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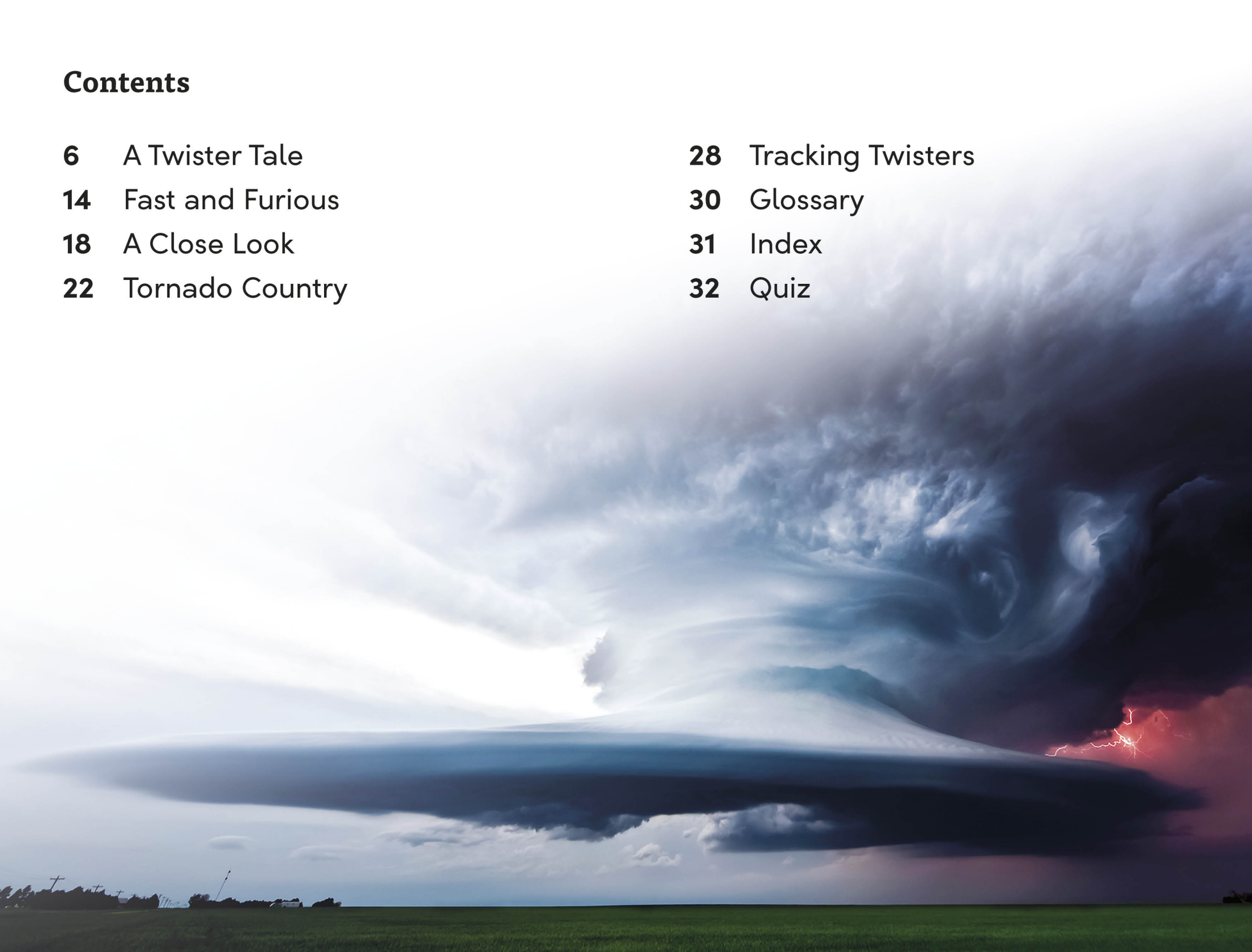
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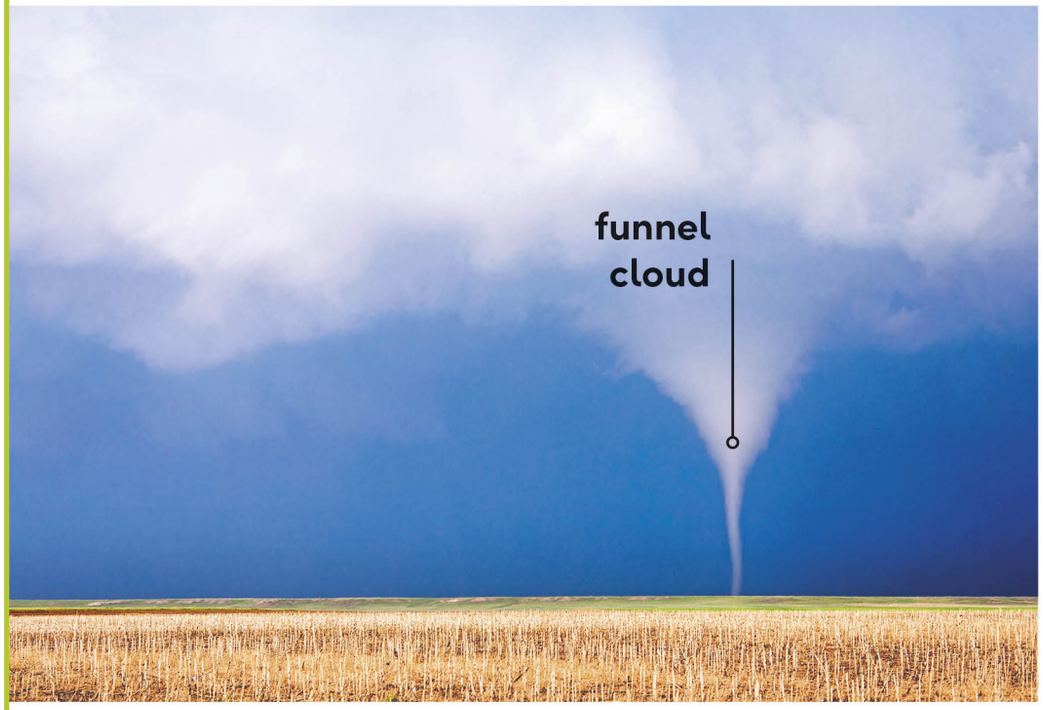
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Fast and Furious



Twisters can form when cold air meets warm air. The warm air is sucked up in a swirling column called a funnel cloud. The cloud spins at a great speed. Twisters contain the most deadly winds in the world.

No one knows what a twister will do next. It can lift up a large truck and smash it to pieces but leave small objects undamaged.

A twister once picked up a baby boy and set him down safely 300 feet (91 m) away. The baby did not even wake up!



Strange Showers
When twisters drop things they've picked up, strange things can happen. A twister in England caused a shower of frogs.

People in Tornado Alley are well prepared for twisters. Many of them have an underground shelter outside their home.

The shelter gives people a safe place to wait until the tornado has gone.

People without a shelter hide in a cellar or small room in the middle of their house.



Emergency Supplies
People keep emergency supplies in their shelters—food, drink, torches, and a first-aid kit.

This shelter outside a home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, has a stairway that leads to a small room underground.



The shelter was not damaged even after an EF5 tornado, the strongest of tornadoes, hit. The shelter kept nine people safe.

