

I Love You, My Beautiful Boy.

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When your
mom was
pregnant, the
doctor used a
special camera
to look inside
her belly.

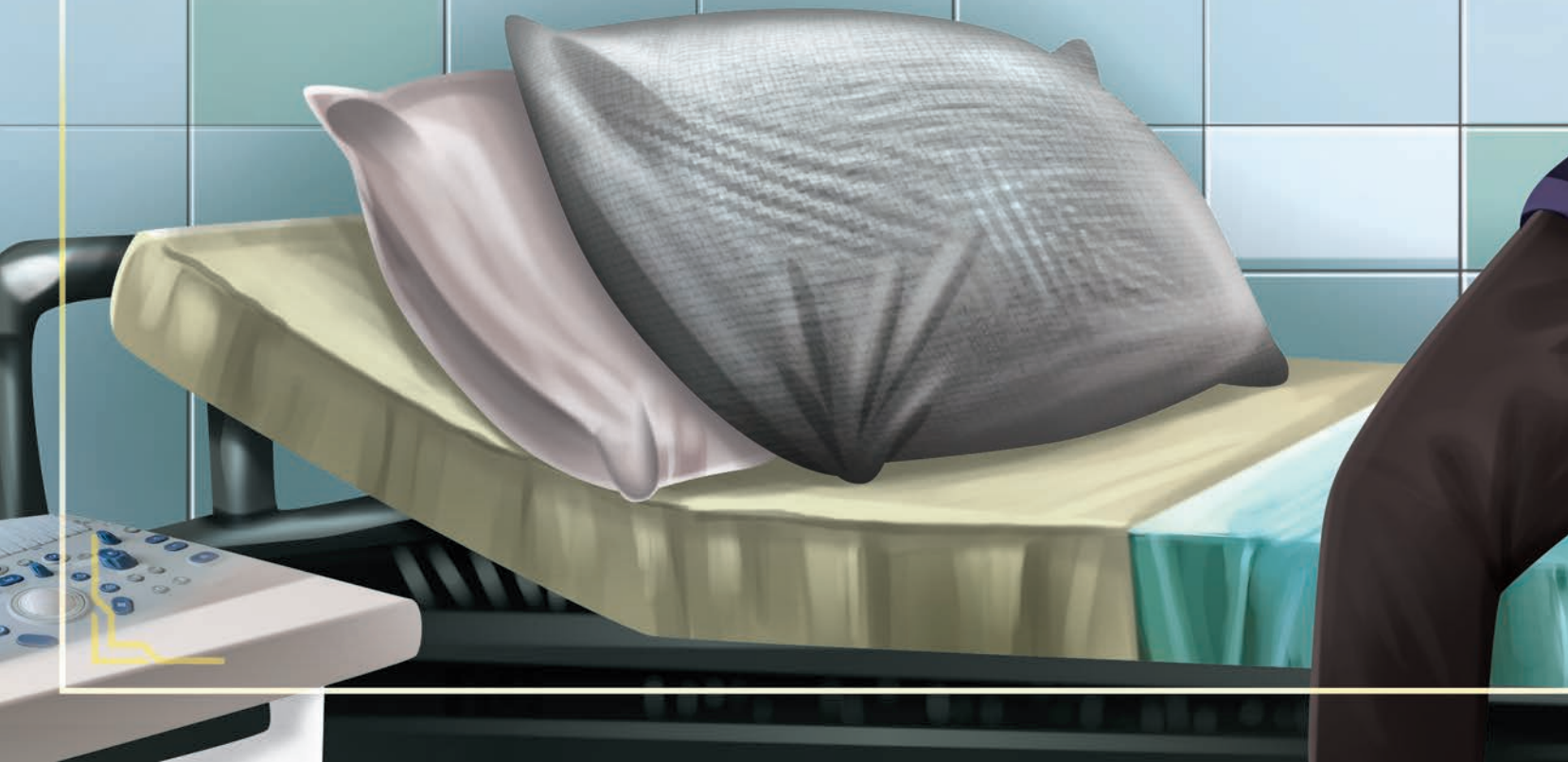




We could see
your arms
and legs, and
she told us
what we were
having.

Your mom cried, and my heart
thumped with joy.
I put my hand on her belly and said,

**I Love You, My
Beautiful Boy.**







The day
you were
born was so
crazy.

You surprised
us by coming
early, and I
was just
getting back
from a
work trip.

I ran into the hospital room right after you were born.



Your mother was holding
you, and my face lit up
with joy.

I kissed my lips to your
fat little cheek and said,


**I Love You,
My Beautiful
Boy.**



And then there were the days when you did something for the very first time.


Like the day at Grandma's when you first walked.





Or the day
in church
when you
first talked.

Dadda!




And I'll never forget the day you
rode your bike all by yourself.

Each time you did something, my
heart would swell with joy.


And I was astounded at just how
much

**I Love You, My
Beautiful Boy.**





And I'll never
forget the fun
holidays, like taking
you trick-or-treating
on Halloween.



Or seeing
you open up
Santa's gifts
on Christmas
morning.



Or carrying you on my
shoulders while we watched
fireworks on the 4th of July.

On those days, you were
always so happy, and your smile
brought me such joy. And when I
tucked you in at night, I'd whisper

**I Love You, My
Beautiful Boy**

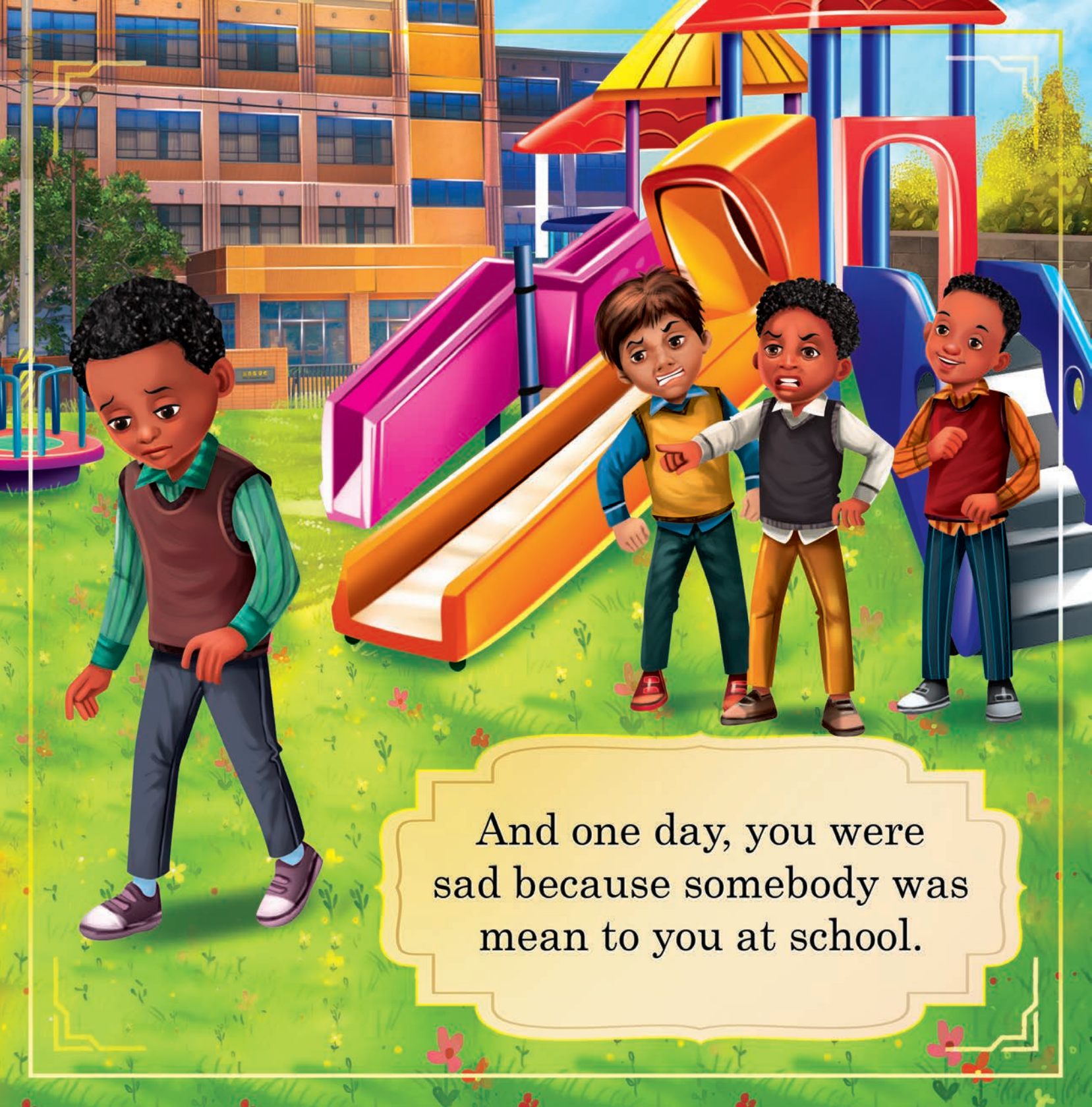


But you weren't always so happy. Sometimes it was because you fell down and skinned your knee.



Or maybe
because you
were scared of
something
that went
bump in the
night.





And one day, you were sad because somebody was mean to you at school.



On those days that
weren't so great, you
still brought me
great joy. And I'd
think as I held and
comforted you,

**I Love You,
My Beautiful
Boy.**



And then
there were the
days when you
made the mistakes.
When it was you
doing something
mean at school.

Or when you
stole your sister's
candy from under
her bed.





But even when you messed up, your life still brought me great joy. Because even when you mess up, remember always,

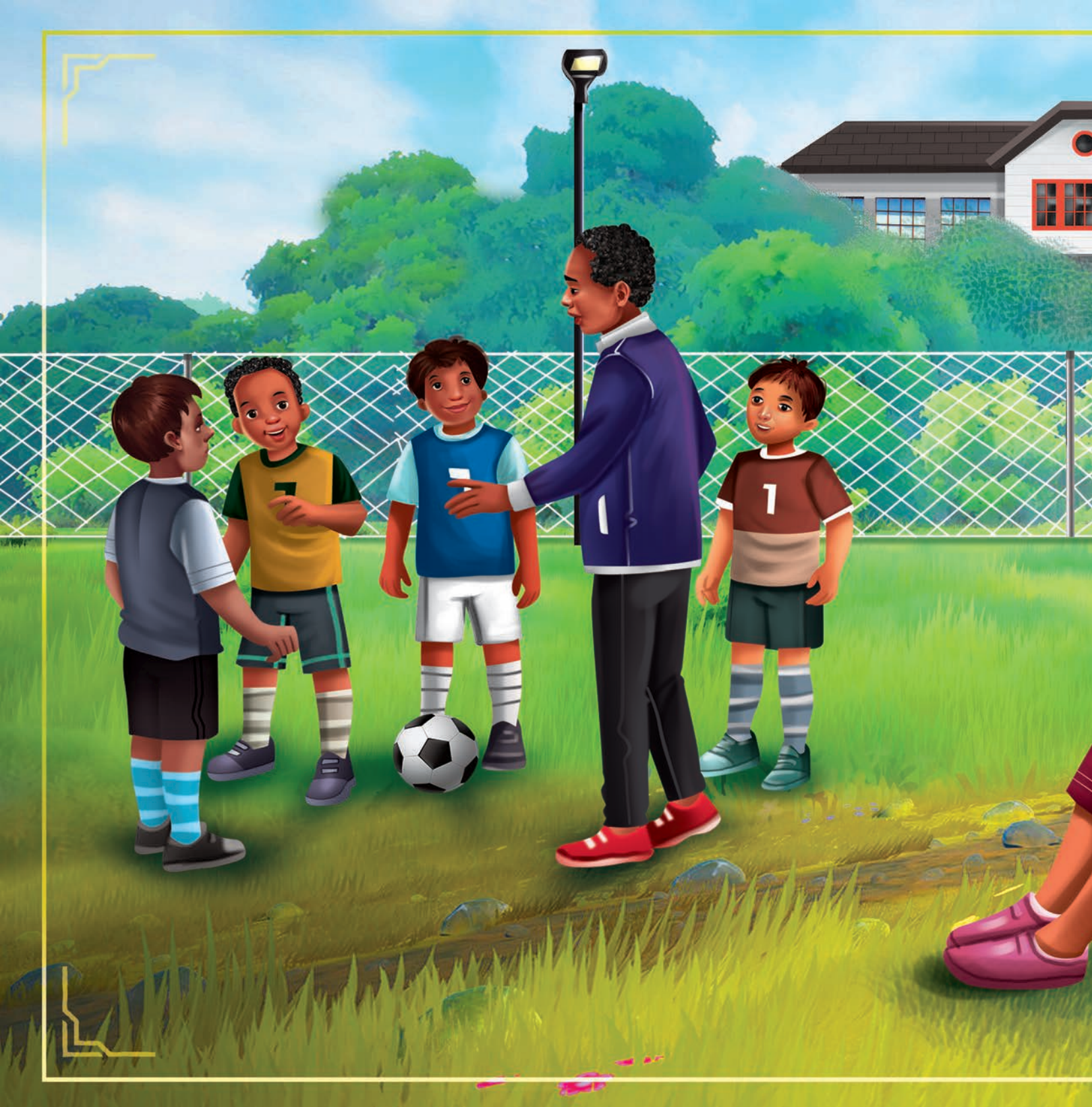
**I Love You, My
Beautiful Boy**



You won't stay
young forever.
You're growing up,
and one day you'll
be big.

You won't sit on my shoulders
anymore. And I won't hold you in
my arms when you skin your knee.
And that's okay.
That's how it's meant to be.





And one day, you'll be old and gray,
and you might just have your own son.
But always remember this one
important fact...







No matter where you are in the world and no matter what you're doing, your dad is somewhere thinking about you. You see, son, your life has brought me oh, so much joy.



And don't you ever,
ever forget... that

**I Love You,
My Beautiful
Boy.**





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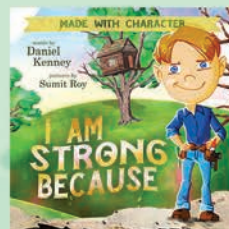
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