



Meet the Gumdrops -
 Hope, Bubbles, Sparky and Rainbow.
 They're guardians of a magical land!

The Gumdrops are always up for a challenge -
 and when they get a letter from a child in
 need of an imaginary friend, they have
 their work cut out! Can YOU help them
 search for the ingredients to make
 the perfect companion?



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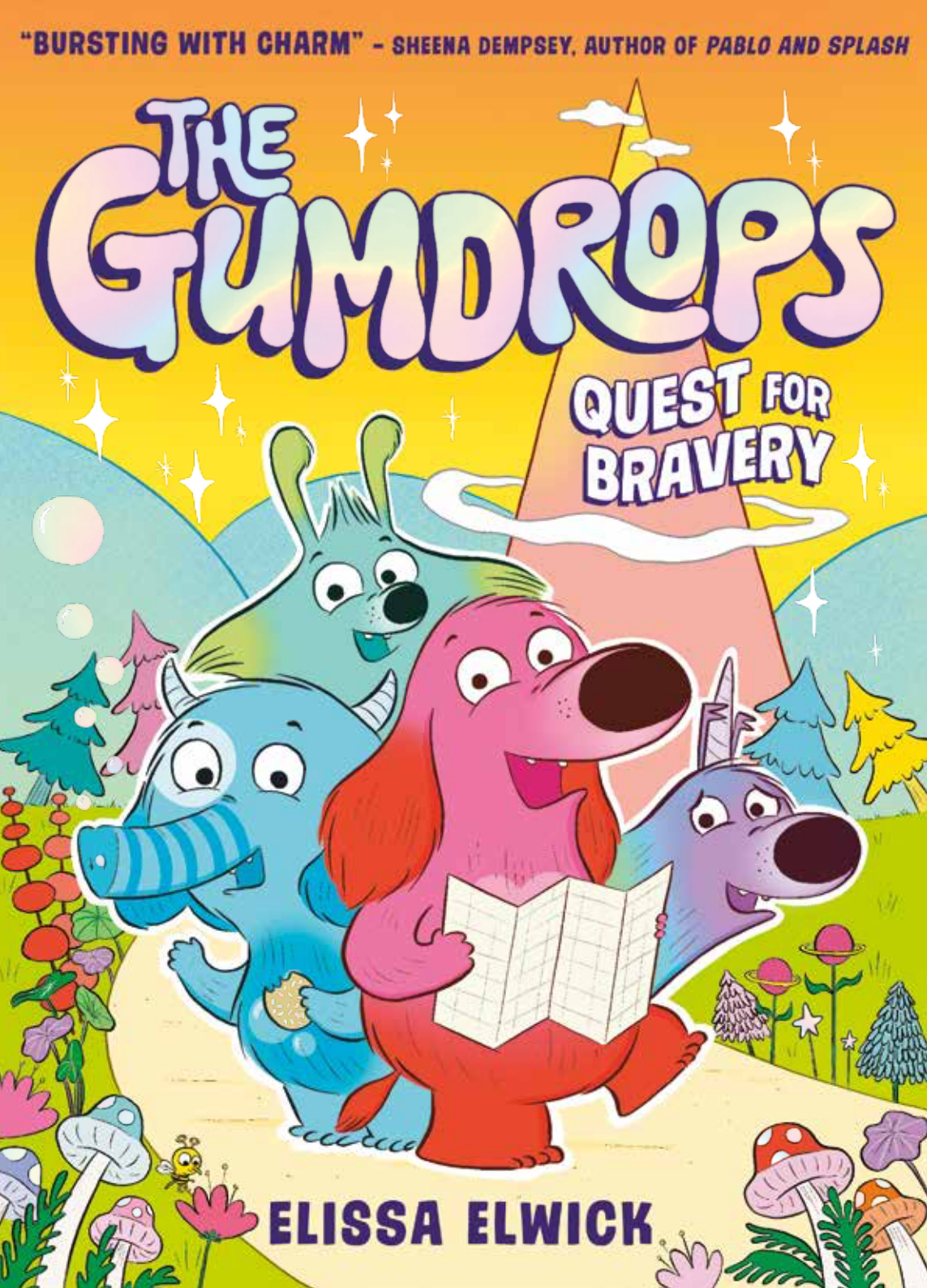
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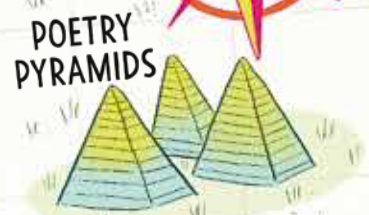
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UNCHARTED LAND



POETRY PYRAMIDS



CANDY FLOSS FIELDS



PREHISTORIC PARK



FOREST OF FORGETFULNESS (I THINK)



LIBRARY



IDEA ISLAND



STORY SWAMP



IMAGINARY FRIEND FACTORY



LULLABY LAVA



WONDERING WOODS



RAINBOW ROCKS



TALLEST MOUNTAIN

TROLL VALLEY



CHEWY HILLS



SMOOTHIE FALLS



MAGICAL MAZE



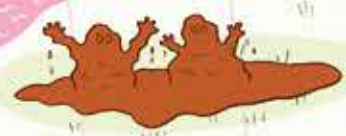
BUBBLE HILLS



ICE CREAM CAVE



READING ROCKS



STUCK IN THE MUD MOOR



LOLLY POPS

For Eira,
My favourite person to draw with.
Thank you for always listening to my stories.
Mummy xx

Special thanks to Arianne, for naming Evilee and
The Nightmare Crew, and Charlie, Sophie, Mattie and
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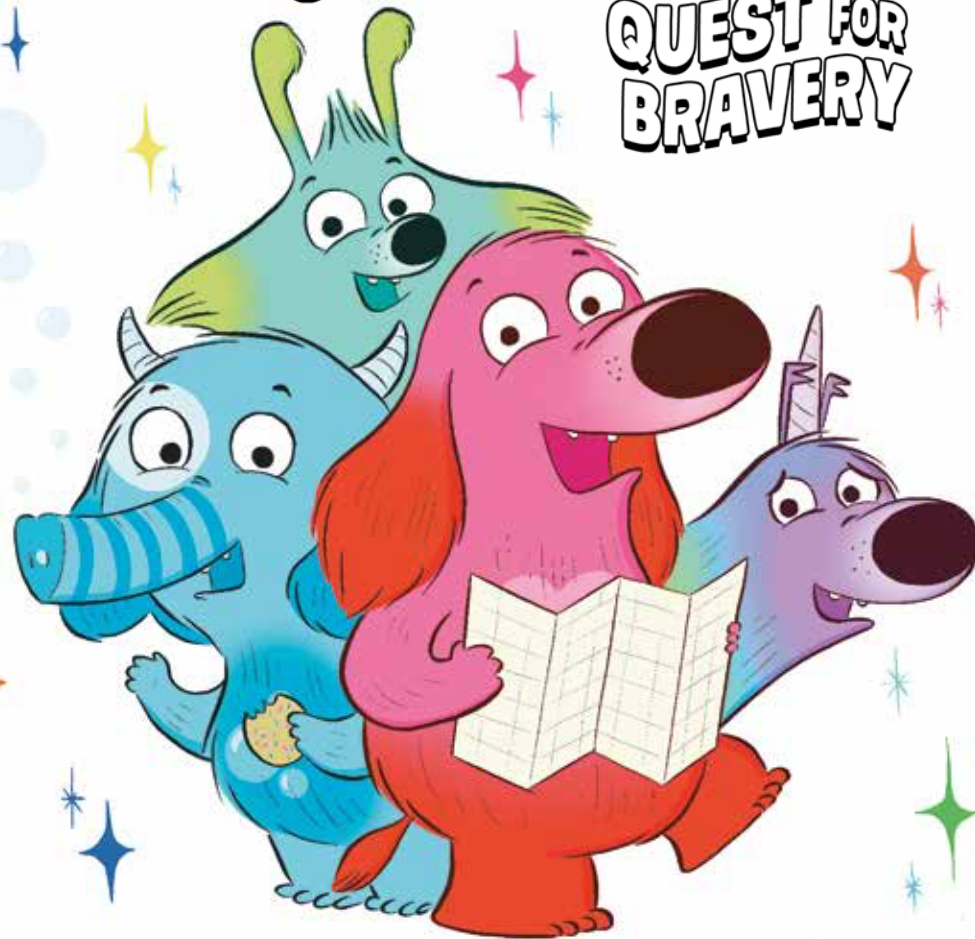


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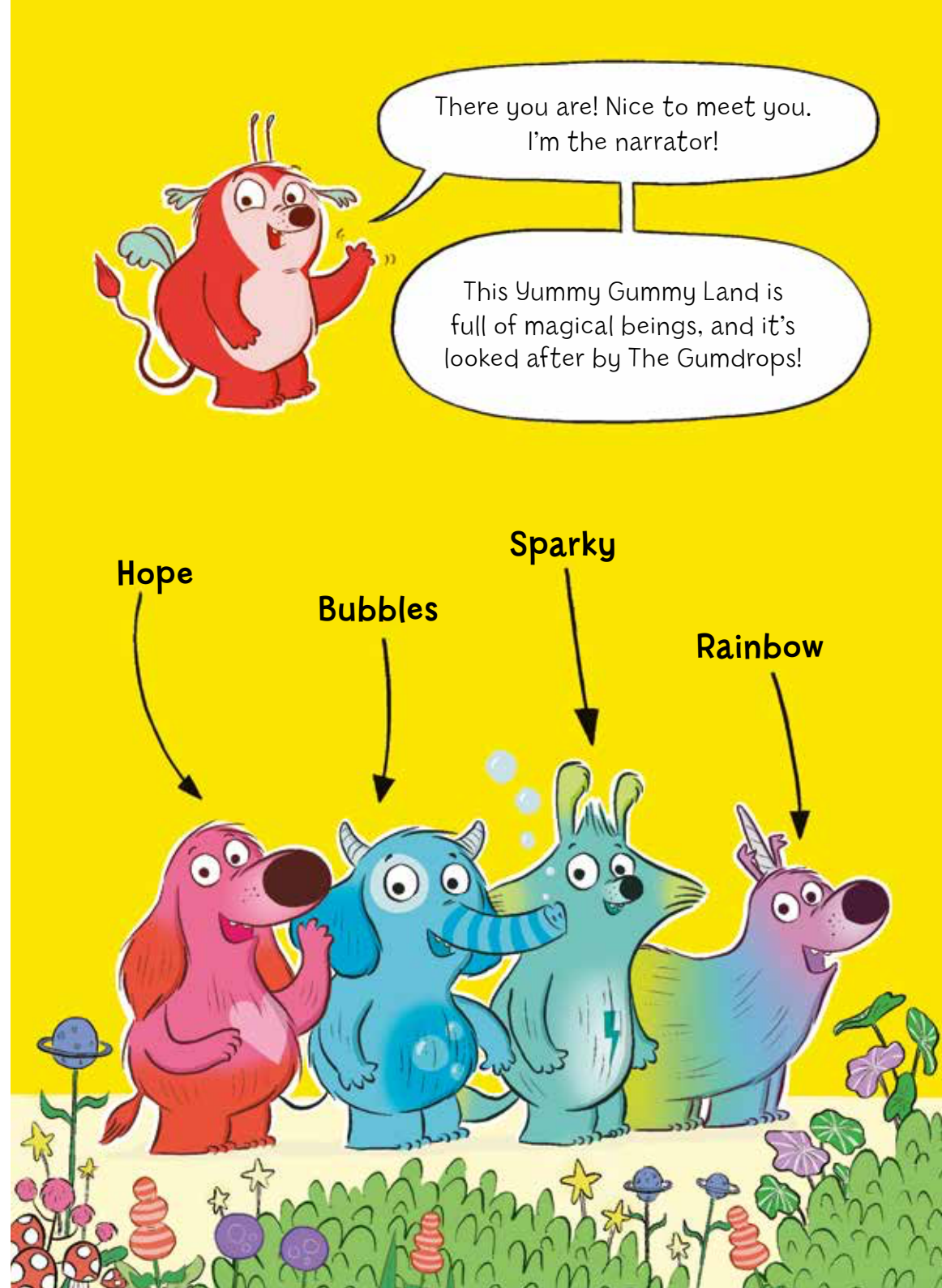
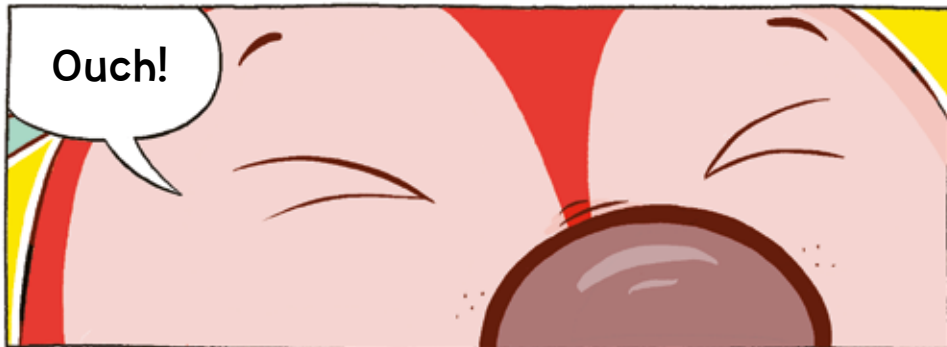
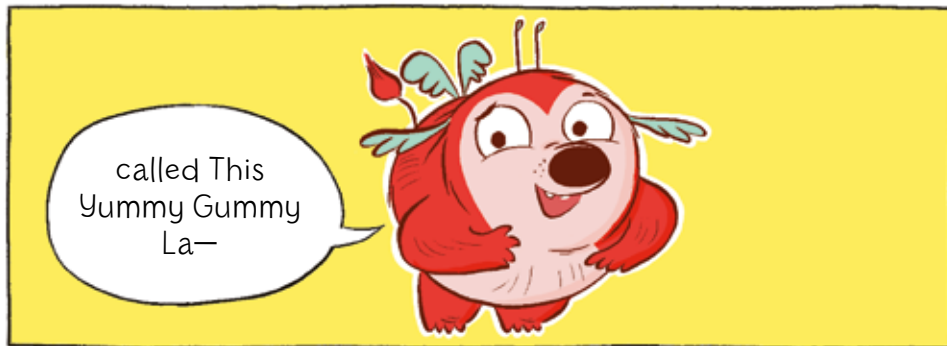
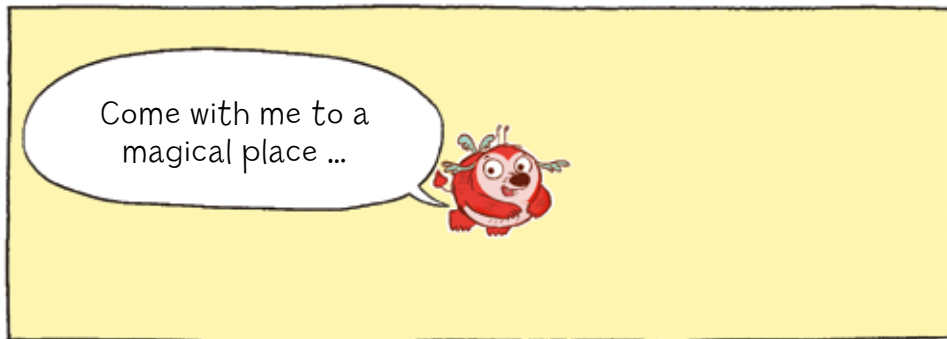
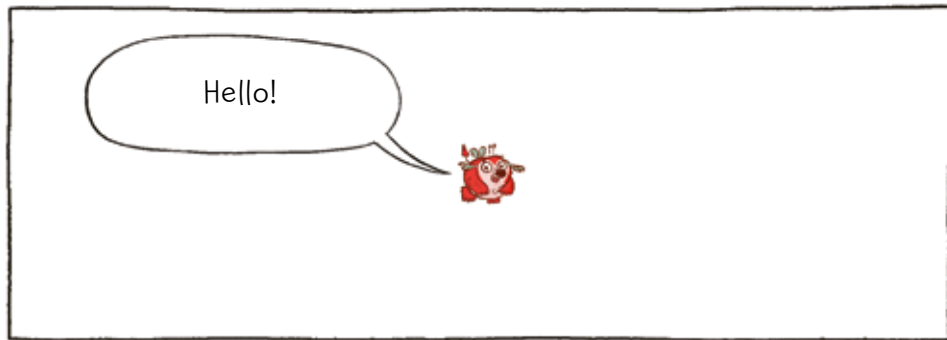
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Ready? To get to This Yummy Gummy Land, you simply close your eyes and imagine.

There is no one else in the whole world with an imagination like yours. It's a real life superpower!



So how will YOU travel to This Yummy Gummy Land?

By unicorn ...



cloud car ...



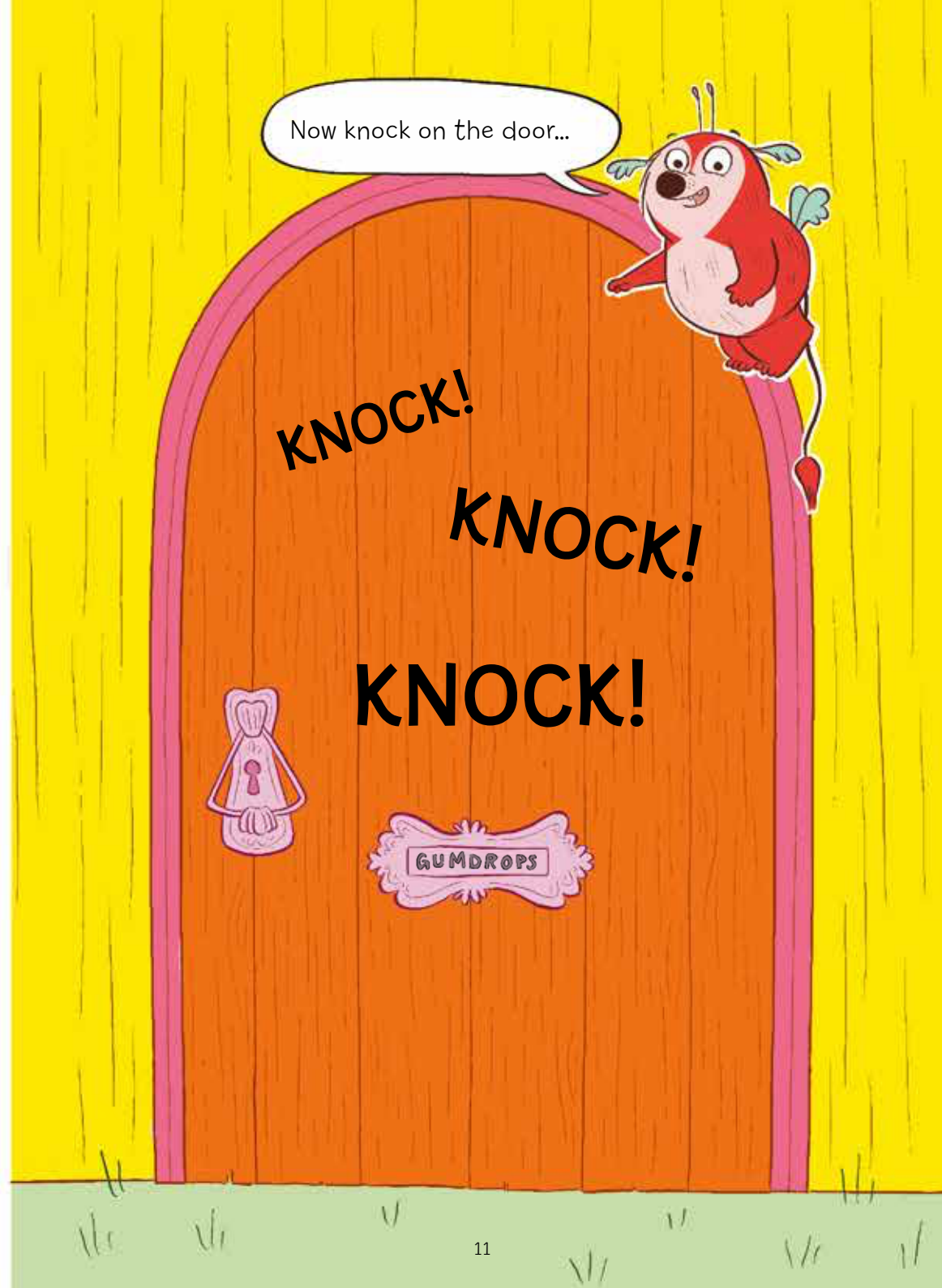
dragon ... or something else?



Close your eyes and off you **go!**



You made it!



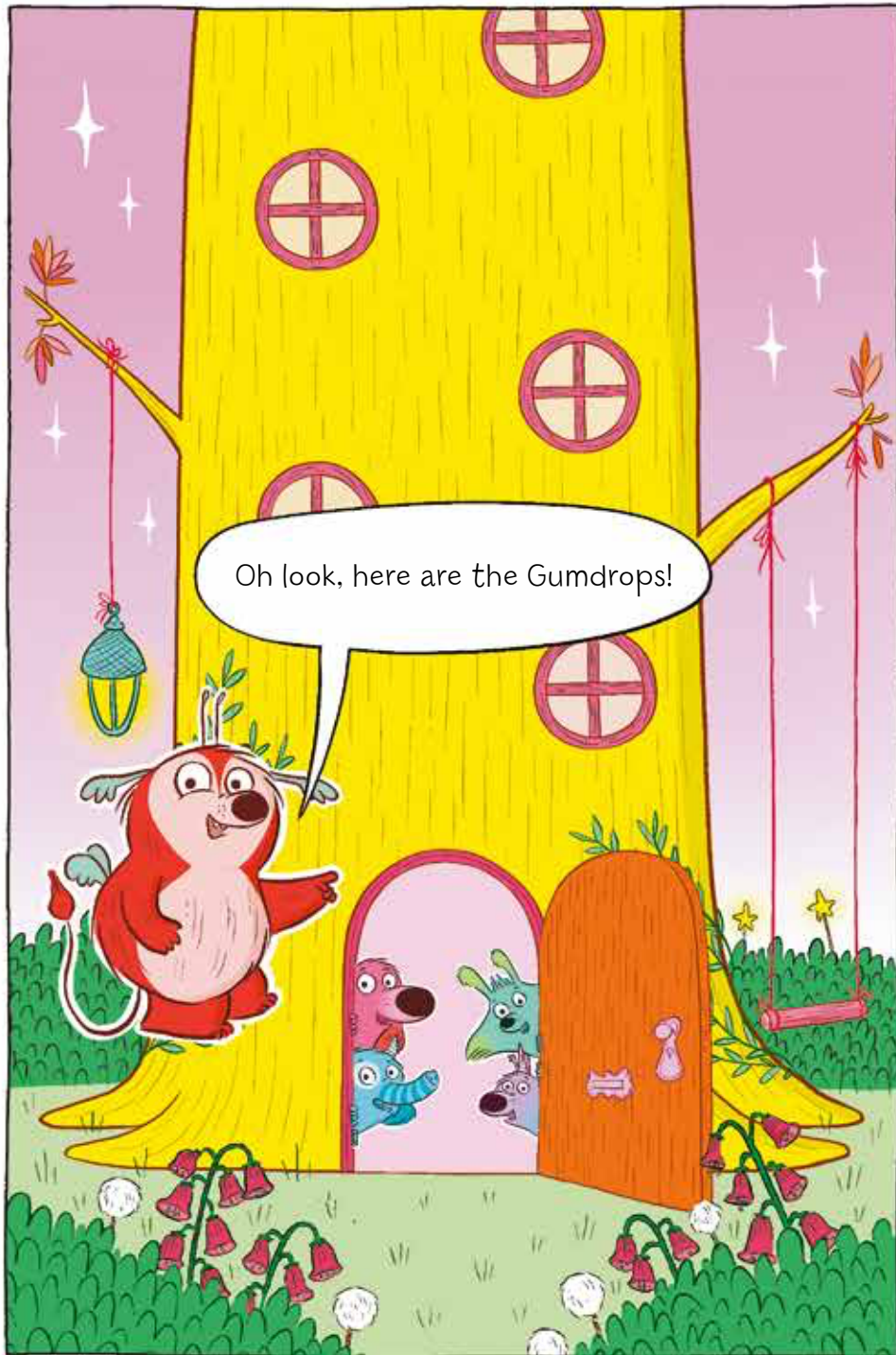
Now knock on the door...

KNOCK!

KNOCK!

KNOCK!

GUMDROPS



Oh look, here are the Gumdrops!



Hello! What's the password?

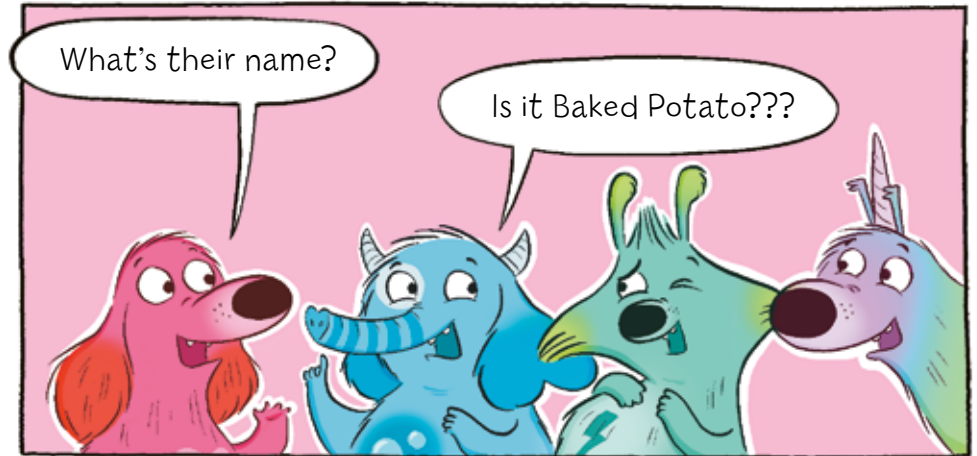
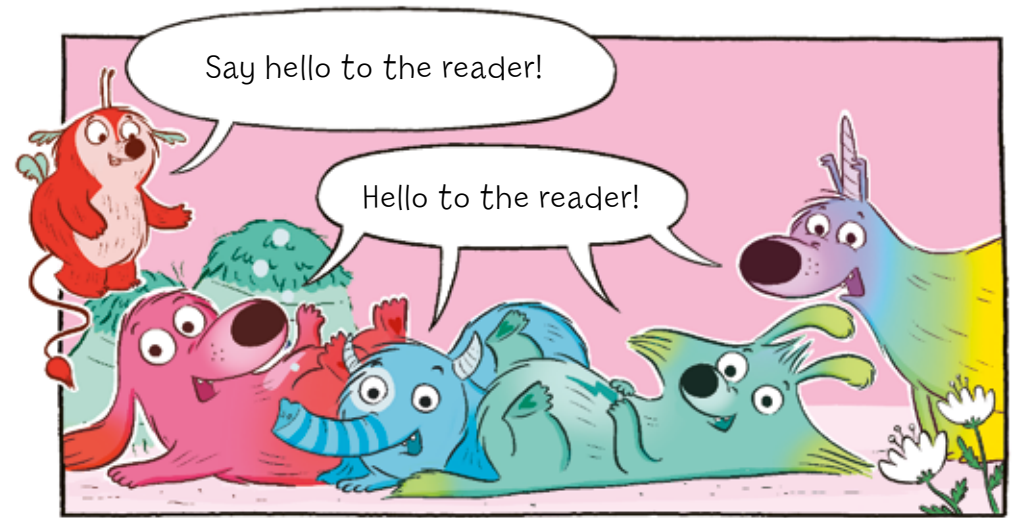
Think of something yellow...

Now say it three times!

OK, you can come in.
Welcome to This Yummy Gummy Land!

CHAPTER 1

Special Delivery!



A few moments later...

We've got a letter!

The Gumdrops
This Yummy Gummy Land

This one looks important.

Dear Gumdrops,

I am seven years old. I've just moved to a new town and haven't made any friends yet. I really need an imaginary friend to play with and to help me feel less shy. Every time I try to imagine one, nothing happens. Please can you help me?

Daisy x

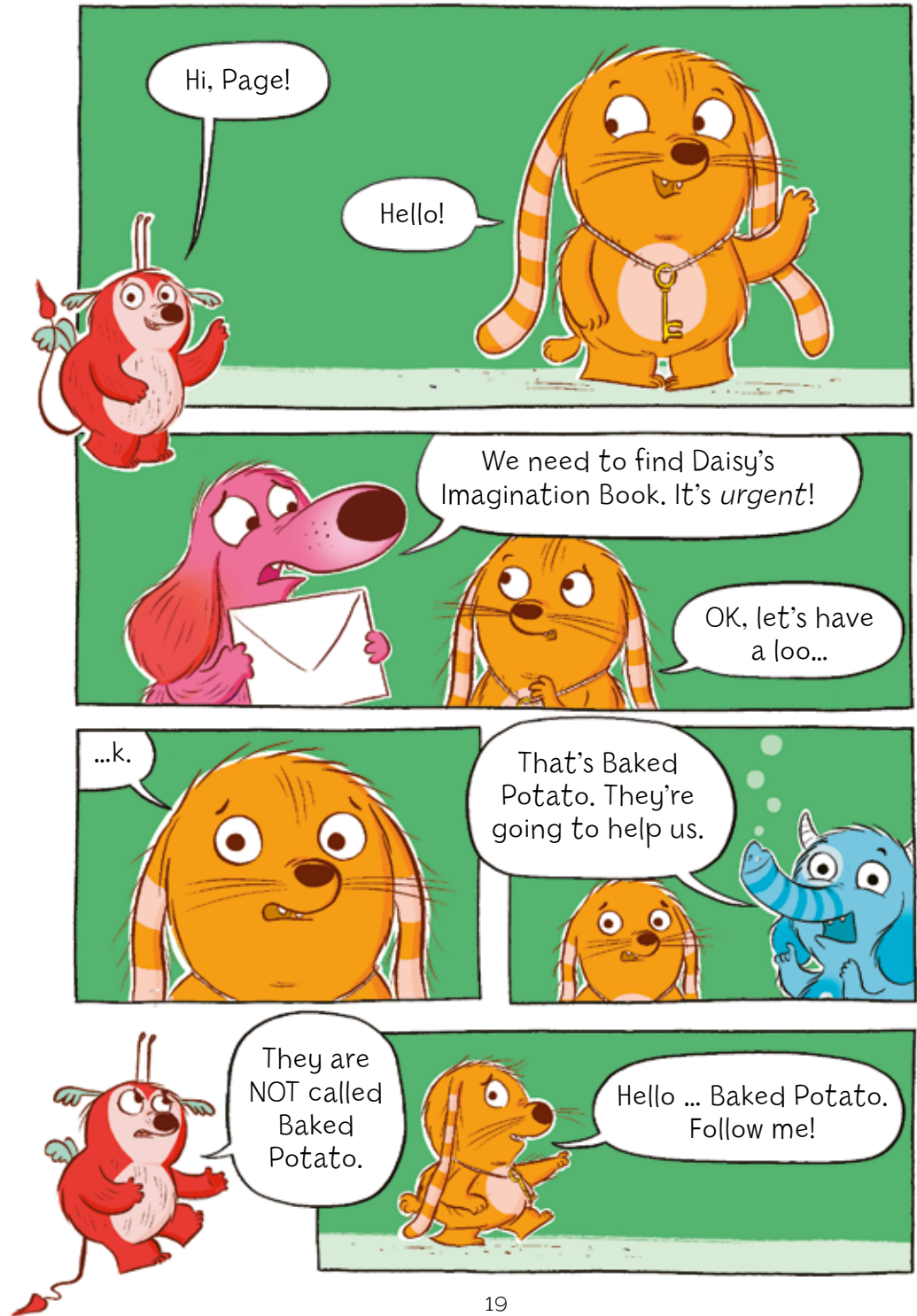
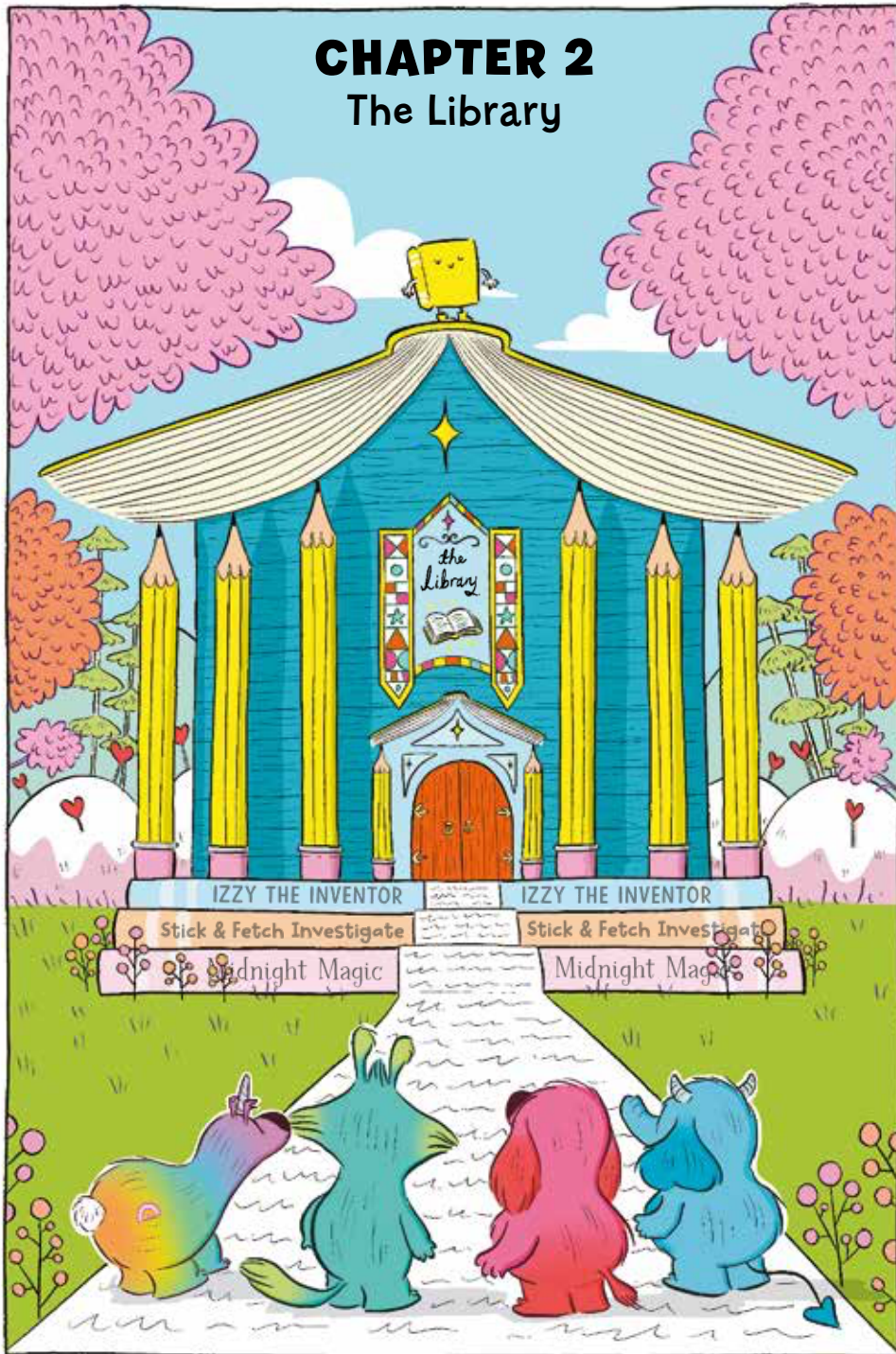


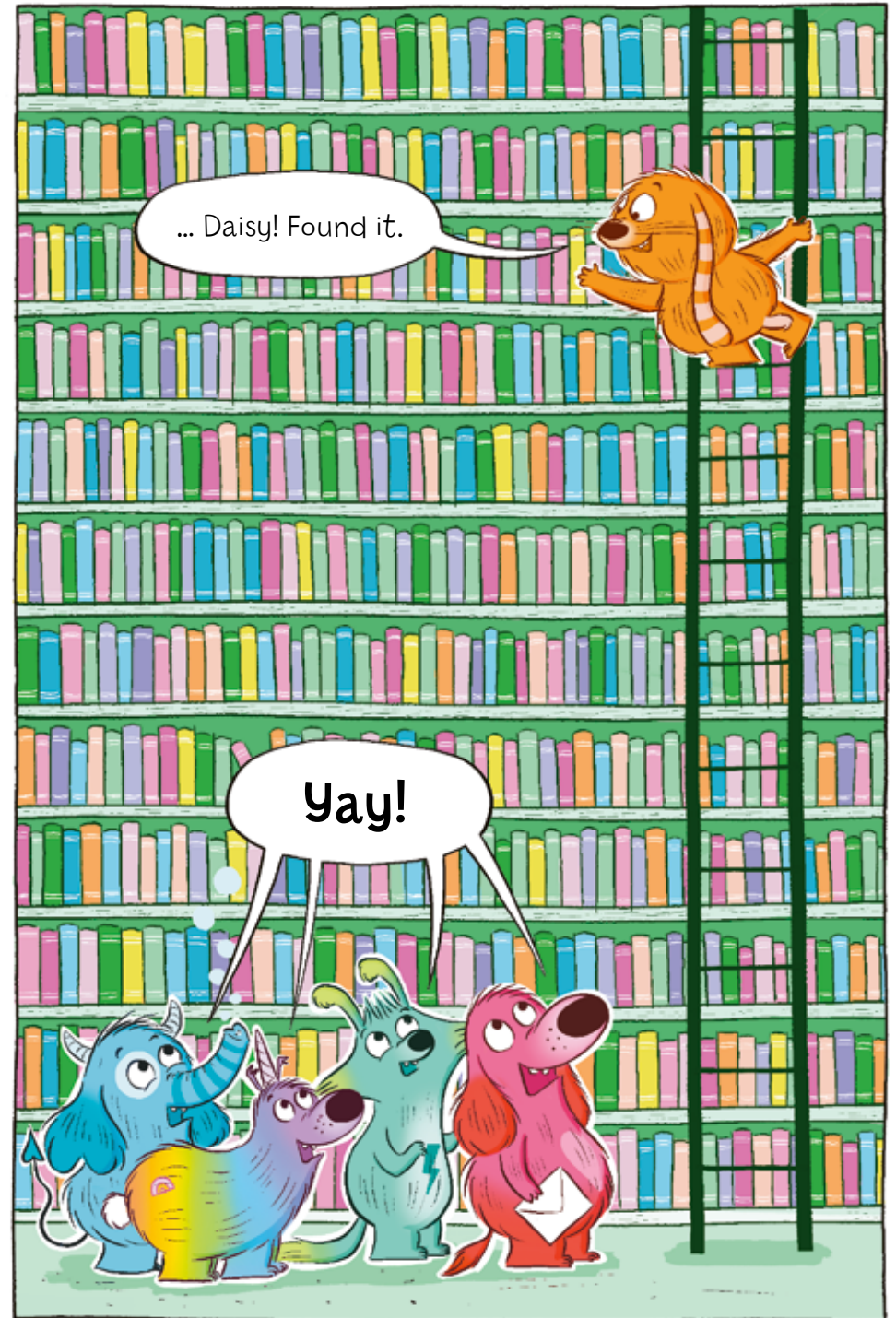
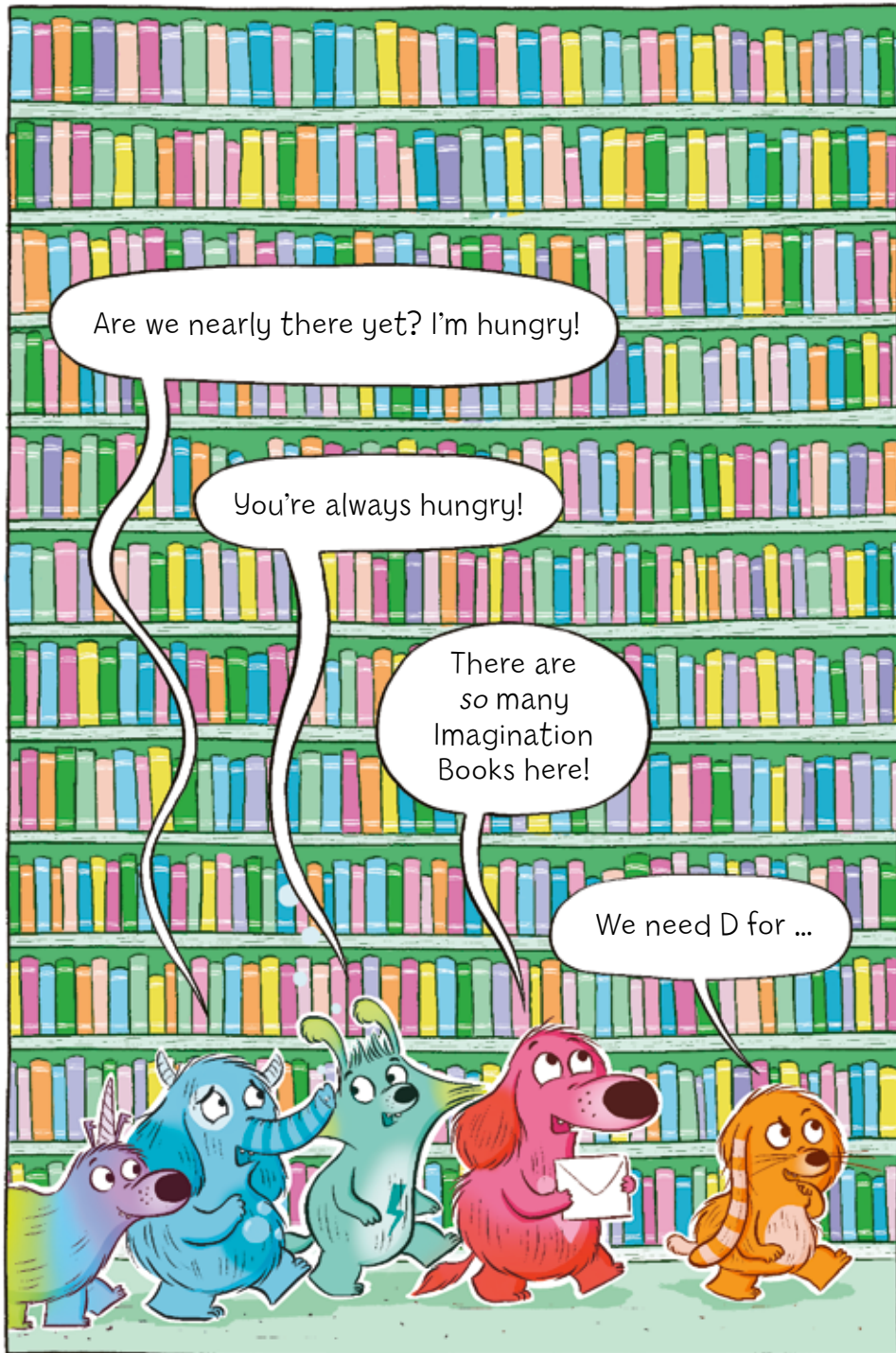
Oh, poor Daisy! *sob*

We need to go and see Page in ...
the Library!

CHAPTER 2

The Library







Why can't she imagine her own friend?

Sometimes children need our help.

An Imaginary Friend needs to be just right for the child.

Sometimes a child tries to imagine one that they *want*, but it's not the one that they *need*.



Like when I *want* to stay up reading but I *need* to go to sleep? I do that all the time.

Sort of. An adventurous child might want an Imaginary Friend who is fearless, but needs one who will keep them safe.

A shy child might want one who talks lots, but needs one who listens!

Let's find out more about Daisy...



HOPES:

to have a friend to play with



LIKES:

skipping
drawing
burping the alphabet
making cakes
writing stories
bike riding



FEARS:

the dark
being lonely
sharks



IMAGINARY FRIEND:

a heap of Kindness, a dash of Silliness,
a pinch of Patience...

I'm sure I'm missing something...



Aha! A sprinkle of Bravery!



Now we've got the recipe,
we're ready to go to the
Imaginary Friend Factory!

