



# When I Grow Up, I'll Have a House

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Level 3



When I grow up, I'll have my own house.  
The books will crawl up the walls  
And lie on the floors and sprawl on the bed.  
They'll take over, yes, and if I have to,





I'll sleep...



like this

like that

like this

like that

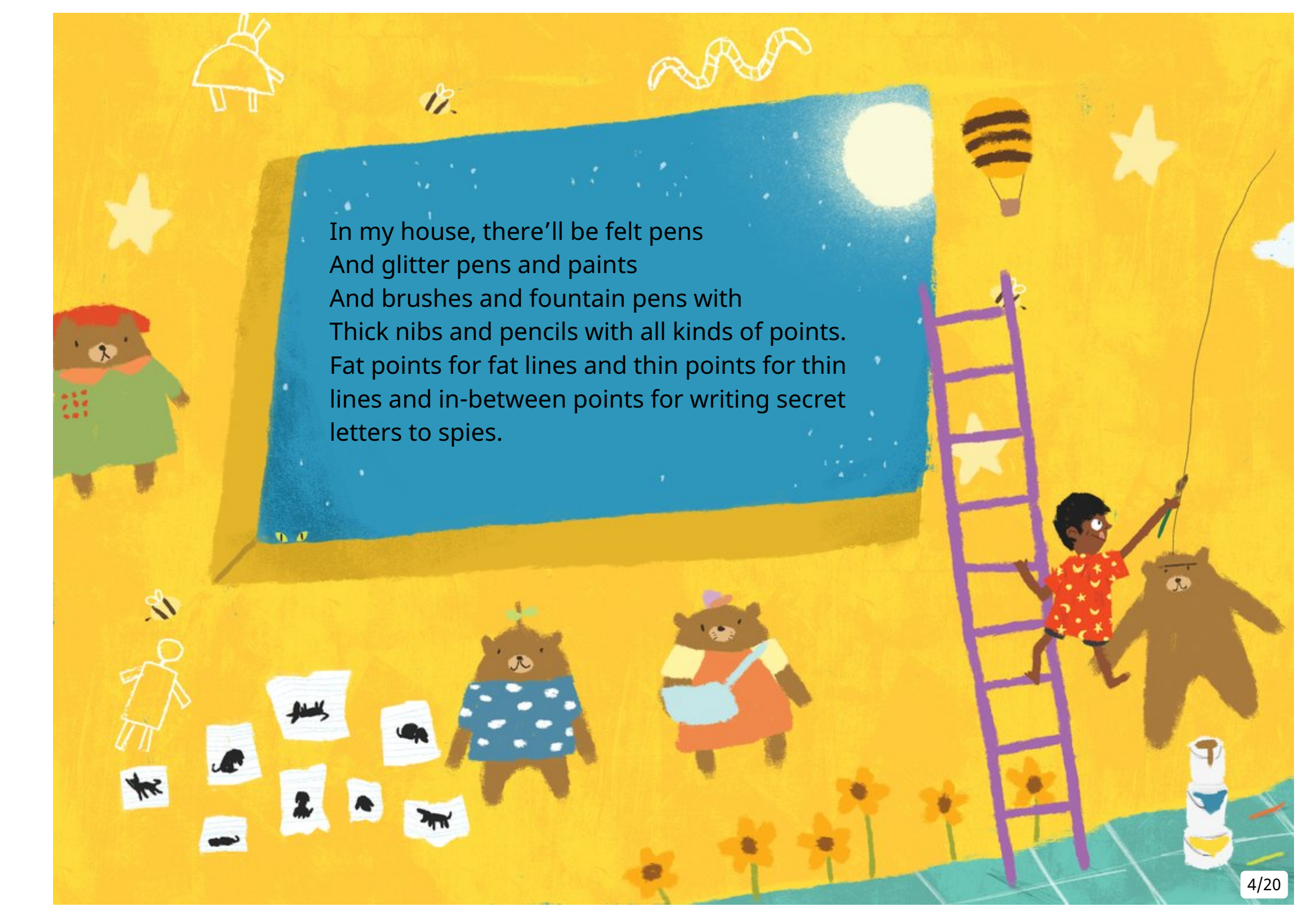
like this

like that

like this


like that

with my body  
curled around books.



In my house, there'll be felt pens  
And glitter pens and paints  
And brushes and fountain pens with  
Thick nibs and pencils with all kinds of points.  
Fat points for fat lines and thin points for thin  
lines and in-between points for writing secret  
letters to spies.

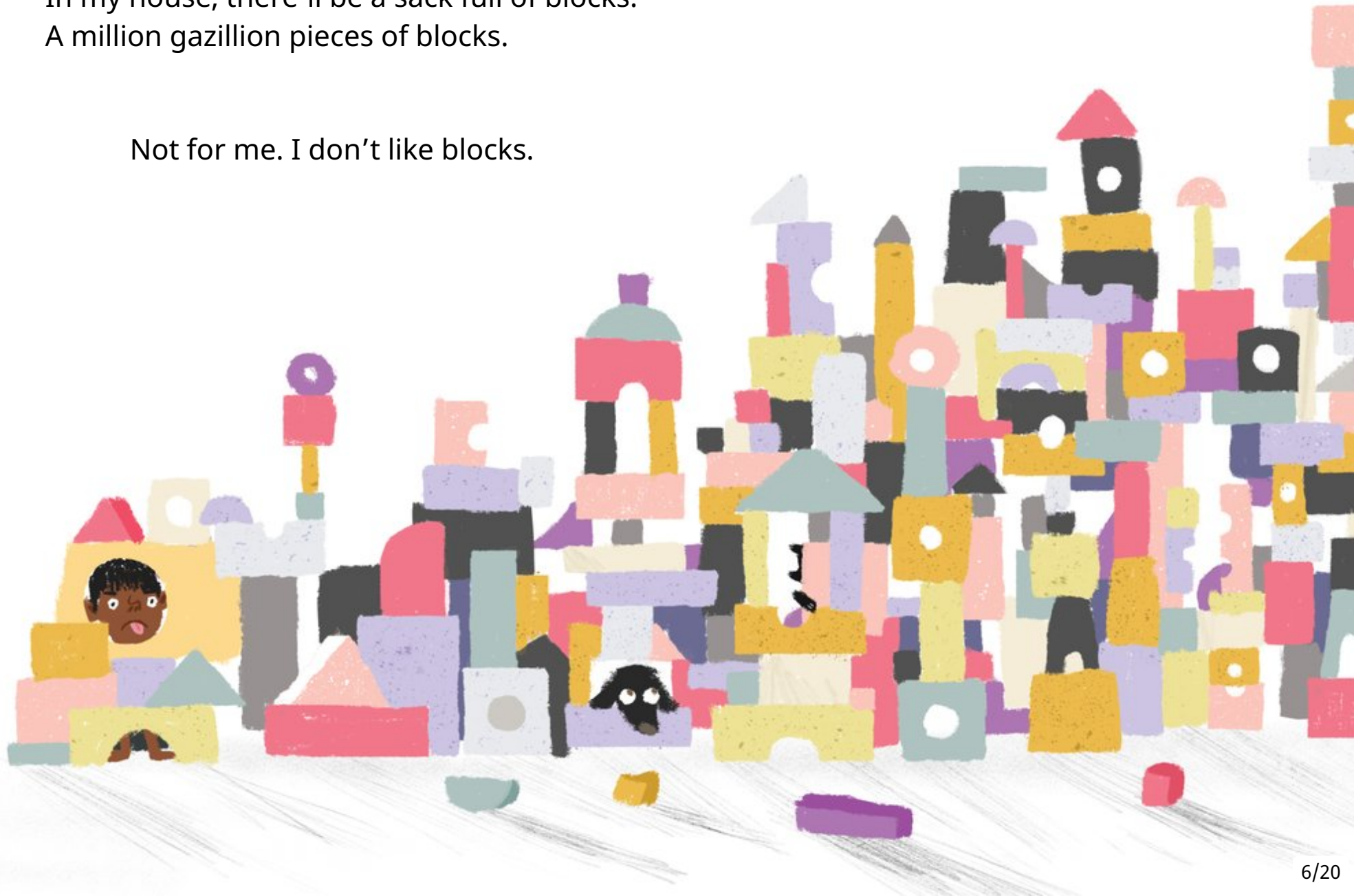




Also oil paints and watercolours  
And fat-fat-FAT books of paper.  
If you say, "Paint inside the lines";  
If you say, "The sun is never that colour",  
My bodyguard Lothar will show you out  
In the nicest possible way.

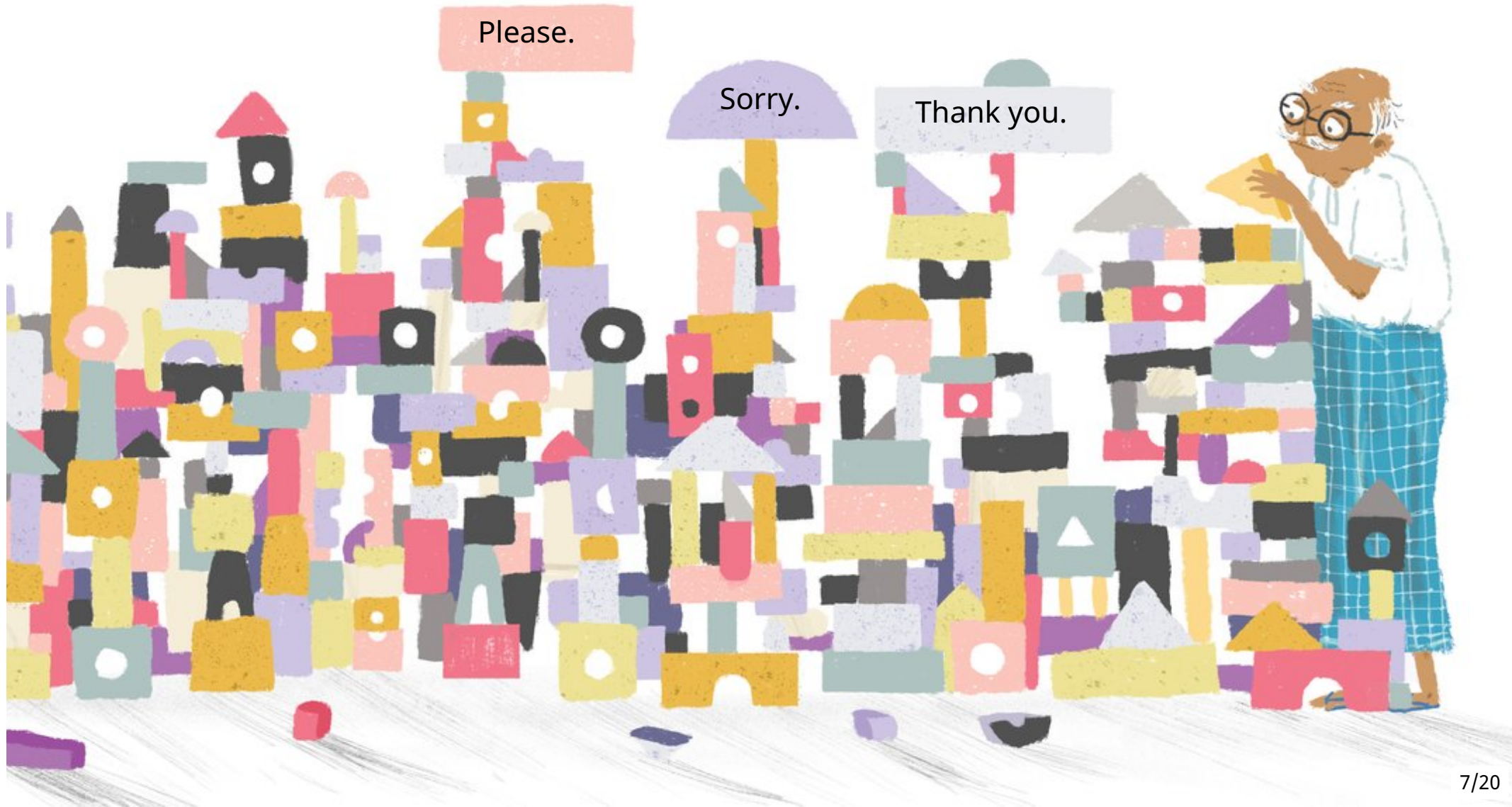
In my house, there'll be a sack full of blocks.  
A million gazillion pieces of blocks.

Not for me. I don't like blocks.





But I will like everything else in my house  
And I hate to share. So you can have the blocks  
And build anything you want.



In my house, I'll run the clocks  
Slow in the holidays, slow in the mornings  
So slow that I can sleep the dozy out of my eyes.







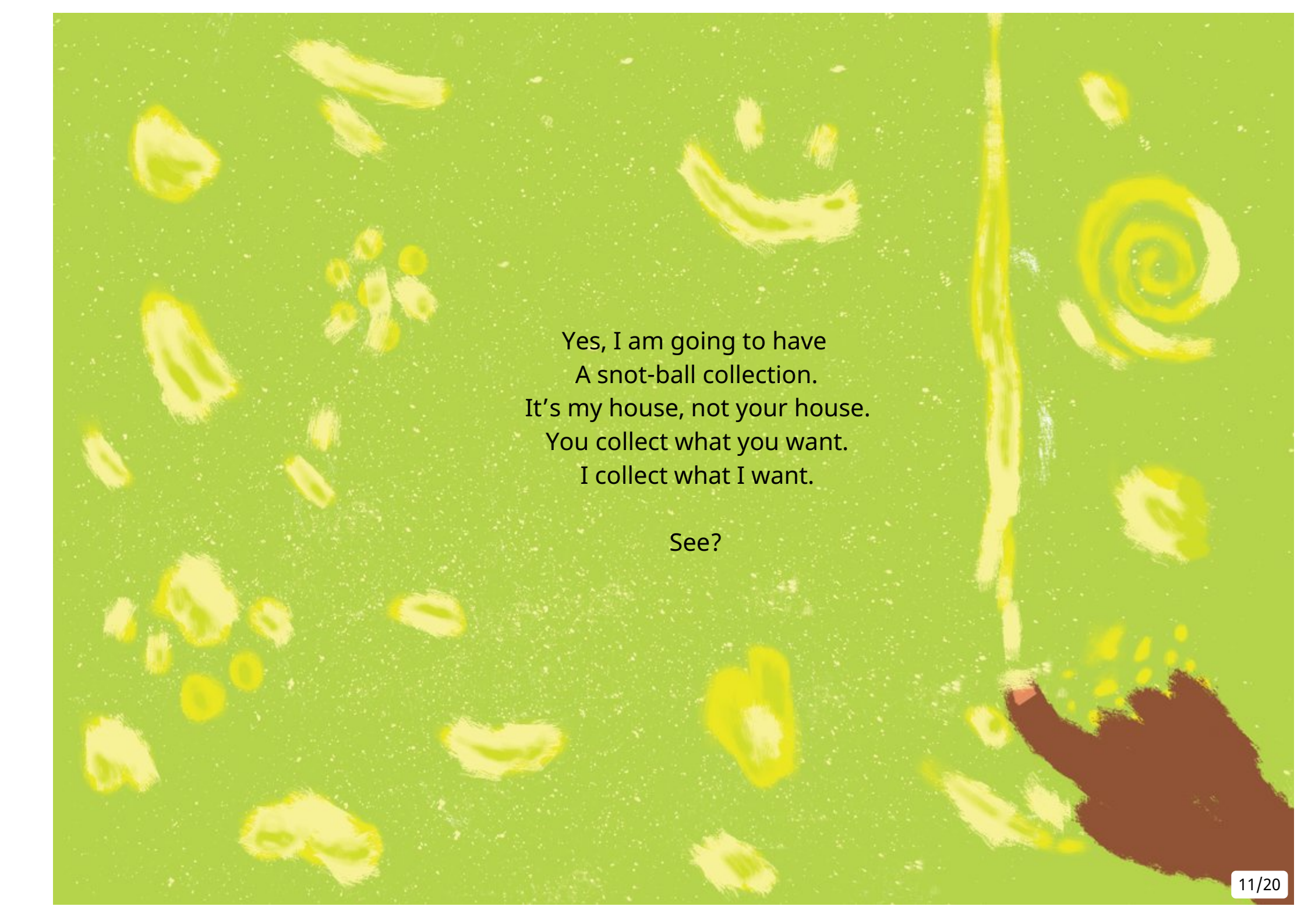
When I get up, I'll dig my nose  
And turn the boogers  
Into a hard lump of green and yellow  
Snot which I will keep under my pillow.  
It will be part of my





WORLD-FAMOUS, NEVER-BEFORE, NEVER-AGAIN  
SUPERTENDOUS, AMASTAZOUNDING  
SNOT-BALL COLLECTION  
(Pride of India)




A hand holding a paintbrush is visible in the bottom right corner, actively painting a green background. The background is covered with numerous yellow and white splotches, swirls, and streaks of paint, creating a textured, abstract effect. The text is centered in the middle of the image.


Yes, I am going to have  
A snot-ball collection.  
It's my house, not your house.  
You collect what you want.  
I collect what I want.

See?

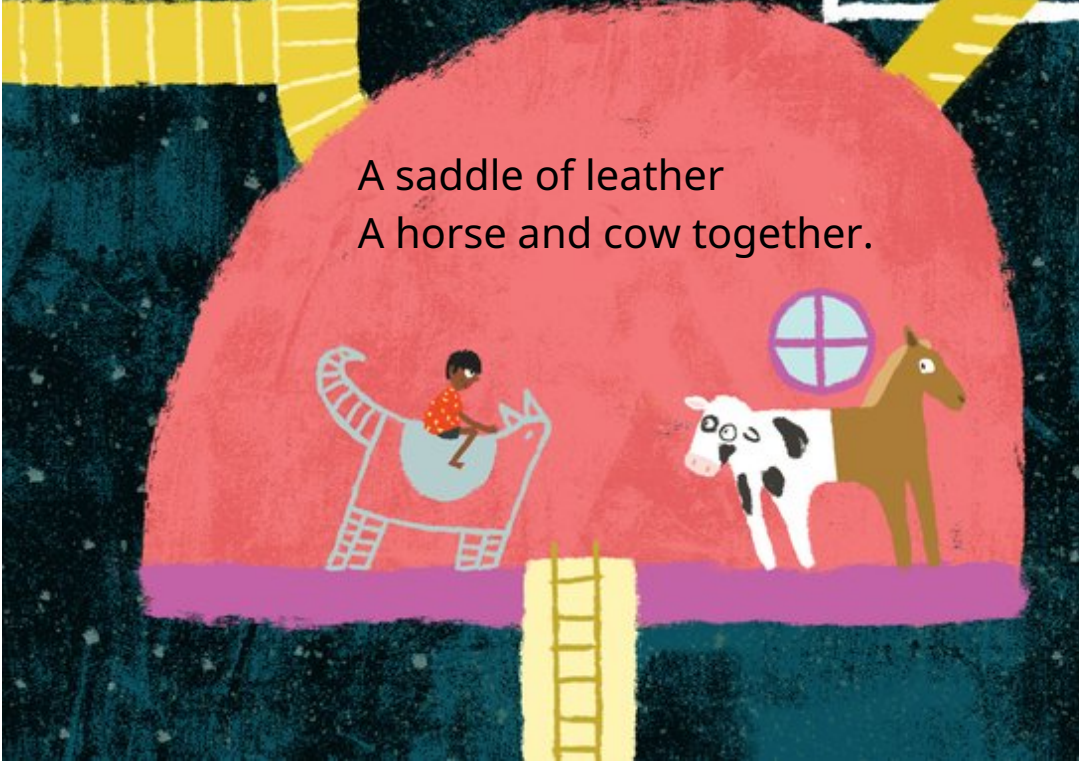




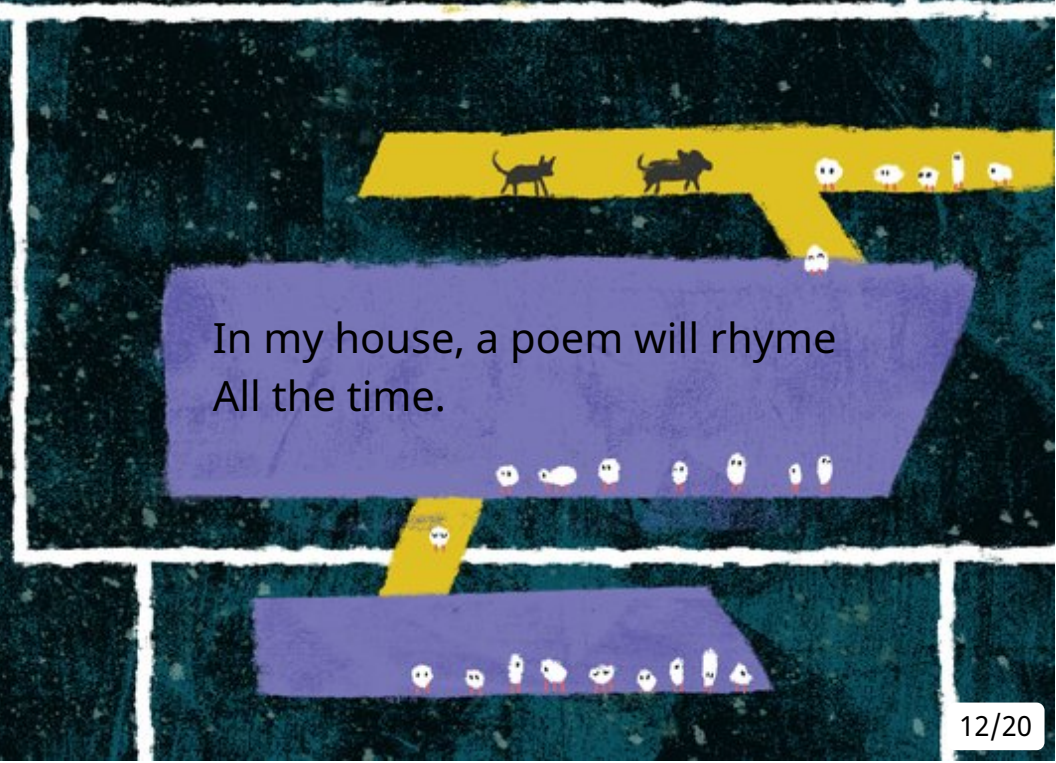
In my house,  
I'll keep a feather



And all kinds  
of weather



A saddle of leather  
A horse and cow together.



In my house, a poem will rhyme  
All the time.





Me and my pink panda  
Will sit on the verandah.

Me and my red pup  
Will drink from the same cup



Me and my brown bear  
Will share  
a rocking chair.





In my house, the inside will be the outside  
And the outside will be the inside.

Then if someone says, "Go inside,"  
I'll be outside.





In my house, I'll have a room  
With a funeral band going

Phoom-pOOm-OOm



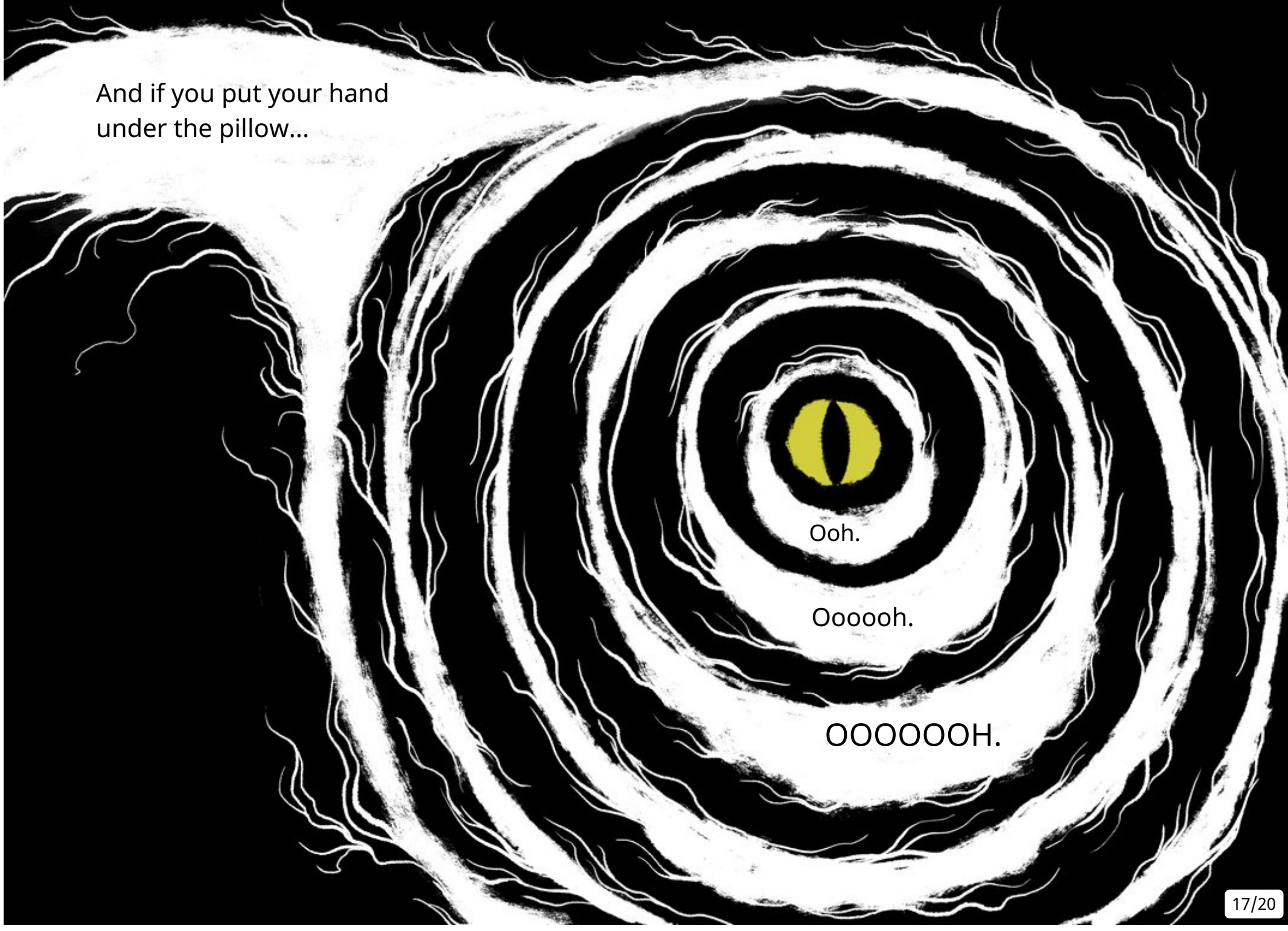
Because a funeral band is fun  
If no one's dead. Really.

I'll also have a dare room.  
It will be a bare room.  
It will be a gloom room.  
It will be a doom room.

You have to be brave  
And sleep in a grave.



And if you put your hand  
under the pillow...



Ooh.

Ooooooh.

OOOOOOOH.

When I grow up,  
When I grow up,  
Such a long time  
To when I grow up.



And I need  
that home



NOW!









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(English)

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