

For my brother, Jay,  
who was born to fly!  
~ G.M.



For my David, who proved  
that I Can Do It.  
And for my precious forever-S.F.'s,  
Katy and Tuck, who know  
they can do anything. ~ L.M.

“I love your picture, Stinky Face,” said Mama.  
But I had a question.



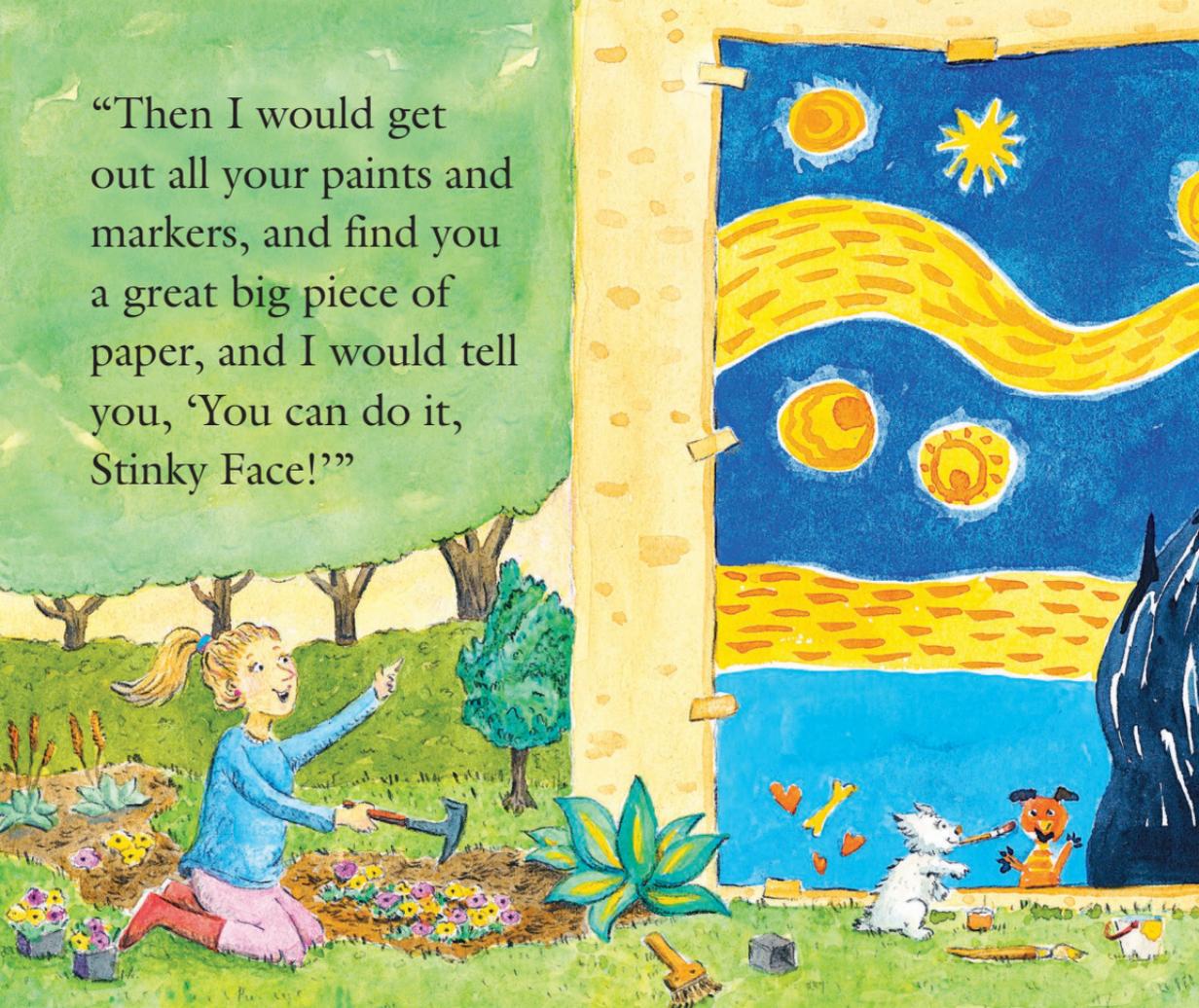
Mama, what if I wanted to draw the  
most special, most exciting picture

LEER?





“Then I would get out all your paints and markers, and find you a great big piece of paper, and I would tell you, ‘You can do it, Stinky Face!’”









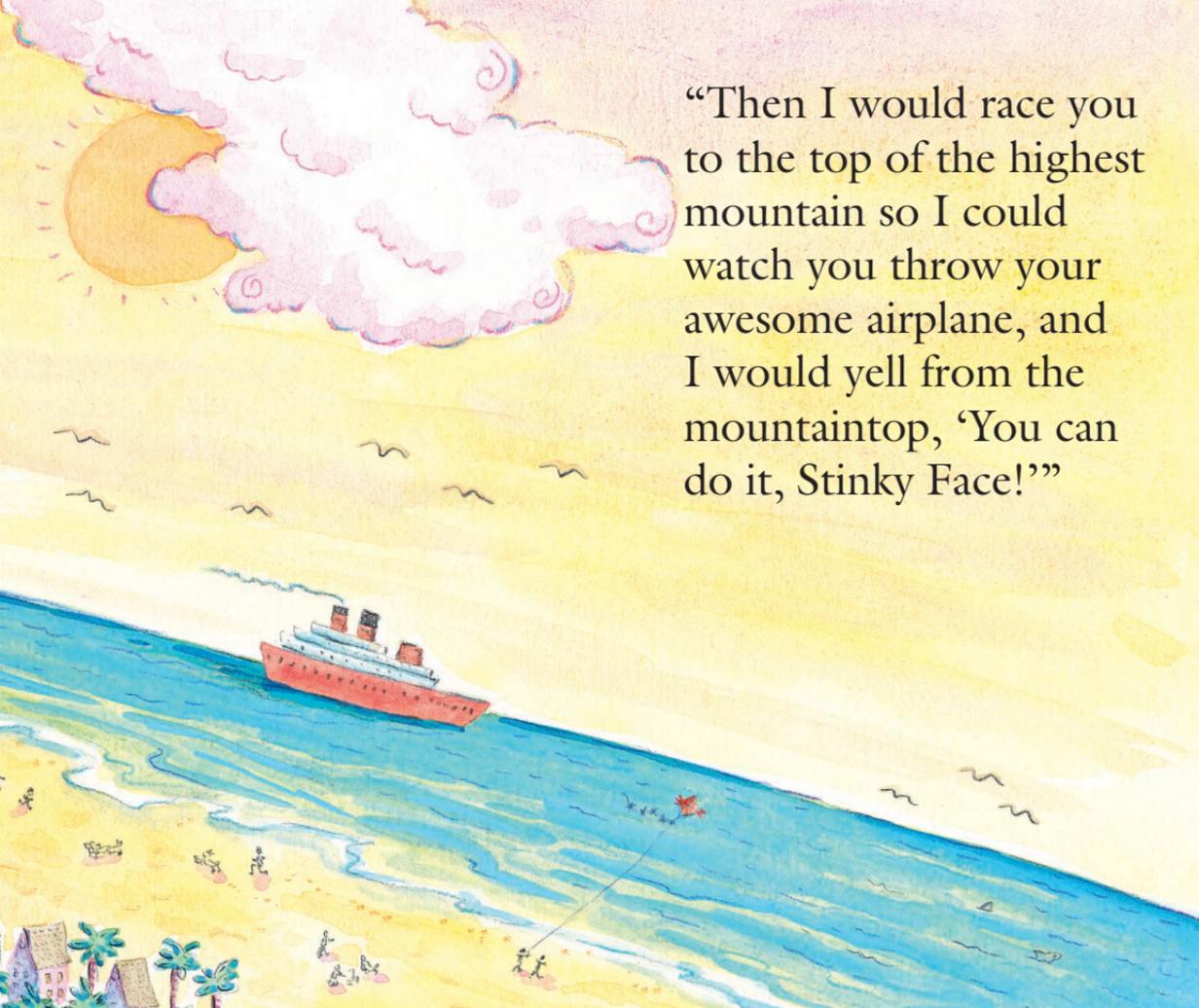
But, Mama,  
what if instead of  
drawing, I folded the  
paper to make a



Giant

paper airplane? What if I  
wanted to throw the craziest,  
highest longest-flying paper airplane  
toss ever?





“Then I would race you to the top of the highest mountain so I could watch you throw your awesome airplane, and I would yell from the mountaintop, ‘You can do it, Stinky Face!’”



But, Mama, what if my airplane soared all the way to the seashore and landed in the sand, and when I went to get it, I decided to build the fanciest, sandiest sand castle ever?



“Then I would plop  
your beach hat on  
your head and cover  
you with sunscreen.  
And as you dug and  
dumped and molded  
and scooped, I would  
cheer, ‘You can  
do it, Stinky Face!’”





But, Mama, what if some Kids were flying a Kite at the beach and they didn't see my sand castle and they ran all over it? What if they were so sorry that they let me fly their kite, and I really wanted to, only I was afraid to try?



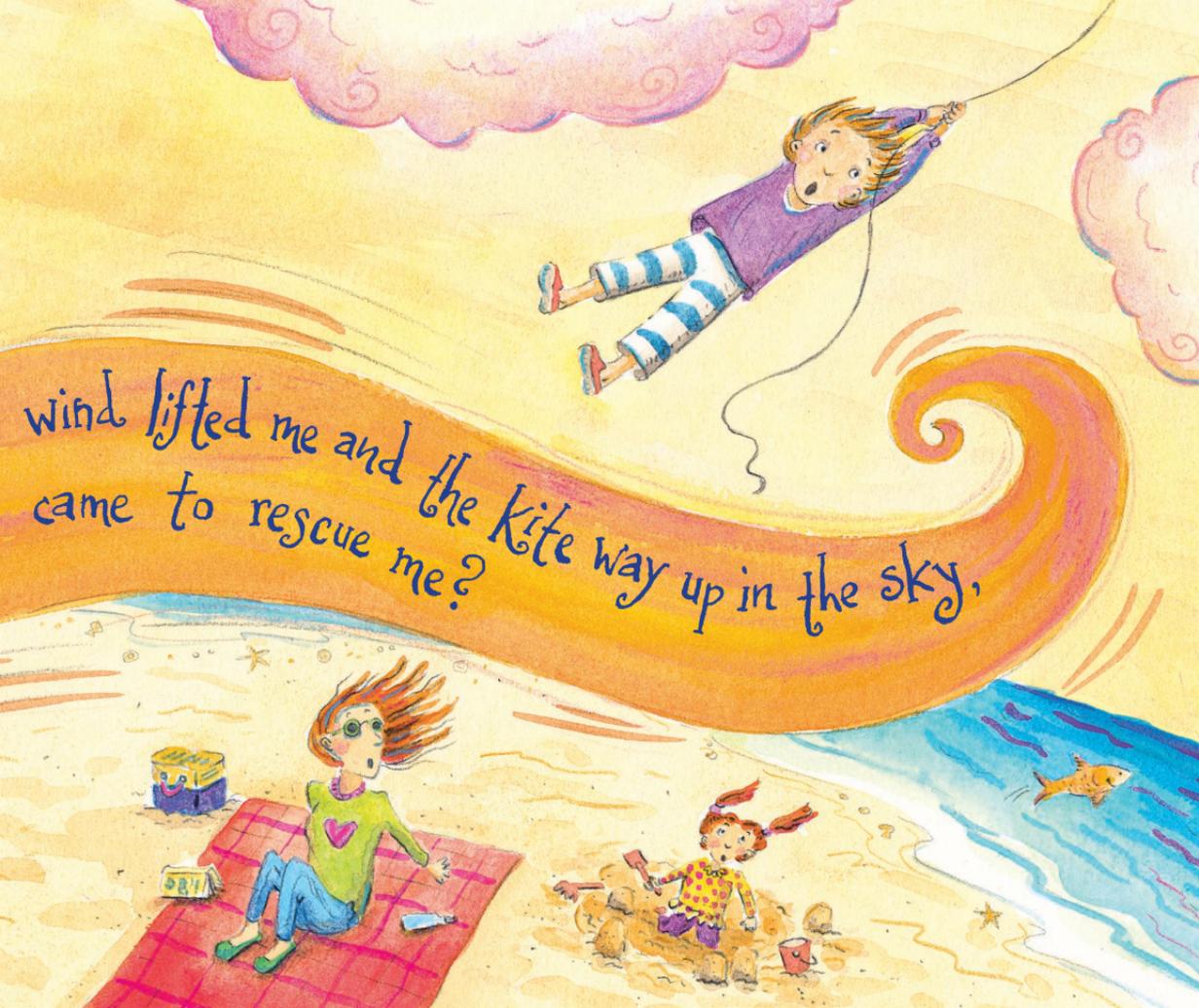


“Then I’d remind you to tell them thank you for sharing their kite. And we’d do our secret-magic-courage handshake so you wouldn’t be afraid anymore, and I’d whisper, ‘You can do it, Stinky Face!’”



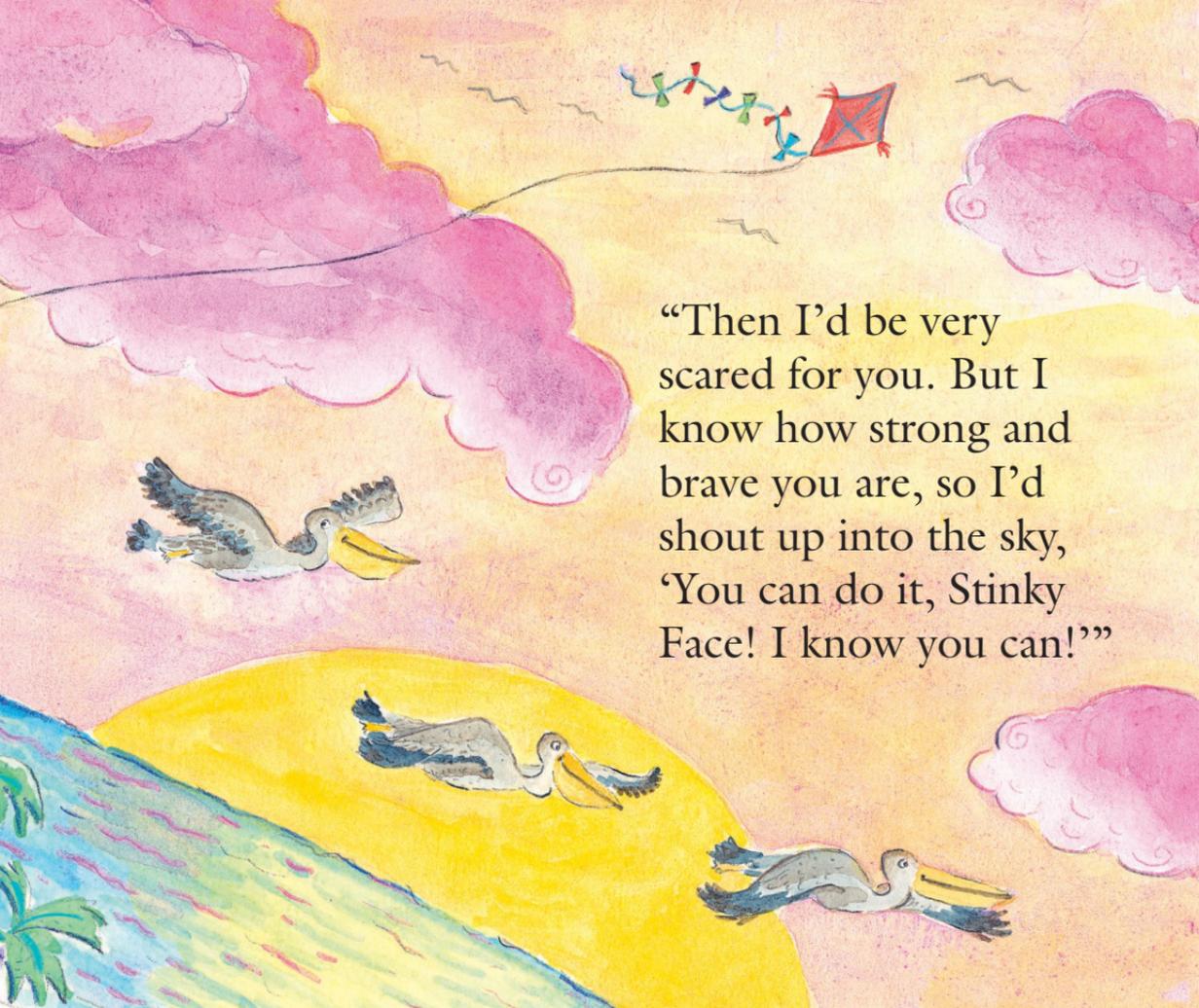
But, Mama, what if I was flying the Kite and a big  
and I had to hang on like crazy until a helicopter





wind lifted me and the kite way up in the sky,  
came to rescue me?





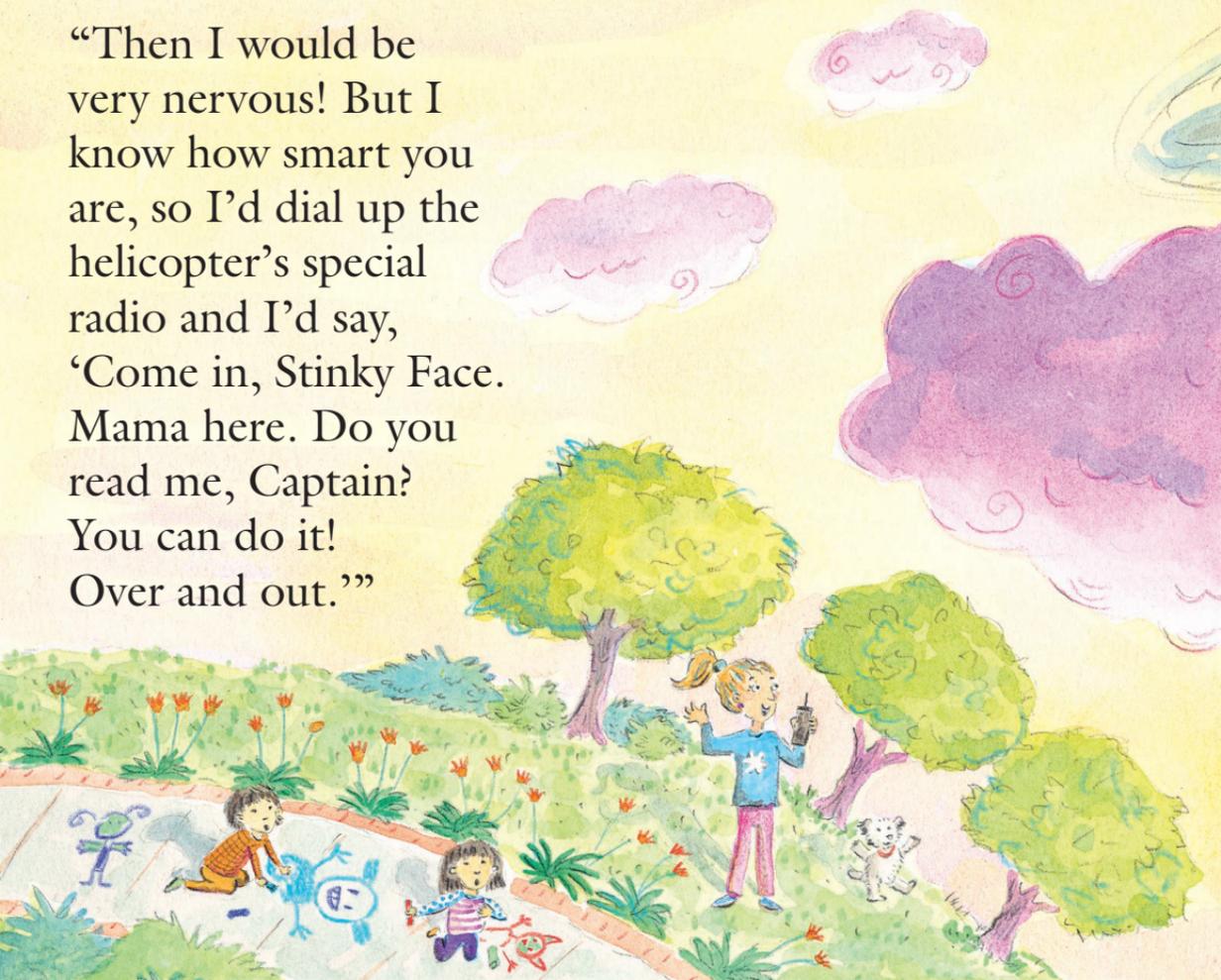
“Then I’d be very  
scared for you. But I  
know how strong and  
brave you are, so I’d  
shout up into the sky,  
‘You can do it, Stinky  
Face! I know you can!’”



But, Mama, what if I got into the helicopter, only the pilot had fainted from seeing a kid hanging in the sky like that, so I had to fly the helicopter all by myself?



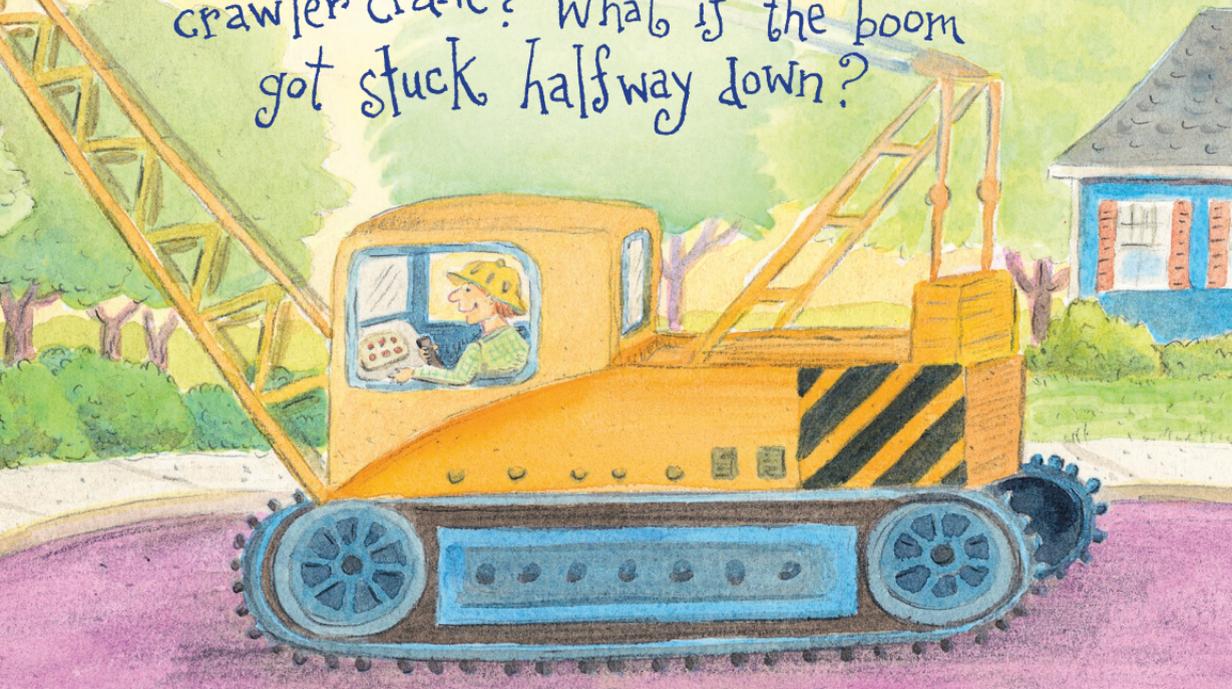
“Then I would be very nervous! But I know how smart you are, so I’d dial up the helicopter’s special radio and I’d say, ‘Come in, Stinky Face. Mama here. Do you read me, Captain? You can do it! Over and out.’”



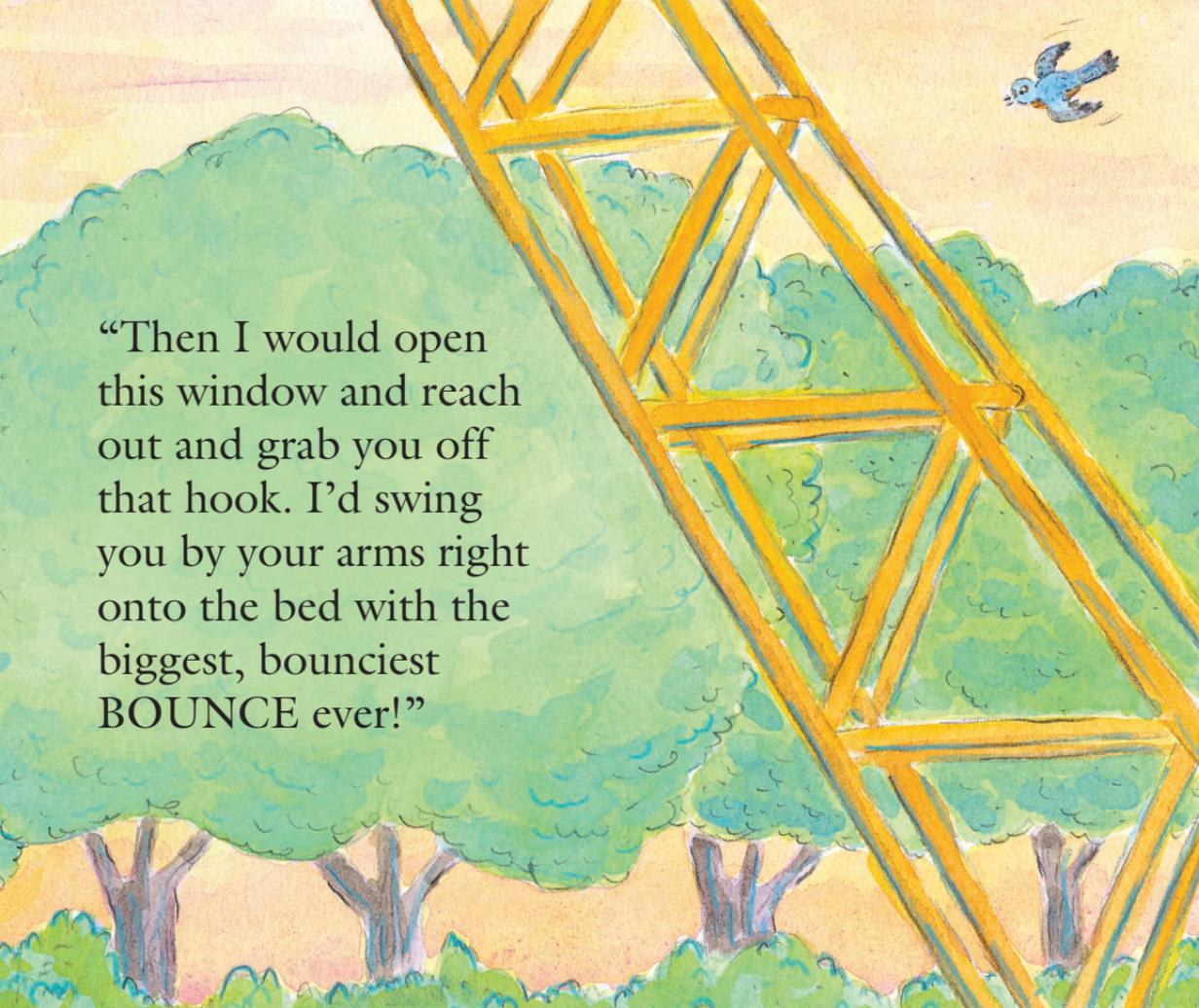




But, Mama, what if I landed the helicopter  
on top of our house and the only way down  
from the roof was on the hook of a giant  
crawler crane? What if the boom  
got stuck halfway down?



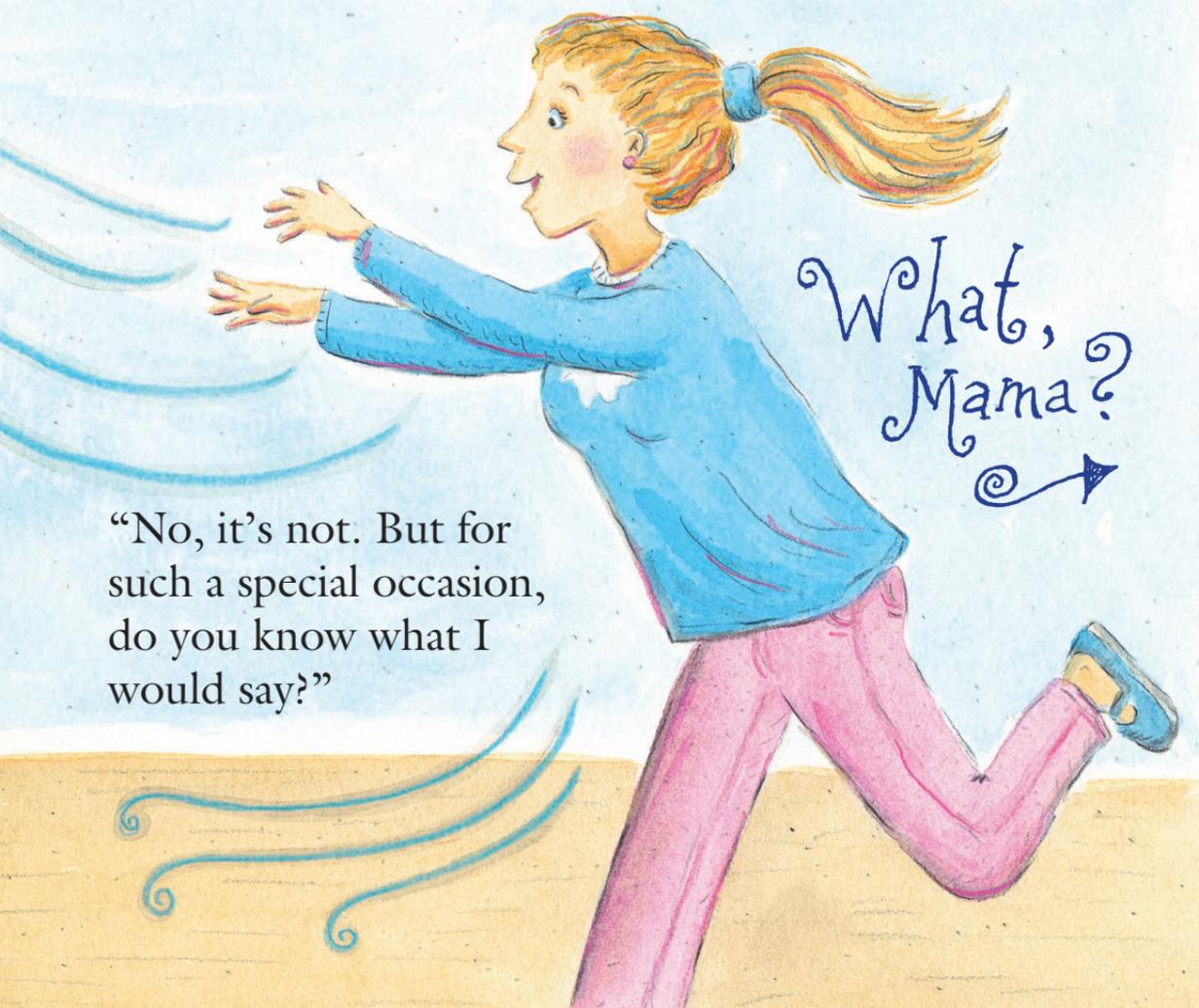




“Then I would open  
this window and reach  
out and grab you off  
that hook. I’d swing  
you by your arms right  
onto the bed with the  
biggest, bounciest  
**BOUNCE** ever!”



But, Mama, bouncing on the  
bed is not allowed!



“No, it’s not. But for such a special occasion, do you know what I would say?”

What,  
Mama?  
↪

“You can do it, Stinky Face!”





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