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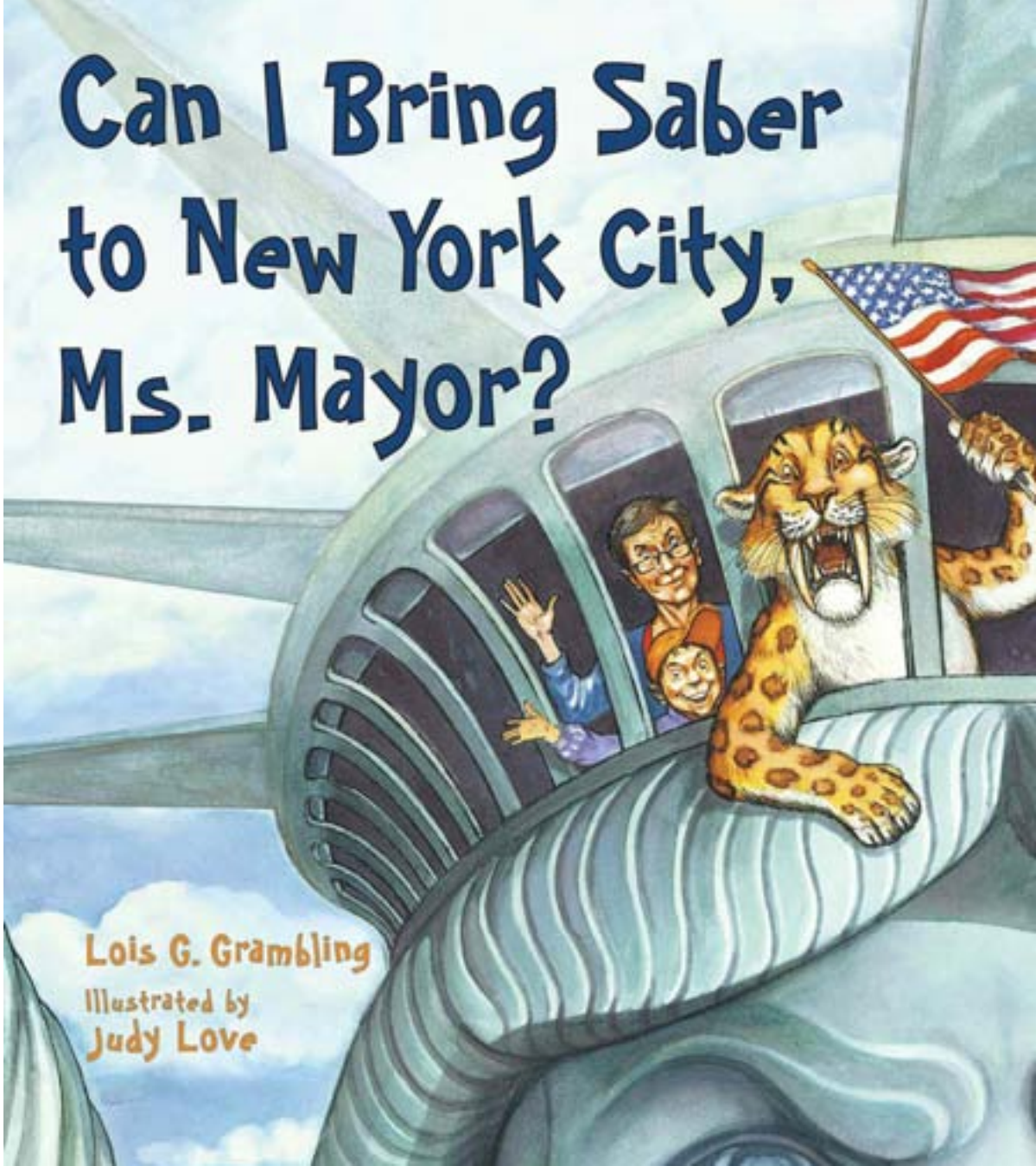

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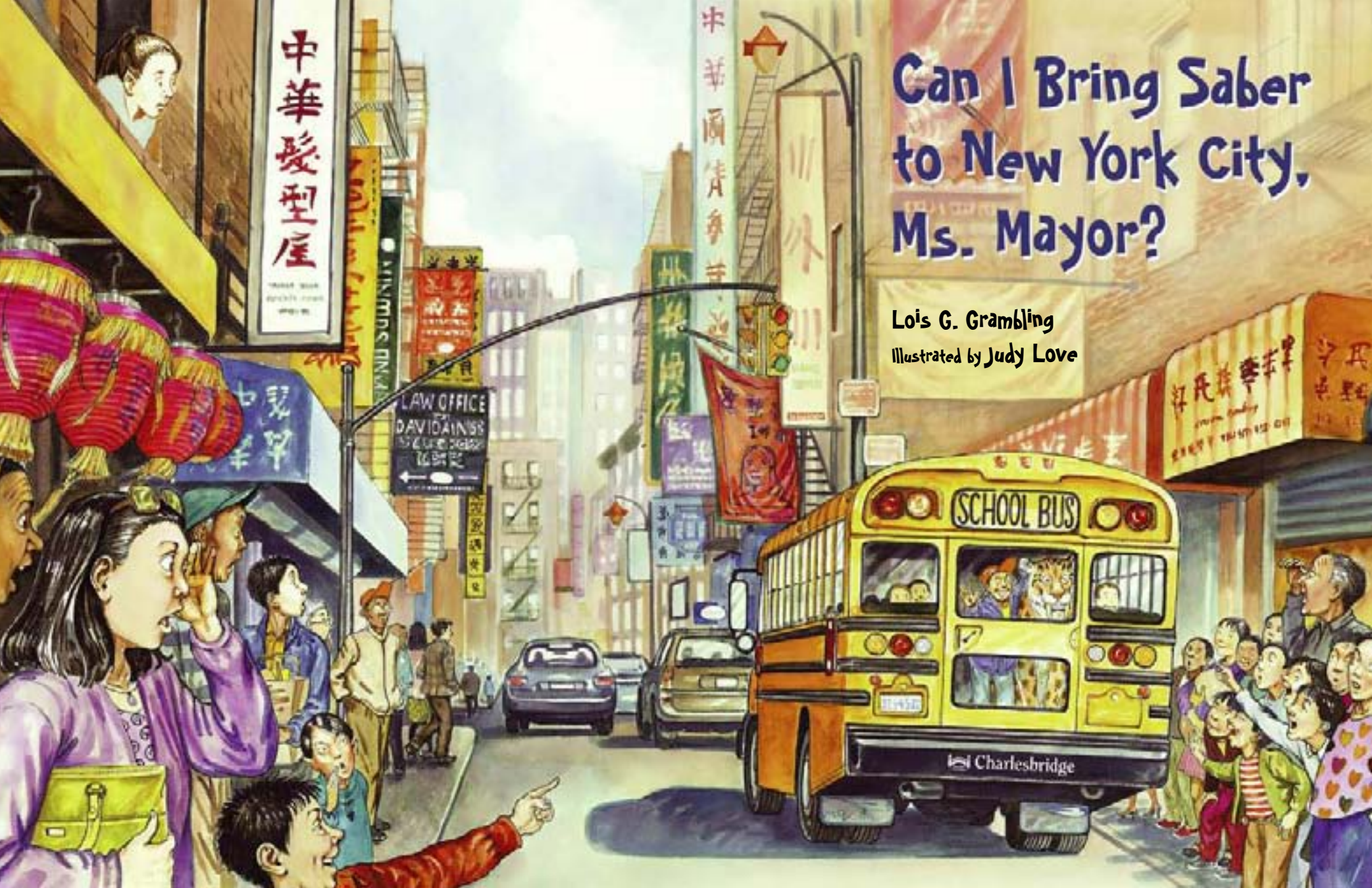

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To Jeffrey Arthur our son, and to Jeffrey Anthony our great-grandson.

—L. G. G.

For Sue, my dear friend and NY liaison, with gratitude for your voice of reason.
For Roger my constant companion, whose love and encouragement spur me on.
And a big thank-you to Lisa, my mayoral muse: your spirit inspires me.

—J. L.

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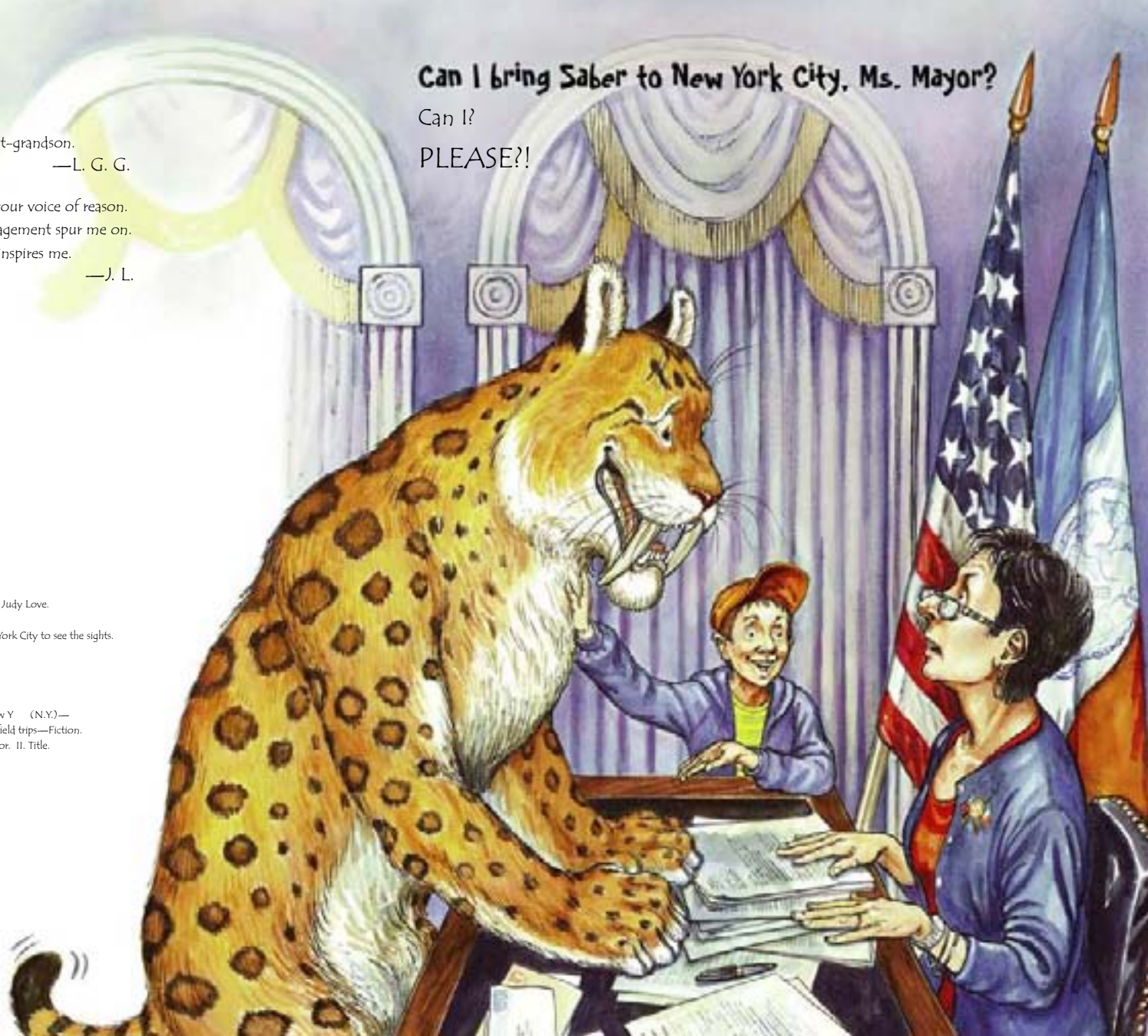
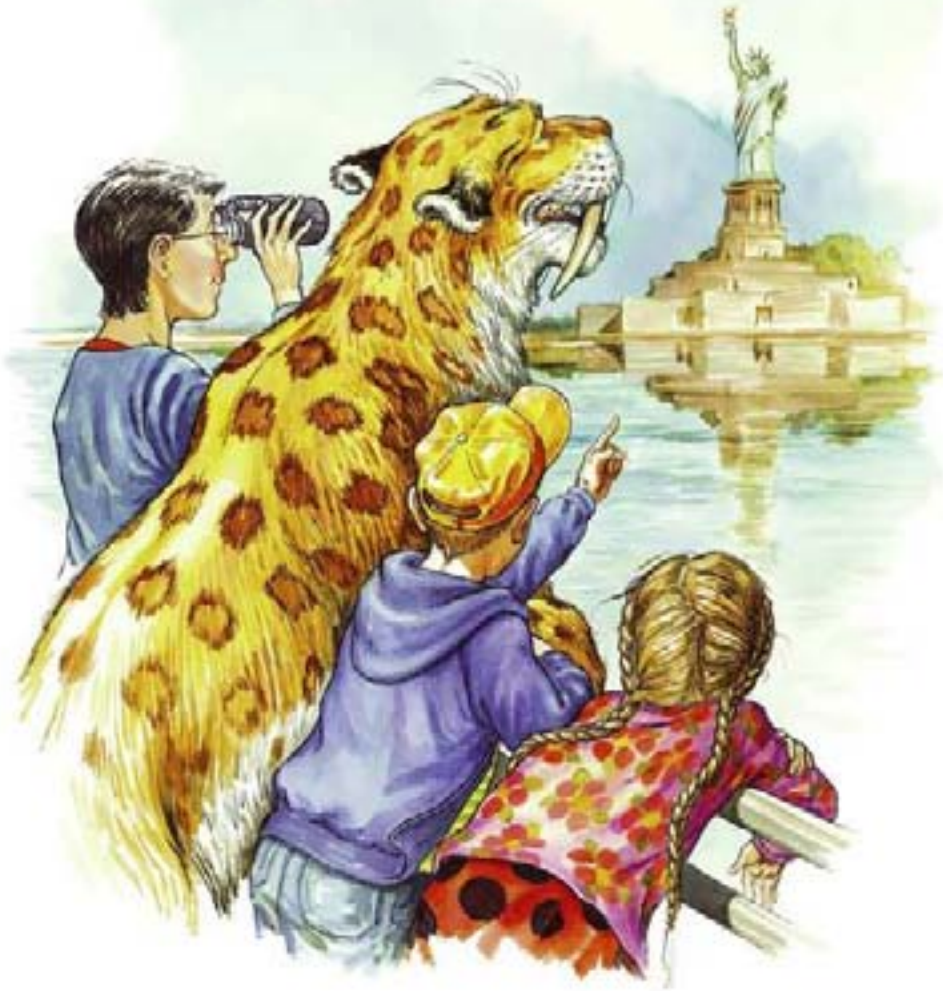
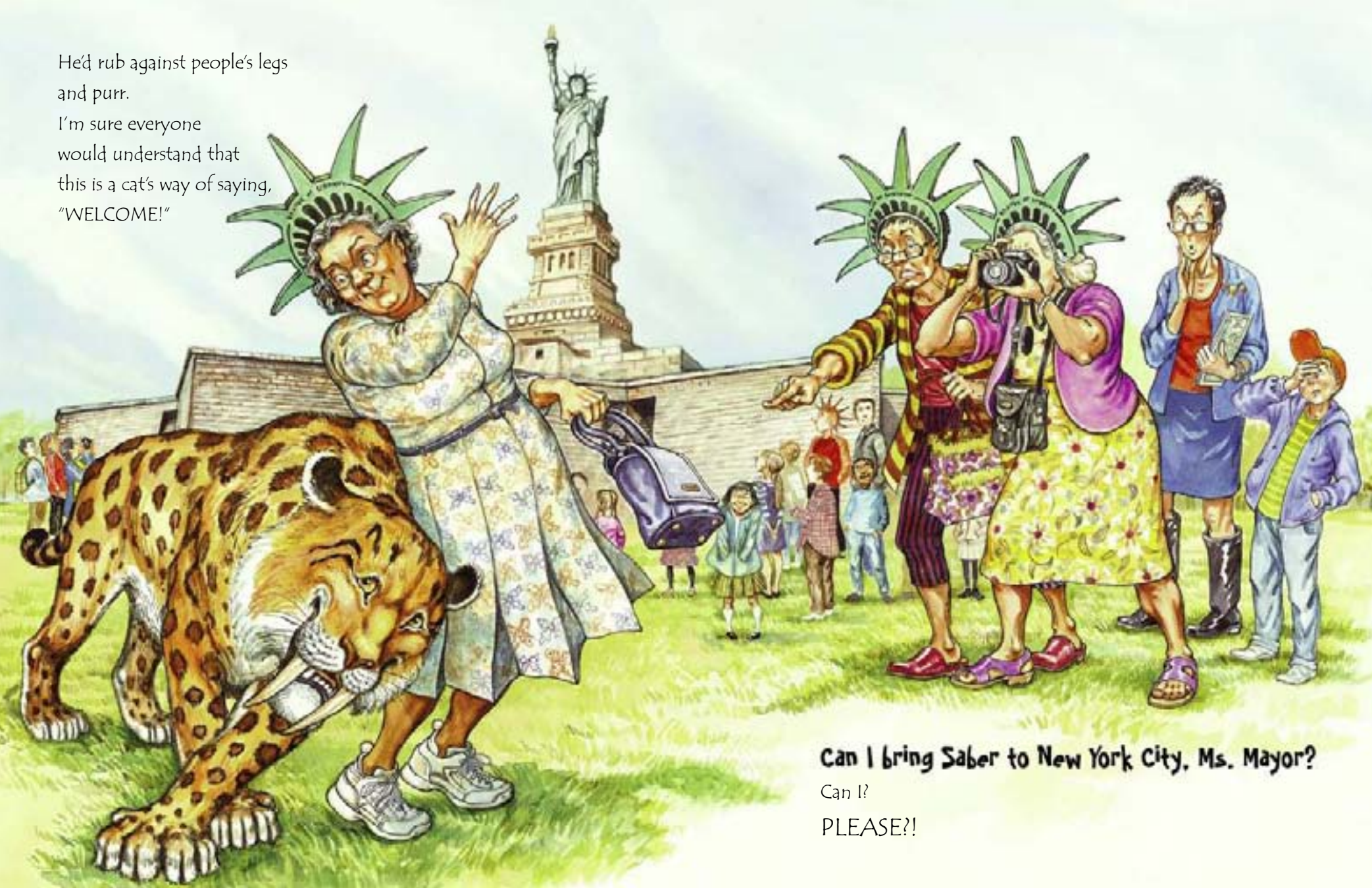


If I brought Saber to New York City on our class trip,
we'd visit the 151-foot-tall Statue of Liberty,
the symbol of our freedom
and one of the most famous women in America.



Saber knows it must be tough
working for such a bustling city, Ms. Mayor,
so he'd be happy to help you
and Lady Liberty
greet all the visitors at the statue.



He'd rub against people's legs
and purr.
I'm sure everyone
would understand that
this is a cat's way of saying,
"WELCOME!"

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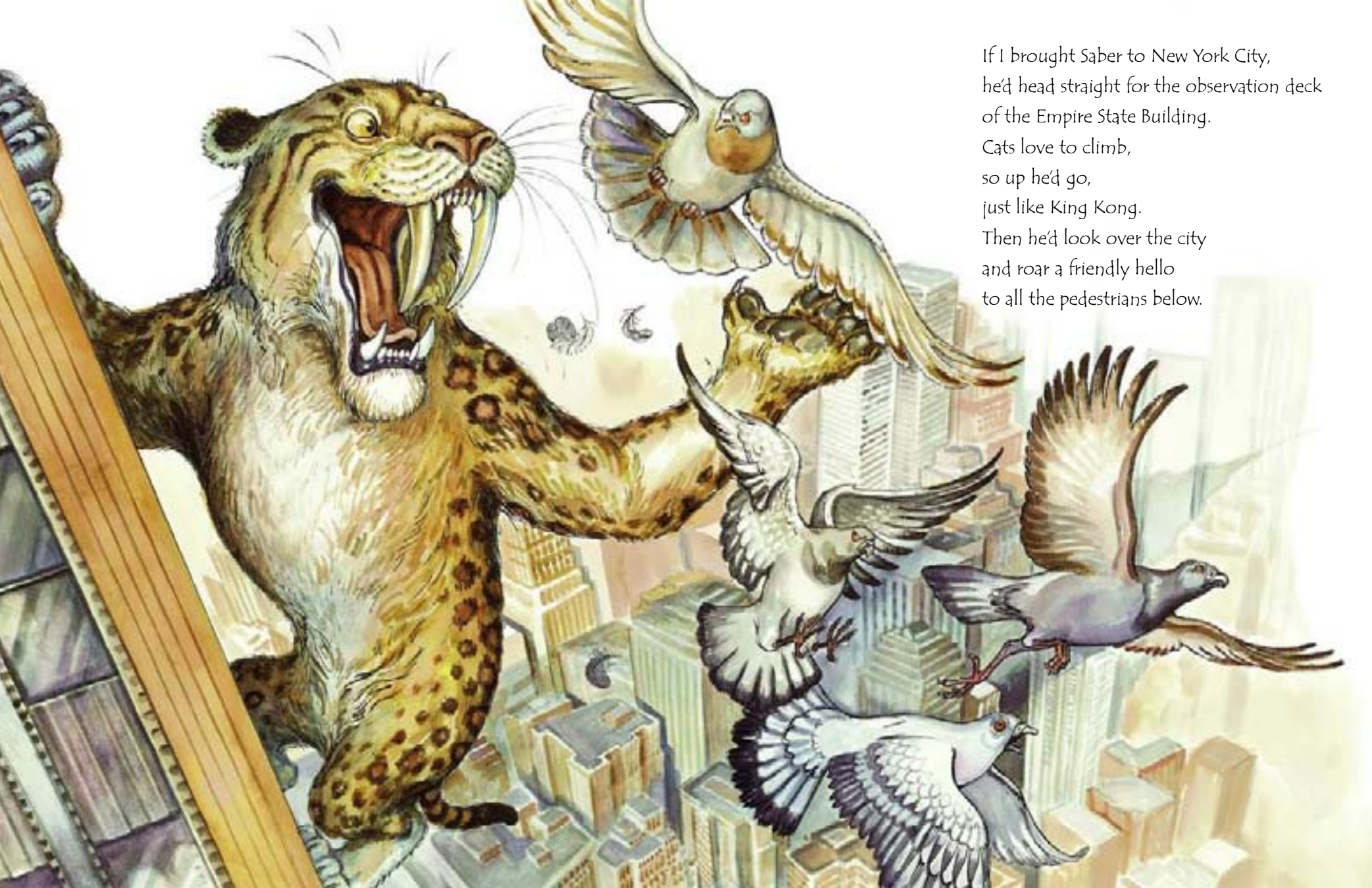
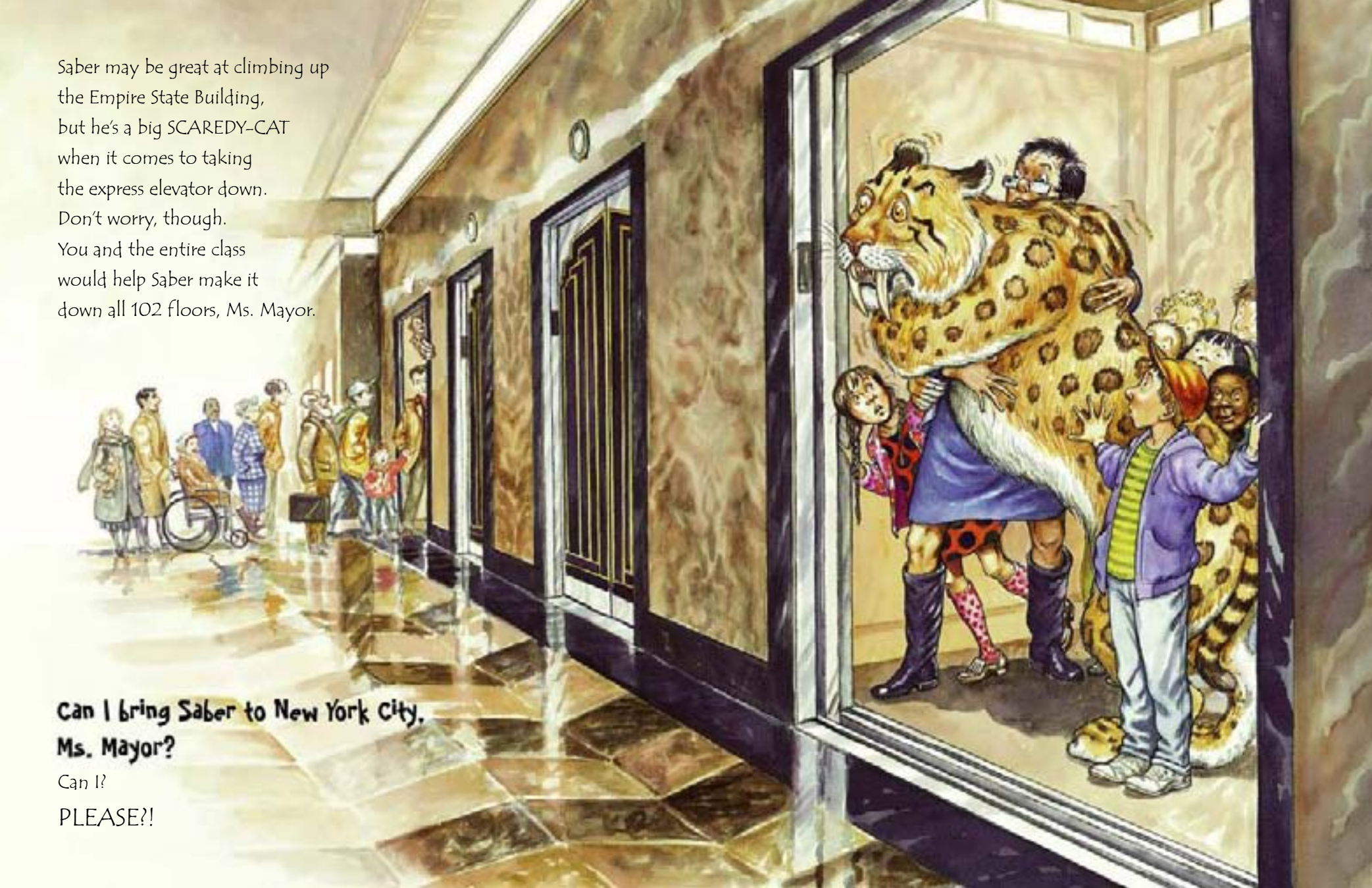
Can I?

PLEASE?!



If I brought Saber to New York City,
he'd head straight for the observation deck
of the Empire State Building.
Cats love to climb,
so up he'd go,
just like King Kong.
Then he'd look over the city
and roar a friendly hello
to all the pedestrians below.



Saber may be great at climbing up
the Empire State Building,
but he's a big SCAREDY-CAT
when it comes to taking
the express elevator down.
Don't worry, though.
You and the entire class
would help Saber make it
down all 102 floors, Ms. Mayor.

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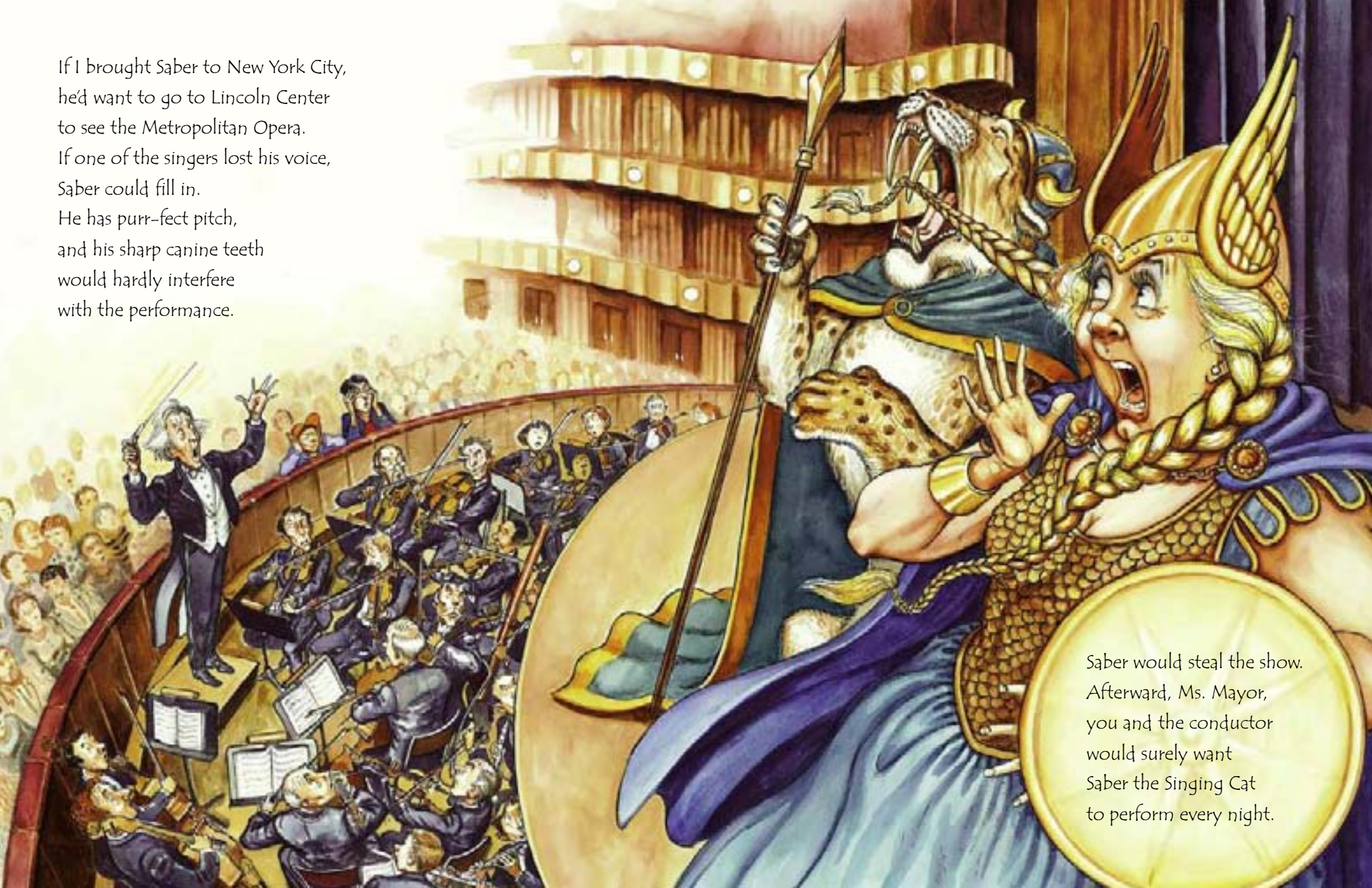

If I brought Saber to New York City,
he'd want to go to Lincoln Center
to see the Metropolitan Opera.
If one of the singers lost his voice,
Saber could fill in.
He has purr-fect pitch,
and his sharp canine teeth
would hardly interfere
with the performance.

Saber would steal the show.
Afterward, Ms. Mayor,
you and the conductor
would surely want
Saber the Singing Cat
to perform every night.

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