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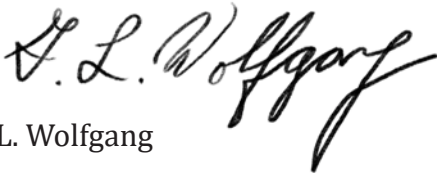
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Hello Imani! What's wrong?  
You look a little blue.



Hi Tina.

Well, I really wanted to ride  
my bike today, but its raining  
and I have nothing to do.

I'm BORED!





Hmm, I'm sure we can find something for you to do. You have homework right?



Yeah, but I wanted to do it AFTER I rode my bike.

*Well Imani, I think you should take this OPPORTUNITY to do your homework now.*



Tina, what's an  
OPP-OR-TUN-ITY?



An opportunity is when you have a  
chance to do something you like, or need,  
to get done!



But, won't I still have the opportunity  
to do my homework later?



Yes, but think about this:

*If you do your homework now, you'll have the opportunity to  
play a game before bedtime.*



*If you wait until later, you won't have that opportunity. You'll have to  
do your homework and then go to sleep.*





Can't I have the opportunity to play a game with you first Tina?

Imani you are such a smart young lady! I guess we'll just have to make a choice.





I think I'll take the OPPORTUNITY to  
play a game now!



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Okay Imani, but you have to do your homework  
when we're finished.



Sure Tina! And when we're done, will you help quiz me? We're having a spelling bee tomorrow!



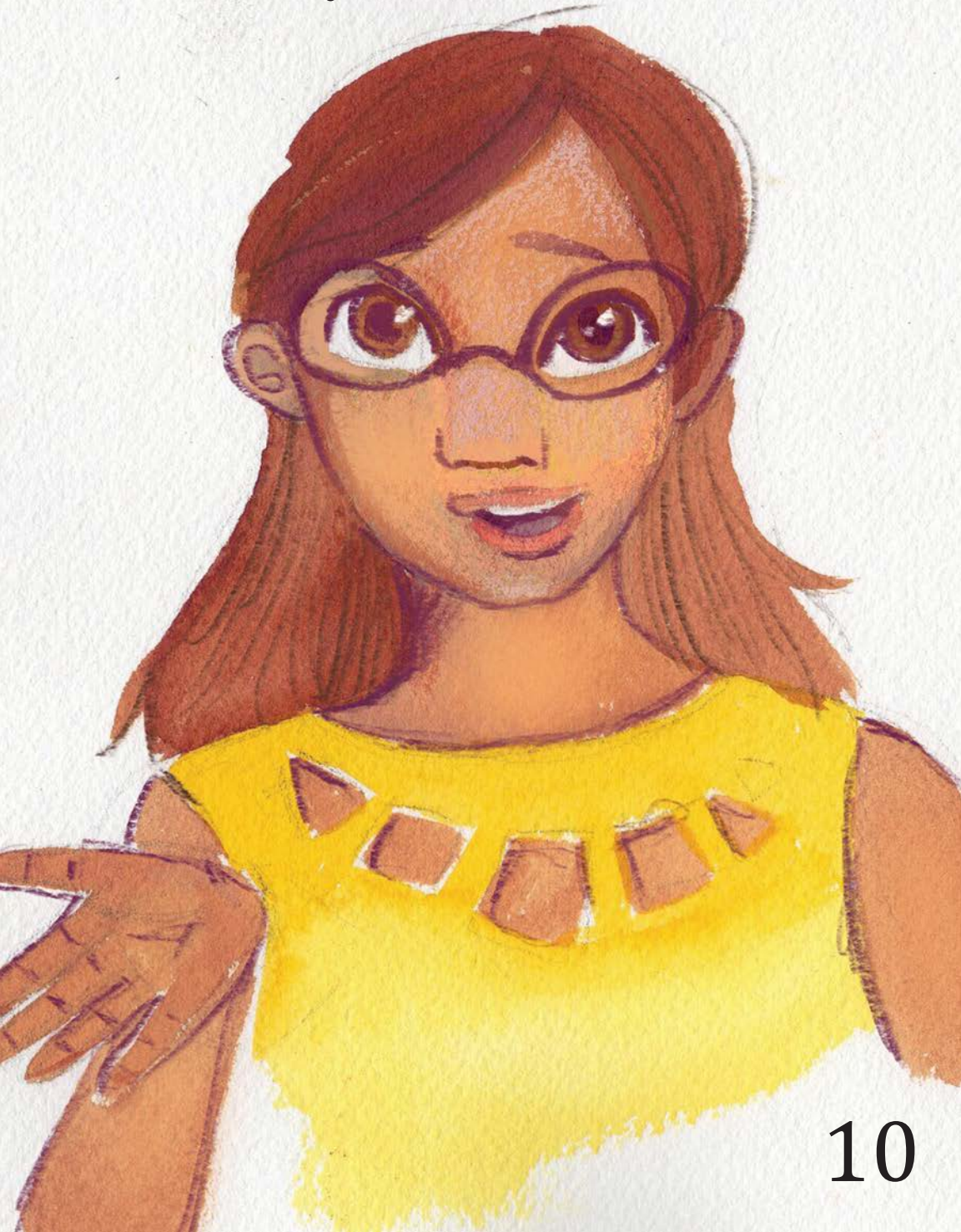
Of course Imani!  
I love helping you  
learn!





So friends, remember:

“Opportunity is the choices we have.”








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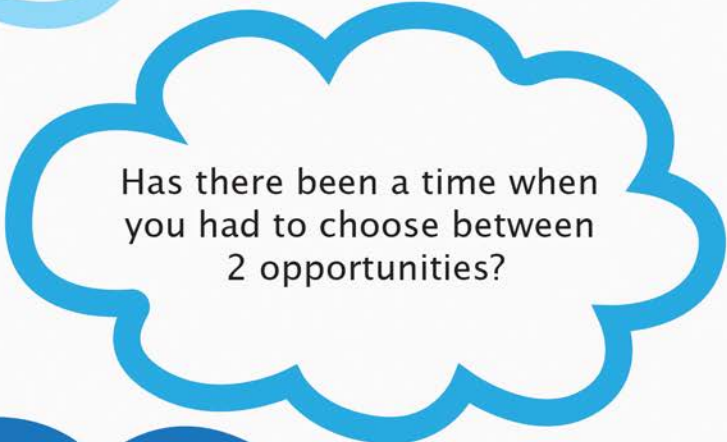
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What opportunities  
did you have today?



Has there been a time when  
you had to choose between  
2 opportunities?



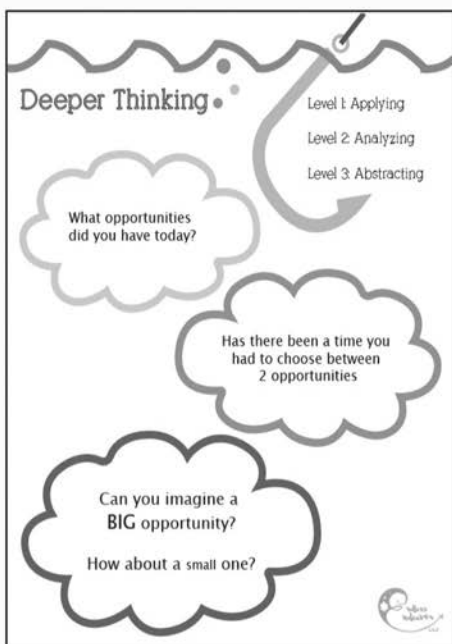
Can you imagine a  
**BIG** opportunity?  
How about a small one?



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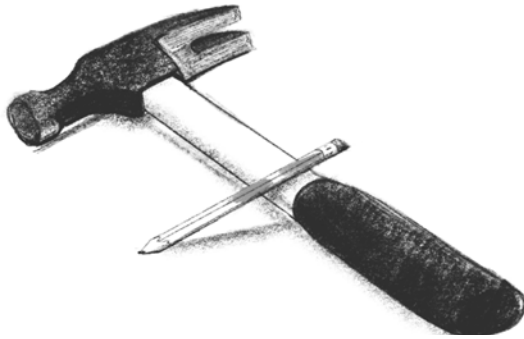
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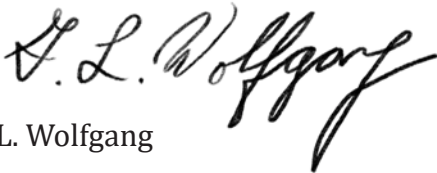
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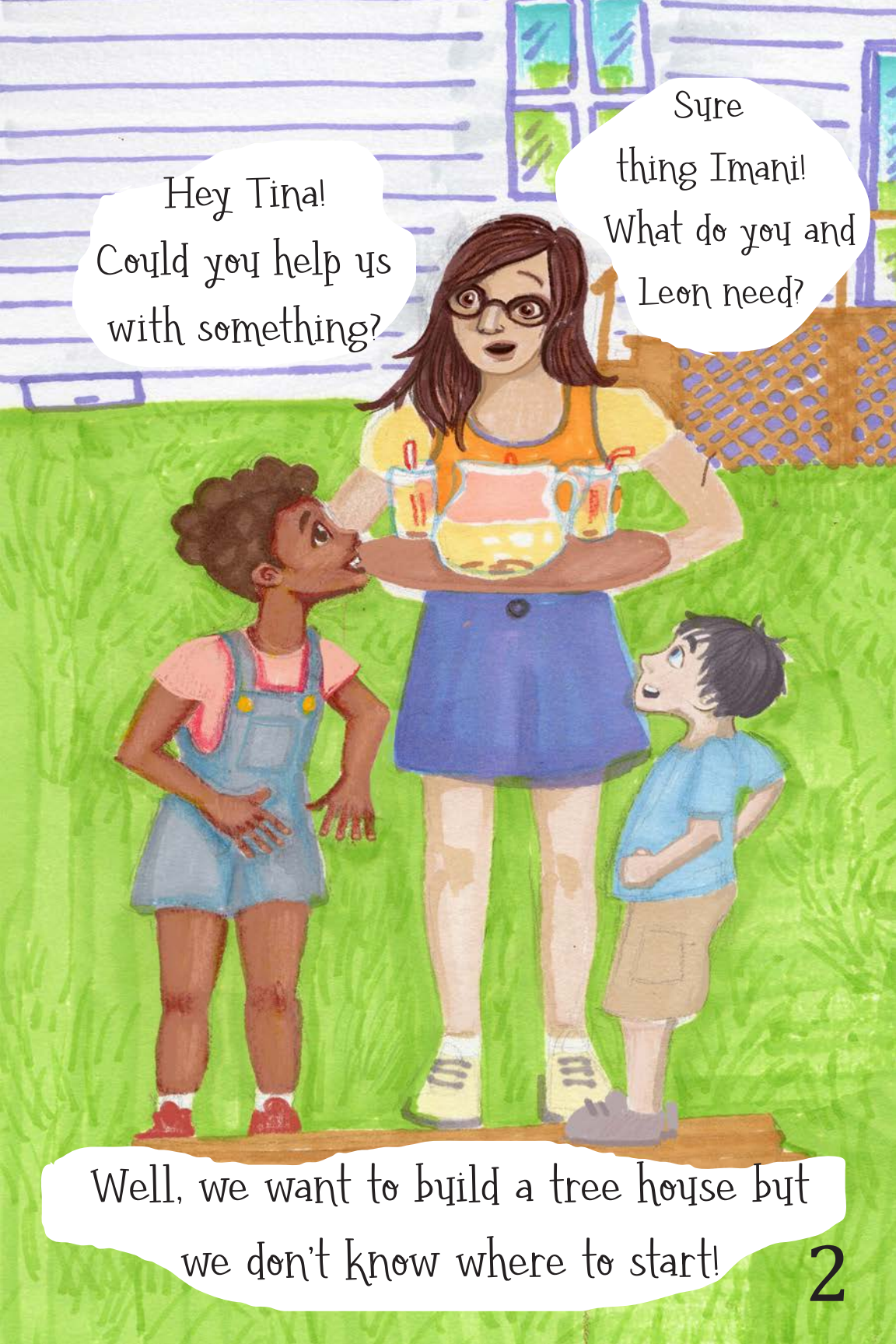
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Hey Tina!  
Could you help us  
with something?

Sure  
thing Imani!  
What do you and  
Leon need?

Well, we want to build a tree house but  
we don't know where to start!





I want to build the tree house way  
up in the trees!



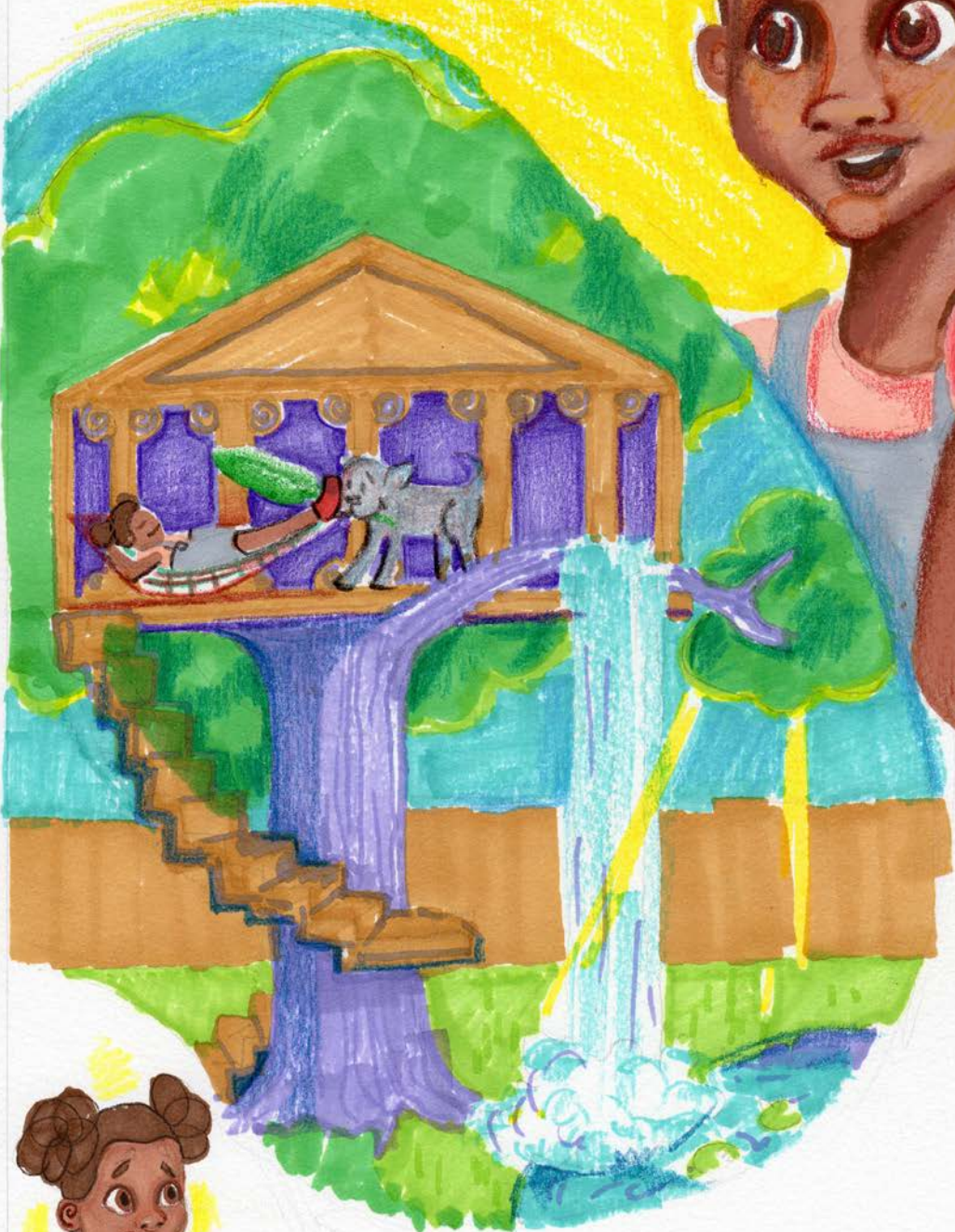
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But the branches are really high and we can't reach them...






And I want to build somewhere  
nice and shady!



But we can't figure out where . . .

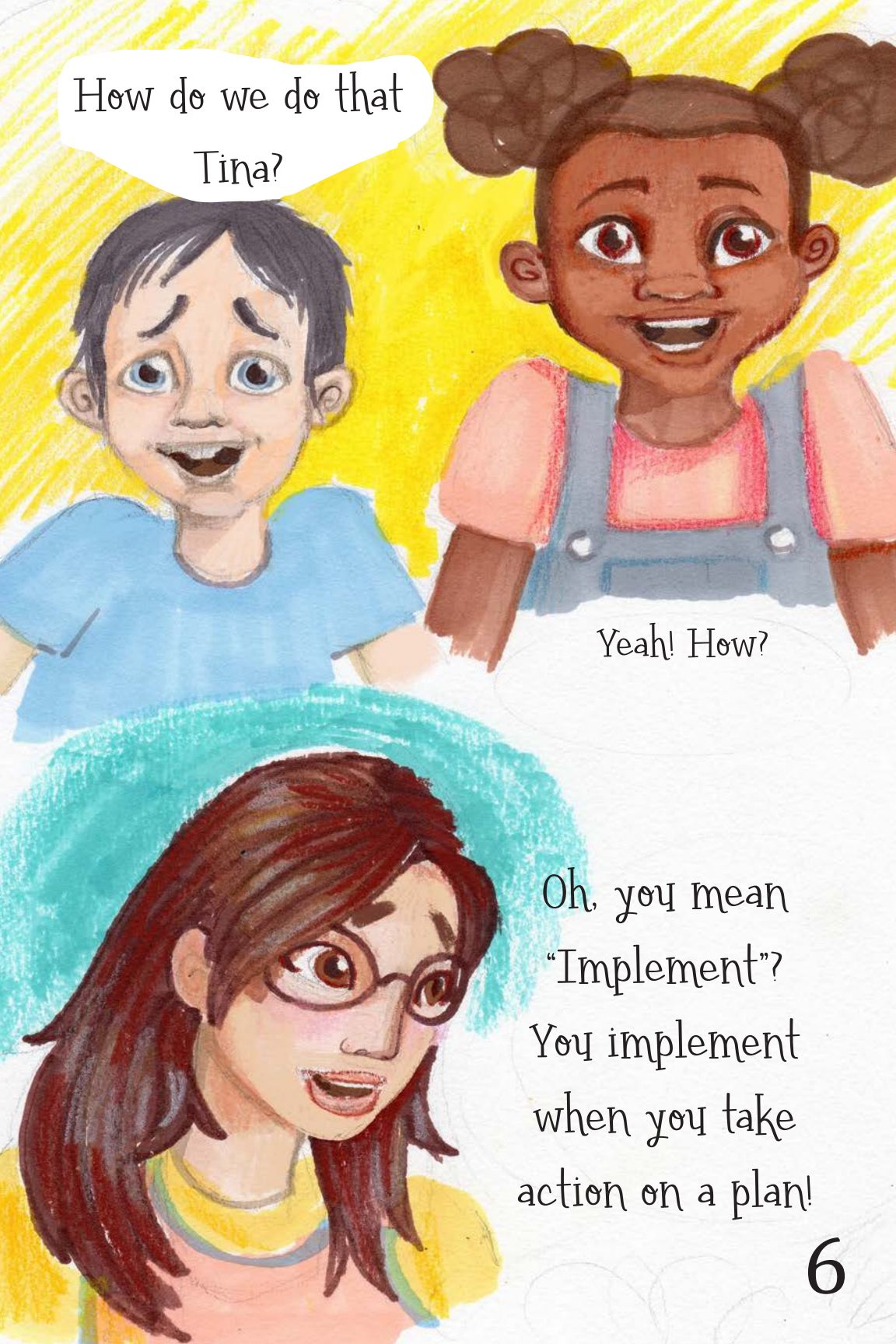


An illustration of a woman with brown hair and glasses, wearing a yellow and orange shirt, pointing her finger as if explaining something. She is standing in a backyard with a wooden lattice fence and a green lawn. In the background, a dog is sitting on a tray with a yellow drink. In the foreground, the backs of two children's heads are visible: one with brown hair in a bun and another with dark hair.

Well, why don't you try drawing some ideas out to see which plan would work best.

Then you can  
**IMPLEMENT** the  
best idea!





How do we do that  
Tina?

Yeah! How?

Oh, you mean  
“Implement”?  
You implement  
when you take  
action on a plan!



In this case, you'll  
create a plan for your  
tree house,



And then implement  
that idea by building it!




Leon and I are going to  
make a plan to "Implement"  
right now!

Yeah!







I love getting things done.  
Don't you?

YES!

YES!




So friends, remember:

“Don't let your ideas sit idle. Implement them!”



That's how we get things done!

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Has there been a time when a plan could have helped you get something done ?

Would Imani's dream treehouse be harder to implement than Leon's ?

When would you Implement?

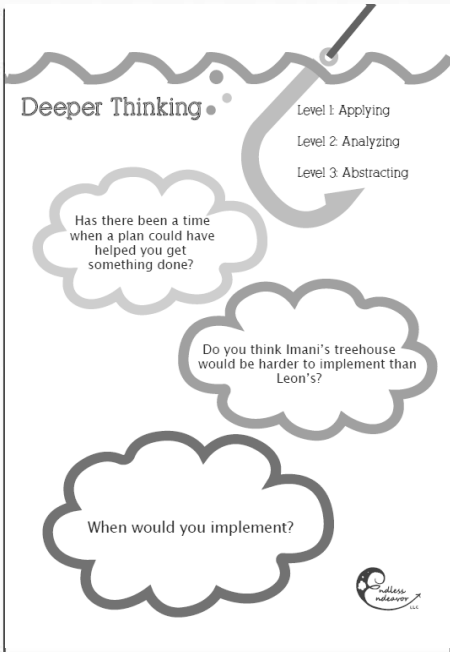




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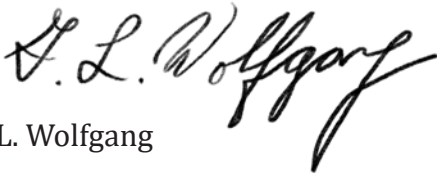
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Leon...  
What are you  
doing?

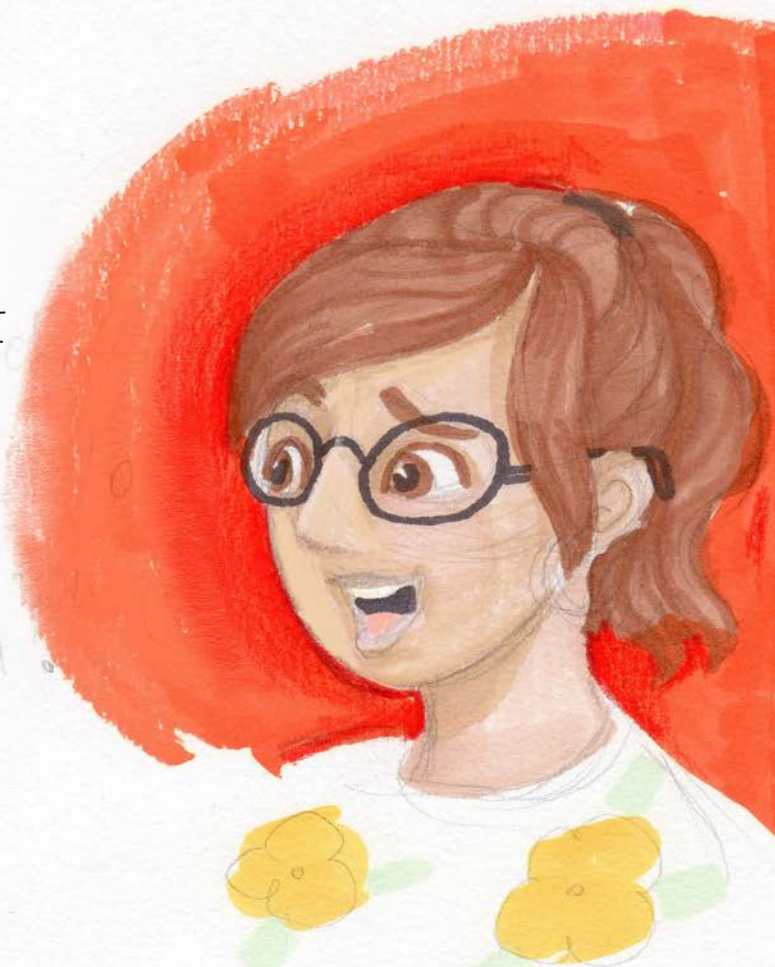






Hi Tina!  
I'm cleaning my  
room and I'm almost  
done!

Leon, I don't  
think those  
toys belong  
under your  
bed.



It's a good spot!  
Why can't I just  
be done?



Leon, if you want to do things right, you  
need to PERSEVERE.



Per - se...  
What?



Persevere!

You persevere by  
working hard at  
something and you  
don't let anything  
stop you!

But I did finish  
SOMETHING  
right?



But is it really clean Leon?

If you persevere and put everything  
where it belongs, it will be!



Okay! I get it Tina!



I'm going to PERSEVERE and finish  
my room!



I'm all finished!  
Doesn't it look  
good?

It looks GREAT  
Leon! I'm so proud  
of you!



So friends, remember:

“Persevering is not always fun, but it sure feels good  
when you are done!”



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Has there been a time when you needed to persevere with a friend?

What do you think is hardest about persevering?

Is it important to persevere?

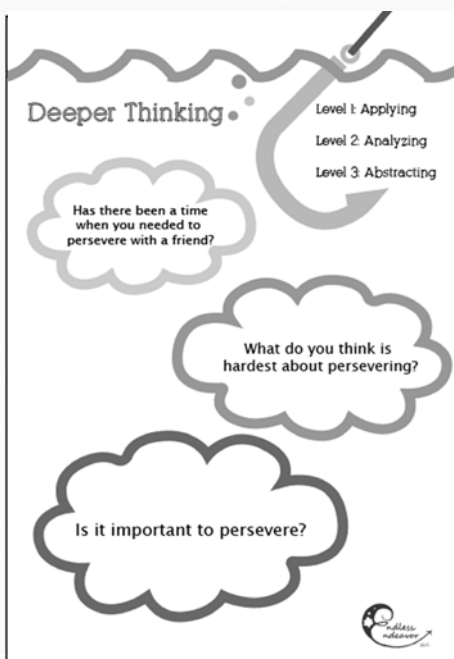




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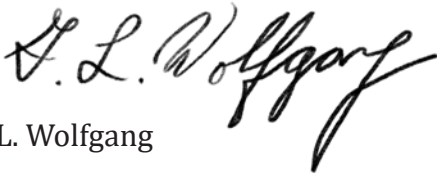
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Hi Tina!

Imani and I are taking the OPPORTUNITY  
to help in the garden!



Yeah! We're going to PERSEVERE so we  
can get it all done before it gets dark!




Wow guys! I love that you want to help. And, I'm impressed with the way you are using your new words...



But look at the sky  
over there...



An illustration from a child's perspective looking out a window. The window shows a bright green lawn with some small bushes. A hand is pointing at the window. The sky outside is blue with dark, stormy clouds. The child's brown hair is visible at the bottom of the frame.

Its going to rain in a few  
minutes!

OH!

No!

Listen, your idea to do some yard work was great!



But next time, if you pay attention to your surroundings, you can be more SAGACIOUS

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with your decisions.





You see, when you're

## SAGACIOUS

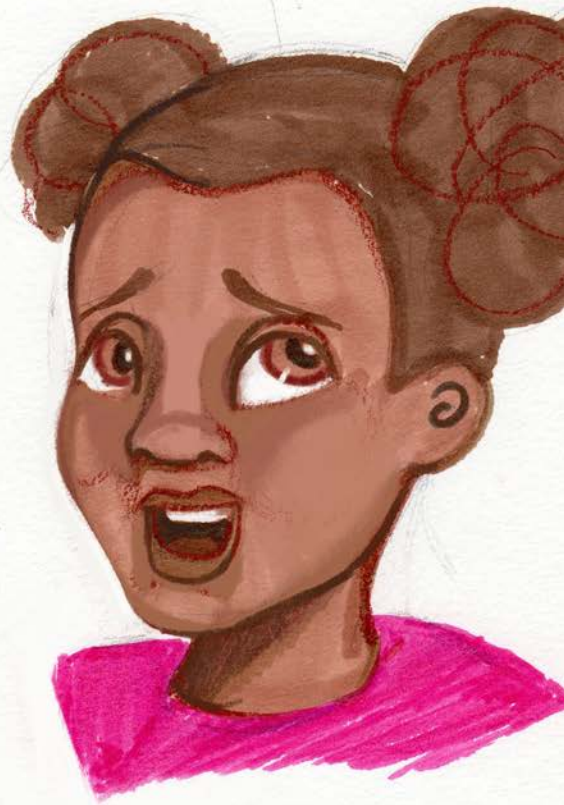
you listen and watch  
very carefully so you  
can understand or  
recognize the best  
time to act on a plan!





Oooooooooooooooooohhh!

So when we pay  
attention...



We can be SAGACIOUS...



And make good decisions!!!



Now, seeing as its raining and we're hungry,  
lets make a *SAGACIOUS* decision, and order  
a *PIZZA*!







So friends, remember:



“A SAGACIOUS mind makes  
sensible time!”

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Who do you know that makes sagacious choices?

What sagacious choices does a leader have to make?

Does being sagacious make it easier or harder to make decisions?





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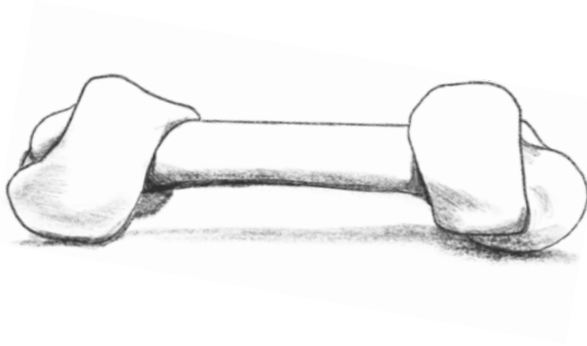
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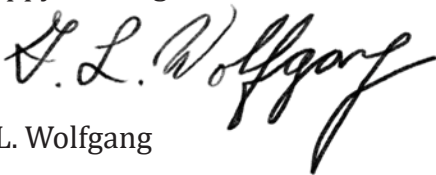
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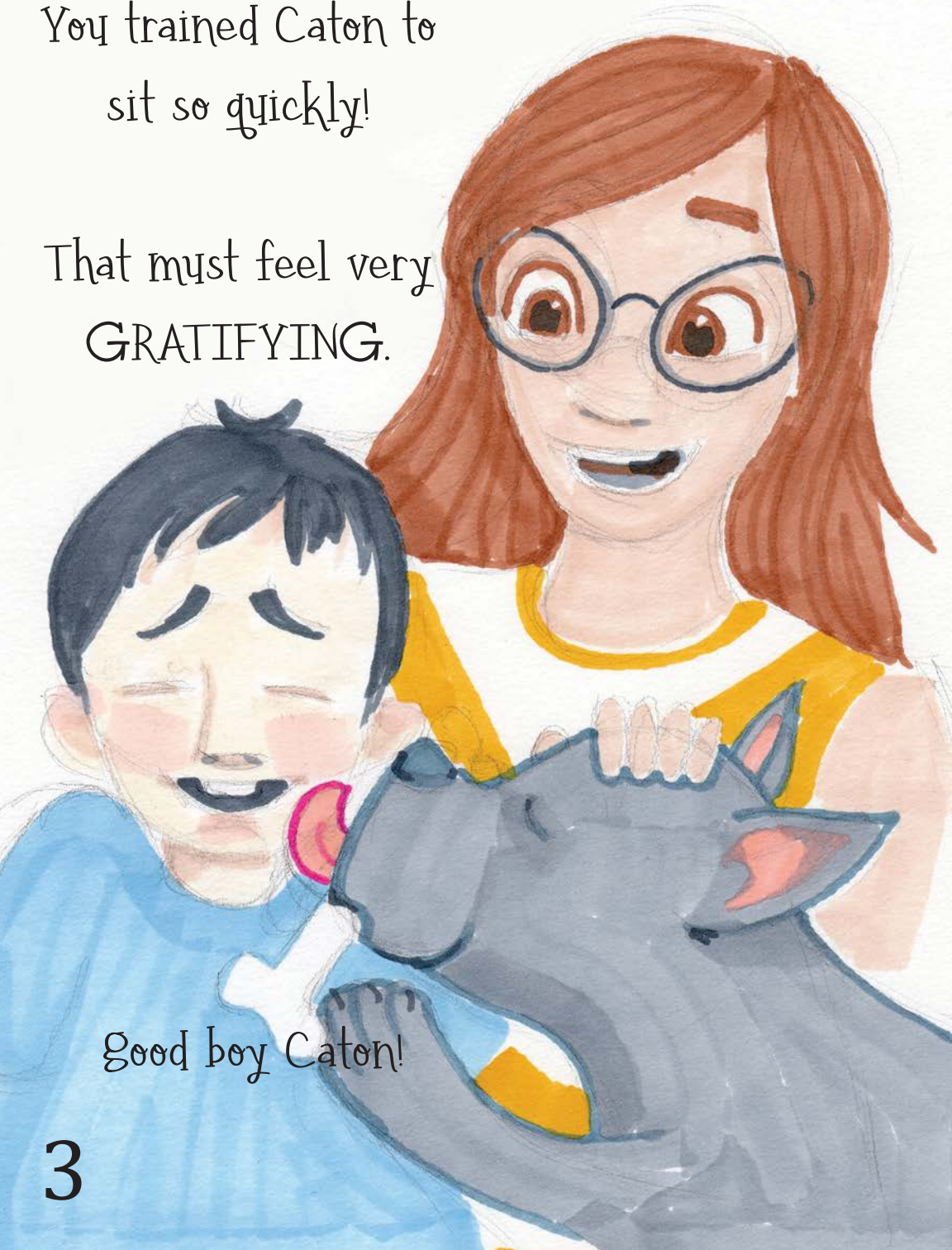
Okay, Caton.

SIT!



Wow Leon!  
You trained Caton to  
sit so quickly!

That must feel very  
**GRATIFYING.**



Good boy Caton!





Tina, what does that  
mean?

Oh,

“GRATIFYING”?

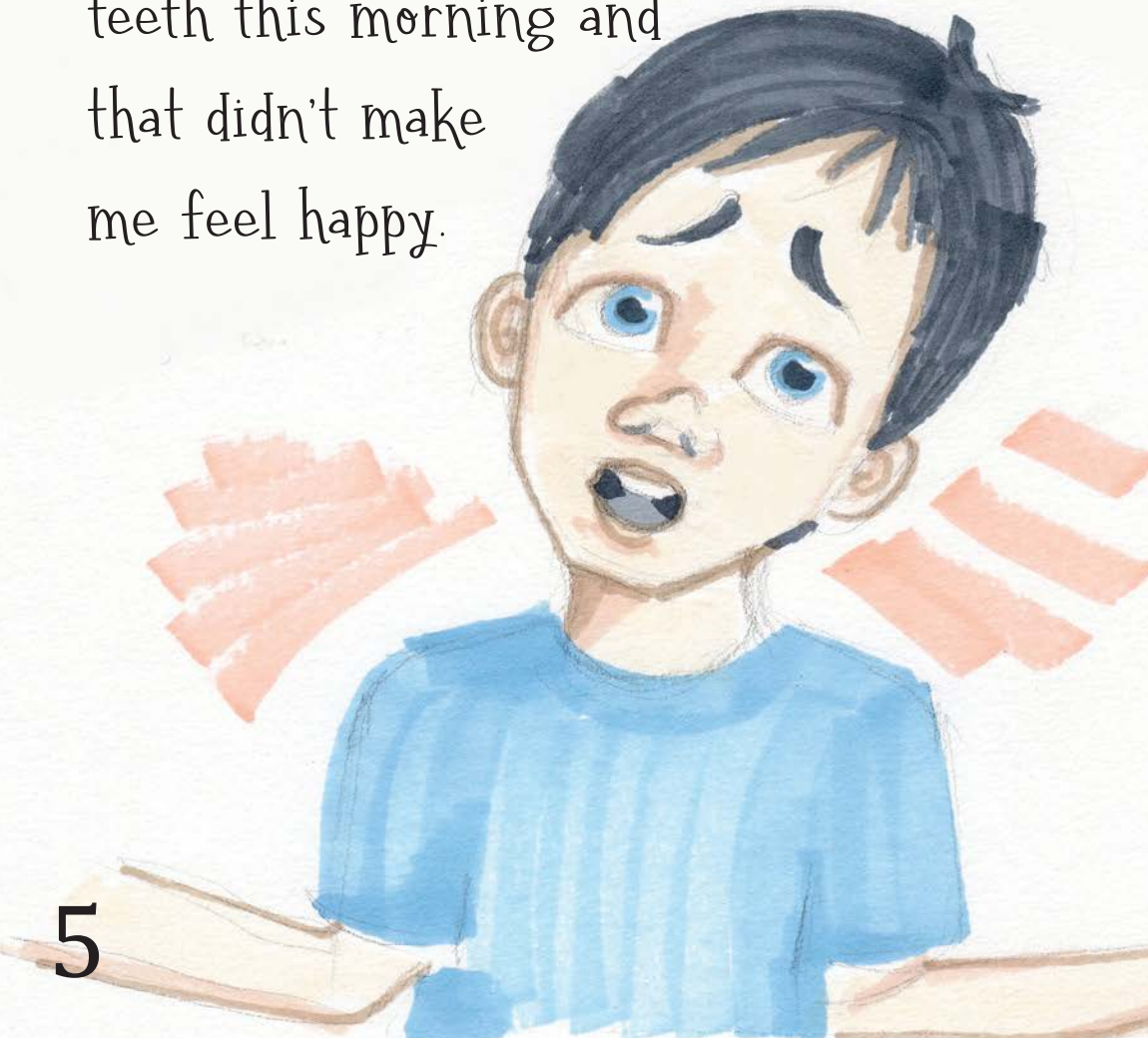
When something is  
gratifying it means you  
feel happy or satisfied  
that you accomplished  
something!







But I got dressed and brushed my teeth this morning and that didn't make me feel happy.





Well,  
gratification  
happens when  
you've been working  
really hard on something.



Like Training  
Caton.



Building a  
tree house.



or cleaning your  
whole bedroom!

And then when you see what you  
have accomplished . . .

Oh! I get it! GRATIFICATION!



Because I've been working really hard!  
I think I feel it!

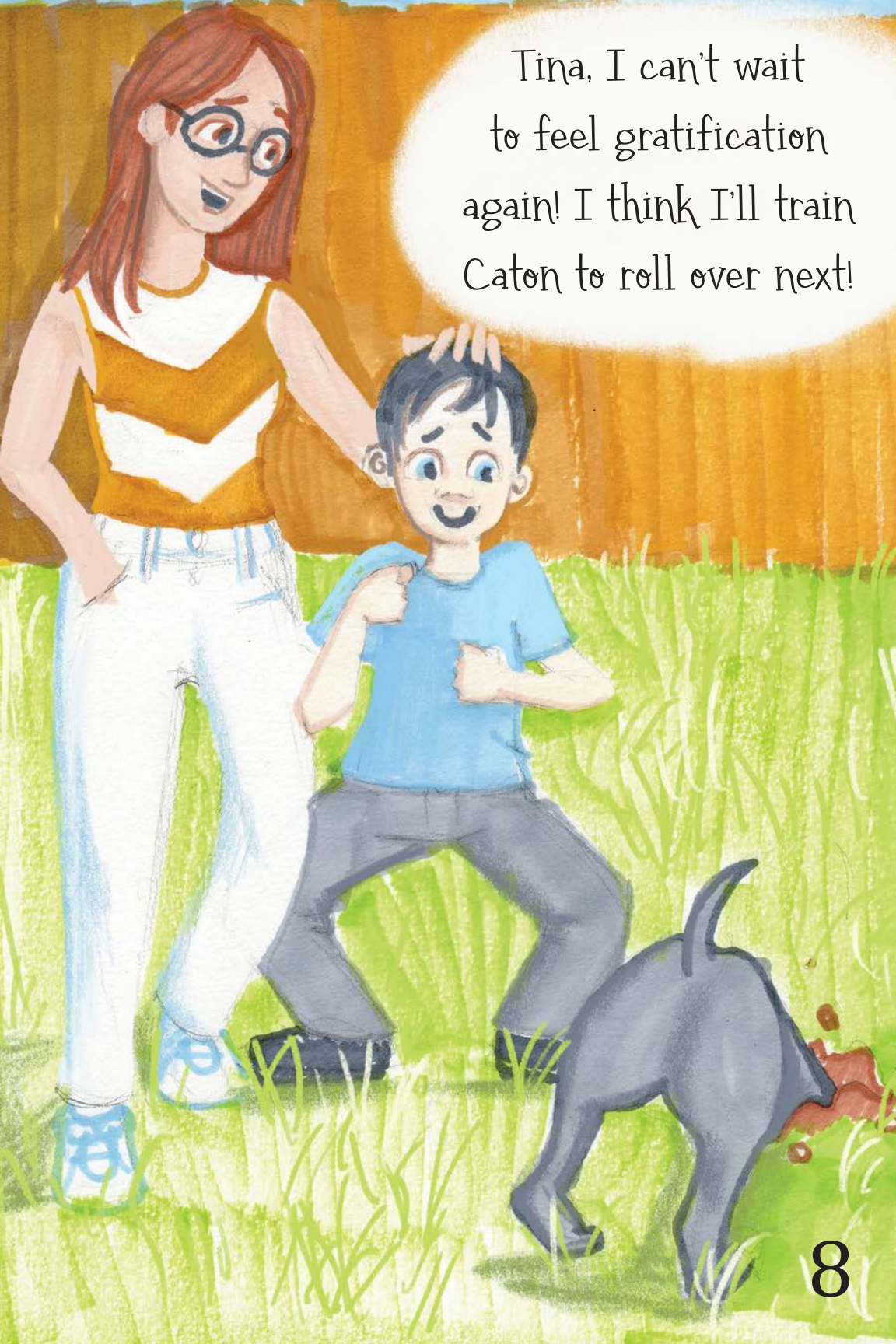
That's great Leon!

That feeling is an important part of your life!



It will help  
you keep  
working hard  
to finish the  
things you  
start!



An illustration of a woman with long red hair and glasses, wearing a brown and white striped top and white pants, standing next to a young boy in a blue shirt and grey pants. The boy is in a playful, crouching pose. A grey dog is sniffing the ground in the foreground. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with a wooden fence and green grass.

Tina, I can't wait  
to feel gratification  
again! I think I'll train  
Caton to roll over next!



Well Leon, Caton looks like  
he's feeling pretty  
**GRATIFIED** right now!

He does look **GRATIFIED!**  
Hahaha!



So Friends,

remember: "Gratification is motivation!"







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When have you felt the  
MOST gratified?

Can you imagine what a  
painting of gratification would  
look like in a museum?

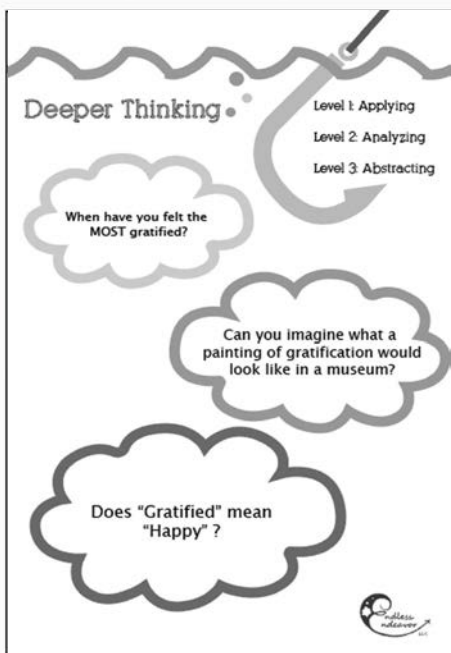
Does "Gratified" mean  
"Happy" ?



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