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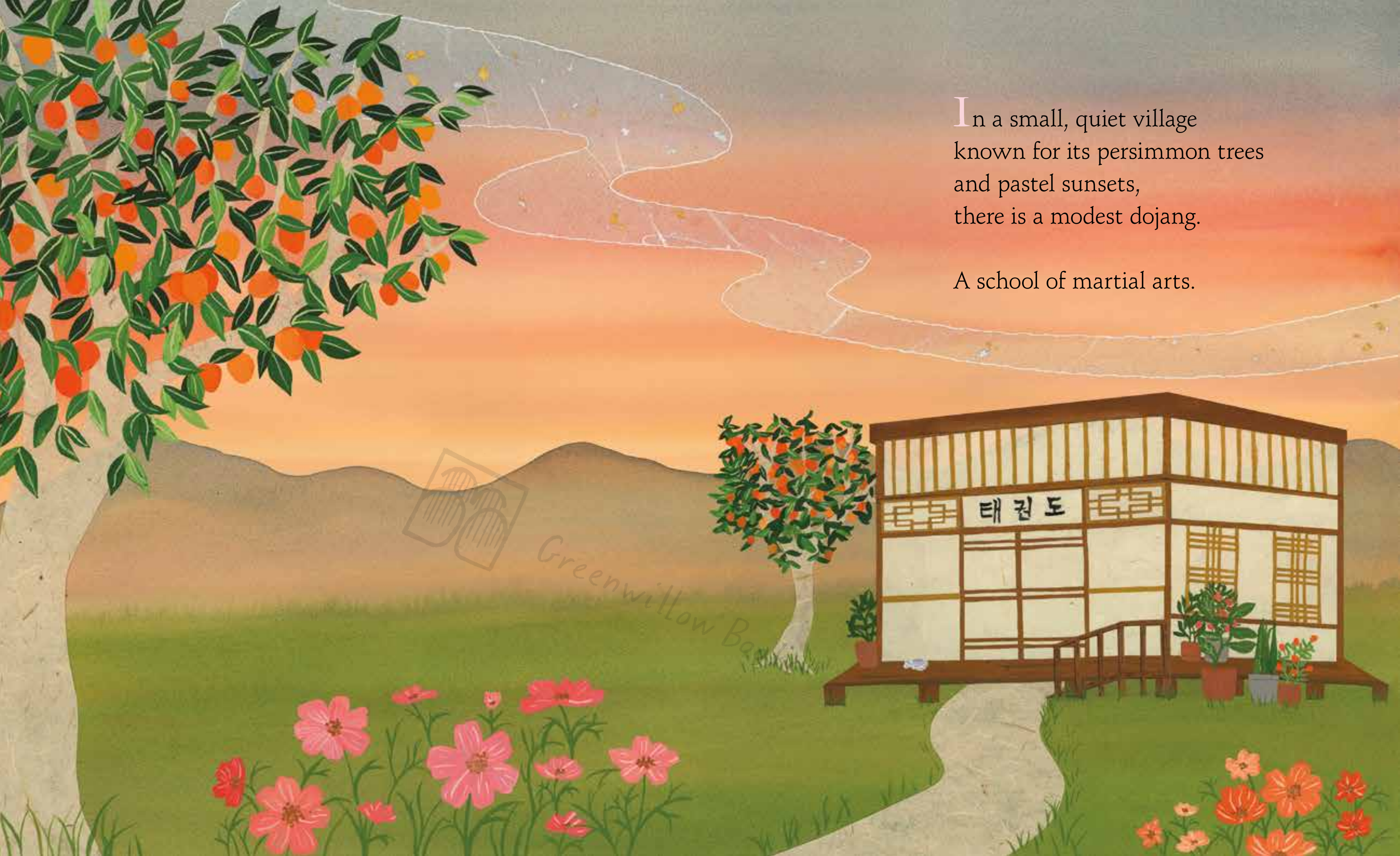
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A traditional Korean dojang (martial arts school) is nestled in a quiet village. The building is a two-story structure with a dark wooden frame and white walls, featuring a sign that reads '태권도' (Taekwondo). It is surrounded by lush greenery, including a large persimmon tree with orange fruit in the foreground and a smaller one near the building. The scene is set against a backdrop of rolling hills and a soft, pastel sunset sky. A winding path leads to the dojang, and several potted plants are placed around its base. In the foreground, there are vibrant pink and orange flowers. A large, detailed persimmon tree branch with green leaves and orange fruit hangs down from the top left corner of the frame. A faint watermark 'Greenwillow Books' is visible across the middle of the image.

In a small, quiet village
known for its persimmon trees
and pastel sunsets,
there is a modest dojang.

A school of martial arts.

Within its walls are
staves, swords, and targets.



And often a small
girl named Sunny,
already a black belt.

The grandmaster's daughter.



When she's not practicing
her forms,

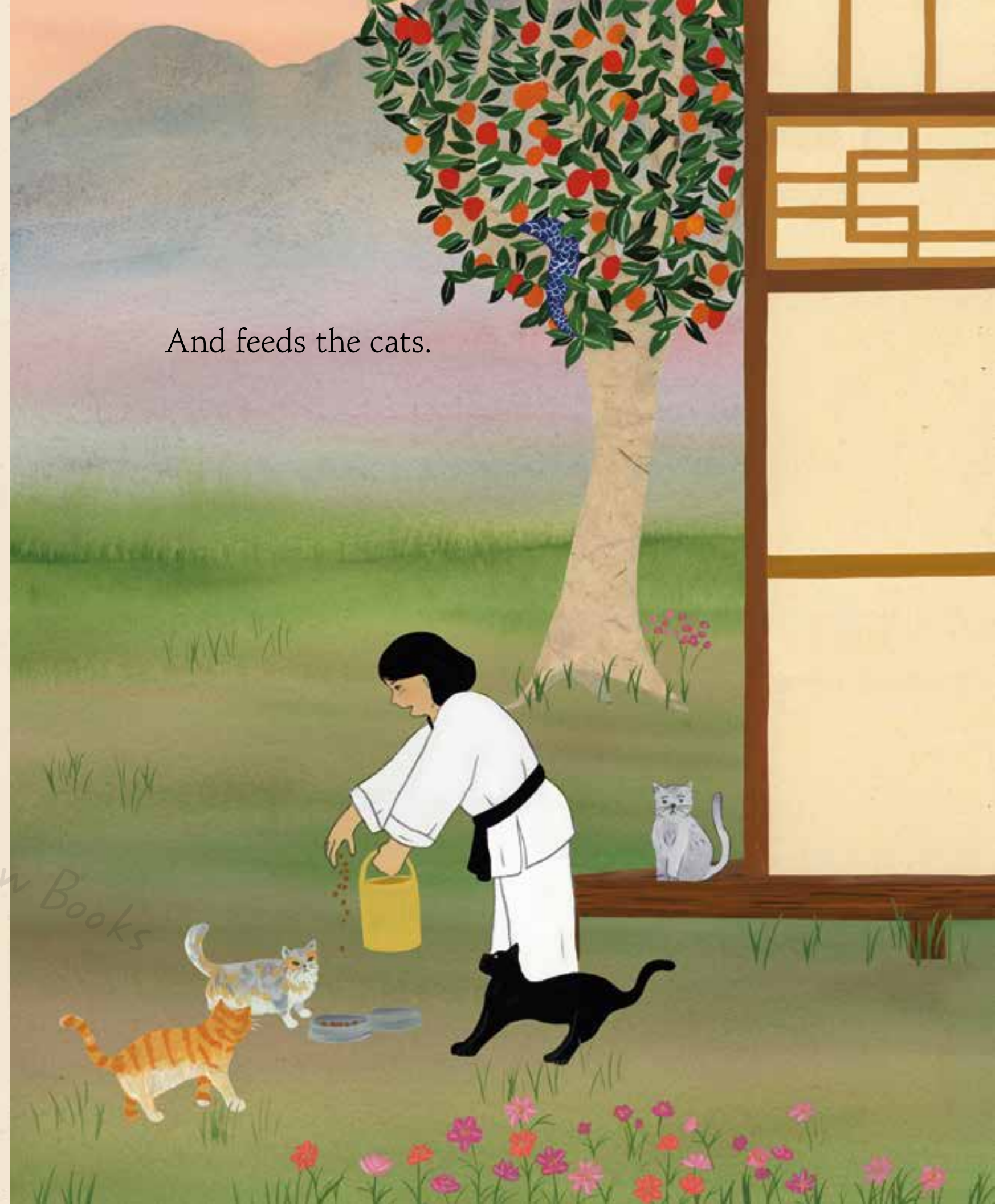
Sunny helps sweep
the floors.



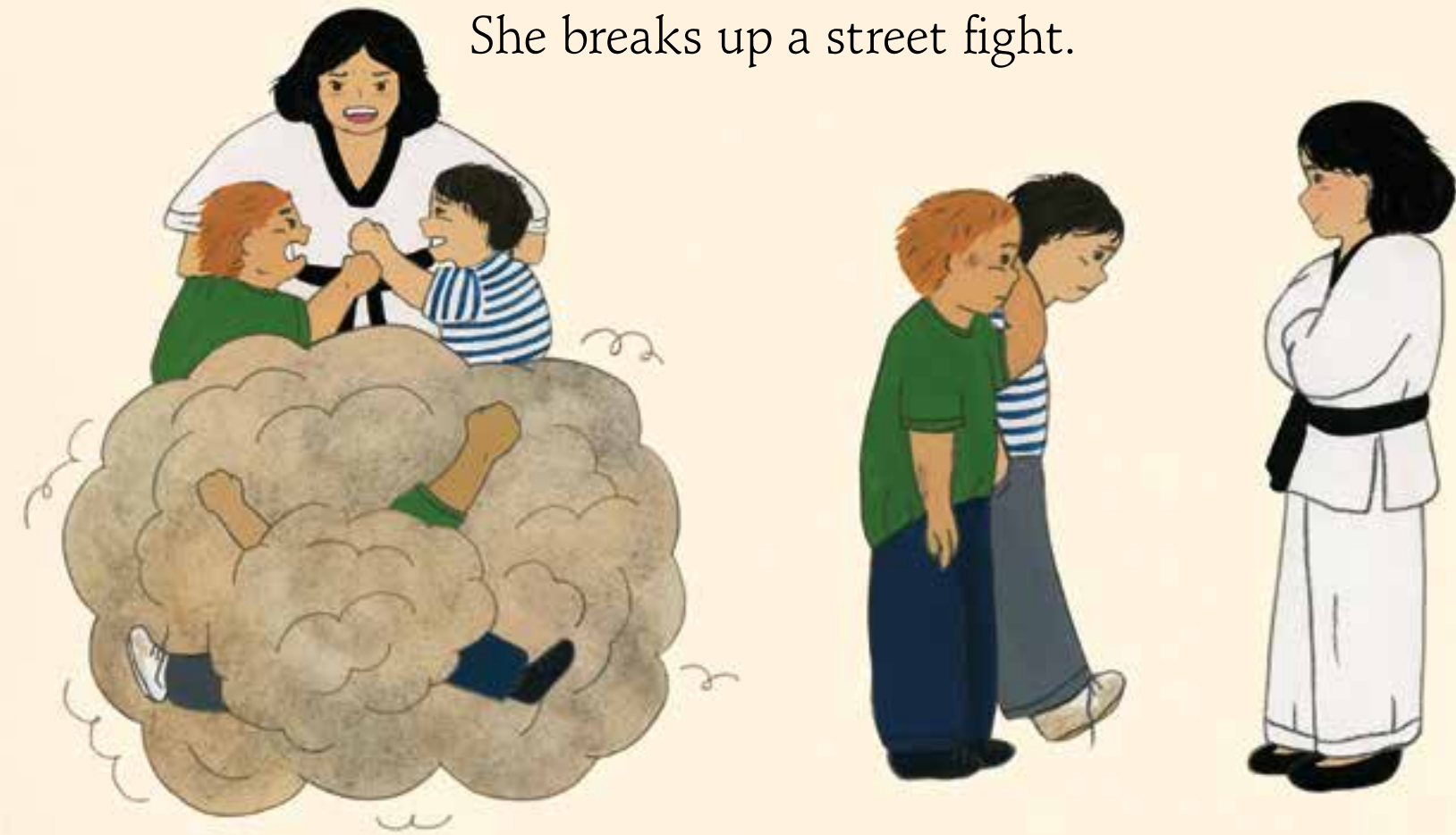
She waters the plants.



And feeds the cats.



She breaks up a street fight.



And a cat fight.



She gathers fruit for a snack.

She trains with
her nunchucks.



They get twisted
and they twirl
and fly away!



Even black belts
mess up sometimes.



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She teaches white belts how to kihap—



a breath, a shout;
power from the belly through the mouth!

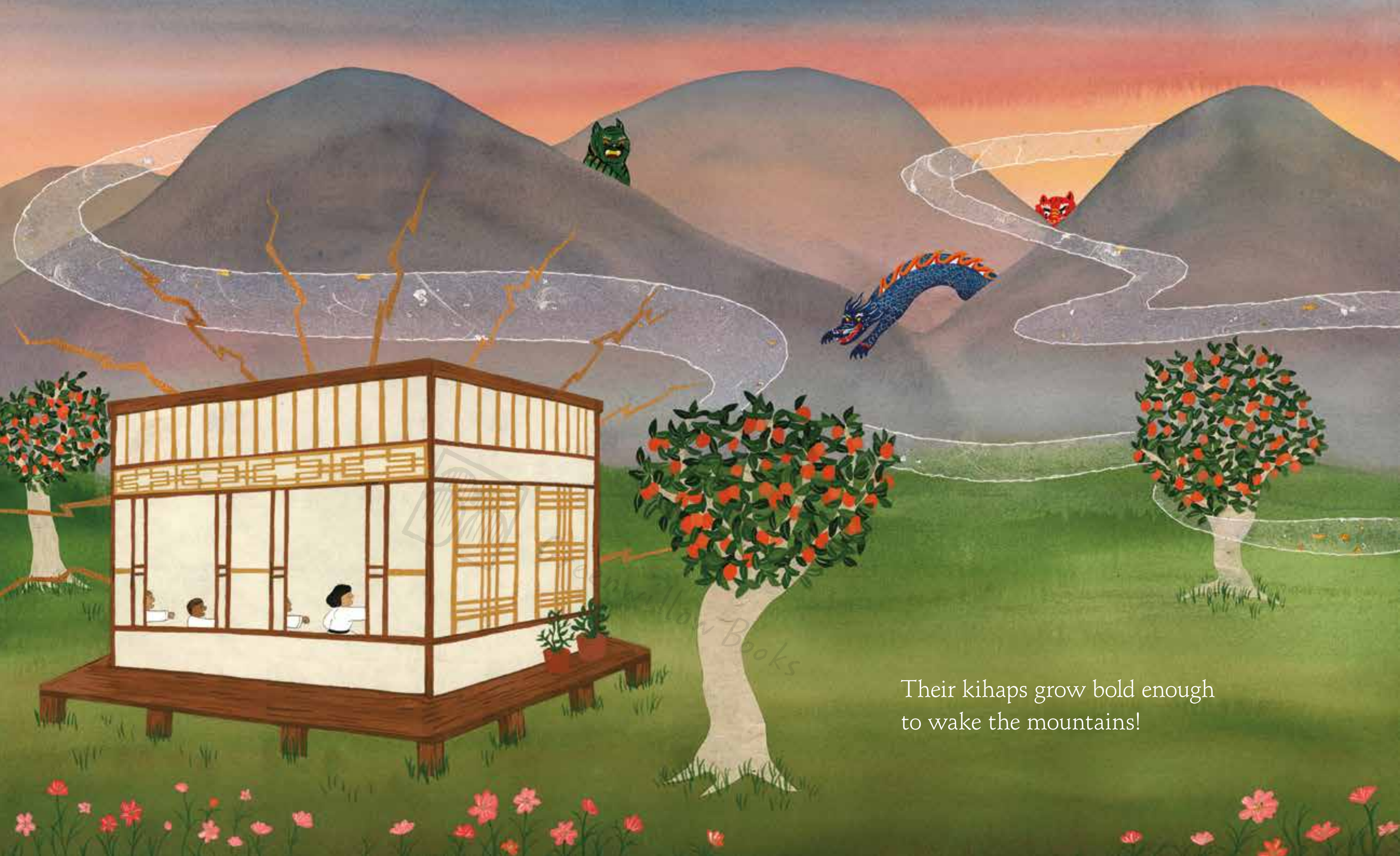


HAP!

HYUH!



KIYAAAAA!



Their kihaps grow bold enough
to wake the mountains!

The students have learned to use their skills only for defense.

They will protect one another.

The white belts
and blue belts,
the red belts
and yellow!





Sometimes they fly,

sometimes they fall.

But they won't give up
when they have battles to fight
and wounds to mend,
moves to learn and spirits to defend!



Kick,
strike,

block,
breathe!

HAP!

HYUH!

HAAAAAH!

They sweat and they spar, until it's time
to battle the biggest enemy of all—

their growling . . .

stomachs!

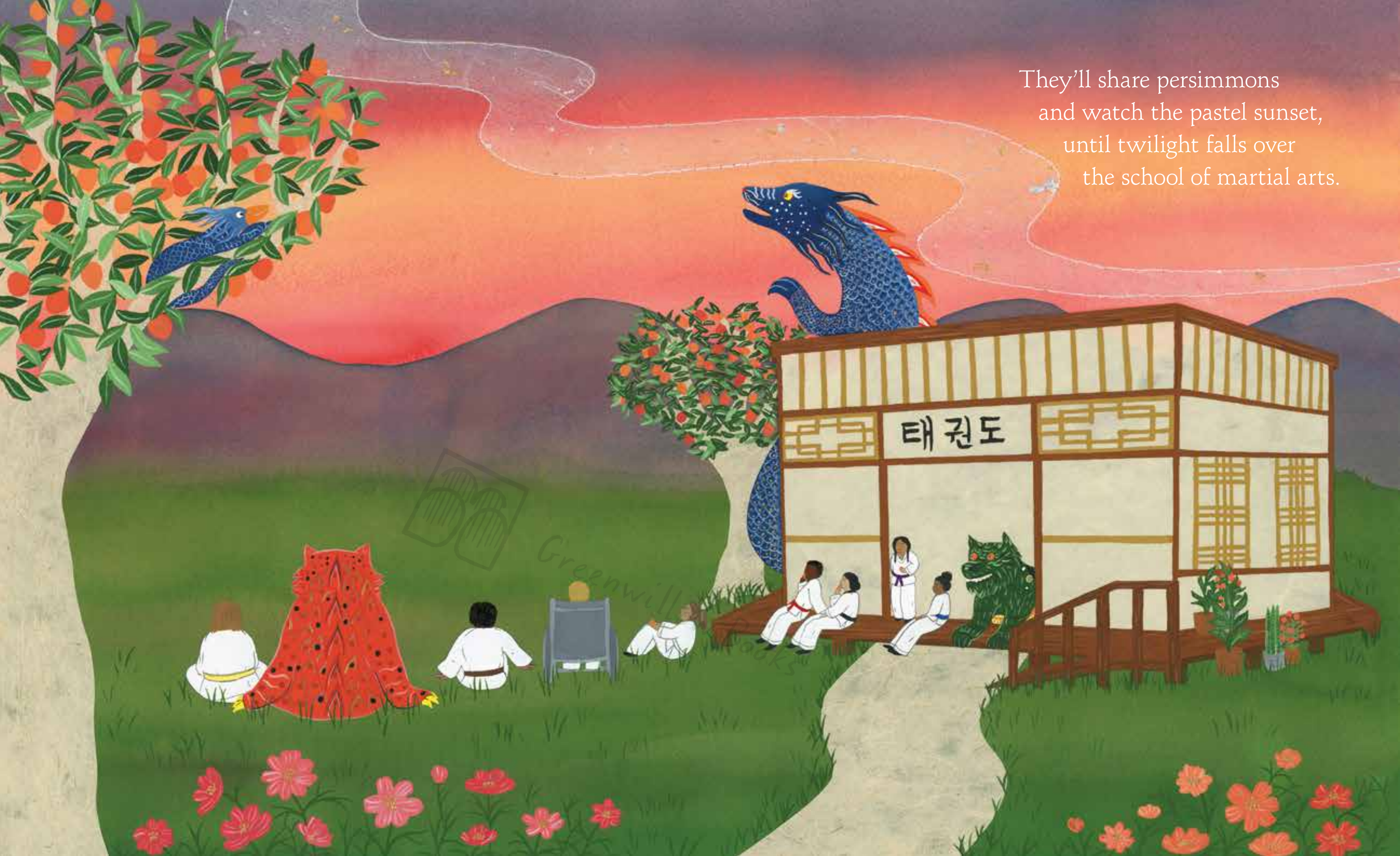


Sunny offers peace with some snacks.

Everyone bows to say thanks.



They'll share persimmons
and watch the pastel sunset,
until twilight falls over
the school of martial arts.





Tae Kwon Do is a martial art from Korea that is now practiced all over the world. “Tae” means *foot* or *kick*, “Kwon” means *fist* or *strike*, and “Do” means *art* or *way of life*. Students develop the mind, body, and spirit through action and philosophy, including the five tenets:









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