

# A Penguin in the Closet

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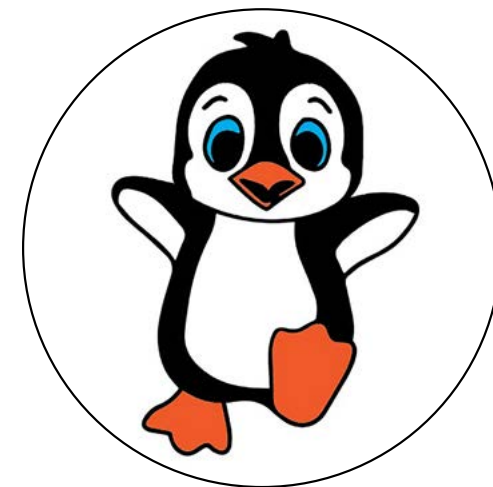
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*To Breck,  
A lot of time has passed since the day you left your penguin in our closet.  
It's been a joy watching you grow into a bright, caring and courageous kid.  
I'm so proud of you!*

*To Shae,  
You truly keep me on my toes with your adventurous, smiley, social spirit  
which no doubt will inspire me to write more books.  
Te amo!*

*To Michael,  
Without you, this book simply would not have become a reality.  
I love you and the life we've built together.*



I got home from school one day  
and much to my surprise,

Everything was a big mess!  
I could not believe my eyes!



There was a penguin  
in the closet...







and a walrus on the stairs.

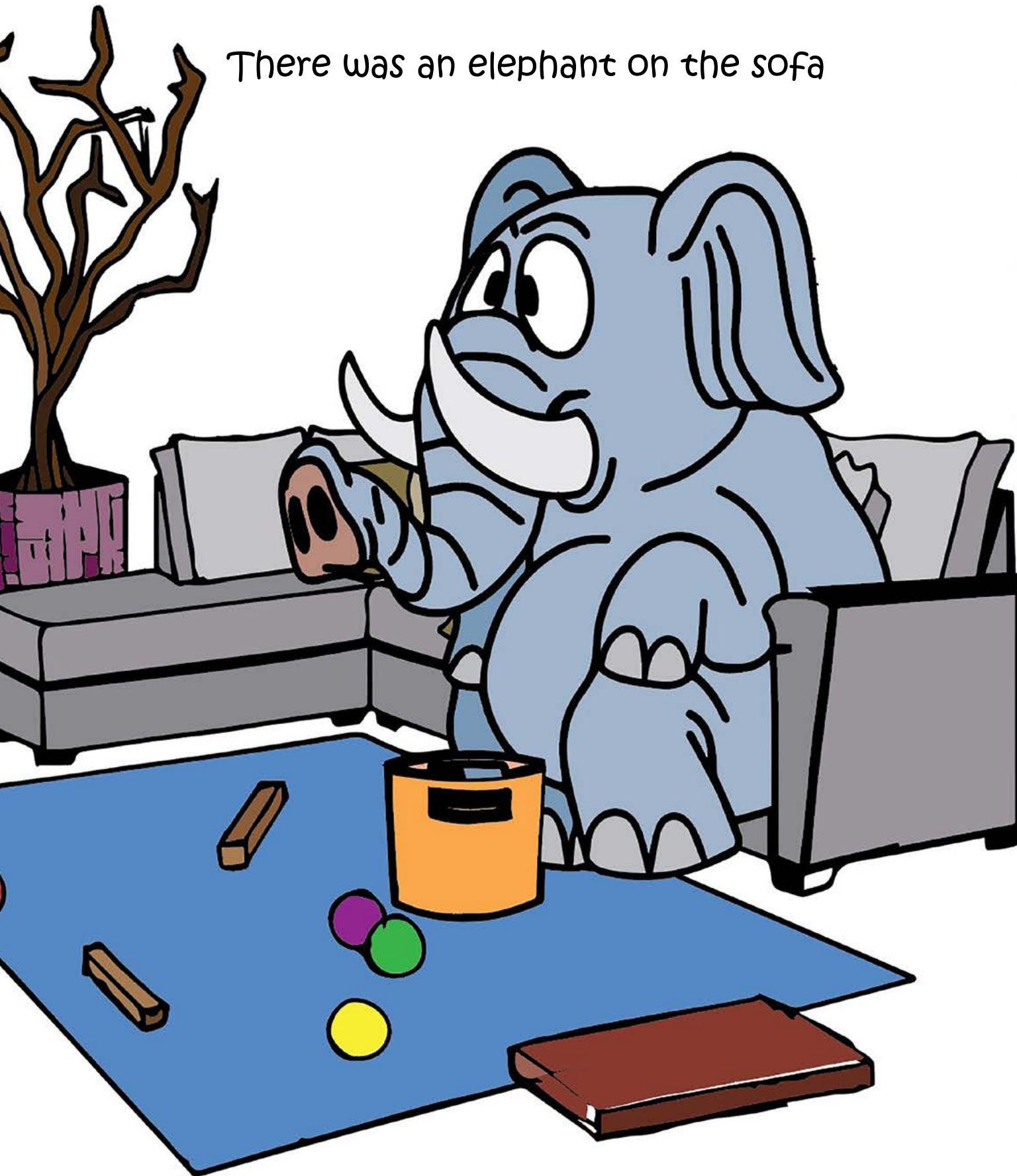
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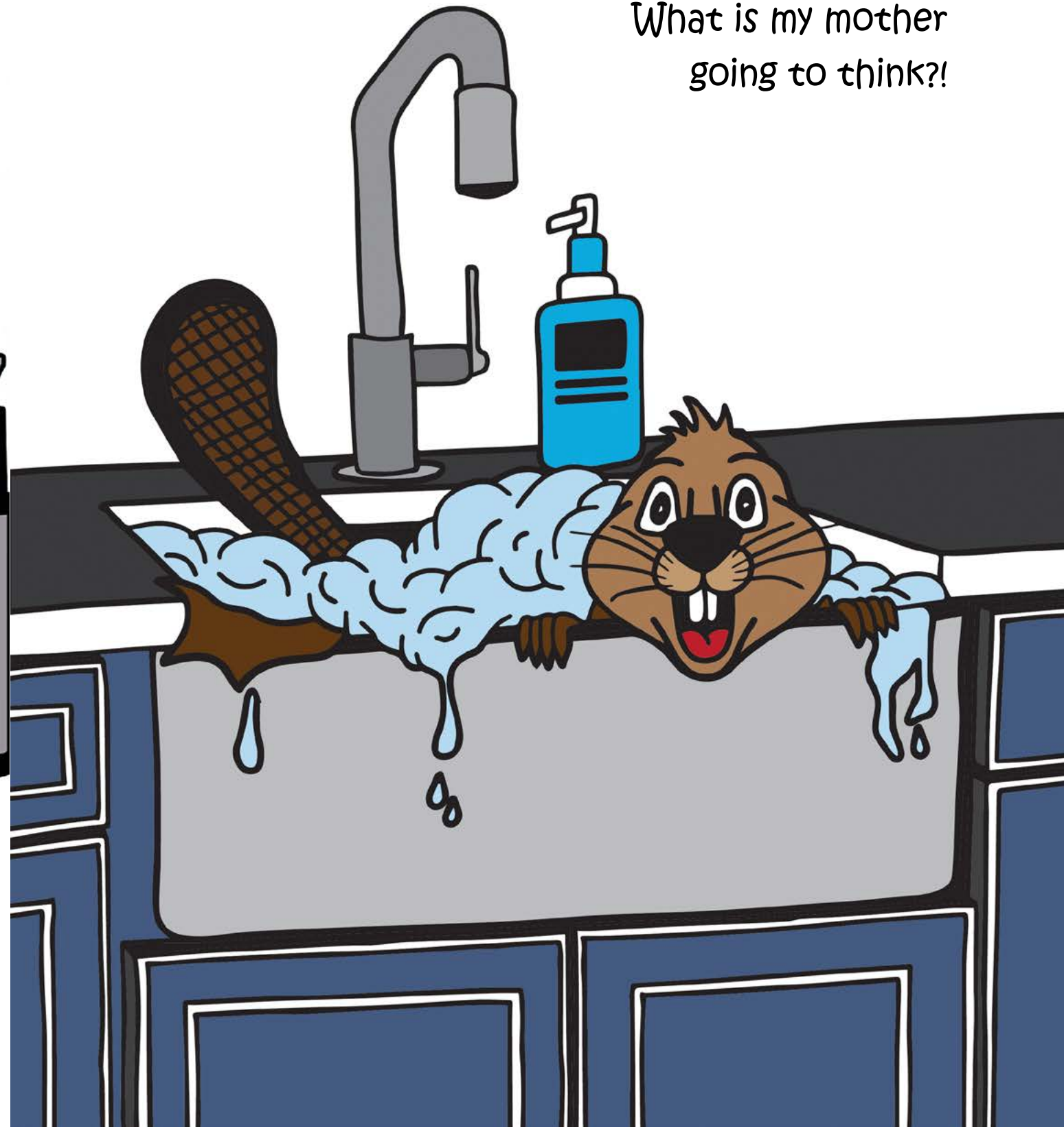
a duck was standing there!



There was an elephant on the sofa



... and a beaver in the sink. Oh no! I thought.  
What is my mother  
going to think?!





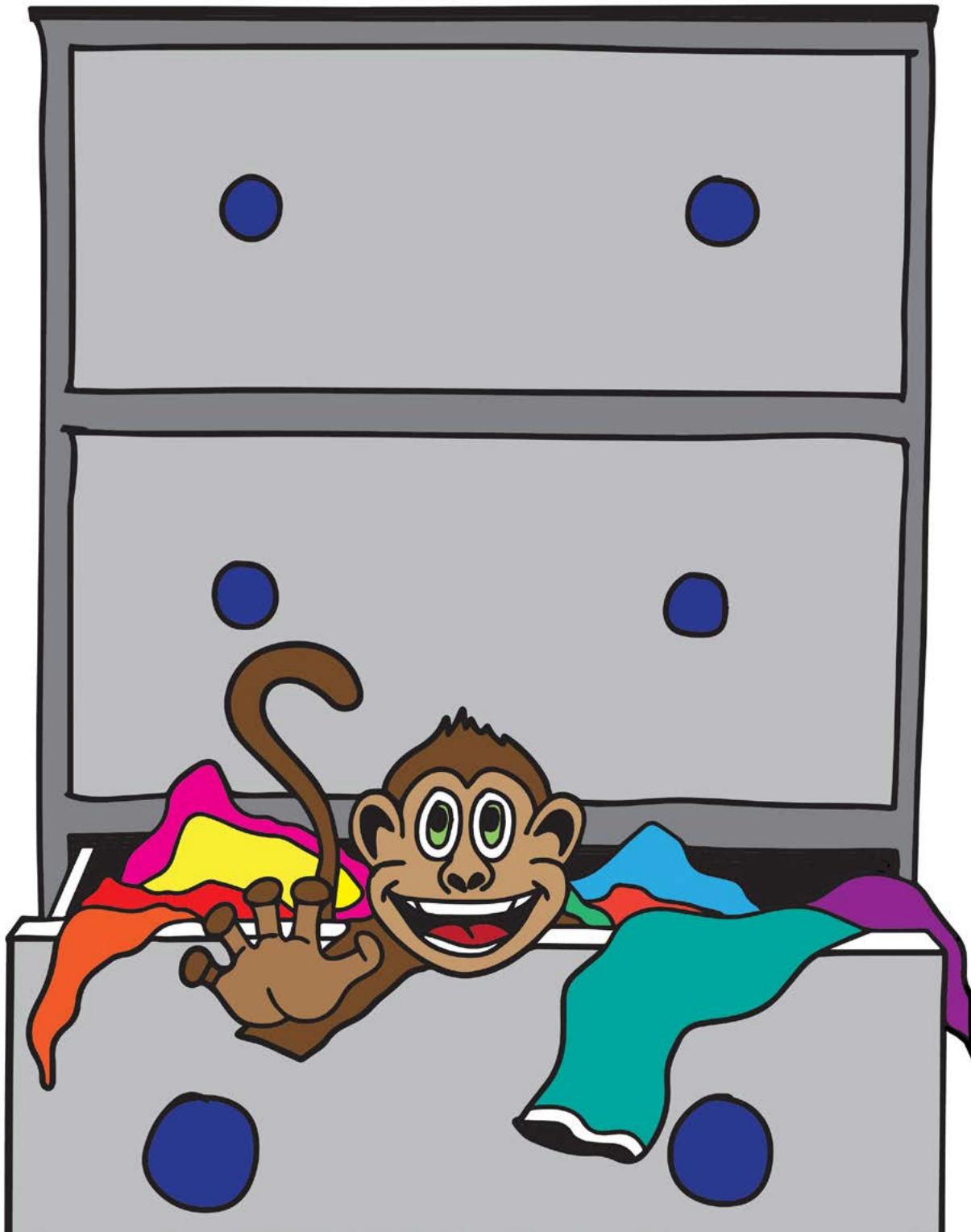
Peeking in my room I spotted  
something funny



Sitting on my bed  
was a black bear  
eating honey.



There was a monkey in my dresser ...



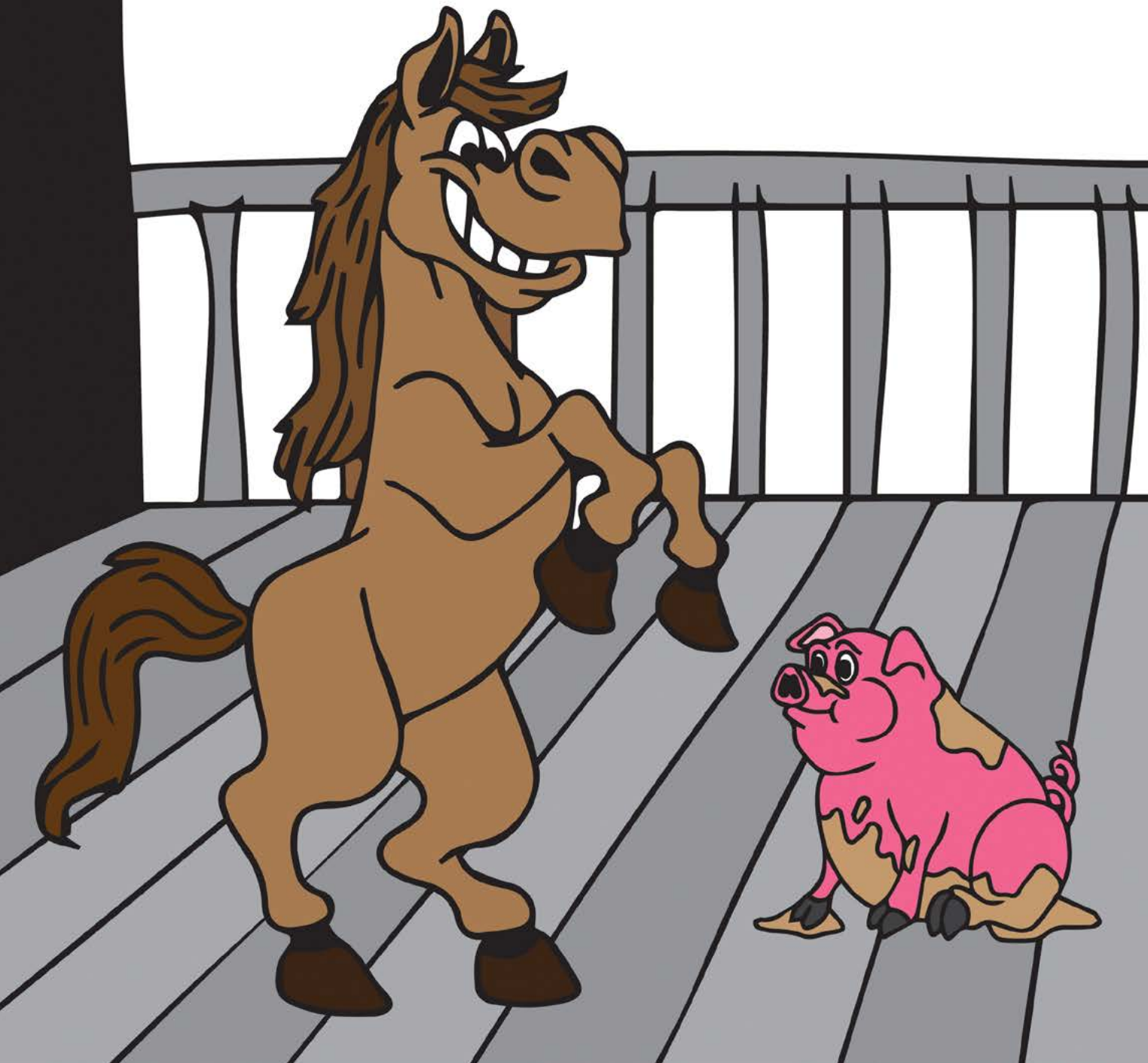
and frogs were in my shoes.



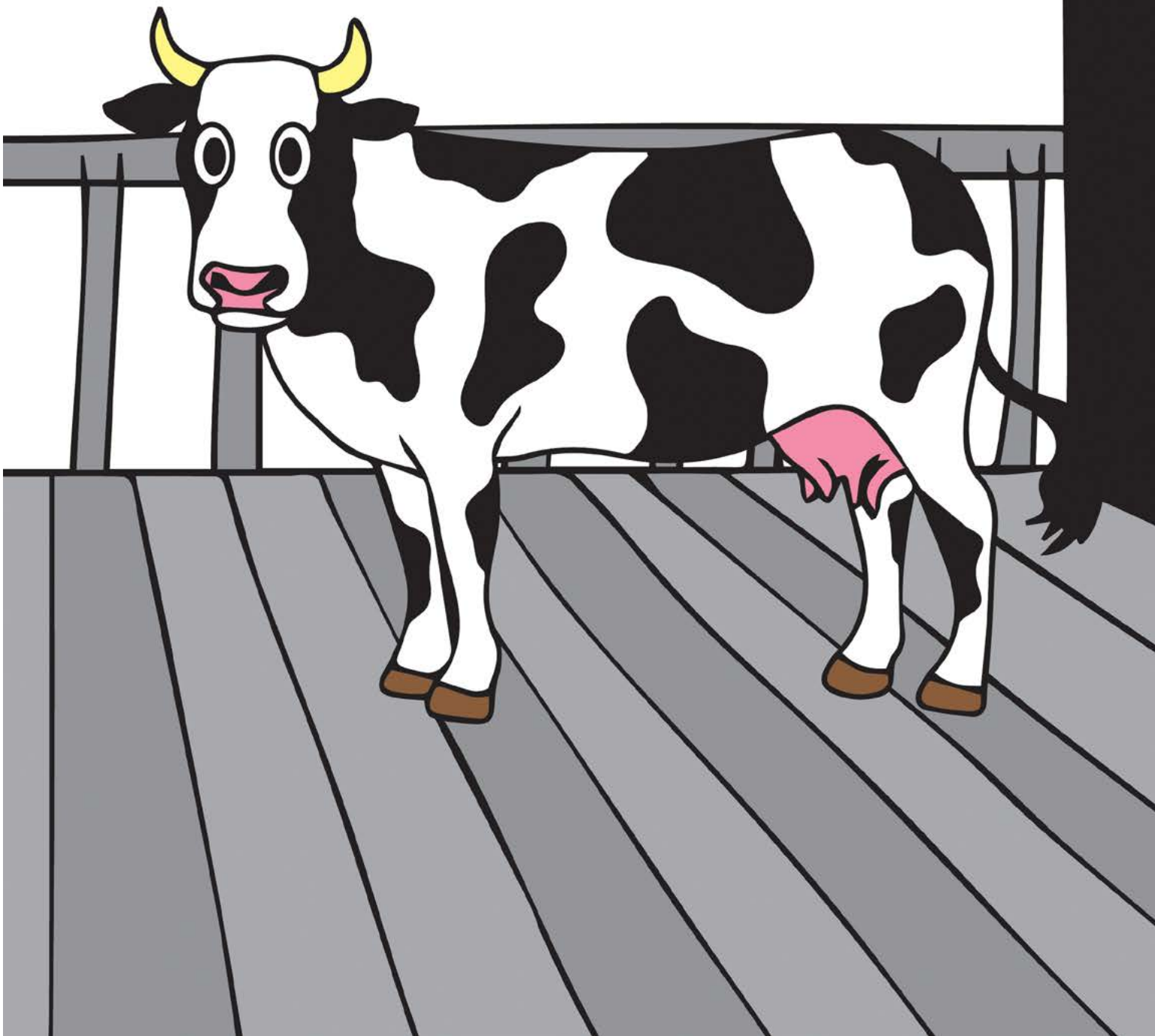
This is a disaster! What am I going to do?



I stepped outside to clear my head  
and there upon the porch,

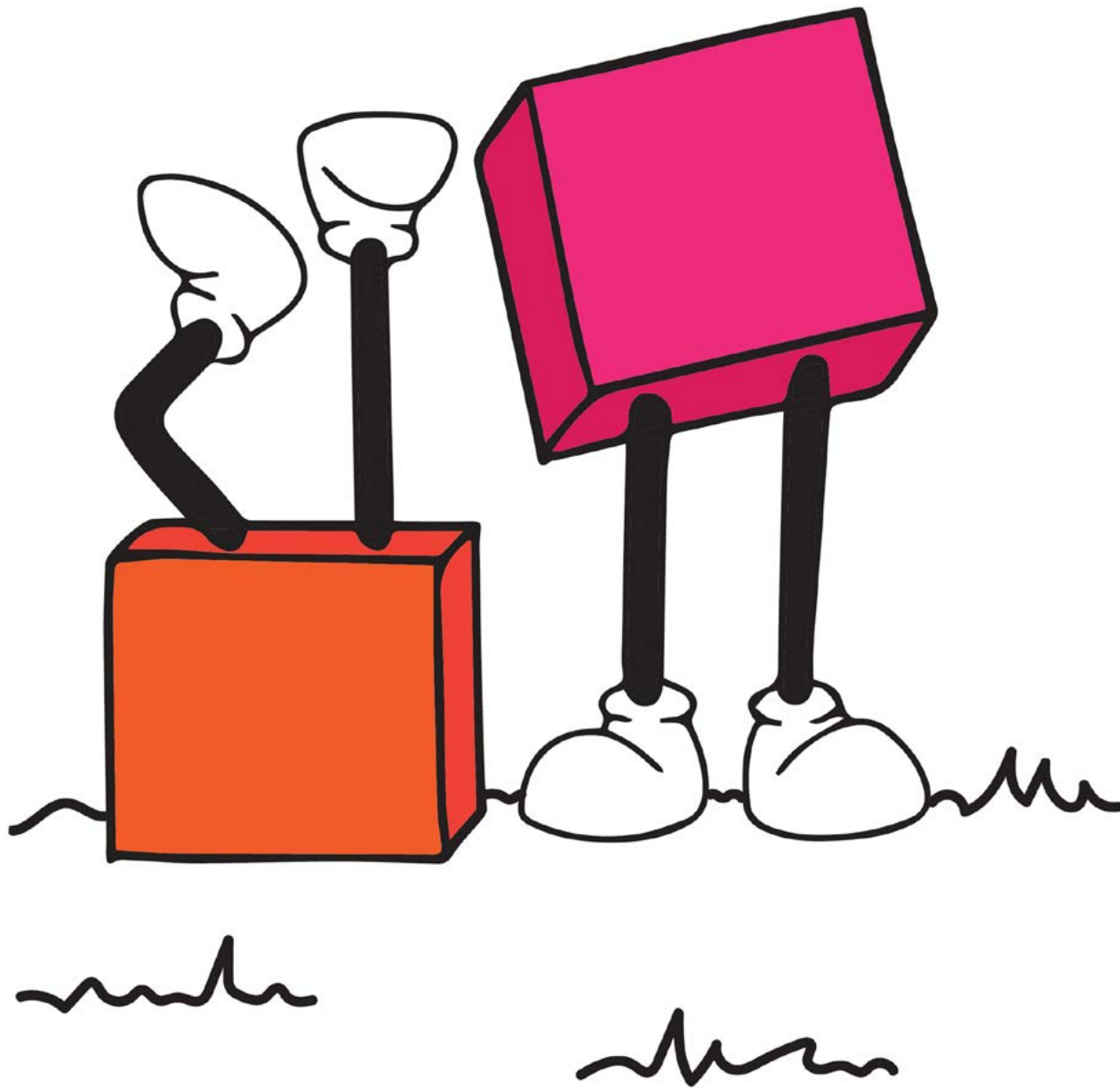


I found a muddy pig, a spotted cow,  
and a prancing horse.

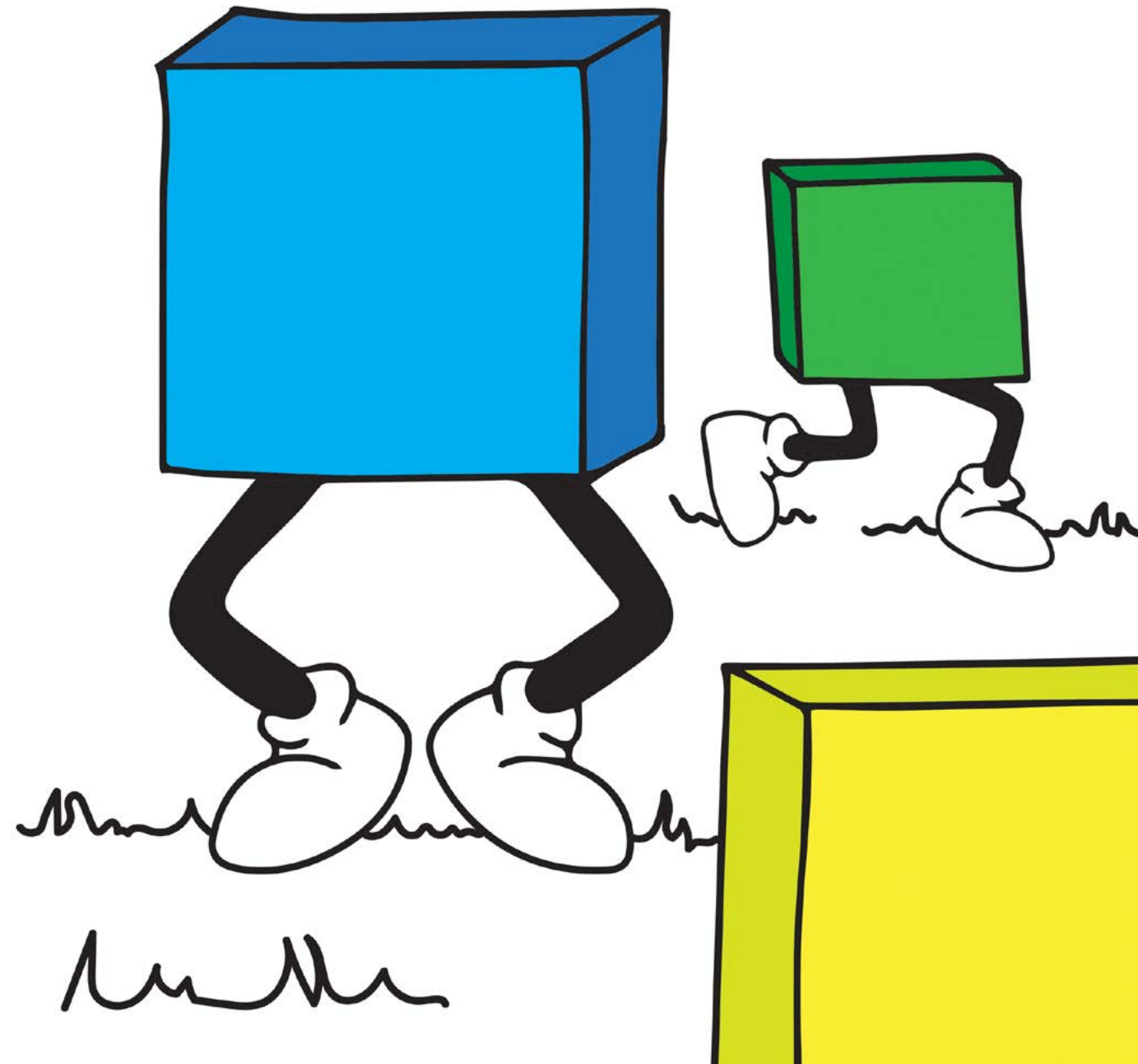




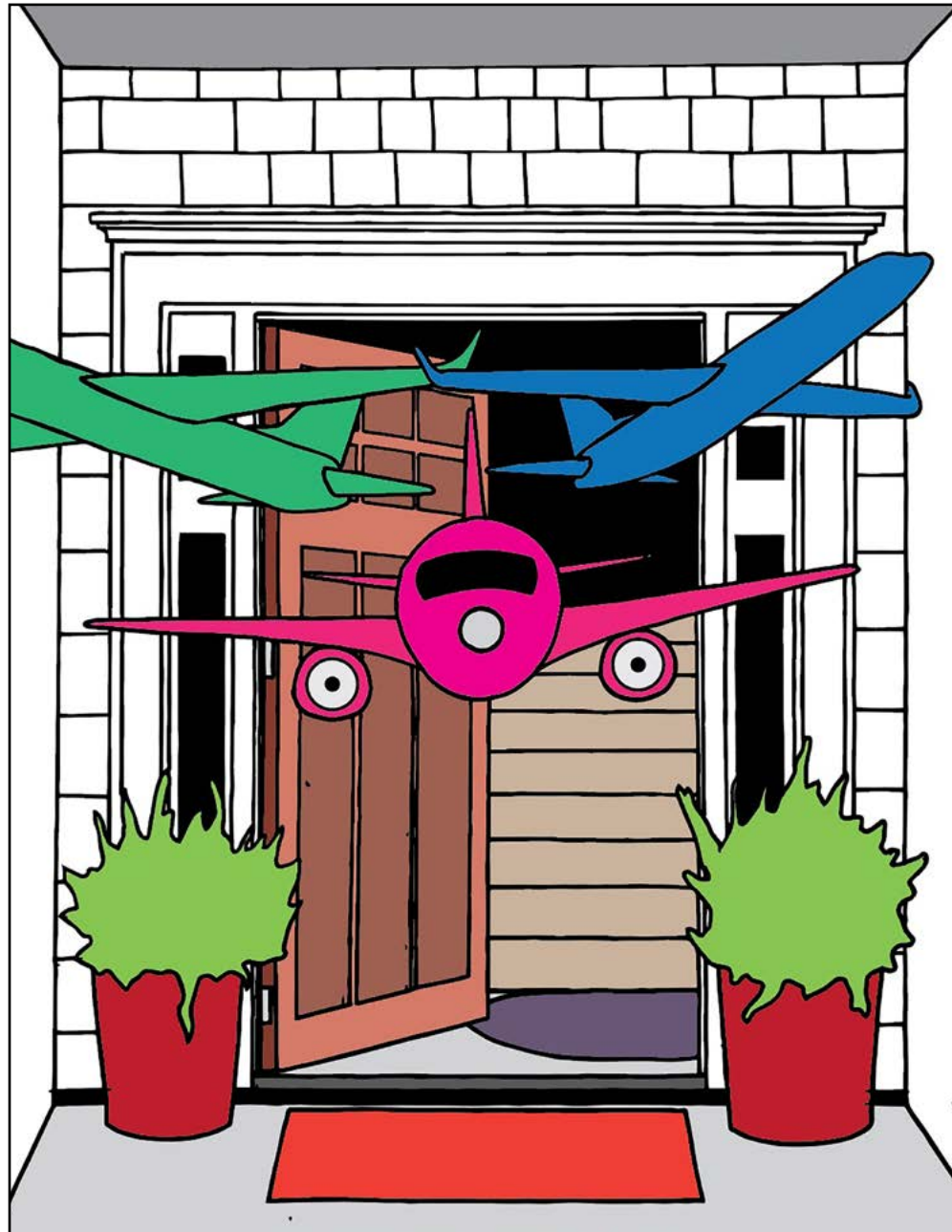
My mother warned me this could happen  
if I did not pick up my toys.  
She had seen this happen  
to other girls and boys.



Our neighbors once left blocks in the yard  
when they went out to play.  
Later on, the blocks grew legs  
and simply walked away!



My friend would leave toy airplanes  
scattered on his floor



Then one day, when he came home,  
they flew right out the door!

Trying to think more clearly,  
I took a lap around  
the block



Remembering what my mother said,  
I passed a deer wearing socks!



“I have an idea!” I shouted  
and started running home.

There I found a hedgehog  
playing hide-n-seek  
with a gnome.



Racing to pick up  
all the things I had left out,  
I thought, "This just has to work!  
Of that, I have no doubt."

Putting my favorite clothes  
back where they belonged,  
I noticed the frogs  
in my shoes were gone.



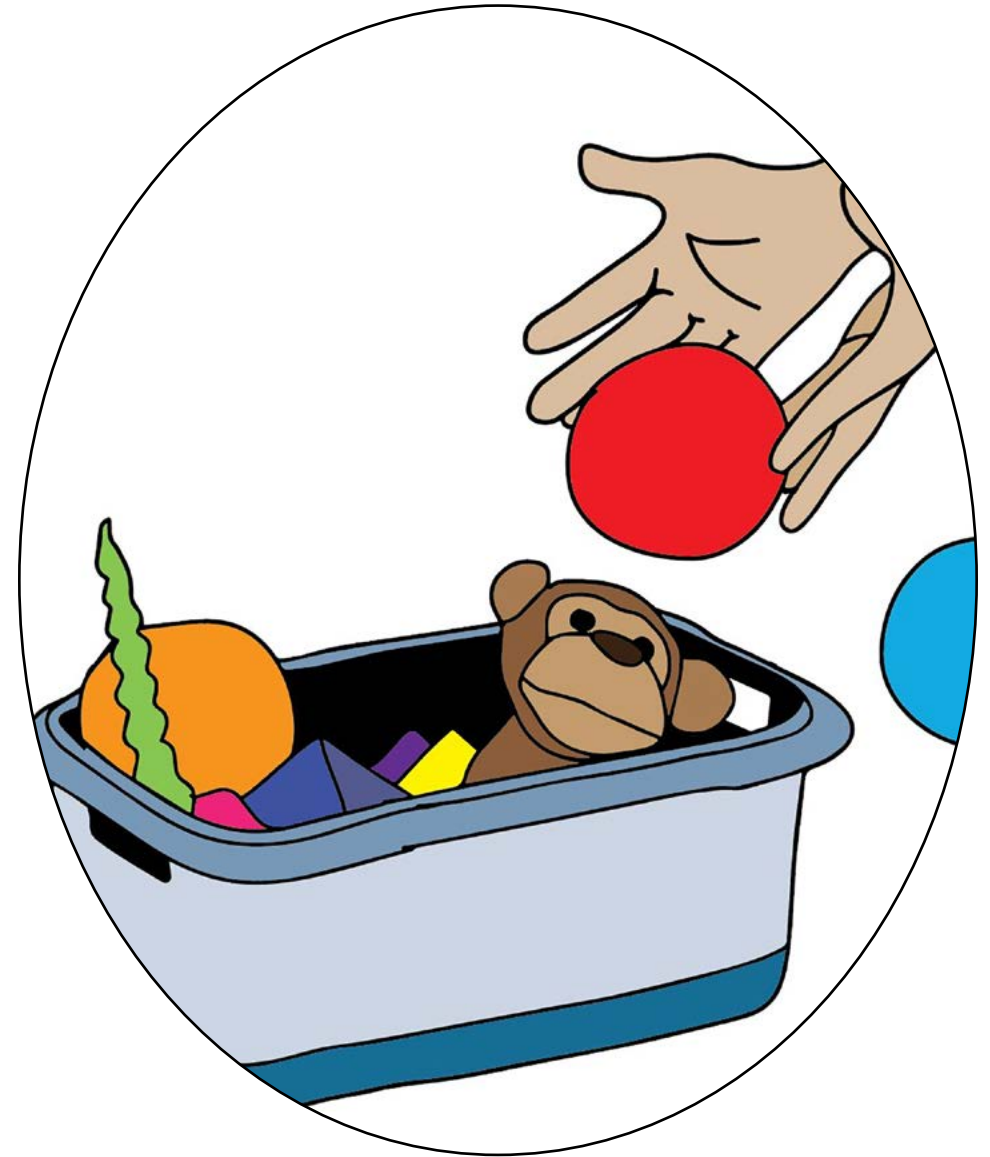


Moving my books and puzzles  
back into their place,



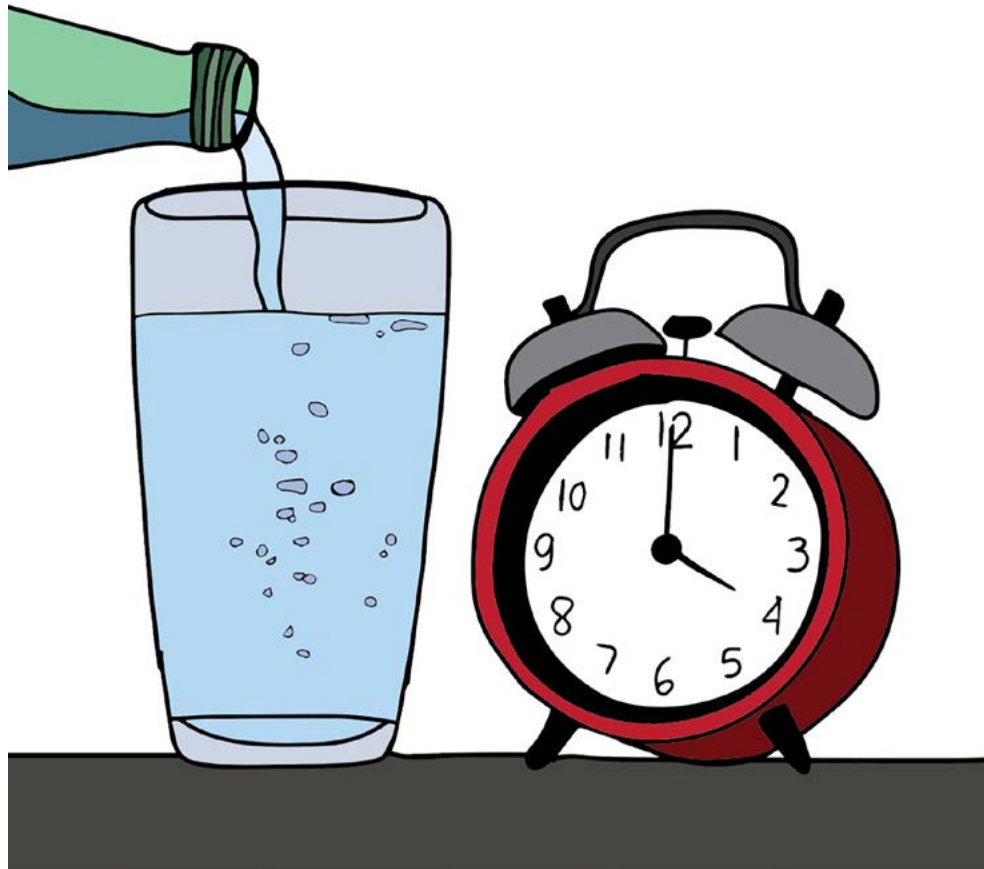
I saw that the elephant  
was no longer taking up space.

Picking up my toys that had been  
scattered on the floor,



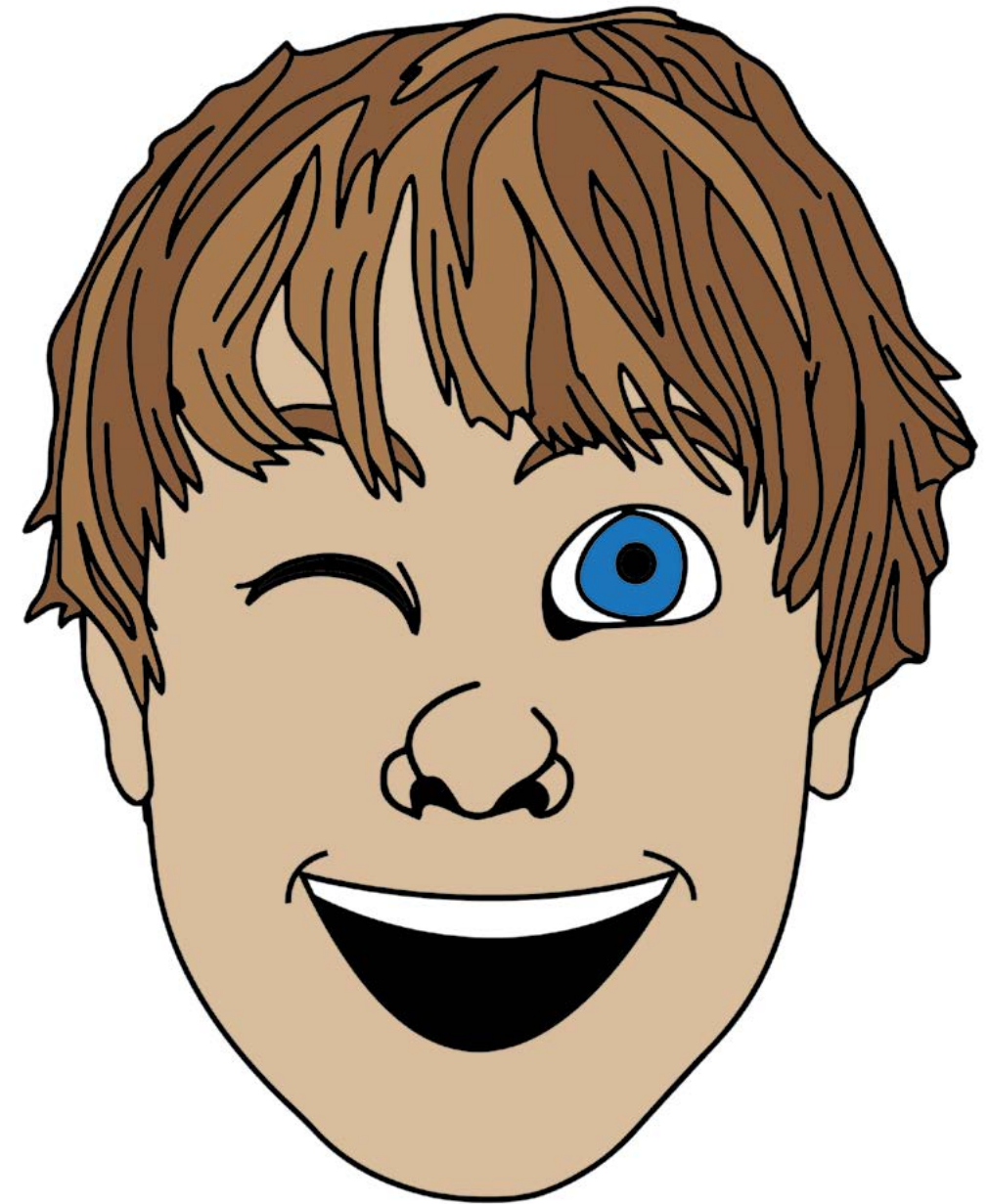
Poof! I did not hear  
the horse prancing anymore.

I quickly made sure things were in the right spot,  
before my mother got home, at 4 o'clock  
on the dot.



“How was your day?” she asked  
as she grabbed something to drink.

“Oh, just a typical day,” I said with a wink.







## About the Author



**Jeanna Dwyer** works with children of all ages as a pediatric physical therapist. She is married and the mother of two active, young kids. Her son, who has a talent for leaving toys where they do not belong, inspired Jeanna to write *A Penguin in the Closet* when she stumbled upon a purple toy penguin on her bedroom floor.

Jeanna grew up in Minnesota. Every summer she looks forward to running a 12 mile race around the lake where her family has had a cabin for 40 years. Since childhood, Jeanna has loved books that entertain, empower, and educate readers. She shares this passion with her own children and looks forward to sparking the curiosity of other young readers through her writing.

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