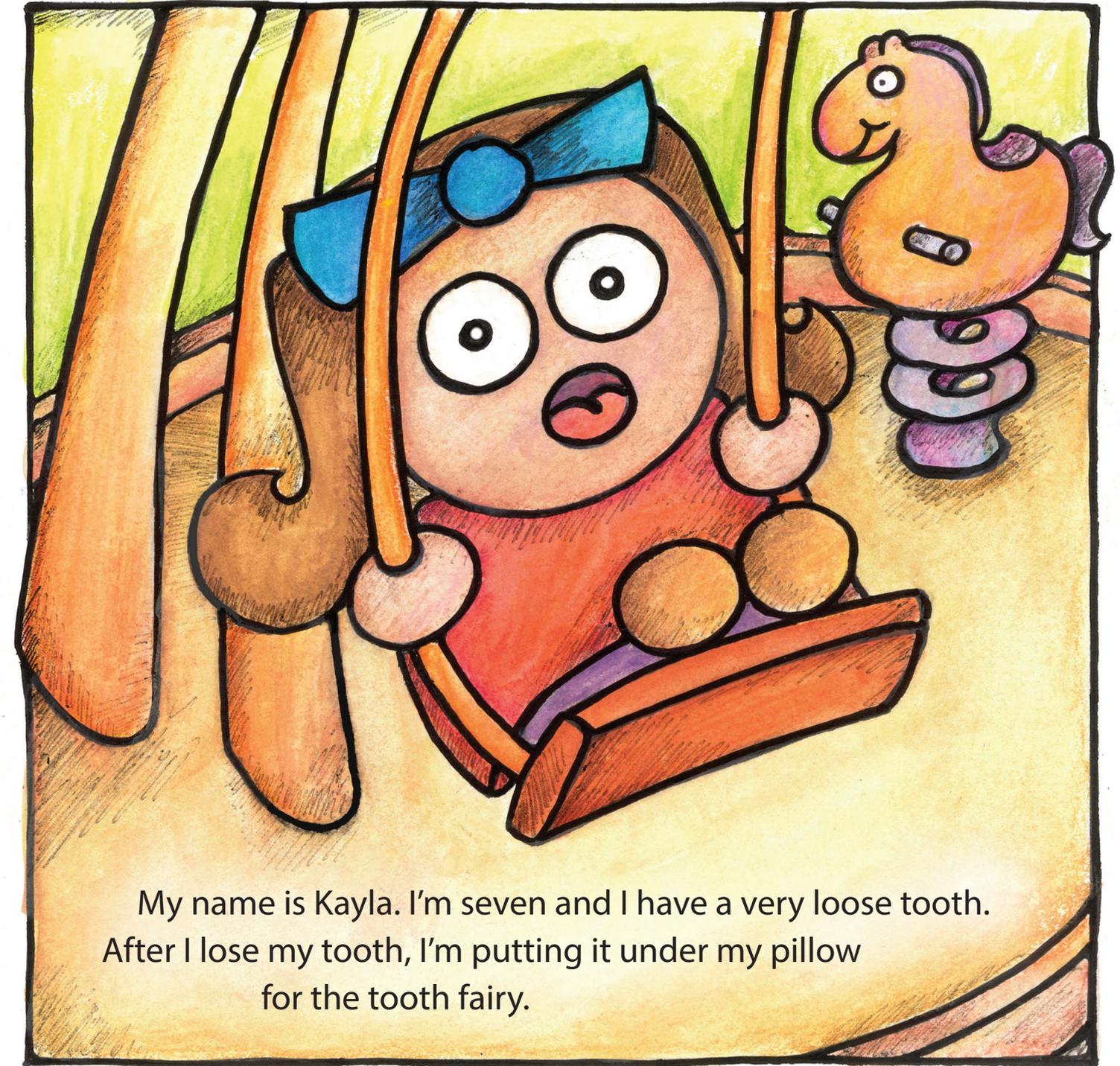


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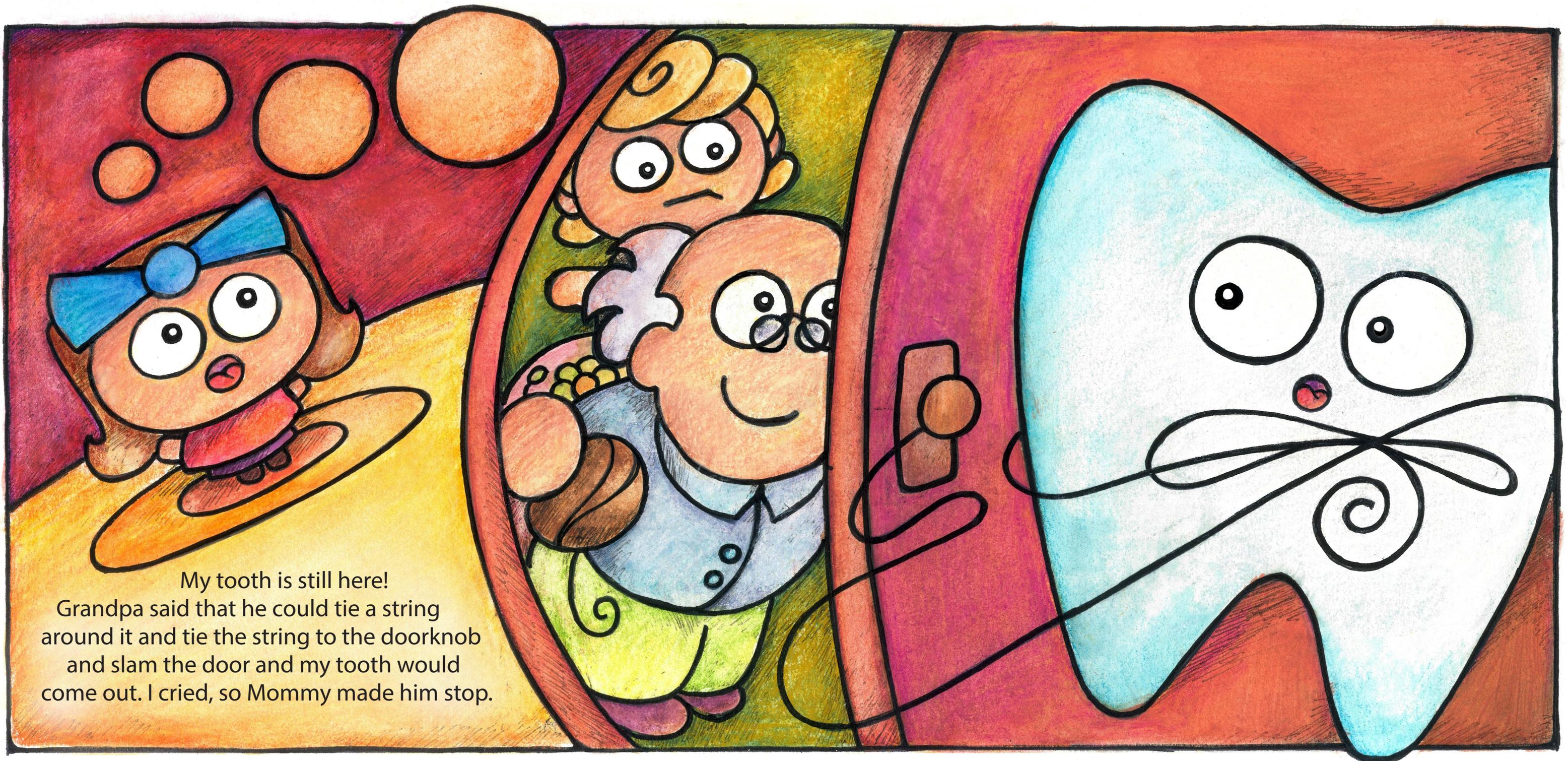




My name is Kayla. I'm seven and I have a very loose tooth.
After I lose my tooth, I'm putting it under my pillow
for the tooth fairy.

I'm going to wait up all night
for the tooth fairy.
I've never seen a fairy — not even once.
She's going to be surprised
when I take her picture.



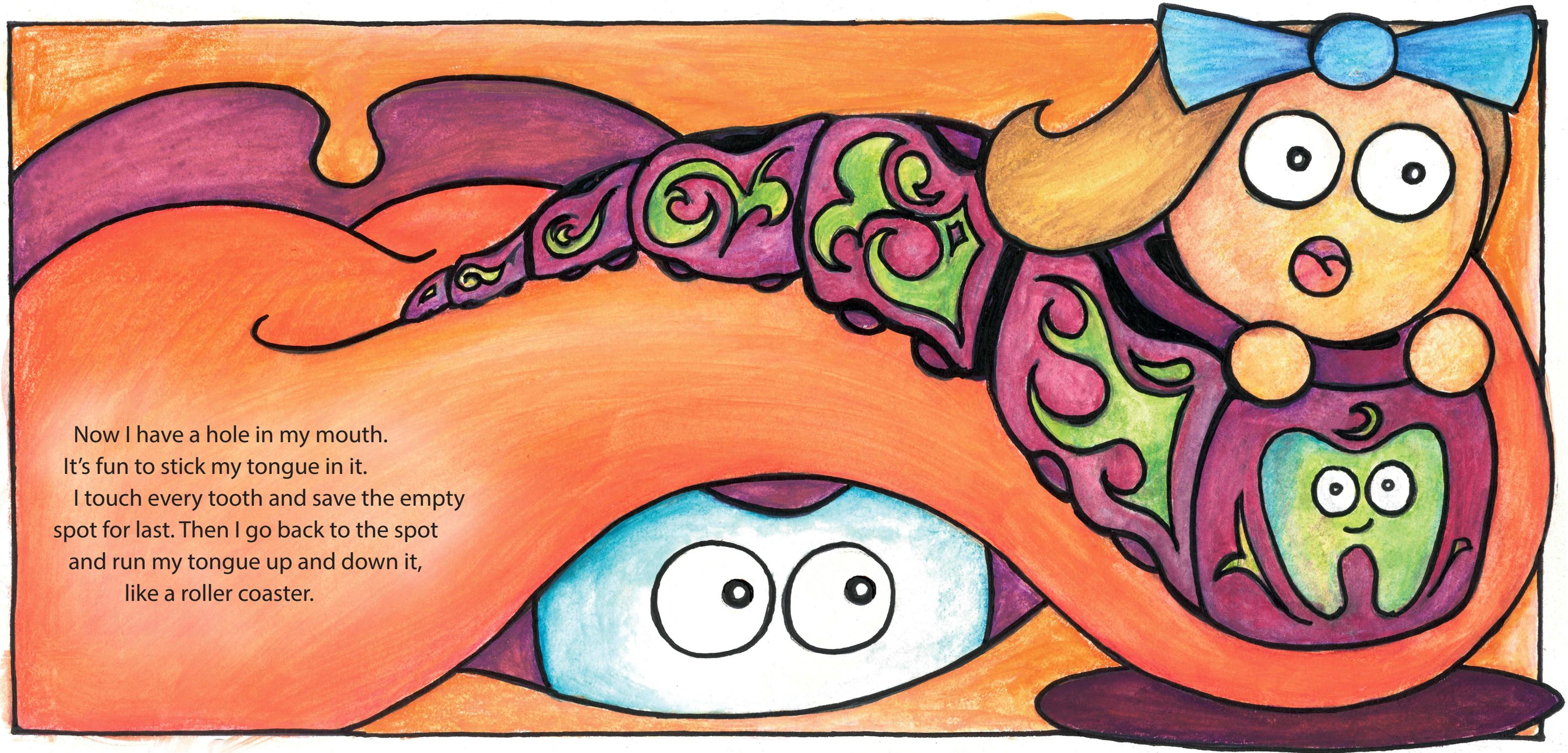


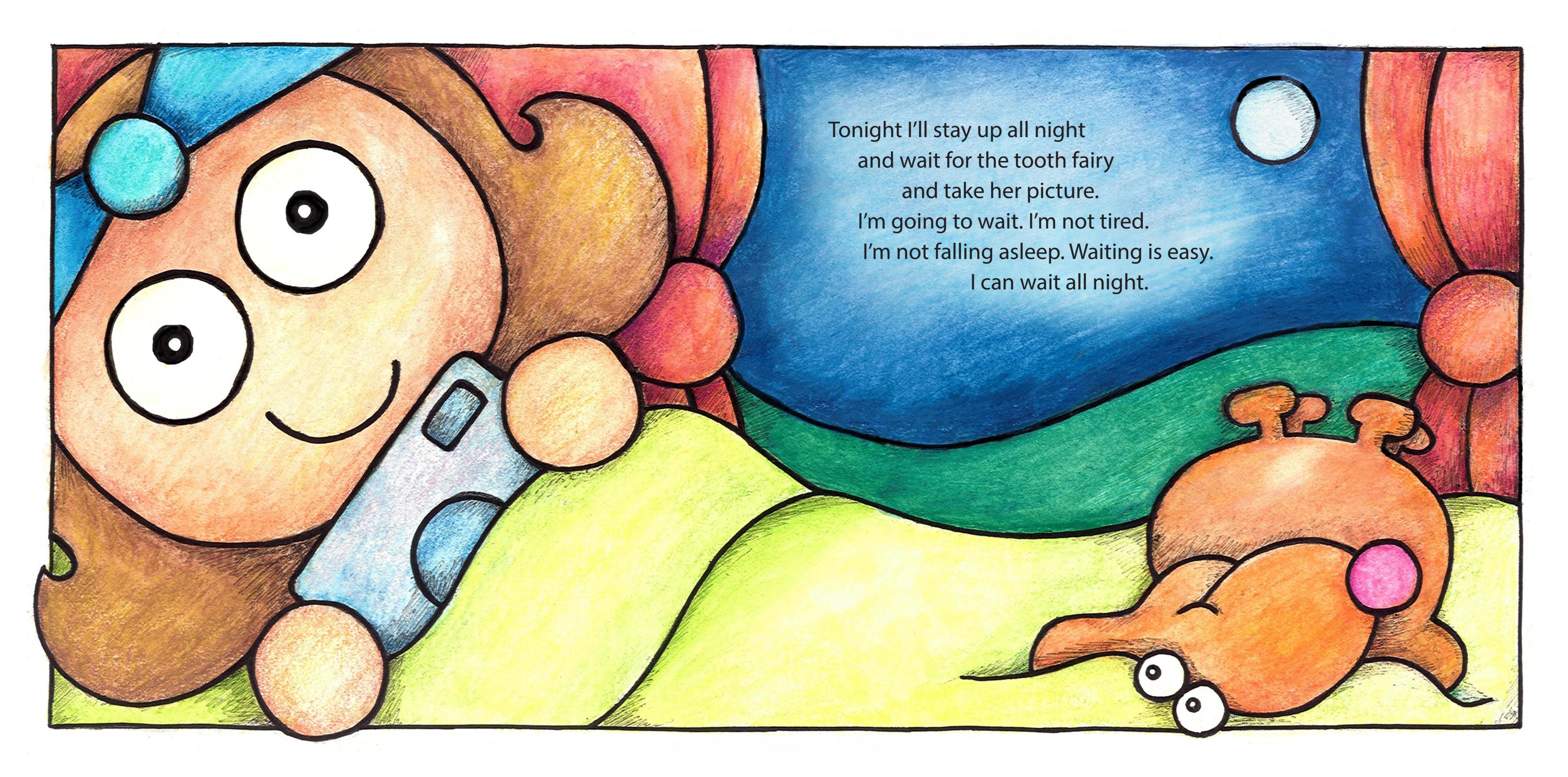
My tooth is still here!
Grandpa said that he could tie a string
around it and tie the string to the doorknob
and slam the door and my tooth would
come out. I cried, so Mommy made him stop.



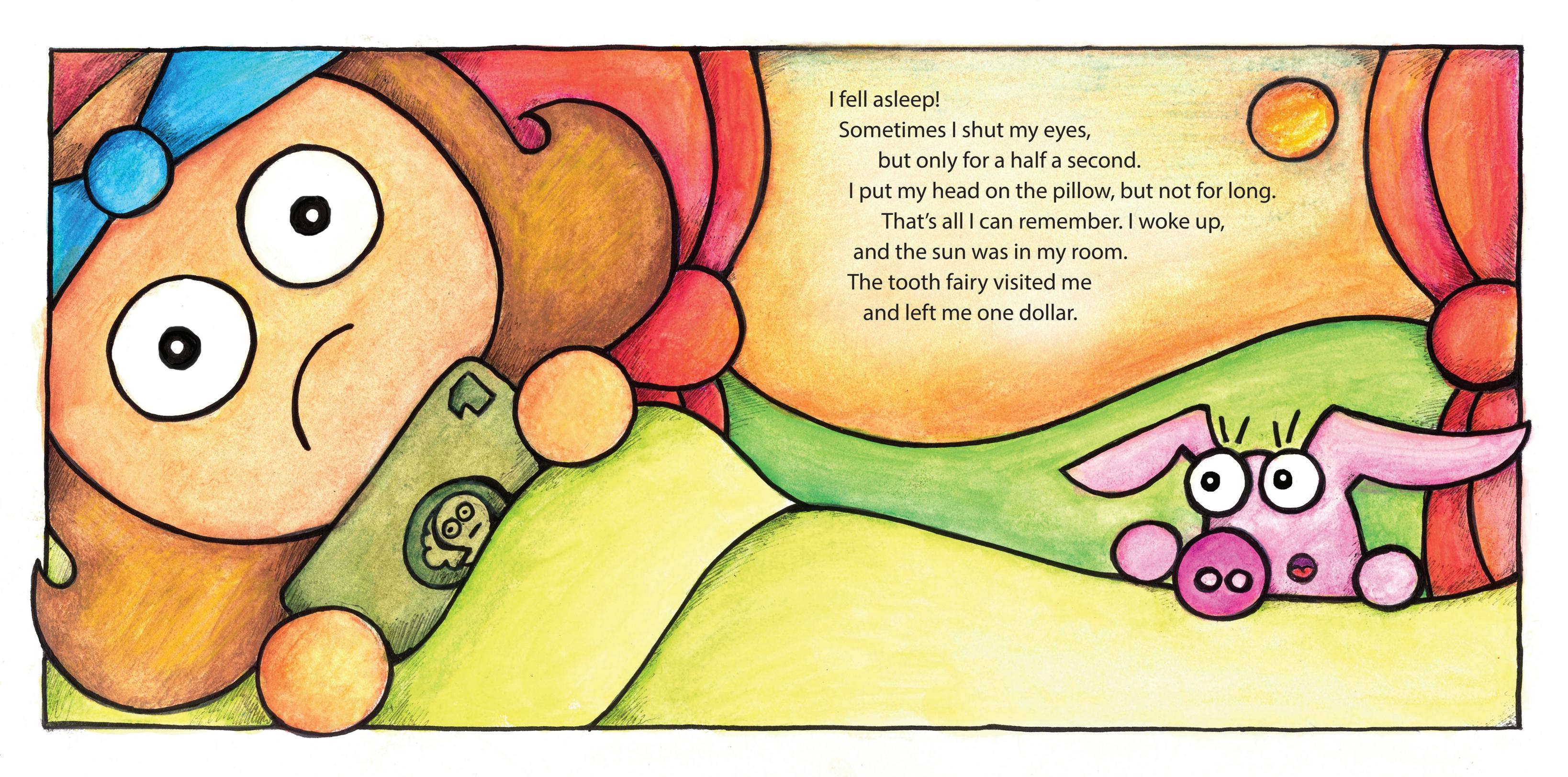
Finally! My tooth is out! I'm so happy!
Mommy and Daddy clapped for me.
My tooth's already under my pillow,
waiting for the tooth fairy.

Now I have a hole in my mouth.
It's fun to stick my tongue in it.
I touch every tooth and save the empty
spot for last. Then I go back to the spot
and run my tongue up and down it,
like a roller coaster.





Tonight I'll stay up all night
and wait for the tooth fairy
and take her picture.
I'm going to wait. I'm not tired.
I'm not falling asleep. Waiting is easy.
I can wait all night.



I fell asleep!

Sometimes I shut my eyes,
but only for a half a second.

I put my head on the pillow, but not for long.

That's all I can remember. I woke up,
and the sun was in my room.
The tooth fairy visited me
and left me one dollar.

She left me a note, too.
This is it...



Dear Kayla,

I came to visit you during the night. I waited until you were asleep. I know that you tried very hard to stay awake and I'd like to ask you a big favor. Please don't try to wait up for me again. I only visit children while they're sleeping. I'll lose some of my magic if you see me, and probably a lot of my magic if you take my picture.

I hope you like the money. I know I like your tooth. It is beautiful, so white that it sparkles. I can tell that you took good care of it, and I promise to do the same. Please keep taking care of the rest of your teeth and I'll be back to visit you soon (while you're sleeping).

Love,
Tooth Fairy

