

Comin' Through



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For Ross, Ryan & Max - DMS

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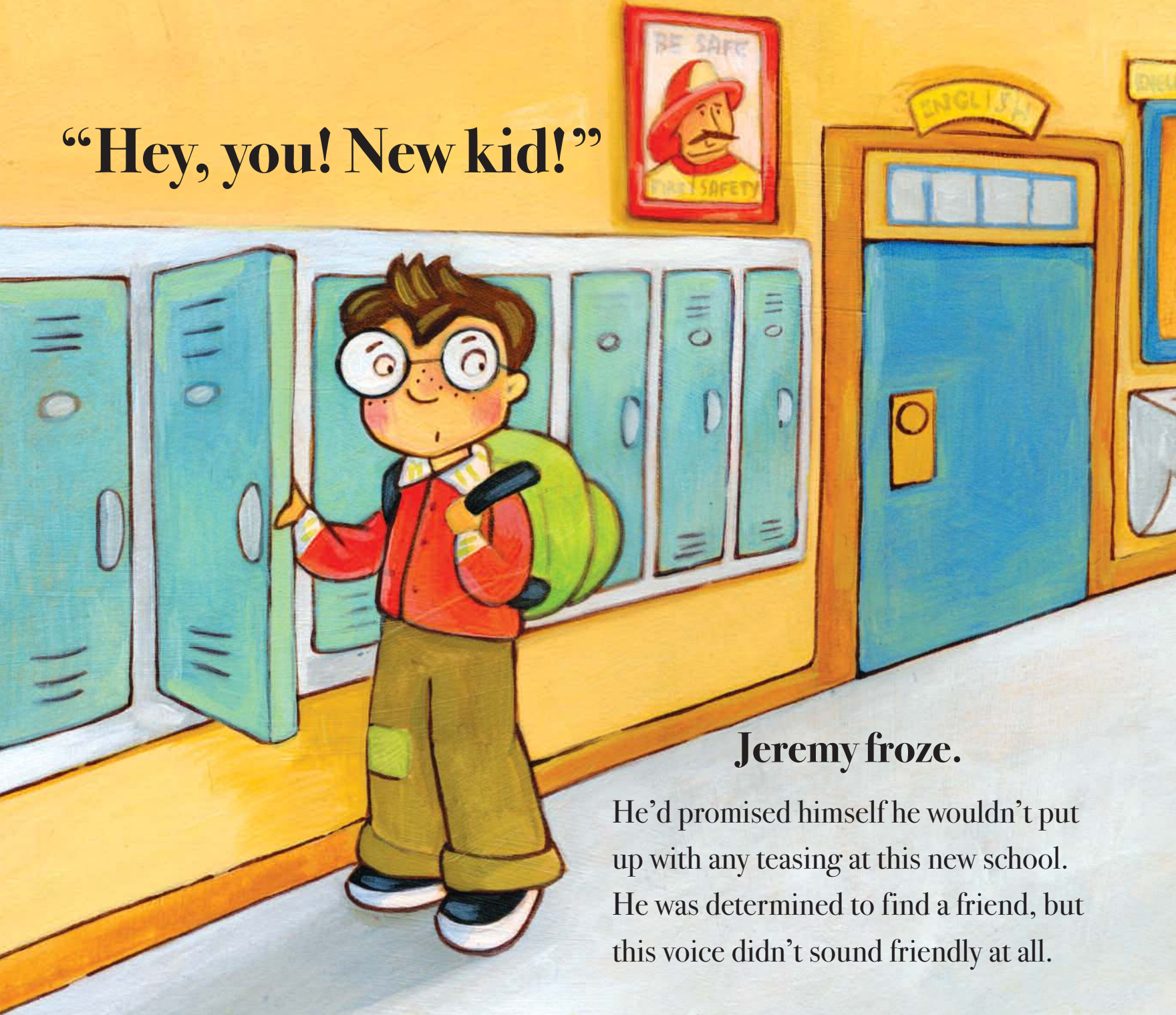
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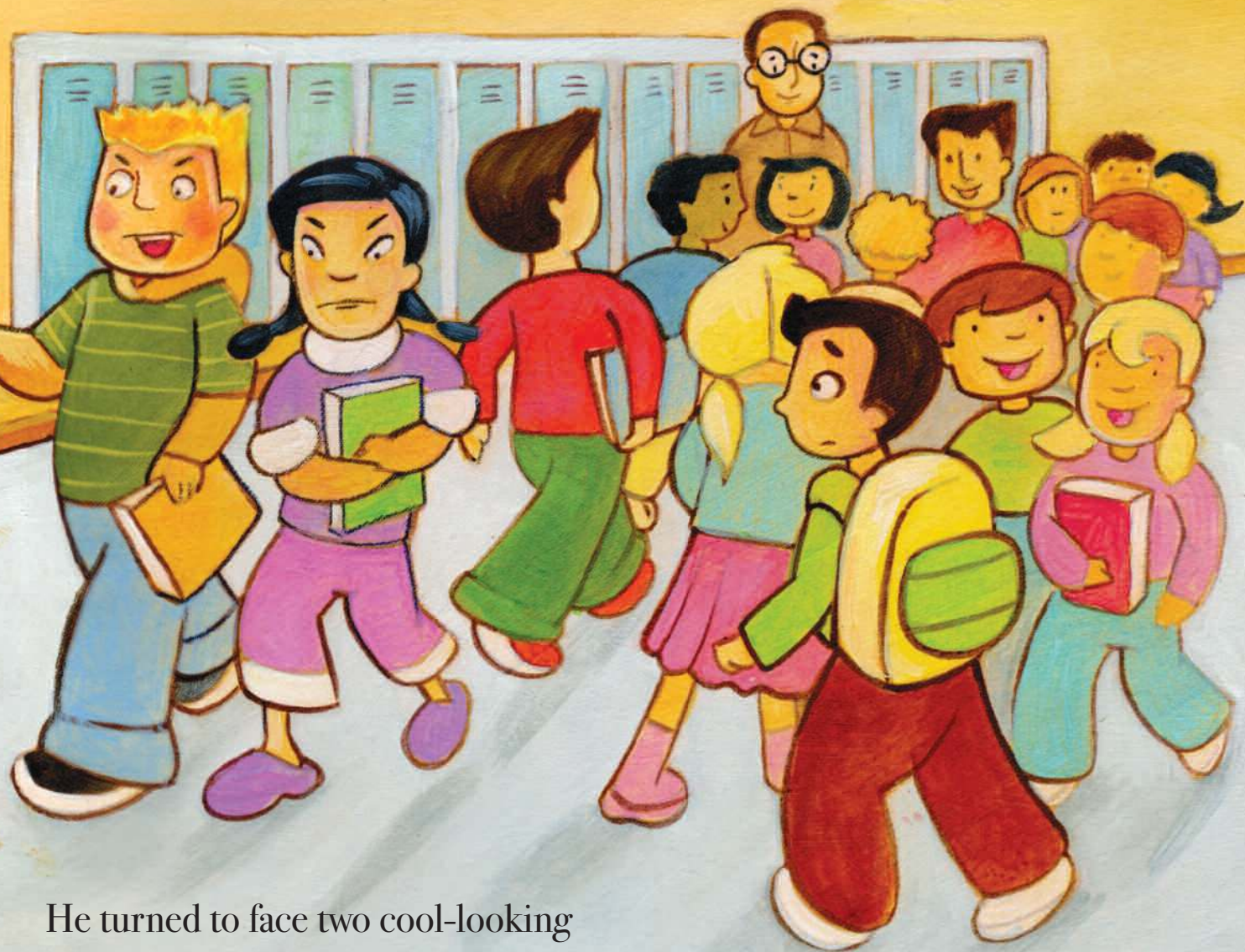


“Hey, you! New kid!”



Jeremy froze.

He'd promised himself he wouldn't put up with any teasing at this new school. He was determined to find a friend, but this voice didn't sound friendly at all.



He turned to face two cool-looking kids eyeing his uncool clothes.

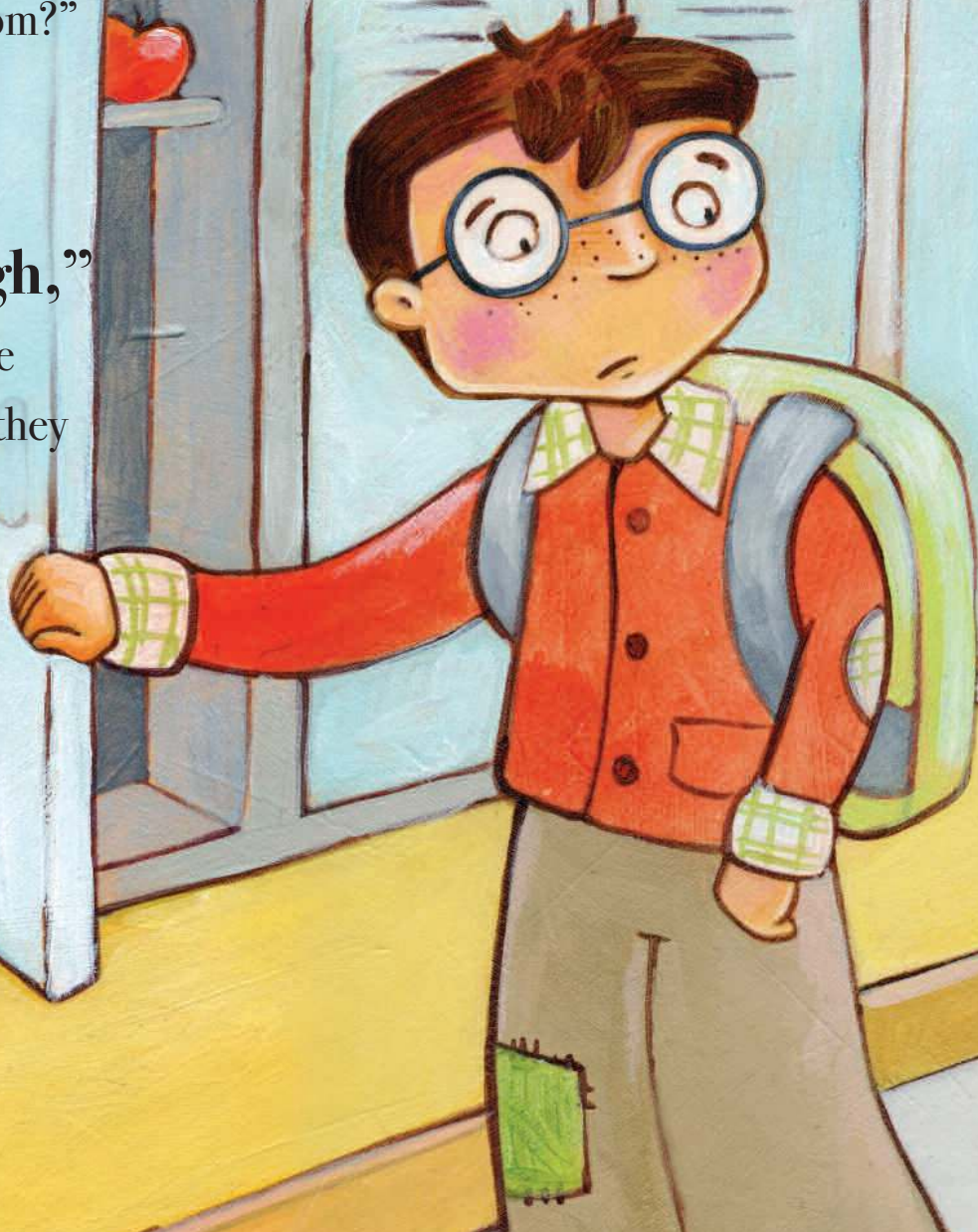
“Where’d you come from?”

Grant demanded.

“The junkyar...?”

“Comin’ through,”

a voice interrupted. The cool kids frowned, but they waited for the janitor to move on.



“Where’s last year’s janitor?”
Greta asked.

“Who cares,” snapped Grant.
Then he looked at Jeremy.
“Maybe you do,” he sneered.
“You look like you’re going to
be one someday.”





“Never!” Jeremy spat. “Watch this—Hey,” he shouted. The custodian stopped his slow path down the hall and looked back.