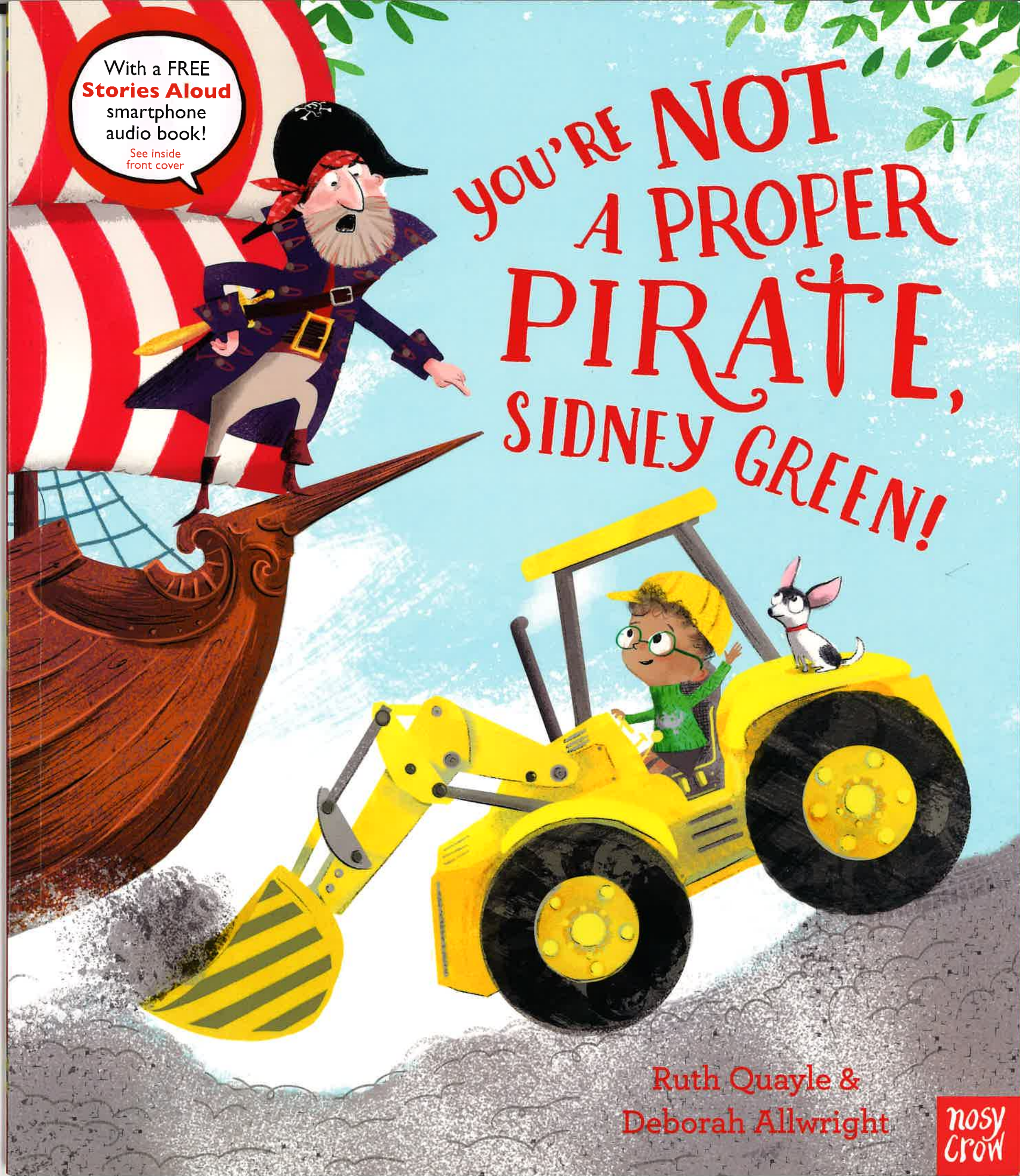


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YOU'RE NOT
A PROPER
PIRATE,
SIDNEY GREEN!





On an ordinary day way back in
history, like 4 or 5 or 19 weeks ago,
Sidney Green and his dog, Jemima,
were just playing, when ...

a letter arrived.



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The letter said:



Dear Sidney Green,

You have spent too long just playing. It's time to become a proper pirate. Please report to me immediately.

Yours heartily,

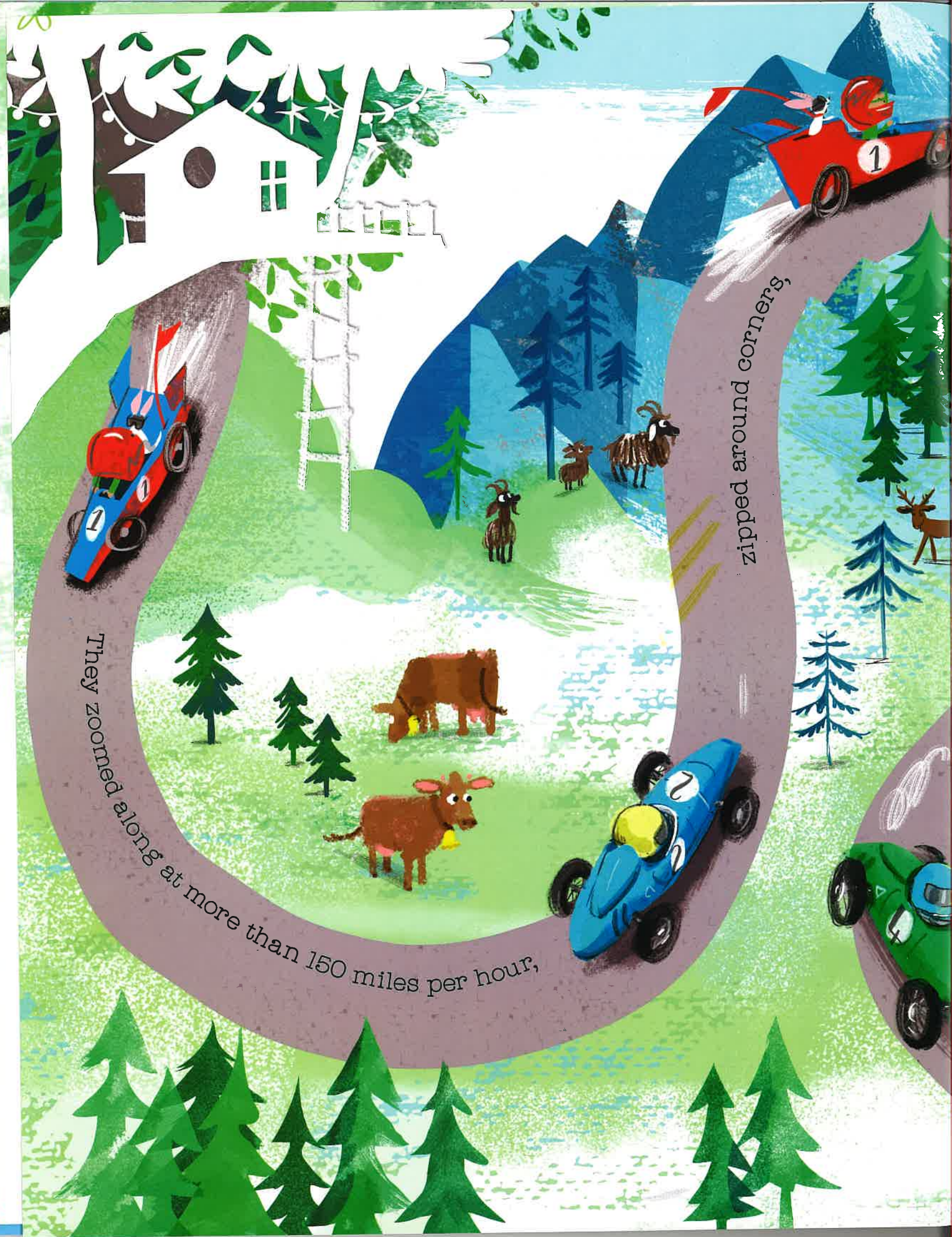
*Captain
Shipshape*

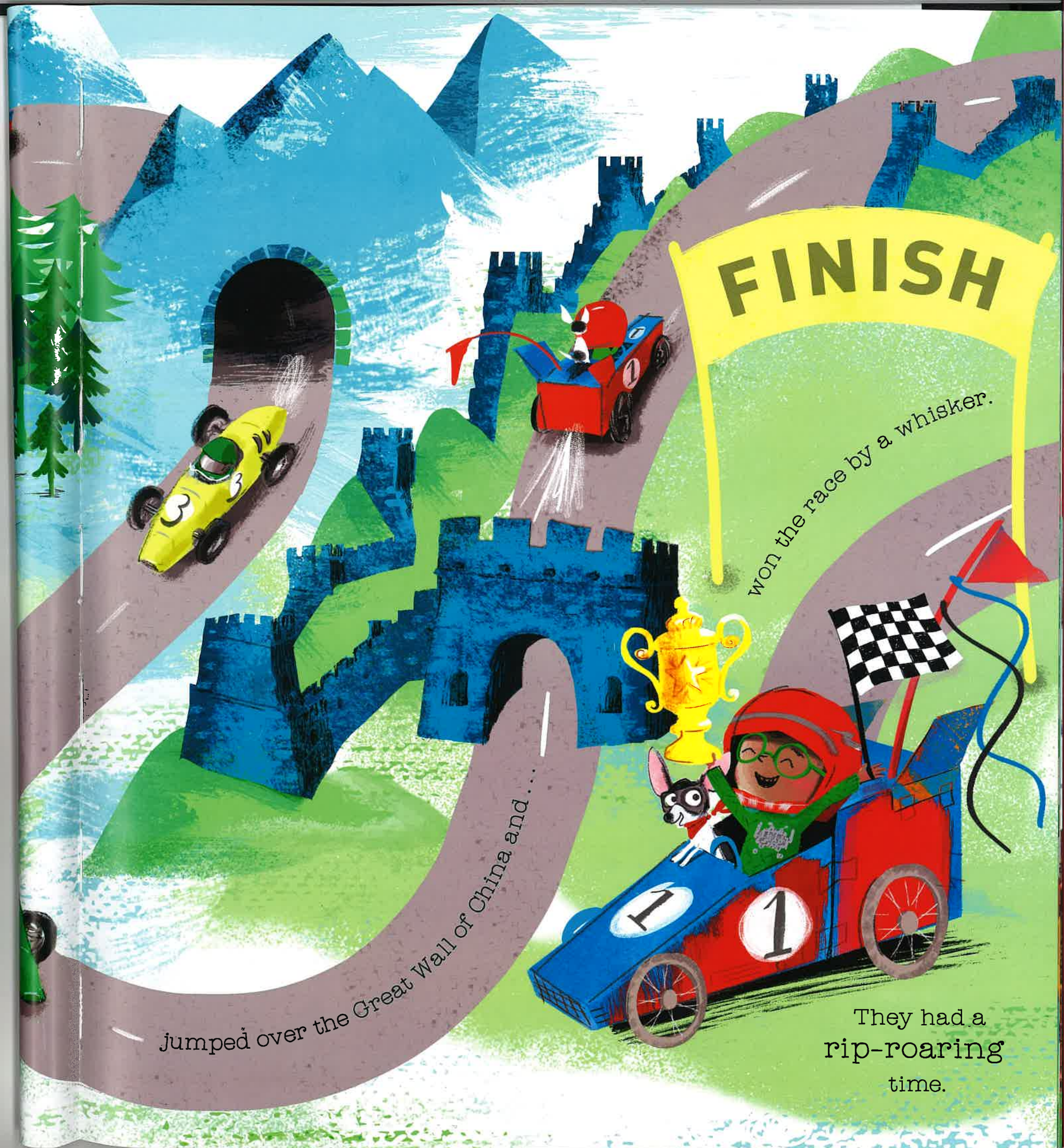


"Being a proper pirate sounds like fun,"
Sidney Green told Jemima. "But first we
need to compete in a Very Important Race."
So he wrote a quick note back to Captain Shipshape:
"I'll come in a minute."



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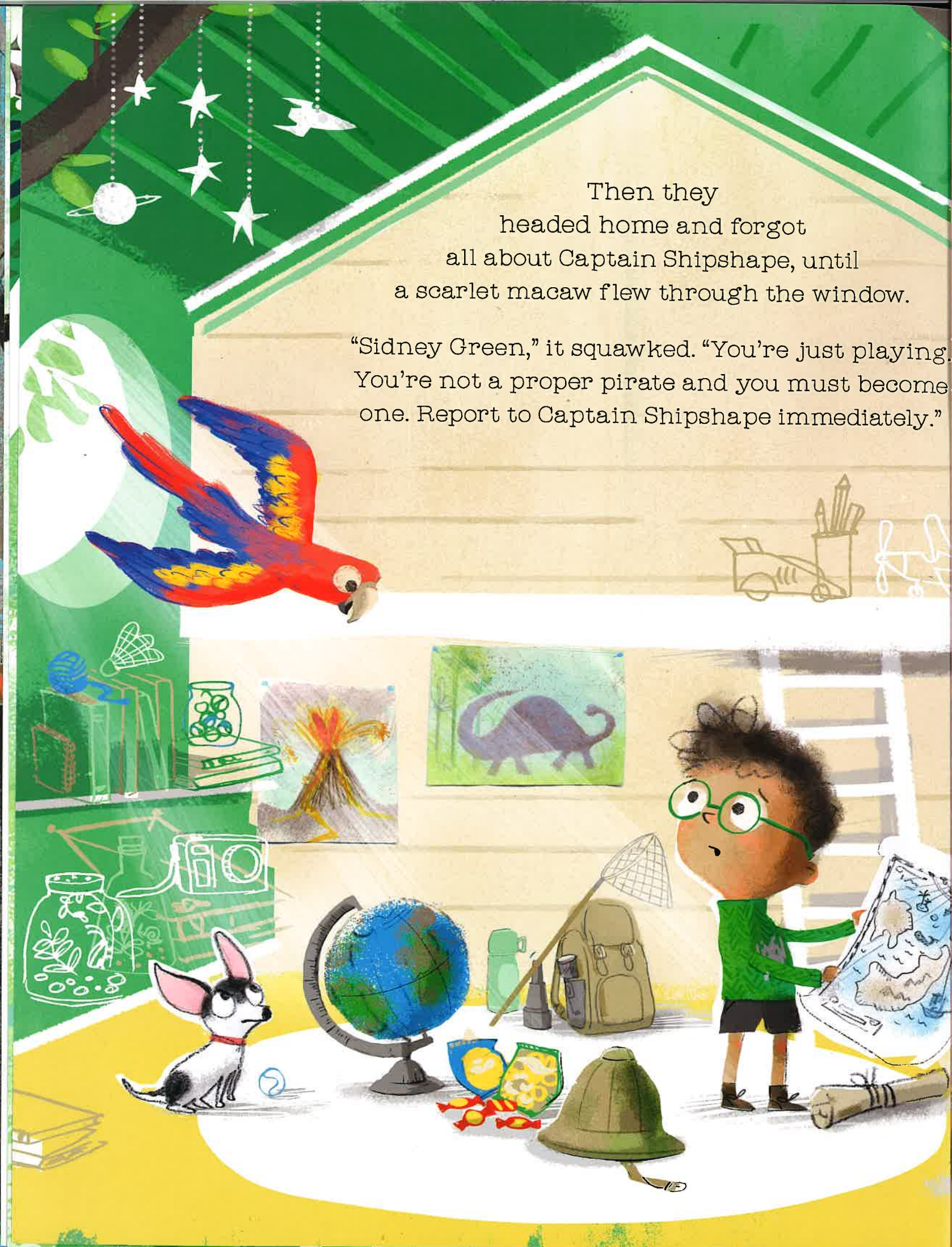
won the race by a whisker.

jumped over the Great Wall of China and...

They had a
rip-roaring
time.

Then they
headed home and forgot
all about Captain Shipshape, until
a scarlet macaw flew through the window.

"Sidney Green," it squawked. "You're just playing.
You're not a proper pirate and you must become
one. Report to Captain Shipshape immediately."



"I'll come in a minute," said Sidney Green,
"but we're just in the middle of a Very
Important Expedition."

"Oooh," said the scarlet macaw.
"That sounds exciting. Can I join in?"

So they all set off for Africa . . .



They got lost
in the ocean,

tumbled down a waterfall,



nearly got eaten by a shark,

but arrived in Africa
just in time ... for a
hippo's birthday party.

They had a
rip-roaring
time.



Then they went home and forgot
all about Captain Shipshape, until
there was a loud knock on the



"Sidney Green," said three
smart pirates with shiny
cutlasses. "You're just playing.
You're not a proper pirate
and you must become one.
Report to Captain Shipshape
immediately."



"I'll come in a minute," said Sidney Green,
"but we're just in the middle of a Very
Important Building Project."

"Hmmm," said the pirates.
"That looks interesting.
Can we join in?"

So they all started to build
an enormous castle . . .



It had ...

23 turrets,





17 dungeons

and a moat
full of
crocodiles.

They had a
rip-roaring
time.

Back home, they were just cooling
off with a glass of lemonade, when

Captain Shipshape
himself arrived.

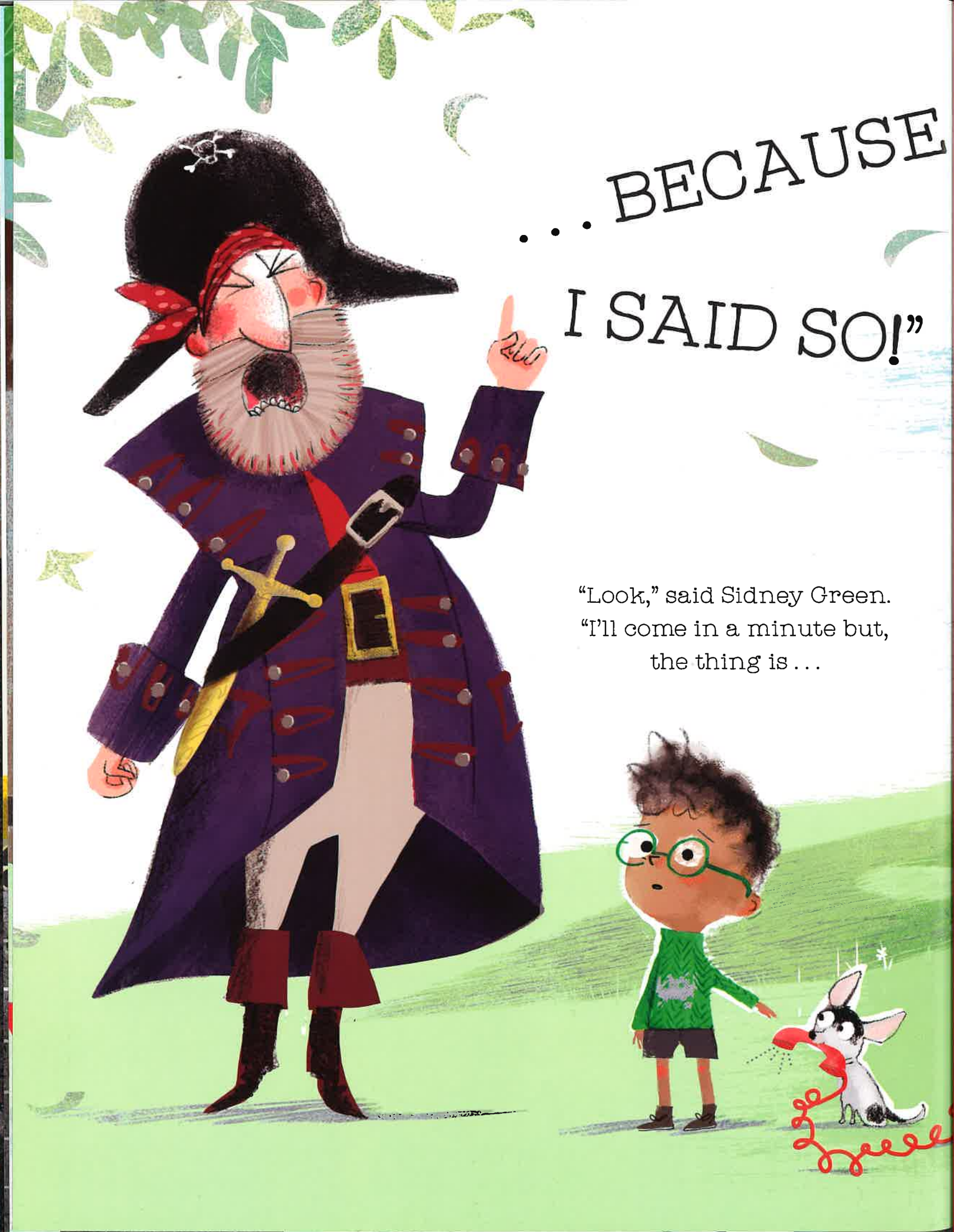




"You're NOT a proper pirate, Sidney Green!" roared Captain Shipshape. "You're just playing! We have so much to do and so little time. I need to keep my ship shipshape. You MUST become a proper pirate right now because . . ."

... BECAUSE
I SAID SO!"

"Look," said Sidney Green.
"I'll come in a minute but,
the thing is ...





I've just received a Very Important Phone Call.
Aliens are planning to attack Earth and we
need to stop them."



Captain Shipshape turned bright red.
He opened his mouth to start shouting
again, when ...

DONK!

... a piece of flying moon rock
landed on his head.

“Wait for me!”
cried Captain Shipshape.



"Well," said Sidney Green.
"If you're going to be in my
crew, I think you'd better
wear a space helmet too."

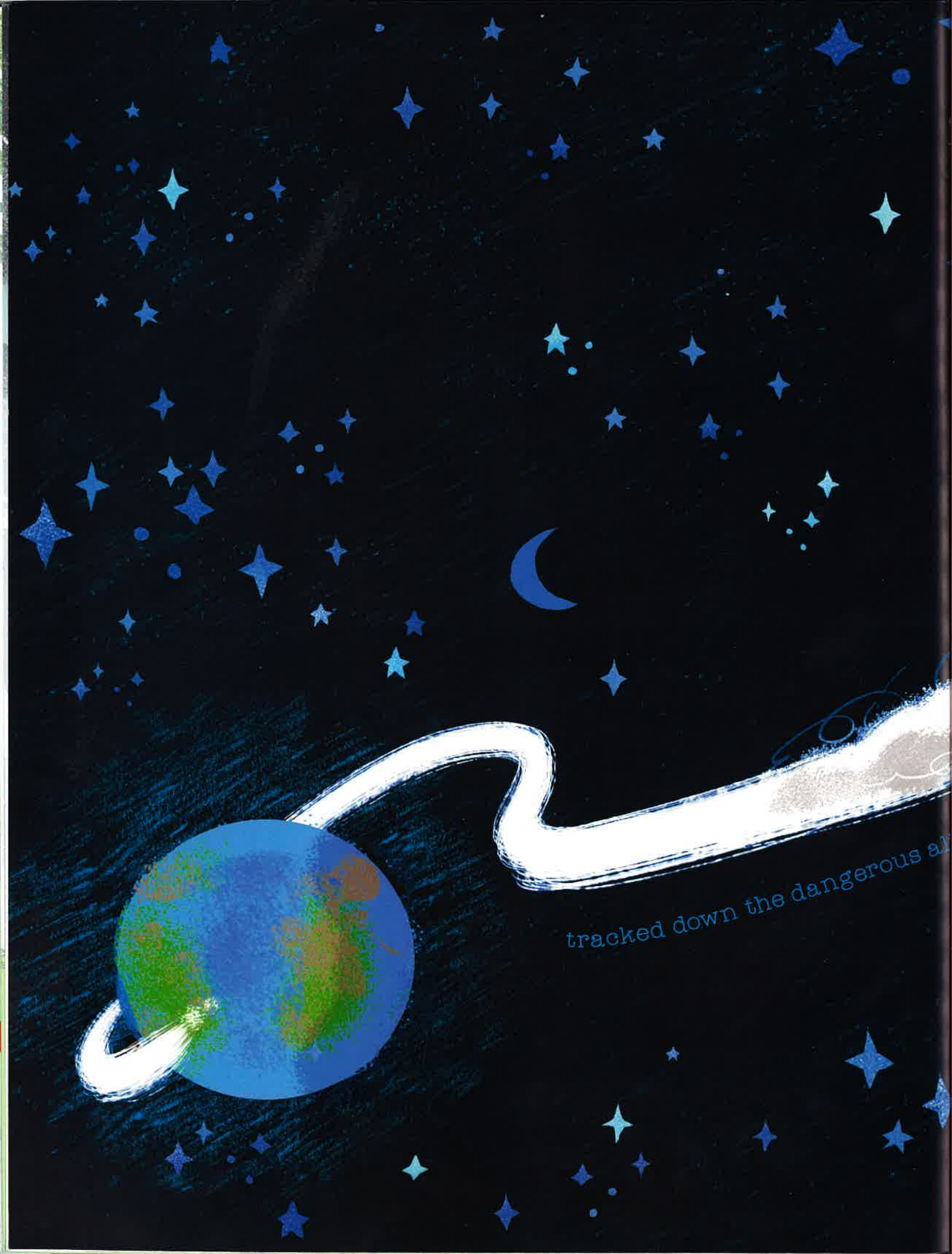
So they all fastened their
helmets securely.

Then they blasted into outer space . . .





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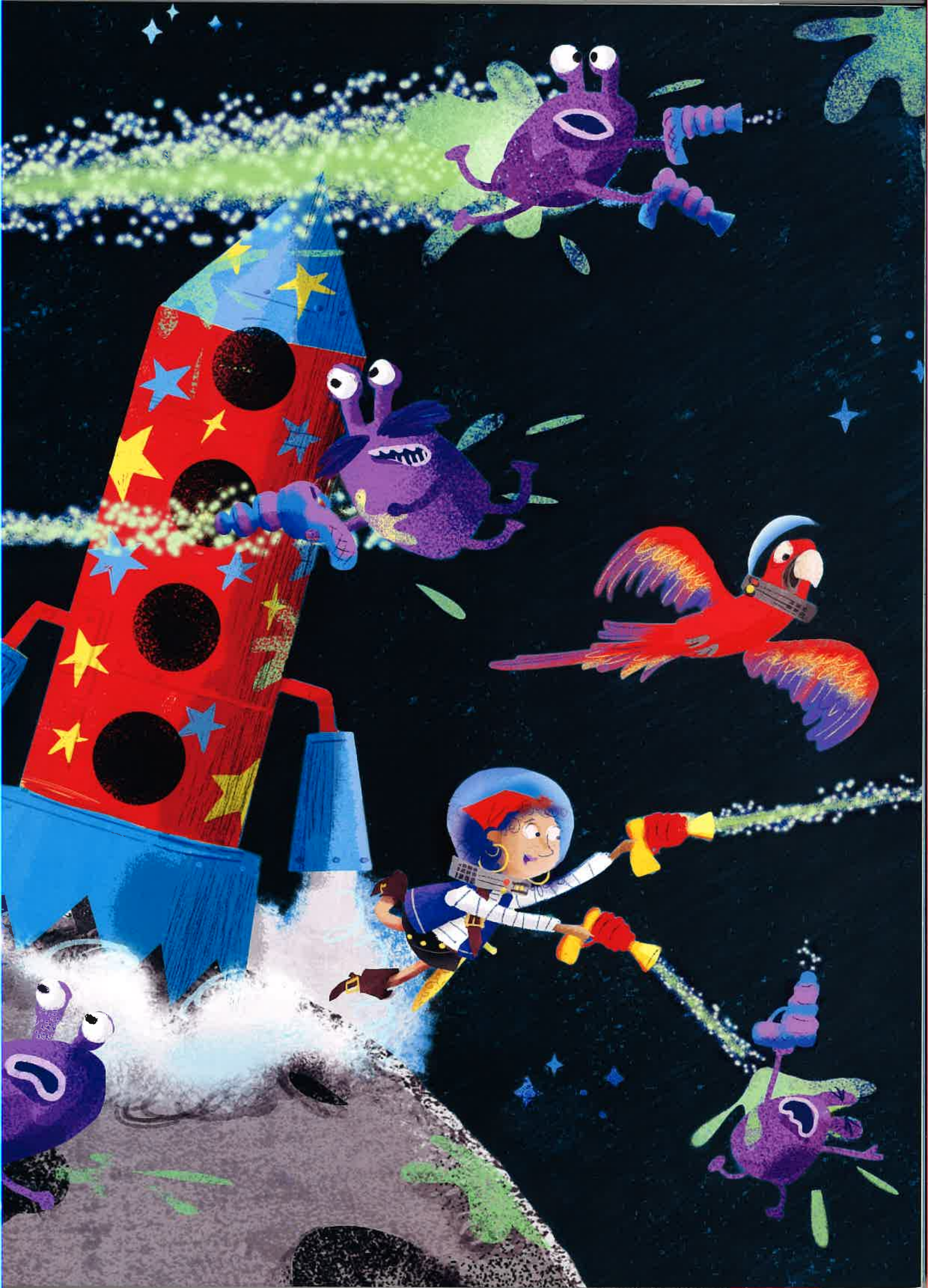
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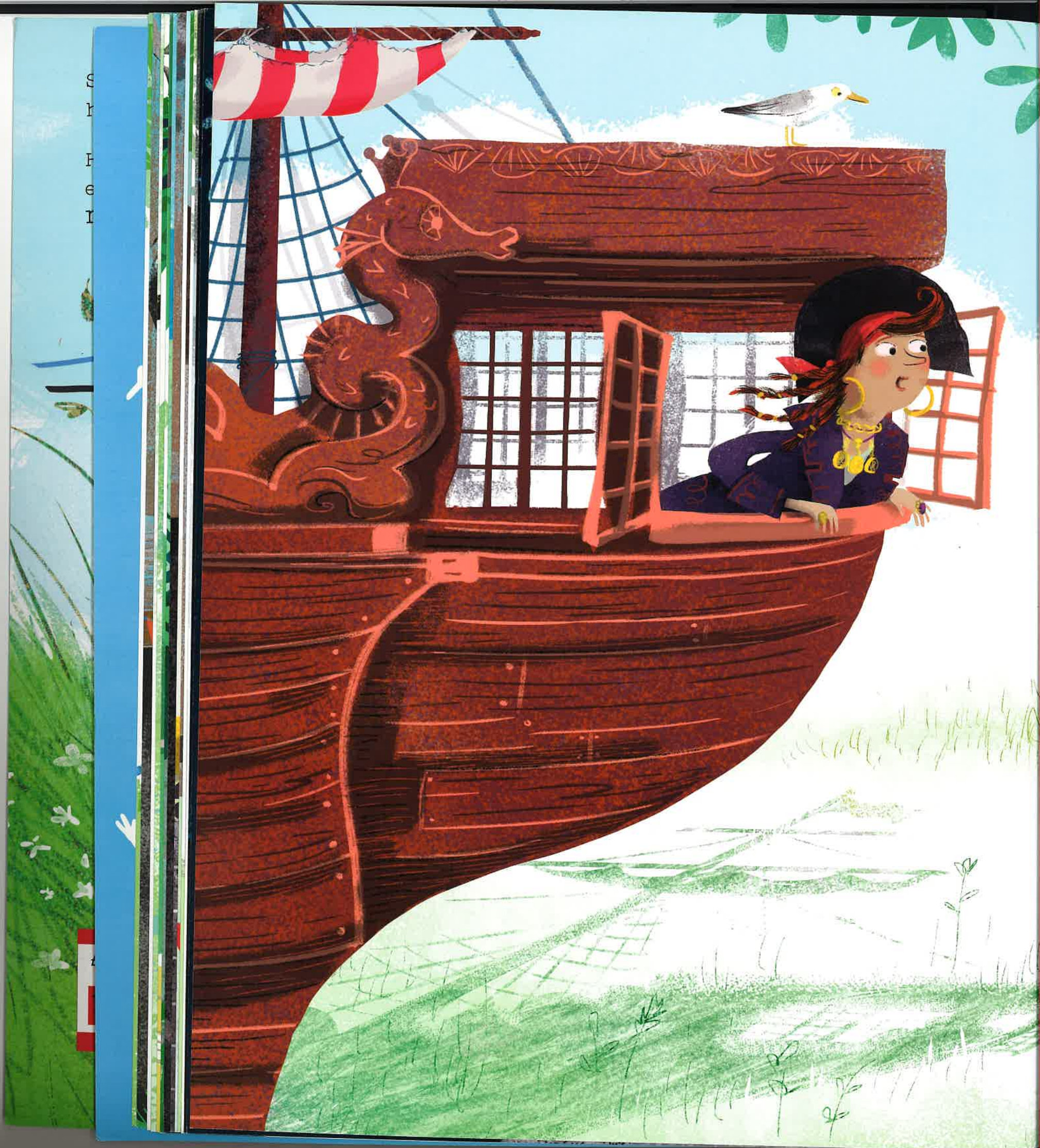


and chased them back to
a far and distant planet.

And they all had
an absolutely
RIP-ROARING
time.







Back home, they were just having a rest
in Sidney Green's sandpit, when ...

Mrs Shipshape arrived.

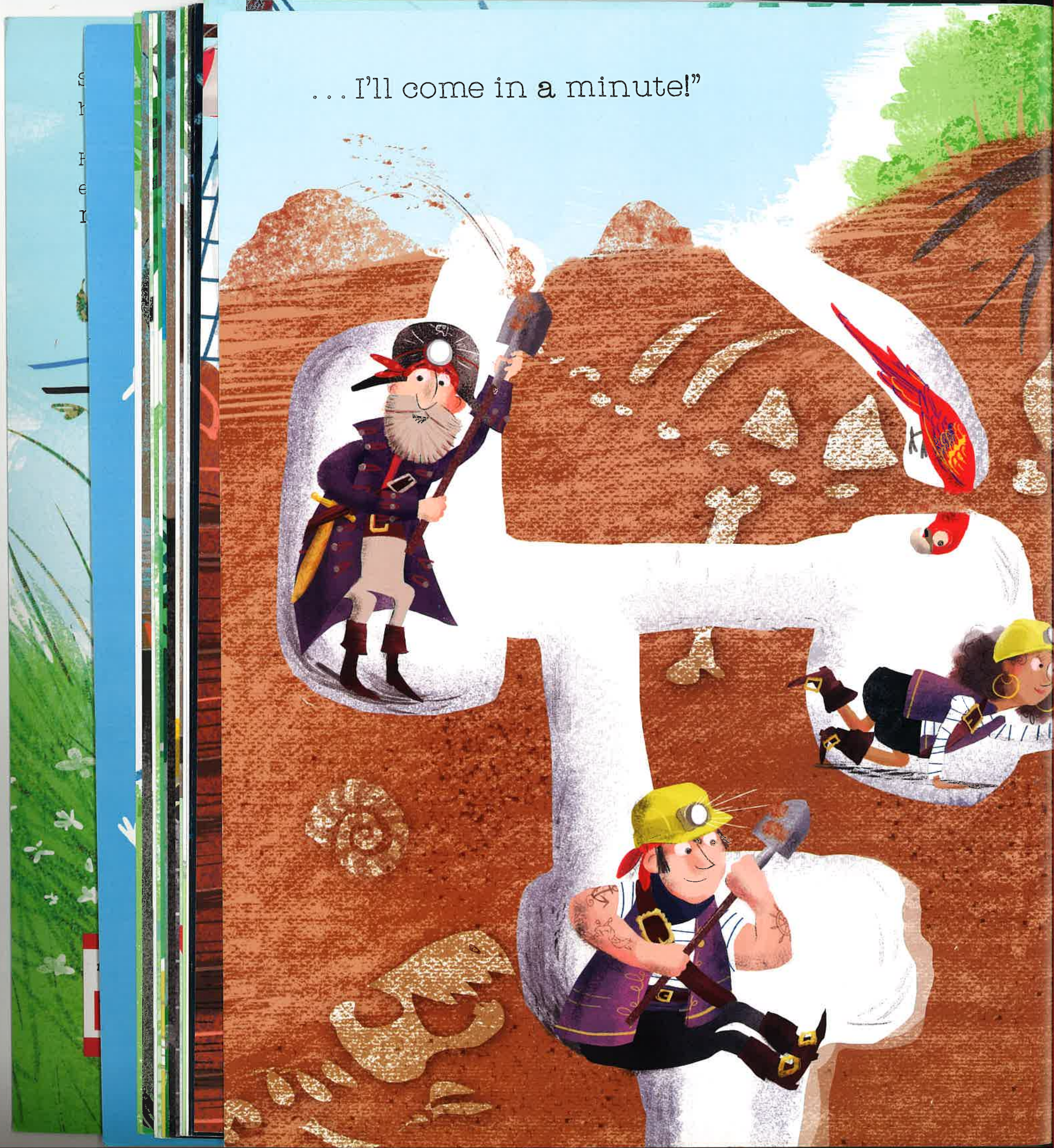
"Captain Shipshape," she called.

"You're just playing! Cabin boy Jim has
made your tea. Wash your hands and
come right now, please."

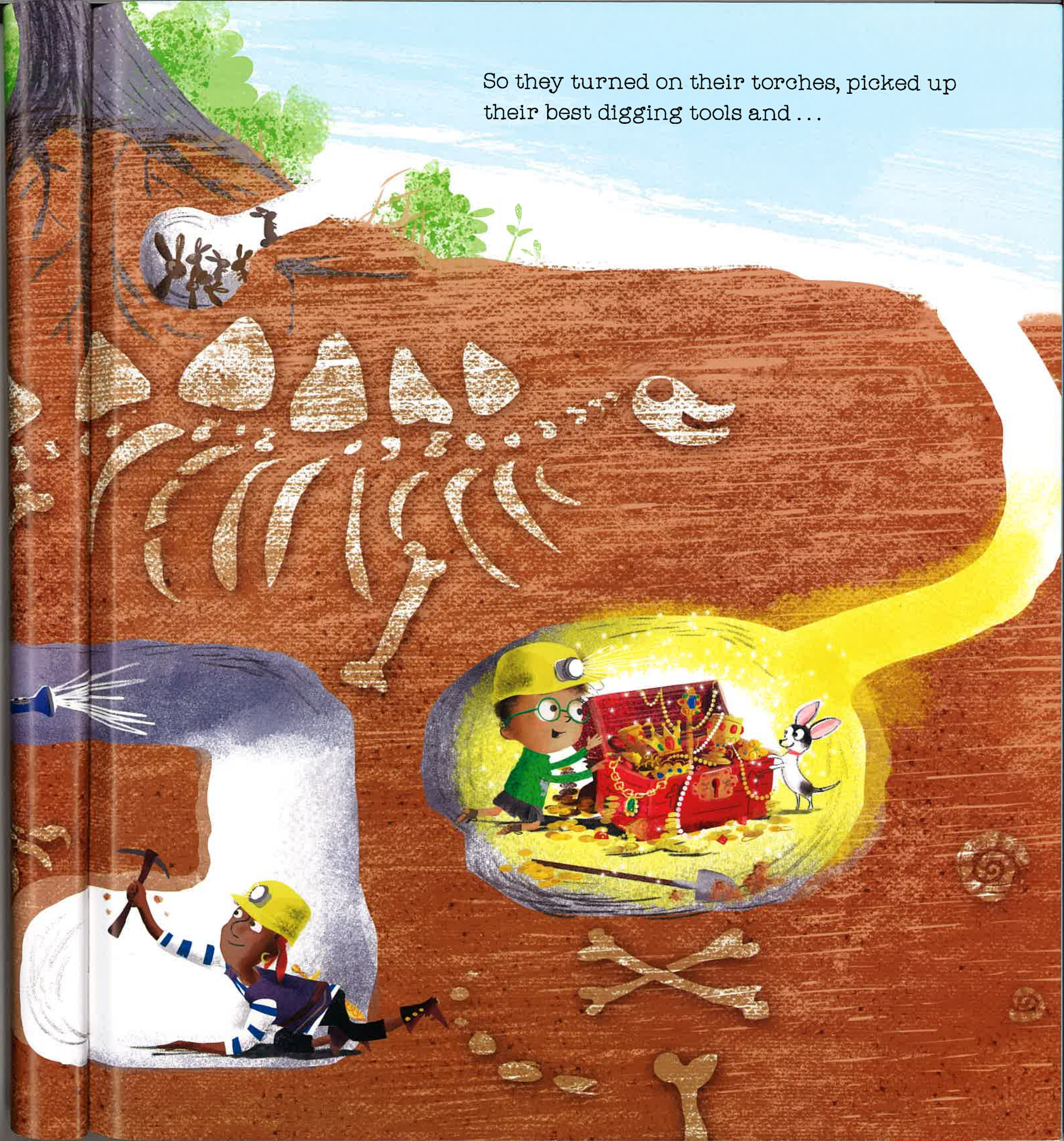


Captain Shipshape looked at Sidney Green and grinned.
"OK," he said. "But we're just in the middle of a Very
Important Dinosaur Dig ..."

... I'll come in a minute!"



So they turned on their torches, picked up
their best digging tools and ...



"You've done it! You've found the treasure!"
said Captain Shipshape.



"You're a proper pirate,
Sidney Green!"