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# *This Apple*

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*To all the little book-lovers  
who inspired this retelling.*

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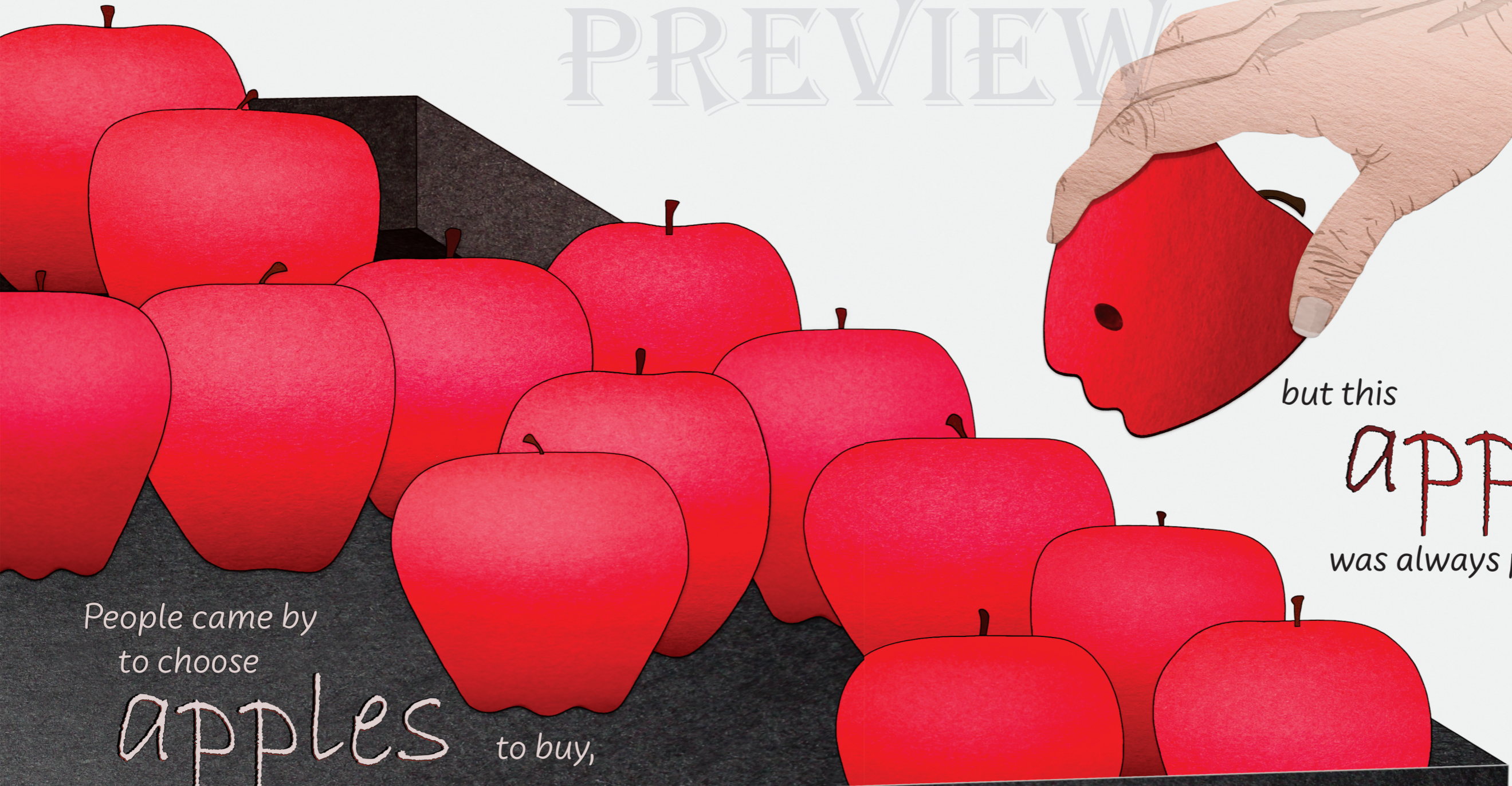
Shiny new

apples

filled this store's bin.

And now this apple  
is  
getting put in!

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People came by  
to choose

apples to buy,

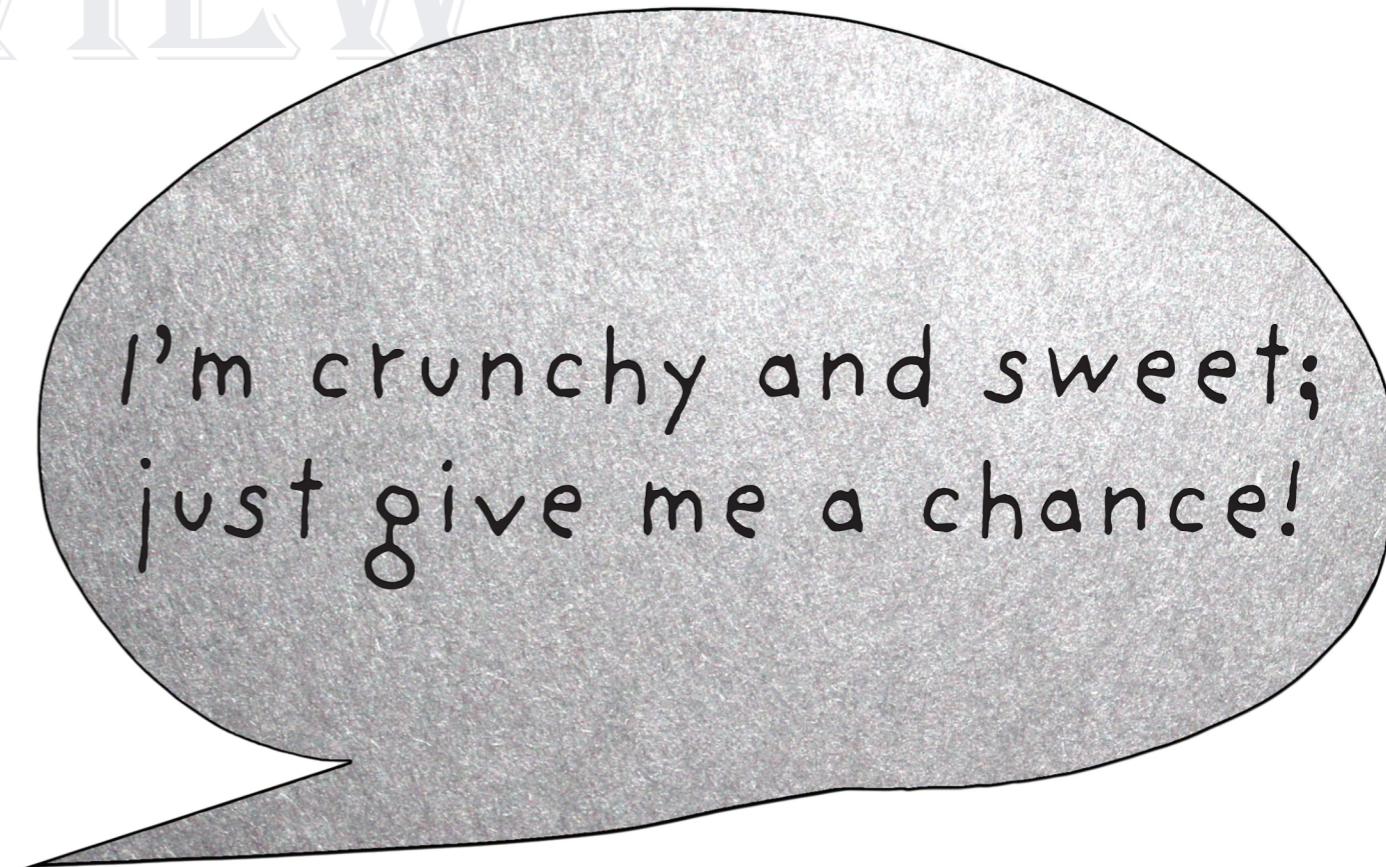
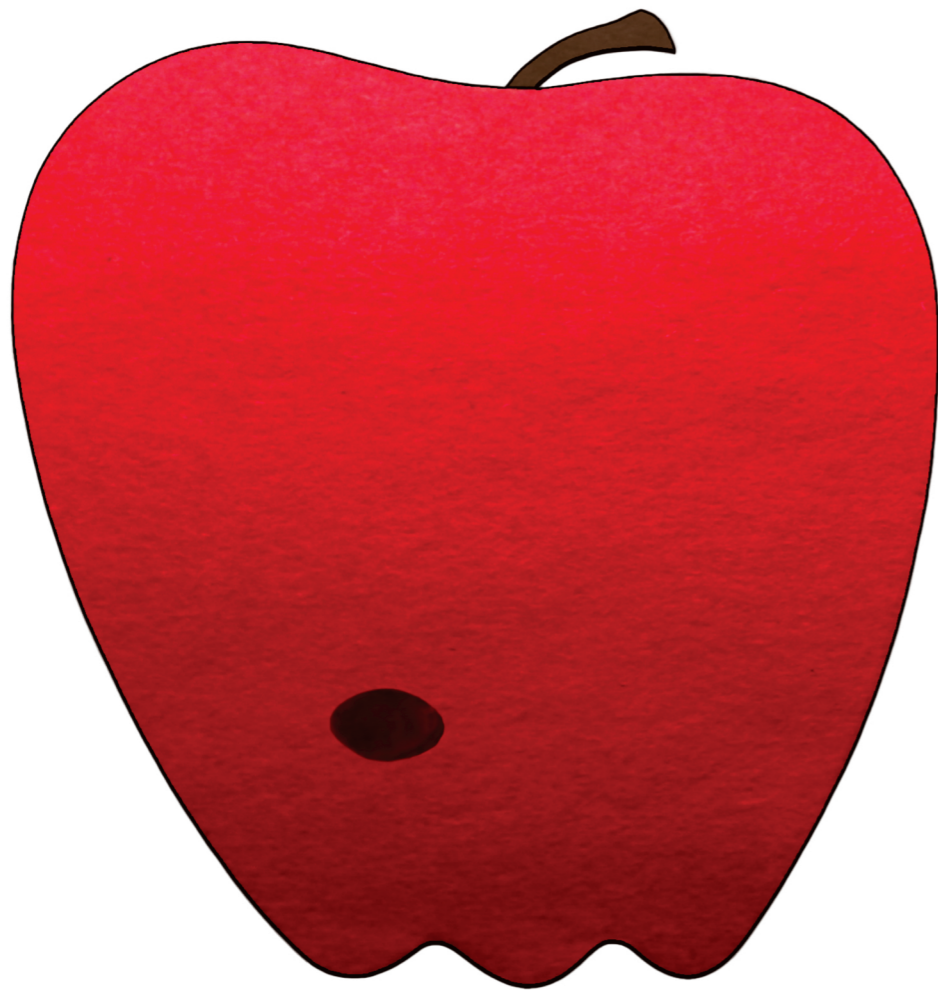
but this

apple

was always put back.  
...Why?

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*It had a bruise that was easy to see,  
but it had no voice to use for this plea:*



*so no one would give it a second glance.*

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This apple just  
tumbled and  
bounced

Three  
apples,

five  
apples,

ten  
apples

sold!

...and rolled.

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One  
bounce  
sent it  
falling  
right  
to  
the  
floor,  
but

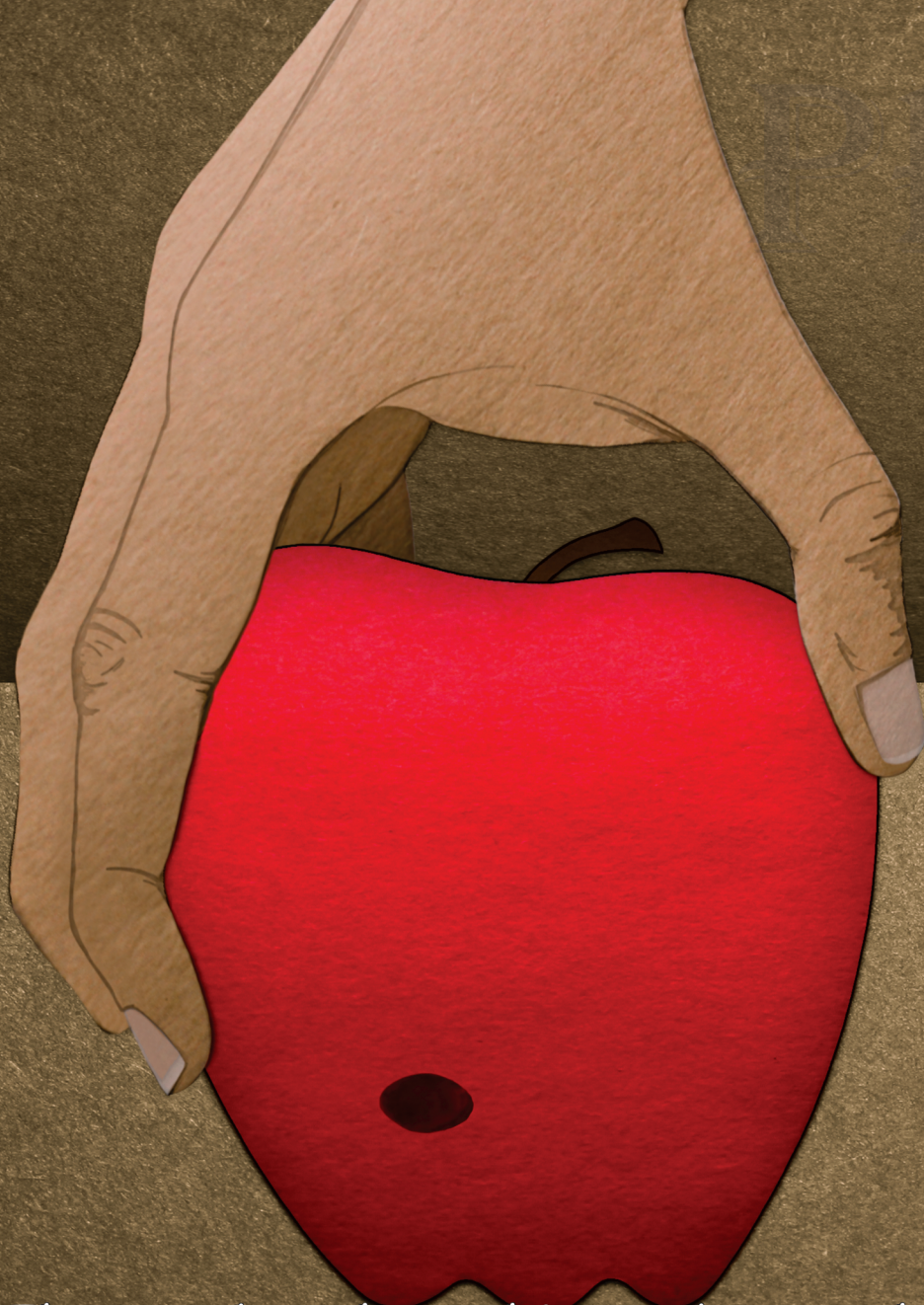


—phew!— a shoe came, so there's no  
new  
sore.




Still, it rolled  
and it rolled  
—what a fast spin!—  
till someone helped it get back in the bin.



A hand made of brown paper is holding a bright red apple. The apple has a small black stem and a hole at the bottom. The background is a textured brown surface.

Then, at long last, this apple was chosen for filling a box. Look, now it goes in!

A collection of vegetables made of paper. There is a large head of dark green broccoli, two orange carrots with green tops, and a large yellow potato. The background is a textured brown surface.

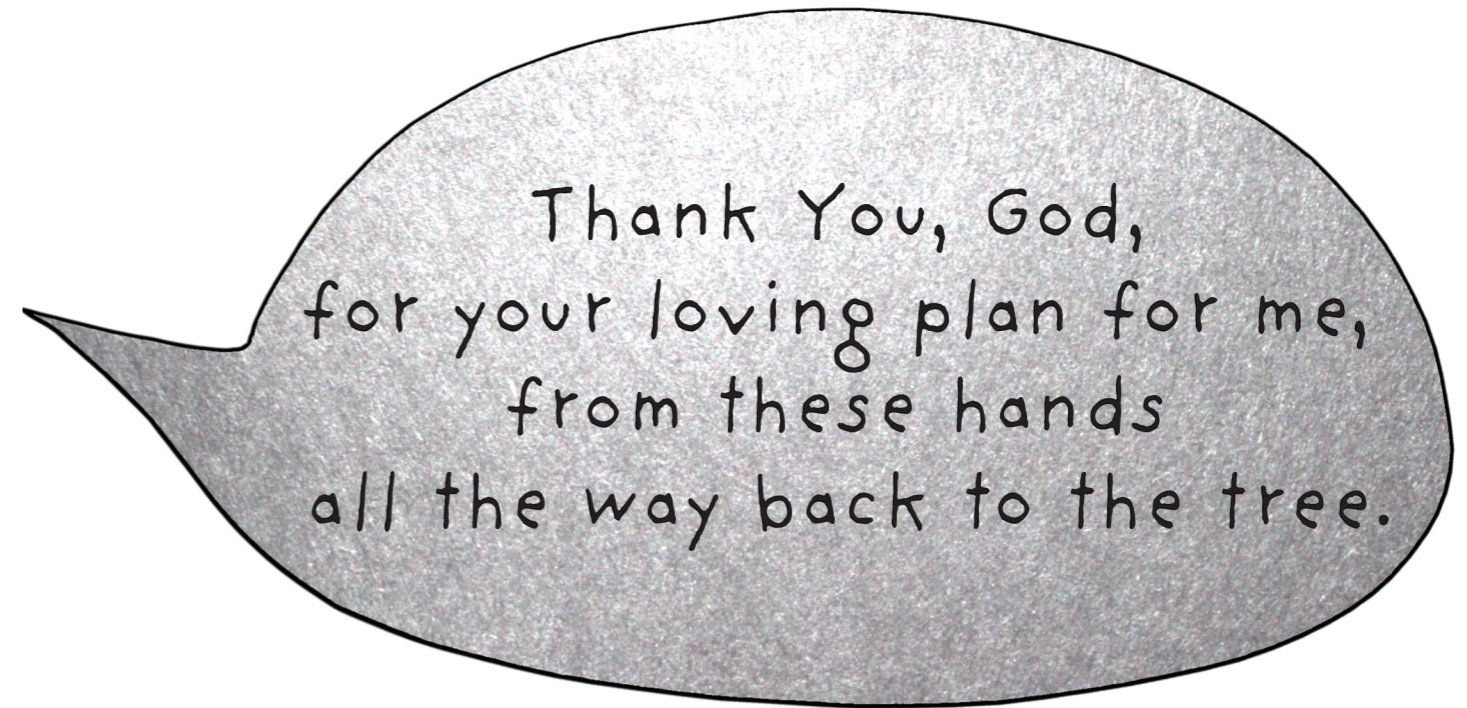
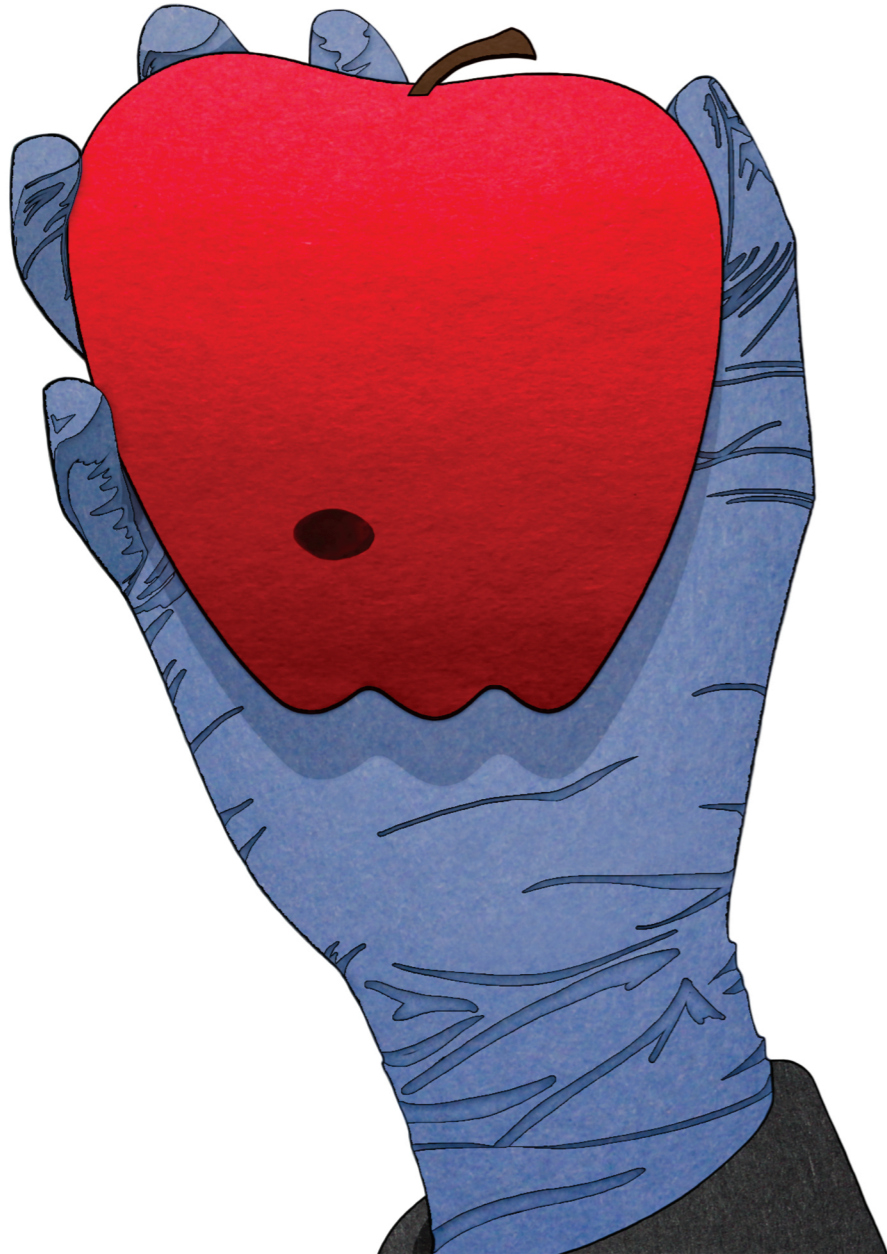
More fruits and veggies got put in with it till it was time for the box to get shipped!



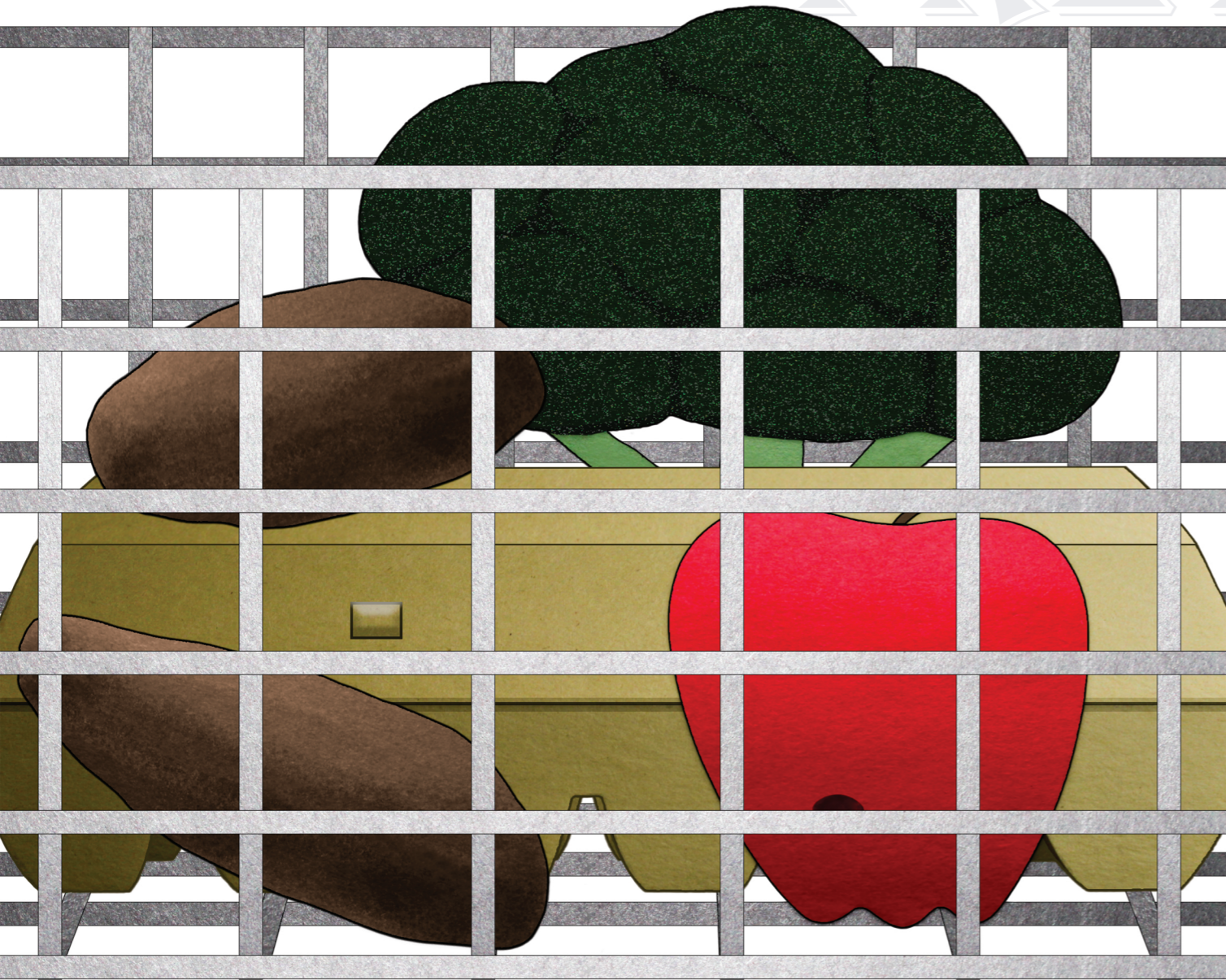
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The box went to a place called a food bank,  
where, if food could talk, a lot would give thanks

for getting looked at by one taking heed  
of what's good and safe for people in need.



Soon, from the food bank, this apple got sent  
to a pantry; then, to a home it went!



A mom had picked this apple  
for her boy.  
Giving him a healthy treat  
gave her



Each day, as she worked for the good of him,  
she gave God thanks for taking care of them.

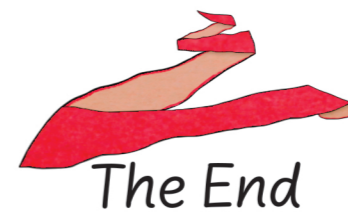
Hard times had come but she learned truly there  
was nothing God did not have in His care.



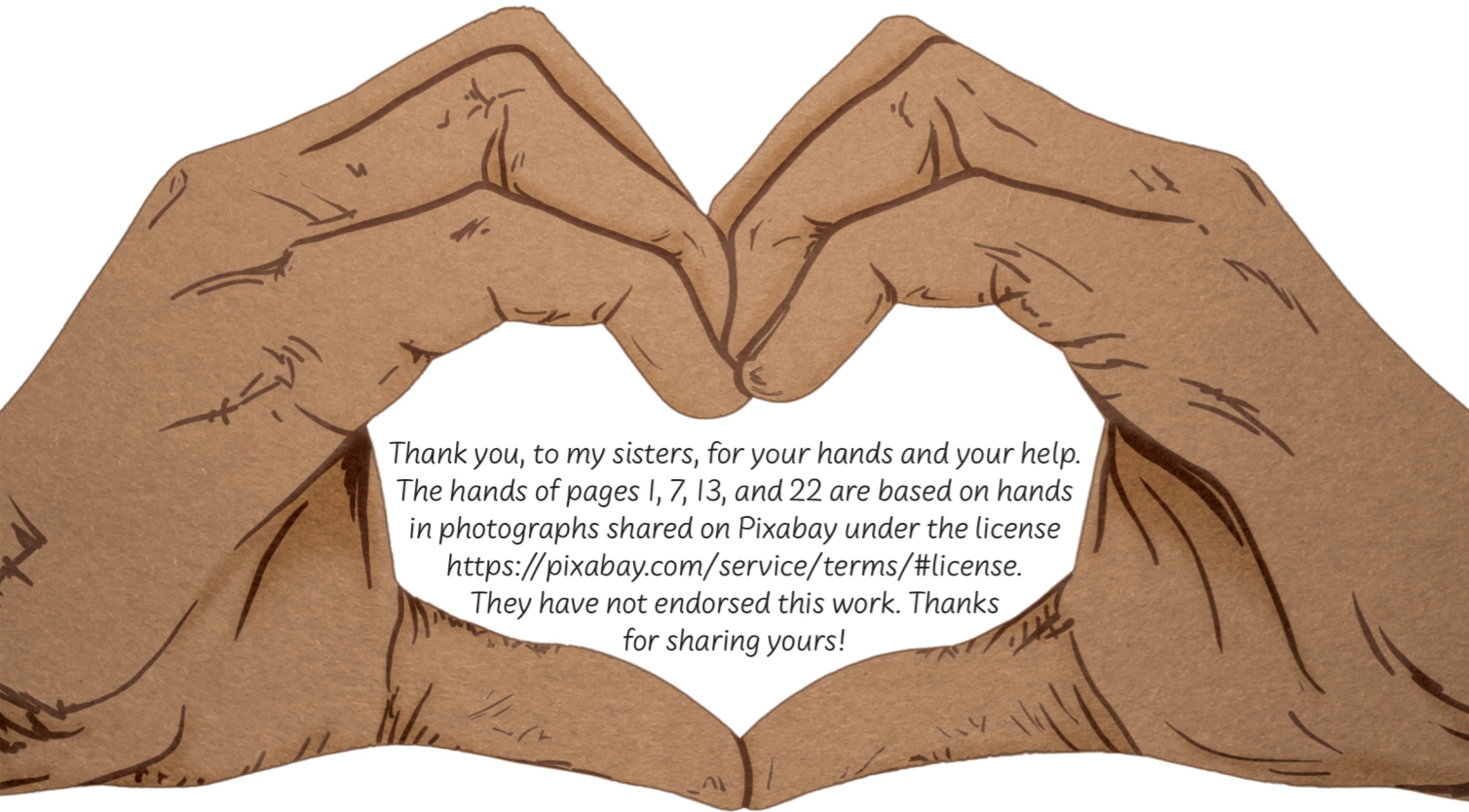
Thank You that,  
no matter how hard I'm pressed,  
God, You take my worry  
and give me rest.

How fast this apple went in his tummy!  
It was just so crunchy, sweet, and yummy!

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*Thank you, to my sisters, for your hands and your help.  
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