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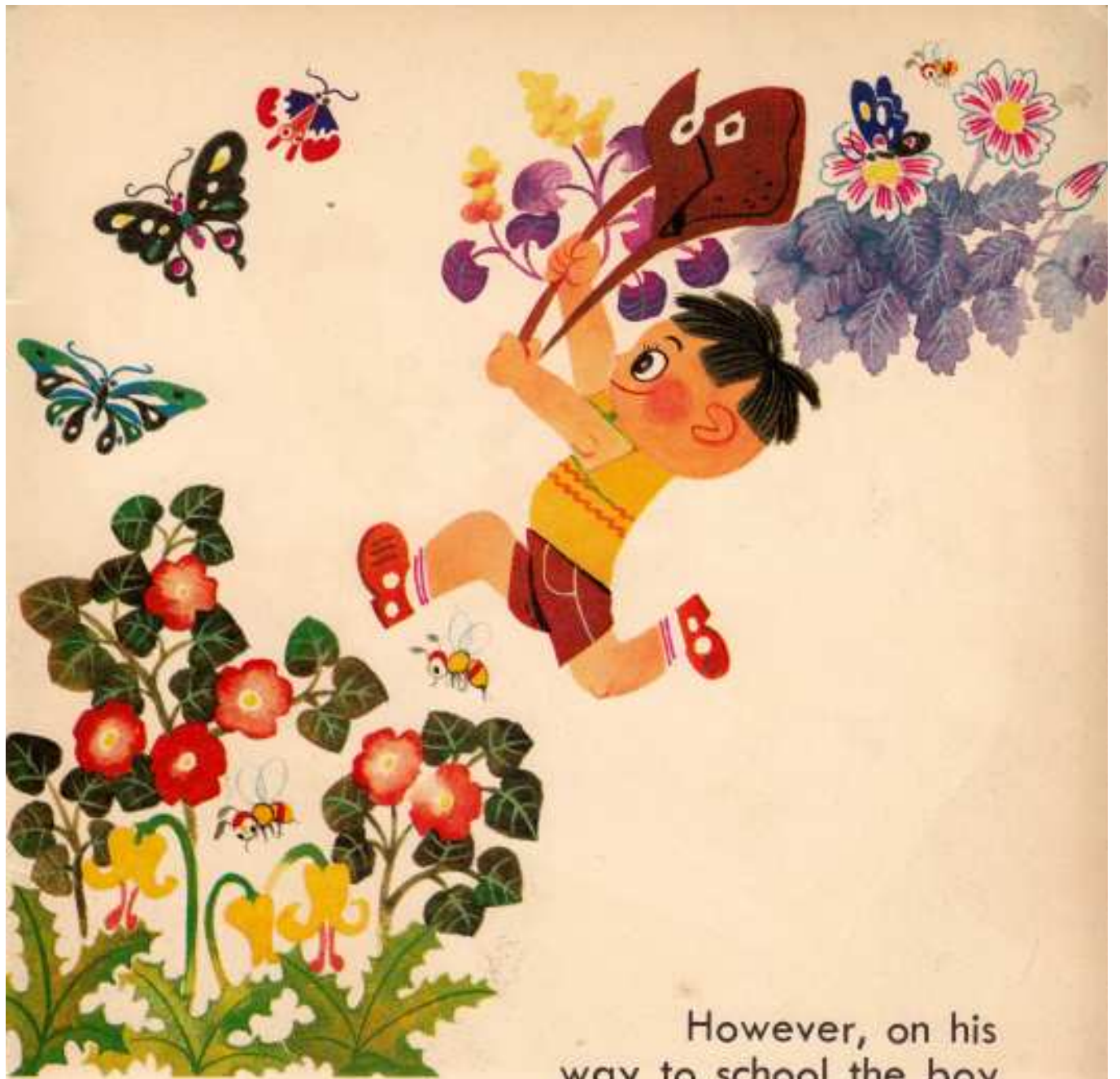
There was a little boy who was a first grader.



Before the first day of school his mother bought him a beautiful pencil case with a pencil, an eraser, a ruler, a penknife and a pencil sharpener in it.



The pencil and its pals wanted to help the little boy study well.



However, on his way to school the boy wildly swung his schoolbag, trying to hit some butterflies. But his schoolbag took a beating.



That night while the boy was asleep  
there was noise in the pencil case.

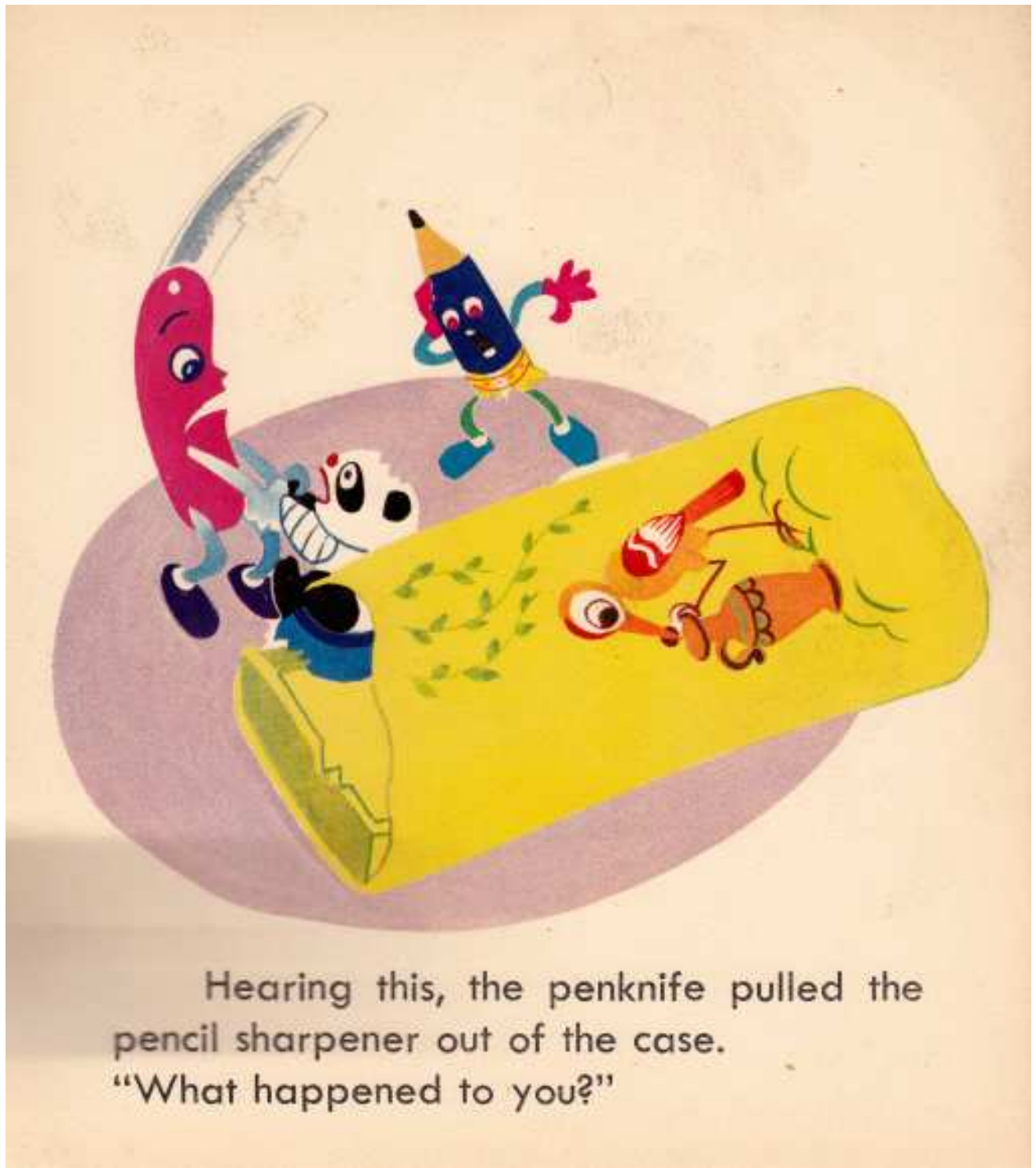




Then, the pencil in tears ran out of the pencil case.



The penknife asked why he was weeping. The pencil replied: "He keeps sharpening me and I am nearly gone."



Hearing this, the penknife pulled the pencil sharpener out of the case.  
“What happened to you?”



The pencil sharpener responded:  
“When the boy attacked the butterflies with  
the schoolbag, I fell and broke.”



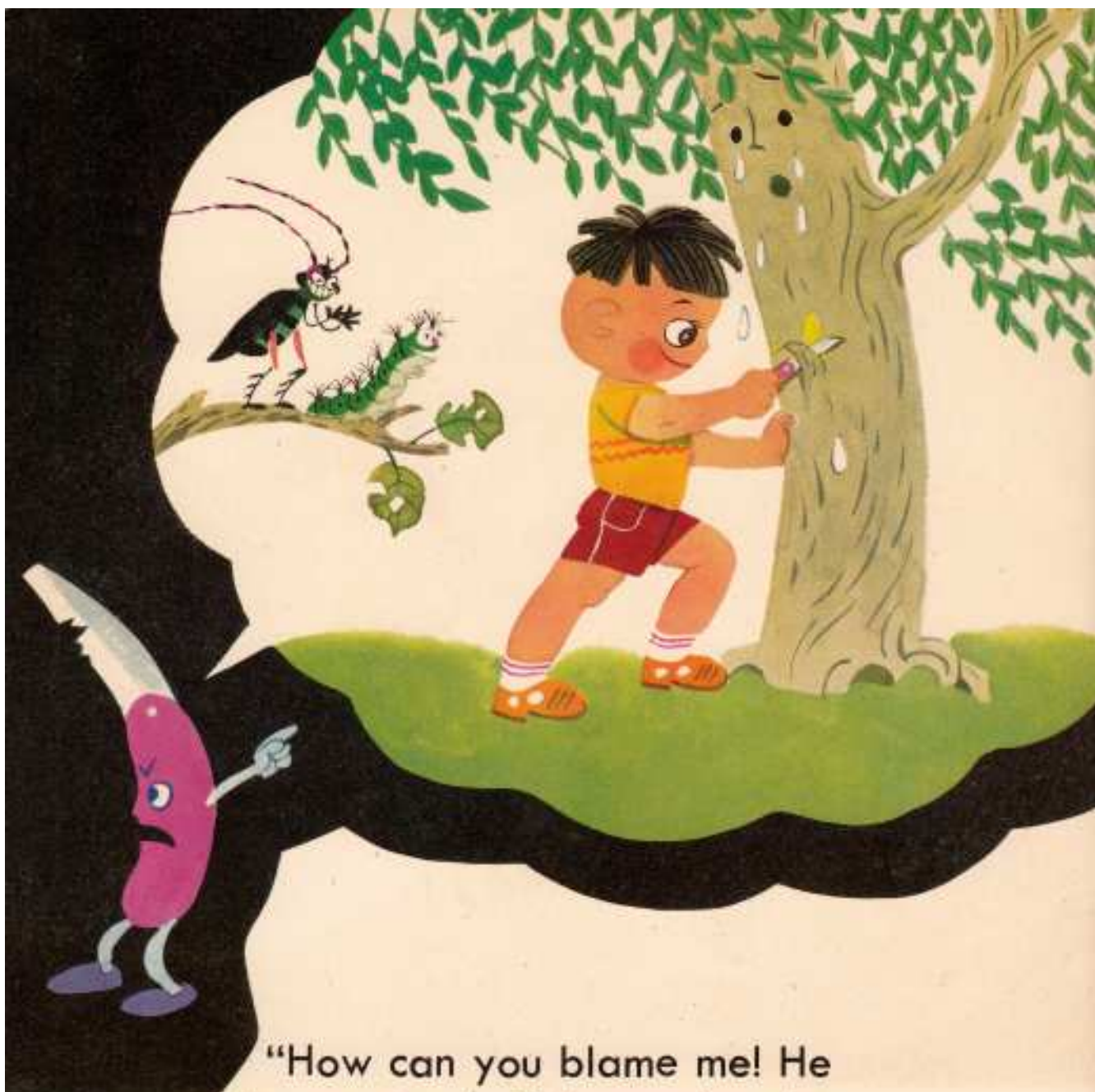
The eraser and ruler were also crying.



They said: "Penknife, it's all your fault. You c



ways cut us. Look, what you have done to us!”



“How can you blame me! He made me do it. This morning he used me to cut the bark and hurt the tree.”





"In the afternoon he again used me to carve on Grandpa Wall."



"After school, he stuck me into the mud. Look! My blade is damaged!"



The pals in the pencil case all had been wounded. They said angrily: "If he doesn't make the best use of us, how can we help him study well?"



The next morning the boy hurried to school.



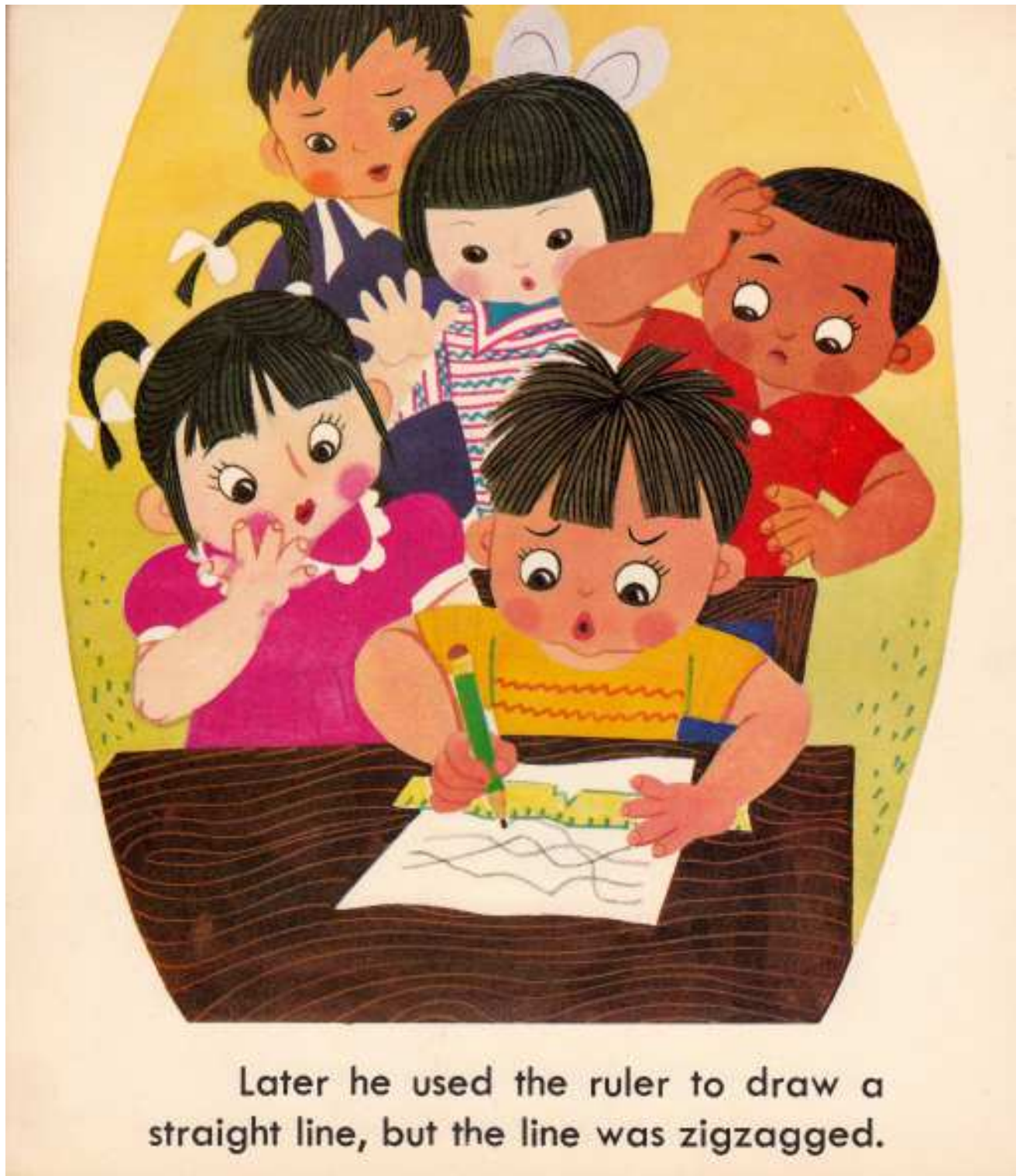
In class, the point of his pencil broke.



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ener, but  
it was  
broken.

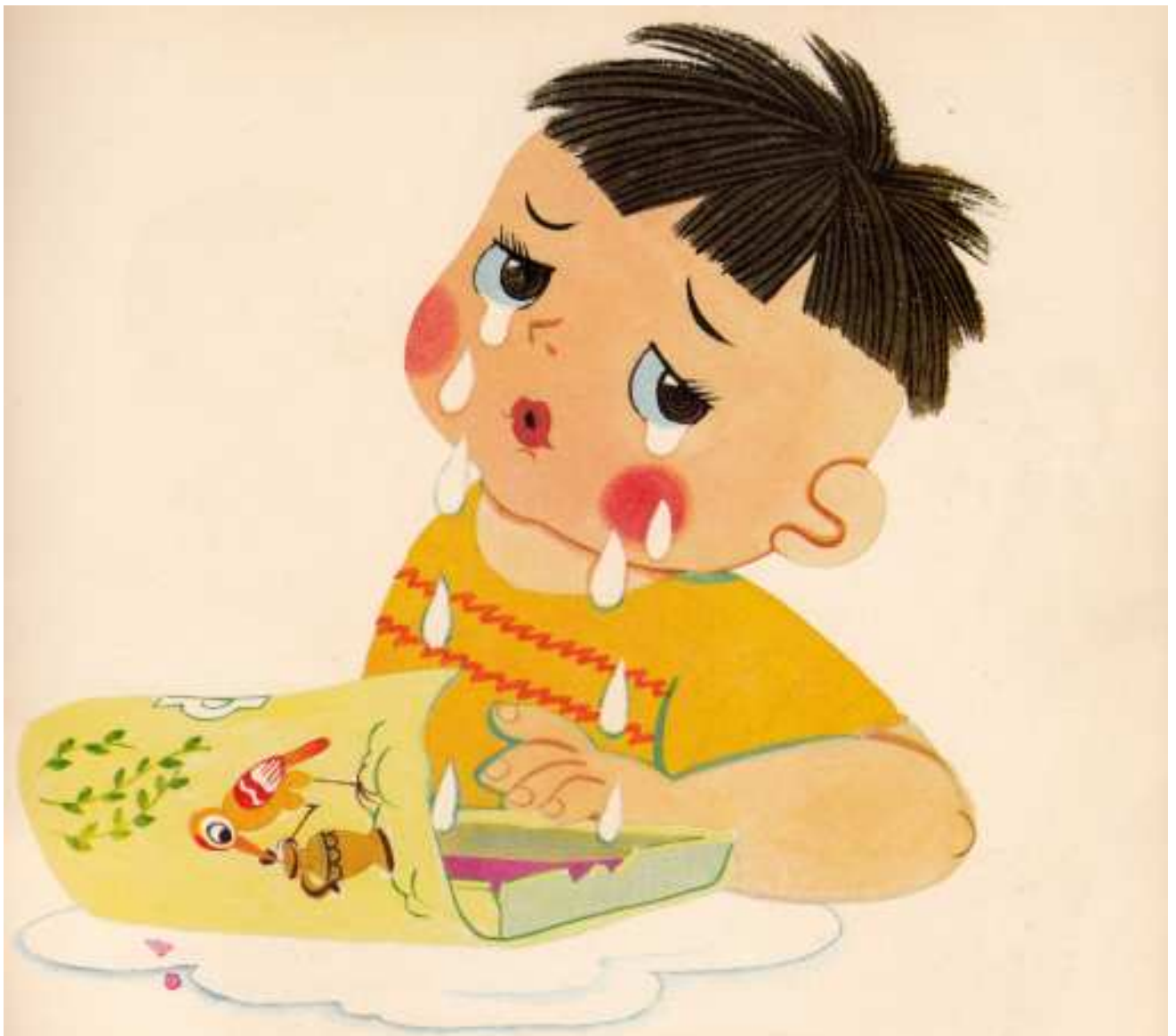
He  
took out  
his eras-  
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rase the  
mark but  
the more  
he rubbed  
the darker  
the paper  
became.





Later he used the ruler to draw a straight line, but the line was zigzagged.





That night he couldn't do his homework well and he cried.



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