

Mean Maxine was a bully.
She made sure all the kids at school
knew SHE was the BOSS!



She'd tell us what to do...and we'd do it.

She'd tell us where to go...and we'd go there.

She'd tell us what to say...and we'd say it.

If we didn't do exactly what Maxine told us to,
she'd look at us with her **MEAN** eyes.

"Do what I say, or I'll twist you into a human pretzel!"

We thought about what it would feel like to be twisted
into a human pretzel and it scared us...A LOT! So, we
decided it would be easier to let Maxine be the boss.



Maxine liked to pick on kids...especially Winston. Winston is the smartest kid in our whole school.

Maxine made him do all of her homework and give her all of his lunch money. Maxine liked to make Winston cry, then she'd call him a crybaby.

"If you don't do exactly what I tell you to, I'll knock you into next week!"

Nobody liked the way Maxine treated Winston, but we were too afraid to do anything about it.



Maxine didn't have any real friends, but she didn't know that. We pretended to like her so she wouldn't show us her **MEAN** eyes.



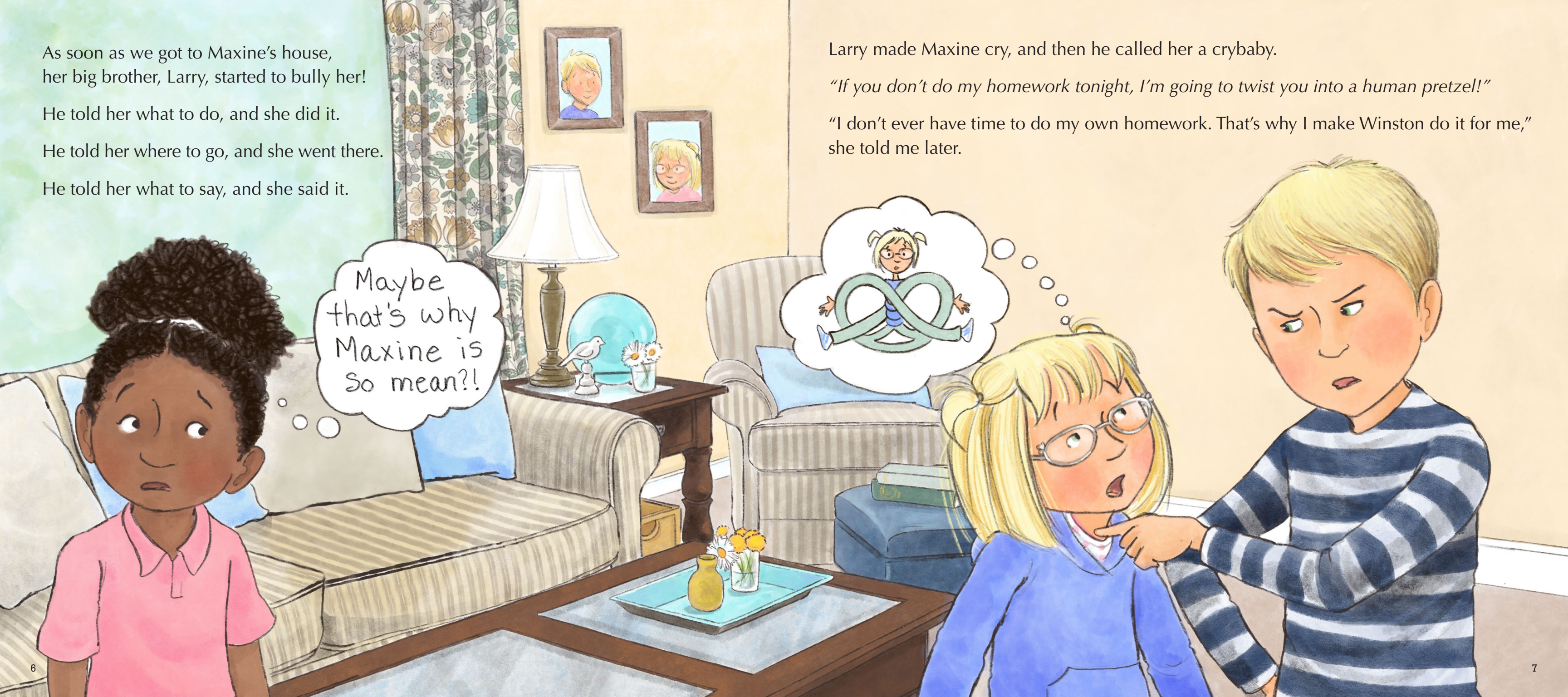
Last week, Maxine asked me to go to her house to play. I didn't want to go, but I was too scared to say no.

As soon as we got to Maxine's house,
her big brother, Larry, started to bully her!
He told her what to do, and she did it.
He told her where to go, and she went there.
He told her what to say, and she said it.

Larry made Maxine cry, and then he called her a crybaby.

"If you don't do my homework tonight, I'm going to twist you into a human pretzel!"

"I don't ever have time to do my own homework. That's why I make Winston do it for me,"
she told me later.



The next day I passed out Bully Beans to my friends,
and told them everything my mom had said.



We all agreed to give
Bully Beans a try.

Just before the bell rang that morning, Maxine headed straight for Winston.
“Give me my homework, Geek!”

Everyone ate a Bully Bean. Then we all crowded around Winston.

Winston closed his eyes and
swallowed his bean.

“No,” he squeaked back softly.

