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*On top of a hill*, in a secret magical place  
not far from here, live *Poppy* and her friends.

There's *Dandy* and *Bluebell*

and sweet little *Buttercup*.

Together they smile sunshine into the  
darkest corners and greyest shadows.



*One morning,* Poppy woke up with a strange tingling feeling. It fluttered in her tummy and shivered the tips of her petals.

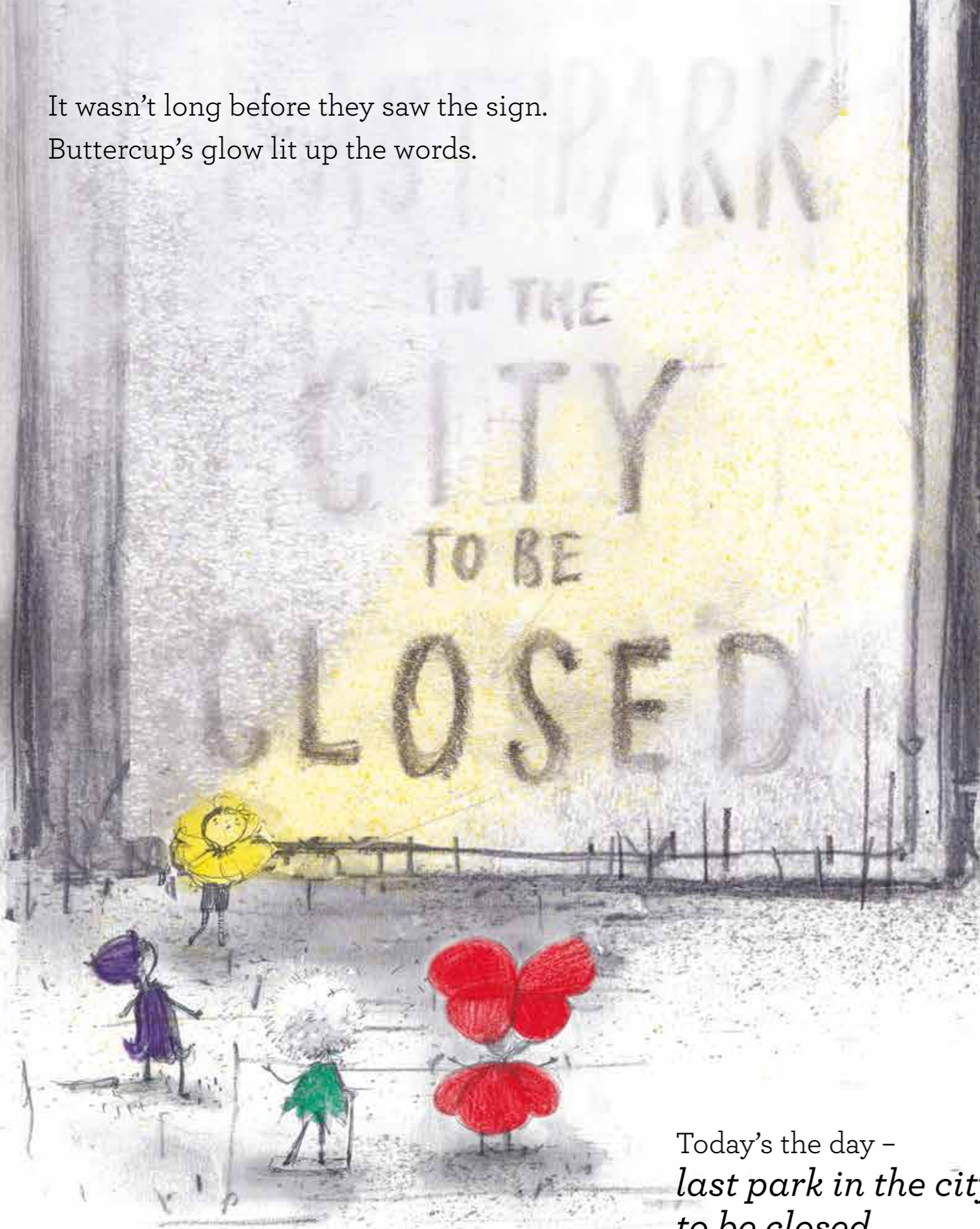


*'Blooms,'* she said. 'We have to go into the city. I don't know why, but I know we have to go.'

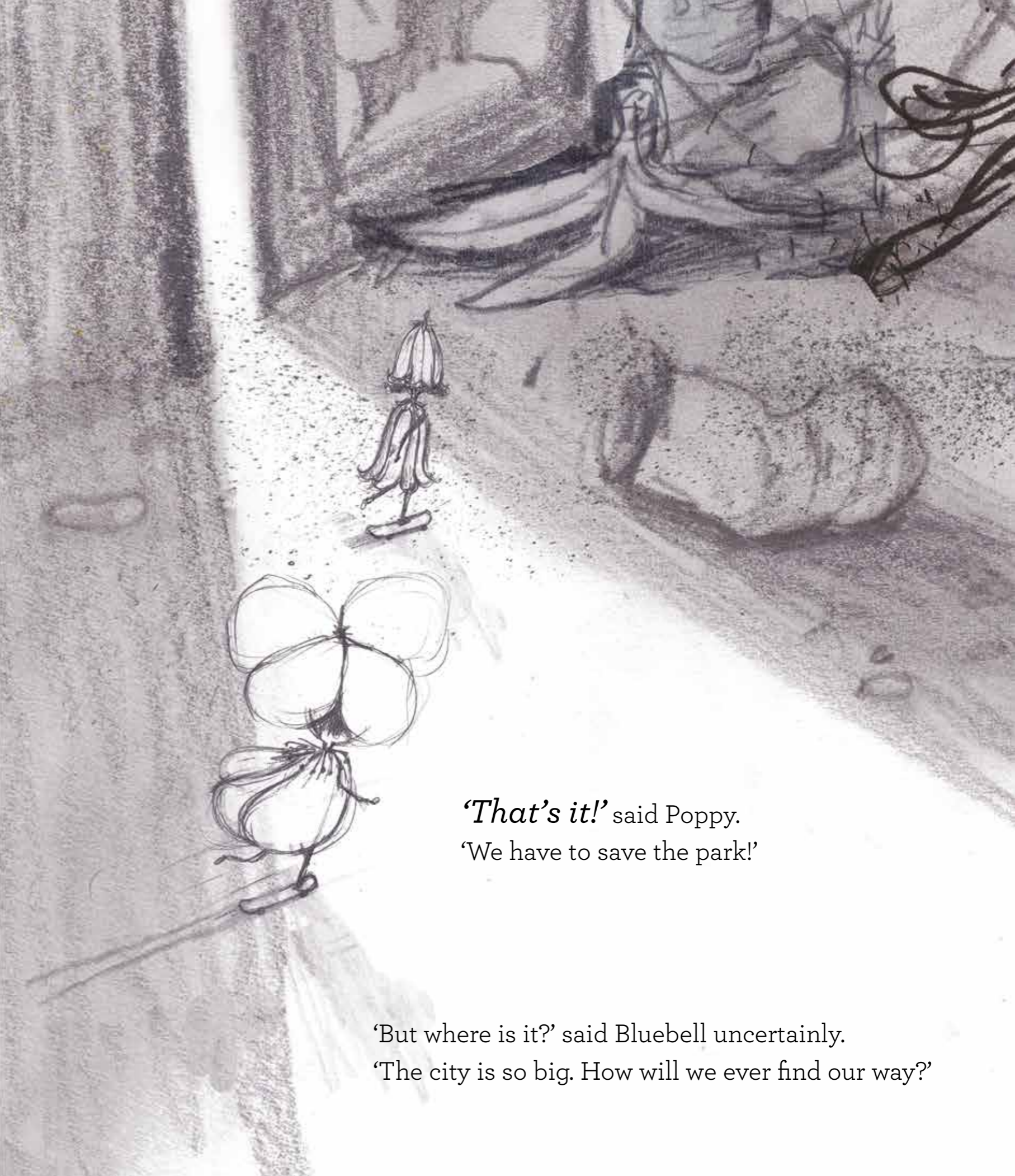
So together *Poppy* and *Dandy* and *Bluebell* and *Buttercup* bravely set off into the towering shade of the big city streets.



It wasn't long before they saw the sign.  
Buttercup's glow lit up the words.



Today's the day -  
*last park in the city  
to be closed.*



*'That's it!'* said Poppy.  
'We have to save the park!'

'But where is it?' said Bluebell uncertainly.  
'The city is so big. How will we ever find our way?'