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# Amelia Bedelia

• Sleeps Over •



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*For Rose—thanks for having it at your house!*  
—L. A.



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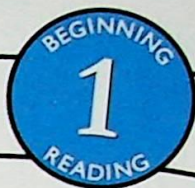
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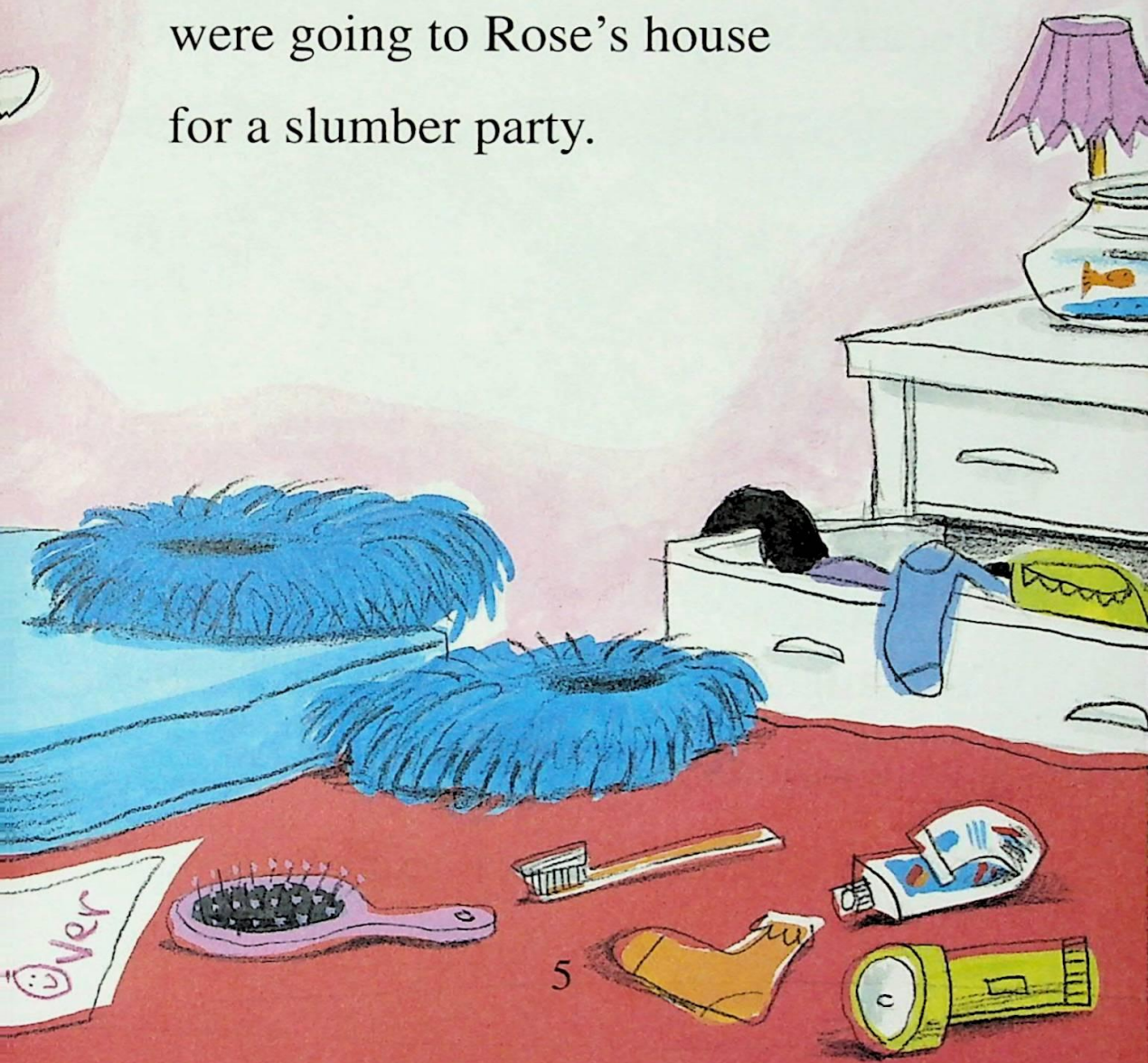
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Amelia Bedelia was excited.  
Tonight was her very first sleepover.  
All the girls in her class  
were going to Rose's house  
for a slumber party.





Amelia Bedelia and her mother  
drove to Rose's house.

"Is a slumber party fun?"  
asked Amelia Bedelia.

"Because sleeping is boring."



"You might not sleep much,"  
said her mother.

"You will play, eat pizza, paint nails . . ."



“Do we paint the nails  
and then hammer them?”  
asked Amelia Bedelia.



“Or do we hammer them first?”



Amelia Bedelia's mother laughed.

“You'll have fun, sweetie,” she said.

“I promise.”



When Amelia Bedelia arrived,  
the front door swung open.  
Her friends ran out to greet her.  
Rose's mother came outside, too.







“Good luck,” said Amelia Bedelia’s mom.

“I think I’ll need it!” said Rose’s mother.

“I am a light sleeper.”



“Me too,” said Amelia Bedelia.

She reached into her backpack  
and pulled out her flashlight.

“I sleep with this light every night.”



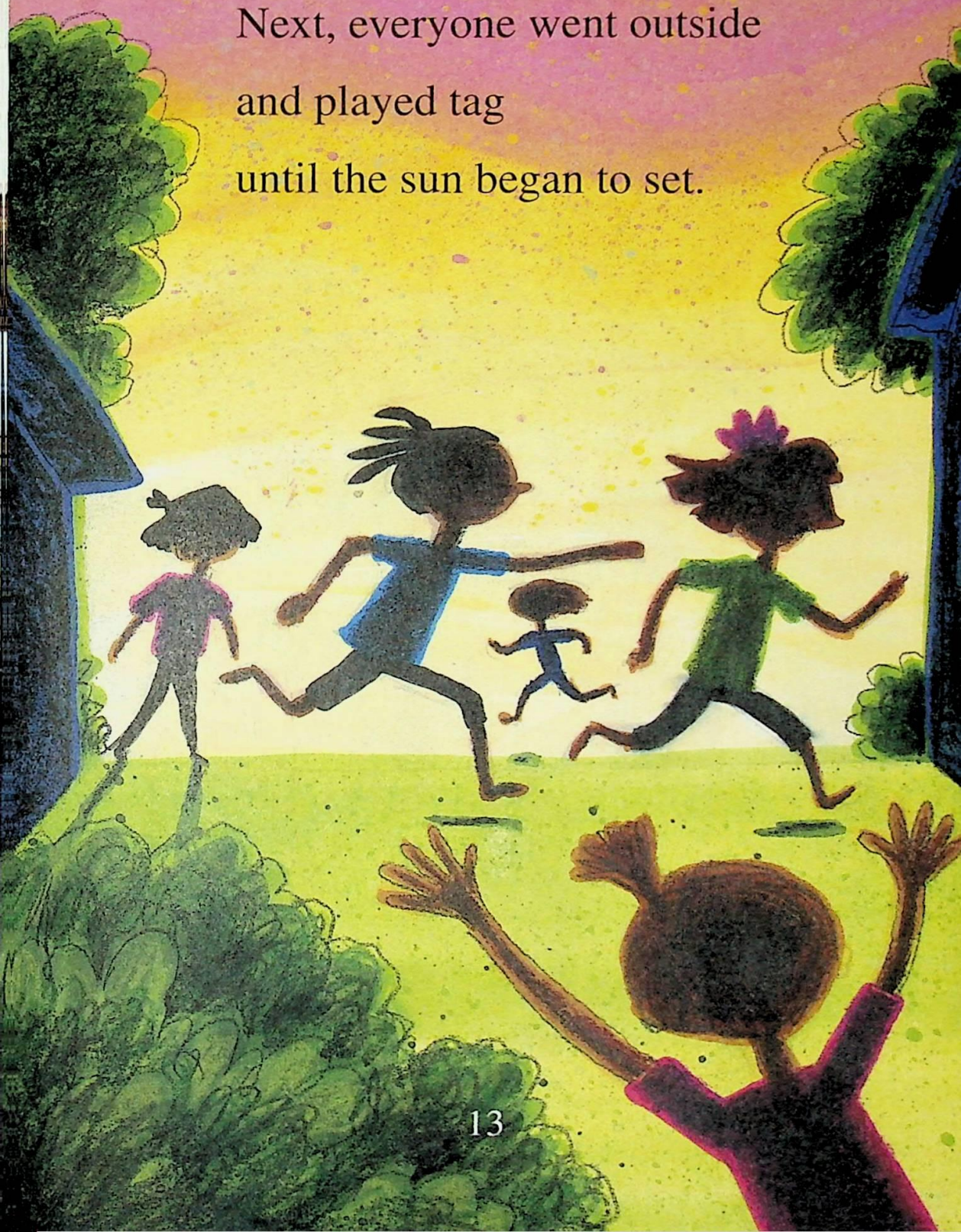




The girls played board games.  
Amelia Bedelia had worried  
that she would be bored,  
but she was not.



Next, everyone went outside  
and played tag  
until the sun began to set.







“The pizza is here!”  
called Rose’s father.  
“Come and get it!”

“And for dessert,” said Rose’s mother,  
“we will toast marshmallows  
and make s’mores.”





“Won’t that wreck your toaster?”

asked Amelia Bedelia.

“Marshmallows melt into gooey, blobby . . .”



Rose’s father laughed.

“We’ll toast them on the grill,” he said.





After the pizza was gone,  
Dawn speared a marshmallow  
on Amelia Bedelia's stick.



Holly showed her how to turn it  
carefully and slowly  
to get a crunchy brown skin.





Amelia Bedelia put her marshmallow  
on top of a chocolate bar  
between two graham crackers.



“Yum!” said Amelia Bedelia.

“I’d like some more, please!”

“Now you know why  
they’re called s’mores!” said Rose.





After many more s'mores,  
the girls went inside the house.  
They put on their pajamas,  
but it was not time to slumber yet.

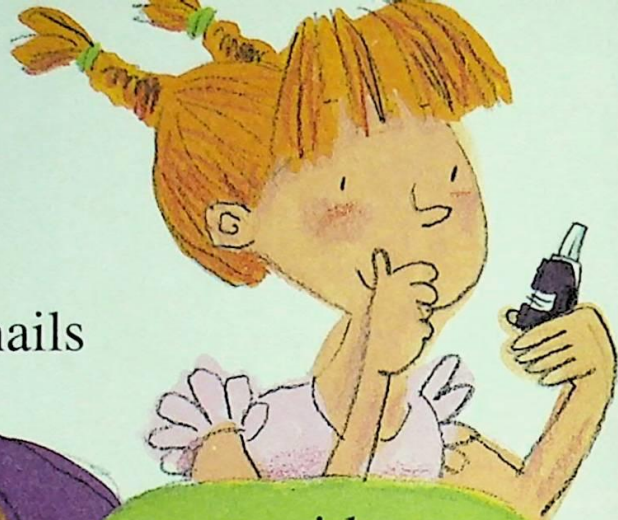




Rose brought out bottles  
of glittery nail polish  
in more colors than the rainbow.  
Every color had the perfect name.



Heather painted  
Amelia Bedelia's nails

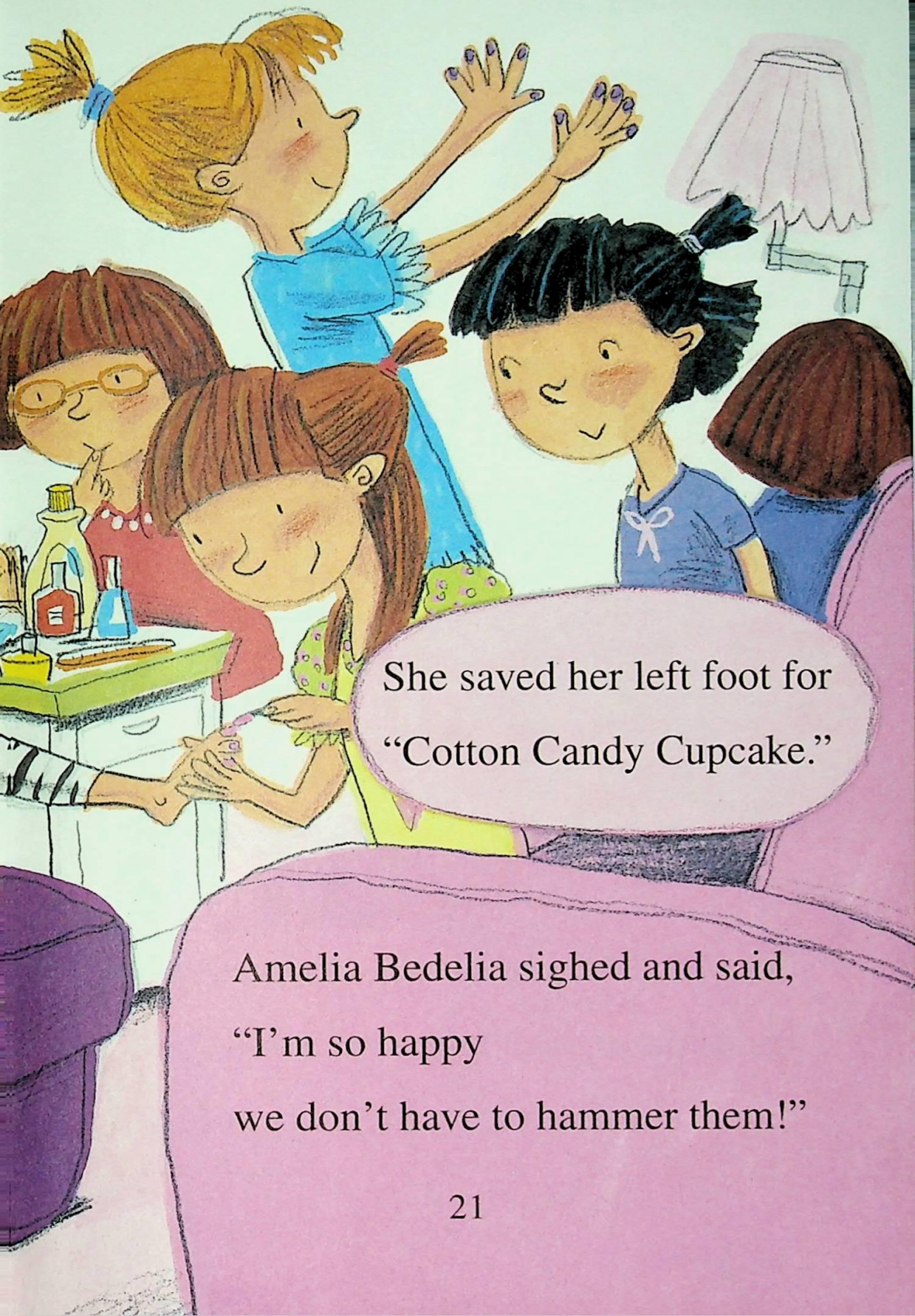


with  
“Shamrock Green”  
on her left hand,

“Blue Iceberg”  
on her right hand,

and  
“Banana Sunrise”  
on her right foot.





She saved her left foot for  
“Cotton Candy Cupcake.”

Amelia Bedelia sighed and said,  
“I’m so happy  
we don’t have to hammer them!”



Too soon, the clock struck ten.

“Bedtime, girls!” said Rose’s mother.

“Lights out, and no giggling allowed!”



Oh well, thought Amelia Bedelia.

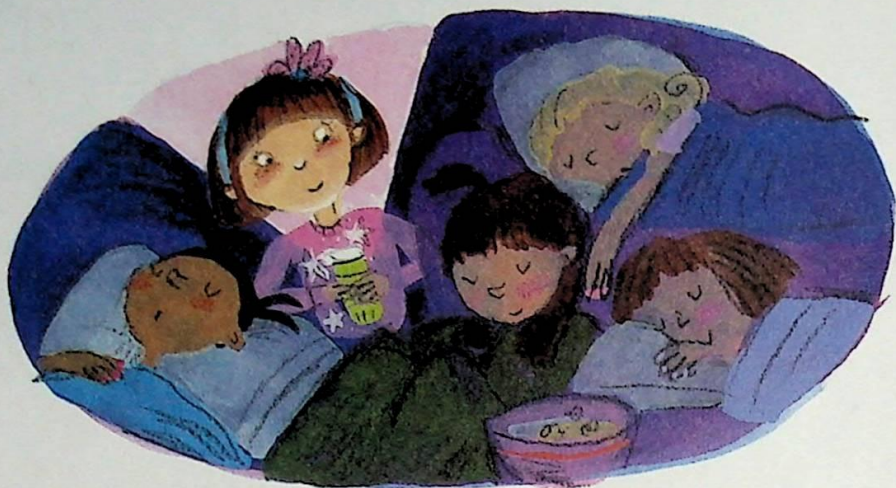
Here comes the slumber part  
of this slumber party.





Off went the lights and lamps.  
On went Amelia Bedelia's flashlight.  
She showed her friends how to make  
shadow puppets on the wall.





One by one,  
the girls fell asleep.  
All except Amelia Bedelia.



She was not one bit sleepy.  
She made a rabbit.





Then a barking dog.

Then an elephant  
with a trunk to grab . . .



Oops!

Her flashlight went out.

“Oh, no,” said Amelia Bedelia.

What light would keep her company now?







Then Amelia Bedelia noticed  
a very bright light  
peeking into the family room.



She pulled back the curtains.  
A full moon shone down on her.  
Now there was too much light!



Amelia Bedelia dragged her sleeping bag under Rose's Ping-Pong table.



Perfect, thought Amelia Bedelia.  
Now I am having a sleepover  
and a sleep under.



Amelia Bedelia snuggled down  
into her cozy sleeping bag.

She gazed up at the moon.

She had heard people say that  
there was a man in the moon.

She'd never seen him, until tonight.



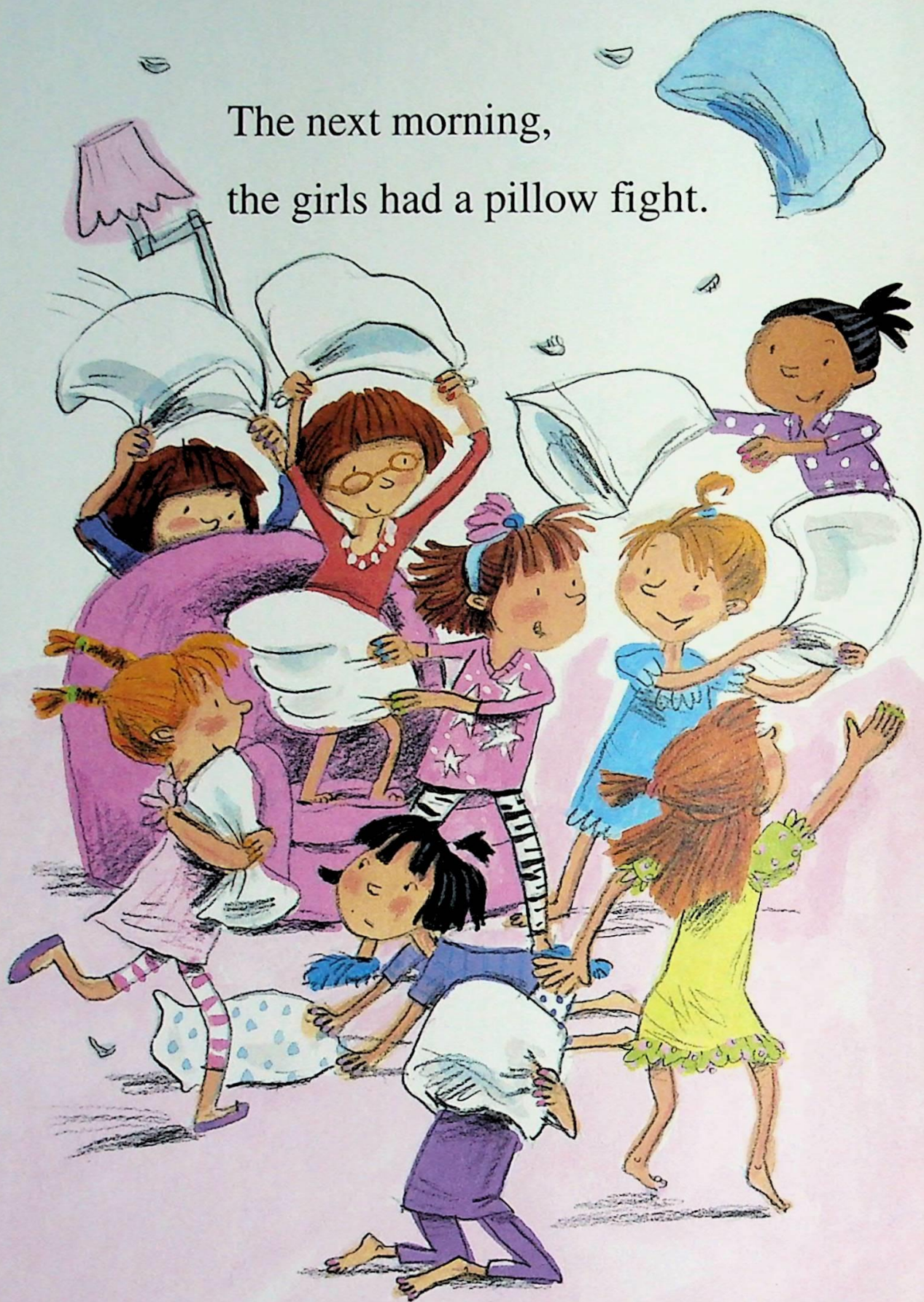
He looked just like her dad.

Amelia Bedelia closed her eyes.

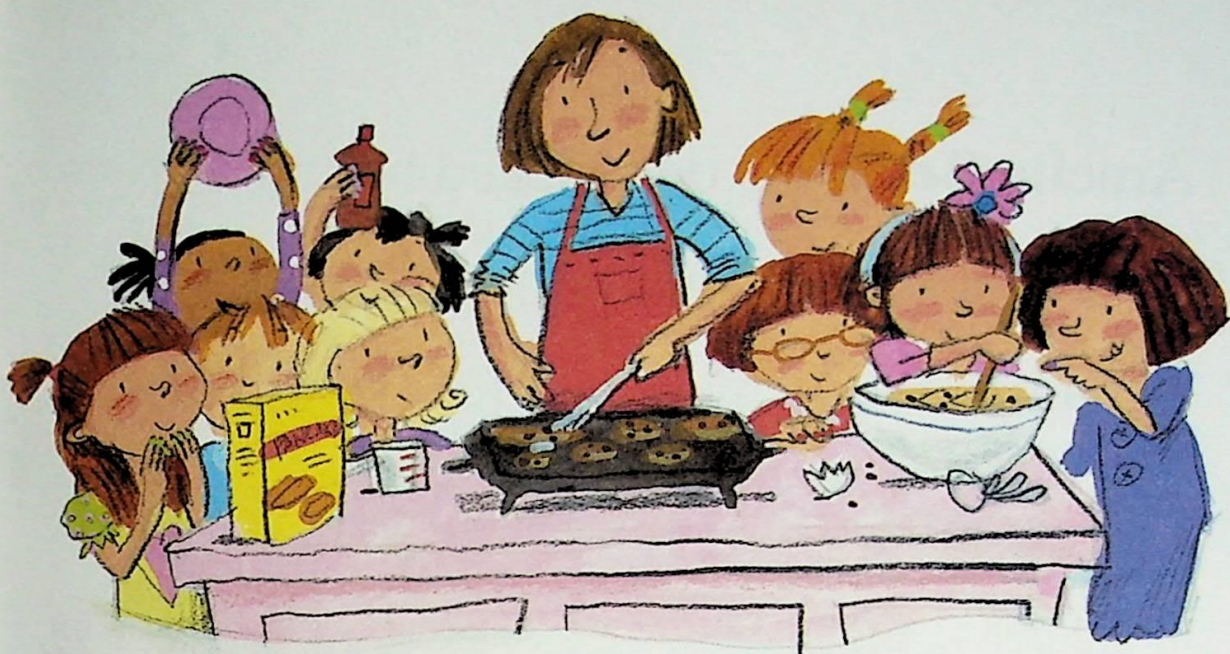
A second later, she was sound asleep.



The next morning,  
the girls had a pillow fight.







Then they made chocolate chip pancakes



and helped to clean up the mess.



Amelia Bedelia's dad picked her up.

"Nice nails," said her father.

"Thanks, moon man," said Amelia Bedelia.

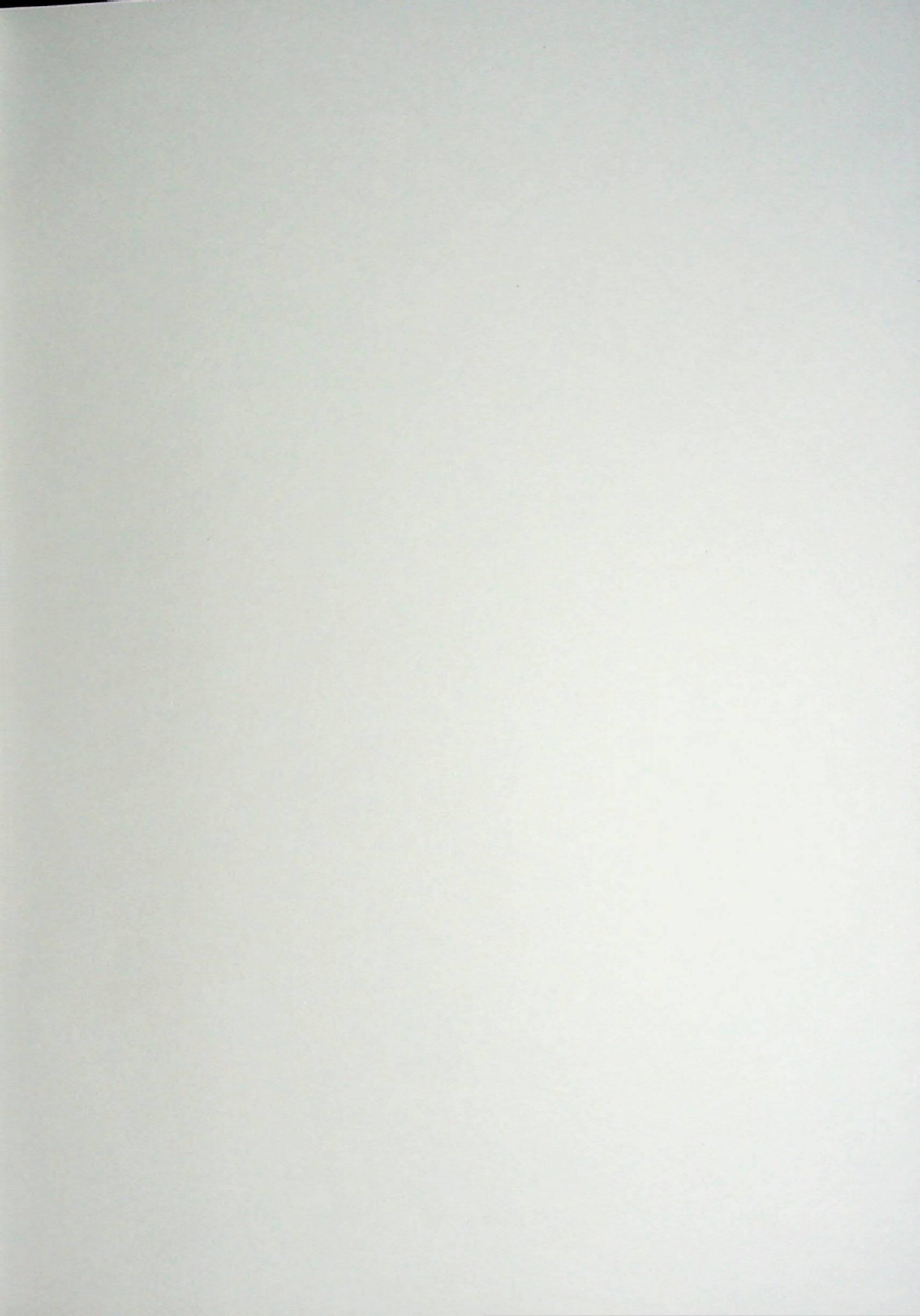


"Huh?" said her father.

"You sound like you need to take a nap."

And so Amelia Bedelia did,  
all the way home.







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