



# Papa Goes to Sea

Four-year-old Emily shares what happens when her Papa sails on a Navy frigate out to sea. Through their conversations and her imagination, she experiences her Papa's life at sea and realises why his job in the Navy is important.

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To my Navy Family at sea  
on ships big and small

And our families who  
love us from ashore

—Winnie

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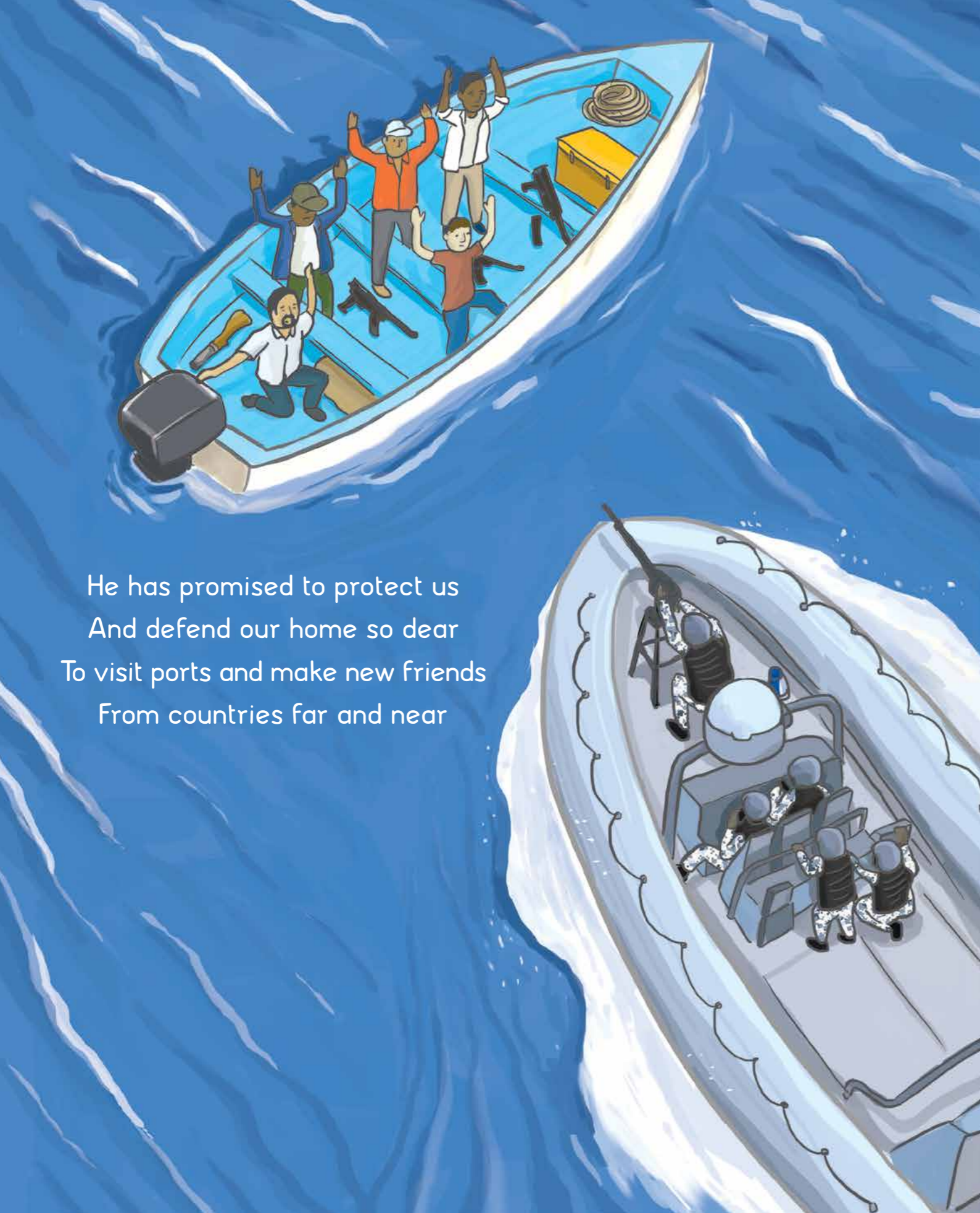




My Papa's in the navy  
He's sailing out to sea  
To places far from Singapore  
To keep the sea lanes free



Before he left he said to me  
I'll call each day at two  
To tell you of my duties  
And a few adventures too

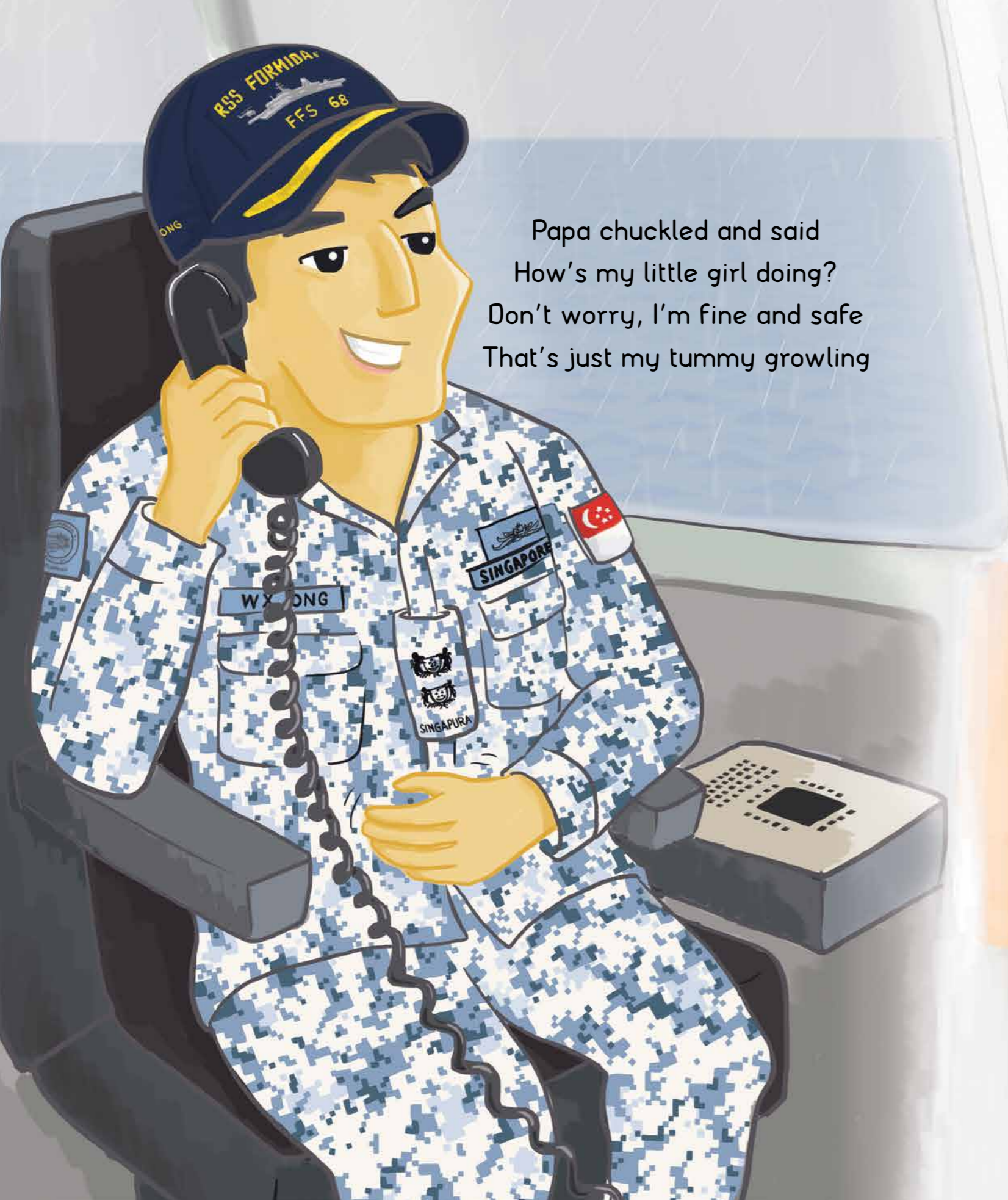


He has promised to protect us  
And defend our home so dear  
To visit ports and make new friends  
From countries far and near





The first time Papa called home  
He said it was smooth sailing  
But I could hear the waves crash  
And the angry winds wailing



Papa chuckled and said  
How's my little girl doing?  
Don't worry, I'm fine and safe  
That's just my tummy growling





I think Papa's very brave  
He says that isn't so  
He just wants to keep us safe  
From terrorists and foe





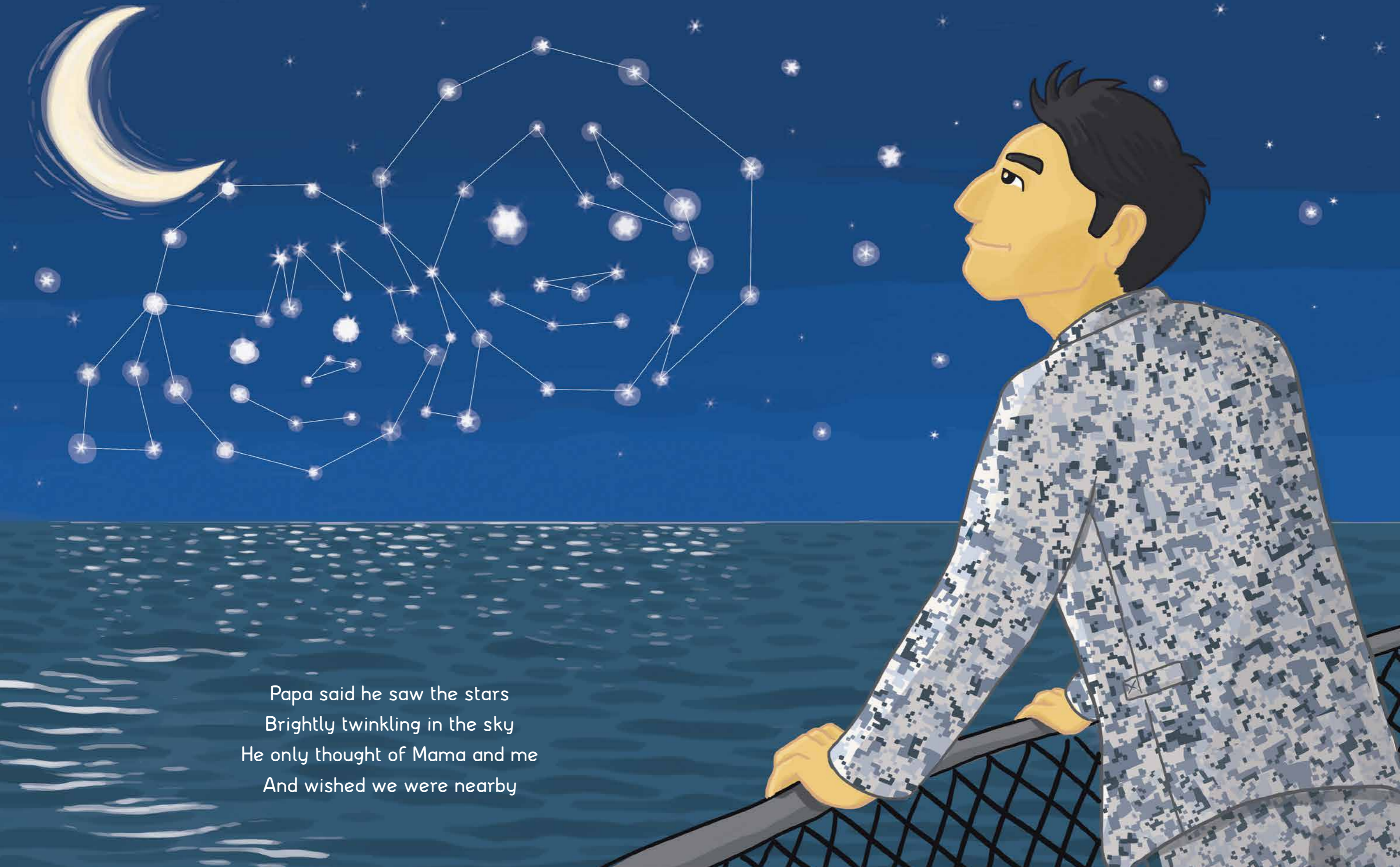
He showed us ships that sailed his way  
Container ships and tankers  
Carrying all sorts of goods  
From cars to my favourite crackers



When I look out my window  
And see ships out at sea  
The ships that sail to Singapore  
Look just the same to me



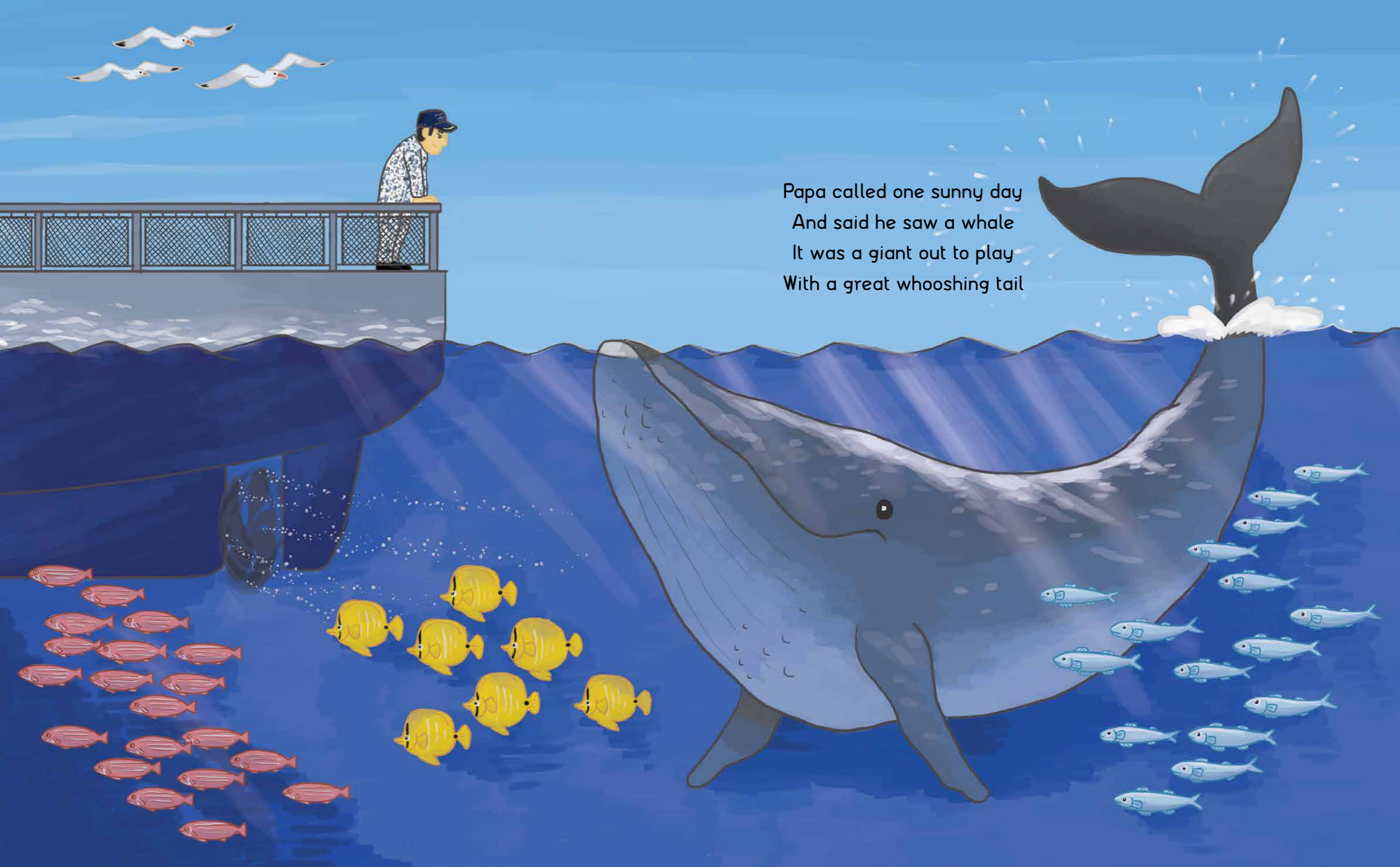
Rain or shine Papa calls at two  
To say a cheery Hello  
And tell of friendly dolphins  
In groups; never solo



Papa said he saw the stars  
Brightly twinkling in the sky  
He only thought of Mama and me  
And wished we were nearby



At home we used scissors and glue  
To create constellations  
We made a sky of midnight blue  
And drew Papa in the ocean!



Papa called one sunny day  
And said he saw a whale  
It was a giant out to play  
With a great whooshing tail

Oh Papa where are you?  
Foreign shore or open sea?  
Are you having dinner too?  
Wish you were home with me

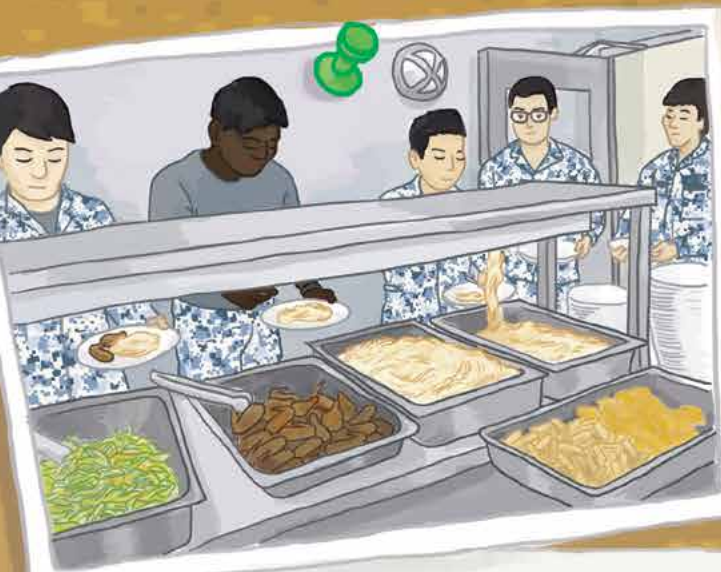




Papa says he's coming home  
His frigate docks at two  
Wish I could fly to the port  
Hug him tight and say 'I love you'

Oh, tell me more adventures  
And stories out at sea  
Of the brave women and men  
Protecting Singapore and me!





This is an example of  
a typical day aboard

- 1 6:00am Breakfast
- 2 9:30am Warfare operations
- 3 1:30pm Fire fighting drills
- 4 4:30pm Team sports
- 5 8:00pm Helicopter operations

Call  
home  
at 2pm

