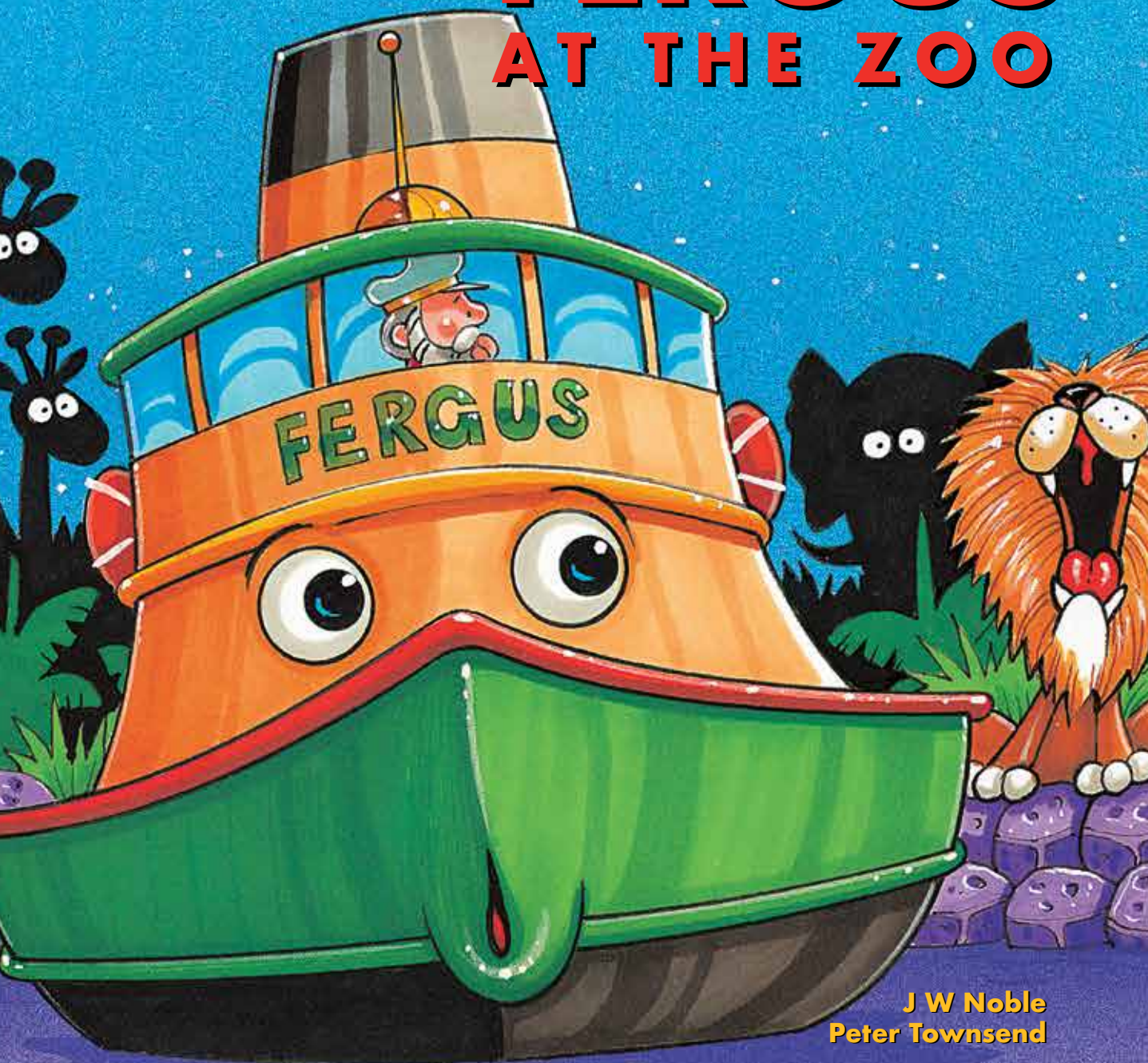


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Chug, chug, chug—what's that sound?

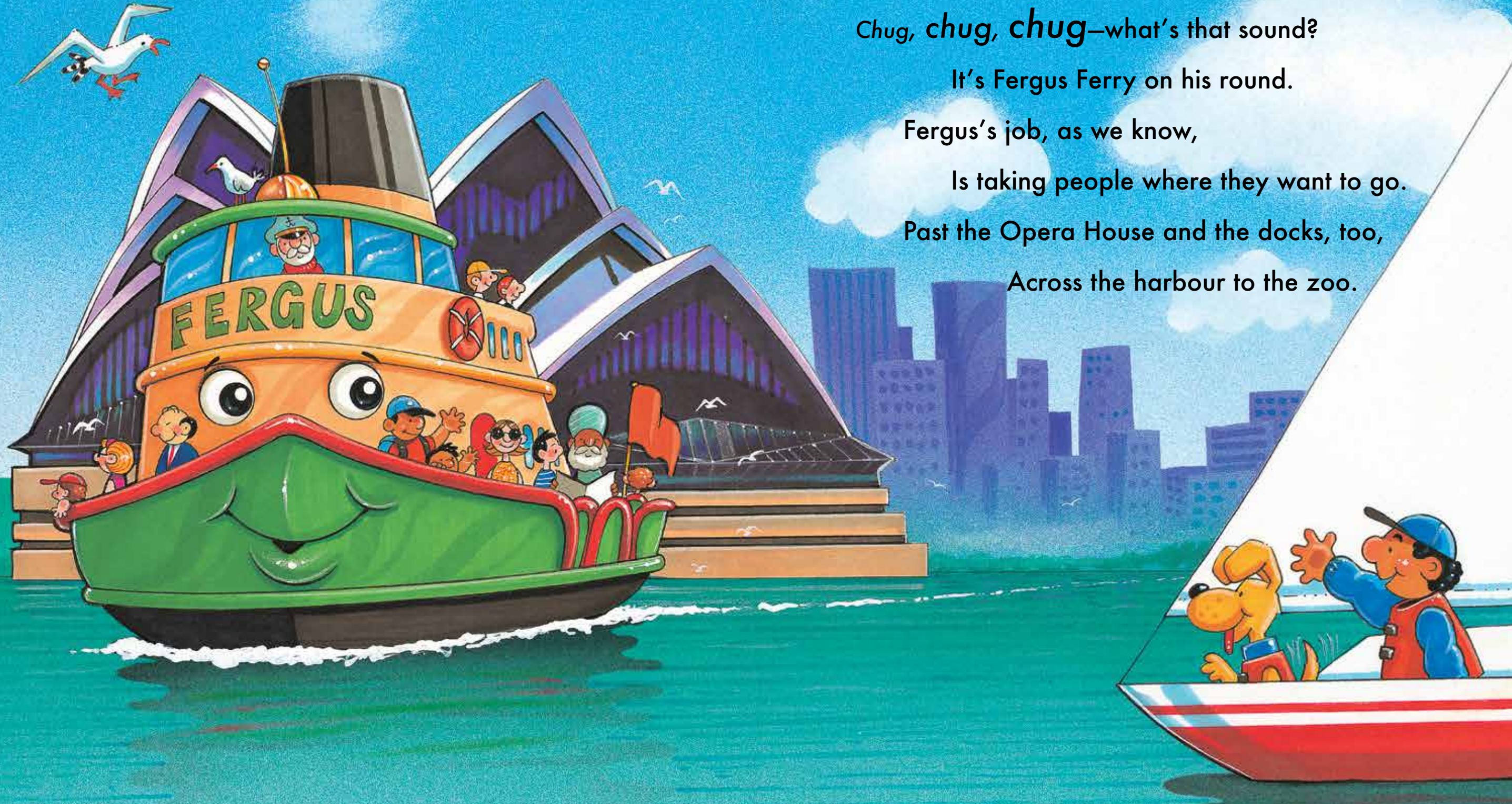
It's Fergus Ferry on his round.

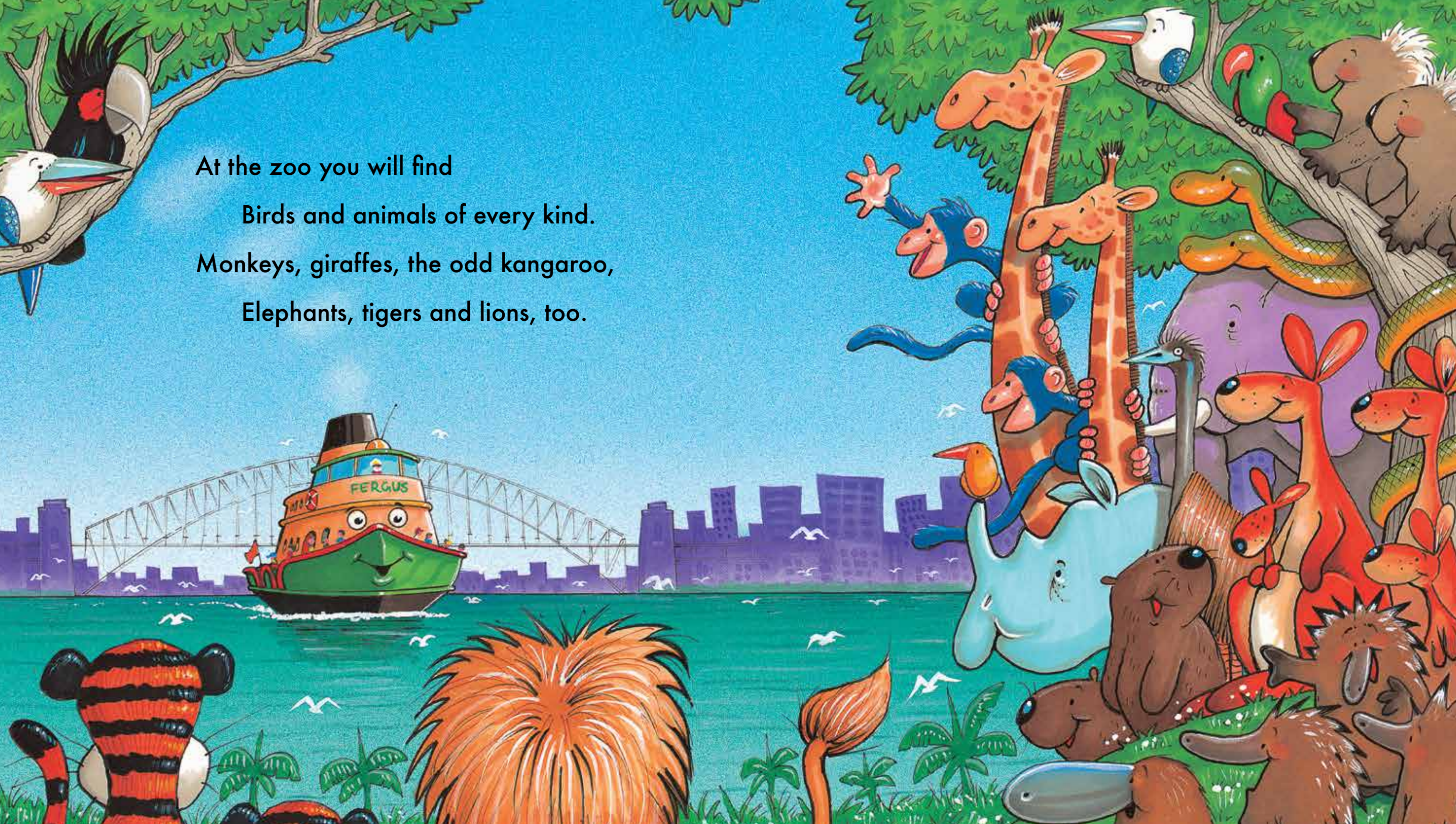
Fergus's job, as we know,

Is taking people where they want to go.

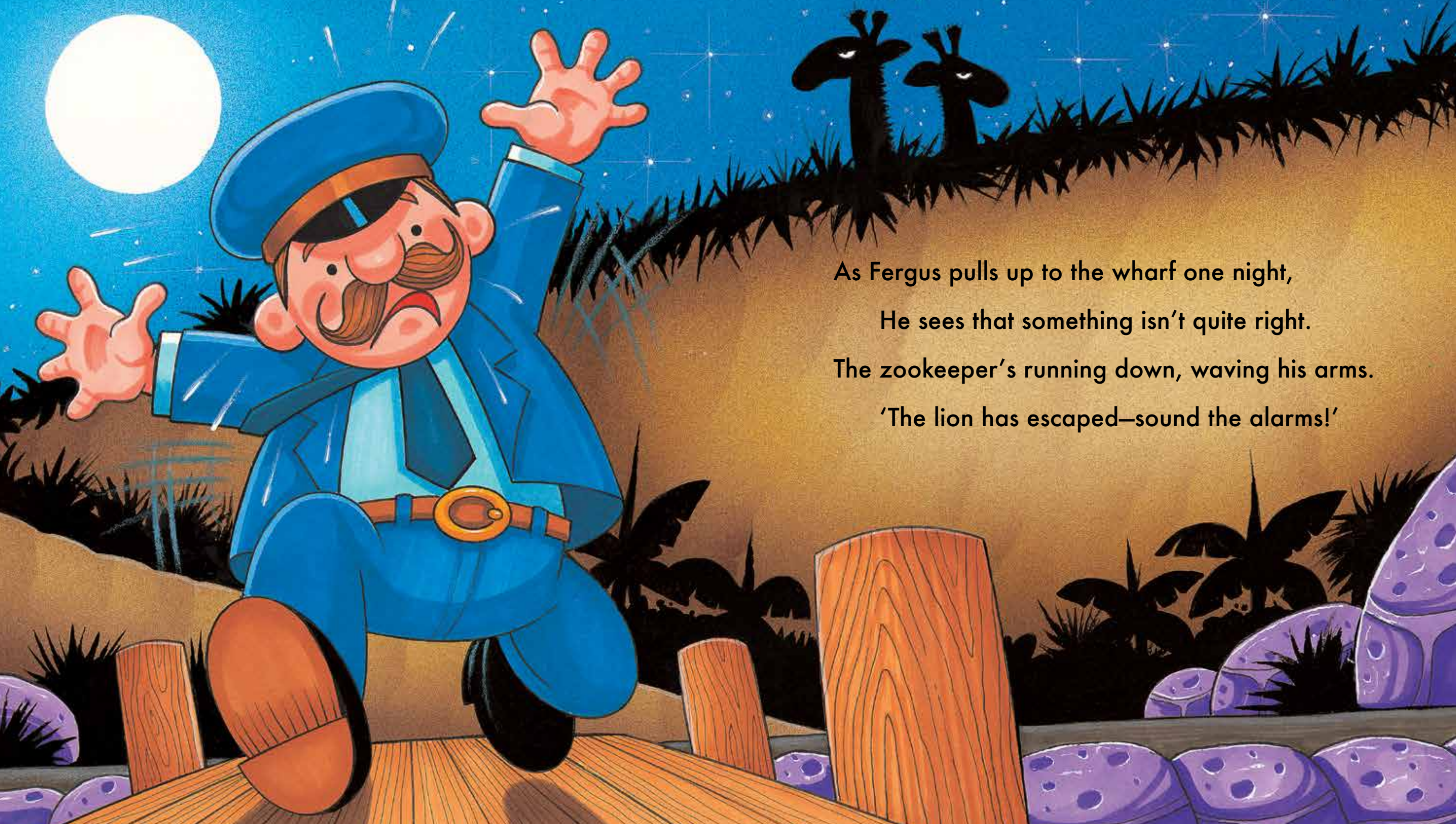
Past the Opera House and the docks, too,

Across the harbour to the zoo.

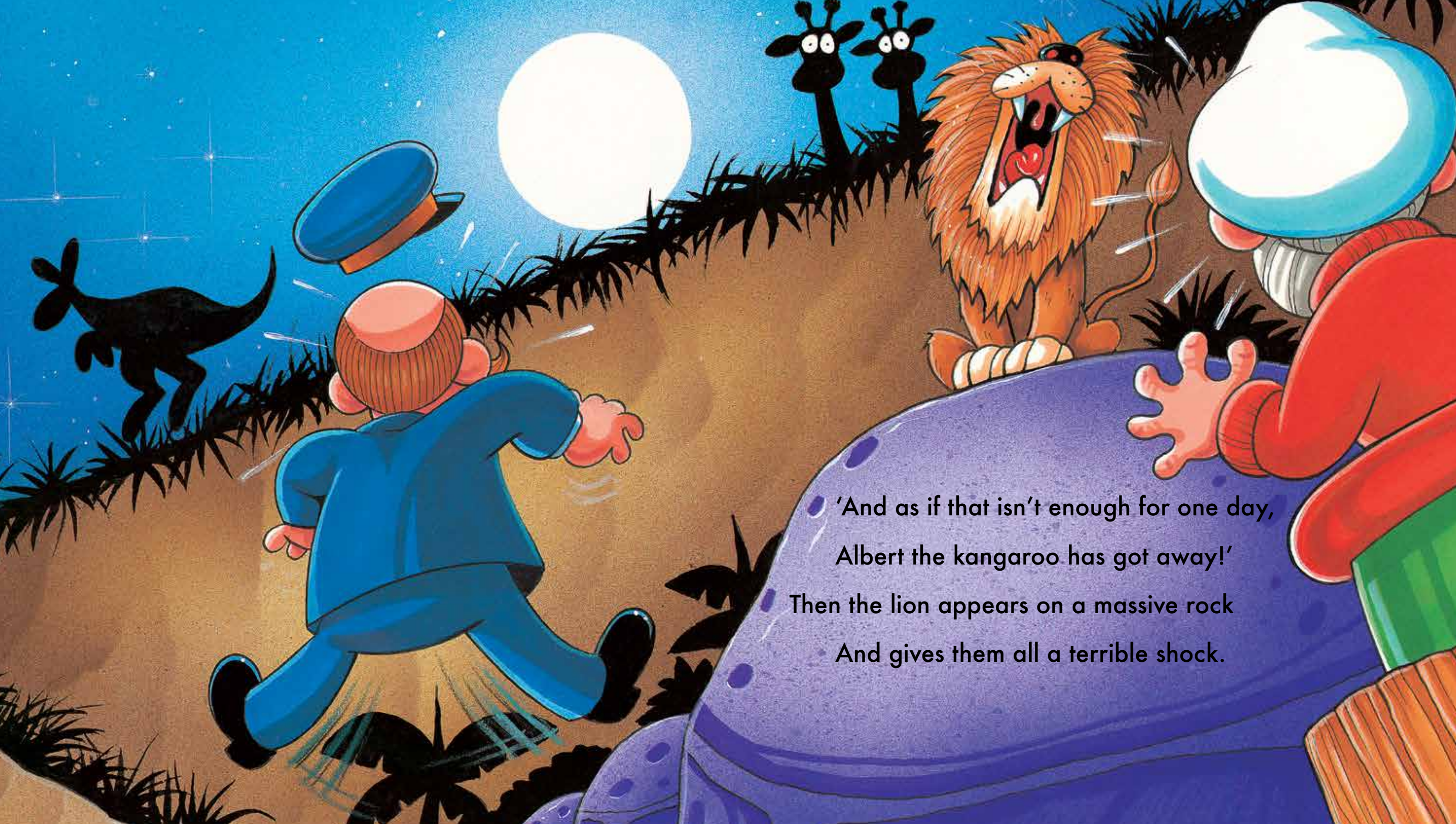




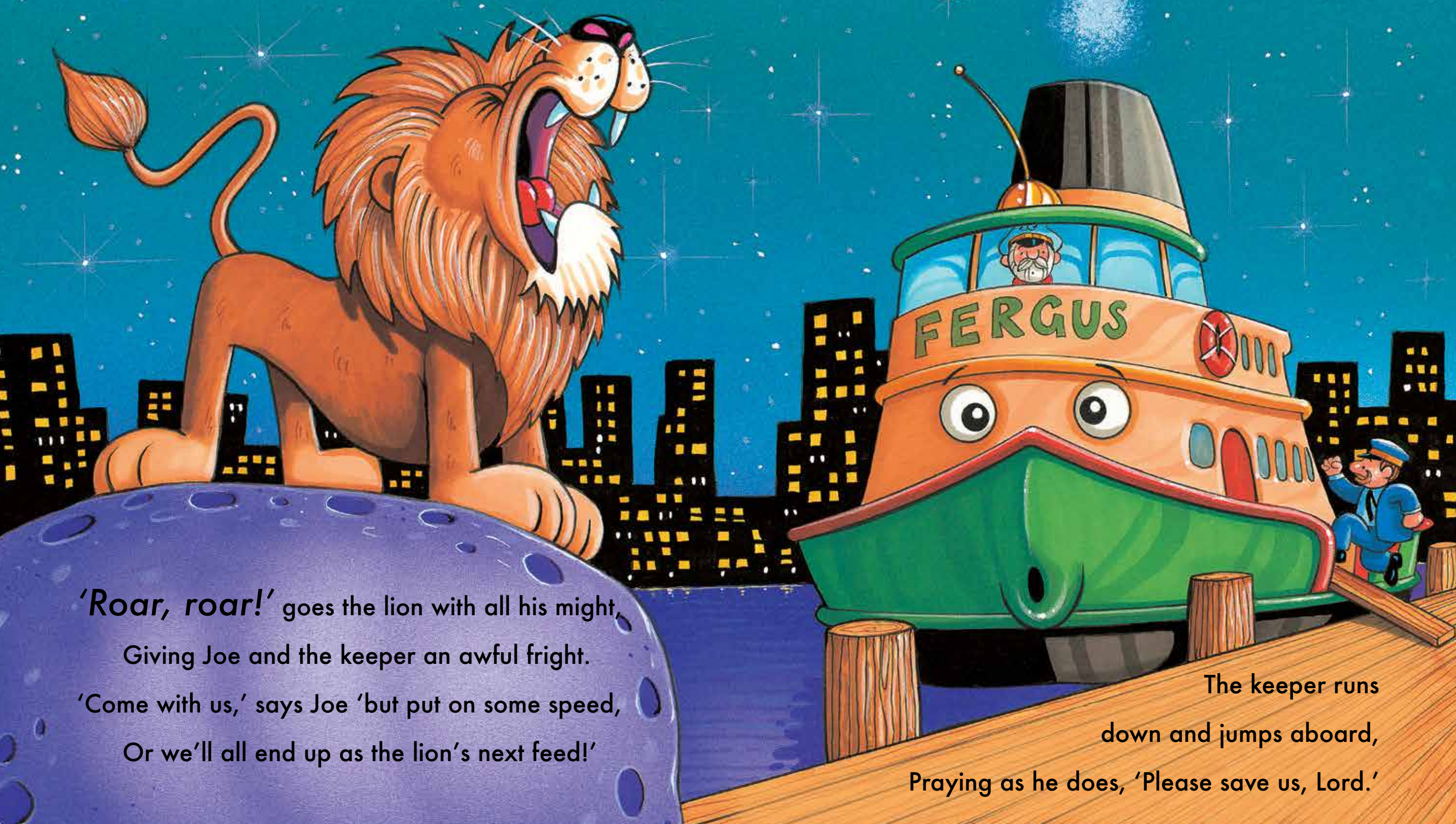
At the zoo you will find
Birds and animals of every kind.
Monkeys, giraffes, the odd kangaroo,
Elephants, tigers and lions, too.



As Fergus pulls up to the wharf one night,
He sees that something isn't quite right.
The zookeeper's running down, waving his arms.
'The lion has escaped—sound the alarms!'

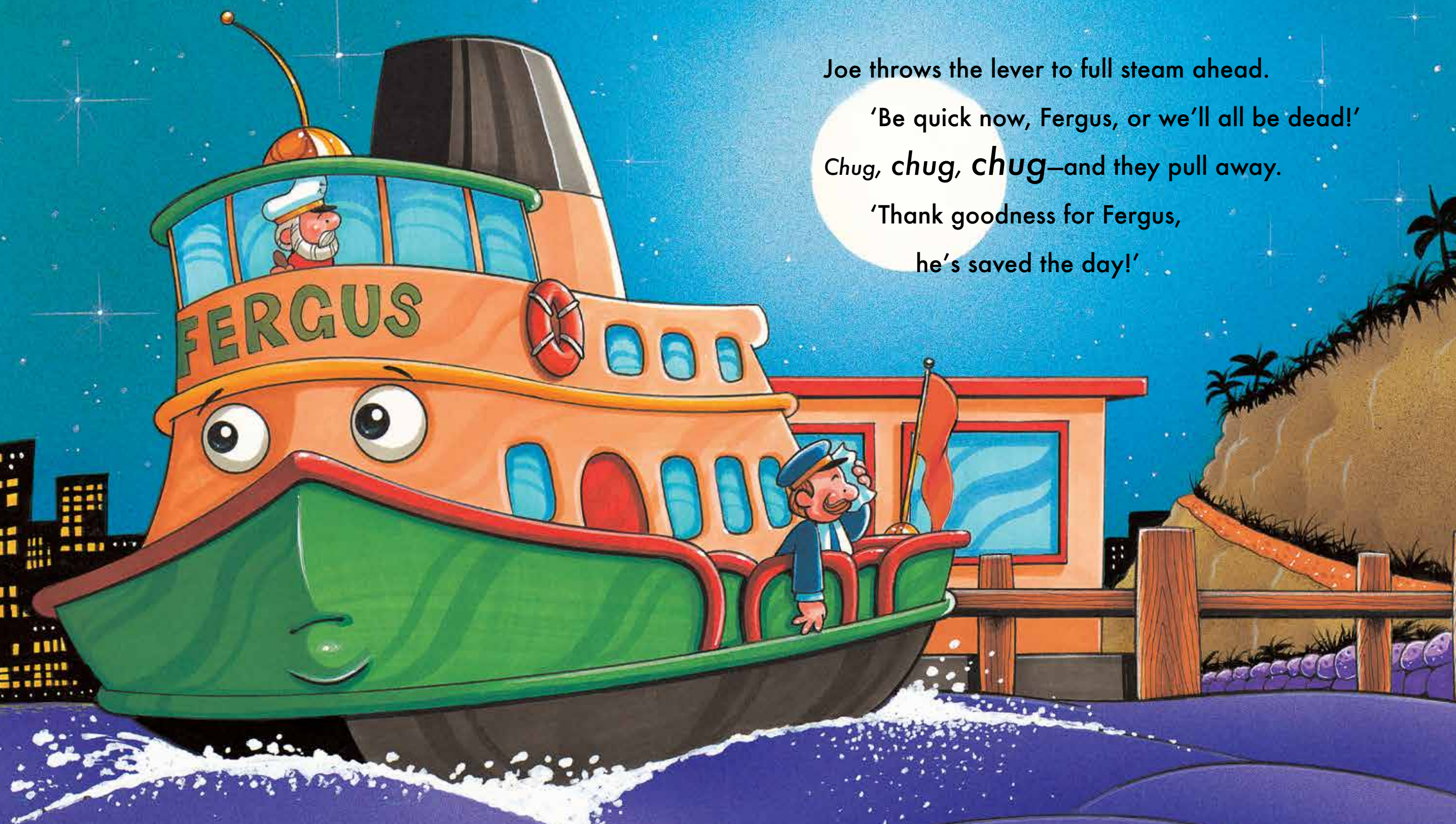


'And as if that isn't enough for one day,
Albert the kangaroo has got away!'
Then the lion appears on a massive rock
And gives them all a terrible shock.



'Roar, roar!' goes the lion with all his might,
Giving Joe and the keeper an awful fright.
'Come with us,' says Joe 'but put on some speed,
Or we'll all end up as the lion's next feed!'

The keeper runs
down and jumps aboard,
Praying as he does, 'Please save us, Lord.'



Joe throws the lever to full steam ahead.

'Be quick now, Fergus, or we'll all be dead!'

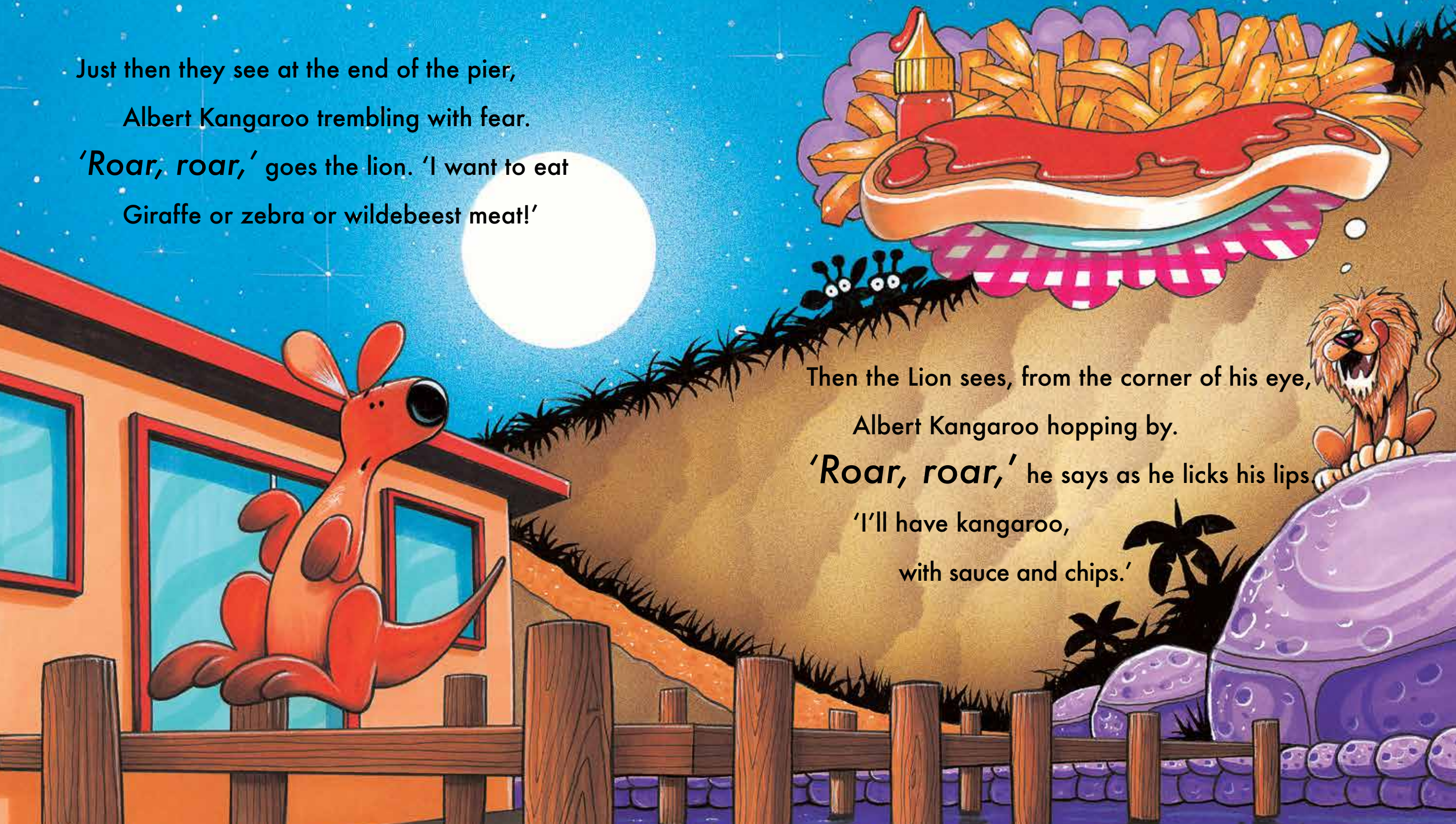
Chug, chug, chug—and they pull away.

'Thank goodness for Fergus,
he's saved the day!'

Just then they see at the end of the pier,
Albert Kangaroo trembling with fear.
'Roar, roar,' goes the lion. 'I want to eat
Giraffe or zebra or wildebeest meat!'



Then the Lion sees, from the corner of his eye,
Albert Kangaroo hopping by.
'Roar, roar,' he says as he licks his lips.
'I'll have kangaroo,
with sauce and chips.'



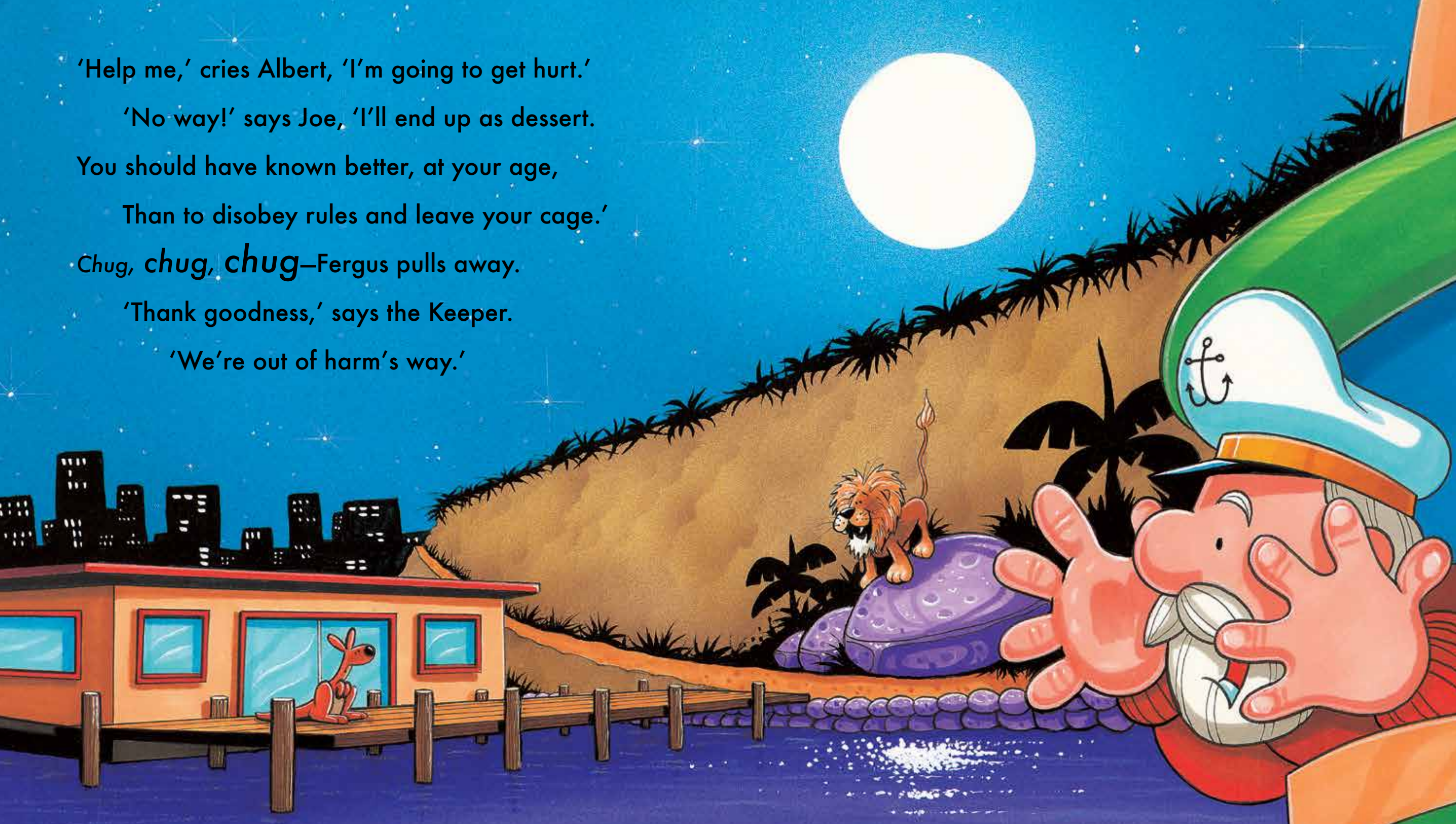
'Help me,' cries Albert, 'I'm going to get hurt.'

'No way!' says Joe, 'I'll end up as dessert.
You should have known better, at your age,

Than to disobey rules and leave your cage.'
Chug, chug, chug—Fergus pulls away.

'Thank goodness,' says the Keeper.

'We're out of harm's way.'

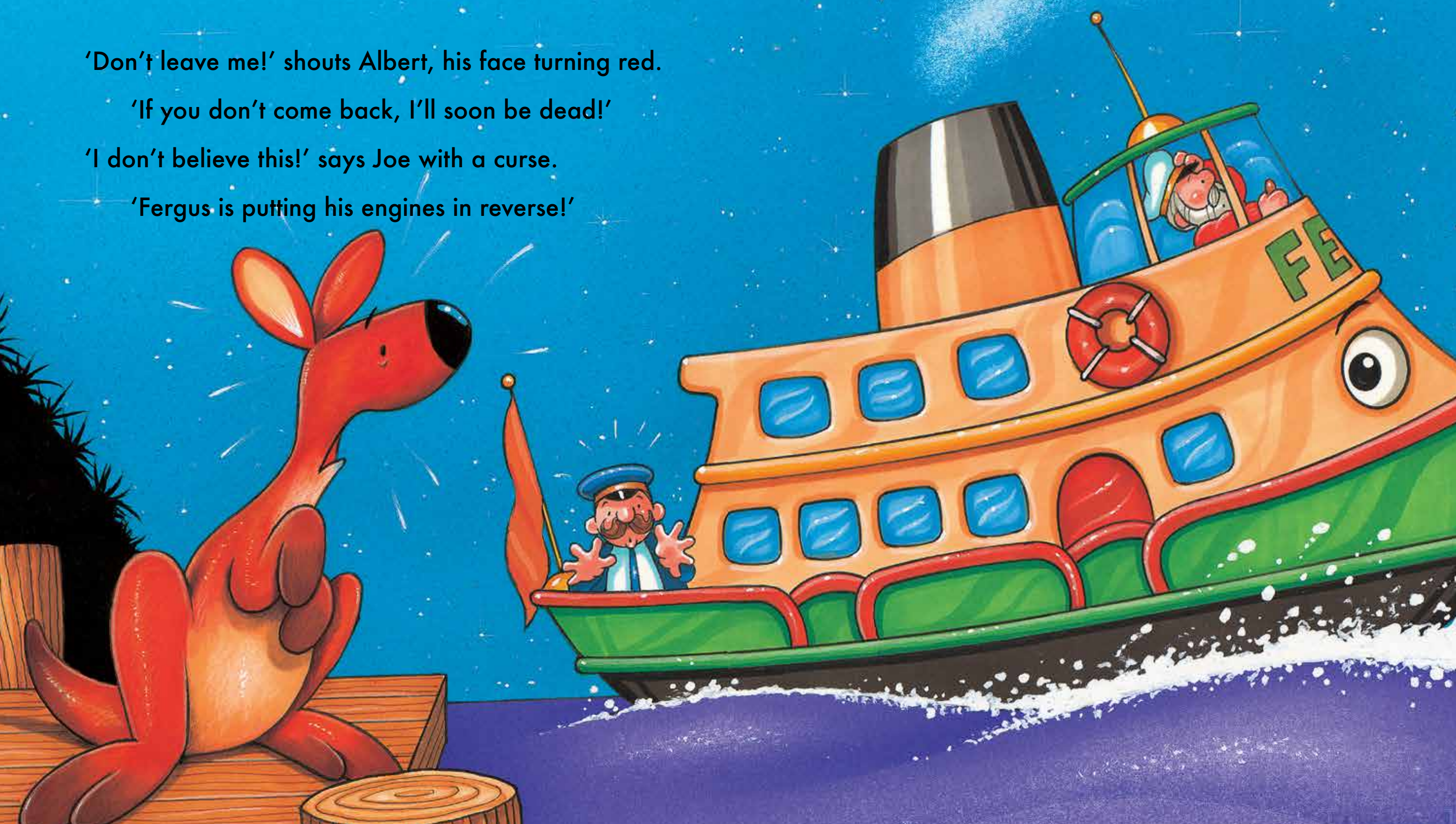


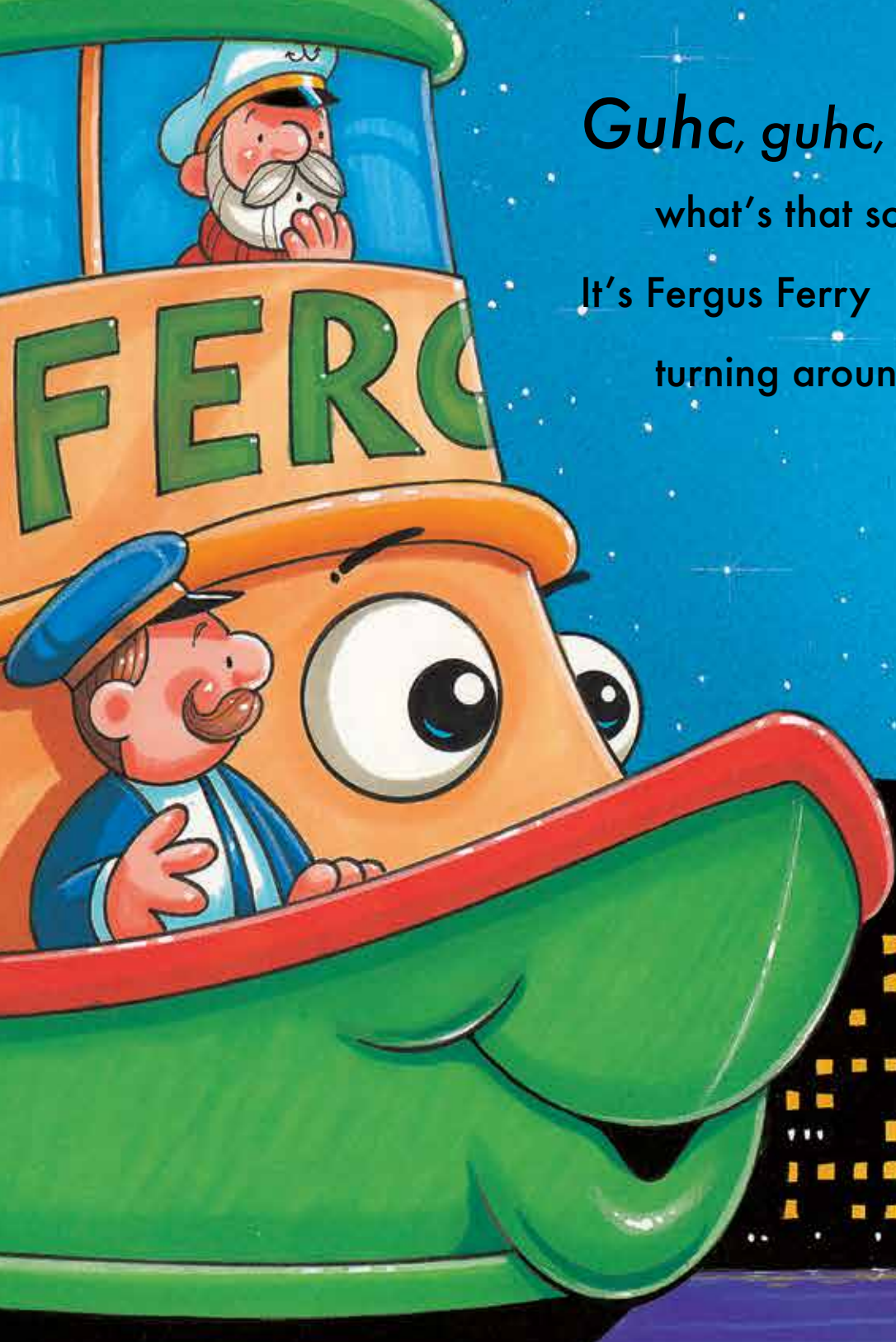
'Don't leave me!' shouts Albert, his face turning red.

'If you don't come back, I'll soon be dead!'

'I don't believe this!' says Joe with a curse.

'Fergus is putting his engines in reverse!'





Guhc, guhc, guhc,

what's that sound?

It's Fergus Ferry

turning around.

Fergus draws slowly back to the shore.

'A little closer,' shouts Albert, 'a little bit more.

That's enough,' he says 'Yes, that'll do.

Remember, Fergus, I'm a kangaroo!'



The lion arrives at the end of the pier.

'I've got you now,' he growls with a sneer.

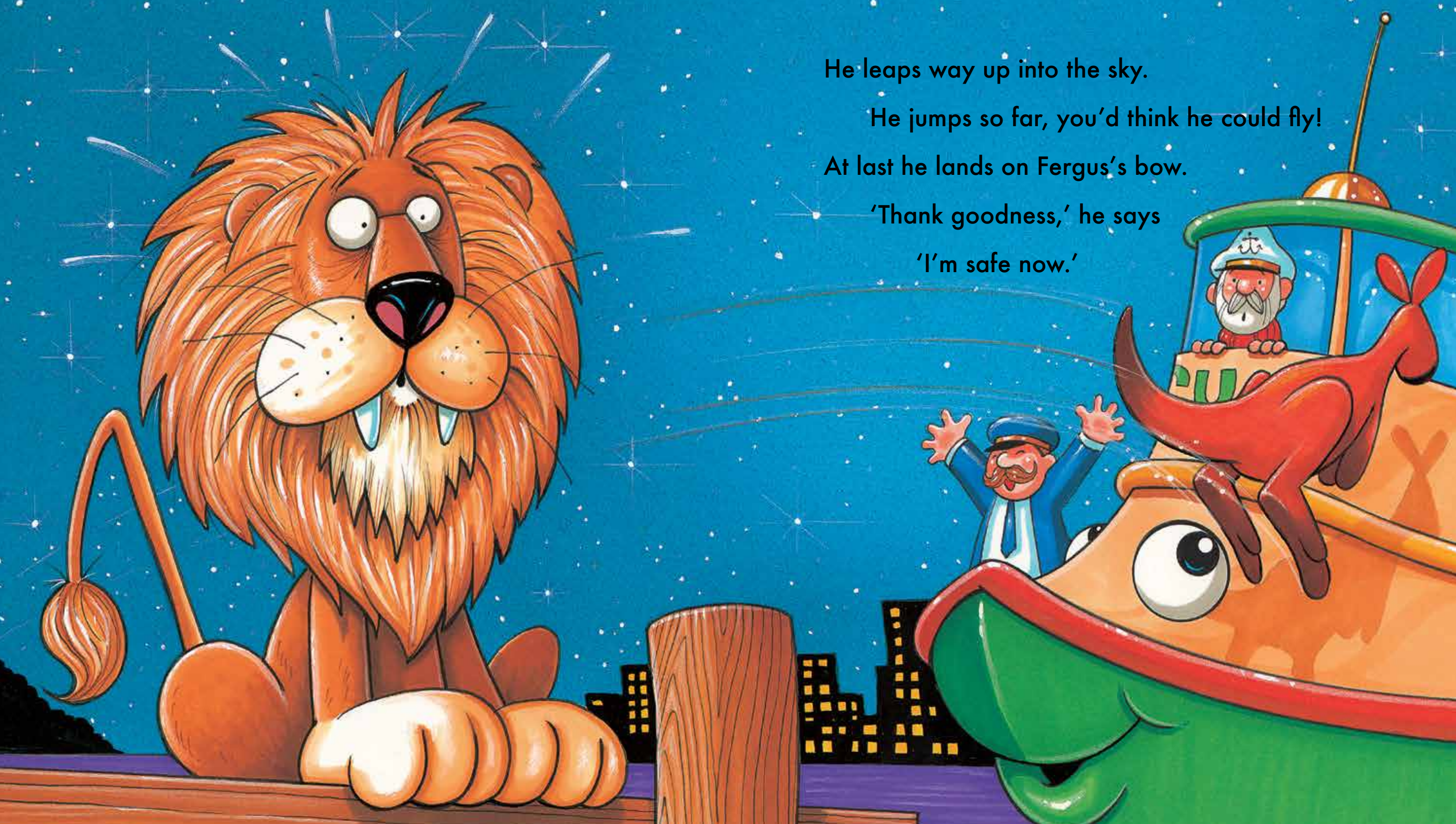


He bares his teeth

and prepares to pounce,

But Albert springs up

with an amazing bounce.



He leaps way up into the sky.

He jumps so far, you'd think he could fly!

At last he lands on Fergus's bow.

'Thank goodness,' he says

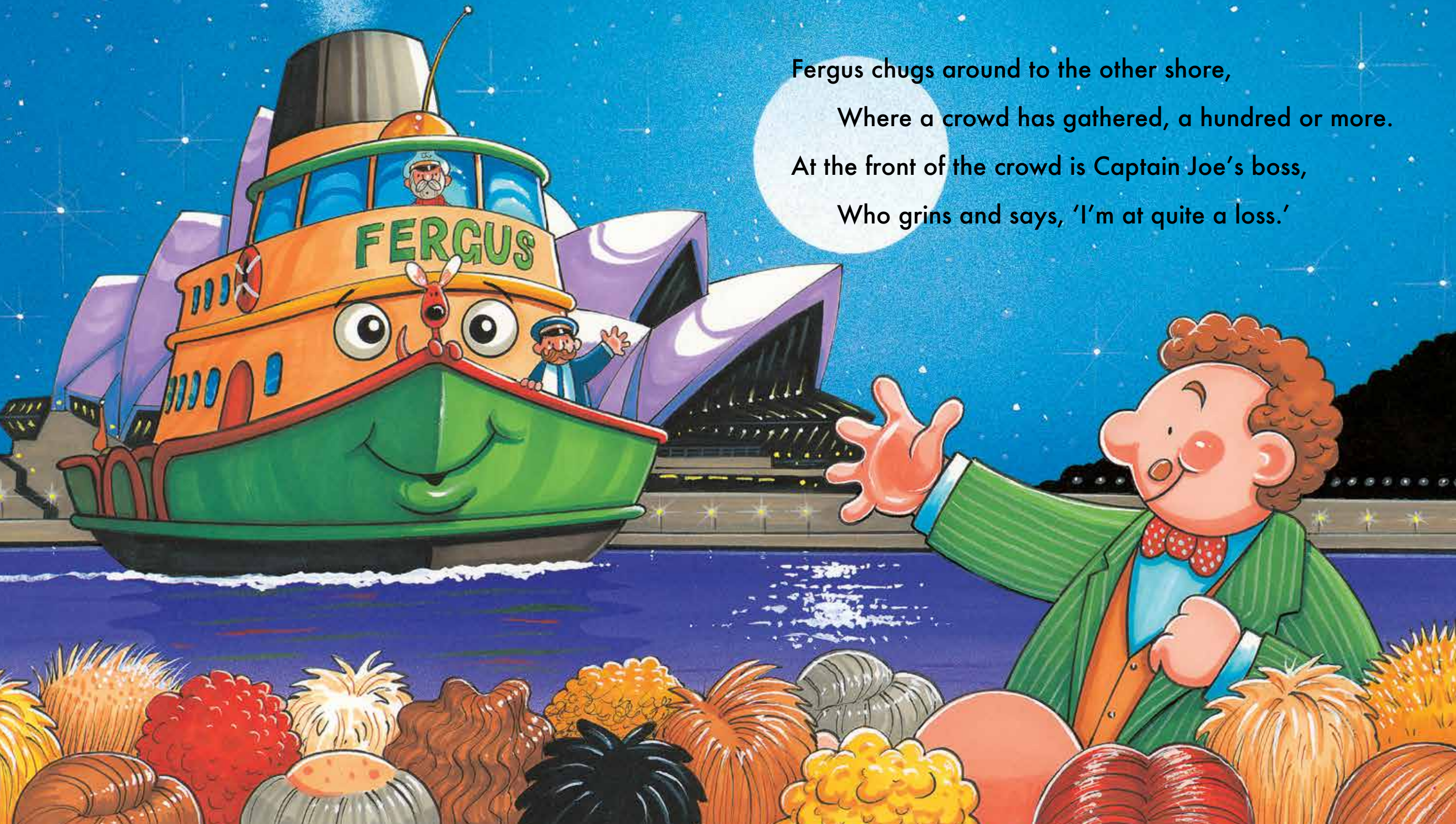
'I'm safe now.'

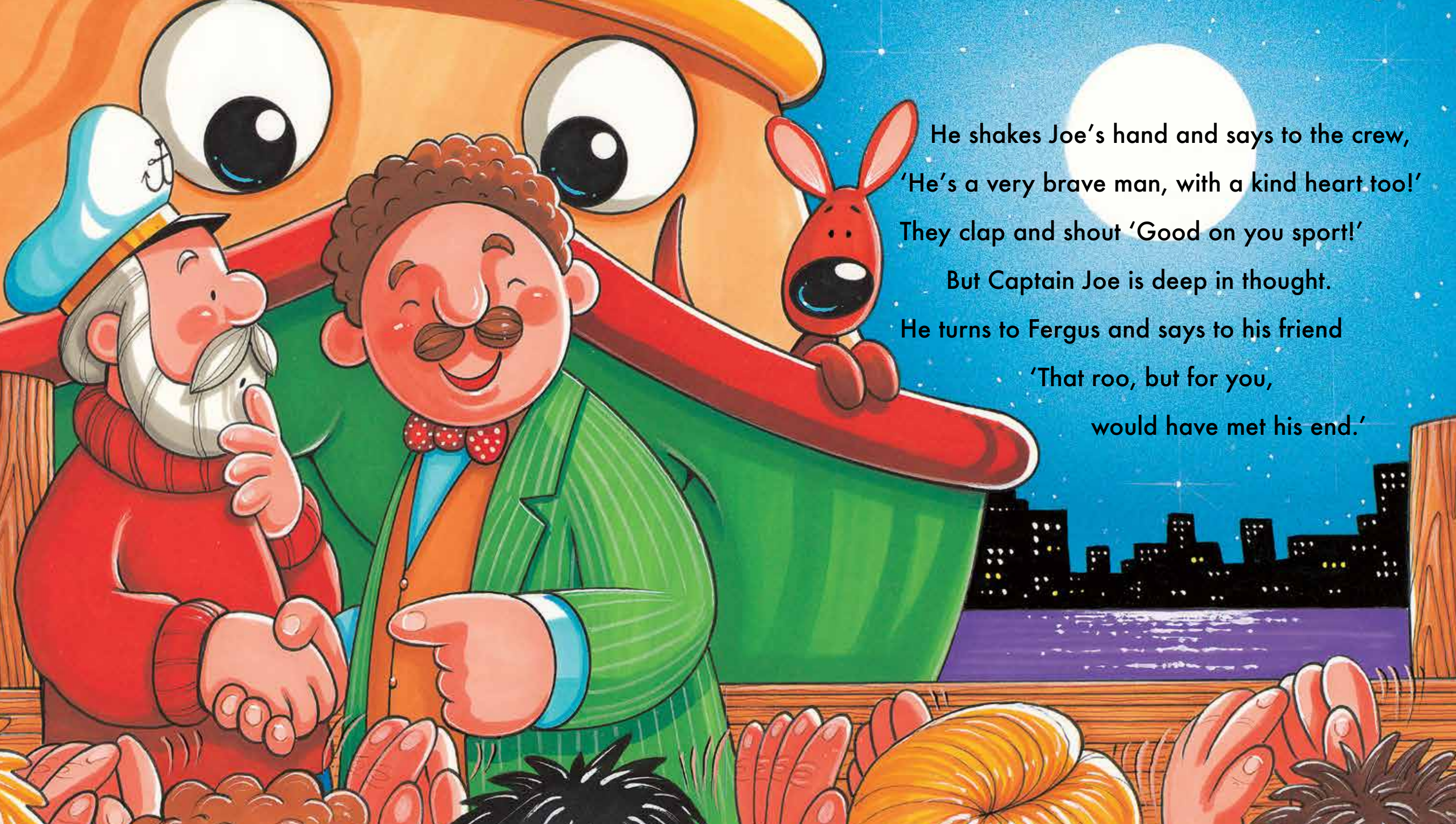
Fergus chugs around to the other shore,

Where a crowd has gathered, a hundred or more.

At the front of the crowd is Captain Joe's boss,

Who grins and says, 'I'm at quite a loss.'

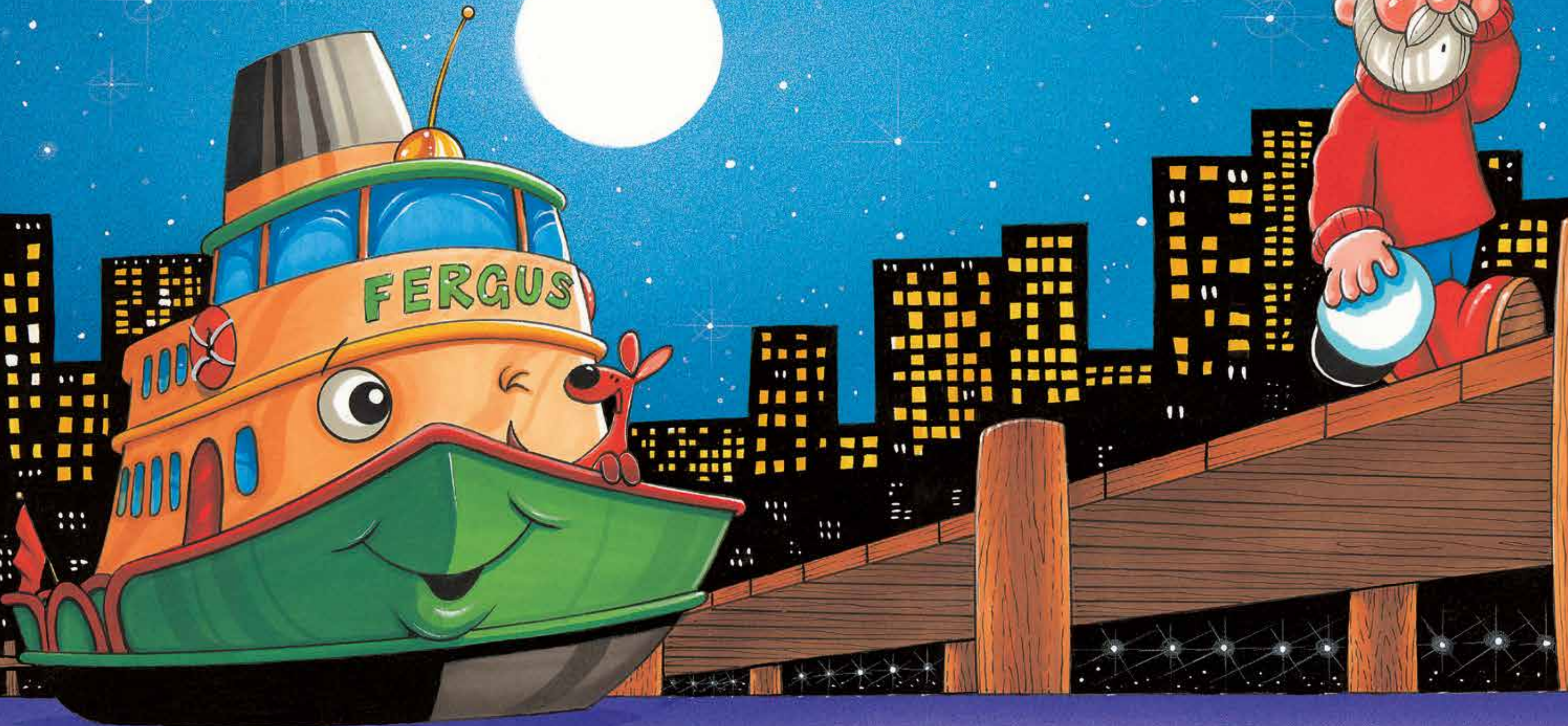




He shakes Joe's hand and says to the crew,
'He's a very brave man, with a kind heart too!'
They clap and shout 'Good on you sport!'

But Captain Joe is deep in thought.
He turns to Fergus and says to his friend
'That roo, but for you,
would have met his end.'

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



Character is doing what's right even when others don't.

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