

# LOST THINGS



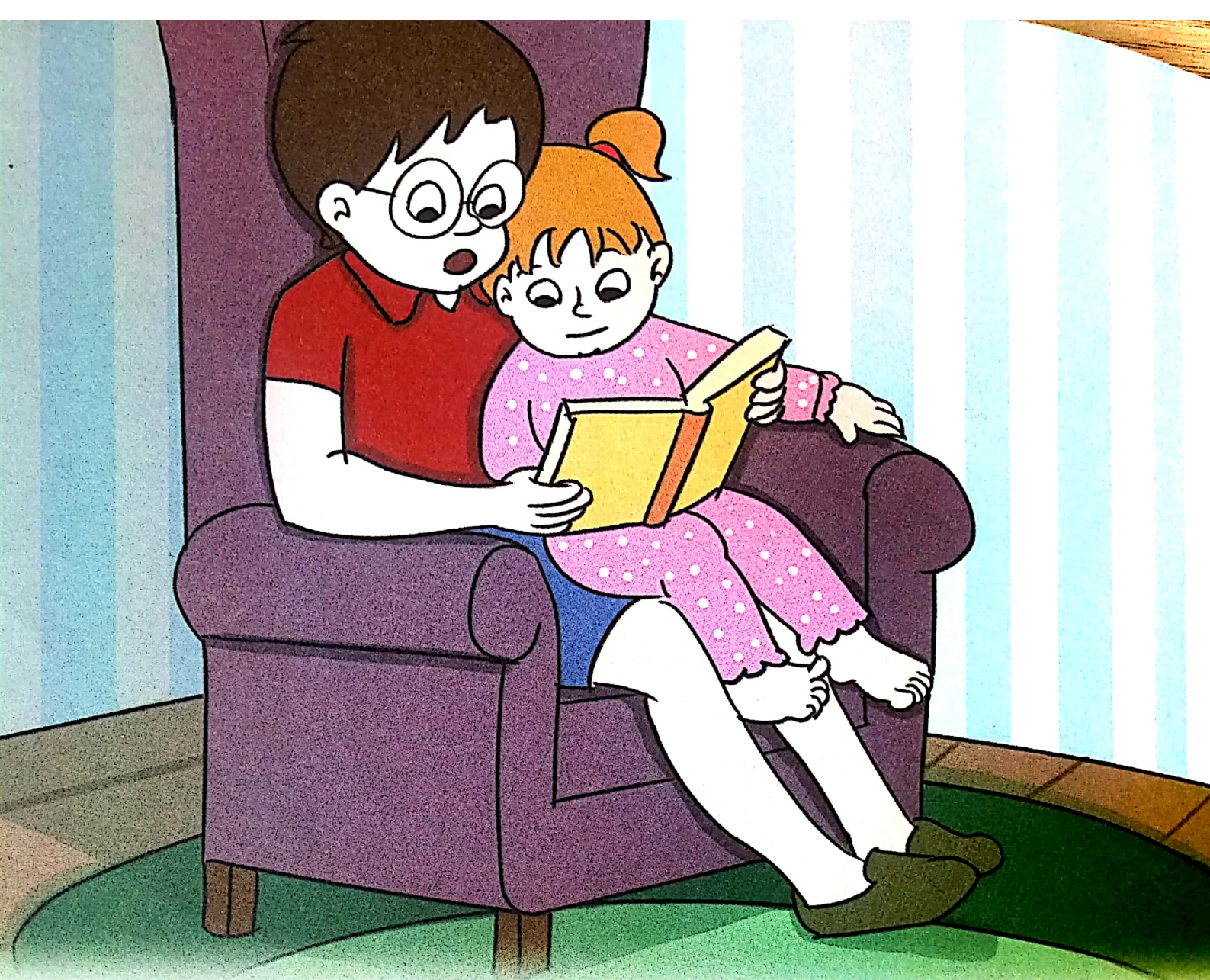
GRADE 6  
UNIT 8  
DETECTIVES AT WORK



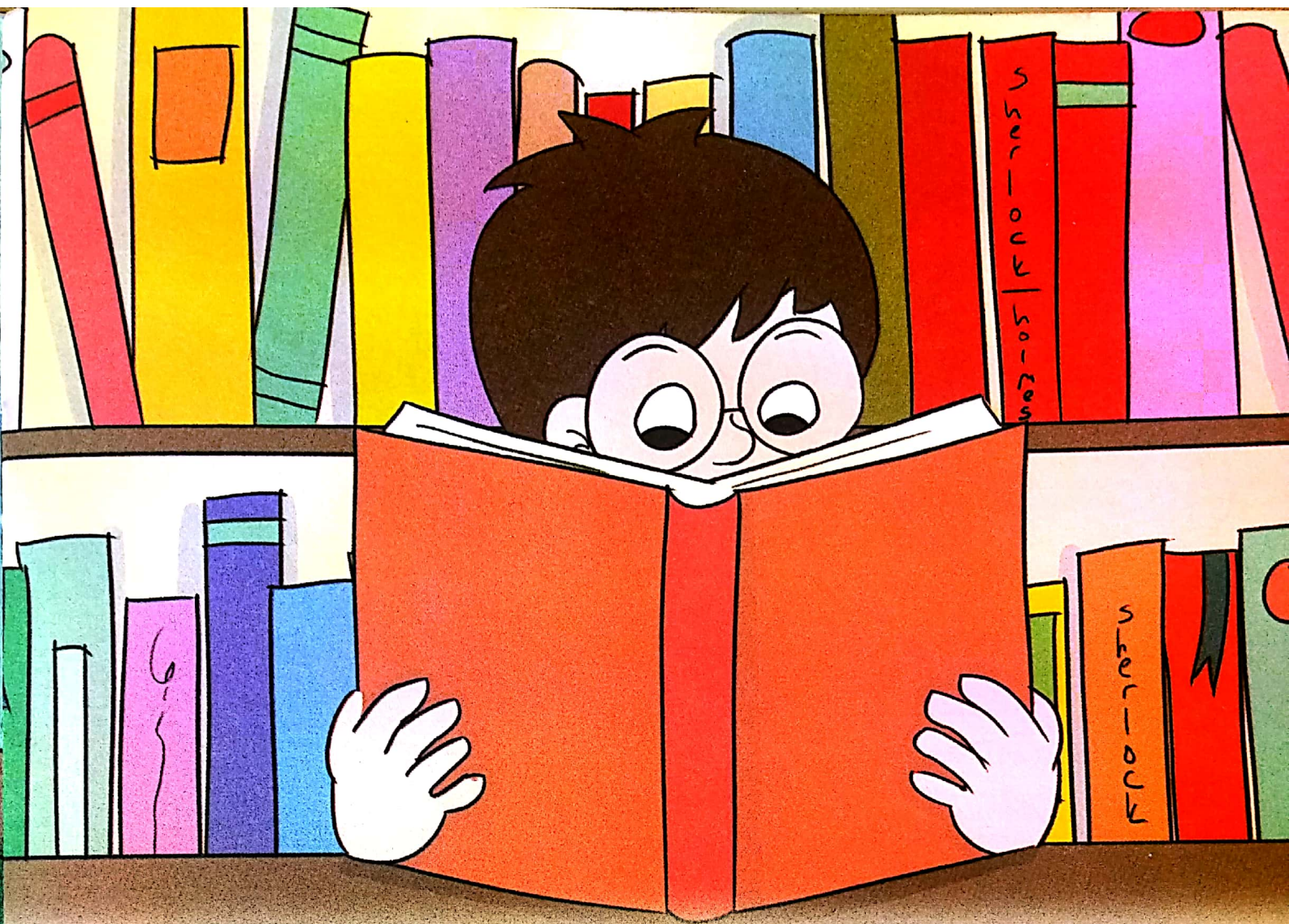
AUDIO



Robert takes his glasses off and looks around him. Kiki the cat is asleep as always. Robert and his family love reading. His grandfather has a bookshop<sup>1</sup>. Often<sup>2</sup>, he goes to his grandfather's shop after school to look at the new books. He loves detective stories and he mostly reads Sherlock Holmes books.



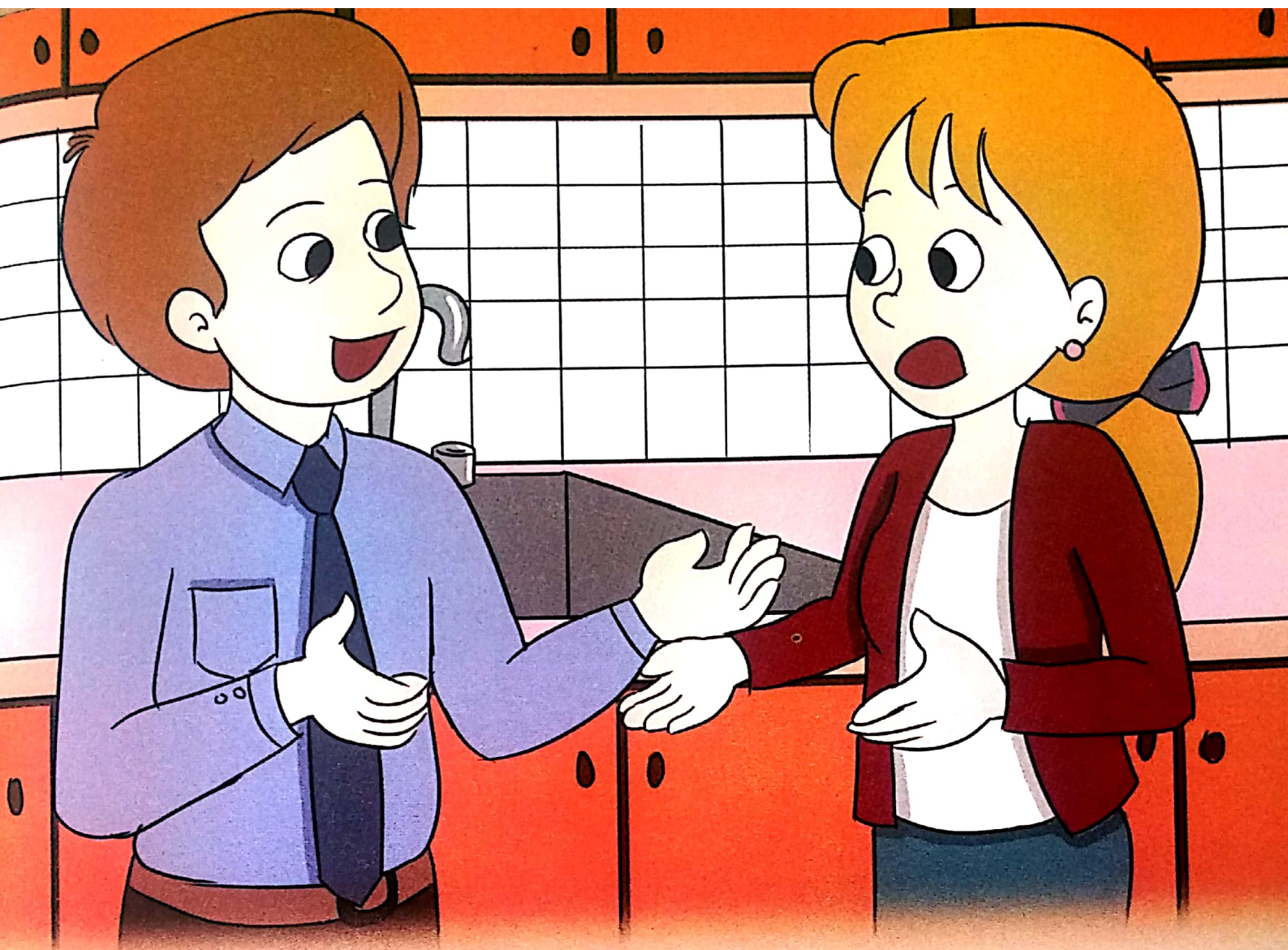
He likes solving mysteries<sup>3</sup>. He wants to be a detective one day. Robert's mother is a housewife and his father is a teacher. He has a little sister and her name is Casey. Casey can't read or write yet<sup>4</sup>. Robert sometimes reads the stories out loud<sup>5</sup> to her. She loves sitting by him and listening to her brother.



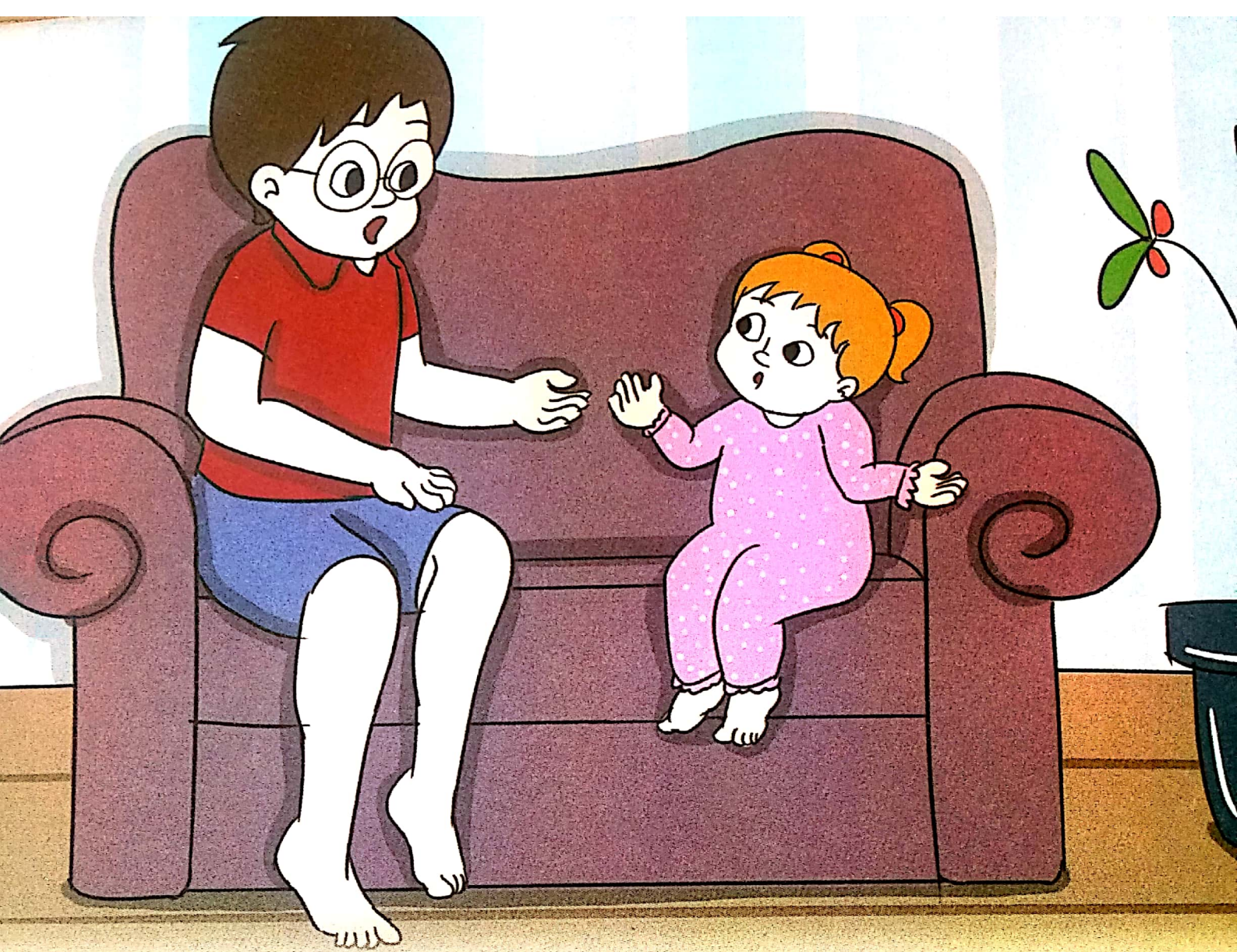
It's the summer holiday. He has a lot of time to read. Robert has so many books that they don't fit in the boxes at home. He sometimes gives some of his books to public libraries<sup>5</sup>. His father promised to buy him a bookcase<sup>7</sup> for him this year. Robert's dream is to have a whole<sup>8</sup> room for his books. His own library!



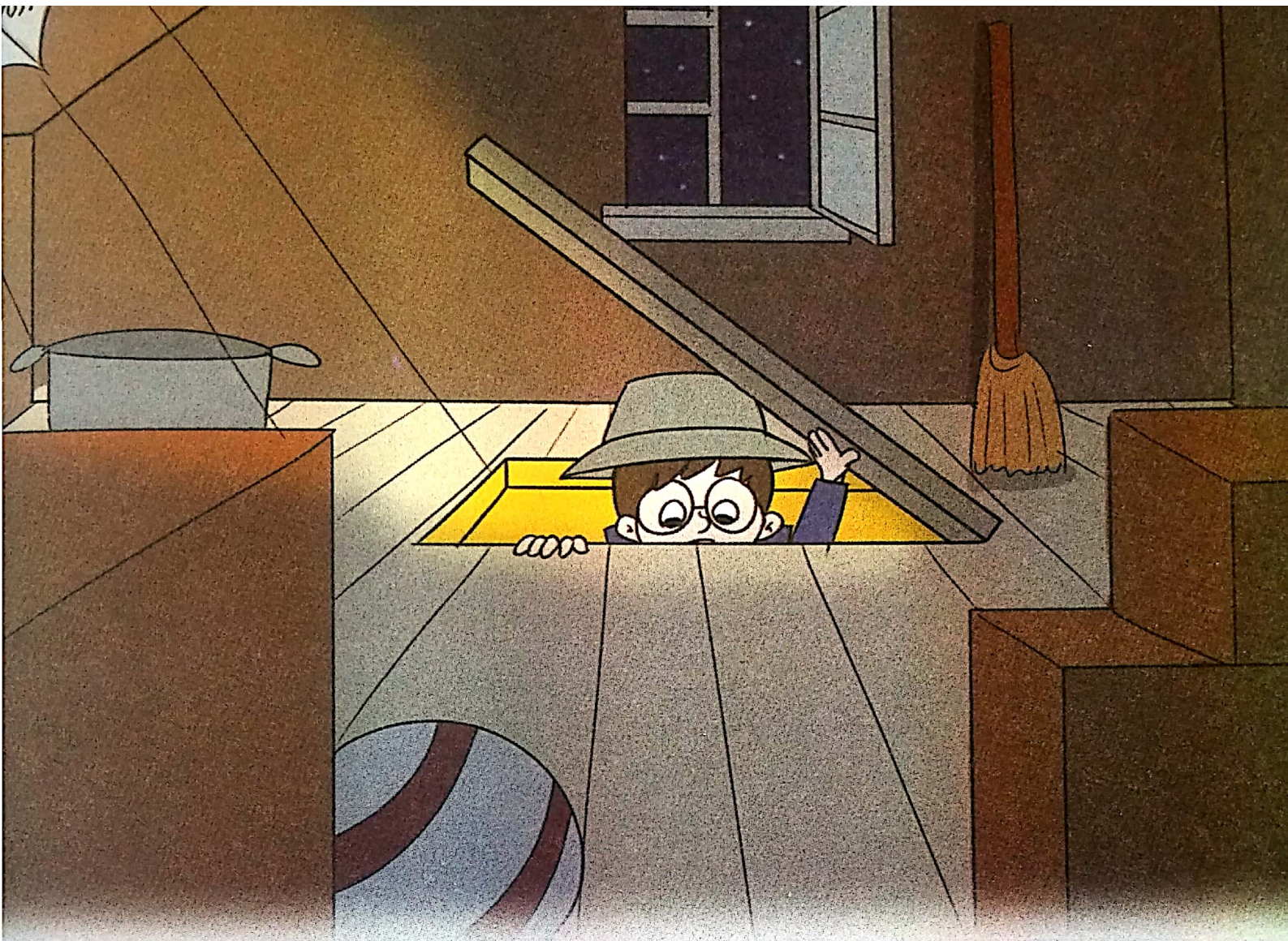
It's very quiet in the house because his mother and his little sister are out for shopping. Robert is reading a Sherlock Holmes story. He is concentrating<sup>9</sup> so much that he doesn't even hear the door opening. His mother and sister are back. "Honey, we are home!" his mother calls.



Kiki and Casey can make quite a mess<sup>10</sup>, so everything is very untidy. Robert's mother is putting the food in the cupboards<sup>11</sup>. "Robert," she calls. "Do you know where my watch is? I always put it on top of the kitchen counter<sup>12</sup>, but it's not here." Robert says that he has no idea. His father comes home in the evening. He is looking for his slippers<sup>13</sup>, but he can't find them. He asks his wife if she knows where they are.



Robert's mother says she doesn't know. Things are getting very strange<sup>14</sup>. A watch and a pair of slippers are missing<sup>15</sup>. They ask Casey, but she doesn't know either. Robert thinks that it's really strange and he must solve this mystery. Who was at their house today? When were these things lost?<sup>16</sup>

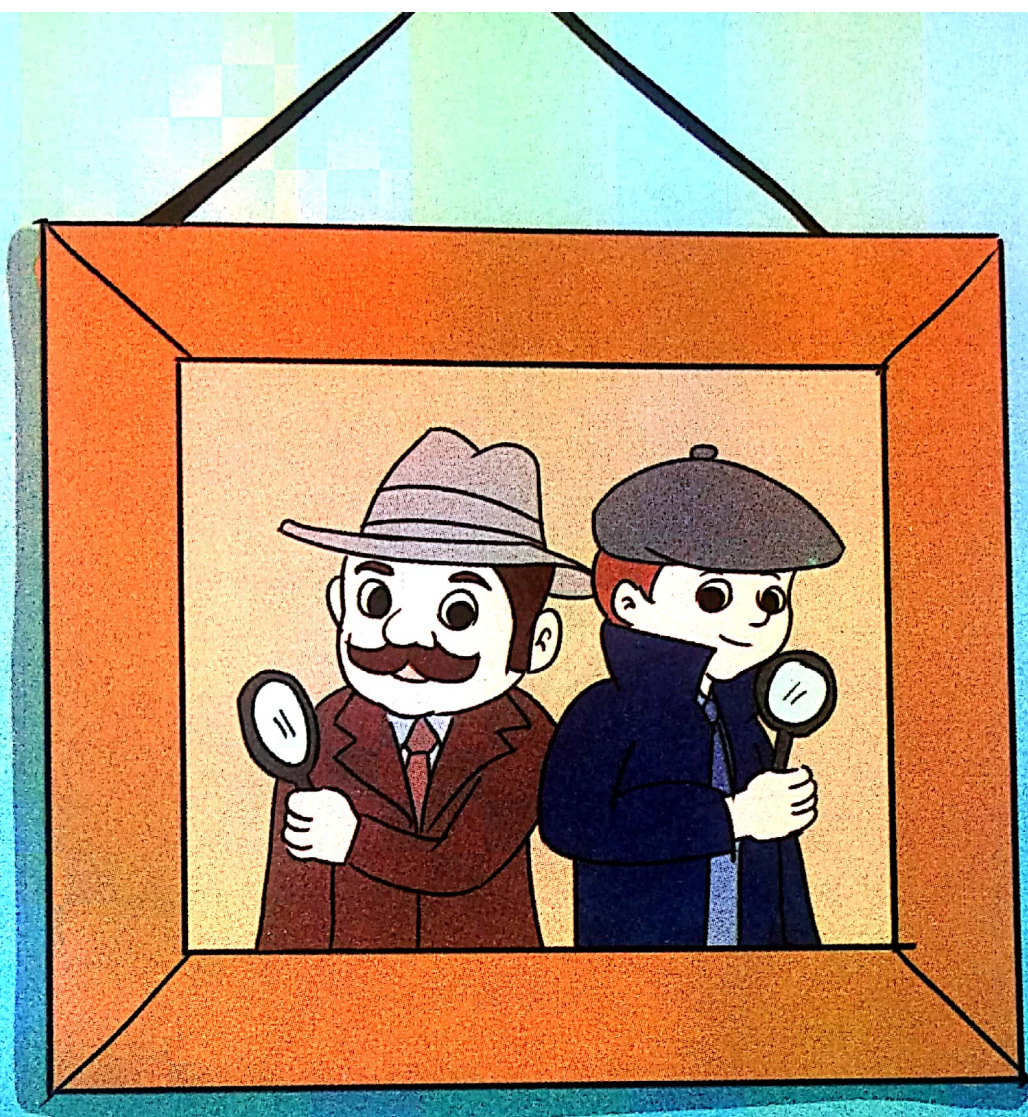


It's not easy being a detective. He has to investigate<sup>17</sup> everything. Robert wakes up early the next morning. He puts on a long coat<sup>18</sup> and a hat, because he wants to look like<sup>19</sup> a detective. He goes to the attic<sup>20</sup>. He is looking for his father's old magnifying glass<sup>21</sup>. He remembers that his mother put some old things in a box in the attic.





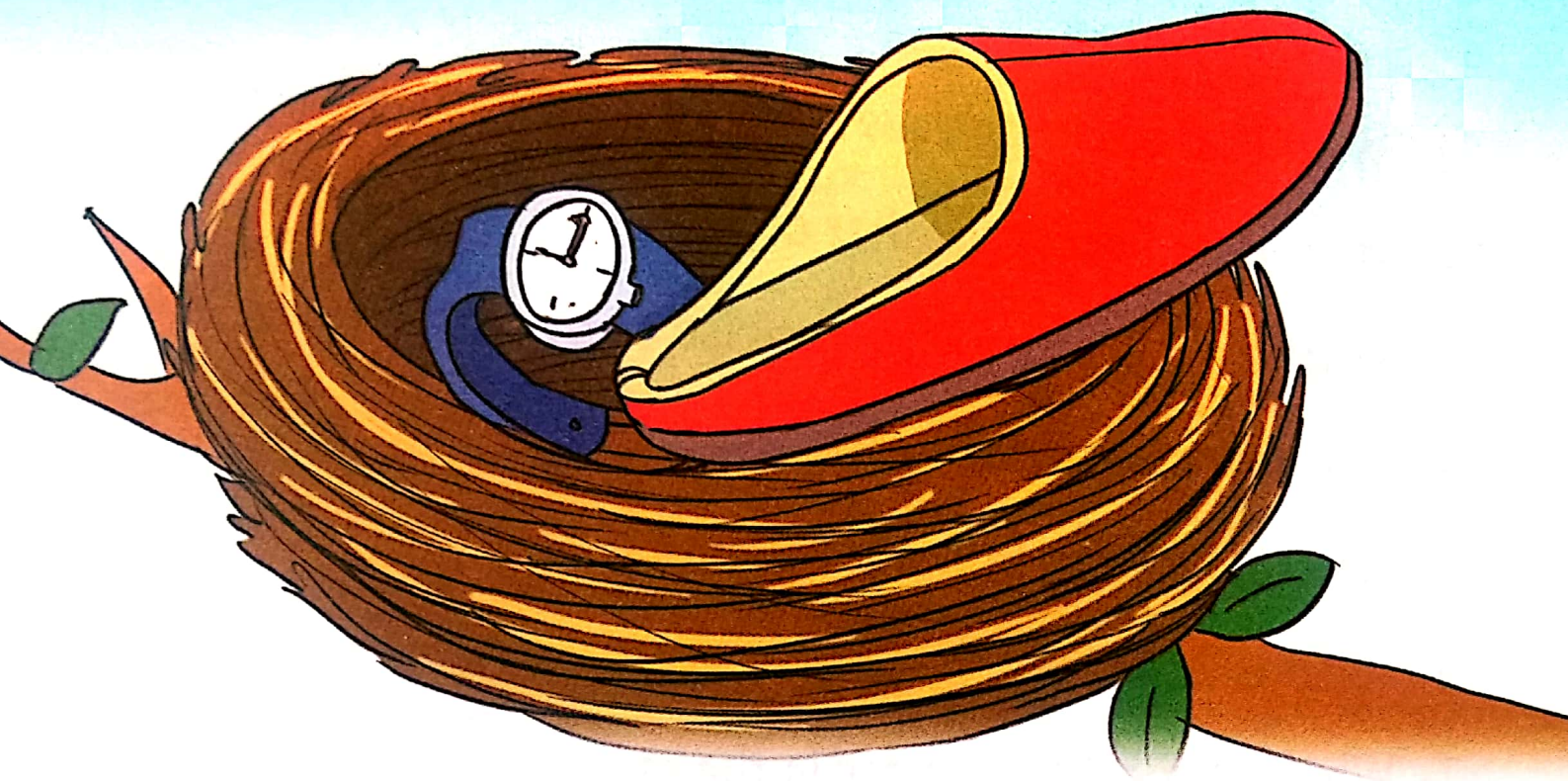
He turns his flashlight<sup>22</sup> on because the attic is a bit dark. He doesn't come up here often. He looks into some boxes and he finally finds the magnifying glass. He sees a very old picture in the same box. It's a picture of his grandfather in his youth<sup>23</sup>, and he is with another man who is wearing detective clothes. He takes the picture and goes down.



His parents smile when they see the photograph. The man wearing detective clothes is a close family friend. His father says, "I would love to introduce you, but he lives in a different country." Robert says that he wants to hang<sup>24</sup> the picture on the wall in his room, he goes to his room and puts it on the wall next to his bed.



Now he has to find the missing things. He starts working with his magnifying glass. He is taking notes<sup>25</sup>, and thinking about where Kiki was all day. He remembers that Kiki was sleeping and he was reading when his mother's watch disappeared<sup>26</sup>. He asks his mother where she last saw the watch, but she is sure it was on the kitchen counter. He goes out to investigate further.



Robert suspects<sup>27</sup> Kiki the cat. He goes out to the garden to look for information. He finds one of his father's slippers behind a tree. He climbs on the tree because he has to look everywhere, and is amazed by all the things he sees. There is a crow's<sup>28</sup> nest<sup>29</sup> on the tree branch<sup>30</sup>, and the other slipper is right there. Now everything is clear. The crow went in the kitchen through the open window and took his mother's watch and his father's slippers. He blamed<sup>31</sup> Kiki for no reason. Robert can't wait to solve more mysteries.