

# Grady Bear

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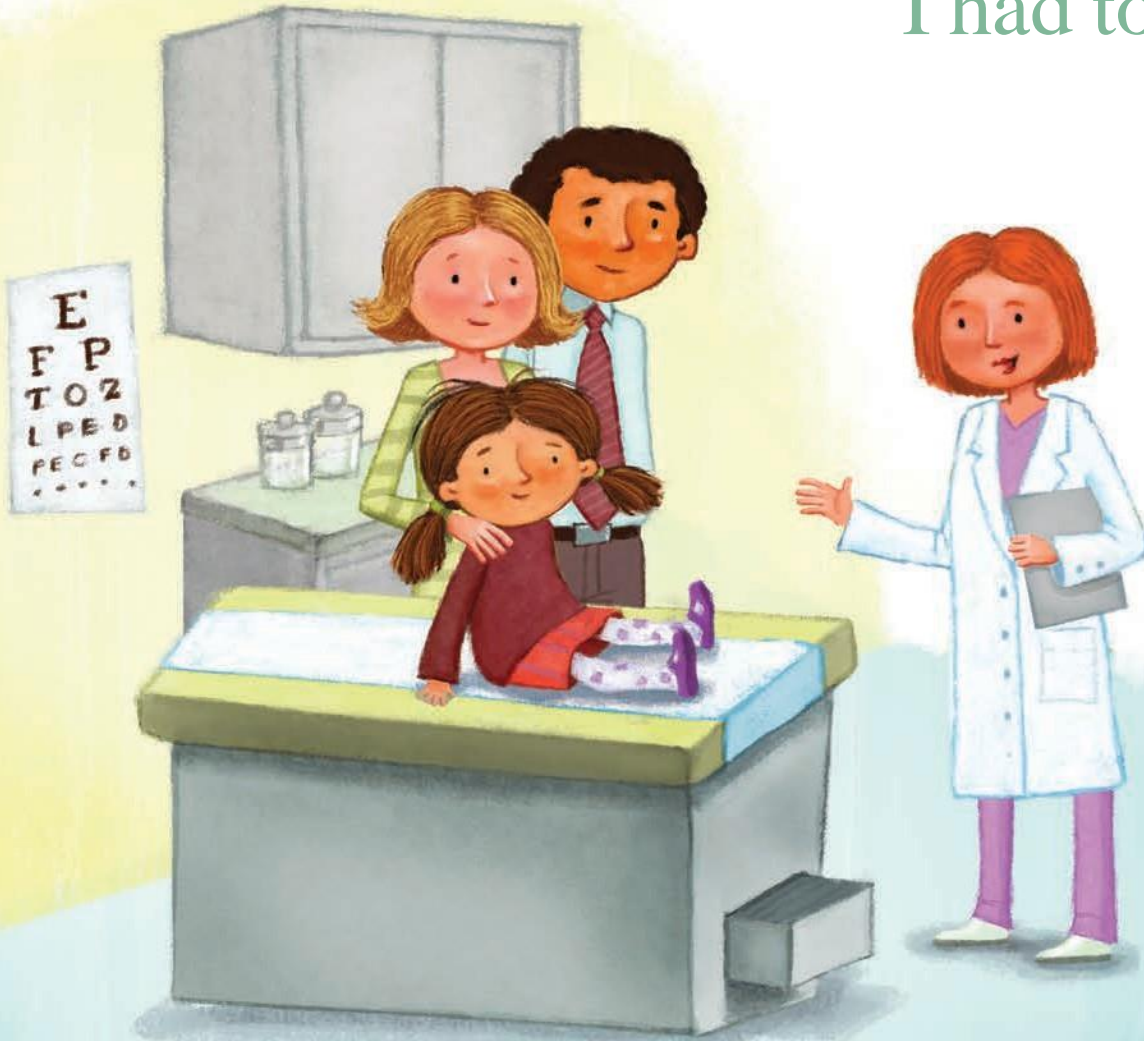
**Grady Bear,**  
I don't want to play today.





*I want to tell you about my very busy day.*

Today was a busy day, because  
I had to visit the doctor.



First Mom and Dad and I saw my regular doctor, Dr. Fran, who thinks I am growing up too fast. Imagine that! Could I be really tall?



Dr. Fran sent me to Dr. Amy, a special doctor who knows a lot about that stuff. Dr. Amy also thinks I'm growing up too fast.

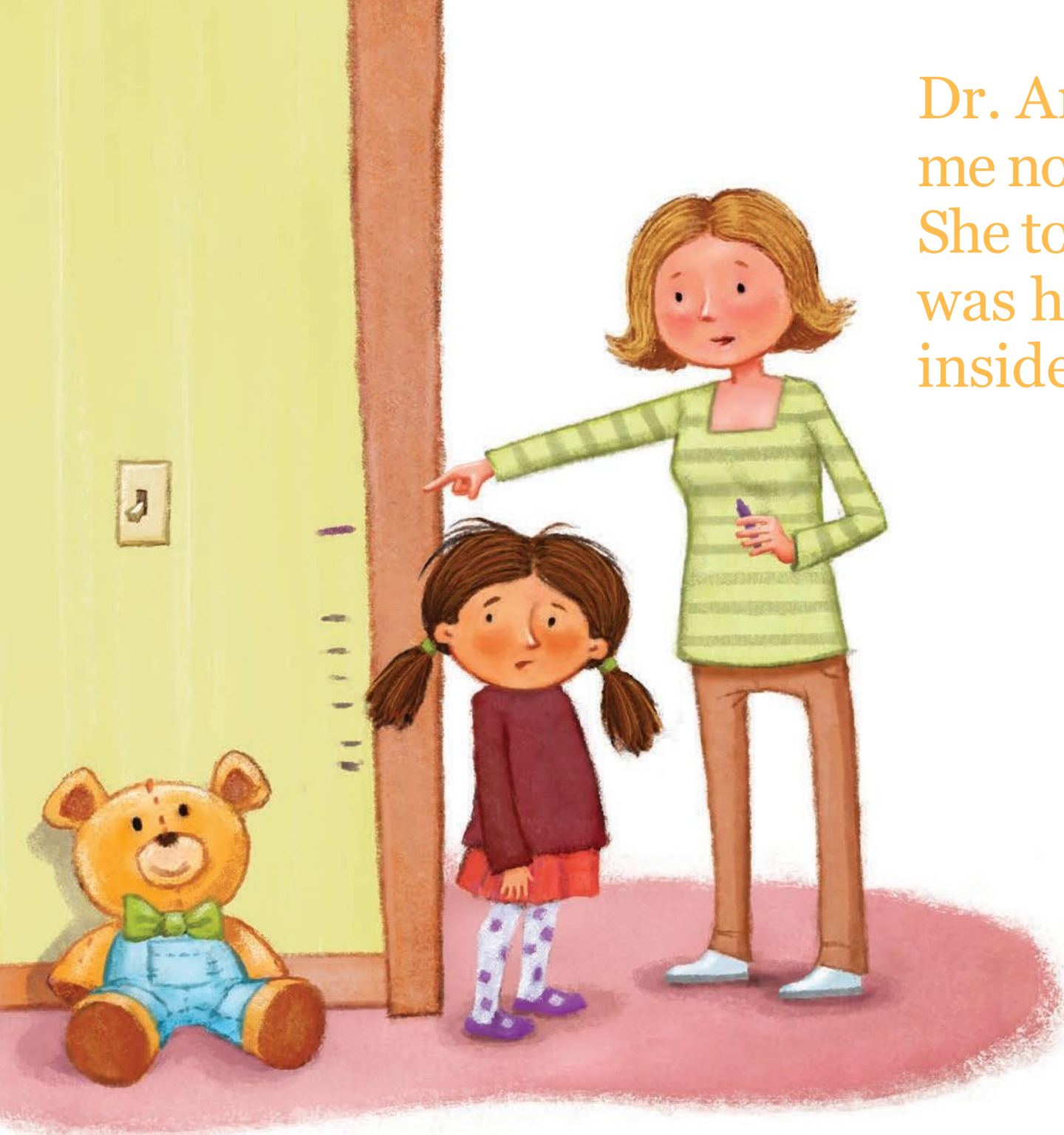


She told me that my body is changing, my chest is starting to look like my Mom's and my body is growing little hairs.

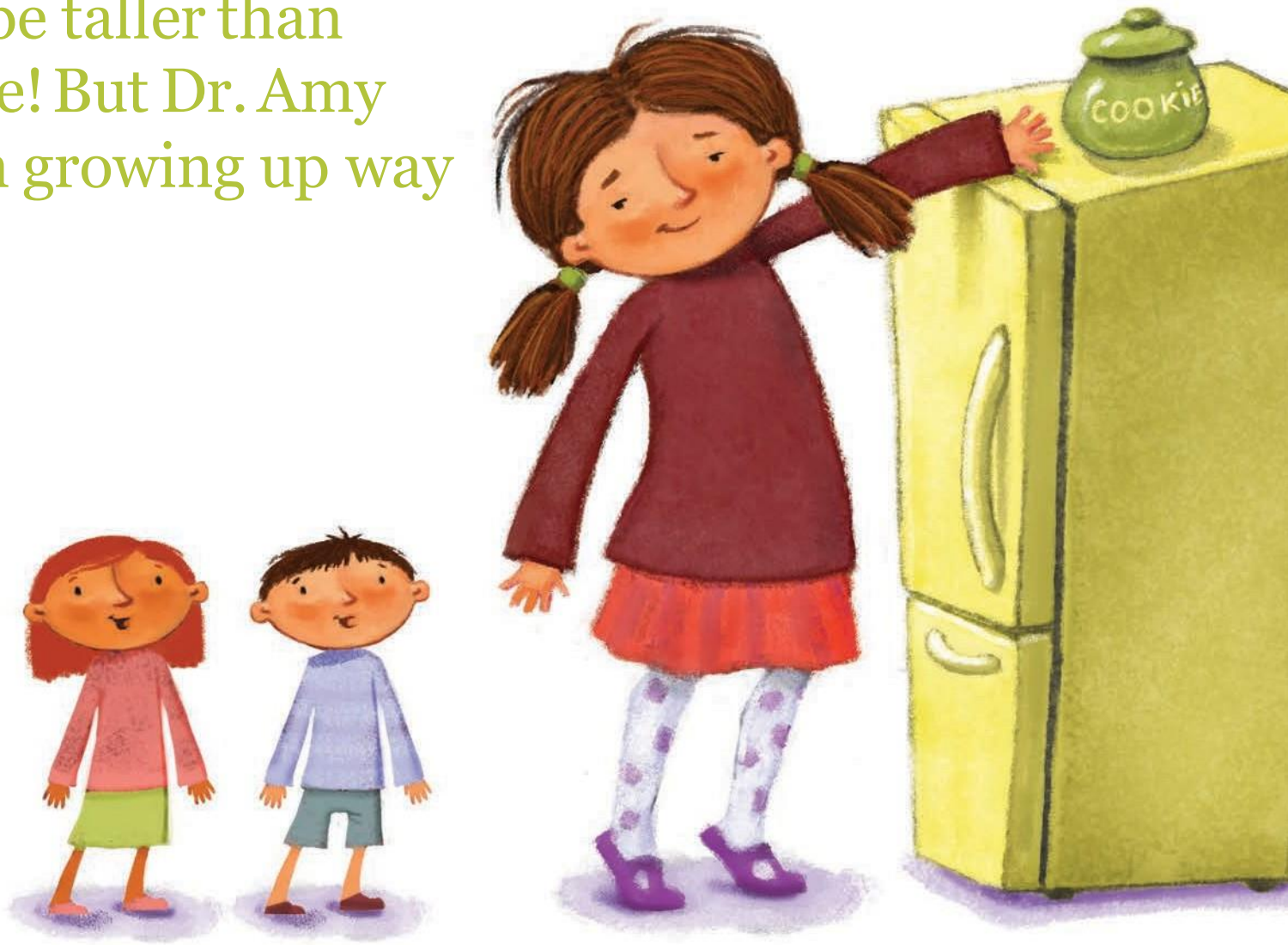




Dr. Amy told  
me not to worry.  
She told me what  
was happening  
inside my body.



I thought it might be fun to grow faster and do things sooner and be taller than everyone else! But Dr. Amy said that I'm growing up way too fast.



So I decided, Grady Bear,  
I don't want to be so small or so tall.

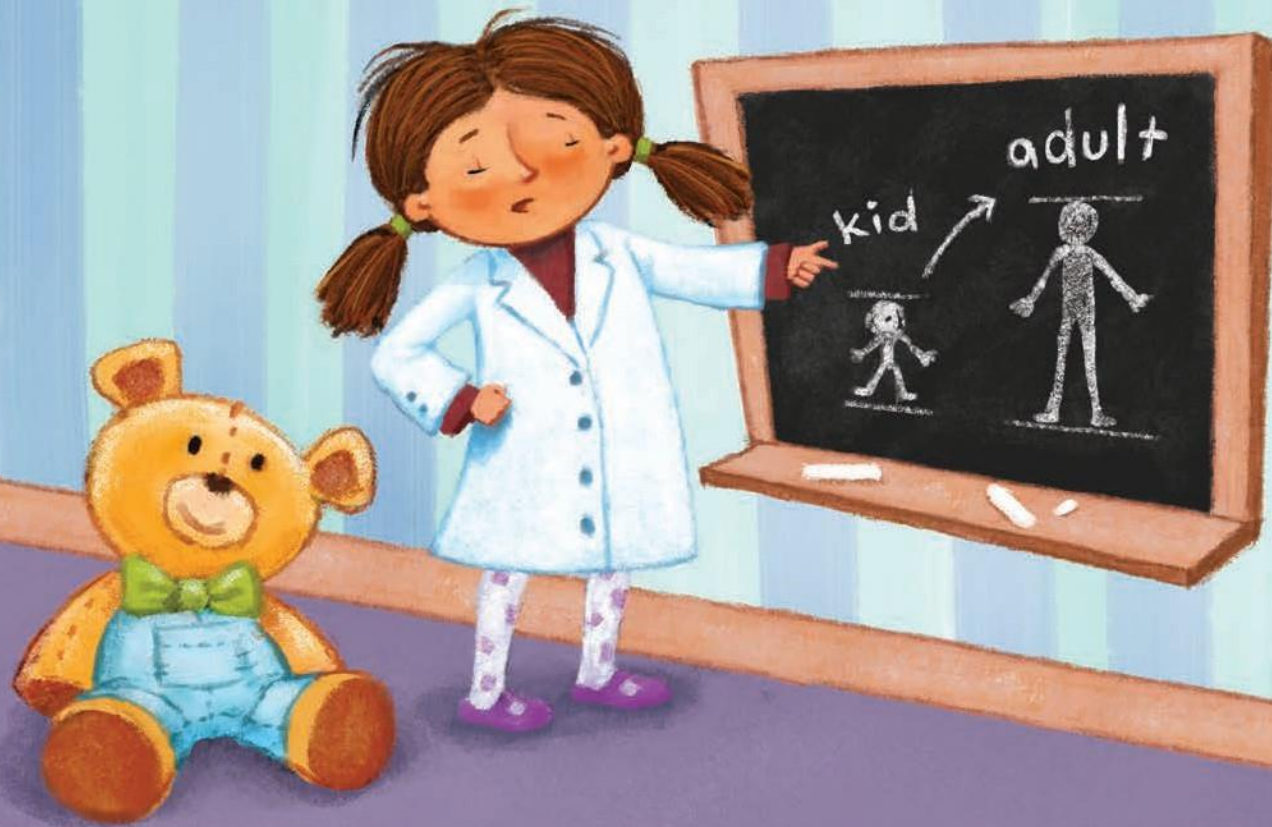


I just want to be a kid now,  
like I'm supposed to be, and play with you every day.

Dr. Amy also told me and my Mom and Dad about a medicine.



With this medicine, I can be a kid as long as I'm supposed to be.



Grady Bear, this is a lot for you to understand, but I feel better telling you about it.

I'm glad that we can just be kids for a while.



