

It Started
as a **Sock**

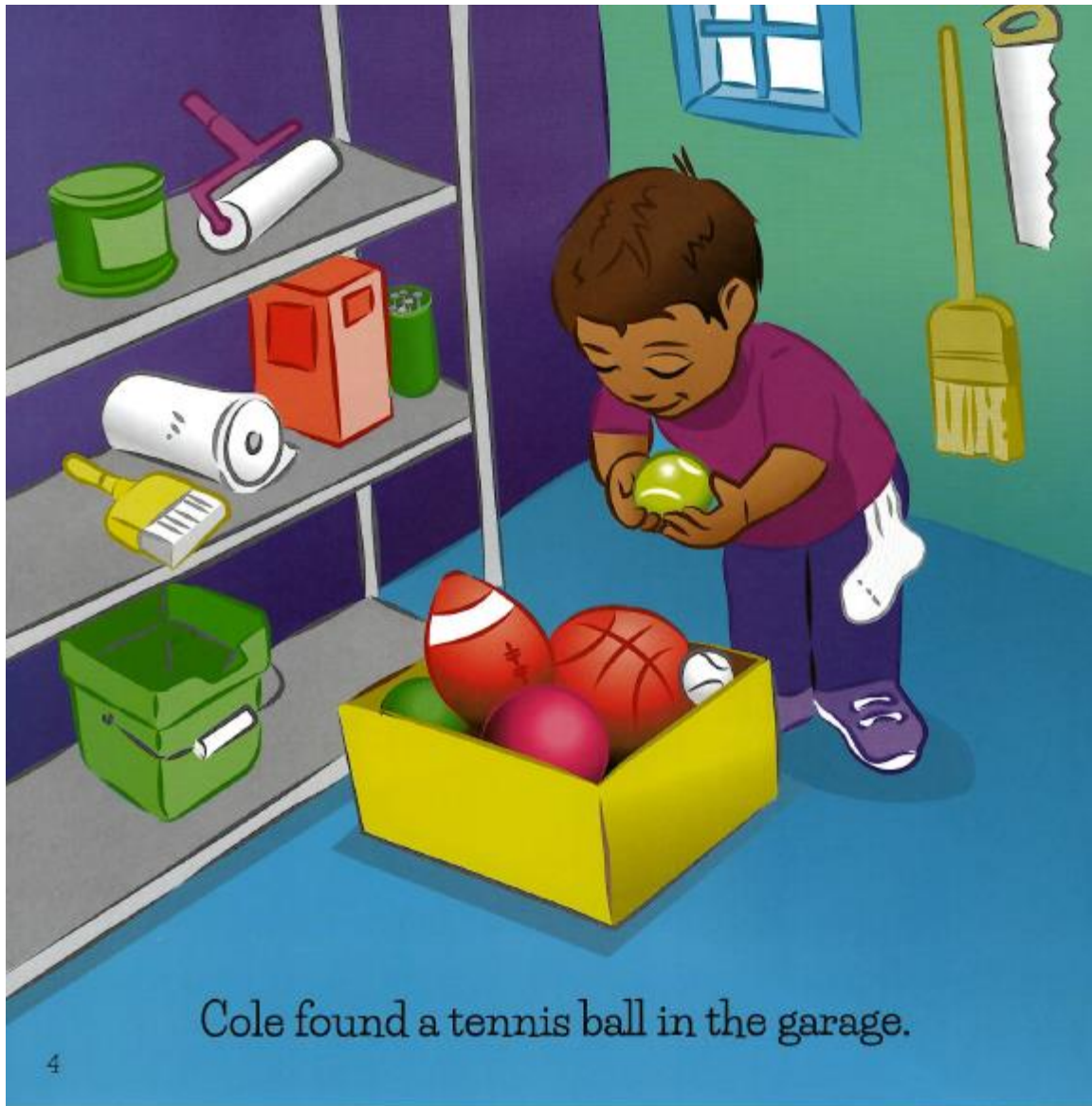


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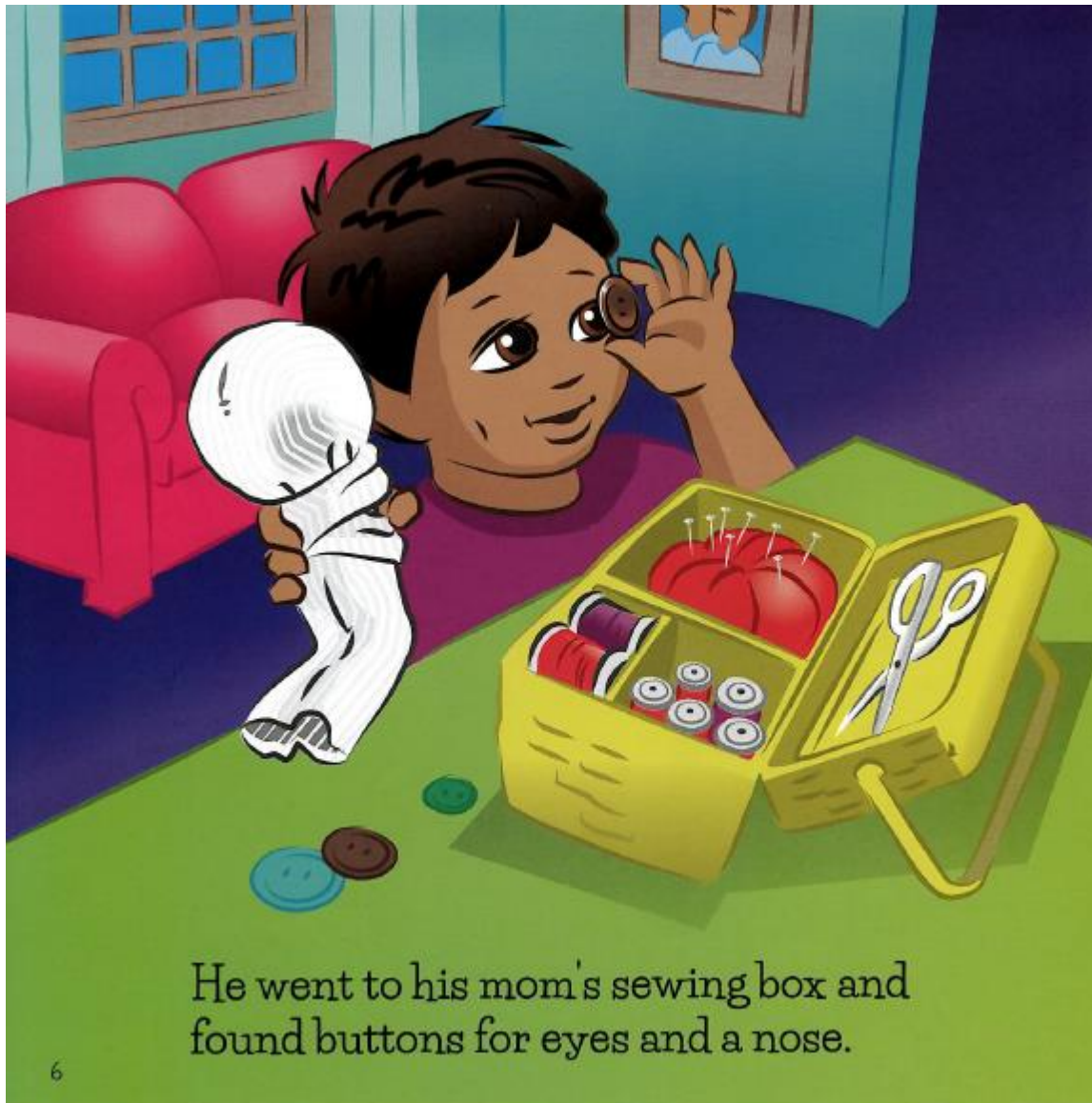
Cole found an old sock in the laundry room. His dad lost the other sock and was going to throw this sock away. So Cole put the sock in his pocket.



Cole found a tennis ball in the garage.

He dropped the ball into the sock. He tied a knot in the sock so the ball would stay in place. "I have a new friend," he said.





He went to his mom's sewing box and found buttons for eyes and a nose.

Then he found glue in the kitchen "gathering drawer."
He used the glue to attach the button eyes and nose.

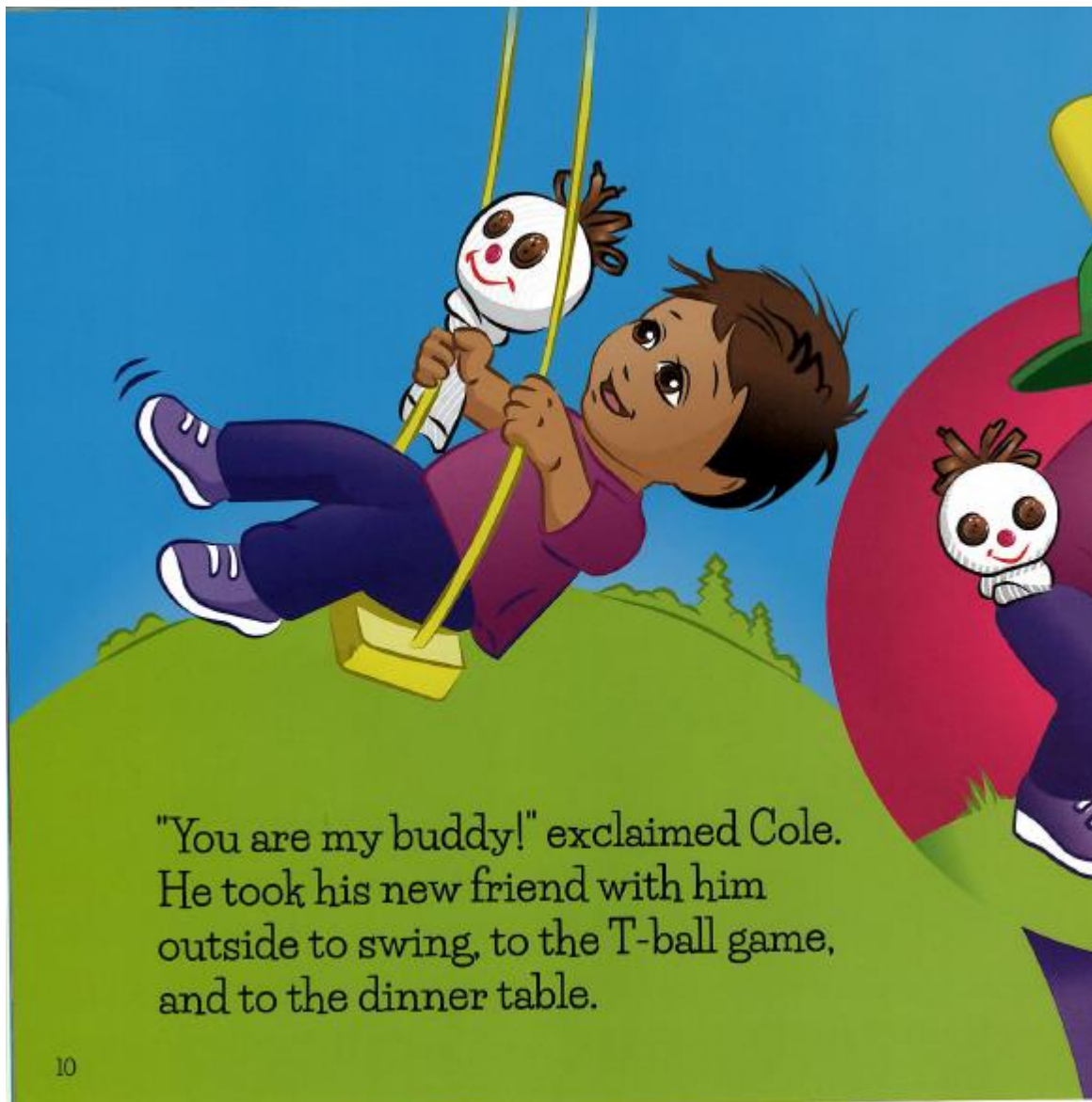


He used the markers in his sister's art box to draw a mouth. "Wow! You are looking cool," said Cole.



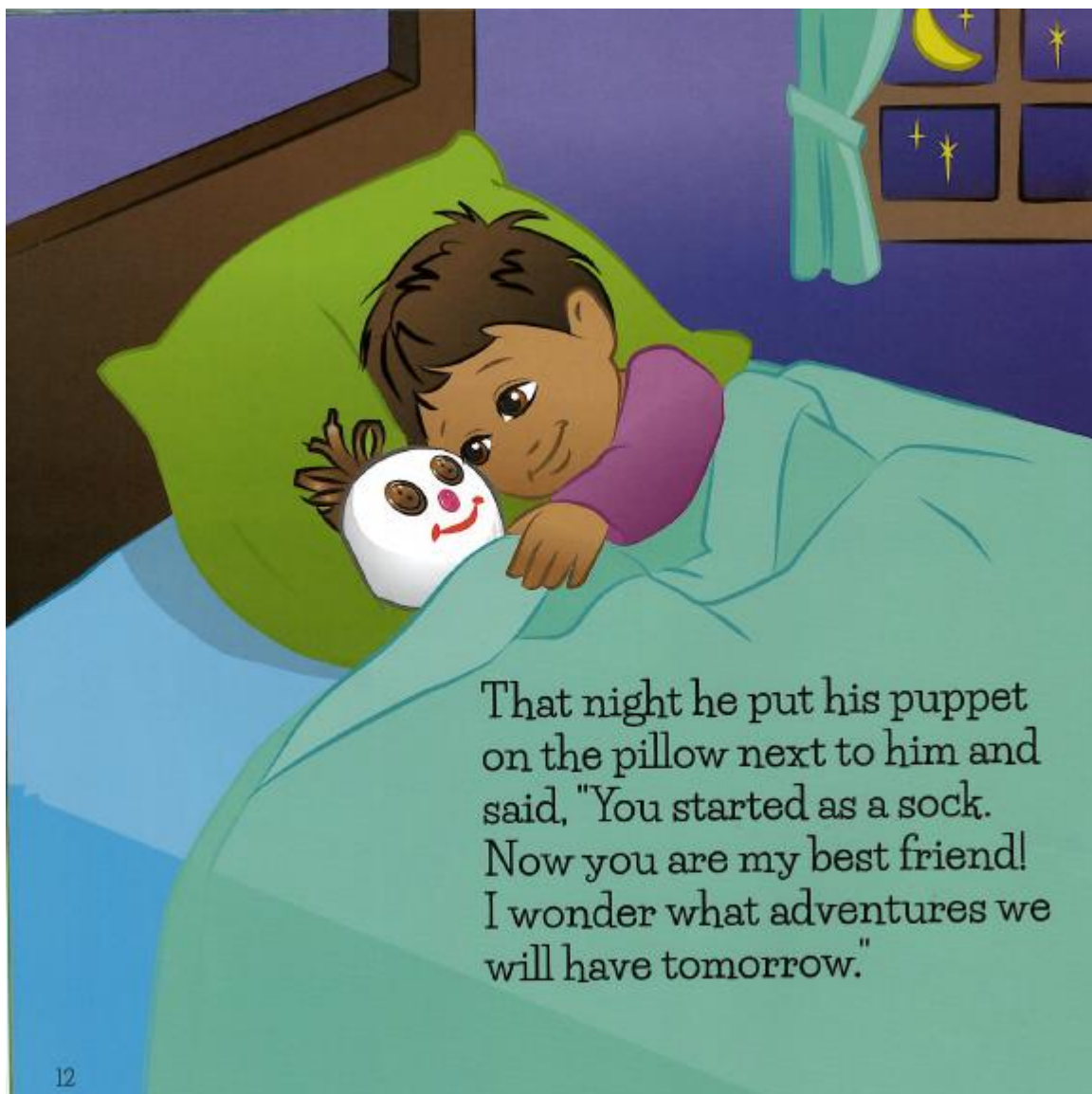


Cole went to his closet and pulled out the two shoestrings from his old tennis shoes. He put the two shoestrings together and tied them into a bow. He used glue to attach the shoestrings to his puppet's head. Now the puppet had brown hair just like Cole! 9



"You are my buddy!" exclaimed Cole. He took his new friend with him outside to swing, to the T-ball game, and to the dinner table.





That night he put his puppet on the pillow next to him and said, "You started as a sock. Now you are my best friend! I wonder what adventures we will have tomorrow."