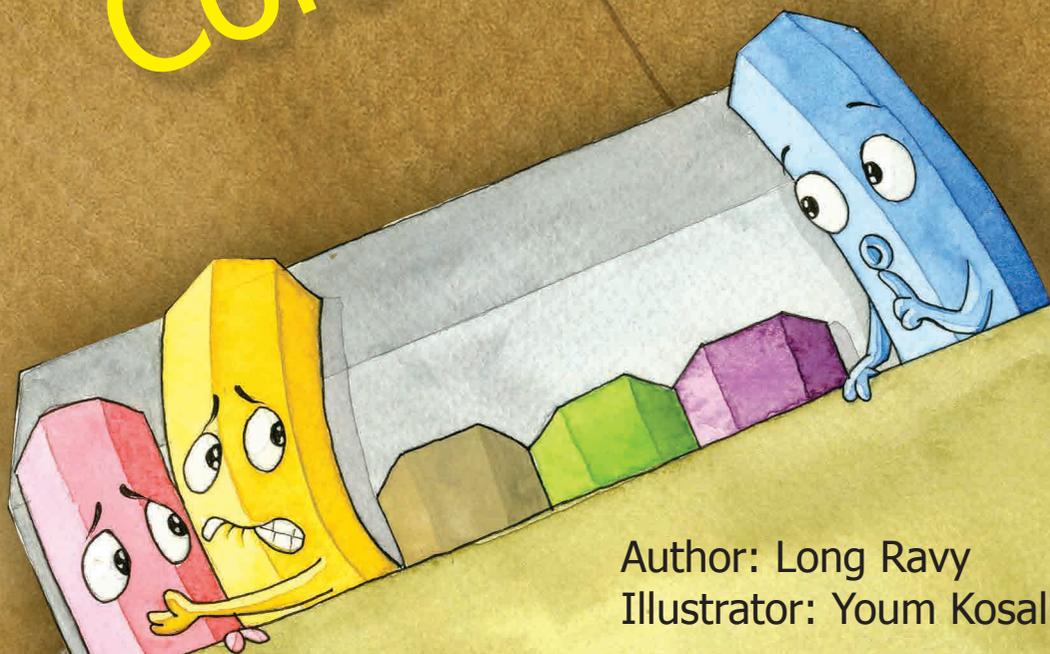




# Colored Pencils



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Toto's mom buys him a box of colored pencils. He is very happy.







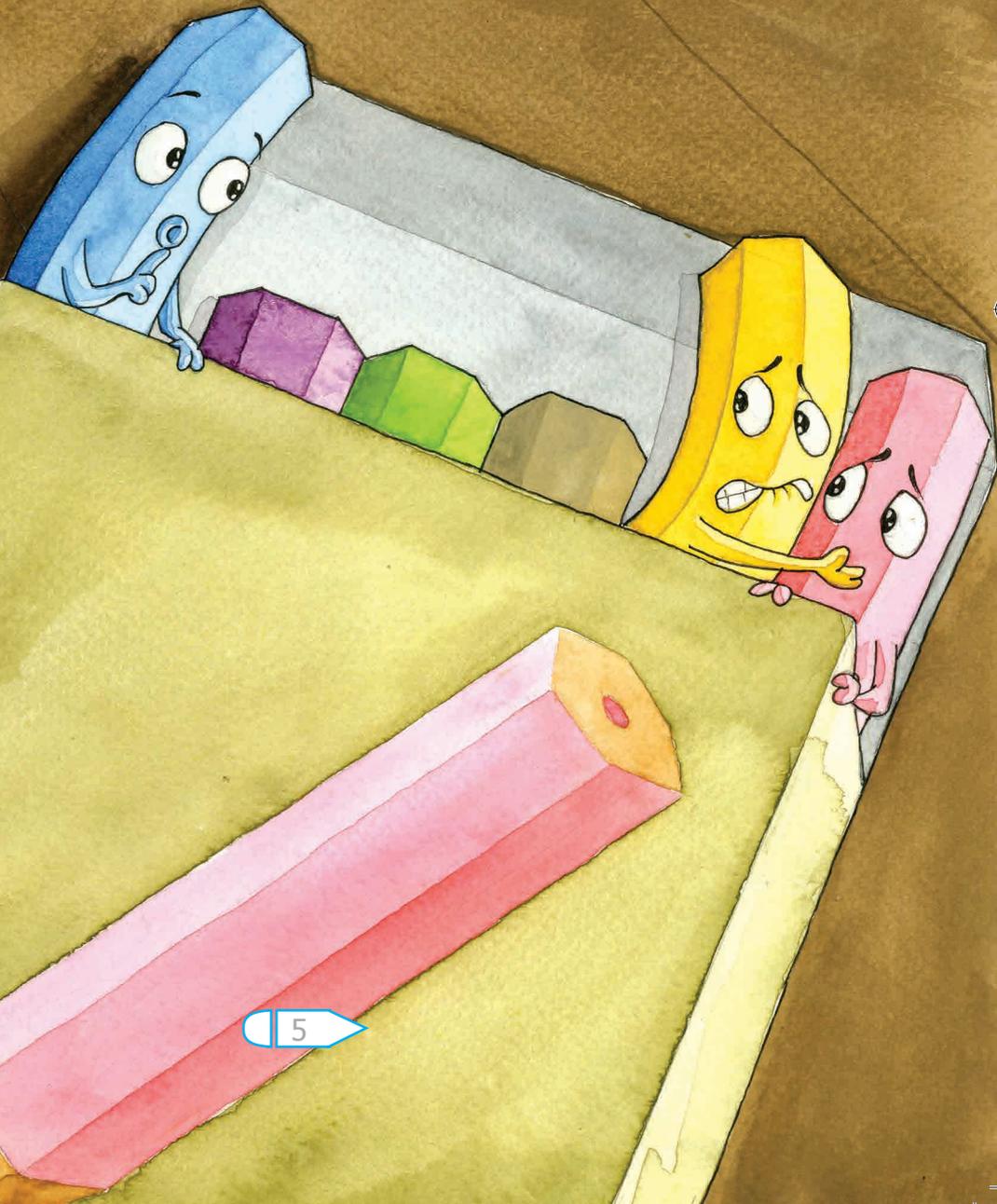
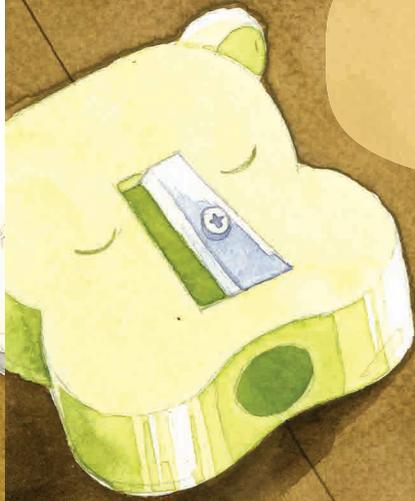
The pencils  
in the box  
are scared.

"I don't want to get out  
of the box," says the  
yellow pencil.

"I'm afraid Toto might  
wear me out!" the red  
pencil exclaims.



"Yes, I'm afraid too," says the blue pencil. "But let's get out and explore."

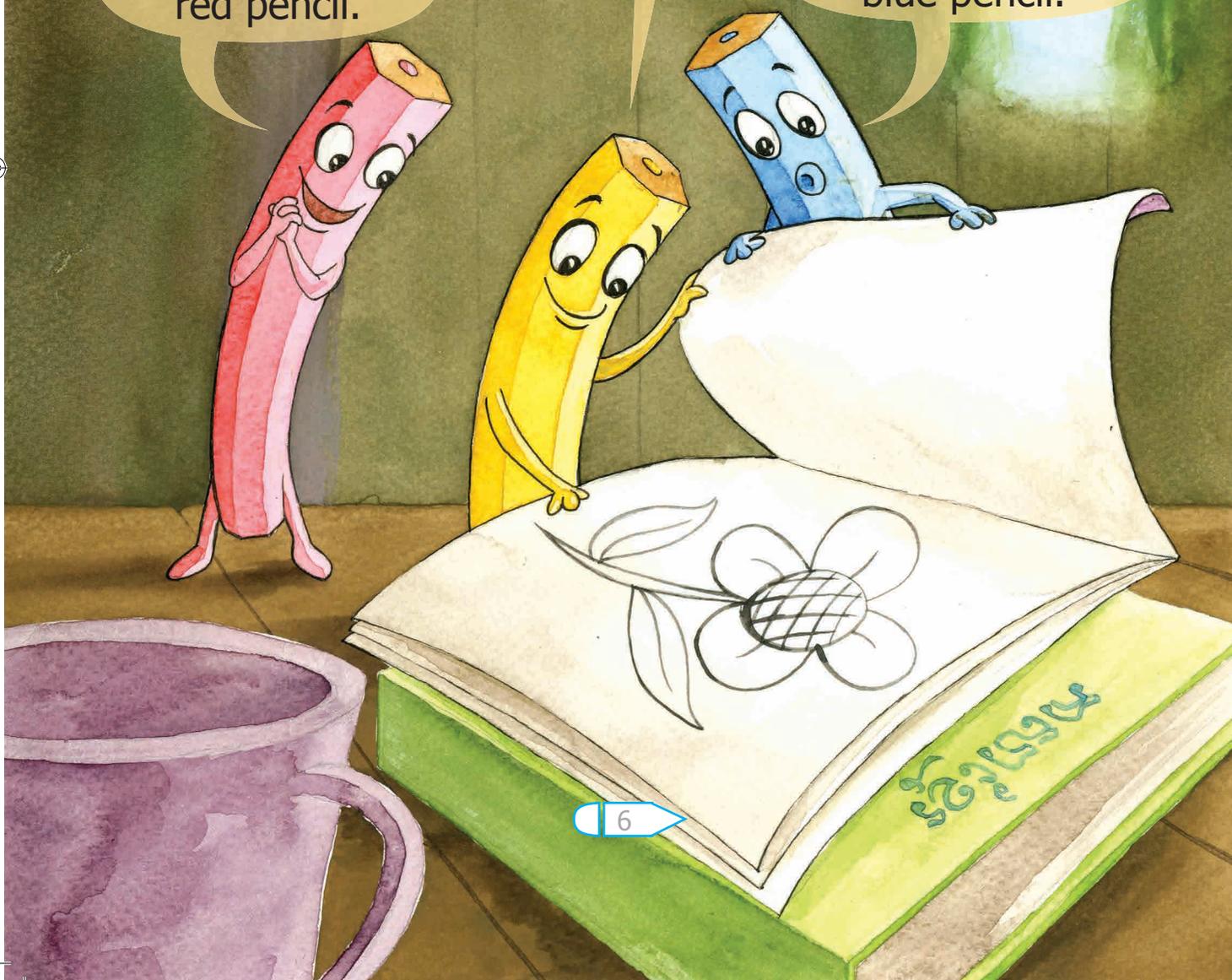


Outside the box, the coloring pencils spot a coloring book on the table.

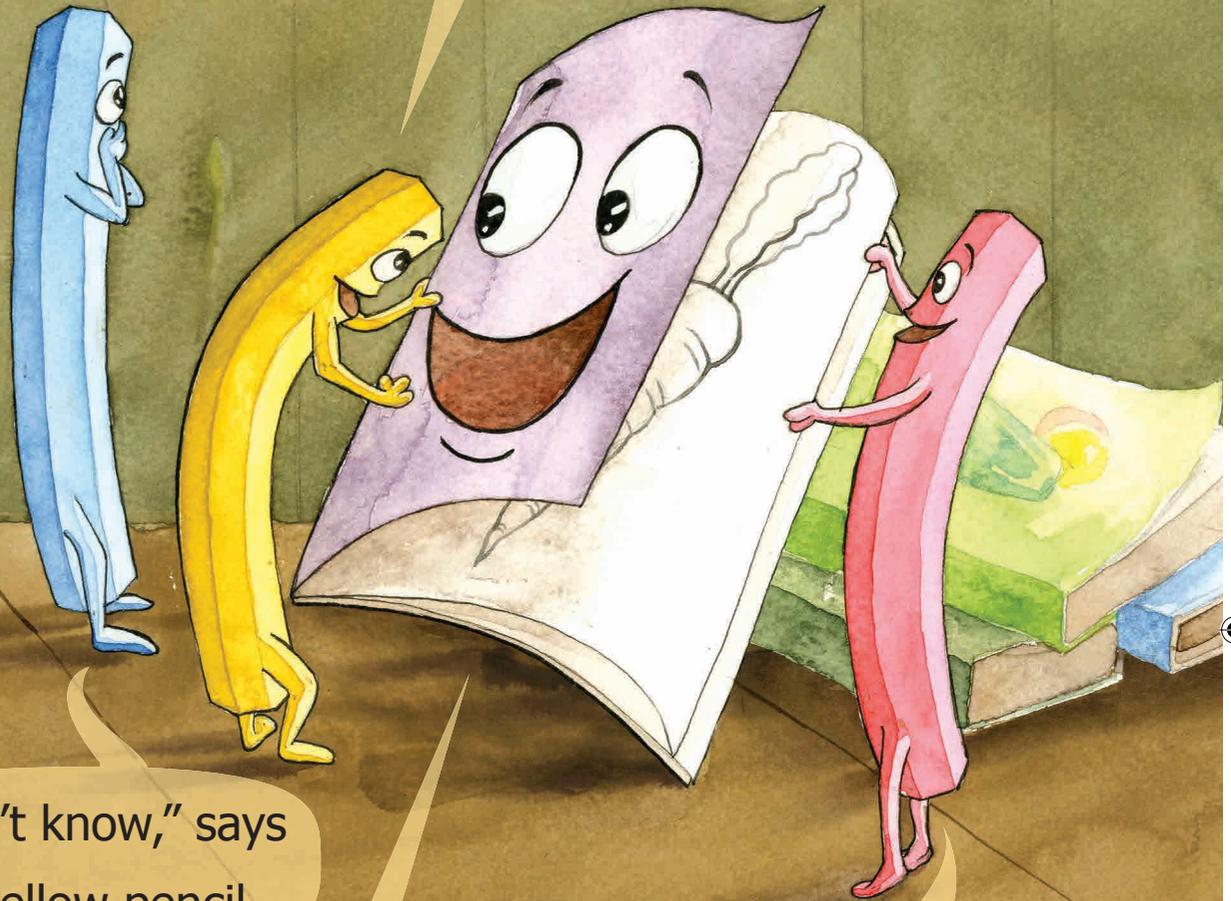
"Hey, these pictures are so creative!" says the red pencil.

"I like these pictures," cries the yellow pencil.

"I like them too," agrees the blue pencil.



"But why are these pictures not colored?" asks the blue pencil.



"I don't know," says the yellow pencil.

"I don't know either," says the red pencil.

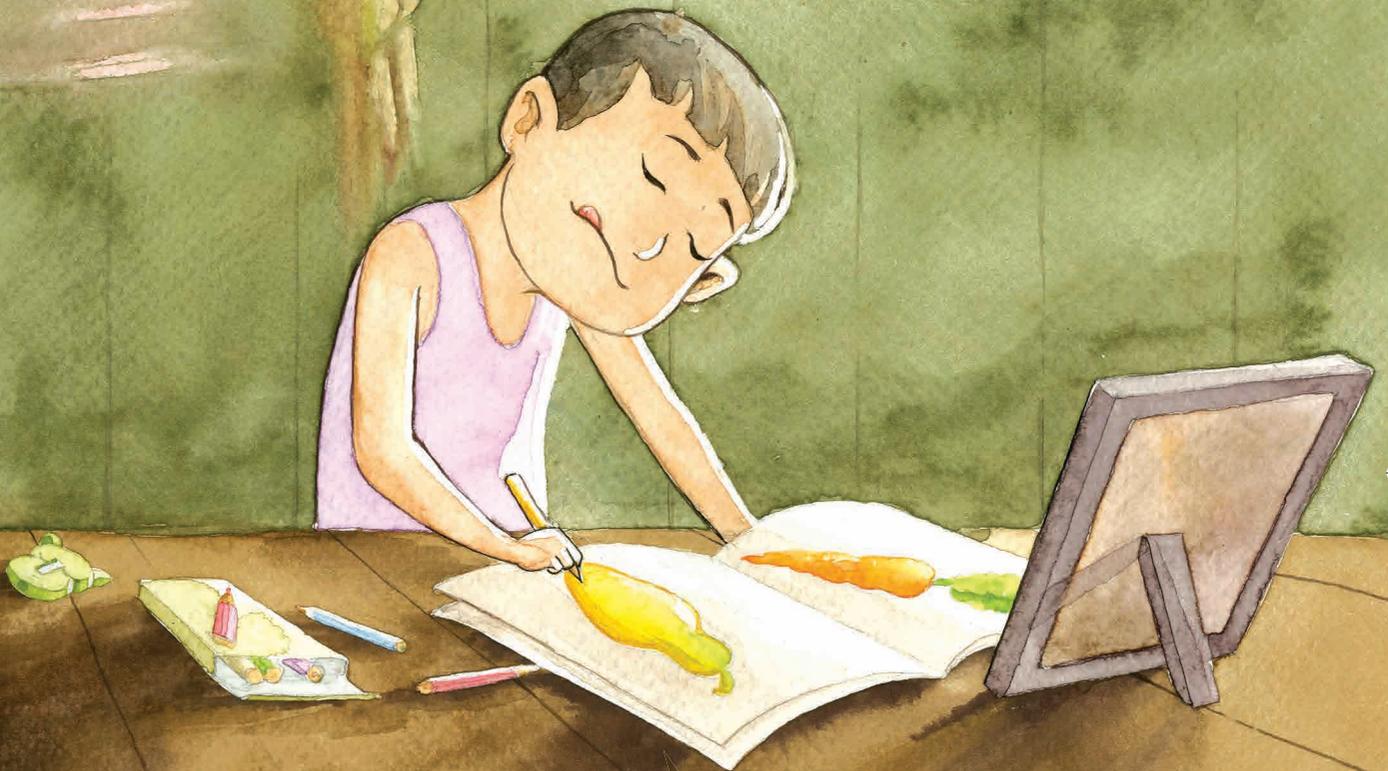
"Well, without colored pencils like you, these pictures will never have colors," says the coloring book.

"I'm worried that Toto might use us too roughly.  
That will hurt!" says the red pencil.  
"But I also want these pictures to look beautiful."  
"Well, what can we do?" asks the blue pencil.

"Let's get back into the box,"  
says the yellow pencil.



Soon, Toto takes out the pencils.



"I will color all my pictures!" he says happily.  
He uses the pencils gently to color the pictures  
in his coloring book.

When he's gone, the coloring pencils look at the pictures that Toto has colored.

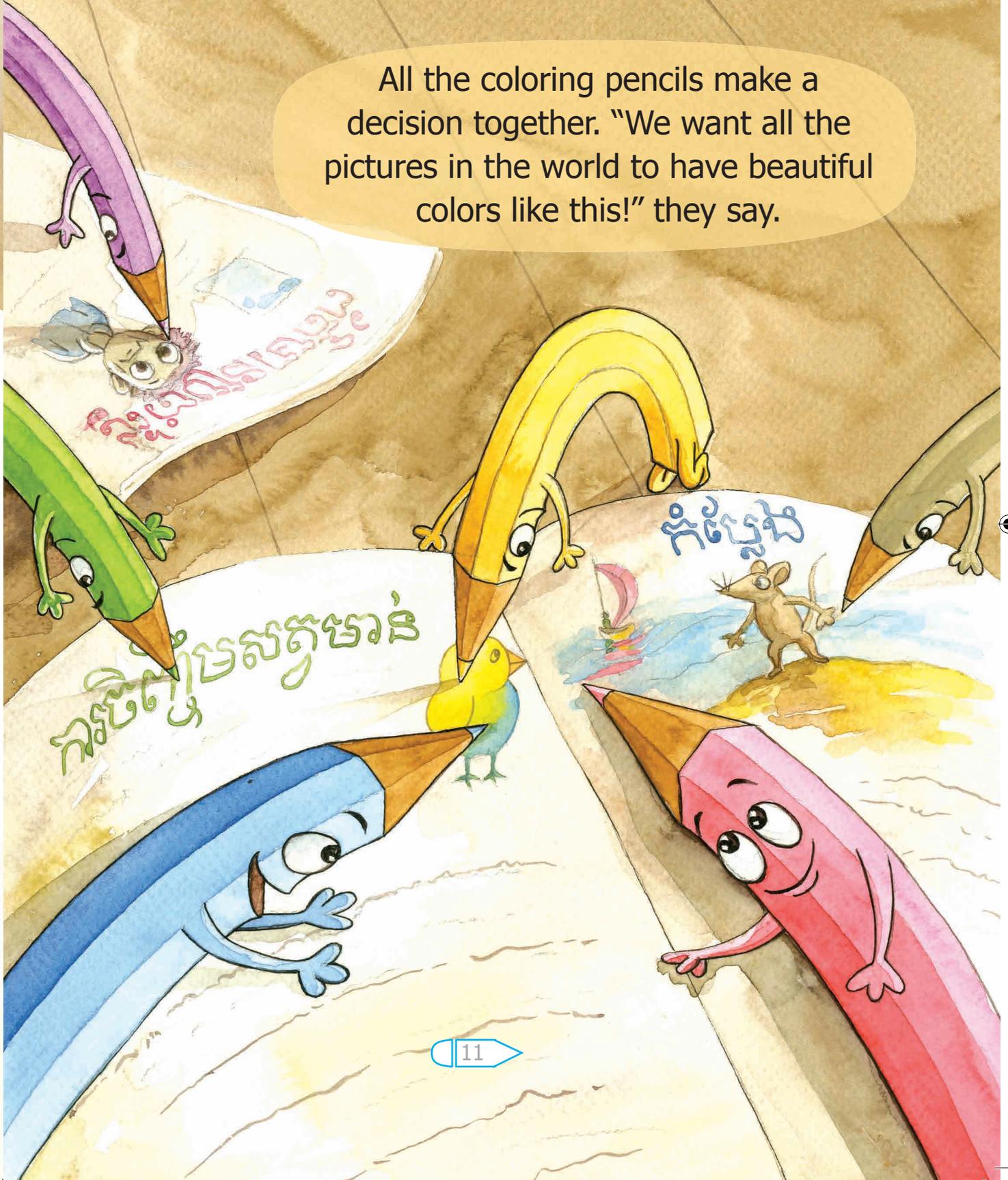
"These pictures look beautiful!" says the red pencil. "I love them!" says the yellow pencil.

"Me too!" cries the blue pencil.





All the coloring pencils make a decision together. "We want all the pictures in the world to have beautiful colors like this!" they say.





# Questions

1. What did Toto's mother buy for Toto?
2. How many colored pencils are in the box?
3. Why did the pencils run out of the box?
4. Do the pencils go back to the box?