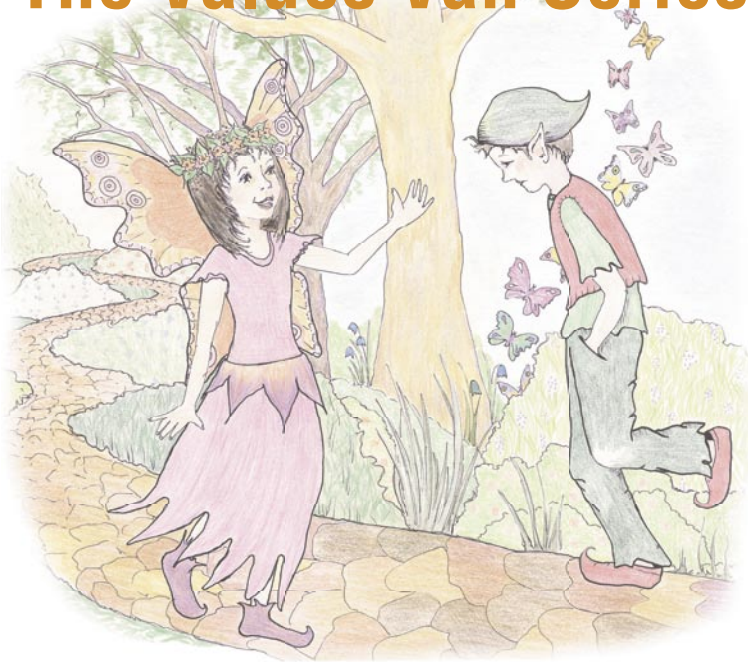


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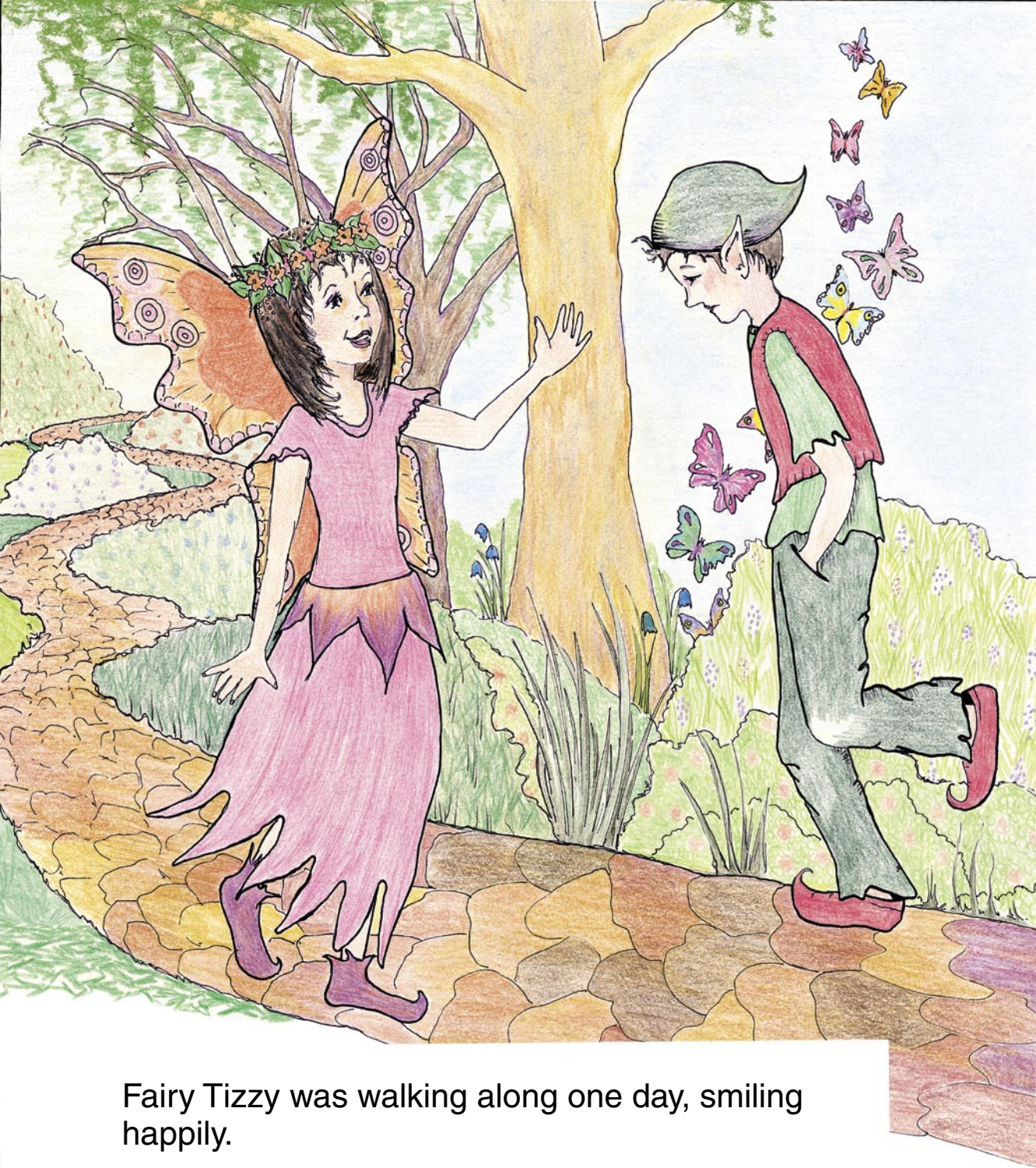
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A Note to Parents

These books have been designed for sharing, rather than as a reading exercise. The idea is for the parent to read the story with gusto, allowing the child to feel its rhythms, and to join in wherever they can.

After reading the story together in this way, have a chat about who was your favourite character and why; which part of the story you liked best; if you were worried at any point that things would not turn out well; if you liked how the story ended.

In *Tizzy and the Elf*, the value of 'doing your best' is explored. Talking about this with your child, both in relation to the story and how it applies in your lives, will be an enriching experience for you both.



Fairy Tizzy was walking along one day, smiling happily.

She came across the elf Barry. He was looking miserable.

‘What’s the matter, Barry?’ asked Tizzy.

‘I’ve tried everything,’ said Barry.

‘Tried everything for what?’ asked Tizzy.



Barry pulled out a sword, a very long, pointy sword.

‘It’s a magic sword,’ said Barry, ‘Wizard gave it to me. But it doesn’t work.’

‘A magic sword? How exciting!’ said Tizzy.

‘What does it do?’

‘Nothing,’ said Barry crossly. ‘Didn’t you hear me? I tried everything and it just doesn’t work.’



‘What did you try?’ asked Tizzy.

‘I tried cutting with it, but it isn’t sharp.’

‘No,’ said Tizzy. ‘It doesn’t look sharp. It doesn’t look as if it could cut butter.’

Barry looked miserable. ‘It couldn’t even cut jelly,’ he said.



‘But it must be good for something. What else did you try?’

‘I tried using it to dig, But it’s the wrong shape’ said Barry.

‘I can see that,’ said Tizzy. ‘It’s too long and pointy to be used for digging.’



‘But it must be good for something. What else did you try?’

‘I tried using it as a cricket bat, but it’s the wrong shape,’ said Barry.

‘I can see that,’ said Tizzy. ‘It’s too long and pointy to be used as a cricket bat.’

‘So you see,’ said Barry, ‘I’ve tried everything. Nothing works.’

‘That’s good,’ said Tizzy.

‘Good? Didn’t you hear me? I said nothing works,’ said Barry, crossly. ‘What’s good about that?’



‘My name is Tizzy Try-Hard. I know all about trying. If you try something and it doesn’t work, you try something else.’



'There is nothing else to try,' said Barry.



'There is always something else to try,' said Tizzy. 'I know. It's a magic sword, so it must need some magic words.'



'I don't know any magic words,' said Barry, looking miserable.



'I don't know any magic words either,' said Tizzy, smiling happily.

‘Then what do you look so happy about?’ asked Barry crossly.

‘I don’t know any magic words, but I know where to look,’ said Tizzy. ‘The place I go to when I want to find out anything. The library. Come on, let’s try it.’



Barry went with Tizzy to the library and they looked at the books. It was hard work.

They had two big piles of books and still no magic words.



‘I give up,’ said Barry. ‘It’s no use. We’ve tried everything.’

‘Just one more,’ said Tizzy.



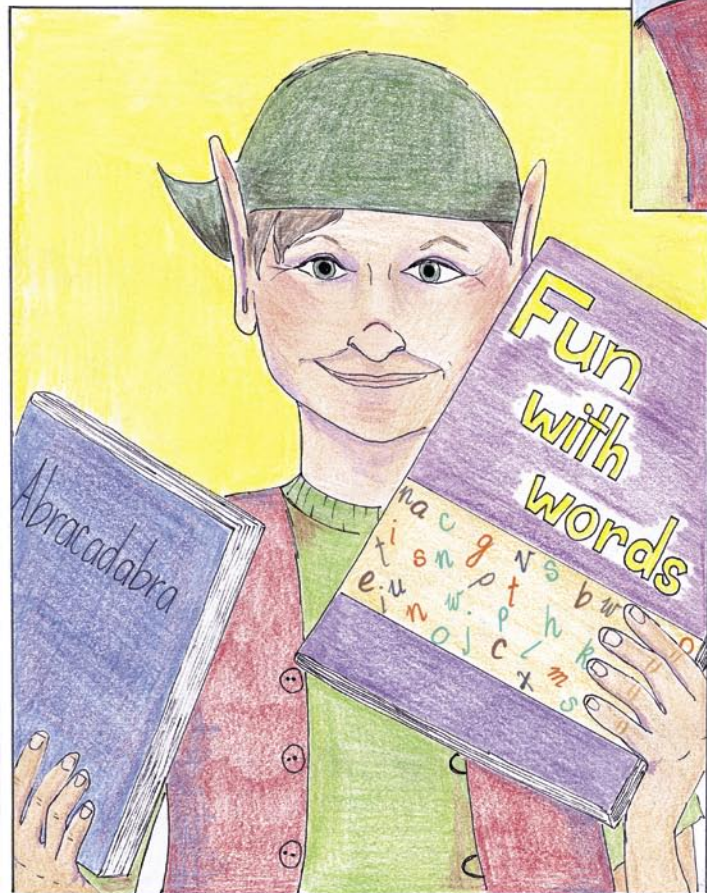
‘No, Tizzy,’ said Barry. ‘I’ve had enough. Why do you want to keep on trying? Don’t you ever give up?’

‘Look, Barry-Can’t-Be-Bothered, you have a magic sword. Not everyone gets to have a magic sword. My name is Tizzy-Try-Hard and I never give up. Now give me that book.’

Barry picked up the book. For a long time, he held it in his hands. He was thinking.

Wizard did say it was a magic sword. Maybe he did give up too easily. But, oh dear, this was hard work.

'I won't give you this book,' he started to say.



Then at last Barry smiled. 'I'll look at this one and you start on that one. We have a whole library to look at.'



abracadabra
dabra
hocus pocus
open sesame

shimshallabam
wibbly wobbly woo
alica zam
bibbly bubbly boo

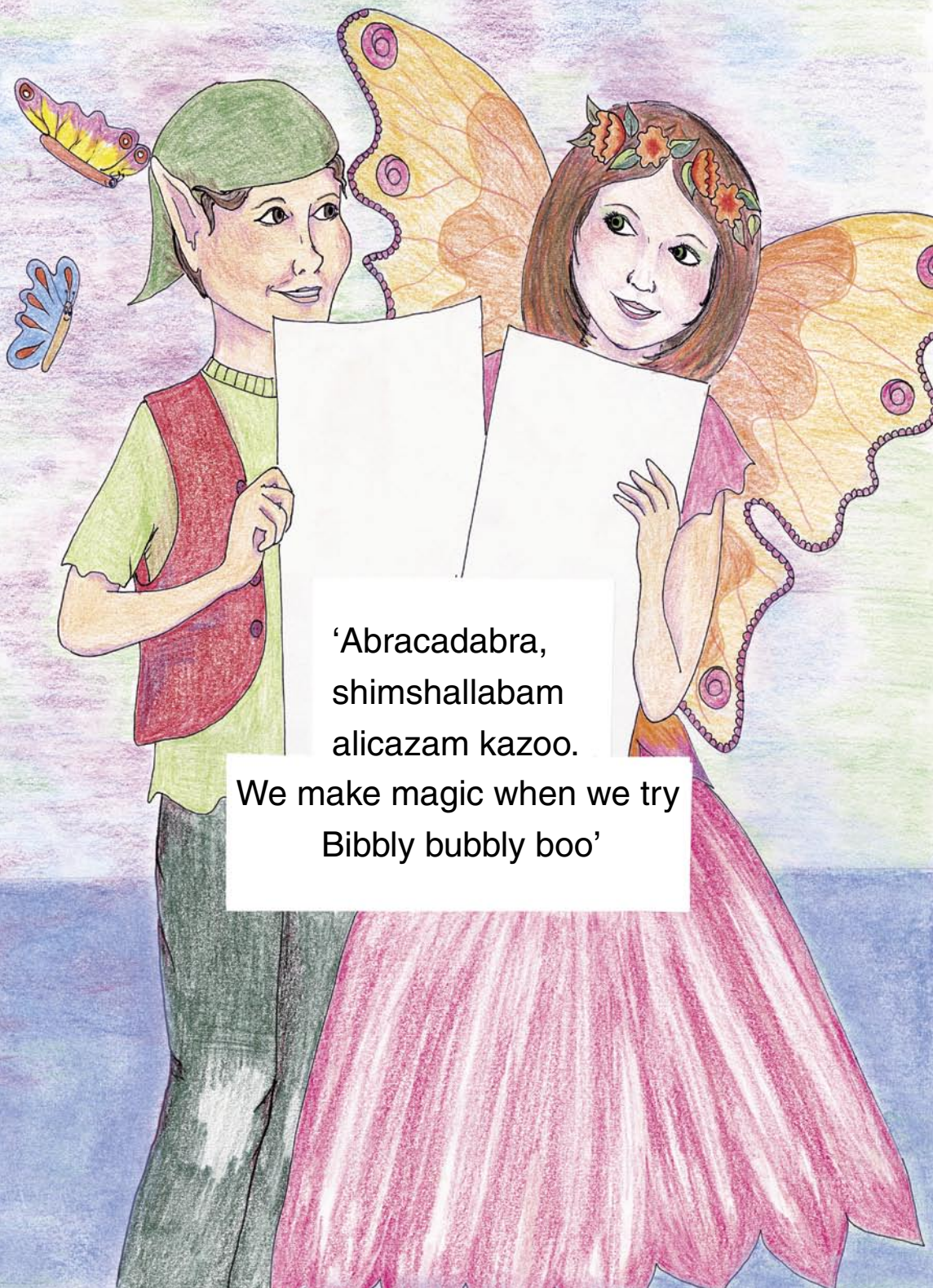
Before too long they both had a long list of words.

‘Which one will we try?’ asked Tizzy.

‘We can try all of them,’ laughed Barry. ‘If one doesn’t work, we’ll try the next one and then if that one doesn’t work, we’ll try the next one and then if...’

‘Stop!’ laughed Tizzy. ‘You’re making me dizzy!’

‘I have an even better idea,’ said Barry. ‘We can put all the magic words together.’



‘Abracadabra,
shimshallabam
alicazam kazoo.

We make magic when we try
Bibbly bubbly boo’

‘We’re onto something here,’ said Tizzy. ‘I can feel it in my fairy bones. Keep going, Barry.’

‘Every time I make a mistake I learn what not to do. So making mistakes is a really good way of making my dreams come true.’



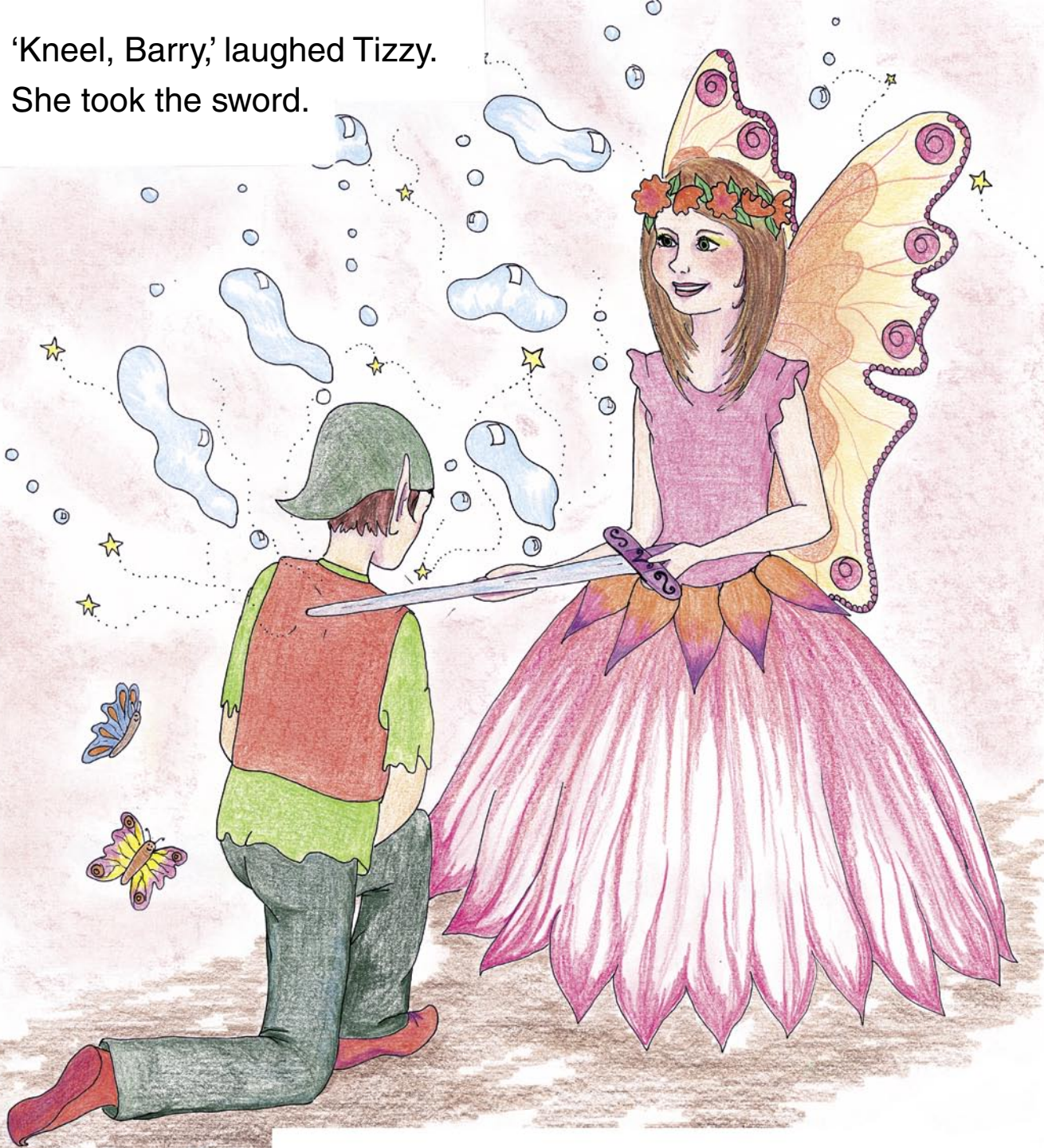
‘I can feel the magic starting to work,’ said Tizzy. ‘Keep going!’

'Wibbly wubbly
dibbly dubbly
alicazam kazoo.
We make magic when
we try
Bibbly bubbly boo'



Barry waved the sword. He waved it this way and that, saying the magic words and then suddenly, bubbles, long pointy bubbles started to come out of the sword. **'It is magic!'** he shouted.

'Kneel, Barry,' laughed Tizzy.
She took the sword.



'Barry Can't-Be-Bothered, you kept on trying and you didn't give up. I knight you
Sir Barry Bubblesword!'