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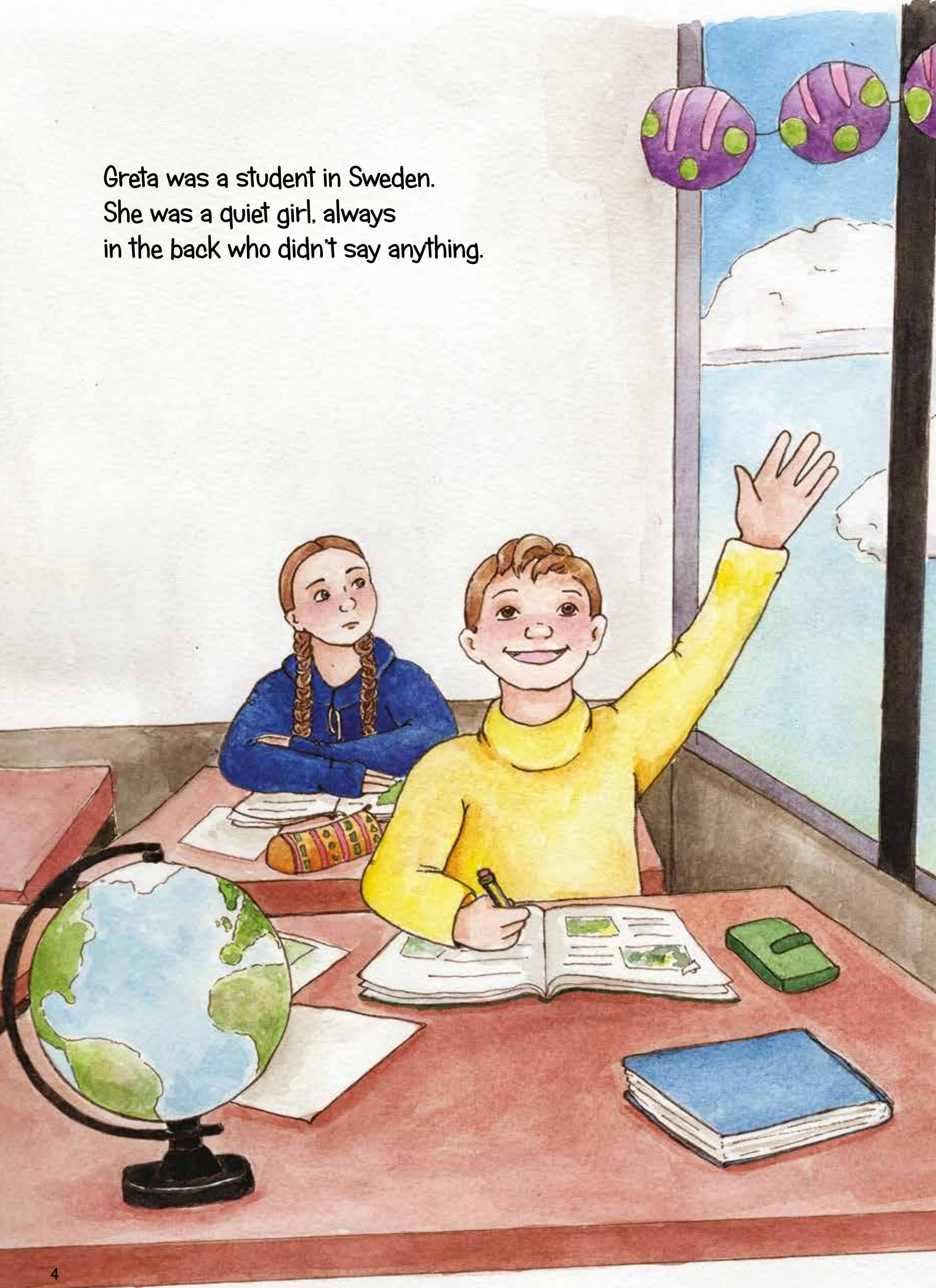
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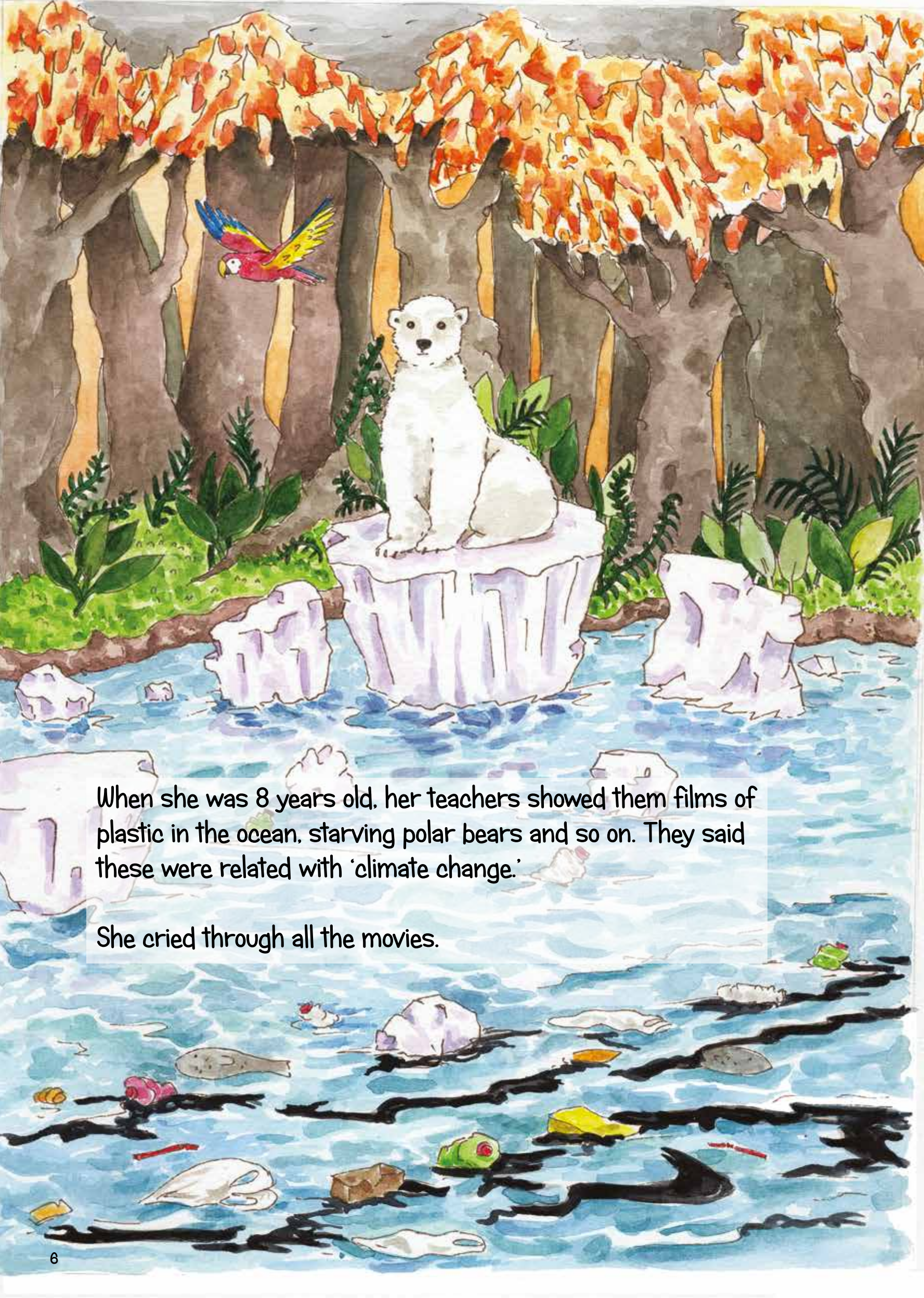
The Voice of the New Age

Greta was a student in Sweden.
She was a quiet girl, always
in the back who didn't say anything.



She attended school and did her homework like everyone else.





When she was 8 years old, her teachers showed them films of plastic in the ocean, starving polar bears and so on. They said these were related with 'climate change.'

She cried through all the movies.

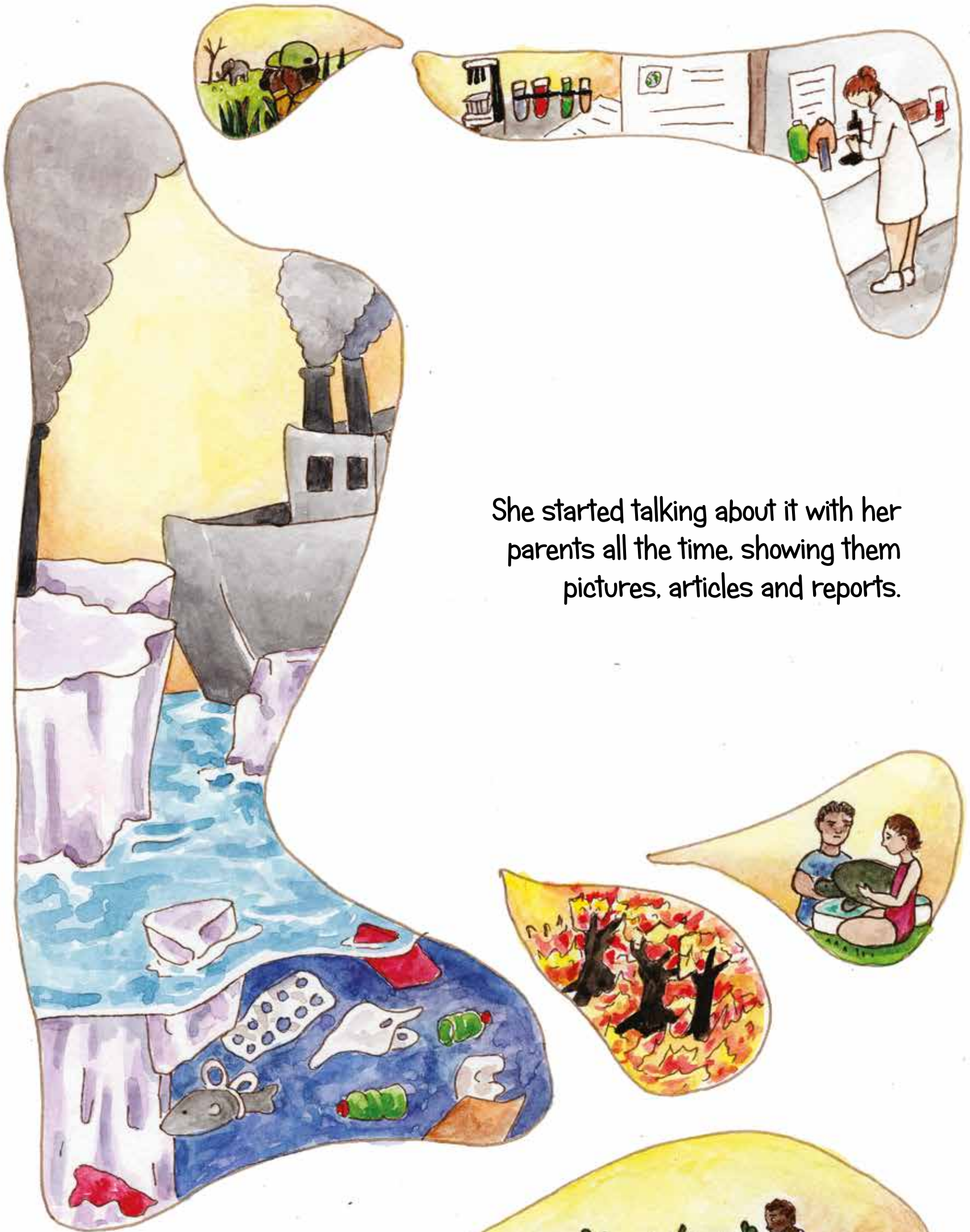
Her friends were worried, too. But when the films stopped, they started thinking about other things.

She couldn't do that. She couldn't let things go.



Greta kept thinking about climate change and just wondered if she was going to have a future.



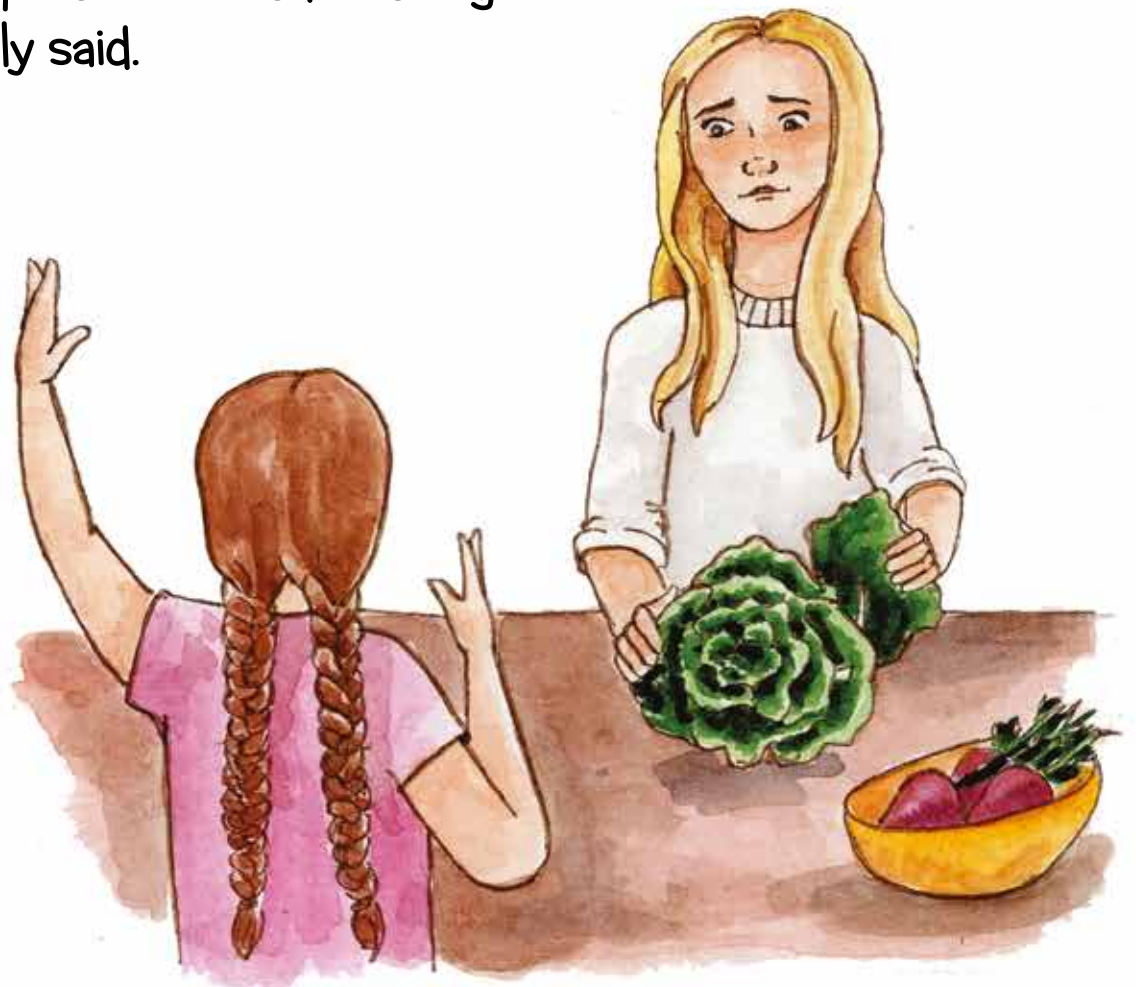


She started talking about it with her parents all the time, showing them pictures, articles and reports.





After a while, her parents started listening to what she actually said.



That was when Greta realised she could make a difference. She started thinking that if grown-ups didn't do anything for their future, then children should do something. Children were the ones who would live in that future.



When she was 15, a group of students in Florida protested against the US gun laws after the shootings on their campus.



Greta was part of a group that wanted to do a similar protest for climate change, but they couldn't agree what.

Then she decided to go it alone.



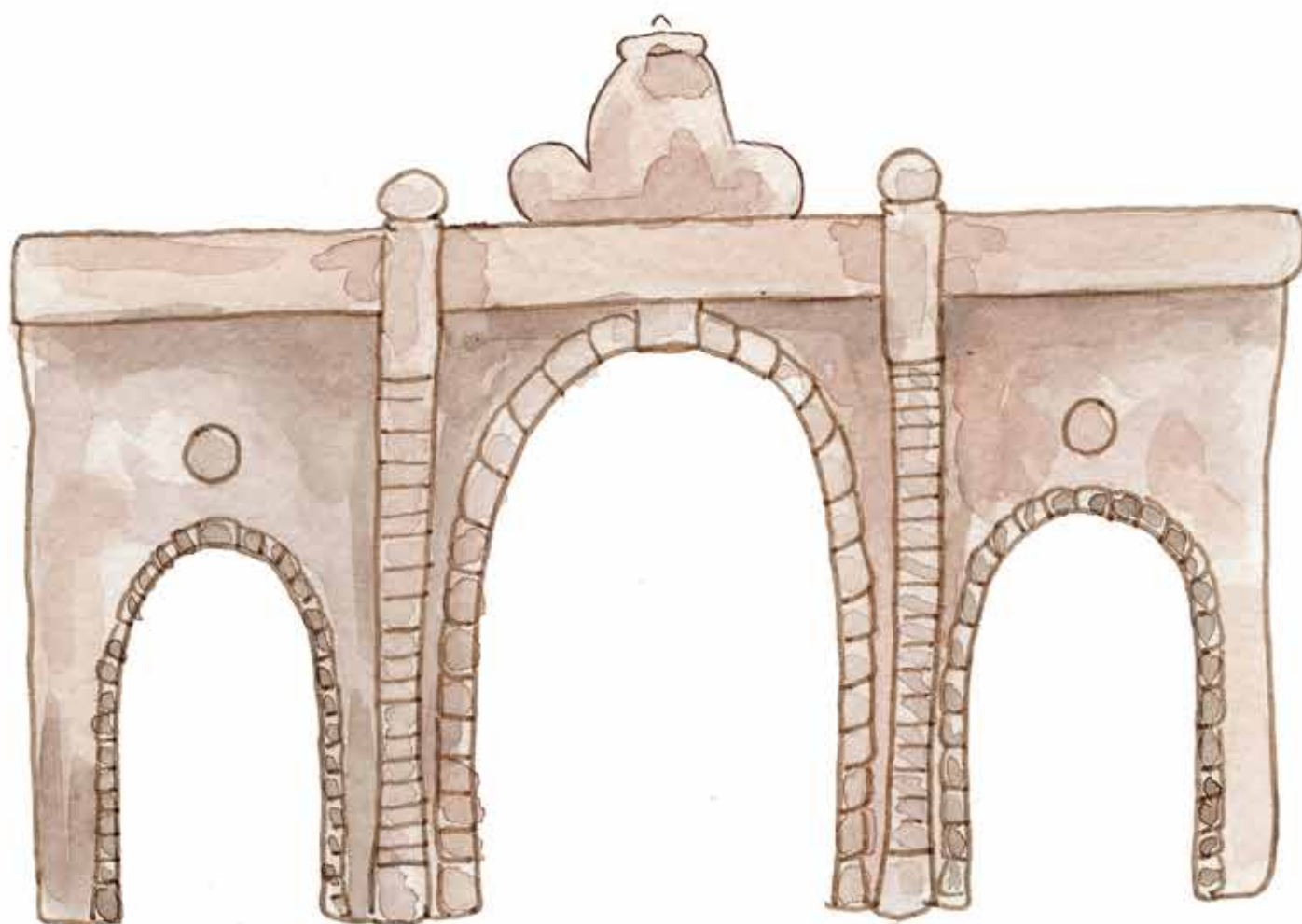
One day, she hand-painted a banner, took her bike to the Parliament and just sat there.



It was 20 August 2018. She promised to sit there
every day until the Swedish national elections.



The first day, she sat alone from 8:30 in the morning to 3:30 in the afternoon. Just like a regular schoolday.





Then on the second day, people started joining her.

Many people came by to chat with Greta and show their support.





One of them was Benjamin Wagner who sat with a sign of his own:

“Teacher Strike for the Climate”

After only a week, Greta had already made a huge impact.



She was interviewed by politicians, major newspapers, national TV and so on.

It was no longer a one person movement.
It now became a global movement.



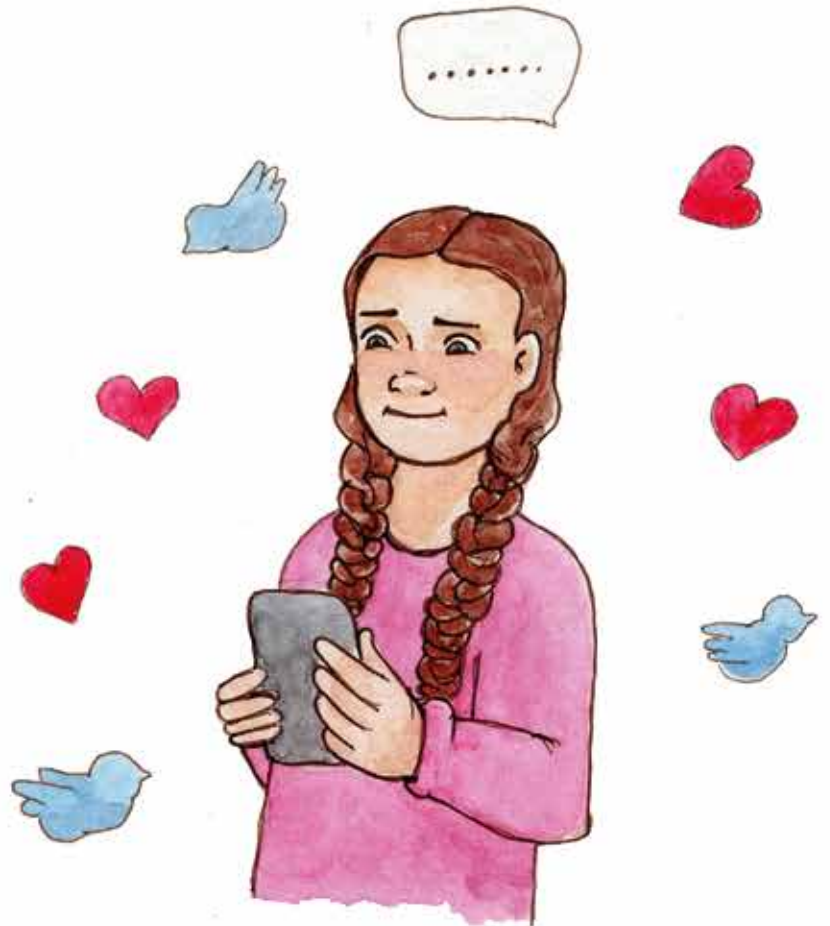
This one kid quickly got many supporters who started sitting next to her.

This one kid created many news stories in national newspapers and on TV.





This one kid received thousands of messages of love and support on social media.





What if 100 kids? What if 1,000 kids?

What if one million kids showed the world that school was pointless if there was no future?



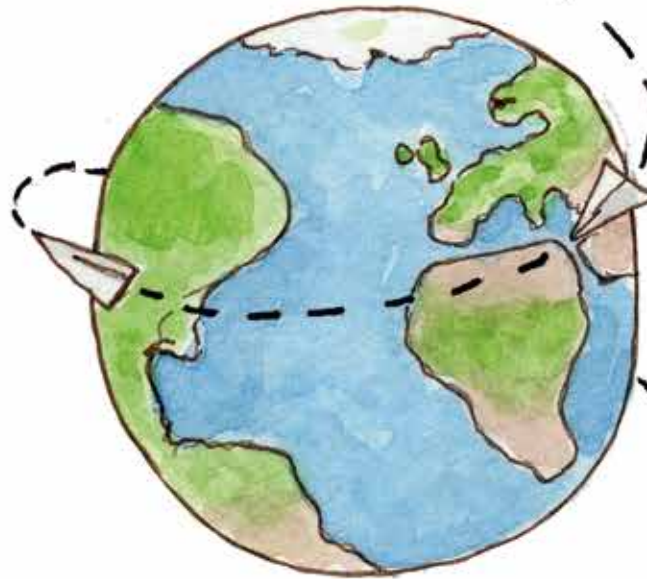
Greta had this idea to call all students of the world to strike on one Friday.

She talked to her friends who now called themselves "Fridays for Future - FFF."

That was what her friends were waiting for.



They decided to call a global student strike on 15 March 2019. They started to organize this on social media very quickly.





The strike was far better than they expected. From Australia to Uganda, from Sweden to Nepal, from the USA to the Philippines, more than one and a half million children skipped school to protest for climate.





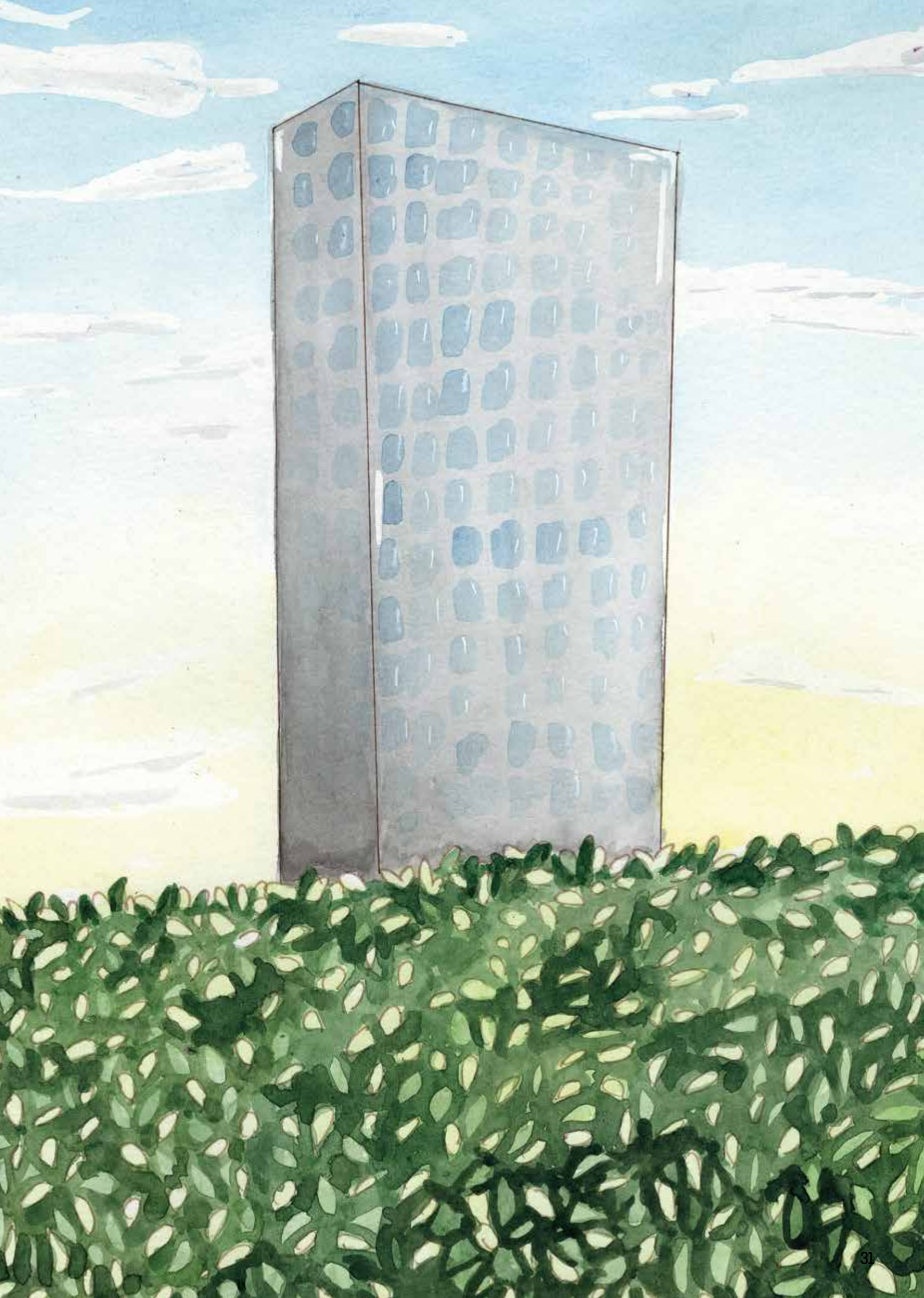
Greta made a speech in front of thousands of people.



Greta and her friends were reading every report and article they found to learn more about the climate crisis.

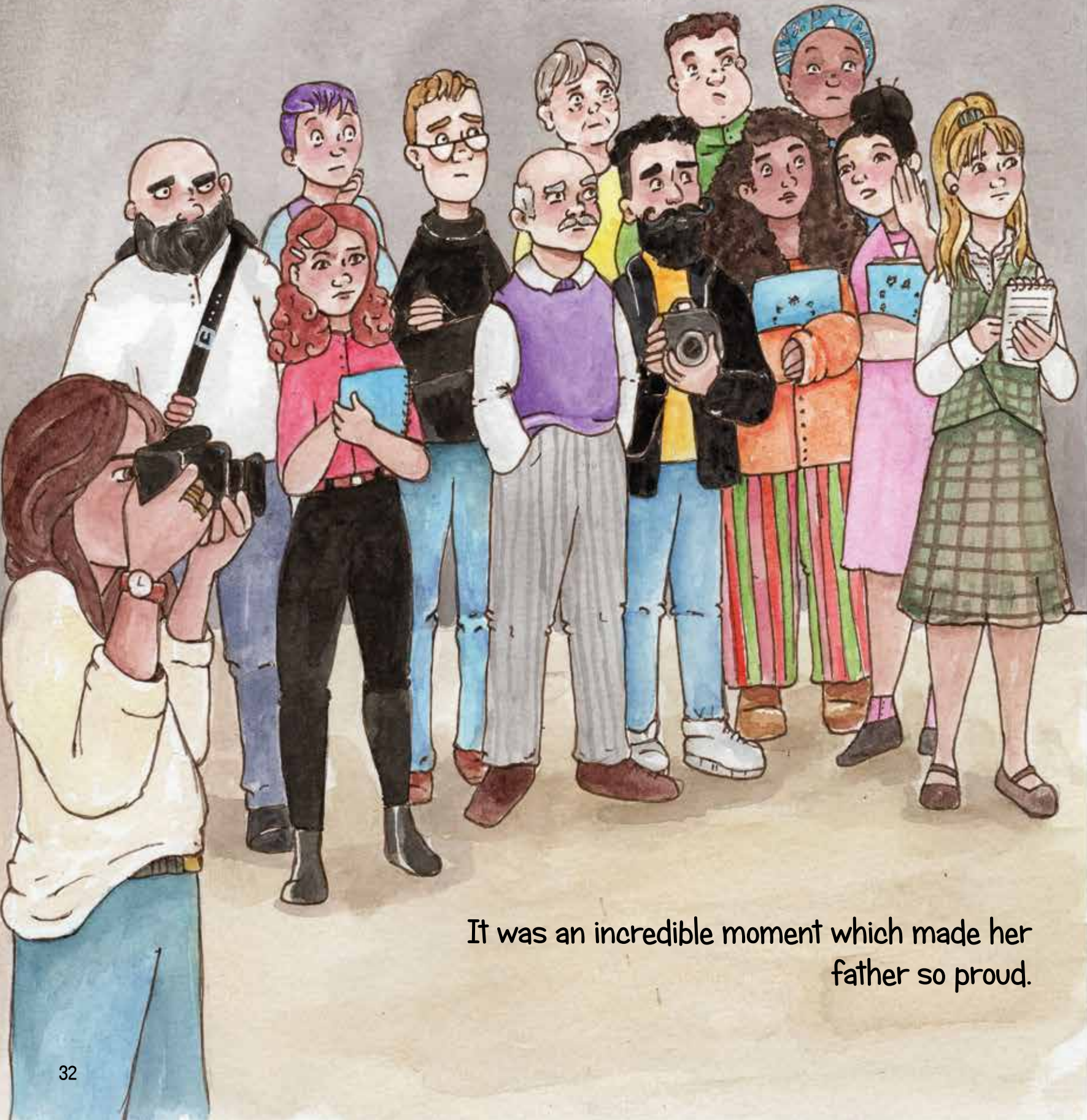


One of the most important things in this movement (activism) was to always have correct and scientific information. Their principal information source was the reports of UN COP.



The members of the European Parliament were impressed. They invited Greta to the Parliament to make a speech:

“The future - as well as all that we have achieved in the past - is in your hands now. You need to listen to us - we who cannot vote. You need to vote for us, for your children and grandchildren.”

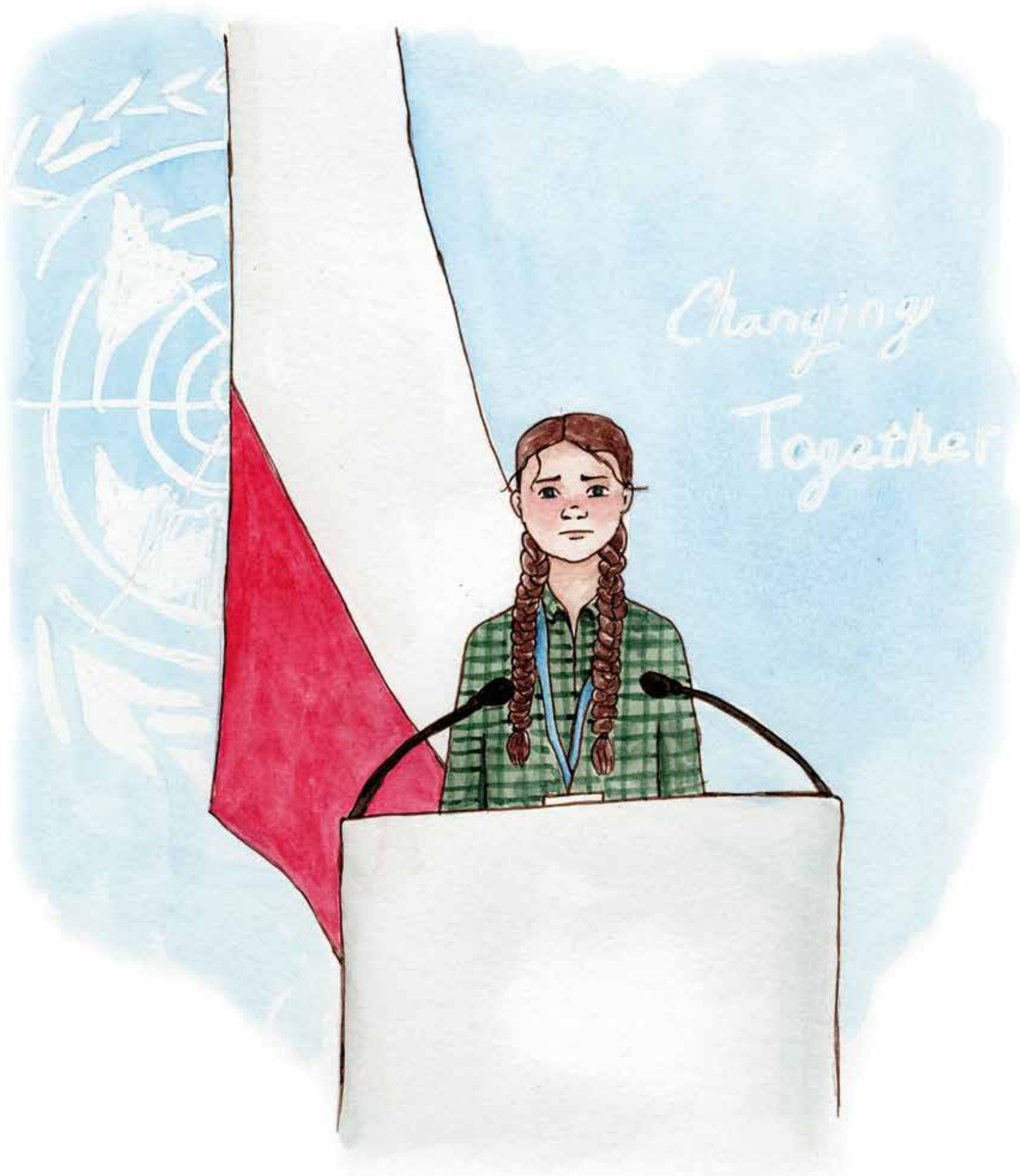


It was an incredible moment which made her father so proud.

Then she gave another speech at the British Parliament:

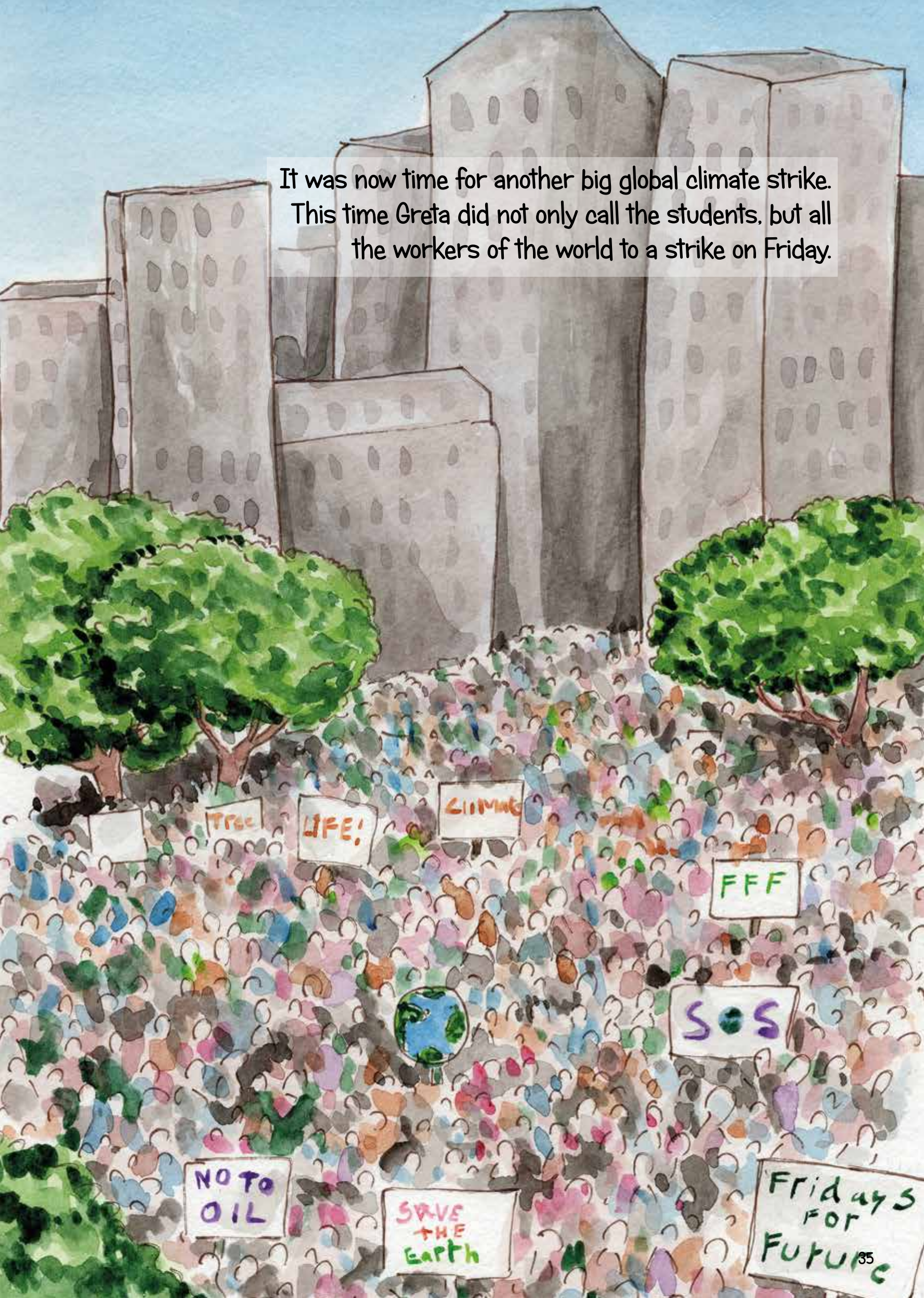
“Did you hear what I just said? Is my English OK? Is the microphone on? Because I’m beginning to wonder.”





Speeches, interviews and others continued. Greta was now a beacon of hope to solve the climate crisis.

It was now time for another big global climate strike. This time Greta did not only call the students, but all the workers of the world to a strike on Friday.





7.6 million people joined the climate strike on 20 September 2019.
Greta was saying that we had just started,
but we only have 11 years left for this journey.



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