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Kids for the Soul.

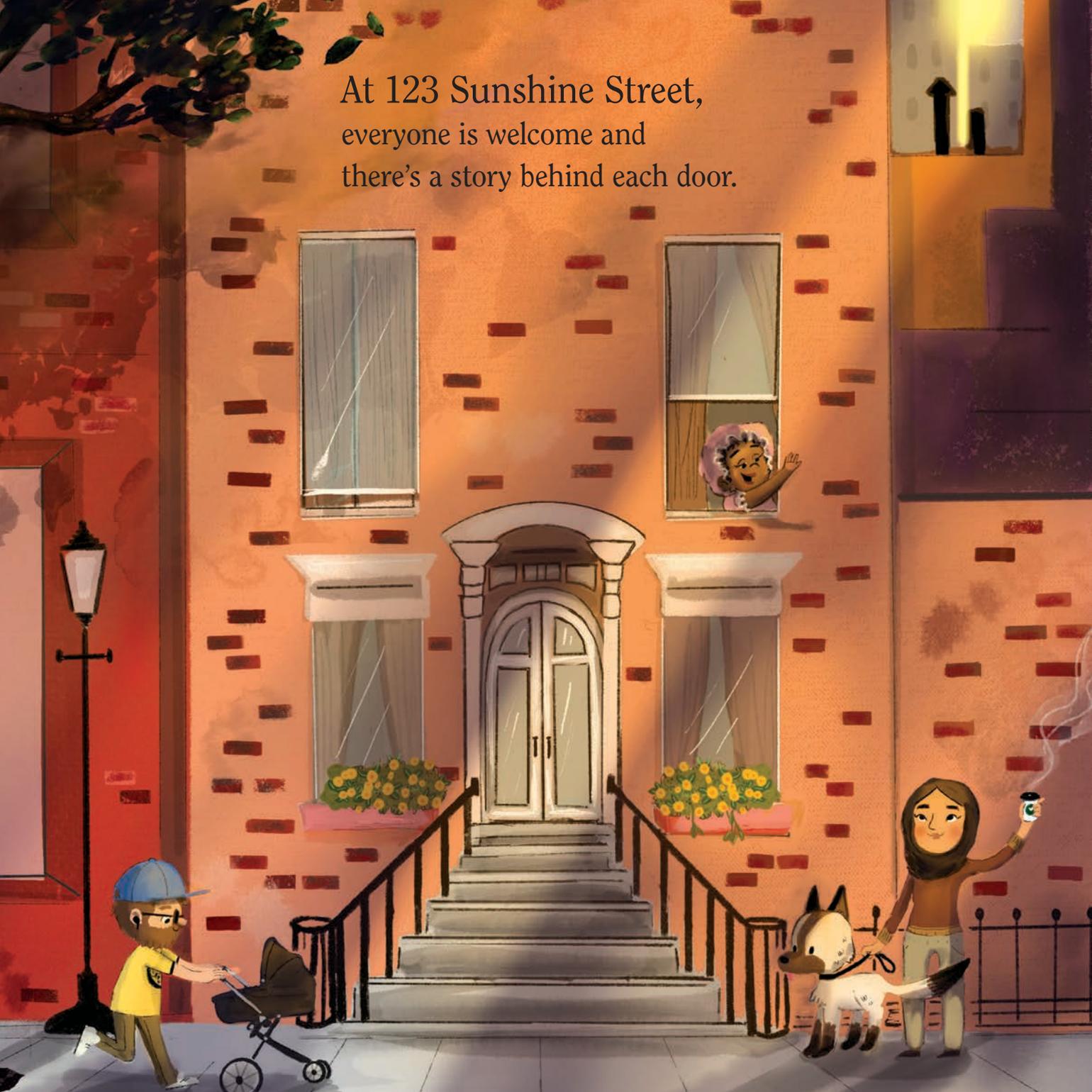


THE SUNSHINE SQUAD

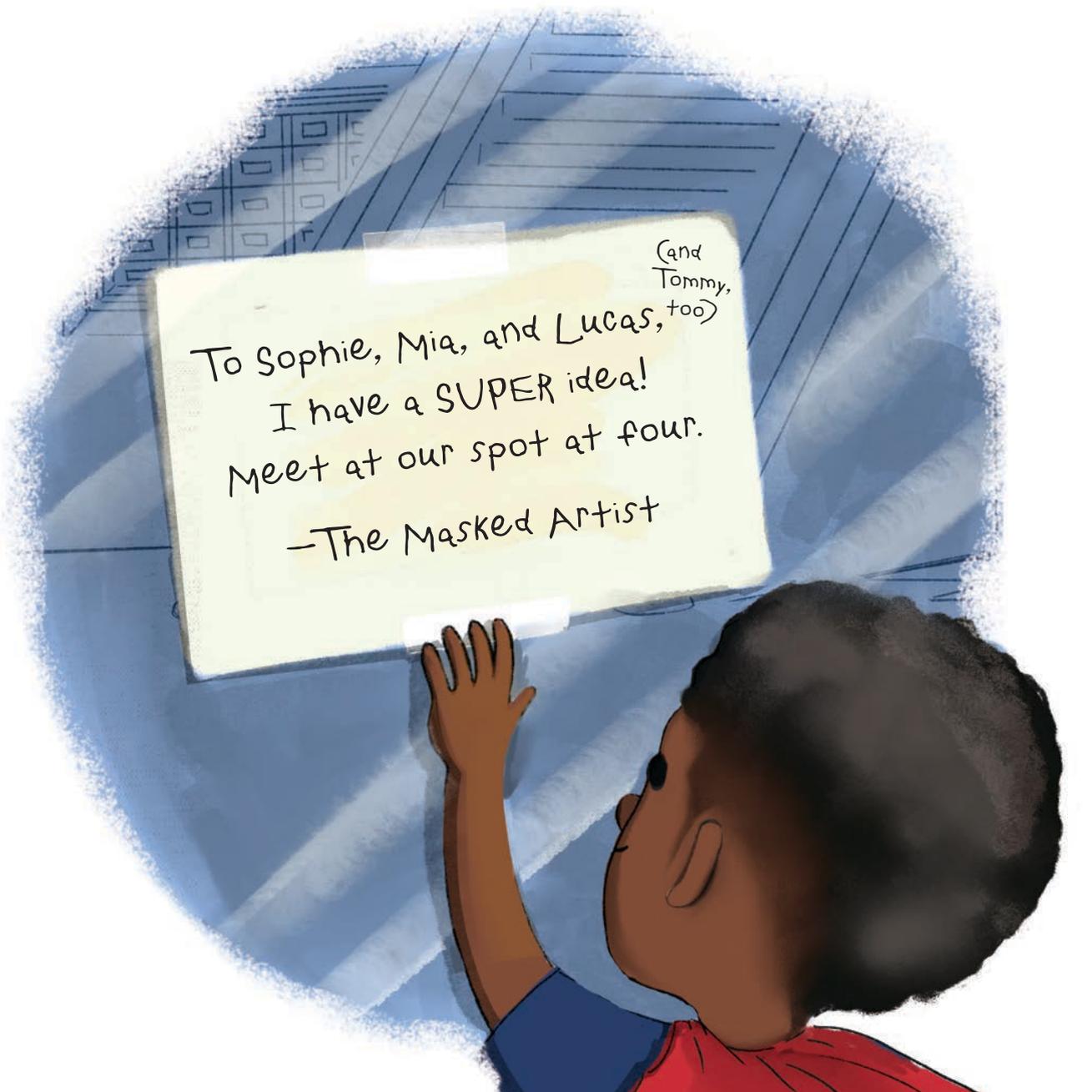
Discovering What Makes YOU Special

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At 123 Sunshine Street,
everyone is welcome and
there's a story behind each door.

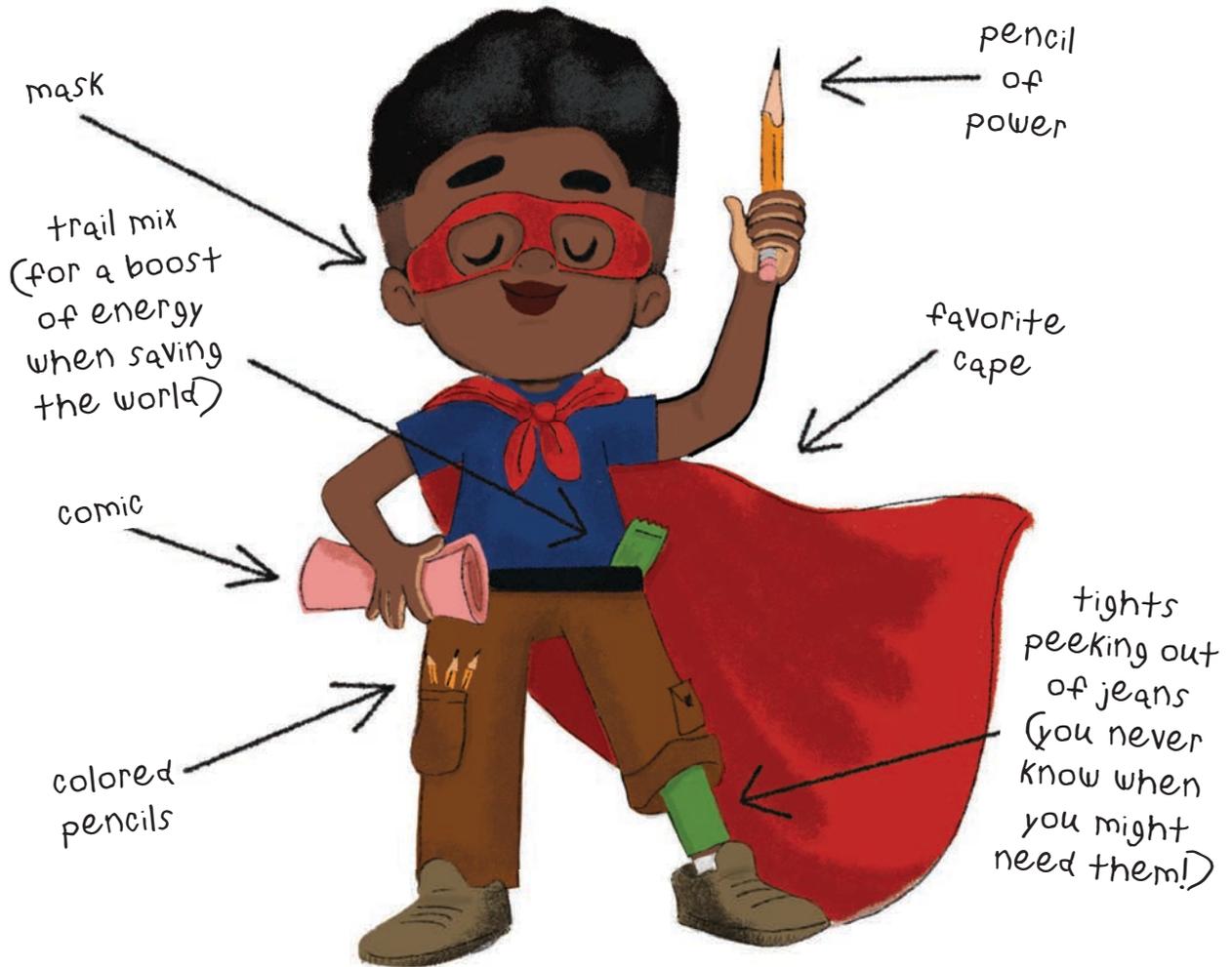


Today a story even begins on one.

A young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a red cape and a blue shirt, is shown from the side, holding a large yellow sign. The sign is held up by three white clips. The background is a circular, blue-toned illustration of a city street with buildings and a road. The text on the sign is written in a casual, handwritten style.

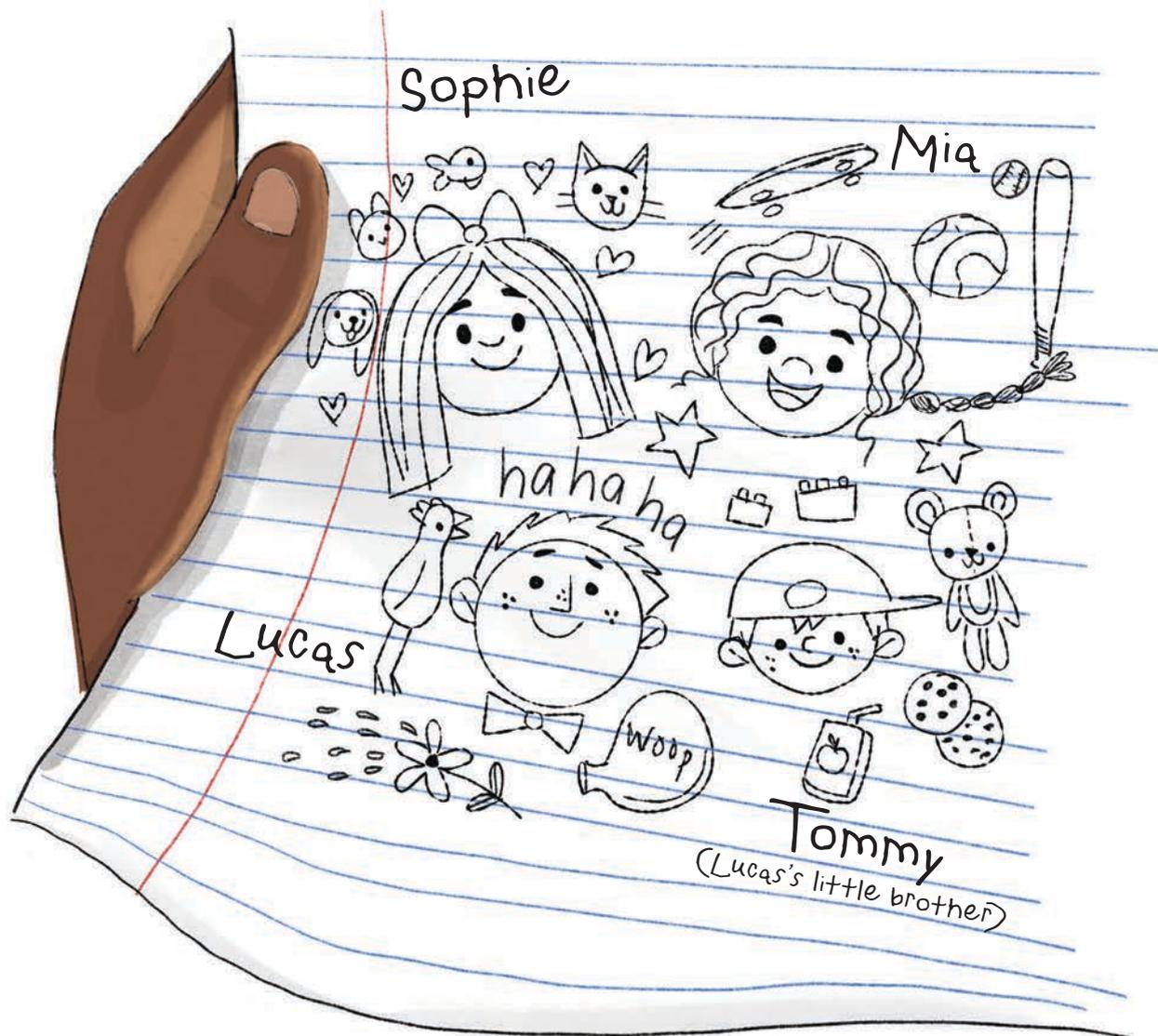
(and
Tommy,
too)
To Sophie, Mia, and Lucas,
I have a SUPER idea!
Meet at our spot at four.
-The Masked Artist

This is Oliver, also known as the Masked Artist.



(He's a little into superheroes—and loves drawing comics.)

The only thing Oliver loves more than making comics is hanging out with his best friends:



Everyone reads Oliver's sign on the front door.



Not only do they go to school together, they also all live in the same building—like one big family.

Curious, the kids get ready to meet up with their friends.

Mia grabs her favorite skateboard.



"I'm ready to roll!"

"Let's go, Fuzzypants! Are you squealing because you're happy?"



Sophie chooses one of her many pets to bring along.

Lucas scans his shelves of joke supplies. He picks out a prank to pull on his friends.



"Whoopee cushion or rubber rat?"

Lucas heads downstairs. And Tommy, his little brother, tags along.



“What’s your super idea, Oliver?” Mia asks.

“I’m reading about a league of superheroes,” Oliver explains, “and I want to start our own! We can use this spot as headquarters, and wear capes, and—”





“Wait,” says Lucas.

“There’s just one problem.”

“What’s that?” Oliver asks.

“We don’t have superpowers!” Lucas cries.

“We’ll pretend,” says Oliver.

“Our talents can be our superpowers.”

“If I had a superpower,” Oliver says, “it would be making things come to life with my pencil. If a monster ever attacks our street, I’ll draw a trap. *POW!*”

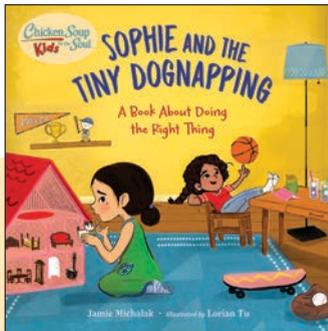


Can kindness be a superpower?

Tommy wants to join the superhero squad that his older brother, Lucas, belongs to. The squad includes all their friends in the building—Oliver, Mia, and Sophie. But as the youngest what can Tommy contribute? Oliver has amazing art skills, Mia's a great athlete, Sophie is an animal expert, and Lucas's practical jokes keep everyone laughing.

At club headquarters—also known as their front stoop—Tommy sees a neighbor in need. And it's only then that he discovers he has a power after all. And the whole squad realizes something about themselves, too—everyday heroes are the best kind to be!

Also about the Sunshine Squad:



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