

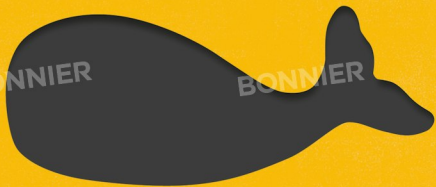
WHALE



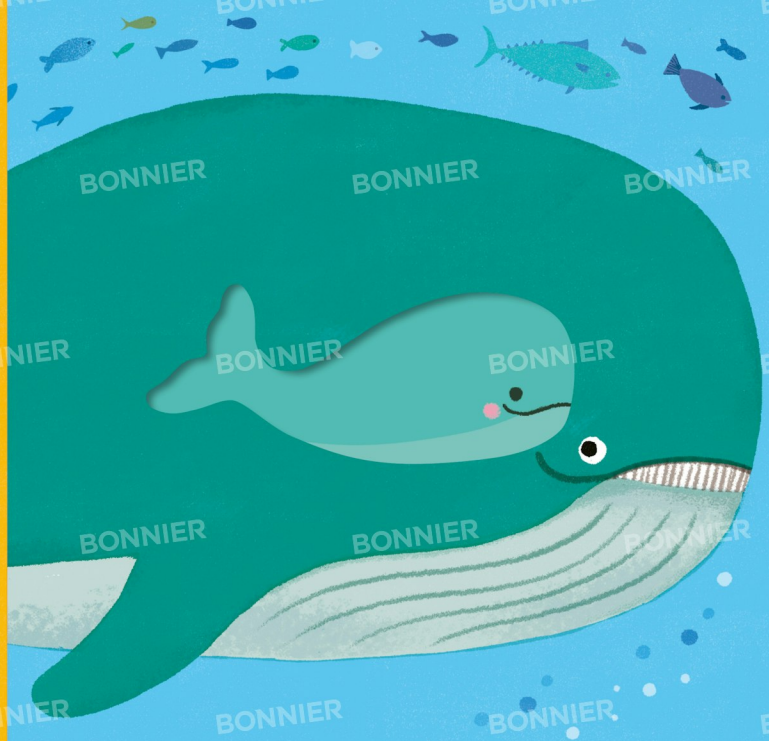
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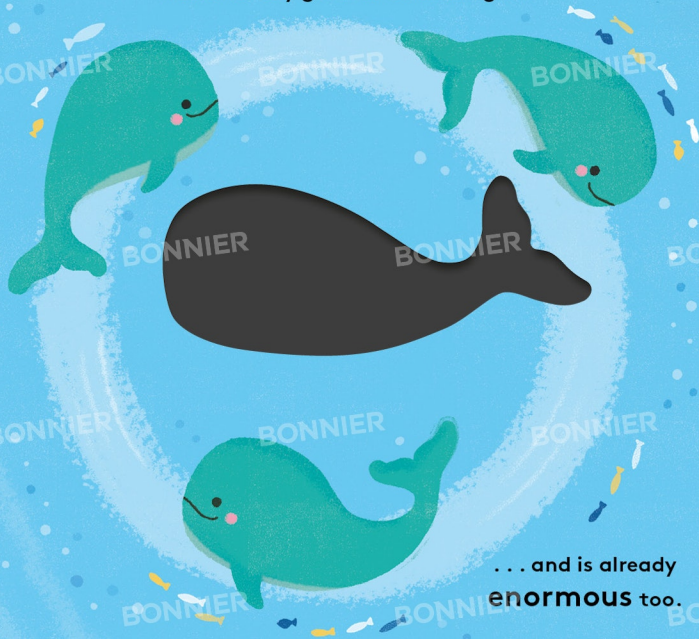
After a year of waiting, **Whale** is born.
As a baby, Whale is called a **calf**.



Can you see the whale in the water?

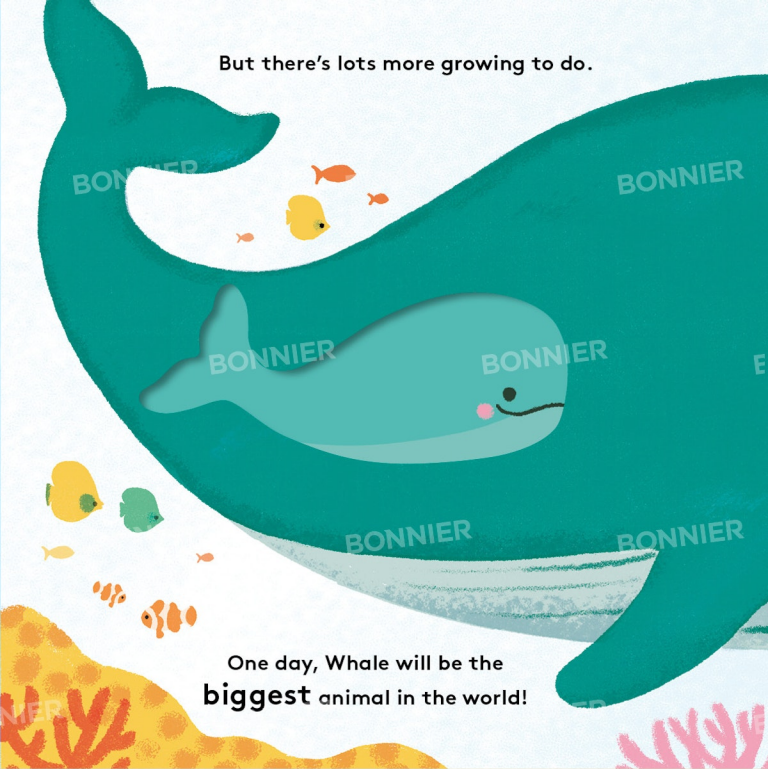


Watch little Whale go!
Whale is very good at swimming . . .



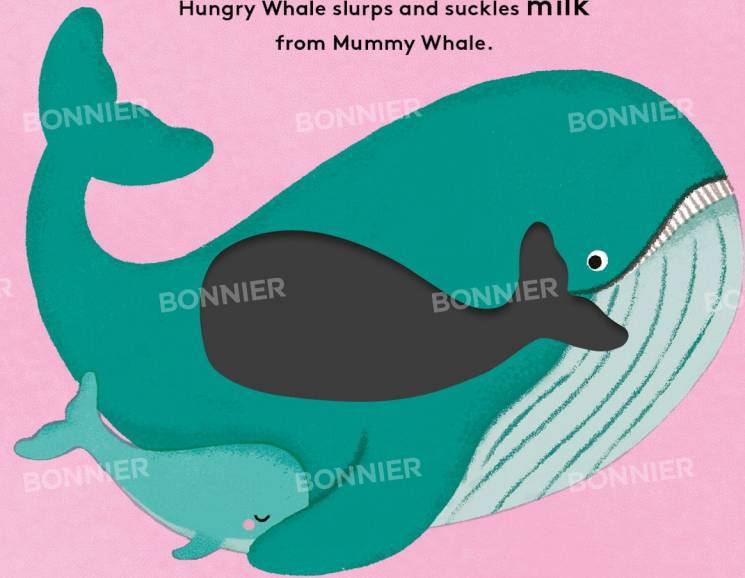
. . . and is already
enormous too.

But there's lots more growing to do.



One day, Whale will be the
biggest animal in the world!

Hungry Whale slurps and suckles **milk**
from Mummy Whale.



The milk helps Whale grow a thick
coat called **blubber** to keep warm.

Finally, they are ready to make
the long journey to colder water.



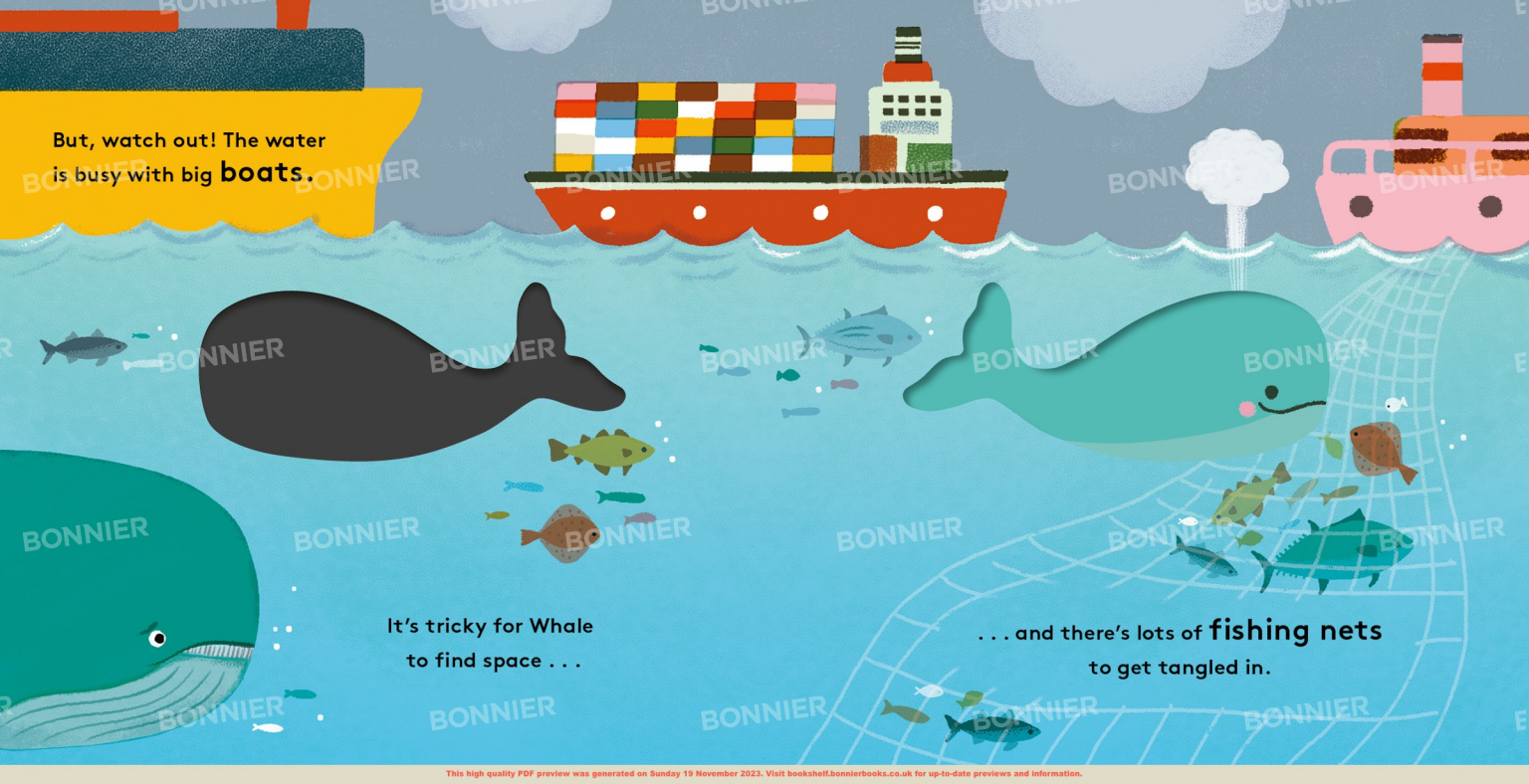
Swim baby Whale!

Can you see how much
Whale has grown already?

Whale has lots to learn.
Just like us, they need **air** to breathe.

So, Whale must swim to the surface
at just the right moment . . .

. . . and take a deep breath!

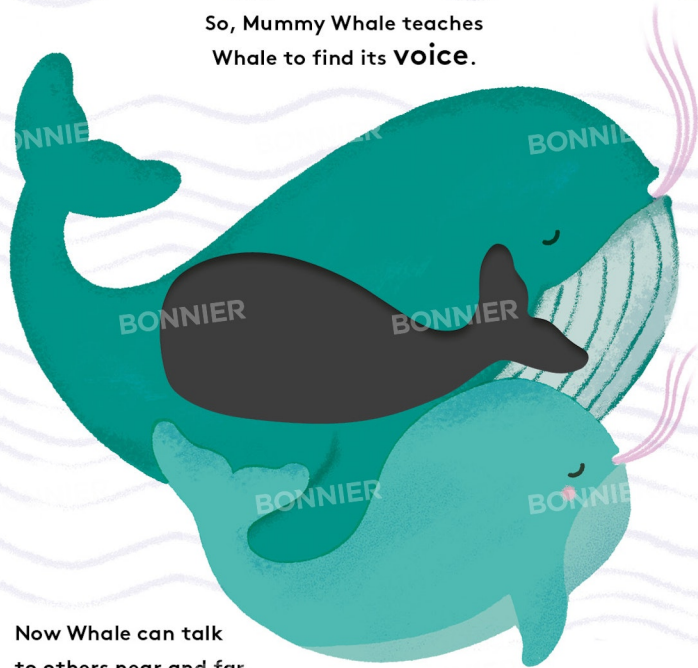


But, watch out! The water
is busy with big **boats**.

It's tricky for Whale
to find space . . .

. . . and there's lots of **fishing nets**
to get tangled in.

So, Mummy Whale teaches
Whale to find its **voice**.



Now Whale can talk
to others near and far.

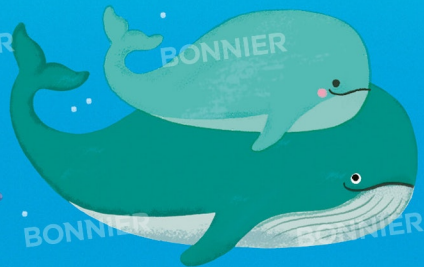
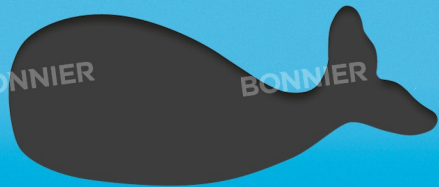
Can you hear Whale's **booming** sounds?



Mummy Whale leads the way . . .



. . . and at last,
their long swim is almost over.



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Little Whale is very tired.
By staying close, Mummy Whale will
always keep her baby **safe**.

By now, the whales are
very hungry.



So Whale eats, and eats, and eats!

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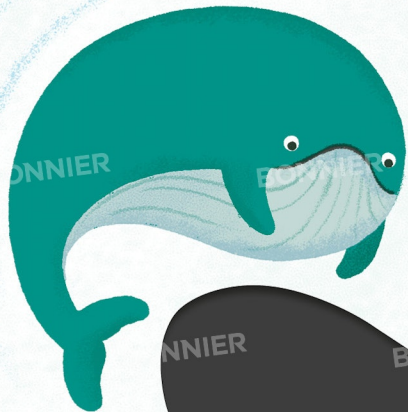
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Gulp!

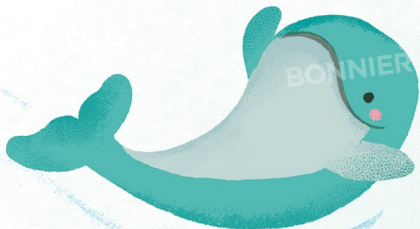
In the cold water, there's
plenty of **krill** to eat.

Inside their mouths is
a filter called **baleen**.

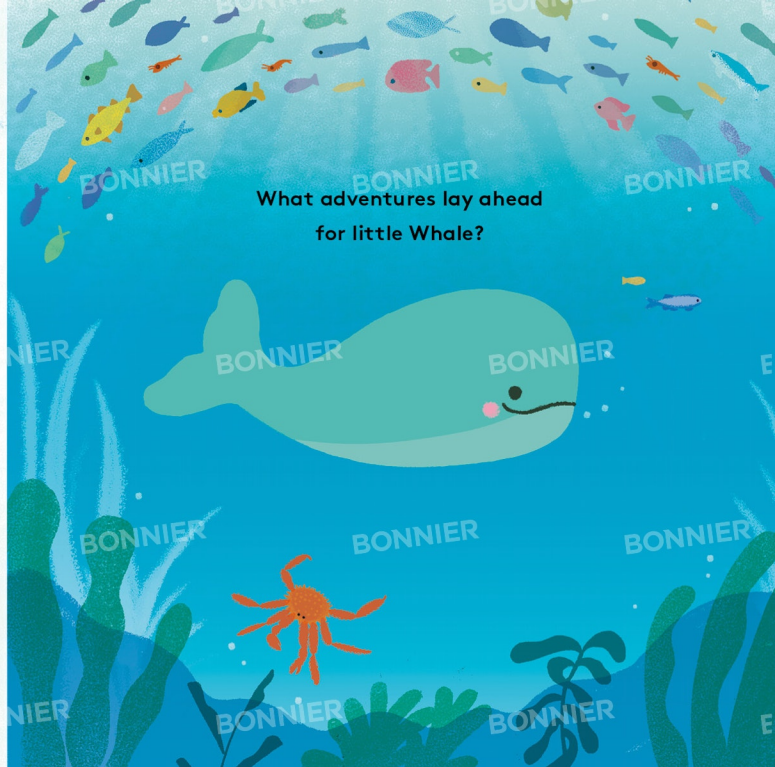
This lets food whoosh in and
water swoosh back out.



Then the time comes for
Whale to set off alone.

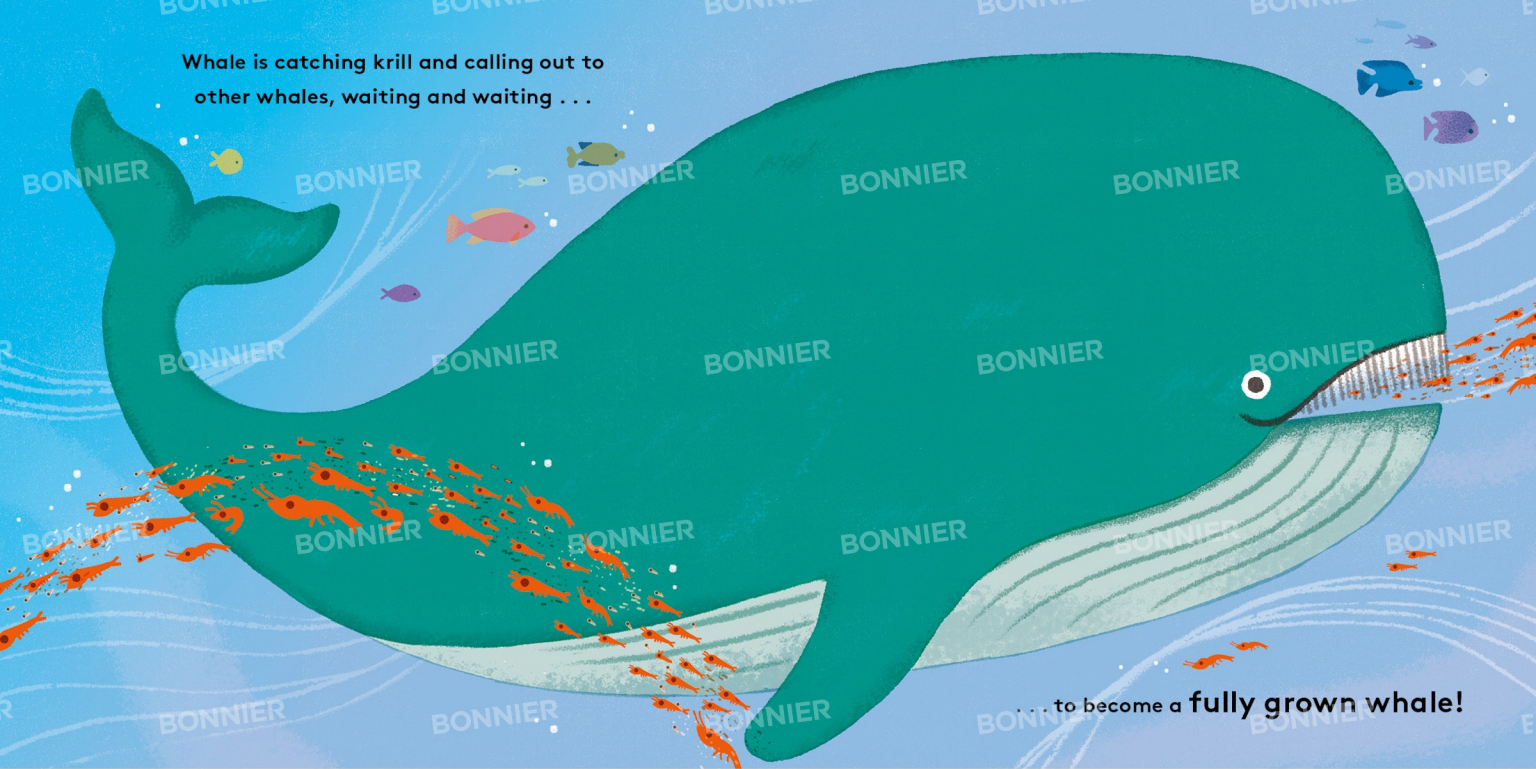


Mummy whale has
taught her baby all
there is to know.




What adventures lay ahead
for little Whale?

Whale is catching krill and calling out to other whales, waiting and waiting . . .



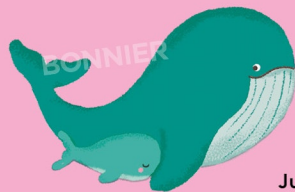
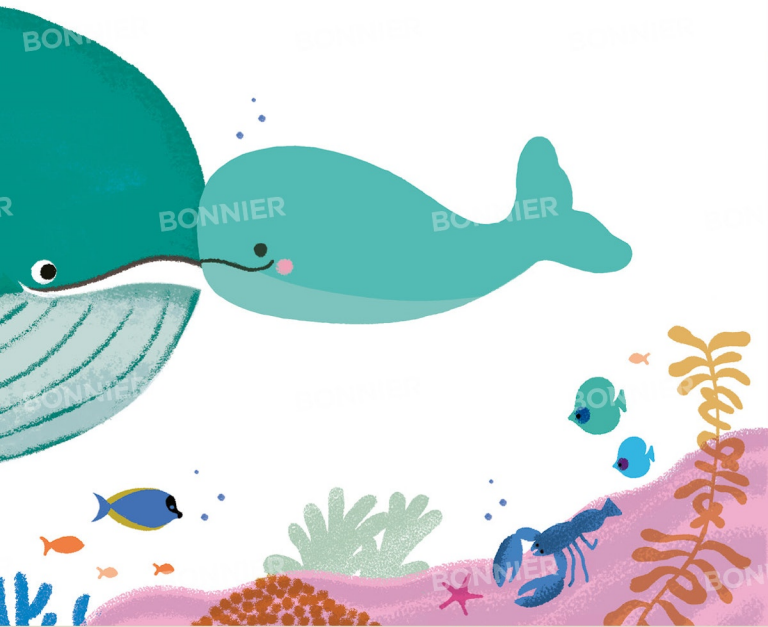
. . . to become a **fully grown whale!**



Now, big Whale is ready
to swim the same long journey
from all those years ago.

It's time to go back
to warmer waters . . .

... and have a baby Whale of its **own!**



Just as before,
little Whale has lots to learn.

And one day, there will be another long
journey for **Whale**.

