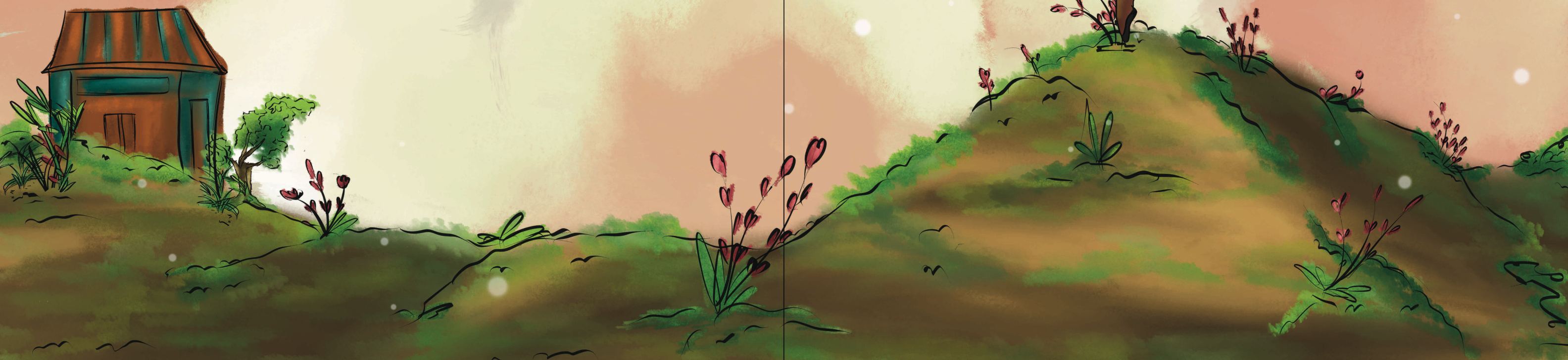


"Lilly Can Dance Too" is a heartwarming tale of Lilly's journey towards self-discovery and empowerment. This enchanting story follows Lilly as she challenges beauty stereotypes and learns that true beauty comes from within. Through relatable experiences, young readers can join Lilly in celebrating uniqueness, questioning societal norms, and discovering the beauty that lies in self-expression. With colorful illustrations and a relatable narrative, this children's book inspire kids to embrace their passions, find their voice, and appreciate the beauty within themselves and others.

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**LILLY can
DANCE too**



Once upon a time, a cute girl named Lilly lived. She loved animals and found joy among them, and she also loves to dance.

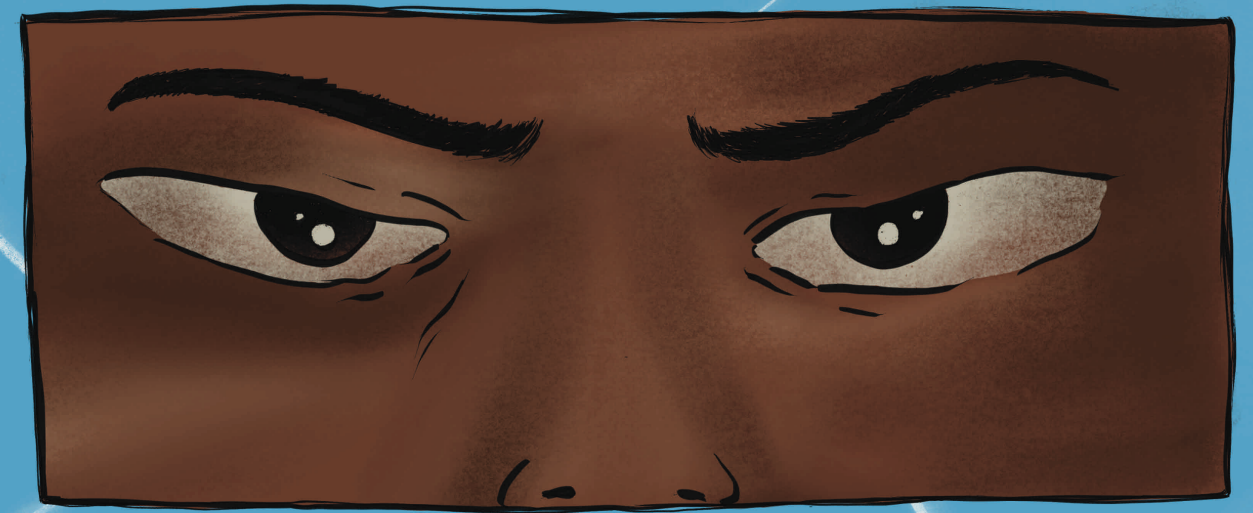




Ballet school

Lilly loved to watch the girls
in the nearby ballet school,
dreaming of dancing
like them.

But she thought her **'chubby cheeks, fluffy hands, and marshmallow legs'** might stop her from dancing.





And then one day Lilly was walking back home and **dreaming about joining the ballet school.**

So she shared this dream with her parents, hoping they would understand and support her. But her mother expressed doubt, **making Lilly feel even more insecure about herself.**



Days went by and weeks ended, **but Lilly couldn't stop dreaming about dance.** She could only daydream about those ballet school girls dancing to beautiful music. **Her heart ached, and she decides to change herself to fit in at the dance school.**



I wish I could



change myself.

Lilly tries to put on makeup and squeeze into her slim old clothes **in an attempt of trying to be someone who she wasn't.**

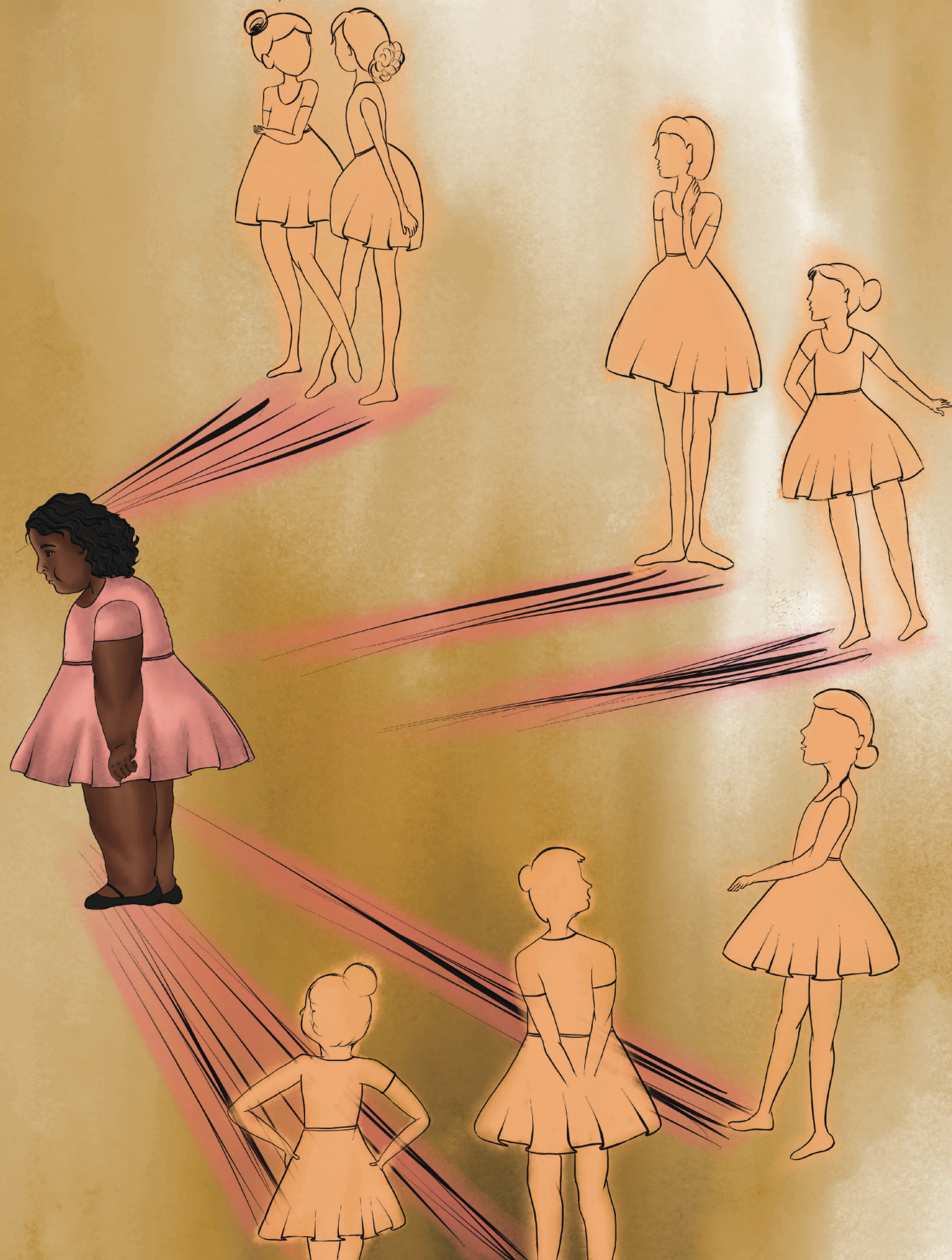


Why can't I fit into this "DRESS"?

OH!! But that hurts!!!



When Lilly entered the school, there **she felt out of place,** surrounded by the graceful girls, making Lilly more conscious about herself.



Other girls twirled in perfect circles, with perfect pointed fingers and toes. Lilly tried to be prim like them, **but her chubby legs and fluffy hands had different plans.**



Even the dance instructor and the other girls think
"Lilly doesn't belong here"

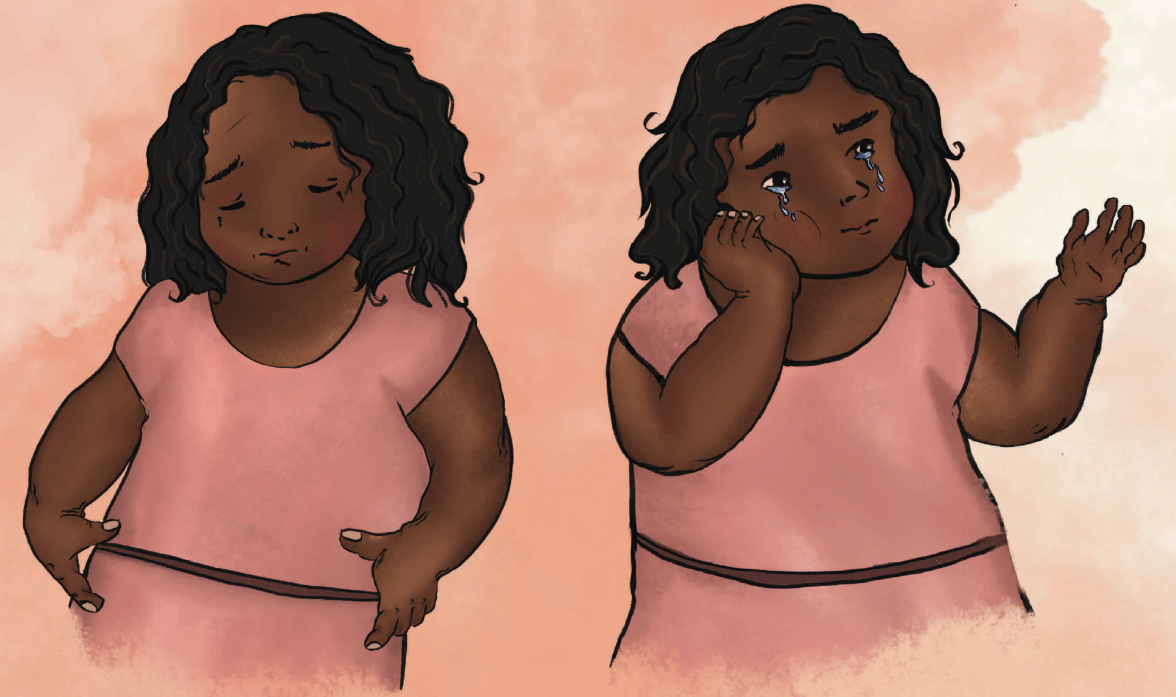


She can't "DANCE"!!!


Not you!!! Not You!!!

HAHAHA!!

Not her!!!



Feeling hurt and suffocated in that school, Lilly fled to the jungle. She dwelled on hurtful comments and thoughts about her chubby legs. Doubt filled her mind that **maybe ballet wasn't for her after all or maybe her looks is good for nothing.**



Huffingly, she rested beside a huge tree, **feeling the weight of her insecurities in her breath.**

But suddenly, Lilly heard music and voices of people laughing from inside the tree.



Slow as a turtle



Watch me move



I'm a little dancer



When I hear the music!!



Faster than the light



Wiggling my finger



Tapping my feet



twirling & swirling to the Beat



Lilly's crying face turned into a big smile when she saw everyone dancing and singing and she realised, "Beauty comes in all forms, and true beauty lies beyond the surface. If you have a passion for something then you should not let anyone stop you"

After hearing Emma's word, Lilly started practicing Ballet moves. And then with this new confidence, she was able to do a perfect circle with pin pointed toes.



She was flying, flying like a bird and her moves were like peacock dancing in a drizzling rain.

Back home, Lilly narrated everything to her mother, who felt sorry for her earlier words. And they happily dance together.

