



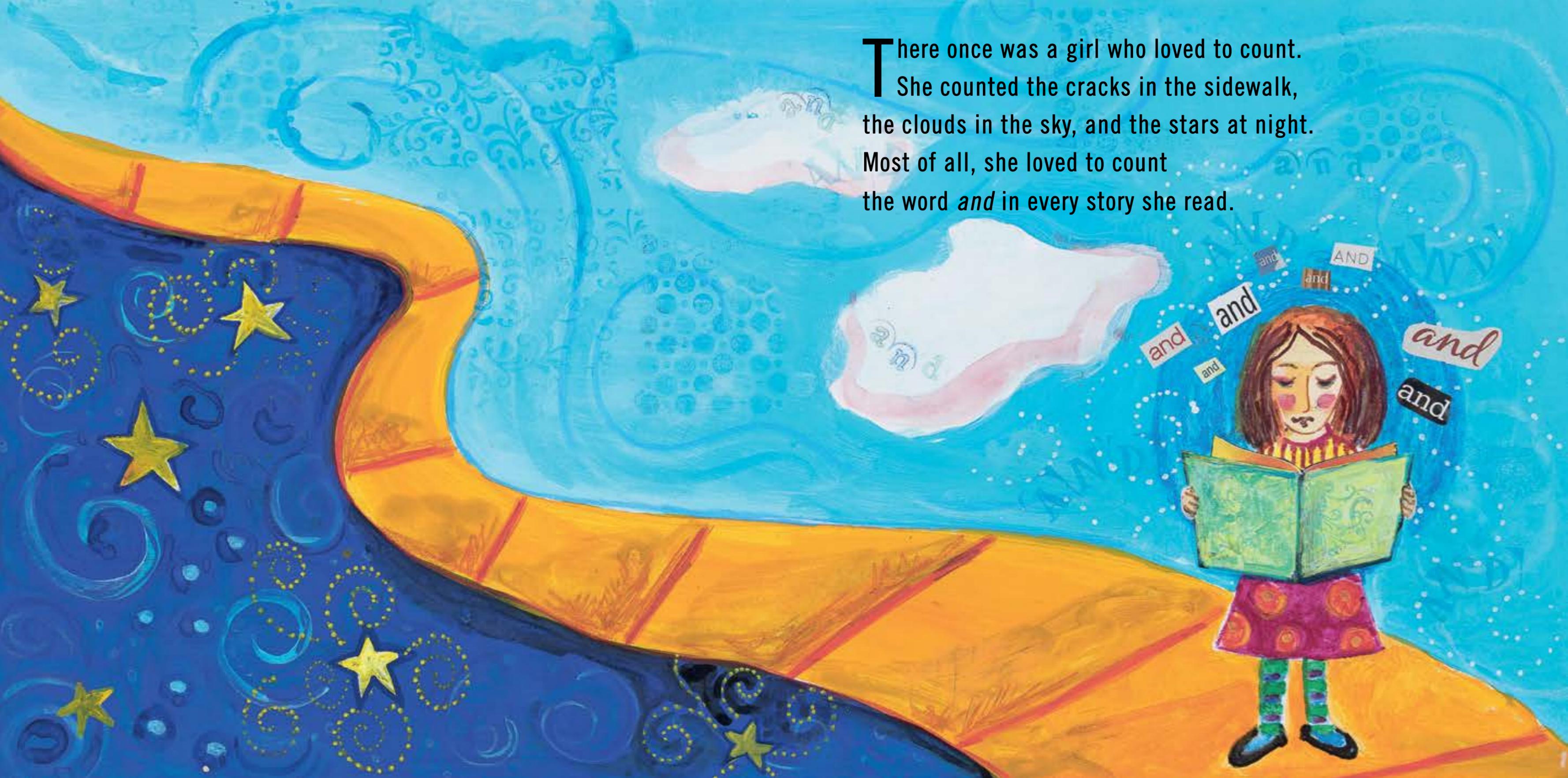
The  
Story  
of  
**AND**

The Little Word  
That Changed the World

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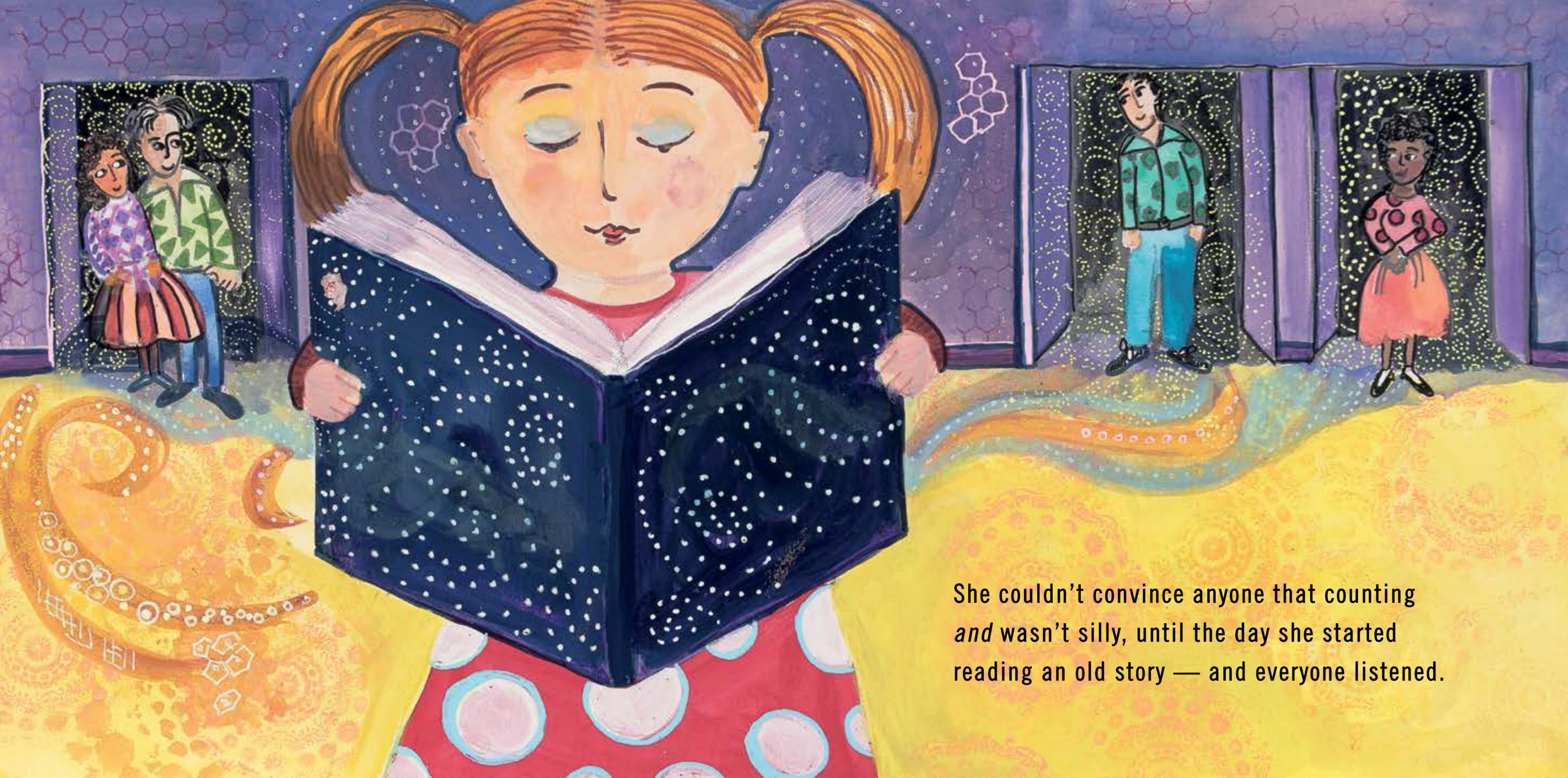
There once was a girl who loved to count.  
She counted the cracks in the sidewalk,  
the clouds in the sky, and the stars at night.  
Most of all, she loved to count  
the word *and* in every story she read.



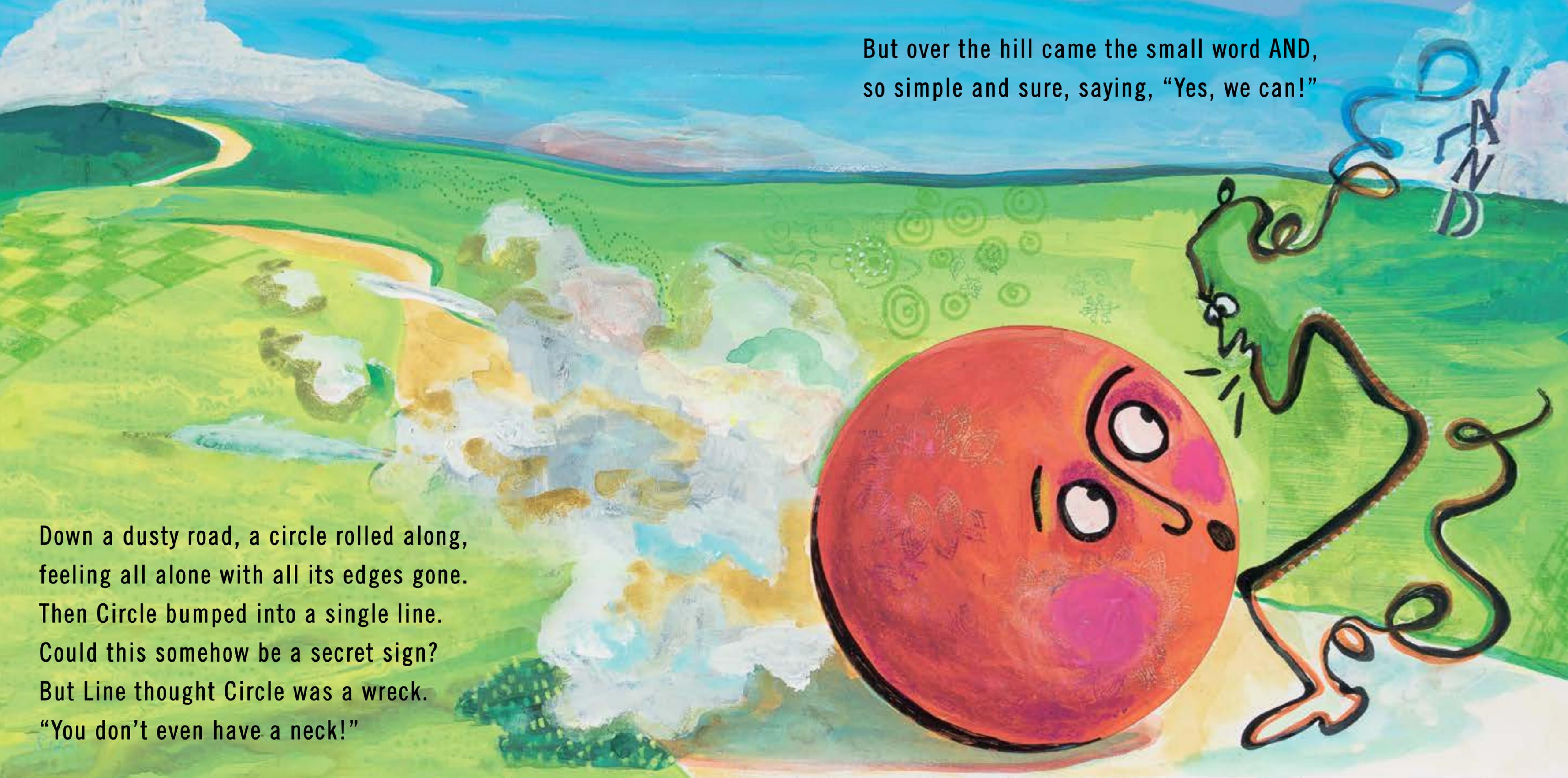


“What a waste of time,” said her neighbor.  
“Be serious,” said her principal.

“Stop dillydallying,” said her parents.



She couldn't convince anyone that counting *and* wasn't silly, until the day she started reading an old story — and everyone listened.



But over the hill came the small word AND,  
so simple and sure, saying, "Yes, we can!"

Down a dusty road, a circle rolled along,  
feeling all alone with all its edges gone.  
Then Circle bumped into a single line.  
Could this somehow be a secret sign?  
But Line thought Circle was a wreck.  
"You don't even have a neck!"

She joined their hands. "Together you'll bloom into a glowing red balloon."

When you gather more than three, what a party it will be!"