

Syl-la-dot Children's Books

Shoes

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I am not a sock,
but I go on your feet.
I keep them safe when
you walk down the street.



You can not just buy
one, I come as a pair.

I make sure your
feet are not bare.

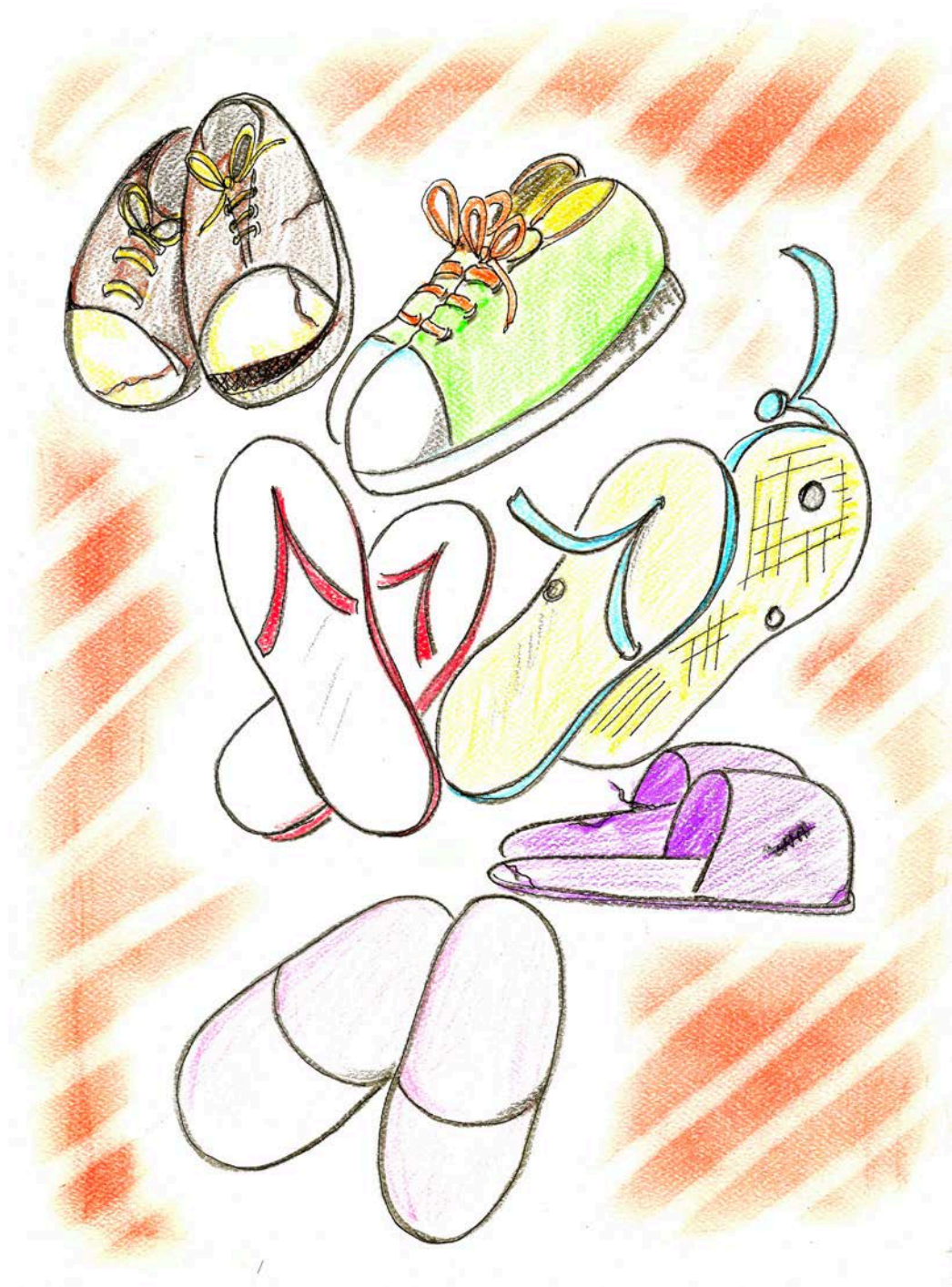




What am I?

I am a shoe.

Raise your hand
if you knew.



What do your shoes look like?

What size are they?

Are they new or old?

Did they start to fray?

There are lots to choose from
when you go to the store.



You will see them as soon
as you walk through the door.

You need to pick the right pair for what you want to do.

Which pair do you think will work best for you?



Some are made to run.
Some are made to hike.
Some are made to wear
when you ride your bike.

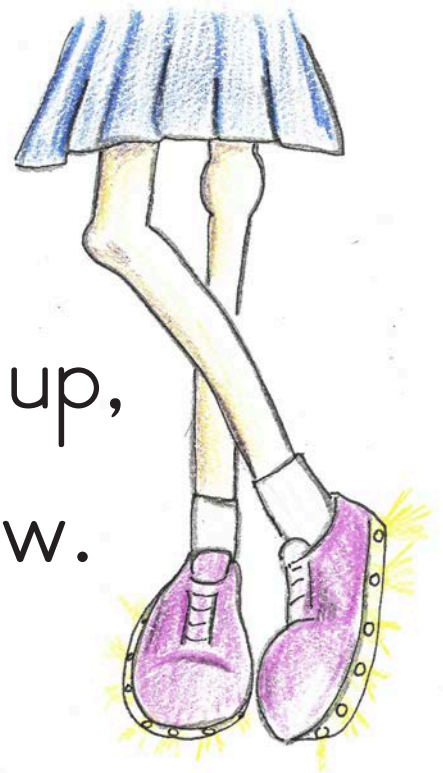


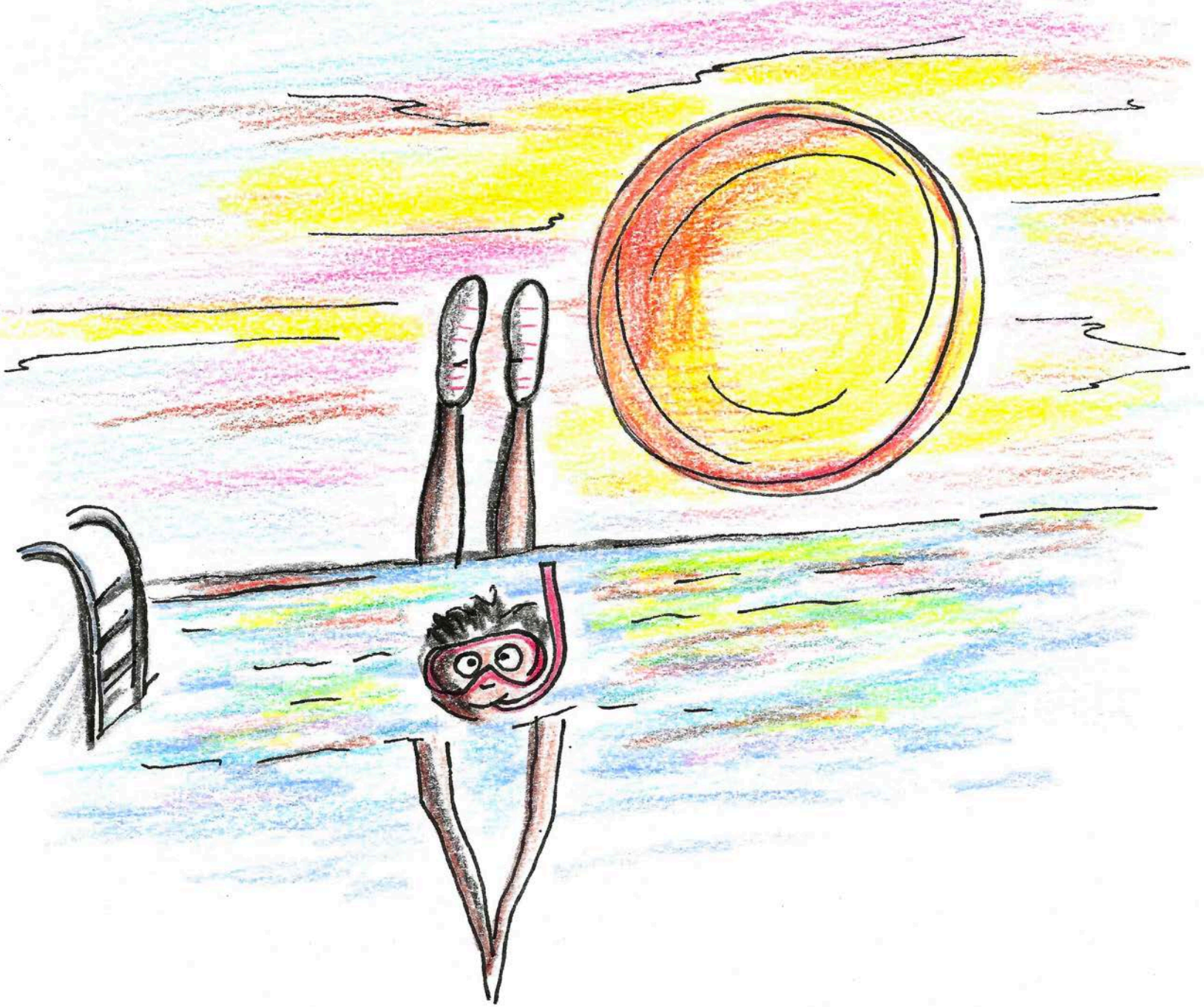
Some are made
for the beach.



Some are made
for the snow.

Some are made to light up,
so you can put on a show.





Some are made for sports.
Some are made to look cool.
Some are made to wear
when you go in the pool.

Some are made to slip on.

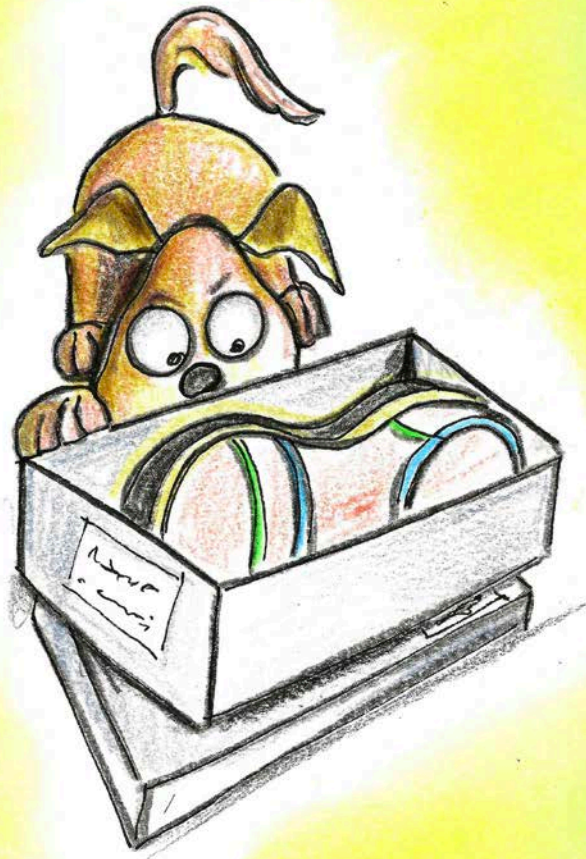
Some are made to tie.

What shoes do you want?

What shoes will you buy?



I am glad you picked me.
You chose the right pair.
There was a good sale.
I think the price was fair.

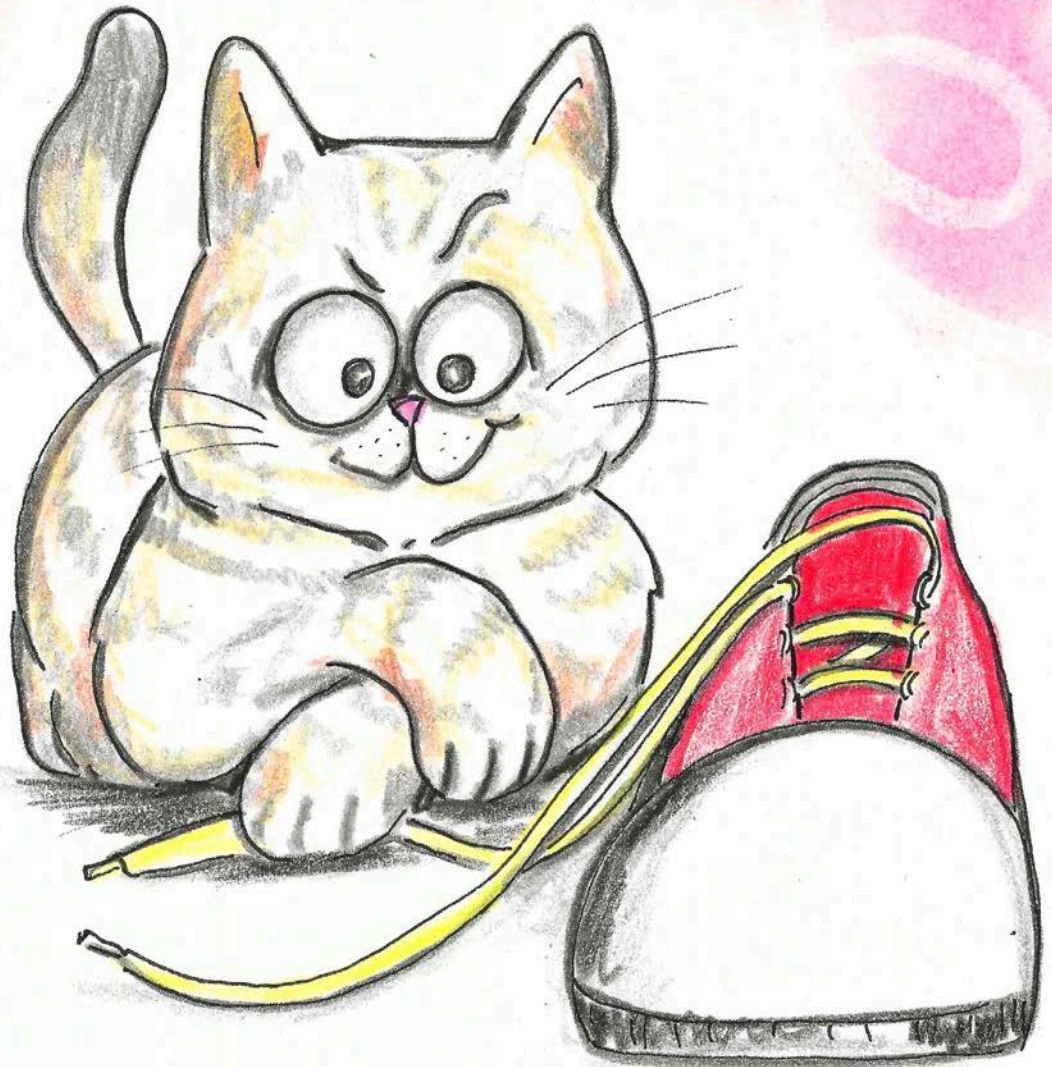


You do not have to place
me back in the box.

You can wear me home.

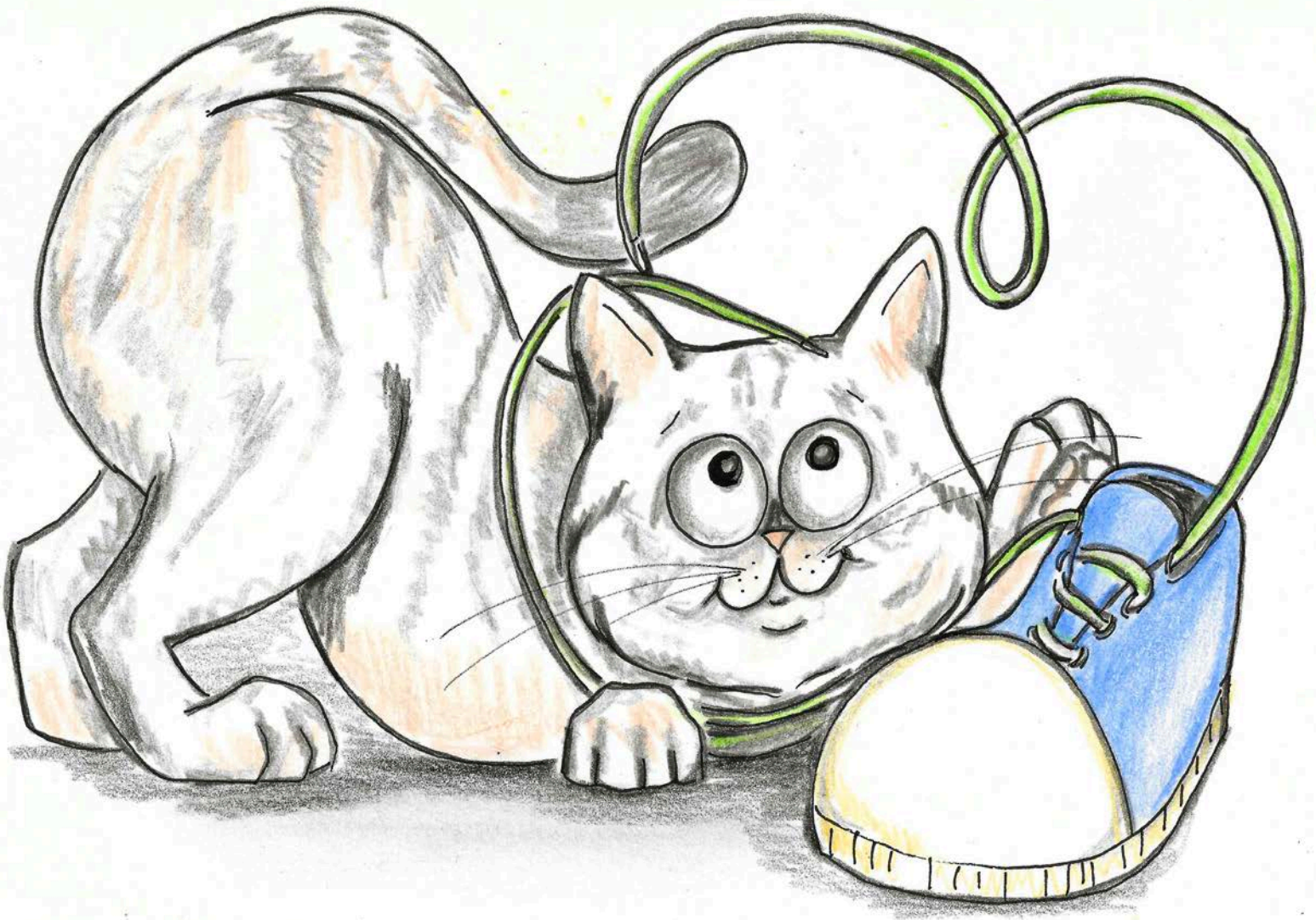
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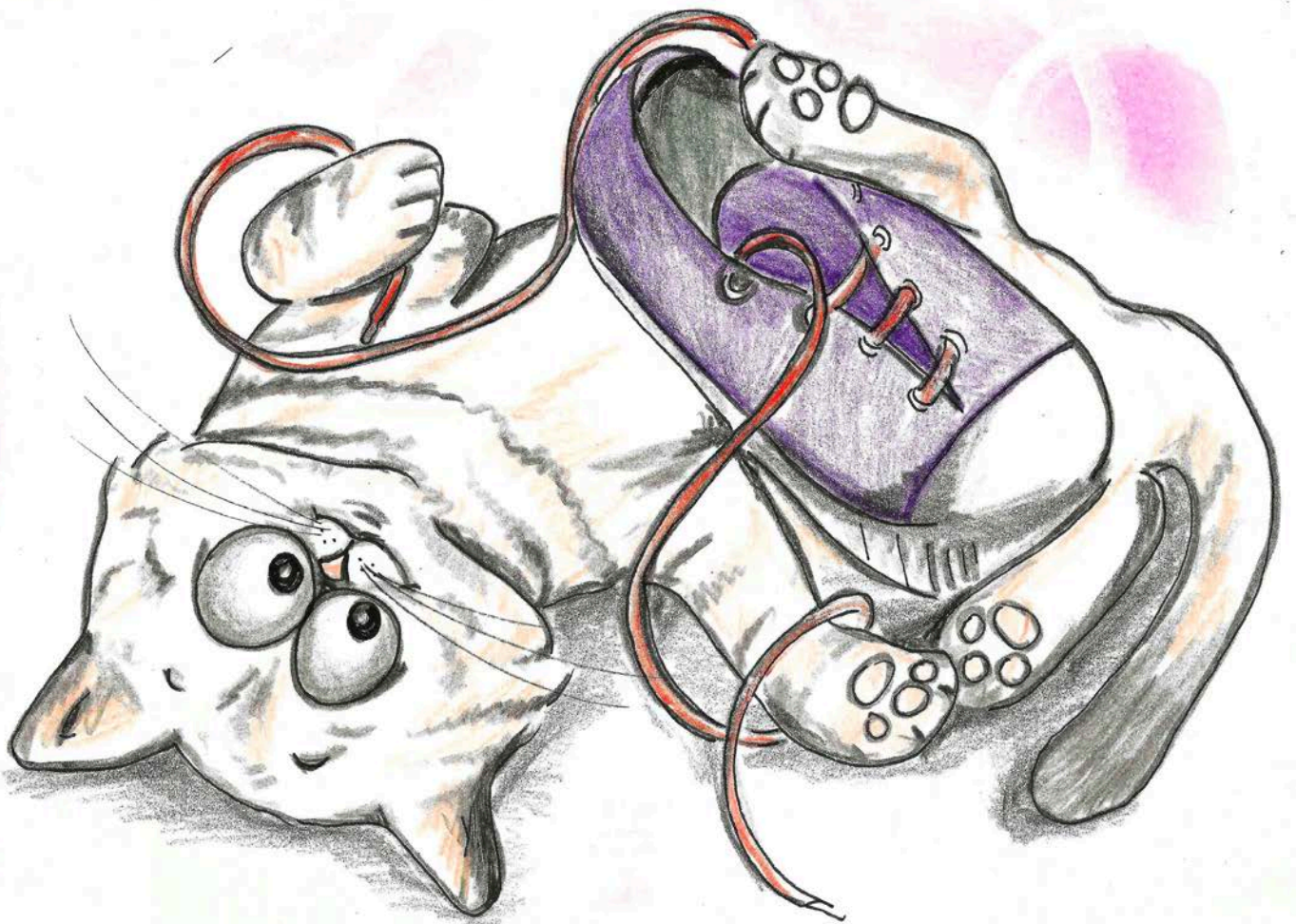


Criss cross each lace
and pull it tight.
Make a loop with lace one.
That is how to do it right.

Now, take lace two
and wrap the loop.
Pull it through the hole.
Now, you got the scoop.



Do not rush.
Take your time.

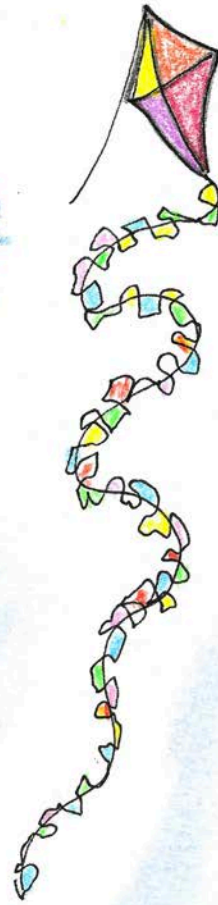


While you tie your shoes,
make sure to say the rhyme.

Do it right and it will be
good for the whole day.



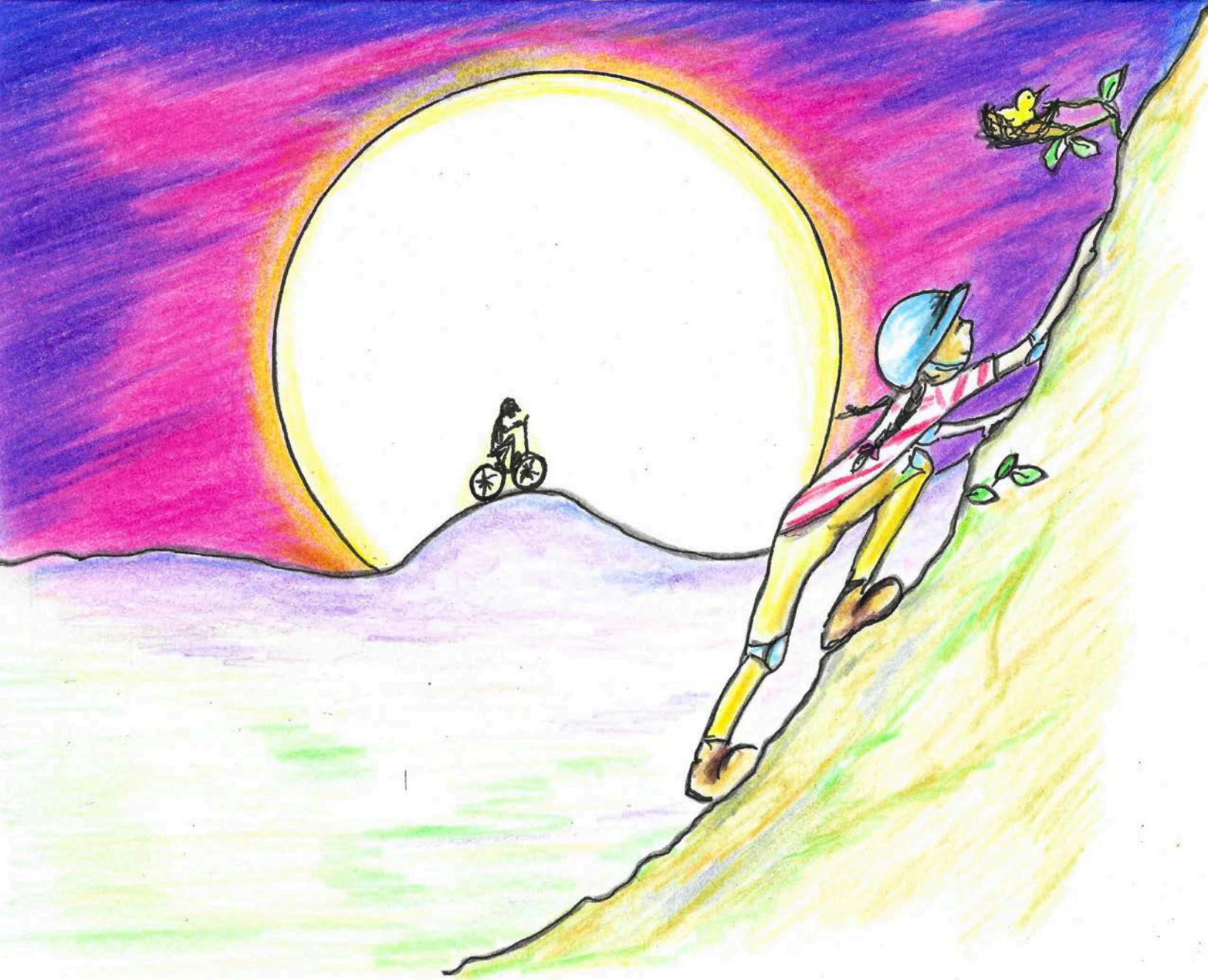
Do it wrong and you may
trip when you try to play.



What do you want to do?
Where do you want to go?
Pick some place new or
a place that you know.



We could take your new
dog for a walk in the park.
Do you think he will be good?
Do you think he will bark?



We could go ride
your bike on the trail.
There are a lot of big
hills that you can scale.

We could go out and
play with your friends.



We could stay with
them till the day ends.

Keep an eye out for
dirt, trash, and gum.

Please look down.

Try not to step in some.



If you take care of me,
I will take care of you.

Do your best not
to step in dog poo.



What is worse than shoes
that are gross and smell?
Can you think of one?
If so, please tell.



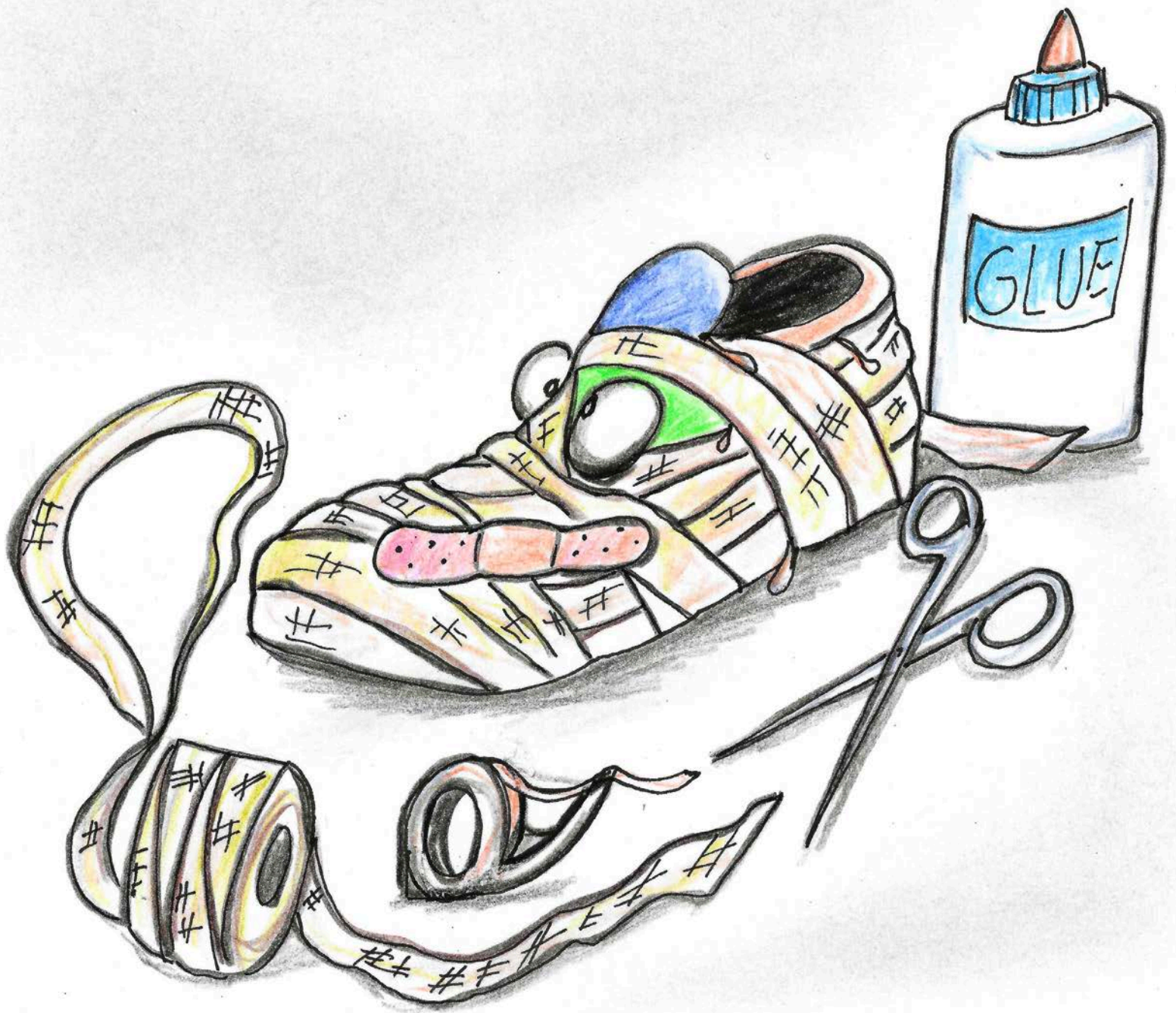
You can choose to wash
me, if I am not clean.



Scrub hard with soap
till no filth can be seen.



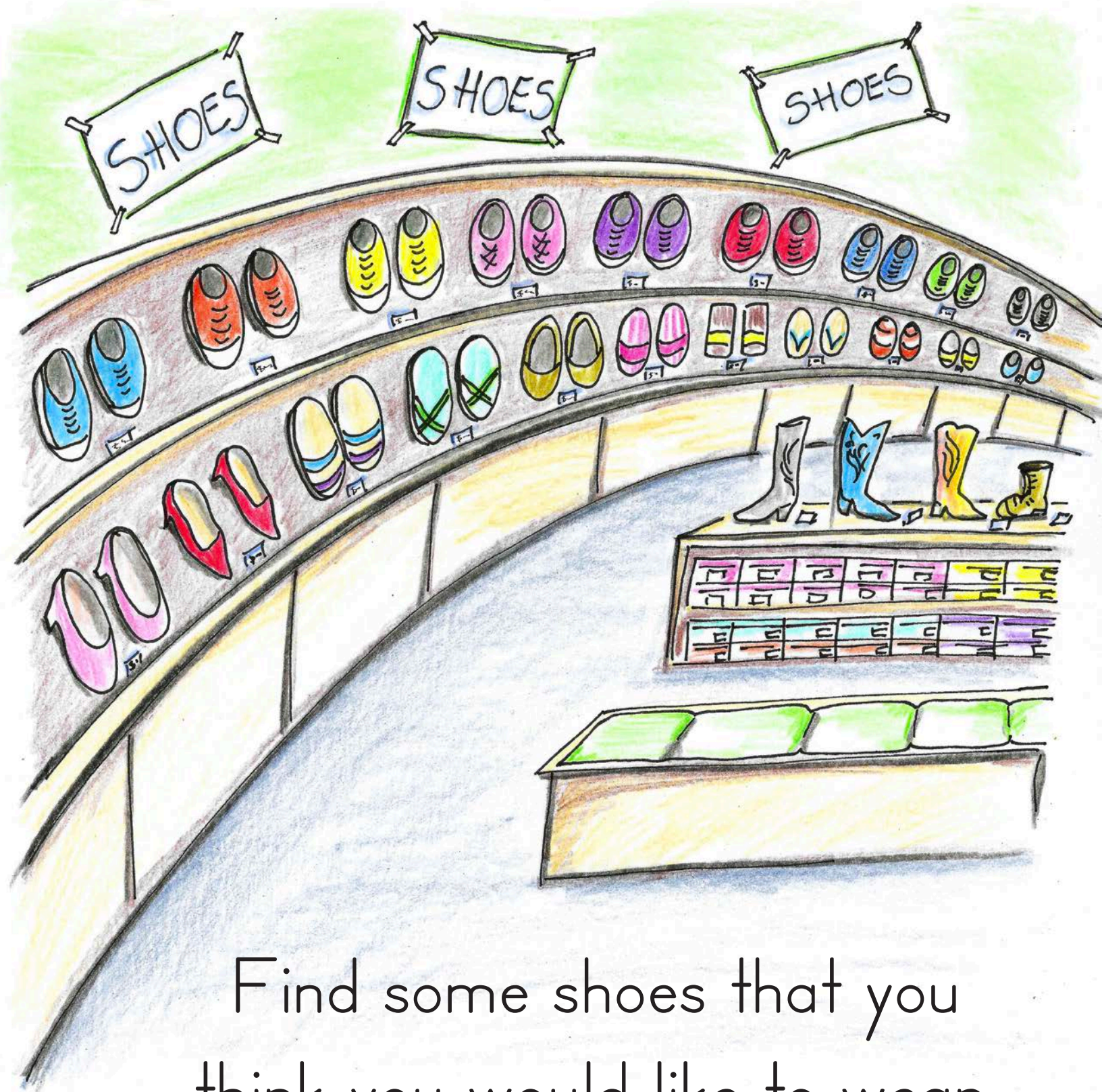
Shoes may last a few months.
They may last up to a year.
At some point, I will break.
This is what I fear.



For a quick fix, you
can use tape or glue.

It will not work for long,
but it can last a day or two.

You can go back to the store when it is time for a new pair.



Find some shoes that you think you would like to wear.

You should try them on.

Please take a seat.

Make sure they fit right
and do not hurt your feet.



I am glad that you found
a new pair of shoes.
It did not take long
for you to choose.



Do not be sad
when I am gone.



You now have a new pair
that you can count on.