

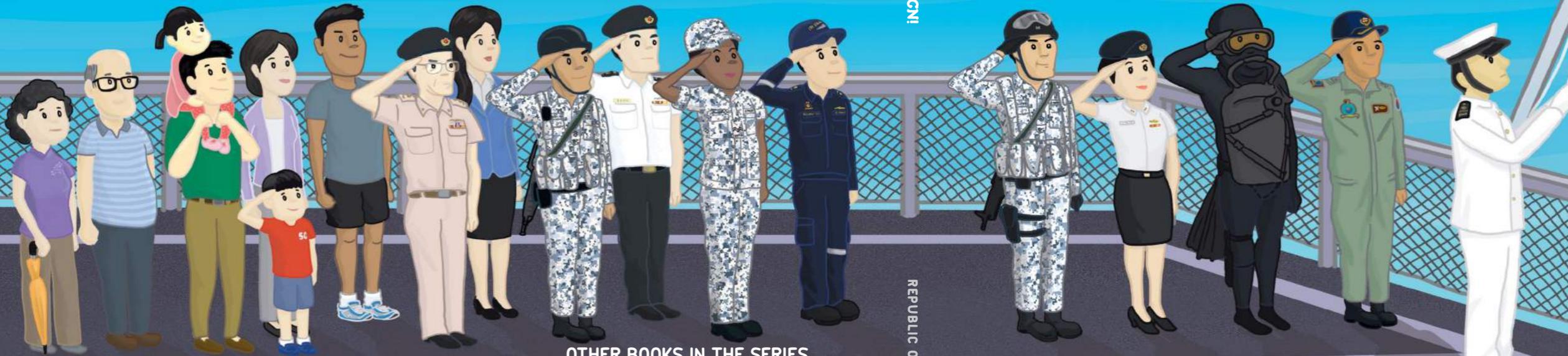


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To fellow sons and daughters of the
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—Winnie

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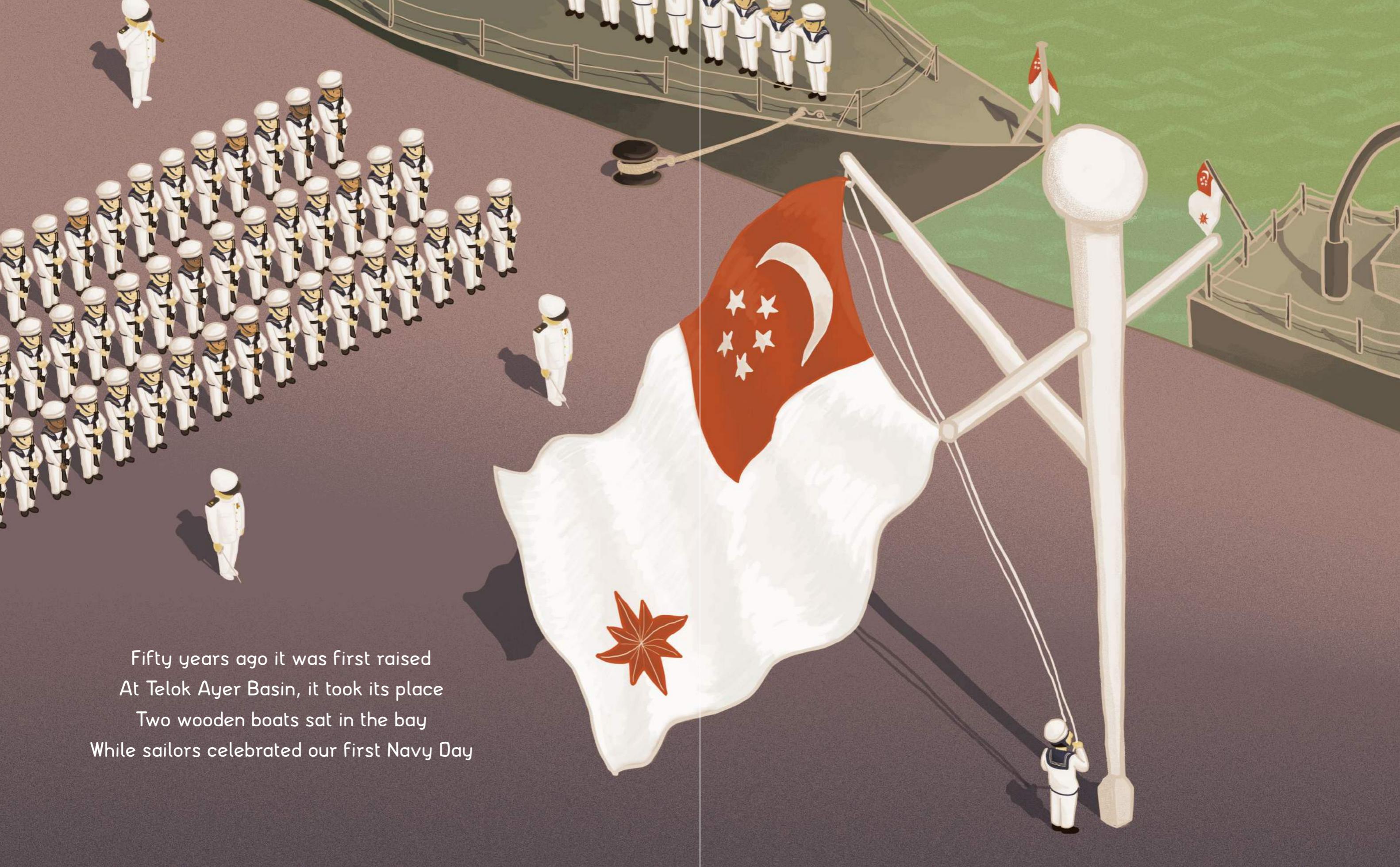
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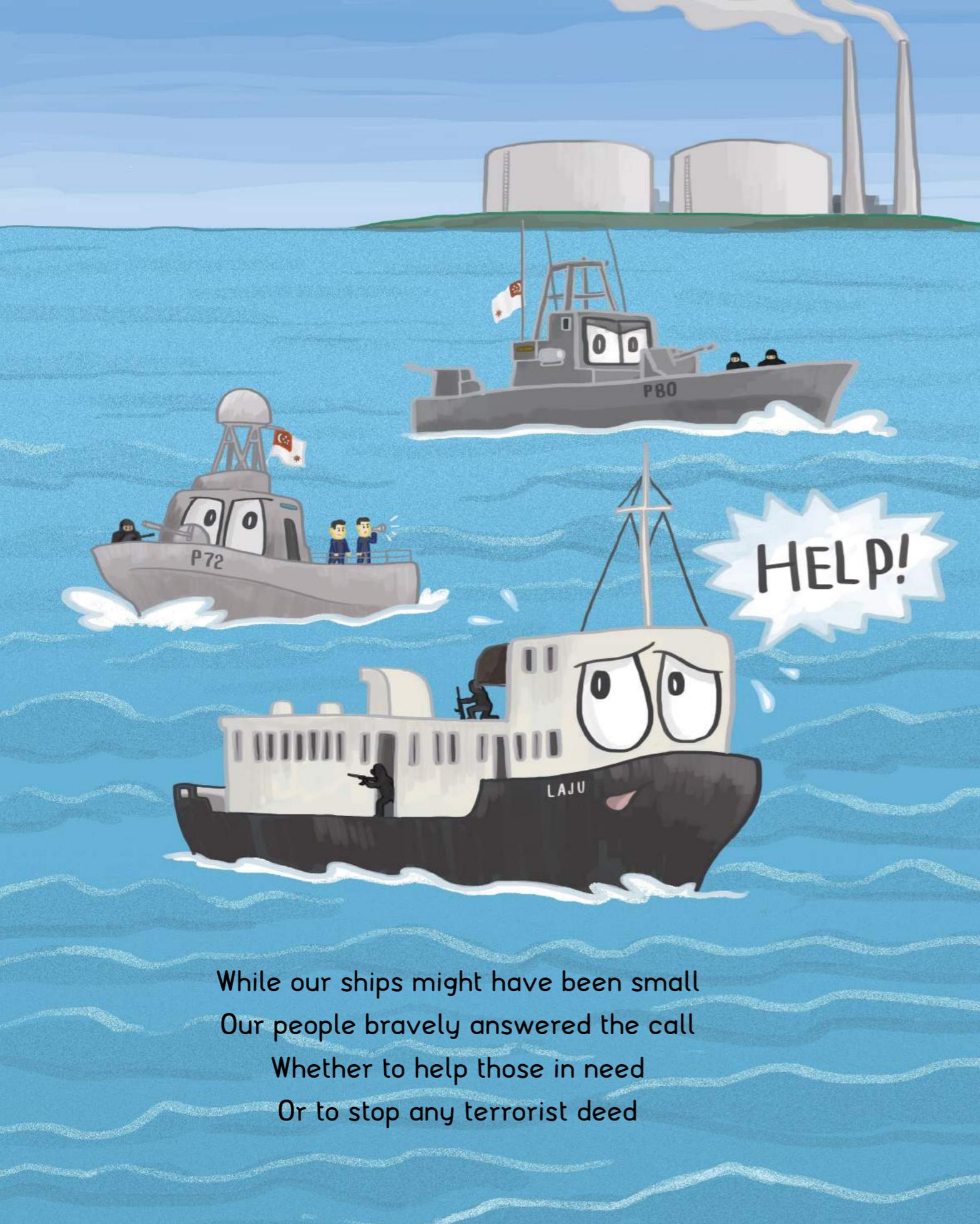
There is a special flag in the Navy
The ensign that has walked our journey
With a Mariner's star in the corner
Guiding us with pride and honour



Fifty years ago it was first raised
At Telok Ayer Basin, it took its place
Two wooden boats sat in the bay
While sailors celebrated our first Navy Day

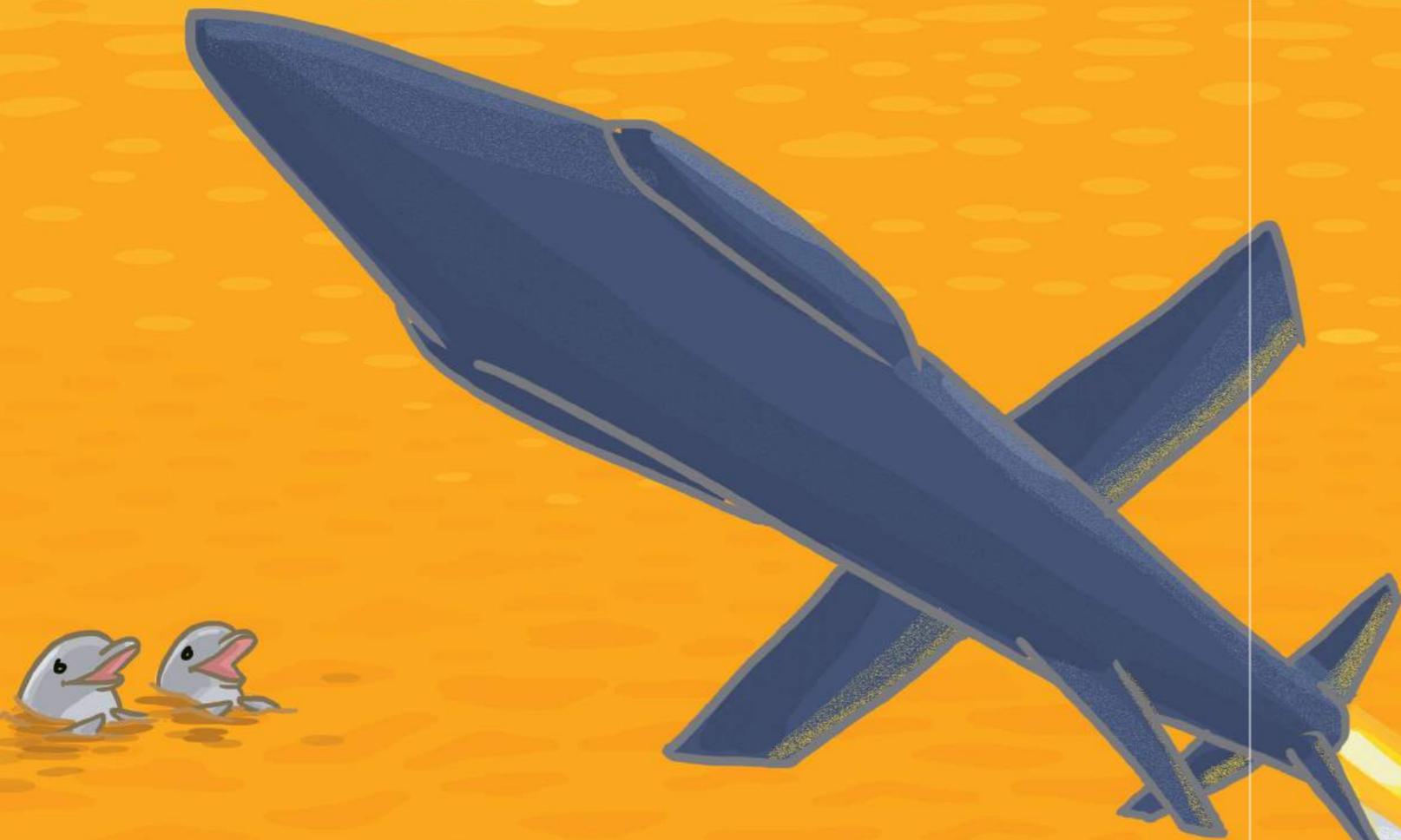


From a humble beginning
Our navy was eager and willing
Working on boats made of wood
Striving to build our nationhood

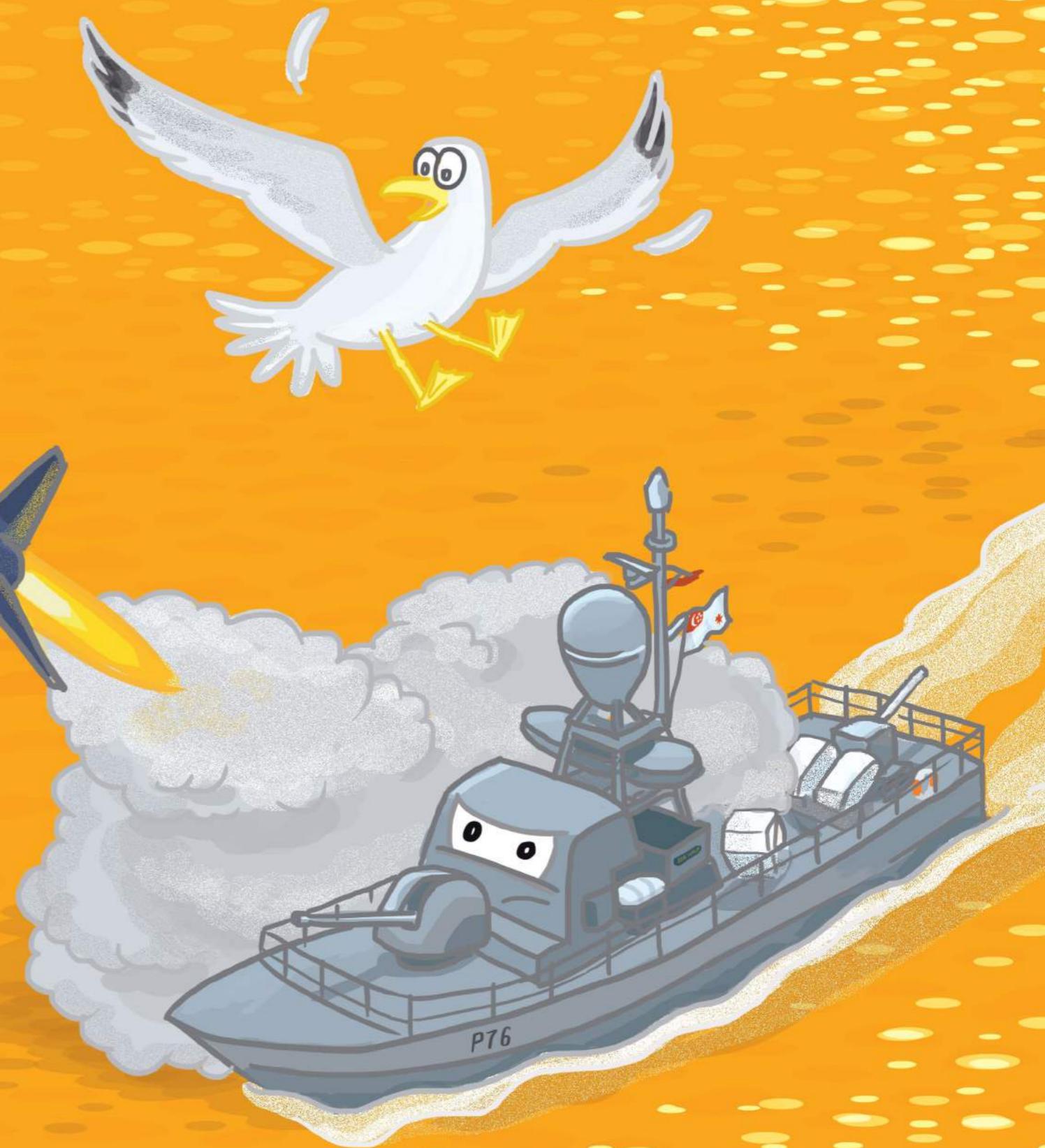


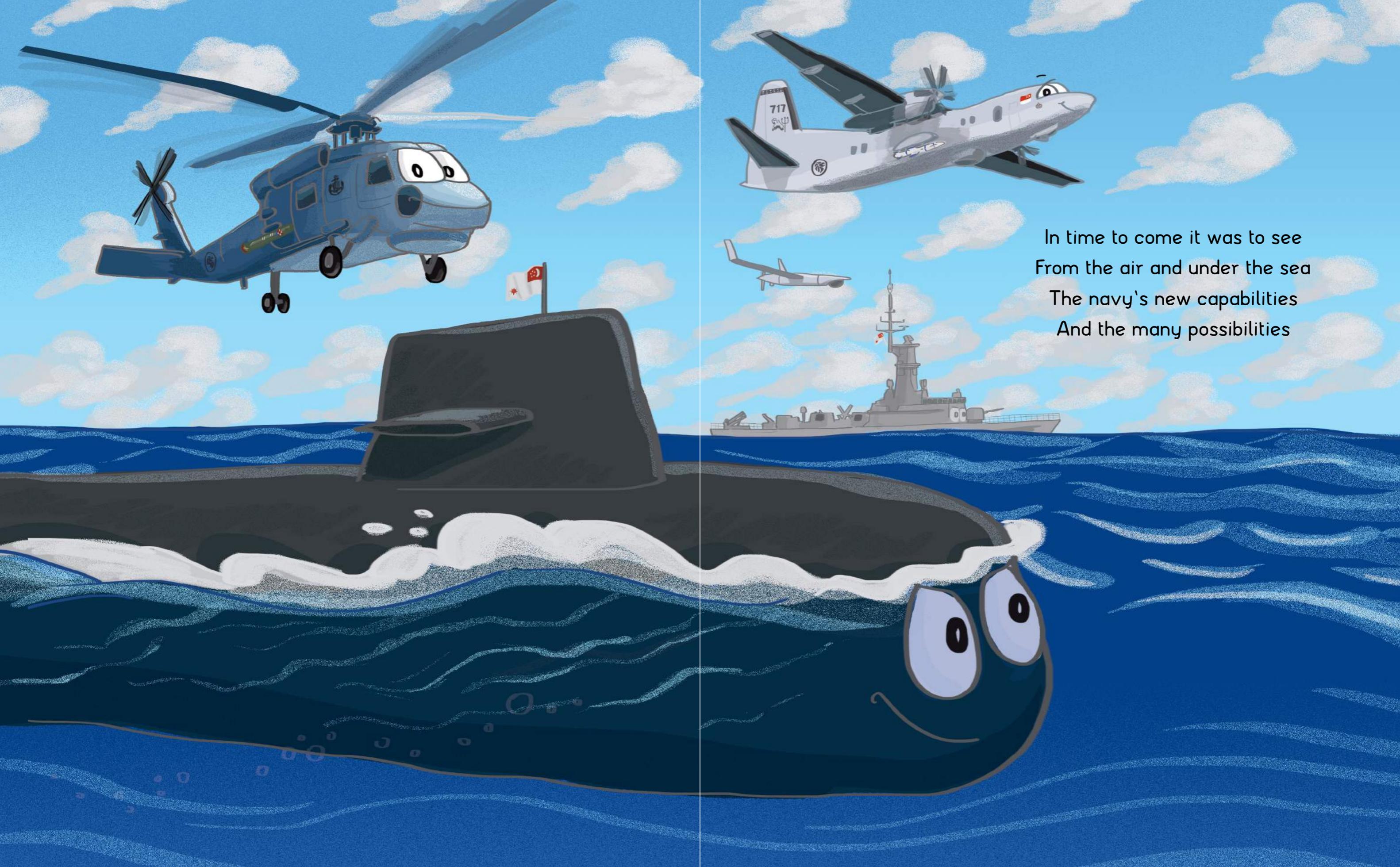
While our ships might have been small
Our people bravely answered the call
Whether to help those in need
Or to stop any terrorist deed





We went on to greater heights
The ensign saw missiles take flight
It celebrated with the crew
As the Navy's confidence grew



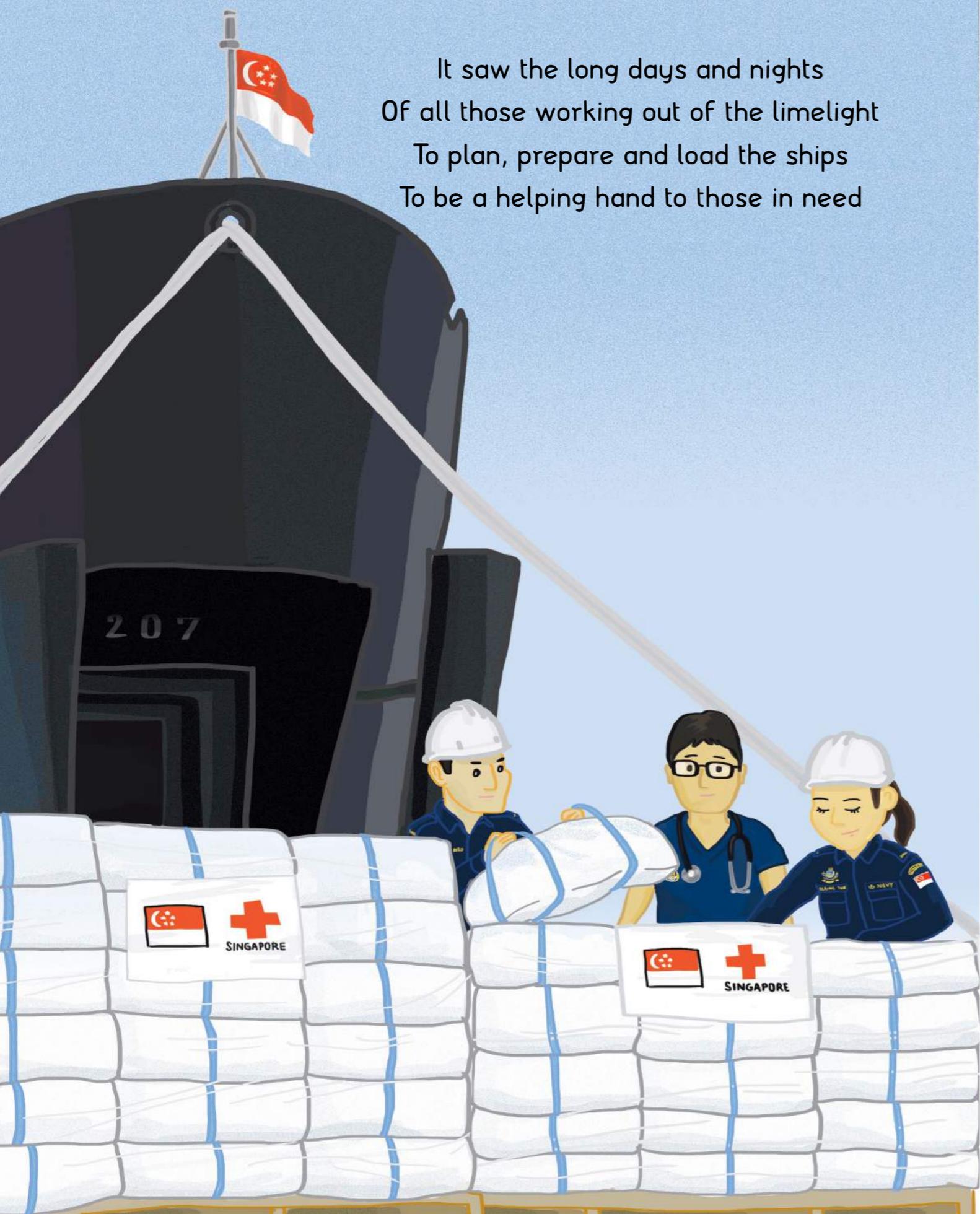


In time to come it was to see
From the air and under the sea
The navy's new capabilities
And the many possibilities



The ensign accompanied each adventure
Through the storms and bad weather
Across the oceans we sailed
against all odds, our ships prevailed

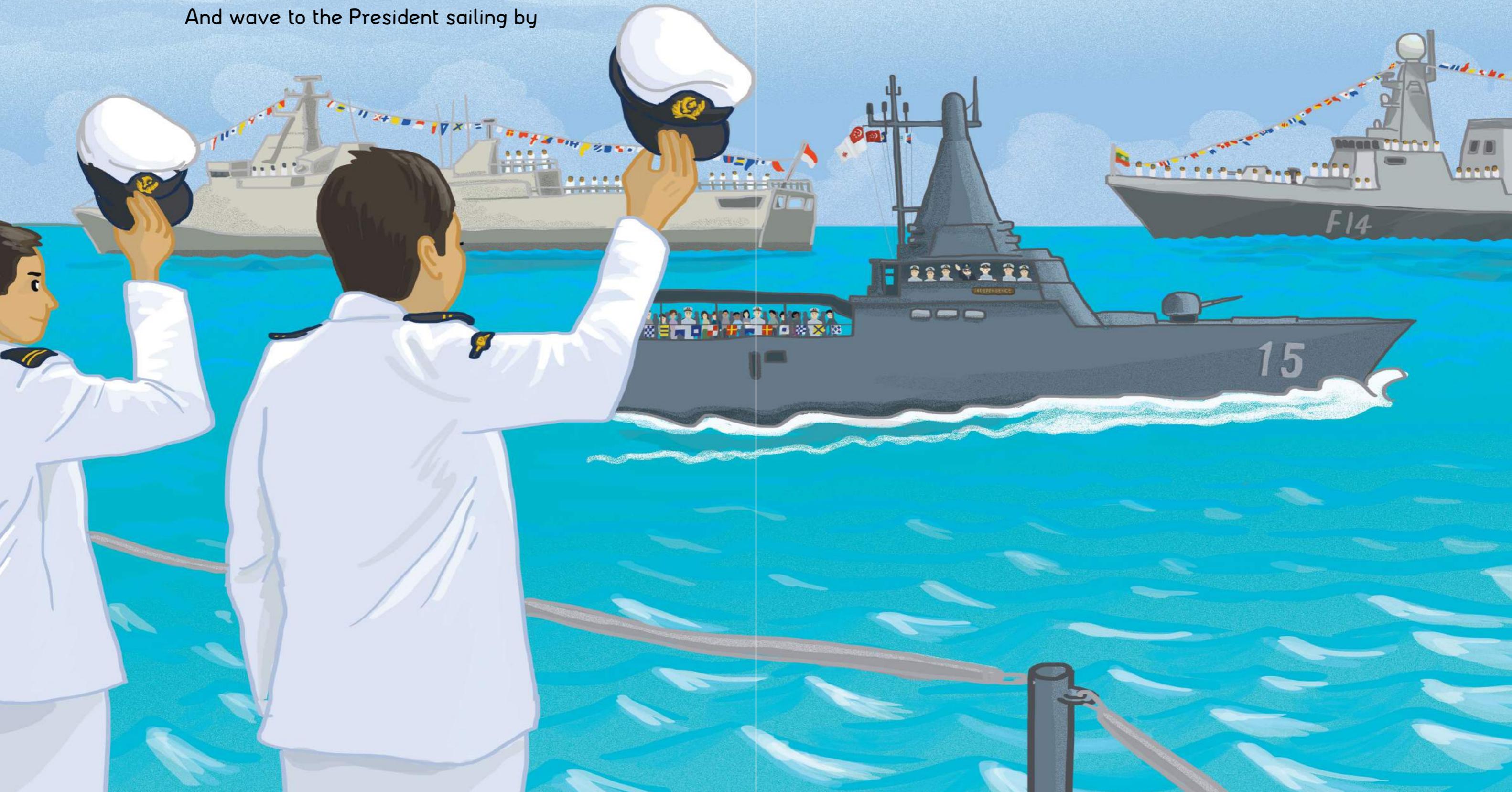
It saw the long days and nights
Of all those working out of the limelight
To plan, prepare and load the ships
To be a helping hand to those in need





The ensign travelled far and wide
With ships calling into ports with pride
A part of every memory we keep
Even for divers in the deep

To celebrate our 50th birthday
Our friends sailed from near and far away
To see our ensign raised up high
And wave to the President sailing by



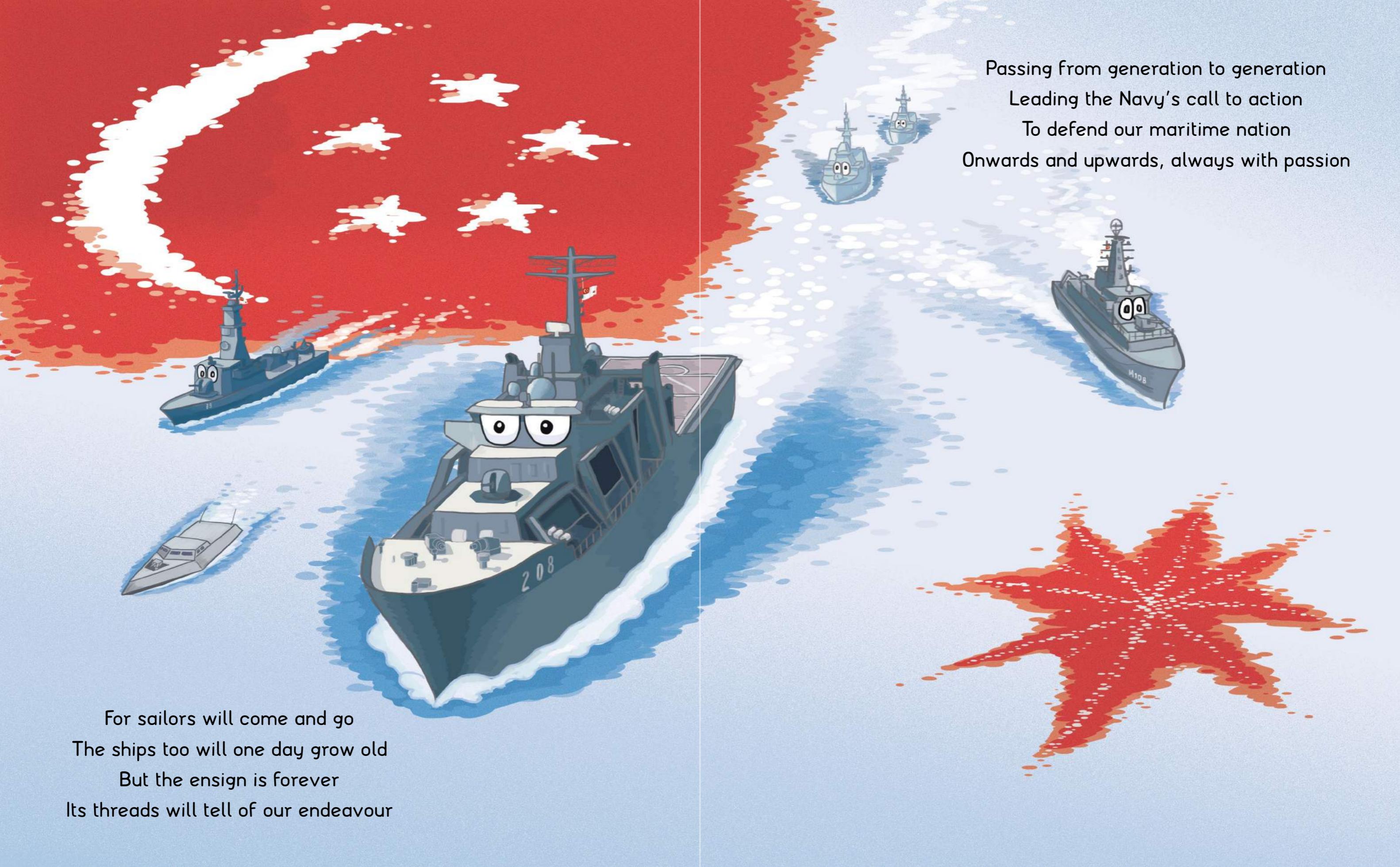


The ensign binds us to one another
Makes us all sisters and brothers
Sons and daughters of the sea
Together as one big family



To make the warrior spirit strong
Growing where we all belong
Standing tall shoulder to shoulder
Drawing strength from one another





Passing from generation to generation
Leading the Navy's call to action
To defend our maritime nation
Onwards and upwards, always with passion

For sailors will come and go
The ships too will one day grow old
But the ensign is forever
Its threads will tell of our endeavour



As the northern star guides sailors
So the ensign does the same
It makes the Navy stay the course
As a strong maritime force

Navy Song

From a humble beginning the day we were born,
Onwards and upwards we've moved on and on.
Never looking back we'll always grow.
Onwards and upwards the best we'll show.

Chorus:

We are the ones the sons of the sea.
Mighty men of the Singapore Navy.
We will stand for the right,
We will fight to the end.
We will always be true to our land.

Our waters to guard to ensure they are safe.
It's a great task only meant for the brave.
It does make us proud to know that we
All play a part to protect our seas.

With our comrades in arms from
the Land and the Air,
Together we stand in defence of our land.
Never flagging in adversity,
Forward we'll march on to Victory.

