



INDY! INDY!



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Six-year-old Josh is learning to do things on his own. His mum tells him he's starting to be independent. Curious about what that means, he finds out about three naval ships named RSS Independence and of their efforts to keep Singapore independent.



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To my nephews Elliot and Joseph,
and the generations who inherit
the gift of independence

—Winnie

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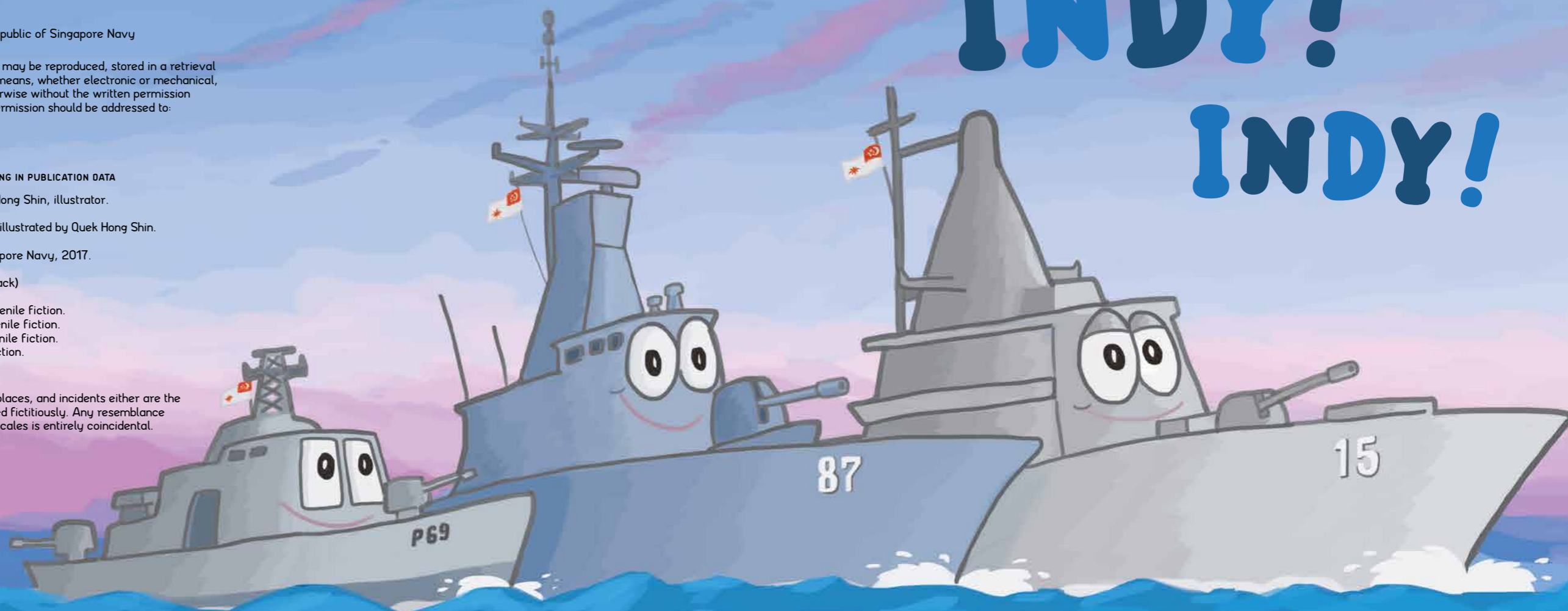
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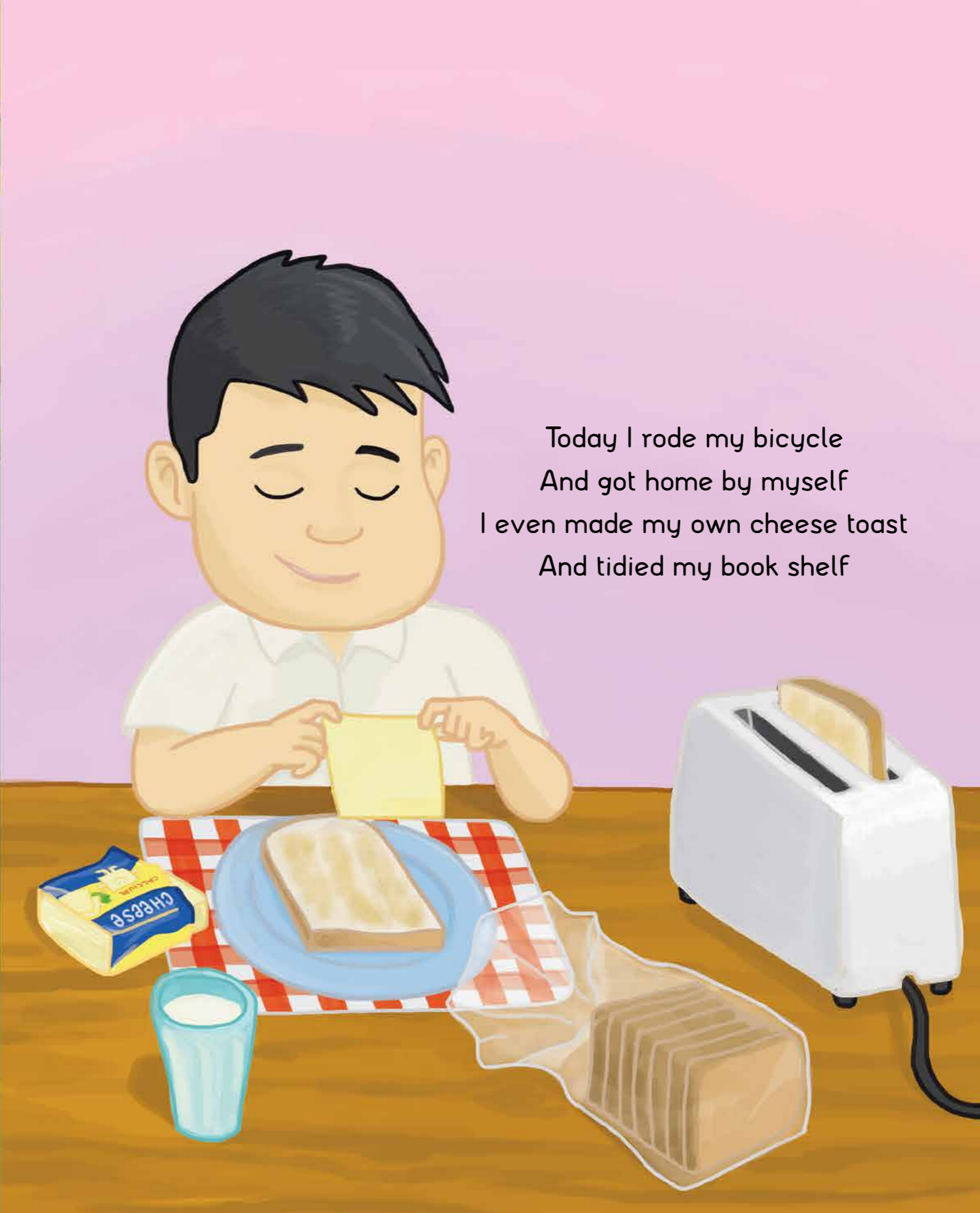
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Today I rode my bicycle
And got home by myself
I even made my own cheese toast
And tidied my book shelf

Mummy said that I displayed
Some signs of *independence*
I didn't know what the word meant
But it sounded quite important

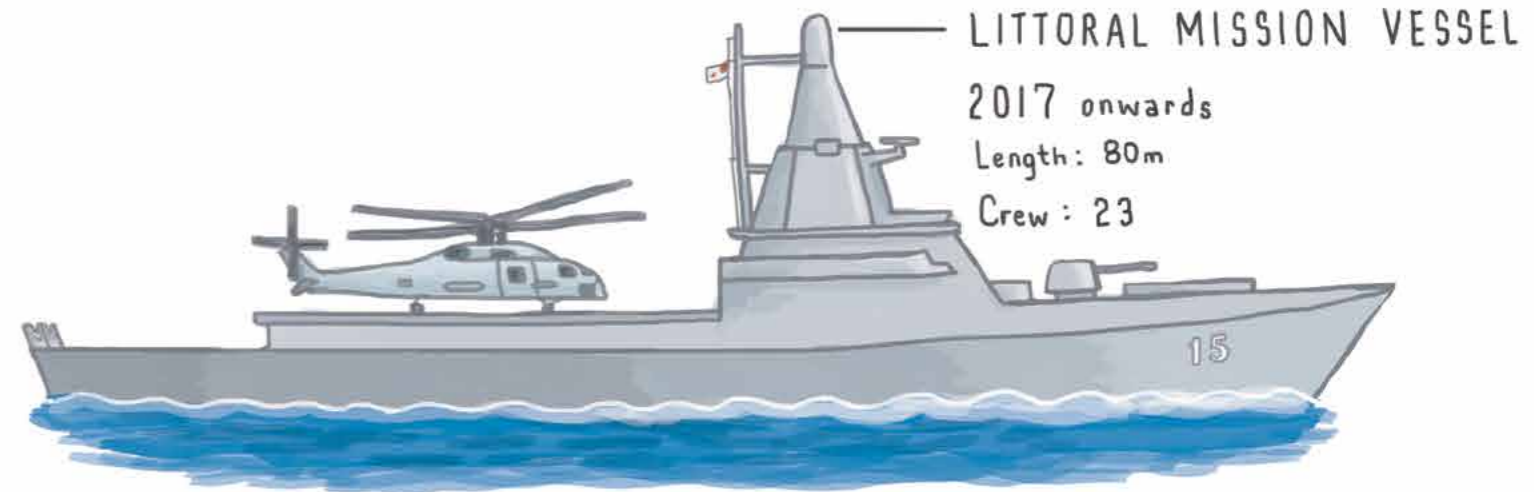
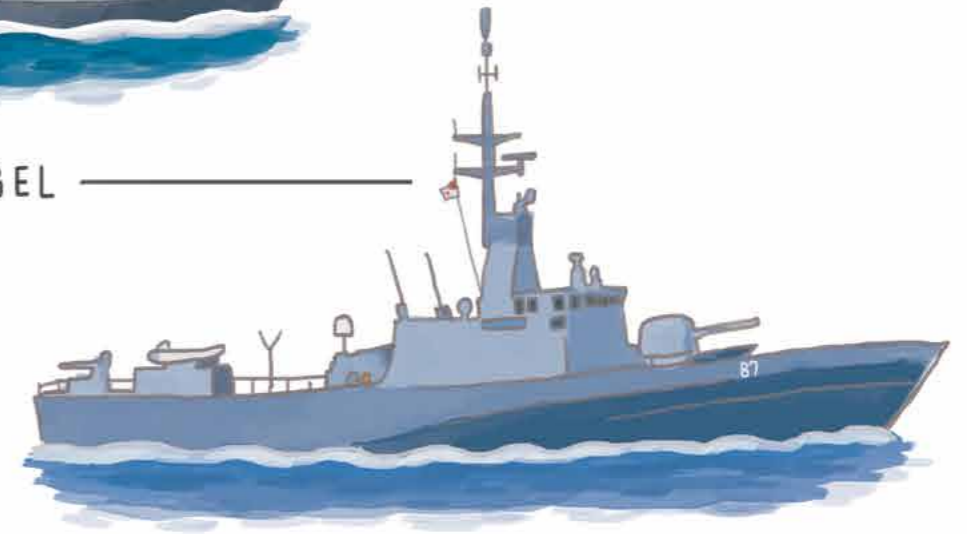


I looked it up on mum's laptop
And found three famous ships
Named RSS Independence
They all made historic trips



PATROL CRAFT
1970 - 1997
Length: 33m
Crew: 19

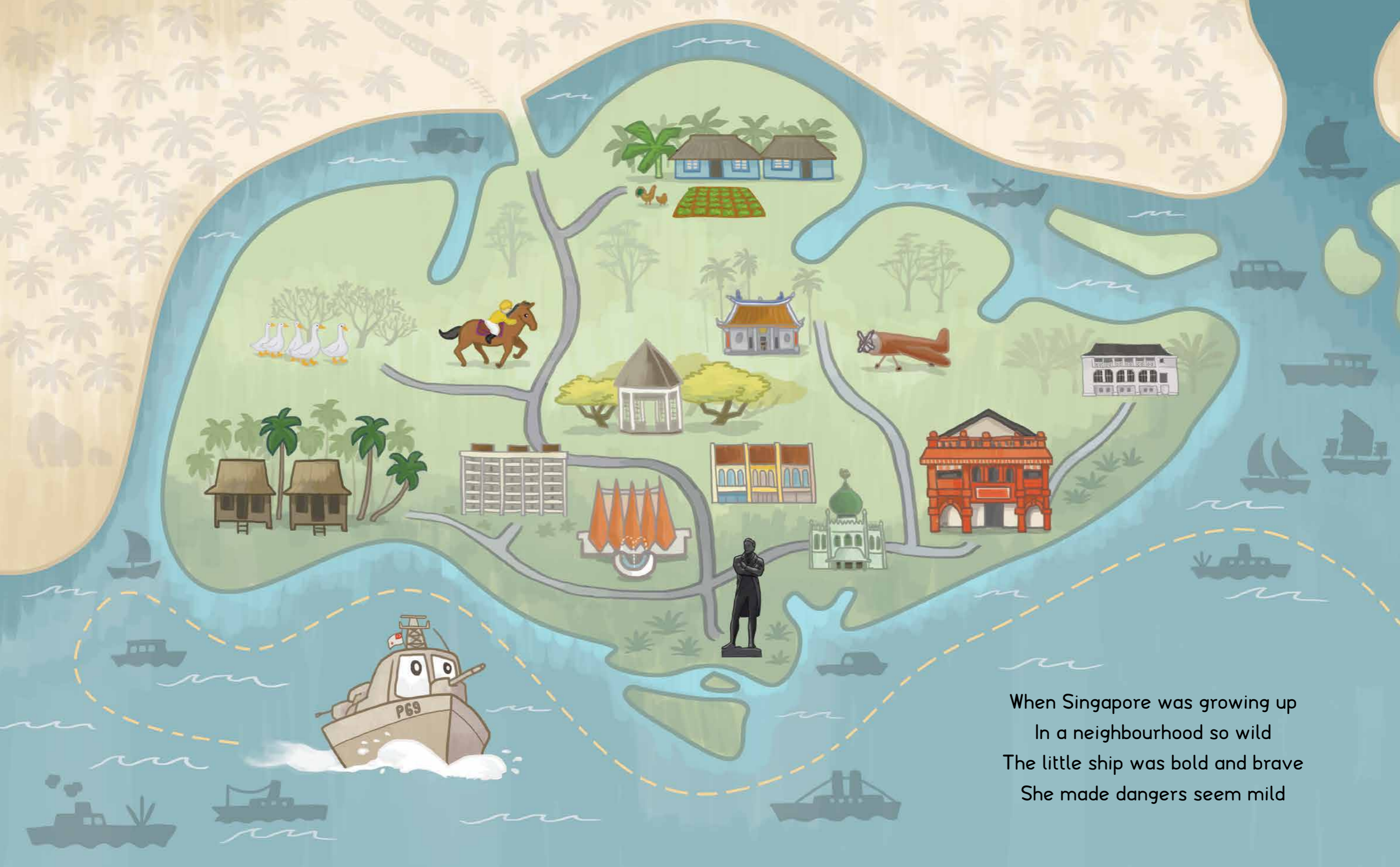
PATROL VESSEL
1998 - 2017
Length: 55m
Crew: 30



LITTORAL MISSION VESSEL
2017 onwards
Length: 80m
Crew: 23



The first was a little ship
A humble patrol craft
She sailed when Singapore was young
The days were long and tough



When Singapore was growing up
In a neighbourhood so wild
The little ship was bold and brave
She made dangers seem mild

She defended Singapore's shores
And helped many boats in need
She stopped some terrorists out at sea
Made Singapore proud indeed





But when she got creaky
And her parts were getting old
She passed on experience and name
So Independence would grow



Next was a patrol vessel
Serving country far and wide
A trusty ship from bow to stern
She took rough seas in her stride



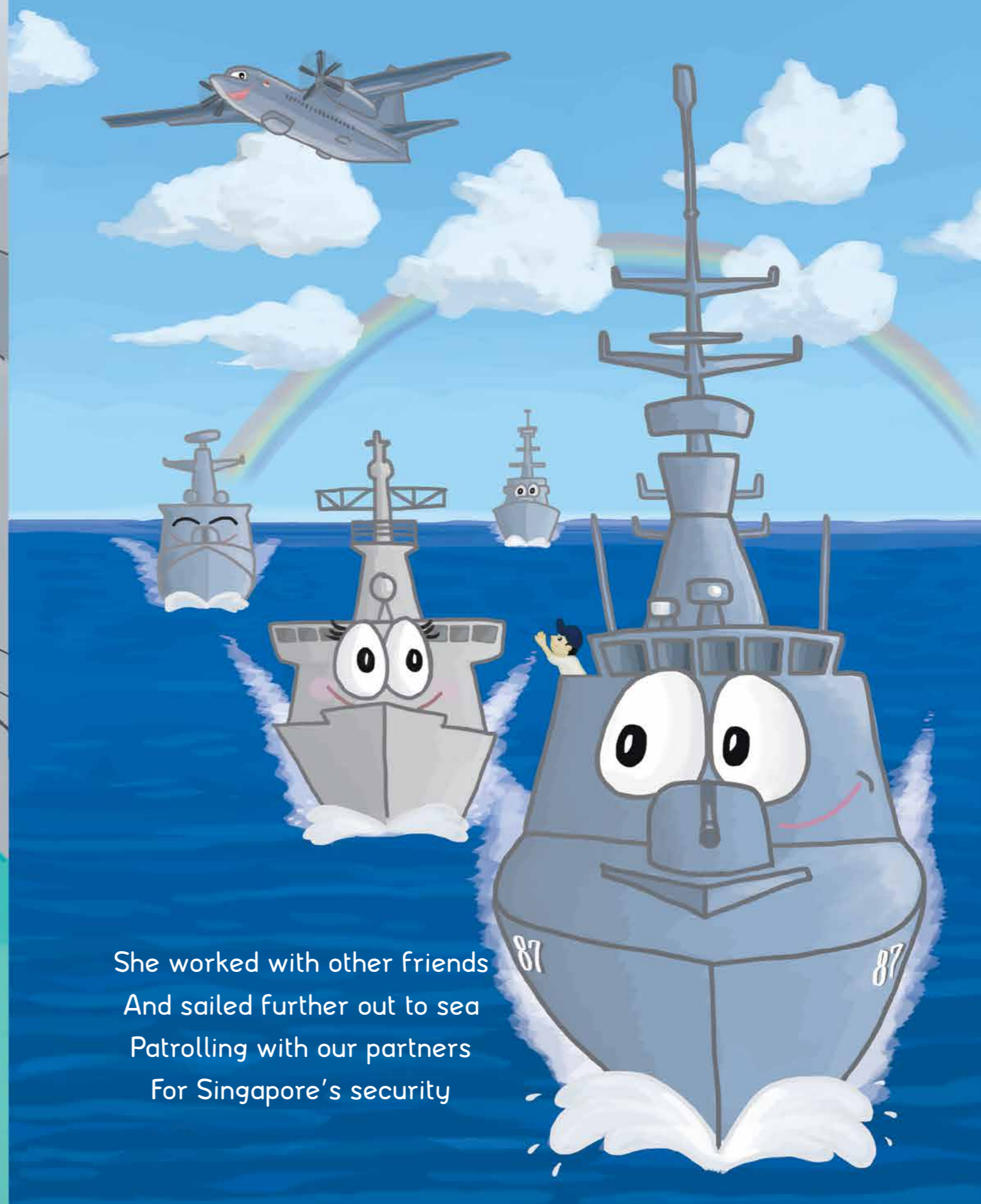
INDEPENDENCE



Her mascot was a marlin
The fastest fighting fish
A symbol of might and courage
With a strong will to persist



She once rescued drowning men
Who fell from a fishing boat
She plucked them from the water
And gave them some warm clothes

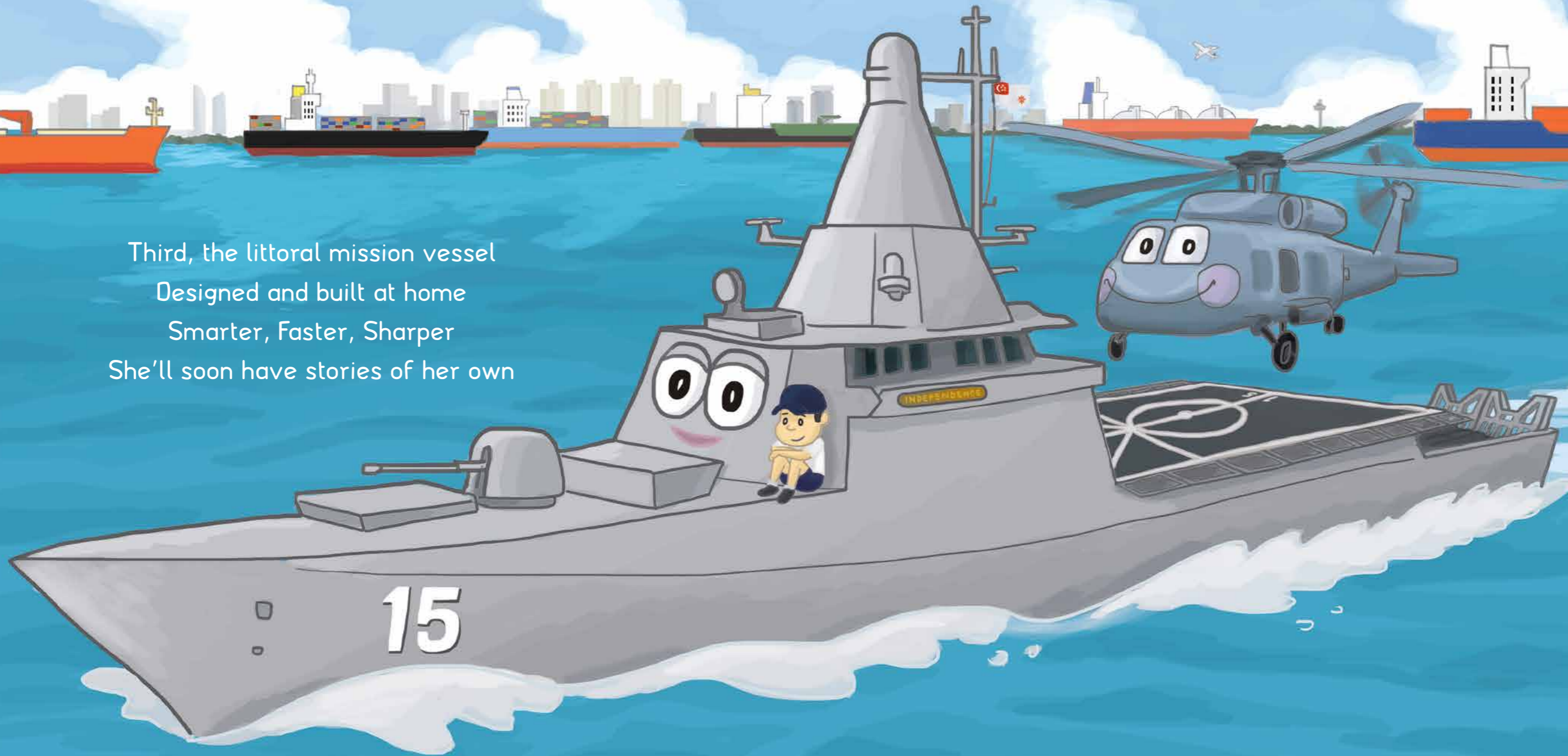


She worked with other friends
And sailed further out to sea
Patrolling with our partners
For Singapore's security

But she too grew creaky
And her parts were getting old
She passed on experience and name
So Independence would grow



Third, the littoral mission vessel
Designed and built at home
Smarter, Faster, Sharper
She'll soon have stories of her own





These three ships tell a story
That the independence we see
Is something we all protect
For Singapore to be free



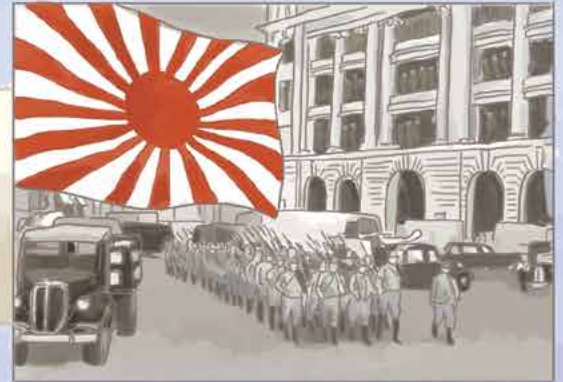
Mummy does her part
I want to do mine too
I can't wait to grow up
To see what I can do!

Singapore's Road to Independence



Singapore was a trading port owned by the British in the past. We had to rely on others to protect us and we had to live under their rule.

During World War Two, the Japanese occupied Singapore. Life was hard and people suffered. We realised we could not rely on anyone else to defend us – we must defend ourselves.



Singapore was part of Malaysia for two years. As we had different views of what we wanted for our way of life, Singapore separated from Malaysia and became independent in 1965.



Today, Singapore, our nation, is strong and free.



Since 1965, we have been working hard to protect Singapore as a place where everyone can progress as one united people.