

# MY HALF DAY

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Illustrations by  
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The award-winning team of One Odd Day has done it again with My Even Day and My Half Day.

**The One Odd Day** (odd numbers) and **My Even Day** (even numbers) wacky fun continues as a young boy awakens to find a half-head of hair. After chugging down a glass of milk that's two-thirds goopy paste, he and his friend are off to camp for a day of fraction fun and an out-of-this world soccer game. The first two books in the series won one of Learning Magazine's 2008 Teachers' Choice Awards for Children's Books. The imaginative illustrations are sure to please young readers as they scour the pages for countless oddities hidden in the art!

It's so much more than a picture book . . . this book is specifically designed to be both a fun-to-read story and a launch pad for discussions and learning. Whether read at home or in a classroom, we encourage adults to do the activities with the young children in their lives. Free online resources and support at [www.ArbordalePublishing.com](http://www.ArbordalePublishing.com) include:

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  - We use fractions all the time
  - Measuring and fractions in recipes
  - Match the fraction to the picture activity
  - A pizza party!
- Teaching Activities:
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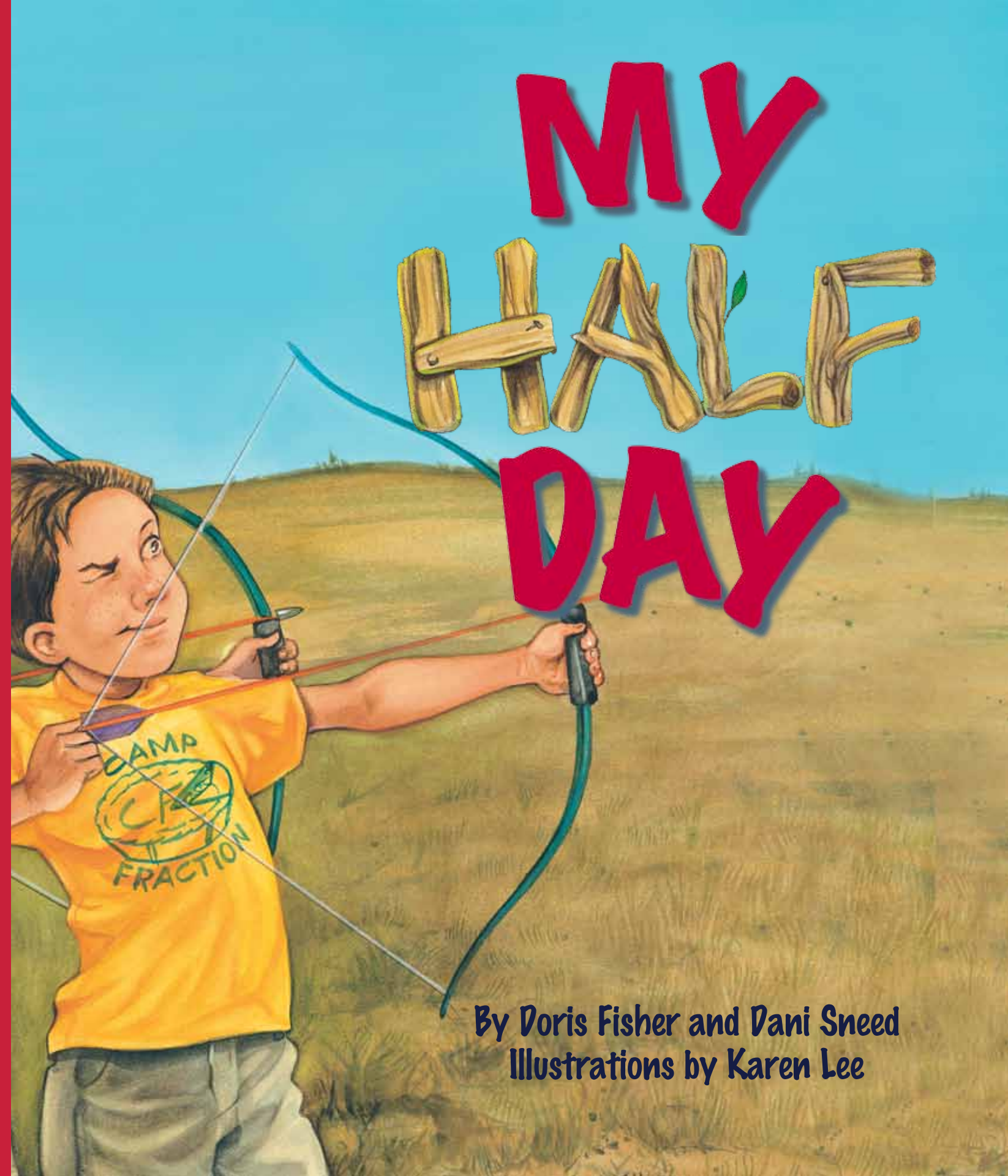
Doris Fisher loves writing in verse. In addition to co-authoring the award-winning series of One Odd Day, My Even Day, and One Half Day, Doris is the author of Happy Birthday to Whooo? A Baby Animal Riddle Book, also an award winner. A member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, her children's writing includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry, word puzzles, and mazes. Doris and her husband live in the Houston, Texas area.



Dani Sneed is a mother of three, full-time engineer, part-time writer, and former substitute teacher. While teaching, Dani enjoyed explaining math in silly, but memorable, ways. Oddly enough, she was inspired to co-author this math series based on a conversation she had with an elementary school librarian. Dani lives in the suburbs of Houston with her family which includes a dog, Muffin, and a cat, Cupcake.




Karen Lee has quite a humorous imagination, and it shows in this math series—the illustrations are full of hidden items that children will love to find. Karen has also written and illustrated the award-winning ABC Safari and is also the recipient of the 2004 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award for Illustration for her work in Highlights For Children. She and her husband, also an illustrator, raise their family outside of Raleigh, NC.



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To the Lewis family: Audrey, Philip, Alex, Lauren,  
and Becky—DF  
To my mother and soul mate, Nell Matthews, for  
her never-ending encouragement—DS  
For Tim, my other half—KL



$\frac{1}{2}$

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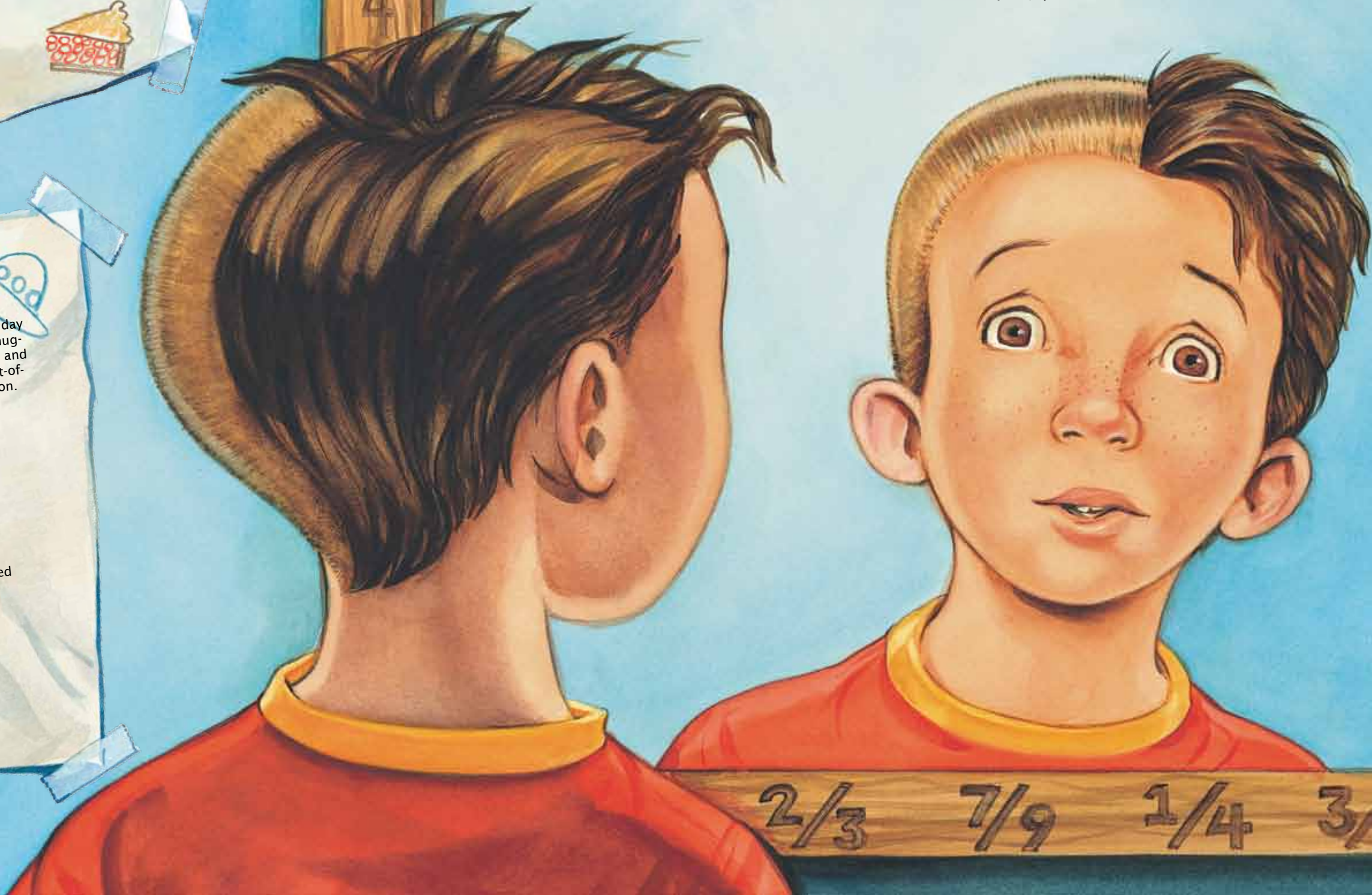
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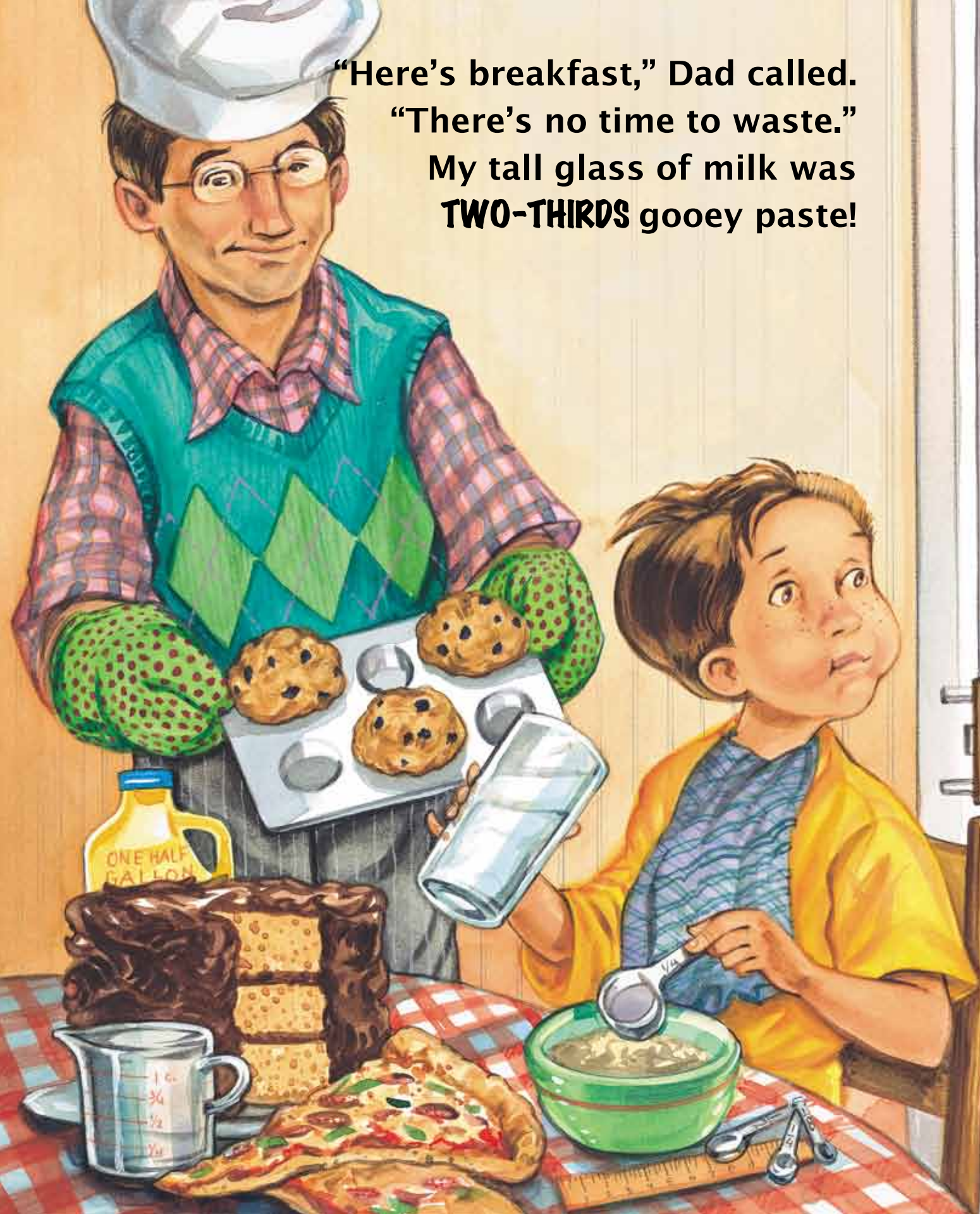
I looked in the mirror.  
My hair was a buzz.  
**ONE- HALF** was still long,  
and the other **HALF** fuzz!

$\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\frac{3}{4}$

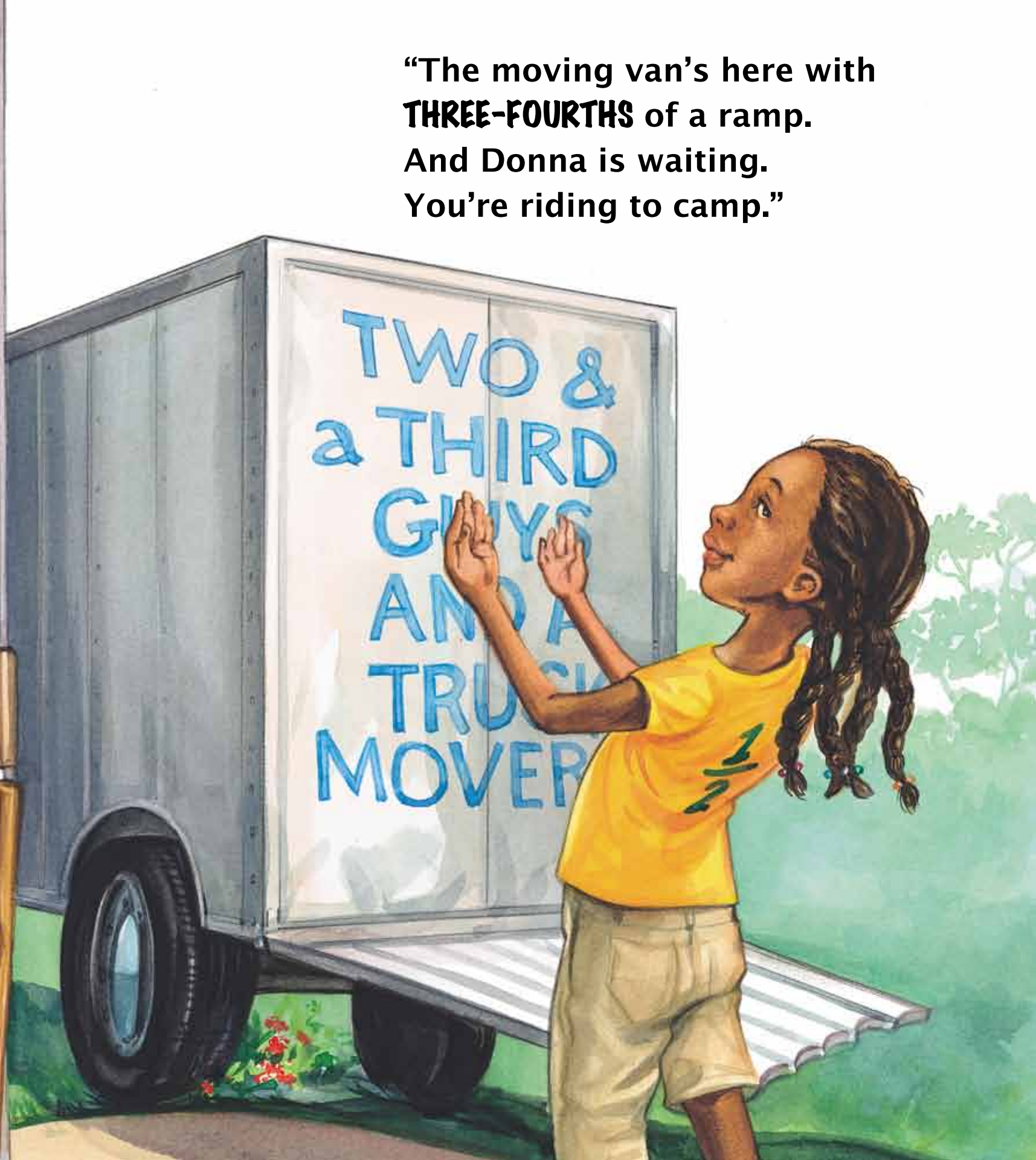
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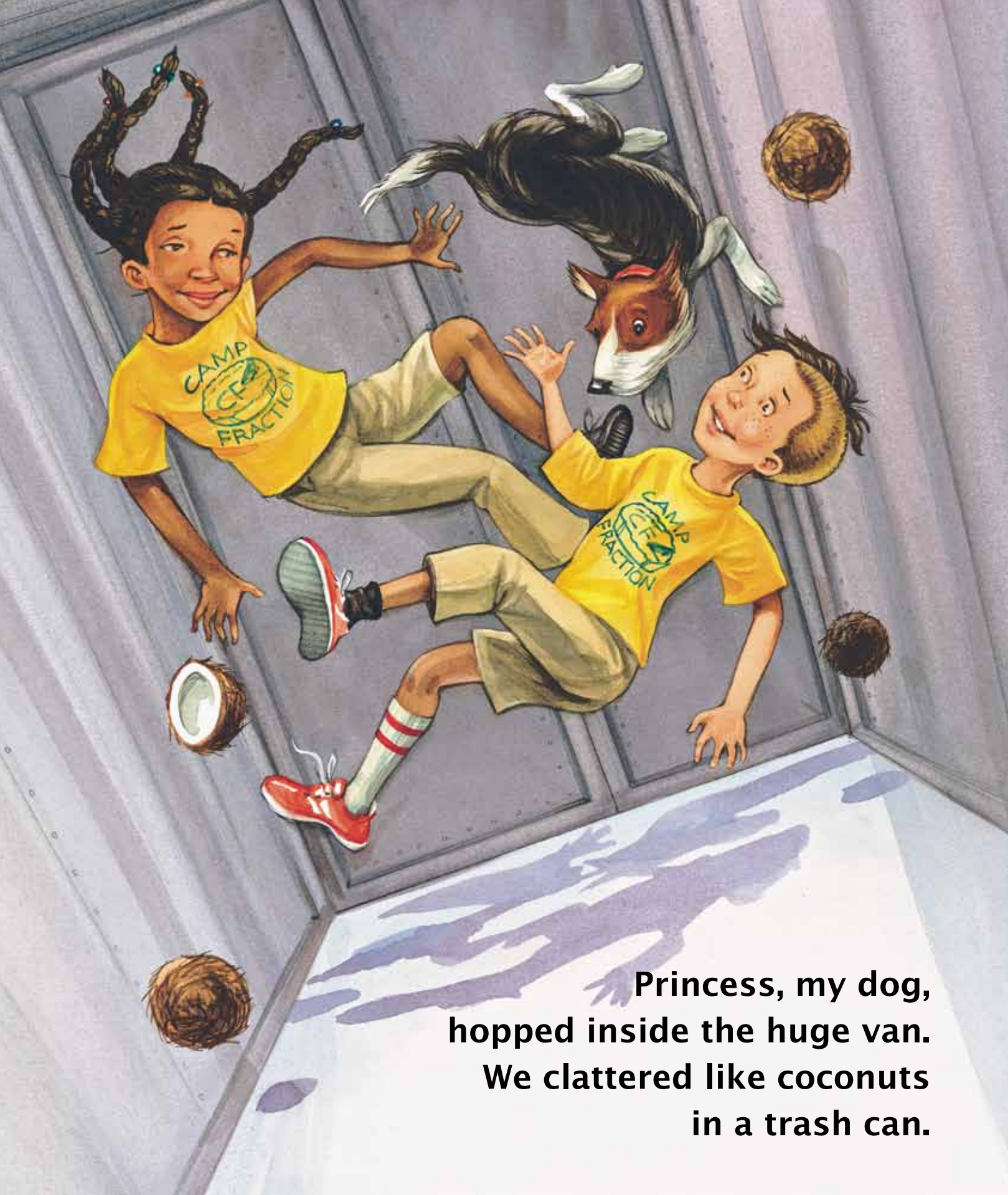


“Here’s breakfast,” Dad called.  
“There’s no time to waste.”  
My tall glass of milk was  
**TWO-THIRDS** gooey paste!



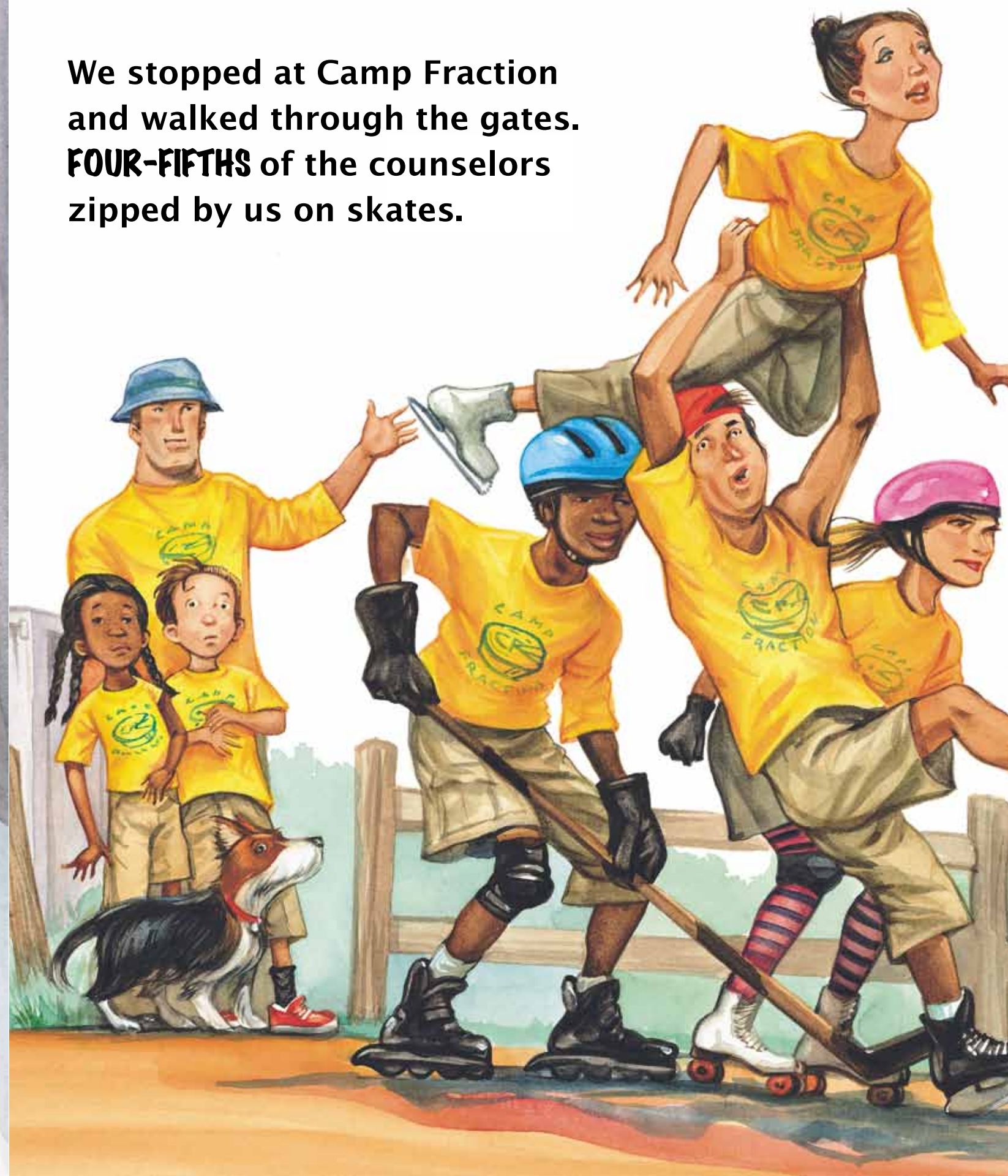
“The moving van’s here with  
**THREE-FOURTHS** of a ramp.  
And Donna is waiting.  
You’re riding to camp.”

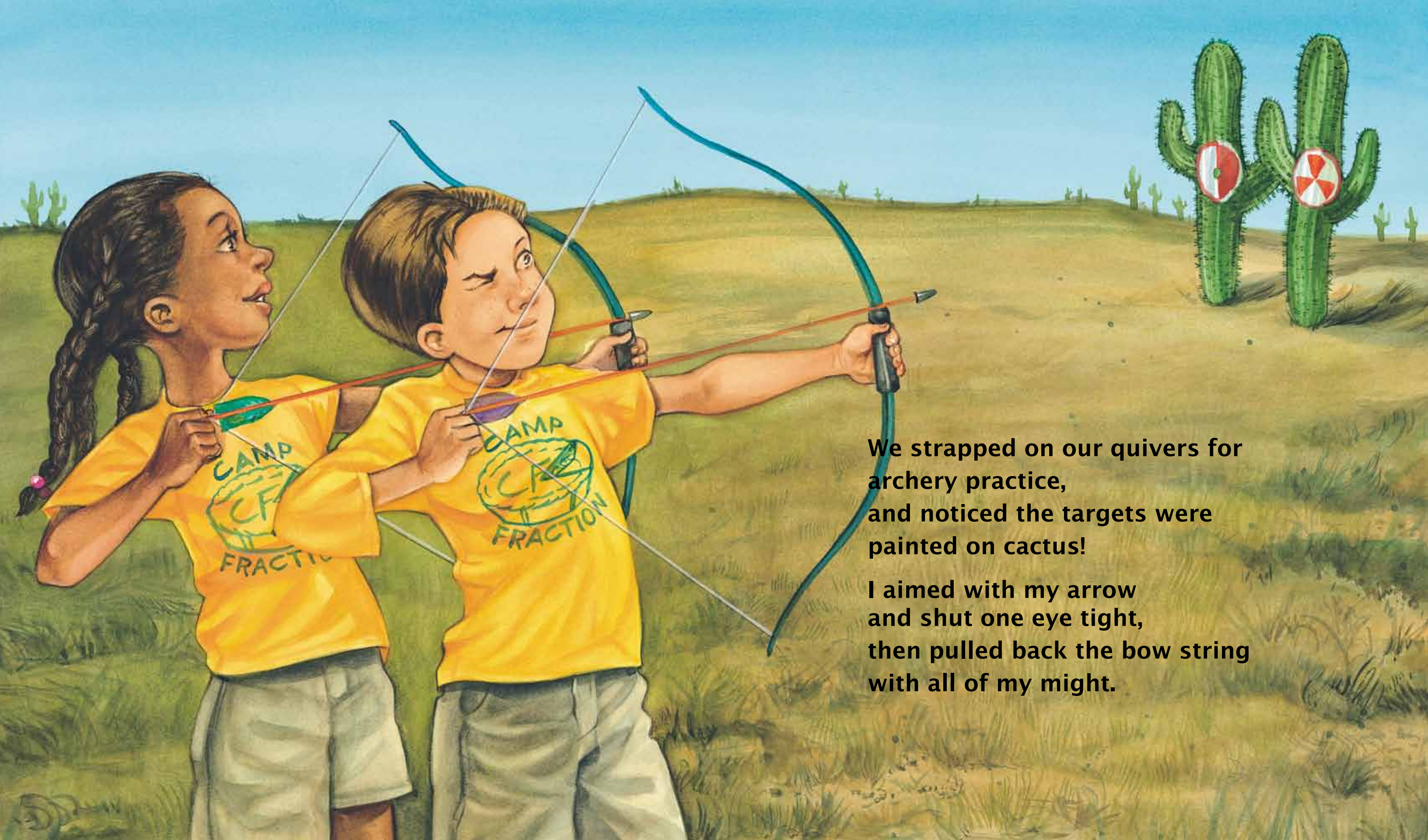




Princess, my dog,  
hopped inside the huge van.  
We clattered like coconuts  
in a trash can.

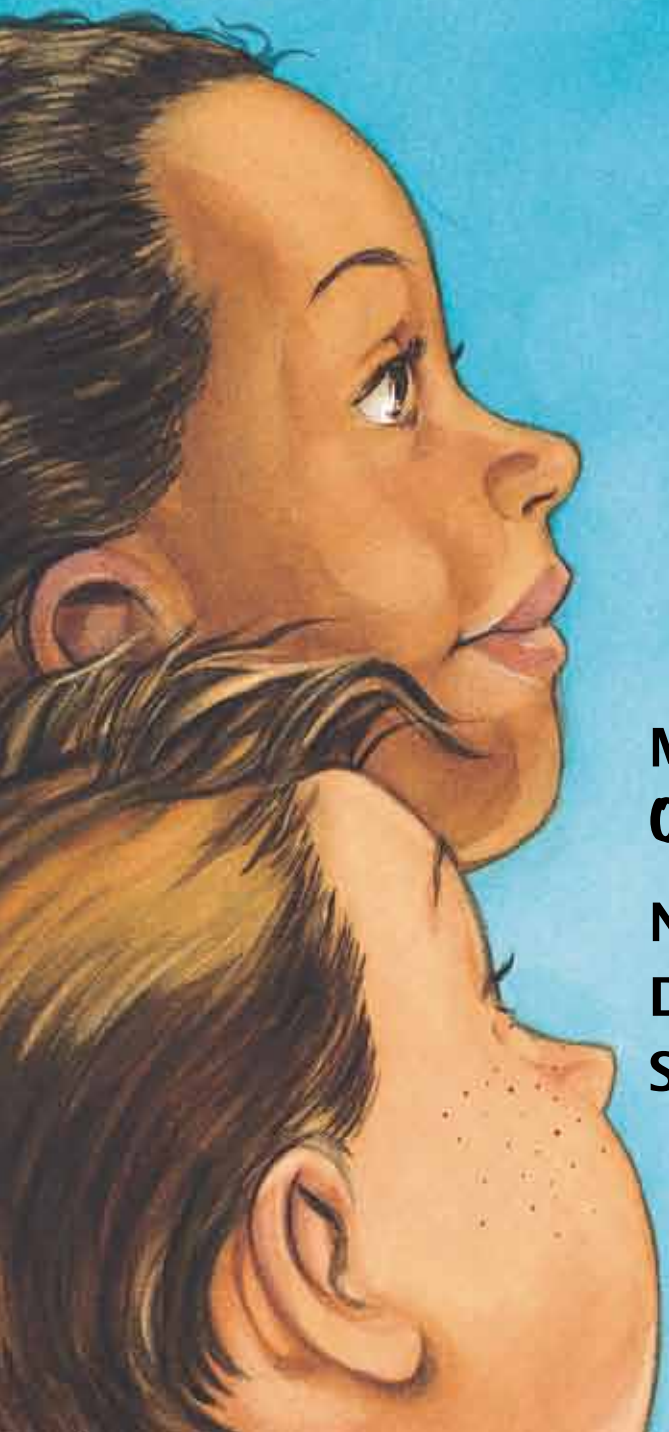
We stopped at Camp Fraction  
and walked through the gates.  
**FOUR-FIFTHS** of the counselors  
zipped by us on skates.



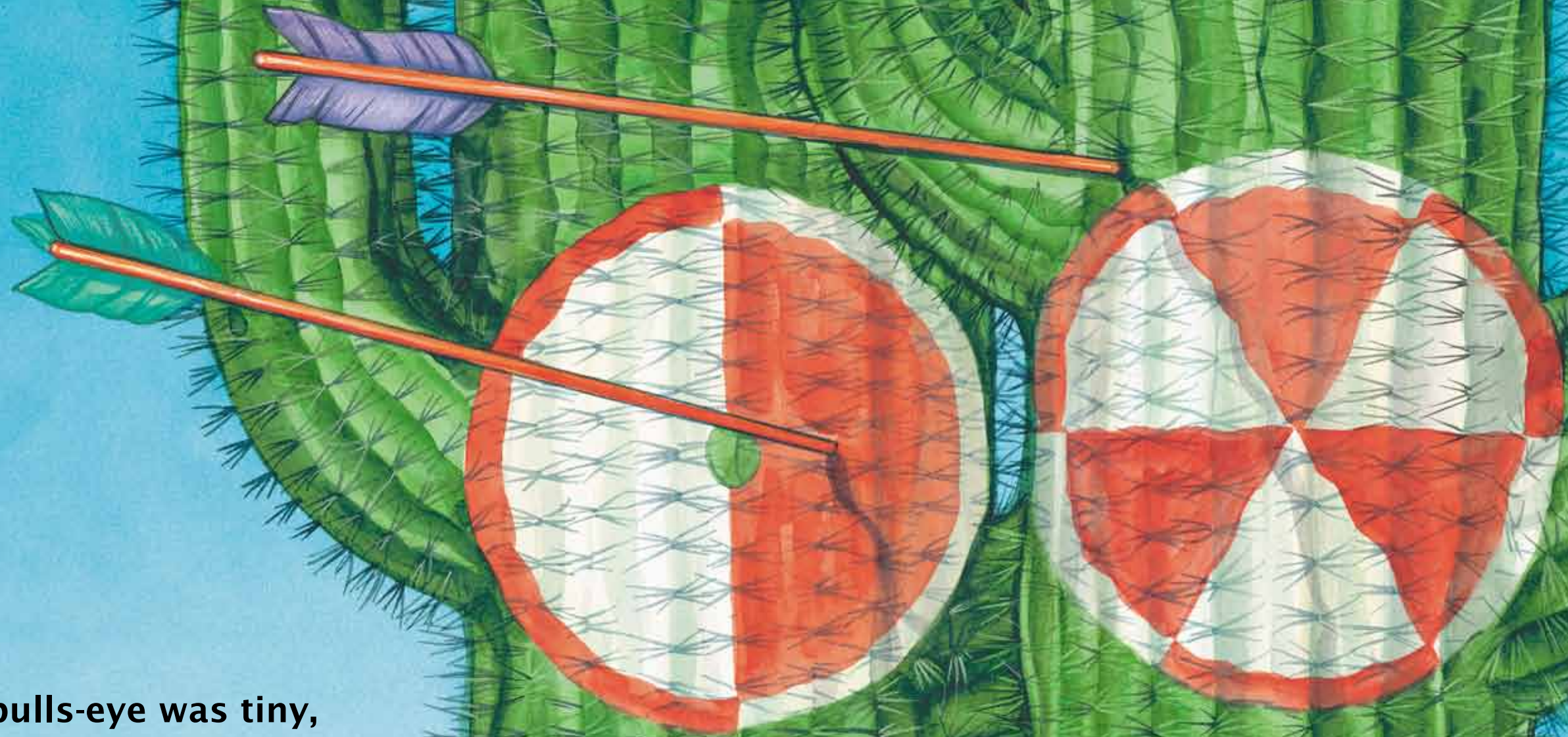


**We strapped on our quivers for archery practice, and noticed the targets were painted on cactus!**

**I aimed with my arrow and shut one eye tight, then pulled back the bow string with all of my might.**



My bulls-eye was tiny,  
**ONE-SIXTH** of a spot.  
No fair!  
Donna's was **ONE-HALF**.  
She launched the best shot.



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### We use fractions all the time

You might break a cookie in **half** to share with a friend.

Football and soccer games are played in **quarters**.

If you sleep for eight hours, you sleep away **one third** of the day.

A **quarter** is worth  $\frac{1}{4}$  or one quarter of the value of a dollar.

Your mom or dad may stop to get gas when the fuel gauge is  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Each time you cut food into smaller pieces, you are cutting it into **fractions**.

*Can you think of other common fractions that you use daily?*

### Measuring and fractions in recipes

One of the most common measures when cooking is "one cup." A recipe might ask for 1 cup of water or flour, but then again, it might ask for  $\frac{3}{4}$  (.75) or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  (1.5) cups of flour.

- What you need for this activity:
- A complete set of measuring cups
- Raw rice (easier to clean up than flour)
- A large bowl or pot over which to measure to catch "spillage"

Using the rice and the various measuring tools, answer the following questions. Try to guess the answer before "testing" it by pouring the smaller cup amount into a larger cup.

If you use the  $\frac{1}{4}$  (.25) cup, how many times would you need to fill it to equal one cup?

If you use the  $\frac{1}{2}$  (.5) cup, how many times would you need to fill it to equal one cup?

Do you see a pattern?

If you had a  $\frac{1}{3}$  (.33) cup measure, how many times do you think you would have to fill it to equal 1 cup? What about  $\frac{1}{5}$  (.20) cup?

Which measuring cups would you use to measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of something?

If you used only  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup measuring cups to get the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups, how many times would you fill it?

If you used only the  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup measuring cups to get the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups, how many times would you fill it?

### Match the fraction to the picture



Which fraction shows how many muffins are present?

1. \_\_\_\_\_



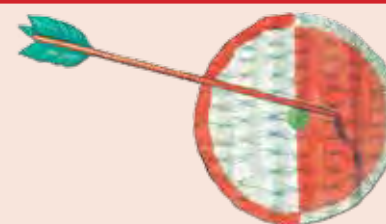
What is the fraction missing from the lily pad?

2. \_\_\_\_\_



What fraction of the cake is strawberry flavored?

3. \_\_\_\_\_



What fraction of the target is the red side?

4. \_\_\_\_\_



Which fraction shows how much of the lily pad is present?

5. \_\_\_\_\_

a.

$\frac{2}{3}$  OR  
.66

b.

$\frac{1}{3}$  OR  
.33

c.

$\frac{1}{2}$  OR  
.5

d.

$\frac{1}{4}$  OR  
.25

e.

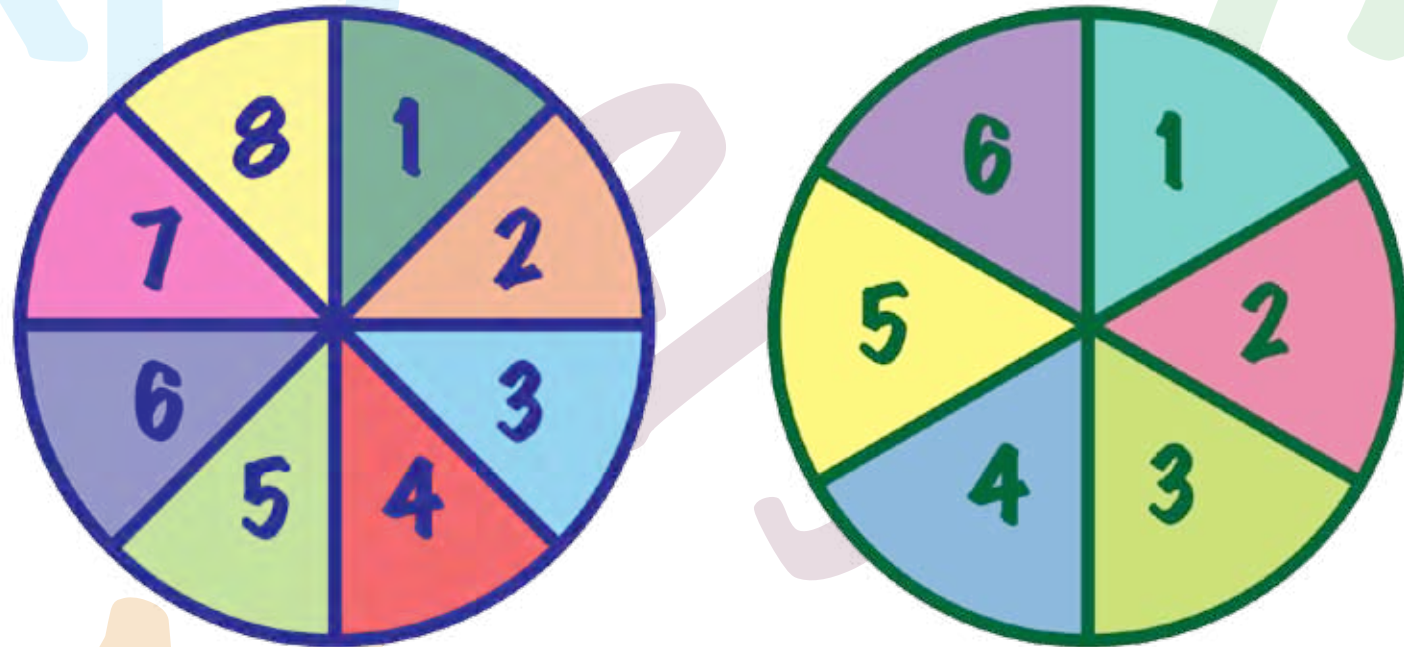
$\frac{3}{4}$  OR  
.75

answers: 1.e, 2.d, 3.b, 4.c, 5.a



## A Pizza Party!

You will need two uncut pizzas. Using a pizza wheel, cut one pizza into eight pieces and cut the other pizza into six pieces.



If you are hungry, would you prefer a slice from the one divided into six ( $\frac{1}{6}$  or **.166**) or eight ( $\frac{1}{8}$  or **.125**)? Why?

Would you prefer two slices of the eight ( $\frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$  or **.25**) or one of the six ( $\frac{1}{6}$  or **.166**)? Why?

If you are REALLY hungry, would you prefer four slices of the eight ( $\frac{4}{8}$ ) or three of the six ( $\frac{3}{6}$ )? Why or why not? Is there an easier way to say those fractions? What is the decimal equivalent?

**EAT AND ENJOY YOUR PIZZA – WHATEVER FRACTION SIZE YOU HAVE!**

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