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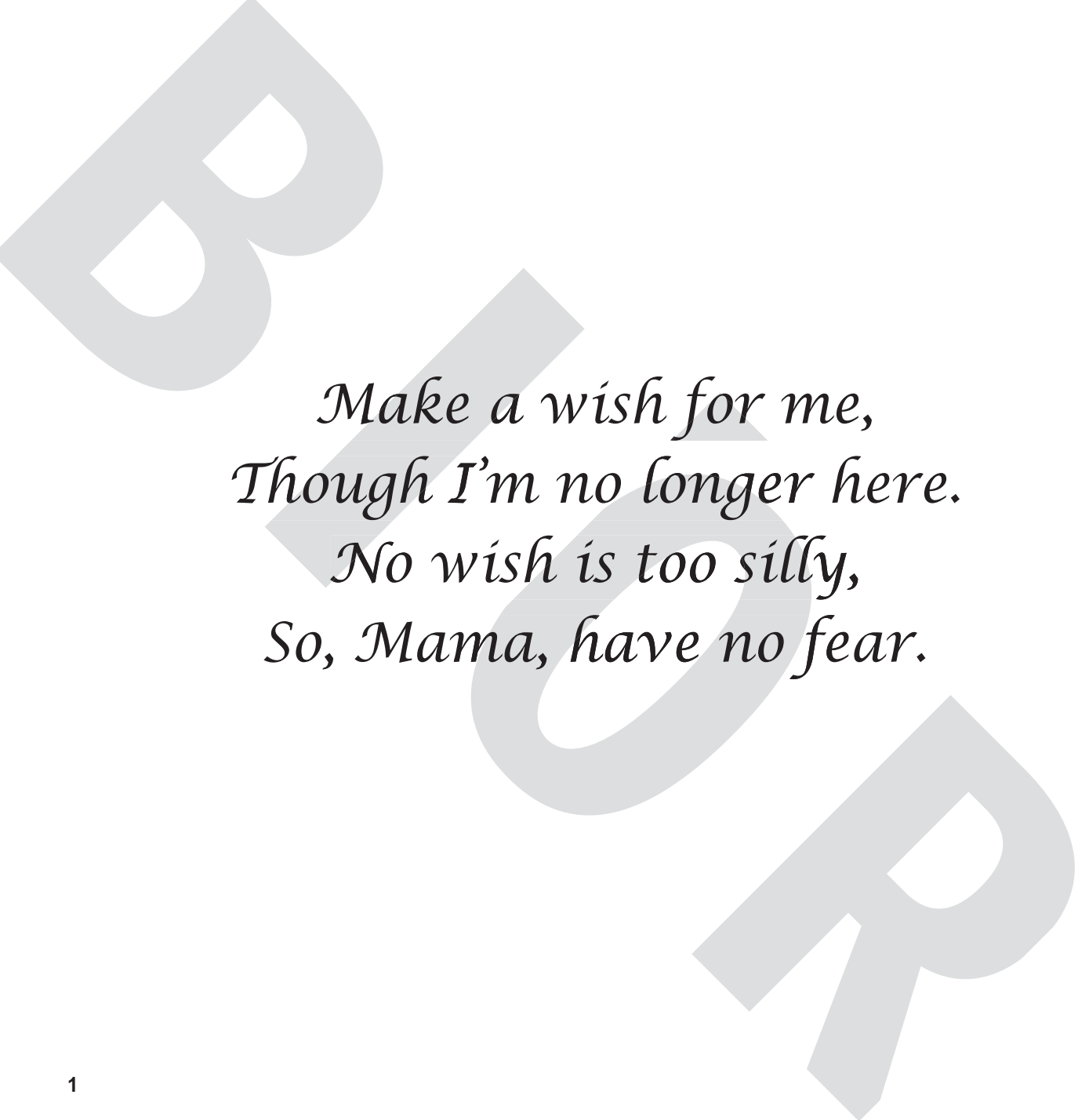
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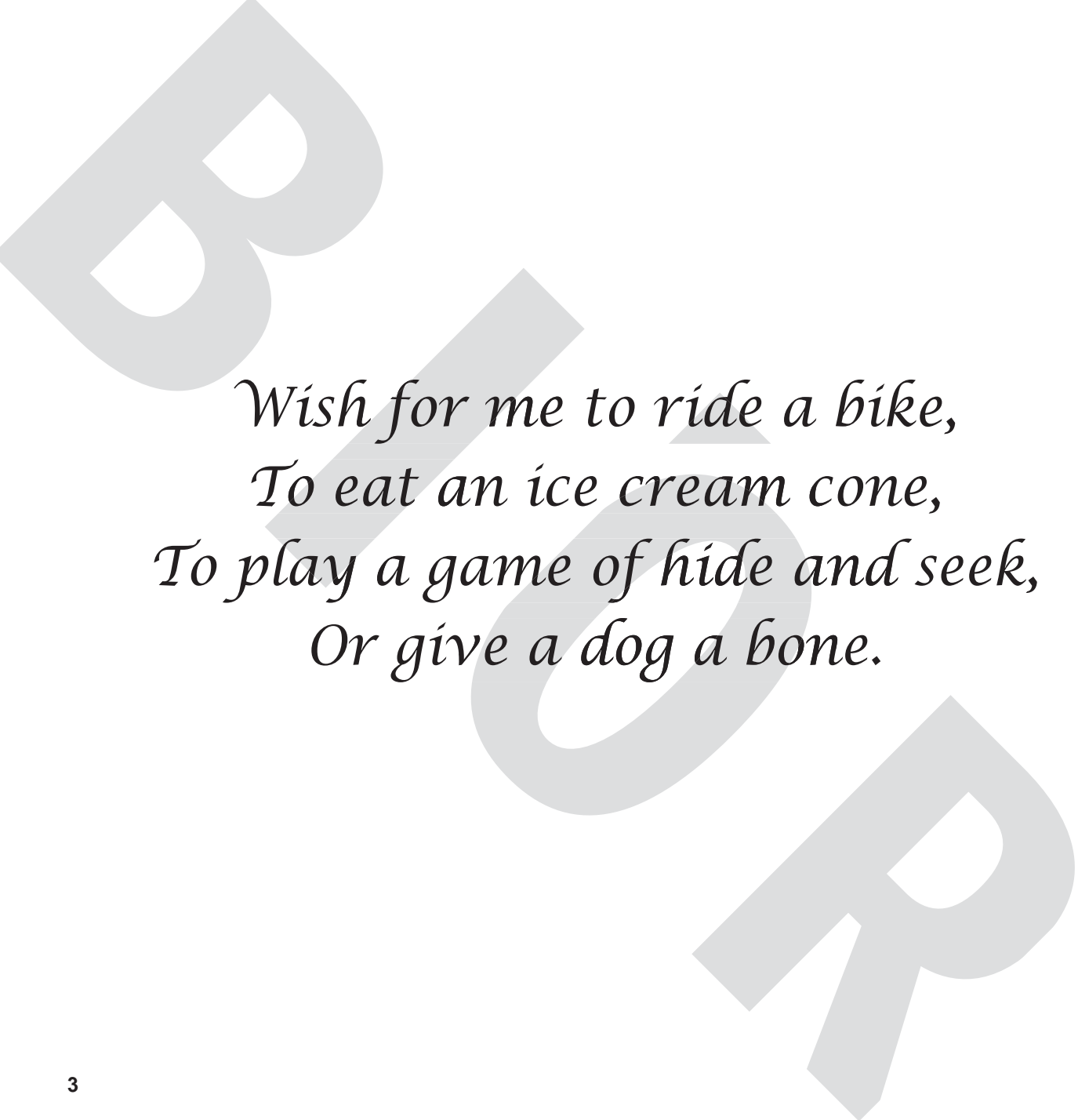
For my sweet baby boy Kendrick, my first wish. We miss you so.

For all who want to make a wish for someone no longer here, and especially to any parent dearly missing their precious child.

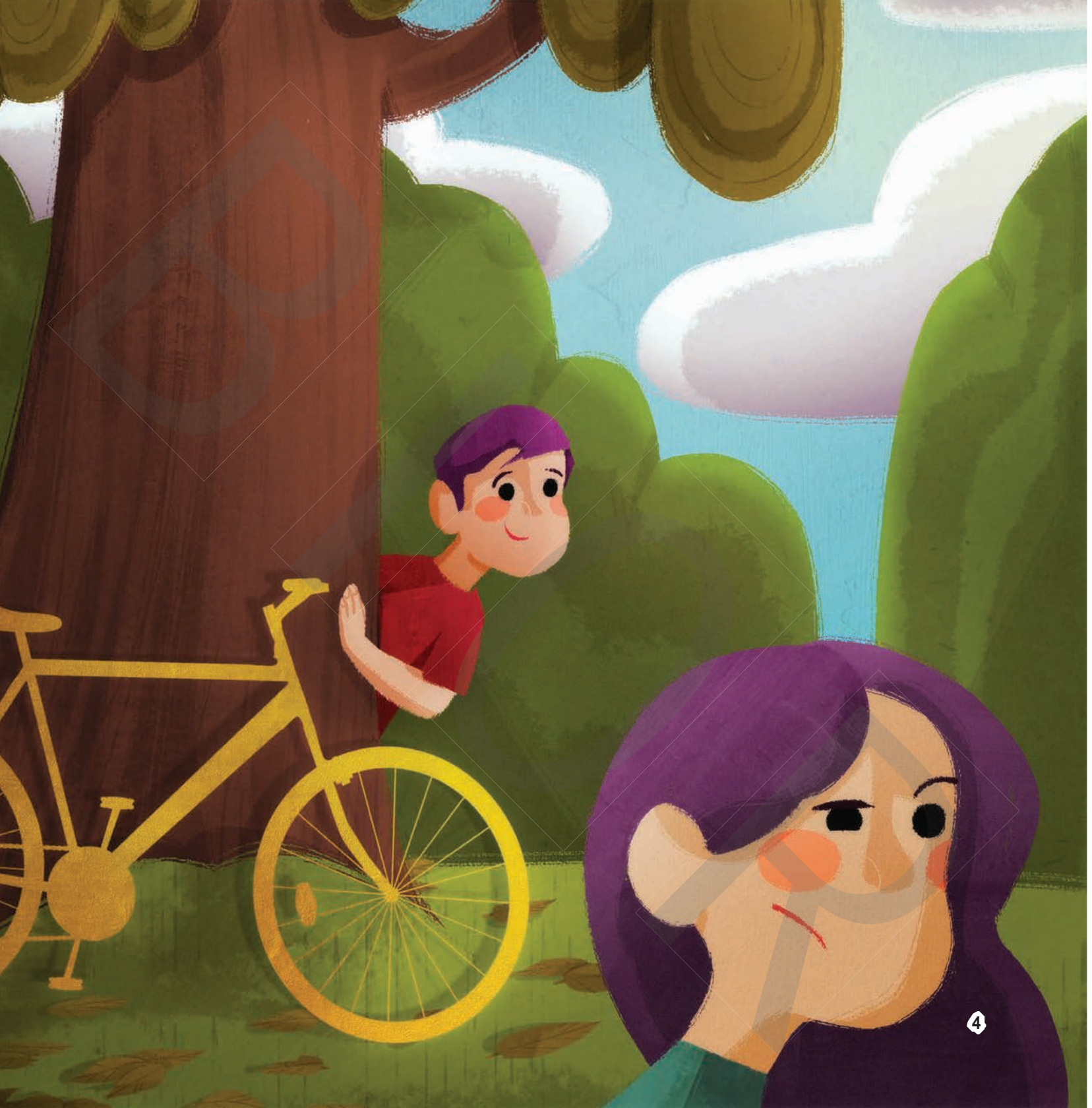


*Make a wish for me,
Though I'm no longer here.
No wish is too silly,
So, Mama, have no fear.*



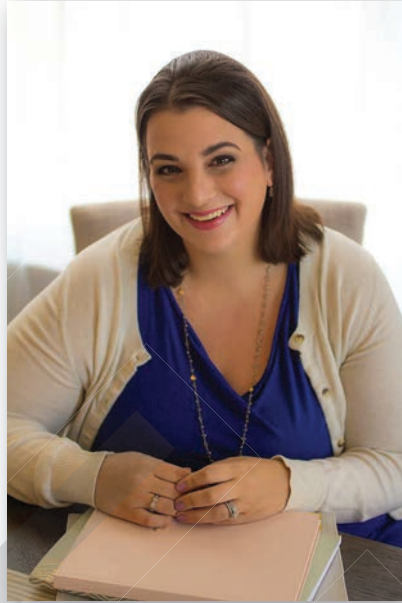


*Wish for me to ride a bike,
To eat an ice cream cone,
To play a game of hide and seek,
Or give a dog a bone.*



*Wish for me to see
The sun rise and to set.
Wish for all these things and more,
Sister, please don't fret.*





About Alissa

Alissa Buoni is a mom of four, one of whom she lost at the age of two months old in 2009. She has started to write children's books that gently touch on the subject of child loss, particularly as a way to speak to other children in the family about loss and help parents navigate this topic.

Alissa wanted to reach parents like her who may have had the unfortunate experience of losing a child (regardless of age, whether in utero or any age after birth). As a mom who has felt the tremendous pain of losing a child Alissa found a desire to turn that pain into something more. She searched for something positive, and helpful to others, but for many years couldn't quite figure out what that looked like or how to express her own voice on the subject of losing a child. The hardest part she found was figuring a way to keep her son's memory alive in her family and teach her living children about him. Alissa began to get questions about her first child from her eldest daughter as she approached the age of kindergarten. It was then that Alissa turned to writing and this first book happened as a result.

Alissa currently lives in Virginia with her husband and three children. She has a Masters degree in school counseling and has always dreamed of working with children, although she never imagined she'd be writing children's books. Alissa is also the author of *Oh, The #Adulting You'll Do*.



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Dear Rogan,

Thank you for everything. For your patience, your support, your love.
Thank you for keeping me balanced and providing calm in our chaos.

To my Ava Bear,

Thank you for your questions and curiosity, and for your sweet love for your dear brother you never got to meet. I love how you carry him in your heart. You and your brothers are my world and inspiration.