

Grumpy Grandpa Ben



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SINGAPORE KINDNESS MOVEMENT

Kindness is in everyone. The Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM) wants to encourage everyone to start, show and share kindness. We hope to inspire graciousness one kind act at a time. By helping people to learn to spare a thought for others around them, we hope to create a gracious society, and make life better for you and me.

MISSION OF SKM

To help build a gracious Singapore, the Singapore Kindness Movement aims to encourage the individual to internalise courtesy, kindness and consideration. Our mission statement is to inspire graciousness through spontaneous acts of kindness, making life more pleasant for everyone.

OBJECTIVES OF SKM

- To encourage all Singaporeans to be kind and considerate.
- To create public awareness of acts of kindness.
- To influence and raise the standards of behaviour and responsibility.

SKM believes kindness should be inculcated from a young age. We are committed to provide quality character-building programmes for pre-schoolers in Singapore. With this vision in mind, we co-organised a national story-writing competition, Write for Kindness, with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic. Write for Kindness provides a platform for secondary school students to teach pre-schoolers kind values by creating age-appropriate and culturally relevant children's stories through creative writing and illustrations.

This book is the winning entries for Write for Kindness (Just too Different — 2012, Grumpy Grandpa Ben — 2013).

In addition, SKM also provides a range of pre-school programmes to instil character values in children. Join us in these programmes for a rewarding and fun learning experience. Together, we can build a nation of kindness, one child at a time.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

1. KINDSVILLE TOUR

During the gallery tour, we seek to educate our preschool children on what kindness means and show them how they can be kind in small ways. There are three parts to every visit: a storytelling station, an arts-and-crafts station and, lastly, our gallery tour. The gallery tour is an experiential one where children are able to experience living in Kindsville with Singa and the Kindness Cubbies. The objective of this tour is to emphasize the characteristics of kindness, such as sharing and etiquette.

Tour slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis so do book early to avoid disappointment. To book a slot, please contact Claudia at claudia@kindness.sg or DID 6837 9683.

2. RESOURCE PACKAGE

Our preschool sector produces resource packages for preschools to use as part of our efforts to spread kindness. Each resource package revolves around a particular character value and seeks to educate the children through an A3-size storybook and another A4-size teacher's guide which contains more activities that teachers can use for their students. There are customised lesson plans within the teacher's guide which target students from Nursery up till Kindergarten 2. We have since come up with 2 resource packages that share about "Empathy" and "Courage".

Our resource packages are free of charge, but as we are a non-profit organisation, you will need to pick them up from our office at 140 Hill Street, Old Hill Street Police Station, Singapore 179369. Each school is entitled to 5 sets of resource packages.

If you are interested to find out more or would like to come down to collect our resource packages, please contact Claudia at claudia@kindness.sg or DID 6837 9683.

3. KINDSVILLE WEBSITE AND "SINGA AND THE KINDNESS CUBBIES" ANIMATION

Our Kindsville website provides information about our events and teaching resources. A resource package (based on a character value) will be uploaded onto the website bi-monthly. Each package will contain both lesson plans and a challenge for the children.

The "Singa and the Kindness Cubbies" animation is a key feature of our Kindsville website. Created 30 years ago, we are all familiar with Singa, SKM's mascot. But would you like to know what mischievous escapades he got himself into when he was just a lion cub? A different character value is emphasized during each 5-minute clip. Through this animation series, young children will be able to identify with the characters and learn from the mistakes that the young cubs make as they grow and embark on new adventures.

To visit our website, please go to www.kindness.sg/kindsville.

4. KINDSVILLE TIMES

Our newsletter, Kindsville Times, is available both online and in physical copy (FOC). These newsletters provide information and explanations that teach children about a particular character value. They also contain activities to encourage children to carry out these values by providing them with concrete examples. The newsletter is disseminated on a quarterly basis. Taken together, Kindsville Times will be complementary to the website and animation.

As the SKM is a non-profit organisation, we would appreciate it if you could collect the newsletters from our Kindness Gallery. The Kindness Gallery is located at 140 Hill Street, Old Hill Street Police Station, #01-09 Singapore 179369. To find out more information on our Kindsville Times, please contact Claudia at claudia@kindness.sg or DID 6837 9683.

5. PUPPET SHOW*

This 30-minute interactive puppet show introduces Singa and the Kindness Cubbies. Children will be able to learn the importance of displaying kind behaviour through the puppet show.

*The show is free of charge, but we require a minimum of 100 children before we can run it. If your centre has fewer than 100 children, we will be able to match you with another centre in order to meet the minimum-number requirement.

Booking works on a first-come, first-served basis, so book now to avoid disappointment. To find out more information, please contact Claudia at claudia@kindness.sg or DID 6837 9683.

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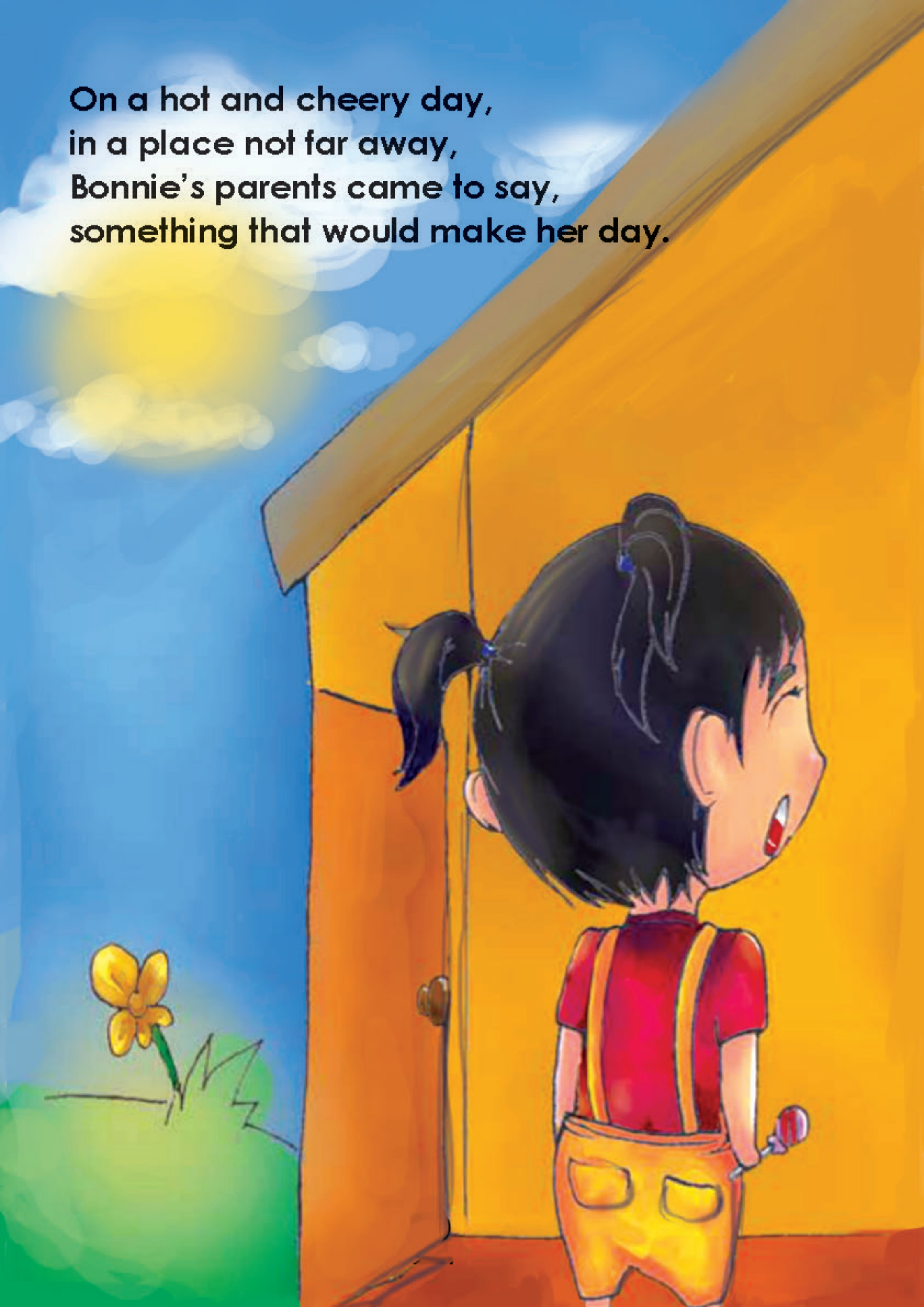
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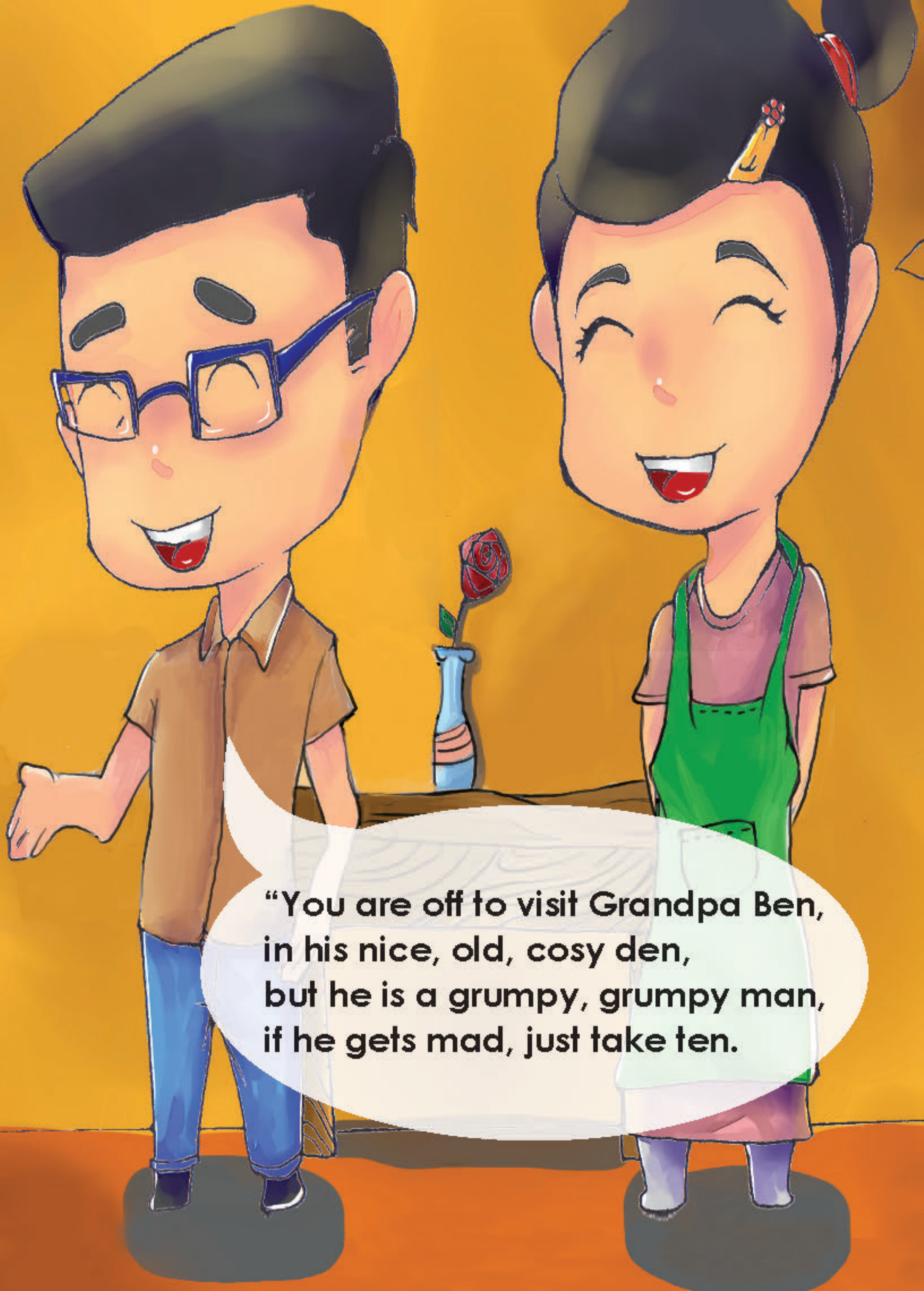
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In this work of fiction, the characters, places and events are either product of the author's and illustrators' imagination or they are used entirely fictionally.

On a hot and cheery day,
in a place not far away,
Bonnie's parents came to say,
something that would make her day.





**“You are off to visit Grandpa Ben,
in his nice, old, cosy den,
but he is a grumpy, grumpy man,
if he gets mad, just take ten.**”


Your little sister will follow you,
as well as cousin Lemmy too!





**You three might have much to do,
so go get ready, all of you!”**



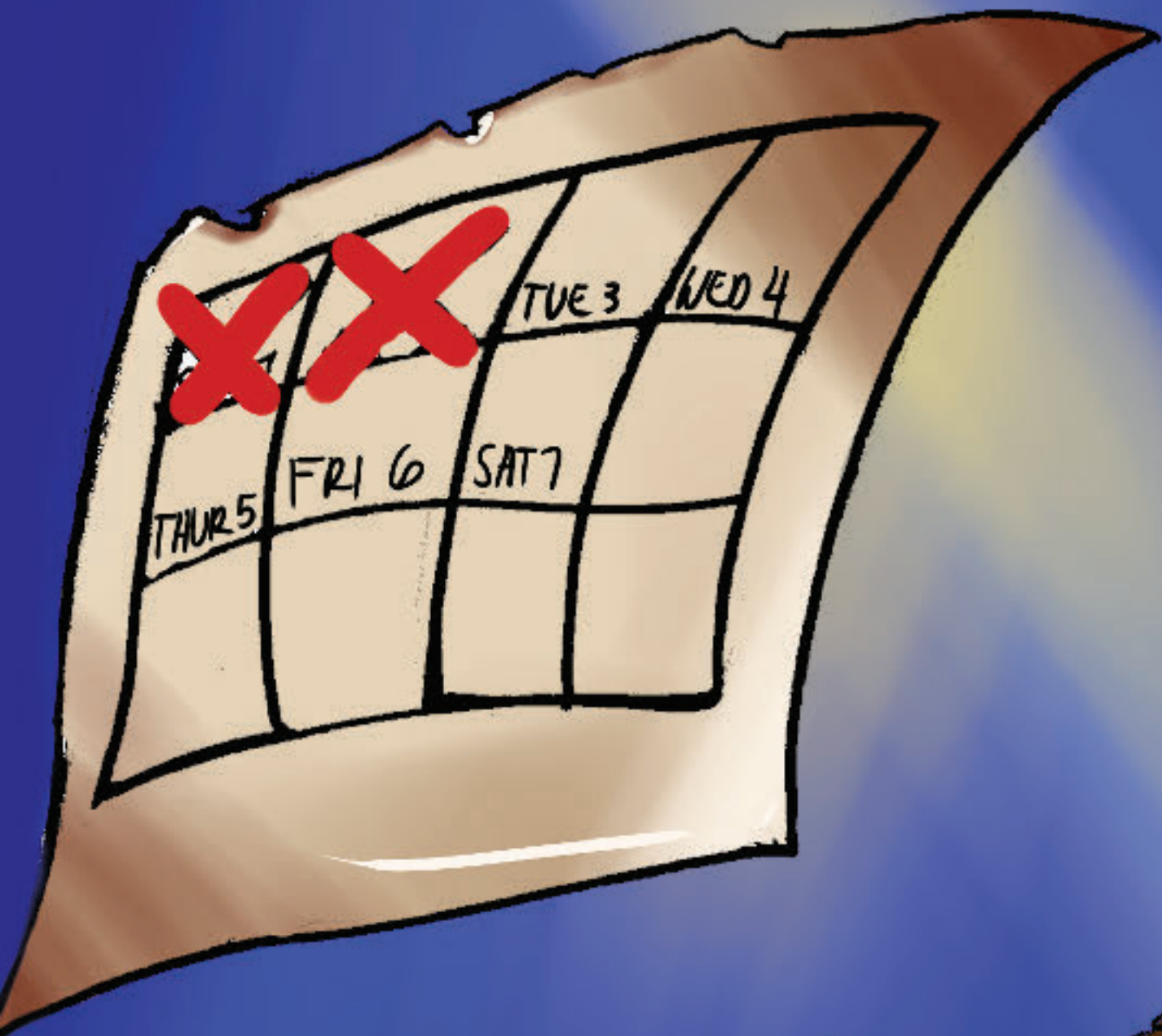


“Hi Gramps! What a lovely day! We’ll help you out, not be in your way.”





On Sunday Bonnie found his lost hat, while Lemmy cleaned Gramps' baseball bat.



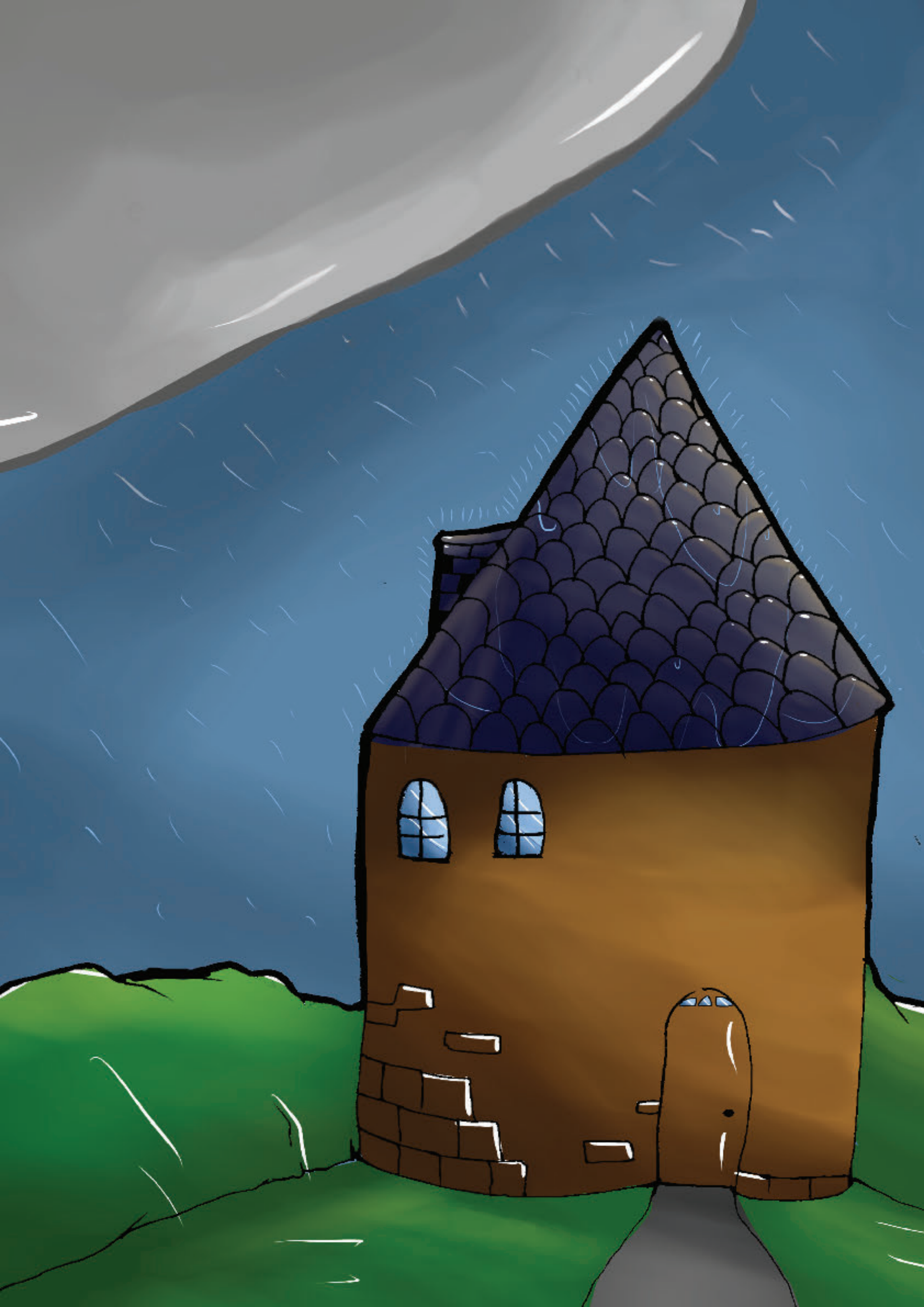




On Wednesday, Kimmy raked the lawn, and polished gramp's glasses till they shone.





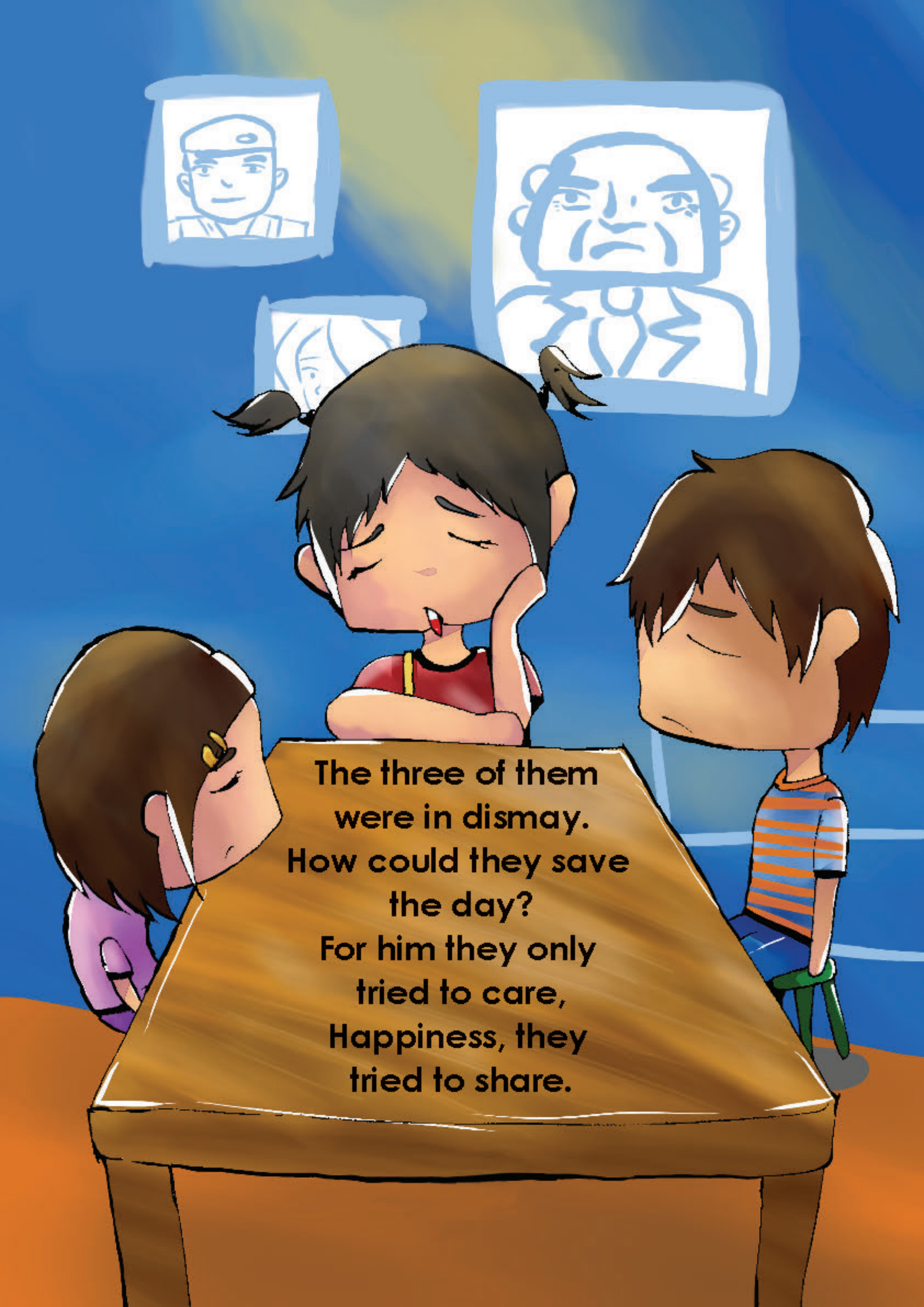












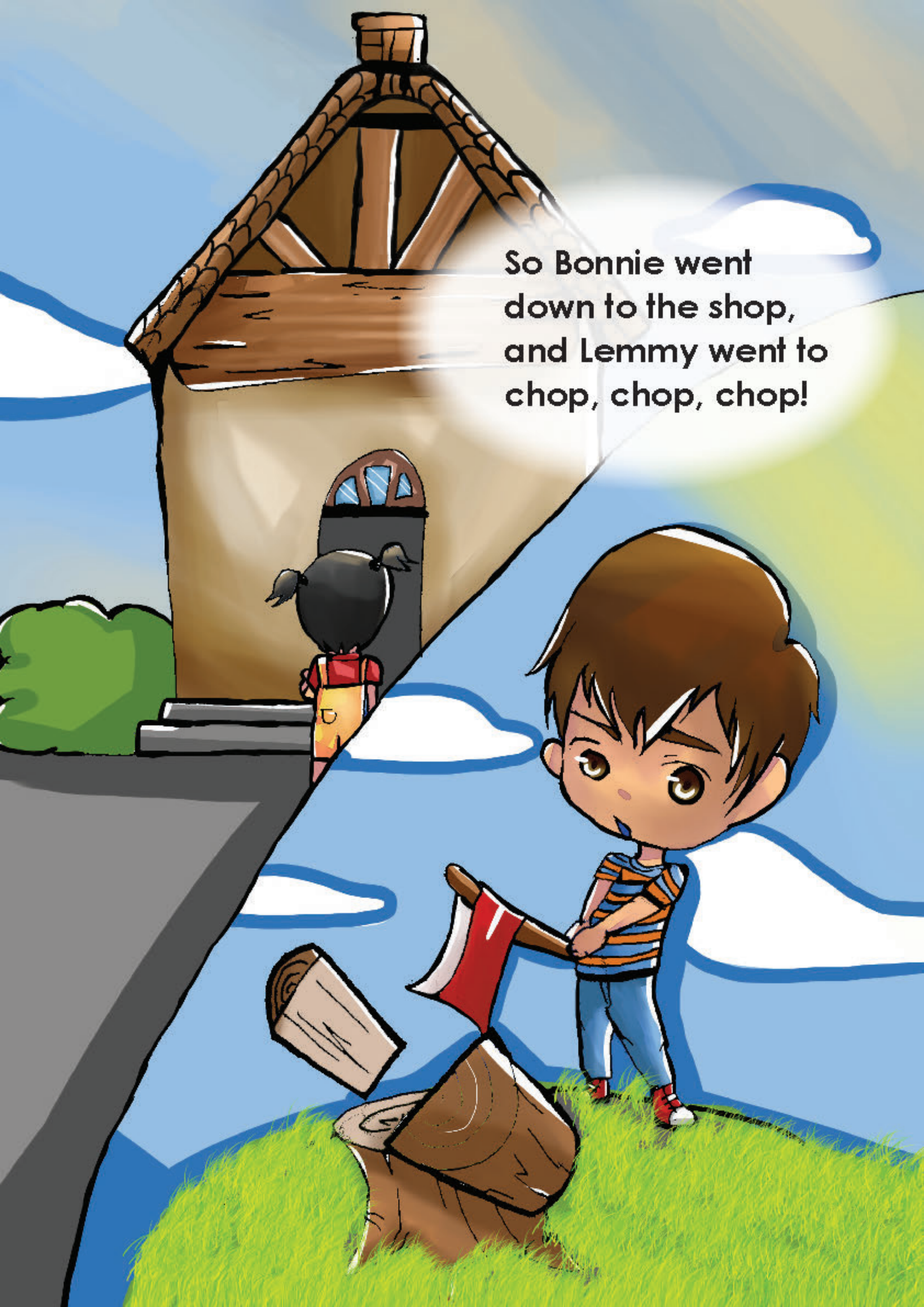
The three of them
were in dismay.
How could they save
the day?
For him they only
tried to care,
Happiness, they
tried to share.





They needed parts like planks of wood, and with some paint would look good!



A colorful cartoon illustration. In the foreground, a young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue and orange striped shirt and blue pants, stands on a grassy hill. He is holding a red-handled axe and is in the process of chopping a log. A piece of wood is flying through the air, and a large log stump is in front of him. In the background, a girl with black hair in pigtails, wearing a red shirt and yellow overalls, stands on a grey path leading to a brown house with a tiled roof. The house has a small arched window. The sky is blue with white clouds, and there are green bushes on the left side.

So Bonnie went
down to the shop,
and Lemmy went to
chop, chop, chop!



While Gramps was asleep and snoring hard, they plonked the present in his yard.





A beautiful bird table standing on his lawn! Scattered with seed and—wait, was that a swan?



Birds in a flutter, all around,
making a wonderful heavenly sound.
Guess who else was on the table...

Yes, it was Polly!
Grandpa laughed.
Oh! He was so jolly!



When their visit came to an end,
very sad was Grandpa Ben.



He held them close and
said to them,
“You are wonderful kids
– better than a gem.”

