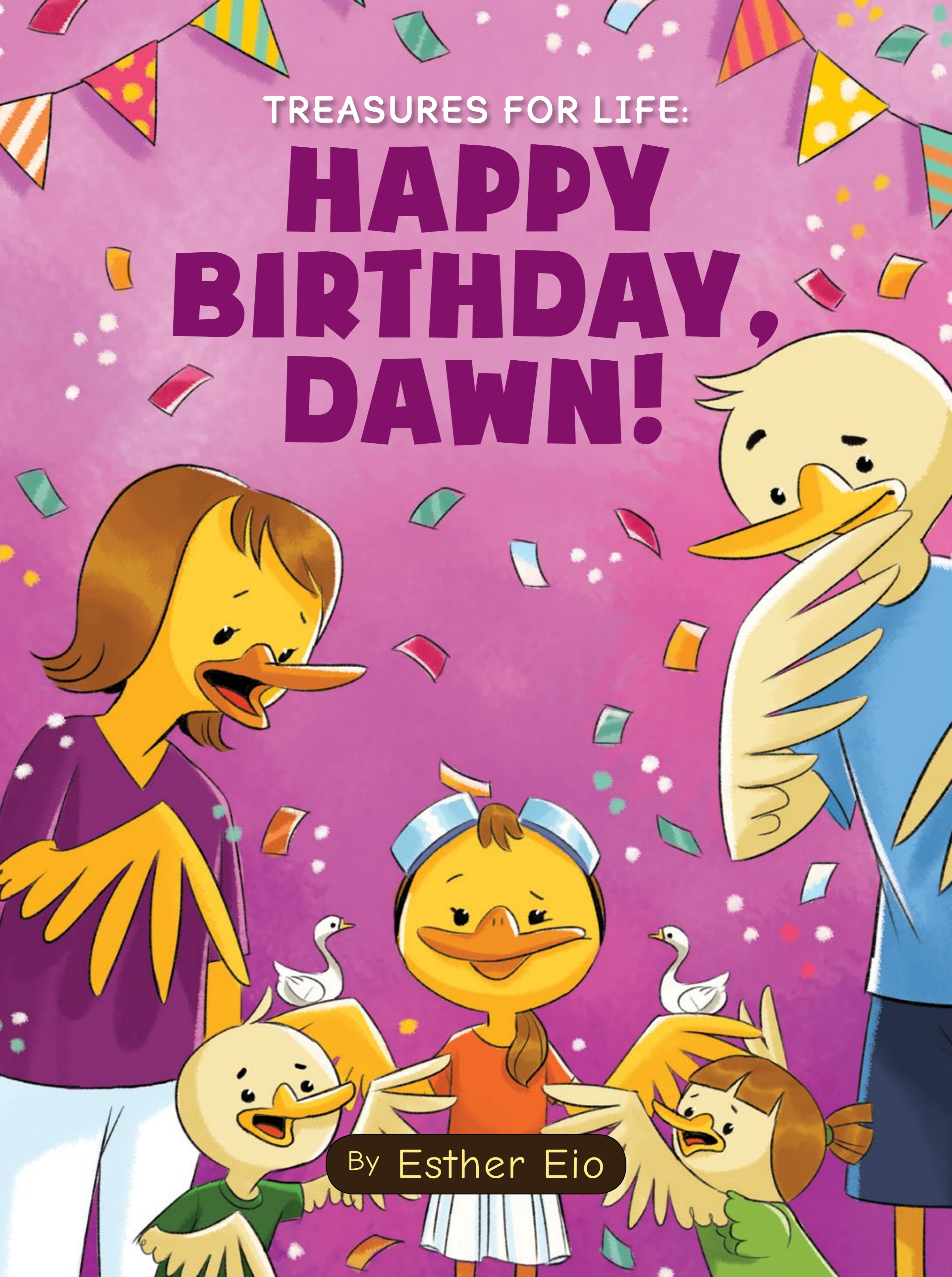


TREASURES FOR LIFE:

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAWN!



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This is Dawn Duck's family.  
Dawn has a brother, Danny,  
and a sister, Dina.



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The Duck family is like many other families. They try to love one another but it is not always easy.

The ducklings fight over food, toys, who finishes first or even who wins their quarrels.





Dawn will be turning six soon.  
As it is Dawn's last year in preschool,  
Mum wants to make her birthday special.



Dawn will be having her  
first birthday party!



I'm having a birthday party!



I'm having a birthday party!

Where will the party be?



Do you have any ideas for your party?



Dawn has two choices for her party:  
Whizzy Carnival or Splashy Cove.

At Whizzy Carnival, there are  
bumper cars that visitors can drive!



Splashy Cove is the newest  
water park and it has the  
longest water slide!





Mum usually packs creative snacks with little notes in Dawn's lunchbox.



Dawn cannot decide where to have her party. Mum knows that. These days, Mum's notes say, "No matter what you choose, we will have fun!"



PROMPT: Why does Mum write notes and pack snacks?



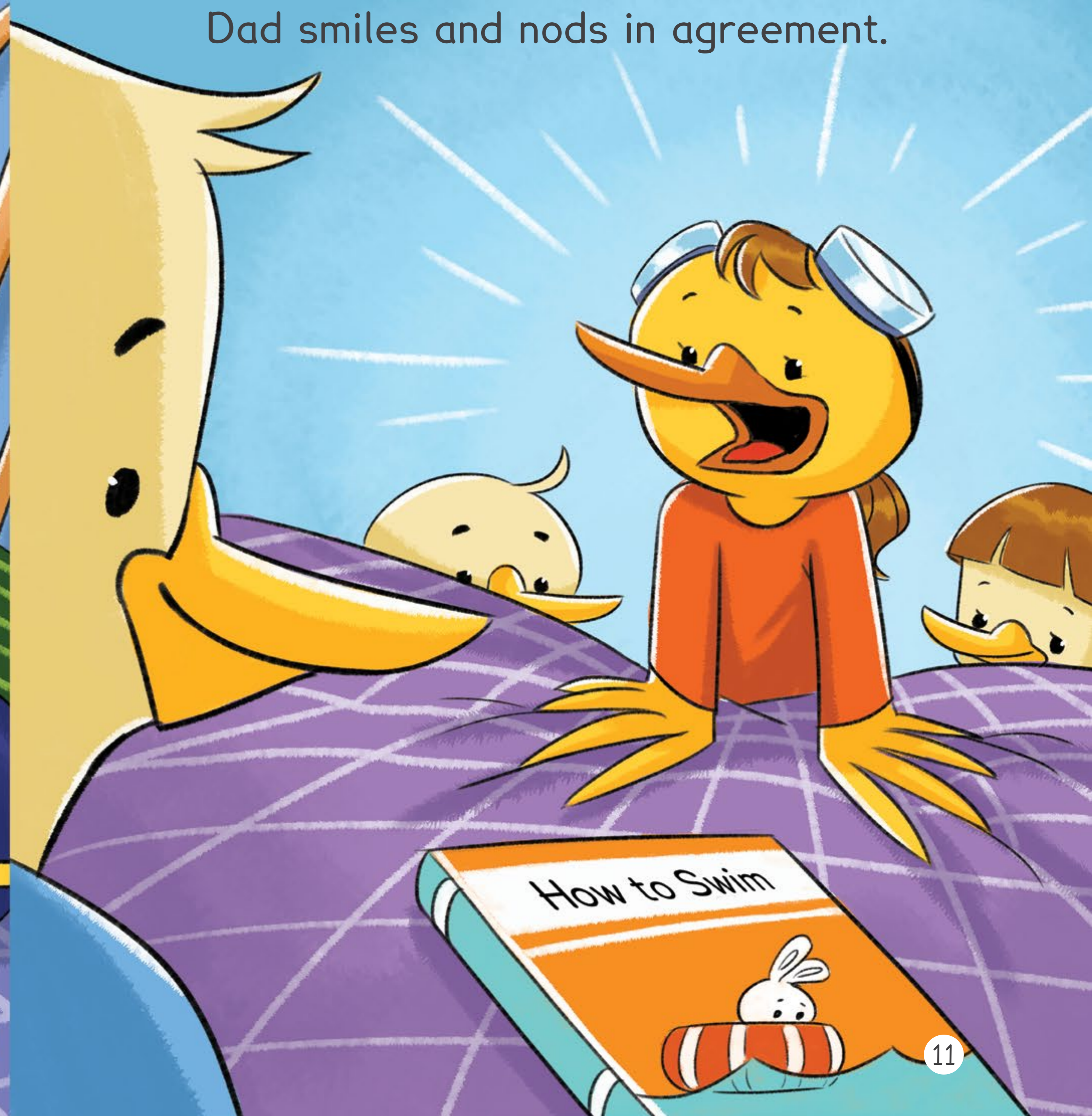
Dad reads to the ducklings every night. One night, they read a book called "How to Swim".



PROMPT: Why does Dad read to the ducklings?

Dawn makes up her mind. "I choose Whizzy Carnival so all my friends, even those who cannot swim, can have a good time!"

Dad smiles and nods in agreement.



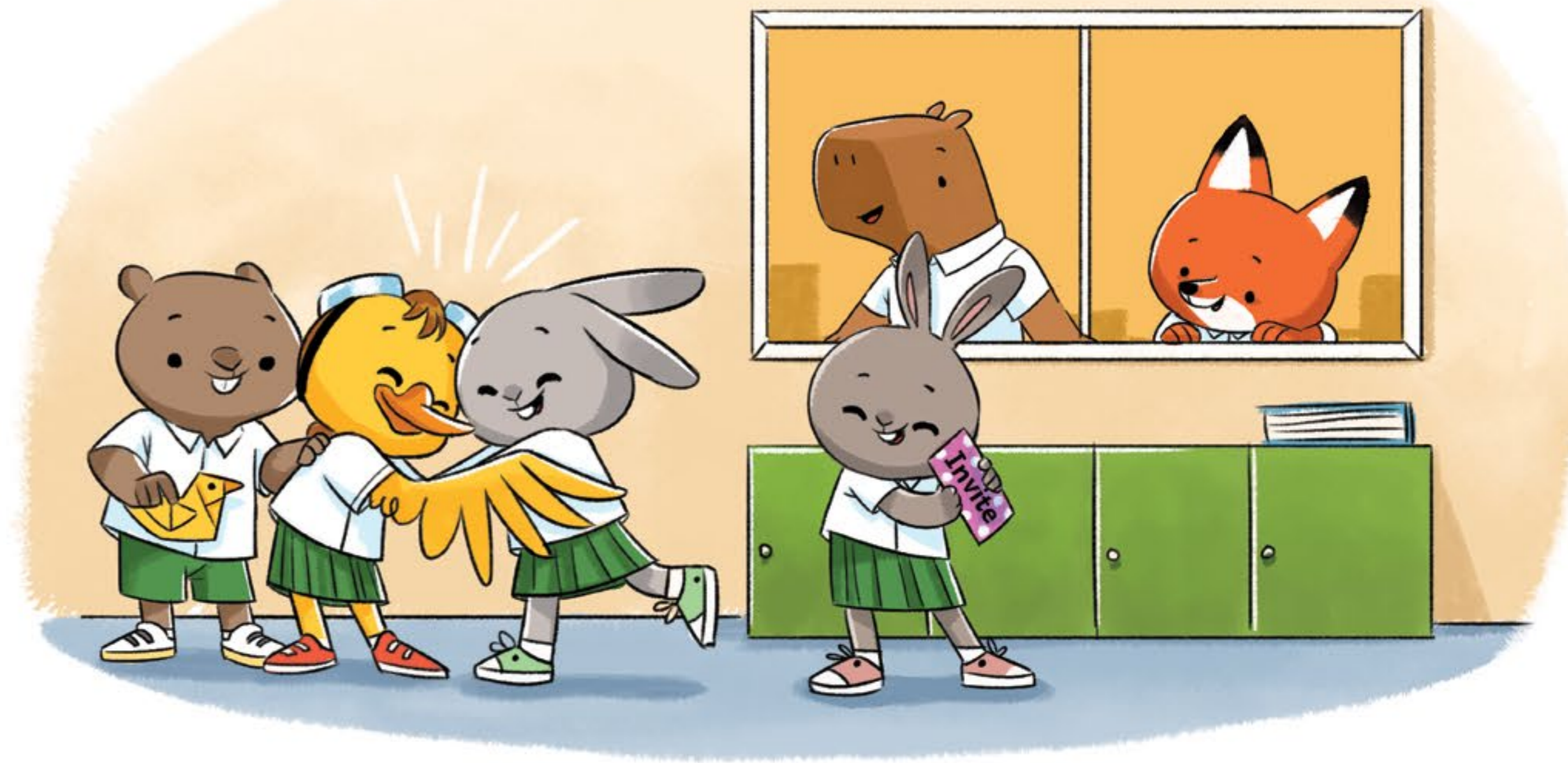


The next morning, Dawn goes to school with a special skip.

She hands her birthday party invitations to her friends.



The Rabbit sisters jump for joy and hug Dawn.



Jerry Porcupine shouts, "Yes!" and thanks Dawn for inviting him.





Dawn starts counting down to her party.

“How many more days, Mum?” Dawn asks each morning.

Finally, it is just one more night to Dawn’s party!

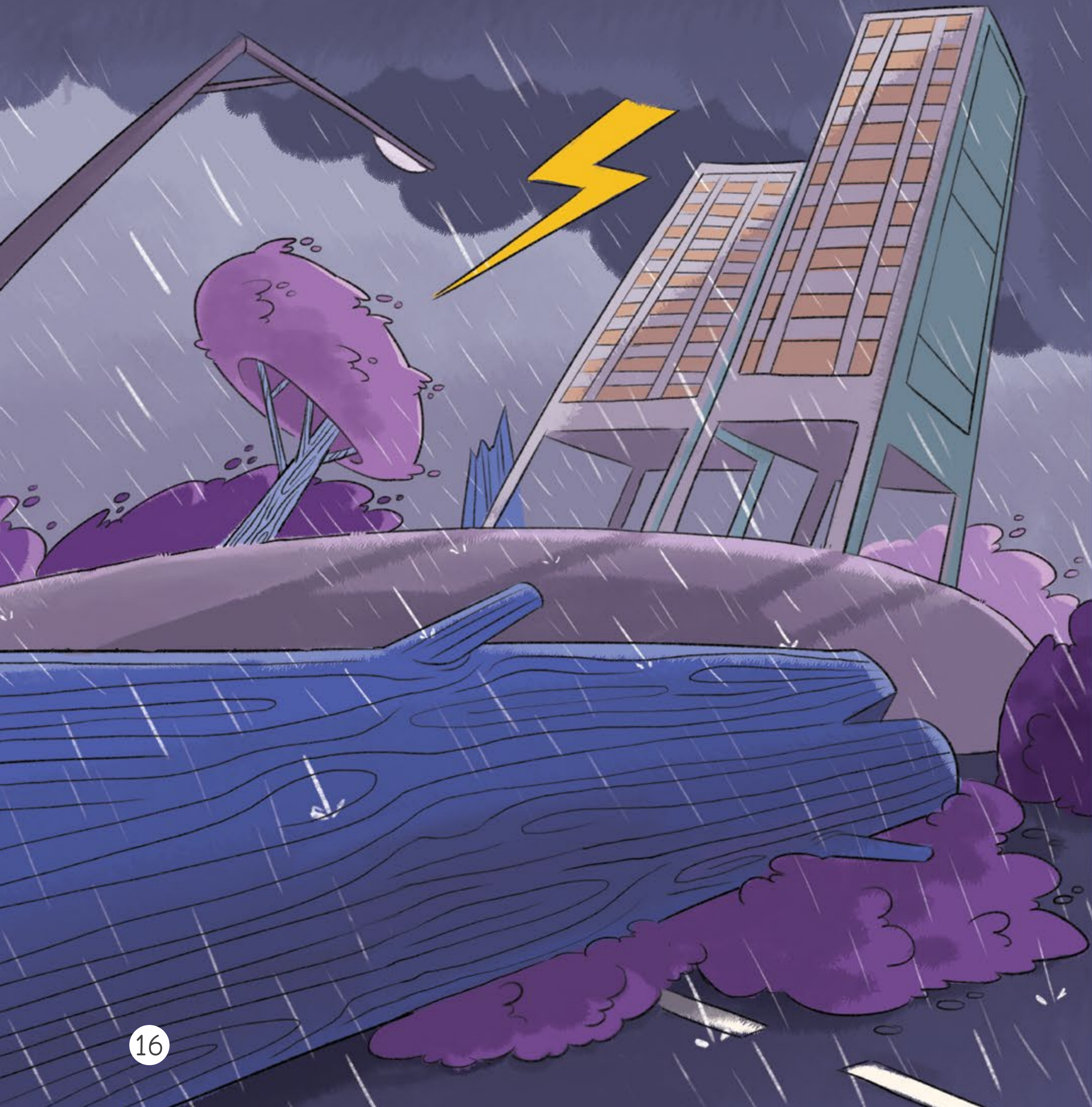
Dawn tries so hard to fall asleep that night.





On the morning of Dawn's sixth birthday, a terrible storm sweeps through the city.

No one can leave their homes.



Dawn has to cancel her party.  
Tears roll down her face.

"I waited so long," Dawn says quietly.  
She wants to be angry, but she knows  
it is not anyone's fault.



PROMPT: What do you do when you are sad?



DING DONG!

It is Aunt Lilian and Uncle Leon with a surprise for Dawn.



Uncle Leon reveals what the gift is. It is a chocolate cake with two beautiful white chocolate swans. Dawn likes swans very much!



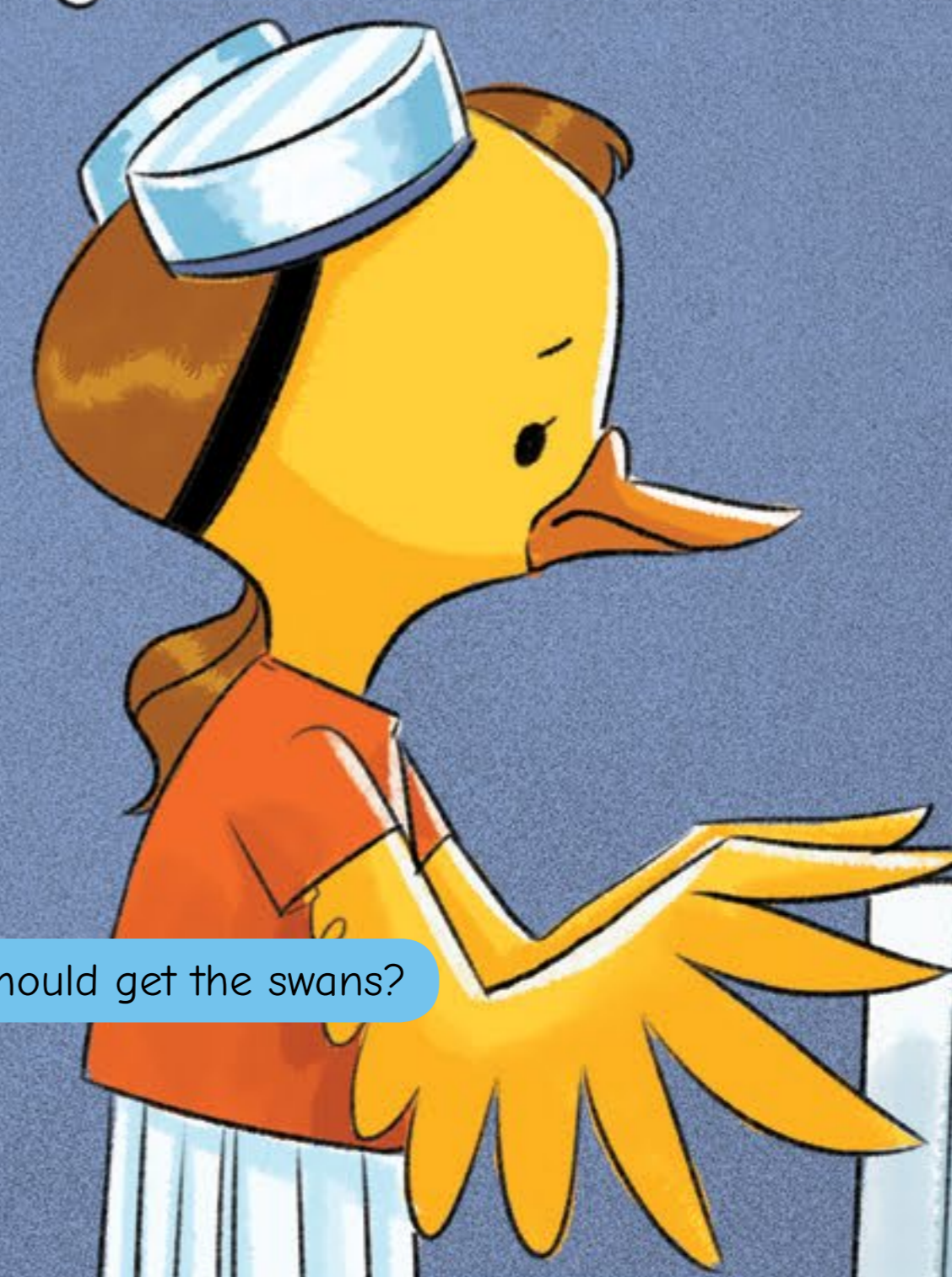
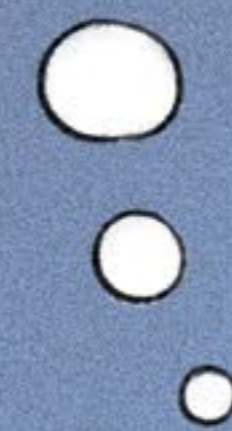


Everyone sings Dawn a birthday song.  
Then Dina says, "Can I have a swan?"  
Danny chimes in, "I like swans. I want  
one too!"

Aunt Lilian suggests, "Let Dawn  
have both. It is her birthday."  
"But Dawn cannot eat two,"  
Danny reasons.



I just want  
to be happy on  
my birthday.



PROMPT: Who should get the swans?



Dawn recalls what her family had done to prepare for her birthday.

Give Hugs and Pats



Give Gifts



Give Kind Words



Give Help



Give Time



Dawn thinks hard,

"If I give Dina a swan, Danny will be sad.  
If I give Danny a swan, Dina will be upset.  
If I keep both, they will both be disappointed.  
And I don't want them to be unhappy on my birthday."





Dawn finally declares, "Danny and Dina can have the swans."



"But it is your birthday. Are you sure?" Dad asks.

Dawn nods.

Danny and Dina squeal in delight!





Dina asks, "You could not have your party at Whizzy Carnival. Why are you happy?"

Dawn replies, "Because all of you love me!"

"Mum gives loving notes, Dad gives his time. Danny and Dina gave a helping hand.

Aunt Lilian and Uncle Leon gave me a beautiful cake.

All of you give me hugs! *To love is to give.*

I love you both, so I give you my precious swans."





Danny dashes to his room and returns with a pebble.

He puts it in Dawn's hand.

"This is my treasure from the playground.  
Happy Birthday! **To love is to give,**"  
says Danny with a wink.



PROMPT: How does Dawn feel? What do you think happens after this?





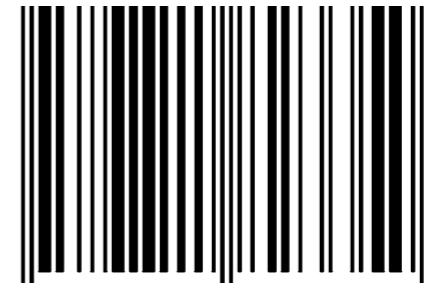
Dawn could not wait for her sixth birthday party! Everything is prepared and it is just one more day to her party. Then, the unthinkable happens—a terrible storm hits and Dawn’s party is cancelled. Yet, in her great disappointment, she discovers a treasure...

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