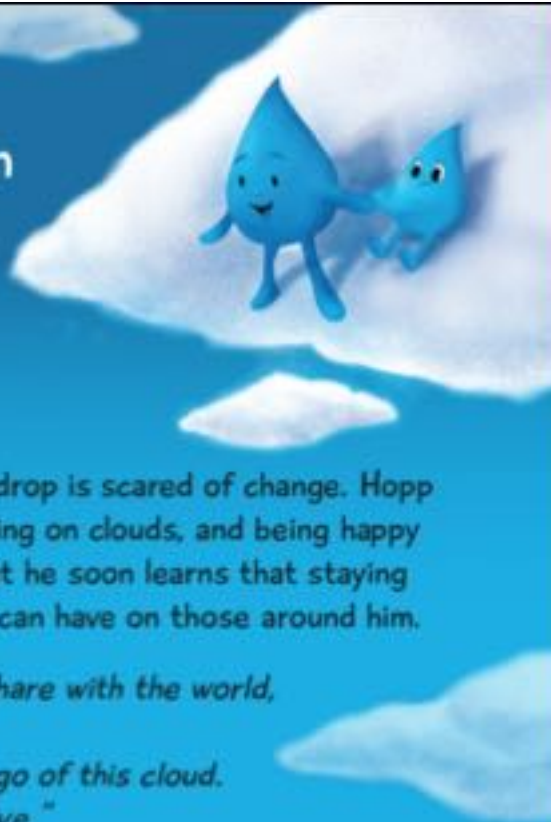


What happens when one little raindrop finds the courage to let go?



Way up in the sky, Hopp the raindrop is scared of change. Hopp loves playing with his friends, riding on clouds, and being happy with his safe, predictable life. But he soon learns that staying where he is limits the impact he can have on those around him.

*"You have so many gifts to share with the world,
so many dreams to live.
Take a chance little man, let go of this cloud.
Discover the ways you can give."*

Don't Be Afraid to Drop is a book for anyone who is at a transitional point in their life. From the kindergartener heading to school, to an adult nearing retirement, and everyone in between, this creative analogy provides all who read it with a positive perspective on change, taking risks, and giving back. There's so much good that can happen when we step beyond our comfort zones and try something new!

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"Don't be Afraid to Drop!" is a fantastic book for all children going through changes and stepping out of their comfort zones. Julia Cook's unique and passionate story-telling allows kids to truly feel the emotions of each character. The struggles, the nerves, the highs, the lows and the joy of overcoming challenges. Parents and educators can use this story to encourage children to be their bravest, most courageous and giving selves all while growing up.

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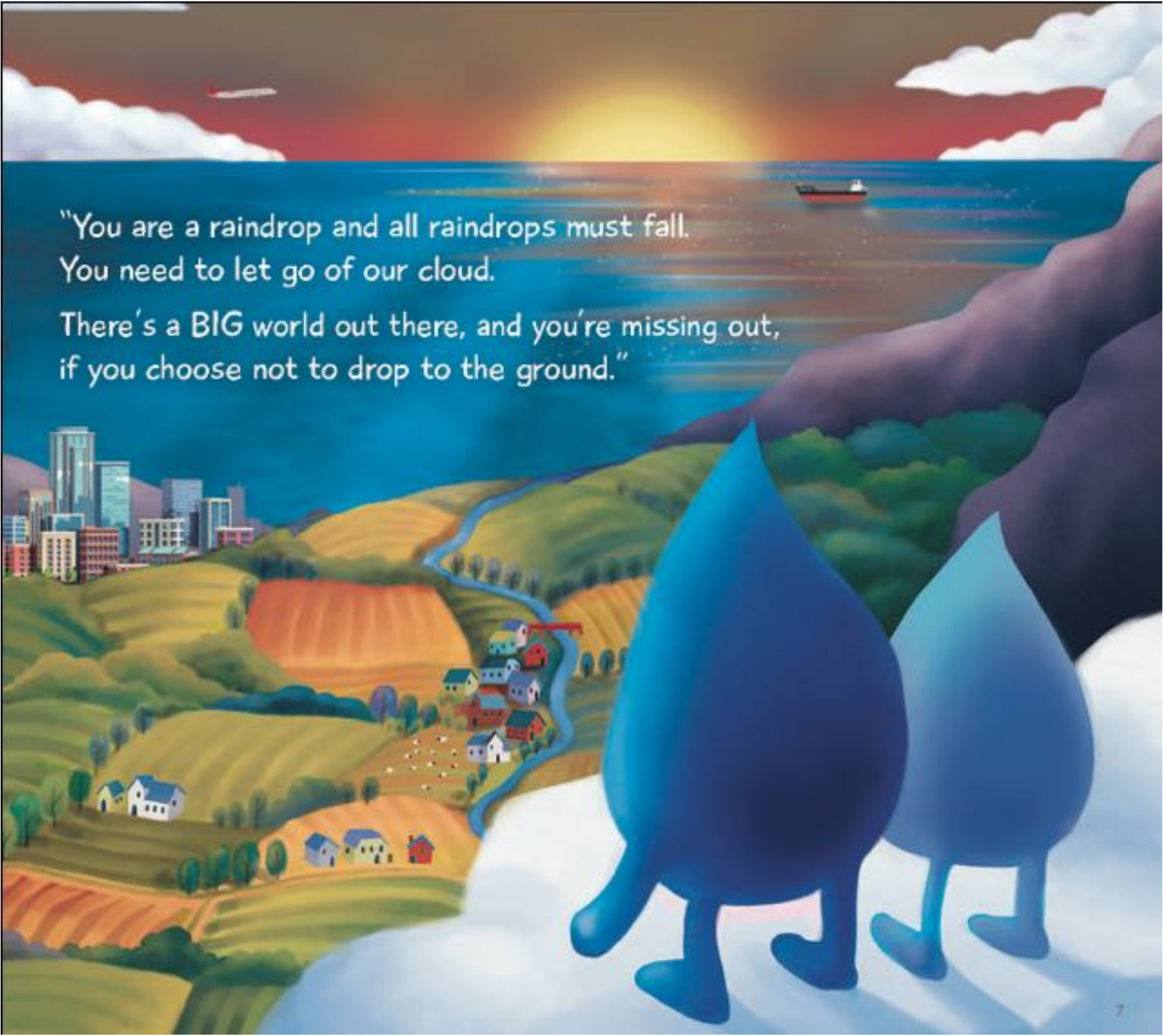
The wind started howling, the sky turned gray,
and the rain clouds were full and round.

There stood two raindrops, a father and son,
on their cloud staring down at the ground.





"I like living here on our beautiful cloud.
It's all I have ever known.
I'm comfortable here — it's where I belong.
This cloud feels like home."



"You are a raindrop and all raindrops must fall.
You need to let go of our cloud.
There's a **BIG** world out there, and you're missing out,
if you choose not to drop to the ground."