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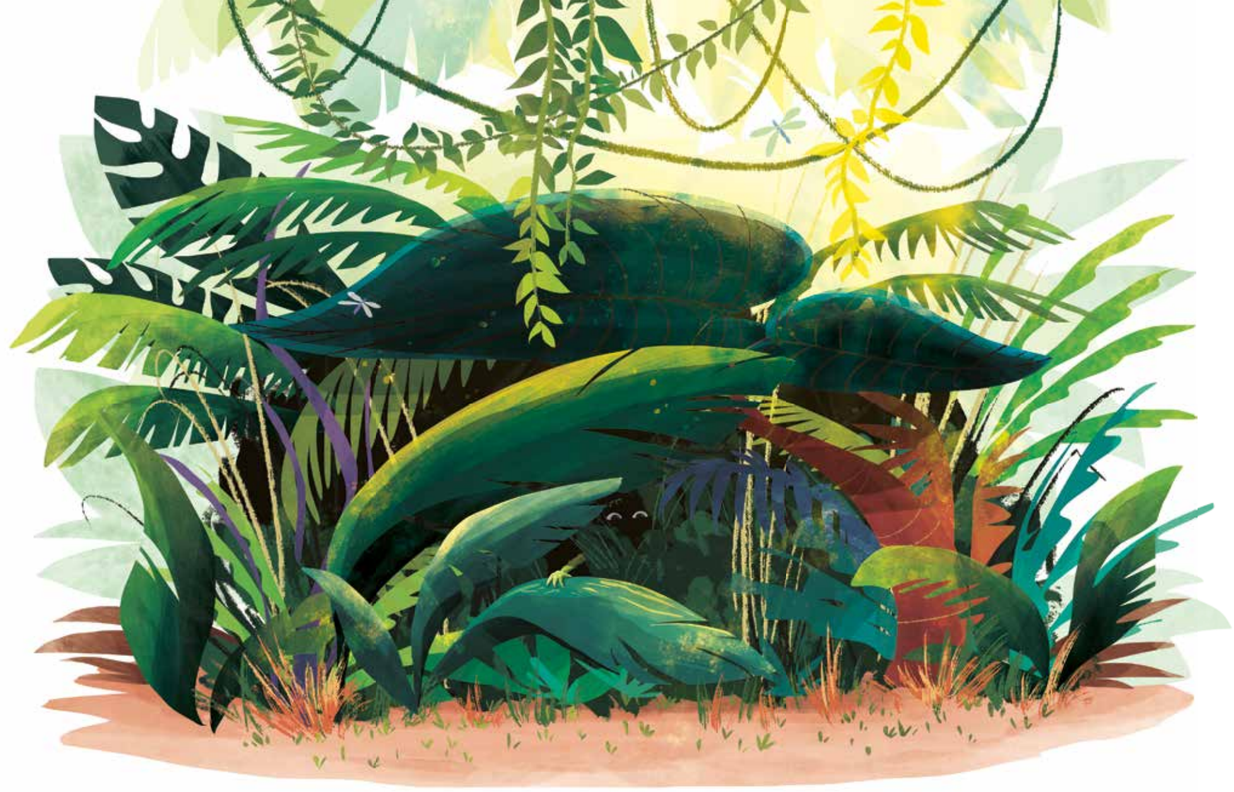
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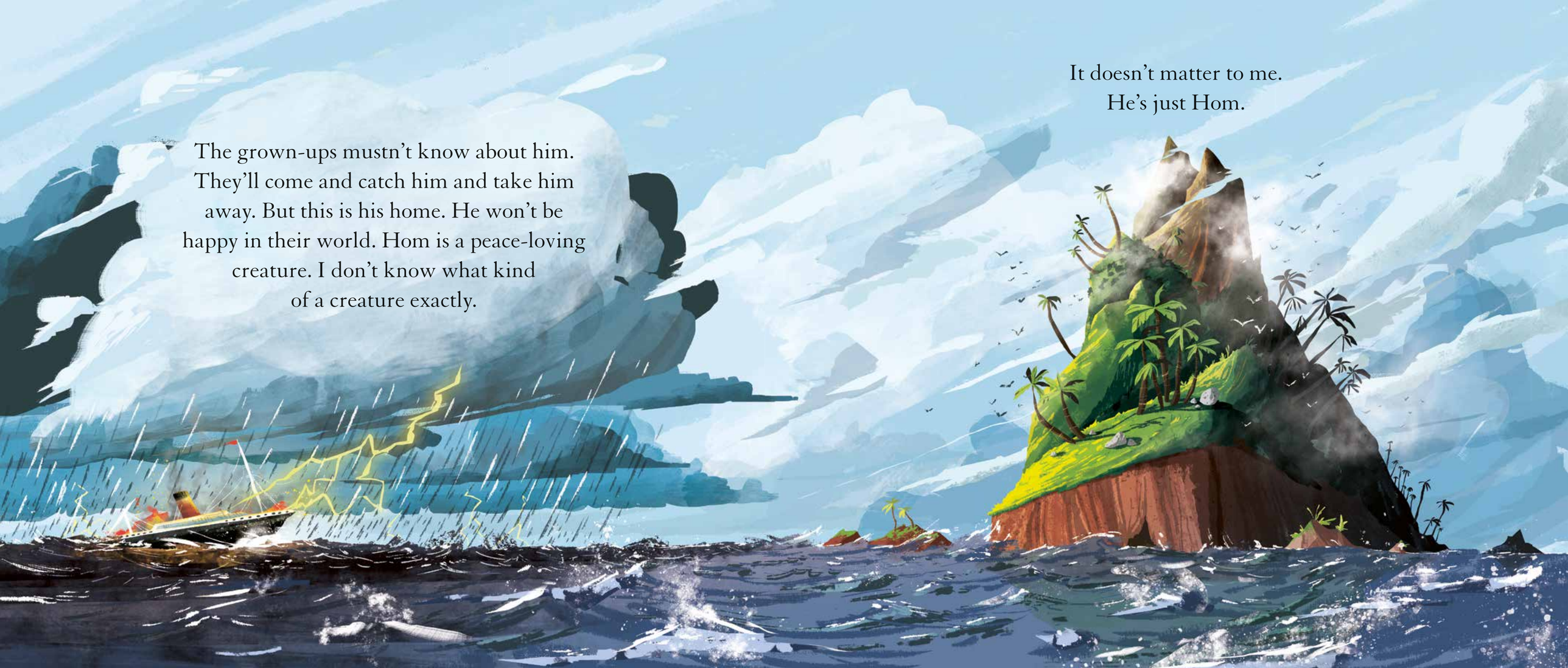
For Owen, I hope you find a friend like Hom – P.D.

For David and Hermione Chambers – J.W.

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I've never told anyone about Hom.
No one knows he exists. Only me.
And you – because I trust you.



The grown-ups mustn't know about him. They'll come and catch him and take him away. But this is his home. He won't be happy in their world. Hom is a peace-loving creature. I don't know what kind of a creature exactly.

It doesn't matter to me. He's just Hom.


I met him after the shipwreck.
I swam to a deserted island,
far away.
Not one person came to
find me, but...



Hom did.

We'd never seen anything like each other. I'm not sure who was more scared – me or him! We laughed about that later.