

I Love My Purse

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To Olivia and your bright red purse
–B.D.

To my family in Argentina
–S.W.

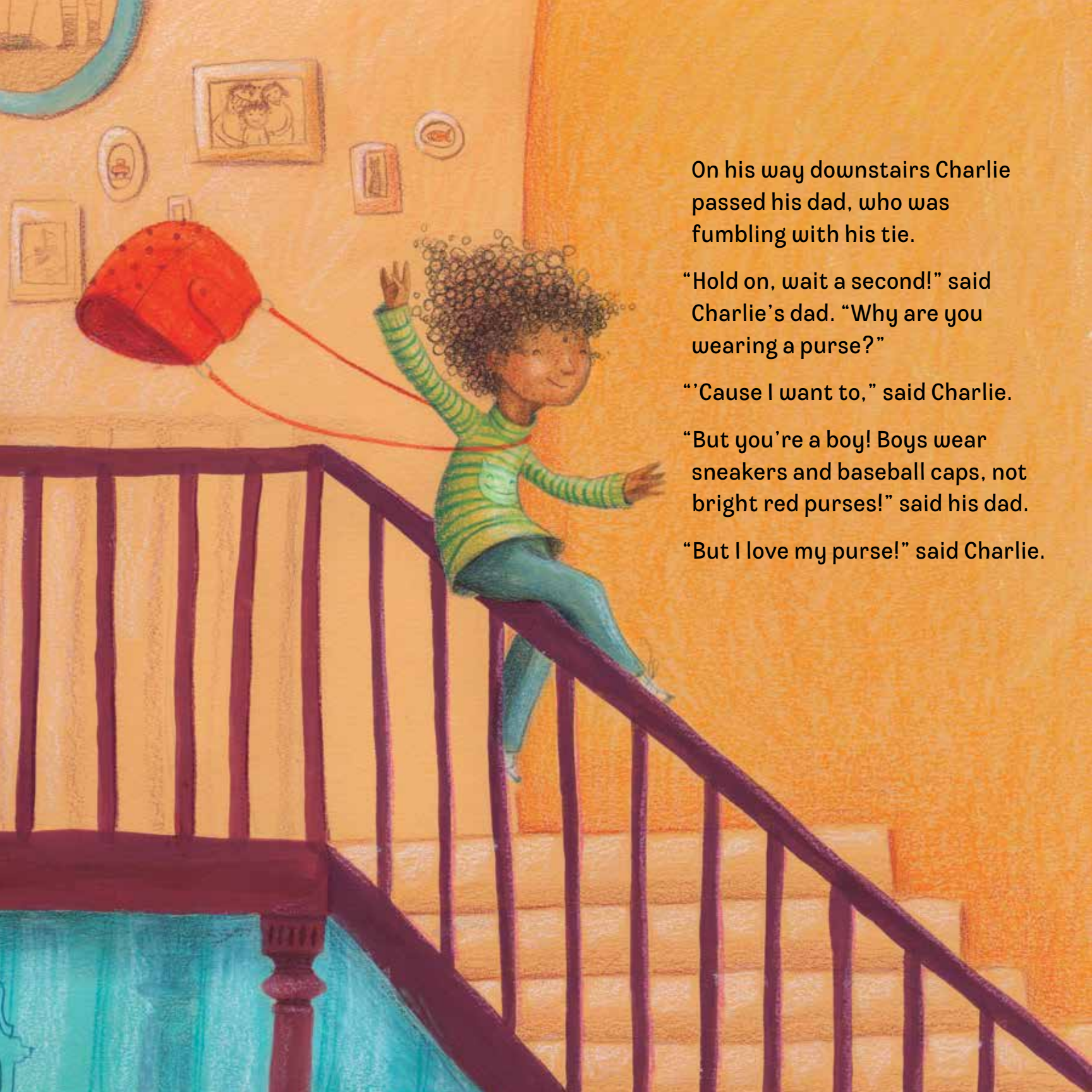
Every morning, Charlie yawned, stretched, then slid his feet into his favorite fuzzy slippers. And every morning he shuffled over to his closet and looked for something to wear. But there was nothing he liked. Nothing except the bright red purse that his grandma had let him have. So far he had only tried it on in front of the mirror.

One morning Charlie decided enough was enough.









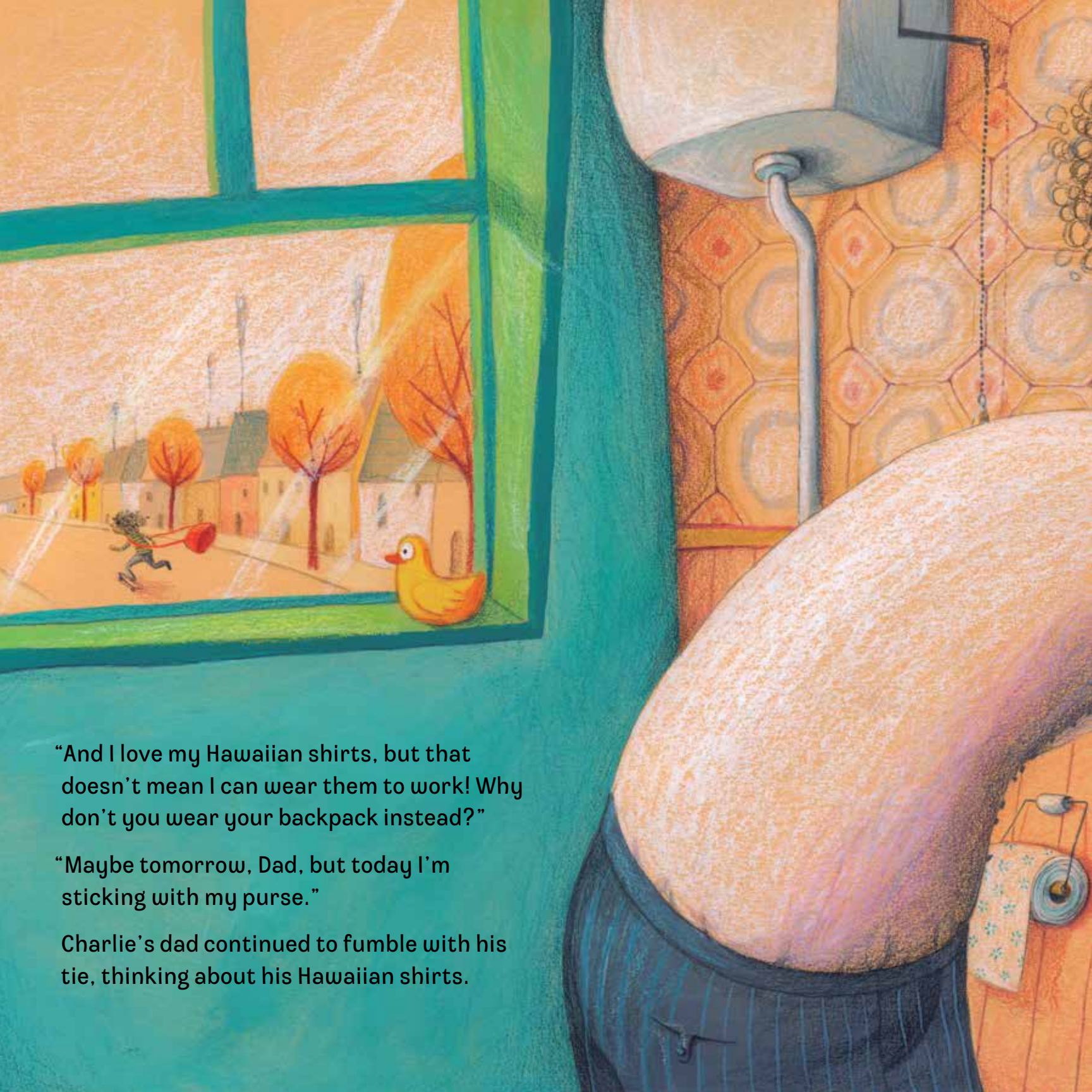
On his way downstairs Charlie passed his dad, who was fumbling with his tie.

“Hold on, wait a second!” said Charlie’s dad. “Why are you wearing a purse?”

“Cause I want to,” said Charlie.

“But you’re a boy! Boys wear sneakers and baseball caps, not bright red purses!” said his dad.

“But I love my purse!” said Charlie.

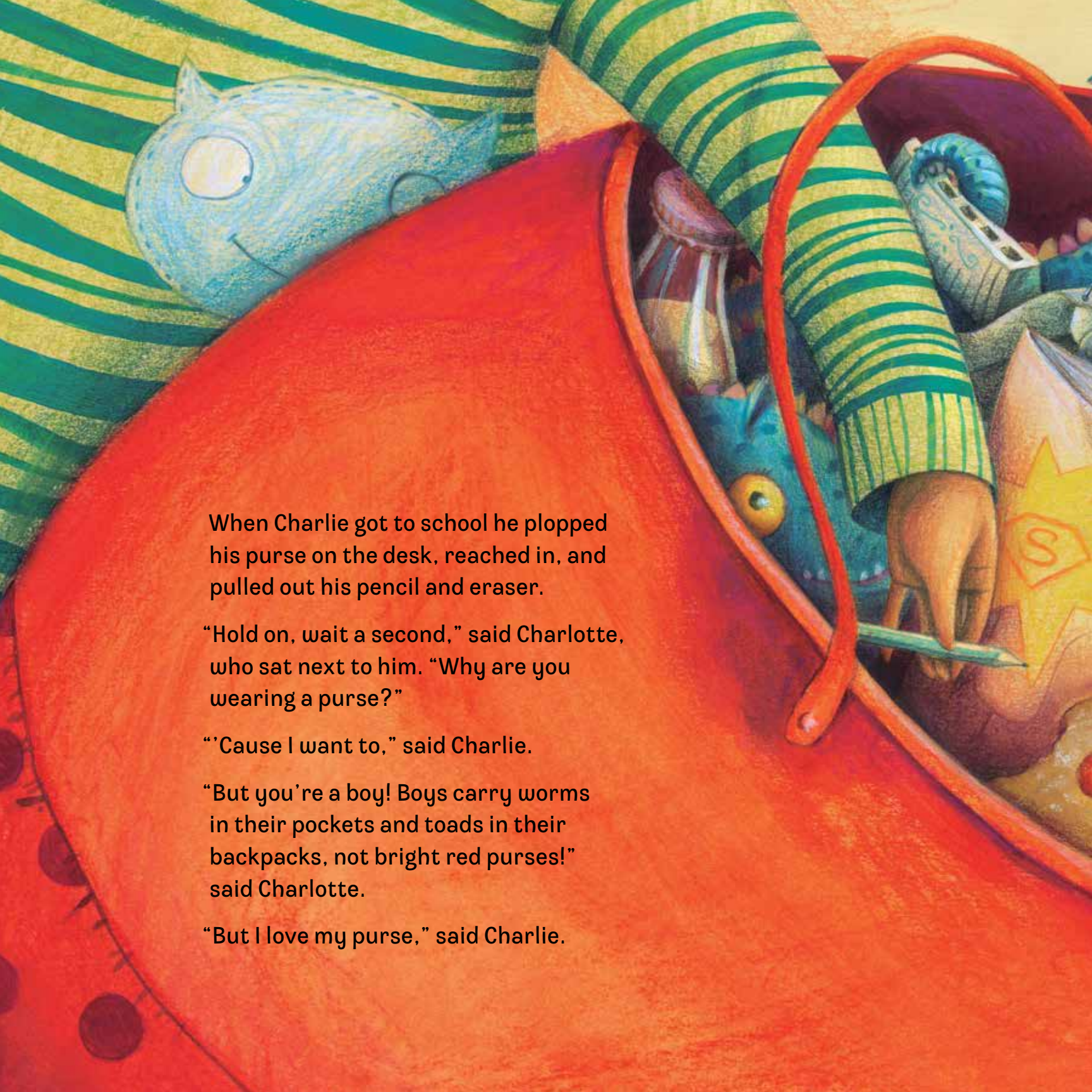


“And I love my Hawaiian shirts, but that doesn’t mean I can wear them to work! Why don’t you wear your backpack instead?”

“Maybe tomorrow, Dad, but today I’m sticking with my purse.”

Charlie’s dad continued to fumble with his tie, thinking about his Hawaiian shirts.



A vibrant, textured illustration of a boy named Charlie, depicted as a blue, round creature with large eyes and a small smile, wearing a green and yellow striped shirt. He is sitting inside a large, bright red, textured purse. The purse is filled with school supplies, including a pencil, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, and a yellow pencil case with a red 'S' on it. The background is a mix of green and yellow stripes, suggesting a striped shirt or a patterned background.

When Charlie got to school he plopped his purse on the desk, reached in, and pulled out his pencil and eraser.

“Hold on, wait a second,” said Charlotte, who sat next to him. “Why are you wearing a purse?”

“’Cause I want to,” said Charlie.

“But you’re a boy! Boys carry worms in their pockets and toads in their backpacks, not bright red purses!” said Charlotte.

“But I love my purse,” said Charlie.

