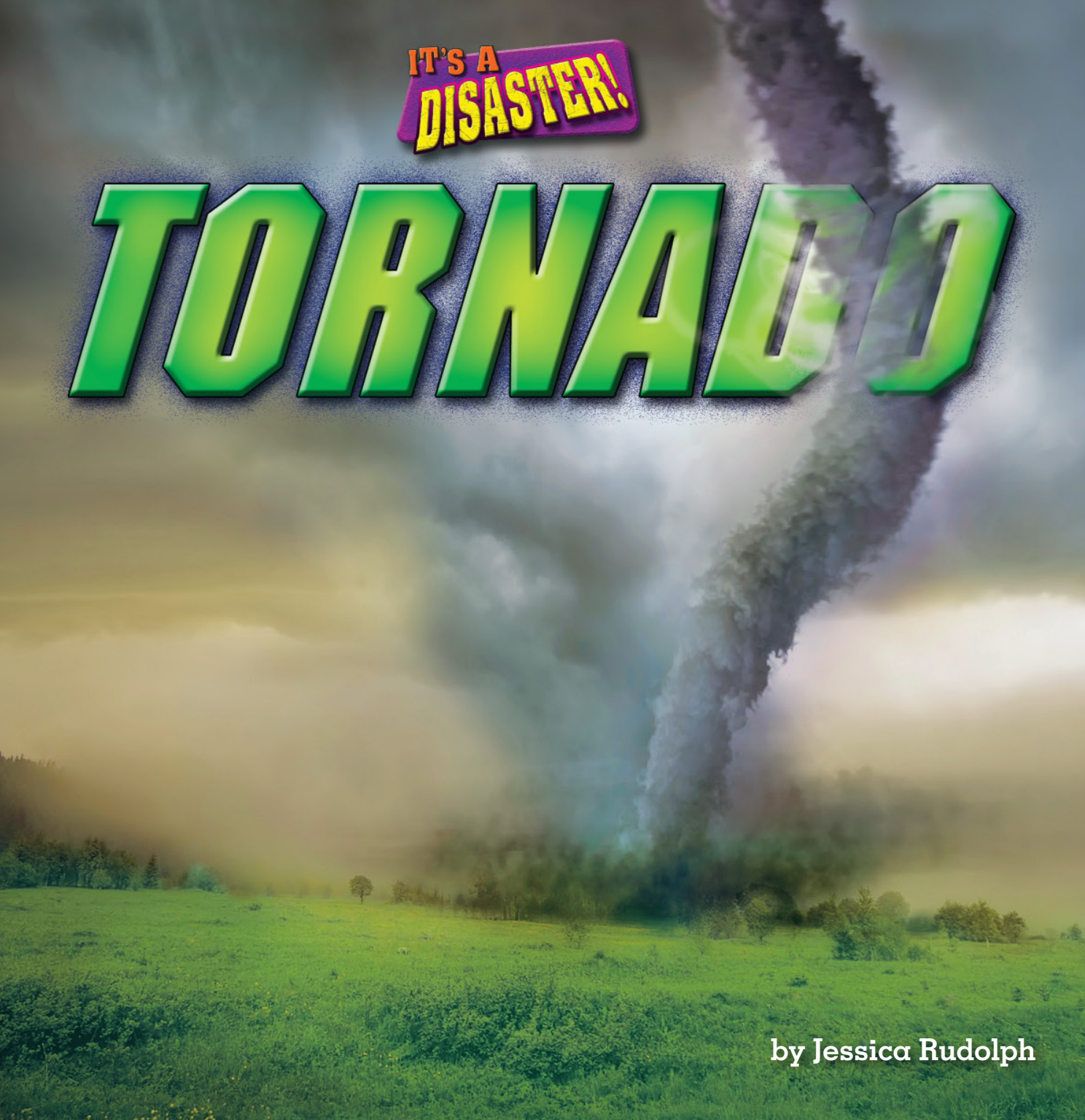


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Whoosh!

Strong winds start
to blow.

Dirt and branches
fly through the air.

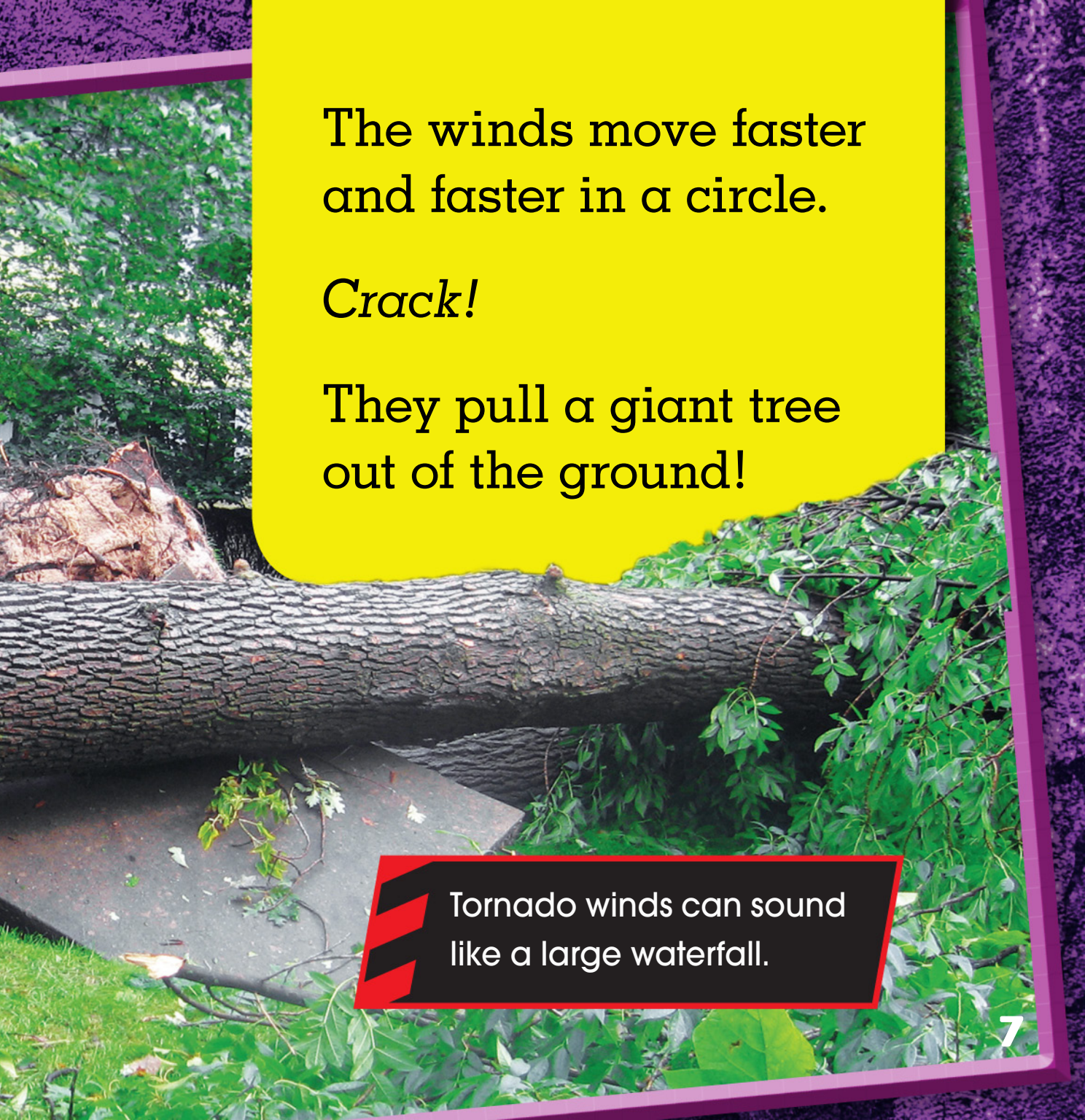
A **tornado** is coming!





Tornadoes are also
called twisters.



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The winds move faster
and faster in a circle.

Crack!

They pull a giant tree
out of the ground!

Tornado winds can sound
like a large waterfall.



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A huge, spinning tower of air moves over the land. Trees are pulled out of the ground. Houses and cars are flattened. A tornado is here!

Look inside to discover more about these deadly storms, including what happens when they strike, when they are most likely to hit, and how to stay safe from their swirling winds.

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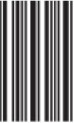
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