

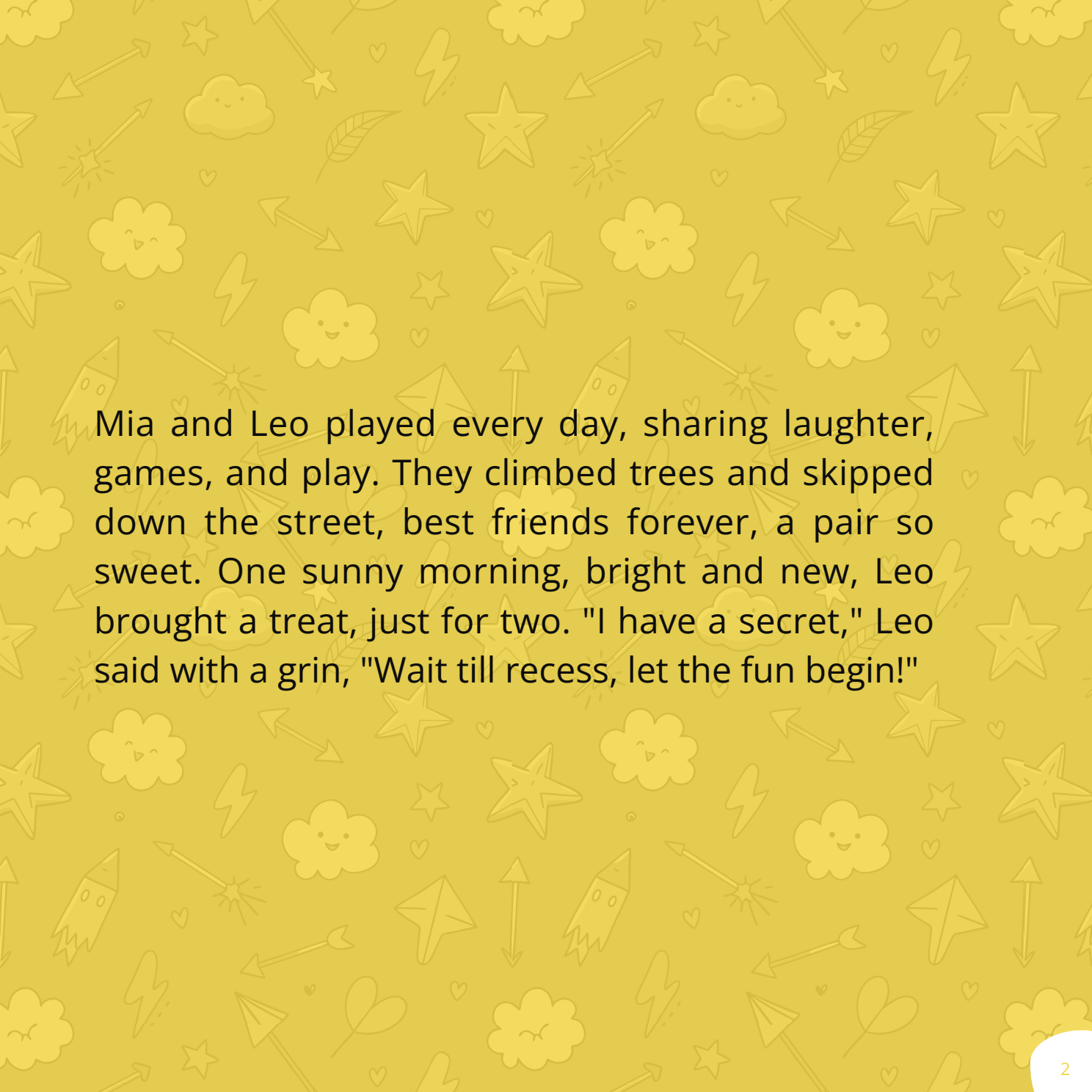


THE MISUNDERSTANDING

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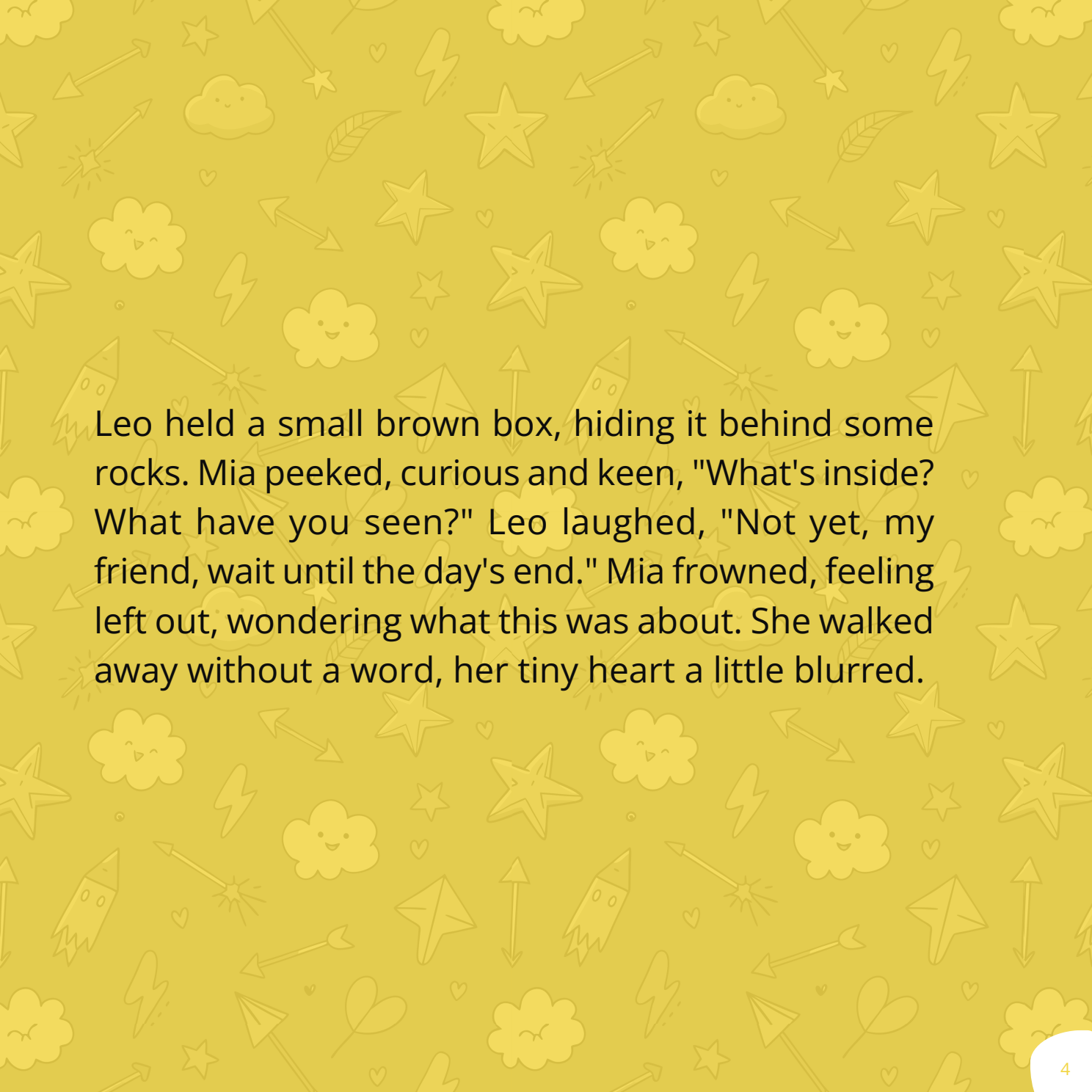


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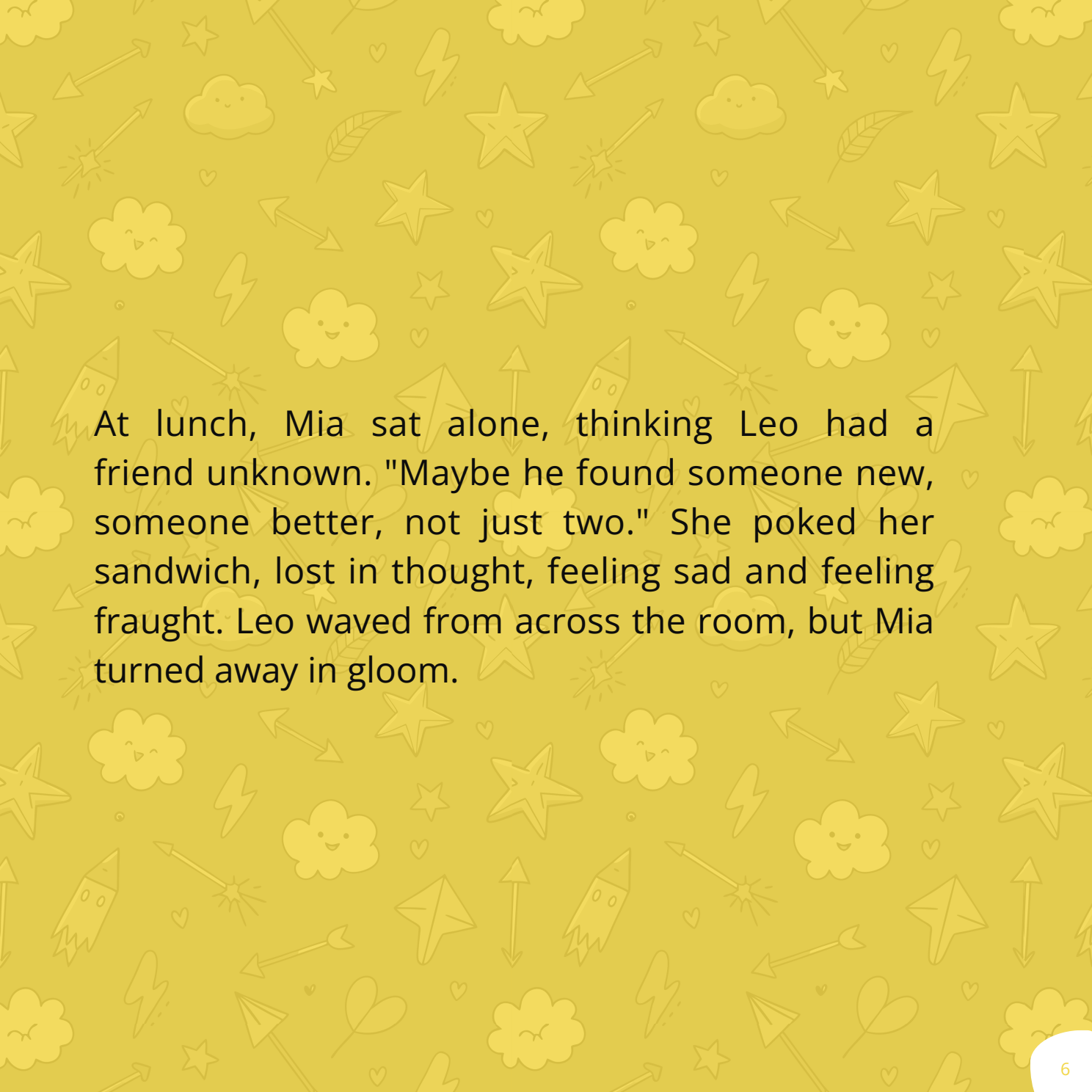
Mia and Leo played every day, sharing laughter, games, and play. They climbed trees and skipped down the street, best friends forever, a pair so sweet. One sunny morning, bright and new, Leo brought a treat, just for two. "I have a secret," Leo said with a grin, "Wait till recess, let the fun begin!"





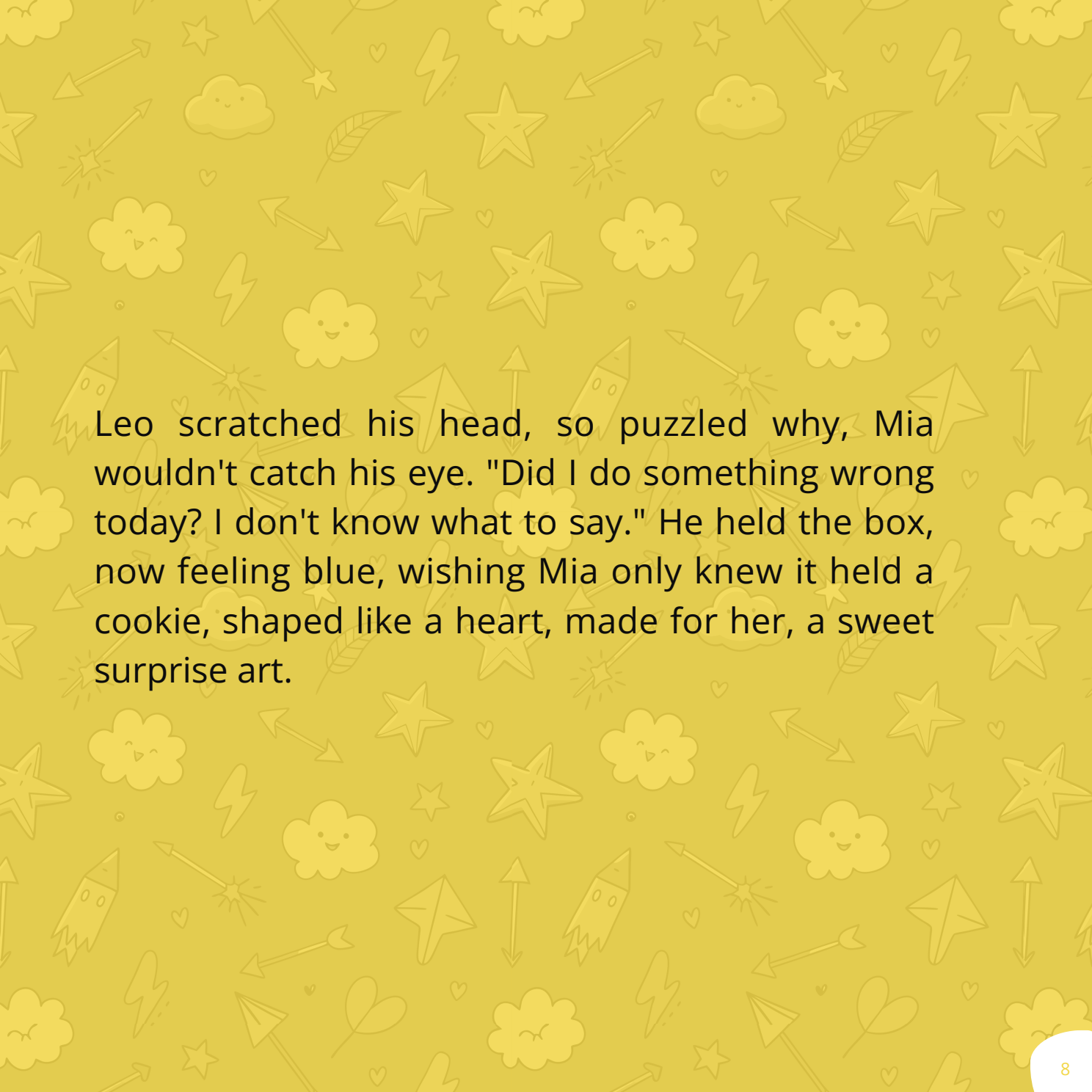
Leo held a small brown box, hiding it behind some rocks. Mia peeked, curious and keen, "What's inside? What have you seen?" Leo laughed, "Not yet, my friend, wait until the day's end." Mia frowned, feeling left out, wondering what this was about. She walked away without a word, her tiny heart a little blurred.





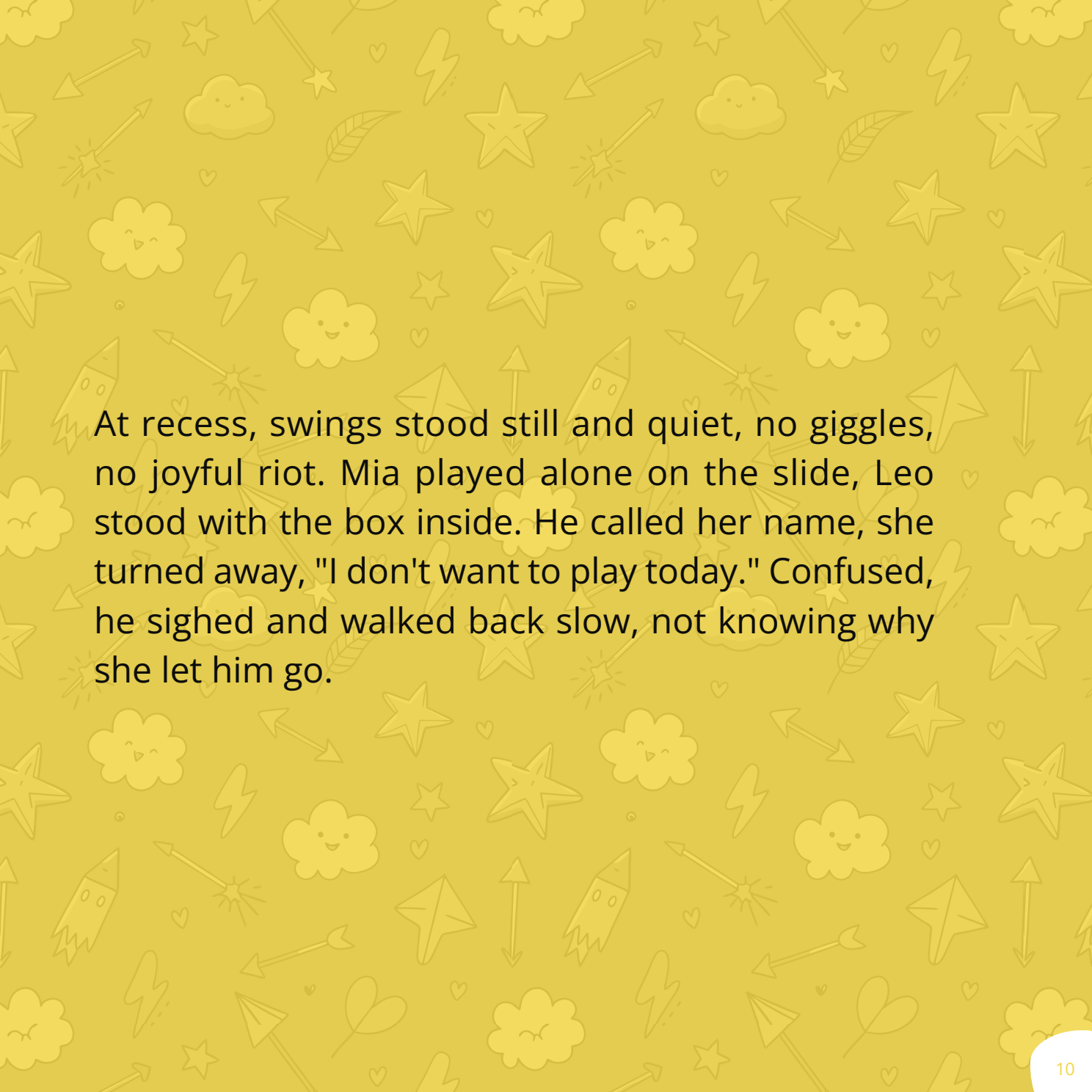
At lunch, Mia sat alone, thinking Leo had a friend unknown. "Maybe he found someone new, someone better, not just two." She poked her sandwich, lost in thought, feeling sad and feeling fraught. Leo waved from across the room, but Mia turned away in gloom.





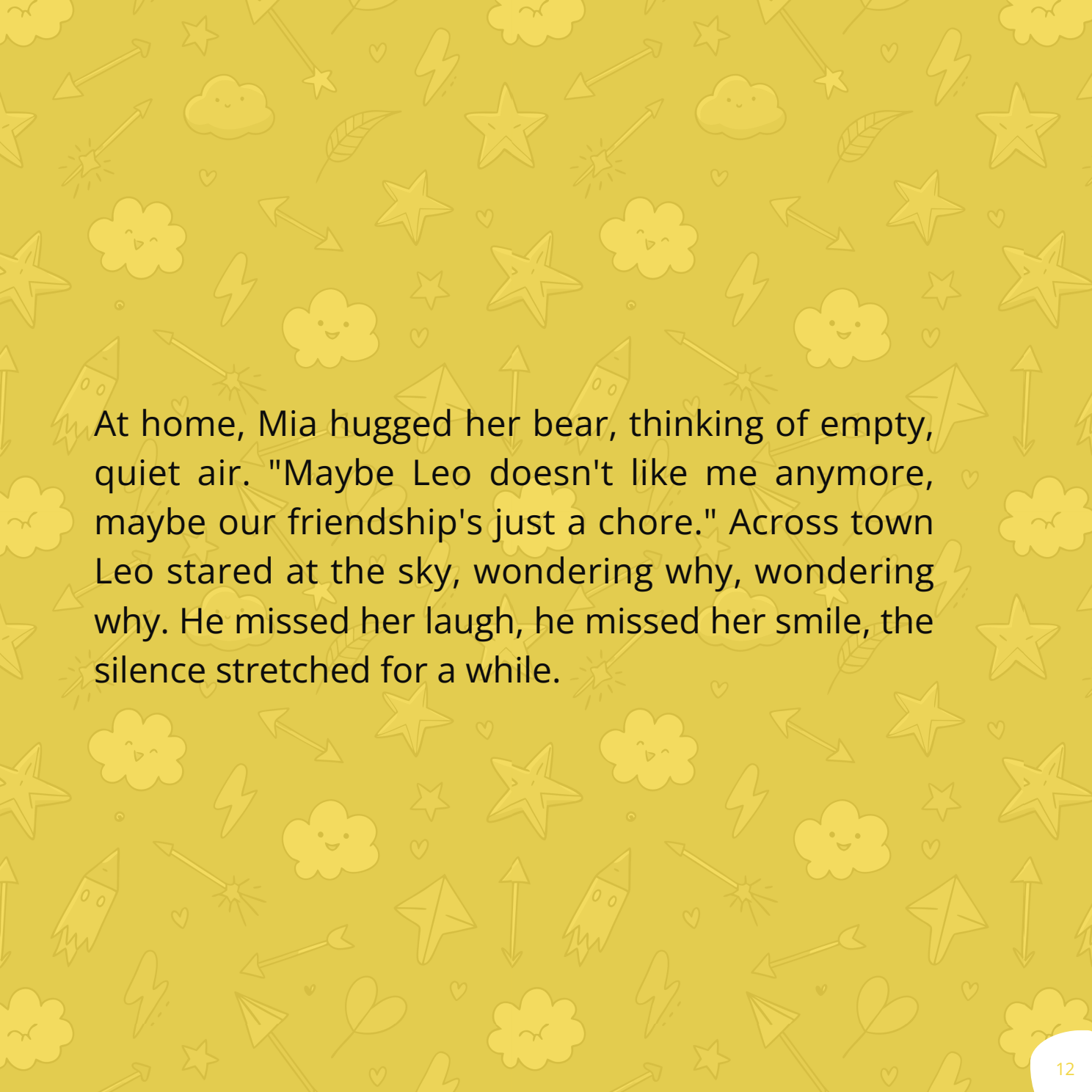
Leo scratched his head, so puzzled why, Mia wouldn't catch his eye. "Did I do something wrong today? I don't know what to say." He held the box, now feeling blue, wishing Mia only knew it held a cookie, shaped like a heart, made for her, a sweet surprise art.





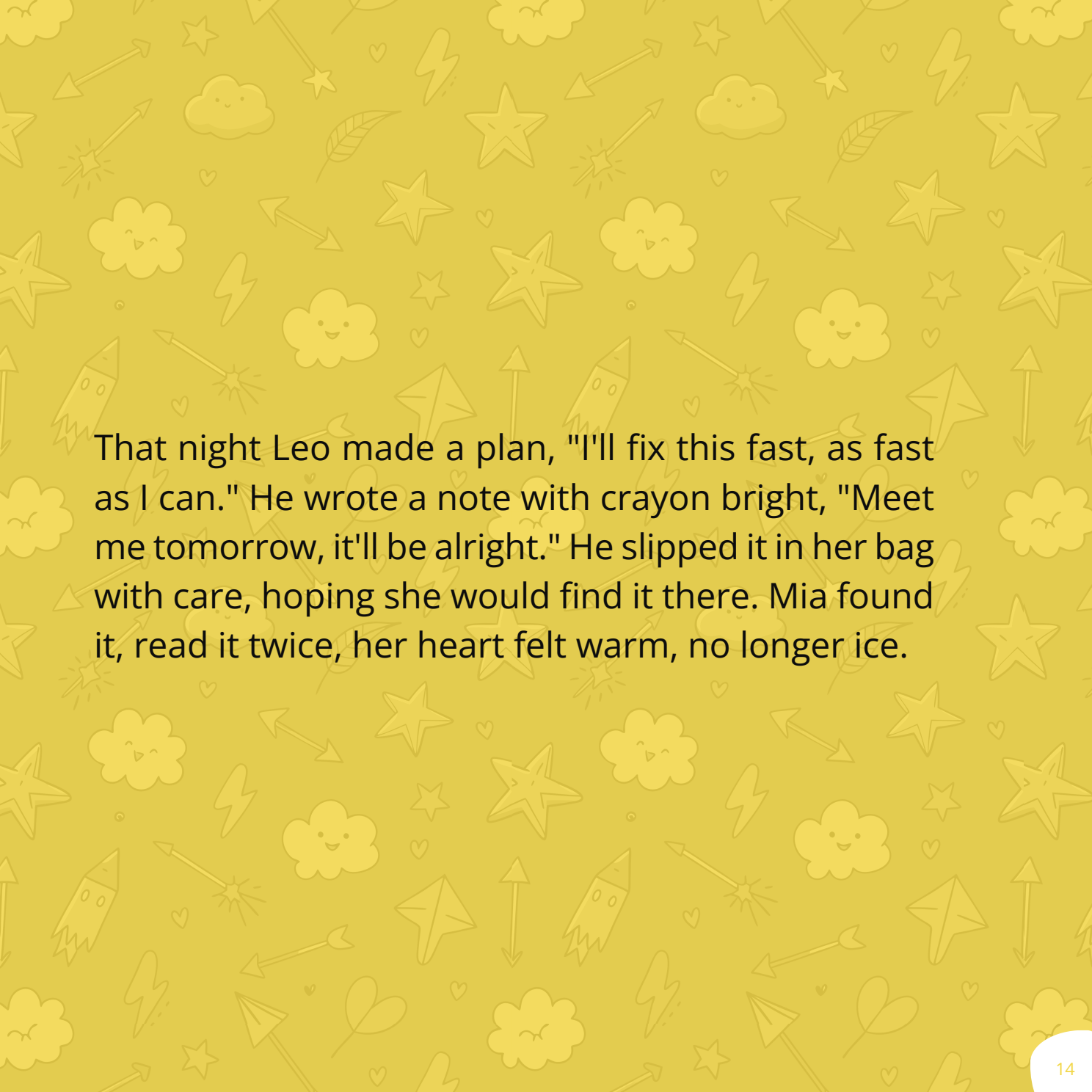
At recess, swings stood still and quiet, no giggles, no joyful riot. Mia played alone on the slide, Leo stood with the box inside. He called her name, she turned away, "I don't want to play today." Confused, he sighed and walked back slow, not knowing why she let him go.



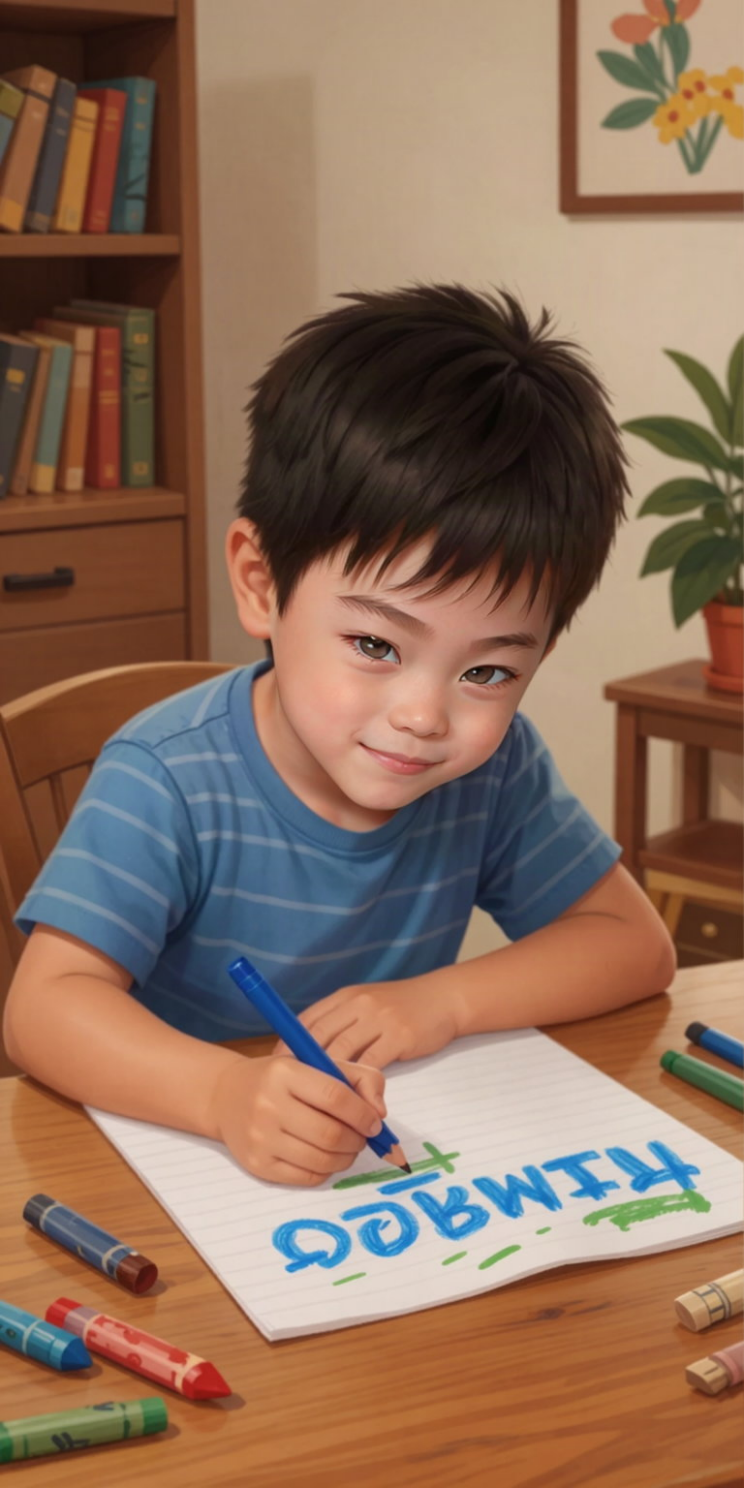


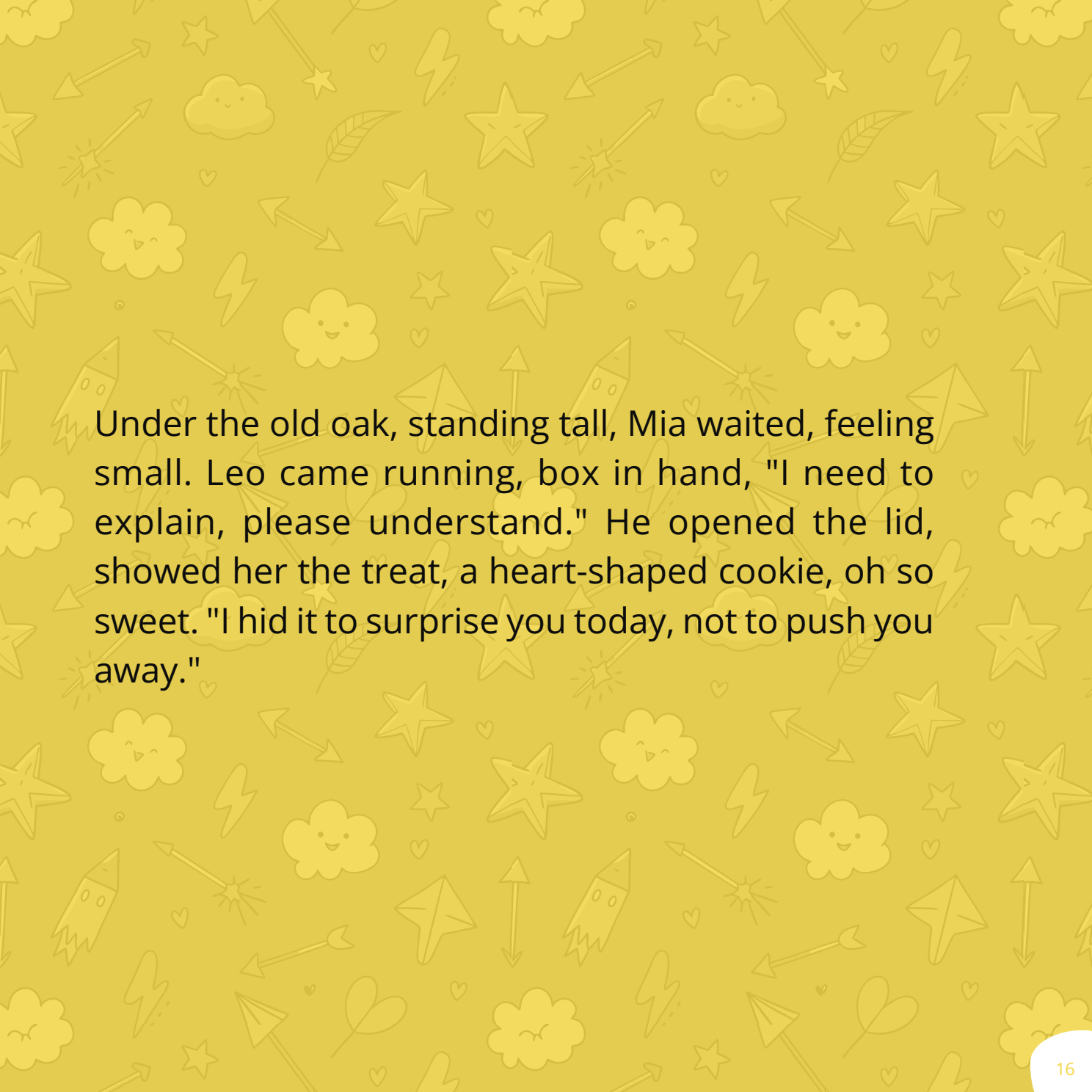
At home, Mia hugged her bear, thinking of empty, quiet air. "Maybe Leo doesn't like me anymore, maybe our friendship's just a chore." Across town Leo stared at the sky, wondering why, wondering why. He missed her laugh, he missed her smile, the silence stretched for a while.





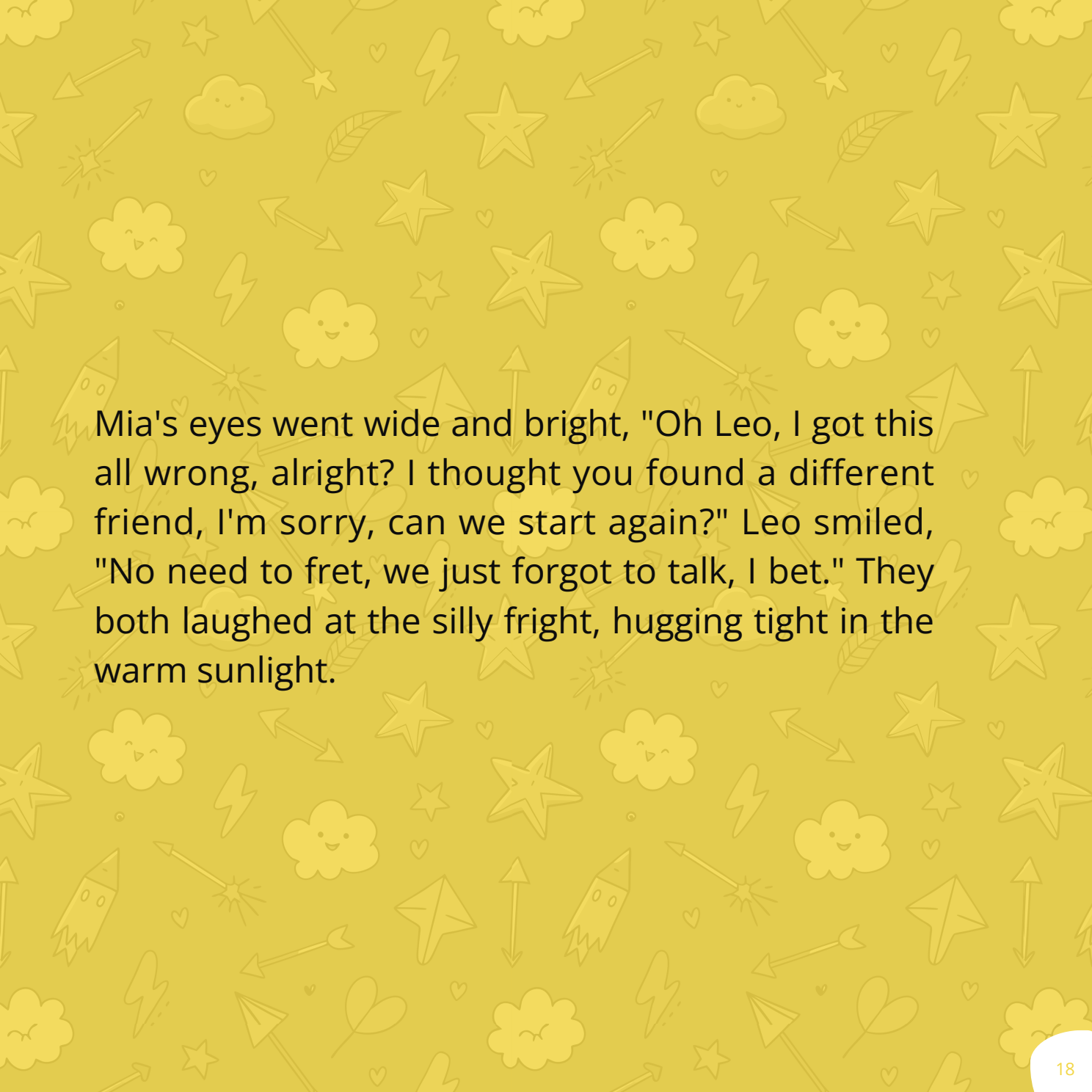
That night Leo made a plan, "I'll fix this fast, as fast as I can." He wrote a note with crayon bright, "Meet me tomorrow, it'll be alright." He slipped it in her bag with care, hoping she would find it there. Mia found it, read it twice, her heart felt warm, no longer ice.





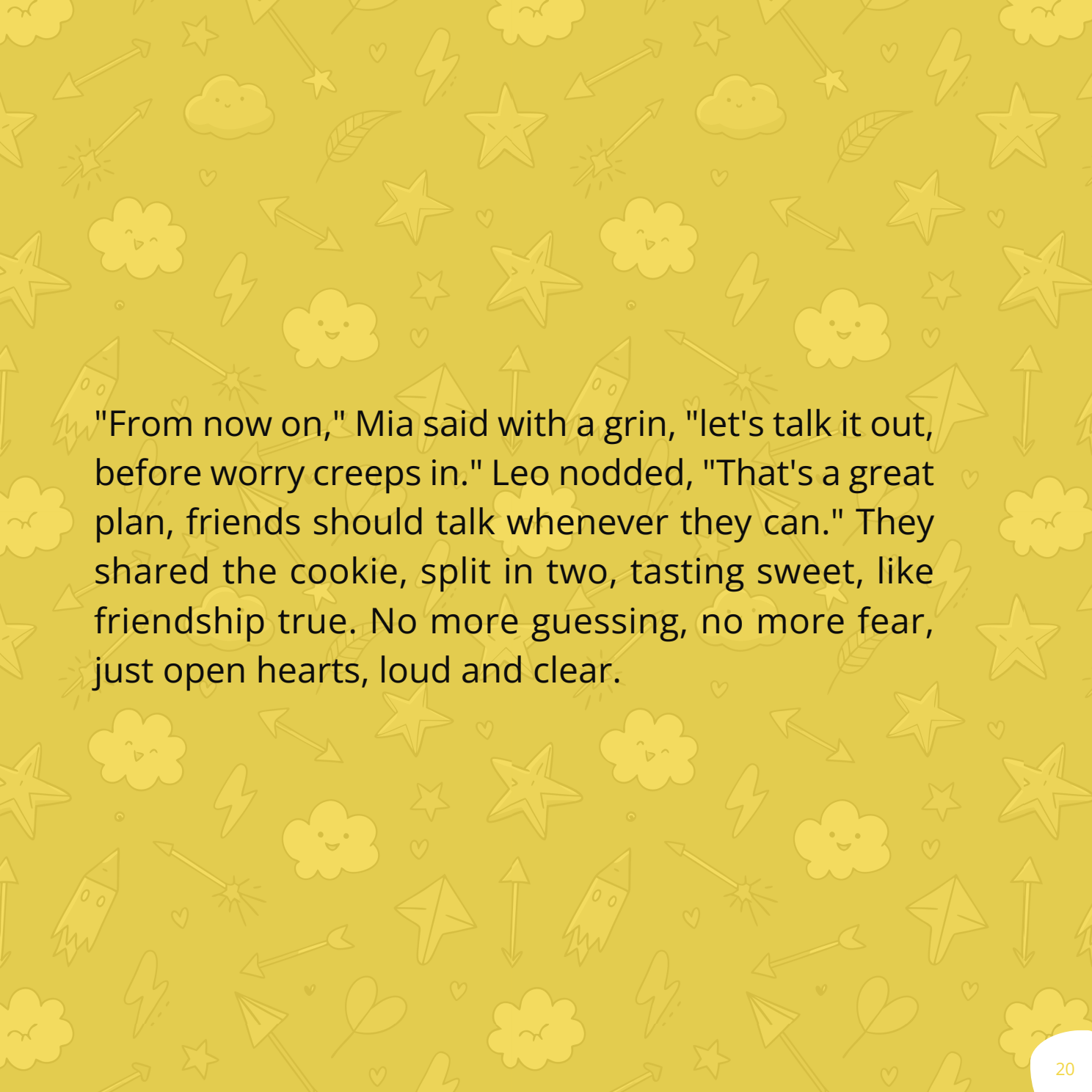
Under the old oak, standing tall, Mia waited, feeling small. Leo came running, box in hand, "I need to explain, please understand." He opened the lid, showed her the treat, a heart-shaped cookie, oh so sweet. "I hid it to surprise you today, not to push you away."





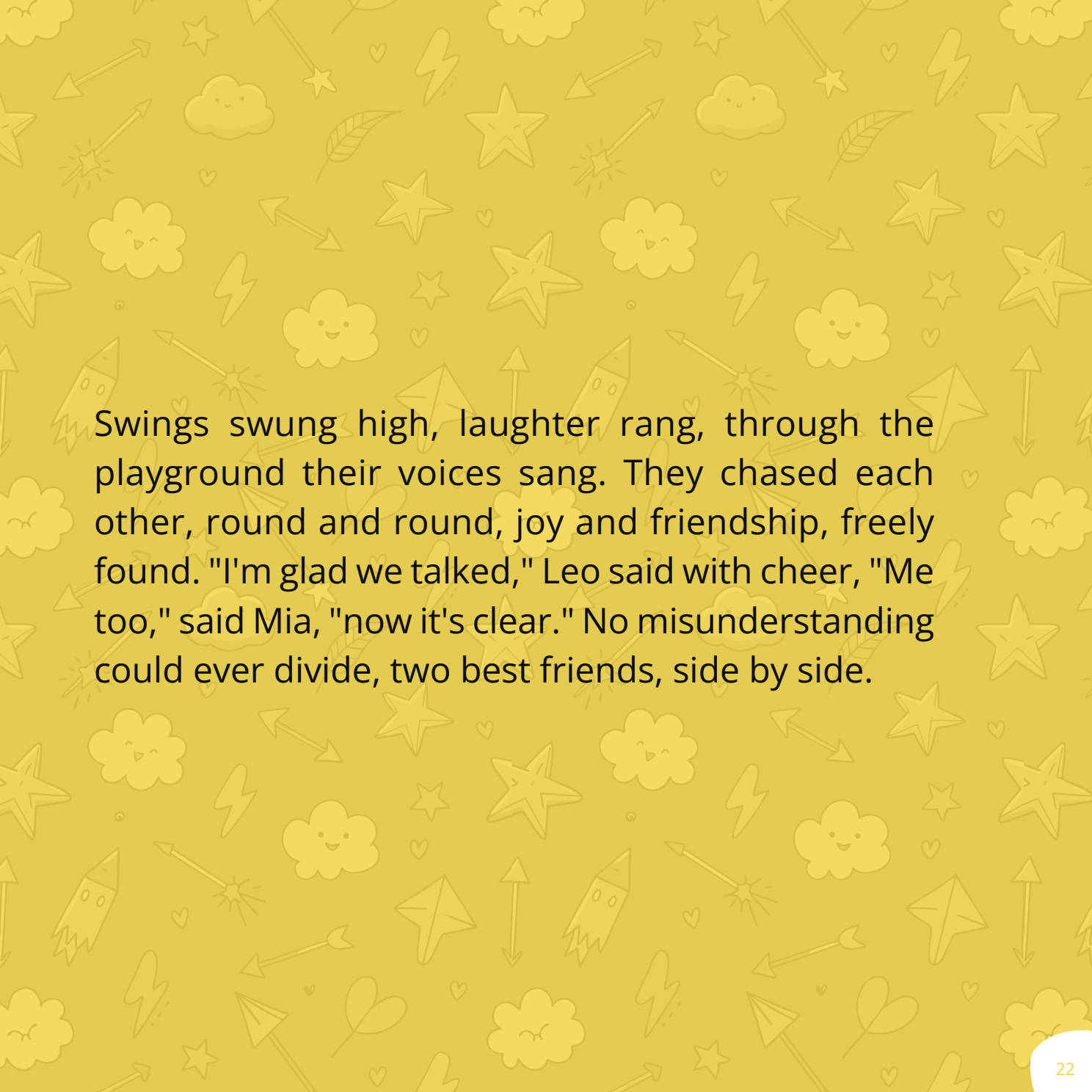
Mia's eyes went wide and bright, "Oh Leo, I got this all wrong, alright? I thought you found a different friend, I'm sorry, can we start again?" Leo smiled, "No need to fret, we just forgot to talk, I bet." They both laughed at the silly fright, hugging tight in the warm sunlight.





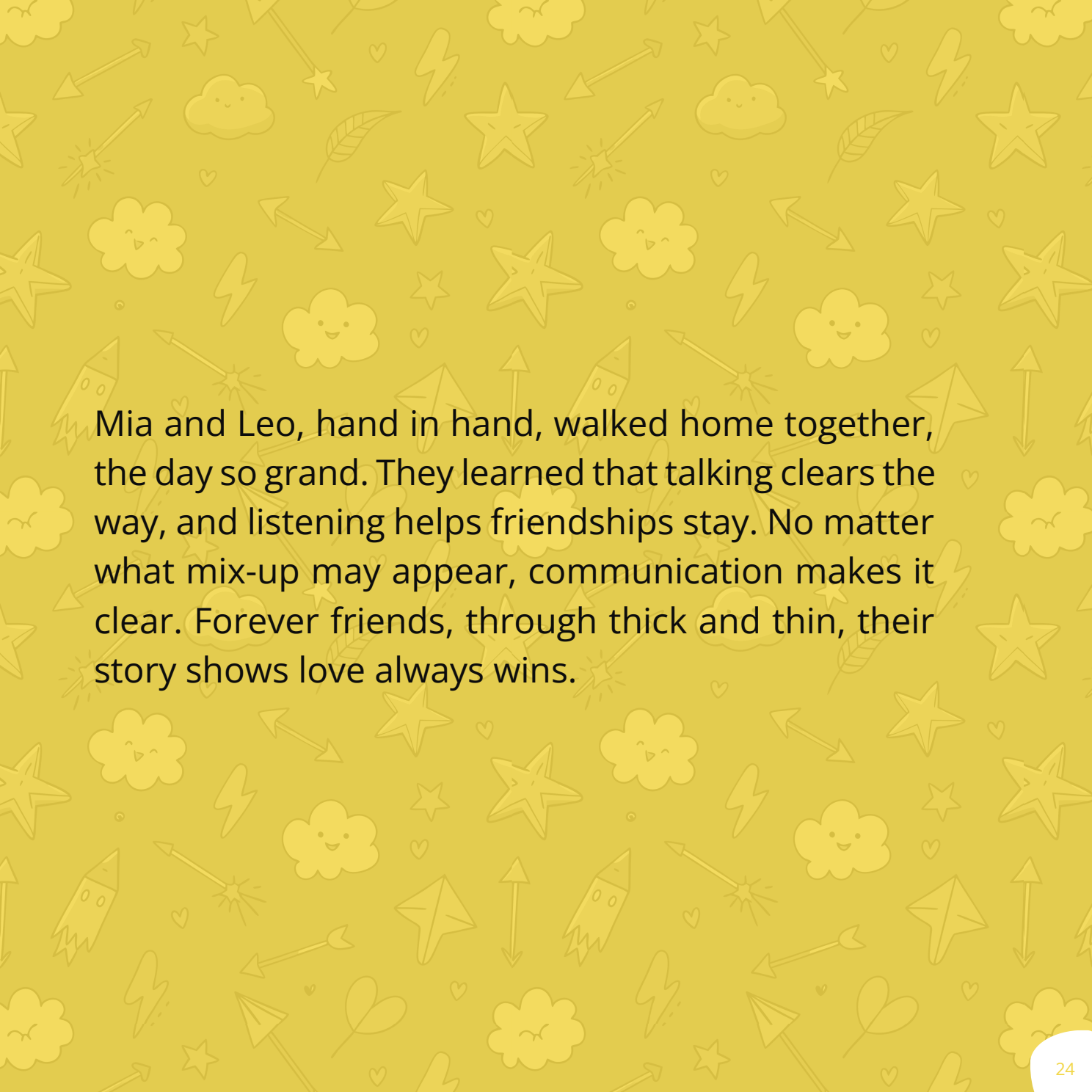
"From now on," Mia said with a grin, "let's talk it out, before worry creeps in." Leo nodded, "That's a great plan, friends should talk whenever they can." They shared the cookie, split in two, tasting sweet, like friendship true. No more guessing, no more fear, just open hearts, loud and clear.





Swings swung high, laughter rang, through the
playground their voices sang. They chased each
other, round and round, joy and friendship, freely
found. "I'm glad we talked," Leo said with cheer, "Me
too," said Mia, "now it's clear." No misunderstanding
could ever divide, two best friends, side by side.





Mia and Leo, hand in hand, walked home together,
the day so grand. They learned that talking clears the
way, and listening helps friendships stay. No matter
what mix-up may appear, communication makes it
clear. Forever friends, through thick and thin, their
story shows love always wins.



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