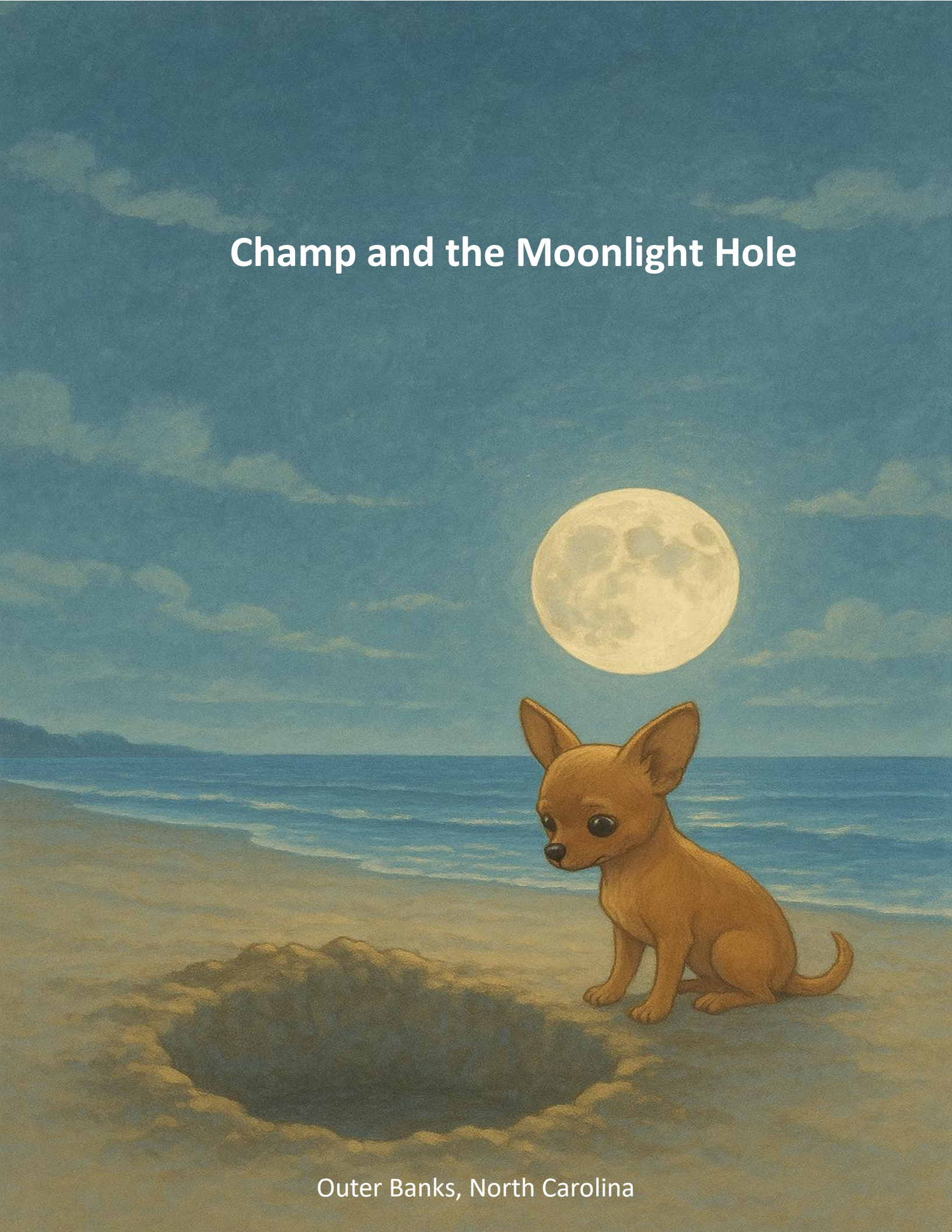


Champ and the Moonlight Hole



Outer Banks, North Carolina

Forward

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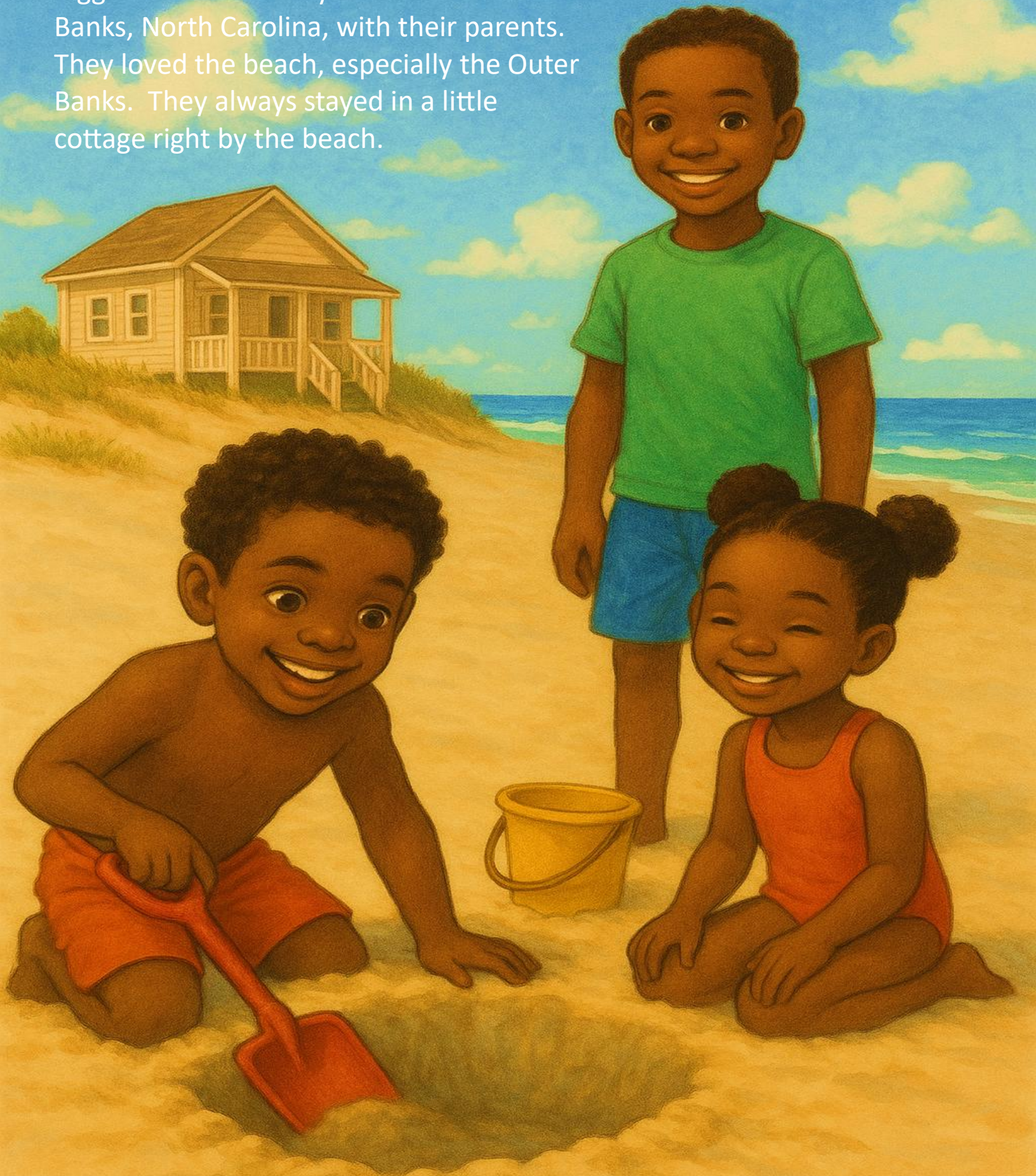
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Every summer, Jimmy, Suzie, and their bigger brother Tommy went to the Outer Banks, North Carolina, with their parents. They loved the beach, especially the Outer Banks. They always stayed in a little cottage right by the beach.

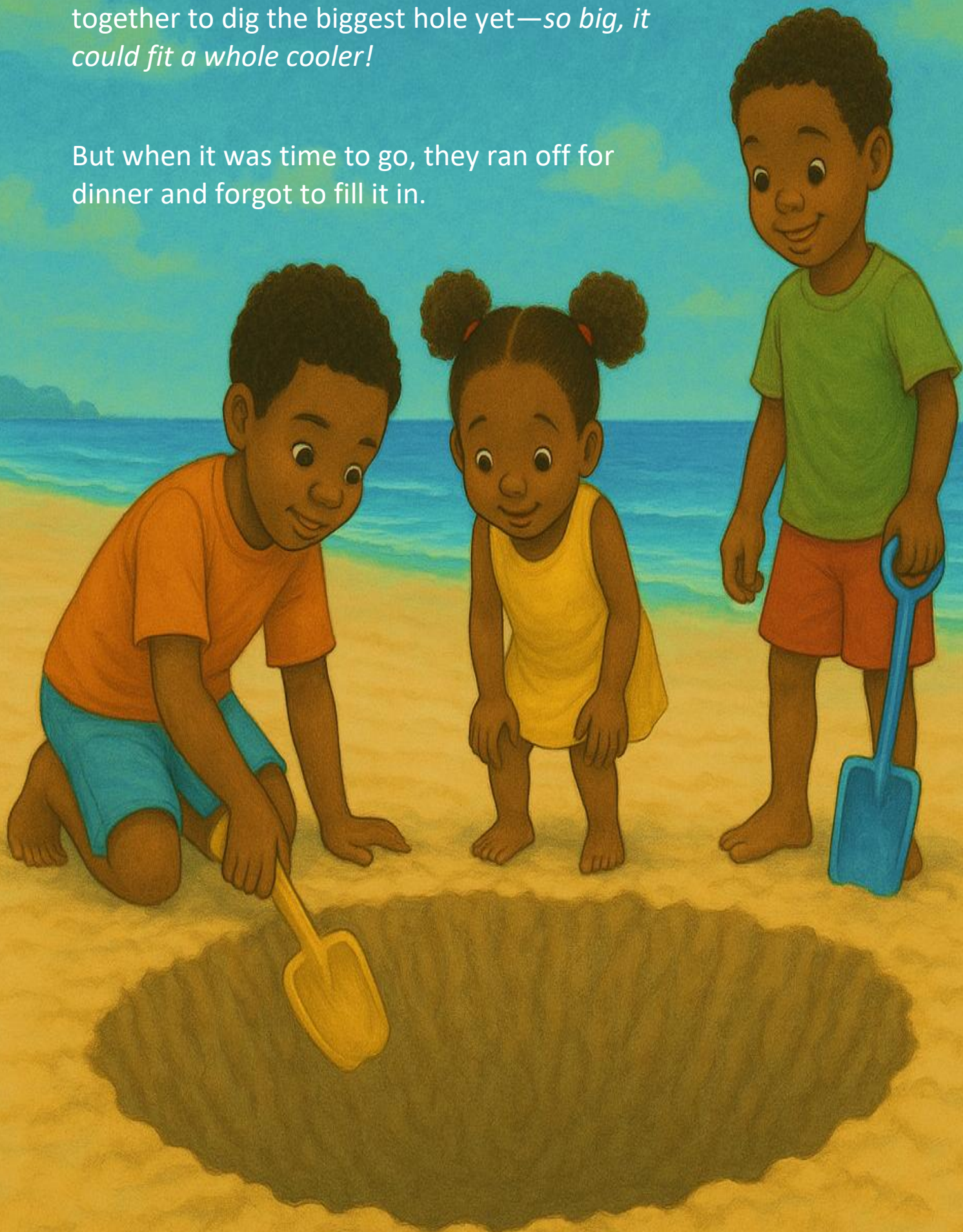


Jimmy, Suzie, and Tommy *loved* playing in the sand.
They built castles, collected shells, and dug giant holes with their
shovels.



One sunny afternoon, the three kids worked together to dig the biggest hole yet—*so big, it could fit a whole cooler!*

But when it was time to go, they ran off for dinner and forgot to fill it in.



That evening, the family's tiny Chihuahua, Champ, tugged at his leash. He loved watching the moon rise over the ocean, especially when it was full.



He always gave a proud little howl. But as he ran down the beach under the stars, **THUMP!**

Champ fell right into the deep hole the kids had left behind.



"Yip! Yip!" he barked, scratching at the sides.

The sand was soft and slippery, and Champ was too small to climb out.



Luckily, a woman walking her golden retriever nearby heard Champ's bark.

She peeked into the hole and gasped.
"Oh no! Poor little pup!"



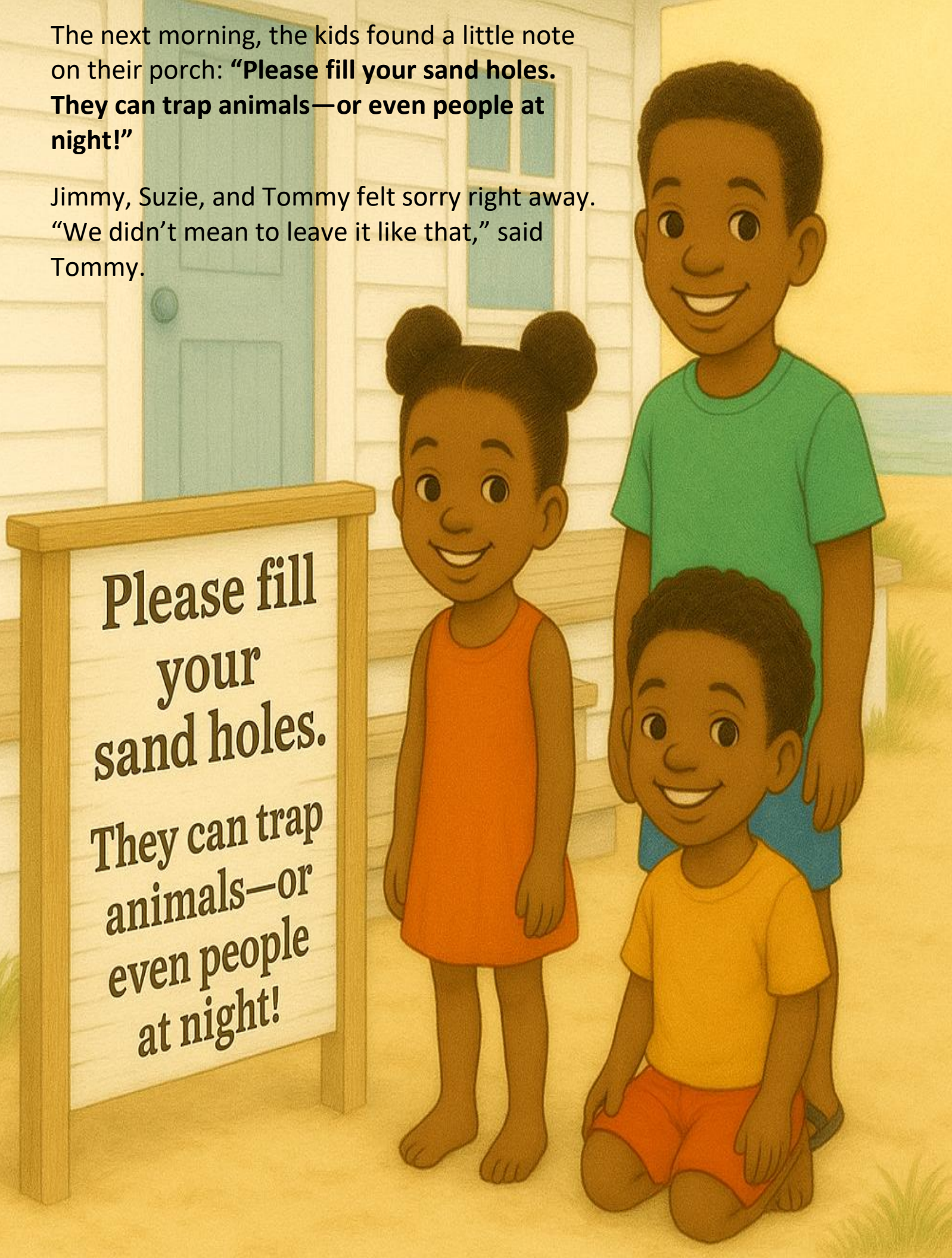
She gently scooped him out and gave him a scratch behind the ears.

Champ wagged his tail and licked her hand, so happy to be free.



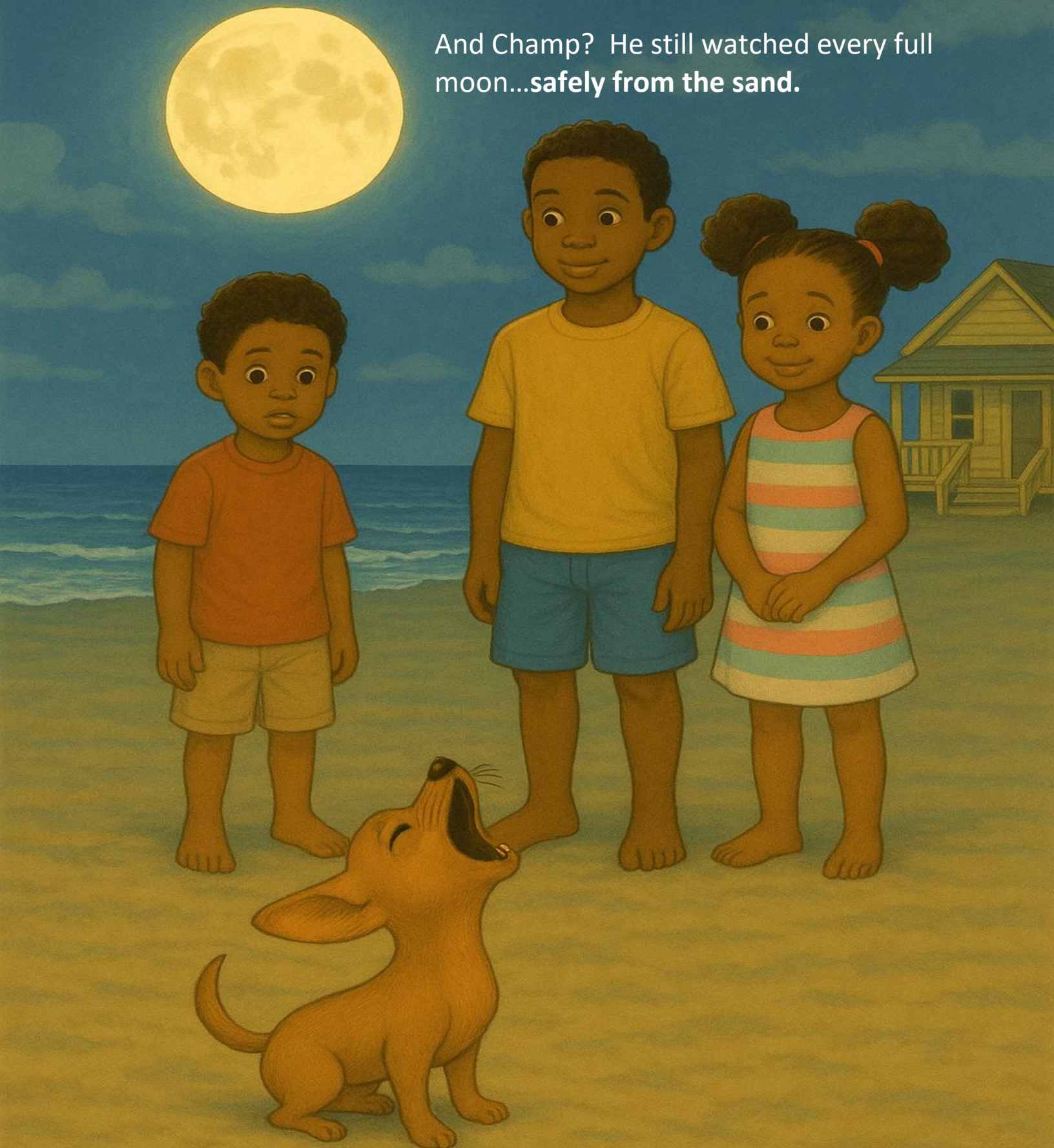
The next morning, the kids found a little note on their porch: **“Please fill your sand holes. They can trap animals—or even people at night!”**

Jimmy, Suzie, and Tommy felt sorry right away. “We didn’t mean to leave it like that,” said Tommy.



From that day on, they made sure to **fill every hole** before leaving the beach.

And Champ? He still watched every full moon...**safely from the sand.**



The End

Please Remember: Always fill in holes on the beach—it helps protect wildlife, pets, and people too!

