

I Wanna Iguana

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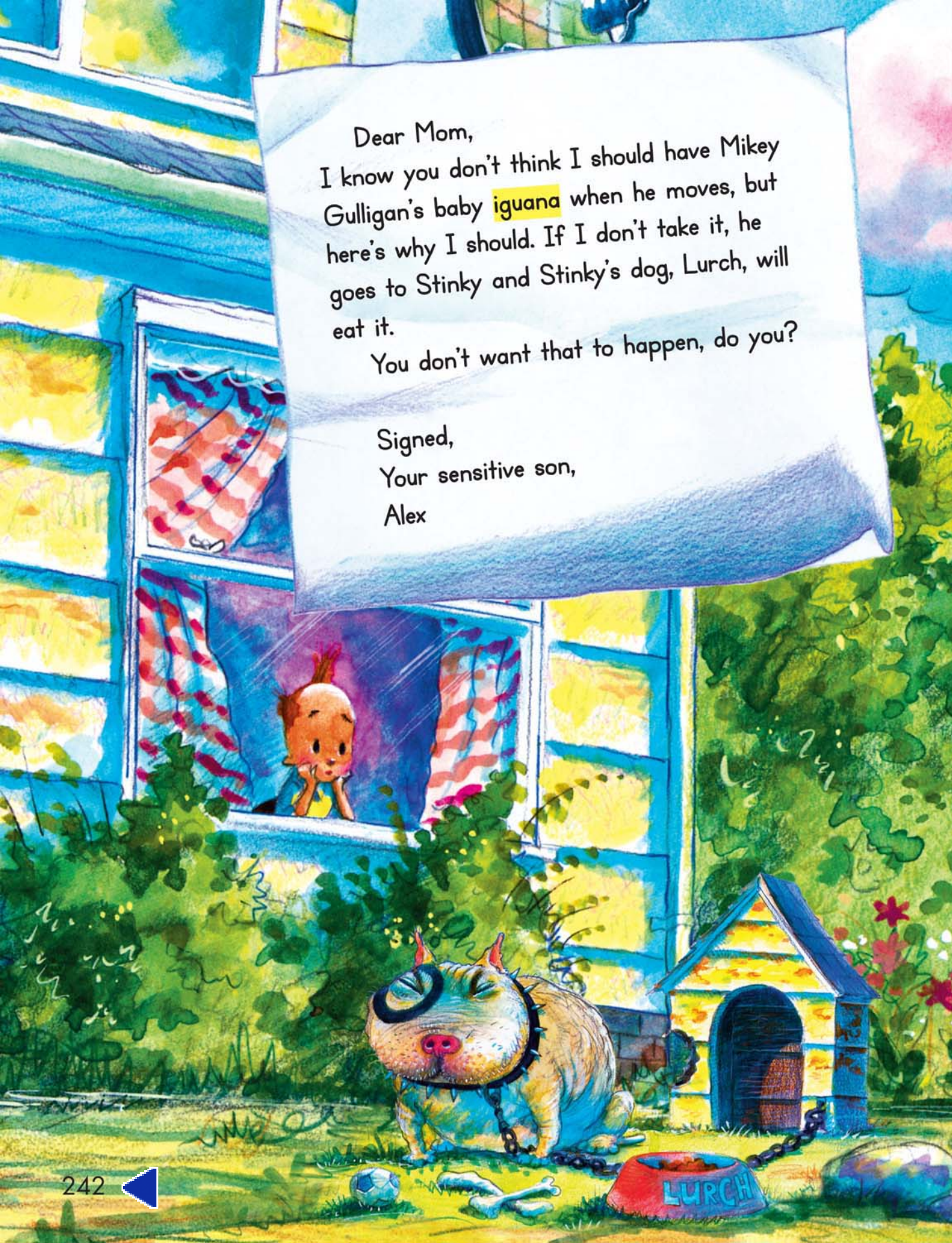
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Realistic Fiction tells a made-up story that could really happen. Read this story to find out if Alex can persuade his mom to let him have an iguana.



Question of the Week

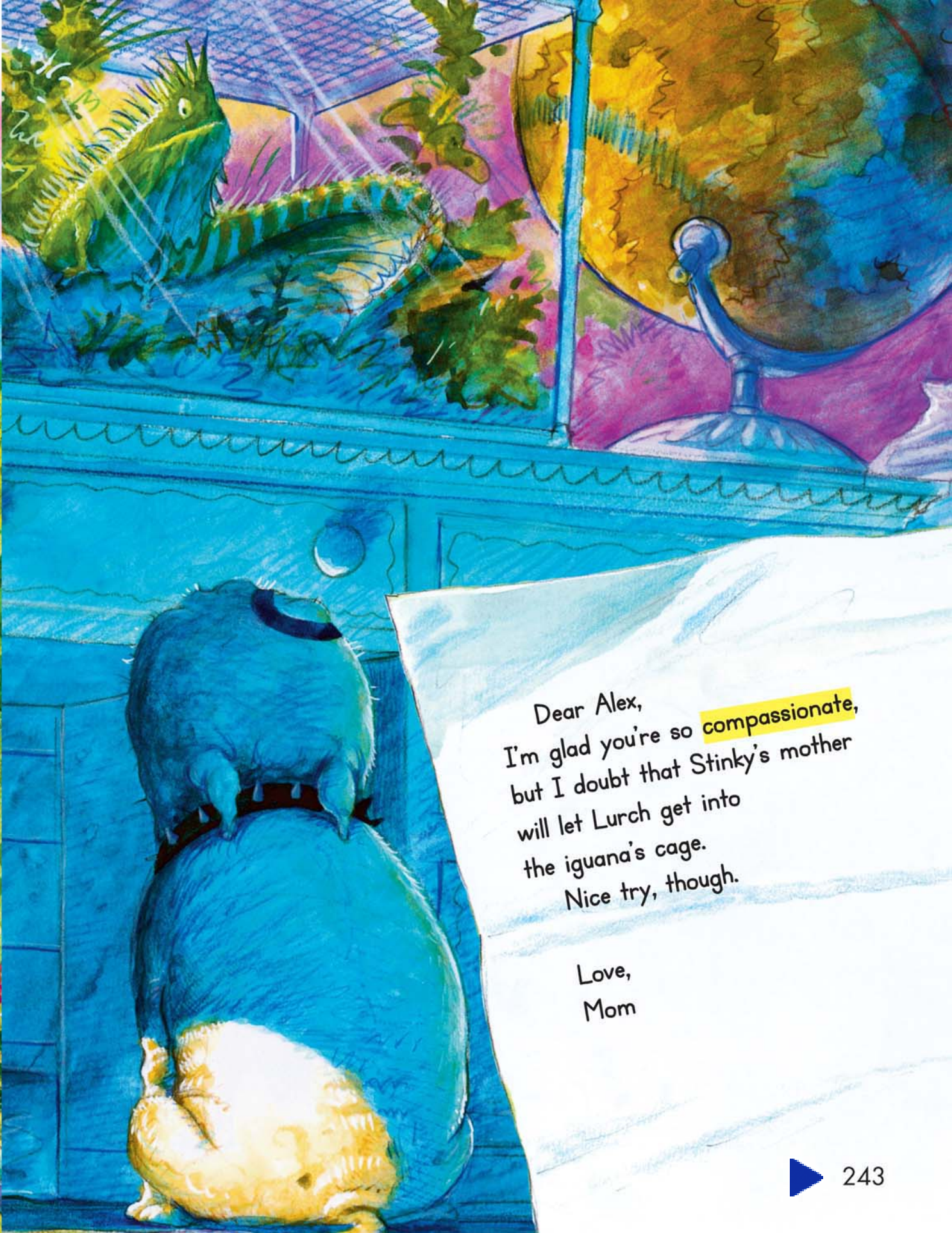
How do you know if a solution is a good solution?



Dear Mom,
I know you don't think I should have Mikey Gulligan's baby iguana when he moves, but here's why I should. If I don't take it, he goes to Stinky and Stinky's dog, Lurch, will eat it.

You don't want that to happen, do you?

Signed,
Your sensitive son,
Alex



Dear Alex,
I'm glad you're so compassionate, but I doubt that Stinky's mother will let Lurch get into the iguana's cage. Nice try, though.

Love,
Mom



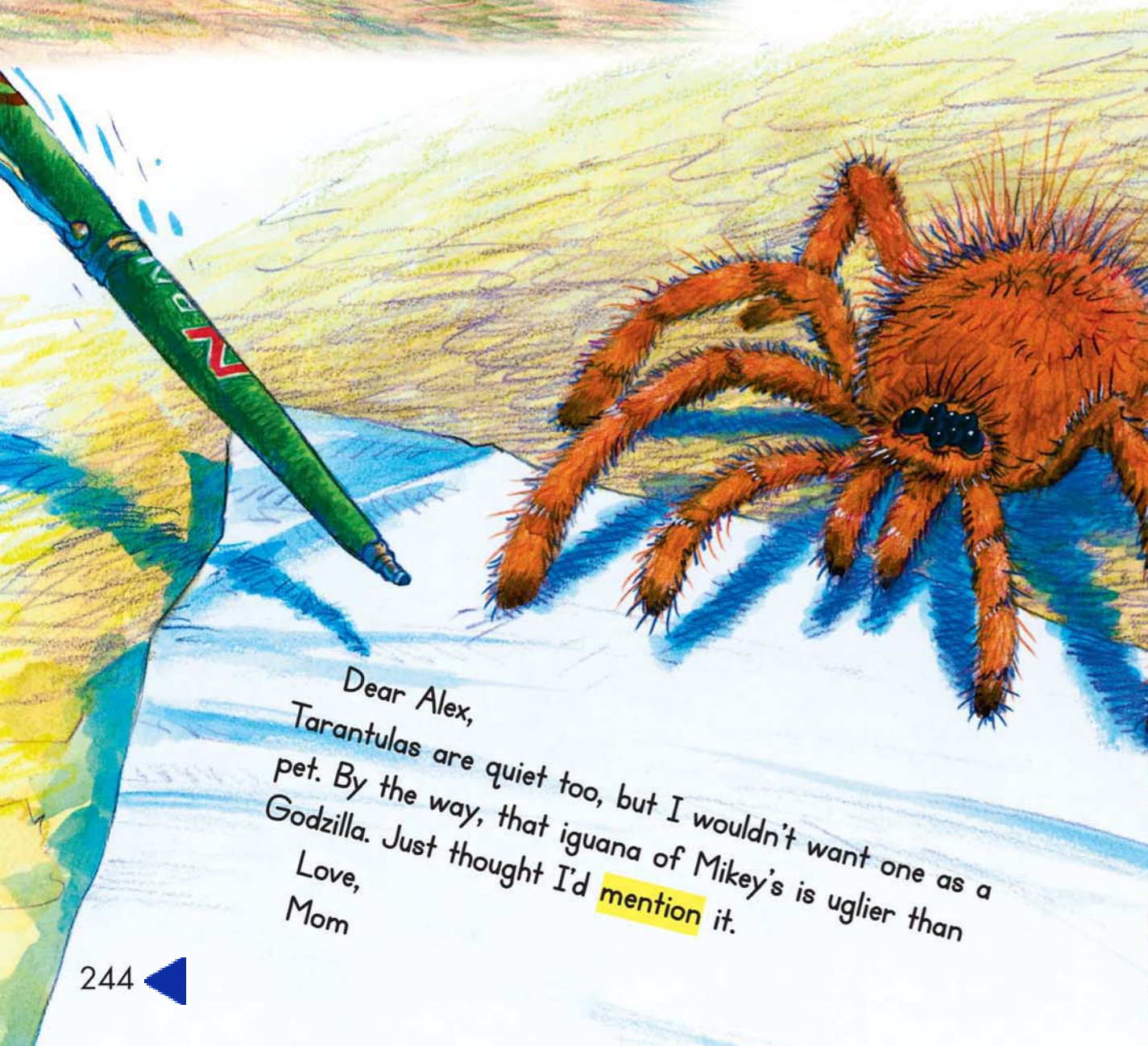
Dear Mom,
Did you know that iguanas are really quiet and they're cute too. I think they are much cuter than hamsters.

Love,
Your adorable son,
Alex



Dear Mom,
You would never even have to see the iguana. I'll keep his cage in my room on the dresser next to my soccer trophies. Plus, he's so small, I bet you'll never even know he's there.

Love and a zillion and one kisses,
Alex



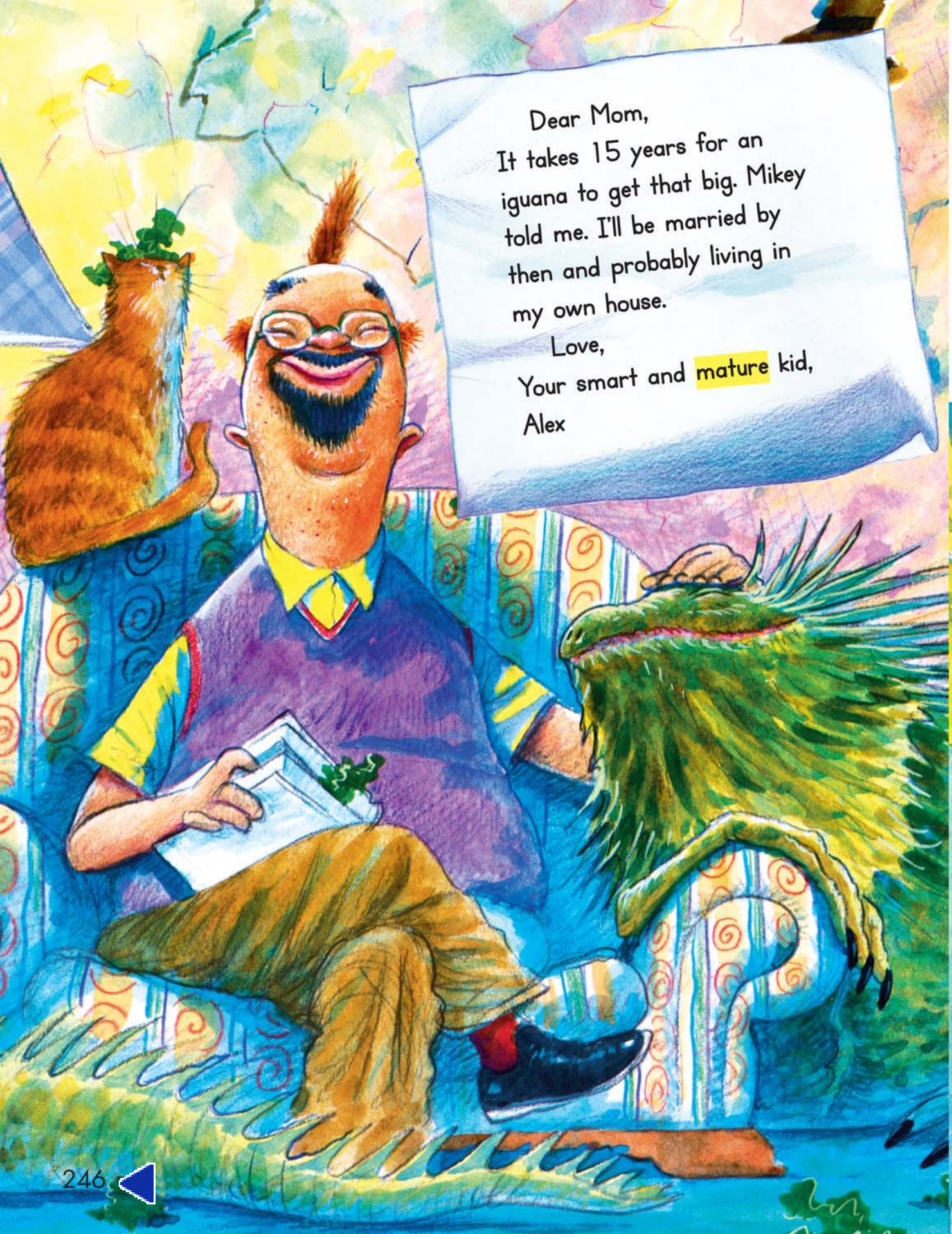
Dear Alex,
Tarantulas are quiet too, but I wouldn't want one as a pet. By the way, that iguana of Mikey's is uglier than Godzilla. Just thought I'd mention it.

Love,
Mom



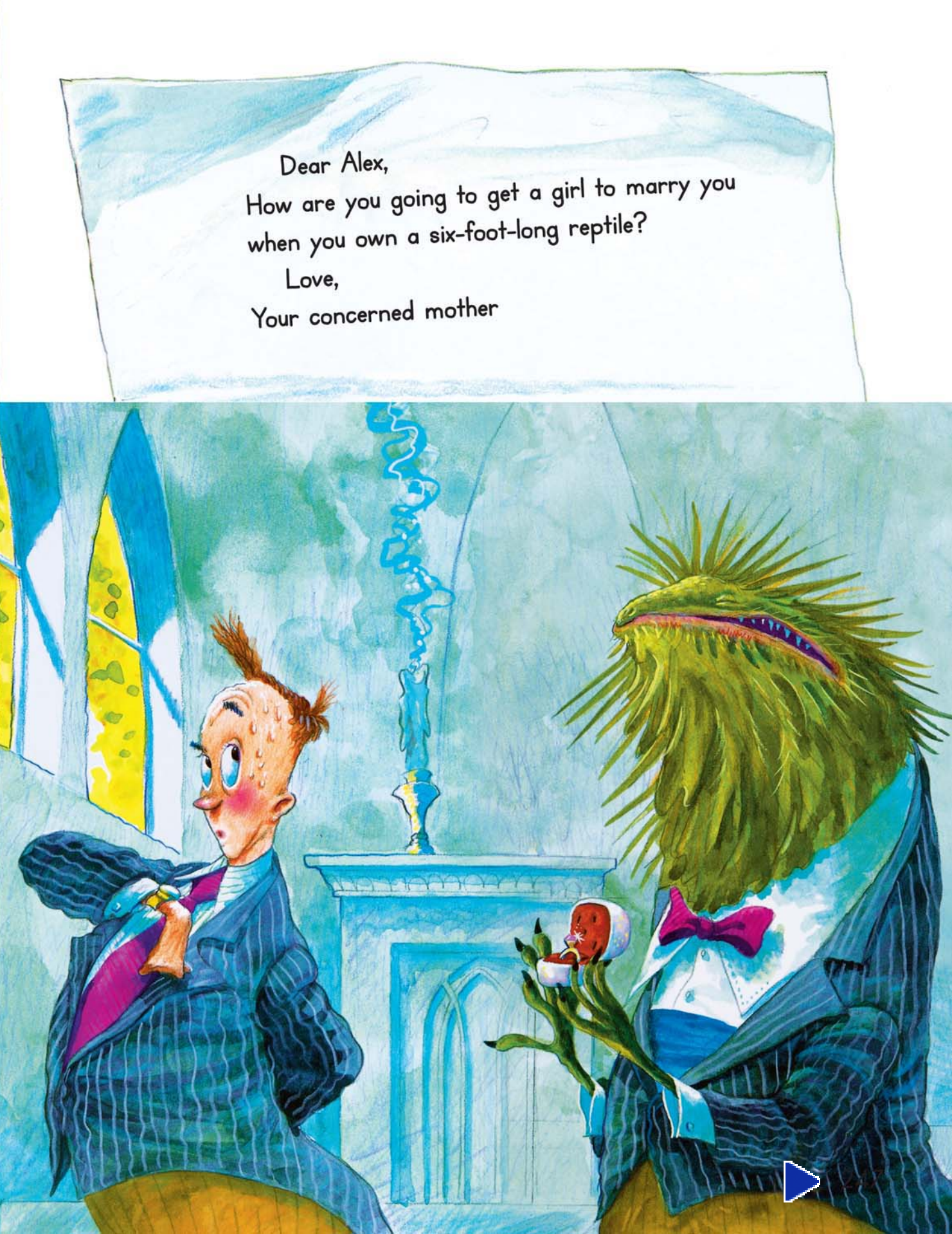
Dear Alex,
Iguanas can grow to be over six feet long. You won't have enough space in your whole room, much less on your dresser (with or without your trophies).

Love,
Mom



Dear Mom,
It takes 15 years for an
iguana to get that big. Mikey
told me. I'll be married by
then and probably living in
my own house.

Love,
Your smart and **mature** kid,
Alex



Dear Alex,
How are you going to get a girl to marry you
when you own a six-foot-long reptile?
Love,
Your concerned mother



Dear Mom,
Forget the girl.
I need a new friend now!
This iguana can be the brother I've always wanted.
Love,
Your lonely child, Alex

Dear Alex,
You have a brother.
Love,
Mom

Dear Mom,
I know I have a brother but he's just a baby. What fun is that? If I had an iguana, I could teach it tricks and things. Ethan doesn't do tricks. He just burps.

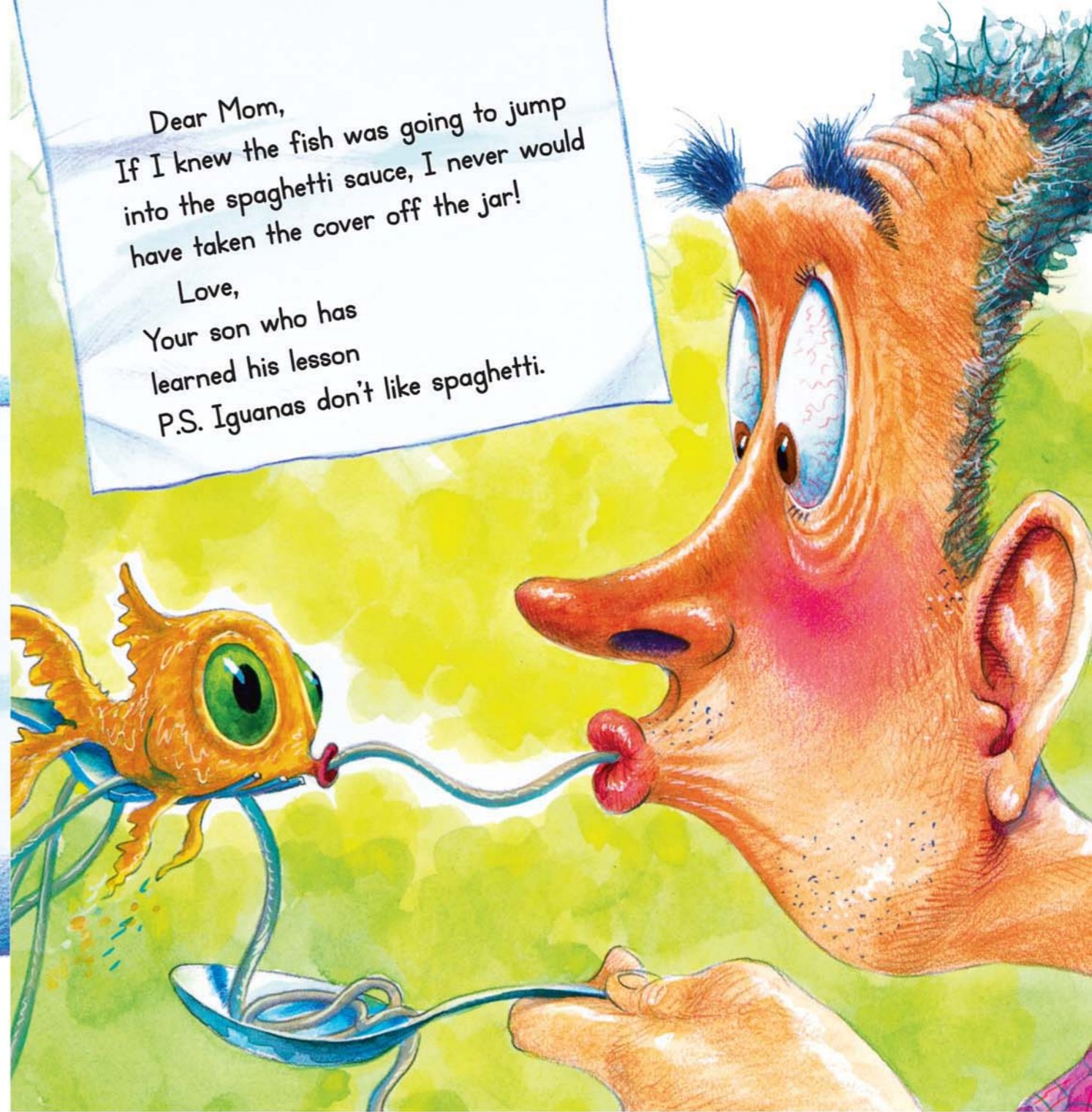
Love,
Grossed-out Alex



Dear Alex,
How do I know you're ready for a pet? Remember what happened when you took home the class fish?
Love,
Mom

Dear Mom,
If I knew the fish was going to jump into the spaghetti sauce, I never would have taken the cover off the jar!

Love,
Your son who has learned his lesson
P.S. Iguanas don't like spaghetti.

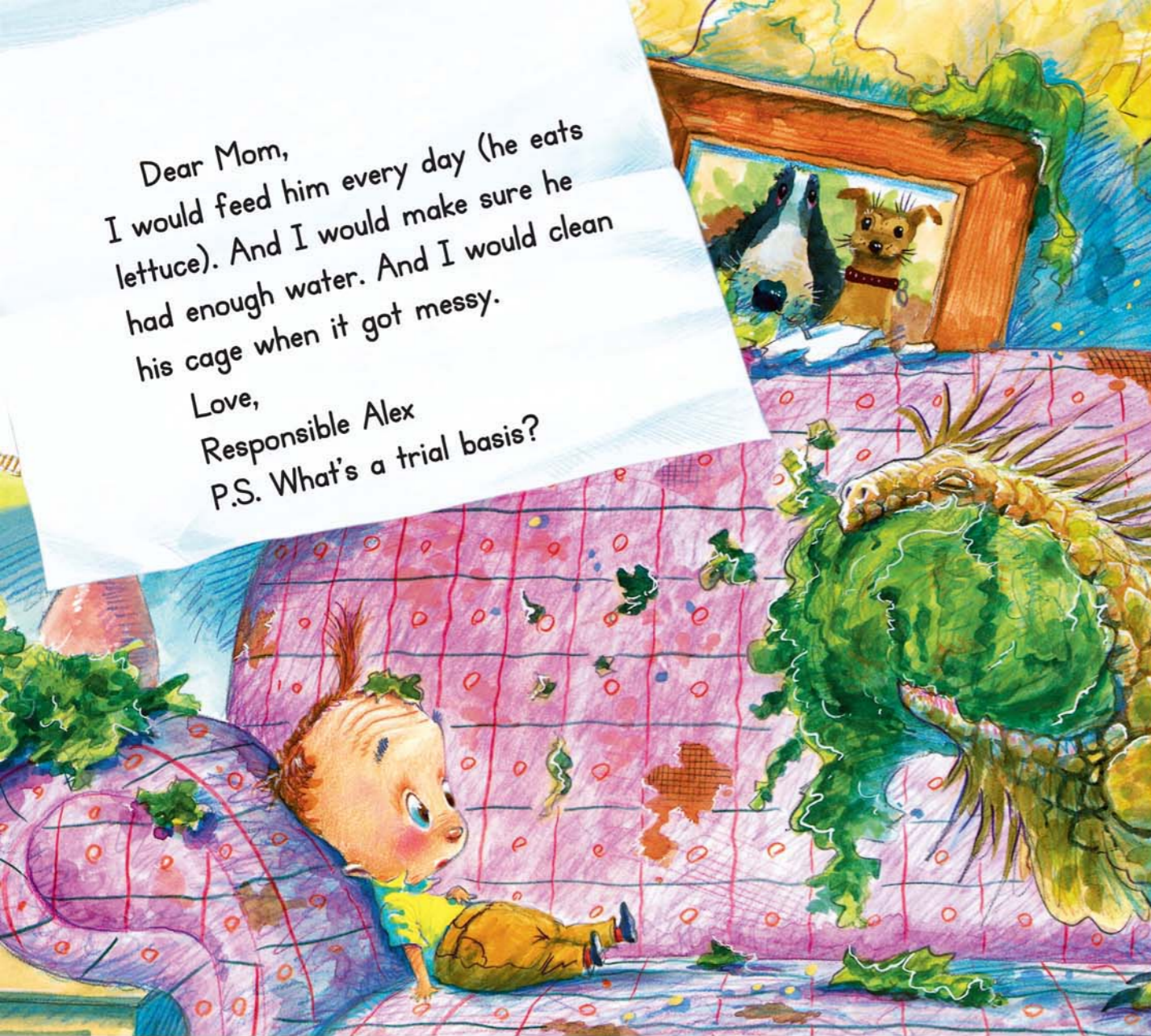


Dear Alex,
Let's say I let you have the iguana on a trial basis. What **exactly** would you do to take care of it?

Love,
Mom

Dear Mom,
I would feed him every day (he eats
lettuce). And I would make sure he
had enough water. And I would clean
his cage when it got messy.

Love,
Responsible Alex
P.S. What's a trial basis?



Dear Alex,
A trial basis means Dad and I see how well you take care
of him for a week or two before we decide if you can have
him forever. Remember, Stinky and Lurch are waiting!

Love,
Mom

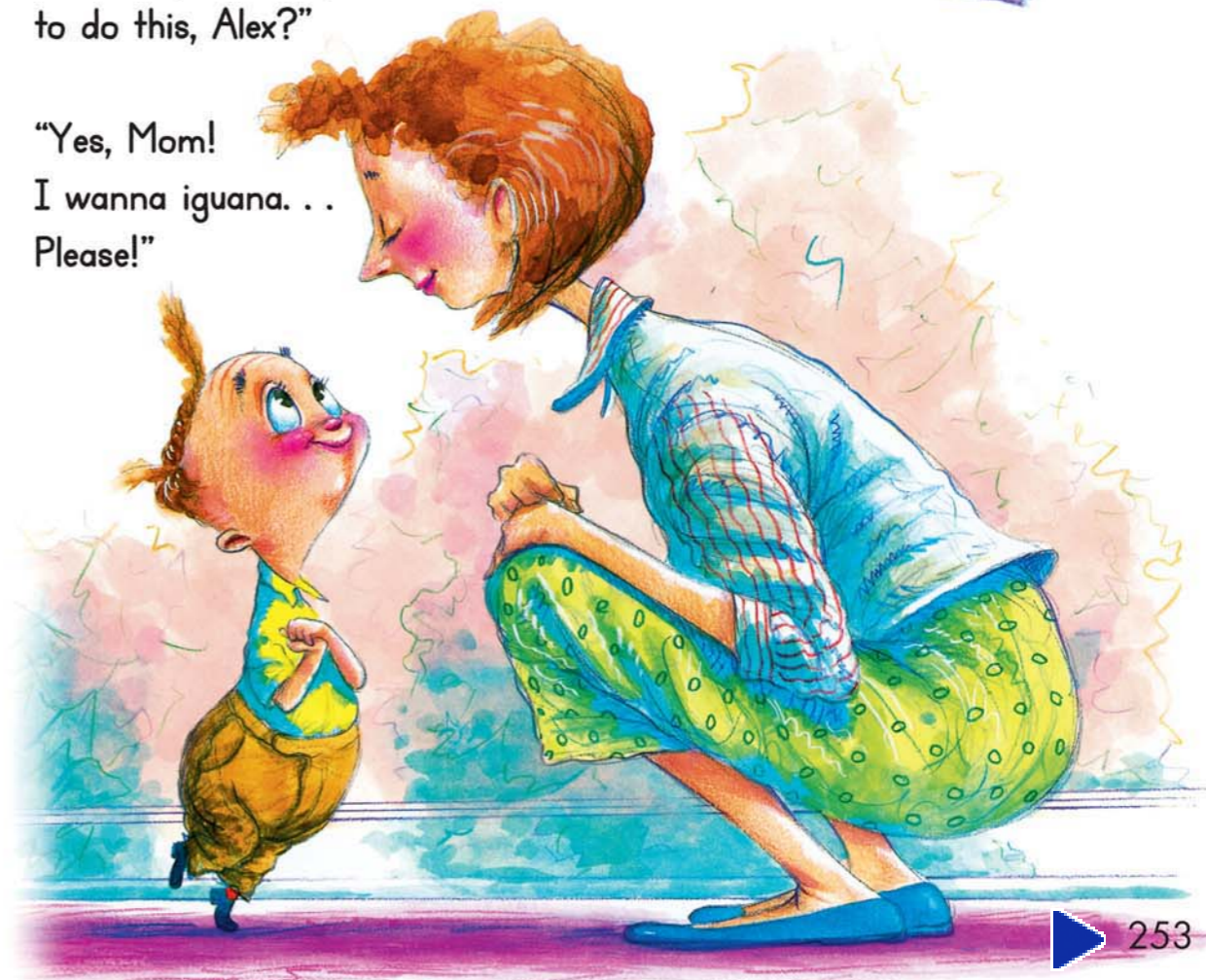
P.S. If you clean his cage as well as you clean your room,
you're in trouble.

Dear Mom,
I'll really, really, really try to clean
my room and the iguana's cage. Also,
listen to this. I'll pay for the lettuce
with my allowance. I mean, how much
can one baby iguana eat anyway?

Love,
Alex the financial wizard

"Are you sure you want
to do this, Alex?"

"Yes, Mom!
I wanna iguana. . .
Please!"





Dear Alex,
Look on your dresser.
Love,
Mom



“YESSSS!
Thank you!
Thank you!”