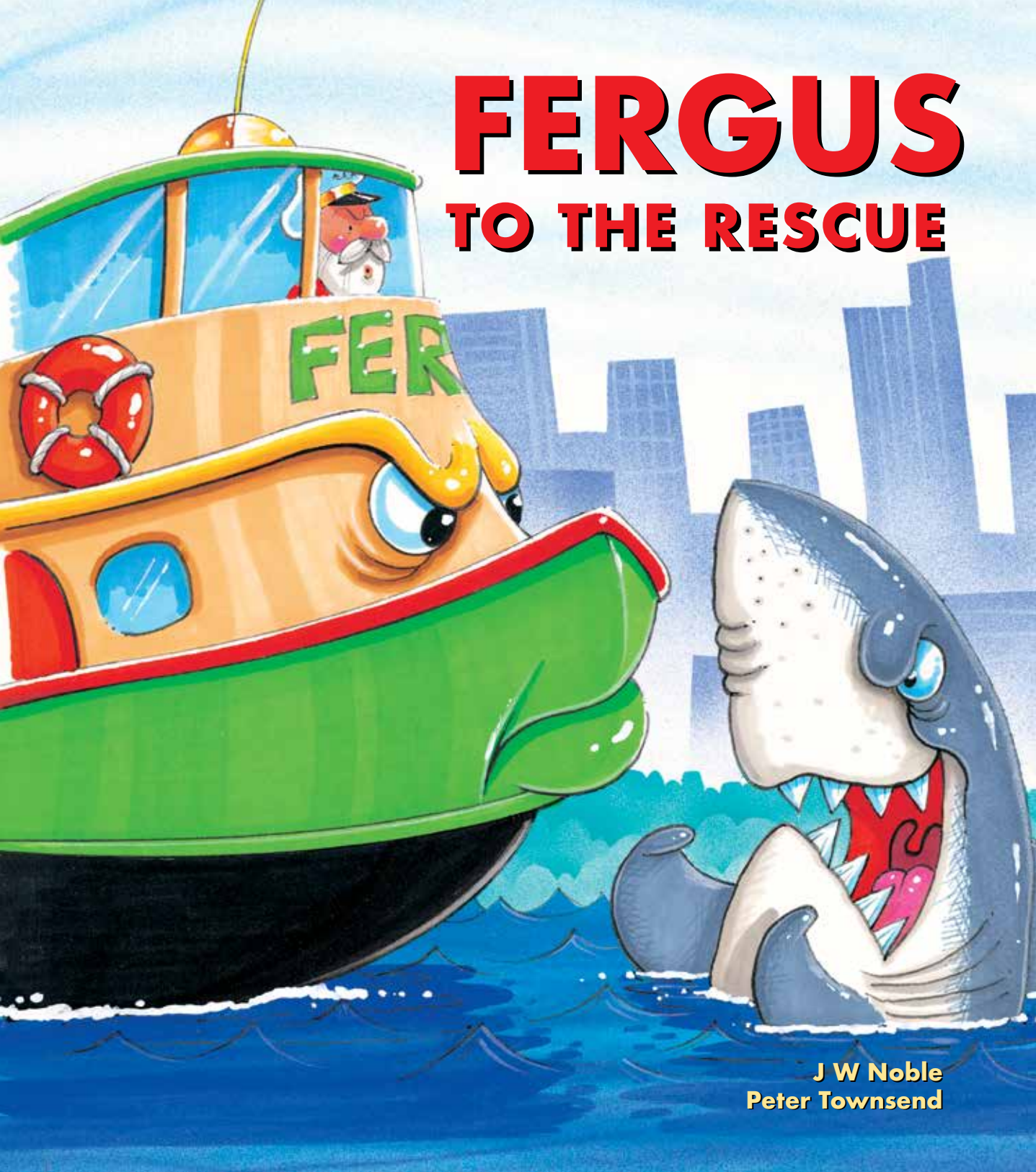


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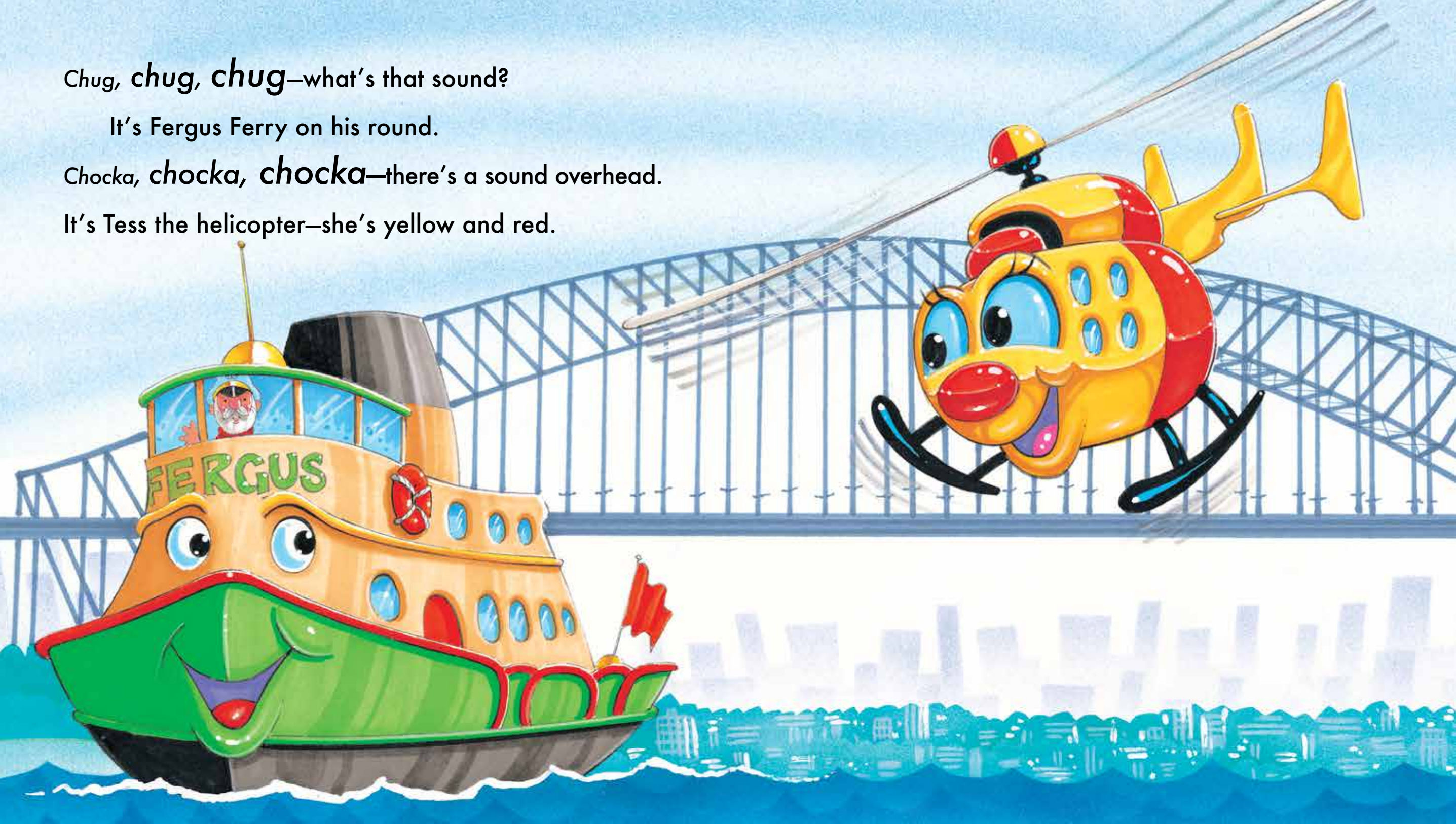
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Chug, chug, chug—what's that sound?

It's Fergus Ferry on his round.

Chocka, chocka, chocka—there's a sound overhead.

It's Tess the helicopter—she's yellow and red.

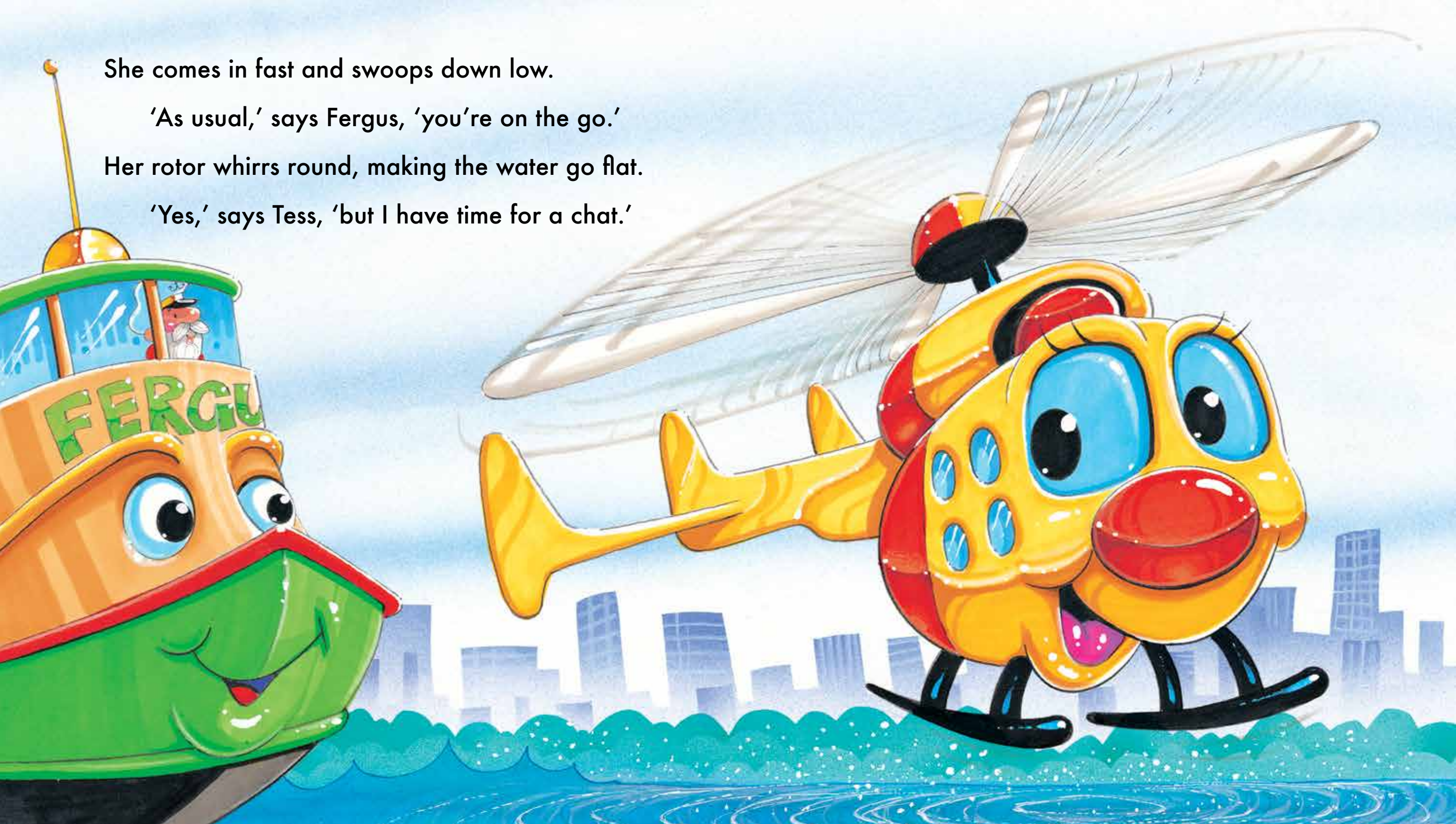


She comes in fast and swoops down low.

'As usual,' says Fergus, 'you're on the go.'

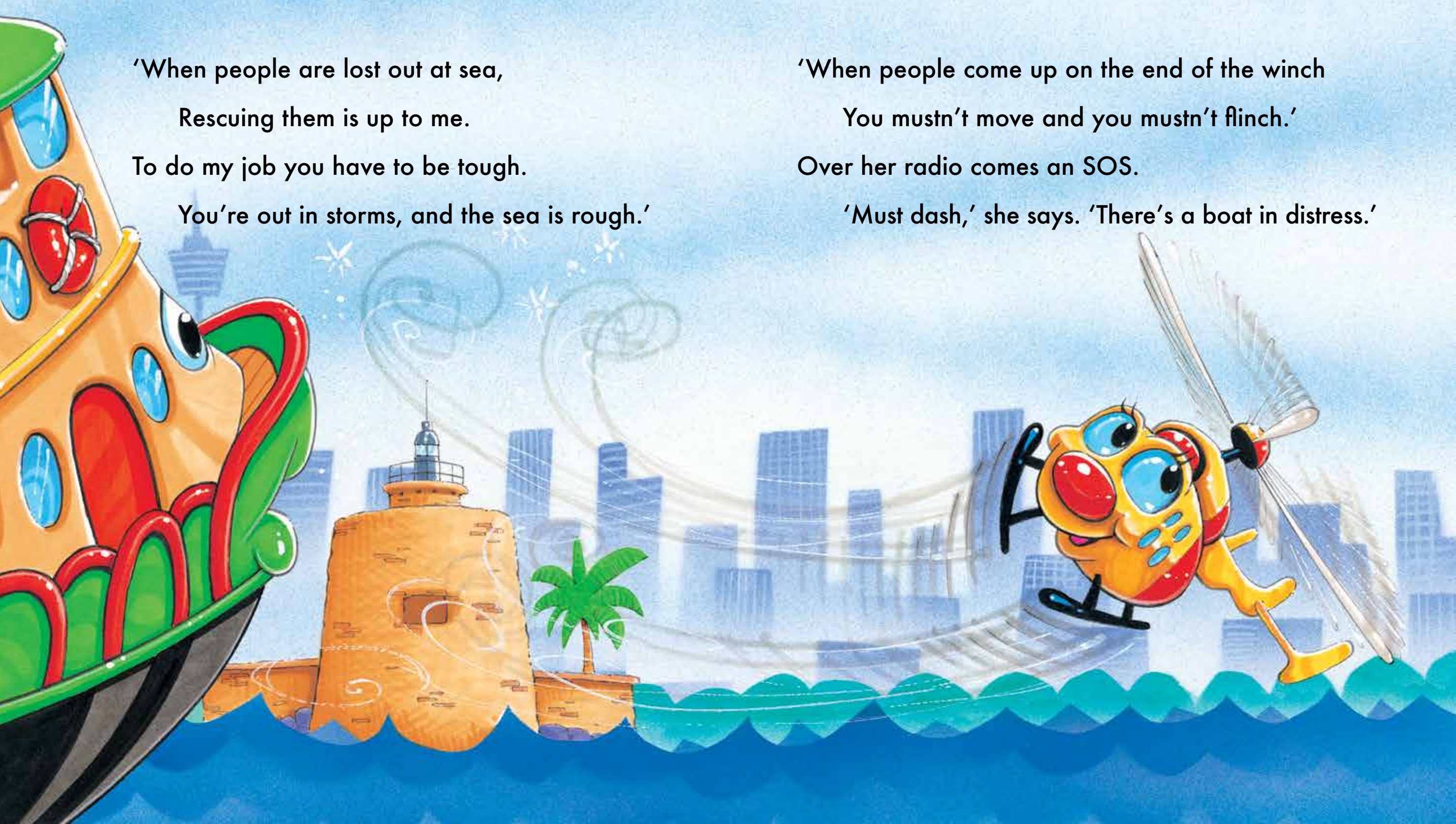
Her rotor whirrs round, making the water go flat.

'Yes,' says Tess, 'but I have time for a chat.'



'When people are lost out at sea,
Rescuing them is up to me.
To do my job you have to be tough.
You're out in storms, and the sea is rough.'

'When people come up on the end of the winch
You mustn't move and you mustn't flinch.'
Over her radio comes an SOS.
'Must dash,' she says. 'There's a boat in distress.'

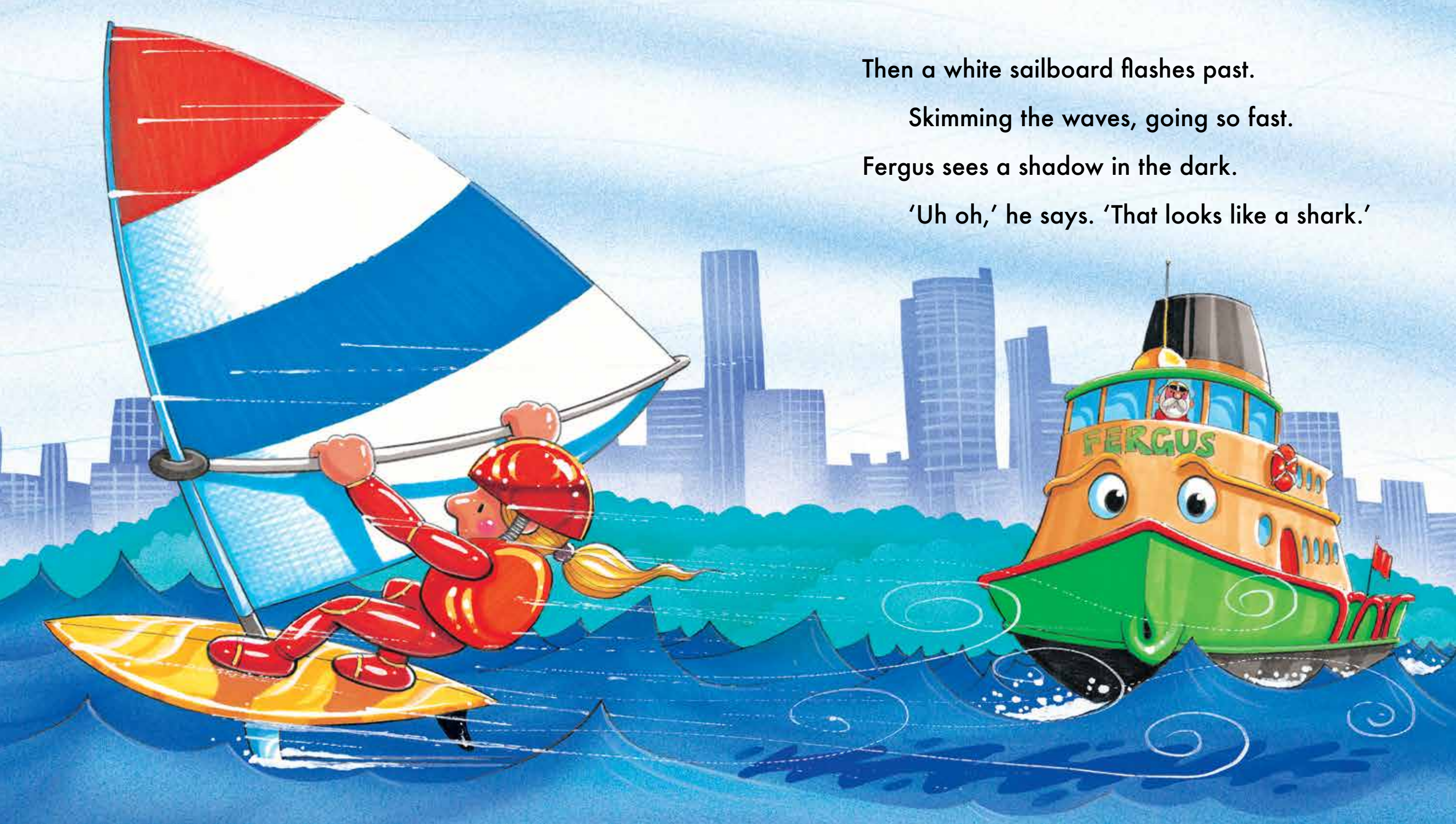


Then a white sailboard flashes past.

Skimming the waves, going so fast.

Fergus sees a shadow in the dark.

'Uh oh,' he says. 'That looks like a shark.'

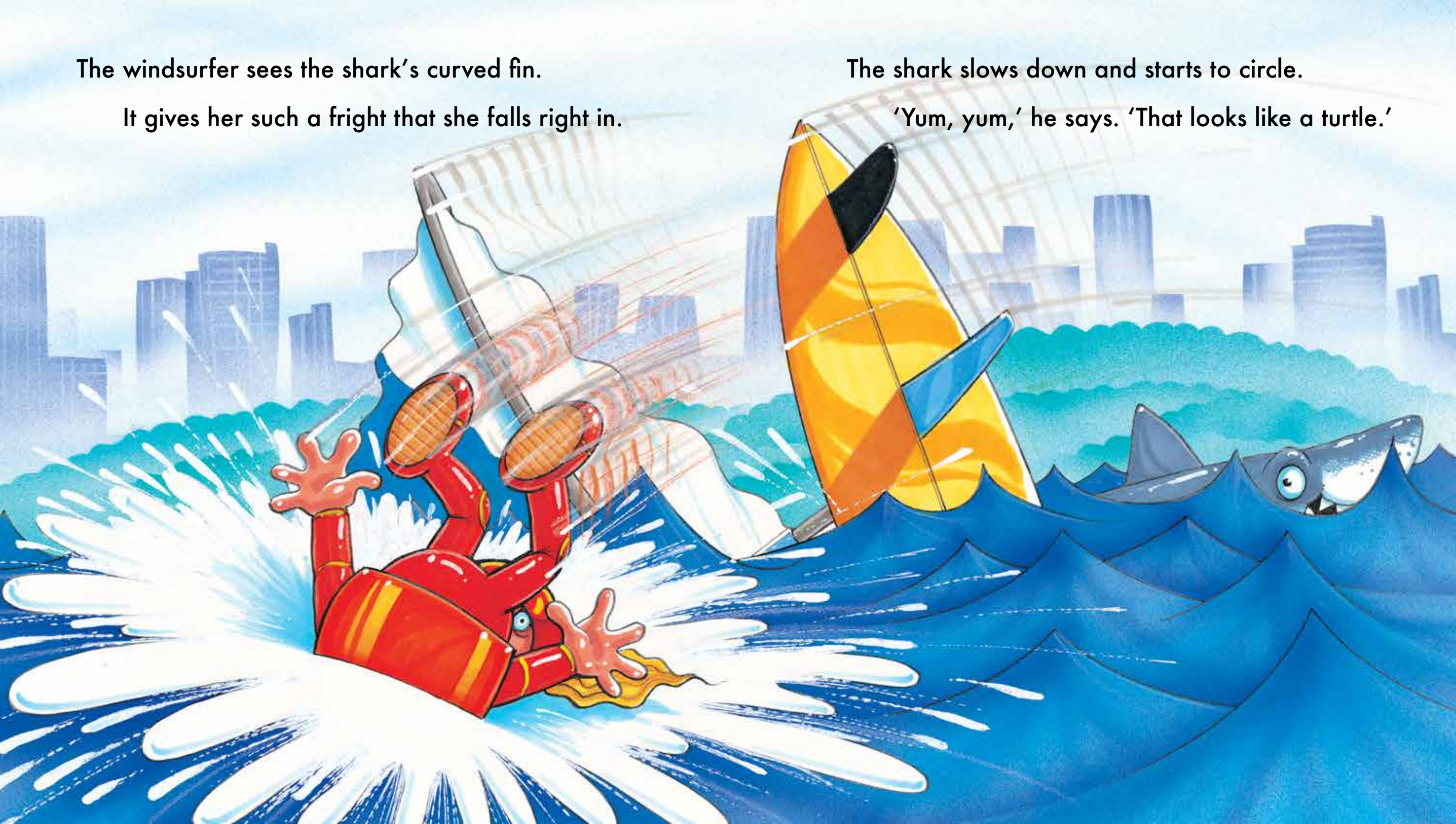


The windsurfer sees the shark's curved fin.

It gives her such a fright that she falls right in.

The shark slows down and starts to circle.

'Yum, yum,' he says. 'That looks like a turtle.'



His mouth opens wide. 'Now for my lunch.'

He bites the board with a cracking crunch.

'Well,' he says, 'I got a jawful.'

But that turtle does taste awful.'

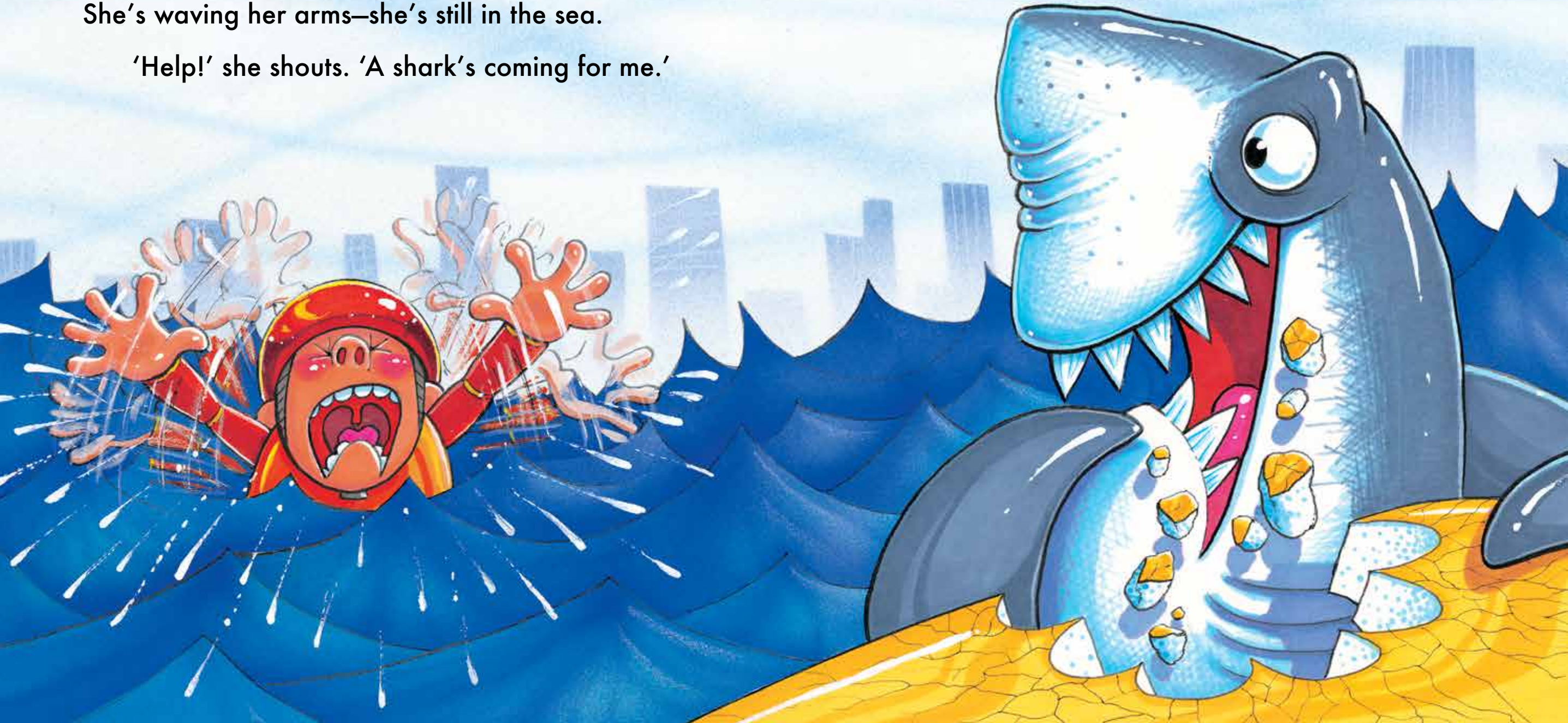


Then he turns and sees the girl in the water.

‘Oh, beaut,’ he says. ‘Now I’ve caught her.’

She’s waving her arms—she’s still in the sea.

‘Help!’ she shouts. ‘A shark’s coming for me.’



Fergus sees the girl from the corner of his eye.

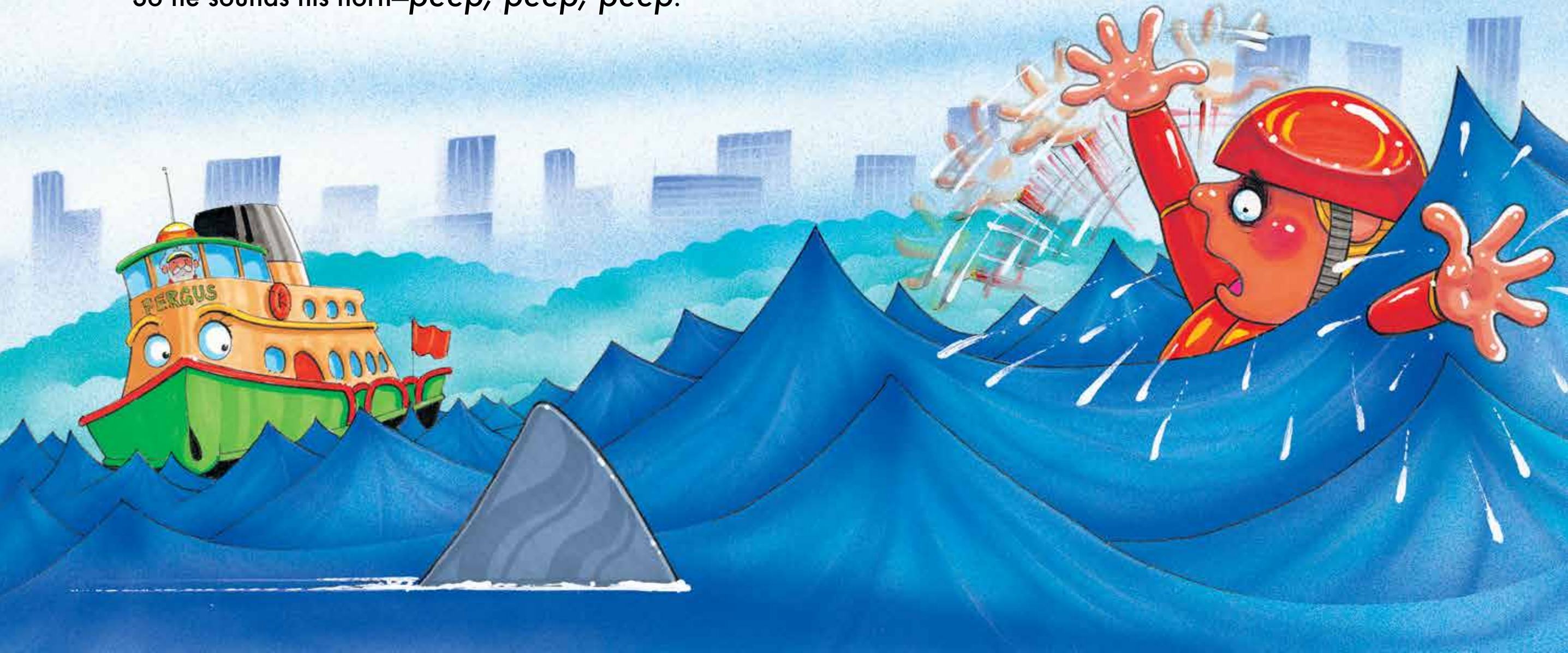
He sees her wave. He hears her cry.

'If I don't act fast, she'll be lost in the deep.'

So he sounds his horn—*peep, peep, peep*.

'Hang on,' says Joe. 'Something must be amiss.'

It's not like Fergus to act up like this.'



Then Joe sees the girl.

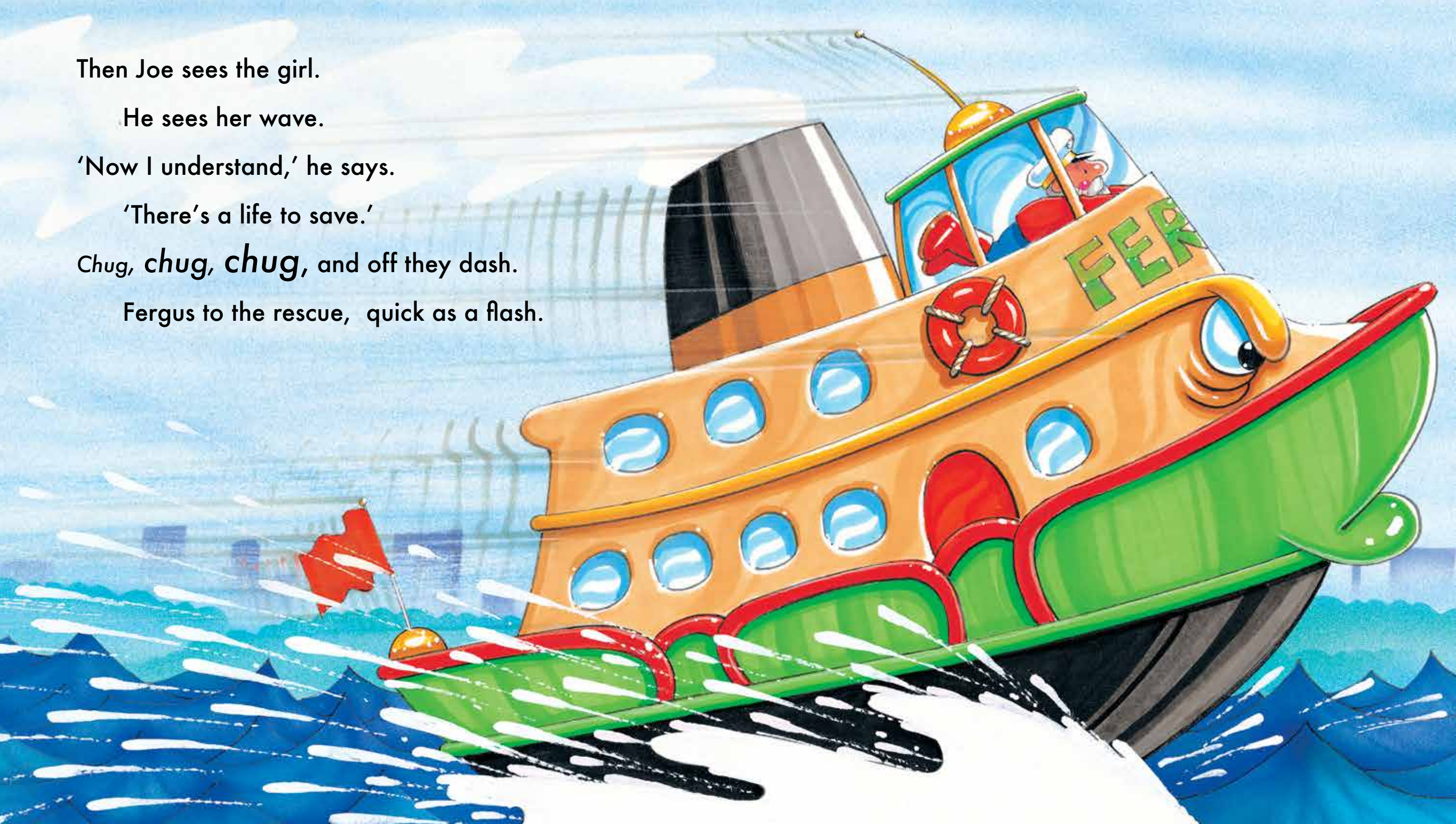
He sees her wave.

'Now I understand,' he says.

'There's a life to save.'

Chug, chug, chug, and off they dash.

Fergus to the rescue, quick as a flash.



Joe jumps to the deck and throws the girl a rope.

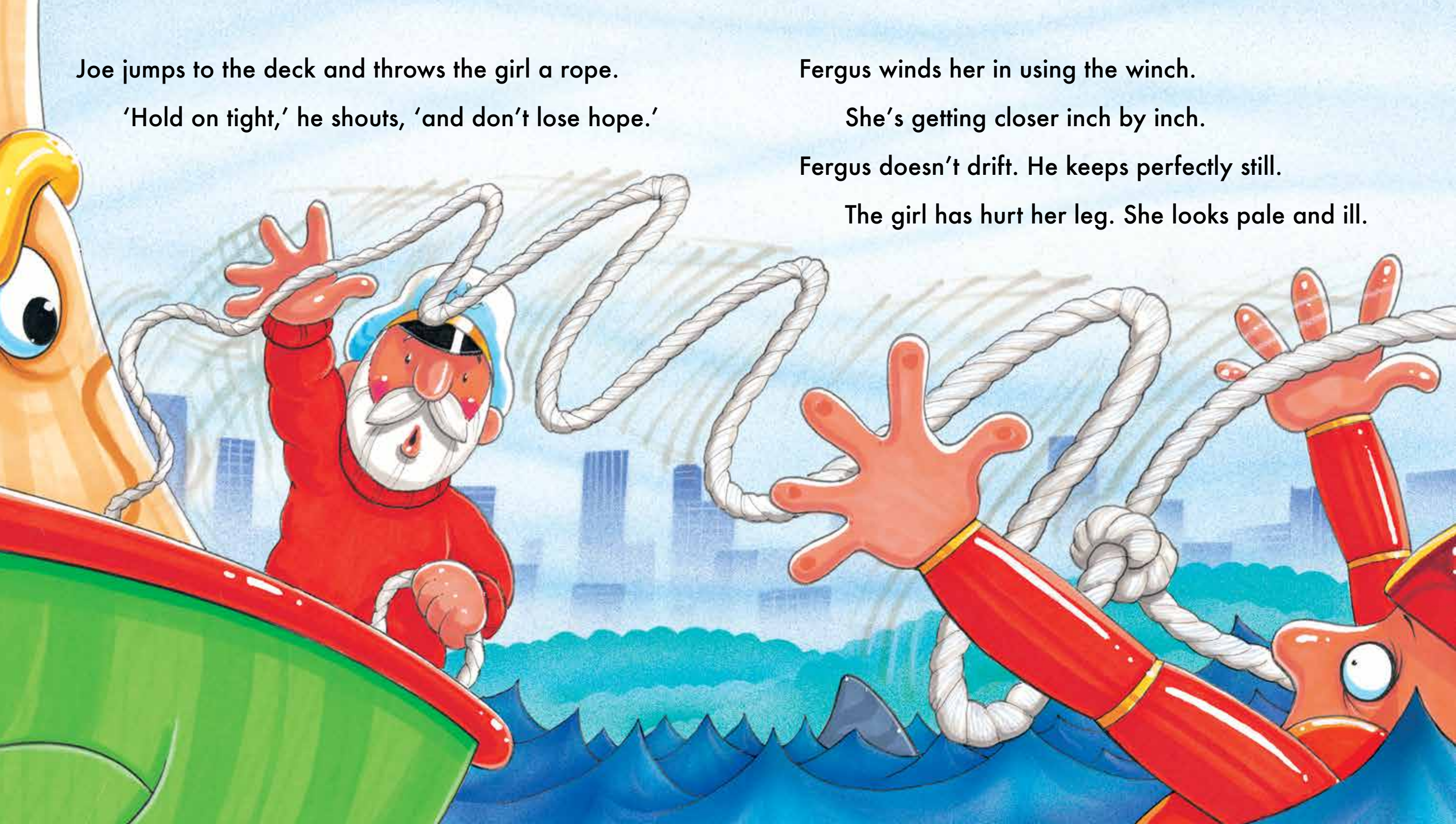
'Hold on tight,' he shouts, 'and don't lose hope.'

Fergus winds her in using the winch.

She's getting closer inch by inch.

Fergus doesn't drift. He keeps perfectly still.

The girl has hurt her leg. She looks pale and ill.

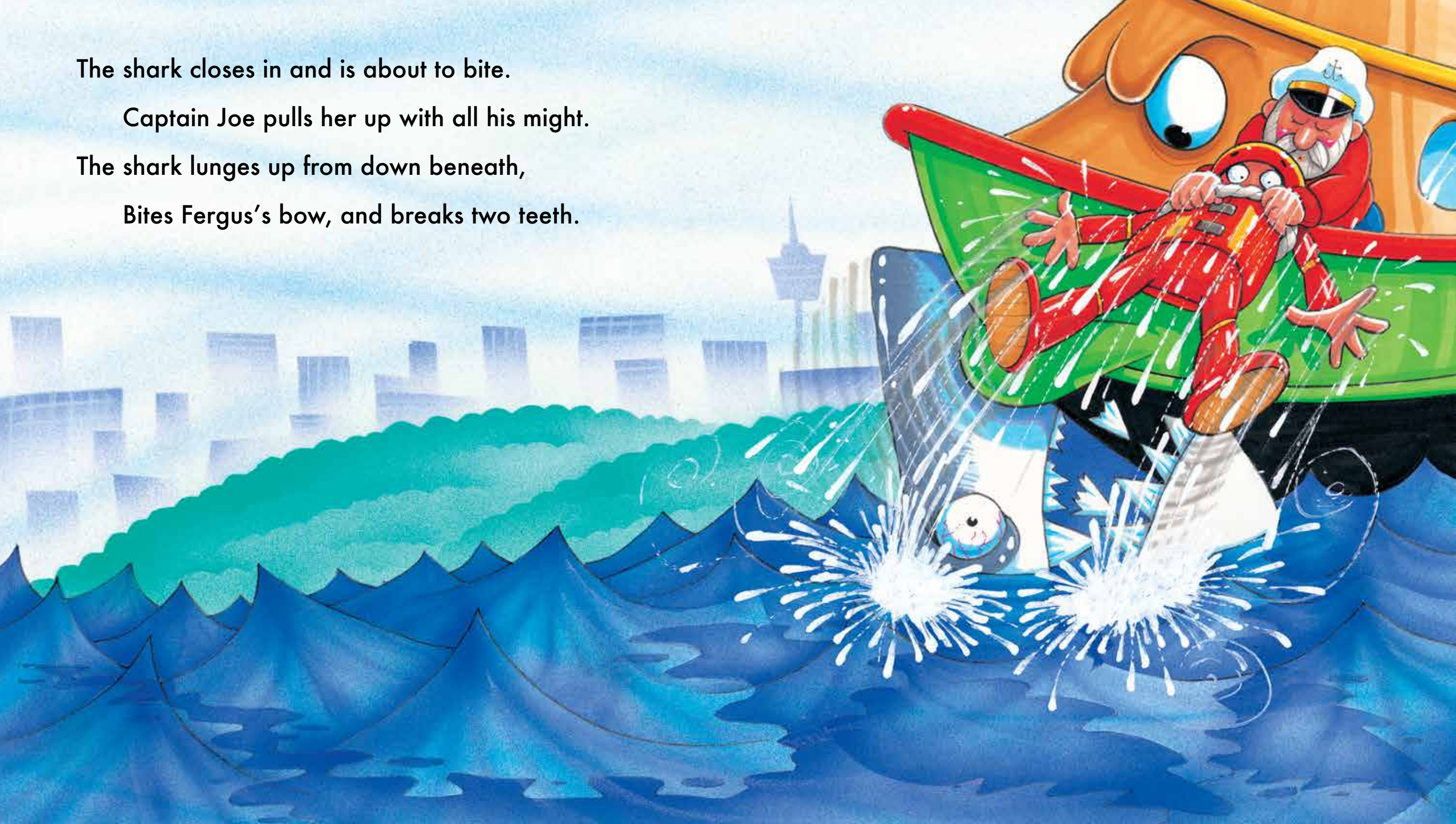


The shark closes in and is about to bite.

Captain Joe pulls her up with all his might.

The shark lunges up from down beneath,

Bites Fergus's bow, and breaks two teeth.



'Yeow!' says the shark. 'What terrible pain!

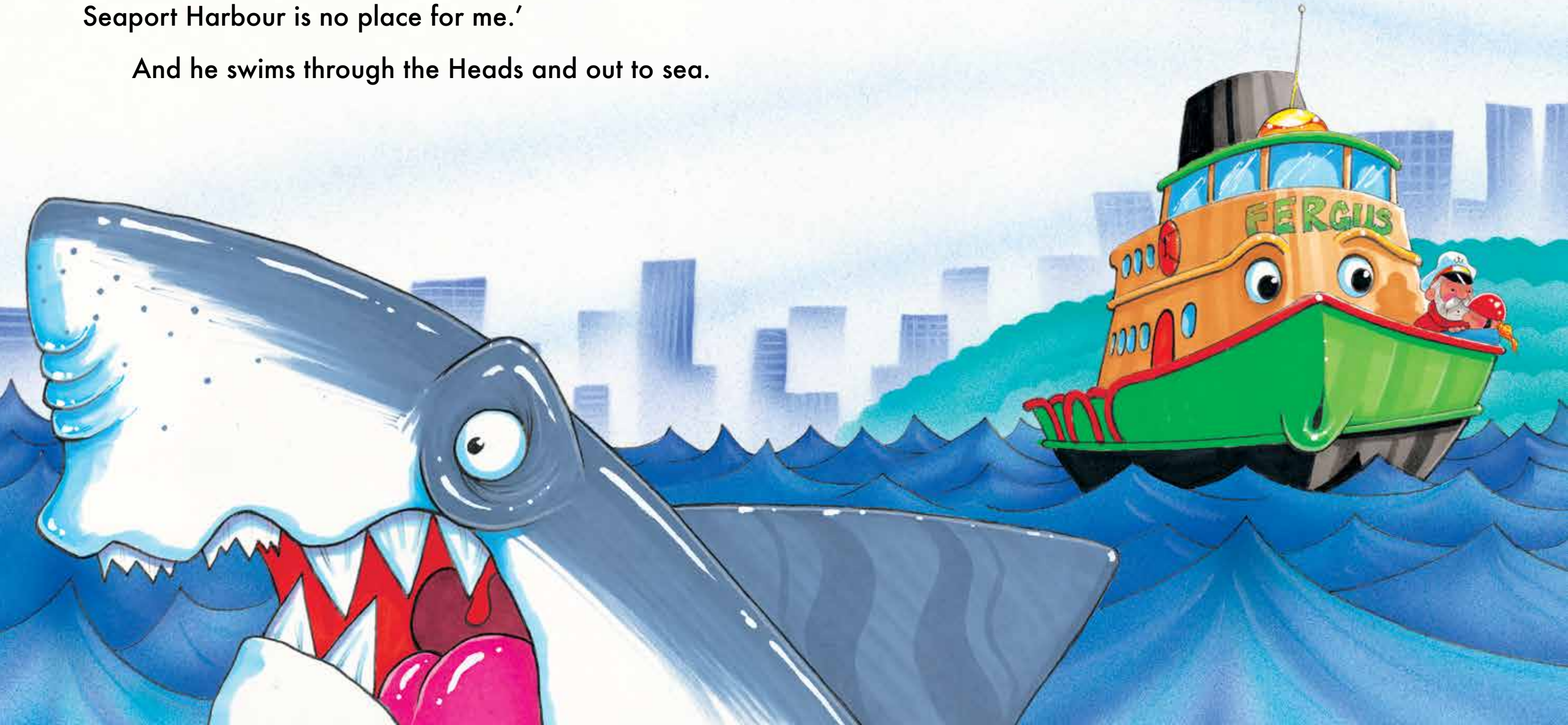
I won't ever do that again.

Seaport Harbour is no place for me.'

And he swims through the Heads and out to sea.

'Tess,' says Fergus, 'this is a medical alert!

We've a windsurfer aboard and she's badly hurt.'



So when Fergus pulls in at Double Bay
Tess is waiting to take the girl away.

'Well done, Fergus,' says Tess. 'Good on you.
That's what I call a perfect rescue.'

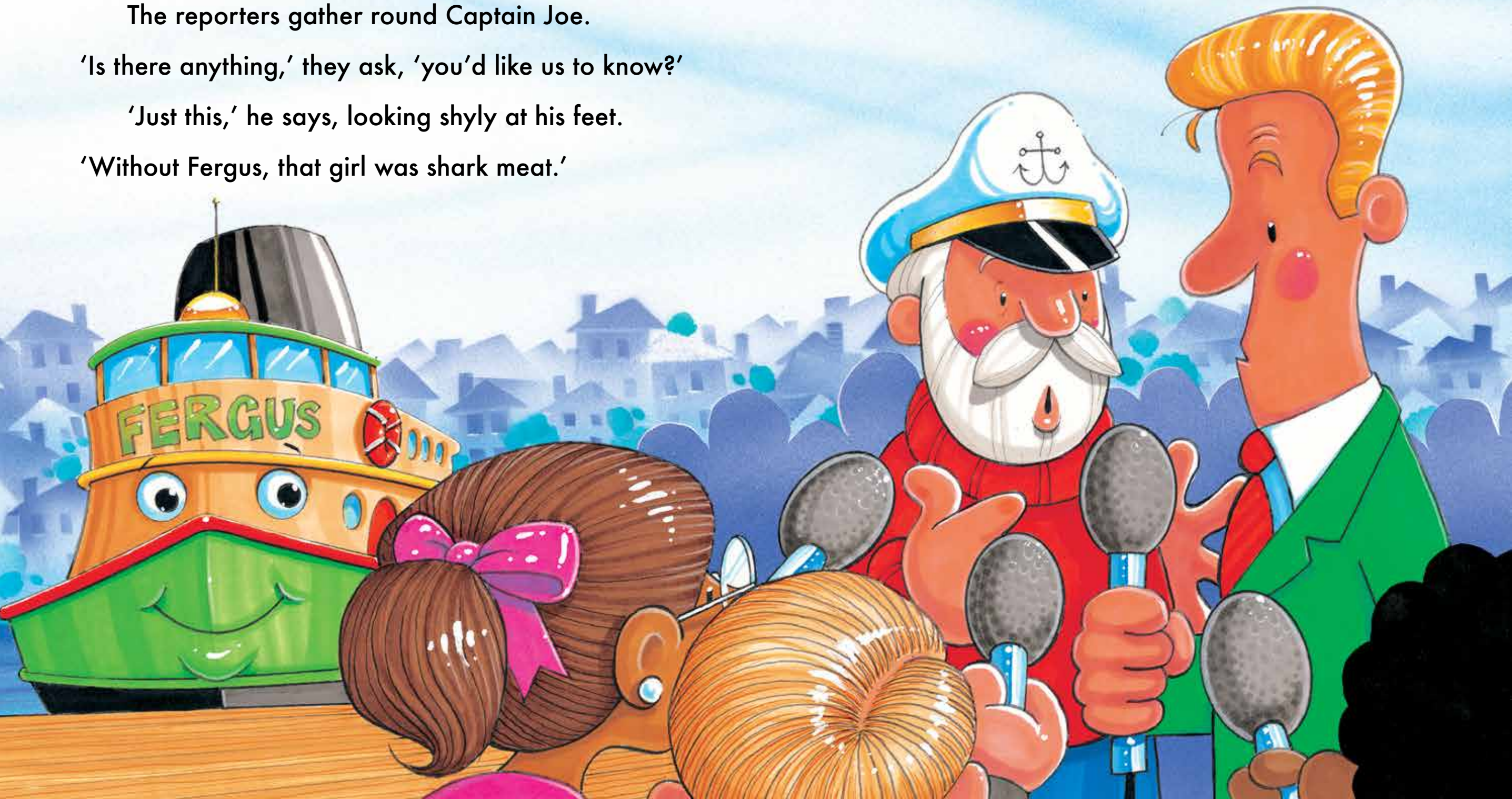


The reporters gather round Captain Joe.

'Is there anything,' they ask, 'you'd like us to know?'

'Just this,' he says, looking shyly at his feet.

'Without Fergus, that girl was shark meat.'



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



Give credit where it's due.

***For Mary Meagher (who lived to tell the tale!)
and her family, Christopher, Patrick and Jacqueline***

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For Dhanashri

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