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Our Wish For A Baby



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*To the guys in my life–
Todd, Adam, Alex & Shane
~ J.D.G.*

*To Owen & Nicholas–
Welcome to the family!
~ M. M-R*

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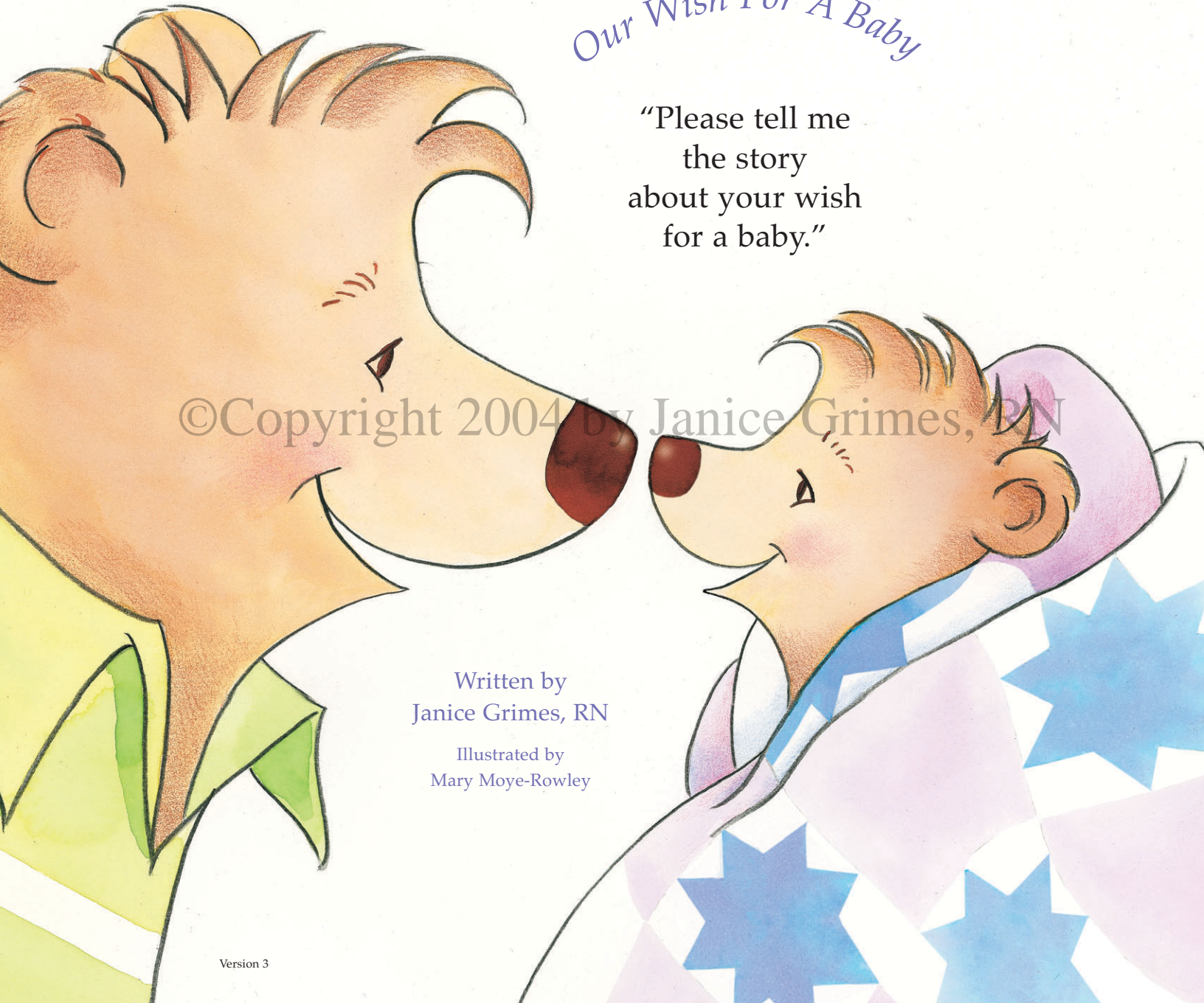
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“Please tell me
the story
about your wish
for a baby.”

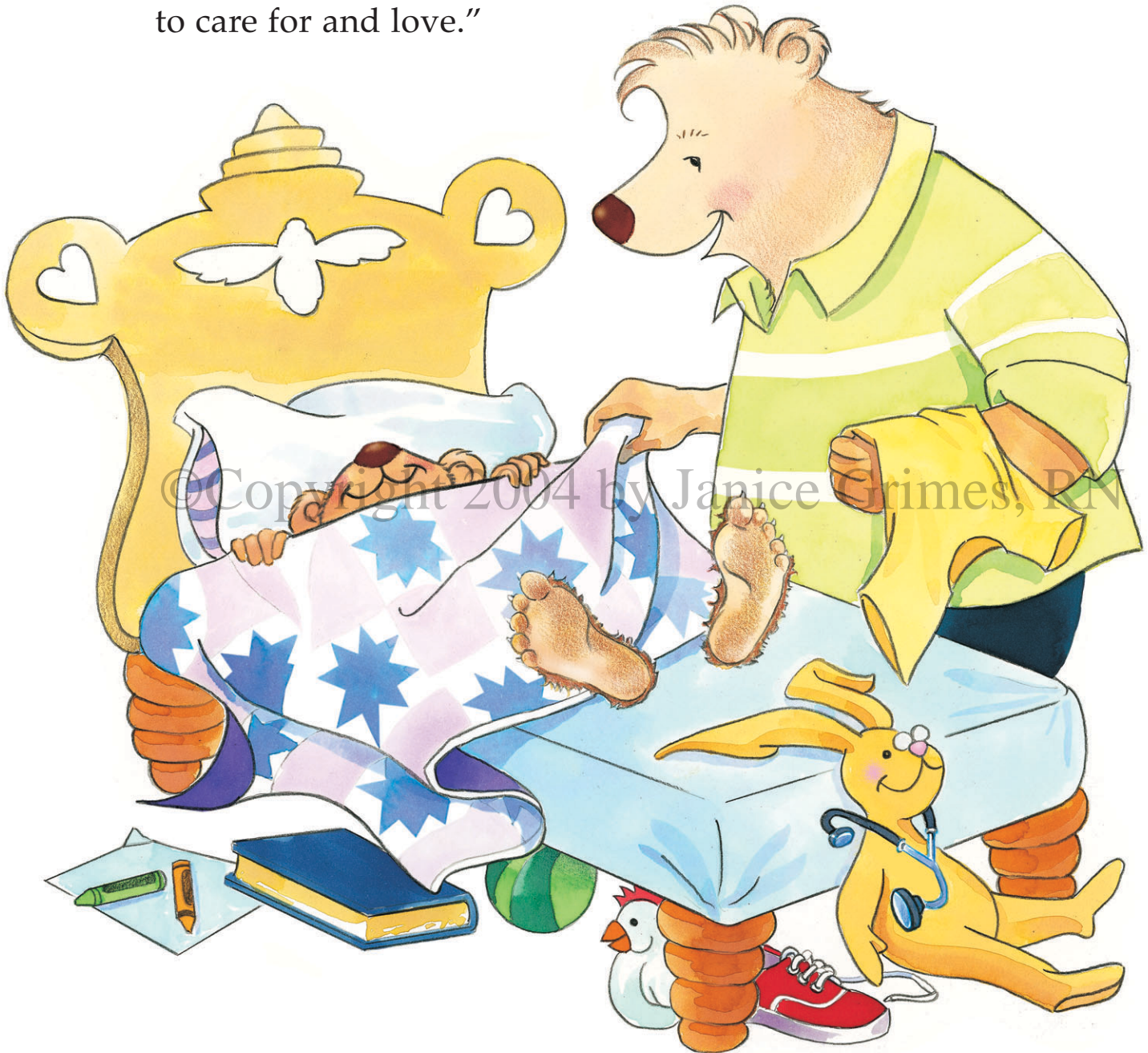
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“Mommy and Daddy hoped
for a baby, our own sweet child
to care for and love.”





“We tried and tried to have a baby.
Though it was our dearest wish,
our dream did not come true.”



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“With no baby coming,
we felt very sad. We
wondered if something
might be wrong.”



“One day, Mommy and Daddy went to the hospital to meet a special doctor.”



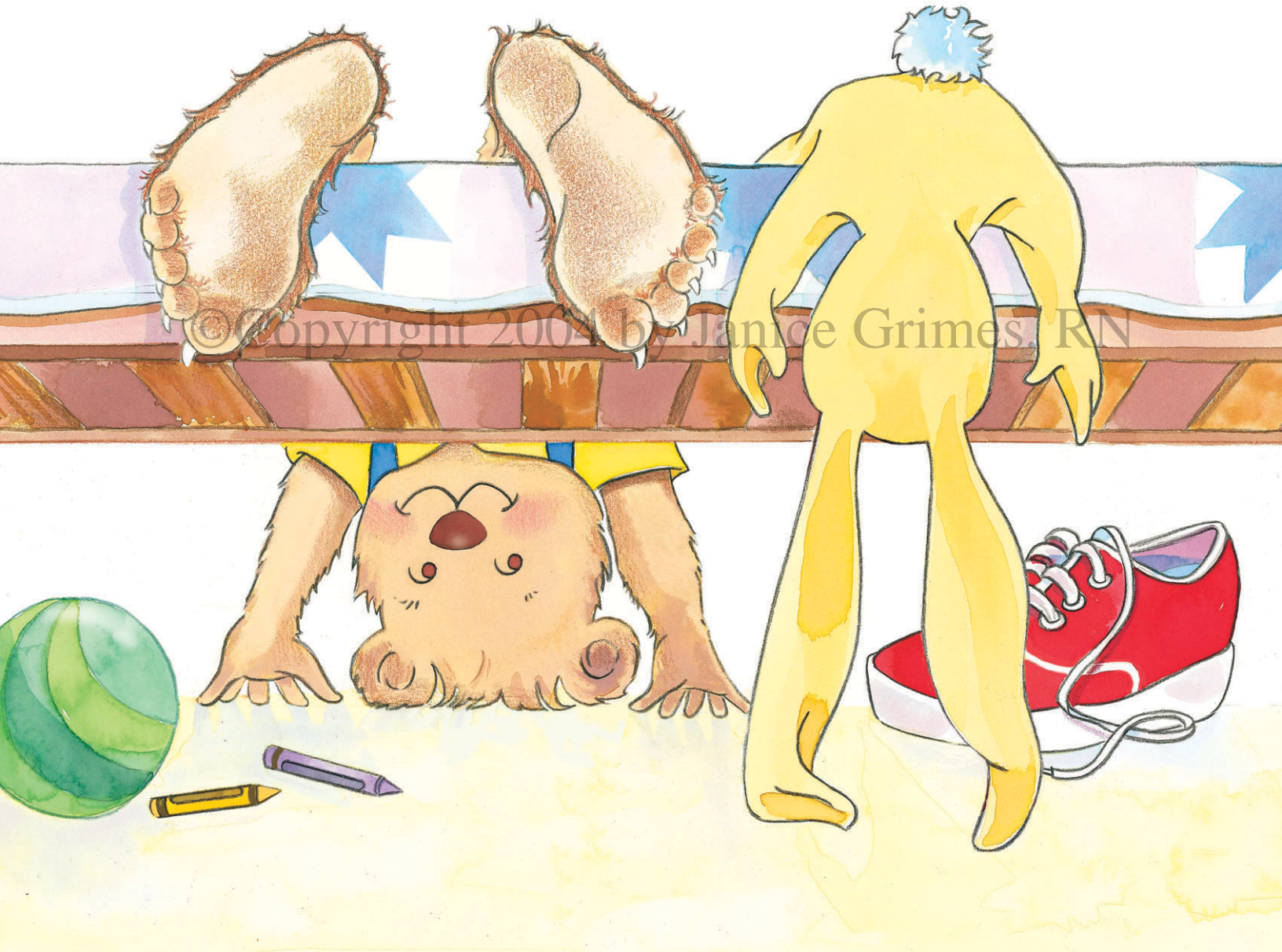


“We told the doctor that we hoped to have a baby. The doctor smiled and said not to worry, there was a plan that could help us.”



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“The doctor explained that a special cell from Mommy and a special cell from Daddy must join together to make a baby. The baby then grows in a safe place inside Mommy.”





“Sometimes a Mommy might not have the special cell she needs. The doctor said there was a nice lady called a *donor*. She would give us one of her cells to help us make a baby.”

“So the doctor took the special cell from Daddy, then the donor cell, and placed them together in a lab dish.”



“The tiny cells combined
and a baby began to grow.”





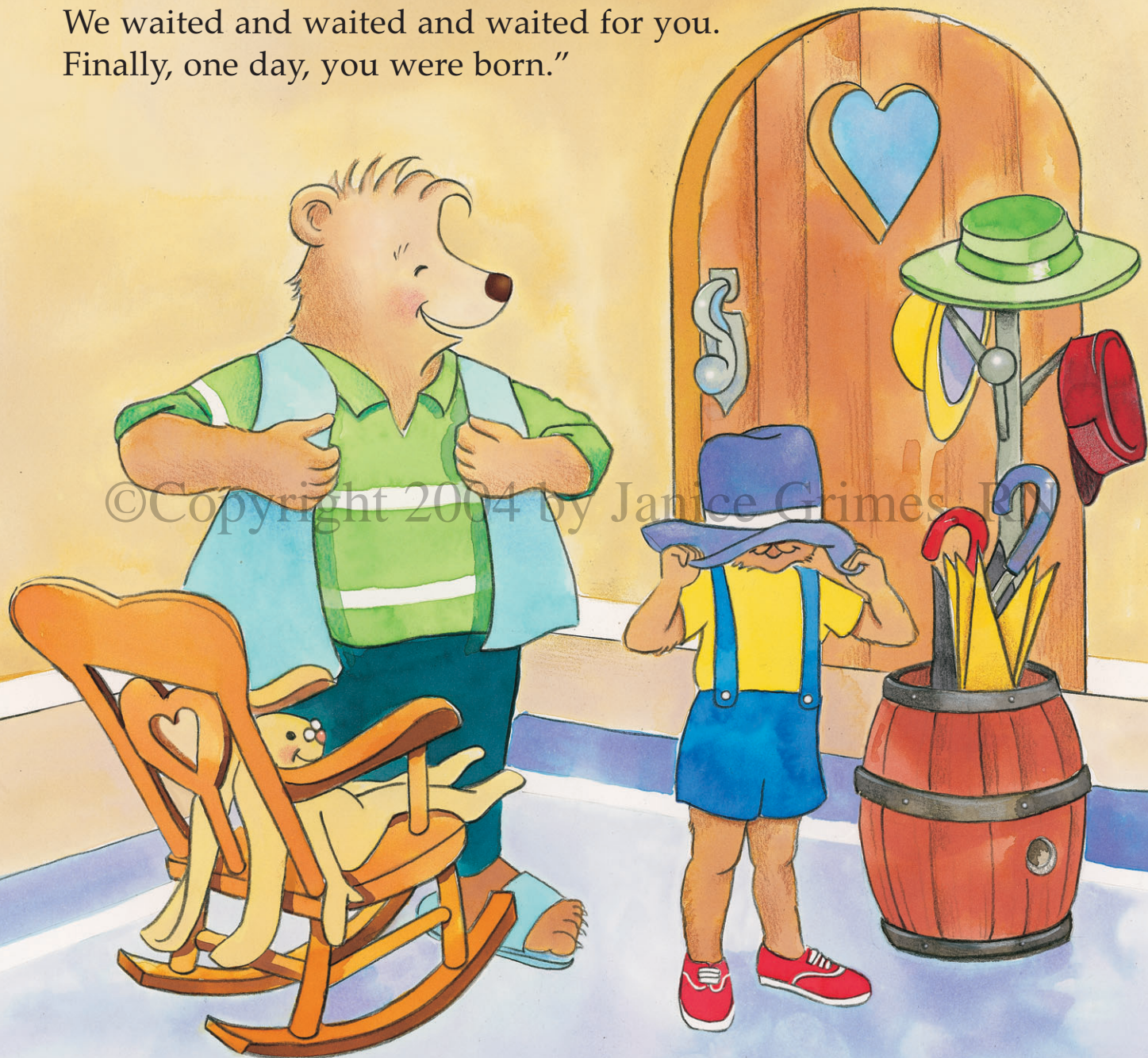
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“A few days later, the doctor put the teeny baby inside Mommy. That baby was you! Before we could see you, before we could touch you, we knew that we loved you.”

“You grew and grew in that safe place.
Whenever Mommy laughed, you
jiggled up and down inside.”



“We wished for you and hoped for you.
We waited and waited and waited for you.
Finally, one day, you were born.”

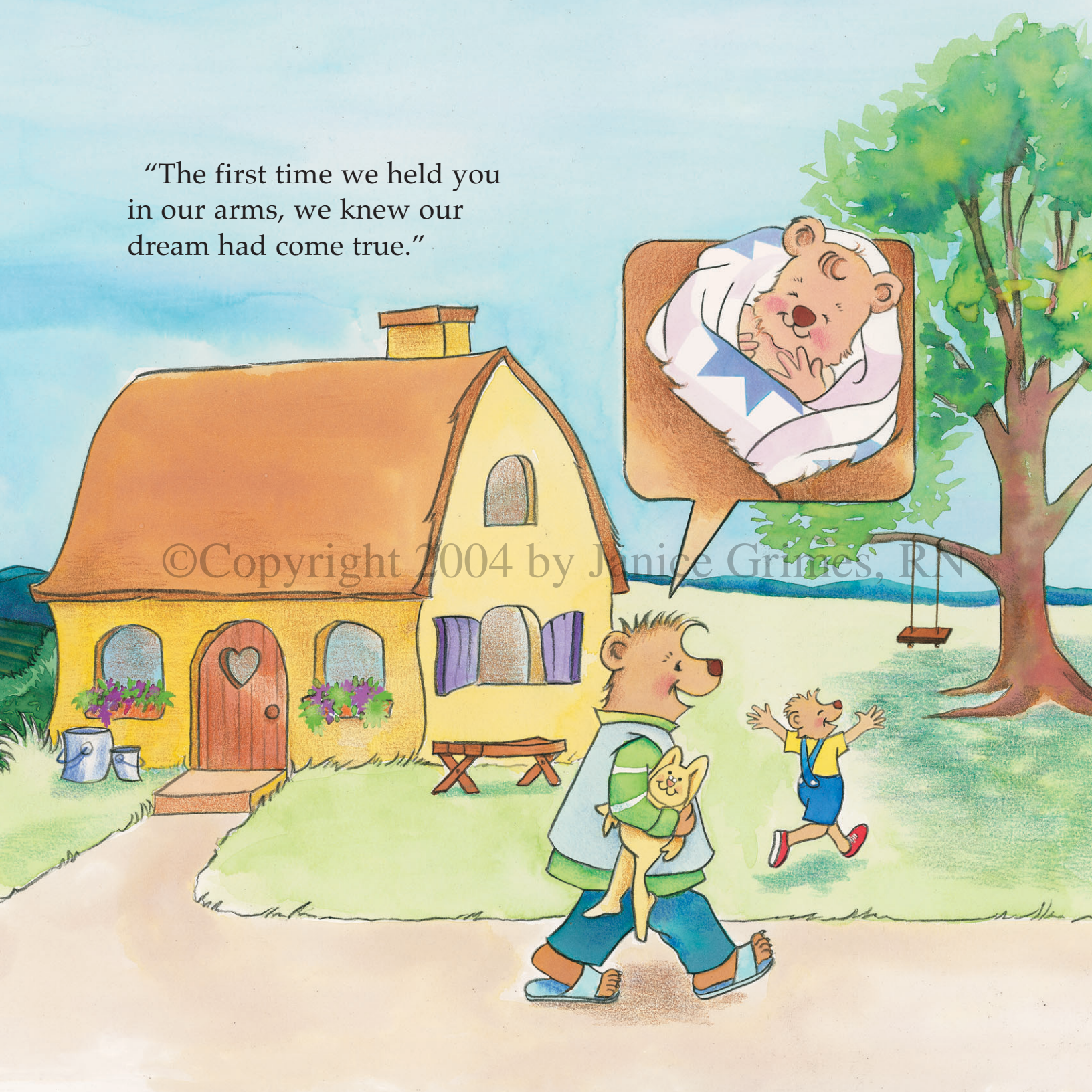


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“The first time we held you
in our arms, we knew our
dream had come true.”



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“You had ten tiny fingers and a cute button nose. Mommy and Daddy were so happy! The doctor at the hospital helped us to have you, our special baby to love.”



“Would you tell me that story again, please?”

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and support were so valuable.*

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- J. D. G.

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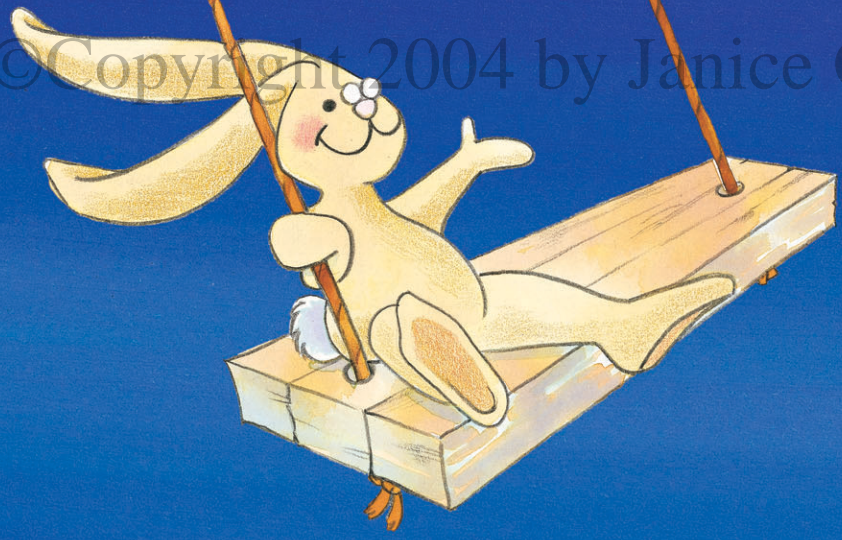
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Janice believes every child has the right to know the circumstances and special story that occurred “before they were born”.

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