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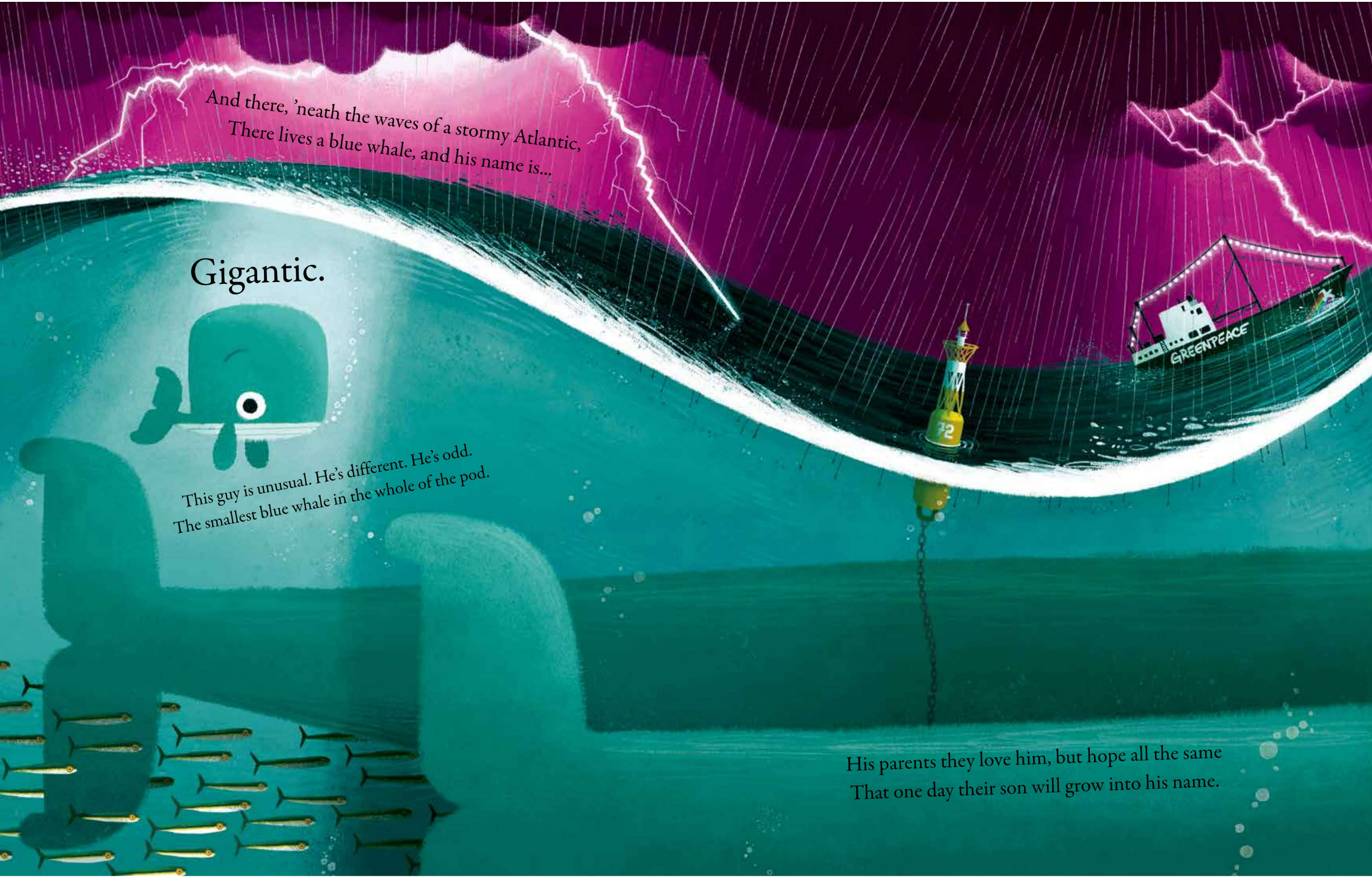
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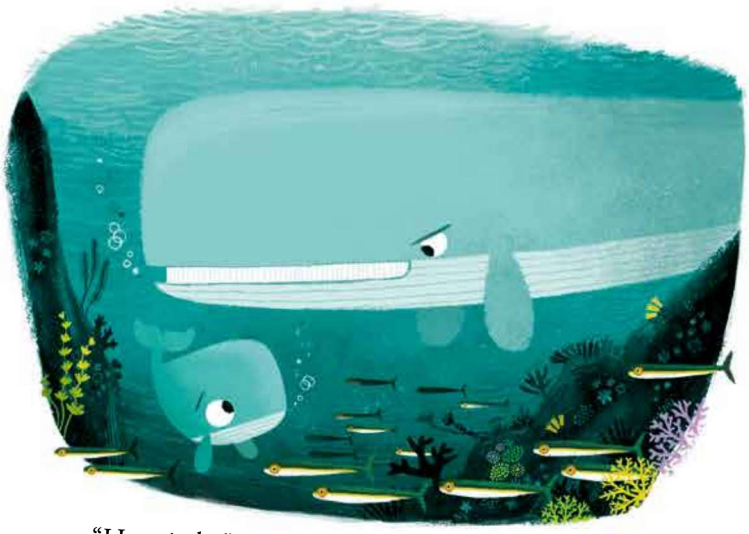
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A mulberry sky
full of flashes
and rumbles.
An ocean alive
as it rises and tumbles.
ENVISAGE


And there, 'neath the waves of a stormy Atlantic,
There lives a blue whale, and his name is...
Gigantic.
This guy is unusual. He's different. He's odd.
The smallest blue whale in the whole of the pod.
His parents they love him, but hope all the same
That one day their son will grow into his name.
GREENPEACE



"Hey, titchy," taunts Titan. "If I were that small,
I'm not sure I'd feel like a whale at all!"

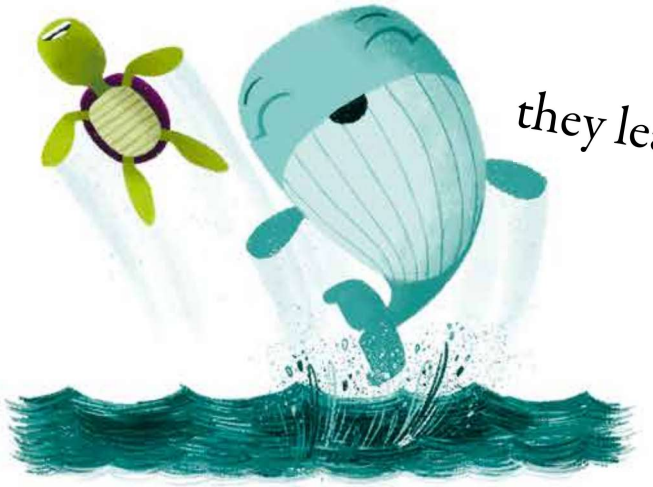


"In fact, little brother, I think you'd be wise
To make friends with Myrtle. She's much more your size."

He swims to the turtle
and smiles a shy smile.

"Hello there," she says.
"Let's hang out for a while."

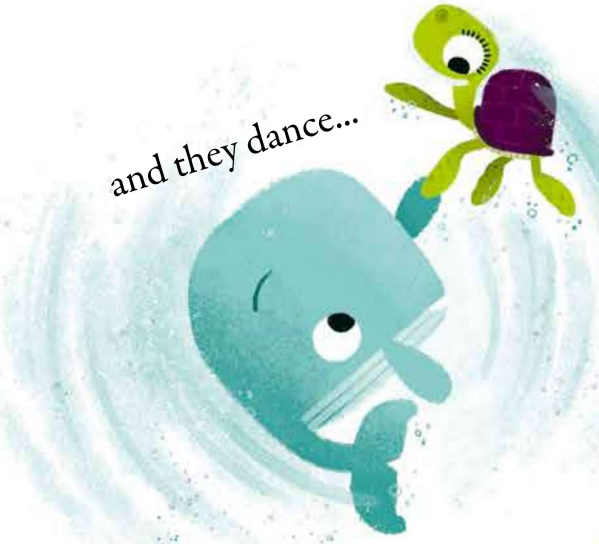
So...



they leap...



and they dive...



and they dance...



and they play.

Big fun for small friends in the mouth of the bay.



Meanwhile,
plumes of seaweed
concealing their bulk,

It's Titan with buddies
Colossus and Hulk.

"Just look at
those pipsqueaks,"
he says with a frown.

"Let's get a bit closer,
see what's going down."



"Oh, wow," says Colossus, a smile on her chops,
"Gigantic's so good at those flippety flops!"



"Your brother," says Hulk, "is a talent, for sure!
I've not seen a whale do a tailspin before!"