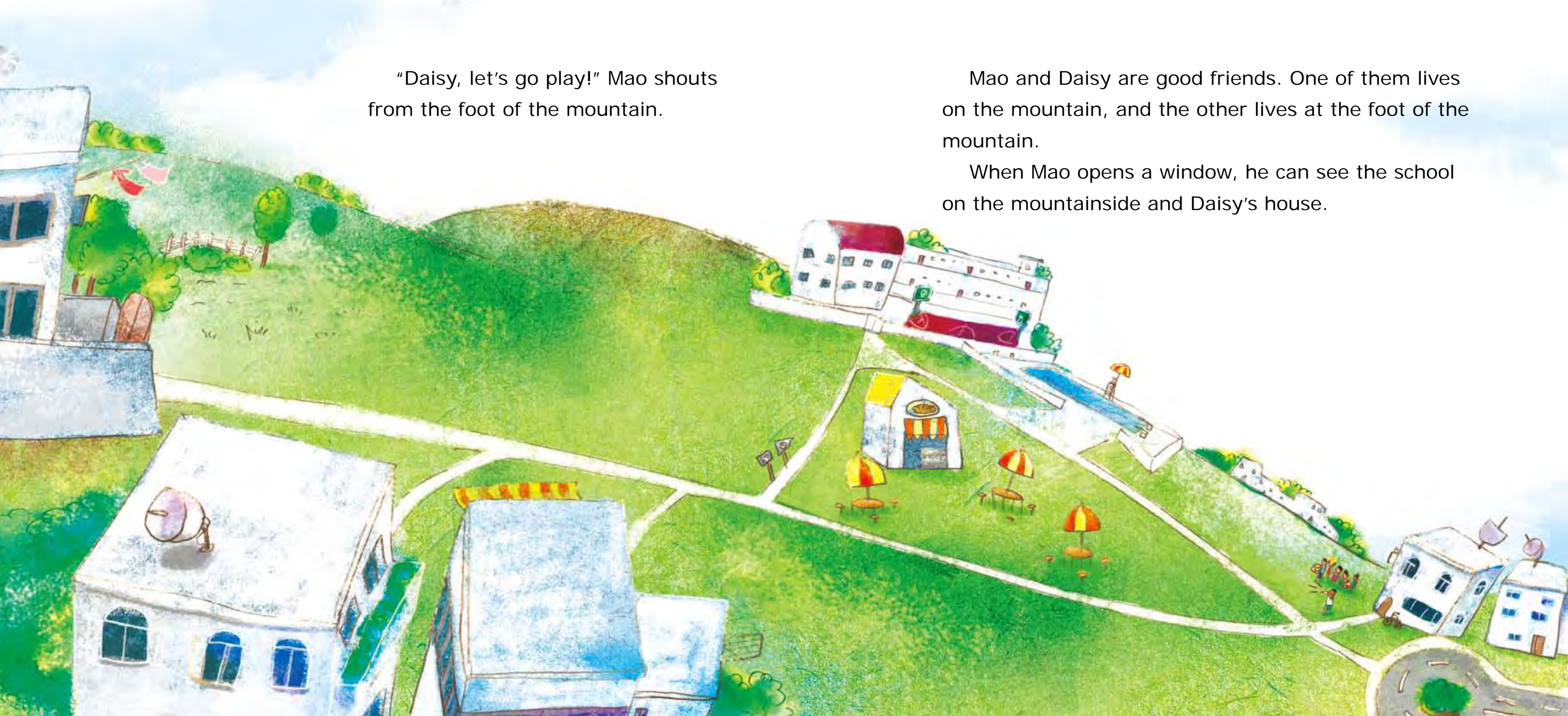
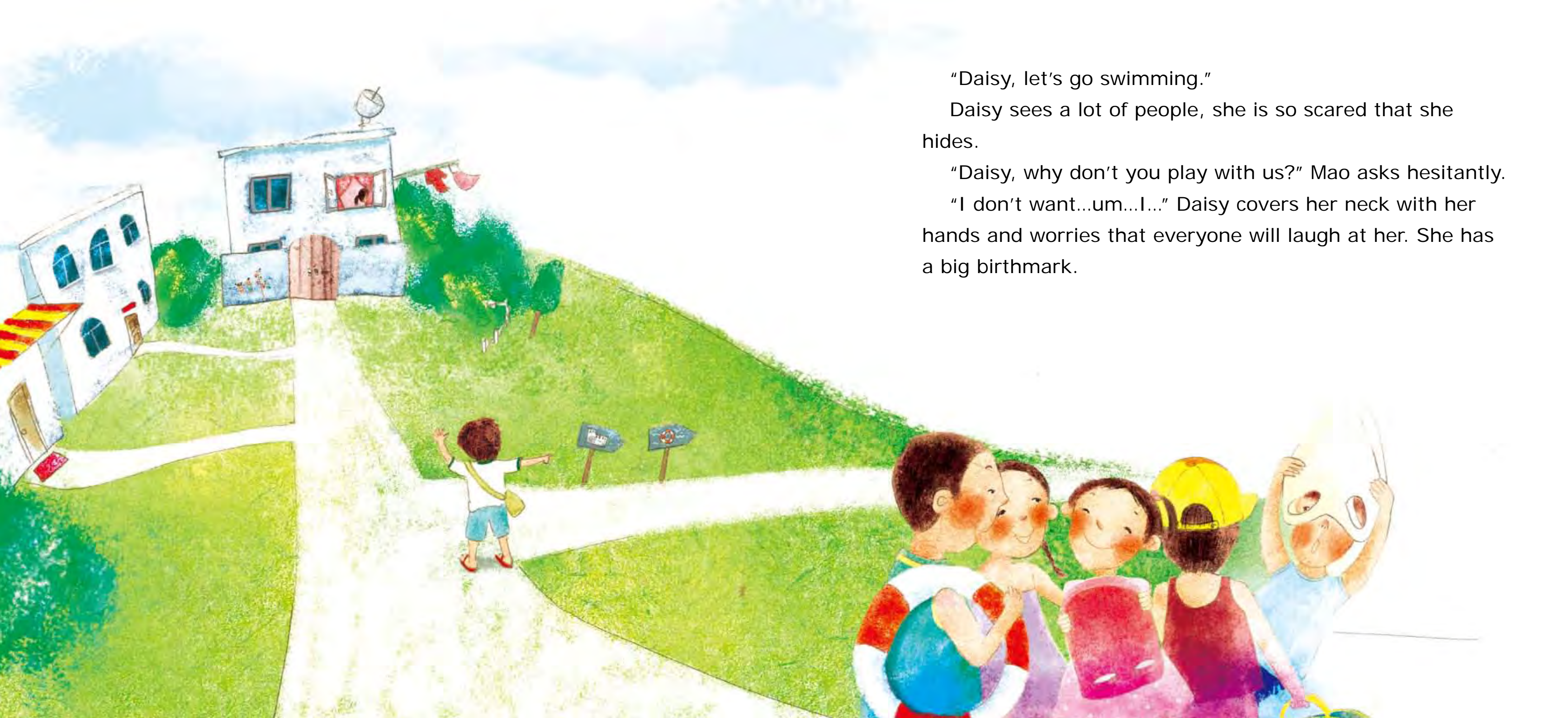


“Daisy, let’s go play!” Mao shouts from the foot of the mountain.

Mao and Daisy are good friends. One of them lives on the mountain, and the other lives at the foot of the mountain.

When Mao opens a window, he can see the school on the mountainside and Daisy’s house.





"Daisy, let's go swimming."

Daisy sees a lot of people, she is so scared that she hides.

"Daisy, why don't you play with us?" Mao asks hesitantly.

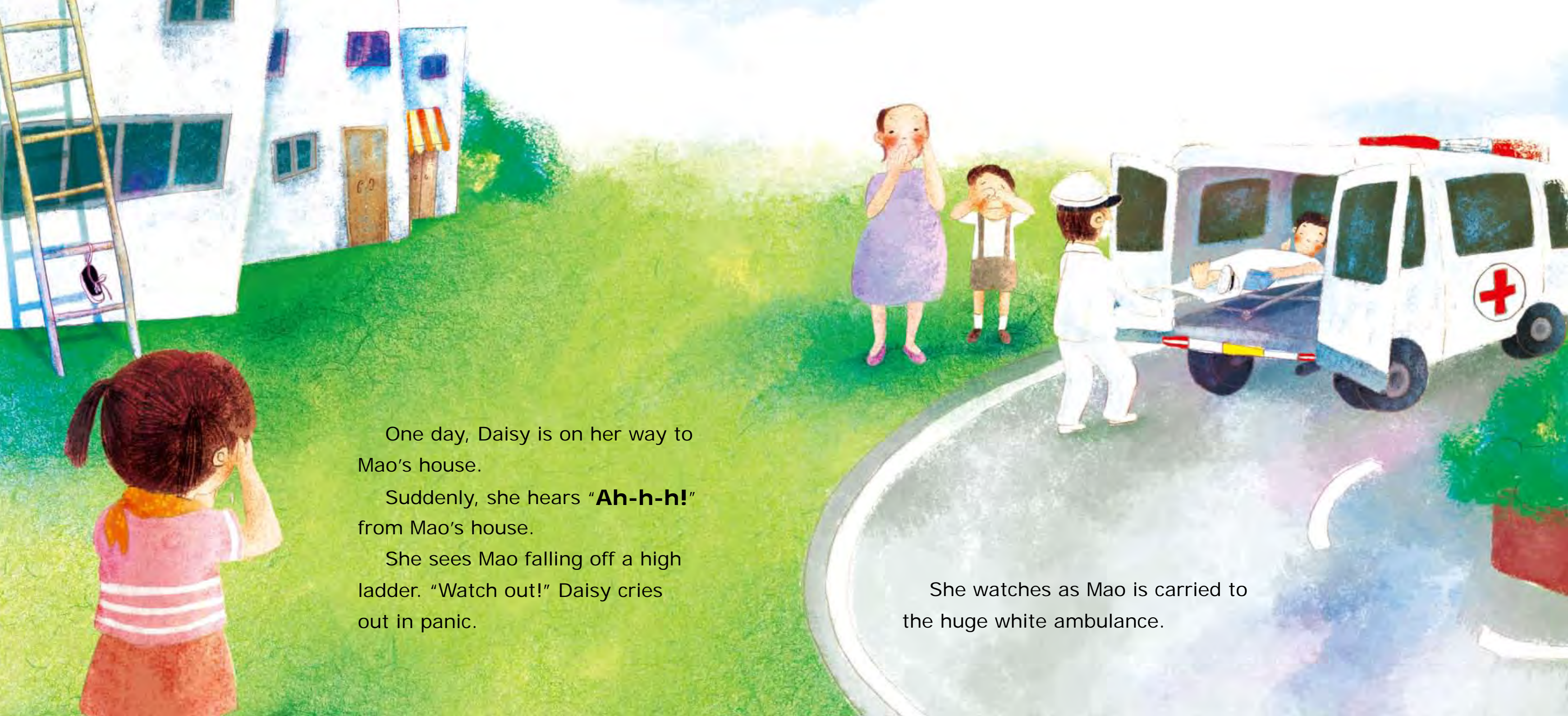
"I don't want...um...I..." Daisy covers her neck with her hands and worries that everyone will laugh at her. She has a big birthmark.

Daisy only wants to play with Mao.  
Mao is the only one who doesn't laugh at her.  
They like to play "gardening game" in the yard.

They paint together. Daisy draws lots of balloon flowers  
and Mao adds groups of flying butterflies.

"Daisy, you will be happy like these  
butterflies one day." Mao said.



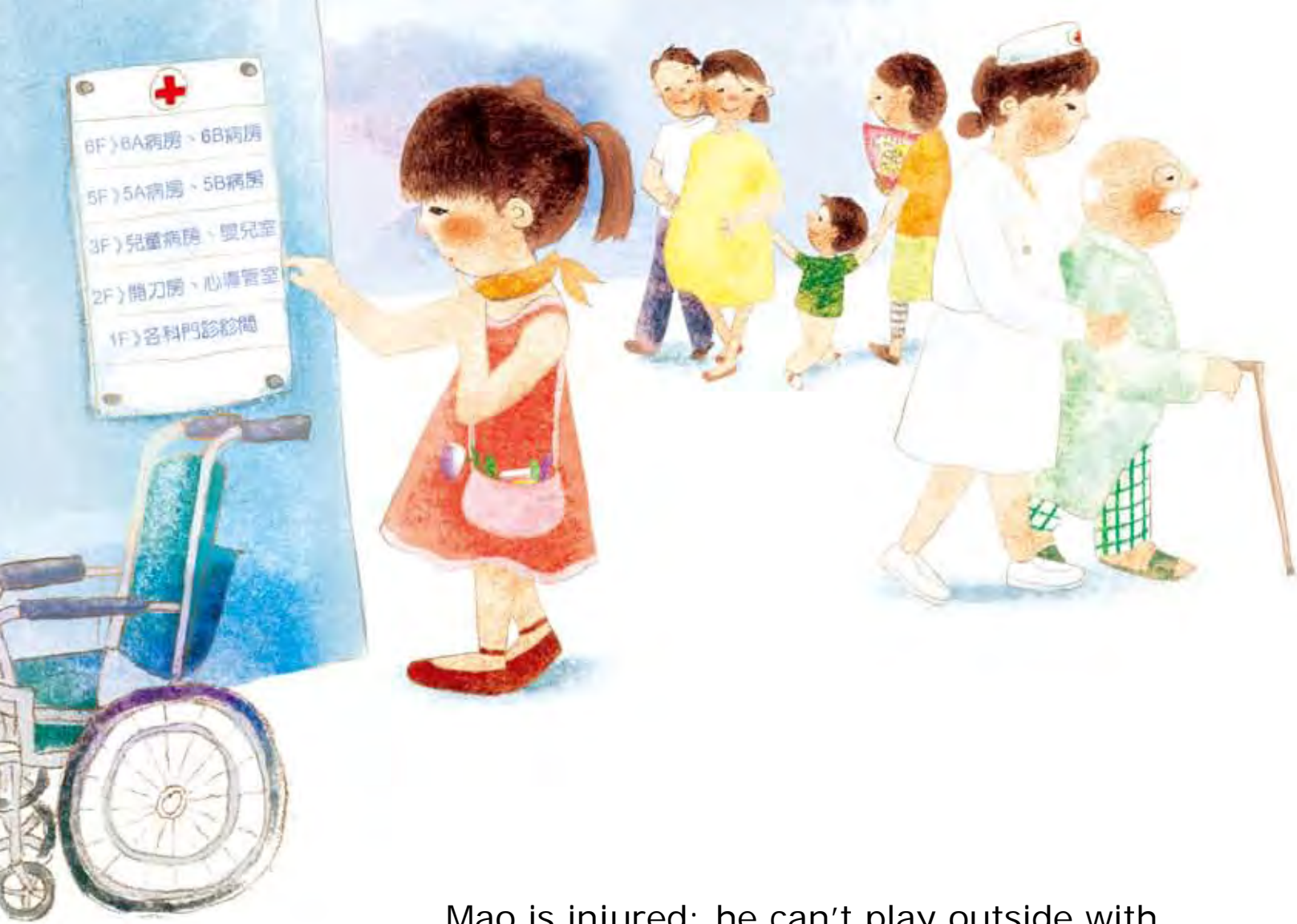


One day, Daisy is on her way to Mao's house.

Suddenly, she hears "**Ah-h-h!**" from Mao's house.

She sees Mao falling off a high ladder. "Watch out!" Daisy cries out in panic.

She watches as Mao is carried to the huge white ambulance.



Mao is injured; he can't play outside with Daisy anymore.

Daisy visits him with coloring books after school.

"We'll see whose balloon flowers are more beautiful." Daisy said.

"When I'm all better, we can plant balloon flowers together!" Mao said.

