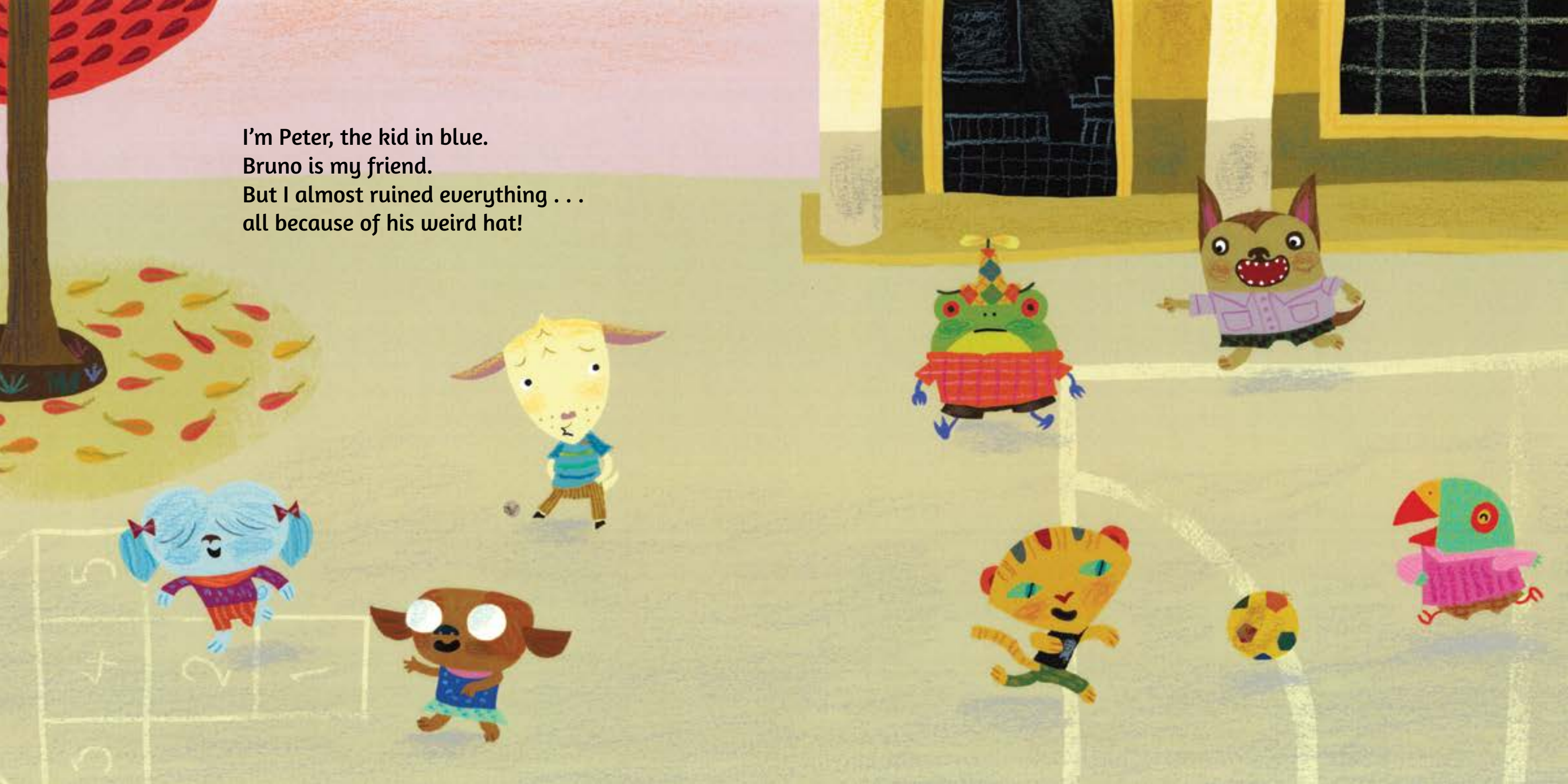


Bruno's Hat

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I'm Peter, the kid in blue.
Bruno is my friend.
But I almost ruined everything . . .
all because of his weird hat!





At first, we were best friends. I hardly noticed his hat.



We played Super Spacemen and football and hunted for treasure.
We watched movies and did homework together.



Then one day, Sergio started laughing at Bruno.
“Bruno! You weirdo!
Weirdo with the weird hat!”

He said it louder and louder.
Bruno didn’t answer.

So Sergio kept saying it—
every single day.

Finally, I yelled,
“Stop messing
with Bruno!”

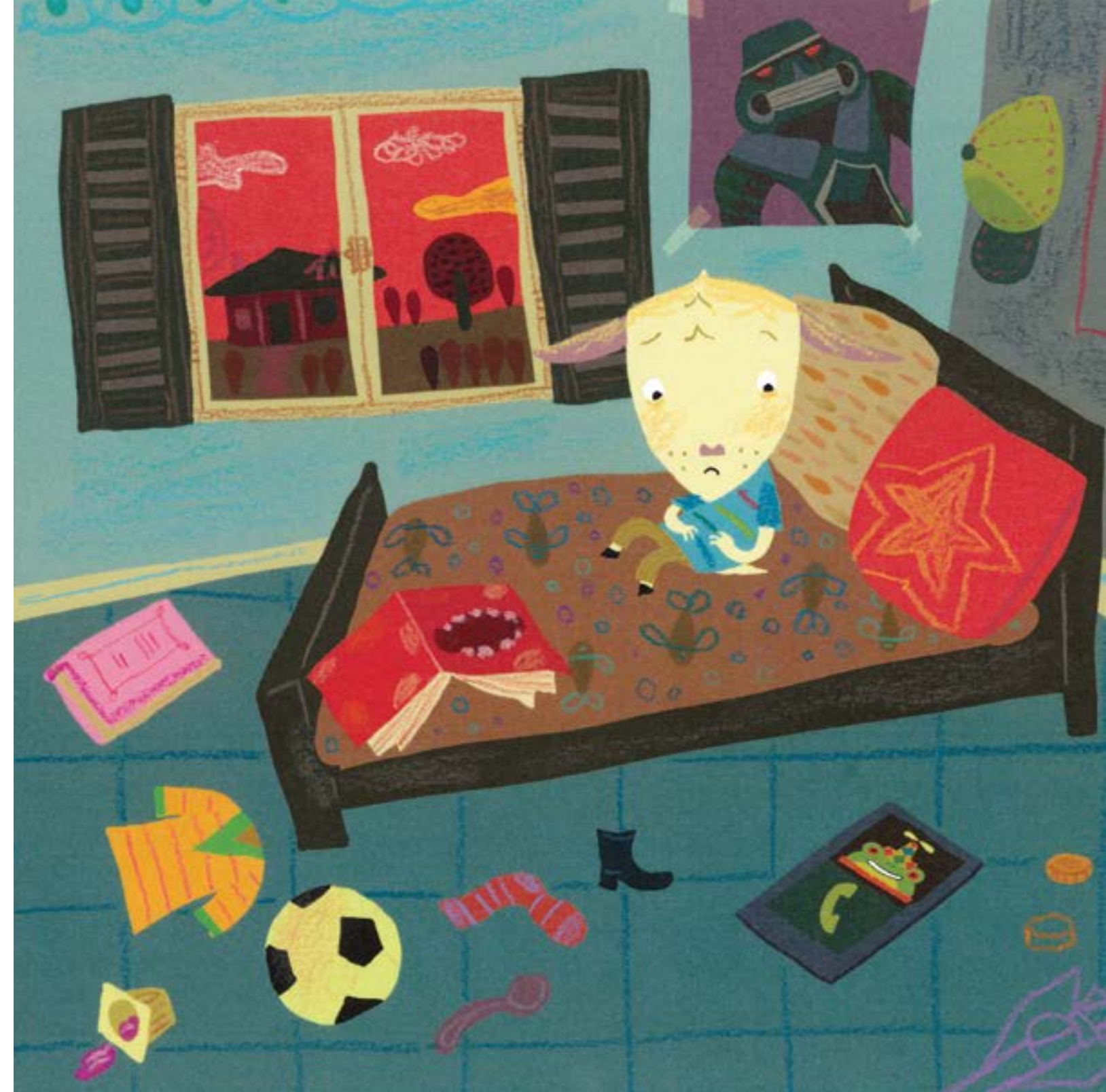


Sergio snarled, "You're a weirdo, too! Peter the weirdo!"

I ran home. I wasn't a weirdo!

Sergio thought I was, just because Bruno was my friend.
But Bruno was the weird one, not me!

Bruno called and called, but I didn't answer.



I didn't want to be a weirdo. So I started hanging out with Sergio and Leah instead of Bruno. They didn't play Super Spacemen, and Sergio's jokes weren't funny. But nobody bothered me.

I thought if Bruno would stop wearing that hat, Sergio wouldn't bother him either.

