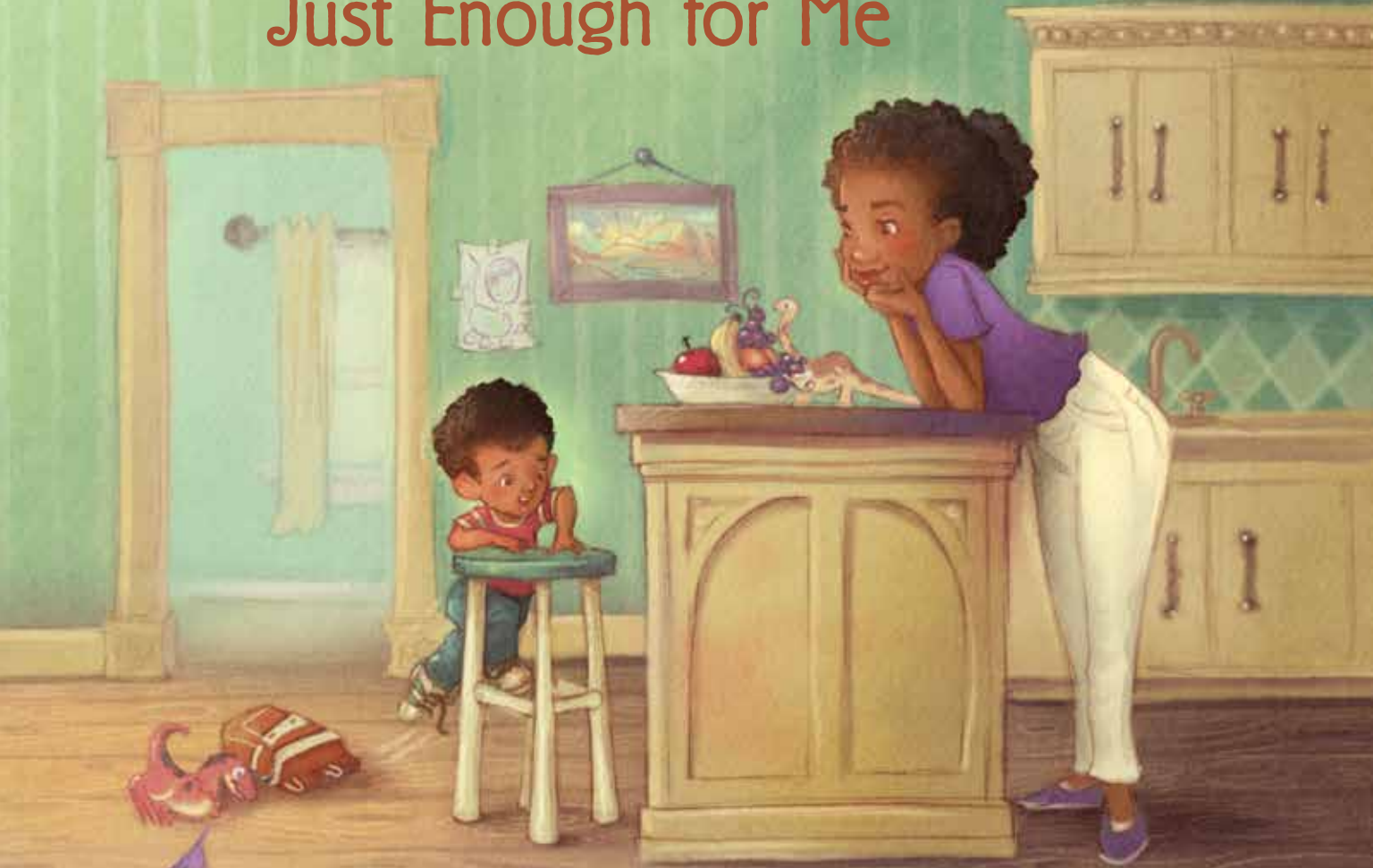


Just Enough for Me



Nathan raced into the kitchen and announced, “My first day was fun. One day of kindergarten is just enough for me!”

“Just one day of kindergarten?” asked Mom.

“Yes, one day of kindergarten is just enough for me,” said Nathan.

“Why don’t you give it another day,” she said, giving him a hug.

“OK, but just one more day. Two days of kindergarten are just enough for me!” said Nathan.

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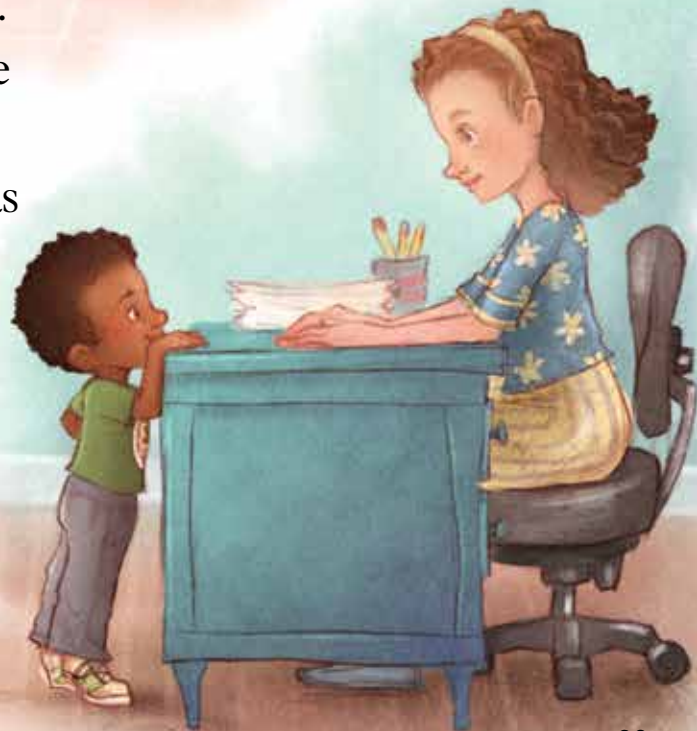
The next day, Nathan arrived at school and sat next to Katie. He took a bright red crayon out of the box they were sharing and began coloring his dinosaur.

Katie looked up and said, “I thought you weren’t coming back.”

Nathan smiled and said, “Oh, this is my last day. Two days of kindergarten are just enough for me!”

Nathan’s teacher, Mrs. Bella, called the children to the rug to sing “Old MacDonald Had a Farm.” Nathan held the duck puppet as he sang, “With a *quack, quack* here and a *quack, quack* there.” He grinned as he quacked the quackiest *quacks* he had ever made.

“That was fun, Mrs. Bella!” said Nathan. “I’ll miss you after today. Two days of kindergarten are just enough for me!”





Mrs. Bella smiled. “Nathan, we’re going to the library tomorrow. I think you’ll find a great book. They might even have one about dinosaurs. I hope you’ll join us for just one more day.”

“OK, but just one more day. Three days of kindergarten are just enough for me!” said Nathan.

The next morning, Nathan said, “Thanks for packing my lunch, Mom, but I won’t need one for school tomorrow. Three days of kindergarten are just enough for me!”

Mom smiled and said, “OK. Have a great third day of kindergarten!”

Nathan was glad he’d get a book on this third day of kindergarten. It seemed like a fun thing to do on his last day.



“Nathan, I hear you like dinosaurs,” said Mrs. Kelly, the school librarian. “We have lots of great dinosaur books. You can take any book you like, but you must return it next week.”

Nathan thought, If I have to return my dinosaur book next week, how can this be my last day of kindergarten?

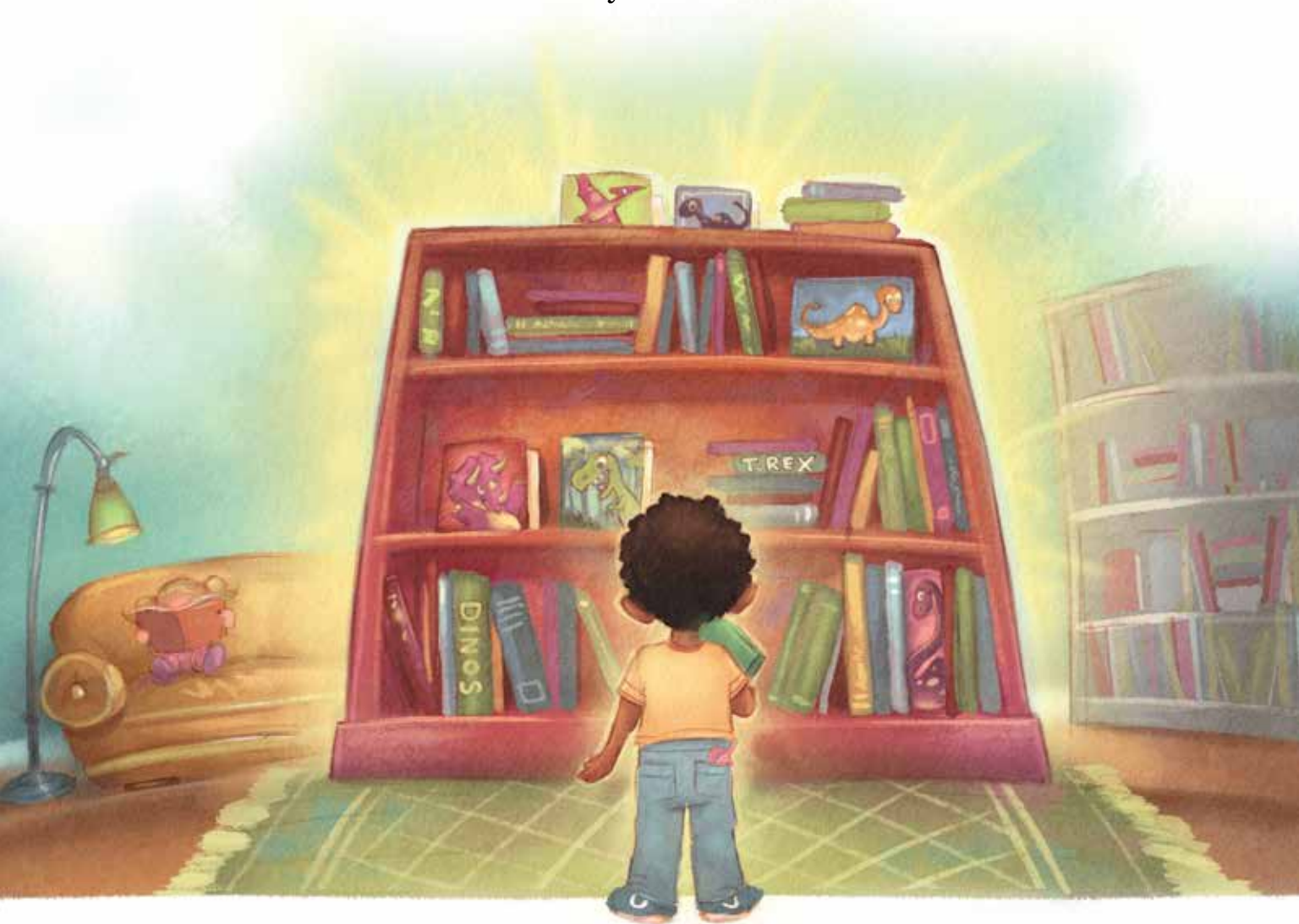
Nathan said, “OK, next week will be my last week of kindergarten—right after I return my dinosaur book. I can do one more week of kindergarten, and that’s just enough for me!”



The next week, Nathan returned his book. While he was dropping it off, he saw a whole shelf full of dinosaur books. There were books about triceratops and stegosaurus and even T. rex, his absolute favorite!

Nathan thought, If this is my last week of kindergarten, then how can I get a new dinosaur book from the library today and return it next week?

“Mrs. Kelly, how many dinosaur books do you have in this library?” asked Nathan.





“Well, let’s see,” said Mrs. Kelly as she and Nathan counted the books. “It looks like we have just enough dinosaur books for each week of the whole school year!”

Nathan thought, If I come to school next week, I’ll get a new dinosaur book. And the next week I’ll get another one, and another one, and . . .

Nathan said, “I guess I’ll come to kindergarten next week, and the next week, and the next—just until I read all the dinosaur books. That will be just enough for me!” 🐞