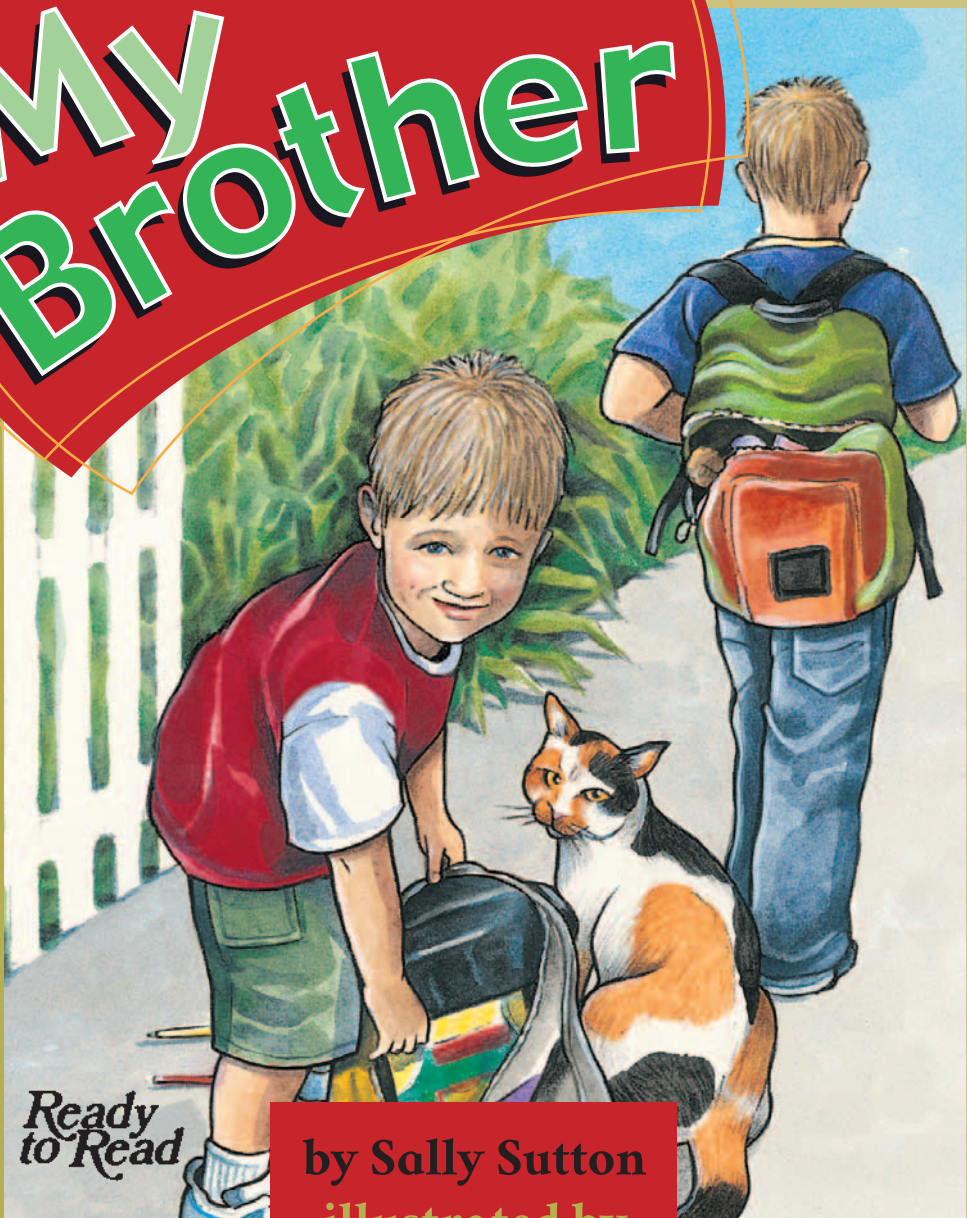


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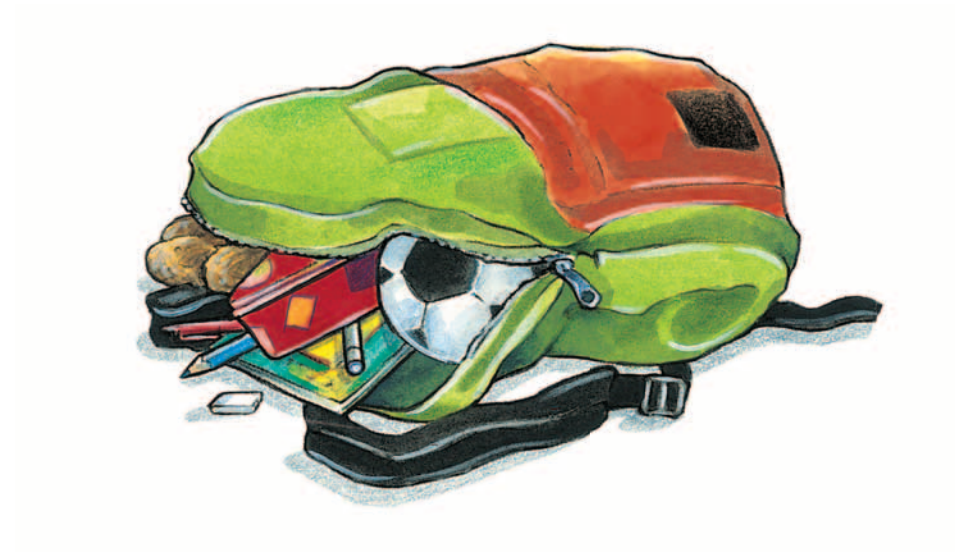
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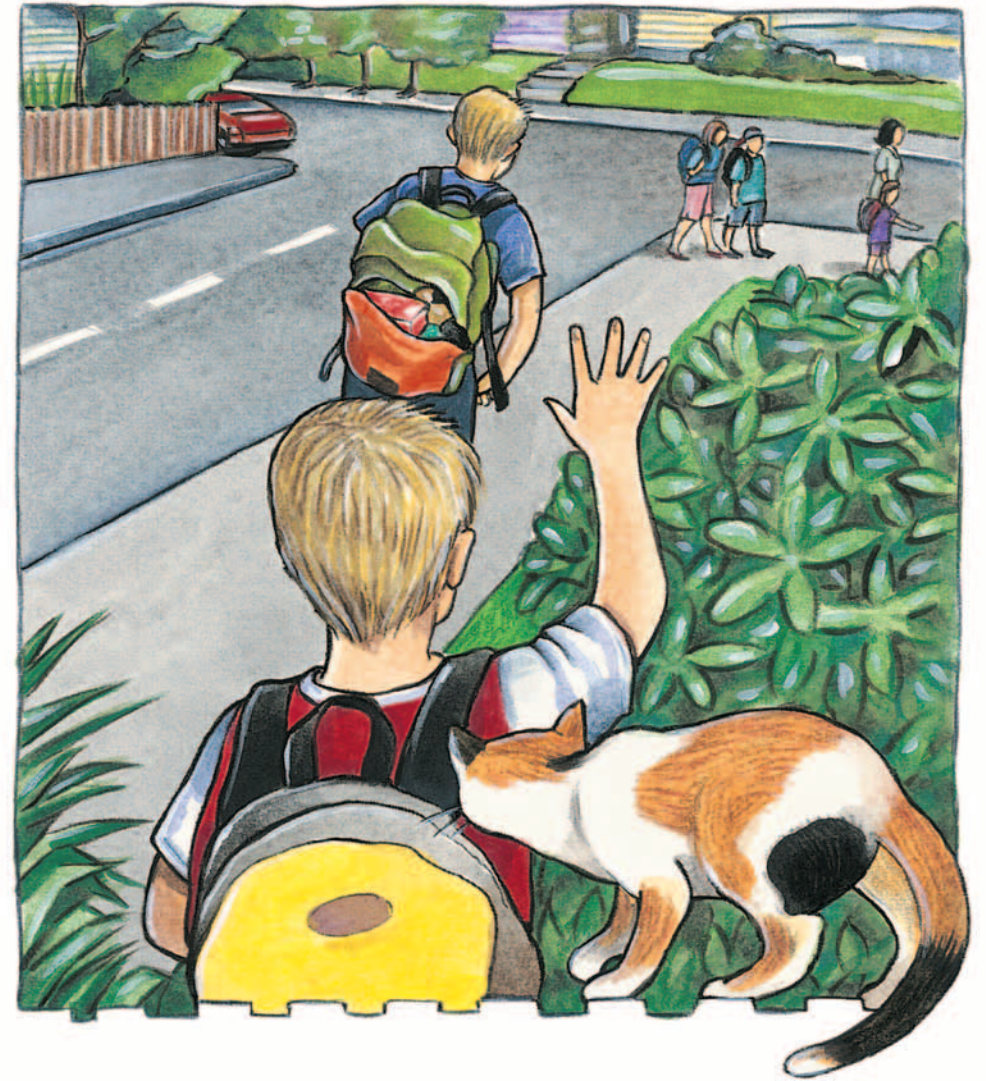
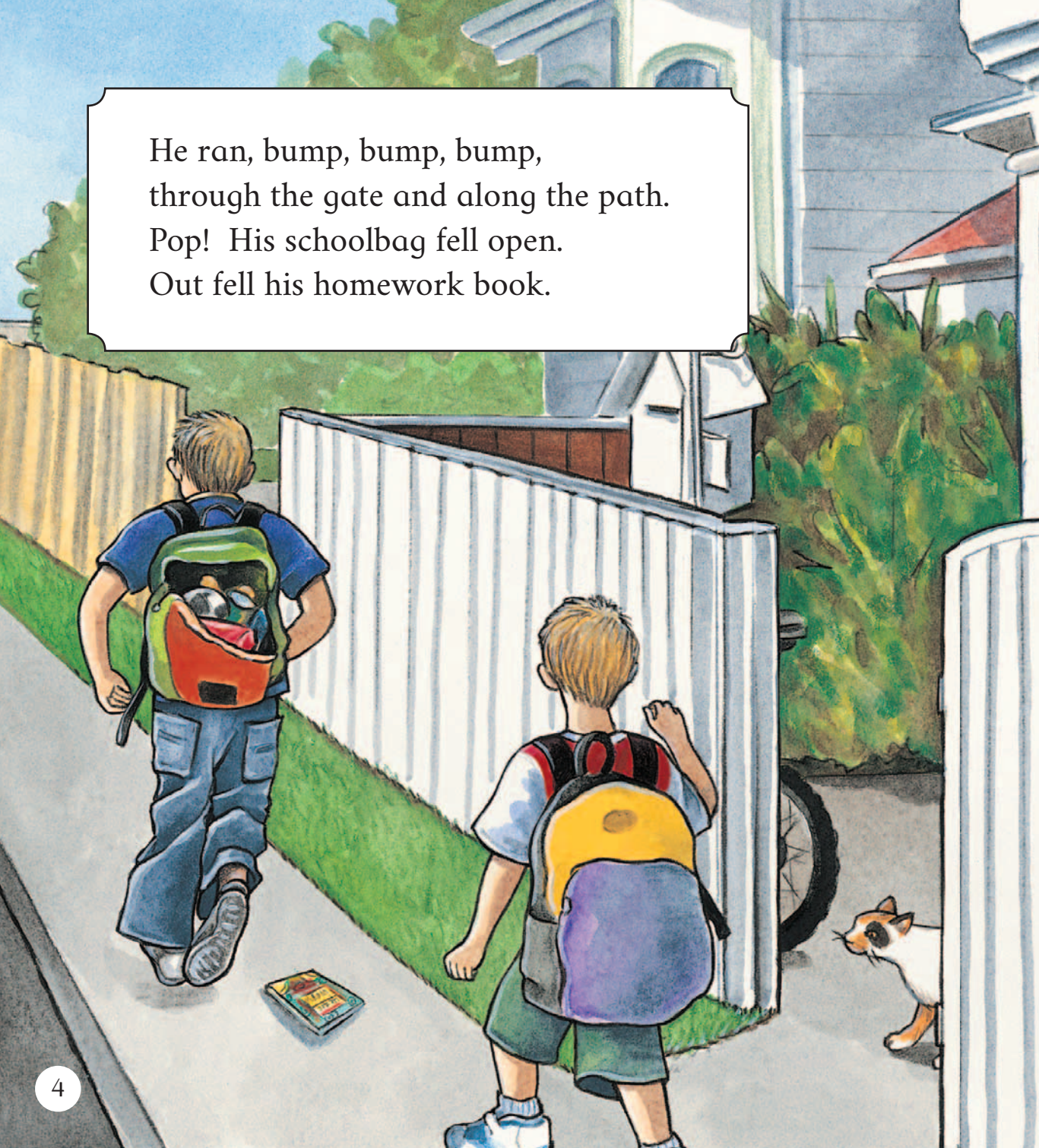


“Hurry up!” called my brother.  
“We’ll be late for school.”  
“Wait for me!” I shouted.



But my brother didn't wait.  
He took his bag and went out  
of the house.

He ran, bump, bump, bump,  
through the gate and along the path.  
Pop! His schoolbag fell open.  
Out fell his homework book.

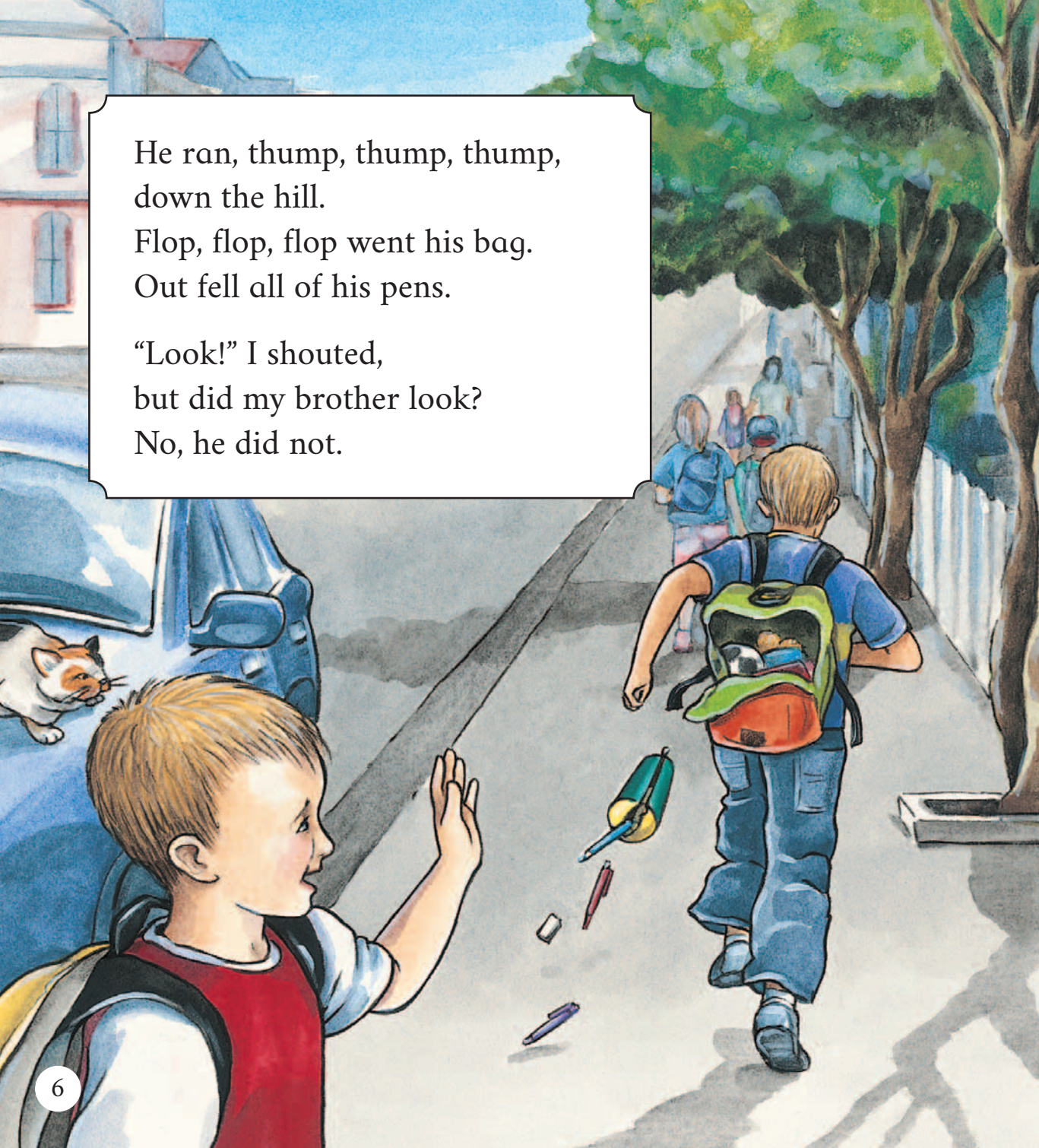


“Stop!” I called,  
but did my brother stop?  
No, he did not.

He ran, thump, thump, thump,  
down the hill.

Flop, flop, flop went his bag.  
Out fell all of his pens.

“Look!” I shouted,  
but did my brother look?  
No, he did not.



He ran, puff, puff, puff,  
past the shops and along the footpath.  
Clunk! Out fell his drink bottle.

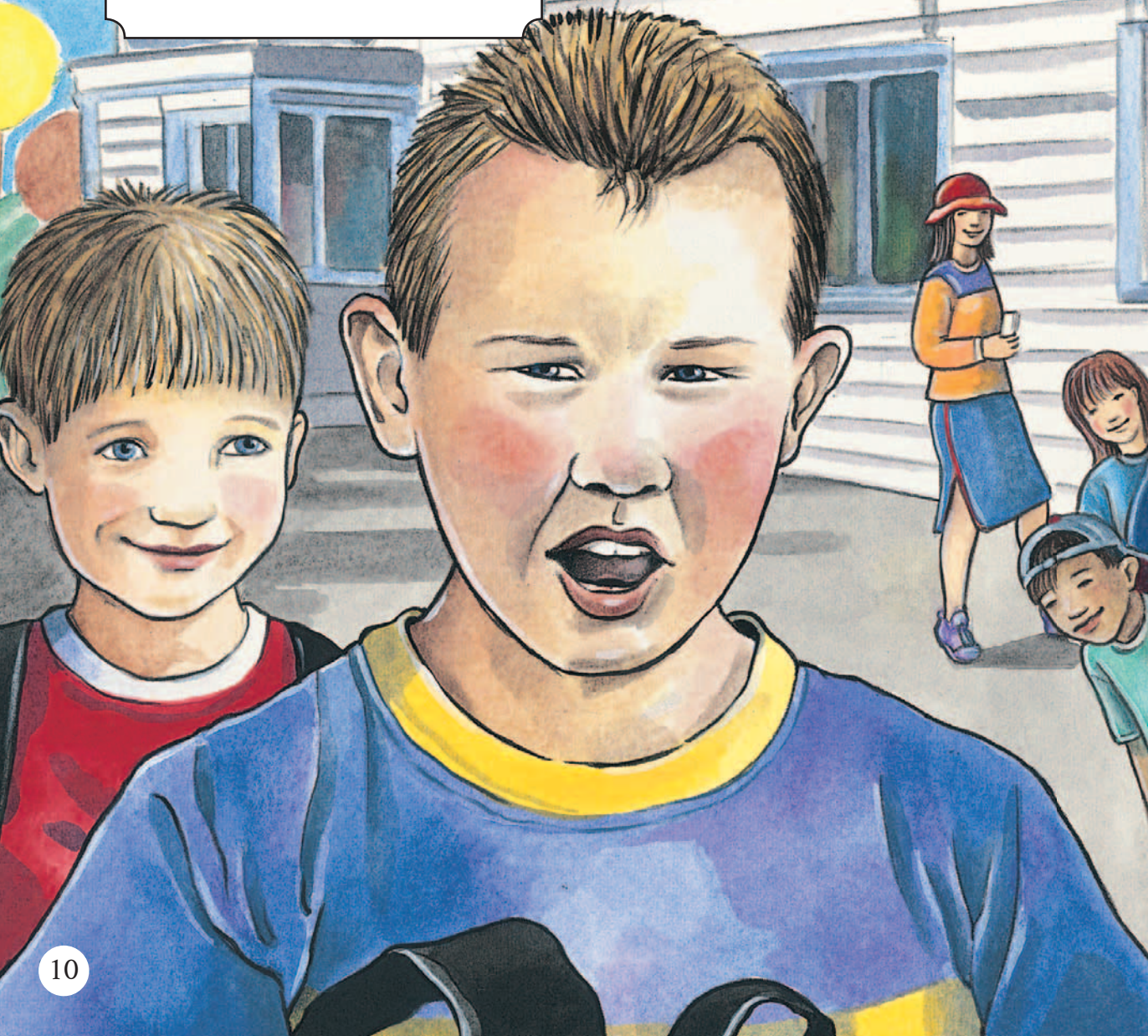
“Slow down!” I called,  
but did my brother slow down?  
No, he did not.

Out of his bag bounced a ball,  
his lunchbox, and a bear.



My brother ran, huff, huff, huff,  
through the school gates.  
“Good,” he said. “We’re not late.”  
He looked in his schoolbag.  
“Where’s my homework book?  
Where are my pens?  
Where’s my drink bottle, where’s my ball,  
and where’s my lunch?”

His face went red.  
"And where is Ted?"



I said, "Here they are."  
I gave him his homework book  
and his pens.  
I gave him his drink bottle,  
his ball, and his lunch.  
I gave him his bear.  
And did my brother say thank you?



Oh, yes, he did!





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