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I've always thought my dad was odd,
but now he's acting strange.
I do not know what happened,
or what could've sparked this change.



He used to joke and make me laugh;
like such a total goof.
He always seems so moody now;
he's gotten quite aloof.









We used to hop upon our bikes
and go out for a ride.
But now we barely do a thing,
we mostly stay inside.

Dad is acting spooky,
like he's come under a spell.
Not sure what's gotten into him;
Something's different,
I can tell.



Dad's the one who's being weird,
but I am still the same.
His behavior is unusual;
I know I'm not to blame!





We used to be best buds you see,
but now that's not the case.
The funny guy who once lived here
is gone without a trace.





What is it I'm not seeing here?
Just let me sit and think.
Something is not adding up.
I must find the missing link!

When he turned, and kindly looked at me,
I recognized that smile.
Could it be that I'm the one who's been missing for a while?



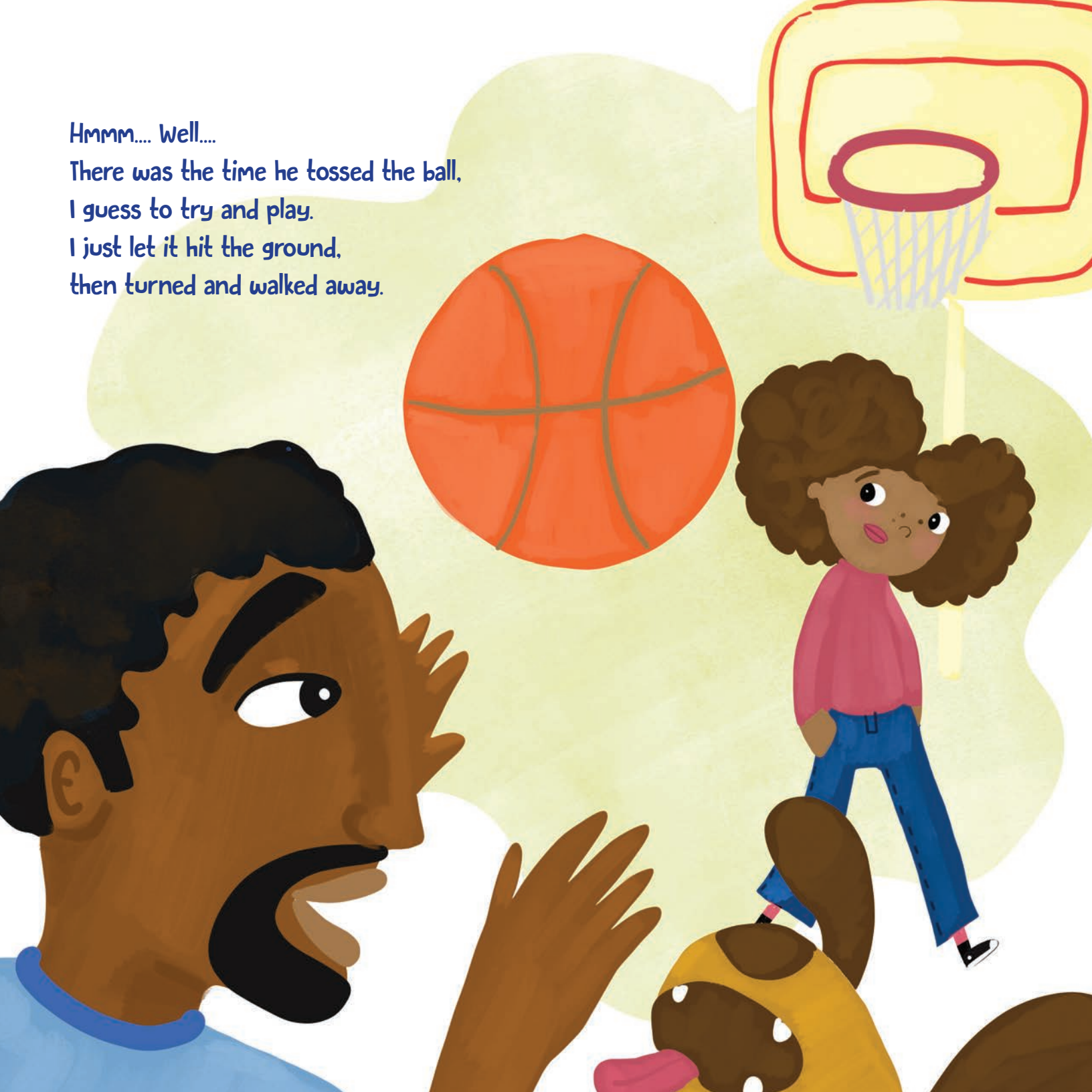
Hmmm.... Well....

There was the time he tossed the ball,

I guess to try and play.

I just let it hit the ground,

then turned and walked away.



And once he came into my room
and sang my favorite song.
I just frowned, annoyed that he
was singing it all wrong.



I told him that
the show he picked
was such a total flop.



And when he tries to tickle me,
I always tell him, "stop!"



He also tries to hug me tight,
before my day begins.
I turn away and say,
"Dad, you'll embarrass me
in front of my friends!"









Ohhh....

*Now I think I understand
some things I did not see.
It isn't Dad who's made the change,
the change occurred in *me*!*





I'll have to try explaining
that I'm no longer a pup.
I am acting differently
because I'm growing up!



I'll bet poor Dad's been feeling sad,
and this I didn't intend.
It's time that we both reconnect,
and get back on the mend.







Now we do things we both enjoy,
like two birds of a feather.
We're learning a new way to be,
by acting strange together.

About the Book

This book is great for young readers, and for the young at heart.

The story deals with the ever-evolving relationship between parents and maturing children.

Dad is Acting Strange, is about the ever-evolving changes that take place within the relationships between parents and maturing children, in this case, the bond between a father-daughter who is approaching her "strange" pre-teen and teenage years.

Will their relationship survive these tumultuous times? Read this fun book about (the ties that bind/family dynamics/family ties) and find out.

The one constant in life is change. This doesn't mean that we always feel like embracing the adjustments even though it's a good idea not to avoid them either. If we learn to cope with the various changes that we'll inevitably experience, we may find that our relationships become happier and healthier.

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Author Bio



For Marley, Delaney, and Journey.
Rach, thank you for all your
continued support.
Thanks Ma, for always believing.

Marc Boston has always been a lover of books but didn't grow up aspiring to become an author. However, seeing a lack of diversity in children's books, he was inspired to write original stories to read to his daughters and to help ensure that more children are represented in the stories they read. *Dad is Acting Strange*, is his third published children's book. Marc was born in Baltimore, MD and raised in Kansas City, KS. He lives with his wife Rachael and their three daughters in Charlottesville, VA.

Look for Marc's other published books at www.marcboston.com or on Amazon.com.

Other book titles by Marc Boston
The Girl Who Carried Too Much Stuff
What About Me?

Marley's Poem

Dreamland Bound

When the day is done, and the sun goes down,
I close my eyes and I'm dream bound.

I dream of fluffy clouds and sandy shores.
Eternal light and open doors.

Of quiet days and summer storms.
Of small birds in BIG SWARMS.

Magic carpets, beanstalks, and bees.
Sweet flowers that make you sneeze!

Delicious desserts with cherries on top.
Soft gummy bears and hard lollipops.

I dream of lands far and wide,
with the wind and the stars by side.

But no matter how far I go,
I won't forget how I love you so.

I gently return to the light of day, with my family,
and here is where I plan to stay.

Other Titles by Marc



*"Life can be rough when we carry too much stuff."
- Marc Boston*

The Girl Who Carried Too Much Stuff, is the tale of a little girl who loves to collect things! Not only does she collect them, but she gathers many of those possessions and carries them around with her whenever she leaves her home. But when she decides to embark on an afternoon visit to the neighborhood park, she finds that lugging around too much stuff may actually create a problem. This delightful story touches on issues we face in society regarding overconsumption, materialism, and "letting go" which focuses on the idea that caring and sharing can ultimately be more rewarding.



*"I suppose I'm too small for them to see. It's tough to be the youngest of three. Another tea party and I'm the only attendee. They're having fun, but what about me?"
- Marc Boston*

Little sister wants to be a part of the fun. However, she feels as if she's being ignored by her two older sisters. Will they invite her to play along with them, or will she have to find a way to entertain herself? *What About Me?* is a story of empowerment that urges us to realize that we don't need others to be complete. Rolling solo doesn't mean we are unloved and just because we are alone doesn't mean we have to feel lonely. It is important to learn to enjoy our own company.

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#keepingitdiverse





The Mission is Diversity

The need for children to see themselves in the stories they read is tremendous. When a child does not see himself or herself represented in a book, it has lasting psychological effects and can cause a child to lose the love of reading and sense of self. For far too long there has been a shortage of books that prominently feature children of color. This is a problem, and I'm here to help solve it! Parents, it is vital that we have a greater impact on how our children view themselves and the world around them. Make a difference today! Gift someone a diverse book.

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