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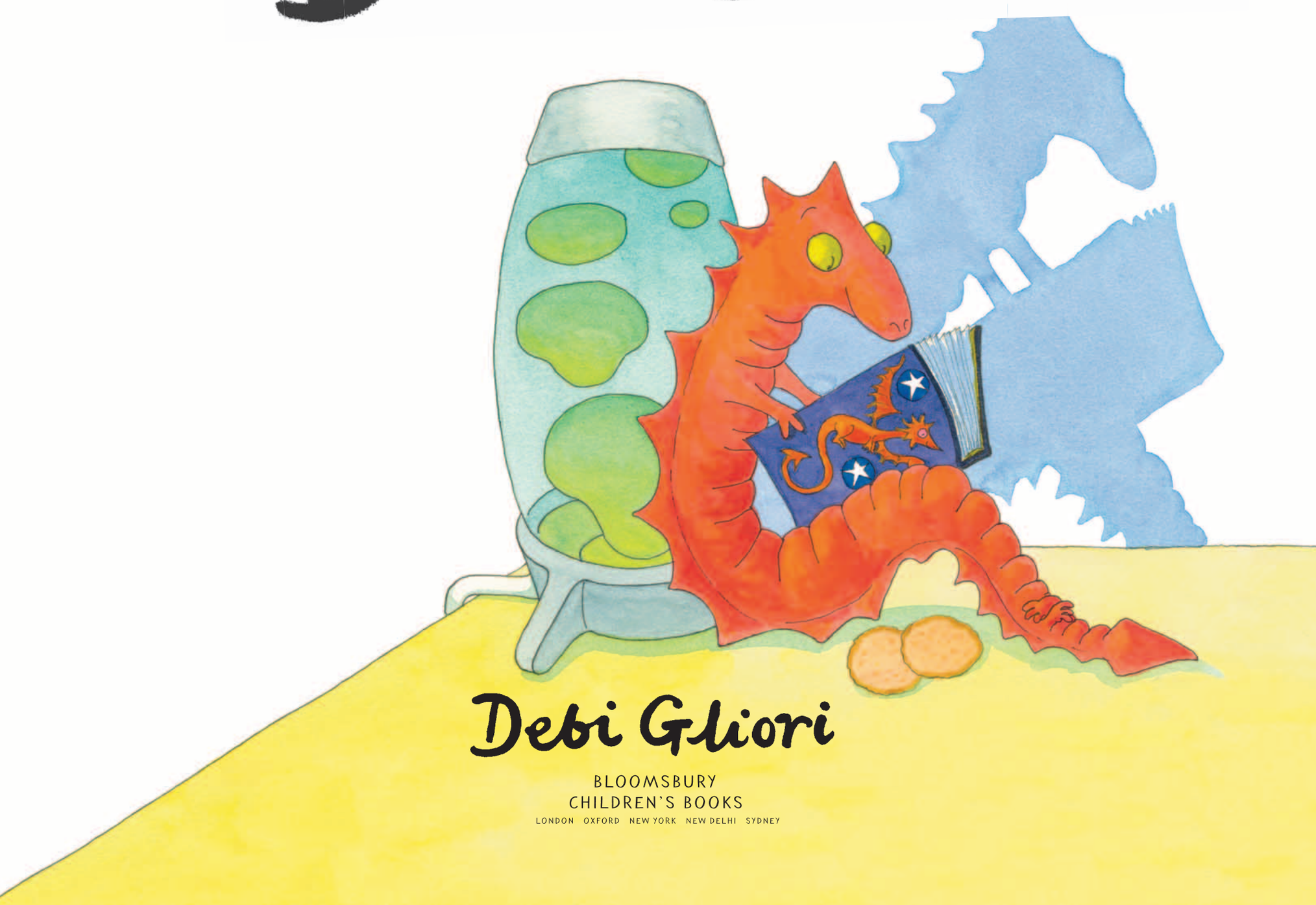
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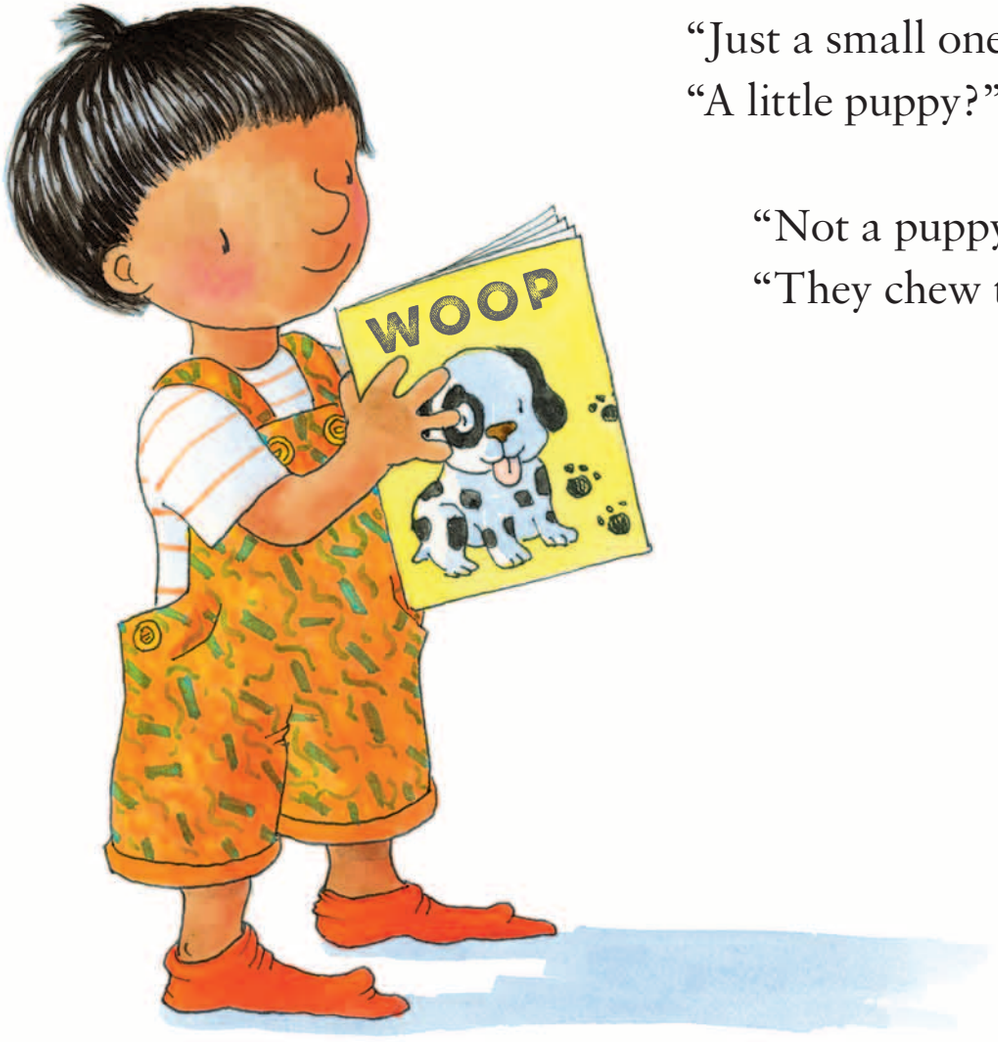


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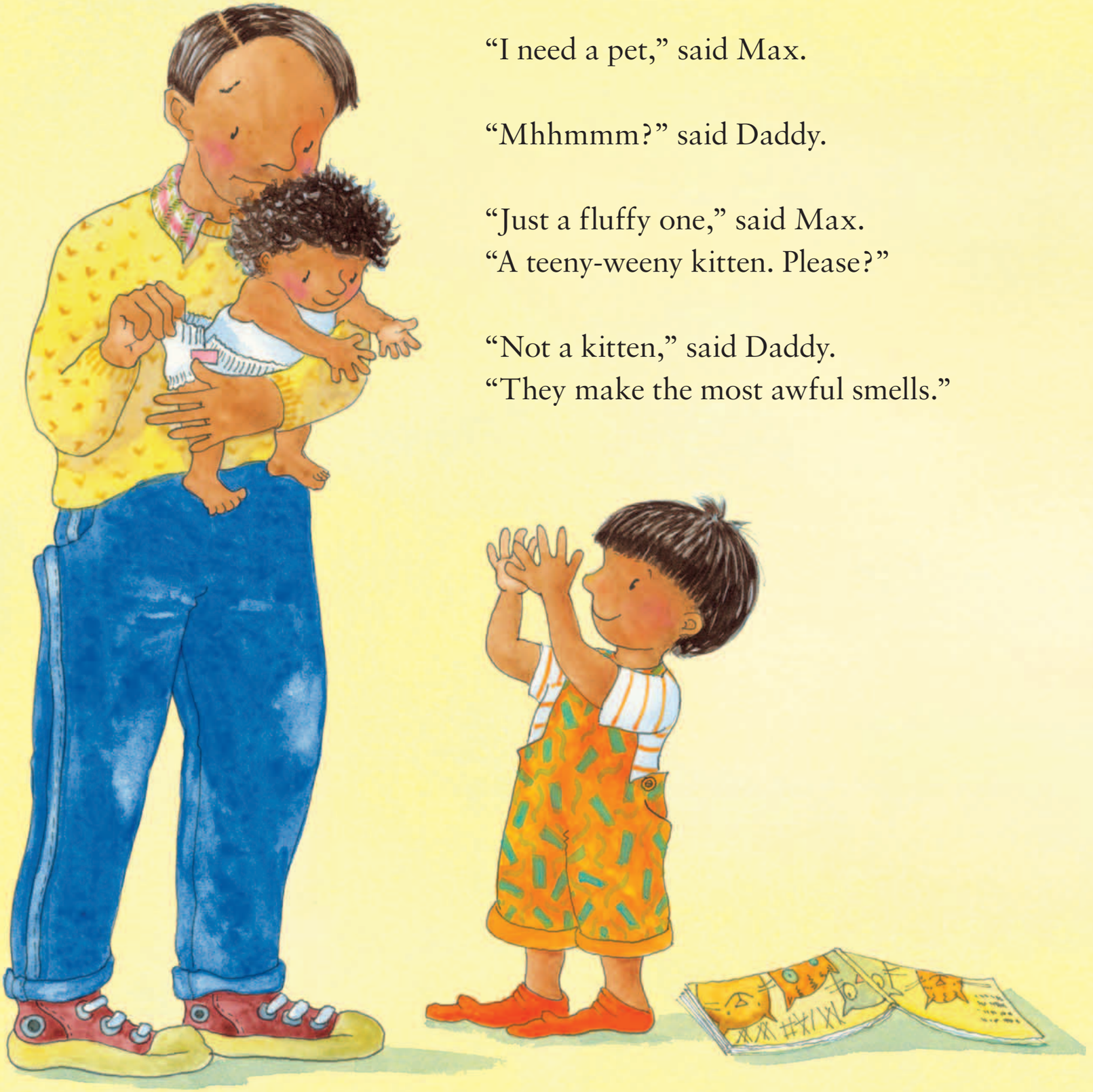
“Really?” said Mummy.



“Just a small one,” said Max.
“A little puppy?”

“Not a puppy,” said Mummy.
“They chew things.”


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"I need a pet," said Max.

"Mhhmmm?" said Daddy.

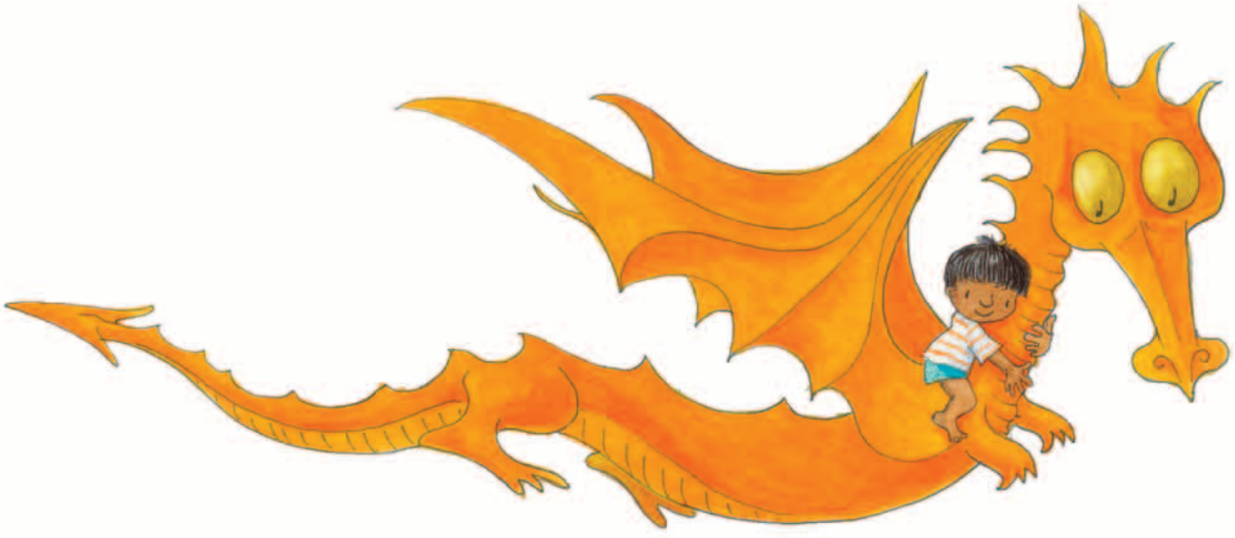
"Just a fluffy one," said Max.
"A teeny-weeny kitten. Please?"

"Not a kitten," said Daddy.
"They make the most awful smells."



"A penguin?" said Max.
"It would melt in our warm
house," said Mummy.

"A shark?" said Max.
"Too many teeth,"
said Mummy.



"A dragon?" Max said.
"That would be so cool!"
"Don't be silly," said Daddy.
"Dragons don't exist."