The Boy Who Wouldn't Stop Shooting His Granny

and Other Stories

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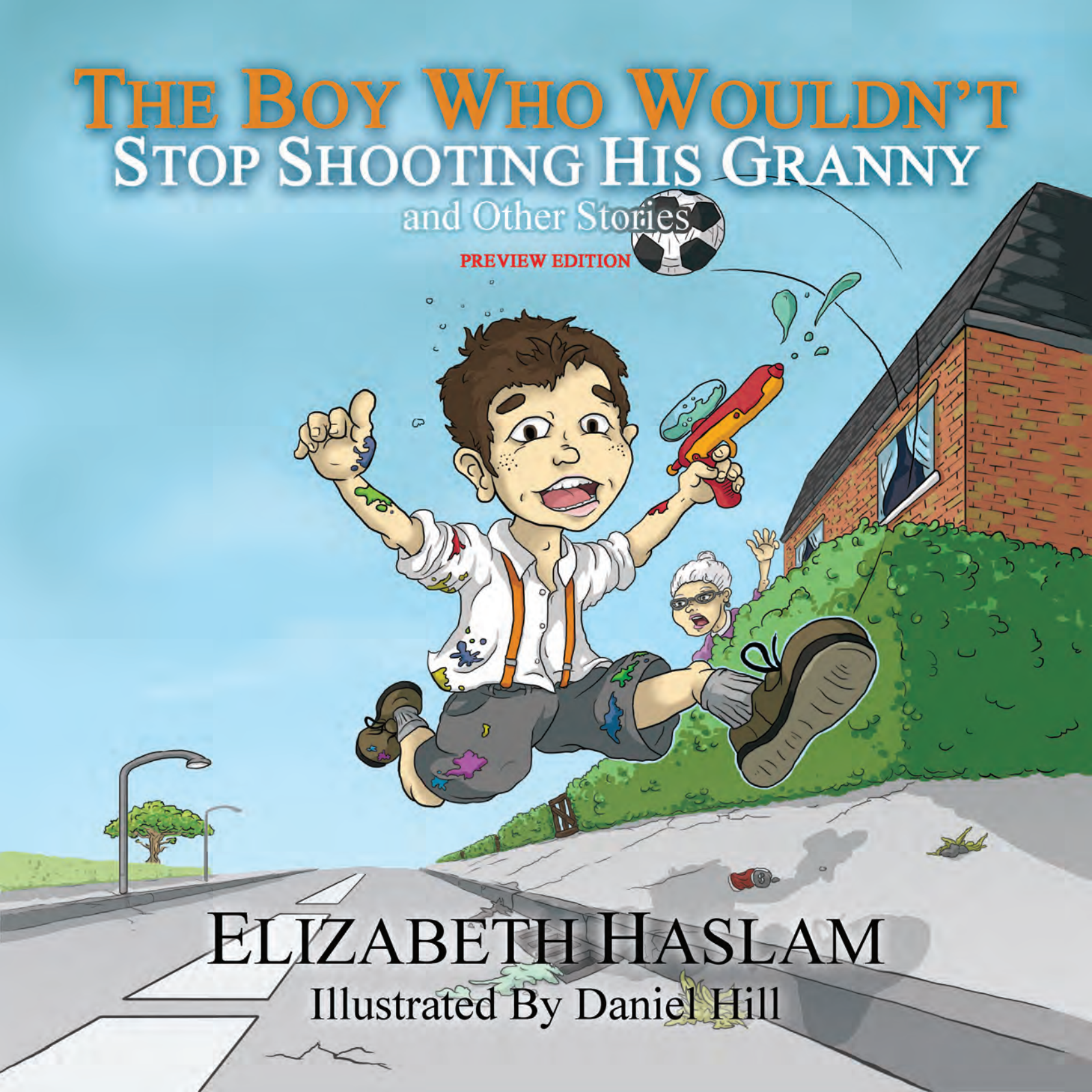

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Dedication

For my grandsons Felix and Hector,
with sincere thanks for their ideas and
inspiration; without them, this book
would not have become a reality.

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All the stories are based on true episodes, some are exaggerated more than others. The characters and events are inspired by real life. If you think you spot someone you know, it's simply a coincidence!

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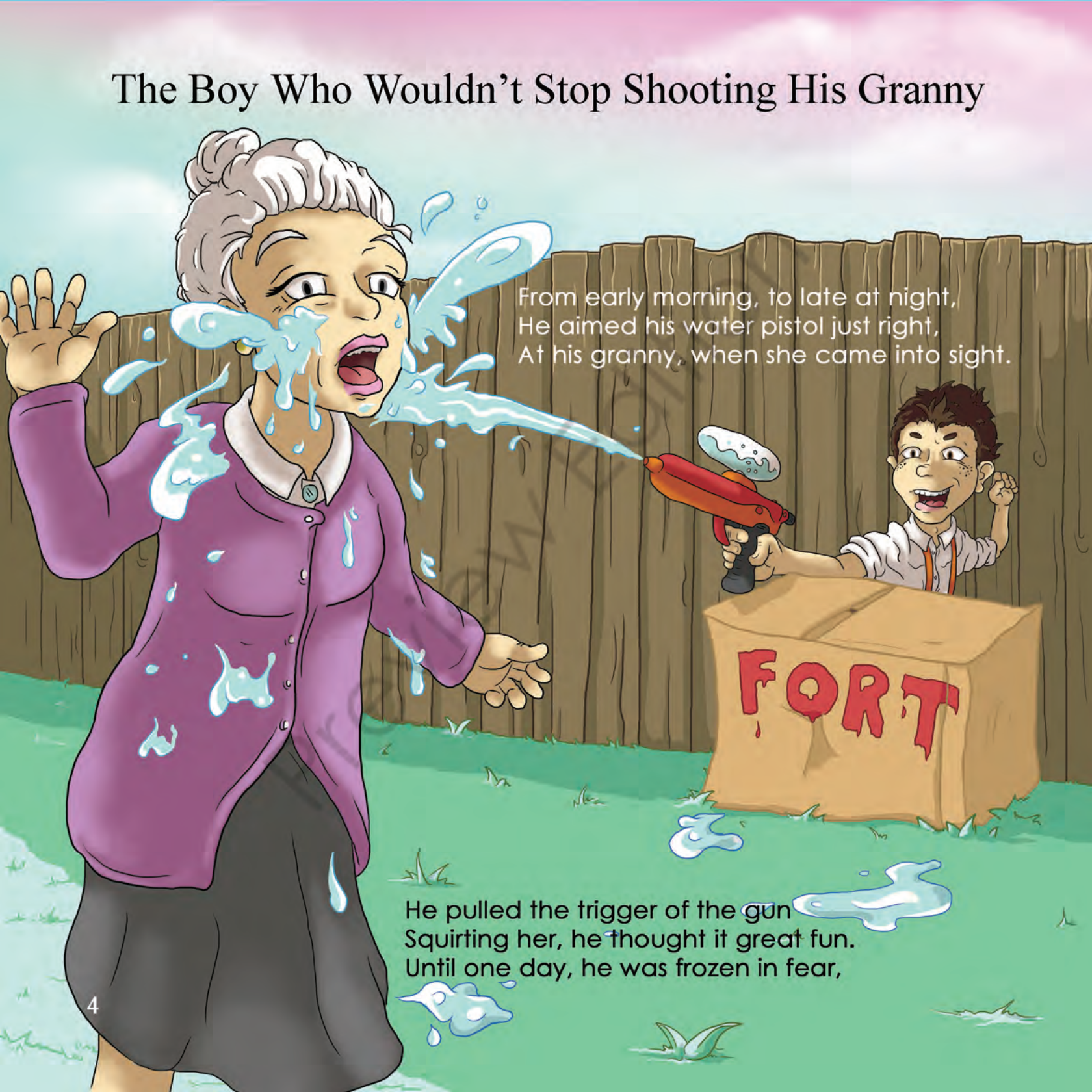

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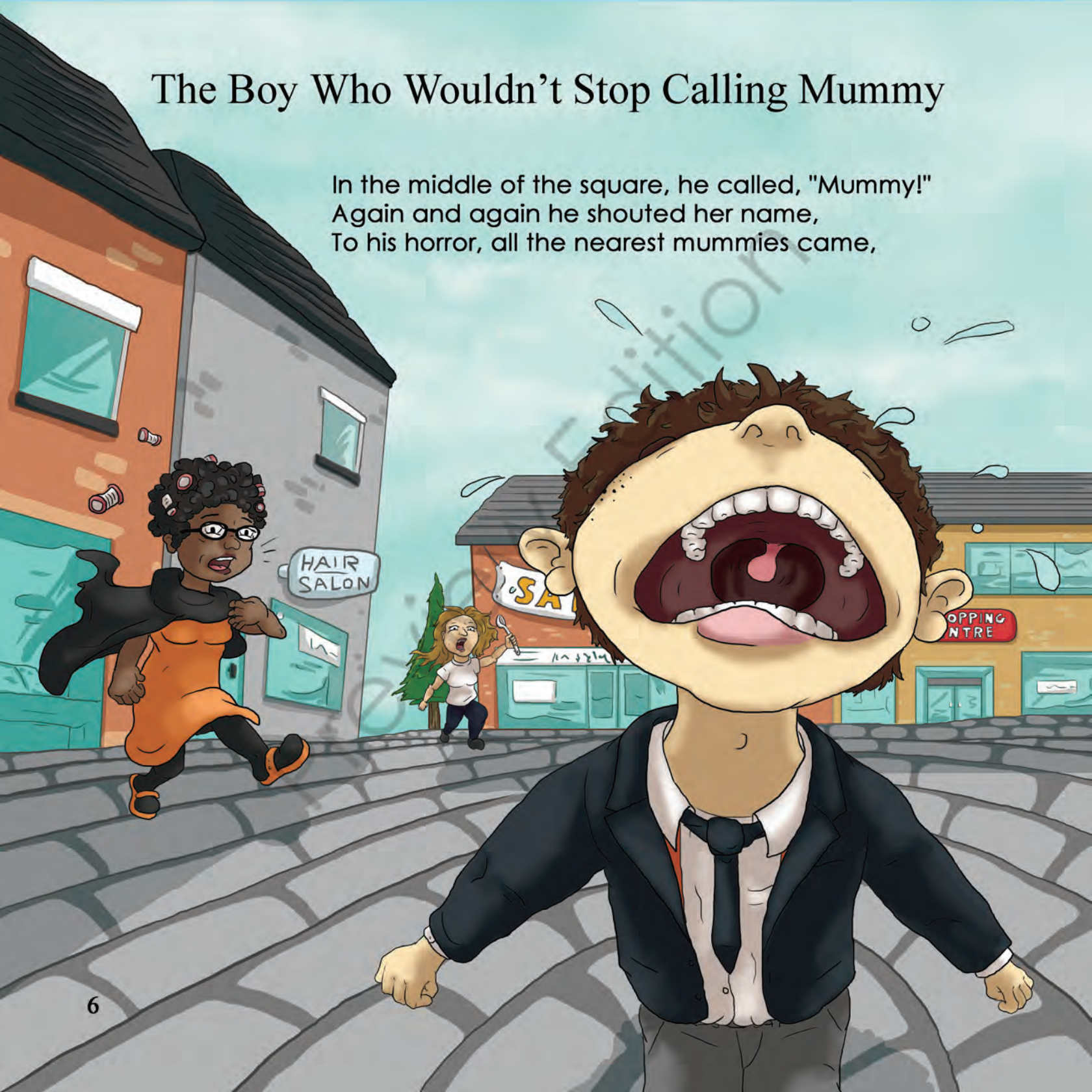
The Boy Who Wouldn't Stop Calling Mummy

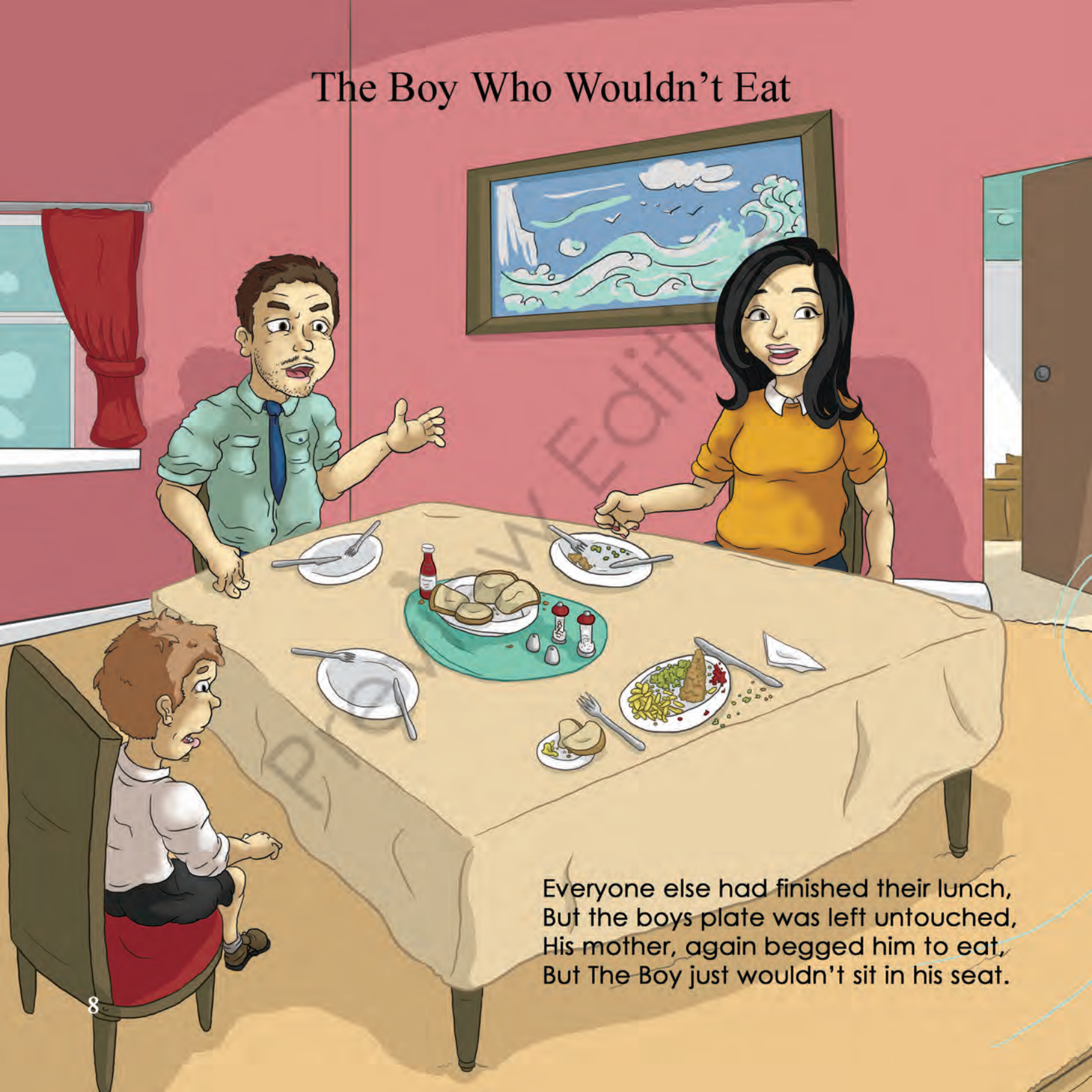
In the middle of the square, he called, "Mummy!"
Again and again he shouted her name,
To his horror, all the nearest mummies came,



One in curlers in her hair, from the hairdresser seen racing.
Another with an iron in her hand, leaving her washing waiting.
A woman from the dentist's chair, came out stumbling,
A lady carrying triplets, came after him grumbling.
One lady with ladle in her hand, her pot,
she left burning;

The Boy, terrified of all these running mummies,
hid in the arms of his Granny.

The Boy Who Wouldn't Eat



Everyone else had finished their lunch,
But the boys plate was left untouched,
His mother, again begged him to eat,
But The Boy just wouldn't sit in his seat.

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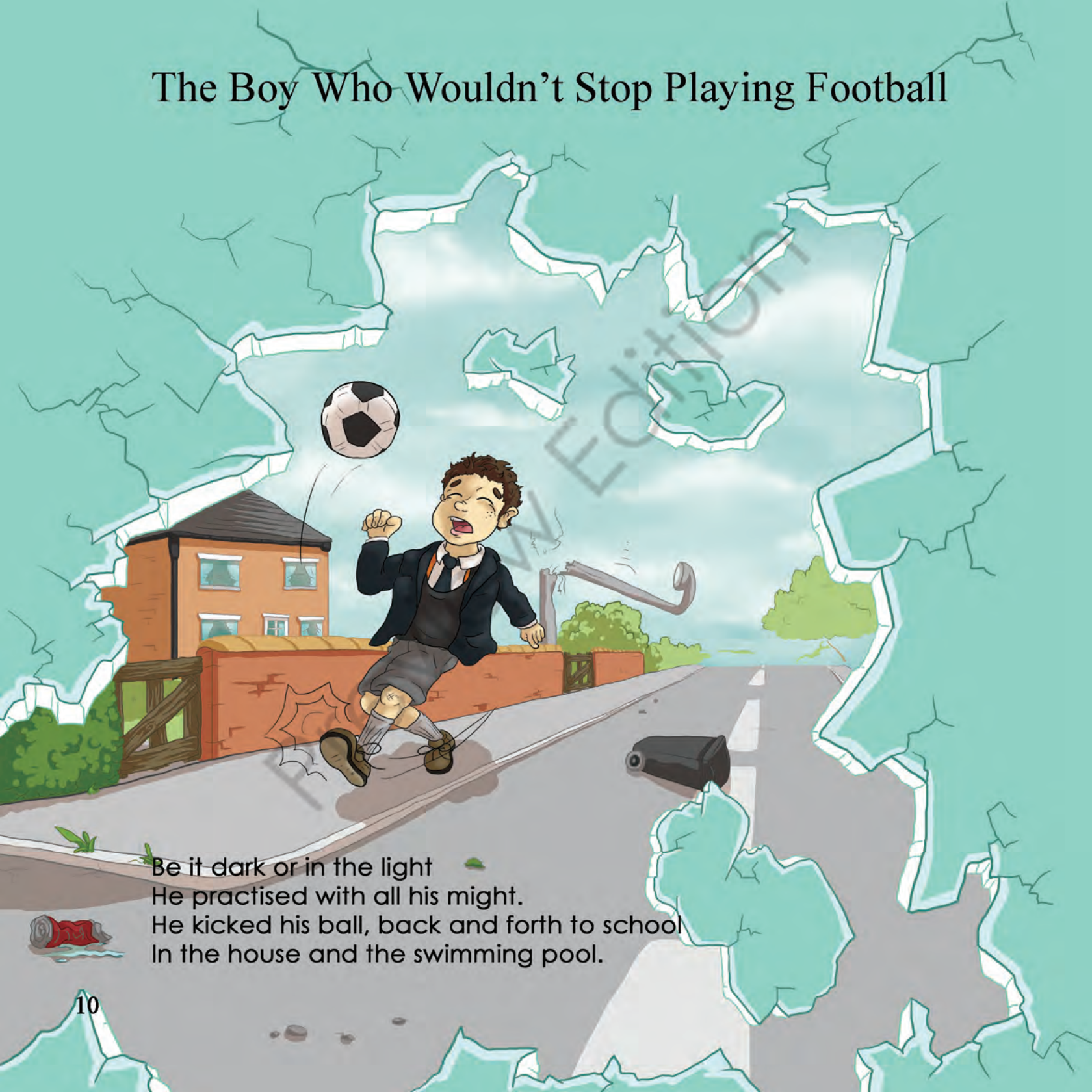
The Boy Who Wouldn't Stop Playing Football



Be it dark or in the light
He practised with all his might.
He kicked his ball, back and forth to school
In the house and the swimming pool.

Nothing was safe
from his football craze,
His granny thought it
just a phase,
Little did she know,
his skills had been found out!
'I'm playing for England',
He shouted out.
His Mother overjoyed,
Was not suprised at all.
Now the house displays
trophies, on every wall.
And The Queen came to call!

The Boy Who Wouldn't Stop Jumping

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About the Author

Lady Elizabeth Haslam is the author of a charming collection of illustrated verses for children. Each playful rhyme shares a simple life lesson, gently exploring morals, manners, and the idea that actions have consequences, all told with a big dose of humour and heart.

Inspired by cherished times with her own children and grandchildren, Lady Elizabeth writes with a joyful eye for the mischief and magic of childhood. Some of her tales are delightfully exaggerated, some are a little more over the top! always in good fun and with a smile, to spark the imagination and make young readers laugh.

Her series, *The Boy Who Wouldn't*, was especially inspired by her two grandsons and their friends, whose lively antics continue to provide endless entertainment and inspiration.

These light-hearted stories are perfect for reading aloud, sharing laughs, and enjoying together across generations.

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An entertaining collection of rhymes about the lessons all young children need to learn, from picking their nose to being considerate and from squabbling to being friendly.

The Boy is the hero of this book,
So take a moment to pause and look.
Share his adventures, along the way,
Some with consequences, he has to pay.
Our boy is good, and funny too,
Do you think The Boy, could be you?