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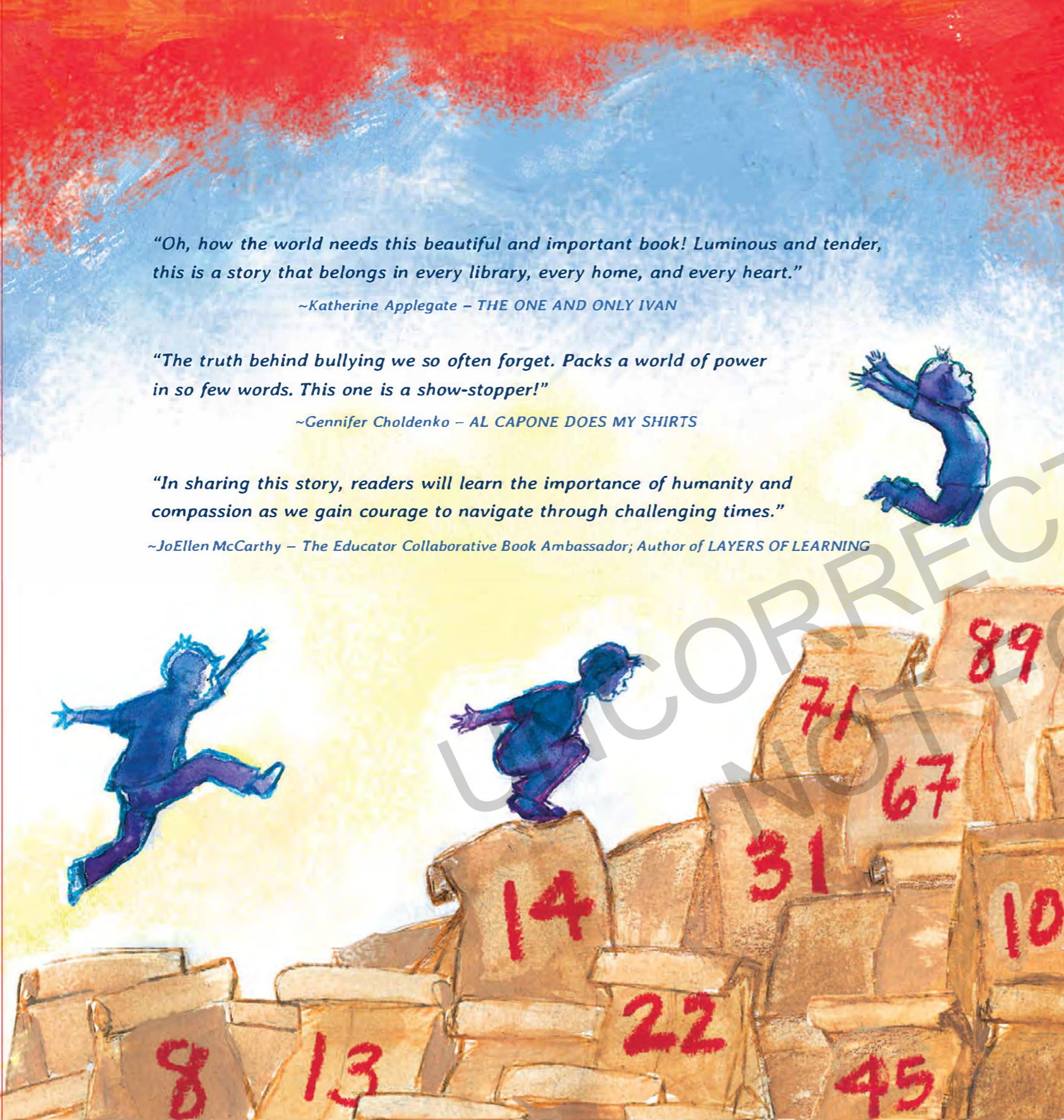
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LUNCH EVERY DAY

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LUNCH

EVERY

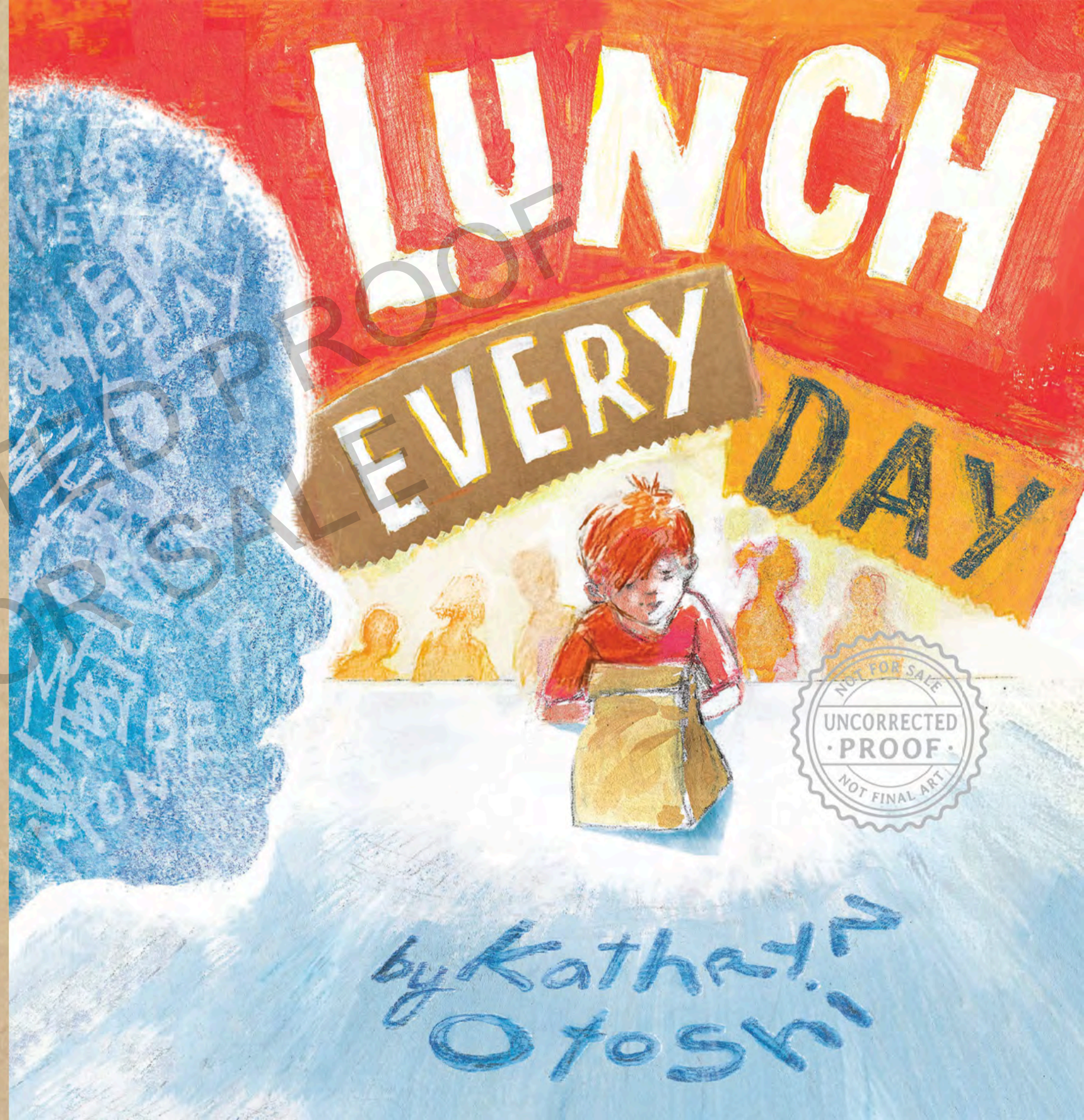
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There he is.
Just look at him.

SKINNY Neck...

SLUMPING...

Is there a face behind all that hair?



I could topple him with a tap!

YEAH!

HEY!



No way am I standing in *that* line.



Mmmmmm...at least his lunch is good.

Better than mine.



Bet his home is better than mine too.



Older brothers, y'know...



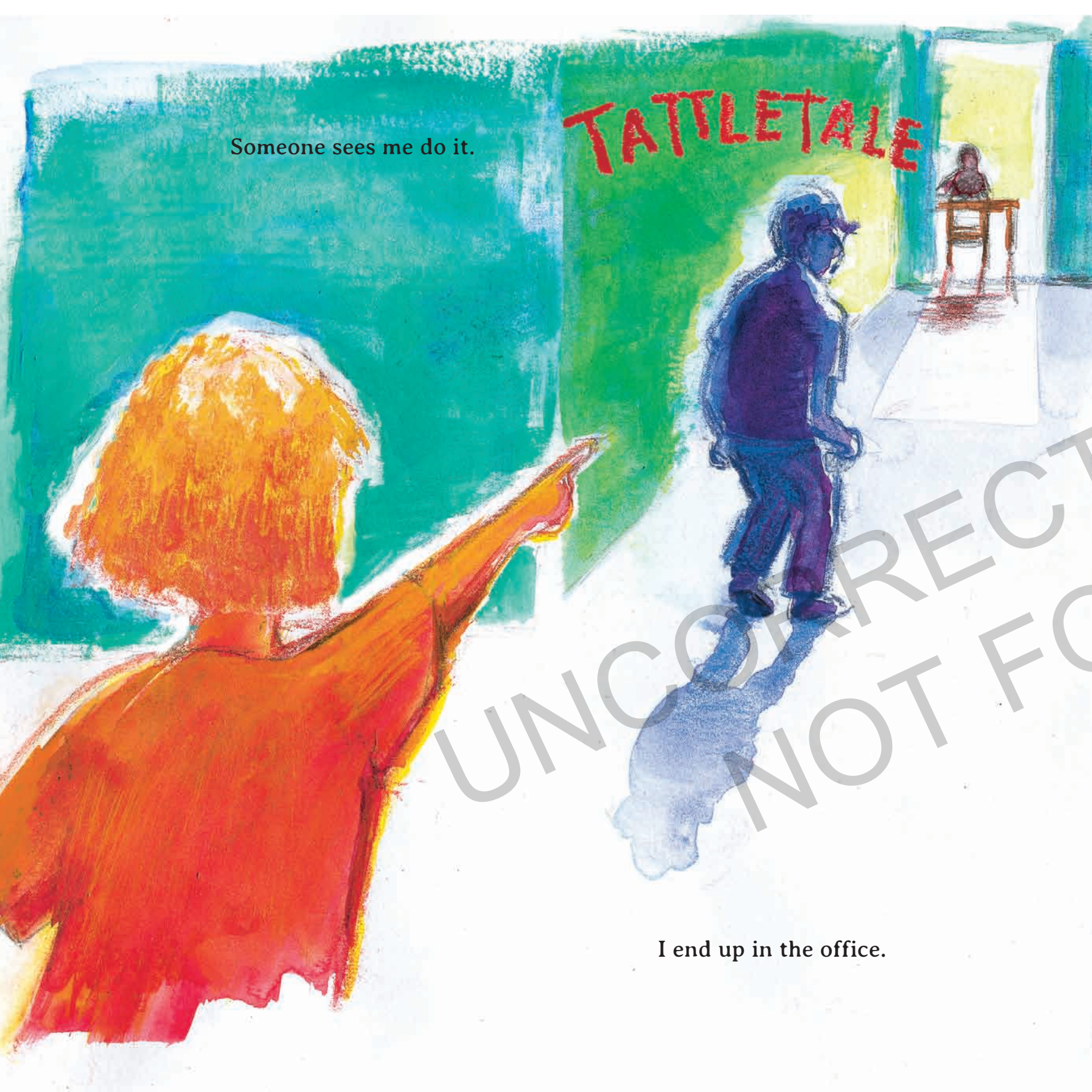


Next day at school, I shove him extra hard.
Just cuz I can.



Someone sees me do it.

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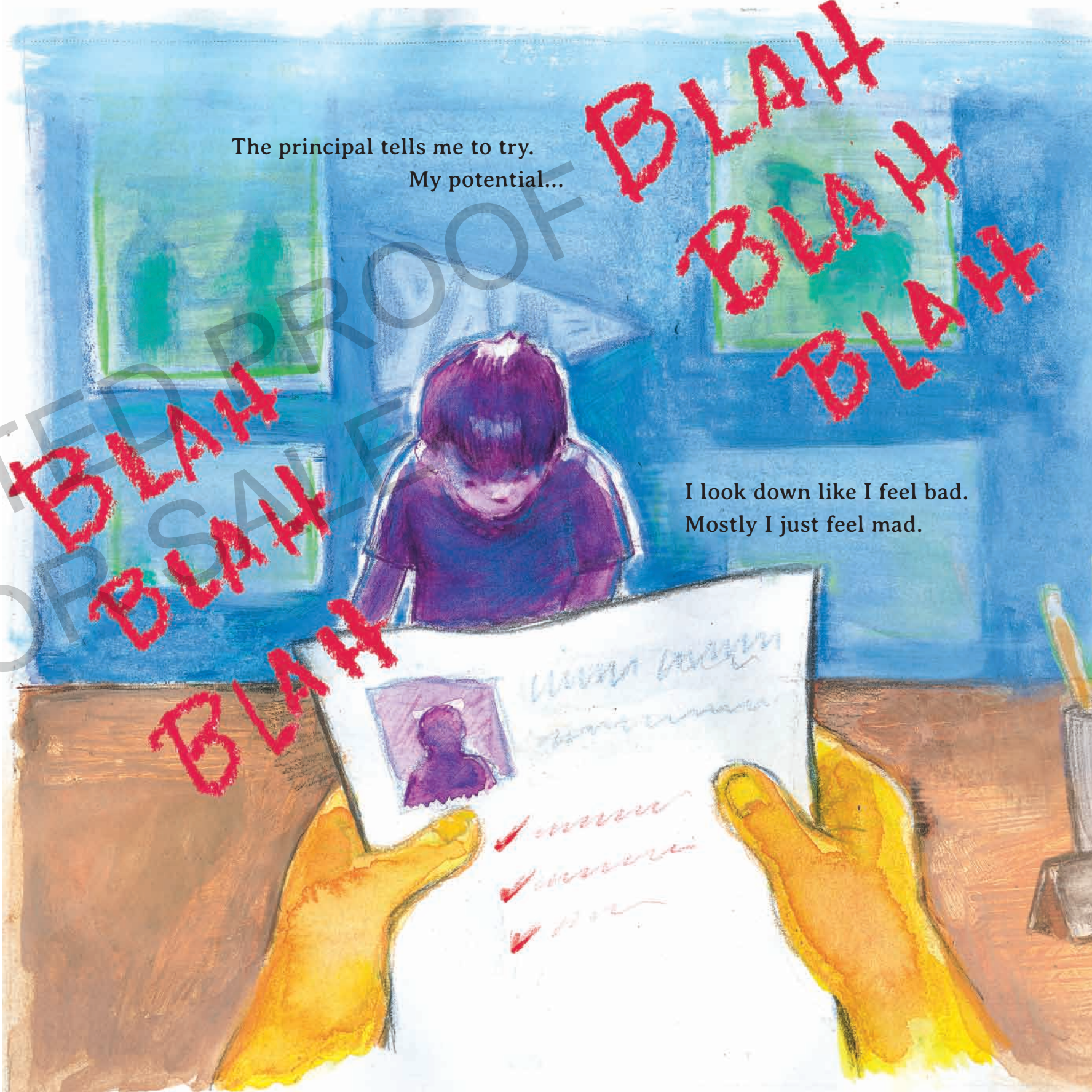


I end up in the office.

The principal tells me to try.
My potential...

BLAH
BLAH
BLAH

I look down like I feel bad.
Mostly I just feel mad.





Things stay the same for a while.

Until...



HEY!
DID YOU
GET ONE?

YEAH!
THE WHOLE
CLASS DID...

ARE YOU GOING?
SURE, WHY NOT?



Huh. Skinny Kid's having a party.
Everyone's invited.

Even me.

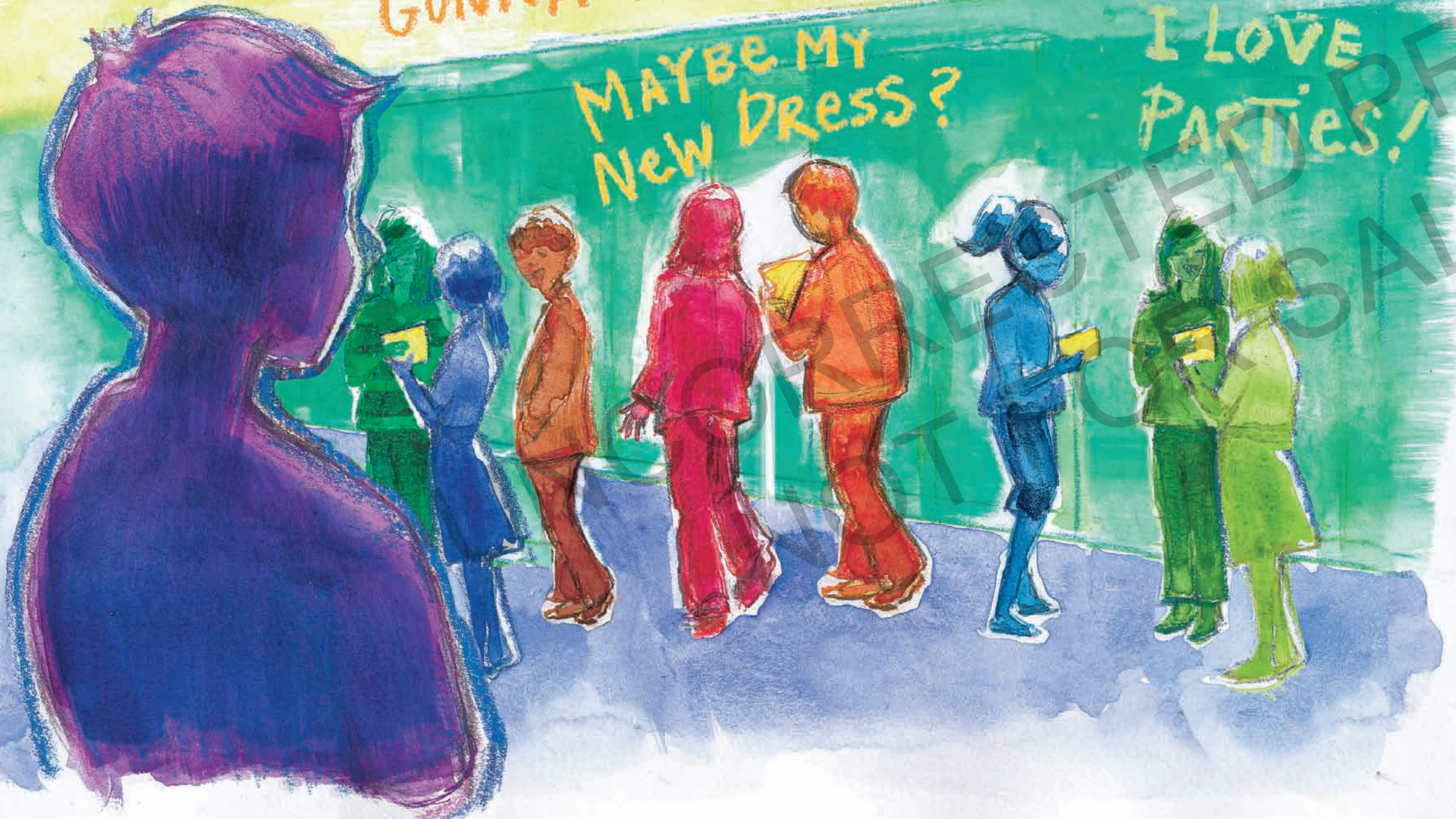


WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA WEAR?

MAYBE MY
NEW DRESS?

I LOVE
PARTIES!

WHATEVER...



I'm so *not* going.

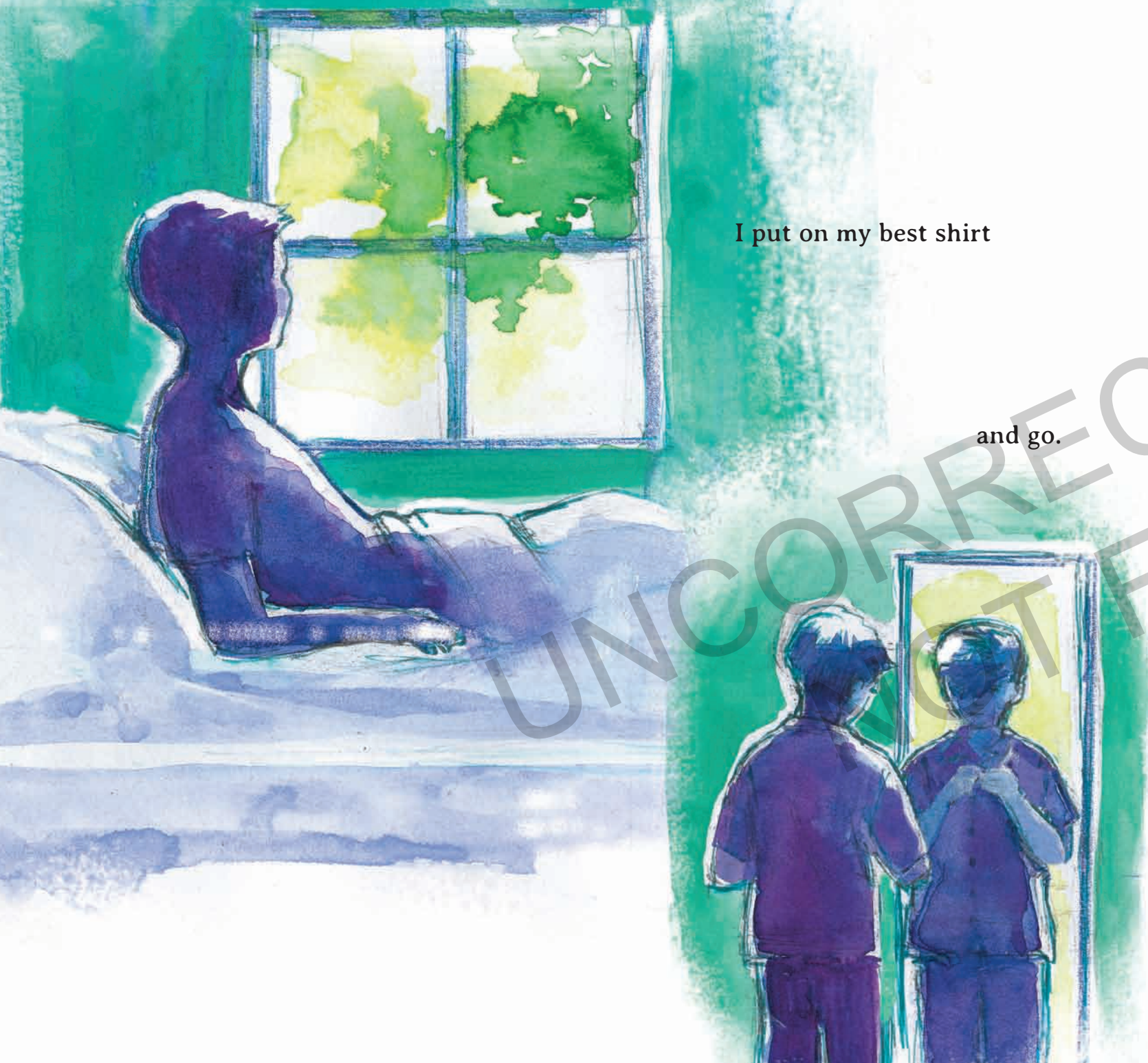


The morning of, I look out my window.

I let the sun warm me up for a while.

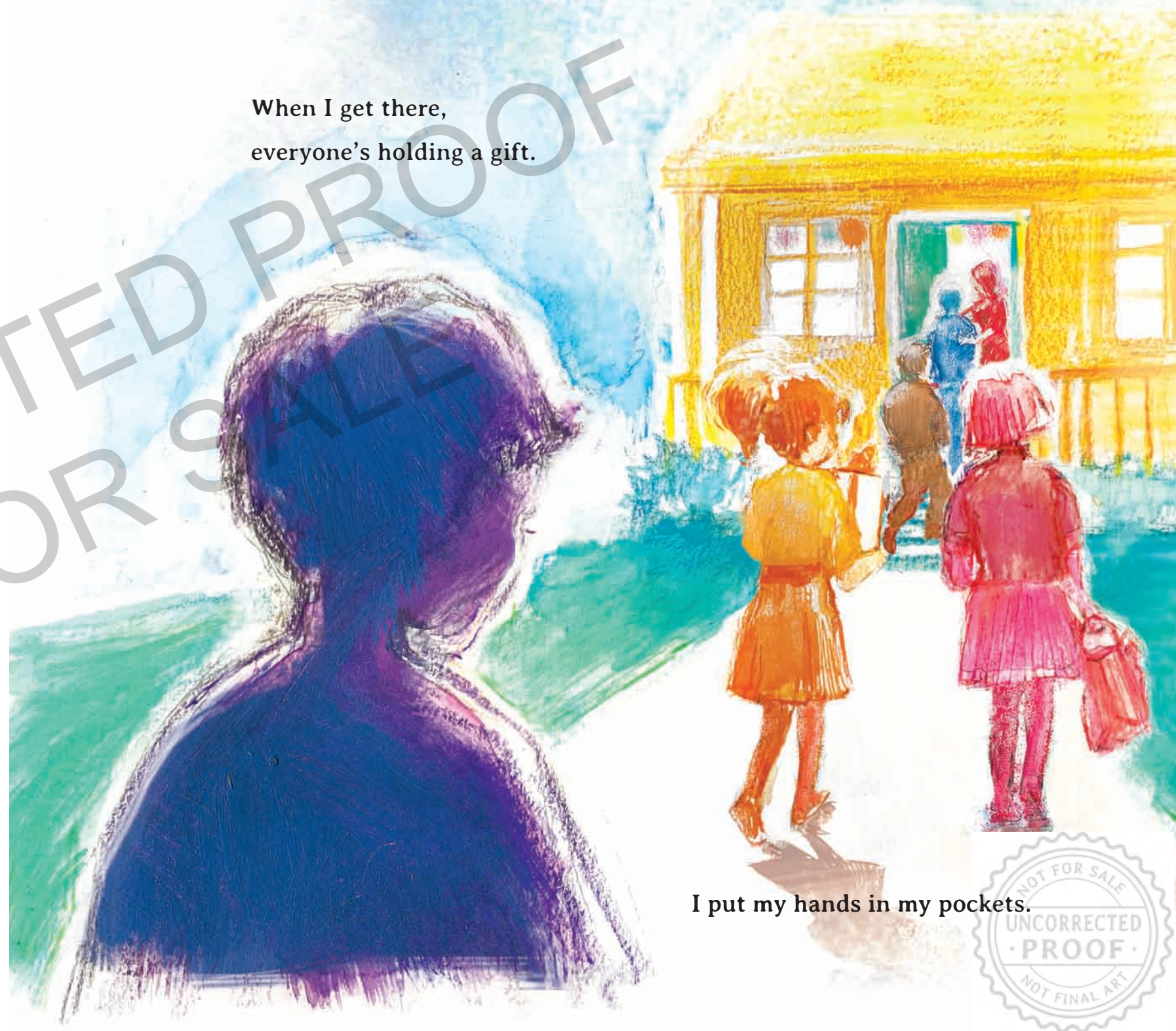
I put on my best shirt

and go.



When I get there,
everyone's holding a gift.

I put my hands in my pockets.



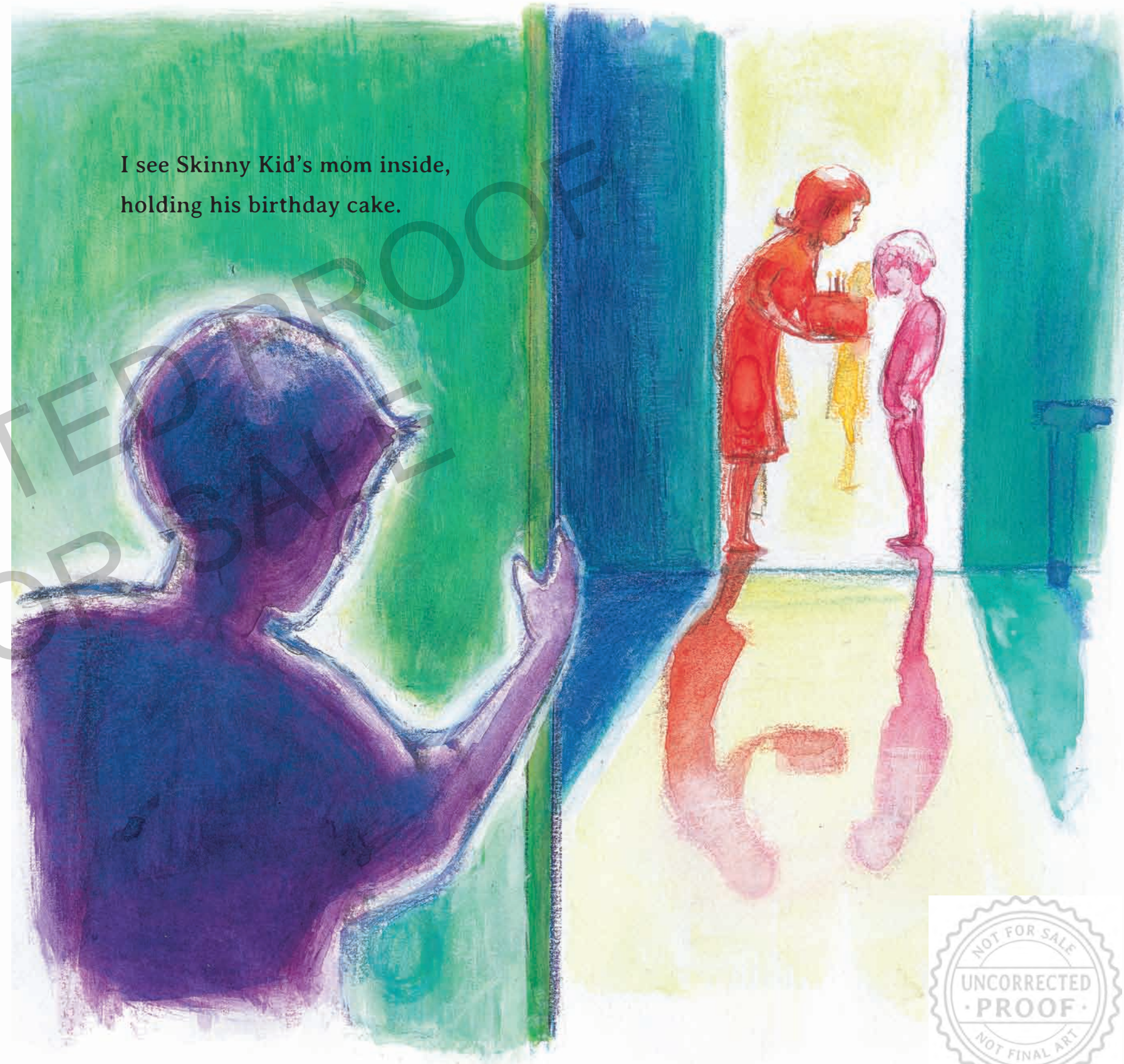
I walk down the pathway



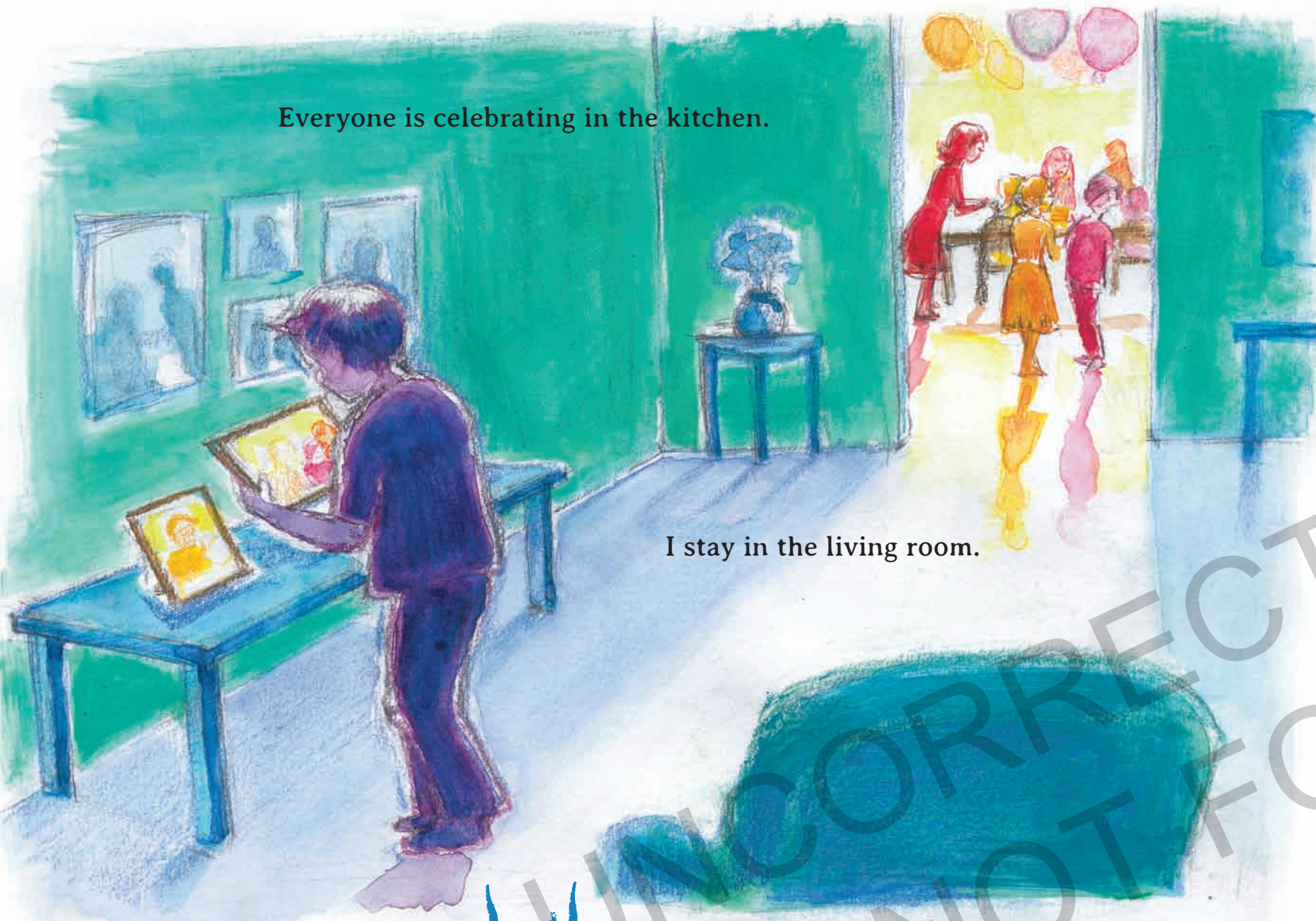
up the stairs

to the front door.

I see Skinny Kid's mom inside,
holding his birthday cake.



Everyone is celebrating in the kitchen.



I stay in the living room.

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I slump down in a chair, kicking air.



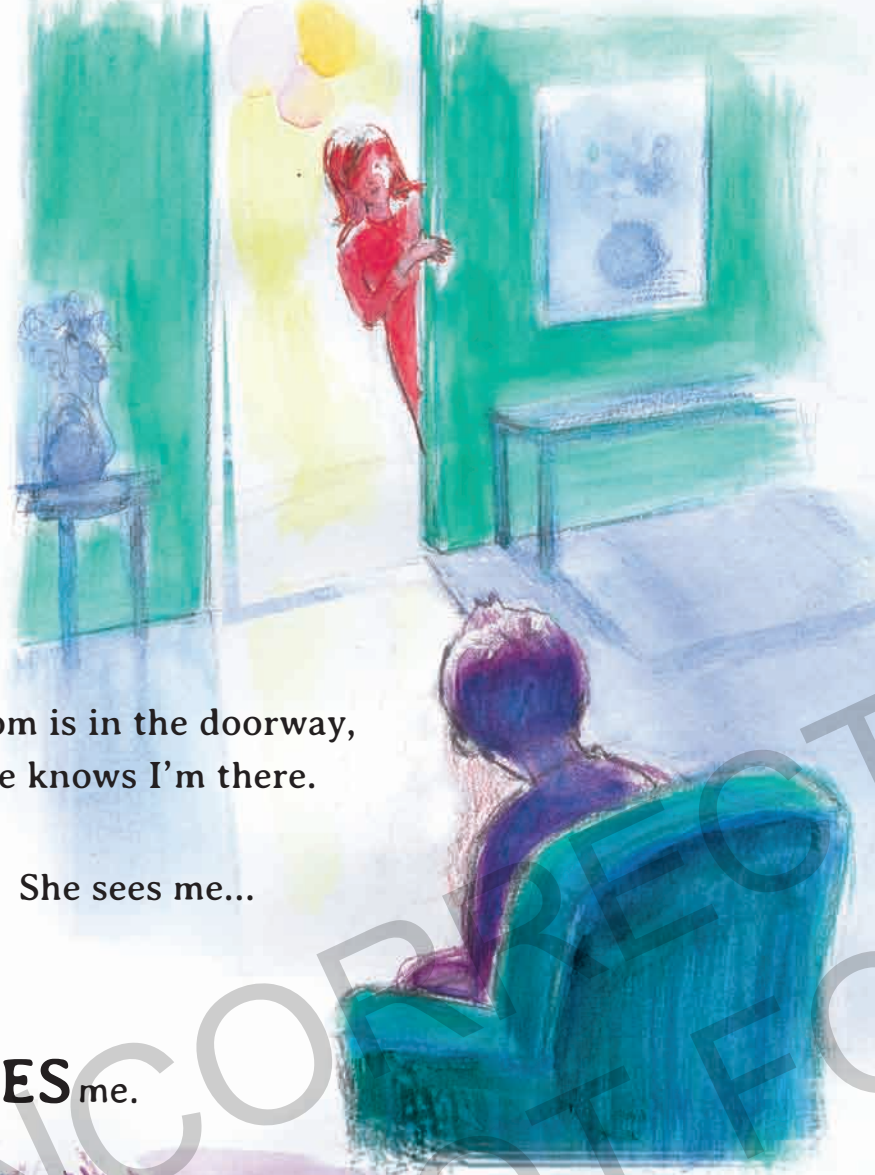
I hear a sound and look up.



His mom is in the doorway,
like she knows I'm there.

She sees me...

Like **SEES** me.



She marches



right up



to me.





She says in a real quiet voice . . .



“Jimmy, what would you like for lunch tomorrow?”

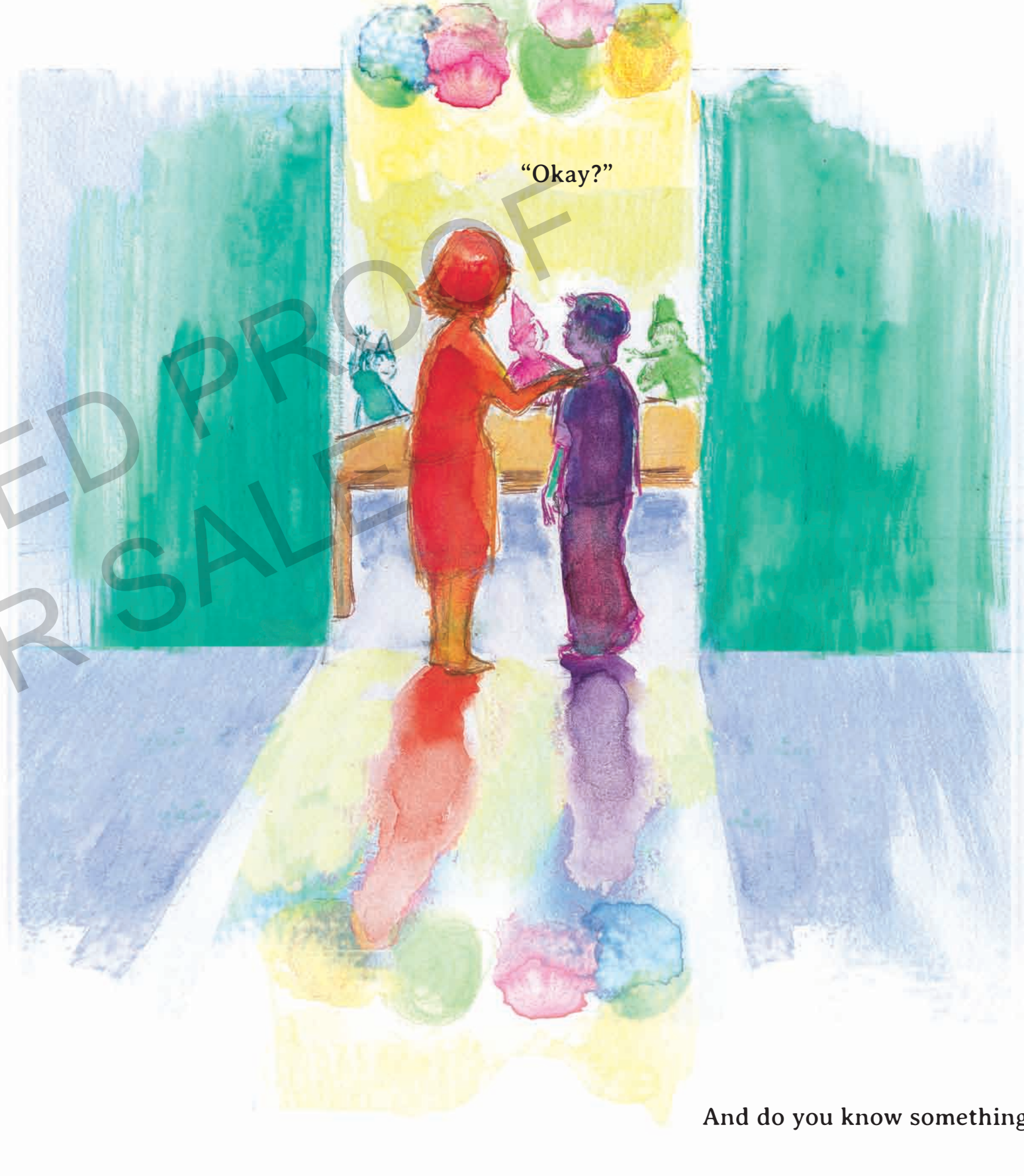


“I hear you like my lunches.”





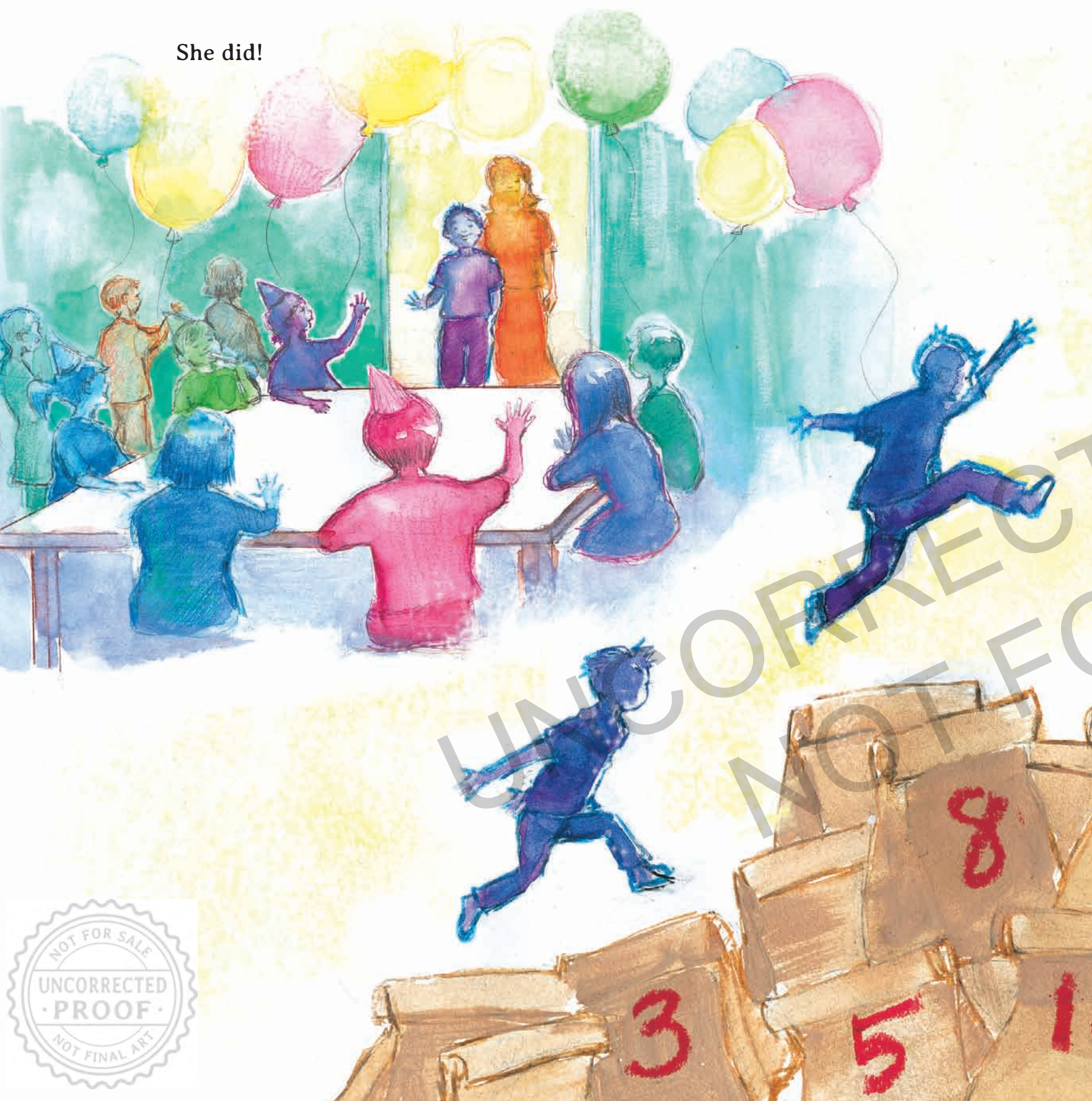
“Here’s what I’m gonna do. I’m going to make a *second* lunch.
And my son will bring it for you, every day.”



“Okay?”

And do you know something?

She did!



And *that's* how I got lunch every day. . .





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This book is dedicated to Jim – one of the most remarkable human beings I've ever met.

And to the lady who kept making all those lunches for him, day after day.

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