

MEGAMES

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MEGAMES

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Some children are neat.



Some children
are not.

Ben was not.



Ben made MESSES.



And he
NEVER
EVER
tidied up.



He just swept everything
under his bed...
(Which was much easier.)



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"CONGRATULATIONS! Not enough children know how to make a proper mess these days," Megamess said.

"A good, old-fashioned, rotting-apples-smelly-pants kind of a mess..."



That's why I'm here. We're going to take this mess to the NEXT LEVEL!"



So that's what they did.

They wobbled the library...

and wibbled the car park.

They pigged the playground...

and squiggled a zebra crossing!

They dirty-dished the duck pond...

and unstacked the supermarket.

They switched everyone's pants for pizza...

and turned people's hats UPSIDE DOWN.

Ben was having the mess of his life. Until...

HEY!

The mayor shouted.
"We're a nice tidy town!
Go and mess up somewhere else!"



"Not a bad idea," said Megamess.
"We're just getting started..."

LET'S GO
AND MESS UP
THE WHOLE
WIDE WORLD!



So that's what they did.

They drew all over the
White Cliffs of Dover...

They gunged
Machu Picchu...

and toppled
the Pyramids.

and filled
the Grand
Canyon
with
BEANS!



They submerged New York City
in pongy pink socks...



and broke every baguette in France.



They dismantled Tokyo Tower...




and flipped every penguin
on ITS HEAD!



For goodness sake,
this mess must
be STOPPED!

The world leaders held an emergency meeting.





So that's what they did...

They sent
**FIVE
TRILLION**
pieces of rubbish into the ocean.*

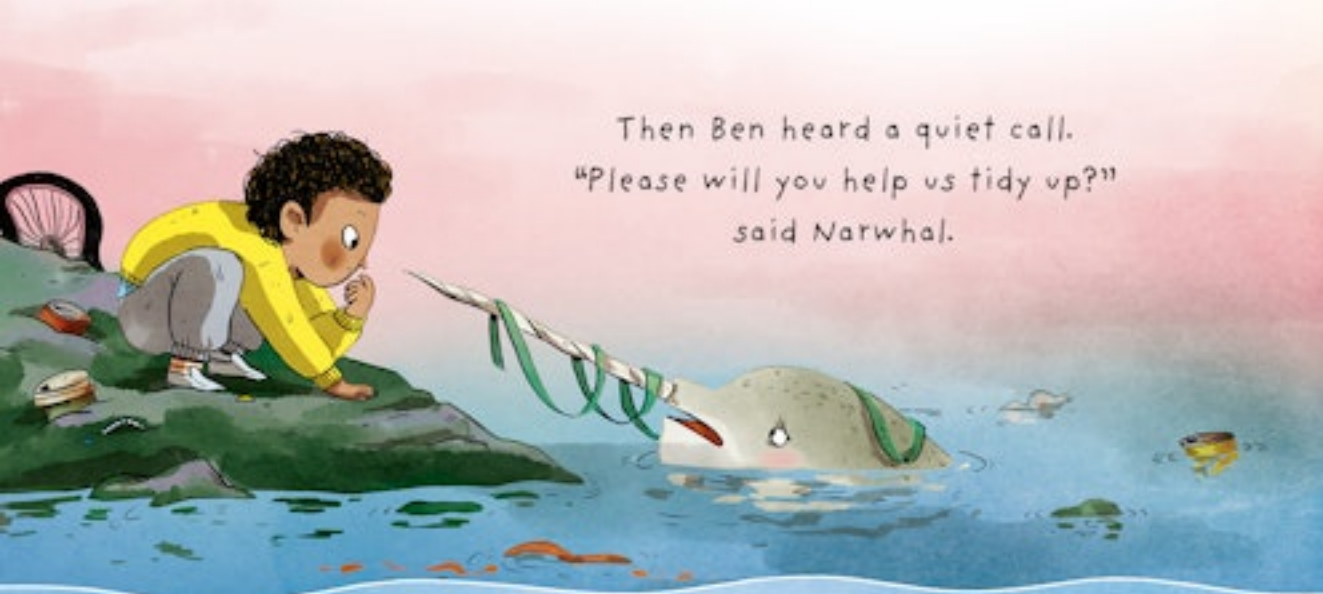
This is
THE MESS
of all
HUMANKIND!

Megamess was thrilled!

Crumbs.

Ben was starting
to have second thoughts.

*This part is actually true!



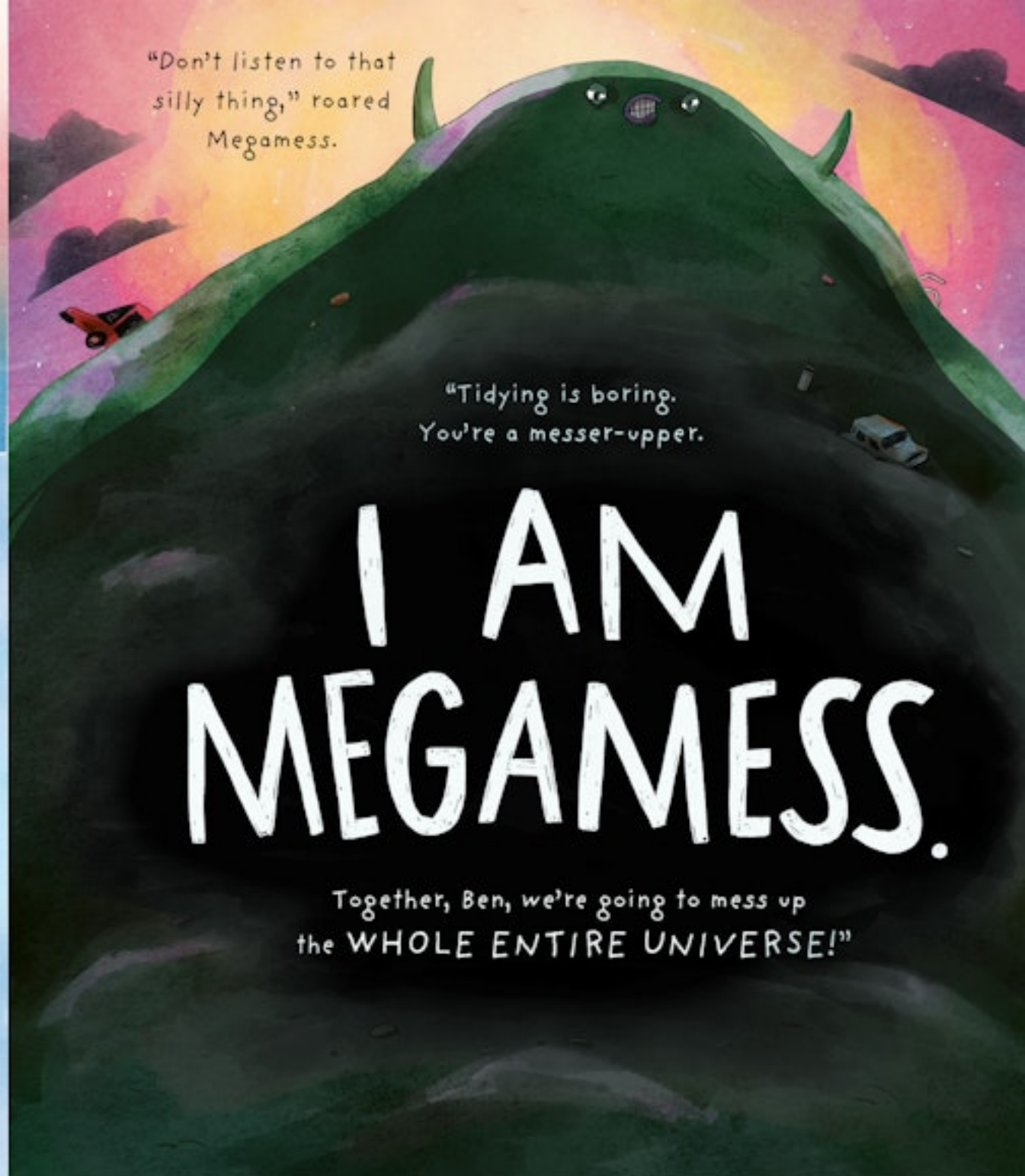
Then Ben heard a quiet call.
"Please will you help us tidy up?"
said Narwhal.



I'm tangled!

Help!
Yelp!
Help!

What happened
to our home?



"Don't listen to that
silly thing," roared
Megamess.

"Tidying is boring.
You're a messer-upper."

I AM MEGAMESS.

Together, Ben, we're going to mess up
the **WHOLE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!**"

Ben looked up.
He knew Megameess had
to be stopped.

"I want to tidy up," Ben told
Narwhal, "but I don't know how."

"Just start with the small
things," Narwhal replied.



He put lids
on the pens,



then stacked some
paper plates,

I could use these
for my crayons.



and collected the
cans and bottles.

"That's a good start,"
said Narwhal, "but we're
going to need help."

Ben knew just
who to ask.



Ben told the world leaders:

HEY! LISTEN UP.

It's time to
tidy up our
mess!

You heard
the man.
Get to it!



So that's what they did.

They wiped off
the gunge.

They mopped up
the beans.

They un-trashed the ocean,

and cleaned up the shore.



As they sorted and stacked
and re-used, Megamess got
smaller and smaller.

STOP!
Cease! Desist!
This is all **WRONG**, Ben!
You're going against
the plan!

But Ben wasn't listening.

It was almost as if he had learned
something very important,
although he wasn't
quite sure what it was.

"Hmm," Ben said,
"the world is quite nice
when it isn't a mess."

When octopuses
aren't stuck and
penguins are
the right way up.

When pants are not pizza,
and there isn't a Megamess
under my bed."

Some children are neat.
Some children are not.
Ben still made messes.
But he did tidy up.





Ben's top tips for tidying up!

Did you know that some of the stuff
in that story was actually true?

Okay... nobody is flipping penguins on their heads
or wearing pizza pants, but there really are over five trillion
pieces of rubbish in the sea. It's called the Great Pacific
Garbage Patch, and it's a proper MEGA MESS.

But we can defeat it if we work together.
You can make a difference, too. Look at Ben's
top tips and try them out at home.



I ♥ ROTTING FOOD

This is a compost bin.

You can put banana peels,
eggshells and all the scraps
from your dinner plate in here,
and you can use it to make
plants grow. Put some eyes on
your compost bin and you'll
have your own rubbish-
eating monster!

GOOD DAY!



I'm making a
Card-avaggio!

RECYCLING

Save your cartons and egg boxes
and make a haunted house,
a spaceship or a work of art.
Find new uses for jars, just like
Ben! I'm sure you have lots of stuff
to put away...

Or what about growing some
plants in your yogurt pots,
using your stinky compost?
Smells like a good idea!

TOY SWAP

Instead of throwing your toys away
or buying more when you're bored with
them, you could swap with a friend.

You both get new toys
to enjoy, and you give
them a longer life!

3...2...1... SWAP!



VERY
COOL!

These are just a few ideas
to keep Megamess at bay.
Can you think of more?

