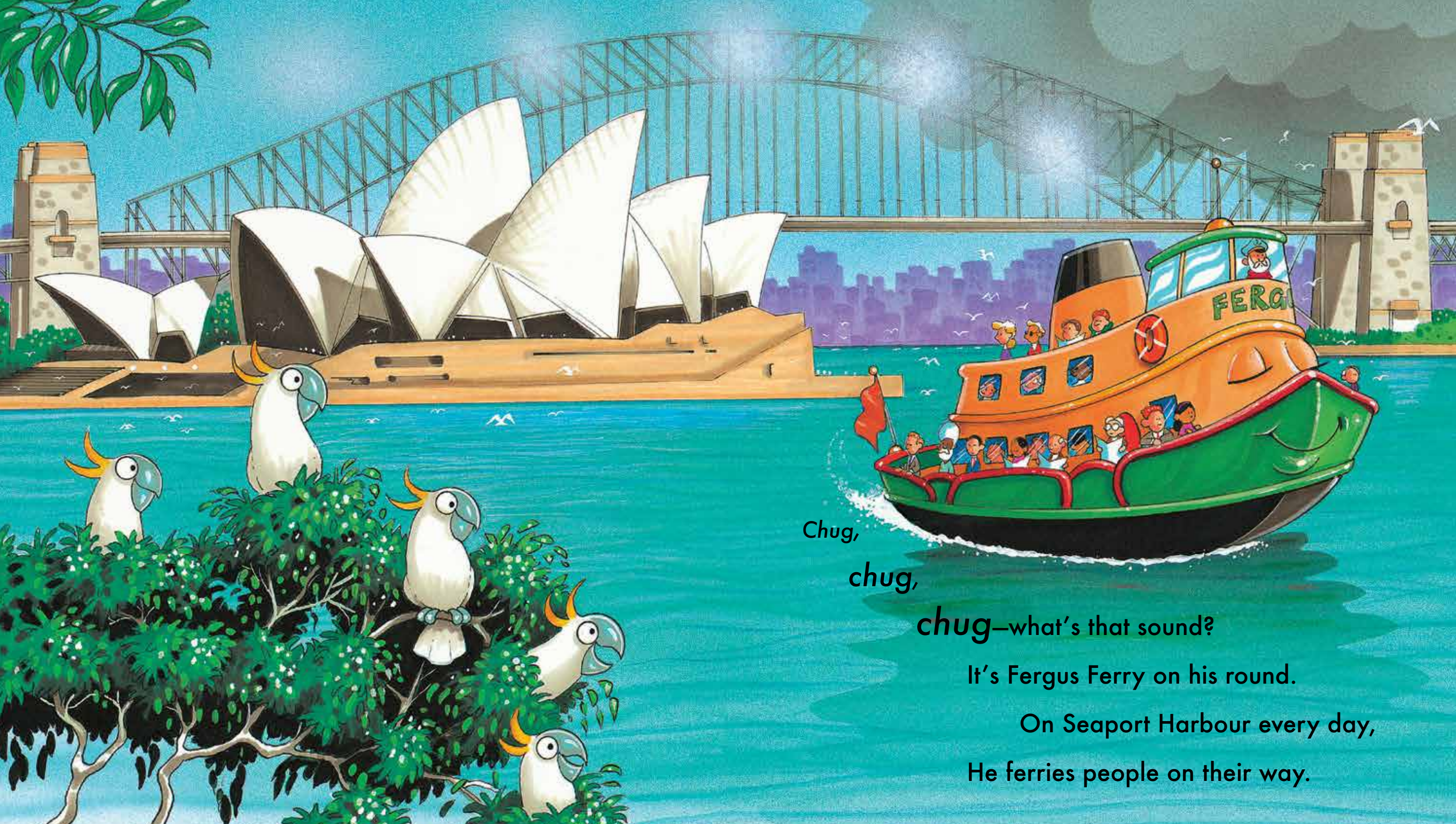


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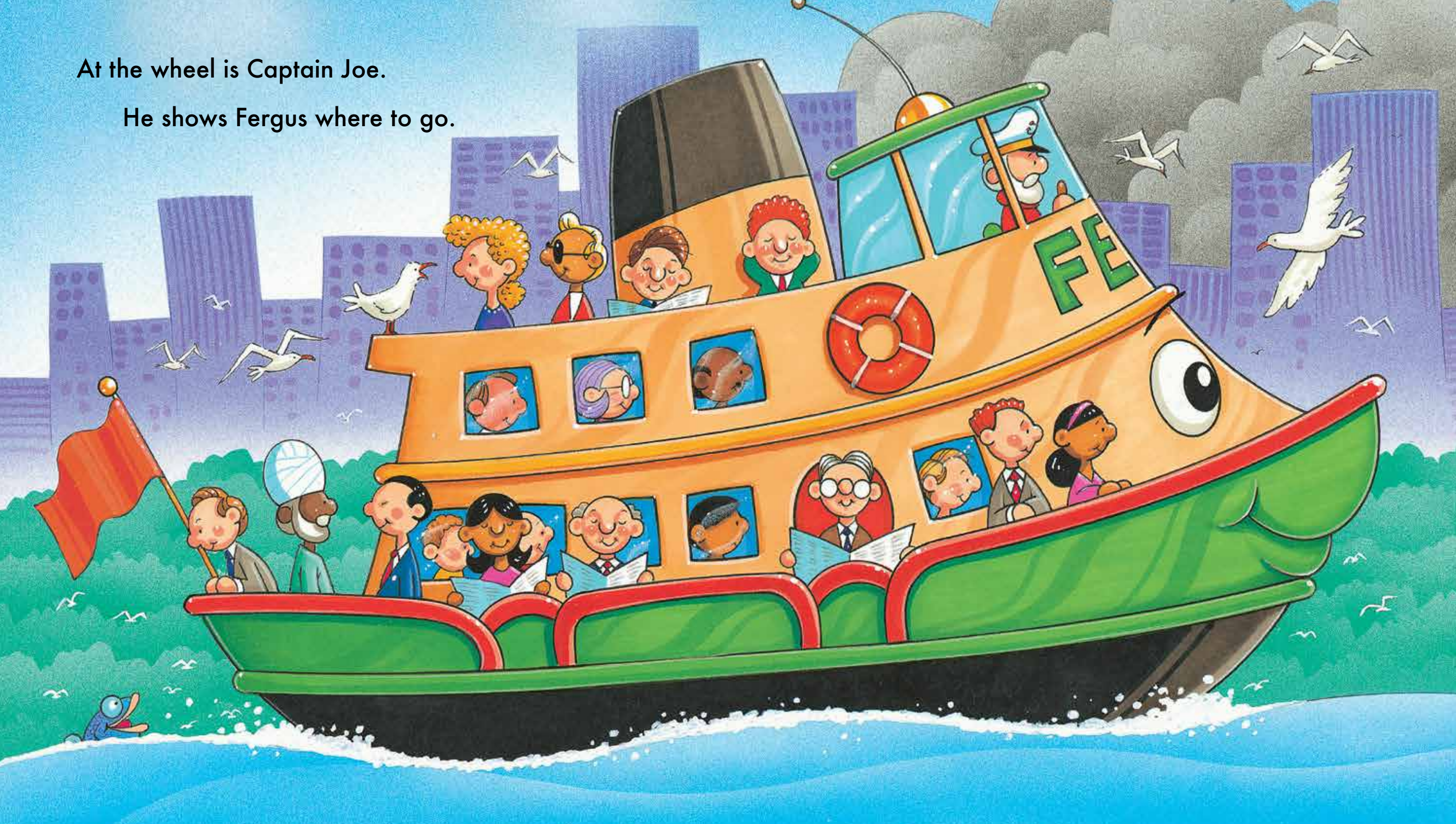
Chug,
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chug—what's that sound?

It's Fergus Ferry on his round.

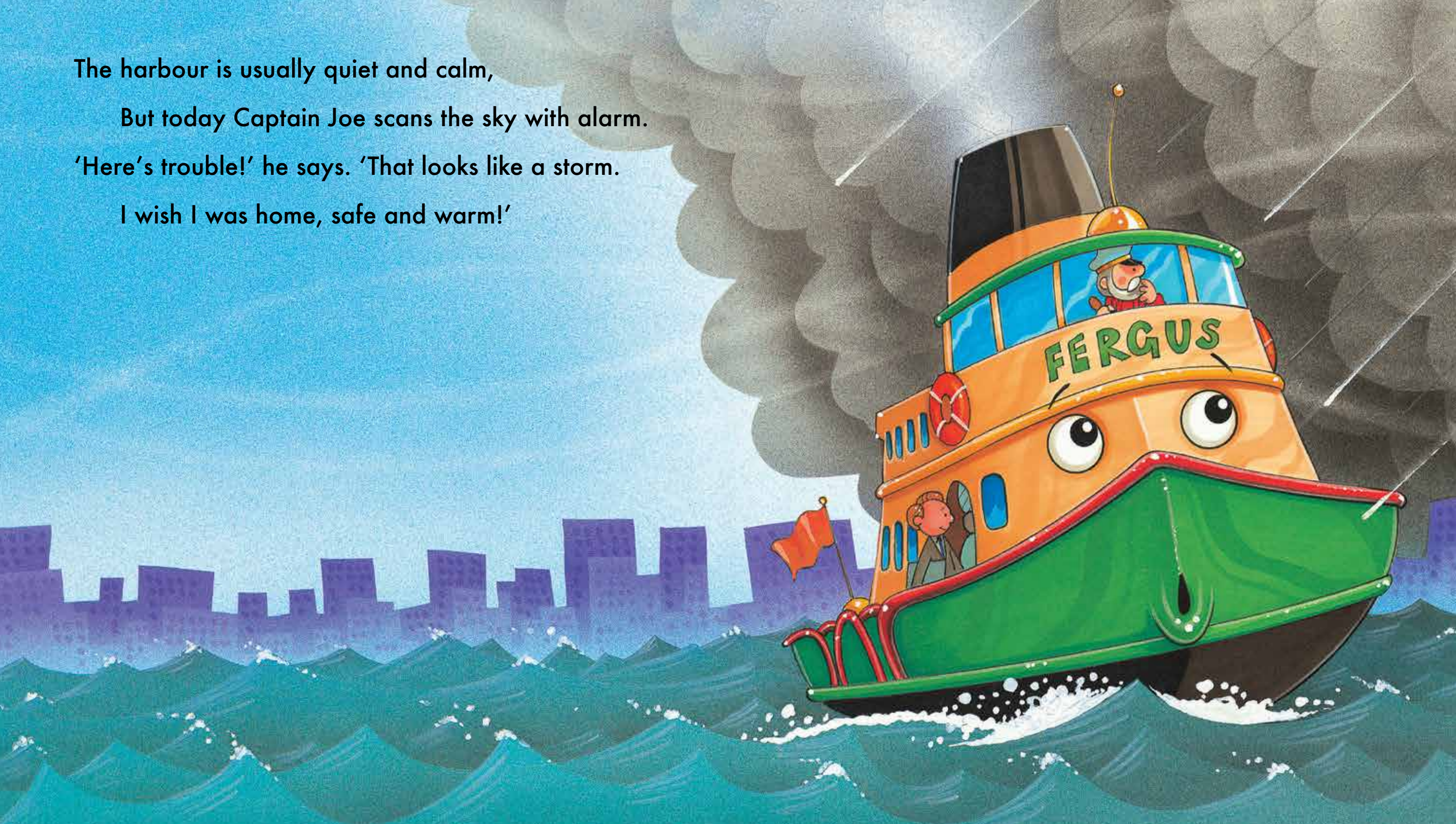
On Seaport Harbour every day,
He ferries people on their way.

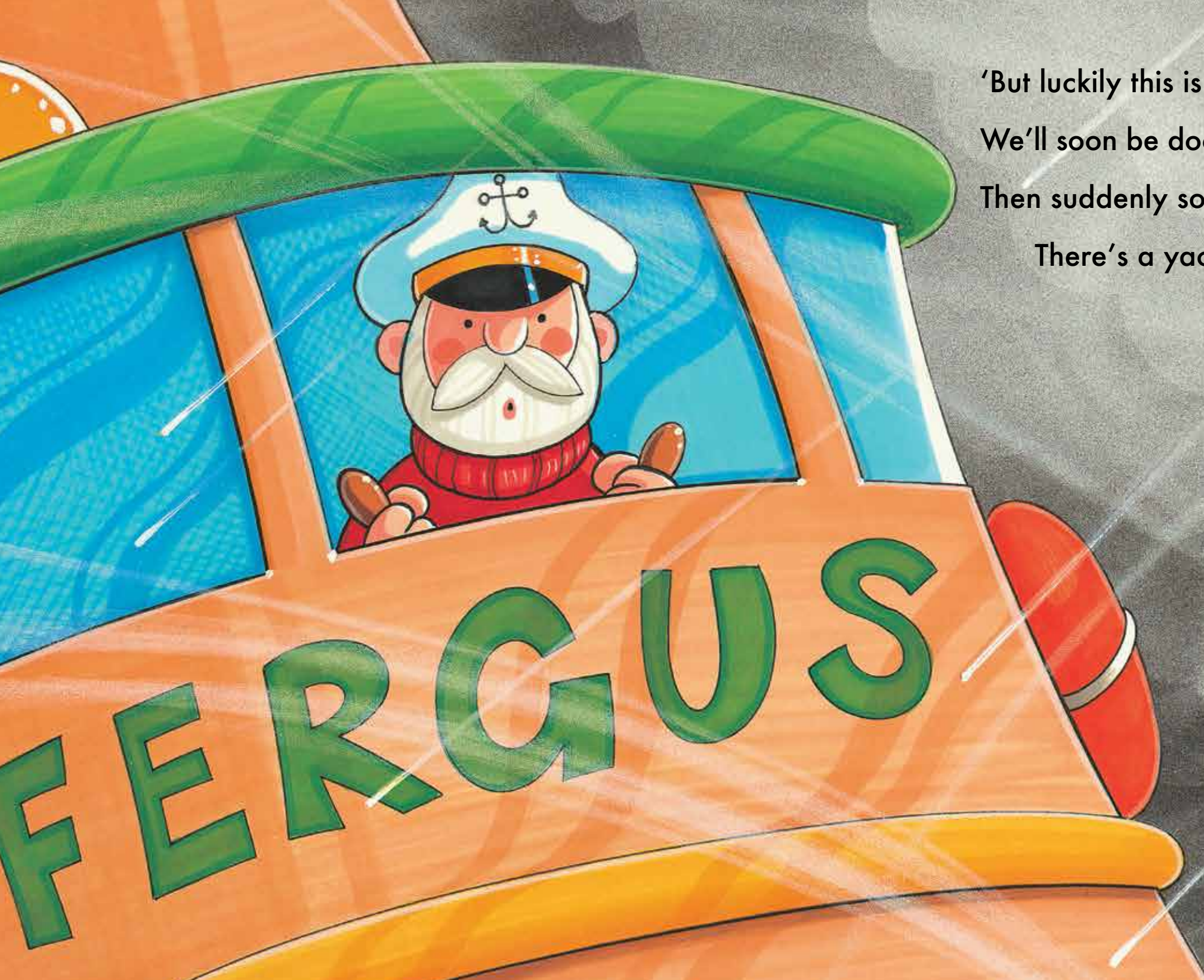
At the wheel is Captain Joe.

He shows Fergus where to go.



The harbour is usually quiet and calm,
But today Captain Joe scans the sky with alarm.
'Here's trouble!' he says. 'That looks like a storm.
I wish I was home, safe and warm!'



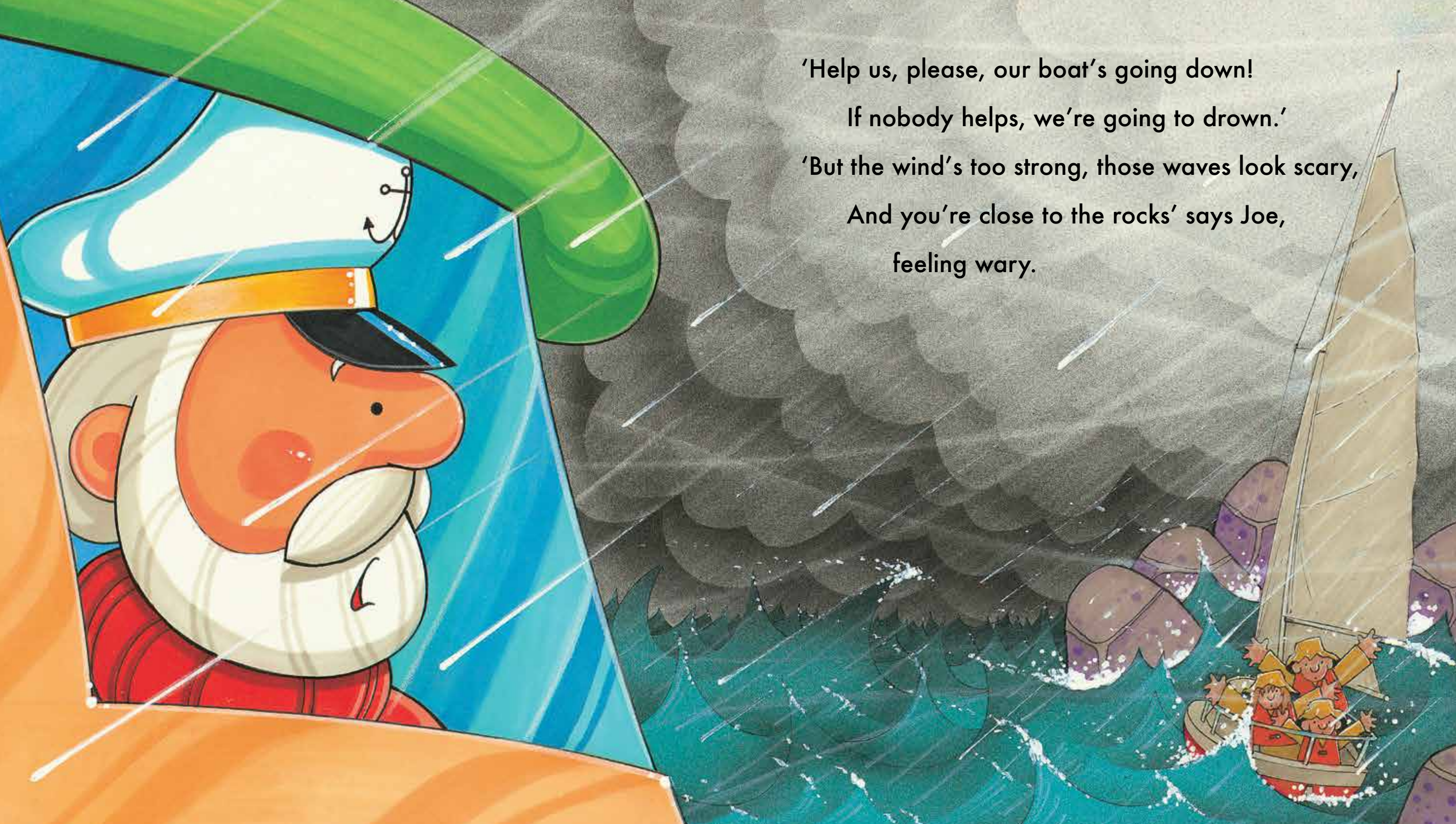


'But luckily this is our final round.

We'll soon be docked at the Quay, safe and sound.'

Then suddenly something catches Joe's eye—

There's a yacht in distress. He hears a faint cry.



'Help us, please, our boat's going down!

If nobody helps, we're going to drown.'

'But the wind's too strong, those waves look scary,

And you're close to the rocks' says Joe,

feeling wary.

He stays in the wheelhouse, shaking his head.

'If I come and help, I could end up dead.'

Then Fergus decides to show Joe the way.

'Stop!' yells Joe. 'Fergus, do as I say!'



Whoosh, whoosh goes the wind.

Splloosh, splloosh goes each wave.

'Come on,' says Fergus.

'We have lives to save.'

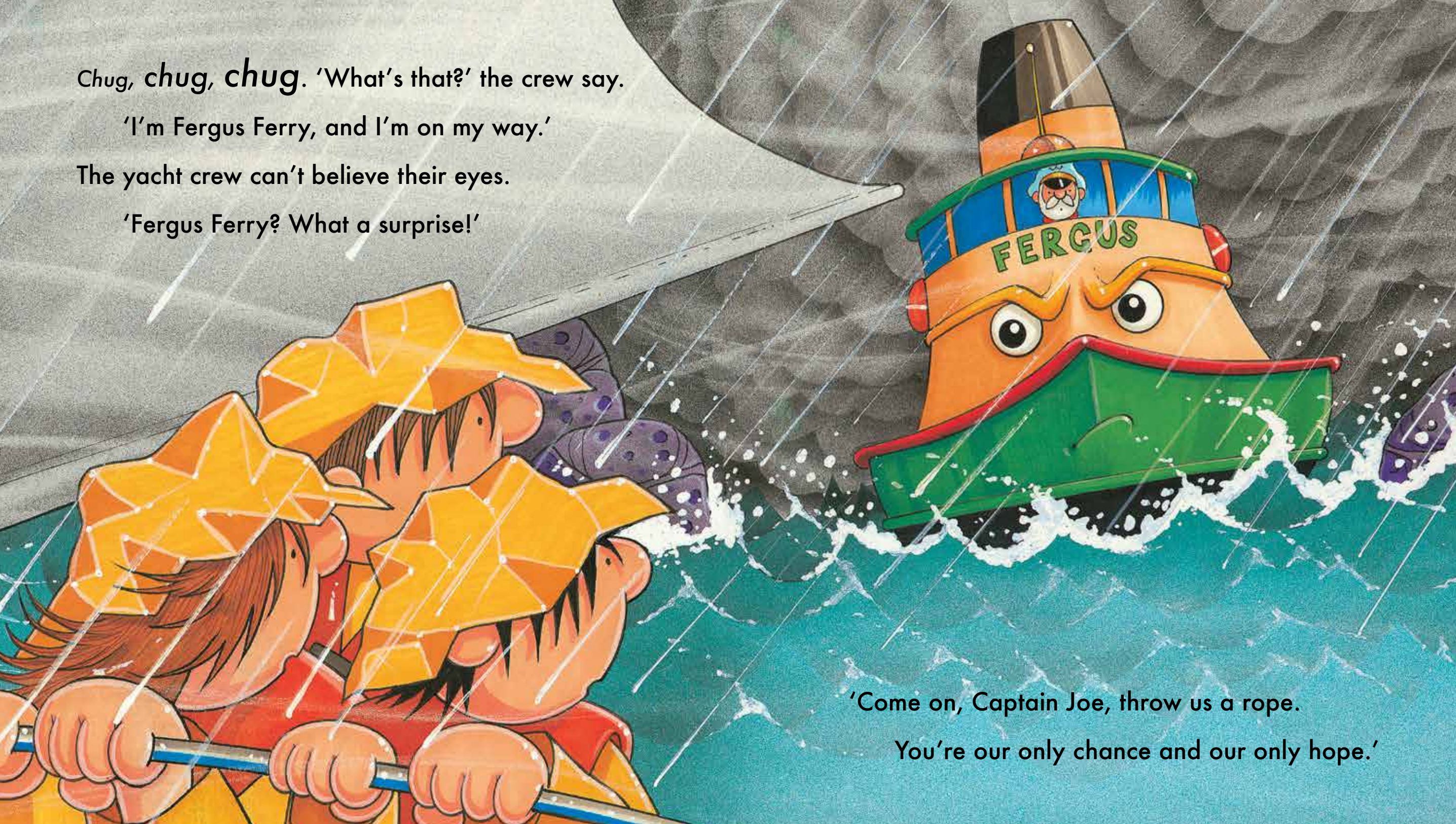


Chug, chug, chug. 'What's that?' the crew say.

'I'm Fergus Ferry, and I'm on my way.'

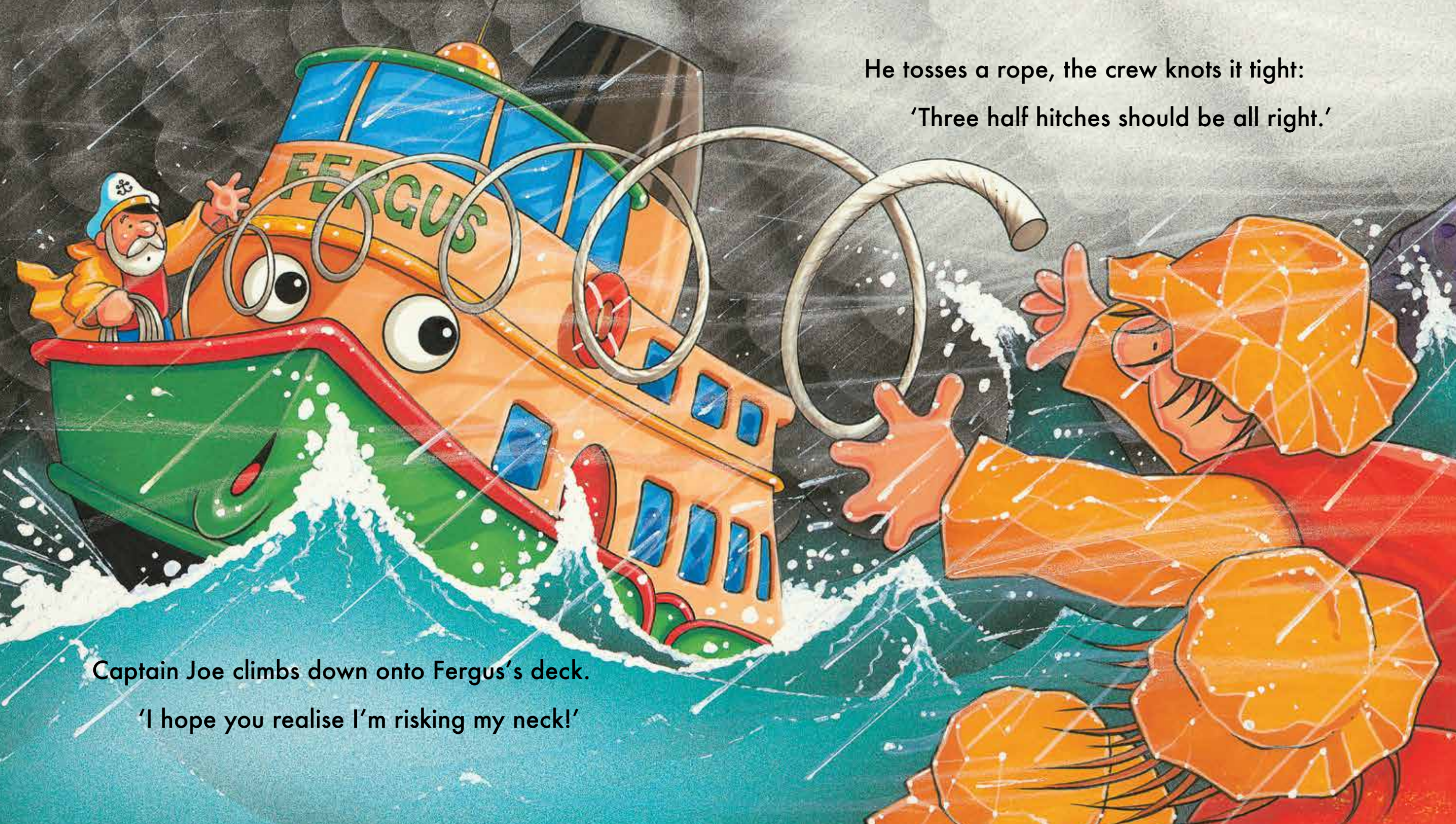
The yacht crew can't believe their eyes.

'Fergus Ferry? What a surprise!'



'Come on, Captain Joe, throw us a rope.

You're our only chance and our only hope.'



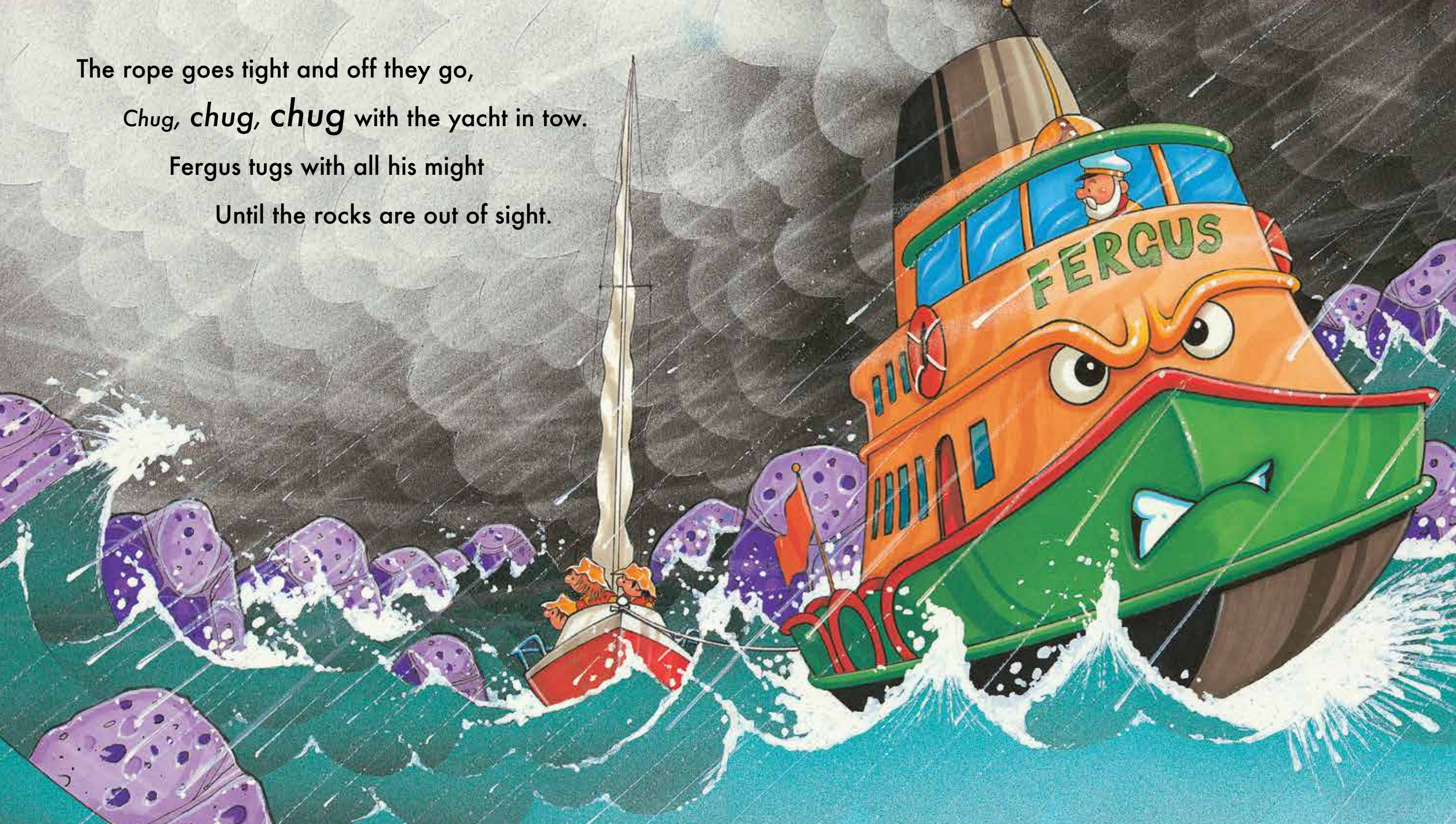
He tosses a rope, the crew knots it tight:

'Three half hitches should be all right.'

Captain Joe climbs down onto Fergus's deck.

'I hope you realise I'm risking my neck!'

The rope goes tight and off they go,
Chug, chug, chug with the yacht in tow.
Fergus tugs with all his might
Until the rocks are out of sight.



He tows the yacht all the way to the Quay,
Where a crowd has gathered, keen to see.
At the head of the crowd is Captain Joe's boss.
He is nodding and grinning, not at all cross.



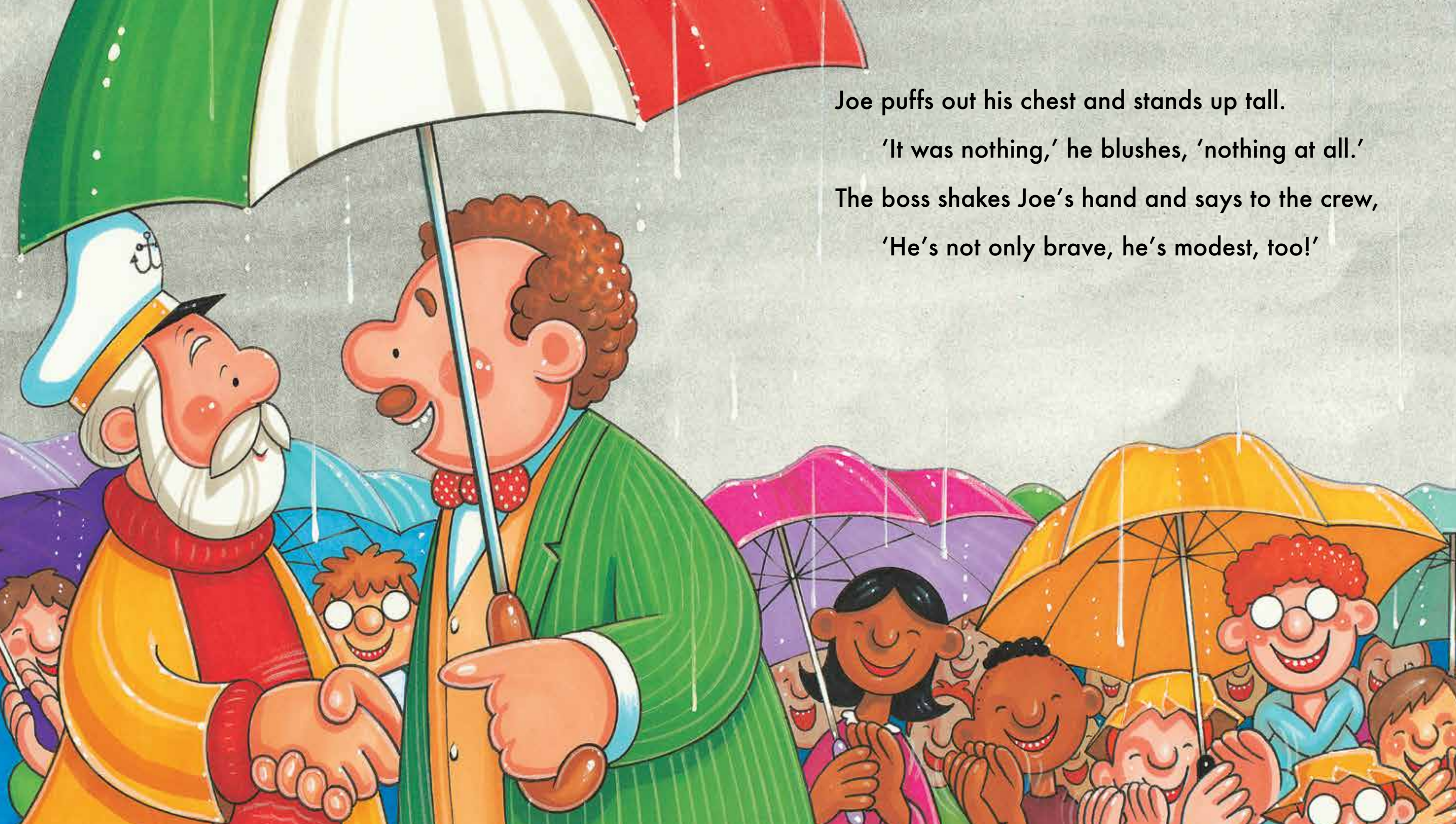
Fergus draws close and docks near the crowd.

Joe's boss makes a speech; the crowd cheers out loud.

'Great work, Captain Joe, that's a job well done.

Braving that storm can't have been much fun.'





Joe puffs out his chest and stands up tall.

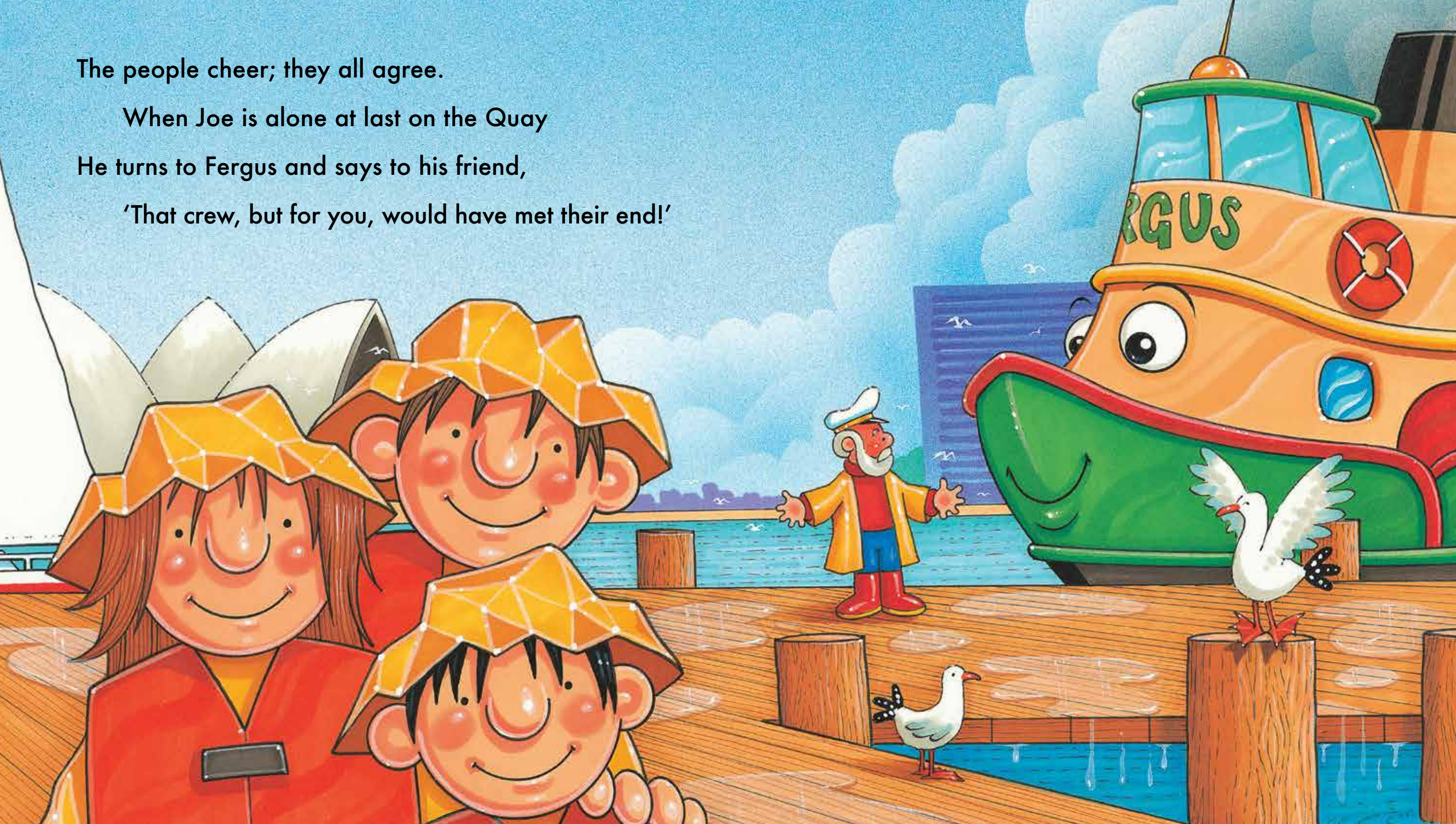
'It was nothing,' he blushes, 'nothing at all.'

The boss shakes Joe's hand and says to the crew,

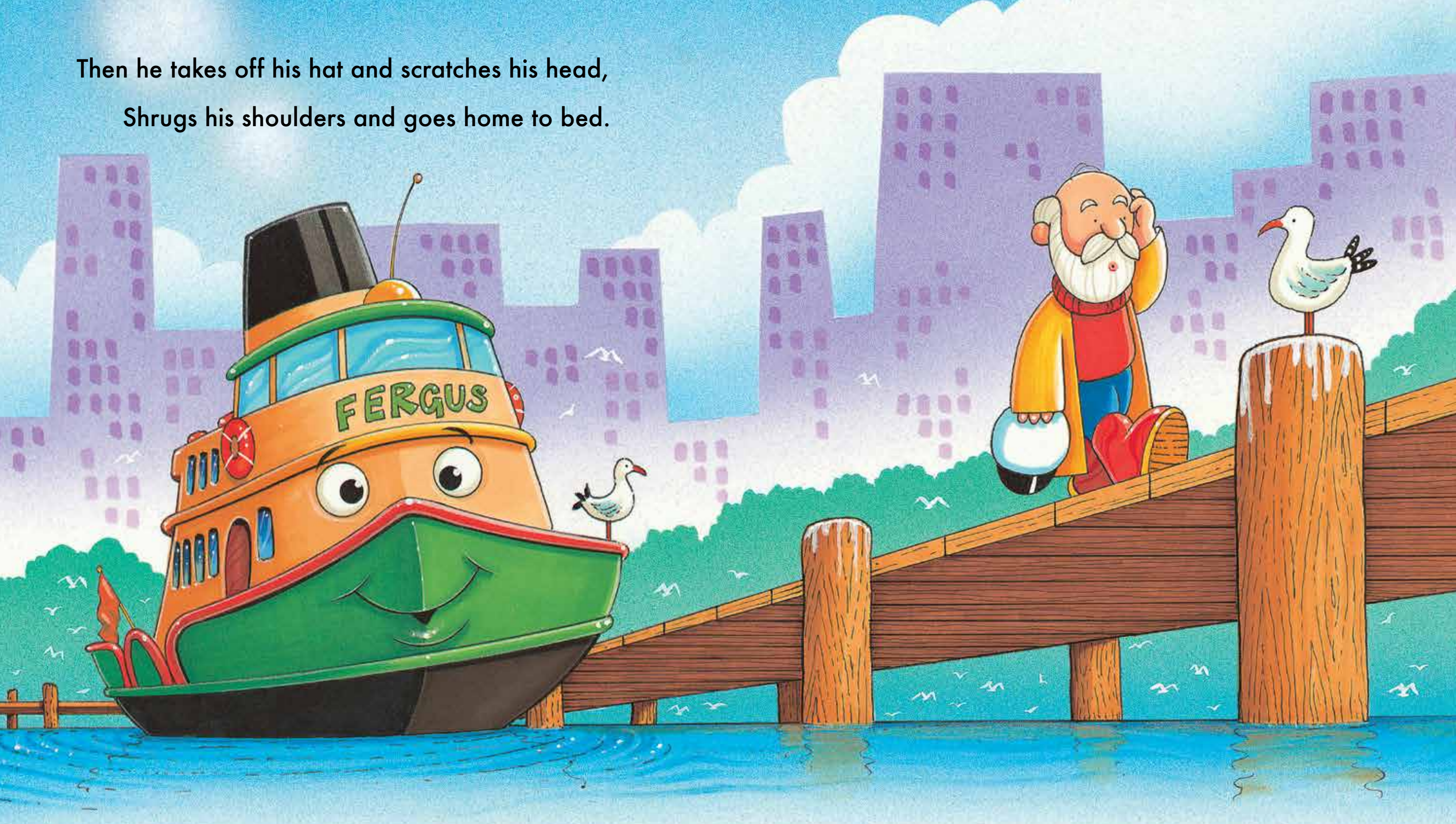
'He's not only brave, he's modest, too!'

The people cheer; they all agree.

When Joe is alone at last on the Quay
He turns to Fergus and says to his friend,
'That crew, but for you, would have met their end!'



Then he takes off his hat and scratches his head,
Shrugs his shoulders and goes home to bed.



Courage is being afraid but going on anyhow.

For Tom

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For Jesse and Jemma

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