



Mabel Mouse and Breezy Bird  
Learn About Tap Water Quality:

# It's Good!

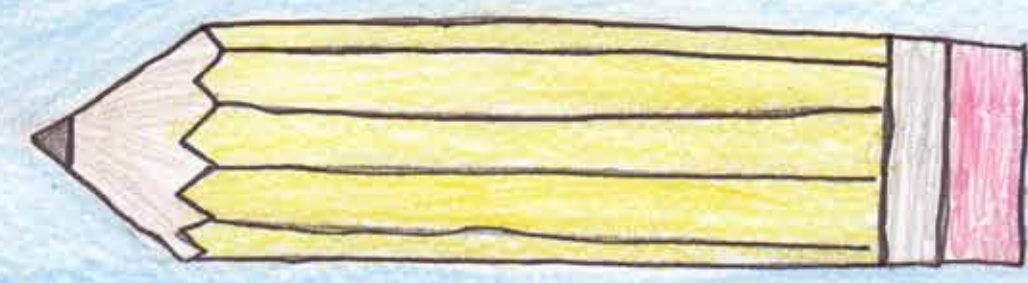


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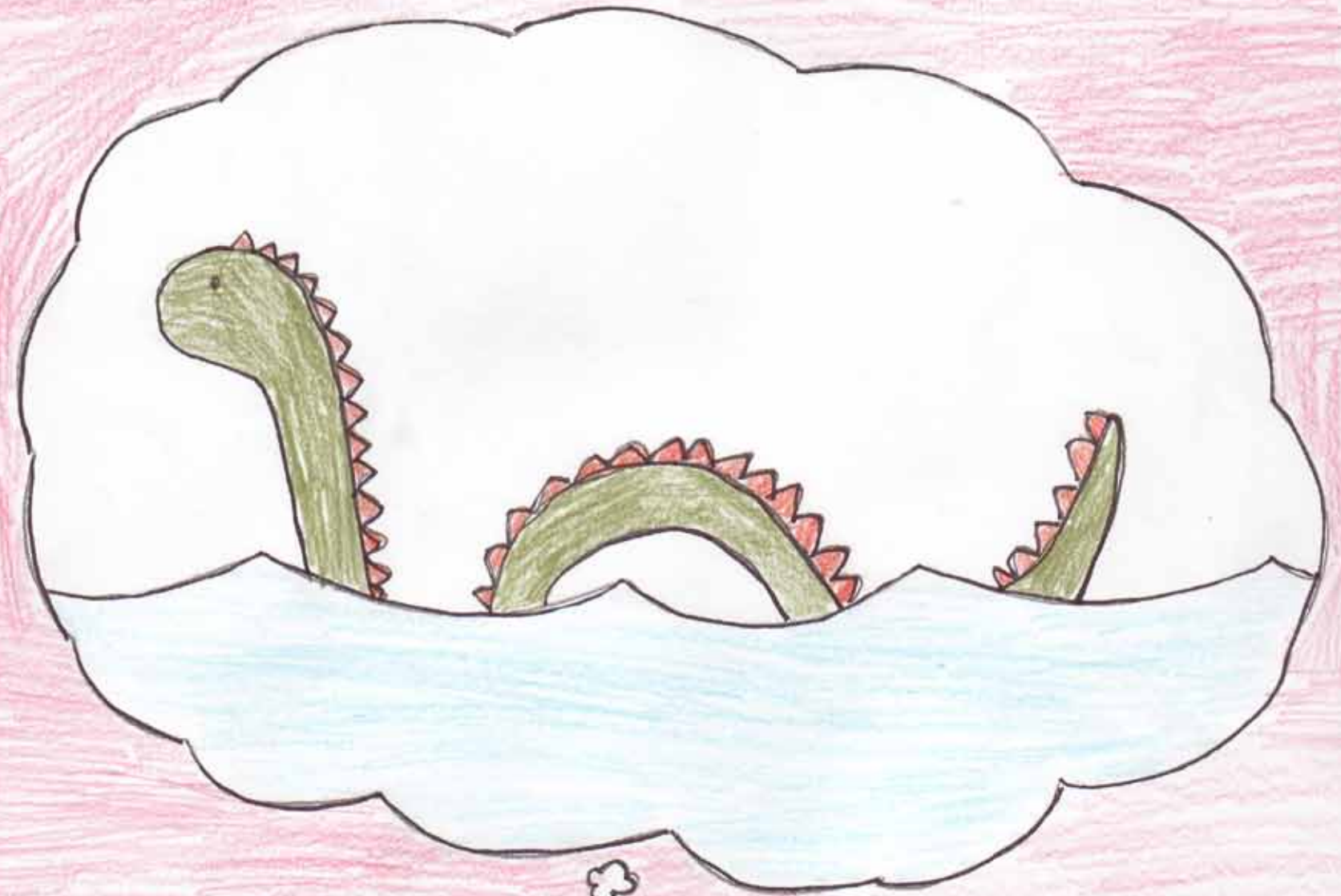
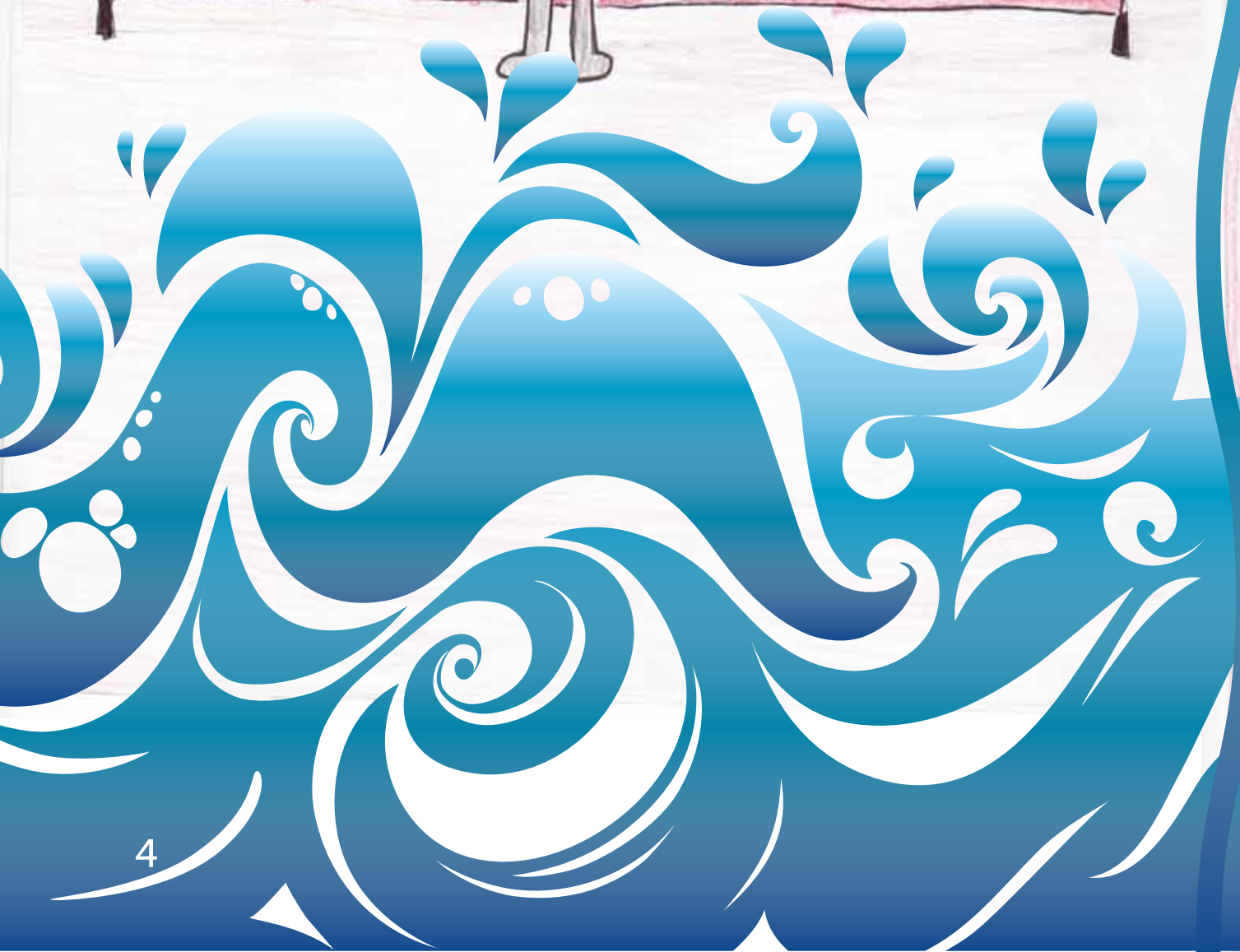




Dedicated to  
**Mrs. Sarkis**  
For being the best teacher ever!



Mabel Mouse was sitting on the couch, sipping a glass of water when she started to wonder where her drinking water came from.



"Maybe my drinking water comes from a water breathing dragon, or maybe a water monster?" thought Mabel.



Mabel decided to walk to the house next door to ask Breezy Bird if she knew where their drinking water came from.

Breezy told Mabel that she remembered hearing about a place in town where they clean water from lakes, rivers, streams, and even underground to make it safe to drink. She also told Mabel that she thought the place was called a water filtration plant. The two friends decided to go check it out.



When they arrived they were greeted by a worker named Bo Bear. He was tall, pleasantly plump, and very kind.

## Water Filtration Plant



Bo Bear asked Mabel and Breezy,  
"Would you like me to give you a  
tour of the filtration plant?"

"Yes please," said Mabel.

Bo asked Mabel and Breezy  
to follow him.

Yes  
please.

Would you like  
me to give you  
a tour of the  
filtration plant?



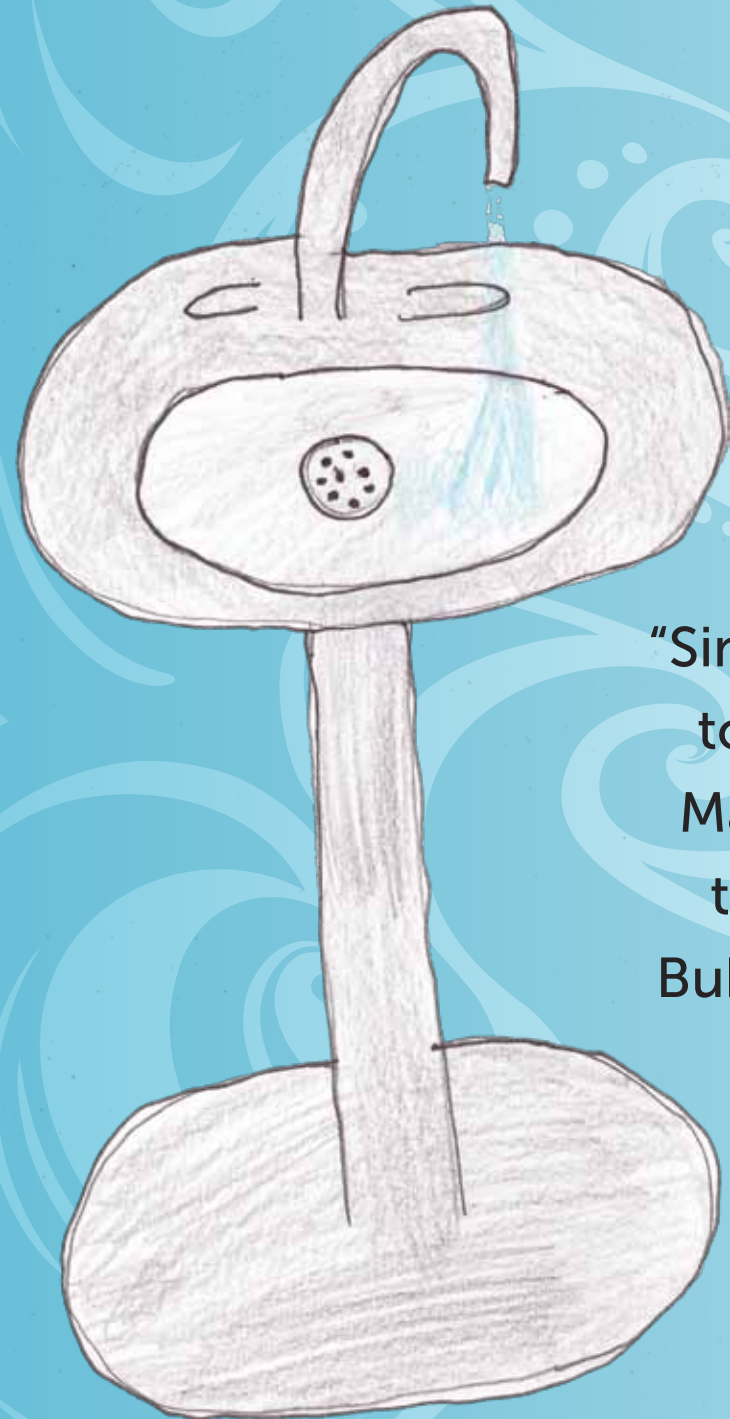
"First, the water goes through screens to remove large items such as leaves and twigs. Next, it goes through filters where dirt and impurities are removed and sent to the sewer," Bo said.

"After that, a small amount of chlorine is added to the water to disinfect it, and then the drinking water flows into big storage tanks," Bo told Mabel and Breezy.

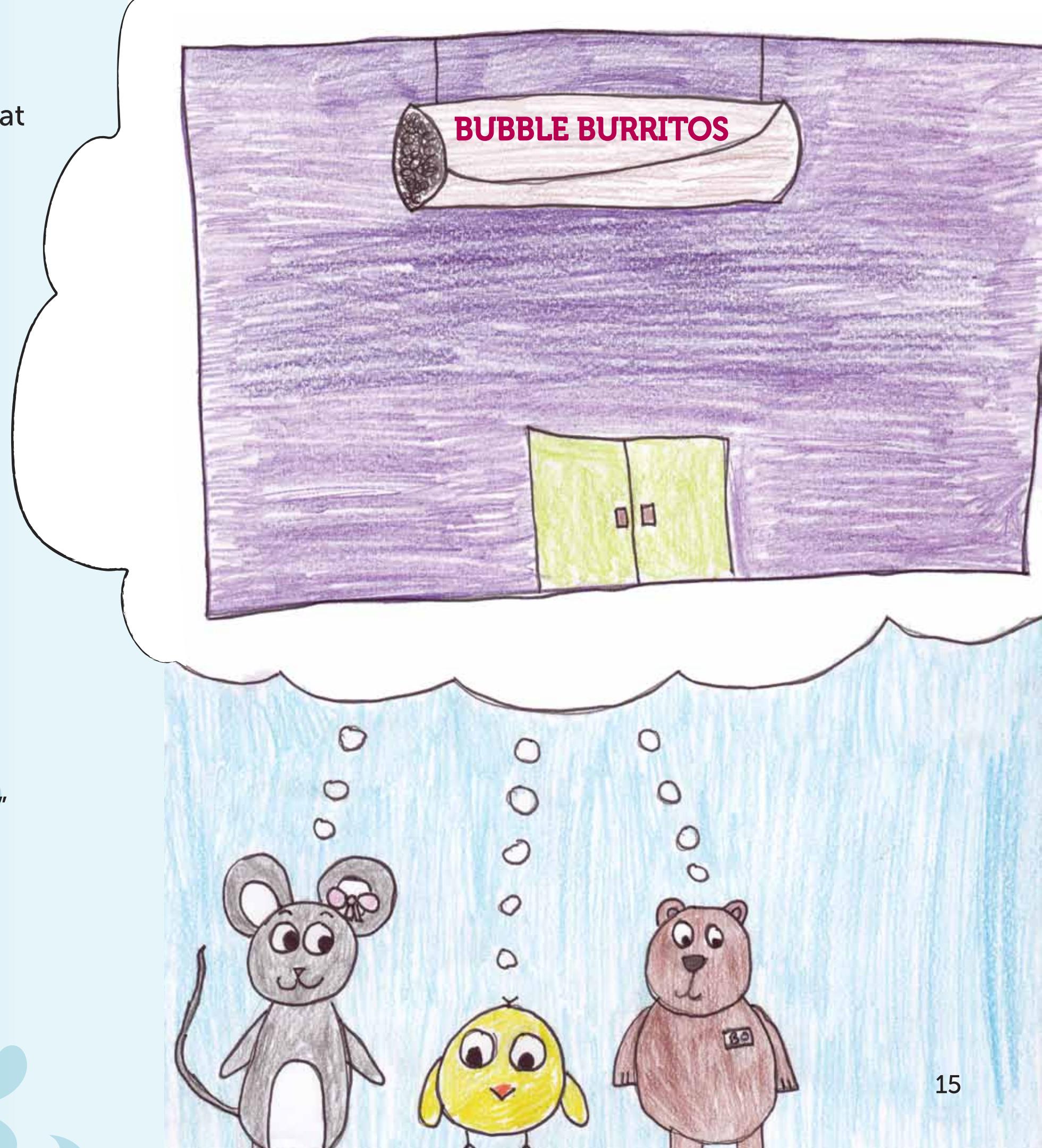
"The drinking water then travels into pipes that can lead into YOUR sink!" Bo said.

"WOW!" said Breezy.

"I never knew that," said Mabel.



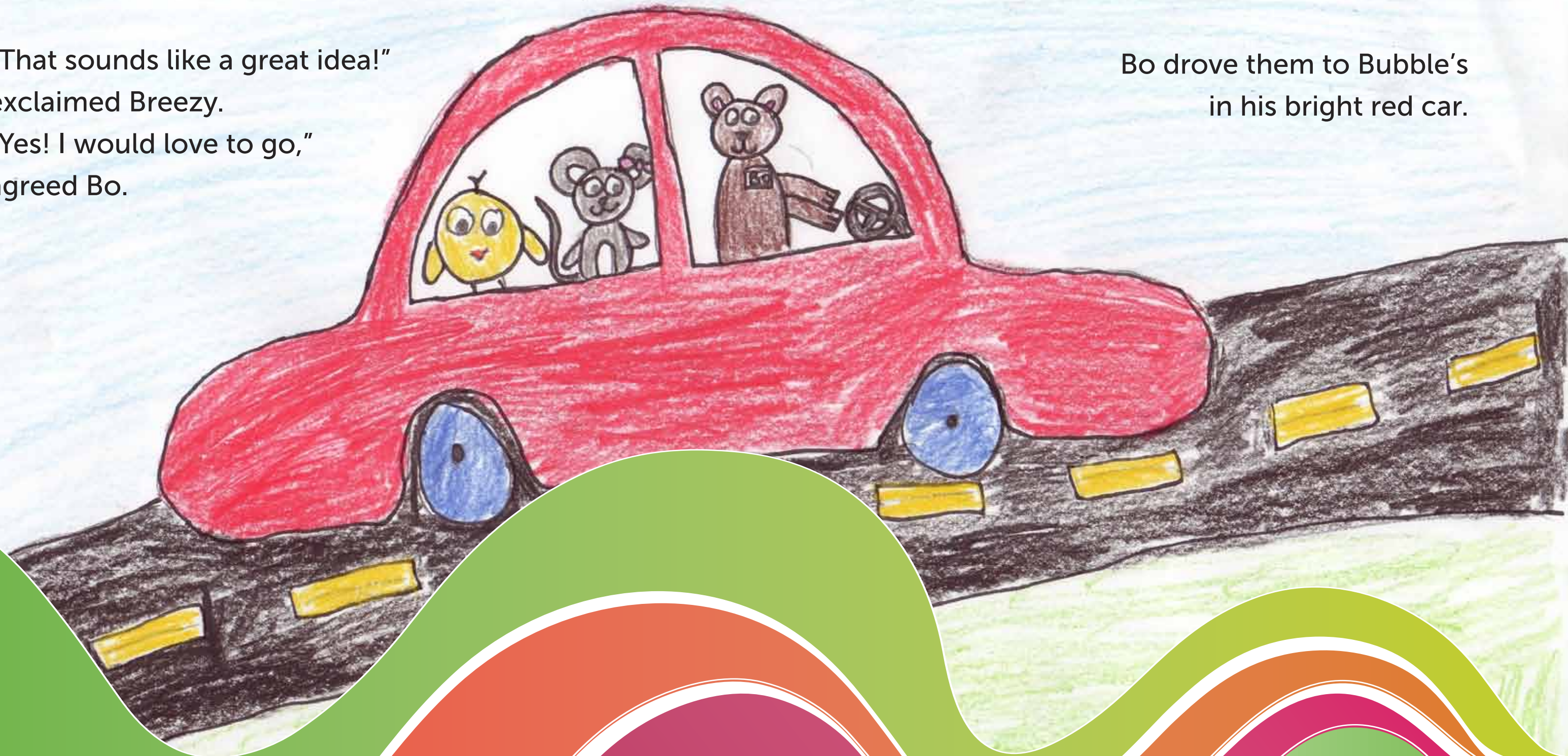
"Since you were so kind to give us a tour," said Mabel, "would you like to join us for lunch at Bubble Burritos Buffet?"



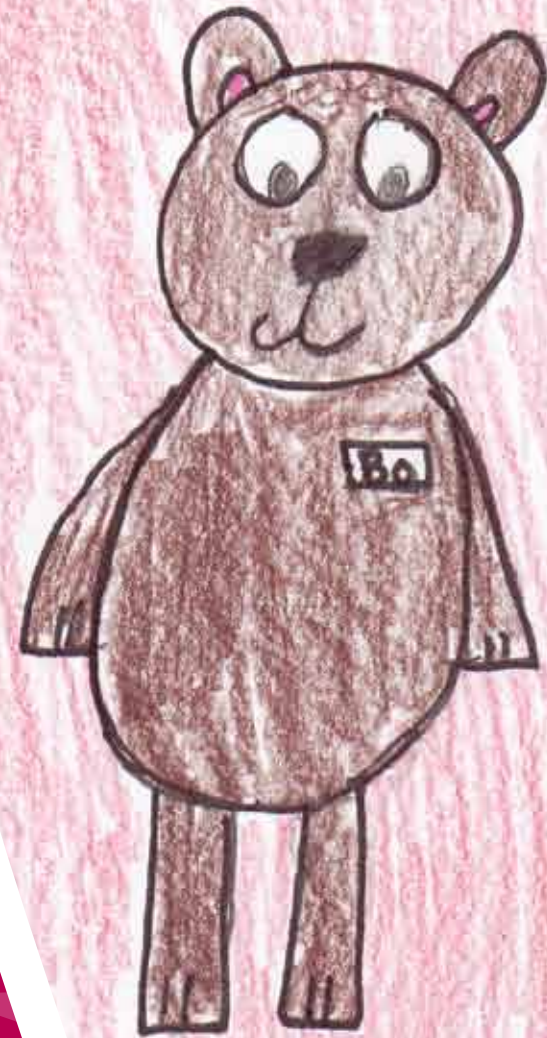
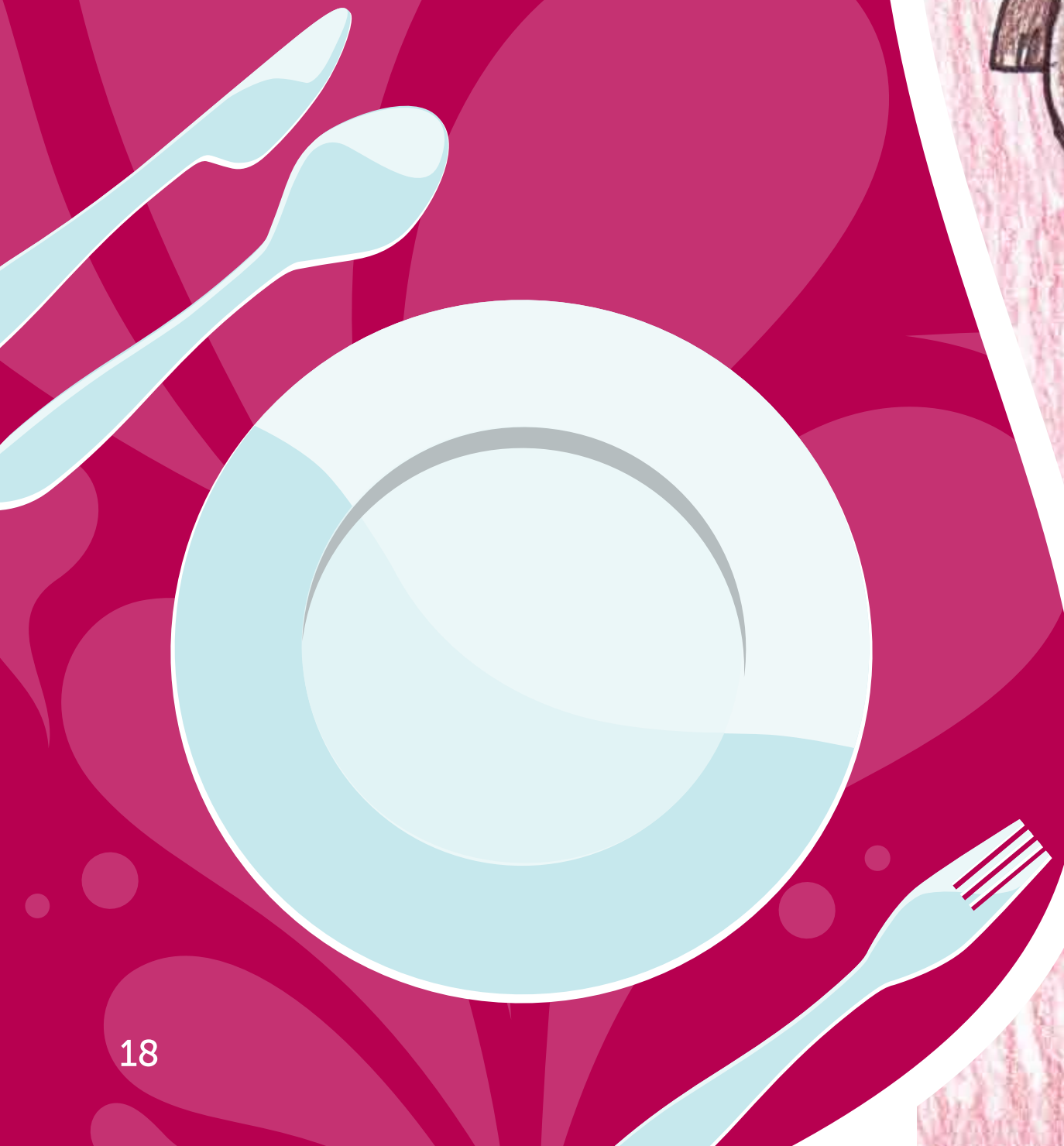


"That sounds like a great idea!"  
exclaimed Breezy.  
"Yes! I would love to go,"  
agreed Bo.

Bo drove them to Bubble's  
in his bright red car.



When they arrived, they jumped out of the car and happily entered the restaurant. They sat down at a table for three and ordered . . . WATER to drink!

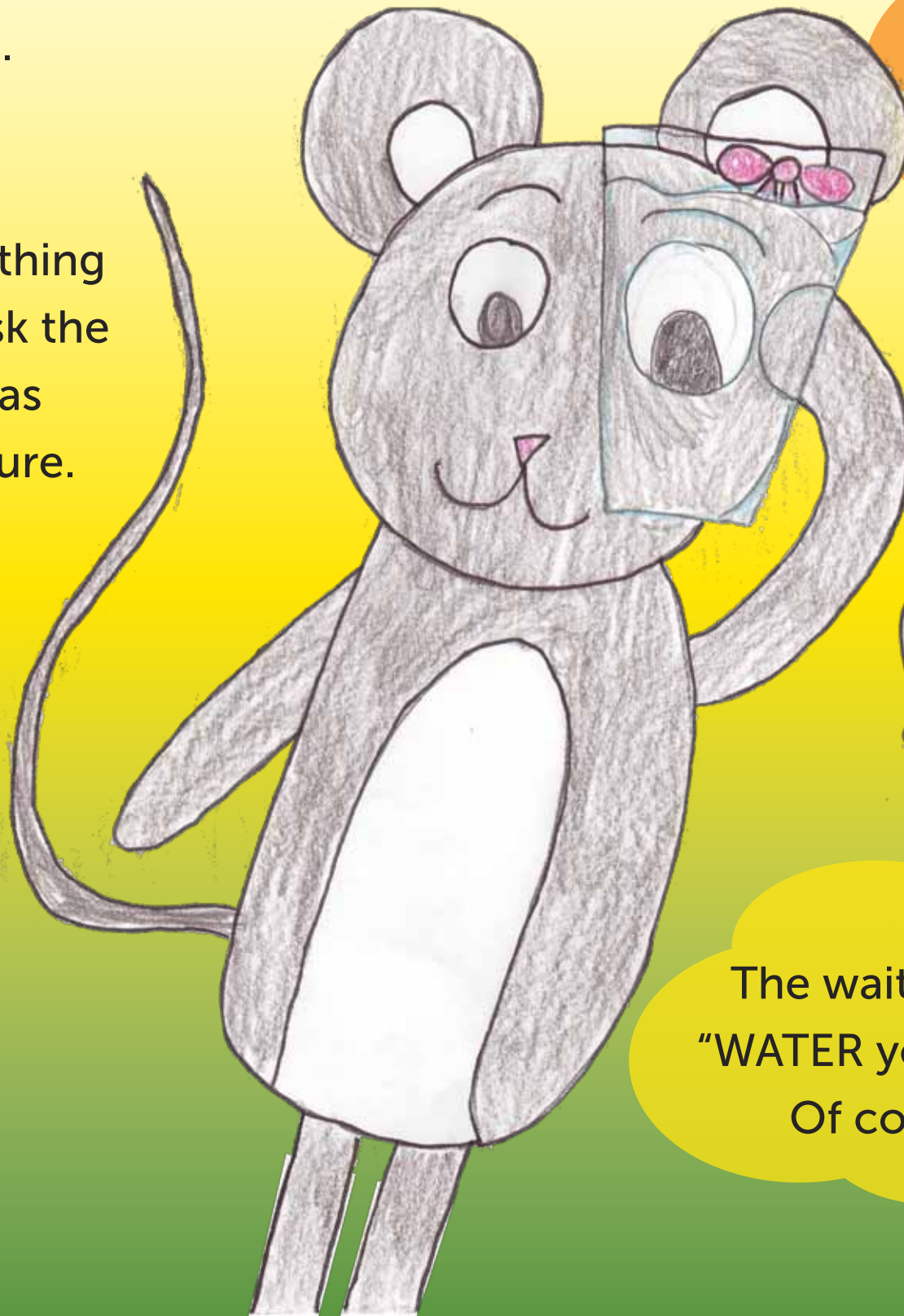




When the waiter brought the water to the table, Mabel carefully examined the water to see if anything got through the filtration process.



Mabel didn't see anything but she wanted to ask the waiter if the water was clean, just to make sure.

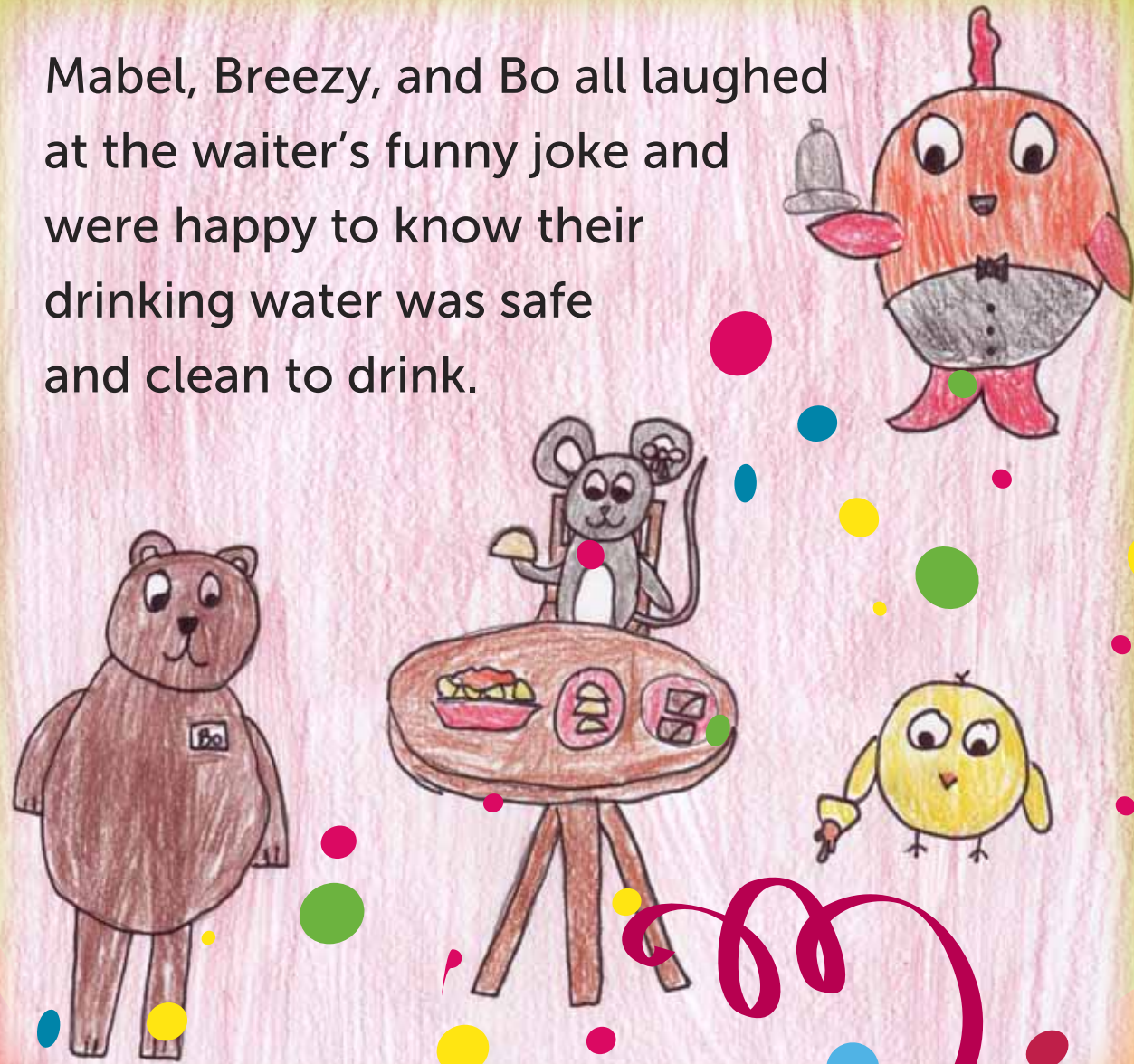


"Excuse me, Mr. Waiter, is this glass of water clean and safe to drink?" asked Mabel.



The waiter replied, "WATER you saying? Of course it is!"

Mabel, Breezy, and Bo all laughed at the waiter's funny joke and were happy to know their drinking water was safe and clean to drink.



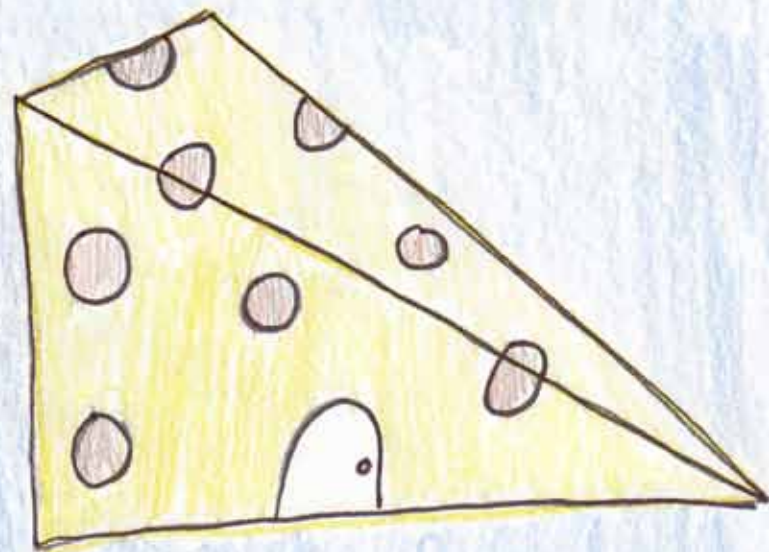
**CHEERS!**



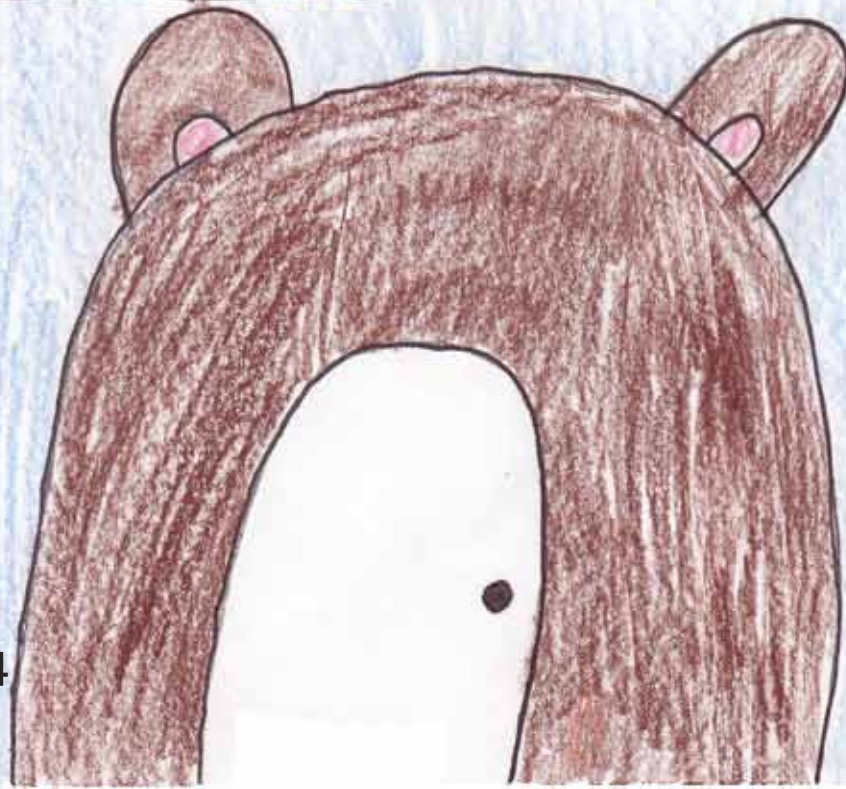
After lunch Mabel drank some water to wash down the nachos she had eaten. She held up her clear and shiny water glass and said, "Now I really know where this water has been! And it is all thanks to my friends! Thank you Breezy and Bo!"

"No problem," said Breezy Bird.

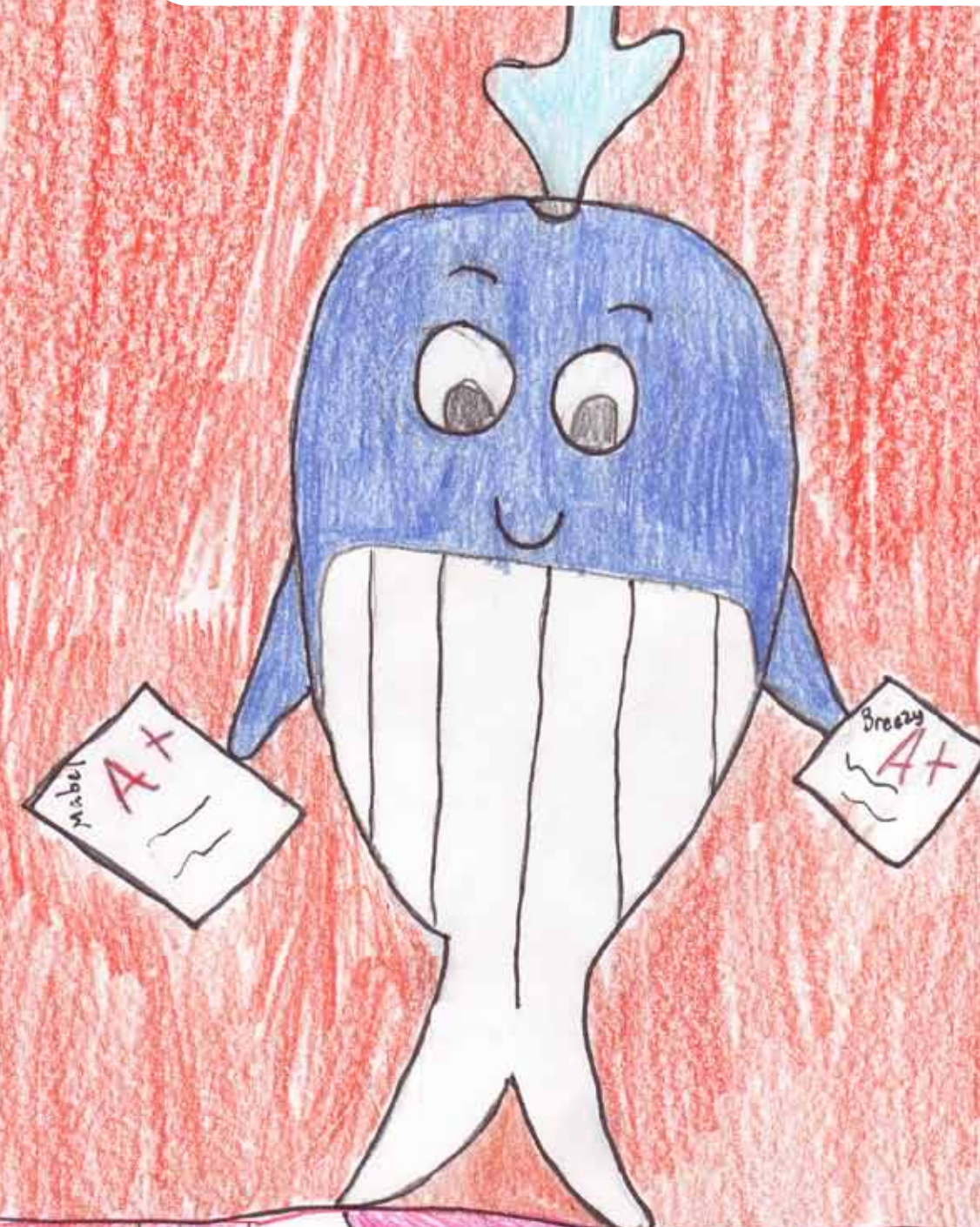
"Don't mention it," said Bo Bear.

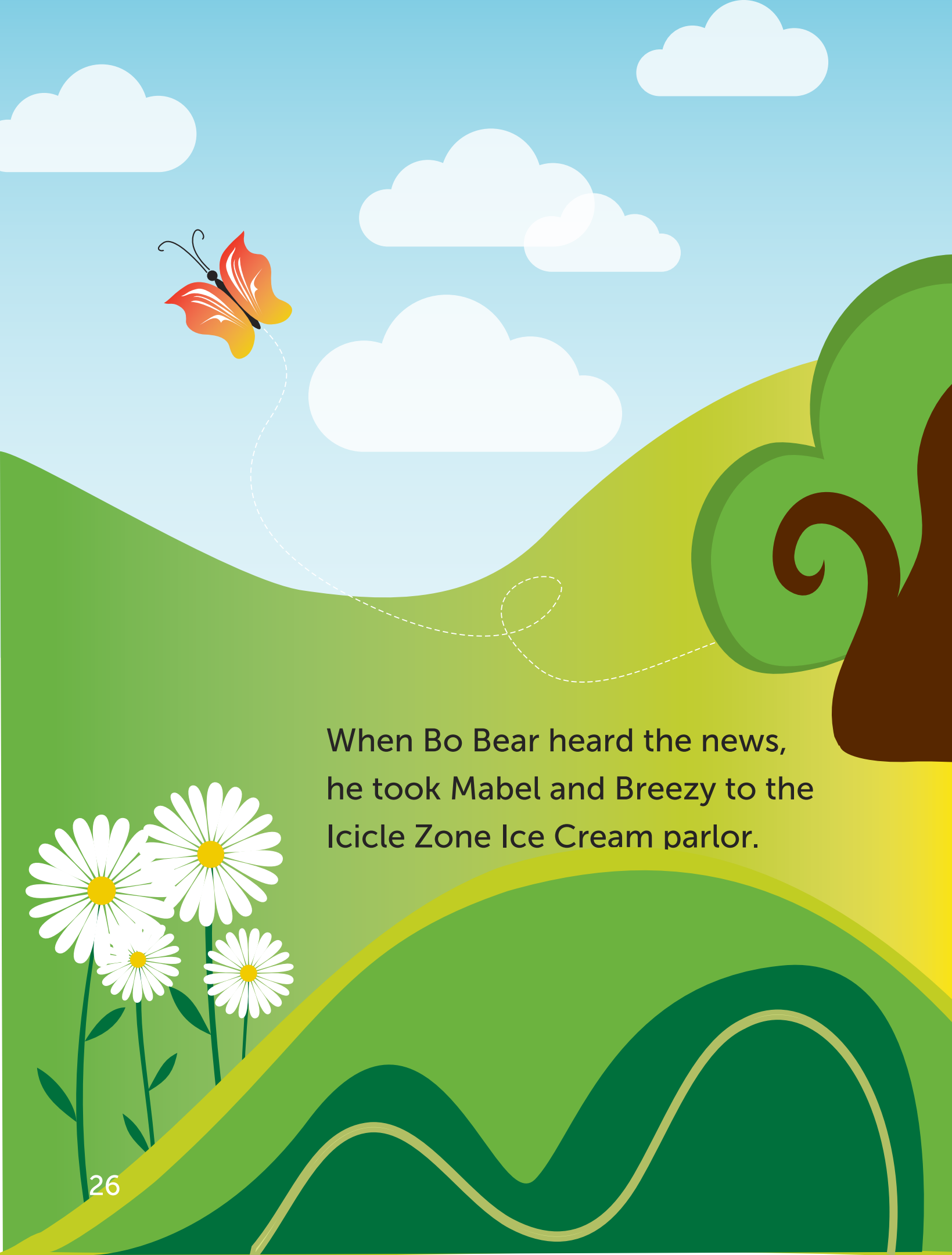


Soon the three friends went home, promising to keep in touch.

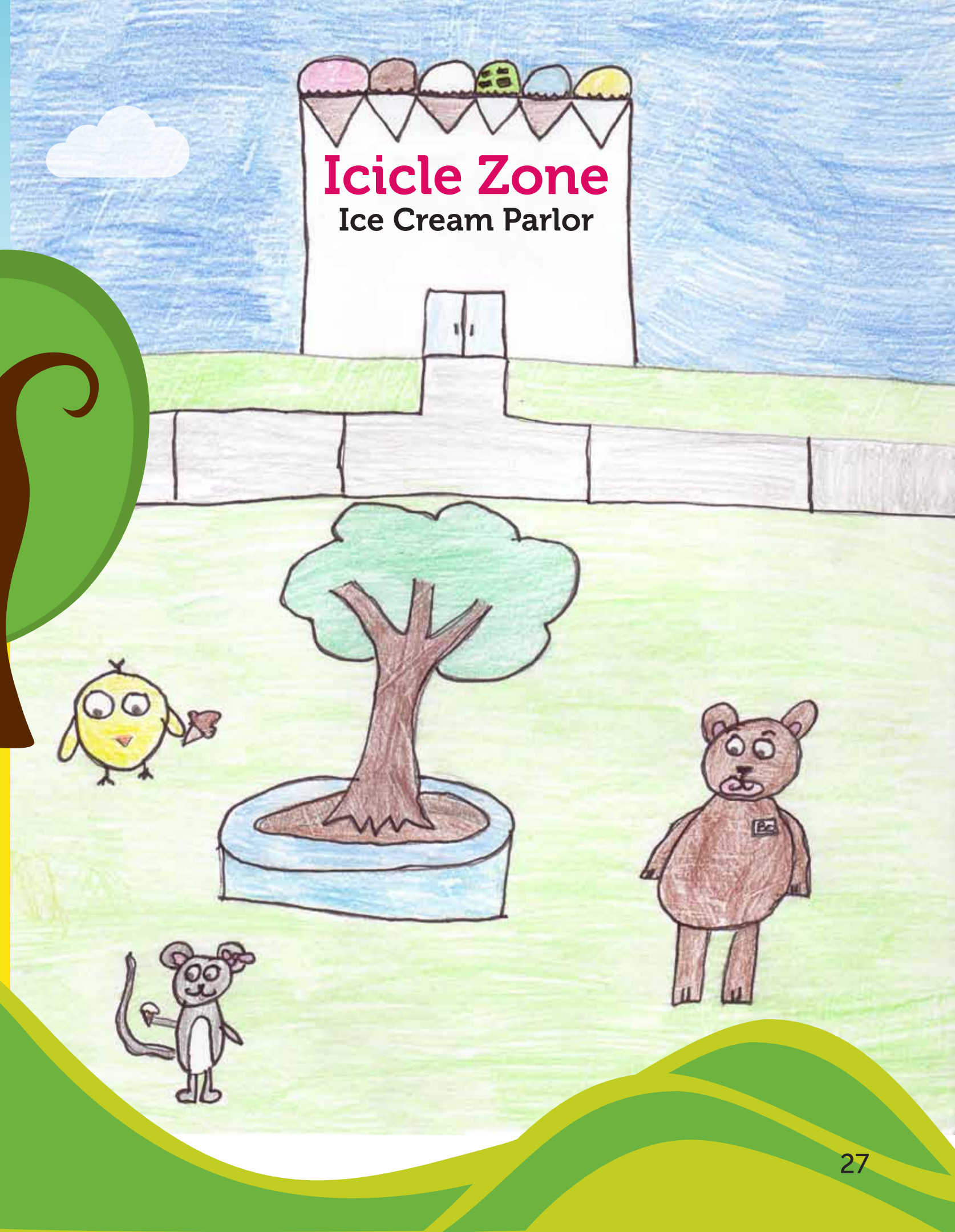


The following day, Breezy and Mabel walked to school. Their teacher, Mr. Wilie Whale had them write a paper on how raw water becomes drinking water. Mabel and Breezy were not surprised at all when they got an A+ on their essays.





When Bo Bear heard the news,  
he took Mabel and Breezy to the  
Icicle Zone Ice Cream parlor.



The three friends all lived happily ever after!



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My favorite instrument  
is the saxophone!



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I love hanging  
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