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BEGINNING READING 1

Pinkalicious

Pink around the Rink

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Yesterday,

Mommy gave me a big surprise.

It was a pair of brand-new

ice skates!

“Do you like them?” Mommy asked.

“I like them,” I told her.

But there was one thing I did not like.

My new skates were not pink.

They were not purple,

or blue, or even green.

My new skates were boring old white.

"I can fix that," I said to myself.

I got my markers.

I picked out the color called

cotton candy pink,

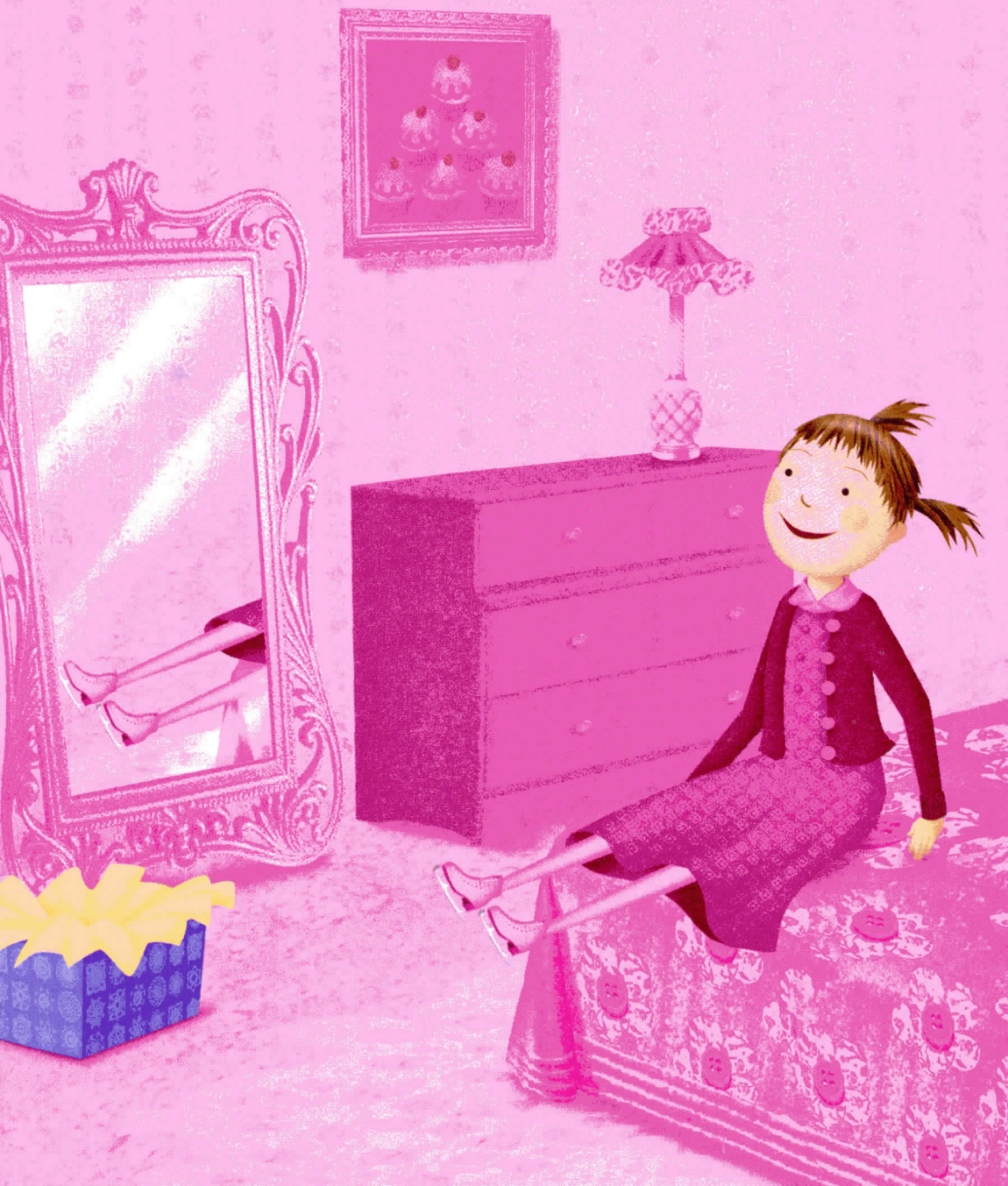
and I colored my skates all over.

I was very careful.

Ta-da!

They looked pinkatastic.

Now I loved my new skates.
And I loved how I looked
in my new skates.



I couldn't wait
to go to the rink.
I would glide and spin.
I would be so graceful
in my cotton candy skates.

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We went to the rink

the very next day.

"Your skates!" said Mommy.

"They're pink!" said Daddy.

"Cotton candy pink," I said.

I smiled.

Mommy did not
exactly smile.
Daddy smiled a little,
I think.

"Ready?" asked Daddy.

"Ready!" I said.

I was ready

to glide and spin!

I was not ready to wobble and fall.

But that is what I did.

I wobbled and fell again and again

and again.

Ouch!

But my sore bottom

wasn't the worst part.

The worst part was that
every time I fell,
my cotton candy skates
left cotton candy spots
and streaks all over the ice.
Everyone saw.

I started to cry a little.

Okay, a lot.

"Are you all right?" Mommy asked.

"I cry when something hurts, too,"

Daddy said.

"It's not that," I wailed.

"Look!" I pointed at my trail

of cotton candy pink

and my wet, messy skates.

Mommy smiled at me.

"The ice is pretty.

And your skates are one of a kind,

Pinkalicious," she said.

"Just like you."

I looked at my skates again.
Shades of pink dripped
and swirled and swooped
all over them.

Mommy was right.

My skates looked fantastic.

I was ready to try again.

Daddy skated with me
and held on to my hand.
This time I didn't
wobble and fall.
I was very graceful!

"That was fun!"
I said when
we got home.

"I'm glad," said Mommy,
"because I signed you up
for skating lessons!"

My new skates and I can hardly wait to go skating again!