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WITH HELP

Marley

FIREHOUSE
DOG



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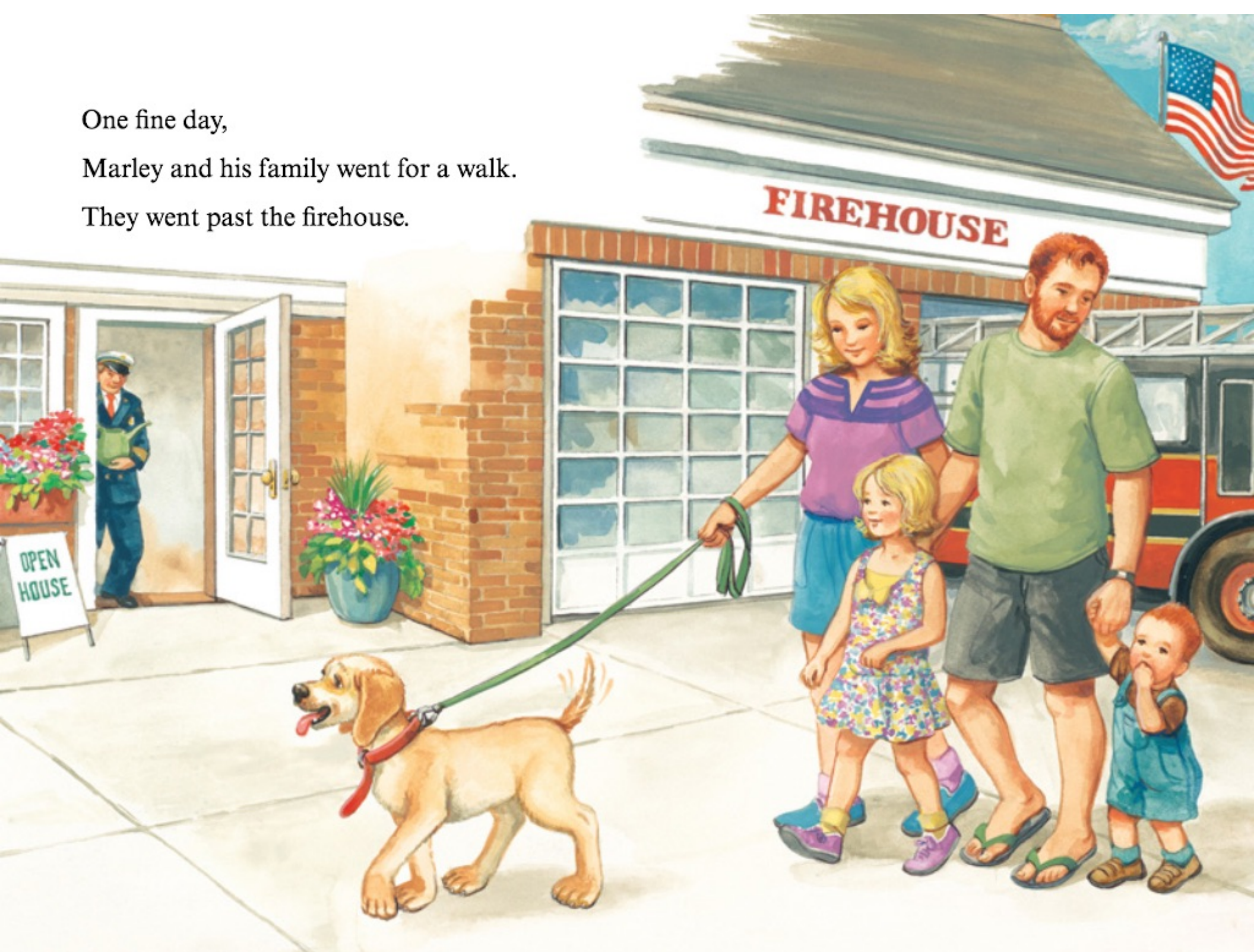
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One fine day,
Marley and his family went for a walk.
They went past the firehouse.



"Hello there," said the fire chief.

"Today is our open house.

Would you like a tour?"

"We'd love a tour!" said Mommy.

"You stay here, Marley,
and don't get into trouble,"
said Daddy.



Cassie tied Marley up.

The family followed the chief inside.



But Marley wanted to go, too.

He started to chew on his leash.



The chief showed the family
all over the firehouse.

They saw the kitchen, the day room,
the sleeping room, and the classroom.



“See, Cassie?” said the chief.

“Even my firefighters go to school.

This is where they learn
to be ready for any emergency.”



Marley finished chewing
through his leash.

“Good job,” Marley thought.
Then he started his own tour.



Marley saw what was cooking
in the kitchen.

He tried out the chairs in the day room.



Marley rested in the sleeping room.



Marley took a look
at the classroom lessons.



“Now I’ll show you the garage,”

said the chief.

He led the family back through
the rooms of the firehouse.



Oh, no!

Every room was a mess!



“Which one of my firefighters
did this?” asked the chief.

“We’d better see what is going on
in the garage,” he said.

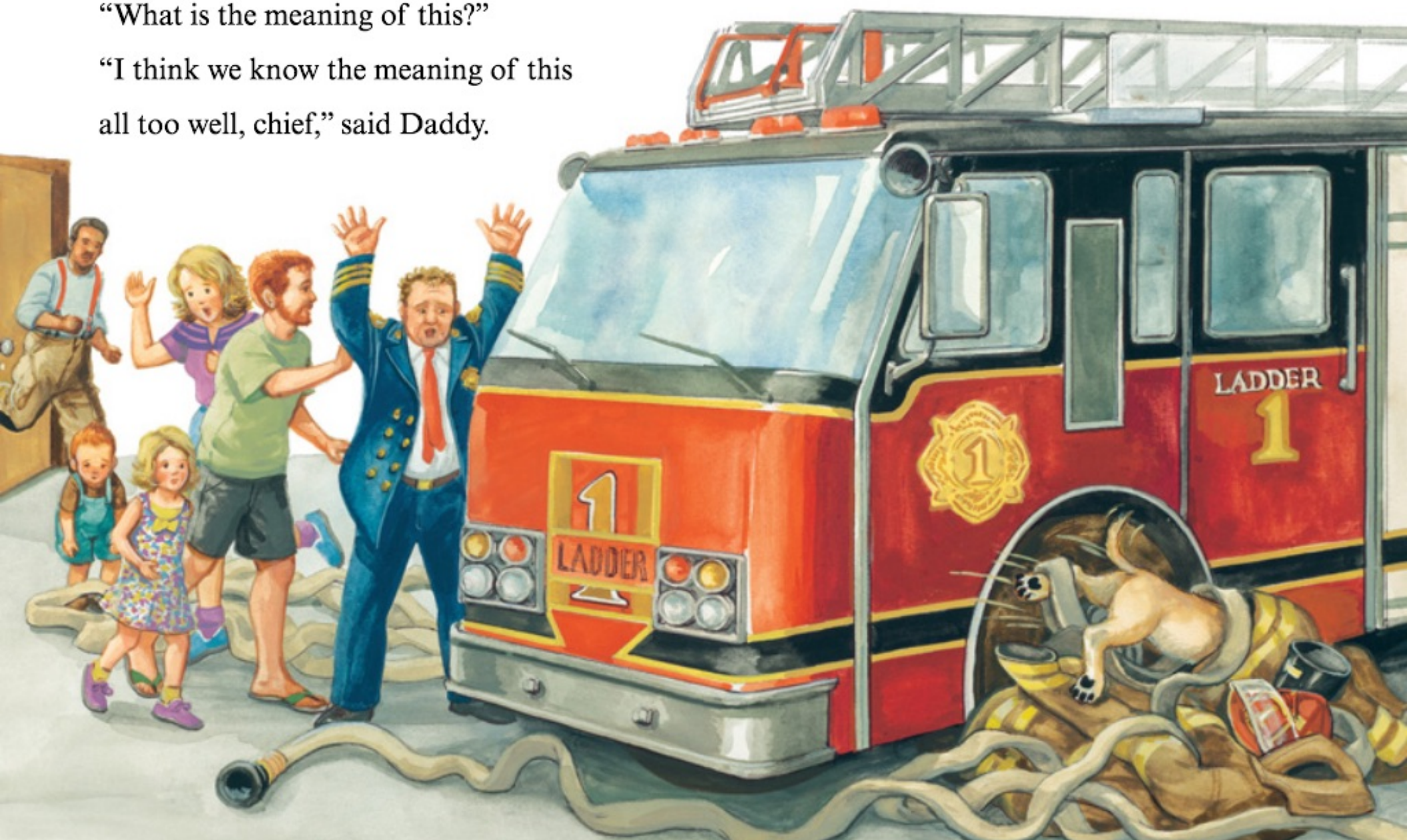


“My hoses!”
cried the chief.

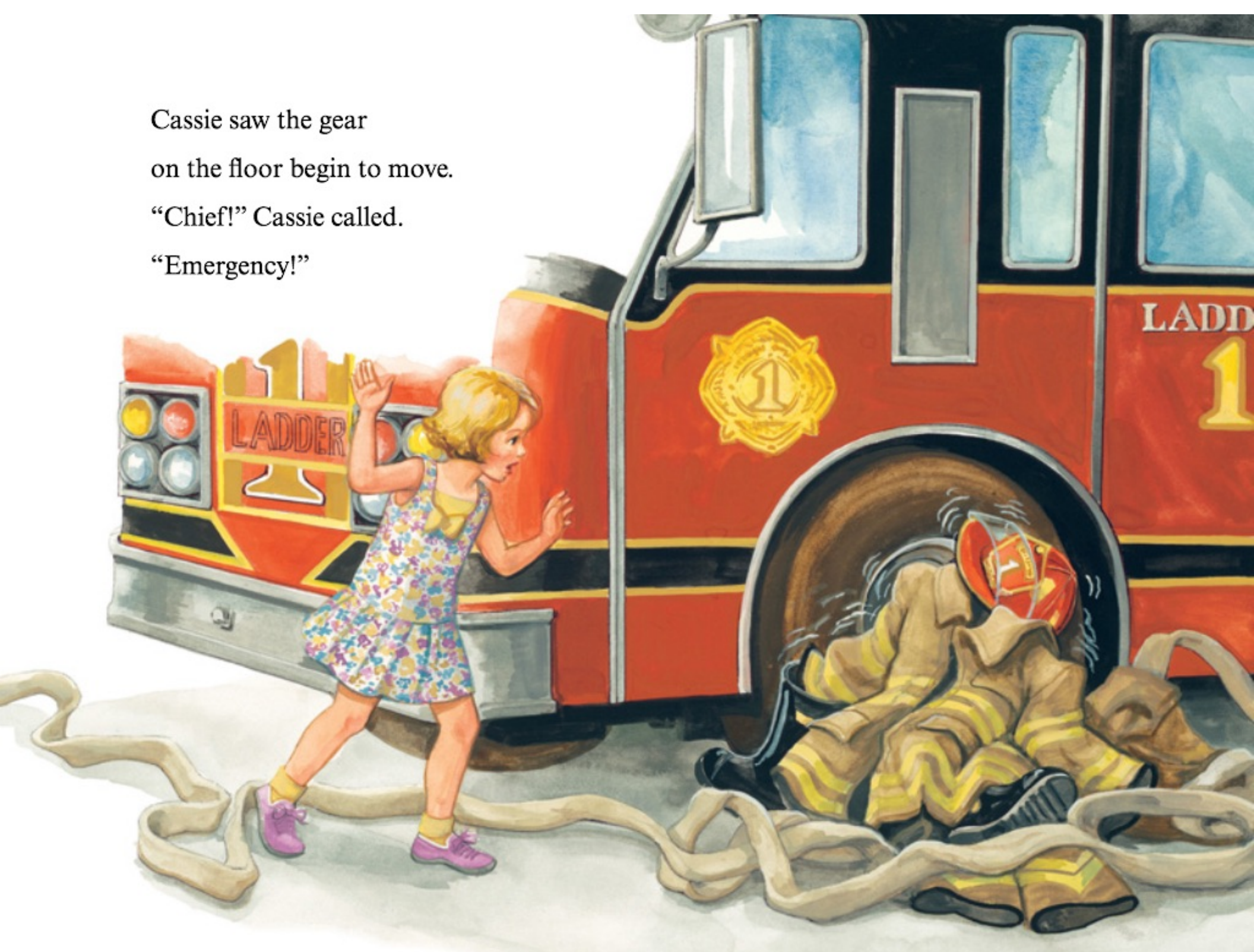
“What is the meaning of this?”

“I think we know the meaning of this
all too well, chief,” said Daddy.

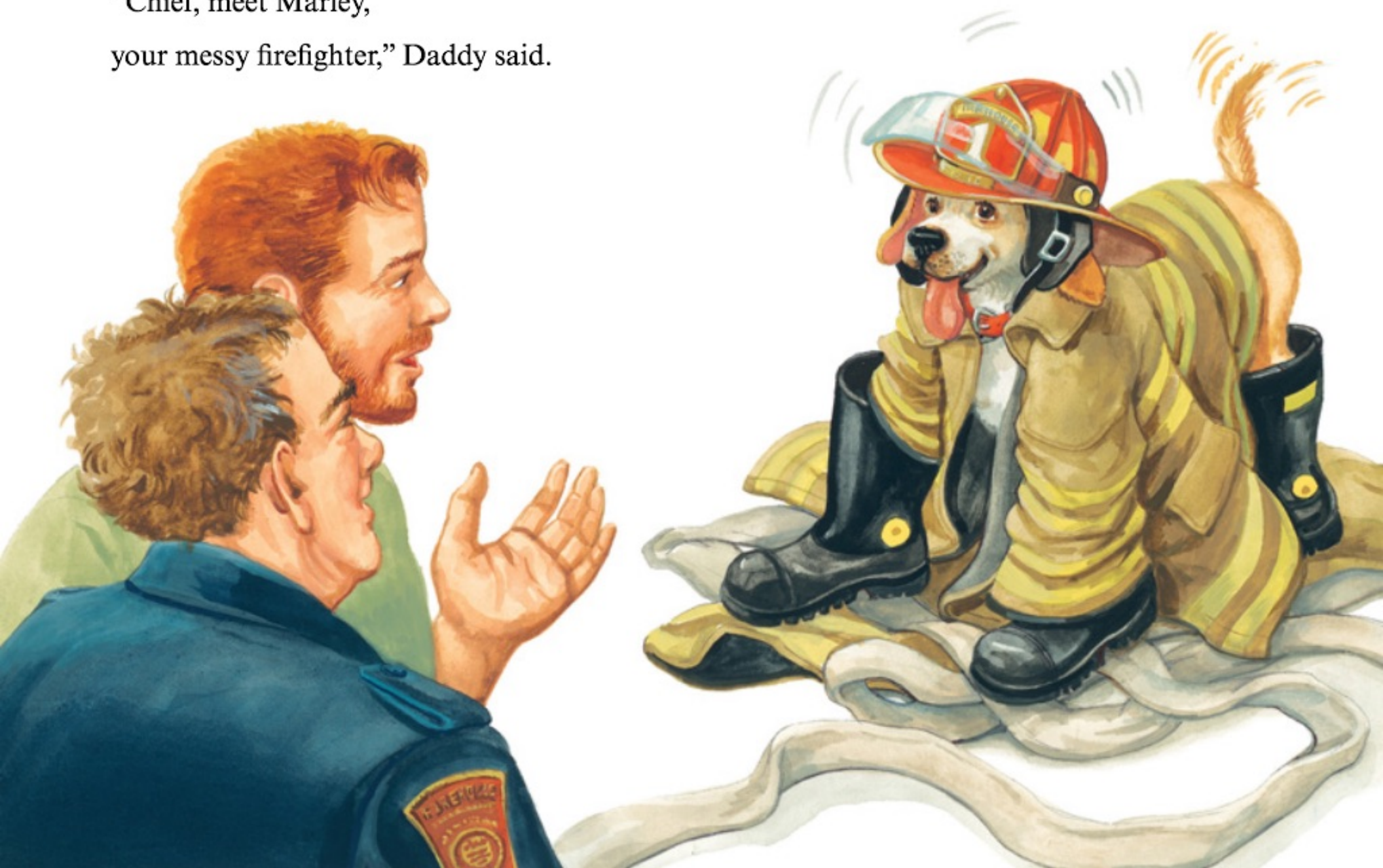
Just then, Marley tripped on a hose.
He fell into some gear.



Cassie saw the gear
on the floor begin to move.
“Chief!” Cassie called.
“Emergency!”



Suddenly Marley popped up!
“Chief, meet Marley,
your messy firefighter,” Daddy said.



“Chief, we are very sorry,”
said Mommy.

“It’s all right,”
said the chief, smiling.

“We’re used to emergencies.”



“With a dog like Marley,
we’re used to emergencies, too,”
said Daddy.



Marley and the family helped clean up
all the rooms of the firehouse.

When they were done,
the chief had a surprise for Marley.



“Marley, you can be our mascot
anytime,” said the chief.



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Marley's family is invited on a tour of the firehouse! Marley wasn't formally invited, but he decides to show up anyway. What will Marley's paws land in this time?



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