



The
BRAVEST
BOY
I KNOW





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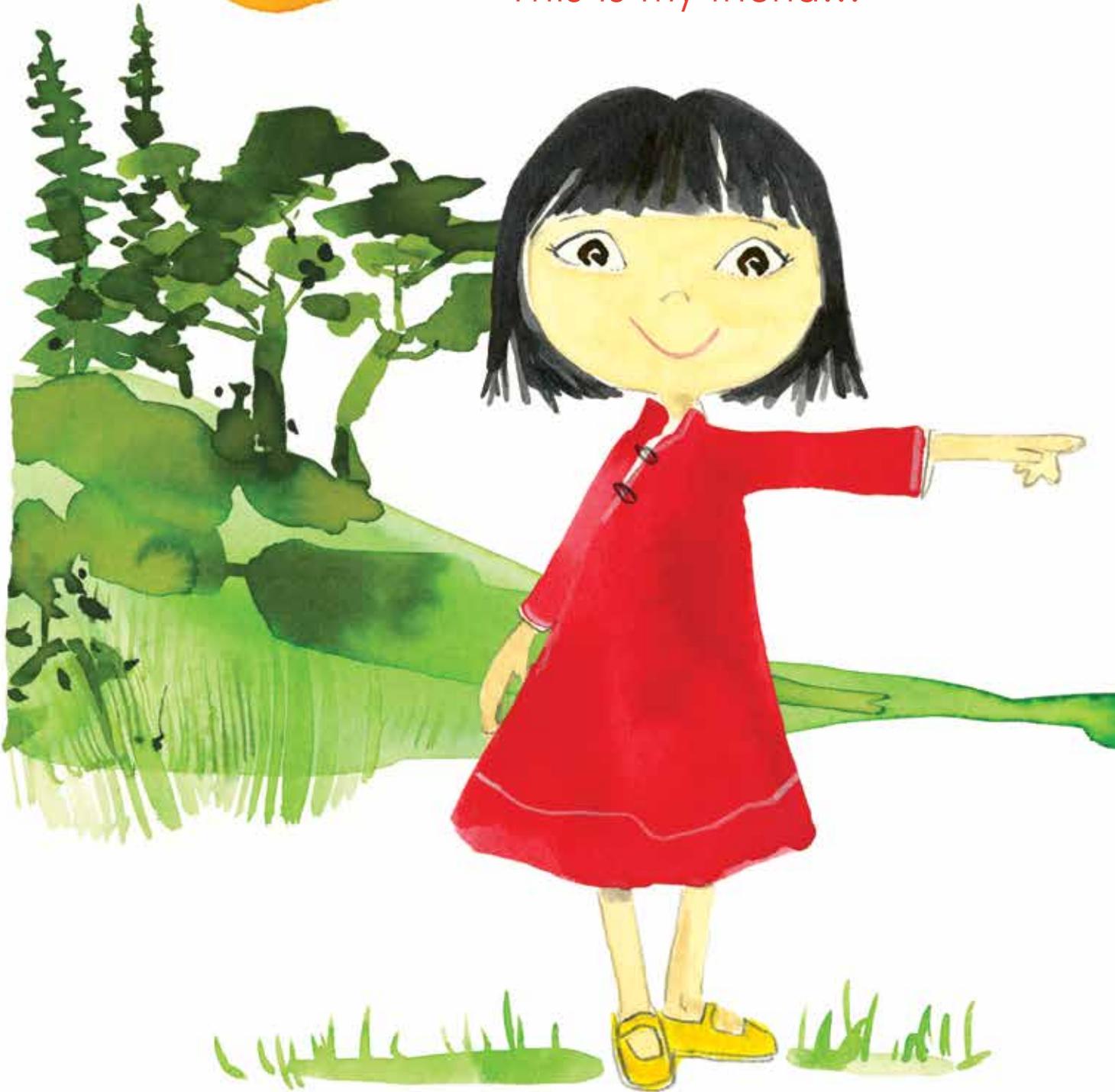
This book is dedicated
to all the people who teach us
to share the joy of words and stories.

This book is dedicated to all the people who help
keep us healthy so that we can learn and grow.

This book is dedicated to friends and family
who love us for who we are.



This is my friend...



XIAO MING.







We like to meet under our favorite big tree.





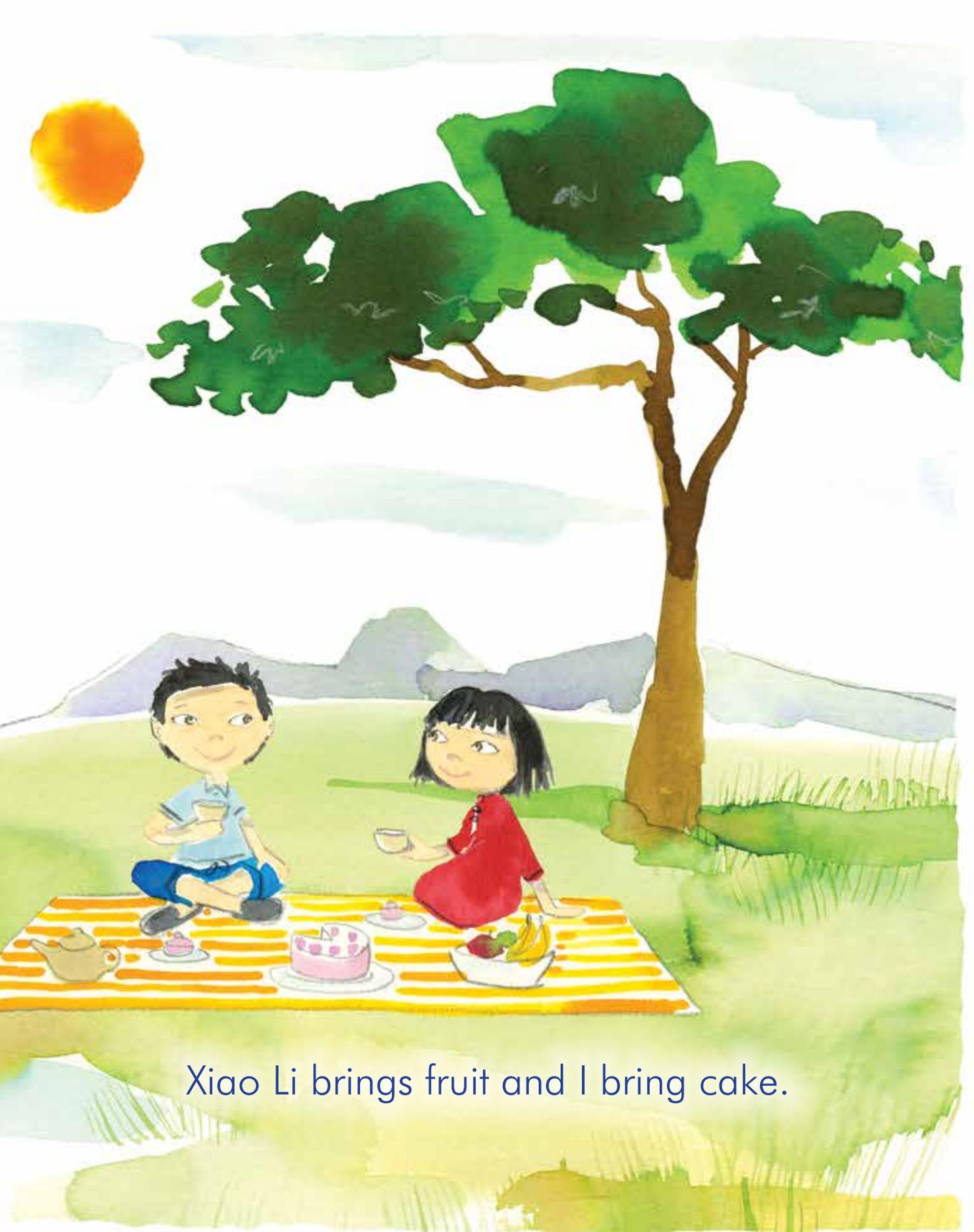
We go to school together and learn lots of things.



We run and play football once the bell rings.

Sometimes we picnic down by the lake,





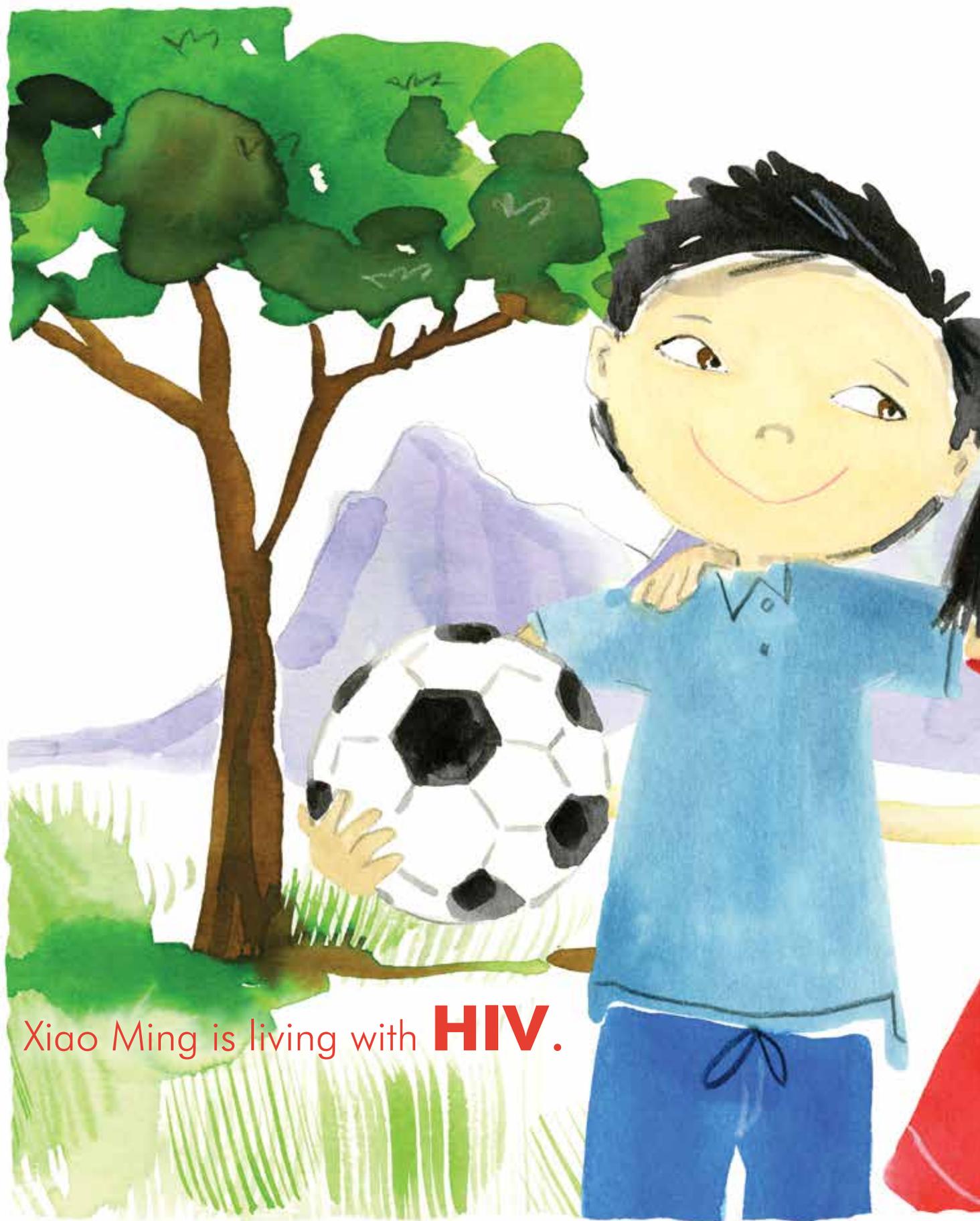
Xiao Li brings fruit and I bring cake.



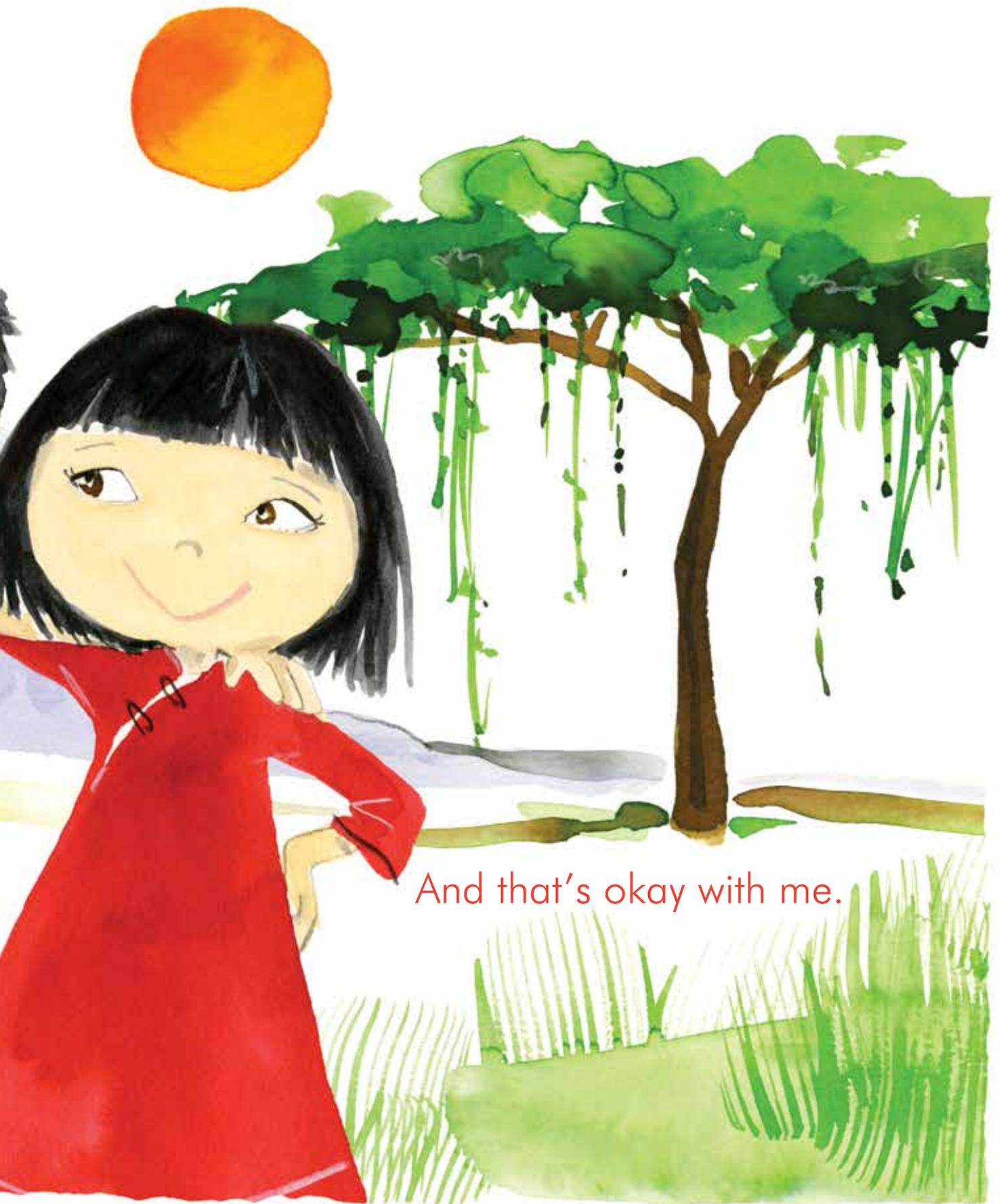
We like to sing and dance
when it's rainy or sunny.



We like to talk and laugh and just be funny.



Xiao Ming is living with **HIV**.



And that's okay with me.

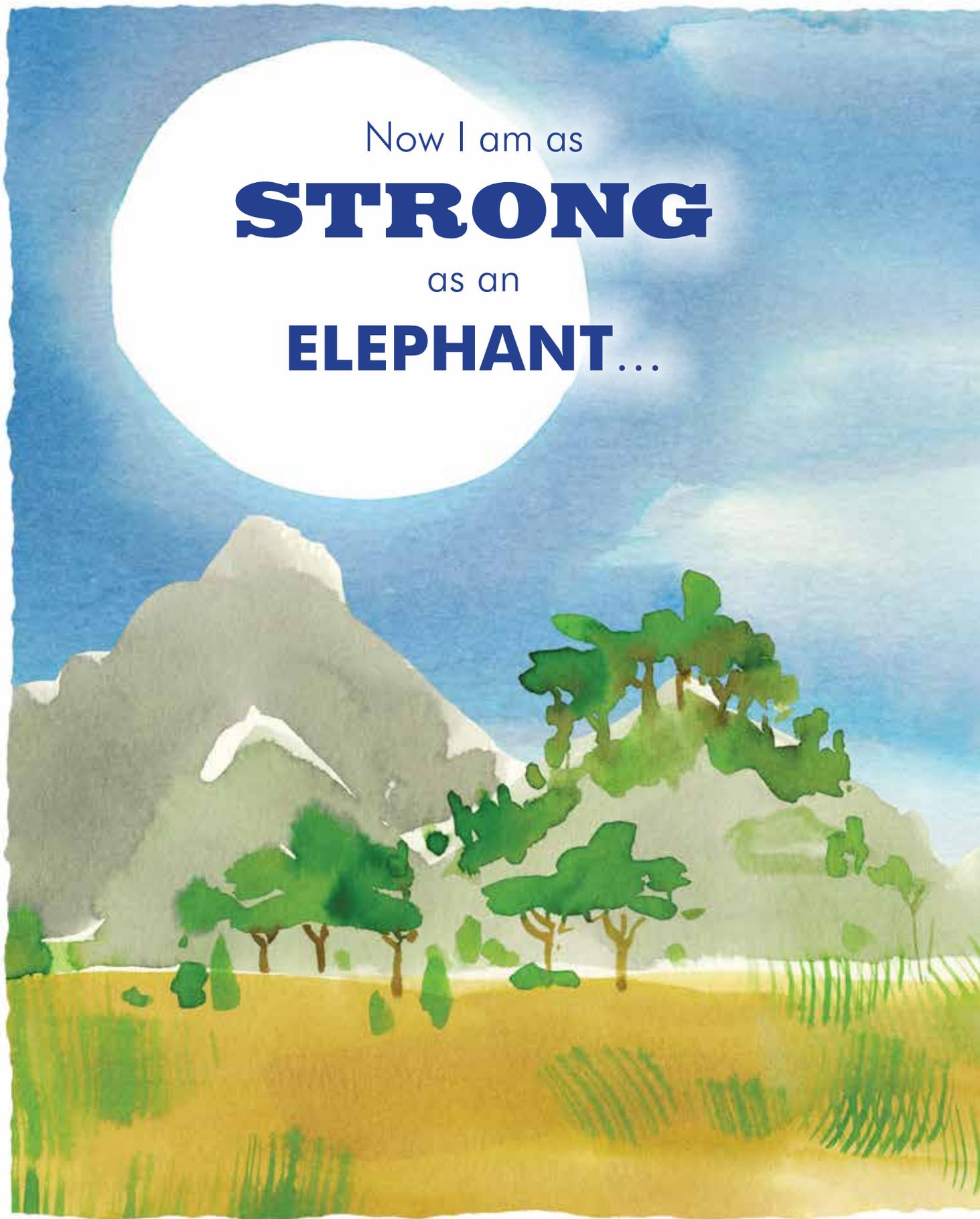
My Mum makes sure
I take my medicine
twice a day.

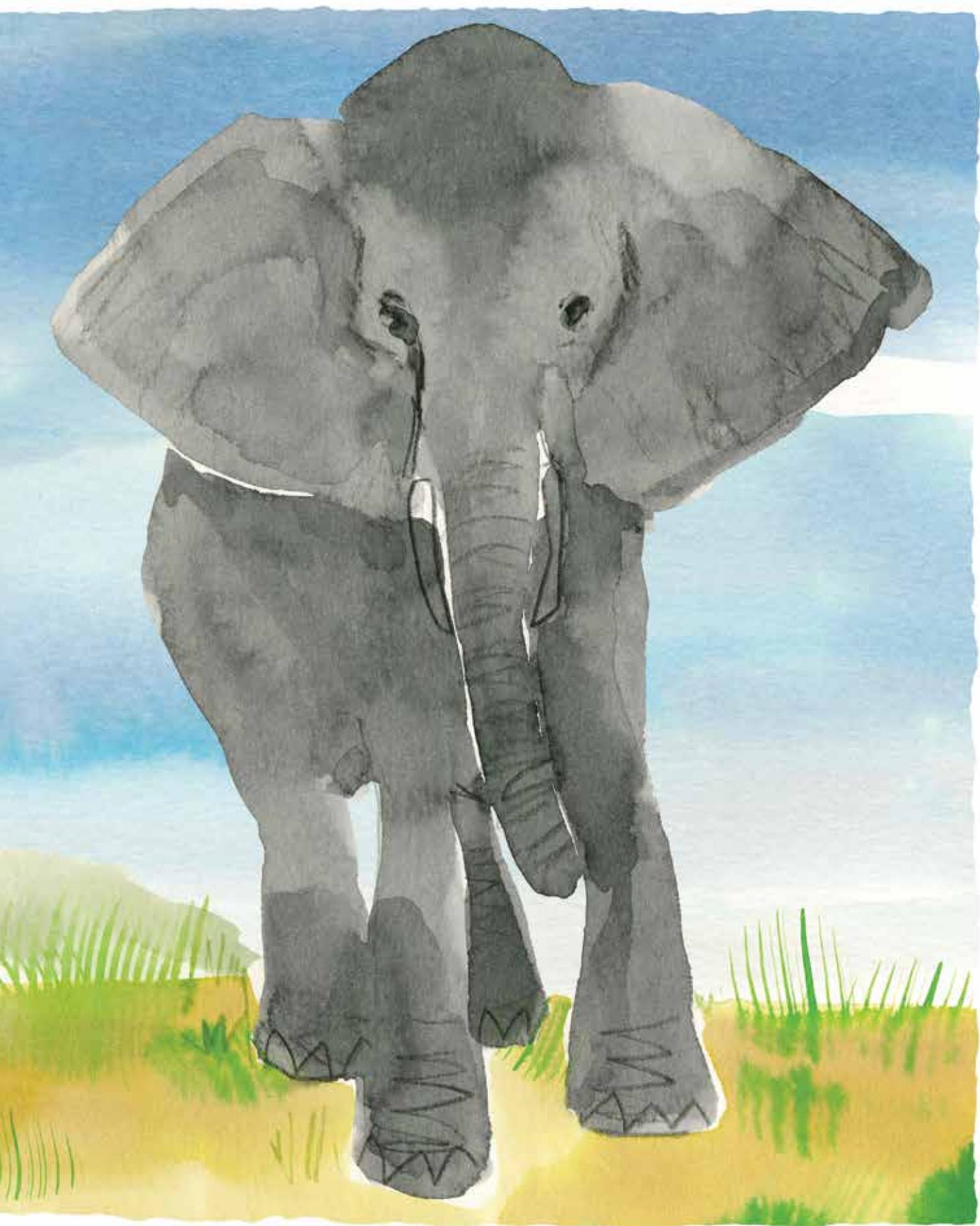
And after I do,
I like to say...





Now I am as
STRONG
as an
ELEPHANT...







As **HAPPY**
as a **PANDA...**





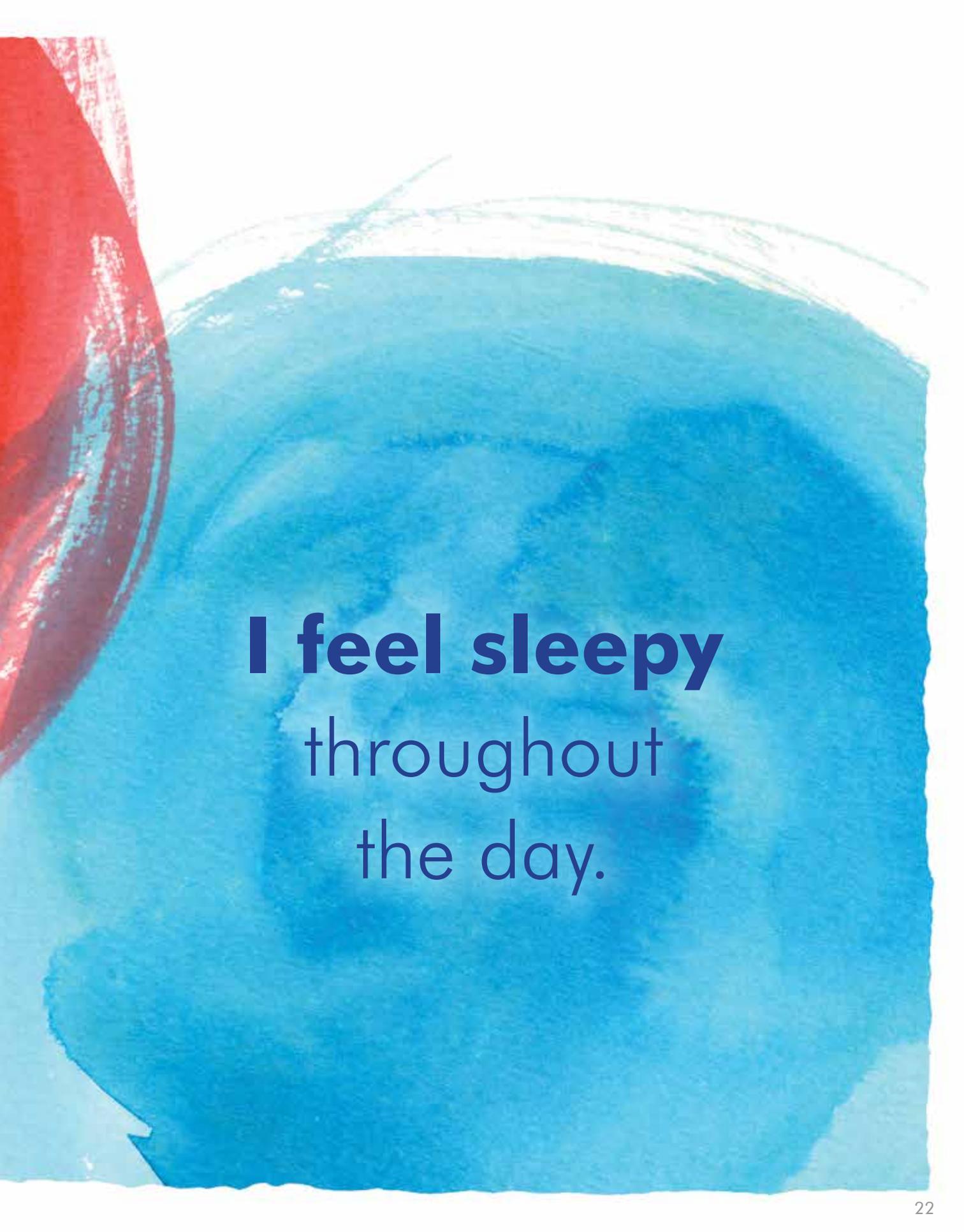
And **BRAVE**
like a **TIGER!**





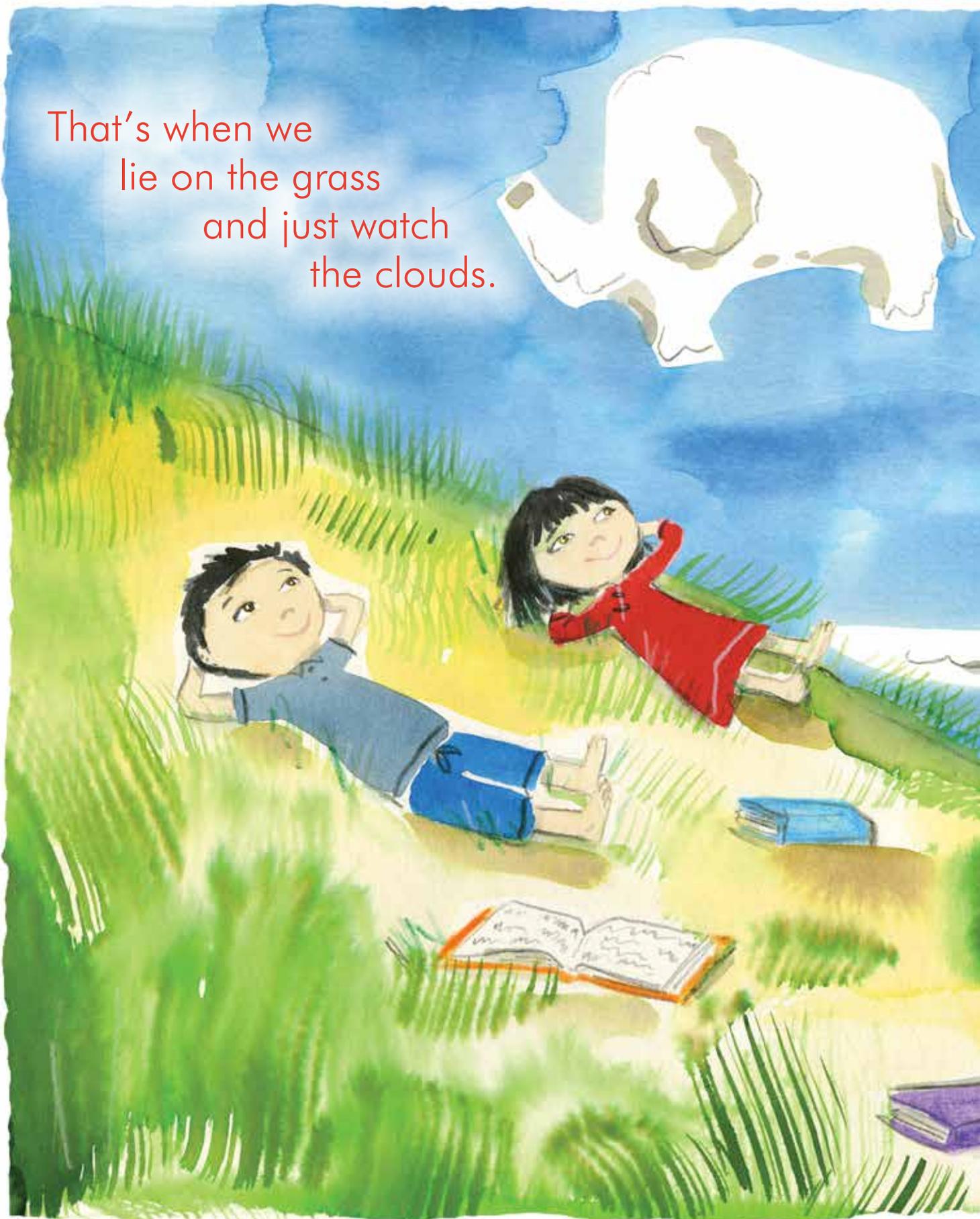


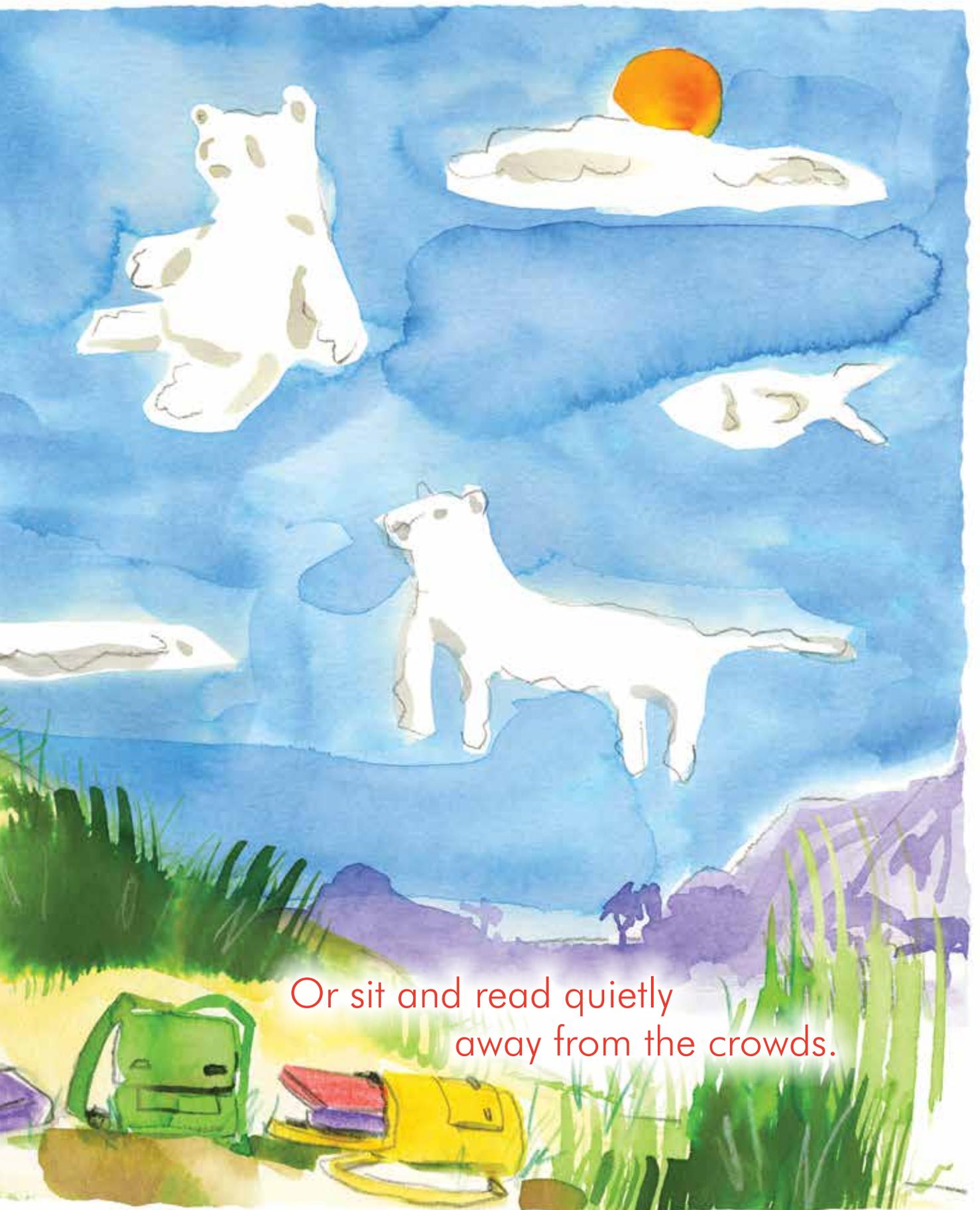
But sometimes
I feel sick
and I have
to say...

The background features abstract watercolor washes. On the left, there is a vibrant red wash that curves towards the center. The rest of the page is dominated by a large, textured blue wash that transitions from a lighter cyan at the top to a deeper blue at the bottom. The overall effect is soft and artistic.

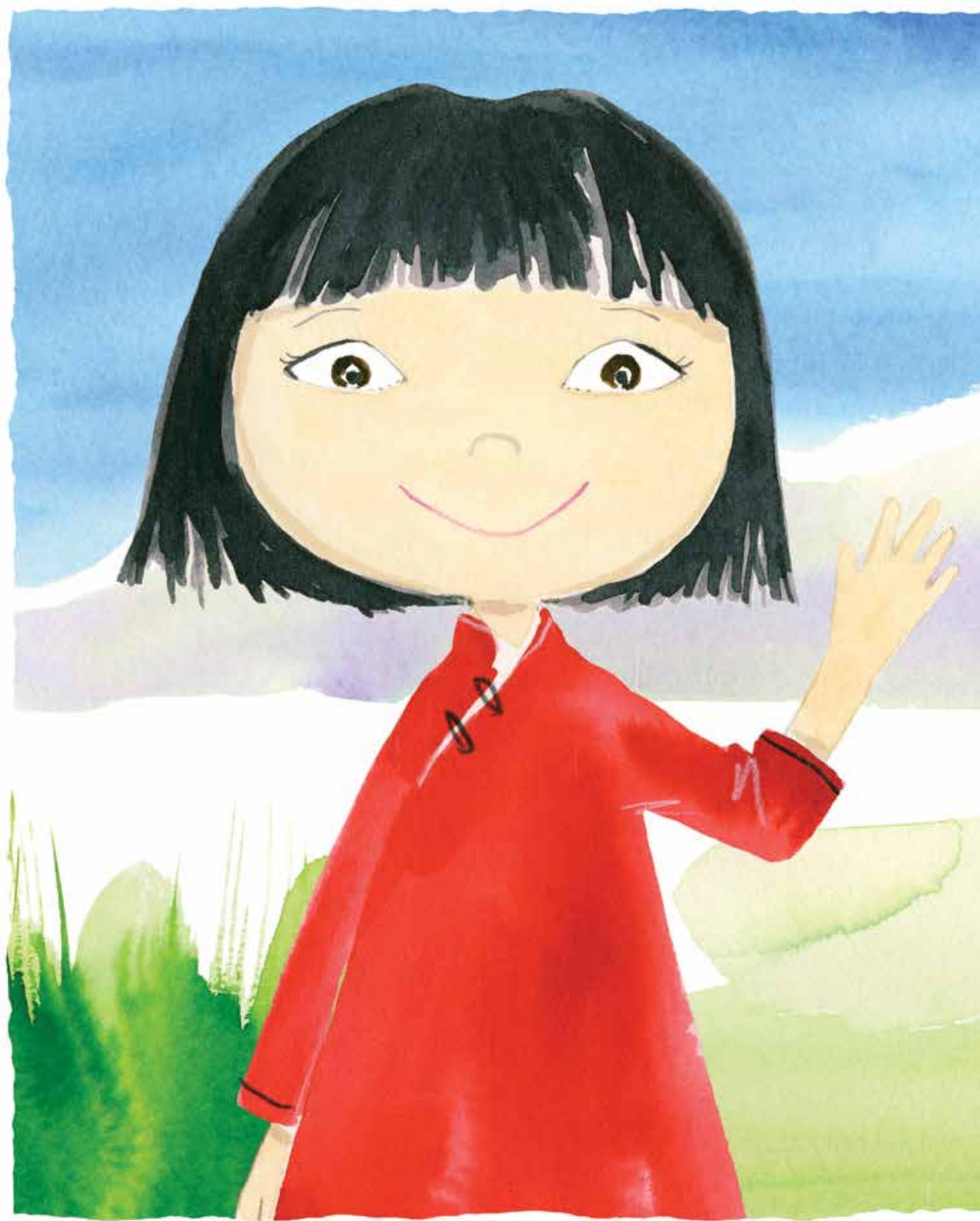
I feel sleepy
throughout
the day.

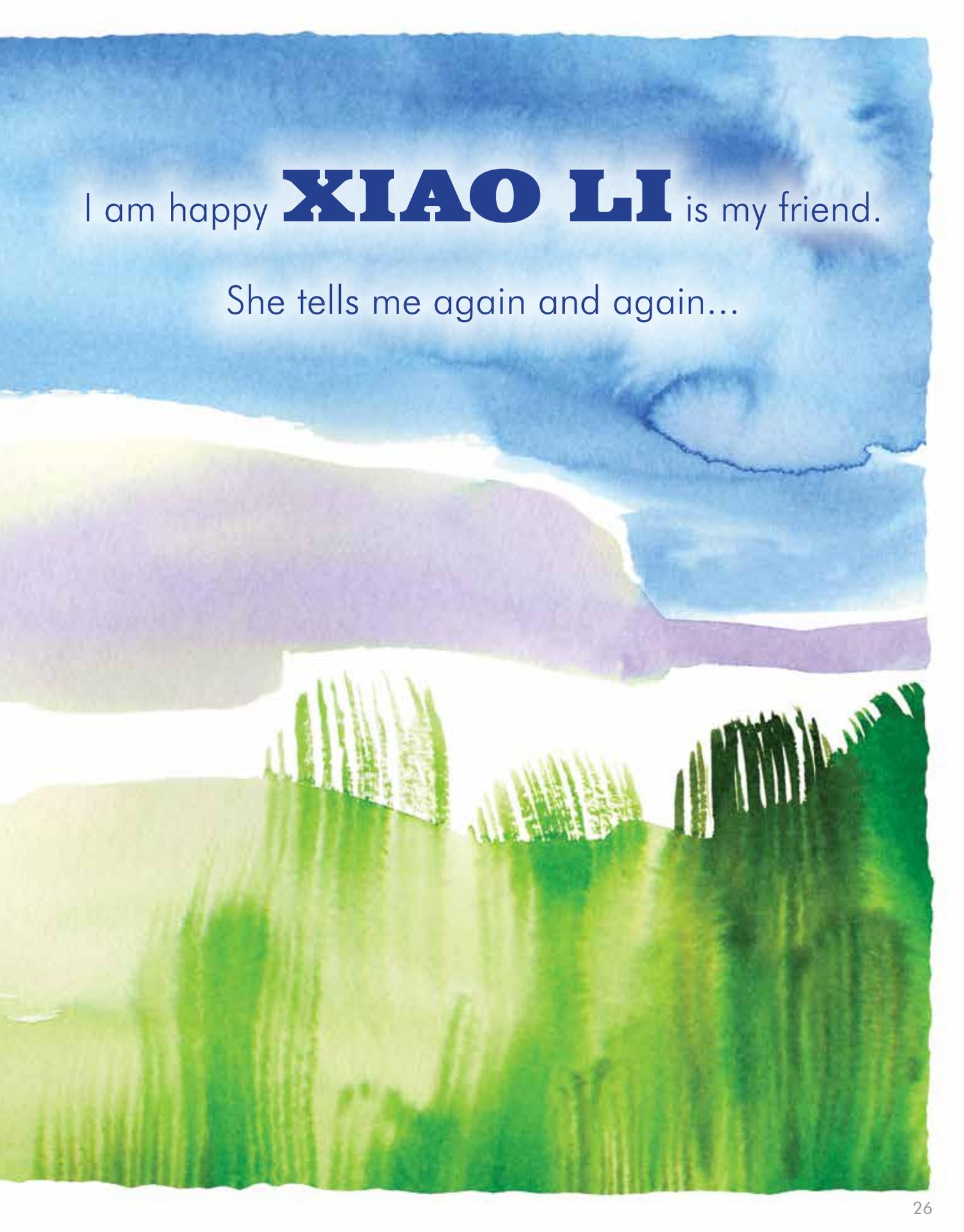
That's when we
lie on the grass
and just watch
the clouds.





Or sit and read quietly
away from the crowds.

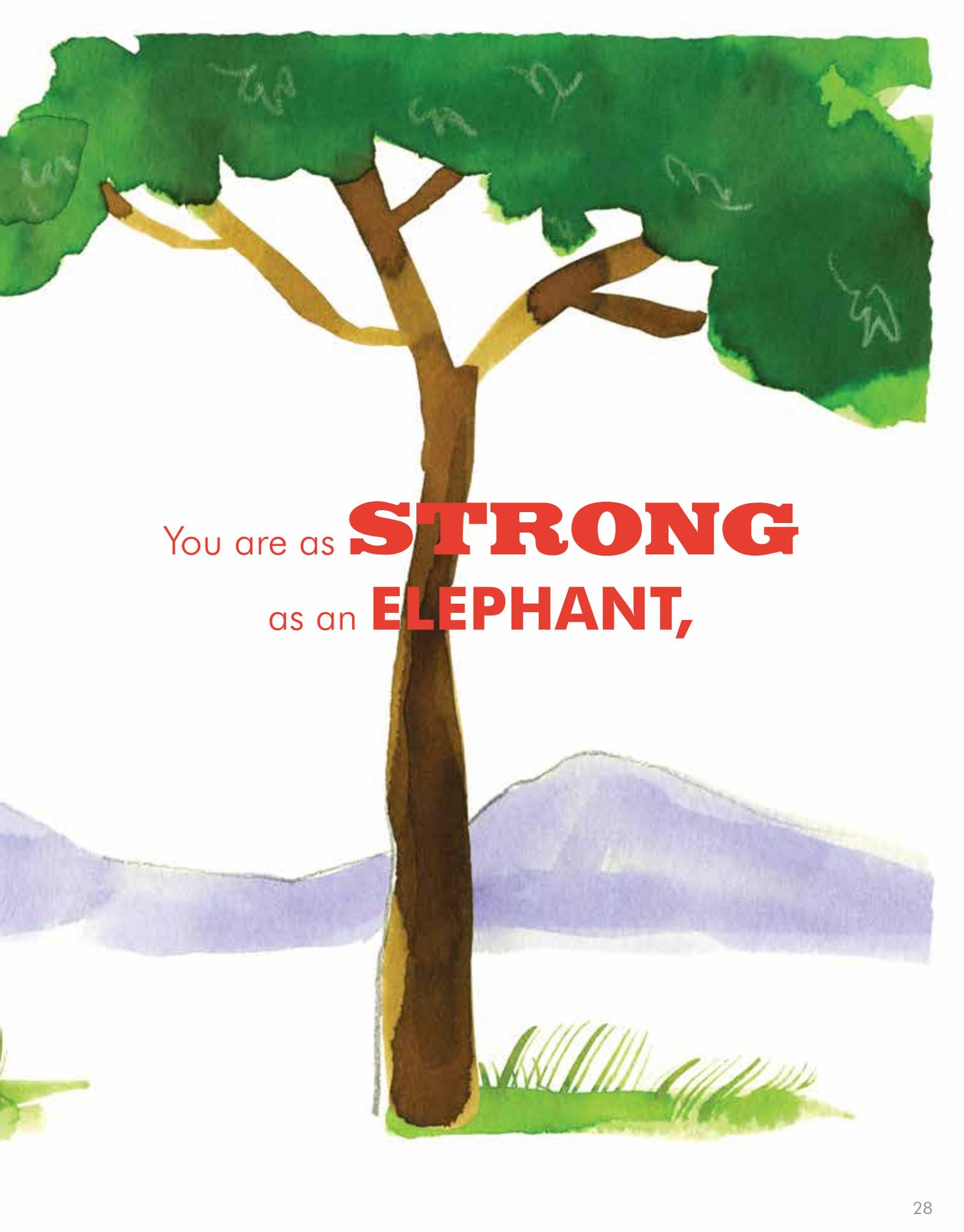


The background is a watercolor illustration. The top half is a blue sky with soft, blended colors. Below the sky is a purple mountain range. The bottom half is a green field with vertical brushstrokes representing grass. The text is overlaid on the sky and mountain areas.

I am happy **XIAO LI** is my friend.

She tells me again and again...



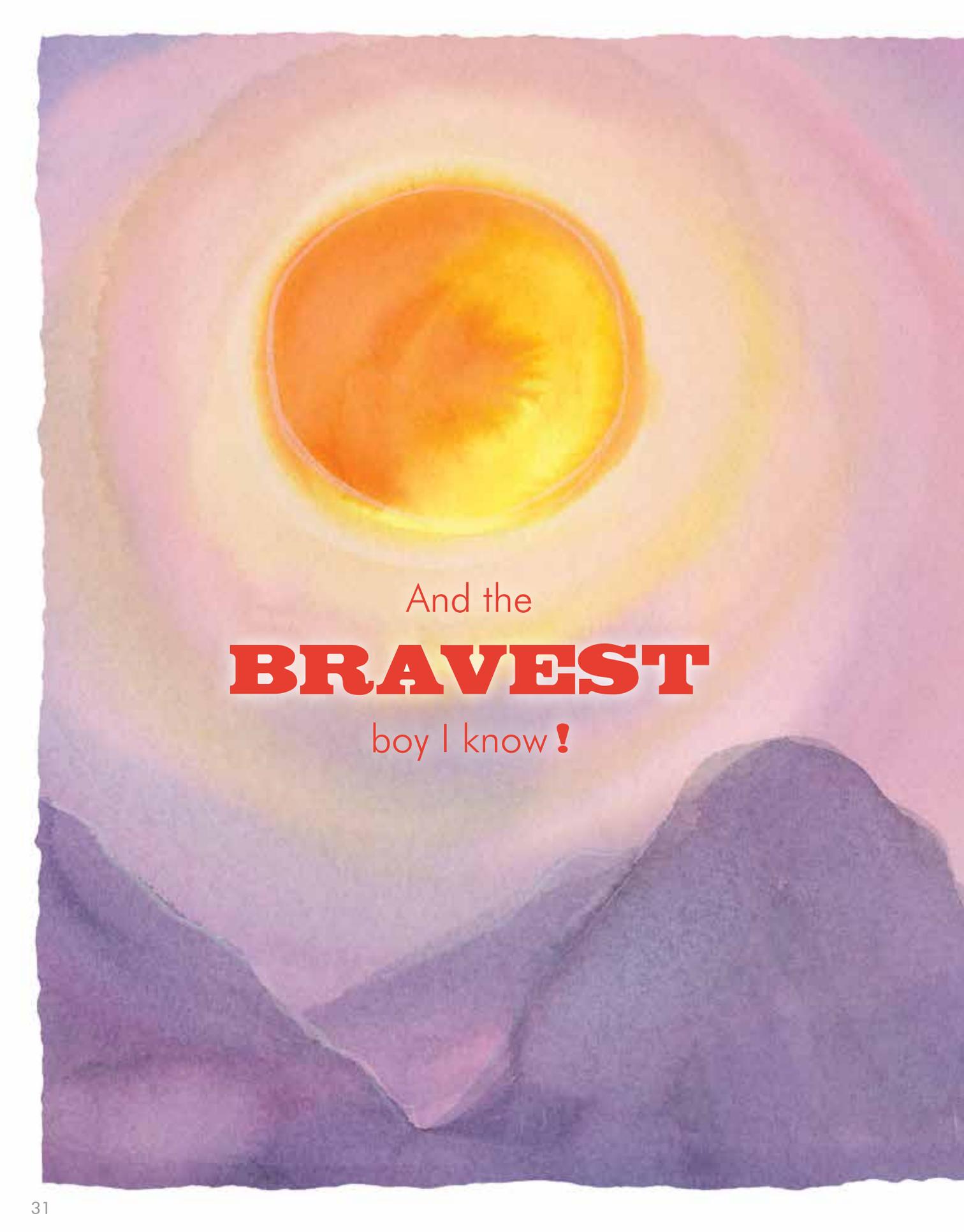


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And the
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