

For Renata and David, who scatter seeds of play! – S.T.

For Mia, Molly, Eric and Dolores. – C.A.



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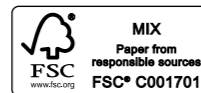
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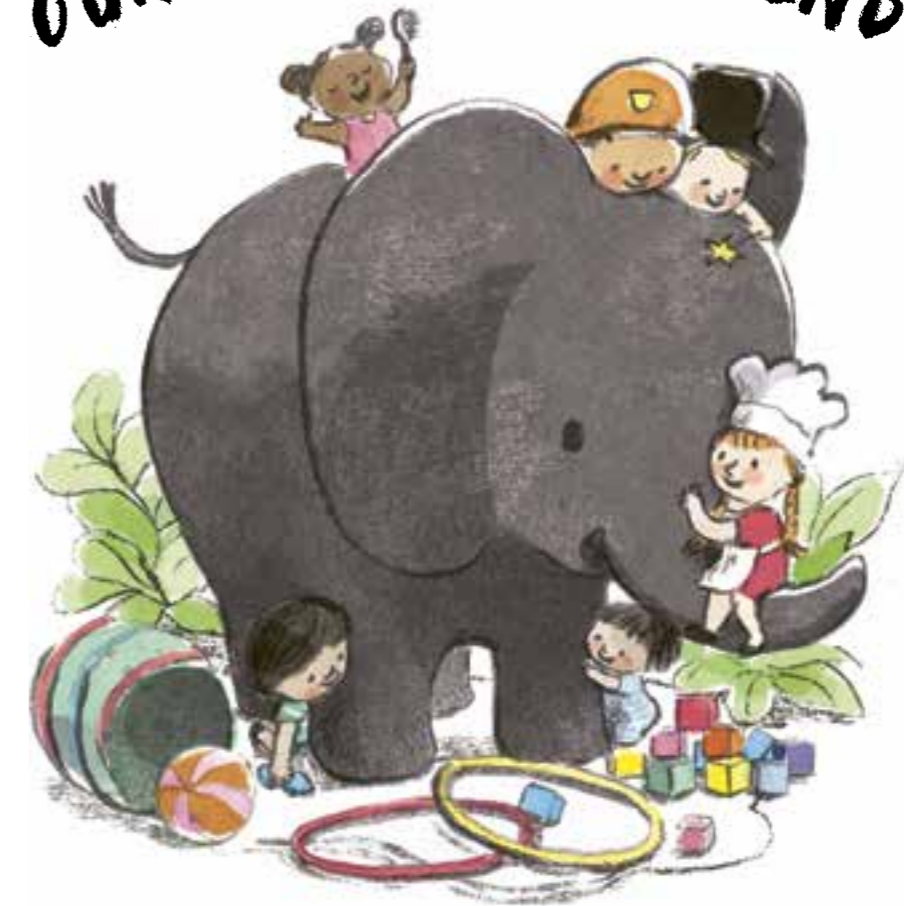
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HUMPERDINK

OUR ELEPHANT FRIEND



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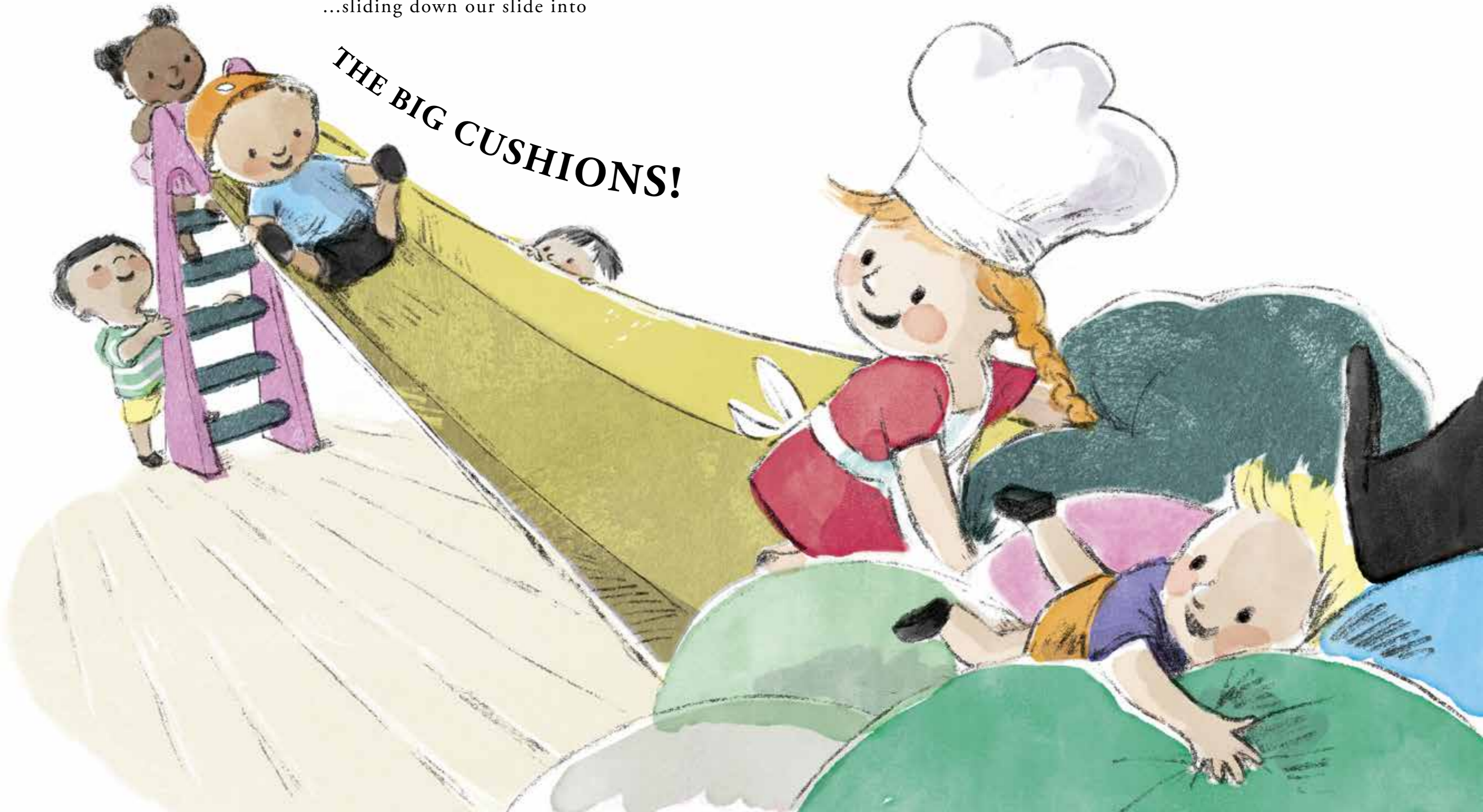


At the playgroup I go to,
everyone likes different things.

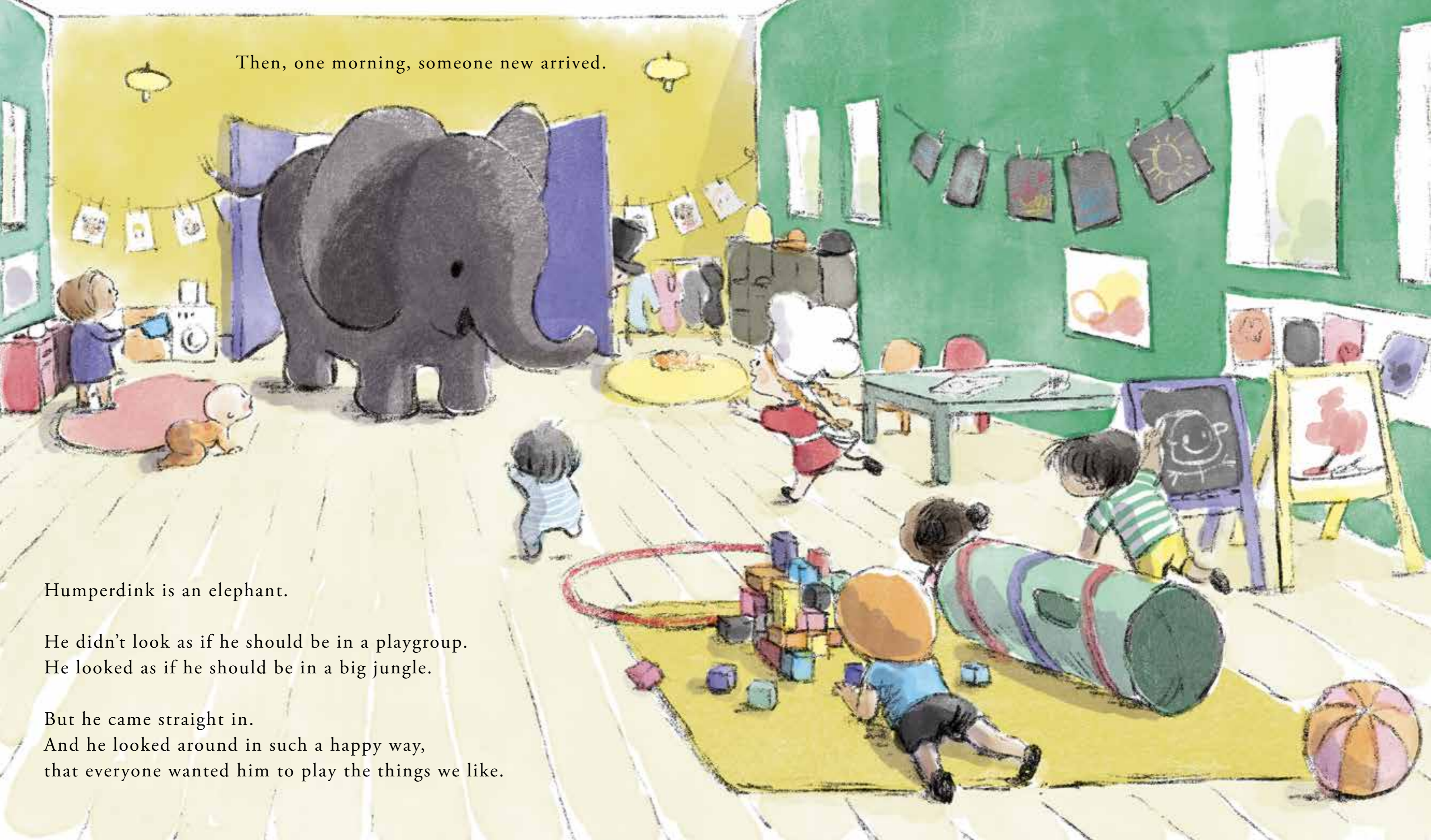
But the best game we all love is...

...sliding down our slide into

THE BIG CUSHIONS!



Then, one morning, someone new arrived.



Humperdink is an elephant.

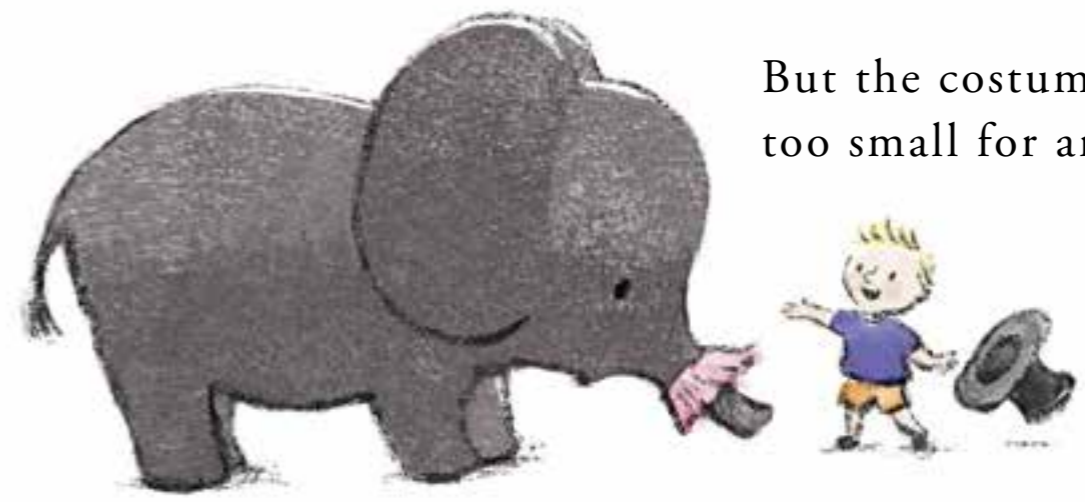
He didn't look as if he should be in a playgroup.
He looked as if he should be in a big jungle.

But he came straight in.
And he looked around in such a happy way,
that everyone wanted him to play the things we like.

Ryan got Humperdink to do dressing-up.



But the costumes were a bit too small for an elephant.



And Humperdink's big bottom squashed Ryan's favourite hat.

