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* No turkeys were harmed in the making of this book

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How ^{Price} to Catch a Turkey

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Here we are on **THANKSGIVING DAY**,
It's that special time of year.
Yes, I know, I am a turkey,
that much should be clear.

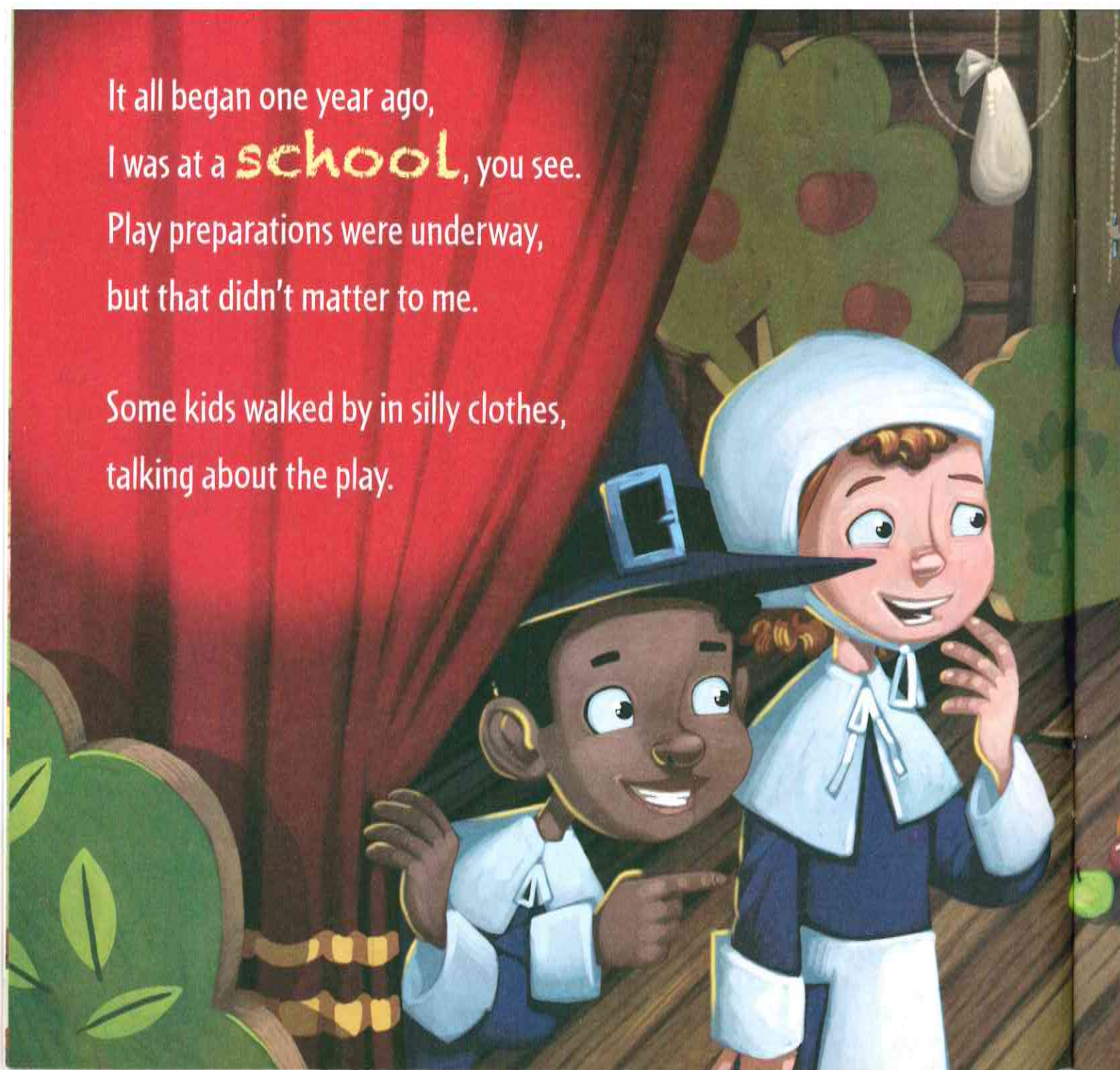




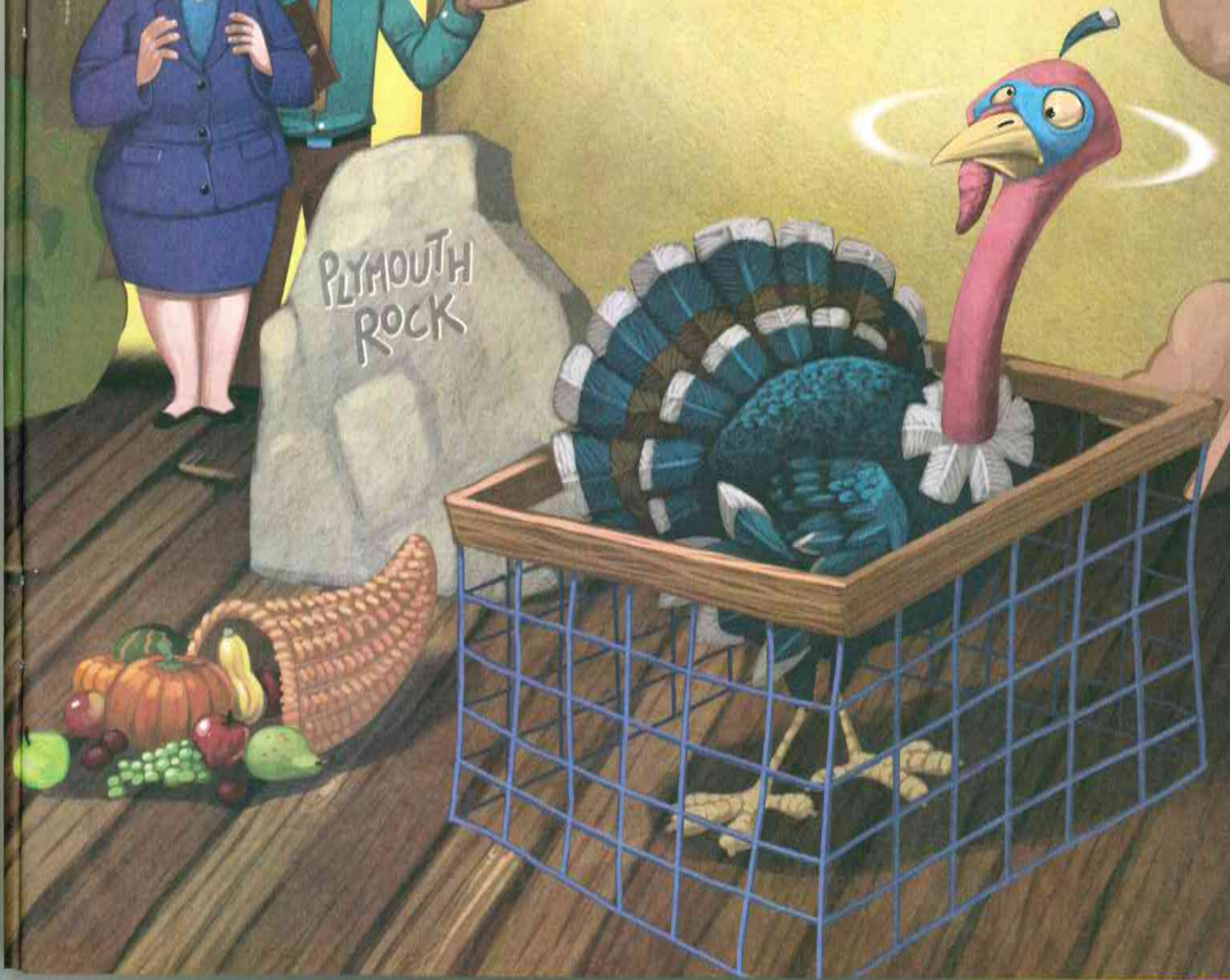
So gather 'round, I have a tale,
and it's really quite a story—
What I tell you now is not a joke,
it is my **crowning glory**.

It all began one year ago,
I was at a **school**, you see.
Play preparations were underway,
but that didn't matter to me.

Some kids walked by in silly clothes,
talking about the play.



"We'll even have a **turkey** on stage!
It's perfect for Thanksgiving Day!"

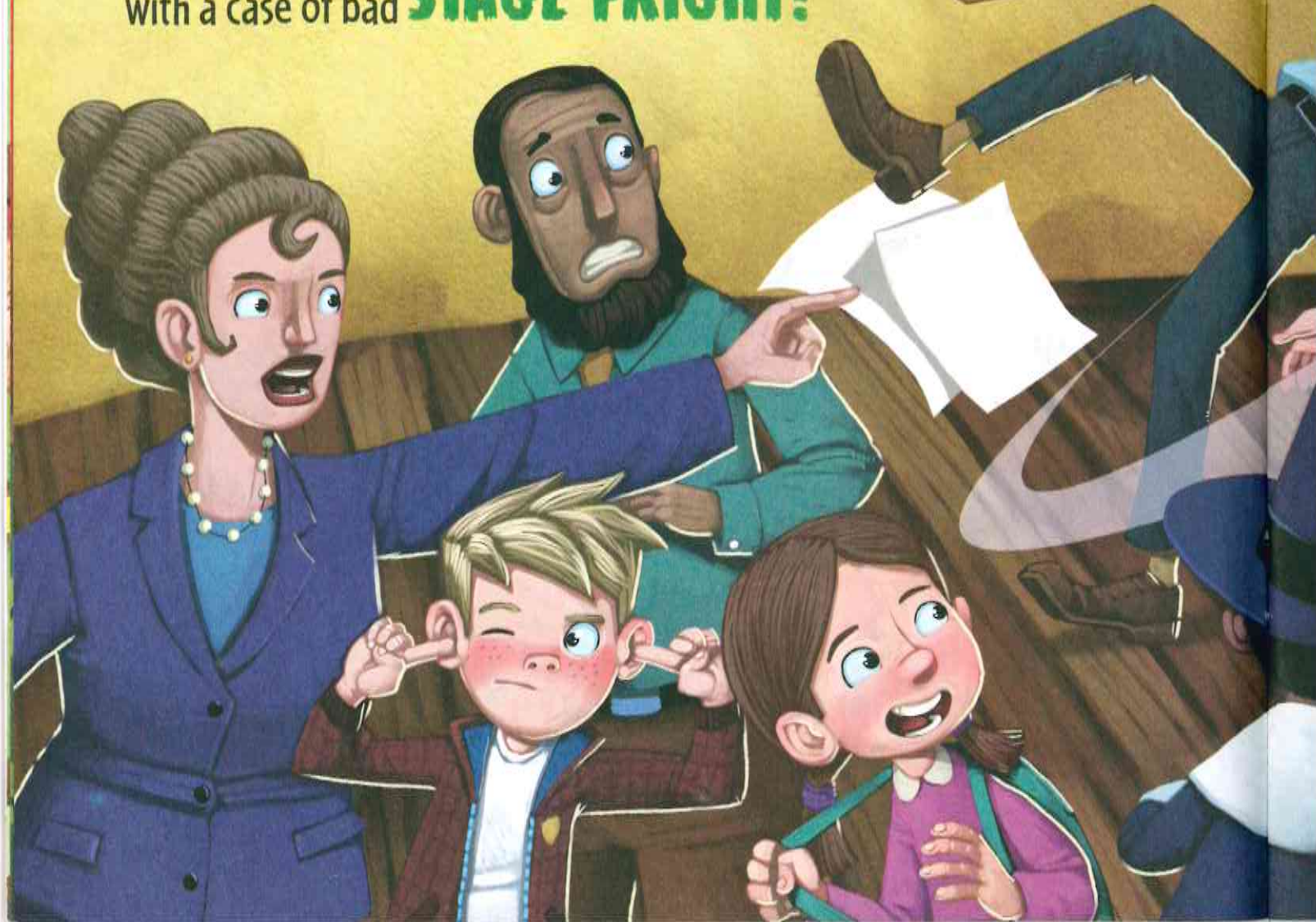


Turkey? Stage? No way! No how!

Had I *really* heard that right?

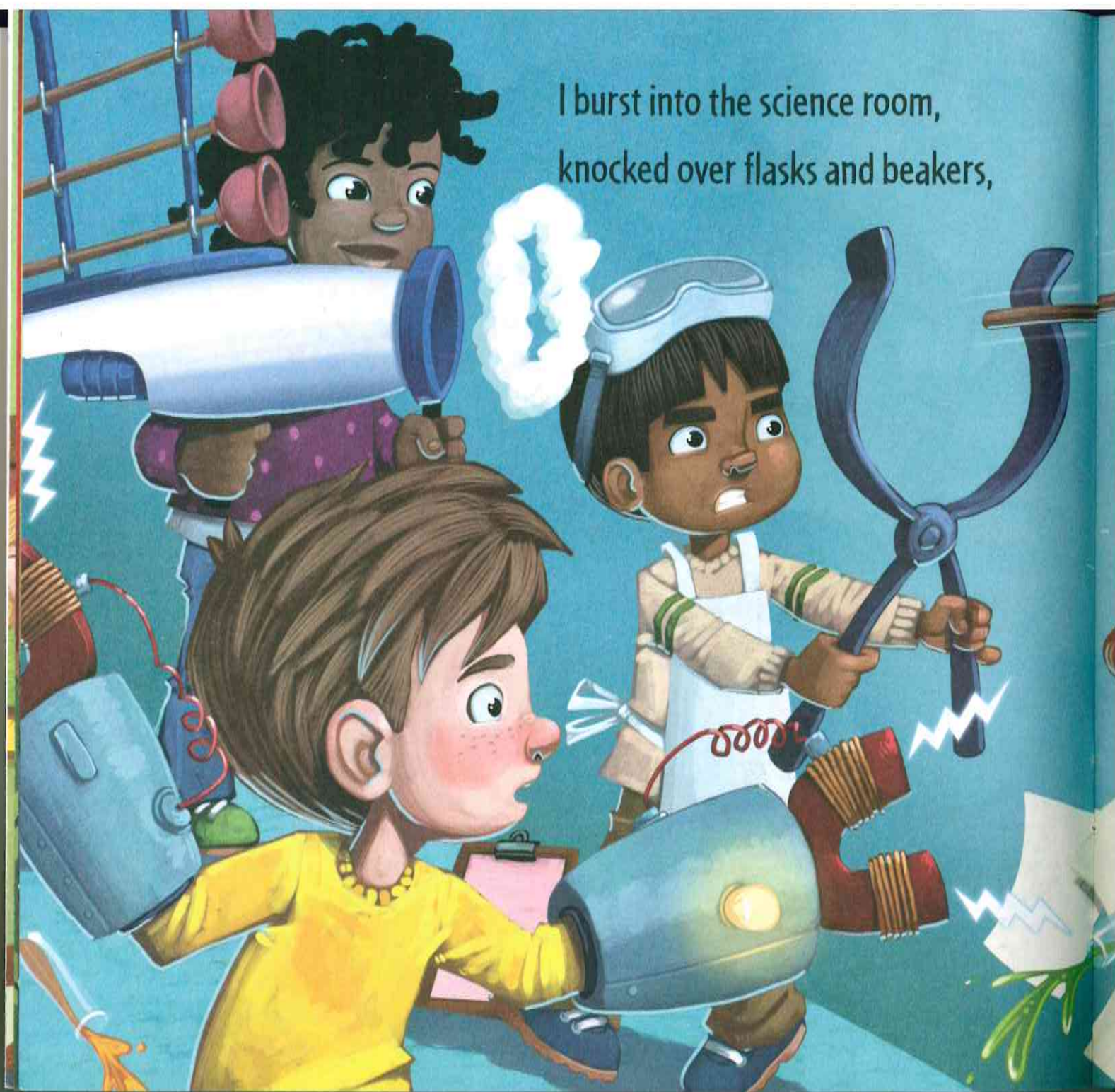
I broke out of my pen and ran away

with a case of bad **STAGE FRIGHT!**





I burst into the science room,
knocked over flasks and beakers,



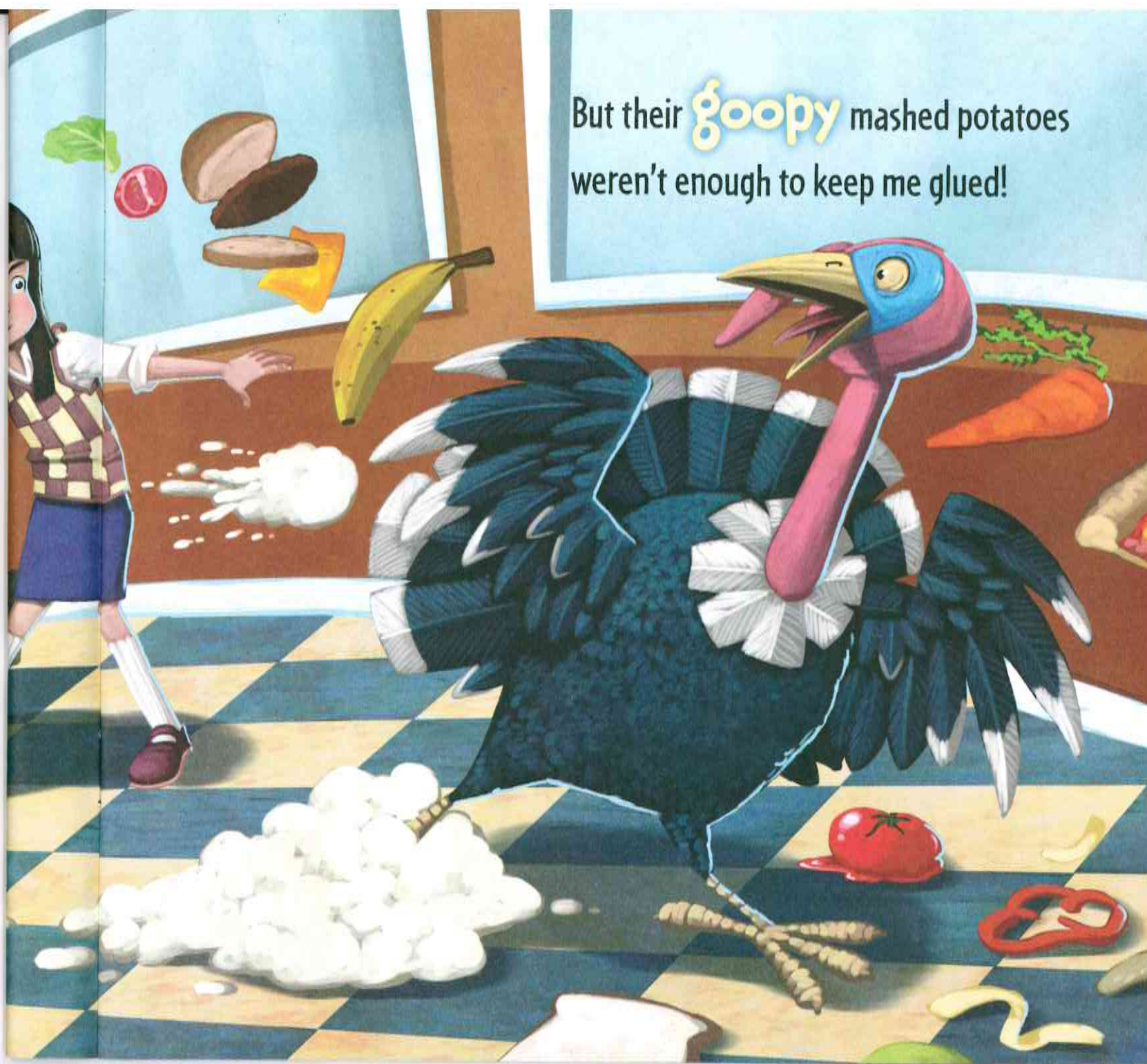
and the cry of, "Catch that turkey!"
boomed over the loudspeakers.



So now more children joined the chase
with catapults and food.



But their **goopy** mashed potatoes
weren't enough to keep me glued!





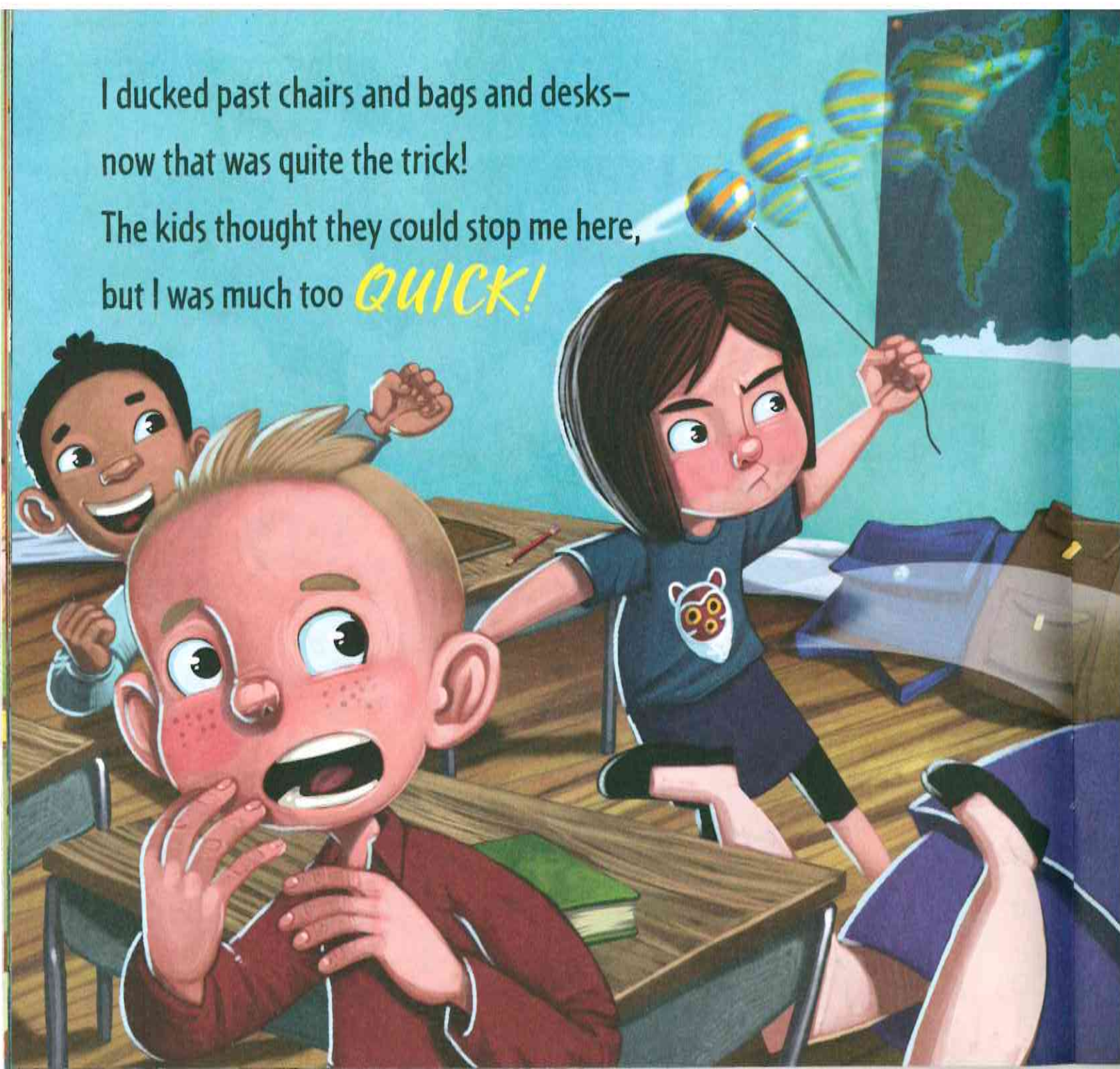
Up next, there was a **MAZE** of books
that stretched from wall to wall.

But with a big hop and a mighty flap,
I managed to escape it all!



I ducked past chairs and bags and desks—
now that was quite the trick!

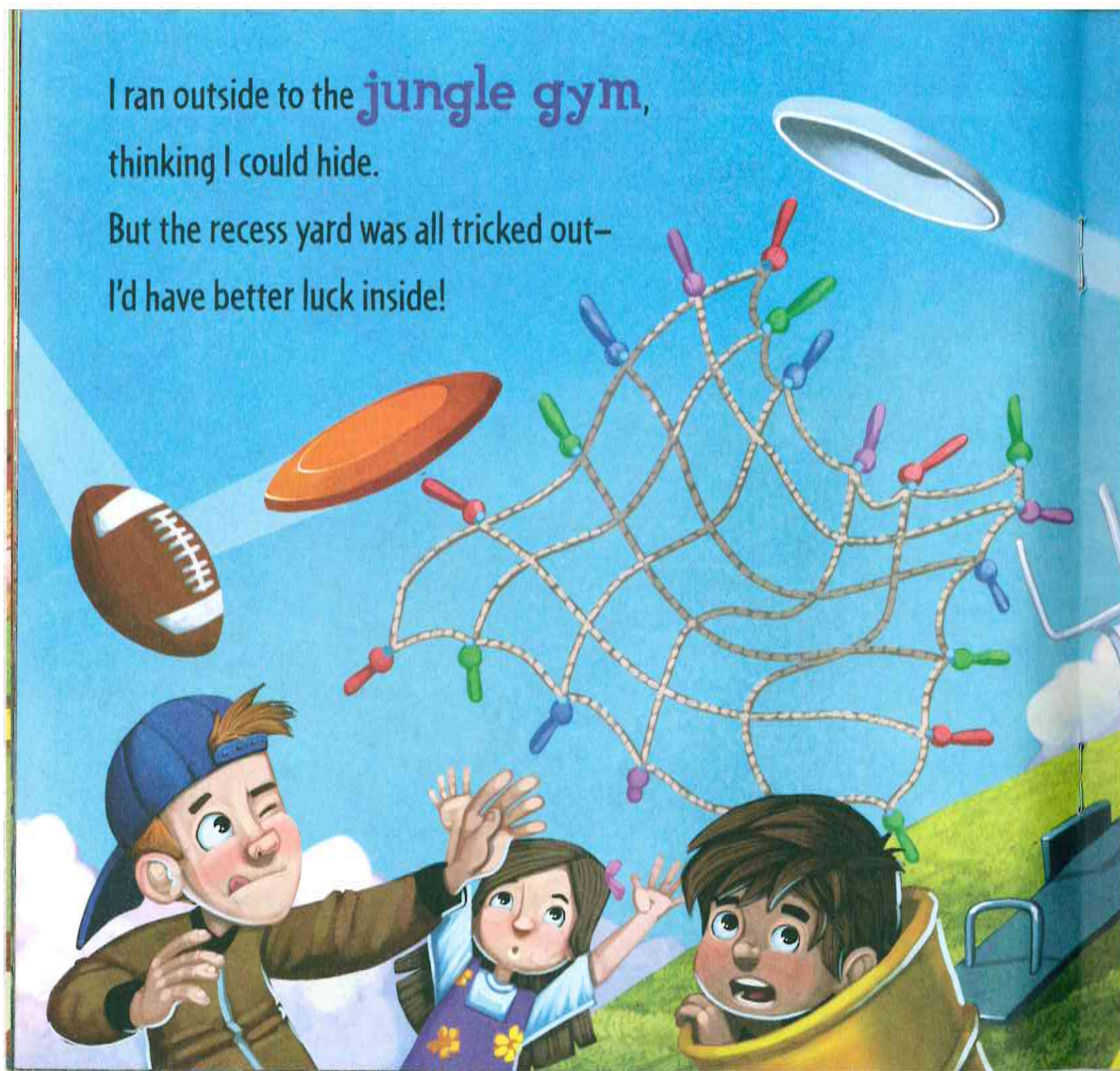
The kids thought they could stop me here,
but I was much too *QUICK!*





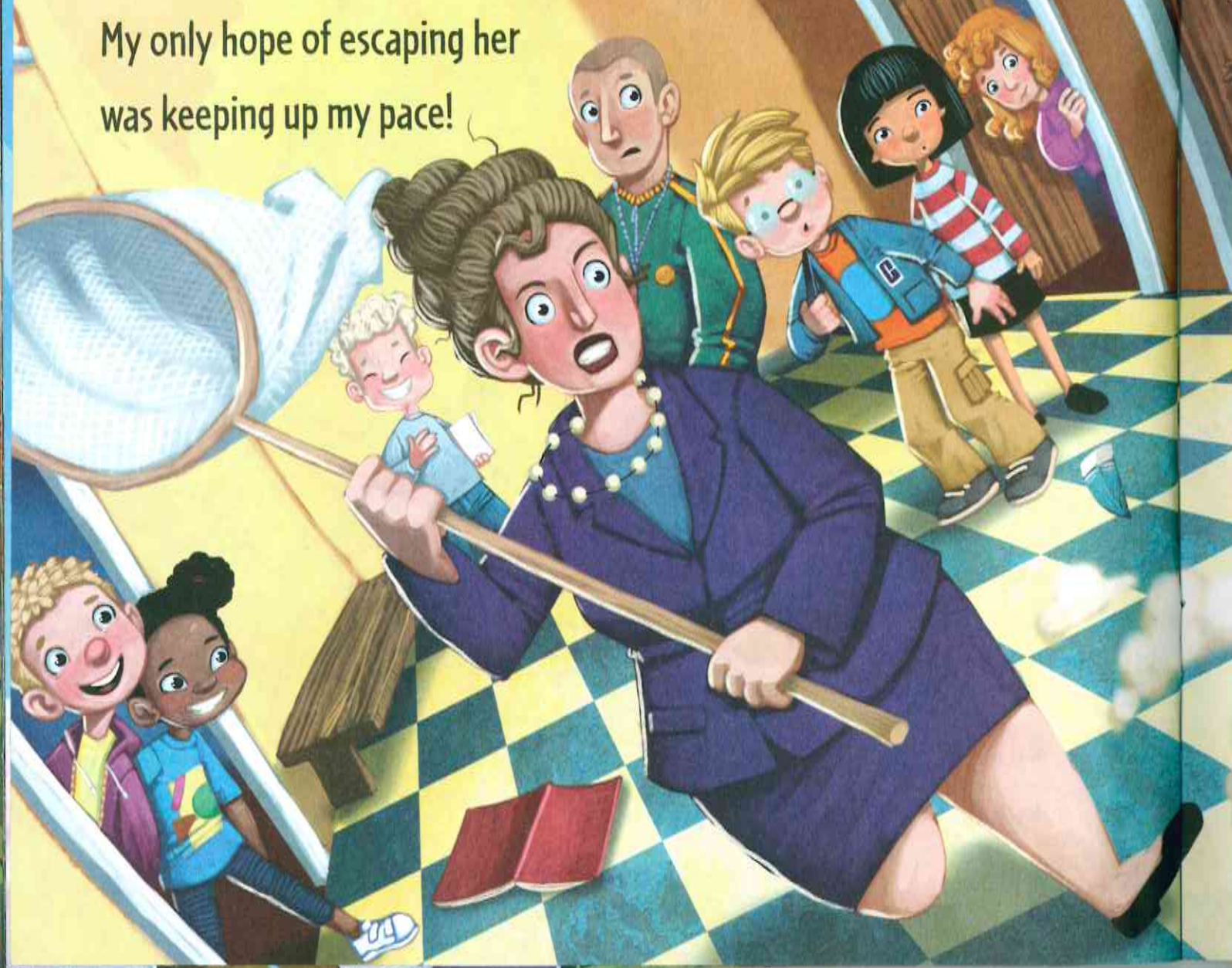
I ran outside to the **jungle gym**,
thinking I could hide.

But the recess yard was all tricked out—
I'd have better luck inside!





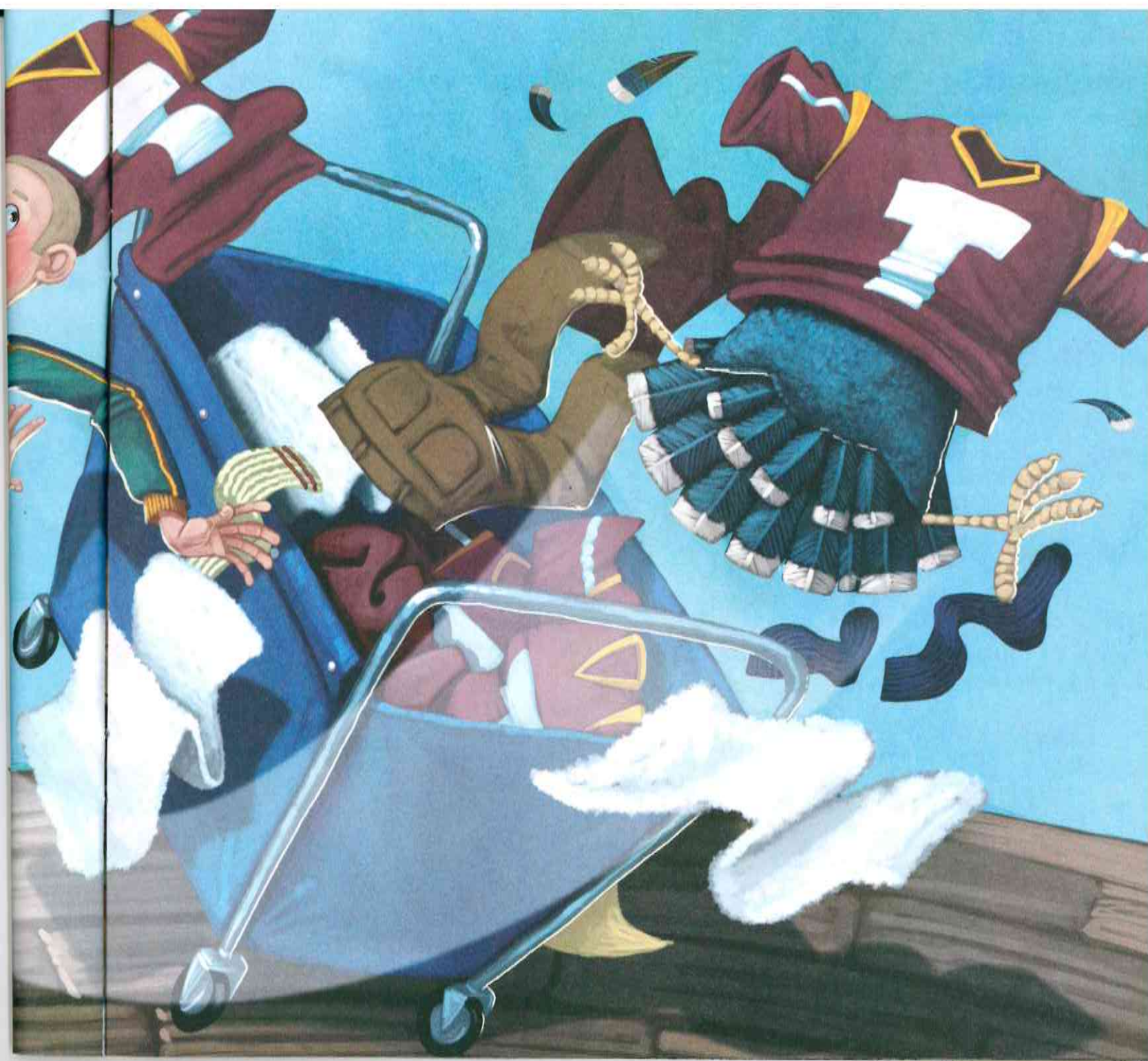
Finally the kids gave up
but the **principal** gave chase.
My only hope of escaping her
was keeping up my pace!





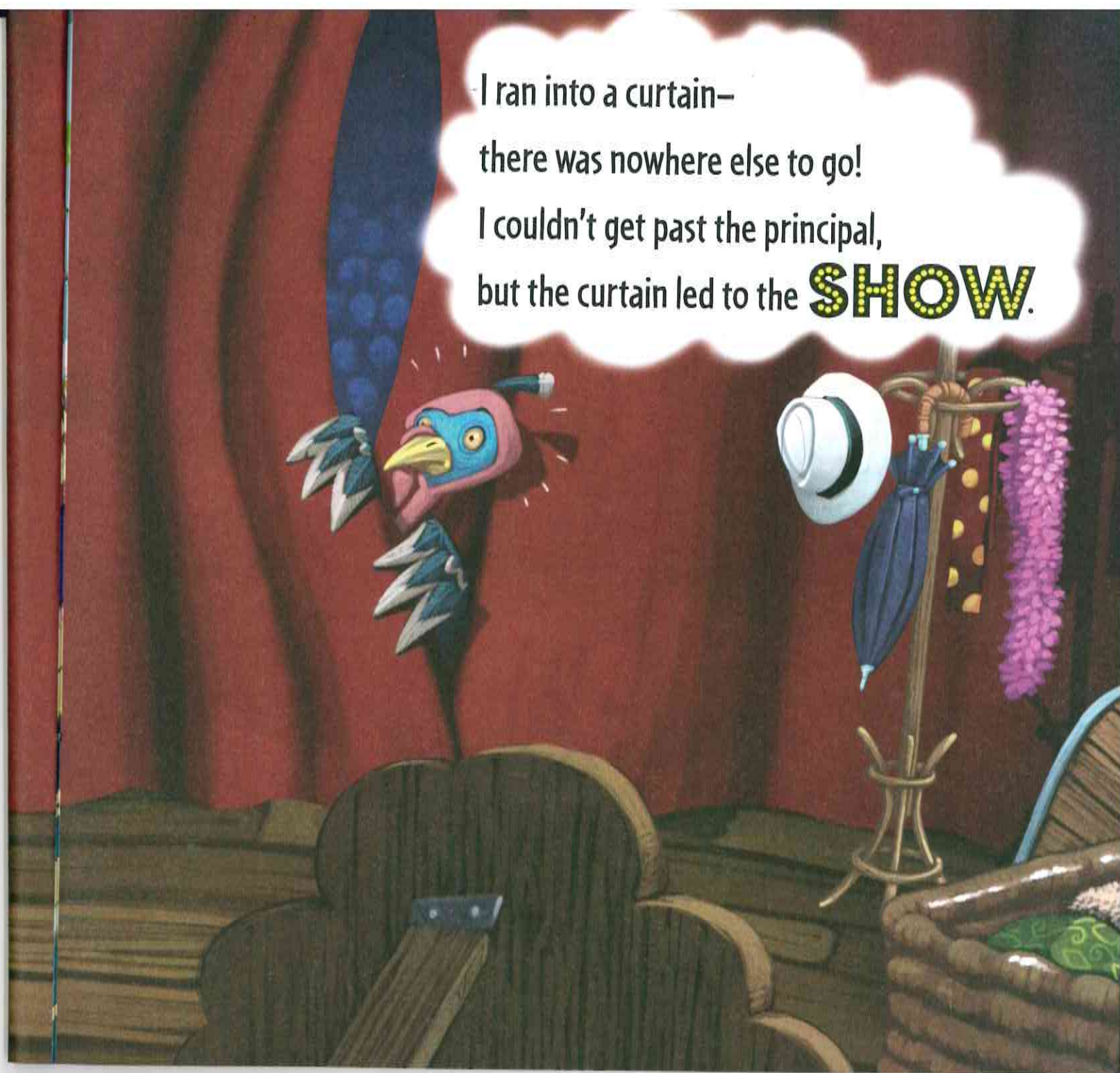
I slid into the coach's room,
and crashed into a chair.
I got **TANGLED** up in jerseys
but I won't get stuck in there!

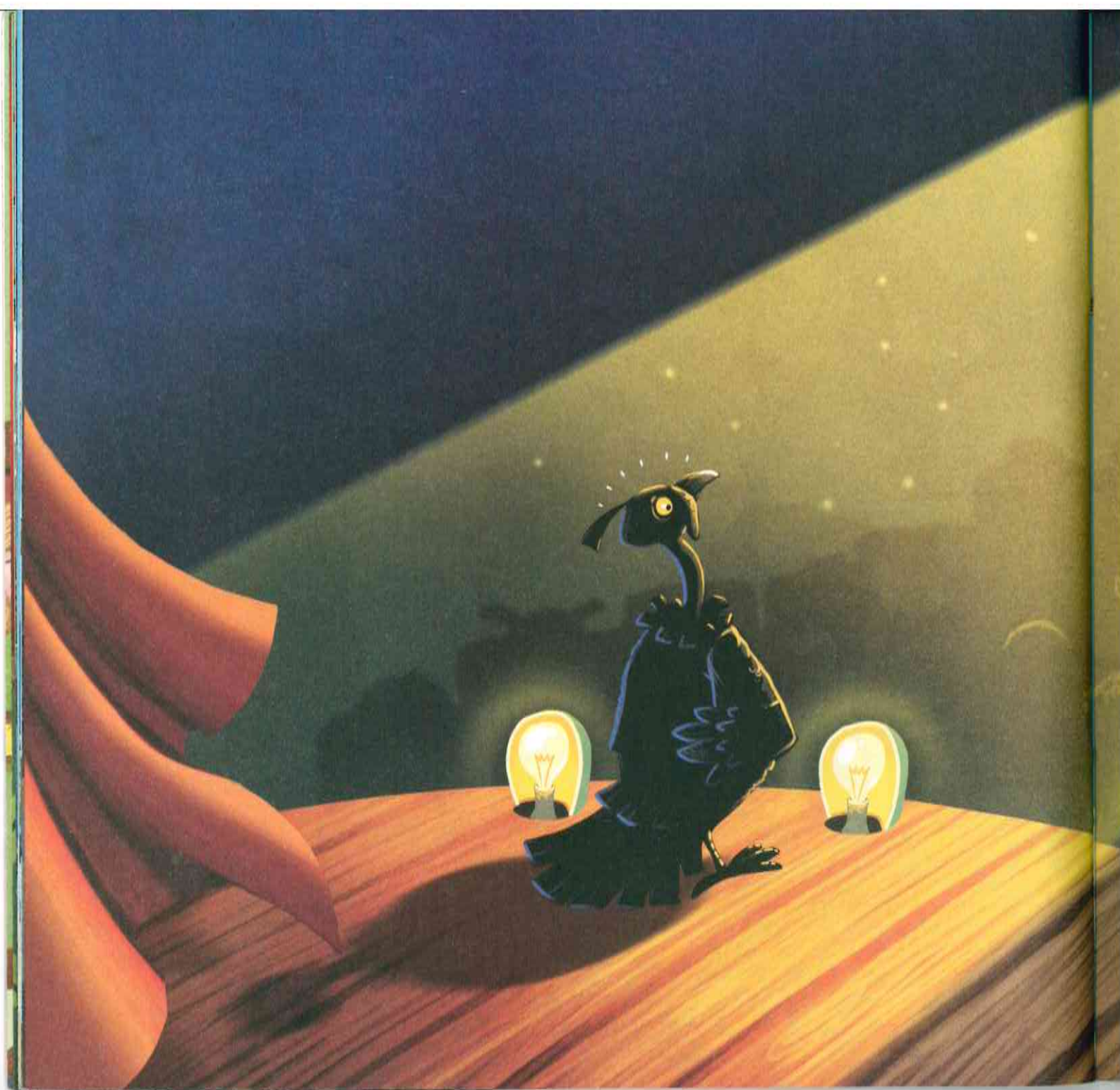






I ran into a curtain—
there was nowhere else to go!
I couldn't get past the principal,
but the curtain led to the **SHOW.**





My heart was racing, I started to sweat,
I couldn't **SQUAWK** or run...



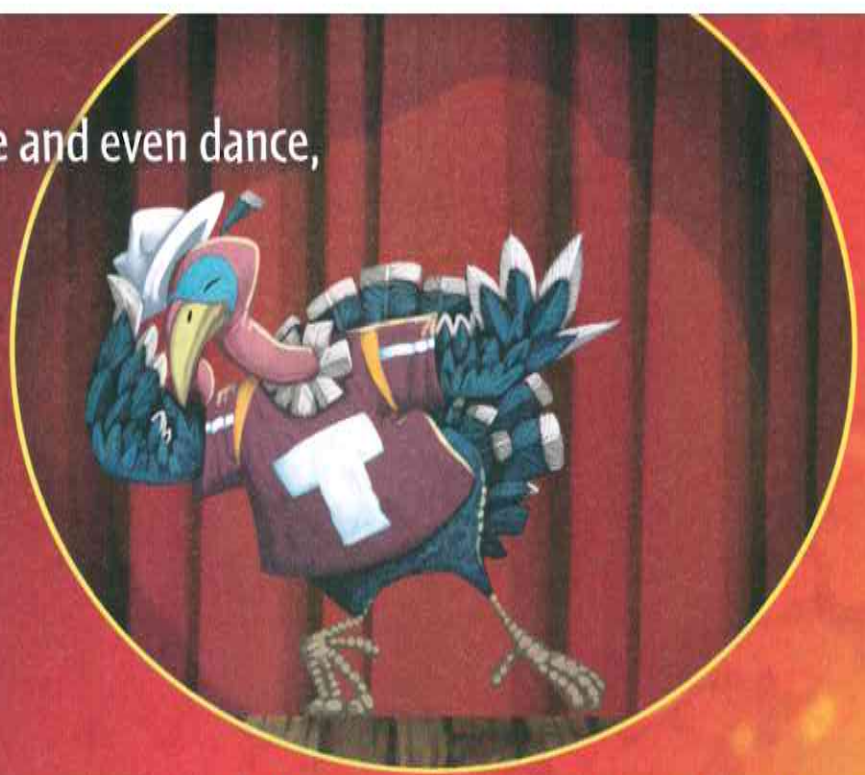
I took a deep breath. *I can do this!*
Who knows? This might be **FUN**.



A kid stood up and pointed,
"Oh my gosh! He's so **cute!**"
"He really is," a parent agreed,
"in his little mascot suit!"



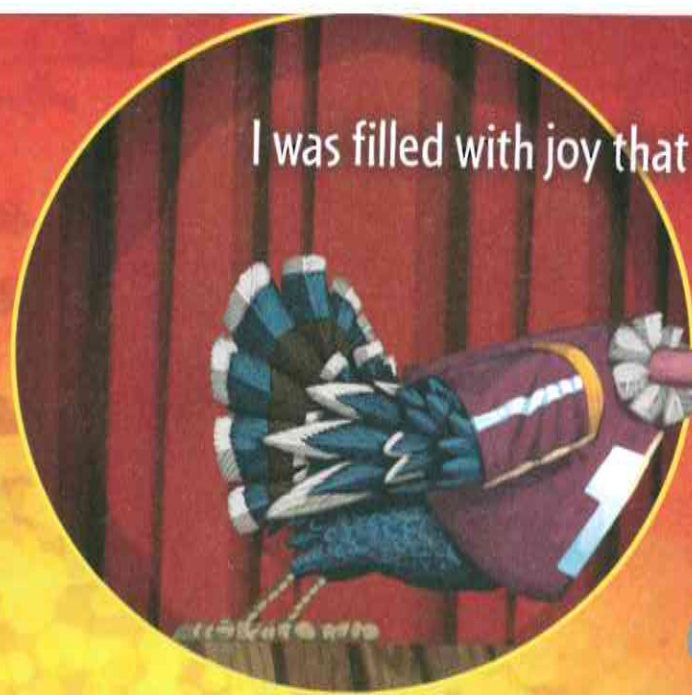
I started to smile and even dance,



while the crowd continued to cheer.



I was filled with joy that I took the chance,



and
that's what
started my

**MASCOT
CAREER!**





HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
everyone!

Thanksgiving time is here again,
but there's a turkey on the run!
Can you catch this tricky bird
before the school play has begun?



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only through the school market

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