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and the
Daisy Dance



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“Class,” sings
Miss Bird.
“Good news!



The Daisy Dance is soon.
It is a big show!”



Mia jumps for joy!
Each dancer gets
to do a solo.



Mia will drop flowers,
and Anna will twirl
onstage!



Miss Bird teaches
the new dance.

But Anna does not dance.
She does not want to.
She wants to go home.



Mia is worried.
She wants the Daisy Dance
to go well.

Anna looks scared.
Mia wants to help.
But how?





At home, Mia practices
the new dance
over and over.



Mia hears
thump, thump, thump
on the door.



“Who is it?”
she asks.



“Will you help me
learn my steps?”
asks Anna.

“I have never done
a twirl,” says Anna.
“Have you?”



Mia smiles.

Mia knows how it feels
to be scared.



“Yes!” says Mia.

“I will dance with you,
and we will both learn!”





Mia twirls and stops.



She hops and kicks.



Then she takes a big bow.

“Now you try,”
says Mia.
“You can do it!”



Mia and Anna dance
the steps over and over.



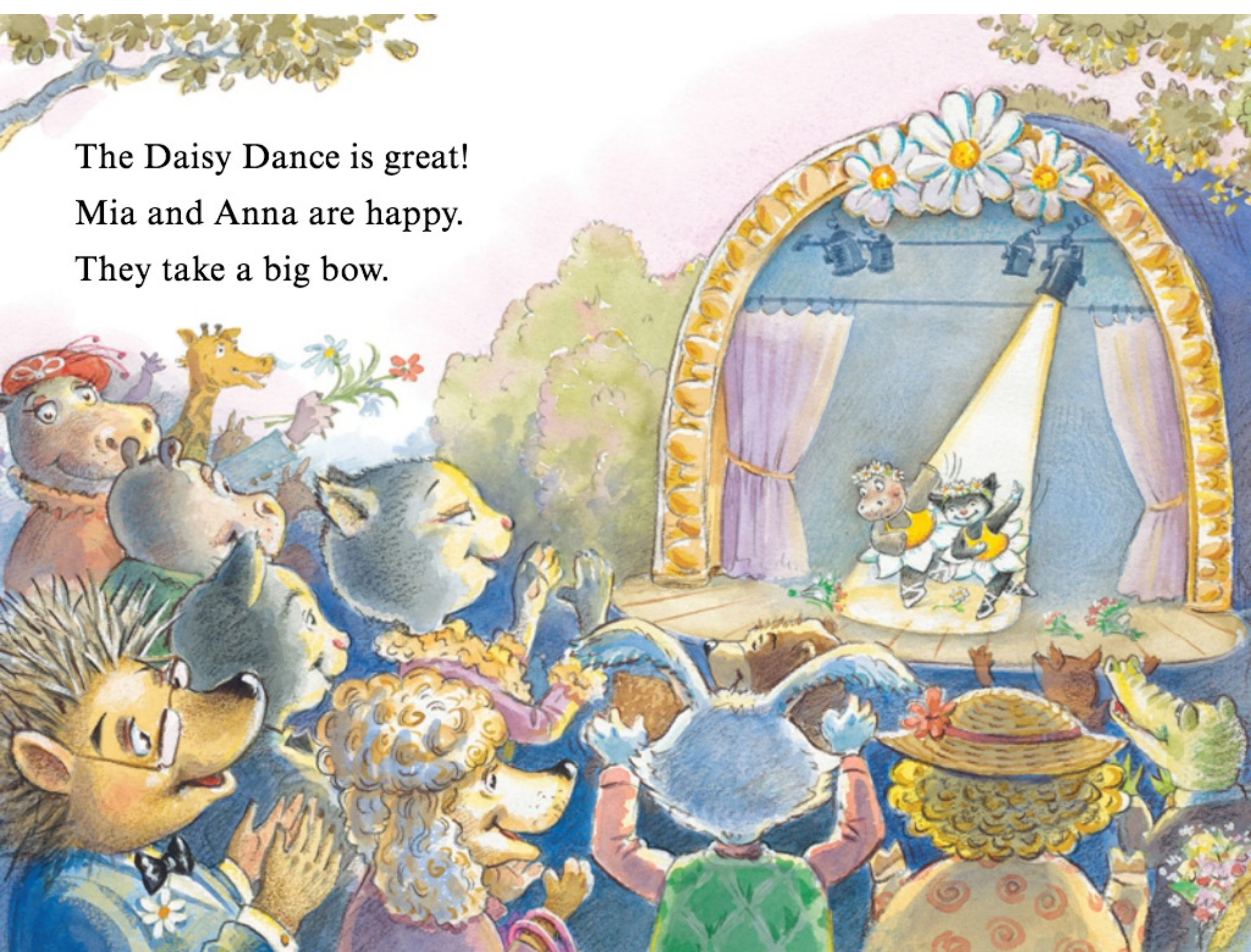
When it's time
for the Daisy Dance,
Anna is ready!



Mia drops flowers onstage.
Anna does a twirl.
All the dancers hop and kick.



The Daisy Dance is great!
Mia and Anna are happy.
They take a big bow.



Dictionary



Daisy

(you say it like this: day-zee)

A big white flower



Solo

(you say it like this:

sew-low)

A dance all on your own

Twirl

(you say it like
this: t-werl)

When a dancer
spins around



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Mia and her classmates
are putting on a show!
But when Anna leaves class
early, Mia is afraid her friend
won't learn the dance in
time. Can Mia help?



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