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Dedicated to my parents, who taught me to be the ray of light that brings the rainbow behind the dark cloud.

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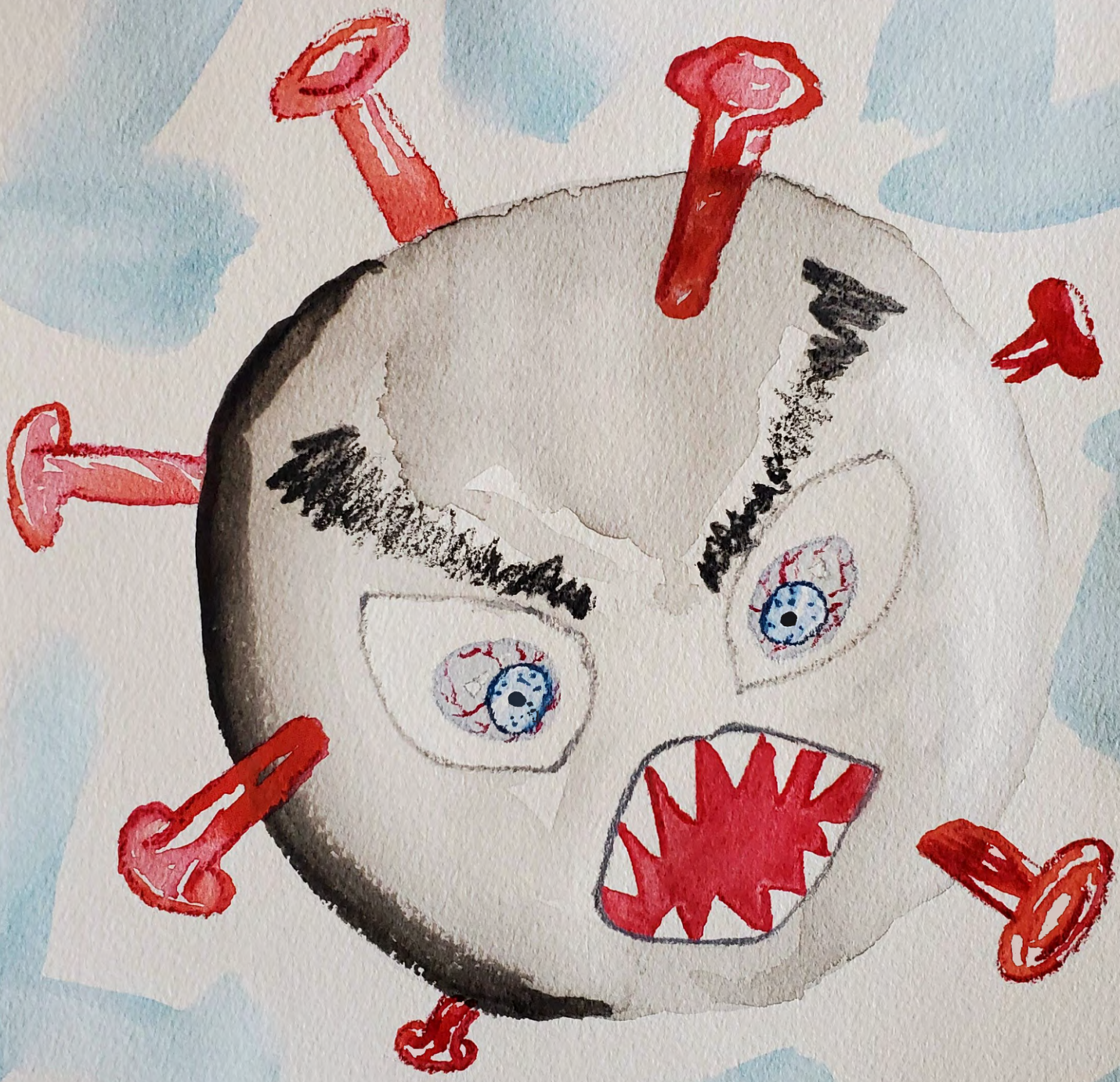
Mama says
“Wash your hands!”
Papa says
“Wash your hands!”
Big Brother says
“Wash your hands!”
I am Little.
Littles can make a big difference.

We wash because
we care.

We wash because of a not nice, very bad germ named Germy.
Germy will make you sick.
He does not care about making any one of us sick.



Germy is a not nice, very bad Germy!
He is afraid of soap and warm water.
We wash our hands to make Germy stay away.

Germy does not make a sound.
He does not have a smell.
He is so small he cannot be seen with your eyes.
A scientist needs a big special machine called an electron scanning microscope to see Germy.
This is why we wash our hands.

Wet hands!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.

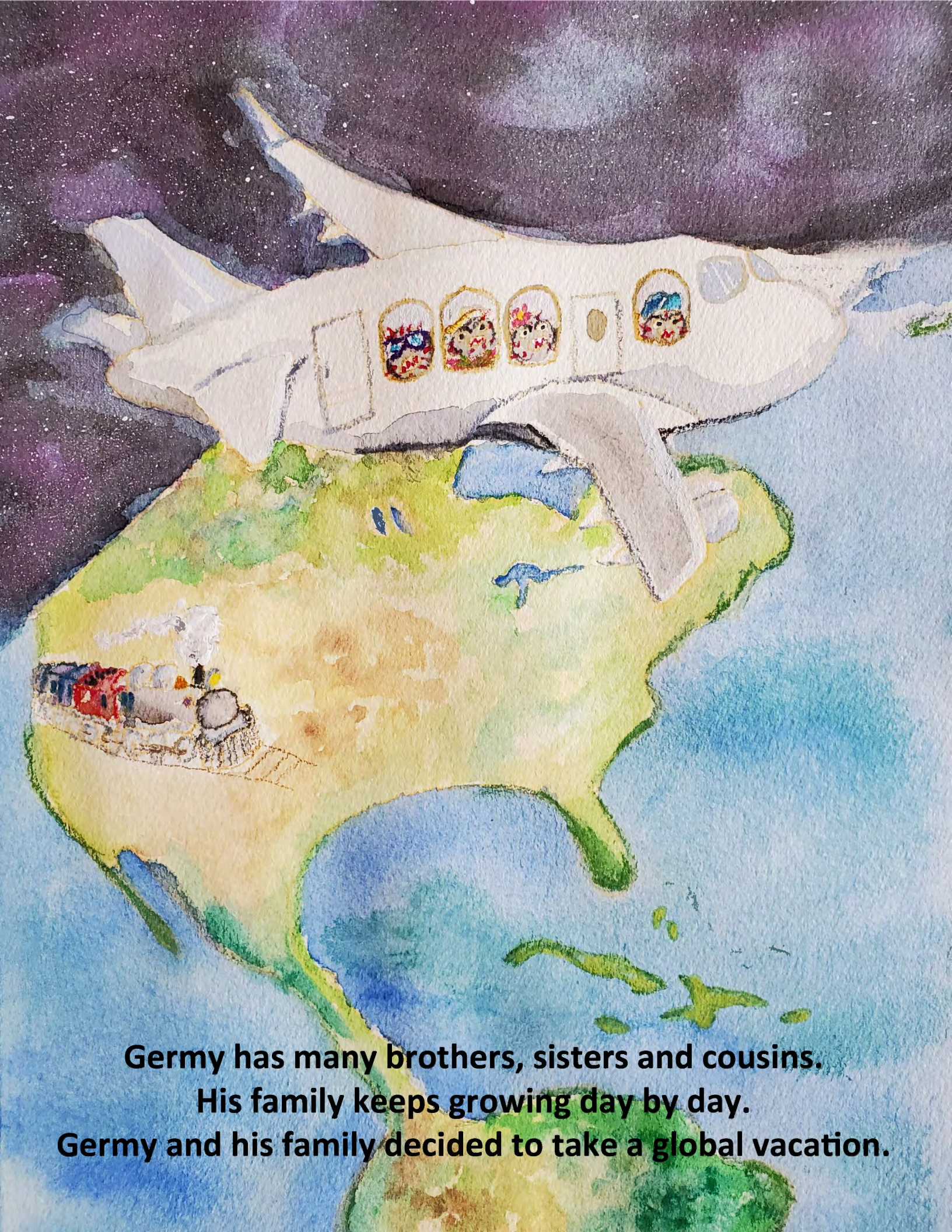
Cross back of hands!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.
Switch hands!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.

Clasp palms!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.

Clean fingers!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.
Clean thumbs!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.
Switch thumbs!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly.

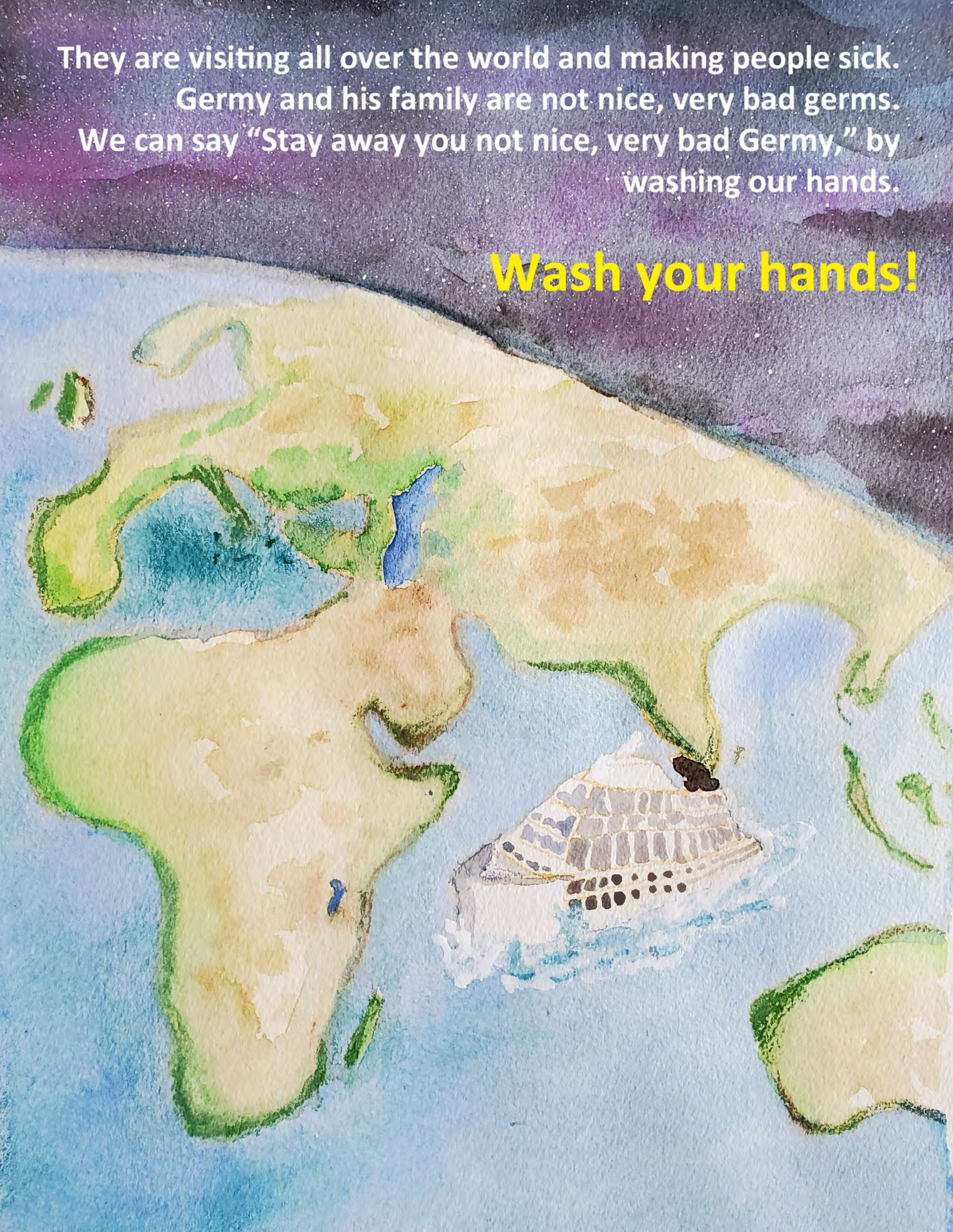
Rub palms!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly!
Switch palms!
Soapy, soapy, sudsy,
all over bubbly!
Rinse hands!
All done with bubbly.

We even wash Red’s hands.
Then we dry our hands on a towel.



Germy has many brothers, sisters and cousins.
His family keeps growing day by day.
Germy and his family decided to take a global vacation.

They are visiting all over the world and making people sick.
Germy and his family are not nice, very bad germs.
We can say "Stay away you not nice, very bad Germy," by washing our hands.



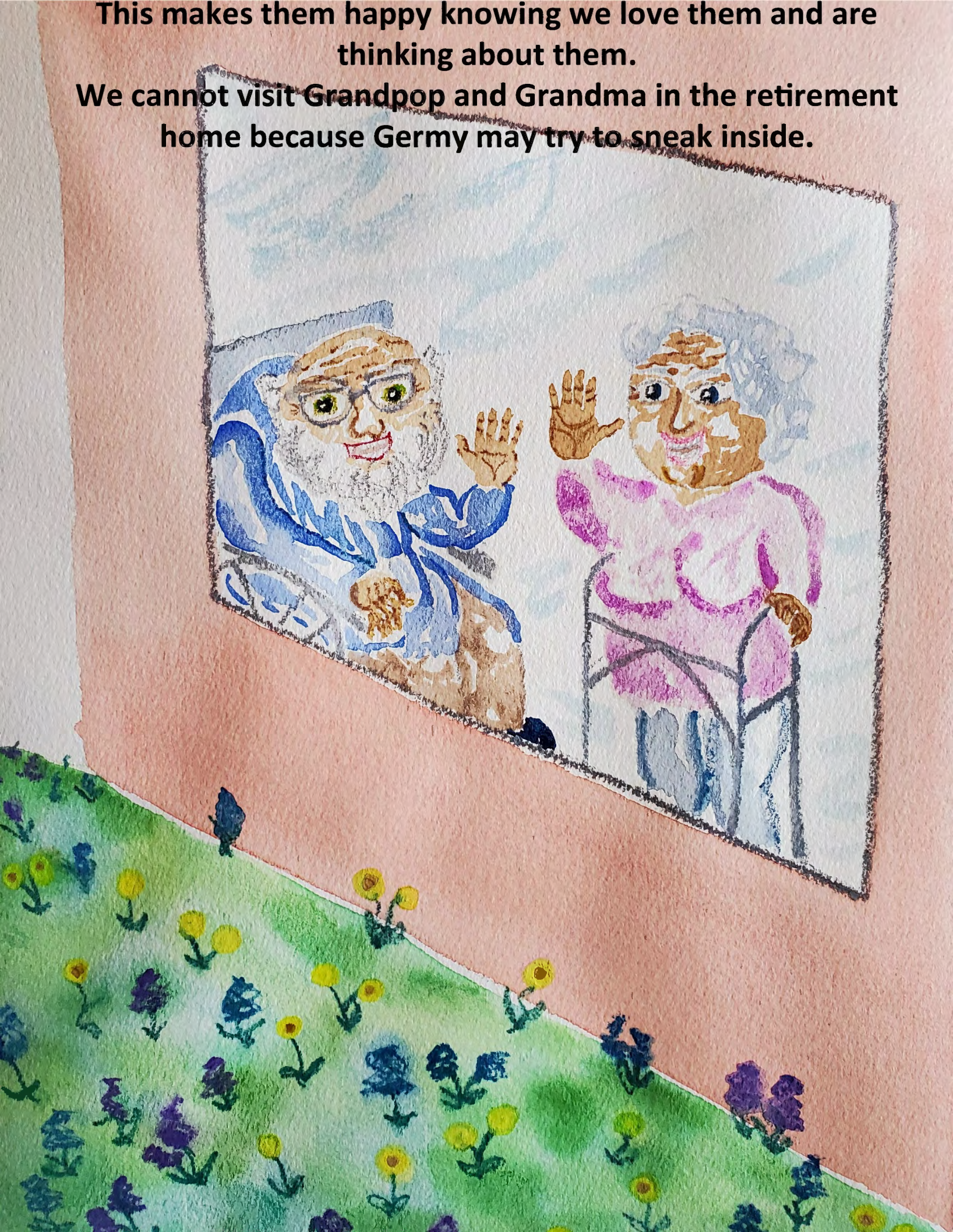
Papa washes his hands then cooks us lunch.
Everyone is staying at home to keep Germy from visiting them.
If we stay at home, Germy and his family will not come to visit.

Papa stays home from his job building buildings.
Big brother studies at home.
Mama is a doctor.
She needs to be at work in the hospital.

We can still stay close to each other at a distance.
Papa goes to visit Grandpop and Grandma every couple of days.
Papa brings a drawing Big Brother and I did for them.

This makes them happy knowing we love them and are thinking about them.

We cannot visit Grandpop and Grandma in the retirement home because Germy may try to sneak inside.



Big Brother and I call Nana on the mobile phone.
She tells us stories about when she was a girl.
Nana talks to us about a big snowstorm that happened
when she was about the same age as Big Brother.
The schools were closed for two weeks.

Her family and she stayed inside their farmhouse.
They told stories around the fireplace, sang songs, danced, played games and read books until the snow melted enough for them to go back to school.

Big Brother talks to his best friend using the computer.
They play video games after they finish their studies.

Mama works as a doctor. She helps make sick people feel better. She goes to work every day at the hospital. She washes her hands and tells Germy, “Go away you not nice, very bad Germy!”

All the world leaders, doctors and scientists come together to make a plan to get rid of Germy and his family.

They say

"Wash your hands to let Germy know he is a not nice, very bad Germy."

"Go away Germy."

I stay inside and play with Red.
It is important we both get our exercise.
We cannot go outside to play because our park is closed.
Germy and his family might be visiting the park.

Big Brother teaches me how to sneeze into a facial tissue then throw it away in the trash bin.

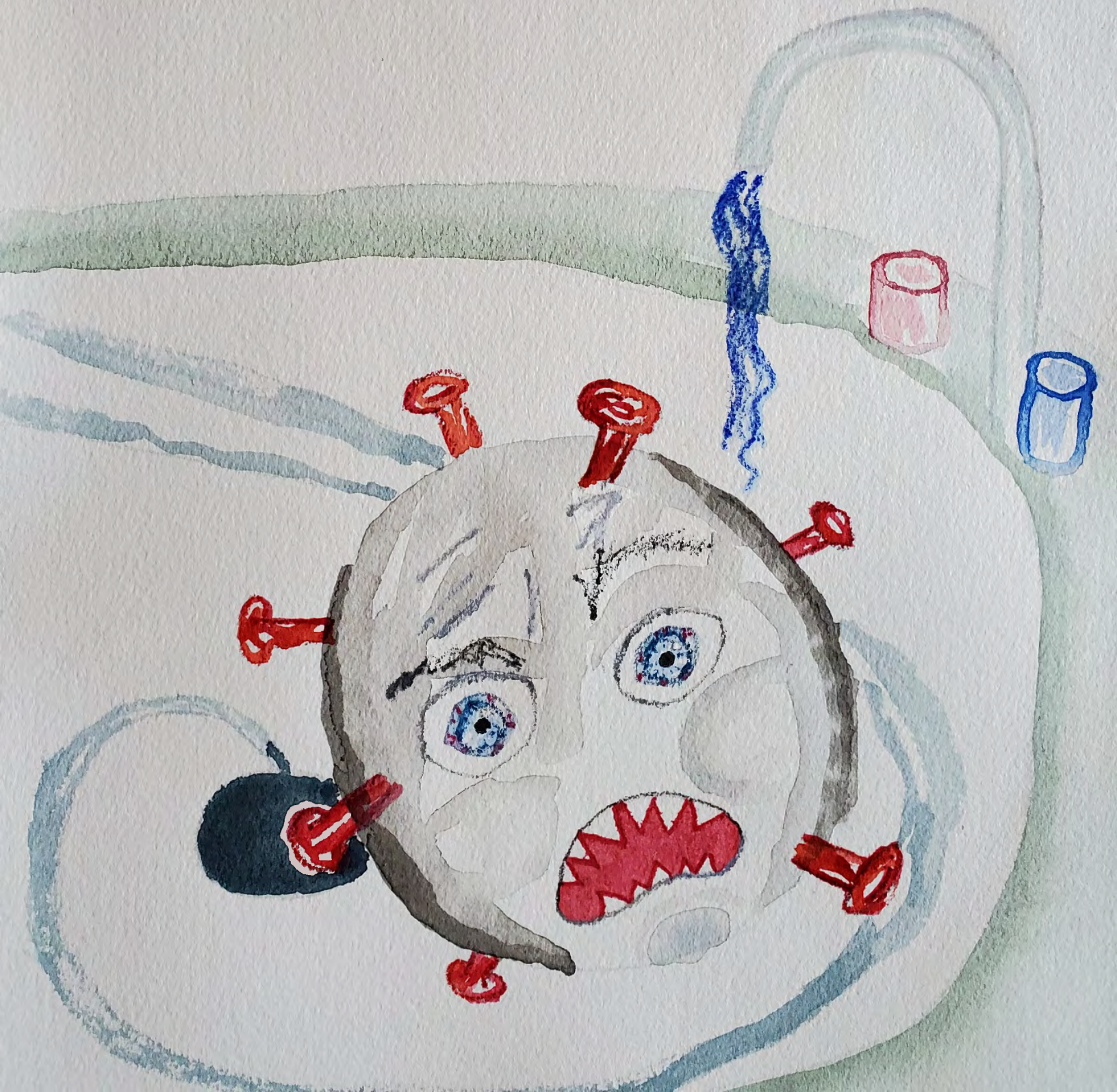
I learn how to cough with my mouth covered by my elbow.
This will keep Germy from traveling.

At night Papa puts me to bed because Mama needs to work late. He tells me Mama and he are proud of me. He says washing my hands is helping to get rid of the not nice, very bad Germy. I am Little but I am making a big difference. Soon Germy and his family will pack their bags. They will go away leaving everyone alone.

BYE BYE

you not nice, very bad Germy!

We are going to wash you down the drain.



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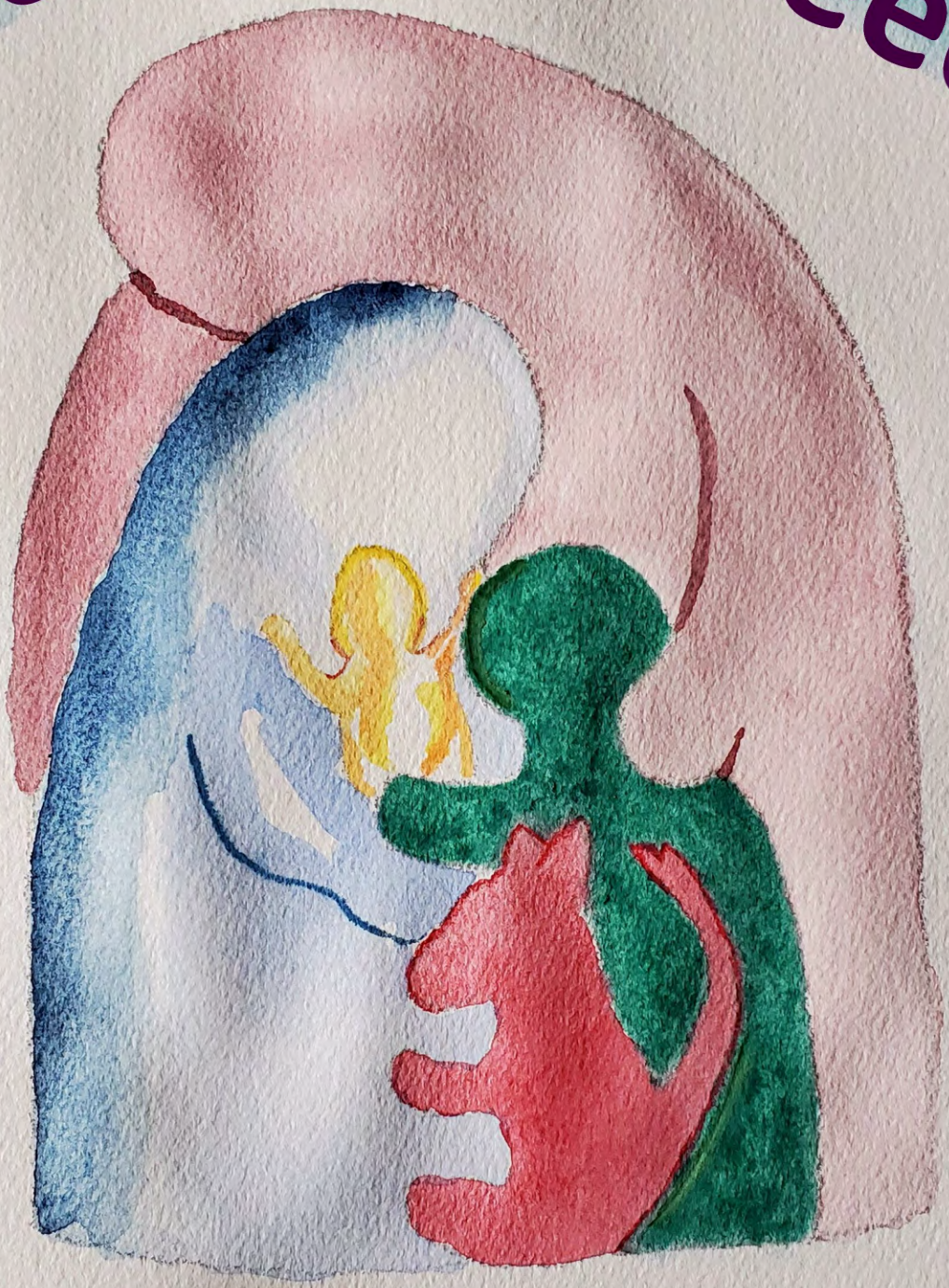

a HUG.

The whole world needs a hug.

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