Hello, I am **PERLA**, the dog with superpowers. And this is Nico Rico, my best friend in the entire world. I have two superpowers.

NUMBER ONE:

I can make anybody love me.

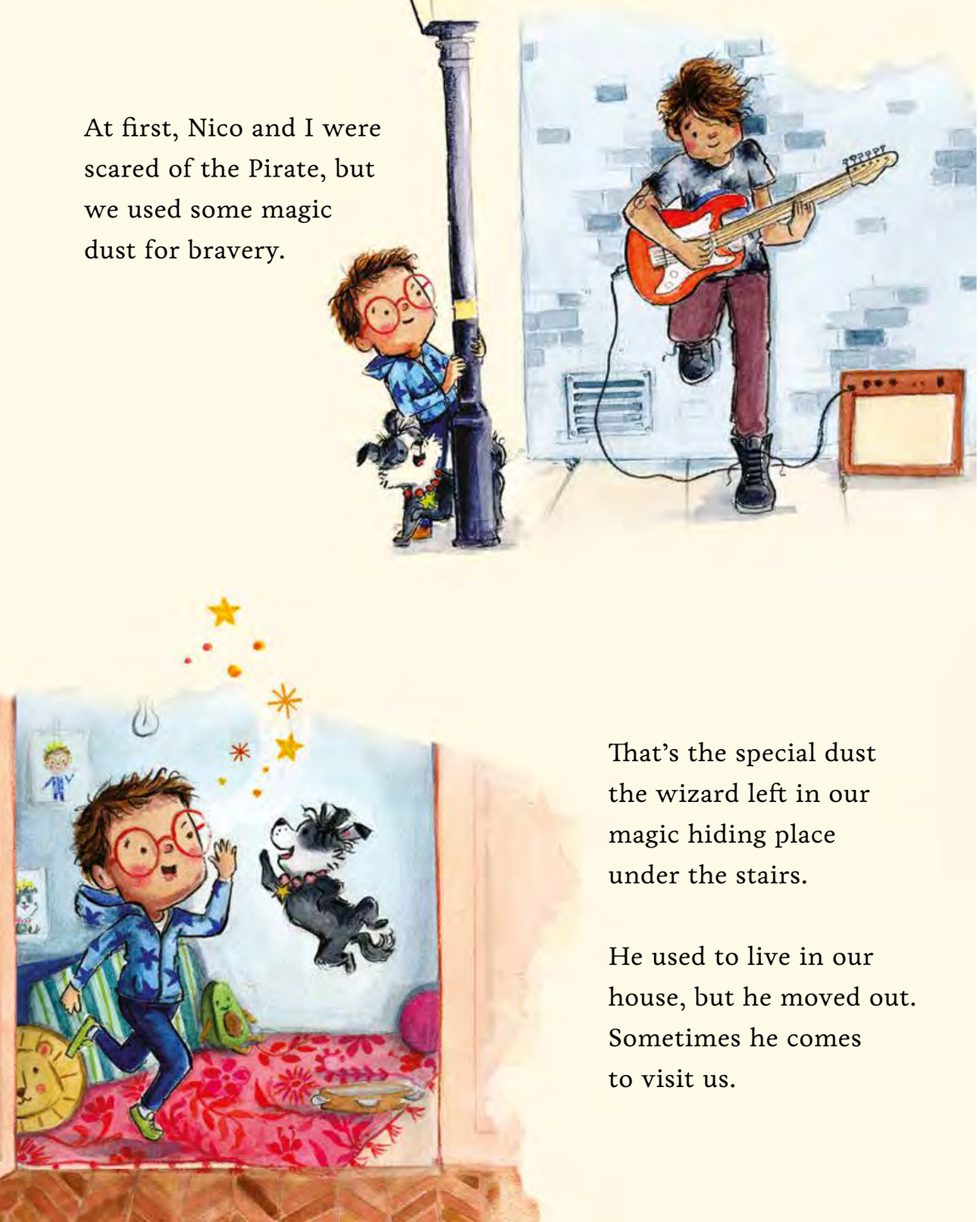
NUMBER TWO:

I can roar like a lion.

Nico and I were the first ones to spot the Pirate when he moved next door.

Dad didn't like the Pirate. Nico's sister Liz liked him, but she wasn't allowed to be friends with him or ride on his scooter.

At first, Nico and I were scared of the Pirate, but we used some magic dust for bravery.



That's the special dust the wizard left in our magic hiding place under the stairs.

He used to live in our house, but he moved out. Sometimes he comes to visit us.

The magic dust worked.

We got enough courage to take a closer look at the Pirate.



THEN I USED MY SUPERPOWER NUMBER ONE,
which makes
everybody love me.

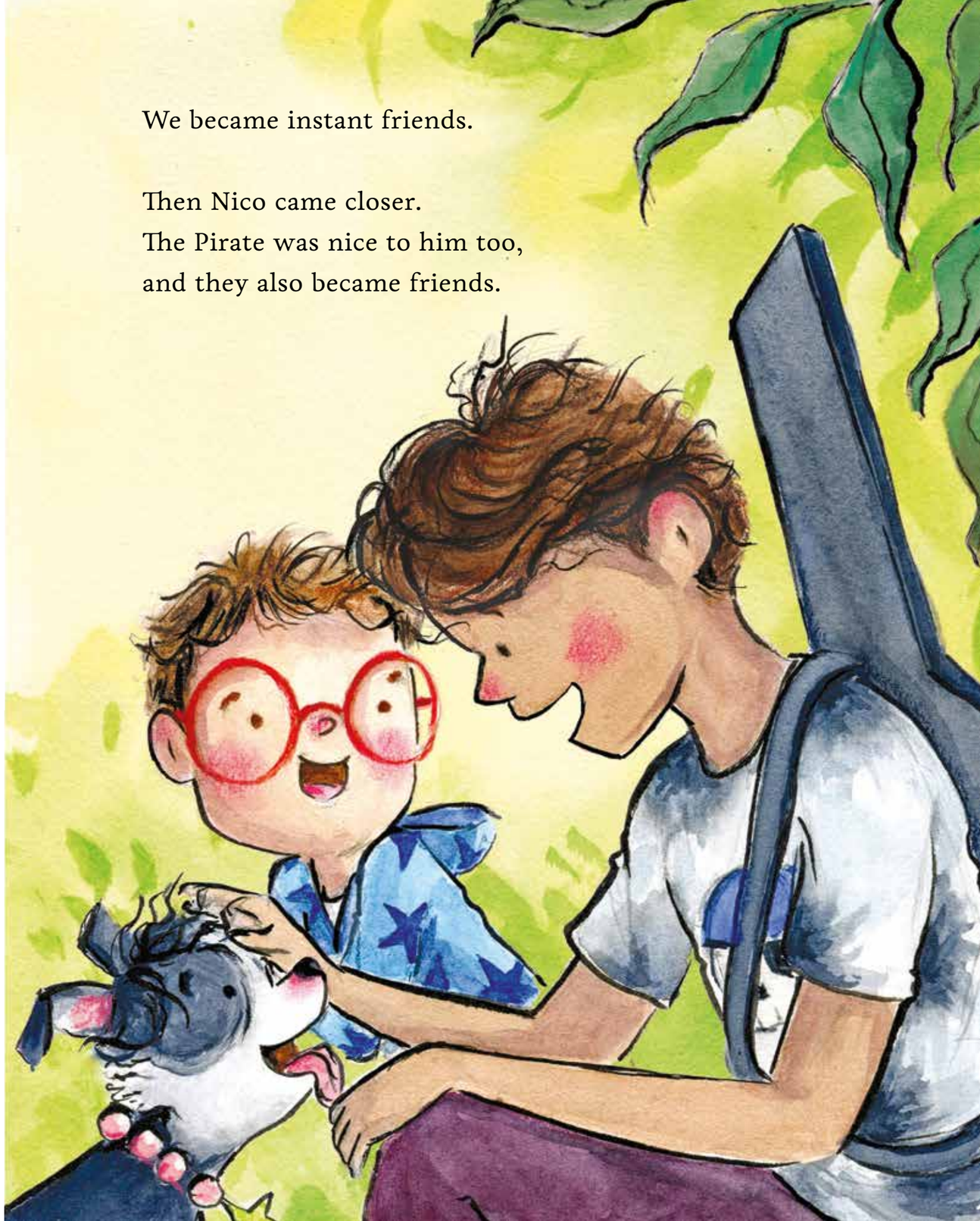




I wagged my tail,
whined, rolled on
my back, and barked
happily until the Pirate
smiled, and then I licked
his hand.

We became instant friends.

Then Nico came closer.
The Pirate was nice to him too,
and they also became friends.



Our new friend belongs to a rock band called The Pirates. Sometimes the other Pirates meet in his garage and make a lot of noise. It's called music.

Nico and I are always invited. Mum, Dad and all the neighbours hate the Pirates' racket, but Liz loves it.

One rainy day, Mum and I were late to pick up Nico from school because we were stuck in traffic. Nico waited and waited.

I'm sure he thought Mum had forgotten him. When the teacher wasn't looking, Nico decided to walk home alone.

It was a VERY BAD IDEA.