TOMMY
the Greedy Cat

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Tommy lived in a tree.
He was too lazy to hunt.

He lived on food scraps
from the Manala family.

One day, the family loaded suitcases into their car.

"What will I eat now?" Tommy wondered.

He dreamed of feasting
in the house.

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The next morning he peeked into the kitchen.

There was milk on the table.

Tommy found his way in.

But the milk was sour!

So Tommy went to the living room.

He found a strip of chips.

He managed to eat them **ALL.**

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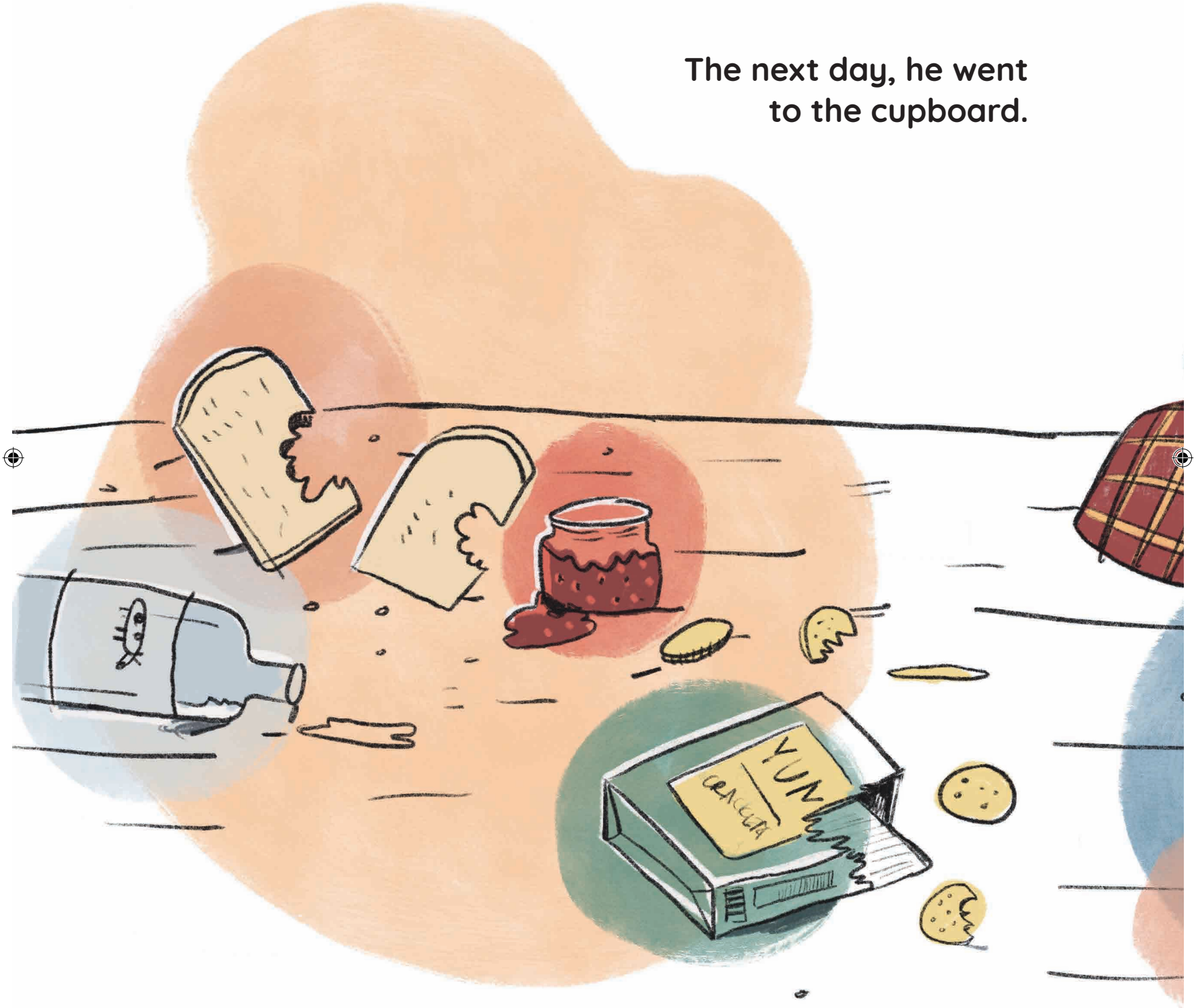
The next day, he went to the cupboard.



He found some bread. He ate it.
Then he found crackers. He ate those.

But soon he was tired of boring food.

Tommy decided
to open the refrigerator.

What
a feast!

Tommy ate
and ate and ate.

In the middle
of the night, he woke up.

Tommy wanted more to eat!

Tommy ate
everything
in the refrigerator.

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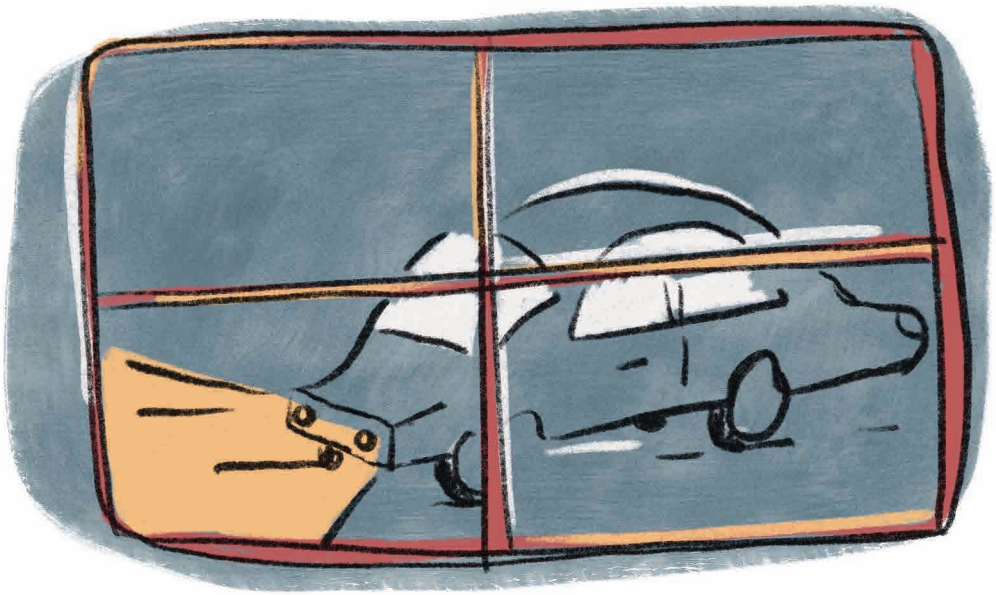
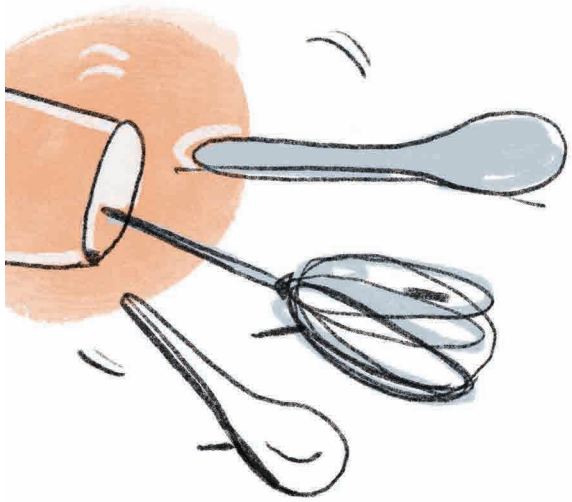


One morning,
he heard a car.

The Manala family
were back.

Tommy tried to jump
out of the window.

But he was too fat!



“Have we been robbed?”
the family cried.

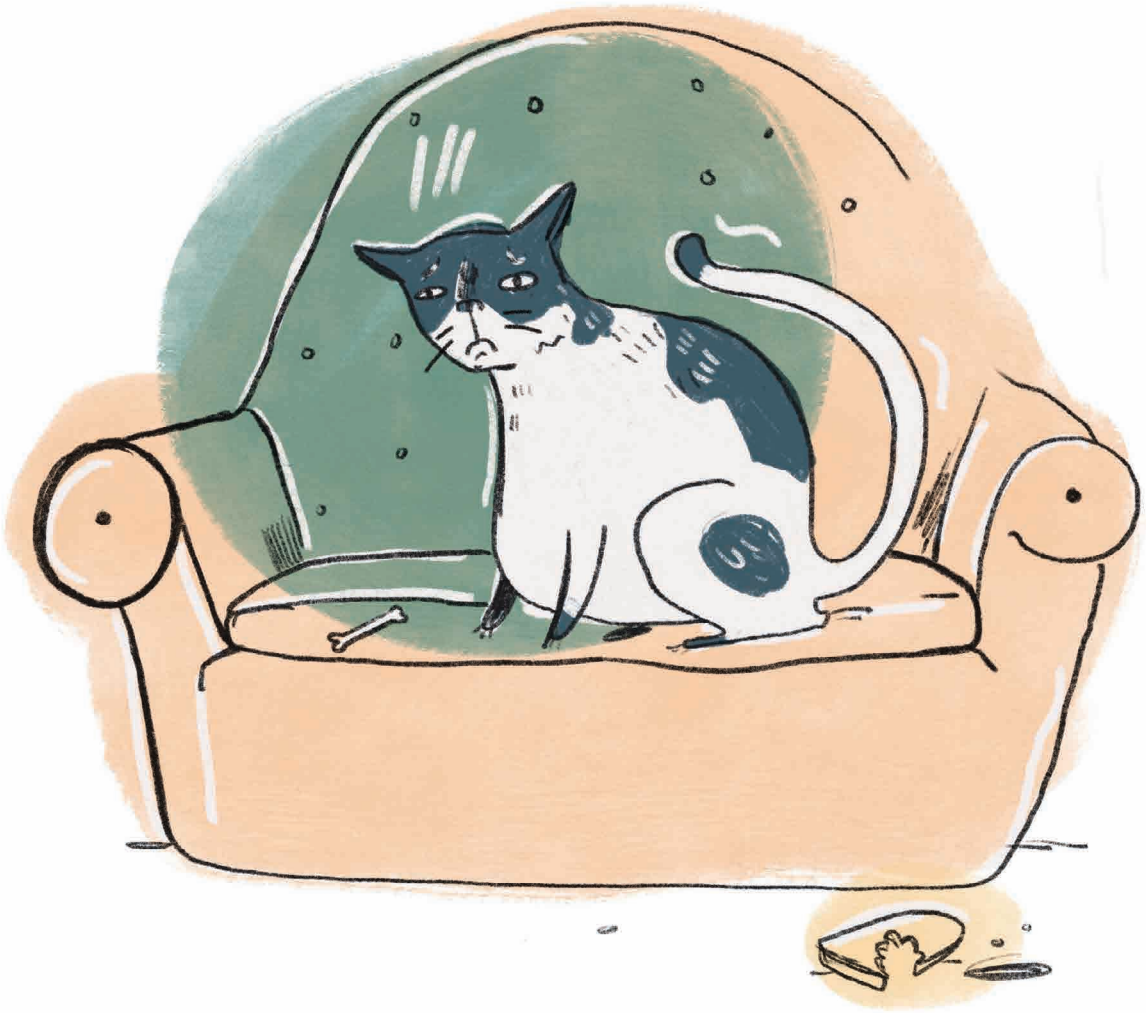
The house
was such a mess.

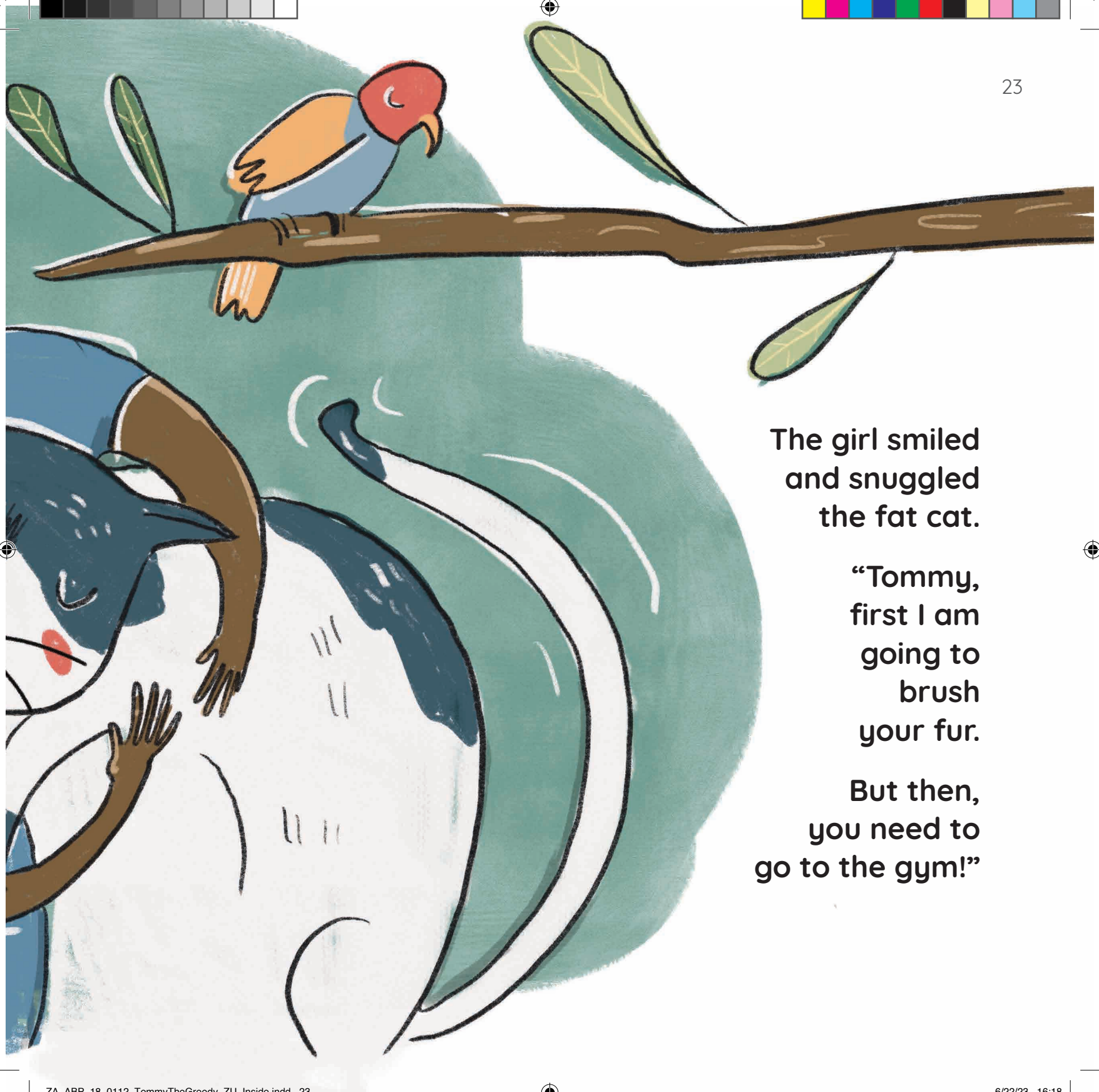
Just then, the little
girl saw Tommy.

“It wasn’t thieves!
It was Tommy,”
she said.

**“He must have been hungry,”
said Ma Manala.**

**“We had better take
care of him.”**





The girl smiled
and snuggled
the fat cat.

"Tommy,
first I am
going to
brush
your fur.

But then,
you need to
go to the gym!"

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