

ALI'S BIG ADVENTURE!



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Dedication

For Brittney, Geoff and Veronica,
who grew up with Ali.

To my husband and best friend, Rick, whose
skills at listening and supporting me through
the lifetime development of this book –
I couldn't have done it without you.

To Rod and Greg,
who always believed in Ali.

In memory of my loving parents,
Paul and Barbara.

Psalms 37:4–5



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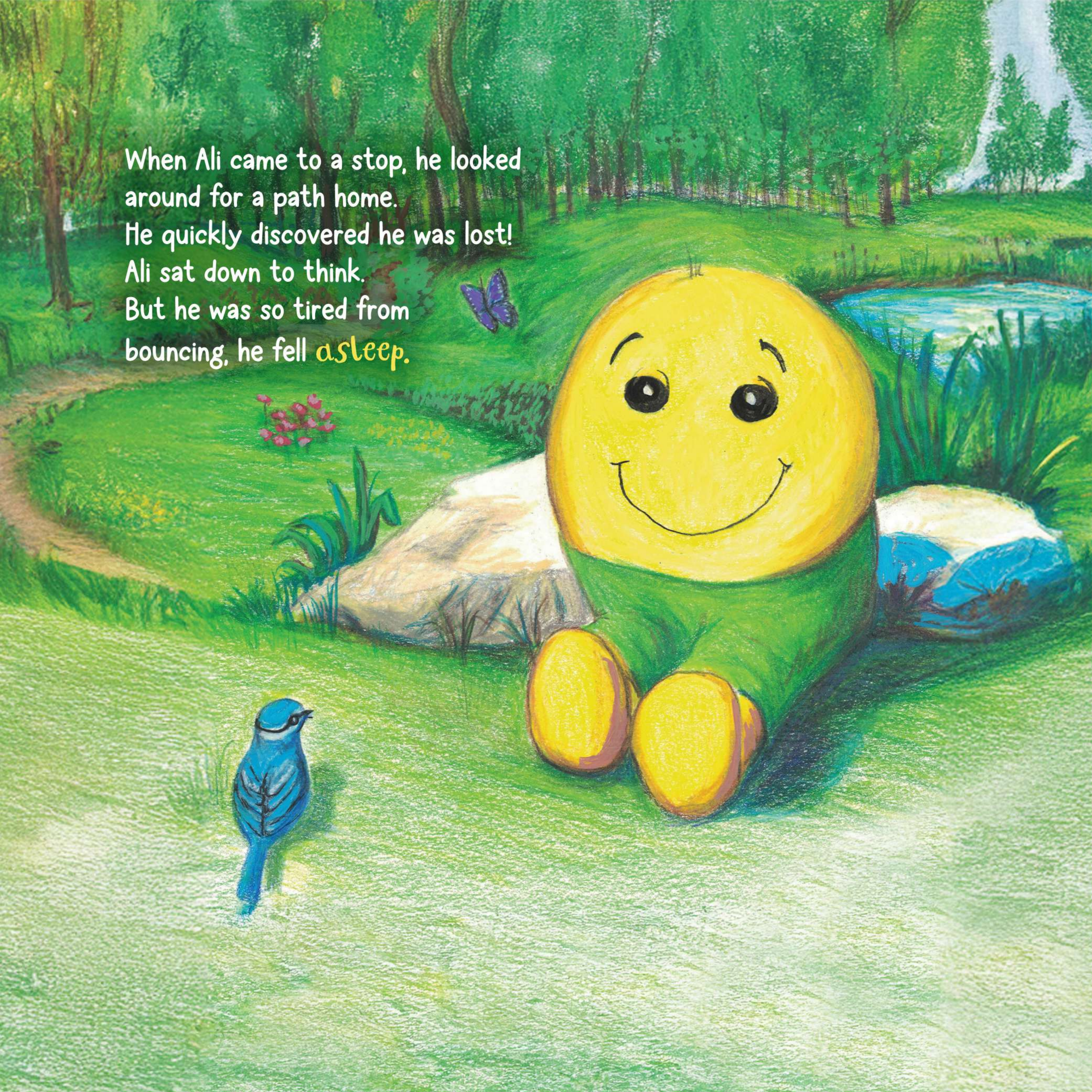
Ali is a **Puffball**. Puffballs are soft, rubbery creatures that live in a hidden valley near the Southern Cliffs. They like to bounce!

One day Ali tried to catch a dragonfly. His parents told him many times, "Don't **bounce** alone. You're too little to control your bounce!" But, today, Ali forgot.



When he jumped after the dragonfly, Ali bounced.

It was an incredibly **BIG** bounce
that lasted a VERY LONG TIME!



When Ali came to a stop, he looked
around for a path home.
He quickly discovered he was lost!
Ali sat down to think.
But he was so tired from
bouncing, he fell **asleep**.

"Hello," a voice said, surprising the puffball.

"Hello," Ali answered, timidly blinking at the human.

'I'm Mika!" the youth said as he sat down beside the puffball.

'I'm Ali," the puffball sighed heavily.

'How did you get here, Ali?" Mika asked.

Mika had heard **stories** about puffballs from his tribe.

He had seen drawings of them. His family had told him where they thought puffballs lived, but he was very **surprised** to meet one!

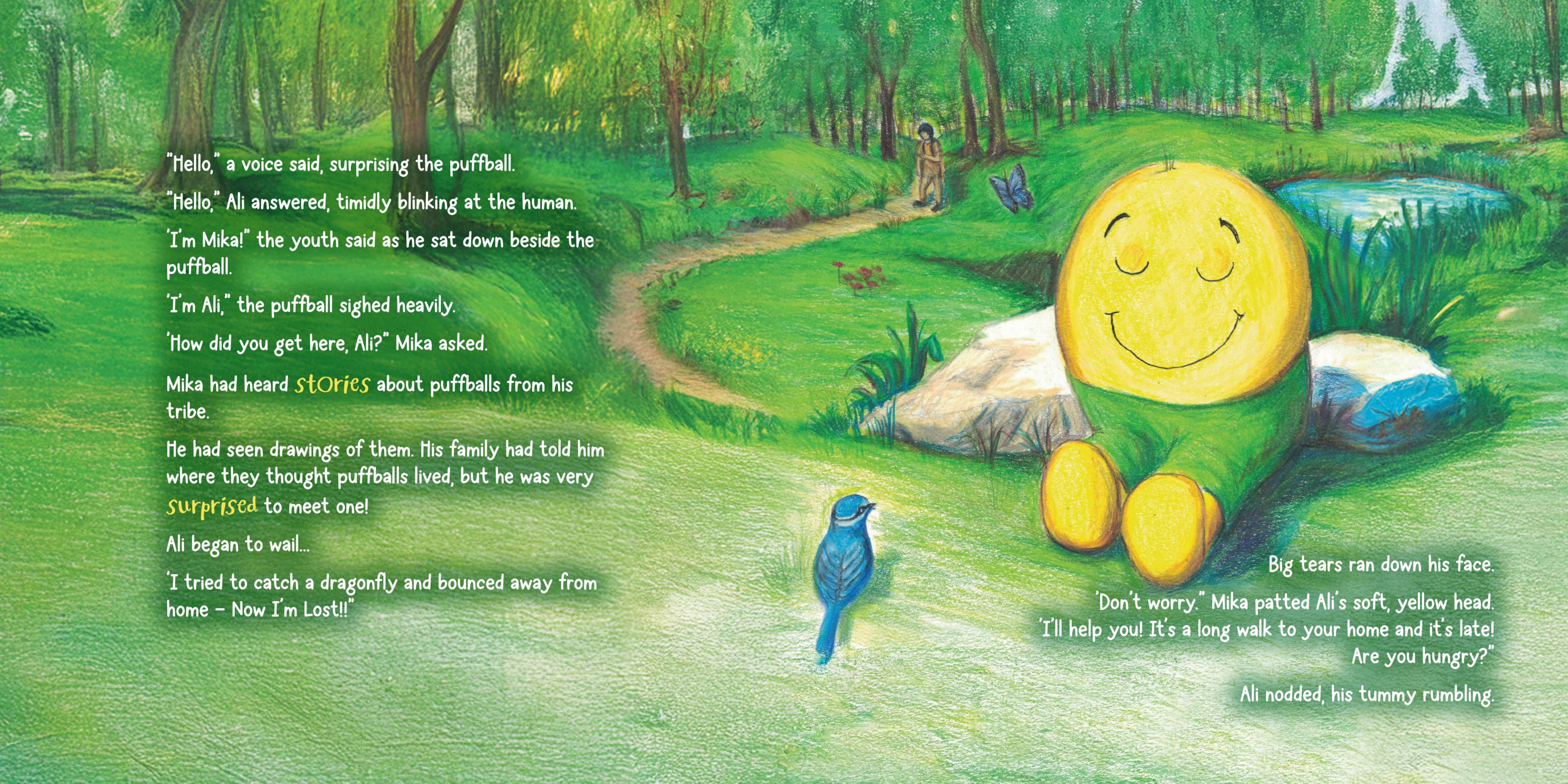
Ali began to wail...

'I tried to catch a dragonfly and bounced away from home – Now I'm Lost!!"

Big tears ran down his face.

'Don't worry." Mika patted Ali's soft, yellow head.
'I'll help you! It's a long walk to your home and it's late!
Are you hungry?"

Ali nodded, his tummy rumbling.



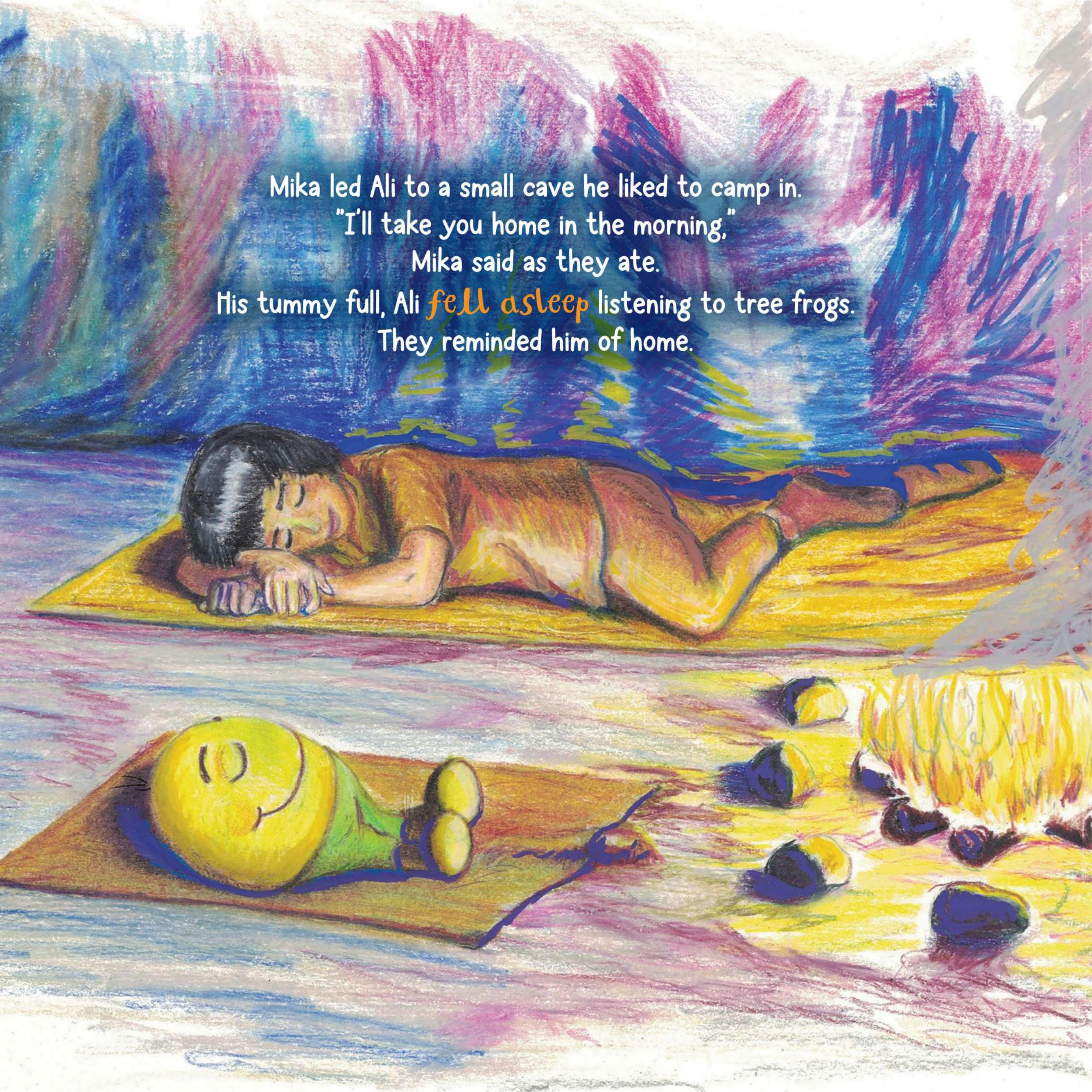
Mika led Ali to a small cave he liked to camp in.

"I'll take you home in the morning,"

Mika said as they ate.

His tummy full, Ali **fell asleep** listening to tree frogs.

They reminded him of home.



The next day, Ali and Mika headed toward the puffball's home.

A short time later they met a **golden pony** eating clover.

Mika introduced himself and Ali.

"Hmmm, I'm Scout!" the pony said.

"I'm taking Ali to his home near the Southern Cliffs.

Would you like to come with us?" Mika asked.

"Hmmm, climb on my back and I'll carry you both there!"

Scout boasted!



A girl with dark hair, wearing a yellow shirt, is riding a brown horse with a white mane and tail. The horse is galloping along a dirt path in a lush green forest. There are tall trees with green leaves, a red bird flying in the sky, and a yellow butterfly on the ground. The girl is holding a yellow object in her hands.

Scout swiftly carried
Ali and Mika out of
the forest.

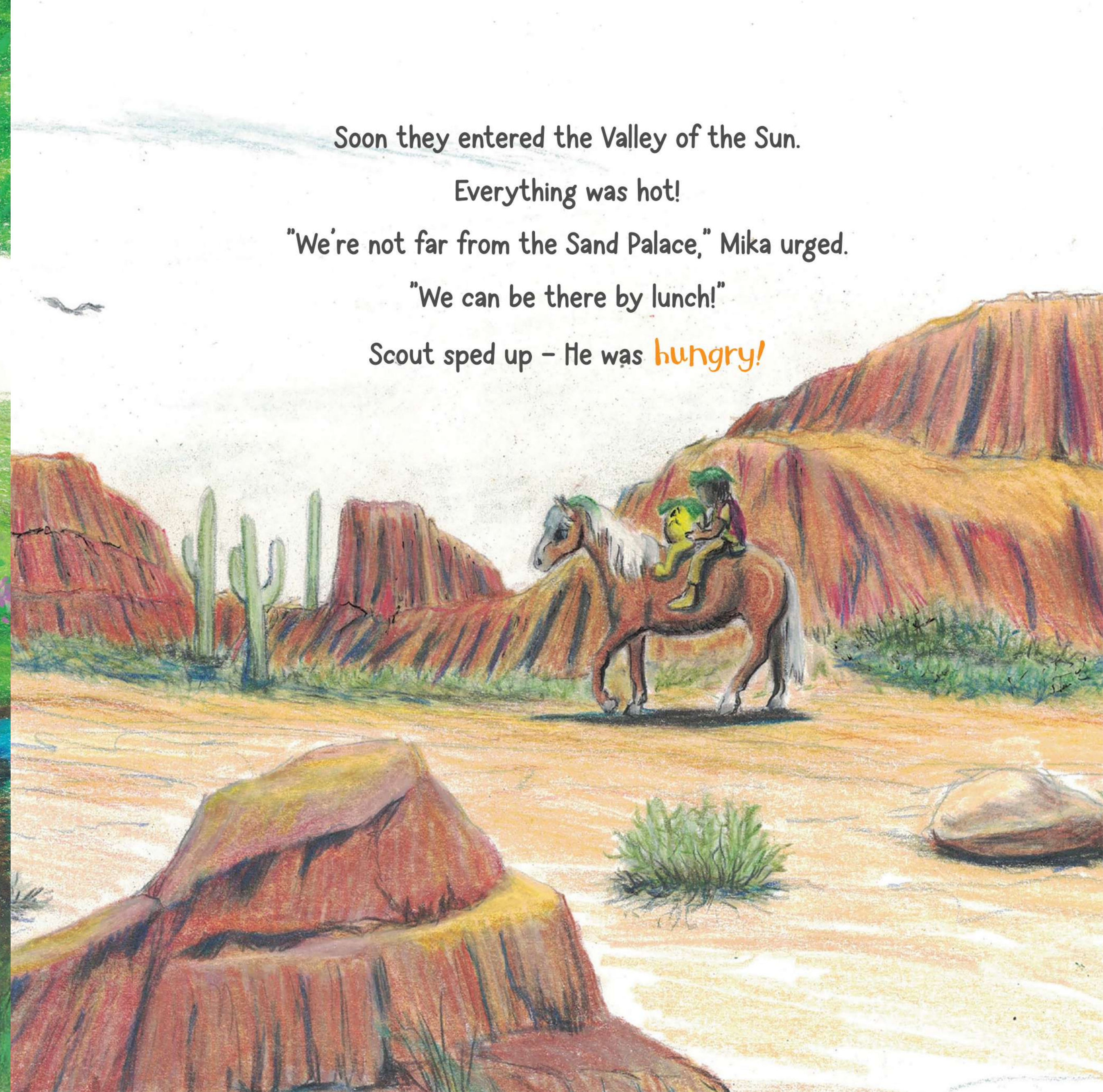
Soon they entered the Valley of the Sun.

Everything was hot!

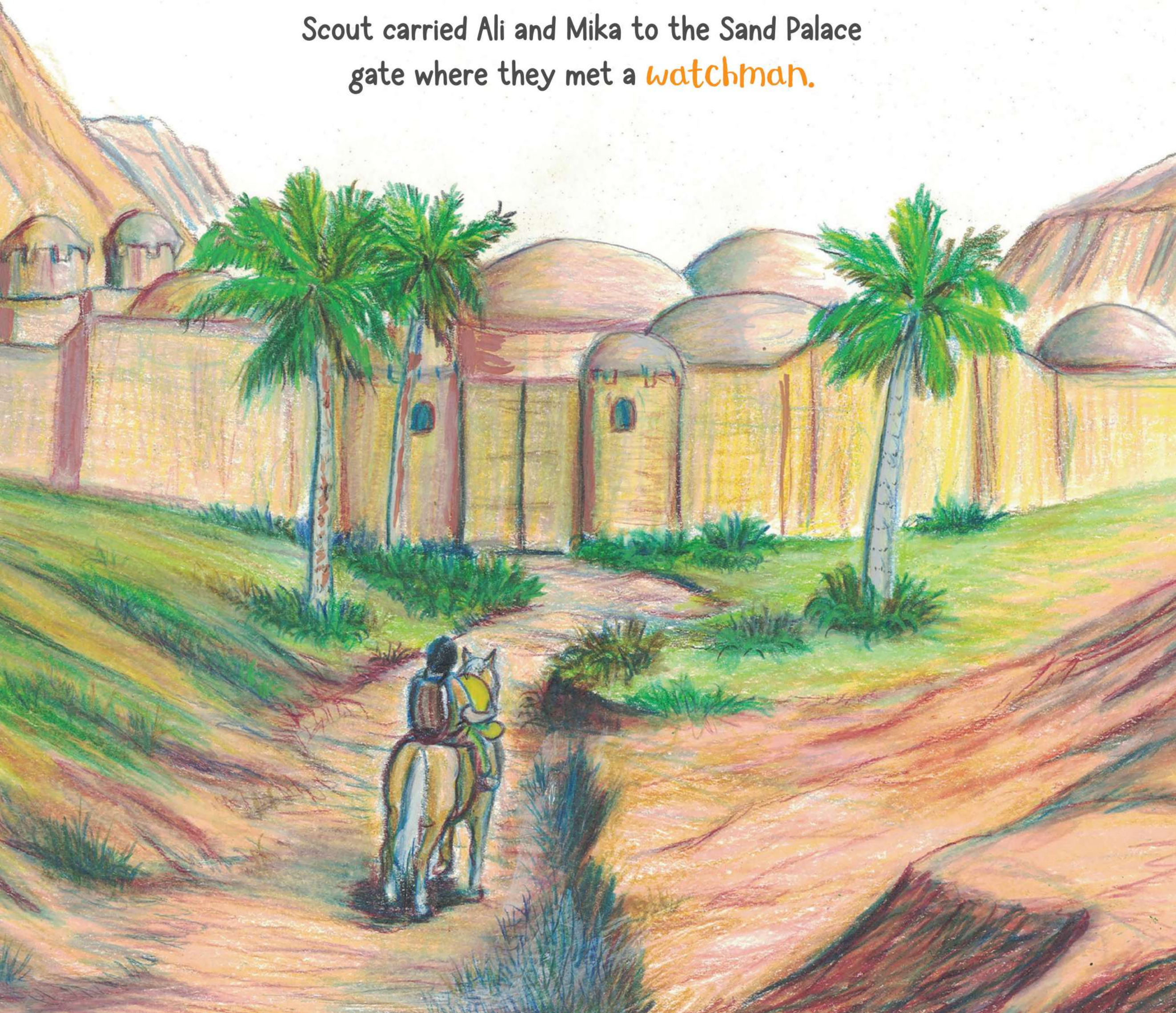
"We're not far from the Sand Palace," Mika urged.

"We can be there by lunch!"

Scout sped up – He was **hungry!**

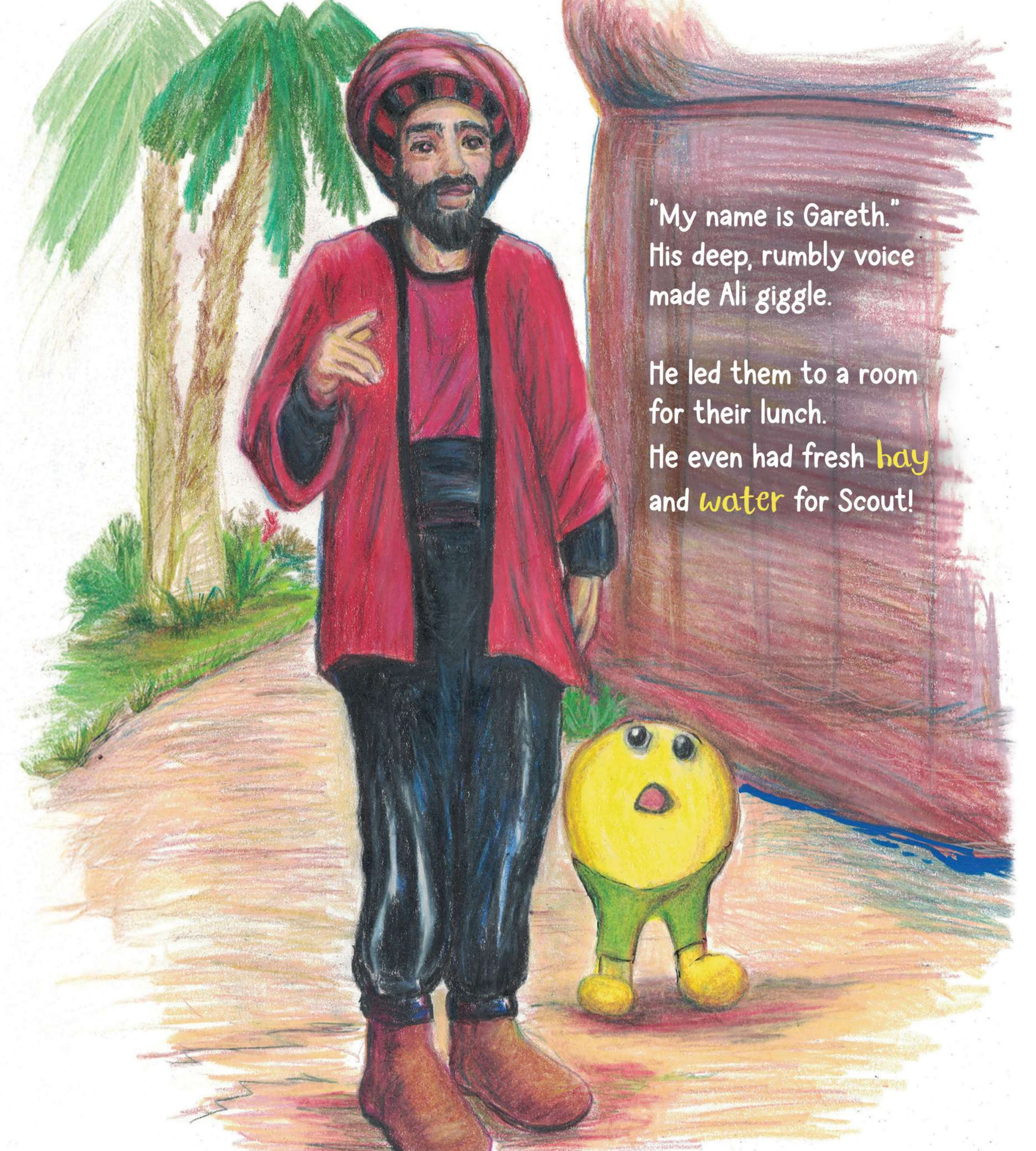


Scout carried Ali and Mika to the Sand Palace gate where they met a **watchman**.



"My name is Gareth."
His deep, rumby voice
made Ali giggle.

He led them to a room
for their lunch.
He even had fresh **hay**
and **water** for Scout!





After Gareth left, Ali noticed a big round couch across the room. Squealing, he jumped on the couch and began to bounce!

"Ali, Stop!! You'll bounce out the window and get lost again!"
Mika cried out.

Ali quickly stopped, sliding off the couch.
He did NOT want to get **lost** again!

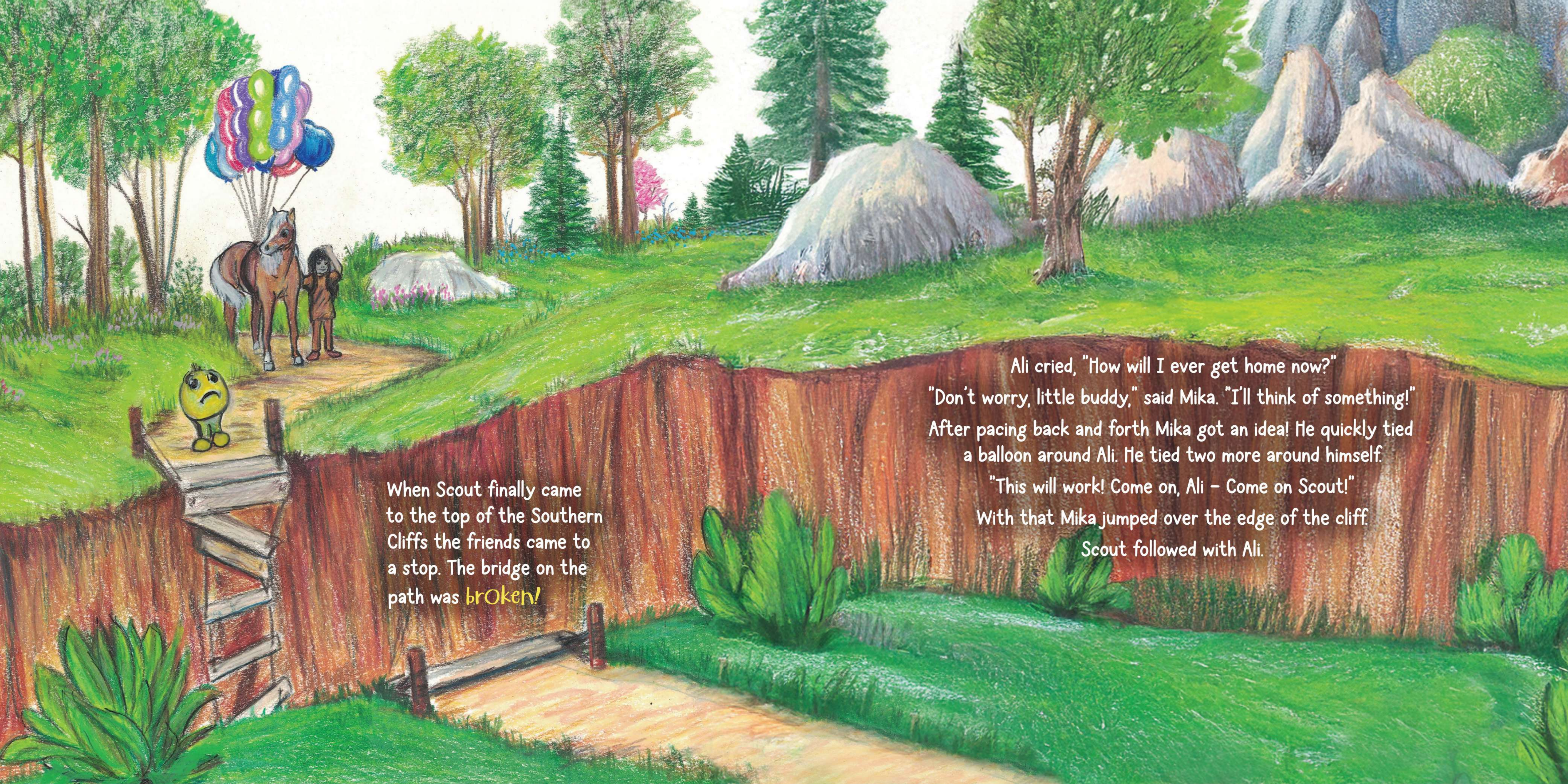
After the friends had eaten, Gareth came with some balloons that floated above his head. He handed them to Mika.

"These will shade all of you from the sun," Gareth smiled.

"Thank you!" Mika took the magical balloons, quickly tying them around Scout's middle.

Saying goodbye to Gareth the friends headed off.

Scout carried Mika and Ali out of the Valley of the Sun and began to climb up the Southern Cliffs.



When Scout finally came to the top of the Southern Cliffs the friends came to a stop. The bridge on the path was **broken!**

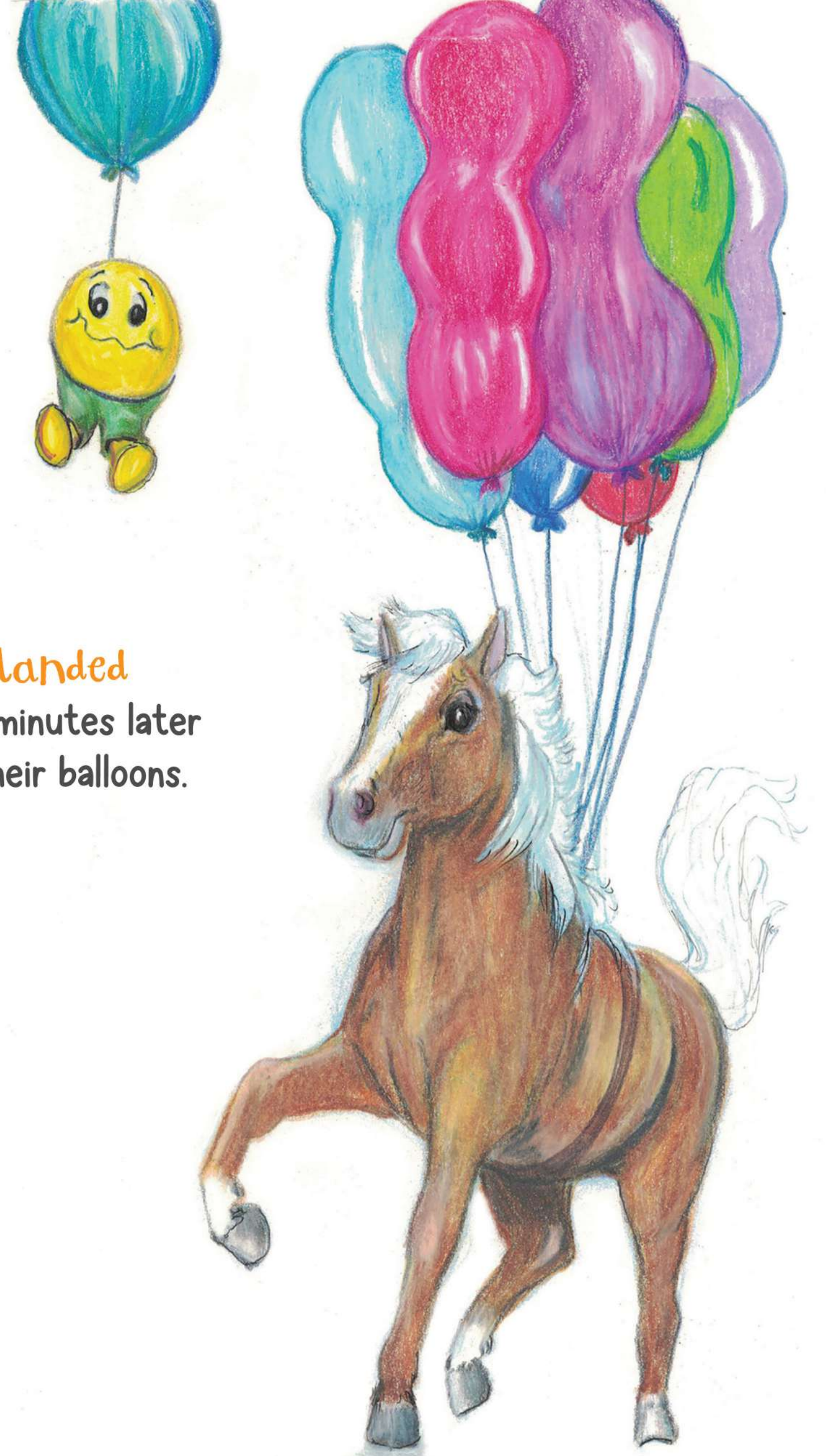
Ali cried, "How will I ever get home now?"
"Don't worry, little buddy," said Mika. "I'll think of something!"
After pacing back and forth Mika got an idea! He quickly tied a balloon around Ali. He tied two more around himself.

"This will work! Come on, Ali – Come on Scout!"
With that Mika jumped over the edge of the cliff.

Scout followed with Ali.



Mika and Scout **landed**
safely a couple minutes later
and pulled off their balloons.





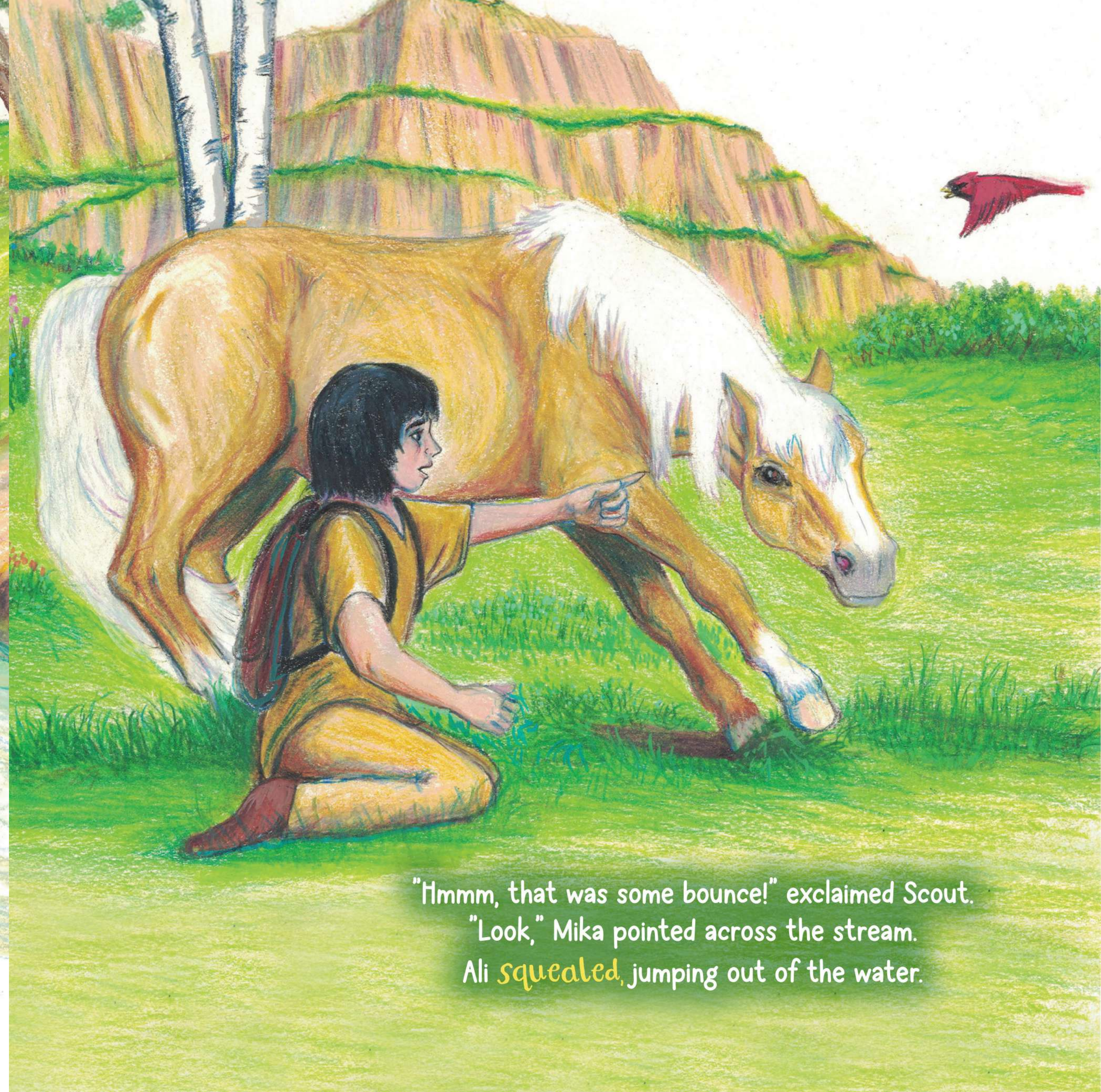
A short time later Ali landed.
Or almost landed!
When Ali dropped to the ground he began to bounce!
"OH, NO!" Mika cried, running after the puffball.
"Come on Scout! We have to catch Ali
before he gets lost again!"
When Mika got his arms around Ali, he **tripped!**

Ali shot out of his arms, bounced, then landed,

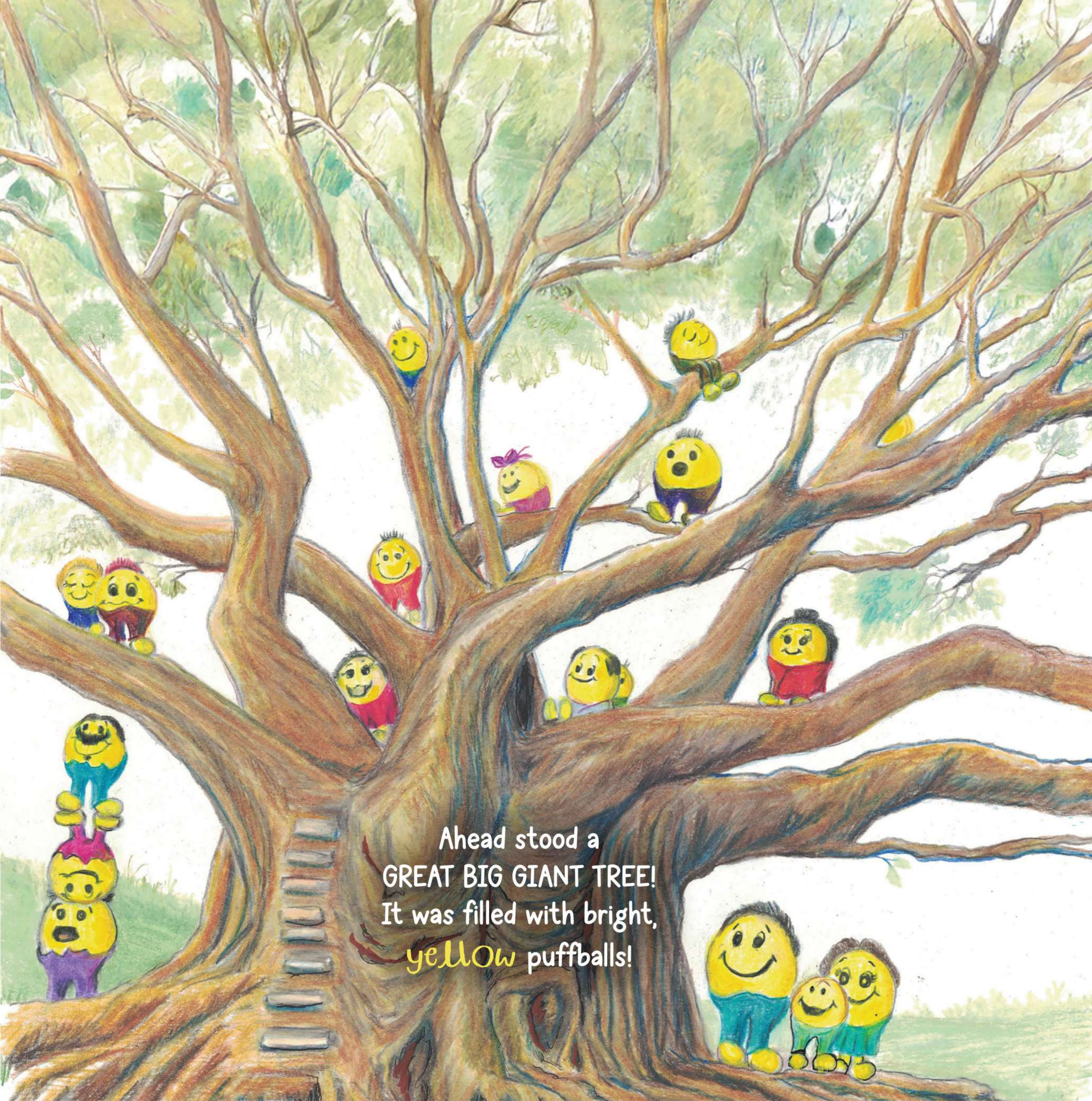
KER-SPLASH!

Right in the middle of a stream!

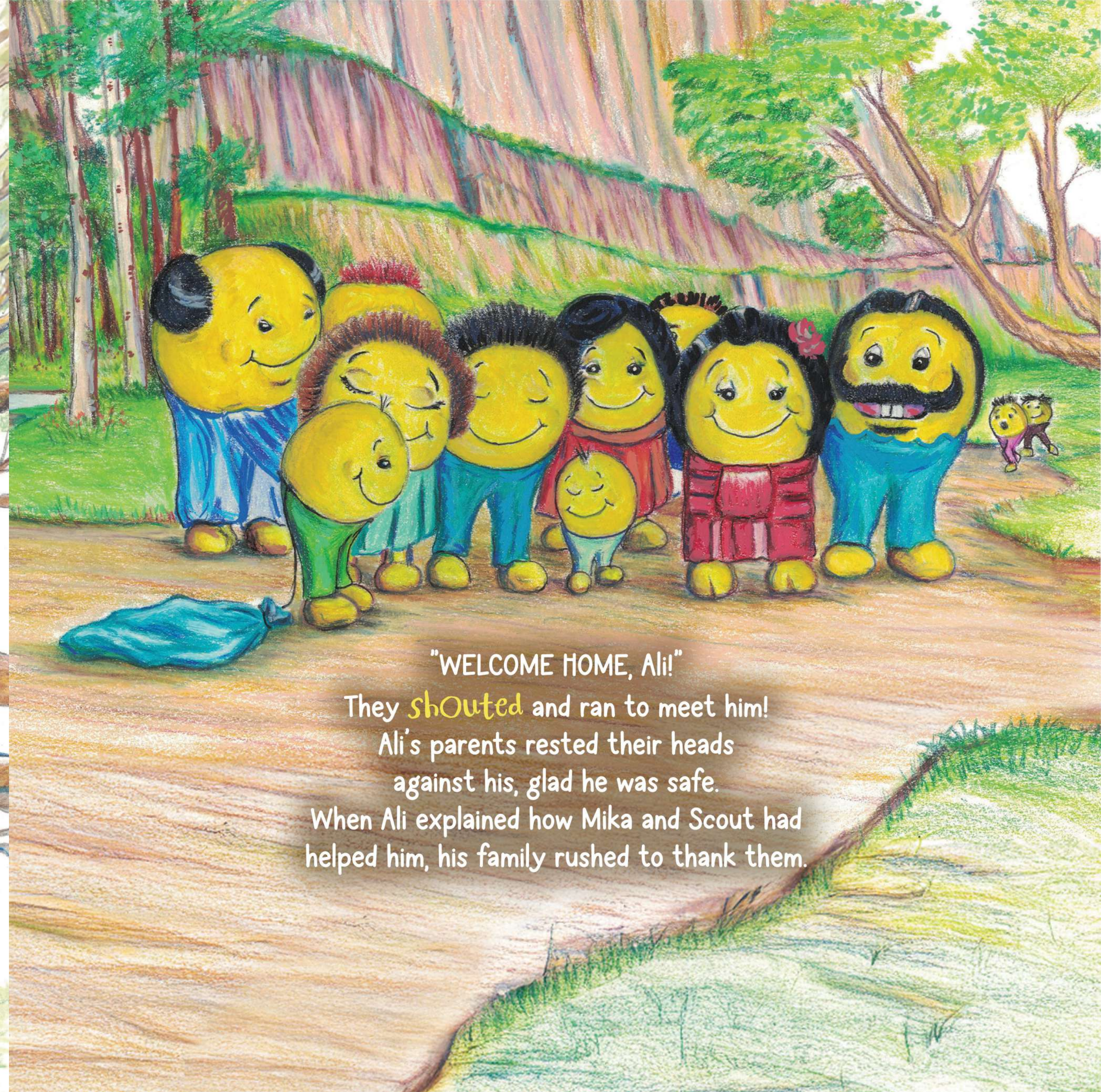




"Hmmm, that was some bounce!" exclaimed Scout.
"Look," Mika pointed across the stream.
Ali **squealed**, jumping out of the water.



Ahead stood a
GREAT BIG GIANT TREE!
It was filled with bright,
yellow puffballs!

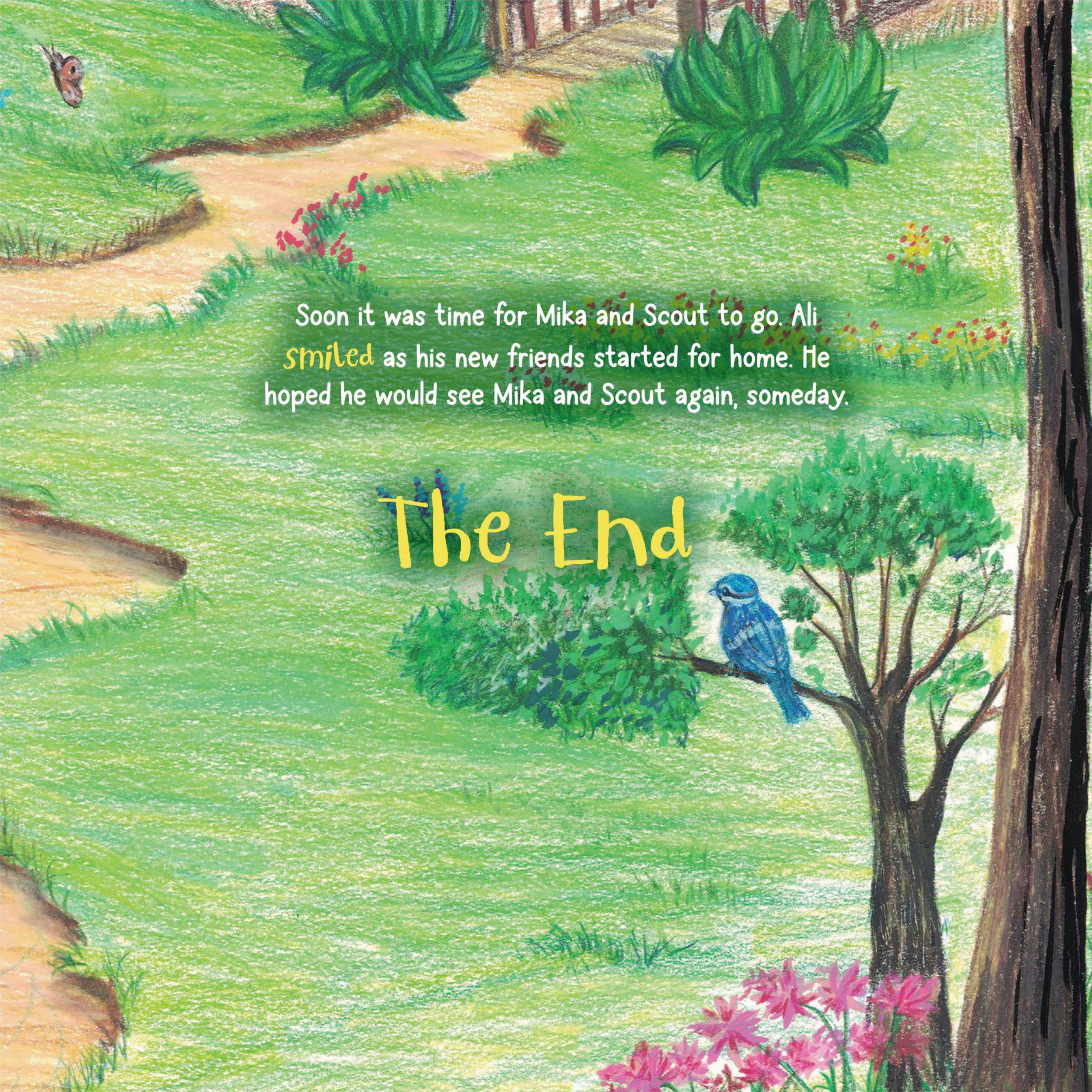


"WELCOME HOME, Ali!"
They **shouted** and ran to meet him!
Ali's parents rested their heads
against his, glad he was safe.
When Ali explained how Mika and Scout had
helped him, his family rushed to thank them.



Soon it was time for Mika and Scout to go. Ali
smiled as his new friends started for home. He
hoped he would see Mika and Scout again, someday.

The End



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