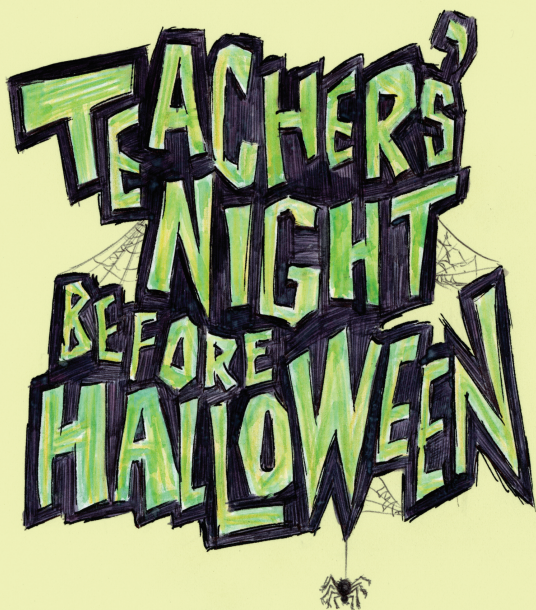


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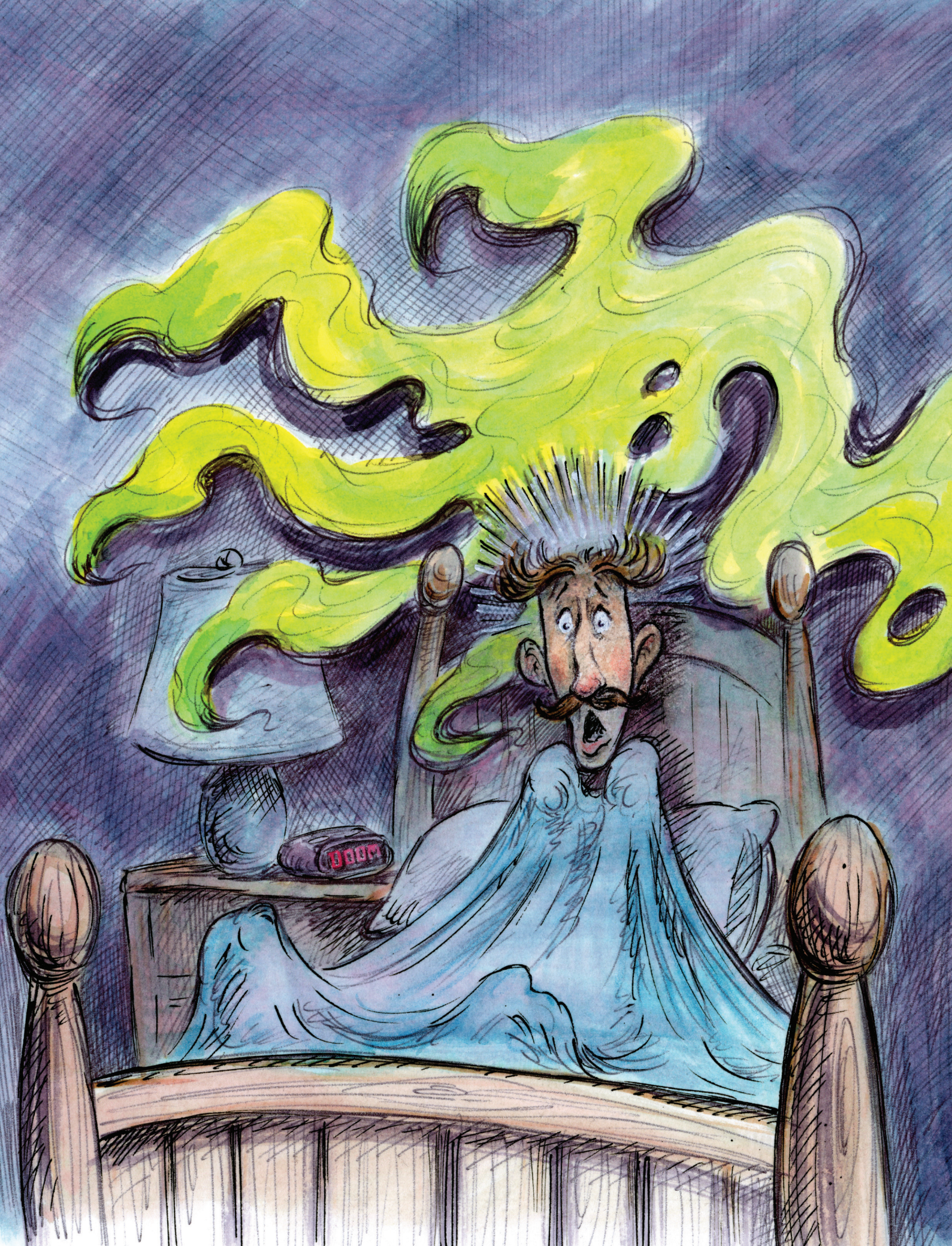
Halloween is the one day of the entire school year that teachers dread most, and this year, the students have started celebrating a day early. Cupcake icing is smeared all over a third-grade classroom, and everyone is preparing for the annual Halloween Day parade. With princesses running a tiara trade ring in the girls' bathroom and a laser sword battle among fourth-grade space rangers, the teachers are quickly losing control of the school to Halloween spirit.

When a group of fifth-grade monsters tie up two first-graders and prepare to eat them, the teachers are ready to call it quits, but the principal insists on perfect teacher attendance on October 31. It looks like this year's Halloween will be more trick than treat.

It's up to the students and their parents to show the teachers a new kind of Halloween and give them a holiday treat they'll never forget.

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For Lisa Owen, Elizabeth and Peter Sompolski, and for Kathleen Bruni, Marilyn Jancewicz, and Valerie Cawley—two of the finest teams of educators with whom anyone ever had the privilege to teach. Thanks for the memories.

—SLL

To my inspirational friend, Steve Layne.

—AH

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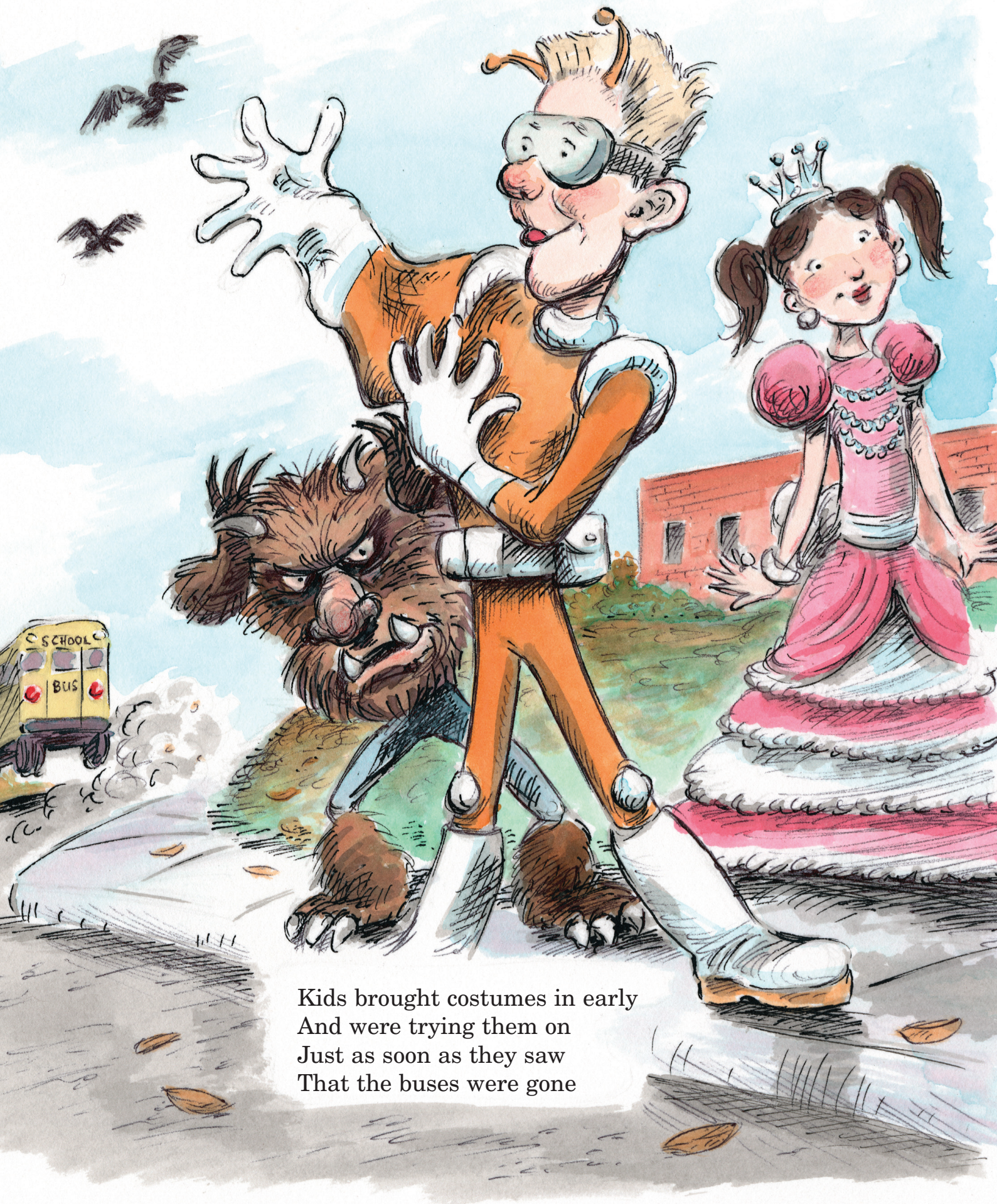
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'Twas the day before Halloween
And all through the school
Teachers tried to keep order
And to not lose their cool





It was no small achievement
For as everyone knows
Halloween tops the list
Of all-time teacher woes



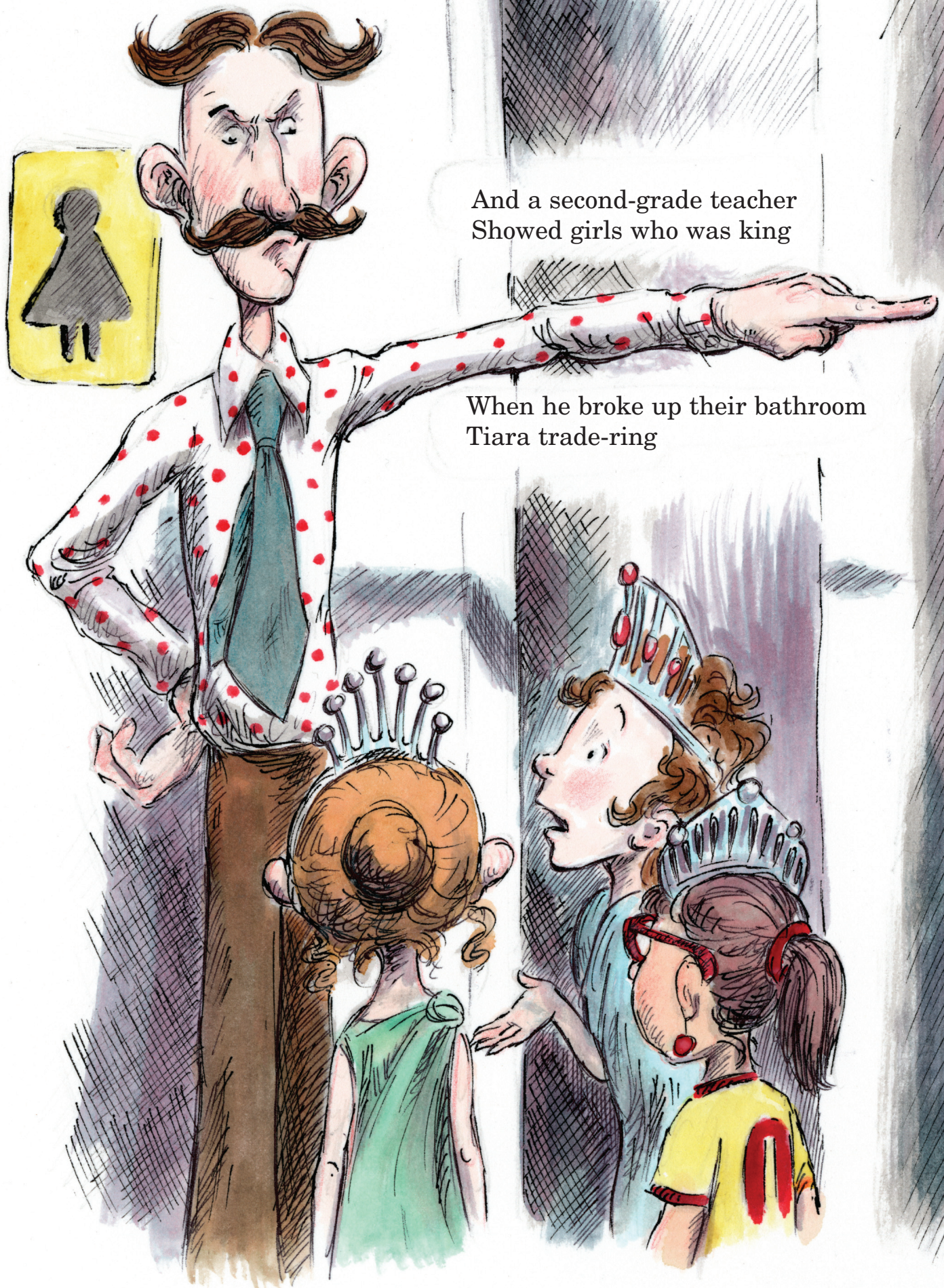
Kids brought costumes in early
And were trying them on
Just as soon as they saw
That the buses were gone



When the opening bell rang
Some children went wild
Well-established routines
Were completely defiled



Four grotesque fifth-grade monsters
Were preparing to dine
On two fine first-grade boys
Who'd been tied up with twine



And a second-grade teacher
Showed girls who was king

When he broke up their bathroom
Tiara trade-ring