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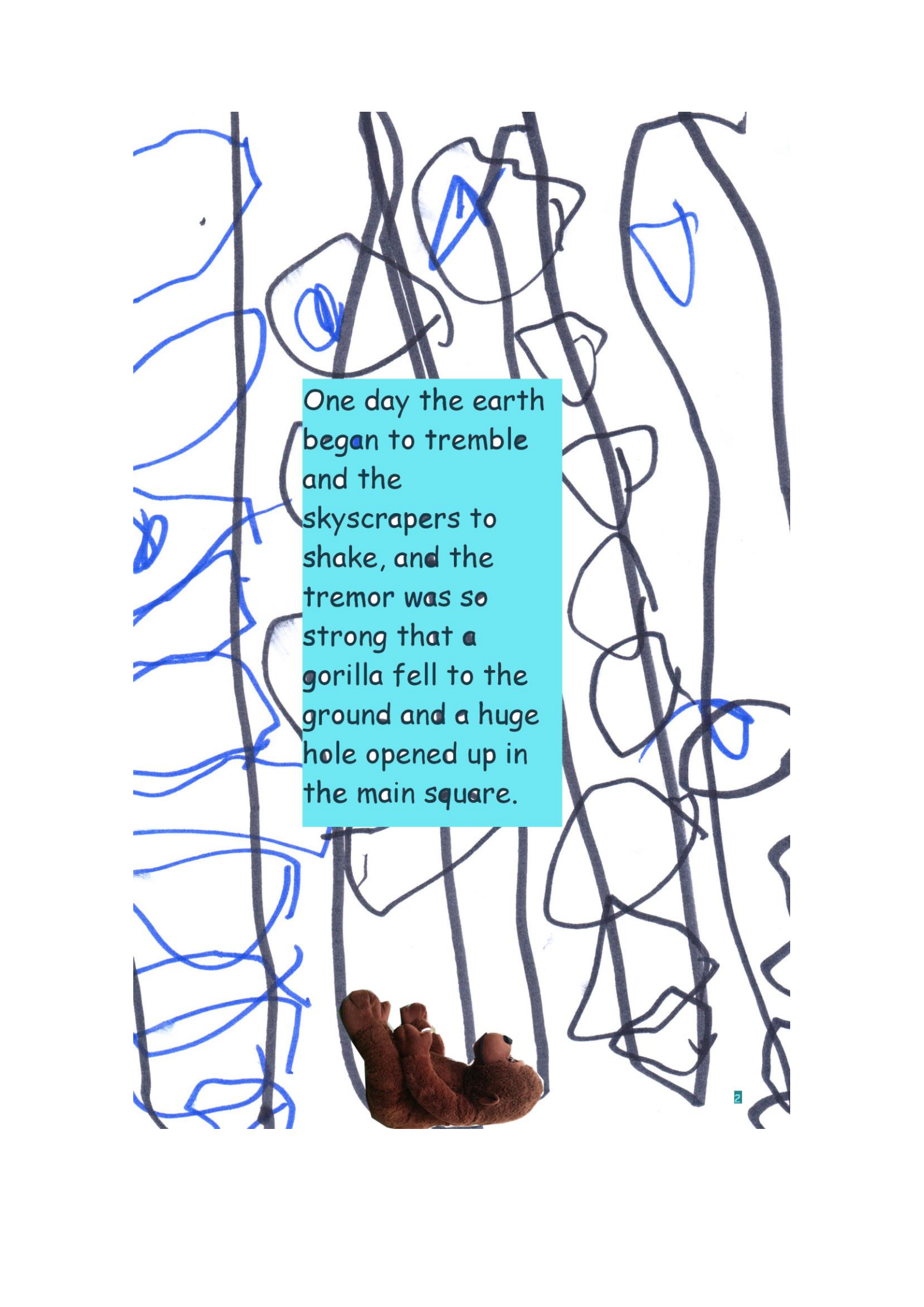
The lion and the lava monster





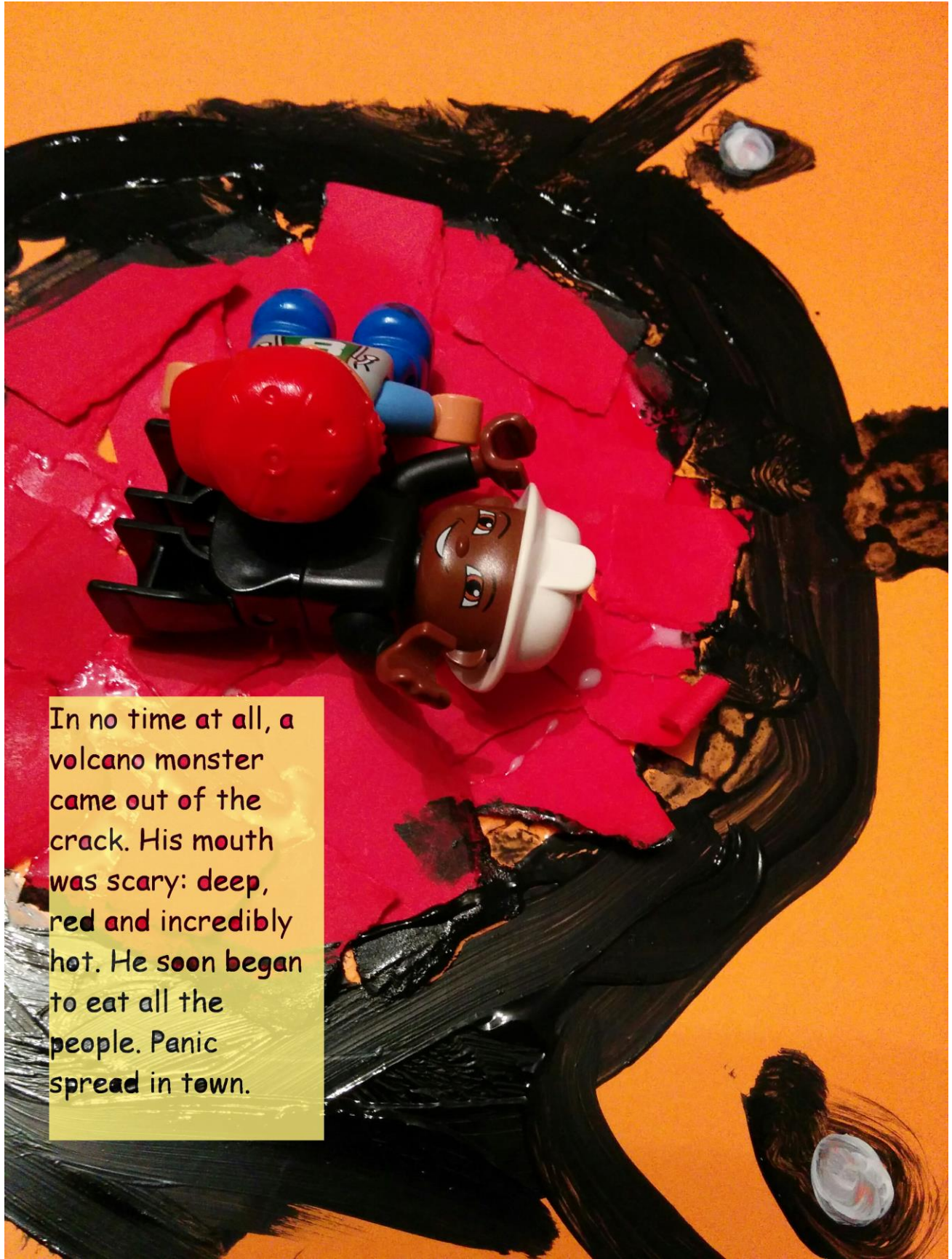
Not so long ago, when
New York was the
tallest city on earth
and gorillas were
climbing skyscrapers
to catch planes as if
they were butterflies,
there was a Chinese
lion who lived there.
He was young and
brave.



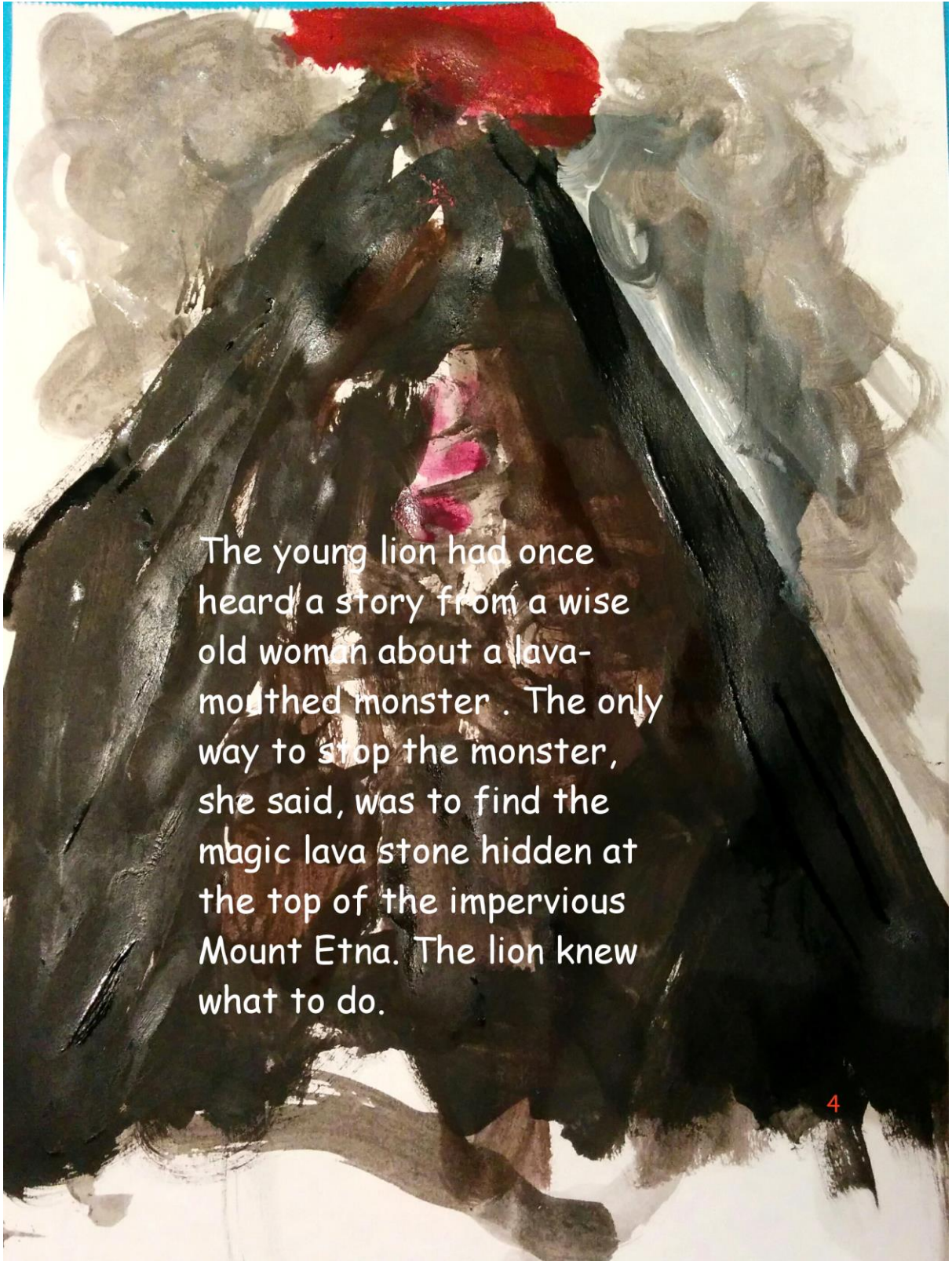


One day the earth
began to tremble
and the
skyscrapers to
shake, and the
tremor was so
strong that a
gorilla fell to the
ground and a huge
hole opened up in
the main square.

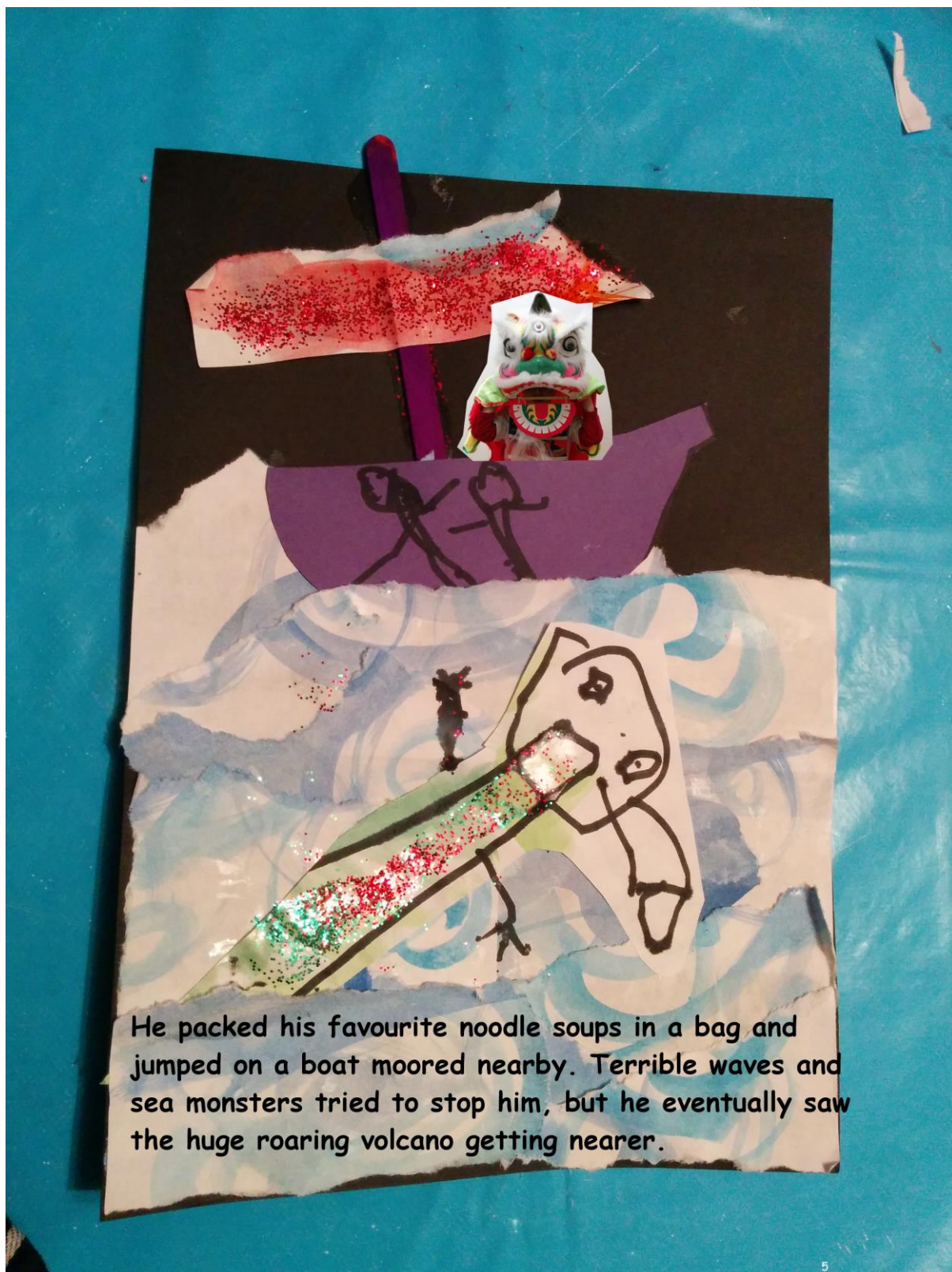




In no time at all, a volcano monster came out of the crack. His mouth was scary: deep, red and incredibly hot. He soon began to eat all the people. Panic spread in town.




The young lion had once heard a story from a wise old woman about a lava-mouthed monster. The only way to stop the monster, she said, was to find the magic lava stone hidden at the top of the impervious Mount Etna. The lion knew what to do.



He climbed for three days and three nights until he reached the secret cave where the lava stone was hidden. He took the stone and left. Three pairs of eyes watched the scene from behind a dark corner.



The image shows the interior of a tent. The floor is a solid red color. In the foreground, there is a plaid blanket with a pattern of red, blue, and green squares. A small, crumpled white object with red markings is on the red floor. The tent's walls are made of colorful fabric, with blue and yellow sections visible on the left and right. The top of the tent is a bright pink color. A bright light source is visible through the opening at the back of the tent, creating a strong glow.

It was night. Time
to put up his tent
and rest - a long
journey across the
sea was waiting
for him the next
day. He fell asleep
in a few seconds,
before even
finishing his
favourite lullaby.

From around the corner came three dangerous beasts: a tiger, a bear and a lion. Yes, the terrible gang that terrorises the volcano visitors. They entered the tent and stole the magic stone



The gang ran away up the majestic mountain.



When the Chinese lion woke up, he soon found out the stone was no longer there. A local told him of the terrible gang and their secret cave. He borrowed a crane and drove up fast to the cave.

The first he saw was the tiger. He caught him with the hook like a flying fish and threw him away in a baddie recycling bin. The next was the bear and the bad lion followed soon afterwards.



It was time to head back to New York. He saw the volcano monster with his terrible lava mouth as soon he reached the shore. With no hesitation, he took the magic stone from his bag and threw it with all his might straight into the horrible mouth. There was a sudden silence, then a huge roar came deep down from the monster's tummy. Then silence again, the monster had disappeared down in the big hole.



The city came
back to life and
everyone was
grateful to the
brave young lion.
It was time to
celebrate!

