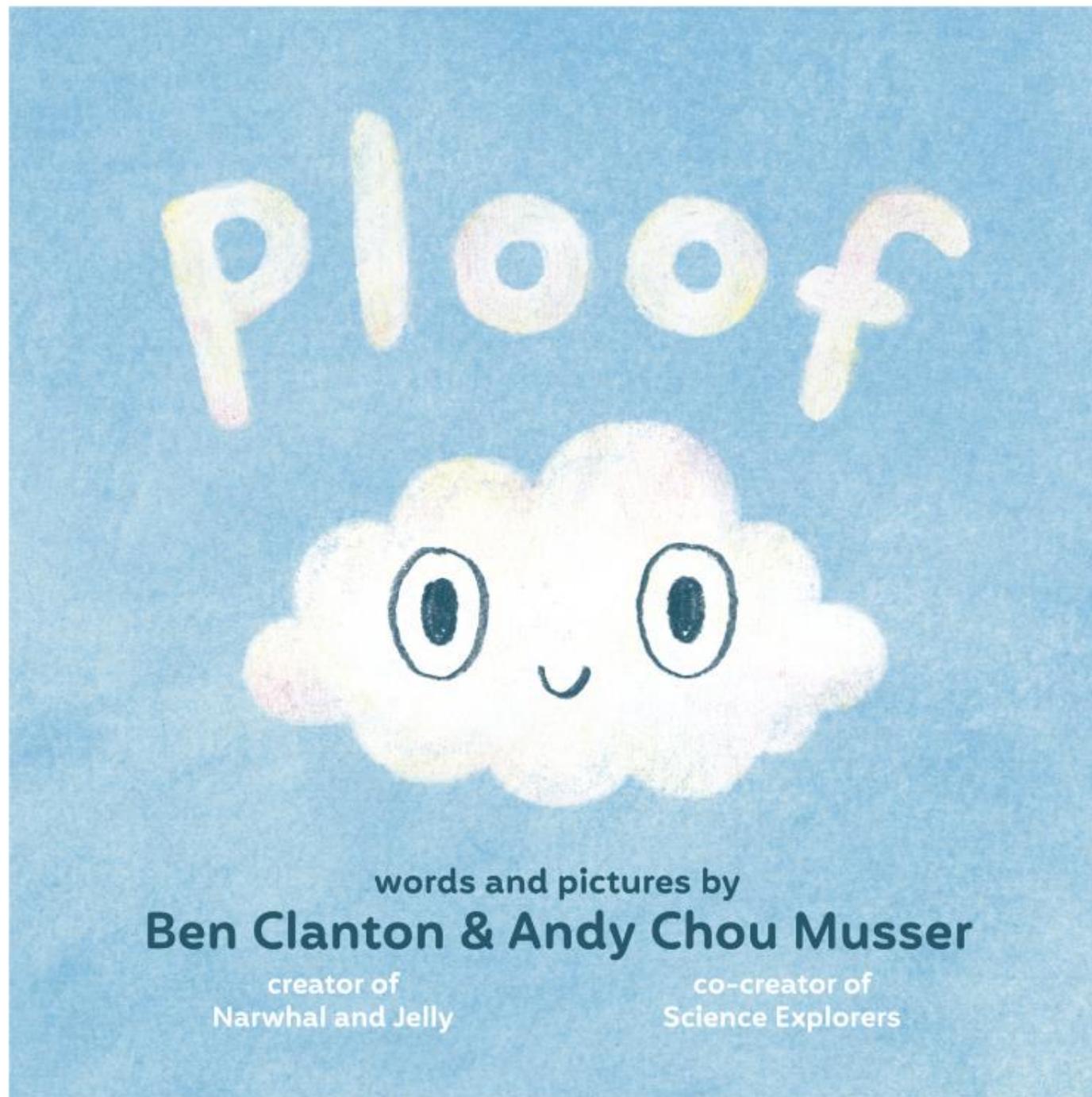
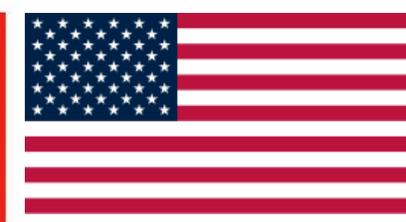


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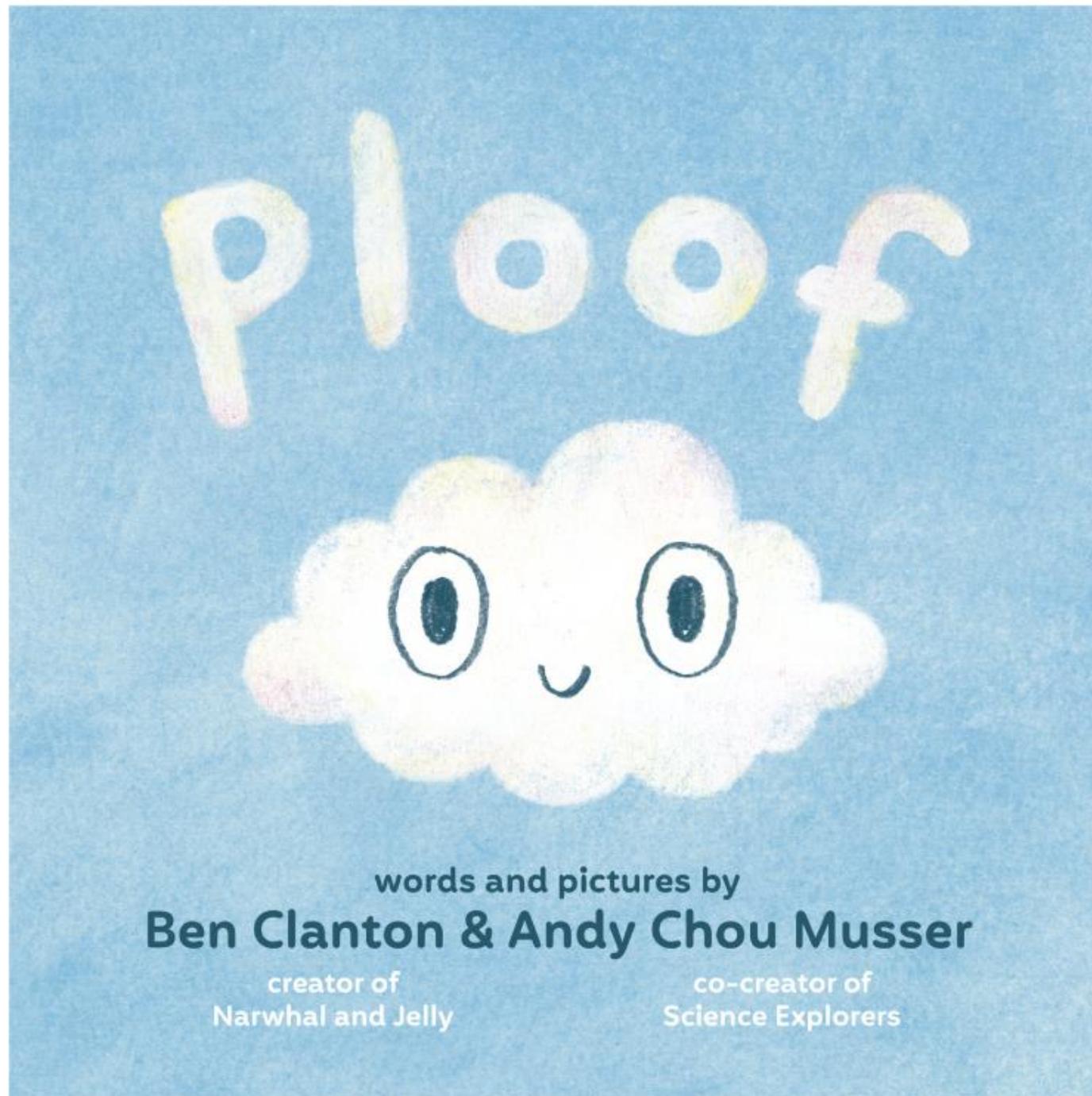
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This is Ploof.

**Ploof is feeling
lonely.**

Can you say hello?

A cartoon illustration of a white, fluffy cloud with a happy face. The cloud has two large, round eyes with black pupils and a wide, dark blue smile. Above the cloud is a dark blue speech bubble containing the text "Whoosh whee!" in a playful, rounded font. The background is a solid light blue color.

Whoosh
whee!

**Yay! Ploof is happy to
see you.**



**Would you like
to see
Ploof do a
trick?**



**Oh, Ploof is feeling shy
now.**

**You can do it, Ploof!
We believe in you!**



**Let's cheer
Ploof on.**

**Let's clap for
Ploof!**



**Yay! Way to go, Ploof!
What a STAR!**

**Can you make a star
shape too?**



**What's Ploof
pretending
to be now?**

**Ah, I see! Good
one!**



Wow!
So many
shapes!
Can you
guess
them all?



Hmmm . . .

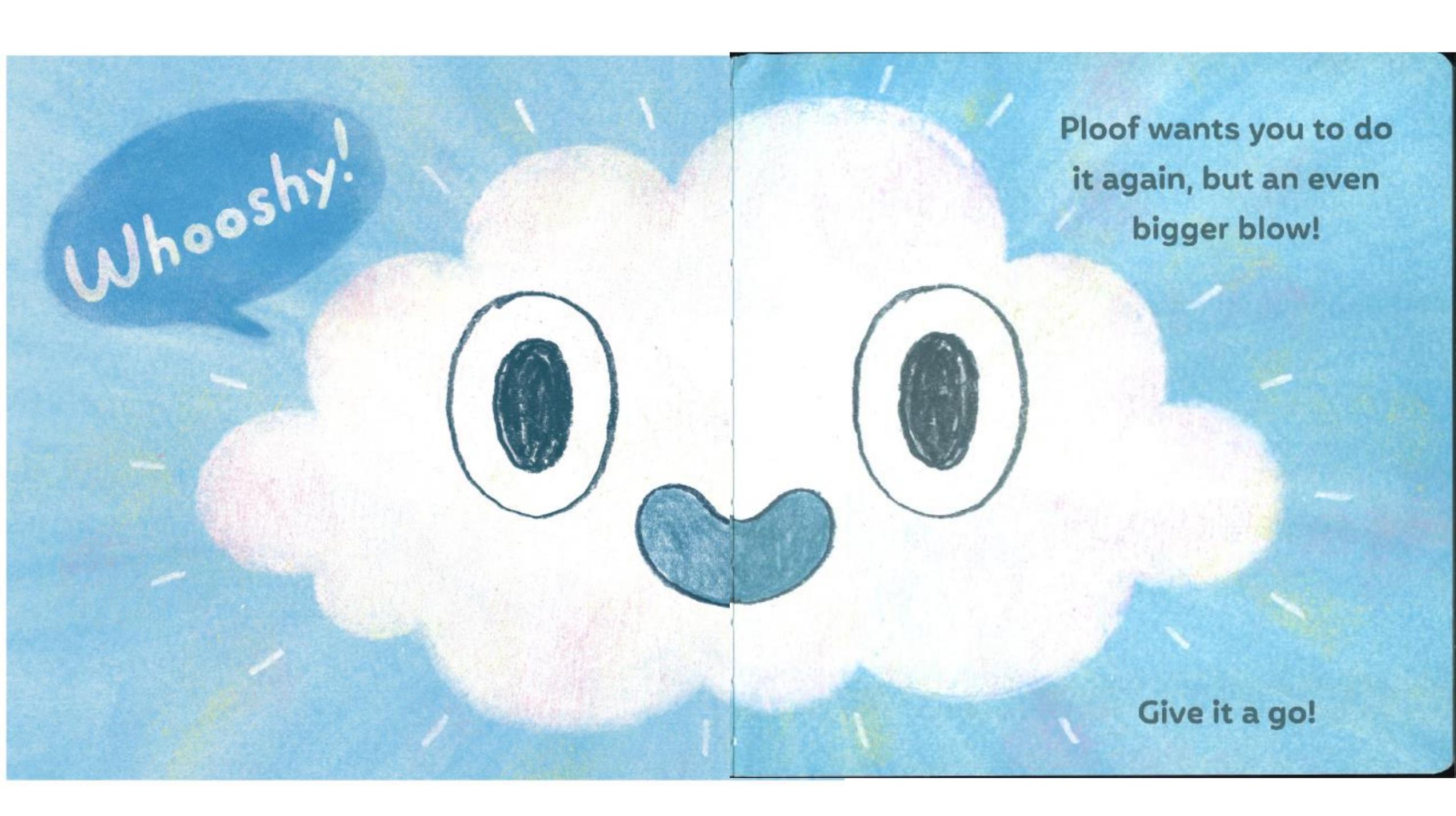
Ploof is running out of steam.

**Let's help puff Ploof back up.
Can you blow softly on Ploof?**



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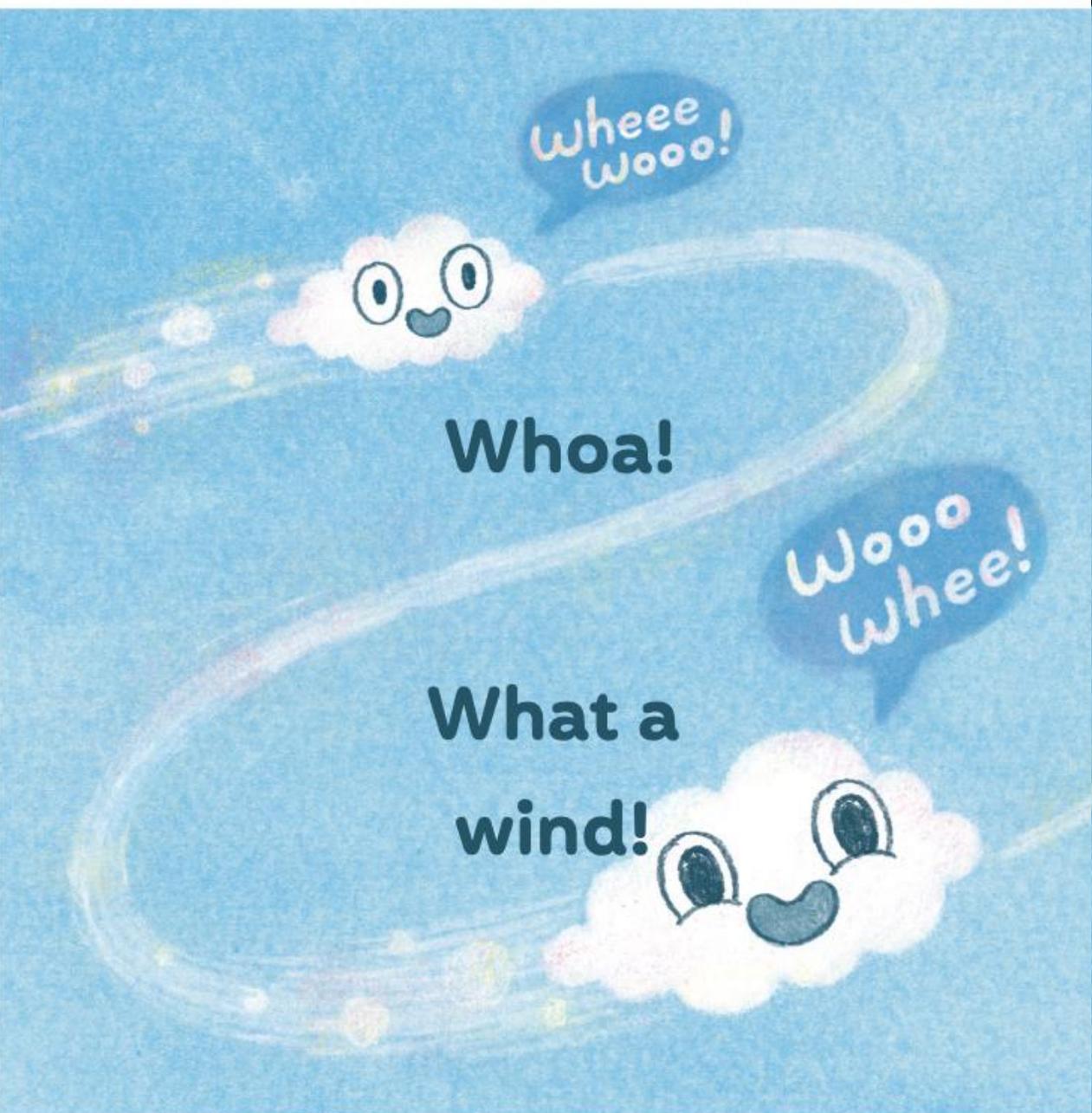
More!



Whooshy!

Ploof wants you to do
it again, but an even
bigger blow!

Give it a go!

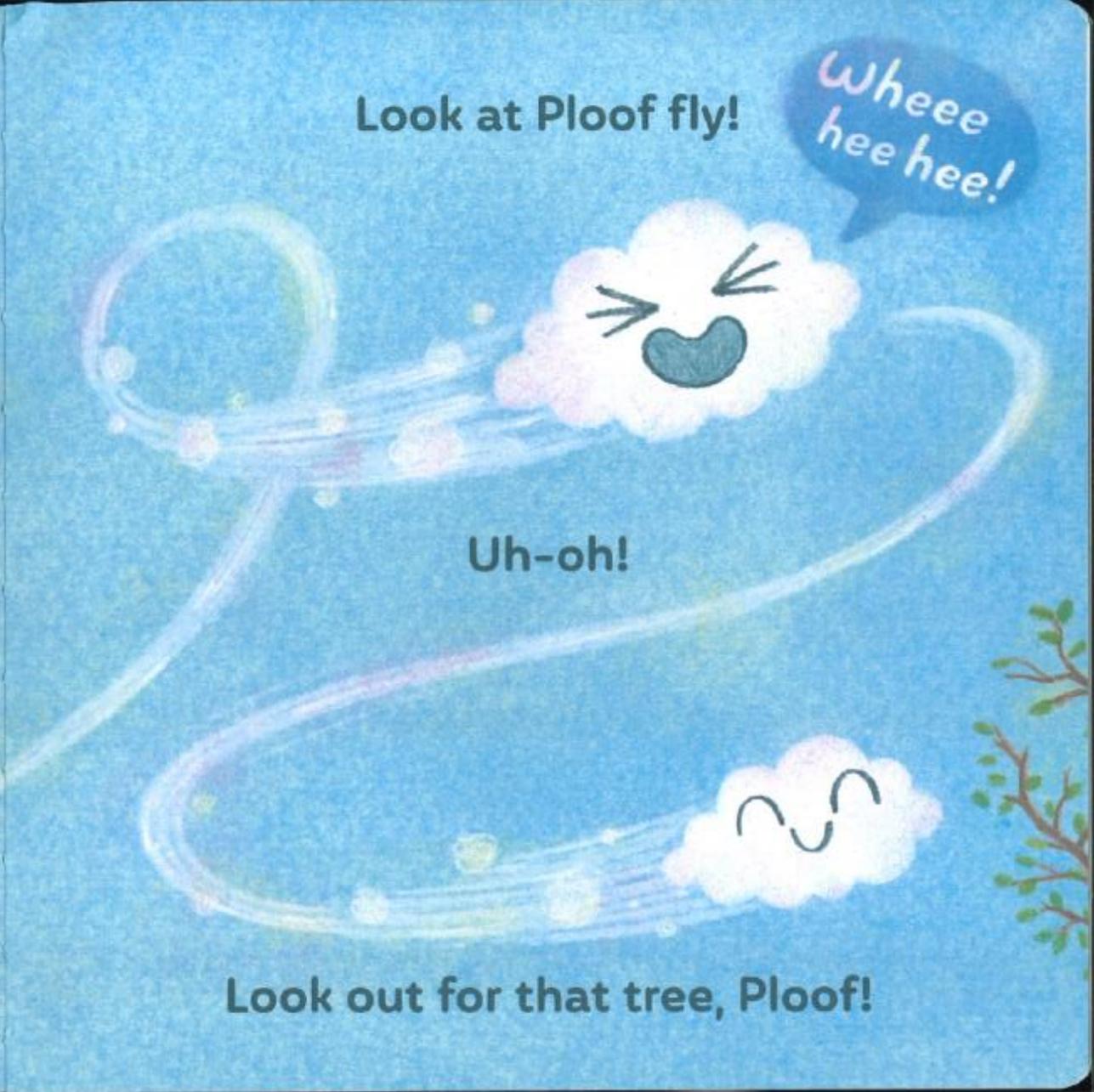


Wheee
wooo!

Whoa!

Wooo
wheee!

**What a
wind!**

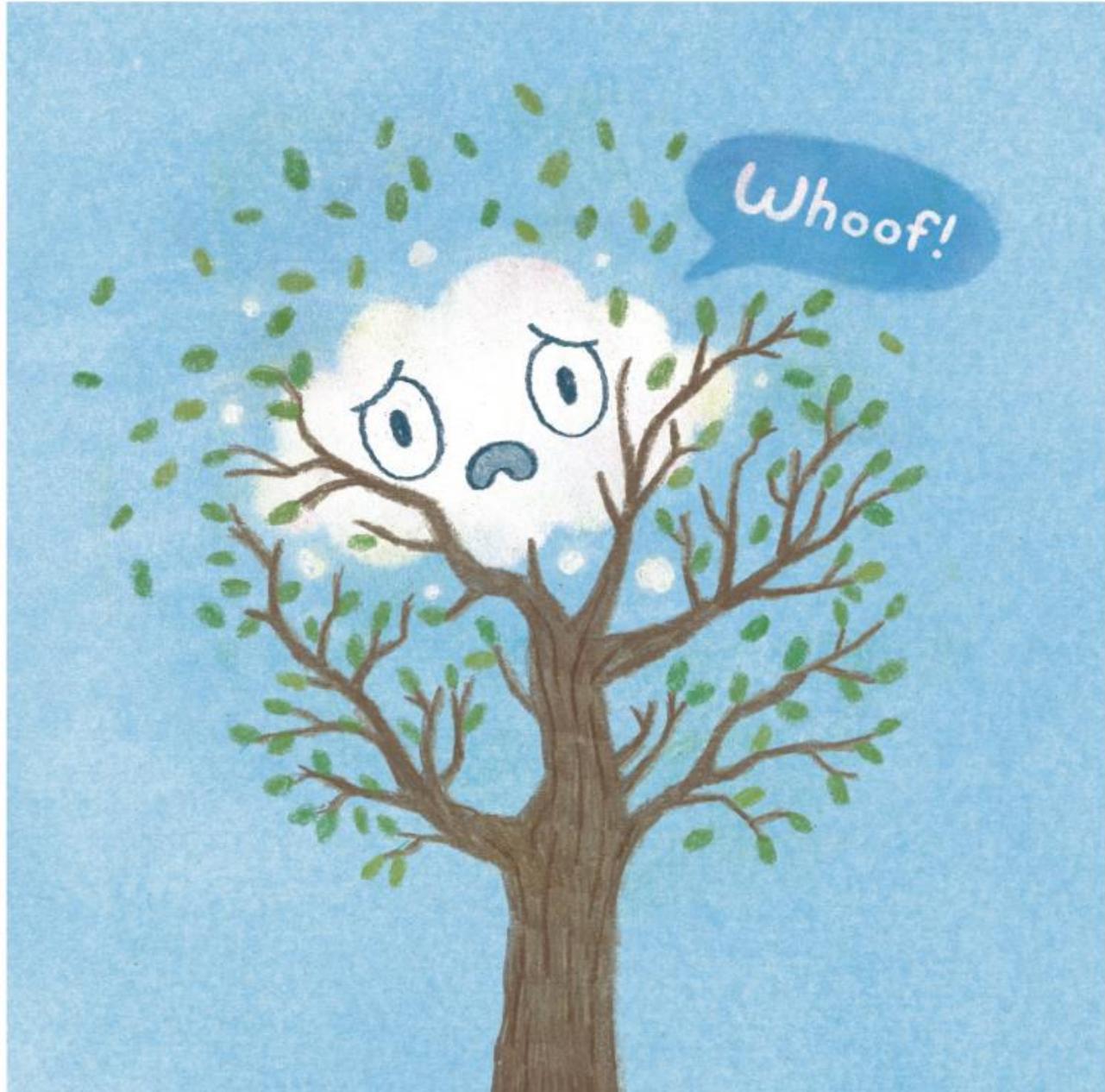


Wheee
hee hee!

Look at Ploof fly!

Uh-oh!

Look out for that tree, Ploof!



**Oh no!
Ploof is stuck.**

**Can you help?
Maybe try shaking
the tree a little?**



**Yay! Ploof is free!
Are you okay, Ploof?**

**That was a bit scary,
wasn't it?**



Let's cheer Ploof up!

**How about a funny face?
Ploof loves funny faces.**

Ready? Set? Go!



**Woohoo! It worked!
Thank you!**

**What should we do
now, Ploof?**



**Hide-and-peek?
Sounds fun!**

**Let's close our
eyes and
count to ten while
Ploof hides.**

**Wait — you're not peeking,
are you?**

Alright . . .

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10

Ready or not, here we come!



Can you spot Ploof now?



What else do you see?



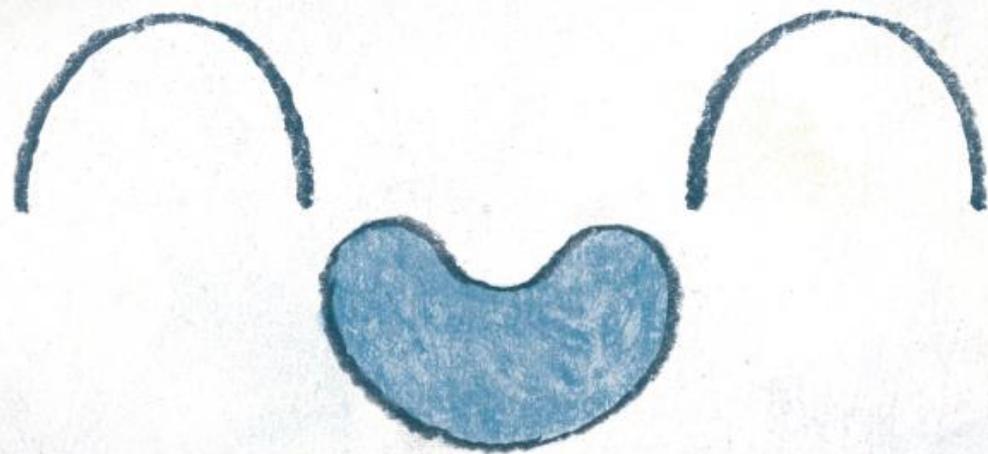
Way to go!
Looks like Ploof
wants to
give you a high
five.



Nice one!
Thanks for playing
with Ploof!
Time to wave
goodbye!



**Oh! Before
you go,
how about a
hug?**



Whooshy?

**Thanks for being
such
a fantastic
friend!**

See you soon?



