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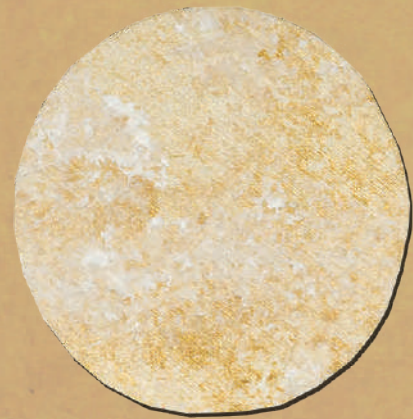
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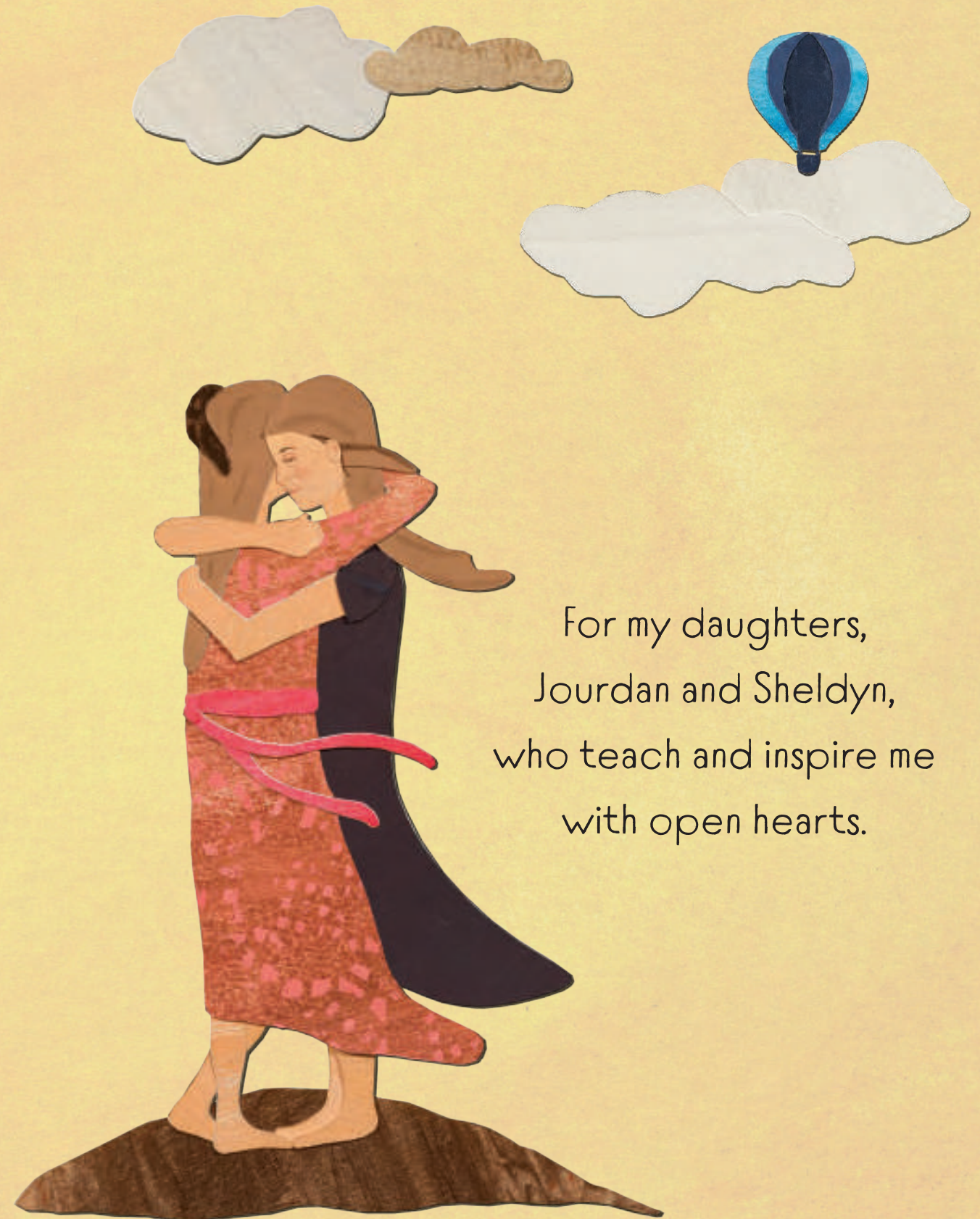
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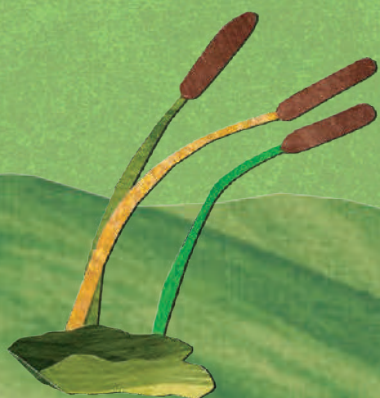


For my daughters,
Jourdan and Sheldyn,
who teach and inspire me
with open hearts.



My mom once said,
to my surprise,
Out there in the world,
someone has my eyes.
She looks just like me,
from her head to her toes.

Can this be true?
IT'S
POSSIBLE,
I SUPPOSE.



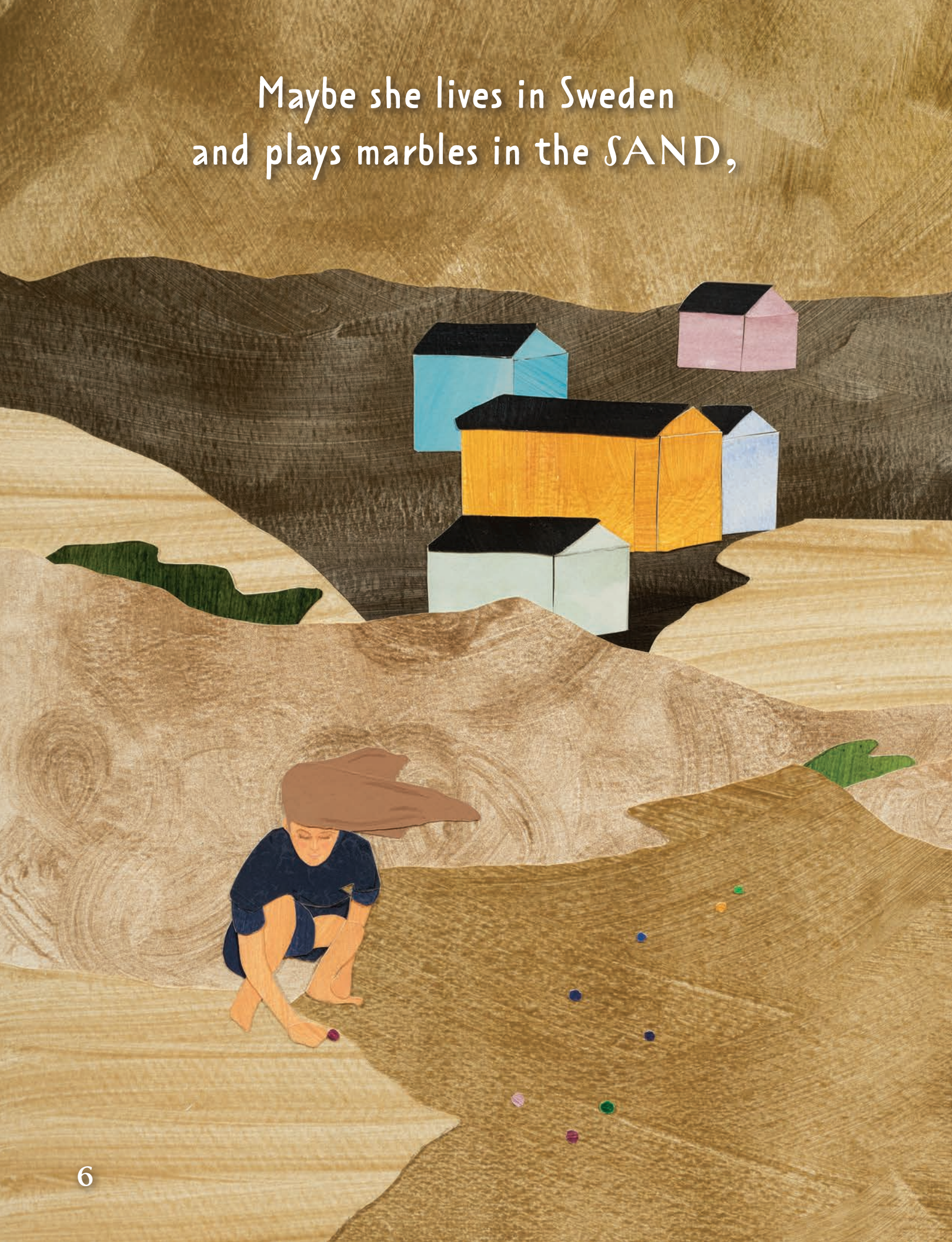
I wonder what her dreams are
and what she hopes to BE.



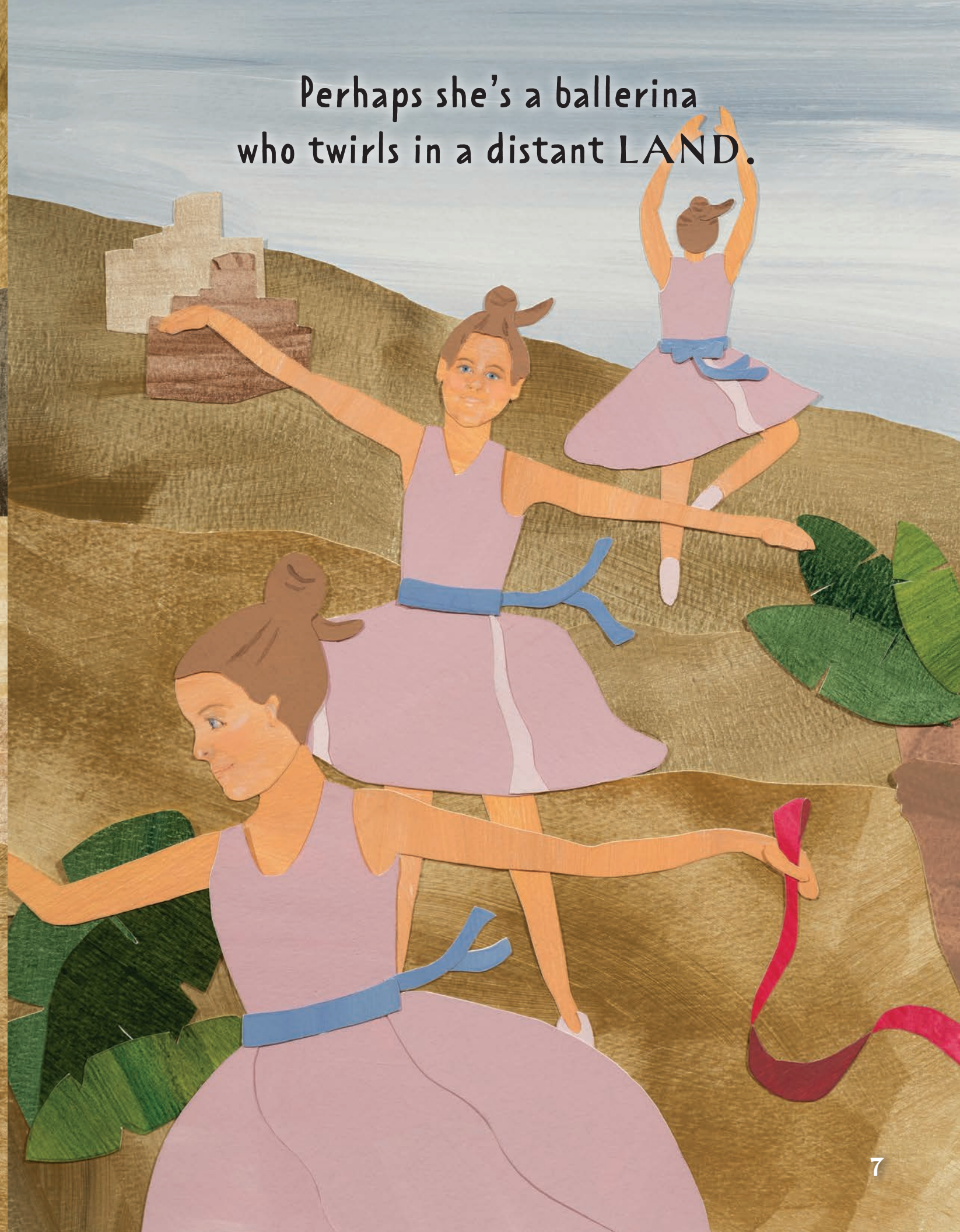
Could she be a stargazer?
Does she think of ME?



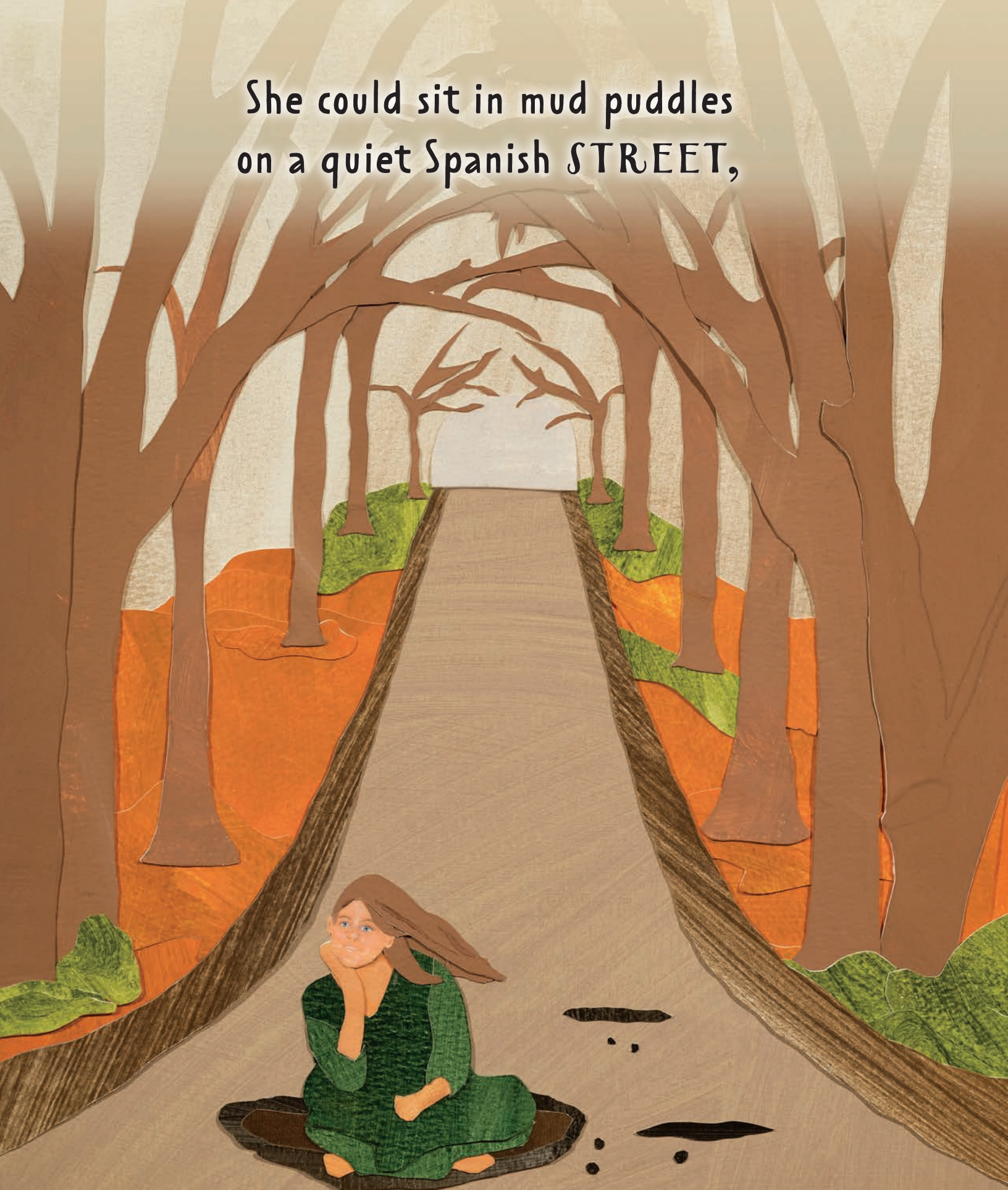
Maybe she lives in Sweden
and plays marbles in the SAND,



Perhaps she's a ballerina
who twirls in a distant LAND.



She could sit in mud puddles
on a quiet Spanish STREET,



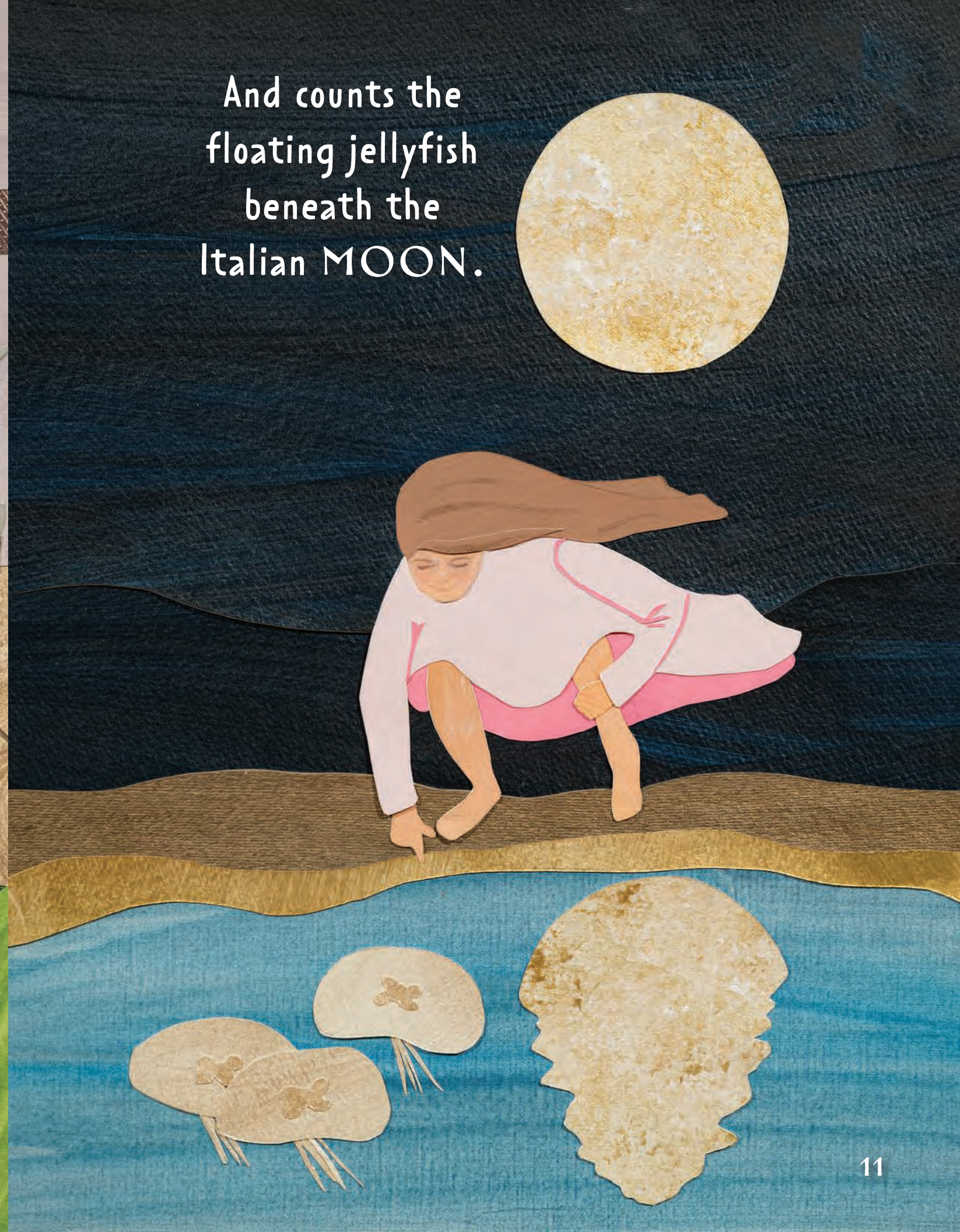
Or braid necklaces from dandelions
in the comforting Brazilian HEAT.



She likely visits her grandpa
every Sunday in JUNE,



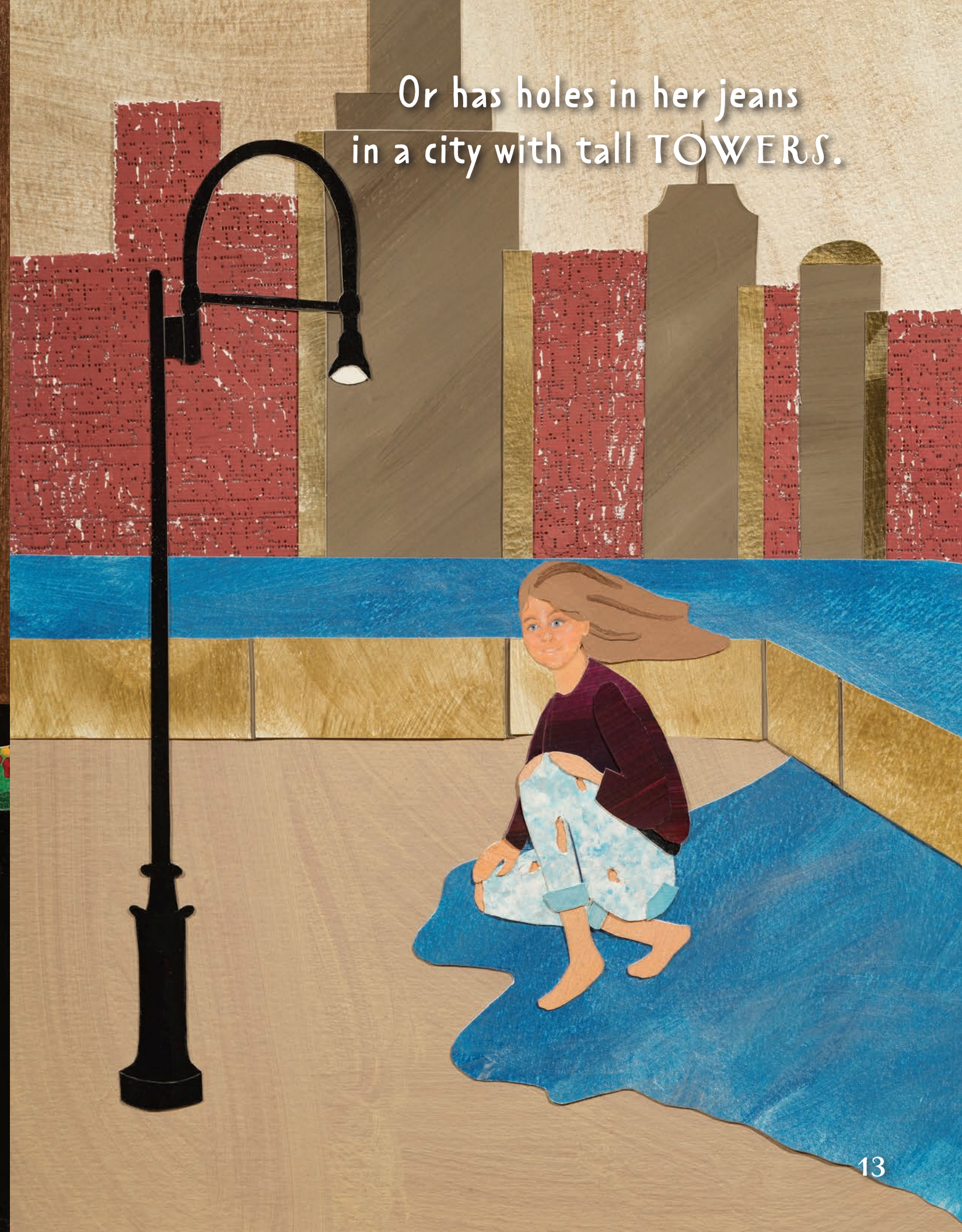
And counts the
floating jellyfish
beneath the
Italian MOON.



I bet she wears
dresses patterned
with FLOWERS,



Or has holes in her jeans
in a city with tall TOWERS.



Maybe she sells fruit
in a Japanese TOWN,



And recites her nightly prayers
in a soft satin GOWN.



What would it be like if
we met FACE-TO-FACE?

Would we just stare, or talk,
or perhaps EMBRACE?



Would it be like looking
straight into a MIRROR?

Or glancing at
a photograph
that isn't
quite CLEAR?



Does she have a sister,
or a brother like ME?



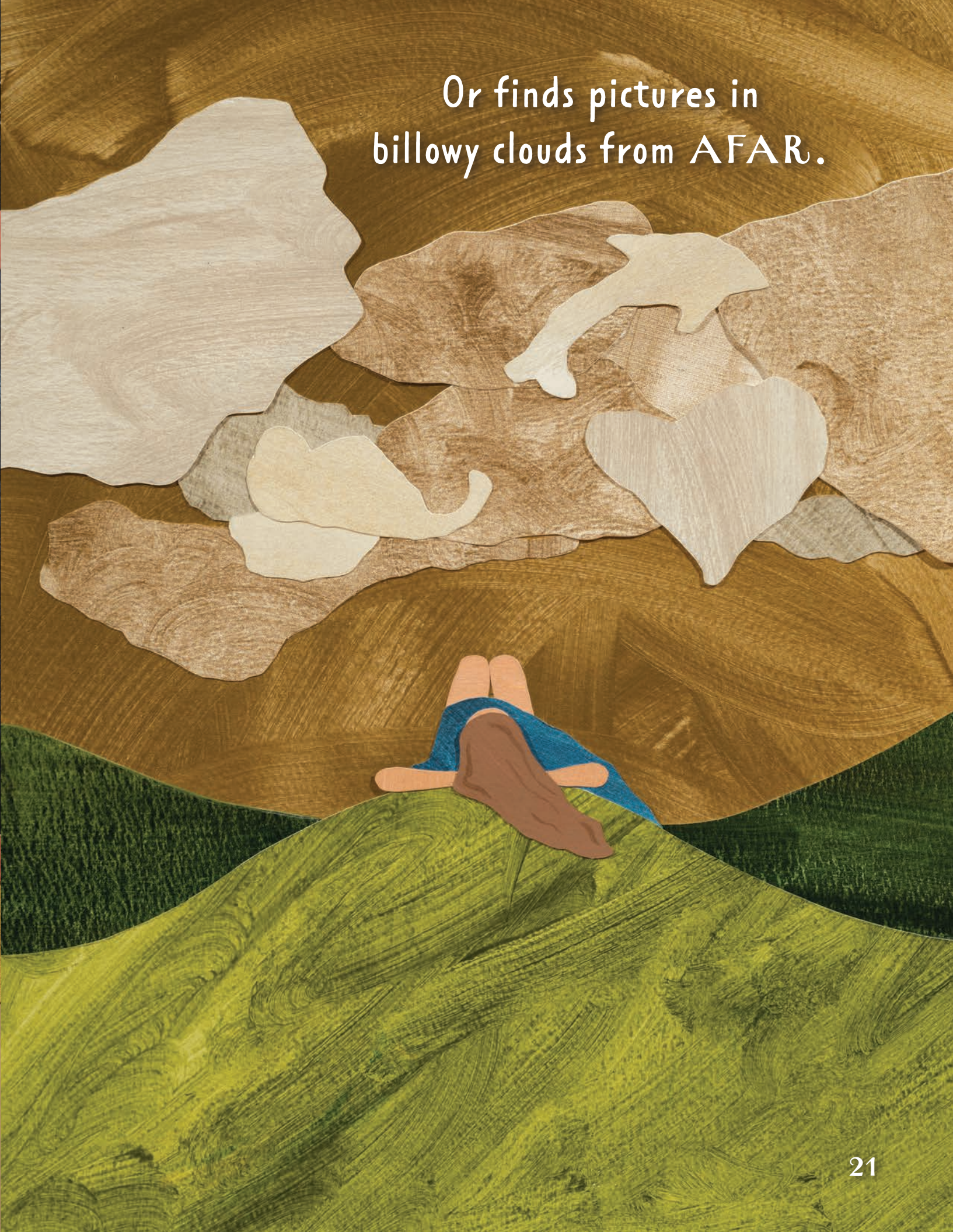
Does she have a playhouse,
or a fort up in a TREE?



I think each night
she wishes upon a STAR,



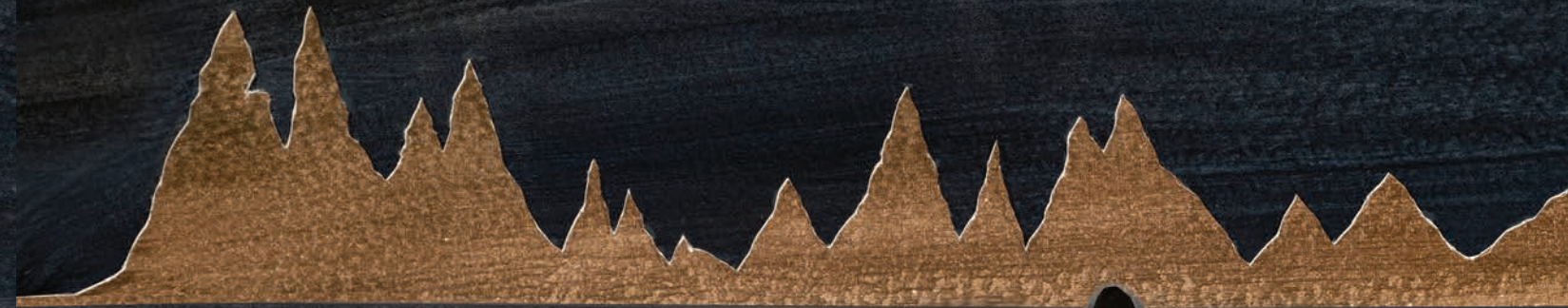
Or finds pictures in
billowy clouds from AFAR.



Just imagine what
all this could BE...



She sees the same brilliant
moon that I SEE.



We both exist
under this great big SKY,



And I will always wonder
as time goes BY...



Whether in China, France,
or some other PLACE,



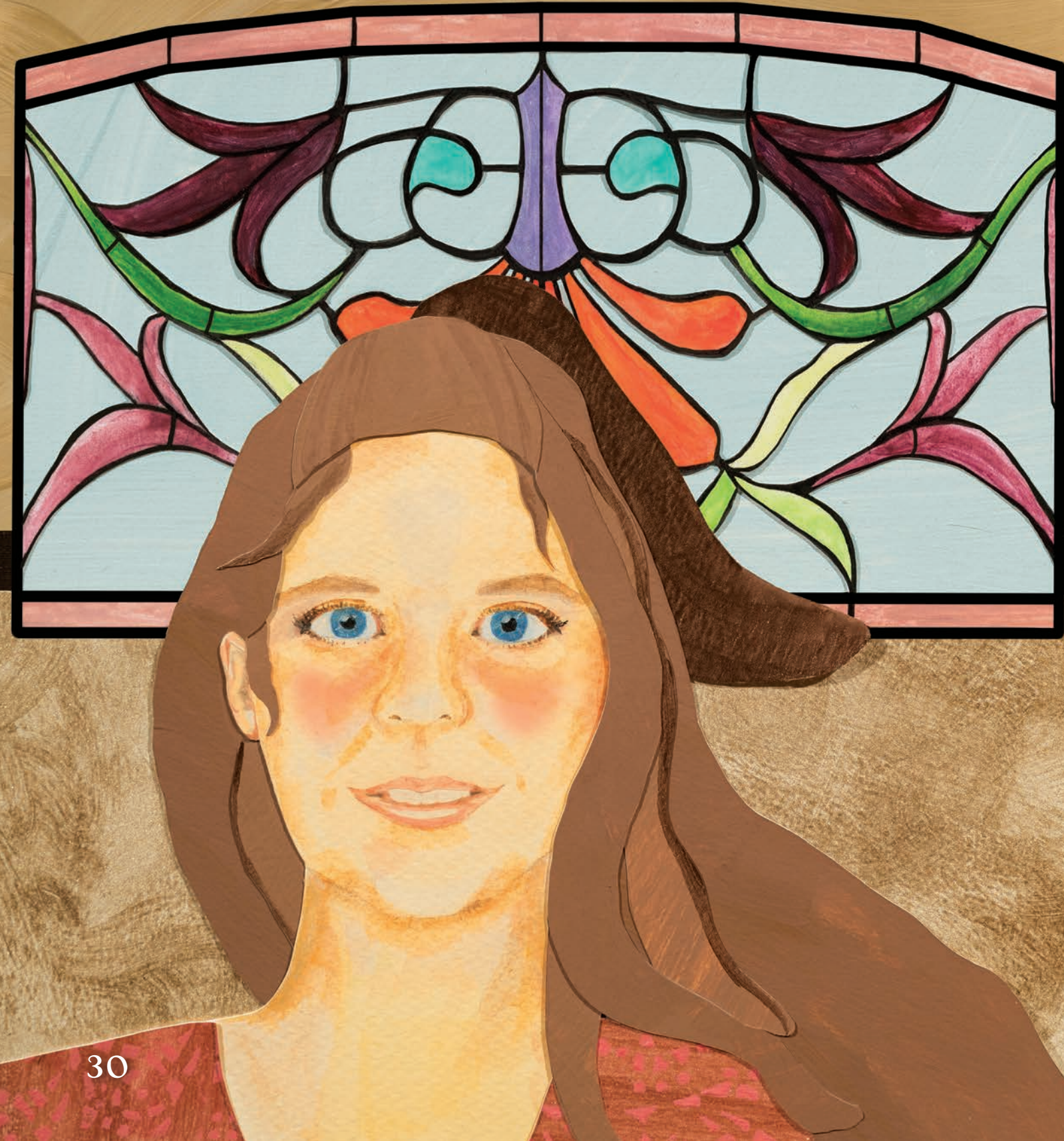
Who this person is
who shares my FACE.



Yet like that one green tile
beneath my KNEE,

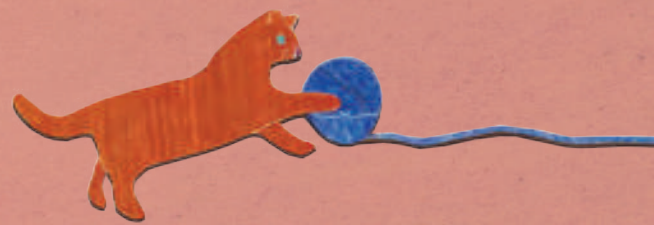


My mom still reminds me
**THAT THERE'S ONLY
ONE OF ME.**



THE END





IN THIS RHYMING, MELODIC STORY, a mother tells her little girl that somewhere in the world lives another little girl who looks just like her. This propels her daughter into a journey of the imagination, where she visits locales from Spain to Japan, visualizing this other person in her familiar surroundings. From page to page, the little girl explores the possibilities in her head:

**I think each night she wishes upon a star,
Or finds pictures in billowy clouds from afar.**

At the end of the story, readers are reminded that for all our similarities, each one is unique. And for all our differences, we share the same sky.

Children will return to this delightful story over and over again as they learn a beautiful lesson about unity and diversity.




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