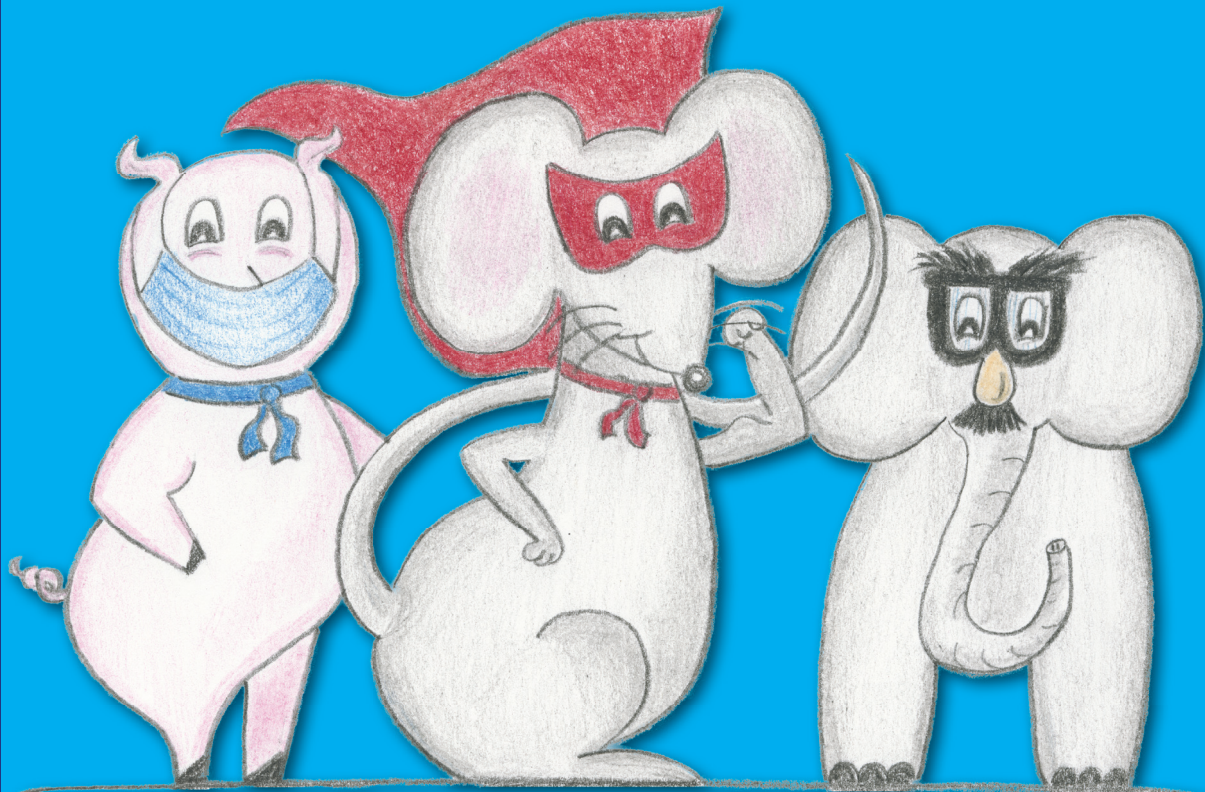


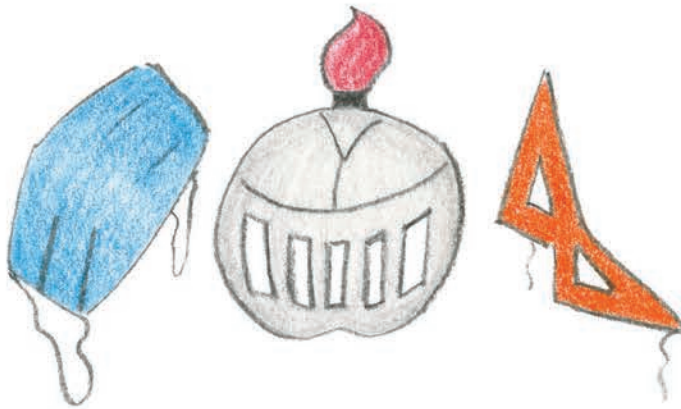
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For my children who inspire me.



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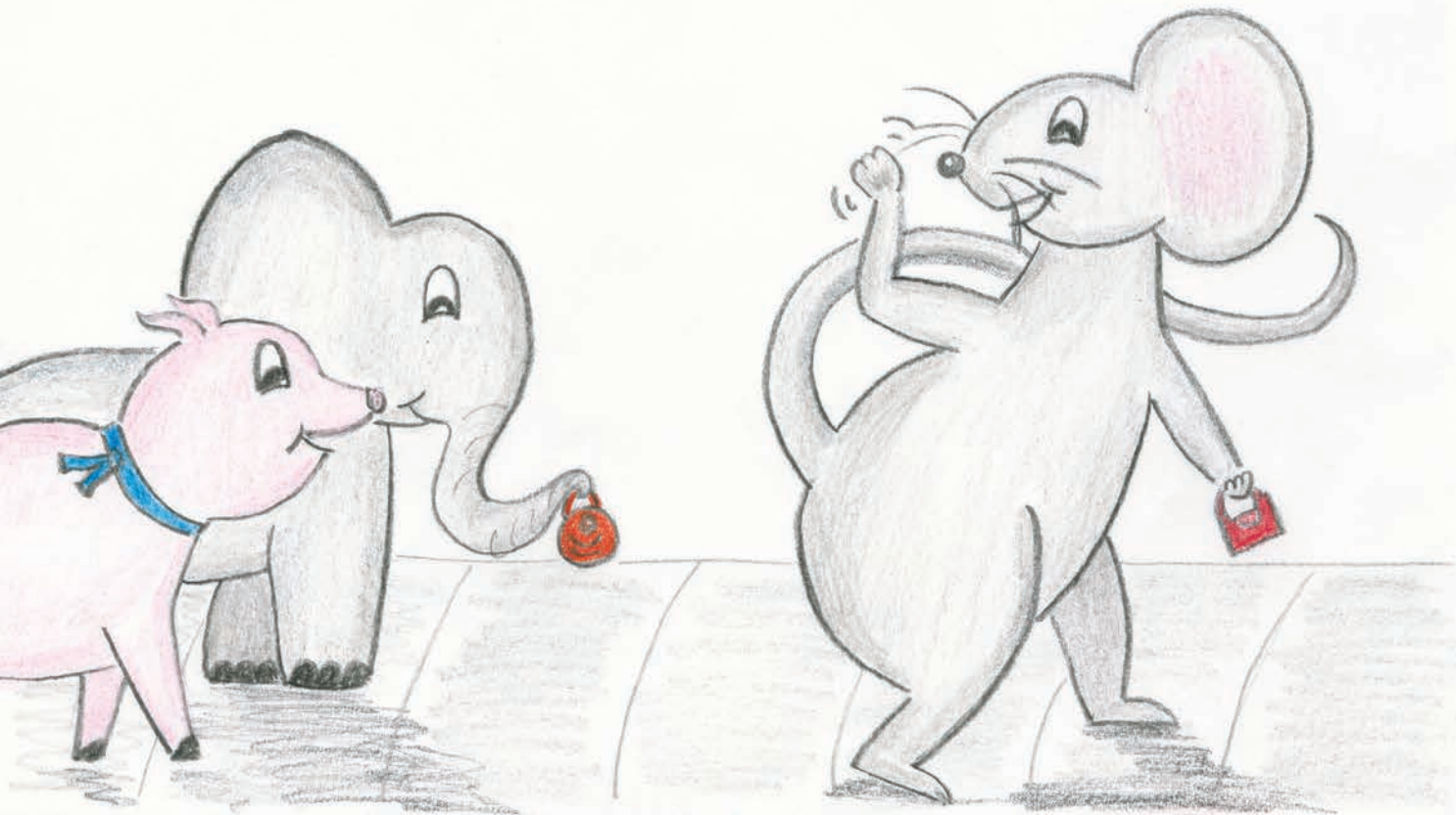
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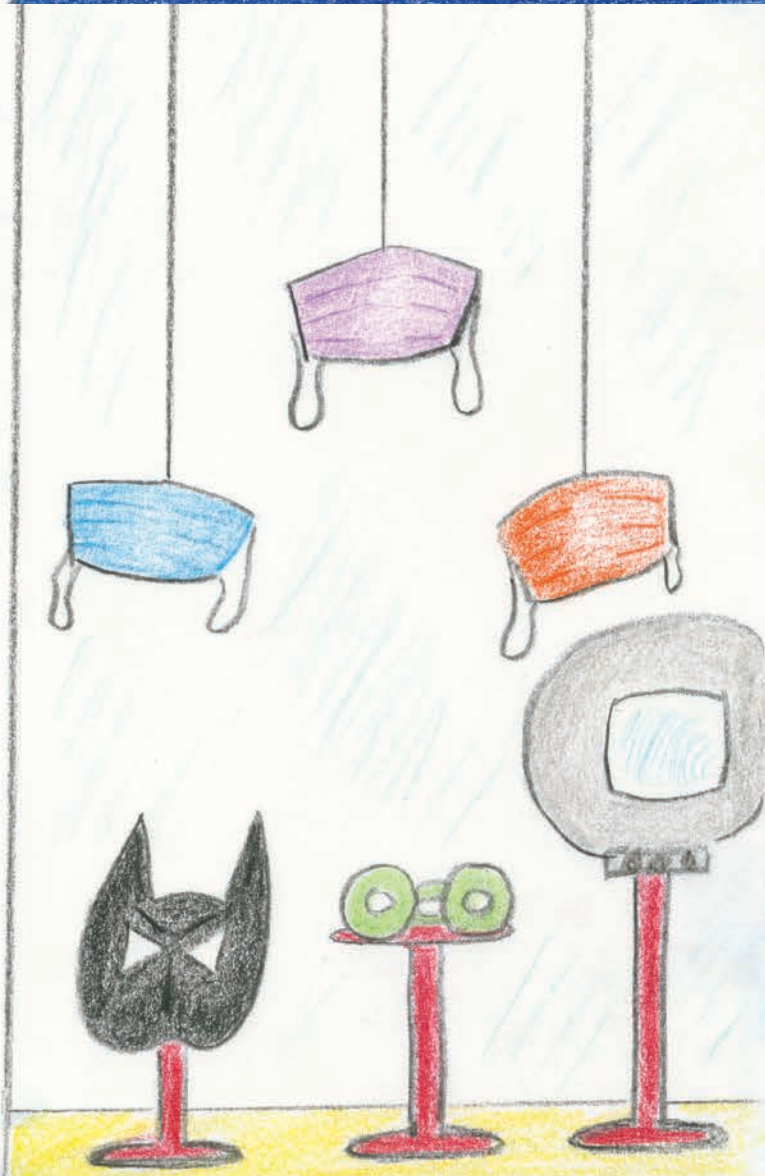
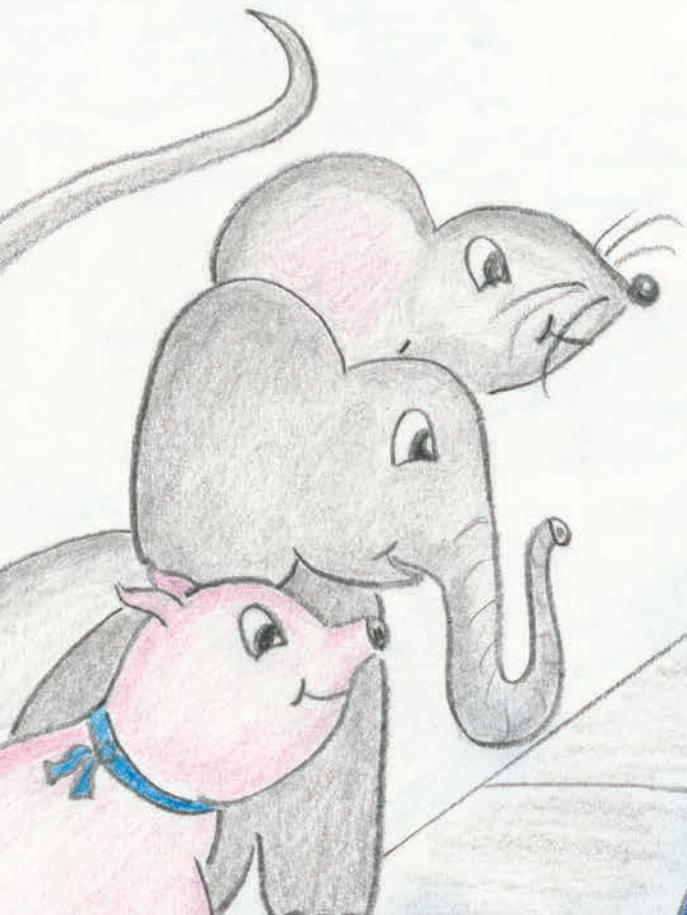
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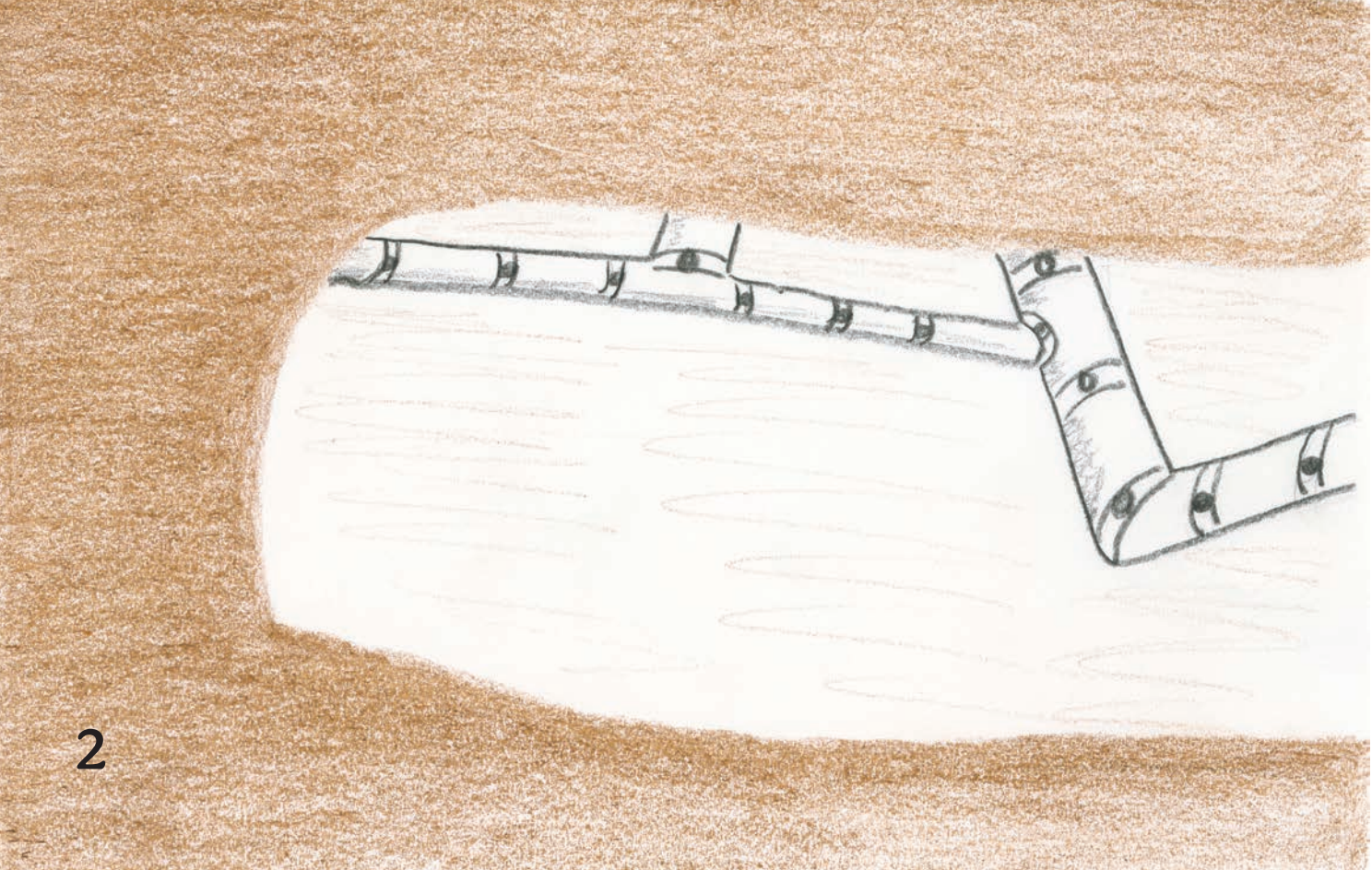


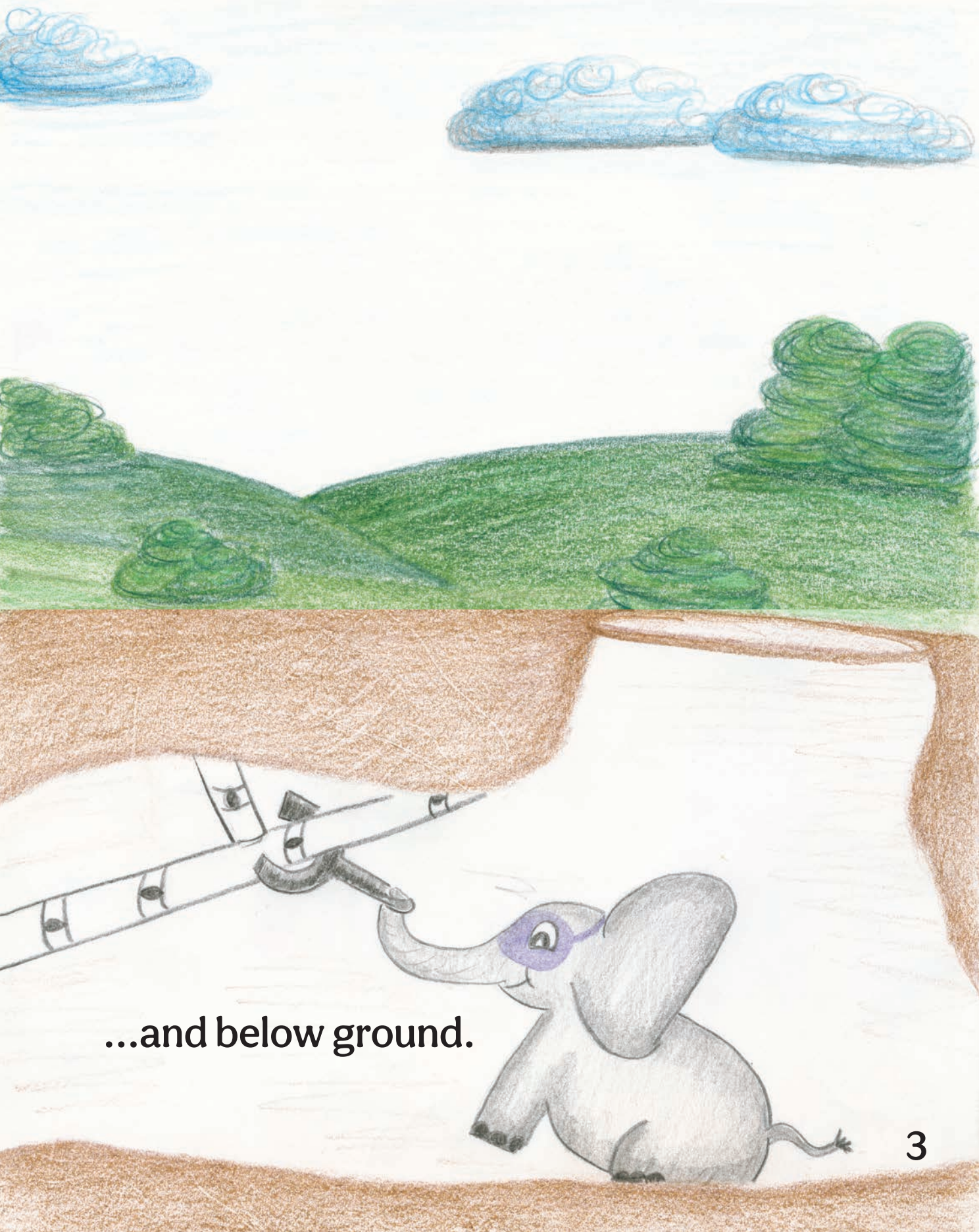
Marvelous masks
are all around.
They serve lots
of purposes...

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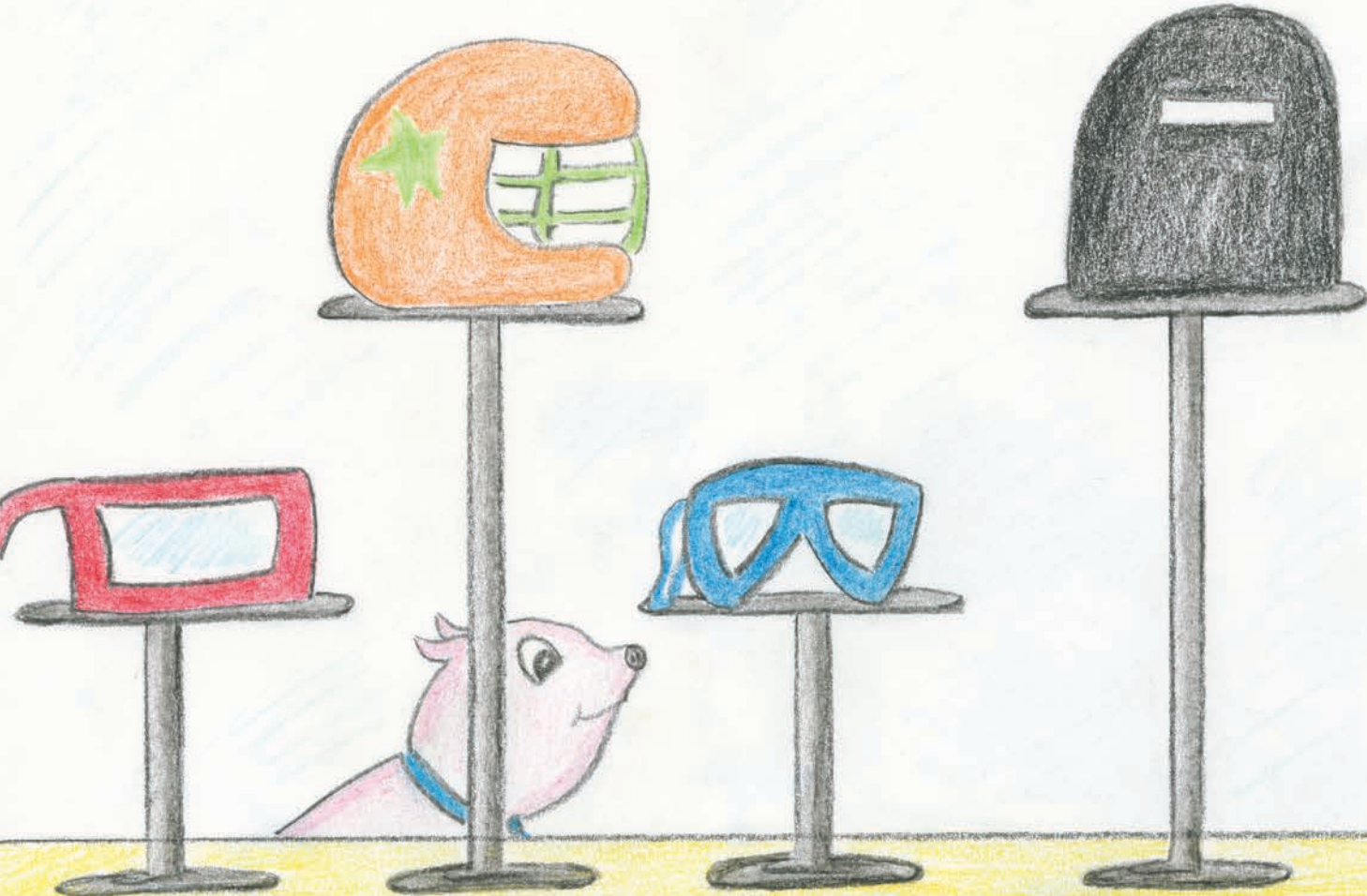
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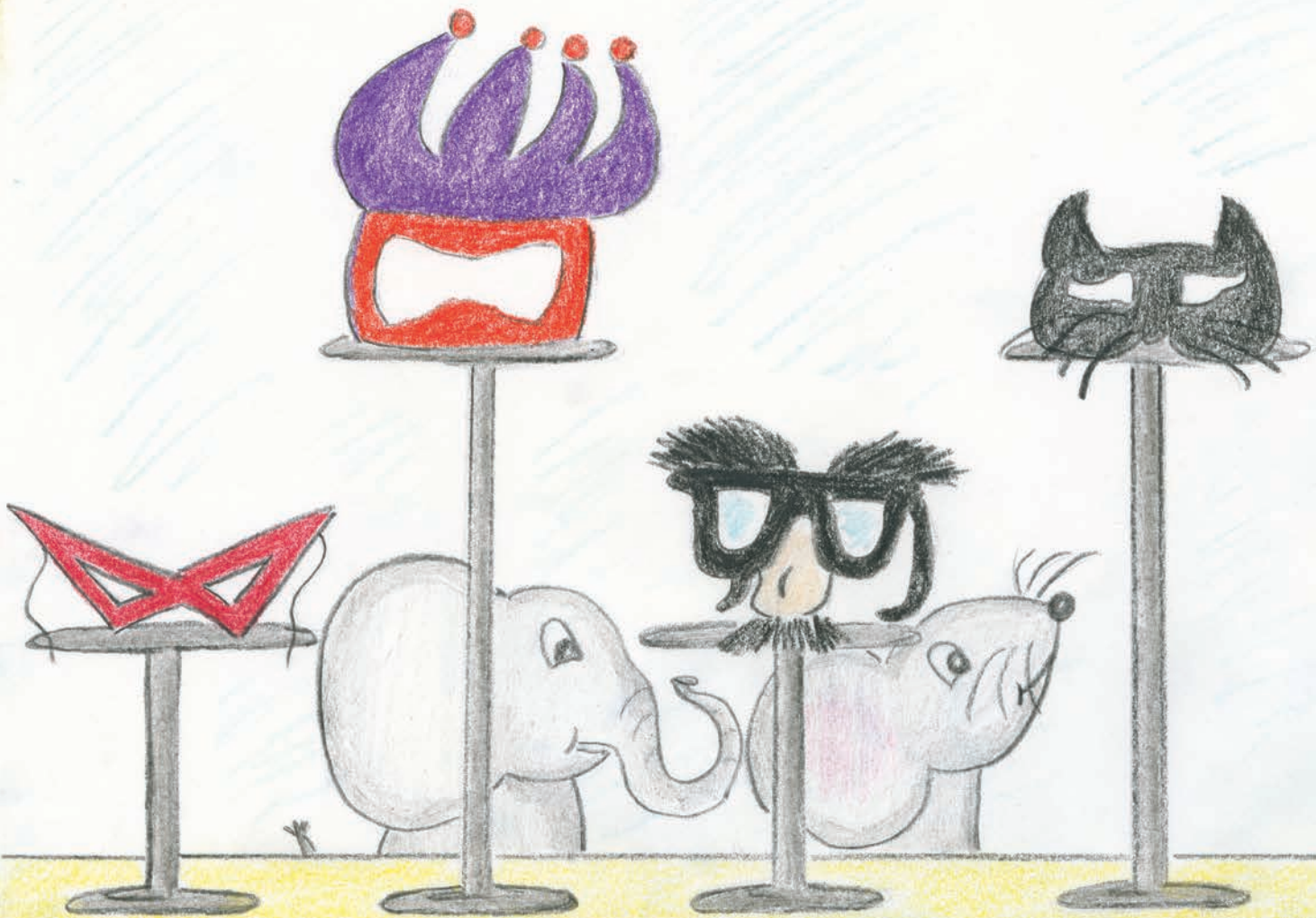


...and below ground.

Some come in handy to perform certain tasks.



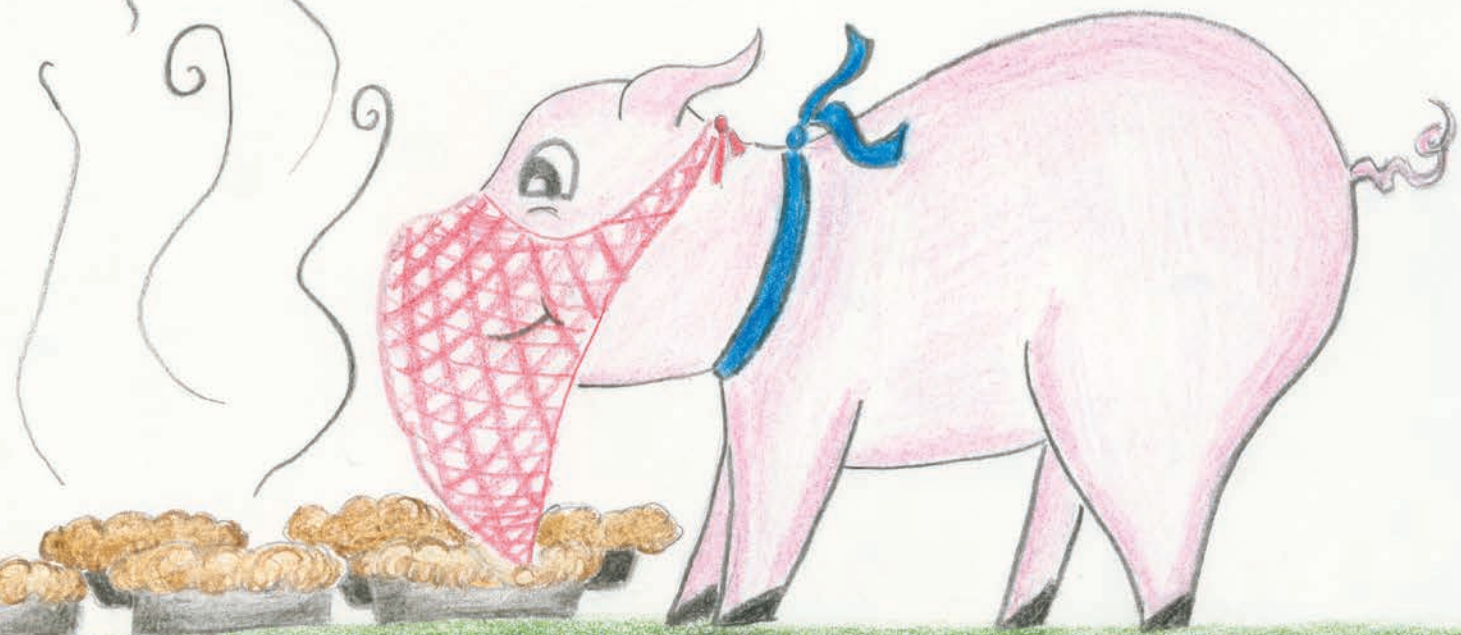
And others are just really cool-to-wear masks!





Some masks cover only your eyes.

Some cover your
nose and apple pies.





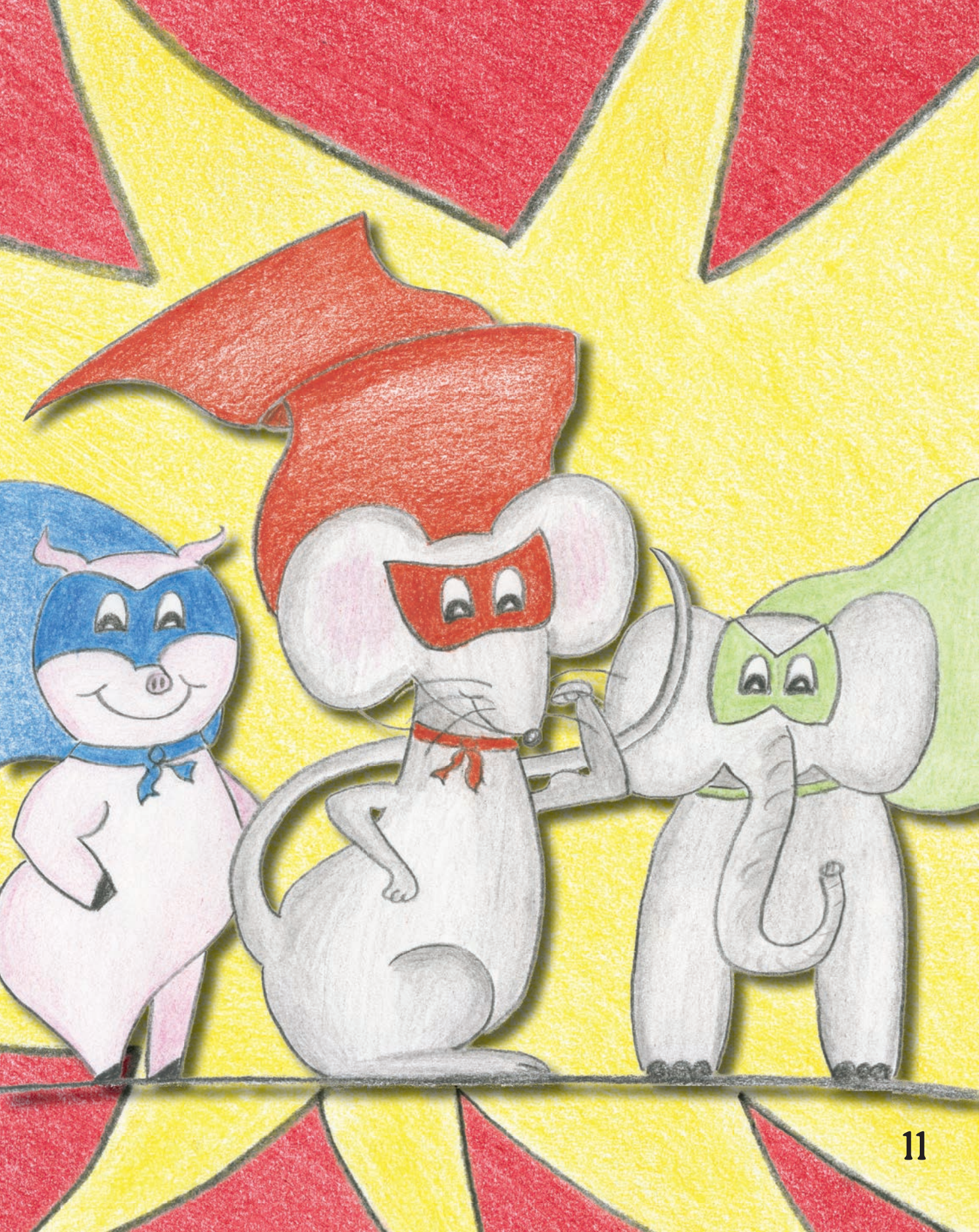
Some masks cover your entire head.

Some masks help you sleep in bed.

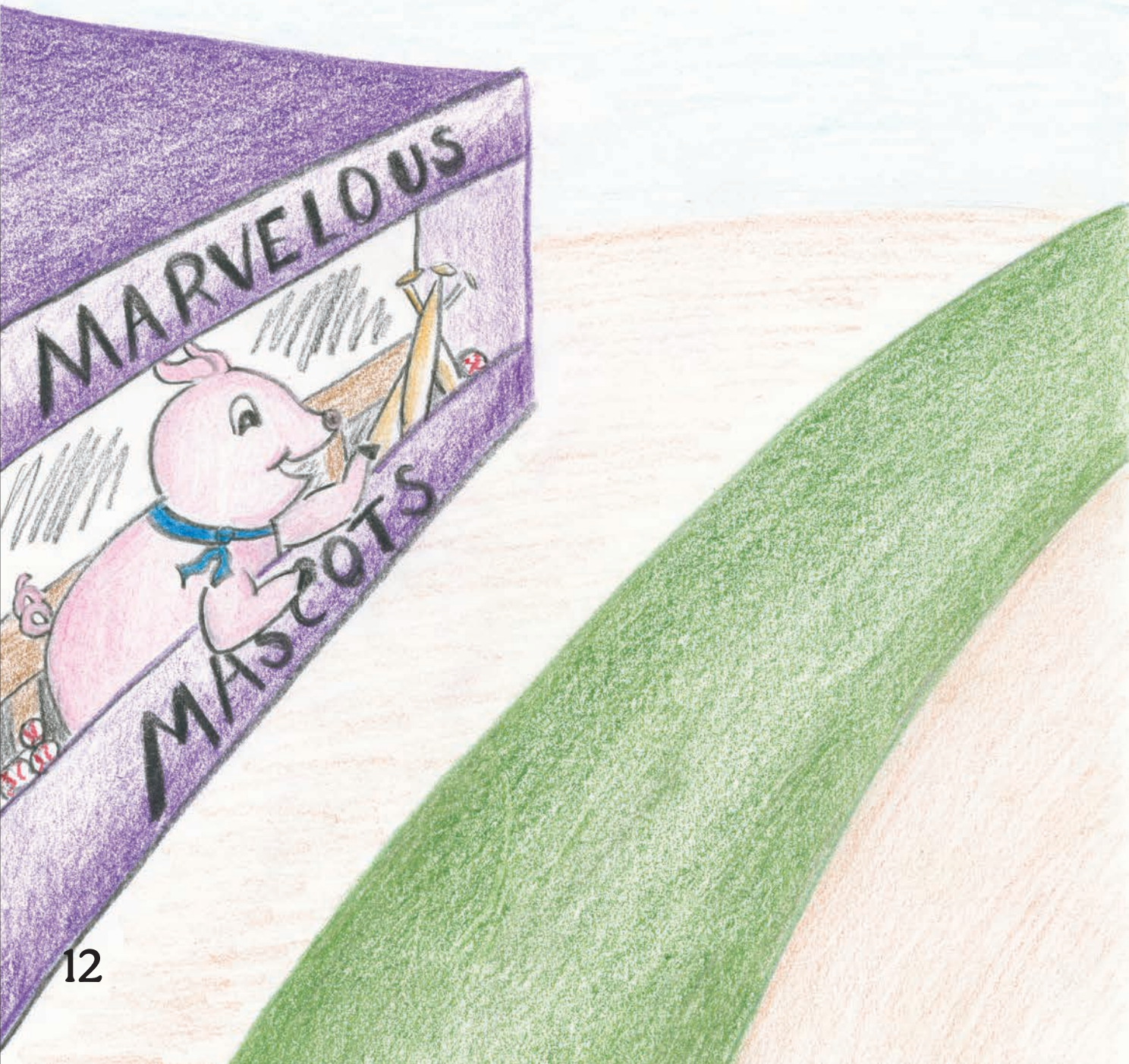


Superheroes wear masks
in different sizes
to protect their identity
in cool disguises.

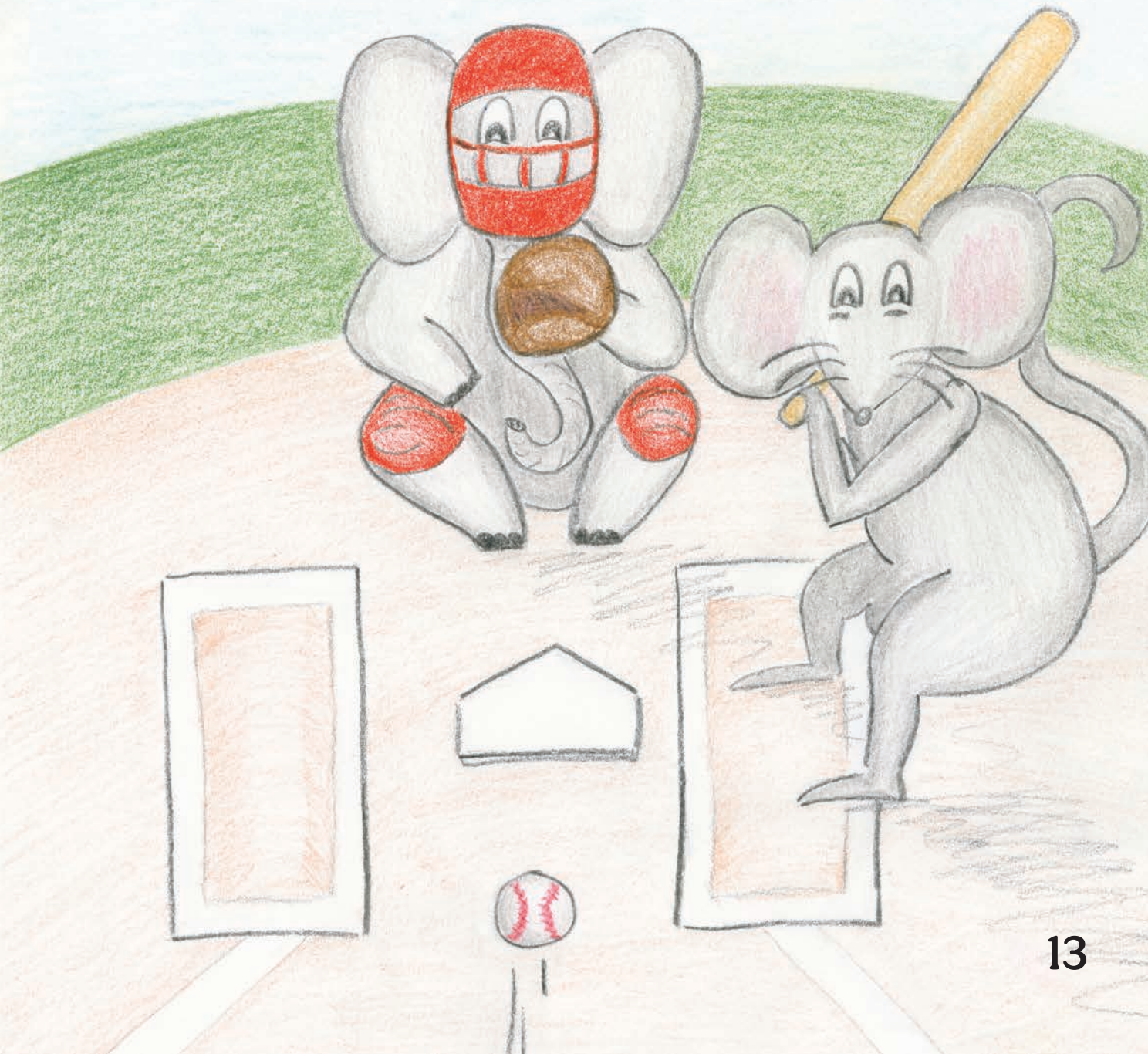




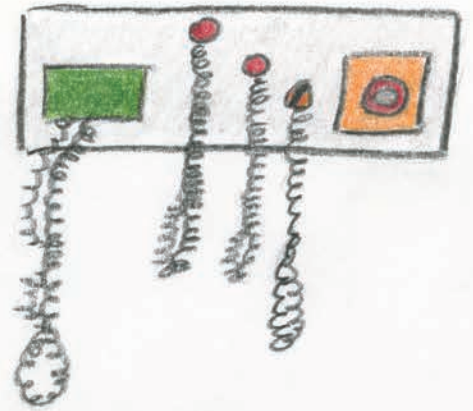
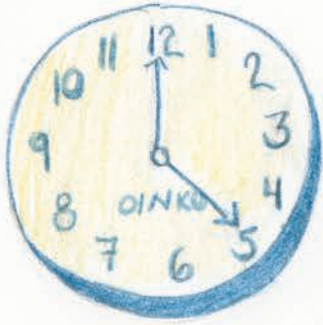
Baseball catchers wear
masks behind home plate.



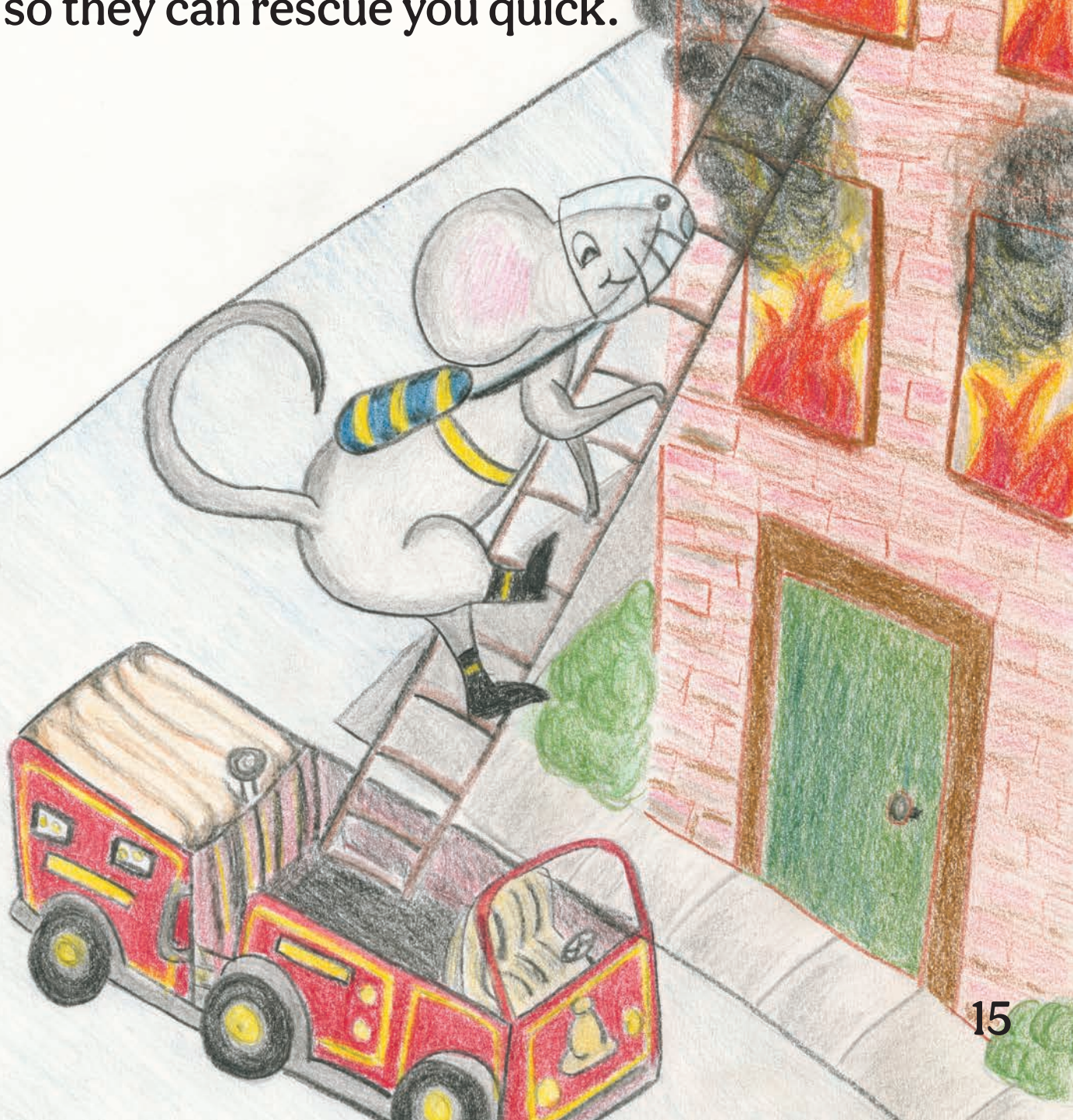
They do this in case
the batter swings late!

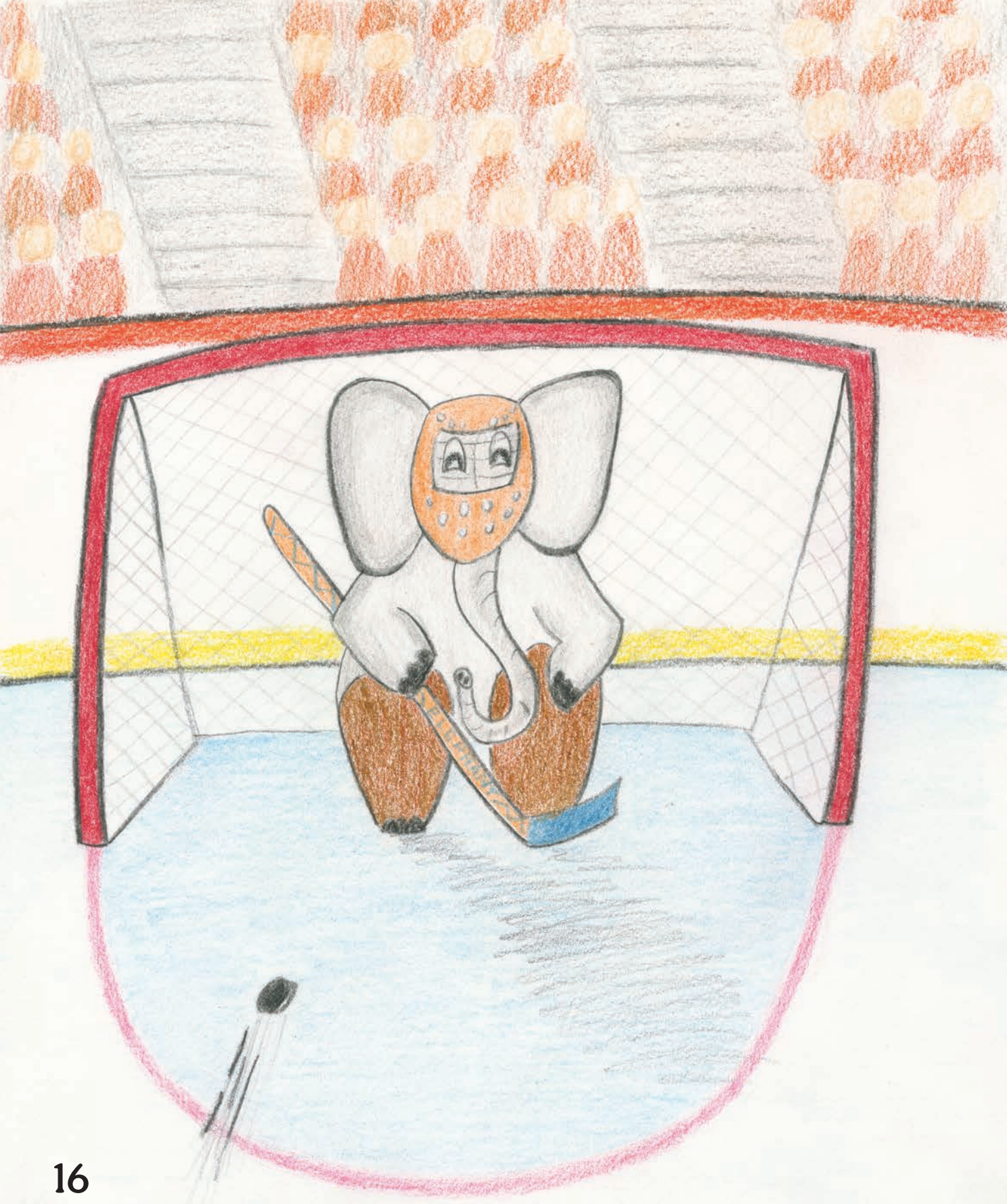


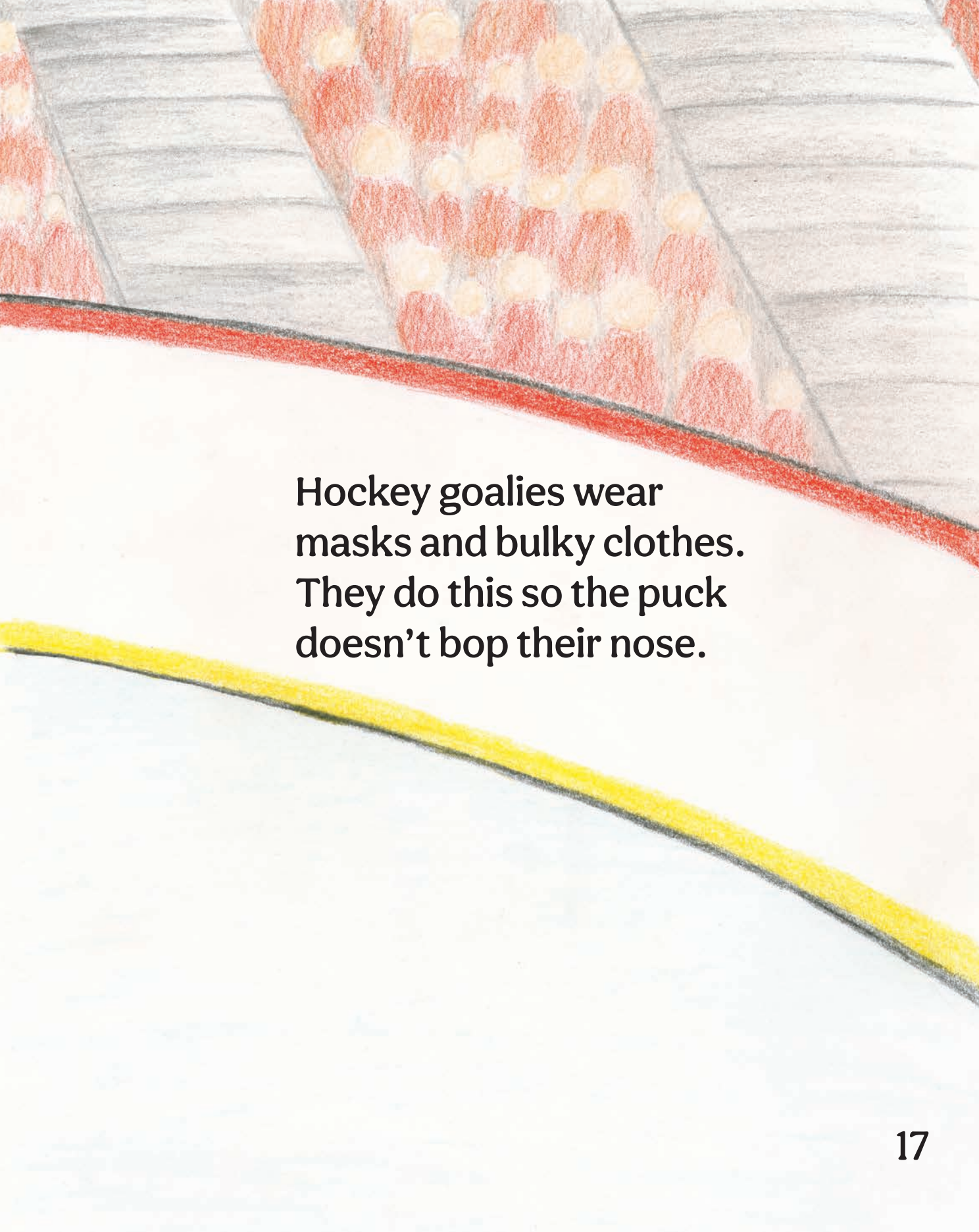
Doctors wear masks
when they treat you and me.
Their masks help keep
everyone healthy.



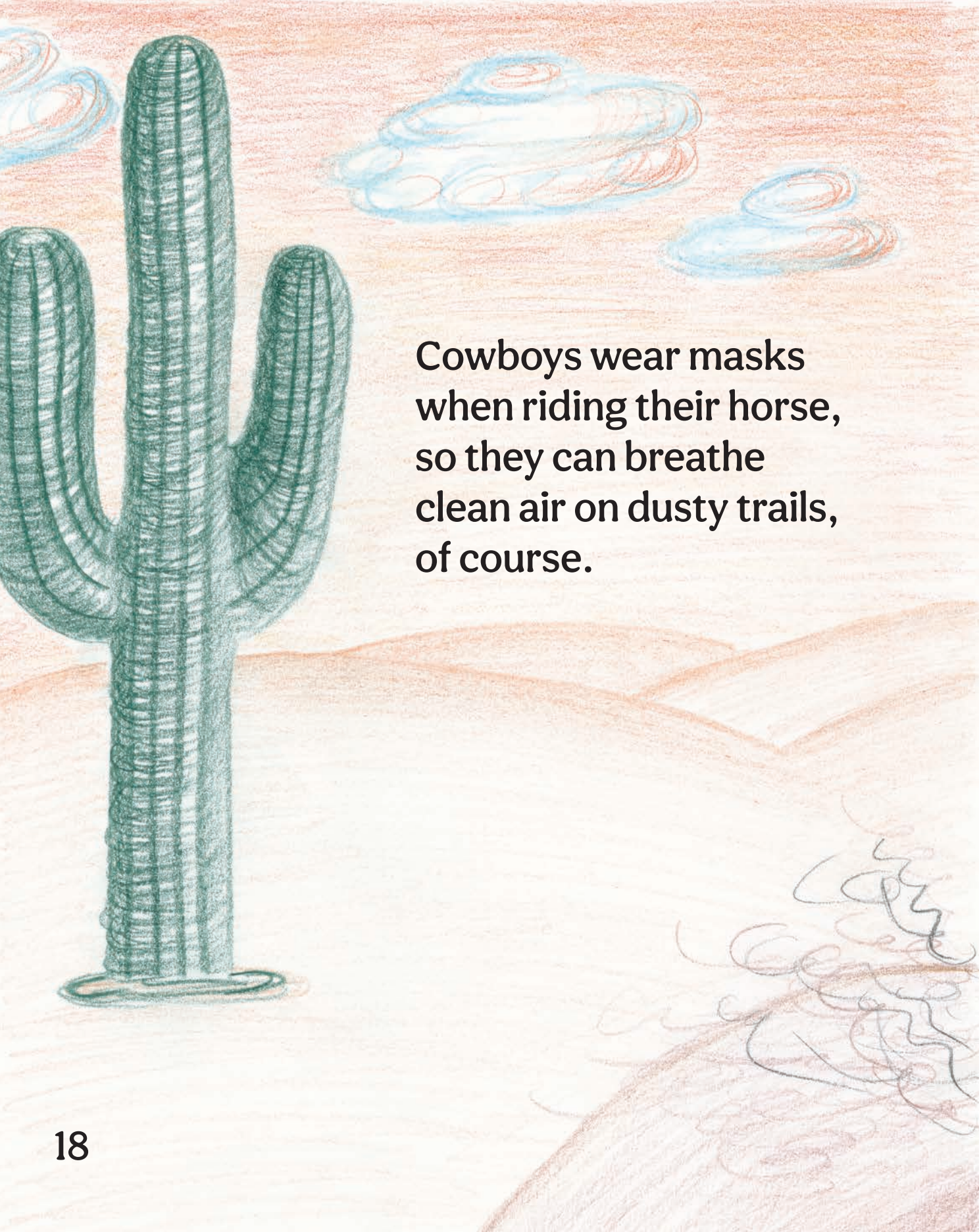
Firemen wear masks
when the smoke is thick.
Masks help them breathe
so they can rescue you quick.







Hockey goalies wear
masks and bulky clothes.
They do this so the puck
doesn't bop their nose.



Cowboys wear masks
when riding their horse,
so they can breathe
clean air on dusty trails,
of course.





Safety masks

Sporty masks



Silly masks

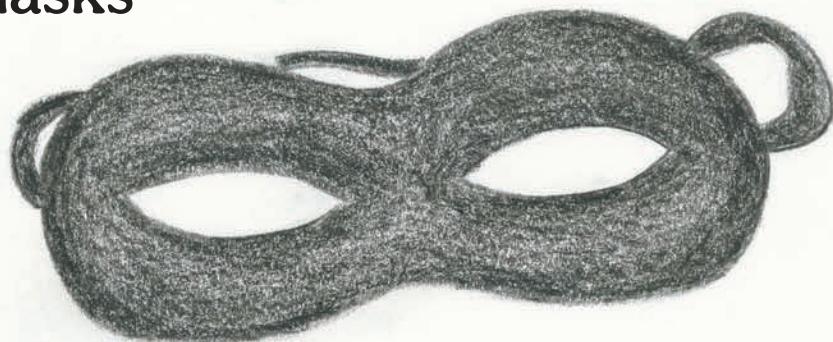
Frilly masks

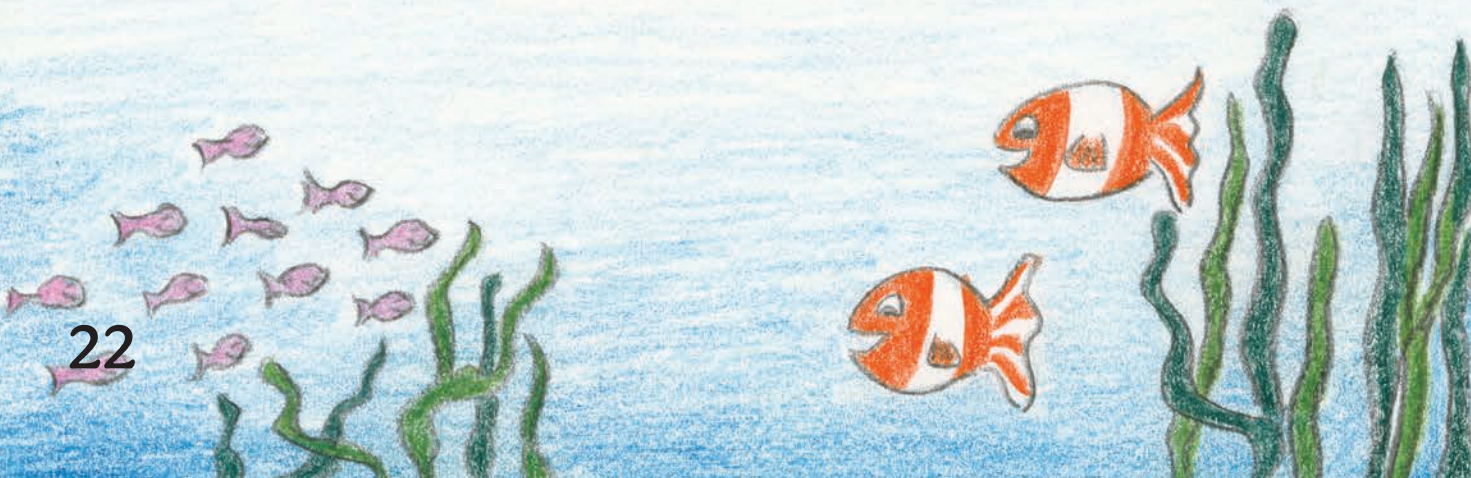
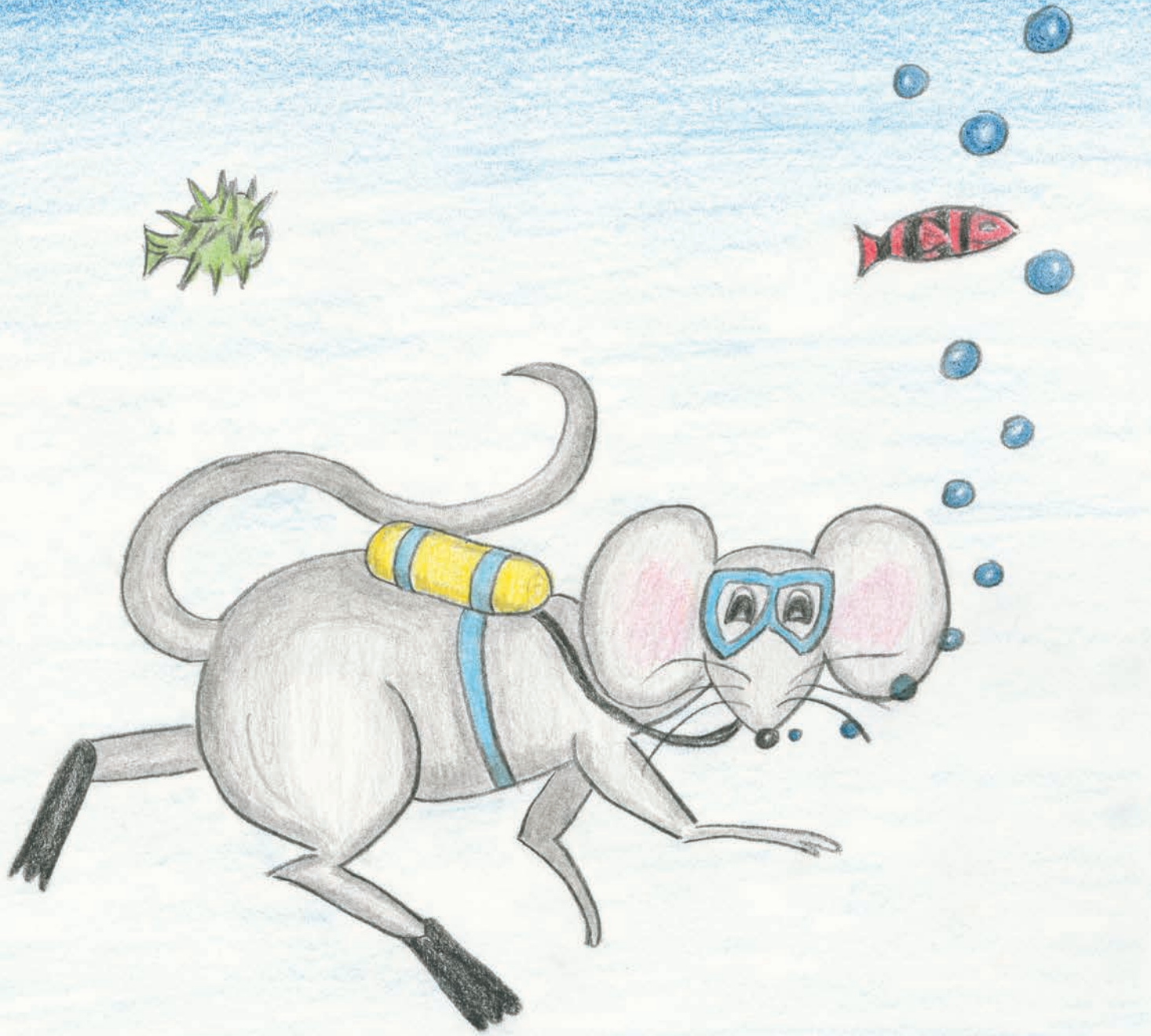


Neato masks



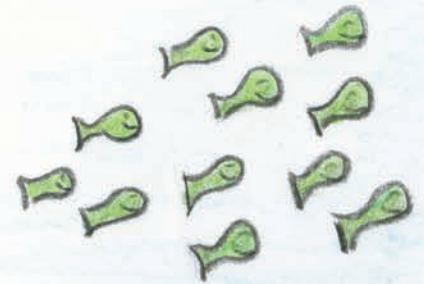
Incognito masks








Scuba divers wear masks
under the sea.
These masks help them
see all the fish(ies).



The background is a textured, abstract composition. The upper portion is dominated by large, sweeping brushstrokes in a vibrant orange-red hue. Below this, there are smaller, more delicate strokes in shades of pink and light blue. The bottom third of the image is a solid, textured band of deep blue, suggesting a horizon or a body of water. The overall style is reminiscent of a child's drawing or a modern abstract painting.

**Chemists wear masks
to protect their eyes,
just in case their
experiments go awry.**



Witches wear masks
to stir their brew.
You don't want the
potion to end up on you!



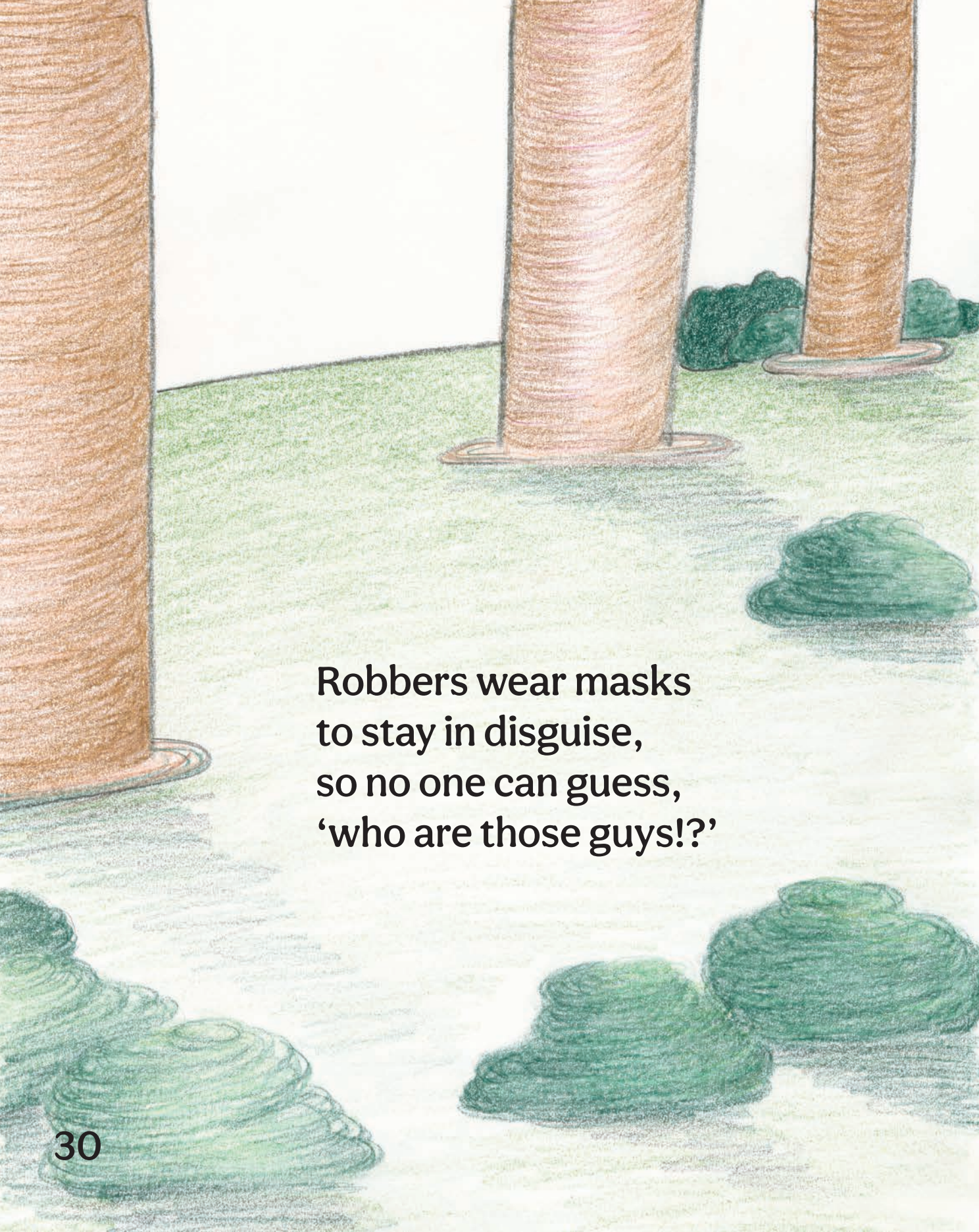


Blacksmiths wear masks
when things get hot,
just in case their work
doesn't stay in the pot.

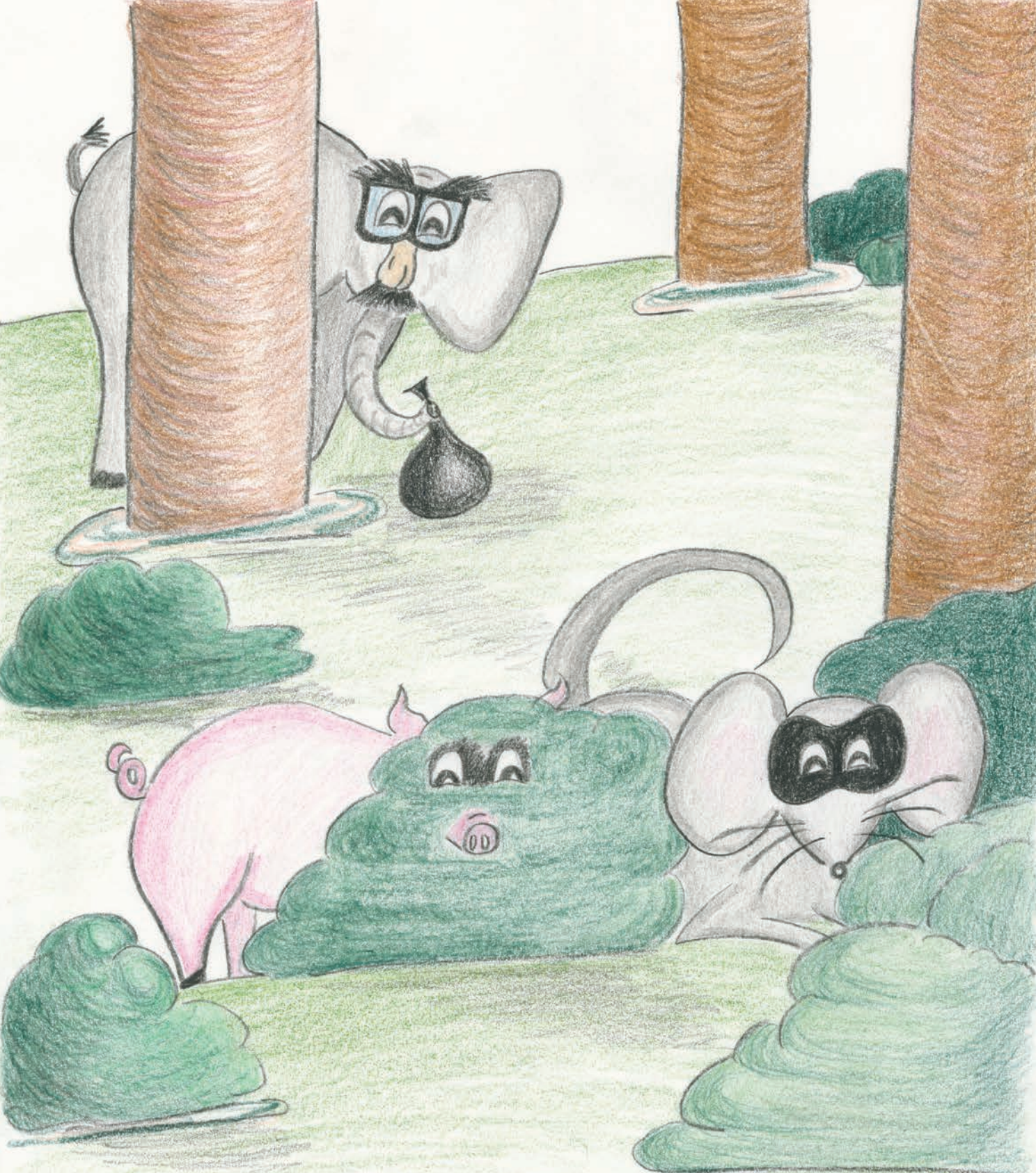




Knights wear masks
heavy as lead.
They are very shiny
and protect their head.



Robbers wear masks
to stay in disguise,
so no one can guess,
'who are those guys!?'



It's fun to wear masks when we play.
It's fun to wear masks on a special day.

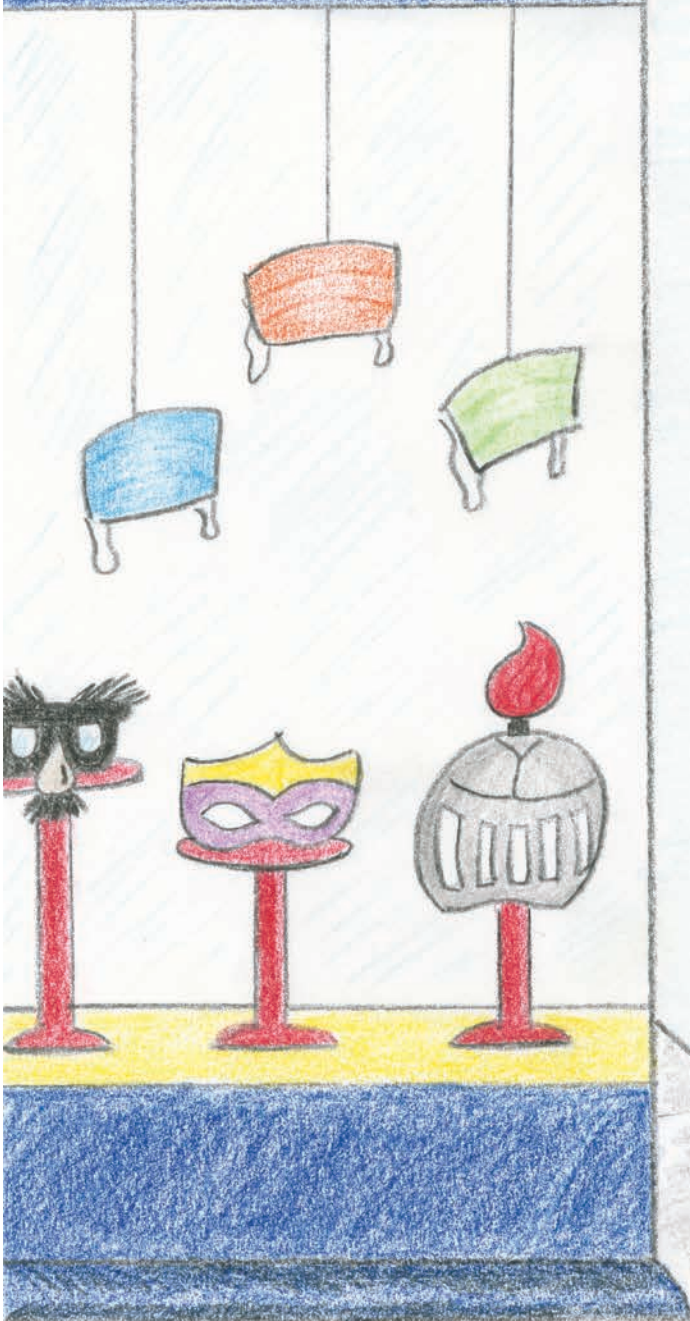




You can dress up and pretend
you're a ghost or a scuba man,
a monster that is fuzzy and green...
It's fun to dress up for Halloween!



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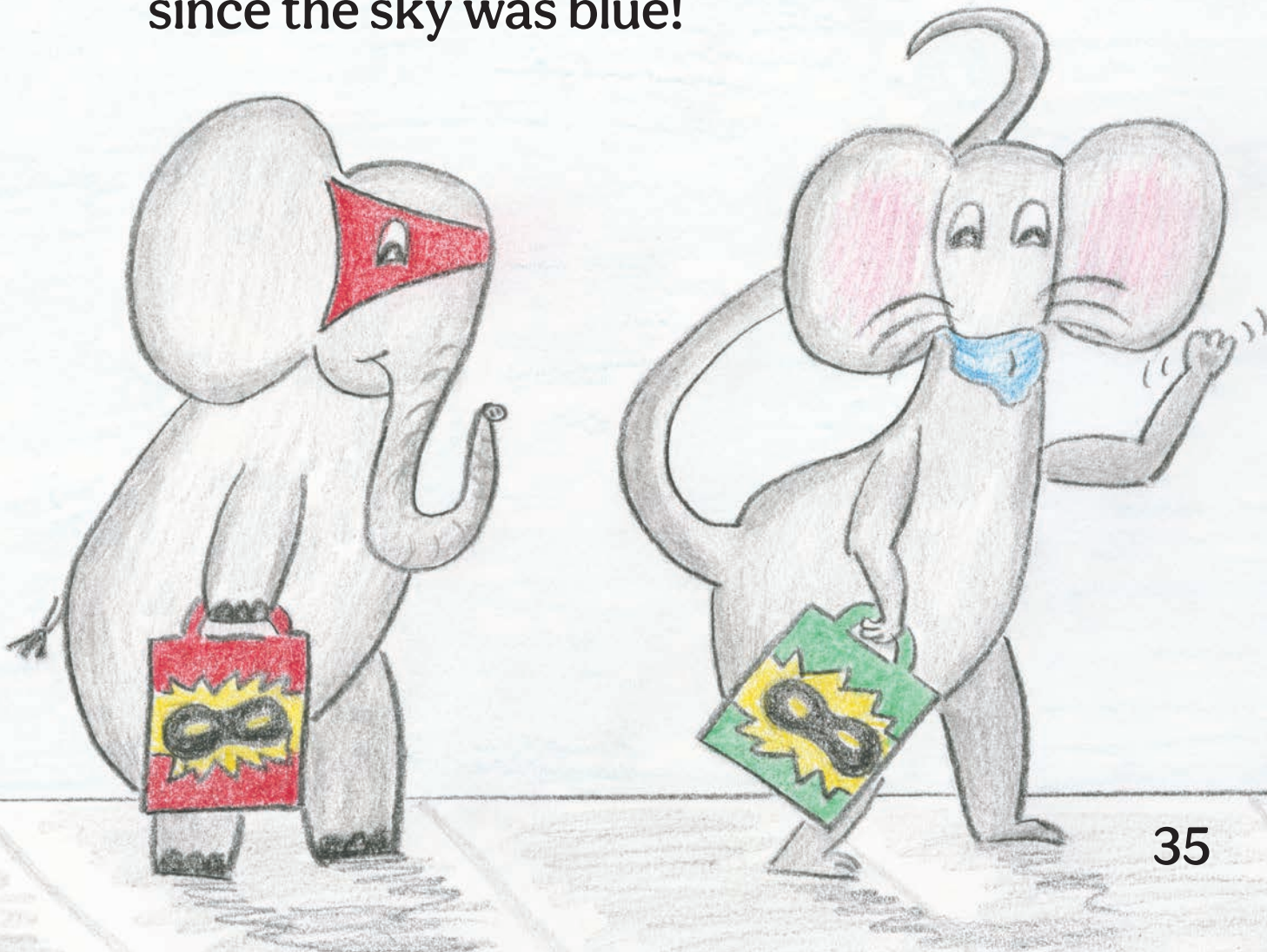


People wear masks like you and me. These masks help keep everyone healthy. It is something simple that we can do, to help protect me and help protect you.





So when you see people
wearing masks and think it's new,
just remember we've been wearing masks
since the sky was blue!

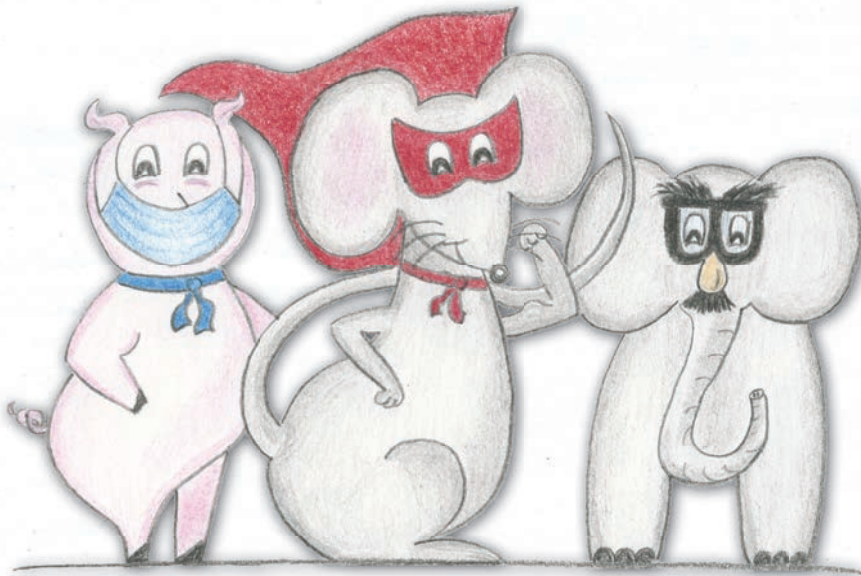


ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Nicole Billick lives in Tucson, Arizona with her infant daughter, 3-year-old son, unwaveringly supportive husband, and their sweet (but slightly neurotic) cockapoo. She wrote, “Marvelous Masks” for her toddler, who was so uncomfortable seeing other people wear masks he would say, “Mamma, let’s go home.” Nicole thought “Marvelous Masks” might be helpful to other families, so she decided to share it with the world.

Nicole has been drawing since she was a kid – staying up late with a flashlight under the covers. She enjoys walking her dog and the challenge of gardening in 110+ degree heat. She’s probably feeding the baby or cooking something right now, but likely nothing from her garden. She has a BA from Boston University and an MBA from Yale.



Do you know any little ones who are wary of wearing masks or do not want to keep them on? Do you have an upcoming event or travel and you are not sure your child will wear a mask when required? Have you been trying to find a way to help your child feel comfortable wearing a mask? Then *Marvelous Masks* is for you!

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A fun and beautifully hand-drawn story that explains how masks have been part of our world for a long time — not just because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this charming story, a group of animal friends looks at all different kinds of masks, and shows just how fun and normal wearing masks can be. Parents, grandparents and teachers can use this book to help explain to their children why we all need to wear masks sometimes — from cowboys, doctors, and baseball catchers to superheroes and more! There is no specific mention of germs or COVID-19, leaving room for adults to have that conversation with their children as they desire. Inspired by her own children, the author hopes that this story helps take children’s stress out of needing to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“In this engaging and inventive story, the significance of mask wearing is portrayed in a way that will be relatable to young readers. A creative and enjoyable interpretation of a timely issue.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

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