New home, new friends
Story Characters

- Rafique
- Rafique’s mother
- Rafique’s father
- Choti
- Saira (Samir’s sister)
- Samir (Saira’s brother)
- Choti’s grandmother
Rafique was sad.
They were moving!
He had to say goodbye to so many Places...
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..and things...
..and people...
They came to the new place, Rafique looked around.

Everything looked different. Everything looked strange.
Rafique felt lonely
Everyone was busy

But then…
‘Rafique!’ called his mother, ‘Choti from next door is asking if you will go play with her.’

‘No thank you,’ said Rafique, ‘I am tired.’ ‘I’m sorry, said Rafique’s mum to Choti, perhaps tomorrow...’
Choti tried again the next day but Rafique did not want to play.

‘He looks lonely but he won’t come to play.’ She said to her grandmother.

‘Perhaps he is shy,’ said grandma ‘keep trying.’ ‘No,’ said Choti, ‘I’ve tried enough.’
‘Why won’t you play with Choti?’ asked Rafique’s mother.

‘I don’t want to’ Rafique said, ‘she’s a girl. I don’t want to play with dolls!’

‘You don’t know that she only plays with dolls. And you can teach her other games.’ Said his mother. But Rafique shook his head.
Rafique was very sad.
It was his birthday and he had no friends, no party.

The presents from mum and dad needed two people to play.
He was alone. He went to sit in a corner of the courtyard.
Suddenly...

‘Girls can be fun too!’ thought Rafique,

‘I wonder what new game Choti will think of tomorrow.’
He got into bed, smiling and hugging his blanket.

His home did not feel strange anymore!
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