

Raheem the Superhero



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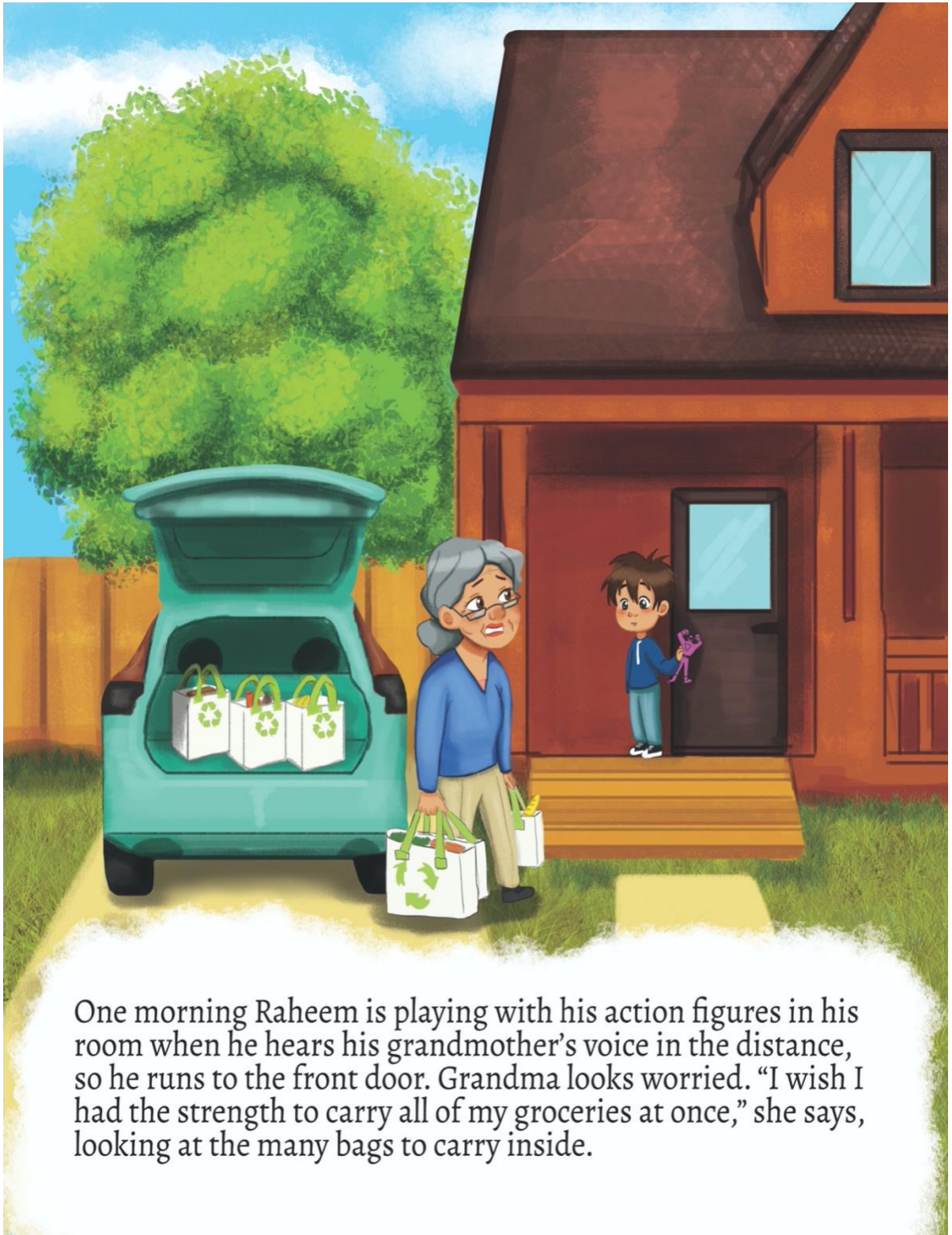
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welcome to the world.



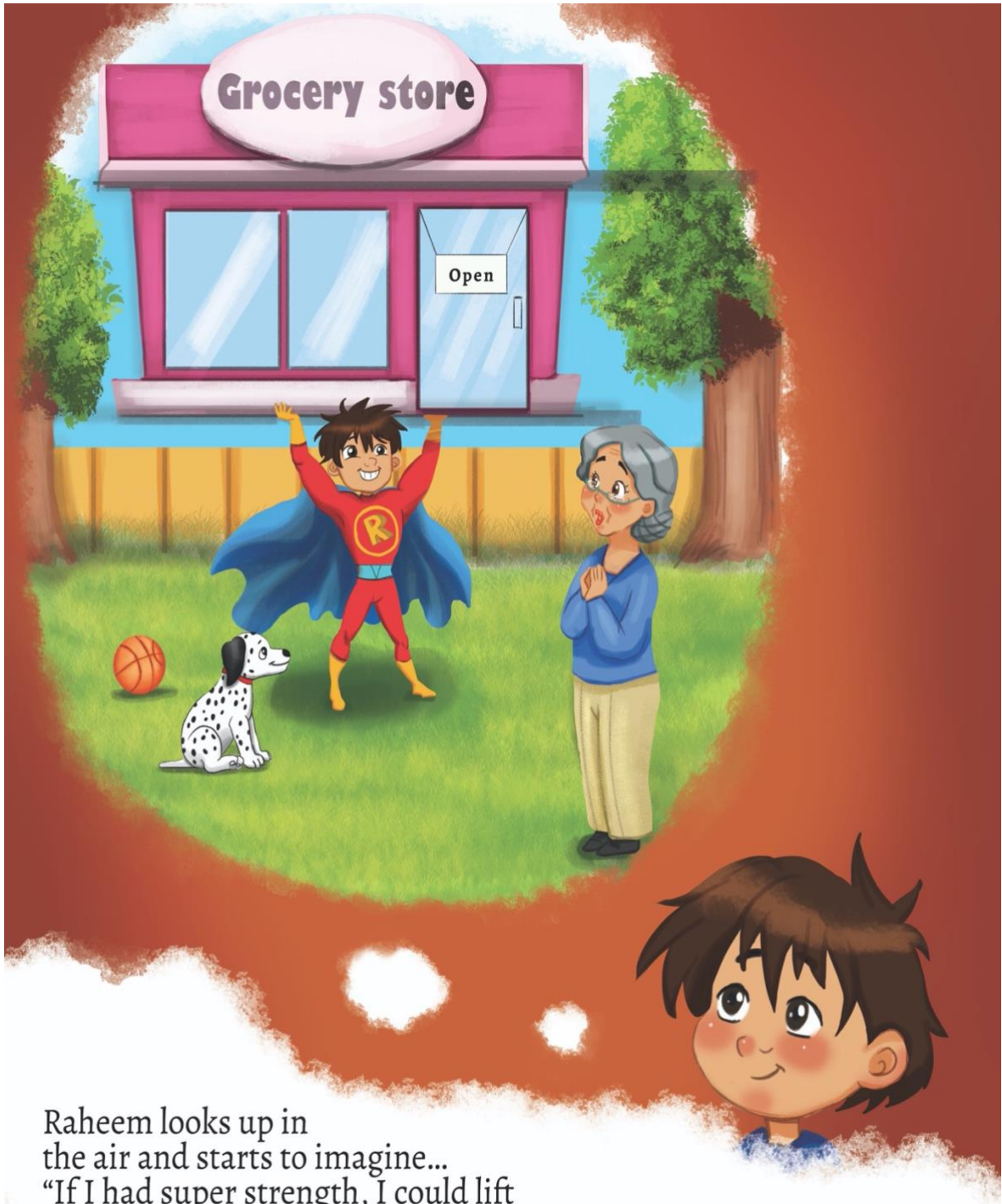
Raheem loves playing with his **SUPERHERO** toys. His large collection of **SUPERHEROES** have many different types of special powers. Some have incredible strength, others have x-ray vision, lightning speed or the ability to fly wherever they wish.



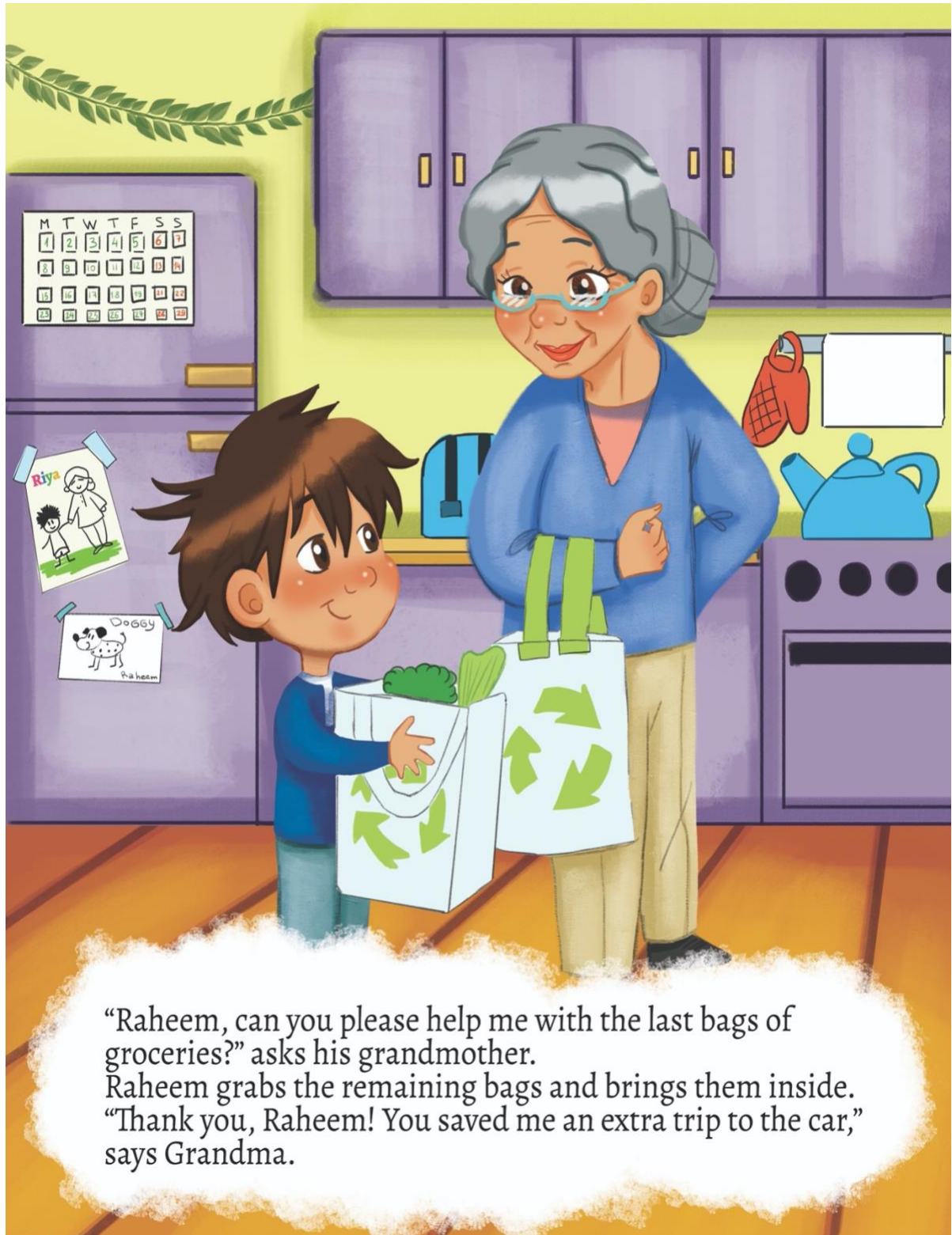
In bed at night, Raheem often imagines having the same **SUPERPOWERS** as his favourite superheroes.



One morning Raheem is playing with his action figures in his room when he hears his grandmother's voice in the distance, so he runs to the front door. Grandma looks worried. "I wish I had the strength to carry all of my groceries at once," she says, looking at the many bags to carry inside.

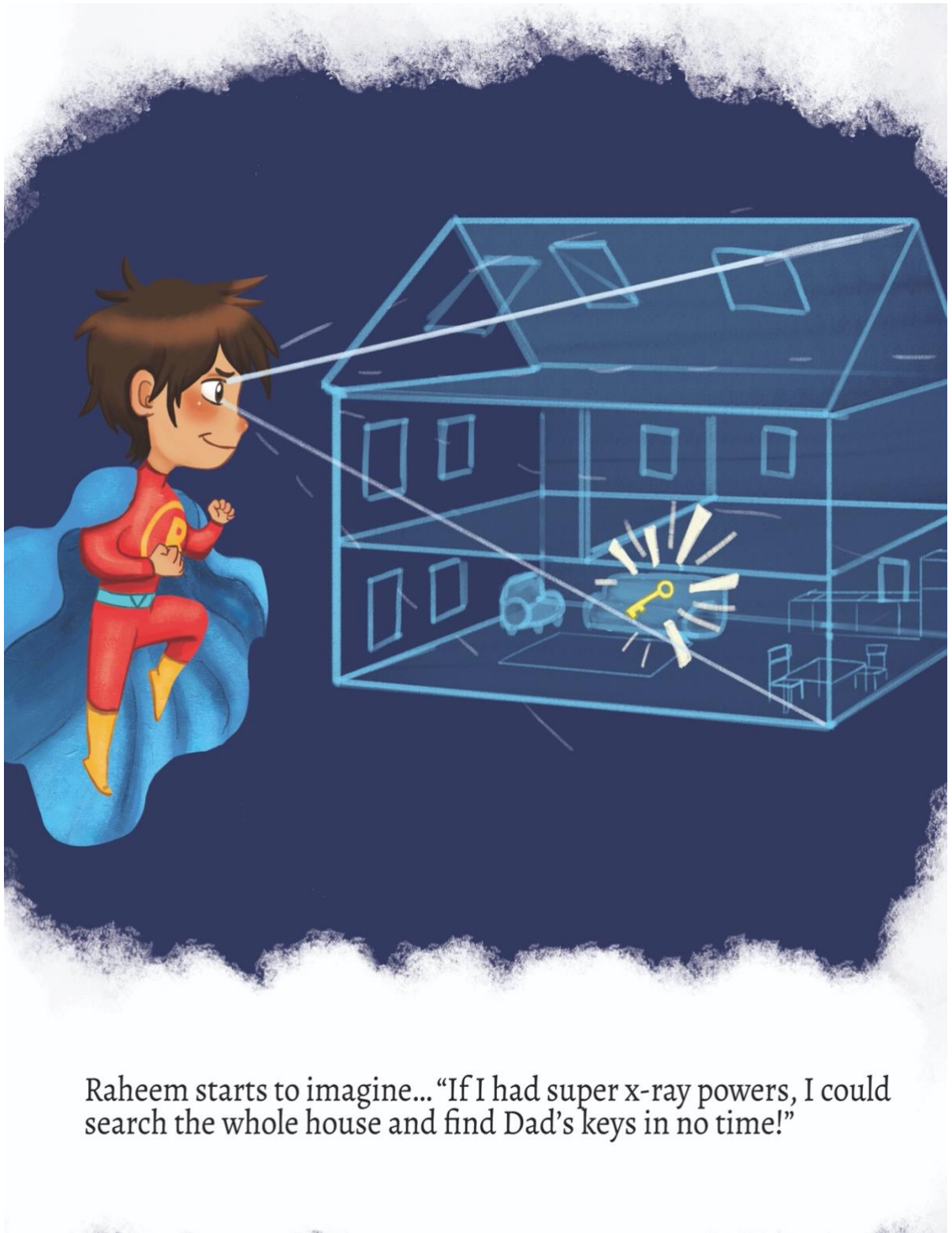


Raheem looks up in
the air and starts to imagine...
“If I had super strength, I could lift
the entire grocery store and bring it home for Grandma!”

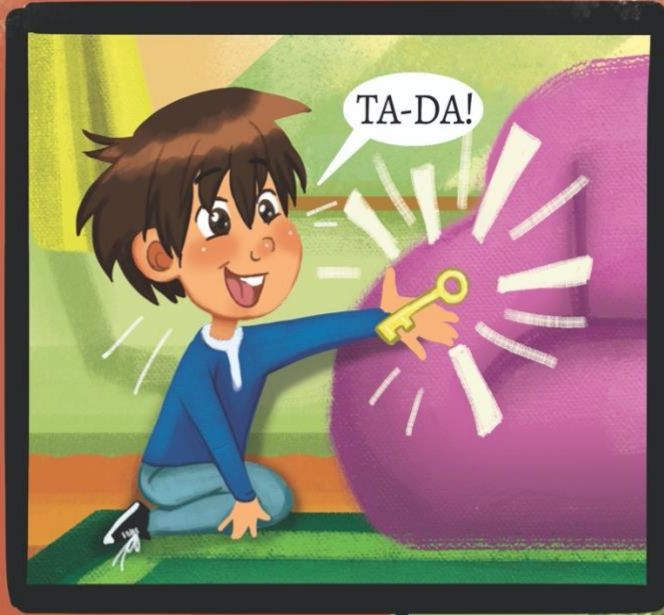




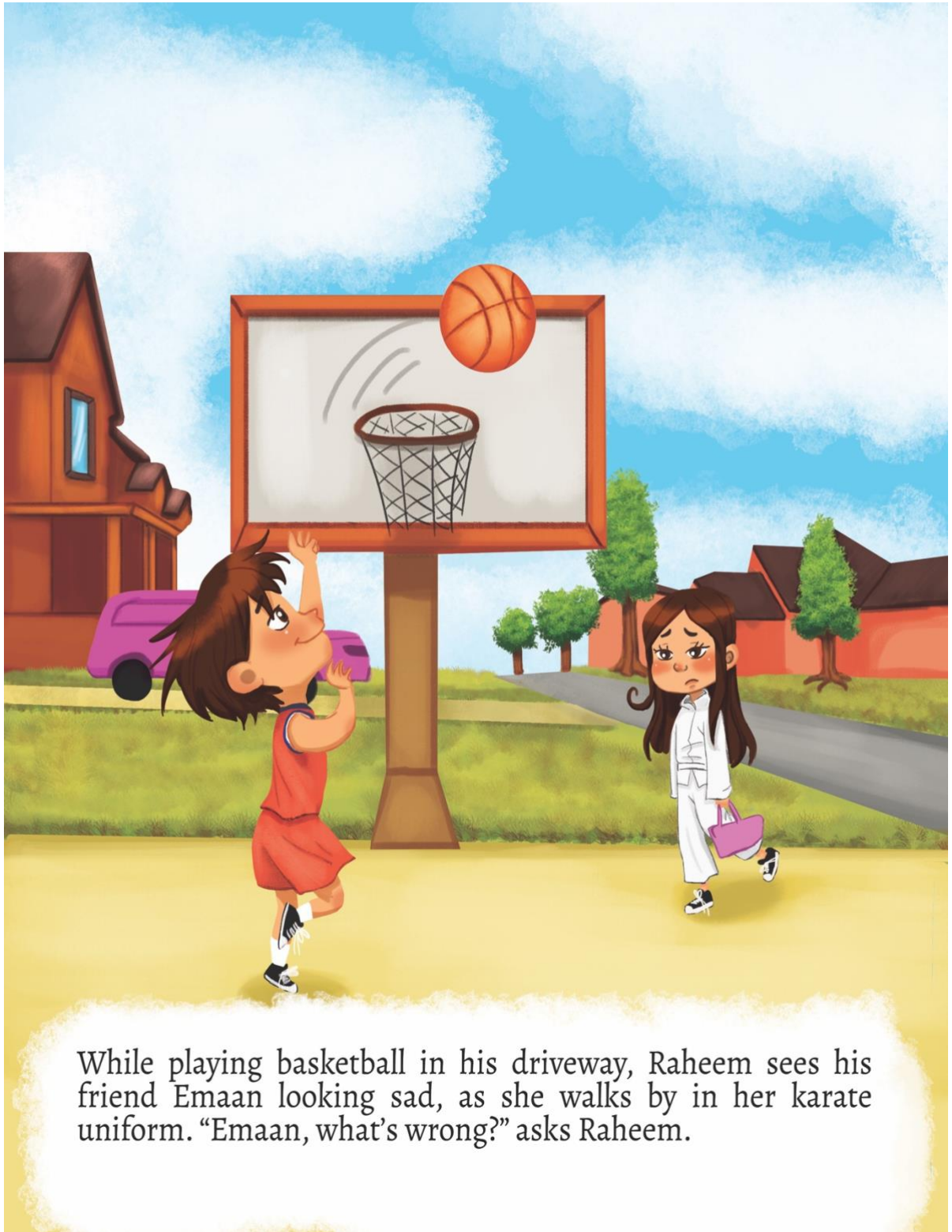
While Raheem is enjoying his afternoon snack, he hears his father shout, "Oh no!!!! I can't find my car keys. I need them to get to the library!" Raheem walks over and sees Dad frantically looking for his car keys.



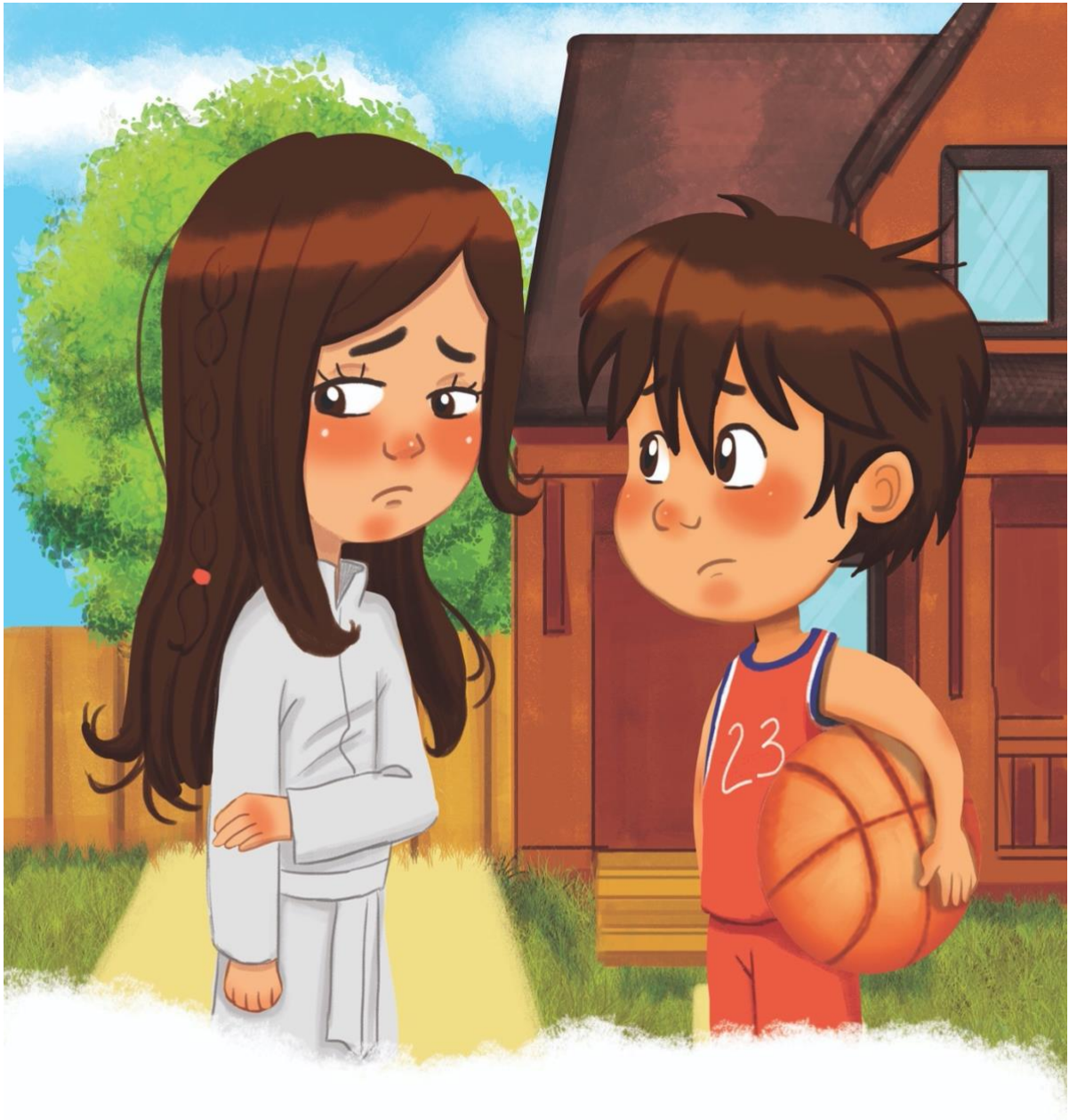
Raheem starts to imagine... "If I had super x-ray powers, I could search the whole house and find Dad's keys in no time!"



“Raheem, can you please help me find my keys?” asks Dad. Raheem looks up and around, then crouches down and peers under the couch. Ta-da! Raheem yells. “Good job, Raheem! Thank you!” says Dad.



While playing basketball in his driveway, Raheem sees his friend Emaan looking sad, as she walks by in her karate uniform. “Emaan, what’s wrong?” asks Raheem.



“I don’t have a ride to my karate practice and I am going to be really late!” says Emaan.



Raheem starts to imagine... "If I had super speed, I could take Emaan to her practices on time and she would never ever be late."

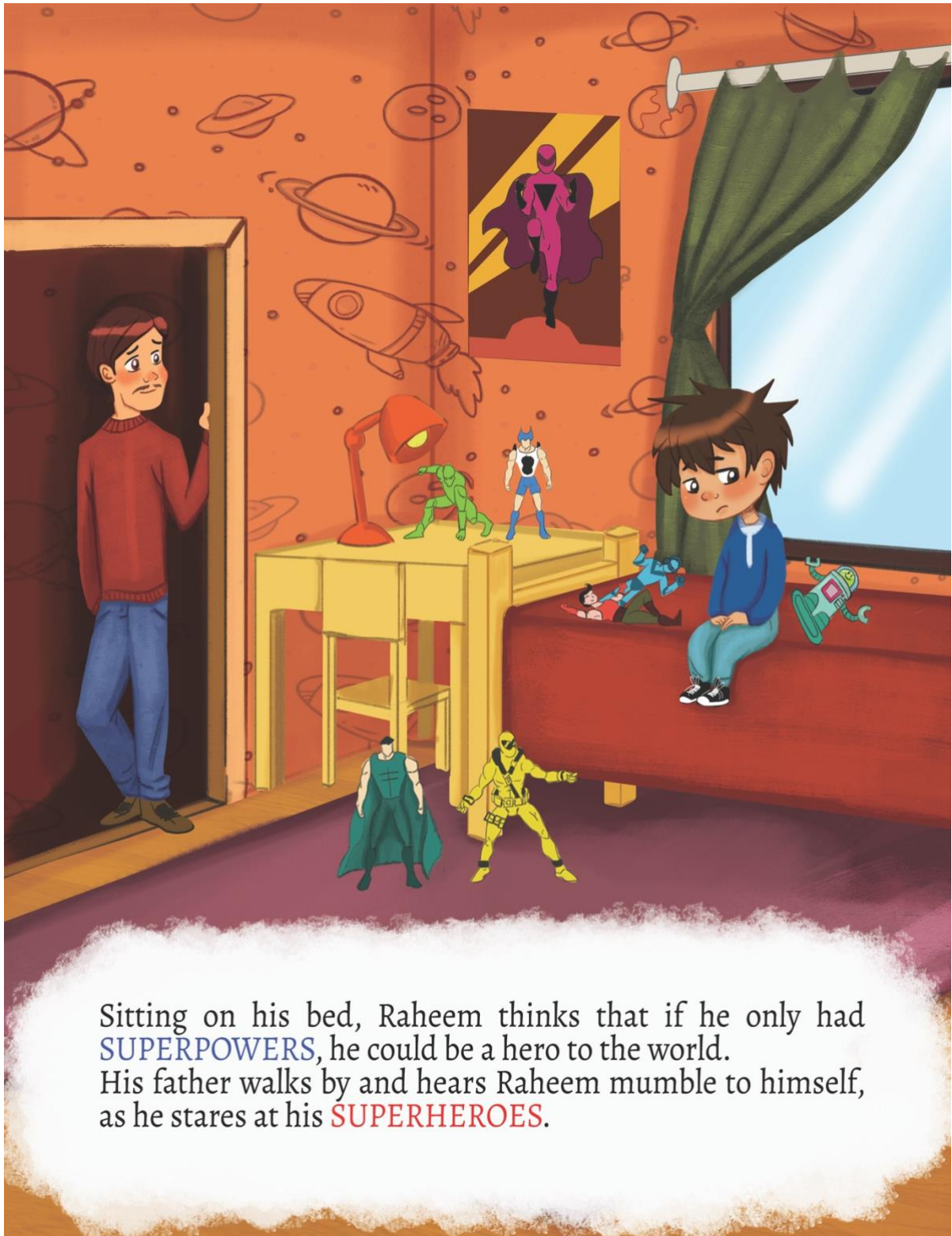


“Raheem, can you take me on your bike, pleaseeeeeee?” asks Emaan. Raheem is happy to help out his friend. Pulling out his bike, he says, “Hop on and hold tight, Emaan. I will get you to practice.”

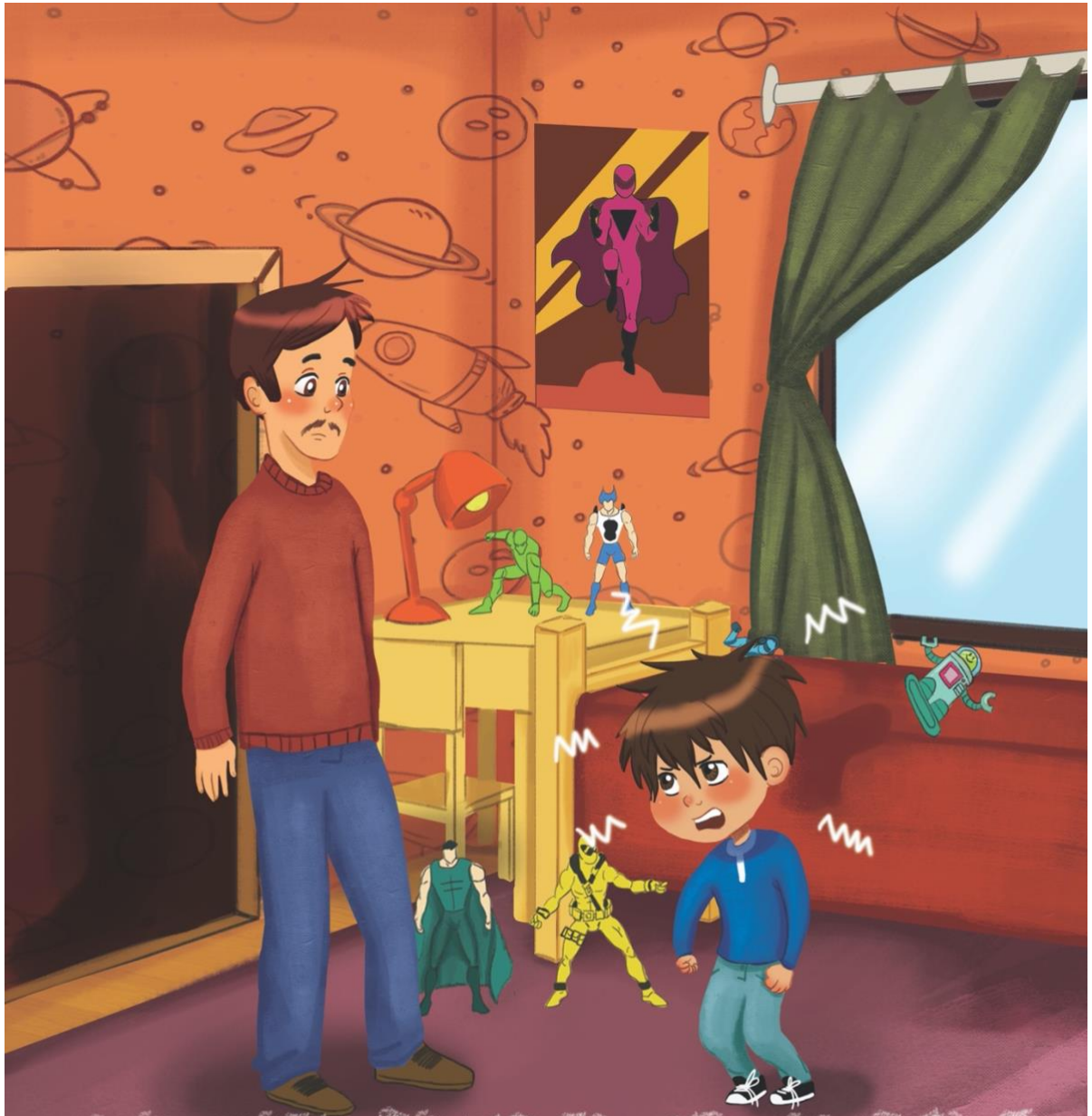
KARATE STUDIO



Emaan hugs Raheem before dashing into her karate class.
“Thank you for getting me here on time,” she says.



Sitting on his bed, Raheem thinks that if he only had **SUPERPOWERS**, he could be a hero to the world. His father walks by and hears Raheem mumble to himself, as he stares at his **SUPERHEROES**.

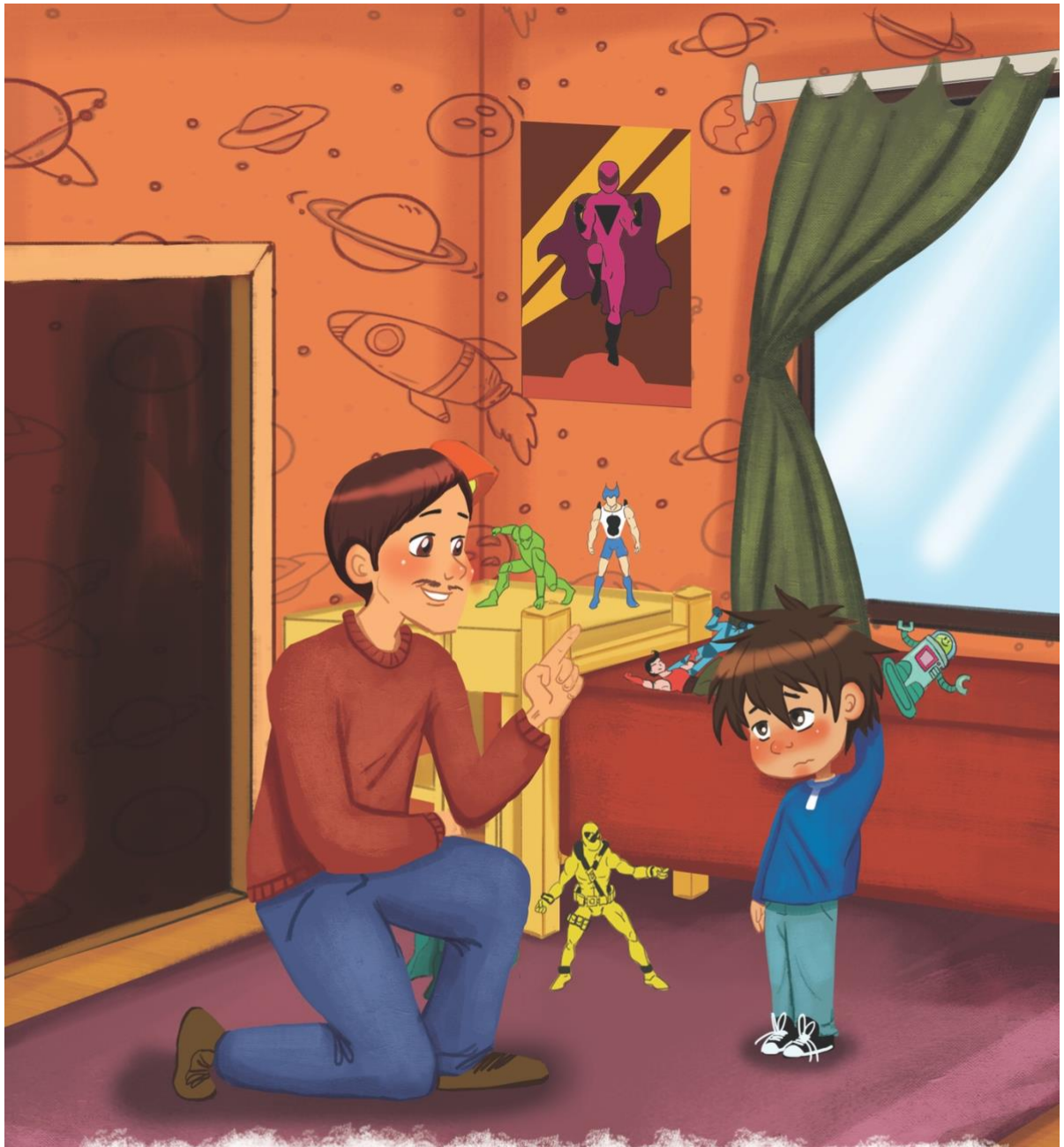


“Raheem, do you still think you need superhero powers to be a hero?” asks Dad.

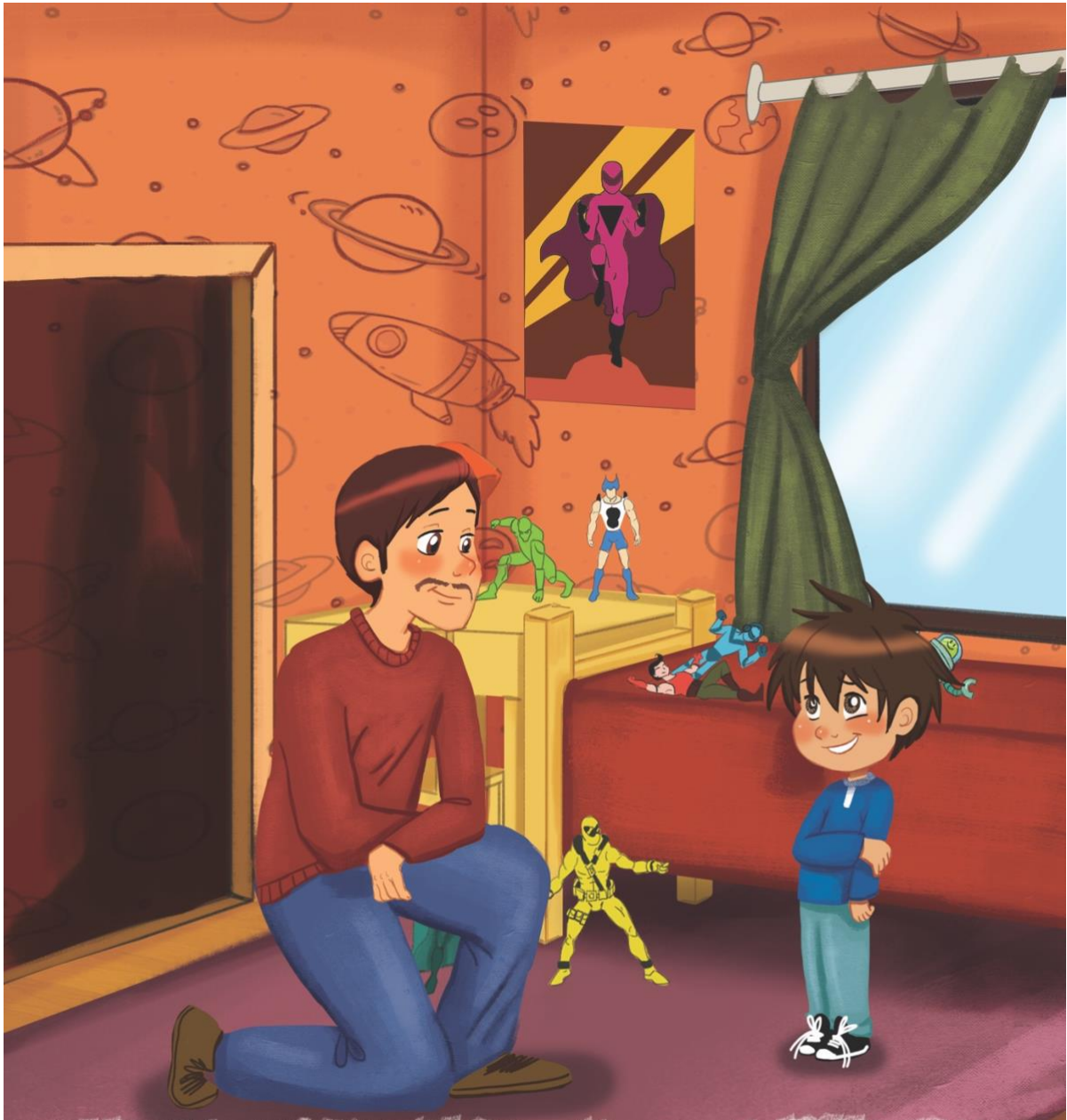
“Of course DAD, superheroes have **SUPER** powers!” says Raheem.



“When your grandmother needed help with her grocery bags, who helped her?” asks Dad.
“I did,” says Raheem, looking confused.



“When I lost my car keys, who found them?” asks Dad.
“I did,” Raheem says, scratching his head.

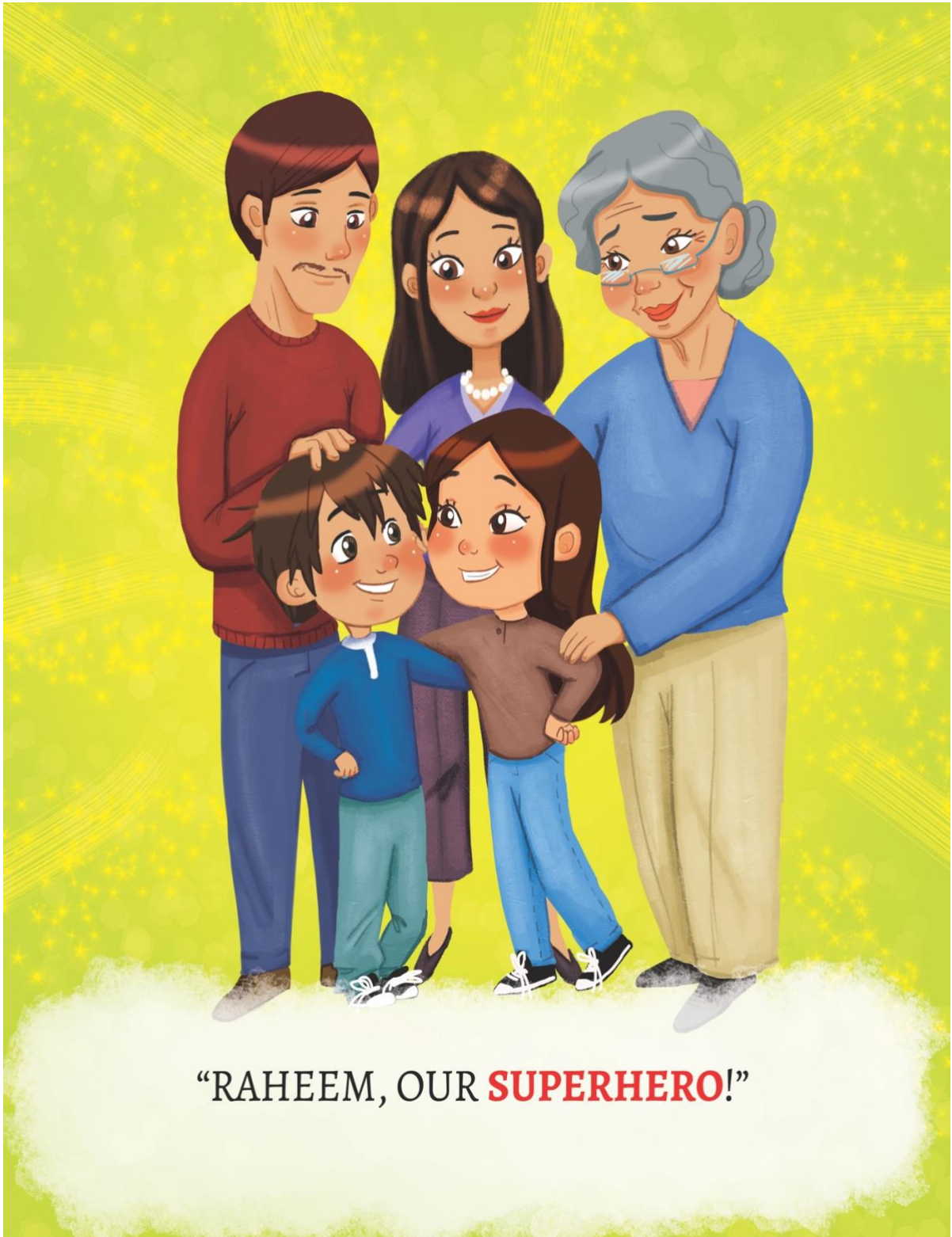


When Emaan was late for her karate practice, who got her there on time?" asks Dad.
"Well...I did," admits Raheem, smiling up at Dad.



“Raheem, you don’t need superpowers to help people. You came through for your family and friends with the powers you already have.

We are all very grateful and we know that you are **OUR** superhero,” says Dad as he hugs Raheem tightly.



“RAHEEM, OUR **SUPERHERO!**”

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