

Mom's Red Coat

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I love Mom's coat!

It's red and long and warm.
And it smells like Mom!



I love doing things with Mom!



We picnic outside.



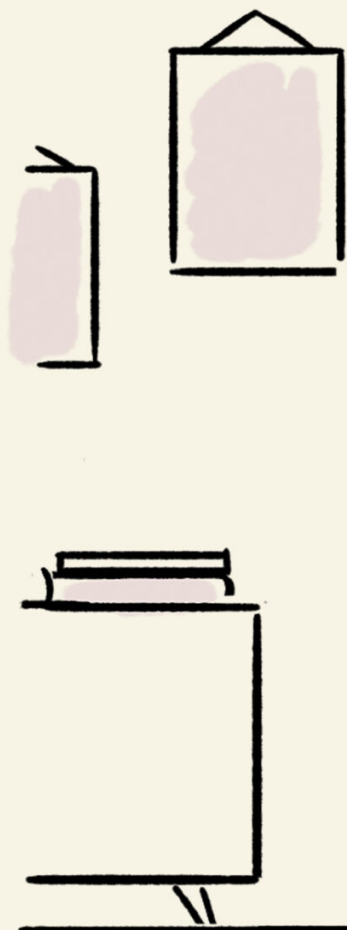
She hugs me when
I come home from
school.

We work in the garden.



At night, she holds me
tight until I fall asleep.





‘Good news!’

says Mom.

‘I found a job! I will be away
all week, but I’ll come home
on weekends!’



‘Who will hold me at night, Mom?’

**‘Who will hug me,
picnic with me,
garden with me?’**

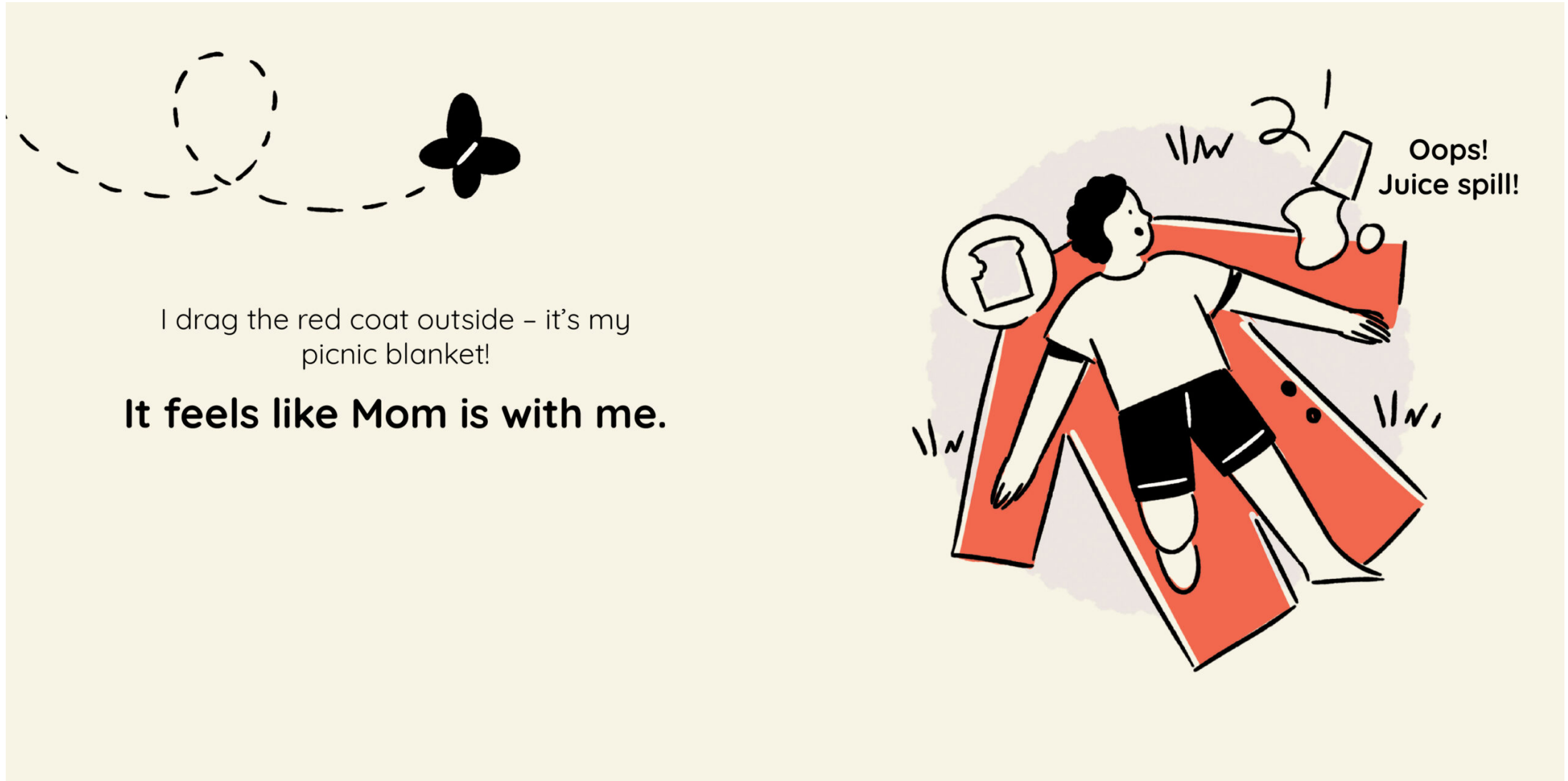




**‘I can see that you are sad.
I will leave my red coat here
with you.’**

‘When you see it, remember that

I love you
and I’m coming back.’



I drag the red coat outside – it's my picnic blanket!

It feels like Mom is with me.

I am sad that Mom's not waiting at the door
when I come home.

I put on her coat.

**It's warm and it smells like her.
It feels like a hug!**

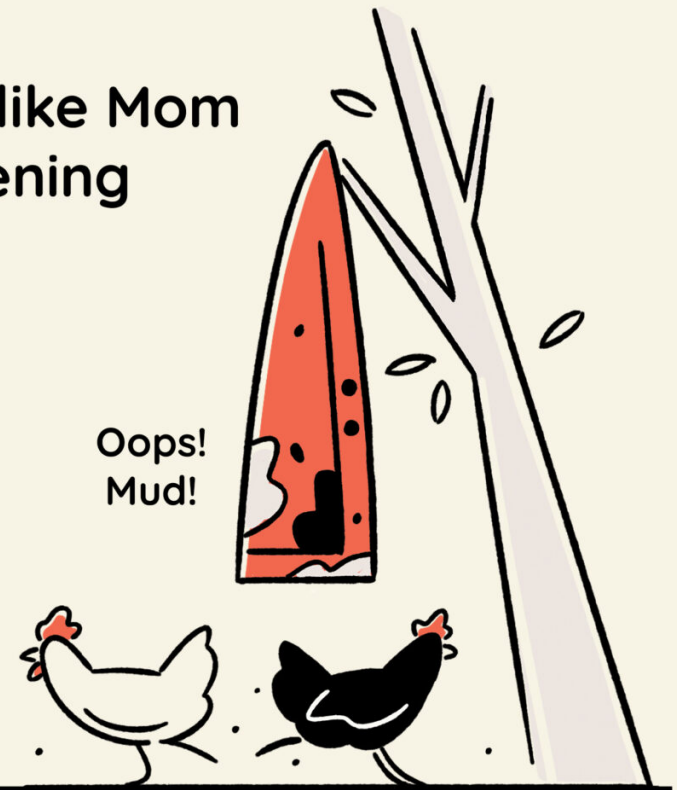


I help Gogo in the garden.



The long coat on the branch scares
away the chickens!

**It feels like Mom
is gardening
with us.**



When it's dark, I miss Mom most.

Gogo covers me with her warm coat.

**It feels like Mom is holding me
as I fall asleep.**



Mom's red
coat is warm
and smells like...

paint,
juice,
mud
and cookie crumbs!

Oops!
We need to
wash it!



The wind blows the red coat
off the washing line...



**‘Oh!’ ‘Found you,
Mom! You’re back!’**

I run and grab it!

‘Found you, coat!’

The red coat smells like Mom again.



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