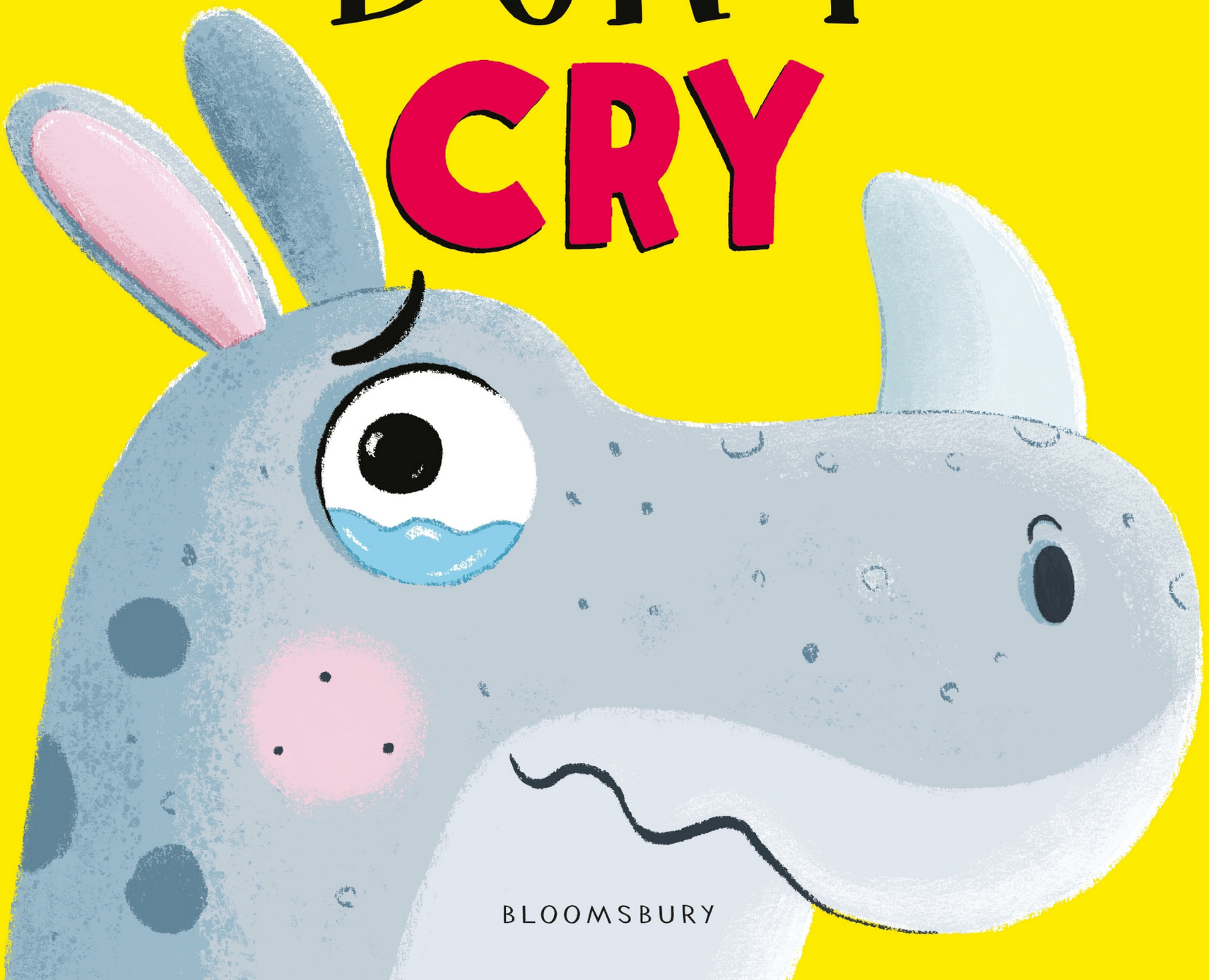
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This is Milo. Milo's a rhino.
SPIKE-O
RHINO PIRATE 2
SPIKE-O
RHINO PIRATE 1
Pickles
He likes to do all sorts of rhino-y things . . .



He likes **writing**



and climbing



and bannister-sliding



and **mountain bike** riding,

he paints and
he **sings**.

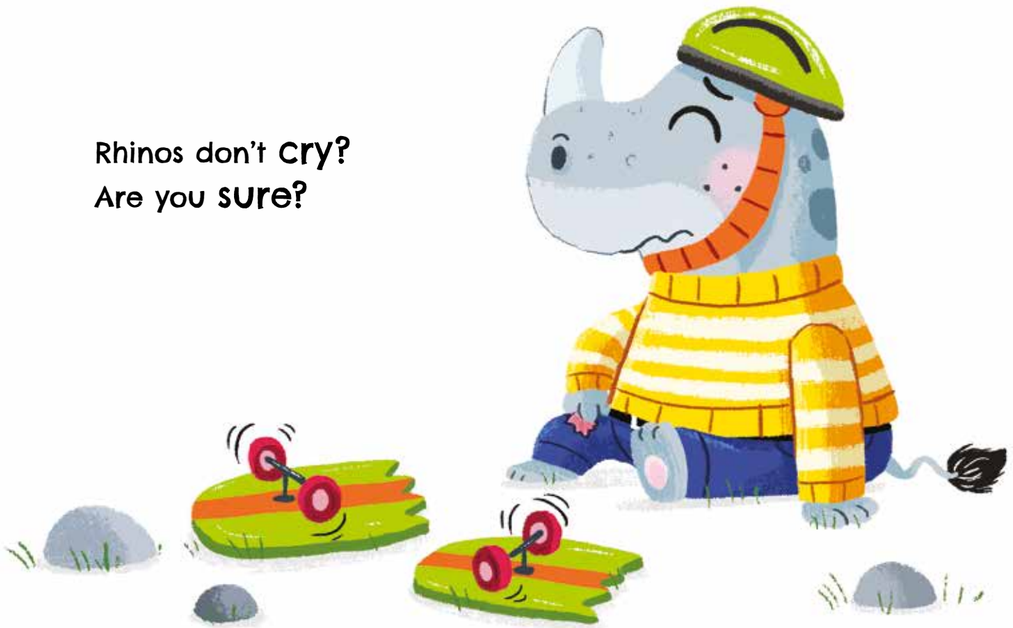


And goodness me, Milo loves being a rhino –
but there's one small problem . . .

Rhinos DON'T cry.

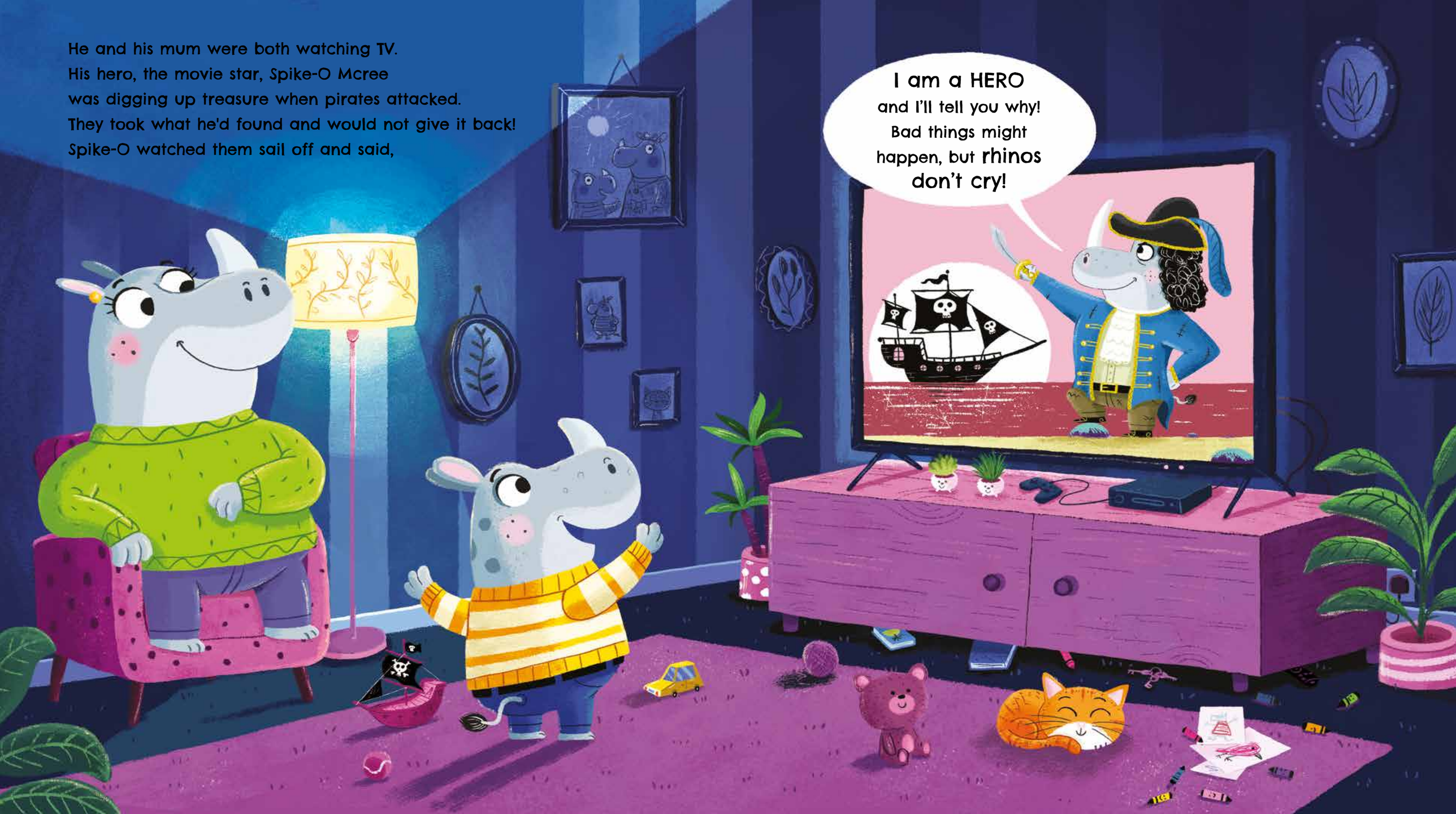


Rhinos don't cry?
Are you sure?





Is that right?
Well, that is what Milo
discovered one night . . .


He and his mum were both watching TV.
His hero, the movie star, Spike-O Mcree
was digging up treasure when pirates attacked.
They took what he'd found and would not give it back!
Spike-O watched them sail off and said,
I am a HERO
and I'll tell you why!
Bad things might
happen, but rhinos
don't cry!

From that moment on, Milo decided
that crying was **bad** and like SPIKE-O he'd fight it.

I AM A RHINO
AND RHINOS DON'T
CRY!

I AM A RHINO
AND RHINOS
DON'T CRY!

But then . . . something **AWFUL!**
Mum said, "OH NO! Pickles got out and

HASN'T COME HOME!"



Milo felt sad. It was hard not to cry . . .
But he thought about Spike-O and knew he should try.