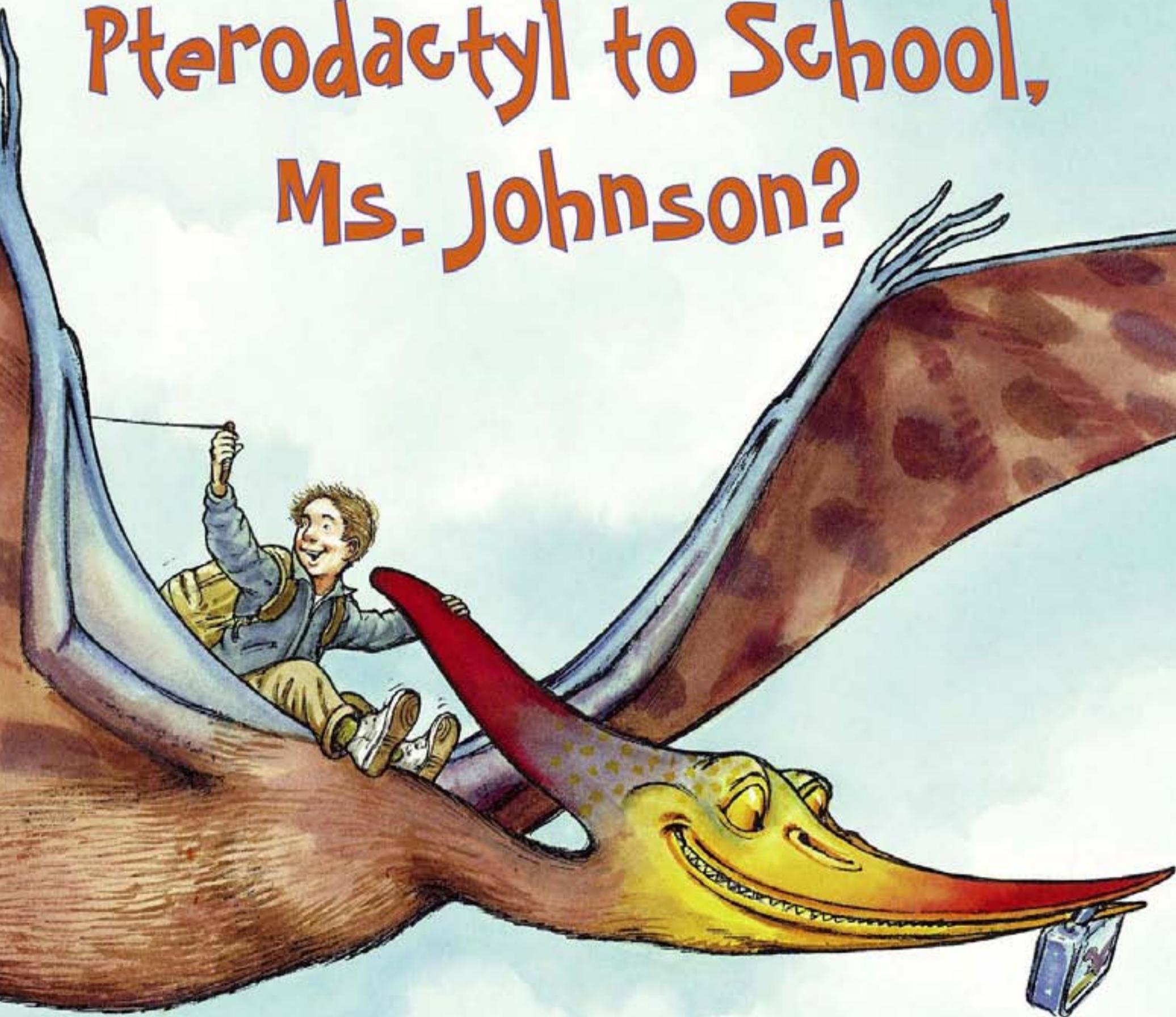


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# Can I Bring My Pterodactyl to School, Ms. Johnson?



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To eight super Gramblings chronologically listed,  
Art, Jeff, Mark, Marcia, Lara, Ty, Mason, and Jesse.  
And to Randi, who hung in there and helped me  
make everything better.

—L. G. G.

To Tom—who has become so much more than  
a little brown bat—with thanks for your insightful  
criticism, your gentle encouragement, and your  
boundless love.

—J. L.

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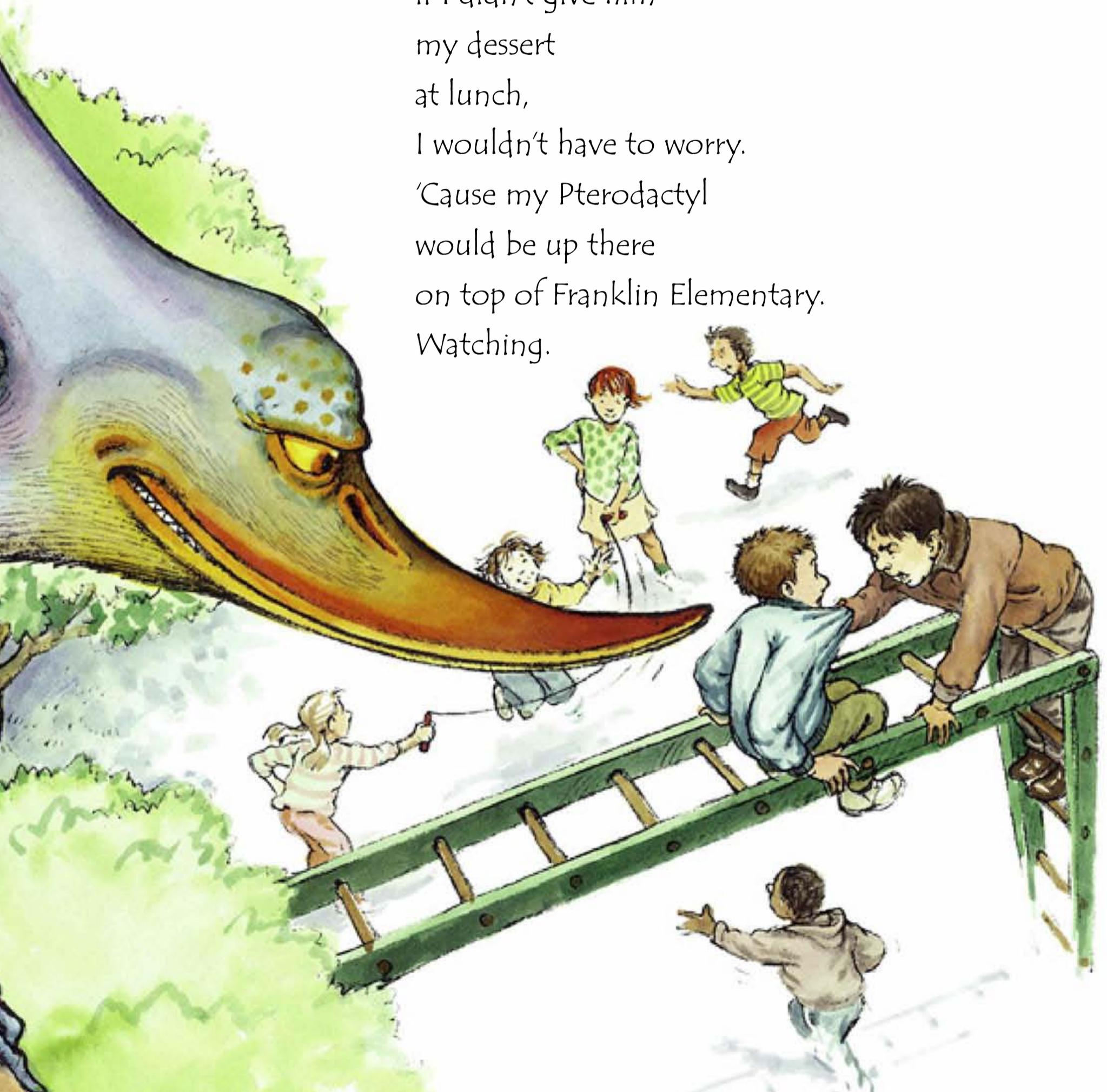
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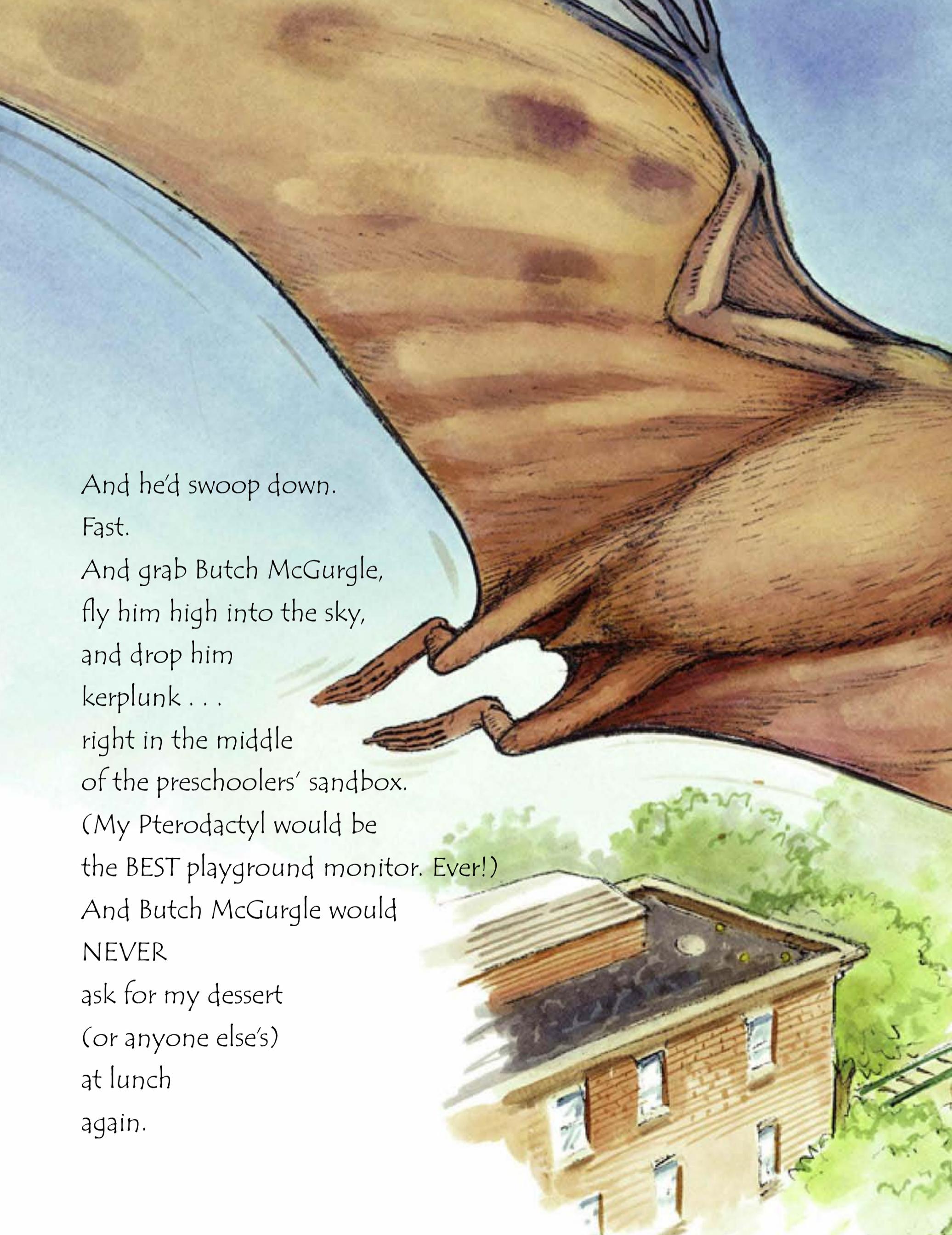
Can I?

**PLEASE!?**



If I brought my Pterodactyl to school  
and I was playing on the monkey bars  
and Butch McGurgle  
climbed up next to me  
and threatened to punch my lights out  
if I didn't give him  
my dessert  
at lunch,  
I wouldn't have to worry.  
'Cause my Pterodactyl  
would be up there  
on top of Franklin Elementary.  
Watching.



A watercolor illustration of a brown pterosaur with large wings flying over a brick house. The pterosaur is positioned in the upper right, with its wings spread wide. The house is in the lower right, featuring a dark roof and several windows. The background shows a blue sky and green foliage.

And he'd swoop down.

Fast.

And grab Butch McGurgle,  
fly him high into the sky,  
and drop him  
kerplunk . . .

right in the middle  
of the preschoolers' sandbox.

(My Pterodactyl would be  
the BEST playground monitor. Ever!)

And Butch McGurgle would

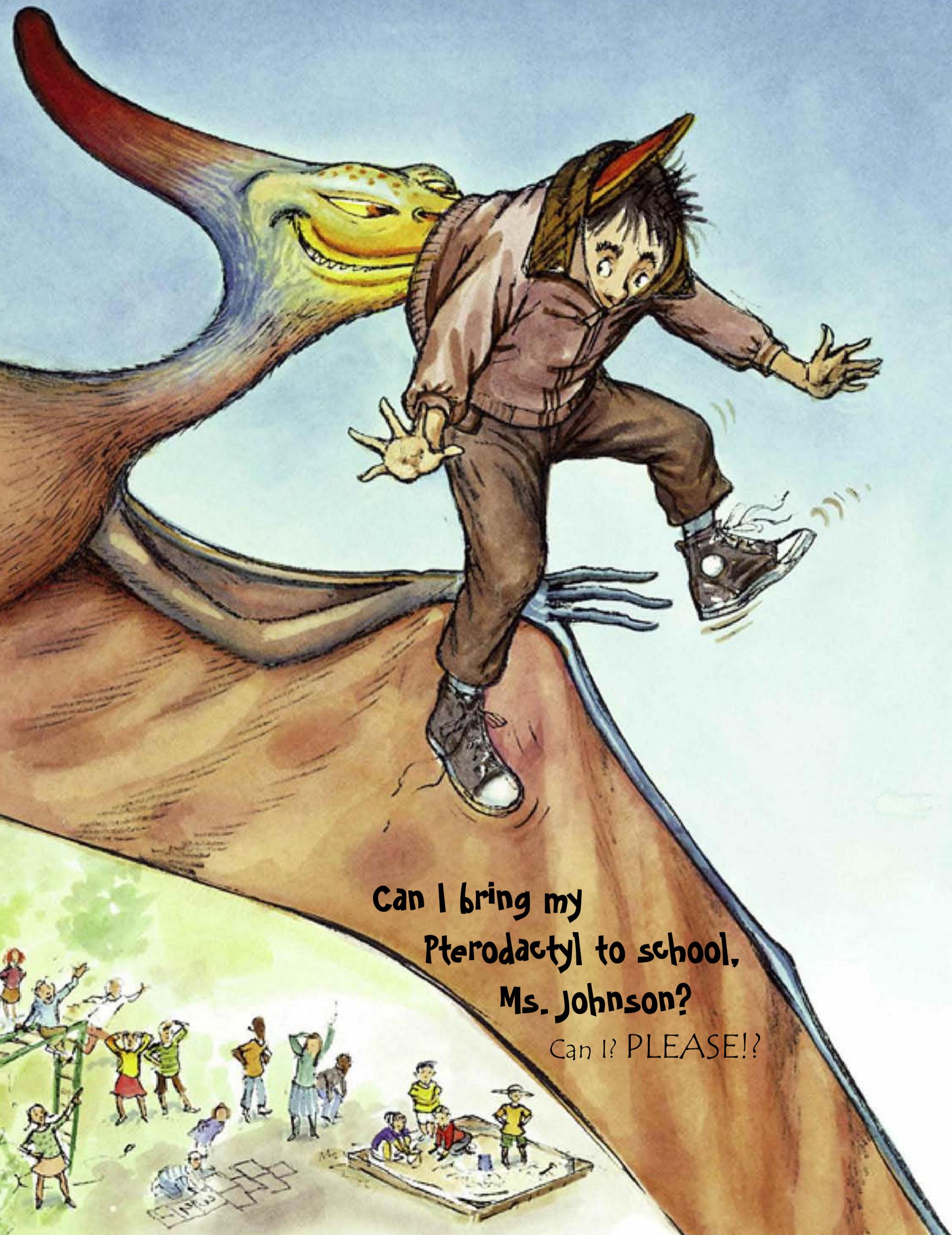
NEVER

ask for my dessert

(or anyone else's)

at lunch

again.



**Can I bring my  
Pterodactyl to school,  
Ms. Johnson?  
Can I? PLEASE!?**

If I brought my Pterodactyl to school  
and our school band was on the fifty-yard line  
during our homecoming game  
playing our school song,  
“Franklin Elementary, We Love You,”  
and it started to rain  
and our uniforms were beginning to get wet  
and the tuba was filling up with water . . .





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