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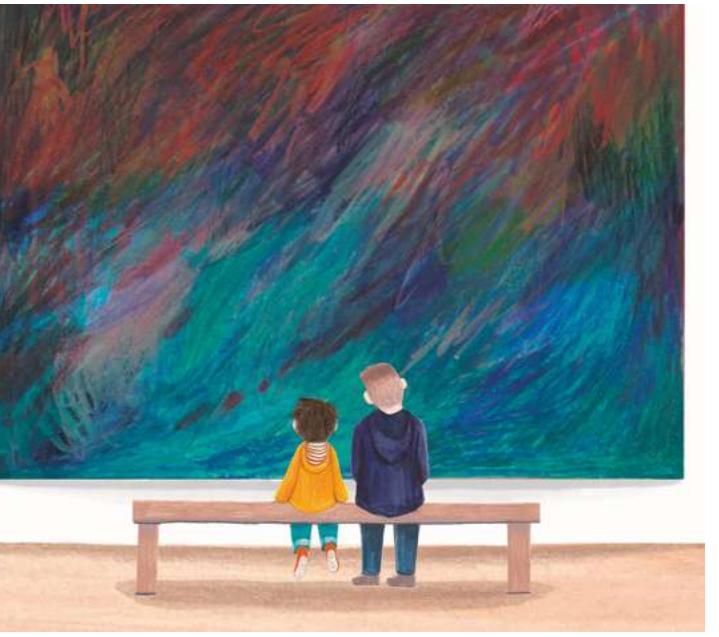


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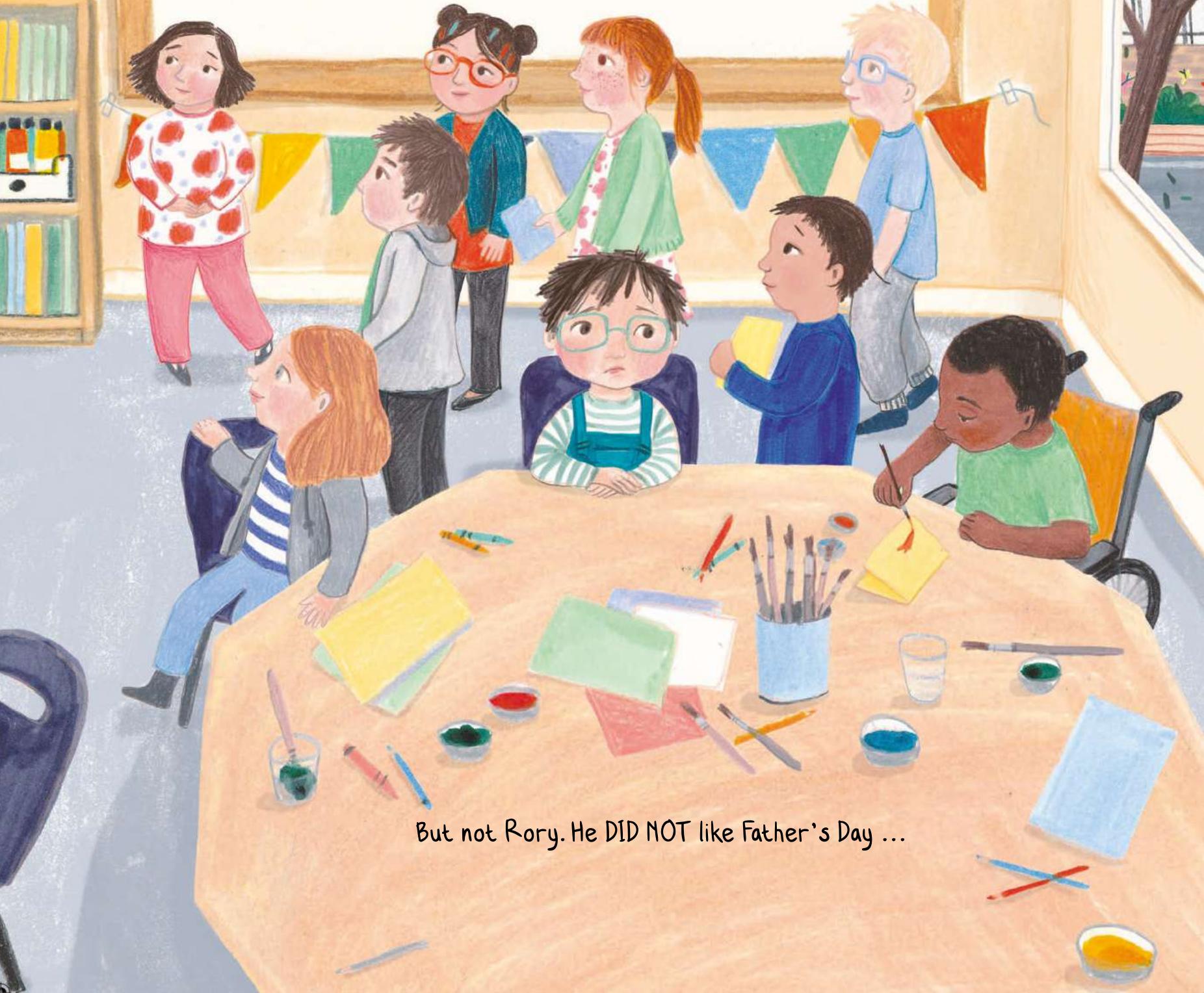
Rory sat in class, watching the leaves dance around the playground in the whistling wind.



Mr Spencer-Smith was showing the class how to make Father's Day cards.

"You can make a card for your grown ups at home or anyone special," he said. "I'm going to give mine to my husband."

Everyone started to carefully paint their cards.



But not Rory. He DID NOT like Father's Day ...



He still saw Dad every weekend. They played in the park.



fed the greedy ducks and pigeons,



and ate crispy, hot chips on the bench.



But now, Rory lived with Mum and her new boyfriend, Tony.



And THEY spent time painting, drawing,



and creating new, imaginary worlds.



Still, Rory missed seeing Dad every day. He wondered what Dad was doing when he wasn't there? And, who would Rory send HIS card to?



Confusion spilled from Rory as he covered his Father's Day card in angry swishes, flicks and swirls.



At home time, Rory ripped his card in half, stuffing it quickly into his coat pocket.



This Father's Day, Mum, Tony and Rory watched movies, ate popcorn, and played board games. But as it began to rain and the wind made the leaves twirl outside, Rory remembered the card hidden deep in his coat pocket. Wouldn't Dad be lonely on Father's Day?

Tony saw Rory's face change, and whispered, "I've been saving up some money for a rainy day. Come on, let's go out together, just you and me."



Tony's face looked kind and Mum nodded happily, so Rory took his hand, even though it felt a bit scary.

They went over bridges...



and down into the noisy underground.



through dark tunnels...



Where were they going?

