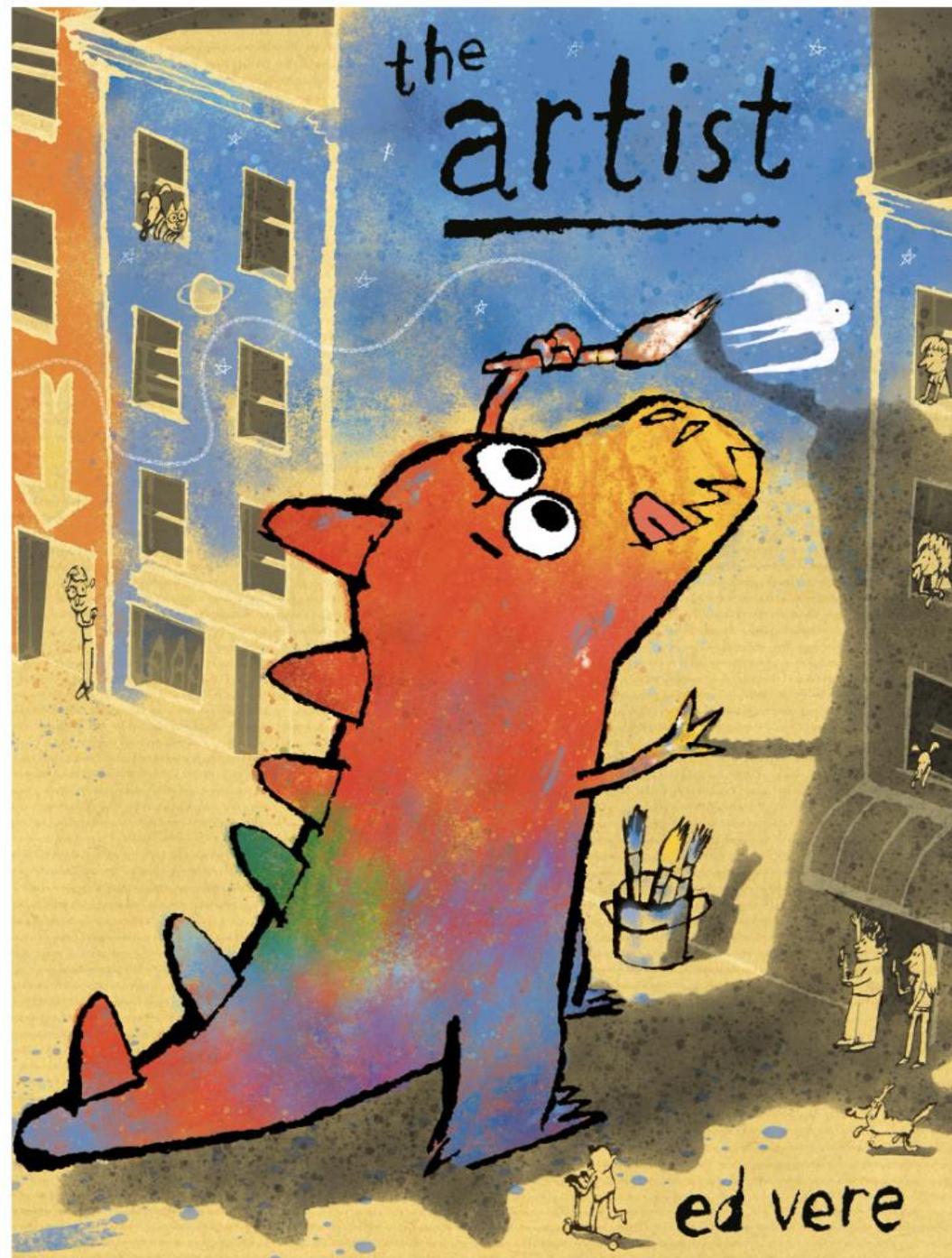
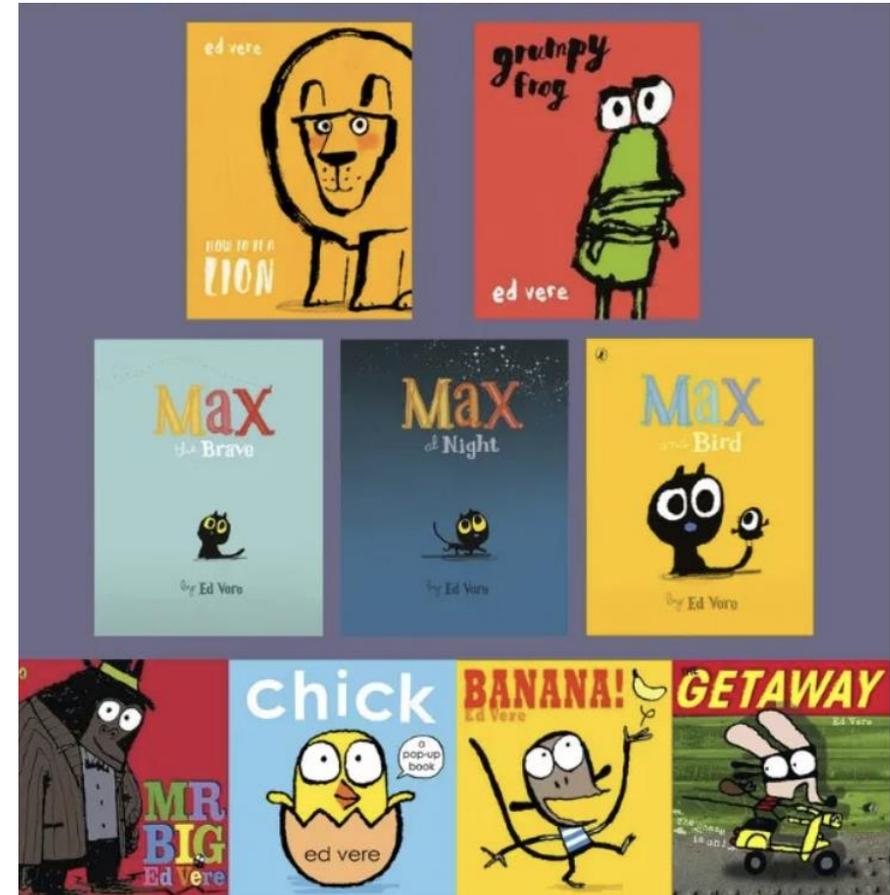


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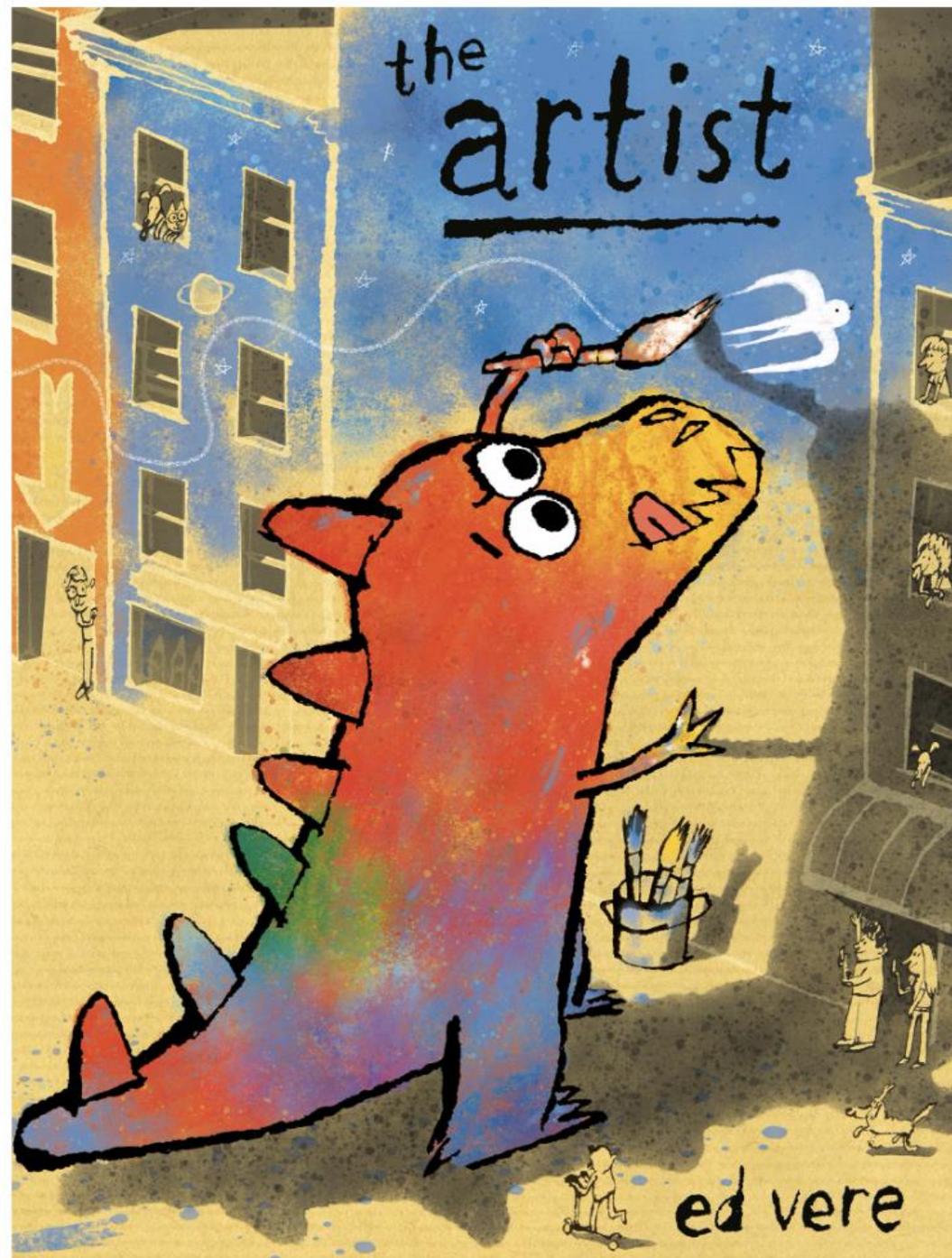




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the
artist

In the middle of
drawing a drawing
someone asked me,
“What is an artist?”
I thought about it
and said...

 Doubleday Books for Young Readers

The world is a wonderful place.
Alive! Full of joy and full of beauty.
The sun shines and
the sky is blue.



Sometimes we're too busy to notice it.

Artists try to see it all.

Here is an artist.



She sees the wonder,
the joy and the beauty.

She sees it all
and makes it into her ART.



... into art.

The Artist plays
with crayons,
paint and pencils.

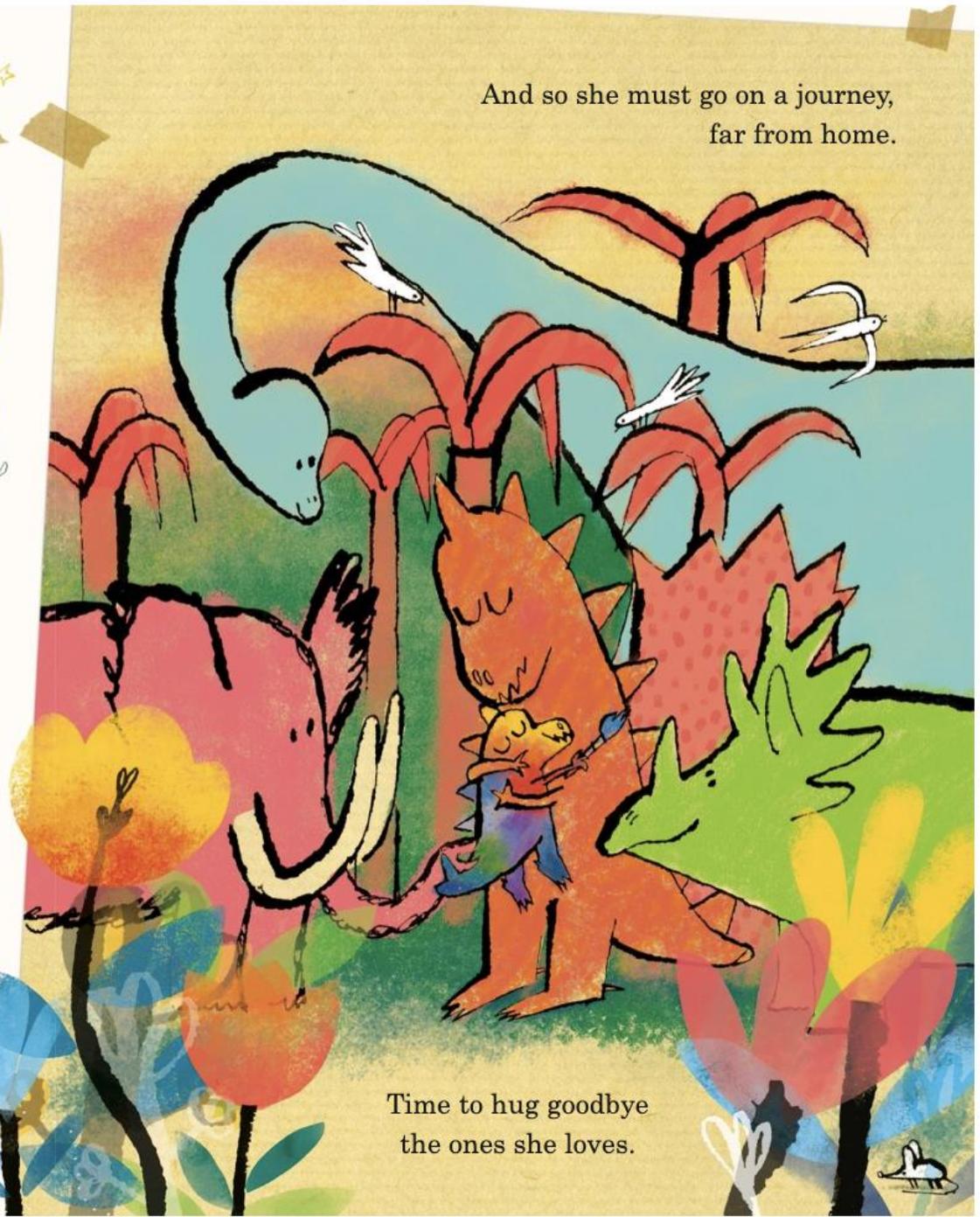
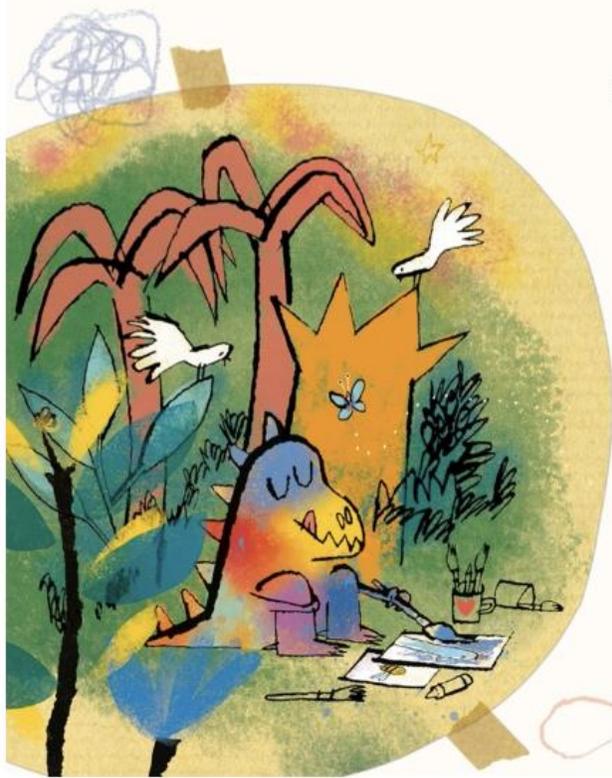
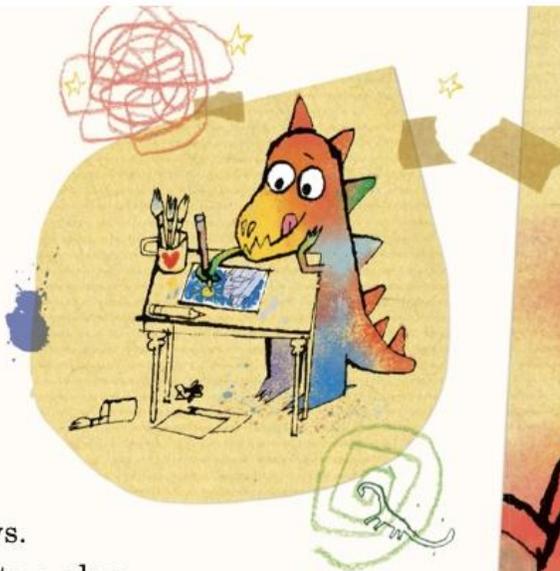
She dreams as she draws.
Her dreams turn into a plan . . .

To share her pictures
with the world.

To show the world
as she sees it.
Its joy and
its beauty.

And so she must go on a journey,
far from home.

Time to hug goodbye
the ones she loves.



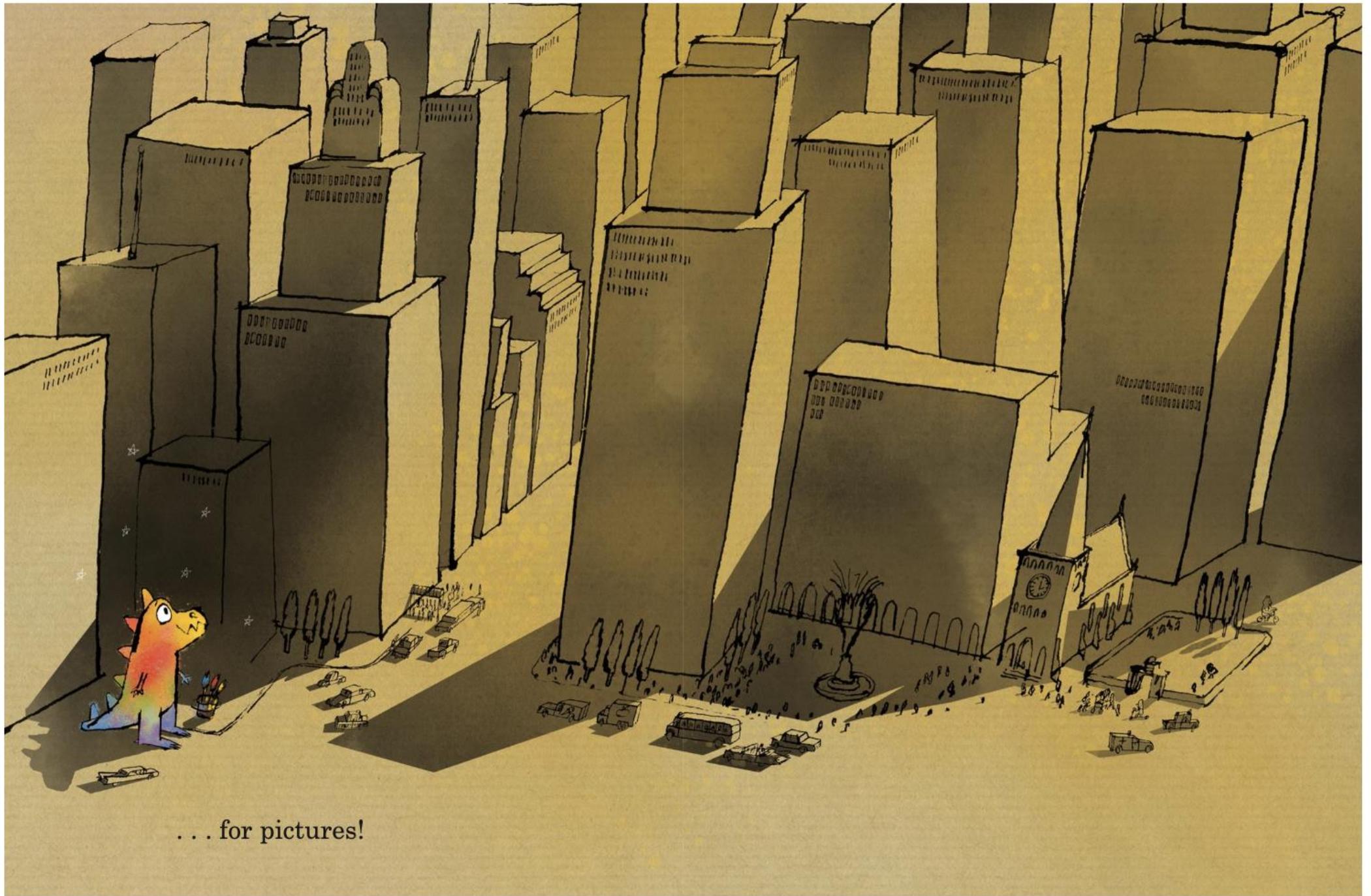
Time to be brave.





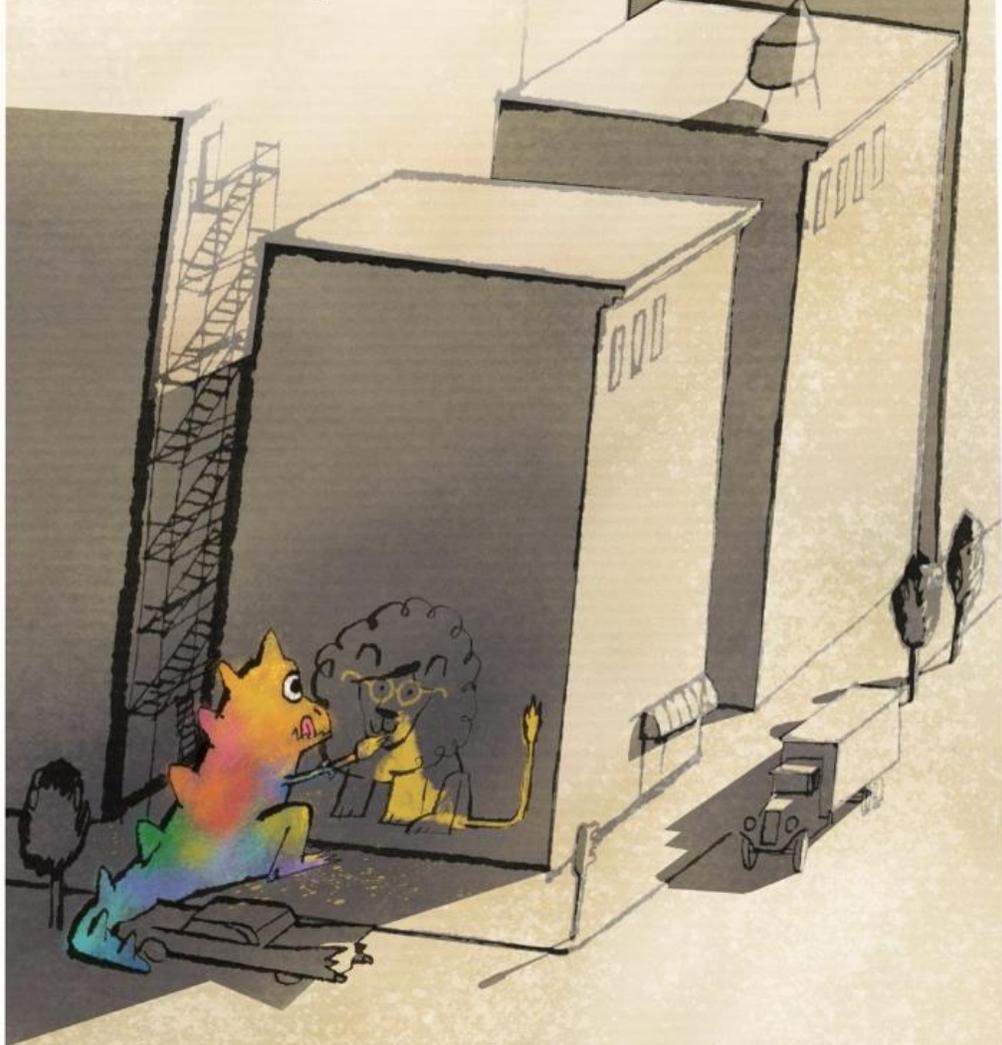
The Artist arrives
in a rushing, bustling city.

A busy, big place,
with plenty of space . . .



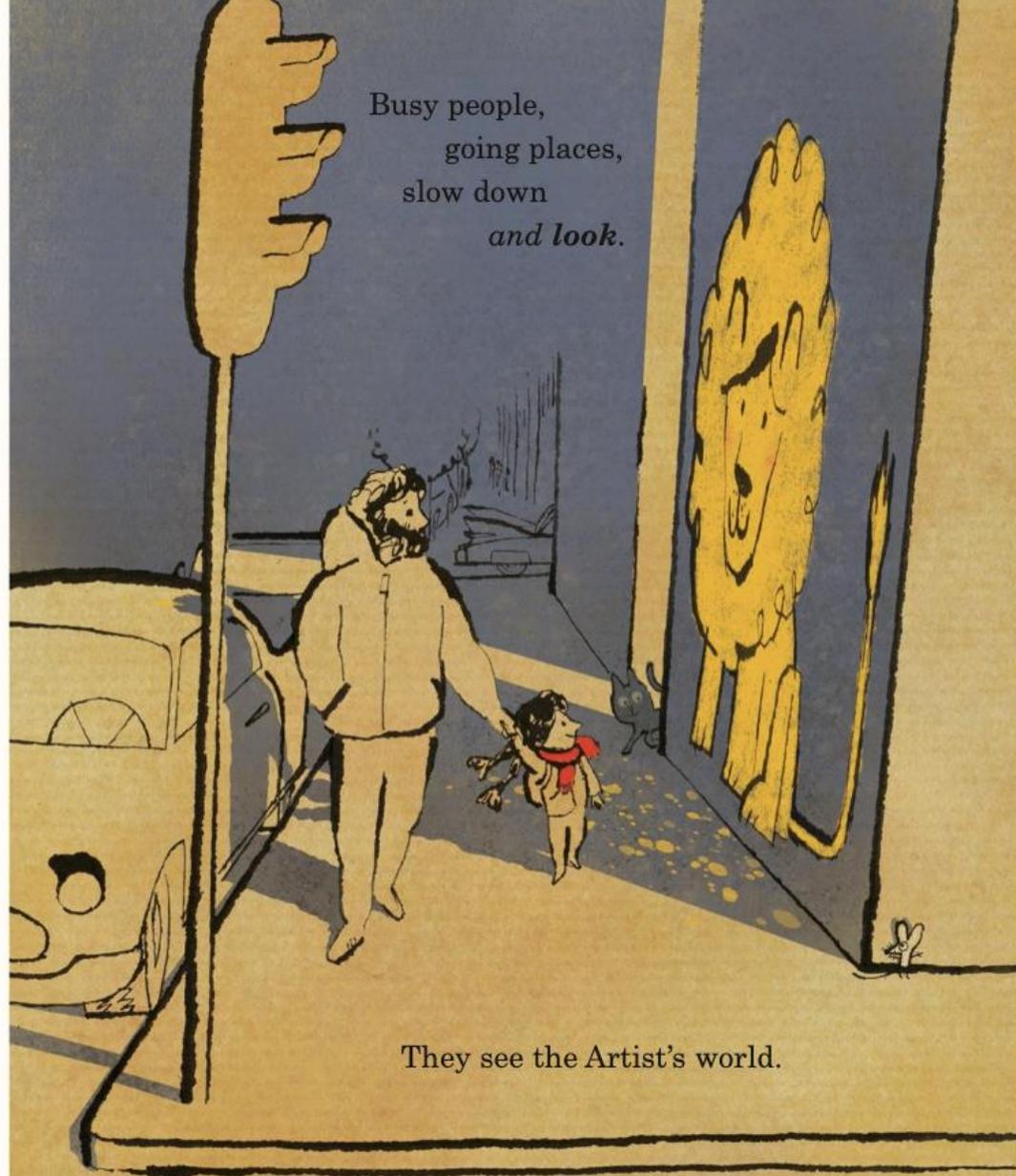
... for pictures!

The Artist begins.



Small at first.

Busy people,
going places,
slow down
and look.



They see the Artist's world.

They like it.

The Artist paints more.

The Artist
paints bigger.

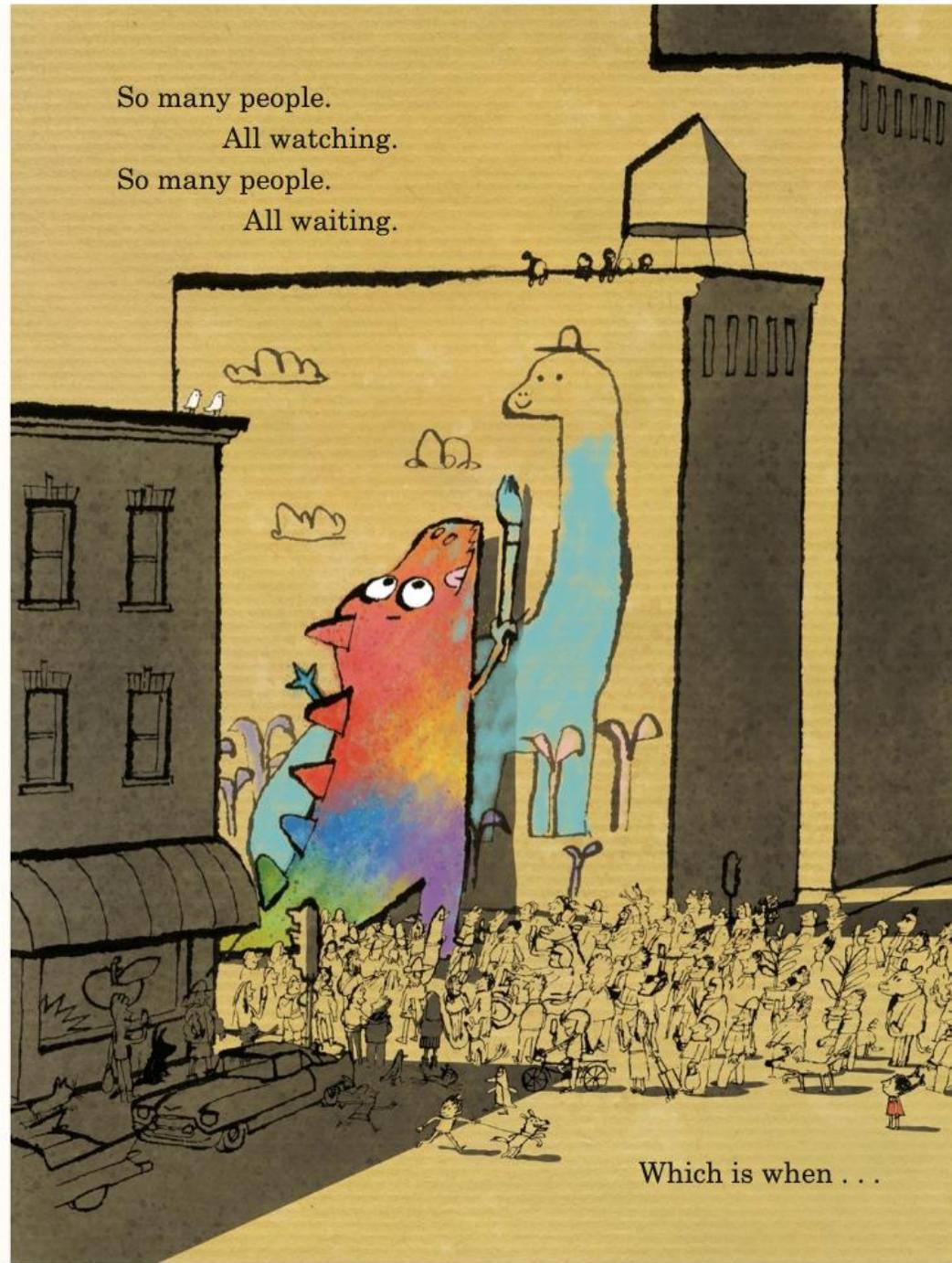


More people come
from all over the city.

Slowing down
to see what the Artist
will paint next.



So many people.
All watching.
So many people.
All waiting.



Which is when . . .

... the brush slips.

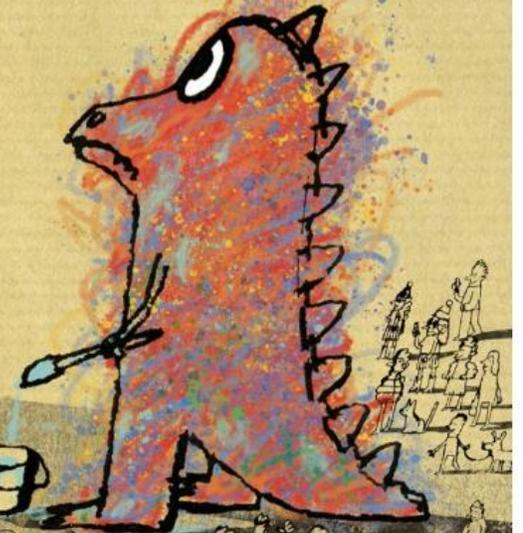
The Artist colors

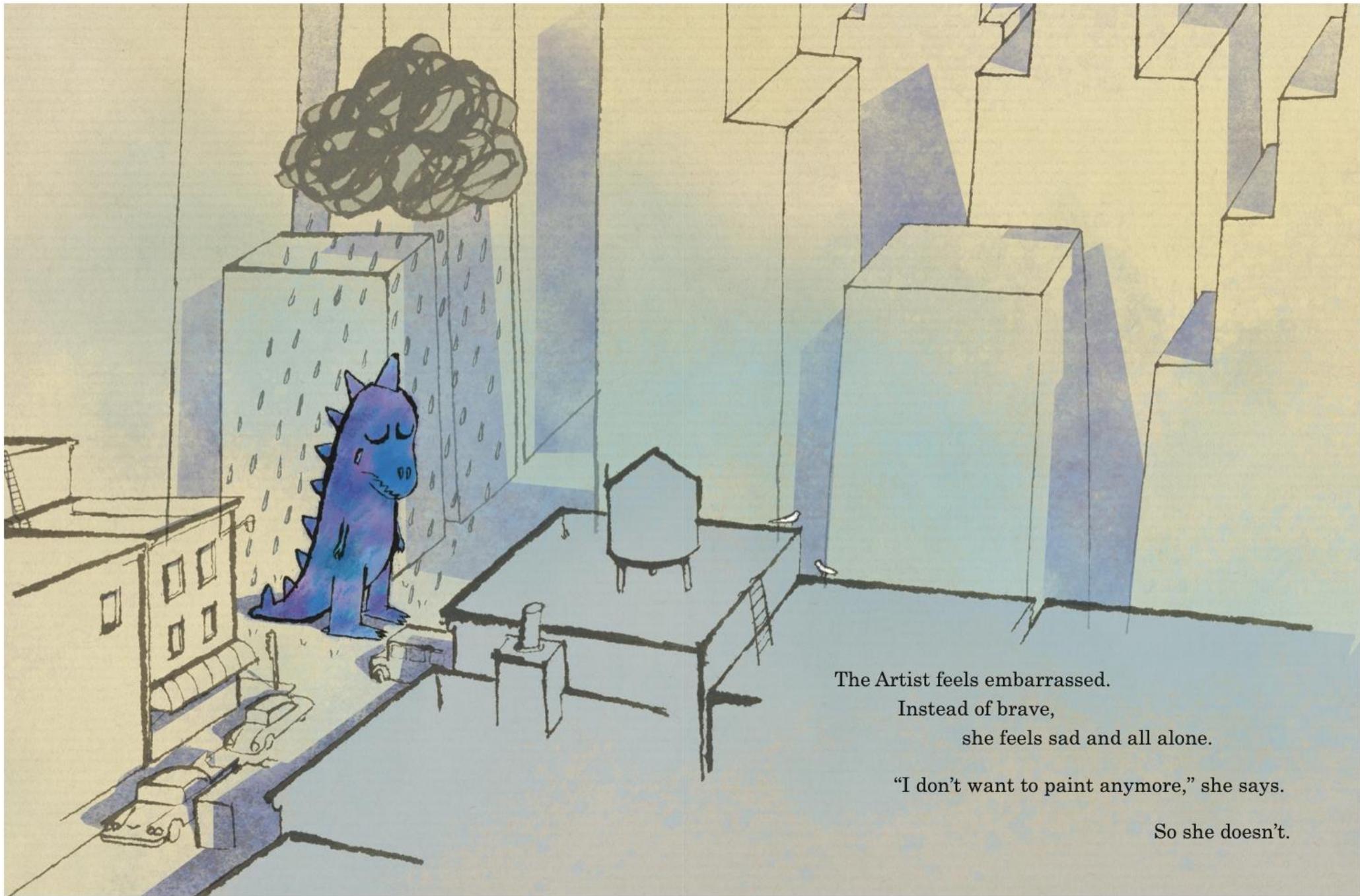
outside

the lines!



"Oh no!" she says.
"I didn't mean to do that.
I think I've made
a mistake."



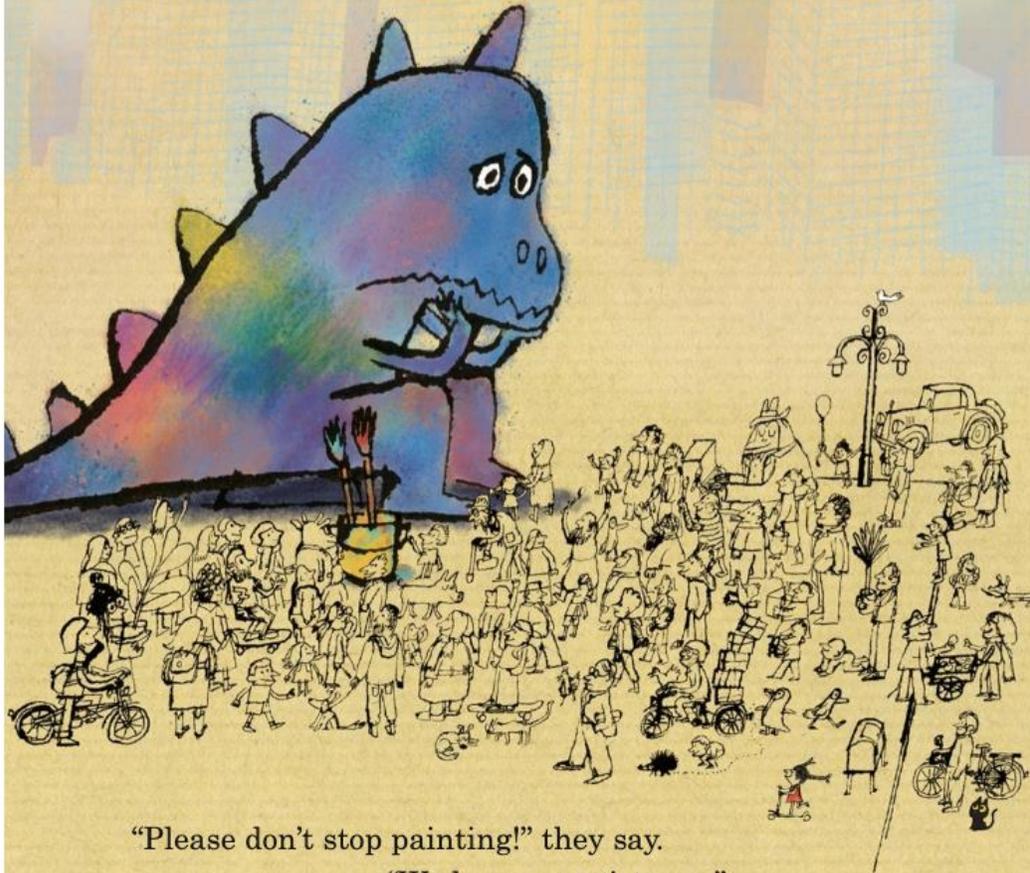


The Artist feels embarrassed.
Instead of brave,
she feels sad and all alone.

“I don’t want to paint anymore,” she says.

So she doesn’t.

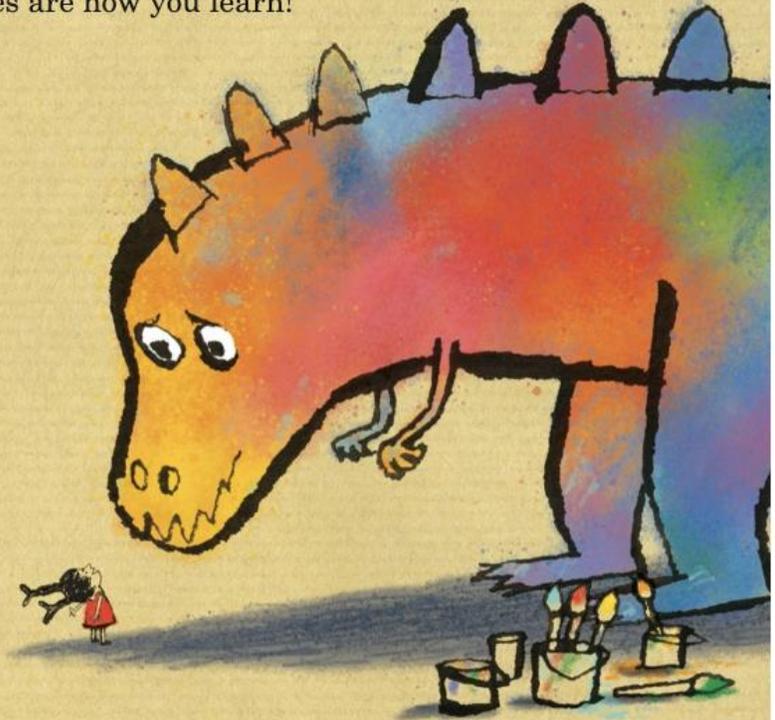
And then
the busy city people come from all over town.



“Please don’t stop painting!” they say.
“We love your pictures.”

A little girl steps forward.

“Coloring outside the lines doesn’t matter,” she says.
“Mistakes are how you learn!”



Heart is what matters.
And *your art* is full of heart . . .

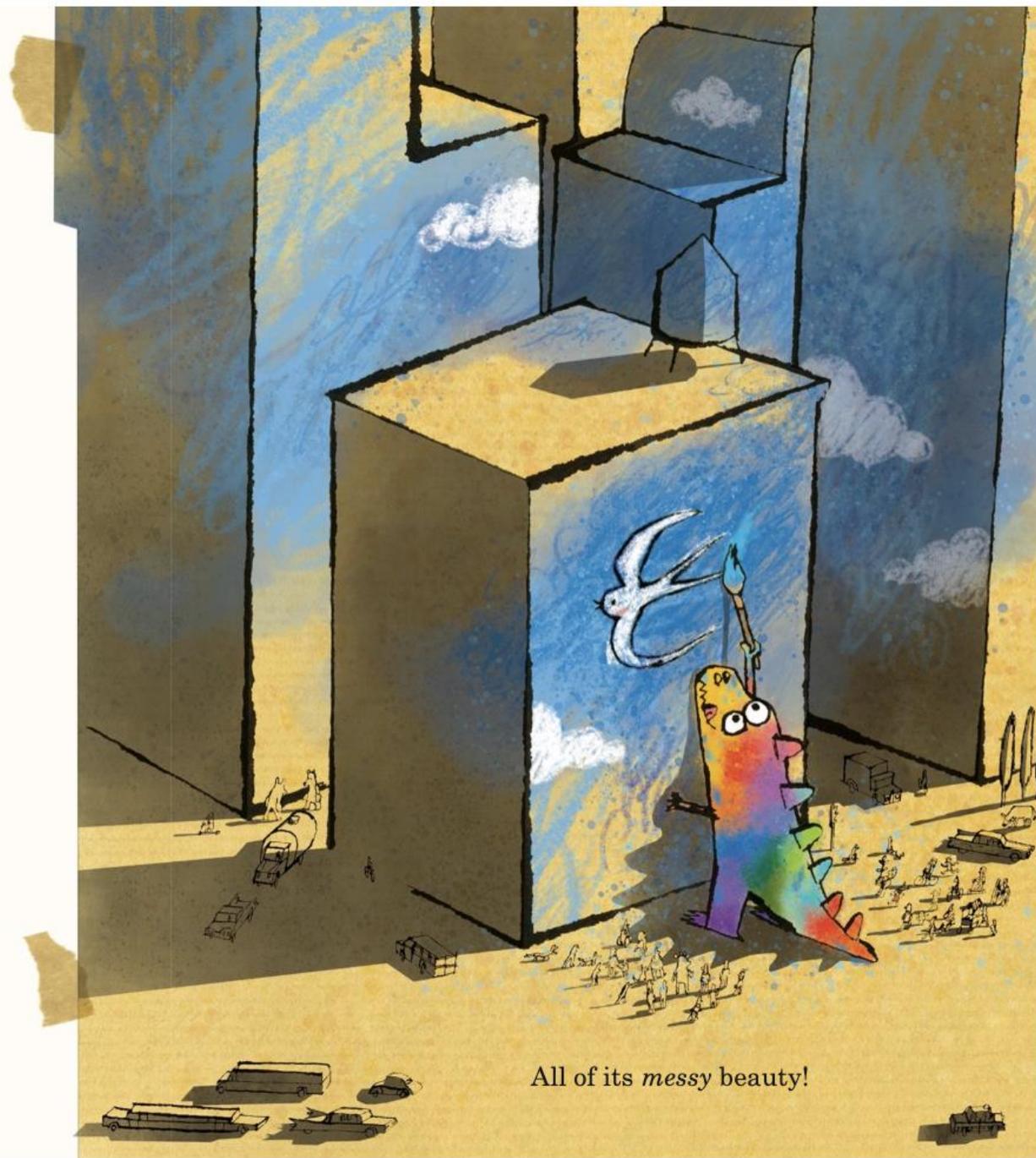
Please paint again!”

This Artist is brave.
She tries again.

She forgets about lines.
She thinks of the world she knows.

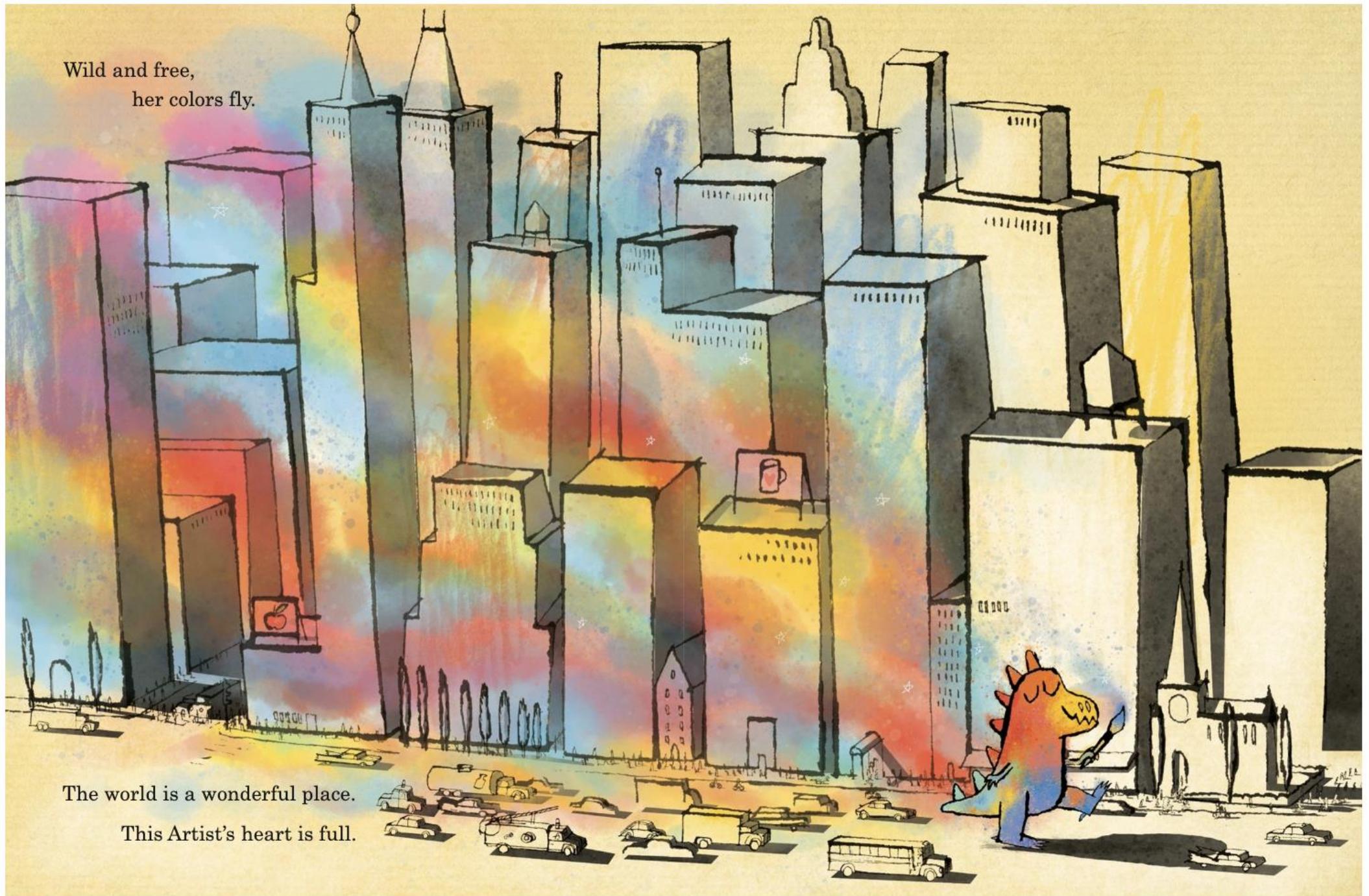
Its joy and wonder.
The sun and the sky.

All its beauty . . .



All of its *messy* beauty!

Wild and free,
her colors fly.



The world is a wonderful place.
This Artist's heart is full.

"And maybe that is what an artist is," I said.



"So keep drawing...
because maybe you
are an artist too!"



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