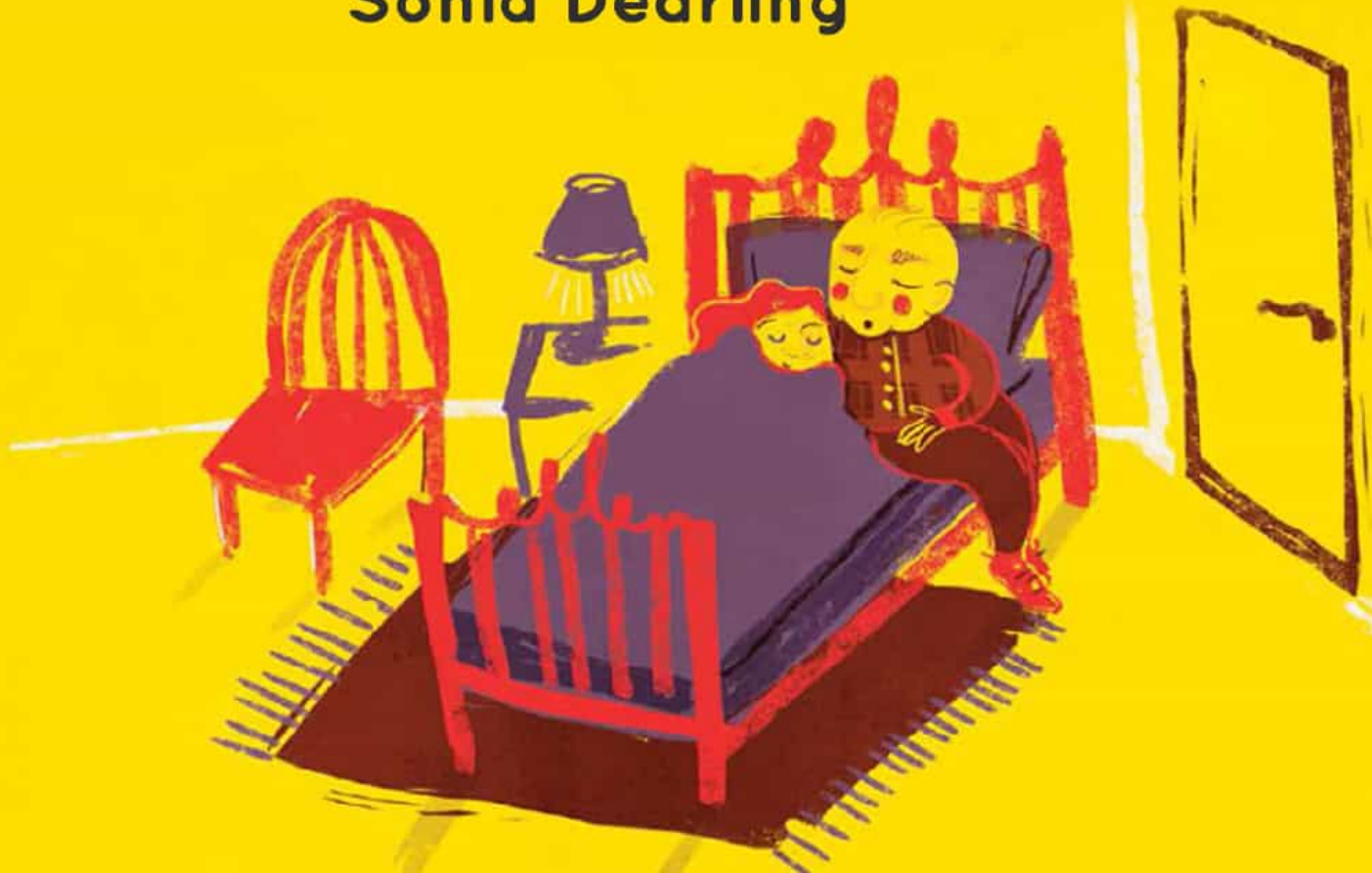


A Tall Tale

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This is my Pa.

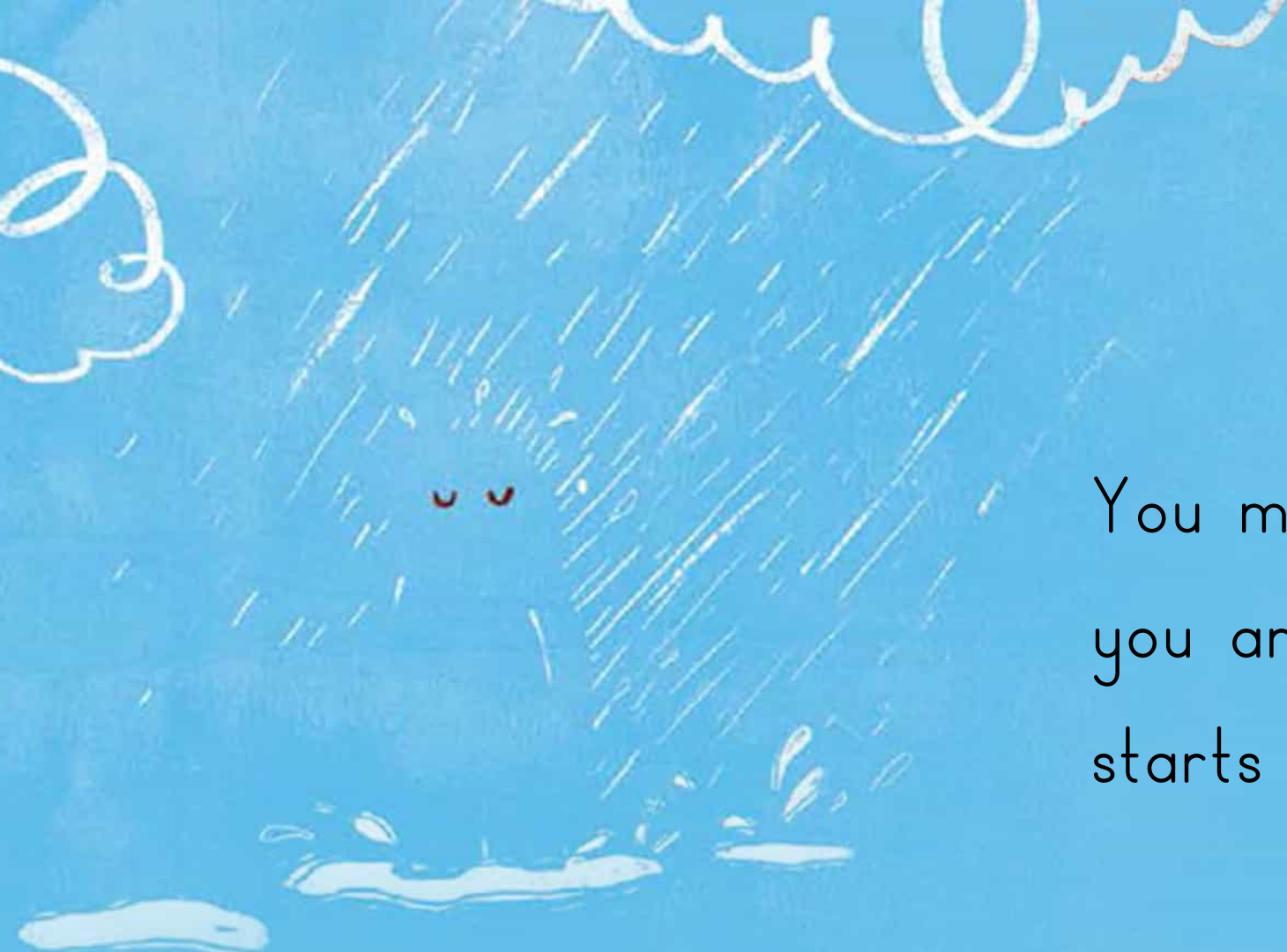
He likes to spoil me
with tales. Some
are tall tales.

He says that he will
tell me a tale of a girl
made of air.



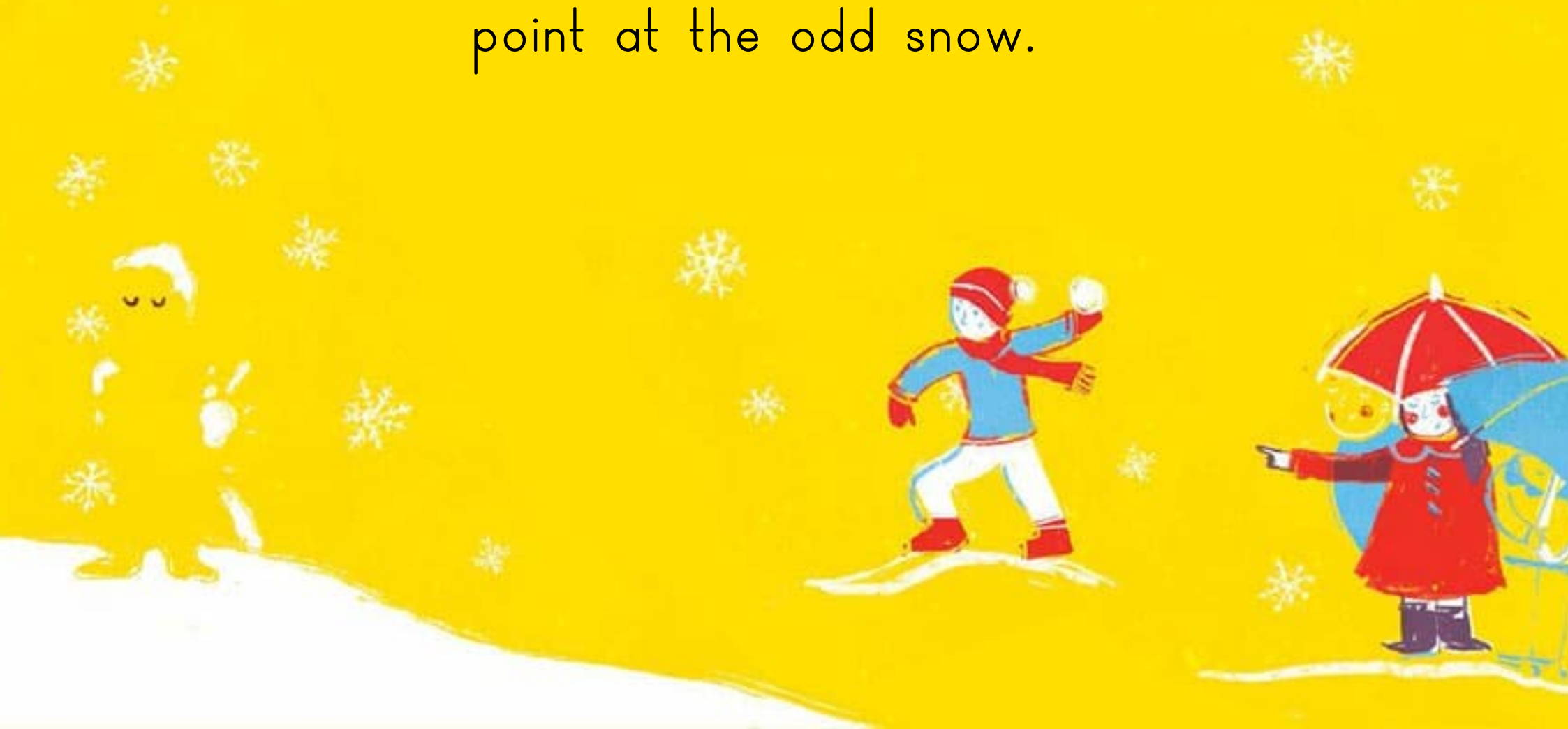
She can hoist herself
up on a chair and not
be seen.





You might see her if
you are out, and it
starts to rain.

In the snow, the flakes
rest on her head. Kids
point at the odd snow.



The girl made of air goes
to school one day.





A boy asks if he can
put some paint on her
to see her face.

The girl loves it!

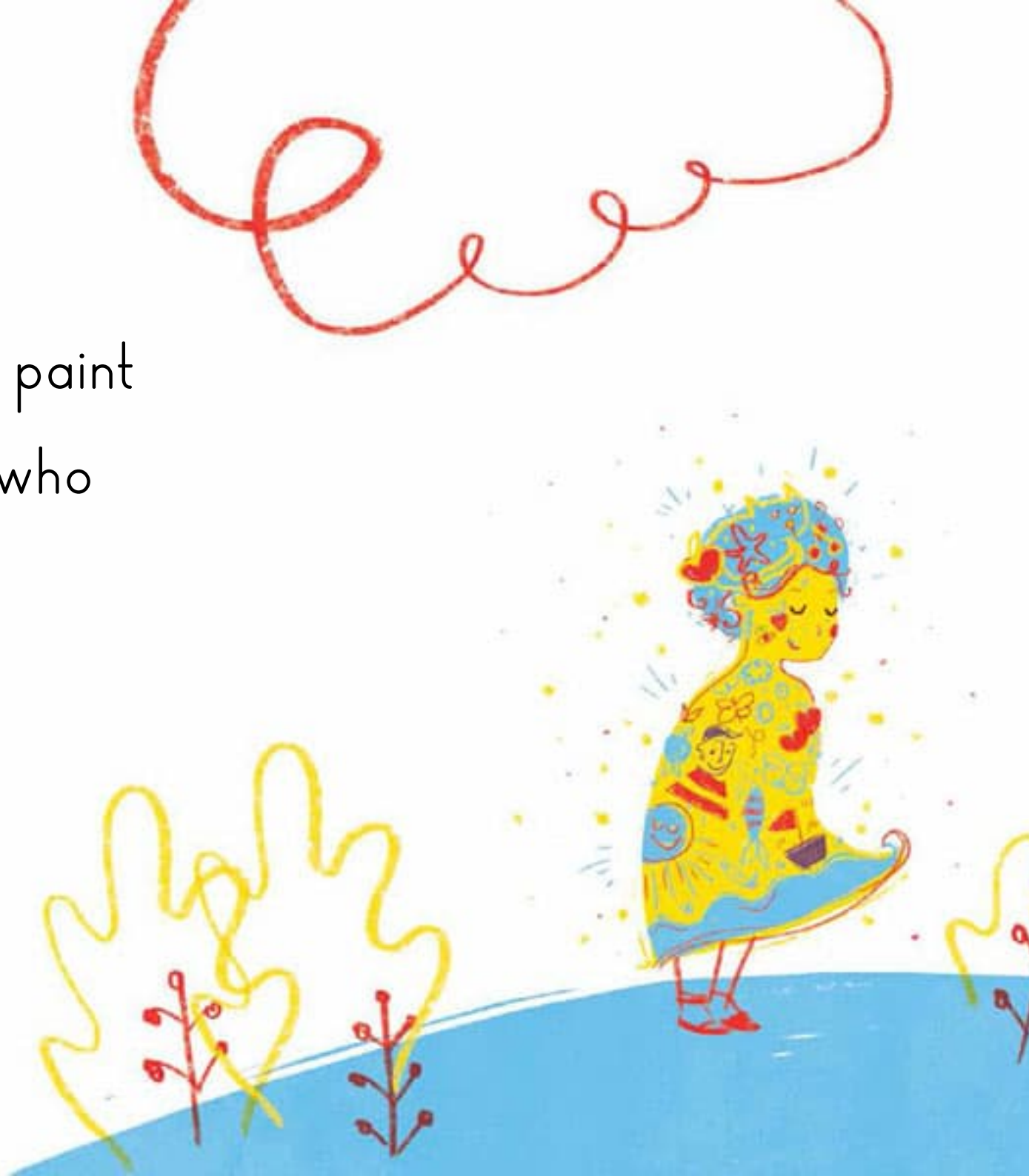
He gives her hair
full of the things
that she likes best.



The girl made of air
starts to paint herself
all of the time.



She feels like the paint
shows the world who
she is.



I ask Pa if it was a tall
tale.

He asks what I think.

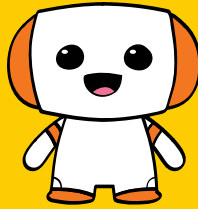


I say, I think it is a tall tale.

He smiles and leaves.

But then, I hear a noise...





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