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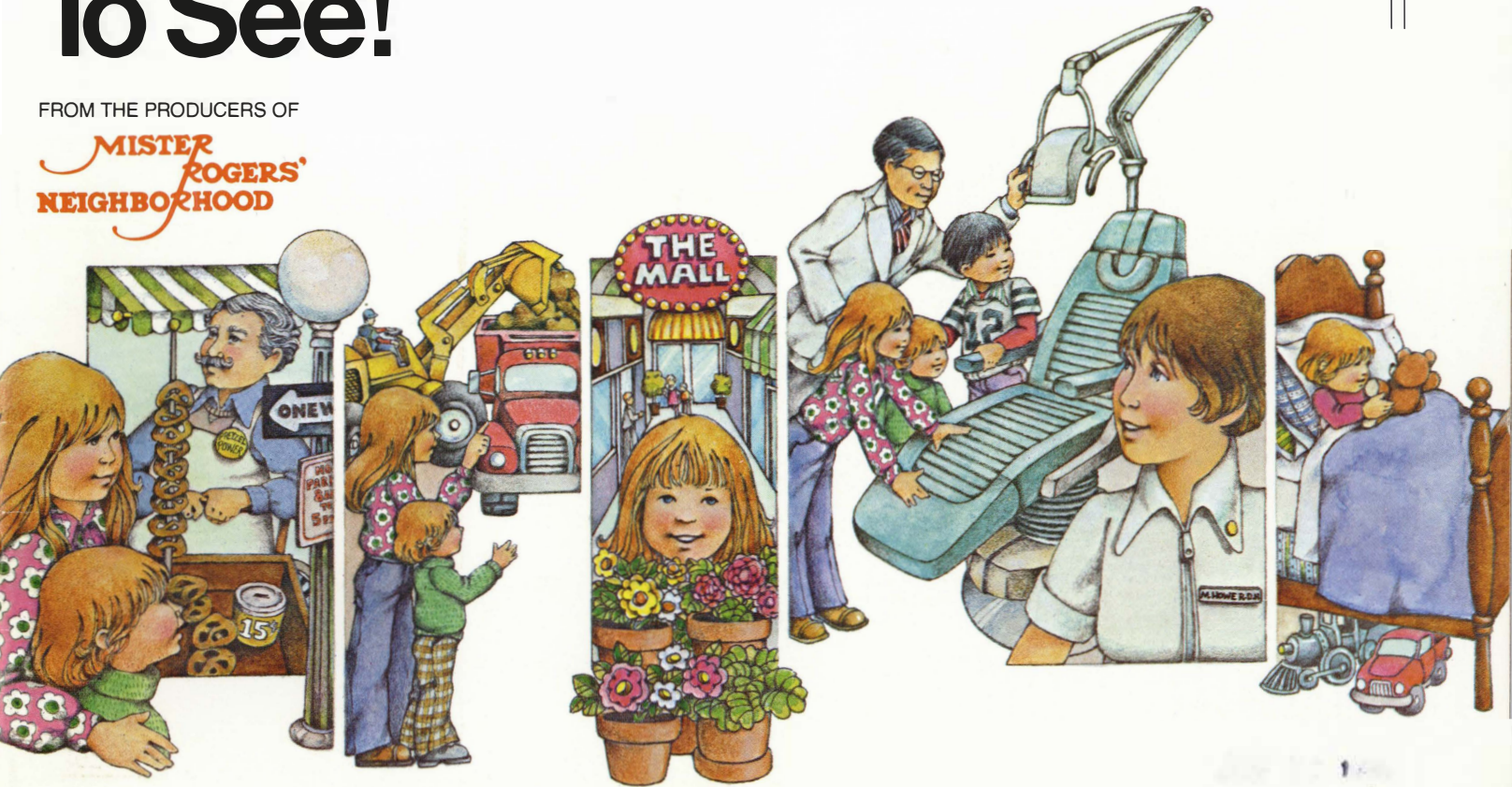
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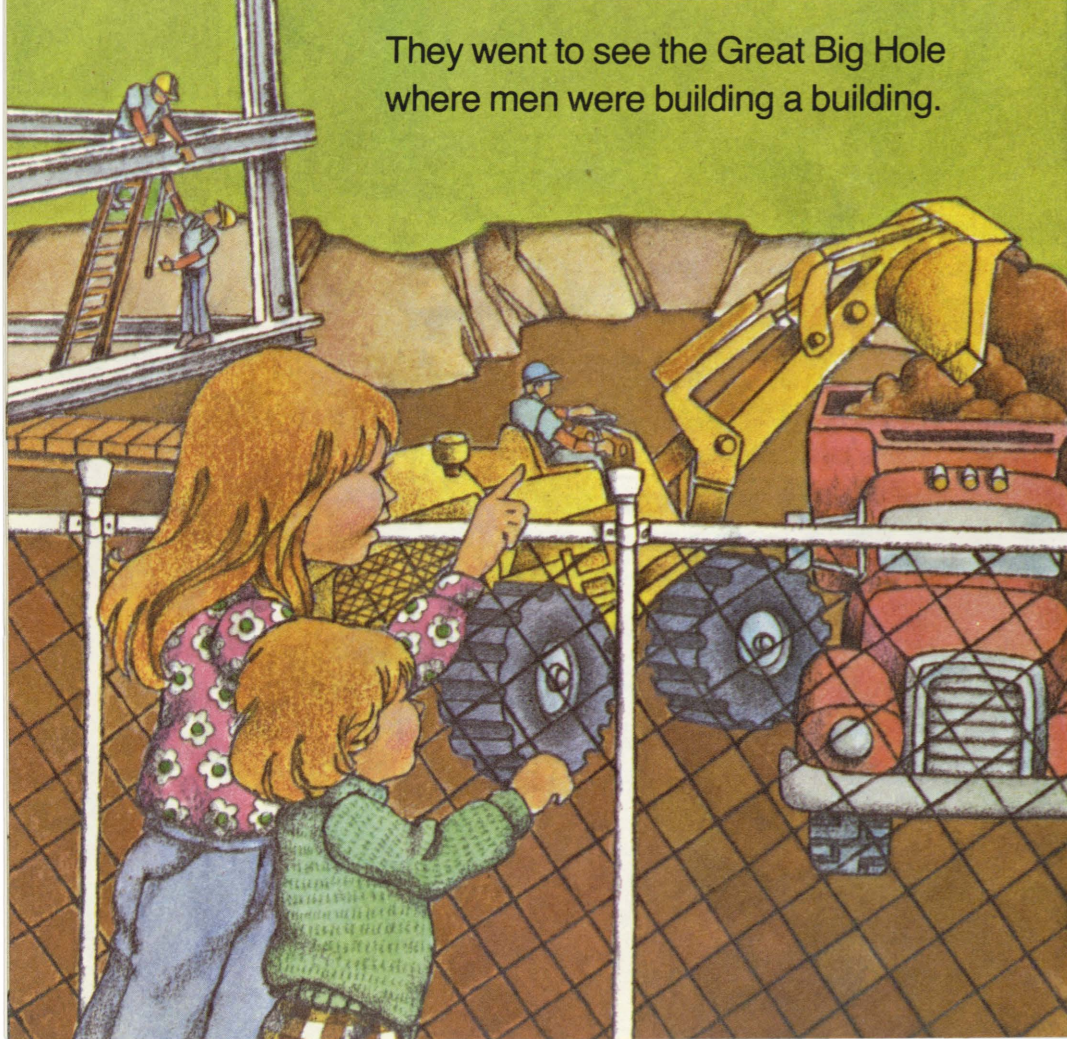
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One sunny Saturday morning
Kathy Karew went out for a walk
and took her brother, Larry, along.

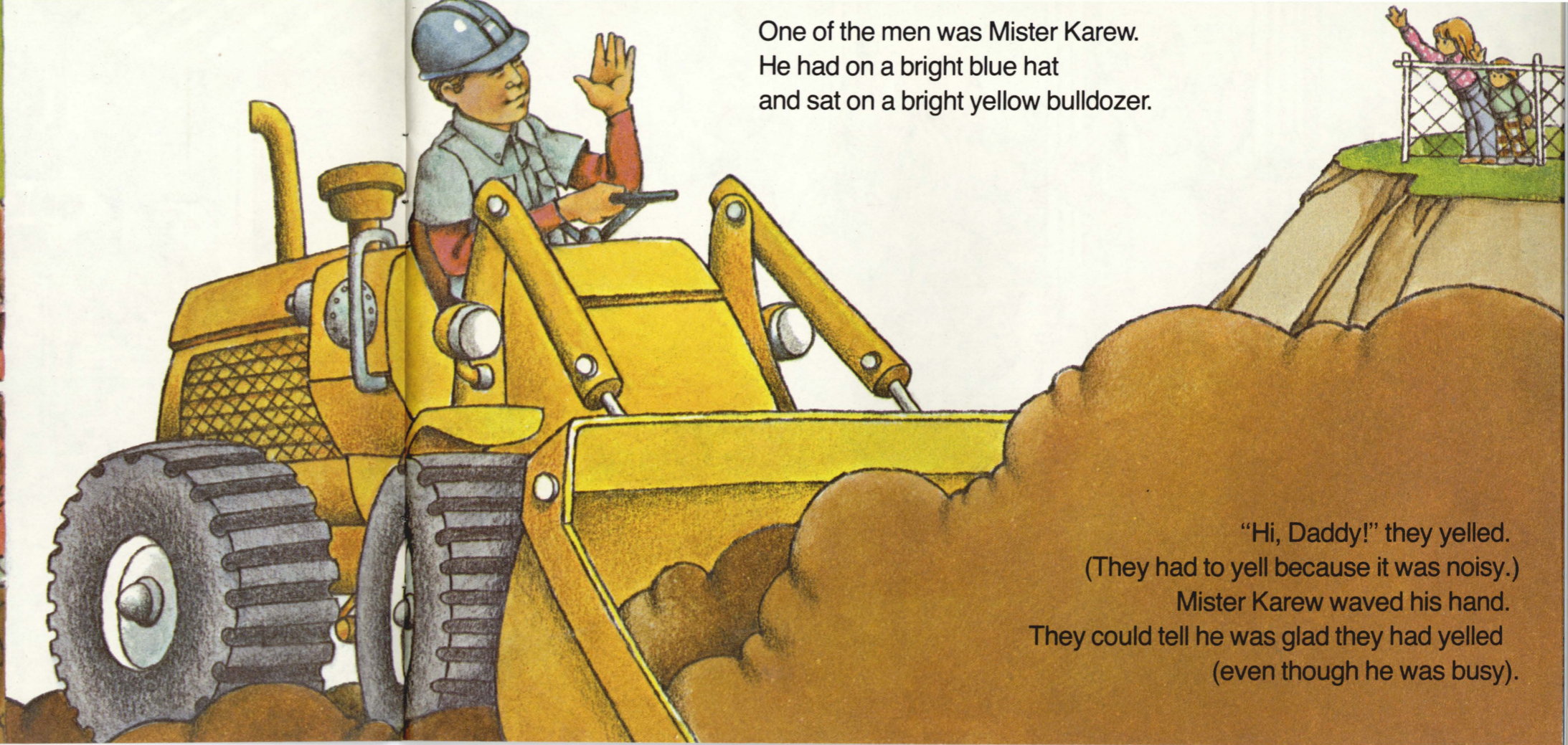
So many sights to see in the sun!
Pigeons and posters, signs and shops
and pretzels on a stick.



They went to see the Great Big Hole
where men were building a building.



One of the men was Mister Karew.
He had on a bright blue hat
and sat on a bright yellow bulldozer.



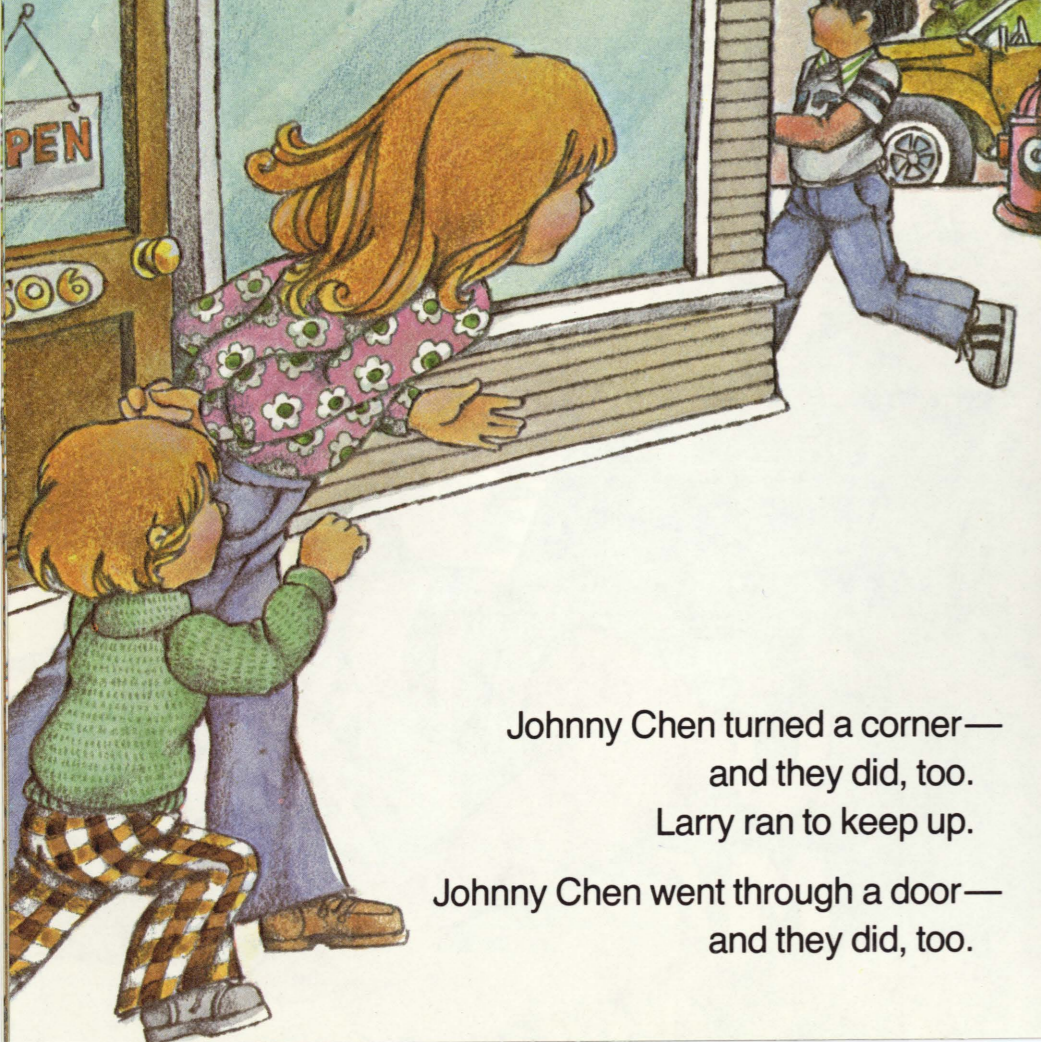
“Hi, Daddy!” they yelled.
(They had to yell because it was noisy.)
Mister Karew waved his hand.
They could tell he was glad they had yelled
(even though he was busy).



Then they went on with their walk.
So many people out in the sun!
No two alike, but to Larry they all looked tall.

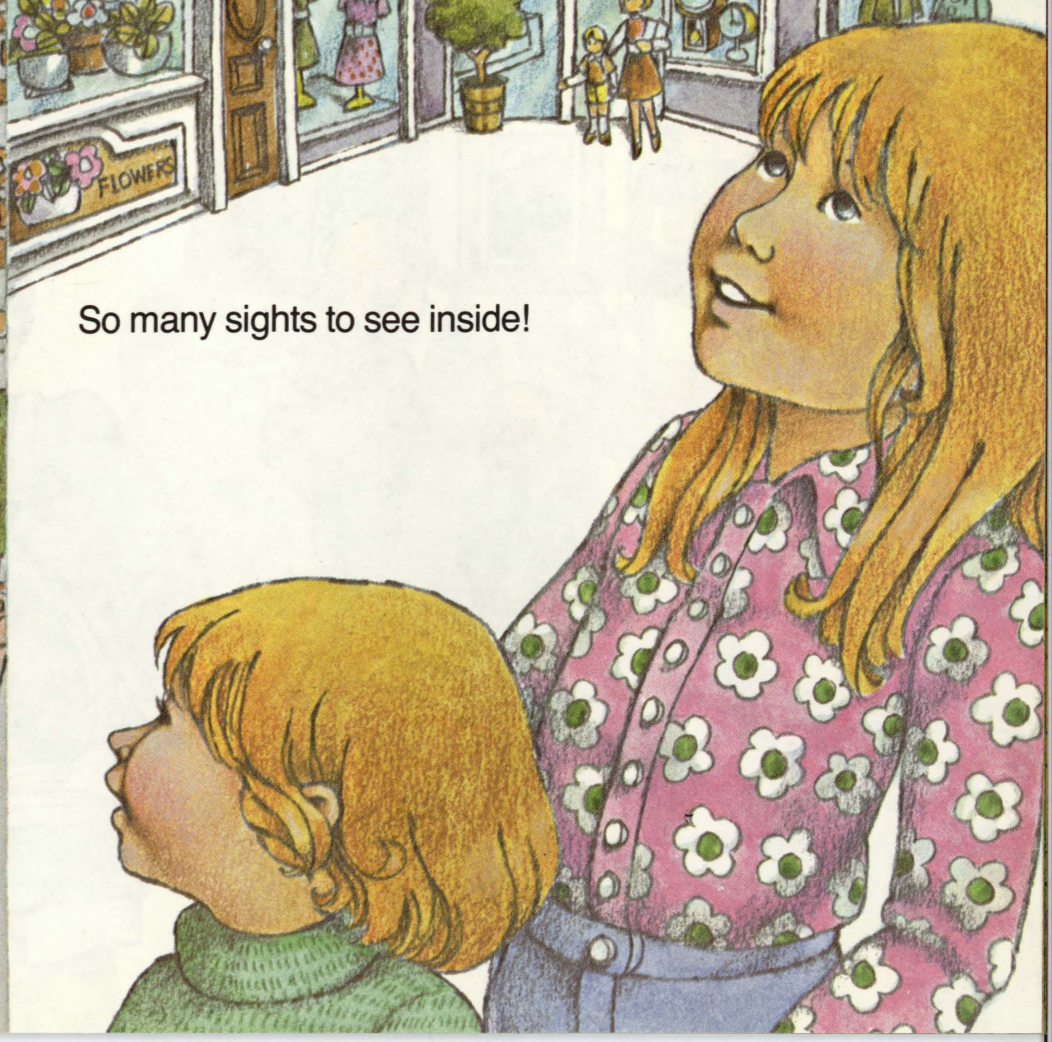
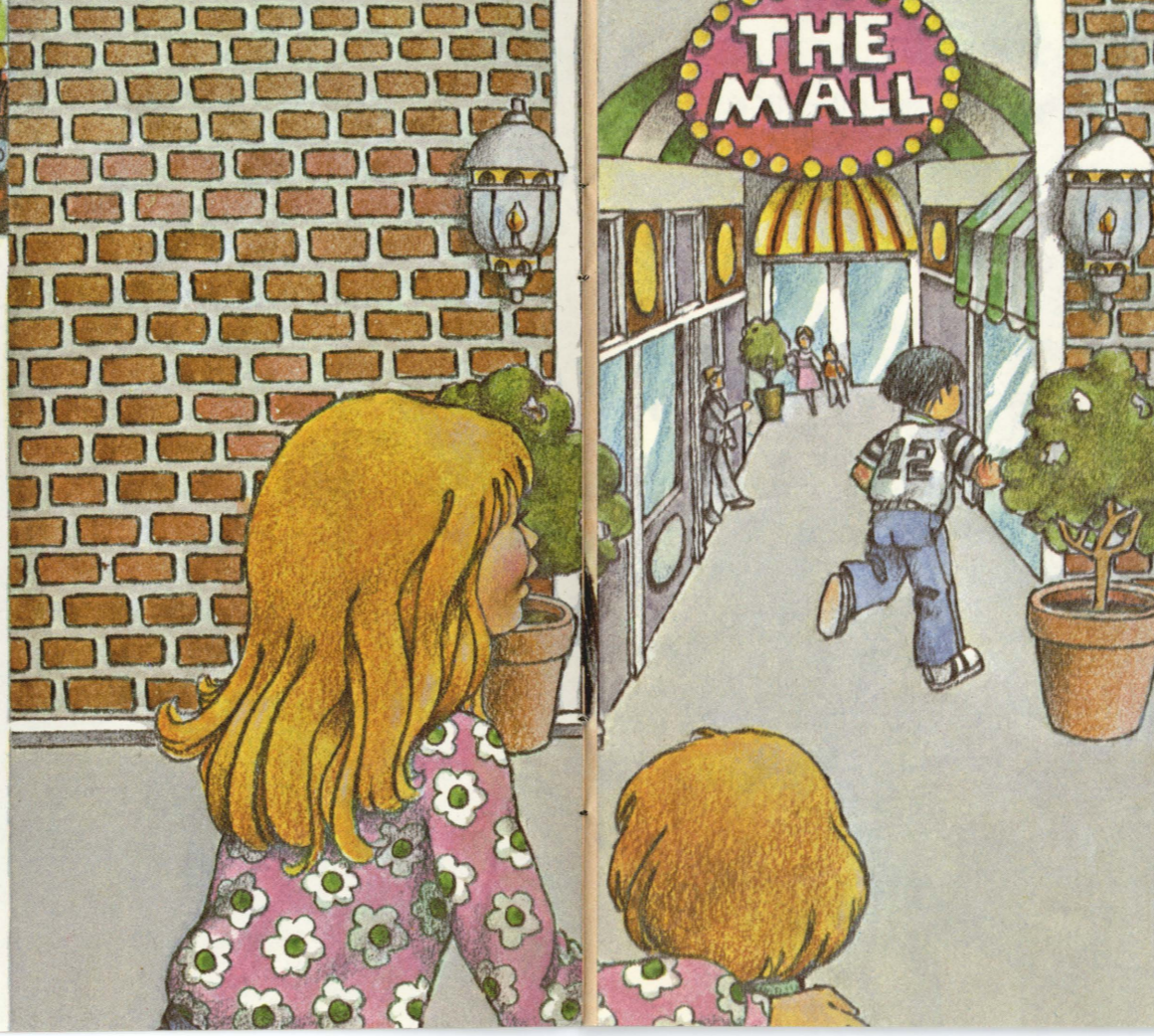
And then: "Johnny Chen!" shouted Kathy Karew.
"I know him at school," she said.
"Let's see where he goes."



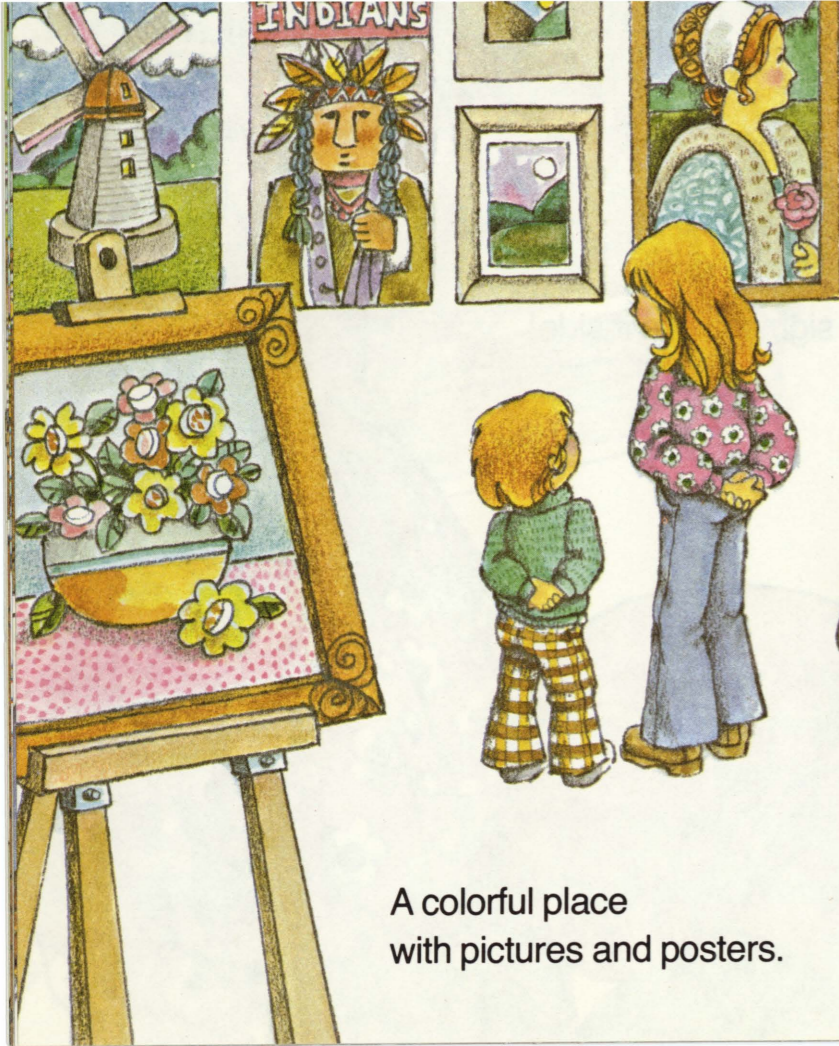


Johnny Chen turned a corner—
and they did, too.
Larry ran to keep up.

Johnny Chen went through a door—
and they did, too.

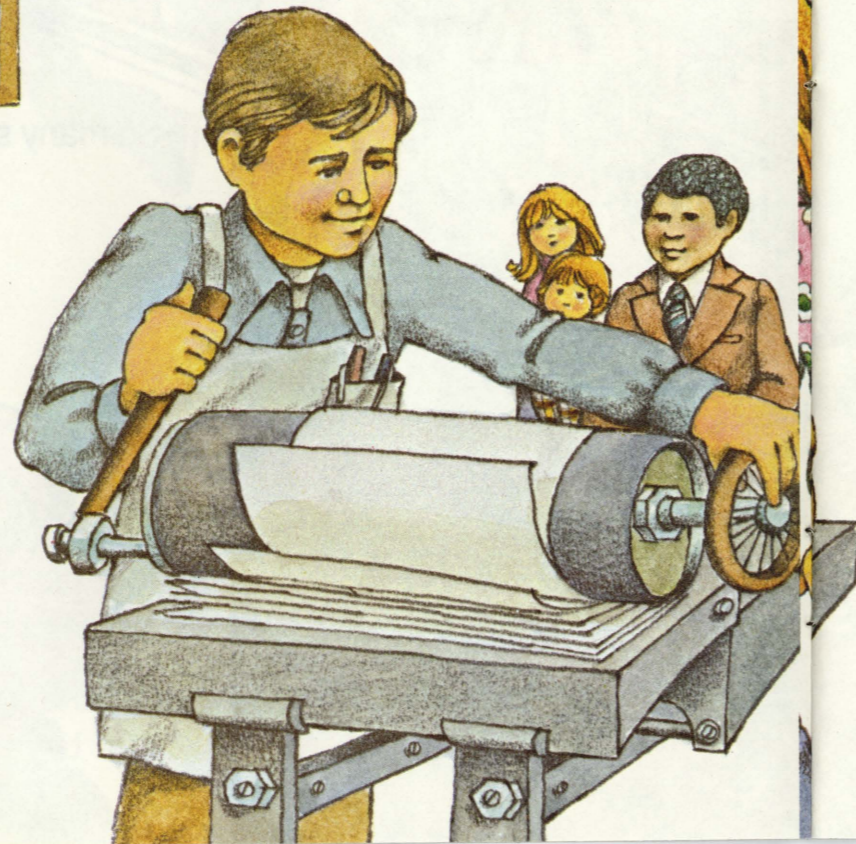


So many sights to see inside!



A colorful place
with pictures and posters.

A noisy place
with machines going clickety-clack.



A jungly place
with plants hanging down.



A quieter place
with comfortable chairs...
and in one of the chairs
sat Johnny Chen
reading a book.

"Hi," he said.
And then he said "Hey!"
His eyes looked surprised.
"Have you come to see my dad?" he asked.

"Nope," said Kathy.
Larry just shook his head.
"We were looking for *you*," she said.
"Is your dad here, too?"

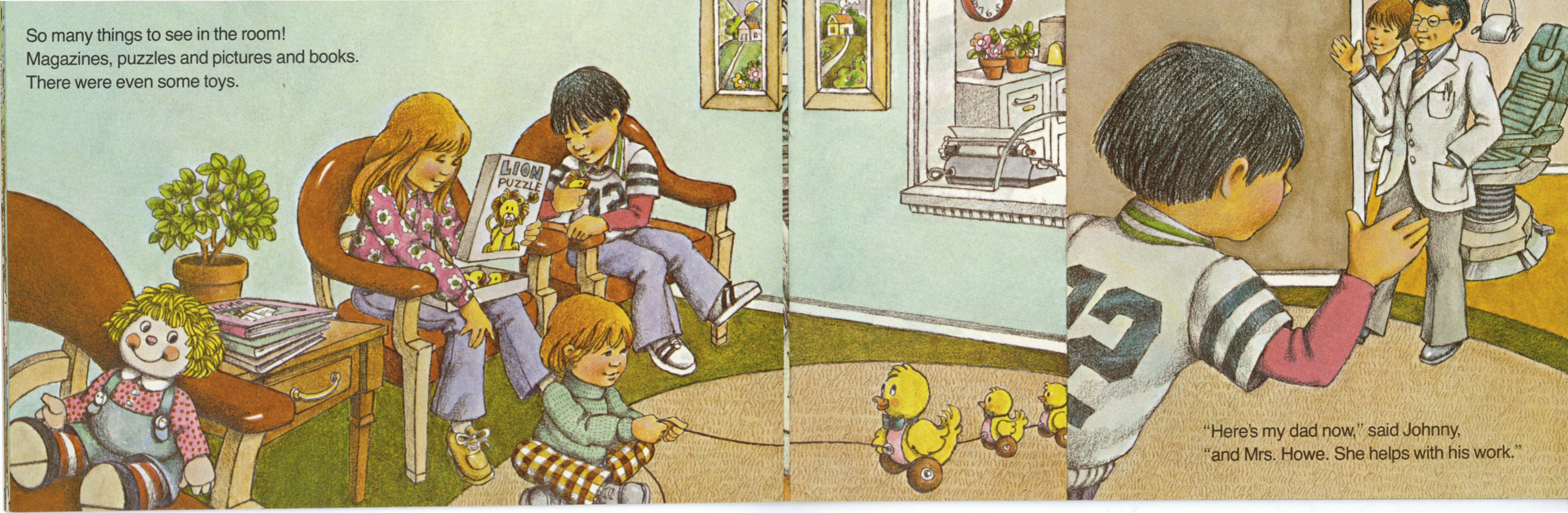


"He works here," said Johnny.
Kathy asked, "What does he do?"

"He's a dentist," said Johnny.
"He takes care of people's teeth."

"I know about that," said Kathy.
"I go to a dentist, too,
but he's not my dad."

So many things to see in the room!
Magazines, puzzles and pictures and books.
There were even some toys.



"Here's my dad now," said Johnny,
"and Mrs. Howe. She helps with his work."

"Your dad's all done for the day," said Mrs. Howe.

"Hi, Son," said Doctor Chen.

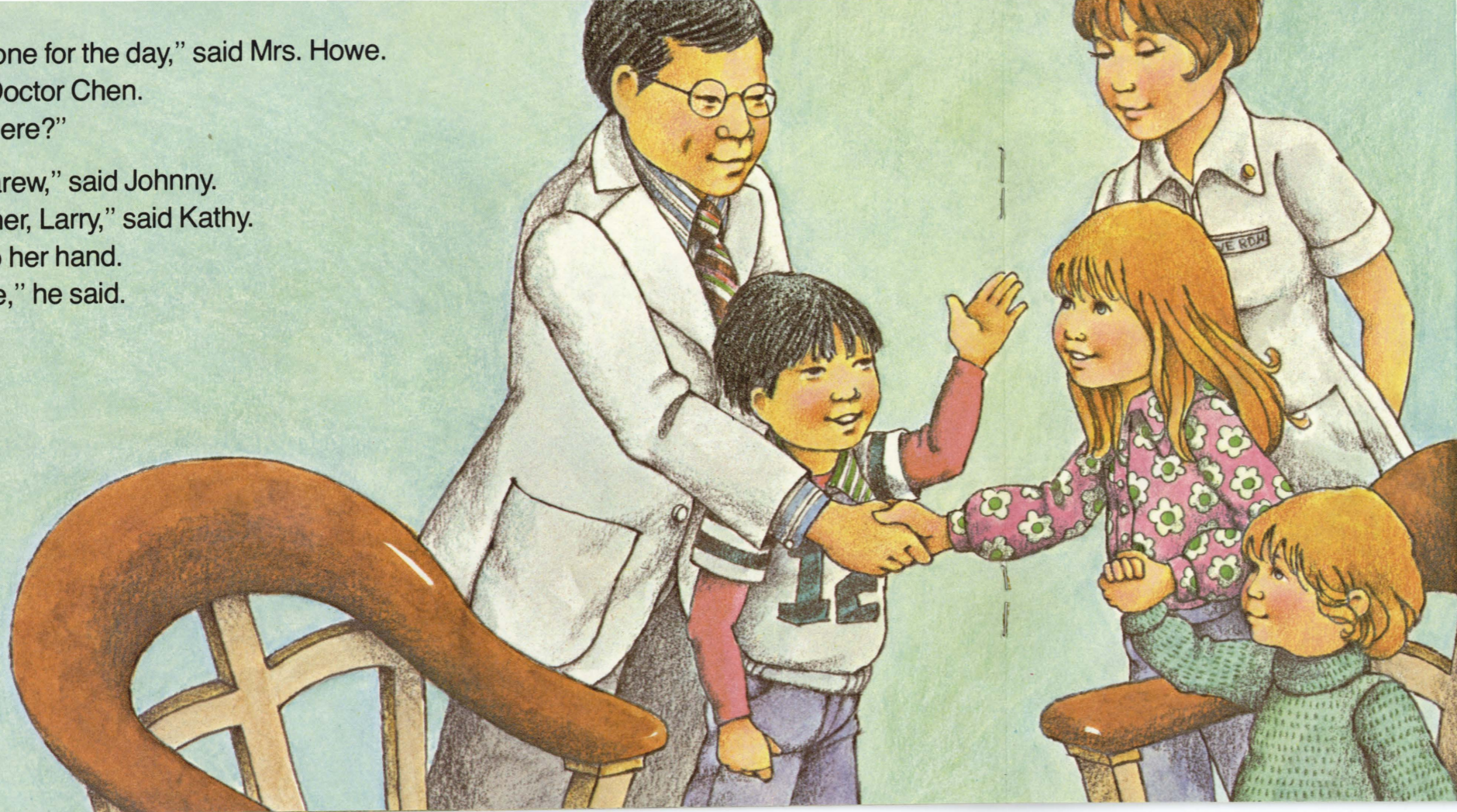
"Who have we here?"

"That's Kathy Karew," said Johnny.

"This is my brother, Larry," said Kathy.

Larry held on to her hand.

"I'm almost three," he said.



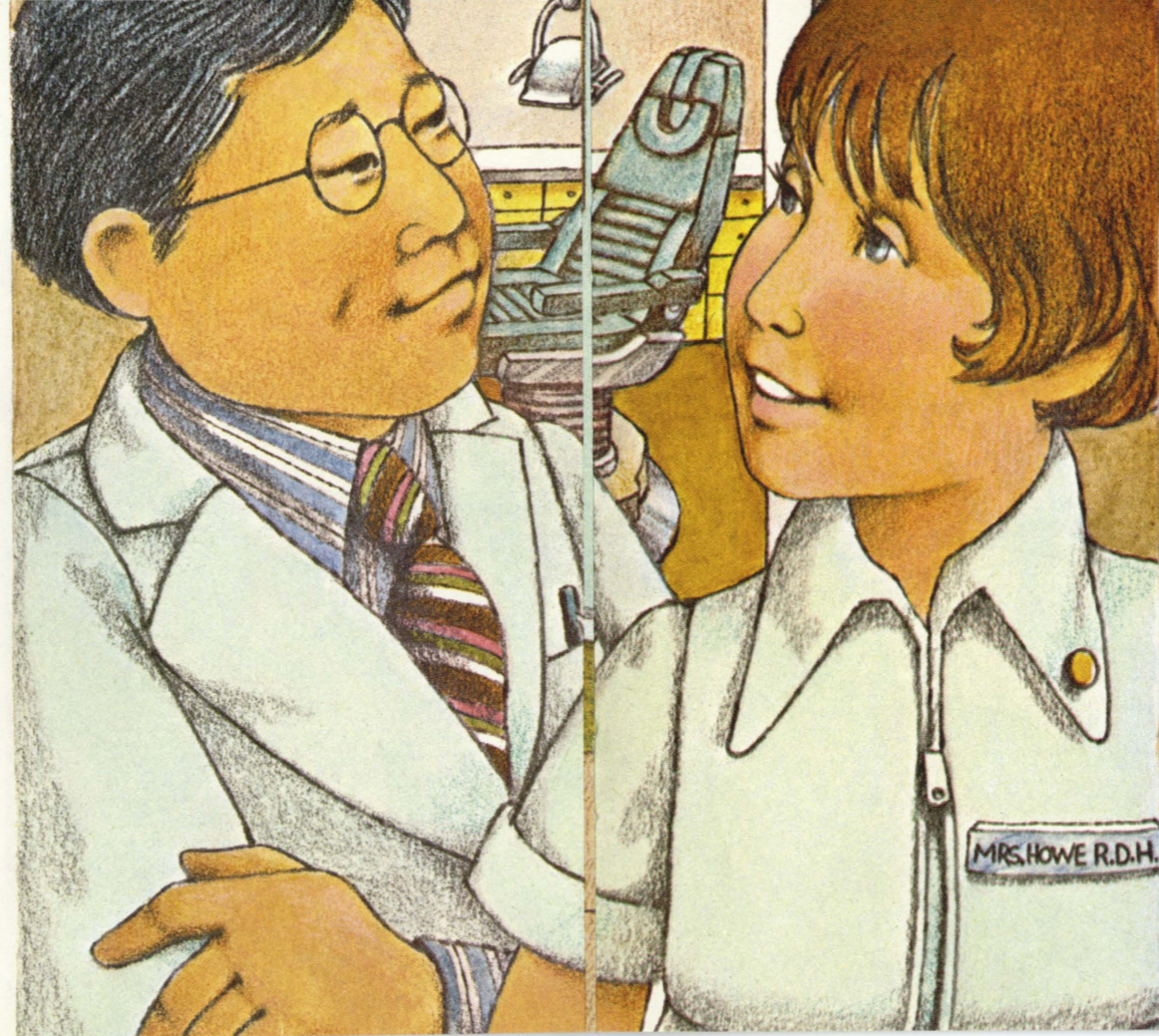
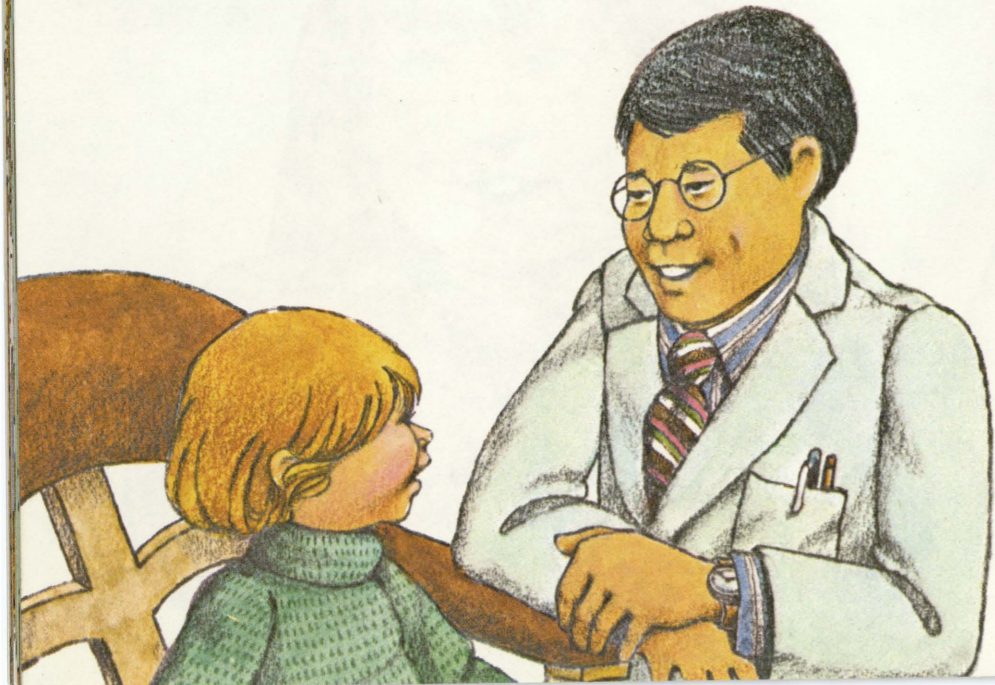
"And next time I go to *my* dentist," said Kathy,
"he'll go with me."



"Good for you, Larry," said Doctor Chen.
"Two is the age to start."

"Larry might like to know
what we do in our work," said Mrs. Howe.

"We'd be happy to show him," said Doctor Chen,
"if he'd like to see."



Larry felt maybe he would—
and maybe he wouldn't.
But Kathy said "Sure!"
so Larry said "Sure"
in a small, quiet voice.



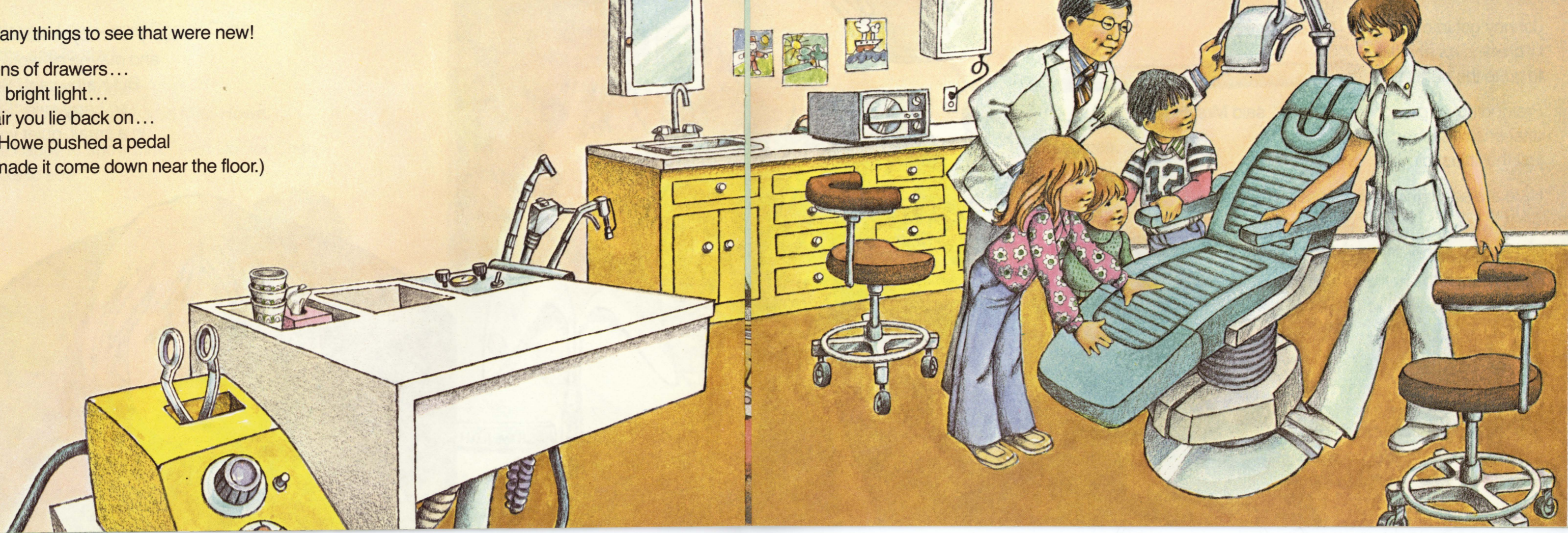
So many things to see that were new!

Dozens of drawers...

a big, bright light...

a chair you lie back on...

(Mrs. Howe pushed a pedal
that made it come down near the floor.)



Johnny got into the chair.
"I'll pretend it's my turn
to go to the dentist," he said.

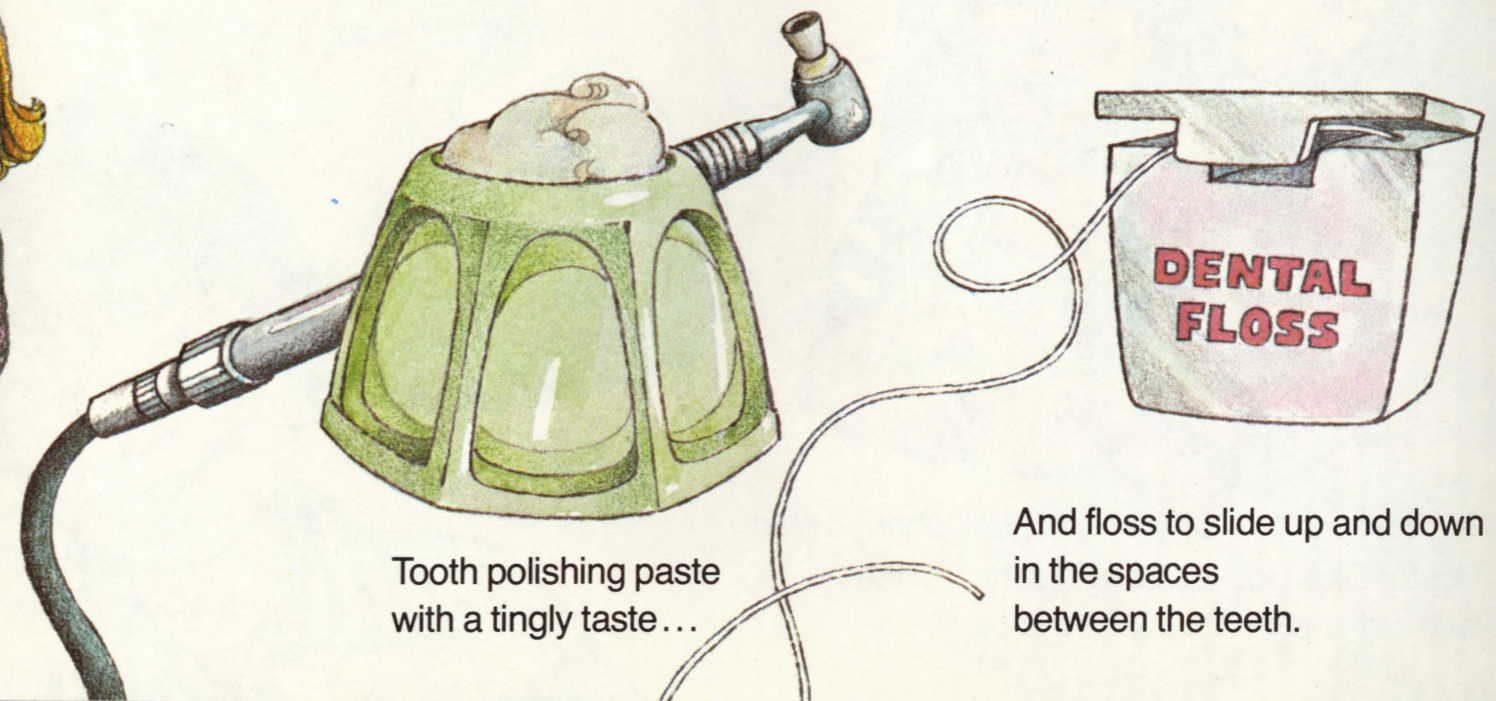
"Pretending's a grand way to learn," said Mrs. Howe
after she raised the chair
just the littlest bit.

"Here are some things that I use," she said.

A round, rubber cleaner that spins and whirrs
and polishes teeth.
(She polished the nail on Kathy's thumb
to show how it felt. It tickled.)



A pick to clean out
the tiniest places...



Tooth polishing paste
with a tingly taste...

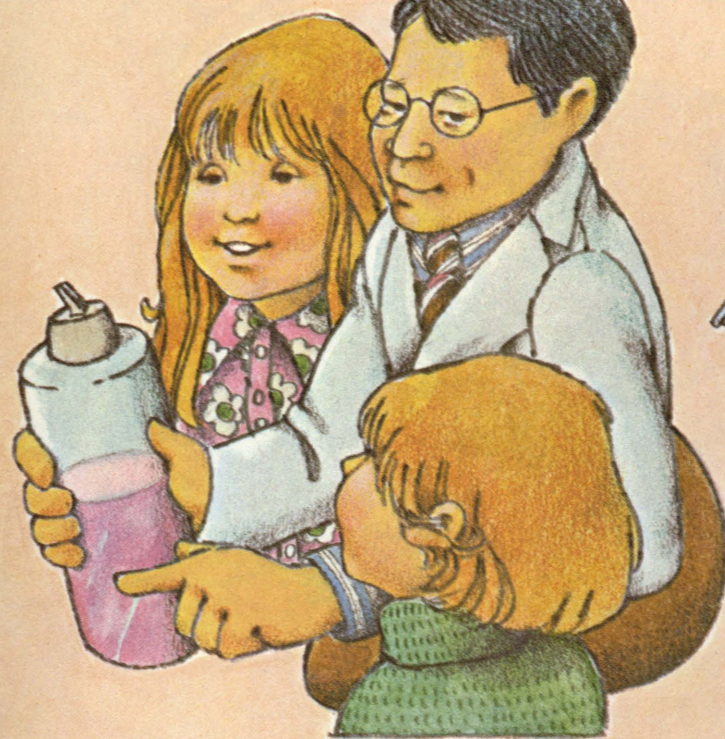
And floss to slide up and down
in the spaces
between the teeth.



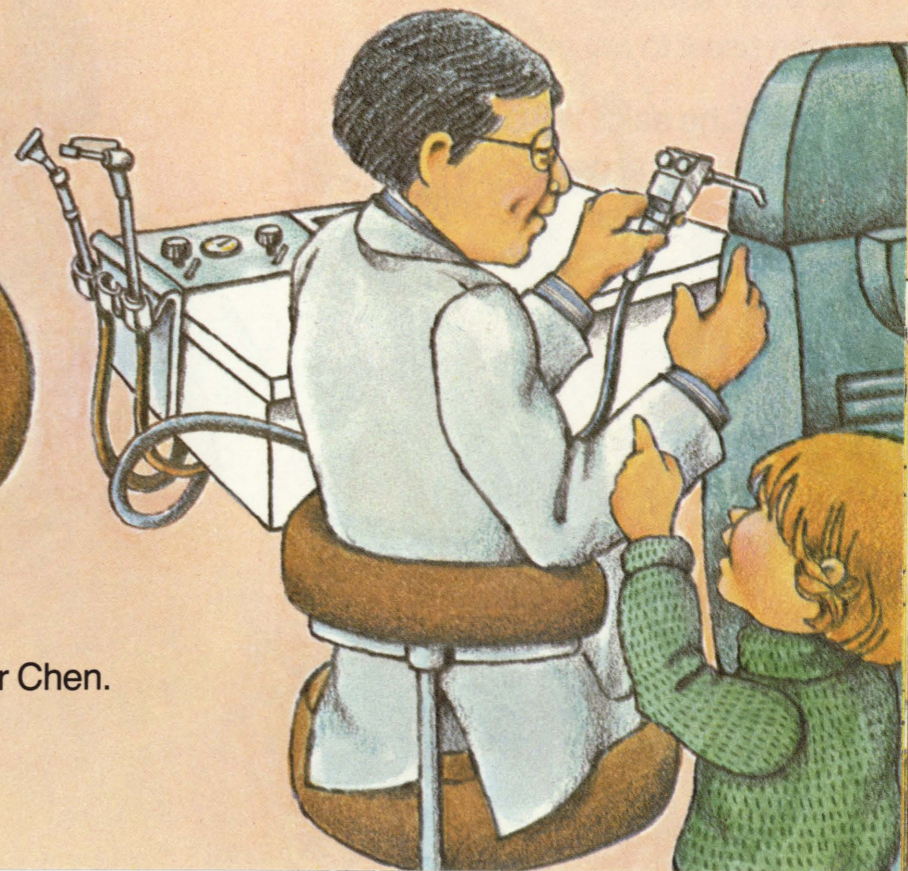
After Mrs. Howe clipped a bib on Johnny's shirt, Doctor Chen looked behind Johnny's teeth with a little mirror stuck on a stick.



"Now here's what we use to take pictures of teeth," he said.
"A kind of a camera."
"It's an X-ray machine," said Johnny.
"All it does is go *buzzzzz*."



"And this jelly's called *fluoride*," said Doctor Chen.
"When I put it on teeth it helps make them hard and strong."

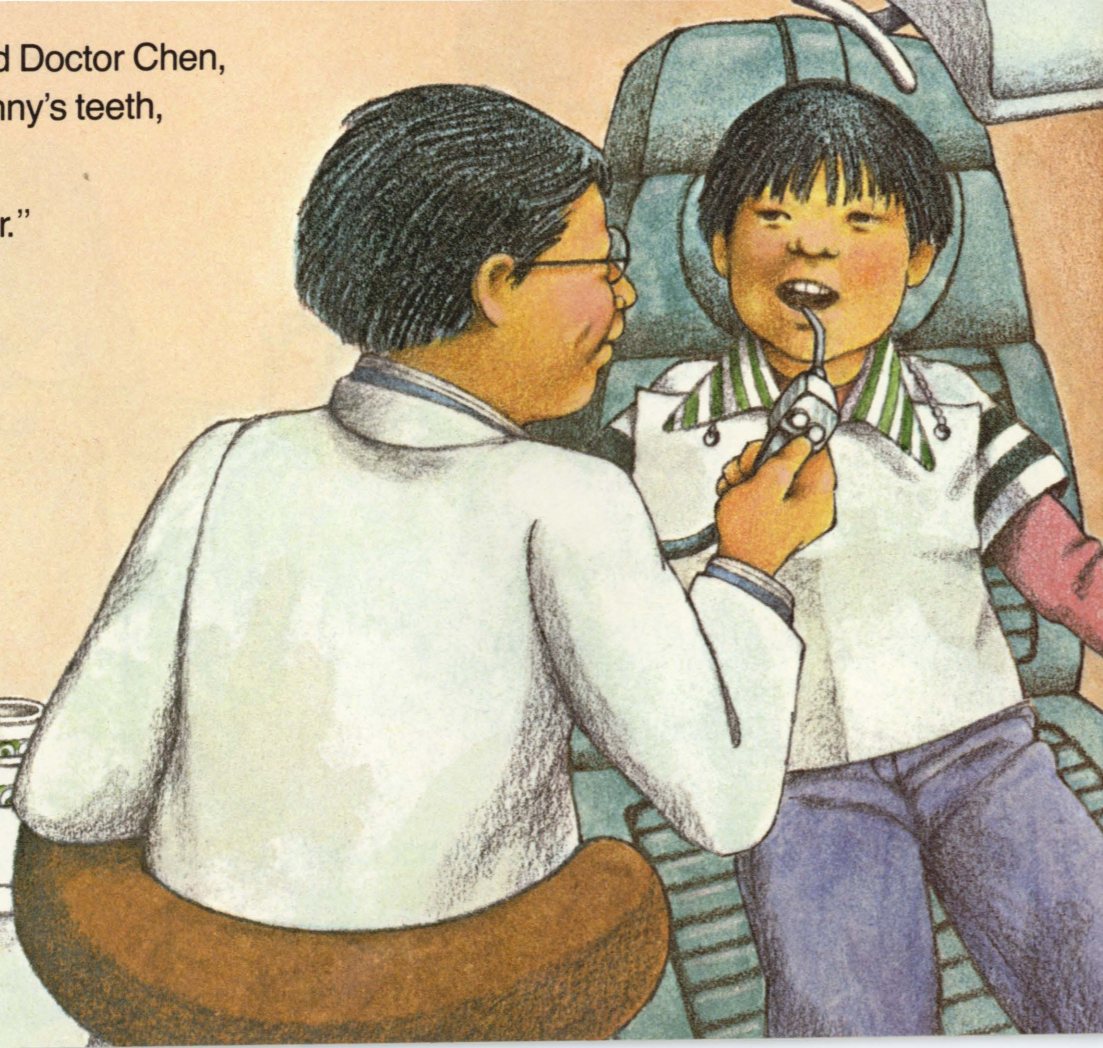


"And that over there," asked Larry, "what's that? The thing on a hose."

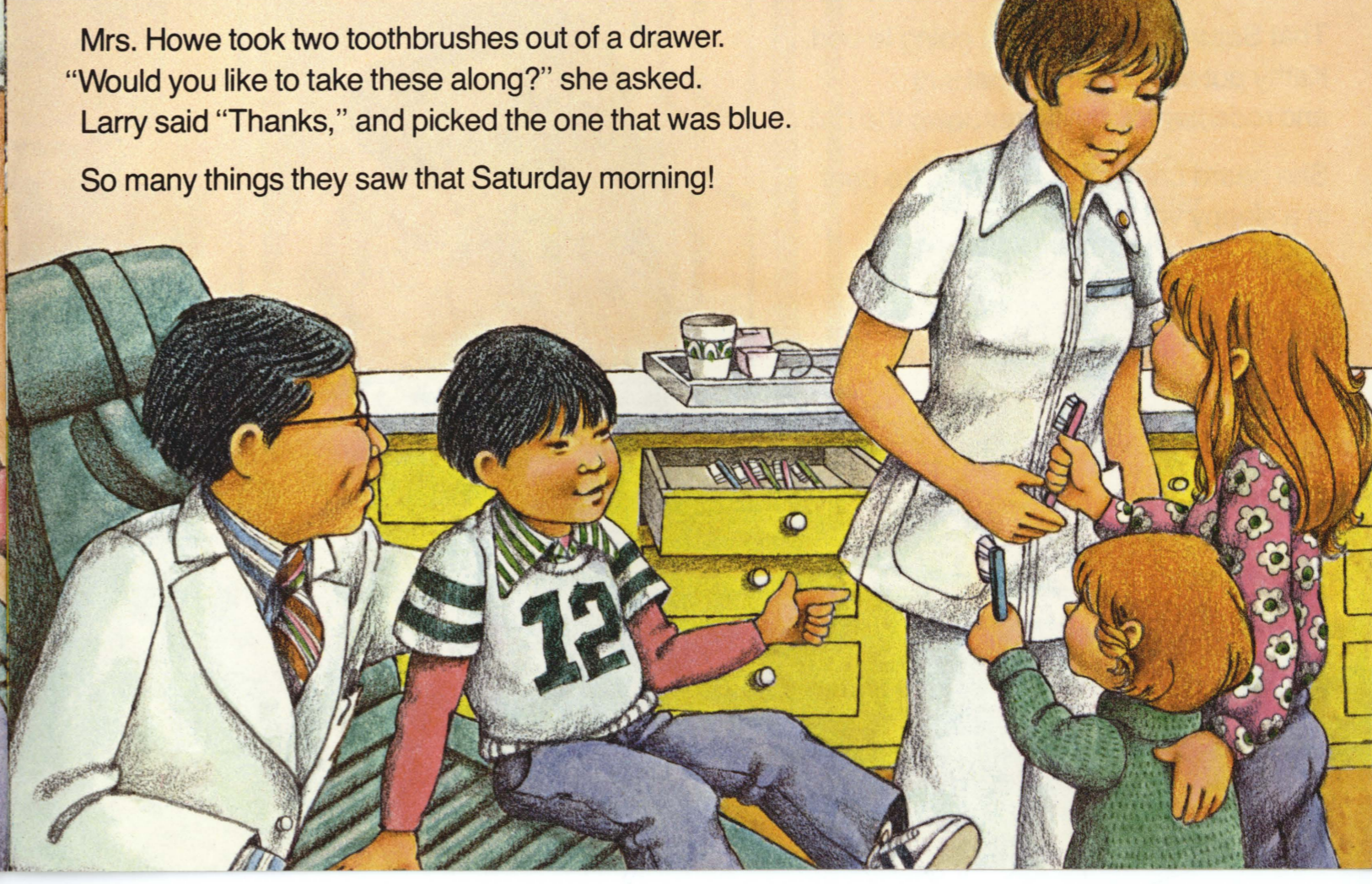
"It can either squirt water," said Doctor Chen, squirting some water on Johnny's teeth,

"or it can squirt air. I can use it to dry off the water."

"There!" he said. "All done."
(He pushed the pedal to bring the chair near the floor.)

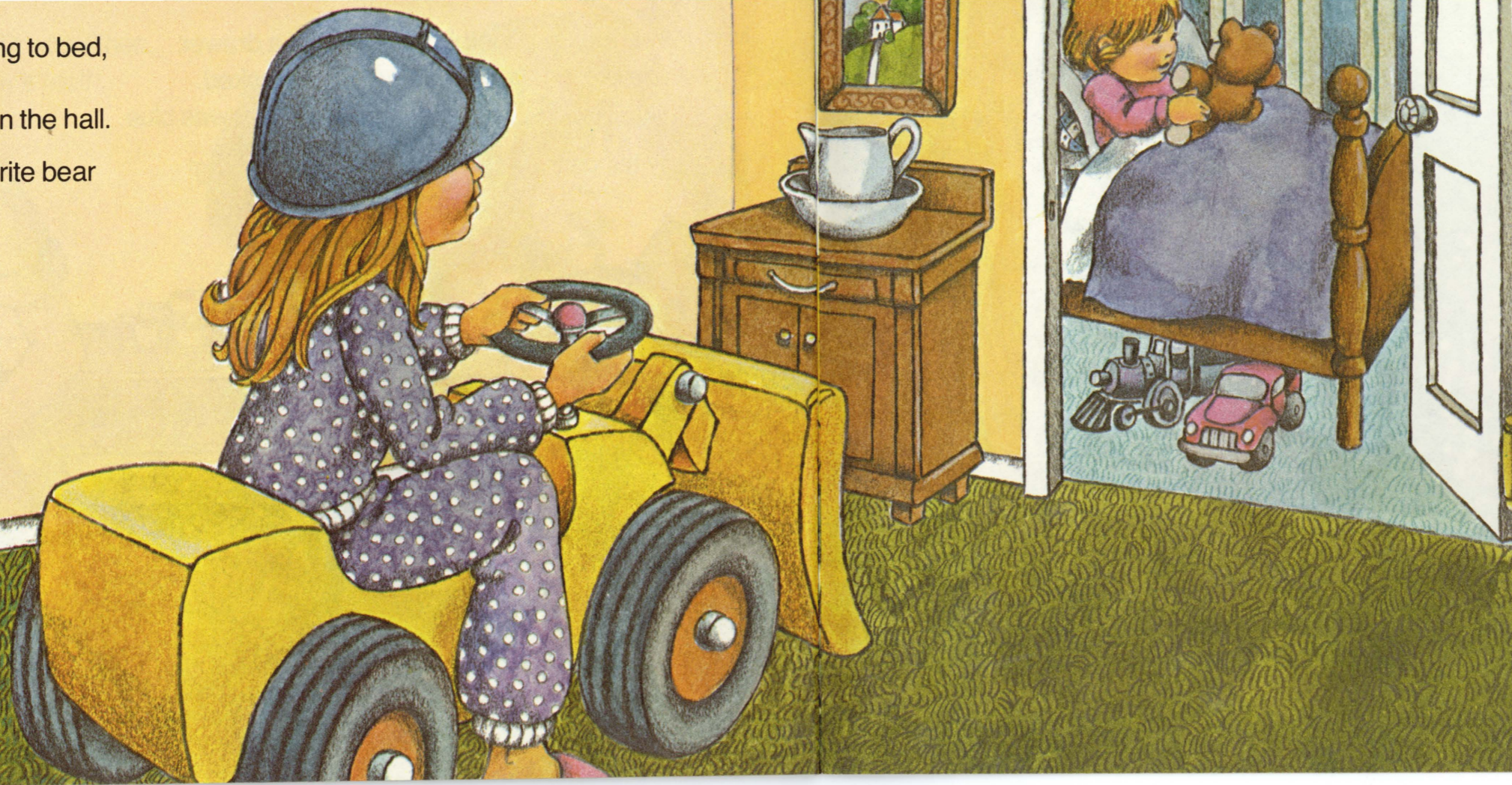


Mrs. Howe took two toothbrushes out of a drawer. "Would you like to take these along?" she asked. Larry said "Thanks," and picked the one that was blue. So many things they saw that Saturday morning!



That Saturday night before going to bed,
Kathy put on her father's hat
and rode her toy bulldozer down the hall.

She heard Larry telling his favorite bear
in a sleepy voice:

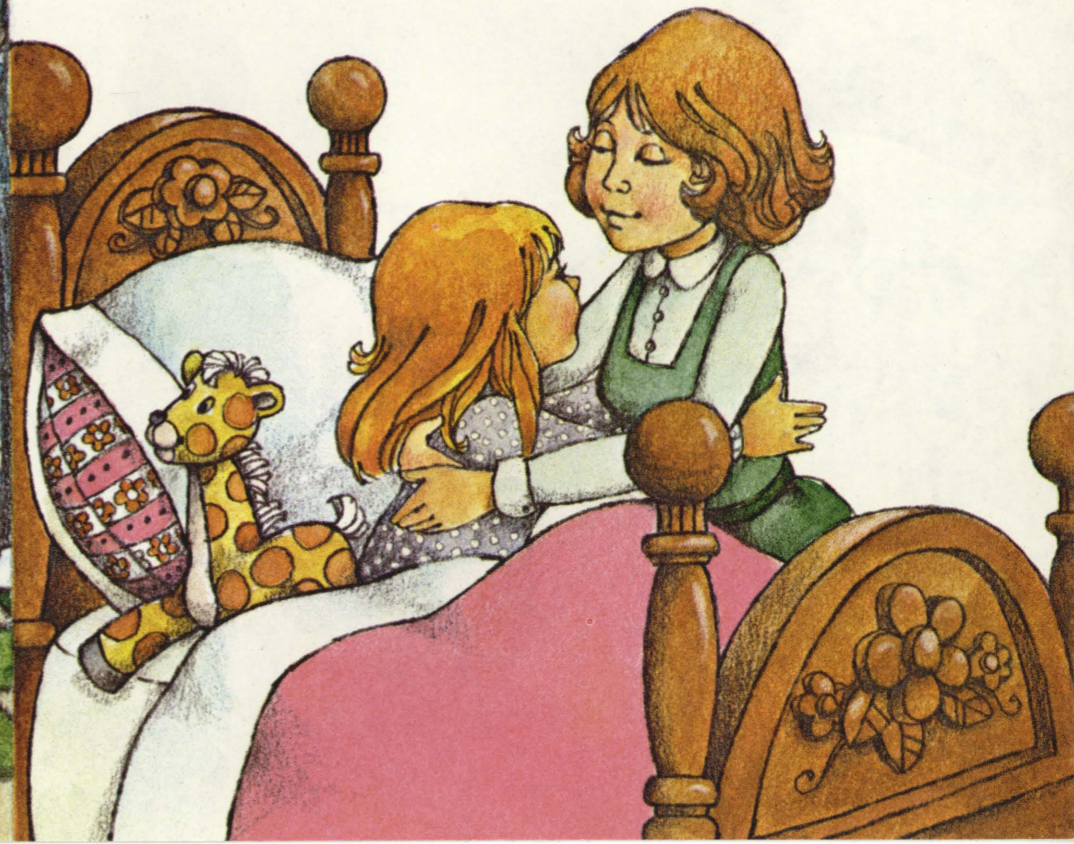


“Well, you get in the chair
that goes up and down...
and I look in your mouth...
and clean your teeth...
and squirt some water...
and squirt some air...”

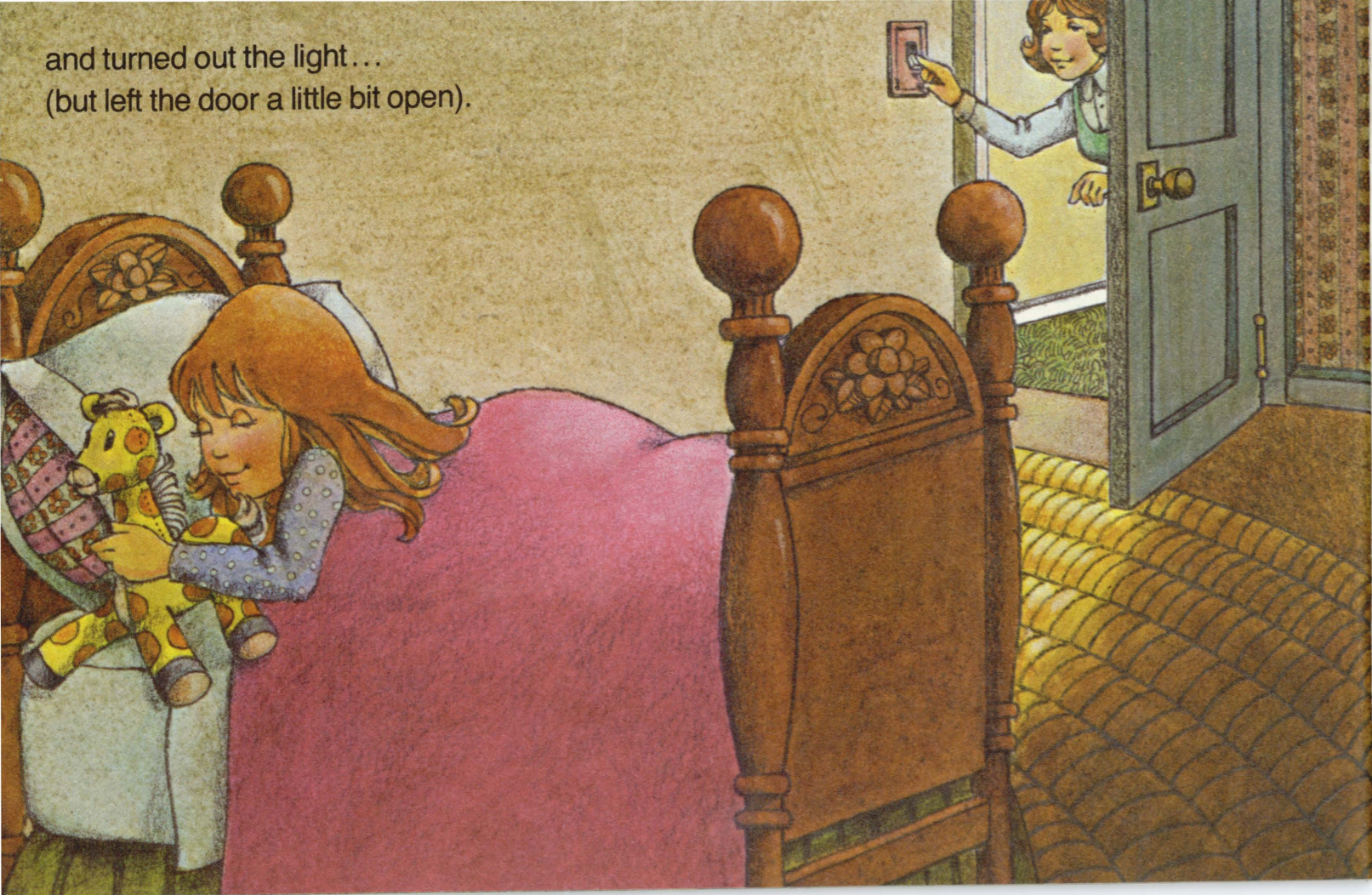
And Kathy rode on to brush her teeth with her brand new brush.



Then she rode on to her room where Mrs. Karew tucked her in bed and hugged her good night...



and turned out the light...
(but left the door a little bit open).





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