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'To Don, in celebration of our wonderful years in London'

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'Dedication to go here'

S.U.

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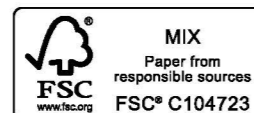
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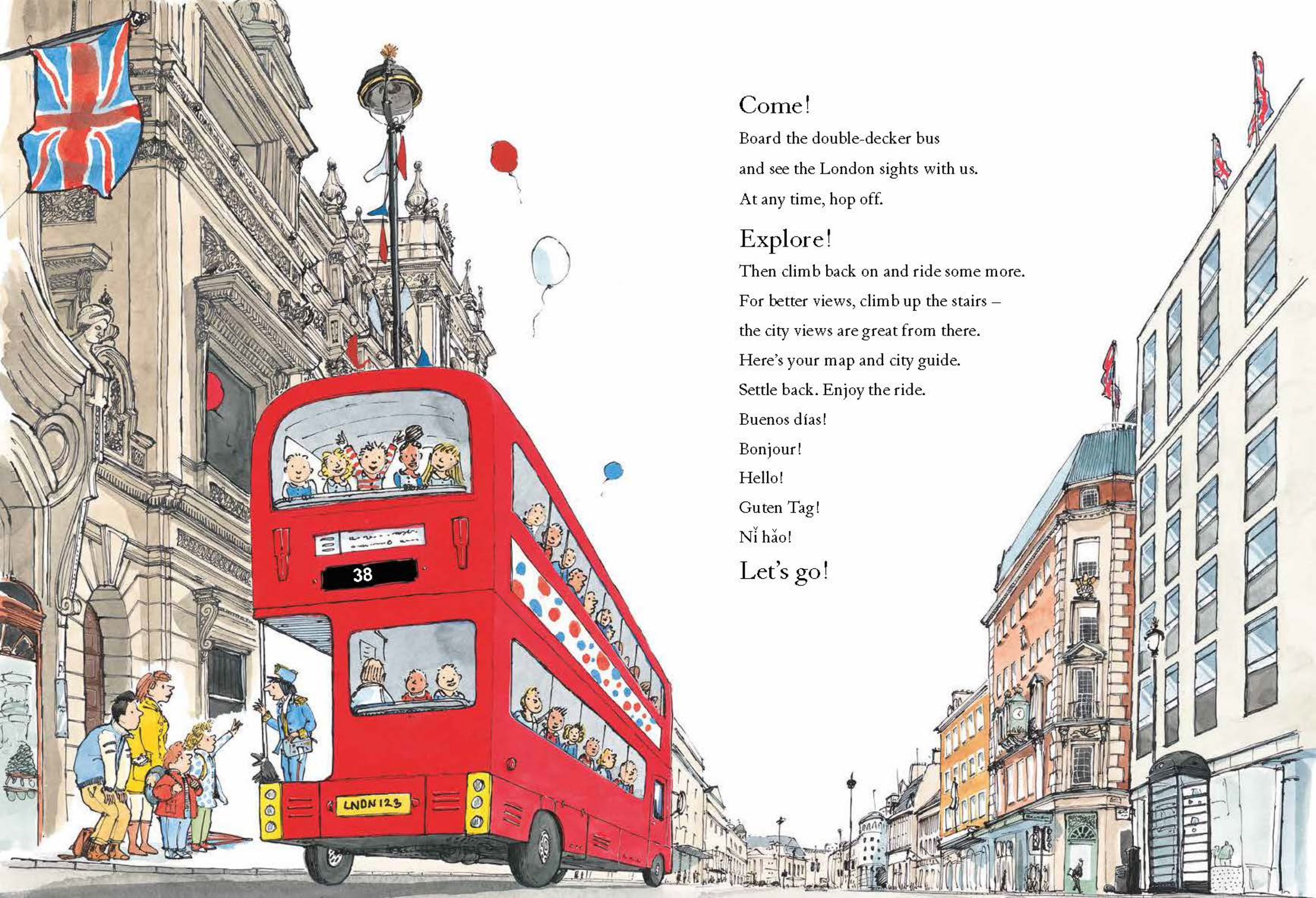
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Come!

Board the double-decker bus  
and see the London sights with us.  
At any time, hop off.

Explore!

Then climb back on and ride some more.  
For better views, climb up the stairs –  
the city views are great from there.  
Here's your map and city guide.  
Settle back. Enjoy the ride.

Buenos días!

Bonjour!

Hello!

Guten Tag!

Nǐ hǎo!

Let's go!

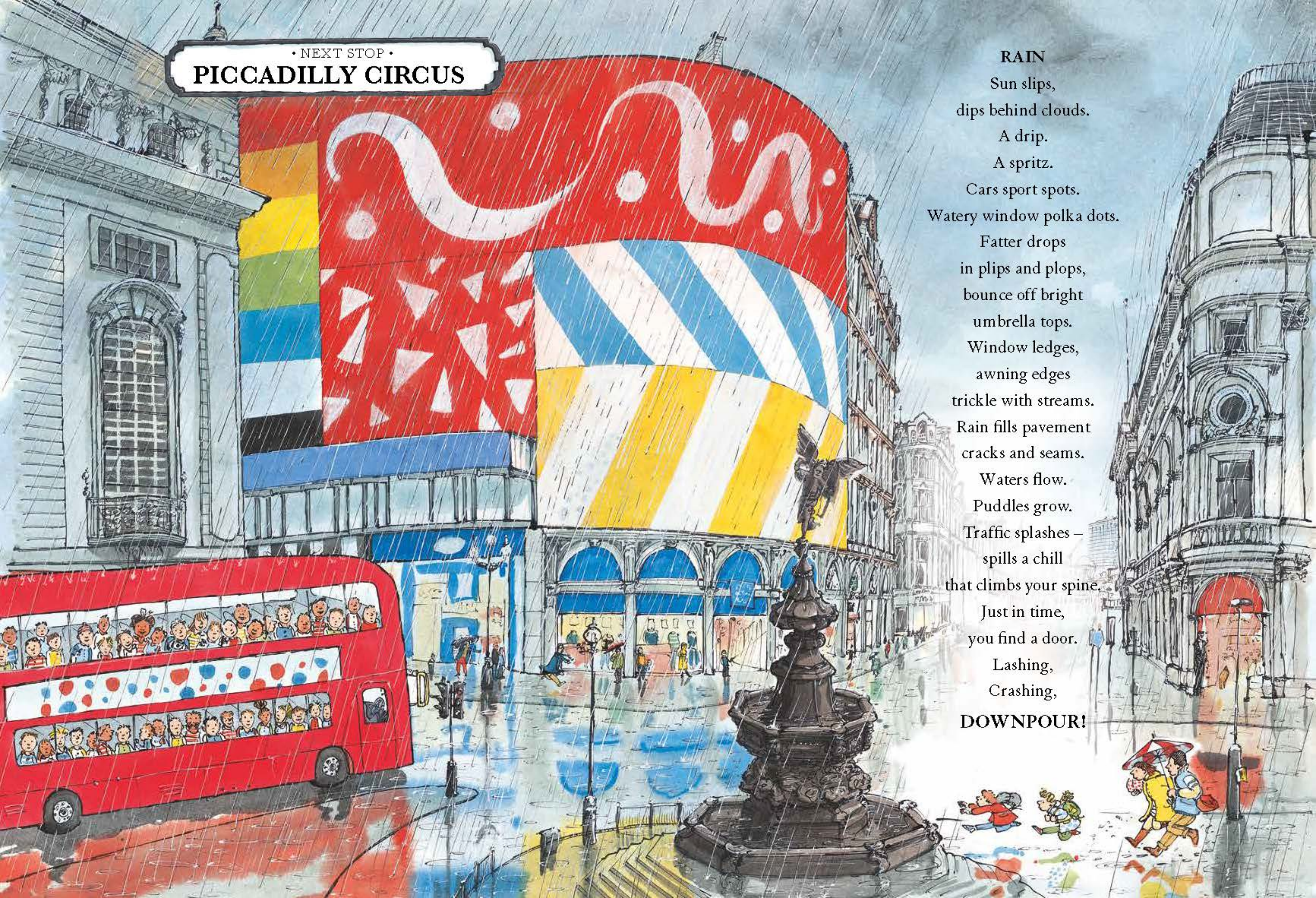
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**THE LONDON EYE**

**EYE-CATCHING**

A bracelet that hangs off the arm of the Thames, its pods, filled with people, all dangle like gems. The glass capsules glimmer and coloured lights burn, splintering sparkles with every turn.



• NEXT STOP •  
**PICCADILLY CIRCUS**



**RAIN**

Sun slips,  
dips behind clouds.

A drip.

A spritz.

Cars sport spots.

Watery window polka dots.

Fatter drops  
in plips and plops,  
bounce off bright  
umbrella tops.

Window ledges,  
awning edges  
trickle with streams.

Rain fills pavement  
cracks and seams.

Waters flow.

Puddles grow.

Traffic splashes –  
spills a chill  
that climbs your spine.

Just in time,  
you find a door.

Lashing,

Crashing,

**DOWNPOUR!**