



Hair Love

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For the daughters who never grow too old to
need a father's helping hand
and the fathers who love to be needed
–M. C.

For my dad and his excellent braiding skills
–V. H.



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My name is Zuri, and I have hair that has a mind of its own.
It kinks, coils, and curls every which way.








Daddy tells me it is beautiful.
That makes me proud.
I love that my hair lets me be me!

In funky braids with beads,
I am a princess.





And when my hair is in two puffs,
I am above the clouds like a superhero.



My hair even does magic tricks.
One day Rocky and I were playing
outside when along came the rain.



From large to small it went.
Presto! Just like that!



There is nothing my hair can't do!

Today I woke up extra early all by myself.
I was too excited to sleep.
It's a big day!



Daddy was still sleeping.
“Shh,” I said to Rocky as we tiptoed past him.
Lately Daddy has been worn-out!





He makes me breakfast,
takes me to school,
goes to work, picks me up,
and yesterday we went for
a bike ride around the park.

I think he needs a break.

Because today is special,
I want a *perfect* hairstyle.

This calls for a
professional's touch.

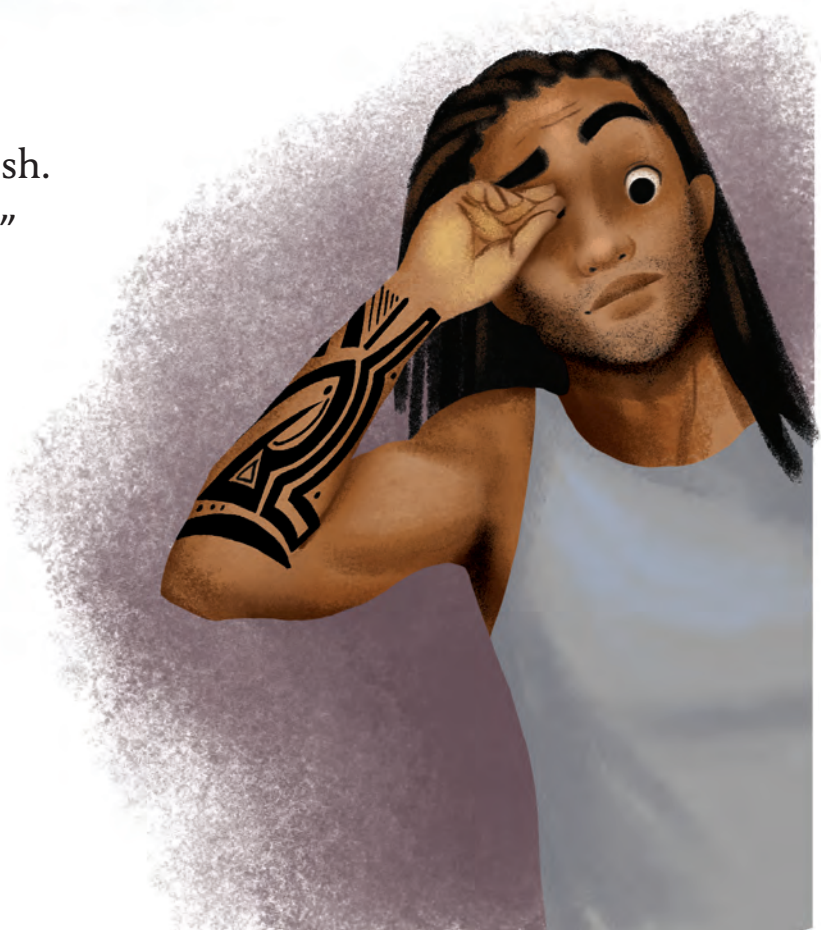


“Paws off, Rocky!”

CRACK!!



Daddy heard the crash.
“Zuri, what on earth?”
he asked.



“I was only trying to help,” I said.
Daddy smiled. “Can I help, too? It’ll be a piece of cake, Zuzu.”

