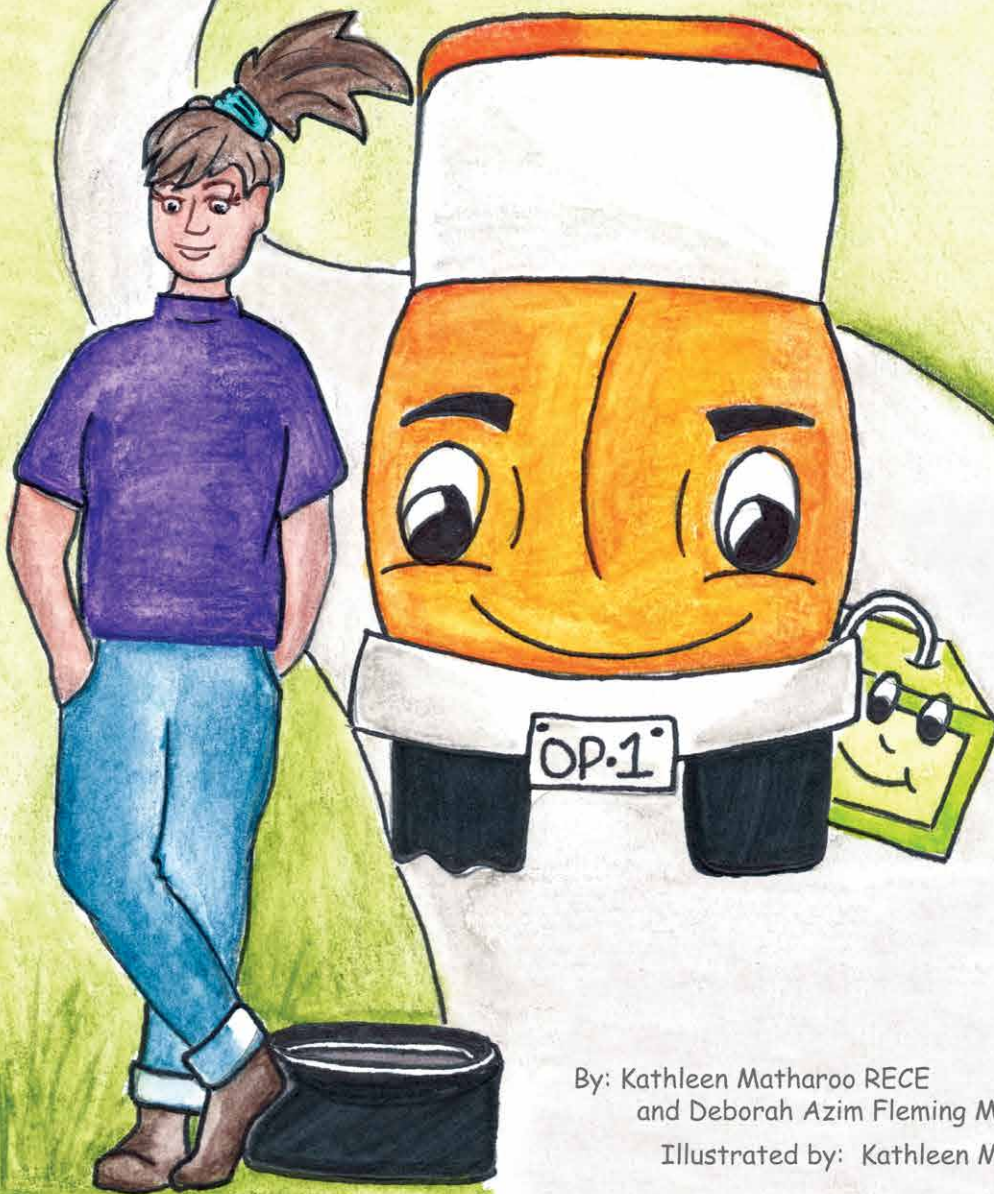


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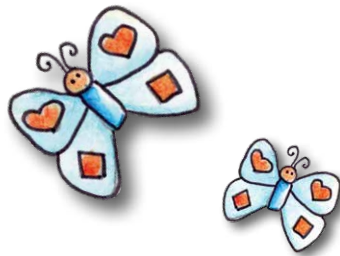
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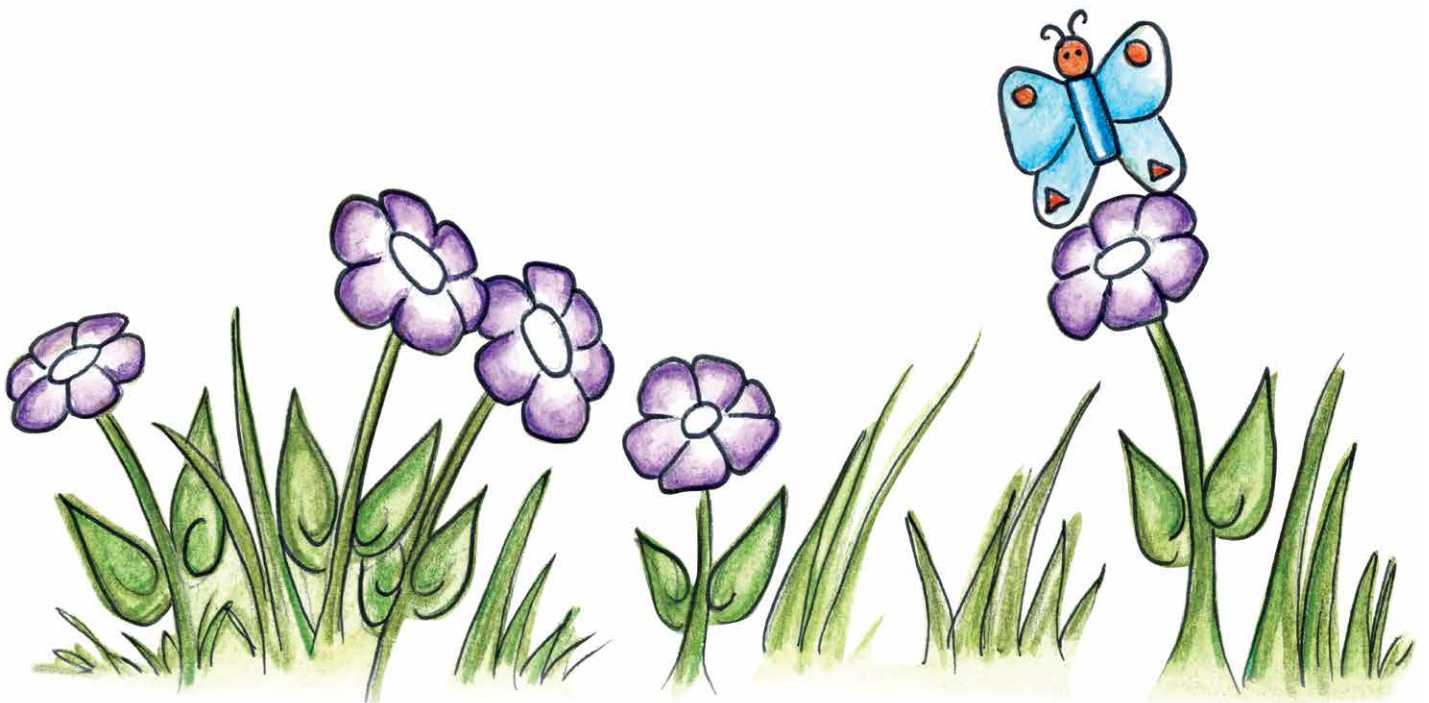
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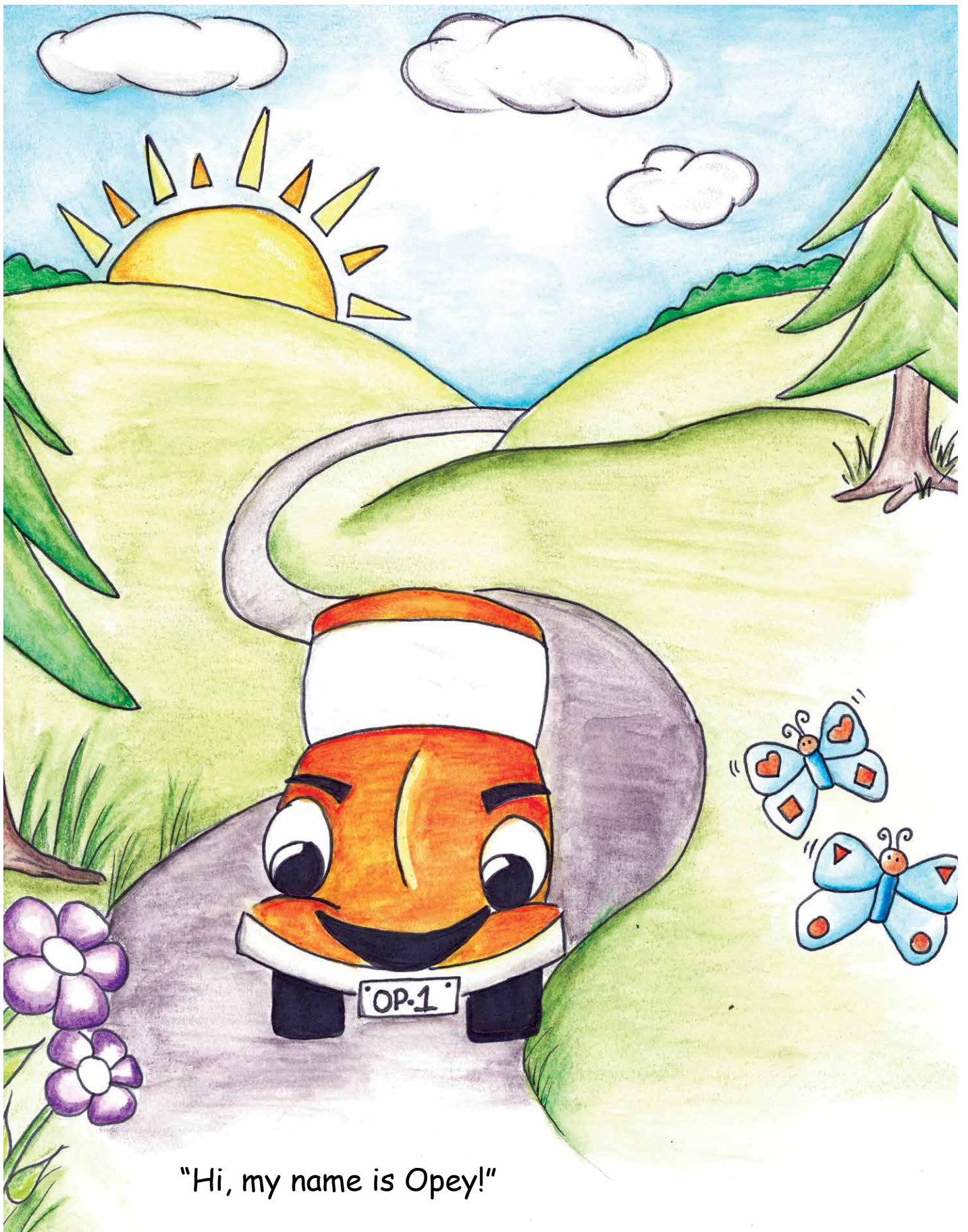
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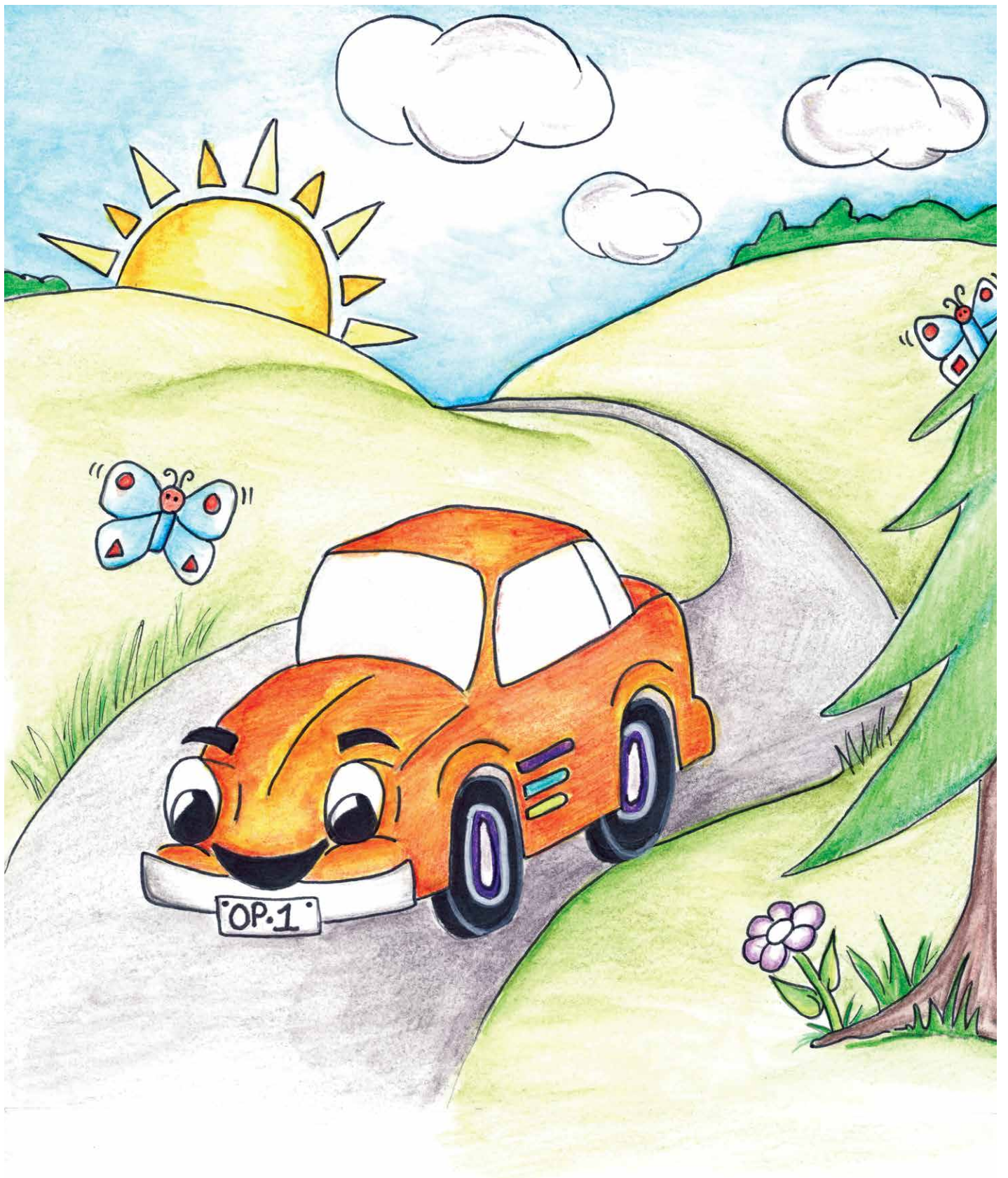
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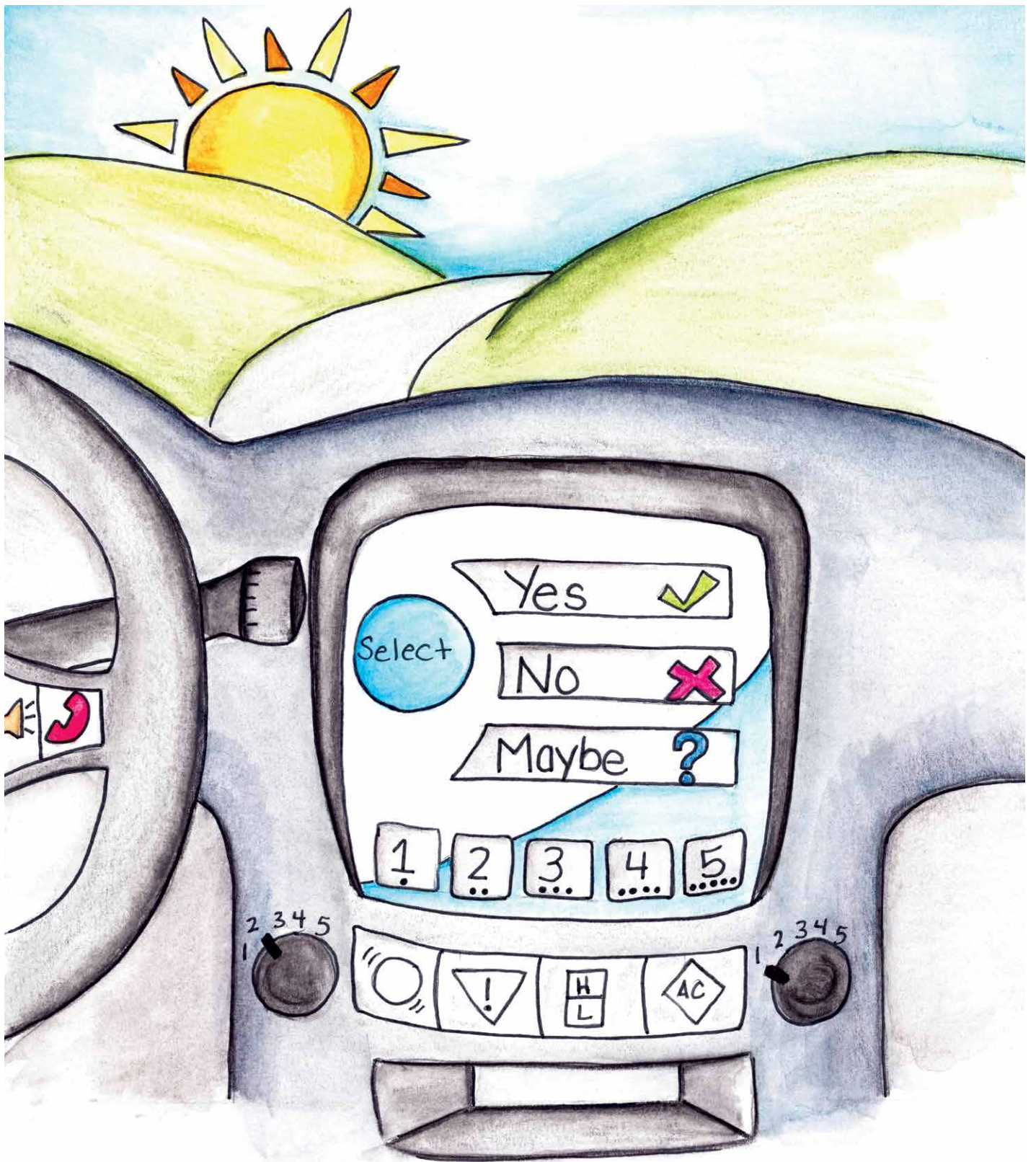




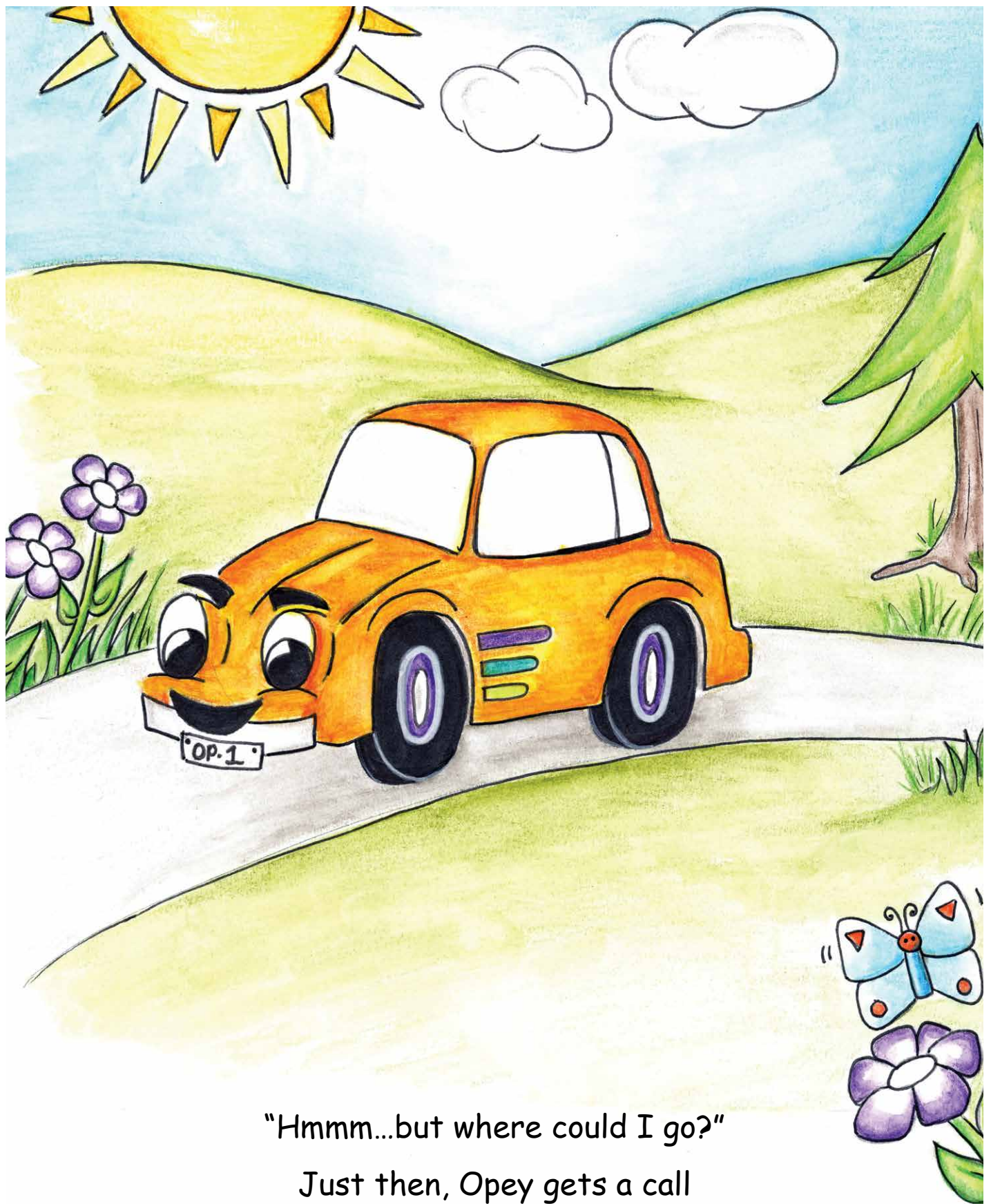
"Hi, my name is Opey!"



"I'd like to go on a drive."

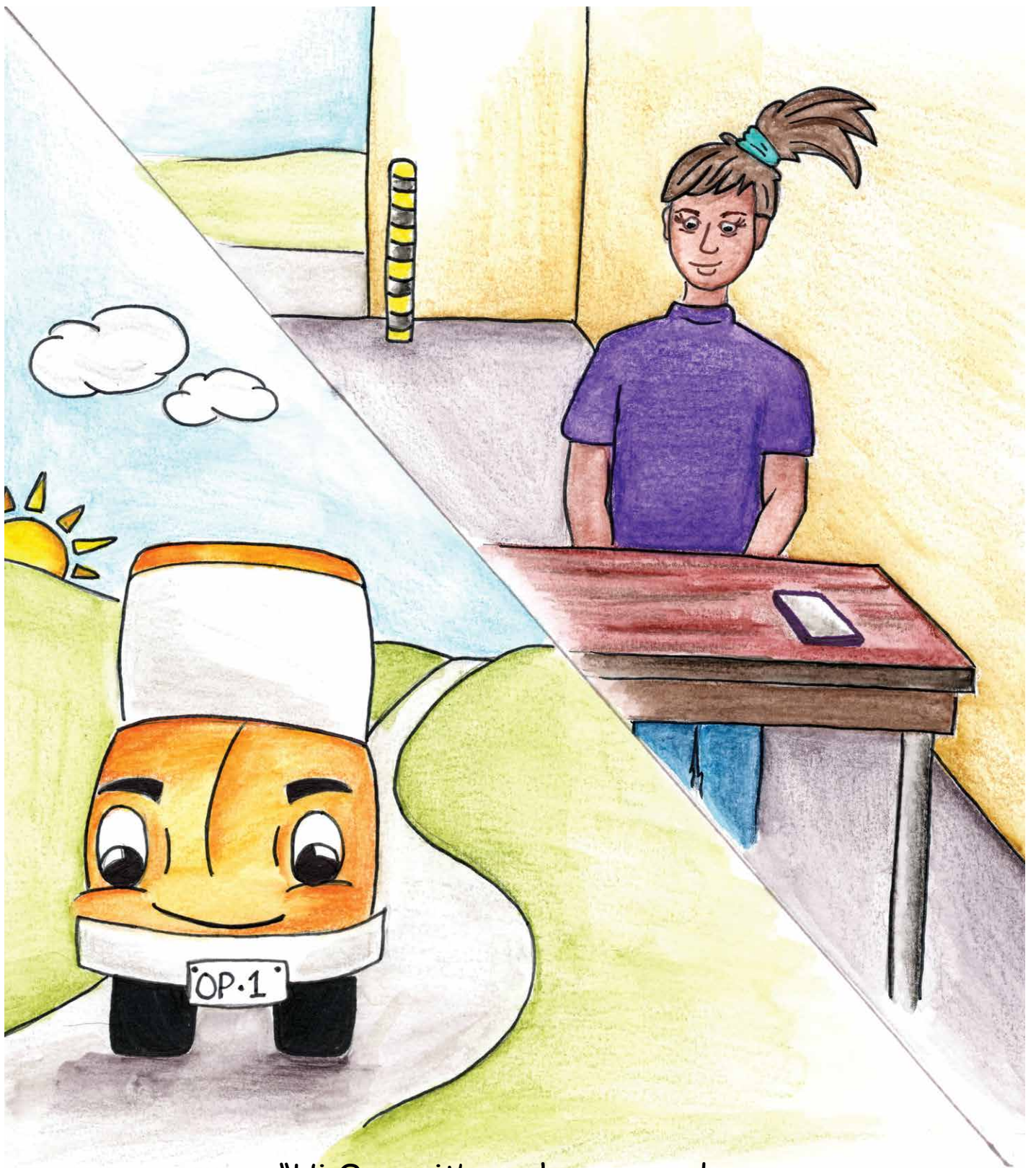


"Do you think I should go?"



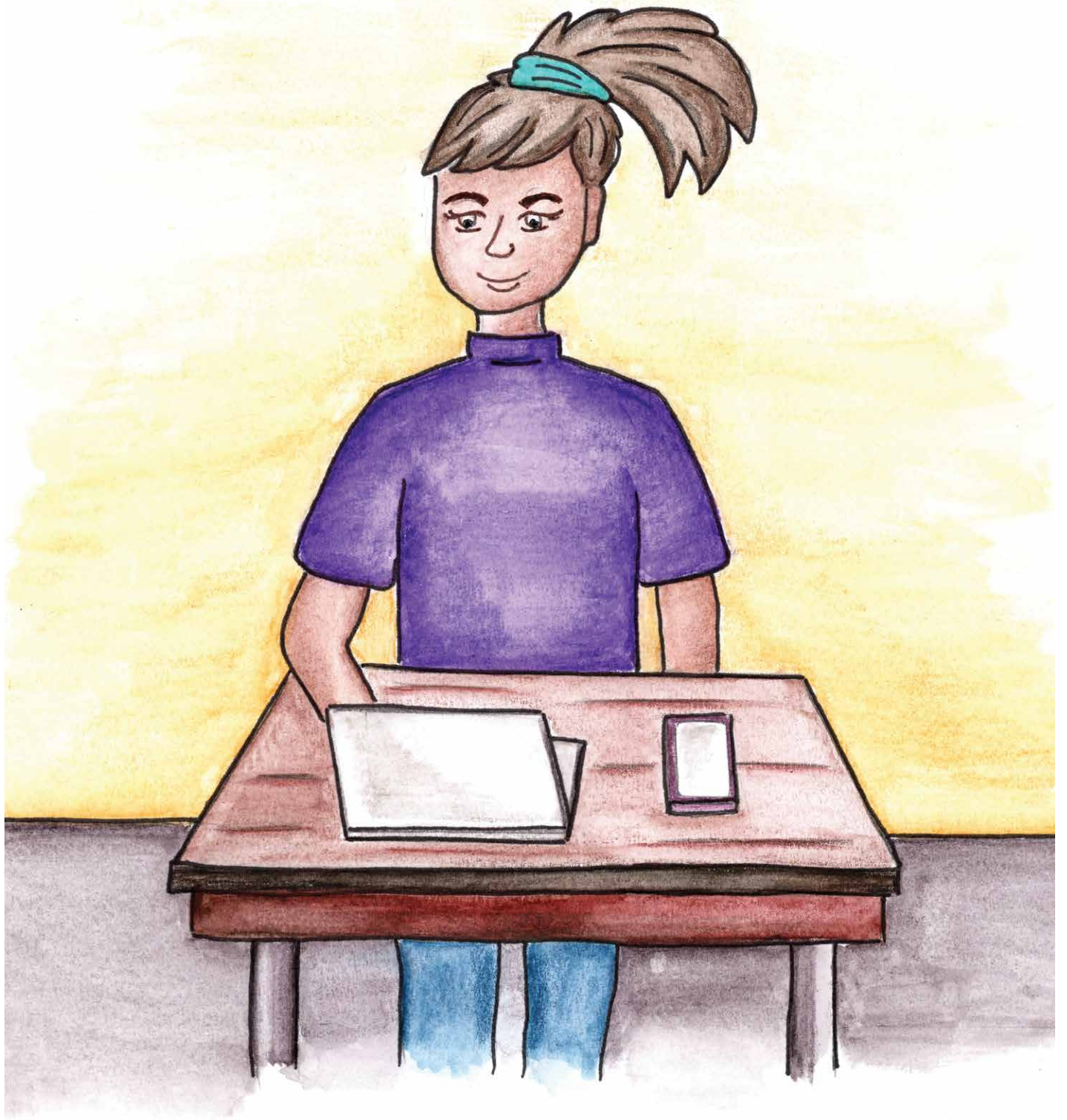
"Hmmm...but where could I go?"

Just then, Opey gets a call
from a friend, Molly Mechanic.

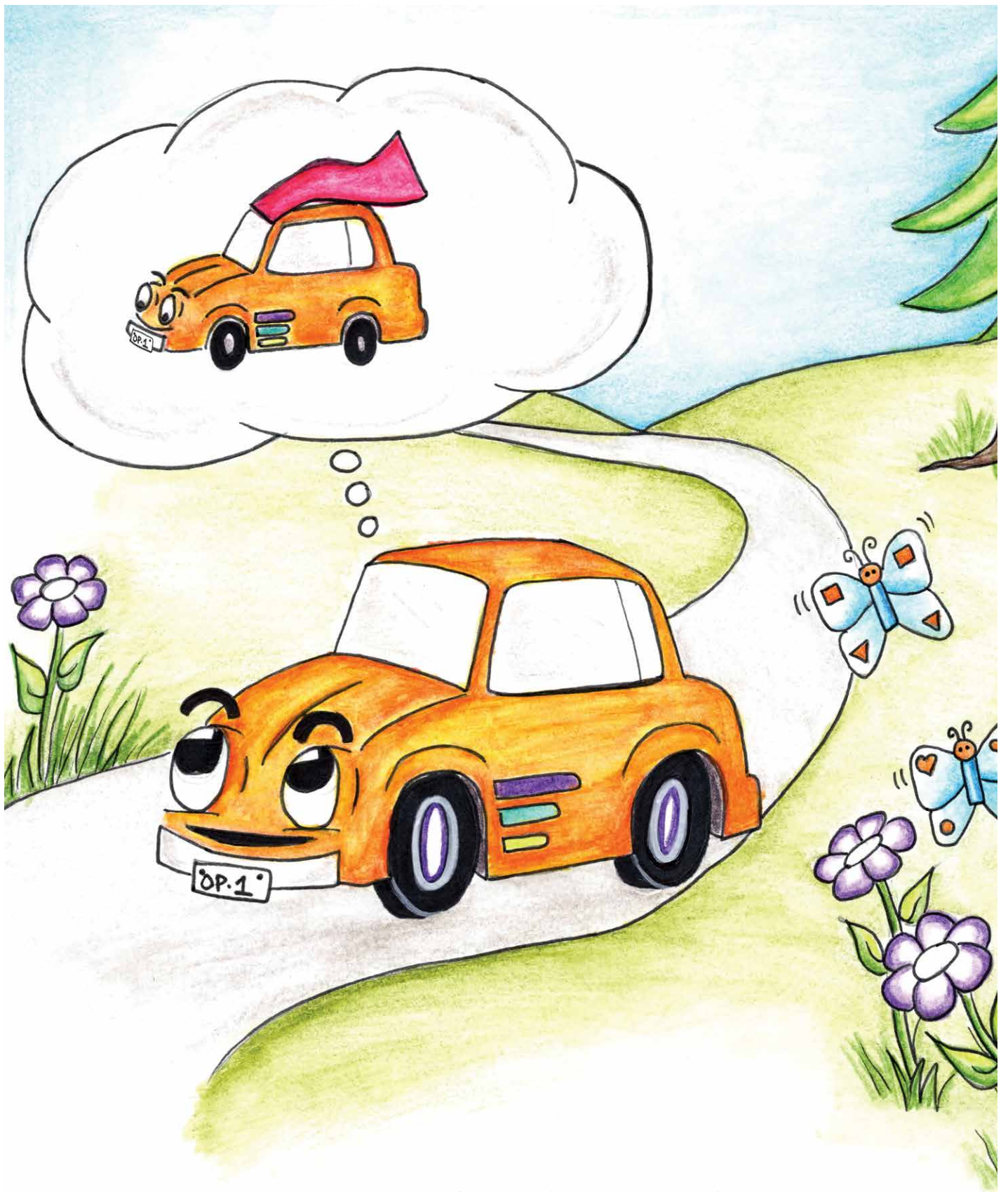


"Hi Opey, it's such a sunny day;
you should come to the city to visit me."

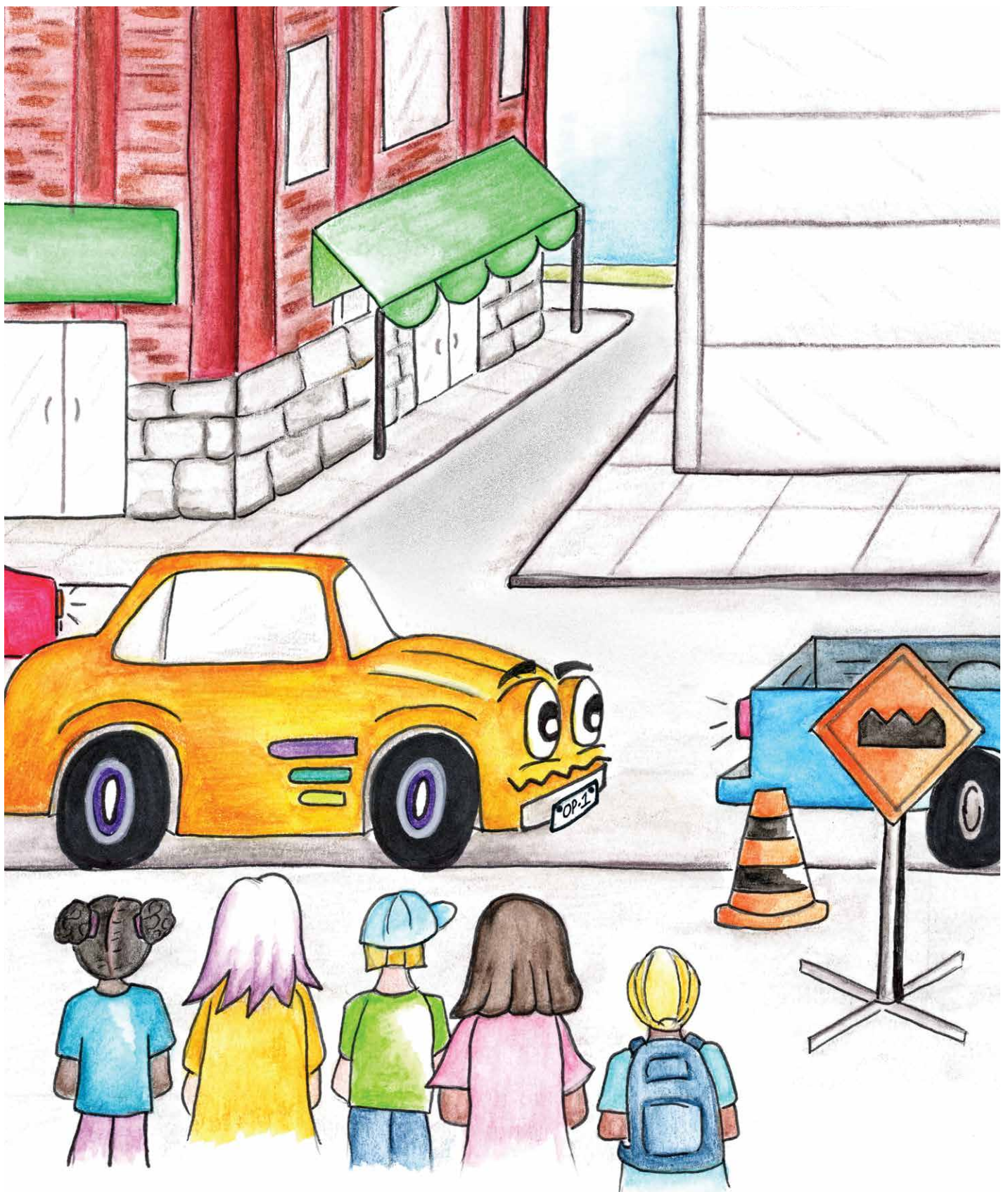
"Oh, I'm not sure, Molly."



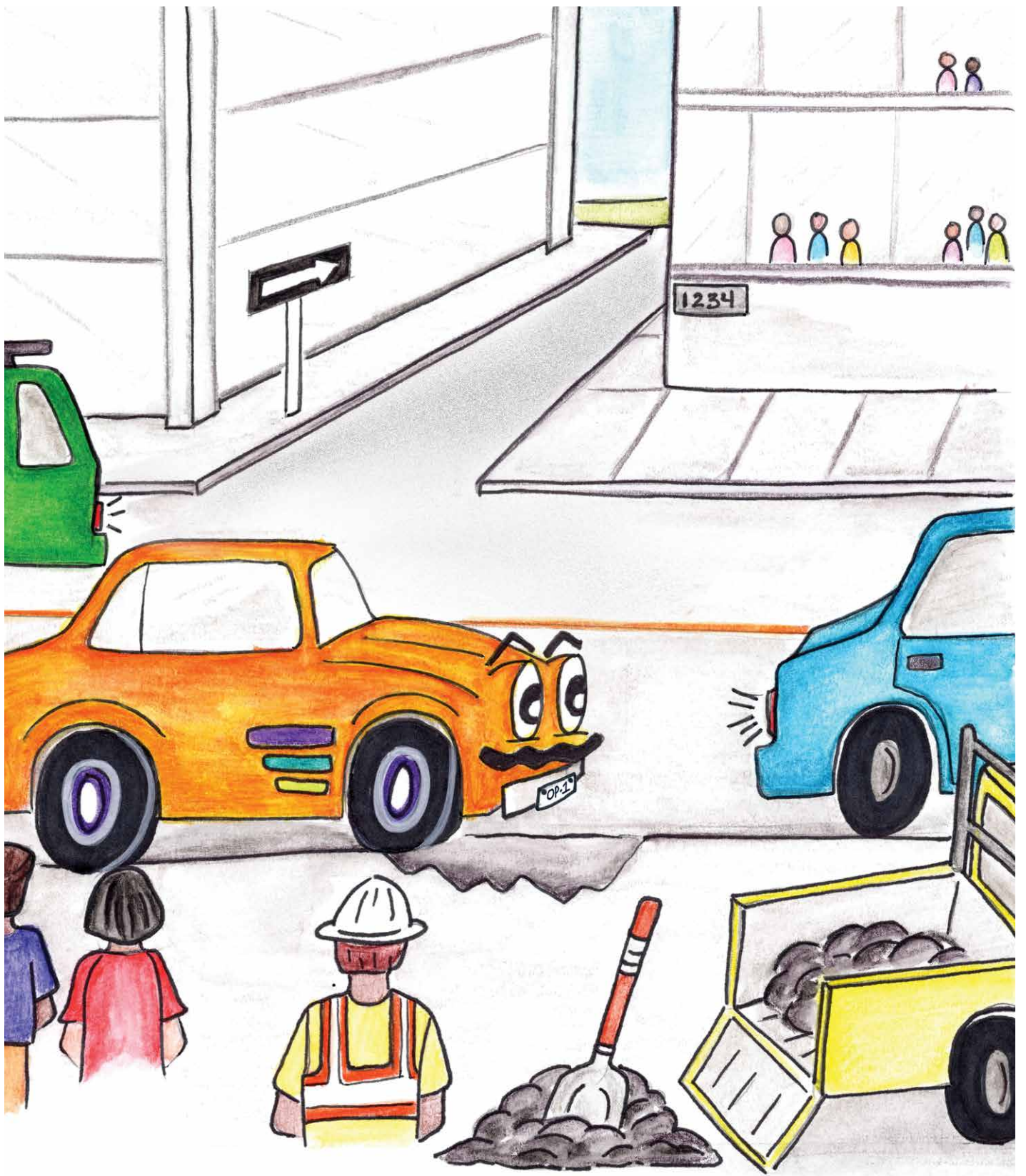
"Opey, you'll be fine; just start driving."



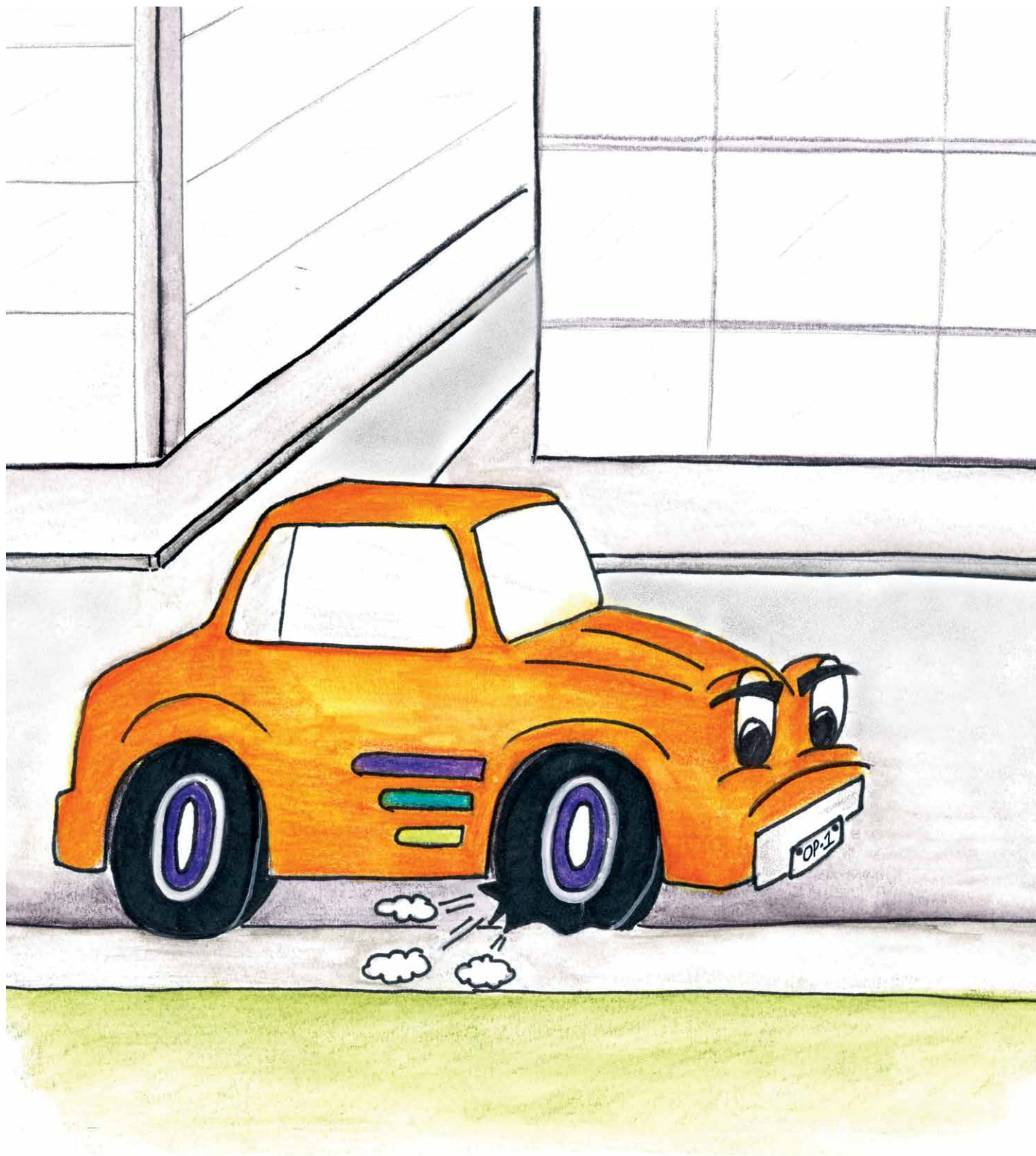
Opey is bravely on the way to the city to meet Molly.



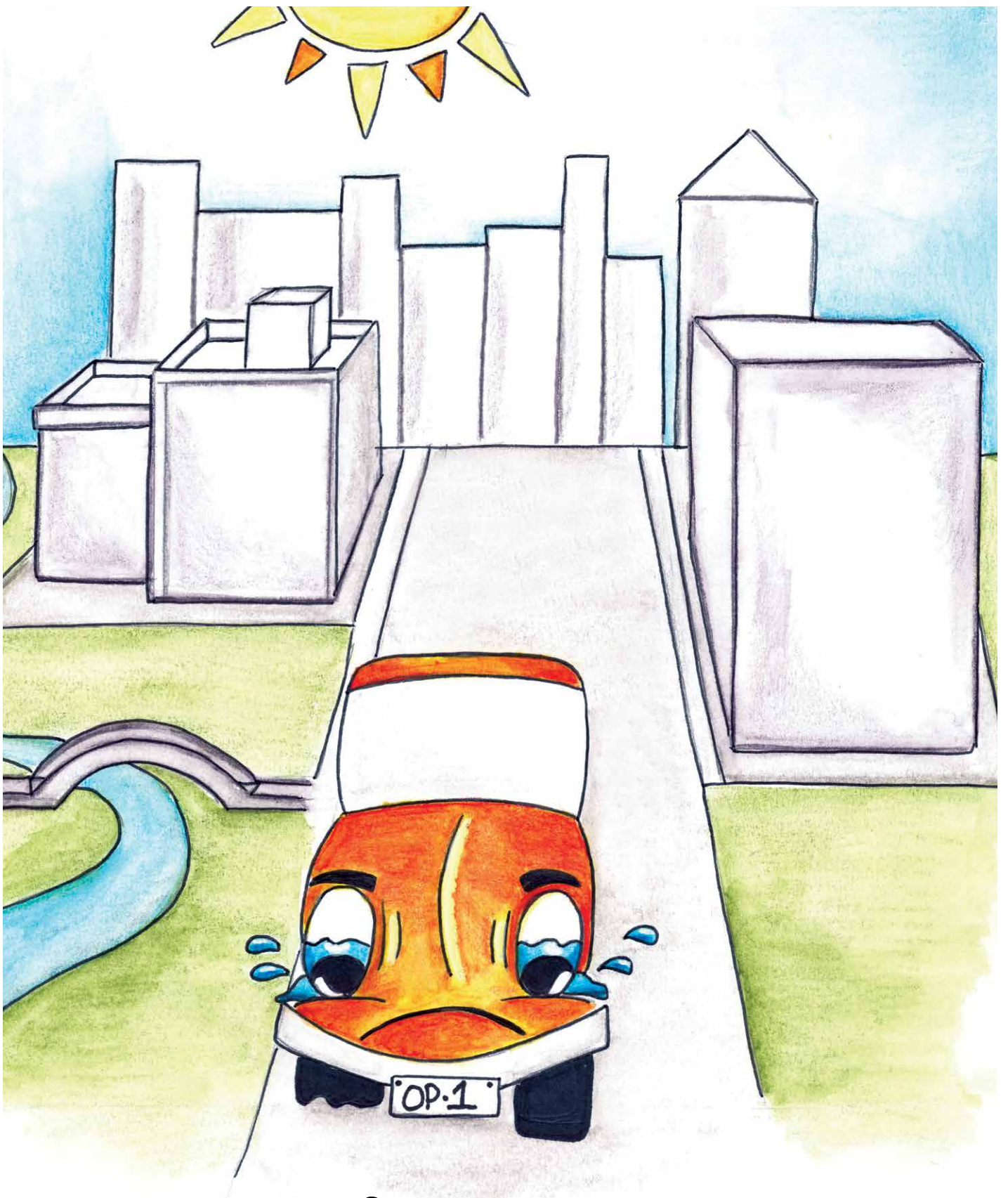
Opey gets to the city.
Too many cars! Too many people!



HONK! Watch out! Move over!

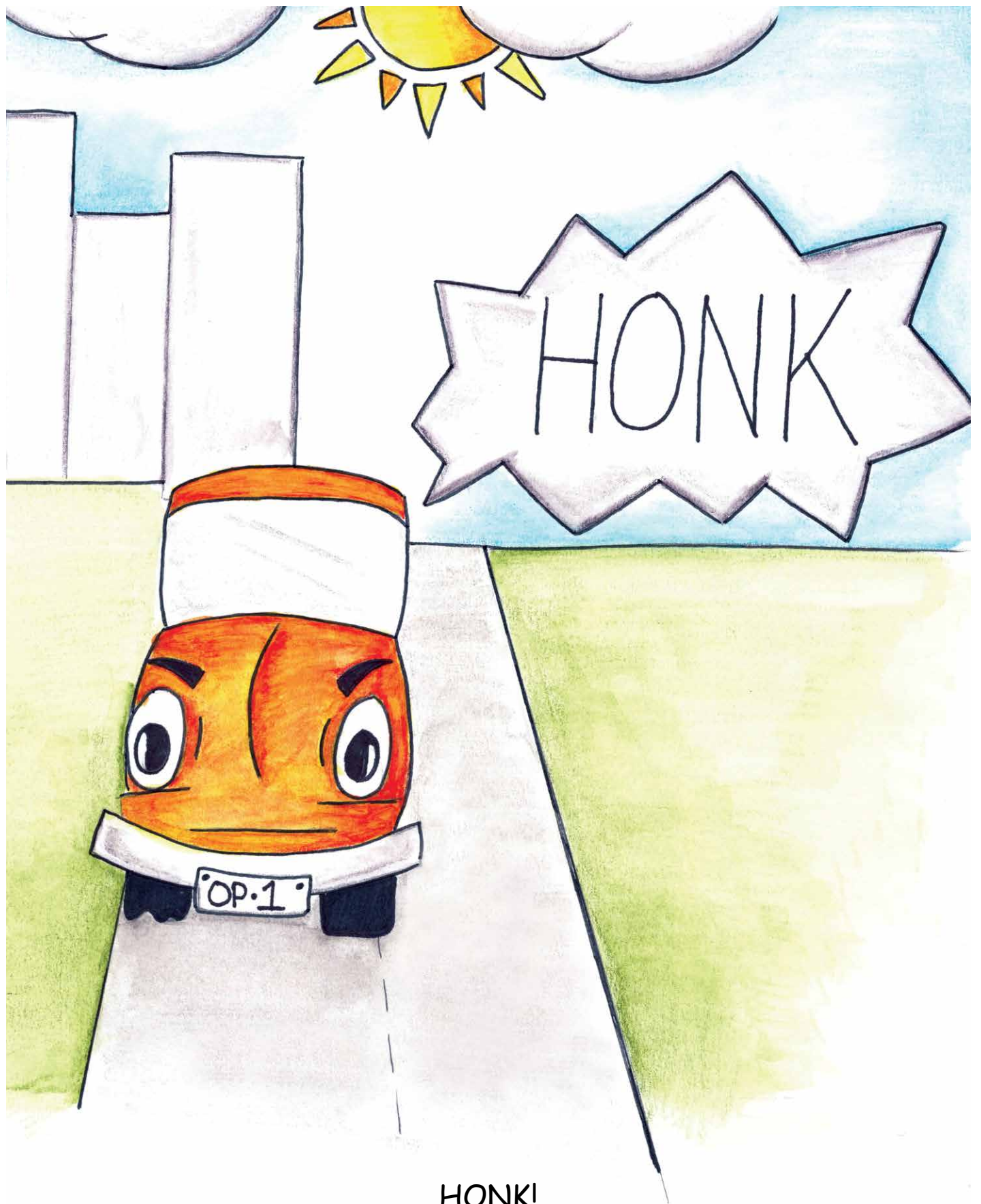


"OH NO! A flat tire!
I told Molly I did not want to come to
the city."

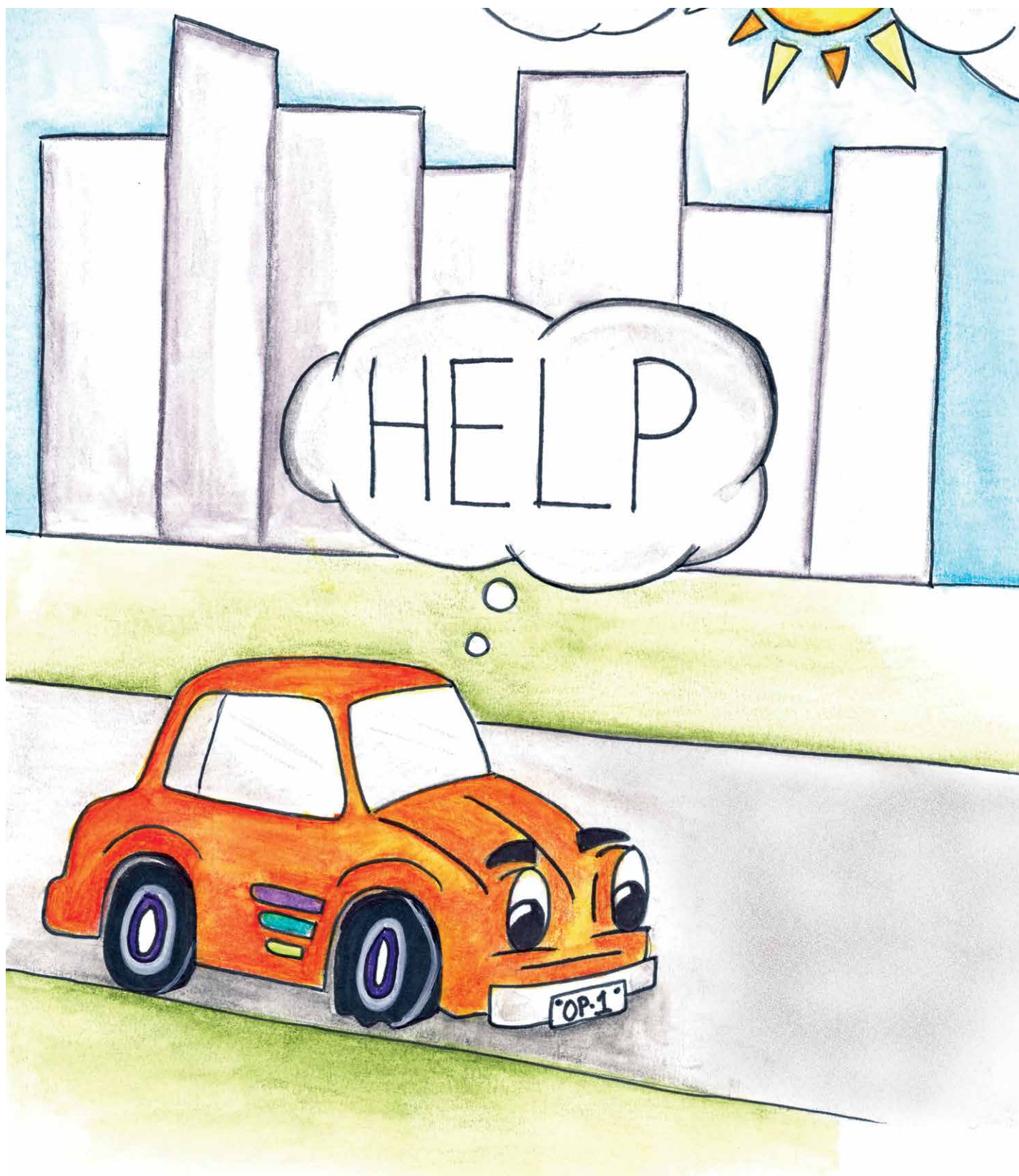


Opey starts to cry.

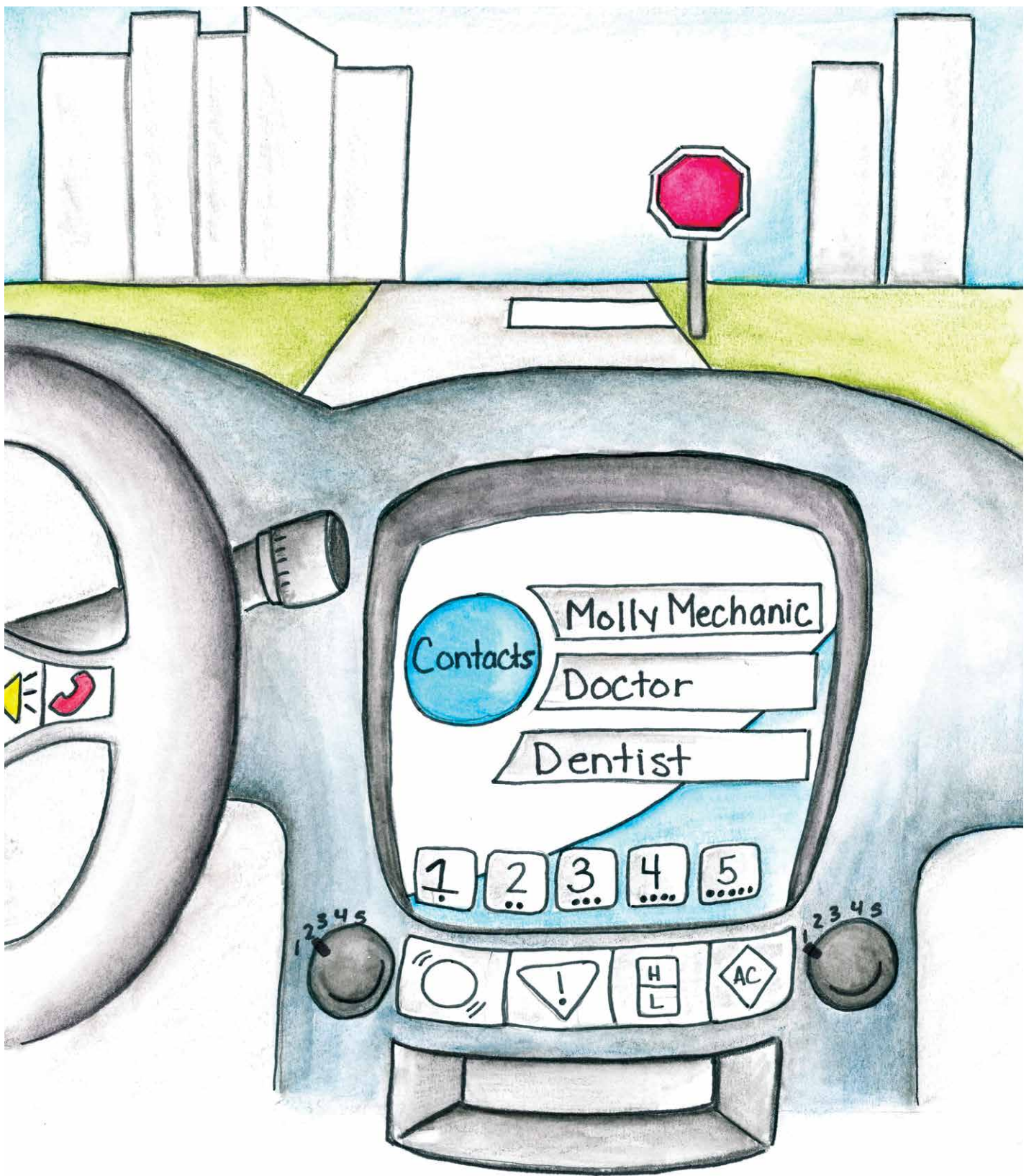




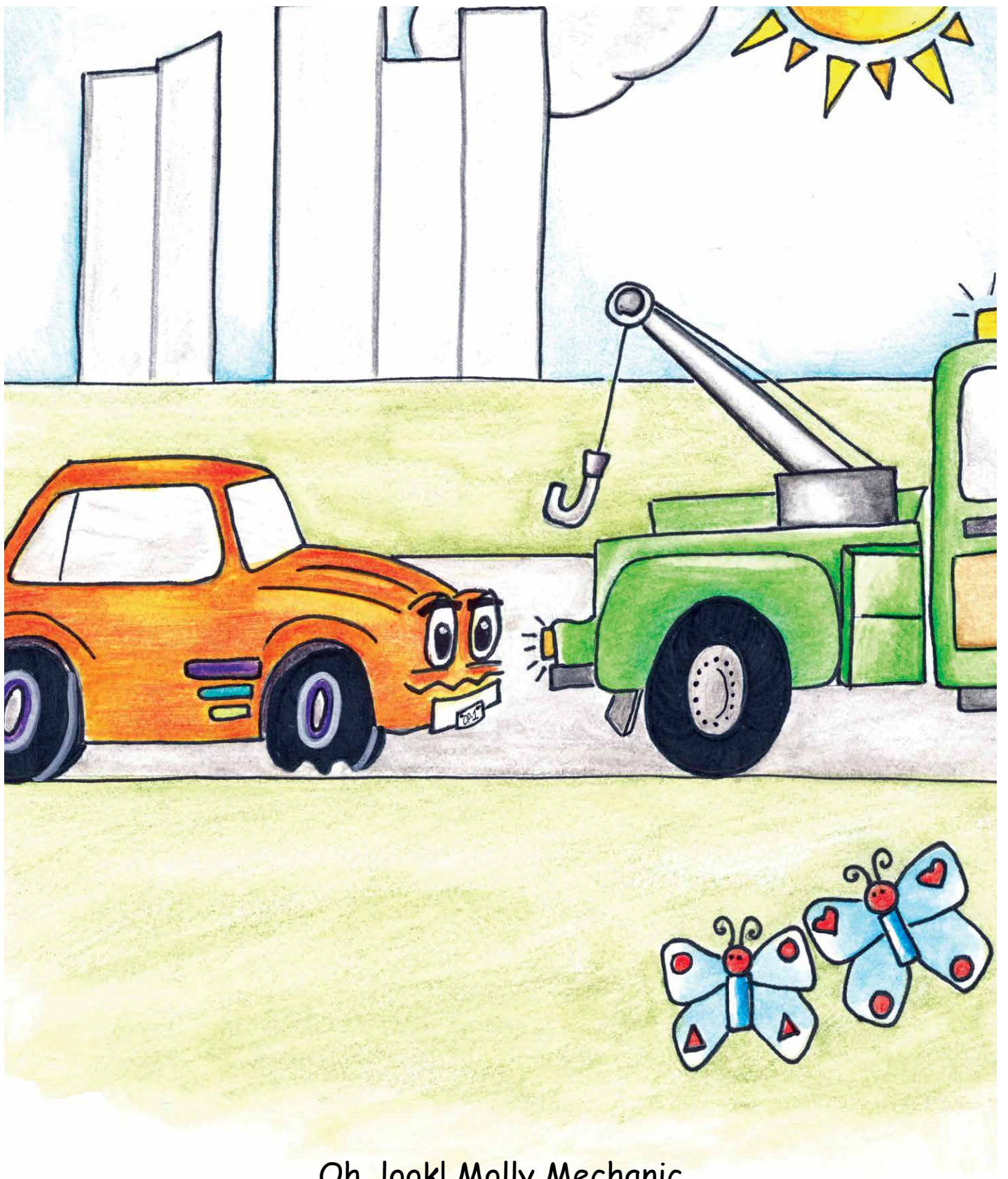
HONK!



Opey needs help.
Who can help Opey fix the flat tire?



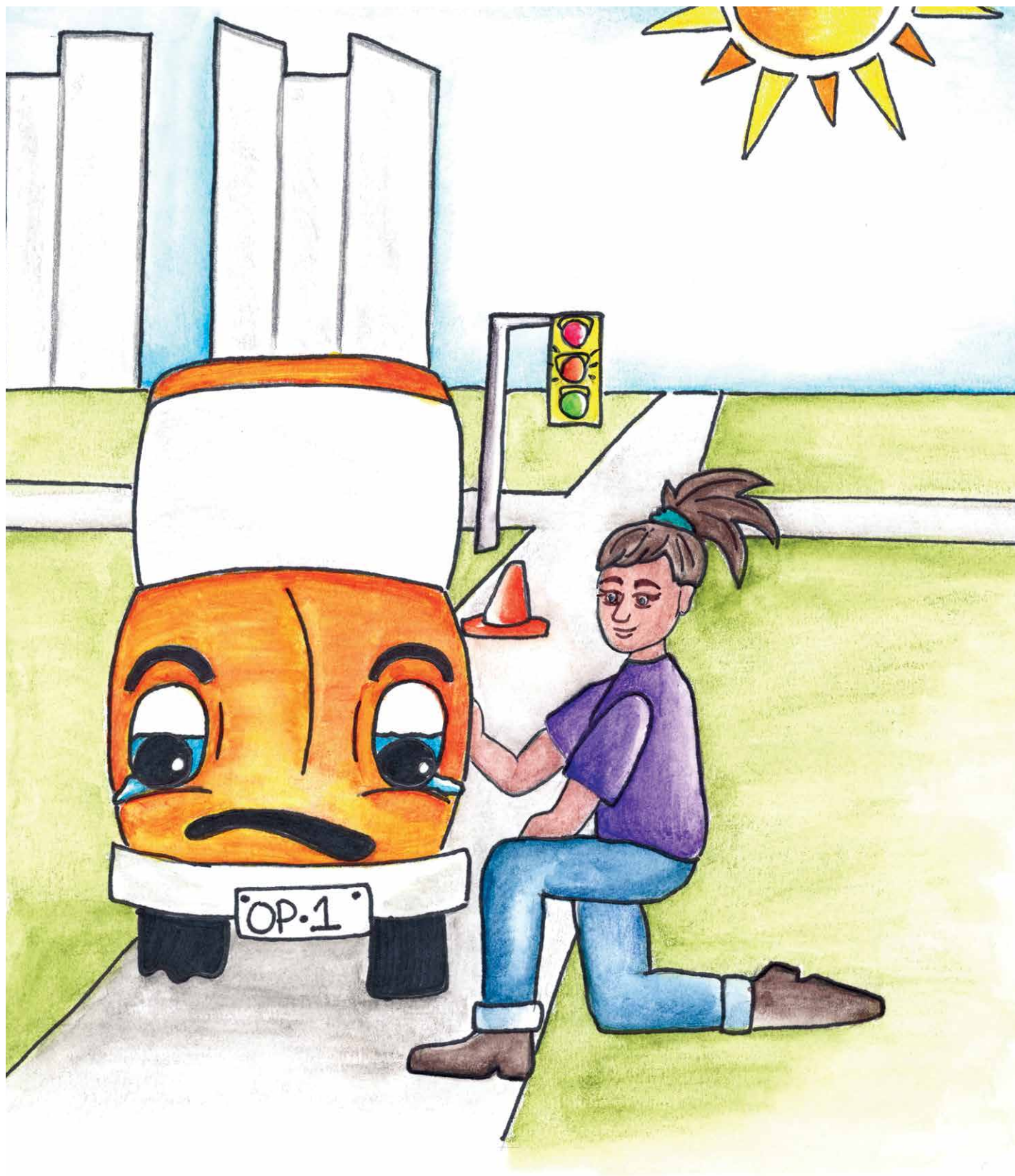
Let's take a look at Opey's contact list.



Oh, look! Molly Mechanic has arrived to help Opey.



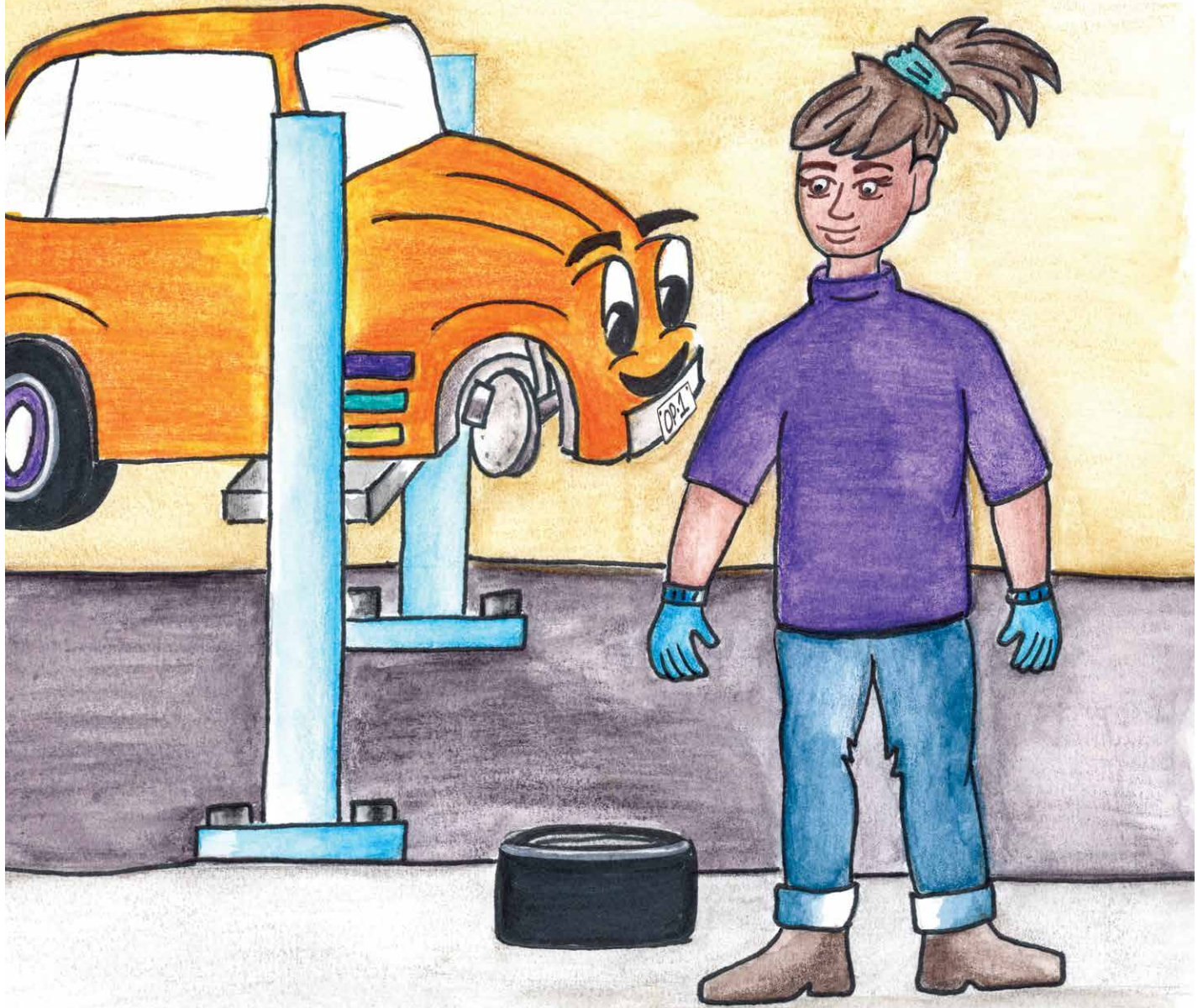
Opey likes Molly Mechanic but is angry...
so ANGRY! Opey cannot find the
words to tell Molly.



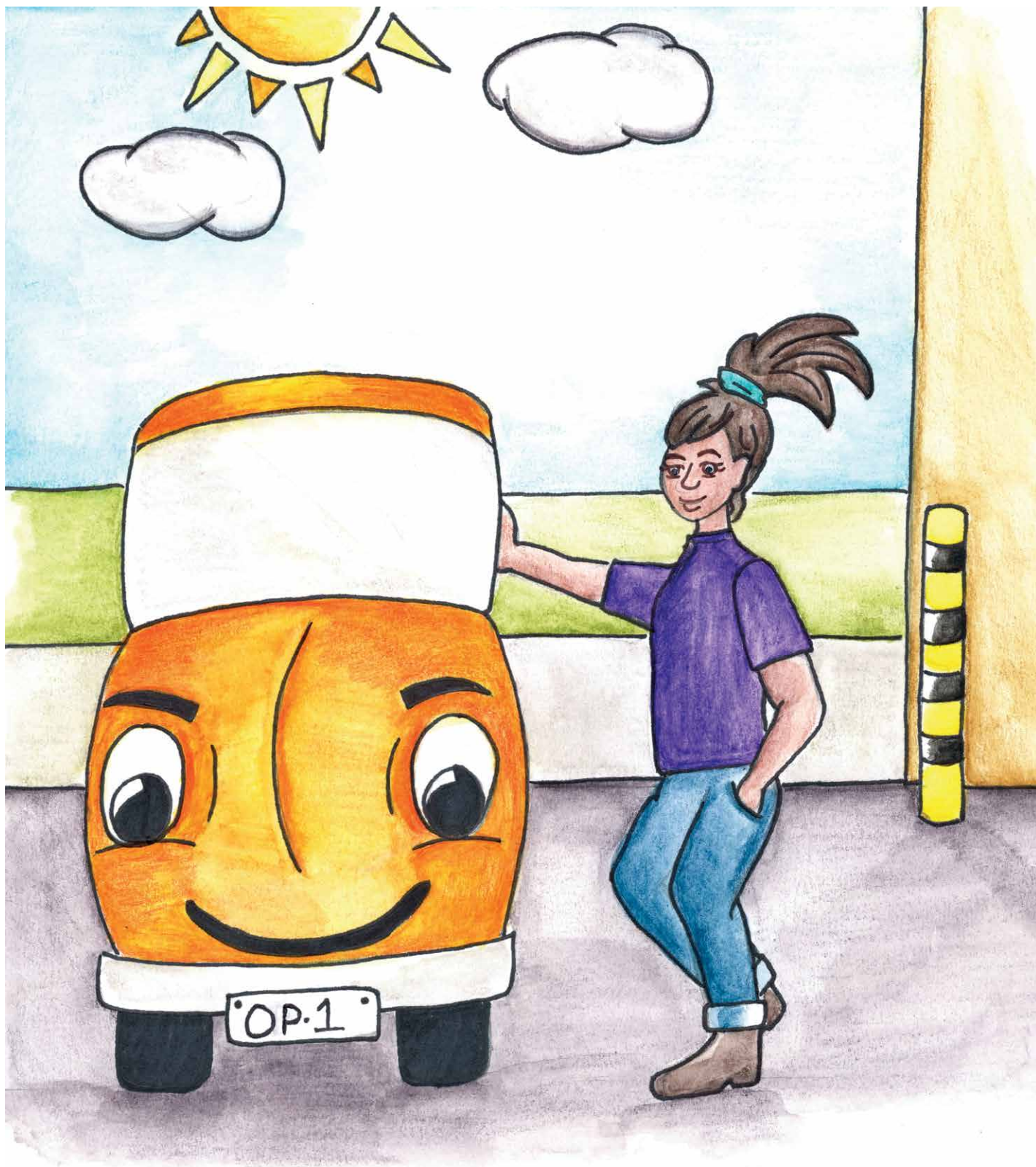
"I know it's hard to talk when you're upset, Opey. Let's fix this together."

MOLLY'S GARAGE

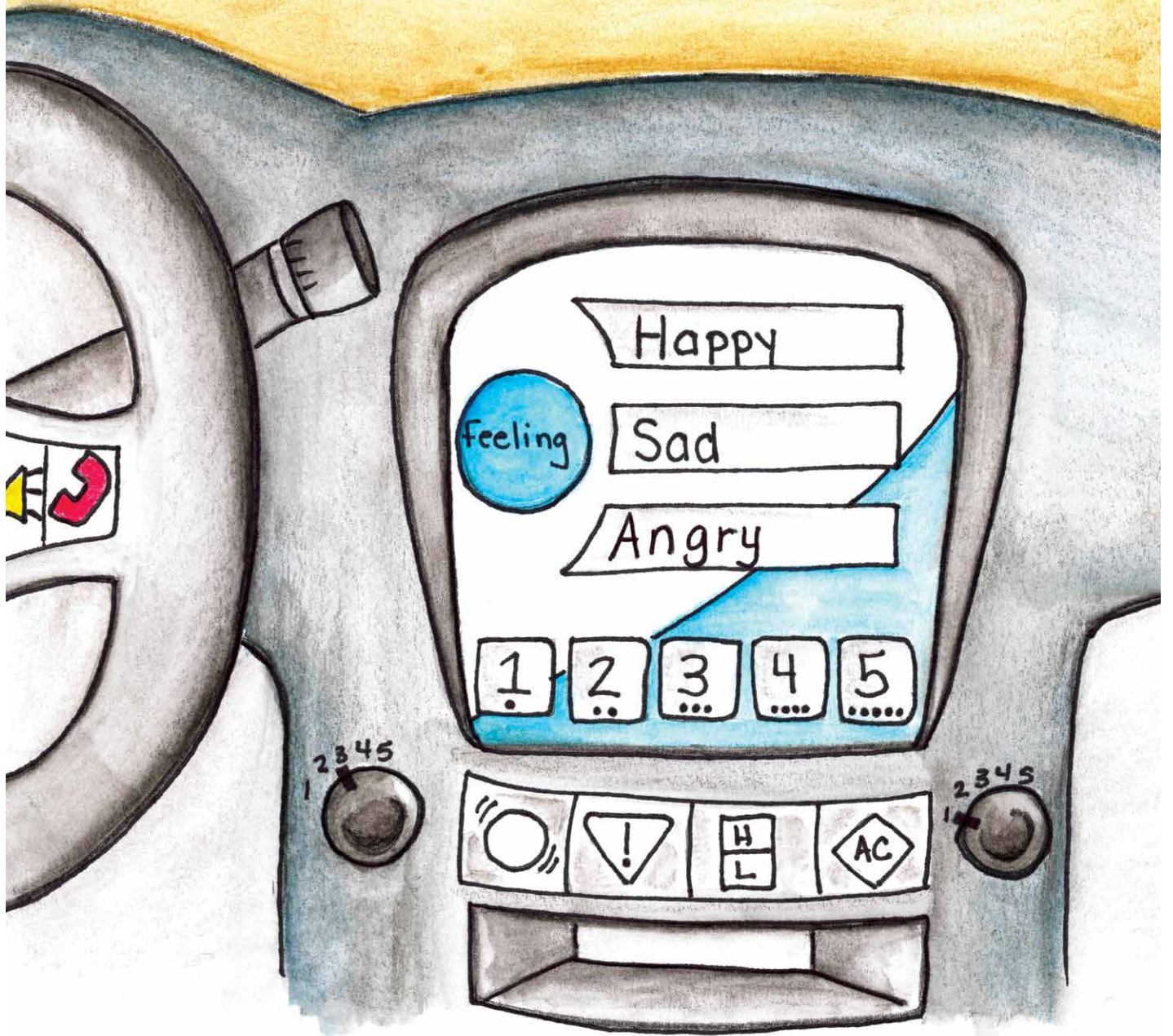
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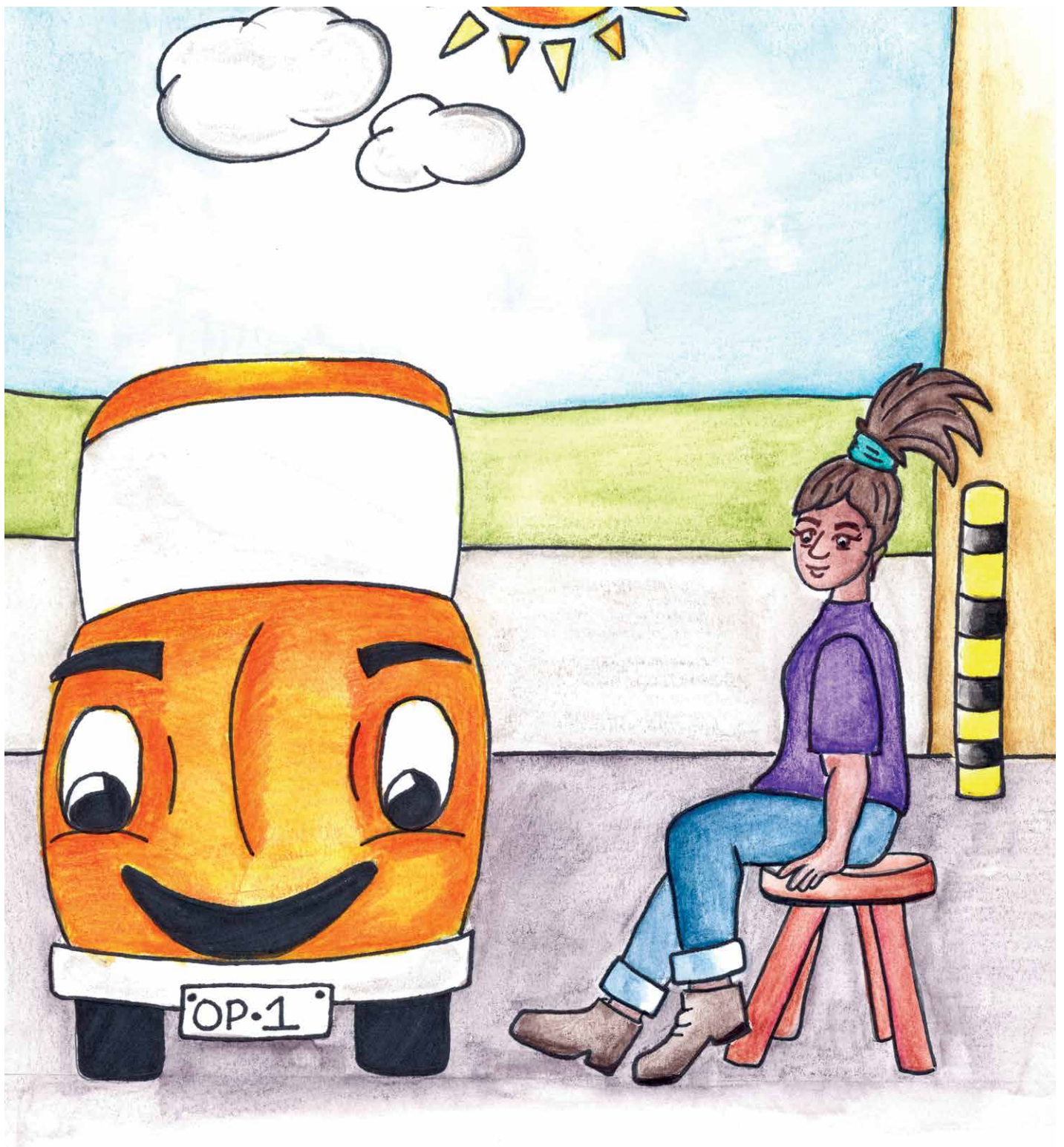
"Opey, let's get your tire repaired."



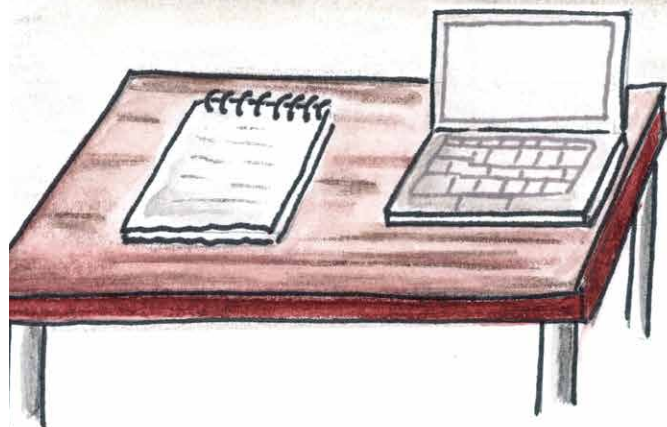
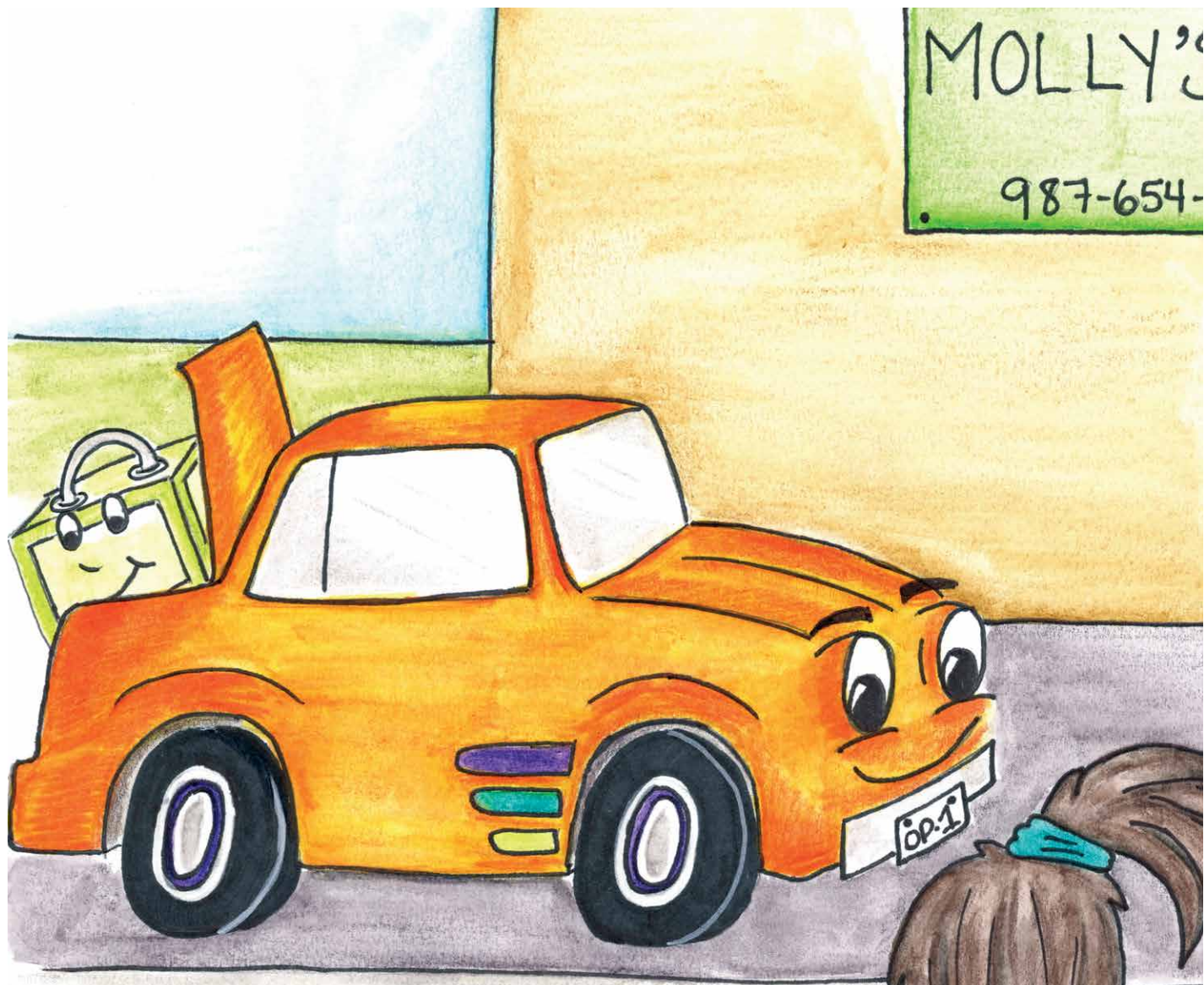
"Opey, I'm sorry you got a flat tire coming to see me. I'm here to help repair it and listen."



How do you think Opey is feeling now?

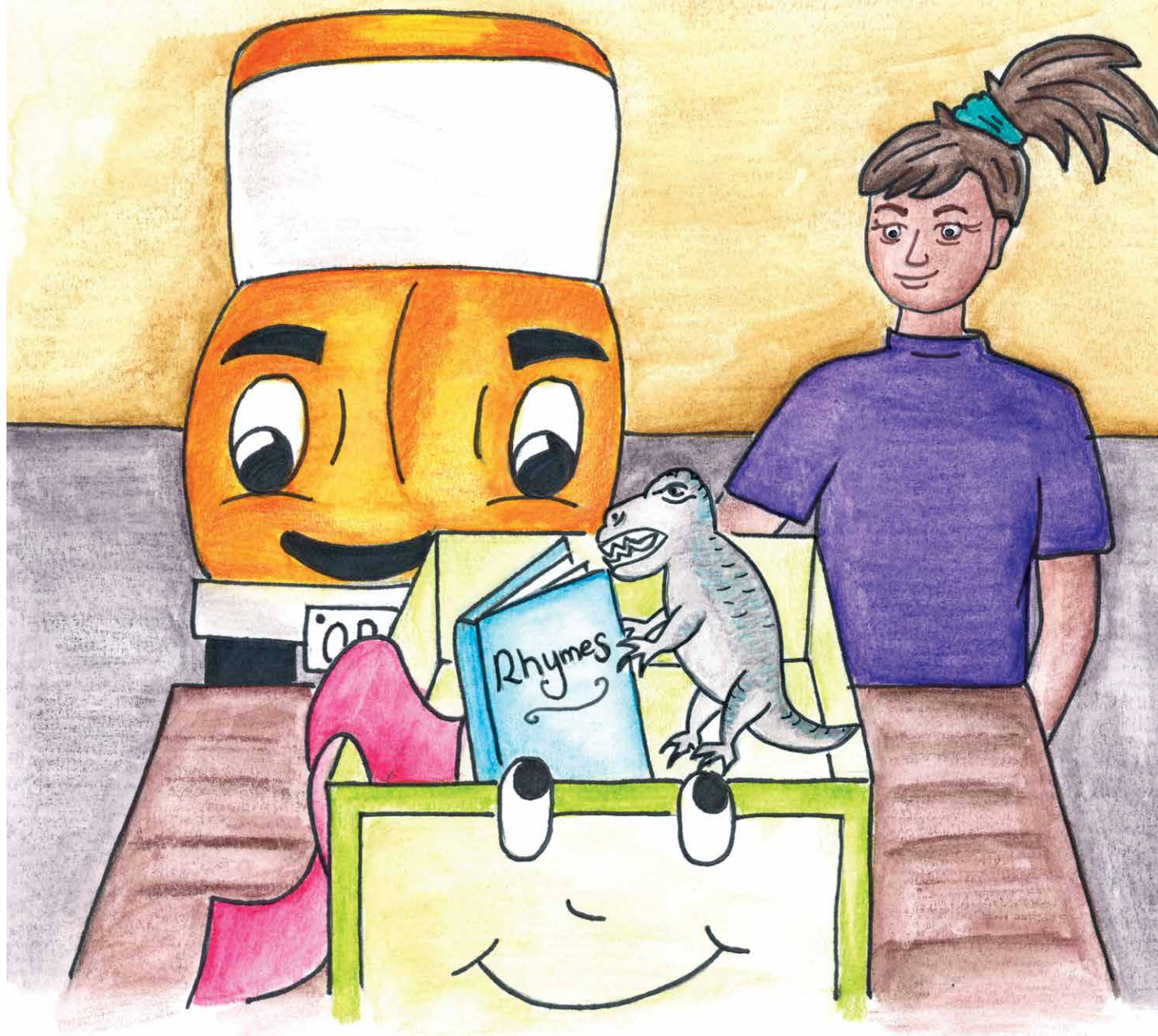


"Opey, do you have Tinker with you?"
"Yes Molly, Tinker is always with me."



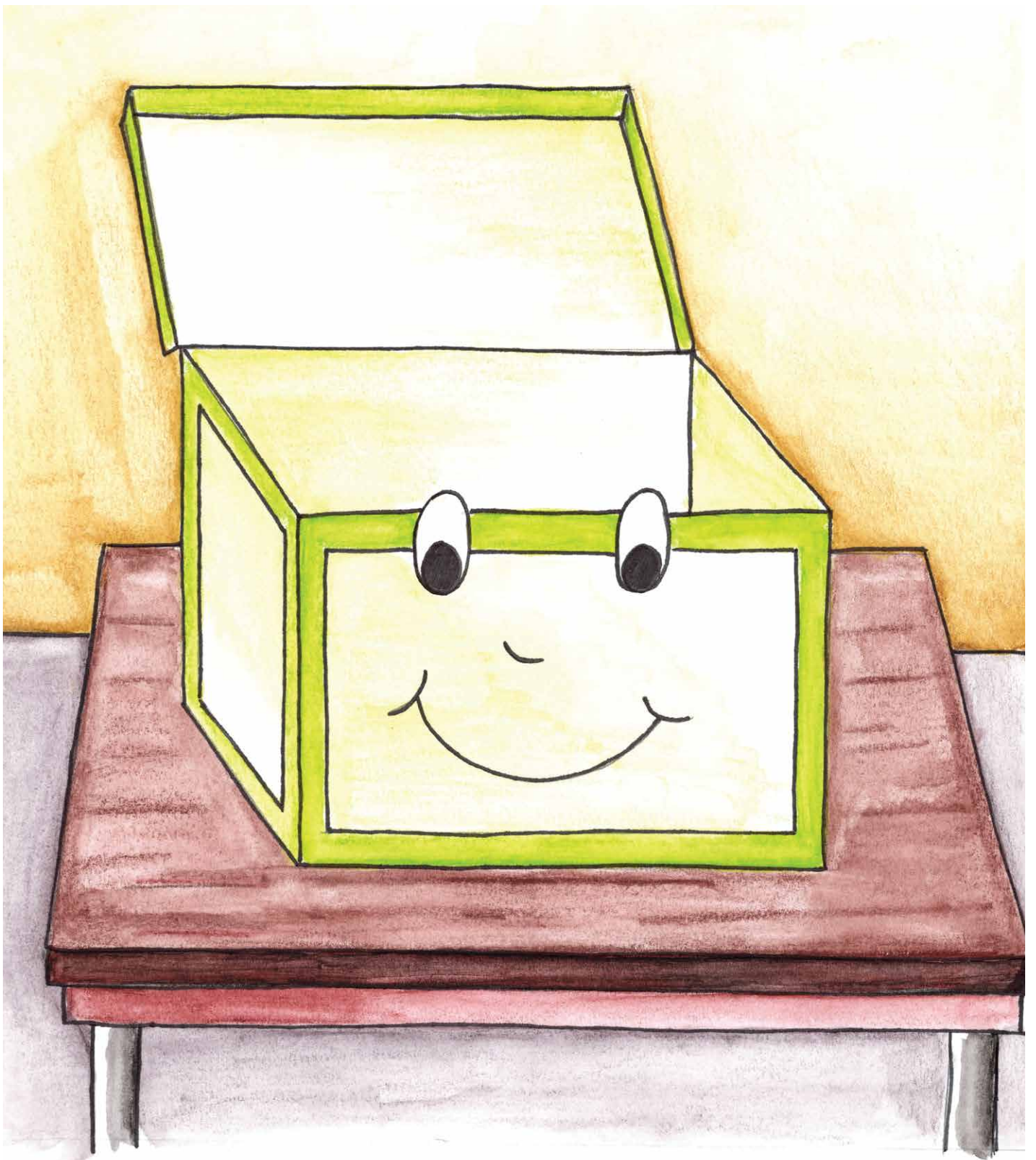
"Tinker, come on out.
Molly would like to say hello."

"Hi Tinker, it's nice to see you with Opey."

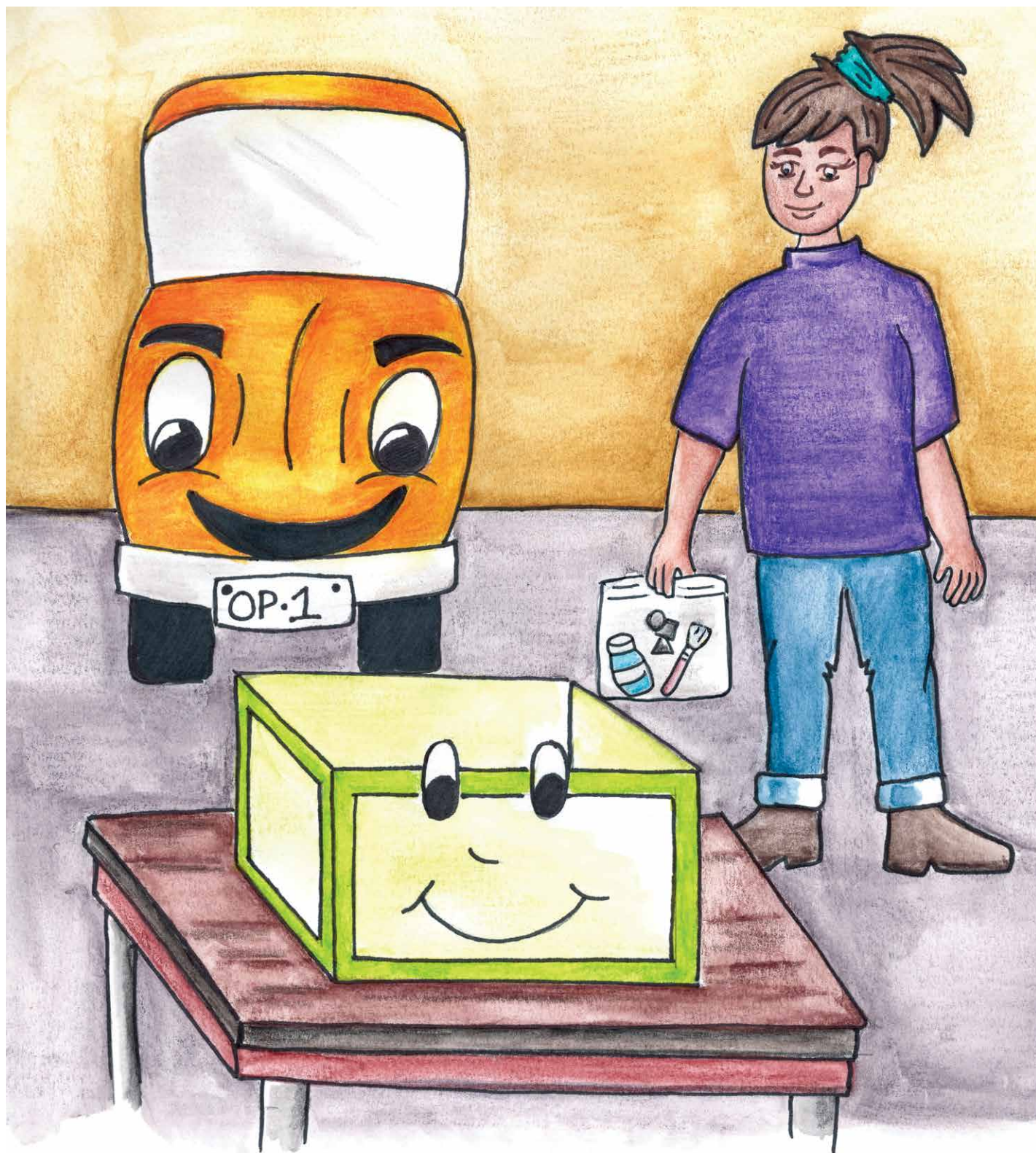


"Opey, what do you keep in Tinker?"

"Well, I have a blanket, a book and my favourite
DINOSAUR! ROARRR!"



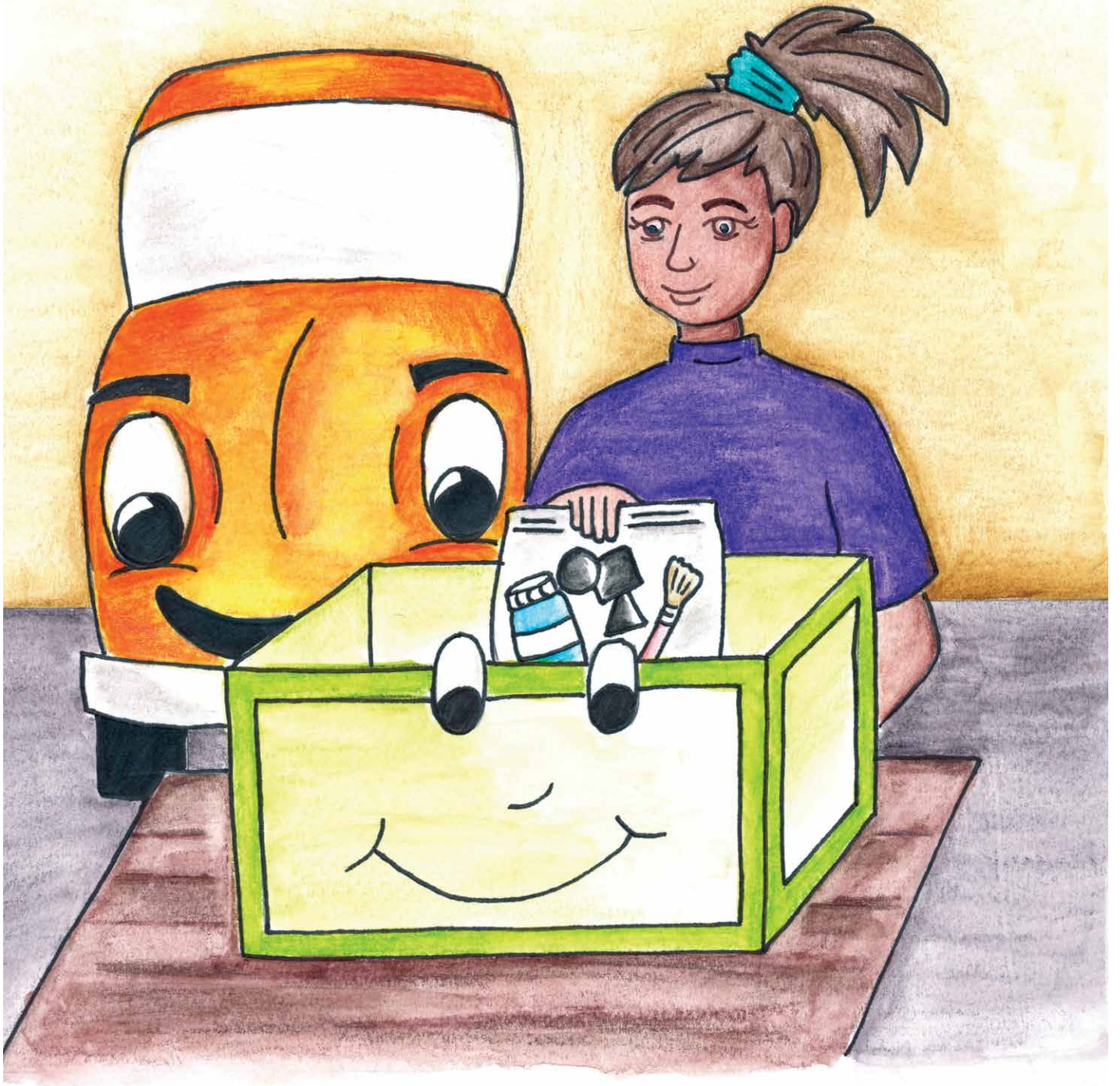
If you were upset, what would you have in Tinker to help you feel better?



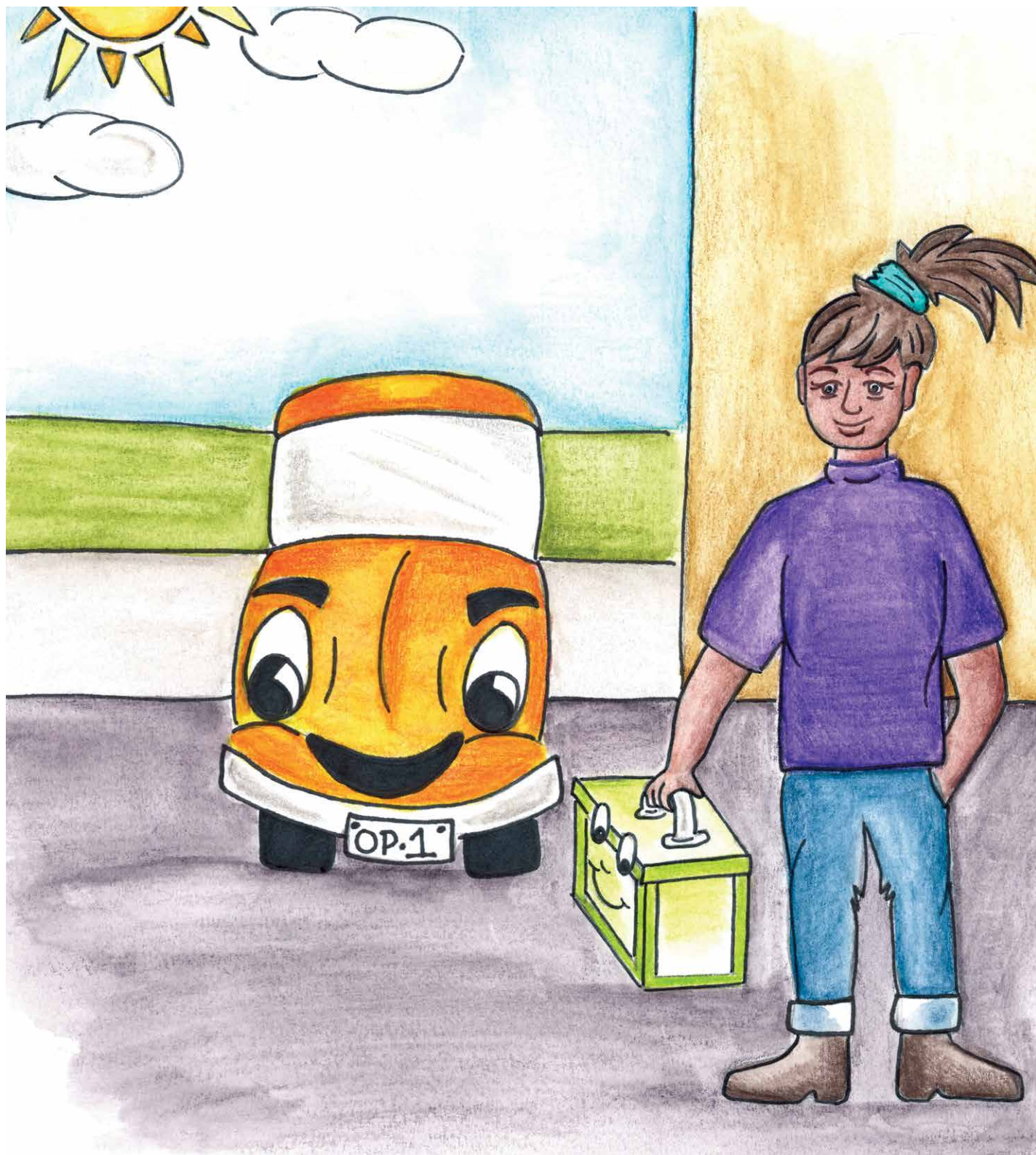
"Wow, those are great things!"

"Opey, is it OK for me to add a tool to Tinker?"

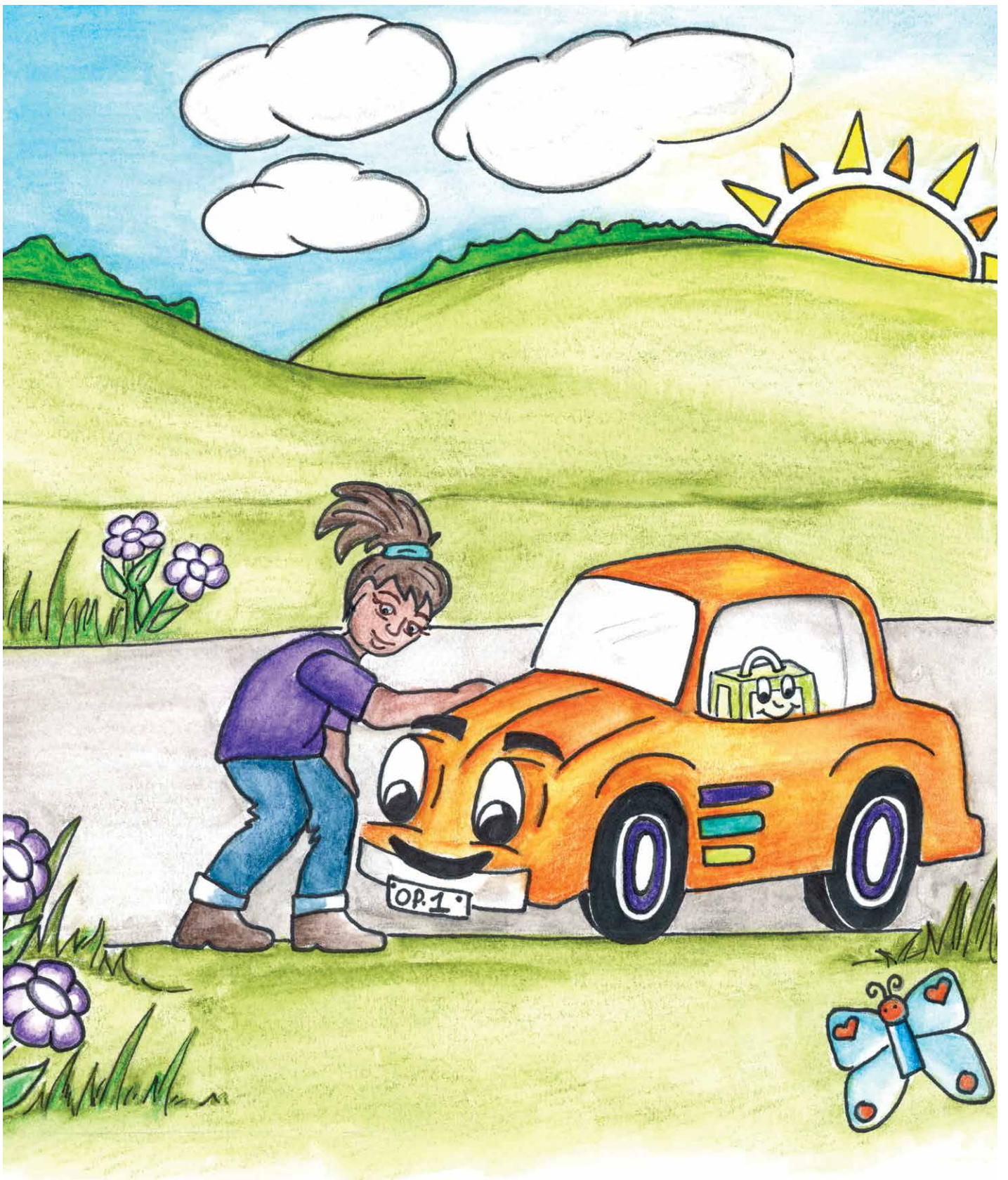
"Sure, Molly"



"OK, Opey. I have a patch kit to help you if you need to repair your tire again."

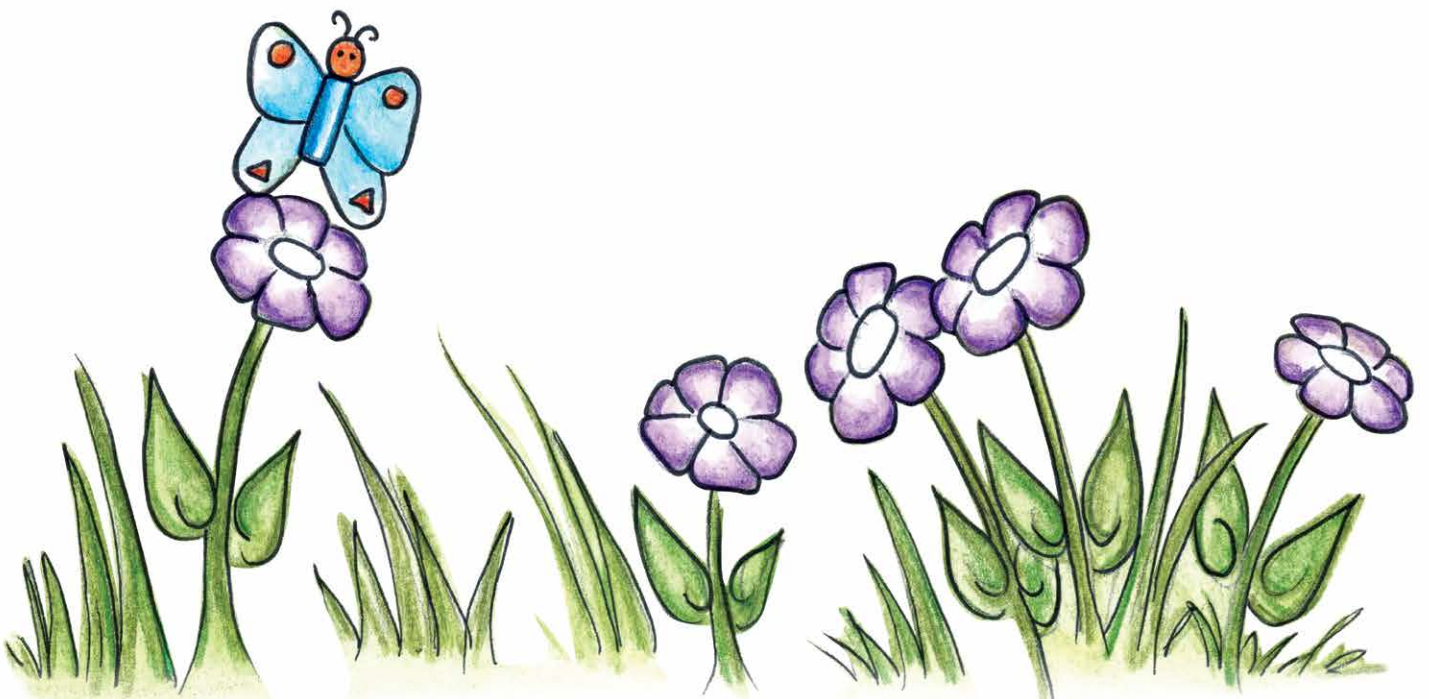


"We can also patch things up when we are upset with each other."



"Together, we can do this!"

We hope you have enjoyed
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