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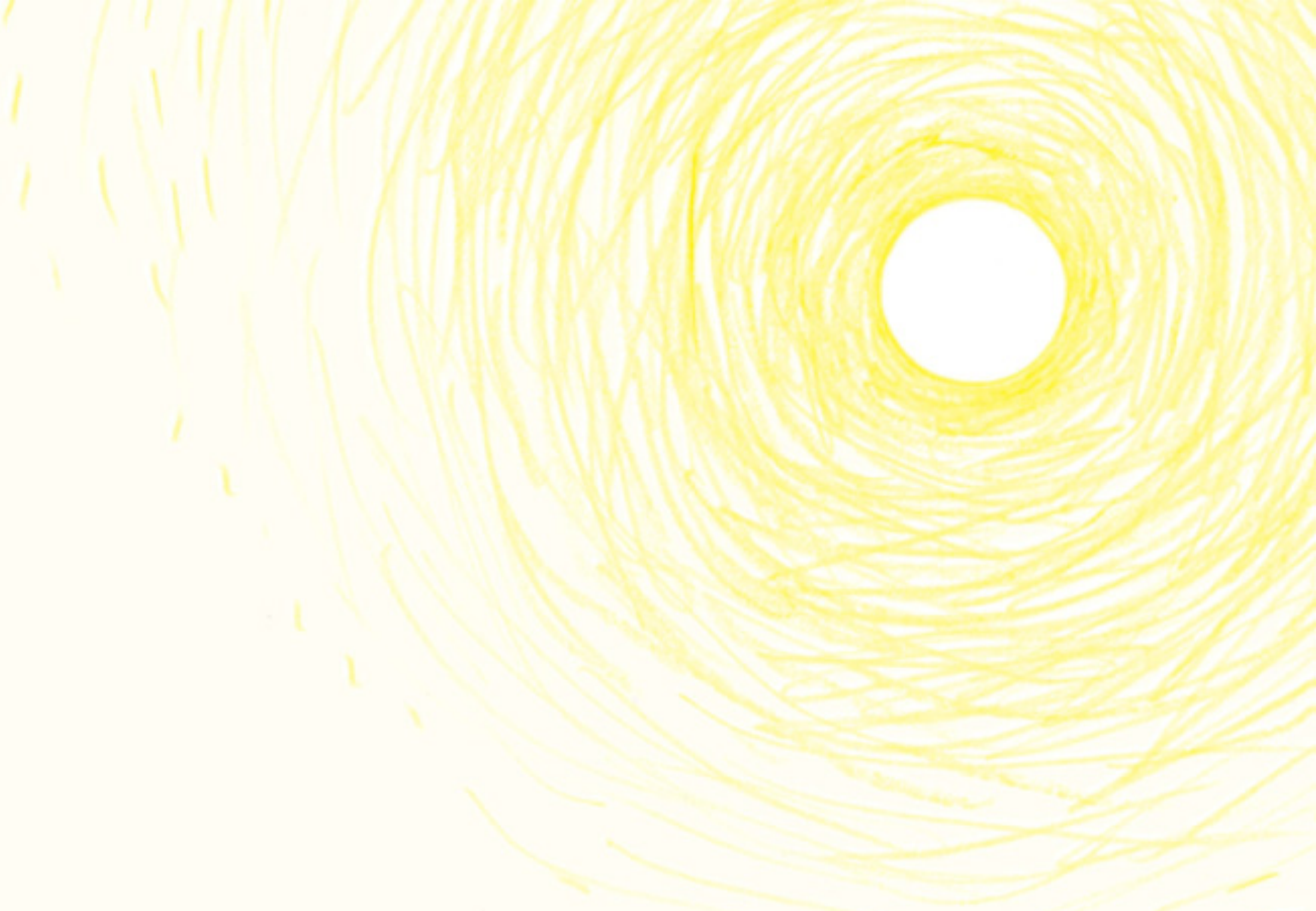
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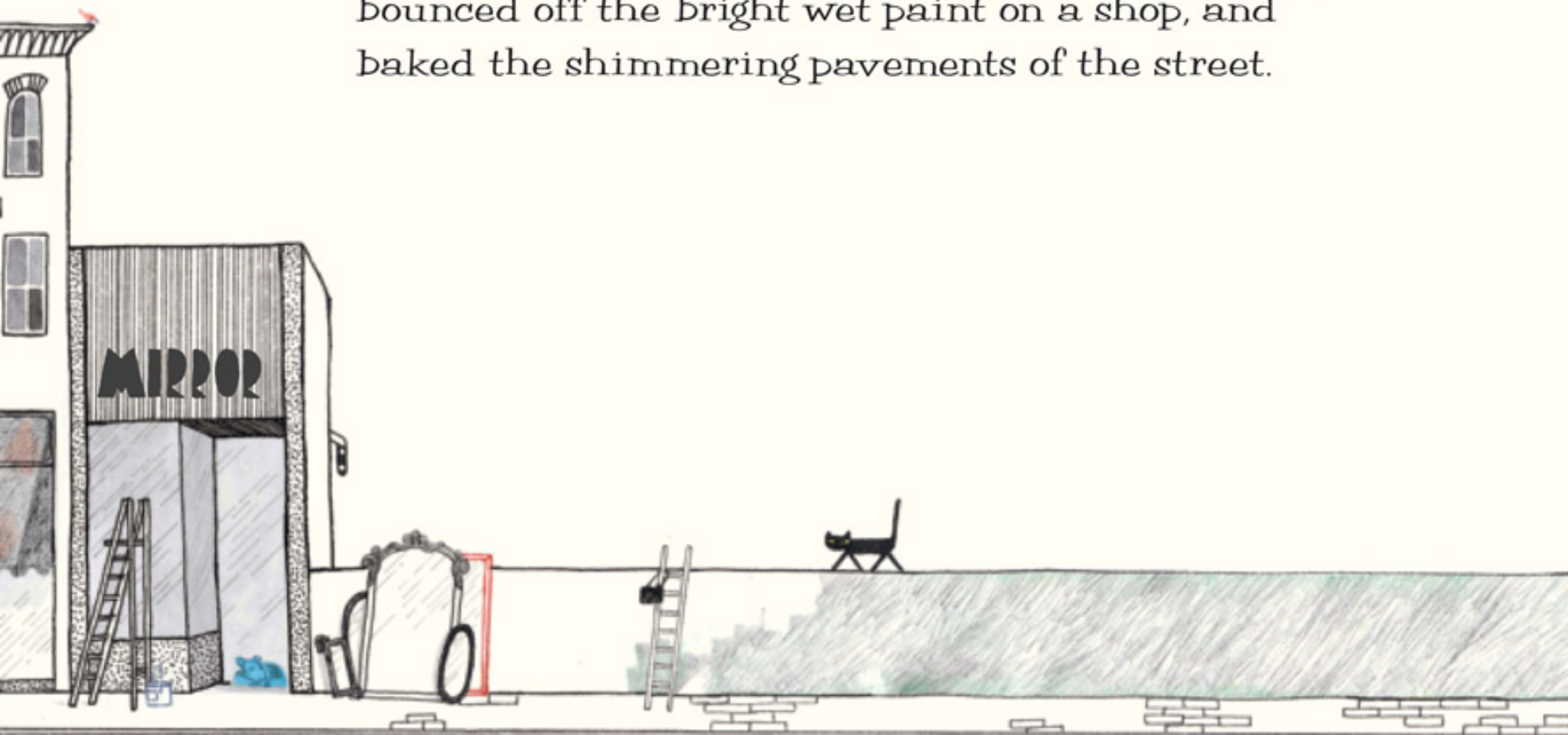
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For Dan, Lily and Elena SC To Mr and Mrs Roberts-Maloney DR



On a long, hot, lazy afternoon, the sun
bounced off the bright wet paint on a shop, and
baked the shimmering pavements of the street.





The dog
got up,

sniffed at the
cracked mirror,

and pricked
his nose.

The black cat padded
along the wall.

The white cat went to
play with some leaves
skitting in a breeze
at the foot of the ladder.

They watched
each other
for a while,

as only cats can.



"Don't go under it,"

said the black cat.

*"Terrible
bad luck*

*if you go under
a ladder,
something could
fall on you."*

"Oh pur-lees,"

smirked the white cat,
as he rubbed his cheeks
on the ladder's
smooth wood.

*"Use your brain.
I'm nowhere near it.*

Look pal,
when you're this smart,
you don't need luck!"

