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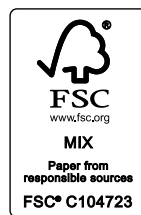


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when the balloon blows away, what
will Emily do?

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One afternoon, Emily got a balloon.



Oops!



The balloon was tied to her finger.

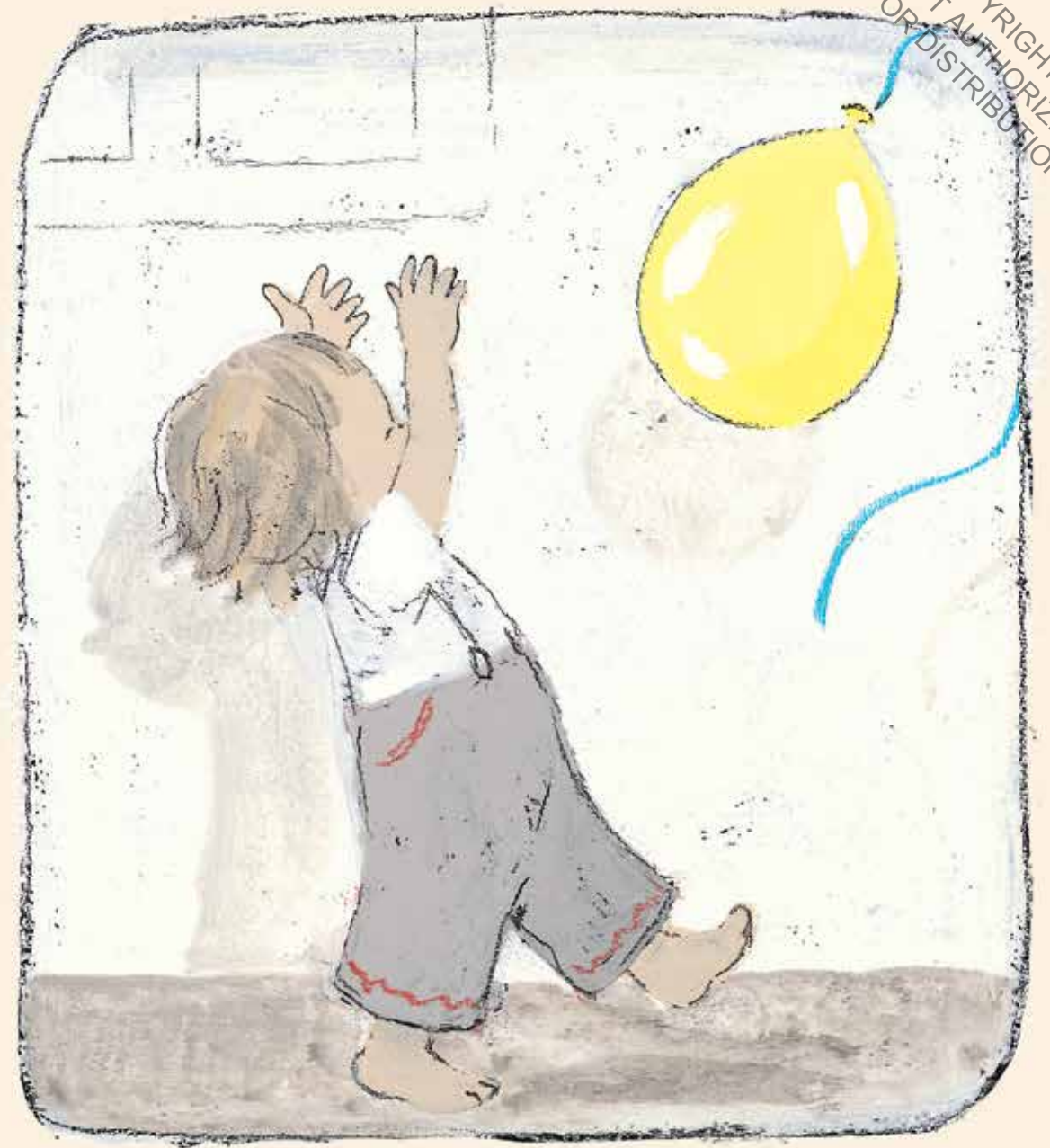
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And then it came home with her.

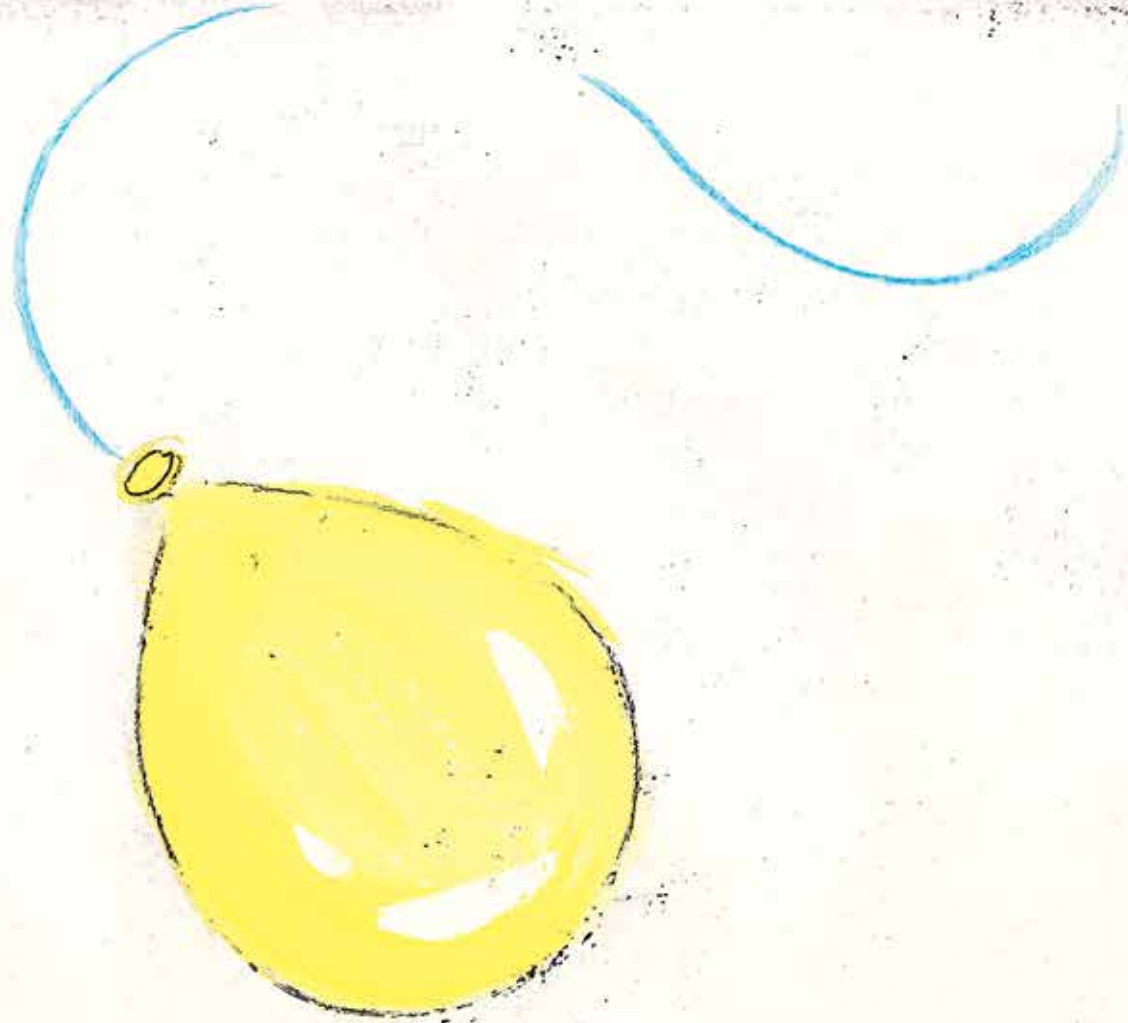




Let's take that off.



Whee!



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Uh-oh.

Here you go.



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Again?

Emily's mother tied the string in a loop.



And put the loop around Emily's spoon.



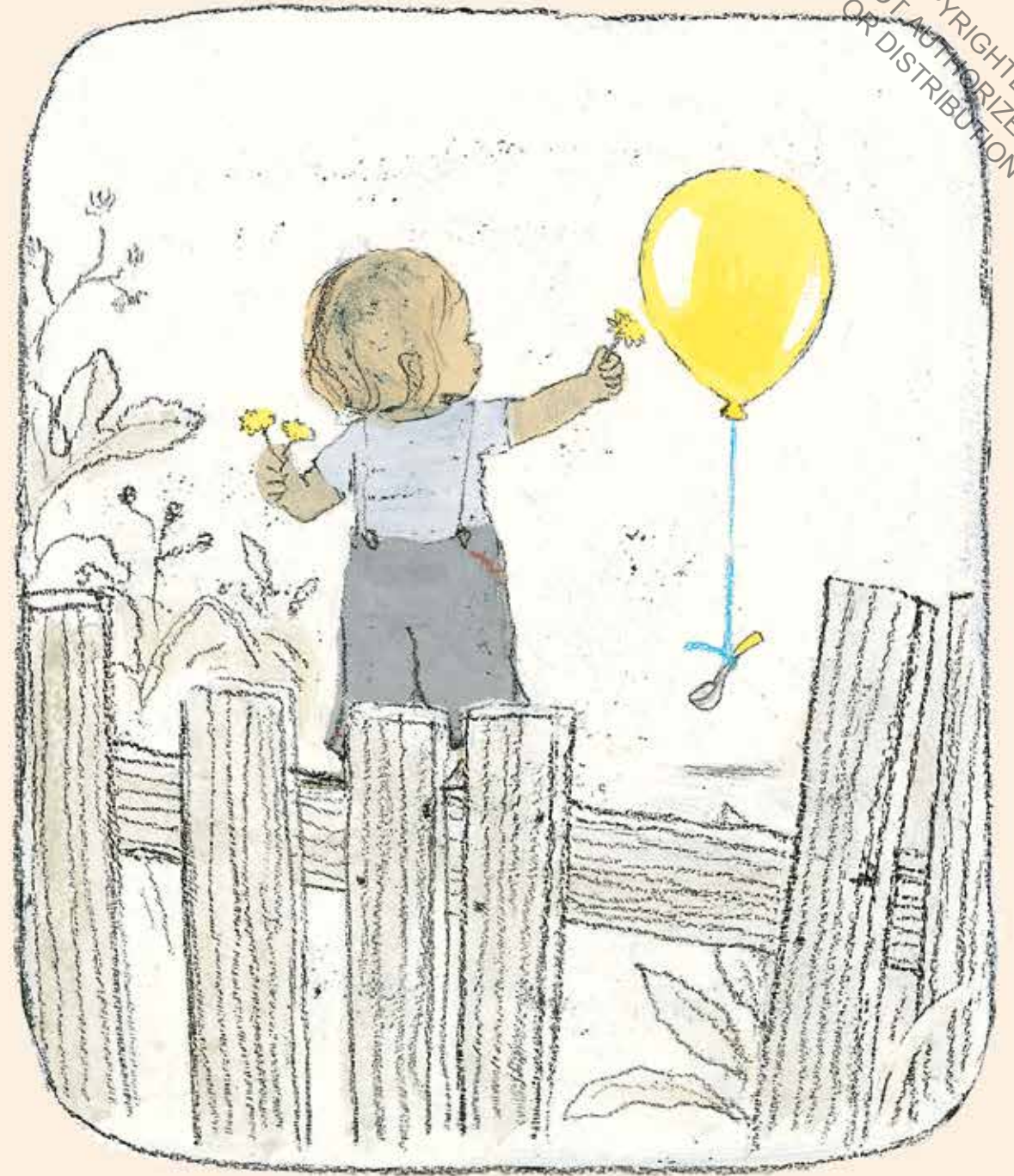
Look!



It floats, but it doesn't fly away!



Emily and the balloon went into the yard.



They picked flowers.



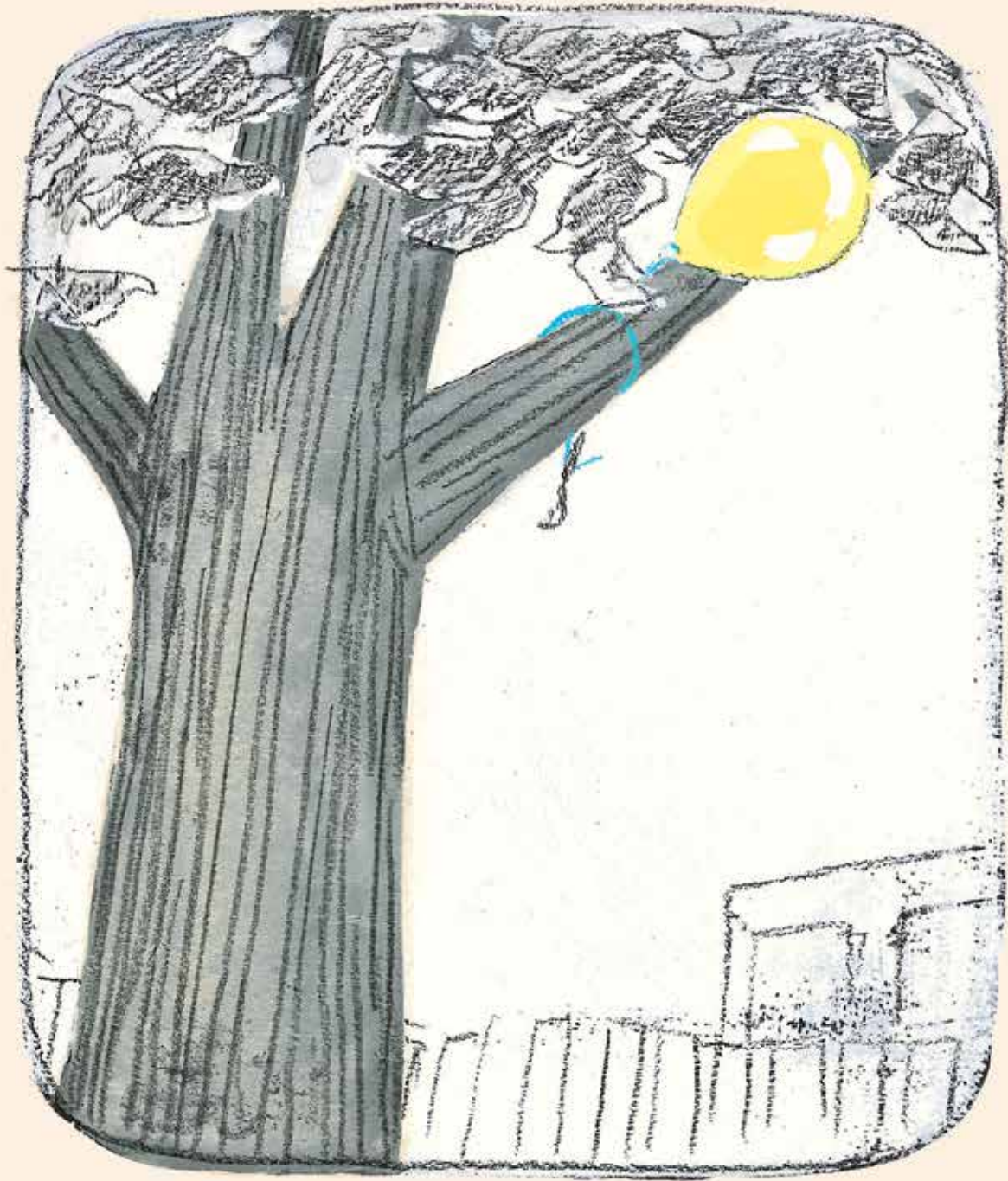
Emily made a beautiful crown for the balloon,
and one for herself.

They played house.

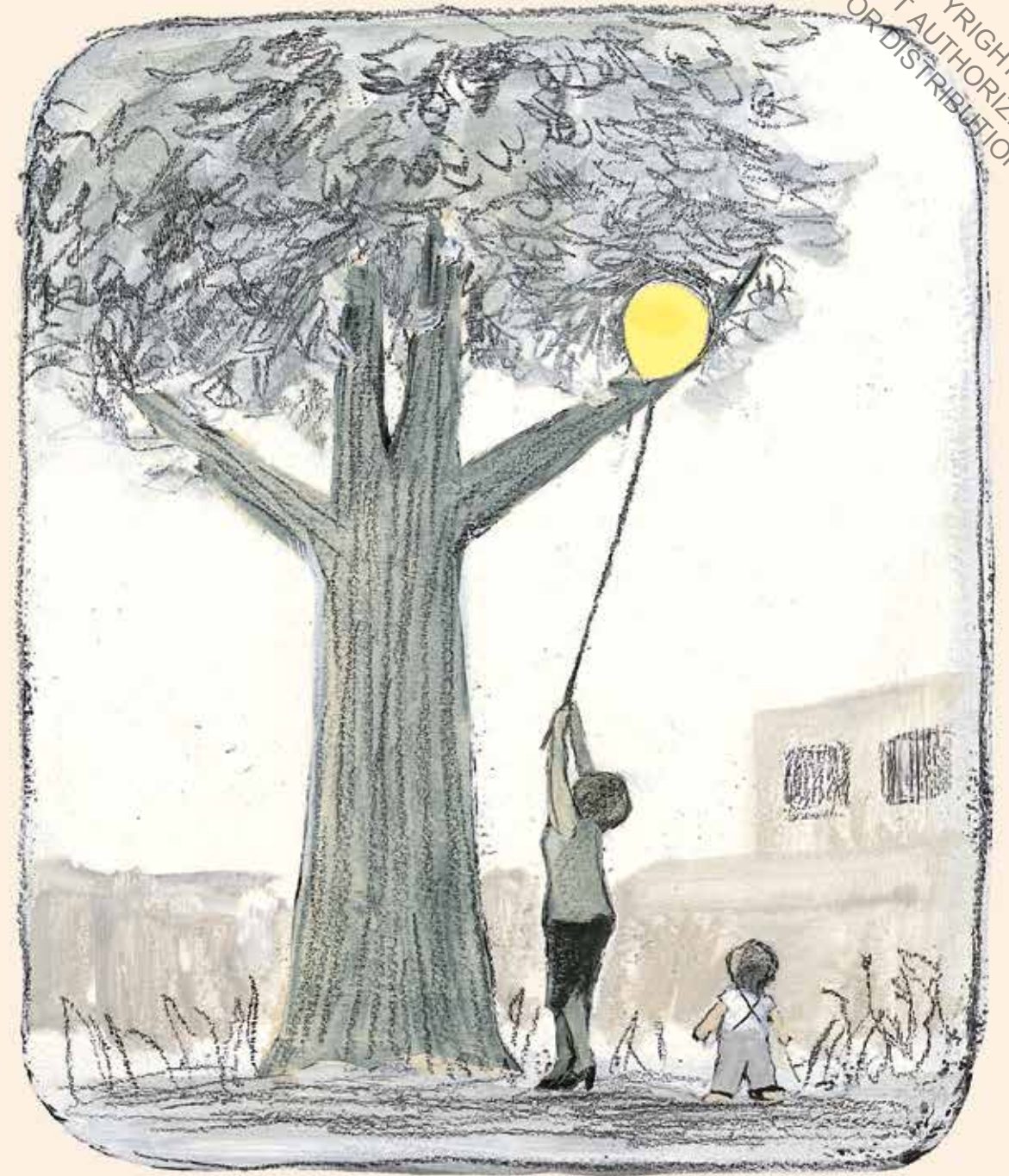
Then *whoosh* went the wind.



The balloon! Emily's balloon!



There! In the tree!



It's stuck, Emily. I can't get it down.
I'm sorry.

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Emily missed the balloon.
Dinner didn't taste good without it.



We wanted to eat together.



Then we would put on our pajamas,
and brush our teeth,



and go to sleep.

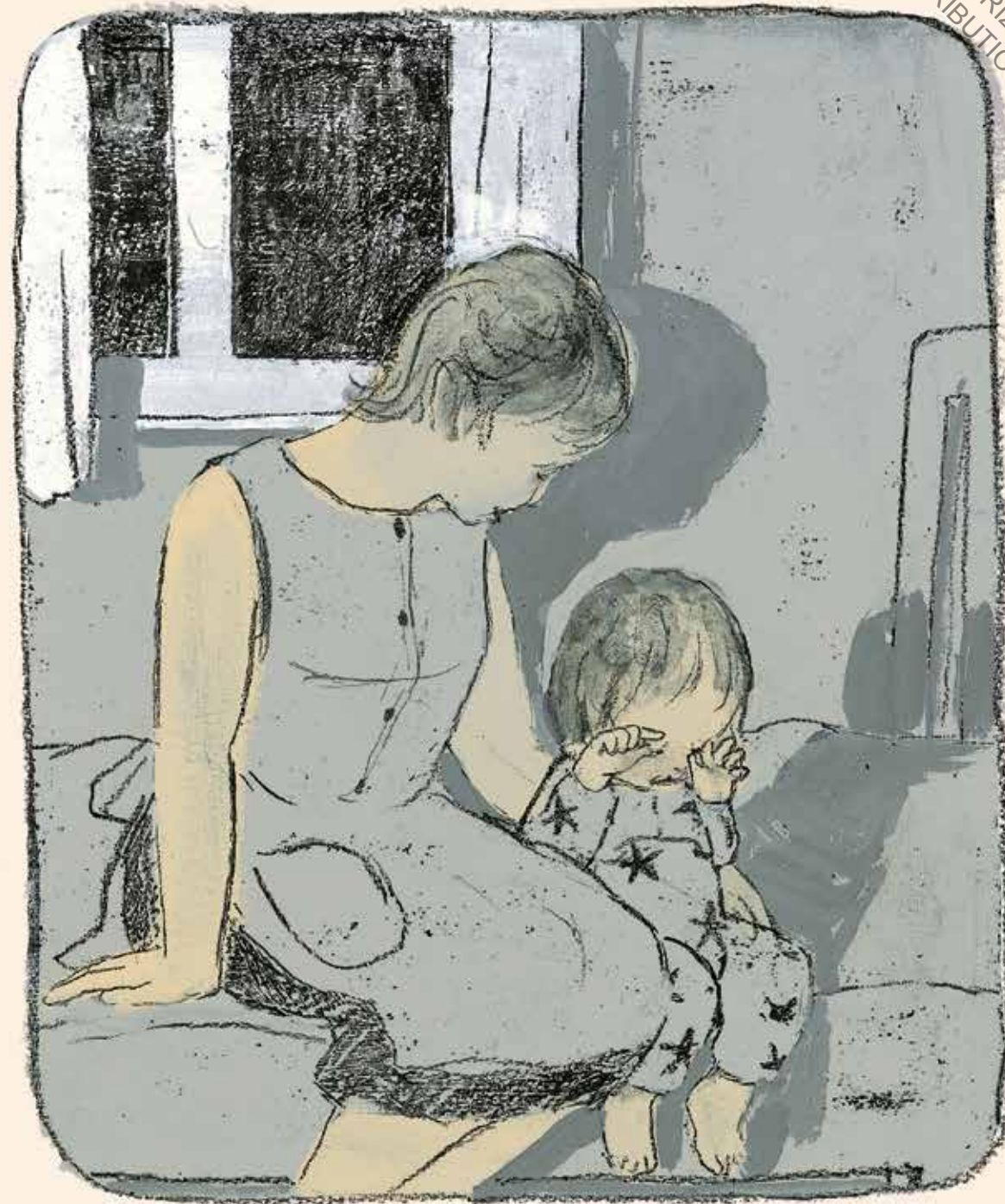
Tomorrow, I'll borrow a ladder and get it down.

Really?

Really.

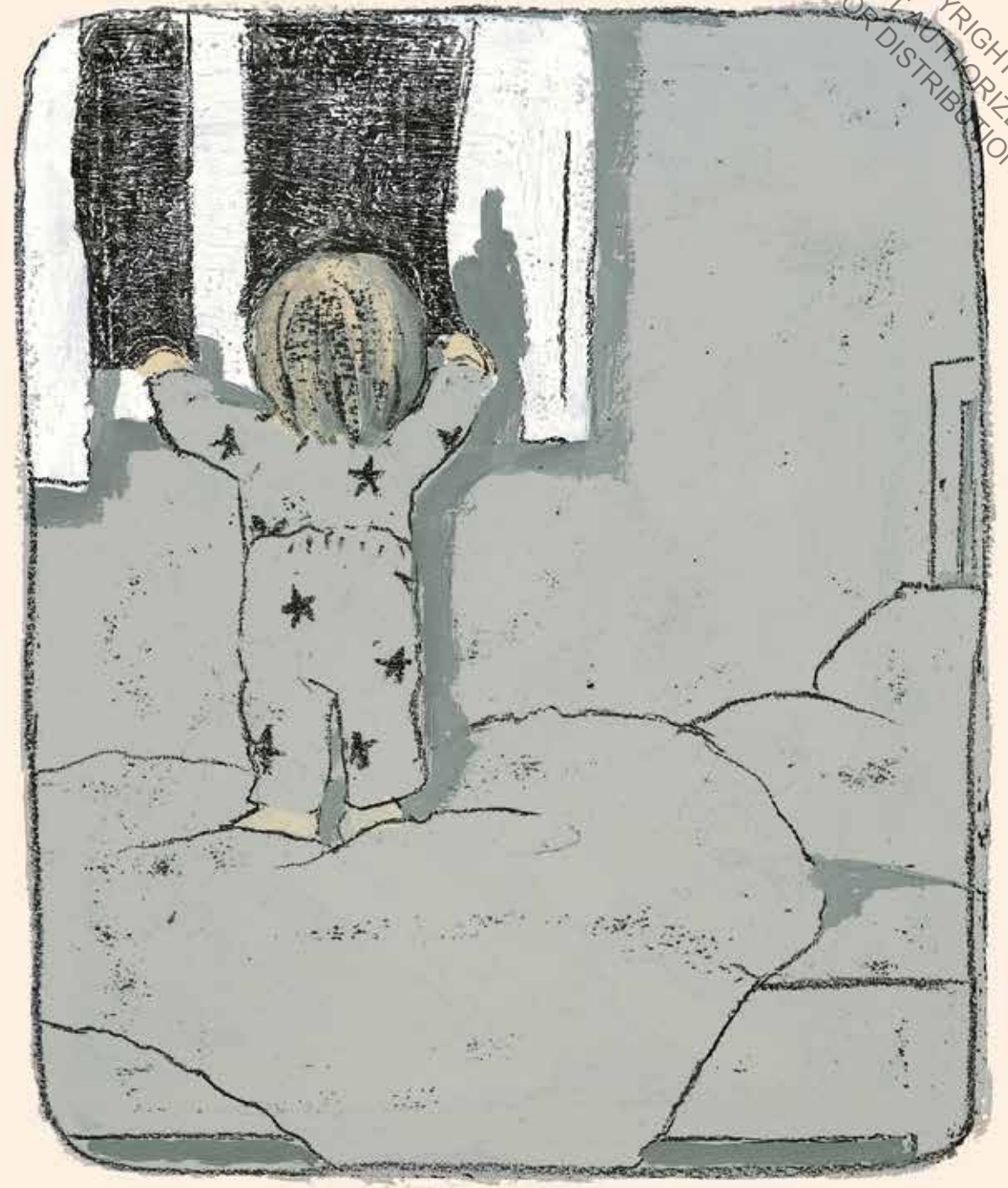
Really and truly?

Really and truly. Goodnight, honey.





But Emily couldn't stop thinking about the balloon.
Was it still there?



She looked.
There it was, nestled in the tree.
It looked just like the moon.

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Goodnight.



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