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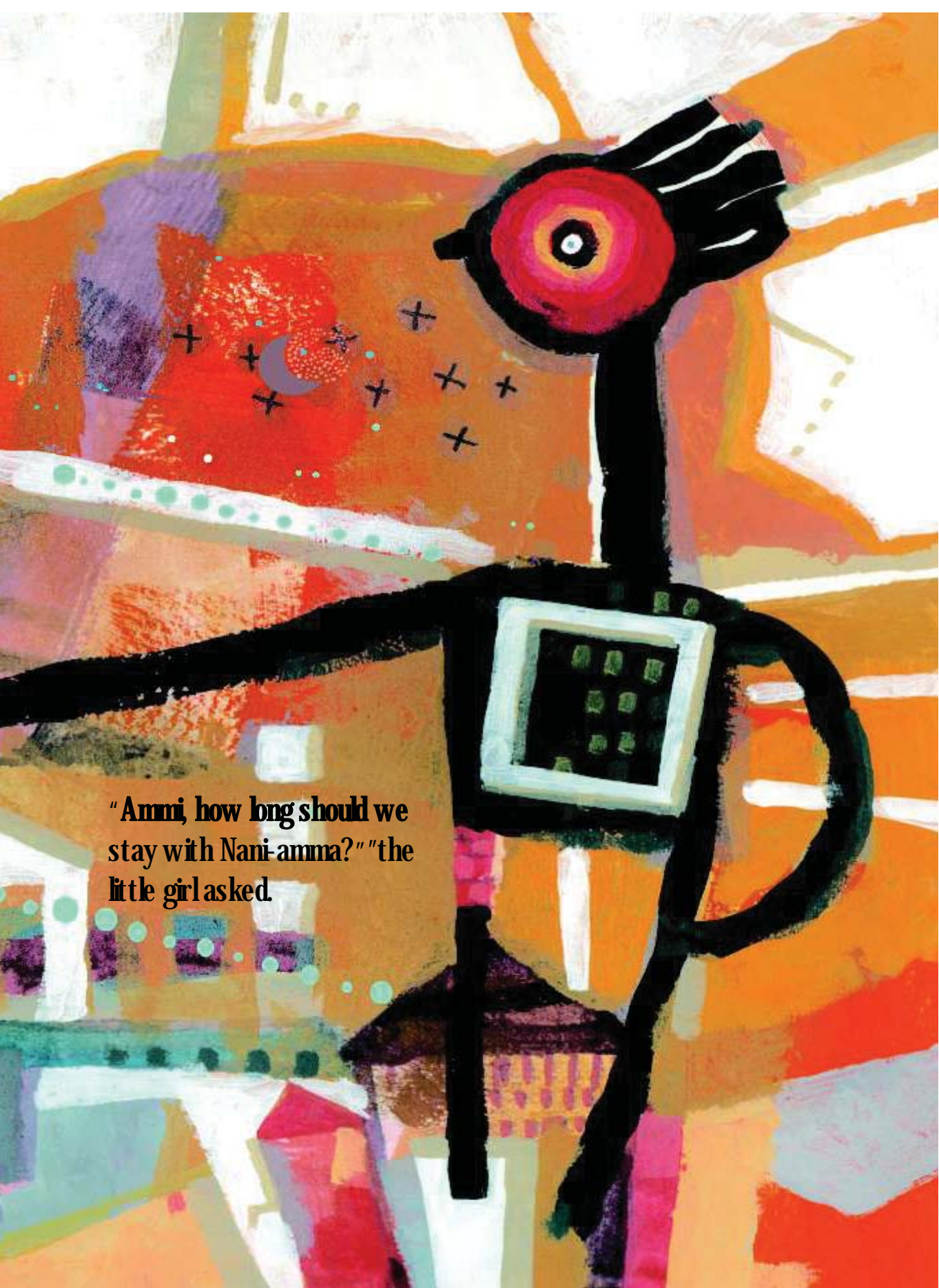
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"Ammi, how long should we stay with Nani-amma?" "the little girl asked.





**"As long as Abbu isn't here," her mother replied.
"When will Abbu come back?" the little girl asked.**





**The mother
trembled. Her mind
wandered back
years ago.**





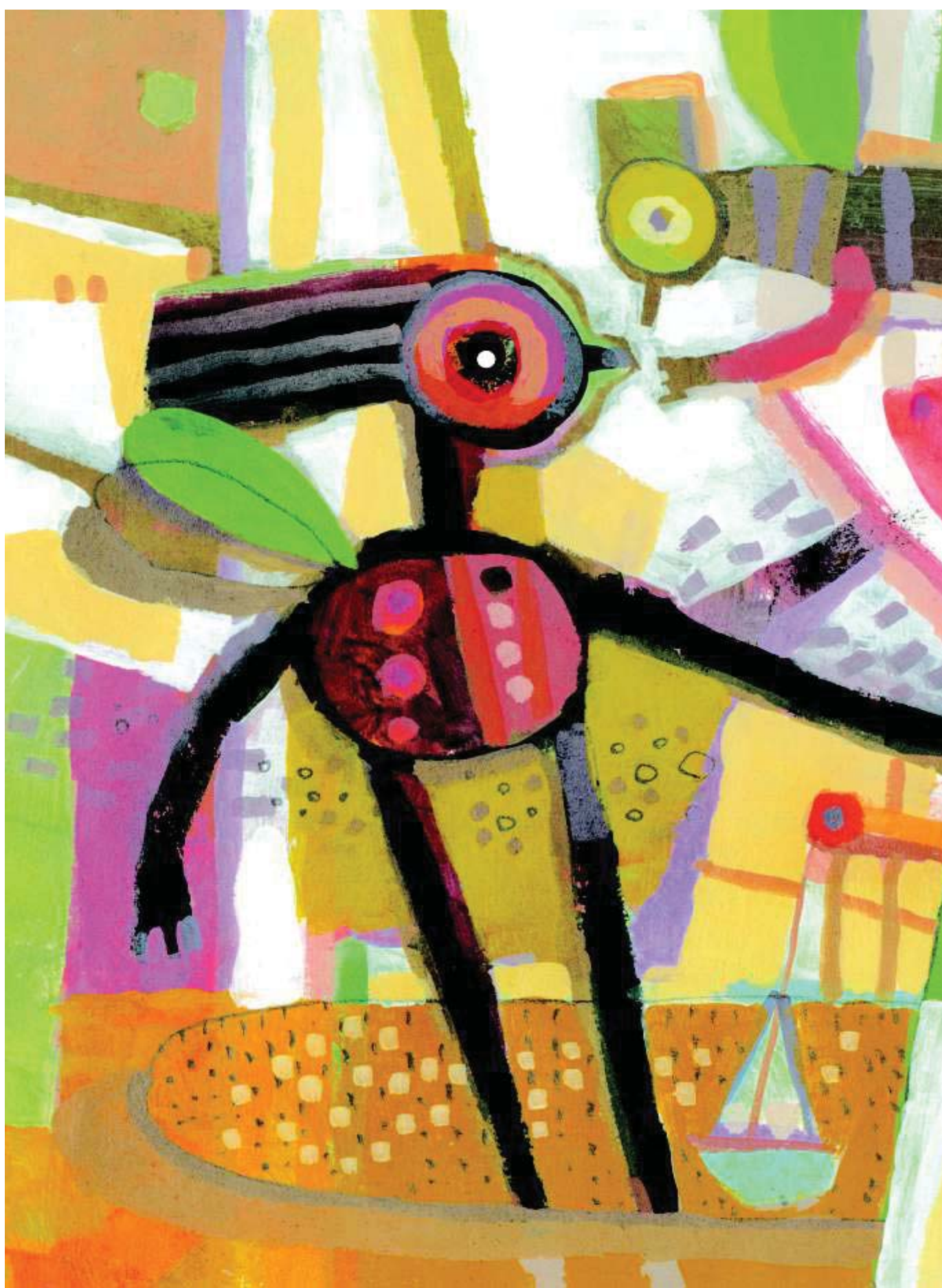
When her friend went away, the girl asked, "Amma, will you buy me a doll with big eyes like Donya's doll?"



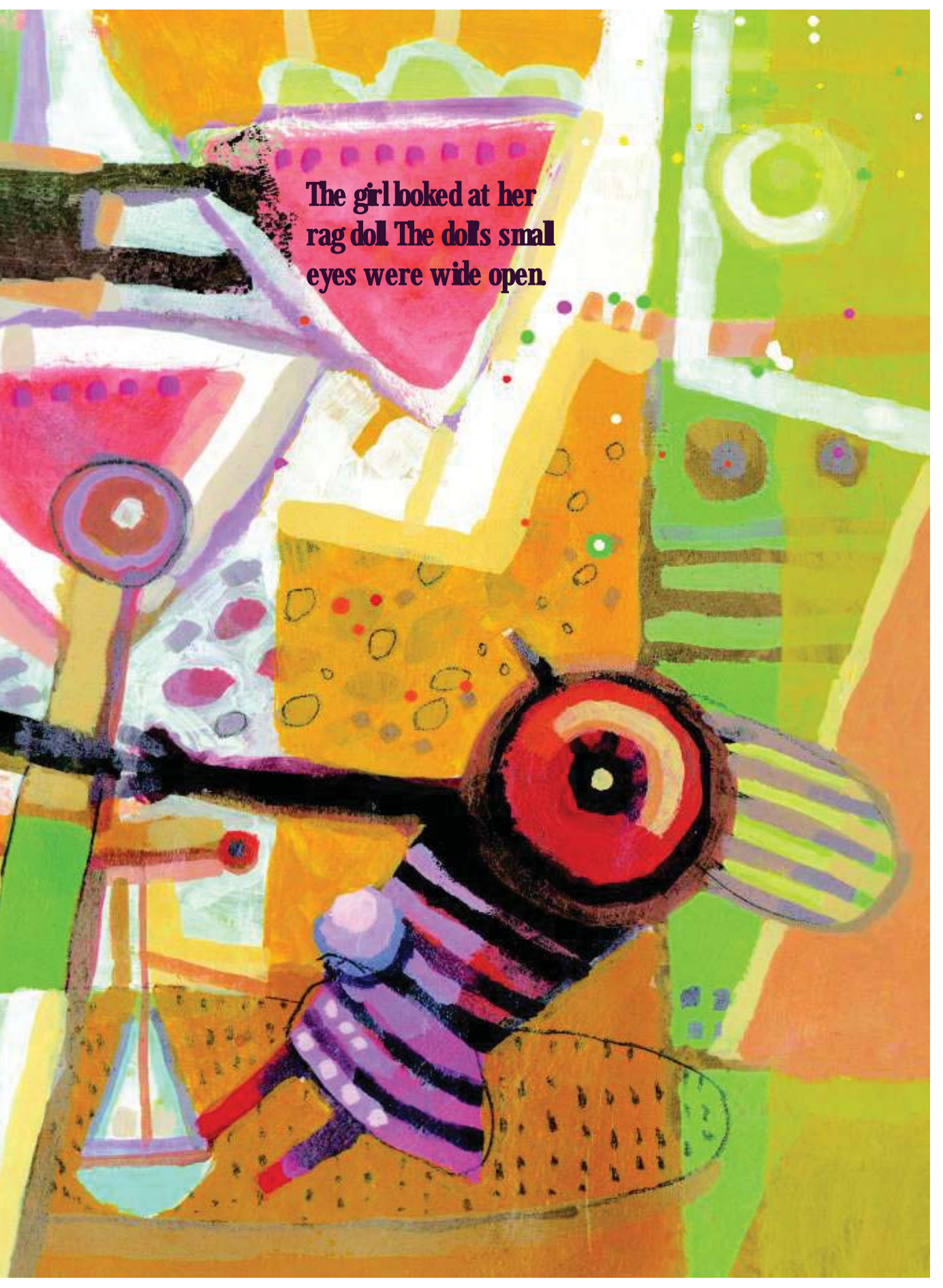
**"Of course I will, my darling,"
her mother said.**

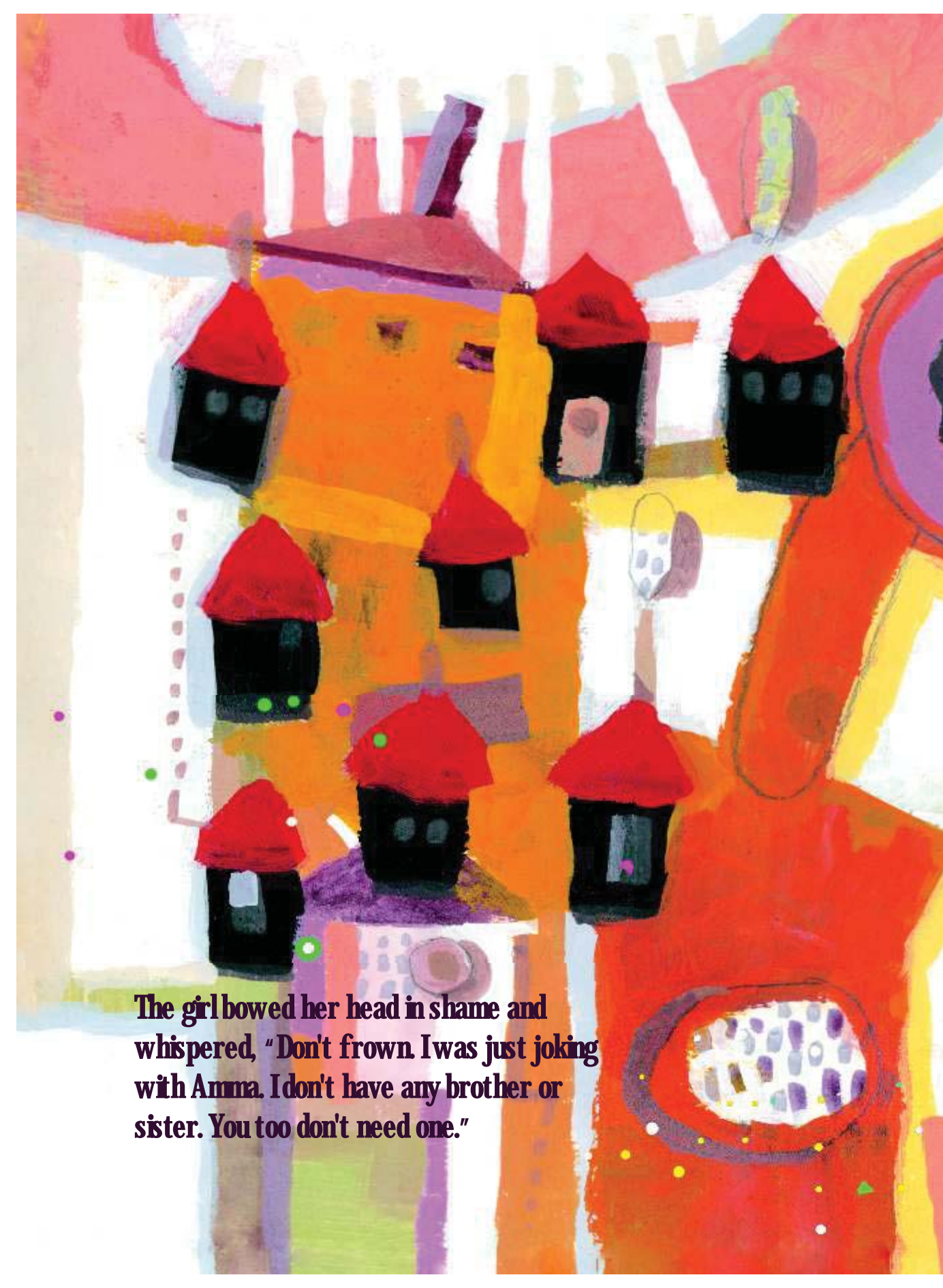
**"When?" asked the girl
"Soon honey, very soon!"
Amma replied.**





The girl looked at her
rag doll. The doll's small
eyes were wide open.



The background is a colorful, abstract painting. It features a central orange and yellow area with several houses that have red conical roofs and black rectangular bodies. To the right, there is a large, stylized figure in red and orange, with a white and purple patterned oval shape on its chest. The overall style is expressive and folk-art inspired, with bold colors and simple shapes.


The girl bowed her head in shame and whispered, "Don't frown. I was just joking with Amma. I don't have any brother or sister. You too don't need one."



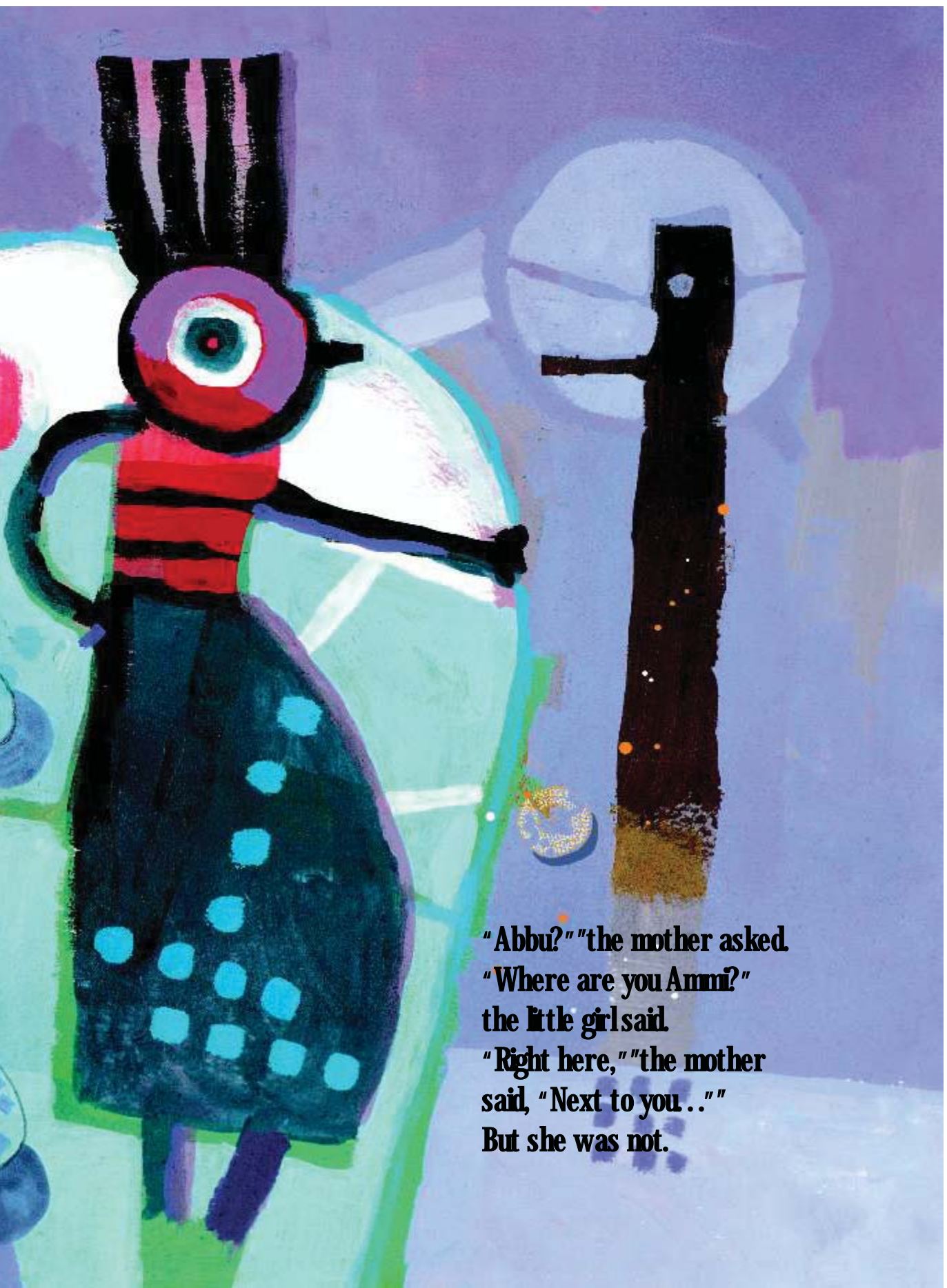


The doll was silent, but
she wasn't smiling



A vibrant, abstract painting. The central figure is a creature with a large, multi-colored eye (red, purple, blue, green) and a body with black and red stripes. The background is a collage of colors: blue, yellow, red, orange, and green, with various patterns and textures. A large, stylized sun or moon is visible on the right side. The overall style is expressive and colorful.

**"Ammi, I asked you when
Abbu would come back,"
the little girl's voice
brought her mother back.**



**"Abbu?" "the mother asked
"Where are you Ammi?"
the little girl said
"Right here," "the mother
said, "Next to you..."
But she was not.**

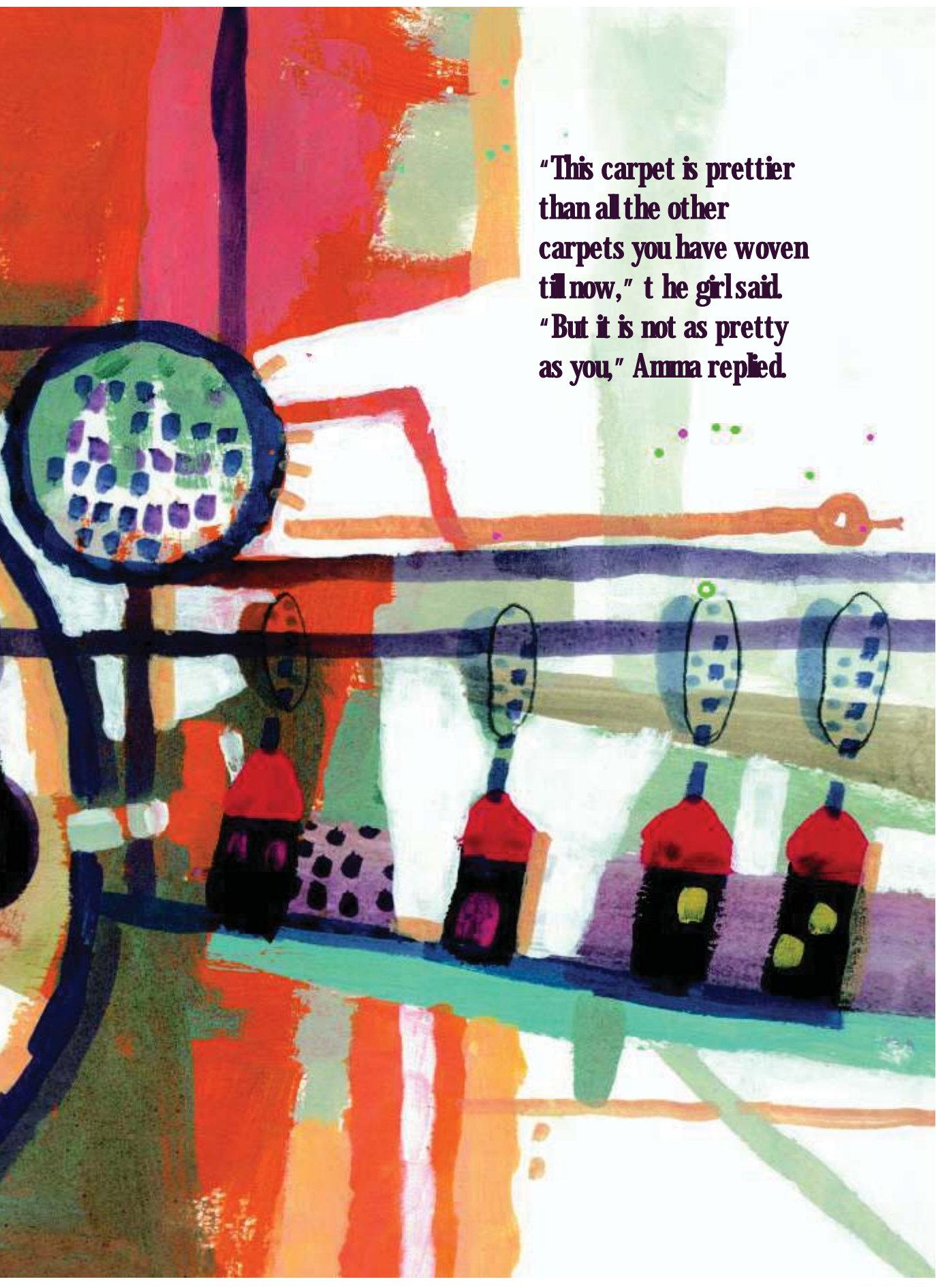
The girl was back
from school Her
mother was sitting on
the carpet lom The
carpet was almost
finished.







**"This carpet is prettier
than all the other
carpets you have woven
till now," t he girl said
"But it is not as pretty
as you," Amma replied.**

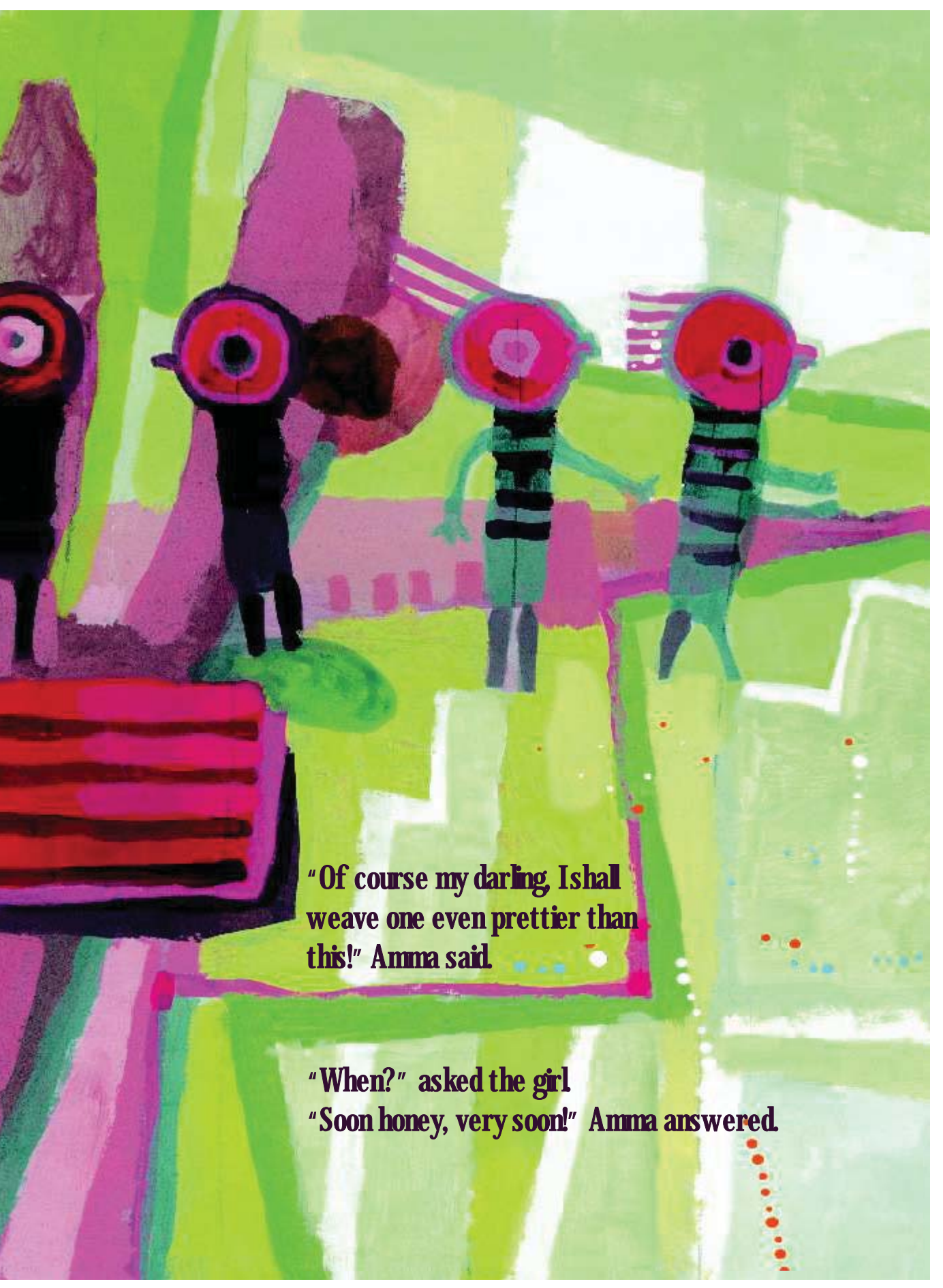


**"Amma, will you weave one
for us too?" the girl asked.**



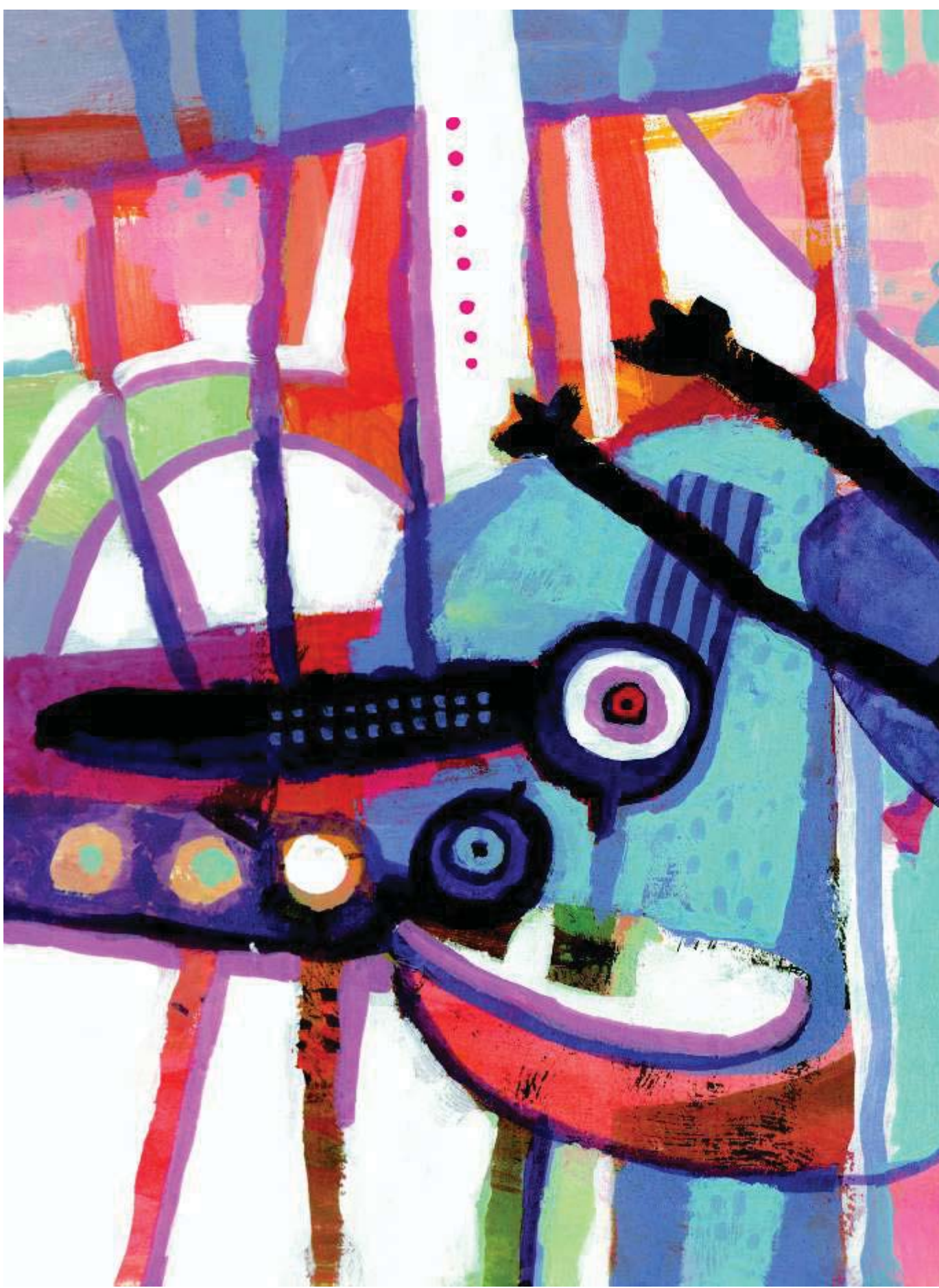


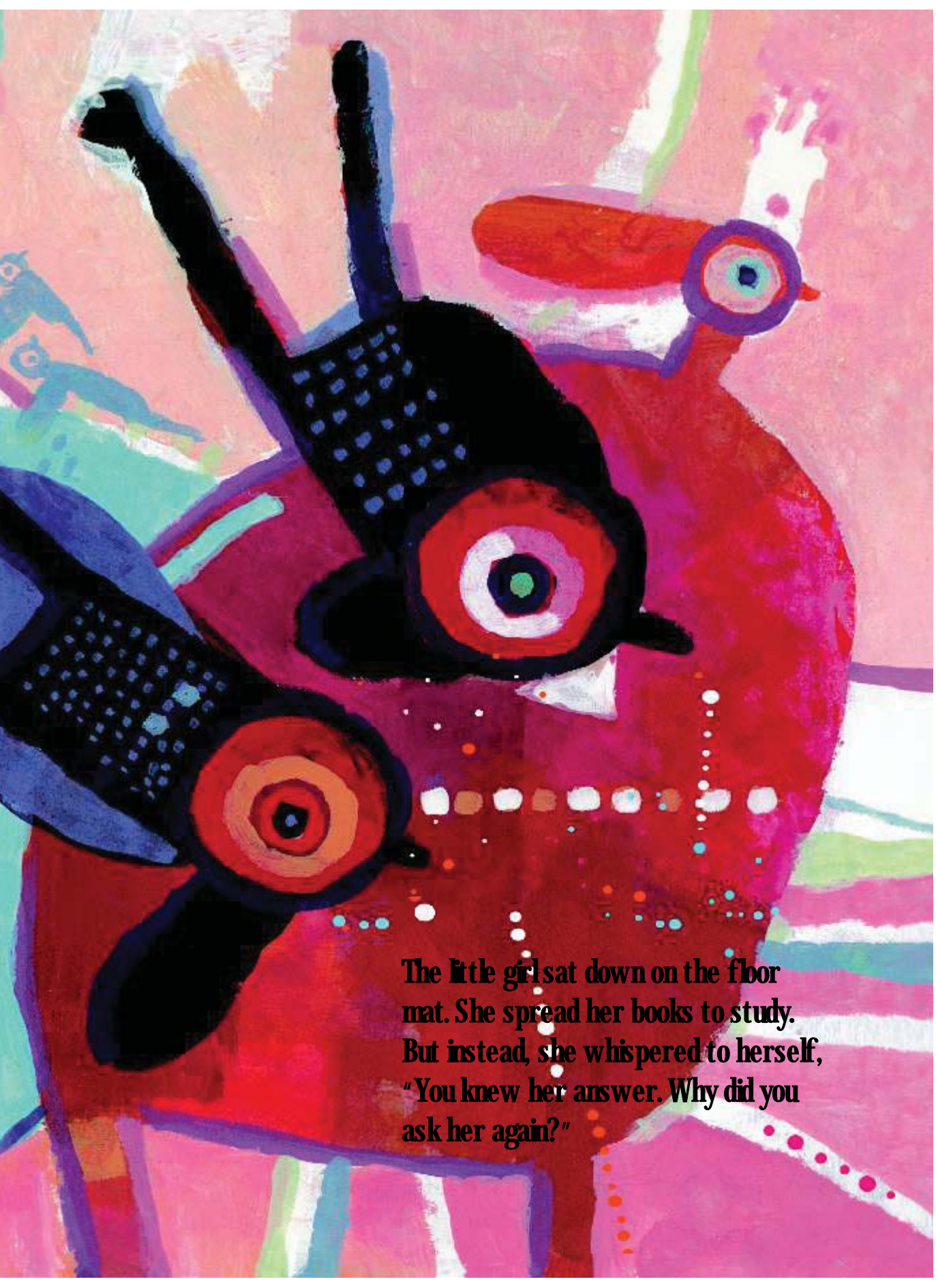




"Of course my darling, I shall weave one even prettier than this!" Amma said.

**"When?" asked the girl
"Soon honey, very soon!" Amma answered.**





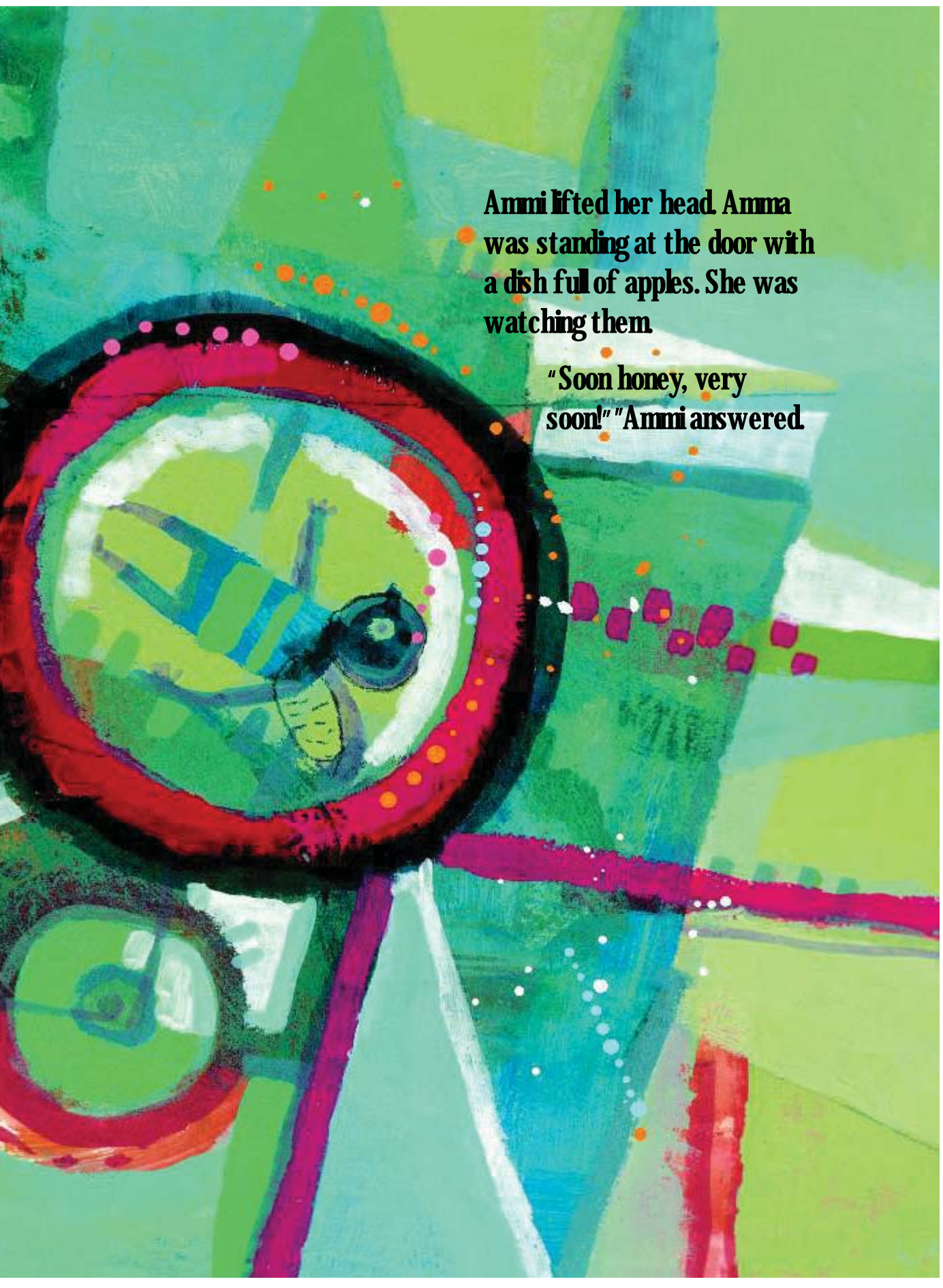
The little girl sat down on the floor mat. She spread her books to study. But instead, she whispered to herself, "You knew her answer. Why did you ask her again?"



"Why don't you answer me, Ammi?" "the little girl would not give up. "I asked when will Abbu come back.""







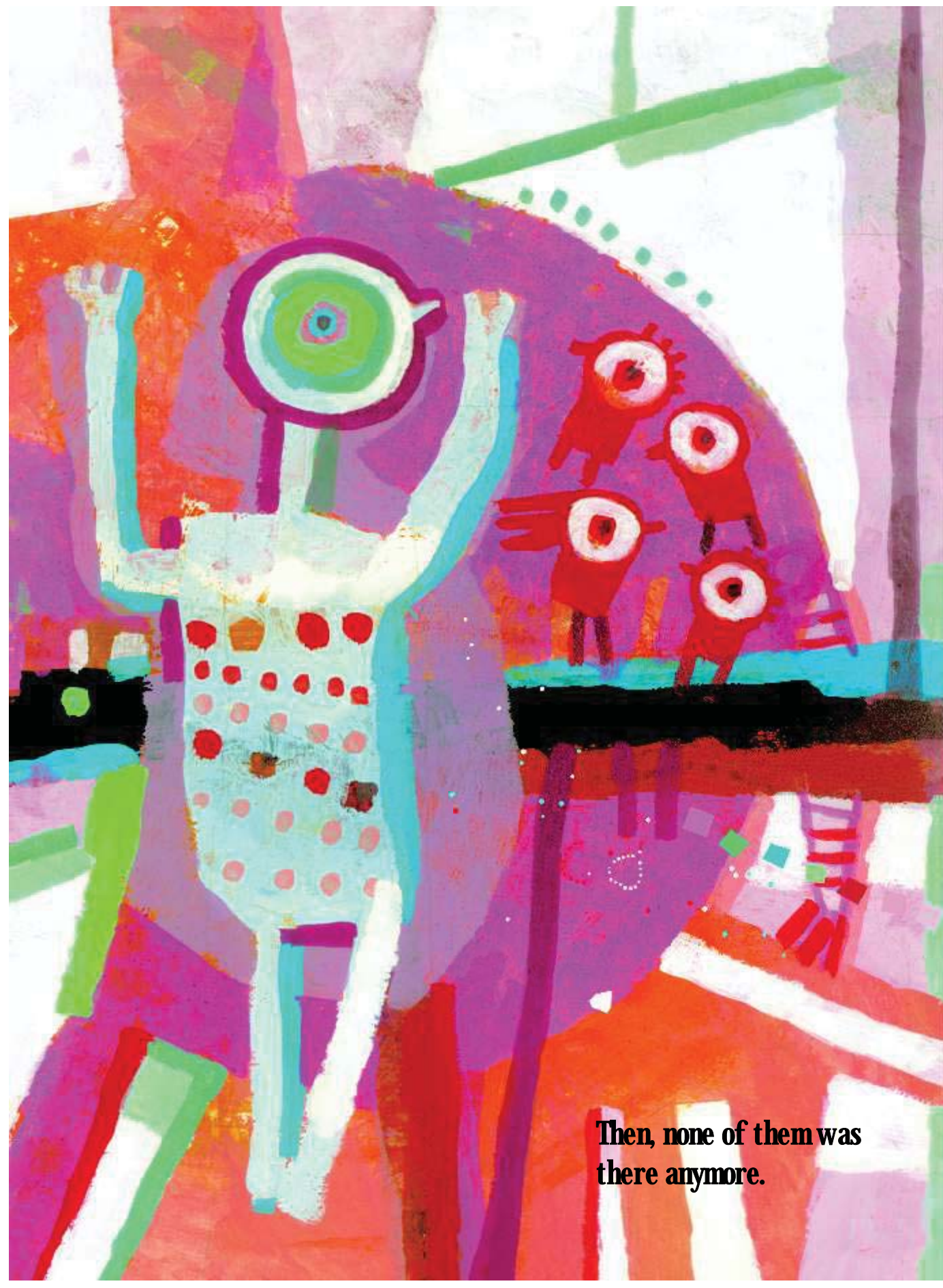
Ammi lifted her head. Amma was standing at the door with a dish full of apples. She was watching them.

"Soon honey, very soon!" Ammi answered.





Tears had welled up in Ammi's eyes. Amma's eyes were brimming too.



**Then, none of them was
there anymore.**





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