

RUE and Woo

RAINY DAY



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One day the rain came pouring down;
the clouds were dark and gray.

Woo looked out,
and said with a frown,
"I hate a rainy day."



The rain meant
recess stuck inside.
Nowhere to run and play.

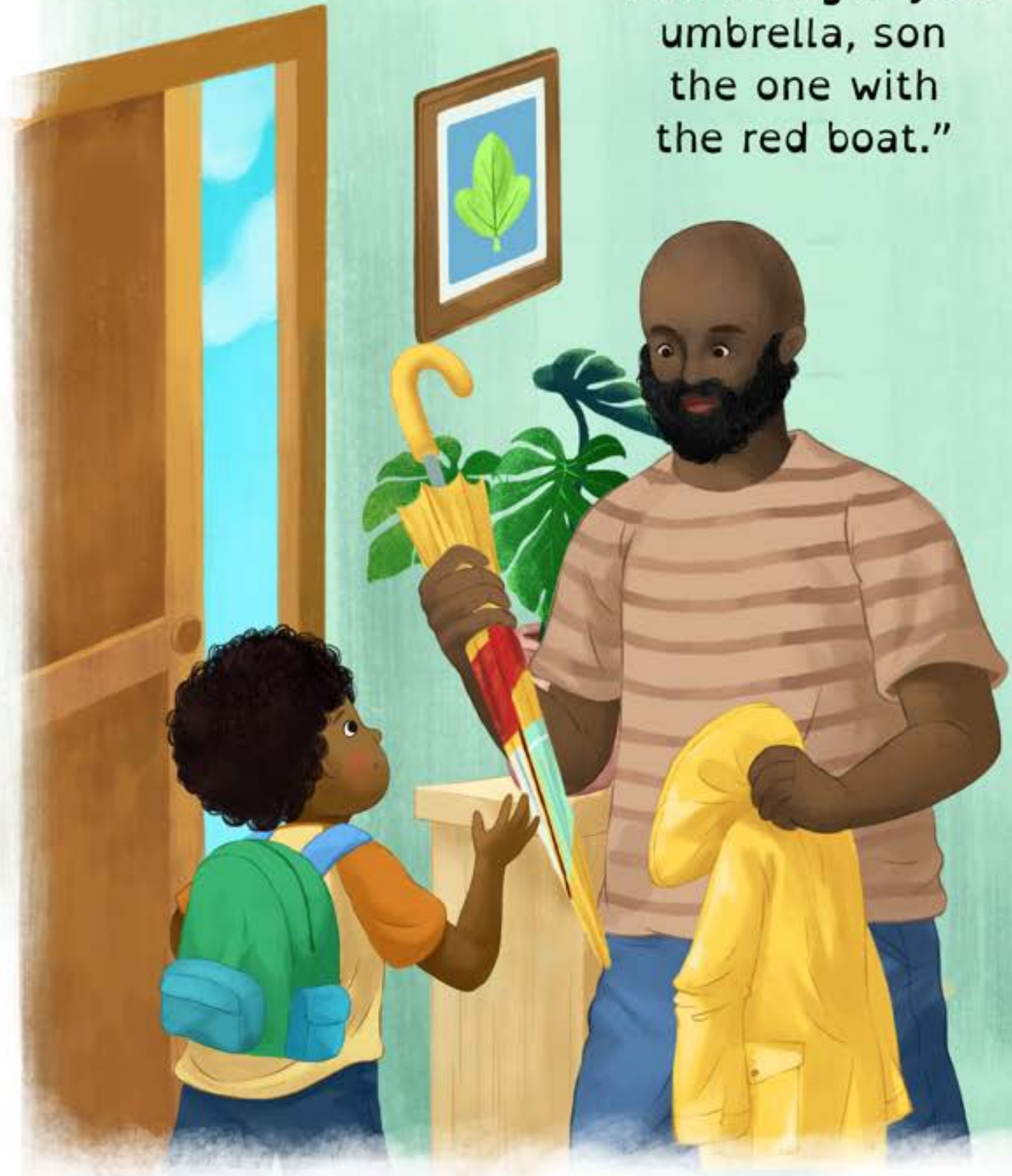


Woo closed his eyes
and tried and tried to
wish the rain away.






Woo packed for school.
When he was done,
Dad gave him his raincoat.



"Don't forget your
umbrella, son
the one with
the red boat."


Woo waited for Rue by the door,
and much to his surprise,
she glided in across the floor
excitement in her eyes.





As Rue and Woo
walked out the door,
Mom and Dad
waved goodbye.

Before they reached the
sidewalk more rain
poured down from the sky.

An illustration of two children walking on a sidewalk during a rainstorm. The girl on the left, Rue, is wearing a yellow shirt with blue floral patterns, a purple skirt, pink rain boots, and glasses. She is holding a blue umbrella with white polka dots and has a pink backpack. The boy on the right, Woo, is wearing a yellow shirt, blue pants, and brown shoes. He is holding a yellow umbrella with red and blue stripes and has a green backpack. They are walking on a grey sidewalk with white lines. In the background, there is a yellow car parked on the left, a red and white striped building, and green trees and bushes. Rain is falling all around them, creating puddles on the ground.

Rue walked with care
and looked around,
with joy in every stride.

Woo drug his feet,
eyes toward the ground,
umbrella opened wide.



Looking down, Woo
did not see when a
branch was overhead.



His umbrella was ripped open
and rain poured on his head.

"I hate rainy days!" cried out Woo,
as he stomped on the ground.



Rue hugged him and said, "I know Woo,"
and could feel his heart pound.



"When we have big feelings," said Rue,
"what does Dad
always say?"

"Pause and name the feeling," said Woo,
"and breathe feelings away."




"I'm mad that it's a rainy day,"
Woo took a big inhale.




"I know," Rue said,
"but there's a way to make
rainy days swell."





Rue said, "This day was filled with strain.
I get why you're upset.
Your umbrella tore in the rain
and your hair got all wet."

"We can't control what happens Woo.
Sometimes things are just sad.
But you can change your point of view,
so things aren't quite as bad."

An illustration of two children walking on a sidewalk during a rainstorm. The girl on the left is wearing a yellow shirt, purple shorts, pink floral rain boots, and glasses. She is holding a blue umbrella with white polka dots. The boy on the right is wearing a yellow shirt with a star, blue pants, and brown shoes. He is looking down at a puddle. The background shows a wooden fence, green bushes, and a wooden door. Rain is falling all around them.

“You can find wonders all around,
though they might be subtle,
even on rainy days I’ve found
rainbows in a puddle.”

Woo saw the puddle on the ground
and looked at it with care.
He couldn't believe that he found
a rainbow floating there!



"I can see it!"
Woo said to Rue.
"Come look at it with me."

Rue looked and said,
"I see it too!"
Then Woo yelled out,
"Yippee!"



"I think I get it now," said Woo.
"The rainbow made me glad.
So when I change my point of view,
rainy days aren't so bad."





"No matter what happens," said Rue,
"you choose how you react."
"Just think about that rainbow, Woo,
to remember that fact."

Although the clouds were dark and gray,
and rain kept pouring down;
Woo said, "Rainy days are okay,"
as they walked through the town.

