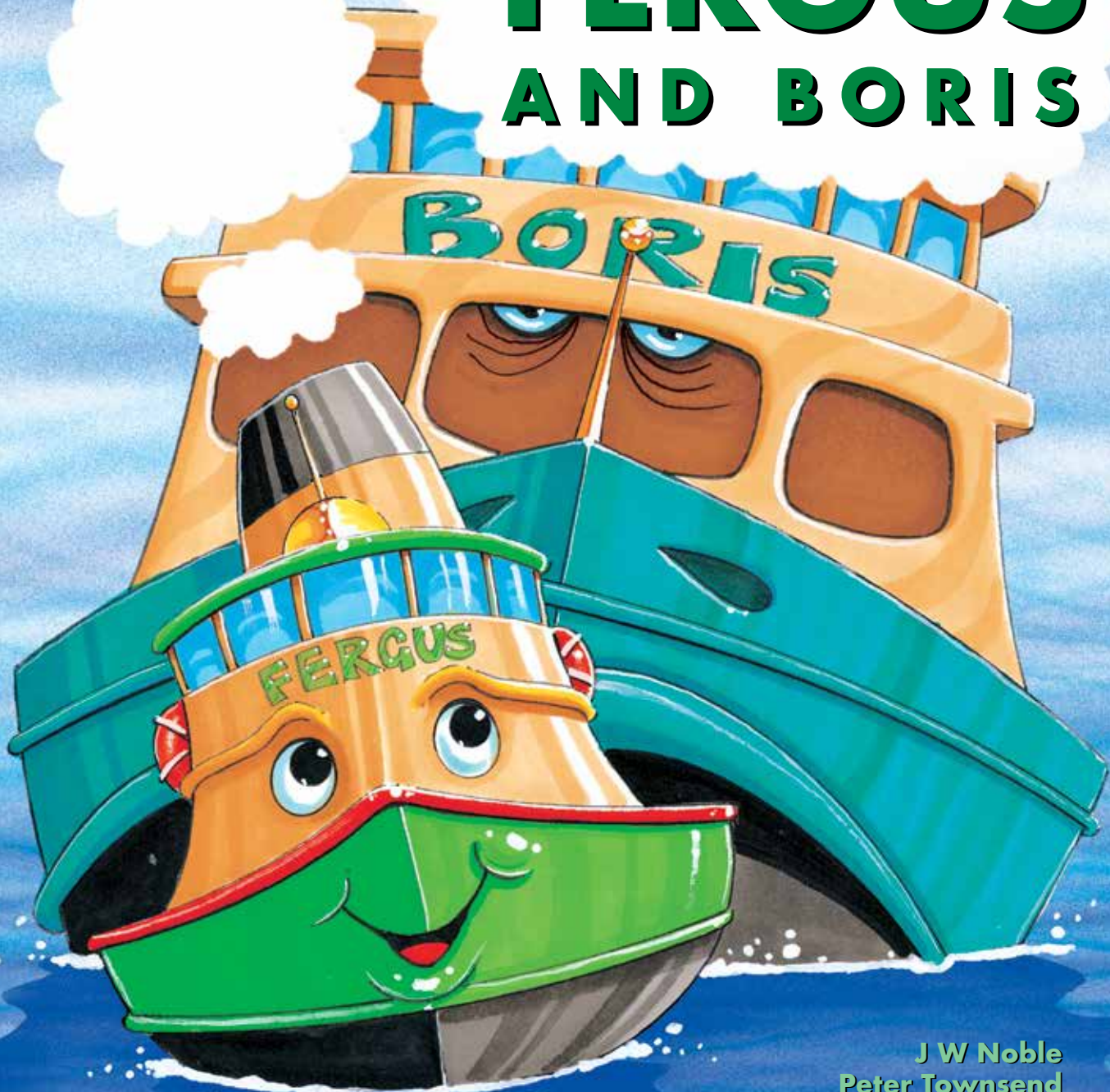


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Chug, chug, chug—what's that sound?

It's Fergus Ferry on his round.

On Seaport Harbour, day is dawning.

Boop, boop—the foghorn sounds its warning.



Out of the darkness a shadow looms.

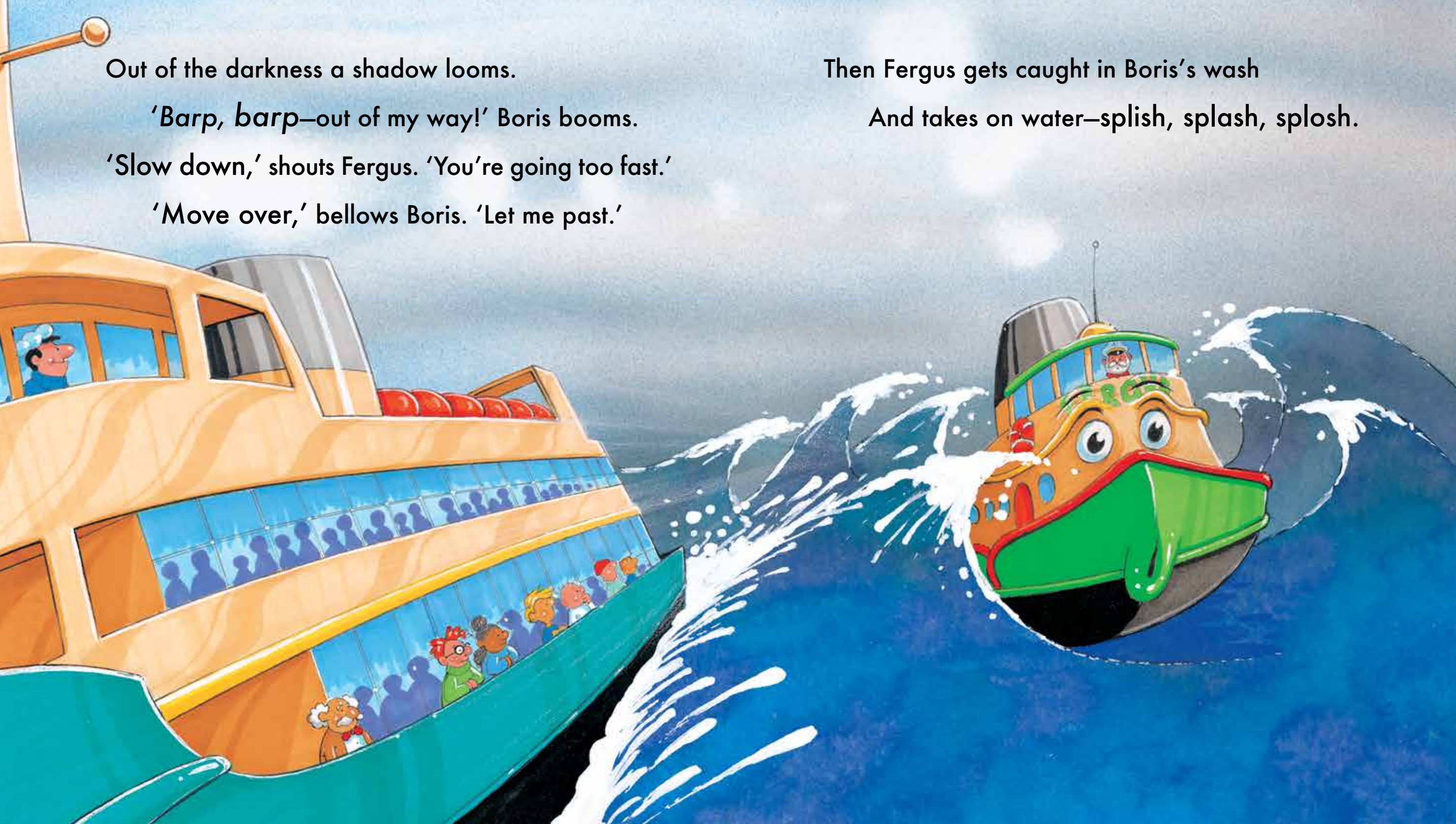
'Barp, barp—out of my way!' Boris booms.

'Slow down,' shouts Fergus. *'You're going too fast.'*

'Move over,' bellows Boris. *'Let me past.'*

Then Fergus gets caught in Boris's wash

And takes on water—splish, splash, splosh.

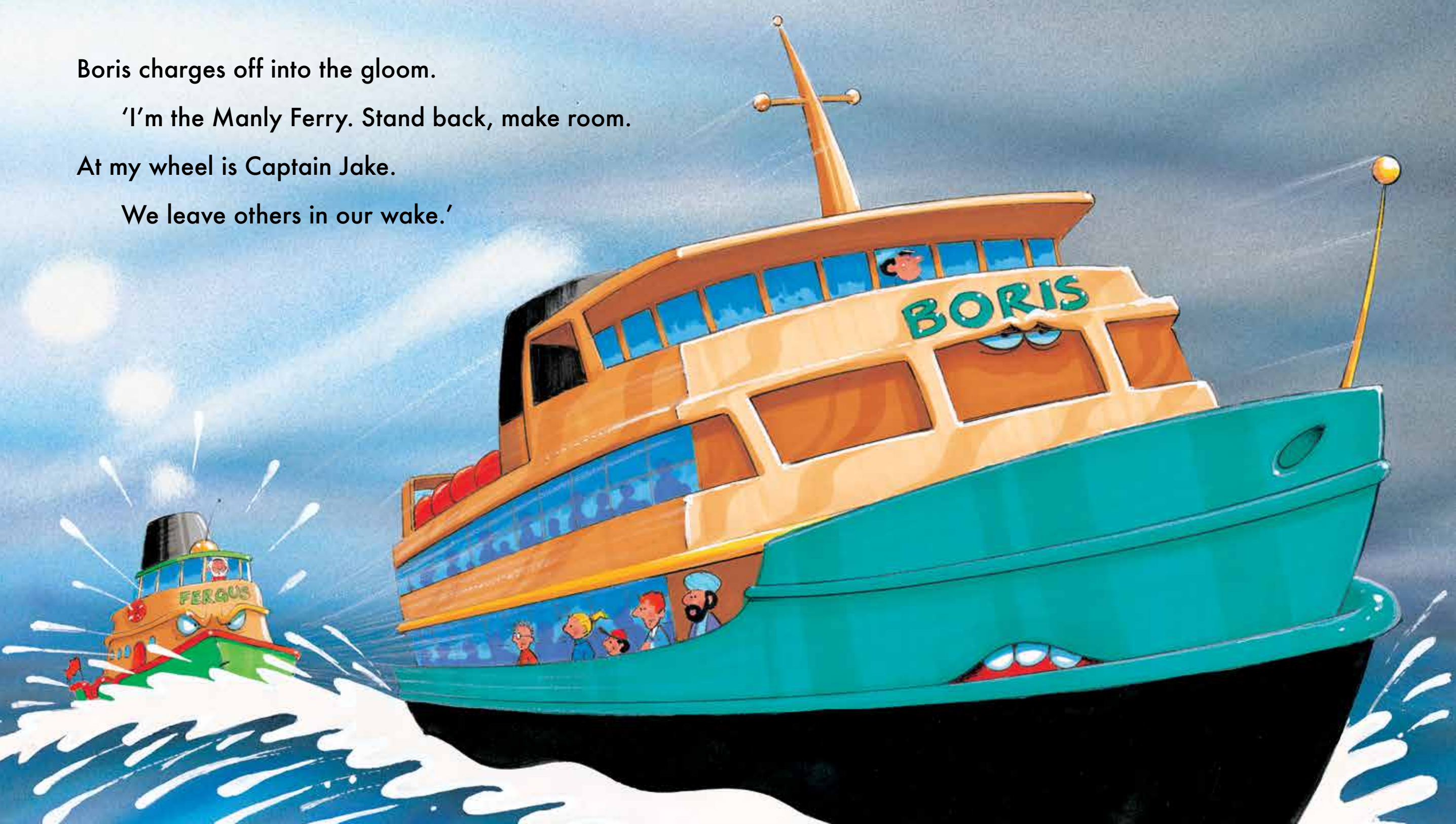


Boris charges off into the gloom.

'I'm the Manly Ferry. Stand back, make room.

At my wheel is Captain Jake.

We leave others in our wake.'



Then through the fog, up ahead,
A light appears, blinking red.
Jake's eyes open wide in disbelief.

'Look out!' he shouts.

'It's the Sow and Pigs Reef.'



'Barp, barp,' says Boris. 'Move aside.

I'm the Manly Ferry. I'm long and I'm wide.'

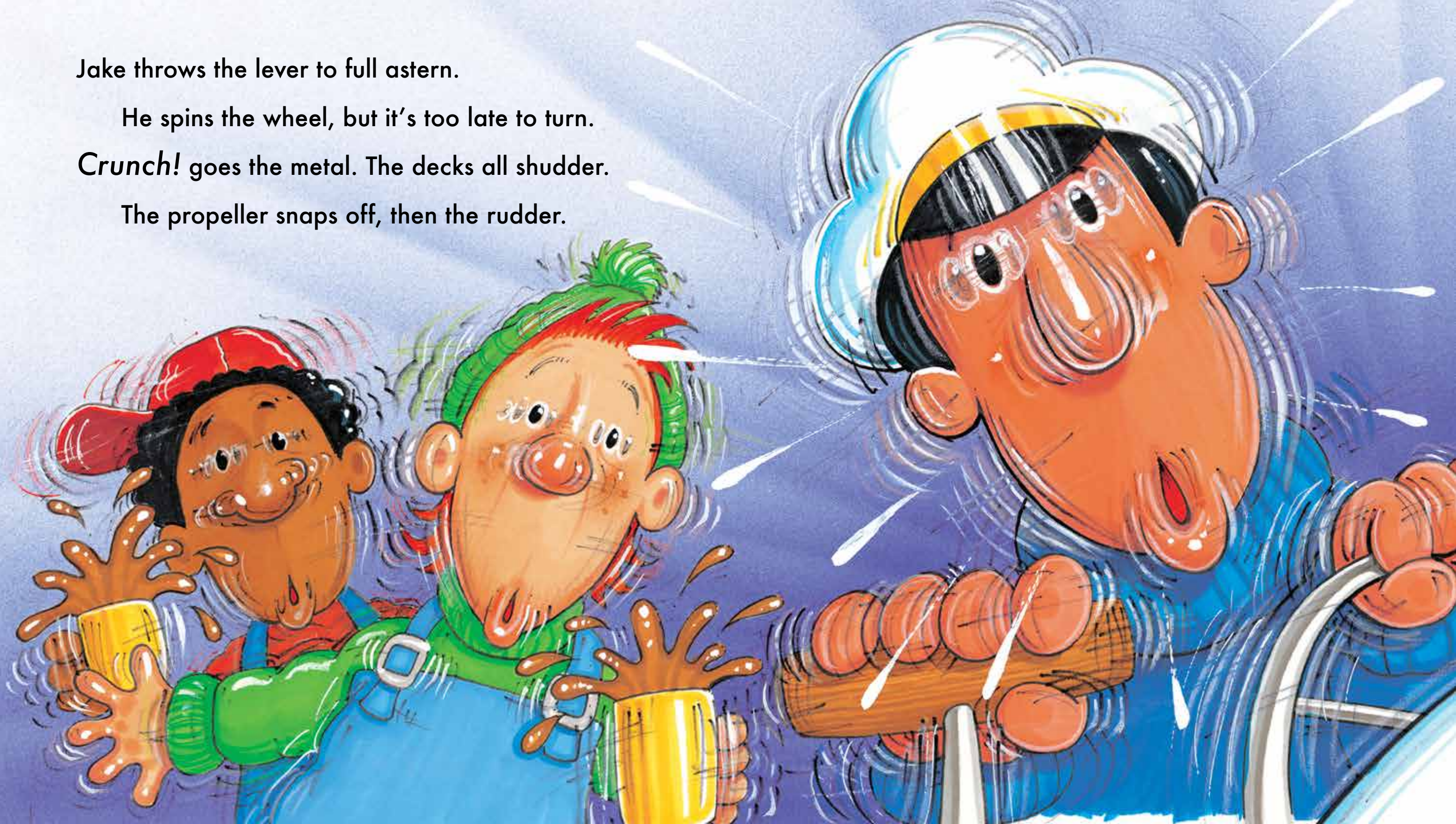


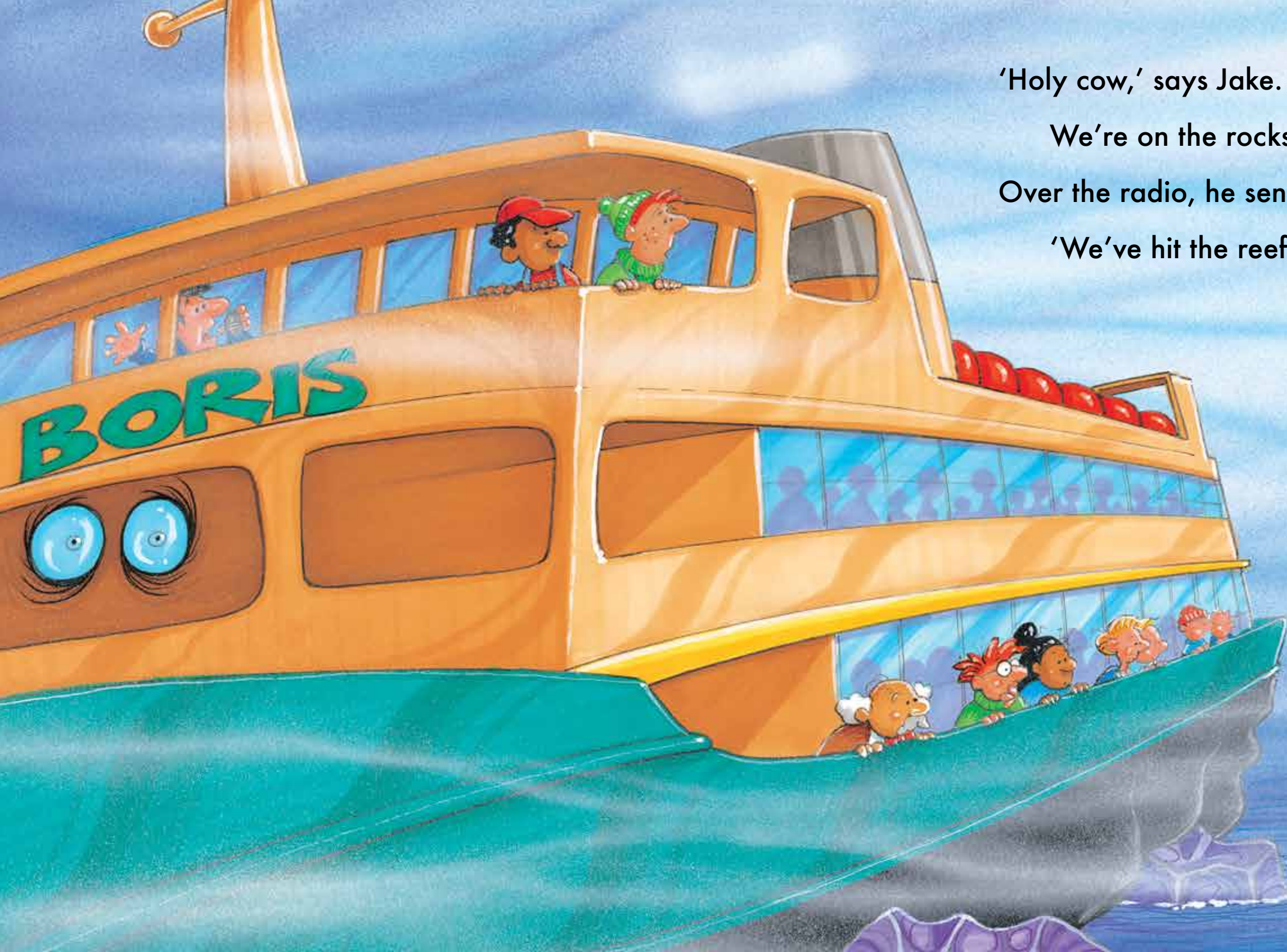
Jake throws the lever to full astern.

He spins the wheel, but it's too late to turn.

Crunch! goes the metal. The decks all shudder.

The propeller snaps off, then the rudder.





'Holy cow,' says Jake. 'We're out of luck.

We're on the rocks and completely stuck.'

Over the radio, he sends an SOS.

'We've hit the reef and we're in distress.'

'Roger that!' says Tess, and lifts into the air.

Chocka, chocka, chocka—in no time she's there.

At the reef she sees Boris stuck like glue.

'Jimmy and Jock,' she says, 'we need you.'

'Onto it, says Jimmy. 'Onto it,' says Jock.

'We'll soon shift that tub off that rock.'



Then Tess sees something glowing red at the stern.

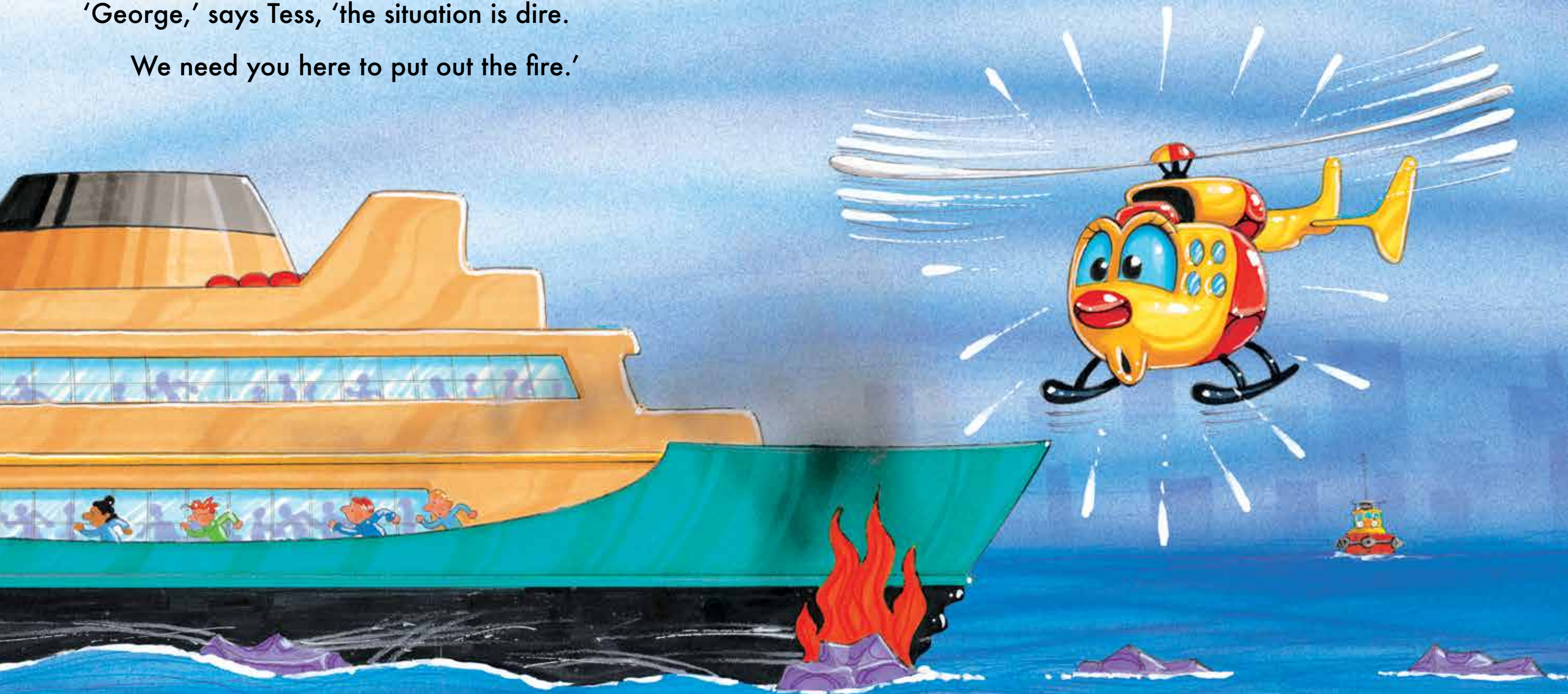
'Help! Help!' shouts Boris. 'I'm starting to burn!'

'George,' says Tess, 'the situation is dire.

We need you here to put out the fire.'

The passengers are scared. They run to the bow.

'Be quick, George,' says Tess. 'We need you now.'

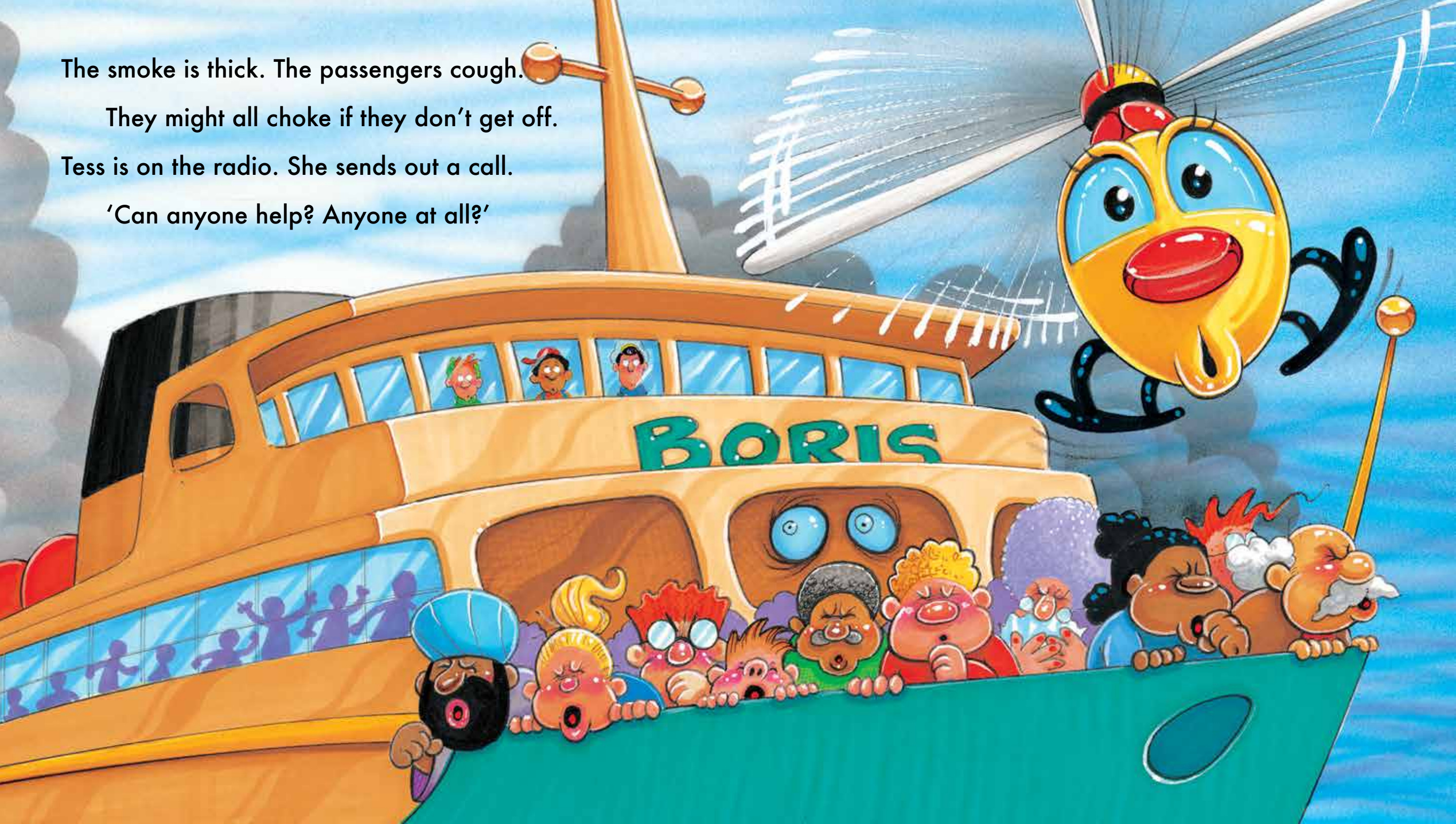


The smoke is thick. The passengers cough.

They might all choke if they don't get off.

Tess is on the radio. She sends out a call.

'Can anyone help? Anyone at all?'





Joe hears the message and thinks, 'I don't know.

That reef is a dangerous place to go.'

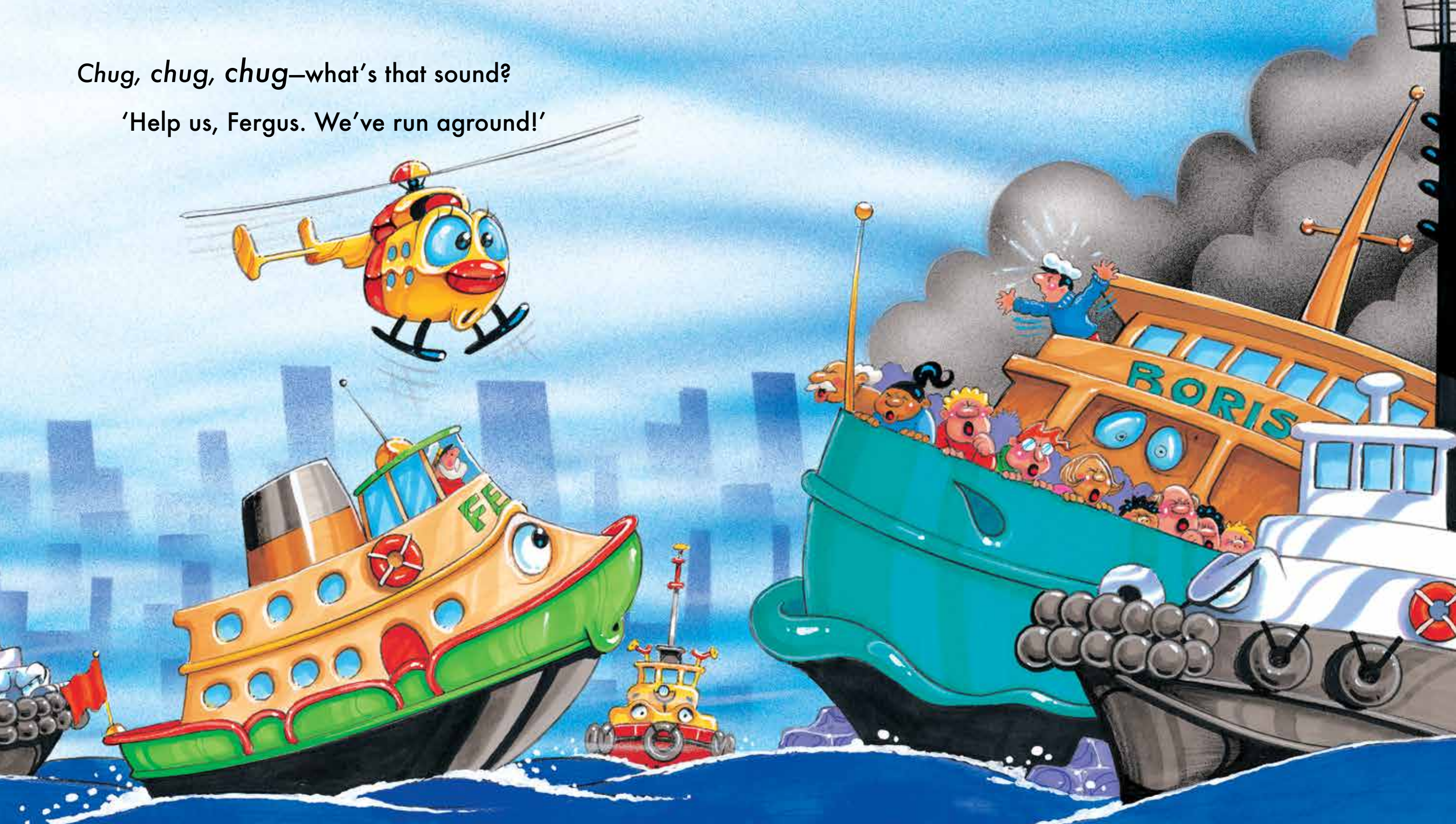
But the wheel spins in his hands.

He shouts, 'Good grief!'

Fergus is turning. He's heading for the reef.

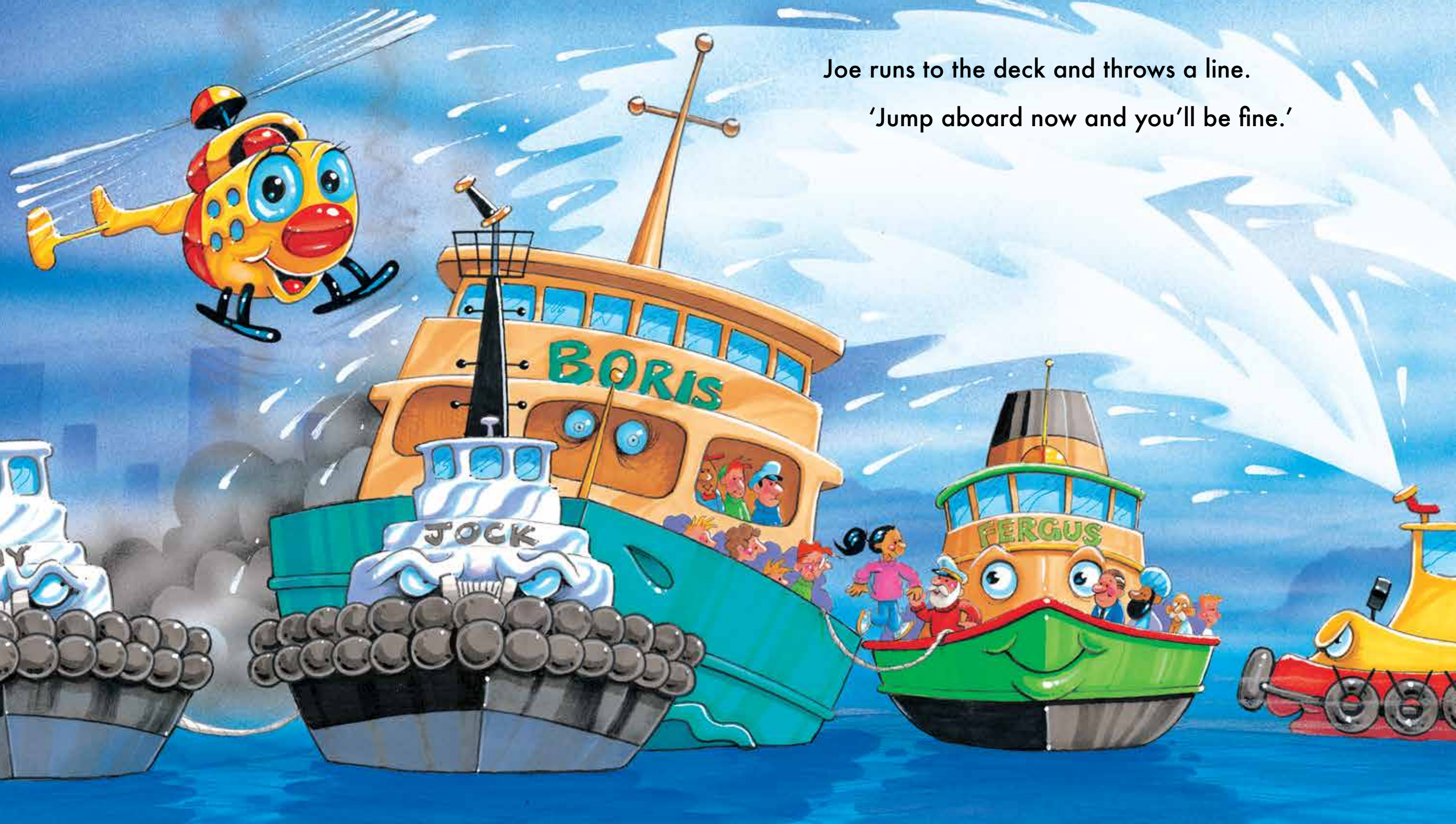
Chug, chug, chug—what's that sound?

'Help us, Fergus. We've run aground!'

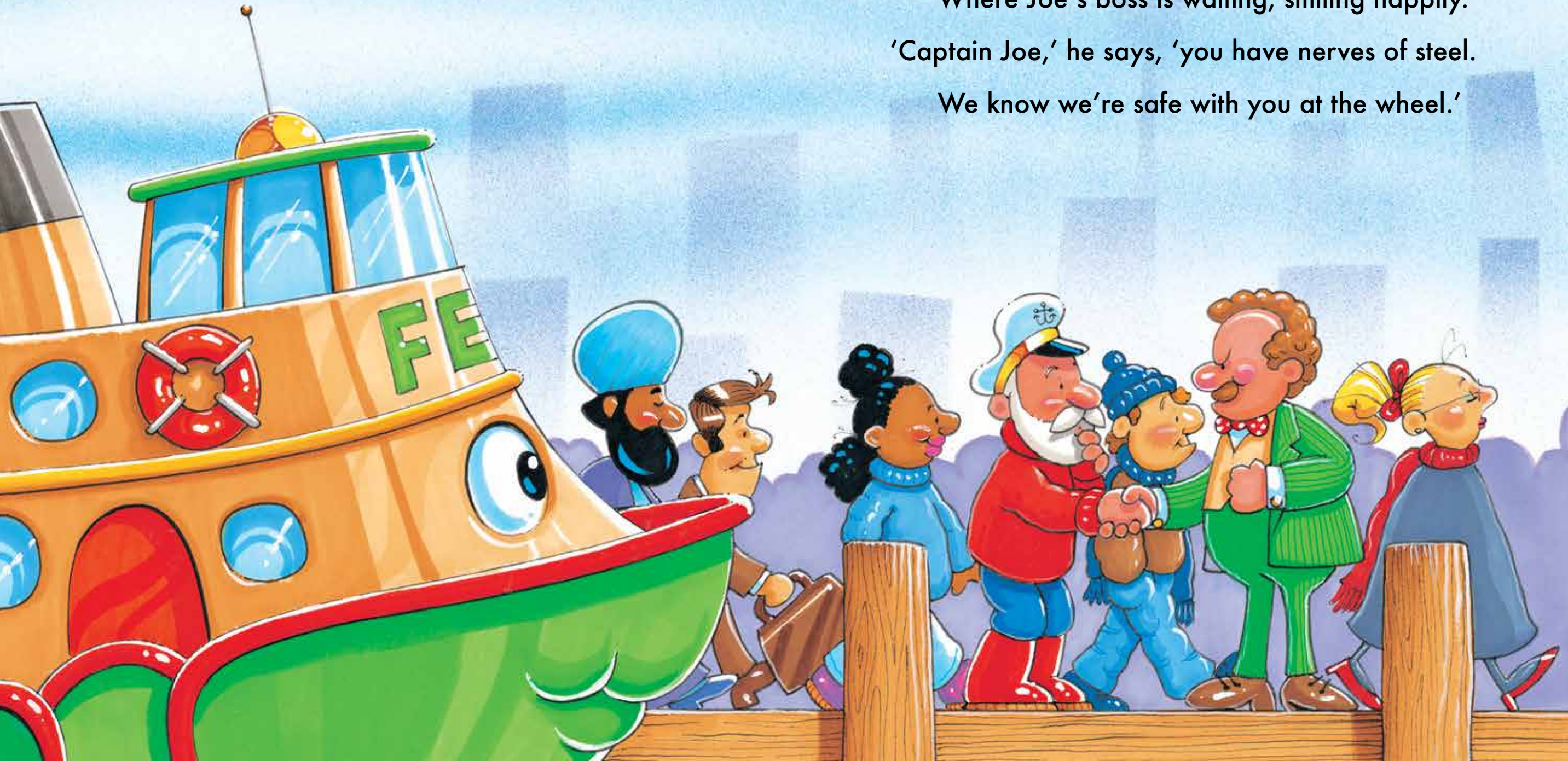


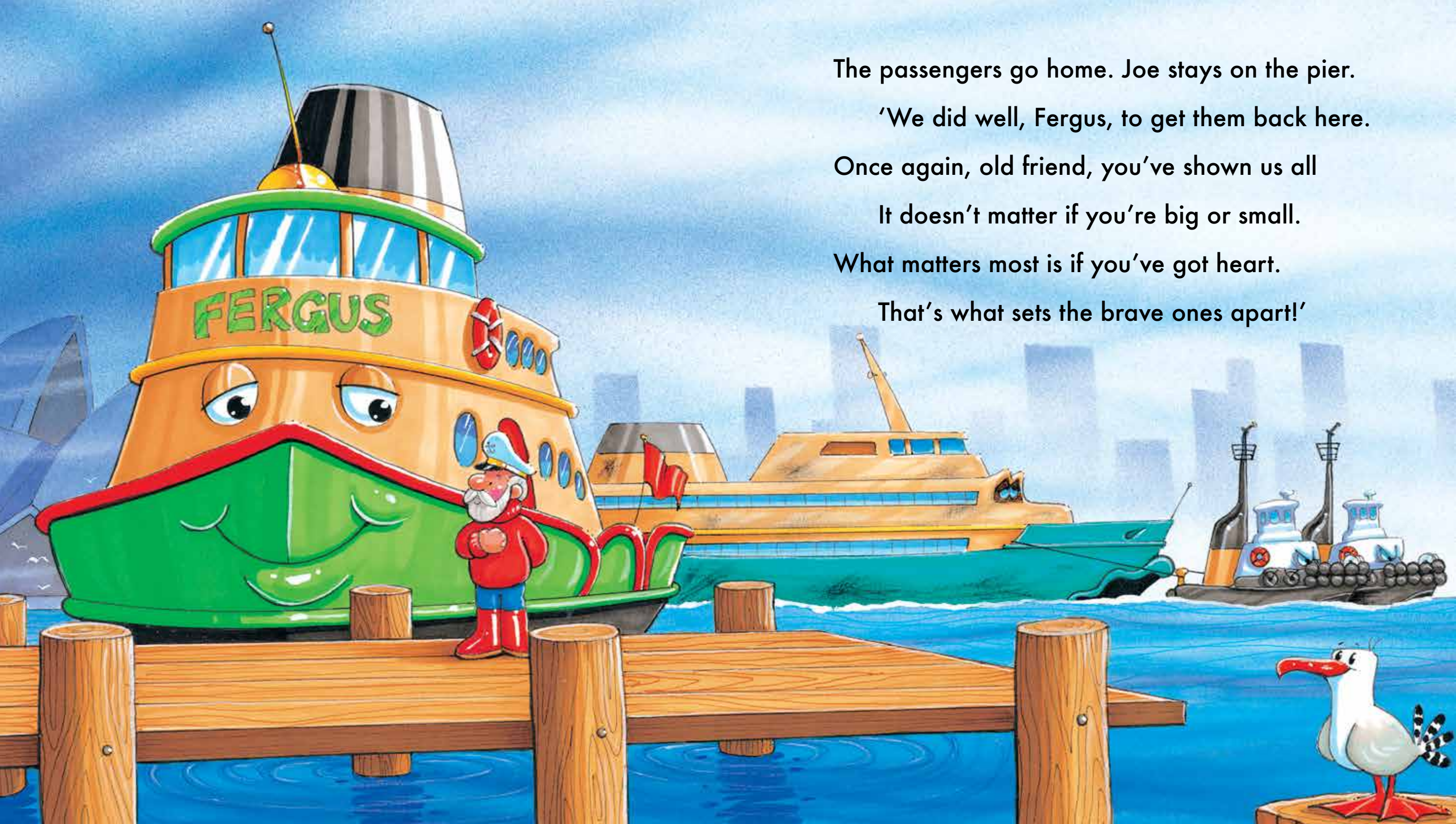
Joe runs to the deck and throws a line.

'Jump aboard now and you'll be fine.'



Fergus takes the passengers back to the Quay
Where Joe's boss is waiting, smiling happily.
'Captain Joe,' he says, 'you have nerves of steel.
We know we're safe with you at the wheel.'





The passengers go home. Joe stays on the pier.

‘We did well, Fergus, to get them back here.

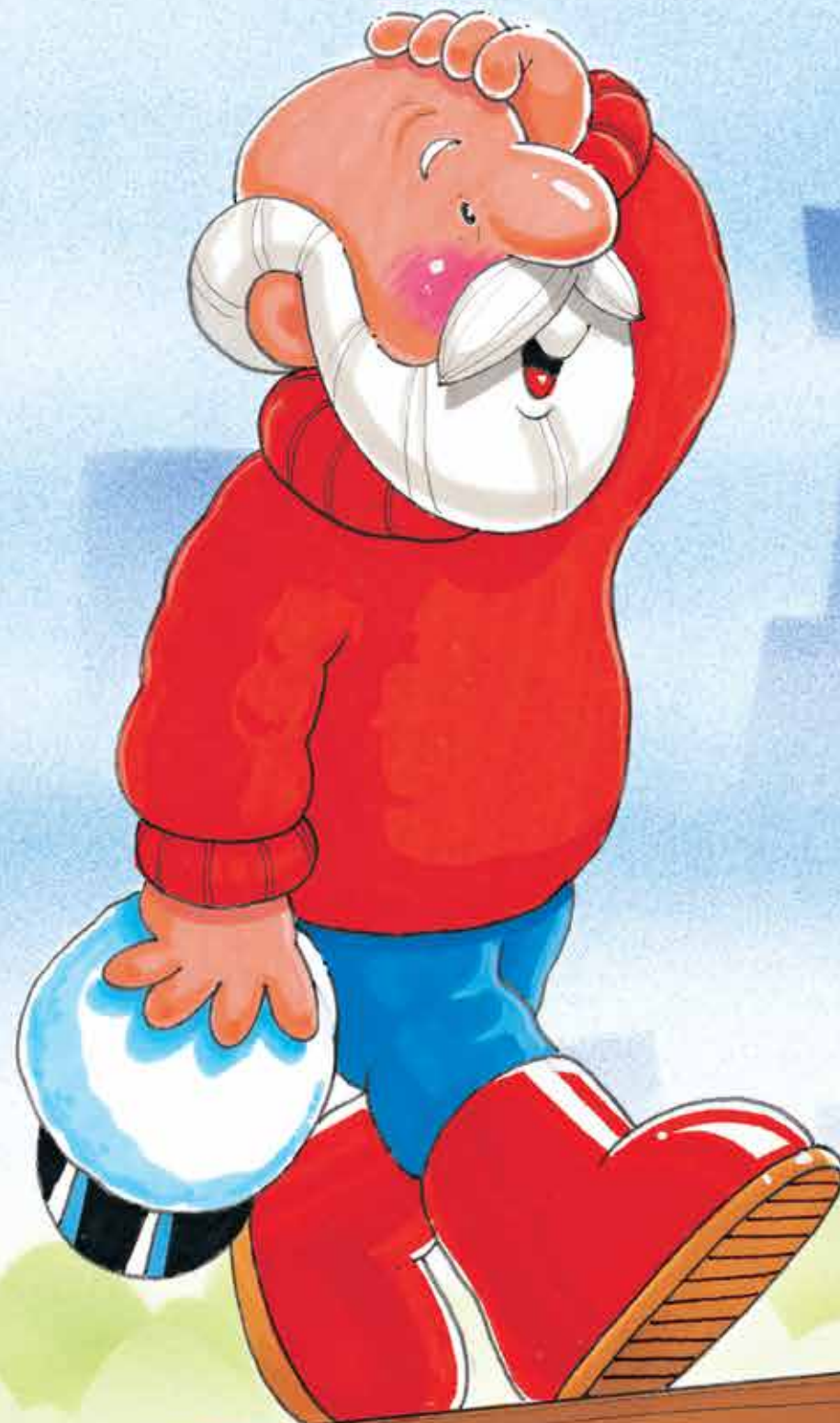
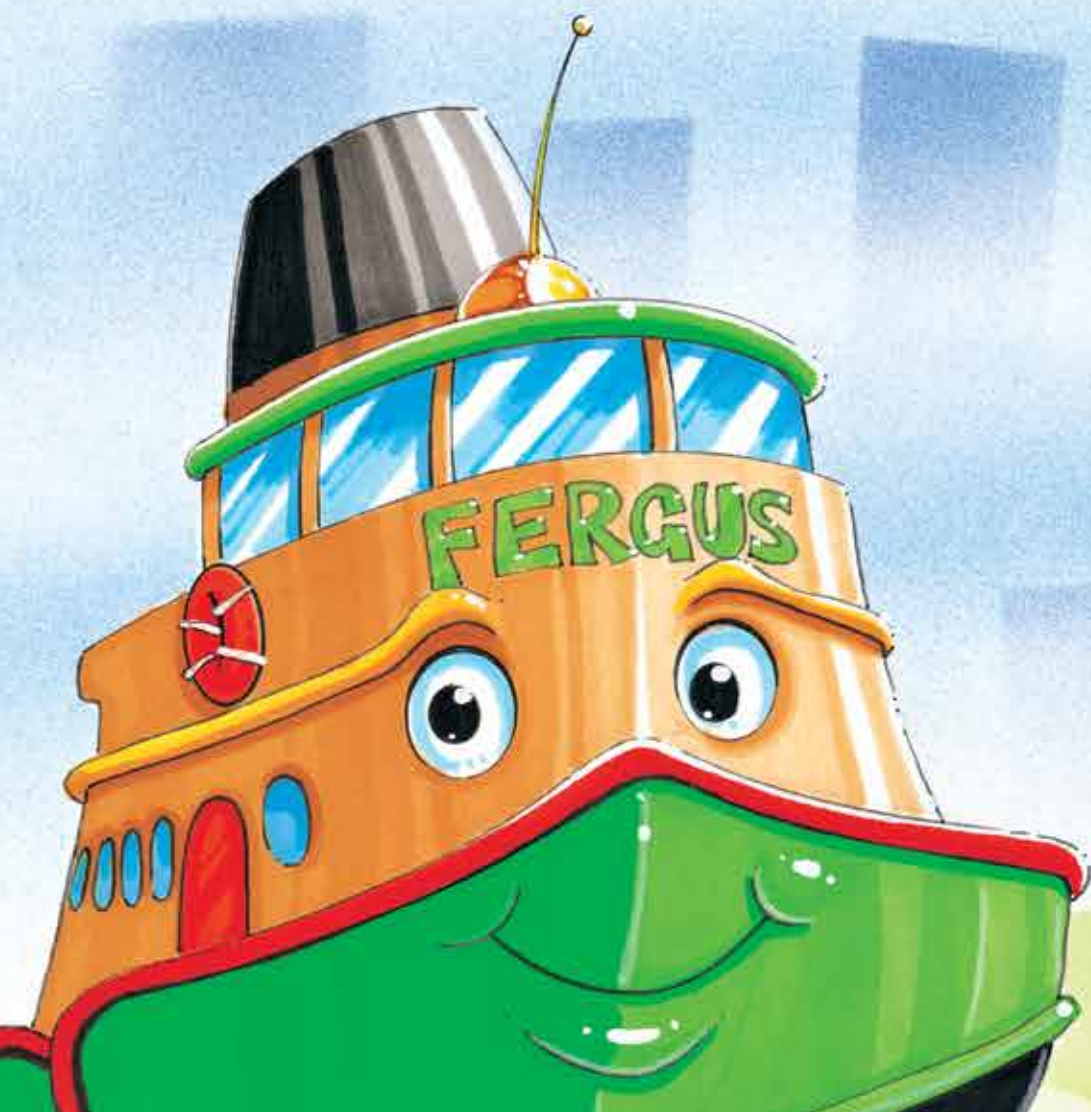
Once again, old friend, you’ve shown us all

It doesn’t matter if you’re big or small.

What matters most is if you’ve got heart.

That’s what sets the brave ones apart!’

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



*It doesn't matter if you're big or small
It's what's in our hearts that's the measure of us all.*

For Devon Barnes

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For Dhanashri

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