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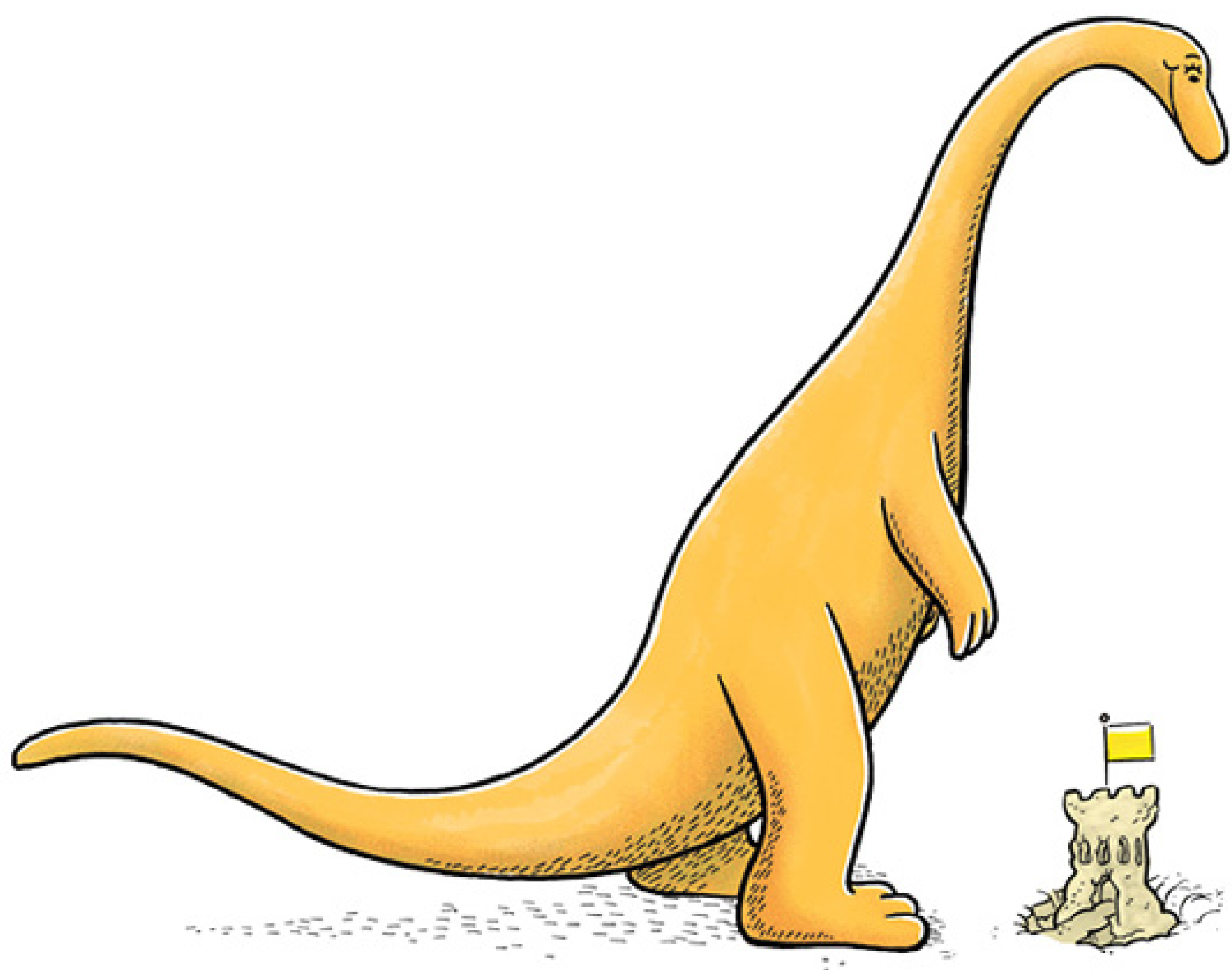
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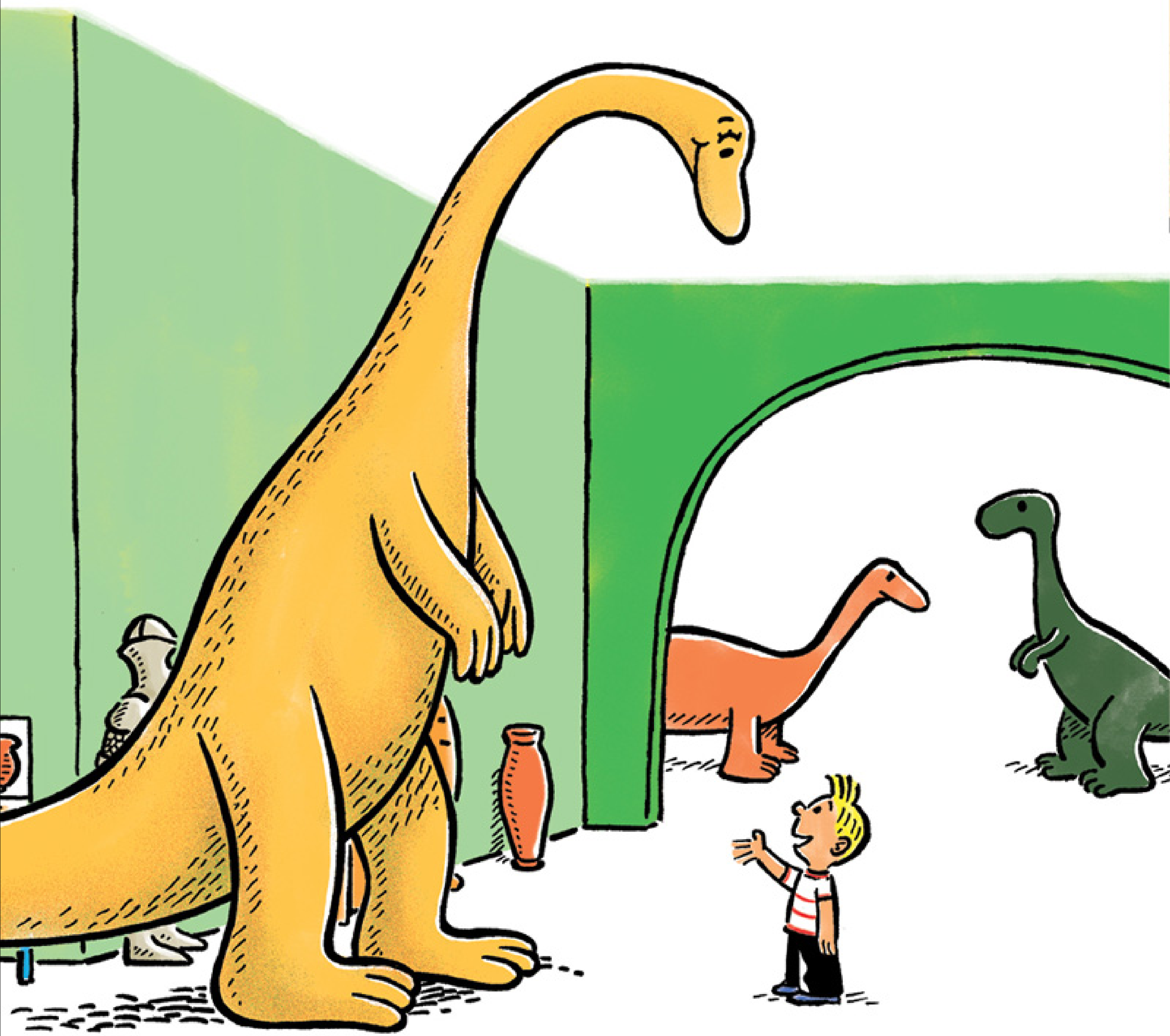


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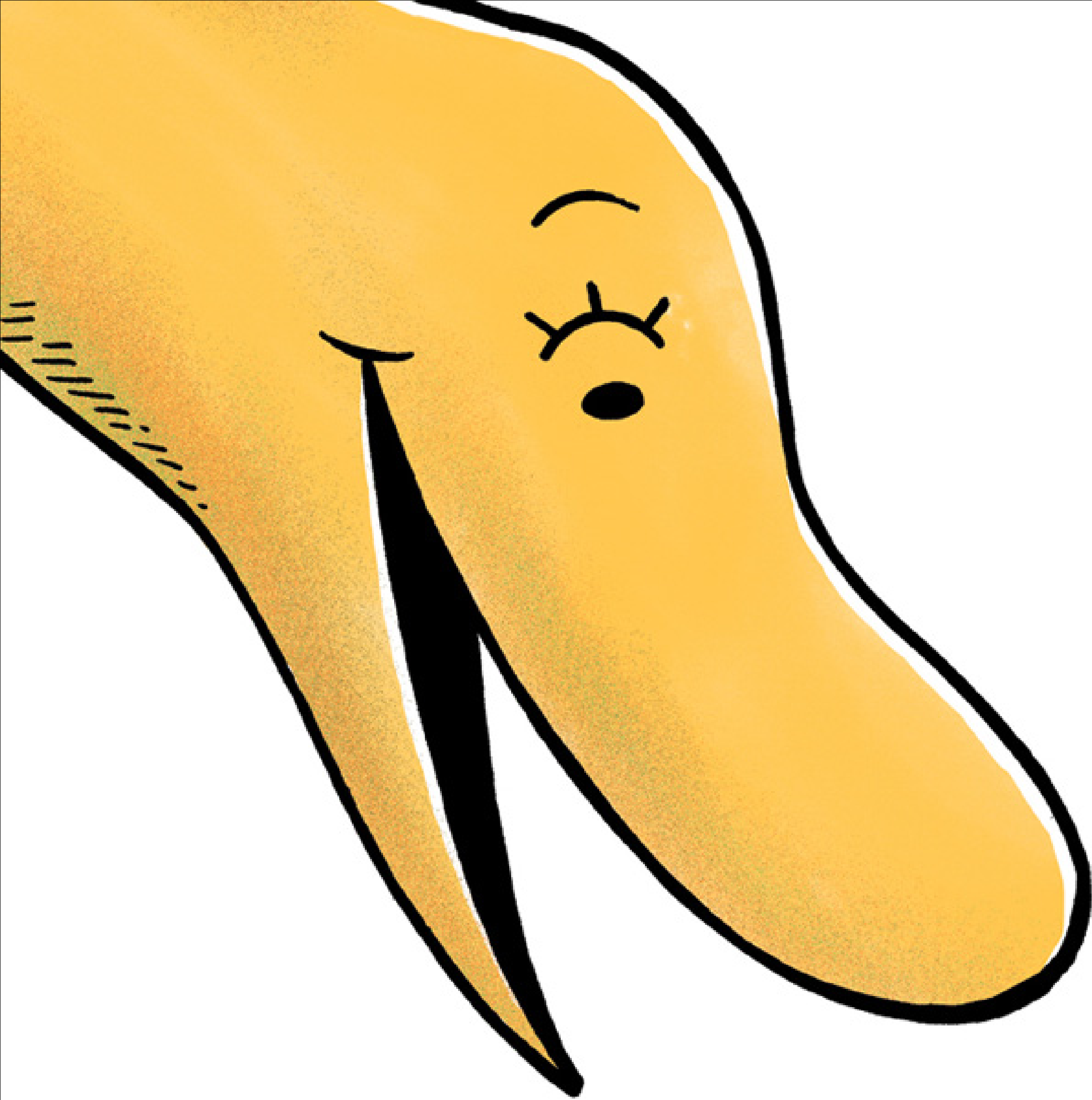
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“We’re going to the beach tomorrow,”
Danny told his friend the dinosaur.
“Would you like to come along?”

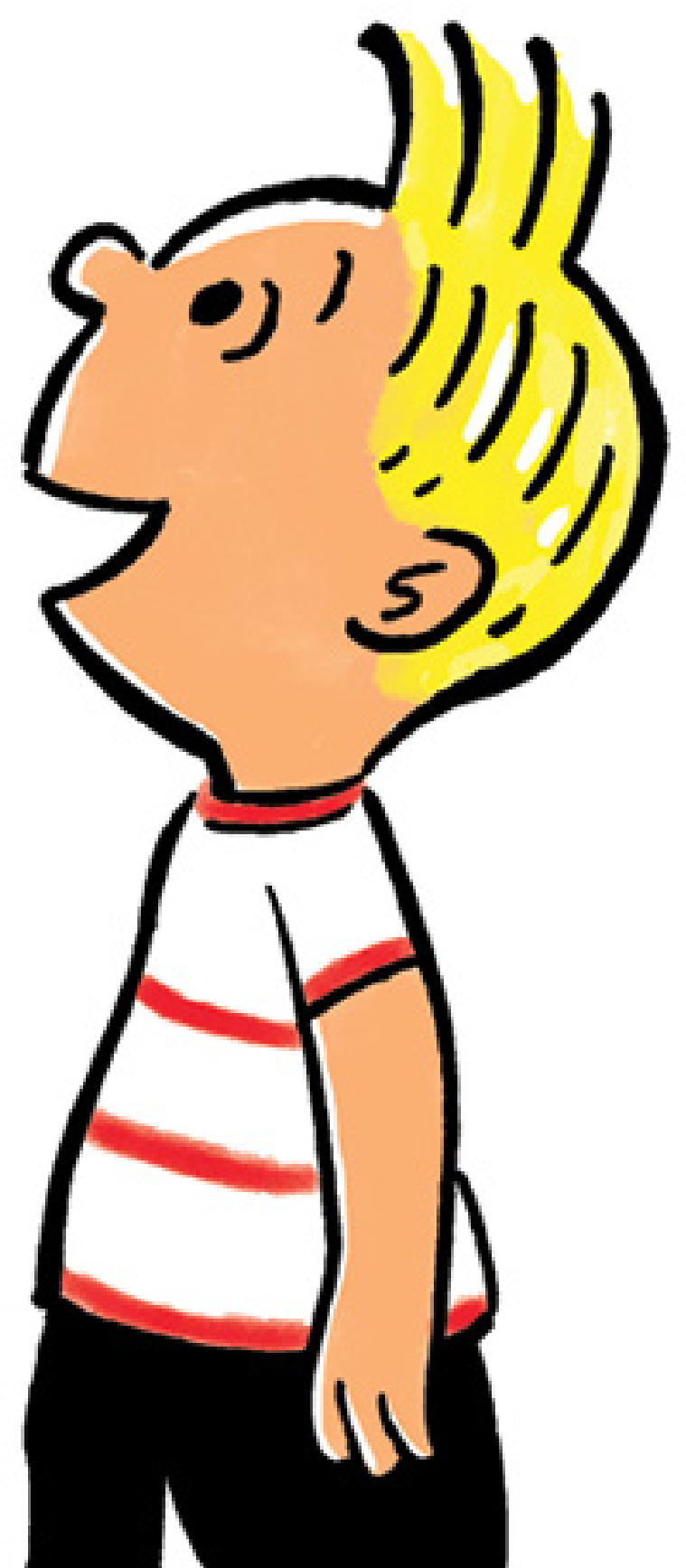


“I’d love to,” said the dinosaur.

“What’s a beach?”

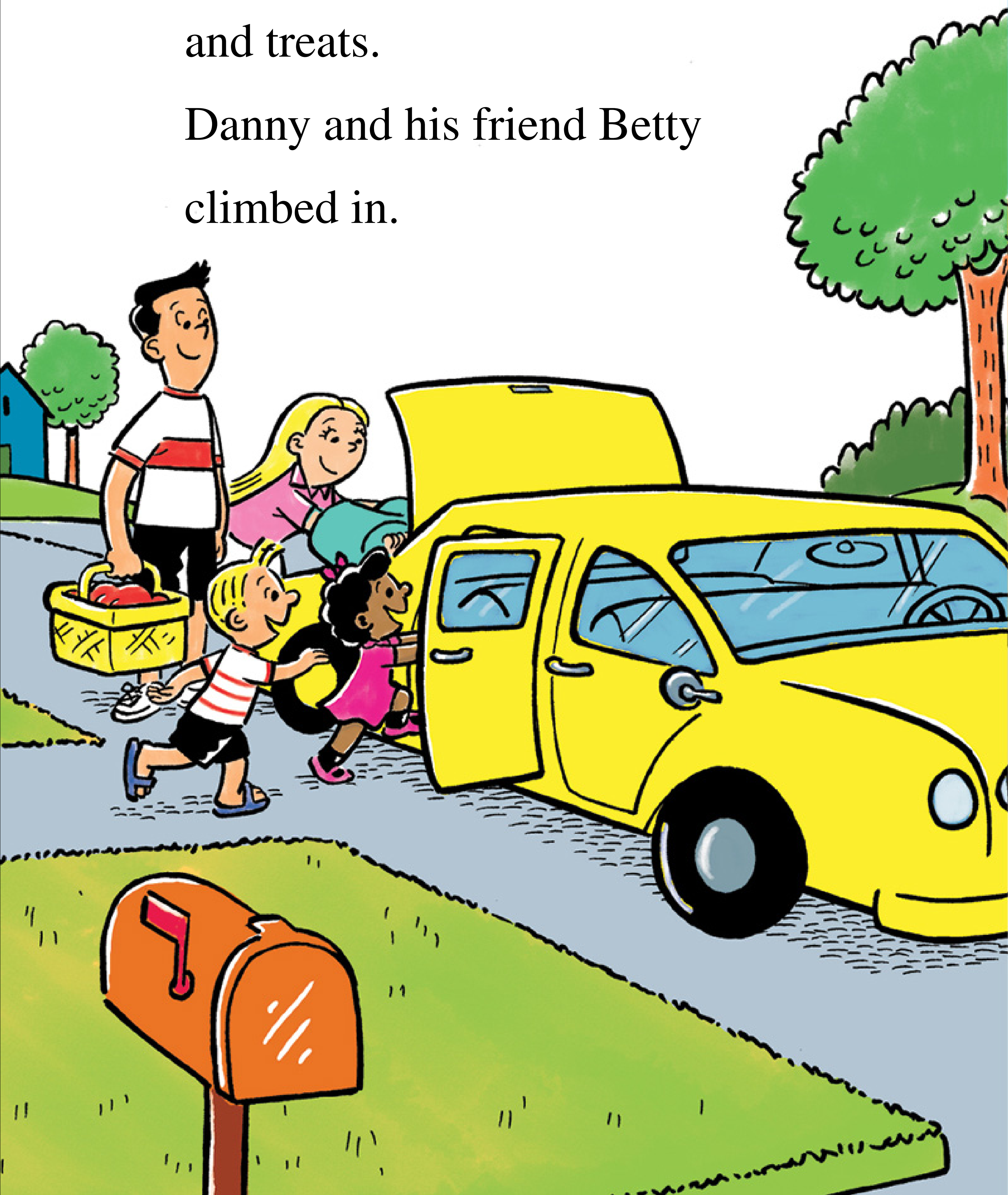
Danny smiled.

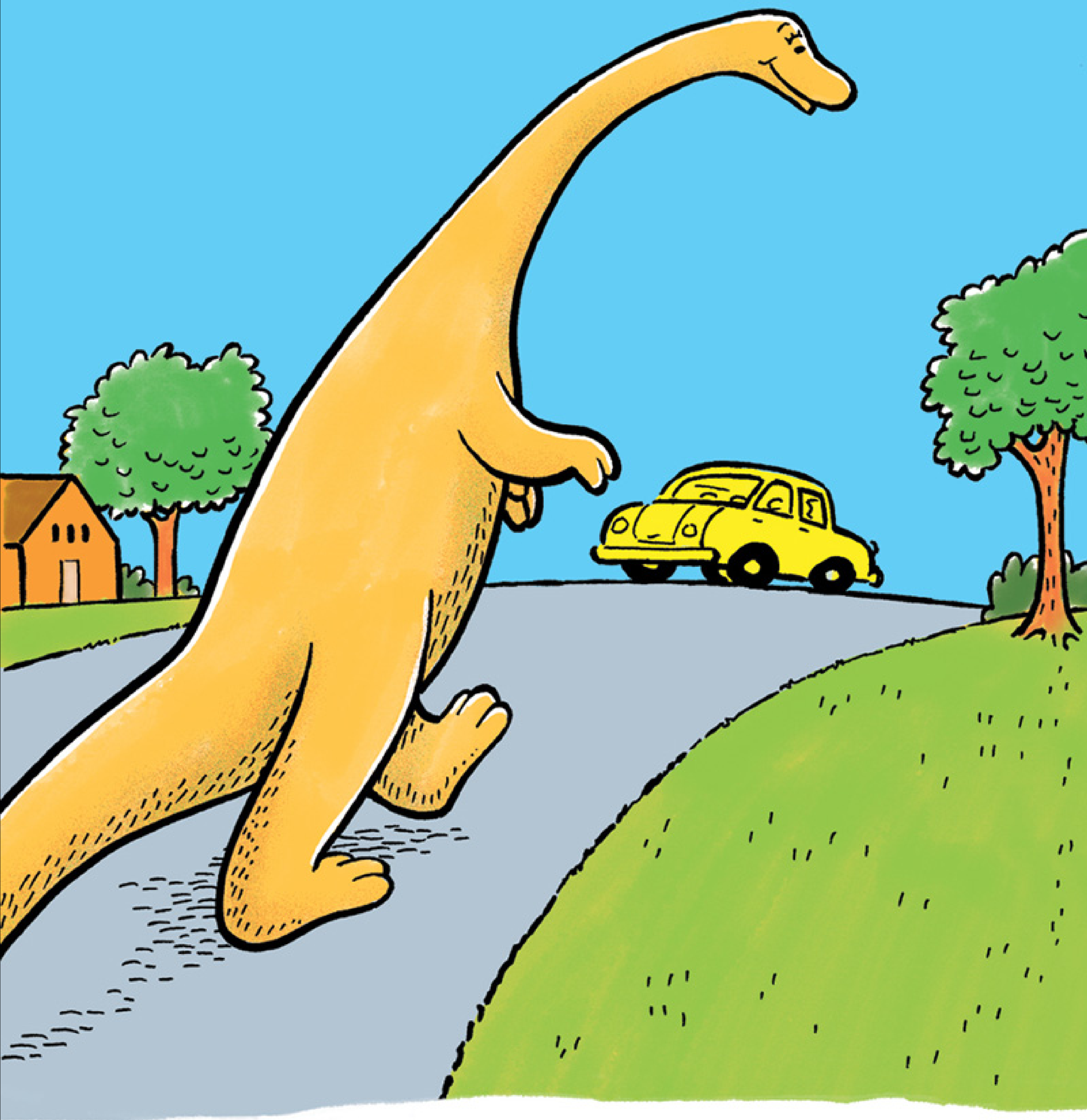
“It’s lots of fun!”



The next day, Danny's parents
packed the car with towels
and treats.

Danny and his friend Betty
climbed in.





They all drove to the beach
while the dinosaur followed behind.

It was a beautiful day at the beach.
Everyone was playing,
swimming, and sunbathing.





The dinosaur loved it.

He splashed in the waves
and rolled on the sand.

“The beach is the best!” he said.

“Hey, look,” said Betty.

“It’s the sand castle contest.”

“I know,” said Danny.

“I’ve entered, but I’ve never won.

I’ve been thinking

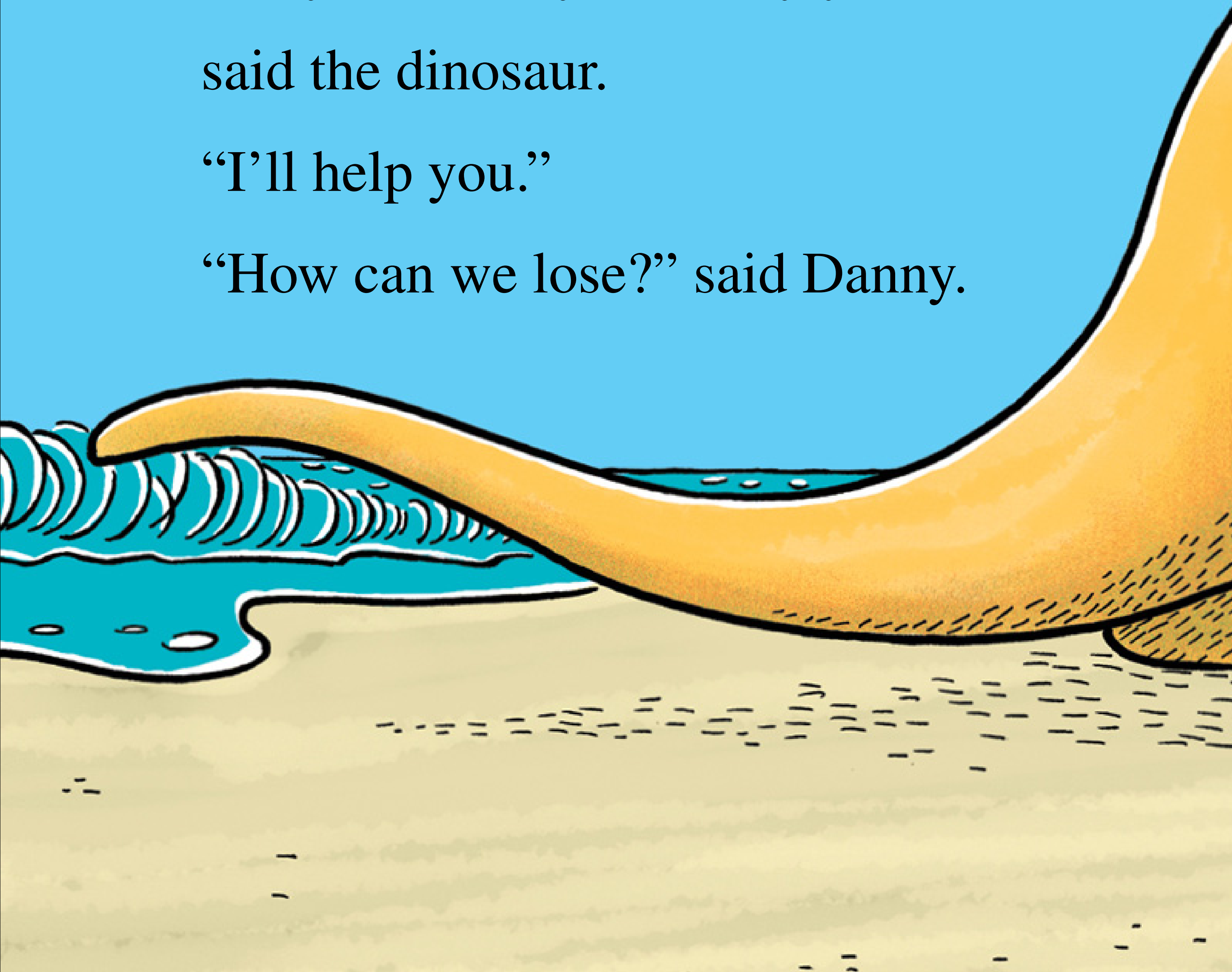
about this since last summer!”

“Maybe this is your lucky year,”

said the dinosaur.

“I’ll help you.”

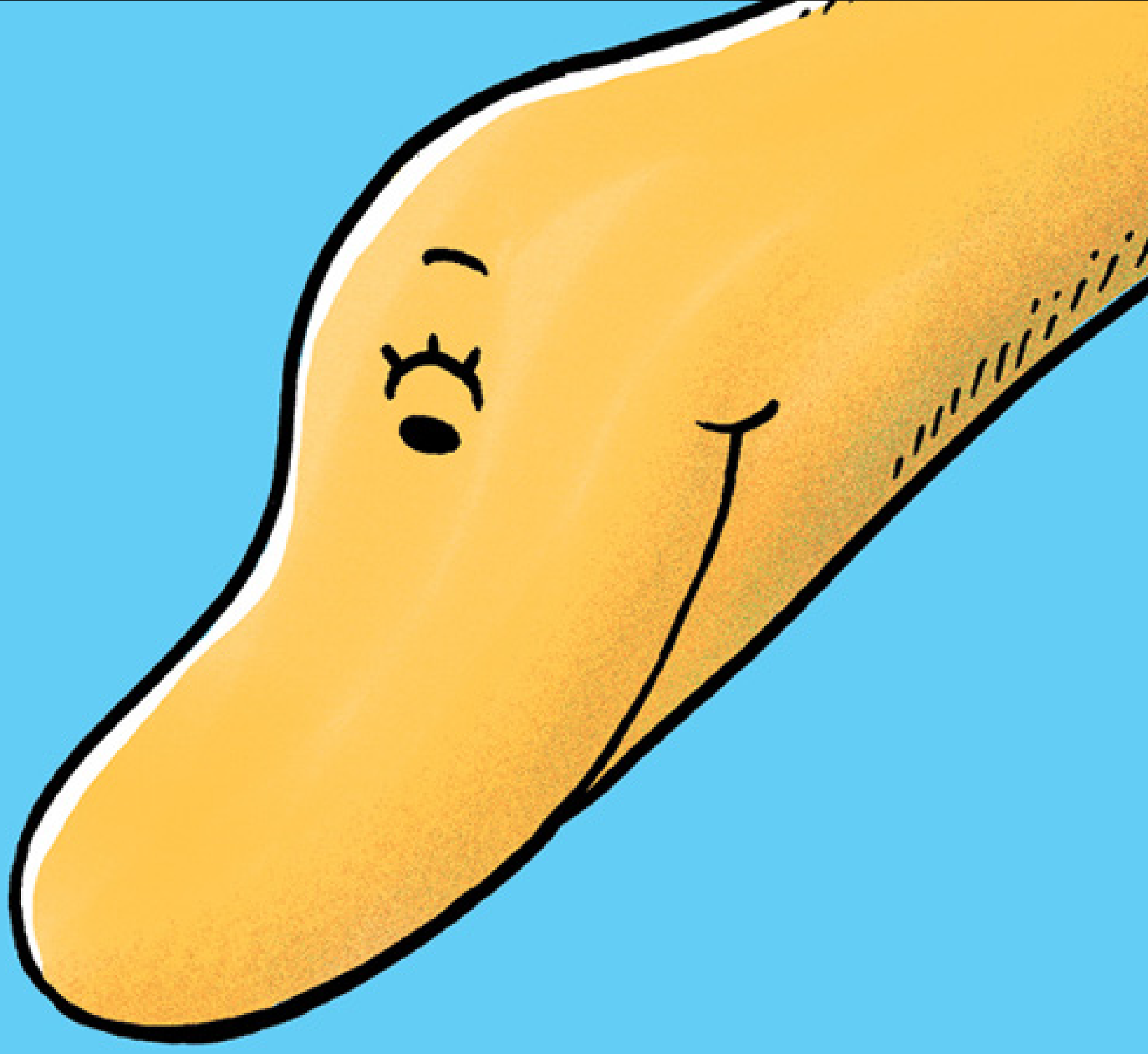
“How can we lose?” said Danny.







Danny and Betty started to dig.
The dinosaur dug too,
but he was a little too helpful.



“We need water to wet the sand,”
said Danny.

“No problem,” said the dinosaur.



At last, the castle was almost done.

“This is my best ever!” said Danny.

“Let’s pack down the sand.”



“Let me do it,” said the dinosaur.





The dinosaur packed a bit too hard.

“Oops,” he said. “I’m so sorry!”

“My castle!” cried Danny.

“The judging starts in ten minutes,”
said the announcer.

“OH, NO!” cried Danny and Betty.

“What do we do now?”

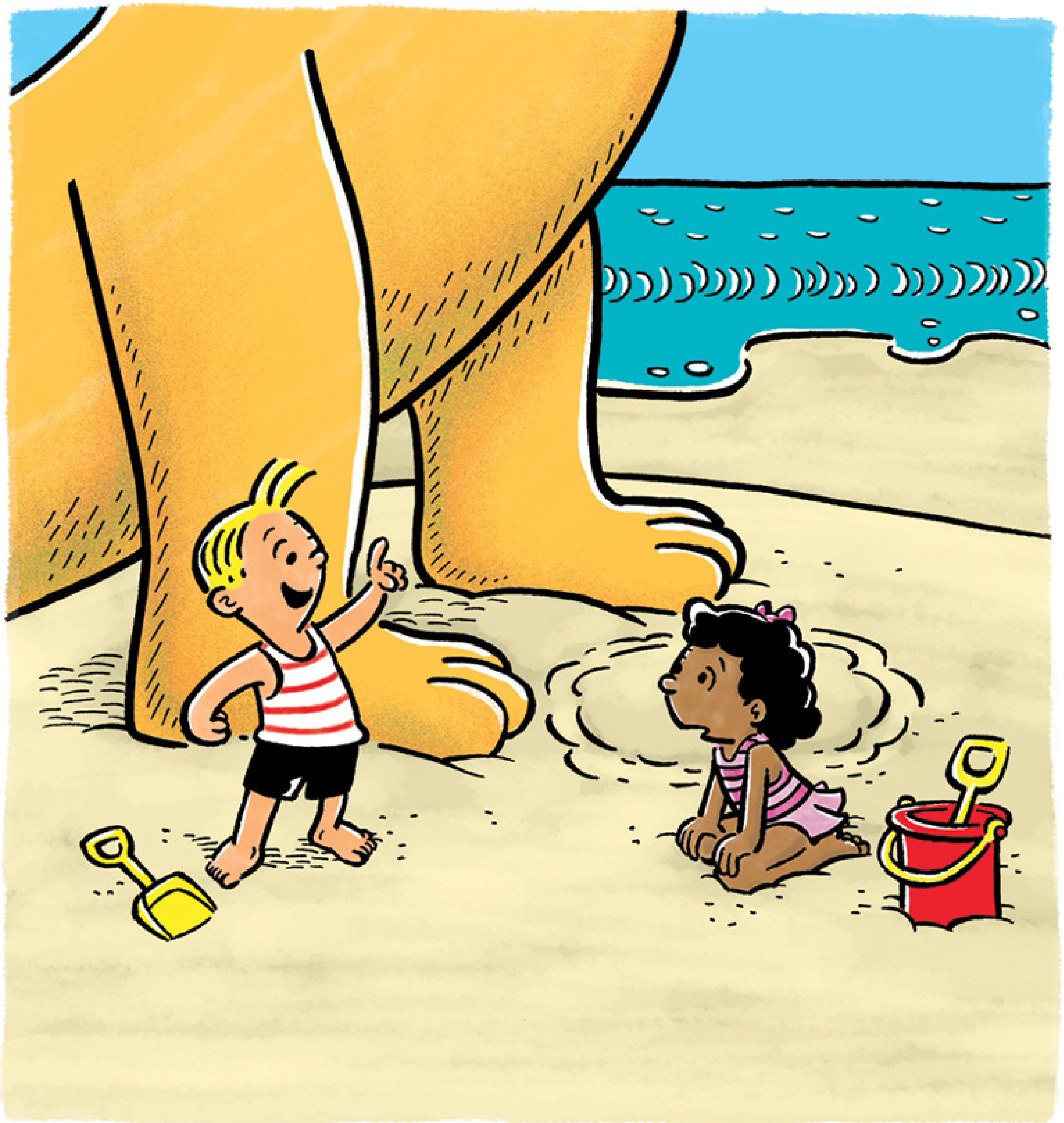


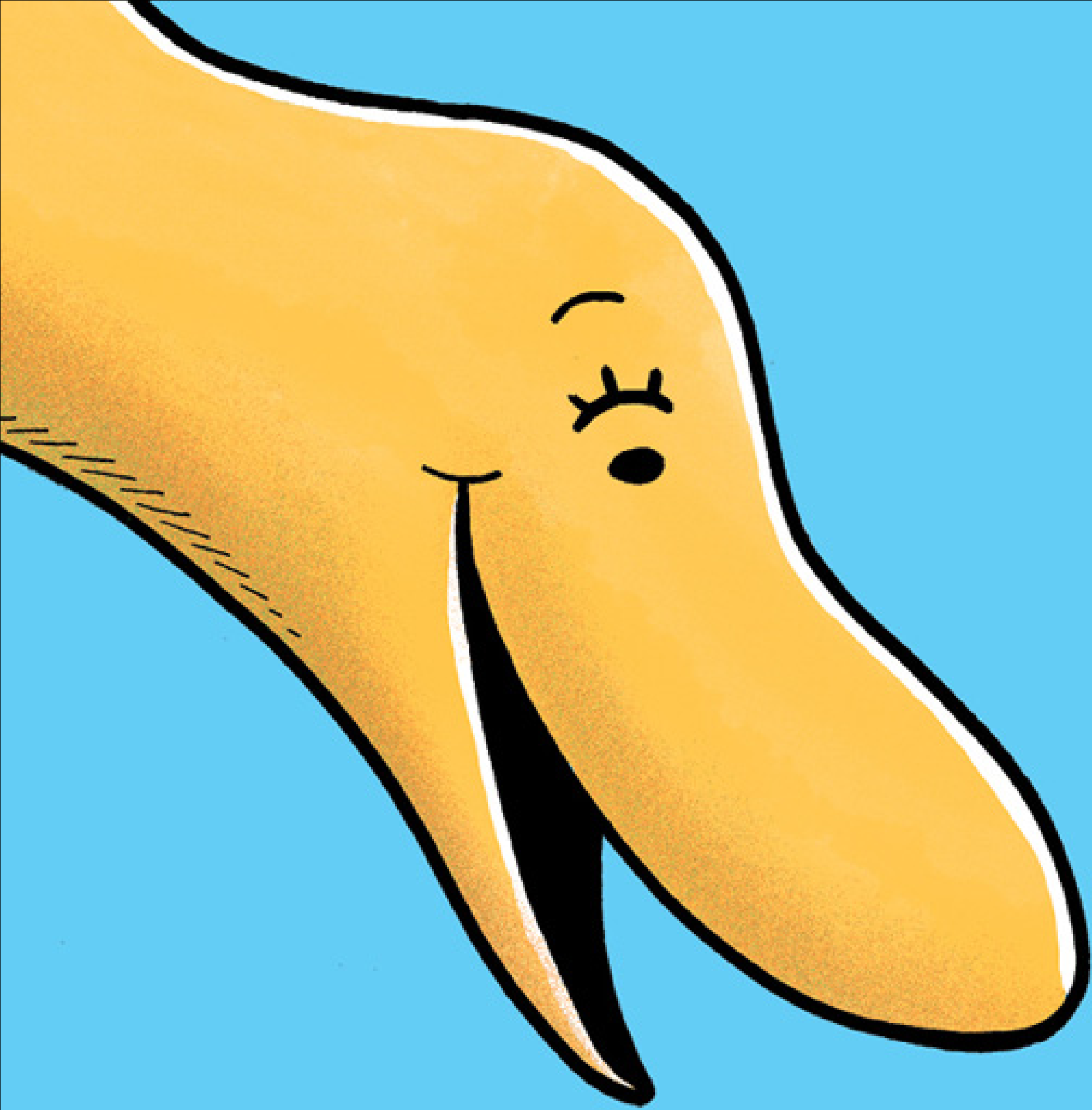
Danny looked at the dinosaur.

He looked at the ocean.

“I’ve got it,” he said.

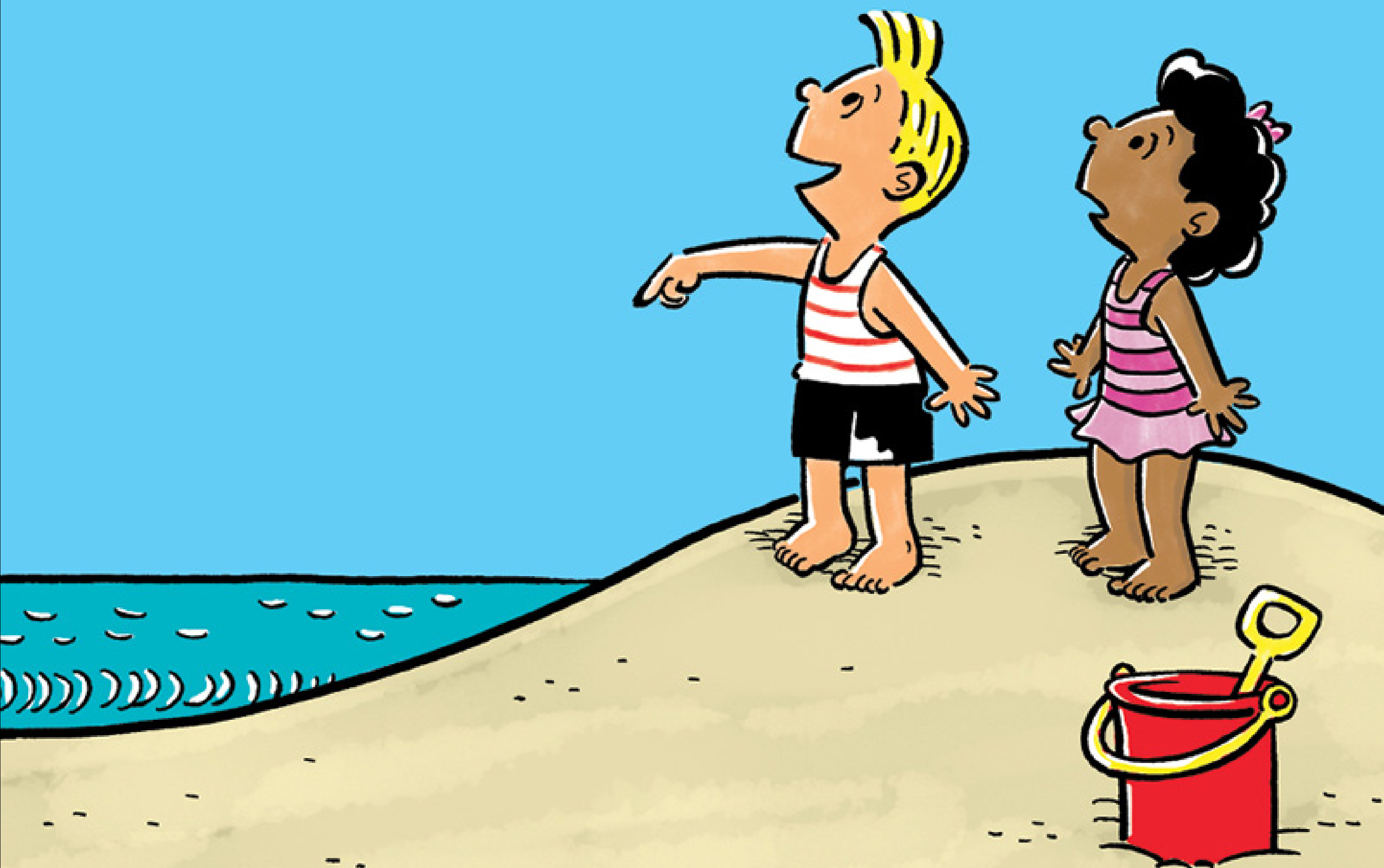
“But we’ll need some help.”





“What can I do?” the dinosaur asked.

“Just lie down,” said Danny.





With the help of some new friends,
Danny and Betty piled sand
all over the dinosaur.



They added waves and fins.

They made a sand sea monster!

“We will win for sure!” said Betty.

Everyone agreed it was the best.

“Thanks, guys!” said Danny.

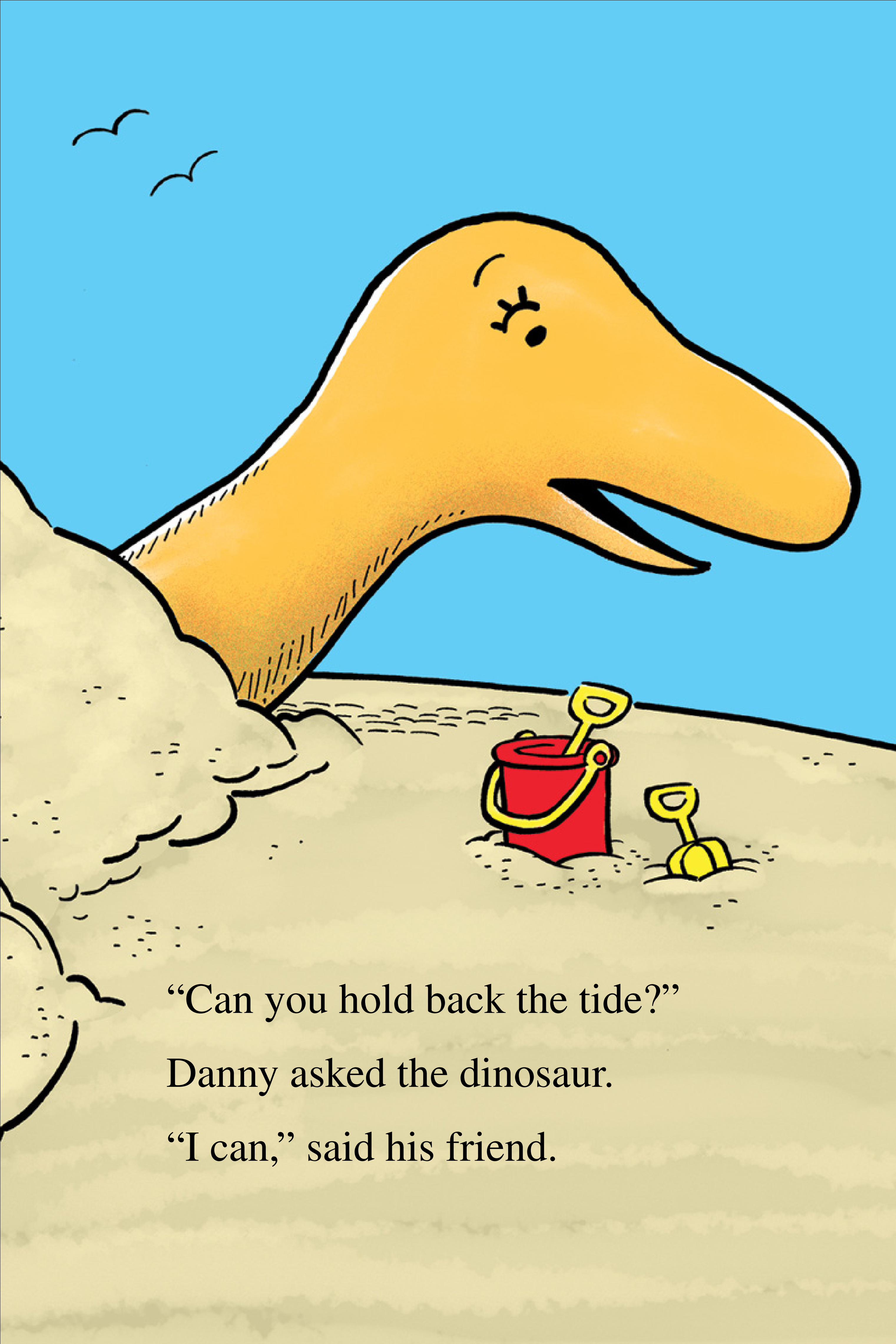




But then, Danny noticed something.

The tide was coming in.

Everyone's castles were in danger!



“Can you hold back the tide?”

Danny asked the dinosaur.

“I can,” said his friend.

“But what about your sea monster?”

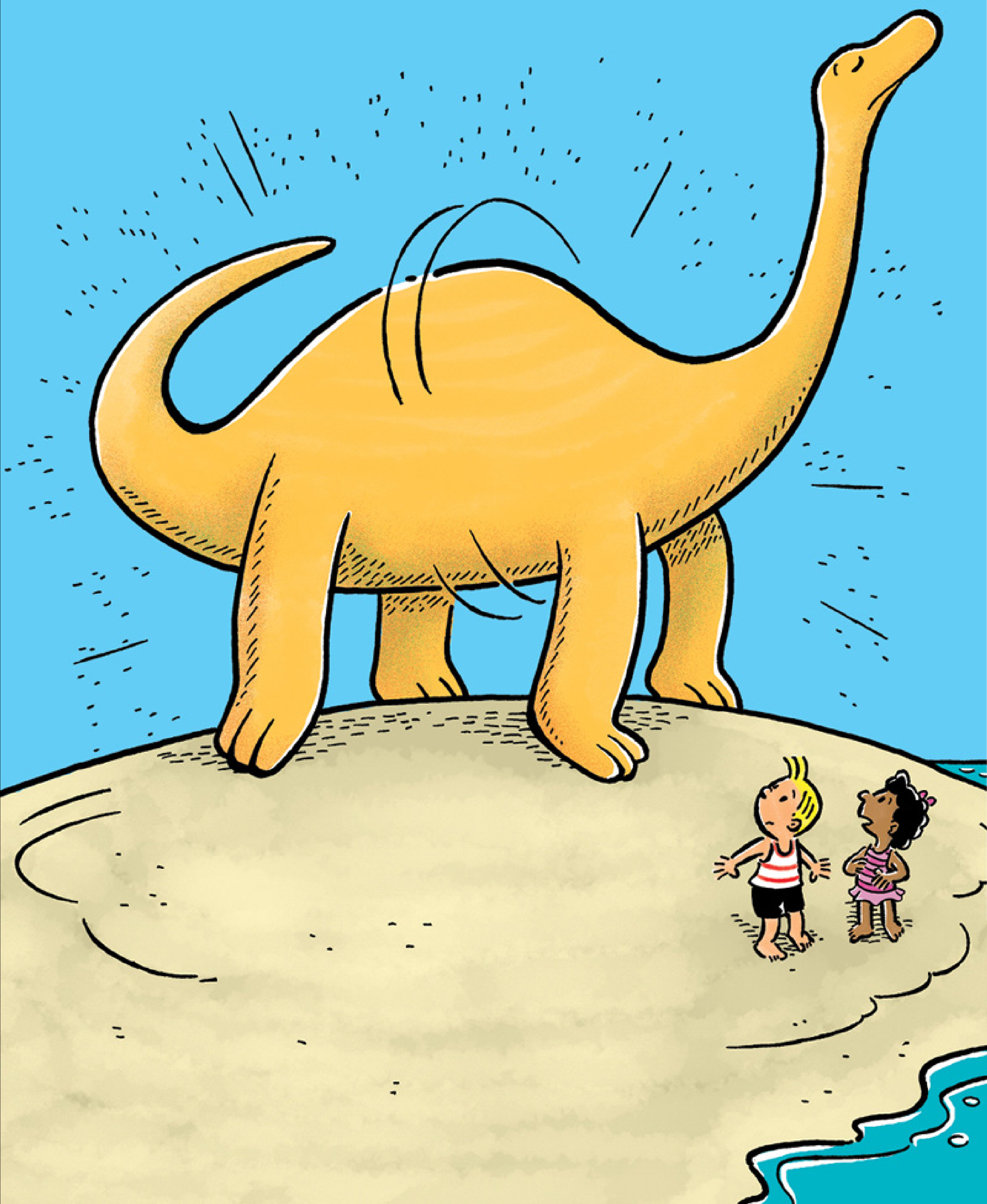
said Betty.

“Saving our friends’ sand castles

is more important,” said Danny.

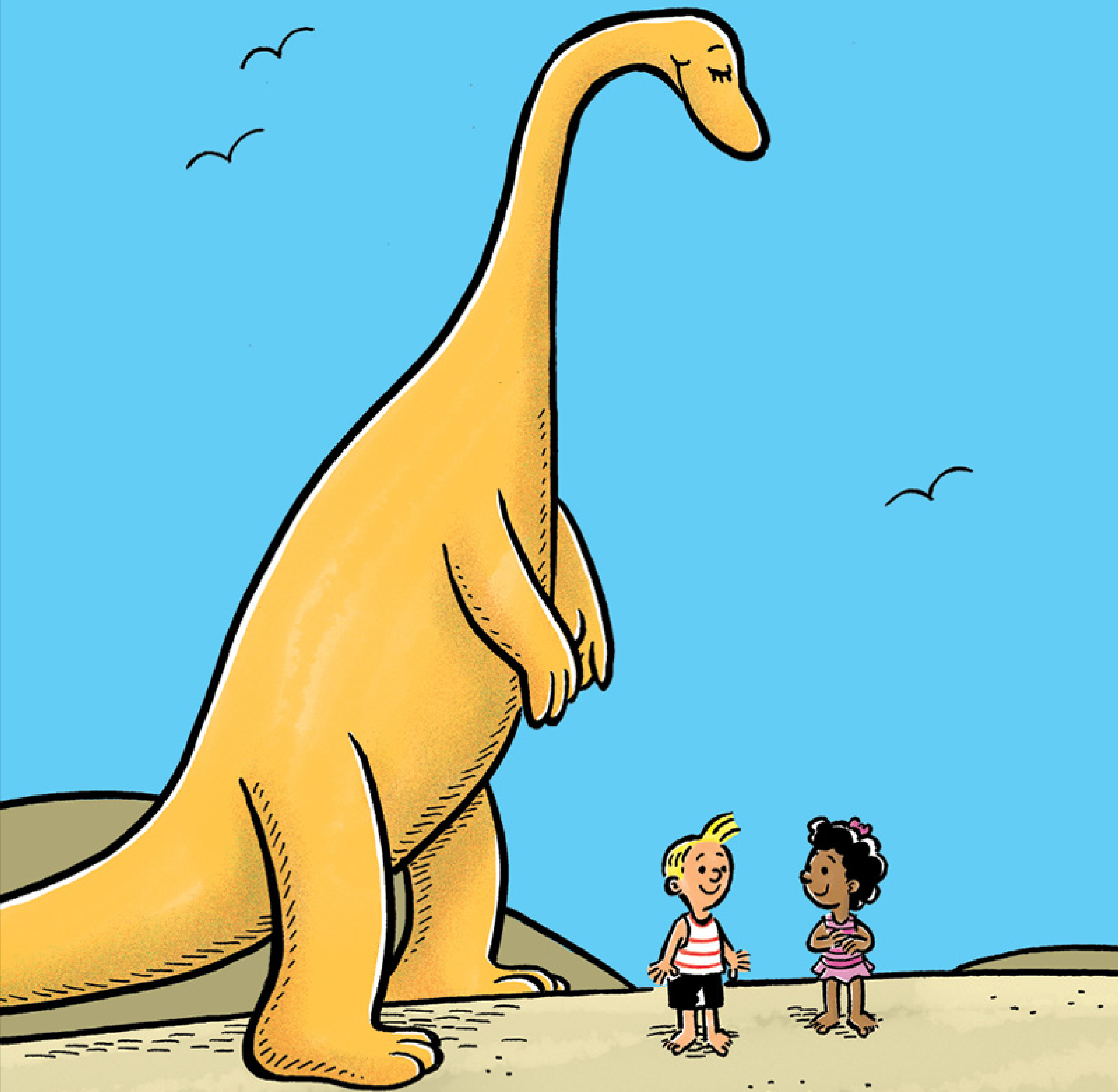


The dinosaur shook off the sand.





He blocked the waves
while the judges finished judging.



“Hooray for Danny and the dinosaur!”
everyone cheered.

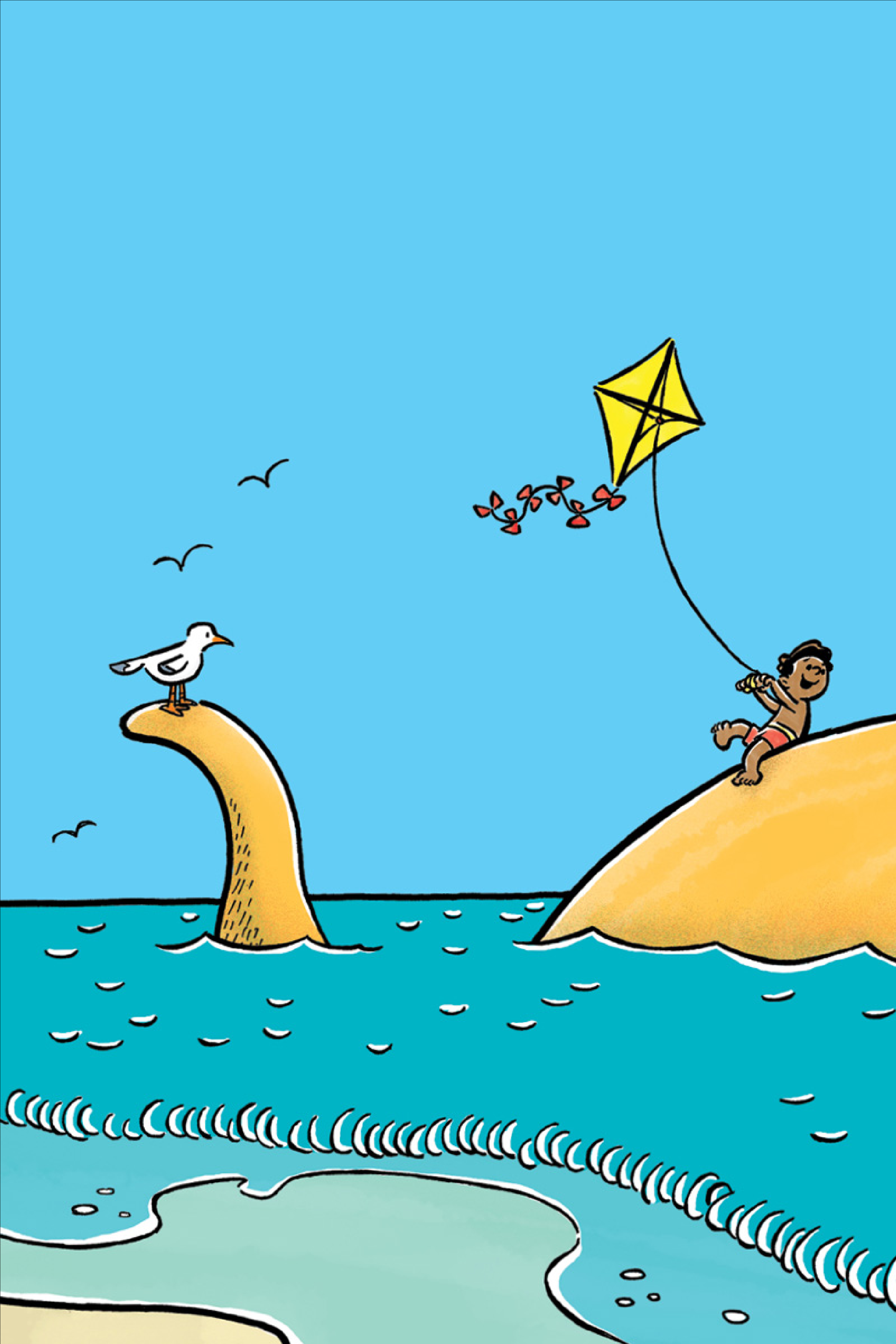


“You didn’t win,” said Betty.

“But I made new friends,” said Danny.

“And I’ll try again next year.”





The dinosaur took all
the new friends swimming.
Everyone played in the waves.



At the end of the day
everyone celebrated with Popsicles.
And the dinosaur had
the biggest one of all!

