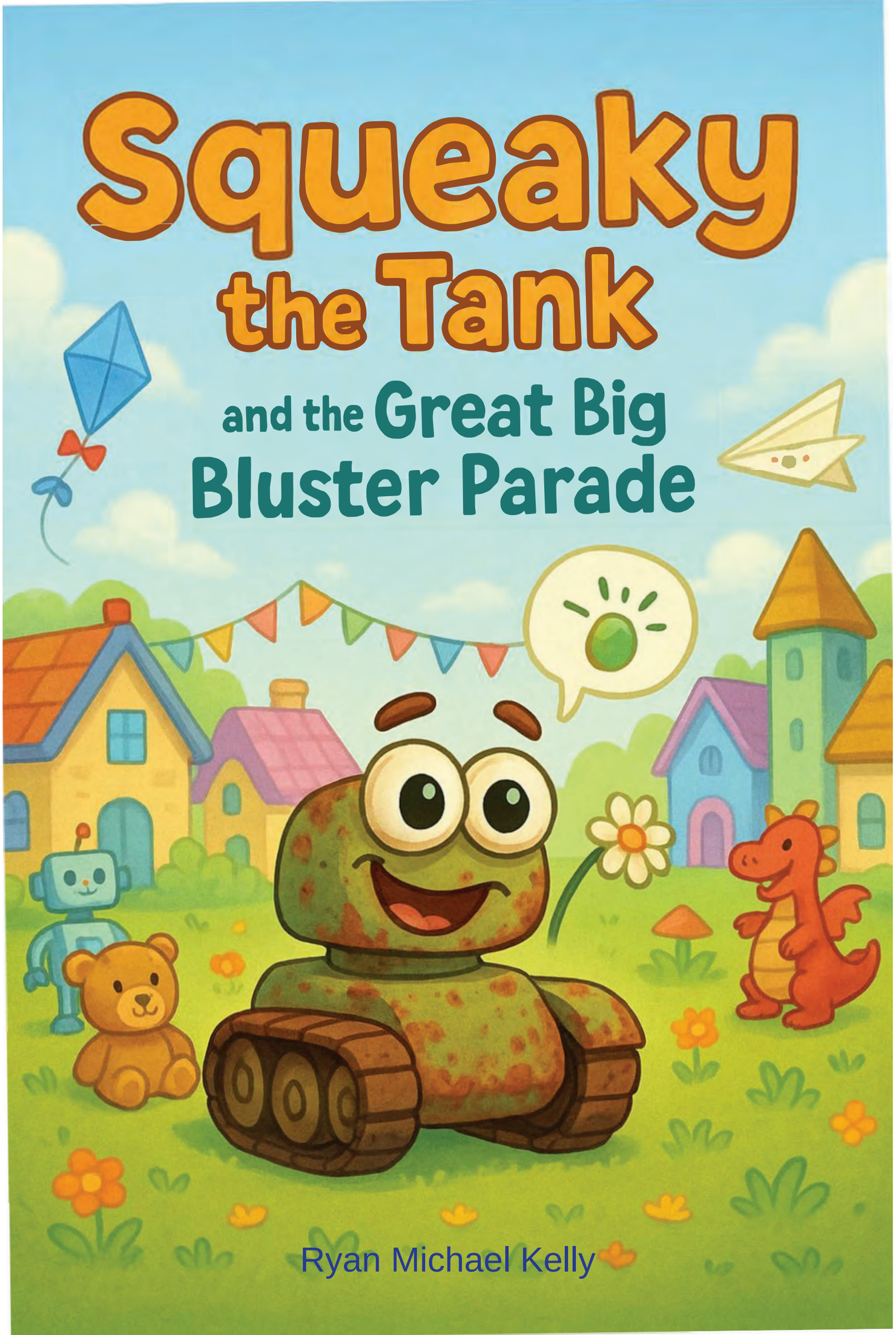
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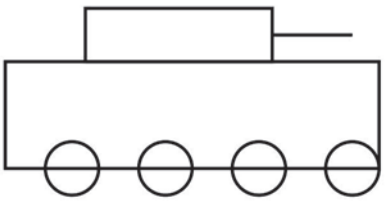
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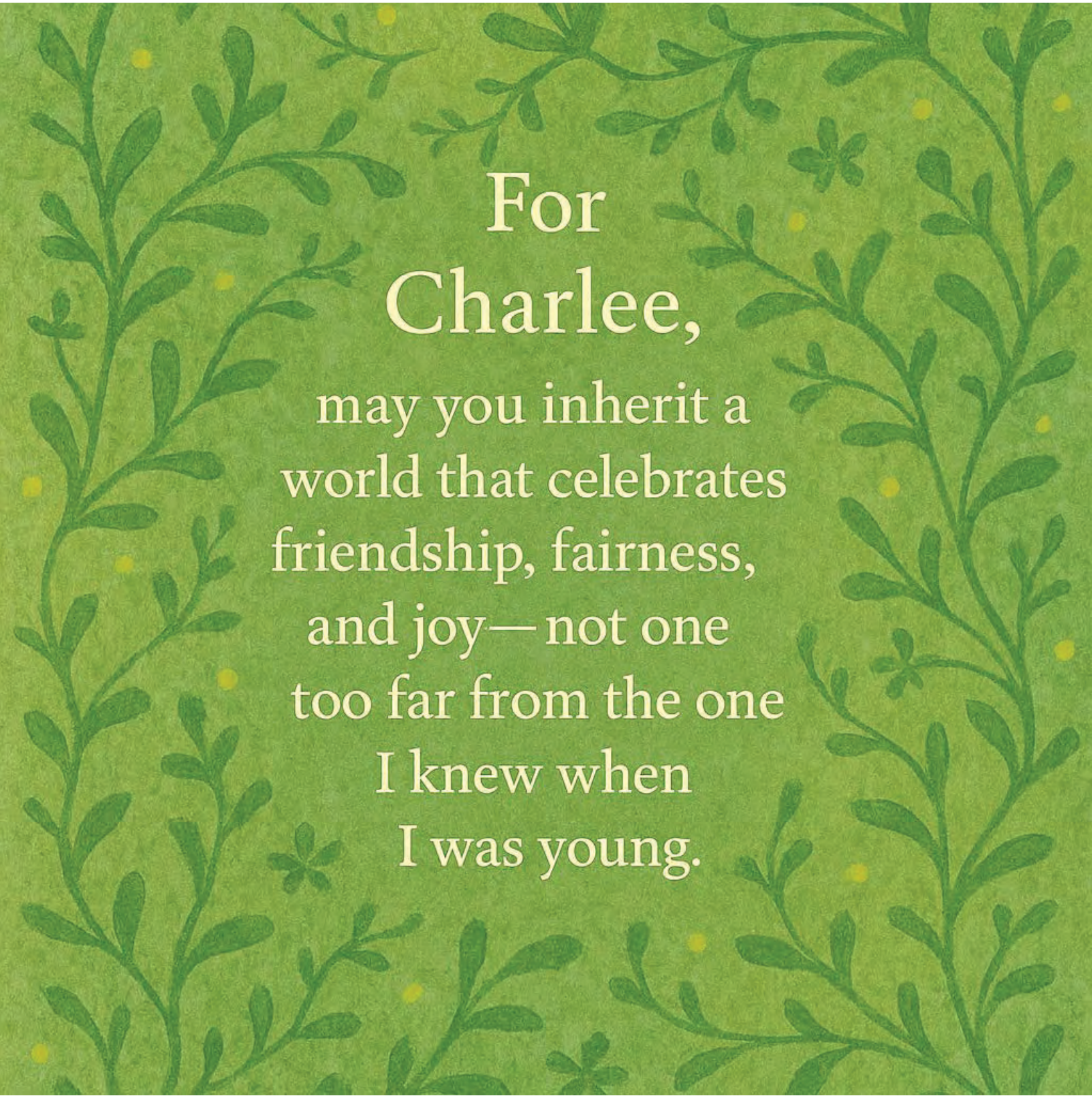
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For
Charlee,
may you inherit a
world that celebrates
friendship, fairness,
and joy— not one
too far from the one
I knew when
I was young.



In a cozy toy town with music and play,
lived Squeaky the Tank, squeaking all day.
With googly eyes and a barrel so round,
he whistled and clanked without making a sound.



But one day came thunder,
a ruckus, a roor –
A giant gold tank burst in with a snore!
With hair like spaghetti and
flags made of fluff,
he bellowed, ‘I’m Boss Bluster!
Enough is enough!”



He planned a big parade with gold, noise, and flair—but only brought smoke and squeaks from old cars. Confetti got stuck, and balloons all went pop—The Bluster Parade was a big belly-flop.



Then came the rules—Oh, what a joke!
“No small tanks allowed! No rainbow folk!”
Toyland grew quiet, the swings wouldn’t swing,
and playtime was banned by a ‘Bluster King,”



Squeaky was worried, his gears full of doubt,
but a wise owl nearby gave a little shout:
“Even the smallest tank can roar when it’s right—
Just roll with your friends and shine your light.”



So Squeaky teamed up with a duck and a bear,
a disco-bot, and a kite in the air.
They built a big sign and marched without fear:
“Toyland is for EVERYONE living here!



They built a truth machine made from blocks and some tape, that printed out facts, no way to escape.

Boss Bluster just grumbled, “That’s fake and unfair.” But his golden tank wheels were losing their flair.



Squeaky rolled up with his banner held high,
shouting, 'Fairness and kindness–give them a try!"
The crowd of toy tawnsfolk began to cheer,
and even a big tank let go of its fear.



Together they danced in the rebuilt parade,
with bubbles, songs, and a marching brigade.
Bluster rolled off with a grumble and spin –
and Toyland found its joy again.



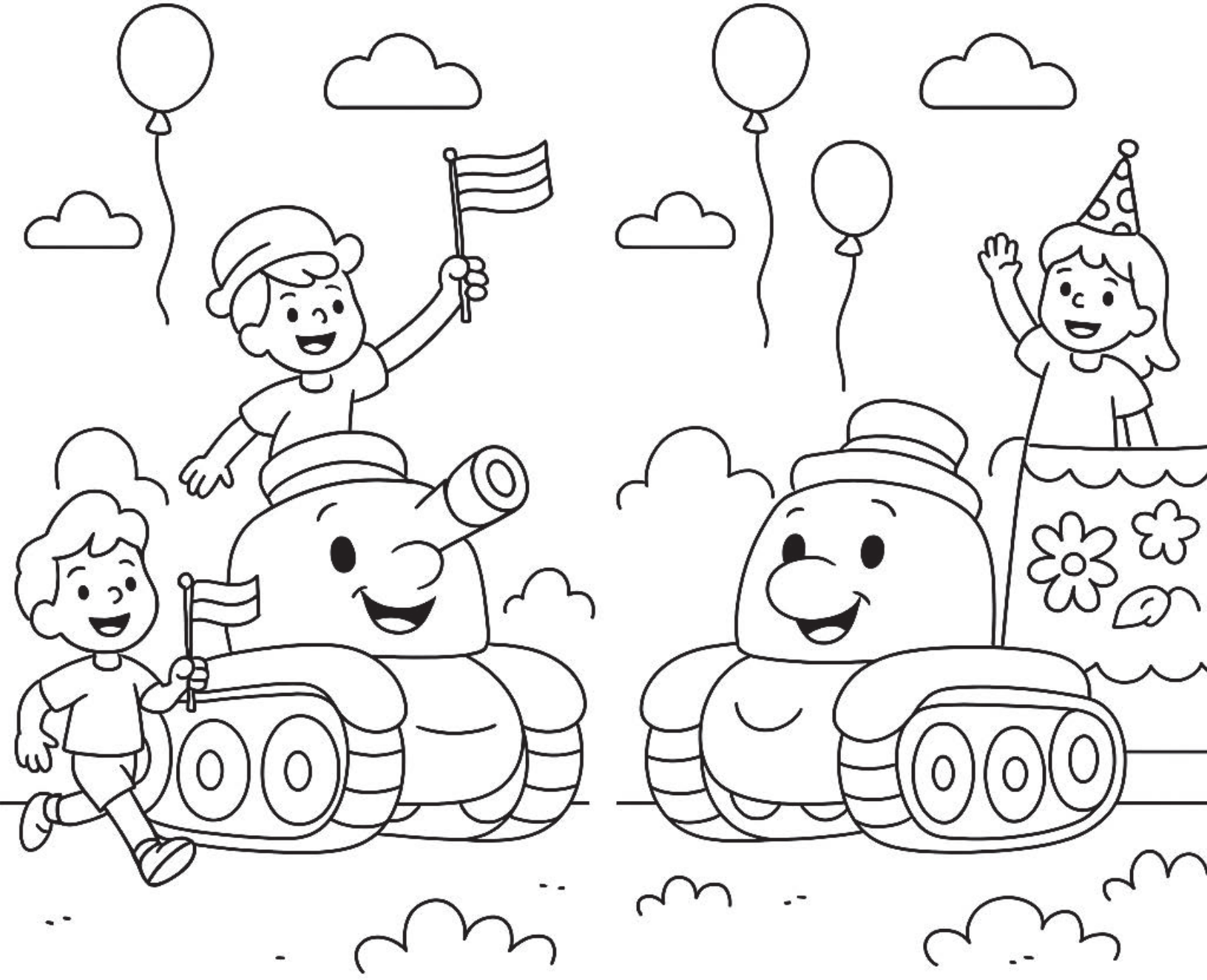
So if ever a bully rolls into your town,
with rules that are silly, or bring others down,
remember dear Squeaky, so rusty and small—
he squeaked for what's right and stood proud for all.

THE END



Thank you for rolling with Squeaky.
Always stand up for what's right–
even if your wheels squeak.

Can you spot 5 differences?



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Squeaky’s Big Parade Quiz!

1. Who was the good helper in the parade?
   a) Squeaky b) The troublemakers

2. Who tried to cause problems?
   a) Squeaky b) The mean characters

3. How did Squeaky help?
   a) He was kind b) He made trouble too

4. What can we learn from the story?
   a) Being kind and fair is best
   b) Being mean is better

5. Draw or tell: How would YOU help in a parade?

About the Author



Ryan Michael Kelly has spent much of his life as both a teacher and a student of education, working toward his Doctor of Education degree. His love for learning — and his passion for helping children grow in kindness, fairness, and joy — inspired Squeaky's story. When he isn't writing, Ryan enjoys teaching, exploring new ideas, and spending time with his family.

When the parade
goes all wrong,
only one little tank
can turn the
day around...

Squeaky is
ready to roll

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