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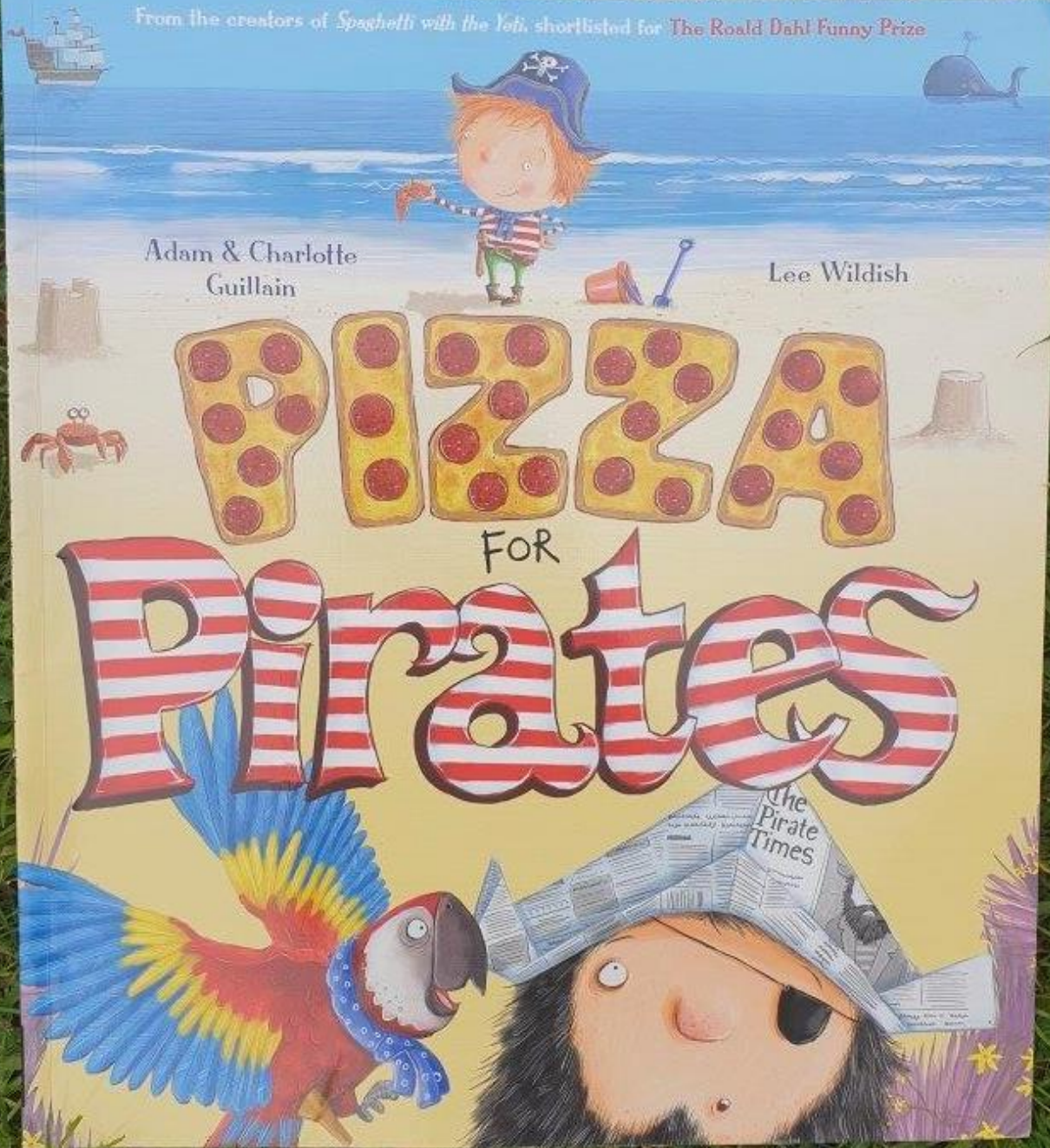
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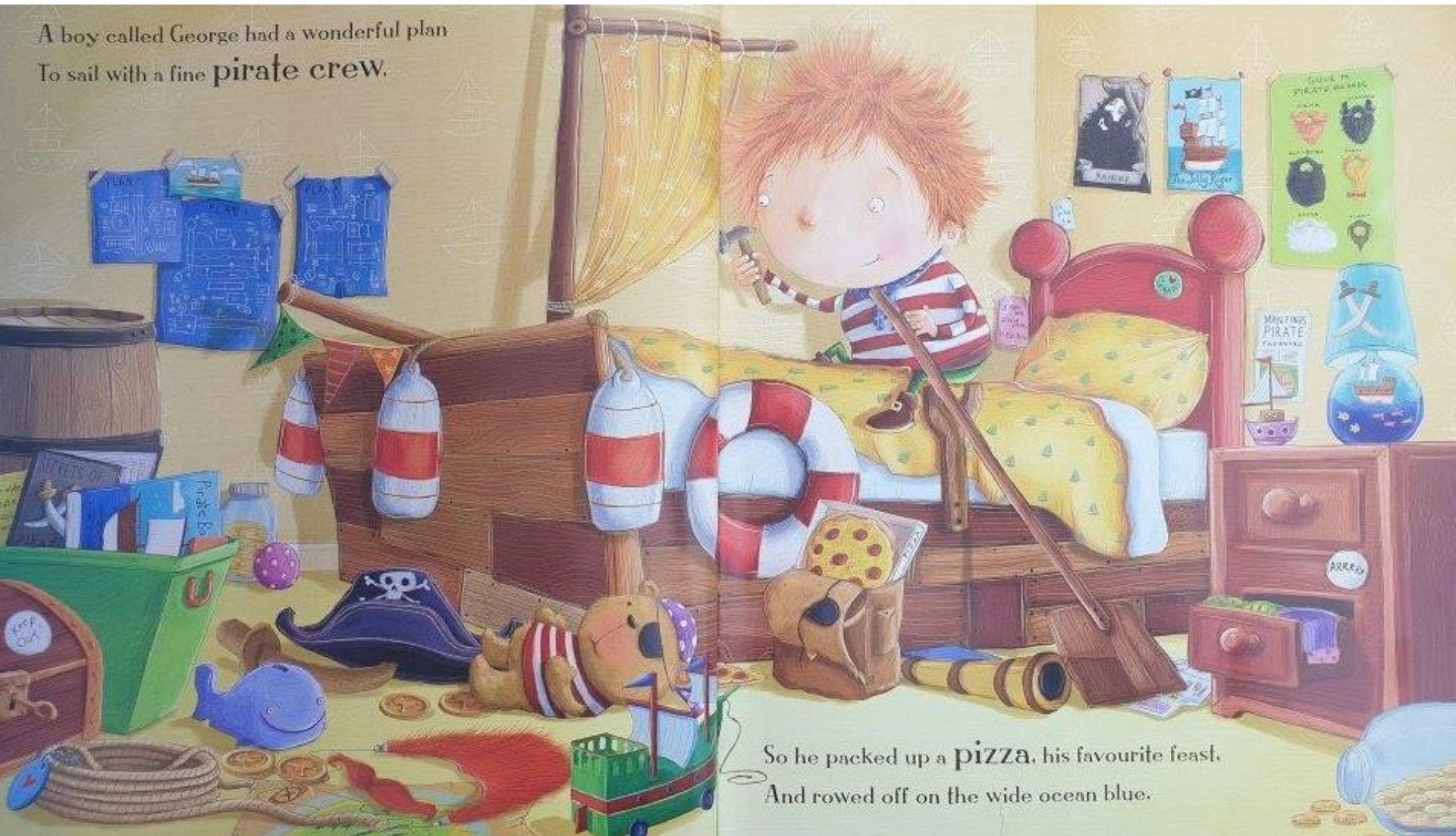
PIZZA

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Pirates



A boy called George had a wonderful plan  
To sail with a fine **pirate crew**.

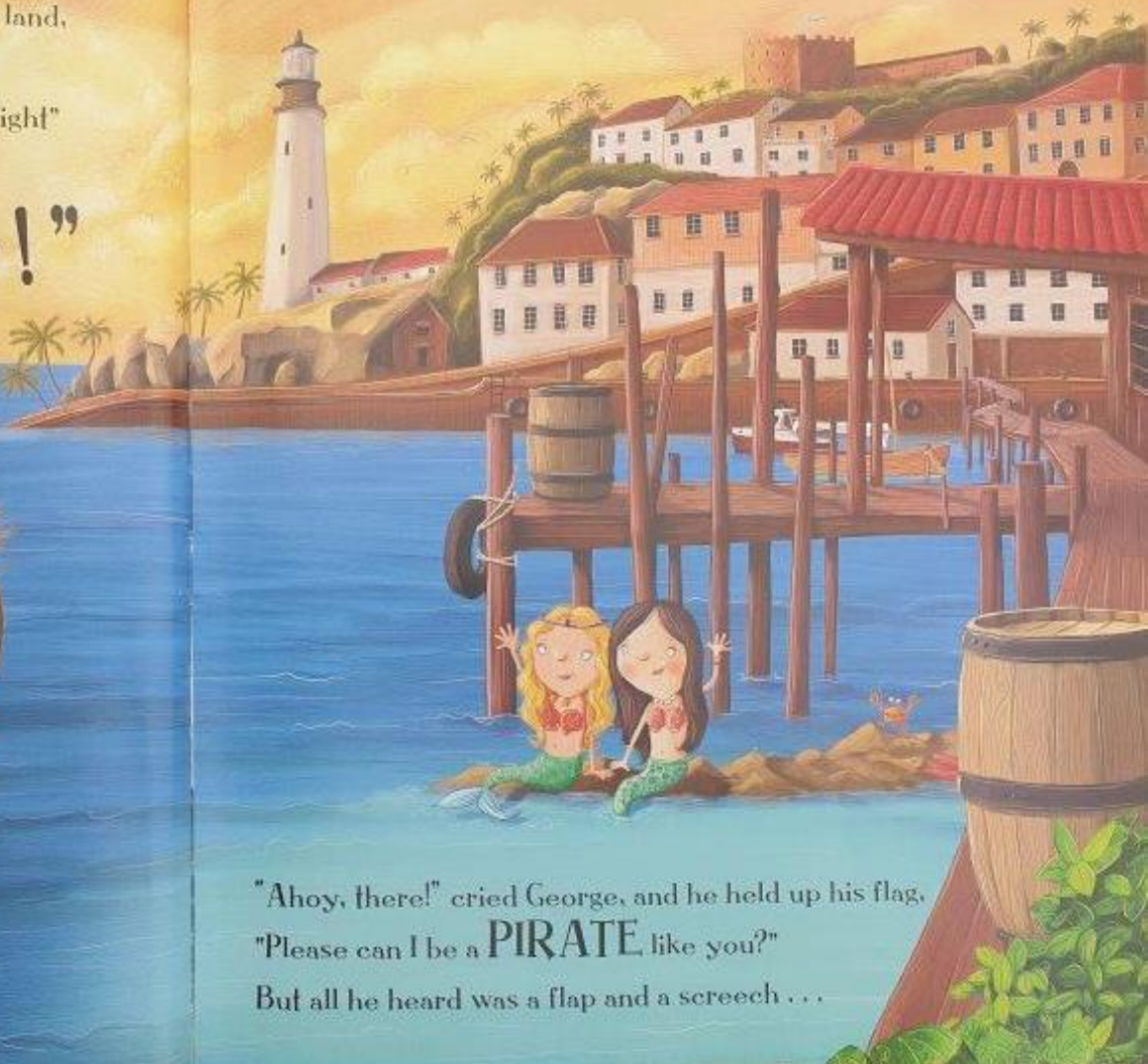
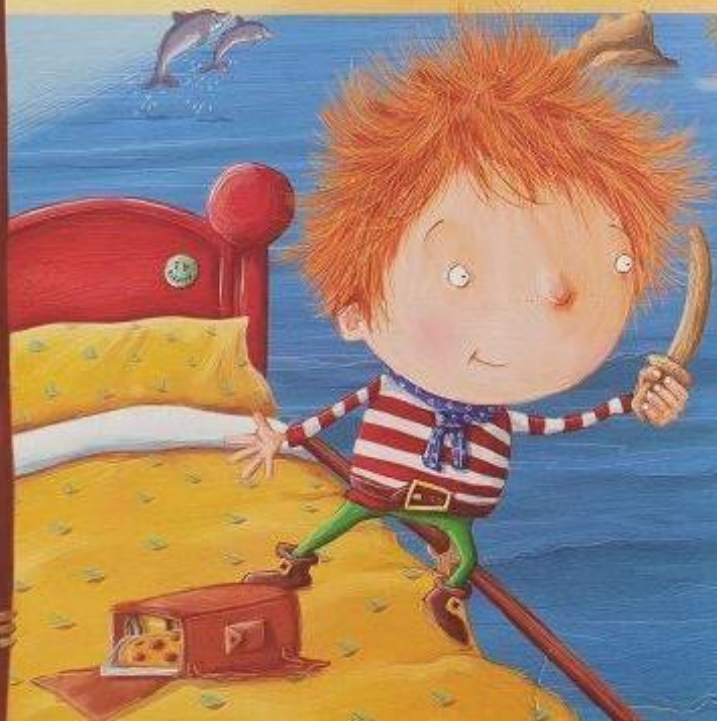


So he packed up a **pizza**, his favourite feast,  
And rowed off on the wide ocean blue.



George travelled for hours till he spotted dry land,  
And saw mermaids on rocks from afar.  
As he steered into port, he heard "Pieces of eight"  
And a loud, croaky voice roaring,

"Arrrrr!"



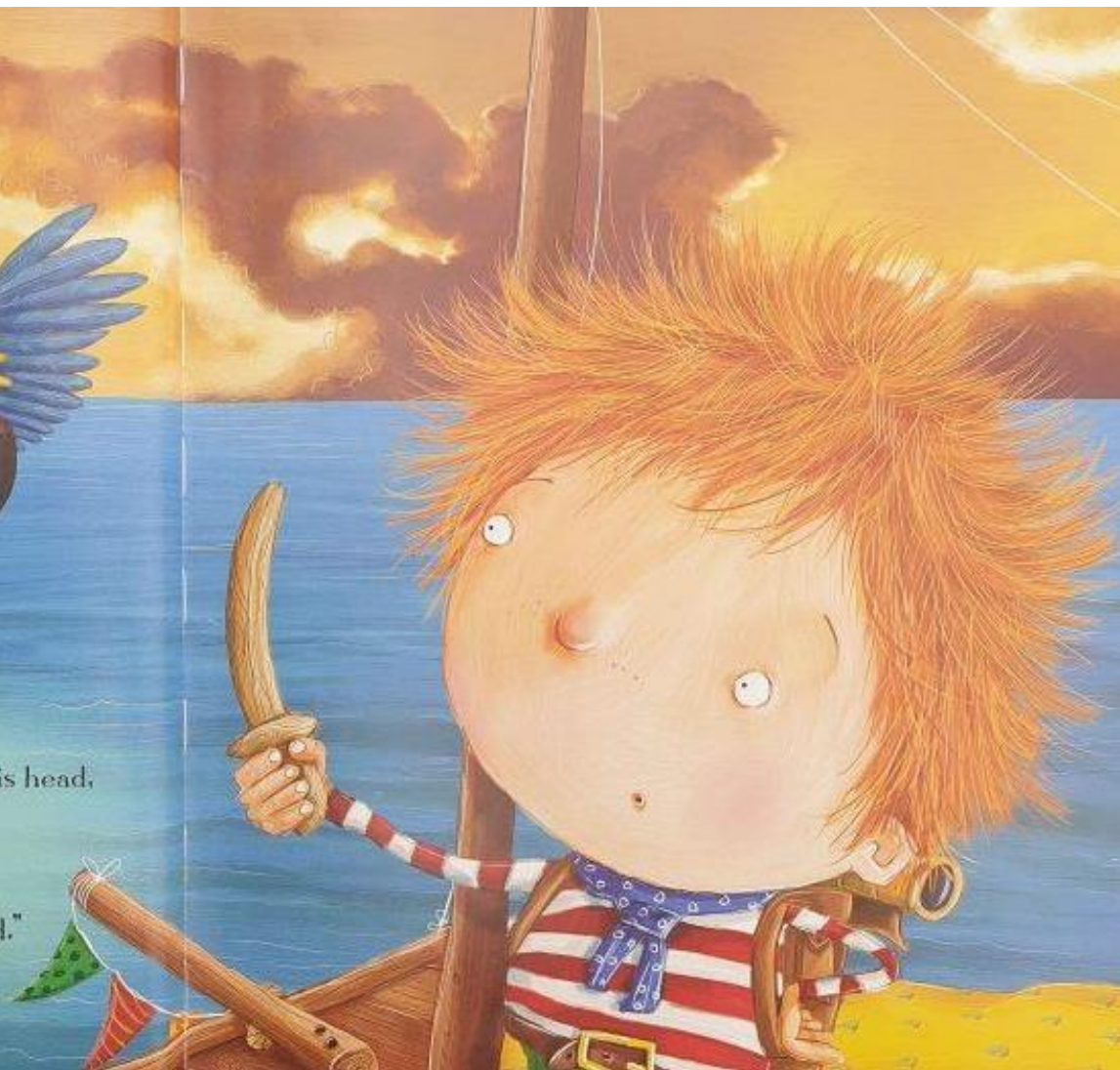
"Ahoy, there!" cried George, and he held up his flag,  
"Please can I be a **PIRATE** like you?"  
But all he heard was a flap and a screech . . .



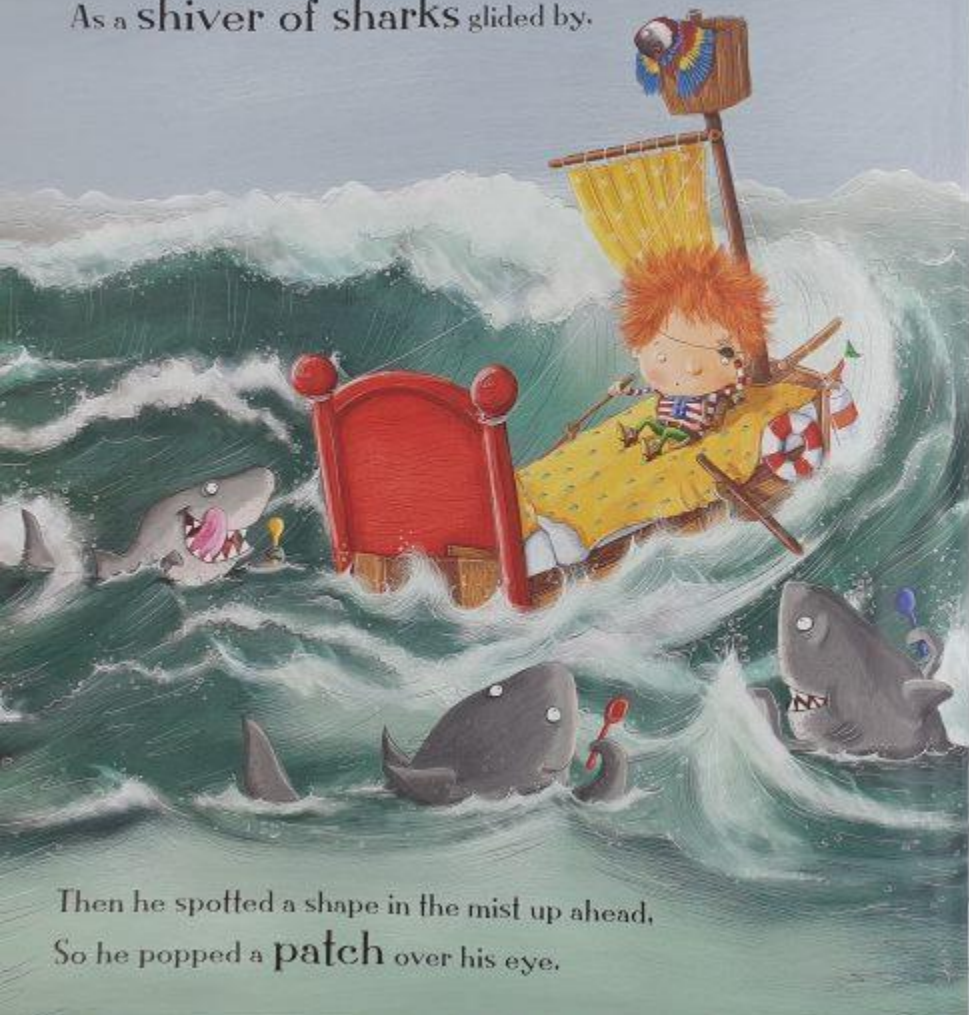
... then a **noisy bird** burst into view!



"I'm a **parrot!**" it squawked, as it perched on his head,  
"And pirates love parrots, I'm told,  
I'll help you to track down a whole pirate crew,  
And we'll find **treasure chests** full of gold."

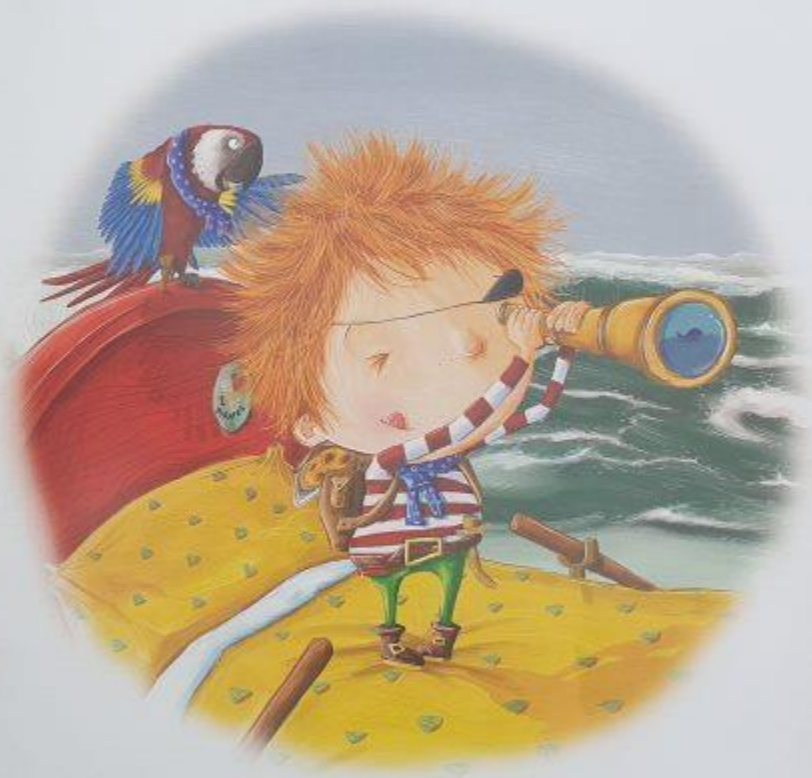


George steered his boat through the choppy green waves,  
As a **shiver** of sharks glided by.



Then he spotted a shape in the mist up ahead,  
So he popped a **patch** over his eye.

"Is it a **pirate ship**?" George asked the bird.  
The parrot screeched, "Where is its sail?"

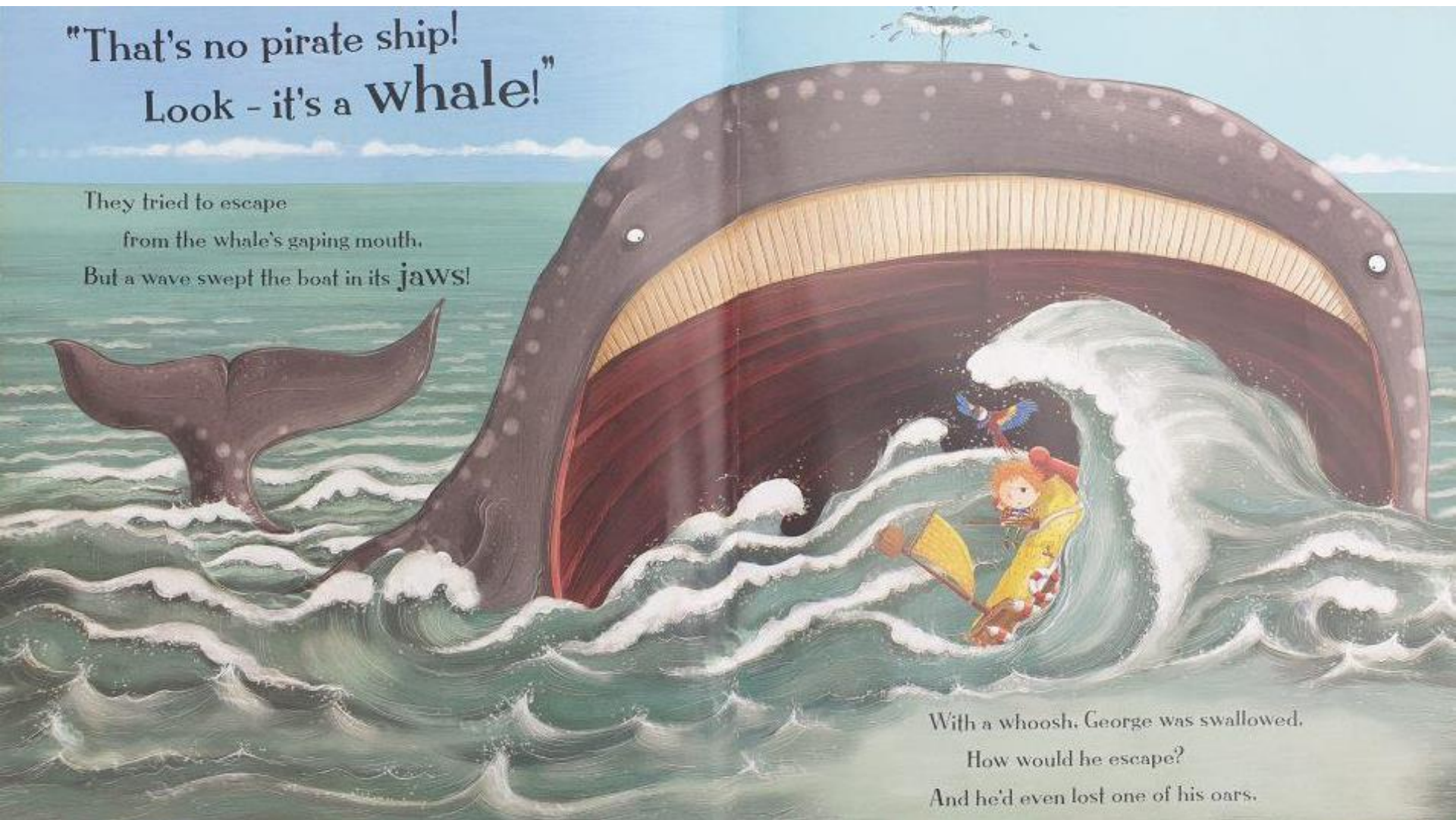


George peered through the telescope and gave a cry . . .



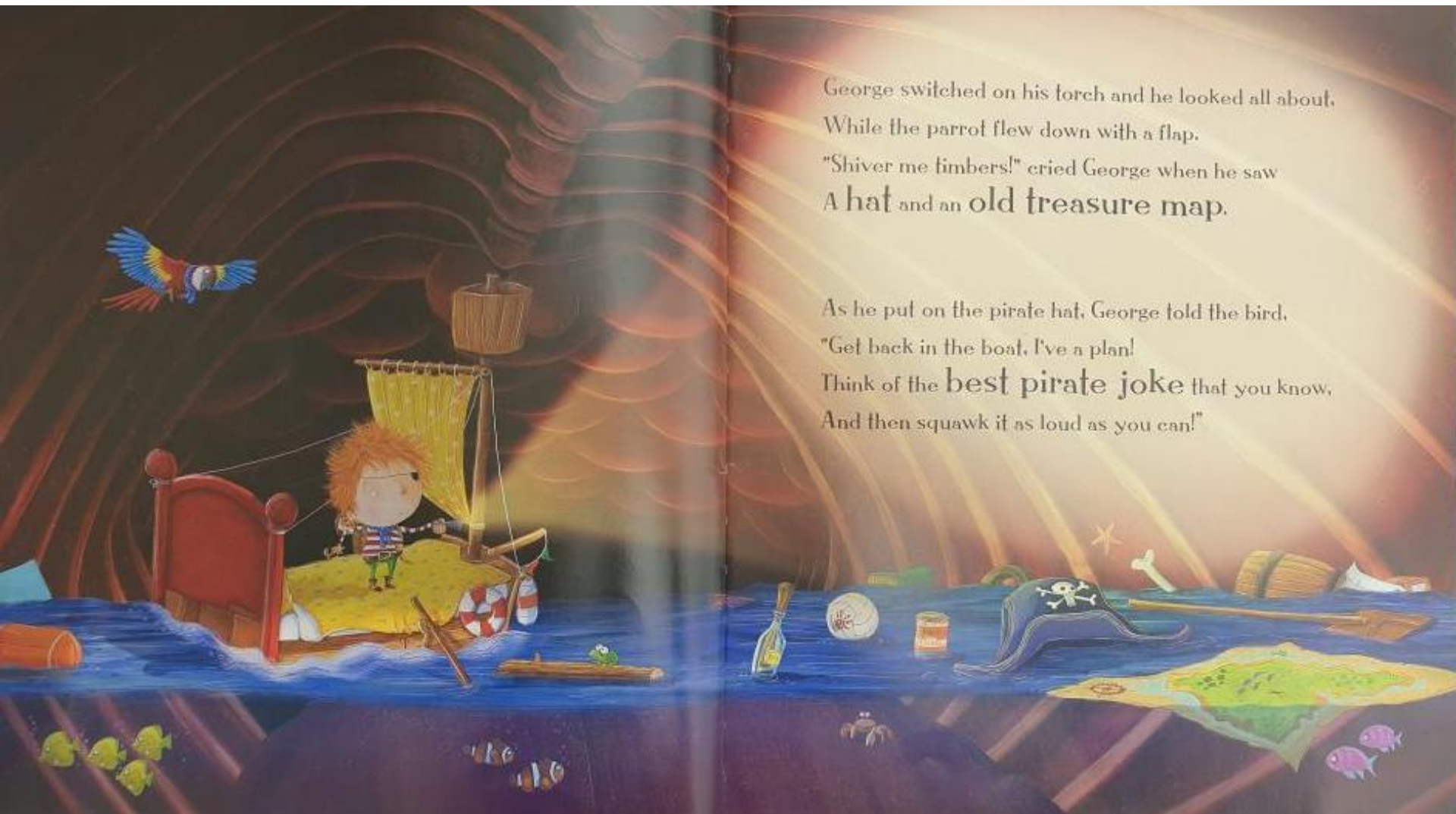
"That's no pirate ship!  
Look - it's a whale!"

They tried to escape  
from the whale's gaping mouth,  
But a wave swept the boat in its jaws!



With a whoosh, George was swallowed.  
How would he escape?  
And he'd even lost one of his oars.



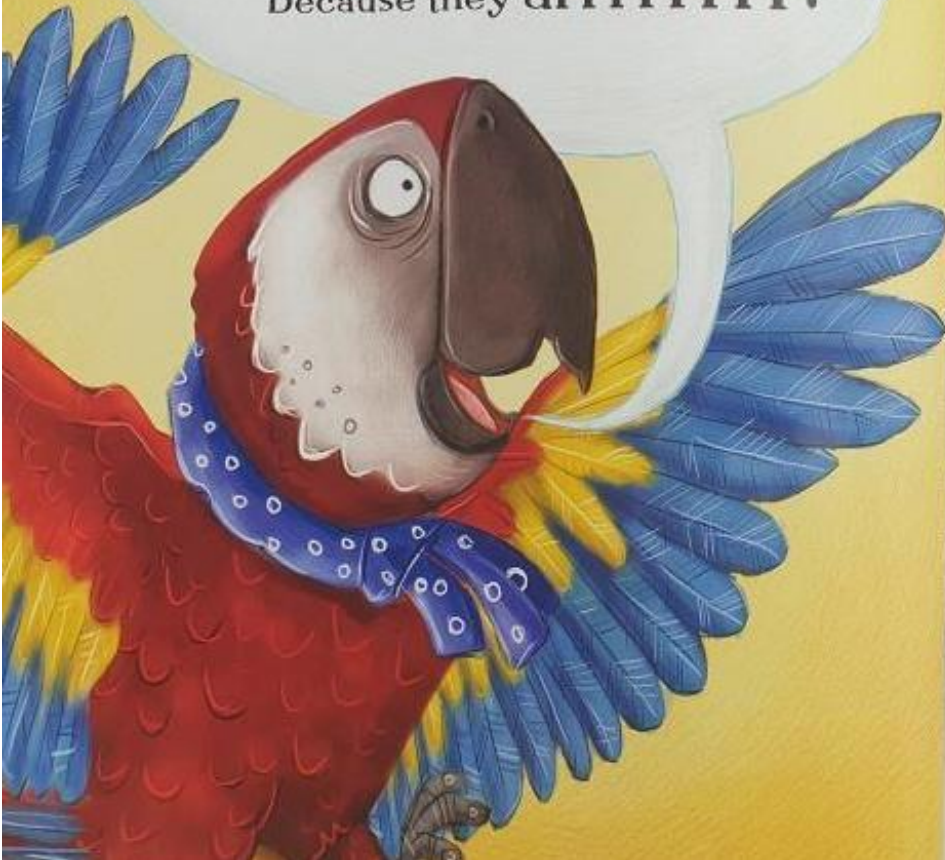


George switched on his torch and he looked all about,  
While the parrot flew down with a flap.  
"Shiver me timbers!" cried George when he saw  
A hat and an old treasure map.

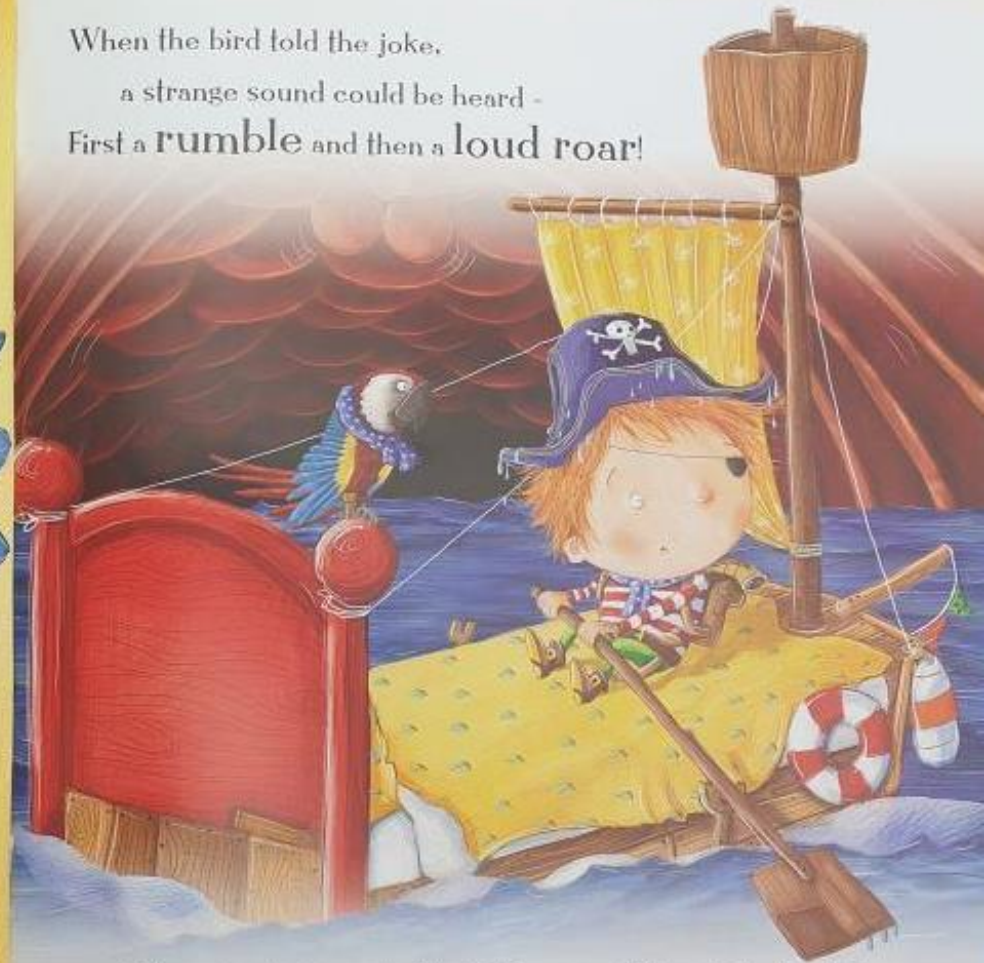
As he put on the pirate hat, George told the bird,  
"Get back in the boat, I've a plan!  
Think of the best pirate joke that you know,  
And then squawk it as loud as you can!"



Why are pirates called 'pirates'?  
Because they **arrrrrrrrrr!**



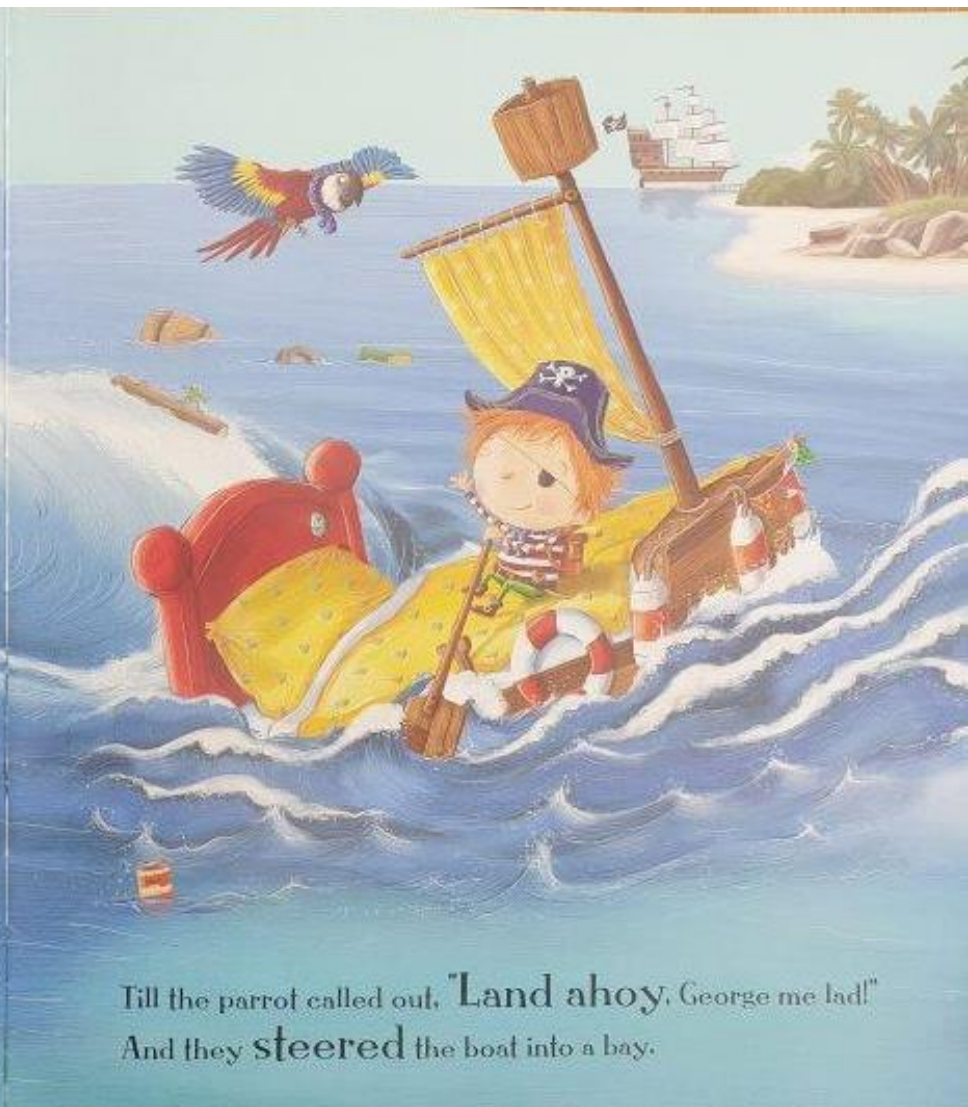
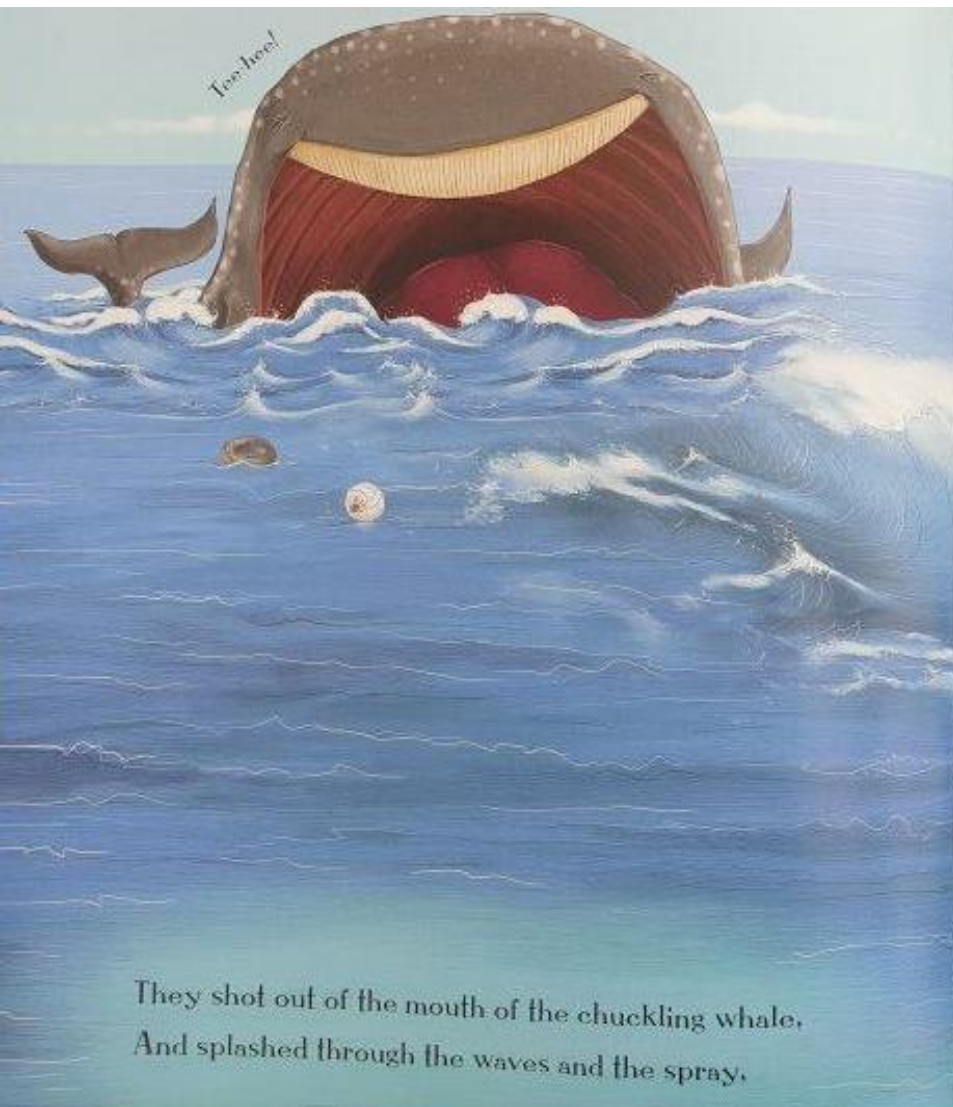
When the bird told the joke,  
a strange sound could be heard -  
First a **rumble** and then a **loud roar!**



"The whale's laughing!" said George, with a sigh of relief,  
Then he paddled like mad with his oar.

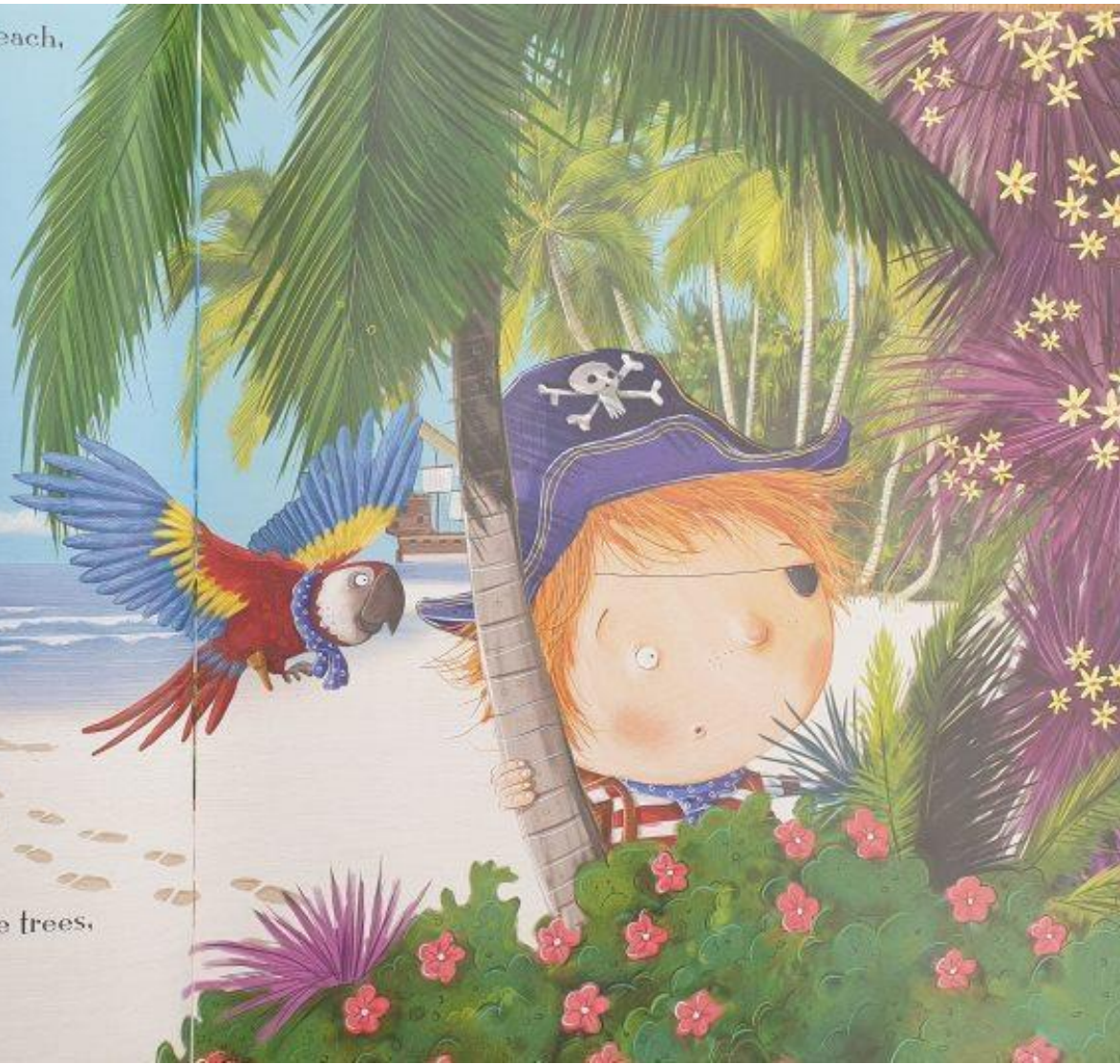




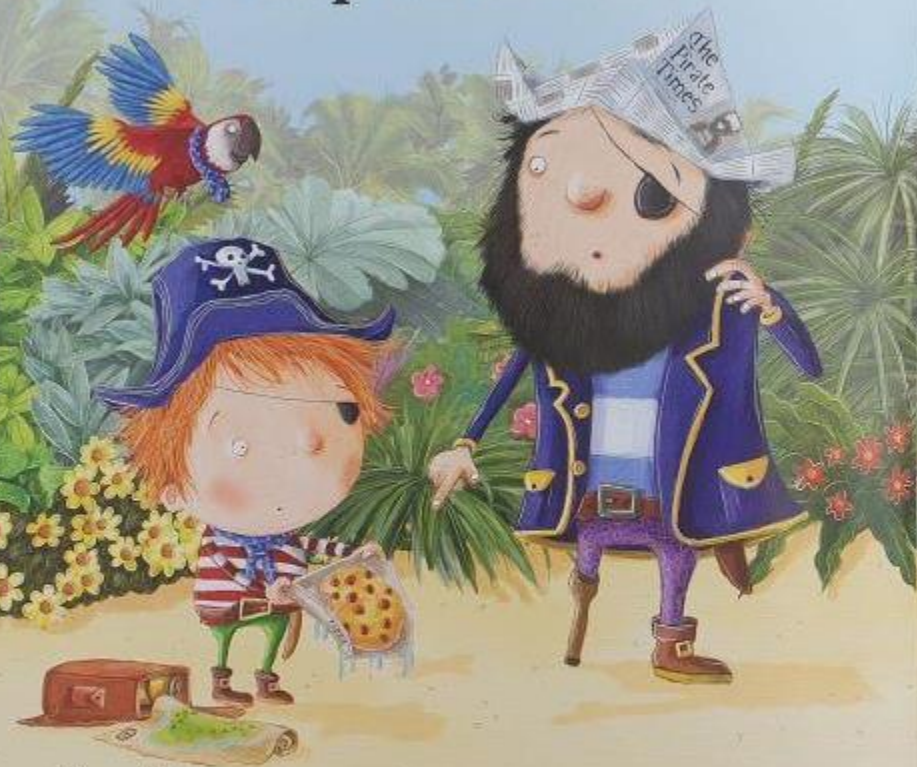


George stepped on to the sand, then he crept up the beach,  
While above him his parrot friend flew.

At the sound of loud voices, he peered through the trees,  
And saw there . . .



...a real pirate crew!



"Avast there, me hearties!" called George with a wave,  
"Please can I be a pirate, like you?"  
Then he held out a dripping wet box and announced,  
"I brought **pizza** for the whole crew!"

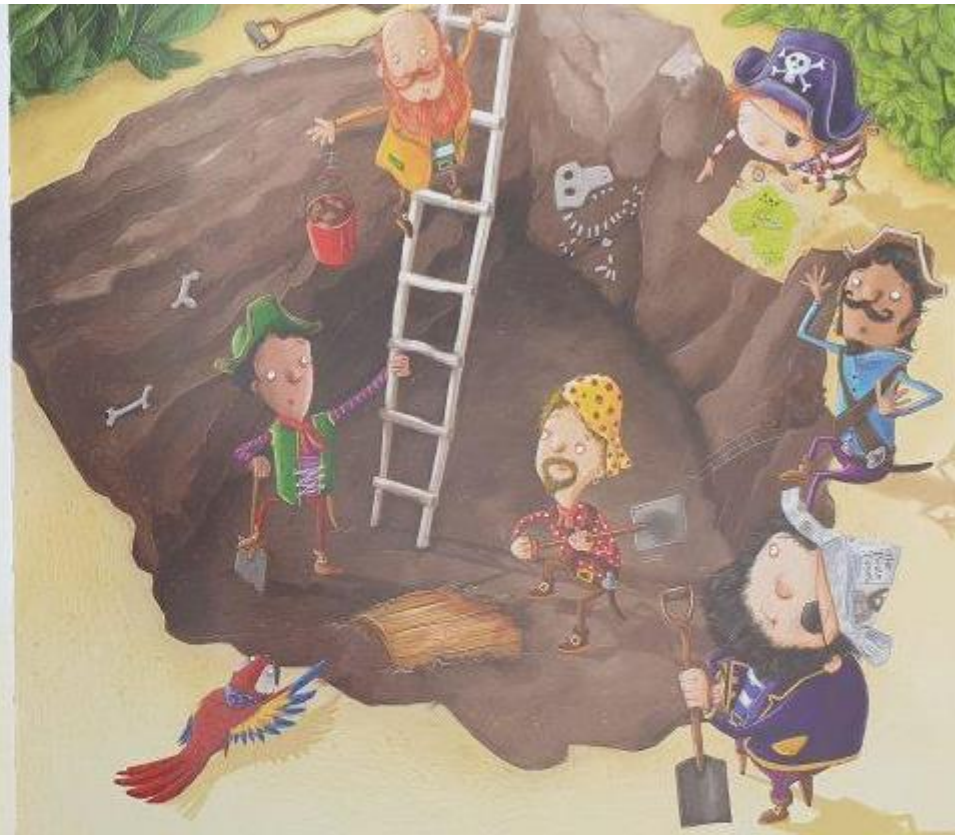
The Captain squirmed, "Matey, you seem a fine lad,  
But that thing you call pizza looks **YUCK!**"



Then he gasped as he stared down at George's wet head,  
"You've found my **best hat** - we're in luck!"



"Is my treasure map with it?" the Captain asked George.  
"I lost them both long, long ago."  
"Yes, it is!" exclaimed George, and he held up the map.  
Then he read it and shouted, "Let's go!"



They walked this way and that, till George came to a stop.  
"It's here," he said, "Dig! No one rest!"  
The shipmates worked hard in the burning hot sun.  
Till they'd dug up . . .





... a huge **treasure** chest!



But while the pirates grabbed handfuls of gold  
A **green tentacle** crept up the beach!



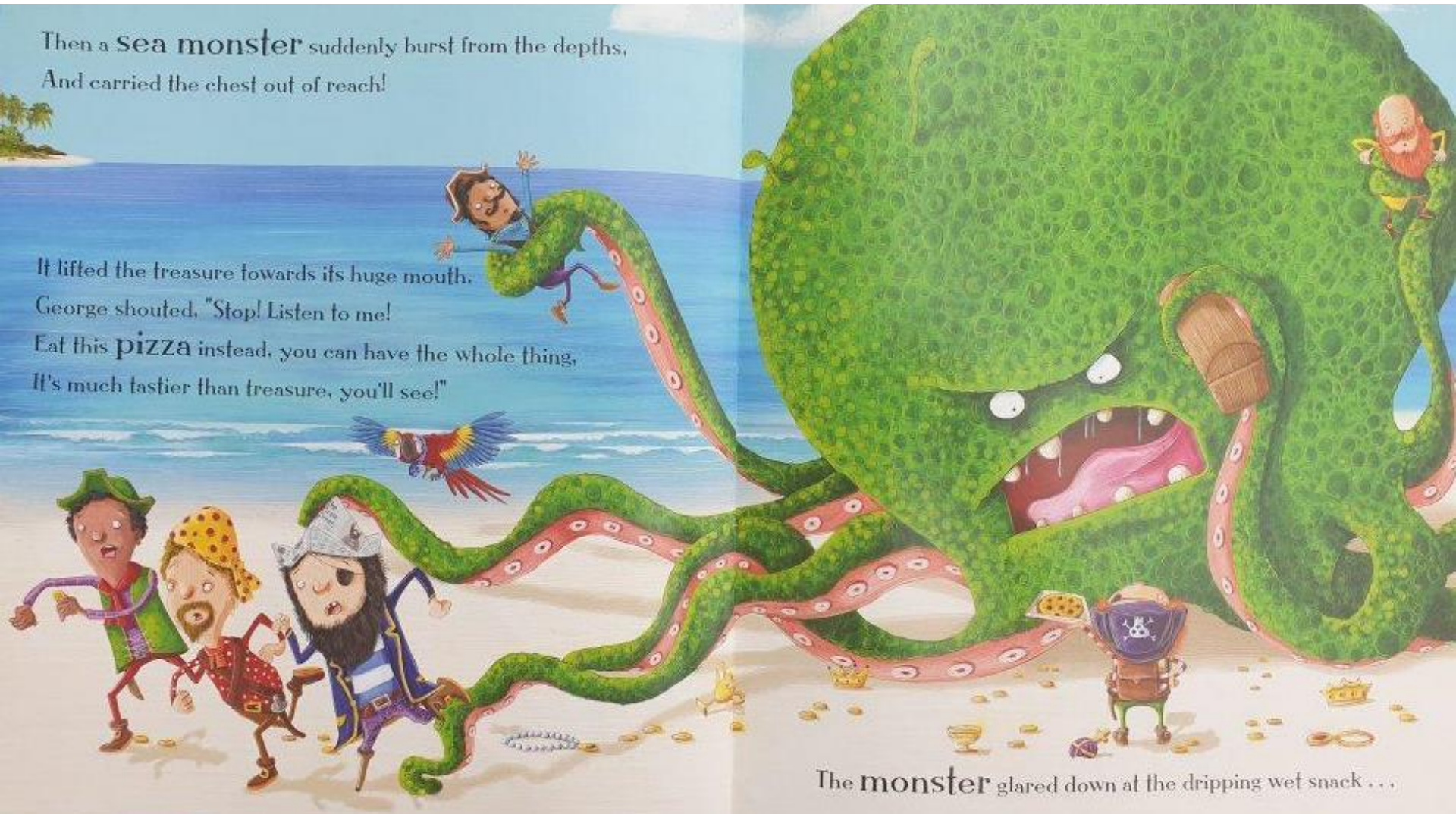
Then a **sea monster** suddenly burst from the depths,  
And carried the chest out of reach!

It lifted the treasure towards its huge mouth.

George shouted, "Stop! Listen to me!

Eat this **PIZZA** instead, you can have the whole thing,

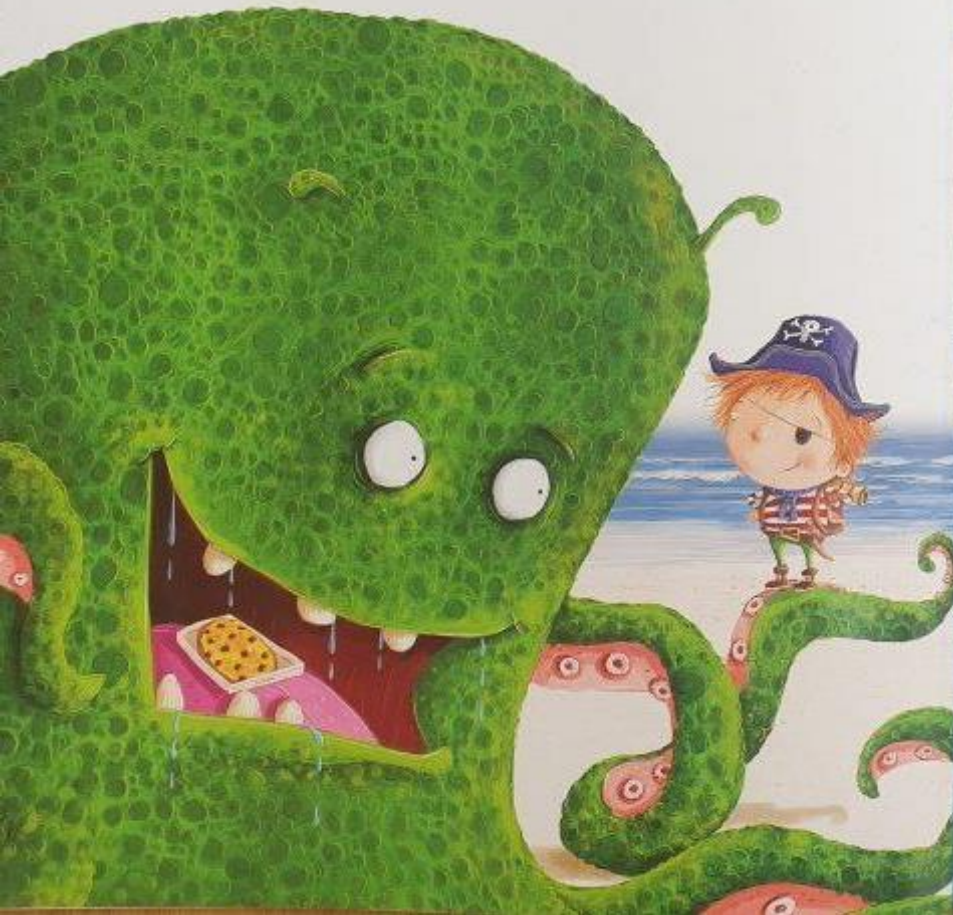
It's much tastier than treasure, you'll see!"



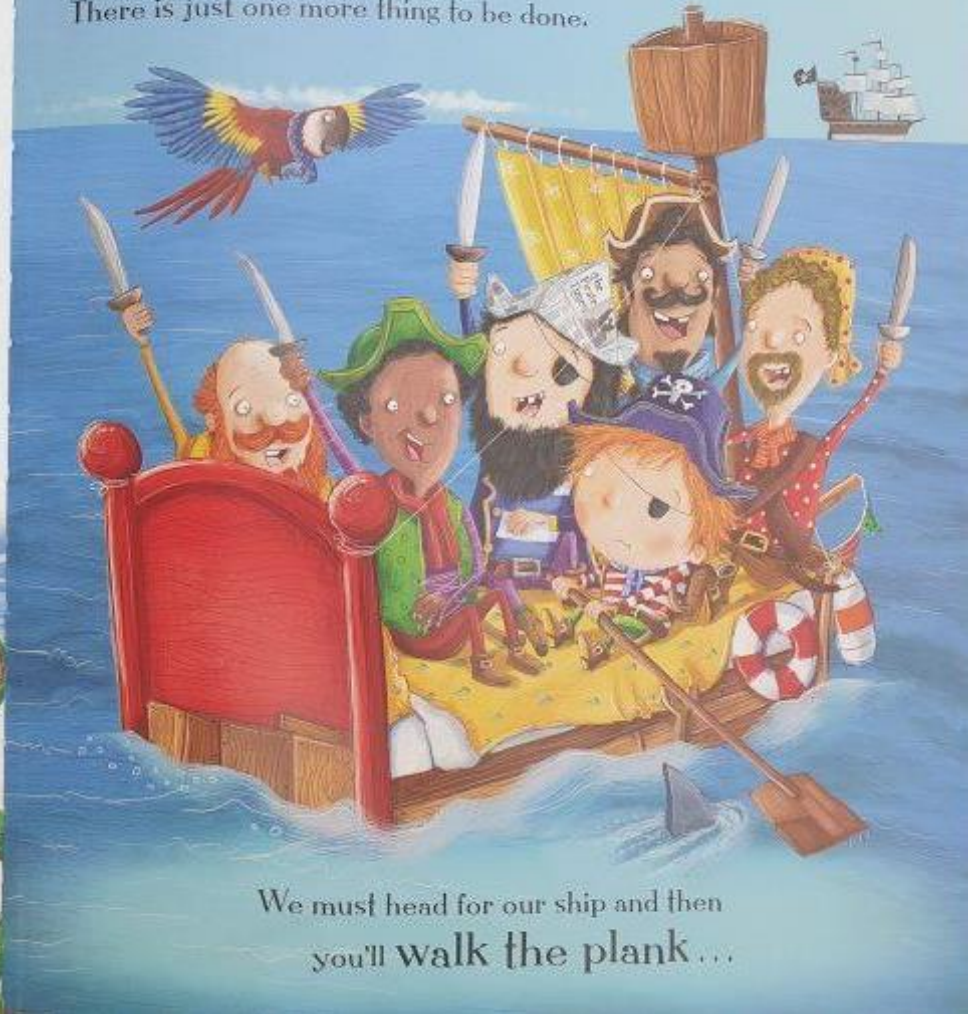
The **monster** glared down at the dripping wet snack . . .



Then it gobbled it up in one bite!  
It put down the chest and the crew roared, "George lad,  
You're the best kind of pirate, all right!"

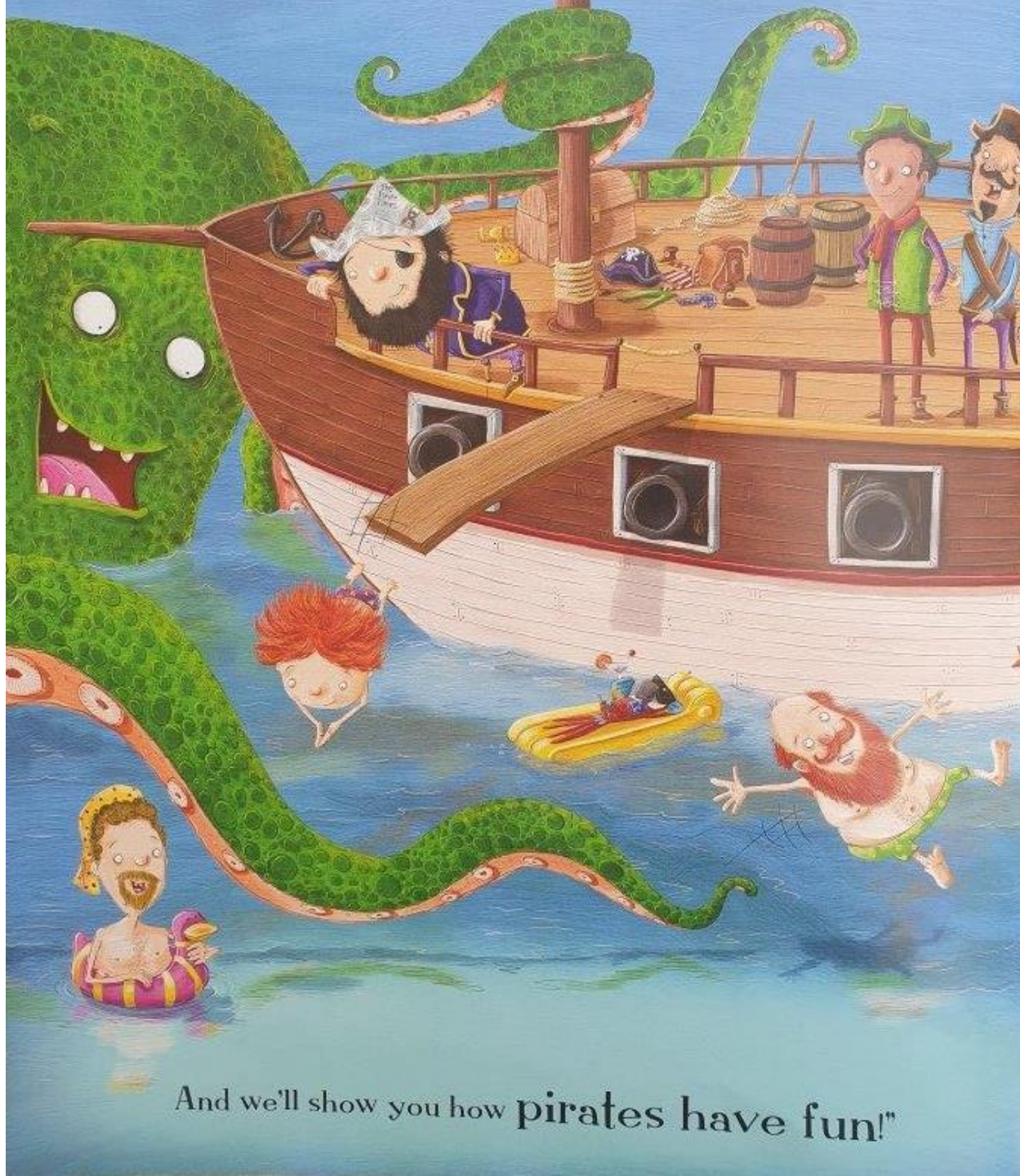


Then the Captain said, "George, now you're one of the crew,  
There is just one more thing to be done.



We must head for our ship and then  
you'll walk the plank...





And we'll show you how **pirates** have fun!"

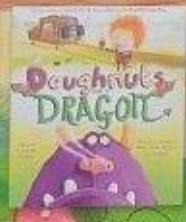
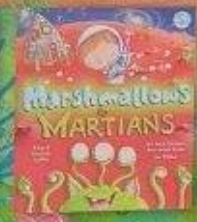




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Seeking strange creatures and treasure, too.  
Discover the swashbuckling adventure he finds.  
And learn what real pirates do!

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