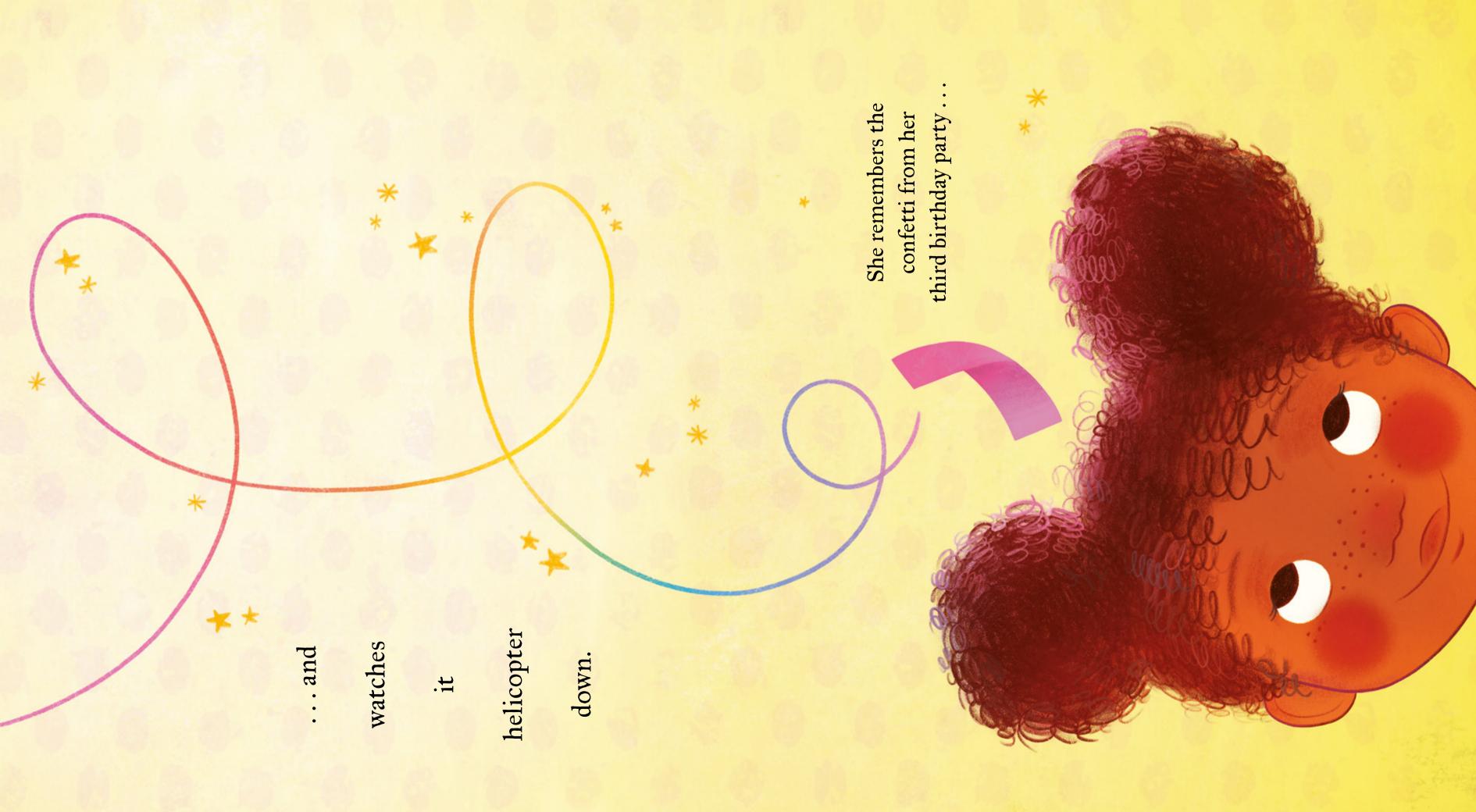


Arianna discovers a piece of pink confetti under the sofa.



It's a small rectangle made out of paper. She throws it up into the air . . .



She remembers the balloons, the cake and the candles.

One . . . two . . . three . . .

She remembers her family all singing, "Happy birthday to you."

Sometimes Arianna gets called Ari. It's her name but smaller.



Uncle takes Ari to a parade in the summer called Pride. There are thousands of people out in the streets, where cars would usually be. There is music and dancing, balloons and confetti.



Uncle gives Ari a rainbow flag to hold. He tells her all the colours: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. \*

Uncle puts Ari up on his shoulders. Smiling people wave at Ari. Ari waves the rainbow flag.

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