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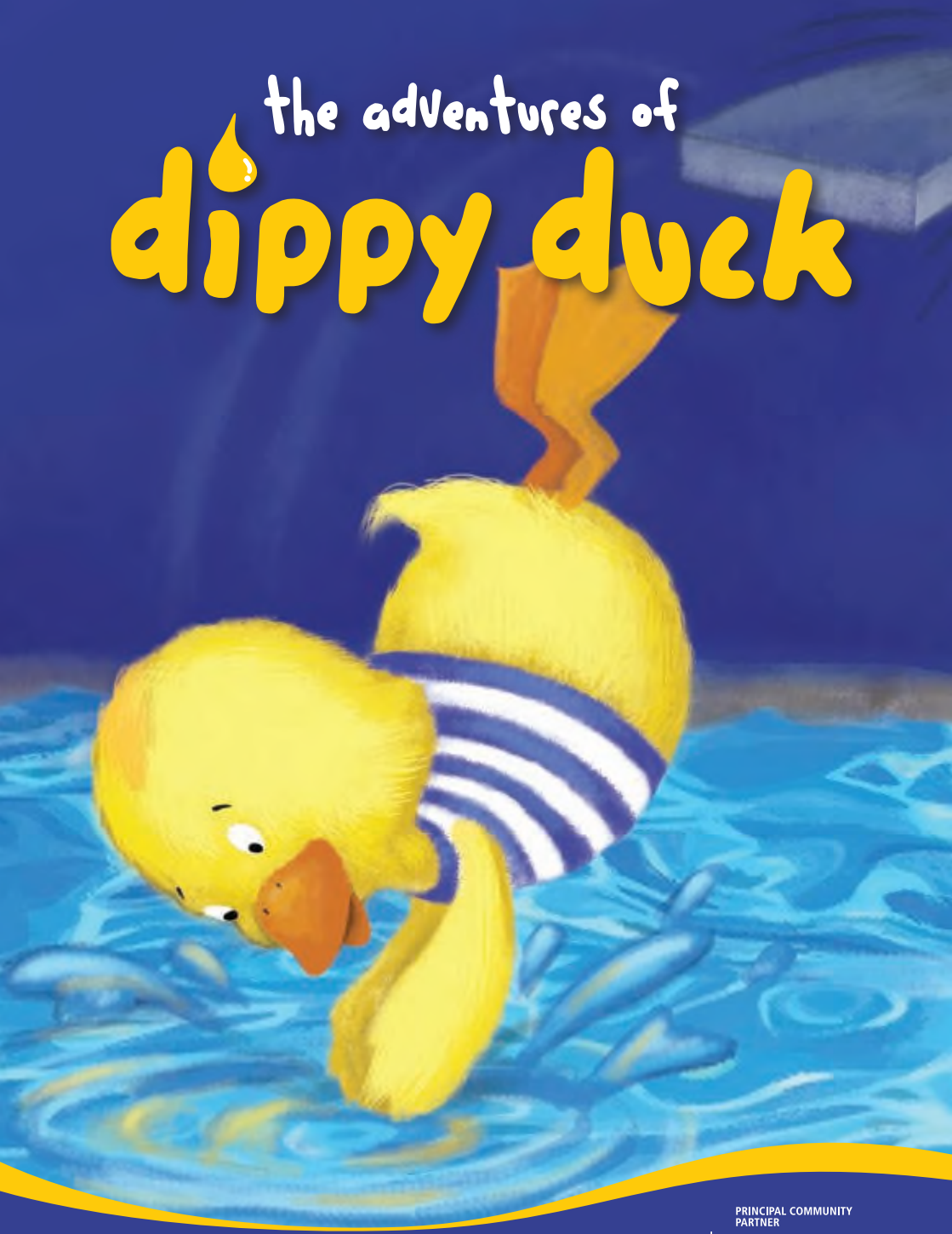

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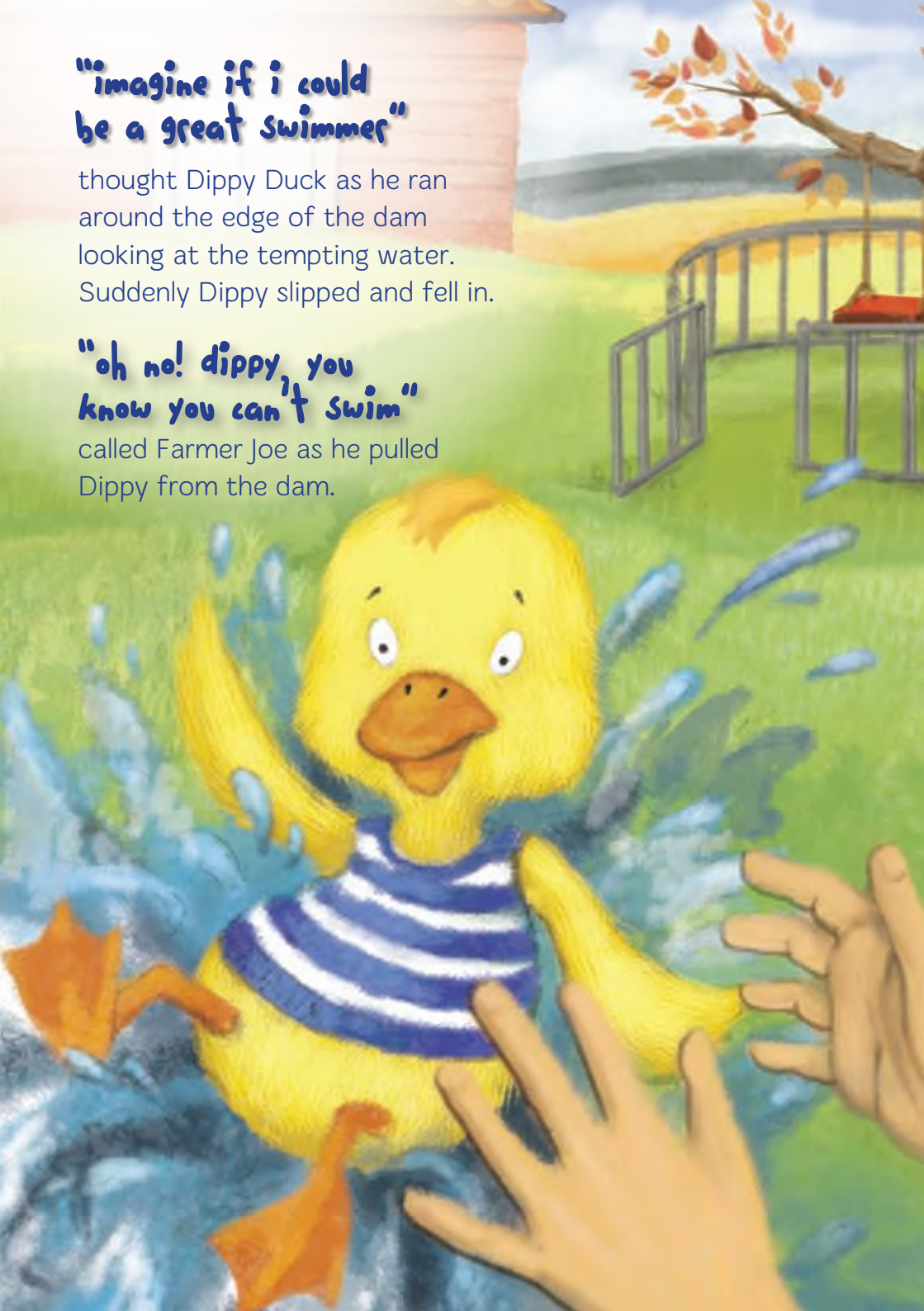
It was a warm
summer's afternoon
at Clydesbrook Farm.
From the shaded
tree-swing Dippy
Duck planned
his next adventure.

"imagine if i could be a great swimmer"

thought Dippy Duck as he ran around the edge of the dam looking at the tempting water. Suddenly Dippy slipped and fell in.

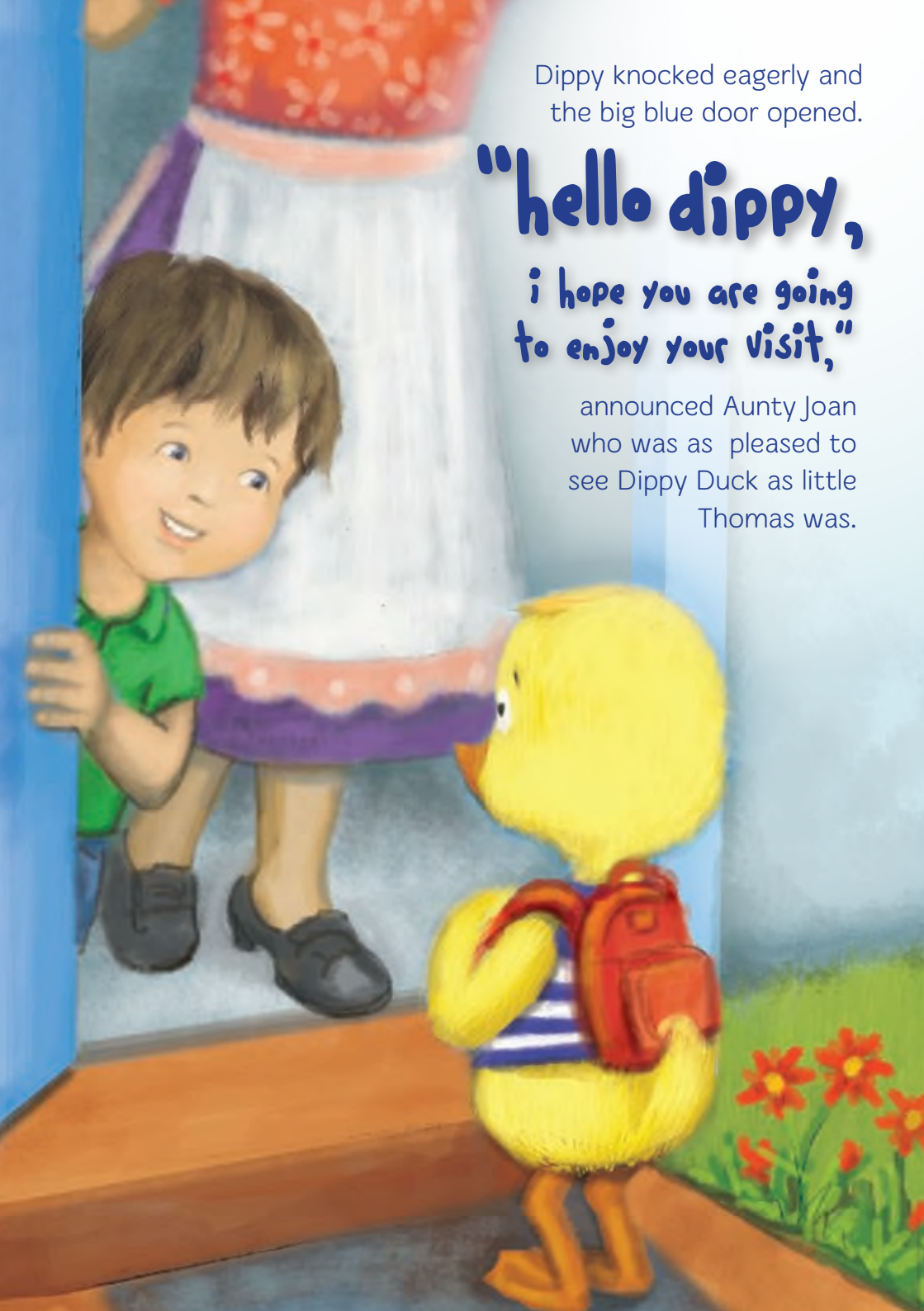
"oh no! dippy, you know you can't swim"

called Farmer Joe as he pulled Dippy from the dam.



Farmer Joe needed to keep Dippy safe, so he decided to send Dippy to the big city for the rest of the summer holidays. Dippy could stay with Aunty Joan and his friend, little Thomas.

The bus arrived the next morning and Dippy Duck grabbed his backpack and waved goodbye to Clydesbrook Farm.

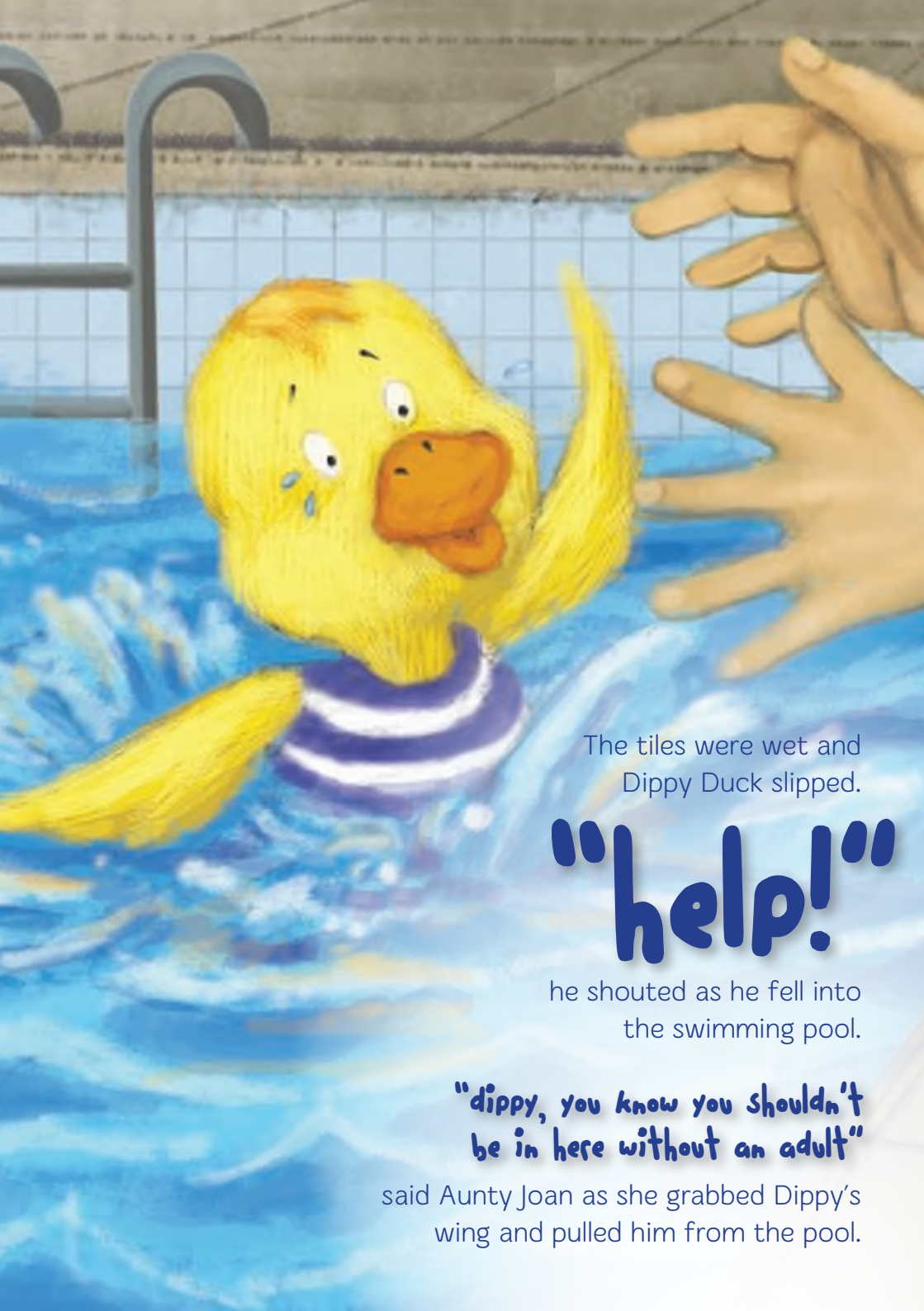


Dippy knocked eagerly and the big blue door opened.

"hello dippy, i hope you are going to enjoy your visit,"

announced Aunty Joan who was as pleased to see Dippy Duck as little Thomas was.

It wasn't long before Dippy began to explore his new surroundings. Sneaking behind Aunty Joan, Dippy Duck dashed through the gate and into the pool area.



The tiles were wet and
Dippy Duck slipped.

"help!"

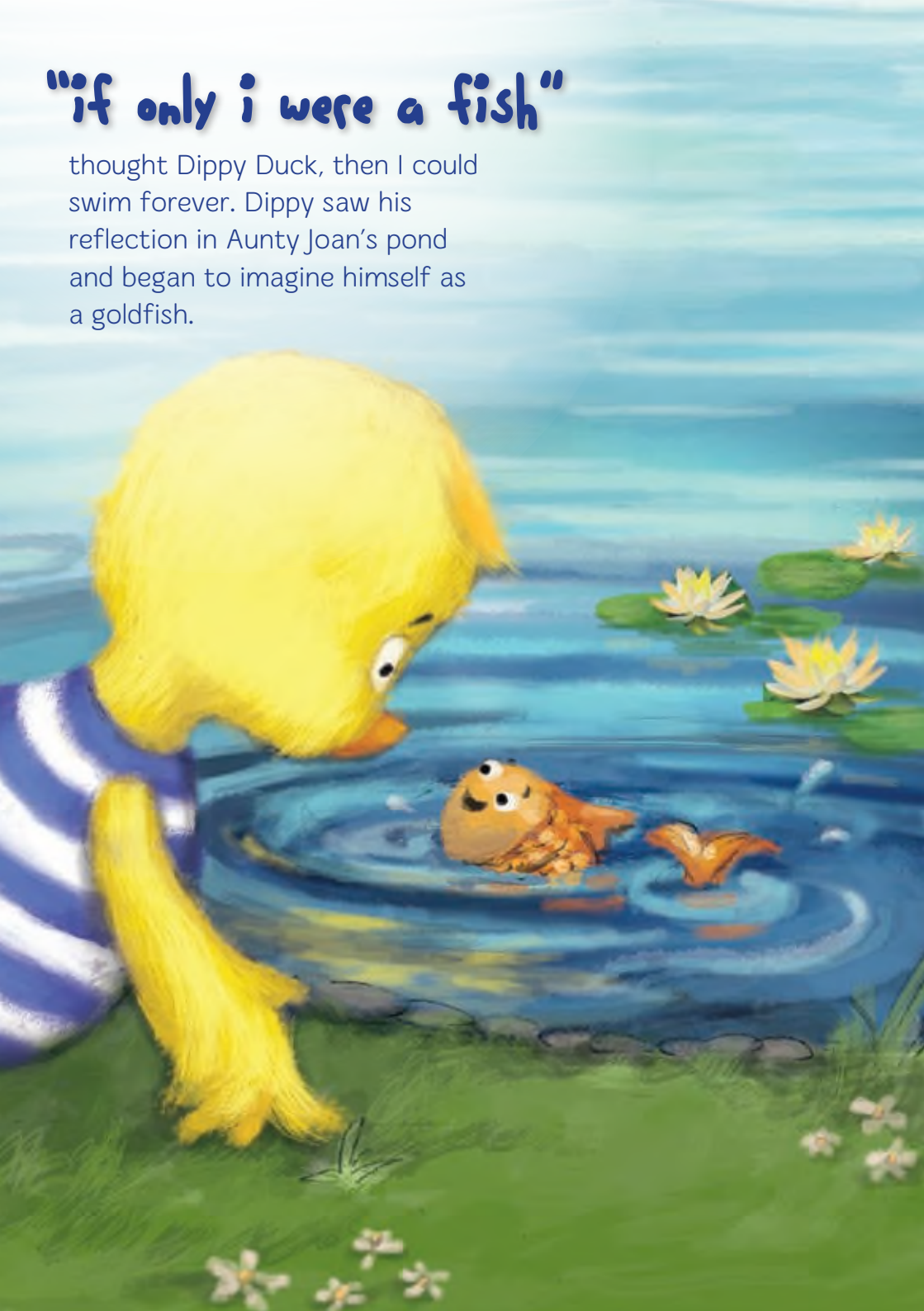
he shouted as he fell into
the swimming pool.

"dippy, you know you shouldn't
be in here without an adult"

said Aunty Joan as she grabbed Dippy's
wing and pulled him from the pool.

"if only i were a fish"

thought Dippy Duck, then I could swim forever. Dippy saw his reflection in Aunty Joan's pond and began to imagine himself as a goldfish.



shrieked Dippy Duck as he lost his balance and fell into the pond.

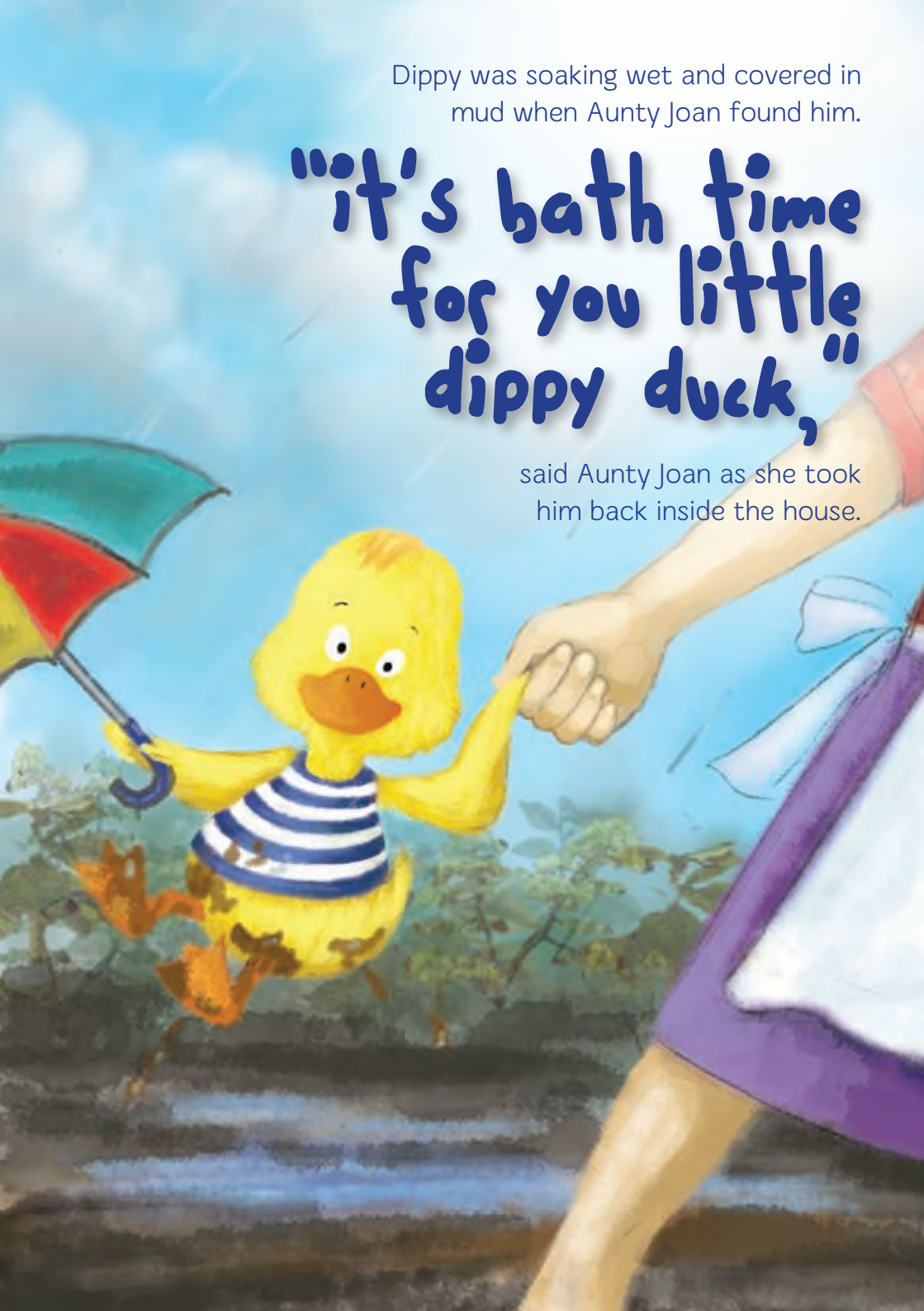
"Dippy, not again!" cried Aunty Joan as she raced to help Dippy.

After lunch the sky darkened and the rain came down. Dippy Duck loved the rain. While Aunty Joan was on the telephone, Dippy ran into the yard jumping excitedly from one puddle to another.

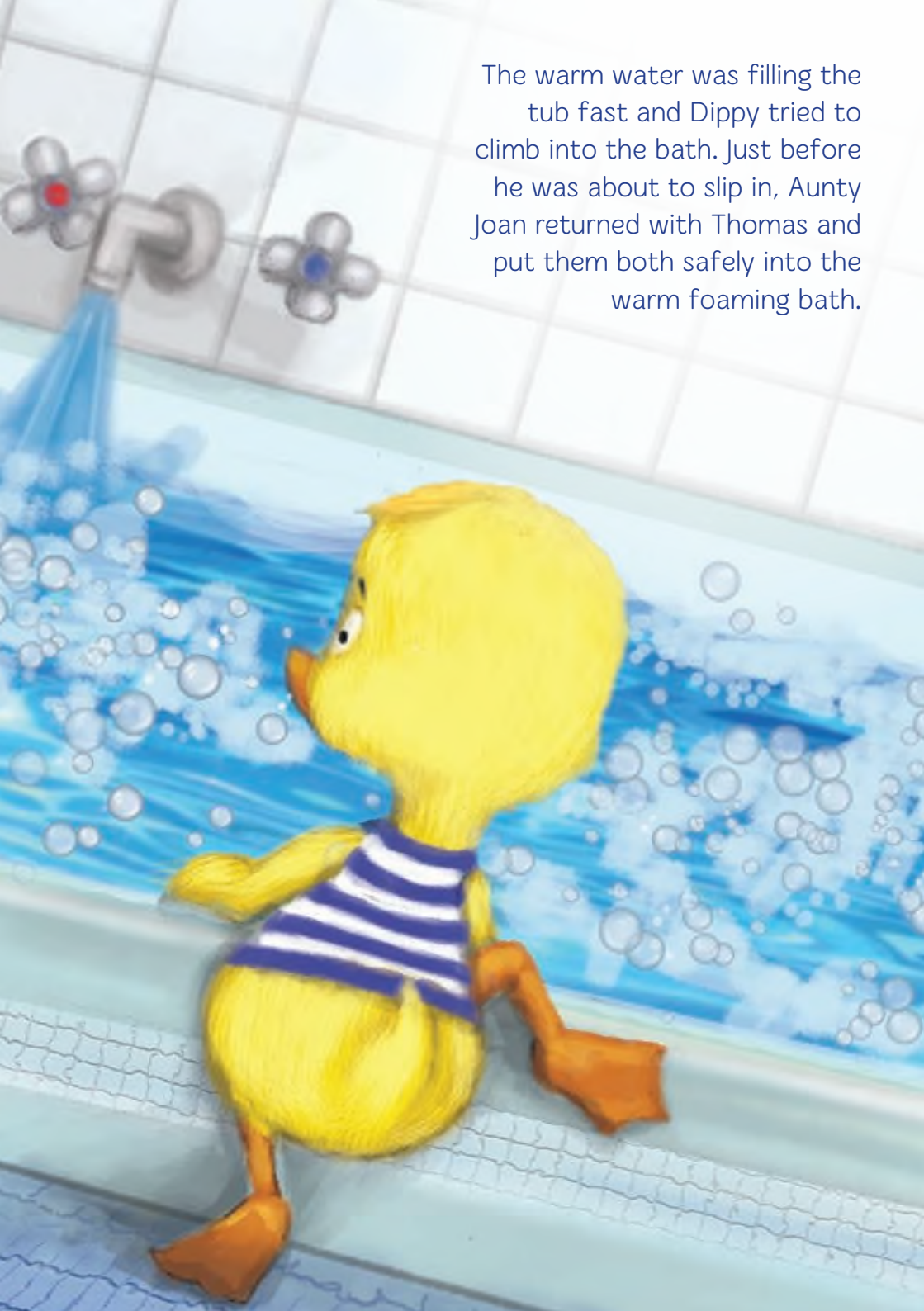
Dippy was soaking wet and covered in mud when Aunty Joan found him.

"it's bath time for you little dippy duck,"

said Aunty Joan as she took him back inside the house.



The warm water was filling the tub fast and Dippy tried to climb into the bath. Just before he was about to slip in, Aunty Joan returned with Thomas and put them both safely into the warm foaming bath.



"I think I will stay and keep an eye on you both,"

declared Aunty Joan as Dippy and Thomas blew bubbles at each other.

The next day Aunty Joan made an important decision. She took Dippy Duck and Thomas to the local swimmimg pool.

"its time you learnt how to swim and survive dippy,"

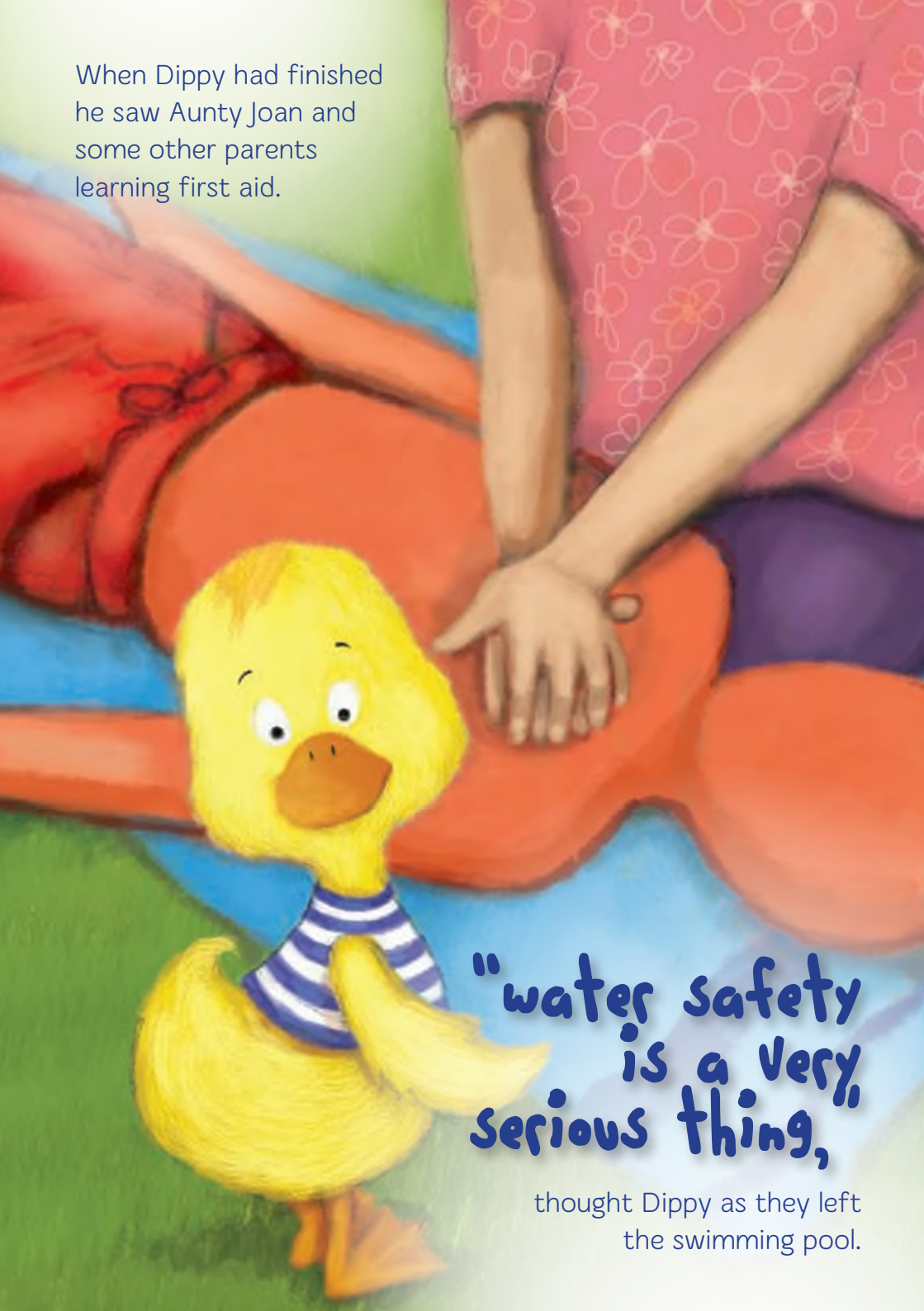
said Aunty Joan as she tightened his swimming goggles.

The swimming instructor was very kind and friendly.

"wow, i always knew i was a great swimmer,"

thought Dippy as he finished his swimming lesson with Thomas.

When Dippy had finished he saw Aunty Joan and some other parents learning first aid.



"water safety is a very serious thing,

thought Dippy as they left the swimming pool.

in just a few weeks dippy duck had learnt so much. the summer holidays were over and it was time for dippy to return to clydesbrook farm.

from this day on dippy knew that he would always be a water-safe duck.

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