

Red Boots For Rainy Days



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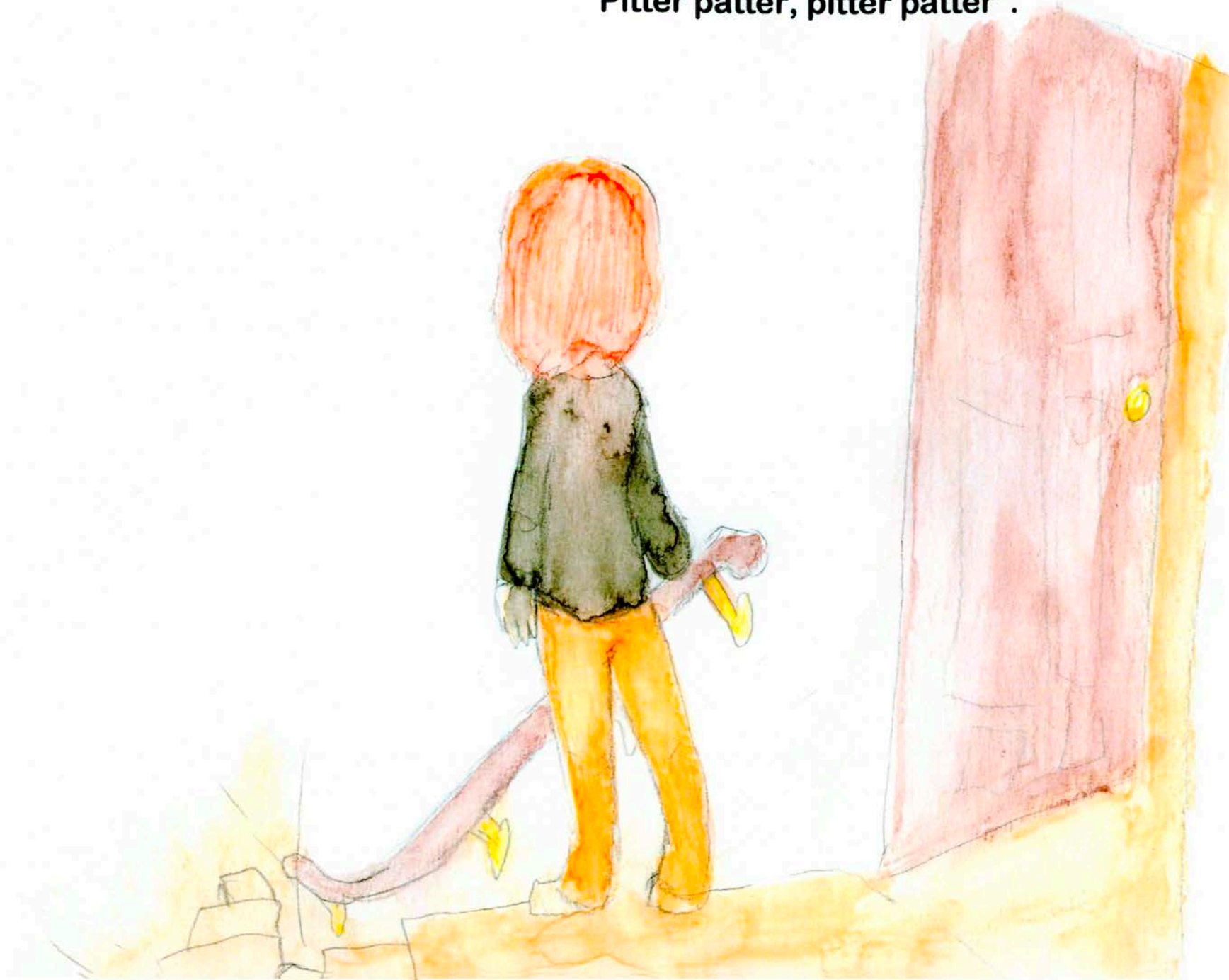
Tabitha woke up to the pitter patter of the rain outside. “Good morning, rain”. She sat in bed listening to the rain on her window.

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



Tabitha crept out of her room and down the steps, her parents would have left for work.

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



She crossed the living room and pressed her ear to the window.

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



She opened the closet and eyes landed on her favorite red boots, so shiny.

“Squeak squeak”.

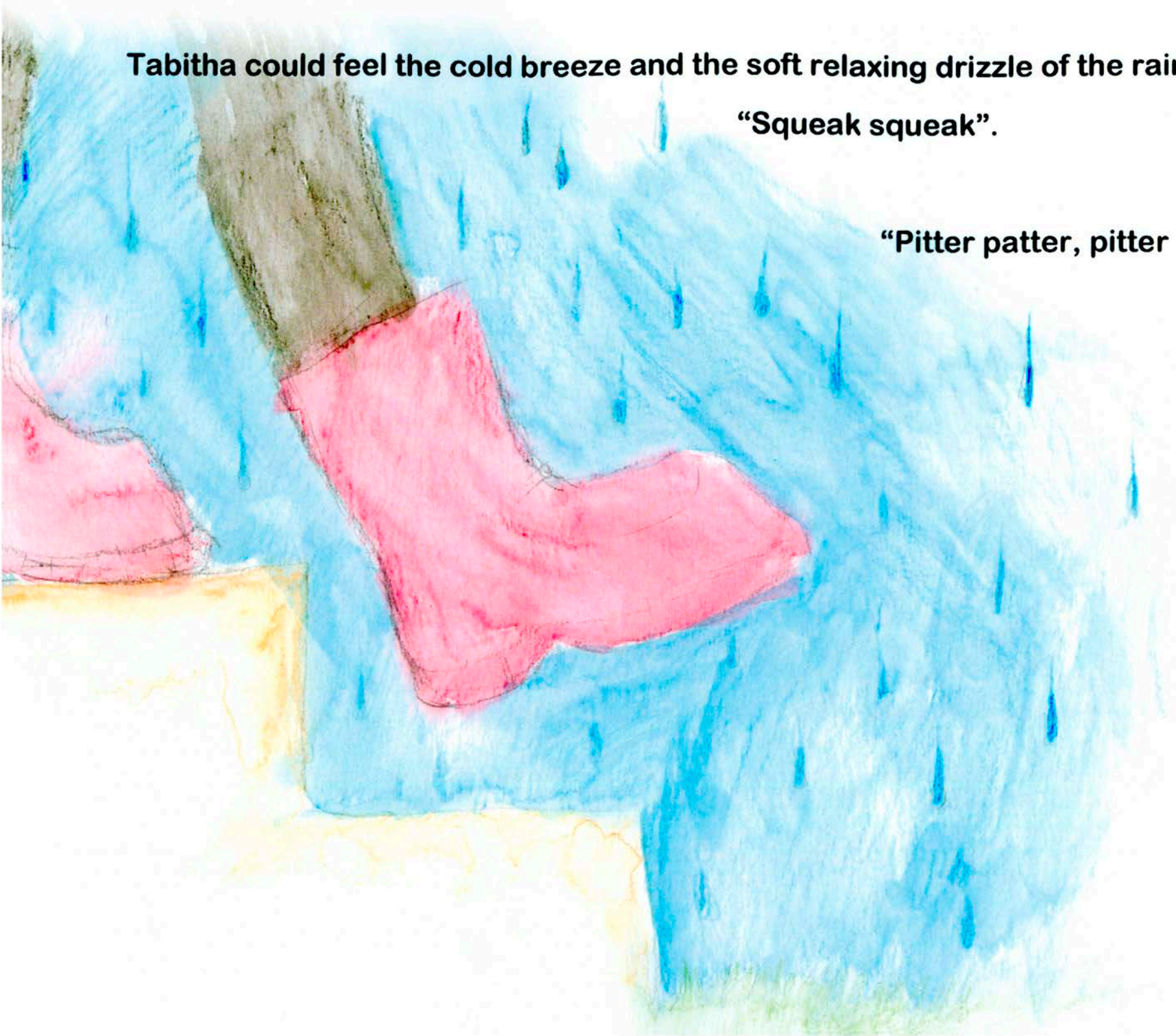
“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



Tabitha could feel the cold breeze and the soft relaxing drizzle of the rain.

“Squeak squeak”.

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



Her boots went “squeak, squeak” in the wet grass as she ran across the lawn to her favorite tree.

“Squeak, squeak”

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.

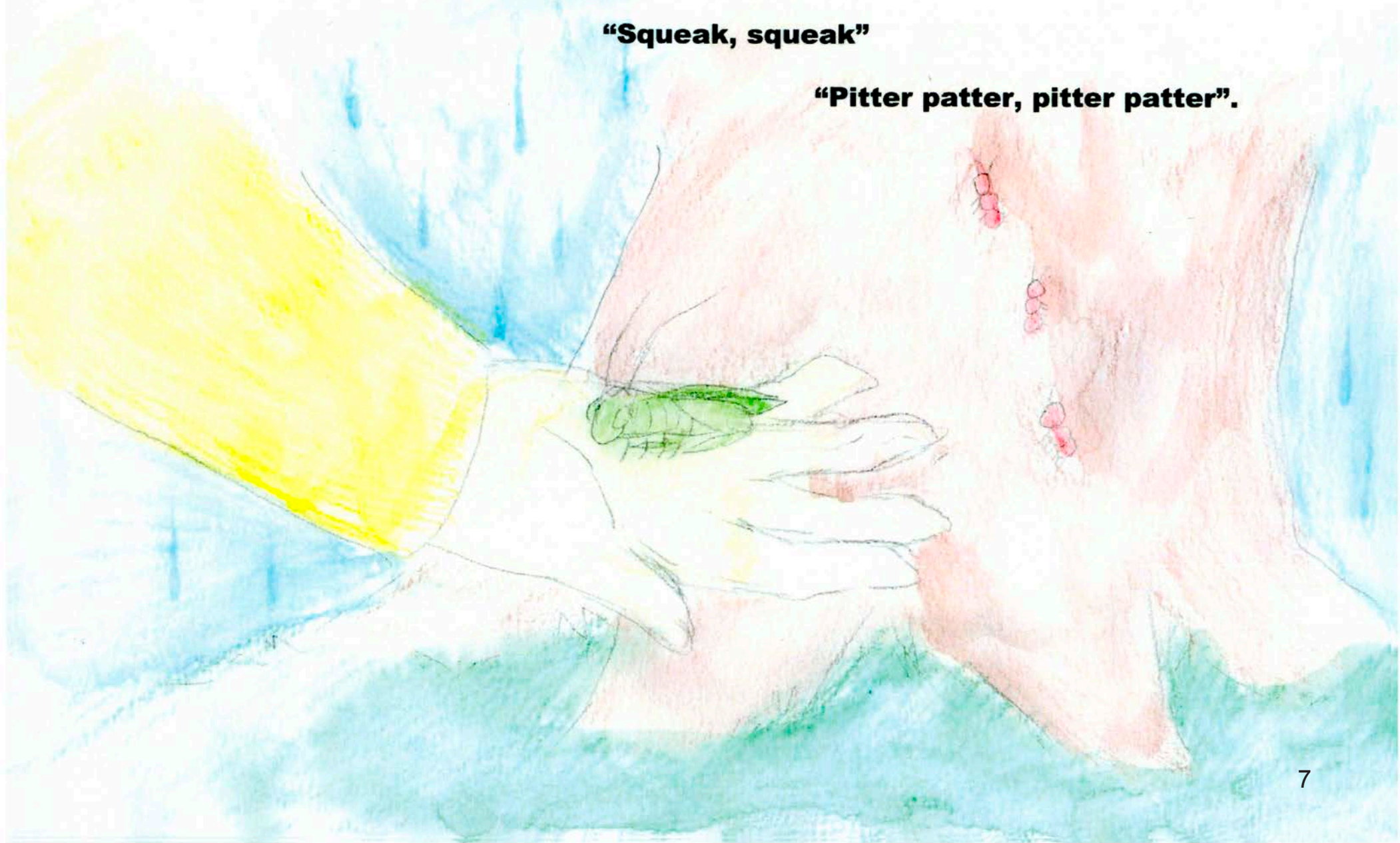


The tree was crawling with ants and little bugs hiding from the weather. She crouched near the tree and let a small grasshopper hop onto her hand.

“Hop, hop”

“Squeak, squeak”

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



She put it down and clunked towards the neighbor's fence in her red boots that were far too big on her, hoping their cat , Alex, would be there.

"Meow, meow"

"Hop, hop"

"Squeak, squeak"

"Pitter patter, pitter patter".



She saw him and he meowed at her in the rain.

“Meow, meow”

“Hop, hop”

“Squeak, squeak”

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



**She stared at the stream of rain water that was rushing down the pavement
and pooling at the road.**

“Swish swash, swish swash”

“Meow, meow”

“Hop, hop”

“Squeak, squeak”

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”.



She stuck out her tongue, hoping the rain would hit it. A small drop plopped down in her mouth and she grinned.

“Plip plop, swish swash, swish swash”

“Meow, meow”

“Hop, hop”

“Squeak squeak, pitter patter, pitter patter”



The cat brushed against her leg, as she chased clouds along the sky; squealing happily. “Waaooo waaooo”

“Plip plop, swish swash, swish swash”

“Meow, meow”

“Hop, hop”

“Squeak squeak, pitter patter, pitter patter”



Tabitha looked out over the fields, the mist was so thick she couldn't see anything more than a couple feet in front of her. "Waaooo waaooo"

"Plip plop, swish swash, swish swash"

"Meow, meow"

"Hop, hop"

"Squeak squeak, pitter patter, pitter patter"



She didn't realize how long she had been outside. The beautiful sunset was now glowing through the calming rain.

"Plip plop, swish swash, swish swash"

"Meow, meow"

"Hop, hop"

"Squeak squeak, pitter patter, pitter patter"



She said goodbye to Alex the cat and slowly walked to the front door. She turned around just to take it all in before she left.

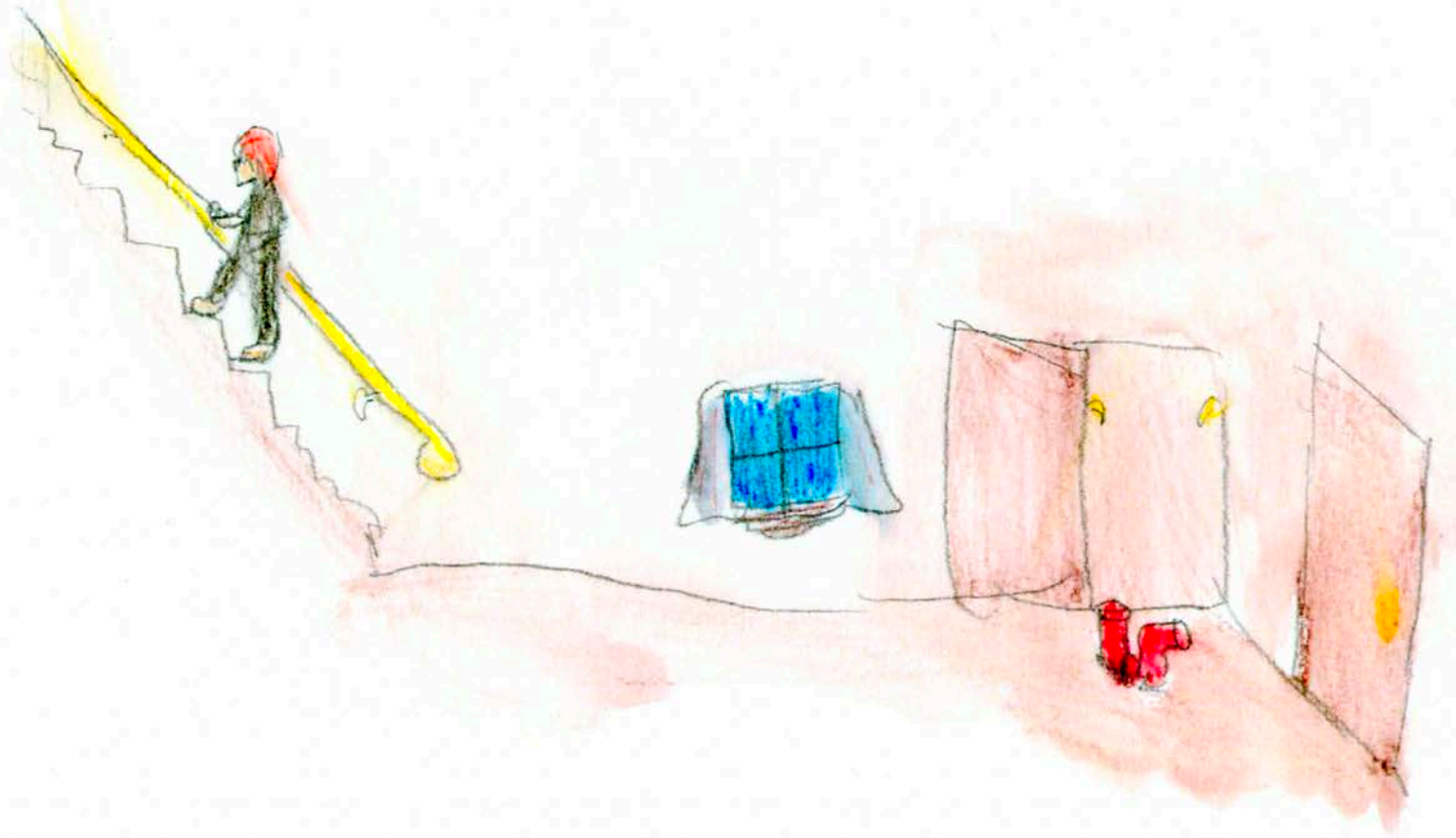
“Hop, hop”

“Squeak squeak, pitter patter, pitter patter”



She took off her muddy, bright red boots and left them at the door. She jumped up the steps and entered her nice warm room.

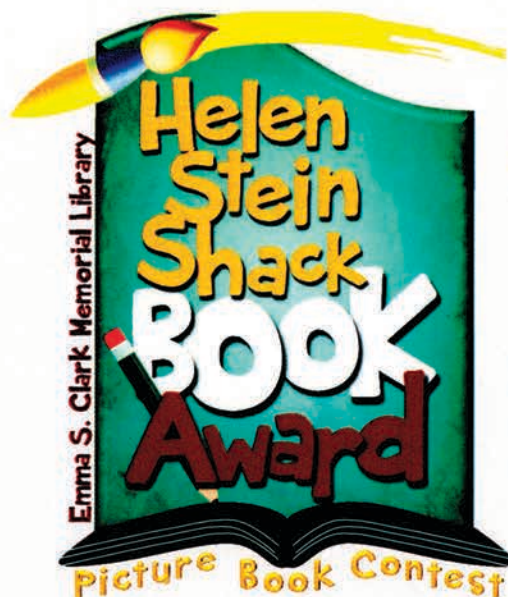
“Pitter patter, pitter patter”



As she crawled into bed she stared at the rain through the window. Goodnight rain.

“Pitter patter, pitter patter”





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