



# Lena's Toes



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# Chapter 1

Lena wanted to dance.  
More than anything else in  
the world, she wanted to  
twirl and leap and dance  
around on her toes.



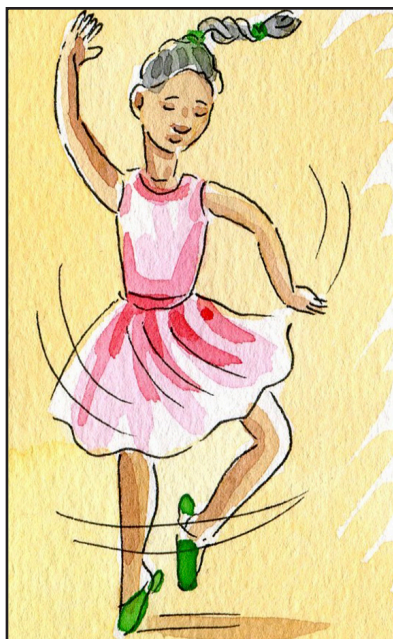
She loved to see dancers  
move to lovely music. They  
would twirl over and over.  
They seemed like spinning  
tops. They would leap high



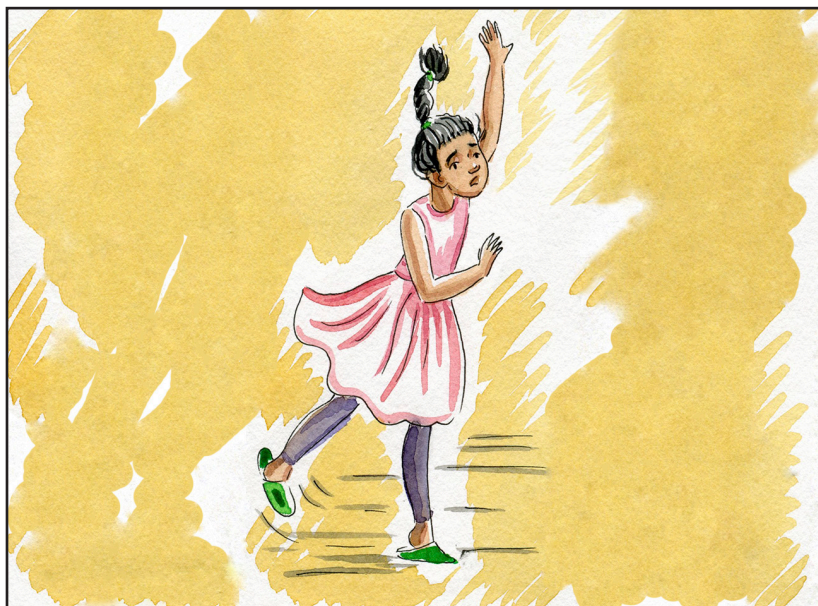
and far. They looked like jumping deer. They would dance on the tips of their toes. They moved around like floating feathers.



When  
Lena tried  
to twirl, she  
got dizzy  
and ran into  
the table.



She began to wobble.



The lamp crashed; the books fell; the vase broke.



Lena wasn't hurt, and Dad was able to fix the lamp.

When Lena tried to leap,  
she hardly moved at all.  
Her feet would not come  
high off the ground.





And her legs would not  
move far off the couch.  
Each time she tried to leap  
like a deer . . .



... she would land with a  
thud on the floor.

When Lena tried to dance  
on her toes, she had to hold  
onto the back of the couch.





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*"Lena wanted to dance. More than anything else in the world, she wanted to twirl and leap and dance around on her toes."*

Lena dreams of being a dancer and doing big, beautiful leaps for everyone to see. But first, she has to learn how! It will take both dance lessons and life lessons for Lena to learn how to dance. Lena will have to work very hard to be ready for her big recital. Will she have the perfect leap ready in time?

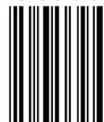
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