

Lighting of the Candles

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

Welcome Words

We have come together, now in the presence of:

God the father who is always with us,
God the son who showed us how to live
courageously and

God the Holy Spirit who helps us to
have **courage** but act with humility.



COURAGE



Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1.9

And whoever is patient and forgiving, those most surely are actions due to courage.

Quran 42:43



Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

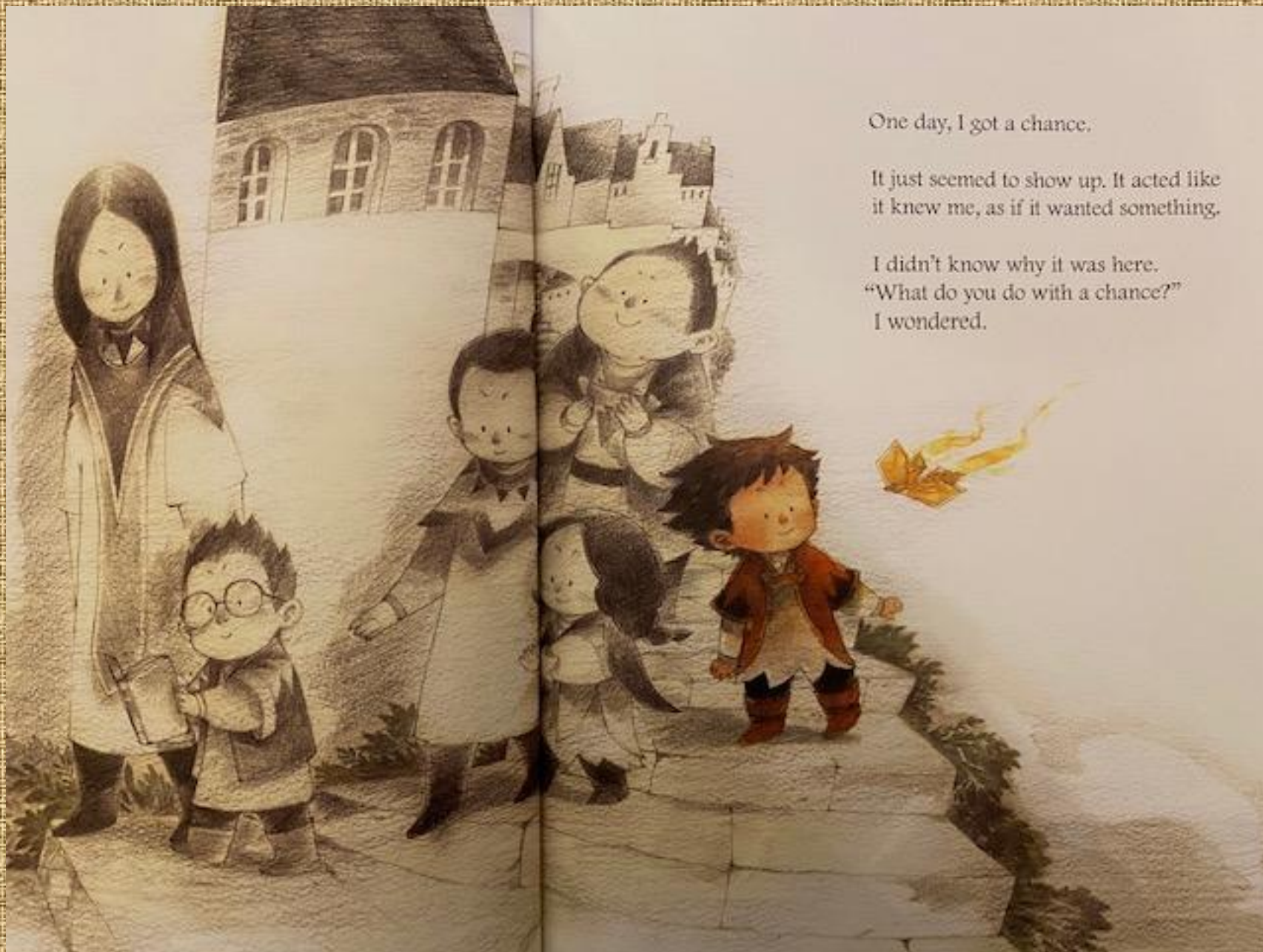


WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A CHANCE?



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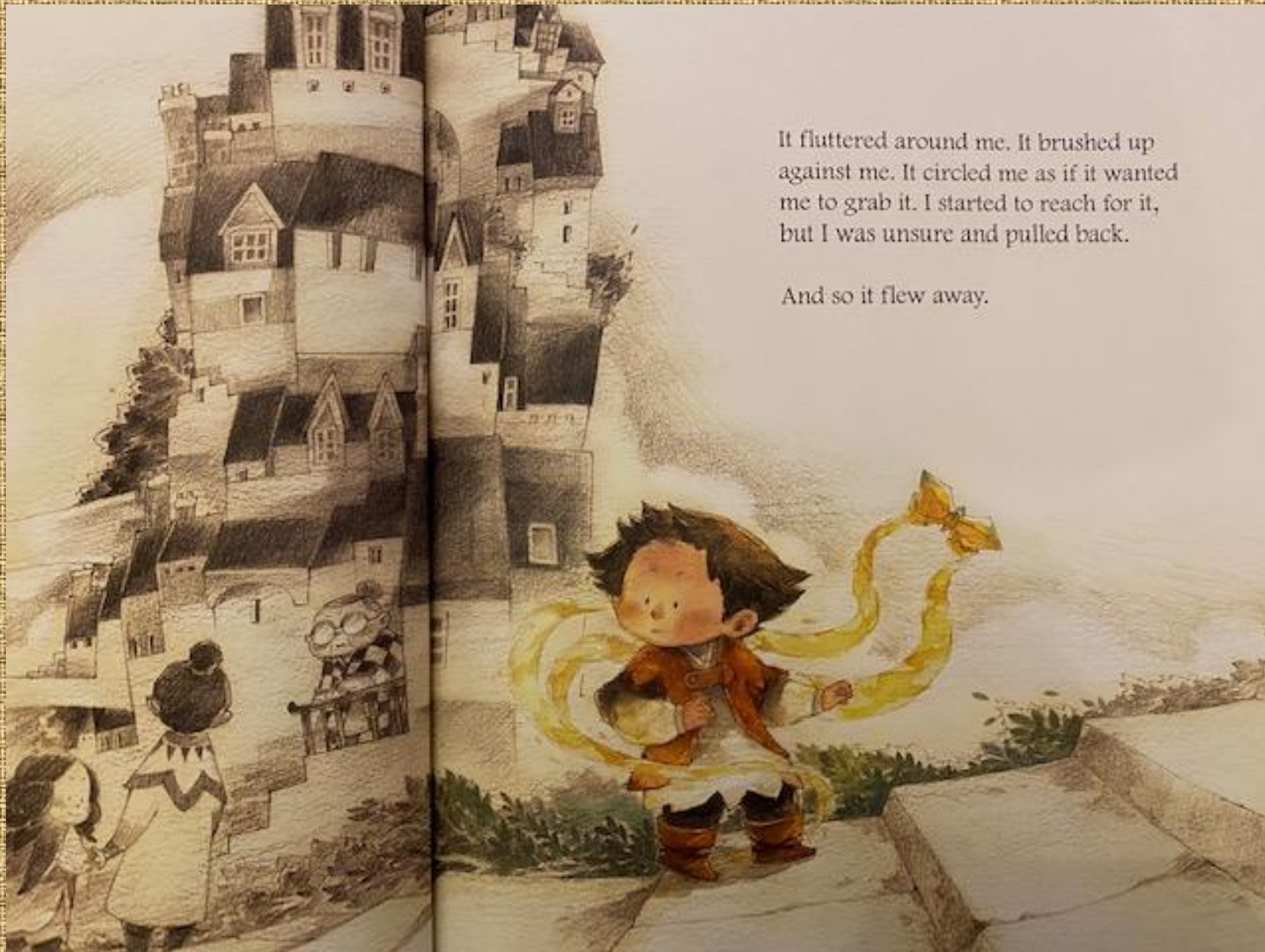
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One day, I got a chance.

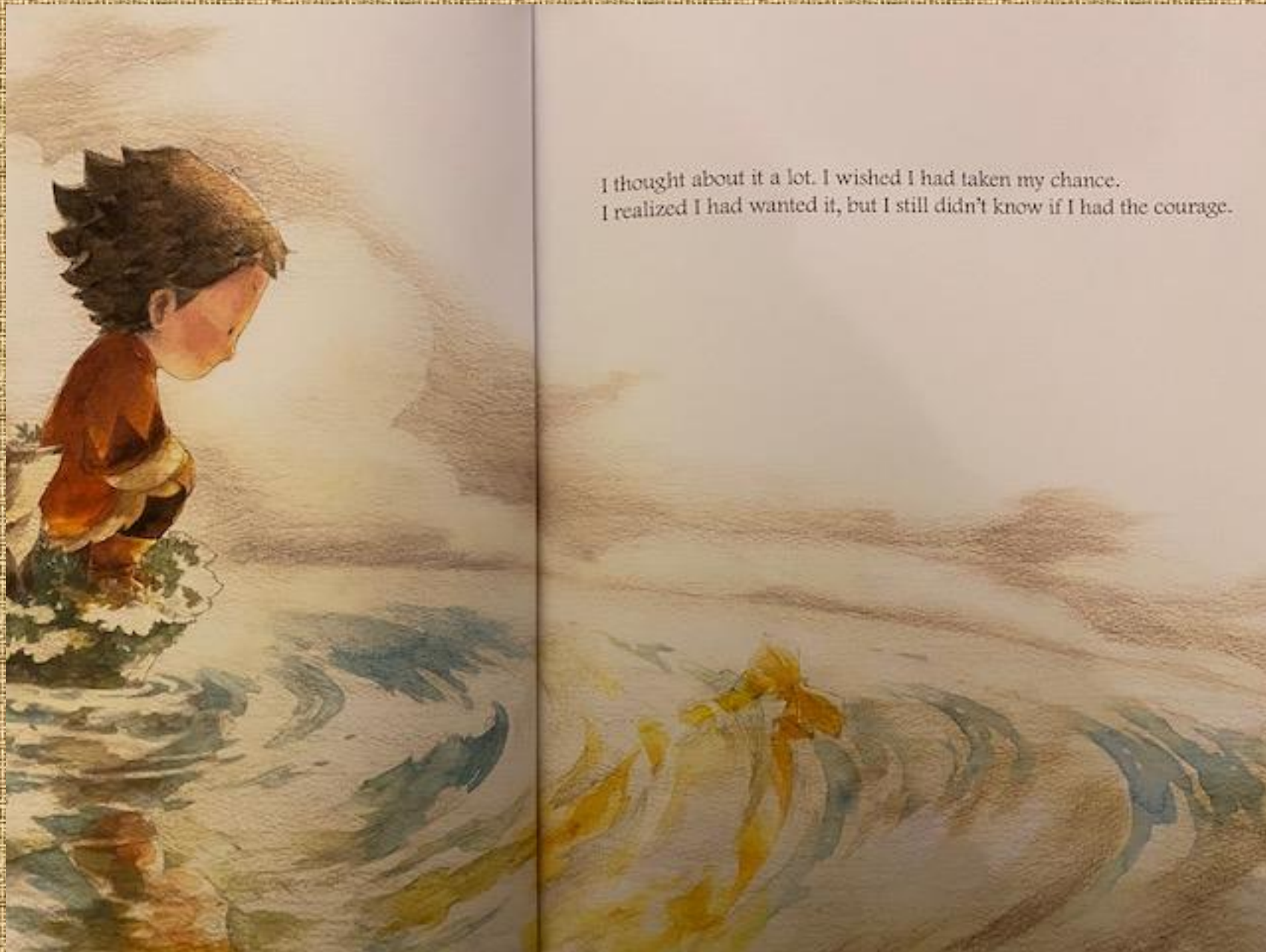
It just seemed to show up. It acted like
it knew me, as if it wanted something.

I didn't know why it was here.
"What do you do with a chance?"
I wondered.



It fluttered around me. It brushed up against me. It circled me as if it wanted me to grab it. I started to reach for it, but I was unsure and pulled back.

And so it flew away.



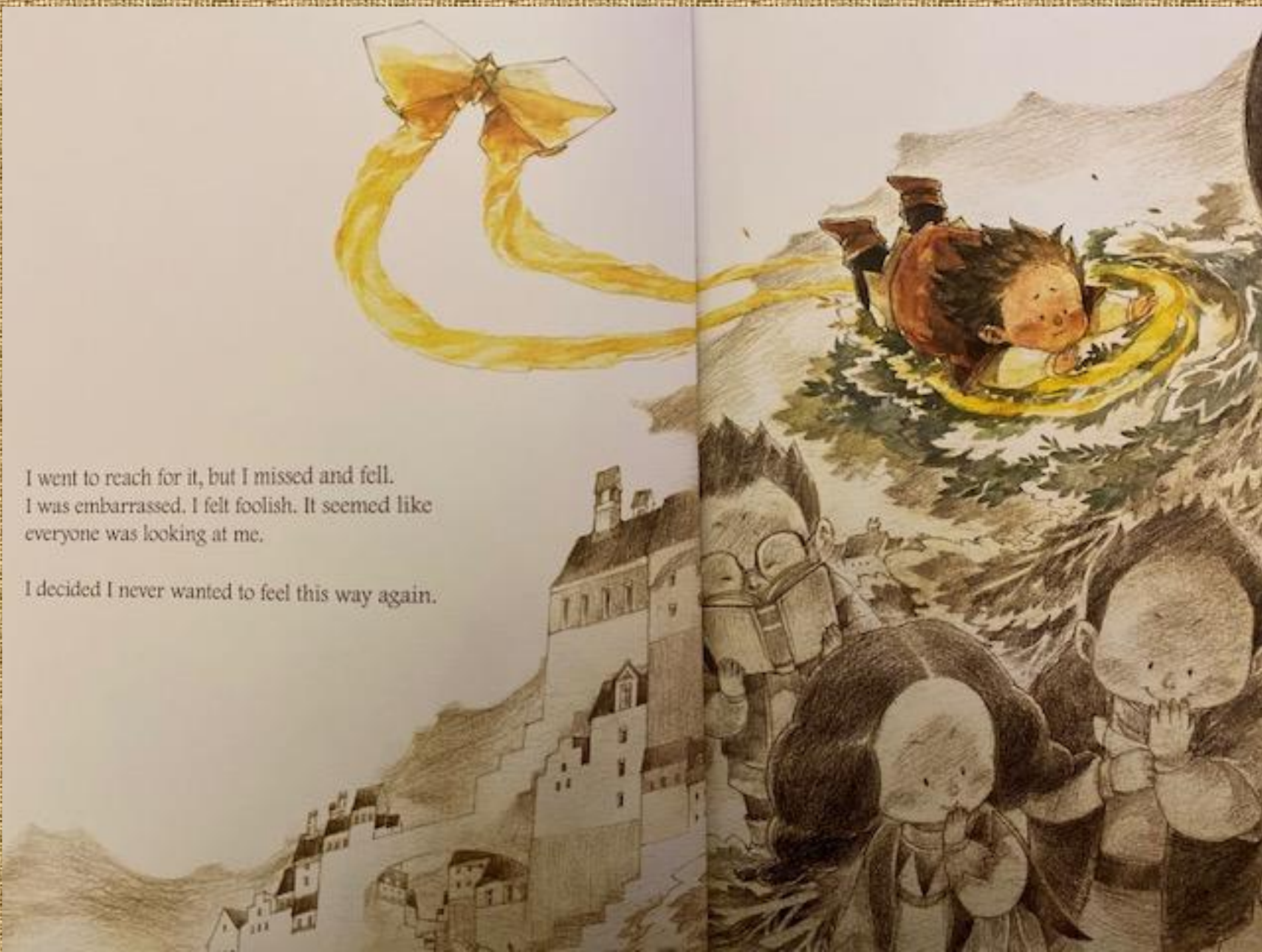
I thought about it a lot. I wished I had taken my chance.
I realized I had wanted it, but I still didn't know if I had the courage.

When another chance came around,
I wasn't so sure. But I decided to try.



I went to reach for it, but I missed and fell.
I was embarrassed. I felt foolish. It seemed like
everyone was looking at me.

I decided I never wanted to feel this way again.



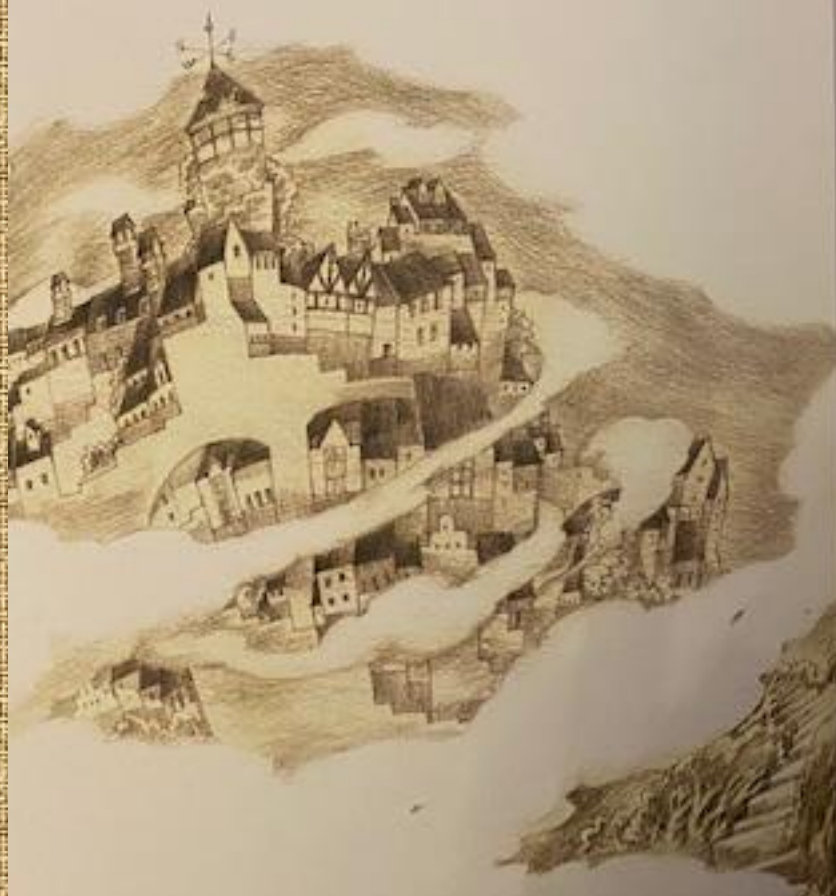
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came along, I ignored it.





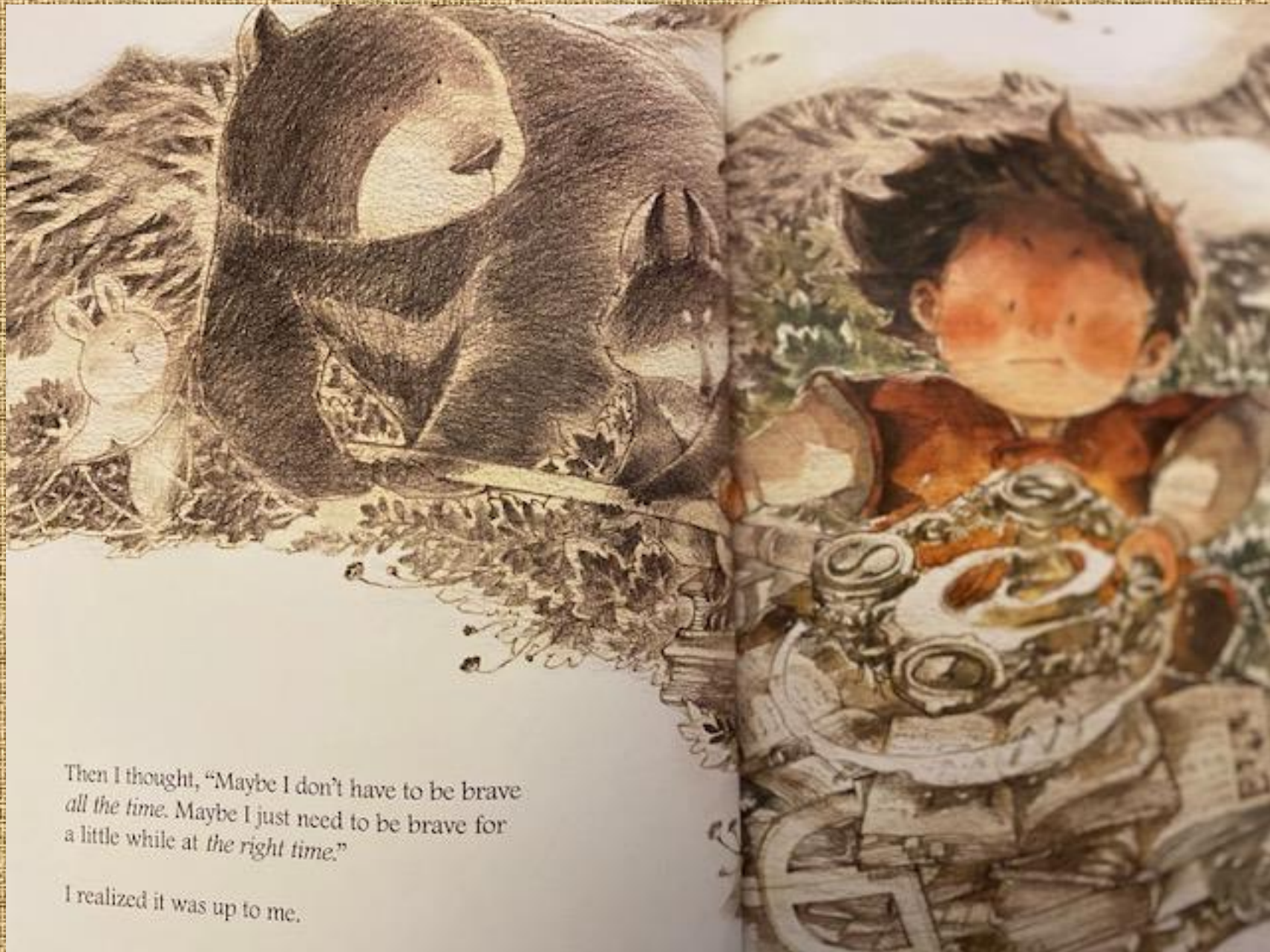
And the more I ignored them,
the less they came around.

Until one day I noticed that I hadn't seen a chance
in quite a while. It was as if they had all disappeared.
I started to worry, "What if I don't get another chance?"



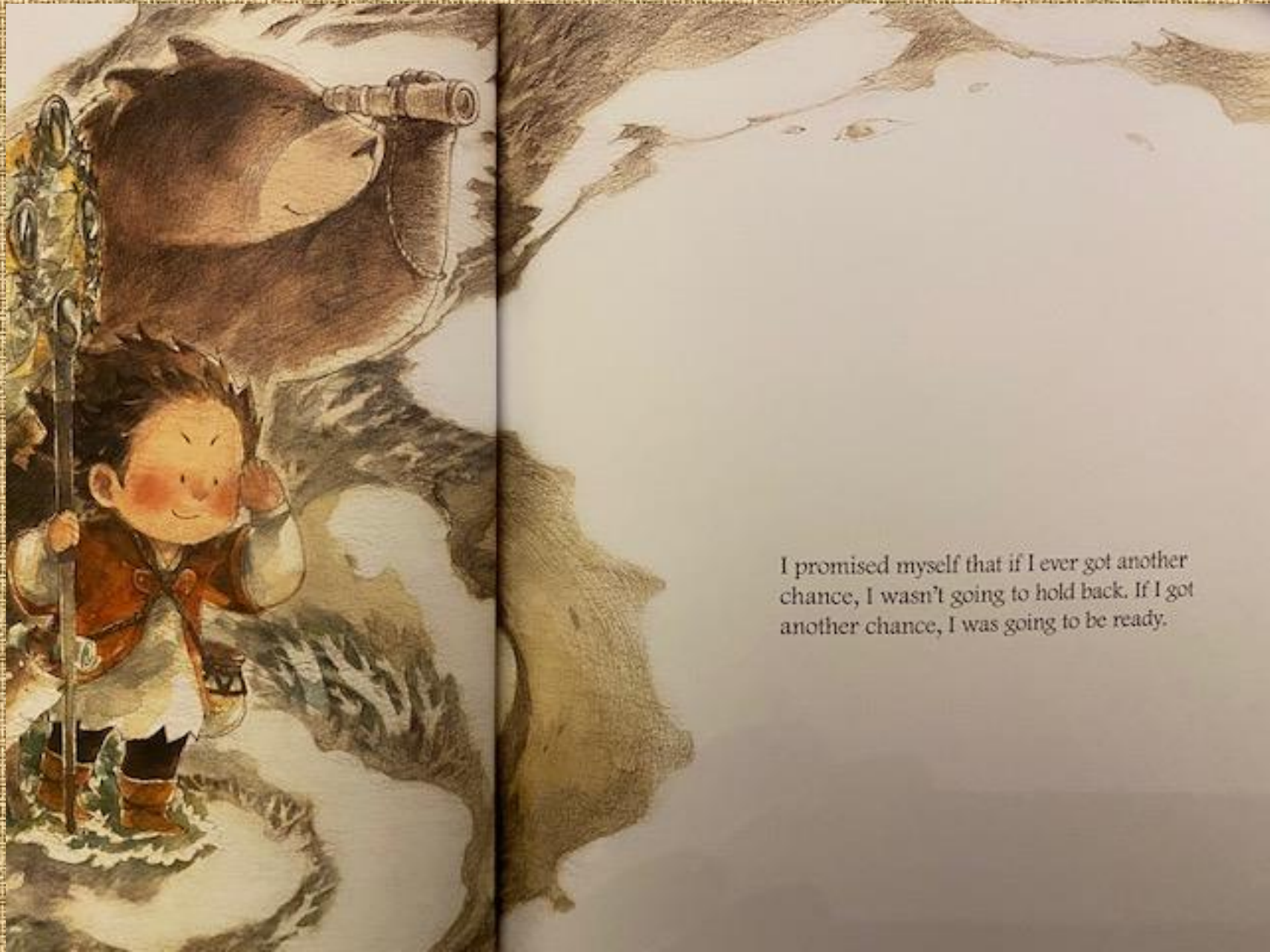
I know I acted like I didn't care, but the truth was,
I did. I still wanted to take a chance, but I was afraid.
And I wasn't sure if I would ever be brave enough.





Then I thought, "Maybe I don't have to be brave
all the time. Maybe I just need to be brave for
a little while at *the right time*."

I realized it was up to me.



Then, one seemingly ordinary day,
I saw something shining far off in the distance.

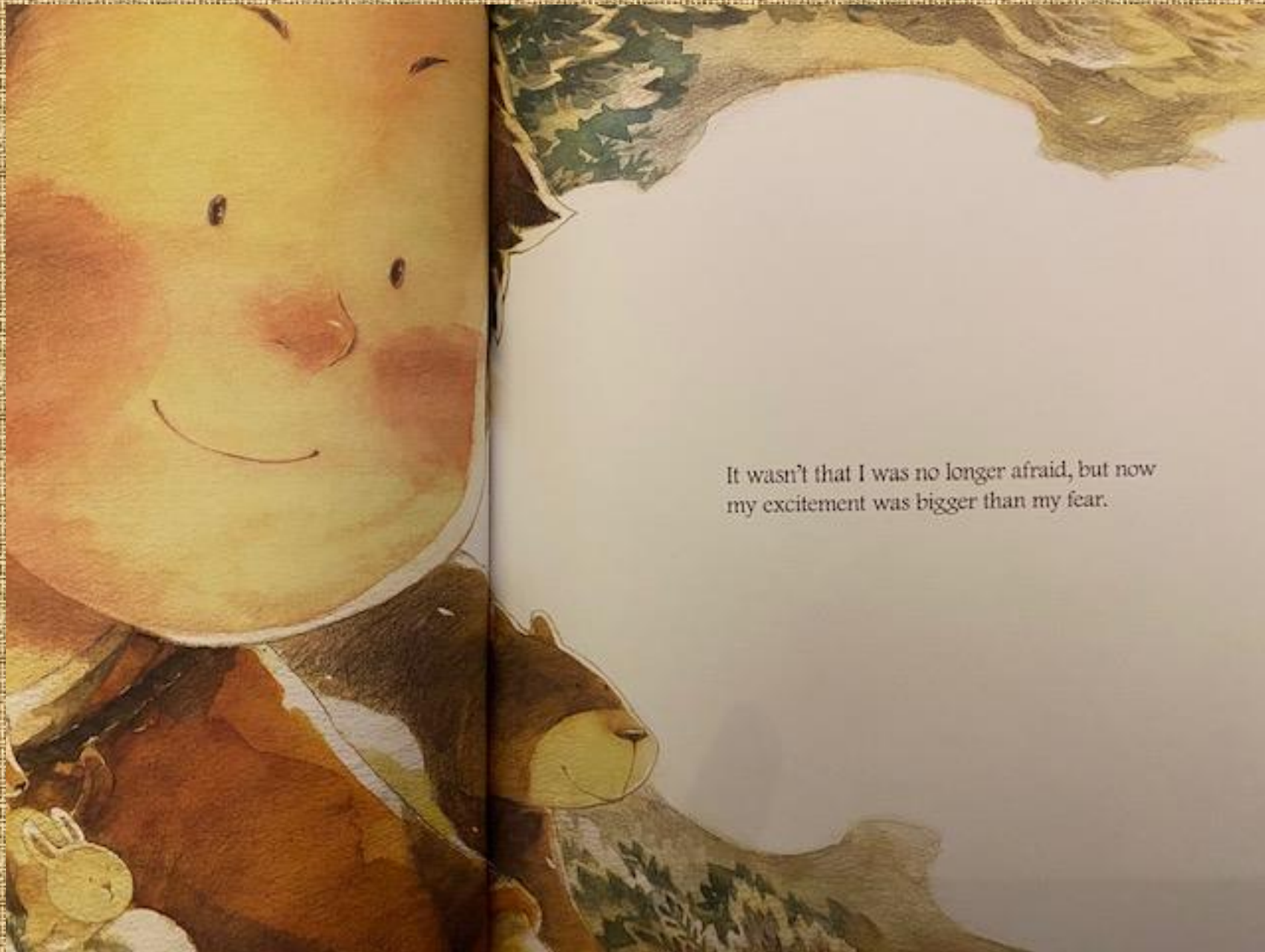
"Is it possible?" I hoped. "Could this be my chance?"



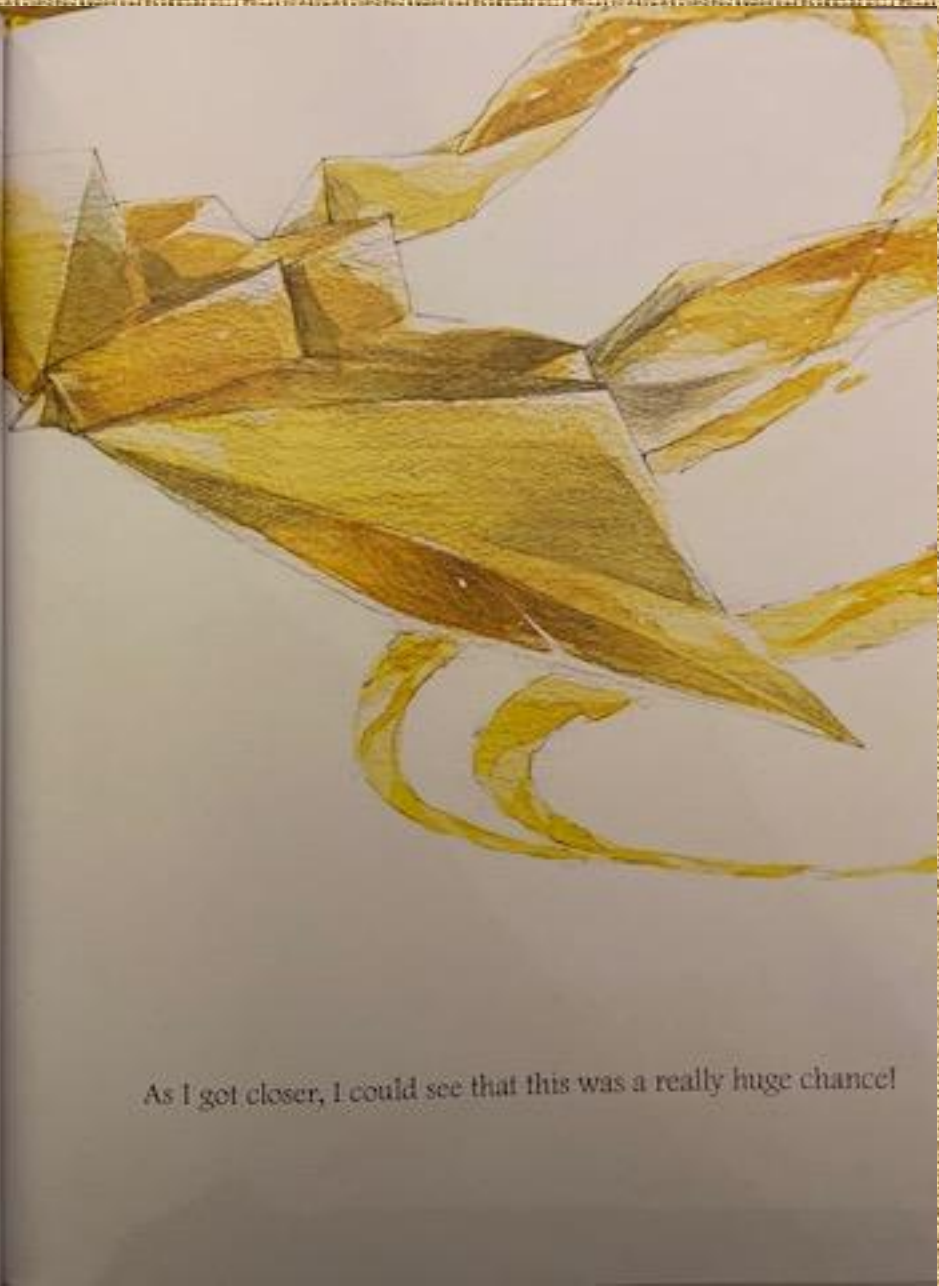
I had to find out. I ran as hard
and as fast as I could toward it.

I don't know how to explain it,
but the second I let go of my fears,
I was full of excitement.





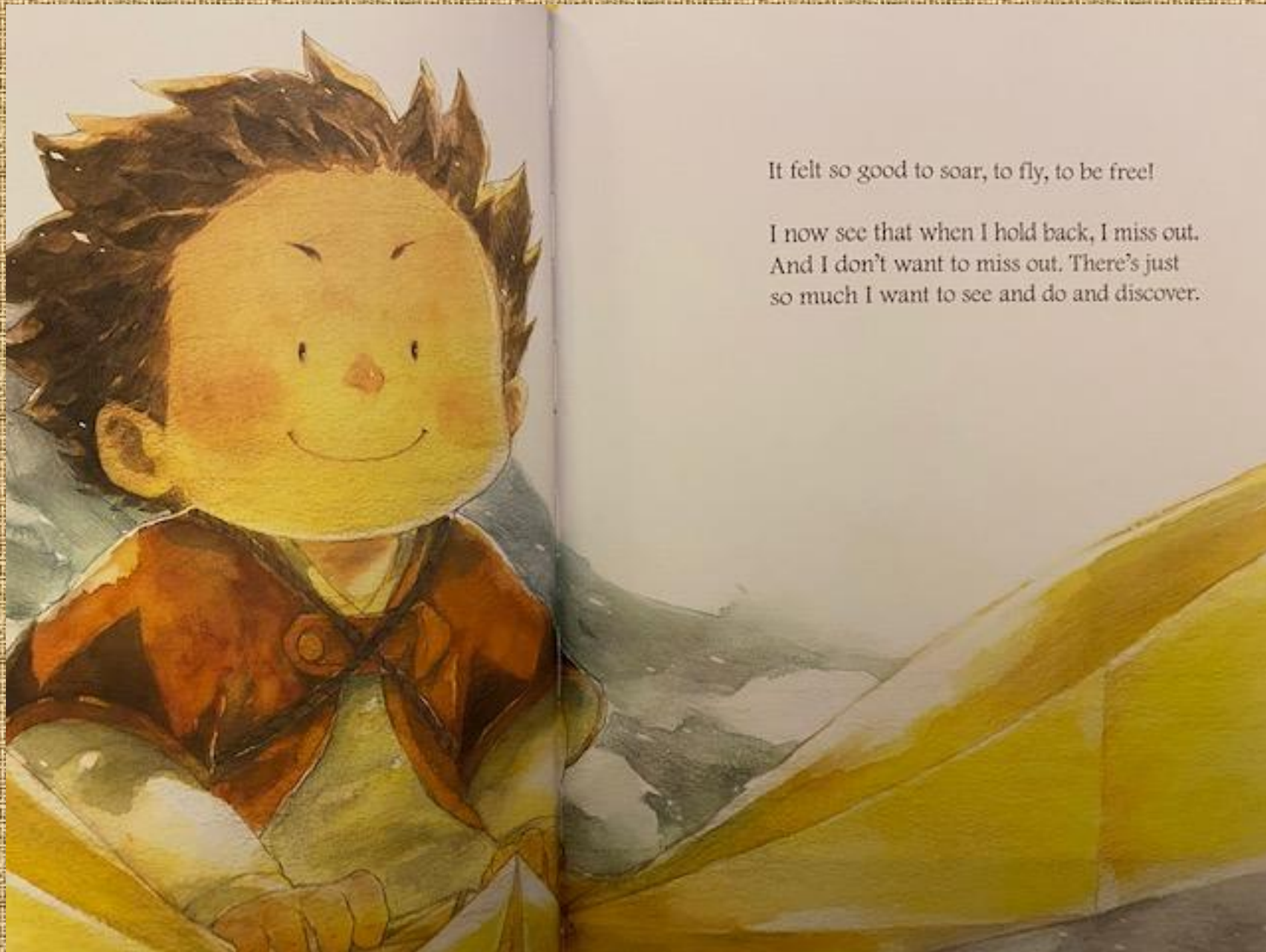
It wasn't that I was no longer afraid, but now
my excitement was bigger than my fear.



As I got closer, I could see that this was a really huge chance!

But this time I was ready. As it came by, I reached out and grabbed it. I held on with all my might.





It felt so good to soar, to fly, to be free!

I now see that when I hold back, I miss out.
And I don't want to miss out. There's just
so much I want to see and do and discover.



So, what do you do with a chance?

You take it... because it just might be
the start of something incredible.



Courage: Reflection



So, what do you do with a chance?

Do you ignore chances? Do you let them disappear?

Make a promise to yourself not to hold back. Be ready when a chance comes along. Reach out and grab it, hold on with all your might and fly!



Courage: Reflection



Think about something that is close to your heart.

What would it take to make a change?

Have you got the courage to do something about it?







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A group of people, including children and adults, are holding hands in a circle on a wooden table. The scene is warm and supportive, with soft lighting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Let us pray

Dear God,
Help us to face our fears and to accept new challenges. Let us believe in ourselves so we have the confidence to take a risk and embrace new challenges. Help us to be brave; help us to be courageous.
Let us remember that one chance might be the chance to change the world.

Amen

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or dismayed, for the Lord
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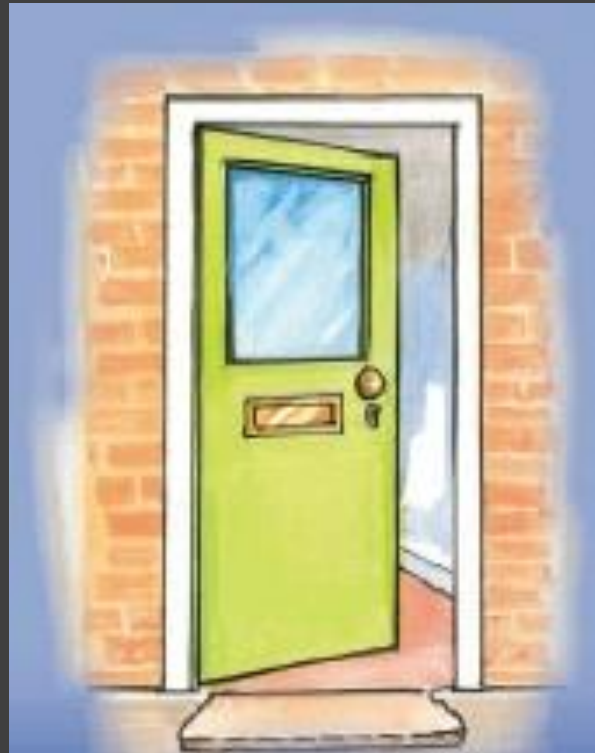
Joshua 1.9

BECOMING A CHANGE AGENT



Response and Challenge

- If you could change one thing, what would it be?
- What steps could you take to make a change?
- What small changes could you make in school?
- What bigger changes can we make to create a better world?
- Find out about charities that help people facing difficulties, such as The Emmaus project, Winston's Wish, Tearfund.
- Look at global charities which change things around the world.



Blowing out the Candles

Peace be with you



And also with you

**May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ** *(hold out hands to receive)*

And the love of God *(cross arms on
chest)*

**And the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit** *(hold hands with neighbours)*

Be with us all, evermore. Amen
(raise hands in the air together)