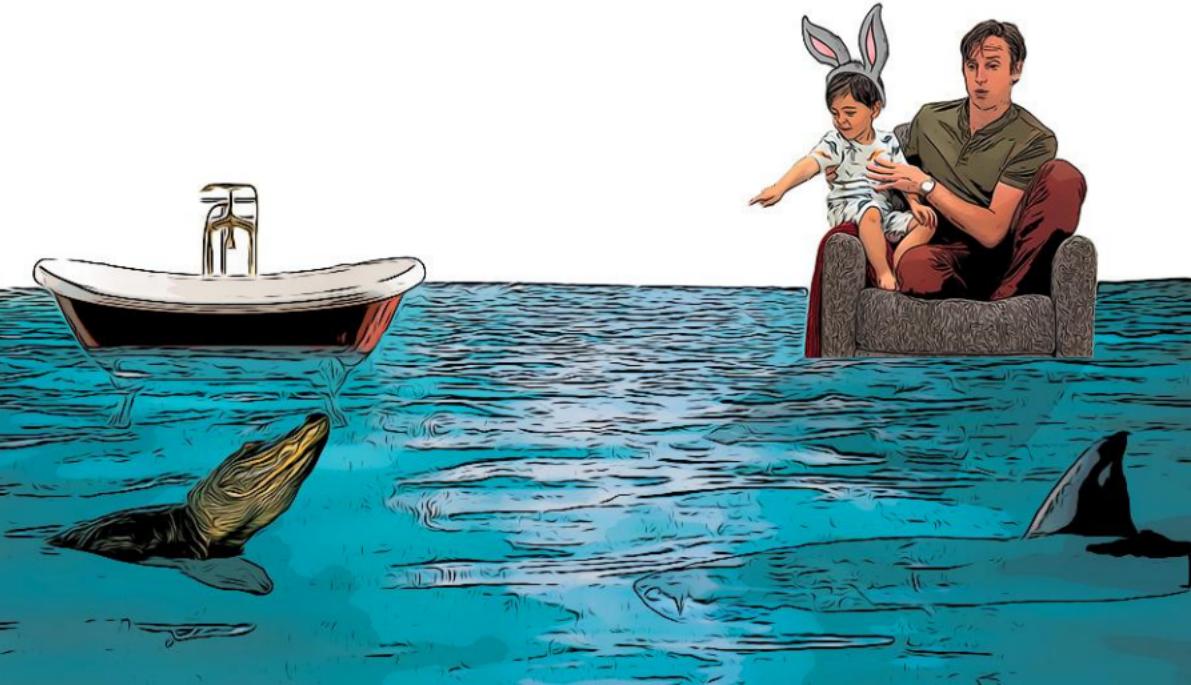


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A young boy was goofing around with some primates
when his pappa said "little monkey, your bed awaits."



"I'm not a monkey," the little boy replied.

"I'M A RABBIT!" He cried.



"Well, little rabbit,
let's not make a habit
of getting lost in our head
when it's time for bed."

But the little rabbit replied, "Wait!

We can't go upstairs because I spilled a
potion that turns the floor into an ocean...

and the water is full of sharks
who know Kung Fu...

and also there's snakes
and crocodiles too!"



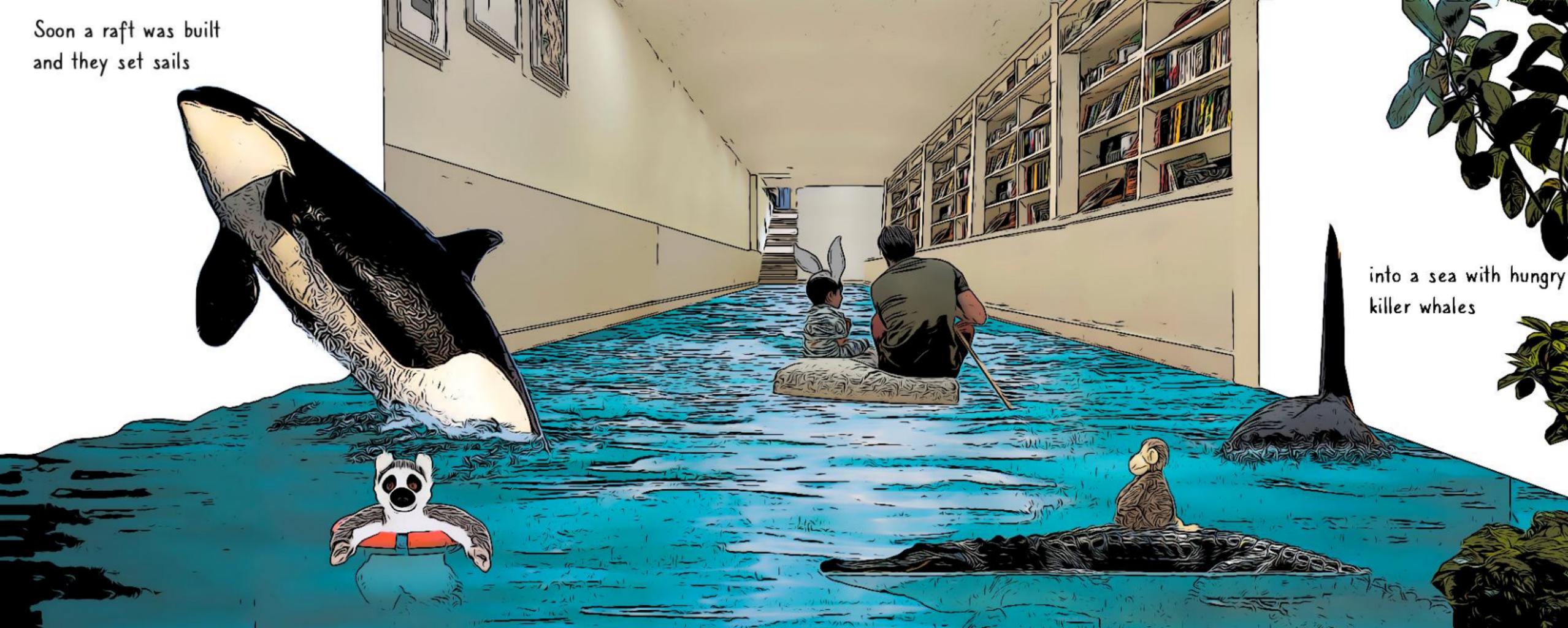


"Well If that's the case..."

QUICK!

We have to get off the floor
and find a safe path to the door."

Soon a raft was built
and they set sails



into a sea with hungry
killer whales

"WATCH OUT!
I see a karate-chopping
Great White"



"DON'T WORRY PAPPA!
I know how to fight!"

After fending off gators and a lion pride
they reached a massive cliffside

The little ~~boy~~ rabbit threw a hook and a rope
and little by little they scaled the slippery slope



"Phew! That was exciting and didn't end in gloom,
and I see a clear path to your room."



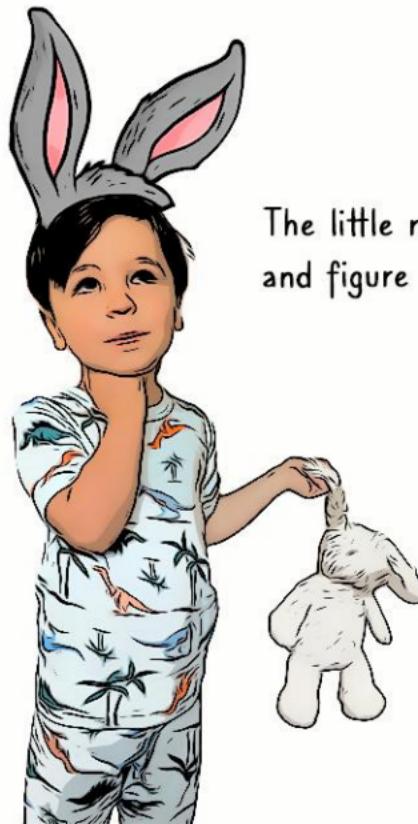
"No," the rabbit said, "pappa look ahead!
We're in a snowy forest and we need a sled"



After passing the snowy steeps
they thought they had made great leaps...

...but suddenly they were asked for a toll
by a GIGANTIC HAIRY SHE -TROLL





The little rabbit tried to keep the journey going,
and figure out what the troll wanted as a belonging.

He thought of gold and cookies but something was amiss...
then he realized and gave...



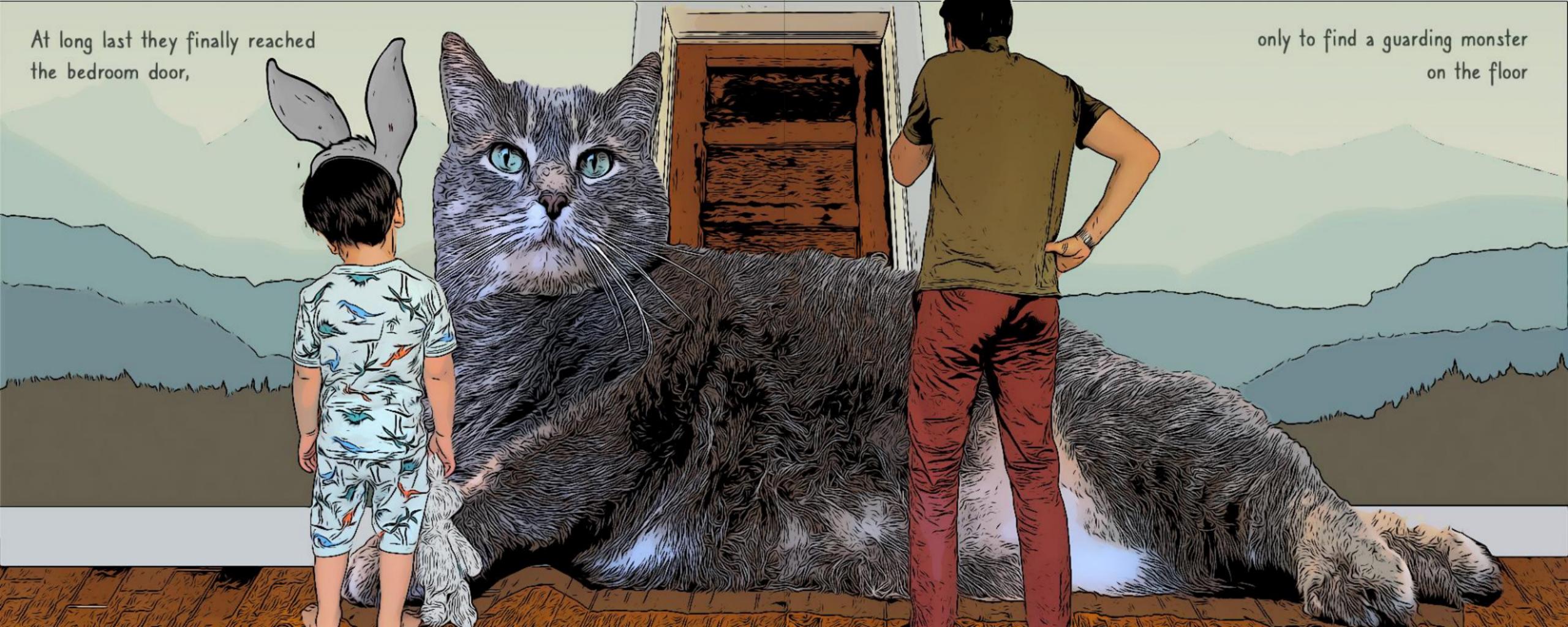


...Mamma
a good night kiss!



At long last they finally reached
the bedroom door,

only to find a guarding monster
on the floor



A large, fluffy brown and black cat is the central focus, lying on its back on a red and white checkered rug. A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a green shirt, is kneeling on the right side, smiling and looking at the cat. On the left, a young child with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt with a blue tropical print and red pants, is sitting and pushing on the cat's front paws. The background features a wooden door and windows, with a range of mountains visible through the glass. The overall scene is a whimsical illustration.

With a push and a tug

they moved the furry beast onto a rug.



HURRAY!

At last, the burrow was in sight,
monster-free and ready for the night.

But alas, after escaping creatures that would make one pale,
there was a final twist to the tale.

Rabbit says "Pappa, I'm afraid to go to sleep."

Pappa answers, "I suspect this is a problem layered and deep."



"While we've escaped from hungry crocodiles
and walked thru winter snow for miles,

the biggest battle is always in our mind,
and it troubles rabbits and men of all kind."

The little rabbit replied,
"Sometimes the dreams feel like play-pretending,
but the adventures have no happy ending."





Pappa leans down. "If your mind can help you have great fun,
it should also help you sleep, my son."

So why don't we imagine this,
a little rabbit has just received a good night kiss."



His bed becomes a floating palace at night...

Surrounded by Northern Lights. AND...



"AND... the rabbit boy cried...
there's flying monkeys
riding laughing donkeys."

"Yes," pappa continued,
"and the palace is safe from harm
because of a magical charm.

and it's guarded by a creature really really tough
that scares away monsters
with purrs and furry fluff."

"Good night, little rabbit. May your dreams be full of joy."
He answered, "I'm not a rabbit anymore, I'm a big boy."

With his mind at ease, the little boy could ponder
all that would come from tomorrow's wonder.



