

# WHALE



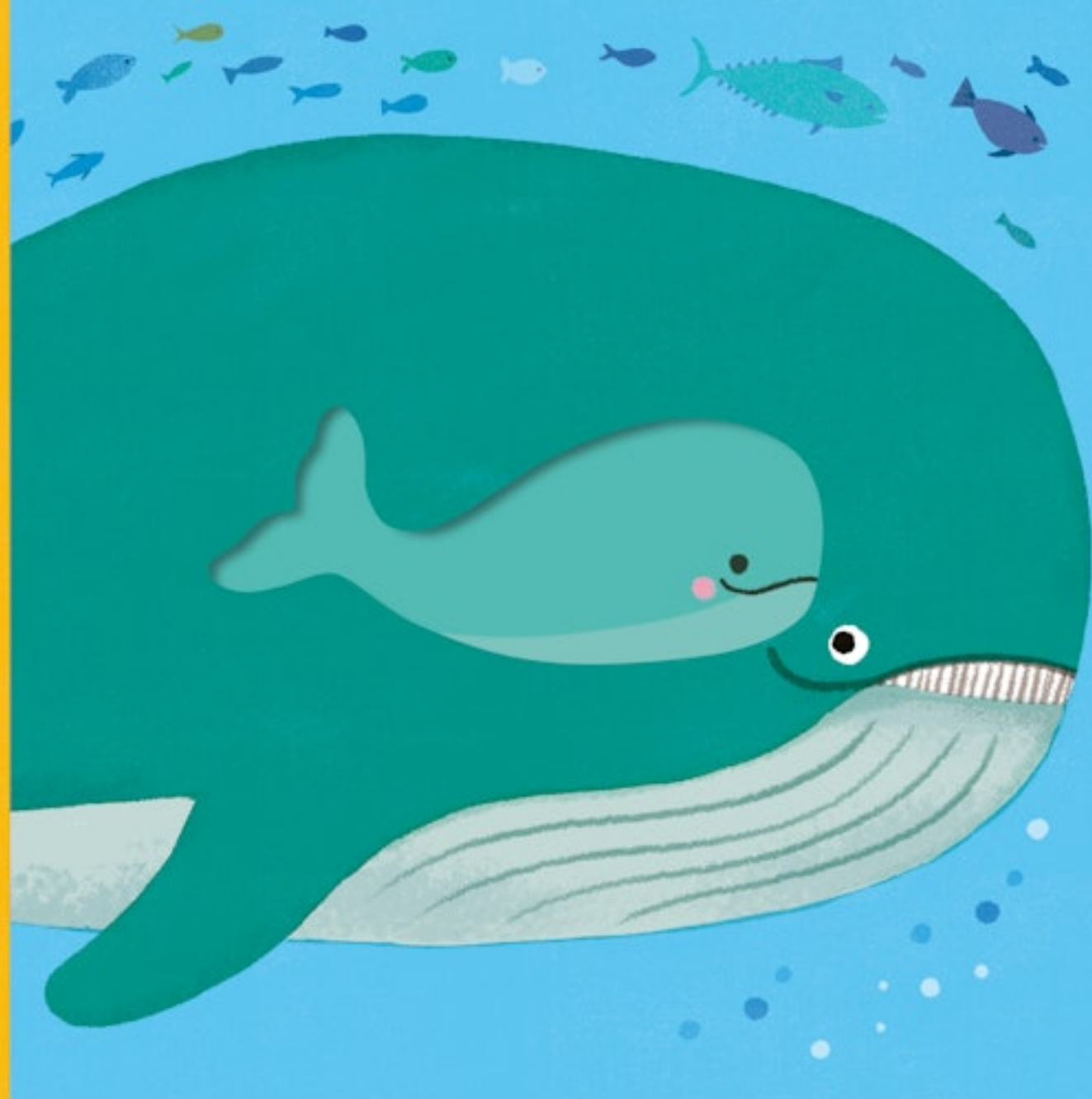
Maggie Li



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

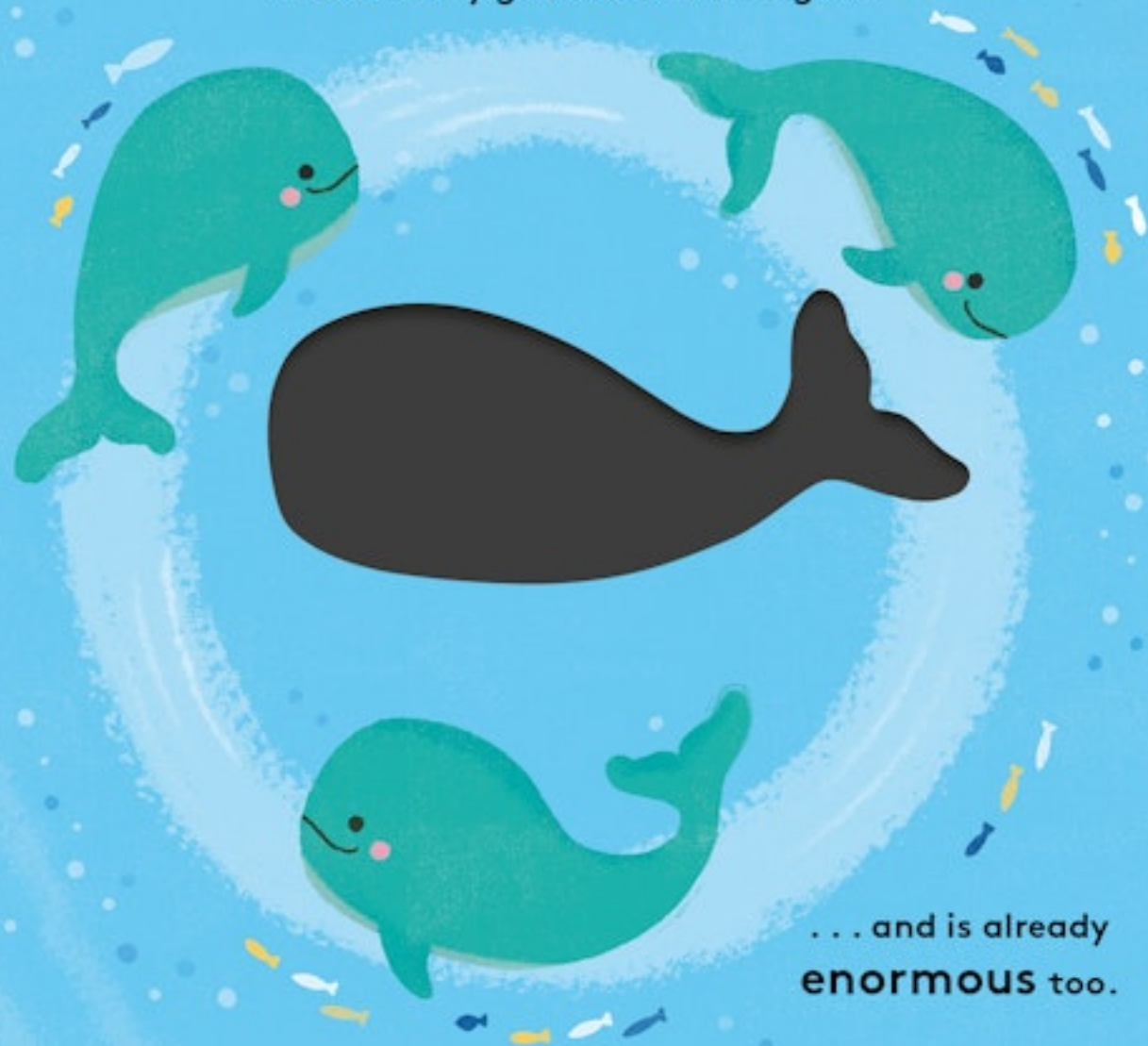


Can you see the whale in the water?





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



. . . and is already  
**enormous** too.

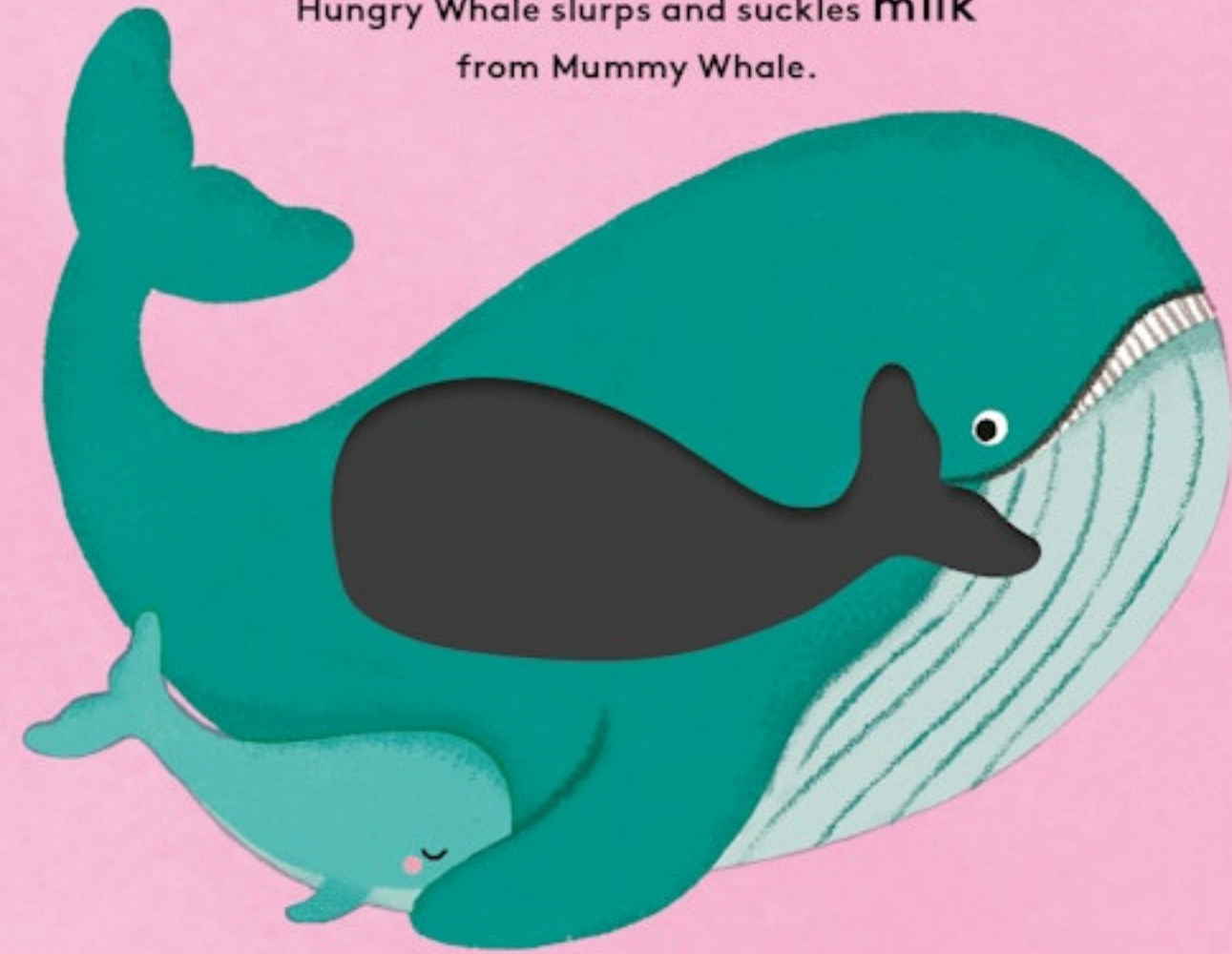
But there's lots more growing to do.



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.

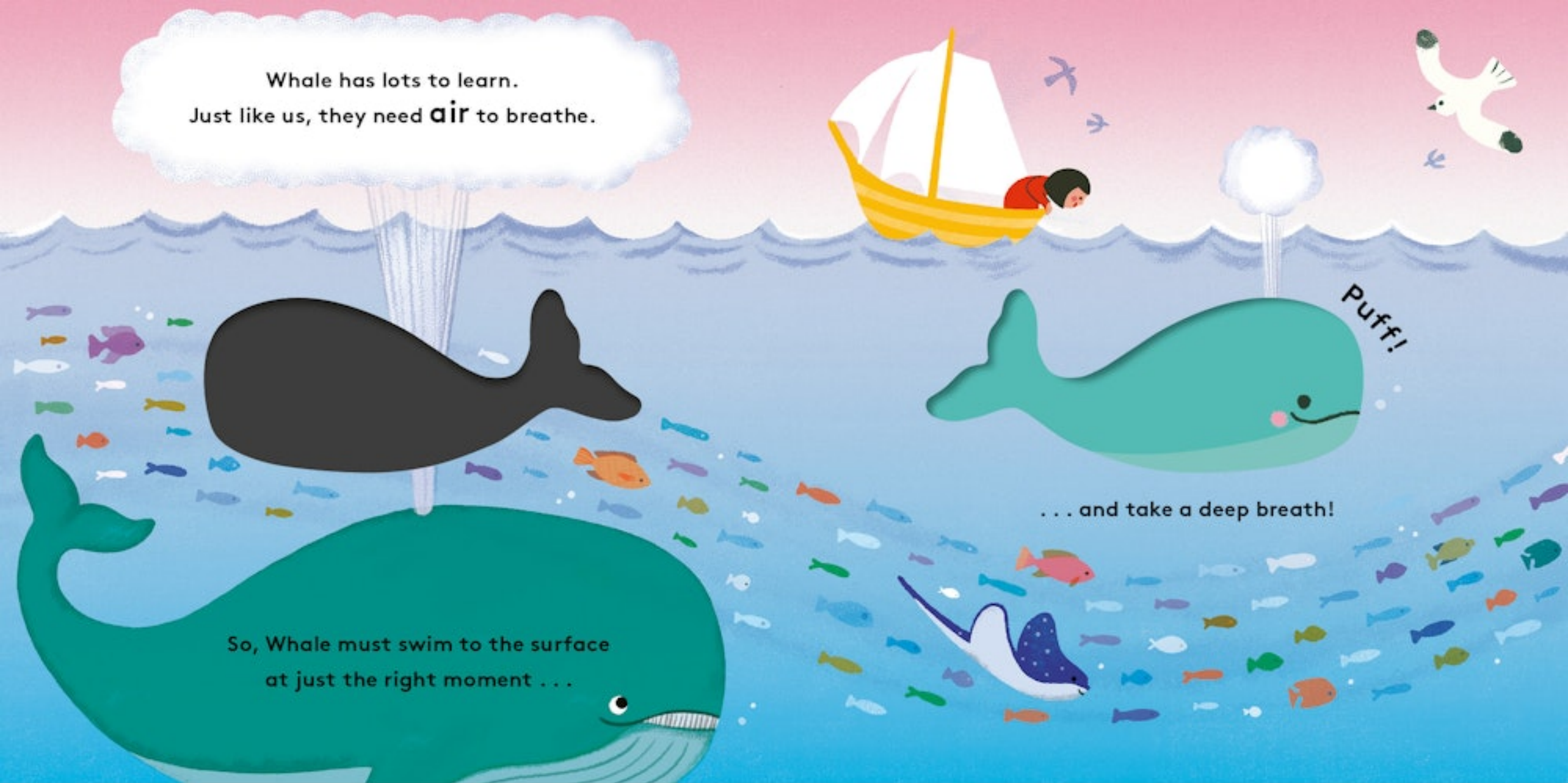


Swim baby Whale!

Can you see how much  
Whale has grown already?

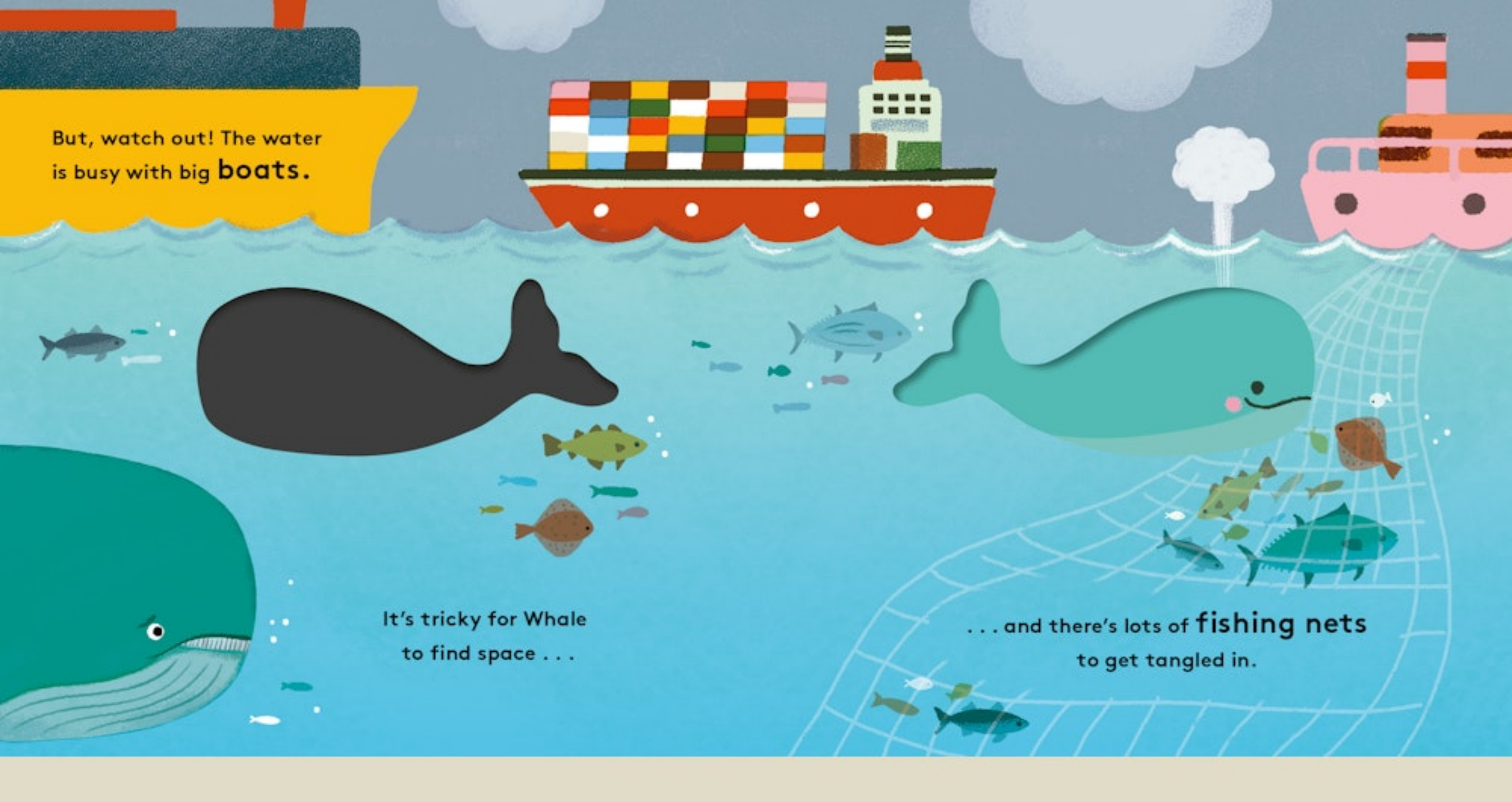


Whale has lots to learn.  
Just like us, they need **air** to breathe.



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

. . . and take a deep breath!



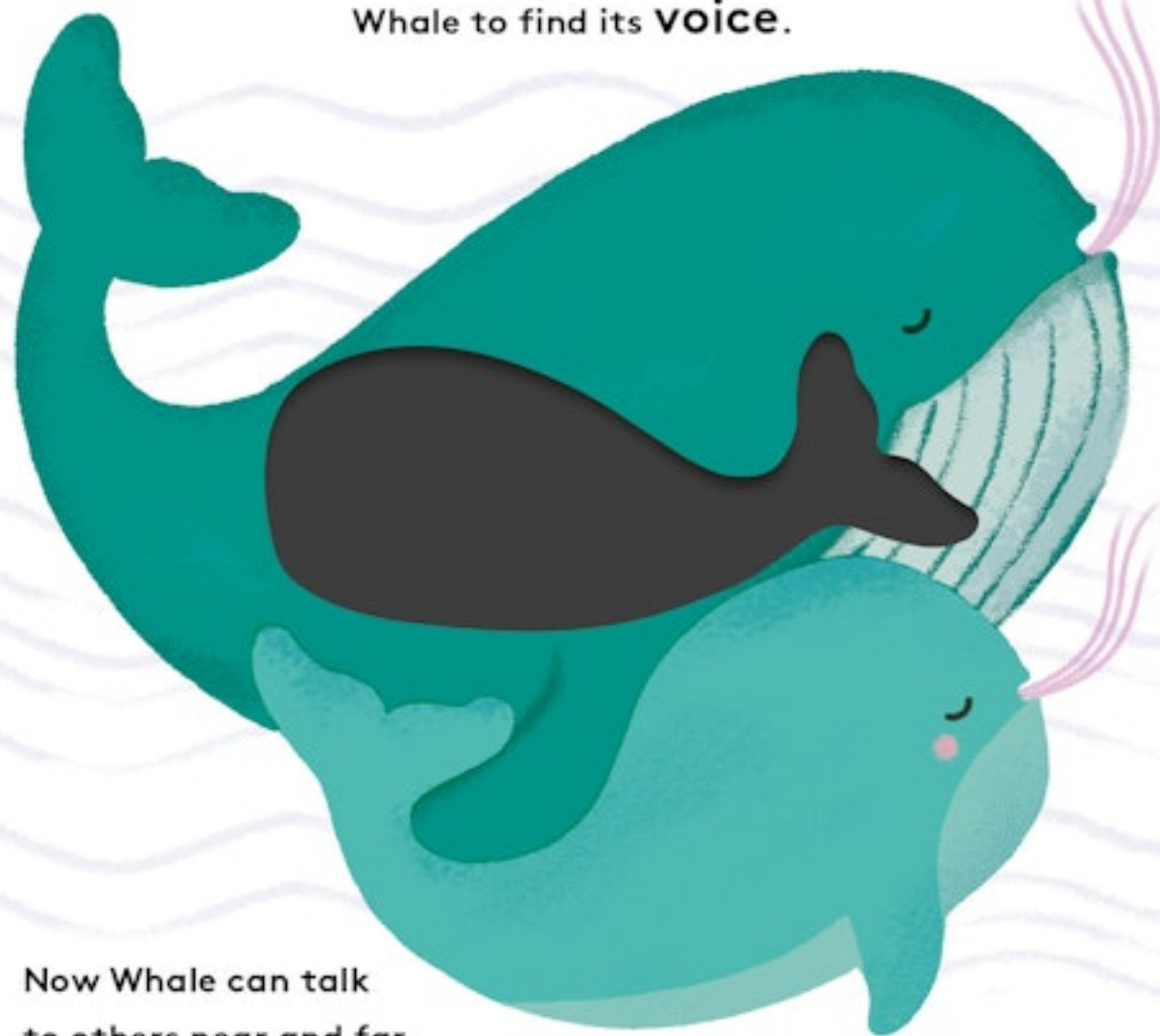
But, watch out! The water  
is busy with big **boats**.

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

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

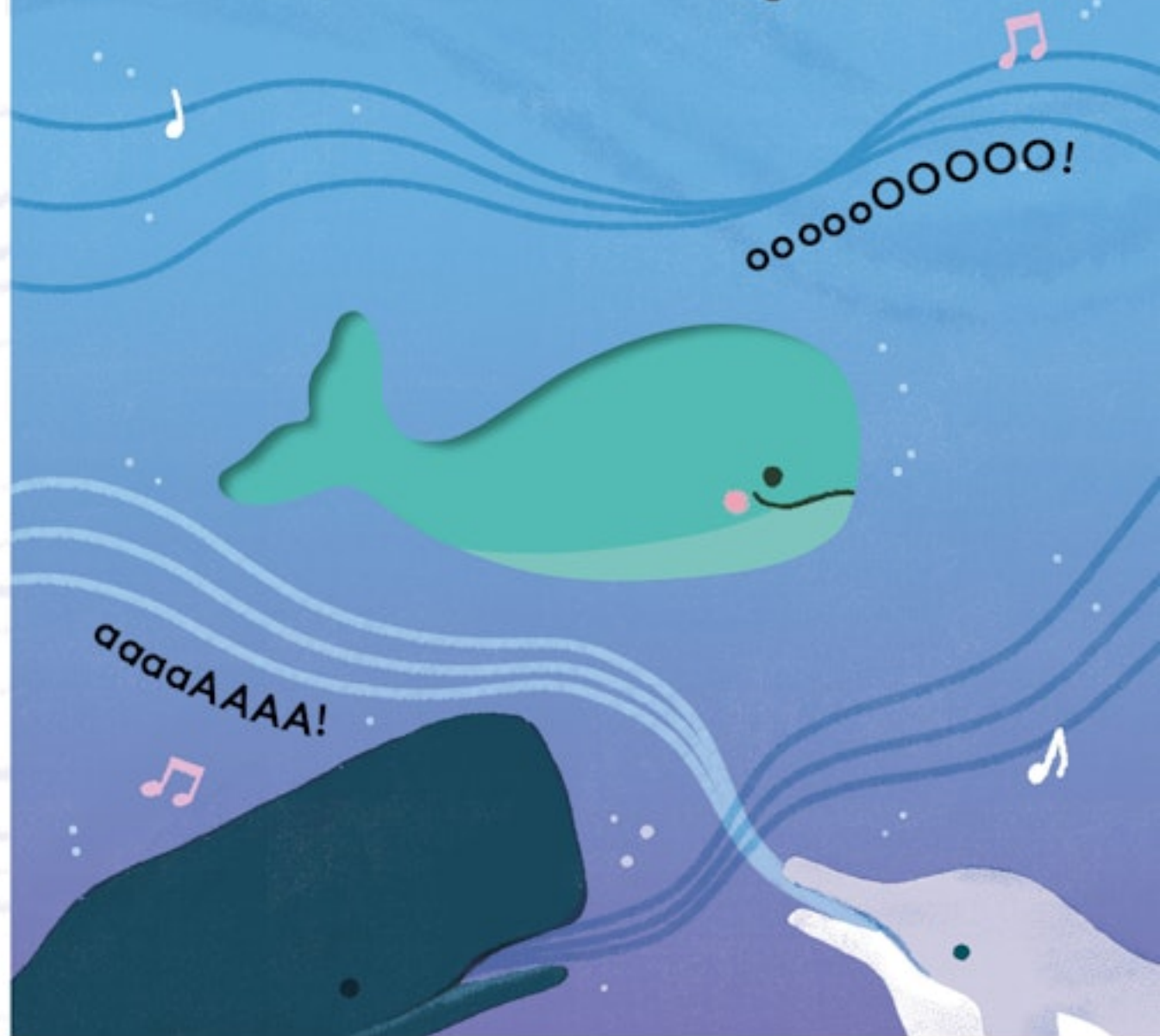


So, Mummy Whale teaches  
Whale to find its **voice**.



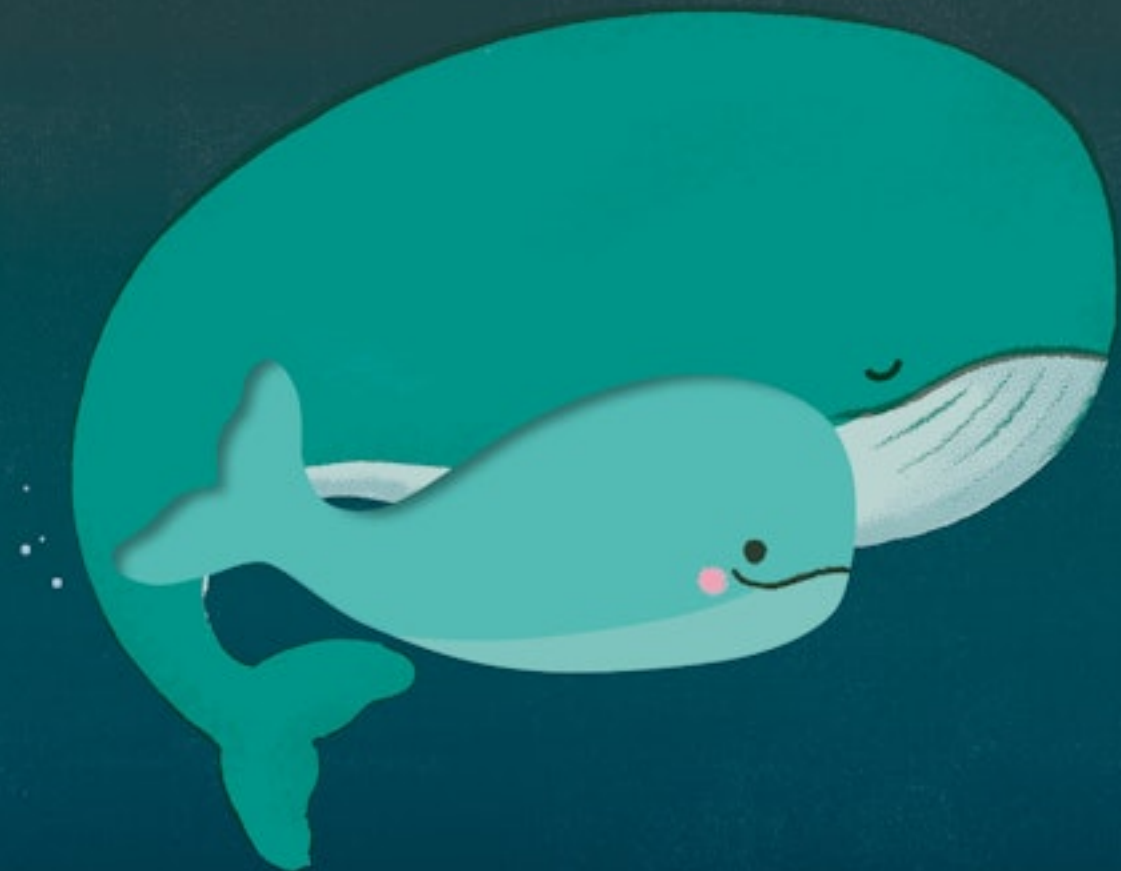
Now Whale can talk  
to others near and far.

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



Mummy Whale leads the way . . .

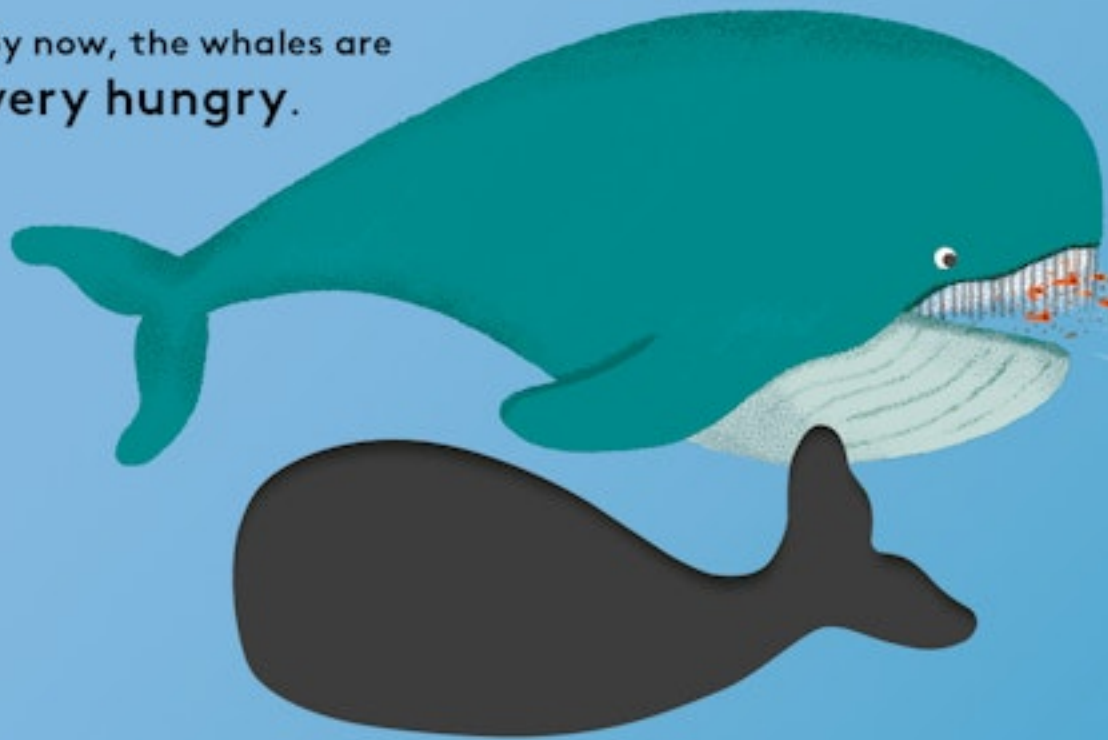
. . . and at last,  
their long swim is almost over.



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!

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!**



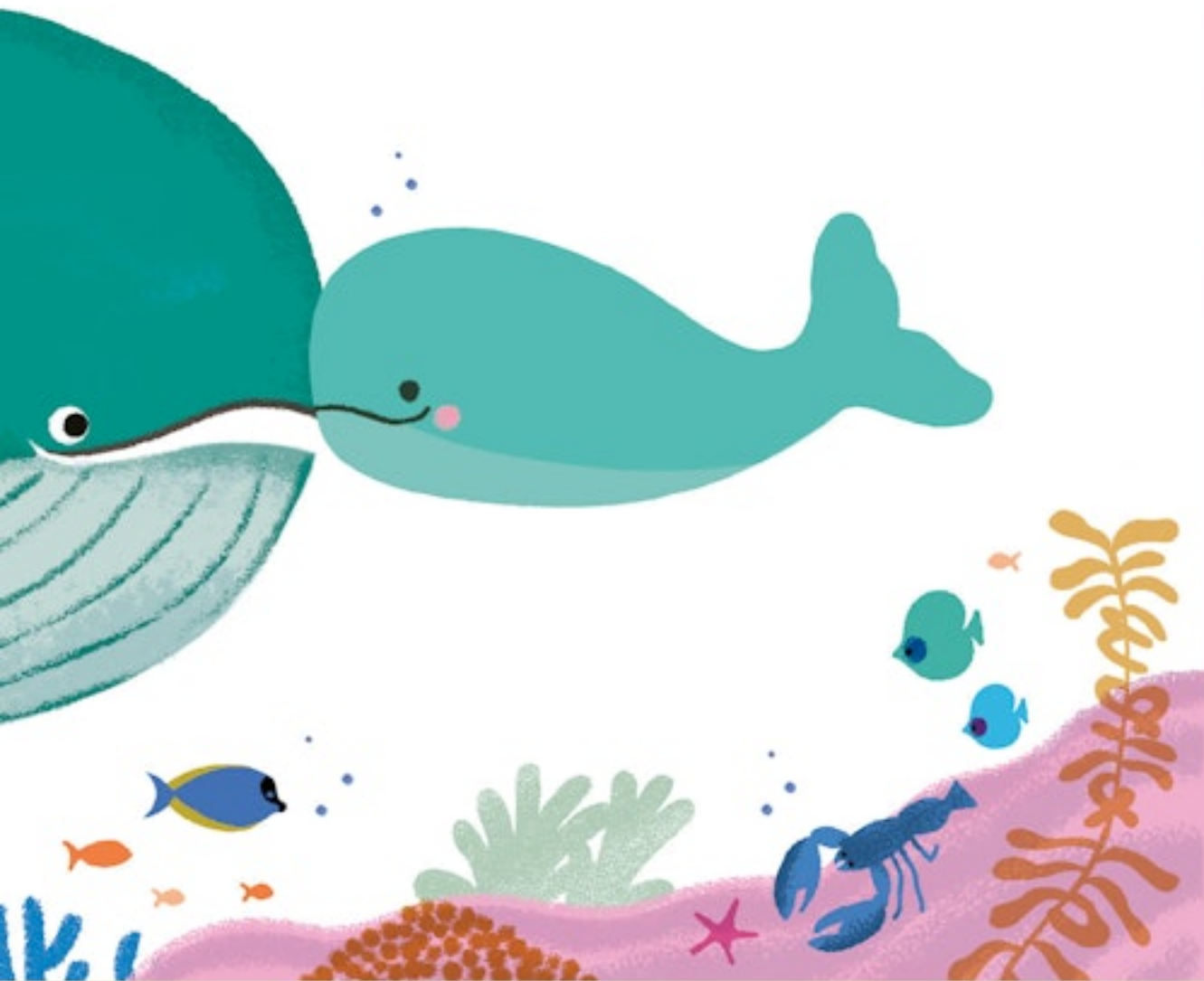


Now, big Whale is ready  
to swim the same long journey  
from all those years ago.

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**.

