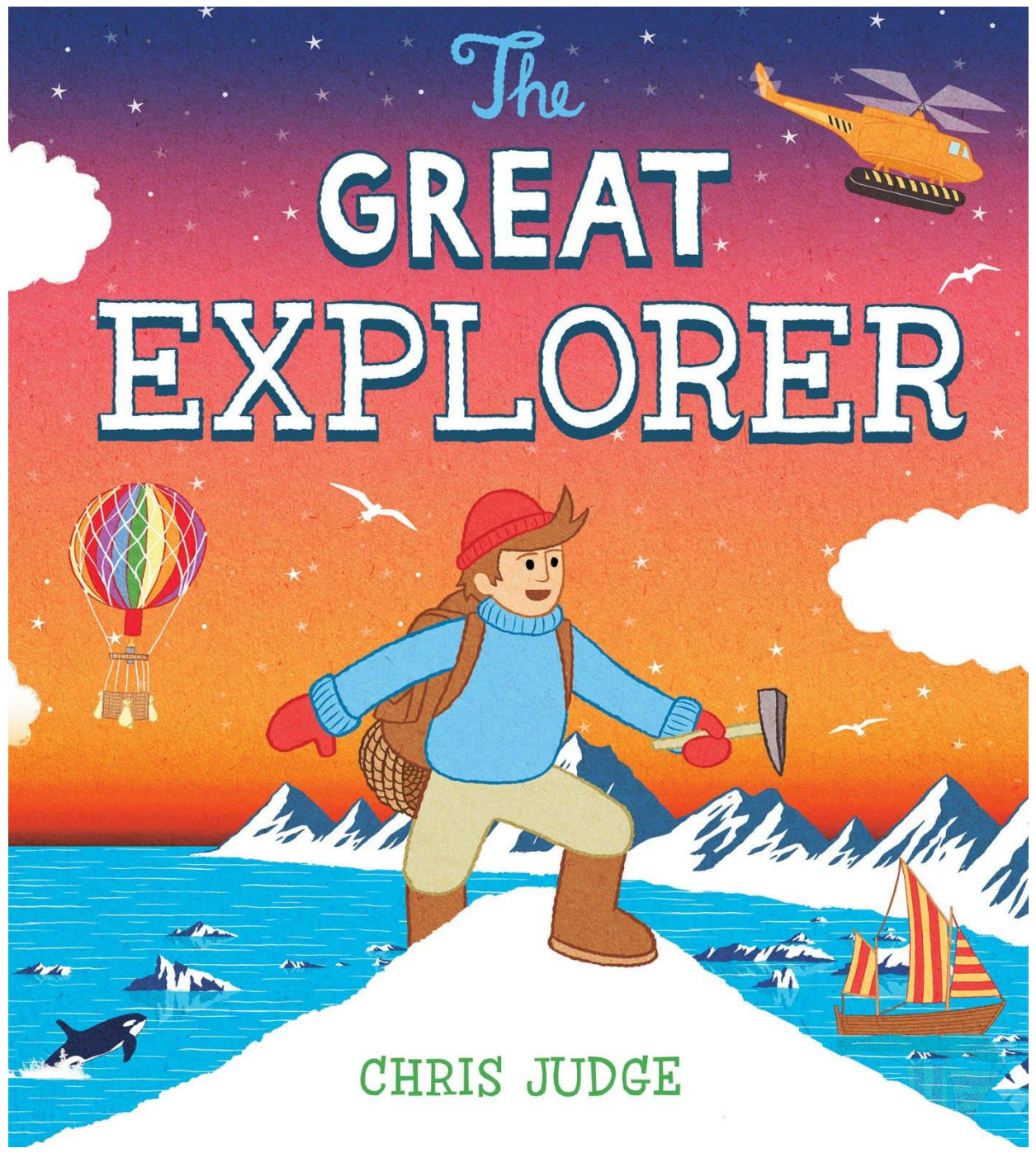


The
**GREAT
EXPLORER**



CHRIS JUDGE



Tom's dad was a famous explorer.



One morning when Tom went down to breakfast...



he was shocked to see a picture of his dad on the front of the morning paper.

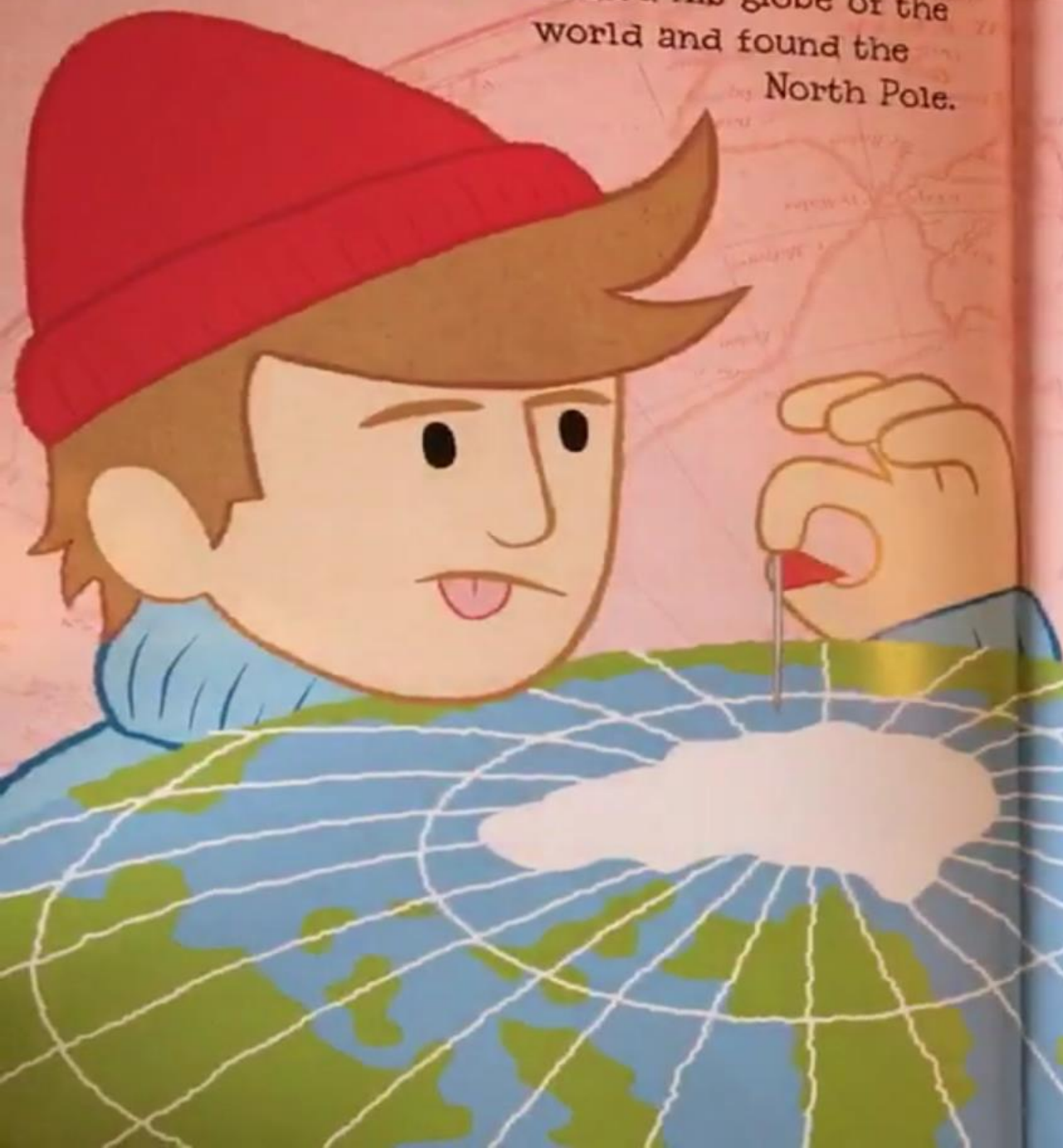


His dad had got lost while exploring the North Pole.



Tom resolved there and then to go and rescue him.

First, he studied his globe of the world and found the North Pole.




Then he bought a map so he could find his way there...

packed his bag and set off on his first adventure.



Casting off, he set sail
out into the big, blue ocean.





After sailing for many weeks,
Tom knew he was close to the
North Pole when gigantic icebergs
appeared on the horizon.



As he sailed on, he saw lots of beautiful shapes in the ice.



It was the most magical place he had ever seen.



But soon the ice got thicker and thicker...



until eventually the boat ran aground on the ice!



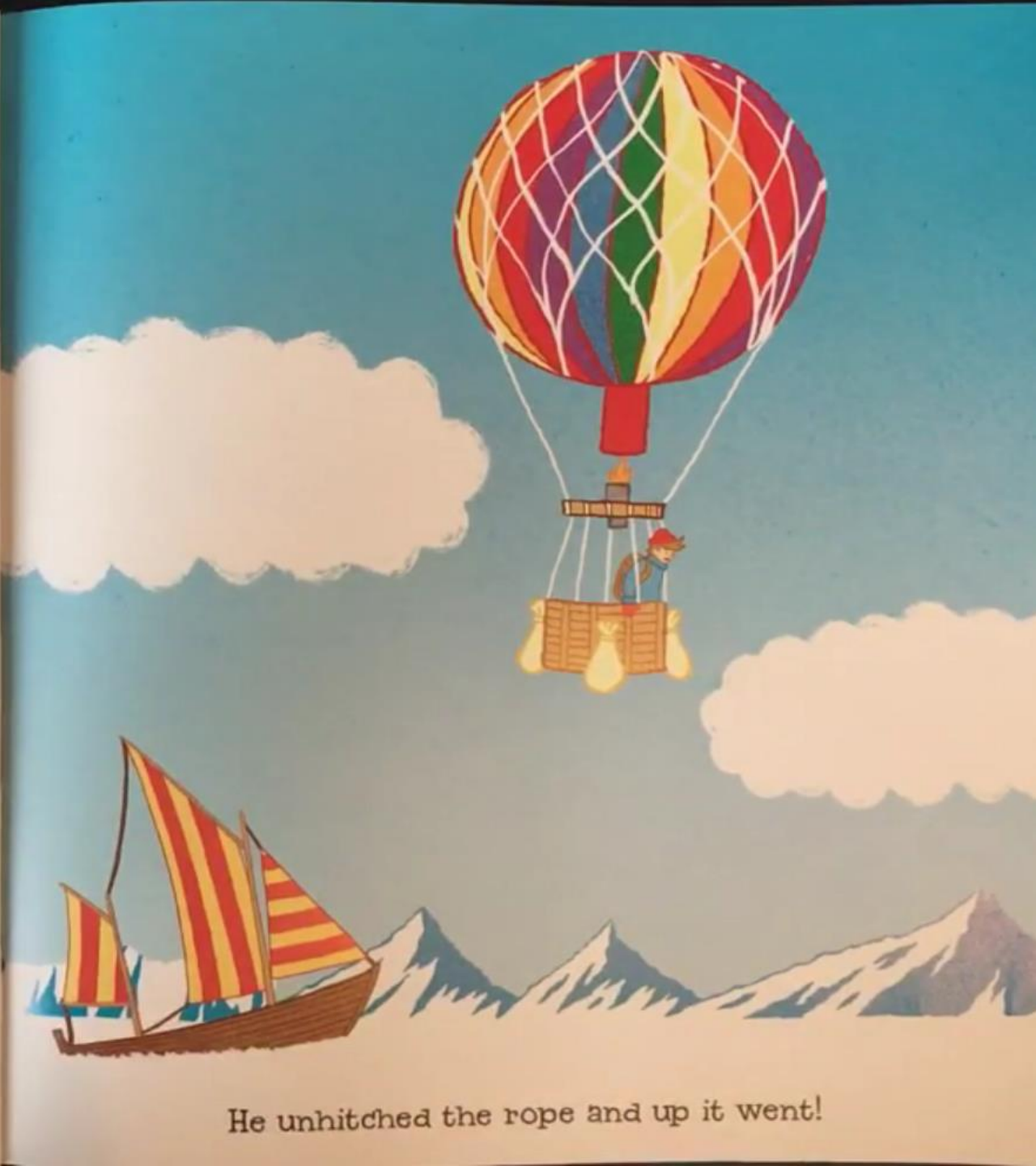
Fortunately Tom had a hot air balloon on board.



He pumped it full of hot air...



and soon it was ready to take off.



He unhitched the rope and up it went!



As night fell, the spectacular Northern Lights lit up the sky.



Tom was amazed.



But the balloon sailed too high and was hit by a passing satellite!



The balloon plummeted downwards.



“AAAAAHHH!”



Tom screamed with fright.



Luckily he had a parachute with him.



Quickly he put it on and jumped out.

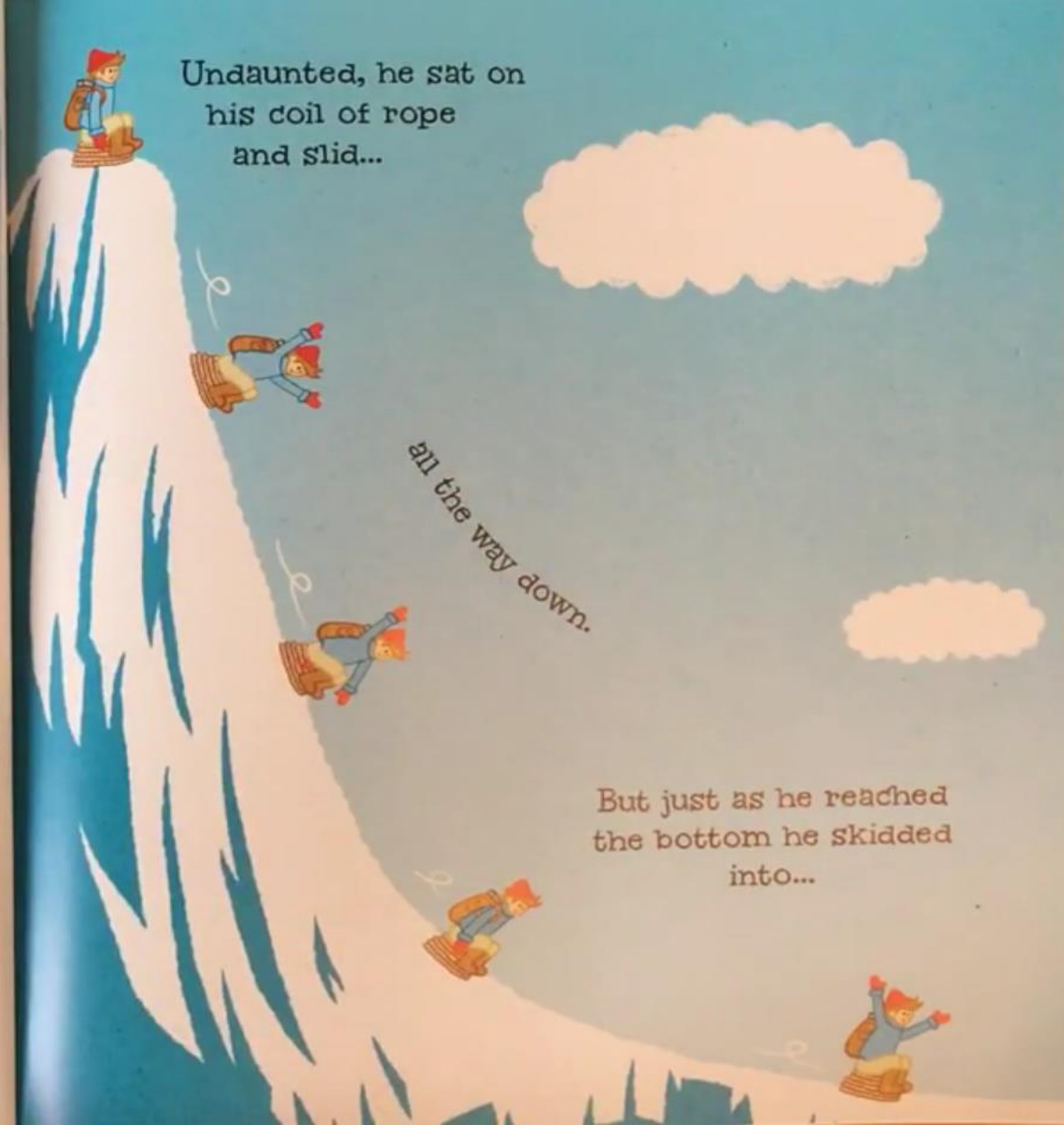


"Phew! That was a close shave!" he thought,
as the balloon crashed to the ground.



But just at that
moment...

he landed on top of a very dangerous cliff.



Undaunted, he sat on
his coil of rope
and slid...

all the way down.

But just as he reached
the bottom he skidded
into...

A GIANT WALRUS!



Tom ran away as fast as he could until he reached a dangerous river of broken ice.

So he jumped...

hopped...

skipped...

bounded...

and leapt

across the ice until he was safely on the other side.



As Tom continued his journey, it started to snow heavily.



The blizzard grew wilder still, so he decided to pitch his tent.



But the wind was too strong and his tent blew away!



Fortunately he spotted a small cave.

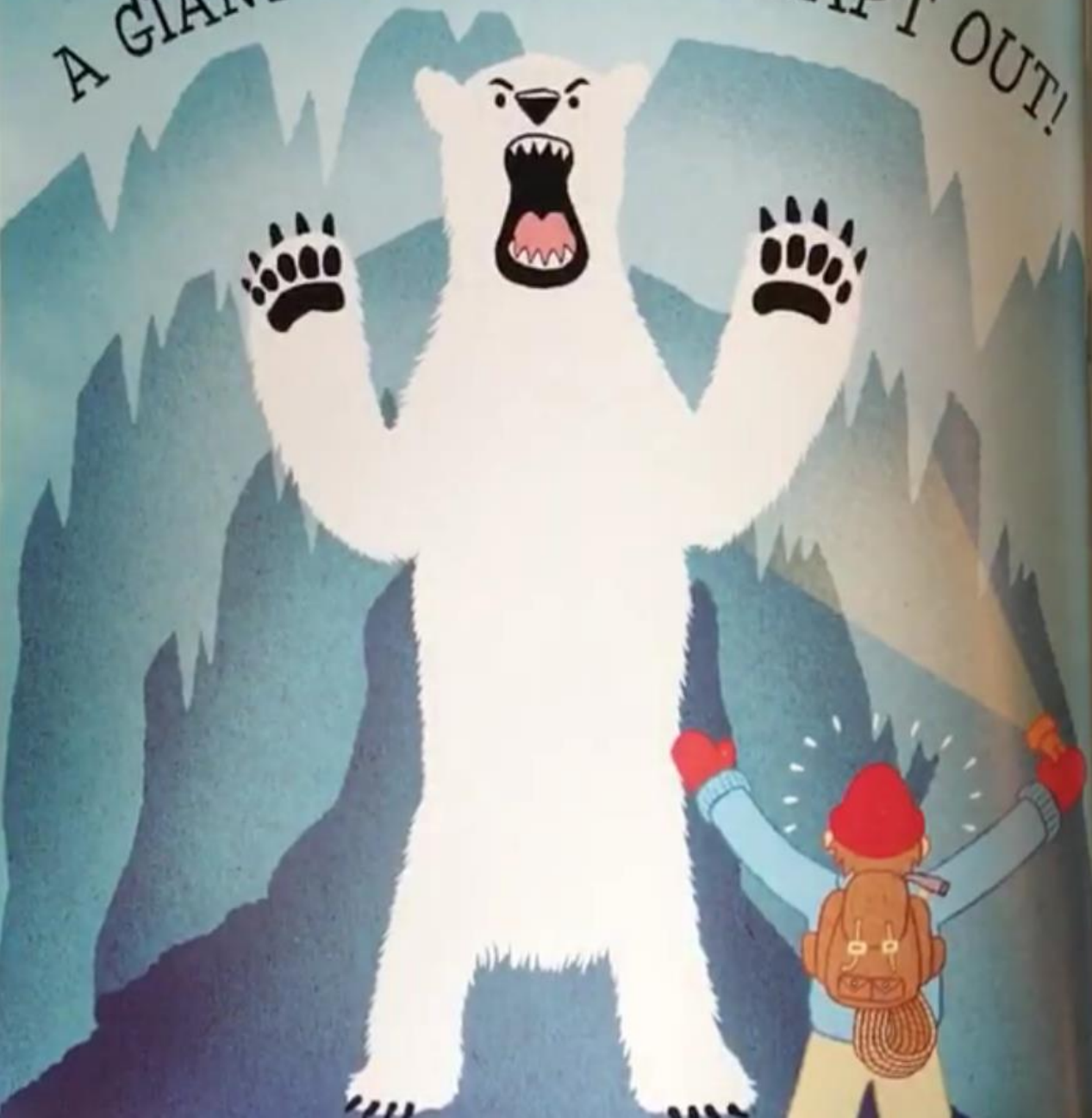


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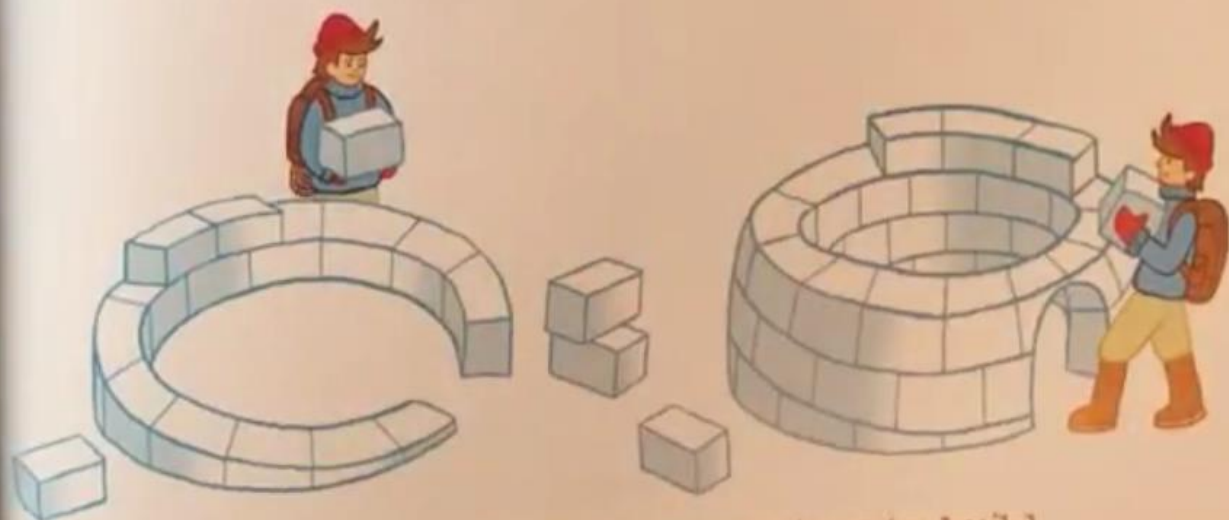


was just settling down to have a rest when...

A GIANT POLAR BEAR LEAPT OUT!



Tom ran away as fast as he could.



It was getting dark so he decided to build an igloo to shelter in.

