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Opening extract from
**We Are Wearing Out
The Naughty Step**

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‘DON’T!’

Our dog thinks that its name is Don’t! That’s what mummy is always saying to him.

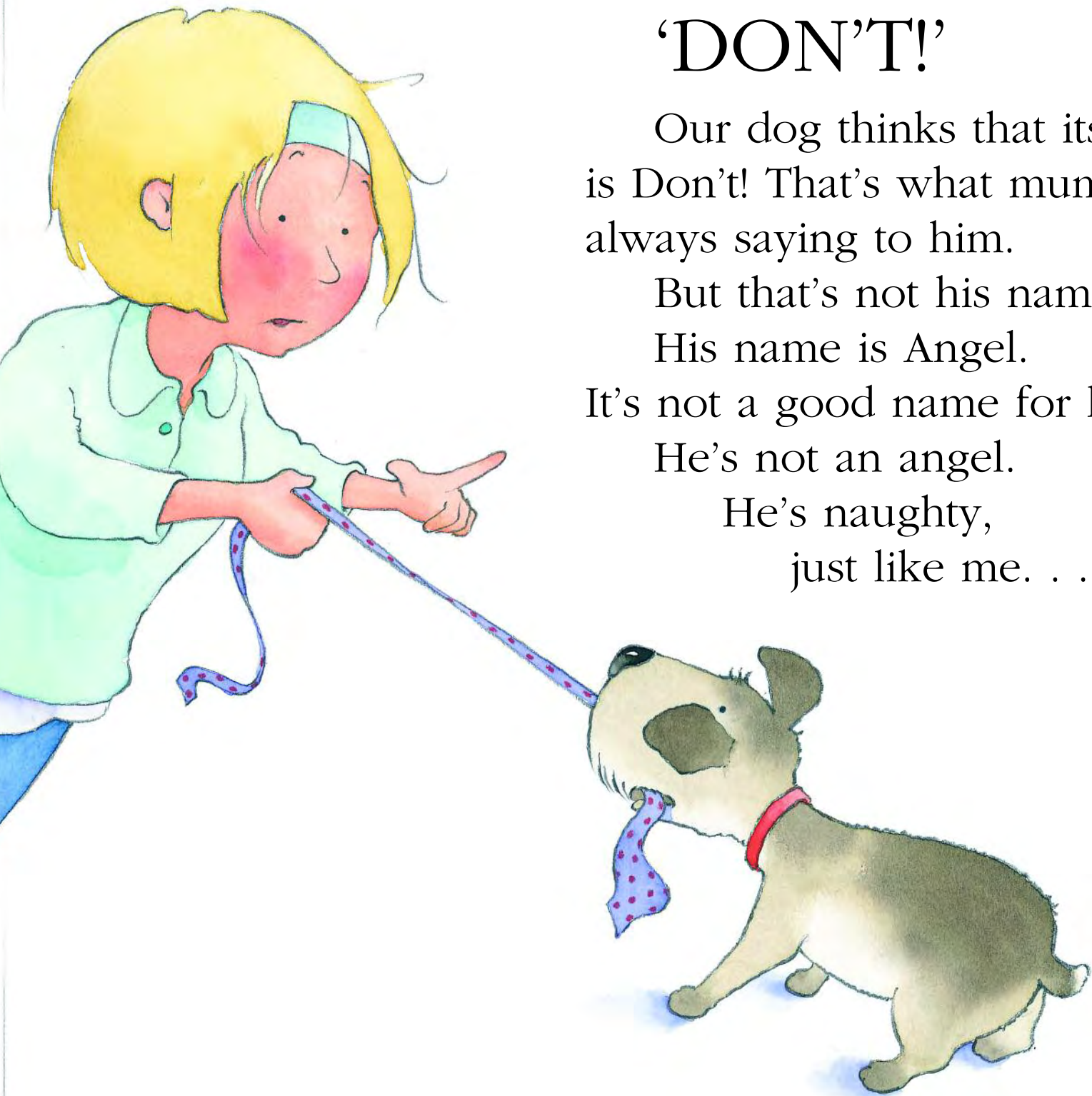
But that’s not his name.

His name is Angel.

It’s not a good name for him.

He’s not an angel.

He’s naughty,
just like me. . .

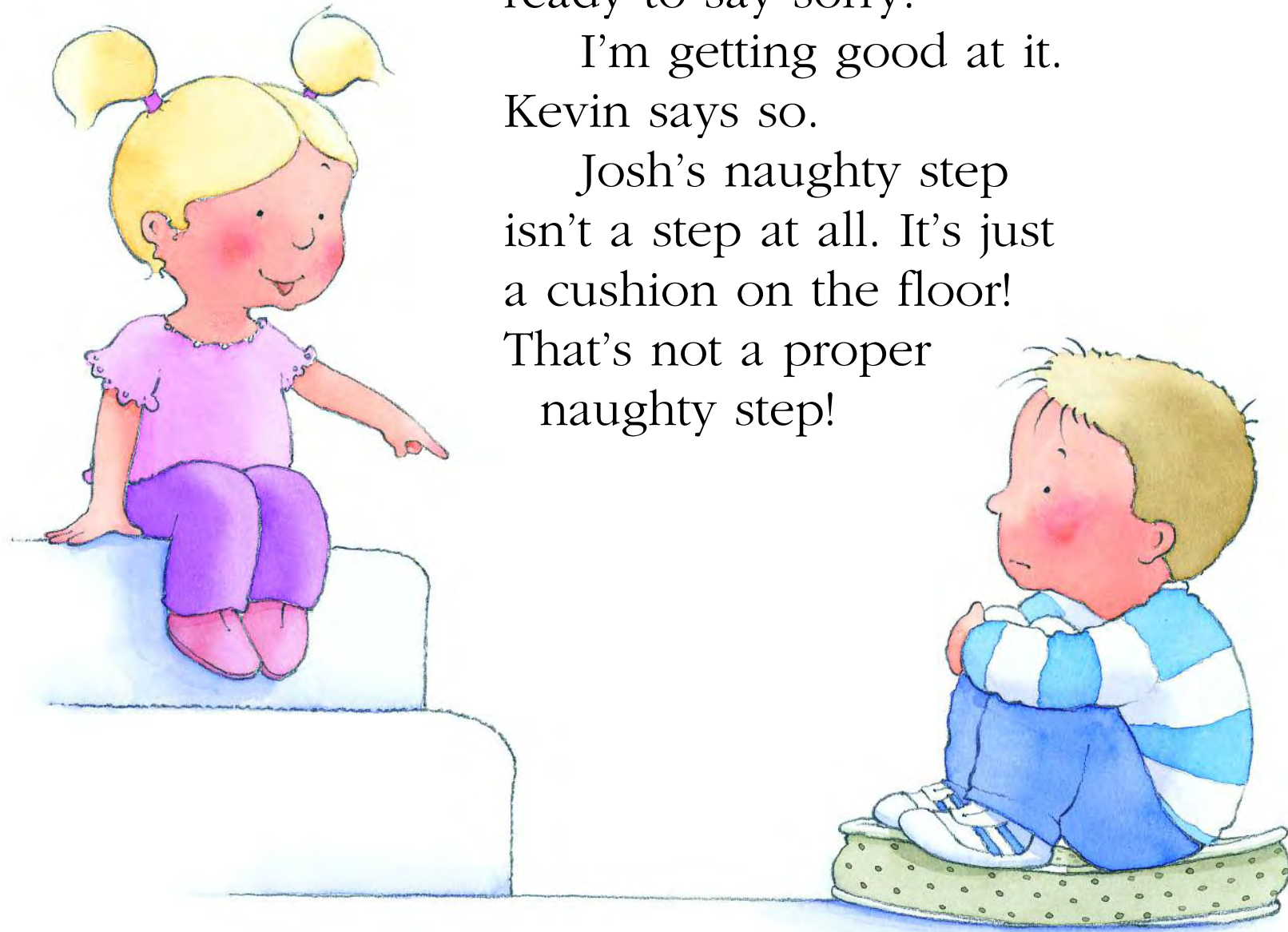


. . .and my brother Josh, and my baby brother Jimbo.

I've got my own Special Naughty Step. I sit quietly for two minutes until I am ready to say sorry.

I'm getting good at it. Kevin says so.

Josh's naughty step isn't a step at all. It's just a cushion on the floor! That's not a proper naughty step!



Today we are on our naughty steps because. . .



we have made Angel into a panda.



Last week at the zoo we were supposed to feed the elephant with the stuff in the white cups. That's the proper elephant stuff.

'JOSH, DON'T YOU DARE!'

But he did!

He really did!

He gave the elephant his chocolate!

Mummy says it isn't funny, but it is really, even though it is serious for elephants.

I had to sit on my naughty step because it Really Wasn't Funny.

Josh had to sit on his naughty step for Obvious Reasons.