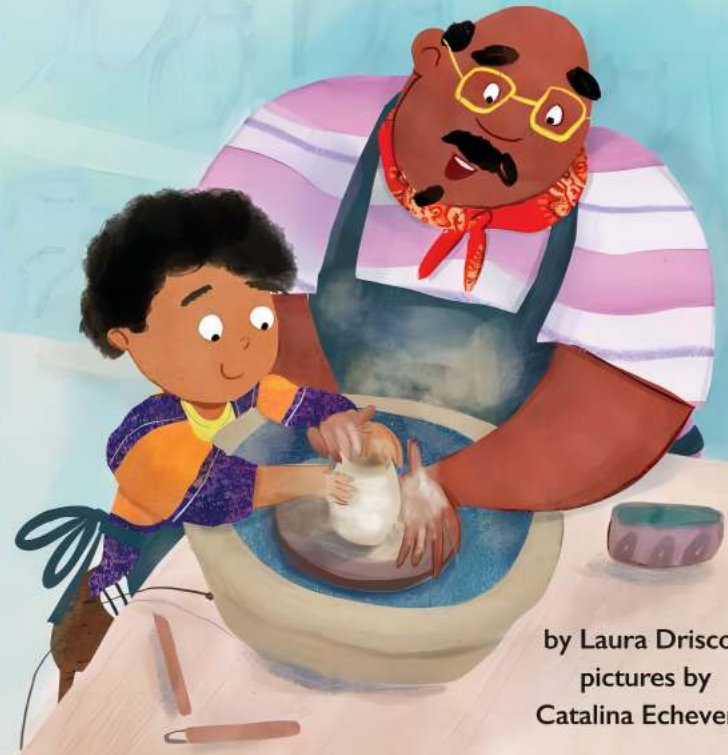


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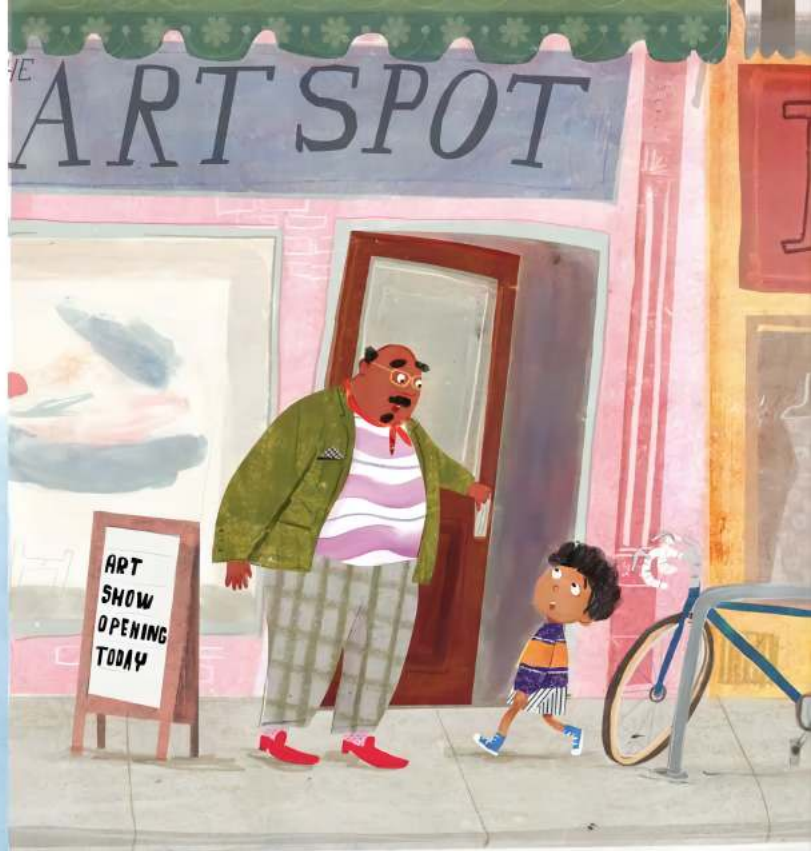
"Papa!" I shout.

"Come see my art."

My grandpa has come
to my school's art show.

“I love it,” Papa says.

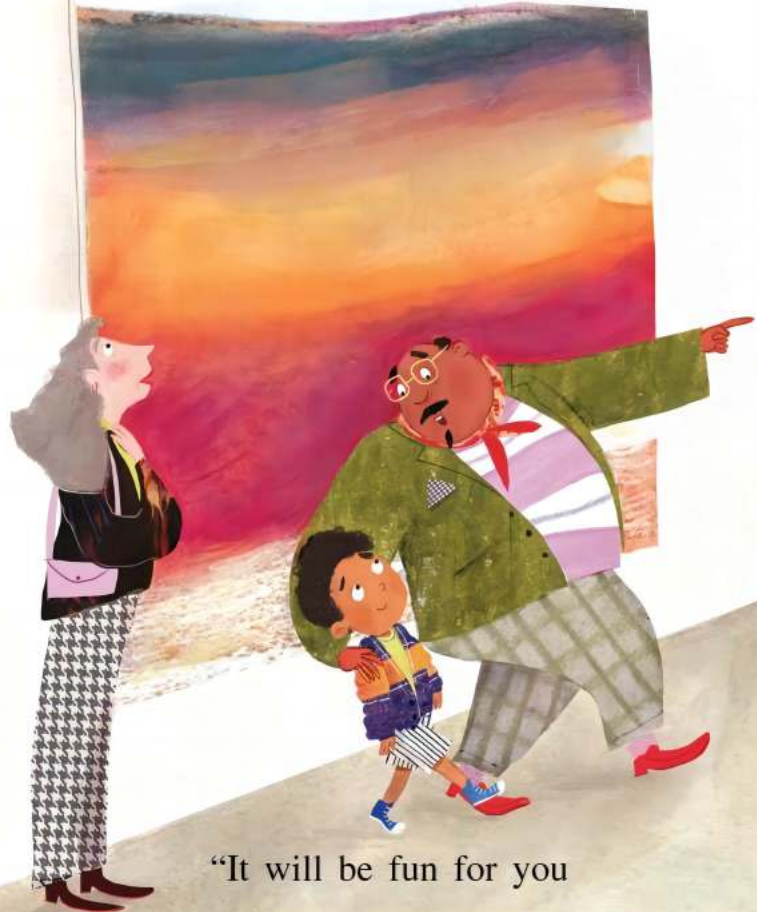
“It looks like . . . me!”



The next week,

Papa takes me downtown.

We are going to another art show.



“It will be fun for you
to meet other artists,”
Papa says.



The paintings are
huge and colorful.



Papa knows Min,
who is a painter.
She shows me
the brushes she uses.

I also meet Ned.

He is a sculptor.

“I create shapes from metal,”

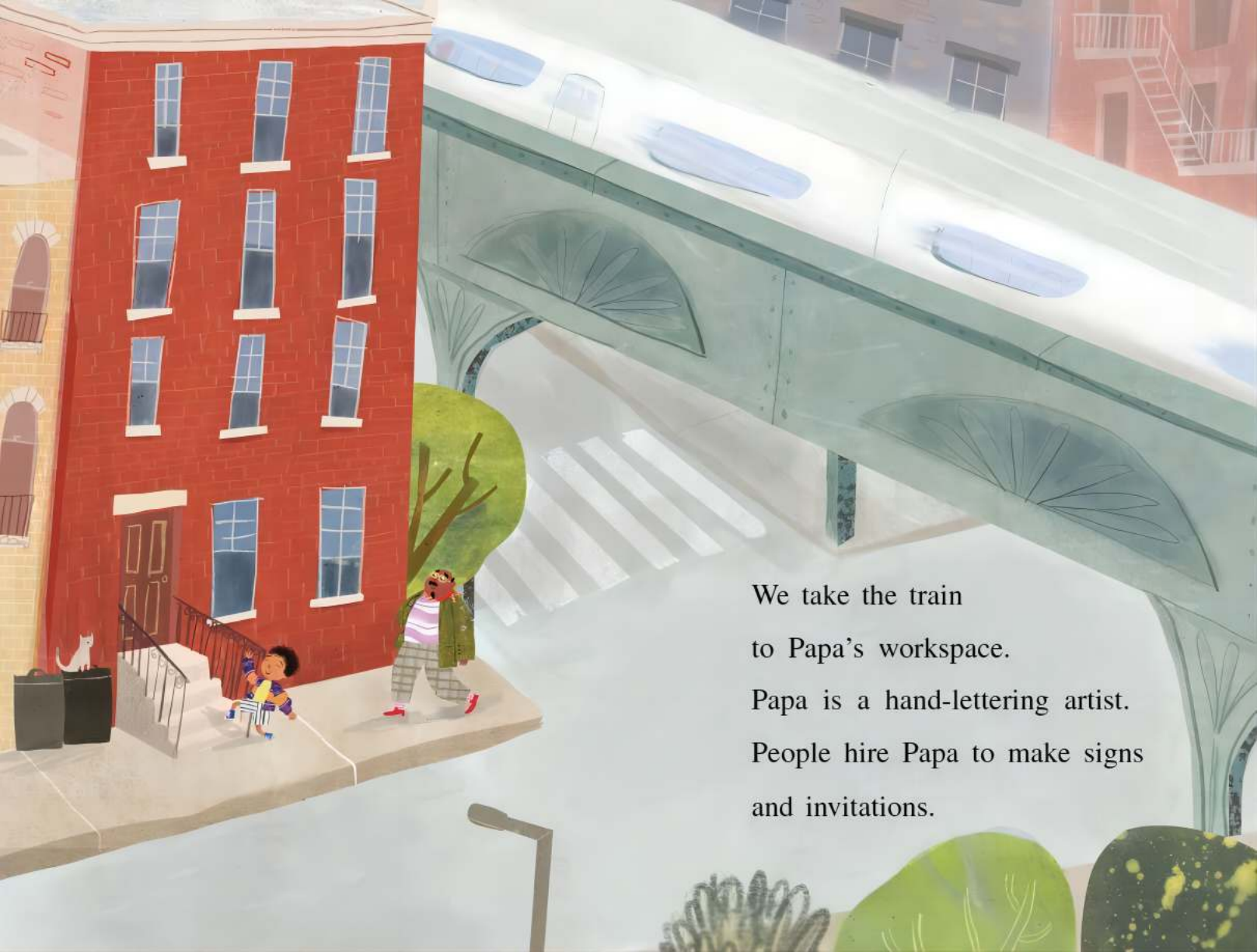
Ned says.





“Min and Ned
are real artists,” I say.
“My art does not look like theirs.”

“You are a real artist too,”
says Papa.
“There are all kinds of artists.
Come on—I’ll show you.”



We take the train
to Papa's workspace.
Papa is a hand-lettering artist.
People hire Papa to make signs
and invitations.



Other artists work
in the same building.



Papa's friend Ellie is a potter.

"I make bowls and vases
from clay," Ellie says.



Ben is an illustrator.

He is creating art
for a book.





Ray is a graphic designer
for a magazine.

"I lay out the text and art
for each page," Ray says.

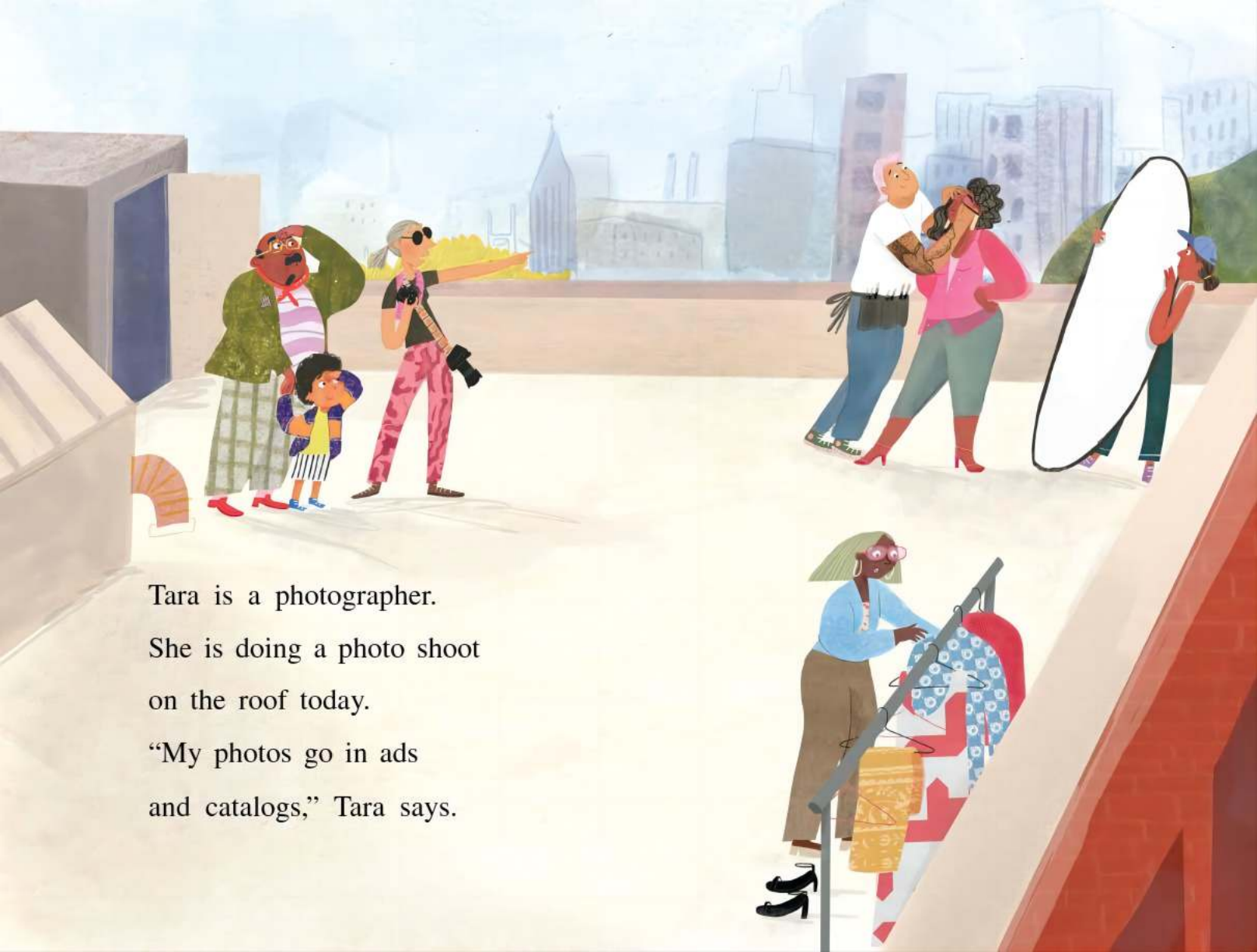


Liz is an animator.

"I make many drawings
called frames," she says.

Liz clicks through
the frames quickly.

The dog seems to move!



Tara is a photographer.
She is doing a photo shoot
on the roof today.
“My photos go in ads
and catalogs,” Tara says.



On the way home,
we walk through the park.
We see a cartoon artist.
We get him to draw us!

A woman is selling
her plant drawings.
“I am a botanical artist,”
she explains.



Close to home,
we walk by a group
painting a building.
“Want to help?” a woman asks us.
“We are working on my mural.
My name is Rosa.
I am a muralist.”





Rosa explains,
“Each person paints a small part.
At the end,
it will look like this.”

Rosa shows me her plan.
It reminds me
of my artwork!



We are making art here
on the side of a building.

Papa is right.

Art and artists are everywhere.

Meet the Artists

Painter

An artist who works with paint

Sculptor

A person who shapes, carves, or joins material to make a piece of art

Hand-lettering artist

Someone who draws decorative letters with pens, markers, or paint

Potter

A person who shapes clay into bowls, vases, cups, and more

Graphic designer

A person who combines text, pictures, and sometimes video

Photographer

An artist who takes photos with a camera

Illustrator

Someone who creates pictures to go along with text

Animator

An artist who puts together still images to make a figure appear to move

Cartoon artist

Someone who makes simple, sometimes funny drawings of people or objects

Botanical artist

A person who creates detailed drawings or paintings of plants

Muralist

An artist who paints directly onto a wall or ceiling

For Eli

—L.D.

*To all artists big and small
that fill this world
with color and beauty.*

—C.E.

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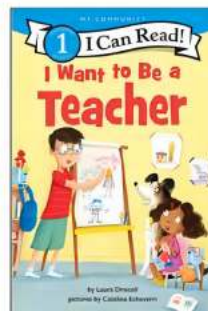
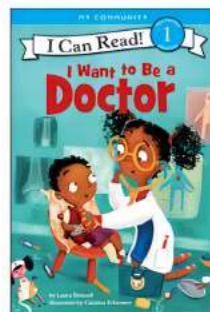
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