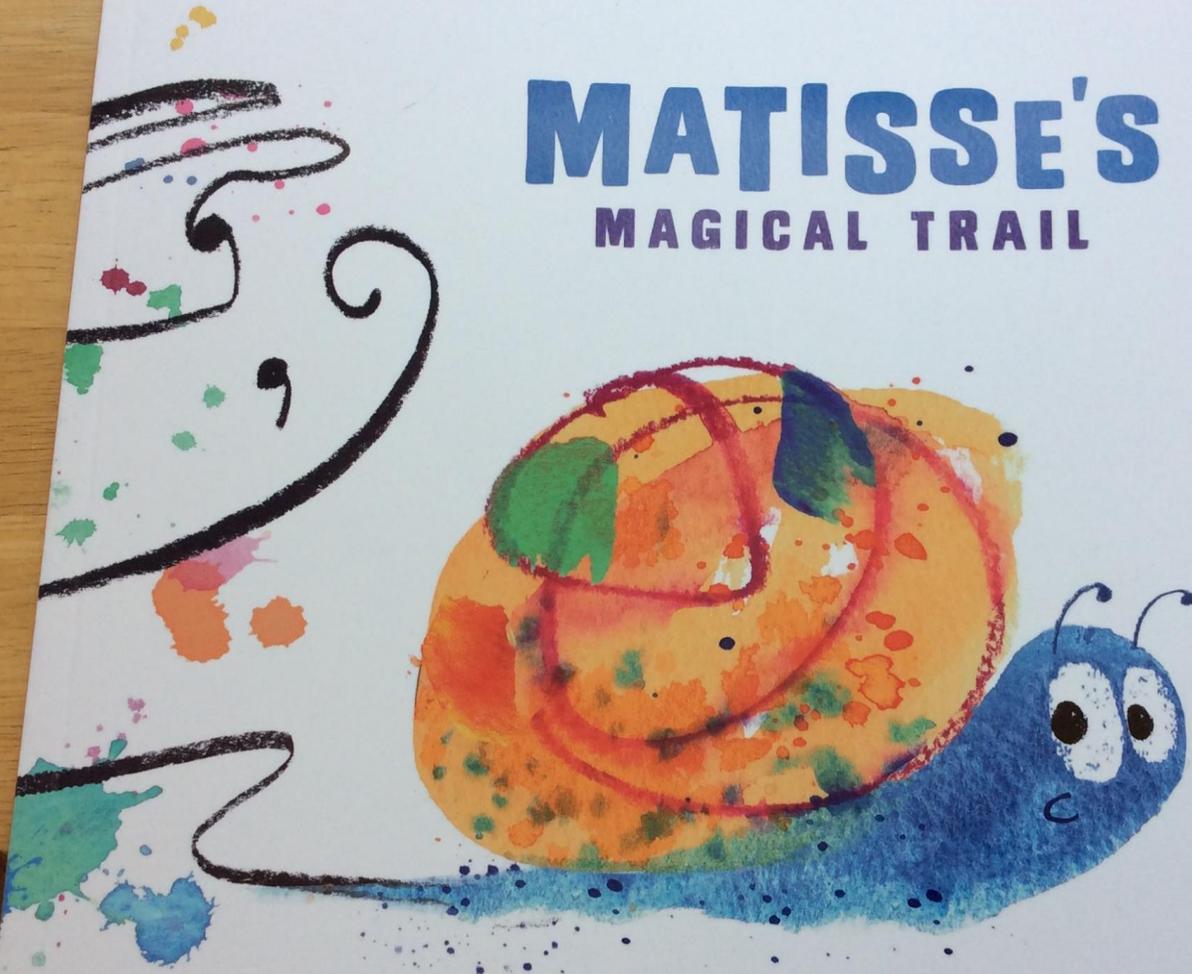




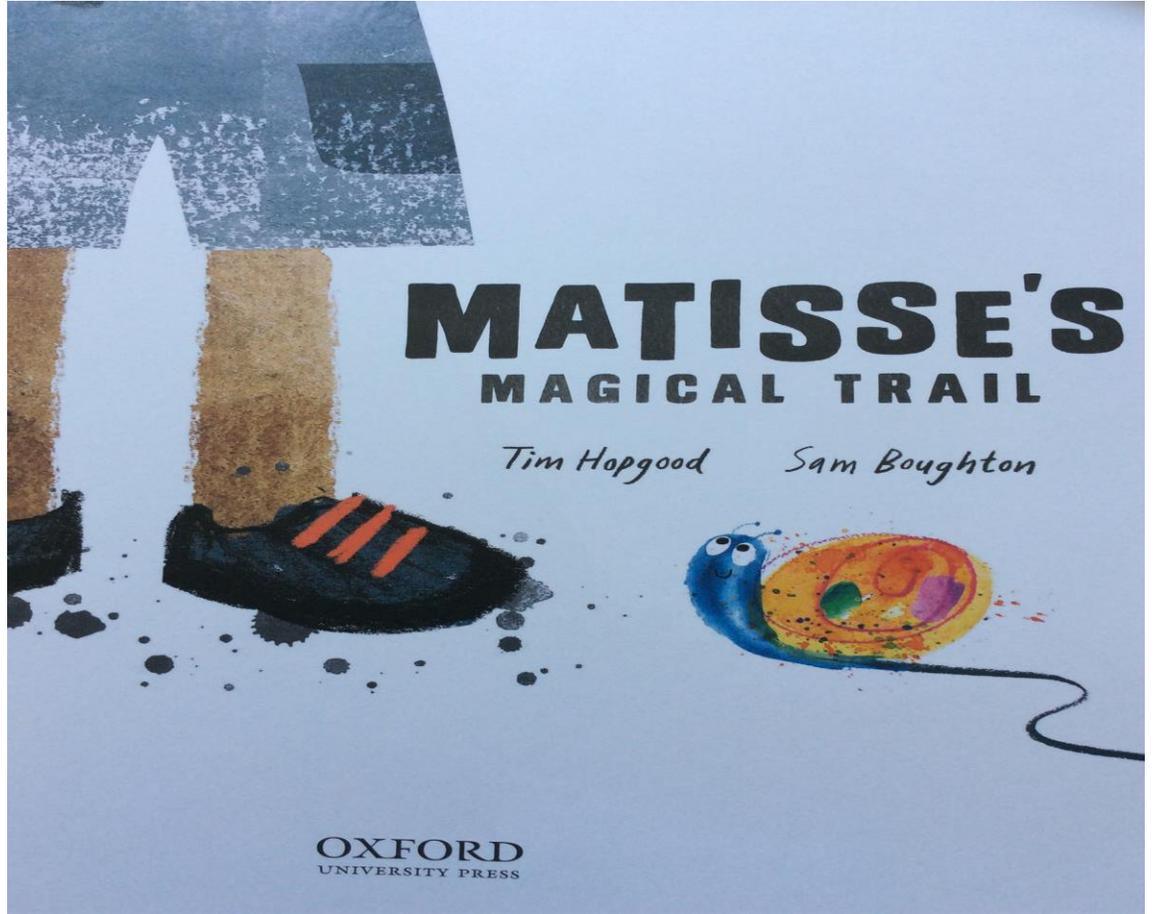
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MATISSE'S MAGICAL TRAIL



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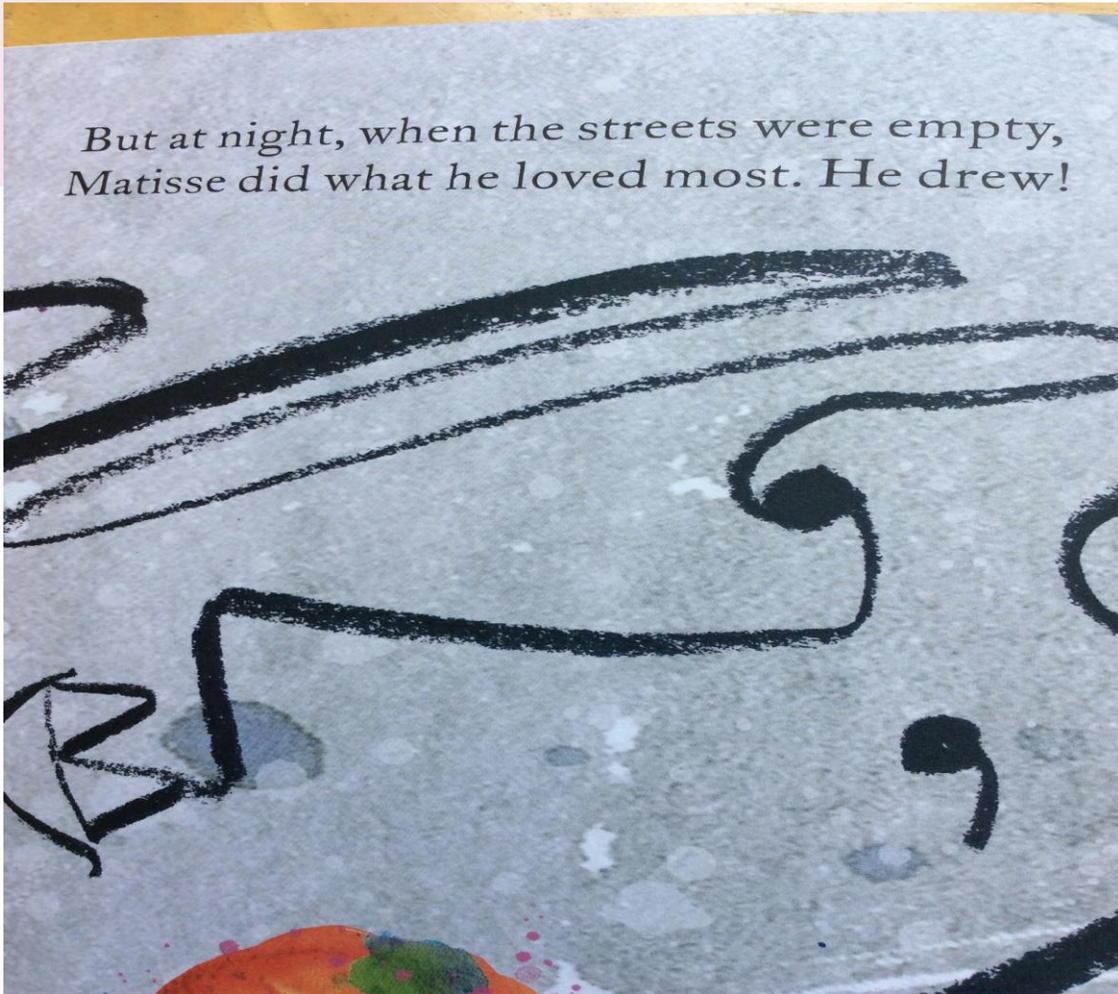


For Matisse,
the world outside
his shell was a big,
scary place.

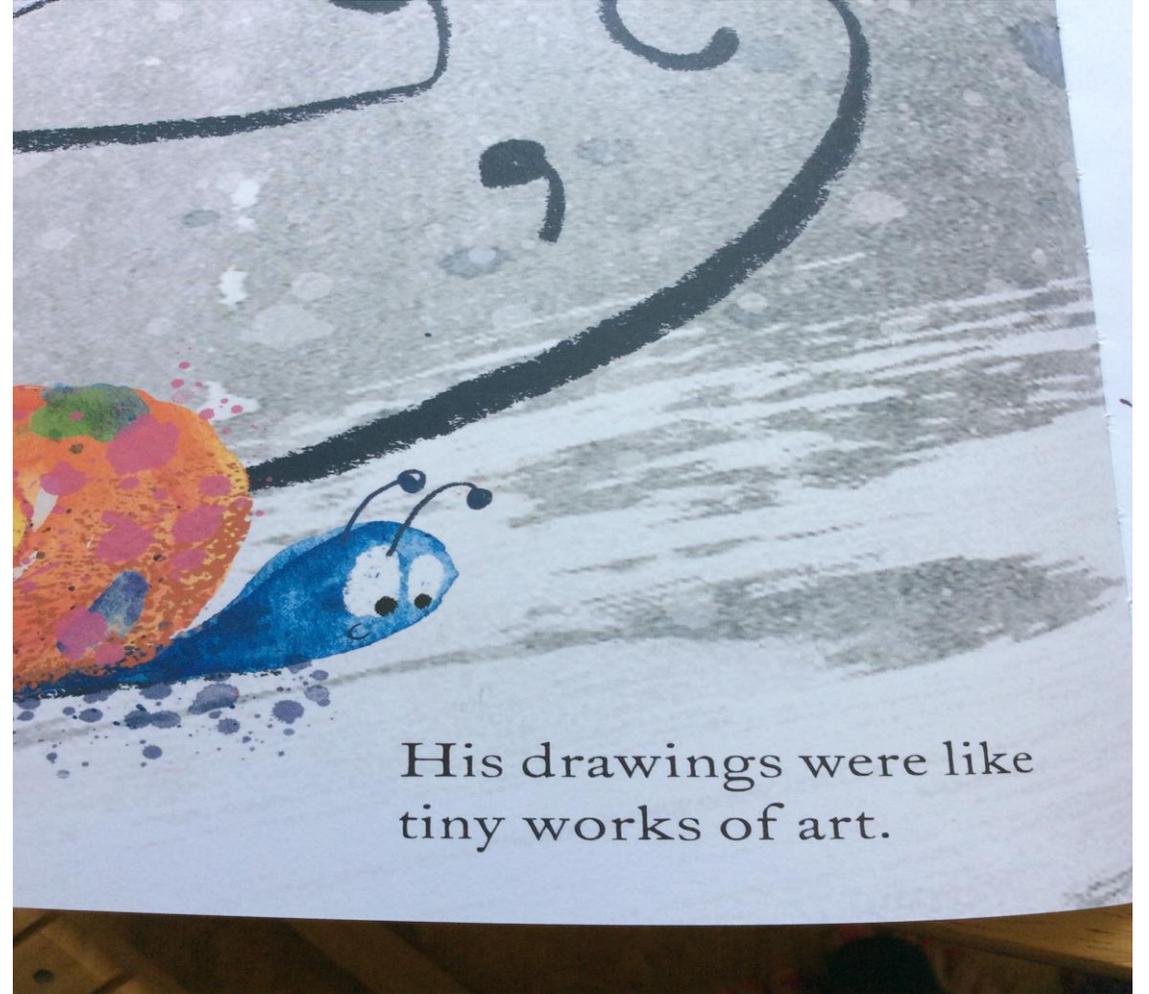


Much of his time was
spent avoiding getting
under people's feet!

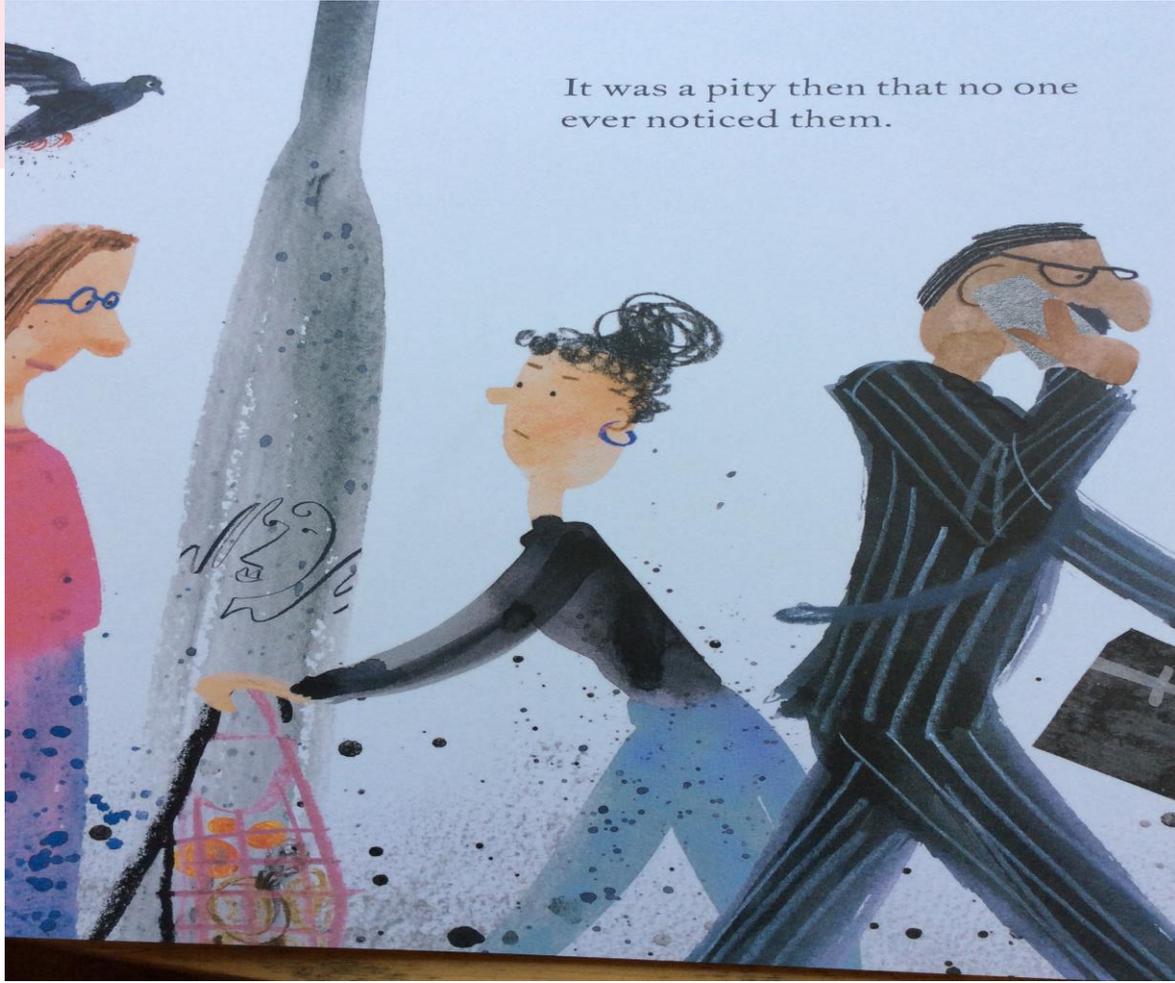
*But at night, when the streets were empty,
Matisse did what he loved most. He drew!*



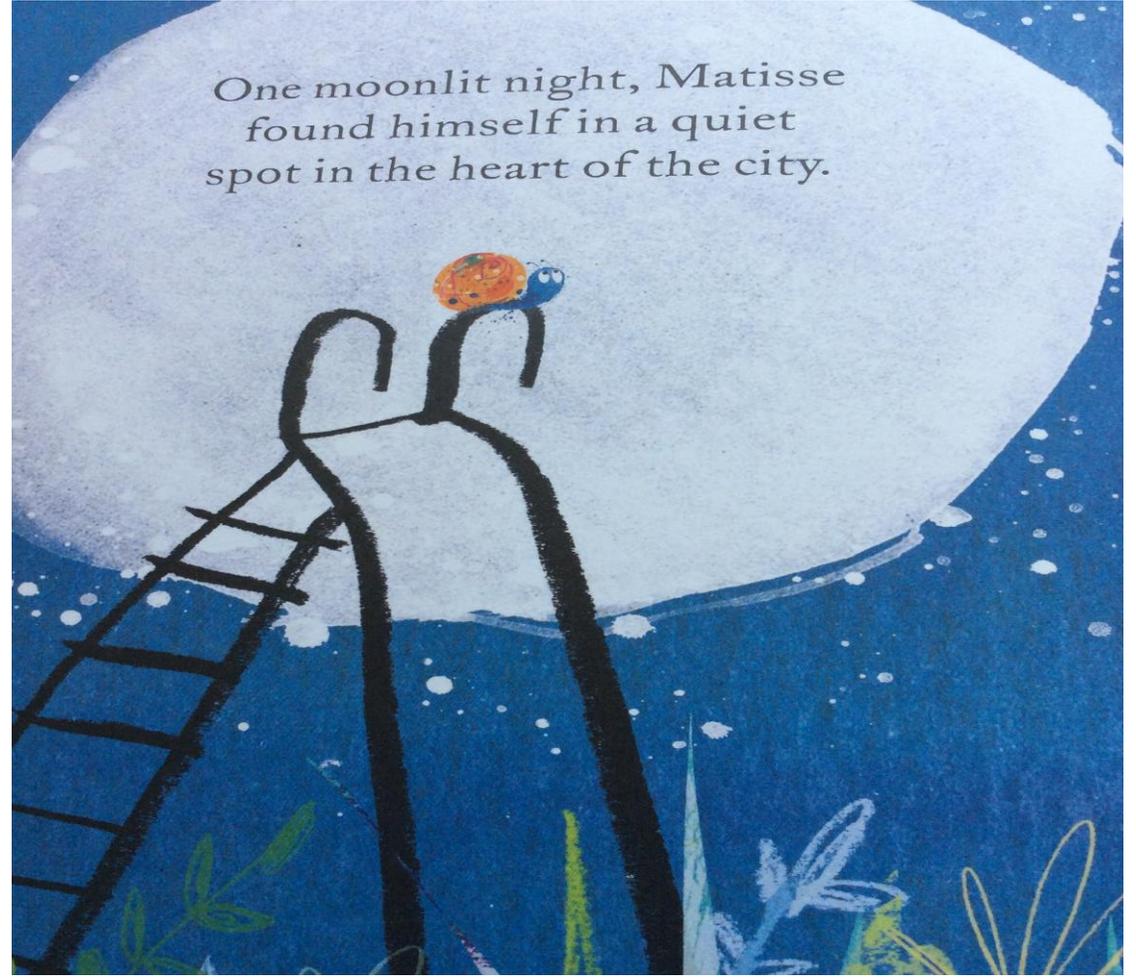
*His drawings were like
tiny works of art.*

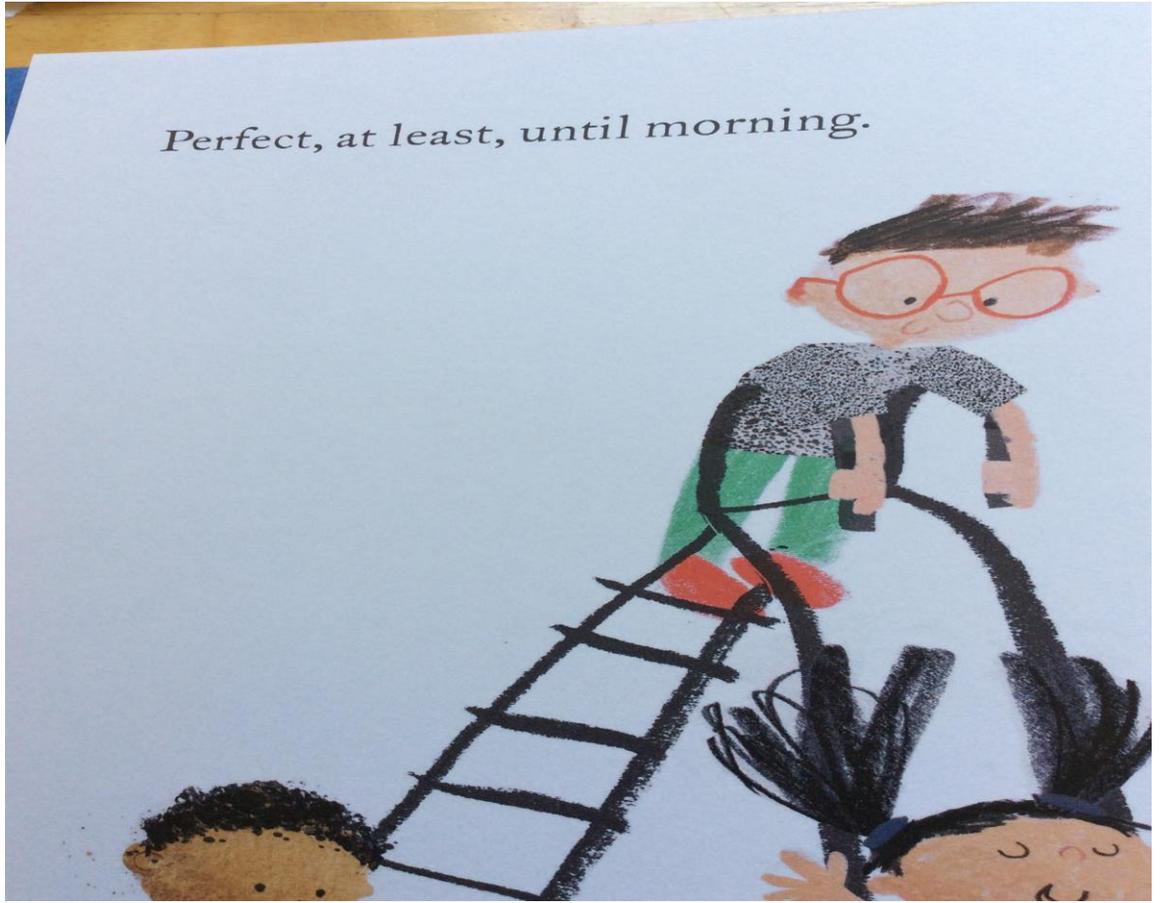


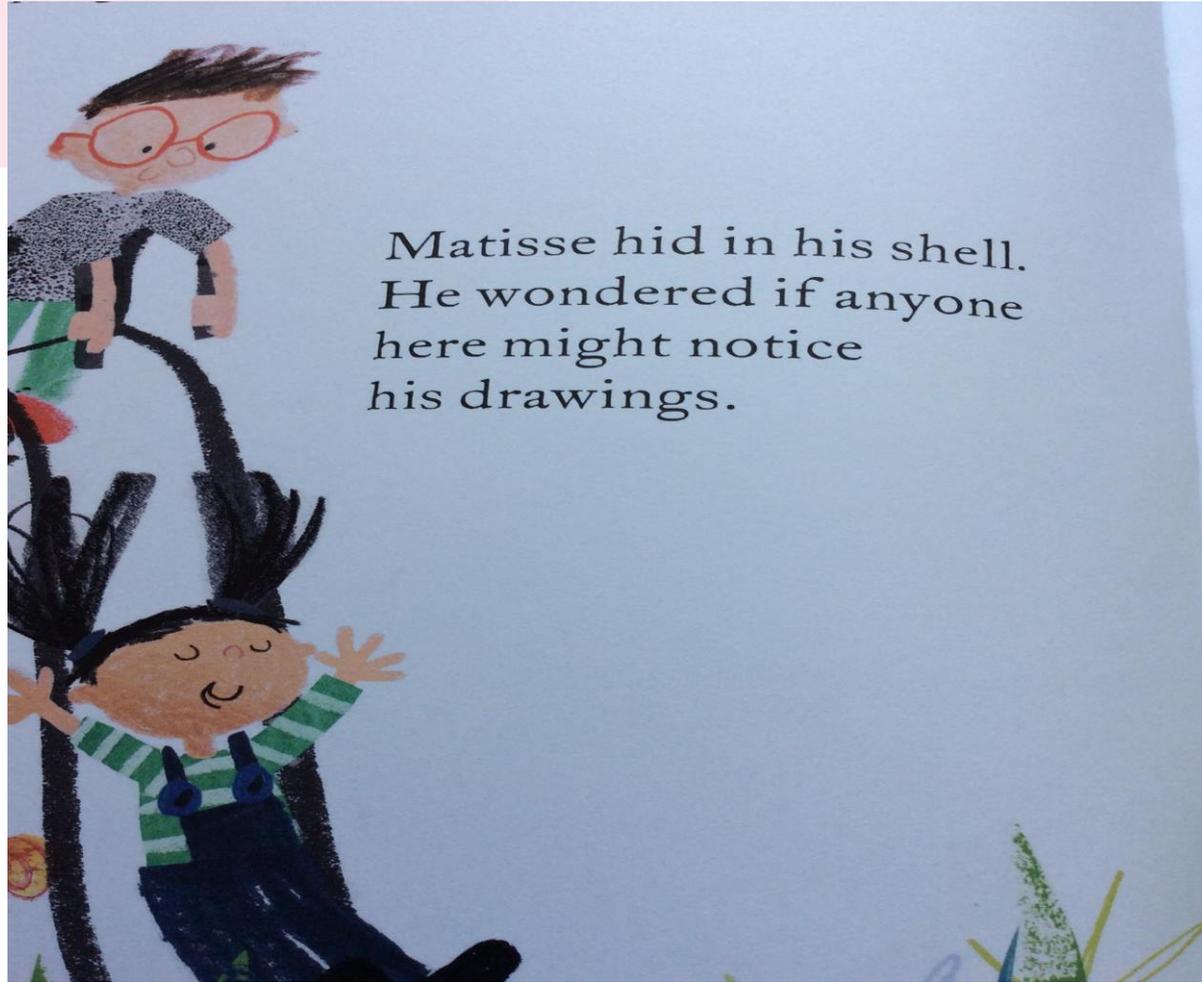
It was a pity then that no one
ever noticed them.



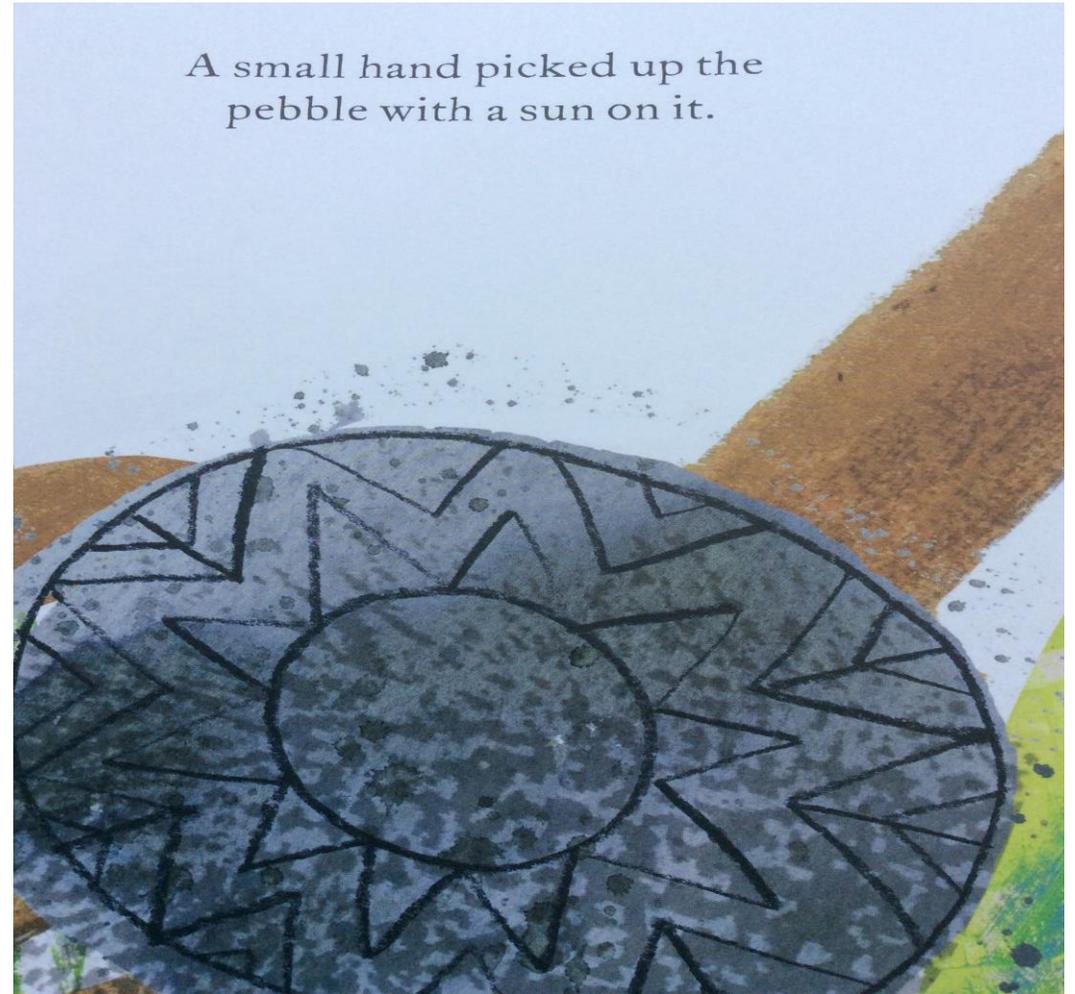
One moonlit night, Matisse
found himself in a quiet
spot in the heart of the city.







Matisse hid in his shell.
He wondered if anyone
here might notice
his drawings.

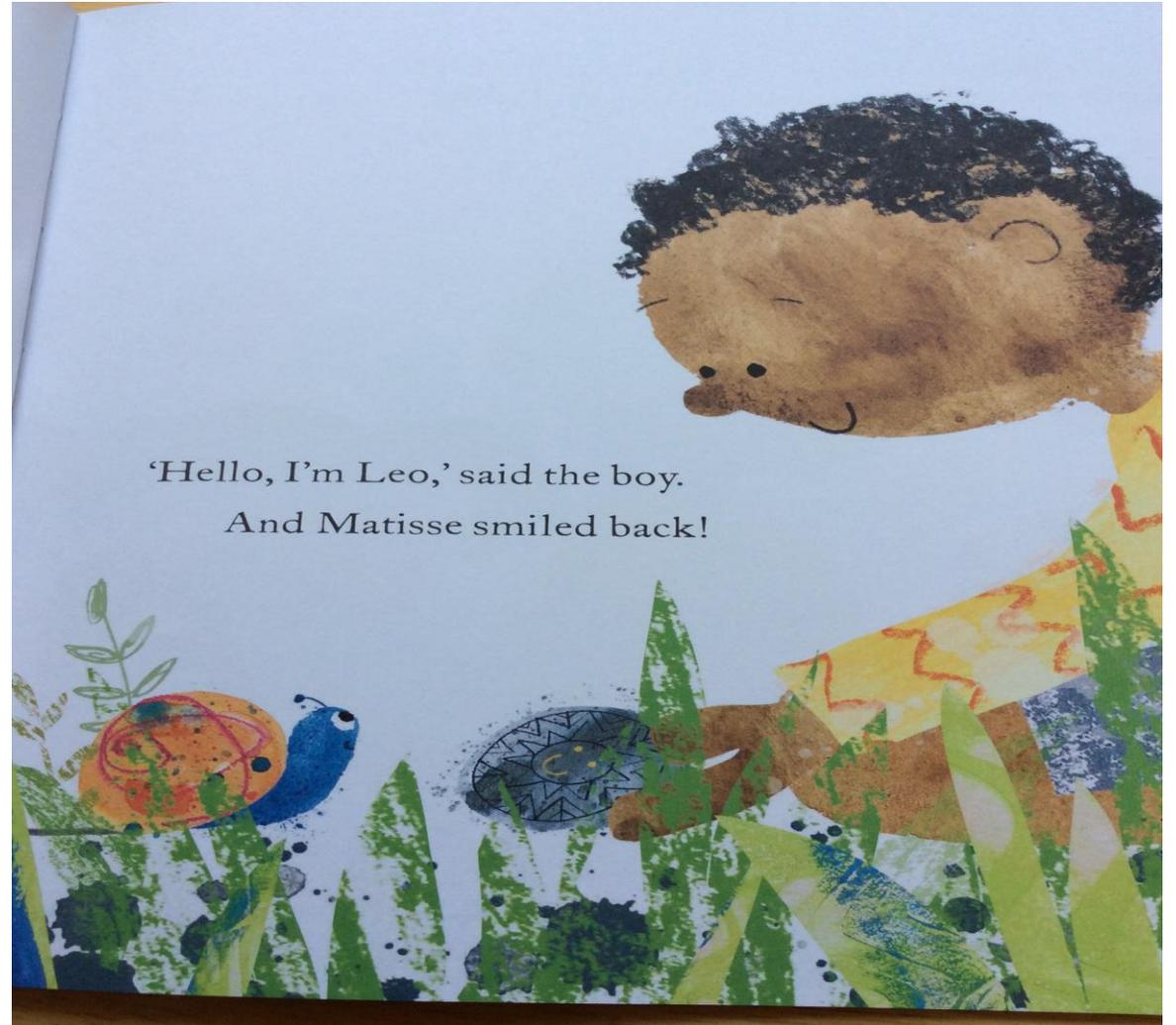


A small hand picked up the
pebble with a sun on it.

*Then the small hand
made the sun smile.*



*'Hello, I'm Leo,' said the boy.
And Matisse smiled back!*

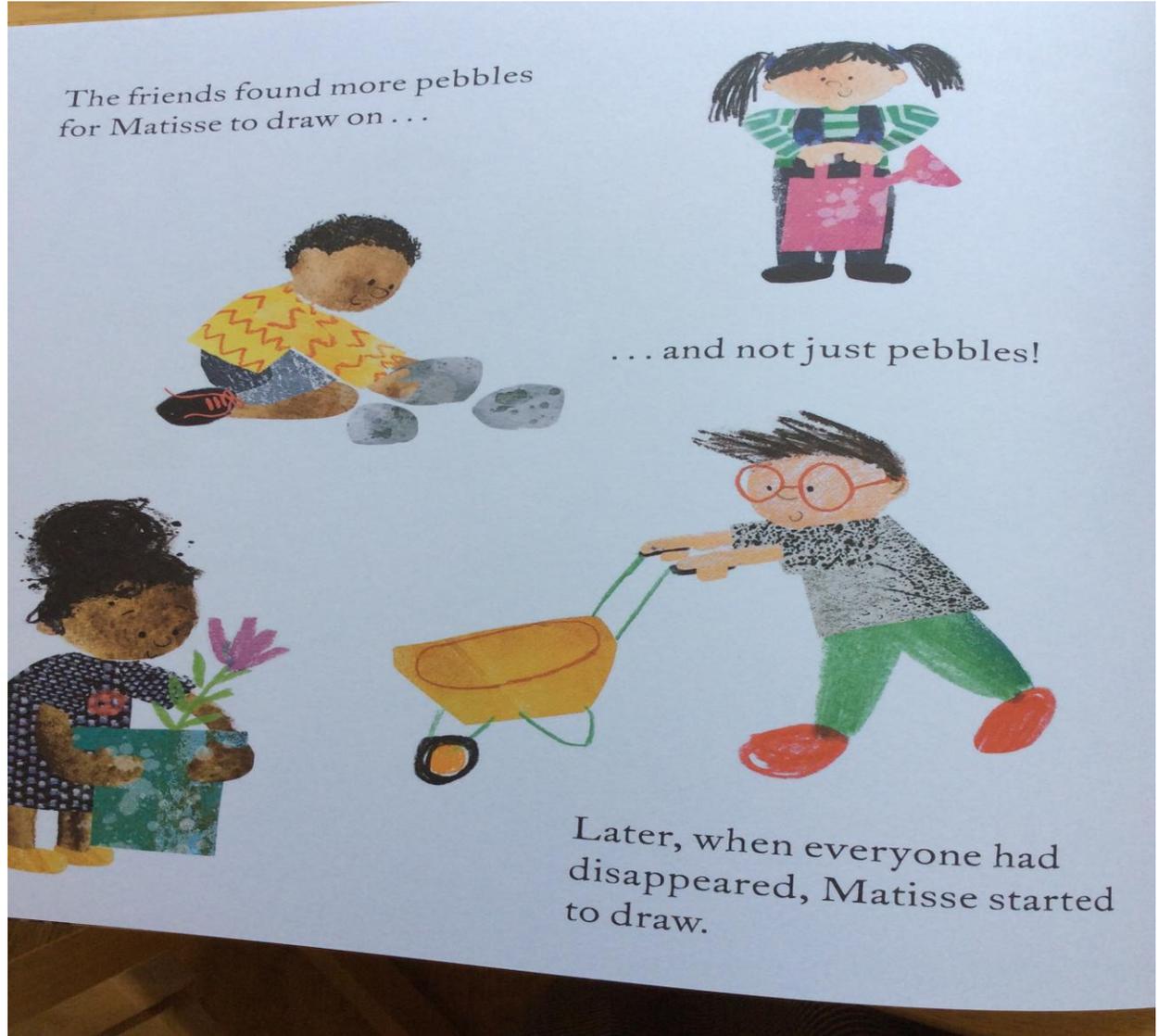
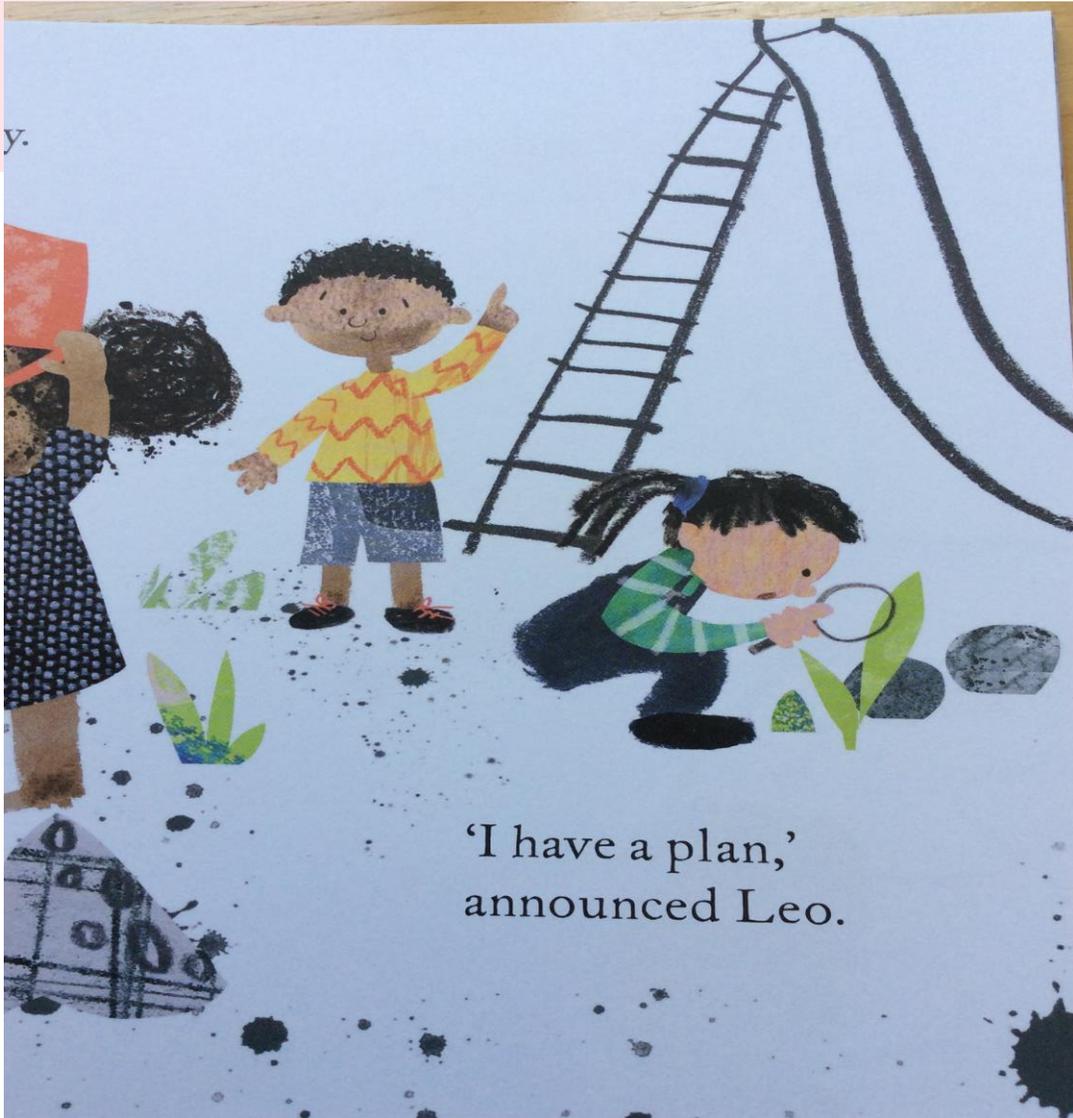


Leo showed Matisse's drawings to his friends.
They wanted to know where they had come from.

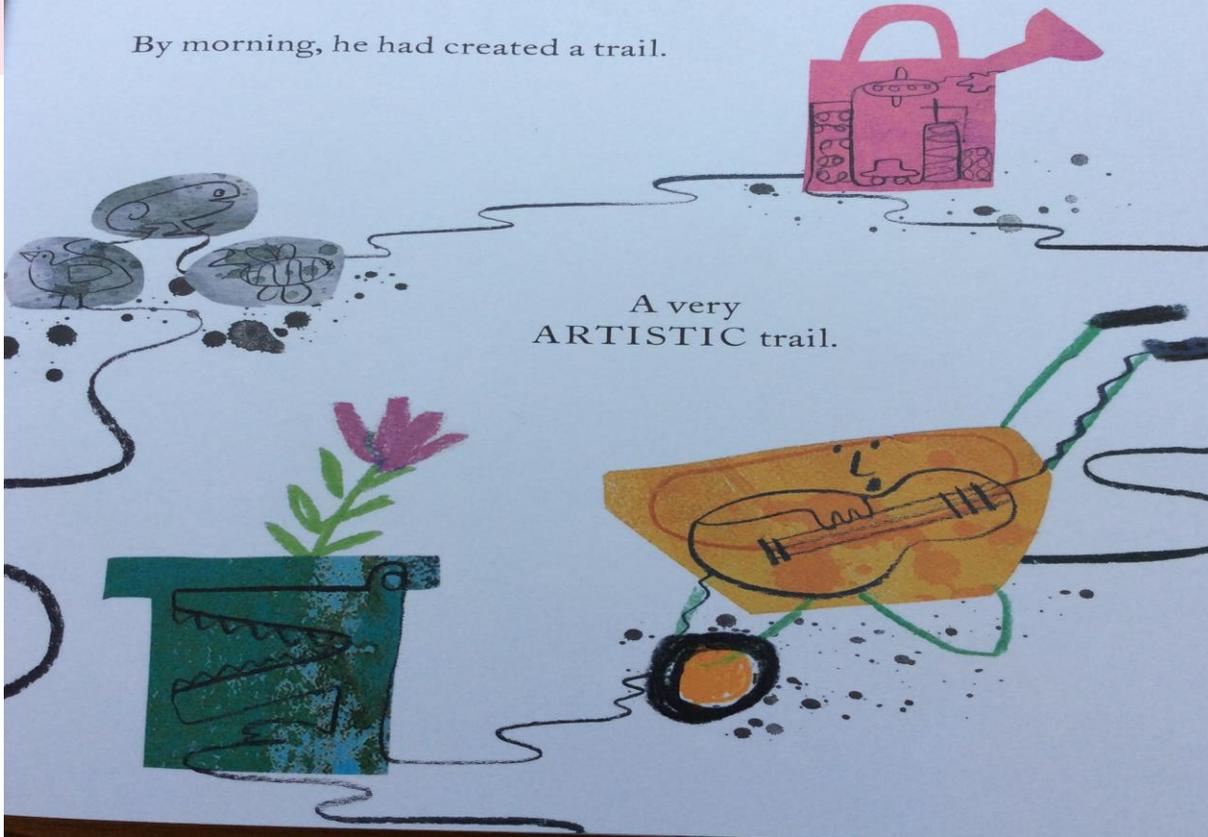


But Matisse was feeling shy.
He was nowhere to be seen.





By morning, he had created a trail.



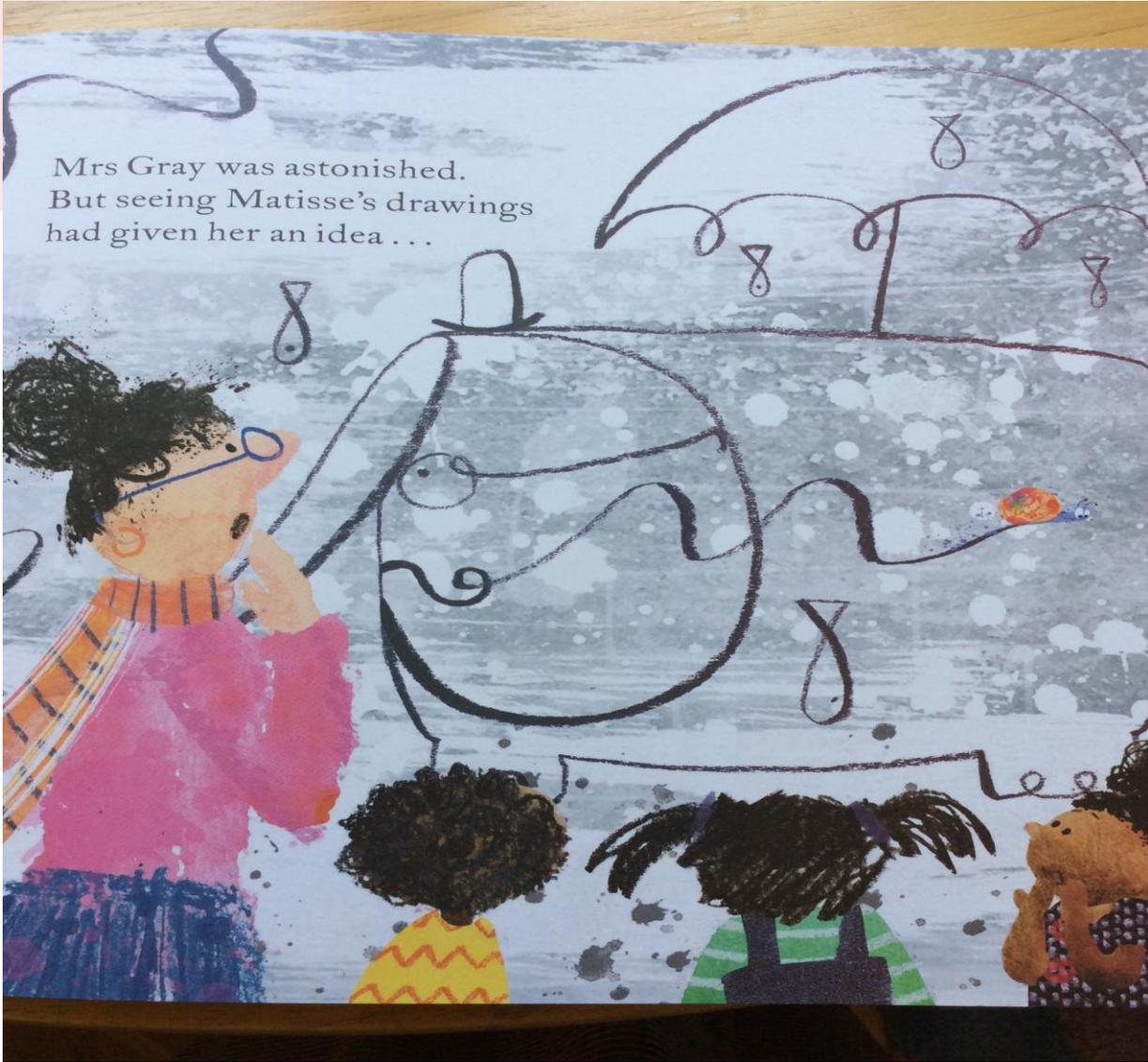
A very
ARTISTIC trail.

Mrs Gray came over to
see what everyone was
looking at.

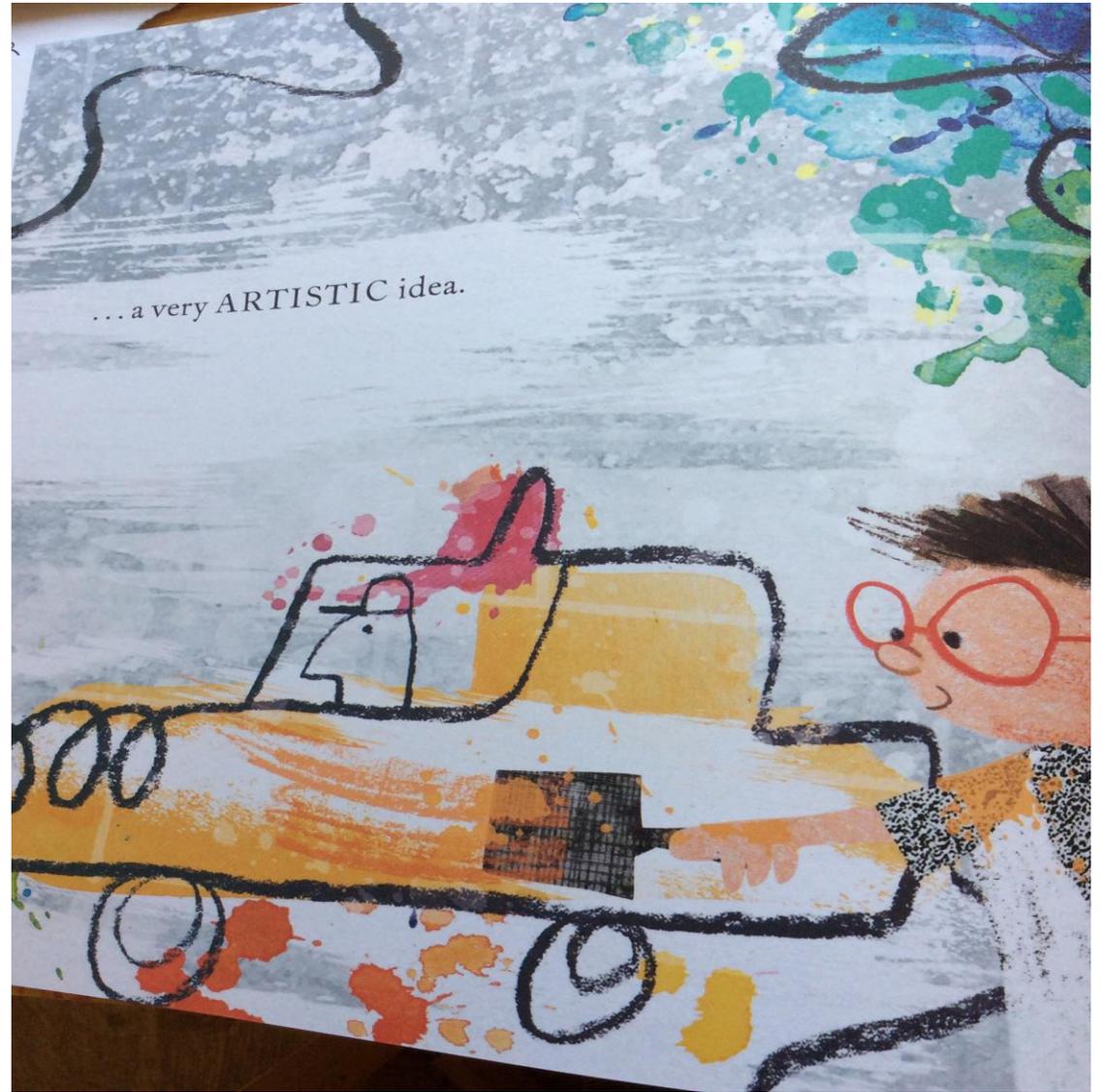
It was Leo who pointed
to Matisse on the
school wall.

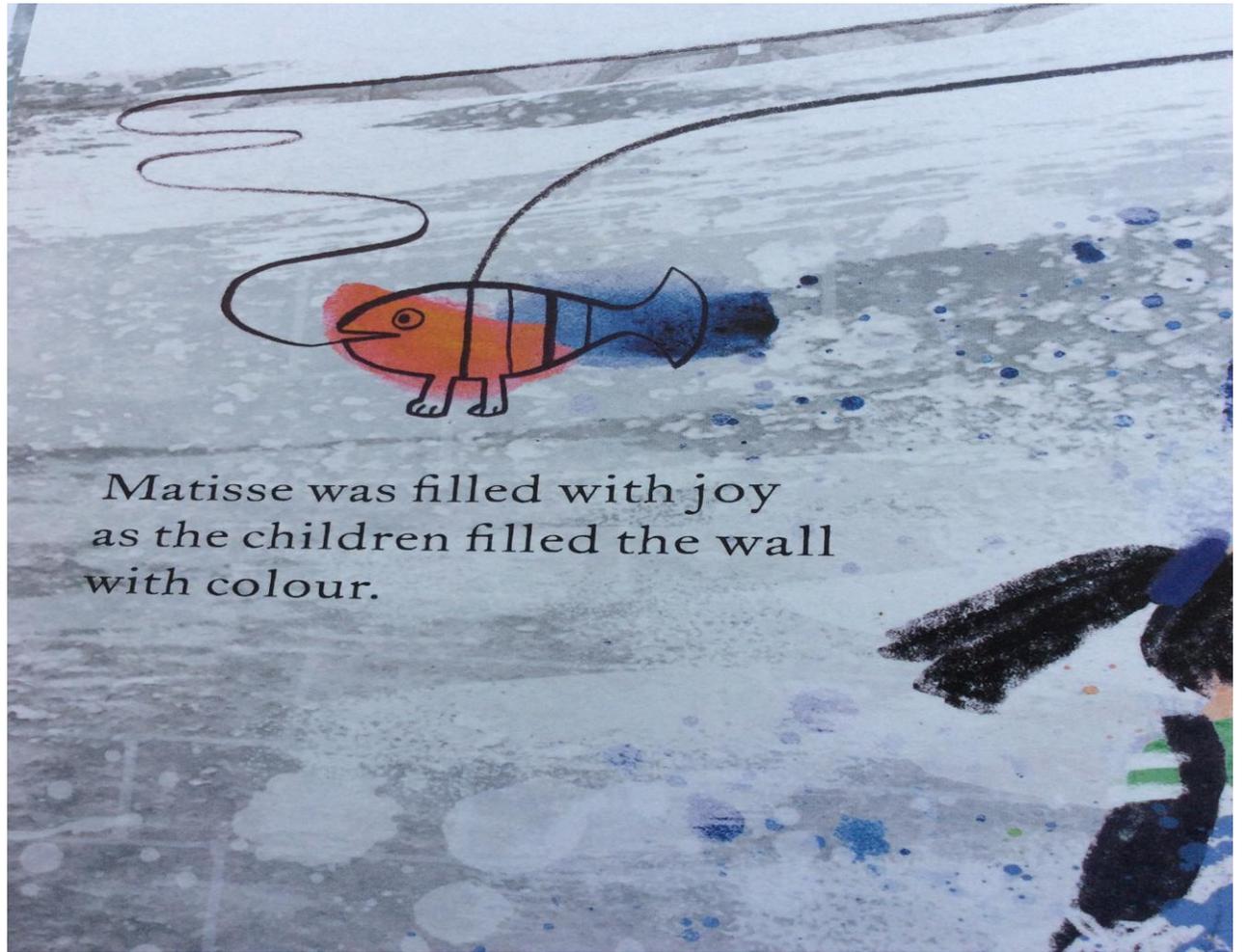


Mrs Gray was astonished.
But seeing Matisse's drawings
had given her an idea . . .

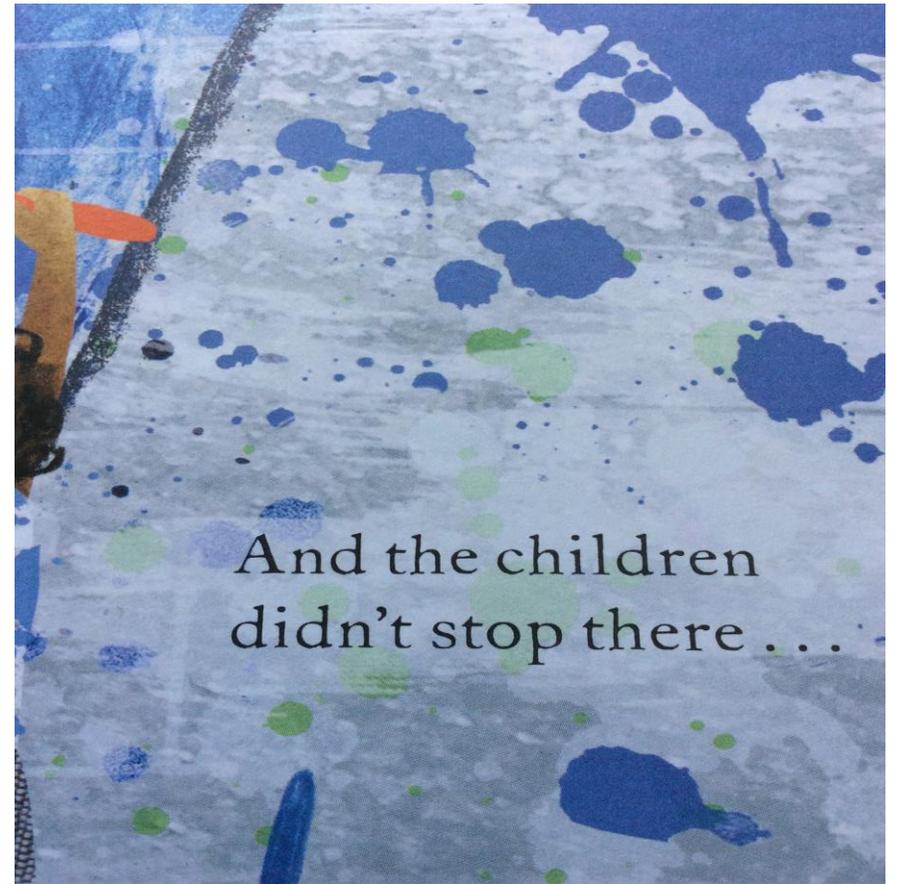


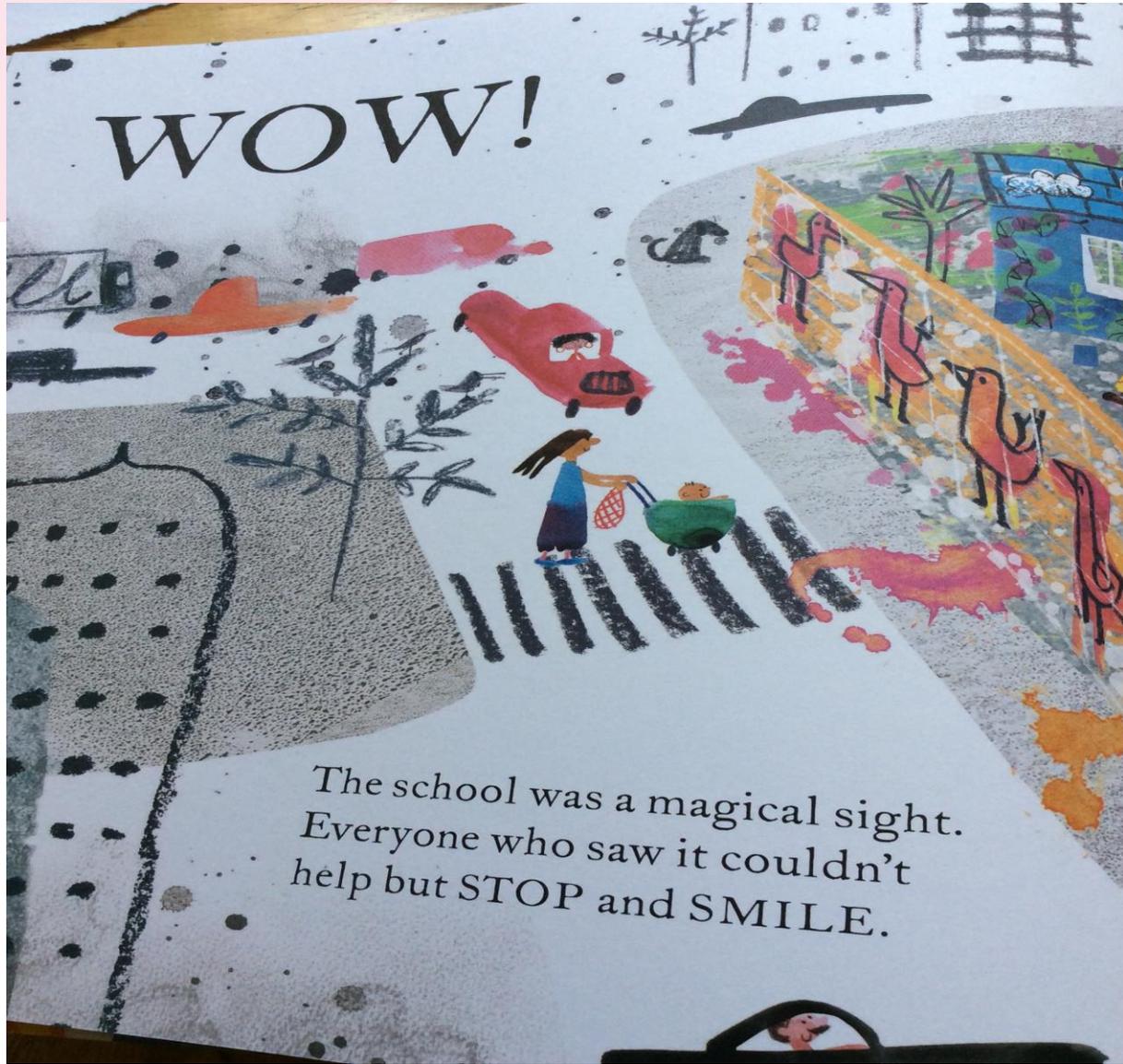
... a very ARTISTIC idea.





Matisse was filled with joy
as the children filled the wall
with colour.



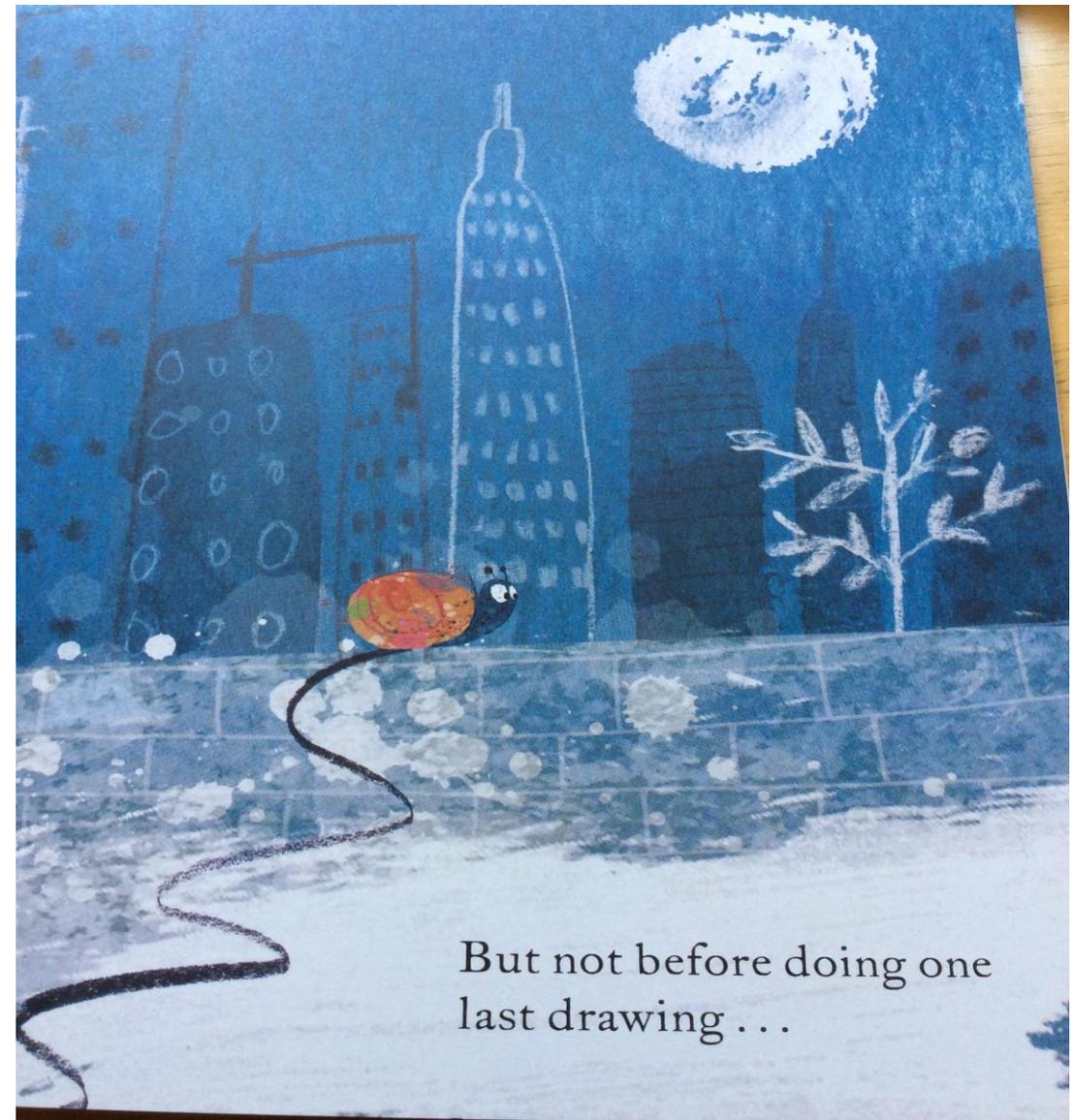
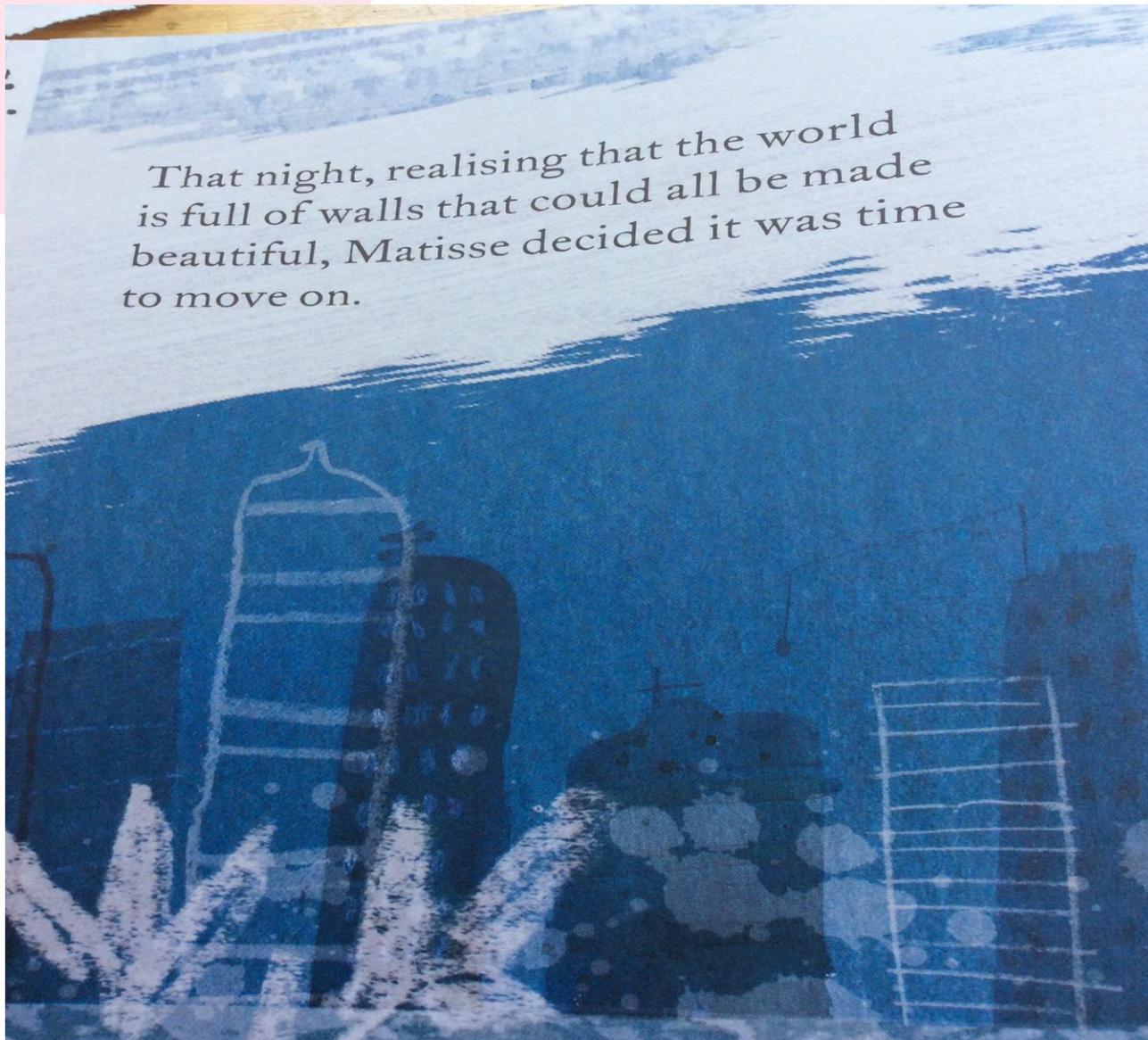


The school was a magical sight.
Everyone who saw it couldn't
help but STOP and SMILE.

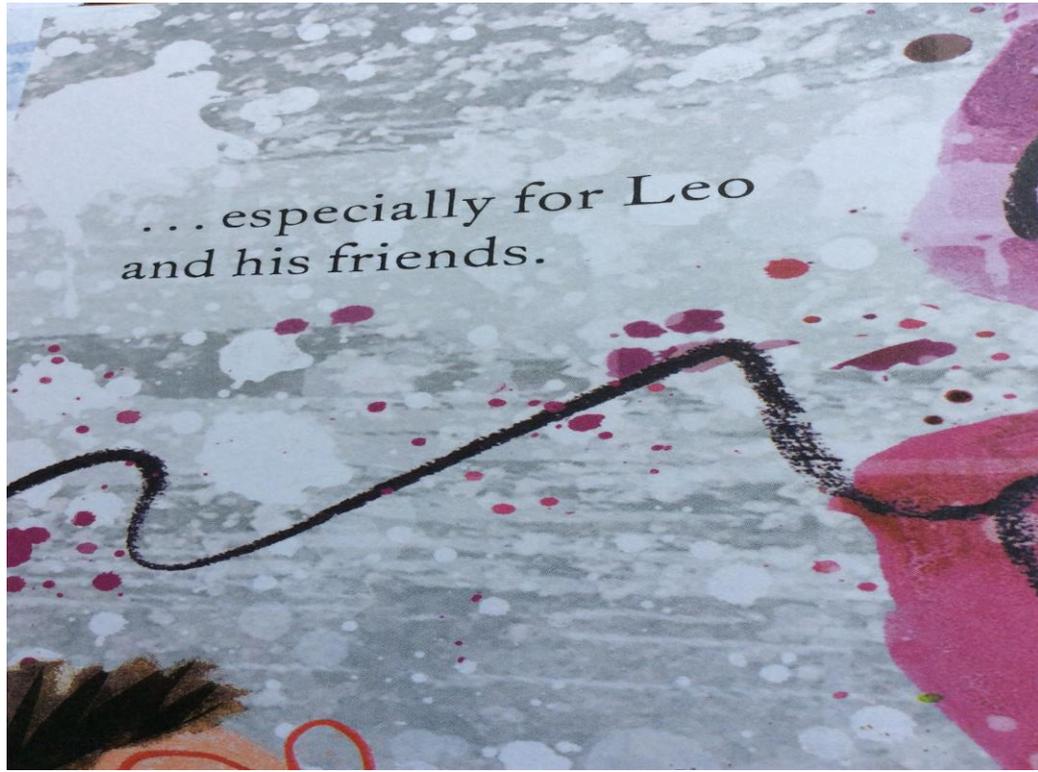


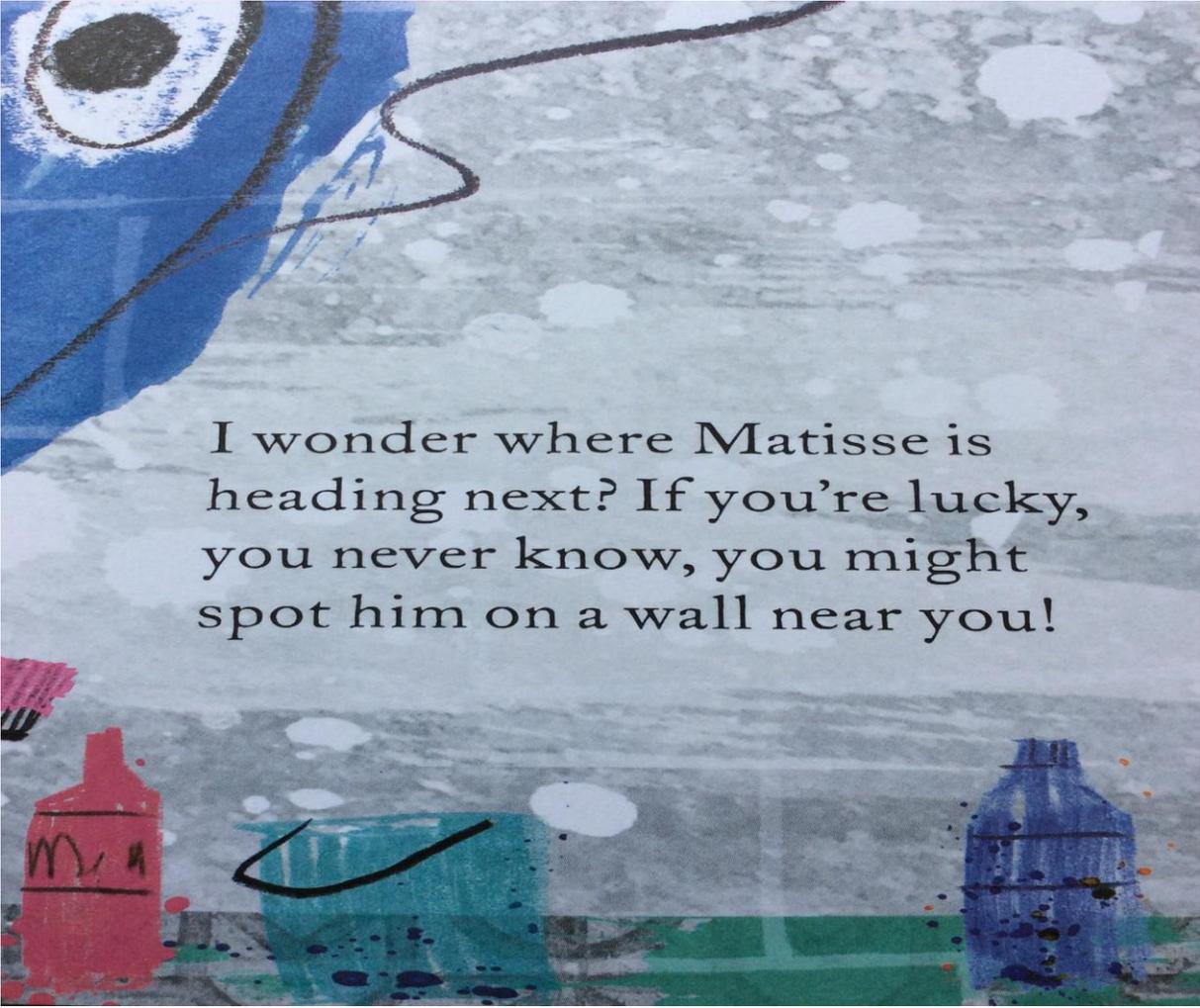
And who would have
believed that it all started
with one tiny snail?

That night, realising that the world is full of walls that could all be made beautiful, Matisse decided it was time to move on.

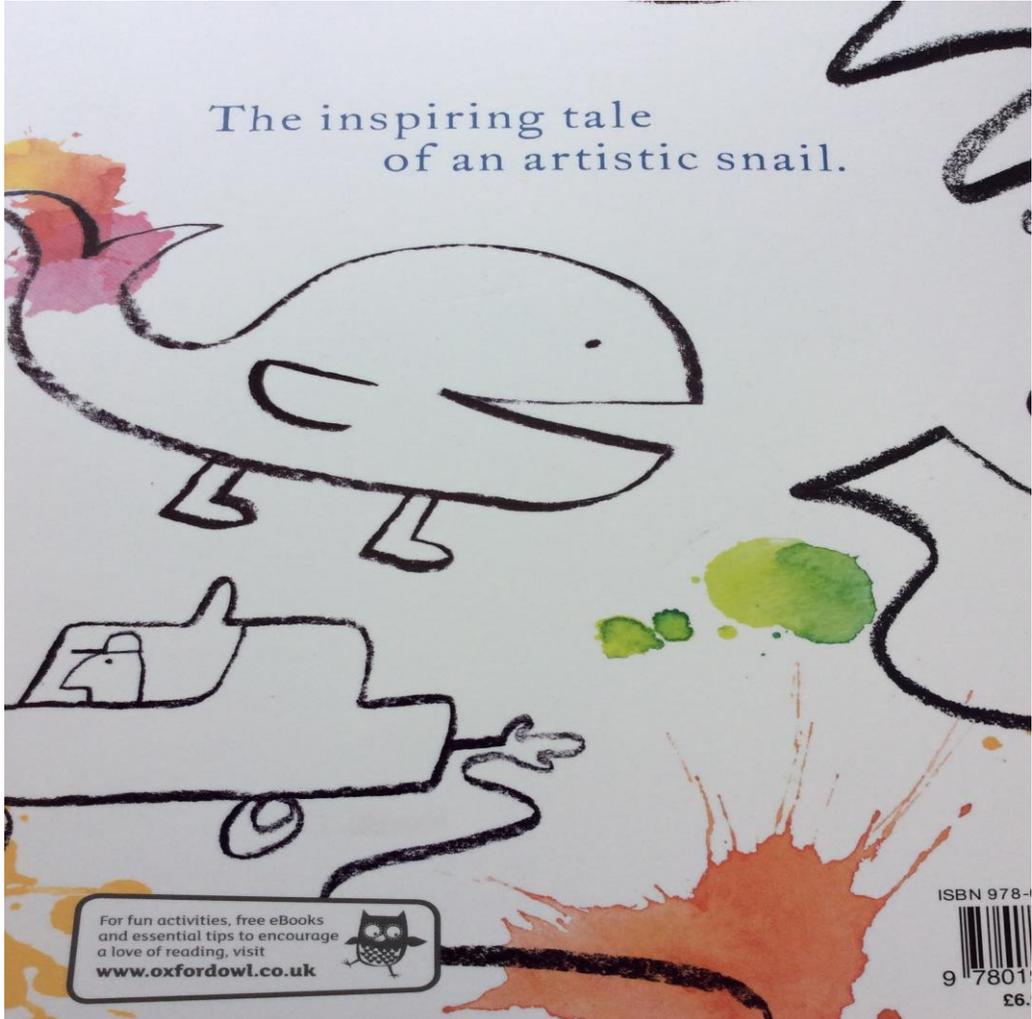


But not before doing one last drawing . . .





I wonder where Matisse is heading next? If you're lucky, you never know, you might spot him on a wall near you!



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