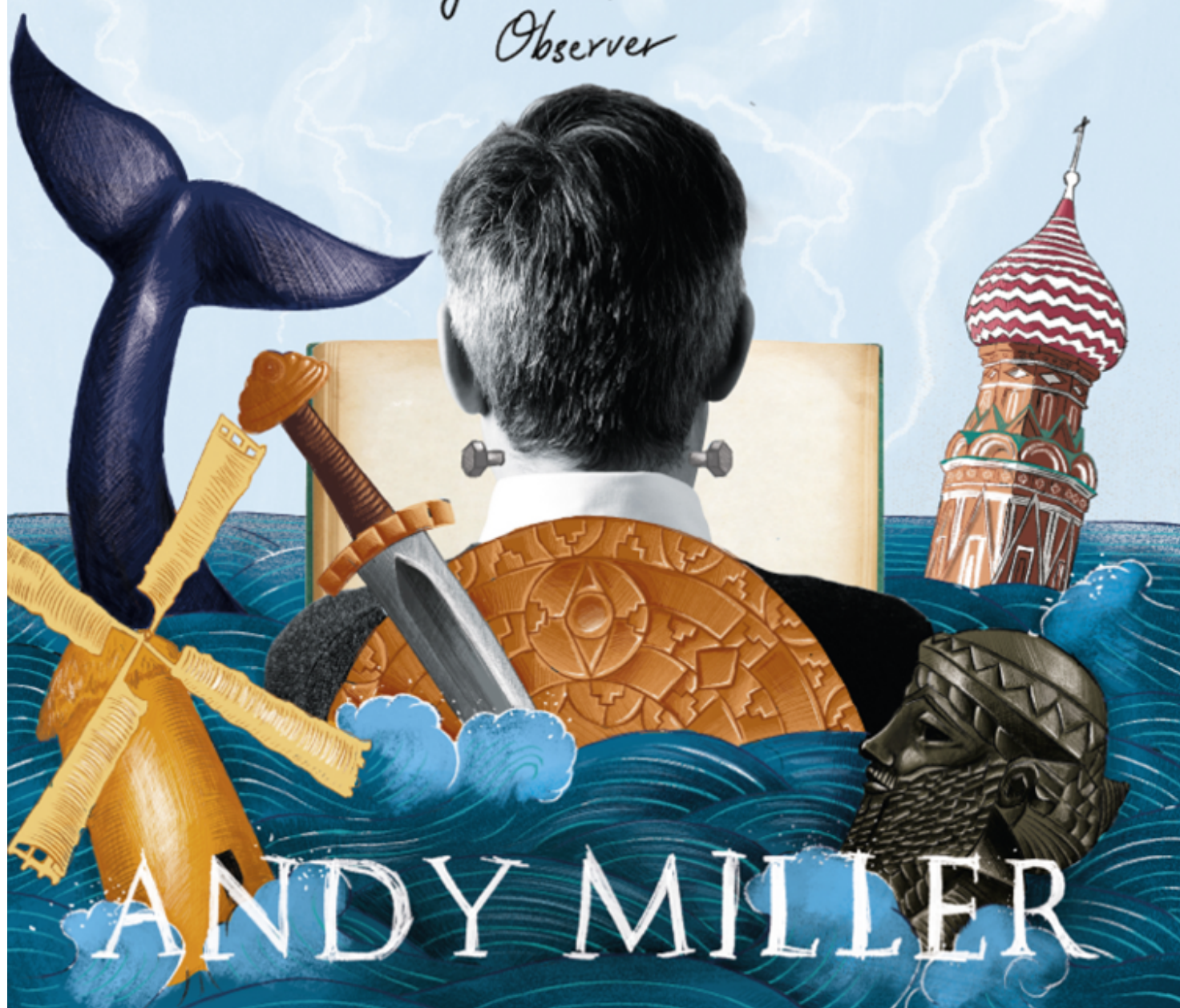


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For Alex, love Dad

WARNING!

‘I long to reach my home and see the day of my return. It is my never-failing wish.’

Homer, *The Odyssey*

‘What’s the point of going out? We’re just going to wind up back here anyway.’

Homer Simpson

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