

Hurricane Book In A Category Of Its Own!

“This delightful pictorial exploration looks at these devastating storms from a child’s perspective, answering questions about hurricanes and explaining them in terms that young children can readily understand.”

- Dawn Matheson, award-winning author of *Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee*

“In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, at last there’s a book that explains to our children the power and devastating effects of such a storm. Written and illustrated simply but effectively, this is a must-have book for every school, library and home.”

- Janet Mary Sinke, award-winning author of the *Grandma Janet Mary* series

“*Yesterday We Had A Hurricane* is a fantastic story with wonderfully creative and unique illustrations. It takes a scary topic and explains it in a child-friendly way.”

- Jay and Liz Scott, award-winning authors of *Alex And The Amazing Lemonade Stand*

“With the images of several devastating storms and other natural disasters of recent history still fresh in our minds, *Yesterday We Had A Hurricane* is a terrific tool for parents and educators to help children come to grips with these frightening events. The simple text and beautiful collage illustrations focus on a common childhood fear, helping them feel safe when the world seems out of control.”

- Deb Capone, author of the award-winning children’s classics *Families Are Forever*, *Dumplings Are Delicious* and *Tooth Fairy Tales*

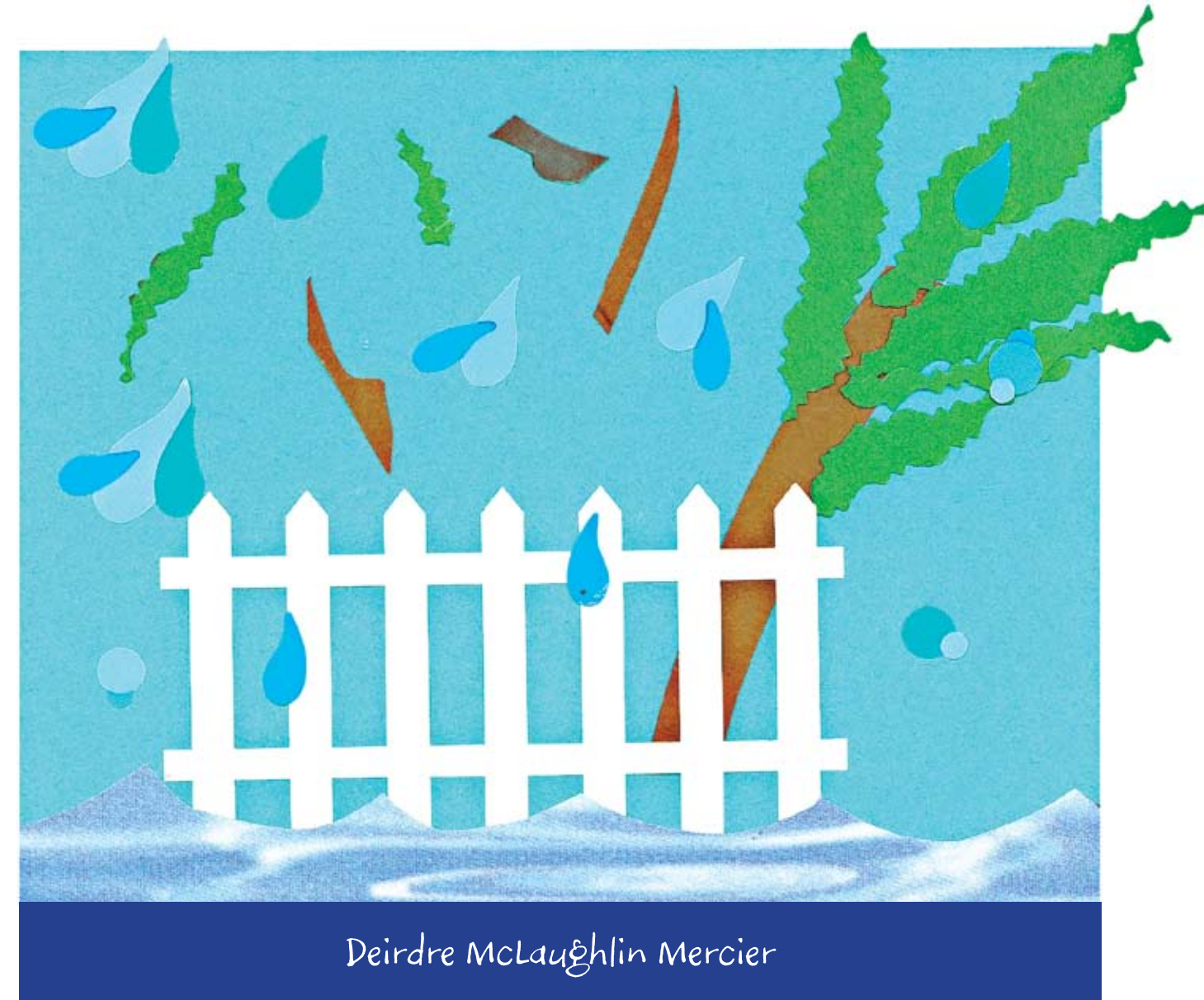
“Using straightforward language and uncomplicated artwork, this book achieves its goal of helping young children cope with the disaster of a hurricane.”

- Trey Bornmann, editor for Illumination Arts Publishing, home of numerous award-winning books including *Am I A Color Too?* and *We Share One World*



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Yesterday we Had A Hurricane



*This book is dedicated to my Fledgling Falcons:
BJ, Colton, Fisher, James, Peter, Preston, Russell, Salina, TJ and William,
for whom this book was written. - DM*



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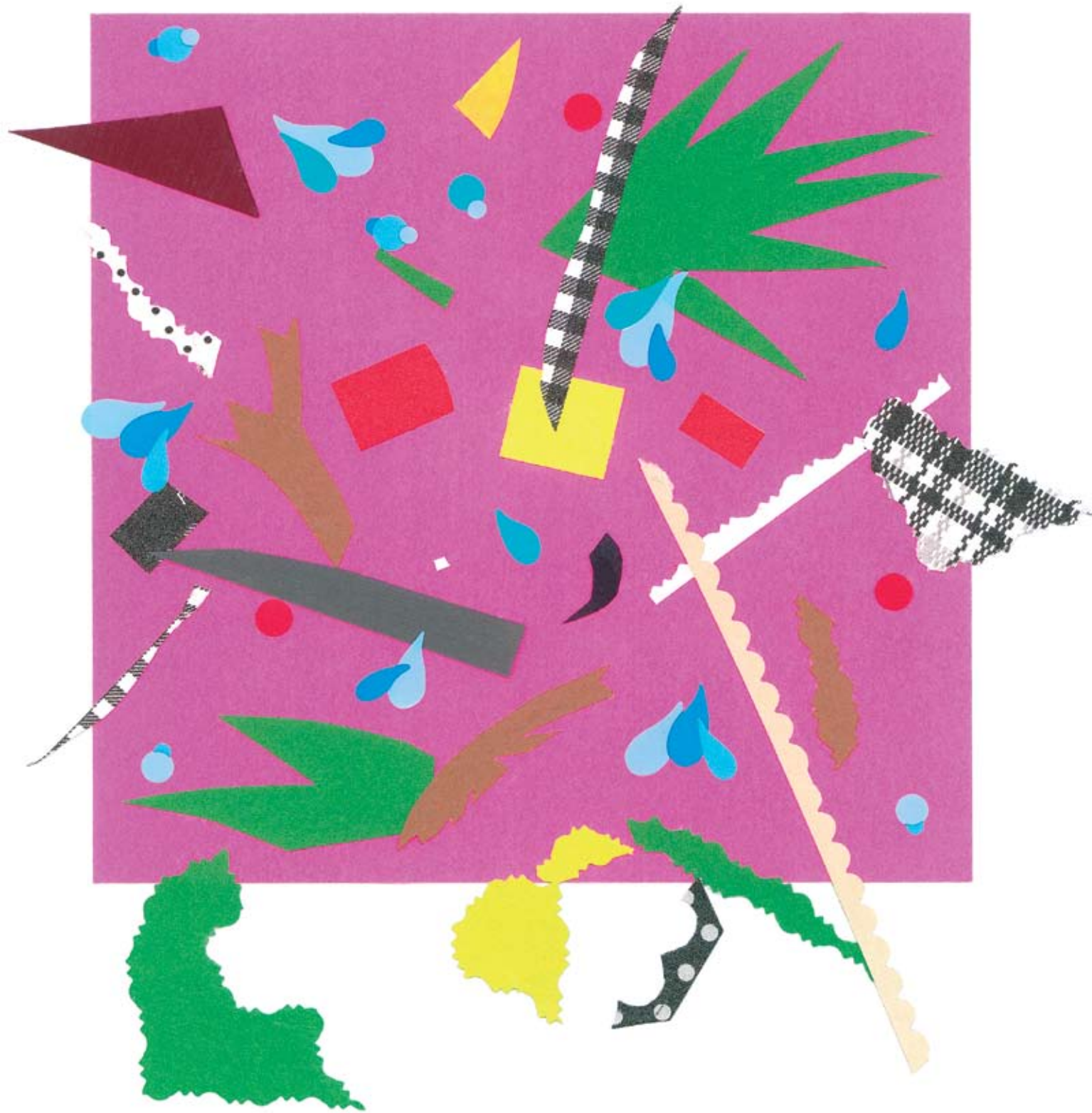
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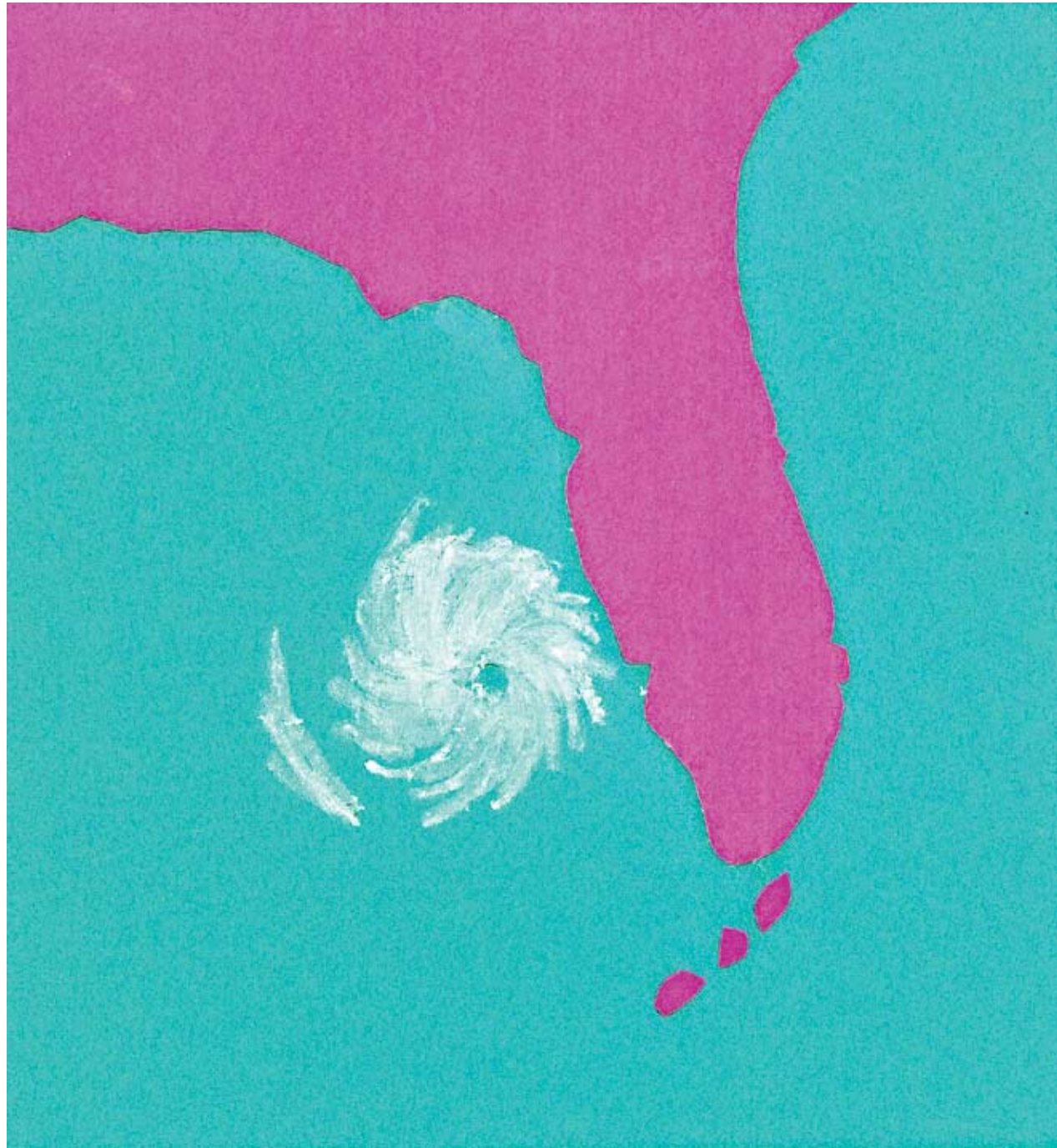
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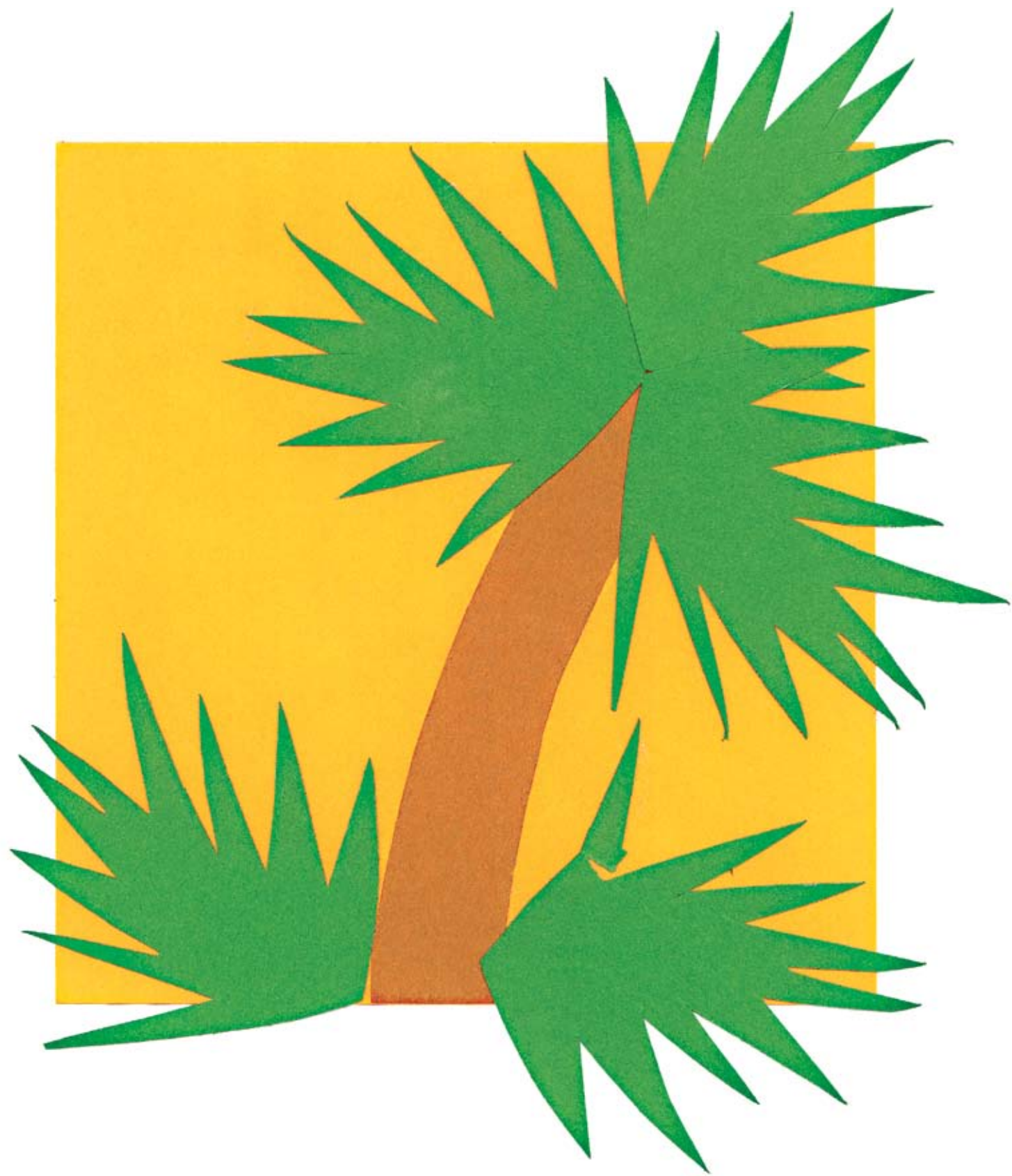
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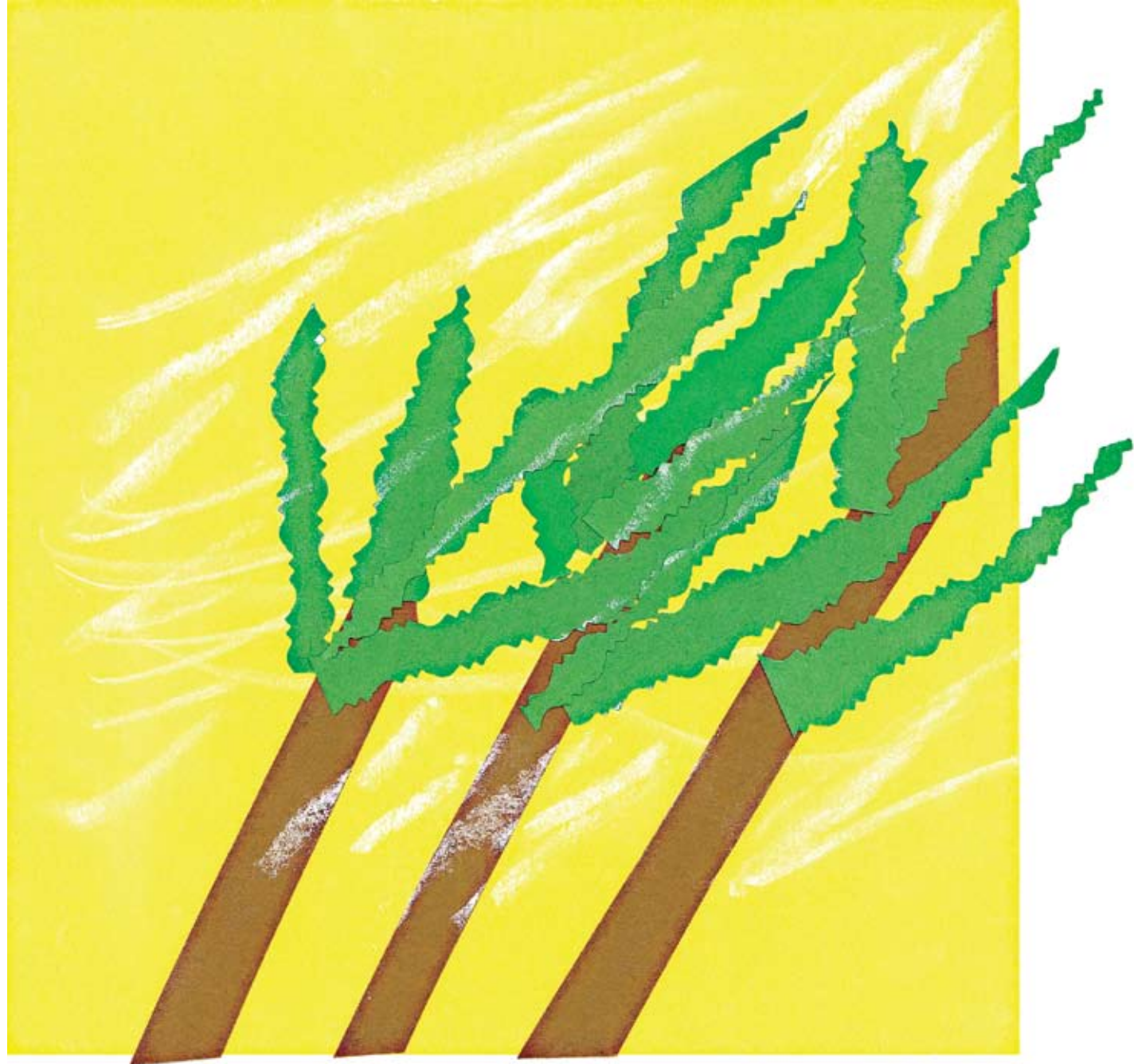
Yesterday, we had a hurricane!



A hurricane is a big storm
that comes from the ocean.



It was very, very windy.
Tree branches fell down.



The wind was very loud.
It made a "swoosh" sound.



My dog howled at the wind.
She ran around the house.
I petted her so she would feel safe.



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