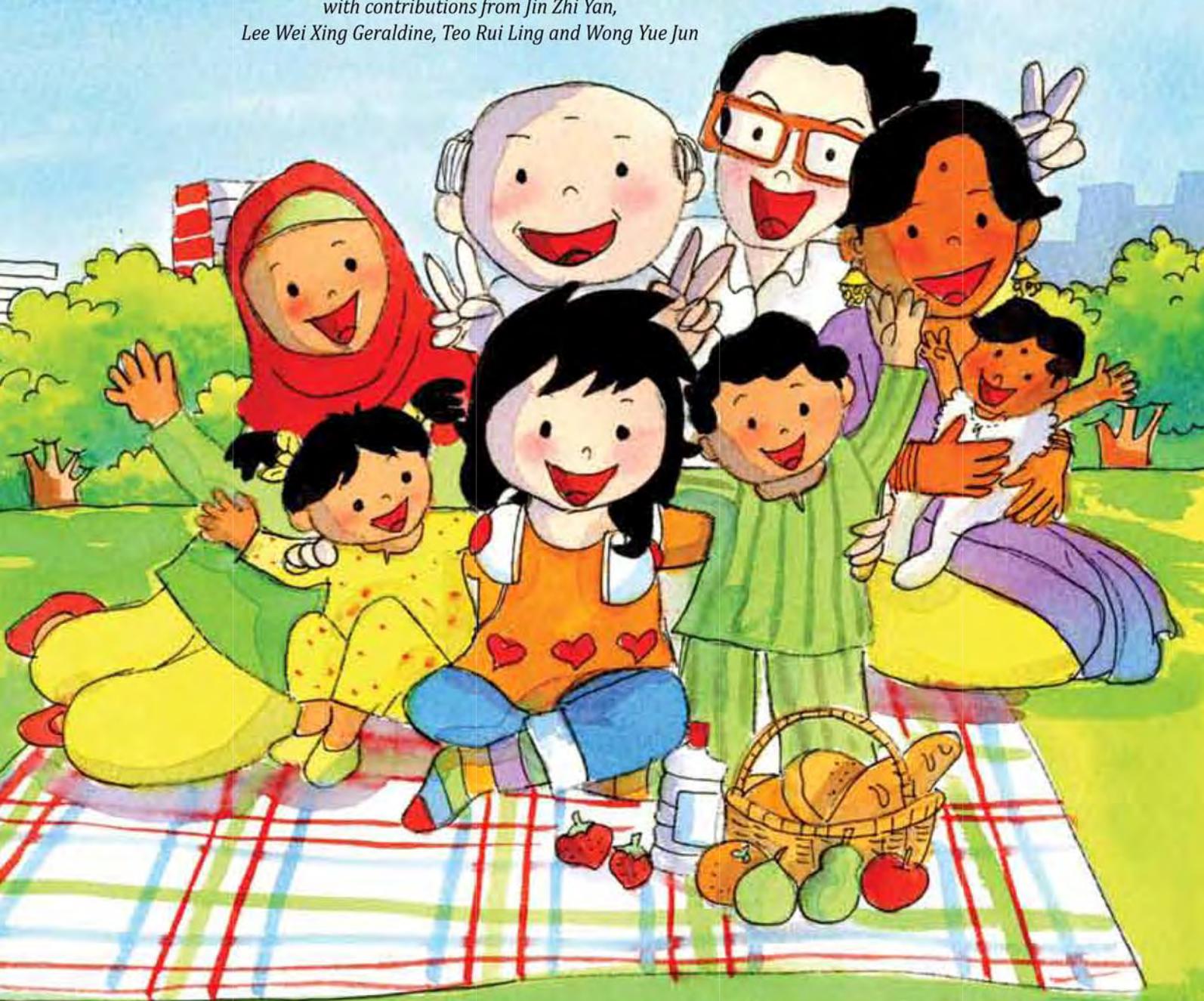


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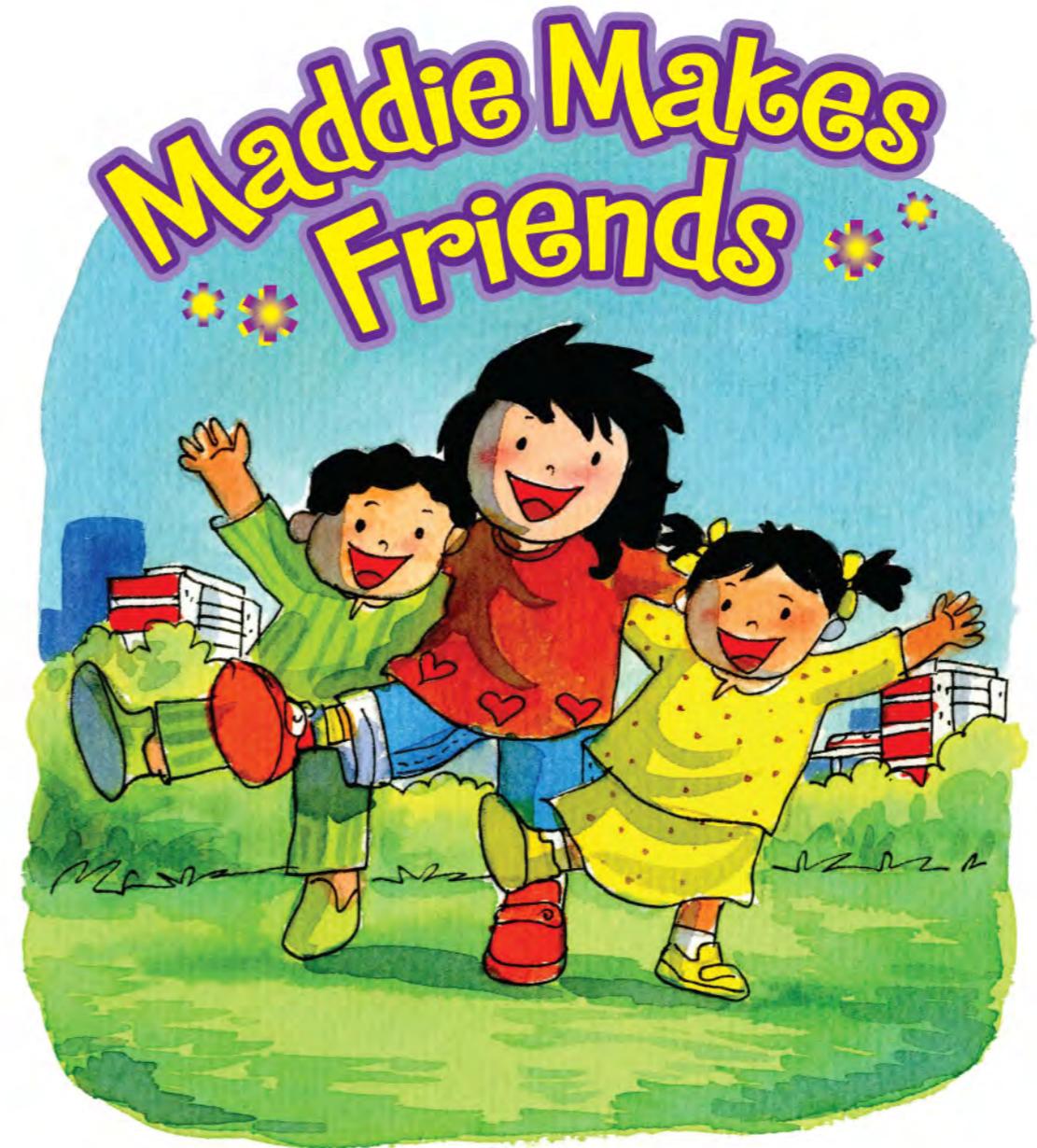
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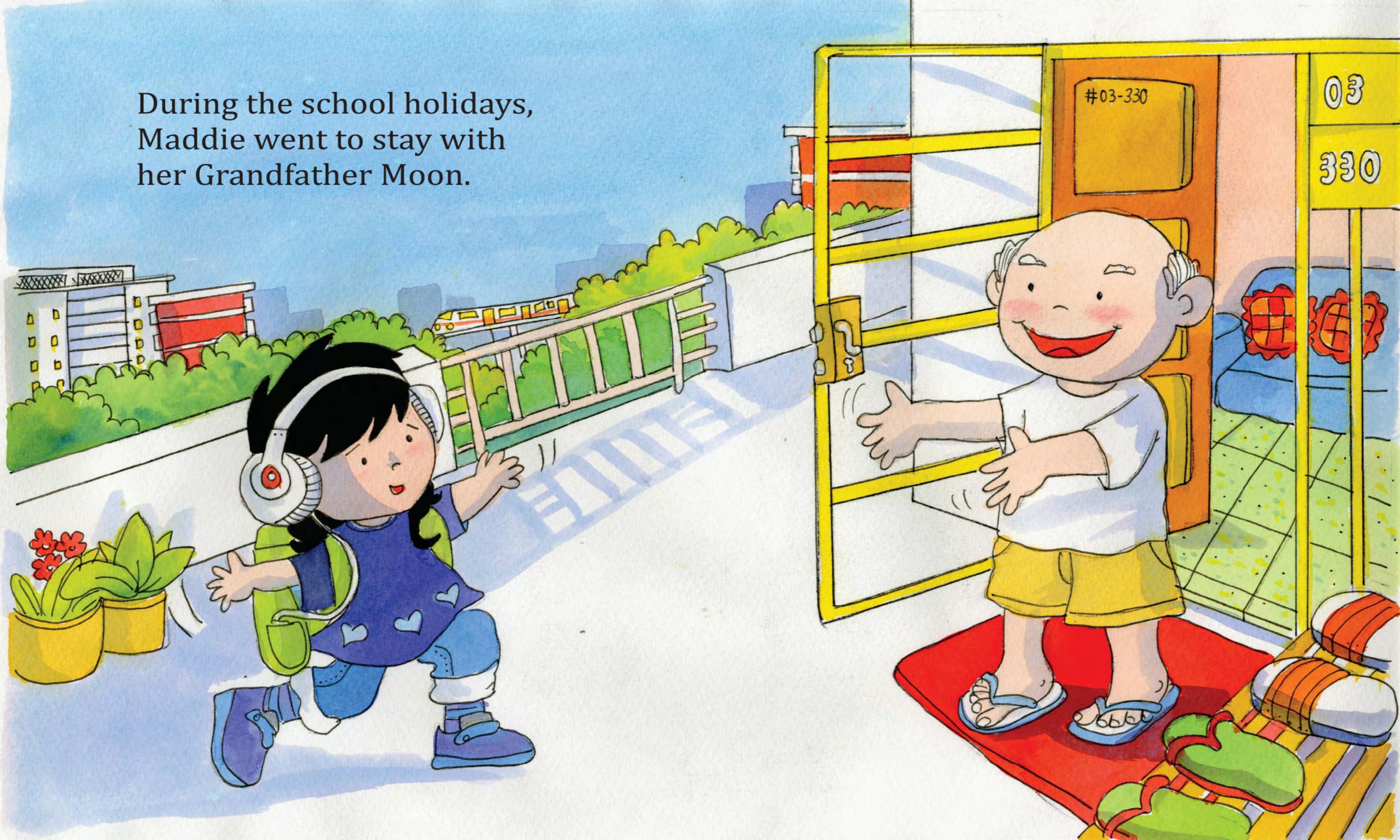
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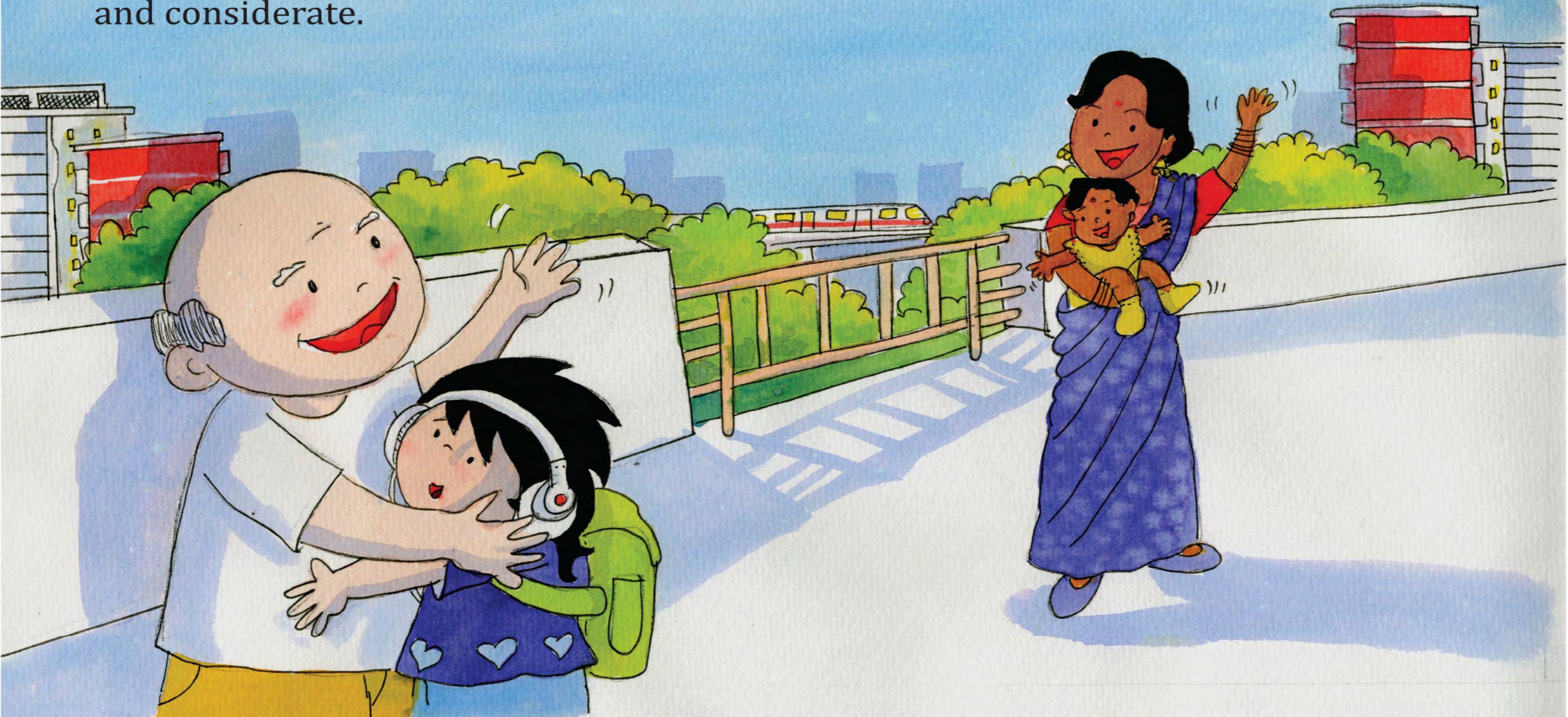
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During the school holidays,
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her Grandfather Moon.

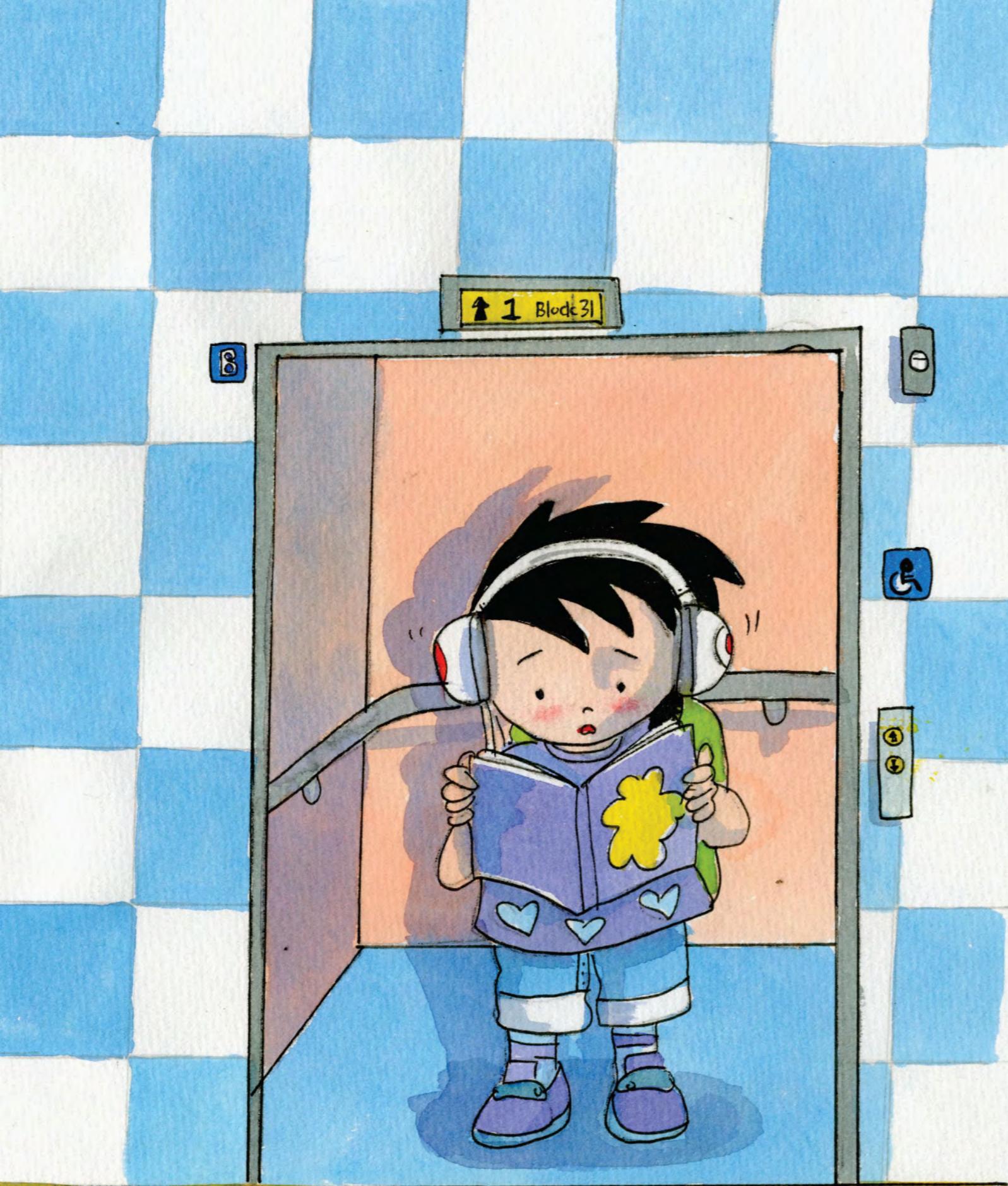


Maddie loved Grandfather Moon. And so did everyone in the neighbourhood. Grandfather Moon was friendly, kind and considerate.



Maddie was not like her Grandfather Moon. She lived in a world of her own.





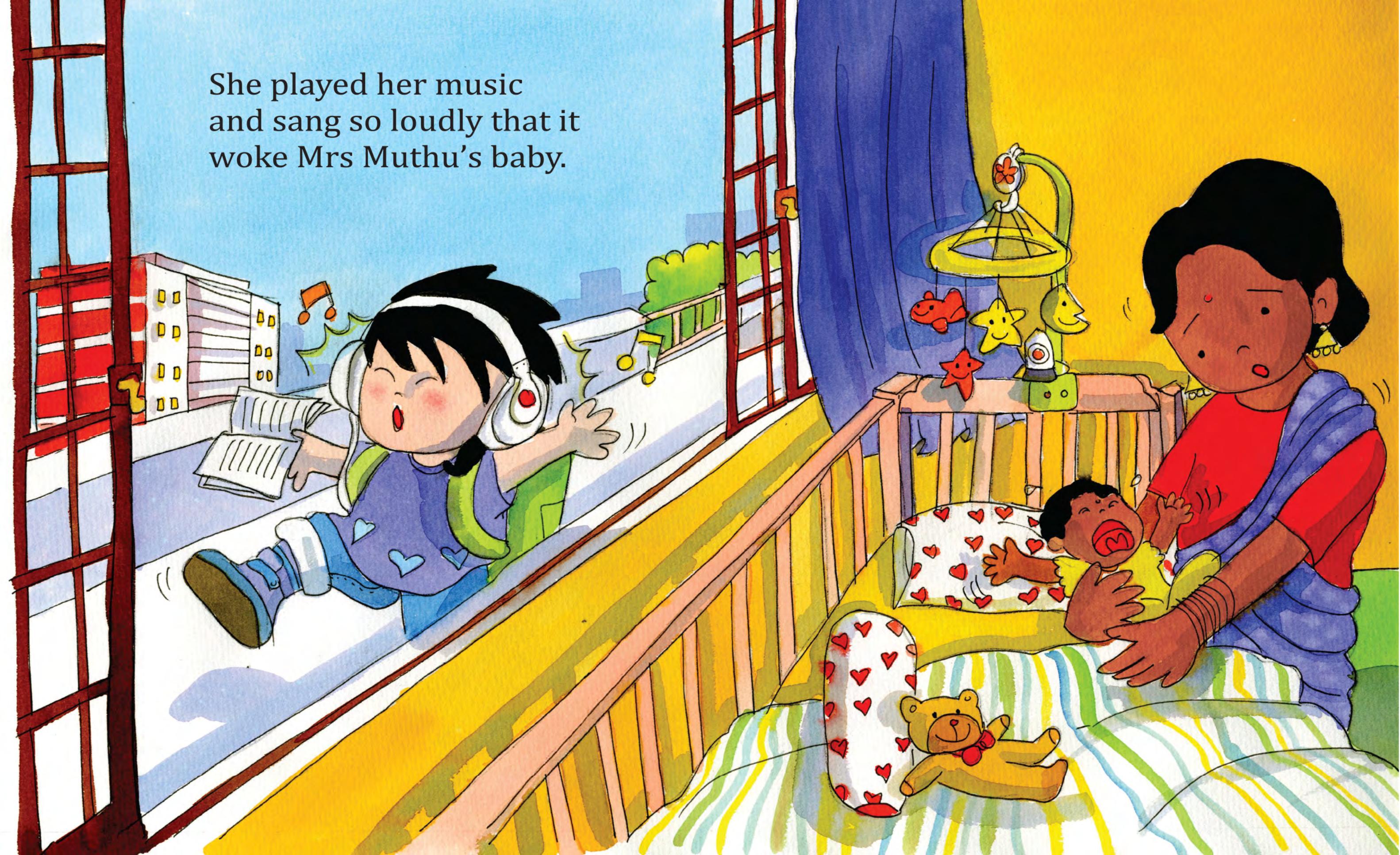
Maddie closed the lift on Madam Siti and her children.



She accidentally knocked down Uncle Tan's plants.



She played her music
and sang so loudly that it
woke Mrs Muthu's baby.



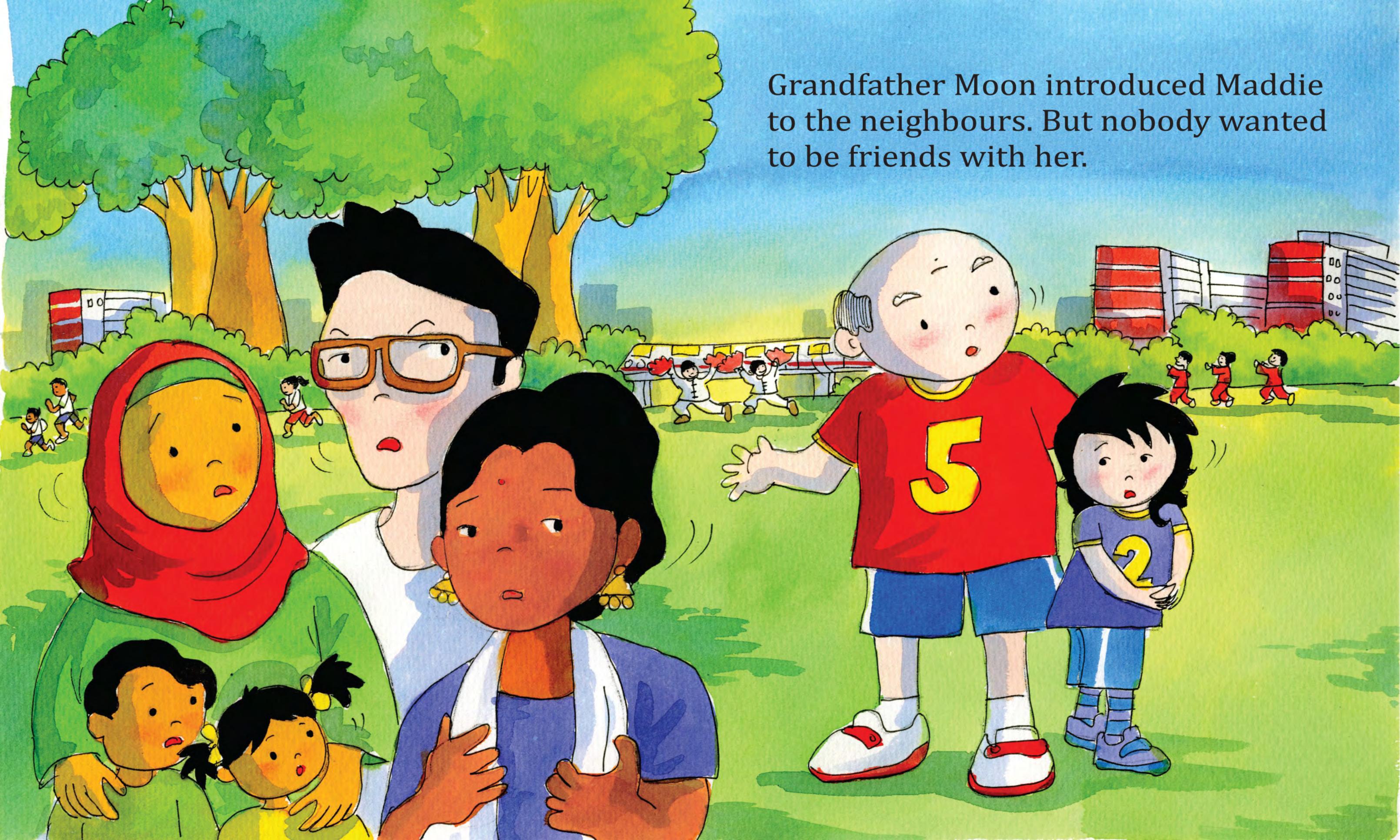
One day, Grandfather Moon decided to take Maddie to his walking group.

“No headphones,” he told her.

“You don’t notice anything when you wear them.”



Grandfather Moon introduced Maddie to the neighbours. But nobody wanted to be friends with her.

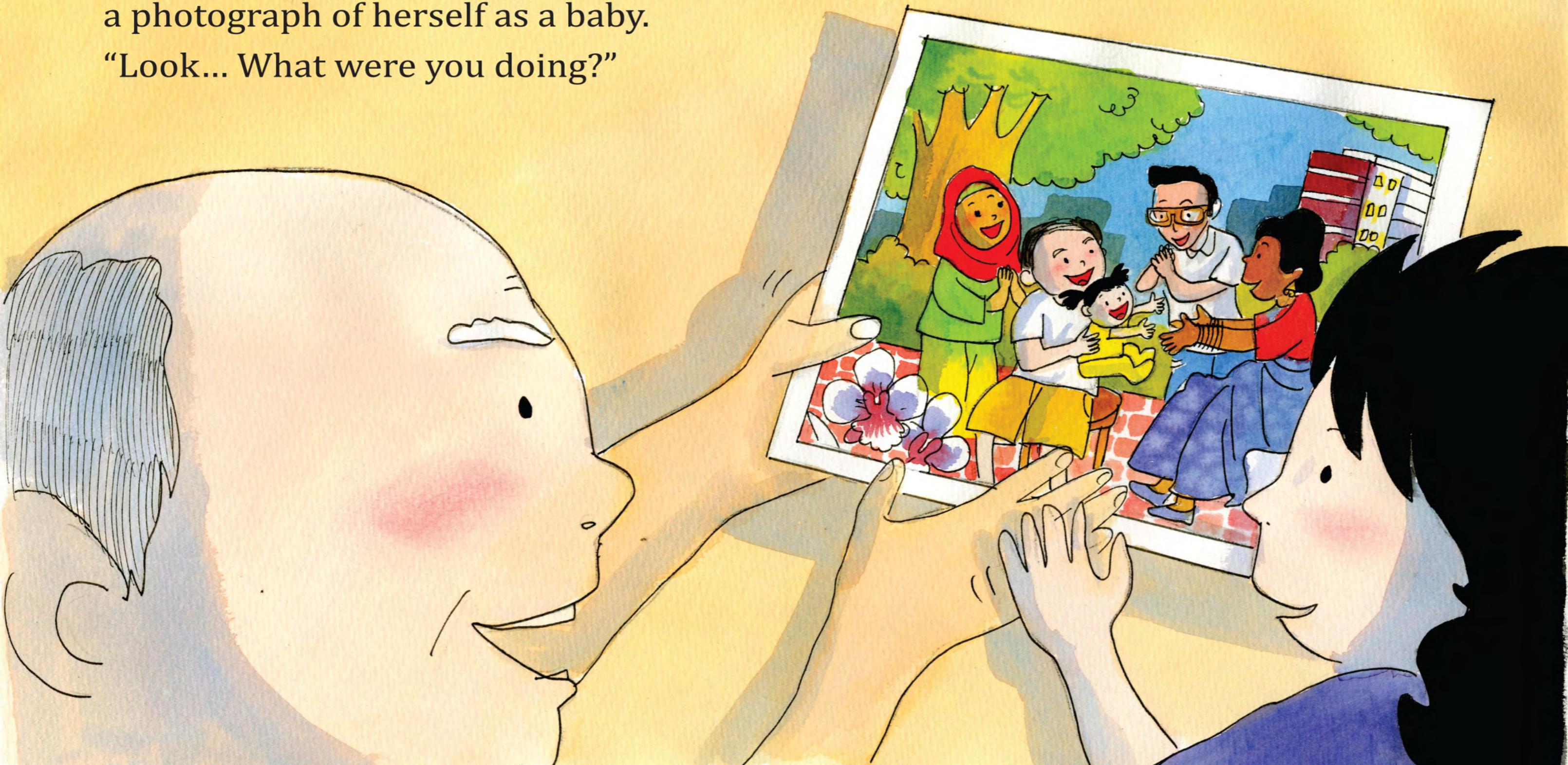


When they returned home, Maddie asked, "How do you make friends?" Grandfather Moon showed Maddie a photograph of herself as a baby.

"Look... What were you doing?"

"Smiling," said Maddie.

"A smile is the first step in a friendship," said Grandfather Moon.



“What else can I do?” asked Maddie.

“Friends always help one another. The neighbours may like you better if they know how helpful you are,” said Grandfather Moon.



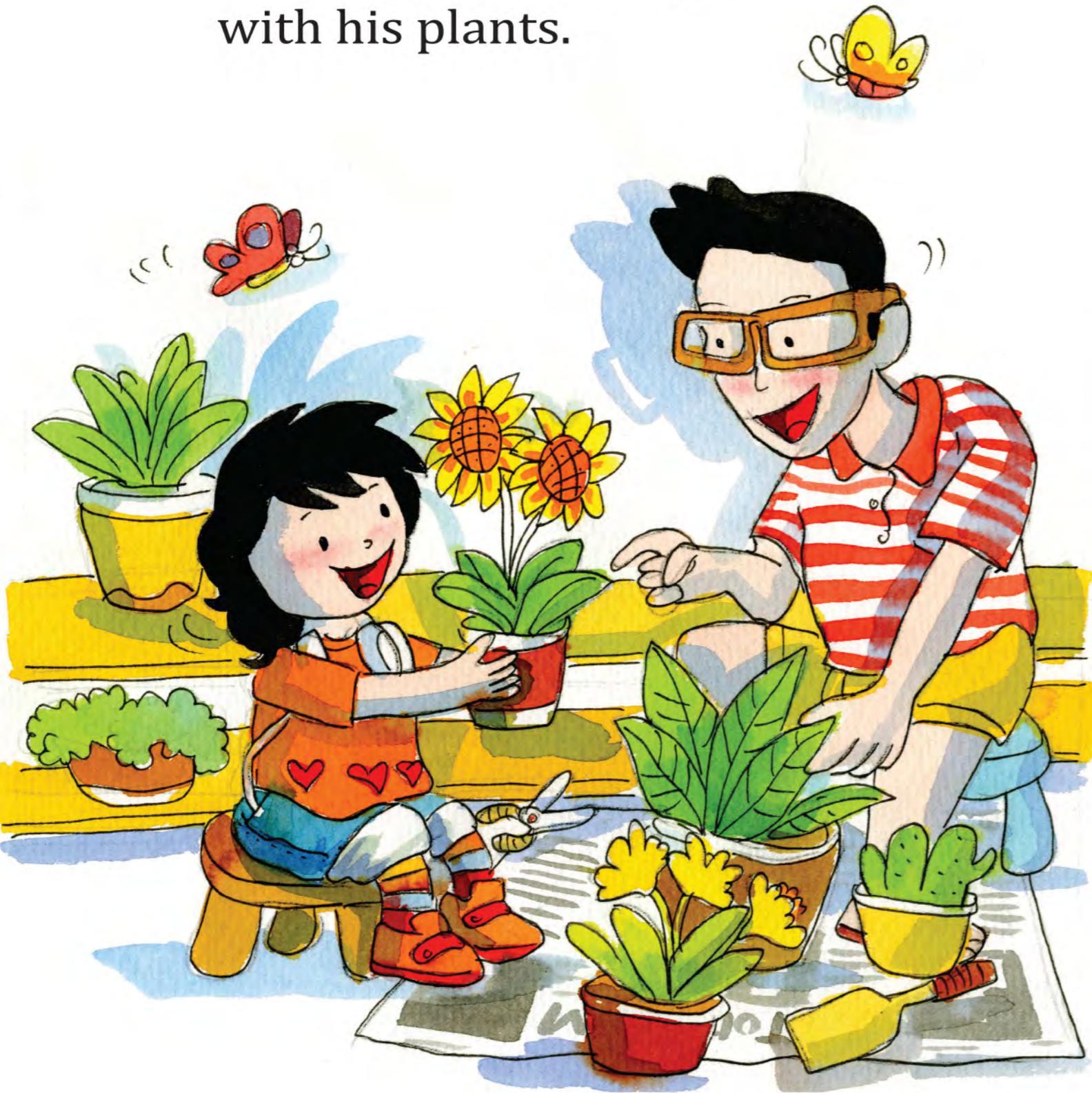
The next day, Maddie smiled at her neighbours and found ways to be helpful.



When she heard Mdm Siti and her family coming, she kept the lift door open for them.



She helped Uncle Tan with his plants.



They pruned the plants and arranged them neatly along the corridor.



When Mrs Muthu's baby was crying, Maddie turned down the volume of the television set.



When that didn't work, she sang the baby to sleep.



A week later, Maddie joined Grandfather Moon's walking group. Grandfather Moon had many friends.

So did Maddie!



Let us join Maddie to create a more gracious and responsible heartland community!

1. Be Friendly to Our Neighbours
2. Resolve Differences Amicably
3. Keep Noise Level Low
4. Participate in Community Activities
5. Prevent Killer Litter
6. Keep Common Areas/Corridors Free of Clutter
7. Use Greening to Cool and Beautify your Home
8. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
9. Use Energy-saving Lamps and Electrical Appliances with 3 Ticks or More
10. Install Water Thimbles in all Taps and Showerheads



Afterword

Good neighbourliness in HDB living helps to foster a caring and close-knitted neighbourhood. With a community of great neighbours and friends, we can make our home and living environment much more pleasant, filled with good experiences and memories.

As a builder of homes and communities, HDB encourages our residents to take that first step to be kind and considerate to their neighbours. We especially want our young and youth to take the lead, as they will become our future home owners.

“Maddie Makes Friends” is an excellent example of our partnership with our younger residents. By producing this book, we work together to spread the good neighbourliness message to our community. Our passionate young HDB Heartland Ambassadors from Dunman High School are champions for gracious and responsible heartland living. They have helped to nurture responsible living in the heartlands by visiting residents and taking part in community outreach projects. For this book, they were the ones who developed the interesting storyline. A group of dedicated students from Republic Polytechnic also chipped in by contributing the illustrations, bringing the story to life. We would like to thank all our young partners for their enthusiasm and wonderful contributions to the book.

We hope that Maddie will inspire many of our children to be good neighbours. Let us all start with a simple smile and “Hello” when we meet our neighbours and soon, we will make many friends like Maddie.

Dr Cheong Koon Hean

CEO

Housing & Development Board

Anecdotes

Our experiences as Heartland Ambassadors enriched and inspired us to create the character 'Maddie' as a means to educate children on neighbourliness. We hope that more children will be able to understand the importance of being good neighbours, and actively play the role of a friendly, welcoming neighbour to those around them, even from a young age.

*Lee Wei Xing Geraldine, Jin Zhi Yan, Teo Rui Ling, Wong Yue Jun
HDB Heartland Ambassadors, Dunman High School*

We are delighted and proud that our students' talents have been recognised, by being selected as co-illustrators in the creation of the pre-school storybook "Maddie Makes Friends", which teaches the importance of neighbourliness. Our students have benefited greatly from the experiential learning that goes beyond the classroom.

*Sharen Liu
Director, School of Technology for the Arts, Republic Polytechnic*

We are very honoured to be able to collaborate with HDB on the storybook project. We have learnt a lot from this experience. Overall, it has been an enriching and meaningful partnership.

*Nur Rosliana Bte Roslan and Sheralin Lim Sher Ning
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Maddie lived in a world of her own and was always listening to her headphones. She never smiled and hardly had friends. During Maddie's stay with him during the school holidays, Grandfather Moon showed Maddie how to reach out and make friends in the neighbourhood.



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