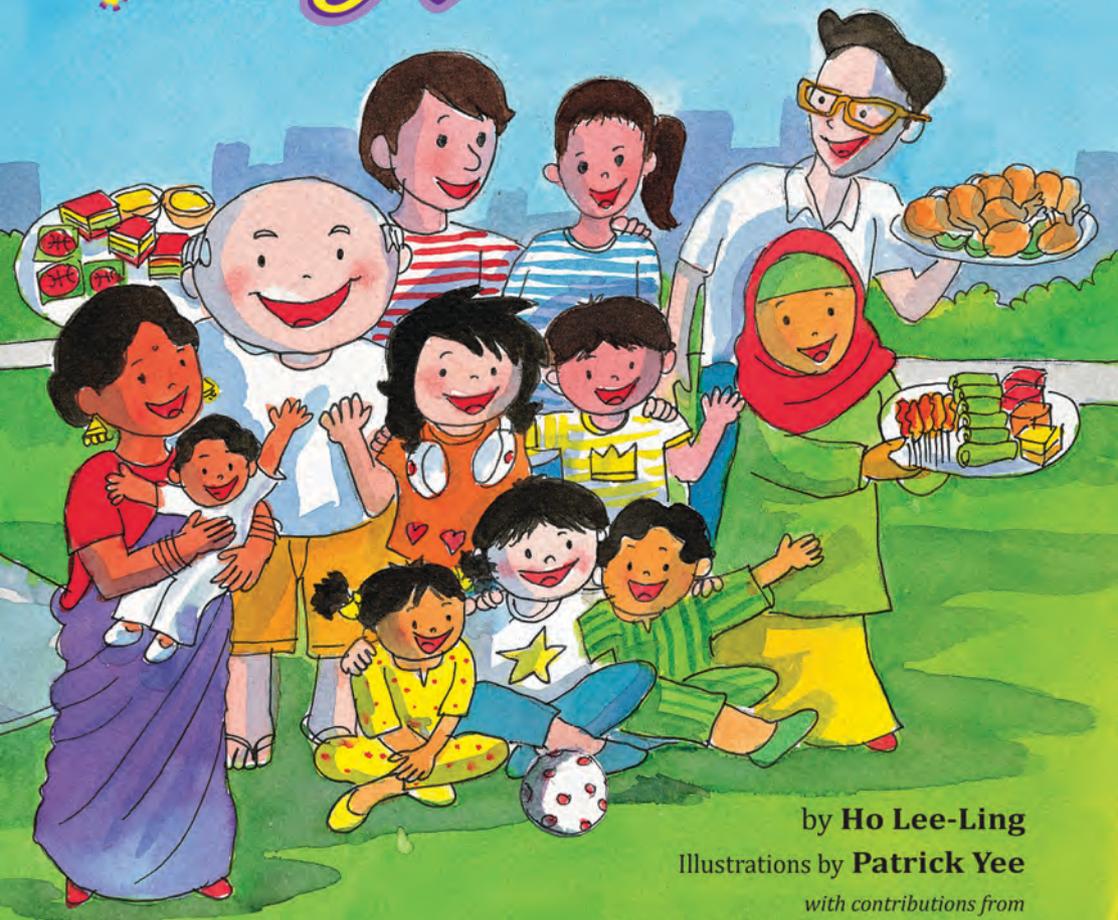


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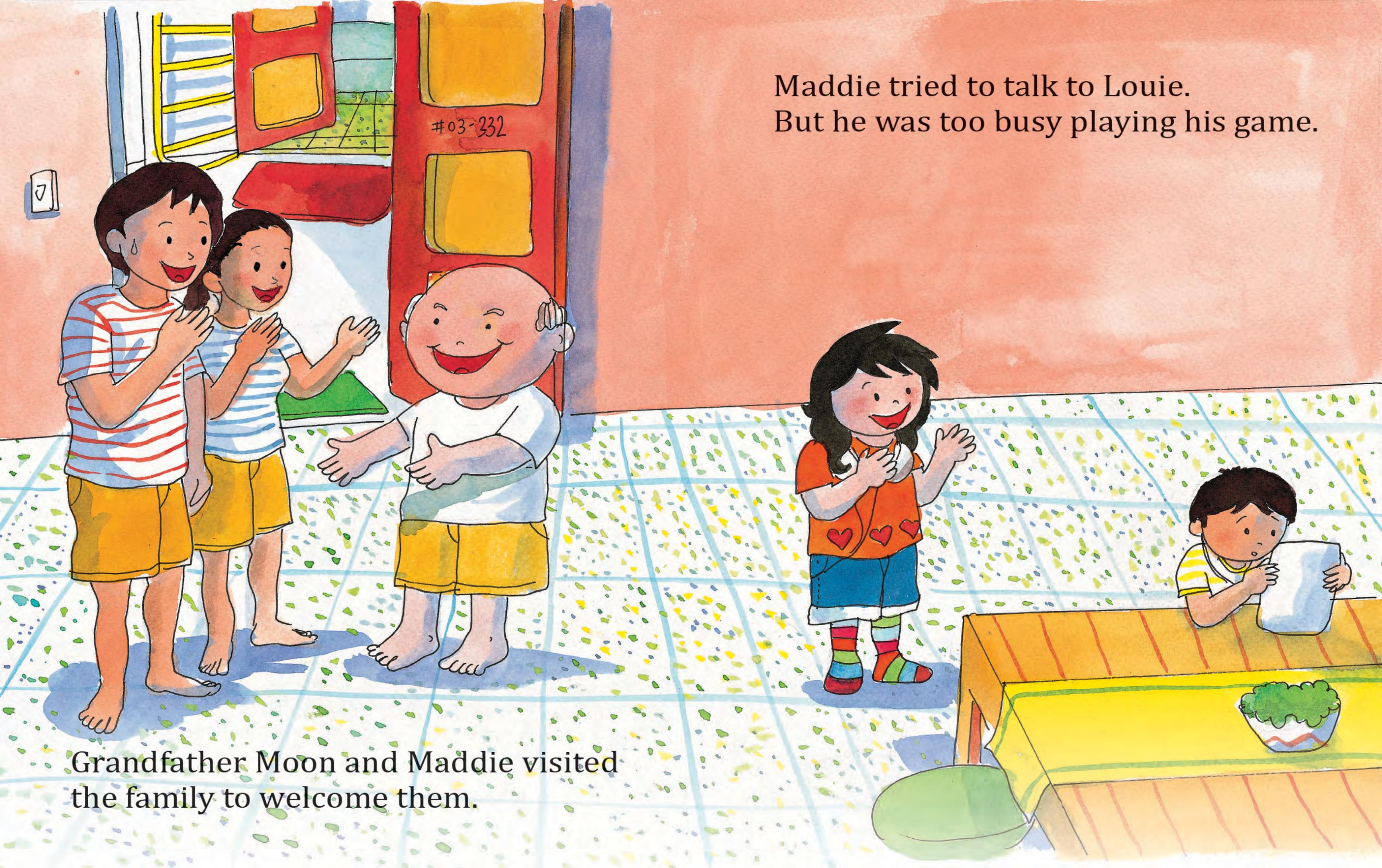
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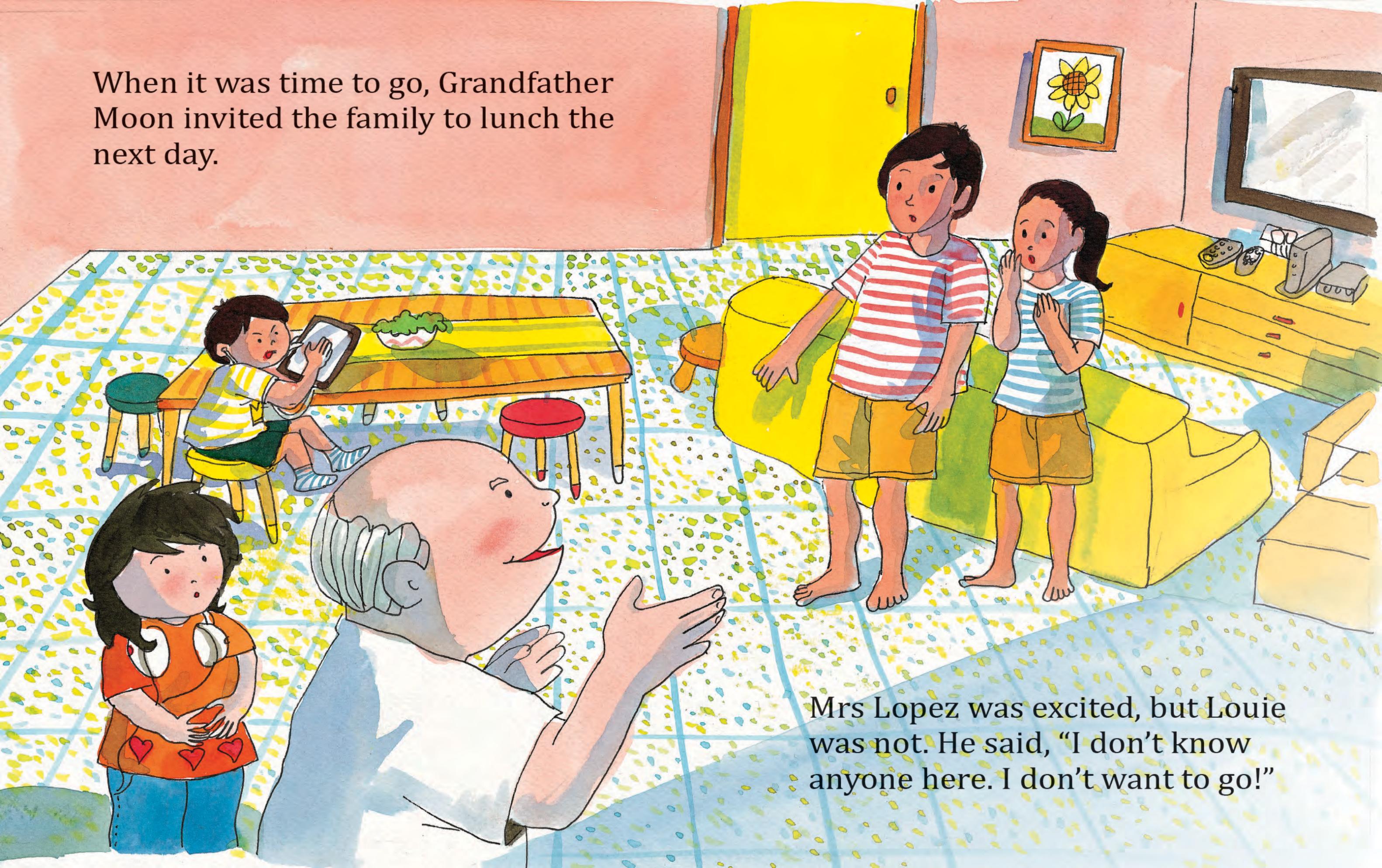
The Lopez family had just moved into Maddie's block.

Maddie tried to talk to Louie.
But he was too busy playing his game.



Grandfather Moon and Maddie visited
the family to welcome them.

When it was time to go, Grandfather Moon invited the family to lunch the next day.



Mrs Lopez was excited, but Louie was not. He said, "I don't know anyone here. I don't want to go!"

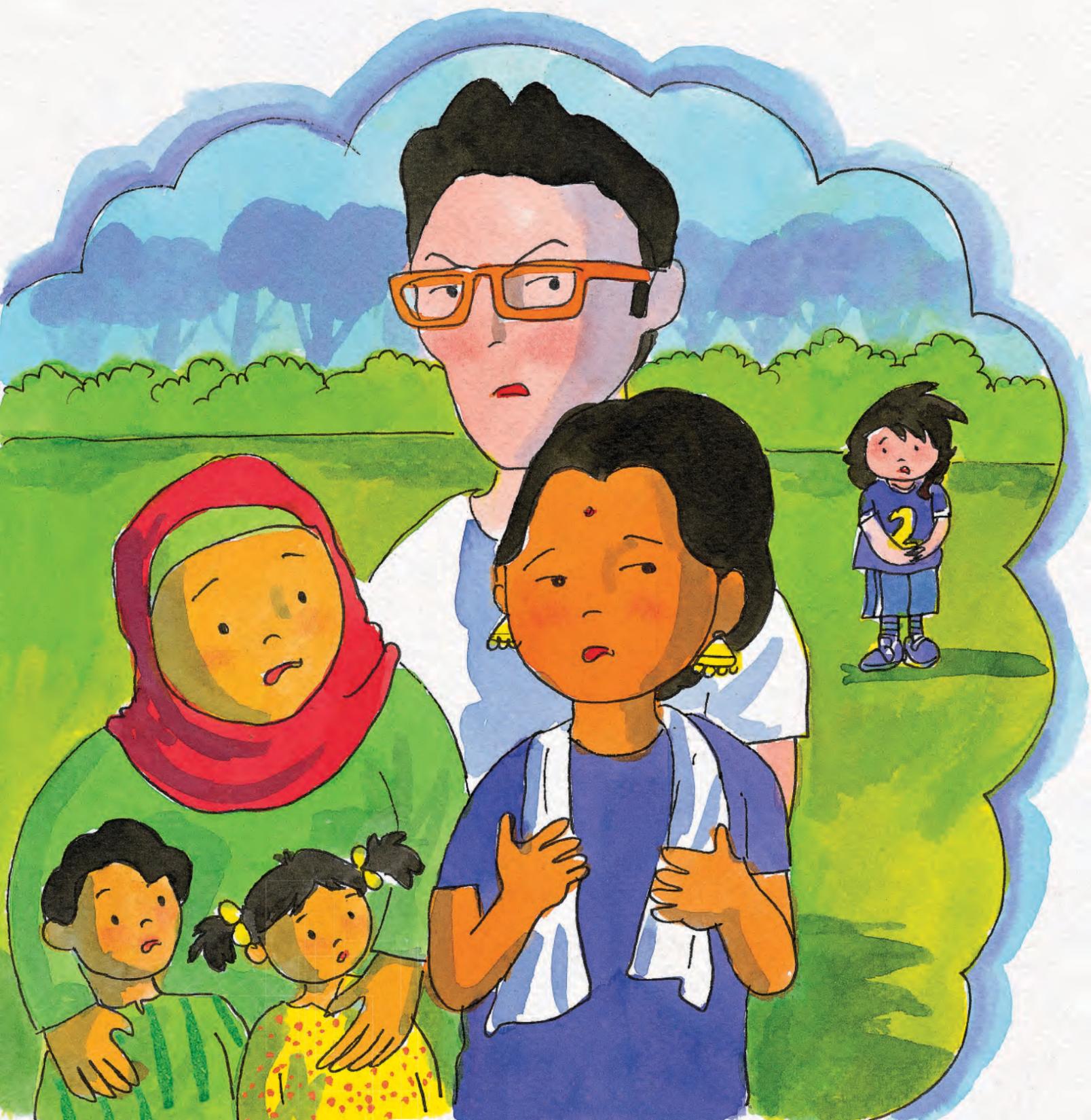
Back home, Maddie complained about Louie.

“He is such a rude boy,” she said.
“I don’t want to be friends with him.”

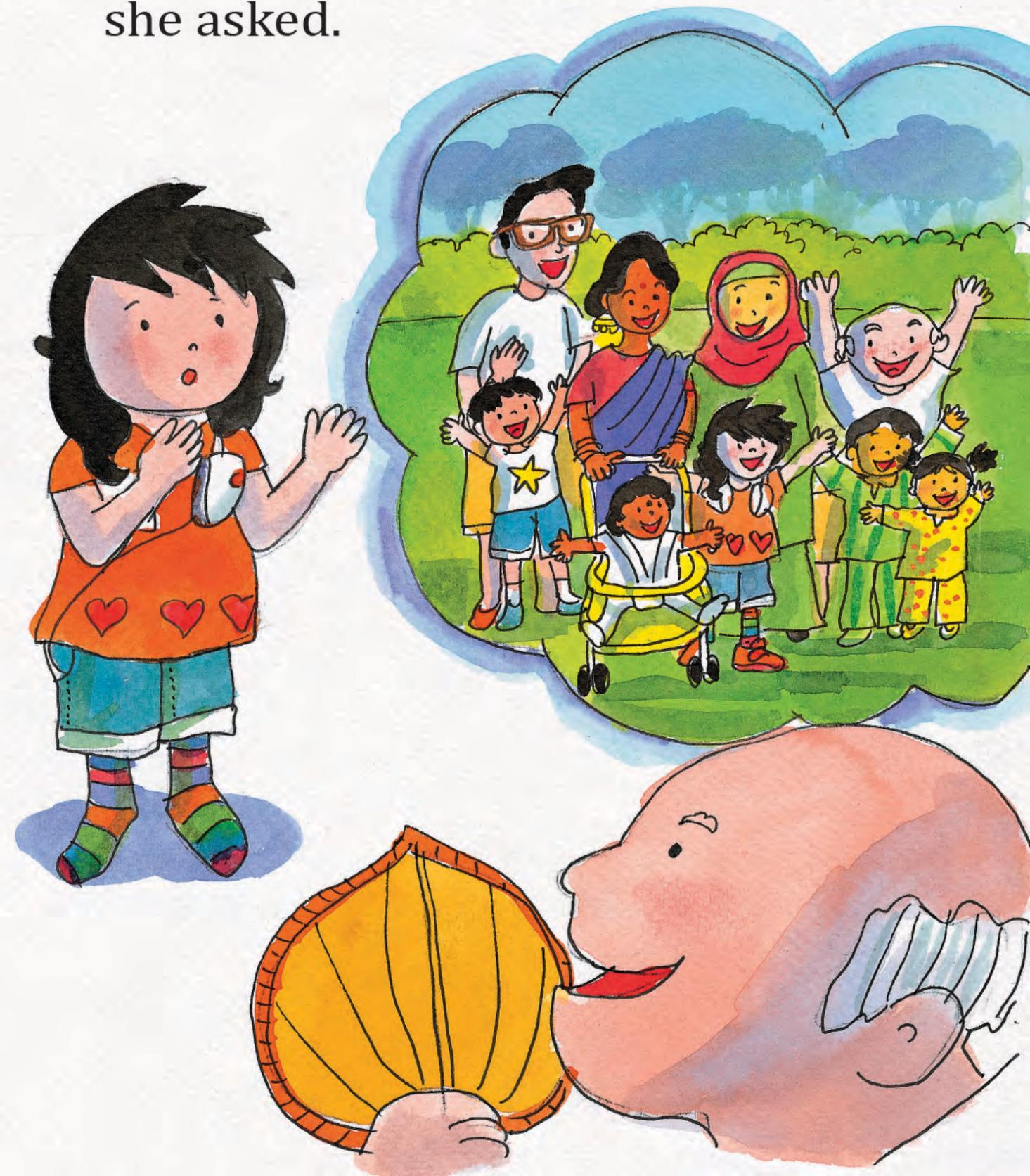


“He’s just shy,” said Grandfather Moon.
“Do you remember what it was like when
you first came to the neighbourhood?”

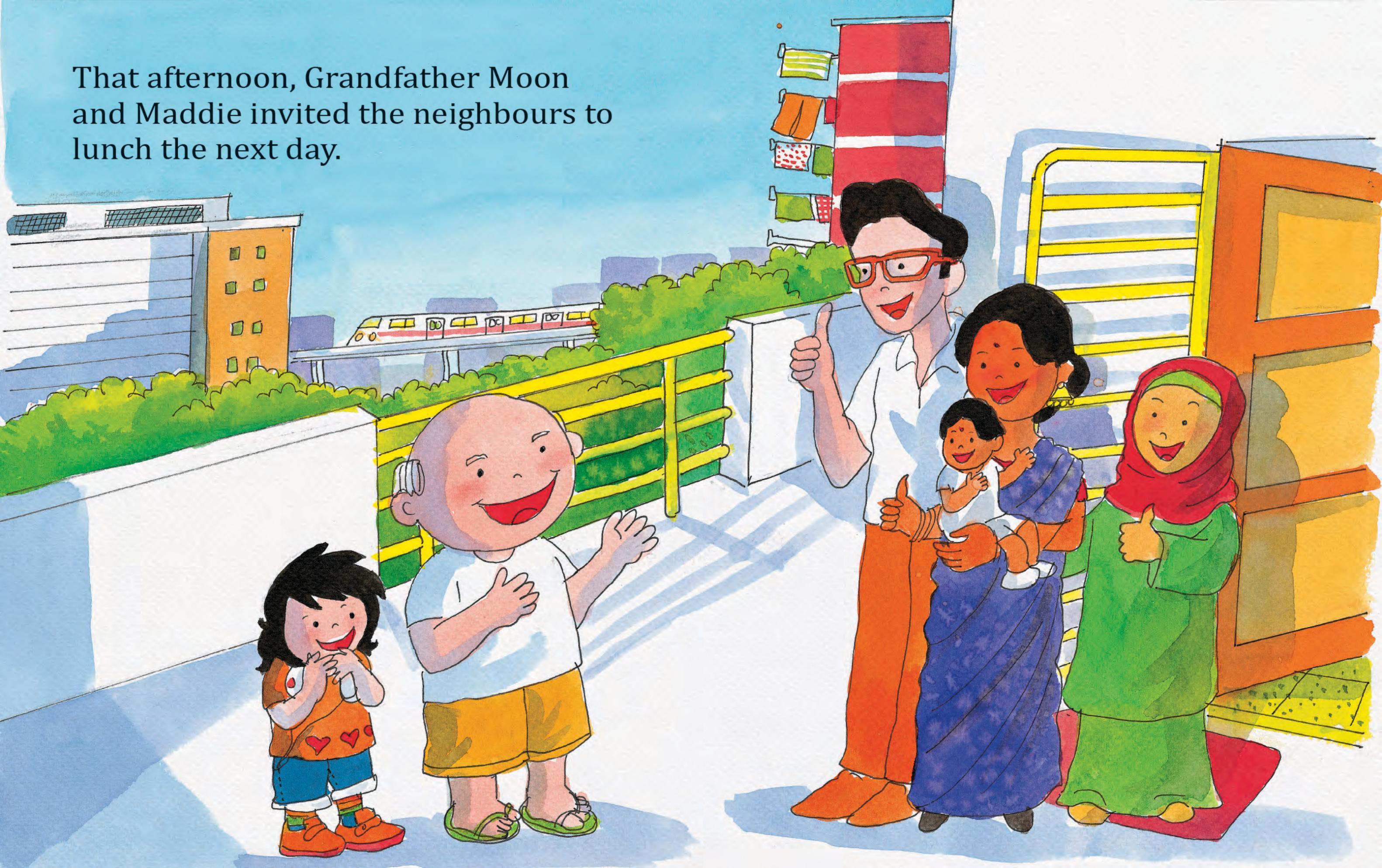
Maddie recalled how lonely it was when she had no friends in the block.



“Shall we invite the neighbours to meet the Lopez family tomorrow?” she asked.

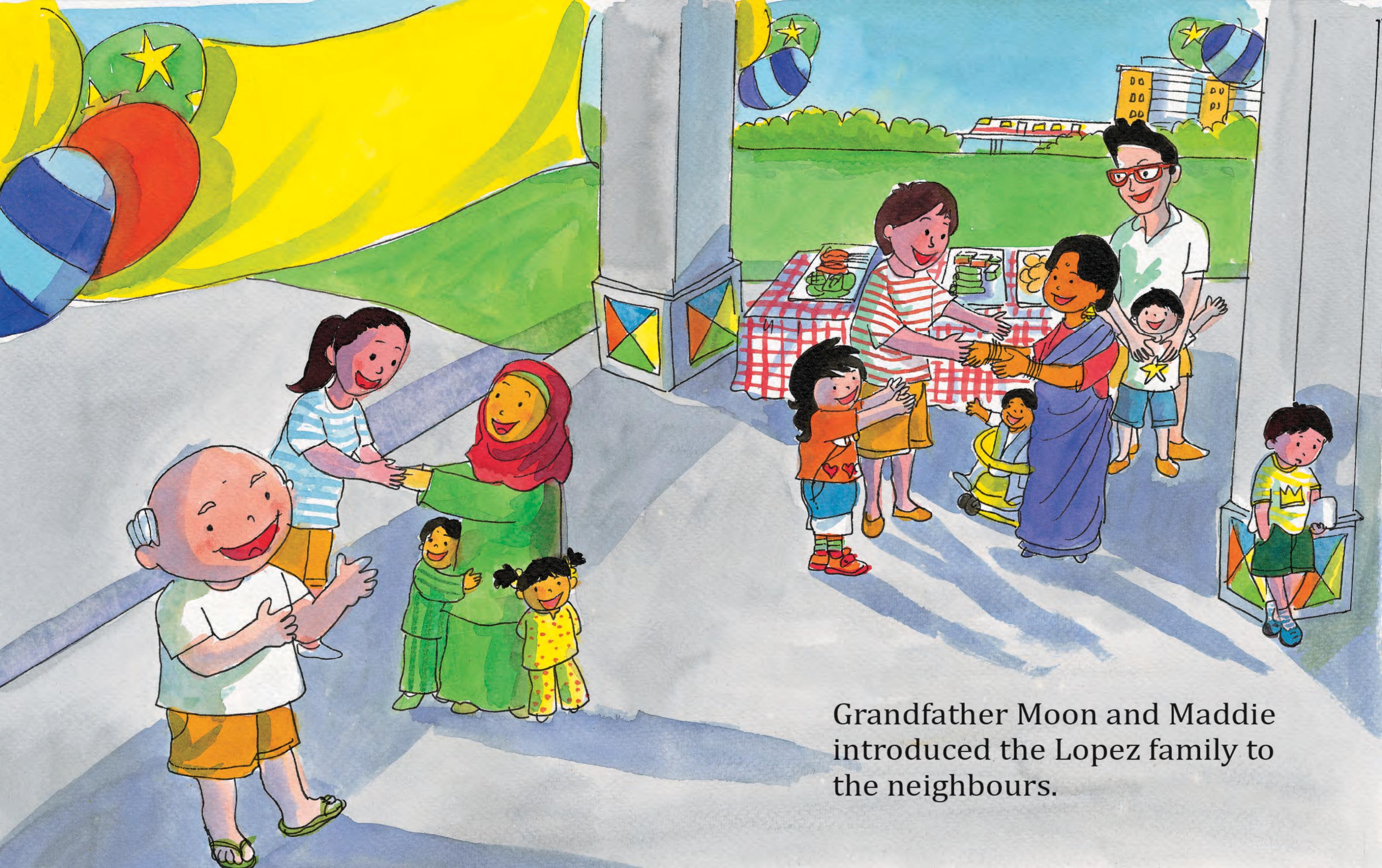


That afternoon, Grandfather Moon and Maddie invited the neighbours to lunch the next day.

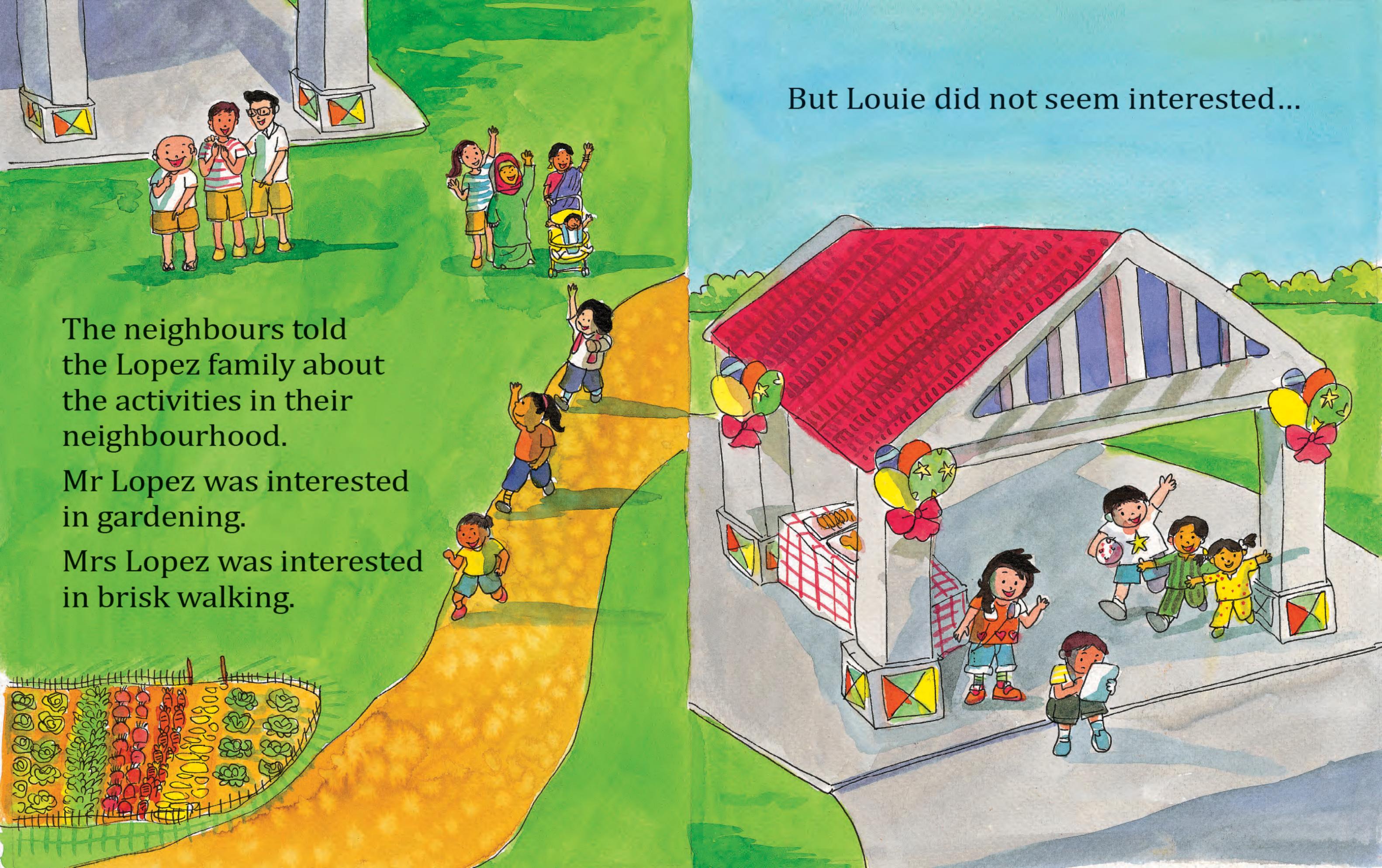


The next day, the neighbours brought special dishes for lunch. They also helped with the decorations.





Grandfather Moon and Maddie introduced the Lopez family to the neighbours.



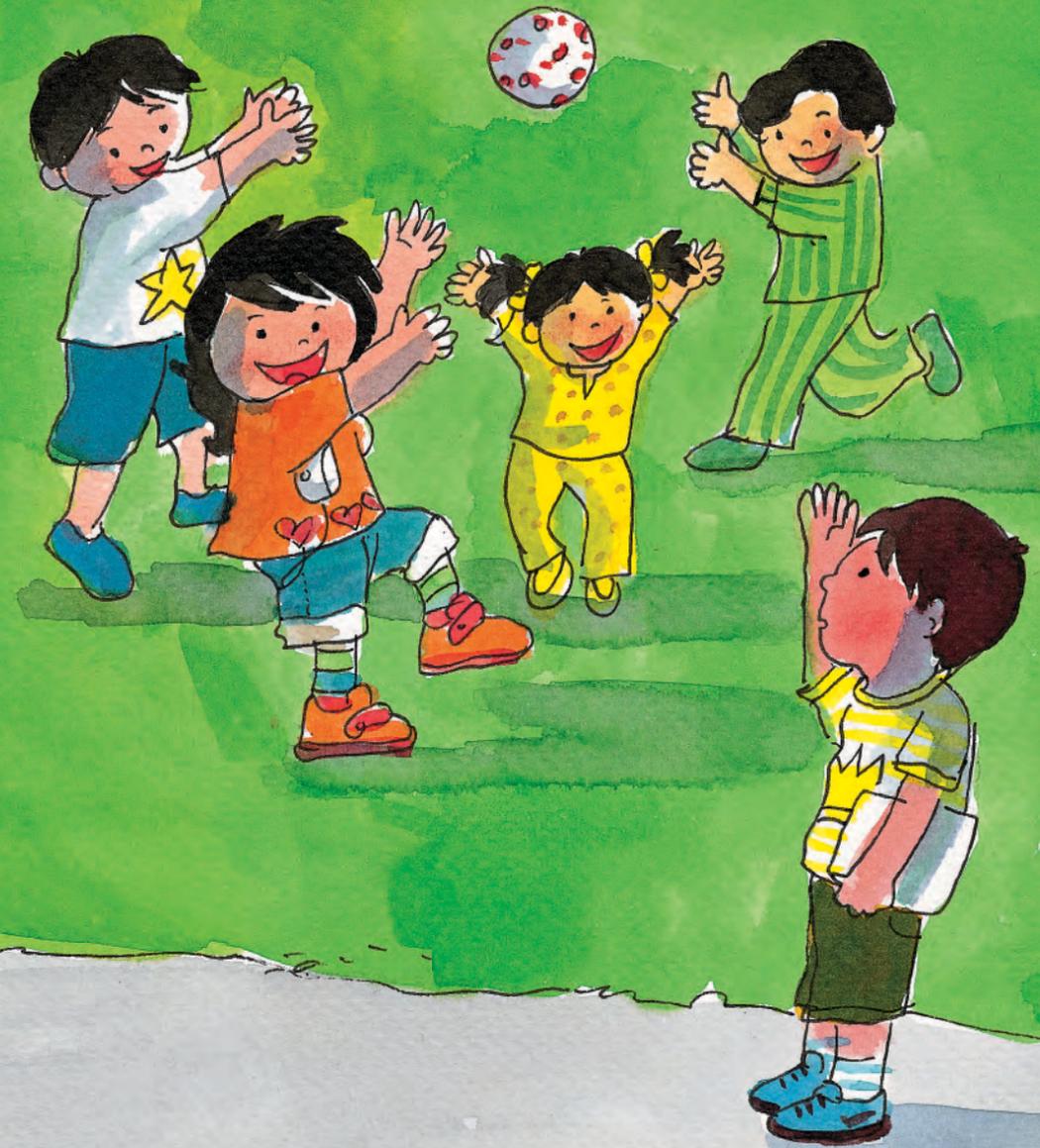
The neighbours told
the Lopez family about
the activities in their
neighbourhood.

Mr Lopez was interested
in gardening.

Mrs Lopez was interested
in brisk walking.

But Louie did not seem interested...

Maddie invited Louie to play a ball game. At first, Louie did not want to play.



But when he saw everyone having fun, he decided to join in.

Louie had fun playing with Maddie,
Nor, Hassan and Ming Ming.

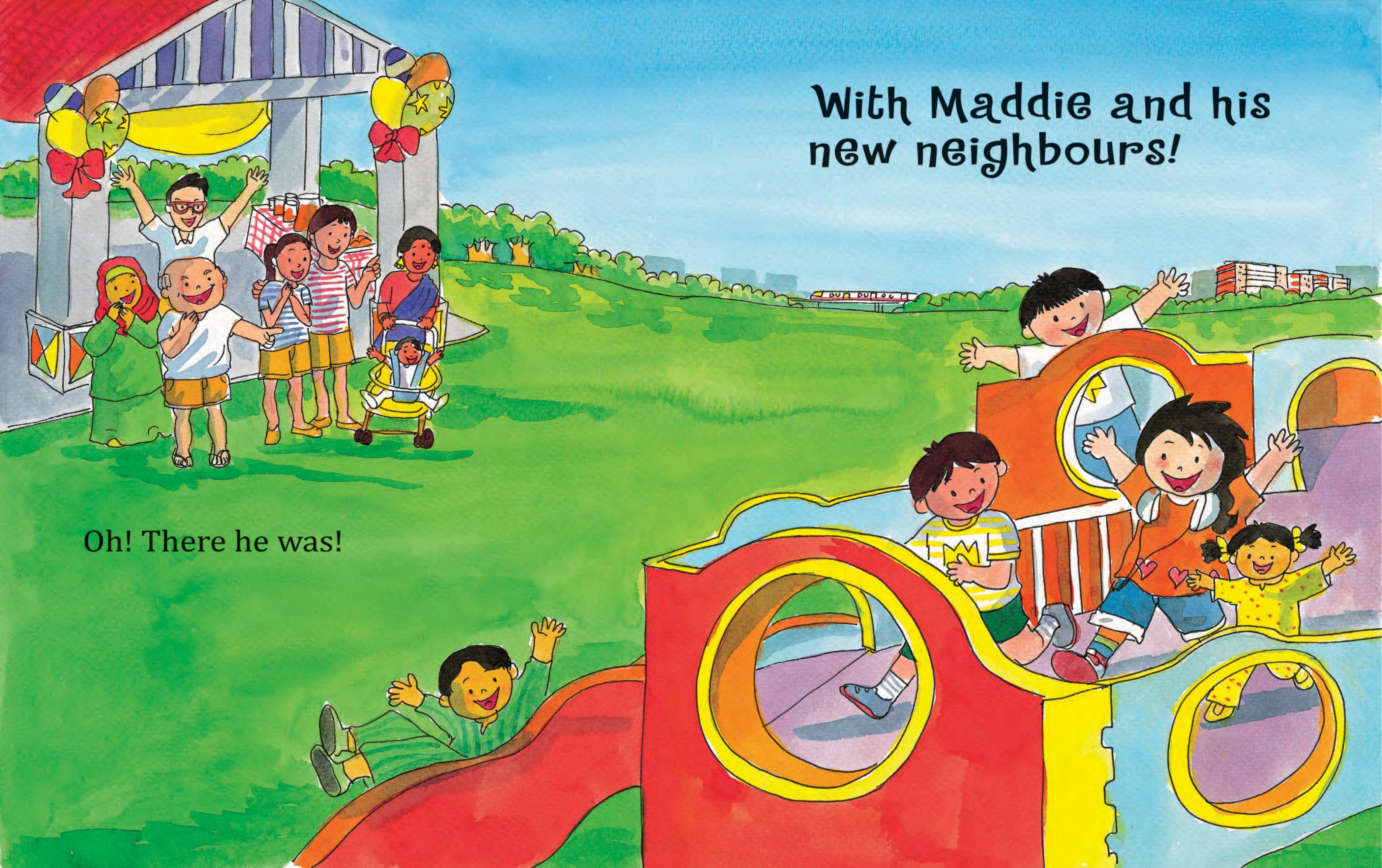


Soon it was time for lunch.
But, where was Louie?



With Maddie and his
new neighbours!

Oh! There he was!



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
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Afterword

Encouraging good neighbourliness remains an important focus of HDB even as we celebrate 55 years of home building. HDB encourages friendly interactions amongst our residents and promotes the building of wonderful communities.

In 2014, HDB launched “Maddie Makes Friends”. Encouraged by the good response, we have again partnered our young residents to produce a second book “Maddie’s New Neighbours”.

Our young Heartland Ambassador Alumni from the various schools actively participate in HDB’s initiatives to spread the good neighbourliness messages. For this book, their ideas provided the storyline for the book. They also participated in several workshops and worked with the illustrator to bring their ideas and story to life. Our young friends have set a good example as champions of gracious and responsible heartland living.

We hope that Maddie will continue to inspire many of our children to be considerate, friendly and good neighbours.

Dr Cheong Koon Hean

CEO

Housing & Development Board

Anecdotes

The HDB Heartland Ambassador Programme has given me an opportunity to lead and serve the community. It has also allowed me to contribute to this book that hopefully helps readers appreciate and adopt neighbourliness.

Cheong Hong Wei
Heartland Ambassador Alumni
Former student of Jurong Junior College

The HDB Heartland Ambassador programme has been beneficial both in equipping me with more knowledge and invaluable interactions with the community. I hope that this book will inspire children to be better neighbours.

Jin Zhi Yan
Heartland Ambassador Alumni
Former student of Dunman High School

I had fun brainstorming ideas for the book and I am glad that I can help spread the word of neighbourliness. We hope that through these stories, neighbourliness can be instilled at a young age.

Kalilatul Hanisah
Heartland Ambassador Alumni
Former student of Republic Polytechnic

This has been a great opportunity and I had lots of fun helping to create Maddie and her friends. Maddie sets a good example of how we can be better neighbours so I hope everyone will enjoy reading and learning about her adventures as much as we did.

Lee Wei Xing, Geraldine
Heartland Ambassador Alumni
Former student of Dunman High School

This has been a fun and memorable experience for us. We got to contribute from creating the storyline to doing the drawings. I hope that children will find joy in following Maddie's adventure in her neighbourhood and pick up useful tips on being neighbourly!

Lim Shy Haur, Alvin
Heartland Ambassador
Dunman High School

Being part of the HDB Heartland Ambassador Programme, and having the chance to create "Maddie Makes Friends" and "Maddie's New Neighbours", have been immensely fulfilling for me.

Teo Rui Ling
Heartland Ambassador Alumni
Former student of Dunman High School

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Ms Ho Lee-Ling and Mr Patrick Yee for guiding the students involved to conceptualise and develop the storybook.



The Lopez family had just moved into Maddie's block. Maddie tried to talk to Louie but he ignored her. Maddie felt that Louie was rude but Grandfather Moon reminded her how lonely it was for her too when she first moved to the neighbourhood. With the help of her neighbours, Maddie managed to reach out to Louie and make friends with him.

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