

What Color Is Today?



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What color is today?

Some would say today is blue. *Scary Blue.*



Because no one really knows what to do
about a disease that travels with such ease!

From me to you with a cough and a sneeze!

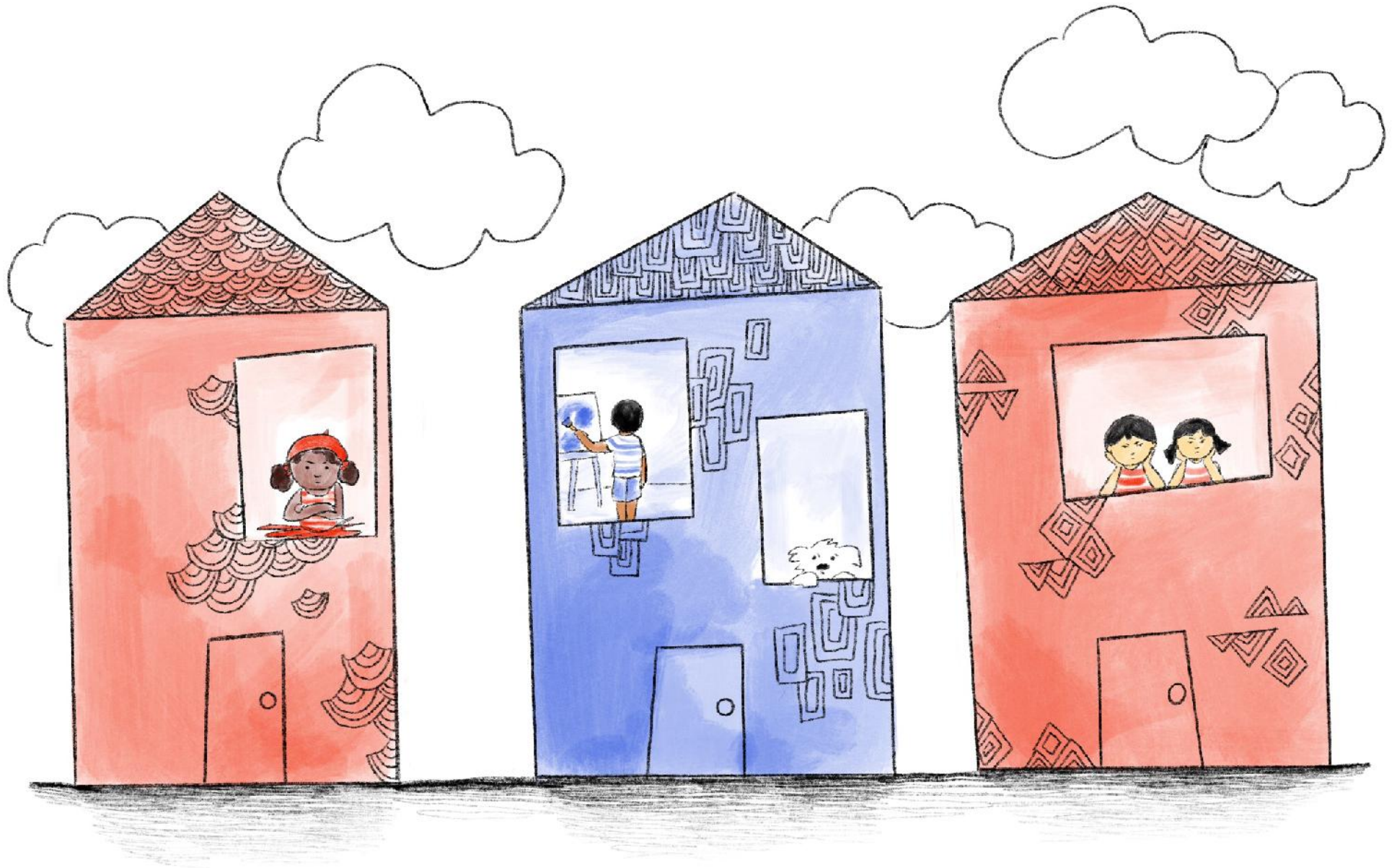


With unwashed hands, there's no telling where it may land!
From the grocery store to your neighbor's front door!



Others would say today is red. *Angry Red!*
No reason to get out of bed! Everything is cancelled!
No soccer! No school! No baseball! No ballet!
No lessons on French bread baking in a beret!





Everyone *MUST* stay home.
It's one way they say, to keep the disease away.

Today my mom is pink. *Puzzled Pink*.
She doesn't really know what to think.

Where did this begin and when will it end?



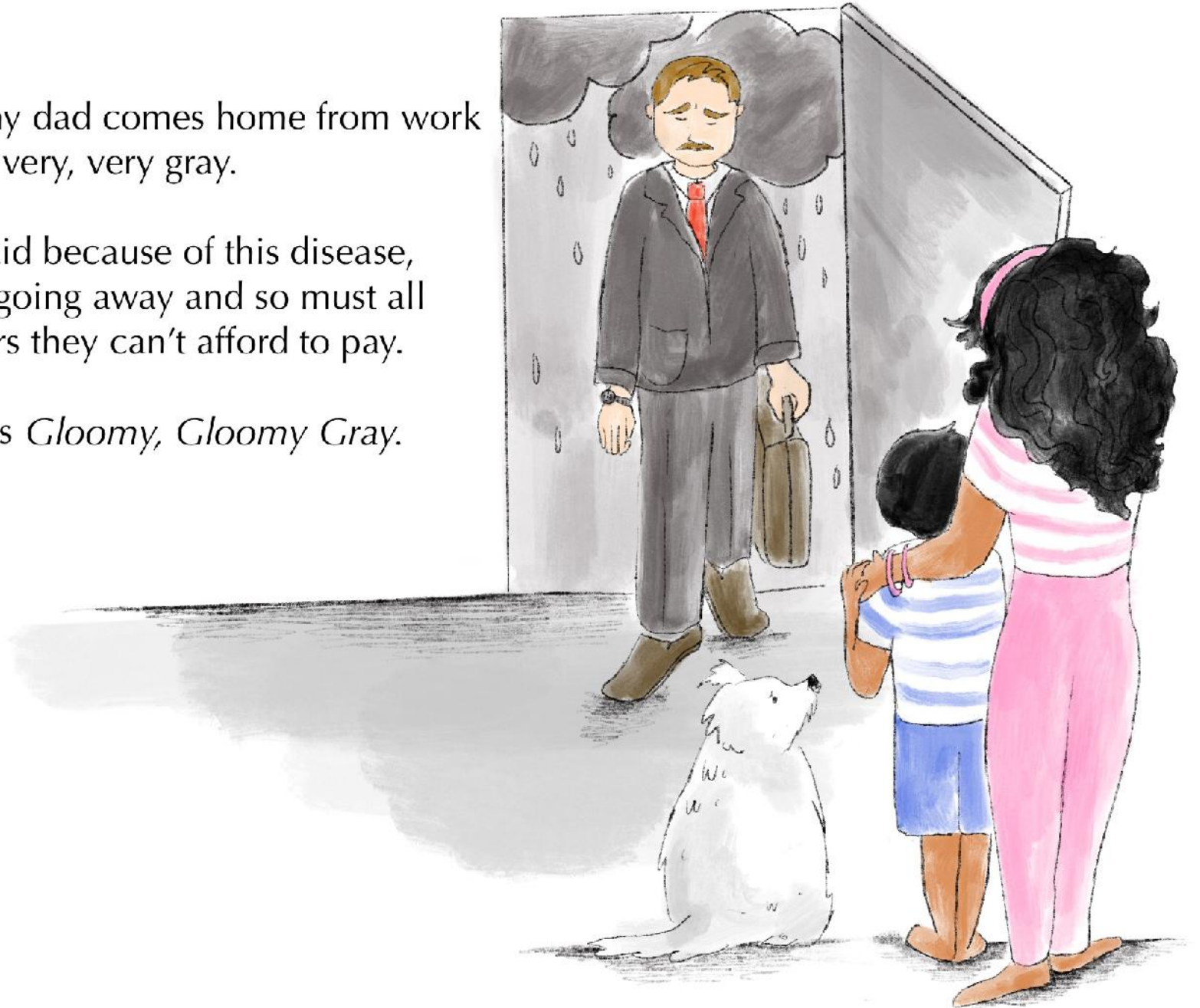
She watches the news closely as we wash our hands over and over again.



The next day my dad comes home from work very, very gray.

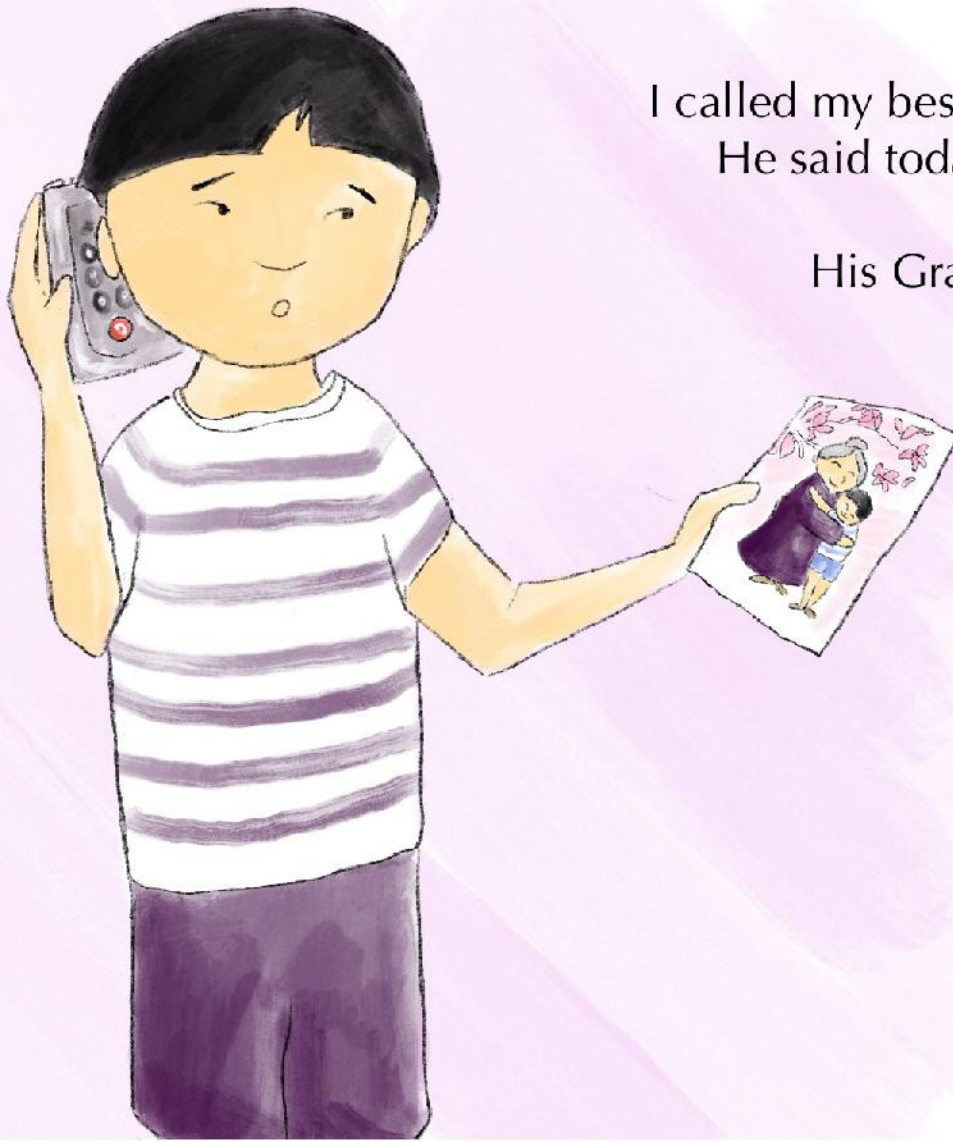
His boss said because of this disease, business is going away and so must all the workers they can't afford to pay.

Today was *Gloomy, Gloomy Gray*.



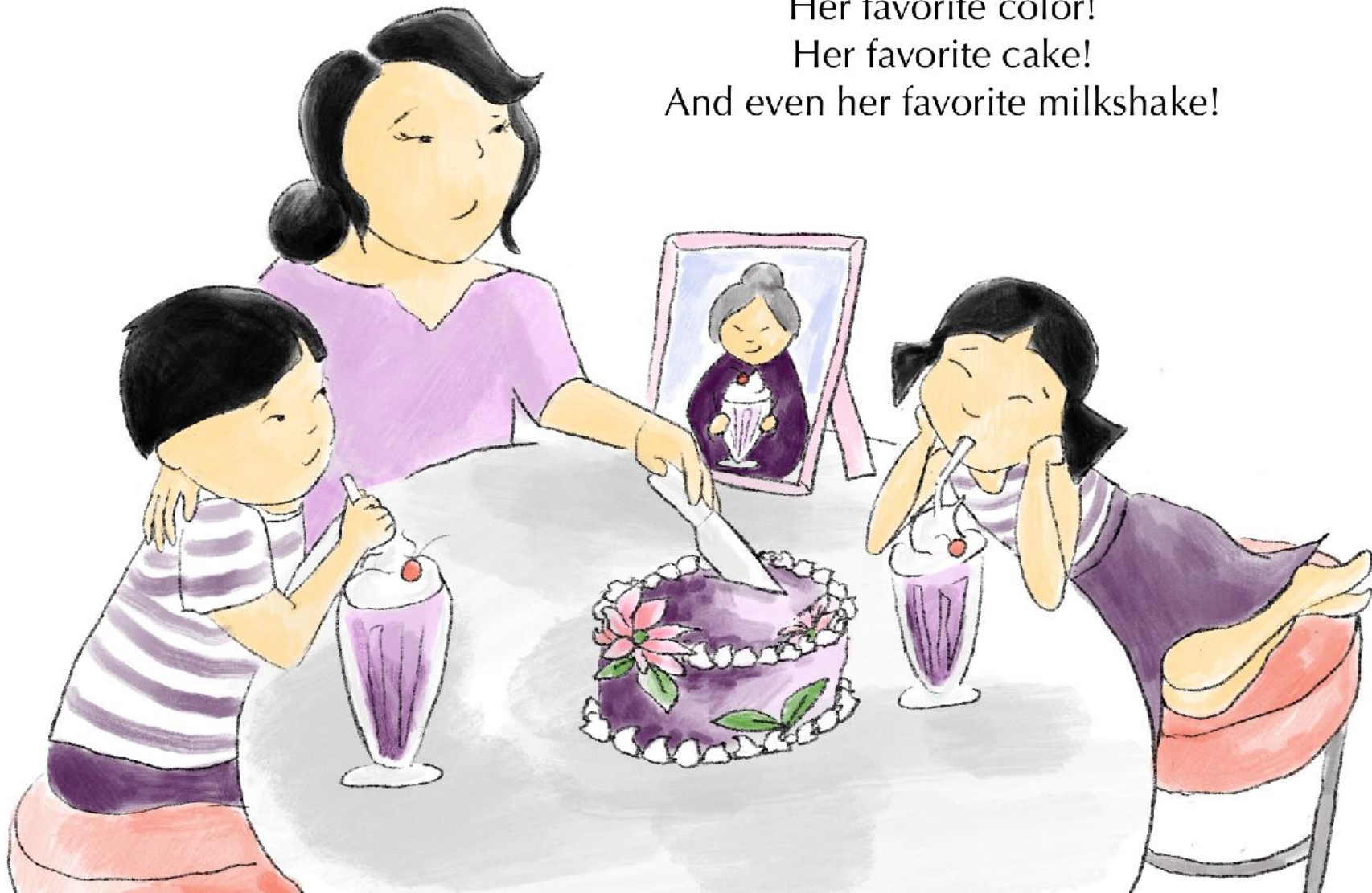
I called my best friend because I missed him,
He said today was *Deep, Dark Purple*.

His Grandma's favorite color.



She had gotten sick and COVID-19 seemed to stick.
She passed away and today they are celebrating her in every way.

With lots of laughing and crying,
Her favorite color!
Her favorite cake!
And even her favorite milkshake!



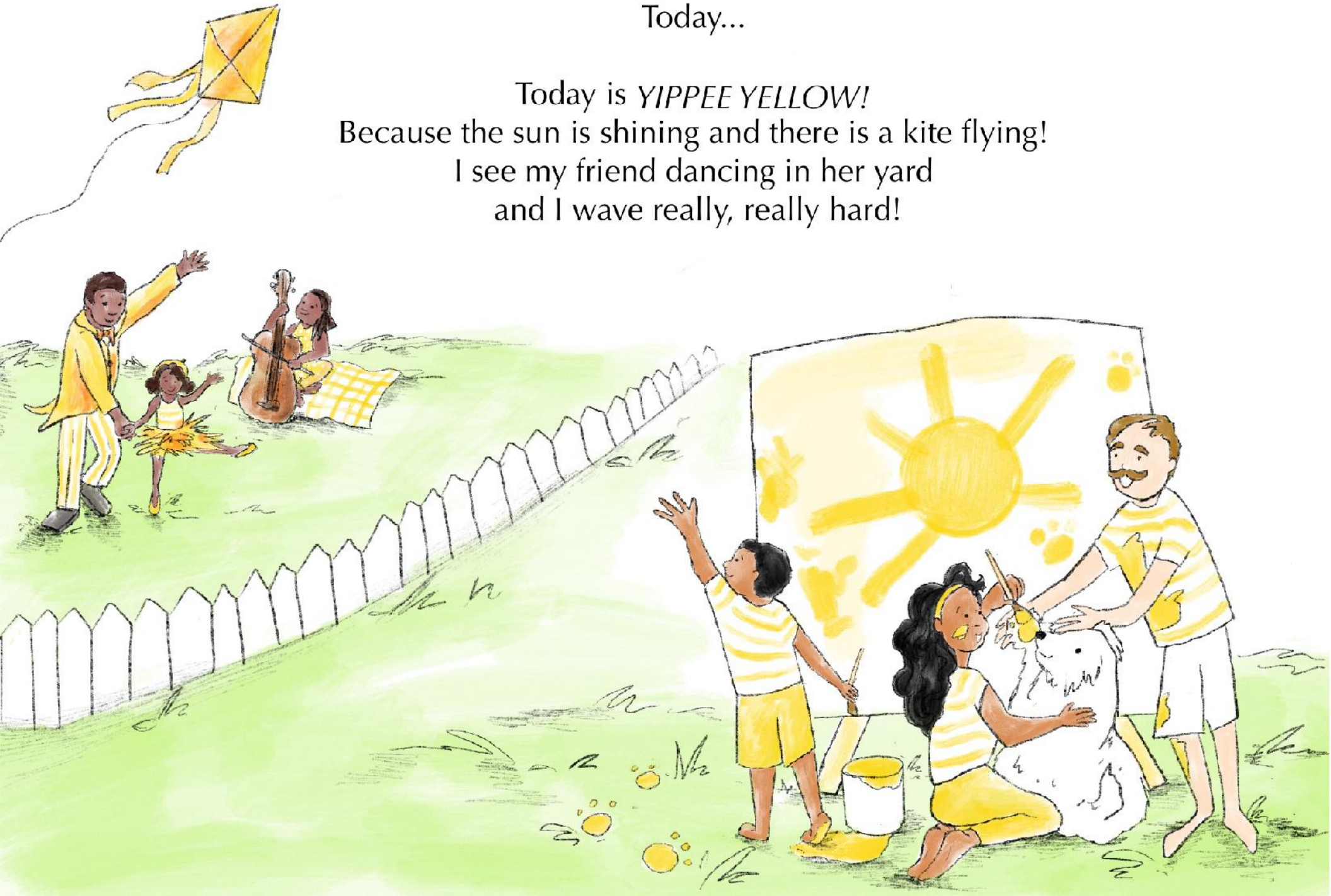
Today I feel orange. *Very Confused Orange.*

I don't know what to do for everyone that feels scary blue or angry red.
I don't know how to help my mom who feels puzzled pink or my dad who is
gloomy, gloomy gray.



Today...

Today is *YIPPEE YELLOW!*
Because the sun is shining and there is a kite flying!
I see my friend dancing in her yard
and I wave really, really hard!



The next day is green. *Grocery Shopping Green.*

We need food, so we prepare for the task by putting on our gloves and mask.

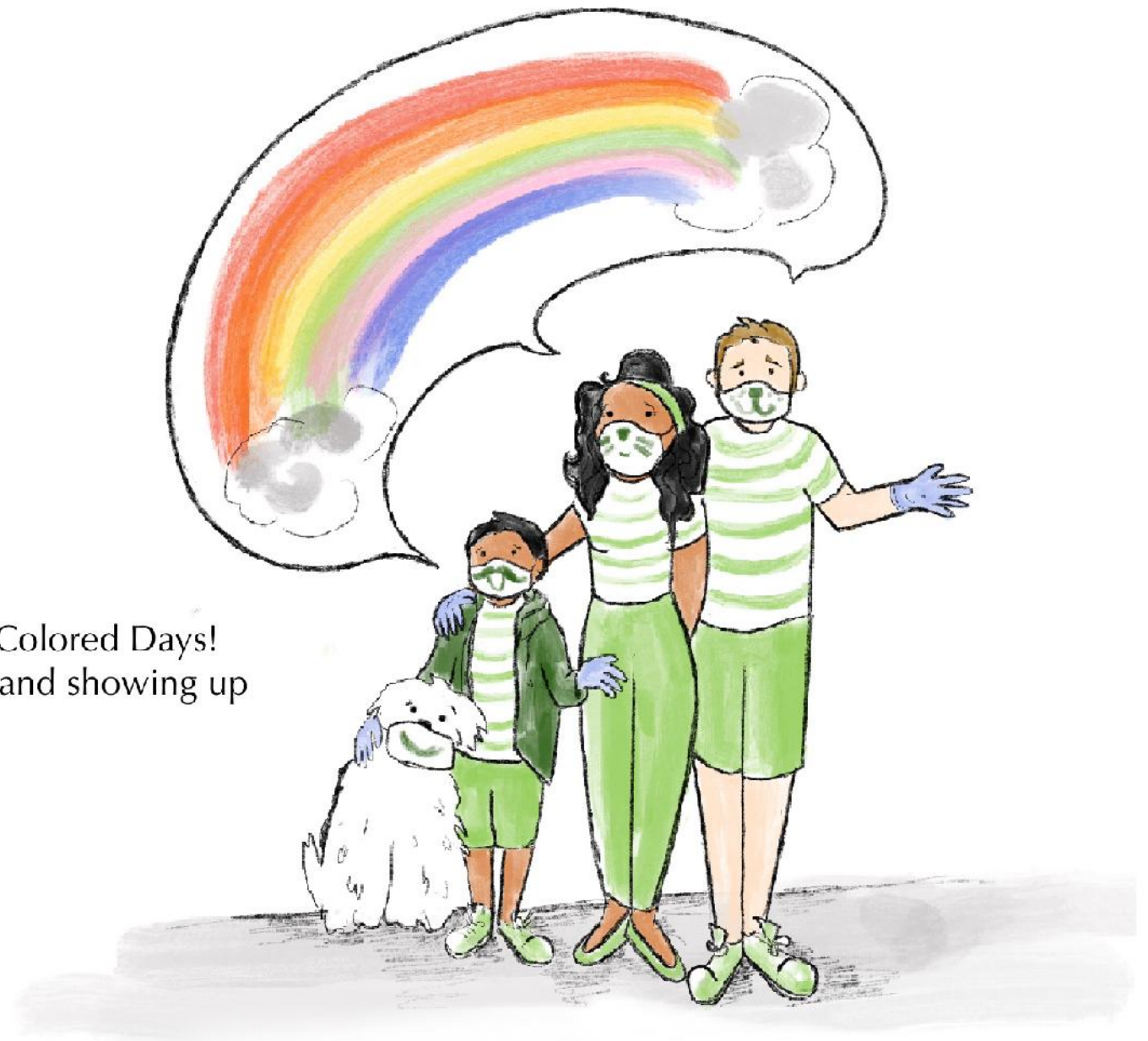


At the grocery store I ask the cashier what color her day is. Sighing she says,
"Scary blue, angry red, puzzled pink!
I don't know what to think!
Yippee Yellow! Gloomy, Gloomy Gray...."
Sighing, she looks at her uniform,
"...and grocery shopping green.

I guess I am feeling a lot of
colors today."




Together we say,
"We've also had Rainbow Colored Days!
Thank you for being brave and showing up
day after day!"



With that we have an idea-
A lot of people are feeling a lot of colors these days, in a lot of
different ways.... and they should know that's okay.

So we rush home, wash our hands, pull out our paints and begin.





To our nurses, doctors, scientists,
grocery clerks,
mailmen, teachers, and friends,
the list knows no end!
We are thankful for you...

Even when you are *Scary Blue* and don't know what to do...



Or when you are Angry Red and don't want to get out of bed...



When you are *Puzzled Pink* and don't know what to think...



Thanks for giving us *Hopeful Hues* in these

RAINBOW COLORED DAYS!



Alison loves to write and illustrate books. She believes that pictures and color can sometimes be the best way to communicate. She is often inspired by Dr. Seuss, going to the zoo, or exploring outside.

Alison hopes to write and illustrate many more books about rainbow colored days!

Feel free to follow her adventures!

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