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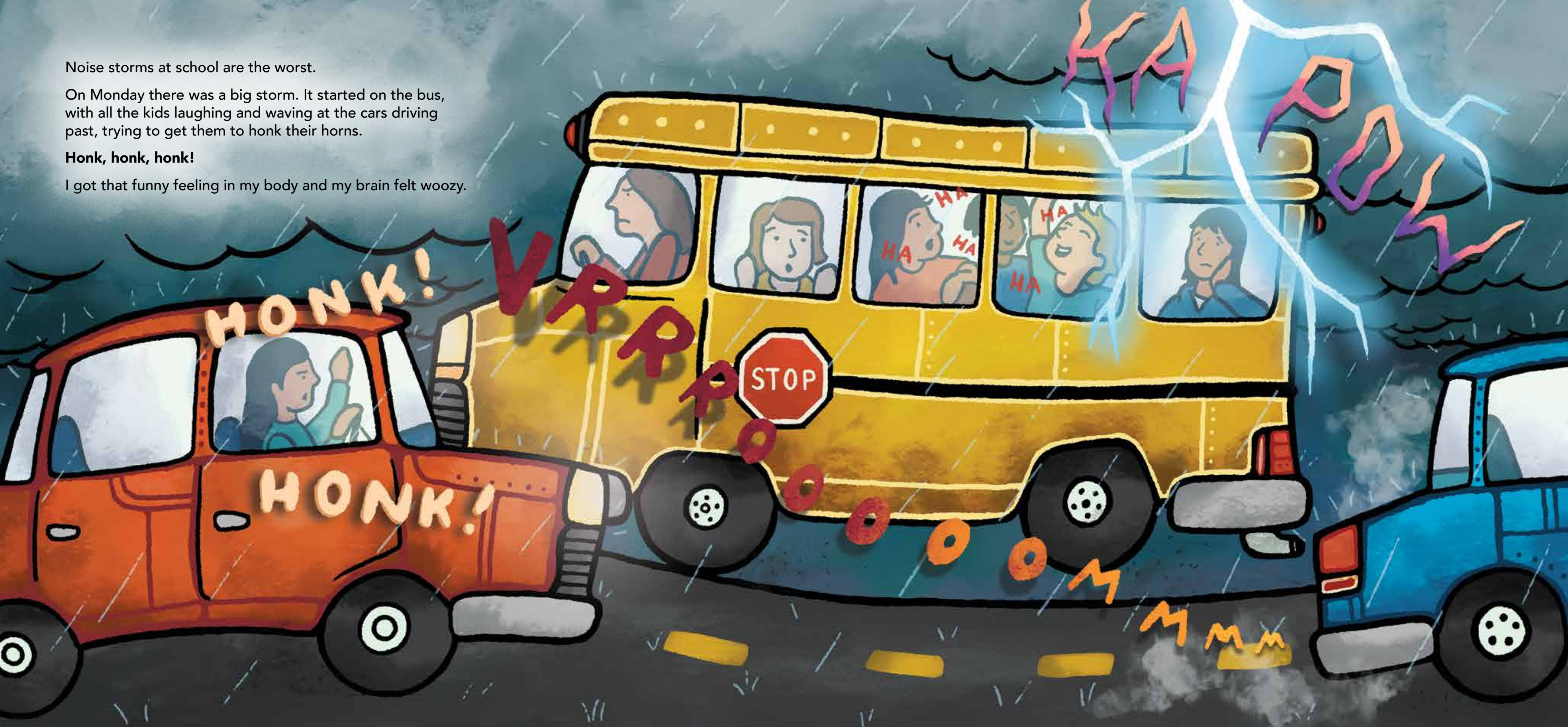


Noise storms at school are the worst.

On Monday there was a big storm. It started on the bus, with all the kids laughing and waving at the cars driving past, trying to get them to honk their horns.

**Honk, honk, honk!**

I got that funny feeling in my body and my brain felt woozy.





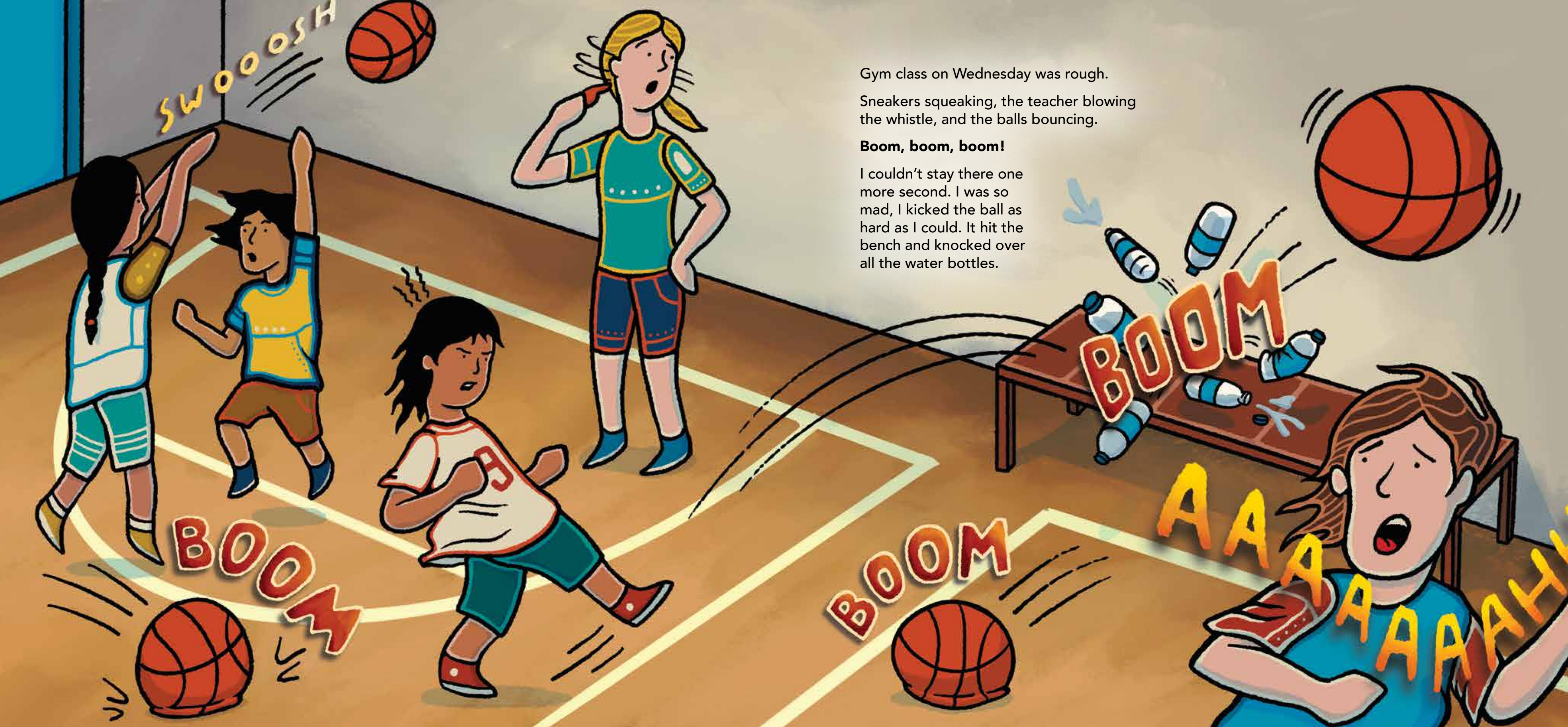
At school, everyone was talking, and all the jackets, shoes, and backpacks scraped and swished as the other kids put them in their cubbies.

All that racket made me grumpy.

In music class on Tuesday, my friends were singing at the top of their lungs. When the teacher said we could use the instruments, my head felt like it would explode.

I pulled up my hoodie so I could be by myself.





Gym class on Wednesday was rough.

Sneakers squeaking, the teacher blowing the whistle, and the balls bouncing.

**Boom, boom, boom!**

I couldn't stay there one more second. I was so mad, I kicked the ball as hard as I could. It hit the bench and knocked over all the water bottles.

Recess was even tougher.

When the bell rang and the kids ran to line up, someone bumped me. I yelled at everyone to leave me alone. The kids backed away and stared.



I felt so alone.  
I hid in the  
play structure,  
covering my ears.



The principal called my mosom to come help. By the time Mosom got there, I was crying and embarrassed.

Mosom said, "When you're ready, Thunder, you can come down. I'll just wait here."

It got quiet when everyone went back into the school. I climbed down, and at the bottom of the slide, Mosom was waiting.

He smiled and said, "Let's go for a walk."

I love walks with Mosom.





For Matthew, Kîsik, and all the quiet things.

–J.A. and S.A.

In loving memory of Taran Kootenhayoo. Neghanighita.

–J.M.P.S.

Mosom is the Cree word for “grandpa.”

Tanisi is the Cree word for “hello.”

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