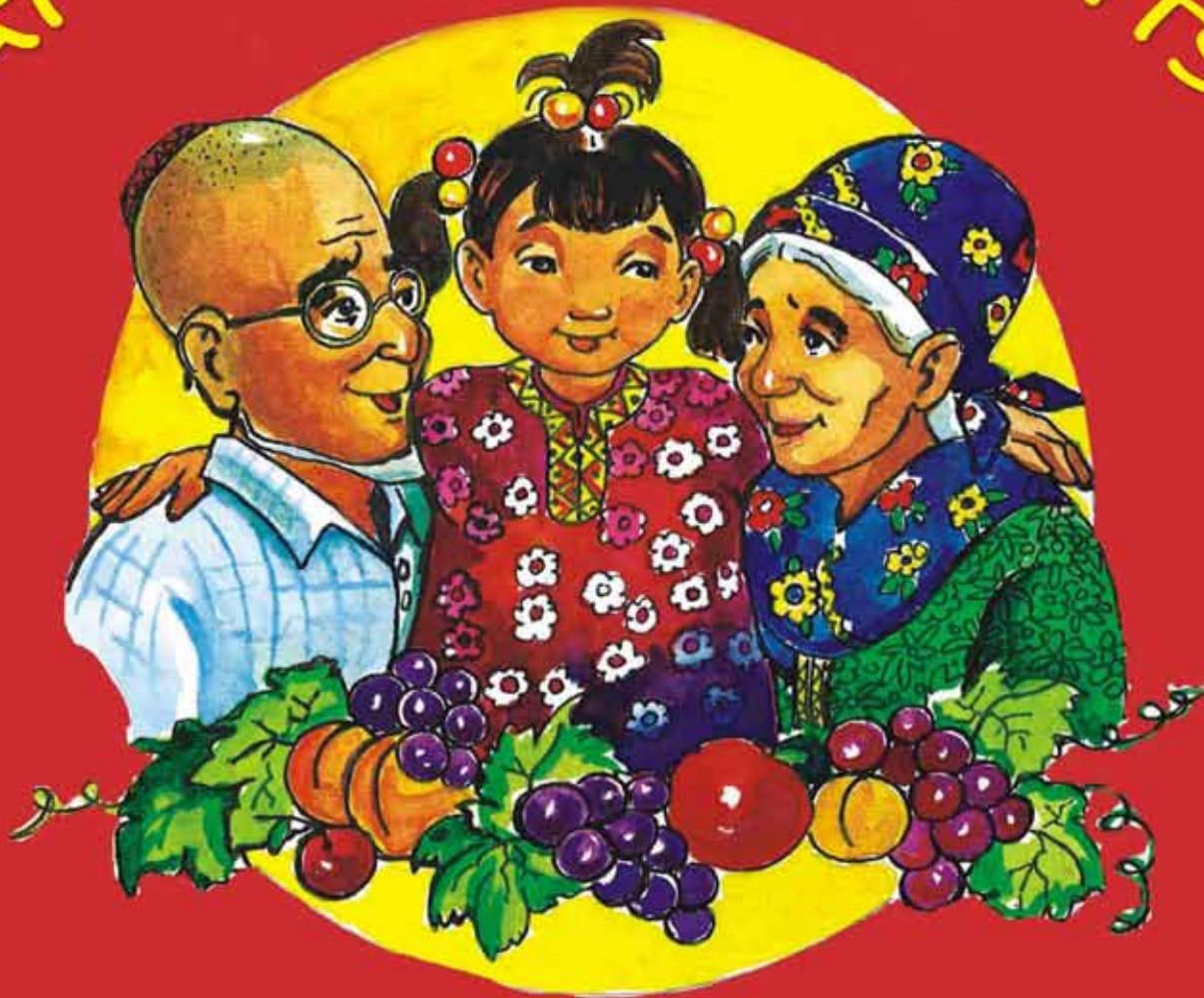




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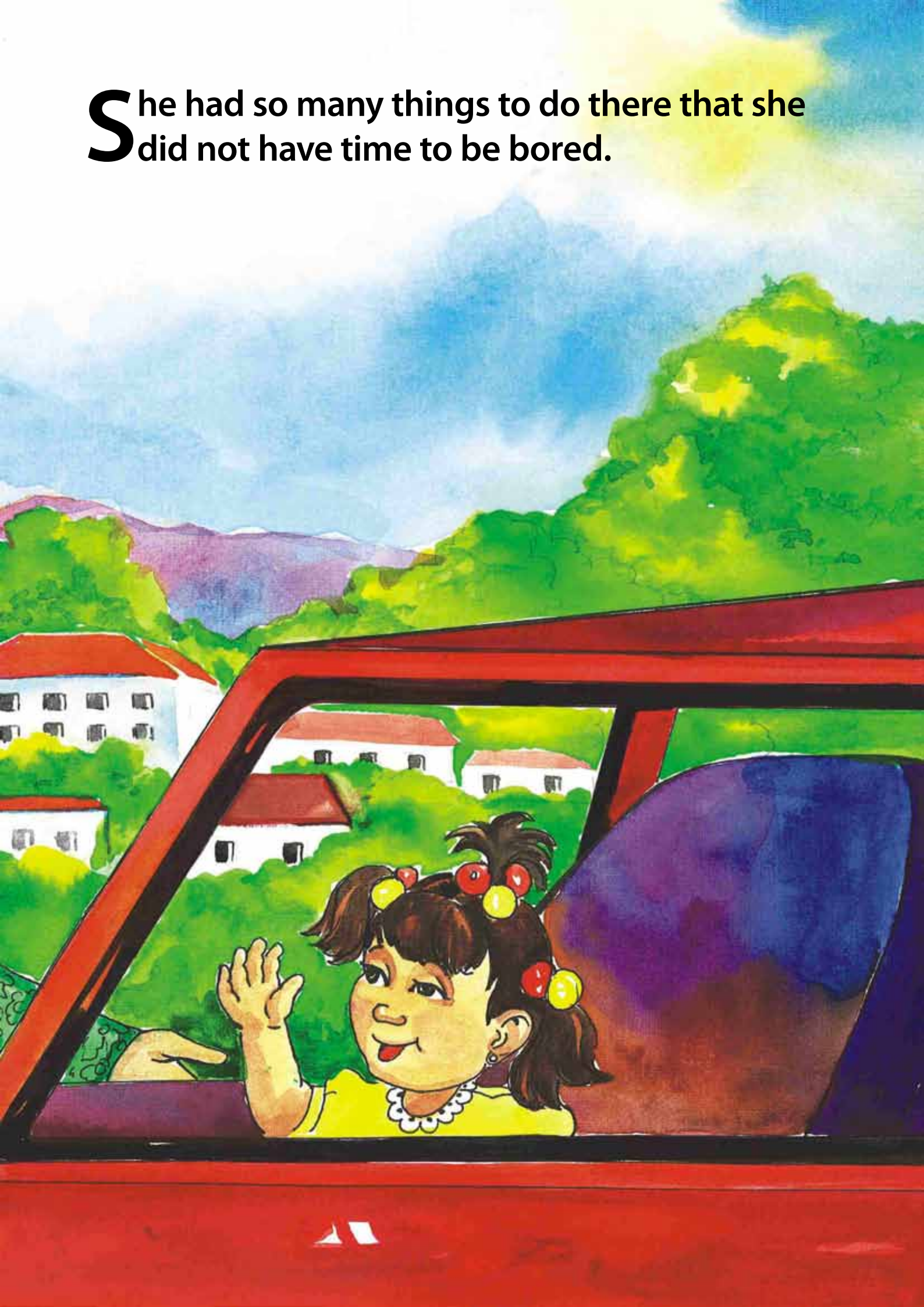
AT HER GRANDPARENTS' PLACE



Medine's parents sent her to spend the summer with her grandparents in the country. Medine was very happy.



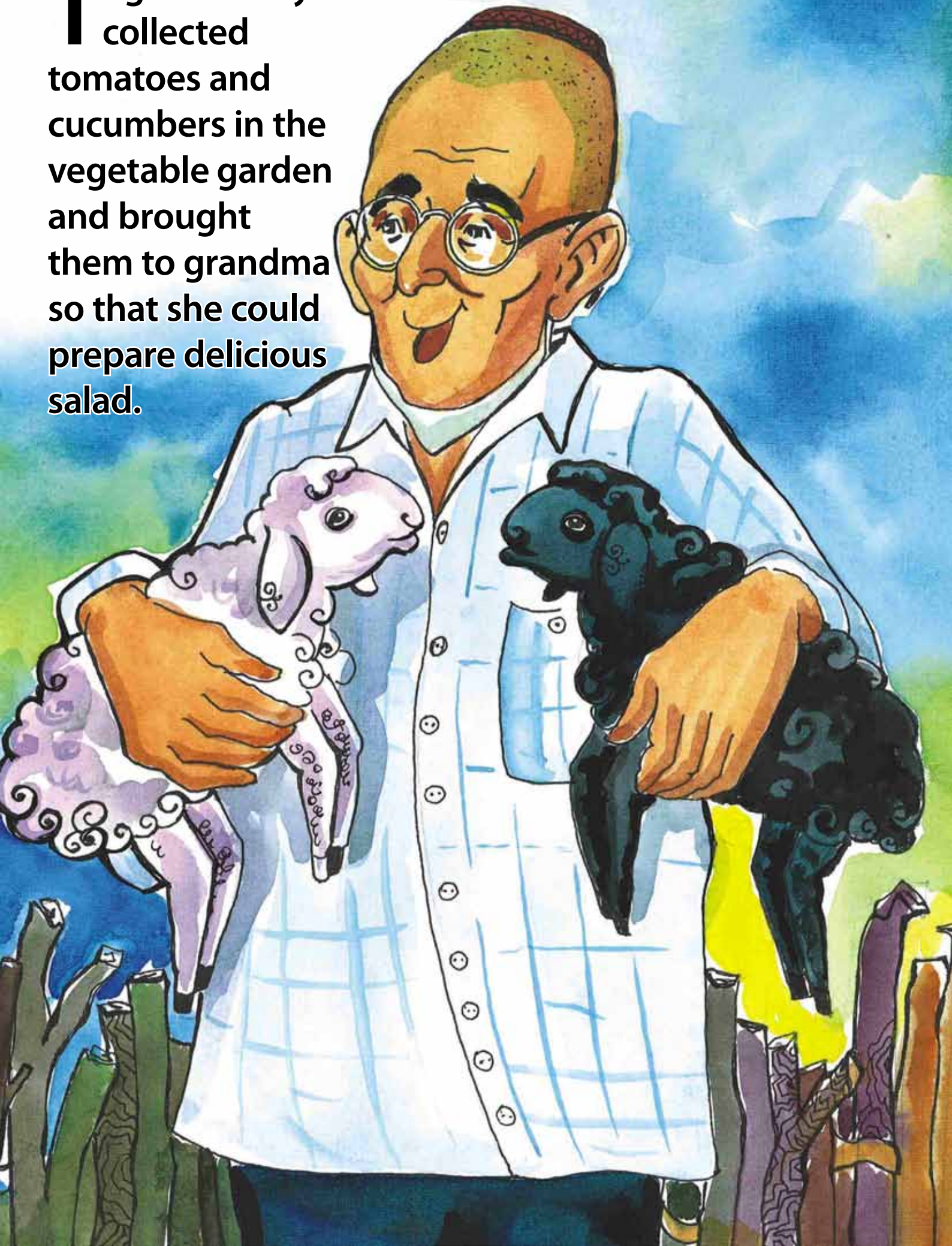
She had so many things to do there that she did not have time to be bored.



In the country she always had fun. Medine followed her grandpa everywhere. He always told her magical stories. And they did everything together. Together they sang songs. Together they counted yellow sunflowers and small lambs.

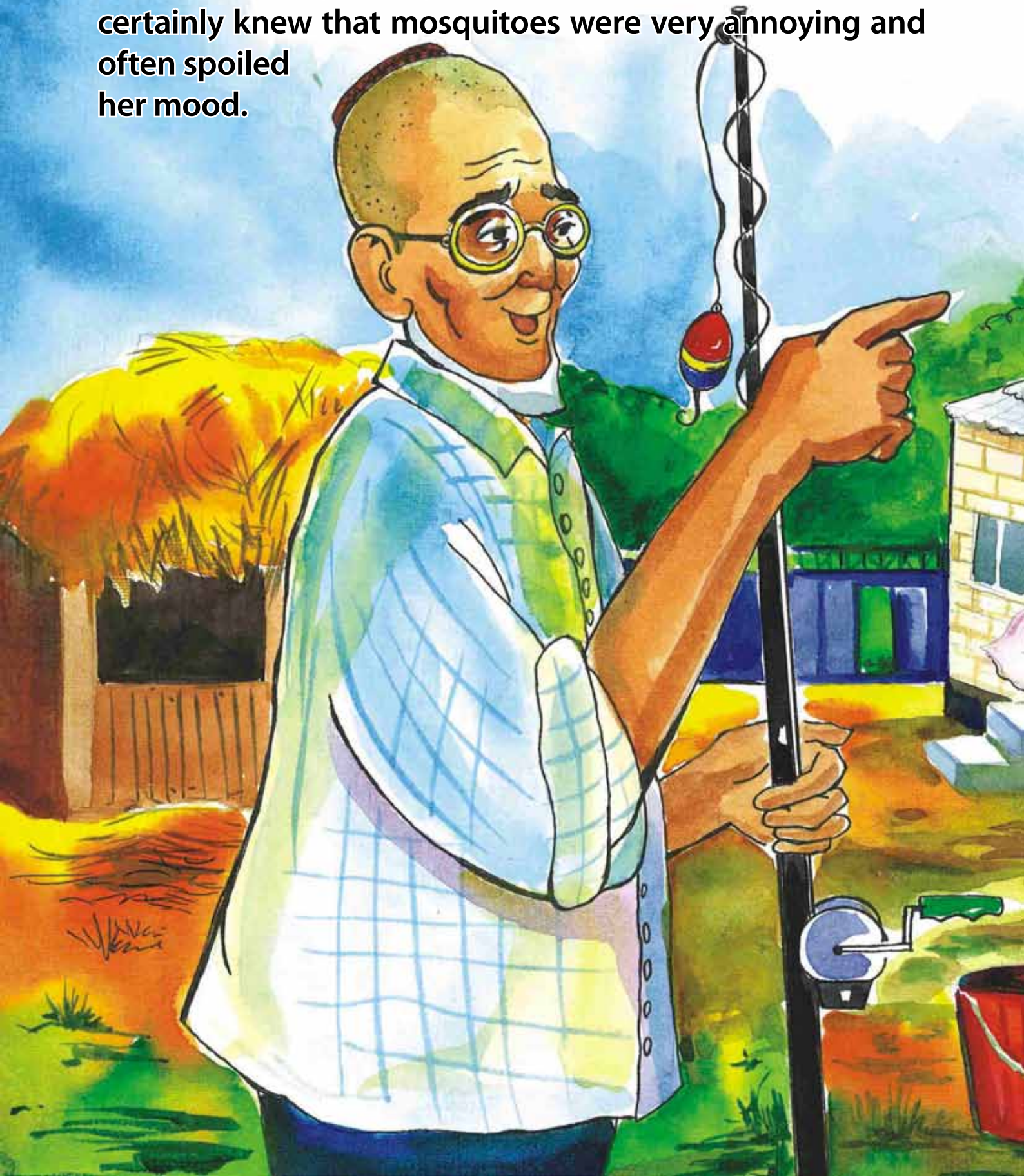


Together they collected tomatoes and cucumbers in the vegetable garden and brought them to grandma so that she could prepare delicious salad.



One morning Medine and the grandpa were going to go fishing. Grandpa pointed at a tiny squeaky bug and asked –“Do you know what it is”?

Medine smiled, of course, she knew that it was a mosquito; she was already four years old, after all. Moreover, she certainly knew that mosquitoes were very annoying and often spoiled her mood.



Grandpa smiled and gave a wink to Medine: -“I have a plan! – Let’s make our summer wonderful and one that we will never forget!”

- “How”? - asked Medine curiously.

-“ I am sure you know that the grandma and I are sometime like magicians”, – responded the grandpa. He asked “By the way, do you know when you see the most mosquitoes?”

- “I know! Early in the morning and in the evening.” – answered Medine.

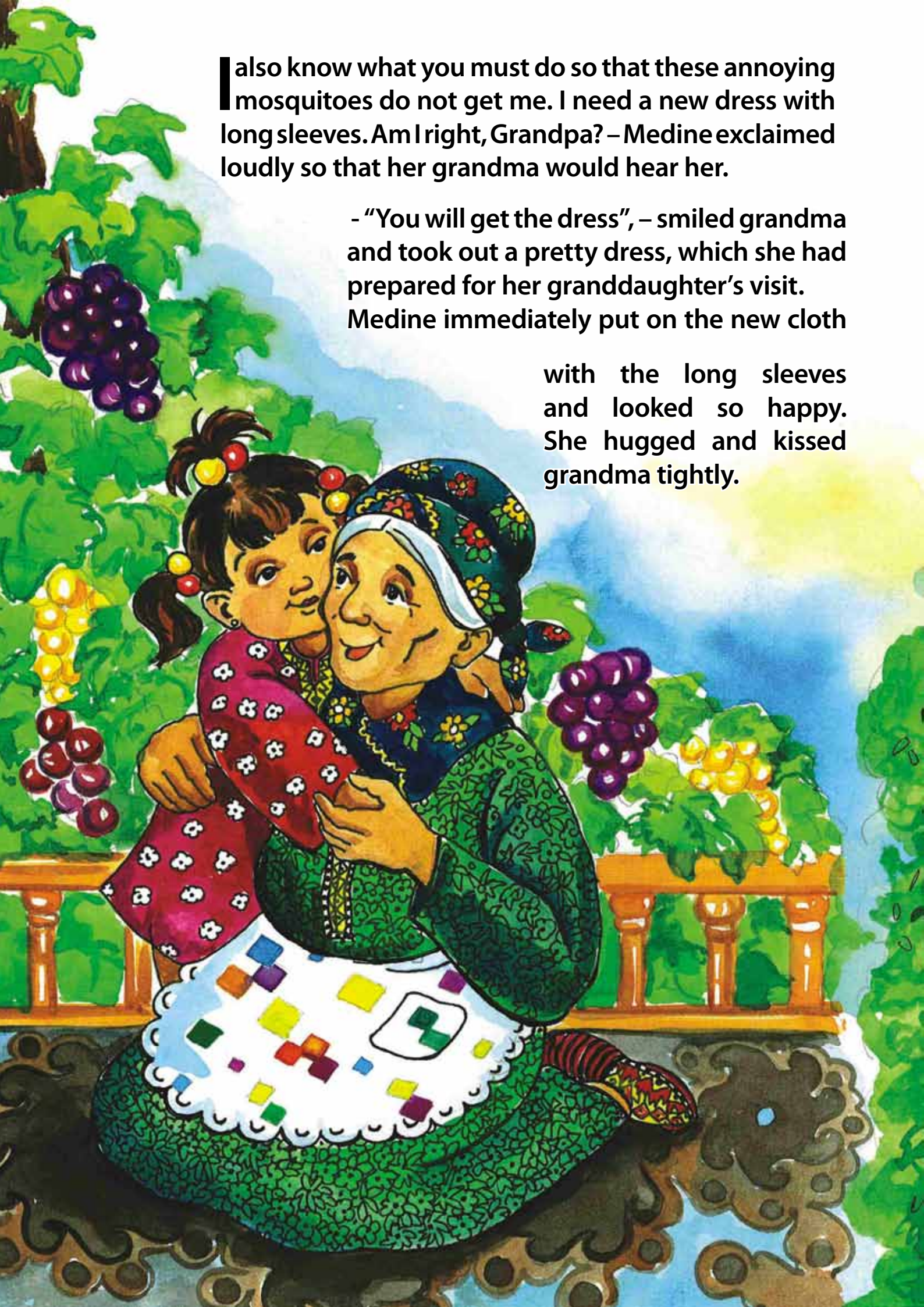
-“What an observant girl you are”! – Grandpa praised her.



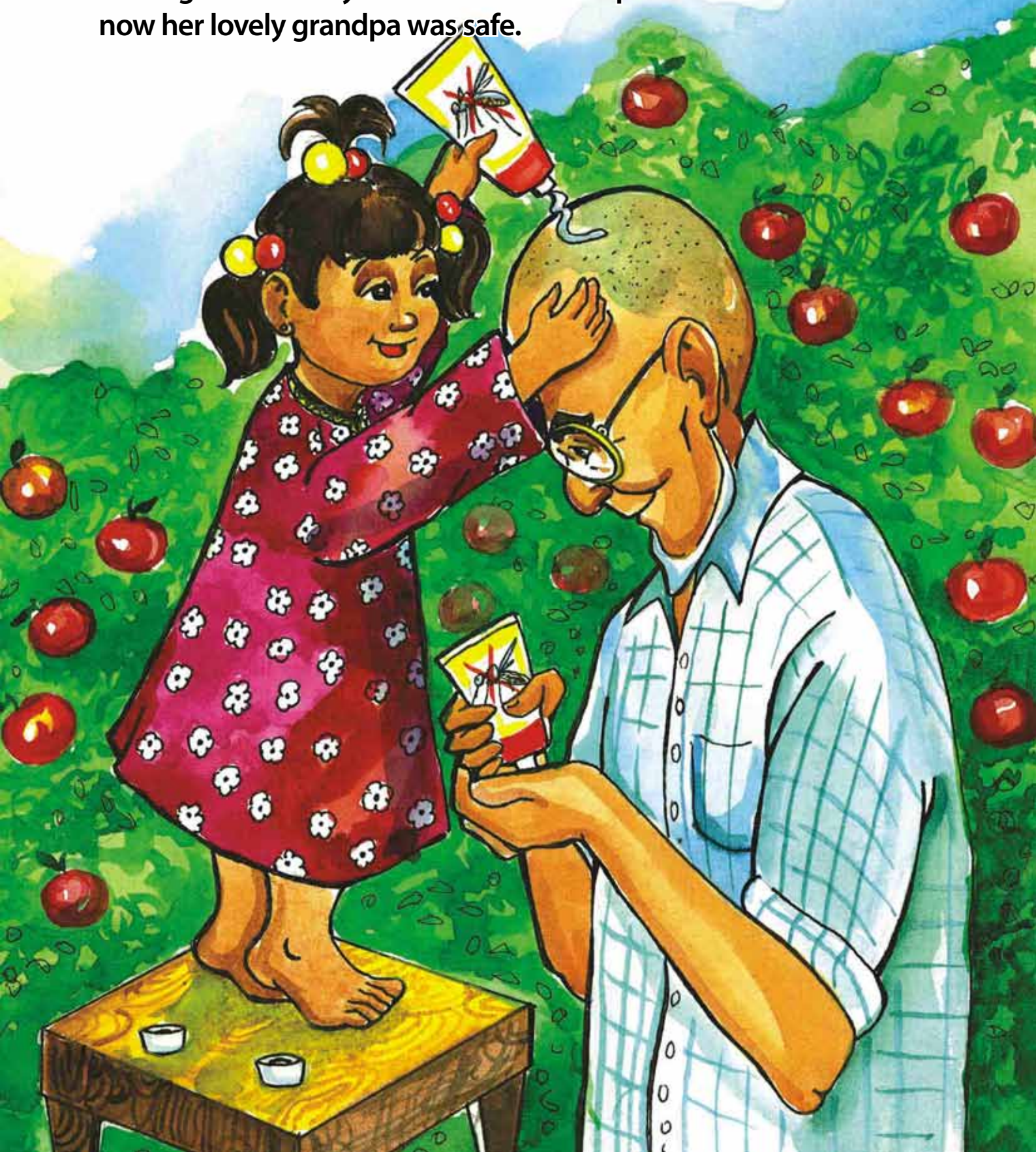
I also know what you must do so that these annoying mosquitoes do not get me. I need a new dress with long sleeves. Am I right, Grandpa? – Medine exclaimed loudly so that her grandma would hear her.

- “You will get the dress”, – smiled grandma and took out a pretty dress, which she had prepared for her granddaughter’s visit. Medine immediately put on the new cloth

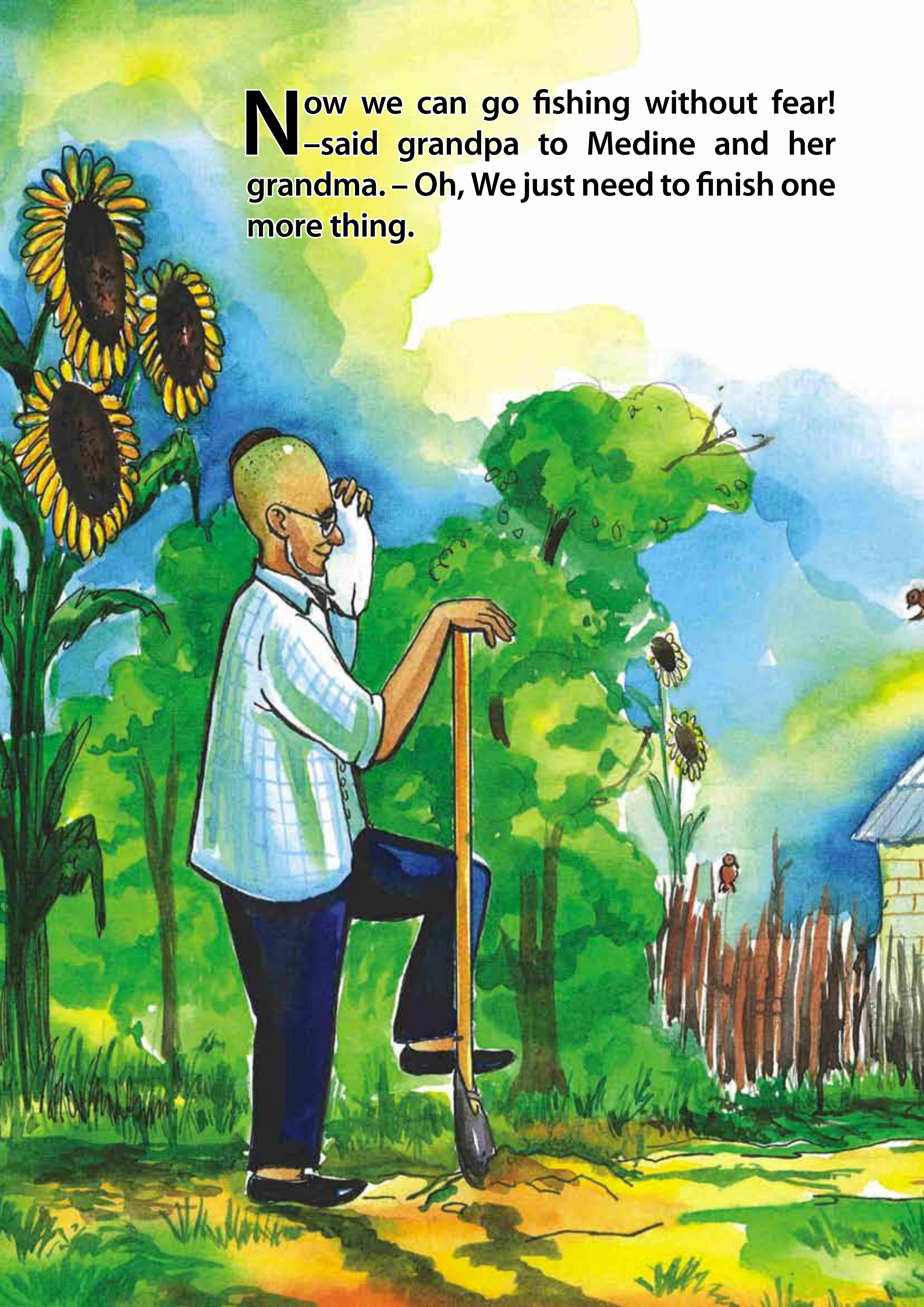
with the long sleeves and looked so happy. She hugged and kissed grandma tightly.



Wait, that is not all, you need something else! Take this magical cream! Small squeaky mosquitoes are afraid of it!" said Grandma as she mysteriously helped Medine put mosquito cream on her body from the tube. Medine and the grandpa were both covered with the cream. Medine even helped to cream the grandpa's head. His head was absolutely bald, so the mosquitoes could get him everywhere. Medine was proud of herself because now her lovely grandpa was safe.

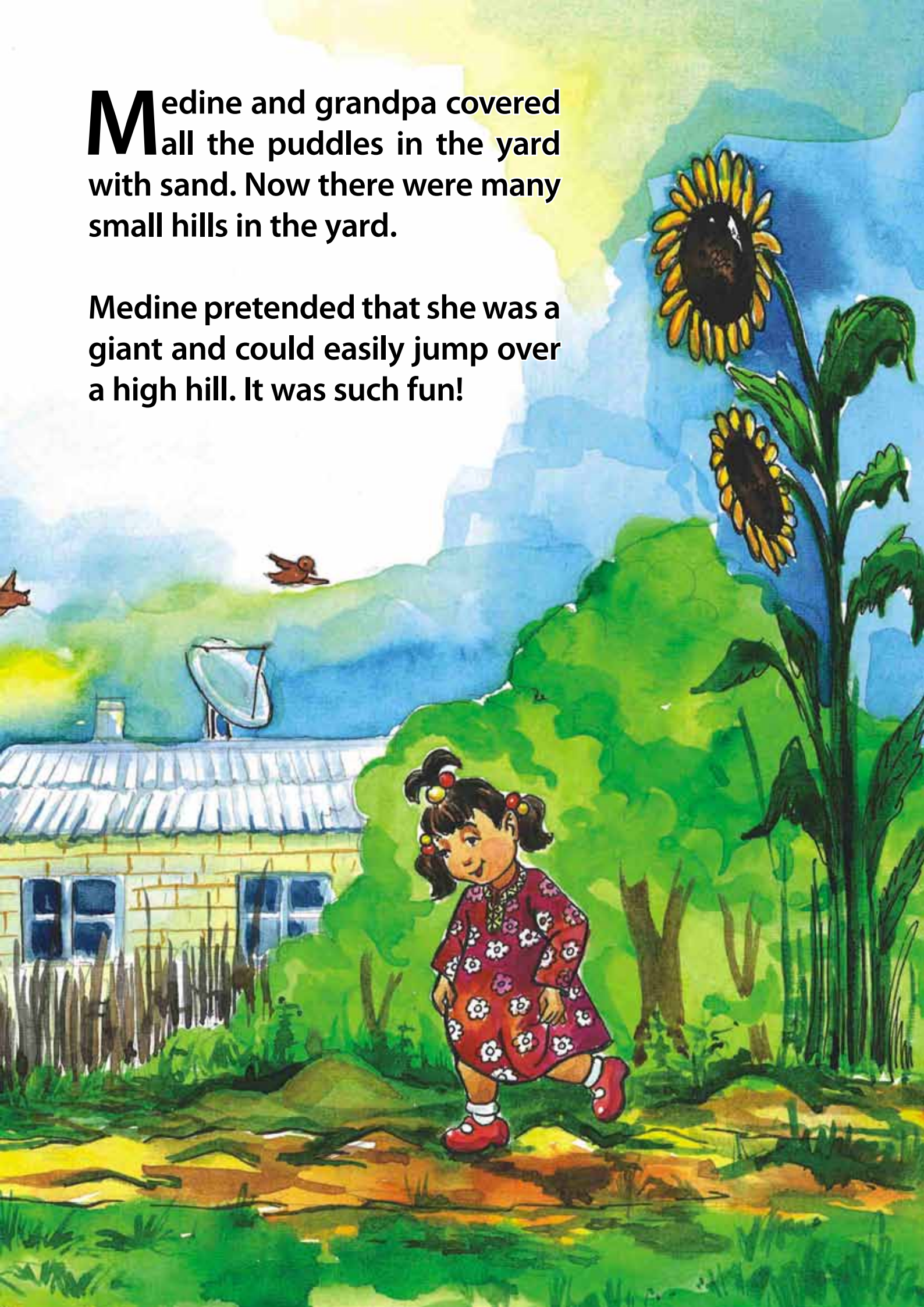


Now we can go fishing without fear!
–said grandpa to Medine and her
grandma. – Oh, We just need to finish one
more thing.



Medine and grandpa covered all the puddles in the yard with sand. Now there were many small hills in the yard.

Medine pretended that she was a giant and could easily jump over a high hill. It was such fun!



Finally they went fishing, singing their favourite songs aloud. Fishing was so exciting because not even a single mosquito was able to get them. Medine and grandpa succeeded in catching three fish.

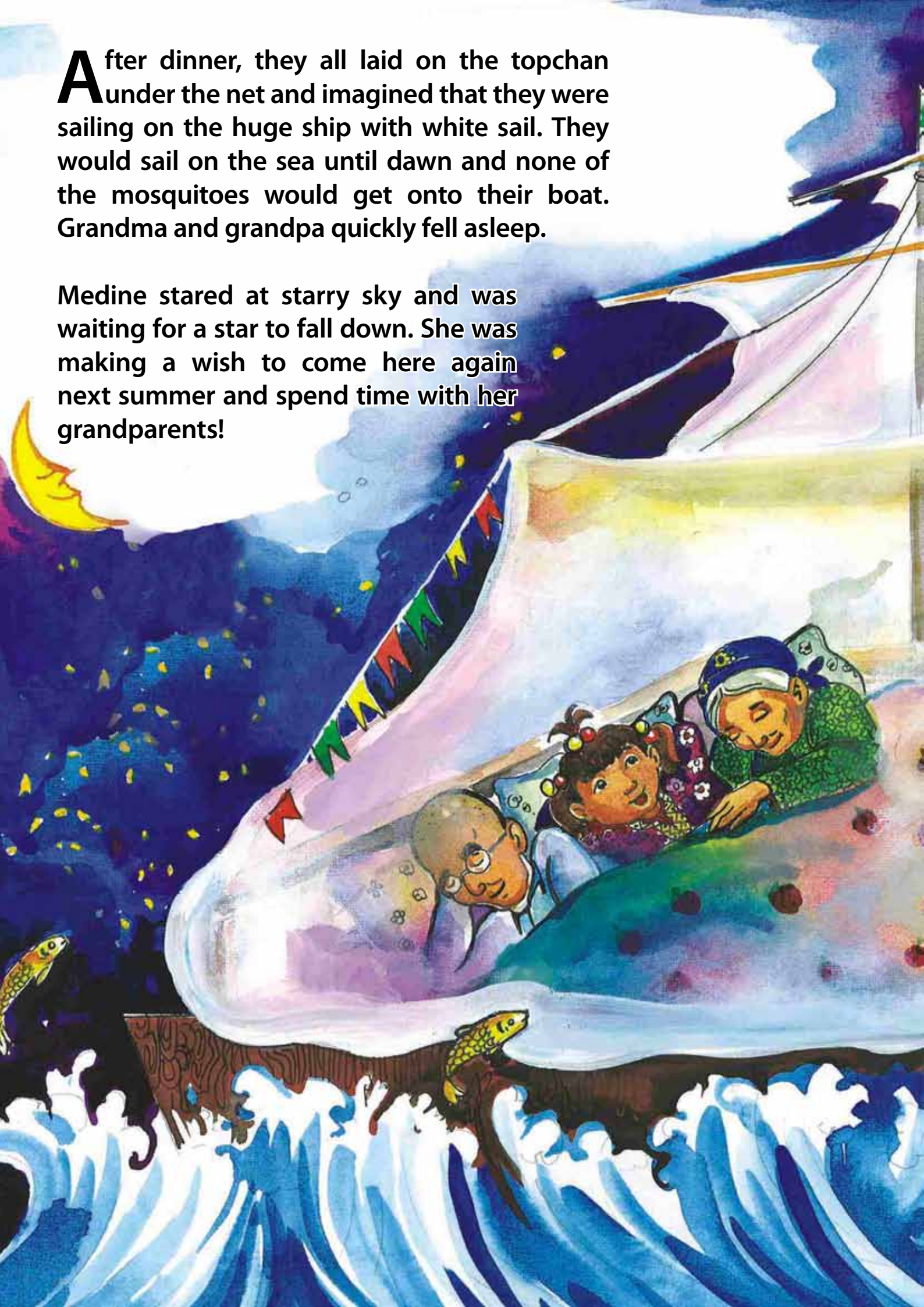
They were happy because grandma would be proud of them and would prepare a yummy dinner.

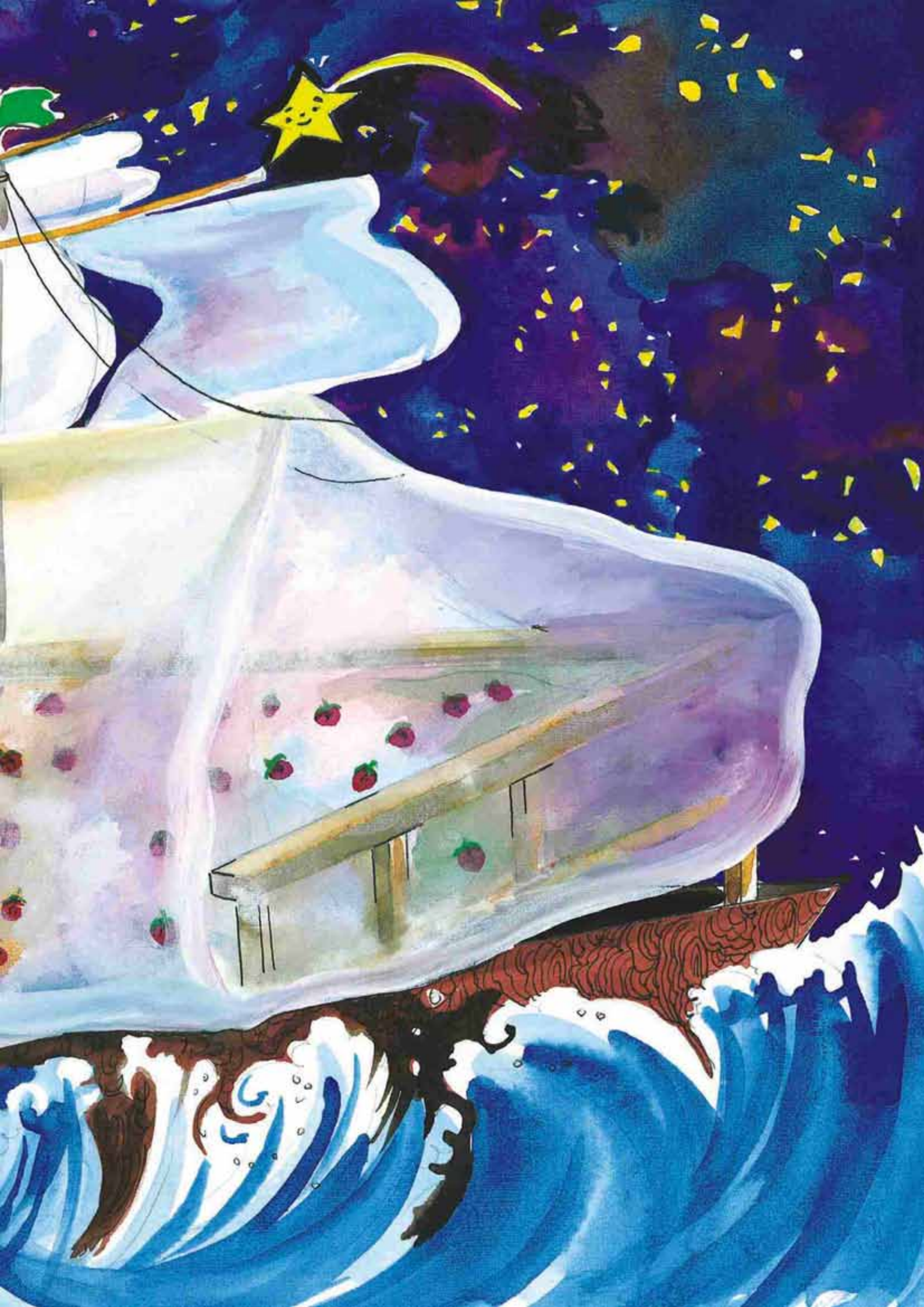




After dinner, they all laid on the topchan under the net and imagined that they were sailing on the huge ship with white sail. They would sail on the sea until dawn and none of the mosquitoes would get onto their boat. Grandma and grandpa quickly fell asleep.

Medine stared at starry sky and was waiting for a star to fall down. She was making a wish to come here again next summer and spend time with her grandparents!





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