

Love Wins.

A Christmas Story

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This book is dedicated to:

My wonderful parents who have been supportive all the way.

My two brothers whom I love very much (despite being annoying).

Angela Rogers who I could not have written the book without.

and...

Every kid who never stopped believing.

In the little town of Bethlehem
and all around the world
children were busy making
Christmas treats,
decorating evergreens,
and listening to grandpa's tales of
Christmas miracles long ago.






Meanwhile,
Santa Claus was preparing for his
Epic Worldwide Journey.

He sang jolly tunes as he pulled on
his shiny black boots,
his thick crimson cape,
and his pointed furry cap.

And so he set off on
his journey around the world
delivering gifts to all the
good little boys and girls.







Suddenly,
Santa's nine reindeer became
tangled and twisted
and contorted all together.

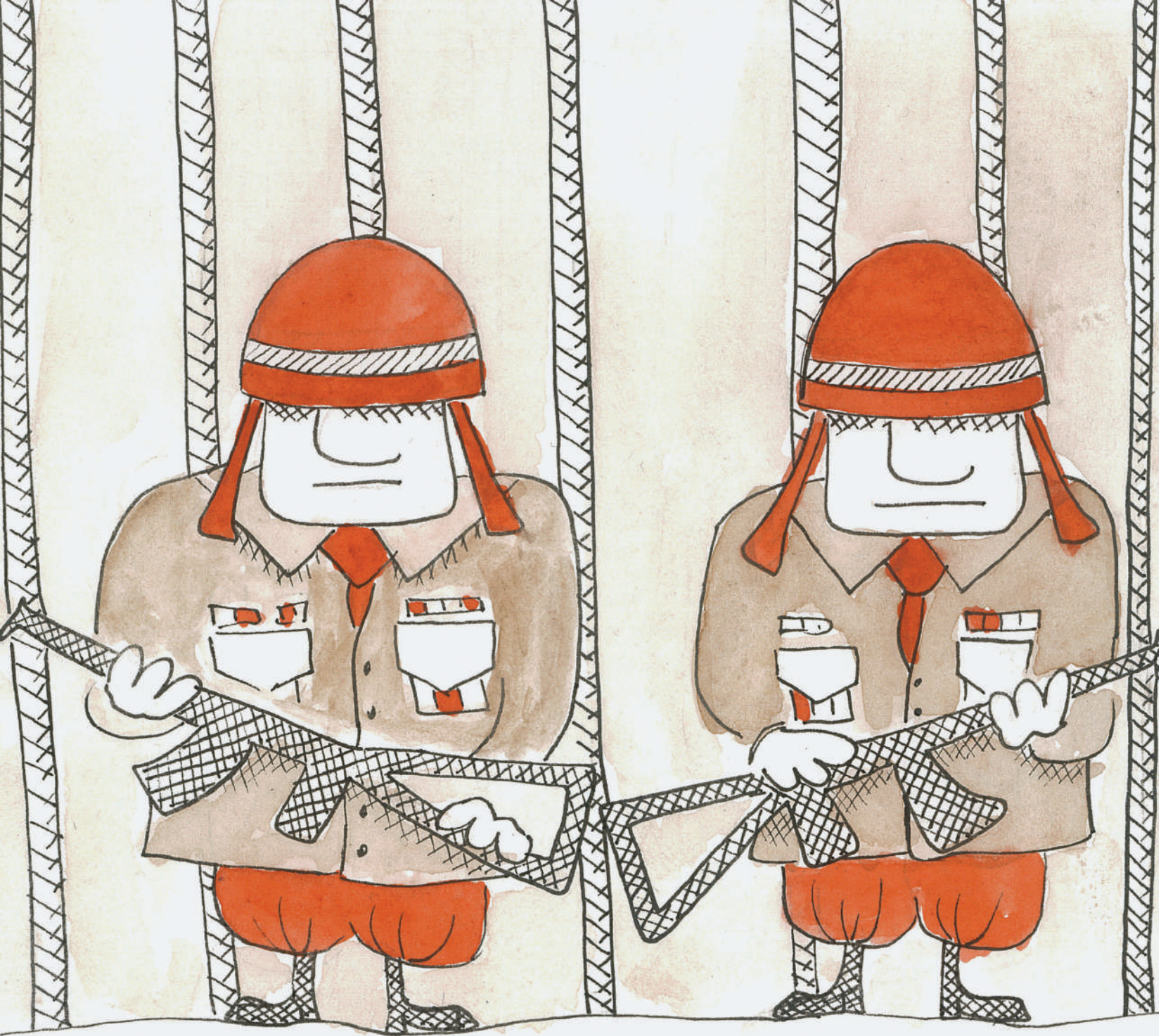
Santa lost control
and crashed into a big, gigantic
gray something.

When Santa untangled himself
and gained his composure,
he saw that he was at the foot of
an endless wall.

He tried to go over it,
he tried to go under it,
and he tried to go around it.

But it was impassible.





Finally,
he tried to go through it.

What he discovered
were steel bars blocking his way
and stiff, armed men
with stern expressions.

Poor Santa was not able
to go through.

But Santa wouldn't let
anything as silly as a wall
get between him and the children
waiting for him on the other side.





He sent his
magical Christmas spirit
up over the wall
to bring the help of a child.

There was one child
in all of Bethlehem
who felt his spirit calling.

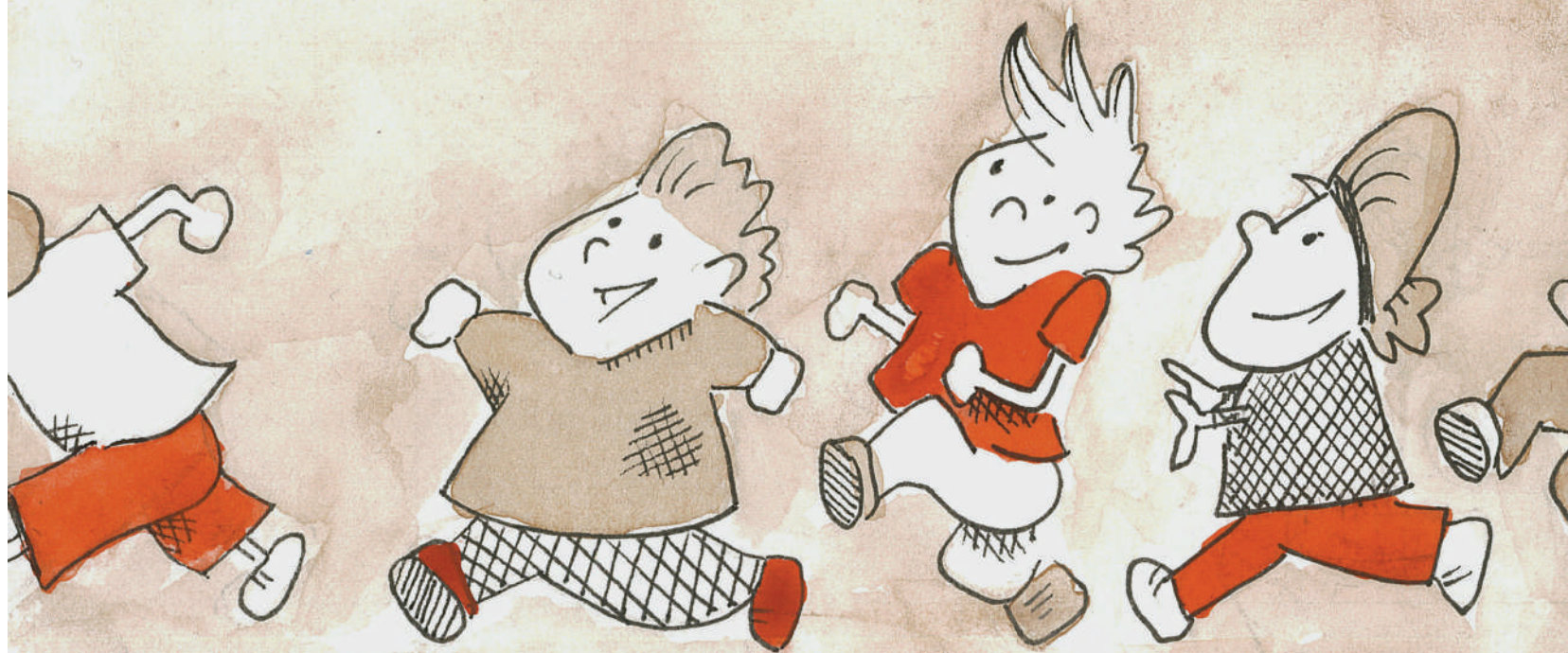
Salam was a boy whose heart
believed and loved
more than any other.





Salam immediately
rushed to Santa's aid.

Salam called all the boys and girls
from Bethlehem to come
help save Christmas.

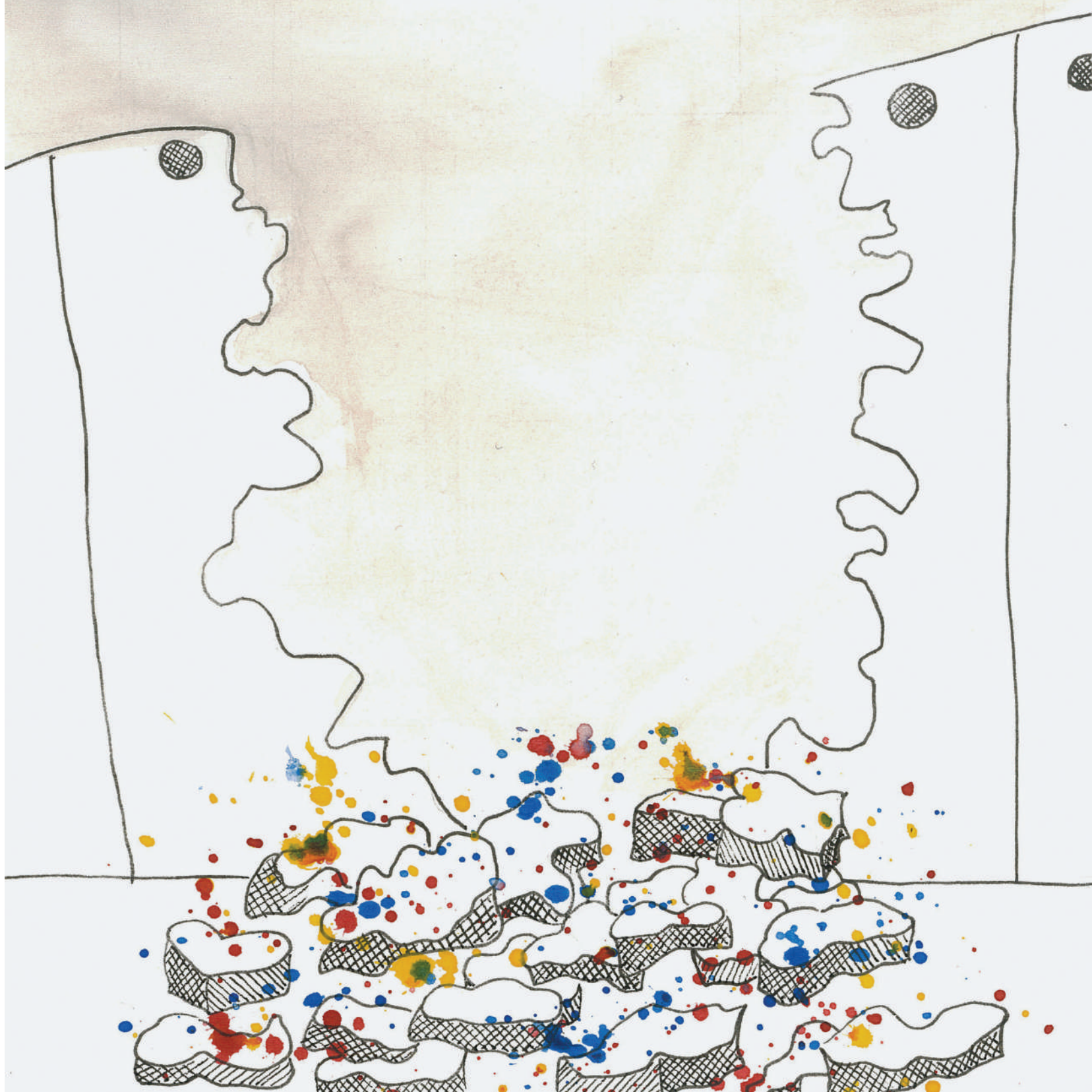






The heartfelt touch of
each palm pressed to the wall
overcame the barrier.

As the children stepped back,
the wall crumbled before their eyes.





Now that Santa's way was clear,
it was time to deliver the gifts.

He turned to Rudolph to lead the way
but Rudolph's nose was
broken from the crash.

Santa kindly left
the reindeer to recuperate.

Santa,
needing someone to lead the way,
asked the children for their help
once more.





Santa's Epic Worldwide Journey
was complete at last,
thanks to the power of love.

He sleepily tottered back over
the rubble
to his recovered reindeer.

But,
before he left,
he gave his last remaining gifts
to the awestruck soldiers.



Merry Christmas to ALL
And to ALL a good night!

"Salam" means peace in Arabic.

And this Christmas
we hope for peace for
every boy and girl
all around the world.