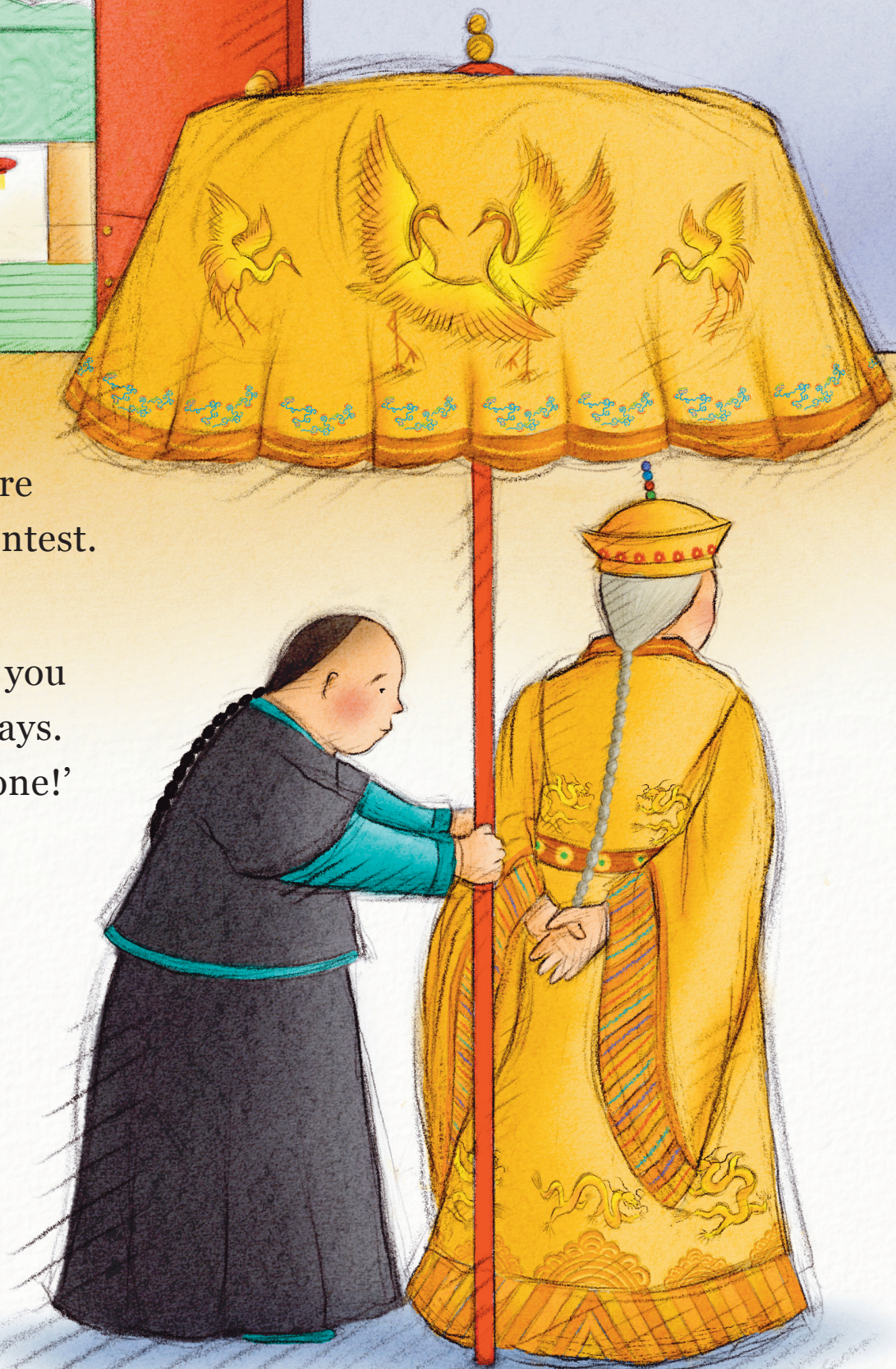
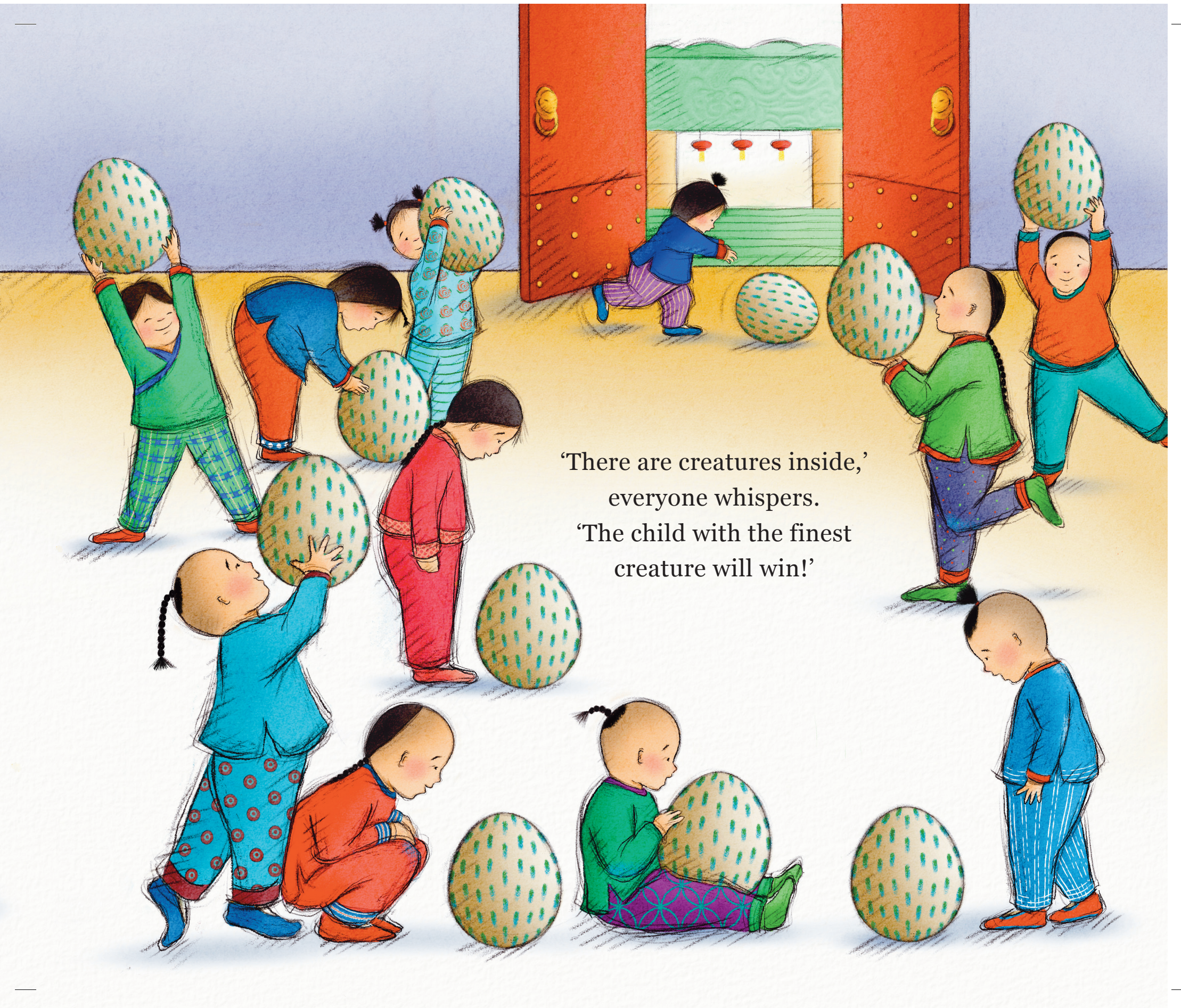


Children above five years old are called to the palace for a special contest.

Each one is given an egg.

‘After thirty days, I will see what you bring back to me,’ the emperor says.
‘The winner will be given my throne!’





‘There are creatures inside,’
everyone whispers.
‘The child with the finest
creature will win!’



Ren carefully carries his egg home.

‘Look at my egg, Papa!’

‘Let us see, let us see!’ his little brothers squeal.

‘It’s beautiful, Ren,’ Papa says. ‘Shall we give it a name?’



‘I want to call it Bao Bao.’

