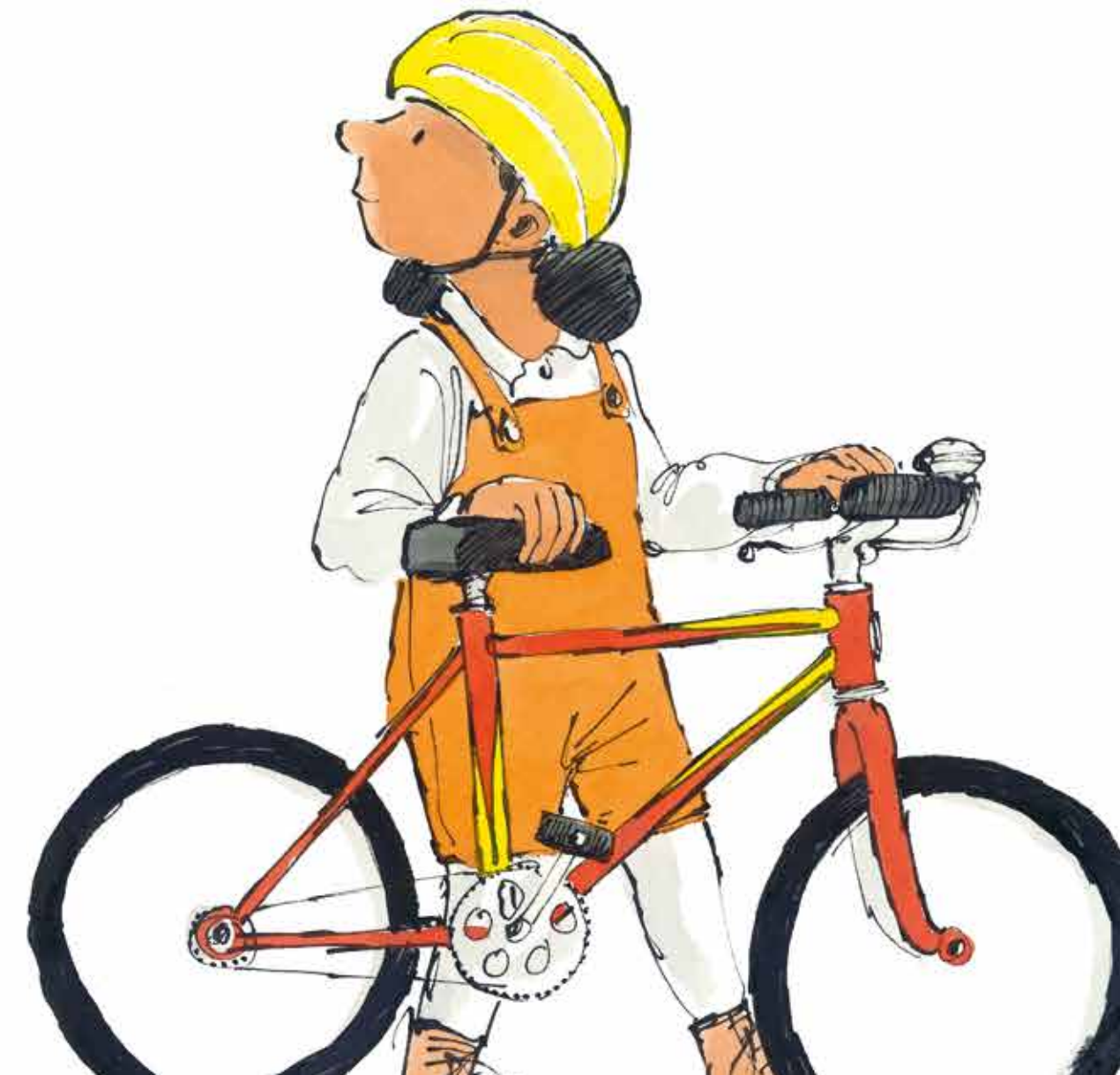




I love my bike.

*There's a flame on the frame
and a bell on the bars
and it's red so it's fast.*

I love my bike.



Dad says, "Push your feet down on the pedals,
cos the pedals turn the chain
and the chain turns the wheels round,
again and again."



*I love my bike
but I can't quite ride it.*

So I do push down...

Well, I try.





Dad says, "One more time, keep going."

So I push down again.

The hardest ever.

Dad says, "Yes, that's it."

"Is not," I say.

"Is not."

*But I push down again
and again and again.*

*My feet push the pedals
and the pedals turn the chain
and the chain turns the wheels and...*

I'm riding my bike!



For Frances and Ivan - keep on pedalling! — Simon

For Amberly, Arlo and Ari - Sam



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