

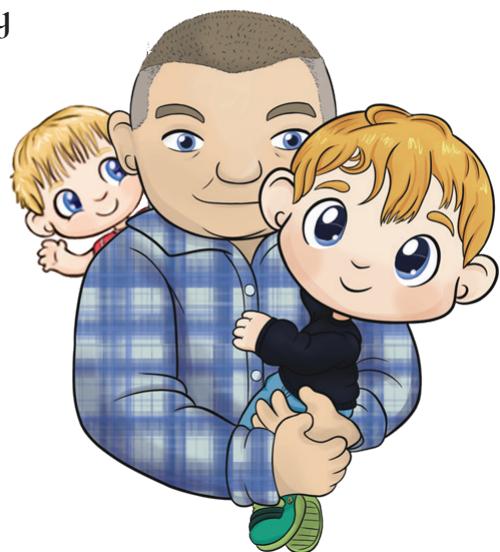


The real Pop Pop was fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to babysit his grandkids, who he lovingly dubbed his Grandmen.

This is the second book in the Adventures with Pop Pop series.

The Adventures with Pop Pop series of children's books covers adventures with Pop Pop and his Grandmen. Each book takes us on an adventure to places like Walmart and Target, preschool adventures, pandemic adventures, a birthday party with a surprise visit by Louie the mascot from the St. Louis Blues, Grant's Farm, the arrival of little brother, and many more adventures.

Fans of Pop Pop and the Grandmen can follow on social media and also follow along on YouTube with snippets of their adventures that inspired the books.



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To the Parkway School District Early Childhood Center of St.
Louis County Missouri, and an extra special and heartfelt thank
you to Miss Connie, Nikki, Danielle, Amora, Mercedes, Denise,
and Julie, who provided Grandman Dean with love and a nurturing
environment that prepared him for his transition to kindergarten.

Grandman Dean's Preschool Adventures

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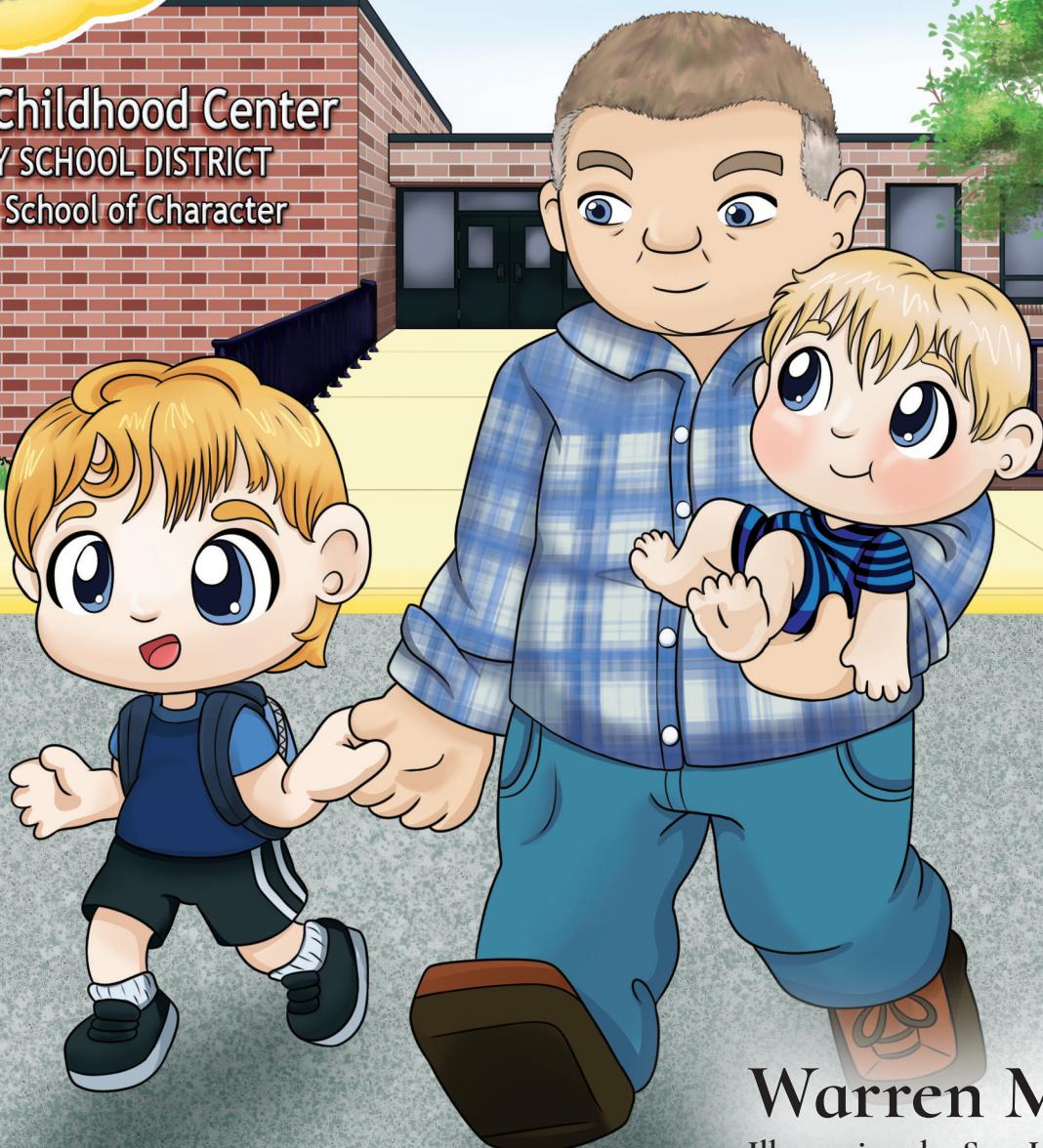
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The background features a large, reddish-brown brick wall that slopes down towards the right. In the foreground, there's a black metal railing on a light-colored sidewalk. To the left of the railing, a green grassy hillside is visible.

On his first day of school, Mommy
and Daddy brought a very excited
Dean to the preschool.





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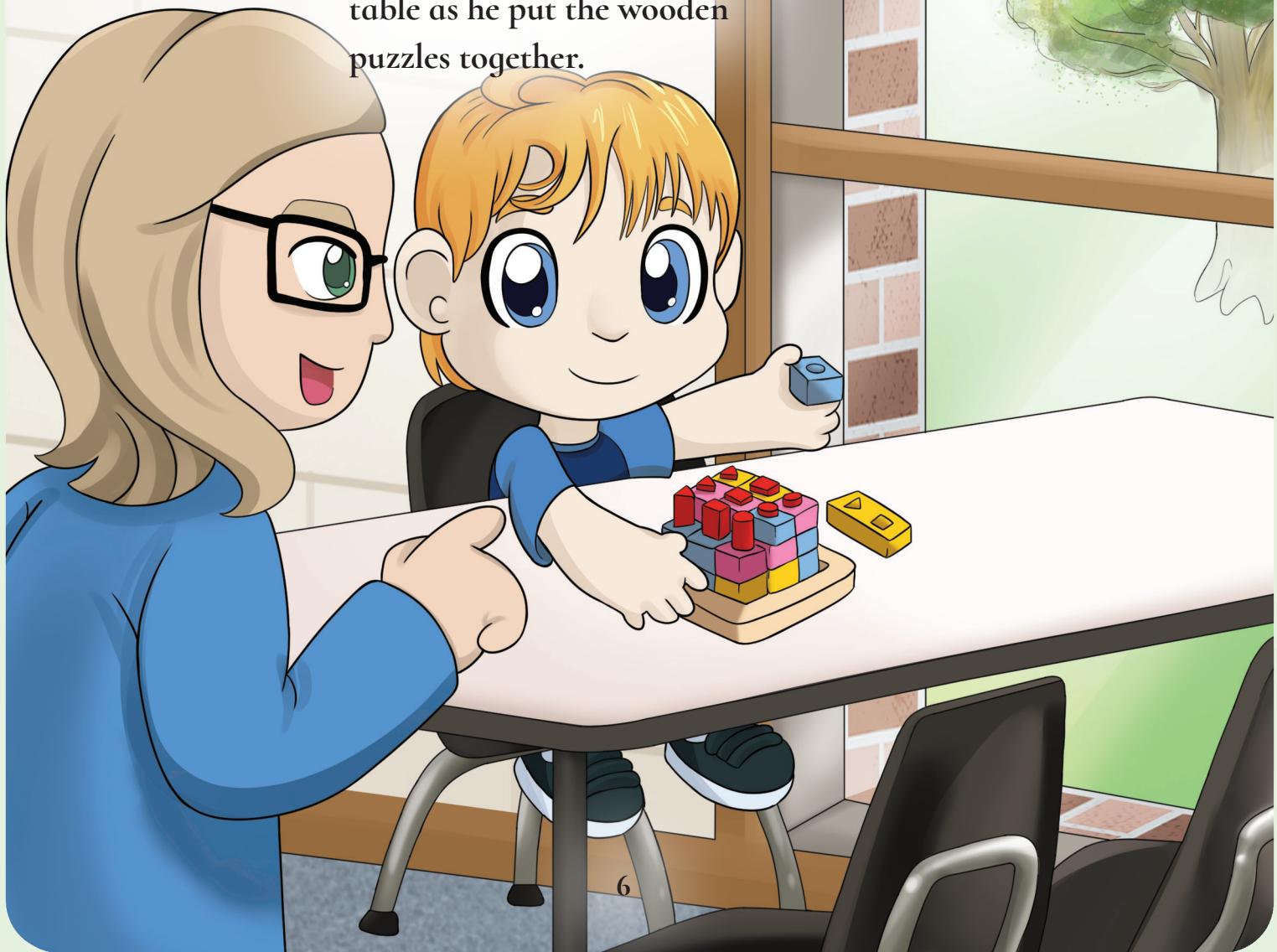
Mommy and Daddy walked with Dean to his classroom and met his new teachers, Miss Connie and Miss Nikki.

“Hello, Dean,” Miss Connie said to Dean as she reached out to give him a hug.

“Hello, friend,” Miss Nikki said, also giving Dean a big hug.



Miss Connie helped Dean at the puzzle table as he put the wooden puzzles together.





Dean loves trains and
got really excited
when Miss Nikki showed
him the train table.



The next day, and most days, Pop Pop drove Dean to school.

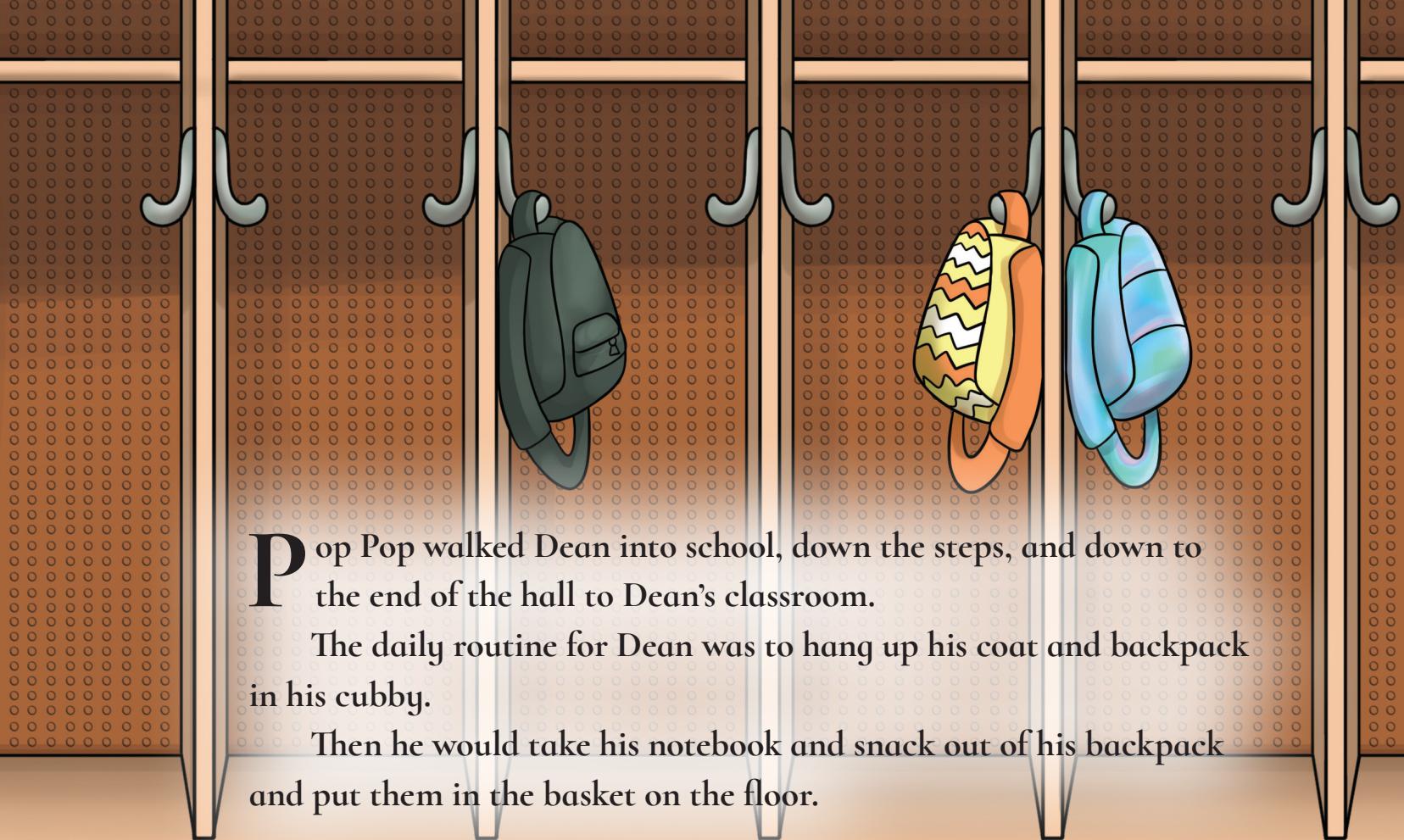
Dean was a quick learner and navigator, and he would tell Pop Pop the way to school.





A close-up illustration of a young boy's face. He has light brown hair styled in a flat-top, blue eyes, and a small smile. He is wearing a dark grey t-shirt. In the background, a red car with its headlights on is driving away on a road. A blue backpack with a teddy bear and colorful shapes is visible on the left. The scene is set outdoors with green grass and a clear sky.

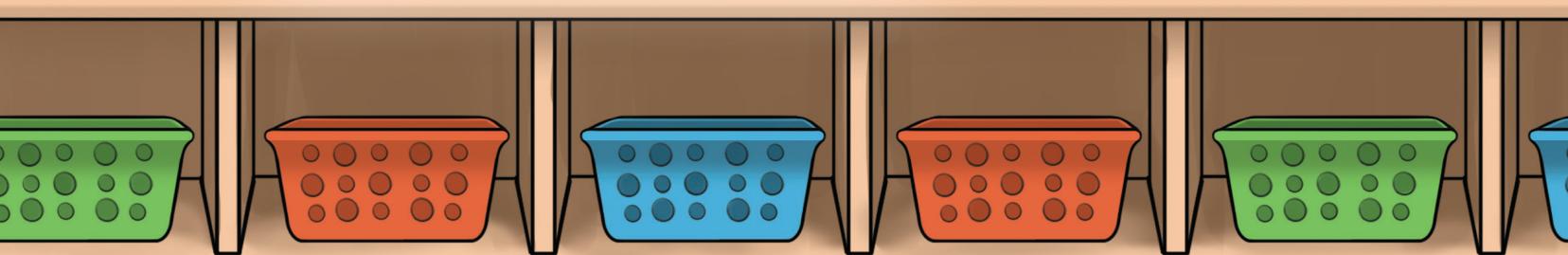
"Turn here, Pop Pop."
"Red light, Pop Pop."
"There it is, Pop Pop."



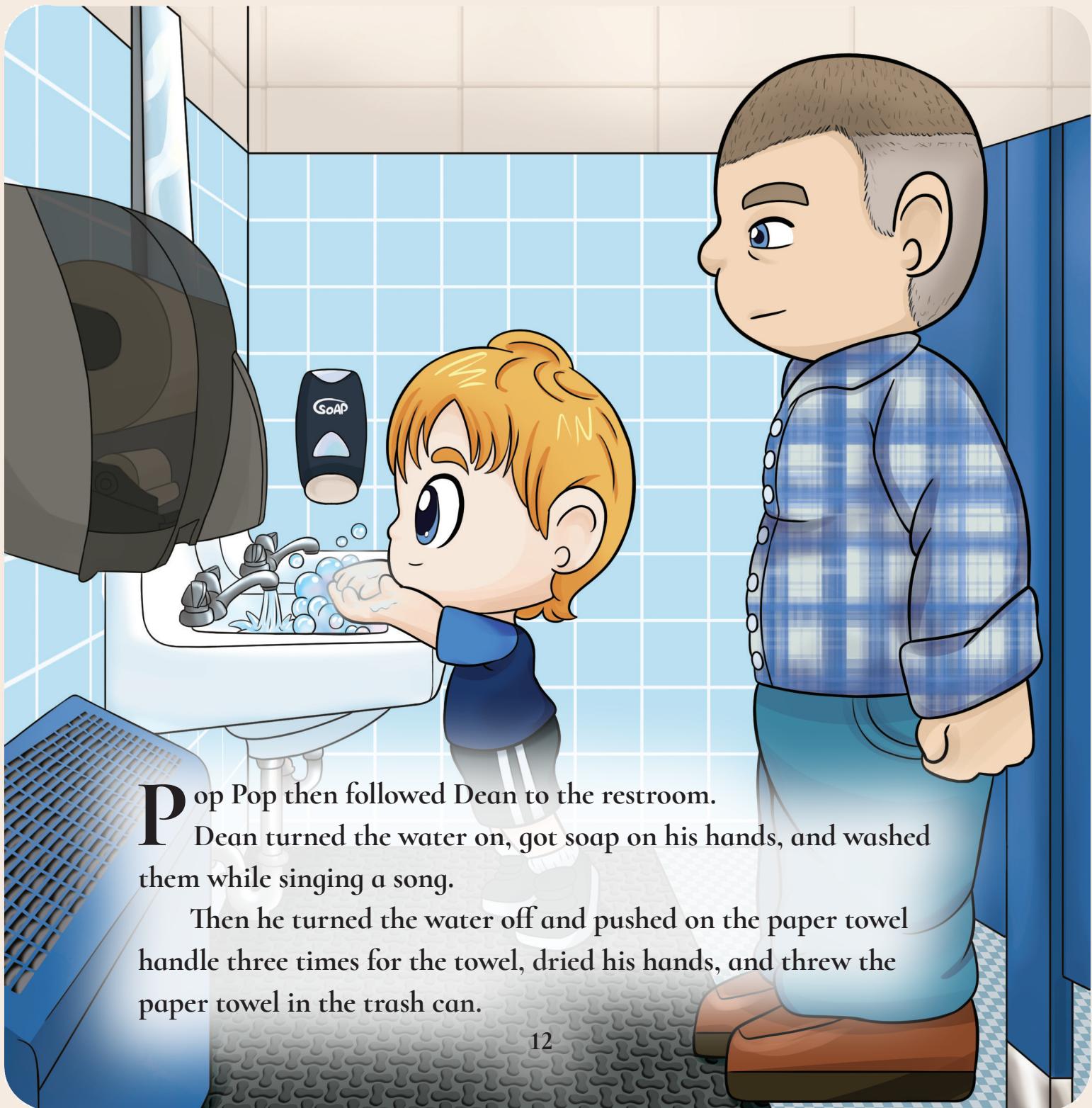
Pop Pop walked Dean into school, down the steps, and down to the end of the hall to Dean's classroom.

The daily routine for Dean was to hang up his coat and backpack in his cubby.

Then he would take his notebook and snack out of his backpack and put them in the basket on the floor.







Pop Pop then followed Dean to the restroom.

Dean turned the water on, got soap on his hands, and washed them while singing a song.

Then he turned the water off and pushed on the paper towel handle three times for the towel, dried his hands, and threw the paper towel in the trash can.



After washing his hands, Dean went to the water fountain and got a drink of water.

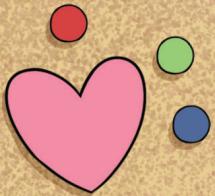




Dean and Pop Pop walked back to the classroom and waited with the other children for the classroom door to open.

“Good morning, friends,” Miss Danielle and Miss Nikki said to the children as they opened the door. The children headed into the classroom and to their assigned desk.

Pop Pop peeked inside the door and waved bye to Dean.



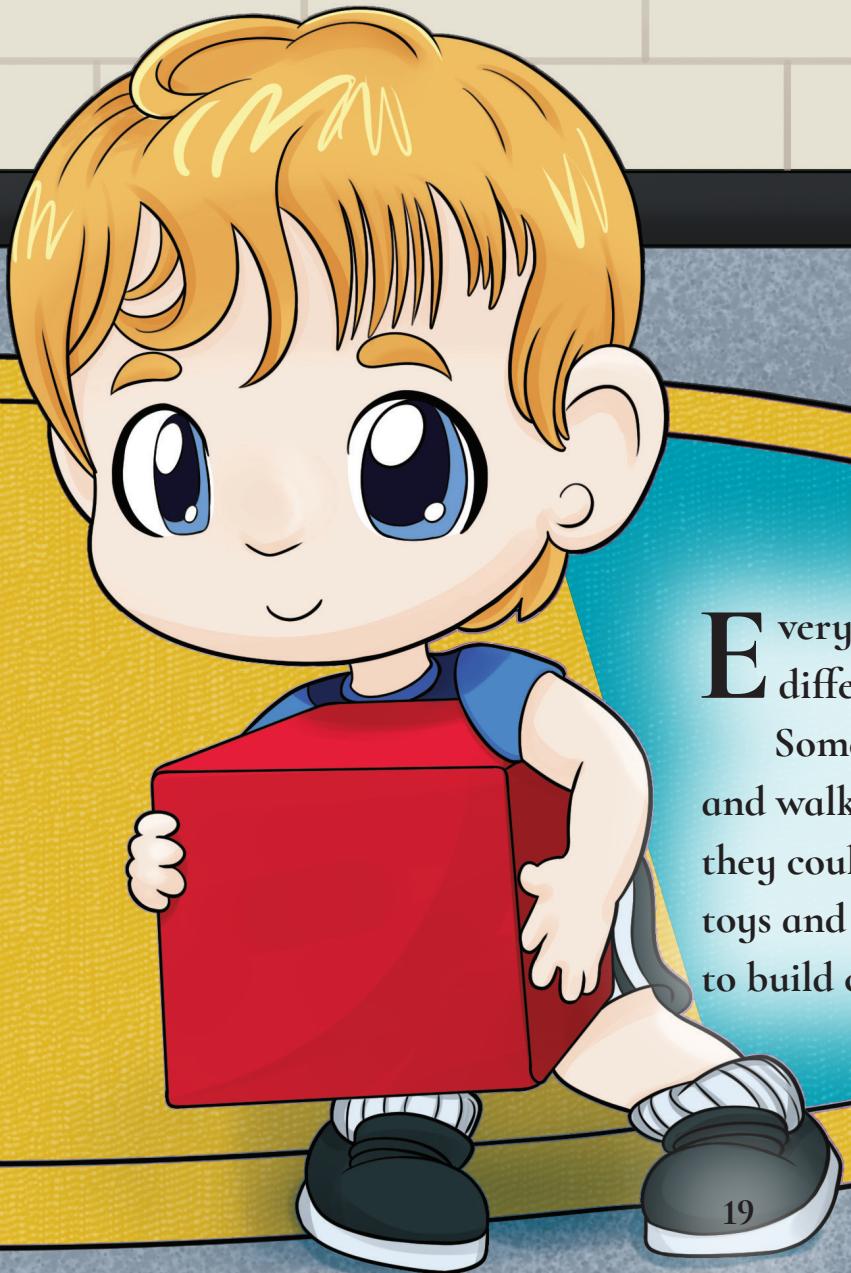




The first thing Dean and his friends did was open their notebooks and write their name in them. Miss Amora sat next to Dean and his neighbor and helped them write their names.







Every day, the teachers had different activities planned.

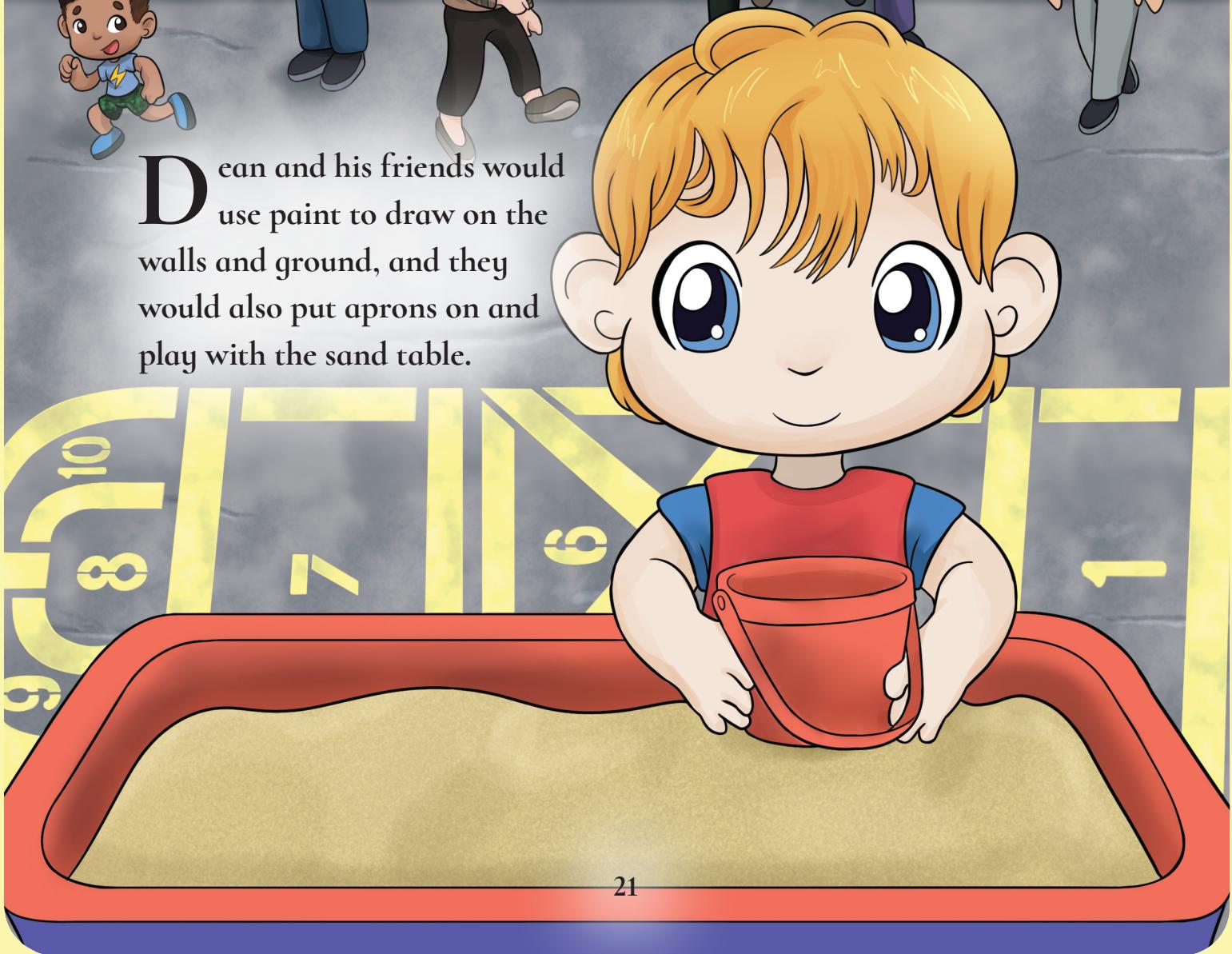
Some days they would line up and walk to the motor room where they could play with lots of different toys and use big building blocks to build castles and forts.



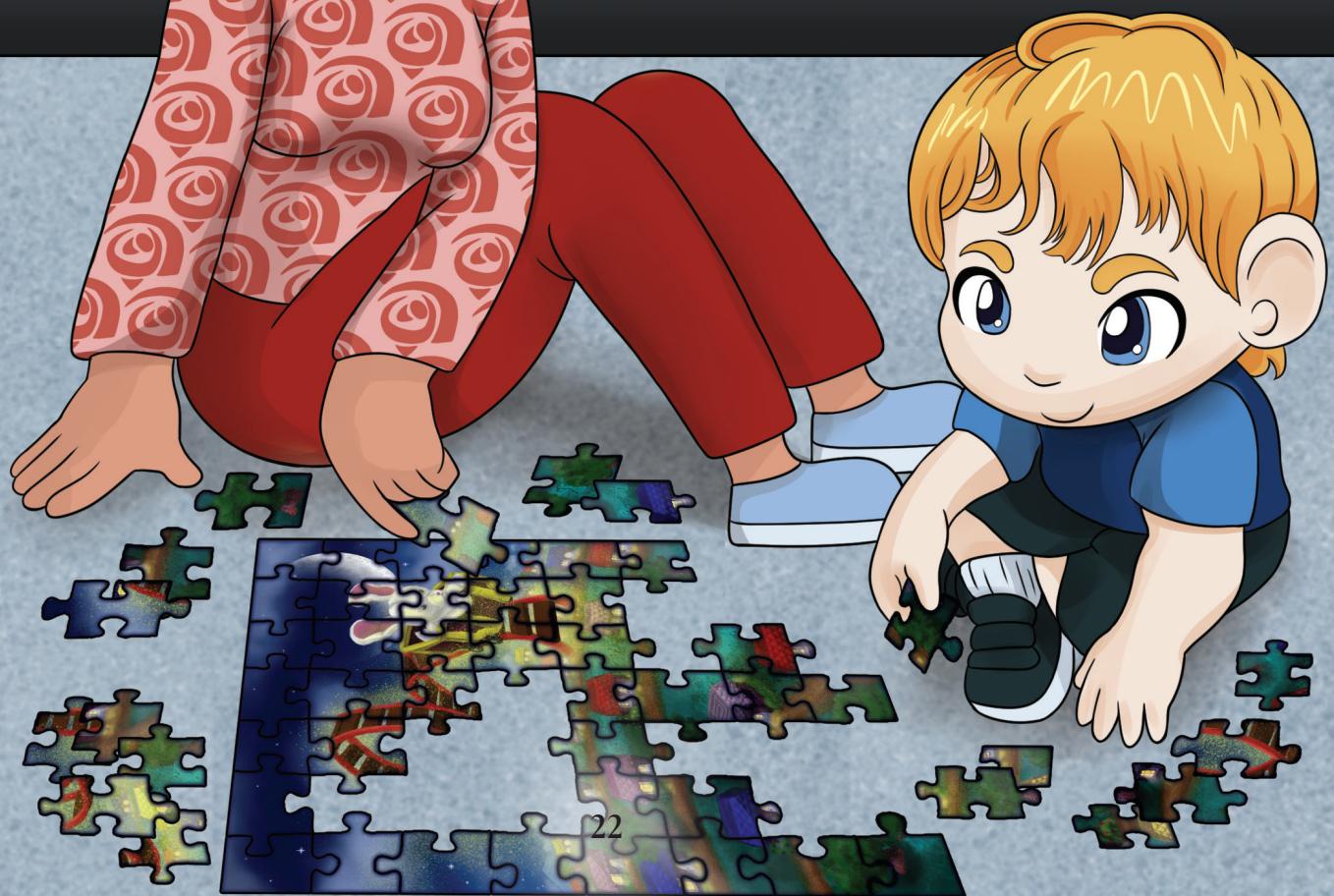
Outside the motor room was the courtyard, and on nice days, they would go outside.



Dean and his friends would use paint to draw on the walls and ground, and they would also put aprons on and play with the sand table.



Some days Dean and his classmates would spend time with Miss Denise working on puzzles.



On other days, they put toys together with Miss Julie and learned more letters and numbers.





Game time was extra special.

GMiss Mercedes and the other teachers played games with the class.

Dean and his friends really enjoyed playing Ring Around the Rosie.

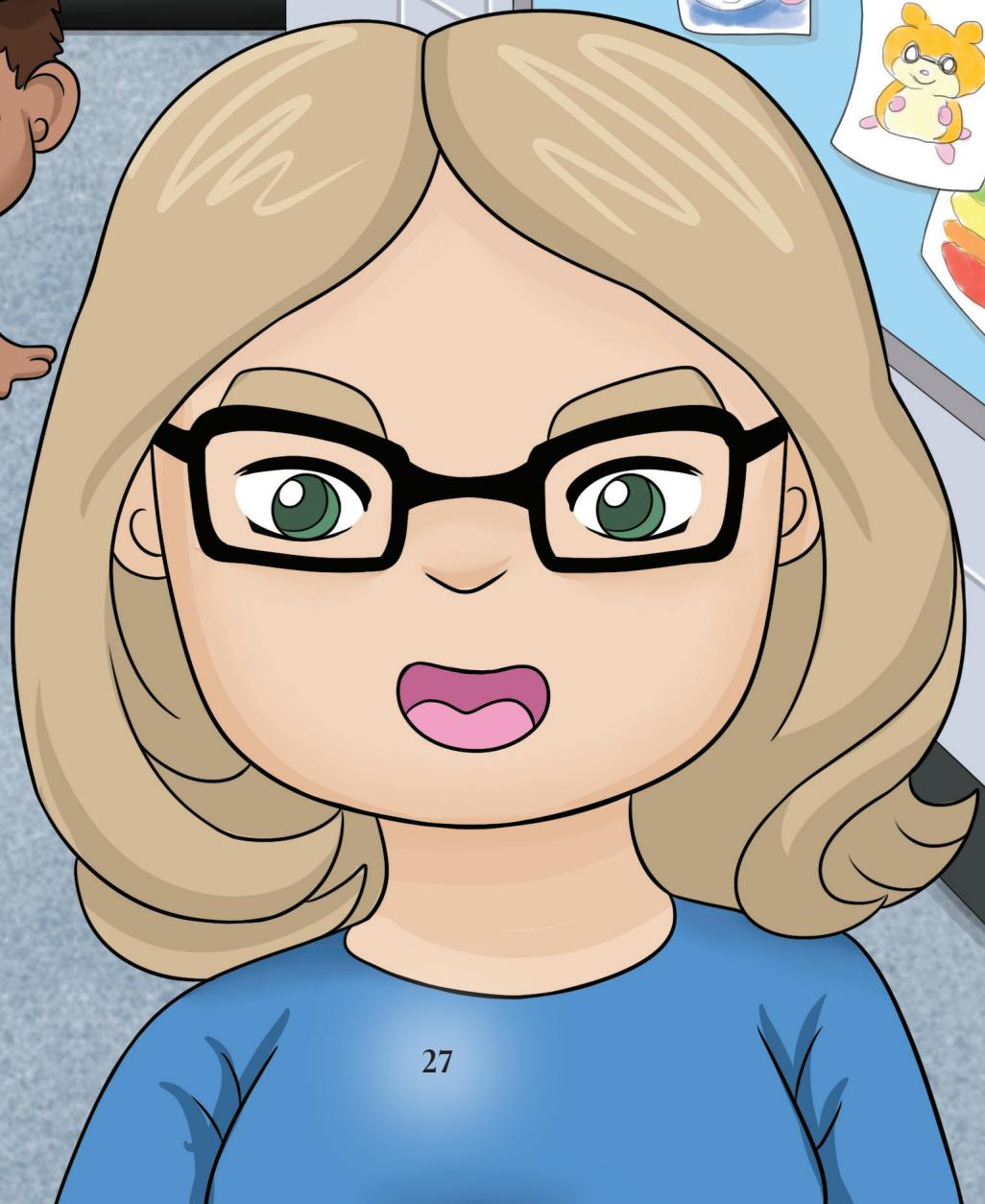


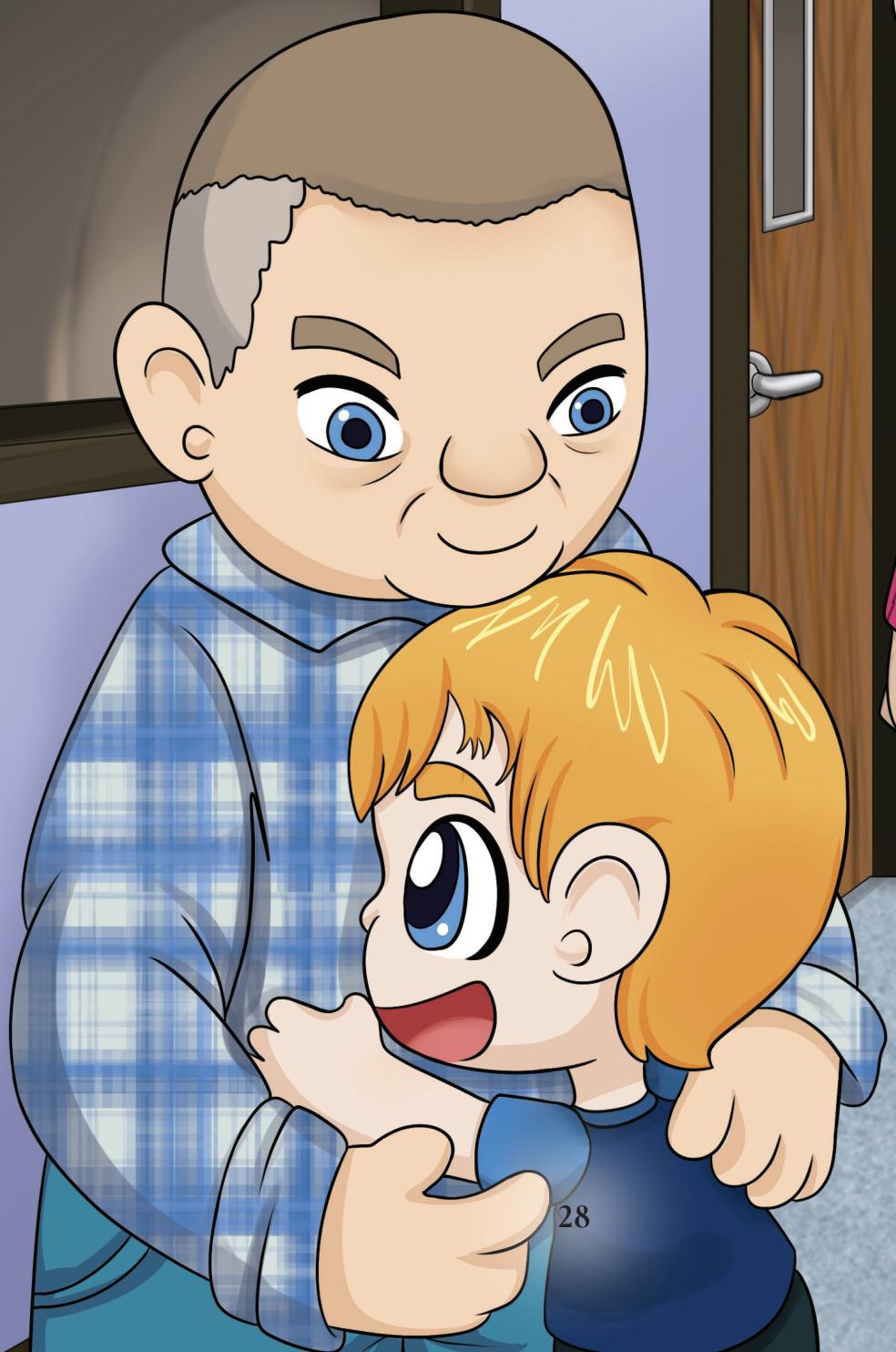
Most days Dean saw Pop Pop before and after school, but there were special days when parents and grandparents were invited for a surprise.

The teachers lined up Dean and his friends outside the classroom and then led them down the hallway.

Miss Connie would say, "Walking feet, walking feet," as they walked calmly down the hallway.









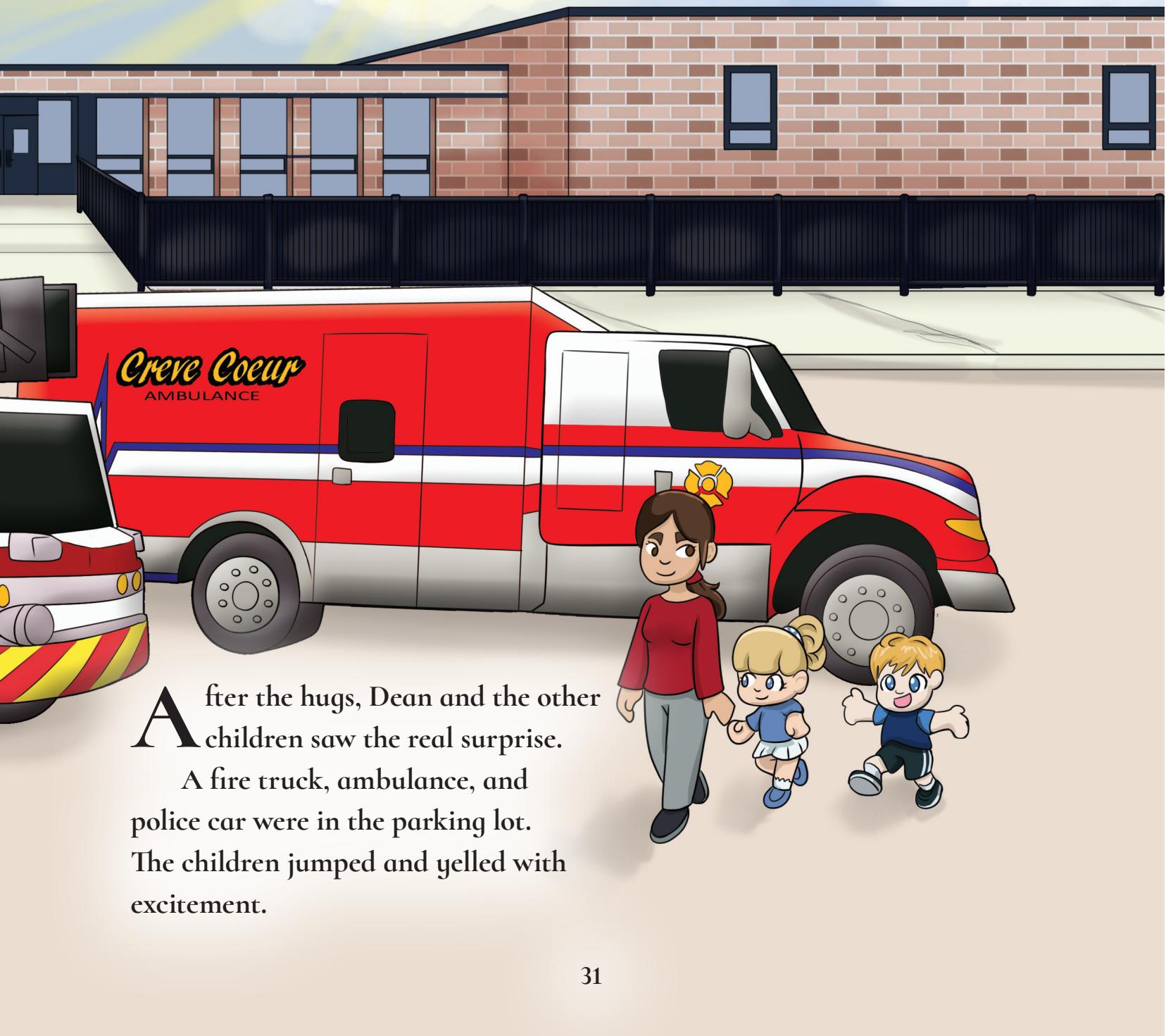
When the door opened to the outside, Pop Pop was outside with some of the other children's parents and grandparents.

Dean and the other children shrieked with excitement.

"Pop Pop, Pop Pop," Dean yelled out as he ran toward Pop Pop and gave him a big hug.

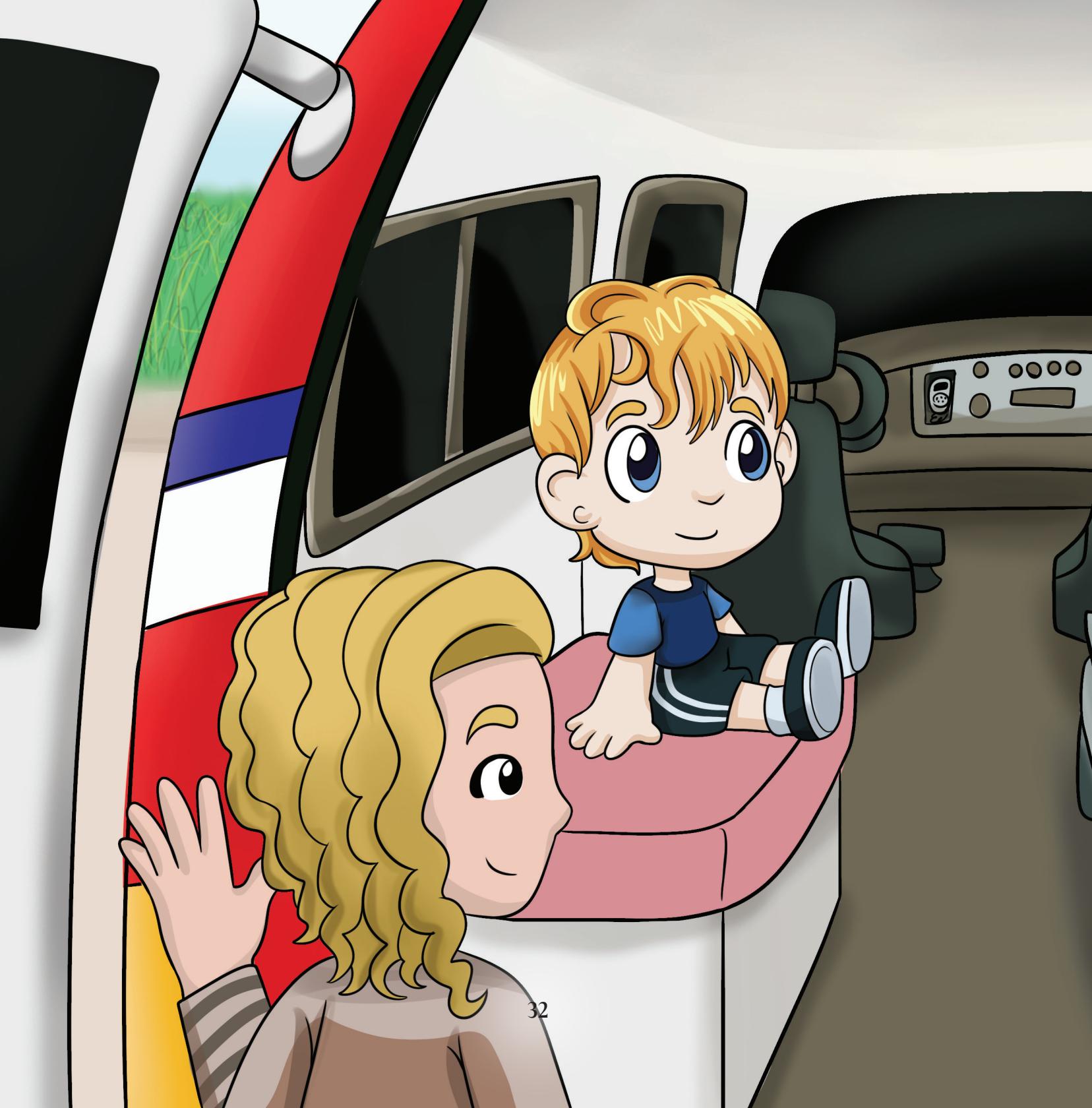
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After the hugs, Dean and the other children saw the real surprise.

A fire truck, ambulance, and police car were in the parking lot. The children jumped and yelled with excitement.

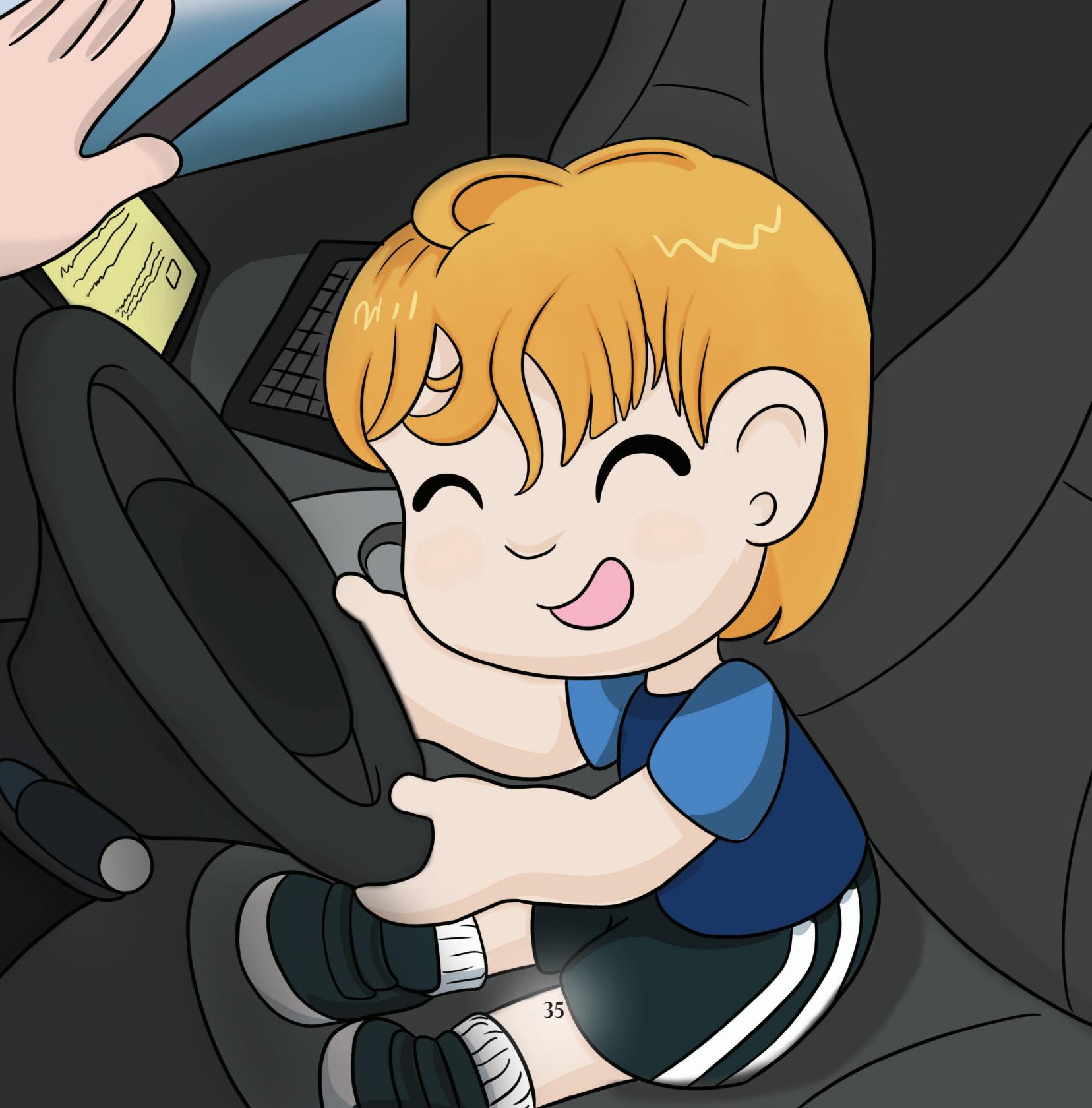




Dean and
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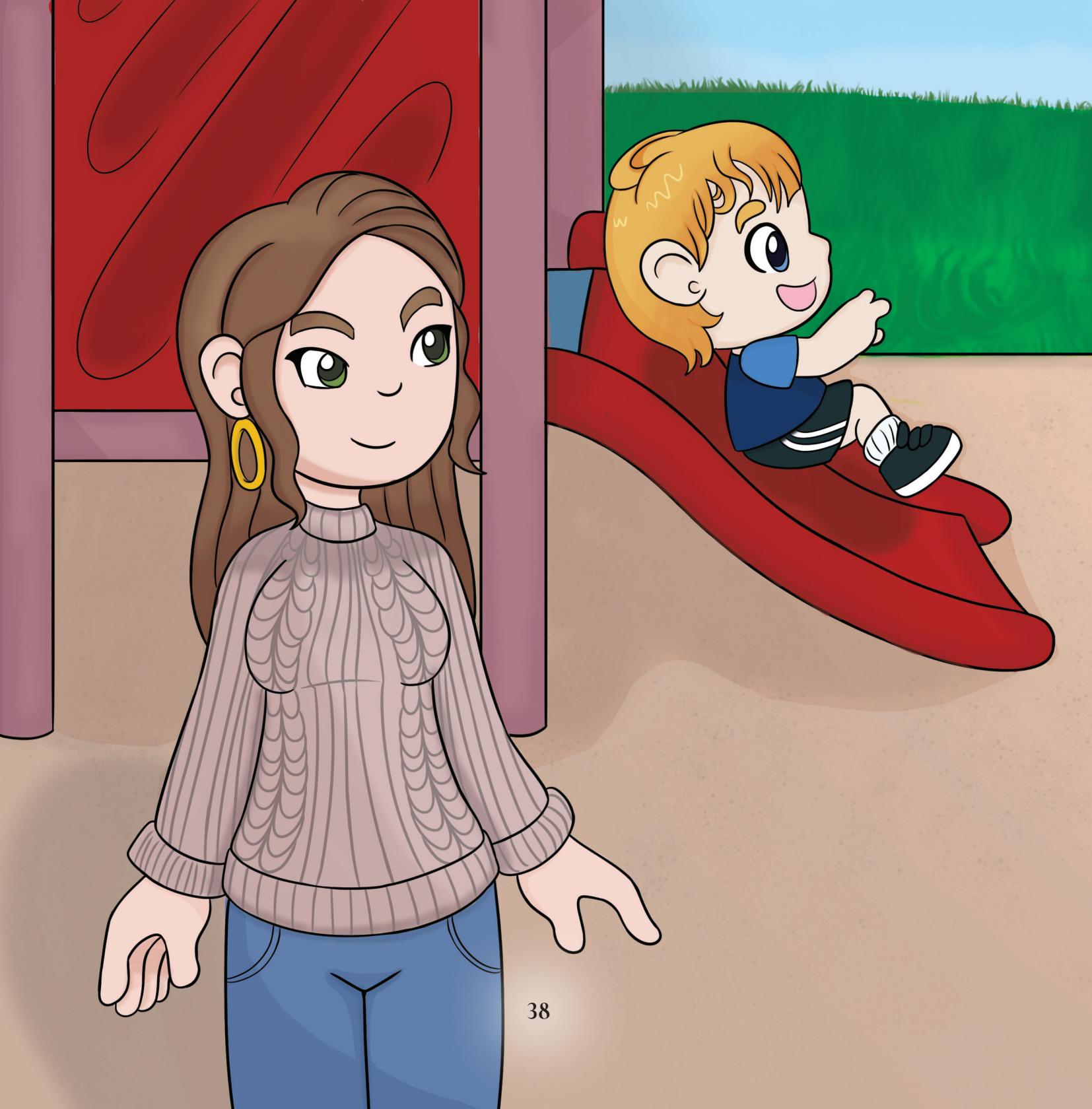
Dean also got to sit inside the police car and pretend to drive it. The police officer turned on the lights and siren, but only for a few seconds because the siren was very loud.





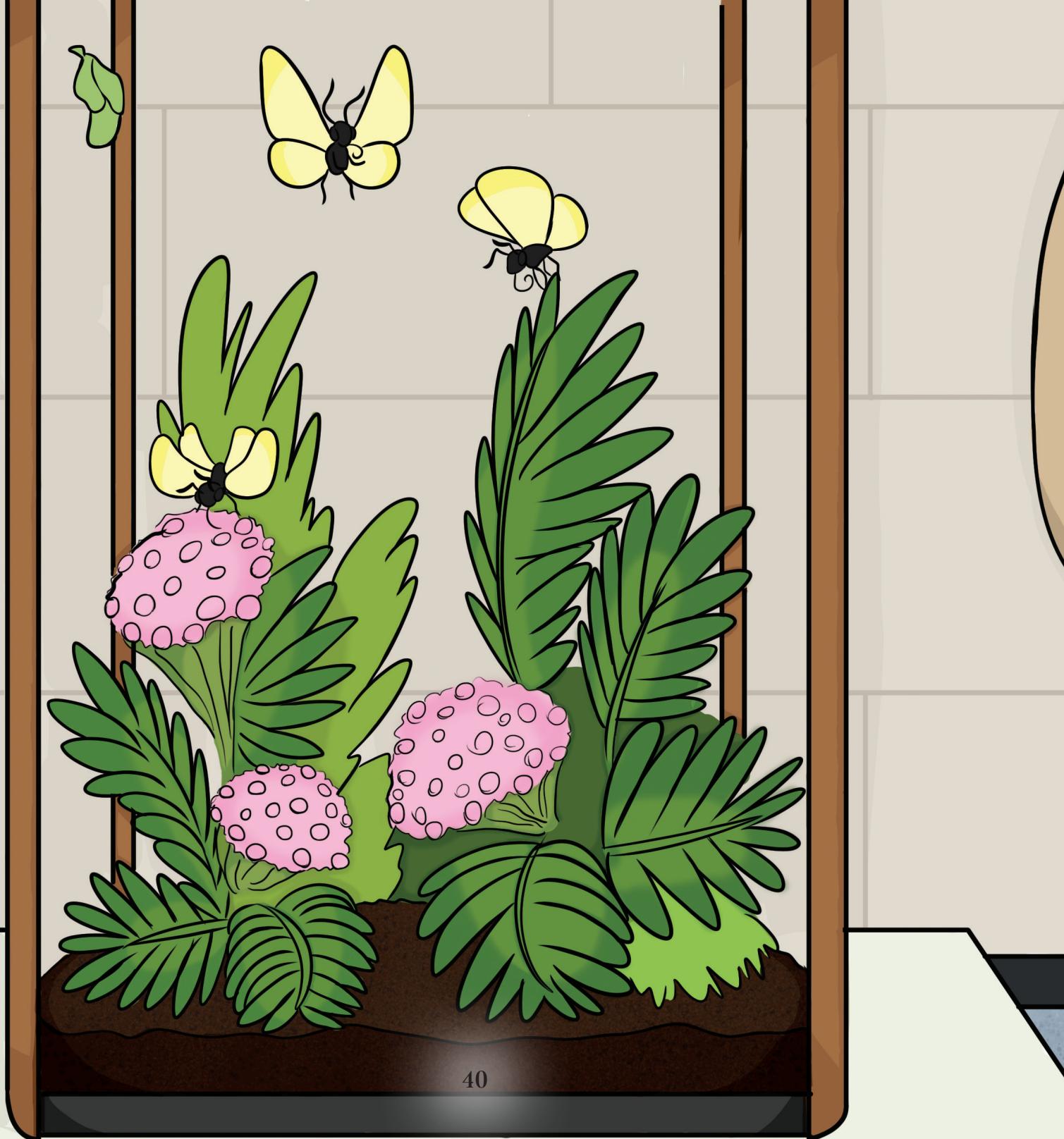
Dean and the children climbed on the fire truck, and the firefighter gave them fire hats too.

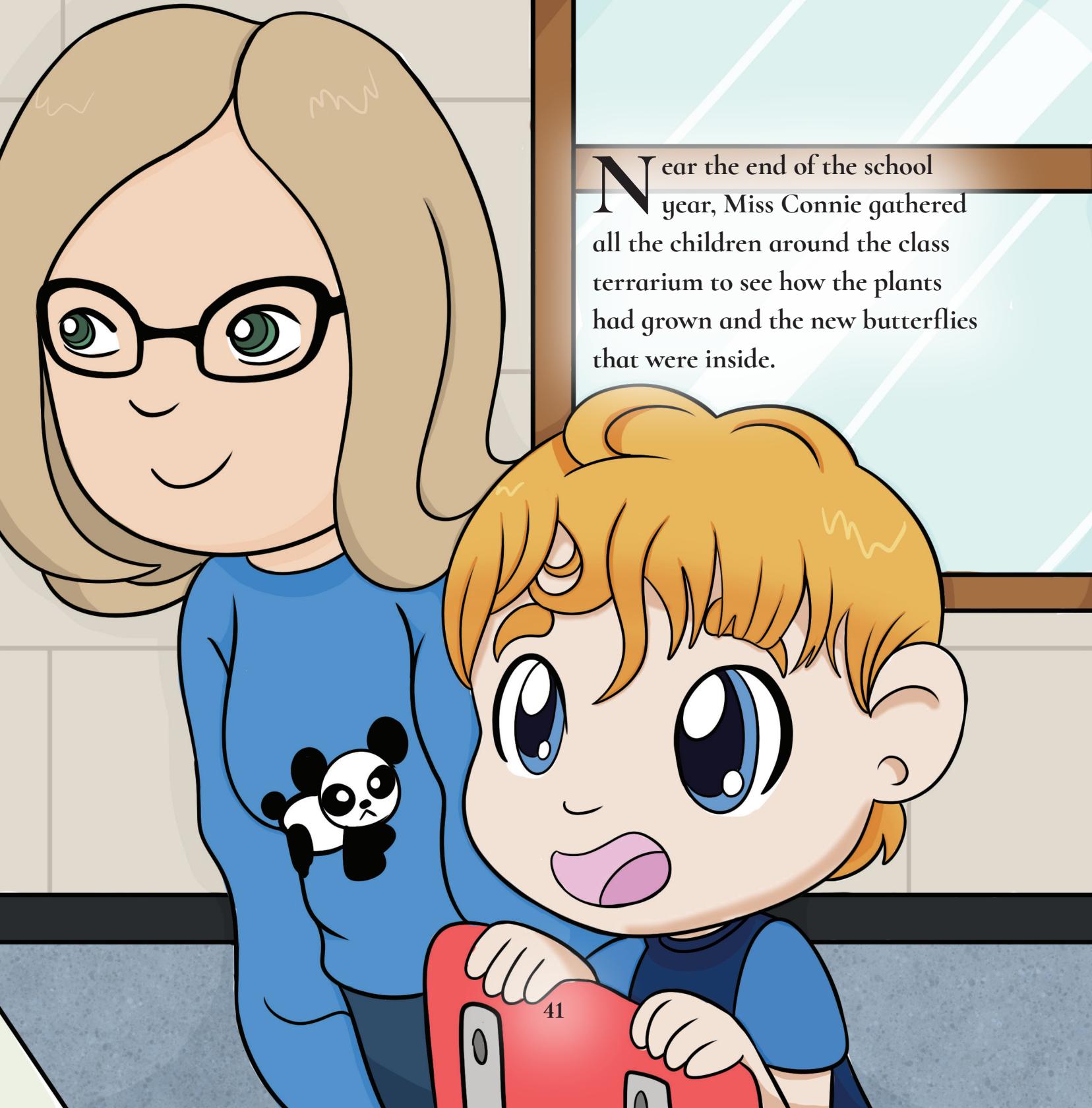






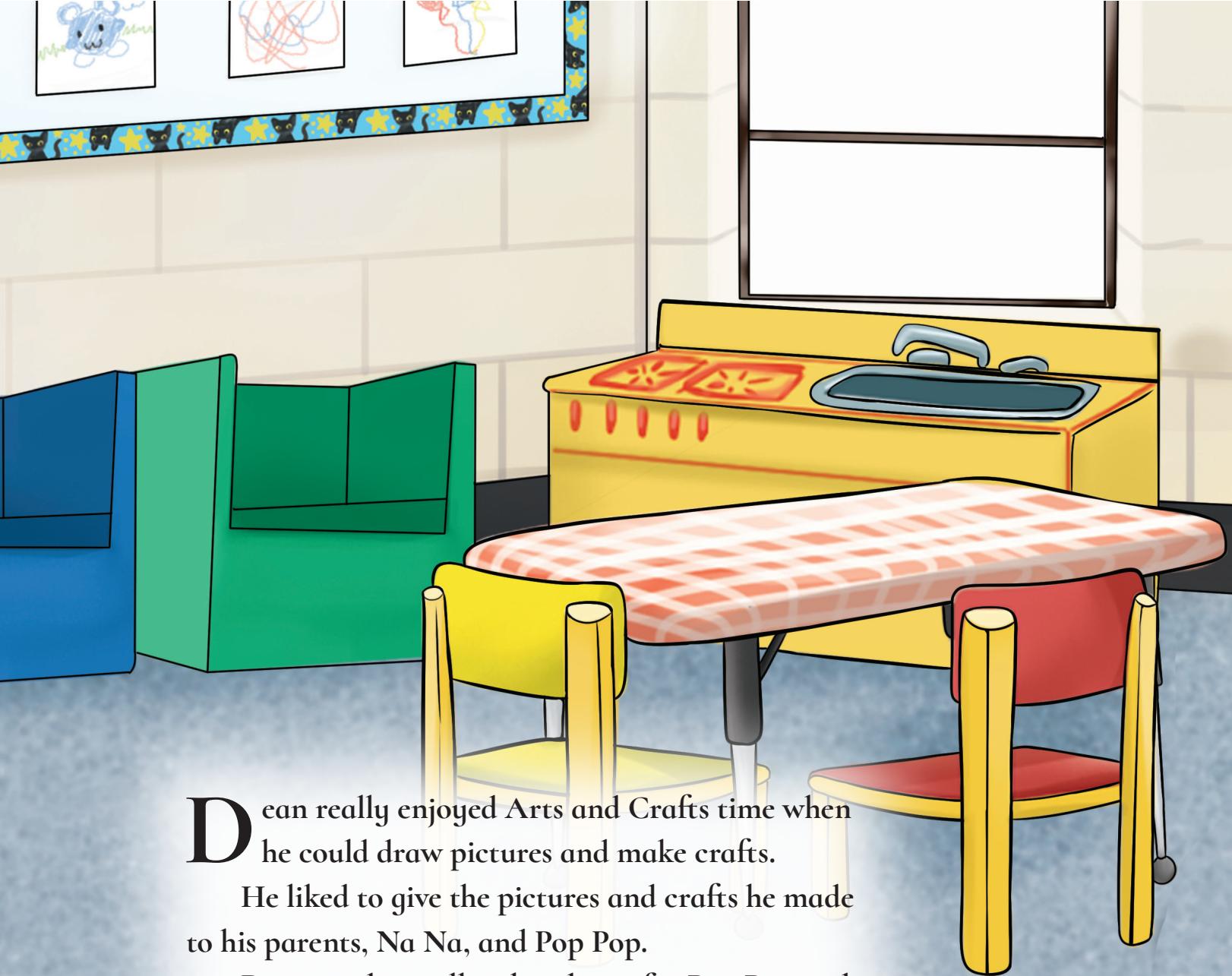
On some nice days, the teachers would line up Dean and his classmates to go outside to the playground. They dug in the sandbox with shovels and buckets and played on the slide and the other playground equipment.



A cartoon illustration of a teacher and a student. The teacher, Miss Connie, has blonde hair in a ponytail and wears glasses. She is holding a small black and white panda plush toy. Next to her is a young girl with orange hair in pigtails, wearing a blue shirt. They are both looking towards a terrarium on a shelf. A red book is visible in the foreground.

Near the end of the school year, Miss Connie gathered all the children around the class terrarium to see how the plants had grown and the new butterflies that were inside.





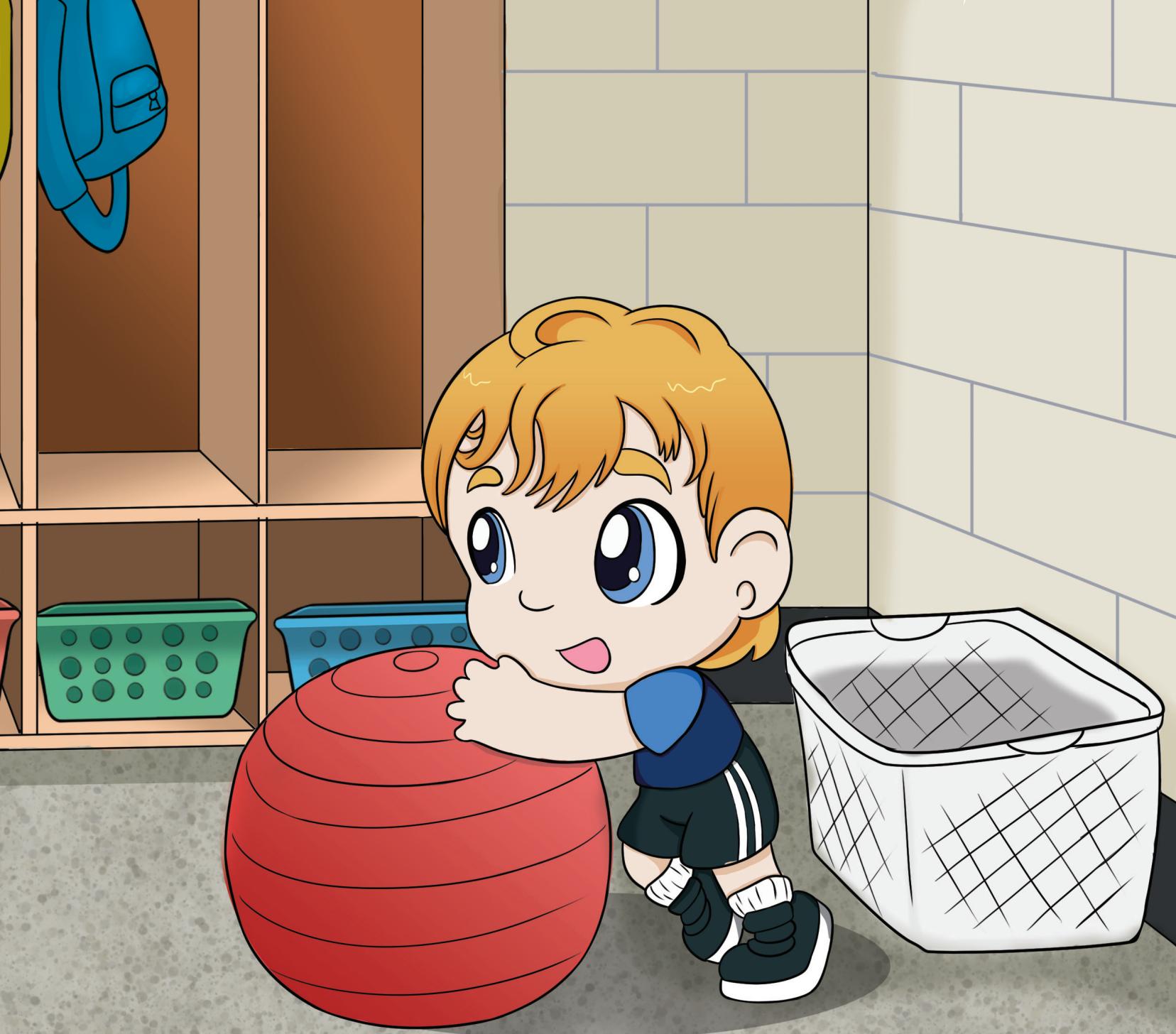
Dean really enjoyed Arts and Crafts time when he could draw pictures and make crafts.

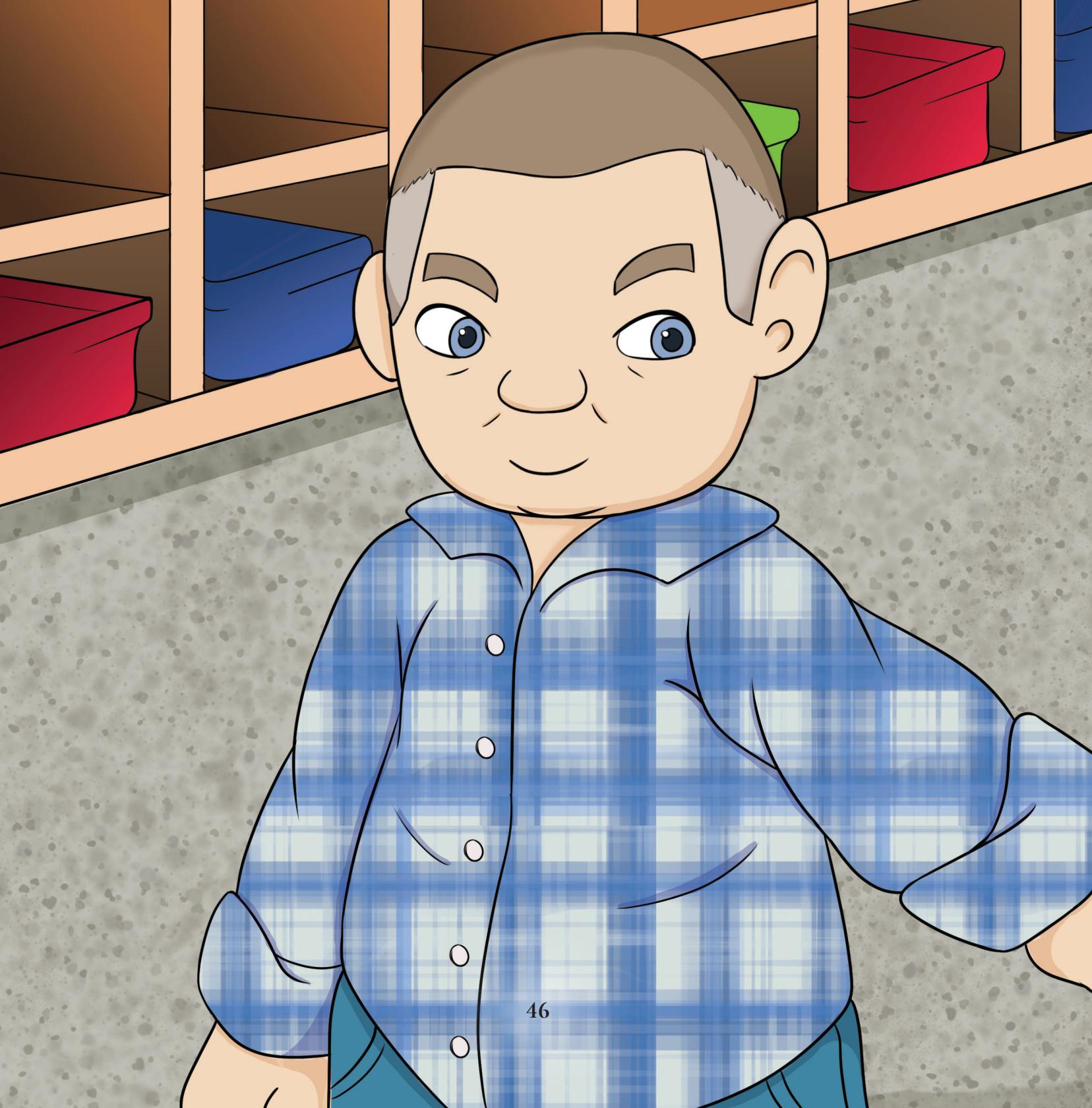
He liked to give the pictures and crafts he made to his parents, Na Na, and Pop Pop.

Dean made a yellow hand cast for Pop Pop and drew a picture of himself with his mommy and daddy where he was pointing at mommy's tummy where little brother was hiding.

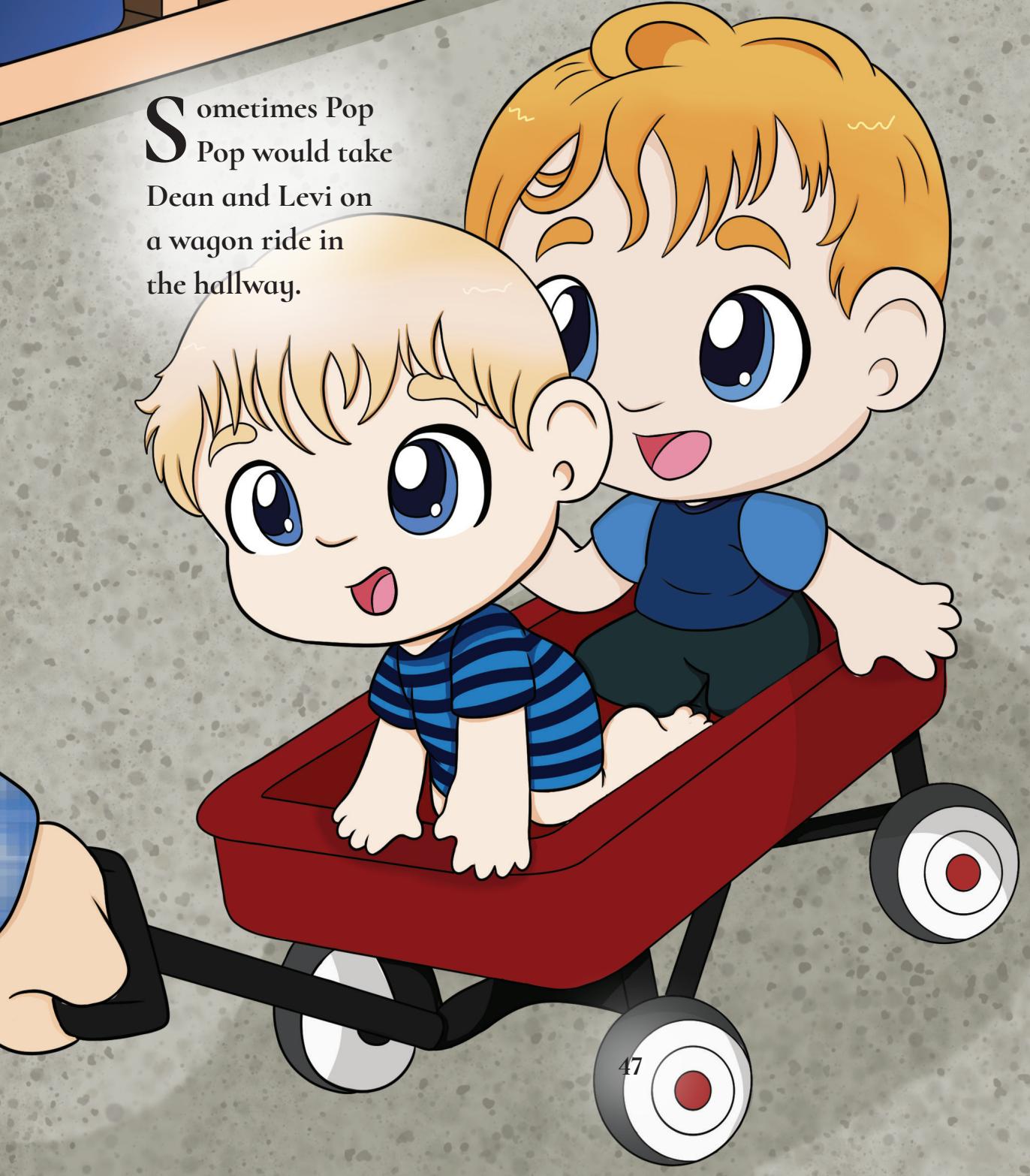


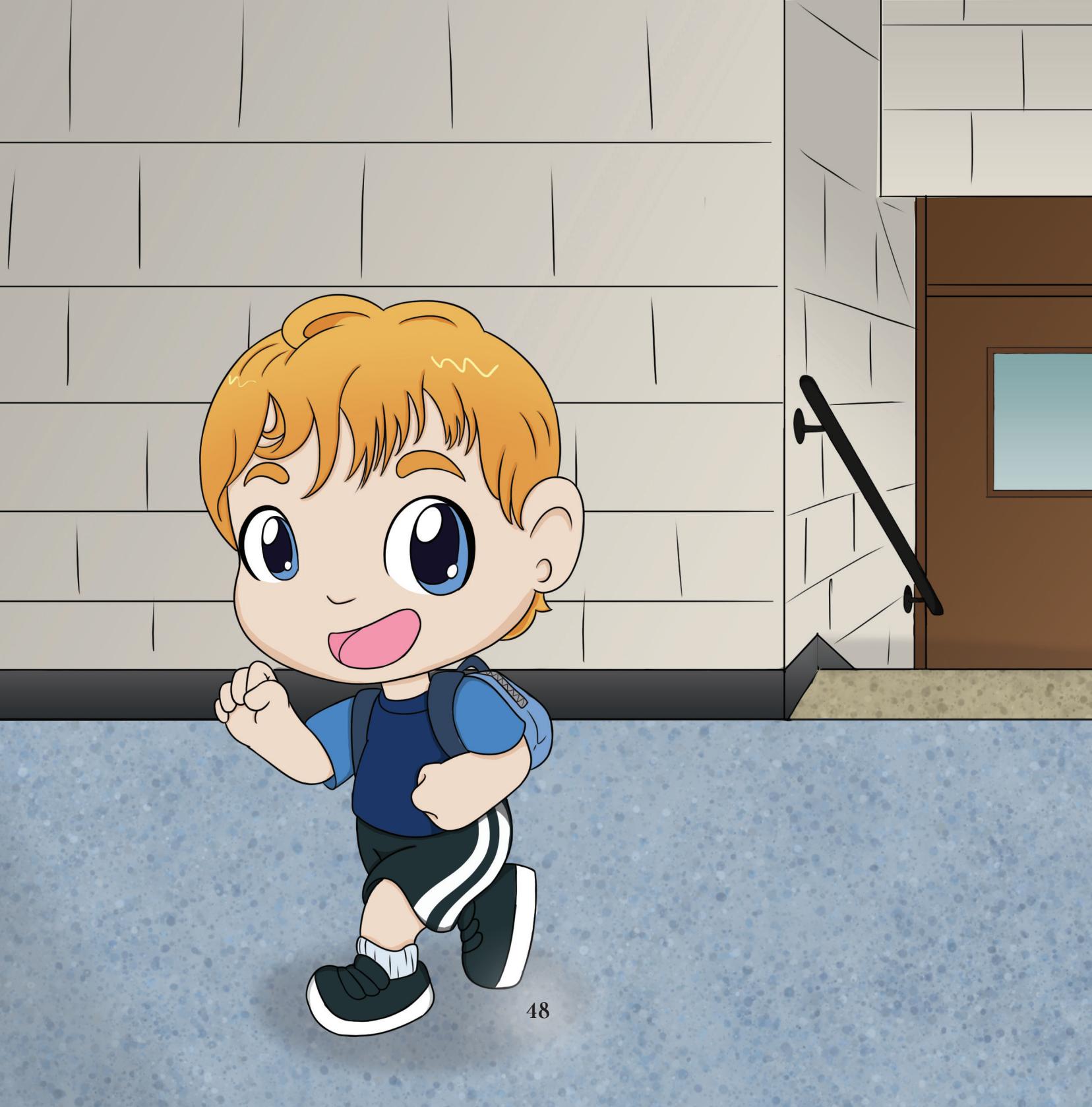
After little brother Levi arrived, Pop Pop sometimes brought Levi along to take Dean to school. They would get to school a few minutes early, and Dean and Levi would sit in the cubbies. They would also play some games.

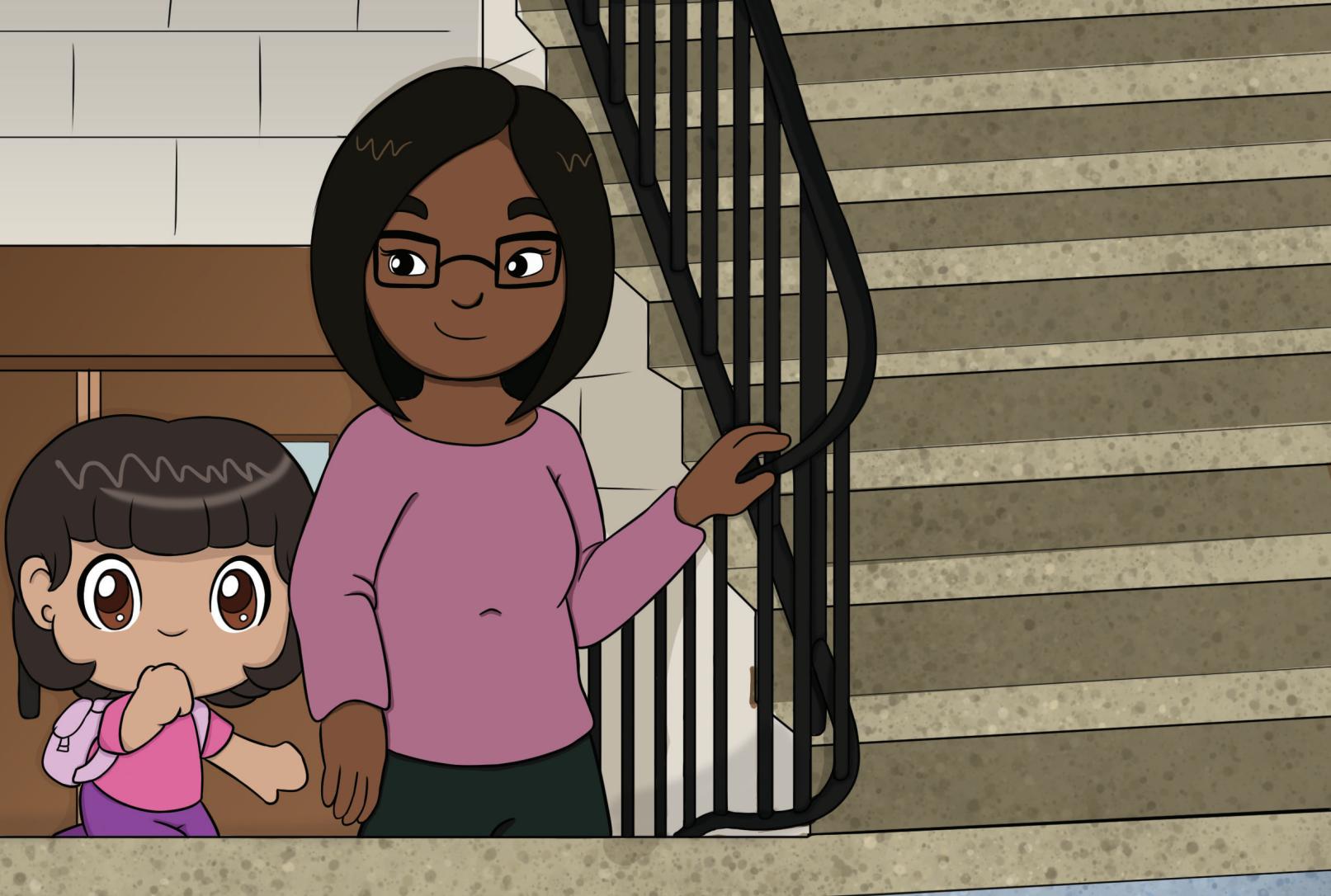




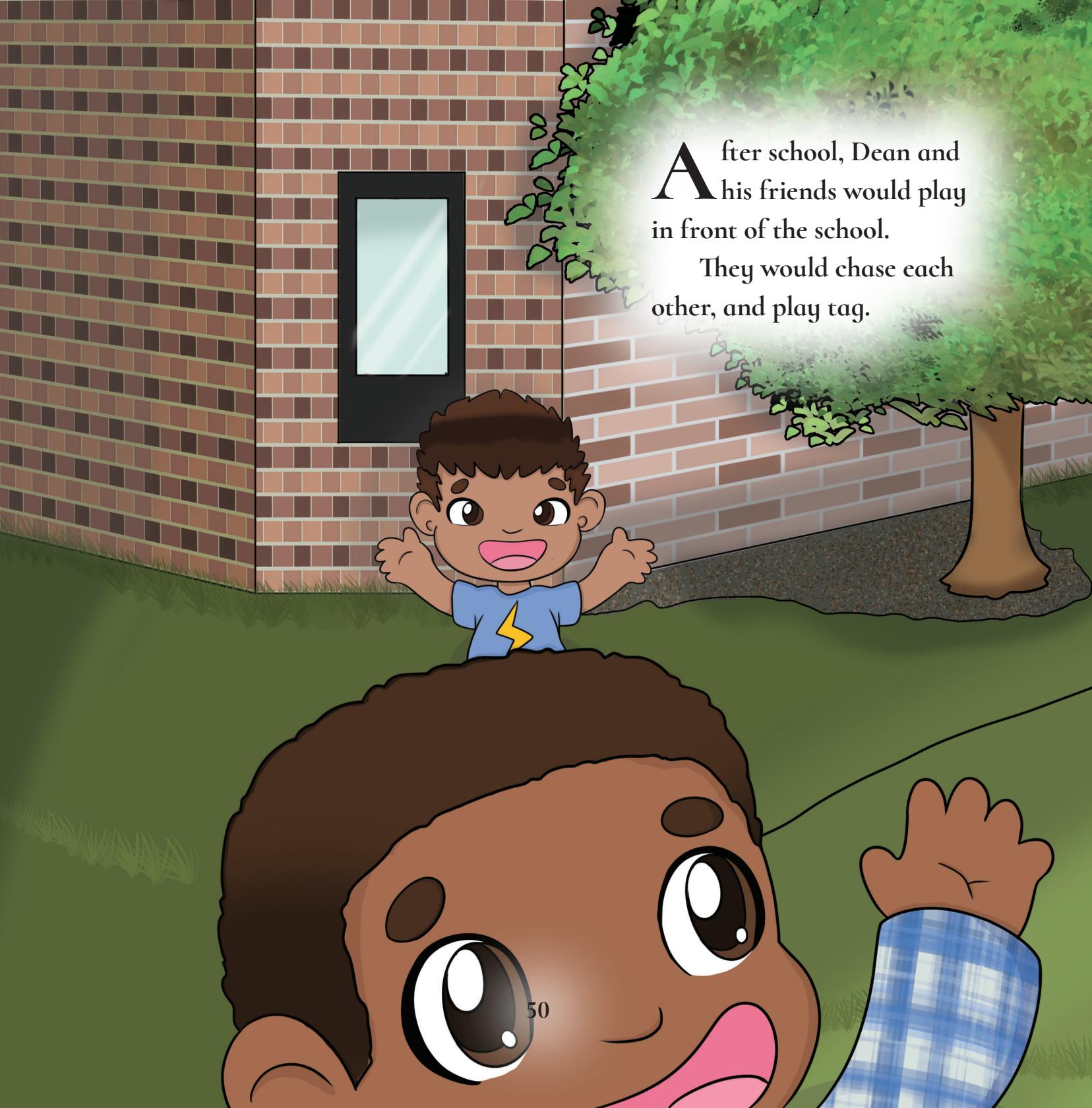
Sometimes Pop
Pop would take
Dean and Levi on
a wagon ride in
the hallway.





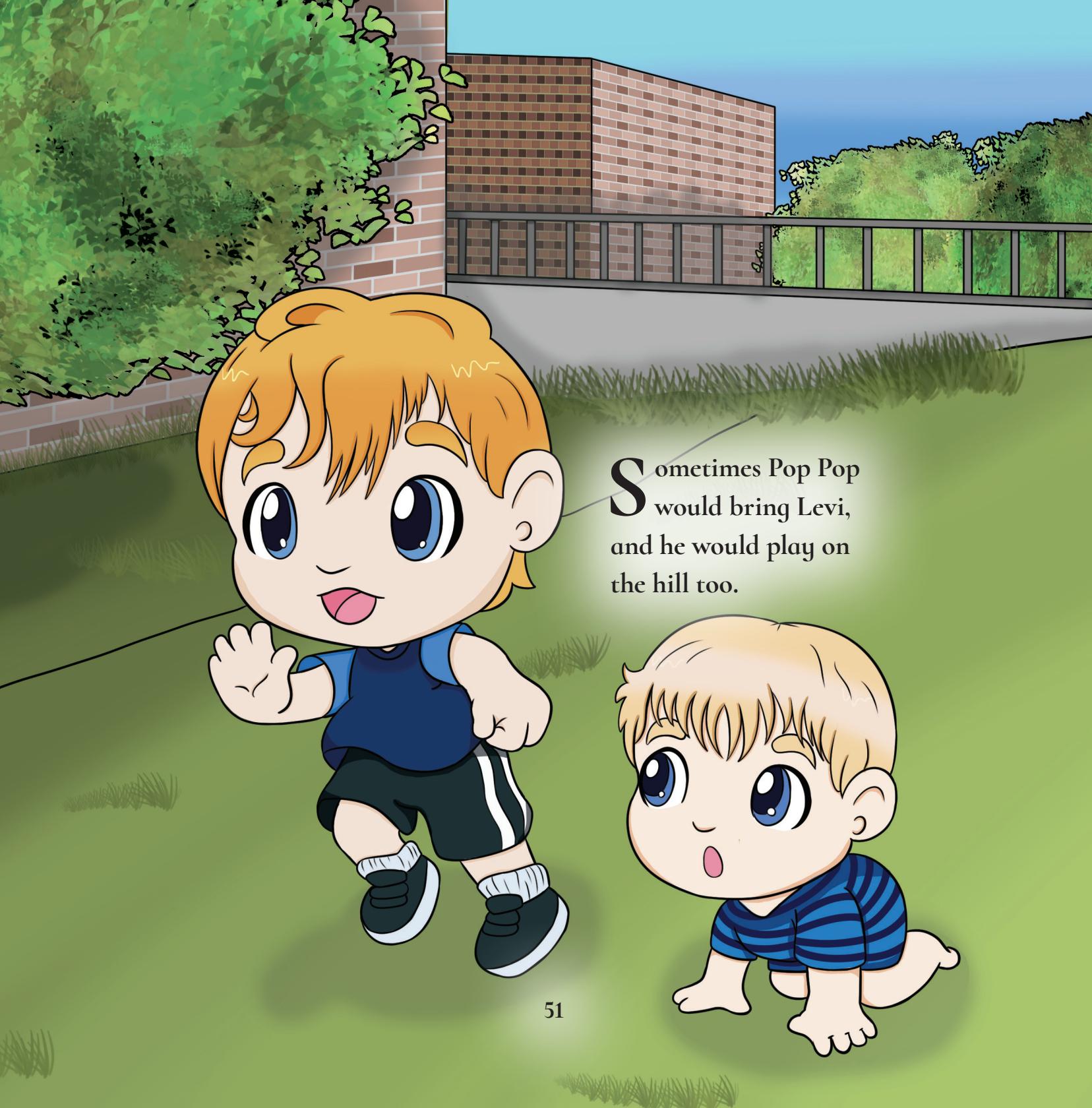


At the end of the day, Pop Pop would wait for Dean at the top of the stairs. The teachers opened the doors and walked up the stairs with the children. The children were not supposed to run, but sometimes, an excited Dean would run to Pop Pop.

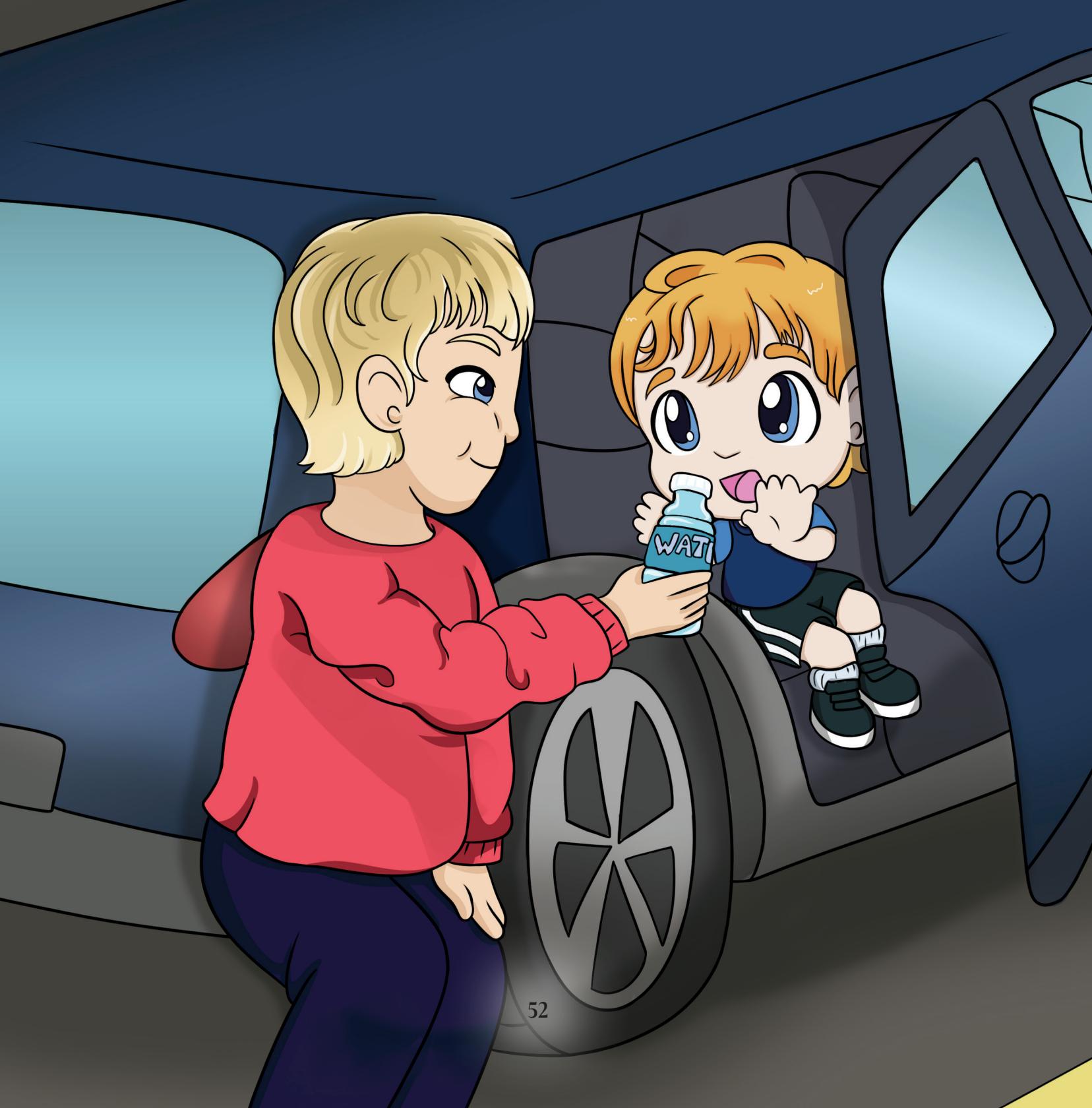


After school, Dean and his friends would play in front of the school.

They would chase each other, and play tag.



Sometimes Pop Pop would bring Levi, and he would play on the hill too.



A cartoon illustration of a grandfather with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue plaid shirt and blue pants, holding a small blonde boy in his arms. The grandfather is smiling and looking down at the child. The child has a surprised or excited expression with wide blue eyes and an open mouth. They are standing next to a dark-colored car with a yellow stripe. The background is a plain grey.

After playtime was over,
Pop Pop would carry
Levi and hold Dean's hand
as they walked to the car in
the parking lot. Na Na would
open the car door, and Dean
rushed to give her hugs. Then
Na Na gave him ice cold
water to drink.



Follow the Adventures with Pop Pop series.

The first book: “Grandman Dean Goes Big Shopping”

The second book: “Grandman Dean’s Preschool Adventures”

The next book in the series will be “Pandemic Adventures with Pop Pop” followed by more in the series covering a birthday with a surprise visit by Louie the Mascot from the St. Louis Blues, an adventure to Grant’s Farm, and other adventures.

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