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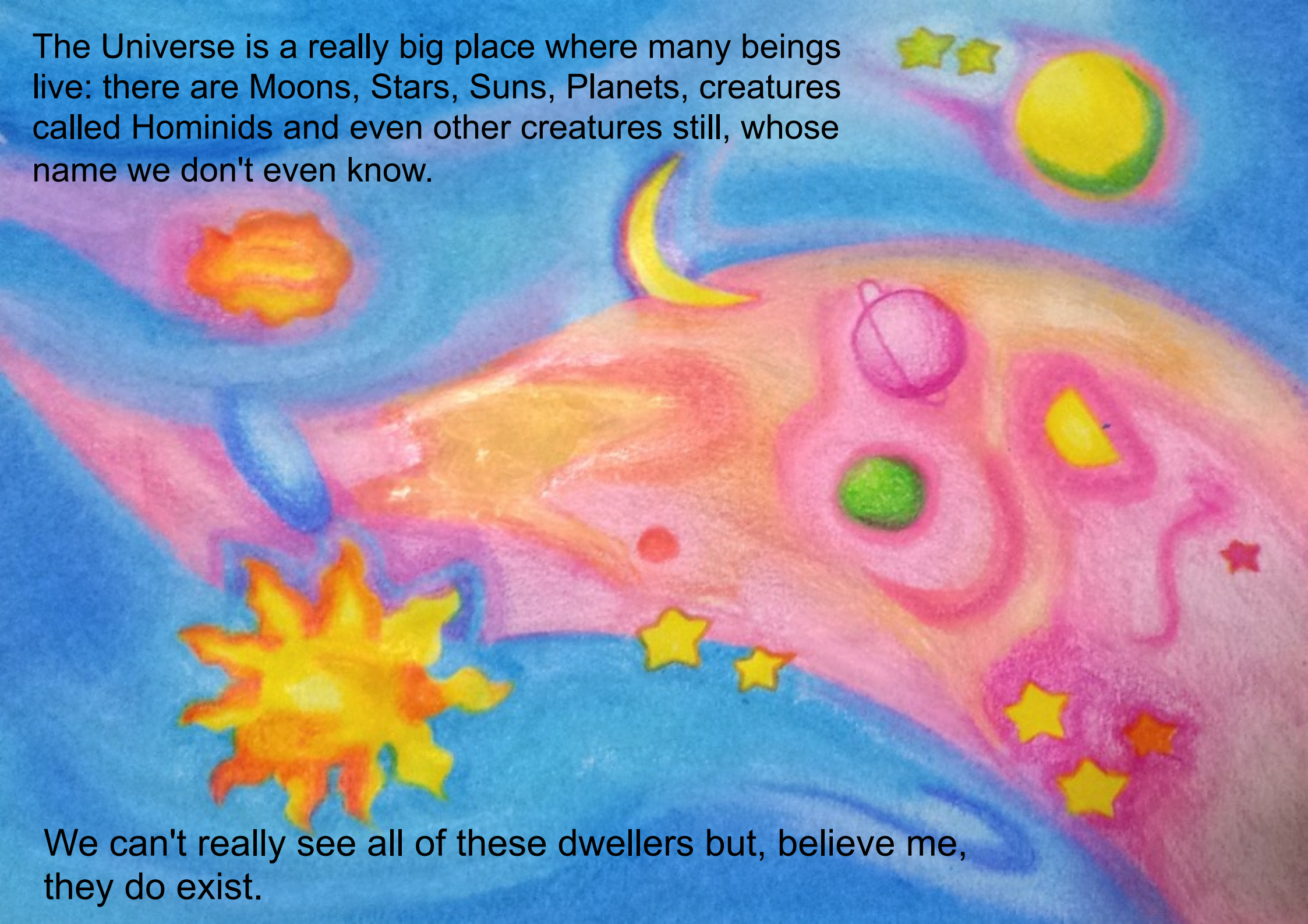


Just about nobody knows that people aren't the only ones to have feelings.

Animals, for example, can feel happy, sad, nervous or even want to give a whole lot of love. Well, this happens to beings living in the Universe too.

Many of you may be already asking “What's the Universe?”

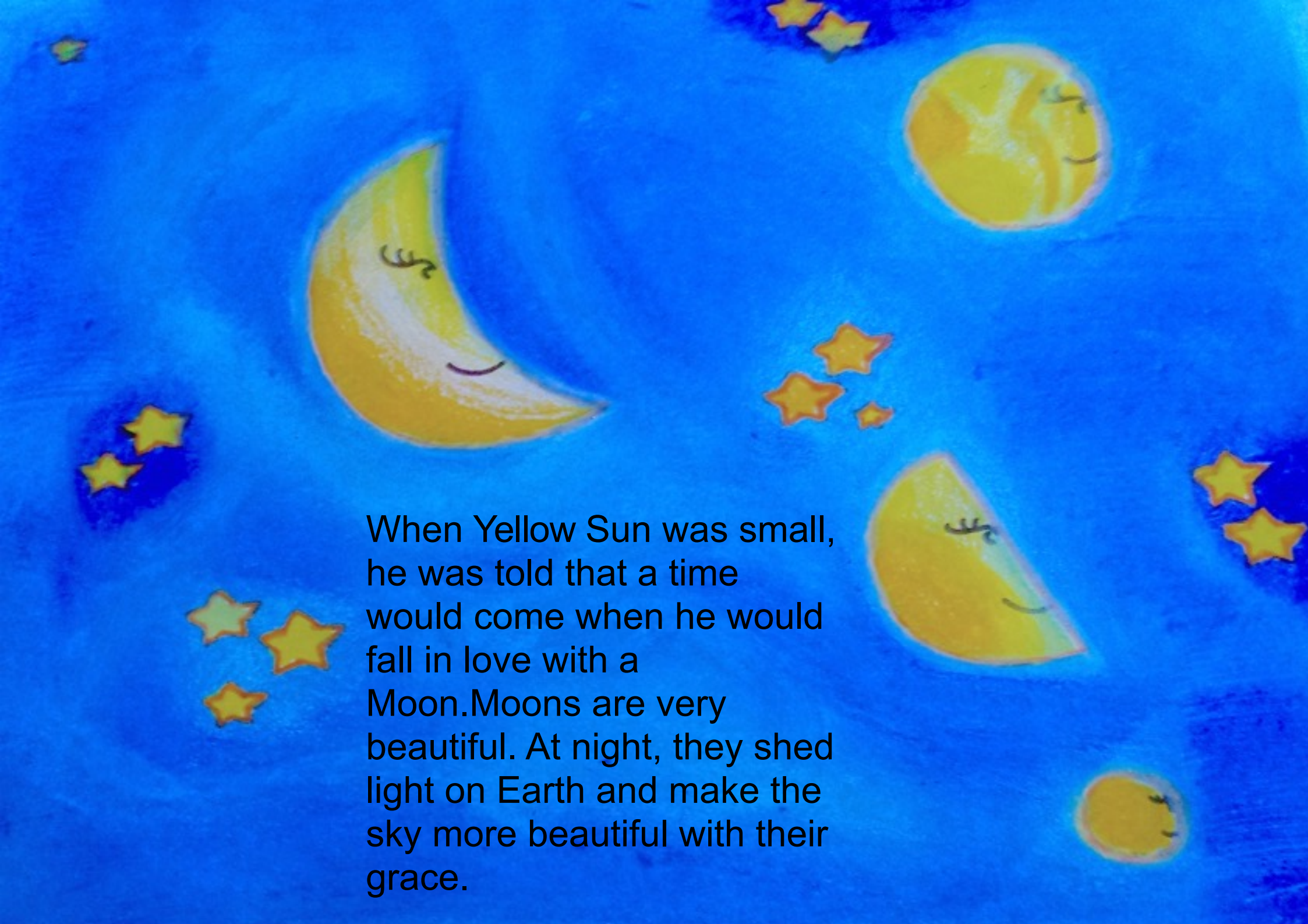
The Universe is a really big place where many beings live: there are Moons, Stars, Suns, Planets, creatures called Hominids and even other creatures still, whose name we don't even know.



We can't really see all of these dwellers but, believe me, they do exist.



Yellow Sun was a very happy star; and his job was to bring light to Earth. His dad, whose name was Light, gave Yellow Sun some really beautiful rays as a present so that Yellow Sun could light up all of the different Planets.



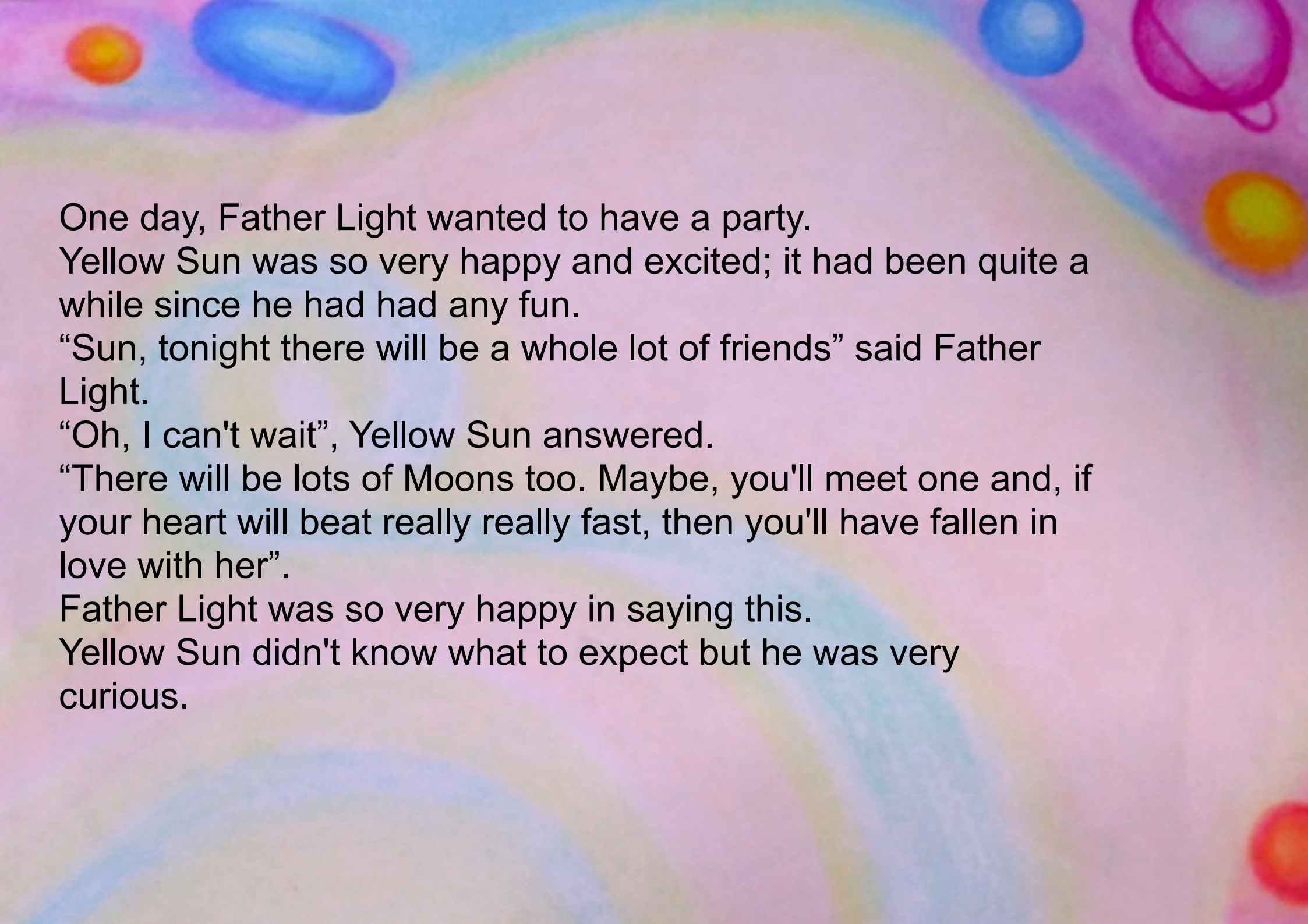
When Yellow Sun was small,
he was told that a time
would come when he would
fall in love with a
Moon. Moons are very
beautiful. At night, they shed
light on Earth and make the
sky more beautiful with their
grace.

In all the schools of the Universe, they always said: "Suns love Moons and Moons love Suns". Yellow Sun had learned to believe that, when he would be a grown up, he too would have married a Moon. But, children, you know, it doesn't always happen like that.

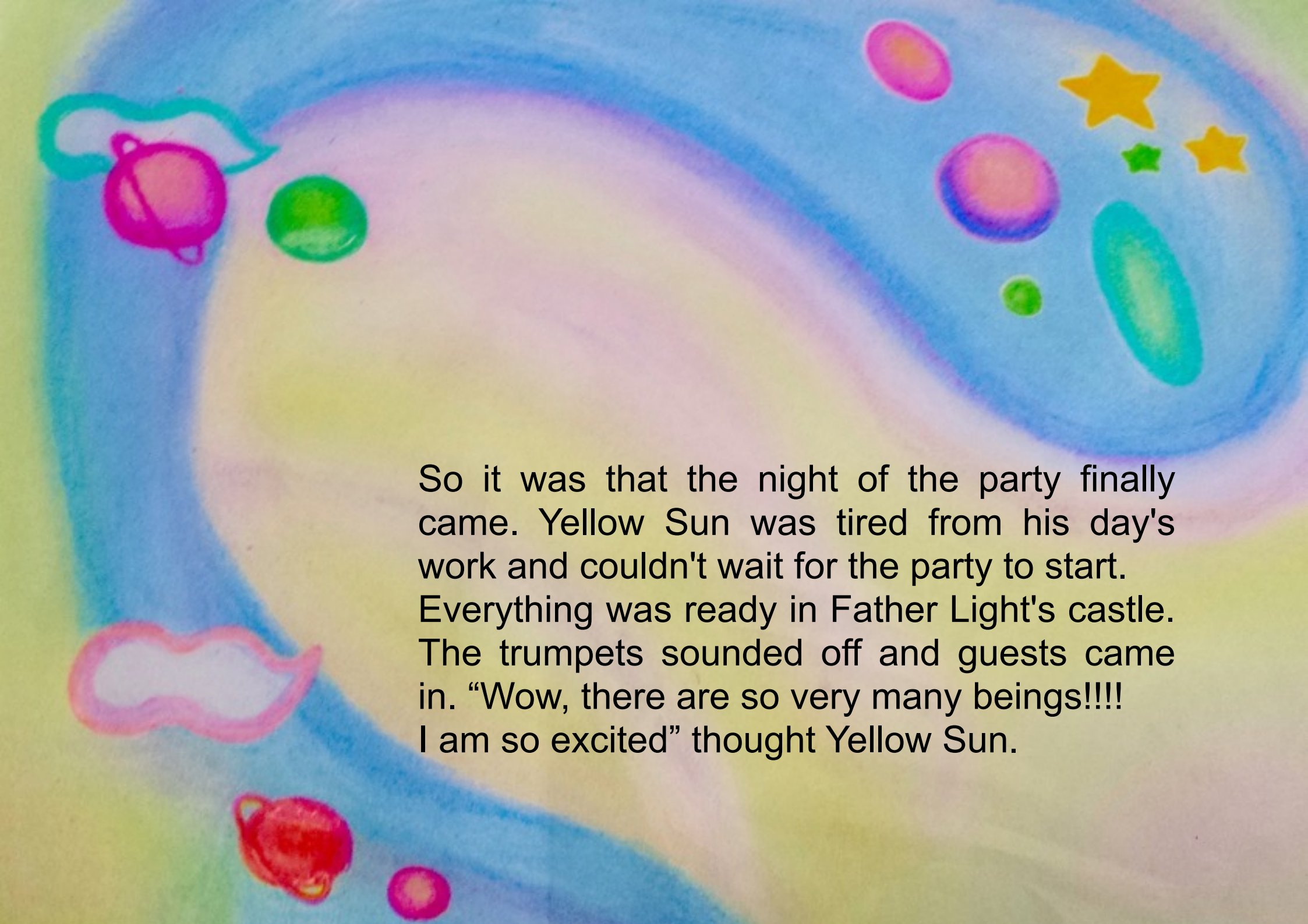




Yellow Sun loved playing a whole lot with his friends: suns, moons, planets.



One day, Father Light wanted to have a party.
Yellow Sun was so very happy and excited; it had been quite a while since he had had any fun.
“Sun, tonight there will be a whole lot of friends” said Father Light.
“Oh, I can't wait”, Yellow Sun answered.
“There will be lots of Moons too. Maybe, you'll meet one and, if your heart will beat really really fast, then you'll have fallen in love with her”.
Father Light was so very happy in saying this.
Yellow Sun didn't know what to expect but he was very curious.

A vibrant, child-like illustration of a night sky. A large, bright yellow sun is partially obscured by a blue crescent moon. The sky is filled with various celestial bodies: a pink planet with rings, a green planet, a purple planet, a yellow star, a green star, a blue planet, a red planet, and a pink planet. The background is a mix of light blue, purple, and yellow, suggesting a colorful night sky.

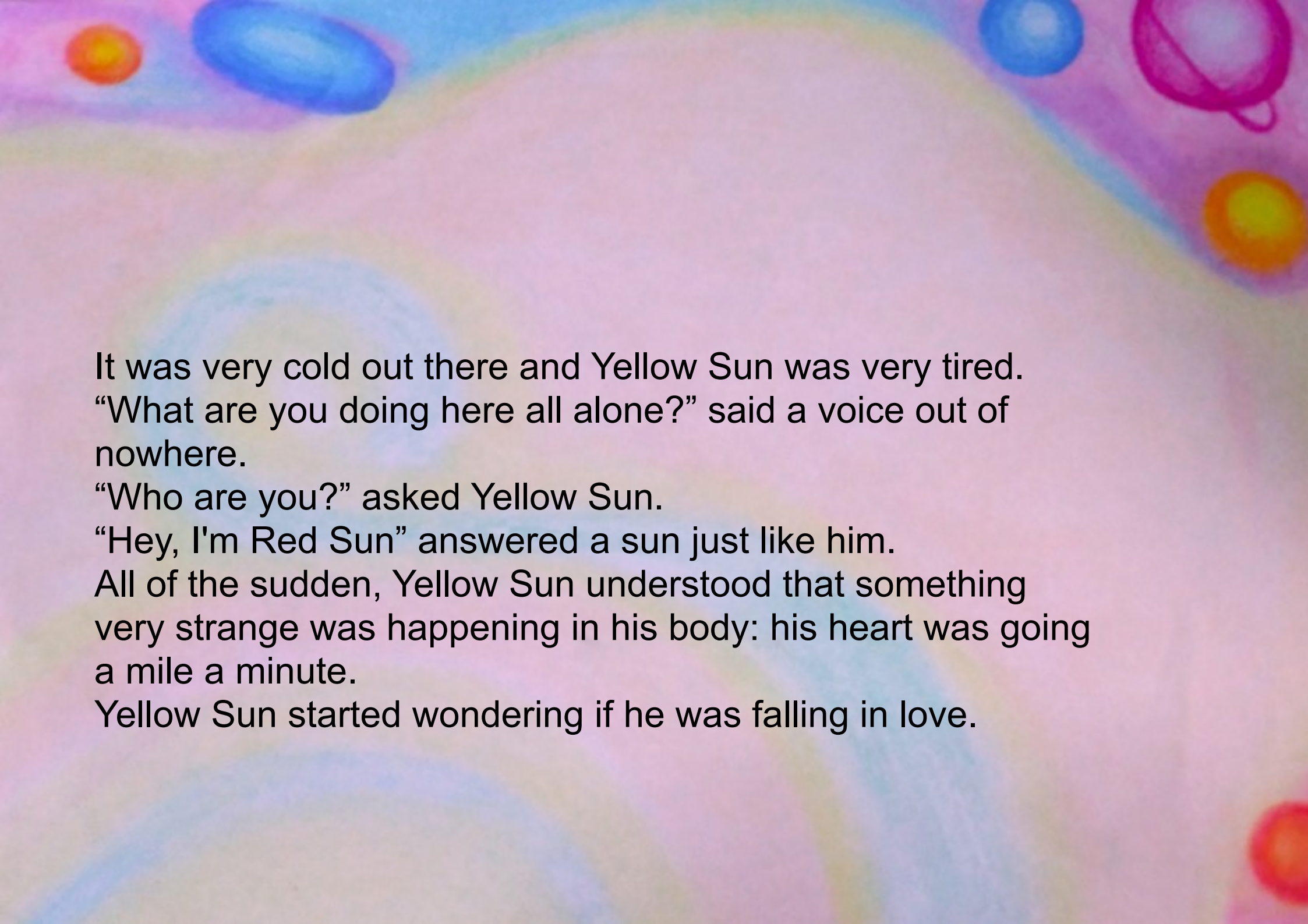
So it was that the night of the party finally came. Yellow Sun was tired from his day's work and couldn't wait for the party to start. Everything was ready in Father Light's castle. The trumpets sounded off and guests came in. "Wow, there are so very many beings!!!! I am so excited" thought Yellow Sun.





Yellow Sun started meeting many Moons. All of them were very nice and gorgeous. He was happy to meet them. He noticed though that his heart was not beating really really fast. He had not fallen in love with a Moon. He needed to think a bit and so he went on a terrace.





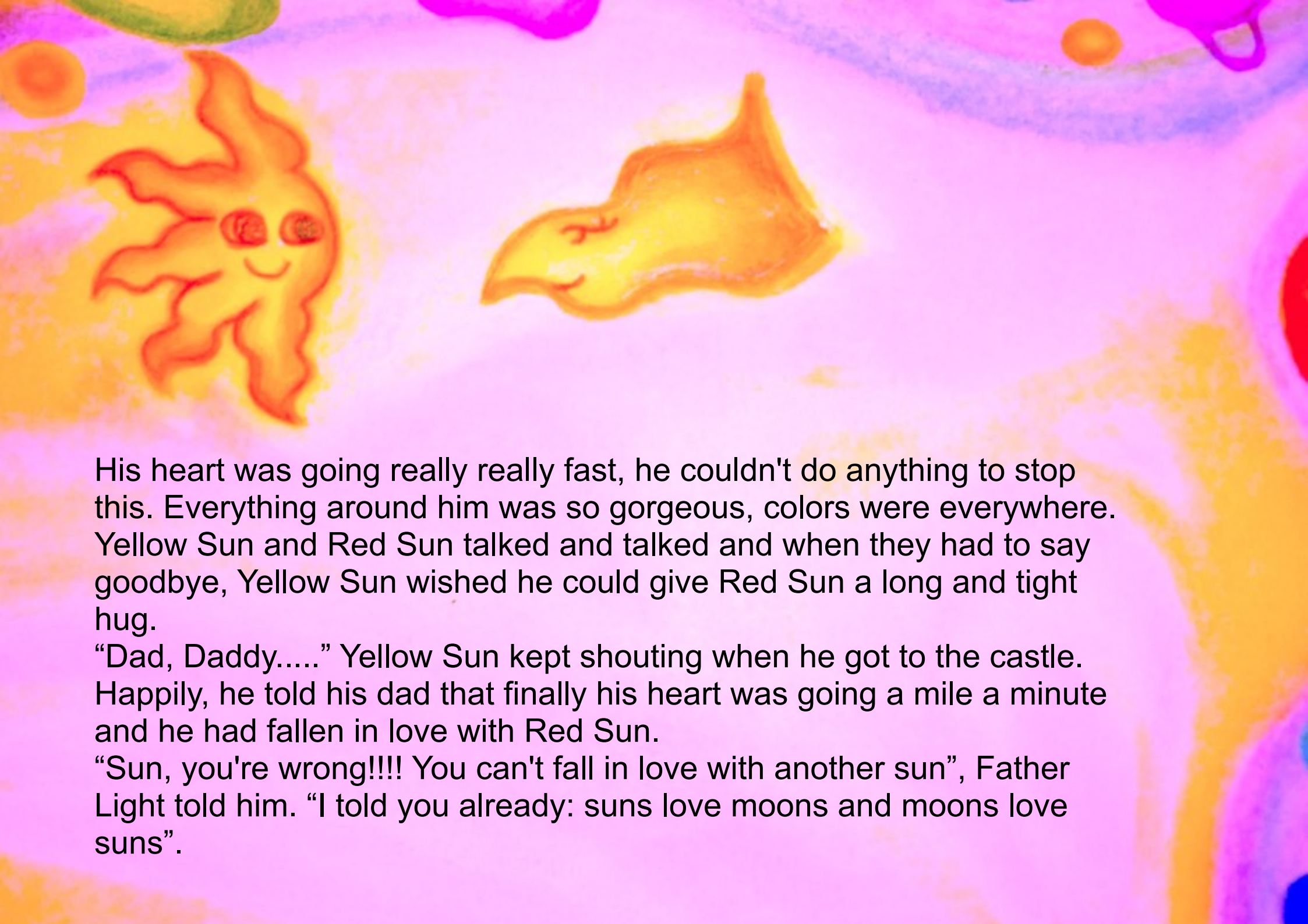
It was very cold out there and Yellow Sun was very tired.
“What are you doing here all alone?” said a voice out of nowhere.

“Who are you?” asked Yellow Sun.

“Hey, I'm Red Sun” answered a sun just like him.

All of the sudden, Yellow Sun understood that something very strange was happening in his body: his heart was going a mile a minute.

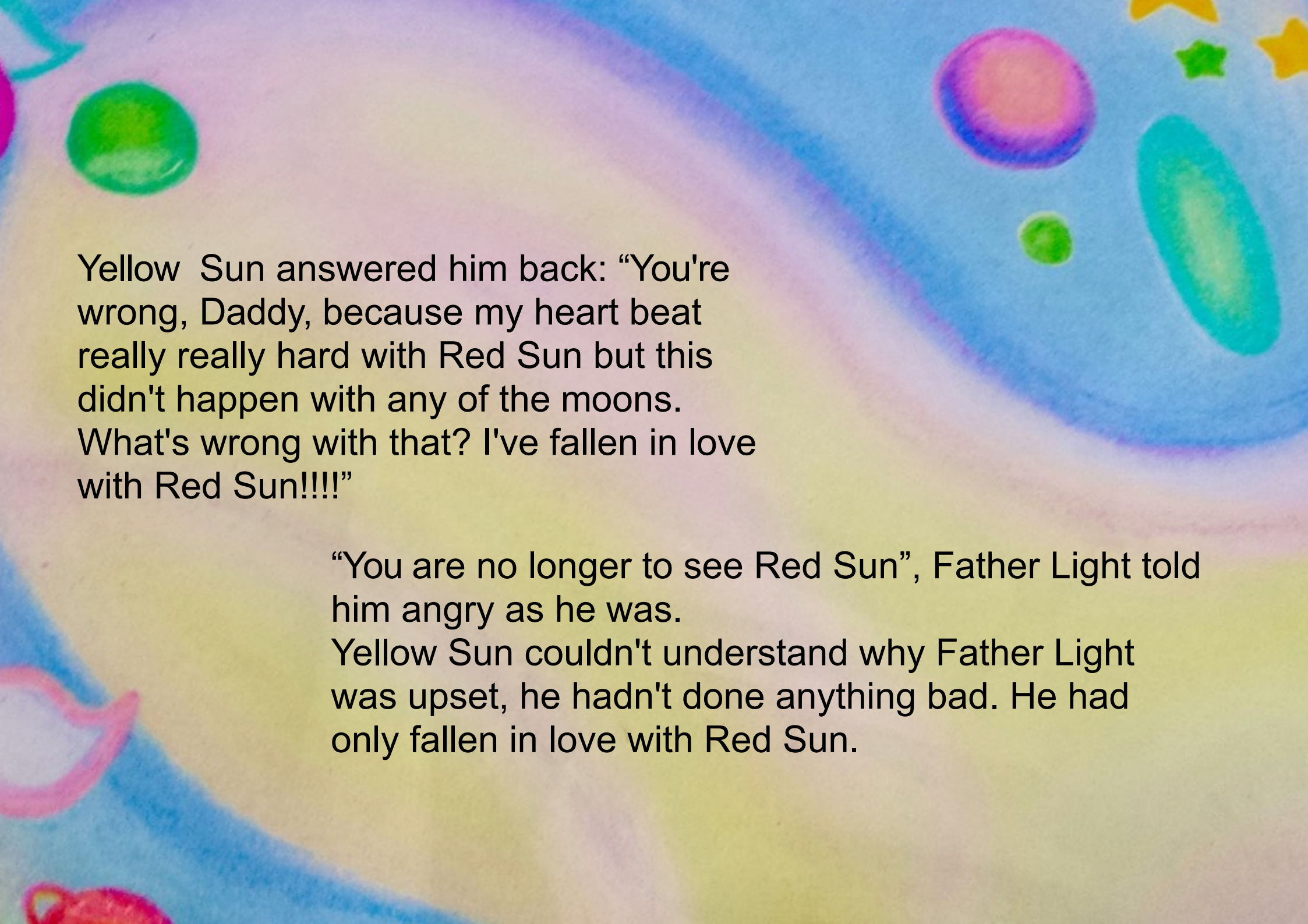
Yellow Sun started wondering if he was falling in love.



His heart was going really really fast, he couldn't do anything to stop this. Everything around him was so gorgeous, colors were everywhere. Yellow Sun and Red Sun talked and talked and when they had to say goodbye, Yellow Sun wished he could give Red Sun a long and tight hug.

“Dad, Daddy.....” Yellow Sun kept shouting when he got to the castle. Happily, he told his dad that finally his heart was going a mile a minute and he had fallen in love with Red Sun.

“Sun, you're wrong!!!! You can't fall in love with another sun”, Father Light told him. “I told you already: suns love moons and moons love suns”.



Yellow Sun answered him back: “You're wrong, Daddy, because my heart beat really really hard with Red Sun but this didn't happen with any of the moons. What's wrong with that? I've fallen in love with Red Sun!!!!”

“You are no longer to see Red Sun”, Father Light told him angry as he was.
Yellow Sun couldn't understand why Father Light was upset, he hadn't done anything bad. He had only fallen in love with Red Sun.



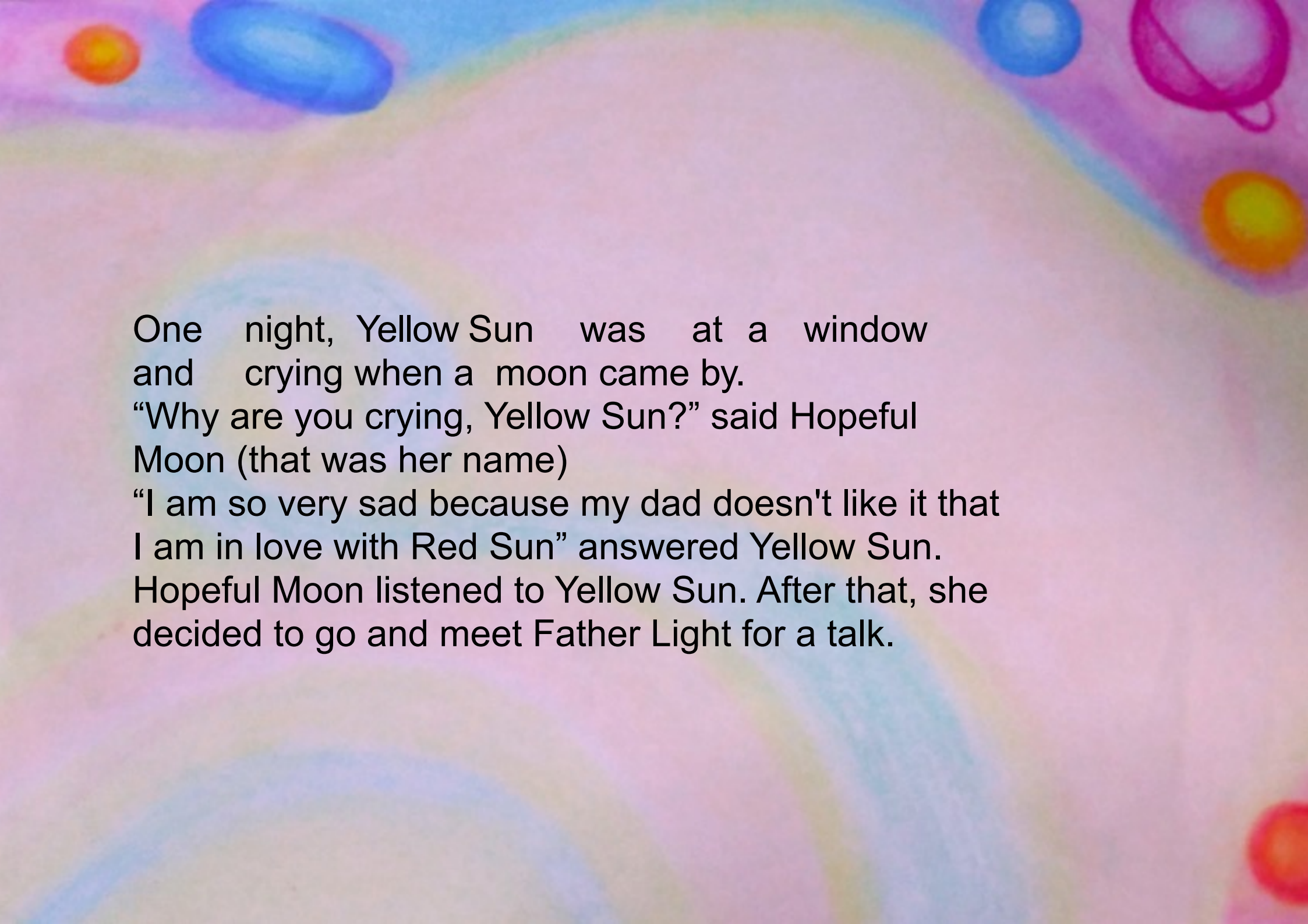
Being the King, Father Light ordered all schools to explain that suns love moons and moons love suns.

He also ordered that Red Sun be sent away from the city.

Yellow Sun knew he had done nothing wrong. He had fallen in love with a sun like him. He couldn't understand why Father Light was so upset.

Red Sun was sent away from the city. This made Yellow Sun cry every night. He was feeling sad and he kept on asking himself why Father Light didn't want him to fall in love with Red Sun.





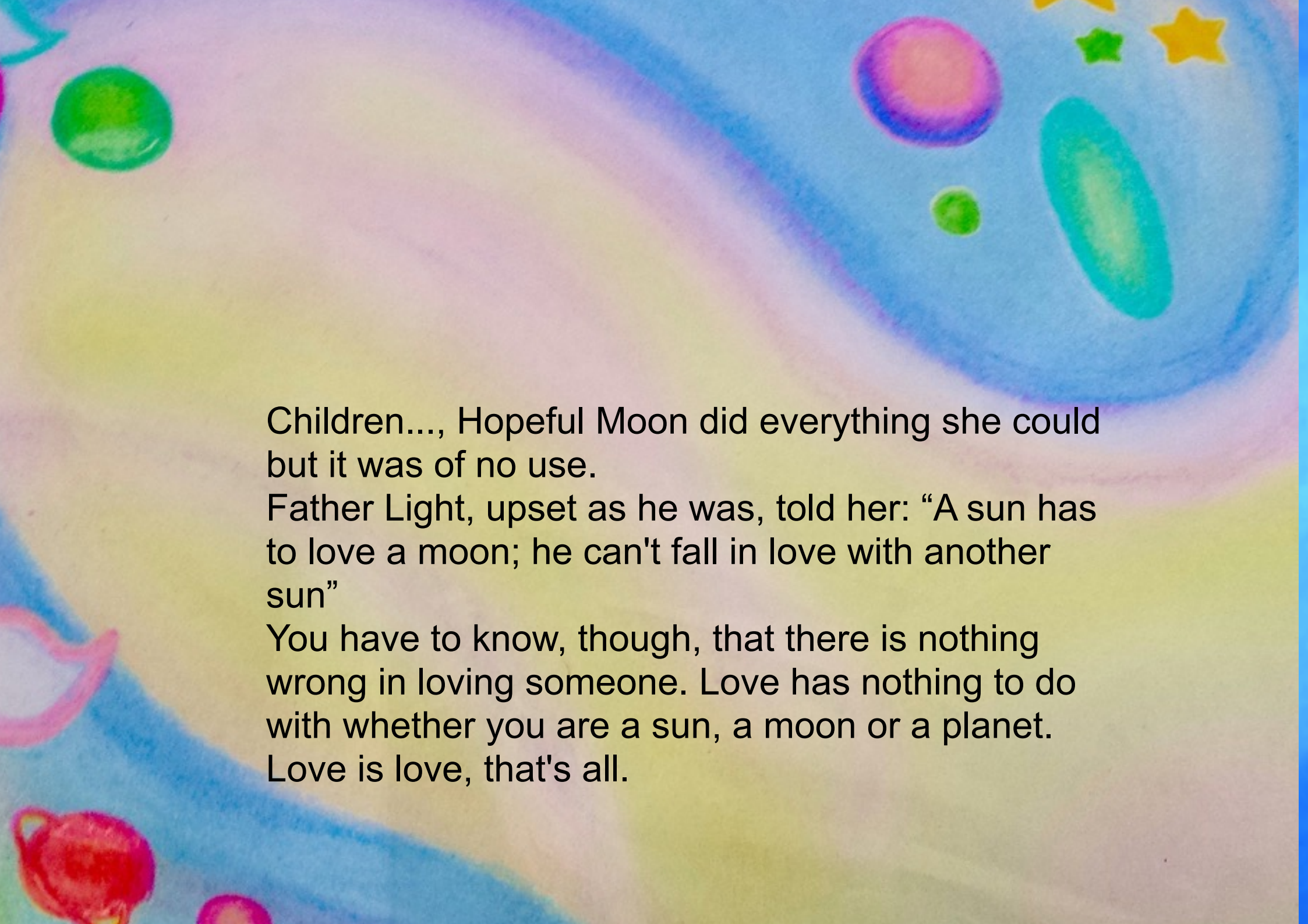
One night, Yellow Sun was at a window and crying when a moon came by.

“Why are you crying, Yellow Sun?” said Hopeful Moon (that was her name)

“I am so very sad because my dad doesn't like it that I am in love with Red Sun” answered Yellow Sun.

Hopeful Moon listened to Yellow Sun. After that, she decided to go and meet Father Light for a talk.



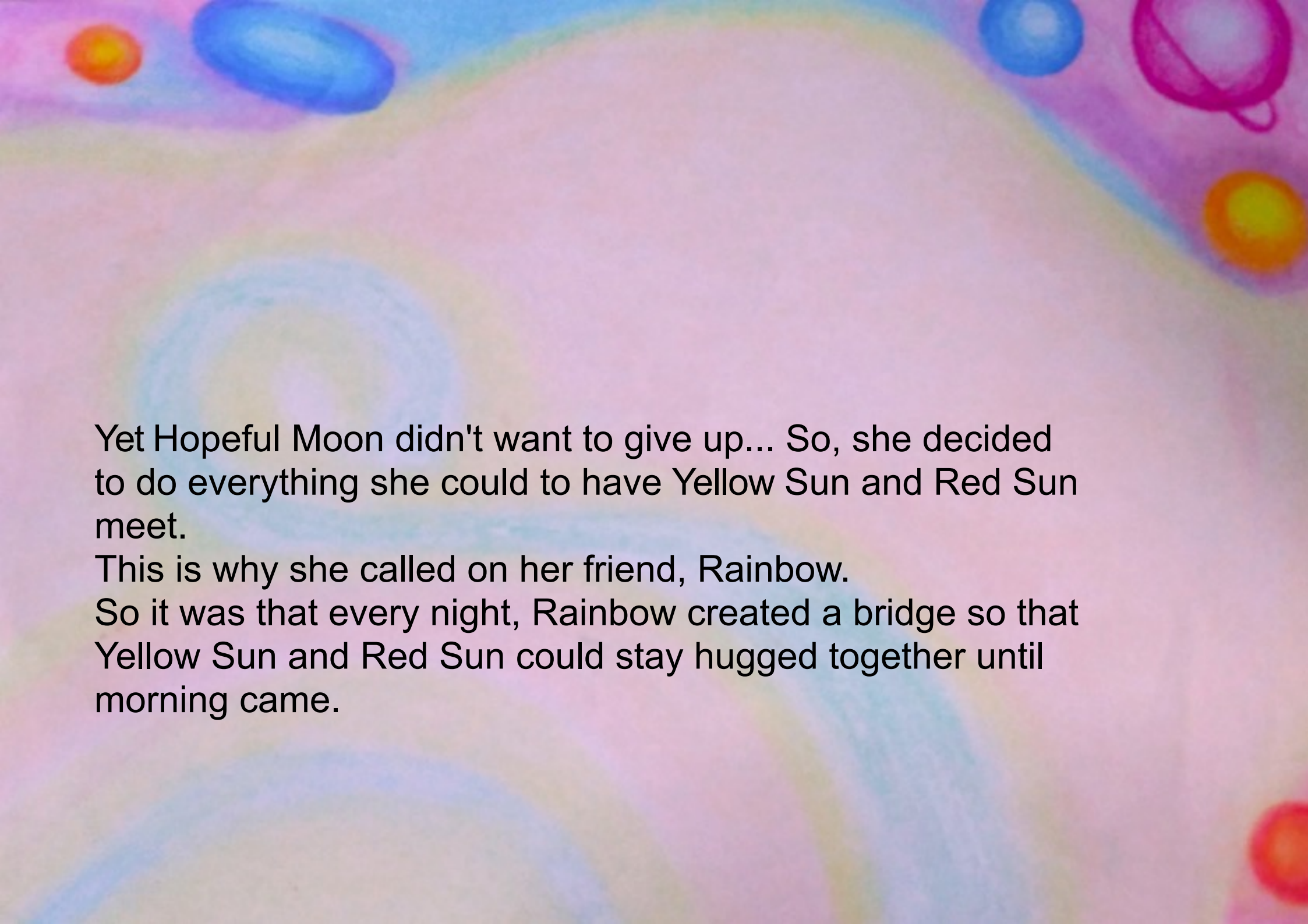


Children..., Hopeful Moon did everything she could but it was of no use.

Father Light, upset as he was, told her: “A sun has to love a moon; he can't fall in love with another sun”

You have to know, though, that there is nothing wrong in loving someone. Love has nothing to do with whether you are a sun, a moon or a planet. Love is love, that's all.



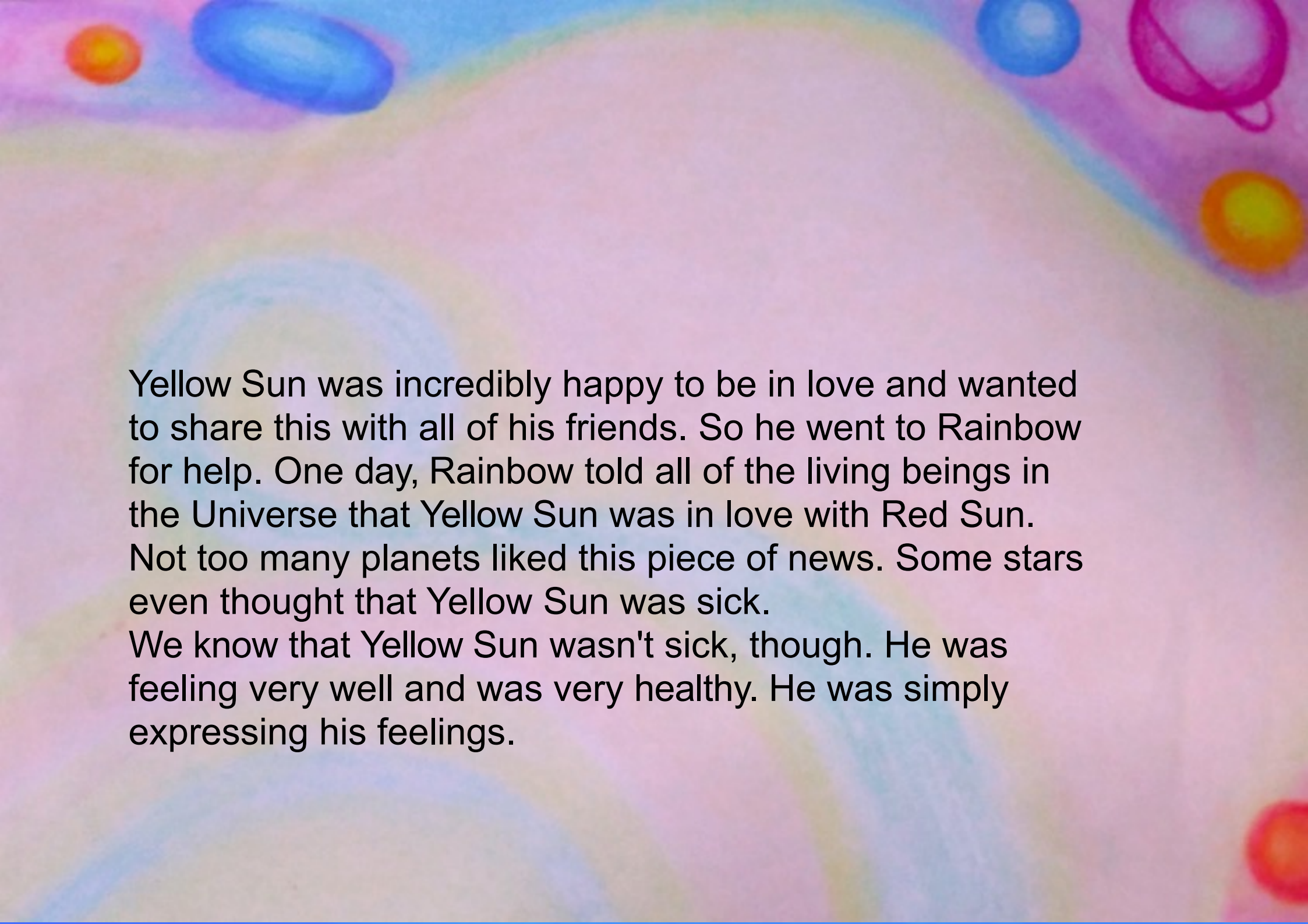
A colorful illustration of a night sky. A large, faint rainbow arches across the center. In the upper left, a bright yellow sun and a red sun are visible. In the upper right, a blue sun and a pink sun with a ring are visible. The background is a soft, pastel gradient of purple, blue, and yellow.

Yet Hopeful Moon didn't want to give up... So, she decided to do everything she could to have Yellow Sun and Red Sun meet.

This is why she called on her friend, Rainbow.

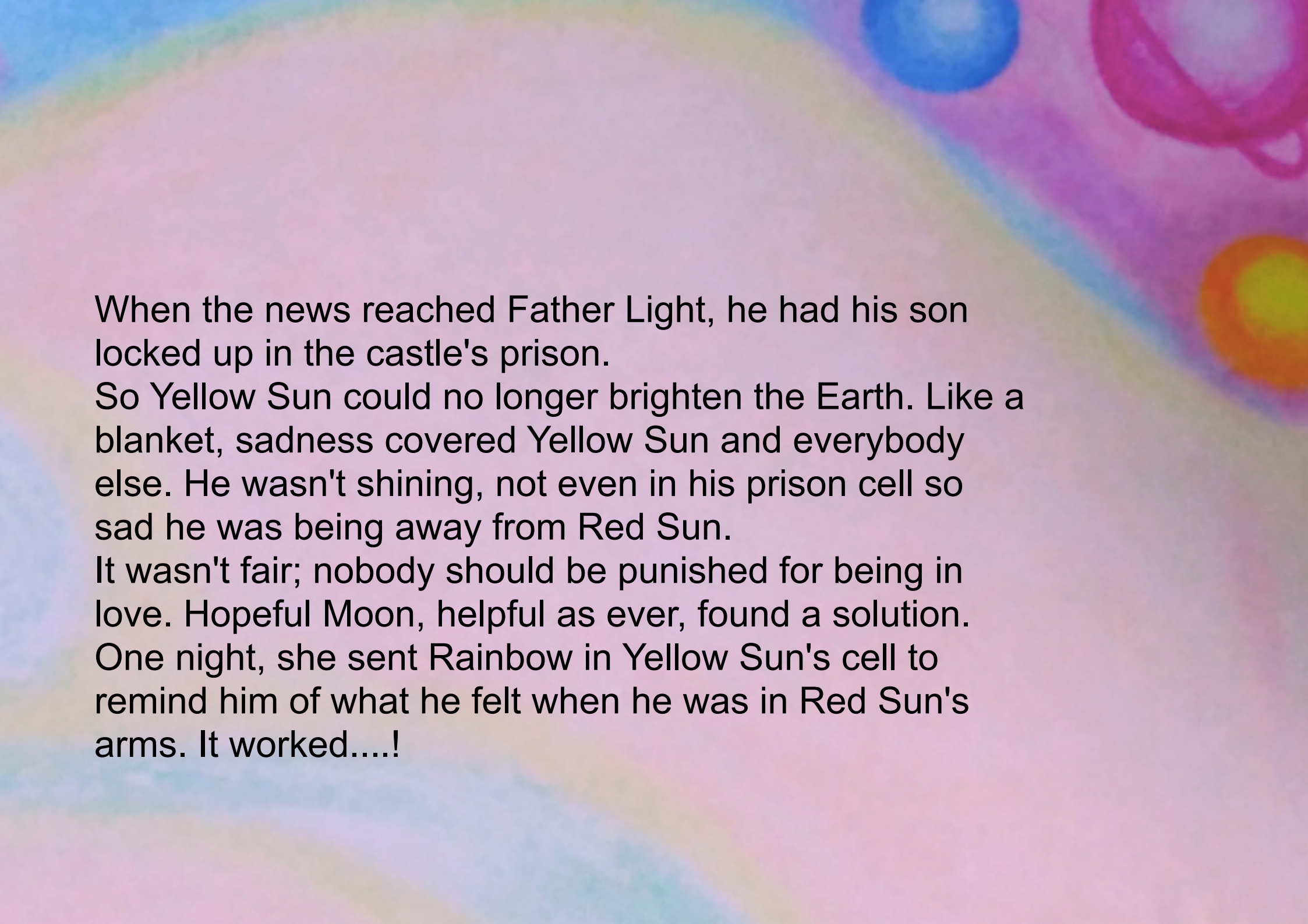
So it was that every night, Rainbow created a bridge so that Yellow Sun and Red Sun could stay hugged together until morning came.





Yellow Sun was incredibly happy to be in love and wanted to share this with all of his friends. So he went to Rainbow for help. One day, Rainbow told all of the living beings in the Universe that Yellow Sun was in love with Red Sun. Not too many planets liked this piece of news. Some stars even thought that Yellow Sun was sick. We know that Yellow Sun wasn't sick, though. He was feeling very well and was very healthy. He was simply expressing his feelings.



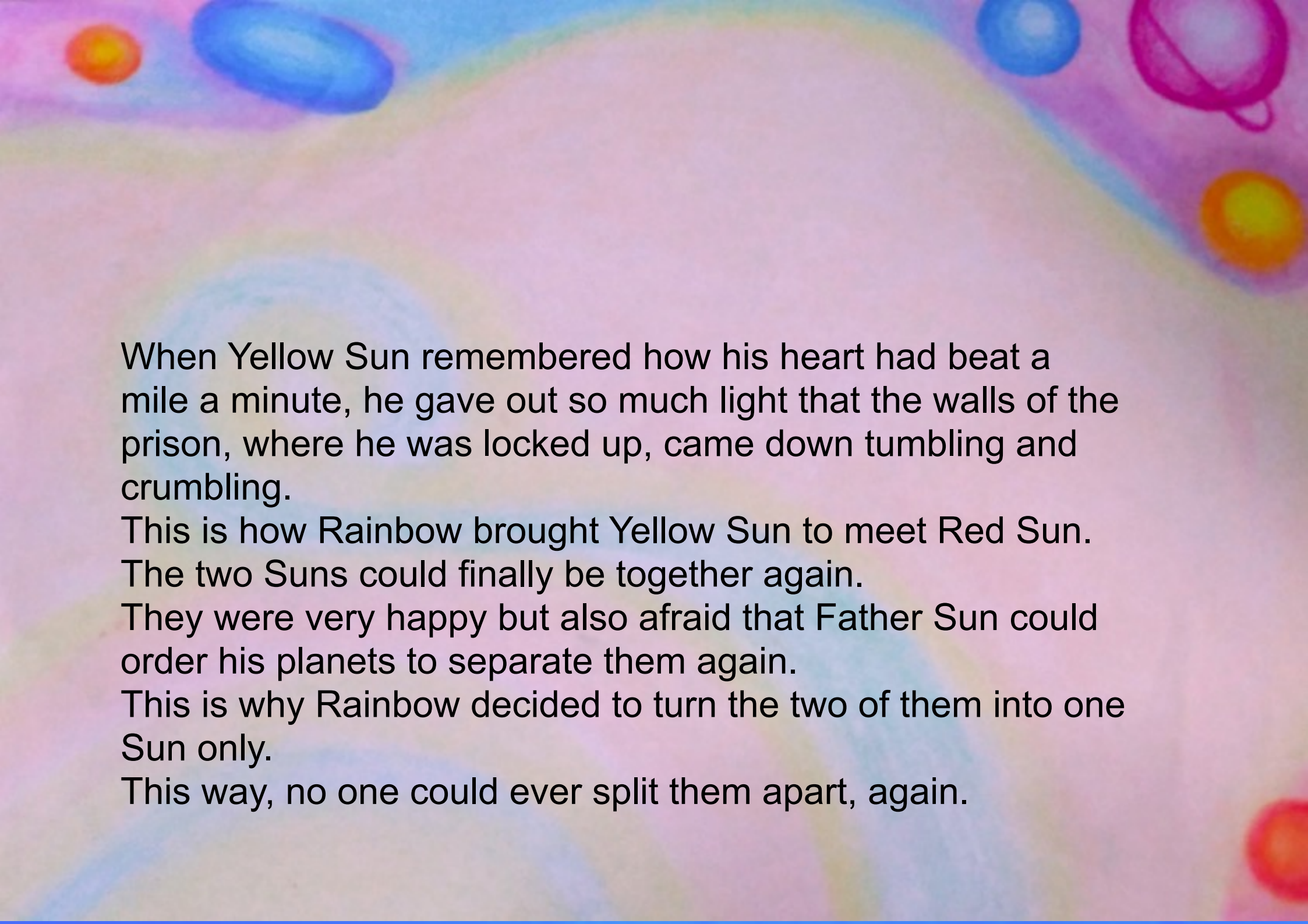


When the news reached Father Light, he had his son locked up in the castle's prison.

So Yellow Sun could no longer brighten the Earth. Like a blanket, sadness covered Yellow Sun and everybody else. He wasn't shining, not even in his prison cell so sad he was being away from Red Sun.

It wasn't fair; nobody should be punished for being in love. Hopeful Moon, helpful as ever, found a solution. One night, she sent Rainbow in Yellow Sun's cell to remind him of what he felt when he was in Red Sun's arms. It worked.....!





When Yellow Sun remembered how his heart had beat a mile a minute, he gave out so much light that the walls of the prison, where he was locked up, came down tumbling and crumbling.

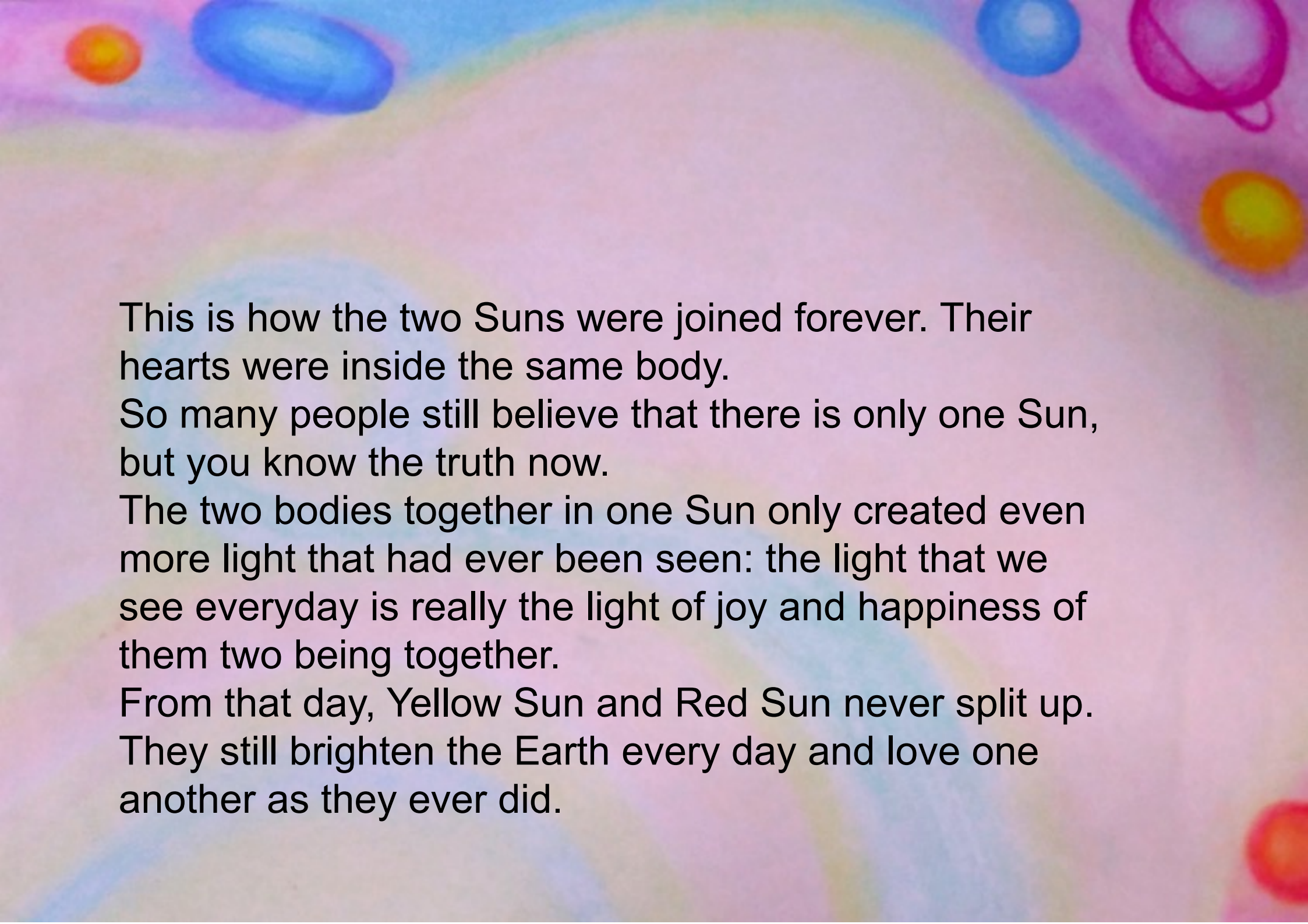
This is how Rainbow brought Yellow Sun to meet Red Sun. The two Suns could finally be together again.

They were very happy but also afraid that Father Sun could order his planets to separate them again.

This is why Rainbow decided to turn the two of them into one Sun only.

This way, no one could ever split them apart, again.





This is how the two Suns were joined forever. Their hearts were inside the same body.

So many people still believe that there is only one Sun, but you know the truth now.

The two bodies together in one Sun only created even more light that had ever been seen: the light that we see everyday is really the light of joy and happiness of them two being together.

From that day, Yellow Sun and Red Sun never split up. They still brighten the Earth every day and love one another as they ever did.





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The University Centre SInAPSi.

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Moreover, in striving to support a culture that respects individual and social differences and considers otherness as a value, SInAPSi has established a Service Unit for Anti-discrimination and a Culture of Diversity.

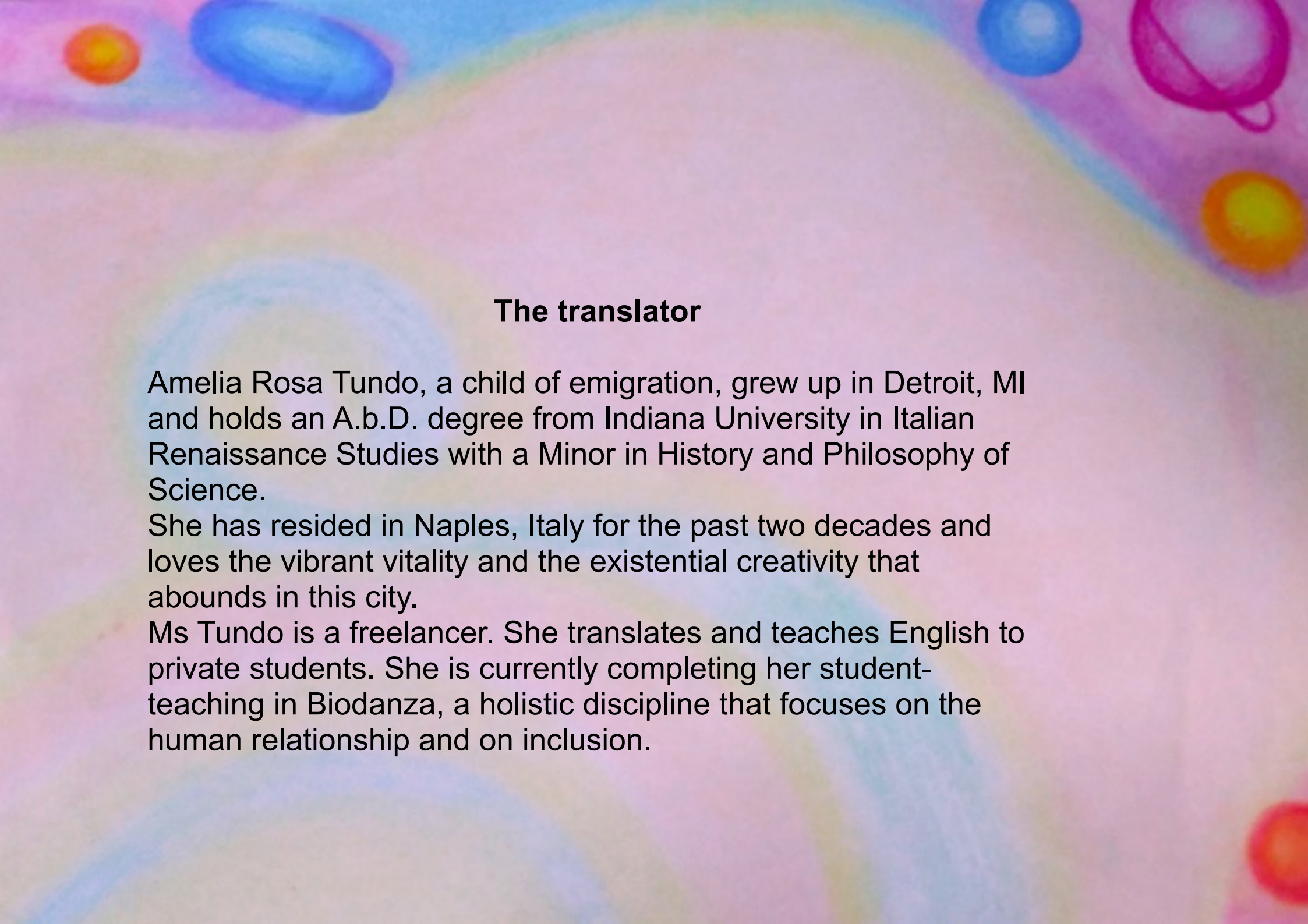
This Unit works to prevent and counteract different forms of power and violence abuses related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

The Fondazione Genere Identità Cultura

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Interventions in the clinical-psychological field; training; research; library services along with various other initiatives all have the scope of fostering inclusion and enhancing the various forms of diversity. Through these core activities, this Institution intends to prevent and counteract power abuse exerted in connection with ethnic origin, the condition of experiencing disability, sexual orientation and of gender identity.

The Fondazione has quite an extensive library at its headquarters and makes it available to anyone interested in becoming more familiar or to further their knowledge on issues concerning gender and sexual orientation.



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