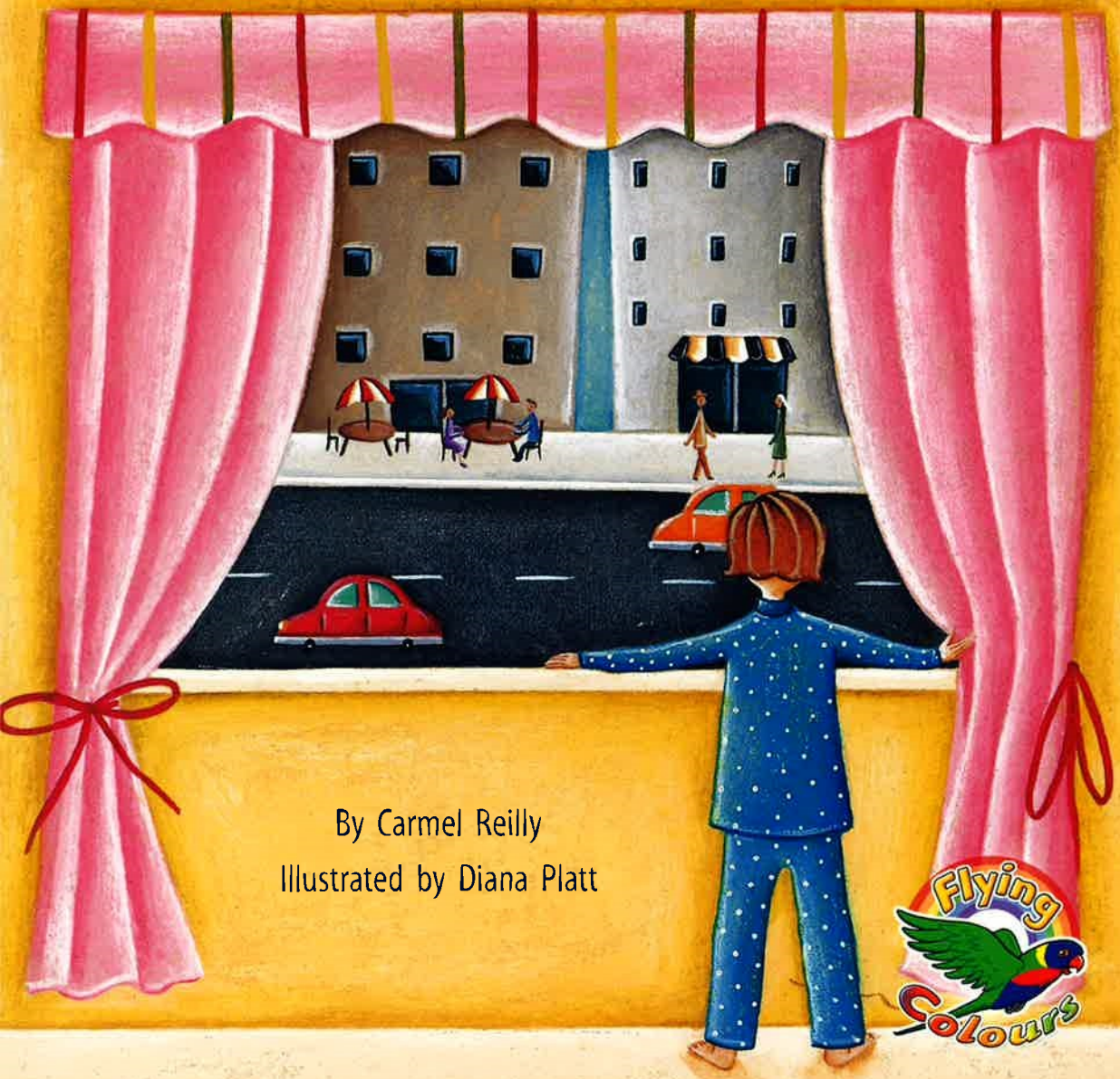
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Chapter 1

Not a Real Home

Lily looked out the window of her new bedroom.
It was raining, and the sky was getting darker.
Down below on the street,
cars and buses rushed past.

Across the street,
Lily could see people in an office.
They were packing their bags
and turning off their computers.
They were getting ready to go home for the night.

Lily tried to feel excited about moving to this place,
but she couldn't.

This was not a real home, she thought.
It was just some rooms above an old shop.

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Lily didn't want to stay here.
She wanted to go back to the house
where they had been living.
It had a big garden, and lots of room to play.

But Lily's parents were artists,
and they needed a place
where they could live and work.
They were going to open a shop downstairs
where they could sell their paintings.

Lily's mum called to her.
"Lily, can you come down here and help us, please?"

"Coming, Mum," Lily called back.



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Downstairs, there were boxes everywhere.
Lily and her parents
had just moved in that afternoon,
and they were still unpacking.

Her dad was carrying things in from the car,
and her mum was busy looking through boxes
and putting things away.

Lily picked up a small bag
and took it into the living room up the stairs.



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