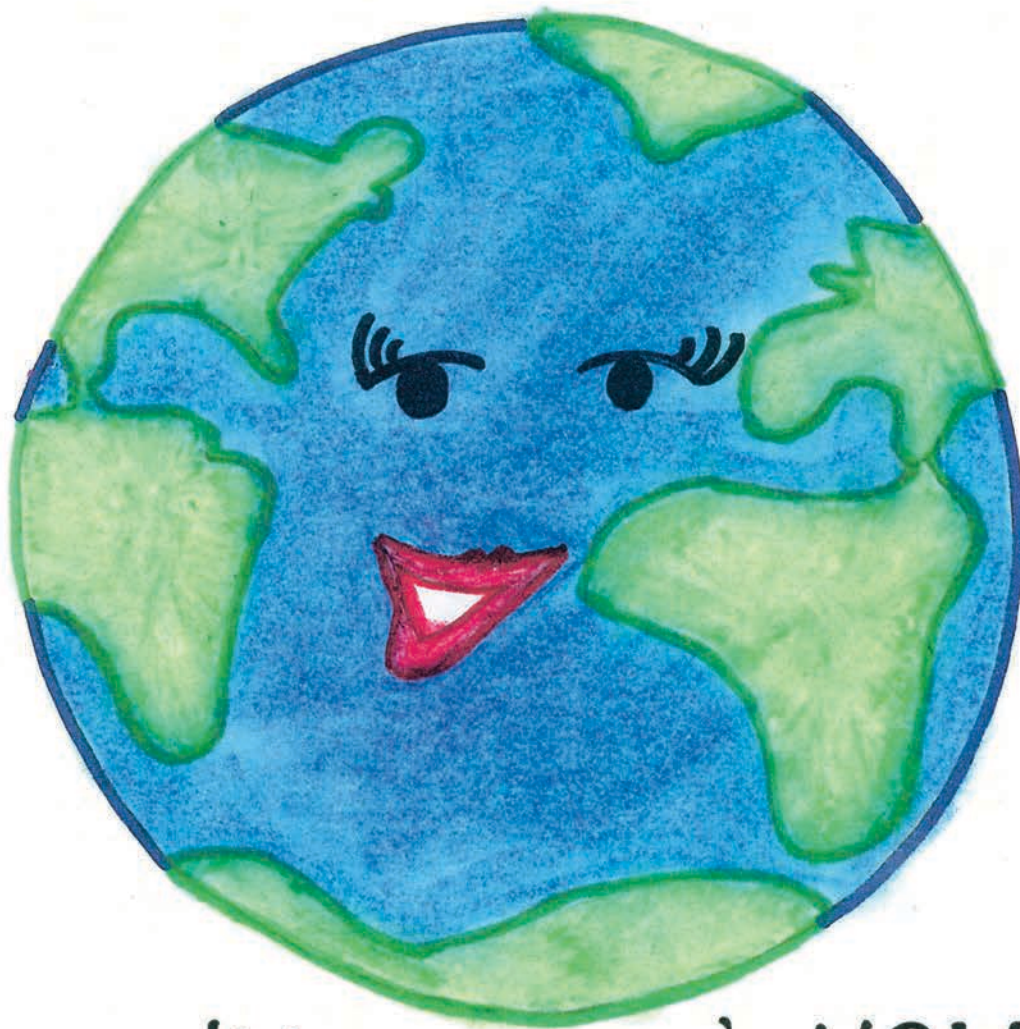


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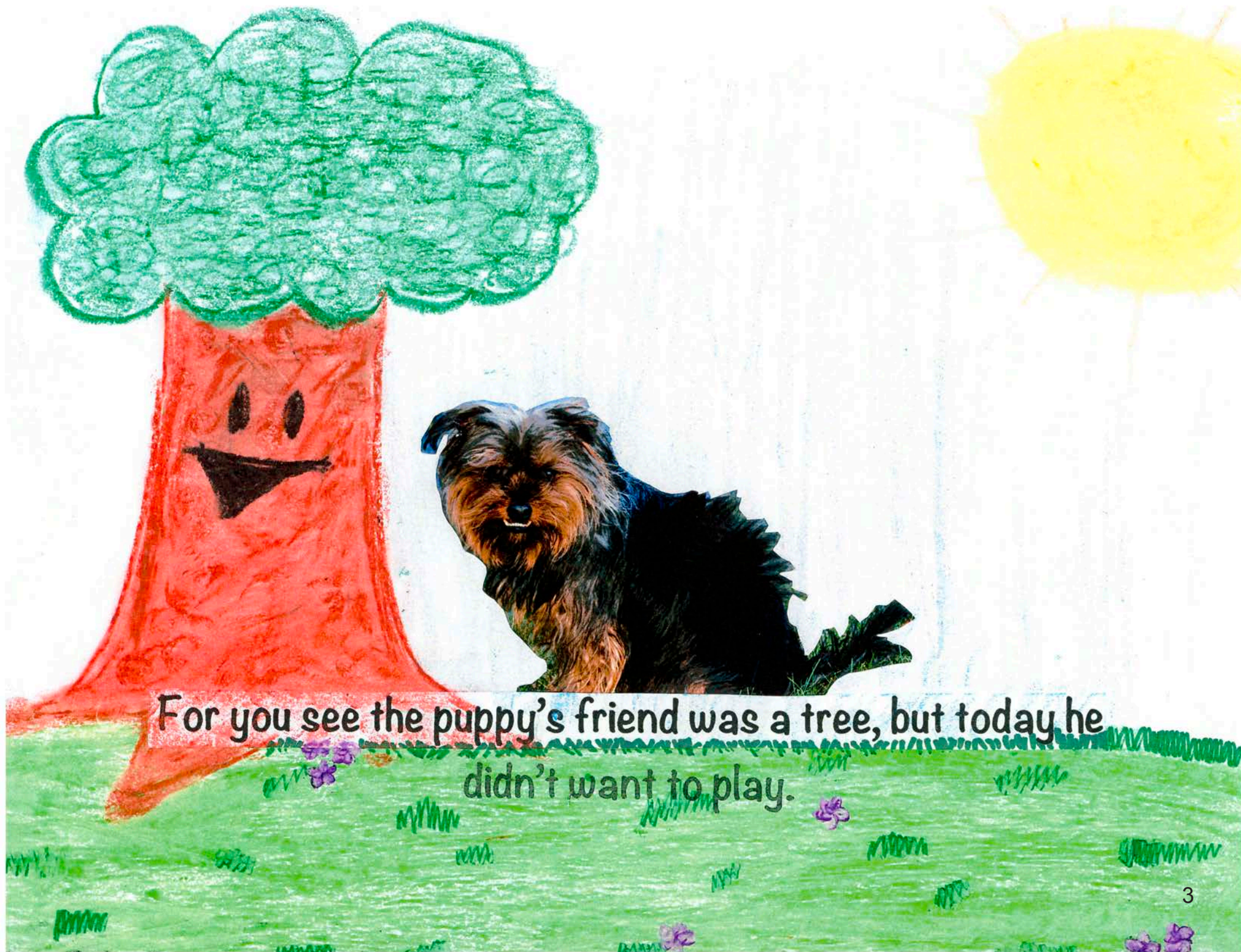
It is everyone's HOME

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A black and white dog is running across a green, grassy hill. The dog is captured in mid-stride, with its front legs extended forward and its hind legs pushing off. Its tail is slightly curved. The hill is covered in green grass with some small purple flowers scattered around. The background is a plain white sky.

He happily barked as he ran to his friend in the park.



For you see the puppy's friend was a tree, but today he
didn't want to play.



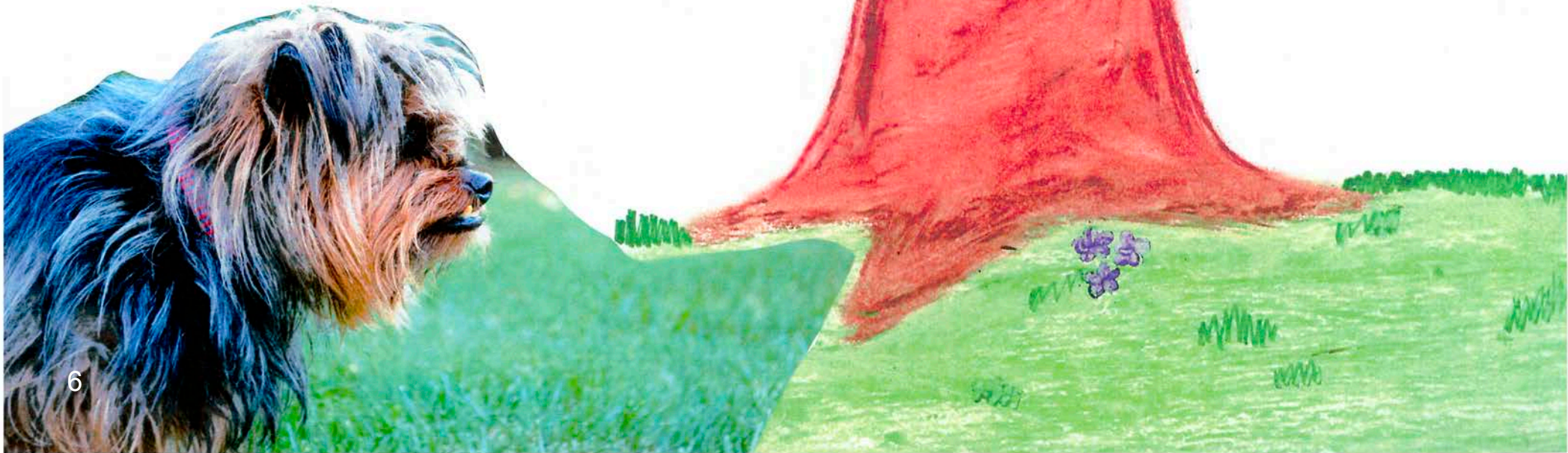
Raising his voice over the park's chatter he asked the tree
what was the matter?

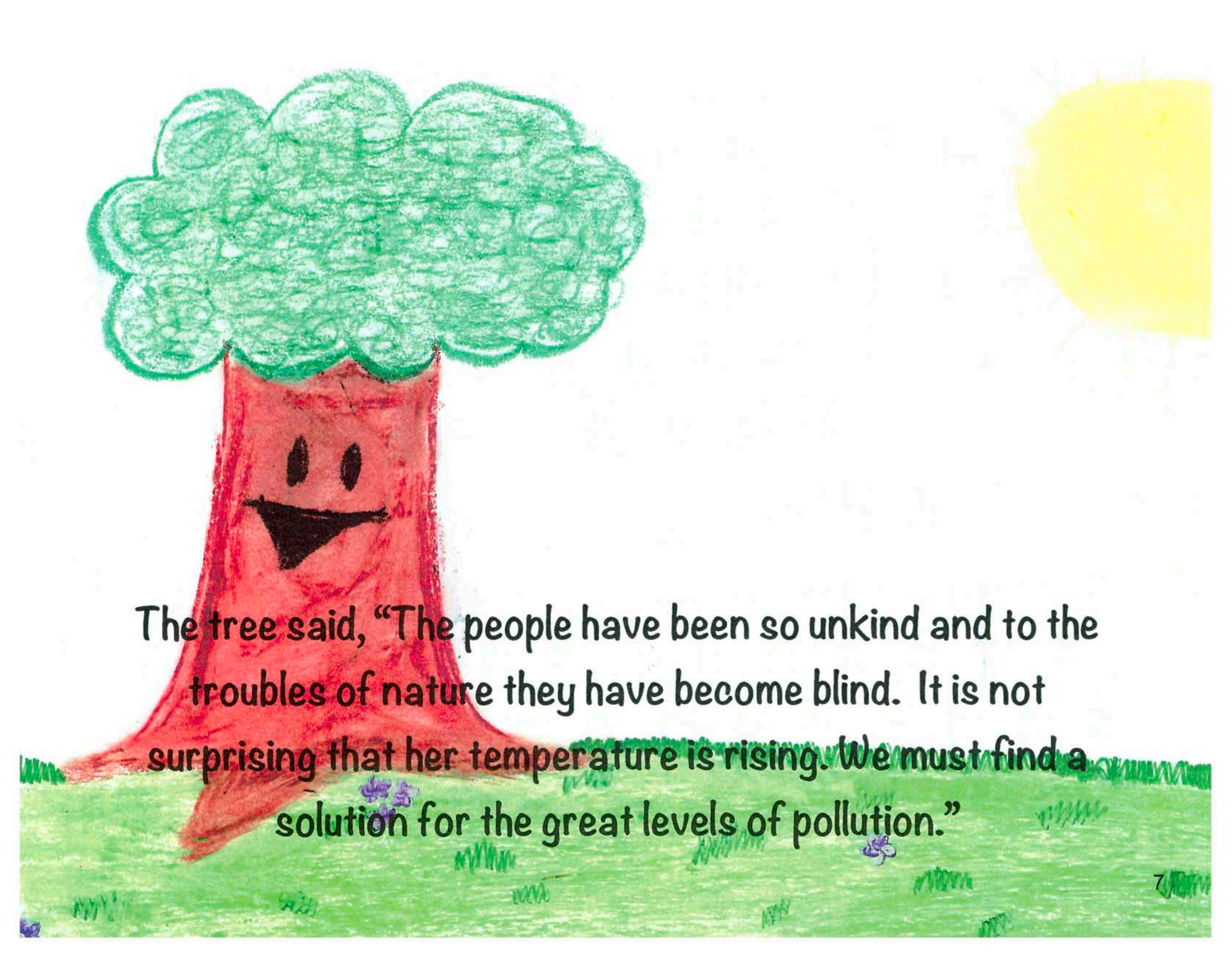


The tree sighed in reply "People will never get their fill of making Mother Earth ill."

The puppy gave a tree a lick and said

“Oh my, why is Mother
Earth sick?”





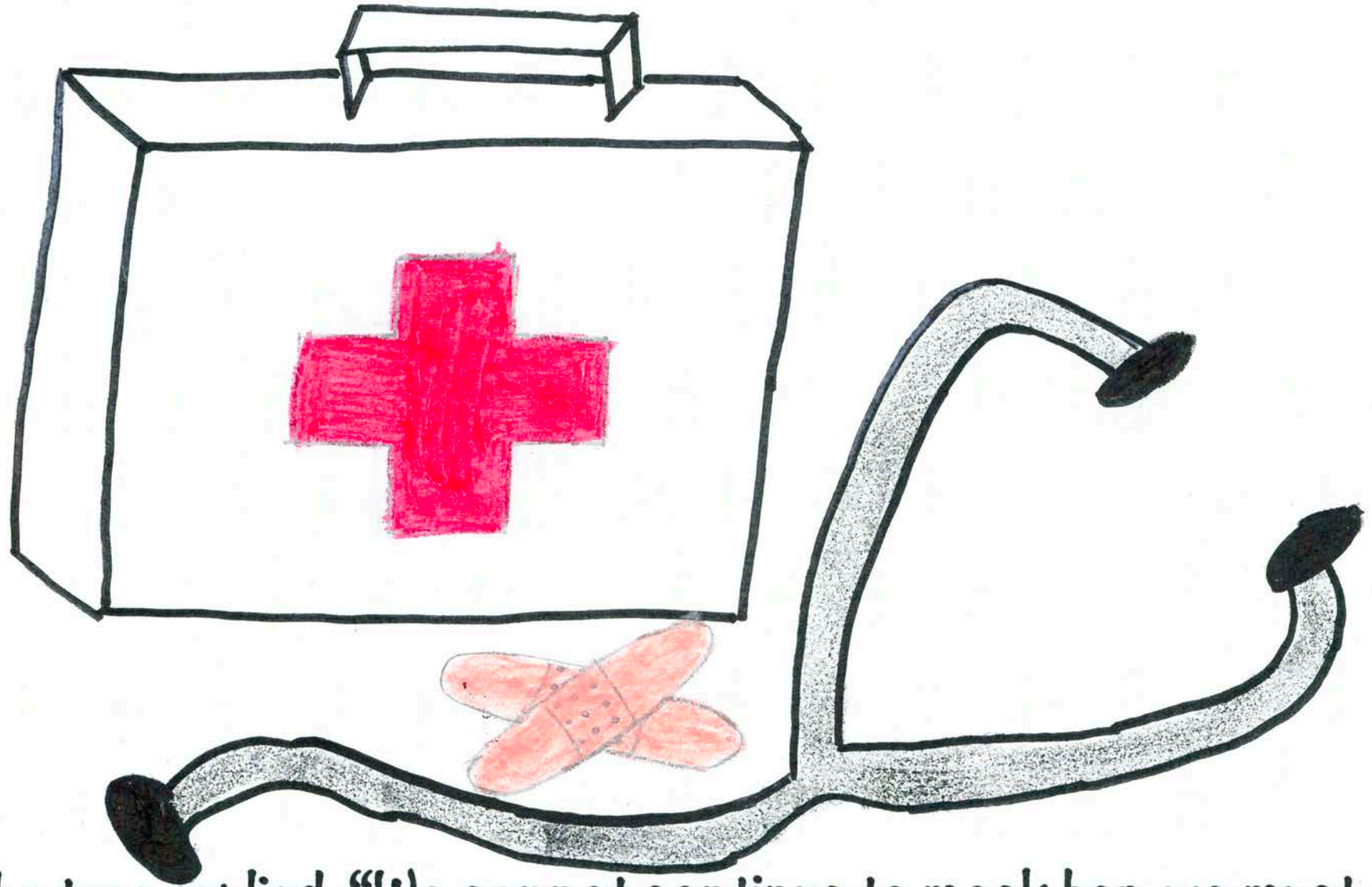
The tree said, "The people have been so unkind and to the troubles of nature they have become blind. It is not surprising that her temperature is rising. We must find a solution for the great levels of pollution."



The tree continued, "For the future we must ensure that the water is pure. With haste let's remove our waste. If we join together with one will, she'll no longer be ill."



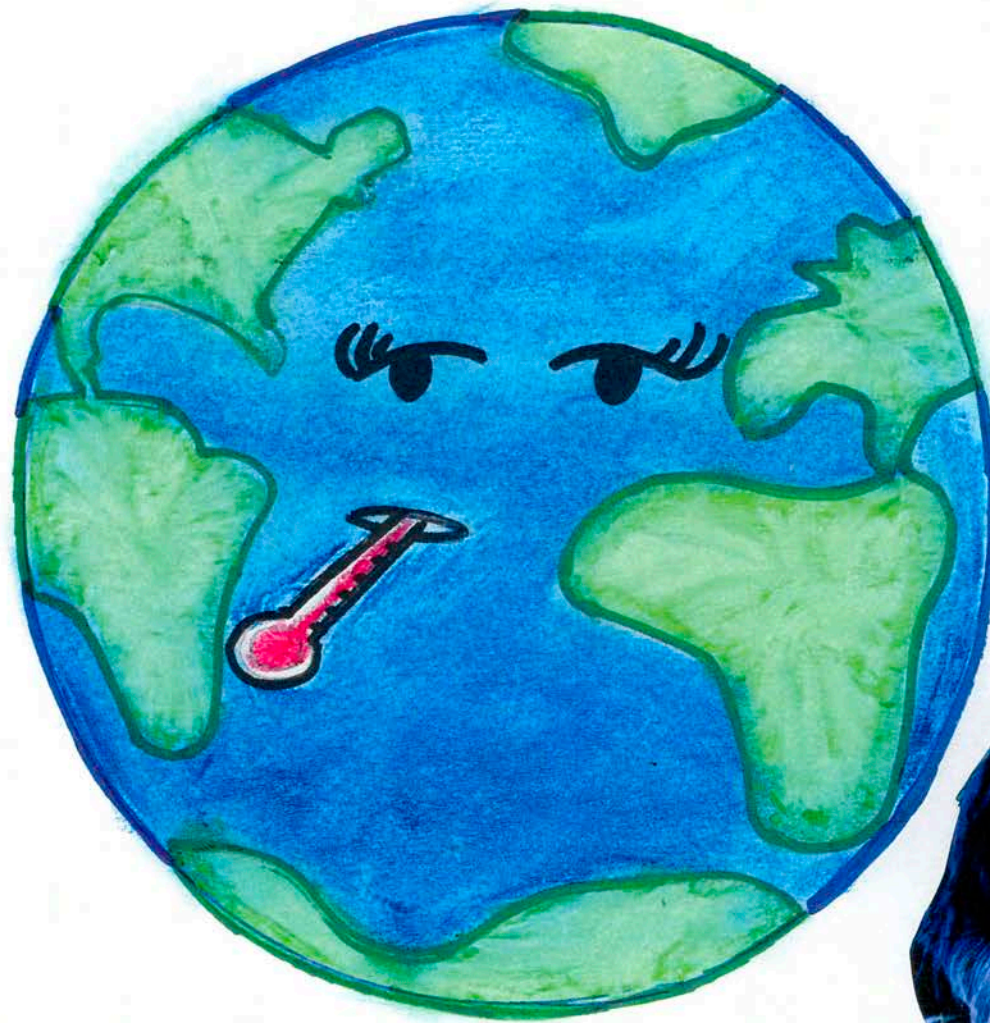
The puppy was shocked, but refused to be knocked and said, "It would be swell if she was well."



The tree replied, "We cannot continue to mock her, we must become her doctor. Let us take care to clean the air!"

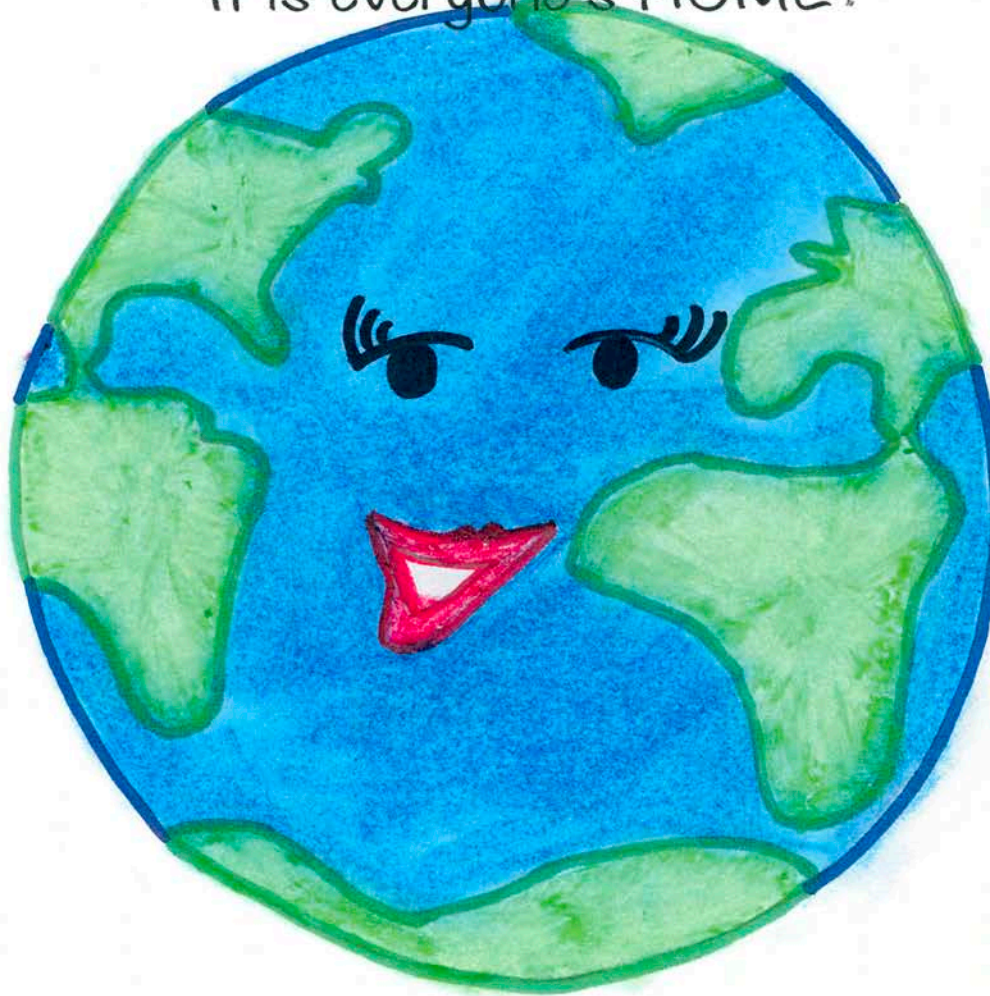


In reply the puppy said, "Please don't cry we will all give it a try"



He ran off with a grin, chanting, "Help Mother Earth win!"

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Open your eyes and see, this is what our motto must be!



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