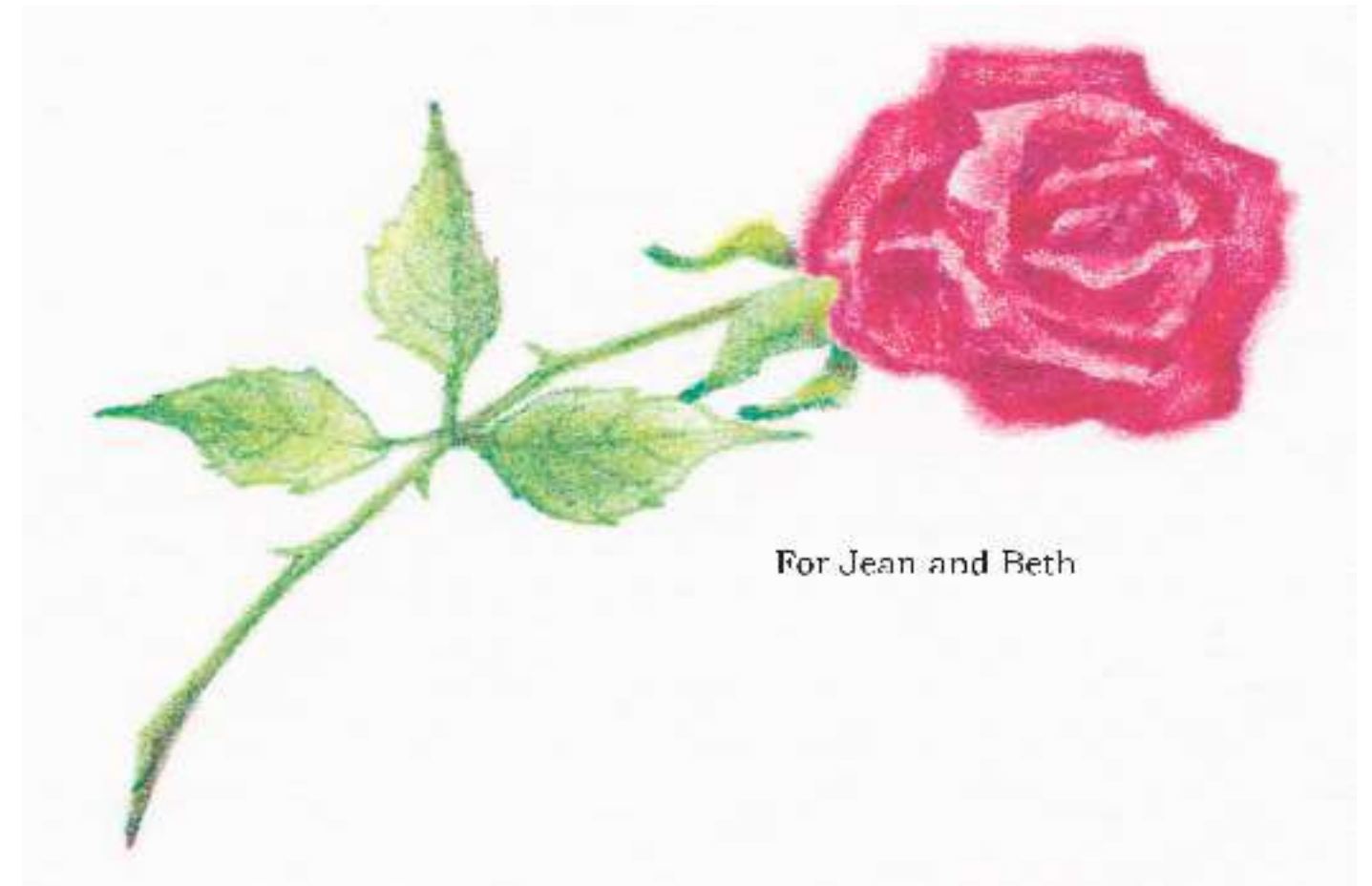




The Palace *of* Frisms



For Jean and Beth



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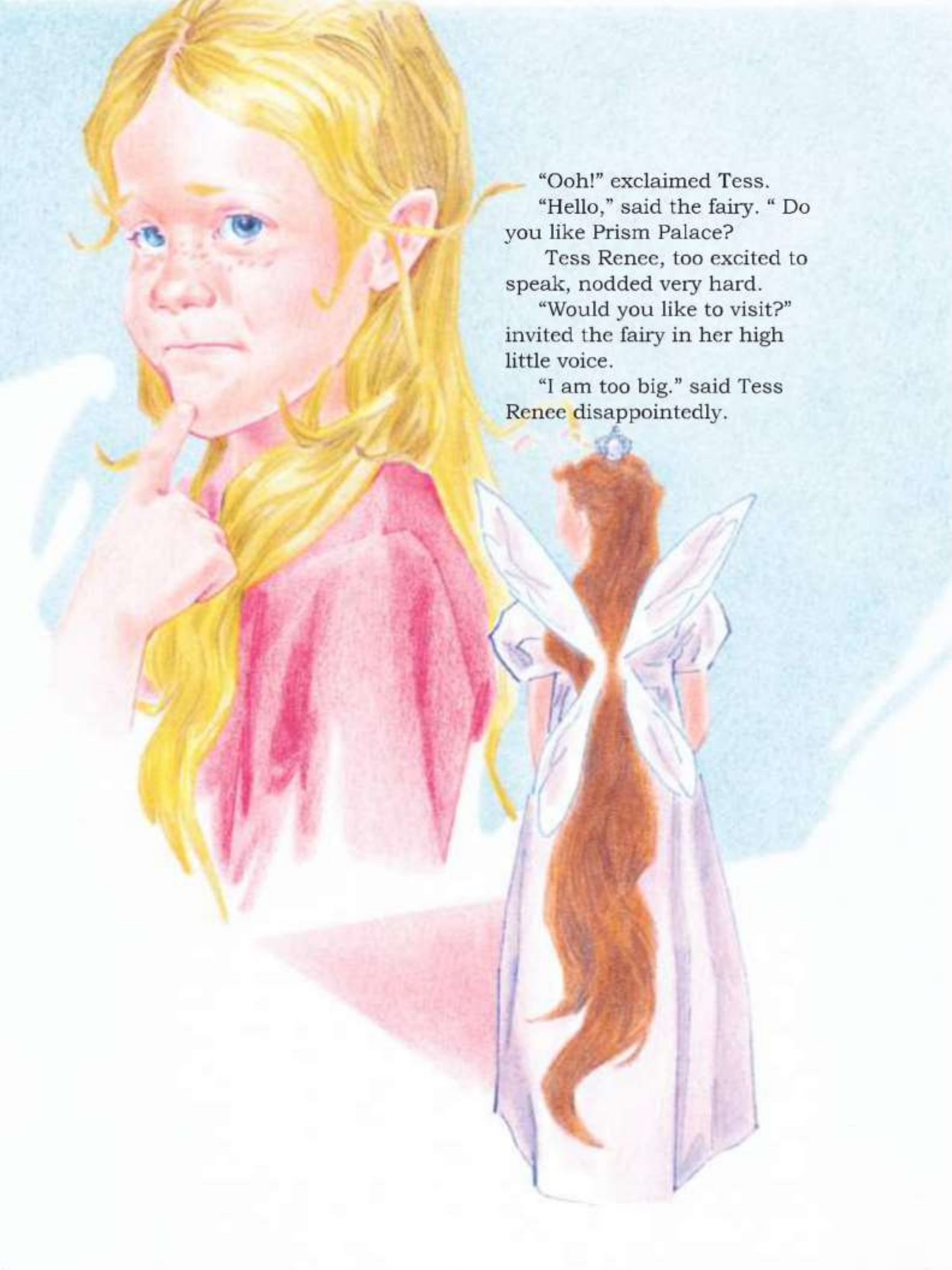


Tess walked over to the crystal and looked at it with curiosity. At her that this crystal was a prism. And rainbow.

"I wonder how it splits light?" thought Tess.



Just then a fairy darted out of the center of the prism onto the window sill. Her dress sparkled with pastel colors. Her eyes were brown, almost black, and her long dark hair fell down her back to the hem of her skirt. A diamond crown sparkled on her head.



"Ooh!" exclaimed Tess.
"Hello," said the fairy. "Do you like Prism Palace?"

Tess Renee, too excited to speak, nodded very hard.

"Would you like to visit?" invited the fairy in her high little voice.

"I am too big," said Tess Renee disappointedly.



"I can fix that with my magic," the fairy said confidently. "Just touch my hand with your finger and I will make you small."



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at herself.

ess said, looking down



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Tess asked, "What's your name?"

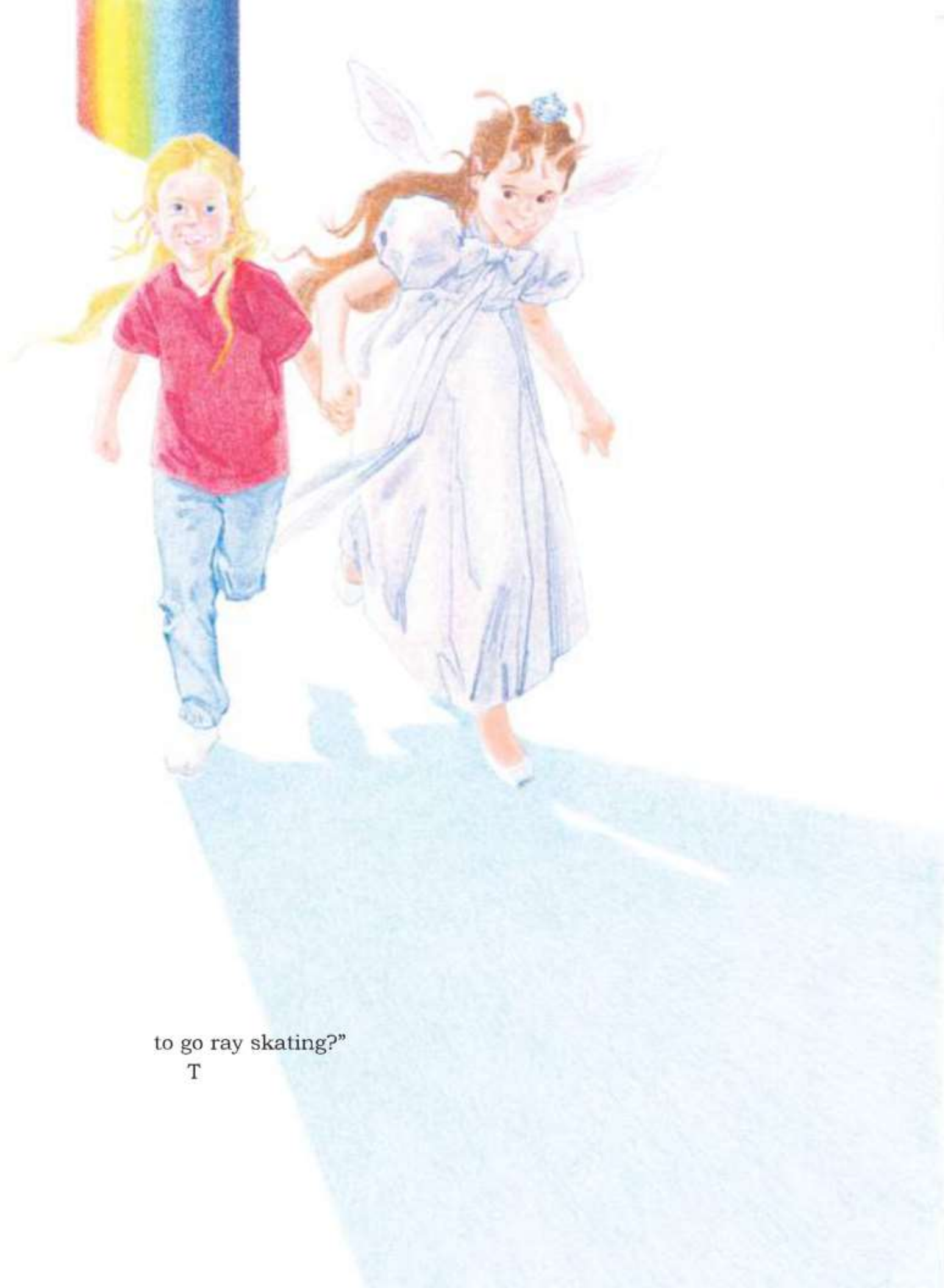
"Tess Renee of America," said Tess.

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and when it bends the colors split off because





to go ray skating?"
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Tess happily put on the skates Tara had given her. They felt good on her feet because they were a perfect fit. They were rainbow skates, similar to ice skates, but these were made especially for skating on light.

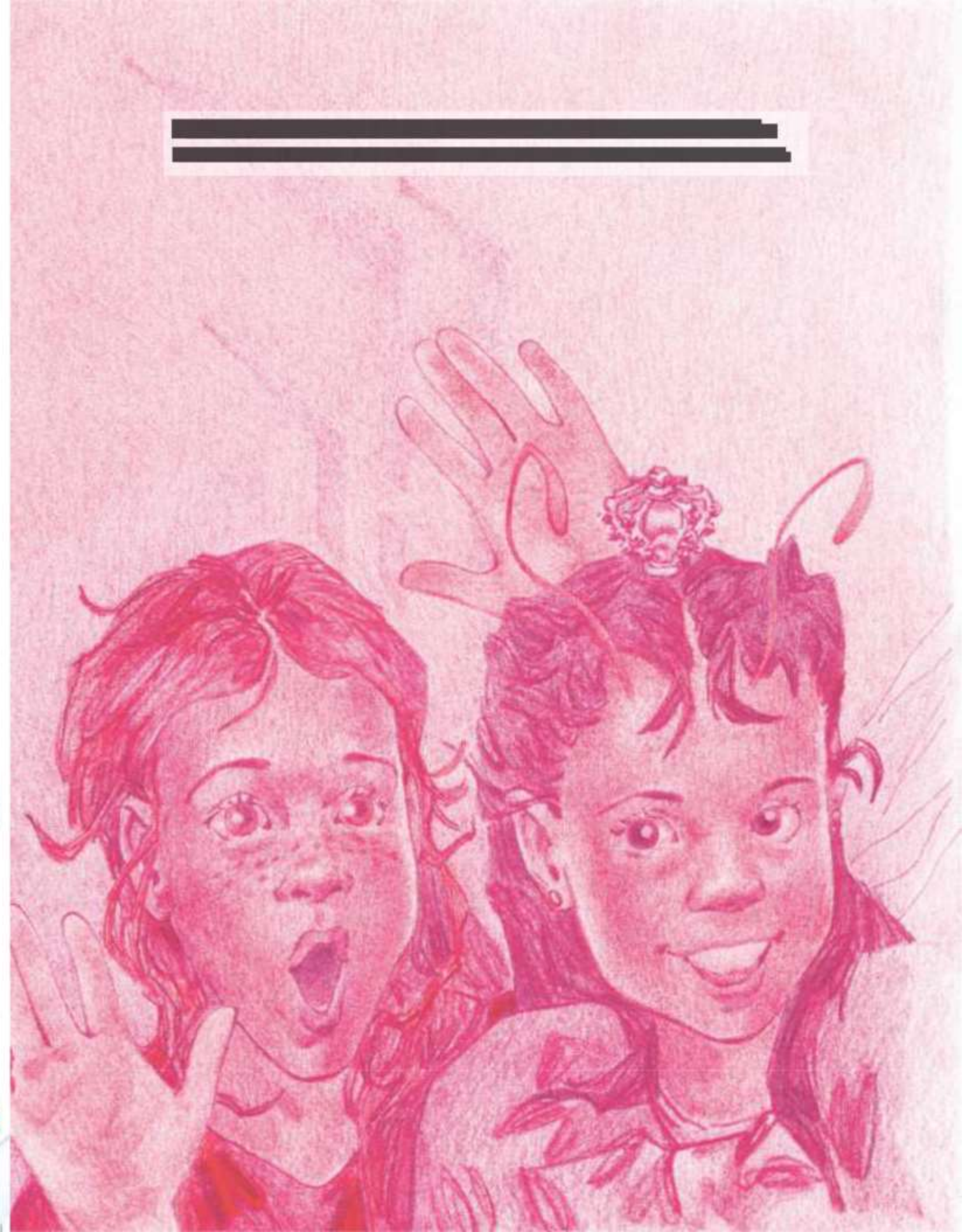


blown-glass unicorns on each end.

"Which color shall we skate on?" asked Tara, "red is longest."

"I like red," said Tess agreeably.

"See the red ray at the end of the balcony, we'll step on it there. Let me go first and I'll show you how."

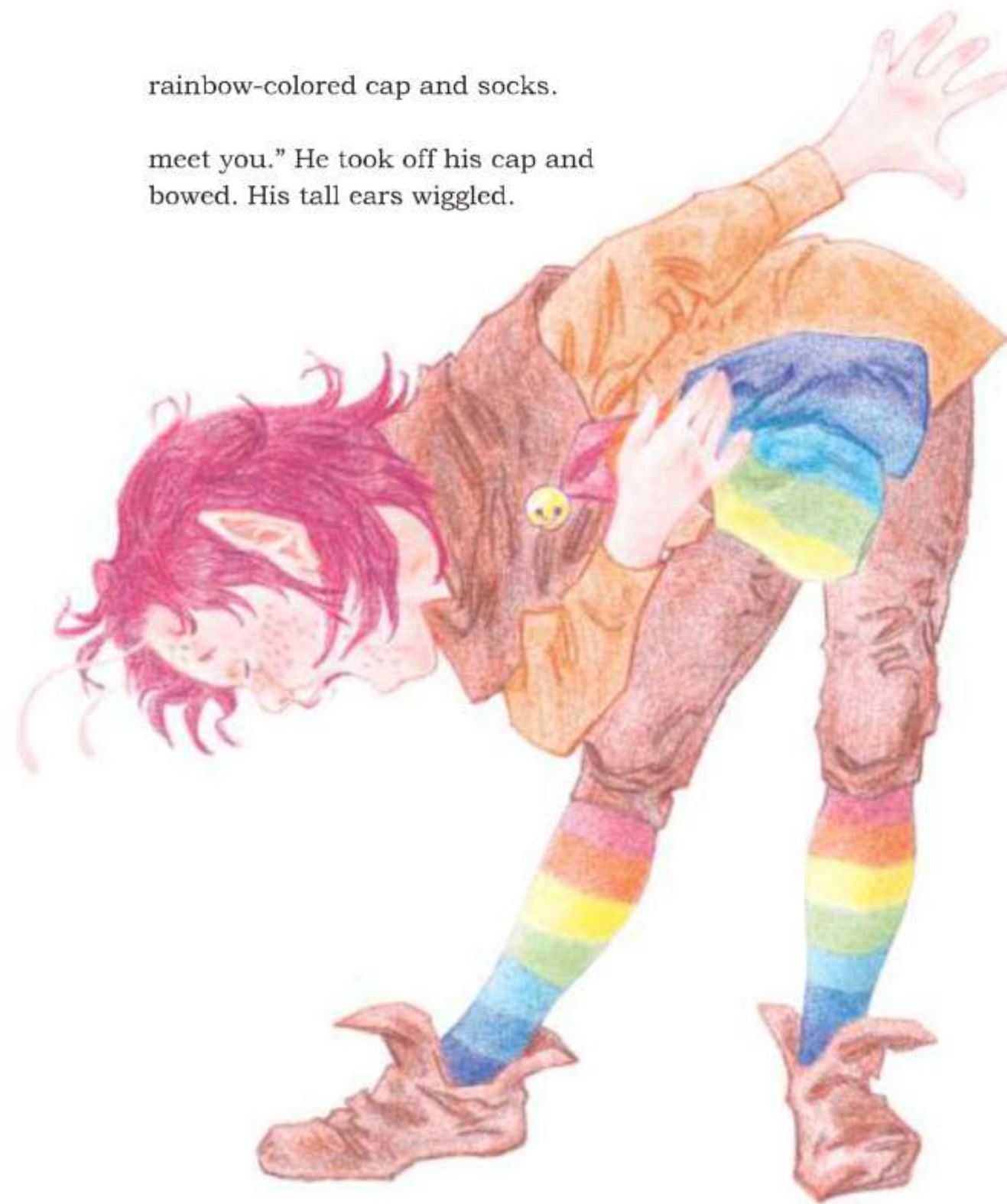


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rainbow-colored cap and socks.

meet you.” He took off his cap and bowed. His tall ears wiggled.



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"That's amazing!" said Tess.

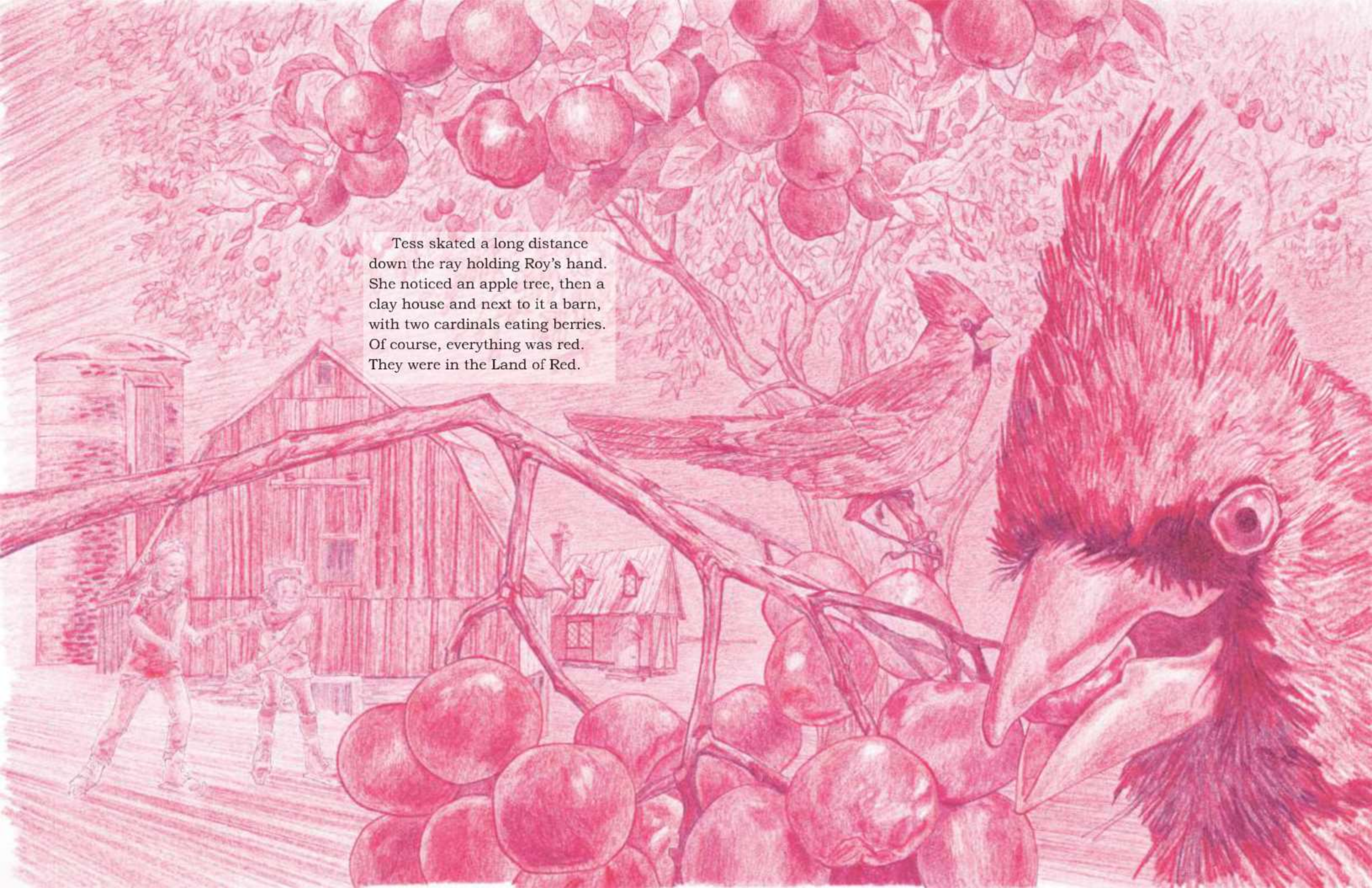
A watercolor illustration of a young boy with vibrant red hair and numerous freckles. He is wearing a blue pointed hat with a yellow bell hanging from its side and a brown tunic. He is smiling broadly, holding up two grey ice skates with white laces. The background is plain white.

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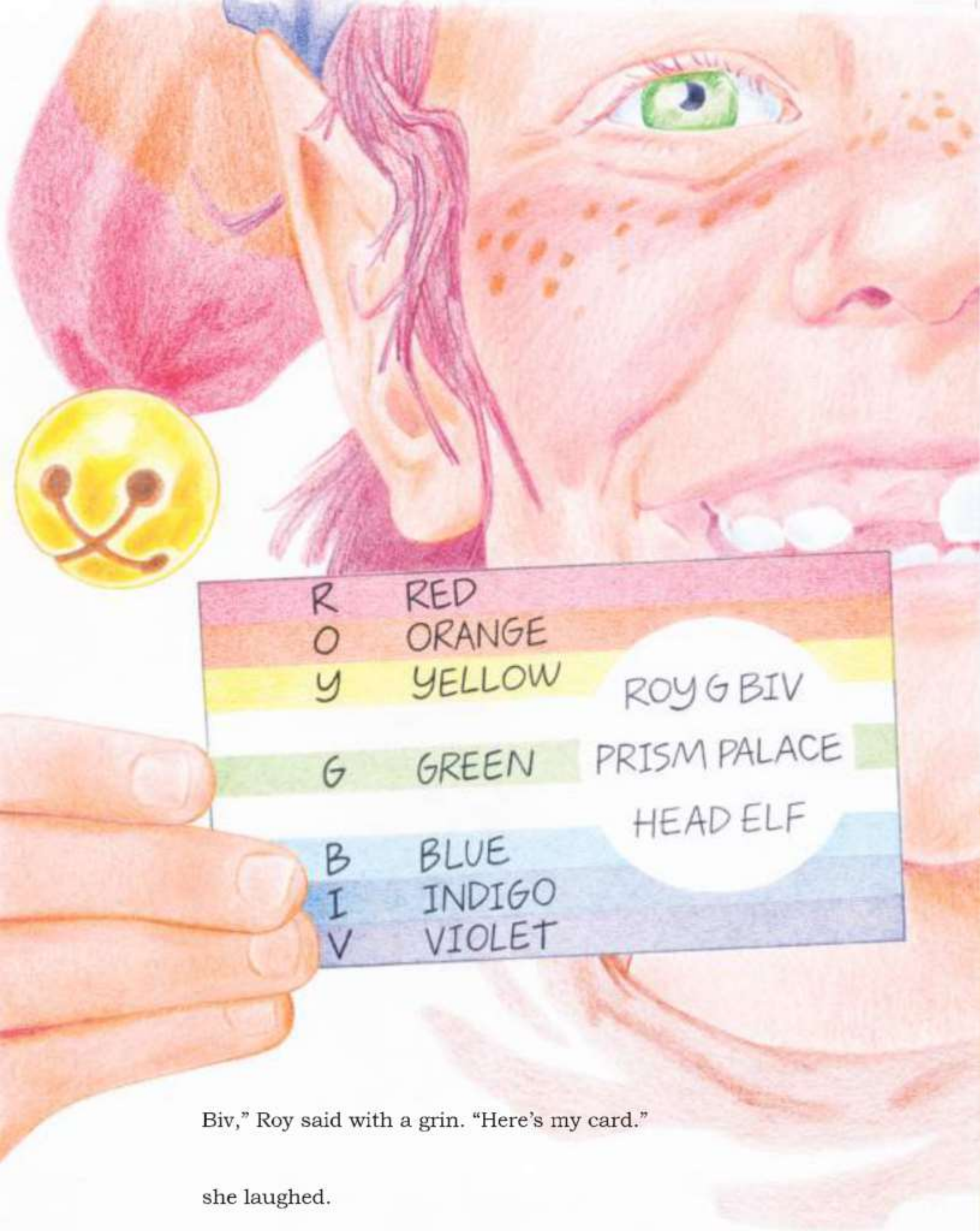


Tess skated a long distance
down the ray holding Roy's hand.
She noticed an apple tree, then a
clay house and next to it a barn,
with two cardinals eating berries.
Of course, everything was red.
They were in the Land of Red.



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Biv,” Roy said with a grin. “Here’s my card.”

she laughed.



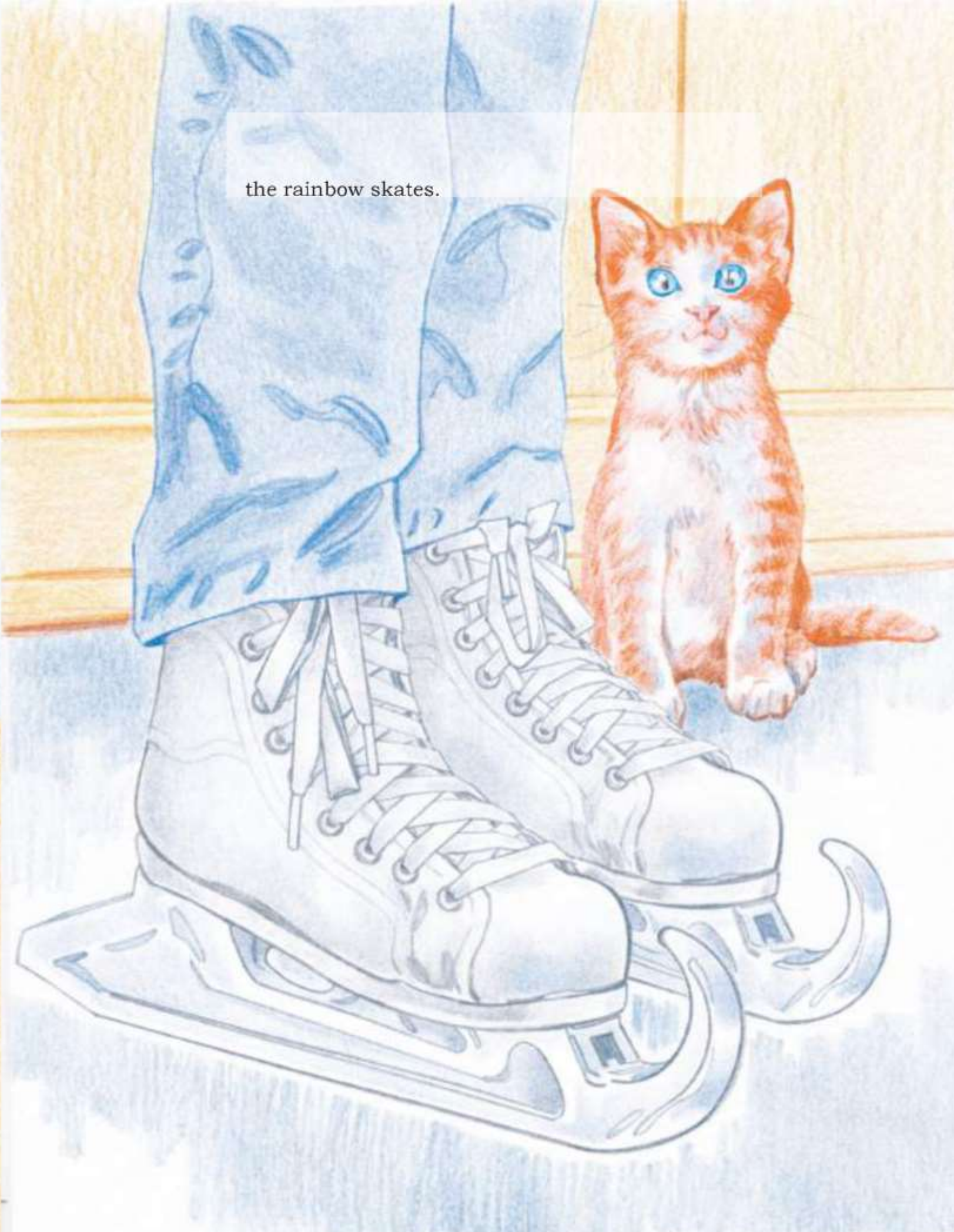
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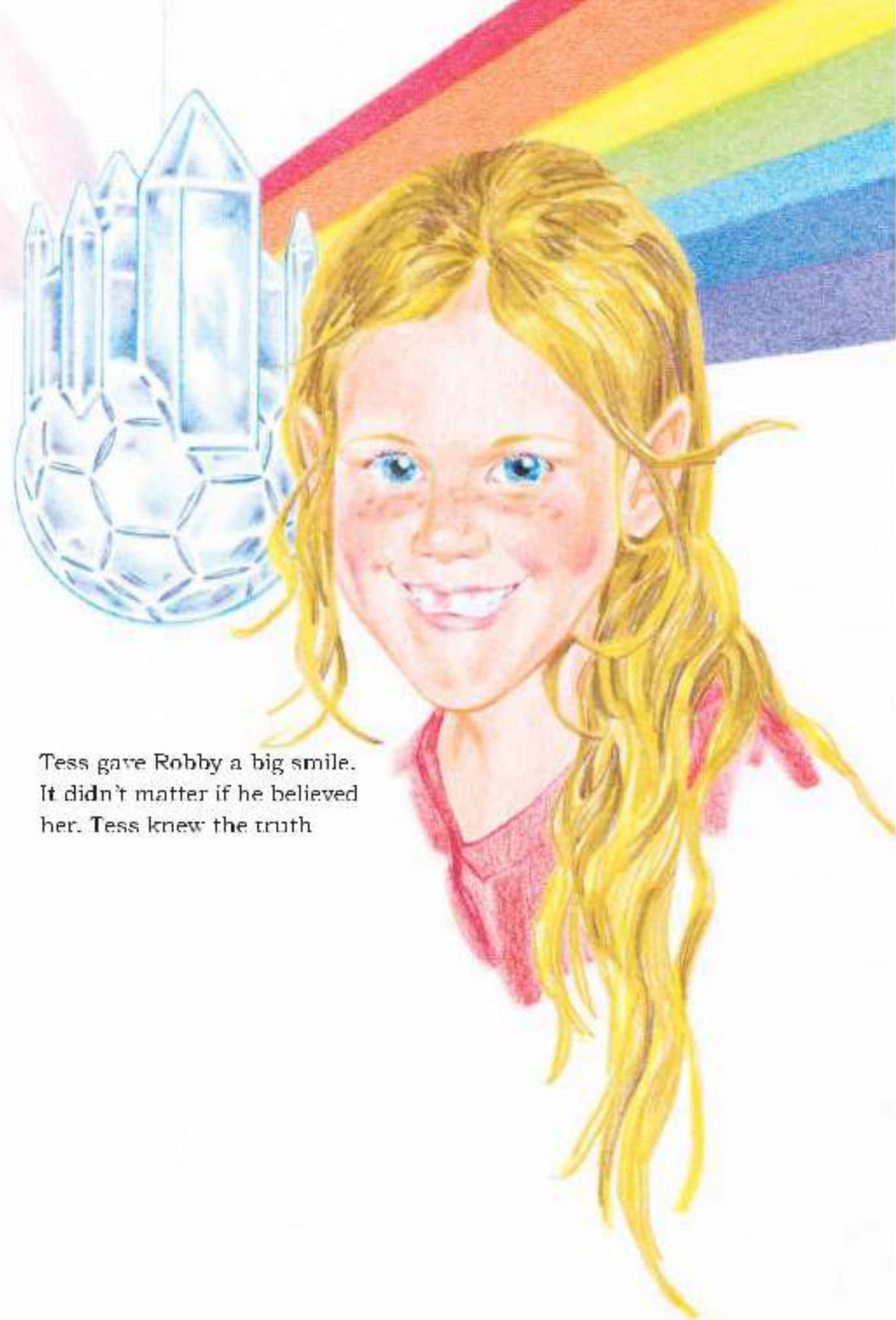
he came into the room.

Tess Renee.



the rainbow skates.





Tess gave Robby a big smile.
It didn't matter if he believed
her. Tess knew the truth

